

DESIS Mission: Past, Current and Future Operations

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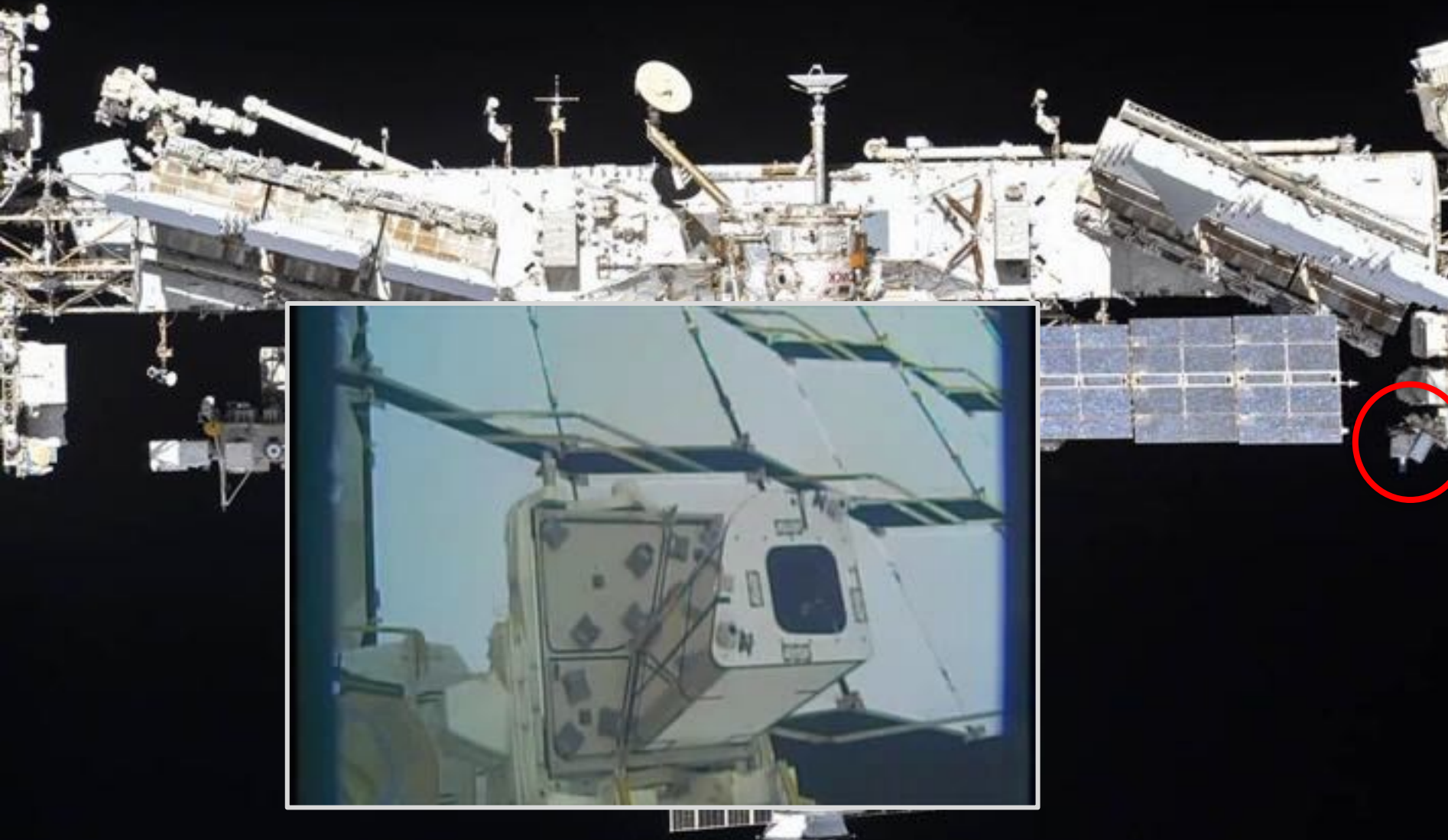
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DESIS – Introduction / Platform



Teledyne Brown Engineering (USA) and **DLR** have partnered to build and operate the DLR Earth Sensing Imaging Spectrometer (**DESIS**) from the Teledyne-owned Multi-User System for Earth Sensing (**MUSES**) Platform on the ISS

DESIS, the hyperspectral sensor has been developed by DLR, which is currently the first payload of MUSES.

DLR also established the Ground Segment and licensed the SW processors to Teledyne running in an Amazon Cloud

DEGIS – Introduction / Timeline



2014 / 2015

MUSES / DESIS
Start Mission



7. June 2017

MUSES installation
on ISS



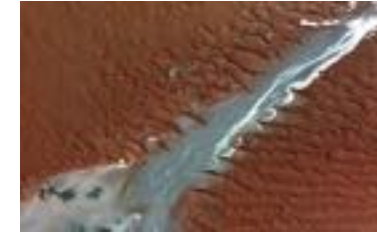
29. June 2018

DEGIS launch from
Cape Canaveral to ISS
via SpaceX Dragon



27.-28.08 2018

Installation of DESIS
in MUSES. Start
Commissioning Phase



23. October 2019

@ IAC Washington
Start operational
Phase (official
announcement)



29.09.–01.10.2021

1st DESIS User
Workshop (online)

Design, Implementation, Test

Commissioning

Operations

Mission Instrument	ISS/MUSES DESIS
Off-nadir tilting (across-track, along-track)	-45° (backboard) to +5° (starboard), -40° to +40° (by MUSES and DESIS)
Spectral range	400 nm to 1000 nm
Spectral (res., acc.)	2.55 nm, (*)
Radiometry (res., acc.)	13 bits, (*)
Spatial (res., swath)	30 m, 30 km (@ 400 km)

Mission Instrument	ISS/MUSES DESIS
Target lifetime	2018-2023
Satellite (mass, dimension, usage)	455 t, 109.0×97.9×27.5 m ³ (multi-purpose)
Orbit (type, local time at equator, inclination, height, repeat cycle)	not Sun-synchronous, various, 51.6°, 320 km to 430 km, no repeat cycle
Coverage	55° N to 52° S
Revisit frequency	3 to 5 days (average)



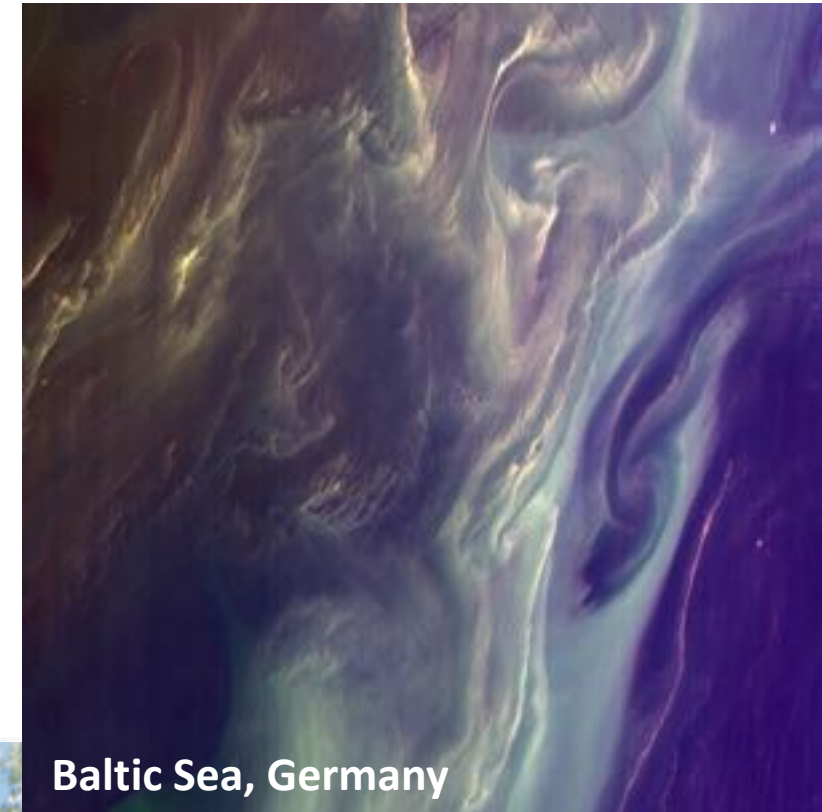
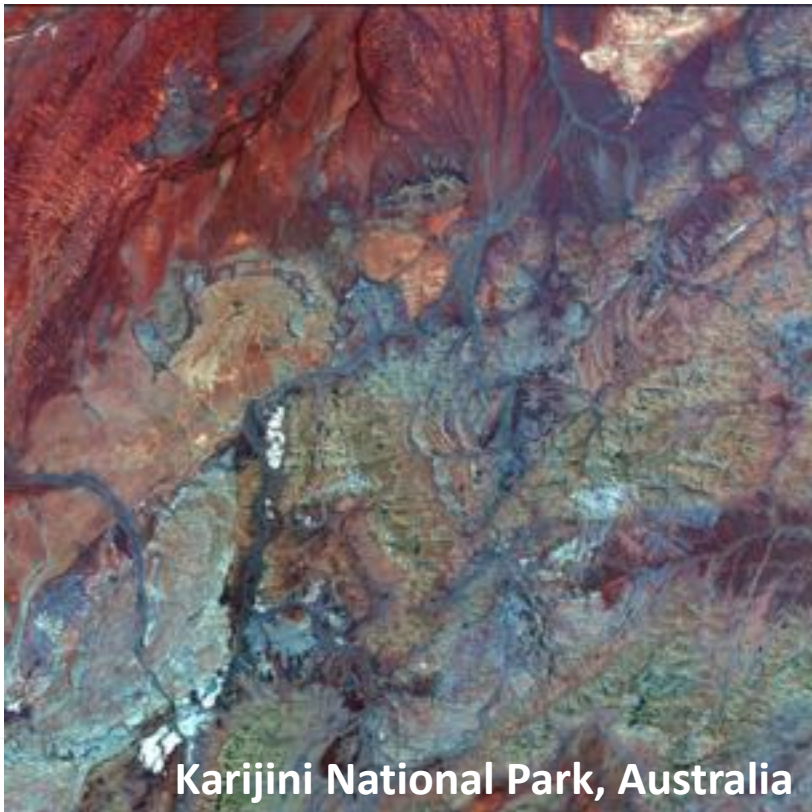
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DEGIS – Acquisition Capacity

Status September 2022:

- ~ 167.000 scenes processed (archive)
- < 100% of the land surface of the Earth
- ~ 82 TB data in the archive
- ~ 12.300 scenes for Europe
- Note: DEGIS is not a mapping mission
- Priority to multitemporal acquisitions
- DEGIS supports e.g. preparatory activities of CHIME (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 ...)



 CHIME Sites

Number of scenes



DESIS – Data products



Archive

L1A Raw Data
(prepared for selection & ordering & processing)

Analysis Ready Data

L1B Top-Of-Atmosphere (TOA) Radiance

L1C Geocoded & Orthorectified

L2A Bottom-of-Atmosphere (BOA) Reflectance

Land Mask

Water Mask

Cloud Mask

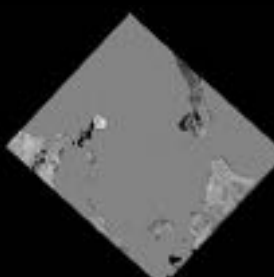
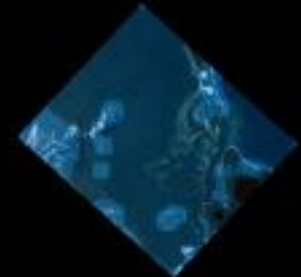
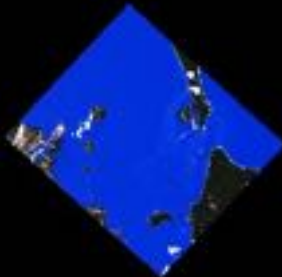
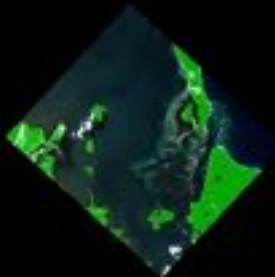
Cloud Shadow
over land

Haze over
land

Haze over
water

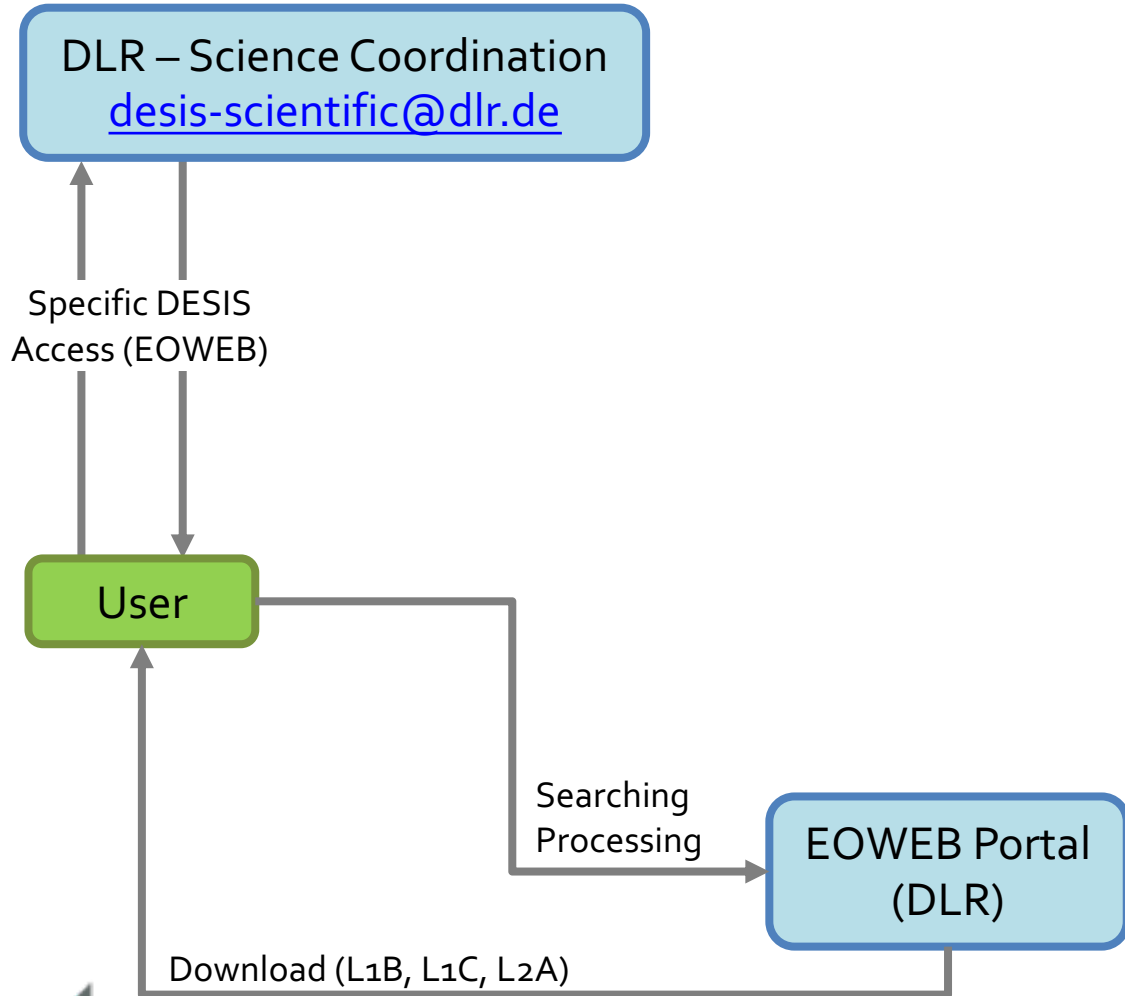
AOT Map

WV Map

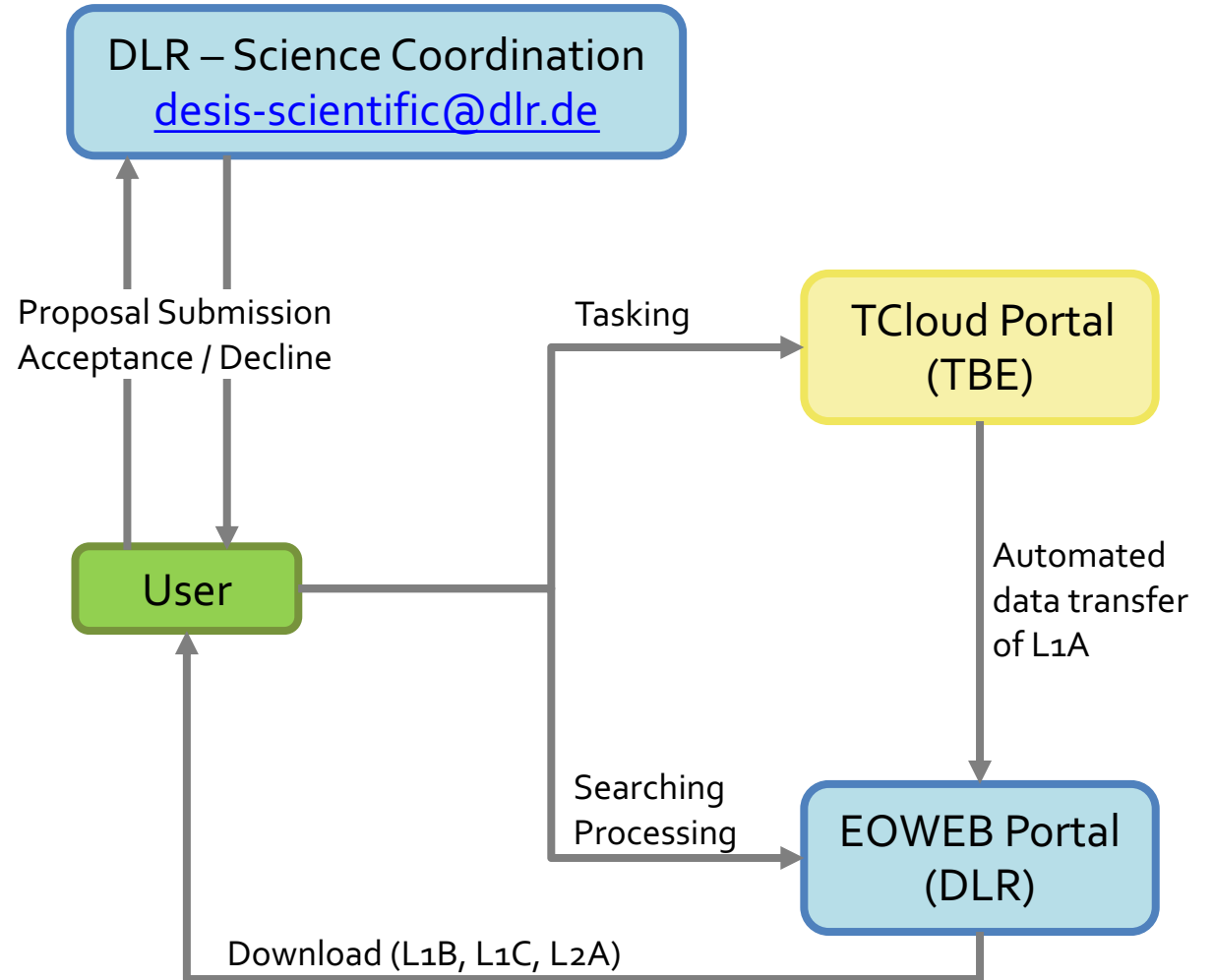


DEGIS – Data policy and access

(1) Order archived data



(2) Tasking new DESIS data



DEGIS – Web Information

- Website <https://www.dlr.de/eoc/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-13614/>
- Web-Information about Calibration and Processor [changes](#):
 - Updates of the calibration data and
 - Improvements and changes of the DESIS data processors

Date	Software	Remarks
14-Jan-2022	V02.14	<p>L1A / L1C Processor Component – Leap Seconds Fix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This fix handles the UTC to GPS time as well as GPS to UTC time calculations
1-Jun-2021	V02.13	<p>L2A Processor Component – Bug Fix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bug fix in the algorithm improves the scene AOT (visibility) estimation using dark pixels (Red/NIR wavelengths) affecting mainly water-land scenes (very seldom cases).
11-May-2021	V02.12	<p>Calibration Updated to version V02.06. This SW release contains the following changes (please note that release V02.11 has been never installed at TBE and therefore the changes below are with respect to V02.10)</p> <p>L1B Processor Component</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated of the algorithm to apply the striping correction table to separate the case low temperature gradient from high temperature gradient <p>L2A Processor Component</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in the AOT retrieval over water with a smoother transition between land and water • Change BOA reflectance from unsigned to signed integer to allow negative reflectance • Set haze sigma threshold and moved haze detection band to around 420 nm avoiding around 430 nm wavelengths. • Avoid DEM information in the atmospheric correction on cloud pixels • Avoid over correction over water inside the water vapor absorption bands • Fixed return value for high zenith angle scenes • Correct AOT map scaling factor • Adapt scale path radiance for scenes without DDV pixels • Changed DEM creation routines for large stdout messages • Solved wrong error code for high zenith angles • Improved system calls to avoid problems when stdout is too large • Increase clouds threshold from 20% to 30% due to the changes in the calibration tables. <p>Calibration Tables</p>



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Tuesday, 28.09.2021

Introduction + Keynotes

- **Introductory session: Welcome, Workshop objectives, Agenda, DESIS Best Image Award**
Rupert Müller, DLR
- **Greeting and Welcome to the workshop (Video 23.1 MB)**
Anke Kayser-Pyzalla, DLR
- **Introduction to the history and current activities of the mission from the scientific perspective**
Uwe Knodt, DLR
- **DEGIS - from adventure to business**
Hansjörg Dittus, DLR
- **Commercial perspective and use of DESIS data**
Jack Ickes, TBE
- **DEGIS Best Image Award**
Uta Heiden, DLR

DEGIS Mission

- **The design of the DESIS Instrument**
David Krutz, DLR
- **L1B and L1C processing and DESIS calibration**
Kevin Alonso, DLR
- **The DESIS L2A processor and validation of L2A products using AERONET and RadCalNet data (Abstract)**
Raquel de los Reyes, DLR
- **The spectral and radiometric quality of the DESIS data products, and the influences on higher level processing**
Martin Bachmann, DLR
- **TCloud Use for DESIS Data and Best Practices**
Heath Lester, TBE
- **Proposal process and EOWEB functionalities**
Uta Heiden, DLR

Spectral Unmixing / Target Detection

- **An automated operational processor for the determination of fractional vegetation cover from DESIS observations**
David Marshall, DLR



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- DEGIS Product Reader
 - EnMAP-Box
 - Open-source Python plug-in for QGIS
- Preparing DEGIS for CEOS Analysis Ready Data for Land – CARD₄L

EnMAP-Box



QGIS



DESI – Public Documentation for Scientific and Commercial Users



Thank you for your attention!

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Bachmann et al.: Ready Data (ARD) for DESIS and EnMAP – Ensuring the Data Quality within the Ground Segments

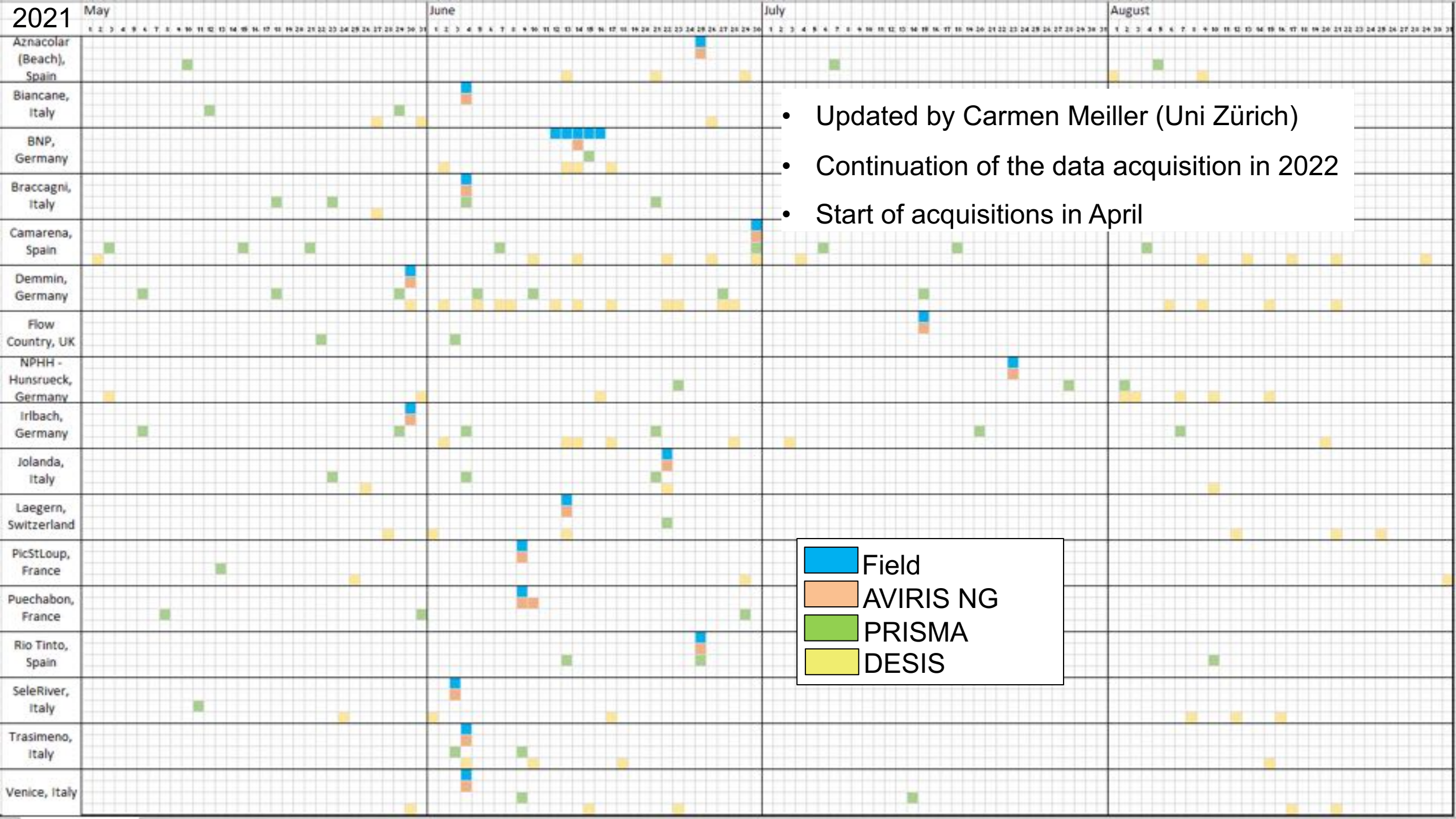
Carmona et al.: DESIS Calibration: Status and Results after 4 Years of Operation

de los Reyes et al.: DESIS / EnMAP L2A processor



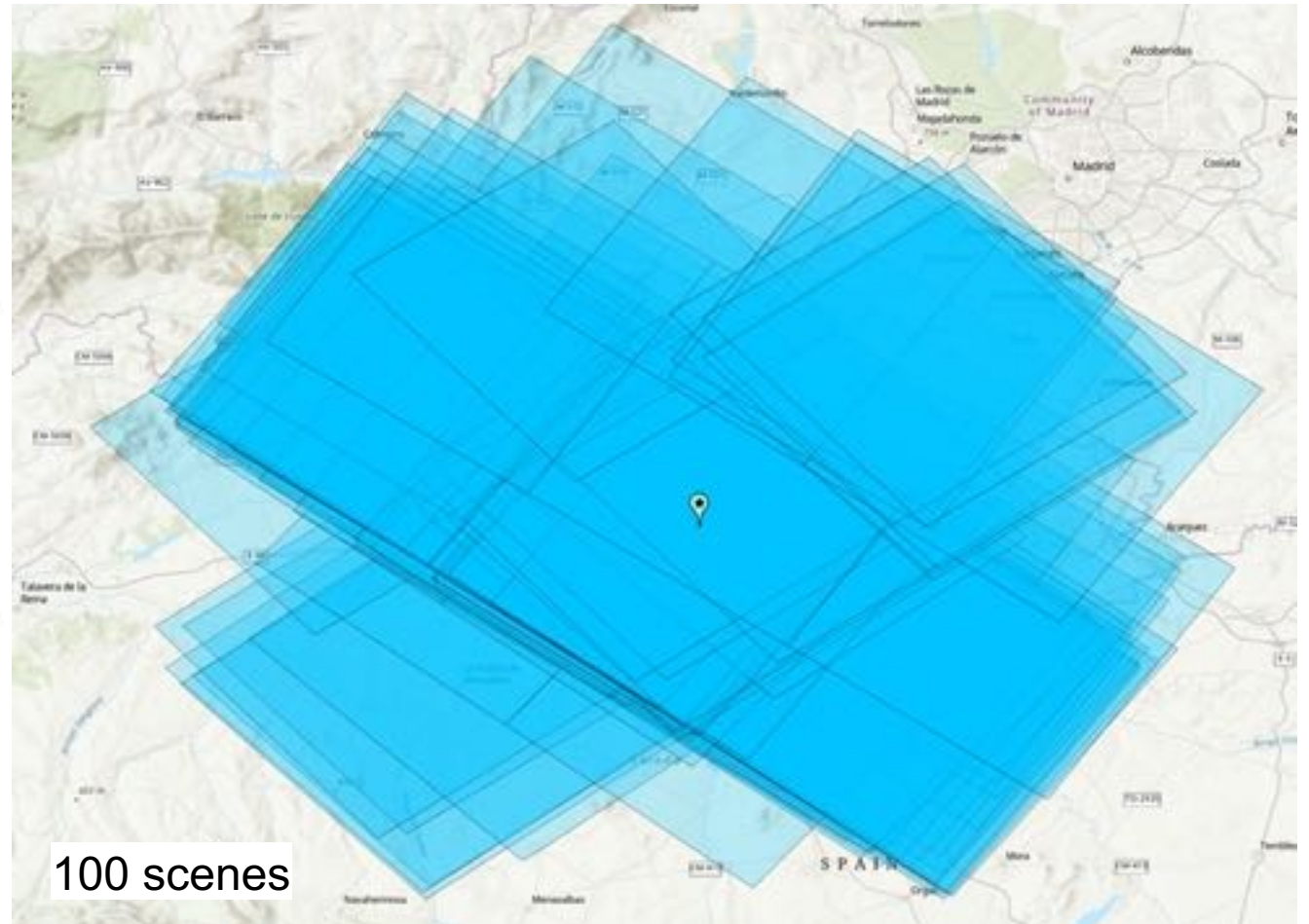
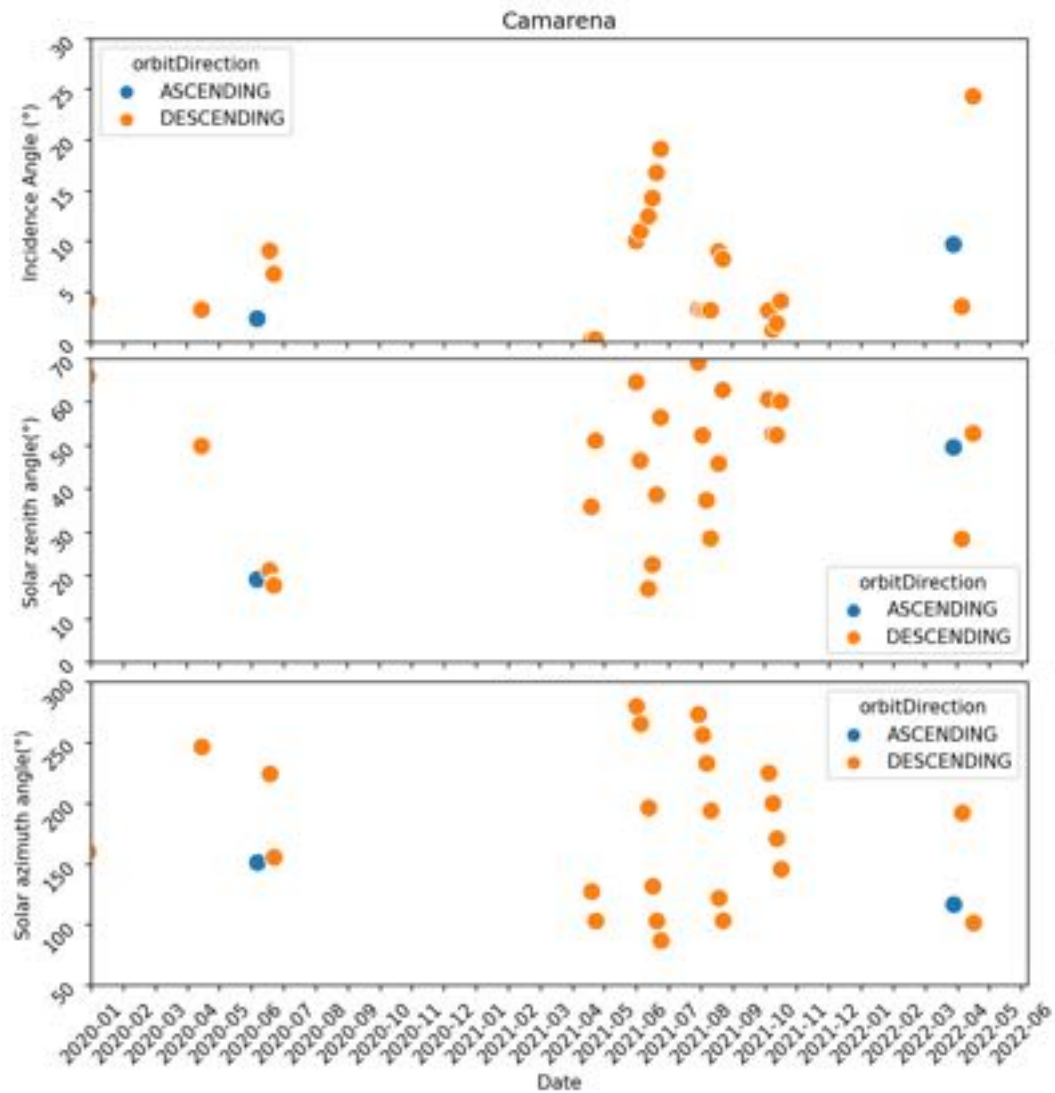
Roma





- Updated by Carmen Meiller (Uni Zürich)
- Continuation of the data acquisition in 2022
- Start of acquisitions in April

DEGIS acquisition variabilities - Agricultural sites: Camarena, Spain



DEGIS acquisition variabilities – Aquatic sites: Lake Trasimeno, Italy

