



AURORA

Progetto H2020 AURORA

Sinergia tra i dati delle Sentinelle atmosferiche del programma Copernicus per prodotti avanzati relativi al profilo verticale di ozono e alla radiazione UV alla superficie

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HeatShield – Cambiamenti climatici e caldo: impatti sulla salute e sulla produttività dei lavoratori impegnati in ambiti agricoli



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AURORA in a nutshell



EU Framework Program: HORIZON 2020

H2020 Work Program: 2014-2015

Research Area: Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies (LEIT)

Sub-program: Space

Call: H2020-Earth Observation-2015

Topic: EO-2-2015 Stimulating wider research use of Copernicus Sentinel Data

Project Title: Advanced Ultraviolet Radiation and Ozone Retrieval for Applications

Project Duration: 36 months (February 1°, 2016 – January 31°, 2019)

AURORA website: <http://www.aurora-copernicus.eu/>

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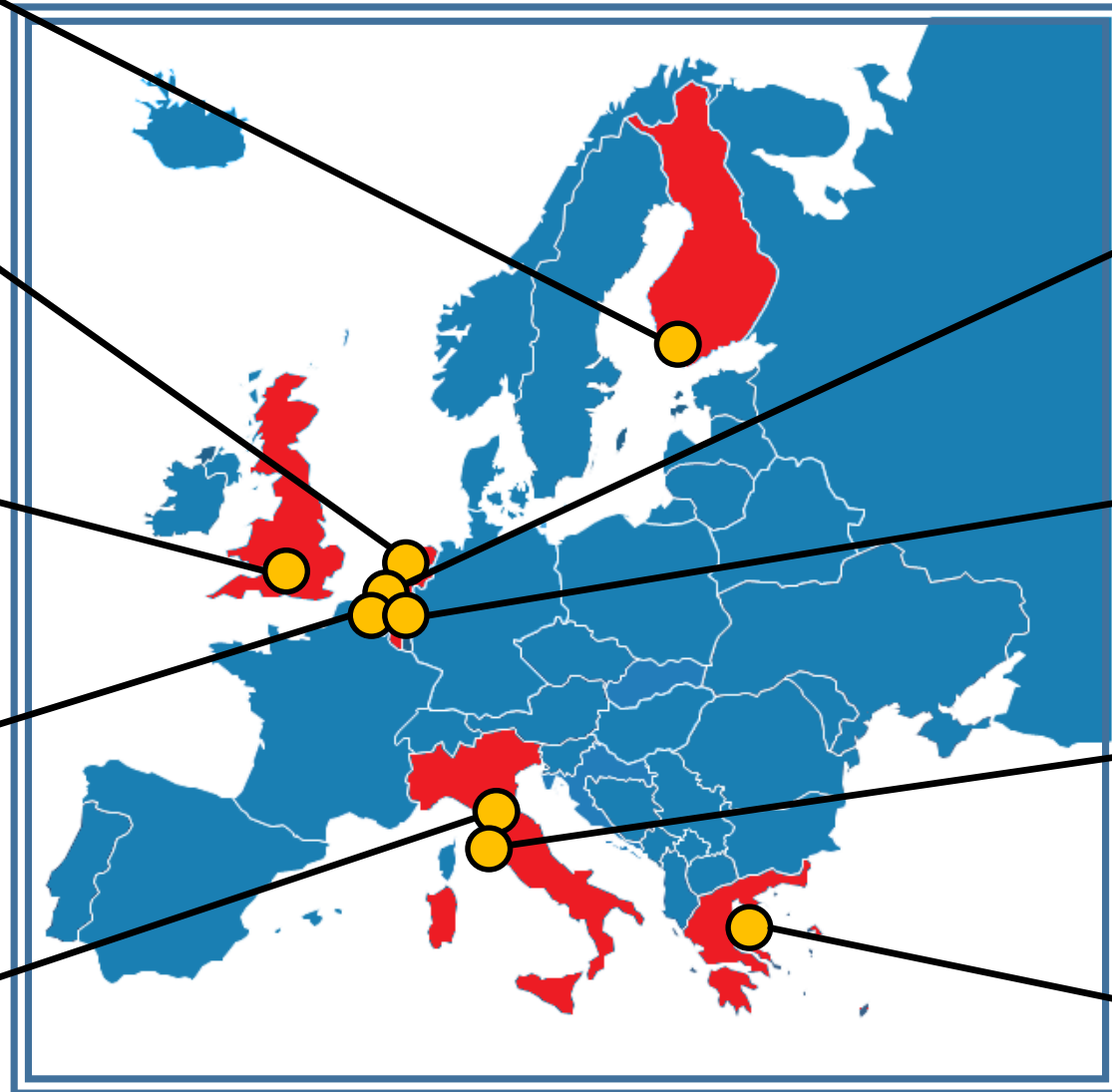
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Copernicus is the European Union Programme for Earth Observation implemented by the European Commission in partnership with the European Space Agency



Copernicus aims to provide space and non-space Earth Observation data and accurate and reliable information for operational applications.

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Six families of «Sentinel» space mission
Form the space component of Copernicus.

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SENTINEL-2

Mission providing high resolution optical imagery for land services

SENTINEL-3

Mission providing high accuracy optical, radar and altimetry data for marine and land services

SENTINEL-4

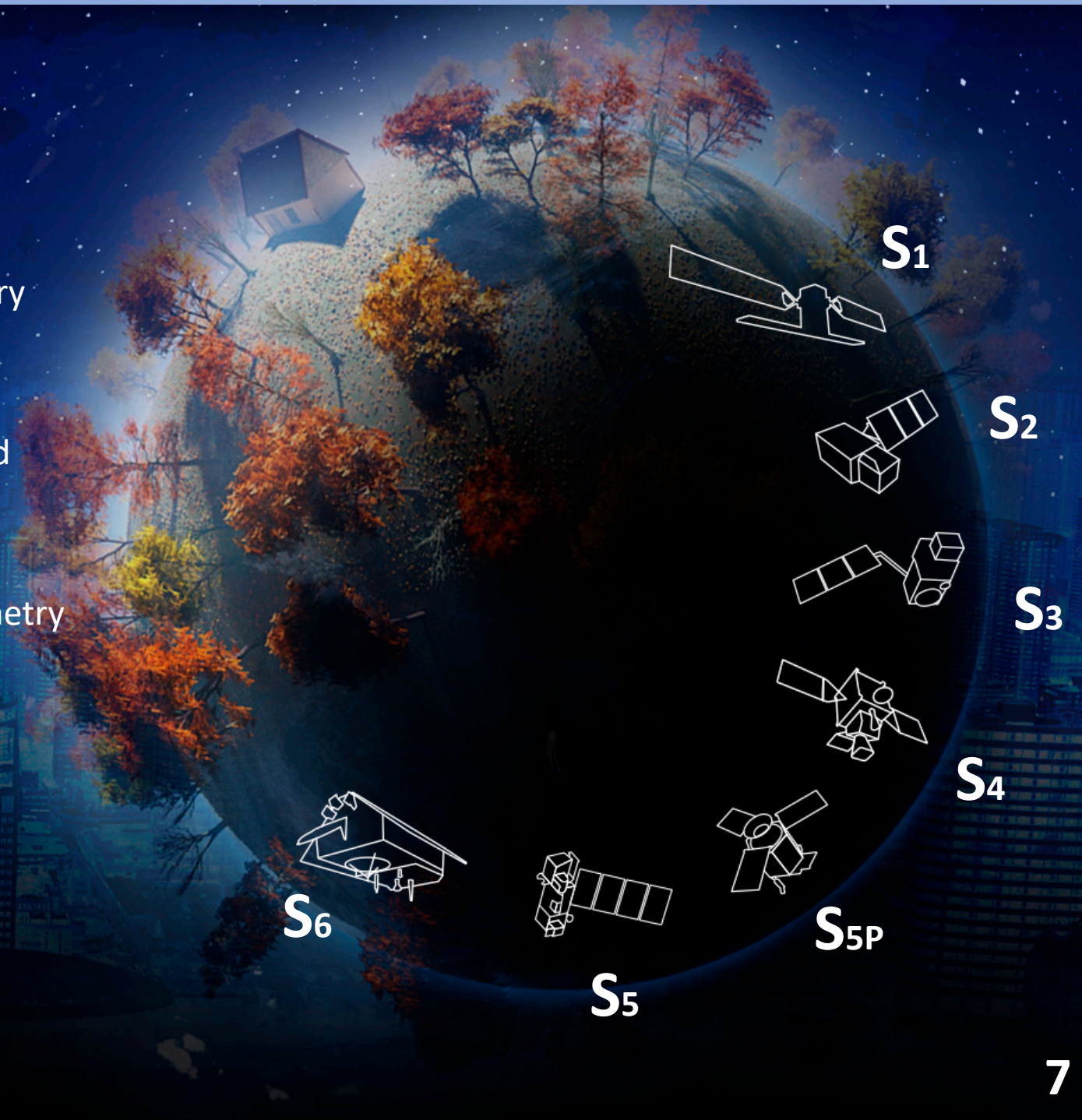
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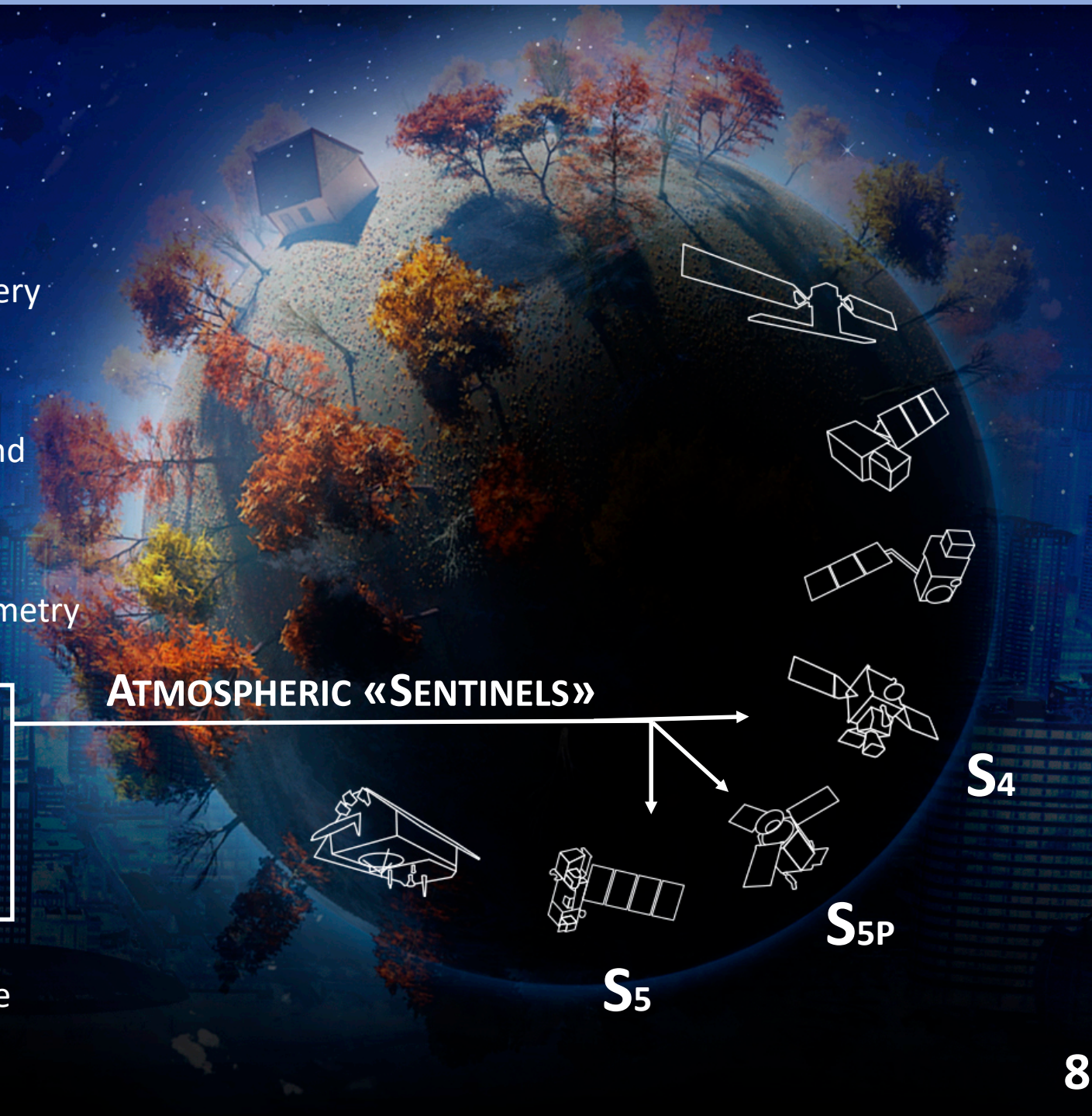
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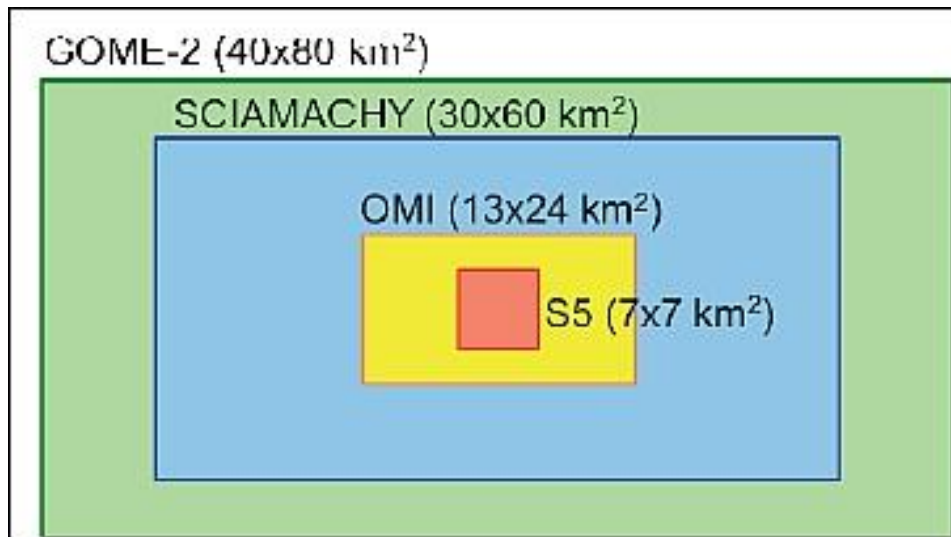
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The atmospheric Sentinel missions

The atmospheric Sentinel missions aim at filling the gap of on-going operational missions, as GOME-2 and IASI (MetOp) or OMPS and CRISS (JPSS):

- High spatial resolution (higher number of «cloud-free» pixels)
- High tempoeral resolution
- High precision



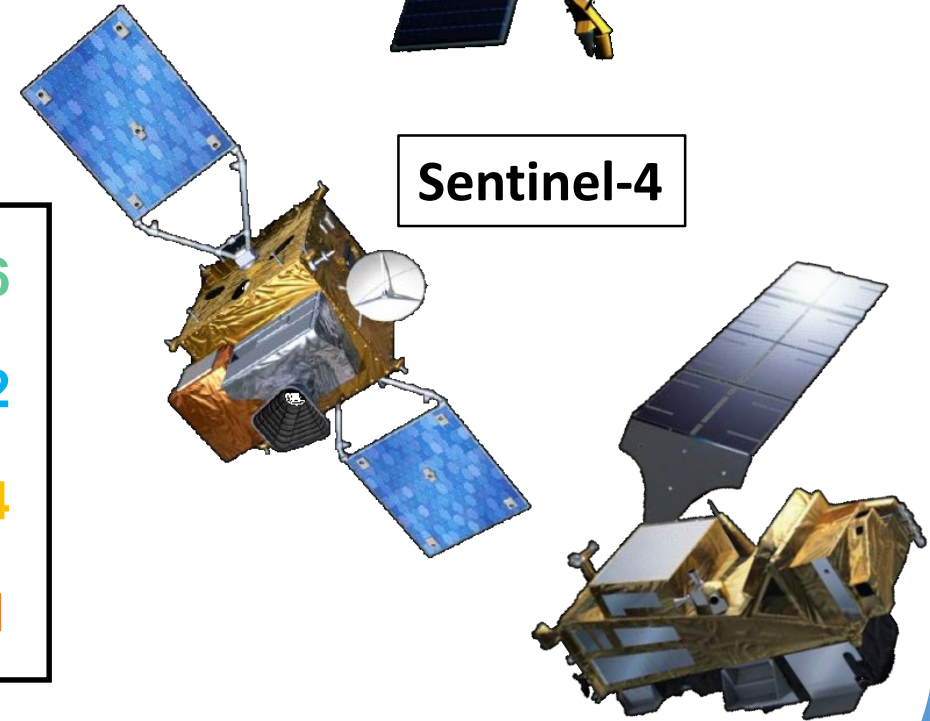
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Comparison of spatial resolution of Sentinel-5 with respect to previous missions (ESA image)

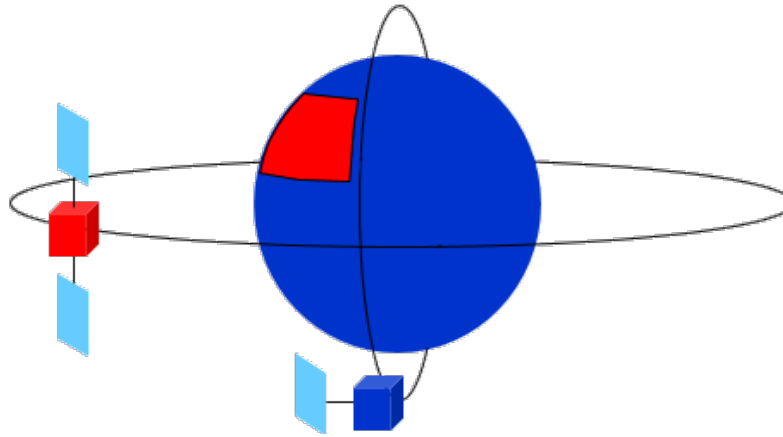
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Sentinel-4



Sentinel-5



GEOstationary (GEO)

- Hourly revisit time over Europe
- Mainly Air Quality
- Diurnal cycle of tropospheric composition

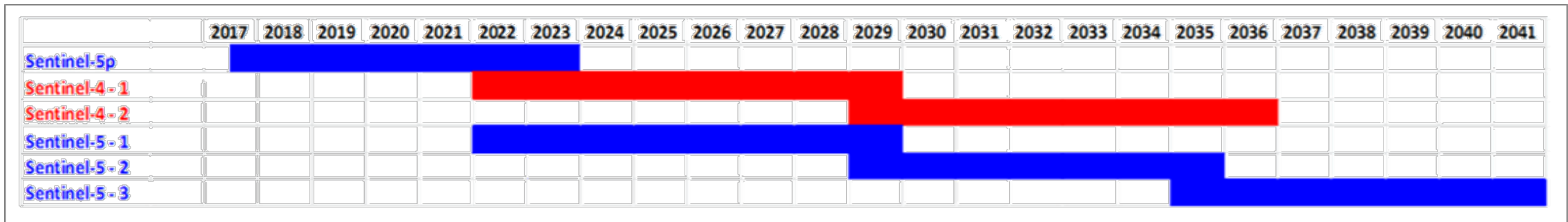
→ Sentinel-4

Low Earth Orbit (LEO)

- Daily revisit time global coverage
- Climate, air quality, ozone and UV
- Tropospheric and stratospheric composition

→ Sentinel-5

→ Sentinel-5 Precursor



Mission	Instrument	Utilization of data from		
		Imager	Infrared sounder	Other
Sentinel-4	UVN spectrometer ⁽¹⁾	FCI ⁽²⁾	IRS ⁽¹⁾	LI ^(2,*)
Sentinel-5	UVNS spectrometer ⁽³⁾	VII ⁽³⁾	IAS ⁽³⁾	3MI ⁽³⁾
Sentinel-5 Precursor	UVNS spectrometer TROPOMI ⁽⁴⁾	VIIRS ⁽⁵⁾	CRIS ^(5,*)	OMPS ^(5,*)

(1) on MTG sounder (**GEO**)

(2) on MTG imager (**GEO**)

(3) on MetOp-SG (**LEO**)

(4) on dedicated platform (**LEO**)

(5) on SNPP/JPSS (**LEO**)

(*) synergy on higher data level

MTG = Meteosat Third Generation

MetOp-SG = MetOp-Second Generation

SNPP = Suomi National Polar-orbiting Partnership

JPSS = Joint Polar Satellite System

UVN = Ultraviolet + Visible + Near infrared

FCI = Flexible Combined Imager

IRS = InfraRed Sounder

LI = Lightning Imager

UVNS = UVN + Short wave infrared

VII = Visible/Infrared Imager (MetImage)

IAS = Infrared Atmospheric Sounder (IASI-NG)

3MI = Multi-viewing, -channel, -polarisation Imager

TROPOMI = TROPOspheric Monitoring Instrument

VIIRS = Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite

CrIS = Cross-track Infrared Sounder

OMPS = Ozone Mapping Profiler Suite

AURORA: Objectives of the project

SCIENCE

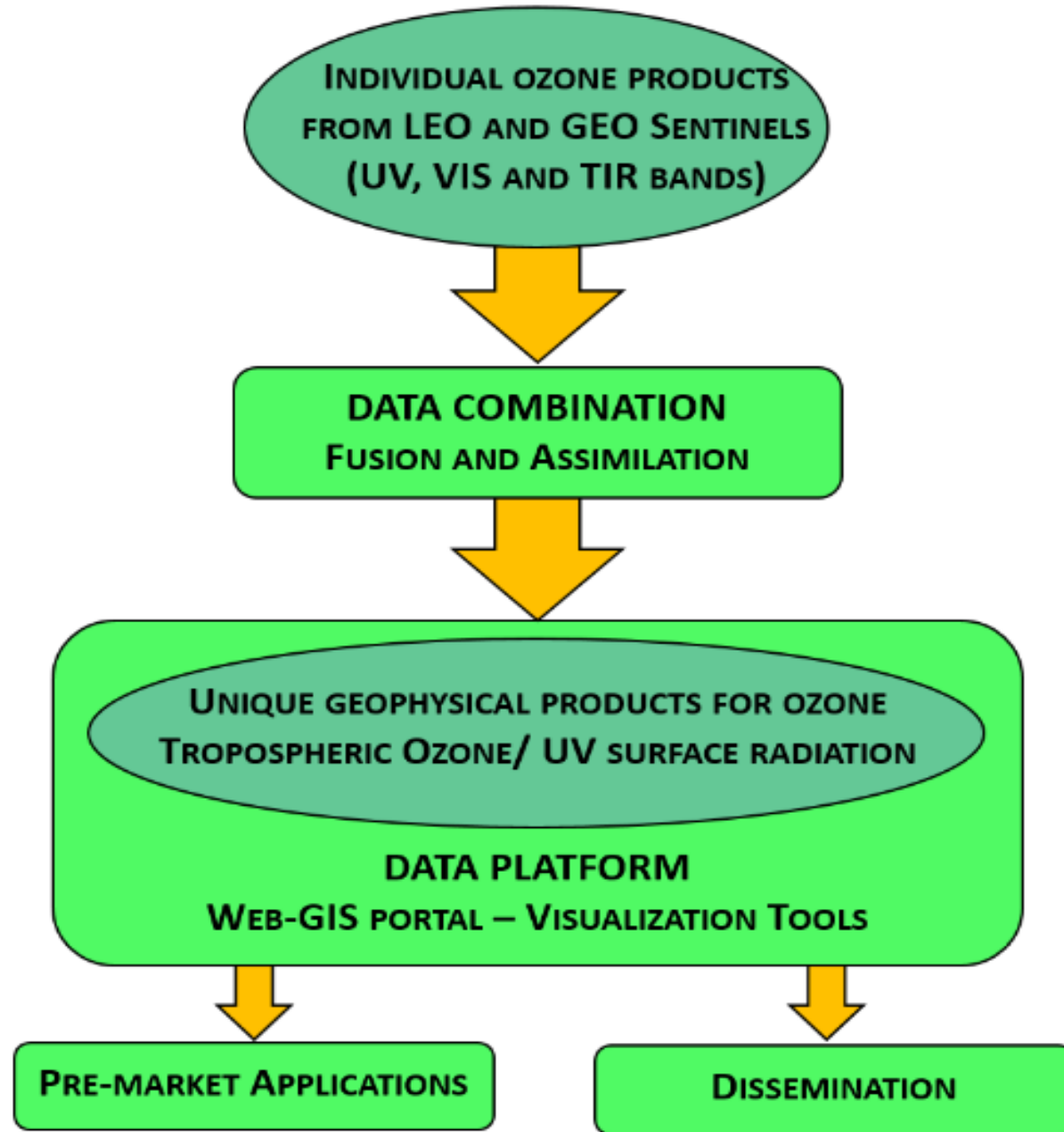
- to investigate the **potential of data fusion and assimilation** to convey complementary information of the atmospheric Sentinels measurements into unique geophysical products
- to focus the **exploitation of the synergy** between simultaneous and independent measurements of the same target on **tropospheric O3** and **UV surface radiation**

TECHNOLOGY

- to **reduce the complexity** of managing the high volume of Copernicus S-4 and S-5 data and **increase its quality**
- to develop a **prototype data processing system** and **demonstrate its capability to work with simulated data** as close as possible to the operational environment.

APPLICATION

- To develop **two operational downstream services** (innovative mobile App for UV dosimetry and tropospheric ozone monitoring application for prediction of air quality)



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The overall concept

Atmospheric Scenario and Data Simulation

Atmospheric scenarios → definition of the state of the atmosphere for forward calculation and generation of S4 and S5 synthetic measurements (ECMWF).

Atmospheric scenario (4 months of data) are generated from the **MERRA 2** re-analysis, provided by GMAO at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

Sentinel-4 and Sentinel-5 data simulation

- LEO and GEO UV L2 products for Ozone and associated VCMs and AKMs (FMI, with contributions from KNMI).
- LEO and GEO VIS L1 and L2 data for Ozone and associated VCMs and AKMs (BIRA-IASB, with contributions from KNMI).
- LEO and GEO TIR L2 products for Ozone and associated VCMs and AKMs (IFAC-CNR).

Data Fusion

Combination of LEO+LEO, GEO+GEO (and LEO+GEO) coincident and independent measurements of the same target acquired in different spectral regions (UV, VIS and TIR).

Method: Complete Data Fusion (Ceccherini et al., Equivalence of data fusion and simultaneous retrieval, *Optics Express*, 23, 7, 8476-8488. 2015)

Simultaneous retrieval versus data fusion.

Equivalence of simultaneous retrieval and complete fusion

In a linear approximation, the solution obtained with complete fusion coincides with the solution obtained with simultaneous retrieval.

First results of CDF method applied to Sentinel-4 UV ,VIS,TIR data fusion

Simulated S-4 data for the atmospheric scenario from the 1st week of April 2012.

Total number of pixel analysed = 30.000 (approx.)

Number of fused UV+TIR+VIS = 99% of the total.

Number of fused UV+TIR = 1% of the total

LEFT PANEL

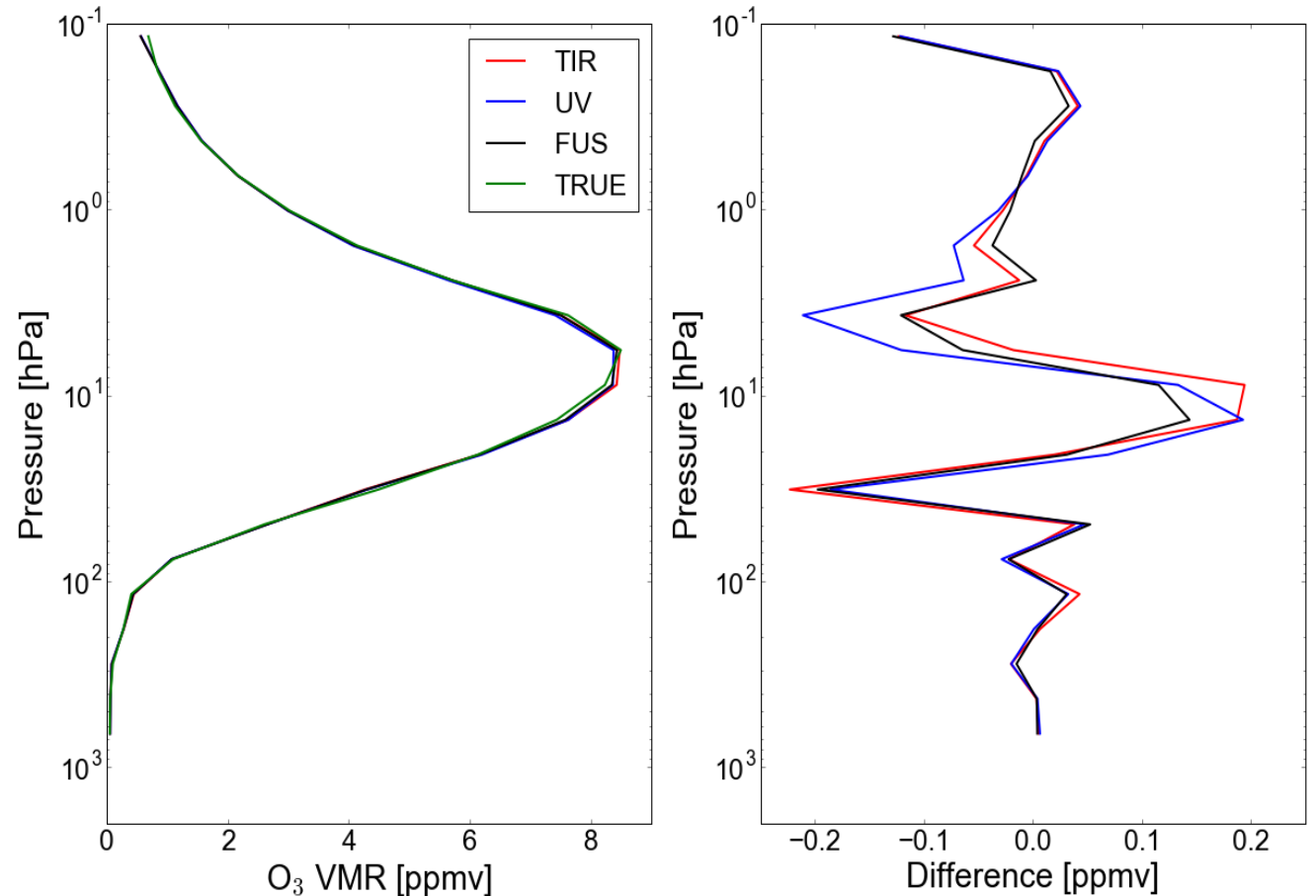
Average Ozone profile obtained from:

- **TIR measurements**
- **UV measurements**
- **Data fusion**
- **True values**

RIGHT PANEL

Average difference w.r.t. the values of the true profile of:

- **TIR measurements**
- **UV measurements**
- **Data fusion**

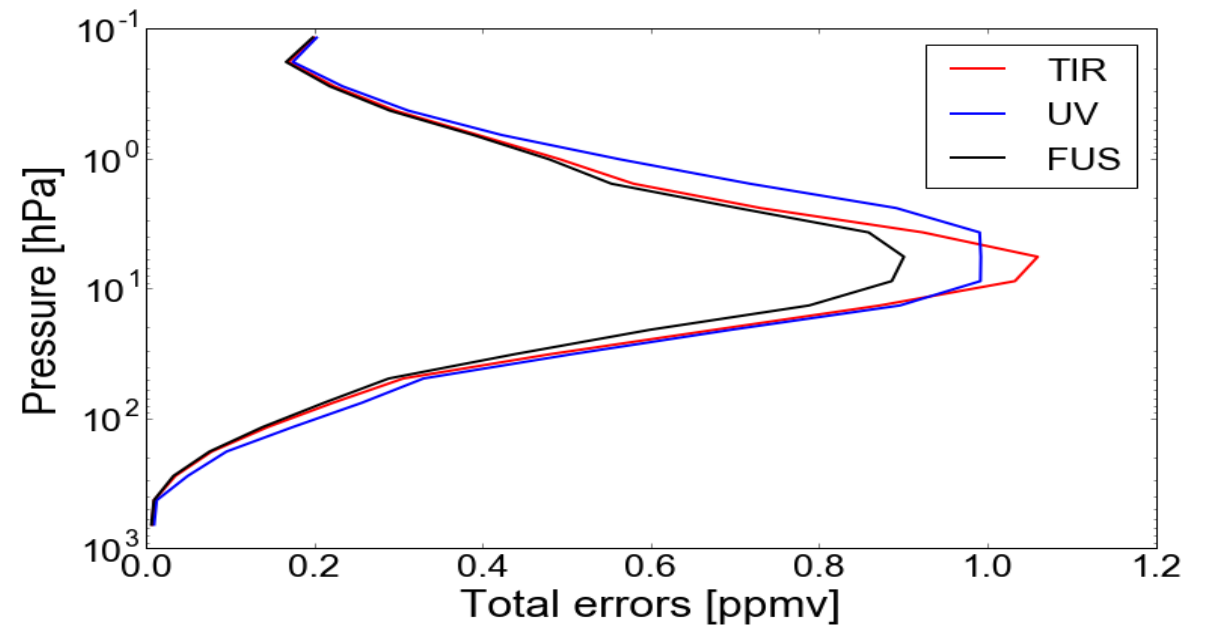


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Average total errors of the Ozone profile obtained from:

- **TIR measurements**
- **UV measurements**
- **Data fusion**



Average of the number of Degrees Of Freedom of the TIR, UV and Fused profiles.

On average, the fused profile has 0.9 DOFs more than the TIR profile and 2.4 DOFs more than the UV profile.

	TIR	UV	FUS
Number of DOF	4.9	3.4	5.8

Data Assimilation

State-of-the-art Data Assimilation Systems (DASs) will be used to combine the LEO and GEO fused profiles, and contrasted with the assimilation of standard retrievals.

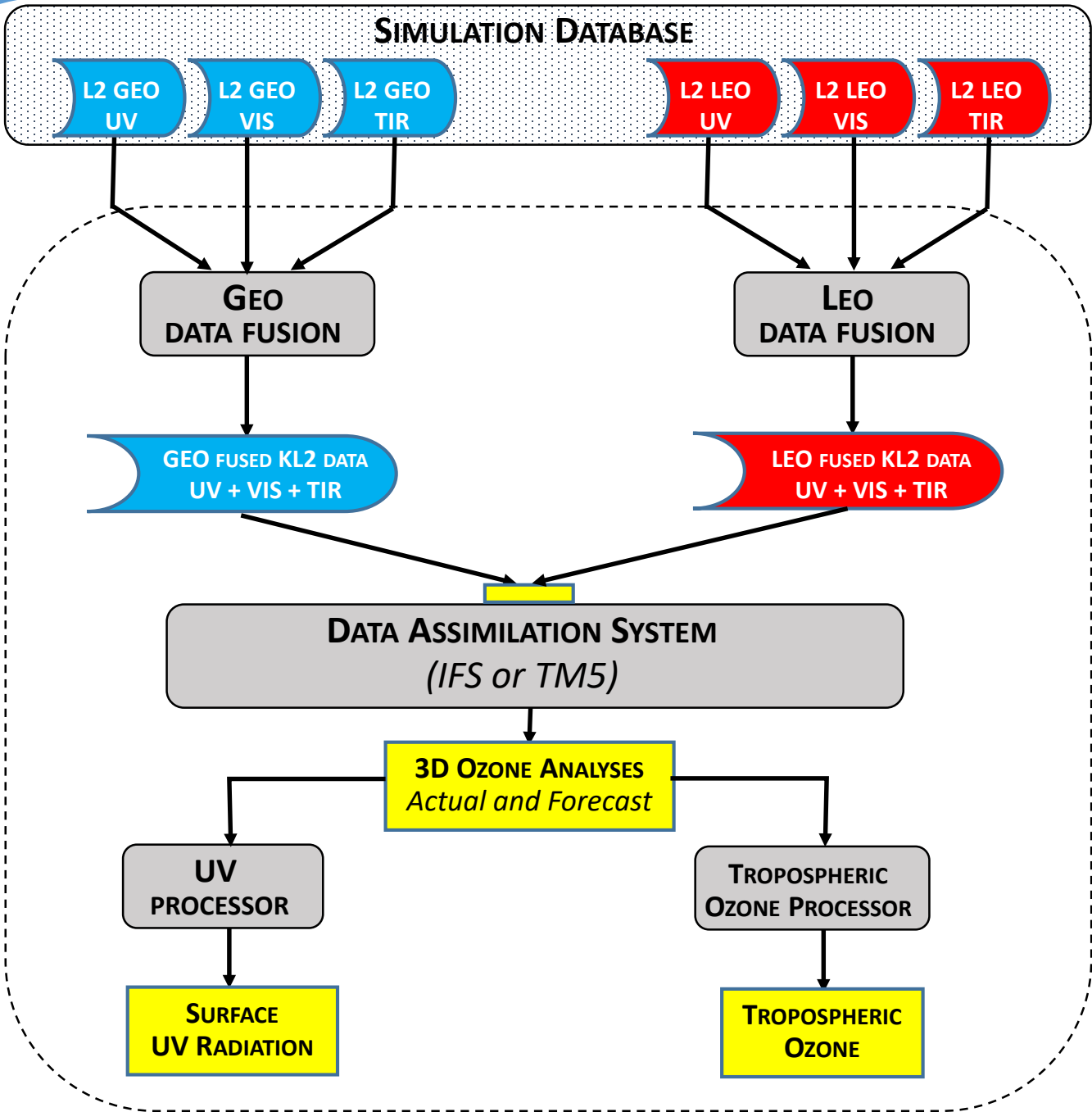
Two DASs are available to AURORA:

- ECMWF Integrated Forecasting System (IFS)
- KNMI Chemical Transport Model DAS (TM5)

Output

Ozone vertical profile → Tropospheric Ozone
UV Surface Radiation

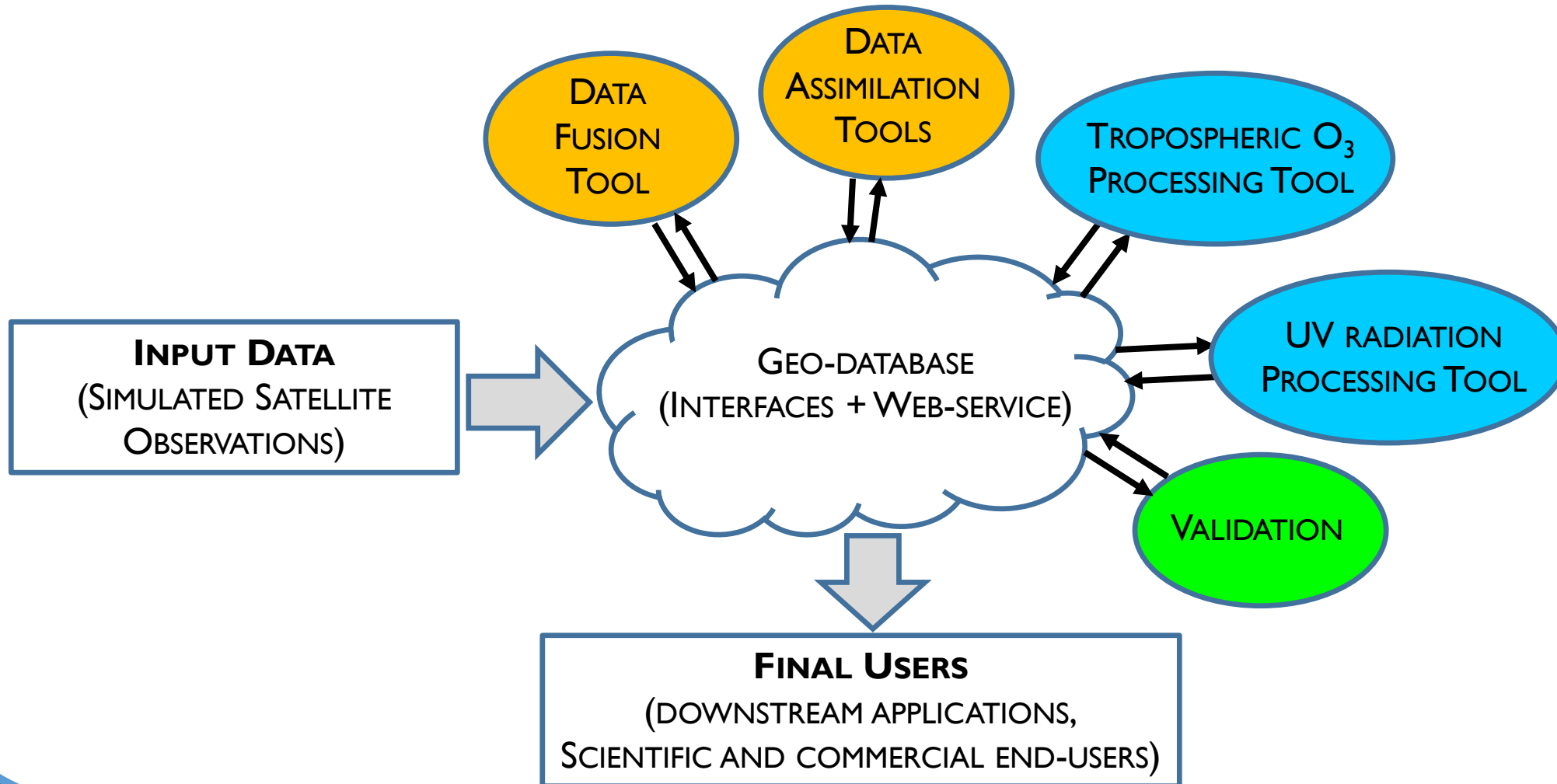
Assimilation of fused products versus assimilation of standard products



AURORA Data Processing Chain

AURORA Technological Infrastructure

From an operational point of view, the data processing is executed in the AURORA infrastructure framework using a cloud-based architecture

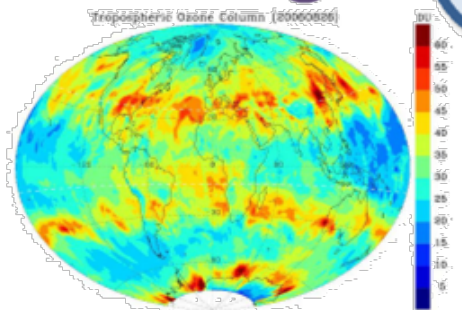
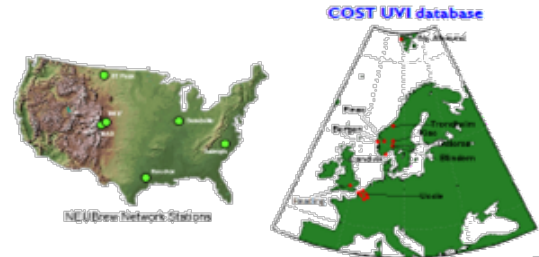
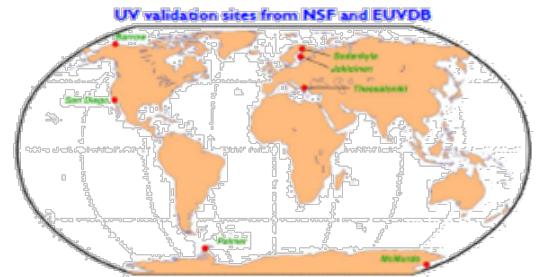
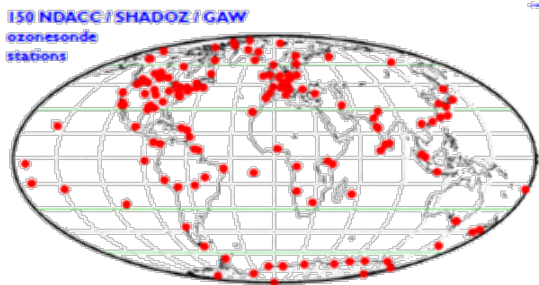
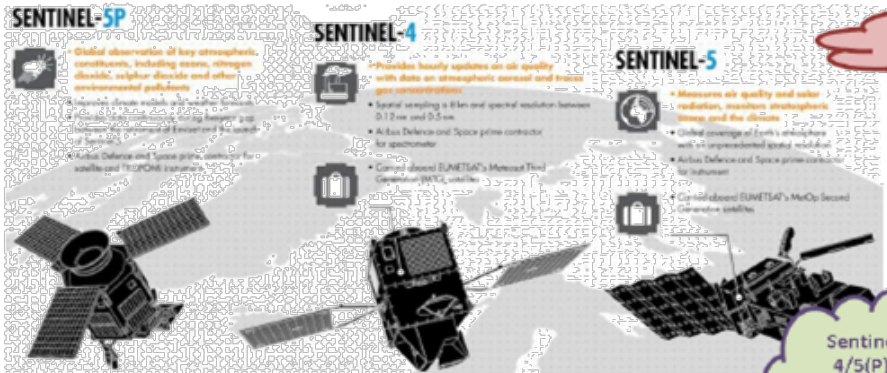


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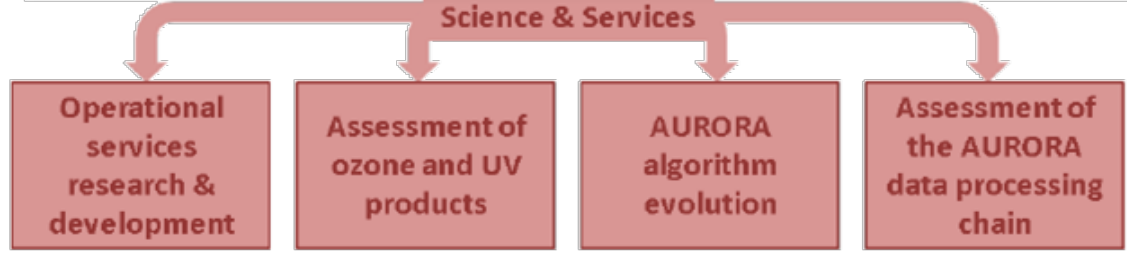
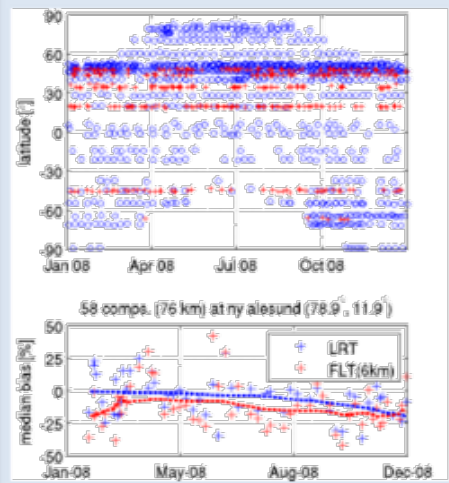
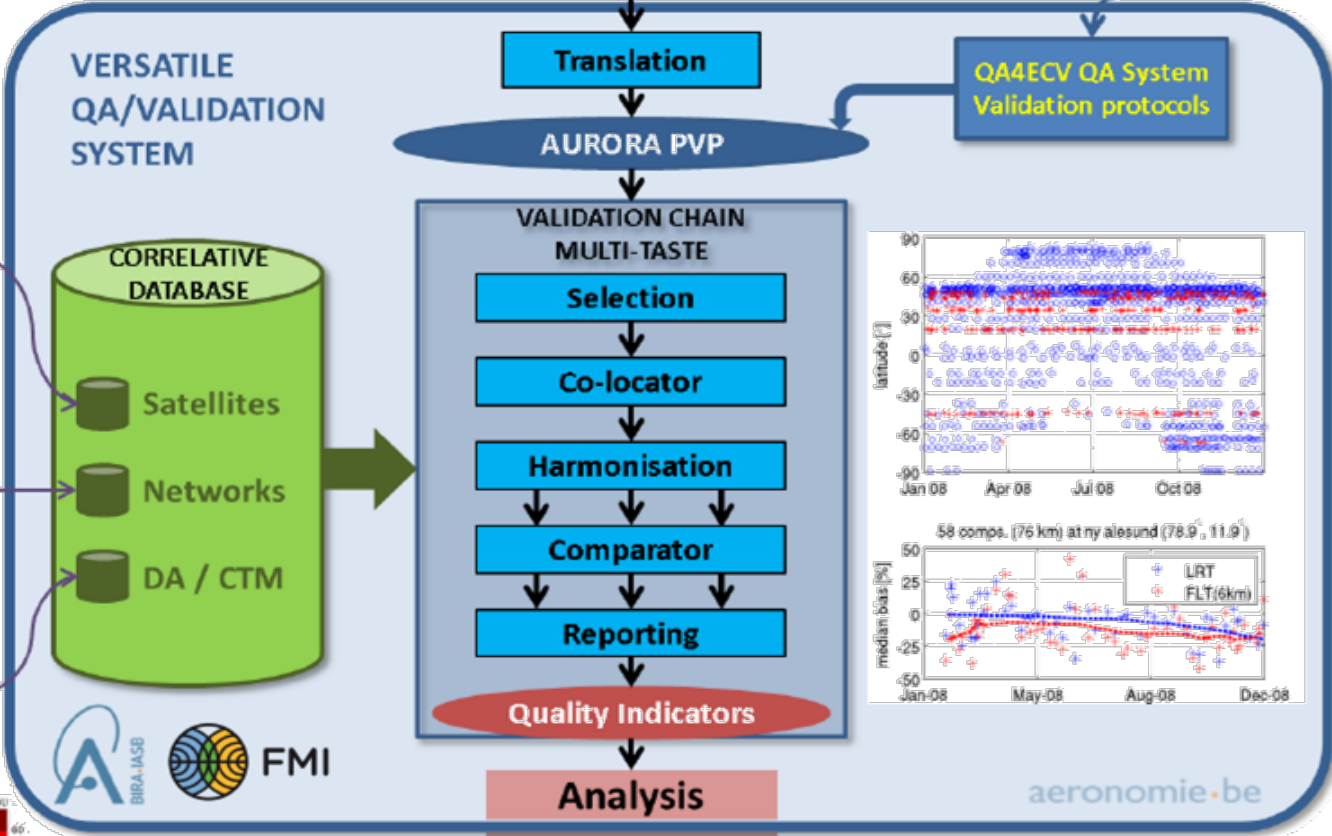
- Translation of user requirements and of data/service specifications into **validation requirements**; conception of the **Product Validation Plan (PVP)**.
- Performance assessment of retrieval/fusion/assimilation procedures and their resulting ozone and UV data products and associated uncertainties.
- Performance assessment of the full data processing chain and QA/validation of the final ozone and UV products using ground-based reference observations

Ref. - U. Cortesi, A. Keppens, J-C. Lambert, et al., *AURORA project: simulation and validation of synergistic products from Sentinel-4 and Sentinel-5(p)*, poster presentation, ACVE 2016, 18-20 October, ESA-ESRIN, Frascati, Italy.



- Sentinel-4/5(P) TROPOMI (simulation) data
- Ozonesondes, UV-SRM, UV-BB-sensors
- ECMWF (C-)IFS, KNMI TMS

AURORA services



Applications

AURORA aims to develop two operational downstream services using innovative mobile App for **UV dosimetry** and **tropospheric ozone monitoring application for major cities and regional prediction of air quality** reaching a pre-market version at the end of the project.



Pre-market service on Urban Pollution Monitoring



<http://www.happysun.it/>

Personal UV dosimetry

HappySun | integrated photoprotection system



Dermatology Diagnostics



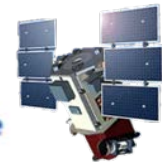
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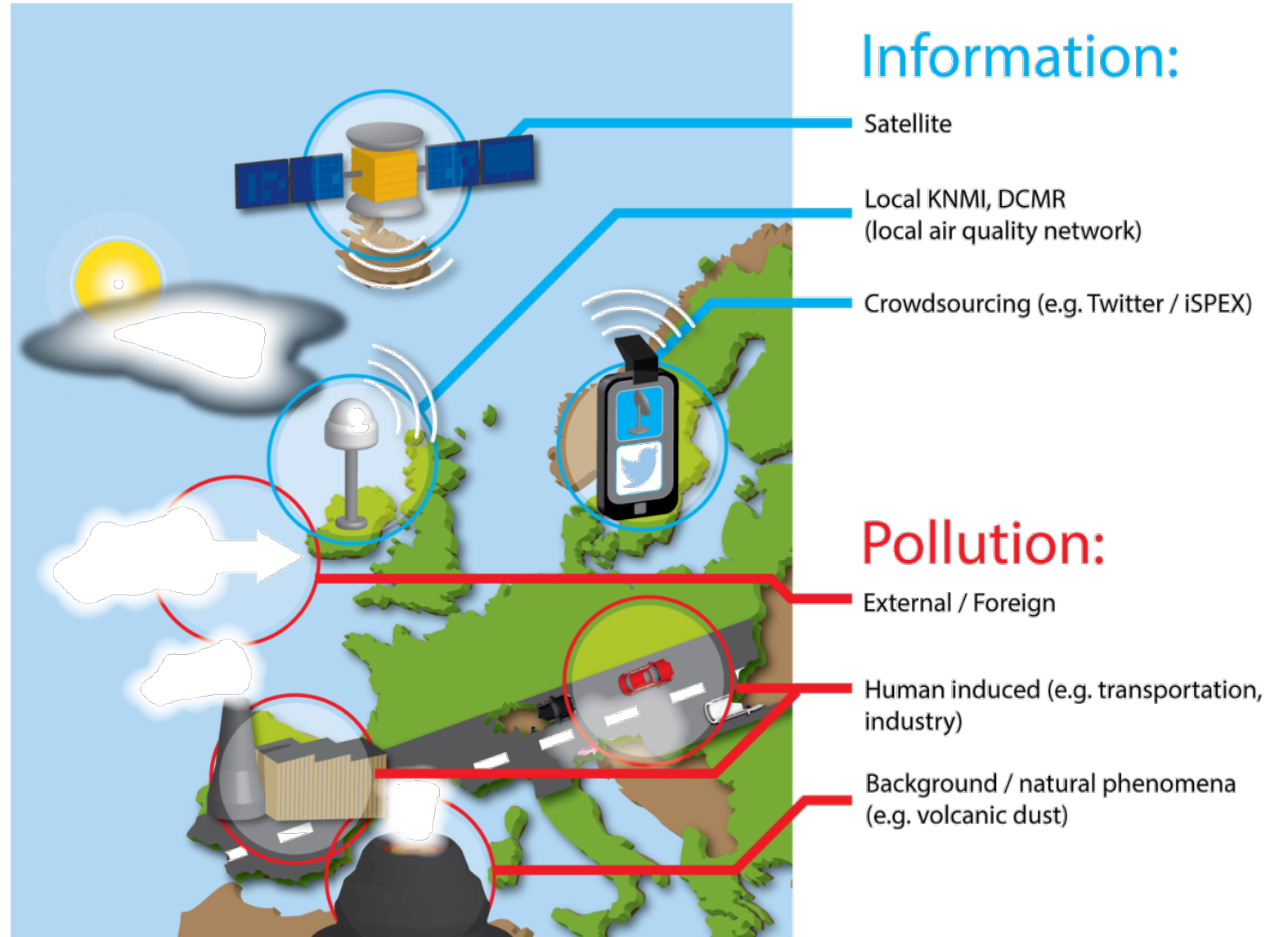


Earth Observation Satellite



What is AIR-Portal?

- Feasibility study both technical and economical
- Dashboard on Air Quality for both cities and citizens
- Combines various levels of monitoring data



AIR Portal and AURORA

- **Successful feasibility study:**
 - Positive technical results
 - Great interest from stakeholders
 - Business model is positive
- **AIR-Portal currently being developed into commercial service**
- **AURORA is of great benefit:**
 - Providing accurate AQ information relies on the best possible input
 - Improved O3 data products will make our service more accurate
 - In addition we can benefit from the joint market analysis
 - Finally, the expertise of the AURORA team is invaluable.



International links

Strong links with a significant number of European and non-European projects.

- Link with **GEOSS** (Global Earth Observation System of Systems) and **CEOS** (Committee on Earth Observation Satellites)
- Link with **Ozone CCI** (Climate Change Initiative)
- Link with FP7 **smeSPIRE**
- Link with **TEMPO** and **GEMS**
- Link with **CAMS** (Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service)

Thank you for your attention!



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