

MAKING SENSE OF THE OCEAN: FROM OBSERVATION TO ACTIONABLE KNOWLEDGE



Monitoring Our Oceans From Space

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European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites



WHO

European operational satellite agency for monitoring weather, climate and the environment

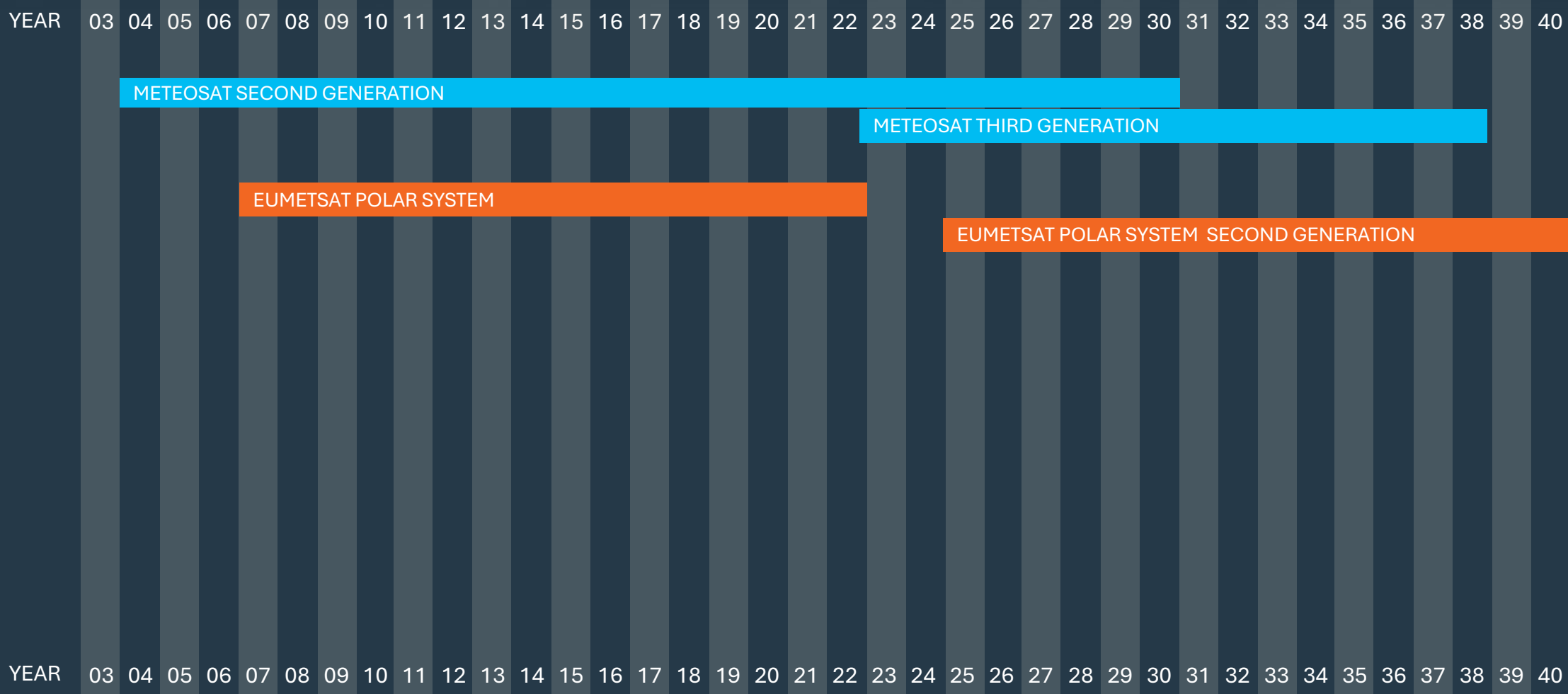
WHAT

Operate a system of meteorological satellites that observe the atmosphere and ocean and land surfaces
– 24 hours a day, 365 days a year



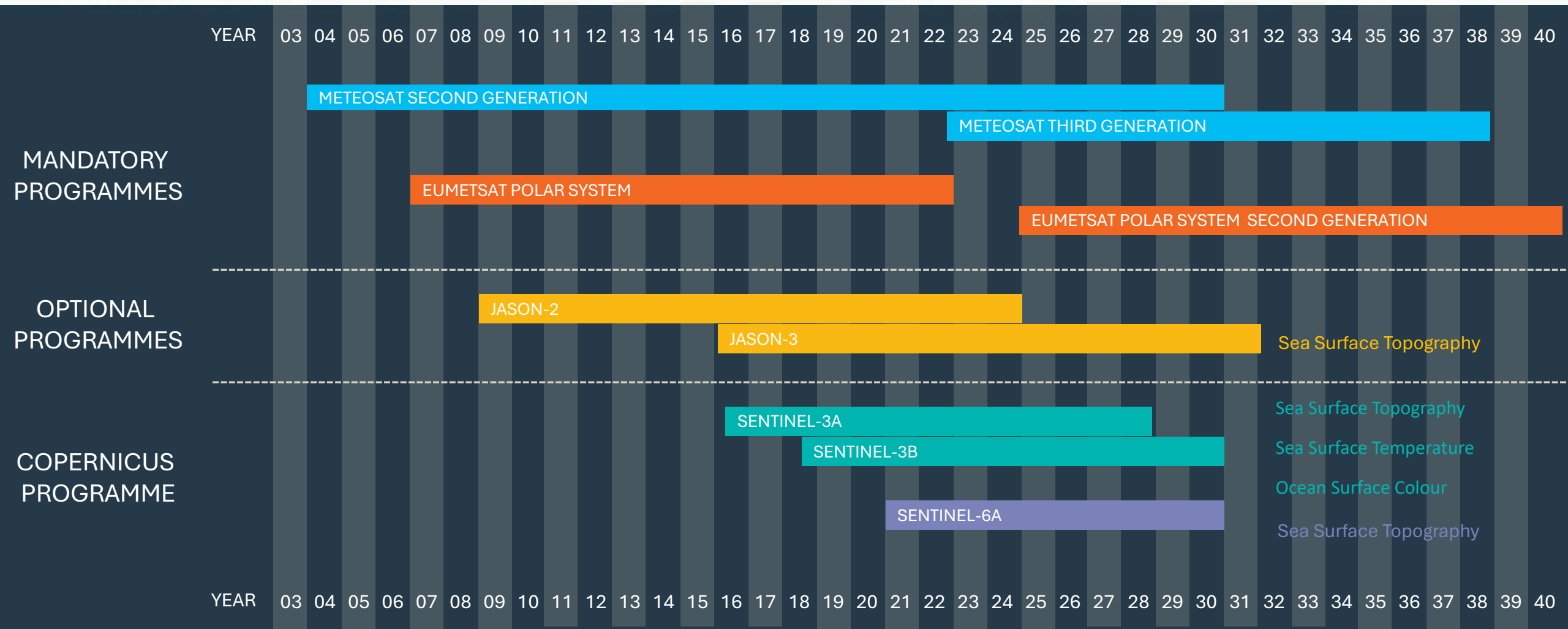
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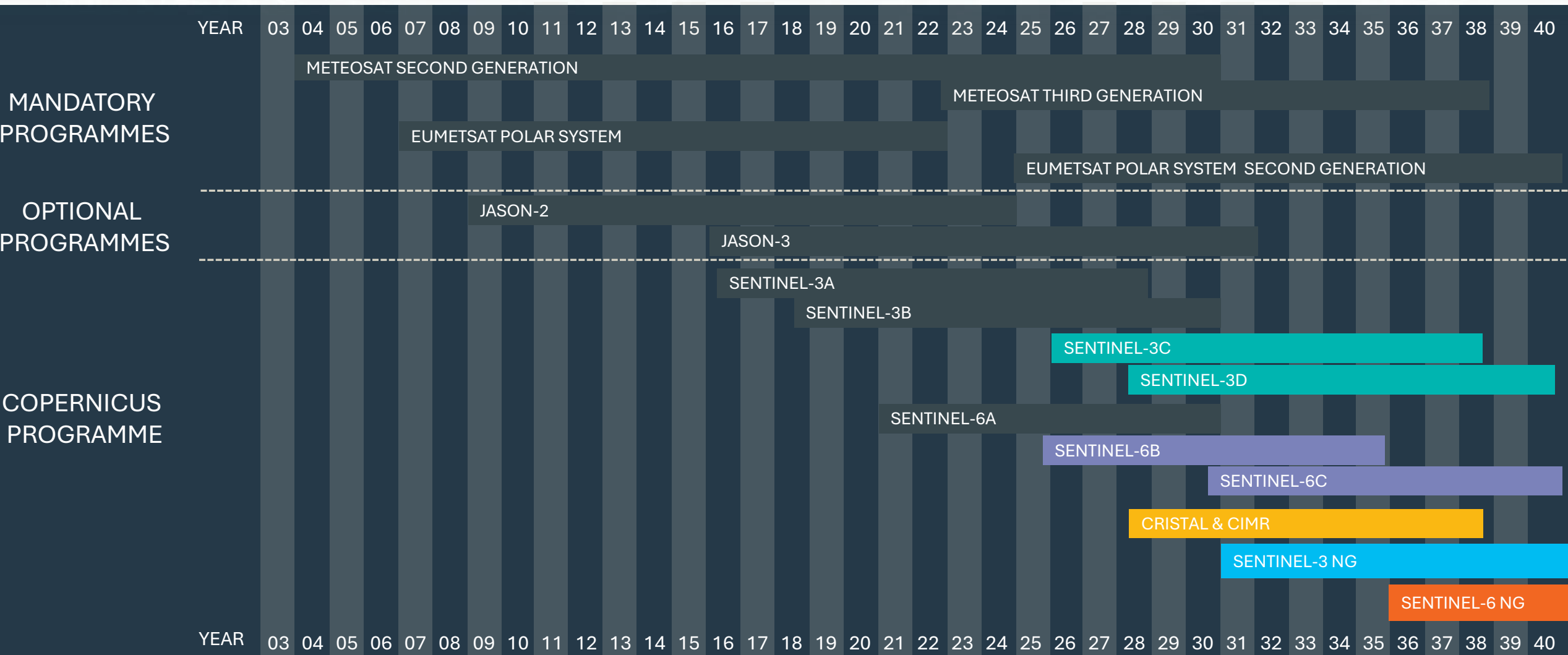


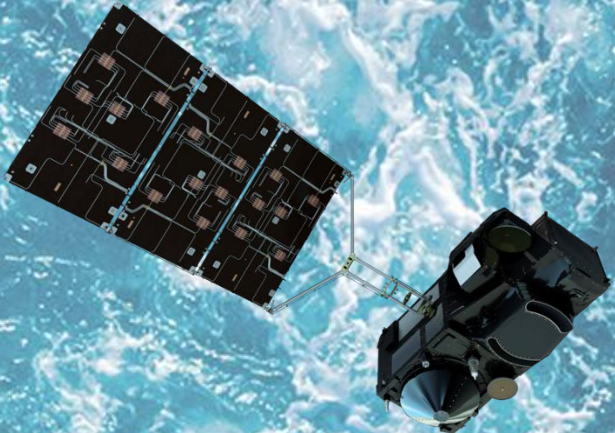
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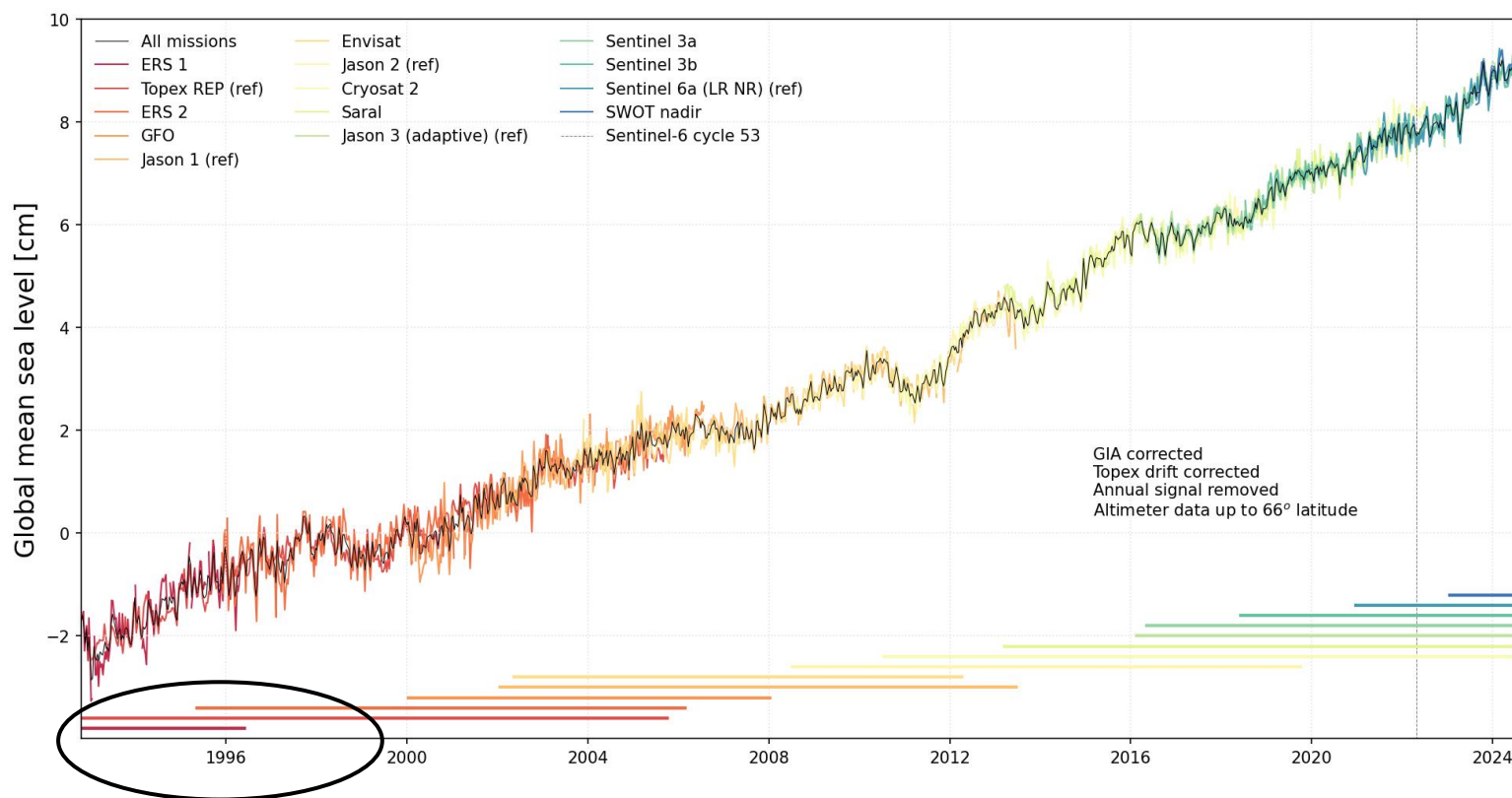




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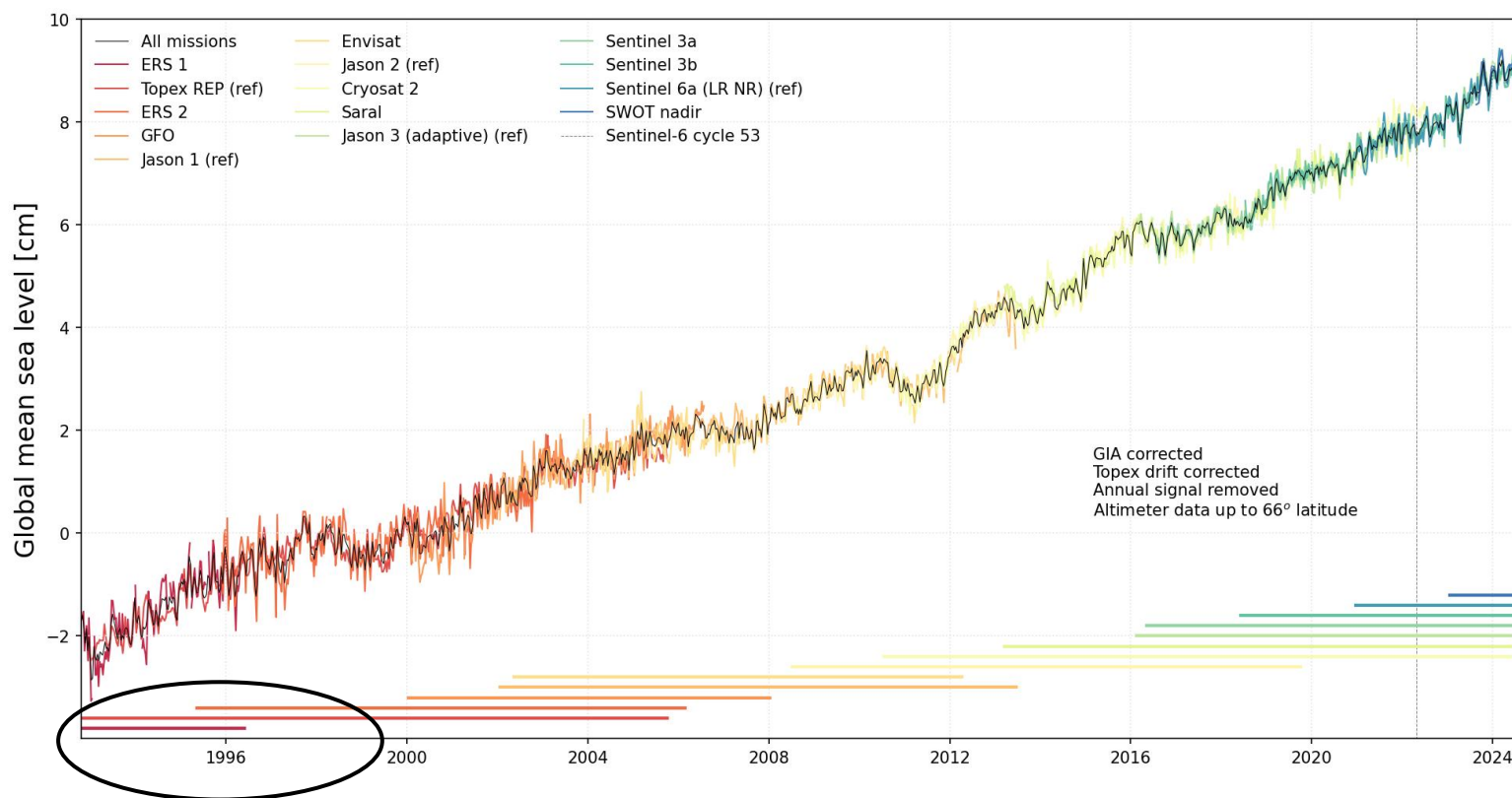
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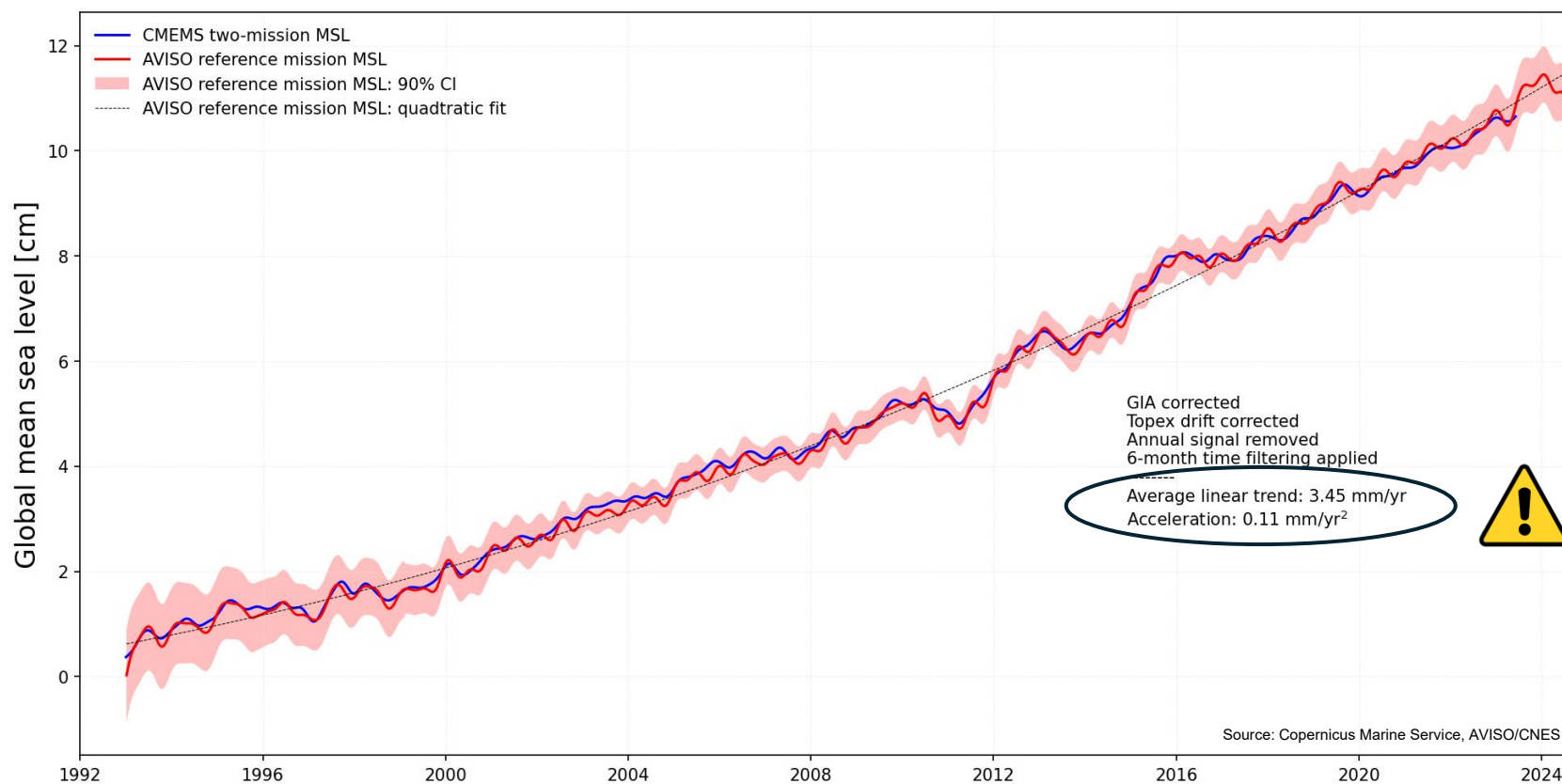
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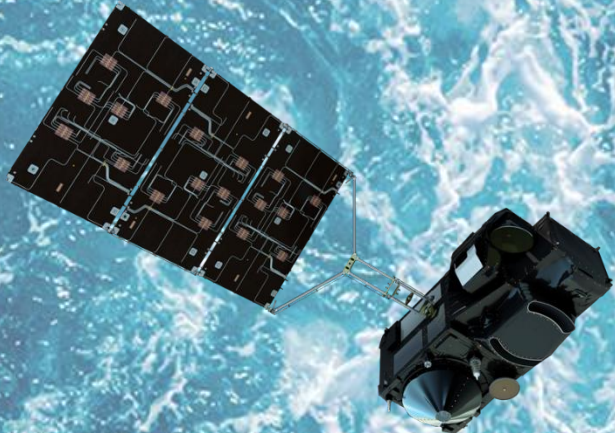
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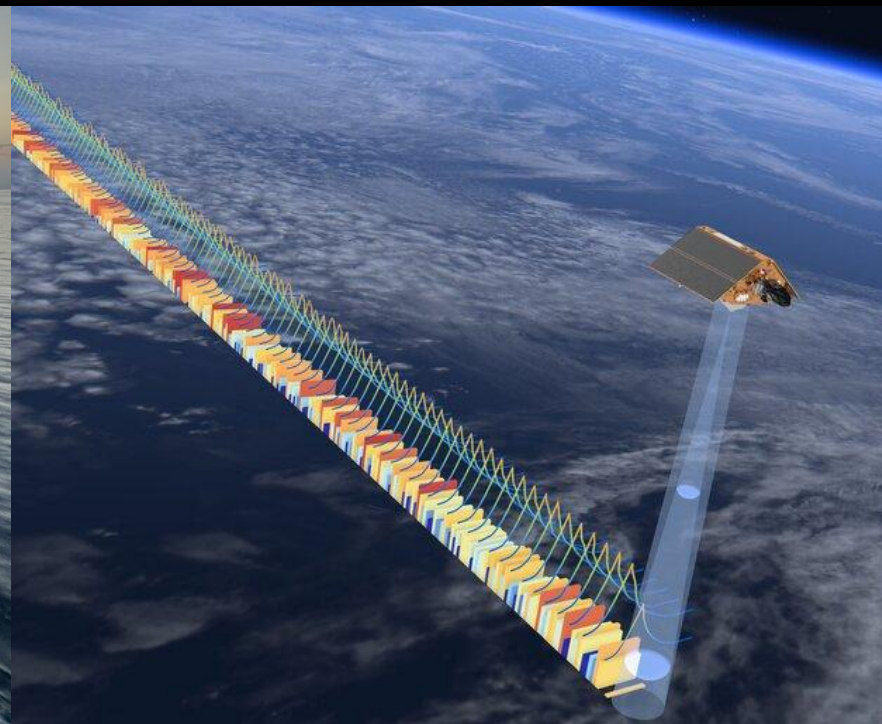
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The continuity and precision of the reference altimetry missions - TOPEX/Poseidon, Jason-1, Jason-2, Jason-3, and now Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich – has been key to detect both the rise and acceleration of sea level

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🚀 Sentinel-6B will be launched later this year to assume the role of the reference radar altimetry mission!



A satellite with a large solar panel array is shown in orbit over a turbulent ocean surface. The satellite is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its solar panels extended. The ocean below is characterized by deep blue and teal colors with white, frothy waves and eddies, indicating high levels of turbulence or a strong current. The text 'Challenge 8: Create a Digital Representation of the Ocean' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a white and teal font.

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Destination Earth



User Stories



A frozen wanderer

Tracking the history of iceberg A23A via Earth observation.

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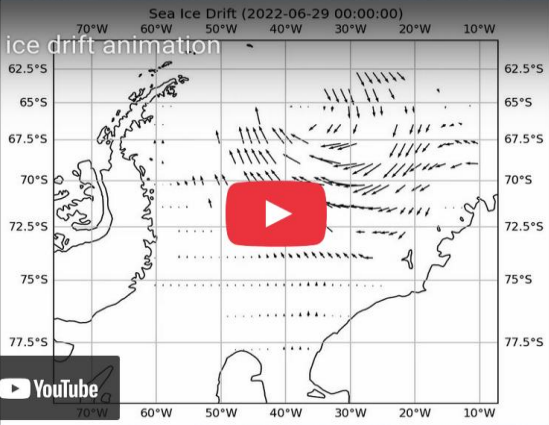
A23A

A journey begins...

The story of A23A begins over 40 years ago, when it calved from Filchner–Ronne Ice Shelf in 1986. For much of its life after this it remained anchored to the seabed, finally breaking loose in 2020.

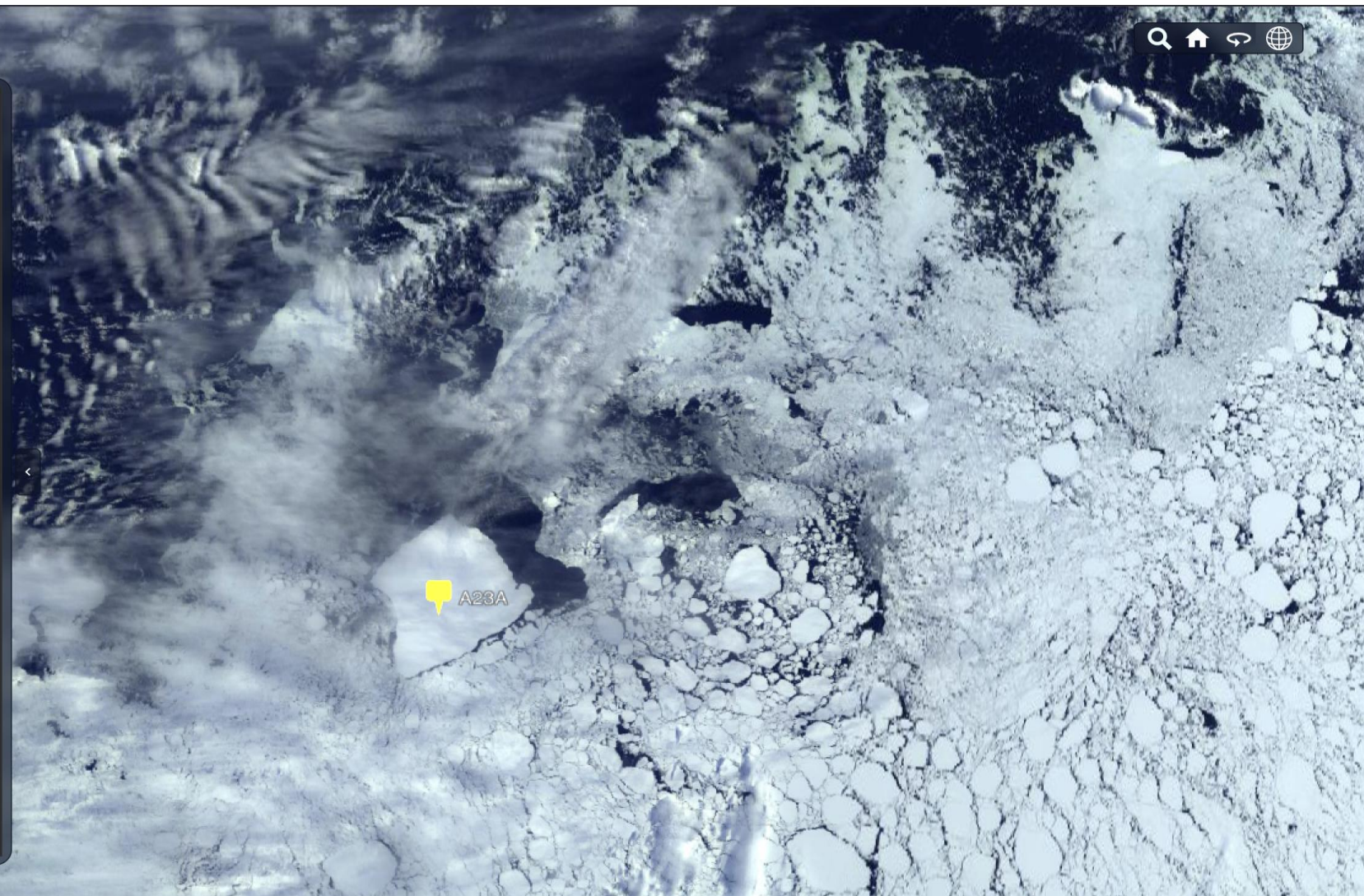
During summer, when the sea ice breaks apart, its drift can be measured using microwave radiometers (e.g. AMSR). The short animation below shows the daily drift of the Weddell Sea sea ice between 2020 and 2023, covering the period until A23A reached the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula.

 sea ice drift animation

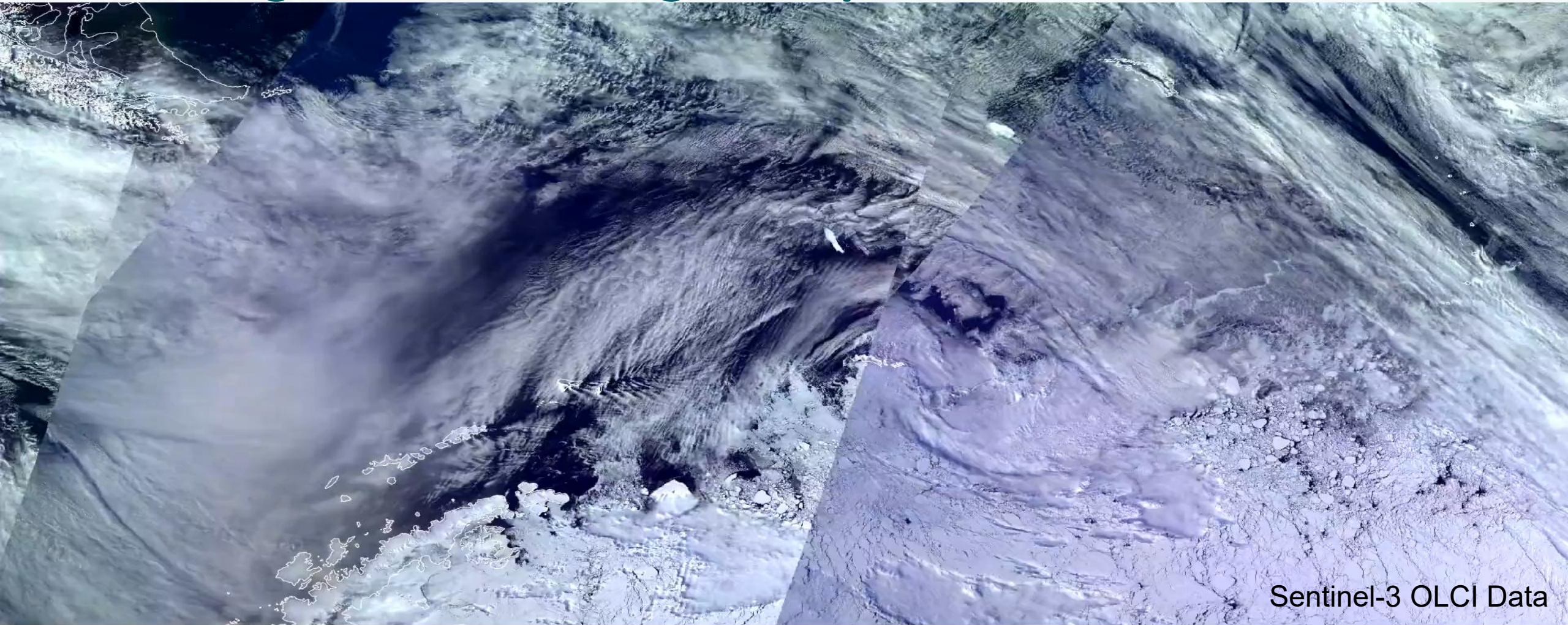


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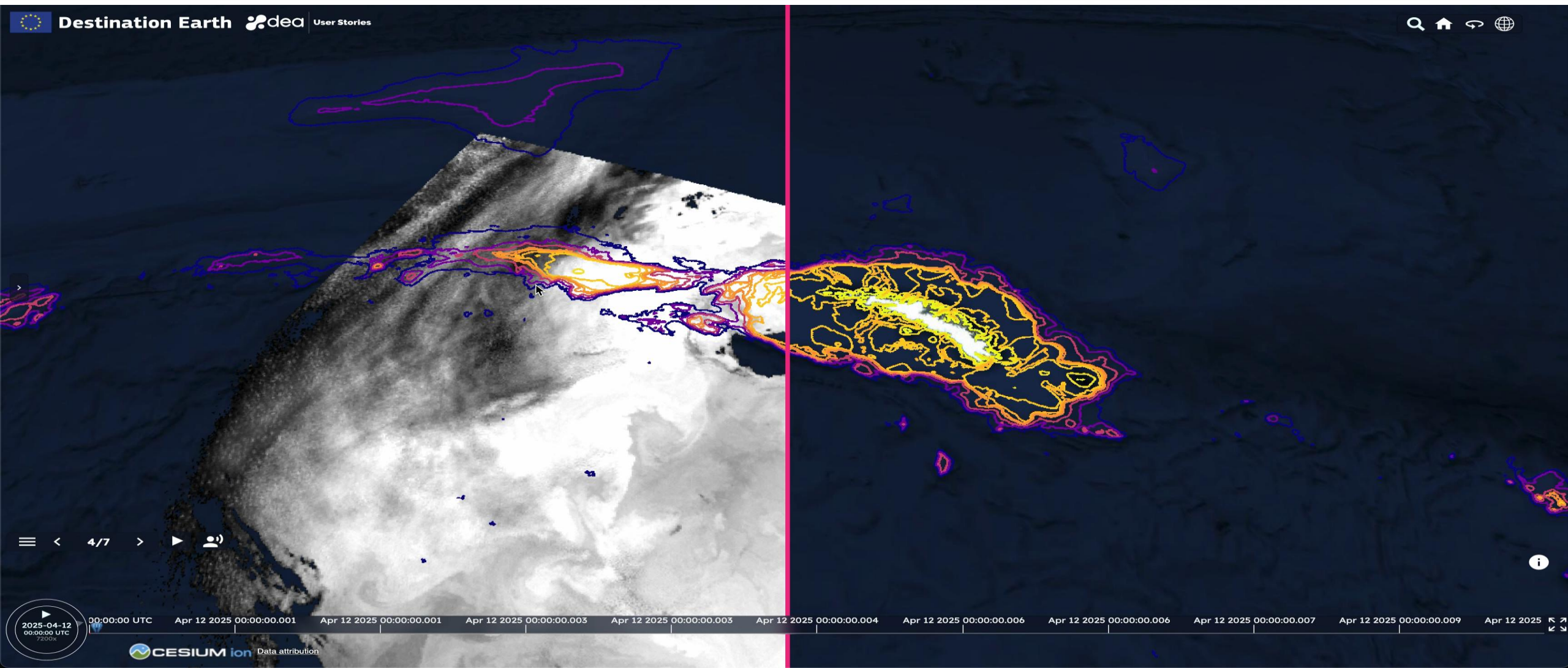


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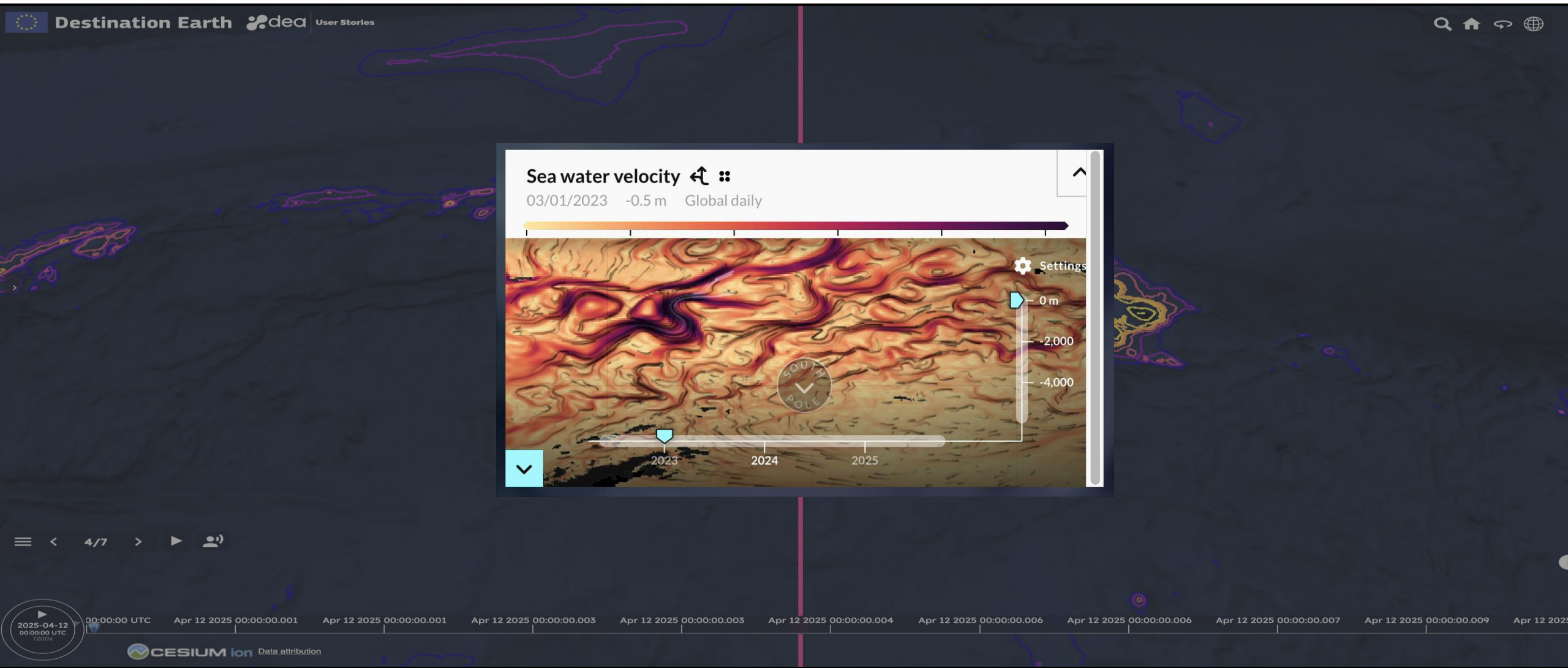


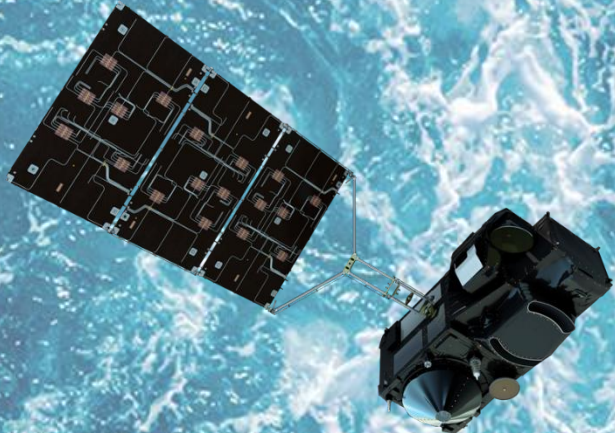
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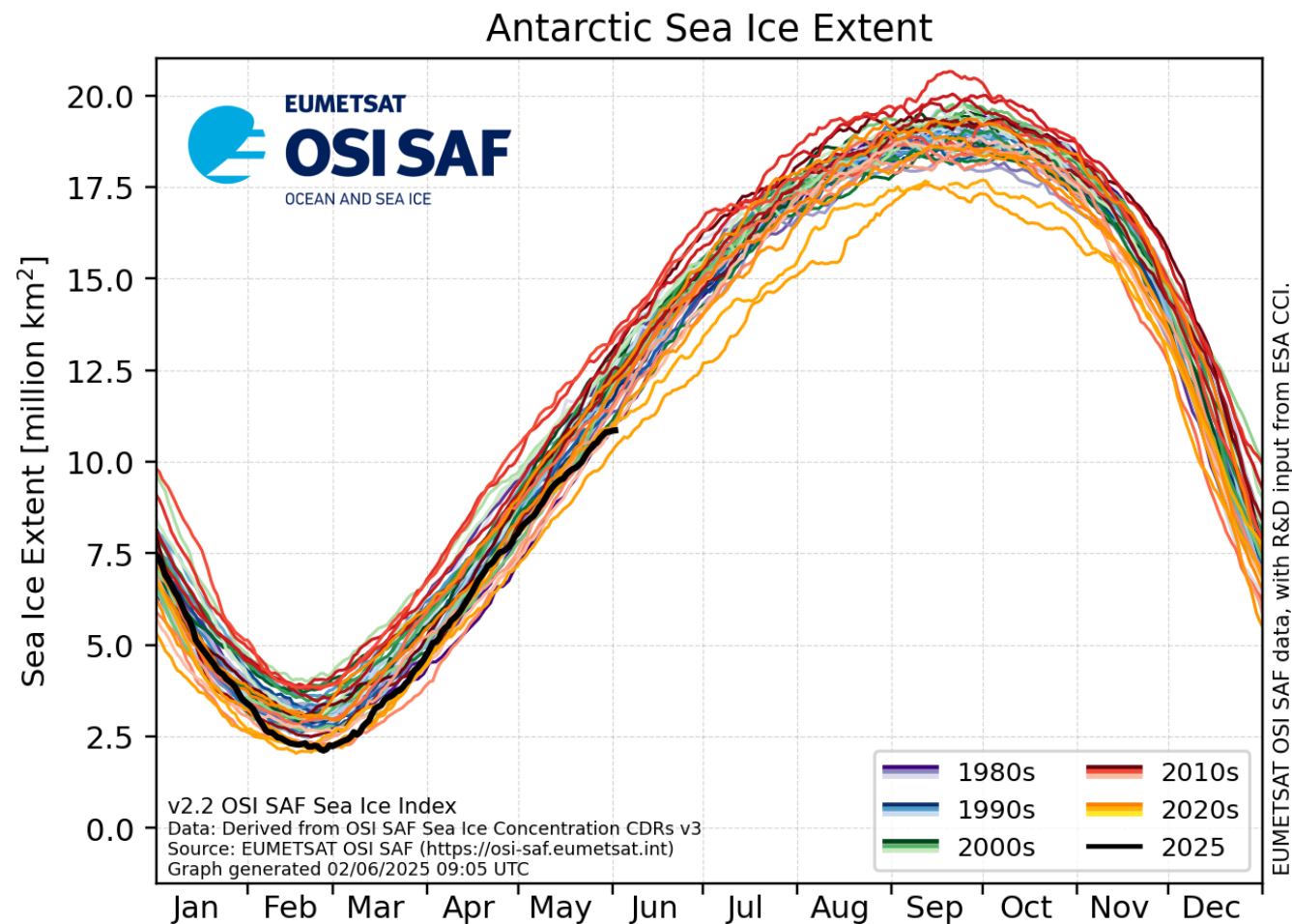


A satellite with a large rectangular solar panel array and a complex body is shown in orbit over a turbulent, blue-green ocean with white-capped waves. The satellite is positioned on the left side of the frame, angled towards the center.

The A23A's story illustrates the power of combining multiple satellite instruments and products to create a digital narrative of the ocean and cryosphere in motion

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A23A is part of a much larger story of sea ice change in Antarctica



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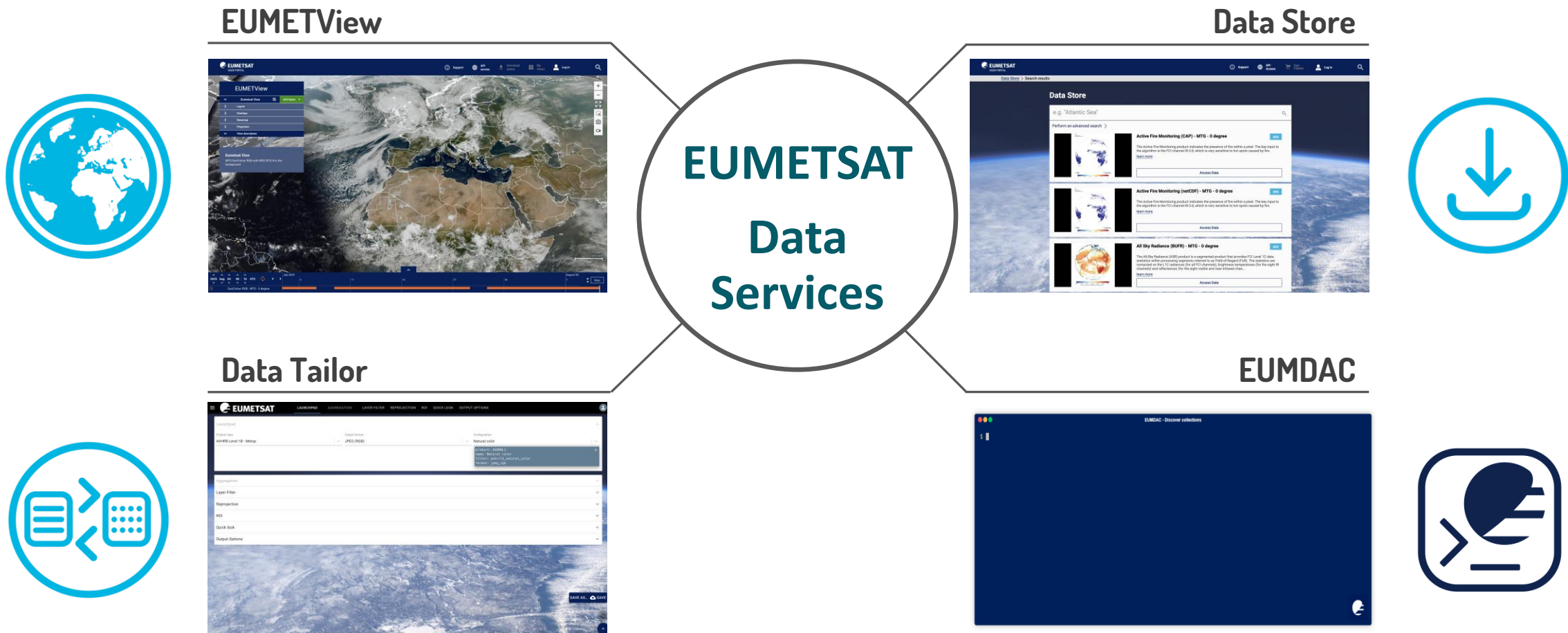
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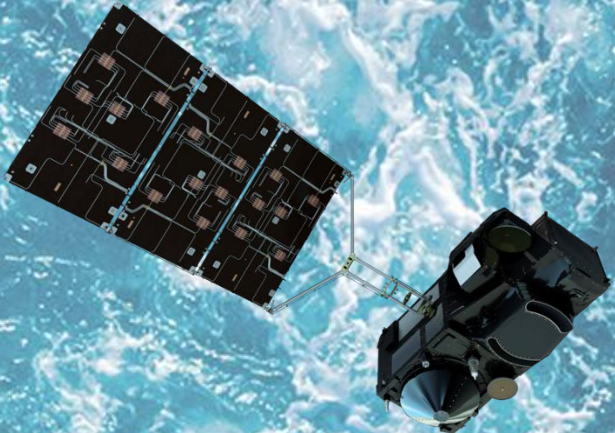


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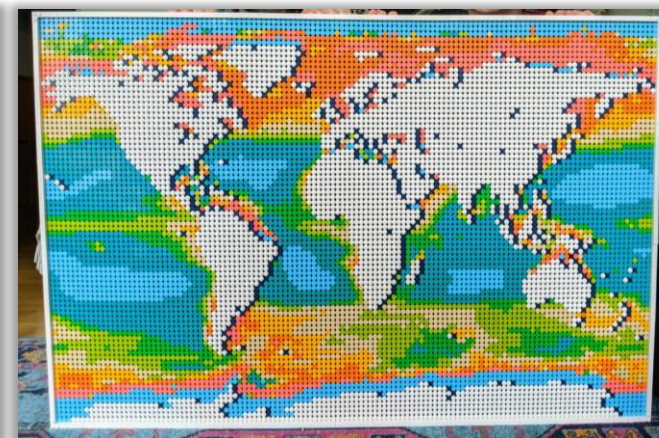


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Challenge 10: Restore Society's Relationship With the Ocean

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