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# JAXA's **Useful Earth Observation Technologies**





# **Use and Application of EORC's Research and Development Results** by Government Ministries and Agencies and the Industrial World

This pamphlet summarizes the results of research and development on the usage of satellite data provided by the Earth Observation Research Center (EORC). The aim is to utilize JAXA's earth observation technologies to resolve issues experienced by government ministries and agencies and the industrial world, and also to improve business value.



This pamphlet includes overviews of products and datasets analyzed and studied with various types of satellite observation data, algorithms for producing these, and more.



We hope this pamphlet will inspire you to use JAXA's earth observation technologies in your business, and also provide hints for new business creation and problem resolution.



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The basic usage policies for each technology are listed on each page. For details about the usage policies or inquiries about usage, please contact JAXA directly by e-mail. E-mail: sapc-info@jaxa.jp







# **Global PALSAR-2/PALSAR/JERS-1 Mosaic** and Forest/Non-forest Map

Product

#### Information

Deliverables	<ul> <li>Near-real-time monitoring system for</li> <li>The user can download tile image for change regions</li> <li>URL http://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/jjfast</li> </ul>
Quality (accuracy and other information)	<ul> <li>Minimum area of detection: 5ha</li> <li>Will support areas smaller than 5h</li> <li>Detection accuracy: Currently bei</li> <li>Update frequency: Once every 1.5</li> <li>Supported regions: South Americ</li> <li>Supported areas will be gradually</li> </ul>
Utilizations	<ul> <li>Early-stage detection of illegal for</li> <li>Understanding of changes in fore</li> </ul>
Past usage in business and other fields	This system is operated as one fac Governance
Usage policy	<ul> <li>Free for research and educational</li> <li>A credit stating "©JICA/©JAXA" i</li> </ul>
Availability of customization	-
Joint research institution(s)	JICA (research contracted by JICA

# **Specific examples**





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Deliverables	<ul> <li>Global mosaic SAR image data by PALSAR-2/PALSAR/JERS-1 (resolution 10m: 2007, 2009; 25m: 1996, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014, 2015)</li> <li>Global forest/non-forest mosaic data by PALSAR-2/PALSAR (resolution 10m: 2007, 2009; 25m: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014, 2015)</li> <li>High-accuracy SAR processing technologies Forest/non-forest analysis and processing technologies URL http://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/ALOS/en/palsar_fnf/fnf_index.htm</li> </ul>
Quality (accuracy and	Spatial resolution: 10m, 25m
other information)	Radiometric accuracy: 1dB or less
	<ul> <li>Geometric accuracy: 10m or less</li> <li>Forest/non-forest classification accuracy: Approximately 90% (forest classification standard:</li> </ul>
	natural forest with an area larger than 0.5ha and forest cover over 10%)
Utilizations	Identifying areas of forest decrease or increase, reference for estimating forest biomass quantities, educational materials
Past usage in business and other fields	<ul> <li>Applications to measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) systems for REDD+ (scheduled)</li> <li>Applications to global maps by the International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISCGM) (scheduled)</li> </ul>
Usage policy	<ul> <li>Dataset with 10m spatial resolution is provided according to a license agreement for usage (fees apply)</li> <li>Dataset with 25m spatial resolution conforms to JAXA Standard Products (no cost)</li> </ul>
Availability of customization	Display ranges can be customized (contact JAXA regarding forest classification analysis and processing customization)
Joint research institution(s)	_

### **Specific examples**



Global forest/non-forest map (2009)





Near Japan (forest/non-forest) Near Tokyo (forest/non-forest) Forest Non-forest



\* JAXA Let's SAR (free PALSAR analysis software) http://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/ ALOS-2/en/doc/pal2\_tool.htm

Near Tokyo (SAR mosaic/HH-polarization)

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Example change map



Deliverables	Digital surface model for the global land surface with optional ortho-rectified images utilizing approximately three million data images observed by PRISM onboard ALOS * Using PRISM archive data Free version URL http://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/ALOS/en/aw3d30/index.htm			
Quality (accuracy and other information)	<ul> <li>[Paid version]</li> <li>Spatial resolution: DSM equivalent of 5m, ortho image equivalent of 2.5m</li> <li>Target accuracy: Horizontal 5m, vertical 3.5m (RMSE)</li> <li>Coverage: Nearly all land areas across the globe</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>[Free version DSM]</li> <li>Spatial resolution: DSM equivalent of 30m</li> <li>Target accuracy: Horizontal 5m, vertical 4.4m (RMSE)</li> <li>Coverage: Nearly all land areas across the globe</li> </ul>		
Utilizations	Map production and updating (up to scale of roug disaster prevention, resource surveying, transpor			
Past usage in business and other fields	National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) inform and overseas aid projects by domestic private en			
Usage policy	<ul> <li>The paid version is sold for commercial usage b (e-mail: aw3d@kits.nttdata.co.jp or data@restec</li> <li>The free version conforms to JAXA Standard Pr</li> </ul>	c.or.jp)		
Availability of customization	Not available (can be customized by the user)			
Joint research institution(s)	NTT DATA Corporation, Remote Sensing Technol	logy Center of Japan		

# **Specific examples**



Digital 3D map image example: Mt. Fuji





Released dataset thumbnails (resolution equivalent of 180m, the black color is a cloud mask)

http://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/ALOS/ en/aw3d30/index.htm

Example of ALOS World 3D (AW3D) (Left: 5m resolution, center and right: simulated DSMs with 30m and 90m resolutions for reference)

http://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/ALOS/en/aw3d/index\_e.htm

Dataset

#### Information

Deliverables	<ul> <li>Land-use and land-cover maps of all areas in Jap from AVNIR-2 (onboard ALOS) from 2006 to 2017</li> <li>Land-use and land-cover maps of northern Vietr in 2007 and 2015 (Landsat, ASTER, PALSAR, and URL http://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/ALOS/en/lulc/lulc_</li> </ul>	nam produced using data from multiple satellites PALSAR-2 mosaics, etc.)
Quality (accuracy and other information)	<ul> <li>[All areas in Japan: Version 16.09]</li> <li>Spatial resolution: 10m</li> <li>Classification categories: 1) water, 2) urban, 3) paddy, 4) crop field, 5) grass land,</li> <li>6) deciduous broad-leaved tree, 7) deciduous coniferous tree, 8) evergreen broad-leaved tree, 9) evergreen coniferous tree, 10) bare land, 11) snow and ice</li> <li>Classification accuracy: 78.0%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>[Northern Vietnam: Version 16.09]</li> <li>Spatial resolution: 10m</li> <li>Classification categories: 1) water, 2) urban, 3) paddy, 4) crop field, 5) grass land,</li> <li>6) orchard, 7) bare land, 8) forest,</li> <li>9) mangrove</li> <li>Classification accuracy: 81.3% (2007), 89.1% (2015)</li> </ul>
Utilizations	Research and practical utilization for land management, landslide disaster surveys, food security, e	
Past usage in business and other fields	Disaster simulations by private enterprises, textb	oooks, publications, etc.
Usage policy	JAXA products: Free for research and education	al purposes and individual usage
Availability of customization	Not available (can be customized by the user)	
Joint research institution(s)	Tsukuba University	

### **Specific examples**



- 7 Deciduous coniferous tree 8 Evergreen broad-leaved tree
- 9 Evergreen coniferous tree
  - 10 Bare land
- 5 Grass land □ 11 Snow and ice
- 6 Deciduous
- broad-leaved tree

1 Water

2 Urban

3 Paddy

4 Crop field

High Resolution Land-Use and Land-Cover Map Products of all areas in Japan : Version 16.09

http://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/ALOS/en/lulc/lulc\_index.htm (Japanese only)

Category	<ul> <li>1 Water</li> <li>2 Urban</li> </ul>	4 Crop field 5 Grass land	■ 7 ■ 8
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High Resolution Land-Use and Land-Cover Map Products of Northern Vietnam: Version 16.09

# **High Resolution Land-Use and Land-Cover Map Products**



Land cover near Tsukuba and Tsuchiura Cities



' Bare land 3 Forest 9 Mangrove



# **Reference Ground Dataset for Land-Cover Maps** (SACLAJ Web)

Information

Deliverables	<ul> <li>4D reference data (training data/verified information) dataset for land-cover maps</li> <li>Reference data posting and sharing system</li> </ul>
Quality (accuracy and other information)	<ul> <li>SACLAJ_Gref (Ground photos): On-site photograph-based reference data with clear shooting dates for each image</li> <li>SACLAJ_Rref (Remote sensing data): Satellite image interpretation-based reference data that enables wide-area coverage including hard-to-access areas, overseas locations, etc.</li> </ul>
Utilizations	Sharing of reference data for producing land-cover maps, satellite product verification
Past usage in business and other fields	_
Usage policy	Must participate in the JAXA Land-Cover Community or complete user registration (for non-commercial purposes) E-mail: aproject@jaxa.jp
Availability of customization	
Joint research institution(s)	University of Tsukuba

### Specific examples

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SACLAJ Web data search screen (list display)



SACLAJ Web on-site data registration screen example

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# **L-band SAR Interferometry**

#### Information

Deliverables	SAR interferometry images and SA
Quality (accuracy and other information)	<ul> <li>Accuracy: The target is around 3 excluding atmospheric and ionos 8m height accuracy (DEM generation)</li> <li>Spatial resolution: Depends on the second s</li></ul>
Utilizations	Infrastructure management, disas subsidence (including time series
Past usage in business and other fields	Provision of analysis software for Meteorological Agency, National I PIXEL researchers)
Usage policy	Can be used through contracted of
Availability of customization	Contact JAXA
Joint research institution(s)	

#### **Specific examples**





AR interferometry algorithms for L-band Synthetic Aperture Radar

- 3cm for crustal displacement amount,
- ospheric conditions
- ration) of ALOS/PALSAR data has been verified the average sample number, but generally 30m

ster prevention, investigating crustal deformation and land analysis), DEM generation, deforestation research

research purposes (Meteorological Research Institute/Japan Institute for Land and Infrastructure Management [Japan],

or joint research

#### PALSAR differential interferogram (crustal deformation)

http://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/ALOS/en/img\_up/ dis\_pal\_tohokueq\_110401-06.htm

- 41'N \* The color changes from blue to red, yellow, green, and back to blue indicate an extension (and an opposite pattern indicates a shortening) of the satellite-ground distance. One color cycle is equal to 11.8cm.





http://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/ALOS-2/en/img\_up/ dis\_pal2\_npl-eq\_20150502.htm



### **Time-series Interferometric SAR**

Product

# **Time-series Interferometric SAR Automatic Analysis Tool**

#### Information

Deliverables	This product performs automatic S displacement of land surface items
Quality (accuracy and other information)	The output result accuracy depend Operating environment: Commerci Differences compared to existing t • Full automation of the following s Interference pair (satellite, sensor, m downloading of required external dat scope in images • Easier operation of necessary set Analysis target selection (latitude an Intuitive operation with KML data for
Utilizations	Support for displacement amount
Past usage in business and other fields	Empirical research is underway wi
Usage policy	Contact JAXA
Availability of customization	To be determined (empirical resear
Joint research institution(s)	Developed by: JAXA / Verified by:

#### **Specific examples**





#### Information

Deliverables	This algorithm utilizes SAR interferometry time-series analysis to measure small-scale displace- ment of land surface items and infrastructure over a wide area
Quality (accuracy and other information)	<ul> <li>Deformation speed accuracy: Around 10 – 100mm/year *1</li> <li>Spatial resolution: Around 3m – 50m *1</li> <li>Measurement targets: Small changes to the ground surface during the observation period *2 *1 Depends on SAR data and measurement target used. The accuracy error for the runway surface example below is 17mm/year.</li> <li>*2 Measurement is suspended due to ground level raising, ground surface improvement work, and new building construction during the observation period.</li> </ul>
Utilizations	Detecting small-scale displacement of infrastructure (infrastructure deterioration changes, building subsidence, etc.) Understanding ground deformation (oil fields, landslide disasters, urban development, crustal deformation, etc.)
Past usage in business and other fields	Empirical research with private enterprises
Usage policy	Can be used with the automatic analysis tool through contracted or joint research
Availability of customization	To be determined (empirical research is underway)
Joint research institution(s)	JAXA researched and developed the algorithm. Usage research is conducted with the Infrastructure Development Institute-Japan; Penta-Ocean Construction Co. Ltd.; and Nippon Koei Co., Ltd.

# Specific examples



Secular change of airport ground surface height

Ground surface and infrastructure displacement can be spatially visualized from satellite observation data. (Background image is optical data © Google)



SAR interferometry time-series analysis to output small-scale and infrastructure

nds on the the SAR data and analysis subject used. cially manufactured PC (Windows, 8GB or greater memory) tools:

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nd longitude) by searching in natural language or making minute adjustments to the target range

t analysis by non-specialist users

ith private enterprises

arch is underway)

: JAXA, Kyoto University, private enterprises





### **INAHOR Software for Estimating Rice Planted Areas**



#### Information

Deliverables	Synthetic Aperture Radar (ALOS PALSAR, ALOS-2 PALSAR-2) data from multiple time periods is used for easy operations to identify rice planting locations and estimate areas
Quality (accuracy and other information)	Detection accuracy of 80 – 90% at verification sites in Southeast Asia and Japan (Verification in Southeast Asia has been completed in Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos, the Philippines, and Thailand)
Utilizations	Producing agricultural statistics (rice crop planted area, production) * Input of yield data (harvest amount per area unit) is separately required for the estimation of production
Past usage in business and other fields	Used in Innovative Data Collection Methods for Agricultural and Rural Statistics, a technical cooperation project by the Asian Development Bank
Usage policy	Can be used through contracted or joint research. The Asian Development Bank will release online training materials including the results of the aforementioned project.
Availability of customization	Available (such as local customization) within joint research frameworks
Joint research institution(s)	Joint verification work is underway with government agencies in Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, etc.

# **Specific examples**



Choose the ALOS-2 images to use



Estimated rice-paddy planting locations (blue)



Output is available in a format (KMZ) that can be displayed in Google Earth (red is rice-paddy planting locations)

#### Information

Deliverables	Agricultural weather data (soil moi status can be viewed online in nea
Quality (accuracy and other information)	Conforms to GSMaP and JASMES
Utilizations	Supplementary information for juc
Past usage in business and other fields	<ul> <li>Overseas Food Supply and Dema</li> <li>Agriculture Market Information Sy (Food and Agriculture Organization)</li> </ul>
Usage policy	Conforms to JAXA Standard Prod
Availability of customization	Available (such as local customiza
Joint research institution(s)	Drought indexes are joint research

#### **Specific examples**







Temporal change in soil moisture in Suphan Buri Province (Kingdom of Thailand)

System customized for producing rice crop growing outlooks in Asia http://suzaku.eorc.jaxa.jp/GCOM\_W/JASM/index.html

pisture, solar radiation, precipitation, etc.) and crop growth ear real time (updated every 15 days)

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and Reports by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries System (AMIS) Market Monitor ion [FAO])

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ch results with the University of Tokyo

Drought index deviation (Kingdom of Thailand)



# **Environmental Information Provision System For Public Health**

Dataset

#### Information

Deliverables	This website provides environmental information (rain, solar radiation, land surface temperature, etc.) for locations (latitude and longitude or country/administrative district such as municipality) and times specified by the user
Quality (accuracy and other information)	Conforms to GSMaP and JASMES
Utilizations	Environmental epidemiology, including the analysis of correlations between environmental conditions and illnesses
Past usage in business and other fields	Joint research with Japanese universities (including the analysis of relationships between environmental factors and the outbreak of infectious diseases and other illnesses in regions such as Southeast Asia and Africa)
Usage policy	Contact JAXA
Availability of customization	Available within joint research frameworks as much as possible technically
Joint research institution(s)	_

### **Specific examples**





Text format (CSV format)



(top image: rain, bottom image: land

Information		
Deliverables	Global rainfall dataset using multiple satellites	
Quality (accuracy and other information)	<ul> <li>Variable: Rainfall rate (mm/hr)</li> <li>Grid resolution: 0.1 degree lat/lon (approximately 11km mesh near the equator)</li> <li>[Near real-time version]</li> <li>Domain: Global (60N - 60S)</li> <li>Temporal resolution: <ul> <li>1 hour (1 hour averaged rainfall)</li> <li>Update frequency: Every hour (available 4 hours after the end of observation; will be replaced by the standard version later)</li> <li>RMSE: 0.41mm/hr (average)</li> <li>URL http://sharaku.eorc.jaxa.jp/GSMaP/ index.htm</li> </ul> </li> <li>Variable: Rainfall rate (mm/hr) <ul> <li>Grid resolution: 0.1 degree lat/lon (approximately 11km mesh near the equator)</li> <li>[Real-time version]</li> <li>Domain: Himawari (geostationary meteorological satellite) observation area</li> <li>Temporal resolution: 1 hour (one hour averaged rainfall)</li> <li>Update frequency: Every 30 minutes (available on a quasi real-time basis)</li> <li>RMSE: Same as, or slightly lower than the NRT version</li> <li>URL http://sharaku.eorc.jaxa.jp/GSMaP/ GSMaP_NOW/index.htm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Utilizations	Weather, disasters, education, climate, environment, marine, agriculture (weather information websites, flood prediction and warning, scientific educational materials, crop production prediction, etc.)	
Past usage in business and other fields	<ul> <li>Japan Weather Association</li> <li>Pakistan project (contracted by UNESCO)</li> <li>Images are provided as content for Tangible Earth and World Eye (Gakken)</li> <li>Japan Water Agency</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Public Works Research Institute</li> <li>Infrastructure Development Institute-Japan</li> <li>Many uses in TV broadcasting, including news programs</li> <li>Posted on the Ogasawara Village website</li> </ul>
Usage policy	JAXA Standard Products	
Availability of customization	Available (such as local customization) within joint research frameworks	

Joint research institution(s)

# **Specific examples**





Example: Observation of Typhoon No. 10 in 2015



2010 2011

518mm

2008

424mm

527mm

2009

710mm

Algorithm improvement through joint research by JAXA, the Japanese Meteorological Agency, Kyoto University, Osaka University, and the University of Tokyo



Example: Output in Google Earth

Example: Observation of 2011 flooding in Thailand (by the Infrastructure Development Institute) Accumulated rainfall over Chao Phraya River averaged from July to September in each year

Average(Bangkok)

Deliverables	3D distribution of precipitation by GPM/DPR, radar reflectivity strength, precipitation type, bright band height, precipitation top height, etc.; extracted data from observation of typhoons (including cyclones and hurricanes); visualization images including 3D precipitation distribution videos * GPM/DPR products became available from September 2, 2014
Quality (accuracy and other information)	<ul> <li>Physical quantities: 3D precipitation amount, radar reflectivity intensity, etc.</li> <li>Spatial resolution: 5.2km (horizontal), 250/500m (vertical)</li> <li>RMSE: Difference of 20% or less for data release request accuracy (precipitation intensity difference of around ±50% at the earth's surface by DPR and TRMM/PR)</li> </ul>
Utilizations	Weather, disasters, education, climate, environment, ocean (weather forecasting, climate model verification, precipitation climatology, typhoon information monitoring, scientific educational materials, etc.)
Past usage in business and other fields	<ul> <li>Currently used at the Japan Meteorological Agency, universities, etc.</li> <li>JAXA/EORC Real-Time Monitoring for Tropical Cyclones (frequently and popularly accessed) provides images from July 2014. Images and movies are broadcast on TV, including NHK.</li> </ul>
Usage policy	JAXA Standard Products
Availability of customization	Available in joint research frameworks, such as data extraction
Joint research institution(s)	<ul> <li>Sensor development by JAXA and the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT)</li> <li>Onboard satellite (GPM primary satellite) development by JAXA and NASA</li> <li>Algorithm development by a joint Japan-U.S. team (JAXA, NICT, Nagasaki University, Tokai University, NASA, Colorado State University, etc.)</li> </ul>

#### **Specific examples**



3D precipitation distribution by DPR (JAXA/NASA)



Difference in observations with two DPR frequencies. Left: Precipitation intensity distribution at the earth's surface by DPR.

Right: Vertical cross section of radar reflectivity intensity by Ku band (13.6GHz) (top), and vertical cross section of radar reflectivity strength by Ka band (35.5GHz) (bottom), along the black line (AB) from the left image. The horizontal axis shows the distance from point A in

the left image, and the left axis shows the altitude (km). The Ku band is suitable for observing strong rain, while the Ka band has the characteristic of being able to observe light rain and snow. By combining observations from these two bands, it is possible to obtain 3D distributions from strong rain to snow.

#### Information

Deliverables	Various types of geophysical paran AMSR2 data (onboard the GCOM- URL [Standard Products] https://g [Research Products] http://st * AMSR2 products have been oper
Quality (accuracy and other information)	<ul> <li>See the above URL for details of ge</li> <li>Observation frequency depends on The polar regions can be observed</li> <li>The near real-time product is provisional product after one day.</li> </ul>
Utilizations	Weather, disasters, education, clim sea ice monitoring for the Northerr Current, fishing ground information,
Past usage in business and other fields	<ul> <li>Japanese Meteorological Agency (numerical weather forecasts, sea water temperature, typhoons, etc.</li> <li>Japan Coast Guard (quick bulletir and ocean conditions, etc.)</li> <li>Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry a (Overseas Food Supply and Dema</li> </ul>
Usage policy	JAXA Standard Products
Availability of customization	Available within joint research frame
Joint research institution(s)	Joint development, improvement, a institutions for each product

#### **Specific examples**





Integrated water vapor content



Integrated cloud water content Sea surface wind speed





Sea ice concentration

Snow depth

# "SHIZUKU" (GCOM-W) Water Cycle Variables

meters that relate to water cycle variations are calculated from I-W) //gcom-w1.jaxa.jp/ suzaku.eorc.jaxa.jp/GCOM\_W/research/resdist.html en to the public since January 25, 2013 geophysical parameters, regions, spatial resolution, and accuracy on latitudes. The Equatorial region is mostly covered in two days. ed multiple times in one day. vided after approximately 150 minutes of observation, and the mate, environment, ocean, agriculture, weather forecast, Arctic rn Shipping Route, ocean monitoring including the Kuroshio large-scale crop situations, development of educational materials • NOAA, ECMWF (various types of ea surface meteorological services) • WEATHERNEWS INC. c.) tins of sea ice (sea ice prediction business) . Japan Fisheries Information Service Center and Fisheries (fishing ground and ocean condition information) nand Reports) neworks as much as possible technically

and verification of algorithms with universities and other







Precipitation rate



All-weather sea surface wind speed (research product)



Soil moisture content



Quality (accuracy and

other information)

Deliverables

# **JASMES: Climate and Geophysical Variable Dataset**

Terra) (the dataset will be calculated from GCOM-C data in the future)

• Spatial resolution: 5km (global, polar regions), 500m/1km (Japan region)

Climate, environment, ocean, weather, education, disasters, agriculture

temperature, land surface temperature, chlorophyll-a

URL http://kuroshio.eorc.jaxa.jp/JASMES/index.html

• Processing frequency: 1 day, half month, 1 month

operated (as of March 2017)

to be made in the future)

Climate and geophysical variable dataset calculated from MODIS data (onboard Aqua and

\* Aqua and Terra were launched in 2002 and 1999, respectively, and are currently being

· Available variables: Amount of solar radiation at the earth's surface (photosynthetically active

radiation [PAR]), cloudiness, snow cover extent, sea ice extent, plant water stress trend, soil moisture content, forest fires, precipitation/precipitable water amount, ocean and land surface

· Algorithms have been developed and improved by EORC (other than land surface temperature)

Examples: Using solar radiation data to evaluate land suitability for agriculture, using snow

and by joint research with other institutions (only land surface temperature at present; additions

Product

#### Information

Deliverables	<ul> <li>Images and data from MODIS (online)</li> <li>Images: Chlorophyll-a concentral leaving radiance, Rayleigh correct corrected images</li> <li>Binary data: Chlorophyll-a concert URL http://kuroshio.eorc.jaxa.jp/x</li> <li>Aqua and Terra were launched in operated (as of March 2017)</li> </ul>
Quality (accuracy and other information)	<ul> <li>Provision of images and data ob</li> <li>Observation frequency: Around of</li> <li>Spatial resolution: 1km/500m/25</li> <li>Available within three hours after</li> </ul>
Utilizations	Marine products, ocean, environm Examples: Verifying fishing condit
Past usage in business and other fields	<ul> <li>Various types of fisheries researd red tides, etc.)</li> <li>Japan Coast Guard (sea ice bulk Japan Fisheries Information Serv</li> </ul>
Usage policy	Conforms to JAXA Standard Prod Contact JAXA regarding usage for
Availability of customization	Available within joint research fran
Joint research institution(s)	_

#### **Specific examples**









Ocean color-related physical variables in the ocean area near Japan (wide area) (2014) [1km]



Utilizations

	cover data to research the impacts of the nuclear power station accident in Fukushima
Past usage in business and other fields	<ul> <li>Various types of fisheries research institutes (fishing and ocean condition information, red tides, etc.)</li> <li>Japan Atomic Emergency Agency</li> <li>Private enterprises: Preliminary surveys on radiation shielding, evaluation of agricultural land suitability level, etc.</li> </ul>
Usage policy	Conforms to JAXA Standard Products Contact JAXA regarding usage for commercial or business purposes
Availability of customization	Available within joint research frameworks as much as possible technically
Joint research institution(s)	Algorithm for land surface temperature has been conducted as "Development of land surface temperature estimation algorithm for GCOM-C/SGLI" with Nagasaki University, (FY25-27)

#### **Specific examples**



Global PAR



Water stress

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Map of global PAR, snow cover, water stress, and land surface temperature (2014)



Polar region PAR Snow cover

Snow cover

Vegetation index

Land surface temperature

Land/ocean surface temperature map





Water stress Map of PAR near Japan, snow cover, water stress, and chlorophyll-a (2014)



Snow cover









board Aqua and Terra) ration, sea surface temperature (SST), normalized water ected reflectance, aerosol optical thickness, geometrically

centration and SST /ADEOS/mod\_nrt\_new/index.html (Japanese only) in 2002 and 1999, respectively, and are currently being

btained in the region of Japan by EOC and TRIC directly l one to two times per day 50m er observation

ment, disasters, education, agriculture ition changes, fishing and ocean condition predictions, etc.

rch institutes, etc. (fishing and ocean condition information,

lletins, marine bulletins, etc.) rvice Center (fishing and ocean condition information)

ducts or commercial or business purposes

meworks as much as possible technically



Deliverables	Himawari Standard Data (geostationary satellite) provided by the Japanese Meteorological Agency, and physical quantity data processed from the Standard Data by JAXA URL http://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/ptree/index.html	
Quality (accuracy and other information)	<ul> <li>[Himawari Standard Data]</li> <li>Observation range: Full disk, Japan area, target area</li> <li>Temporal resolution: 10 minutes, 2.5 minutes, 2.5 minutes</li> <li>Spatial resolution: 0.5km (band 3), 1km (band 1, 2, 4), 2km (band 5-16)</li> <li>[Aerosol property (optical thickness, angstrom exponent)]</li> <li>Observation range: Full disk</li> <li>Temporal resolution: 10 minutes, one hour (daytime only)</li> <li>Spatial resolution: 5km</li> <li>[Short wave radiation (photosynthetically active radiation) (W/m<sup>2</sup>)]</li> <li>Temporal resolution: 10 minutes (daytime only)</li> <li>Spatial resolution: 5km</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>[Sea surface temperature (°C)]</li> <li>Observation range: Full disk</li> <li>Temporal resolution: 10 minutes (day and night), one hour (day and night, nighttime only)</li> <li>Spatial resolution: 2km</li> <li>[Chlorophyll-a concentration (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)]</li> <li>Temporal resolution: 10 minutes (daytime only)</li> <li>Spatial resolution: 5km</li> <li>[Cloud characteristics]</li> <li>Observation range: Full disk</li> <li>Temporal resolution: 10 minutes</li> <li>Spatial resolution: 5km</li> <li>[Wildfire]</li> <li>Observation range: Full disk</li> <li>Temporal resolution: 10 minutes</li> <li>Spatial resolution: 10 minutes</li> <li>Spatial resolution: 5km</li> </ul>
Utilizations	Marine, environment, disasters, education, marine products (considering fishing condition changes and fishing and ocean condition prediction), etc.	
Past usage in business and other fields	Meteorological Research Institute, Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology, etc.	
Usage policy	Limited to non-profit purposes such as research, education, and R&D	
Availability of customization	Customization by JAXA is available within joint research frameworks as much as possible technically	
Joint research institution(s)	Japanese Meteorological Agency, National Institute for Environmental Studies	

#### **Specific examples**



JAXA Himawari Monitor (displaying sea surface temperature)



#### Information

Deliverables	Long-term sea ice climatological data
Quality (accuracy and other information)	Joint development, improvement, a
Utilizations	Climate, environment, ocean, weat Example: Research on sea ice and
Past usage in business and other fields	<ul> <li>Utilized as source data for sea ico (closed in February 2015)</li> <li>Japanese Meteorological Agency</li> </ul>
Usage policy	Conforms to JAXA Standard Produ Contact JAXA regarding usage for
Availability of customization	Available within joint research fram
Joint research institution(s)	NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

#### **Specific examples**



Long-term trends for sea ice area by sea (1978 - 2014)





Second half of March

Second half of June

Long-term trends for sea ice concentration (at each grid point) (1978 - 2014)

taset derived from multiple satellites, and data integration methods

and verification of algorithms with other institutions

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d cloud interaction, environmental education lecture materials

ce monitoring on the joint IARC-JAXA website

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Second half of September Second half of December



# **Joint Simulator for Satellite Sensors**

# Acronyms

#### Information

Deliverables	Simulated observation data of satellite sensors calculated from atmospheric data of numerical weather models URL https://sites.google.com/site/jointsimulator/home
Quality (accuracy and other information)	Simulated sensor data from cloud/precipitation radars, lidars, broadband radiometers, visi- ble-infrared imagers, and microwave radiometers (the resolution of output simulated sensor data depends on the resolution of the entered numerical weather model)
Utilizations	Verification of numerical weather and climate models using satellite data
Past usage in business and other fields	<ul> <li>Japanese Meteorological Agency (numerical weather model evaluation)</li> <li>Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (numerical weather model evaluation)</li> <li>RIKEN (numerical weather model evaluation)</li> <li>Universities (numerical weather model evaluation)</li> </ul>
Usage policy	Conforms to JAXA Standard Products Contact JAXA regarding usage for commercial or business purposes
Availability of customization	Allowed within joint research frameworks as much as possible technically
Joint research institution(s)	The University of Tokyo

# Specific examples

Examples of Joint-Simulator application to NICAM 3.5km resolution simulation data (Hashino et al. 2013)

a) Geostationary meteorological satellite observation (IR 10.8µm)b) Simulated satellite data applying the Joint-Simulator to a global cloud-resolving model (NICAM)

Comparing a) and b) shows that the horizontal distribution of clouds was skillfully reproduced by NICAM.





Names and details of sensors that can perform simulations			
Sensor names	r names Algorithm details		
Visible-infrared imager	RSTAR6b (Nakajima & Tanaka 1986, 1988)		
Cloud/precipitation radar	EASE (Okamoto et al. 2007, 2008; Nishizawa et al. 2008), Masunaga & Kummerow (2005)		
Lidar	EASE, Matsui et al. (2009)		
Microwave radiometer	Kummerow (1993)		
Broadband radiometer MSTRN-X (Sekiguchi and Nakajima 2008), CLIRAD (Chou and Suarez 1994, 1999; Chou et al. 2001)			

ALOS	Advanced Land Observing Satellite
AMSR	Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer
AMSR-E	Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer for EOS
AMSR2	Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer 2
Aqua	Earth Observing System PM-1
AVNIR-2	Advanced Visible and Near-Infrared Radiometer-2
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
DPR	Dual-frequency Precipitation Radar
DSM	Digital Surface Model
ECMWF	European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts
GCOM-C	Global Change Observation Mission-Climate
GCOM-W	Global Change Observation Mission-Water
GISTDA	Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency
GMI	GPM Microwave Imager
GPM	Global Precipitation Measurement
IARC	International Arctic Research Center
IDI	Infrastructure Development Institute-Japan
JASMES	JAXA Satellite Monitoring for Environmental Studies
JAXA	Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
KaPR	Ka-band Precipitation Radar
KuPR	Ku-band Precipitation Radar
MODIS	Moderate resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer
NICAM	Nonhydrostatic ICosahedral Atmospheric Model
NICT	National Institute of Information and Communications Technology
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
PALSAR	Phased Array type L-band Synthetic Aperture Radar
PALSAR-2	Phased Array type L-band Synthetic Aperture Radar-2
PRISM	Panchromatic Remote-sensing Instrument for Stereo Mapping
REDD+	Reduction of Emission from Deforestation and forest Degradation+
RMS	Root Mean Square
Terra	Earth Observing System AM-1