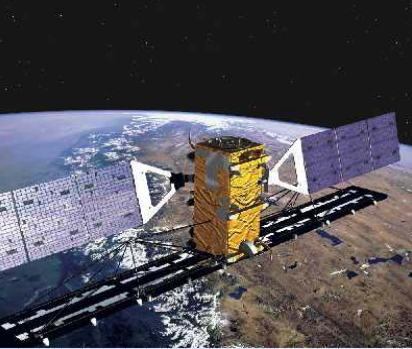


# An Overview of the RADARSAT Program



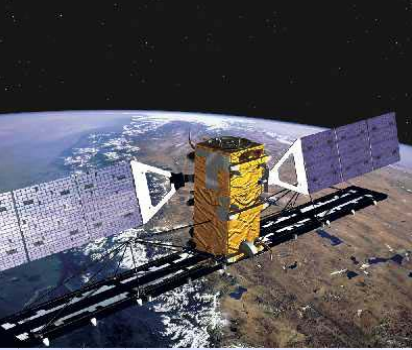
**Adrian Bohane**  
**MDA Geospatial (GSI)**  
**Presentation to Brazilian Remote Sensing**  
**Conference – April 23rd 2007**



# RADARSAT - 2

## Presentation outline

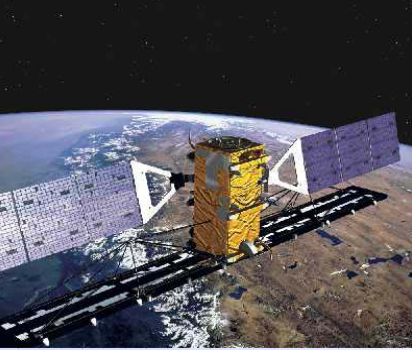
- **Mission description of Radarsat-2**
  - Mission Objectives
  - System Characteristics
  - Data Commercialization/Allocation
- **Program Update**
  - Spacecraft Assembly and Testing Status
  - Ground Segment Installation and Testing Status
  - Schedule to Launch
- **Commercial Update**
  - Radarsat 1 trends



# RADARSAT - 2

## Mission Objectives & Innovations

- One of the key priorities of the Canadian Space Program:
  - Responding to the challenges of monitoring the environment, managing natural resources and performing coastal surveillance.
- Objectives:
  - Provide SAR data continuity from RADARSAT-1
  - Meet user needs for new applications opportunities
  - Maintain Canada's position in the commercialization, utilization and development of advanced operational SAR capabilities
- Innovations
  - Strong partnership with industry
  - Advanced imaging modes



# RADARSAT-2

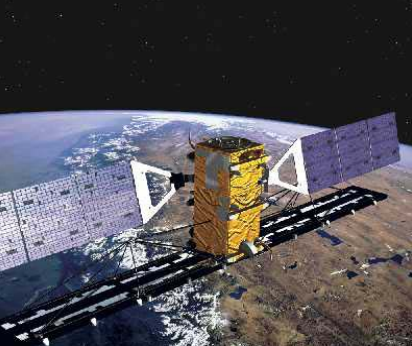
## CSA-MDA Public-Private Partnership

### MDA

- Direct investment in mission costs
- Design Authority
- Will own and operate RADARSAT-2
- MDA-GSI has exclusive distribution rights

### Canadian Space Agency

- Technical expertise and Interface with other Canadian Government Departments
- CSA's investment is returned as a data allocation that will allow access to the SAR imagery required by all parts of the Canadian Government



# RADARSAT-2

## Current Ground Station Locations

**MDA/GSI  
Vancouver  
Order Handling** ★

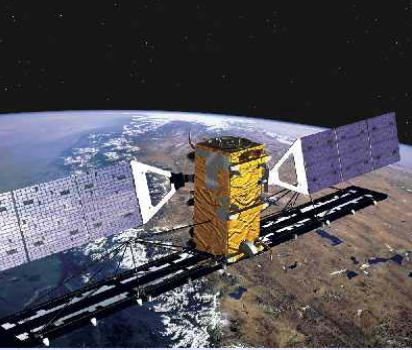
**CSA Saskatoon  
TT&C**

**CCRS Prince Albert  
Receiving Station**

**CSA/MDA St-Hubert  
Mission Control  
and TT&C**

**Gatineau**

**CCRS Receiving Station and MDA production**



# RADARSAT - 2

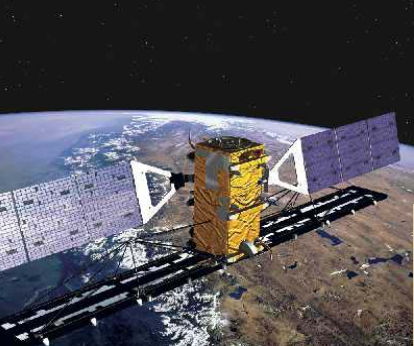
## Data Commercialization/Allocation

### MDA-GSI

- Will commercialize and distribute RADARSAT-2 data worldwide
- Will develop data distribution agreements with regional partners around the world
- Will develop strategic partnerships with the value added sector to maximize the use of RADARSAT-2 improved capabilities

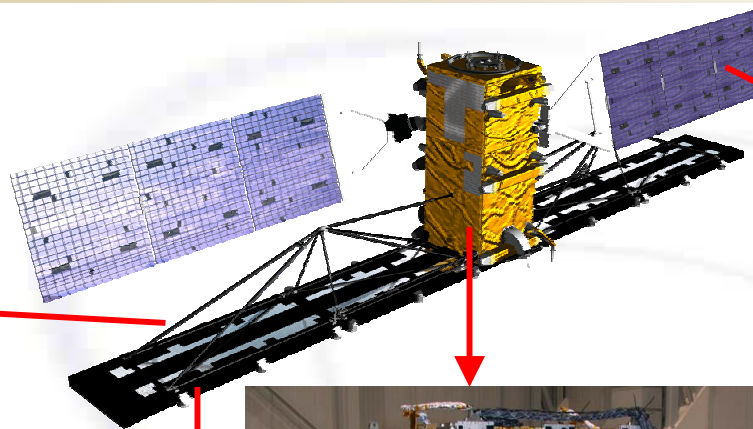
### CSA

- CSA will manage the RADARSAT-2 data allocation within the Canadian Government
- All Canadian Government Departments and Agencies will be provided RADARSAT-2 data to support their mandate
- Data allocation can also be used for scientific, R&D and non-commercial institutional use



# RADARSAT-2

## Spacecraft

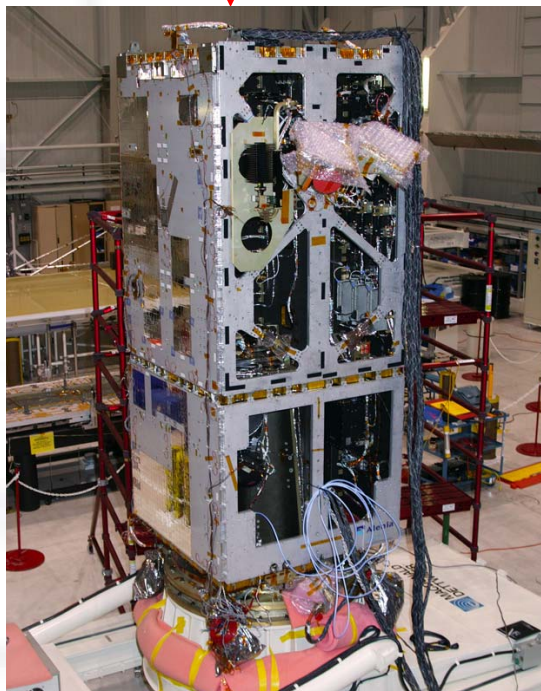
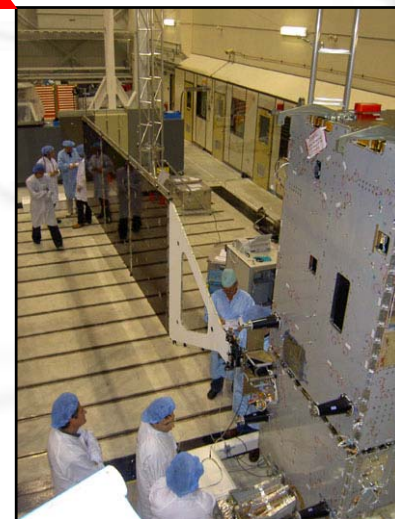


**ATK**

Extendable Support  
Structure (ESS)

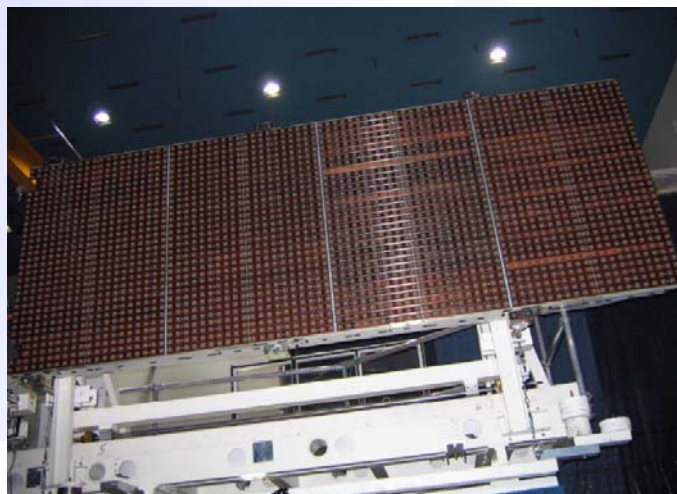


SAR Antenna and Sensor Electronics



**Alenia**  
AEROSPAZIO  
Divisione Spazio

Bus and Solar Arrays



# RADARSAT-2

## The SAR Antenna

The **SAR payload** consists of the SAR antenna and specific support equipment required to perform timing and control of the payload, signal distribution, signal detection and thermal control.

The **ESS** is the mechanical interface between the bus and the antenna. Its function is first to deploy and then preserve the flatness and the attitude of the antenna

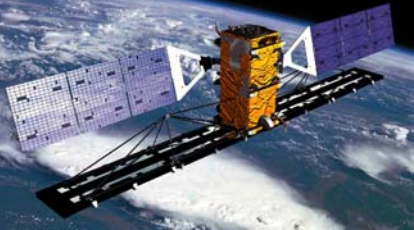
**ABLE**  
Engineering a PSI Company

### Status:

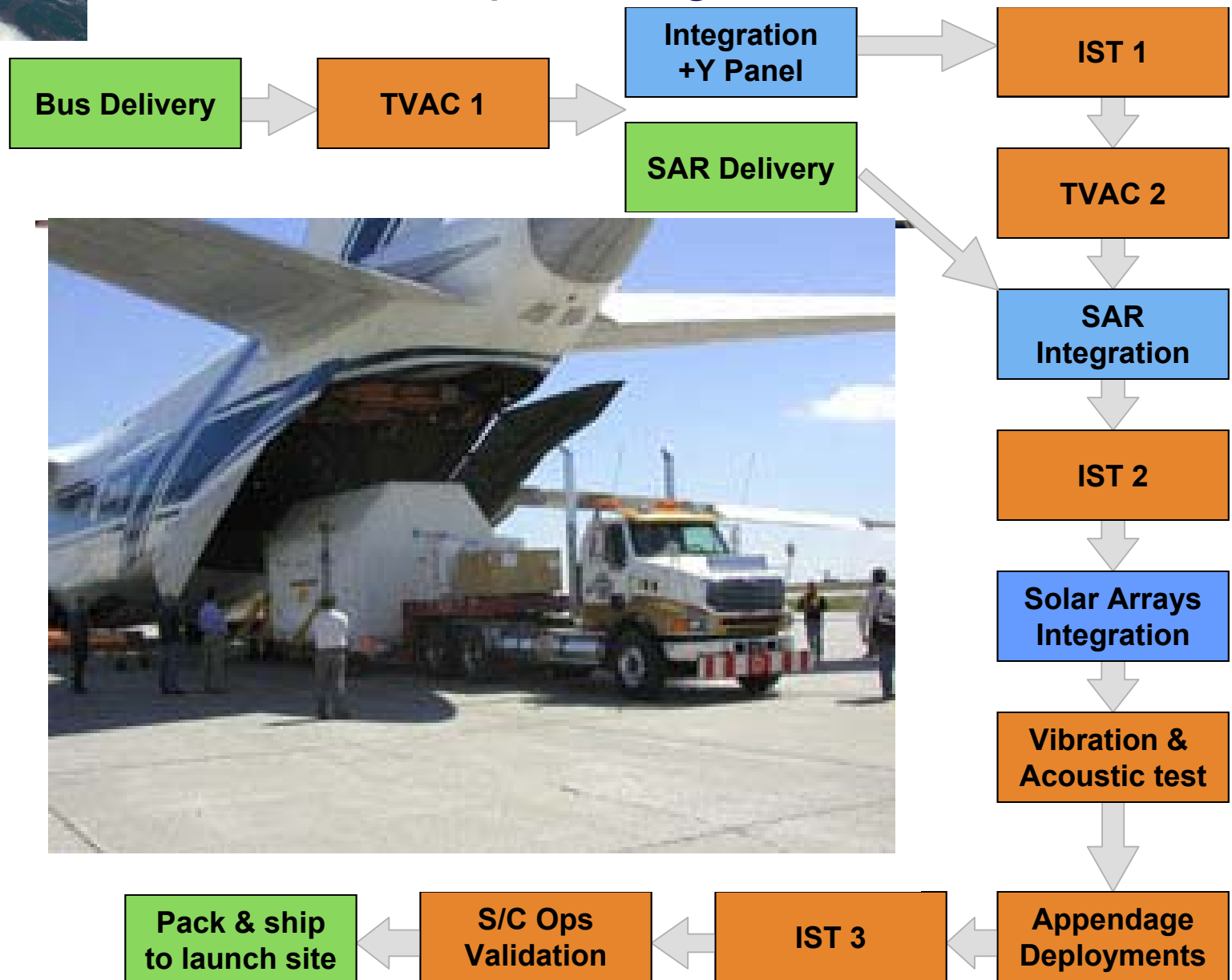
- Completed Testing of the 4 Antenna Panels at system level
- Completed integration and deployments of the SAR wings with the Extendable Support Structure (ESS) and the Bus



**MDA**

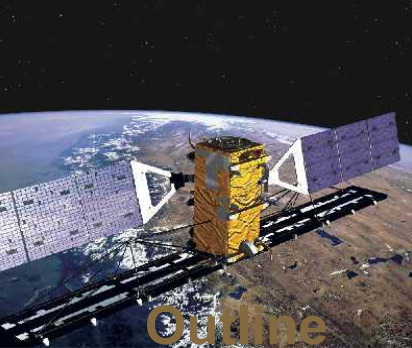


# Spacecraft level completed and upcoming tests at DFL



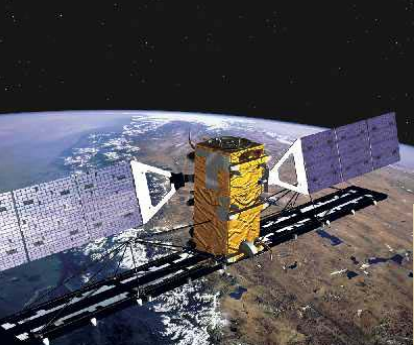


**Launch on a Soyuz rocket from Baikonur Summer 2007**



# RADARSAT-2

- **Radarsat-2 Features and Benefits**



# RADARSAT-2

## Orbit Parameters

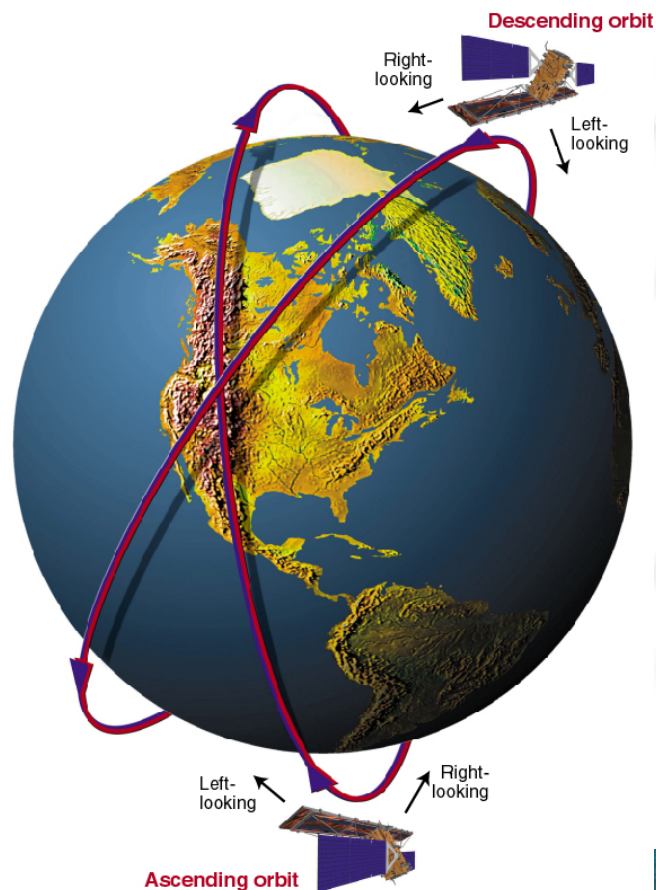
### ORBIT CHARACTERISTICS

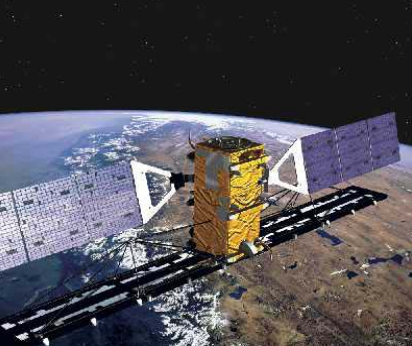
Altitude (average)	798 km
Inclination	98.6 degrees
Period	100.7 minutes
Ascending node	18 hrs ( $\pm$ 15 min)
Sun-synchronous	14 orbits per day
Repeat cycle	24 days

### COVERAGE ACCESS USING 500 KM SWATH WIDTH

North of 70°	Daily
North of 48°	Every 1-2 days
Equator	Every 2-3 days

**RADARSAT-2 will operate in an orbit identical as RADARSAT-1 except for an offset in time**

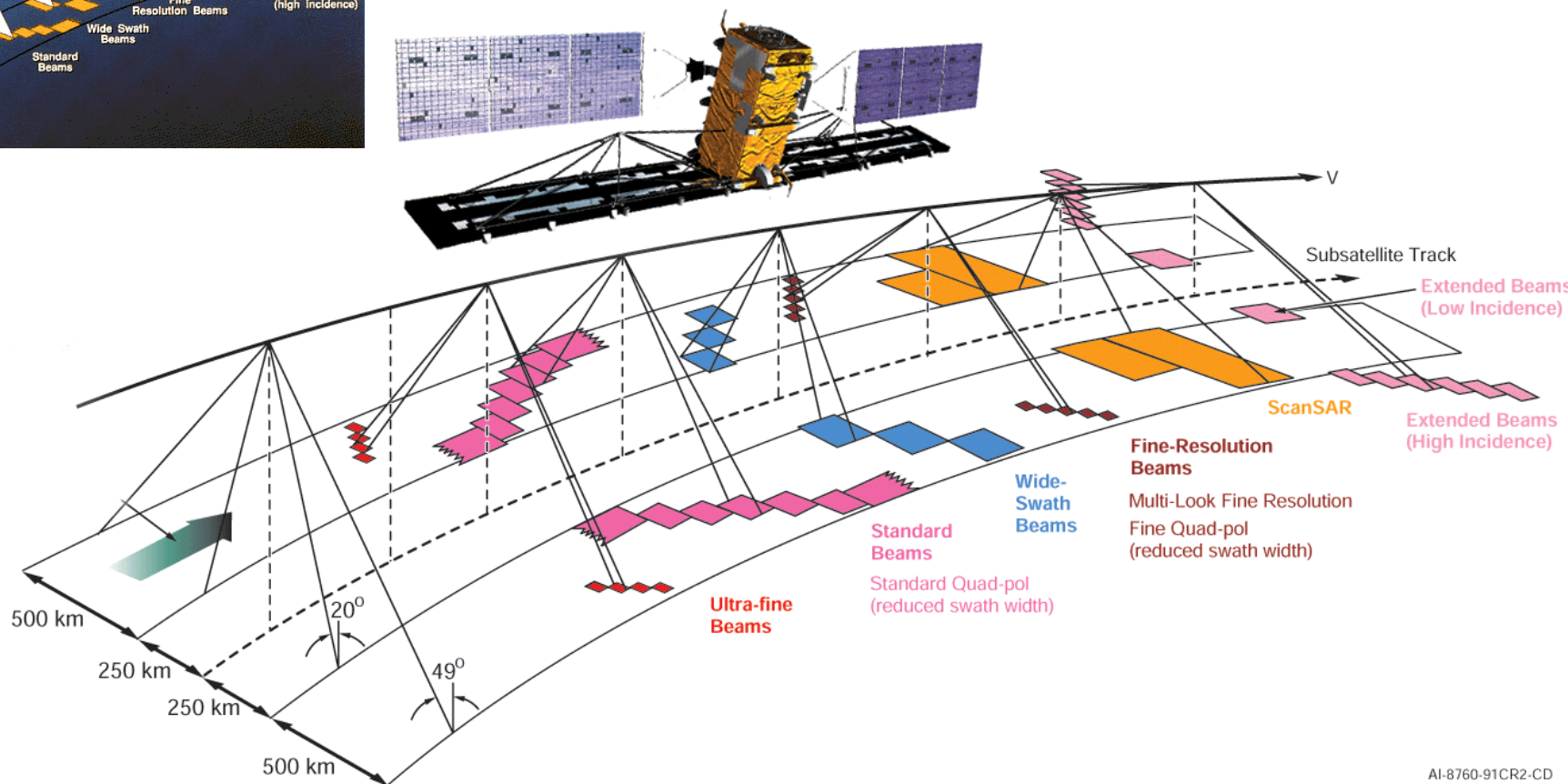
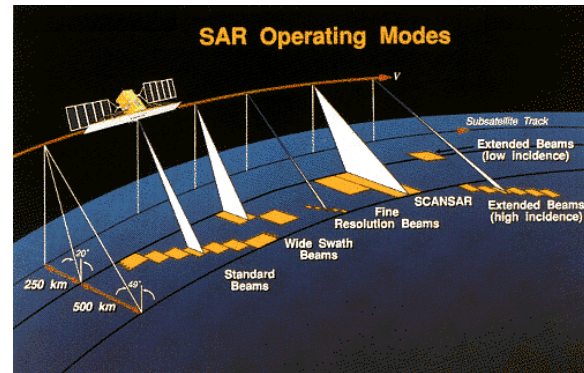


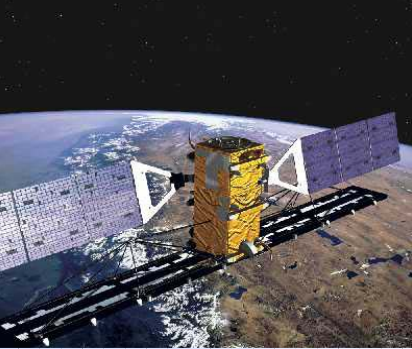


# RADARSAT-2

## RADARSAT-2 Imaging Modes

**SAR Operating Modes**





# **RADARSAT - 2**

## **RADARSAT-2 Innovations**

**Higher resolution: Spotlight (nominal 1 m) & Ultra-Fine (3 m)**

**Multi-look Fine: 8 m resolution**

**Polarmetric modes**

- single & dual/cross polarization
- quad-pol

**Faster satellite tasking**

- 12 to 24 hours routine
- up to 6 hours emergency

**Left and right-looking capability**

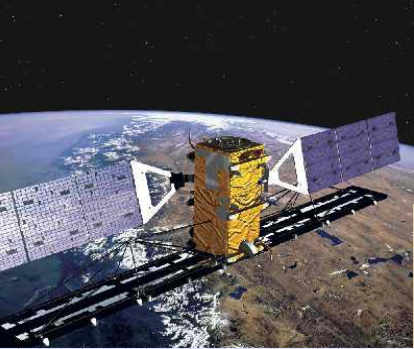
**On-board solid-state recorders**

**Enhanced ground system providing faster data processing**

**Enhanced Data security through Downlink encryption**

**OPERATIONAL & COMMERCIAL FLEXIBILITY**





# RADARSAT-2

## RADARSAT-2 Key Applications

### Defence

- target surveillance

### Marine Surveillance

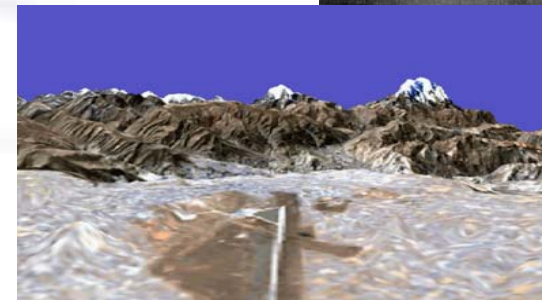
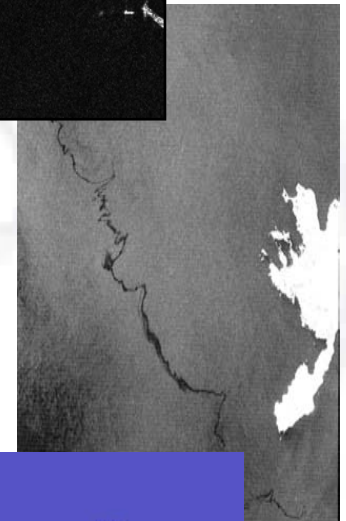
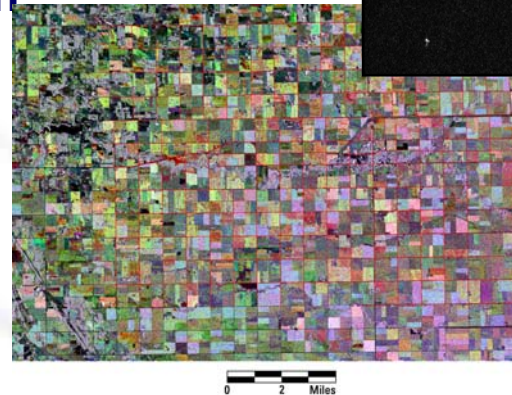
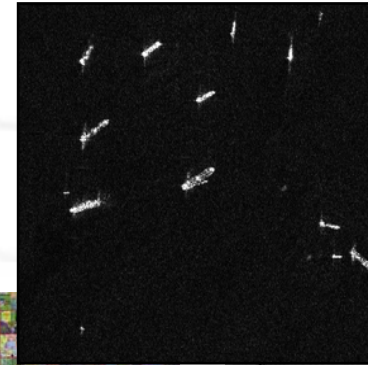
- oil pollution spill/slick detection
- ship detection/ fisheries monitoring
- sea ice mapping

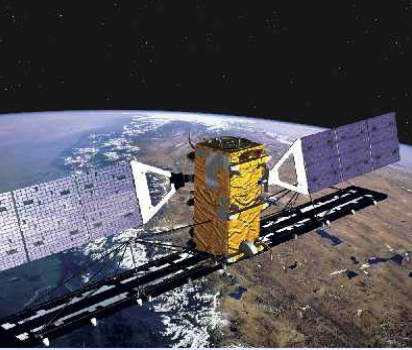
### Agriculture

- crop type
- crop condition

### Mapping

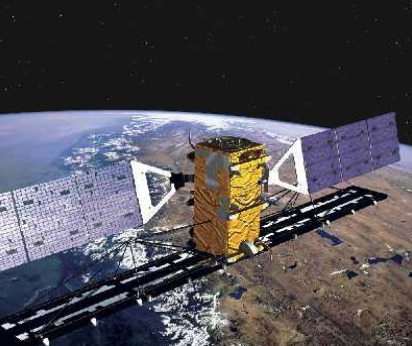
- feature extraction
- INSAR (Deformation and change)





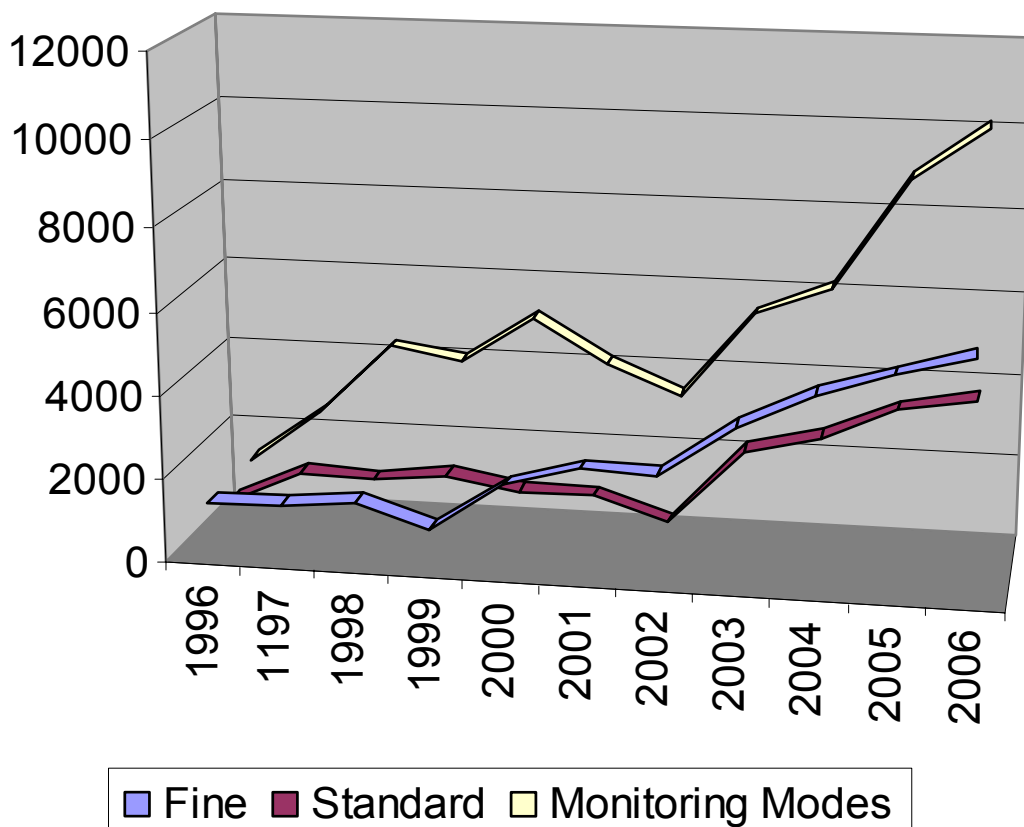
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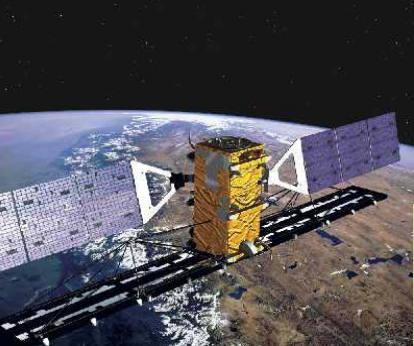
## **Radarsat Usage and Commercial Trends**



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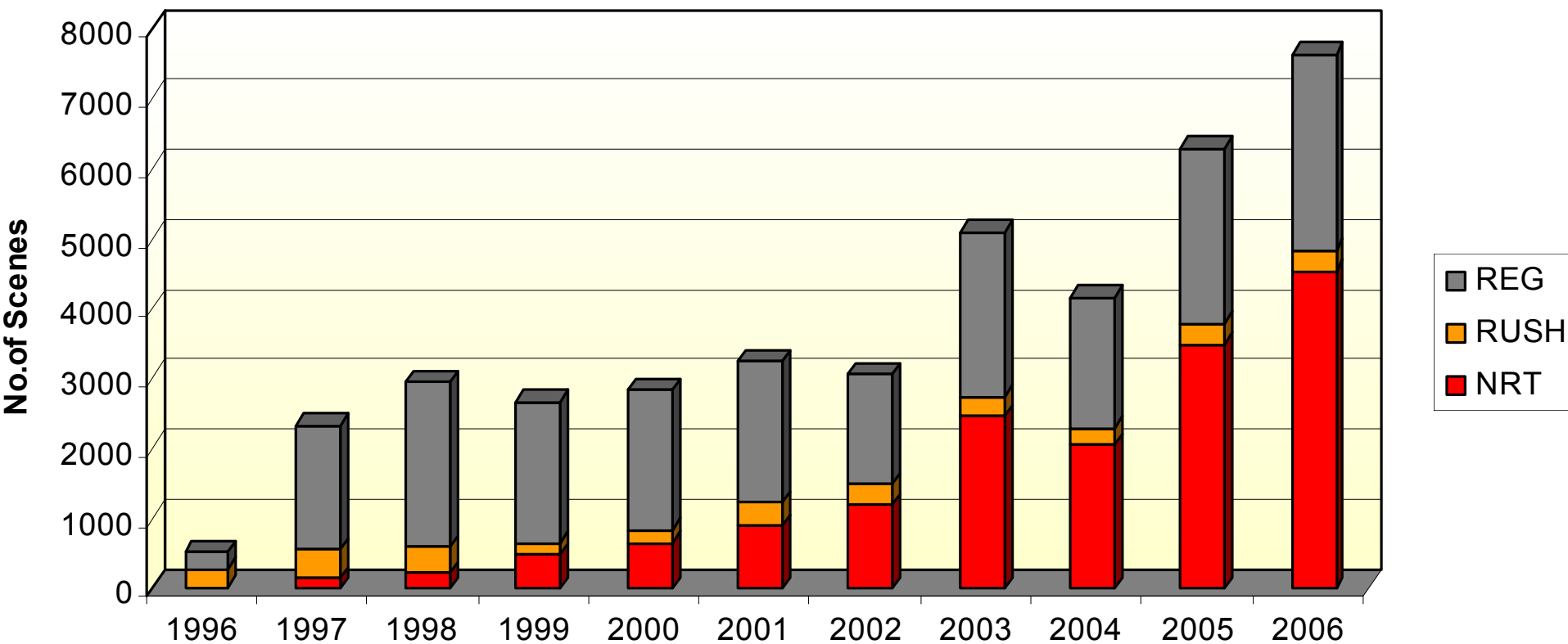
## RADARSAT-1 Beam Usage Trend

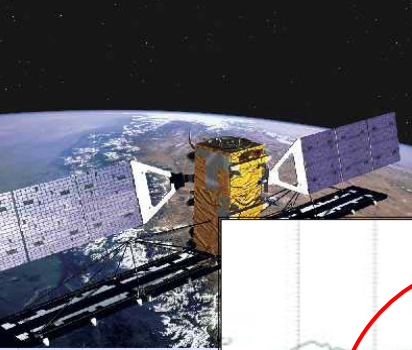




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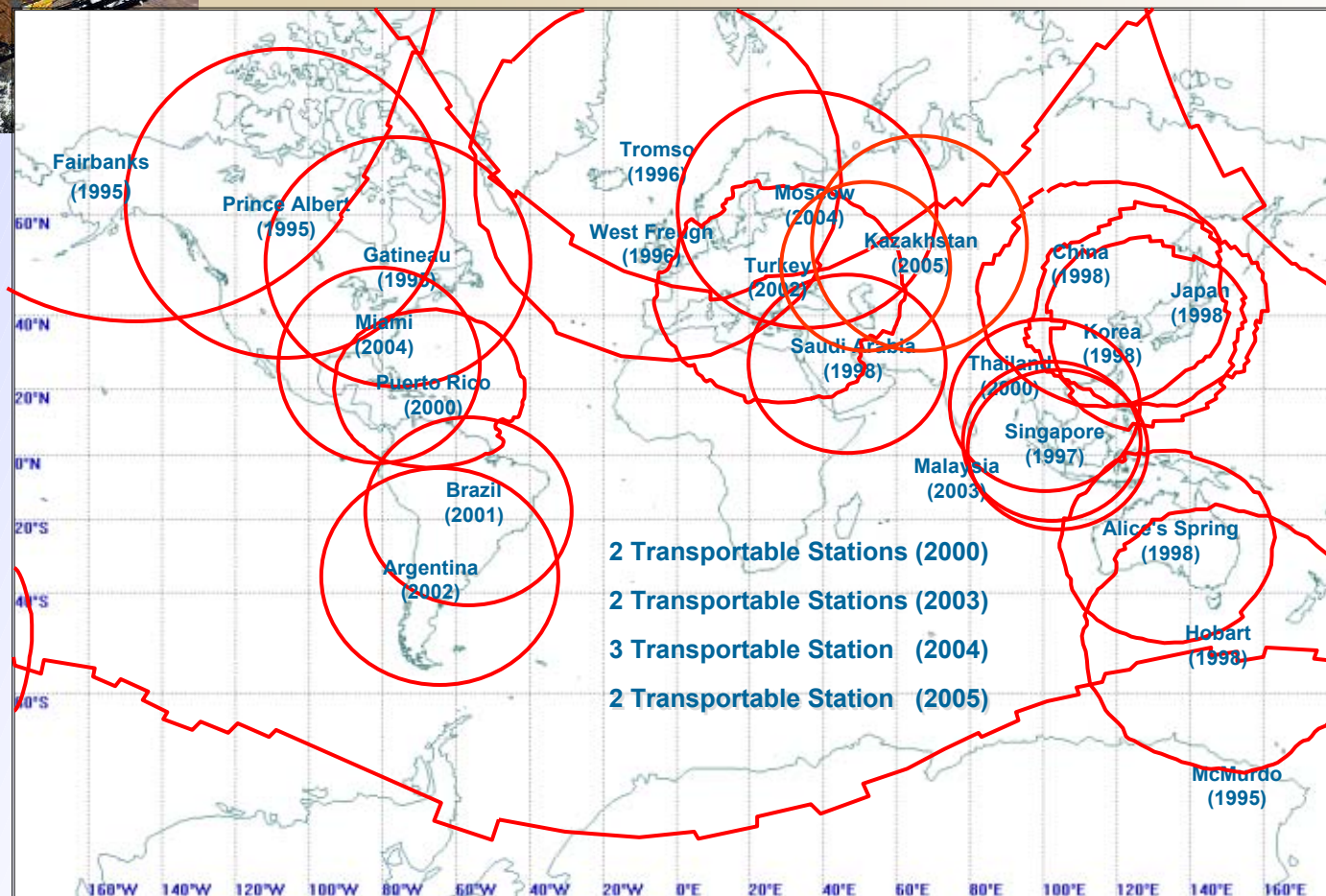
## RADARSAT-1 Processing Trends (CDPF)





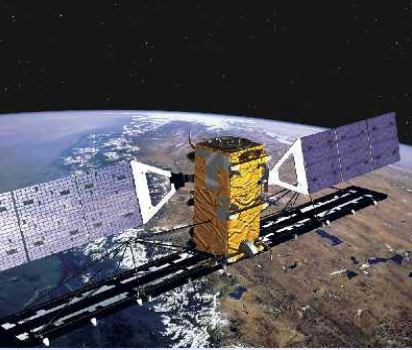
# RADARSAT-2

## Evolution of RADARSAT-1 ground stations



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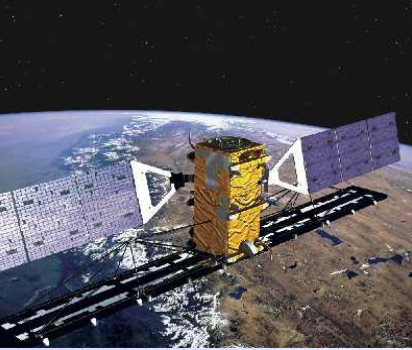
- Total Data Reception Facilities: 32 (including 9 transportable stations) with 4 under certification
- 4 more expected in 2007



# **RADARSAT - 2**

## **RADARSAT-1 Data Commercial Trends**

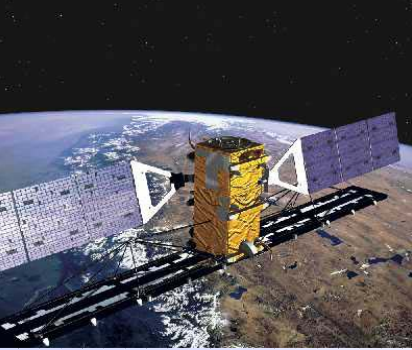
- **Continuing growth in lower resolution modes for maritime monitoring**
- **Continuing trend toward higher resolutions for defence/mapping**
- **Continuing trend towards faster and more reliable NRT**
- **Continuous growth of the network of ground stations**



# RADARSAT - 2

## RADARSAT-2 Commercial Response

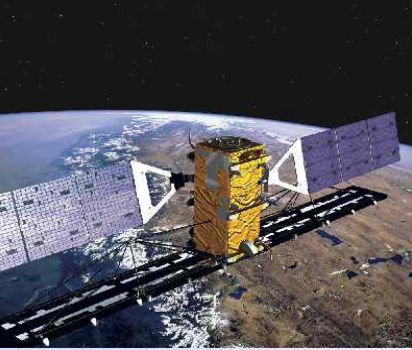
- Higher resolution modes to facilitate trend toward higher resolutions for defence/mapping
- RADARSAT-1 beam continuity but with improved revisit coupled with more flexible SSR and faster NRT turnaround to facilitate more growth in marine monitoring applications
- Continue policy of downlinks to international ground stations
- Value added development and information derivation is another growth area
  - *cross and quad pole data to help this sector grow*



# **RADARSAT - 2**

## **Partners**

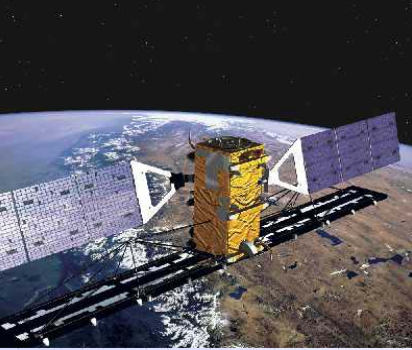
- **RADARSAT-1 success built on a solid group of international partners. Ground station Distributors, and value added partners have helped build a market**
- **Success also built on support from Canadian and international academic and research and Govt sectors programs**
- **RADARSAT-2 will continue the relationships and build new ones for new market sectors**



# RADARSAT - 2

## Brazilian Partners and Development– 10 year history

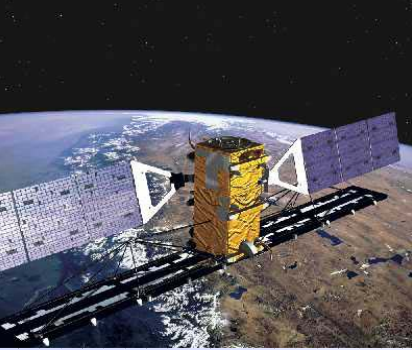
- **Early institutional champion and Ground Station:**
  - INPE
- **Radar user development:**
  - SAREX, GlobeSAR, Amazon Nations – with INPE, Cad govt and MDA
- **Resource Centre for Training and R&D**
  - Fed U of Rio (CBRR)
- **Early adopter of technology for maritime applications**
  - Petrobras – Cenpes
- **Commercial Partner**
  - Threetek



# **R A D A R S A T - 2**

## **Brazilian Programmes for Radarsat 2**

- **Continuing development of maritime surveillance programs with various clients**
- **Development of interferometric techniques with partners such as Transpetro and Petrobras – Cenpes for pipeline monitoring**
- **Programme of workshops for use and understanding of polarimetric techniques**
- **Development of Amazonian programs**
- **SOAR Programme**



# RADARSAT - 2

## Conclusions

- **Make a commercial return on investment for MDA**
- **Fulfill commitment to provide the Canadian govt their allocation**
- **Continue growth of traditional business areas such as ice, maritime monitoring and mapping**
- **Build on successful development of defence and monitoring sector**
- **Grow new business areas by developing new value added information services**
- **Further continuity through the Radarsat-C future programme**