

A dramatic landscape photograph showing a sunset or sunrise over a field of tall grass. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and a bright sun is visible on the horizon, creating a strong orange glow. A single, bright lightning bolt strikes down from the clouds on the right side of the frame.

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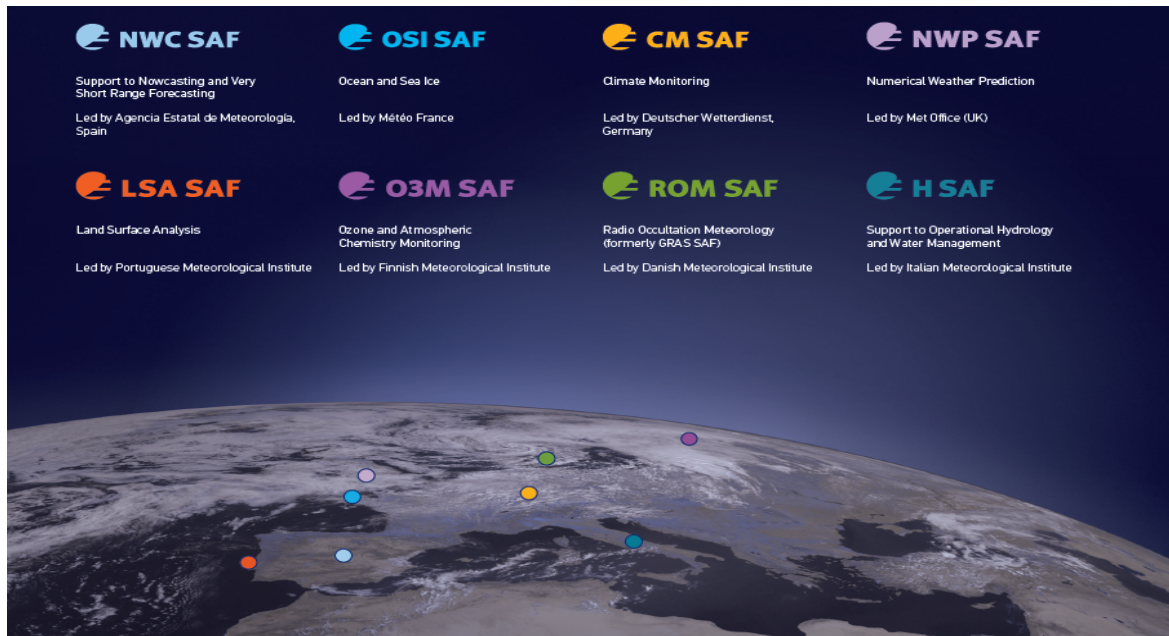
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Satellite Application Facilities

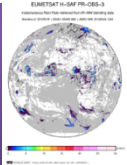


Utilising specialist expertise from the Member States, **Satellite Application Facilities (SAFs)** are dedicated centres of excellence for processing satellite data. They form an integral part of the distributed **EUMETSAT** Application Ground Segment.

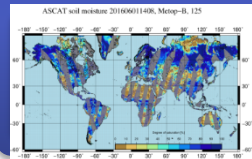
**NEAR REAL
TIME**

Satellite Application Facility in Support to Operational Hydrology and Water Management

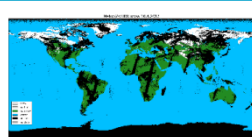
**Eumetcast,
H SAF ftp**



precipitation
rate and accumulated



soil moisture
surface and root mean zone



snow
cover, melting conditions,
water equivalent

Civil Protection,
Risk Management,
Hydrological
applications,
Hydrology and
water
management,
Climate,

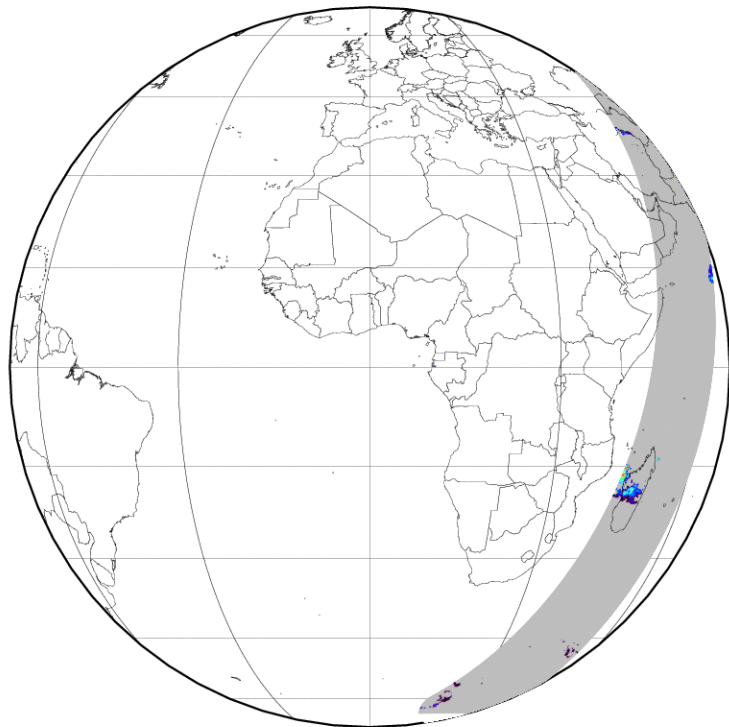


MW precipitation products

EUMETSAT H-SAF P-IN-SSMIS

Instantaneous Rain Rate from Conical MW Scan

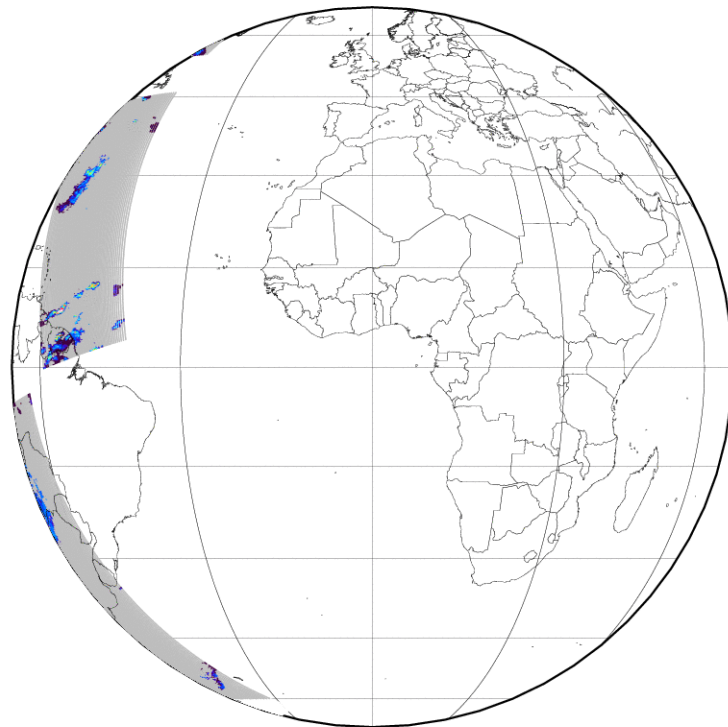
Rain Rate retrieved from SSM/I and SSMIS data: 20190622 0000 DMSP16 808E



EUMETSAT H-SAF P-IN-MHS

Instantaneous Rain Rate from Crosstrack MW Scan

Rain Rate from Crosstrack MW Scan: 20190622 0046 METOPB 35068



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Strips of
~1400Km
swath

More than 6
passes/daily
over Europe

~30Km

150 minutes
from
observing
time

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Main features

Strips of
~2250Km
swath

More than 6
passes/daily
over Europe

16x16 – 26x52
km2

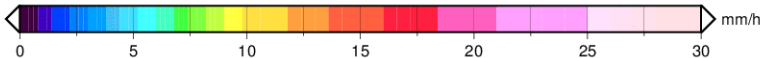
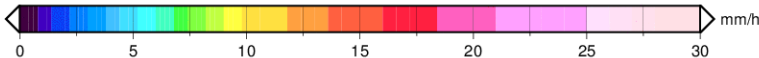
30 minutes from
observing time

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Pre



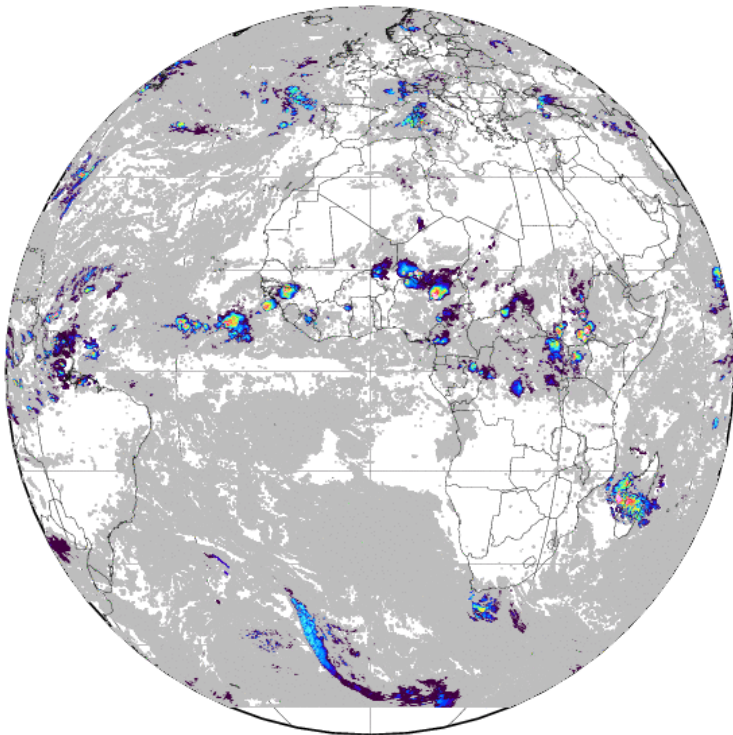


MW +IR precipitation products

EUMETSAT H-SAF P-IN-SEVIRI

Instantaneous Rain Rate retrieved from IR-MW blending data

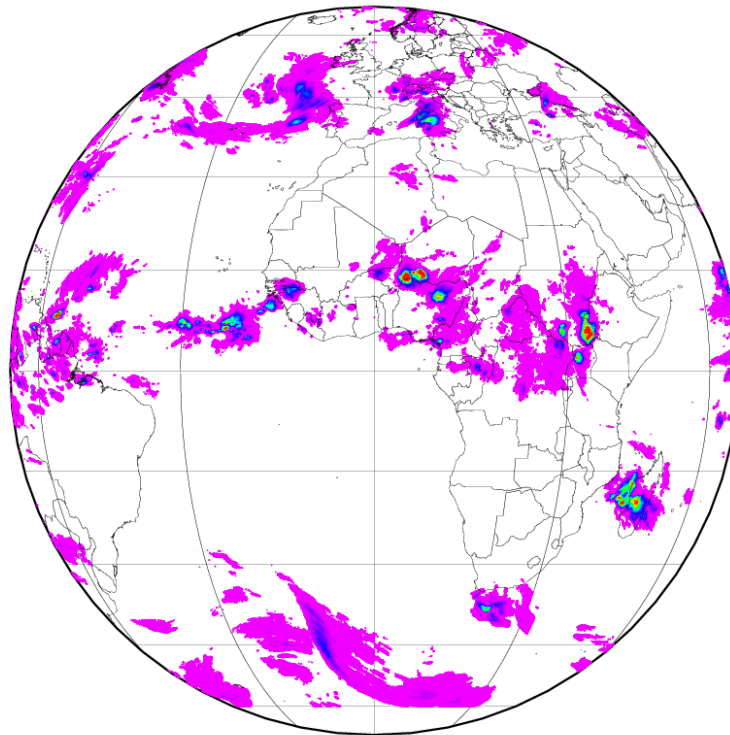
Blending of: SEVIRI IR + SSM/I-SSMIS MW + AMSU MW: 20190622 0000



EUMETSAT H-SAF P-AC-SEVIRI

Accumulated Precipitation in the previous 3 hours

Blending of: SEVIRI IR + SSM/I-SSMIS MW + AMSU MW: 20190622 0300



Main features

MSG Full-disk area

Every 15 min

3 Km s.s.p.
~8 km over Europe

Within 15 minutes

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GRIB-2

Main features

MSG Full-disk area

Every 3h

3 Km s.s.p.
~8 km over Europe

Within 15 minutes after every 3h

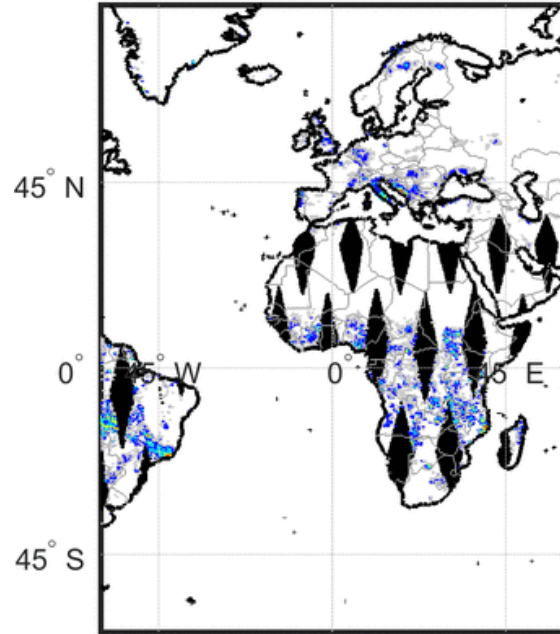
EUMETCast

GRIB-2

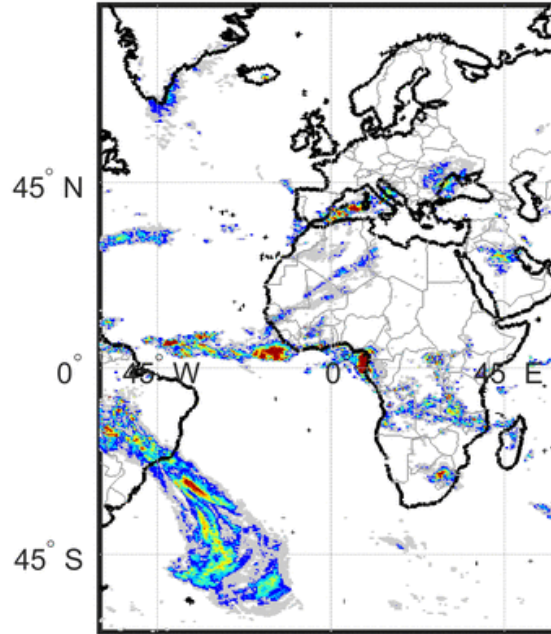
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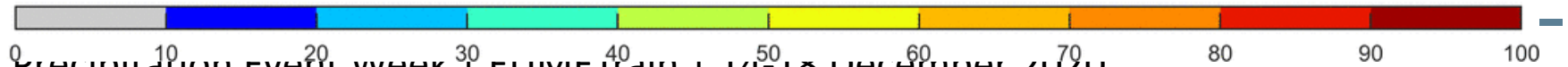
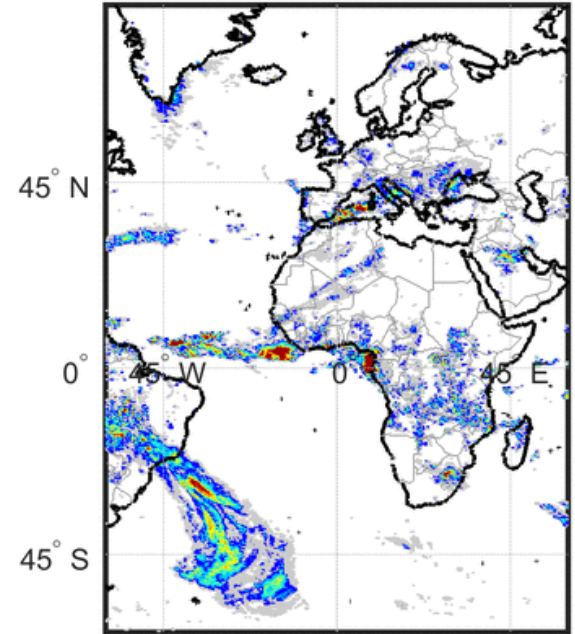
SM2RAIN Real Time Rainfall - 2018-Nov-19

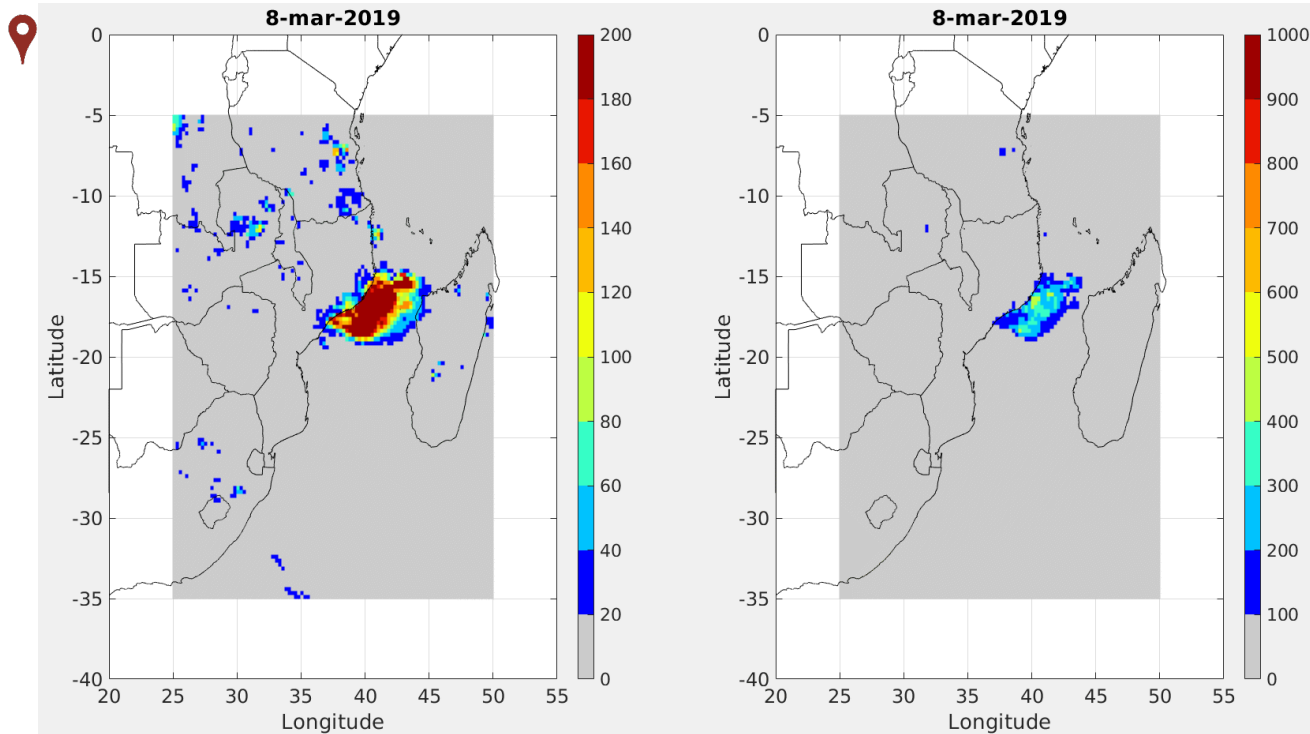


H23 Rainfall - 2018-Nov-19



H64 Rainfall - 2018-Nov-19





Intense Tropical Cyclone **IDA1** affected Africa causing catastrophic damage in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi.



Case study in Italy: 4 November 2011

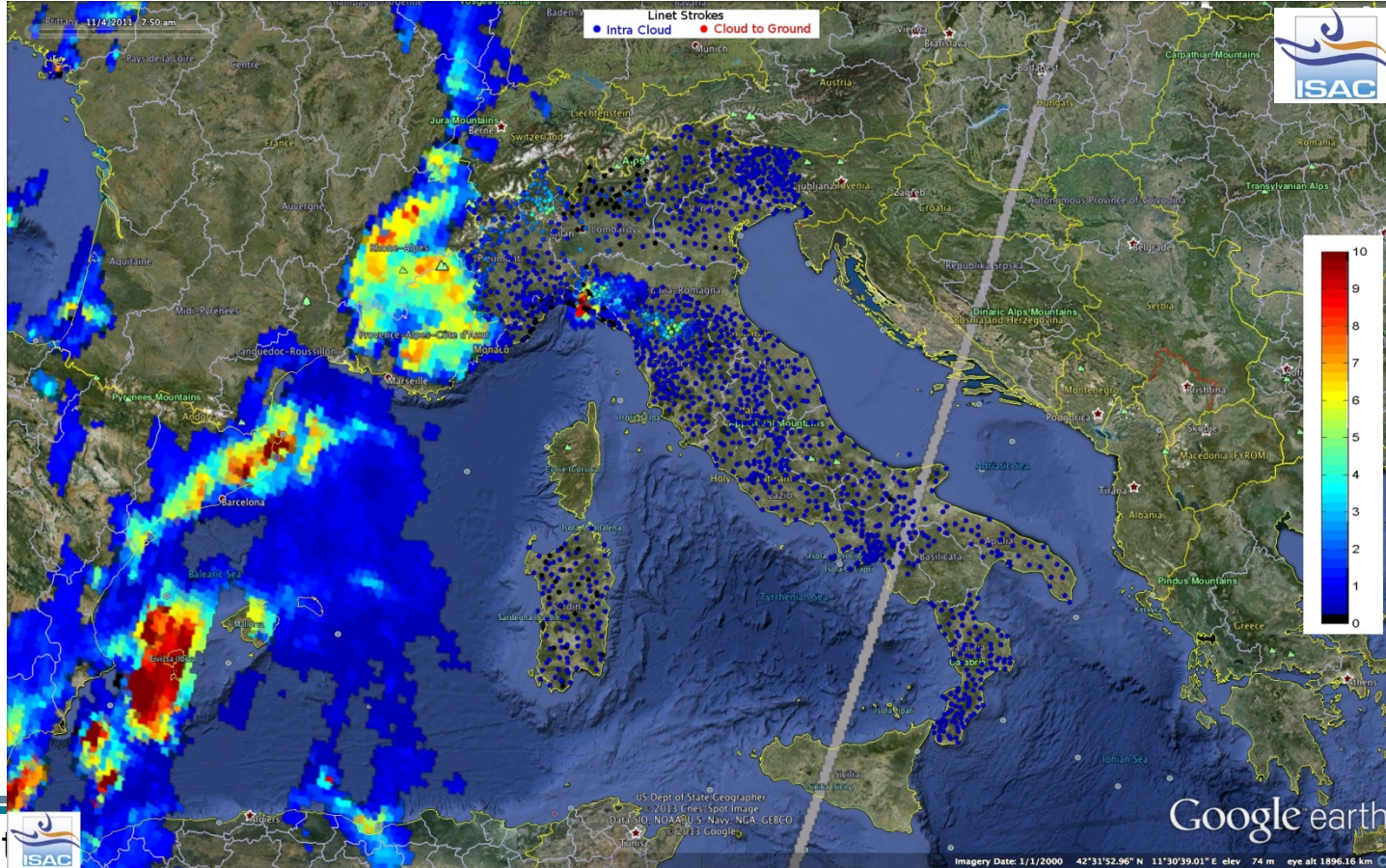
Case studies in Italy

Liguria: Cinque Terre, Genova



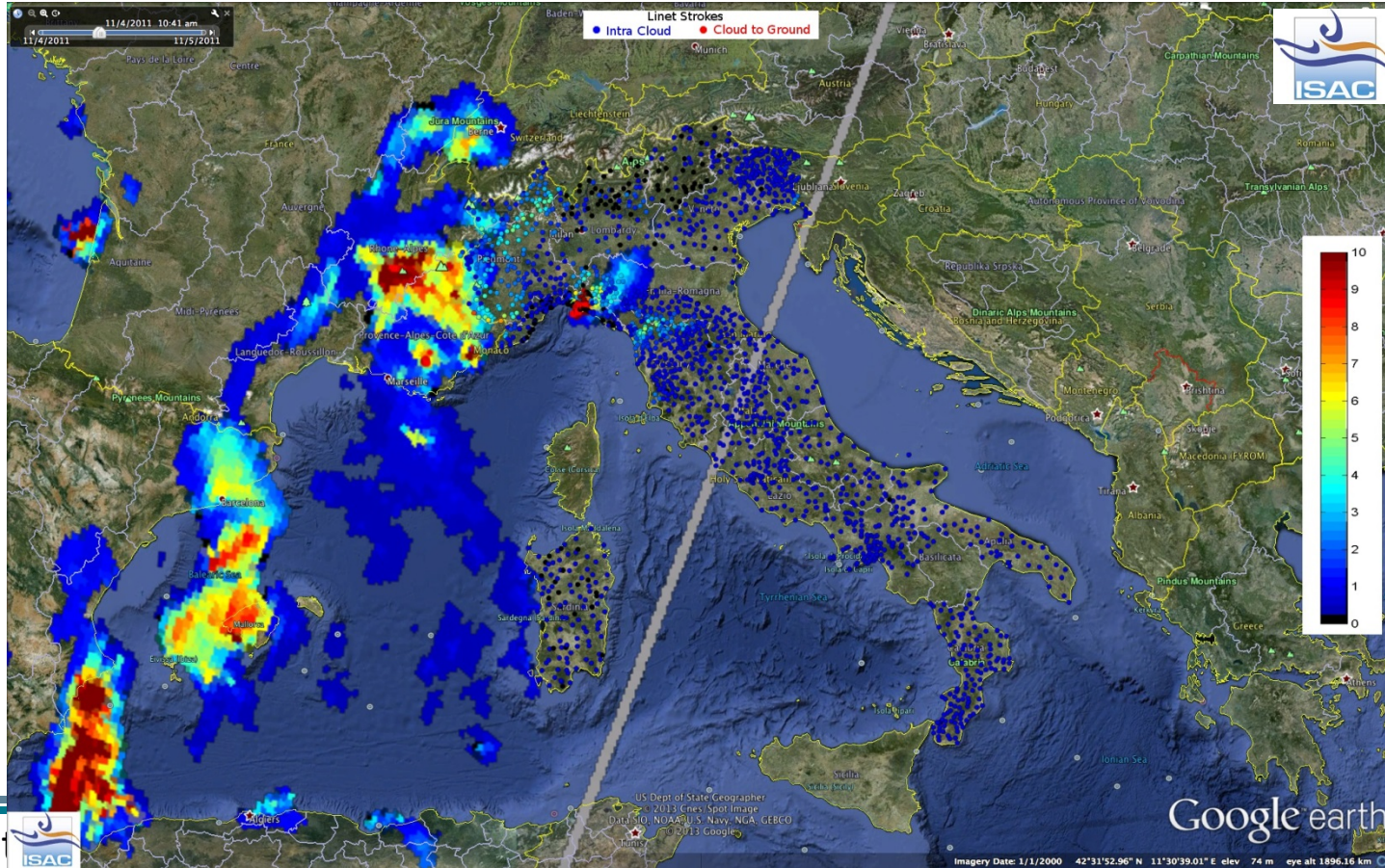
4/11/2011 – Flood in Genoa

H-SAF PR-OBS-1 + Radar + Lightning + Rain gauges – time 05:50 UTC



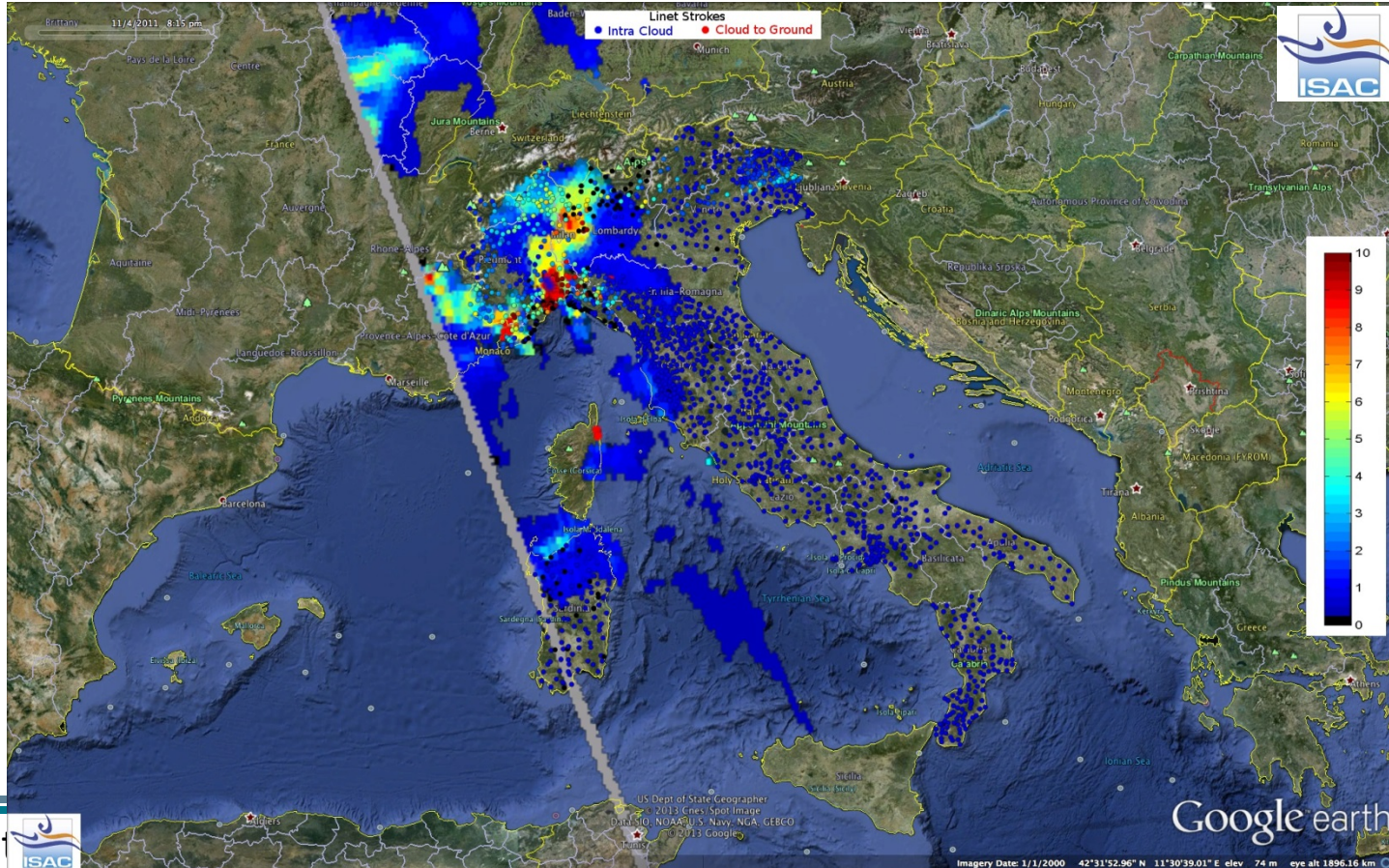
4/11/2011 – Flood in Genoa

PR-OBS-1 + Radar + Lightning + Rain gauges – time 08:50 UTC



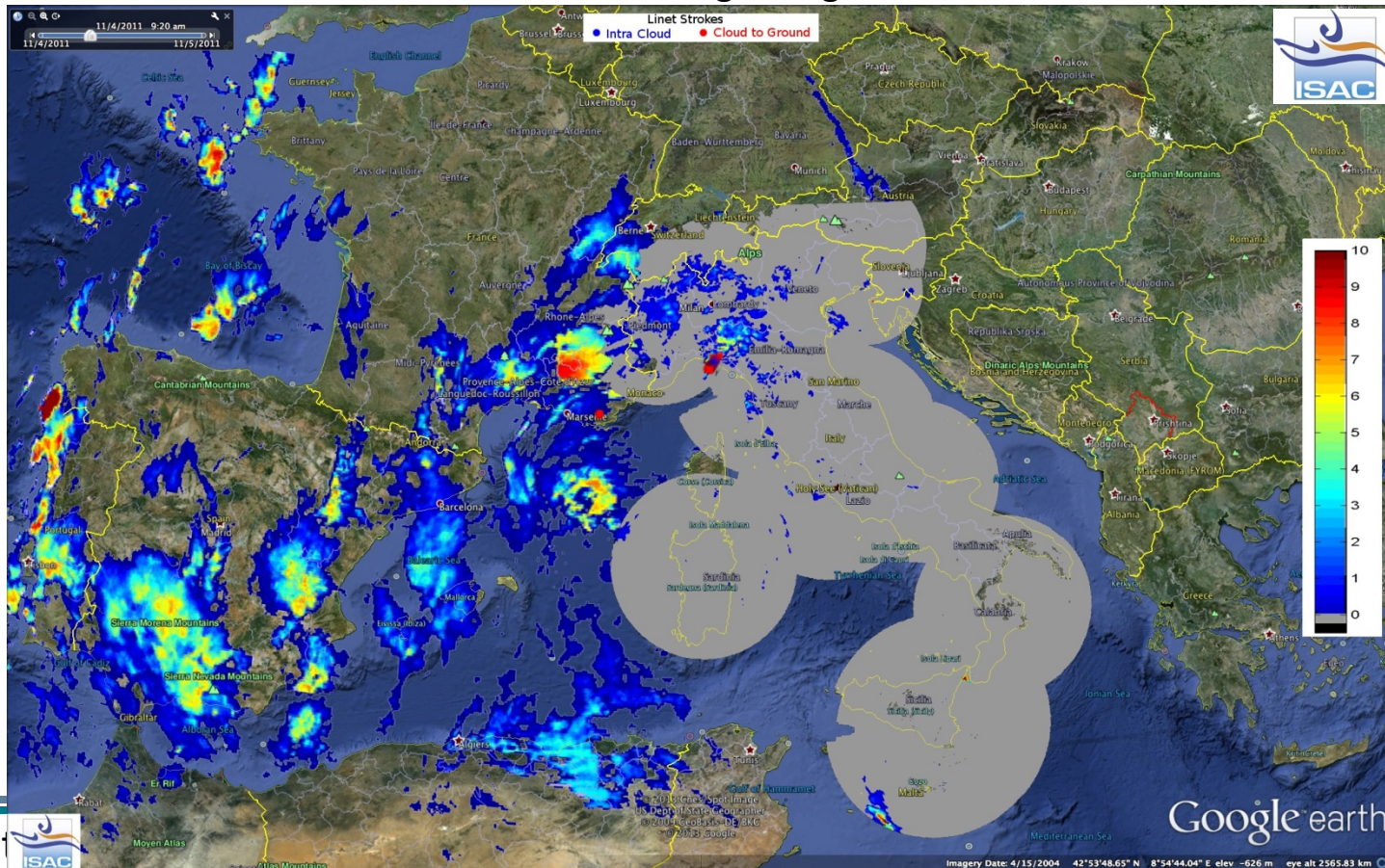
4/11/2011 – Flood in Genoa

H-SAF PR-OBS-1 + Rain gauges + Lightning – time 18:15 UTC



4/11/2011 – Flood in Genoa

H-SAF PR-OBS-03 + Radar + Lightning – time 07:20 UTC

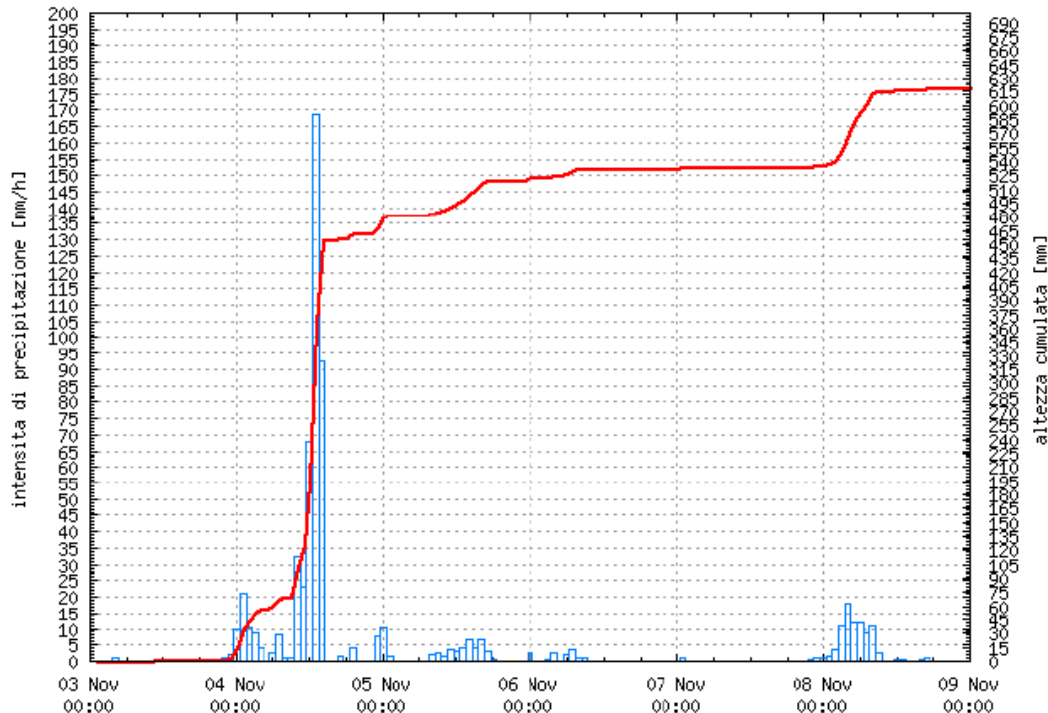


Rain gauge:
more than 160 mm in 1 h
more than 500 mm in 24 h

grafico del: Nov-11 at 11:22:17 UTC
ultimo dato: Nov-09 at 00:00:00 UTC

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ARPAL CFMI-PC



Precipitation products In development

New PMW based Products using EPS-SG

Higher temporal sampling

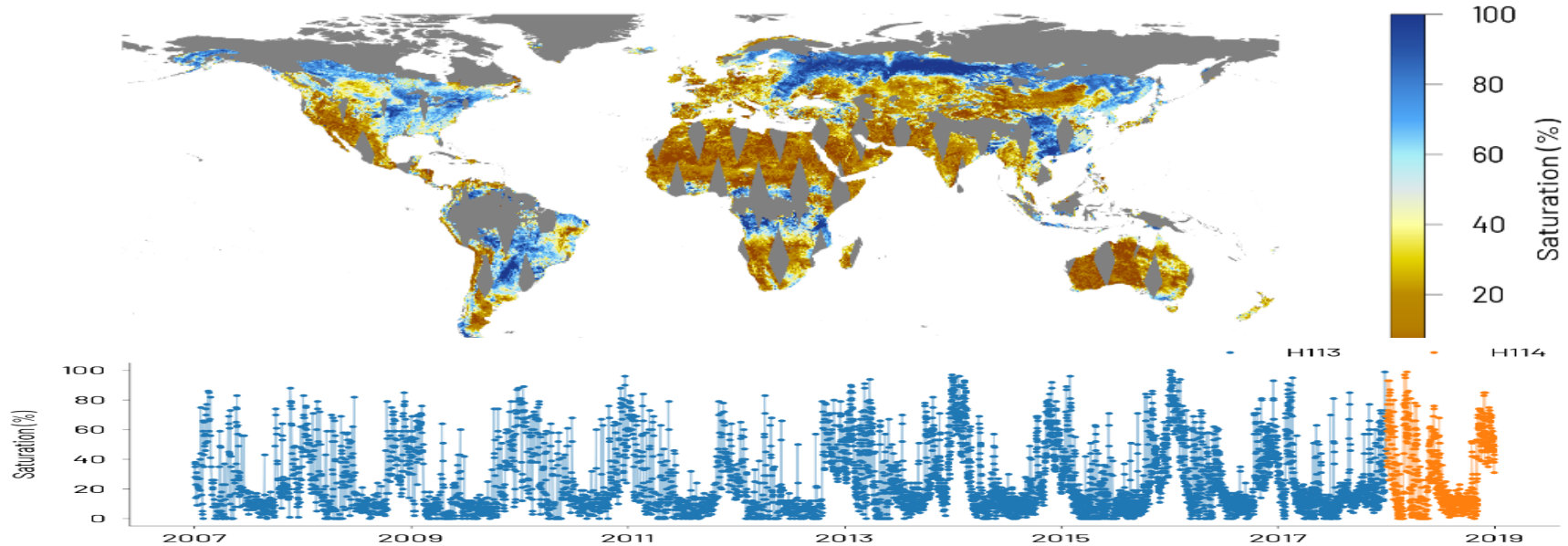
- Full exploitation of all overpasses of present and future satellites, including GPM

Transition to MTG

- LI

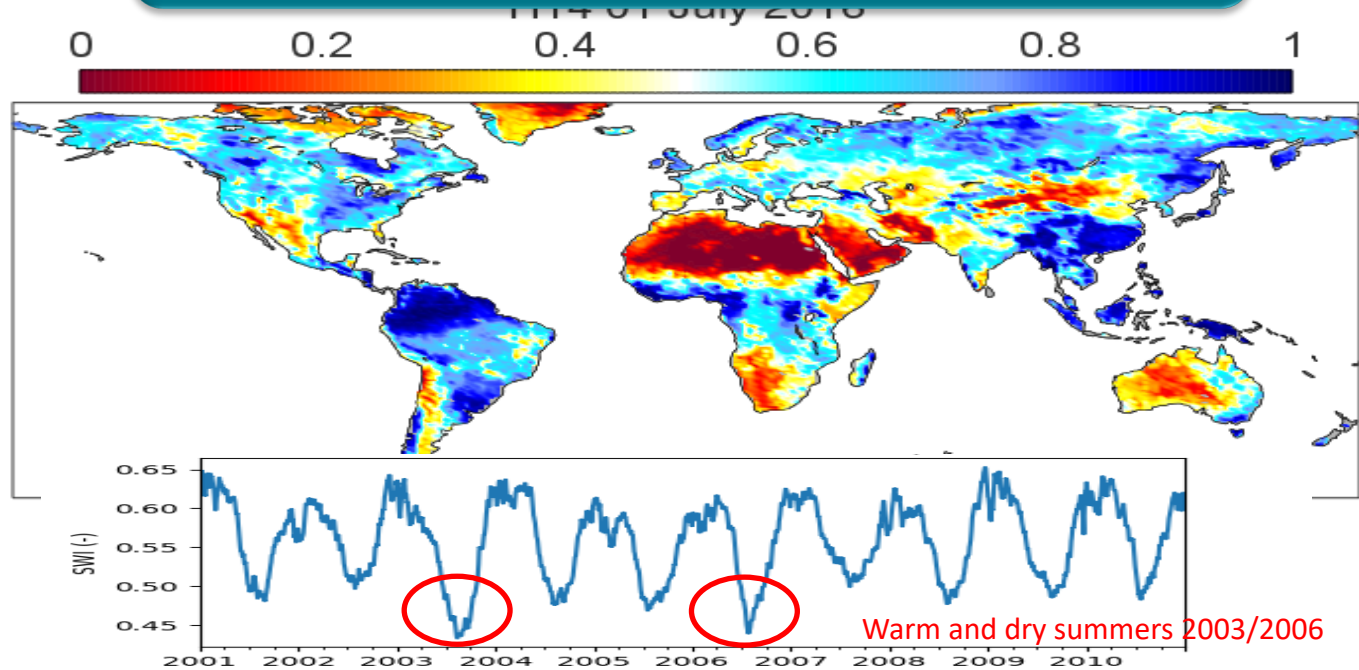
Integration of Precipitation/Soil Moisture Products

SURFACE SOIL MOISTURE (SSM)

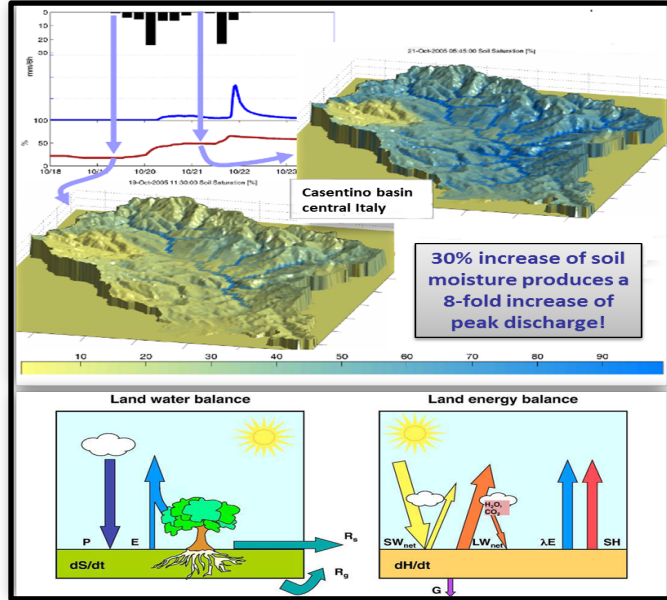


- ASCAT **Climate Data Record** SSM released every year in time series format,
- ASCAT CDR and offline extension (2007 /01/01- 2019/12/31)

ROOT MEAN ZONE SOIL MOISTURE(RSM)



- **Global H27 CDR product** (1992-2014) and H140 (2015-2016) are produced at 16 km resolution.
- H27/H140 assimilate reprocessed ERS1/2 (1992-2006) and ASCAT-A (2007-2016) observations into an offline version of HTESSEL forced by the ERA-Interim atmospheric reanalysis.



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PRECIPITATION



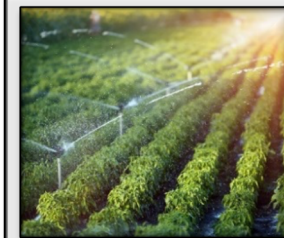
FLOODS



LANDSLIDES



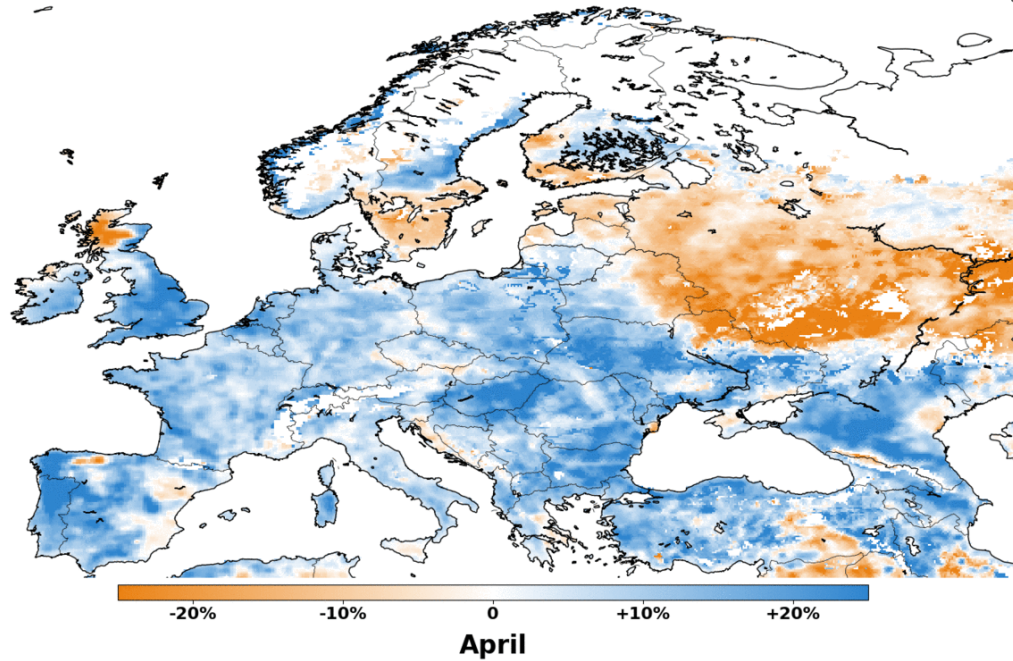
NUMERICAL WEATHER
PREDICTION



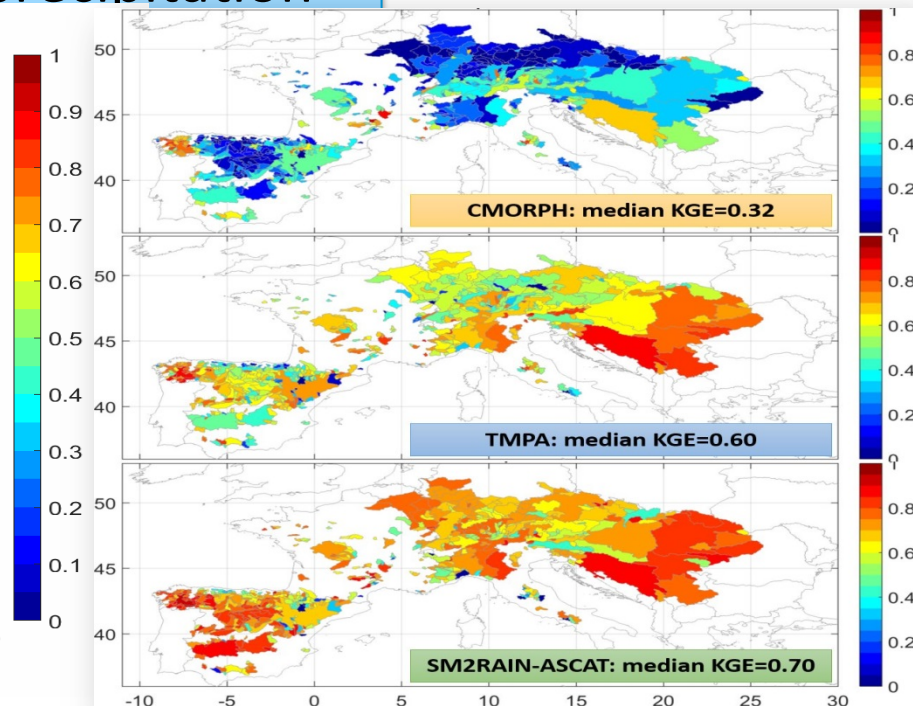
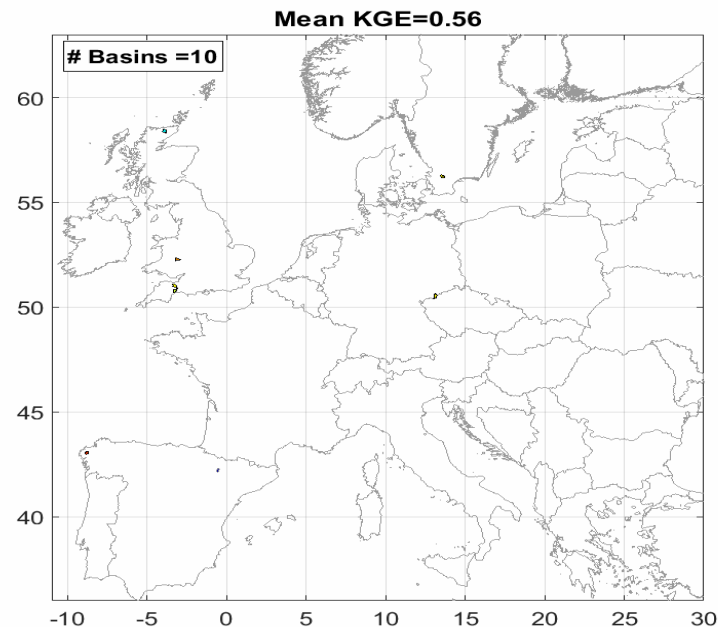
CROP PRODUCTION

Drought

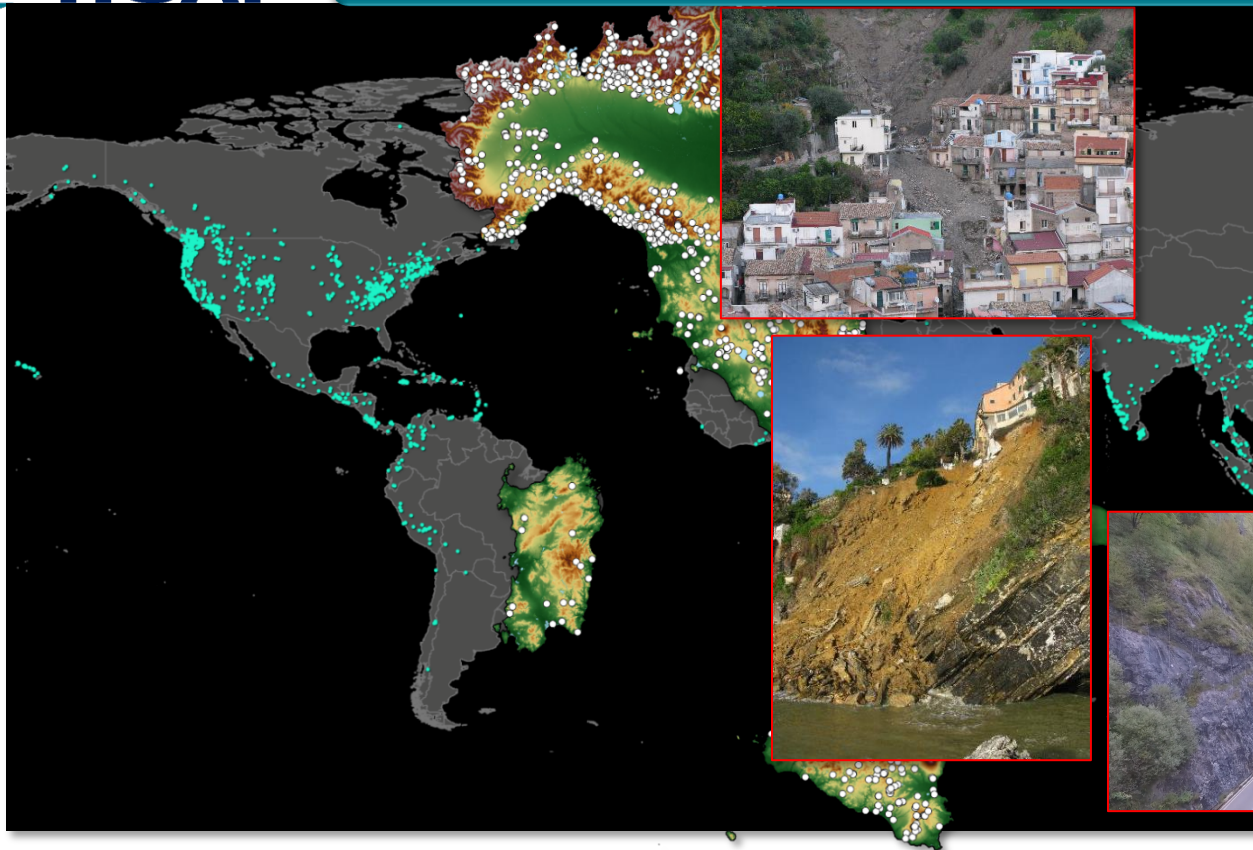
Soil Moisture Anomalies



Simulation of floods over 600 basins in Europe through SM2RAIN precipitation



SM2RAIN for Landslide - Europe



Catalogue listing
2238
rainfall-induced
landslides
between
2007 and 2017

Brunetti et al. (2018 RSE)

Soil Moisture products

Higher resolution

- For Surface Soil Moisture

Higher resolution

- For Root Zone Soil Moisture

Transition to EPS-SG

- From ASCAT to SCA, both surface and Root Zone Soil Moisture

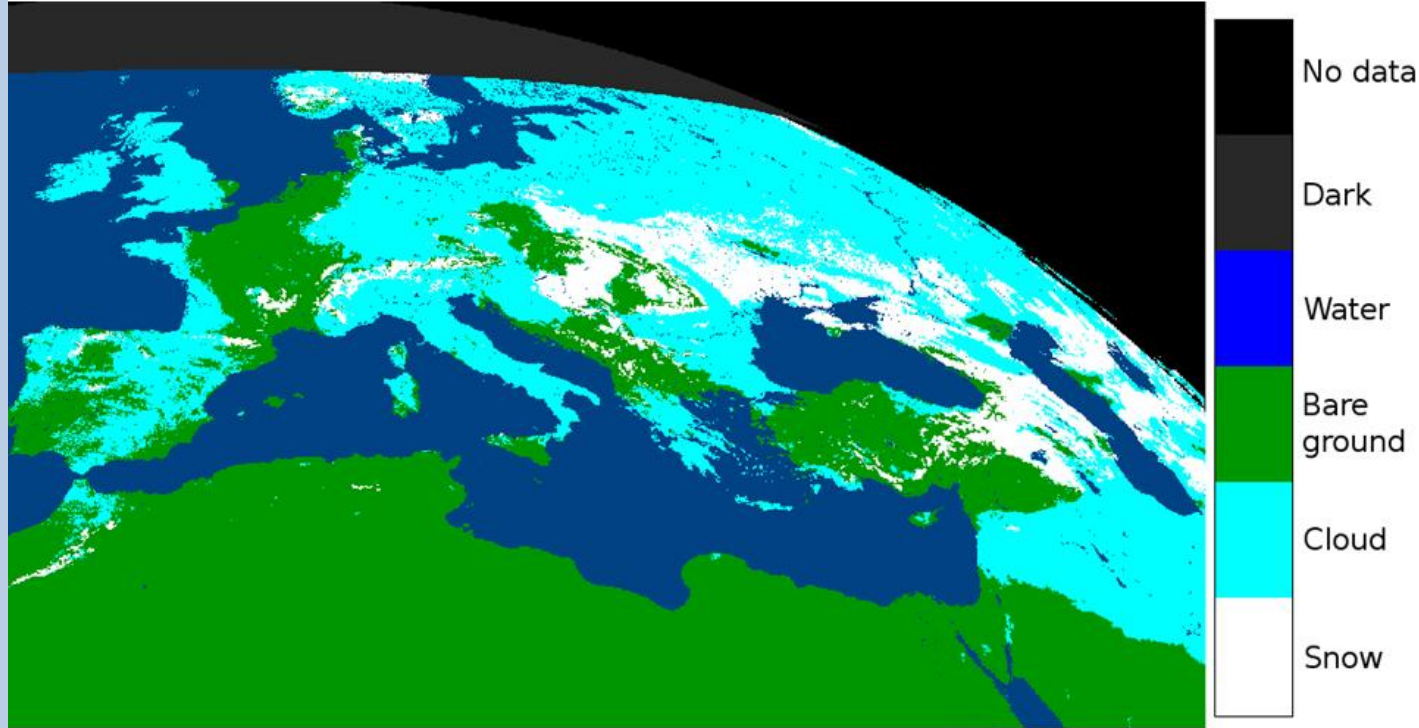
CDOP3

Operational Snow Products:

Snow detection

Snow detection (snow mask) by VIS/IR

- Cycle: Daily
- Coverage: Europe, Northern Africa, Middle East
- Grid/Projection: Part of Meteosat/SEVIRI 0° fulldisk, GEOS projection
- Resolution: Variable from 3 km to 10 km, depending on distance from sub-



Operational Snow Products:

Effective snow cover

Effective snow cover by VIS/IR

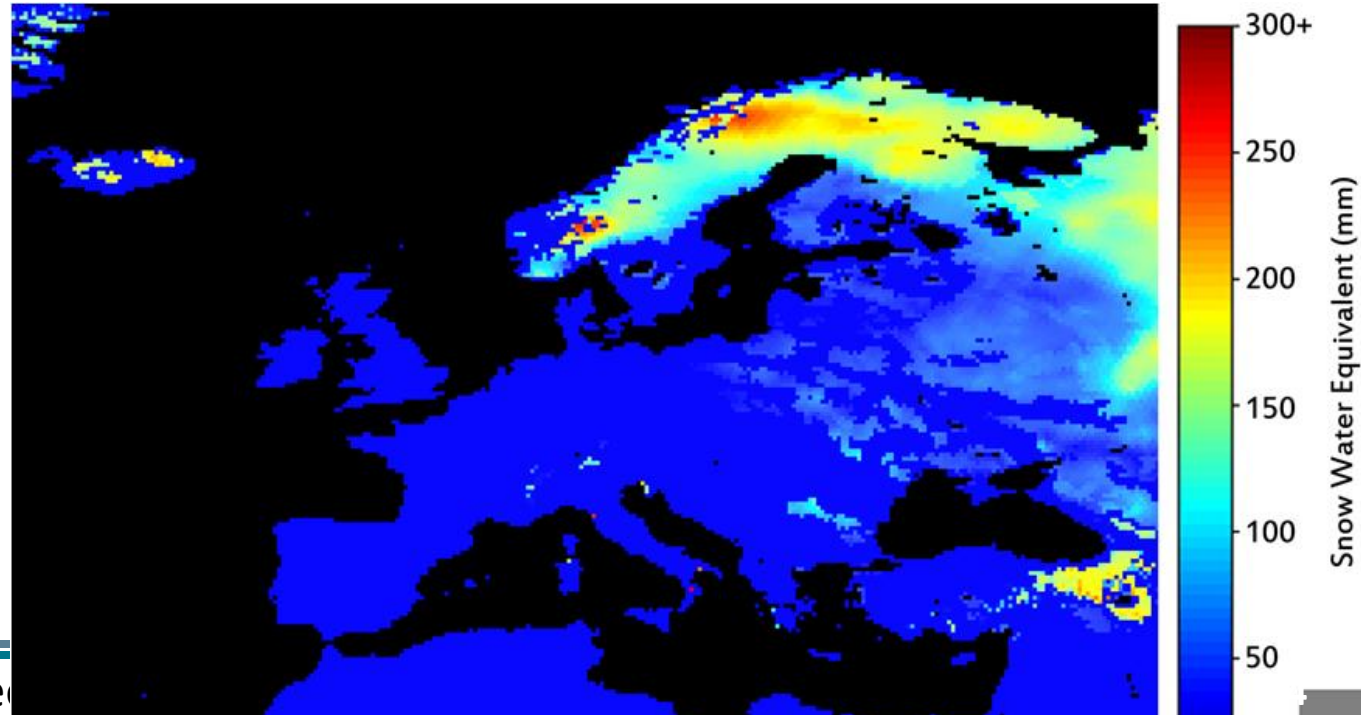
- Cycle: Daily
- Coverage: 25 ° W – 45 ° E, 25 ° N – 75 ° N
- Grid/Projection: Equidistant cylindrical
- Resolution: 0.01 ° x 0.01 °
- Formats: gzip compressed GRIB2, PNG quicklook image



Operational Snow Products: snow water equivalent

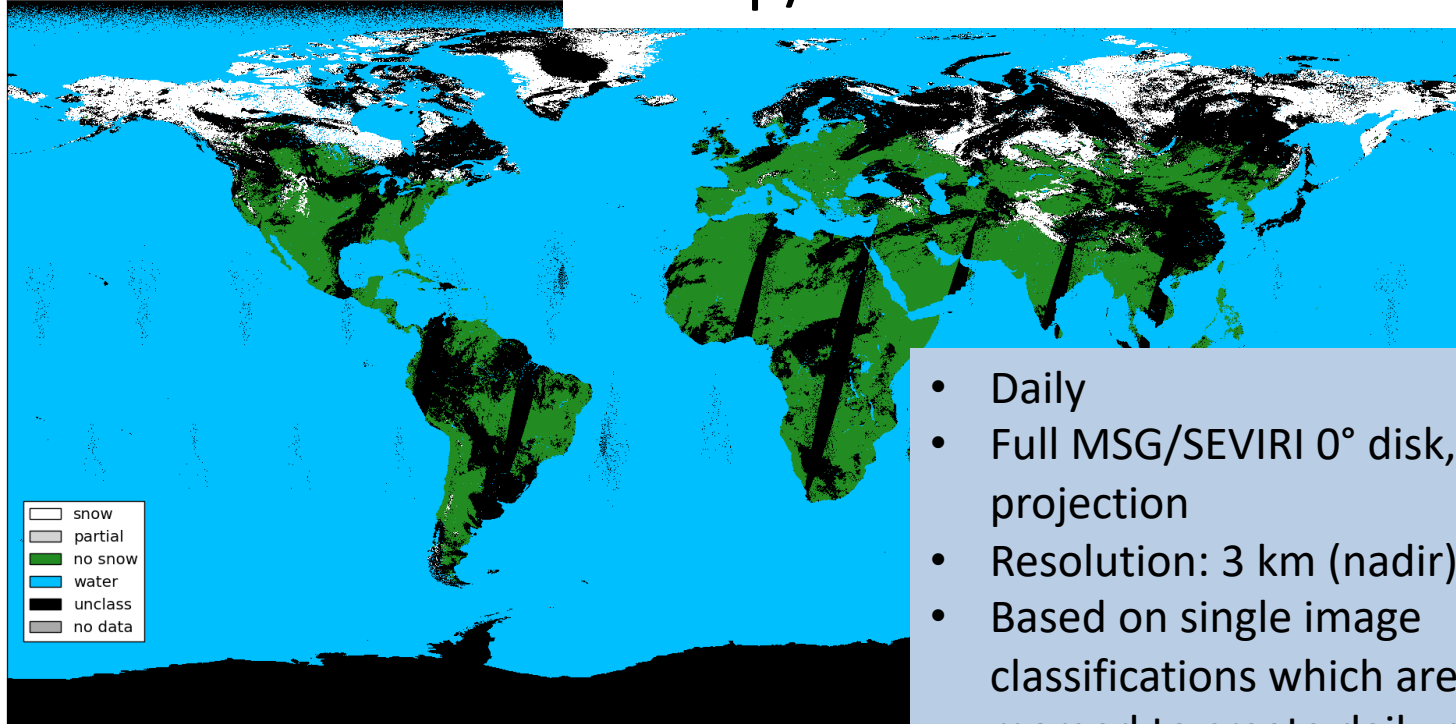
Snow water equivalent by MW

- Cycle: Daily
- Coverage: 25 ° W – 45 ° E, 25 ° N – 75 ° N
- Grid/Projection: Equidistant cylindrical
- Resolution: 0.25 ° x 0.25 °
- Formats: gzip compressed GRIB2, PNG quicklook



Operational Snow Products

Metop/AVHRR snow extent



- Daily
- Full MSG/SEVIRI 0° disk, GEOS projection
- Resolution: 3 km (nadir)
- Based on single image classifications which are merged to create daily product

Snow Products:

Enlargement to Northern Hemisphere

Transition to MTG

➤ From MSG

Transition to EPS-SG

➤ From MetImage

Enlargement to Northern Hemisphere

Cycle: Daily

Coverage: Northern

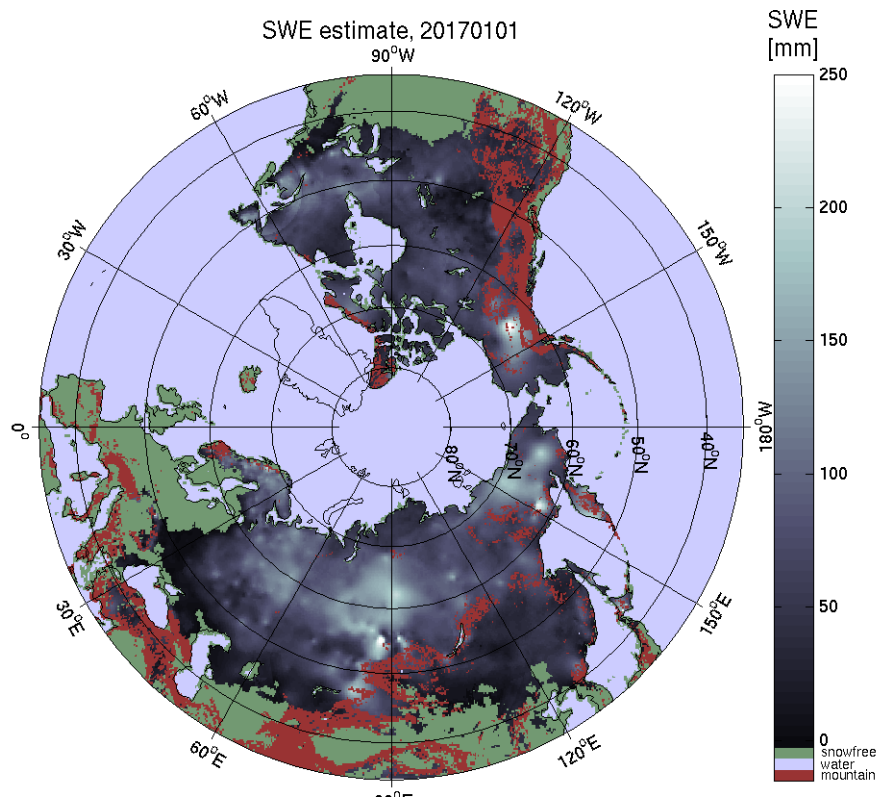
Hemispherical

Grid/Projection: "EASE-Grid" -
Lambert's equal-area

Resolution: 25 km x 25 km

Formats: HDF5, PNG quicklook

Operational status: **In
development**



Product Validation Program: Quality Control

**Product
quality
assessment**

**User
Promotion**

- **to monitor the progress in product quality** as further development evaluating statistical scores and case study analysis on the base of comparison between satellite products and ground data;
- **to provide validation service to end-users** publishing on the H SAF web-page the statistical scores evaluated and the case studies analysed;
- **To investigate the H SAF product impact in end-user applications** for emergency management, precipitation event alerts, street monitoring, water balance evaluation, etc.

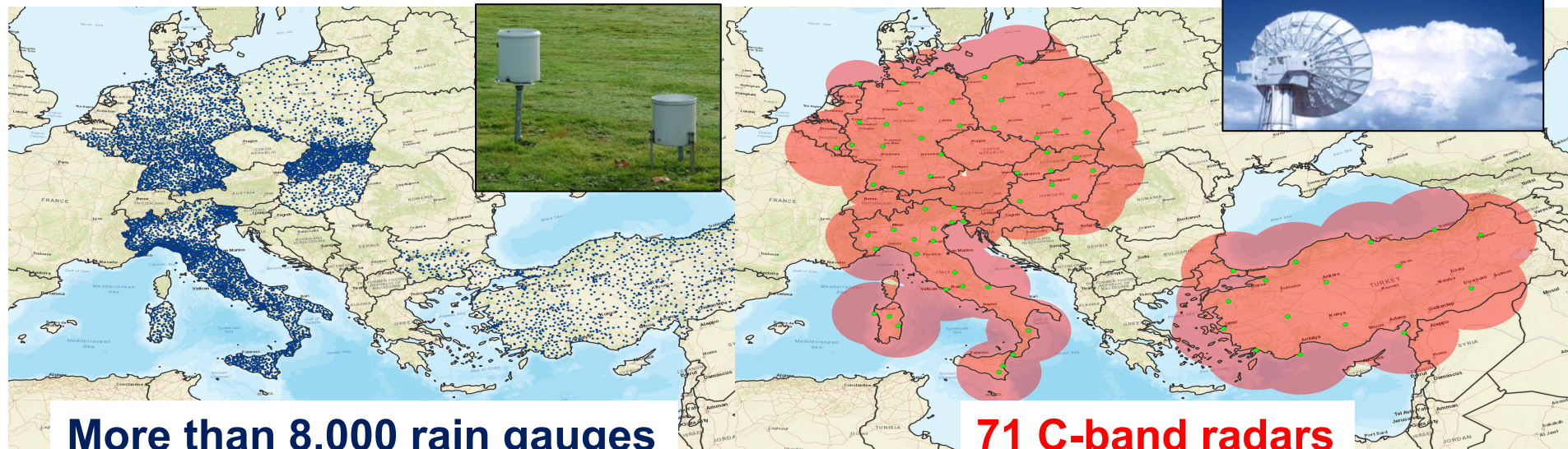
Hydrologists, meteorologists, and precipitation, snow and soil moisture ground data experts, coming from experts from the National Meteorological and Hydrological Institutes of **Austria (ZAMG)**, **Belgium (IRM)**, **Bulgaria (NIMH)**, **Finland (FMI)**, **France (Meteo France)**, **Germany (BfG)**, **Hungary (OMSZ)**, **Italy (ITAF MET, DPC, UniBo, CNR-IRPI, CIMA)**, **Poland (IMWM)**, **Slovakia (SHMU)**, and **Turkey (ITU, METU, AU)**. ECMWF takes also part of the PVG.

Country	Institutes
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Precipitation Product Validation Group

The *Precipitation Product Validation Group (PPVG)* is composed of experts from the National Meteorological and Hydrological Institutes of **8 European countries** under the coordination of the Italian Civil Protection Department. The PPVG uses both **rain gauge** and **radar** data for validation of precipitation products.



More than 8,000 rain gauges

71 C-band radars

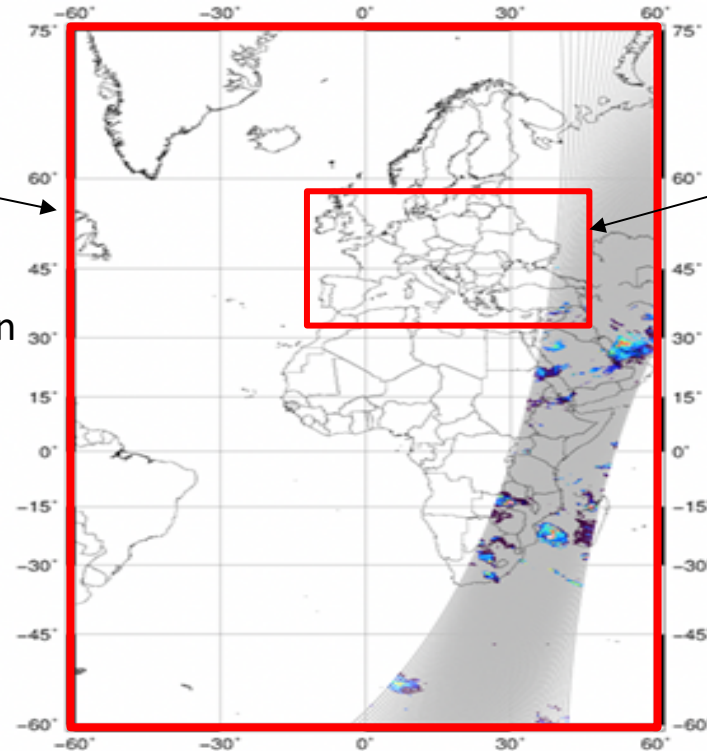
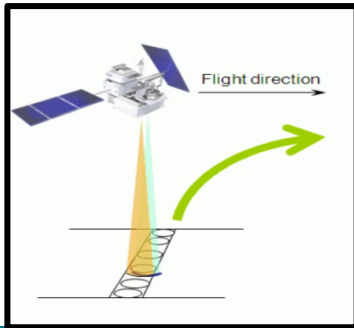
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Precipitation Product: Area coverage

MSG Full Disk area

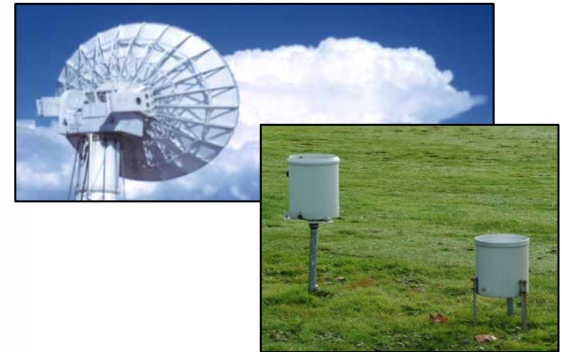
Global (or hemispherical)
precipitation products

DPR (Dual-frequency **P**recipitation
Radar) onboard of **GPM** Core
satellite



H SAF area

National ground data:
radars and raingauges



GPM Core Observatory (Global Precipitation Measurement)

The GPM Core Observatory will carry two instruments that can view precipitation (rain, snow, ice) in new ways and connect measurements to those taken on other partner satellites

GPM Microwave Imager (GMI): 10-183 GHz

13 channels that provides an integrated picture of energy emitted by precipitation, including light to heavy rain to falling snow (Ball Aerospace)

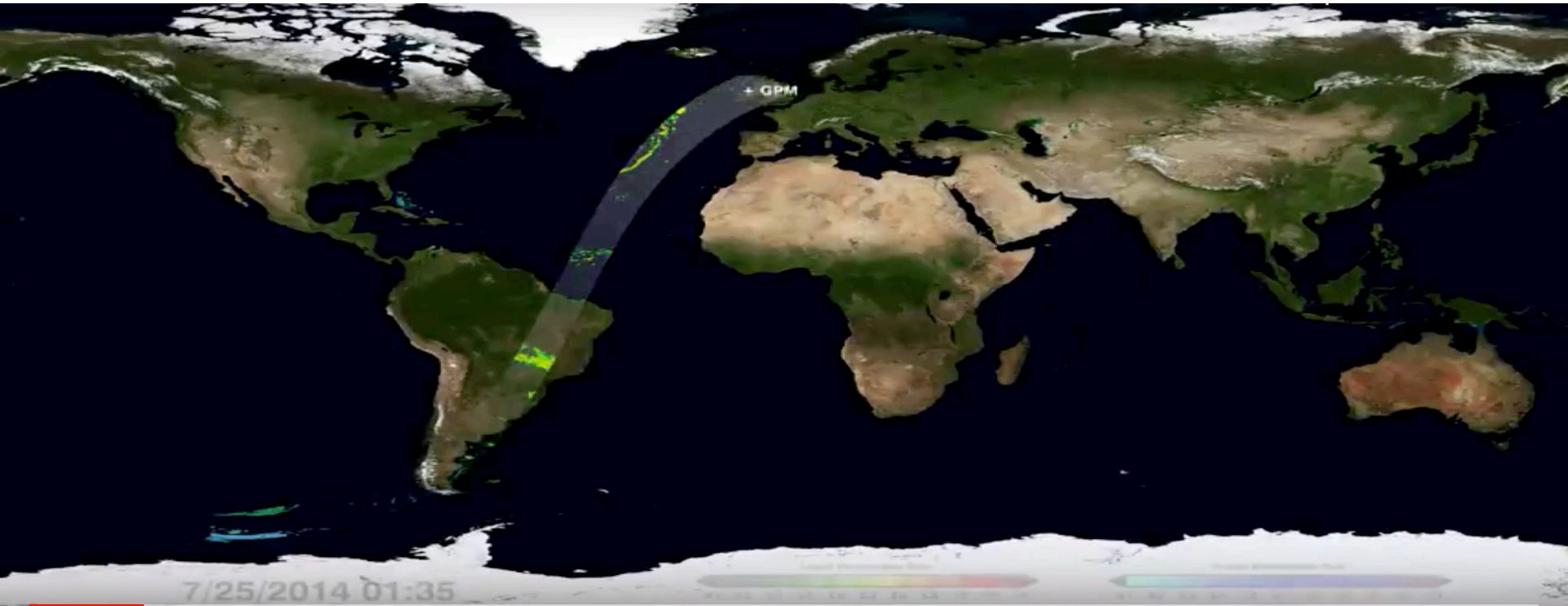
Dual-frequency Precipitation Radar (DPR): Ku-Ka bands

Two different radar frequencies that can look at precipitation in 3-D throughout the atmospheric column (JAXA)



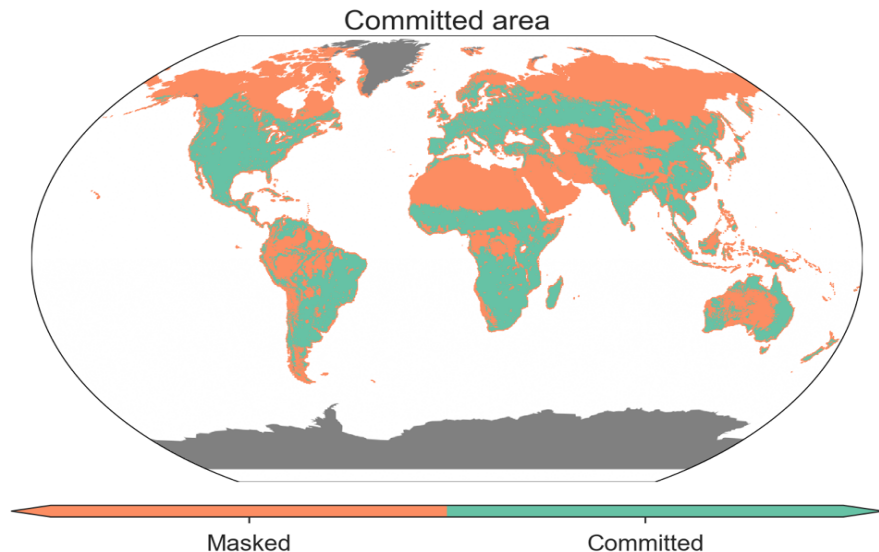
13.6GHz & 35.5 GHz

Temporal and spatial overpass
intersection
(GPM vs NOAA/METOP/Fxx and SEVIRI)



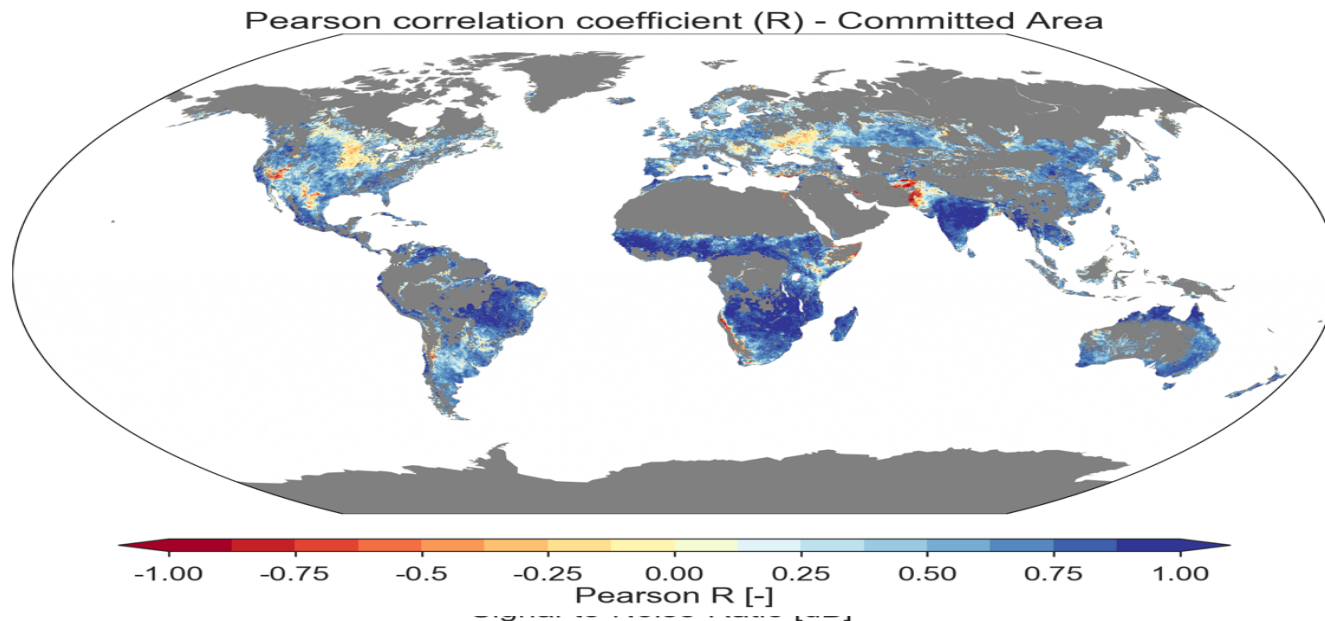
Validation of the Soil Moisture products

The committed area represents a restricted geographical region with high confidence in the successful retrieval of surface soil moisture information from Metop ASCAT. The area is limited to low and moderate vegetation regimes, unfrozen and no snow cover, low to moderate topographic variations, as well as no wetlands and coastal areas.



In green the committed areas (a restricted geographical region with high confidence in the successful retrieval of surface soil moisture information from Metop ASCAT)

Validation of the Soil Moisture products



The Hydrologic Validation Programme

The purpose is to **assess** the benefits of the novel HSAF satellite-derived data on practical hydrological applications and to **improve** products and their usability in operational hydrology

- Product **quality assessment** and their continuous monitoring by product validation (evaluation) with the usage of hydrological rainfall-runoff models,
- Research into possibility of **HSAF products application in operational hydrology**
- **Training activities**, stimulating the use of satellite products in hydrology and water management

Product quality
assessment

Usability of
products and
its
improvement

Promotion of
products

The Hydrological Validation Programme

The main tasks/objectives

Impact studies and hydrological validation



Product interfacing and utilization
improvement

Hydrologic validation of HSAF products with the usage of rainfall-runoff models

HSAF product data assessments

Case studies

Development of tools to assimilate HSAF soil moisture and snow products to hydrological models

Tools (methods) for product correction / blended products

Perform the analysis of possible product utility for hydrological tasks and analysis on the improvement of HSAF products usefulness

Examples of HSAF products applications

SAF on Support to Operational Hydrology and Water Management

- Provide **operational** high quality level 2/3 products and develop **new satellite-derived products** to satisfy the **needs of operational hydrology**;
 - **identified products**:
 - precipitation (rate, accumulated);
 - soil moisture (at large-scale, at local-scale, at surface, in the roots region);
 - snow parameters (detection, cover, melting conditions, water equivalent);
- **independent validation**;
- **All the products have a certified Accuracy by the work of 11 countries**
- **All the ‘pre-operational ‘ or ‘operational’ products are available on European, MSG Full disk and Global areas in NRT via EUMETCAST and H-SAF web page.**

WEB PAGE

<http://hsaf.meteoam.it/>

Thanks for your attention !

QUESTIONS ?

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