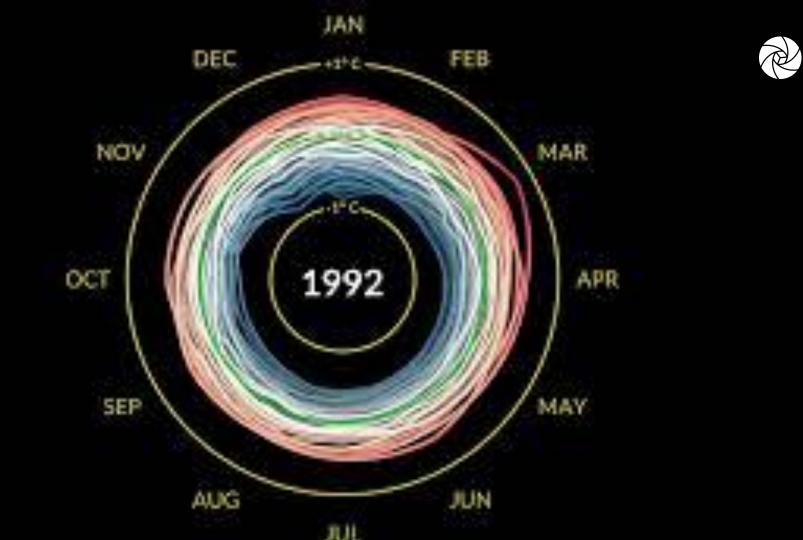
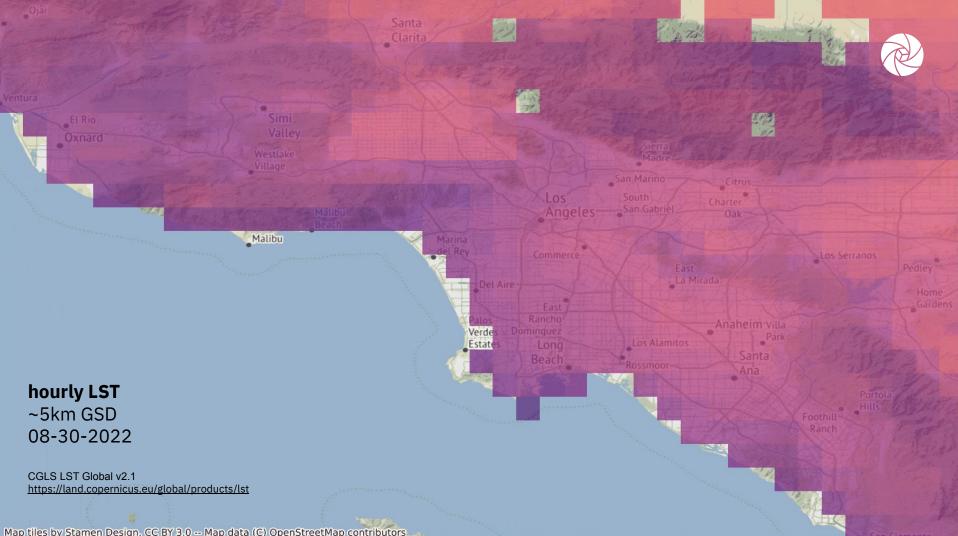
# Realtime Thermal Data for Highly Dynamic Events

28.09.2023 Marc Seifert CEOS WGCV IVOS Meeting



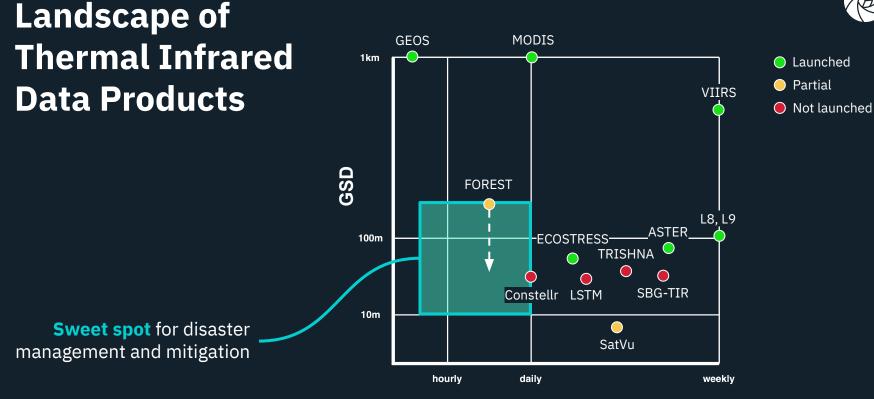




weekly LST ~30m\* GSD 08-26-2022

Landsat-8, L2 LST https://www.usgs.gov/landsat-missions/landsat-collection-2-level-2-science-products \*TIR B10 100m + high-resolution emissivity

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**Revisit Frequency** 

### OR RA TECHNOLOGIES

Thermal intelligence for a sustainable Earth

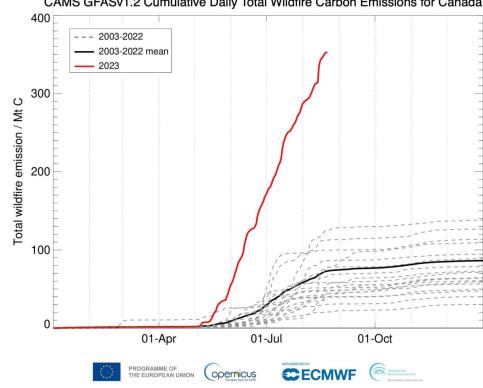
- Munich-based startup with >90 employees
- In-house development of TIR imagers
  → 2 in orbit, 8 more in production
- Goal: 30 min revisit time worldwide
- Focus on wildfires & currently monitoring over 160 Mio. ha of forest



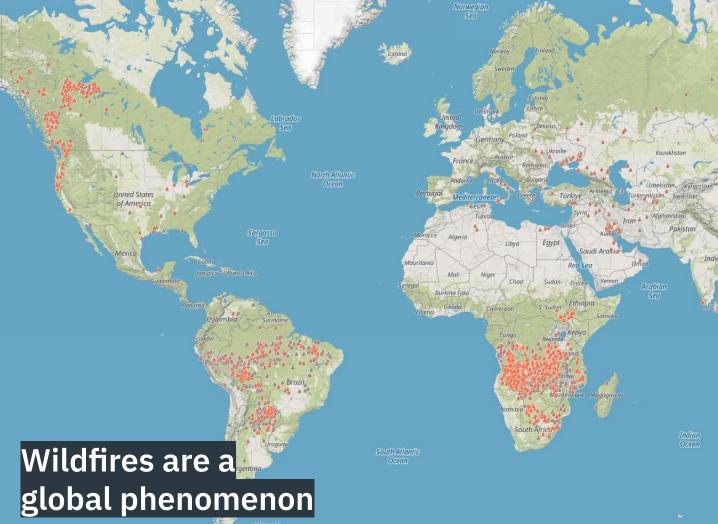


# **CO2** emissions of wildfires

in Canada this year



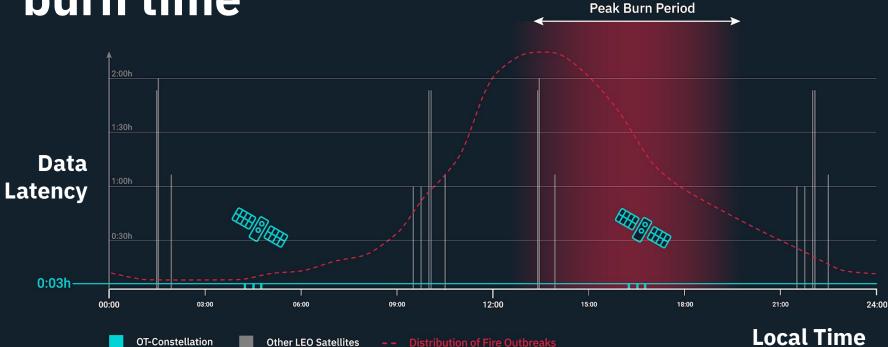
CAMS GFASv1.2 Cumulative Daily Total Wildfire Carbon Emissions for Canada





### Wildfire peak burn time

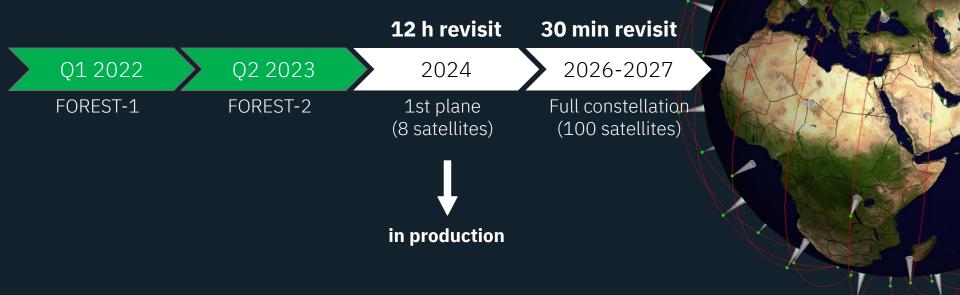




# Constellation Development

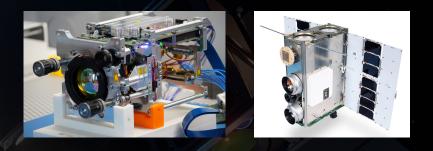


# Constellation & Timeline



### **FOREST Missions**



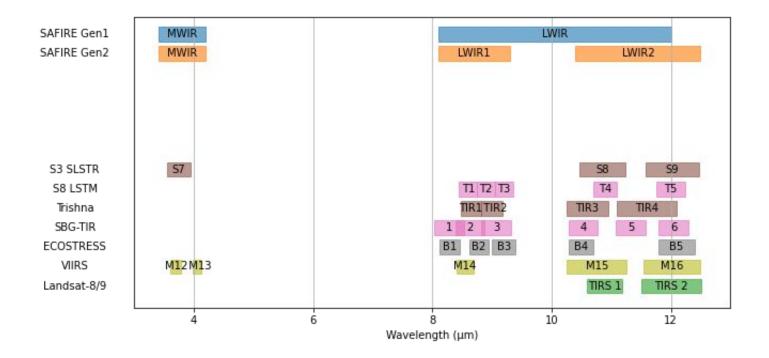


→ Batch production for first plane ongoing

Mission	FOREST-1	FOREST-2	Constellation OTC-P1
Satellites	1	1	8
Status	Launched Jan 22	Launched June 23	Launch mid-24
Orbit	LTDN 10:25	LTDN 13:30	LTAN 17:00 (TBC)
Global revisit time	~14 days	< weekly	twice daily
GSD	250 m	200 m / software enhanced 80 m	
Swath	160 km	410 km	



## **Spectral Bands**

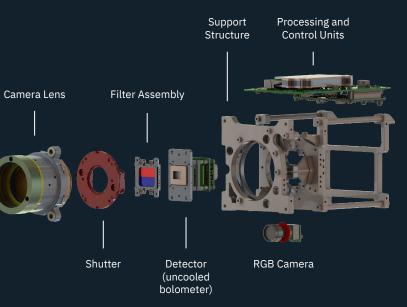


# **FOREST-1**

#### Our first sensor





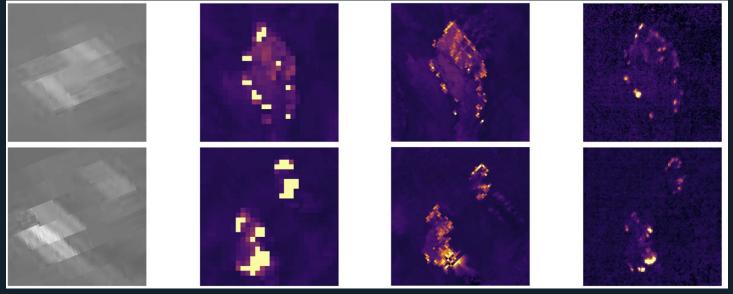




### **Fire Detection**



Alaska - 01.07.2022 - 21:04 UTC MWIR band

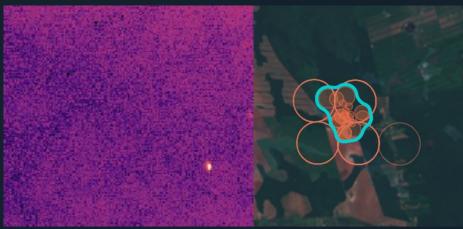


GOES-17 ABI (GEO) 21:04 UTC GSD ~5km Terra MODIS 21:40 UTC GSD 1km NOAA-20 VIIRS 21:30 UTC GSD 375m FOREST-1 SAFIRE 21:04 UTC GSD 250m

### **On-Orbit Fire Detection**

- 1. Process raw data on the satellite  $\rightarrow$  detect fires
- 2. Downlink detection via inter-satellite link
- 3. Deliver information to customer
- $\rightarrow$  Reduce latency from several hours to 5 min!

#### First on-orbit detection:

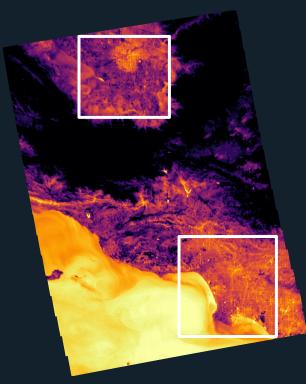


#### Smallest detected fire ~10 m

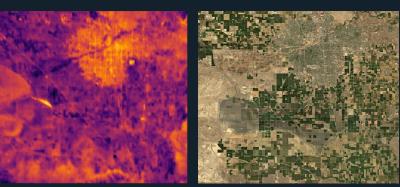


### Urban Scenes

California - 23.09.2022 - 05:32 UTC (22:32 PST) LWIR band



Bakersfield



Los Angeles



# **FOREST-2**

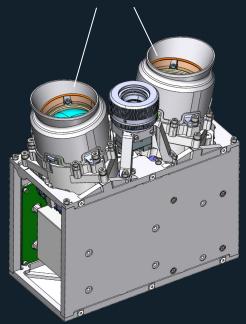
#### Our latest sensor







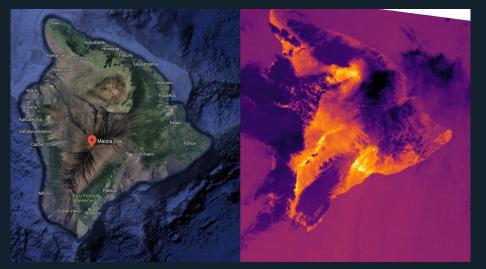
#### Twin IR camera



### FOREST-2 First Images

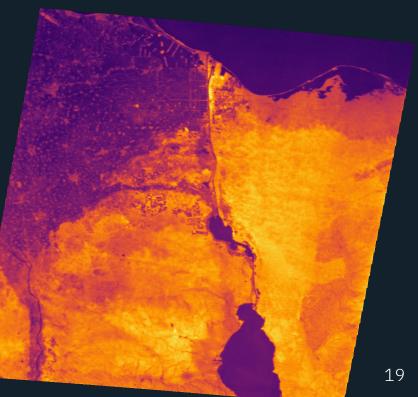
(not radiometrically corrected yet)





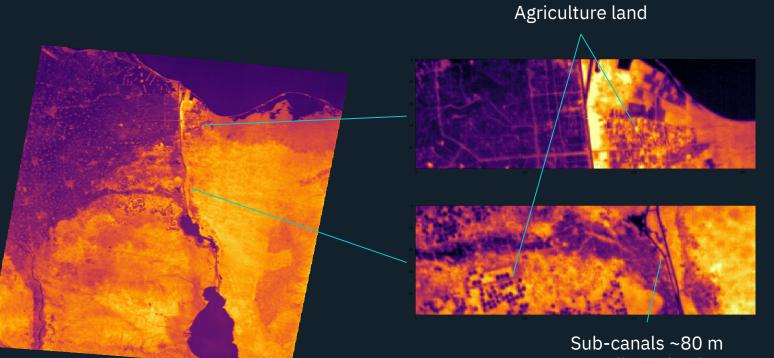


Suez Canal, Egypt



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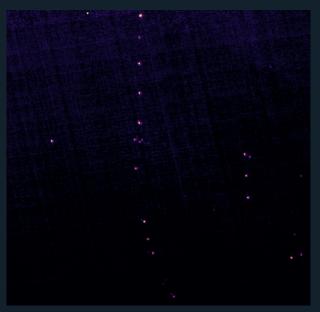


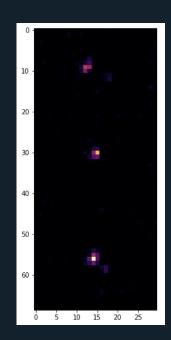


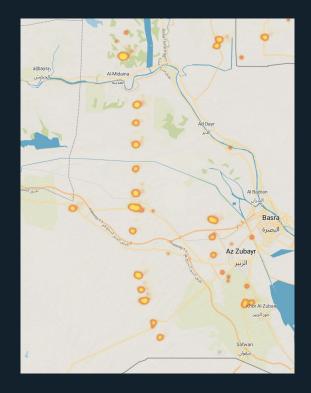
well resolved

### **Gas Flares**

Basra Oil Fields, Iraq MWIR 2023-08-26 00:23



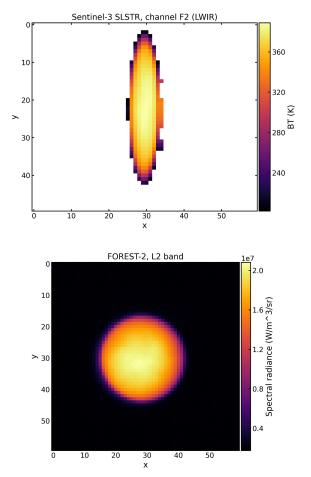






# Calibration

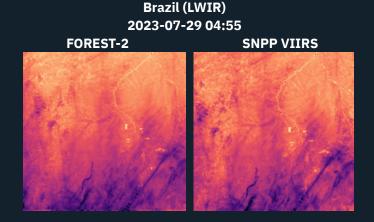
- Radiometric on-ground calibration
  - Using NIST-traceable blackbodies
  - Measuring gains and offsets
- In-flight calibration (L1)
  - Shutter as radiometric reference
  - Deep space observations
  - Calibration to S3-SLSTR fire bands via quasi-simultaneous Lunar acquisitions (WIP)



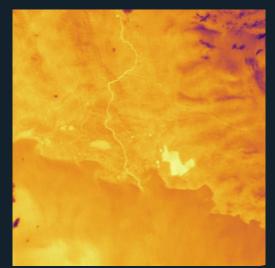
### Validation & Data Quality

- Validation plan
  - Quasi-simultaneous Earth acquisitions with S3, VIIRS, ...
  - Ground stations (La Crau, Lake Tahoe, ...)
- OT part of ESA-CCM
  - Collaboration with Sentinel Mission Performance Cluster

Quasi-simultaneous acquisition



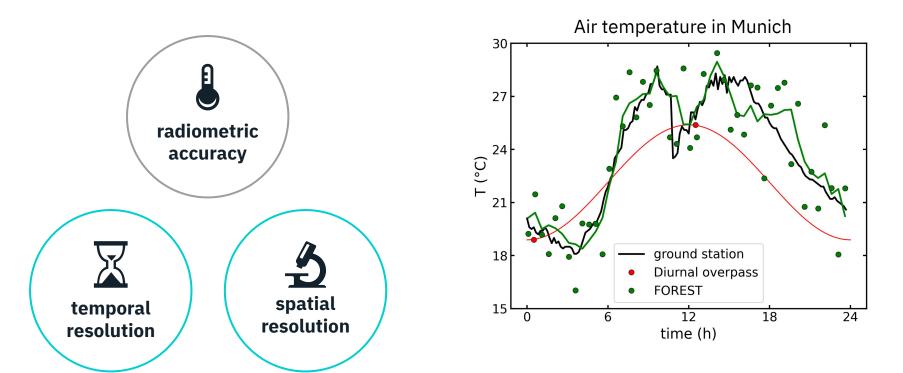
TIRCALNet La Crau - France (LWIR) 2023-08-05 00:31





## **Trade Off**





### Summary

- High-frequency TIR data next year
- Cal/Val procedures in active development
  - Challenge: scaling to a constellation of 100 satellites
- Open for collaboration





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