

# **Kvarken Space Center**

*...and the  
KvarkenSat Mission!*



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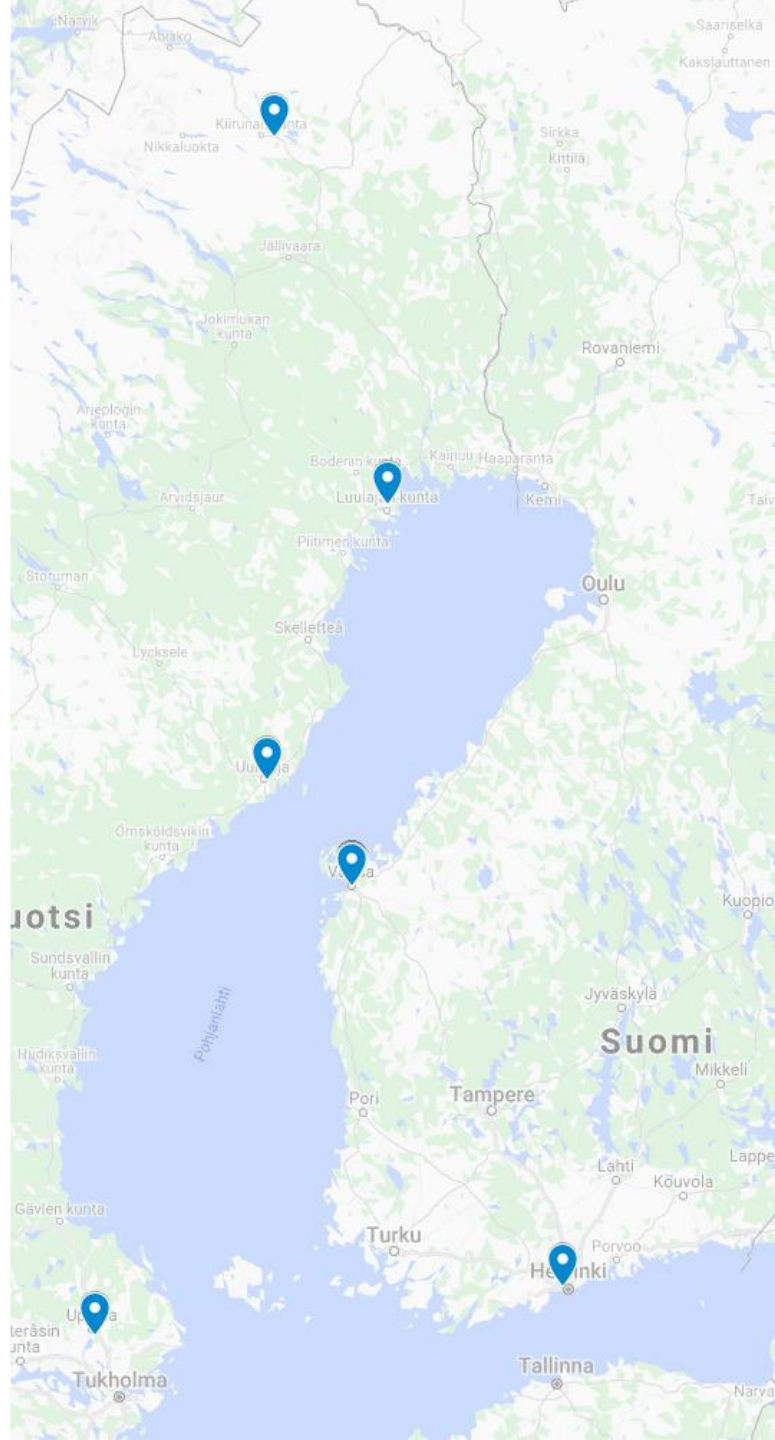
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# Project KvarkenSpaceEco

**Both the Kvarken Space Center and the Mission KvarkenSat are part of the project**

**10 partners, coordinated by University of Vaasa**

**Running from 09/2019 to 06/2022  
budget 1.86 Million euros**

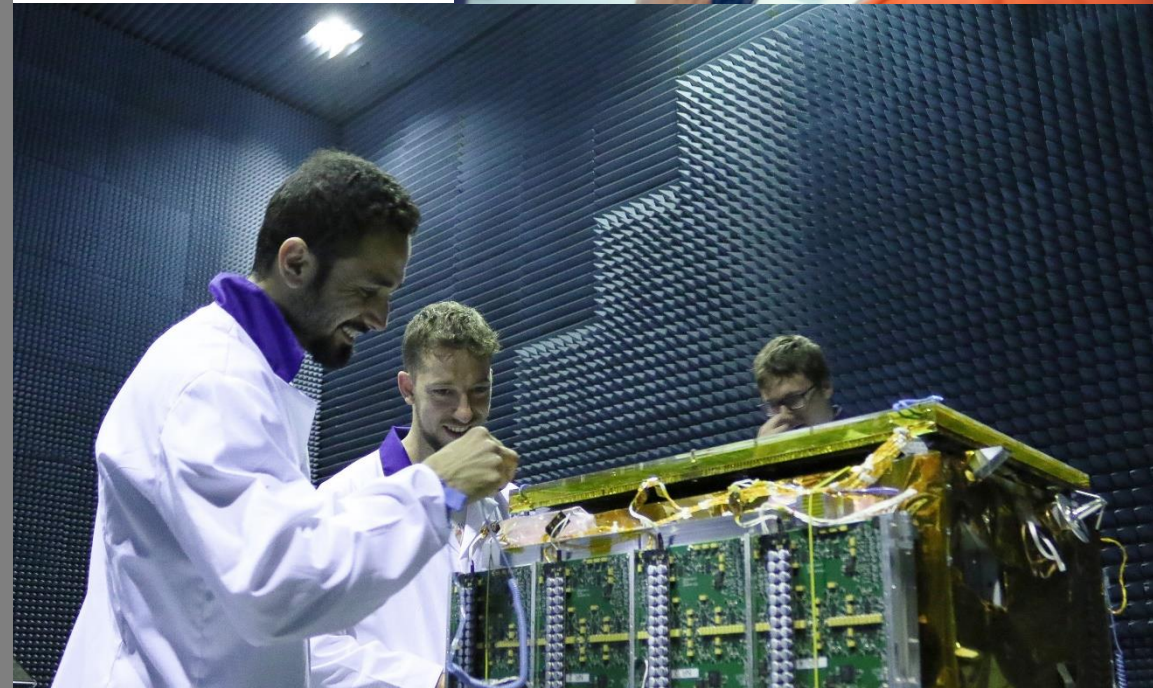
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# Old Space

vs

# New Space





# Kvarken

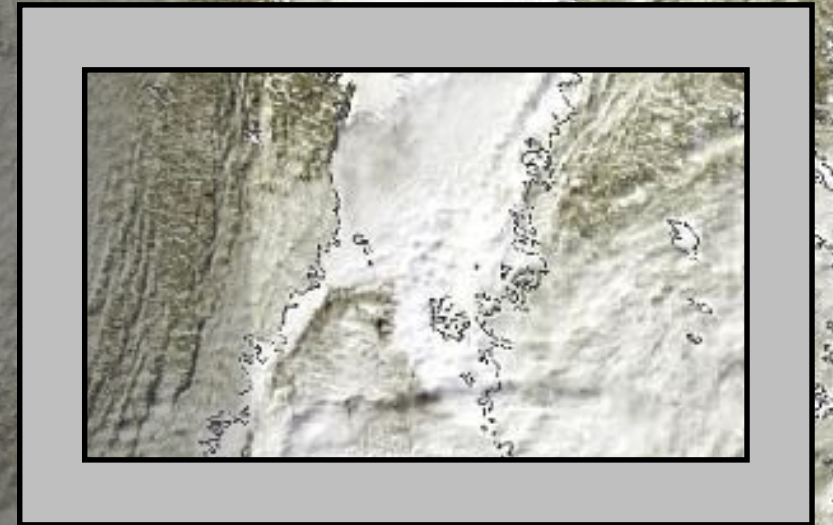
**Roughly 526 000  
residents**

**Intersection of  
commercial routes**

**Sweden: Västerbotten  
Örnsköldsvik**

**Finland: Pohjanmaa (Österbotten)  
Keski-Pohjanmaa (Mellersta Österbotten)  
Etelä-Pohjanmaa (Södra Österbotten)**

**Under utilization of New Space opportunities**



# Kvarken Space Center

## Goals:

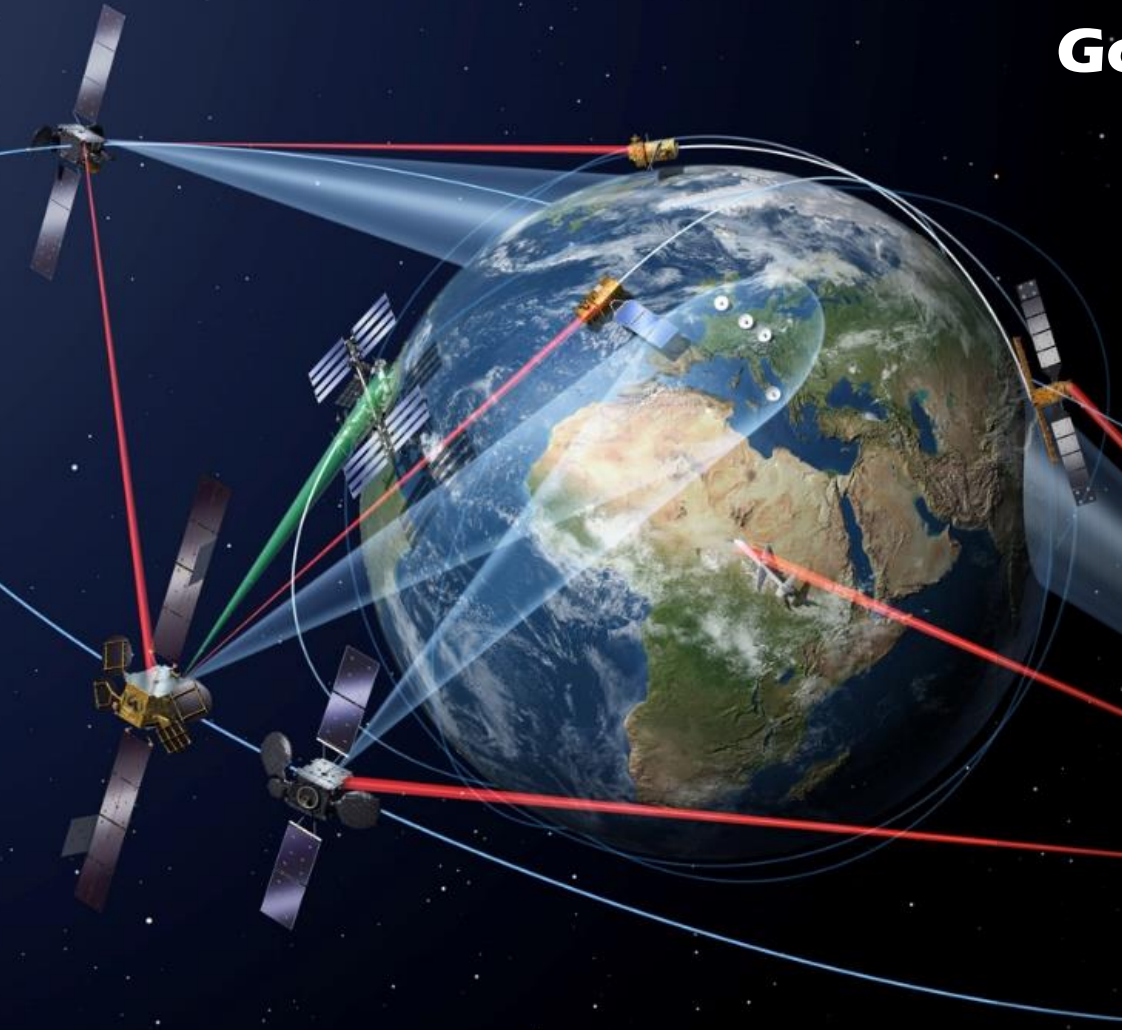
**Foster long term space based data utilization in the area**

**Develop local expertise and local and international co-operation networks**

**Provide initial and long term industry support**

**Demonstrate capability**

- **Data portal and the ground station**
- **The KvarkenSat Mission**

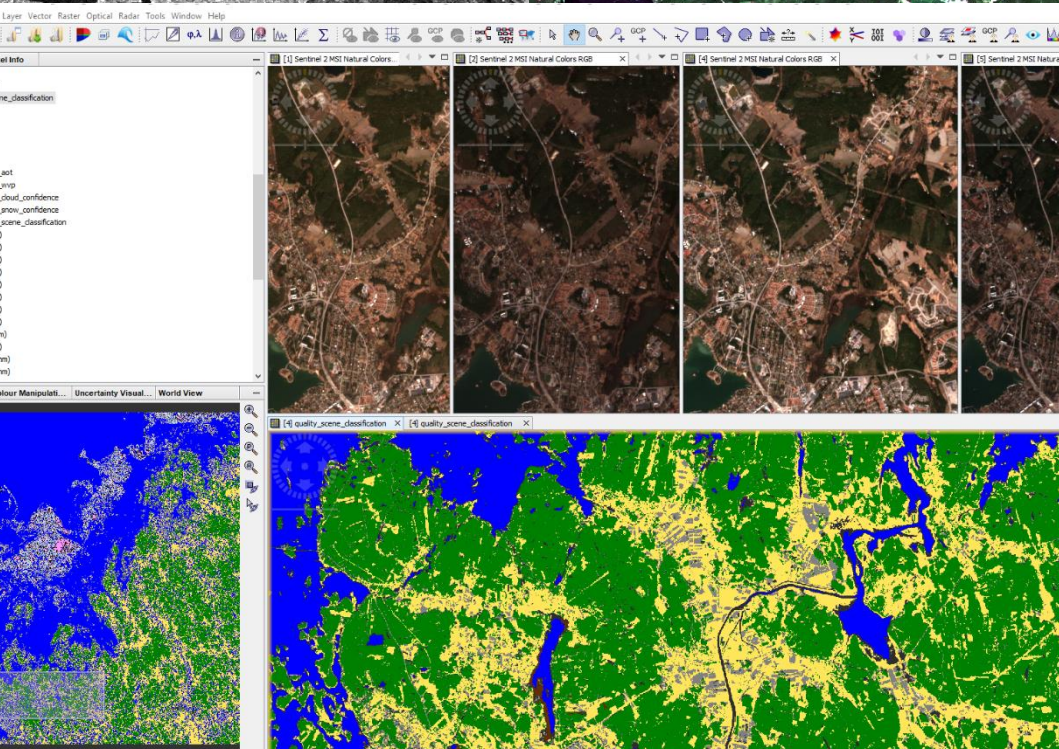
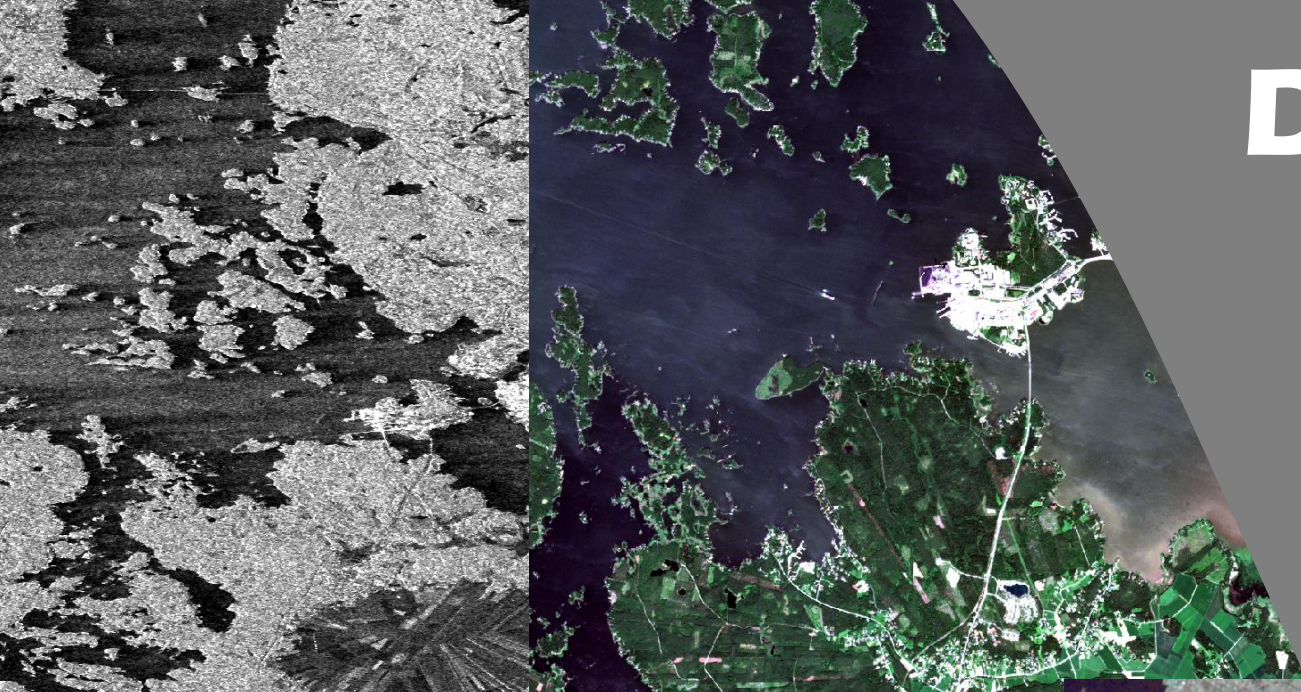




# Demonstration I

**Development of data access and algorithms that create value for local companies and organizations**

**Create online portal to facilitate the usage of the data and the local applications**



# Problems of Space Based Data

**Multitude of data sources – satellite, other space missions, other relevant geospatial data**

**Different data pipelines and transformations for different uses**

**Absolute amount of data transferred from space staggering – at the start of this year, 4987 satellites in orbit of which 1957 are operational (UNOOSA & UCS)**

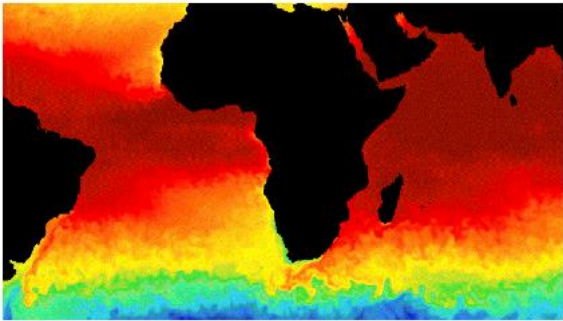


**Problems of transfer, storage and computing power**



# Google Earth Engine

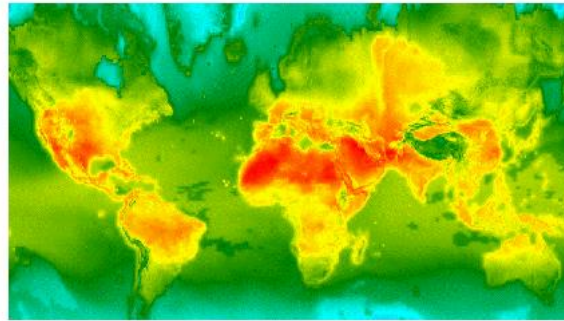
## Availability of data, Storage of Data, Computing power



Surface Temperature

Thermal satellite sensors can provide surface temperature and emissivity information. The Earth Engine data catalog includes both land and sea surface temperature products derived from several spacecraft sensors, including MODIS, ASTER, and AVHRR, in addition to raw Landsat thermal data.

[Explore temperature data](#)



Climate

Climate models generate both long-term climate predictions and historical interpolations of surface variables. The Earth Engine catalog includes historical reanalysis data from NCEP/NCAR, gridded meteorological datasets like NLDAS-2, and GridMET, and climate model outputs like the University of Idaho MACAv2-METDATA and the NASA Earth Exchange's Downscaled Climate Projections.

[Explore climate data](#)



Landsat

Landsat, a joint program of the USGS and NASA, has been observing the Earth continuously from 1972 through the present day. Today the Landsat satellites image the entire Earth's surface at a 30-meter resolution about once every two weeks, including multispectral and thermal data.

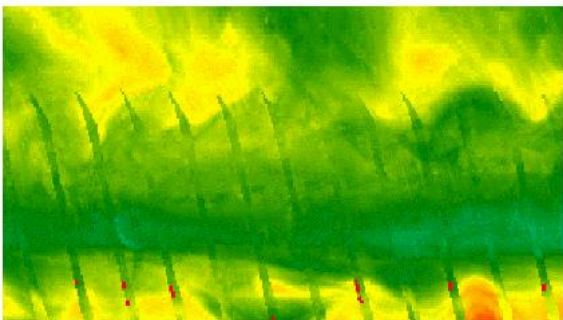
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Sentinel

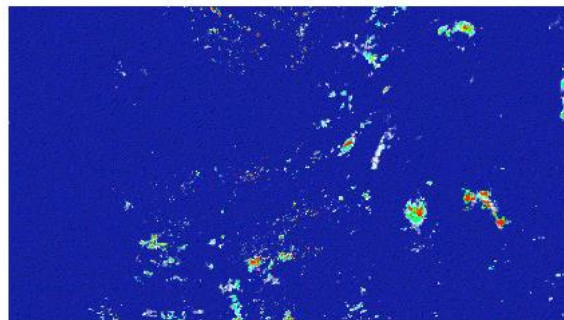
The Copernicus Program is an ambitious initiative headed by the European Commission in partnership with the European Space Agency (ESA). The Sentinels include all-weather radar images from Sentinel-1A and -1B, high-resolution optical images from Sentinel 2A and 2B, as well as ocean and land data suitable for environmental and climate monitoring from Sentinel 3.

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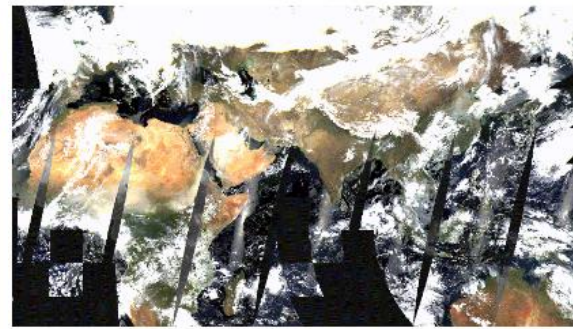
Atmospheric

You can use atmospheric data to help correct image data from other sensors, or you can study it in its own right. The Earth Engine catalog includes atmospheric datasets such as ozone data from NASA's TOMS and OMI instruments and the MODIS Monthly Gridded Atmospheric Product.



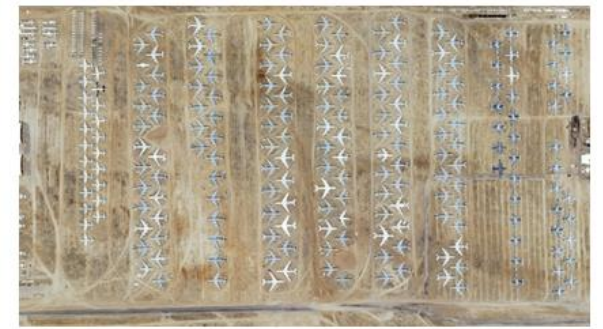
Weather

Weather datasets describe forecasted and measured conditions over short periods of time, including precipitation, temperature, humidity, and wind, and other variables. Earth Engine includes forecast data from NOAA's Global Forecast System (GFS) and the NCEP Climate Forecast System (CFSv2), as well as sensor data from sources like the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM).



MODIS

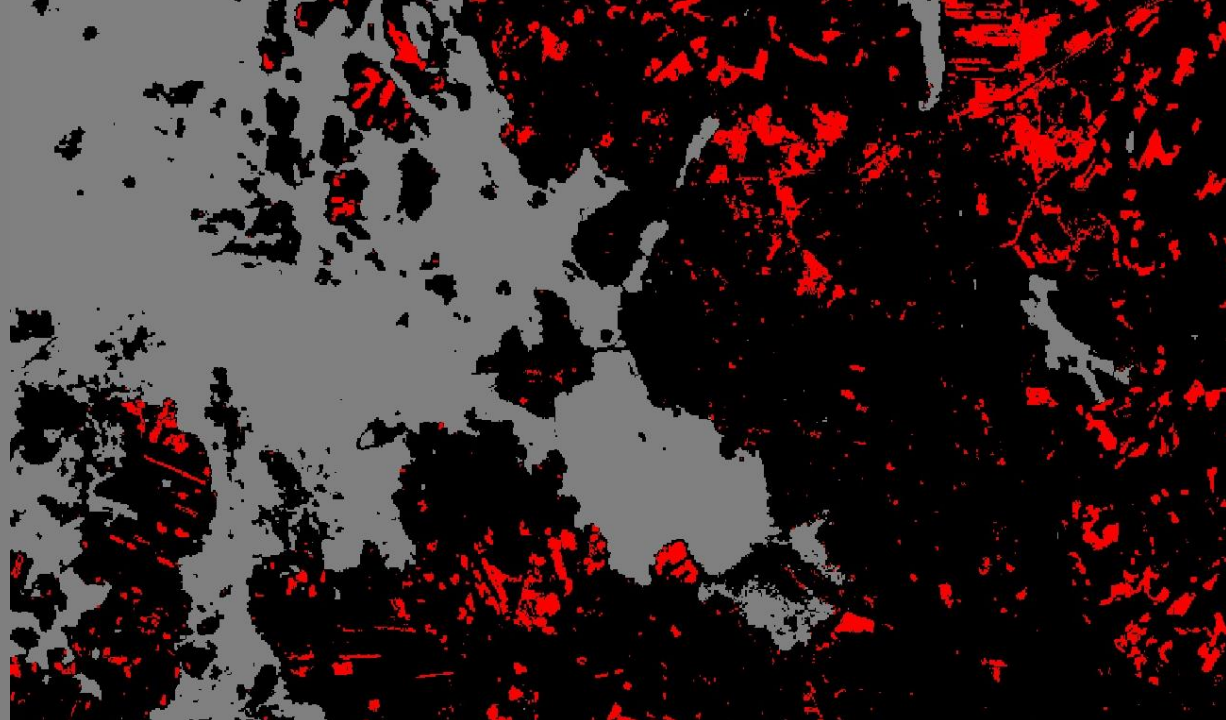
The Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) sensors on NASA's Terra and Aqua satellites have been acquiring images of the Earth daily since 1999, including daily imagery, 16-day BRDF-adjusted surface reflectance, and derived products such as vegetation indices and snow cover.



High-Resolution Imagery

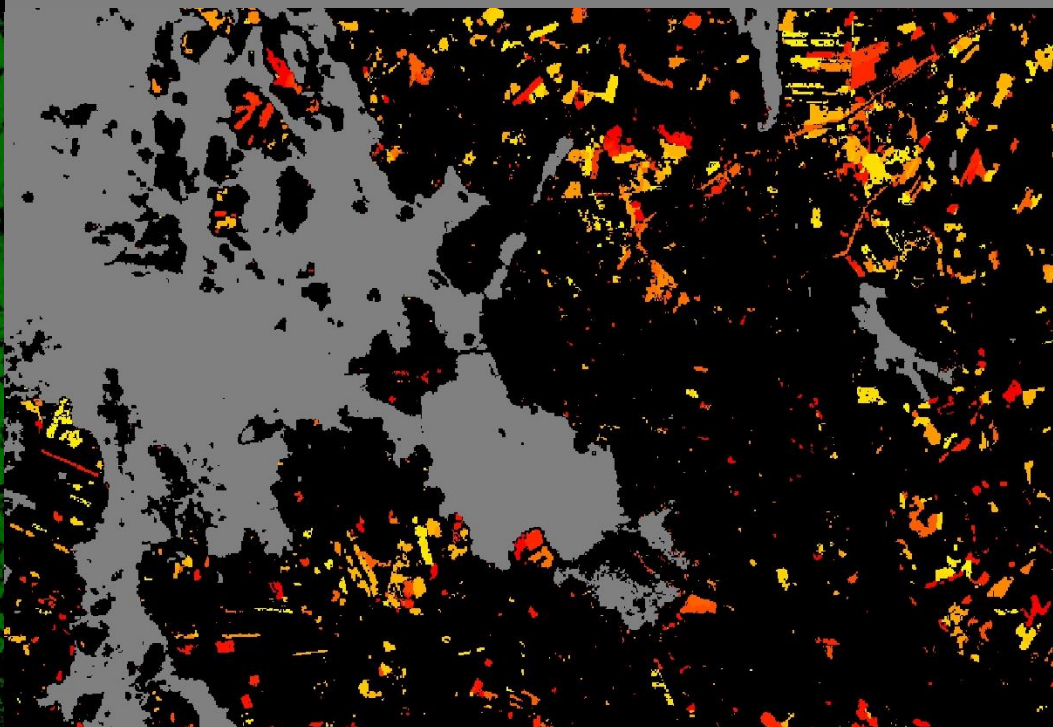
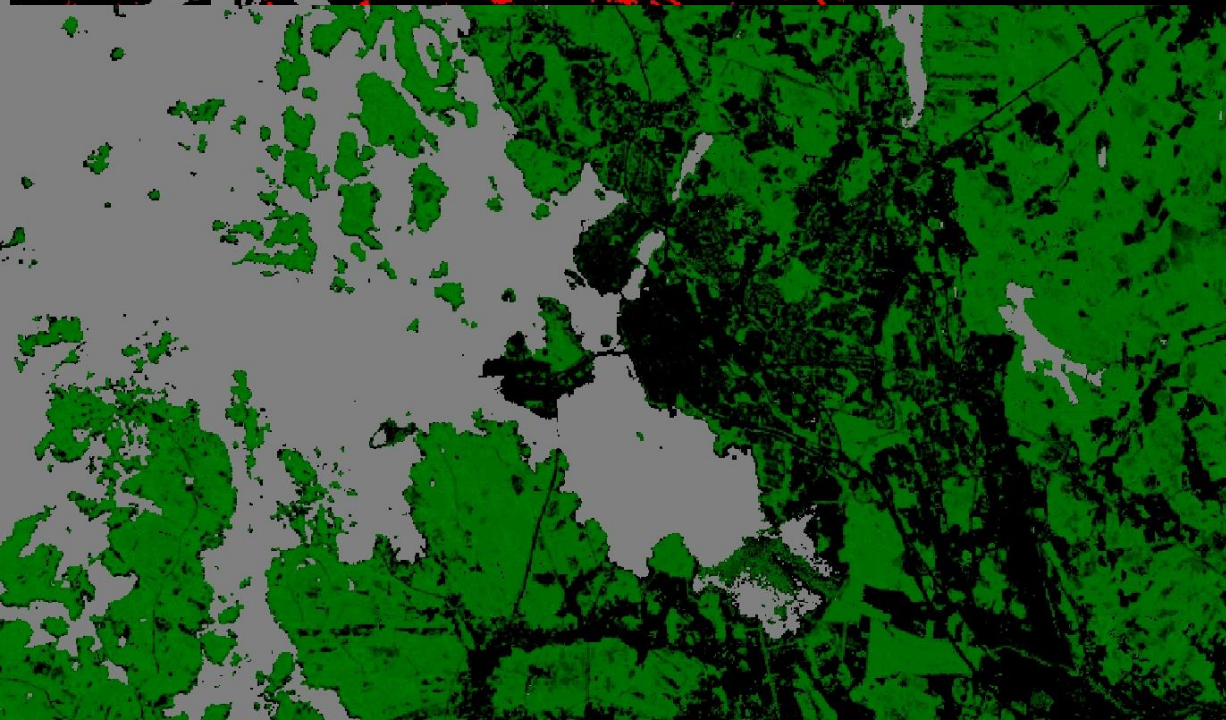
High-resolution imagery captures the finer details of landscapes and urban environments. The US National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) offers aerial image data of the US at one-meter resolution, including nearly complete coverage every several years since 2003.





# Google Earth Engine App example: Global Forest Change

Based on Landsat data and "High-Resolution Global Maps of 21st Century Forest Cover Change" (2013) Hansen, Potapov, Moore, Hancher, Turubanova and others.



View Diffe

Year of Loss ▾

Legend





# Demonstration II

**Satellite Mission "KvarkenSat"**

**Payload customized to area needs**

**Launch in 2022 from Kiiruna, Sweden**

**Command and Control from ground station located in Vaasa**

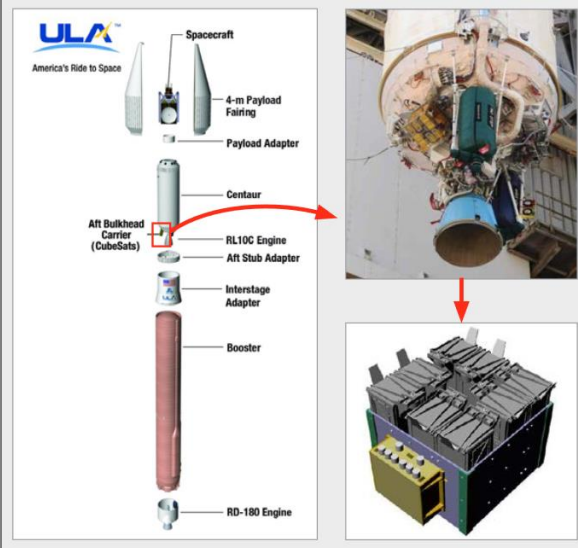






# Cubesats

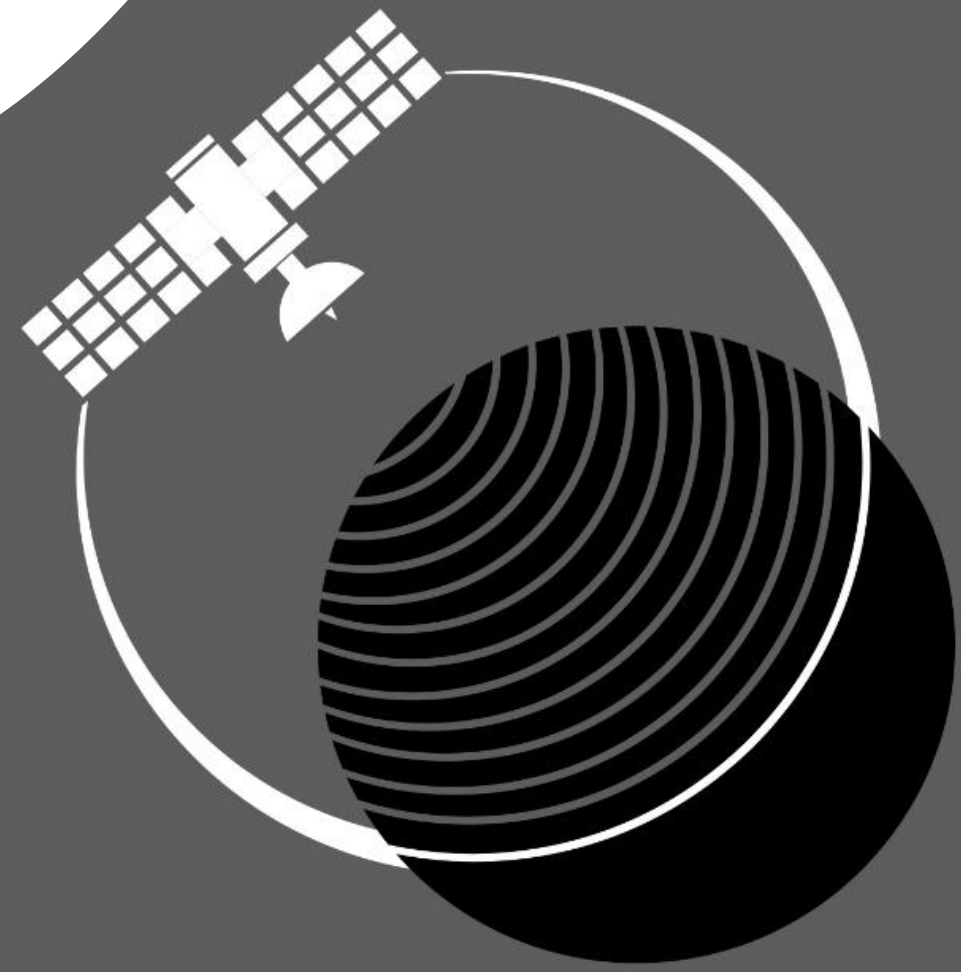
Picture credit: IcEye (left) and NASA Cubesat 101



1U Standard  
Dimensions:  
10 cm x 10 cm x 11 cm



3U Standard  
Dimensions:  
10 cm x 10 cm x 34 cm



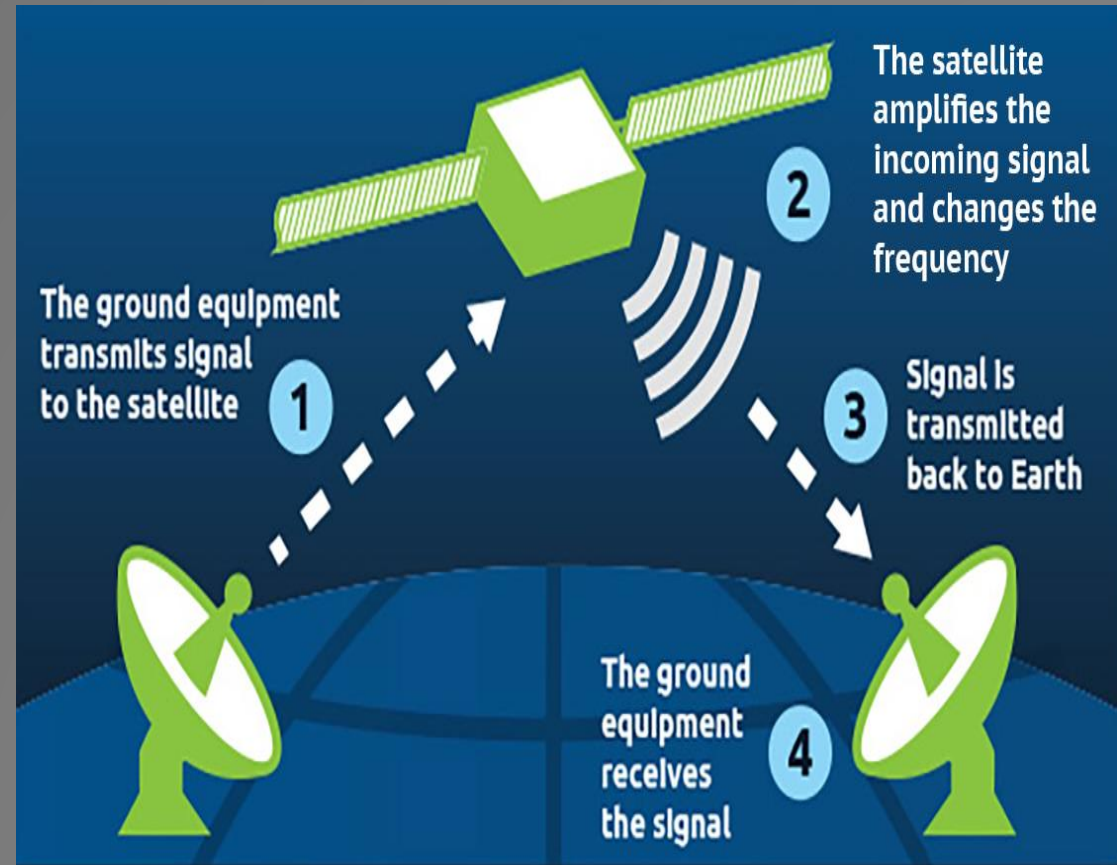
# **Kvarken Space Center**

*KvarkenSat Ground Station*



# Satellite Communication

- **Satellite communication is composed primarily of three segments**
  - **Transmitting ground station and uplink media**
  - **The satellite**
  - **Downlink media and receiving ground station**

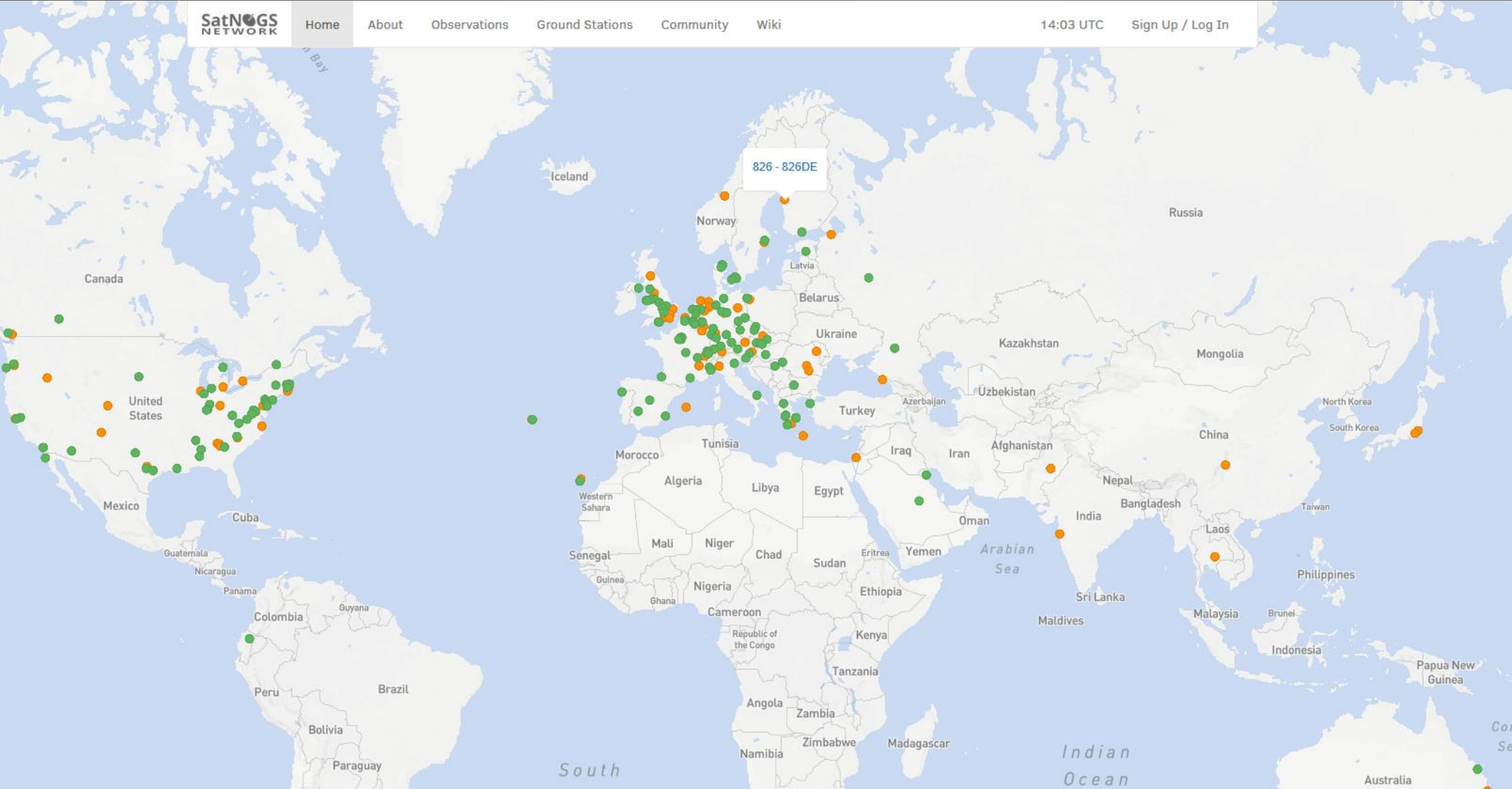


# Ground Station

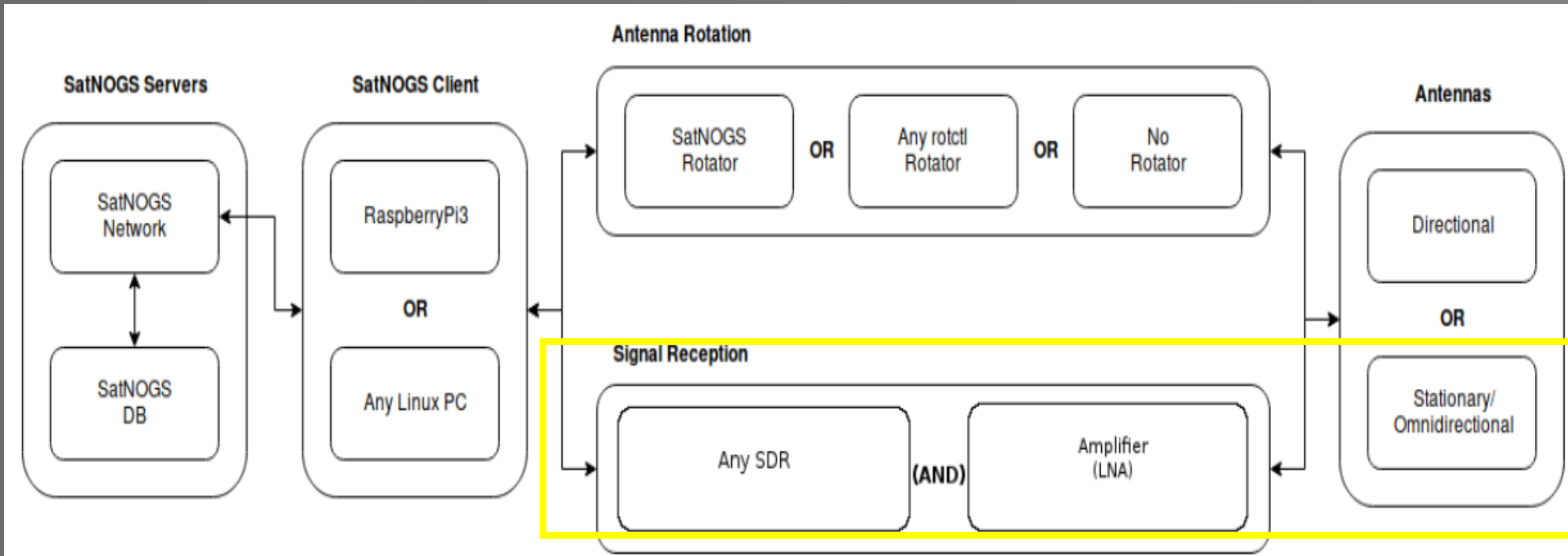
- **The primary goal of the ground station is to communicate with the spacecrafts and satellites.**
- **They are the main source of interaction with the satellite to transmit control commands to the satellites and receive back satellite data.**
- **Ground station play an important role in any satellite related operations.**



# SatNOGS Network



# SatNOGS Ground Station Block Diagram



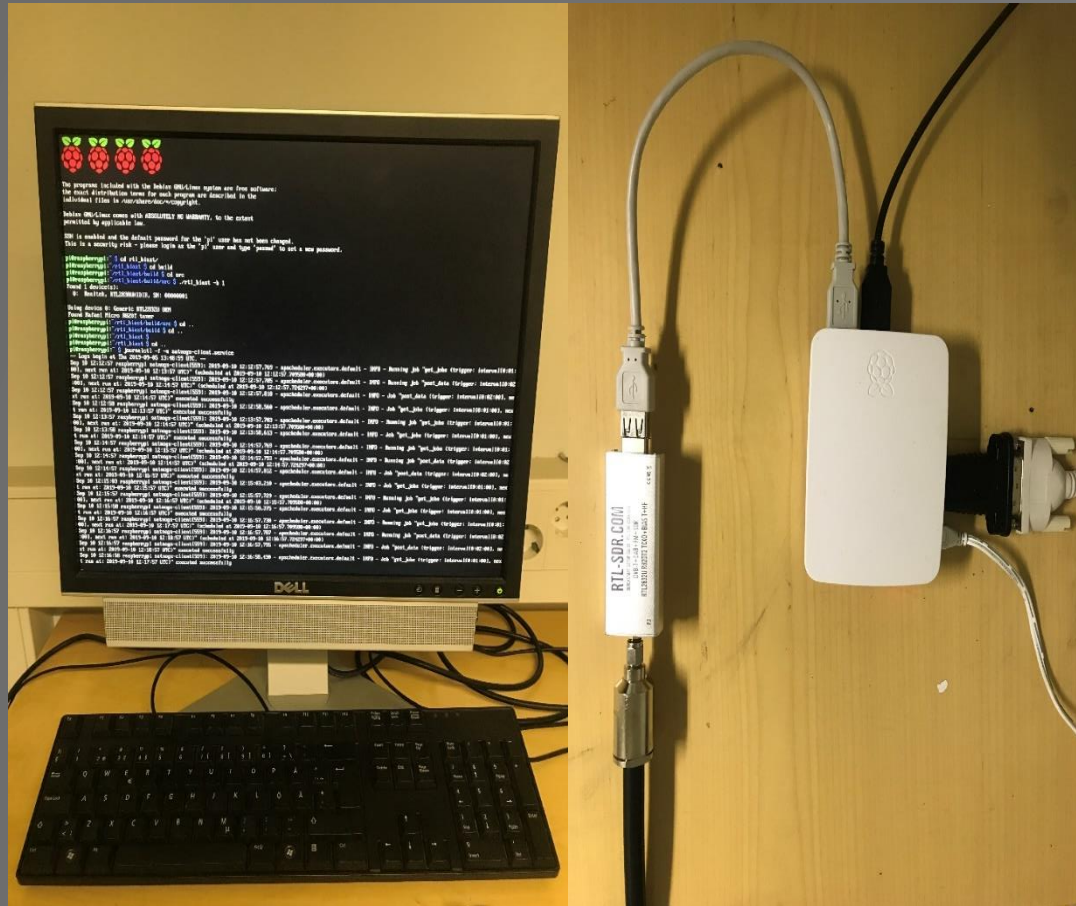


# Ground Station Prototype I



- **TA-1 turnstile and Winkler turnstile antenna**
- **Omni-directional antennas with low gain**
- **Used only for reception capabilities**
- **Operating frequencies**
  - **137-152 MHz (VHF)**
  - **435-445 MHz (UHF)**

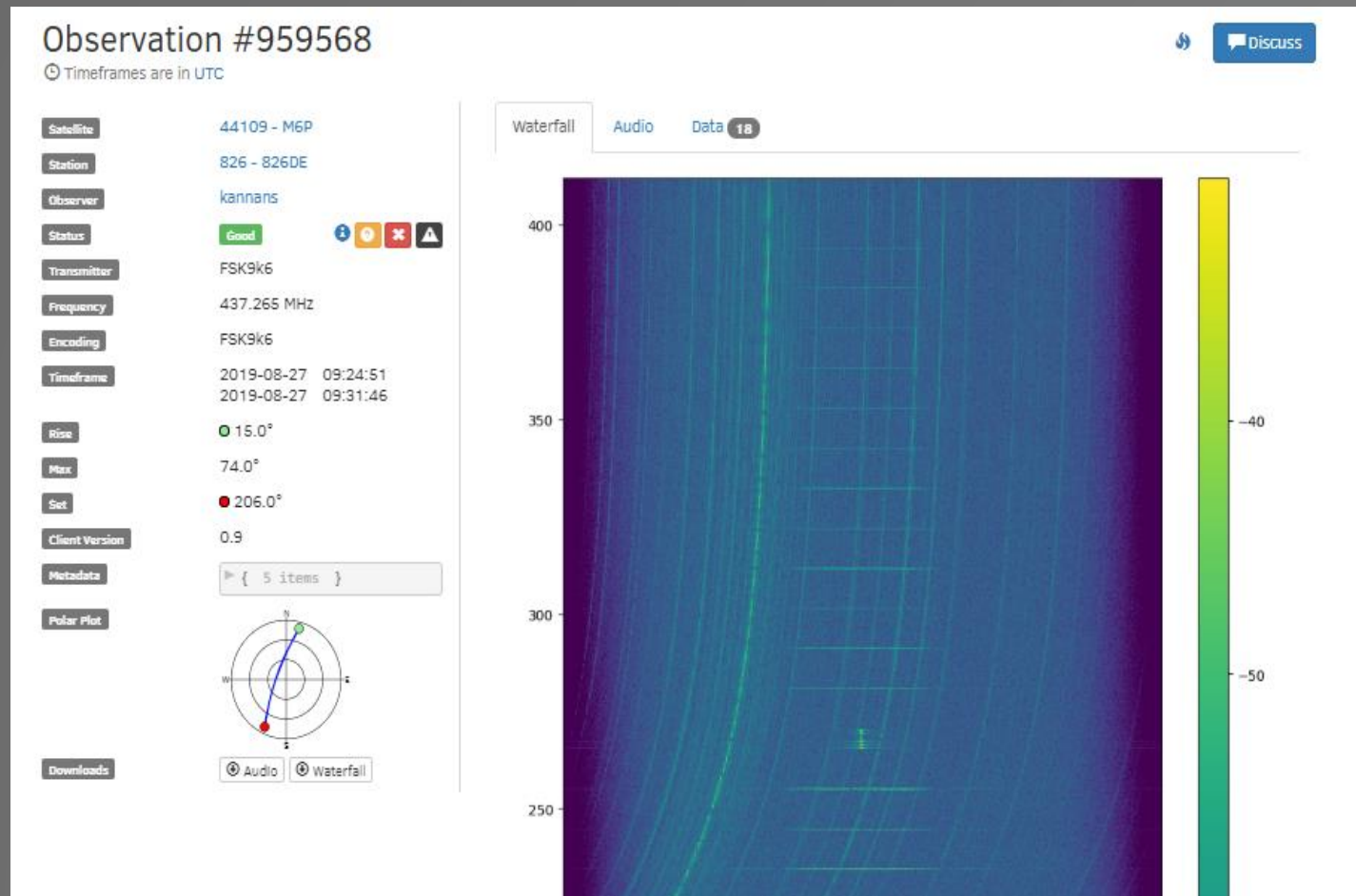
# Ground Station Prototype I



- **Ground station running SatNOGS client using raspberry pi 3 and RTL-SDR**
- **SatNOGS predicts satellite passes, and accordingly activates SDR to save the signals of the right frequency at the right time as an audio file**
- **Saved audio is then demodulated and possible telemetry values decoded**

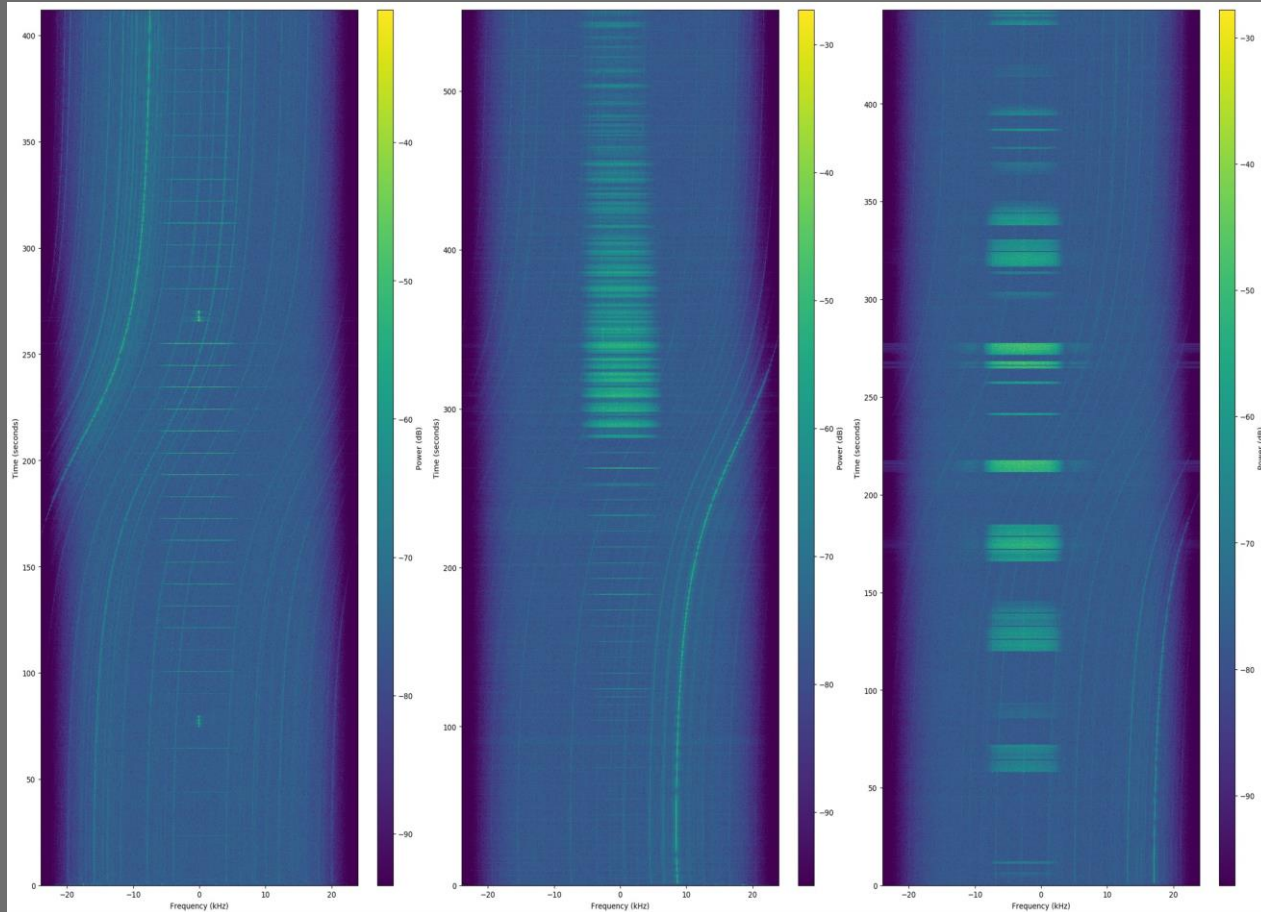


# Prototype I Results



- **Waterfall of beacon signal, audio and demodulated data can be visualized**
- **Beacon – satellite signal signifying its presence tracked by any ground station consisting of telemetry data**

# Prototype I Results



- **Waterfall from M6P, UNISAT 6 and AALTO-1 satellites operating at UHF frequencies**
- **Each satellites use different beacon modulation like BPSK, FSK and CW**



# Prototype I Results

Satellite

44109 - M6P

Station

826 - 826DE

Observer

kannans

Status

Good



Transmitter

FSK9k6

Frequency

437.265 MHz

Encoding

FSK9k6

Timeframe

2019-08-27 09:24:51  
2019-08-27 09:31:46

Rise

15.0°

Max

74.0°

Set

206.0°

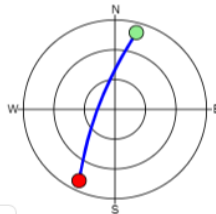
Client Version

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Metadata

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Polar Plot



Waterfall

Audio

Data 18

ASCII HEX

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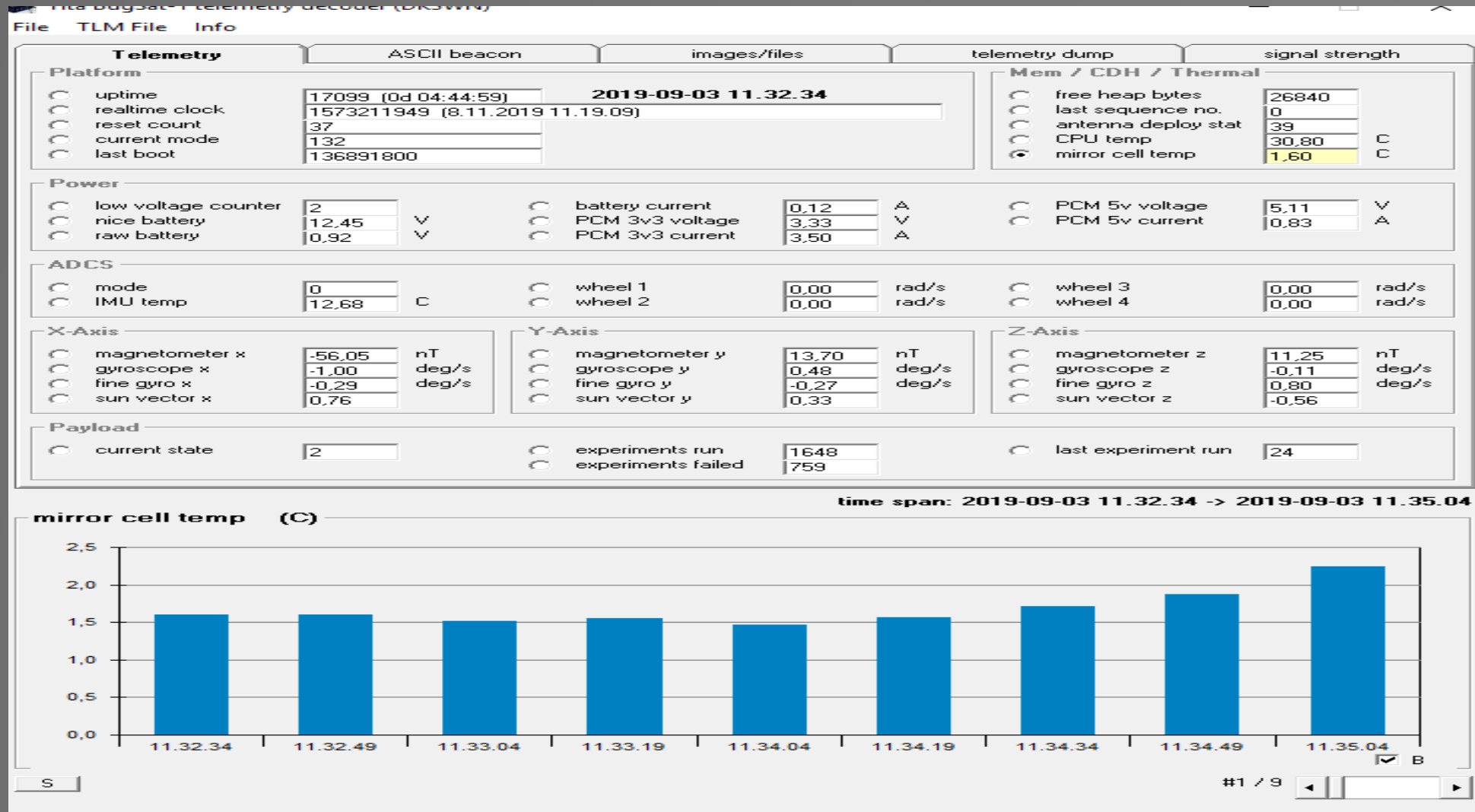
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# Prototype I Results





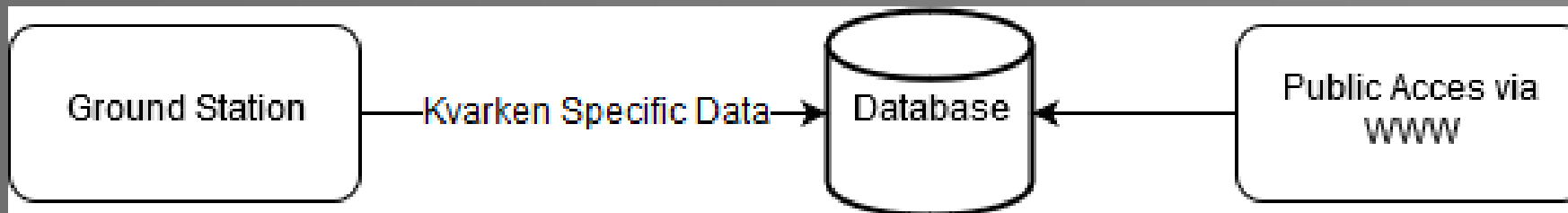
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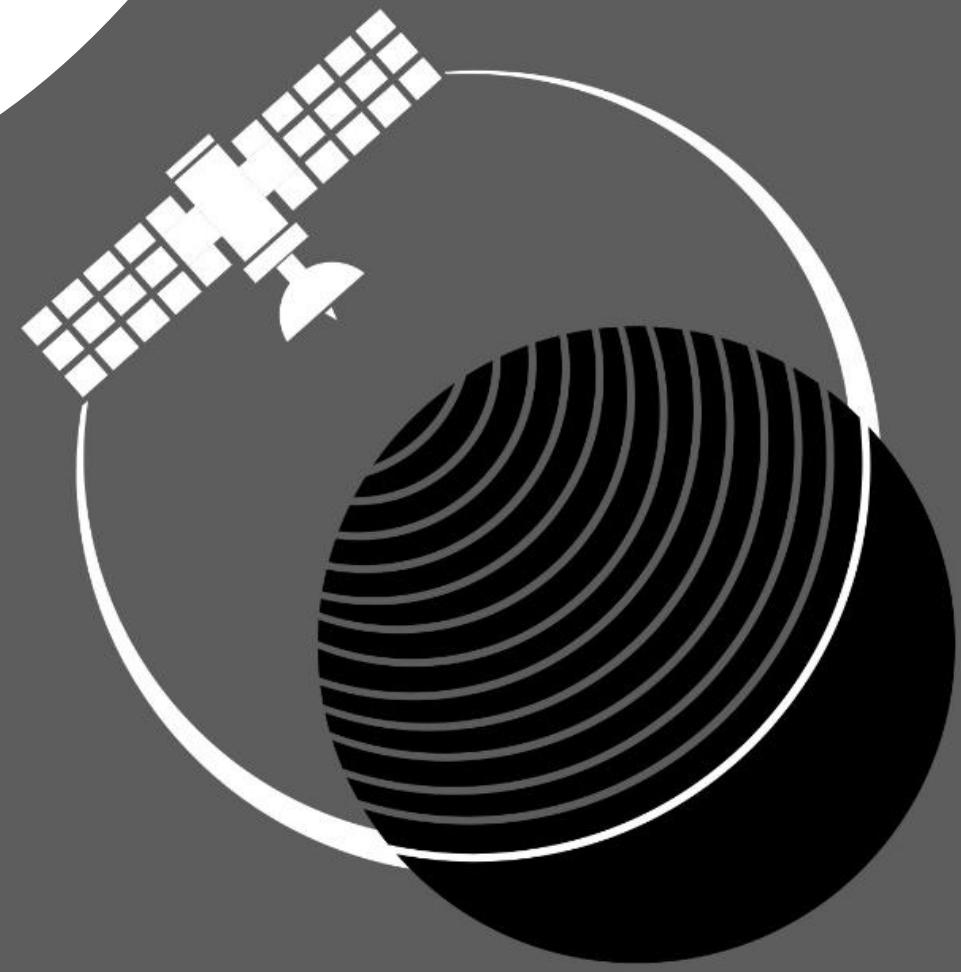
- **Ground station similar to stationary ground station by Aalto or a mobile ground station by N66 Connect Sweden**
- **KvarkenSat ground station will be implemented based on comparison of different ground stations, their documentation and experiences**
- **Using rotator controllers with both uplink and downlink capabilities**

# Ground Station Initial Plans (2/2)

- **Will use VHF and UHF yagi antennas for transmitting and receiving operations**
- **Satellite dish reception operating in a certain frequency band – S band, C band or L band, exact band to be chosen.**
- **Upgrade to SDR transreceivers like USRP B210, power amplifiers, LNA, cables and other components to be decided based on comparisons**
- **Goal: to receive and to distribute Kvarken specific data from satellites to different entities to use.**



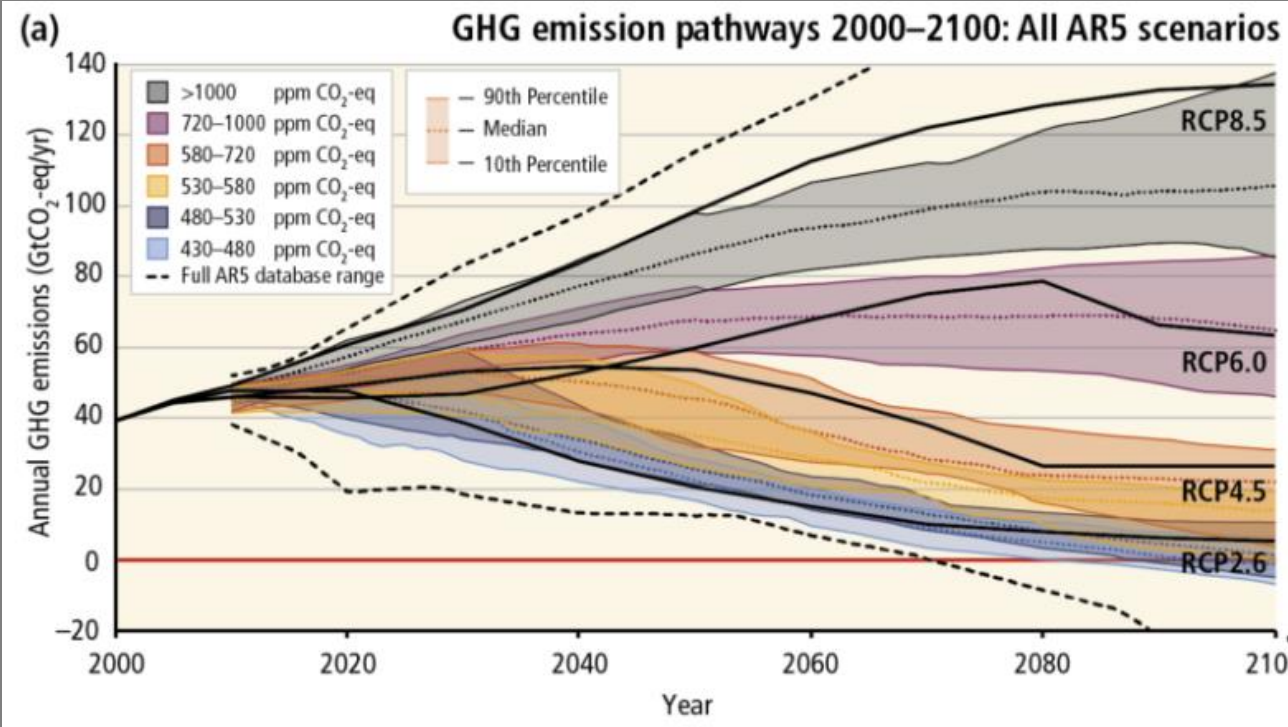




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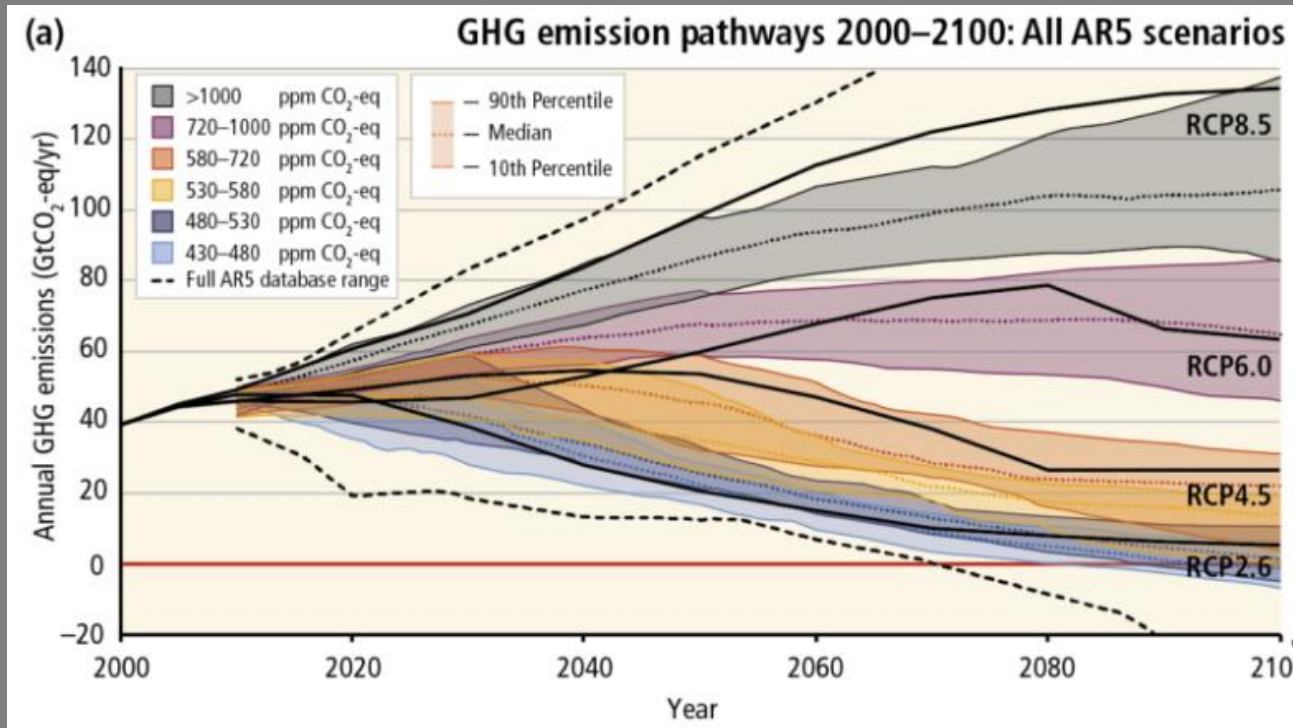
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# Representative Concentration Pathways





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## Shared Socioeconomic Pathways

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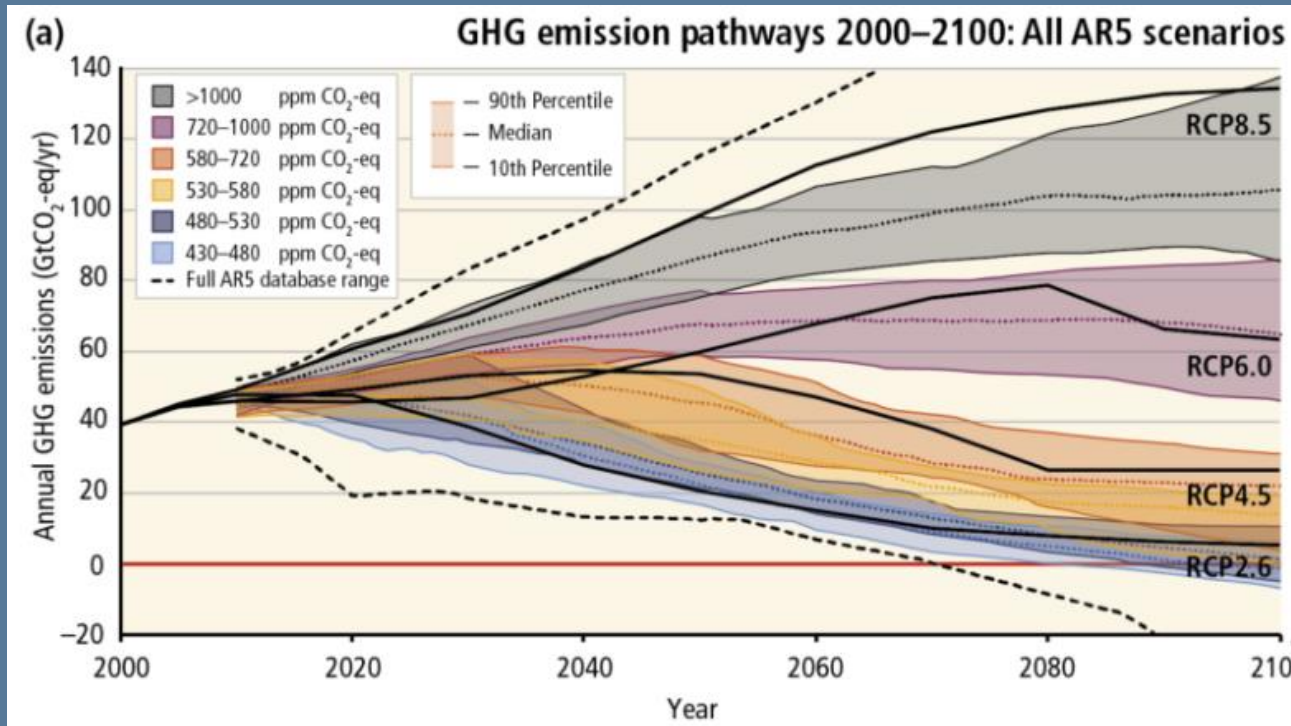
**SSP2** Middle of the Road (Medium challenges to mitigation and adaptation)

**SSP3** Regional Rivalry – A Rocky Road (High challenges to mitigation and adaptation)

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# Integrated Assessment Models

## Representative Concentration Pathways



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