Norwegian Space Activities

Agency report

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A growing political focus



Meld. St. 32 (2012–2013) Report to the Storting (White Paper)

Between heaven and earth: Norwegian space policy for business and public benefit







Norway and Copernicus

- > KSAT will operate the northern core ground segment for A versions of Sentinel 1, 2 and 3
- > Norway makes significant investment in a national ground segment
 - which will be a key supporter of remote sensing services in SIOS



- Ensuring faster data downlink and national tailored processing of Sentinel data
- > In 2014: Demonstrate pilot services on
 - oil spill detection
 - ship detection
 - deliver basic data for landslide mapping

SIOS - Svalbard Integrated Arctic Earth Observing System Integrating space into Svalbard research



Calibration and validation of satellite instruments and -products are identified as an important area the remote sensing service shall address

SIOS

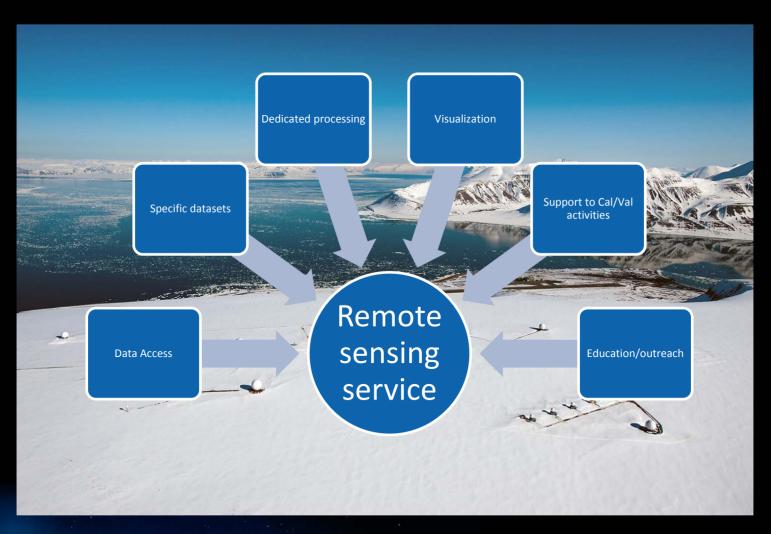
- > Research infrastructure on Svalbard offers a unique possibility for performing ground-based validation of satellite data for multidisciplinary research
- > Tasks in the Preparatory Phase:
 - Inventory of available/relevant satellite instruments and observations
 - Validation needs in the Arctic
 - Long-term validation and cooperation agreements with satellite owners
 - Integration of SIOS in international remote sensing long-term strategies
 - UAV, rocket- and balloon-based observations







The Remote Sensing Services







Objectives

Ensure that field work and other surface scientific investigations can be covered with the relevant information provided from space;

Provide satellite owners the best possible high arctic surface measurements for calibration and validation;

Promote the integration of satellite data from different space platforms.



Implementation of service

- > 3 years (2015 2017)
- > Main actors and potential data providers
- > Detailed needs and cost estimation





NIVAs Ferrybox network

Validation of future satellite missions for Ocean Colour, atmospheric quantities and skin-temperature.

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Map of Ferrybox systems in Europe in MyOcean

- Core sensor available on most ships relevant for validation
 - Temperature and salinity
 - Chl-a fluorescence (proxy for Chl-a)
 - Turbidity (proxy for TSM)
- Some ships have water sampler for collection of validation samples
 - Chl-a, apig/bpa
 - CDOM, TSM
- > A few ship has reflectance
- Can be used for SST validation, but instrumentation needed.
- > NIVA has the QA on all the European Ferrrybox systems (MyOcean)





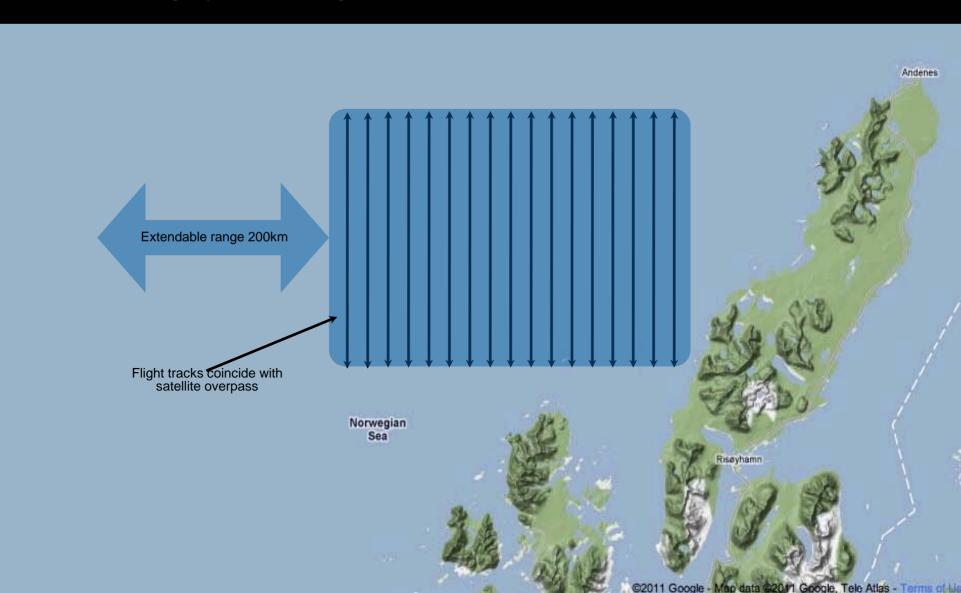


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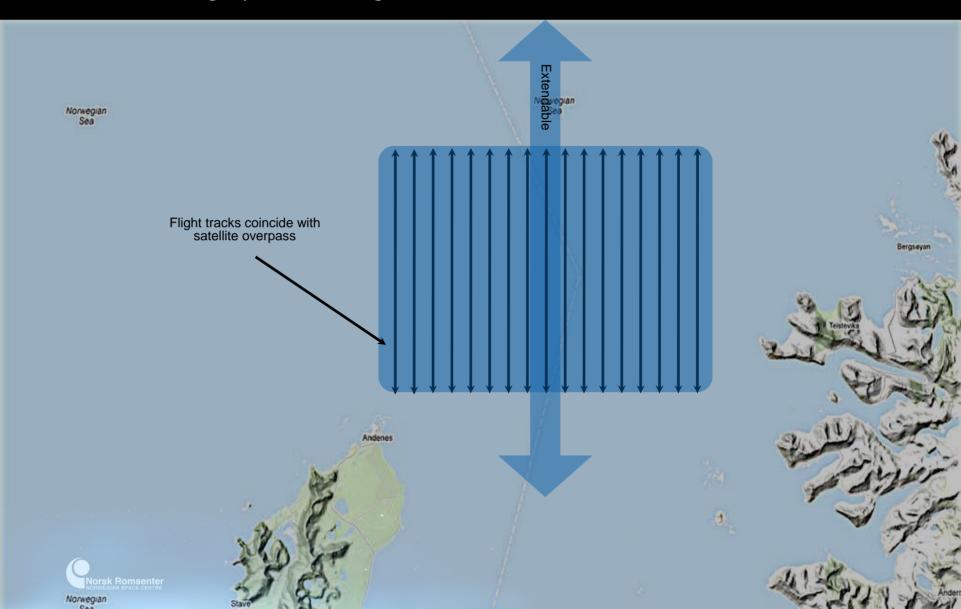
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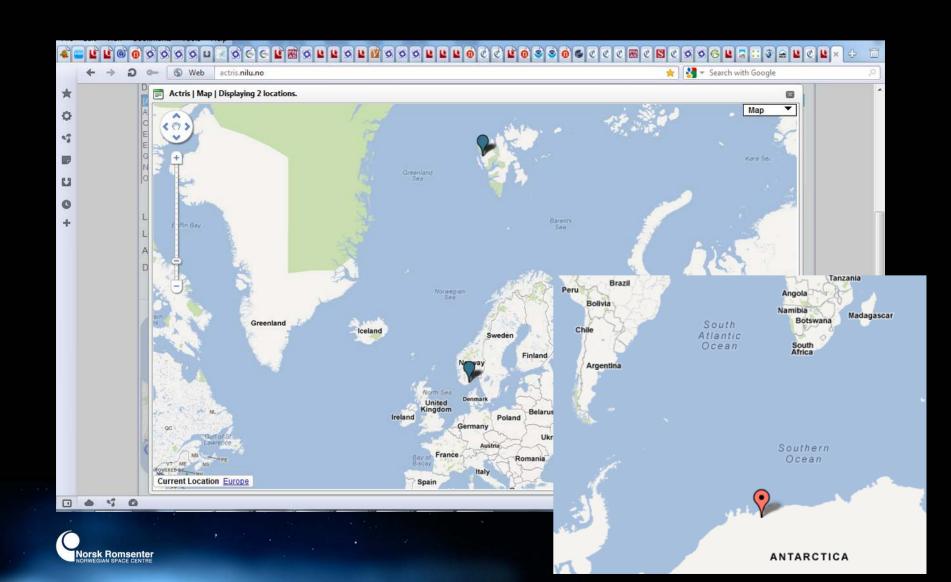
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Status/update from NILU (Norwegian Institute for Air Research)



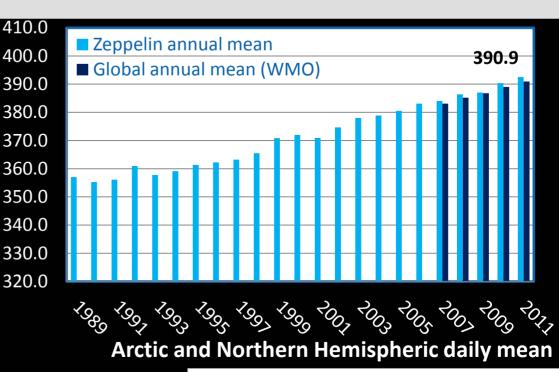


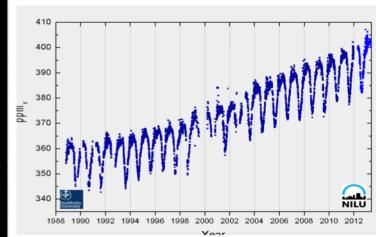
Recent observations at Zeppelin CO₂ 1988-2011

SU maintains a continuous infrared CO₂ instrument:
 1988-2011

NILU: New CO/CO₂ Picarro instrument since spring 2012 in parallel

> Weekly flask sampling programme lead by NOAA CMDL

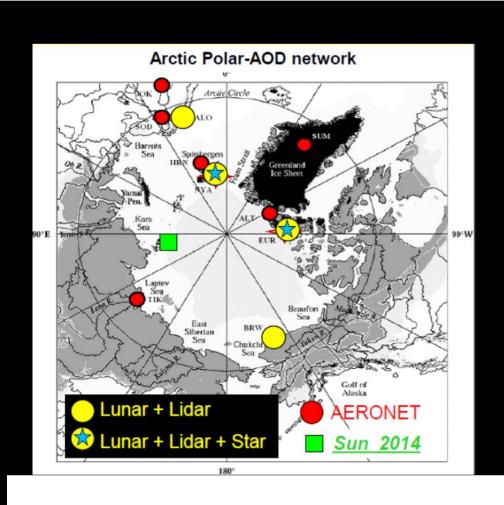




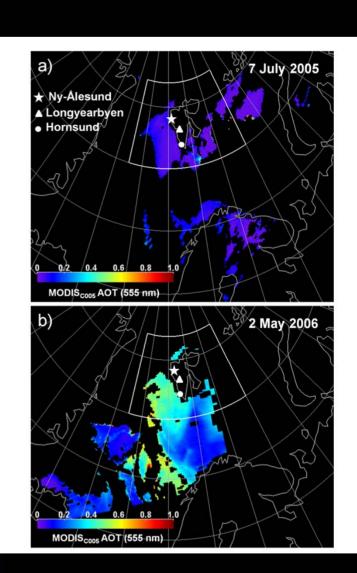




Arctic validation capacities - aerosols



Initiative to implement lunar photometer for nighttime AOD observations (PMOD/WRC, NOAA/CIRES, ISAC-CNR, AWI, NILU, GOA-UVA and others)



CryoVex 2014

- > UiO and NPI
- > Campaign on Austfonna
- > Providing Cal/Val data for Cryosat-2 and ASIRAS
- Maintaining existing network of mass balance stakes and meteorological sensors for future Cal/Val activities

