

IS SPACE READY FOR THE QUANTUM LEAP?

QUANTUM @ THALES ALENIA SPACE

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THALES ALENIA SPACE – COMPANY OVERVIEW

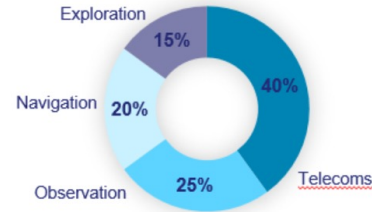
/// Thales Alenia Space delivers cost-effective solutions for telecommunications, navigation, Earth observation, environmental management, exploration, science and orbital infrastructures

JOINT VENTURE

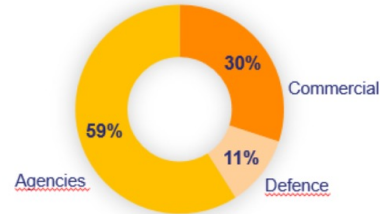


THALES (67%)
LEONARDO (33%)

PER ACTIVITIES



PER MARKET



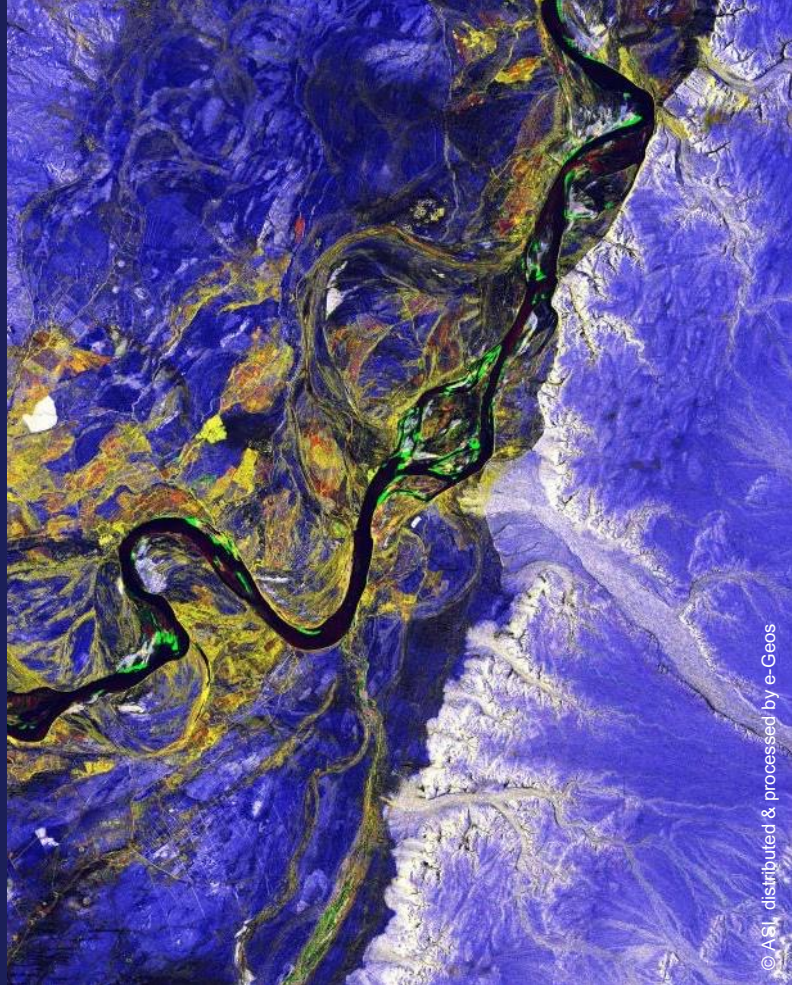
8,000
EMPLOYEES

2,15
BN € SALES



Thales Alenia Space teams
up with Telespazio to offer
a unique combination of
expertise covering the
entire value chain

System & Services



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**SPACE
FOR
LIFE ///**



**SPACE TO
CONNECT**



**SPACE TO
SECURE
& DEFEND**



**SPACE TO
OBSERVE
& PROTECT**



**SPACE TO
EXPLORE**



**SPACE TO
TRAVEL
& NAVIGATE**

FROM EARTH TO DEEP SPACE...

36 000 KM

23 000 KM

8 000 KM

800 KM

700 KM

400 KM

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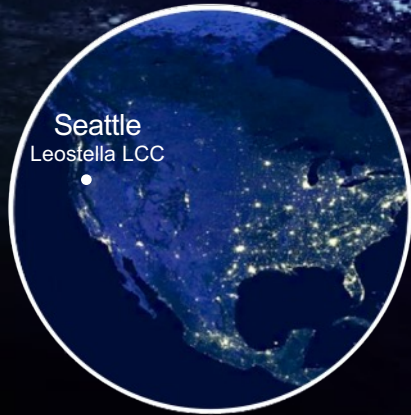
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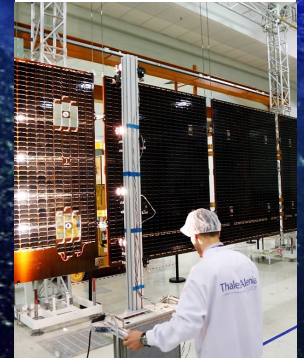


/// Competencies

- /// Satellite assembly integration testing
- /// Space systems design
- /// Earth observation radar
- /// Navigation
- /// Telecoms Defence Satellites
- /// Antennas
- /// Equipment

4000 sqm

clean rooms



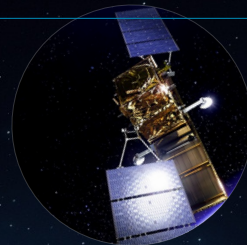
DONI MISSION

/// DESIGN, MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY
END-TO-END SYSTEM FOR

SATELLITE OBSERVATION & NAVIGATION SOLUTIONS

FROM EQUIPMENT TO
END-TO-END SYSTEM

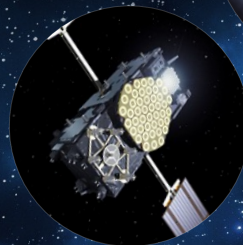
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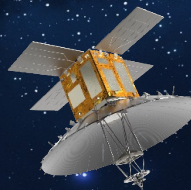
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Galileo



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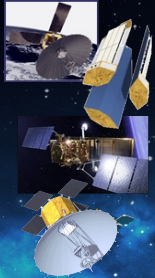
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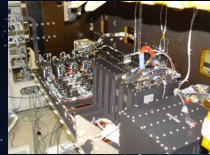
DONI Product Lines

Radar & EO MW systems and constellation



EO Radar

4 products covering almost all EO applications, from very high resolution (HP-R, HE-R) to high revisit acquisition scenarios (constellation HE-R, HR-R).



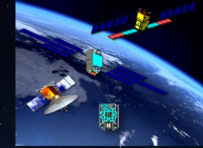
PDHT

State of art Payload Data Handling & Transmission solutions to enable high data volume/rate provision.



Microsatellites & Constellations

Micro constellation solutions
NiMBUS / PLATINO multi-mission platform, to be used also for HR-R.



DONI Space Segments

PRISMA platform product family solutions & optical satellites

Ground Systems & E2E Solutions



Ground solutions encompassing product concept to enforce "bundle" concepts capabilities and small sat constellations management. Using Big data and deep learning technologies, with cybersecurity solutions

Navigation systems, payloads, satellites & AeroCom

Navigation Users Solutions

Spaceborne and Ground navigation Solutions for specific user contexts (Space, SoL railway solutions, synchronets, navigation assisted solutions, Space & ground receivers)

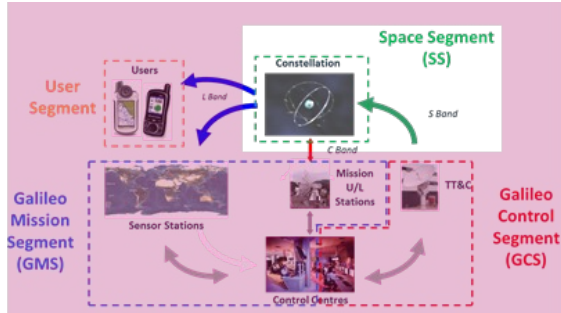


Navigation & AeroCom Systems Solutions

System and Payload/Satellite Solutions for Air Traffic Management. Safety of Life communications Integrated with GNSS Navigation Solutions.



NAVIGATION SATELLITES - GALILEO SPACE SEGMENT



The Galileo Space Segment will comprise a constellation of a total of 30 Medium Earth Orbit (MEO) satellites, in a so-called Walker 24/3/1 constellation. The Galileo satellite constellation has been optimized to the following nominal constellation specifications:

- Circular orbits (satellite altitude of 23 222 km)
- Orbital inclination of 56°
- Three equally spaced orbital planes
- Eight operational satellites, equally spaced in each plane
- Constellation geometry repetition period of 10 sidereal days (corresponding to 17 orbital revolutions)

IOV Phase

4 satellites In-Orbit

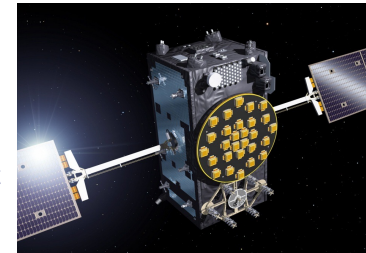
Mass at Launch	700kg
Power Consumption	1420W
Dimensions	2.7 x 1.6 x 14.5 m
Orbit Injection	Direct into MEO orbit
Attitude Profile	Yaw Steered



FOC Phase

24 satellites In-Orbit

Mass at Launch	733kg
Power Consumption	1900 W
Dimensions	2.5 x 1.1 x 14.7 m
Orbit Injection	Direct into MEO orbit
Attitude Profile	Yaw Steered



NAVIGATION SATELLITES – GALILEO SECOND GENERATION

/// On-board Galileo 2nd Generation to boost performance and cybersecurity for the constellation

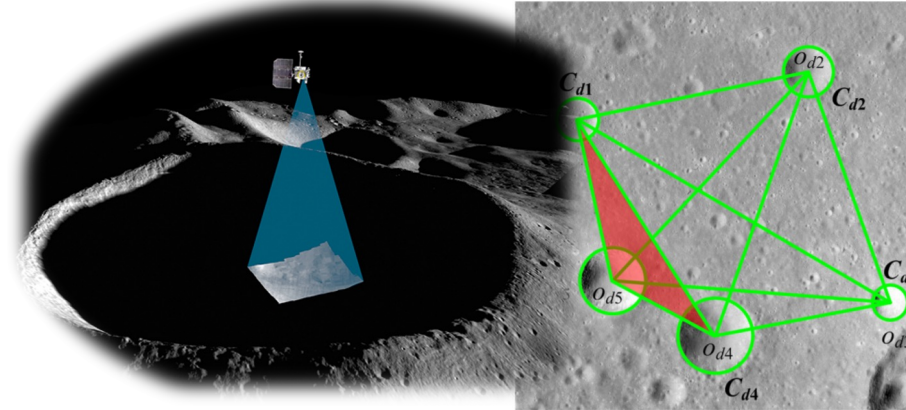
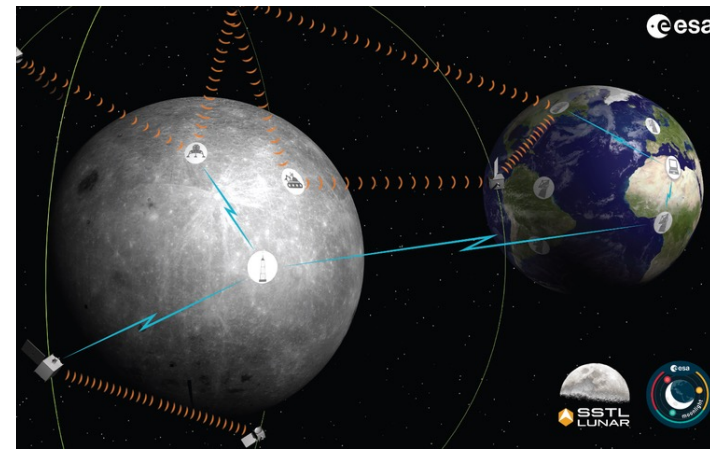
- / Inter-satellite links
- / Digitally configurable Antennas
- / Full electric propulsion systems
- / First satellites in orbit by 2024



NAVIGATION SATELLITES – LUNAR NAVIGATION

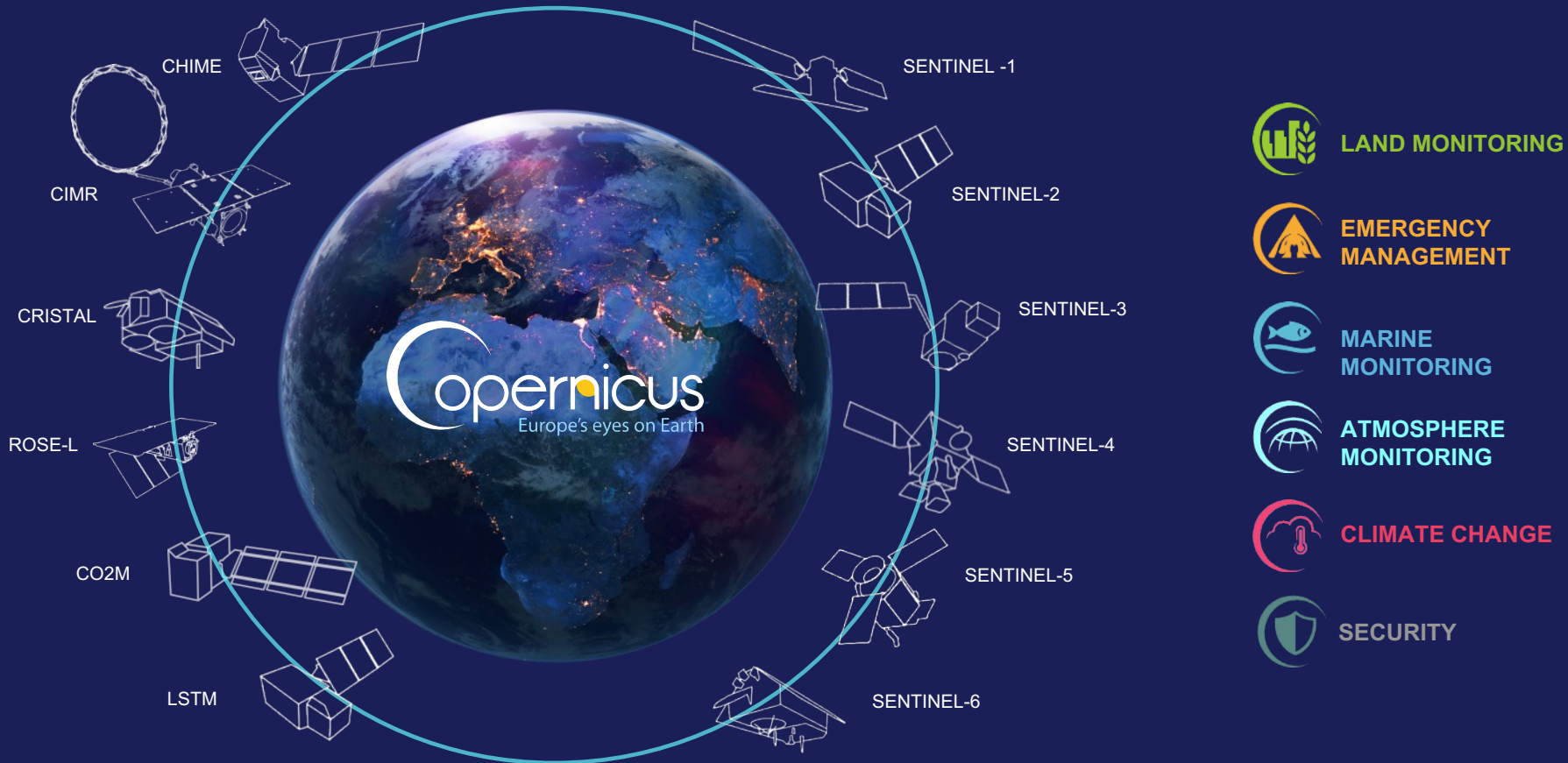
/// Thales Alenia Space Has Been Selected By The European Space Agency To Study Specific Technical Aspects For A Future Lunar Radio Navigation System

- / Real-time On-Board Navigation
- / Earth Sciences
- / Launch Vehicle Range Ops
- / Attitude Determination
- / Time Synchronization



R&D – Autonomous Orbit Determination With Crater Matching

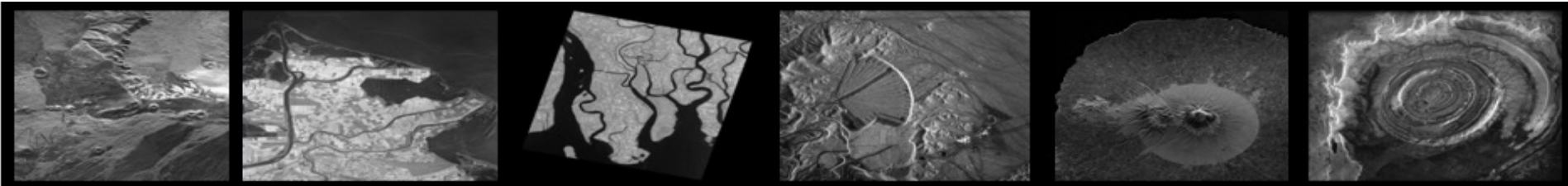
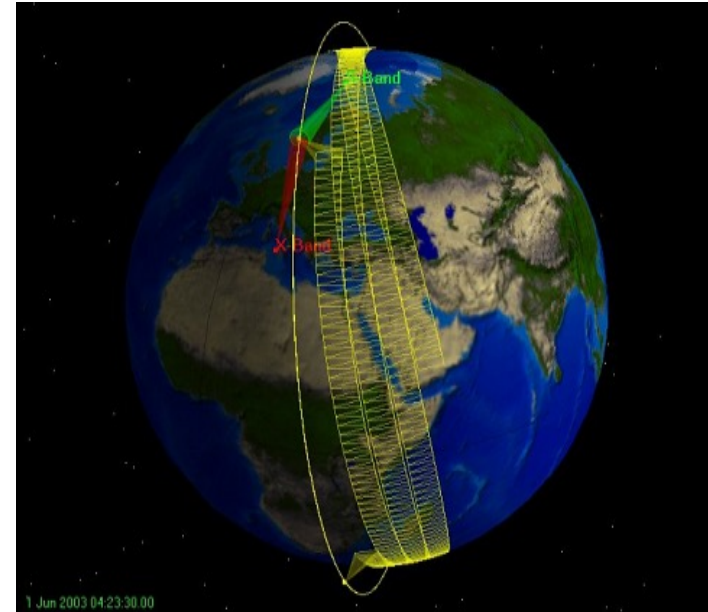
SPACE TO OBSERVE & PROTECT



THE ITALIAN CHAMPION IN EO (1/2): COSMO-SKYMED

The **COSMO-SkyMed** (Constellation of small Satellites for the Mediterranean basin Observation) Series consists of two generations of Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) satellites with the overall objective of providing frequent all-weather Earth observation, which can be applied to defence and civil needs.

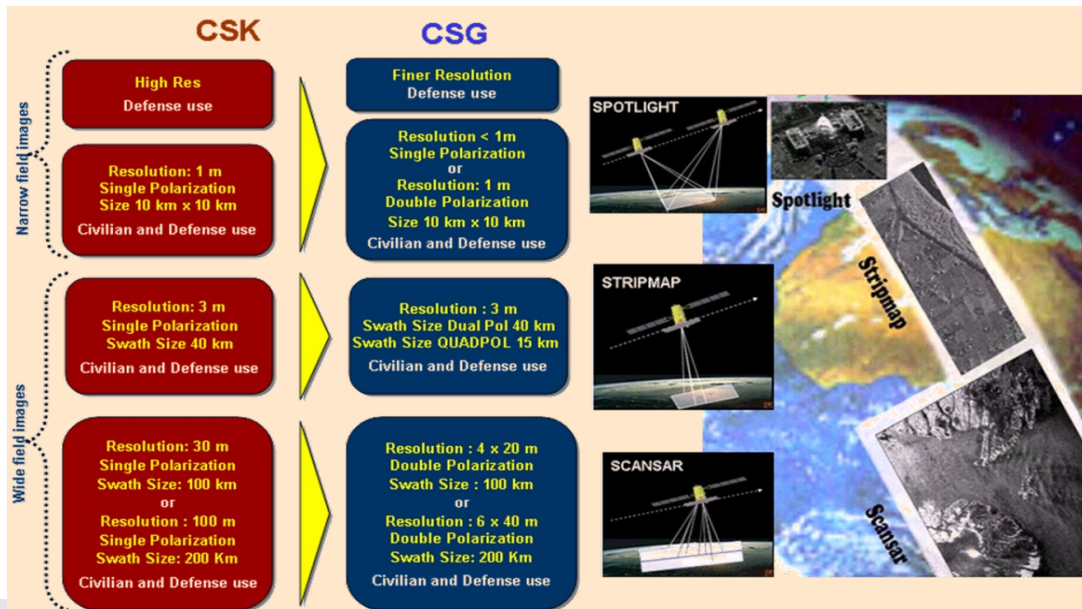
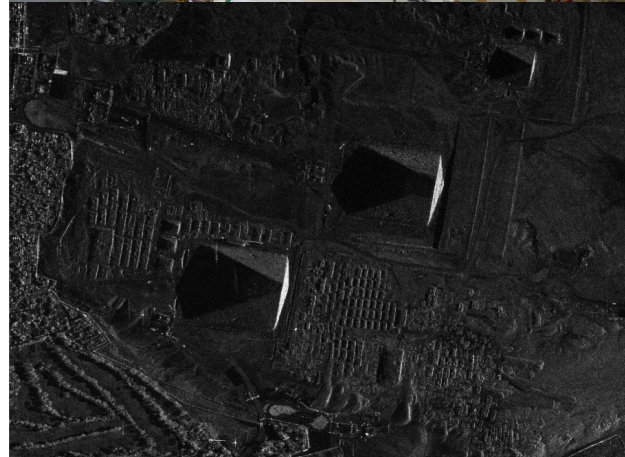
- /// 4 satellites High resolution, X-Band,
- /// > 2 x 650 km on ground access capability
- /// Global Earth access (including polar caps) with all weather / night-daylight sensing capability
- /// **Conceived for dual use:** performance, accessibility, operational capability and security.



THE ITALIAN CHAMPION IN EO (2/2): COSMO-SKYMED & COSMO SG

COSMO-SkyMed Second Generation (CSG) consists of two enhanced SAR satellites. It provides Polarimetric SAR.

/// 2 satellites, Last launch on Jan 2022.



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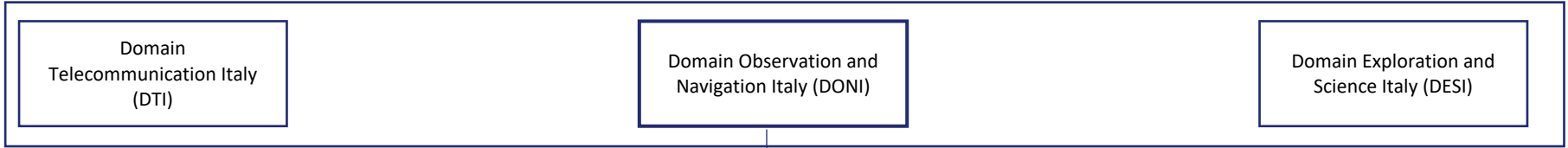
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THE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES UNIT

TASI



Research, Innovation
Advanced and
Constellation Projects

Advanced Projects &
Technologies



Focus ON

- /// Artificial Intelligence
- /// Quantum Technologies
- /// Cyber Security
- /// Virtual Reality, Augmented R. ,Mixed R.
- /// GNSS-Reflectometry
- /// Digital Twin

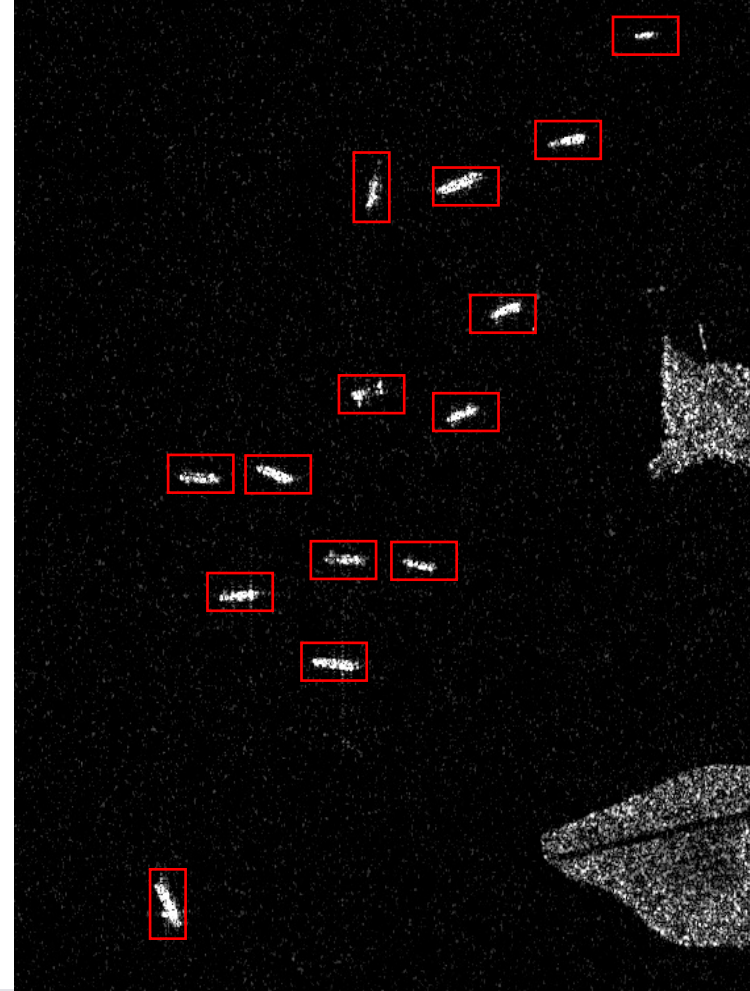
OUR INTERESTS IN HPC APPLICATIONS

/// Ground Applications

- / Payload Data processing (oil spill detection, Vessel Detection, ...)
- / Mission Planning Optimization & Acquisition Scheduling
- / Mission Analysis Optimization and Complex Orbital/Trajectory Simulation
- / Critical Failure Prediction
- / ...

/// On-board applications

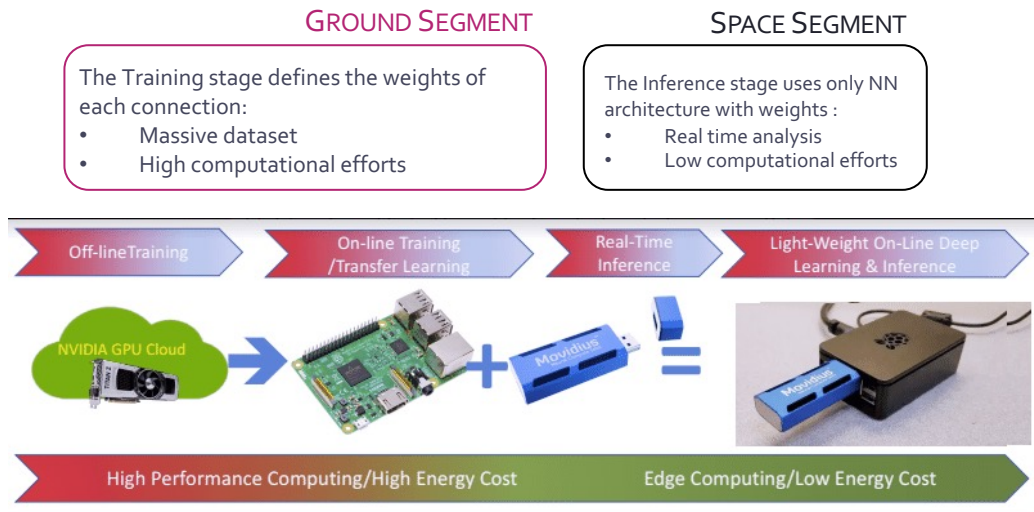
- / Sub-system Failure detection and reaction
- / Processing of SAR Raw data (on-board focusing)
- / Cognitive radar (automatic detection of targets)
- / Data compression
- / Automated collision avoidance
- / Security (anti-jamming, chiphering, ...)
- / Formation flying satellites
- / Precise spacecraft attitude determination



THE PROBLEM OF ON-BOARD COMPUTING

/// On-board payload data processing encompasses the data acquisition, transfer, storage, data compression or reduction and transmission to ground of instrument and sensor data. Quite often the amount of raw data generated by modern instruments is in excess of what can be transmitted to ground.

/// The issue for the space industry is that it is not possible to reuse in a straightforward way the hardware platforms of terrestrial applications, given the specific constraints of satellite data systems especially in terms of radiation.

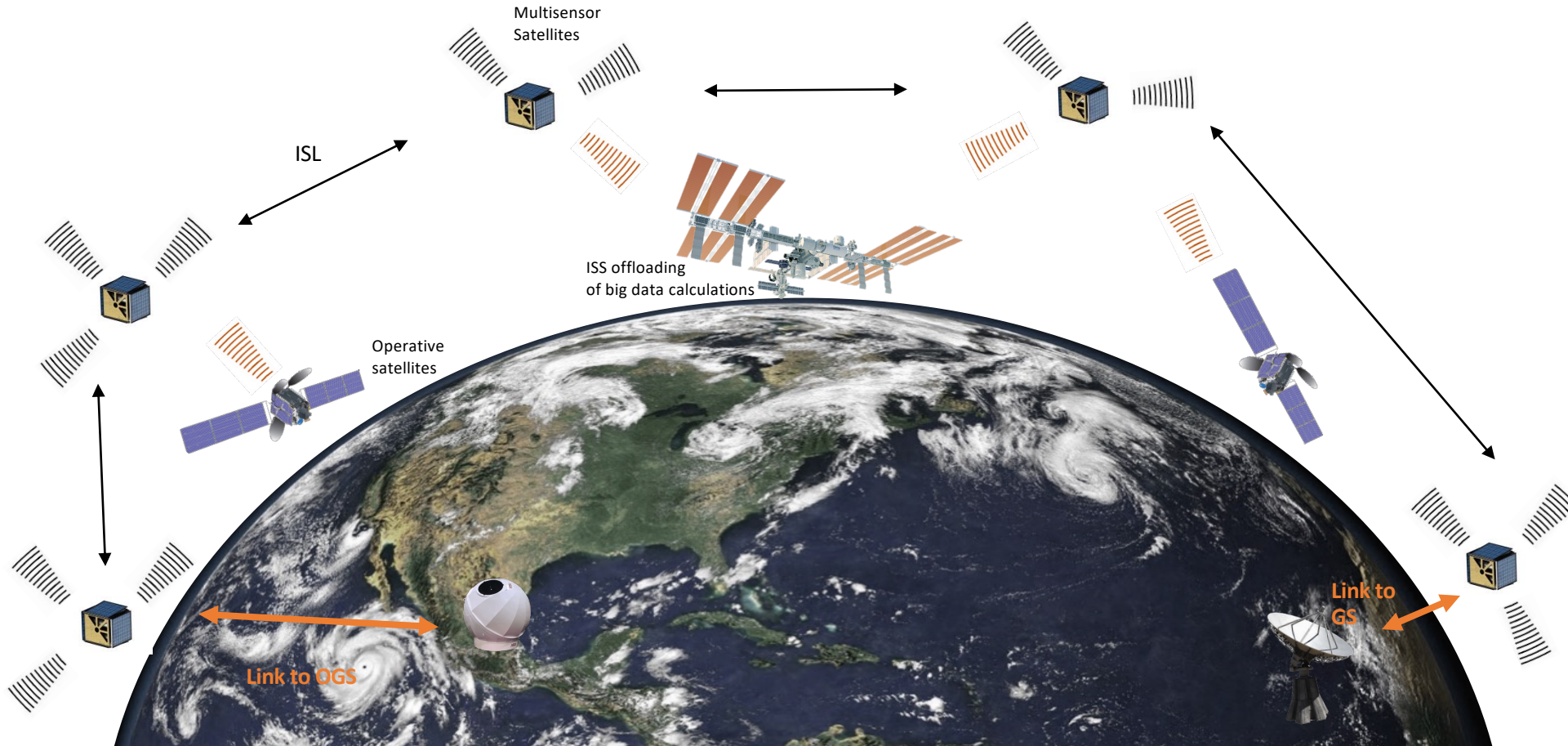


Strong Interest of TAS in testing novel computing paradigms to

- Increase Computational efficiency
- Reduce Power Consumption

Interest in photonic and quantum computing platforms

TREND ON DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING ON-BOARD SATELLITE





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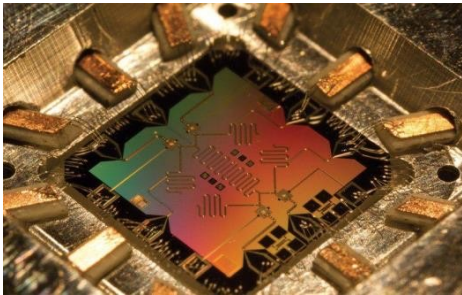
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DONI'S INTEREST IN QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES

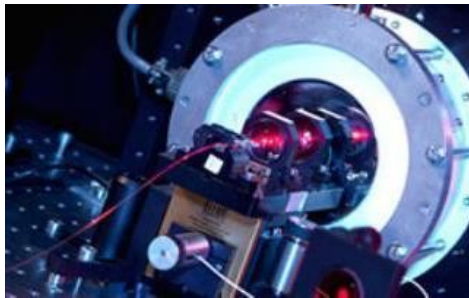
Empower Computing



/// Goal:

Enable New previously impossible applications enabled by Quantum Computing exploiting quantum systems' properties (superposition, entanglement)

Enable New Sensing



/// Goal:

Exploiting quantum systems to measure a physical quantity (classical or quantum)

- Increase Sensitivity, resolution and quality of the measurements
- Overcome classical Measurement limits

High Performance/Secure Communications



/// Goal:

Exploiting quantum systems to develop new ways for encoding and transmitting information over long distances

- Upgrade existing critical communication infrastructures to prevent quantum attacks
- Exploit Distribution of Entangled state to implement protocol for new features

- Identify advantages and drawbacks compared to classical solutions
- Space application sustainability (costs, operational and environmental)
- Identify expected time frame for use in IoD / Commercial missions
- Define a technology roadmap for space missions
- Develop, at short term, solid demonstrator to show capability and space use feasibility

**Common Objectives
for all topics of interest**

DONI APPLICATIONS OF QUANTUM TECH

TASI is putting in place a long term research and development programme on quantum technologies applied to space. In this frame, Domain Observation and Navigation Italy (DONI) sees potential Technologies in the three branches of QT:

/// QUANTUM SENSING

- Explore Performance, limitations and applicability for Quantum Navigation systems based on Quantum Accelerometer, Gyroscopes, Gravimeters, proposing novel schemes and implementing prototypes where possible
- Quantum Illuminations techniques analysis, including FSO feasibility and performance analysis with Channel Impairments simulations and device prototyping
- RF Signal Generation and Manipulation via Integrated photonic circuits

/// QUANTUM COMPUTING

- Quantum computation architecture and processing models case studies targeting on-board satellite QC. (LOQC, Boson Sampling, Superconductive,...)
- Identify and Engineer Quantum Algorithms assuming NISQ computational capability, impacting the Satellite Communication/Navigation/Observation

/// QUANTUM COMMUNICATION & TIME METROLOGY

- Quantum protocols adaptation for secure Time-Frequency satellite transfer
- End-to-end QKD protocols, architecture and components vulnerability analysis taking also into account trusted nodes
- Quantum & Photonic Clocks benchmarking and study

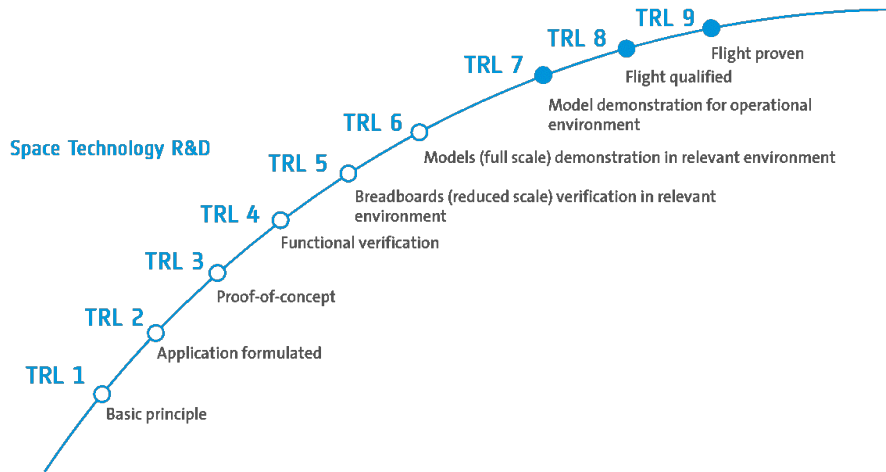


DONI APPLICATIONS OF QUANTUM TECH

MACRO-AREA	SPECIFIC AREA	DESCRIPTION	TIME PERIOD	TARGET USE CASES
QUANTUM COMMUNICATION & TIME METROLOGY	Unconditionally Secure Information Transfer	Exploring new solutions enabled by hybrid QKD systems (fiber and free space) together with the concept of Trusted nodes	Near term (< 5 y.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Galileo Time Generation, Encryption and Transfer Satellite autonomous enhancement due to highly stable clocks (Lunar environments or beyond) Scientific EO payload (e.g. gravitational wave detection)
	New systems for time/frequency generation and distribution	Photonic quantum Clocks for ground and space segment	Middle term (5+10 y.)	
		QKD based optical Time Transfer in FSO	Middle term (5+10 y.)	
QUANTUM COMPUTING	Enabling HPC both in space and on ground exploiting hybrid Quantum/Classical computing to speed up space related complex tasks.	Testing and benchmarking photonic processors as hardware accelerator both onboard and at ground	Near term (< 5 y.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enabling on-board Satellite computing with resilience to cosmic rays and van allen belt. Integrated, efficient (space and energy consumption) computing platform Constellations for Distributed computing in space New platforms for efficient ground and on-board computing Solving complex optimization problem like mission planning
		Study, implementation and benchmarking of potentials Quantum Algorithms for space related tasks, considering all possible platforms (Ion, Cold Atom, Superconducting, photons)	Long term (> 10 y.)	
		Photonic quantum machine learning and modular (NISQ) photonic machines	Middle term (5+10 y.)	
QUANTUM SENSING	Quantum Sensing devices	Study, characterization and Space qualification of quantum platforms for sensing (superconductors, diamond vacancies, cold atom interferometers, photons)	Near term (< 5 y.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New generation quantum payload to enhance sensing capabilities for navigation, EO and SSA. (Augmented Orbit Determination systems, Magnetic/gravimetric field Mappings) Augmenting capabilities of EO imaging systems with quantum physics (Entangled SAR, LIDAR)
		Testing and benchmarking quantum devices as quantum gravimeters, magnetometers, gyroscopes, accelerometers, antennas	Middle term (5+10 y.)	
	Augmentation of EO systems	Testing Microwave Photonics for RF Signal Manipulation (in SAR Satellite systems)	Middle term (5+10 y.)	
		Evaluating new system for EO augmentation based on Quantum Mechanics: Quantum Illumination, Radar, Ghost Imaging	Long term (> 10 y.)	

TECHNOLOGY READINESS LEVEL

ESA TRL For Space Technologies

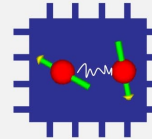


Quantum TRL



QTRL

Quantum Technology Readiness Levels describing the maturity of Quantum Computing Technology



QTRL9	QCs (QAs) exceed power of classical computers
QTRL8	Scalable version of QC (QA) completed and qualified in test
QTRL7	Prototype QC (QA) built solving small but user-relevant problems
QTRL6	Components integrated in small quantum processor w/ error correction
QTRL5	Components integrated in small quantum processor w/o error correction
QTRL4	Multi-qubit system fabricated; classical devices for qubit manipulation developed
QTRL3	Imperfect physical qubits fabricated
QTRL2	Applications / technologically relevant algorithms formulated
QTRL1	Theoretical framework for quantum computation (annealing) formulated

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PART 3: TASI ROADMAPS FOR QUANTUM TECH

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ROADMAP 2/3: HYBRID QUANTUM \ CLASSICAL COMPUTING

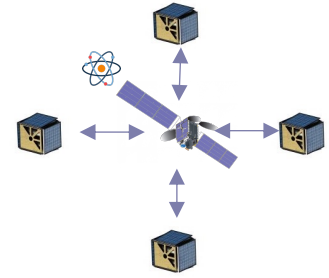
Photonic Processing

Quantum Computing

- Quantum computing to Speed up ground and on-board processing for EO



- Constellation of Satellites for in space HPC by means of distributed hybrid computing



In-orbit validation and benchmarking of an hybrid quantum / classical platform



2023 Study and identification of potentials quantum based applications and algorithms for space related tasks, independently on the adopted platform.



2024 Identify trade-off between Q. Computing platforms (Superconducting, Photons, Ion, atoms) and mapping with quantum applications over space domain.



2025 Testing & Benchmarking Photonic processors (classical) for Space

2035

2030

2029

2028

2027

2026

2025

2024

2023

2022

2027 Implementation and testing of PoC to demonstrate relevant End-User Applications for Earth Observation and Navigation

2028 Space Validation of Photonic based Processors



Funded activity



Submitted proposal

ROADMAP 1/3: QUANTUM COMM. & TIME METROLOGY

Unconditionally Secure
Time Transfer

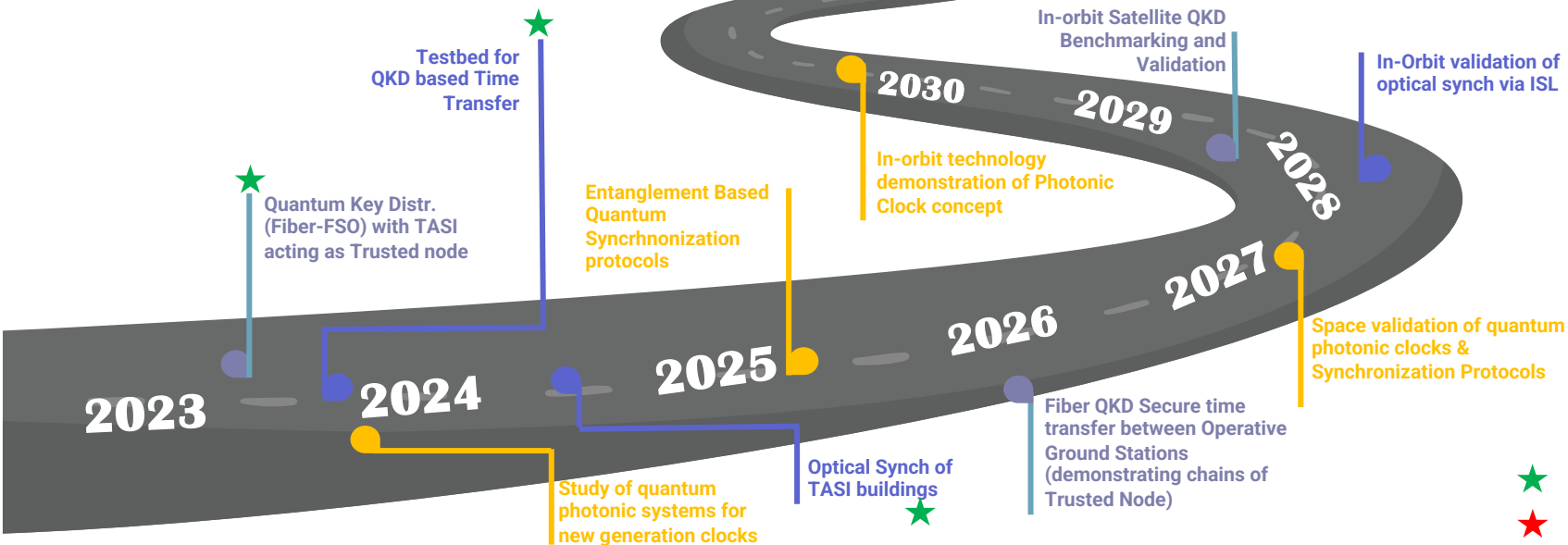
Hybrid Free space \ fiber
QKD

Photonic quantum clocks

- Highly Secure time generation and distribution systems for **GALILEO** (impacting both ground and space segment)
- Highly Secure EO data transfer (TT&C & EO data)



- New payload for scientific missions in EO; Optical Synthetic aperture telescope



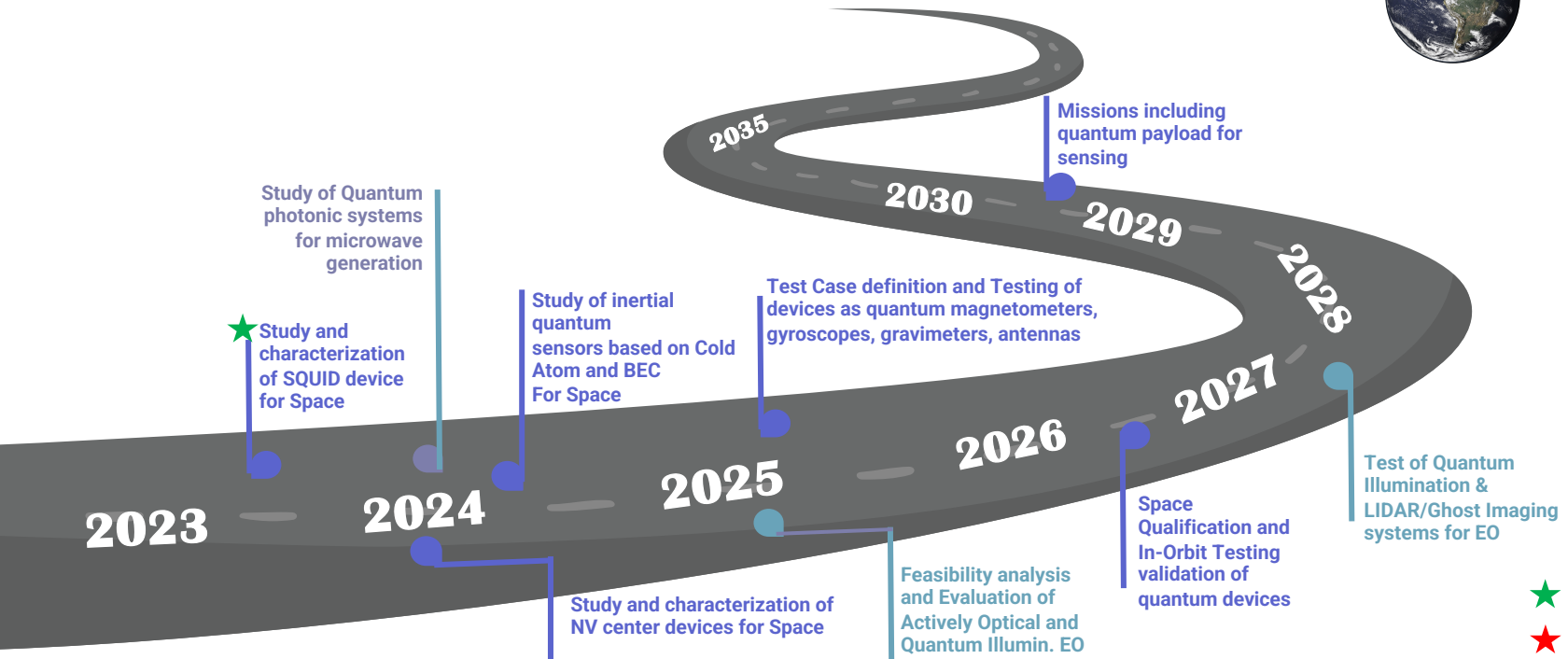
- ★ Funded activity
- ★ Submitted proposal

ROADMAP 2/3: QUANTUM SENSING

Quantum devices

Quantum augmentation
of EO systems

- New EO imaging Systems augmented with quantum capabilities (**Cosmo SKyMed, Sentinel**)
- New generation quantum payload to enhance sensing capabilities for Navigation, EO and SSA



- ★ Funded activity
- ★ Submitted proposal



PART 4: WHAT WE ARE DOING

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PASQUANS2: PROGRAMMABLE ATOMIC LARGE-SCALE QUANTUM SIMULATION



Objective: Develop next-generation programmable, large-scale atomic quantum simulators operating with up to 10000 atoms



Austria

- Alpine Quantum Technologies GmbH
- Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften
- Parity Quantum Computing GmbH
- Universität Innsbruck

France

- Atos BULL
- Azurlight Systems
- Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
- Electricité de France
- Institut d'Optique Théorique et Appliquée
- Exail
- PASQAL

Germany

- Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen
- EURICE – European Research and Project Office GmbH
- Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH
- Freie Universität Berlin
- Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
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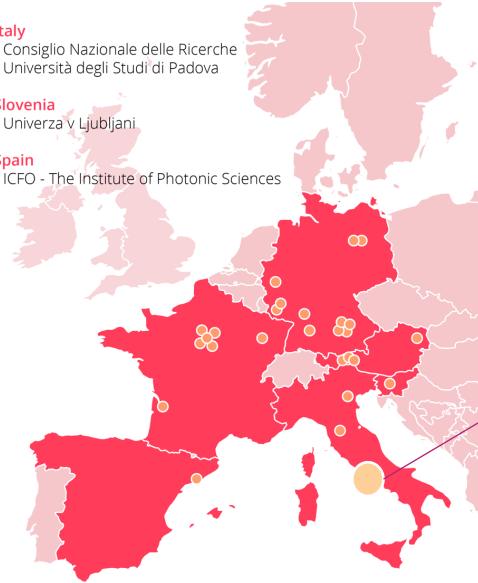
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TASI role: End user

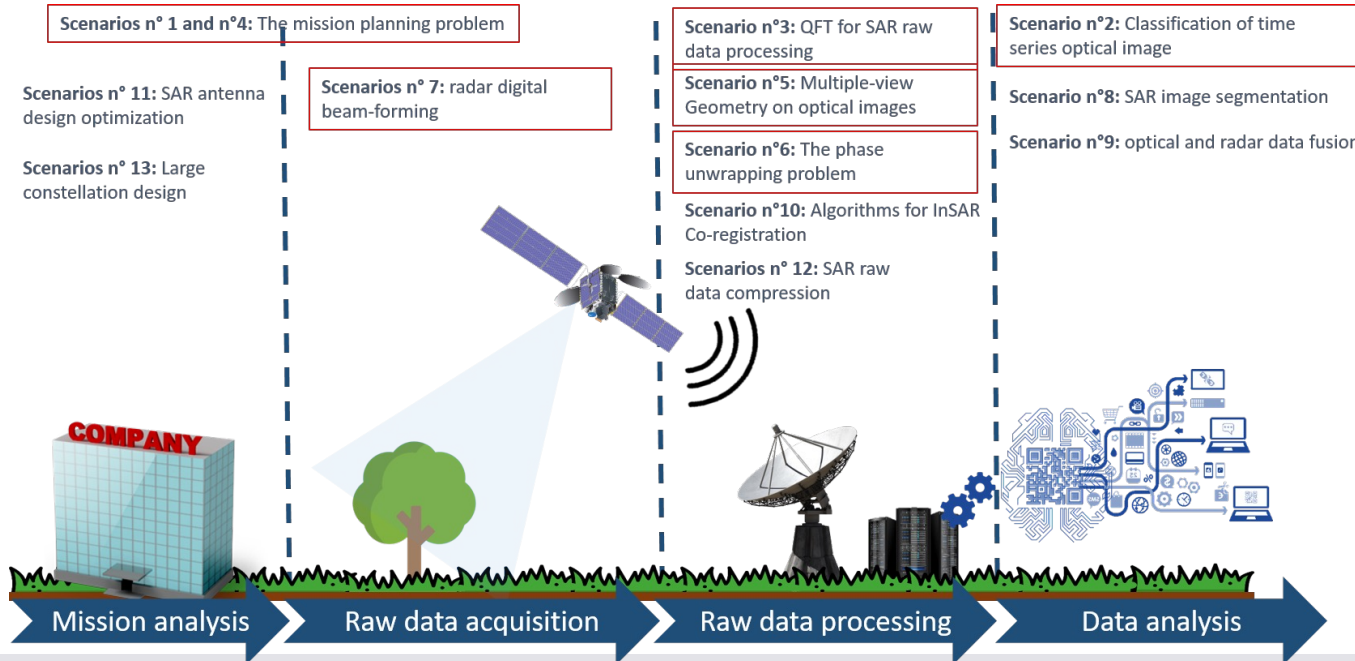
Develop one (or more) representative case studies to take advantage of several different computational paradigms and computational platforms (NISQ, real and emulated quantum computers)



QC4EO – QUANTUM COMPUTING FOR EARTH OBSERVATION



Objective: identification of interesting quantum computing use cases for space (within next 15 years) and roadmap definition

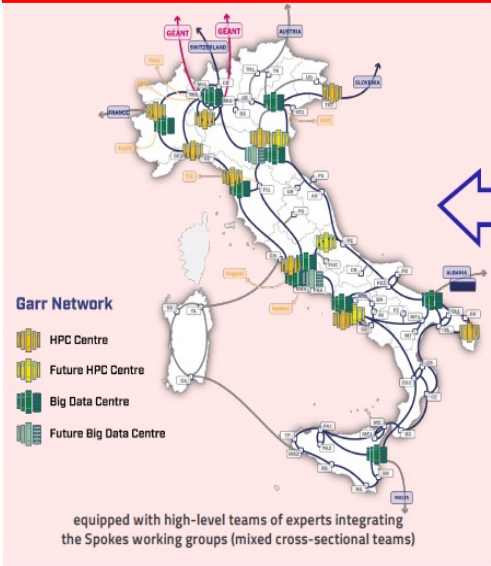


NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER ON HPC, BIG DATA AND QUANTUM COMPUTING

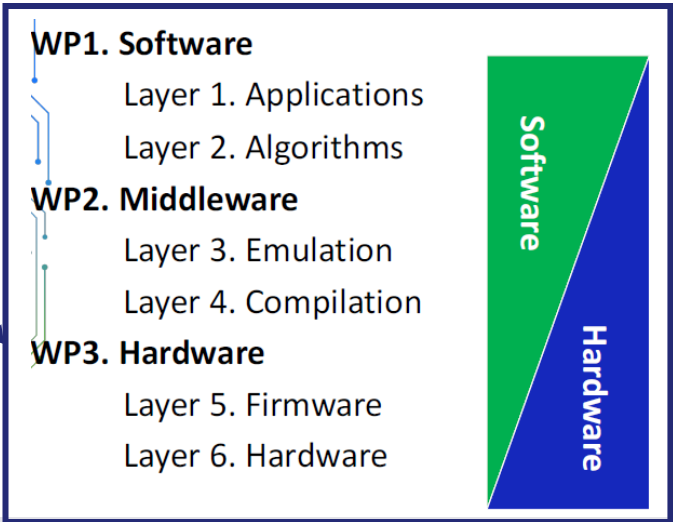
Objective: build a world-class supercomputing cloud infrastructure to store, manage and process all the produced data. Set up strong links between Academia, Industry



0 SUPERCOMPUTING CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE

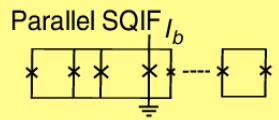
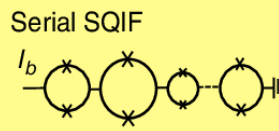
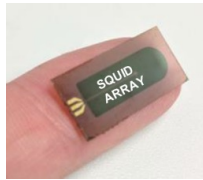
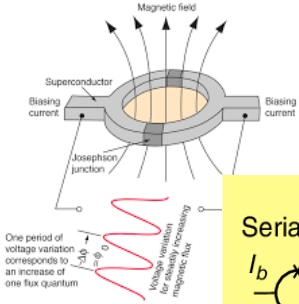


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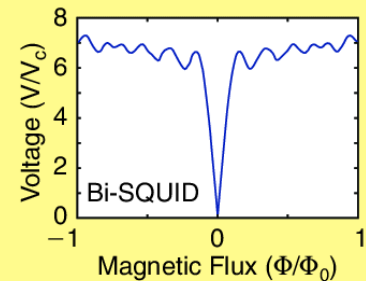


QU-PILOT

Objective: develop and provide access to the first, federated European fabrication (production) capabilities for quantum technologies. Provide experimental production capabilities for quantum technologies on the superconducting, photonics, semiconducting and diamond platforms, which will find application in computing, communication and sensing



(a)



(b)

TASI role: end user, benchmarking. Develop a highly sensitive superconducting magnetometer for space applications



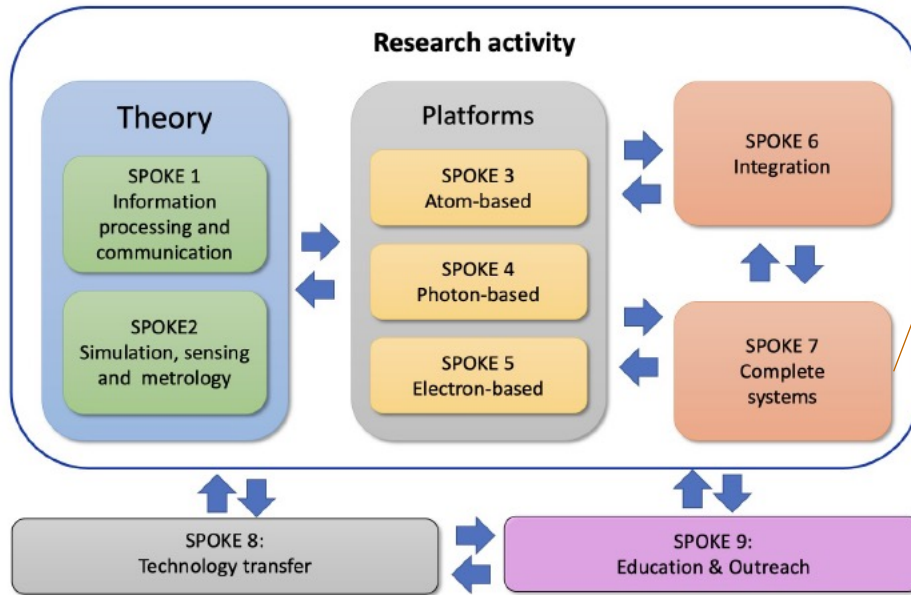
Quantum Antenna or Magnetometer

1. Wideband sensor
2. Sensitive to the magnetic component of EM waves
3. Determination of the direction of arrival

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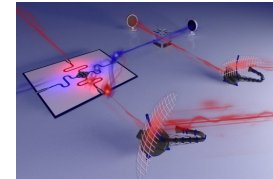
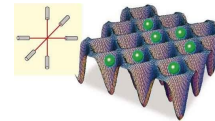


Objective: strengthening and coordinating the low-TRL research up to its translation into prototypes, favoring interfacing with industrial needs thanks to outreach and continued-education programs.



TASI is part of the Spoke 7, being interested in:

- Quantum devices for sensing (magnetometer)
- Quantum illumination
- QKD



[Lanzagorta, Marco, and Jeffrey Uhlmann. "Space-based quantum sensing for low-power detection of small targets." Radar Sensor Technology XIX; and Active and Passive Signatures VI. Vol. 9461. International Society for Optics and Photonics, 2015

CYBER 4.0 - QUANTUM COMMUNICATION AND SYNCHRONIZATION TESTBED

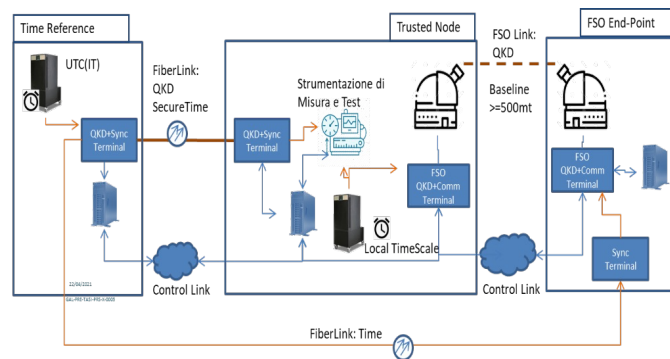


Objective: to industrially evaluate and demonstrate a set of enabling technologies in the field of Satellite based network security. More specifically:

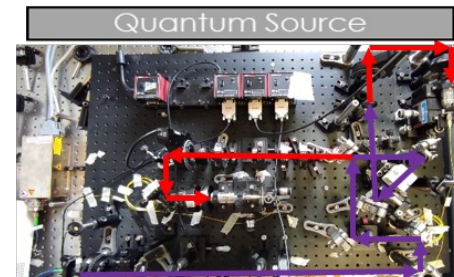
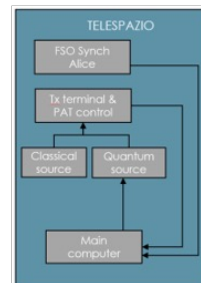
- **Satellite FSO QKD**
- **Hybrid Fiber & FSO QKD**
- **Unconditional Cyphering of a Timing Distribution signal**
- **Trusted node over Satellite assets**



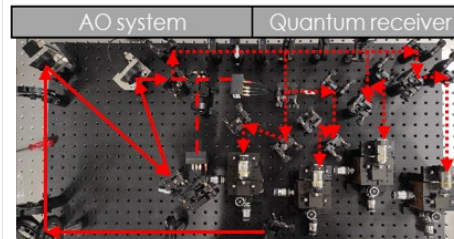
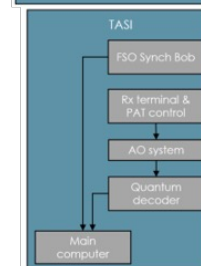
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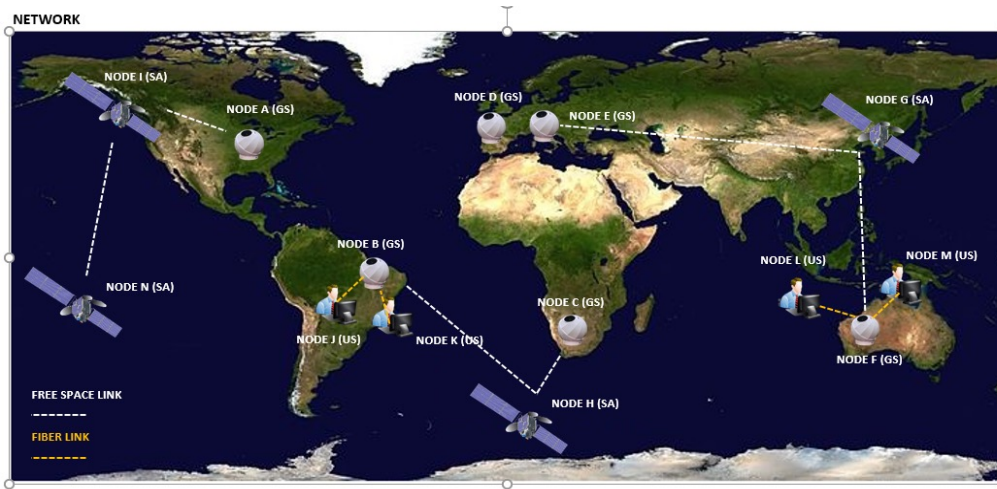


FSO RECEIVER - TASI



CYBER 4.0 – QKD SYSTEM VOLUME SIMULATOR

Objective: to develop a simulator of QKD constellations for secret key distribution



- / **HW resources** optimization (number of satellites, size of ground and space optical terminals, ...)
- / **Costs** optimization
- / **Performance** evaluation of different scenarios
- / **Risk** analysis;
- / Realization of a **digital twin** of the system.

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PART 5: QUANTUM COMPUTING USE CASES

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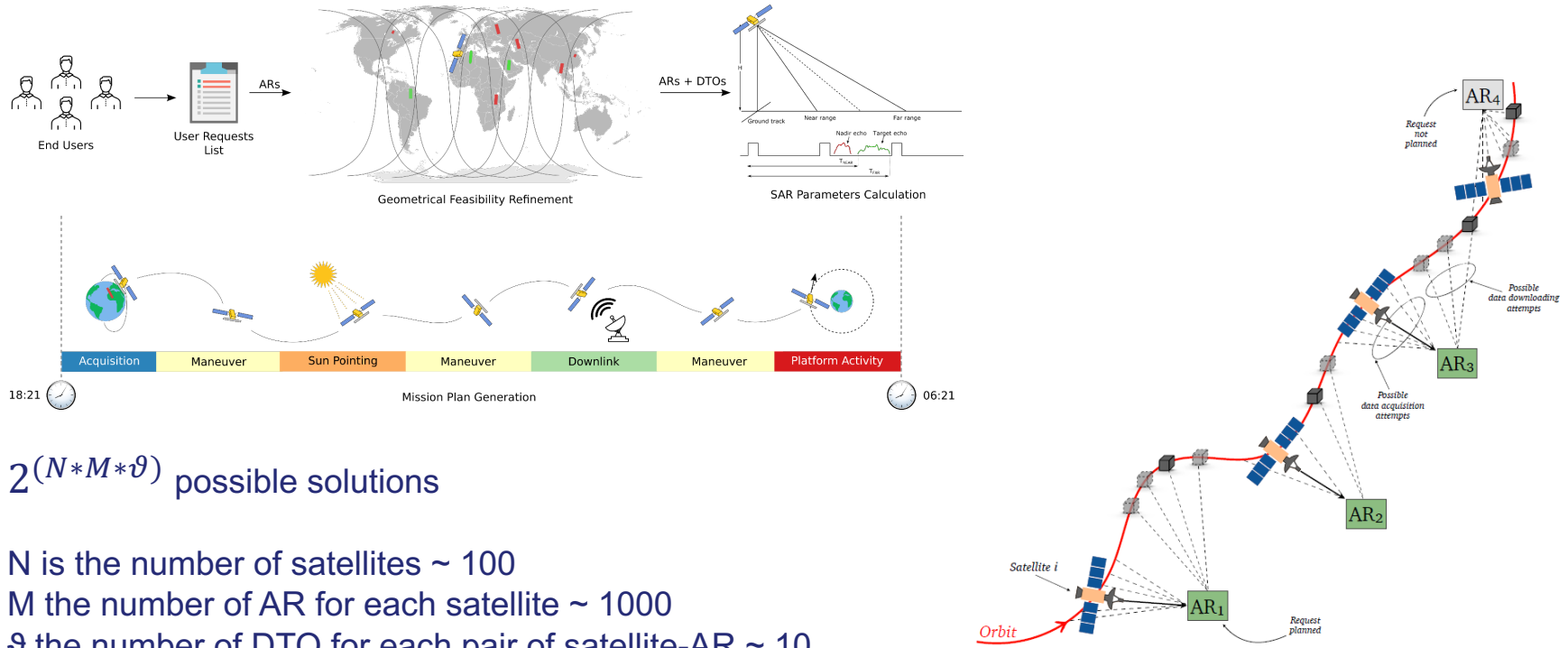
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THE MISSION PLANNING PROBLEM (1/2)

Optimal scheduling of satellite observations for a given list of user requests (Knapsack problem)



$2^{(N*M*\vartheta)}$ possible solutions

N is the number of satellites ~ 100

M the number of AR for each satellite ~ 1000

ϑ the number of DTO for each pair of satellite-AR ~ 10

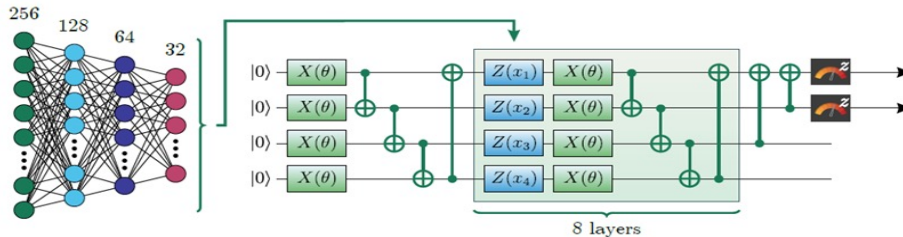
THE MISSION PLANNING PROBLEM (2/2)

Full quantum solution

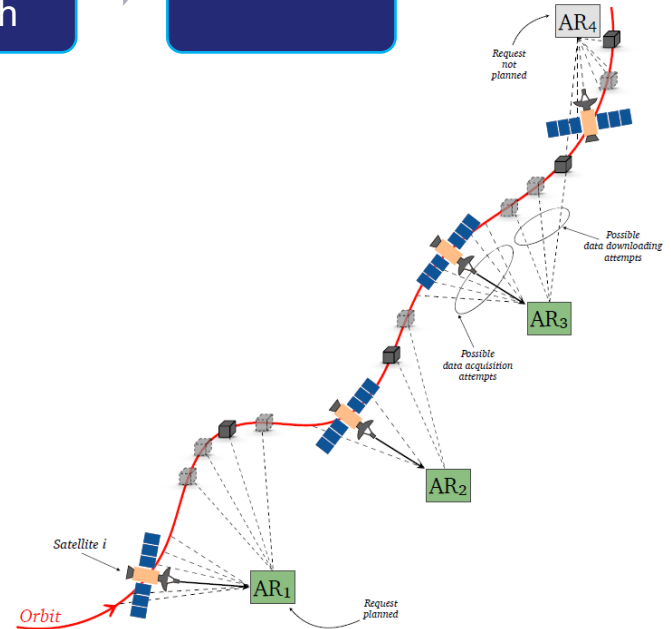


Stollenwerk, Tobias, et al. "Image Acquisition Planning for Earth Observation Satellites with a Quantum Annealer." arXiv preprint arXiv:2006.09724 (2020).

Hybrid approach

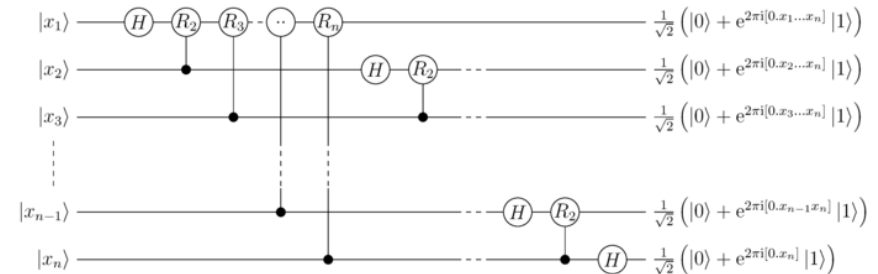
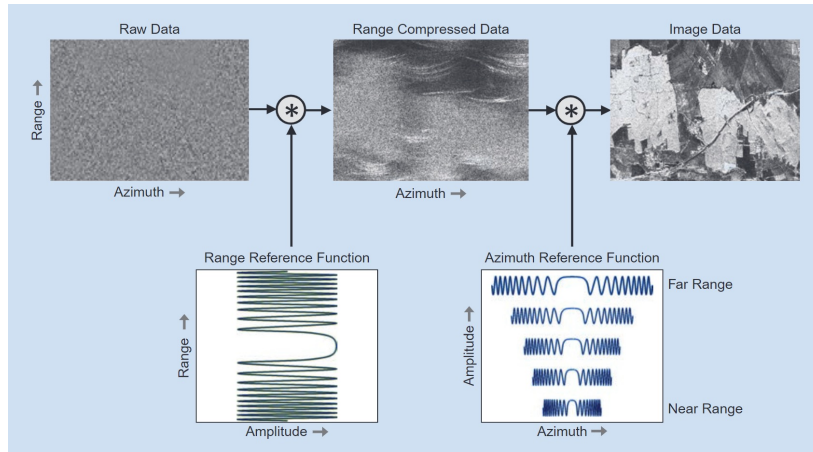


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SAR RAW DATA PROCESSING

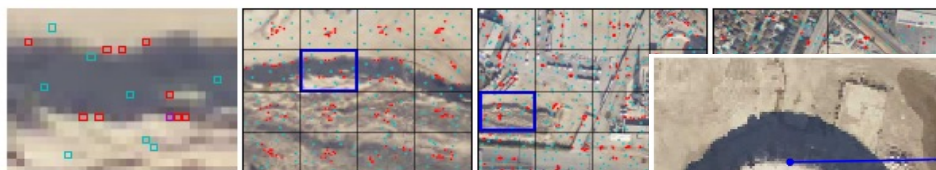
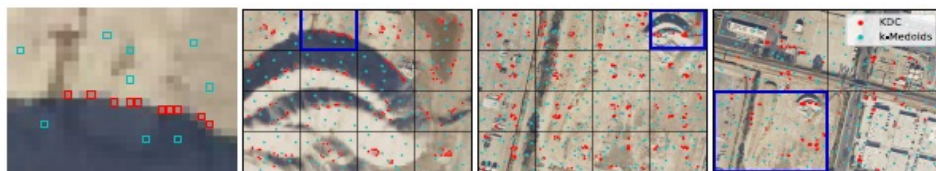
SAR raw data are processed on ground because of the huge computational power needed. Main bottleneck is the number of FFT \ IFFT needed to focus a SAR image



QFT does not offer a direct quantum speedup compared to FFT. However, a speedup can be achieved by incorporating multiple classical processing steps in a more complex quantum circuit and exploiting the quantum representation of data.

MULTIPLE-VIEW GEOMETRY ON OPTICAL IMAGES

Alignment of multiple images of a given area of interest to analyse the changes that have occurred on the area of interest as time has passed and perform terrain reconstruction. This problem can be tackled with bundle adjustment, which consists in estimating the different changes by minimizing the re-projection error.



(a) Extraction of 10 keypoints on a single image patch. (b) Extraction of 10 keypoints on every image patch. (c) Extraction of 20 key; 4×4 grid.



Full quantum solution \rightarrow QUBO

Hybrid approach \rightarrow QML

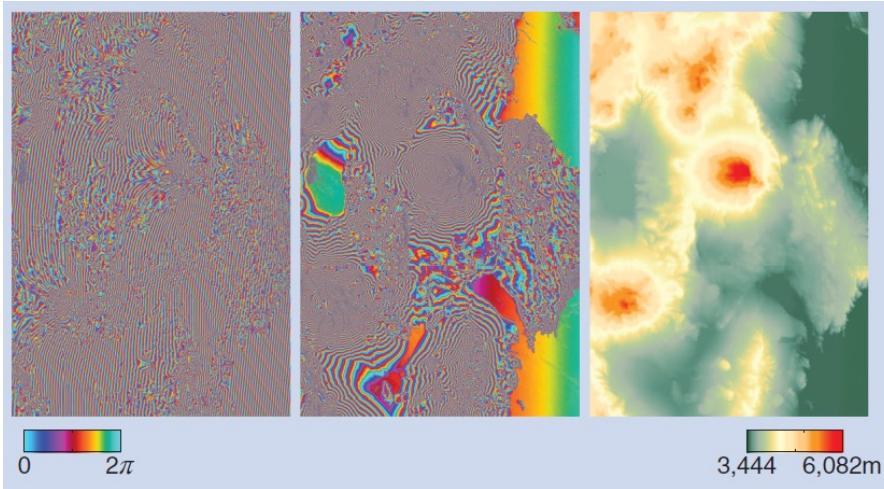
Piatkowski, Nico, et al. "Towards Bundle Adjustment for Satellite Imaging via Quantum Machine Learning." *2022 25th International Conference on Information Fusion (FUSION)*. IEEE, 2022.

THE PHASE UNWRAPPING PROBLEM

recovering unambiguous phase values from a two-dimensional array of phase values known only modulo 2π rad

$$\phi_i = \varphi_i + 2\pi k_i$$

$$E = \sum_{(s,t) \in A} W_{st} (k_t - k_s - a_{st})^2 + \sum_{s \in A} \omega_s (k_s - a_s)^2$$



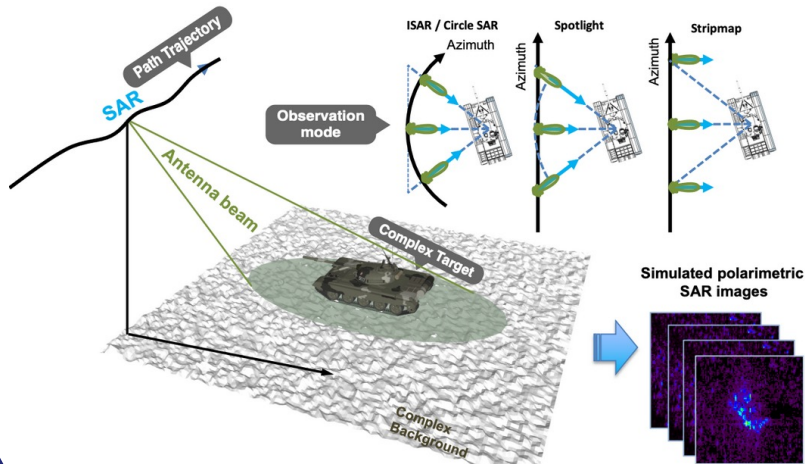
find the best array of k (one k value for each pixel in the InSAR image) that minimizes the energy cost function E

Full quantum solution → QUBO

QUANTUM COMPUTING FOR EM SIMULATION (1/2)

Simulate the EM response of a complex-shaped target for SAR

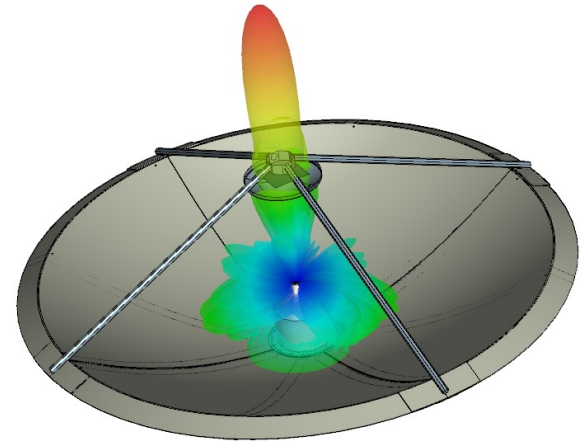
- Improving target detection
- Improving system calibration with non-conventional target



Chiang, Cheng-Yen, et al. "SAR Image Simulation of Complex Target including Multiple Scattering." *Remote Sensing* 13.23 (2021): 4854.

Antenna design optimization

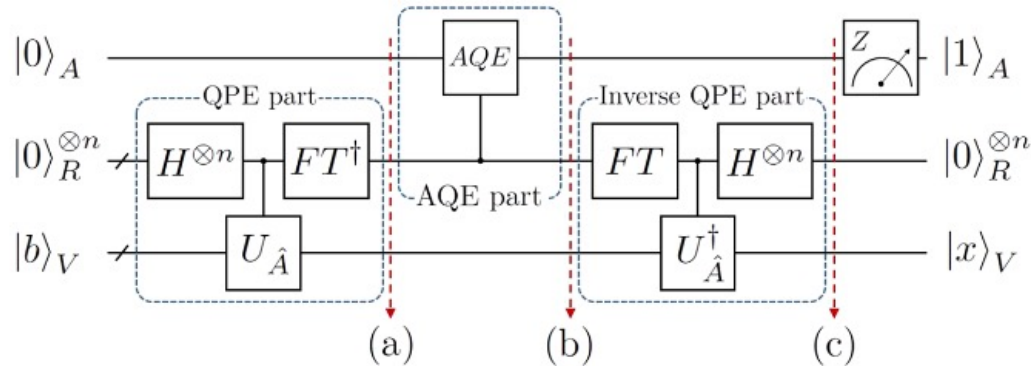
- Improving overall performances of SAR systems
- Improving beamforming



QUANTUM COMPUTING FOR EM SIMULATION (2/2)

/// Cast the problem into the solution of a linear system of equations:

- / Help in solving PDEs based on **FEM techniques**
- / Based on **HHL algorithm**
- / It has been proven that calculation of EM scattering cross section of an arbitrary target is exponentially faster than the best classical algorithm





PART 6: CONCLUSIONS

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CONCLUSION

Is Space ready for the Quantum Leap?

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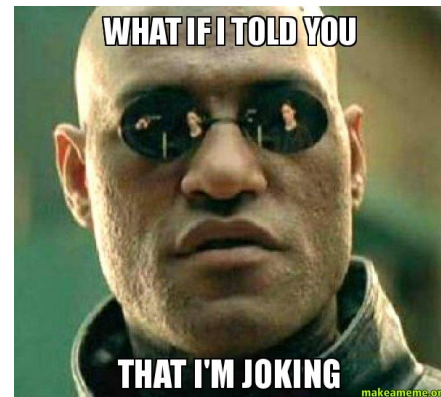
Is Space ready for the Quantum Leap?

NO

CONCLUSION

Is Space ready for the Quantum Leap?

NOT
ENTIRELY ~~NO~~



...but we are working for turning this answer into “yes” within next few years

Is Space ready for the Quantum Leap?

- /// **Quantum tech** is a huge word encompassing a large area of applications and not all of these share the same maturity
- /// Quantum **communication** is ready for the market with several industrial applications, while quantum **sensing** is approaching this status with high value demonstrations
- /// Quantum **computing** is still in its infancy, in particular when applied to space systems. However, interesting applications are emerging also in space area and these could be potential breakthrough
- /// There is a growing global **trend** of investing resources in quantum applications for space. Europe and our company are strongly involved in this trend
- /// Space companies are looking to make their systems as independent as possible and to move computation in orbit. **Hybrid model** that combines classical HPC tasks with quantum properties could be the winning solution

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