ADVANCED DATA CHAIN TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF EARTH OBSERVATION SATELLITES SUPPORTING ON-BOARD PROCESSING FOR RAPID CIVIL ALERTS

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Importance of Latency in Satellite based Remote Sensing

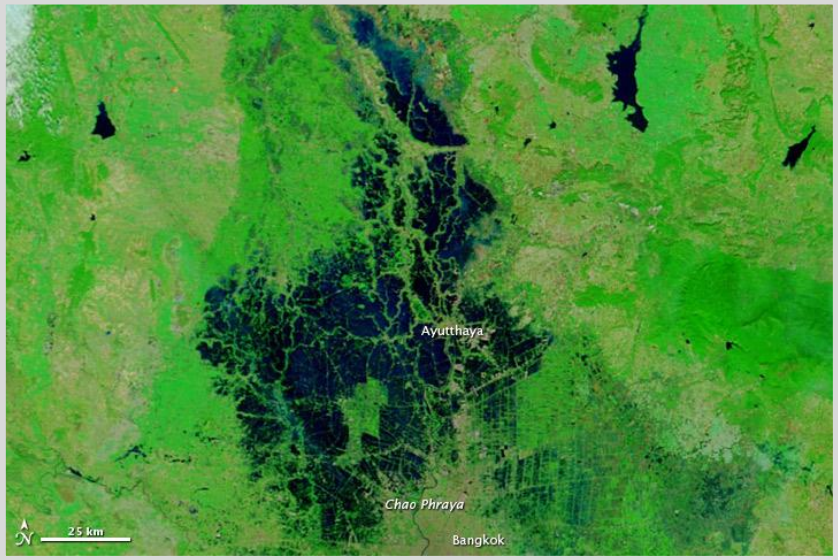
System Responsiveness is a driver for time-critical EO services (e.g. disasters, emergency response, forecasting, financial, security), both for NRT and real-time services

As part of this responsiveness, **EO Product latency** is an important contributor

e.g. current latencies of civil emergency products are between 20 minutes and several hours

Improved systems are required

Timely Earth Observation Products Can SAVE LIVES & PROPERTY



2011 Floods, (Ayutthata, Thailand) "**NASA Space Data Can Cut Disaster Response Times, Costs**", NASA, 2019

Credits: LANCE/EOSDIS MODIS Rapid Response Team, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center

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EO-ALERT H2020 Project: Solution for Very Low Latency Products

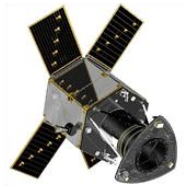
Goal: to address the need for increased data chain throughput and real-time products

- Develop a new approach for the provision of very low latency Earth Observation (EO) data products, exploiting the flight segment processing capabilities

Latency goal of 1 minute

Idea: focus on the EO product and what is needed with very low latency

- Move key EO data processing elements from the ground segment to the satellite
- Prove this for various EO instruments
  - TerraSAR-X (SAR) VHR satellite
  - DEIMOS-2 (OPT VIS/NIR) VHR satellite
  - MSG SEVIRI (Multi-spectral VIS/TIR)
- Test in two scenarios: ship detection/classification and extreme weather detection/tracking



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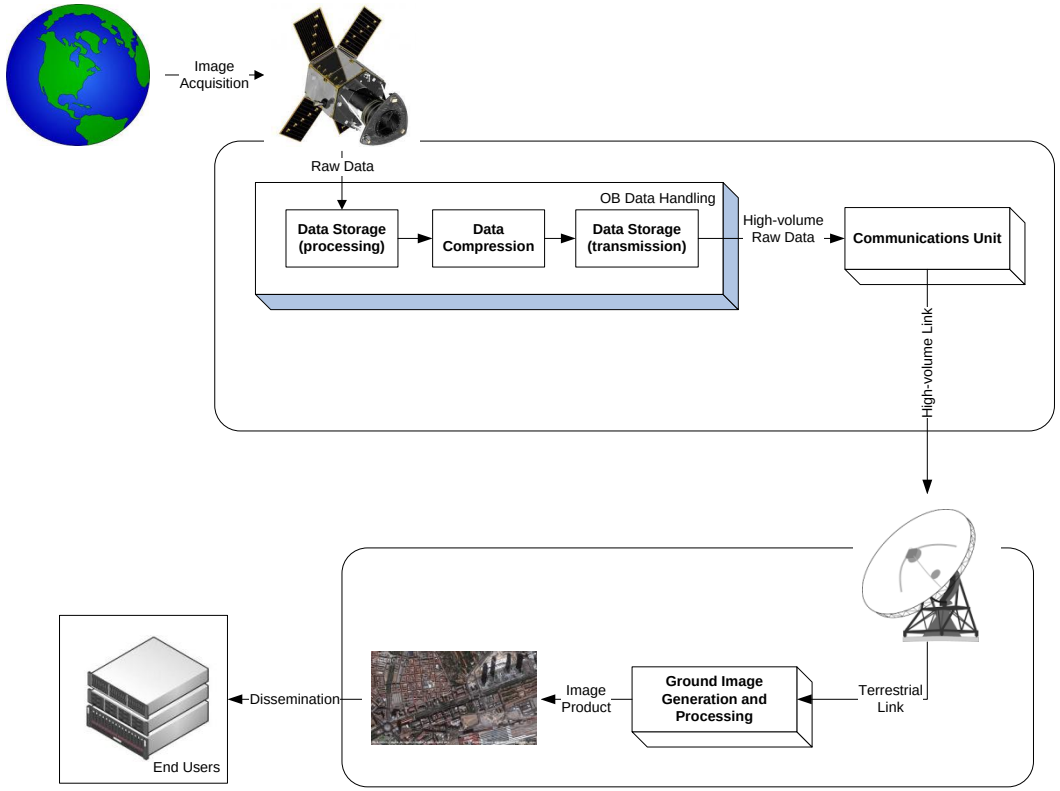
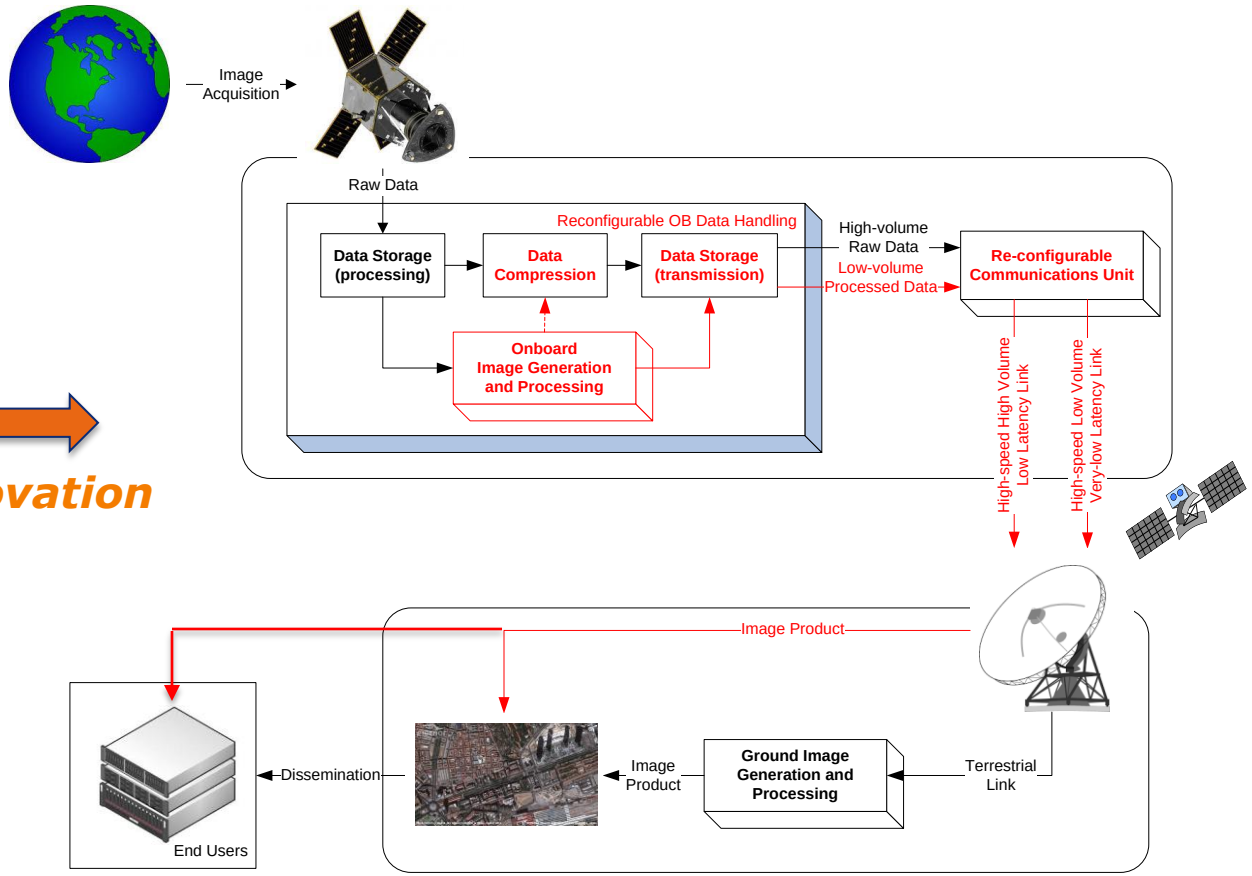
Classical EO Data Chain



Innovation

"New" EO Data Chain



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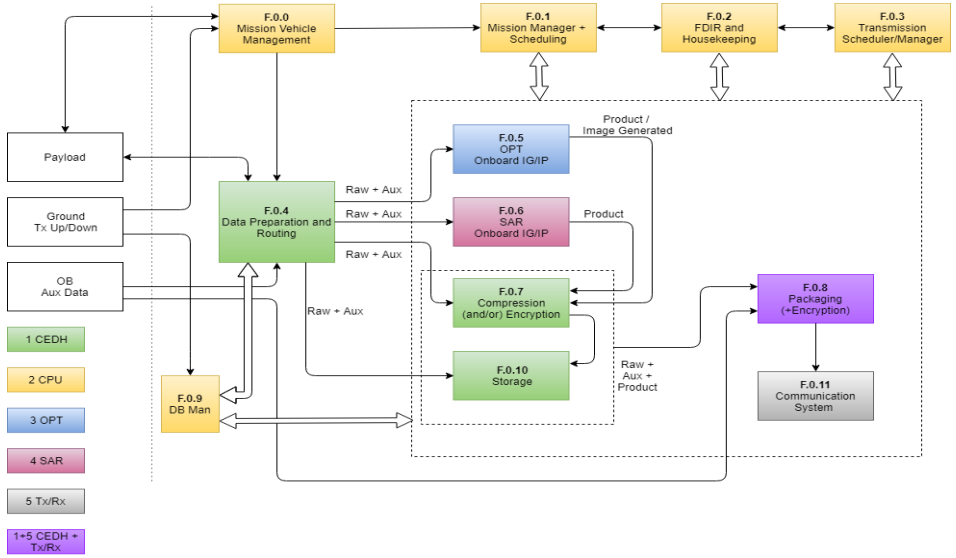
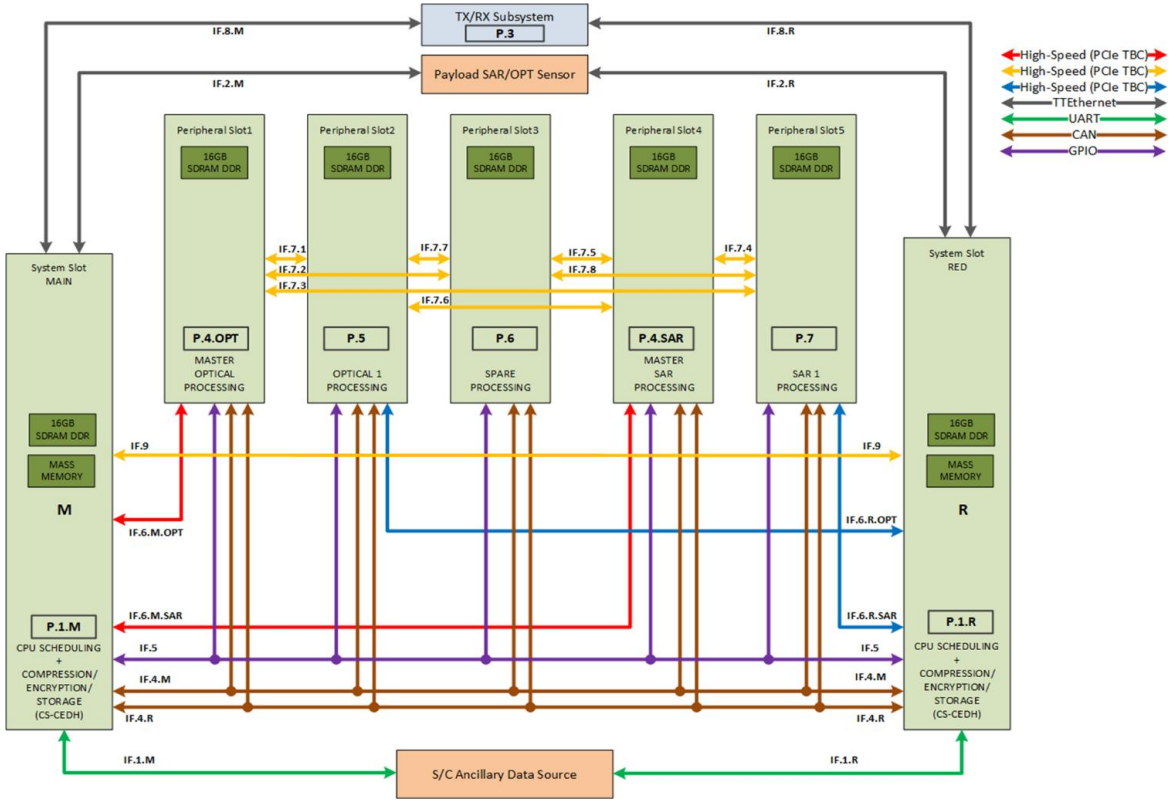
Functional & Physical Architecture

New C&DH architecture provides for on-board **data prioritisation** and **global real-time EO product/information generation and delivery**

Uses global communications relay

TRL 4/5 in 2020/2021 with Avionics Test Bench (ATB) testing





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Latency from current HW testing

Current Product Latencies

- Example of EMSA Vessel Detection Service (VDS)-like products
  - ship detection, classification, positioning
- HW tested (OBC & FPGA)
- TSX and DEIMOS-2 payload data

On-board SAR product tested

- L1B & VDS
- TSX StripMap mode
- ~ 4m resolution; 30 km swath

On-board Optical product tested

- L1B & VDS
- DEIMOS-2 PAN
- ~ 0.9m resolution; 10km swath

SAR (TerraSAR-X)

- ~ 35 seconds for SAR image and ship product generation on-board
- ~ 35 seconds for global FS-GS comms
- **~ 70 seconds** for E2E global delivery

OPTICAL (DEIMOS-2)

- ~ 20 to 40 seconds for OPT image and ship product generation on-board
- ~ 35 seconds for global FS-GS comms
- **~ 55 to 75 seconds** for E2E global delivery

✓ **Goal of 1 minute E2E product generation and delivery**

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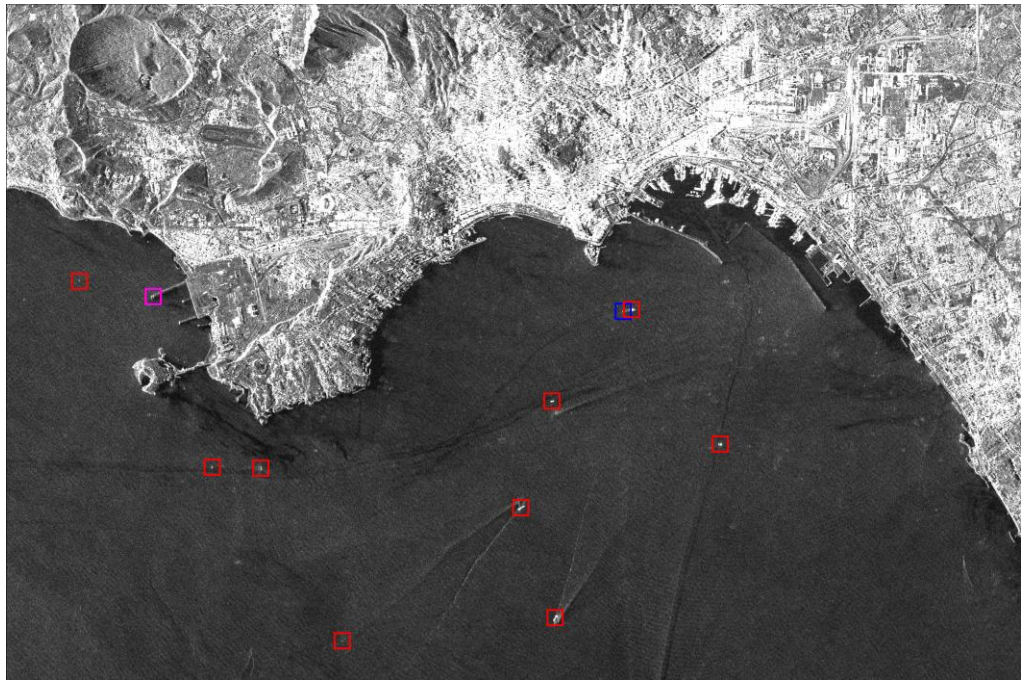
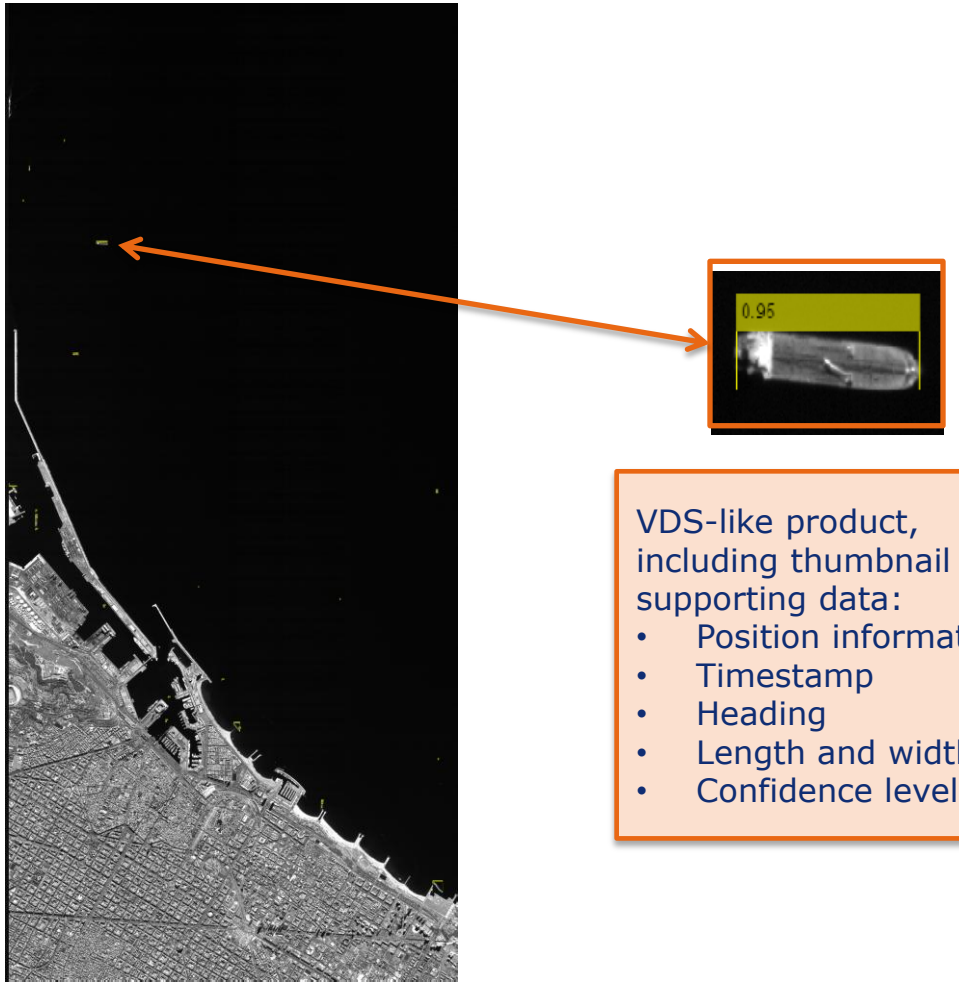
Ship Detection

EMSA VDS-Like Product

TSX Example Case



DEIMOS-2 Example Case



VDS-like product, including thumbnail and supporting data:

- Position information
- Timestamp
- Heading
- Length and width
- Confidence level

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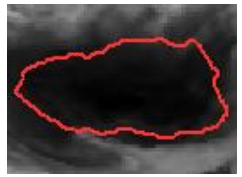
Extreme Weather Detection (Nowcasting)

EUMETSAT Rapidly Developing Thunderstorm (RDT)-Like Product



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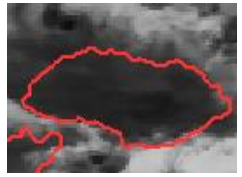

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