

JAXA Agency Report

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JAXA Portals and Data Provision to Partner Portals





Catalog linkage



- Uploading by multi path/ways
 - JAXA \rightarrow IDN by DIF
 - JAXA -> FedEO by Opensearch

• Unified into FedEO



After Apr. 2024

Start to assign a DOI to EO dataset



JAXA Data Dissemination System: "G-Portal"





JAXA Ground System for Earth Observation Missions



1. ALOS-4 Overview



PALSAR-3 ALOS-4	Orbit	 Same orbit as ALOS-2 ✓ Sun-synchronous sub-recurrent orbit ✓ Altitude: 628 km ✓ Inclination angle: 97.9 degree ✓ Local sun time at descending: 12:00 ± 15 min. ✓ Revisit time: 14 day (15-3/14 rev/day)
(JFY2022(TBD) –	Lifetime	7 years
	Size	X 10.0 m x Y 20.0 m x Z 6.4 m
	Satellite Mass	~2,990 kg
ALOS-2 (2014 -)	Downlink	1.8/3.6 Gbps (Ka-band)
	Mission Instruments	 PALSAR-3 (Phased Array type L-band Synthetic Aperture Radar-3) SPAISE3 (SPace based AIS Experiment 3)
ALOS(2006 – 2011) PALSAR, AVNIR–2, PRISM	Prime contractor	Mitsubishi Electric Corporation

Intellectual Properties - Availabilities and Constraints

Open and Free

- Mid to Low Resolution Data (including ALOS-2 Scan SAR) and Value Added Products: 5m or lower than 5m resolution
 - Appropriate citation, acknowledgement and/or attribution of the products is necessary.
 - Any users can access to the products without limitation on modification or redistribution to the third party.
 - Constraints may be applied to some products when the third party's IPs are used.
- <u>Documents (i.e. ATBD, format description, etc.)</u>, <u>libraries, tools and sample programs to handle</u> <u>JAXA products</u> are available to the public.

Protected or Licensed

- <u>High Resolution Data</u>: Higher than 5m resolution (For ALOS-2, higher than 10m resolution)
 - Provided for researchers and partner agencies with research/cooperation agreements.
 - For public use, licensees distribute at a market price.
 - Handling further higher resolution data are required to comply with Japanese remote sensing act.
- Some <u>processing software and analysis tools</u> are protected and require license agreements.
- <u>Calibration and validation data</u> are provided for researchers licensed by research agreements.

Science and Applications through Cooperation with International Partners



JAXA-NASA-ESA cooperation in response to COVID-19



- Trilateral collaboration to analyze the changes in the global environment and socio-economic activities before and after the COVID-19 global pandemic using Earth observation satellite data from the three agencies
- Collaboration activities based on the Working Groups:



- The three agencies launched "Earth Observing Dashboard" on 25 June, 2020. (https://eodashboard.org)
- JAXA also launched "JAXA for Earth on COVID-19", a special web page introducing analysis results of JAXA's Earth observation data on COVID-19, on 25 June, 2020.



Earth Observing Dashboard https://eodashboard.org



JAXA for Earth on COVDI-19 https://earth.jaxa.jp/covid19/

Cooperation for Development of Global Biomass Map





Cooperation with Google Earth Engine





✓ Bangladesh ALOS-2 ScanSAR ARD is now available on GEE.
 ✓ From April 2022, more ALOS-2 ARD will be installed on GEE.



 \checkmark Rice crop estimation for Indonesia processed with INAHOR.

Japanese national satellite data platform "Tellus"

- "Tellus" is a development and maintenance of data platform aimed for enhancement of satellite data utilization for business purposes launched by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI).
- Followings are available for **free of charge in principle**:
 - Space-based data
 - ✓ AI and software to analyze images
- **Computing Resources** are available on **the Cloud** together with **user-friendly environment** for development and applications. Analysis Ready Data
 - \checkmark The prototype version was released to the public on Feb. 21st, 2022.
 - Number of registered users: 10,927 (As of Aug. 23rd)



Earth Observation Contributing to Humanities and Social Sciences



- Earth observation satellite data can be applied not only for gaining the scientific knowledge, but also for the humanities and social science study.
- JAXA is promoting utilization of satellite data in economics and social science research in universities.
- A) Dr. MANAGI Shunsuke, Distinguished Professor

Urban Institute Departments of Urban and Environmental Engineering, School of Engineering, Kyushu University

"Socio-economic analysis using Satellite Data: Measuring intangible assets"

Economic value assessment related to COVID-19 and the short-term reduction in CO2 emissions utilizing

GOSAT data

Global Benefits of CO2.

Higher value (red areas) indicate higher estimated benefits associated with CO2 reduction. Low values (blue areas) indicate low estimated benefits associated with CO2. According to the calculations, the benefits of cities in Europe and China are higher than that in other regions.



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B) Dr. KURATA Masamitsu, Associate Professor
 Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics, Sophia University

<u>"COVID-19 pandemic impact on Boro harvest in Bangladesh"</u> Verification of the impact on ① crop production and ② harvest time during the dry season rice crop (Boro) in Bangladesh due to the spread of COVID-19 and associated lockdown

C) Dr. TOJO Bumpei, World Language and Society Education Centre, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (At the time of writing: School of Tropical Medicine and Global Health, Nagasaki University)

<u>"Public health assessment of Earth observation satellite data related to COVID-19 –</u> <u>Time series comparing nighttime lights (VIIRS) and solar radiation (SGLI) with changes in</u> <u>the number of newly infected people in Japan –</u>"

Analysis of relationship between COVID–19 spread and social activity level with night lights detected byVIIRS (Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suits) and weather conditions (solar radiation)

Challenges and Thoughts



- JAXA is gradually addressing to open-source science and has started with modification or improvement of data dissemination system. JAXA has also started cooperation with various partners including service providers to promote open science.
- Conditions of intellectual properties, particularly software and tools, vary each satellite mission and many software and tools are not intended to open to the public. Cost of processing of huge volume satellite data, i.e. ALOS-2, is also a challenge to have them available with open and free condition.
- Partnership is indispensable for enhancement of further scientific researches and downstream applications for next generation.
 - JAXA's IT resources and capabilities are limited to address to integration of bigdata and AI.
 - In order to have satellite observation install into the society, promoting applications for economics and social sciences is indispensable.
- JAXA is interested in NASA's open-source science initiative as an opportunity to promote scientific researches and applications for next generation.



Thank you for your attention.