

# HQ Updates & Perspective

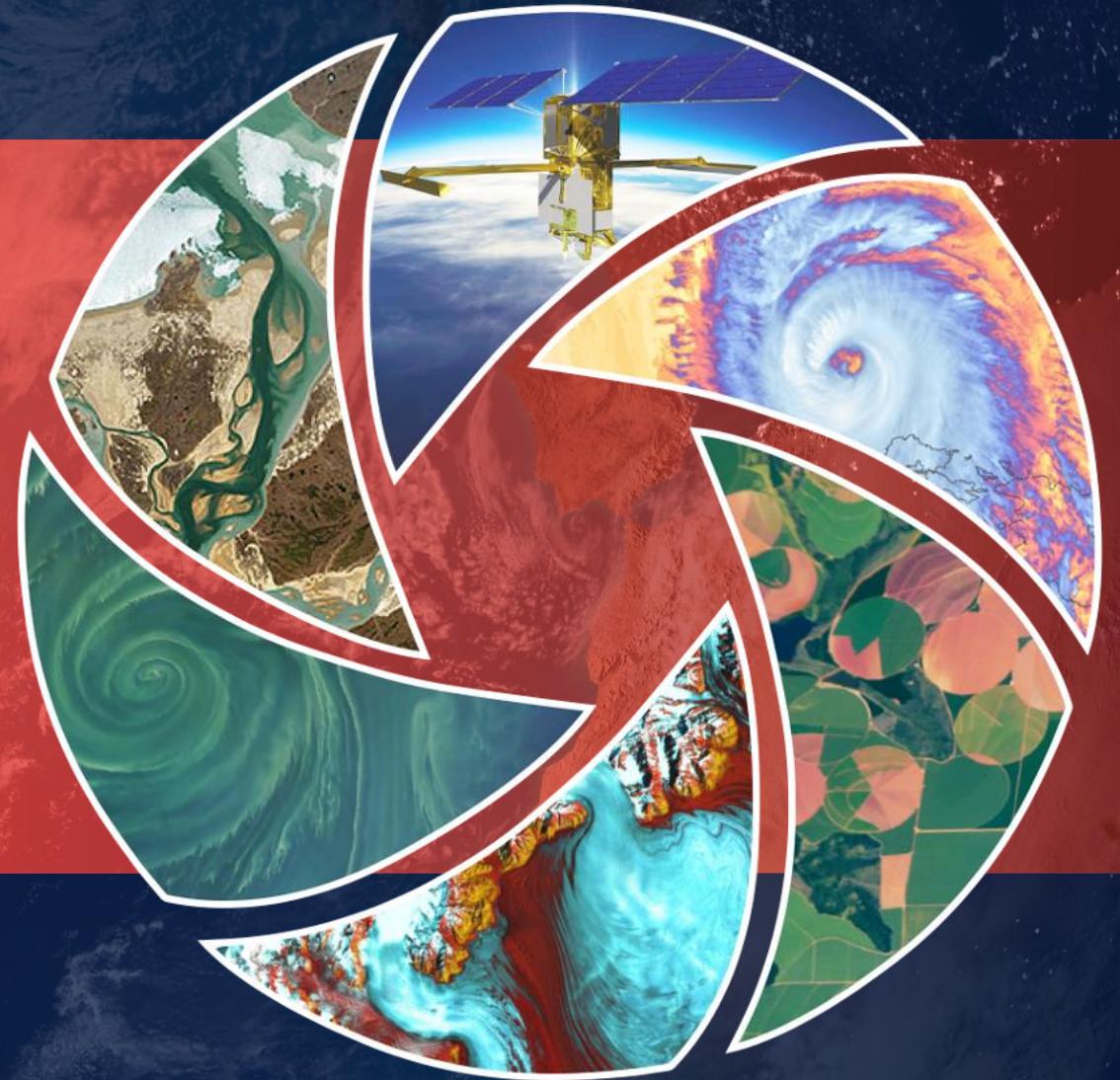
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# Discussion Highlights

- Why You're Here
- Why I'm Here
- Where We're Going
  - The Earth System Observatory
  - Open-Source Science
- How We're Getting There

# Why You're Here

- The LANCE UWG represents and advocates for user communities of practice and potential. Specifically, that means you...
  - Assess the quality and responsiveness of the data offerings to community needs
  - Recommend new data sets
  - Suggest improvements to UX
  - Recommend new capabilities and suggest priority activities
  - And more! (Y'all are awesome!)



# *Why We're Here*



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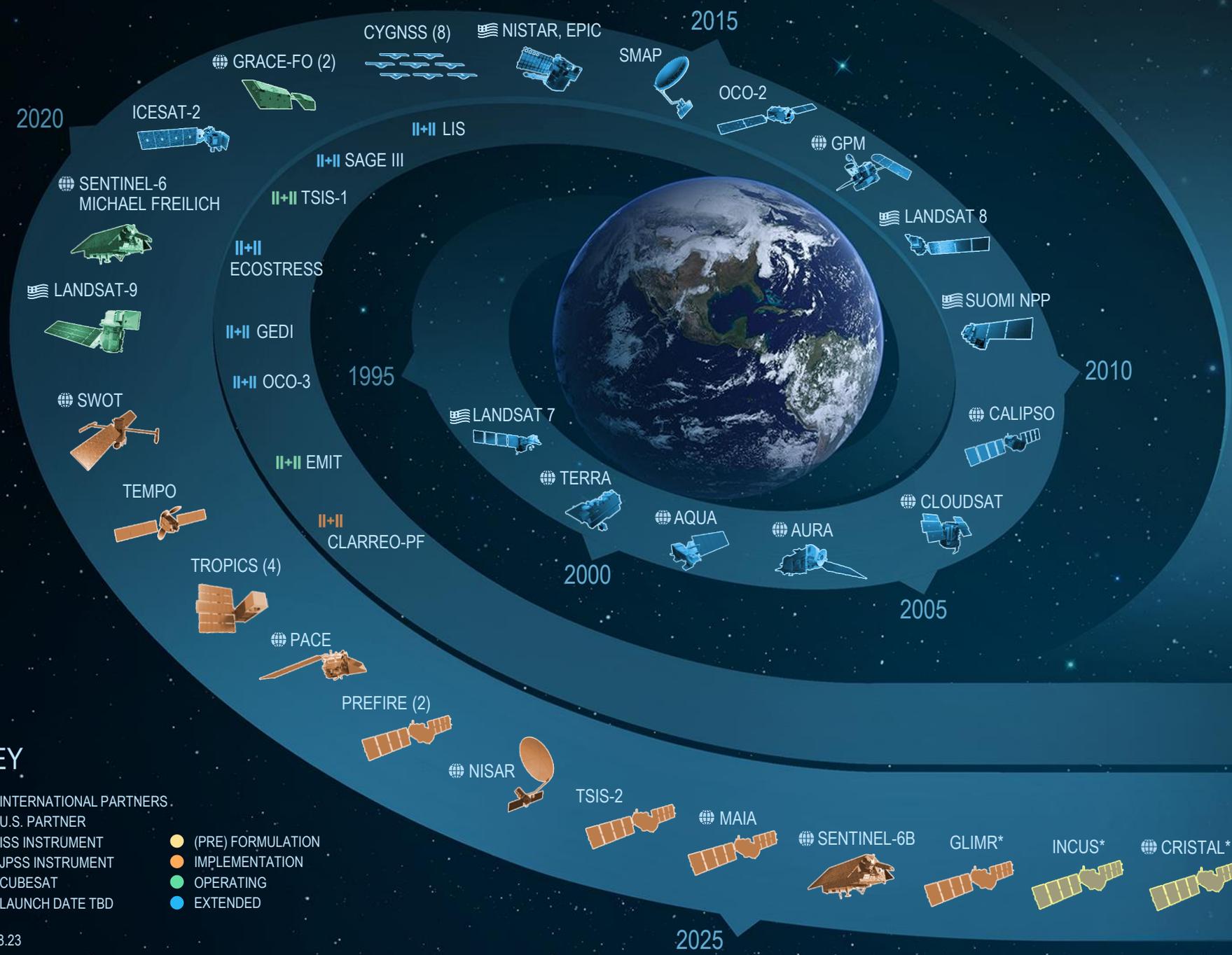
# Where We're Going

As NASA Earth Science Division &  
Earth Science Communities





# EARTH FLEET



## INVEST/CUBESATS

- NACHOS 2022
- CTIM 2022
- NACHOS-2 2022
- MURI-FD 2023
- SNOOPI\* 2024
- HYTI\* 2024
- ARGOS\* 2024

## JPSS INSTRUMENTS

- OMPS-LIMB 2022
- LIBERA 2027
- OMPS-LIMB 2027
- OMPS-LIMB 2032

## ISS INSTRUMENTS

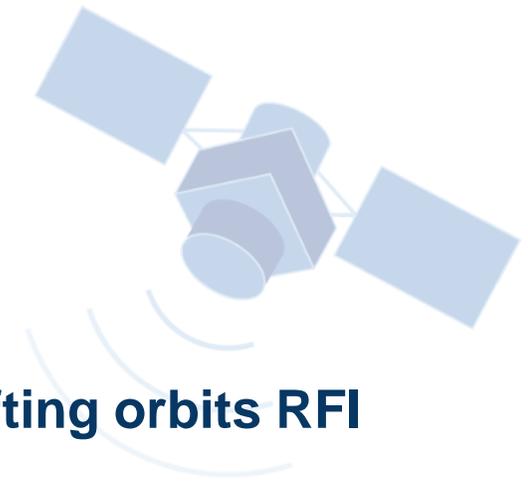
- LANDSAT NEXT\*
- ESO-1, 2, 3, 4\*

## MISSIONS

### KEY

- INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS
- U.S. PARTNER
- ISS INSTRUMENT
- JPSS INSTRUMENT
- CUBESAT
- LAUNCH DATE TBD
- (PRE) FORMULATION
- IMPLEMENTATION
- OPERATING
- EXTENDED

# Terra / Aqua / Aura



- NASA ESD is considering the inputs and feedback received from the **drifting orbits RFI** and corresponding fall 2022 **workshop**.
- A second RFI and workshop (held in May 2023) focused on the **continuity of science products**; particularly on how EOS mission products may align with continuity products deriving from partner missions, such as from JPSS or Sentinel.
- Feedback and information from the second RFI and workshop are currently being dispositioned and will be considered by NASA ESD.

**The Aqua and Terra Missions will cease data collection no later than 2026 (Aqua) and early 2027 (Terra).**

# EARTH SYSTEM OBSERVATORY

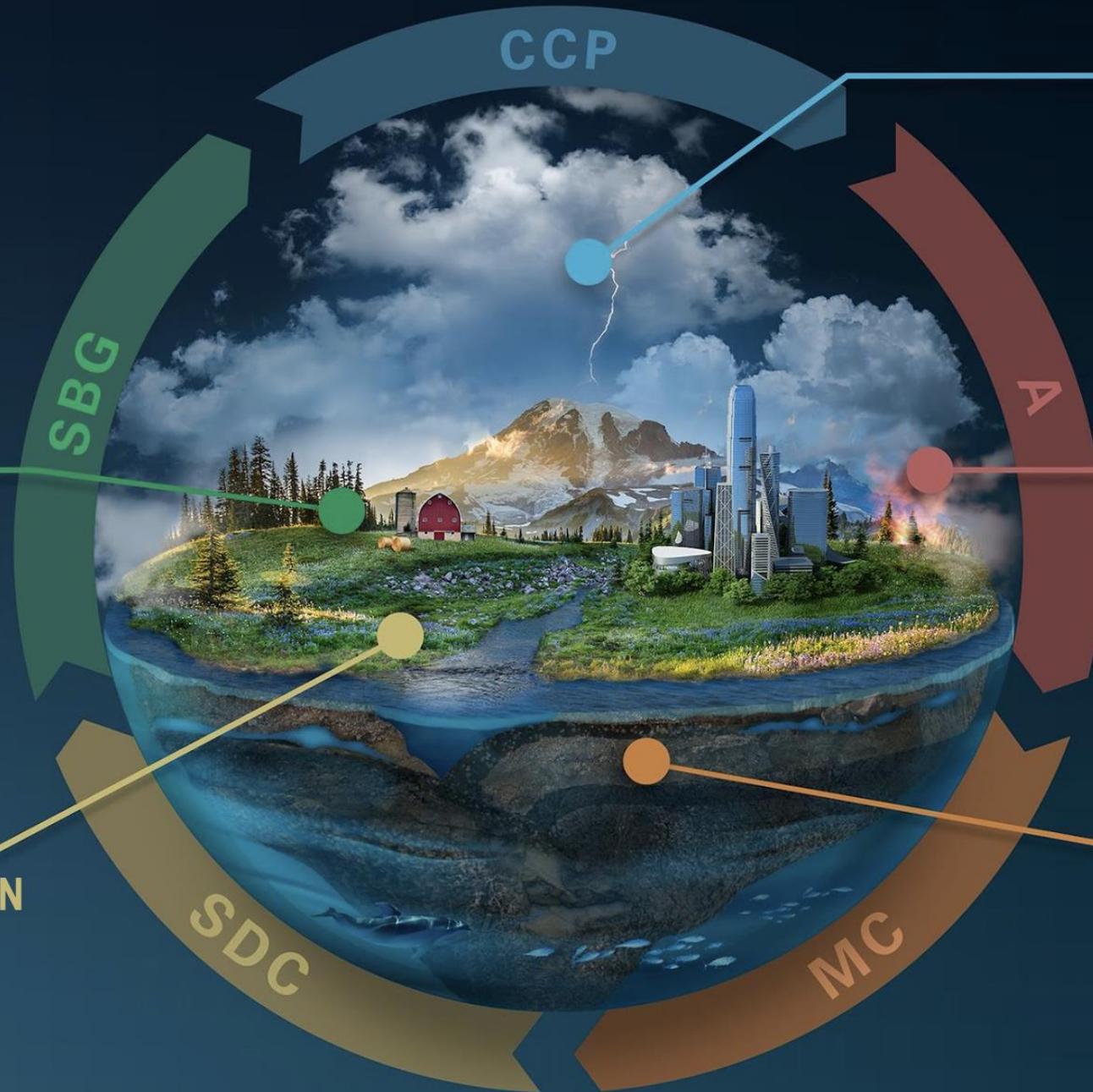
INTERCONNECTED CORE MISSIONS

## SURFACE BIOLOGY AND GEOLOGY

Earth Surface & Ecosystems

## SURFACE DEFORMATION AND CHANGE

Earth Surface Dynamics



CCP

## CLOUDS, CONVECTION AND PRECIPITATION

Water and Energy in the Atmosphere

## AEROSOLS

Particles in the Atmosphere

## MASS CHANGE

Large-scale Mass Redistribution

SBG

A

SDC

MC

# ESO Missions: Current Status

- Passed KDP-A and in Formulation:
  - Atmosphere Observing System (AOS-Storm and AOS-Sky)
  - Surface Biology and Geology (SBG)
  - Mass Change (MC)
- Surface Deformation and Change (SDC) remains in extended study phase, taking advantage of NISAR mission lessons learned.

**AOS**

MCR: May 2022  
KDP-A: Jan 2023

**SBG**

MCR: Jun 2022  
KDP-A: Nov 2022

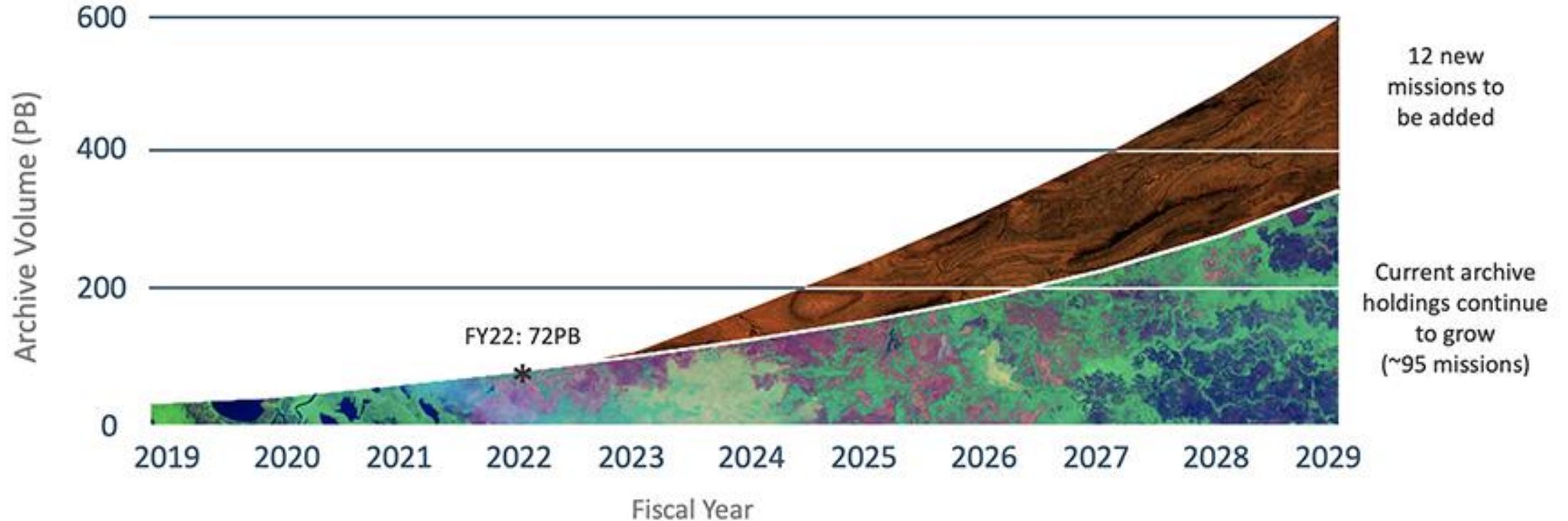
**MC**

MCR: Jun 2022  
KDP-A: March 2023

**SDC**

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# The Future of NASA Earth Science Data



Courtesy: ESDIS

# What is Open Science?

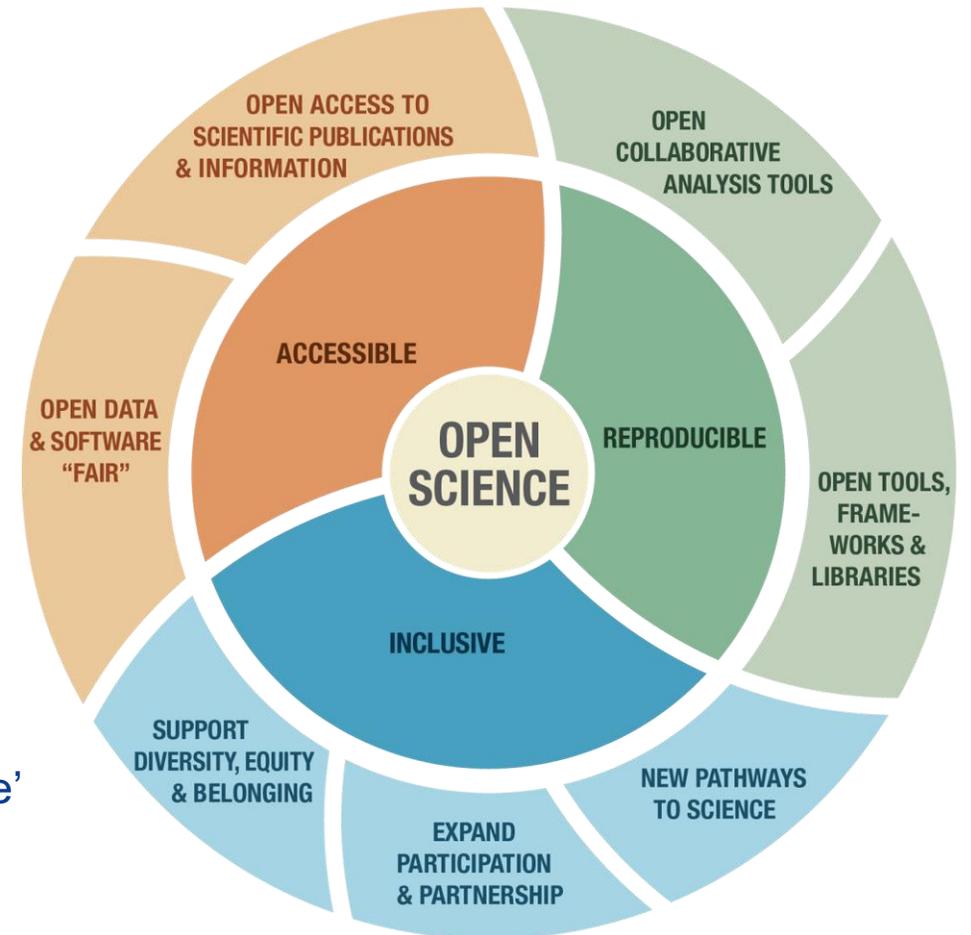
Open Science is the principle and practice of making research products and processes available to all, while respecting diverse cultures, maintaining security and privacy, and fostering collaborations, reproducibility and equity.

## Creates research that is:

- Cited more
- Has a bigger impact
- Increases transparency
- More inclusive

## Inclusive science means more:

- Collaborative projects
- Access to 'hidden knowledge'
- Equitable Systems
- Increased Participation



# The White House announces 2023 A Year of Open Science

CDC † DOA † DOC † DOE † DOS † DOT † NASA † NEH † NIH † NIST † NOAA † NSF † SI † USDA † USGS



A multi-agency (15) initiative across the US Federal Government to spark change and inspire open science engagement through events and activities that will advance adoption of open science.

Website: <https://open.science.gov/>



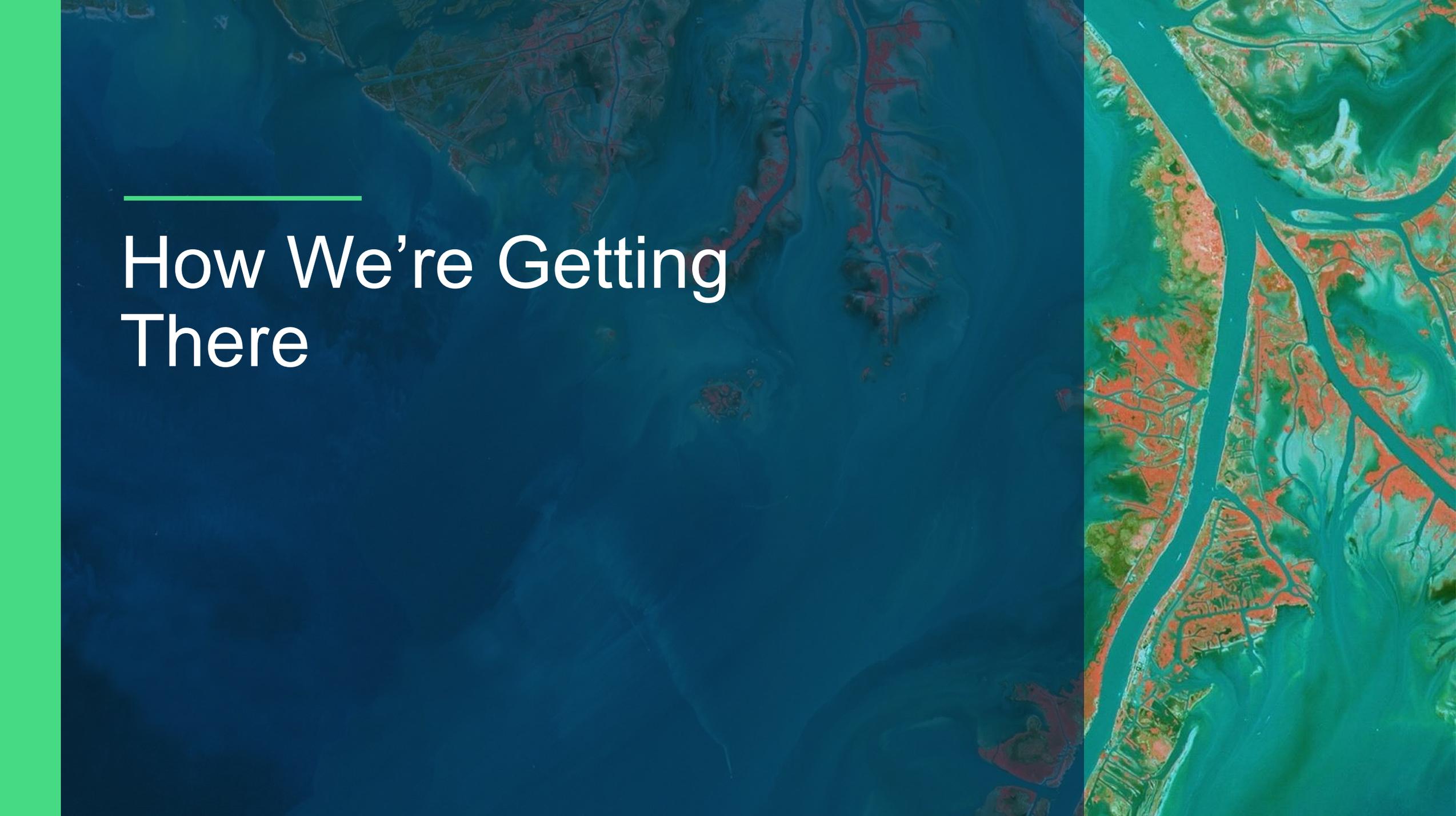
# NASA Earth Science and Open-Source Science

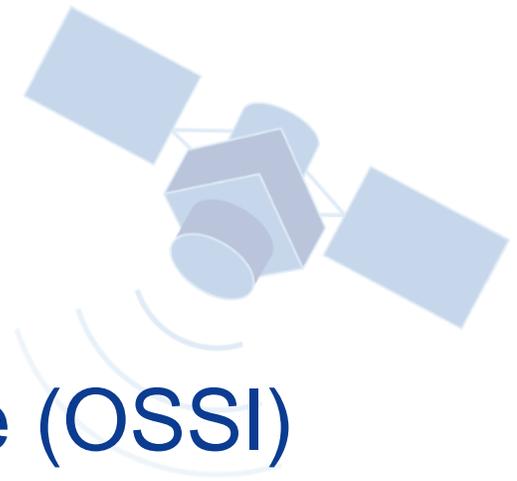
- **Open** the entirety of the scientific process, *from start to finish*
- **Broaden** and **diversify** community involvement in the scientific process
- Increase **accessibility** of data, software, & publications
- Facilitate inclusion, **transparency**, and **reproducibility** of science



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# How We're Getting There





# *ESDS Looking to the Future*

- Engaging with Open-Source Science Initiative (OSSI)
  - Policy, *infrastructure*, *funding*, and *community*
- Cloud Data & Compute
  - Future missions will leverage cloud data & compute
  - Multi-mission, cloud-based, open-source visualization and analytics platform (VEDA)

# ESO Mission Data Processing Study

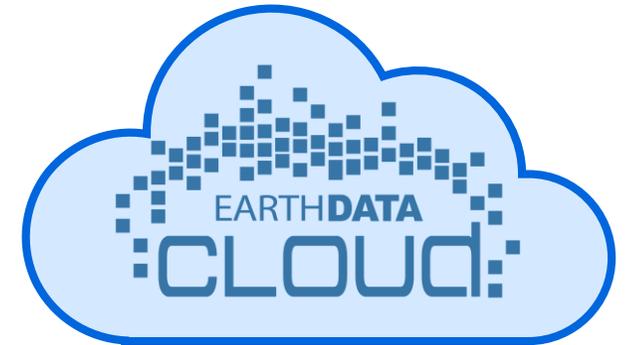


- **Goal:** Identify and assess potential architectures that can meet the ESO mission science processing objectives, enable data system efficiencies, promote open science principles, and seek opportunities that support Earth system science.
- **Led by** a Steering Committee and a System Architecture Working Group
- **Status:** Held 2 workshops. Conducted a trade study yielding architectural recommendations. **Report released in February 2023.**
- **Recommendations:**
  - Use a common service-based processing architecture across ESO missions
  - Deploy a multi-mission organization as the defined architecture with a set of common managed services (e.g., compute infrastructure, data cataloging and analysis services, a generic processing service, etc.)
  - Leverage industry-based protocols and specs



# Cloud Migration of Priority Earth Science Datasets

- Migration **increases the utility** of existing Earth Science datasets, by enabling NASA to **meet users' needs** for in-place computing, viz, and analysis as data volumes grow.
- The **top 75** most-downloaded datasets **migrated to Earthdata Cloud**.
  - Six (of twelve) DAACs were involved in this migration of data from local, on-premise hardware to Earthdata Cloud.
  - Migrated data were verified by the DAACs.
  - This was an imperceptible transition to many users.
- Two DAACs are **100% in the cloud** – GHRC and PO.DAAC.
- As of 3 May 2023, **2560+ collections** and **33+ Petabytes** of data are in Earthdata Cloud (S3 standard + S3 IA).



**Cloud migration continues to be a priority for NASA.  
All DAACs will participate.**

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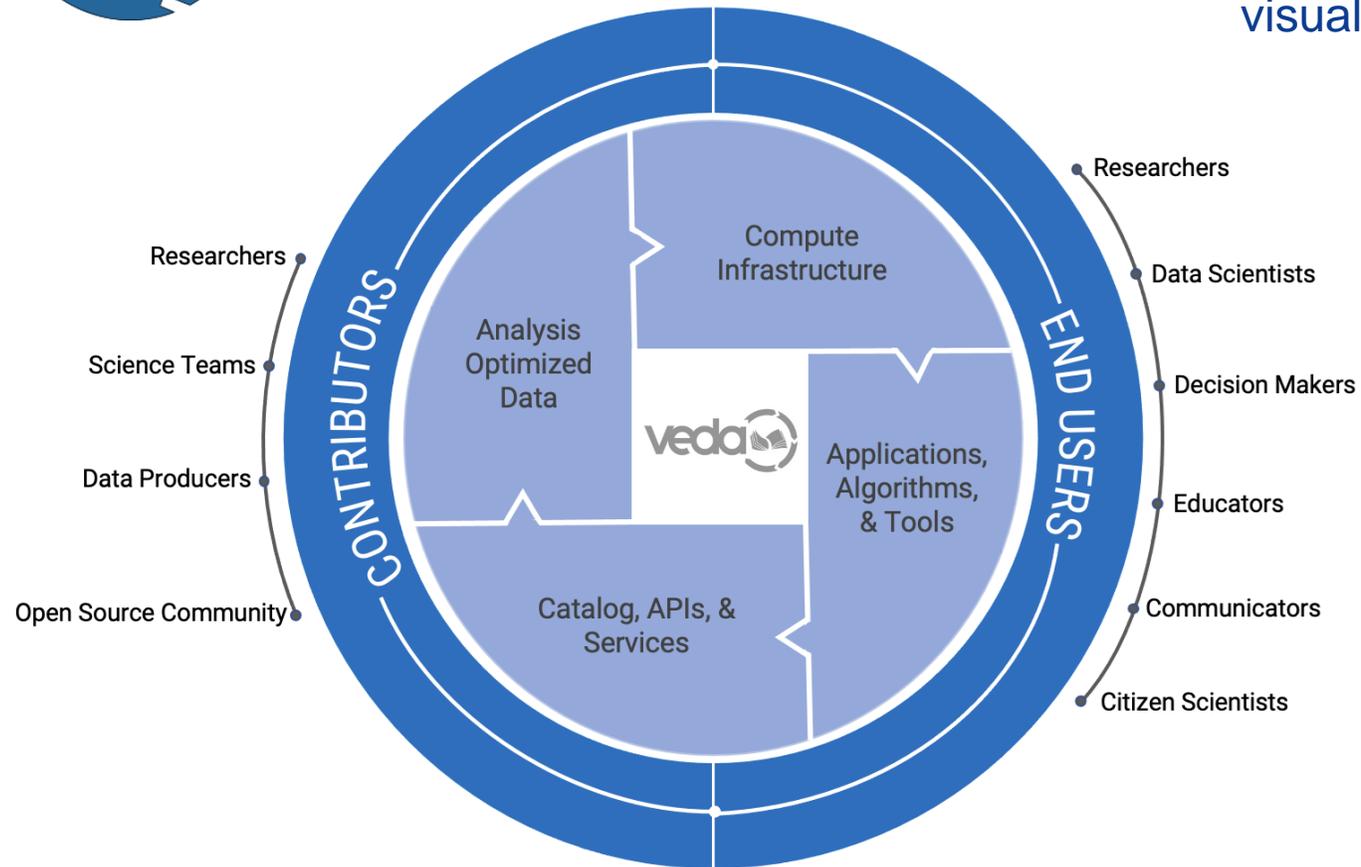
# Visualization, Exploration, & Data Analysis (VEDA)

NASA's Cloud-based, Open-Source, Earth Science, Multi-Mission Analytics Platform





- Open-source, cloud-based, multi-mission cyberinfrastructure
- In-place data discovery, analysis, visualization, and exploration



- Builds upon existing robust NASA technology, promoting interoperability

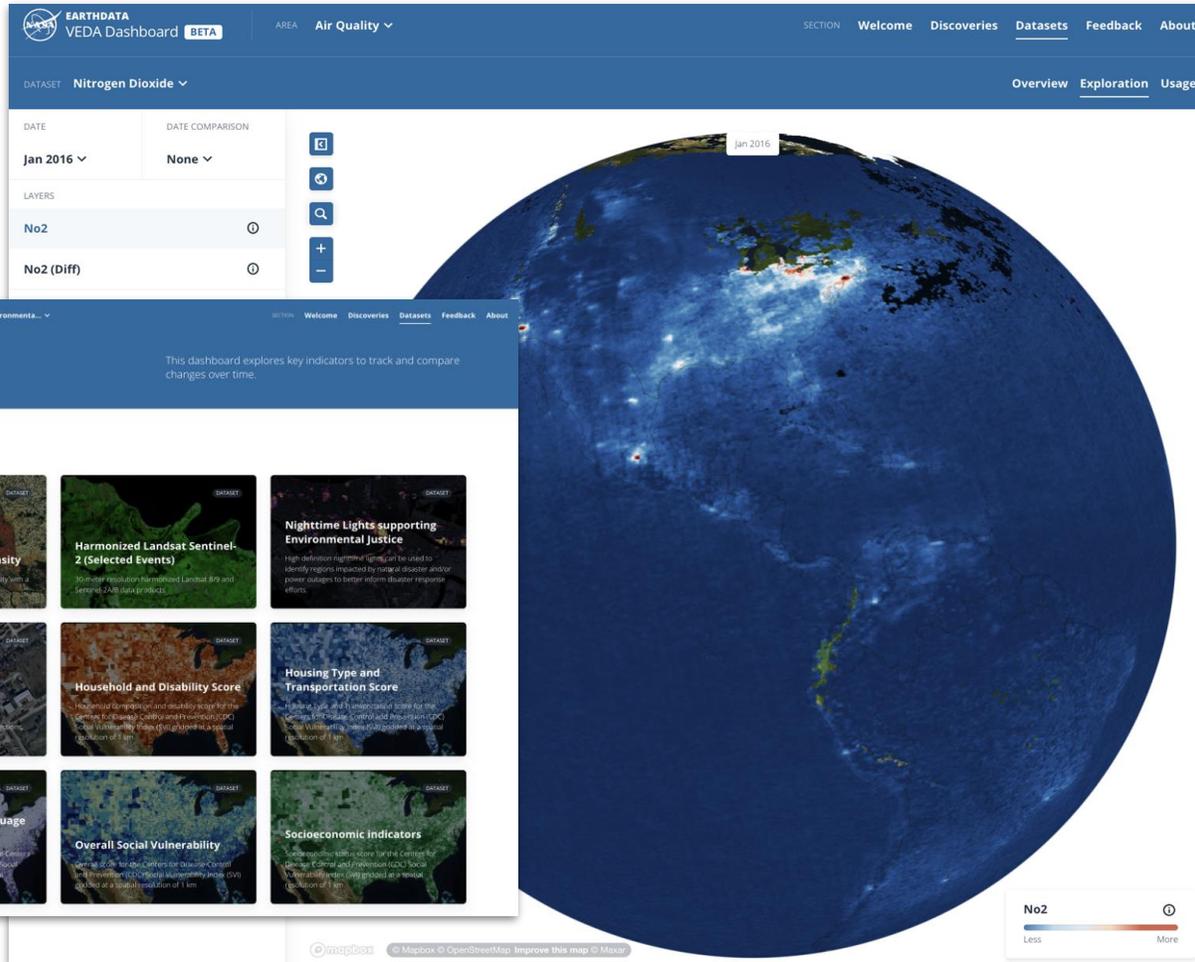


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- Finding relevant data products
- Exploring data to identify interesting features



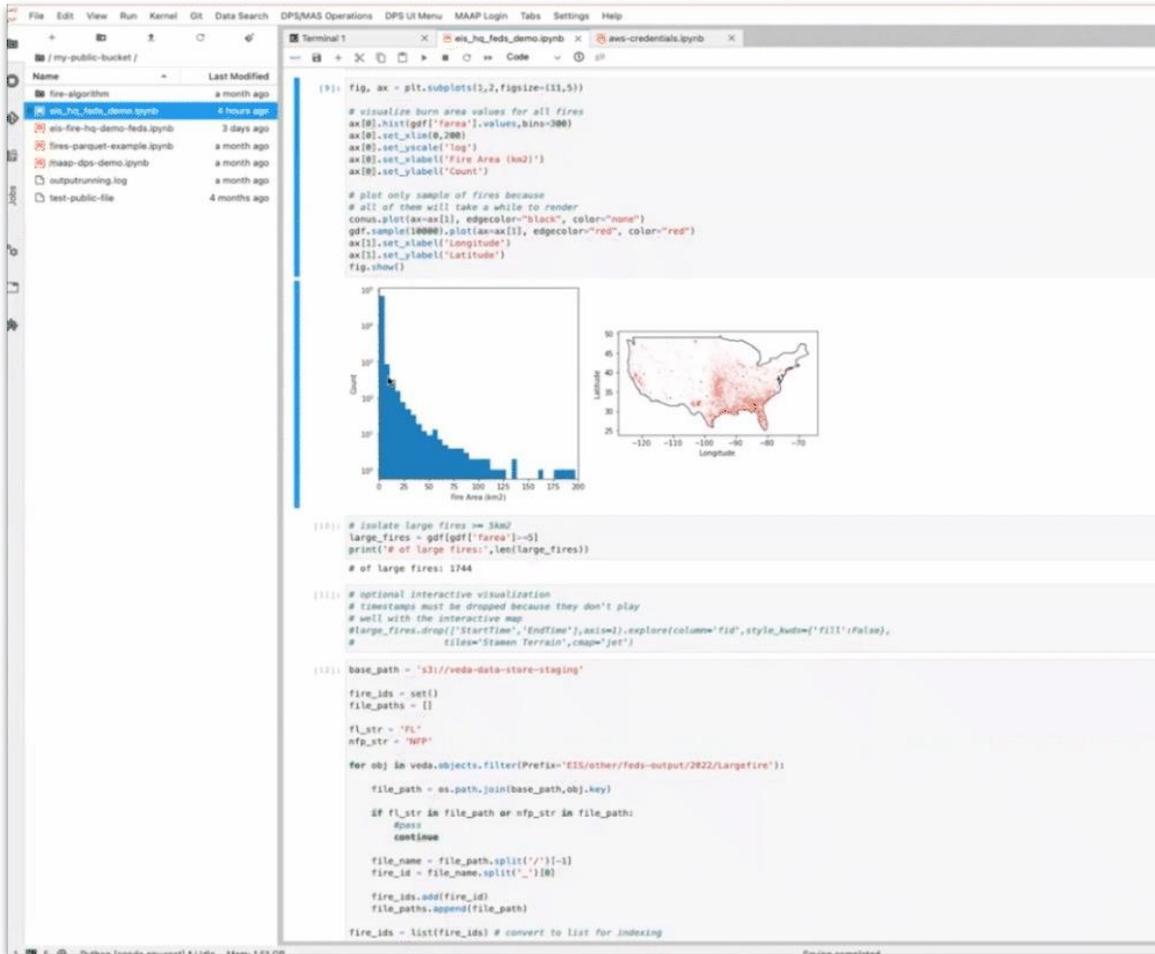
[VEDA Dashboard on NASA Earthdata](#)

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- Developing advanced data products and analysis
- Carrying out calculations "in place" without the need to download data
- Dynamically allocating resources for computationally demanding processing

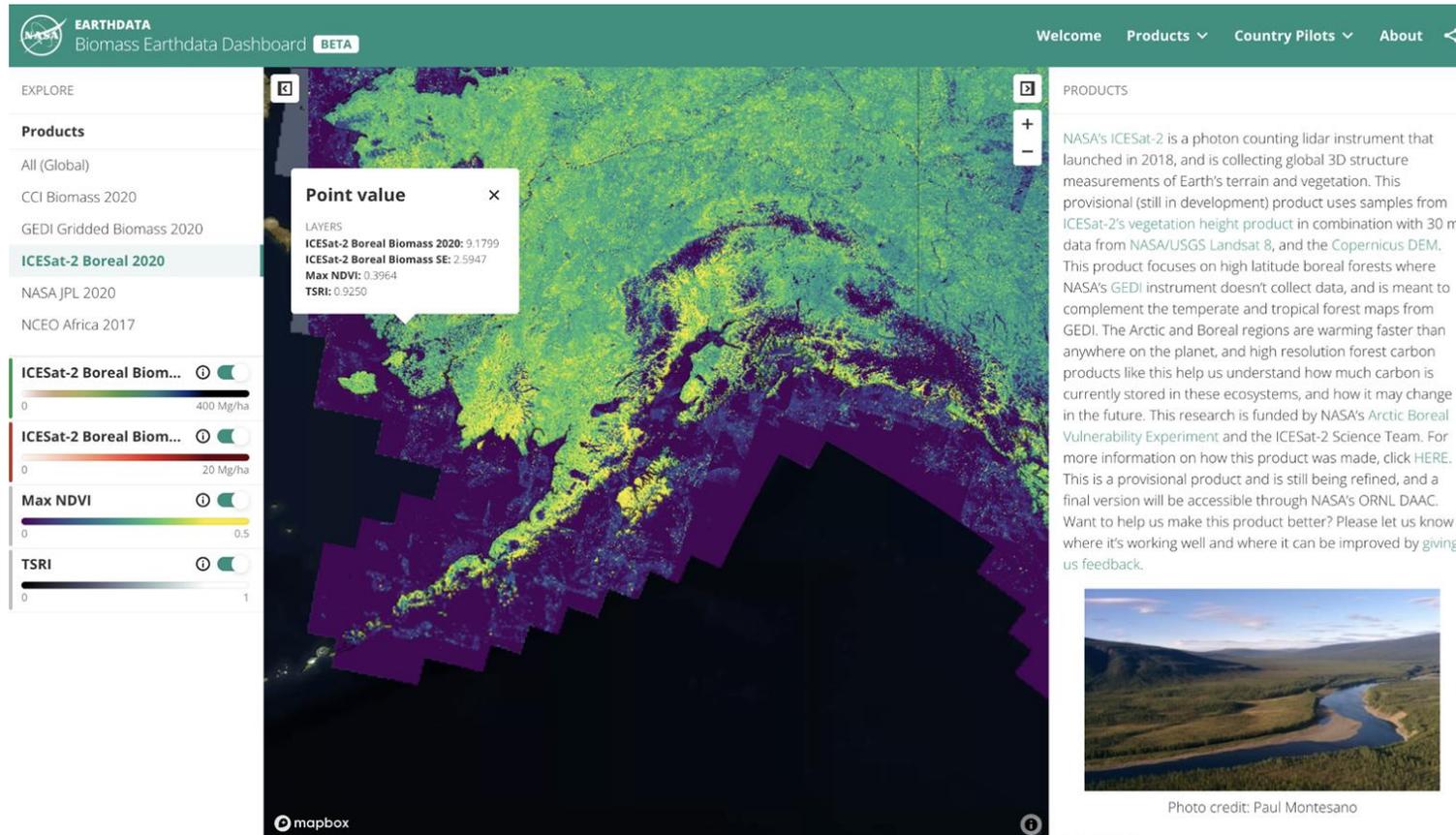


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- Conveniently delivering data through existing interfaces
- Providing automatic access to interactive visualization capabilities
- Allowing users to analyze other's products within the environment

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The screenshot shows the NASA EarthData VEDA Dashboard interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the NASA logo, 'EARTHDATA VEDA Dashboard BETA', and a dropdown menu for 'AREA: Environmental...'. To the right, there are links for 'SECTION: Welcome', 'Discoveries', 'Datasets', 'Feedback', and 'About'. Below the navigation bar, a blue banner features the title 'Connecting Disaster Recovery with Environmental Justice' and a sub-header 'Featuring Hurricane María and Hurricane Ida'. The main content area contains two sections of text. The first section is titled 'Connecting Disaster Recovery with Environmental Justice: Hurricane María' and describes the impact of Hurricane María on Puerto Rico in 2017, highlighting the challenges faced by lower socioeconomic communities. The second section is titled 'Connecting Disaster Recovery with Environmental Justice: Hurricane Ida' and describes the impact of Hurricane Ida on New Orleans in 2021, emphasizing the effects on disadvantaged communities. The text in both sections discusses the importance of environmental justice data in disaster recovery and the role of NASA's EarthData in providing open access to this information.

- User friendly and more engaging data-driven storytelling
- Enrich science and applications narratives with interactive exploration

# *ESDS Looking to the Future*

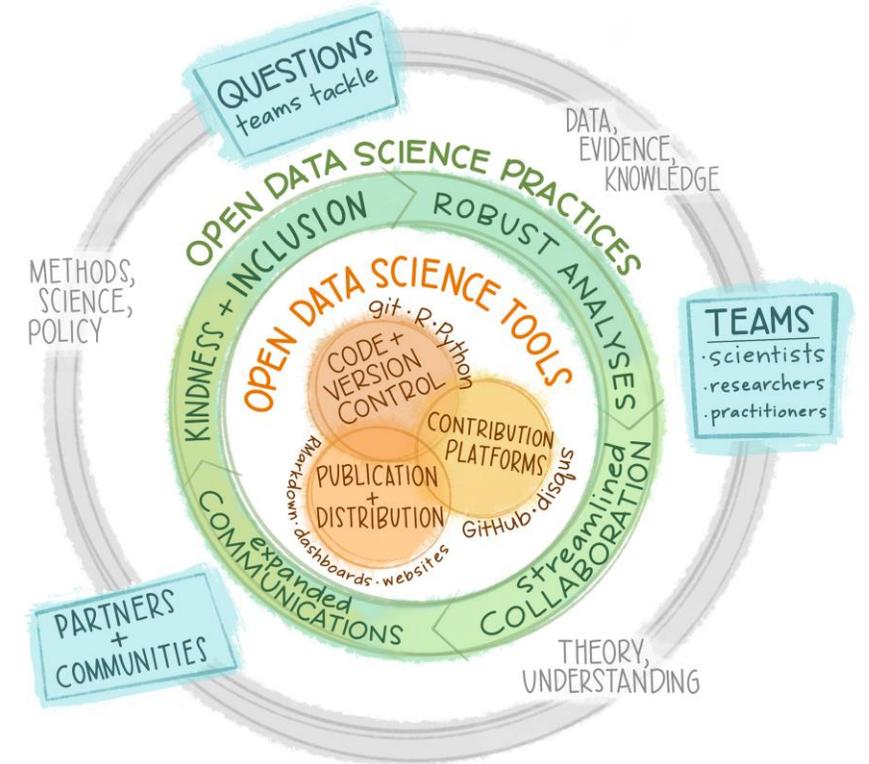


**Bottom line:** ESDS Program elements and stewards of NASA Earth Science data will...

- Be trained to be ***user-facing*** advocates, communicators, and facilitators of ***open-source science***
- Maintain the tools, services, and software necessary for science communities to ***conduct science in the cloud***

# NASA Openscapes

- Multi-year activity to
  - Accelerate data-driven solutions
  - Increase diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in research and beyond
- By deploying the [Openscapes](#) movement building methodology within NASA DAACs
  - Champions program
  - Collecting and sharing resources, knowledge, workflows, and skills



<https://nasa-openscapes.github.io/>

# NASA Transform to Open Science (TOPS)

A \$40 million, 5-year mission to accelerate adoption of Open Science

## Strategic Goals:

- Support 20K researchers to earn NASA's Open Science badge
- Double the participation of historically excluded groups across NASA science
- Enable five major scientific discoveries through open science principles



*Join us in 2023 as a  
Year of Open Science  
with NASA TOPS!*

# Why get a NASA Open Science Certification?

Designed to provide researchers with **core open science skills**:

- Discover the digital tools and resources to perform open science (e.g., GitHub, ORCID)
- Learn best practices for data and software management
- Connect with communities of open science practitioners



[Learn More](#)



# Open-Source Science Funding Through ROSES

## F.2 Topical Workshops, Symposia, and Conferences

Events, hackathons, un-conferences, and challenges that build open science skills.

(Rolling deadline in [ROSES-22](#); to be released as a standalone NOFO after 21 Jul 2023)

## F.7 Support for Open Science Tools, Frameworks, and Libraries

Improve and sustain open-source tools, frameworks, and libraries that are significantly used by the SMD community.

([ROSES-23](#) dates TBD; 3yr cadence)

## F.8 Supplemental Open-Source Software Awards

Supplemental award to support open science including the conversion of legacy software to open source.

([ROSES-23](#) dates TBD; rolling deadline)

## F.15 High Priority Open-Source Science

Innovative open-source tools, software, frameworks, data formats, and libraries that will have a significant impact on the SMD science community.

(Rolling deadline in [ROSES-23](#))

## F.16 Supplement for Software Platforms

Supplemental support of existing awards for scientific analysis platforms.

([ROSES-23](#) dates TBD)



# *NASA Commitment to Equity & Environmental Justice*

**Diversify Earth science research and applications** with representation from all backgrounds.

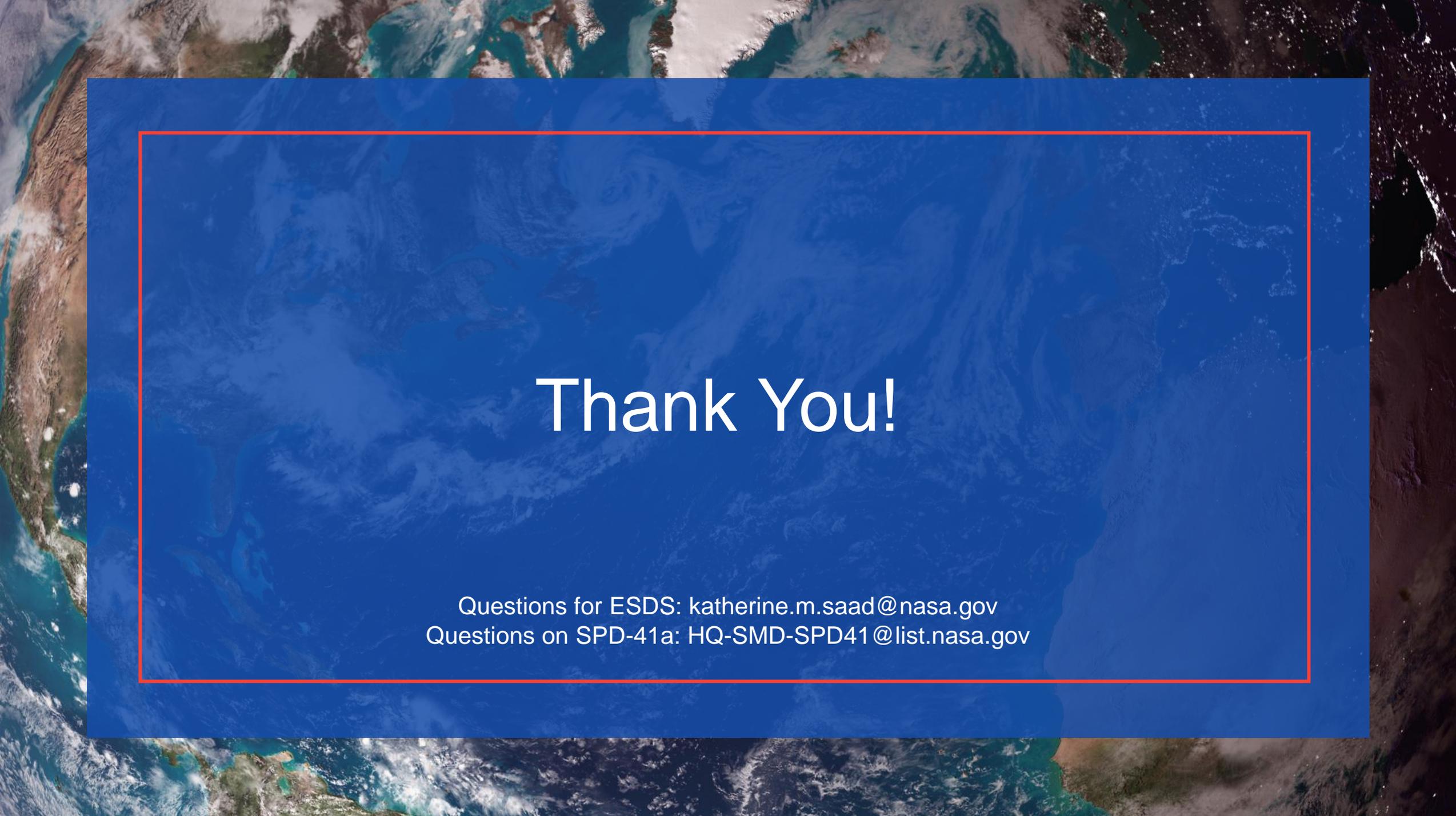
**Support Equity and Environmental Justice (EEJ) communities** by growing the awareness, accessibility, and use of Earth science data, research, and applications for a broad array of users.

NASA ESD supports EEJ through a variety of activities – notable programs are **UNBOUND**, **Citizen Science**, and **Applied Science's EEJ** program.



# Take-Home Points

- The landscape: upcoming missions pose big data challenges AND NASA user communities are broadening and expanding
- Science in the cloud is priority for NASA: future missions will leverage cloud data and compute AND valuable heritage datasets will be migrated to Earthdata Cloud for interoperability
- NASA is committed to open-source science, which will accelerate scientific discovery, broaden and diversify our user communities, and increase transparency & reproducibility

A satellite view of Earth showing the Western Hemisphere, including North and South America, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Pacific Ocean. A large, semi-transparent blue rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text. The box has a thin red border.

# Thank You!

Questions for ESDS: [katherine.m.saad@nasa.gov](mailto:katherine.m.saad@nasa.gov)  
Questions on SPD-41a: [HQ-SMD-SPD41@list.nasa.gov](mailto:HQ-SMD-SPD41@list.nasa.gov)

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# Appendix

The background of the slide is an aerial photograph of a river delta, likely the Amazon. The image is overlaid with a color map. The water bodies are a dark teal color. The land areas are primarily a reddish-orange color, with some green patches. The river channels are clearly visible, branching out from the top right towards the bottom left. The overall appearance is that of a topographic or hydrological map overlaid on a satellite image.

# SPD-41a Policy Updates

## Data

**Scientific data should be FAIR** and shall be made publicly available with a clear, open, and accessible data license no later than the publication of the research, **and be citable**.

**Mission data** shall be openly available with no period of exclusive access.

## Software

**Research software shall** be publicly available no later than the publication of the research, assigned a permissive software license, **and be citable**.

**Mission software** shall additionally be developed openly in a publicly accessible, version-controlled platform that allows for contributions and engagement from the community.

## Publications

**Manuscripts** versions of as-accepted manuscripts shall be deposited in a NASA repository and made publicly available within 12-months. **Publishing as open access is supported and posting preprints is encouraged**.

**Mission publications** shall additionally be made publicly available at the time of their publication.

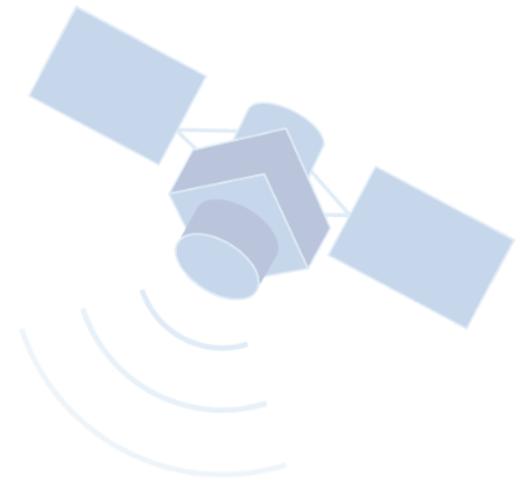
**Science workshops and meetings** shall be open to broad participation and documented in public repositories.

# White House Office Of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)

## Guidance to Make Federally Funded Research Freely Available Without Delay

- *Federal Agencies must update public access policies to make Publications and Research funded by taxpayers publicly accessible without embargo or cost.*
- *Compliance by Dec. 31, 2025*

*“When research is widely available to other researchers and the public, it can save lives, provide policymakers with the tools to make critical decisions, and drive more equitable outcomes across every sector of society,” said **Dr. Alondra Nelson, head of OSTP.** “The American people fund tens of billions of dollars of cutting-edge research annually. There should be no delay or barrier between the American public and the returns on their investments in research.”*



# *Open-Source Science & NASA Policy (SPD-41a)*



- *Openness is fundamental, security is essential, and freedom and integrity are crucial.*
- Increase the accessibility, inclusion, and reproducibility of scientific activities
- When possible, minimize the burden.
- SPD-41a brings together existing NASA and Federal Guidance. It is ***forward looking***, applying to work going forward. Existing missions and investigations should adopt parts of this policy consistent with available resources.

# SPD-41a as it applies to ESO missions

- A. All mission data, metadata, software, databases, publications, and documentation shall be available on a full, free, open, and unrestricted basis starting in Phase B with no period of exclusive access.
- B. Science workshops and meetings shall be open to broad participation and documented in public repositories.

1	<b>Software shall be developed openly</b> in a publicly accessible, version-controlled platform using a <b>permissive software license allowing for community use and contributions.</b>	4	Scientific data, metadata, software, publications and documentation <b>shall be archived and made available by NASA and/or [Partner] starting in Phase B.</b>
2	<b>Manuscripts shall be published with open access licenses;</b> versions of as-accepted manuscripts shall be made available as open preprints and deposited in a NASA or [Partner] <b>repository upon publication.</b>	5	<b>NASA and [Partner] software, documentation and data shall be properly marked, cited, and/or attributed.</b> Metrics to measure and acknowledge open-source science contributions will be developed.
3	All mission <b>data, calibration information, and simulated products supporting development and validation of algorithms shall be made available without any conditions to use.</b>	6	<b>NASA and [Partner] will mutually develop an Open-Source Science Plan</b> that specifies details of collaboration.

# *SPD-41a as it applies to ESD Open Data, Services, and Software Policies*

Committed to advancing Open-Source Science in Research, Applications, Data, and Missions

## **ESD Data and Information Policy**

- Full, free, and open data policy for all since 1994, in line with SPD-41a principles.
  - Updates to clarify responsibilities for ESD, repositories, researchers, and missions coming Spring 2023.

## **ESD Open-Source Software Policy**

- All software developed through research and technology awards (e.g., ROSES) shall be made available to the public as open-source software to align with SPD-41a
  - <https://www.earthdata.nasa.gov/engage/open-data-services-and-software/esds-open-source-policy>
  - <https://www.earthdata.nasa.gov/engage/data-management-guidance>
  - <https://www.earthdata.nasa.gov/engage/dmp-earth-science>
  - Earth Science Division-specific [OSDMP Template](#)