

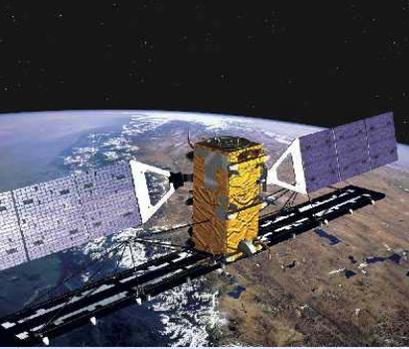
An Overview of the RADARSAT Program



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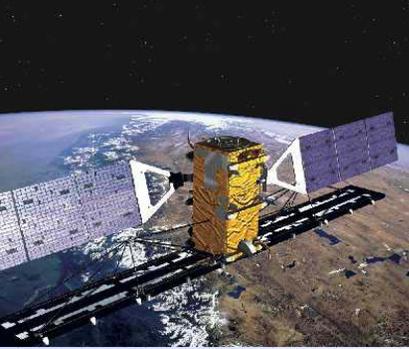
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Presentation outline

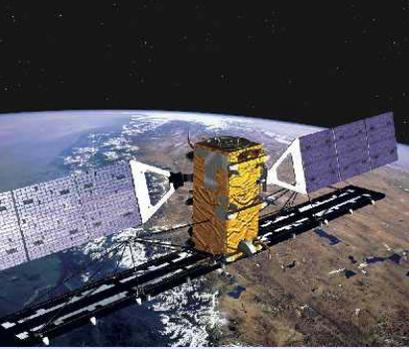
- **Mission description of Radarsat-2**
 - Mission Objectives
 - System Characteristics
 - Data Commercialization/Allocation
- **Program Update**
 - Spacecraft Assembly and Testing Status
 - Ground Segment Installation and Testing Status
 - Schedule to Launch
- **Commercial Update**
 - Radarsat 1 trends



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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



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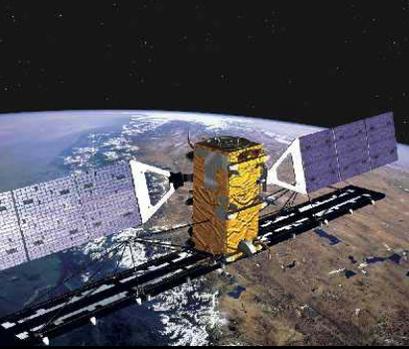
CSA-MDA Public-Private Partnership

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



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Current Ground Station Locations

**MDA/GSI
Vancouver
Order Handling** ★

**CSA Saskatoon
TT&C**

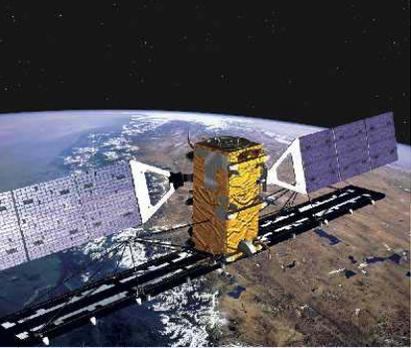
**CCRS Prince Albert
Receiving Station**

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

Gatineau

CCRS Receiving Station and MDA production





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Data Commercialization/Allocation

MDA-GSI

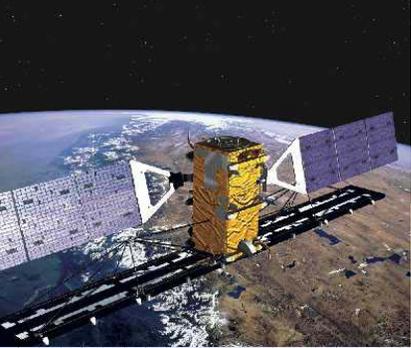
- Will commercialize and distribute RADARSAT-2 data worldwide
- Will develop data distribution agreements with regional partners around the world
- Will develop strategic partnerships with the value added sector to maximize the use of RADARSAT-2 improved capabilities

CSA

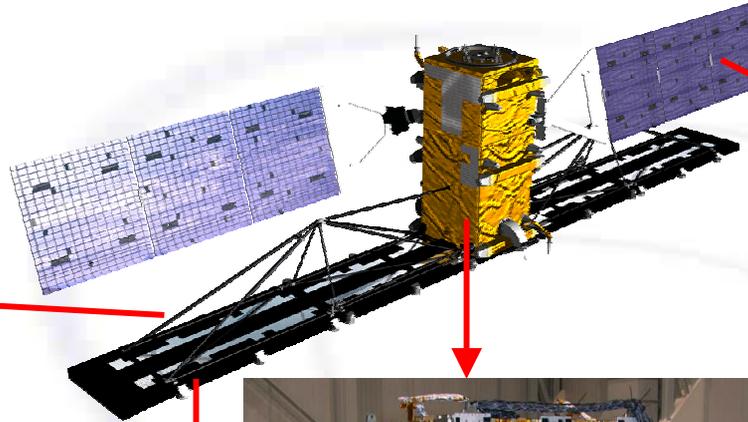
- CSA will manage the RADARSAT-2 data allocation within the Canadian Government
- All Canadian Government Departments and Agencies will be provided RADARSAT-2 data to support their mandate
- Data allocation can also be used for scientific, R&D and non-commercial institutional use

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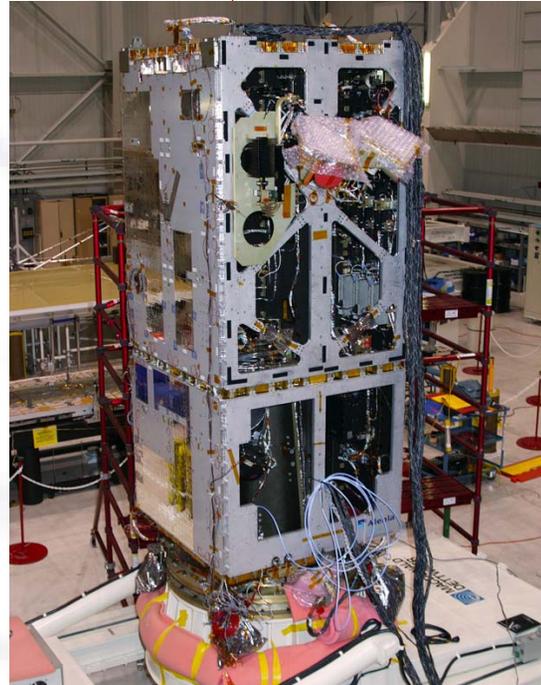
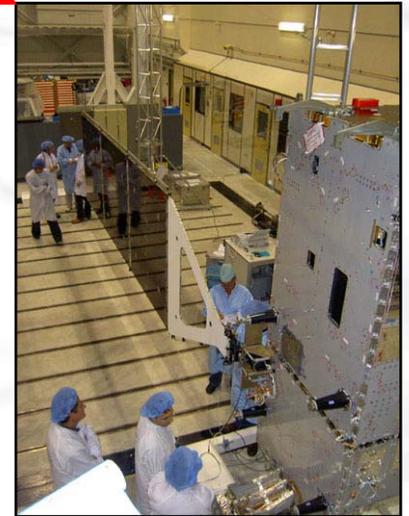
Spacecraft



ATK
Extendable Support
Structure (ESS)



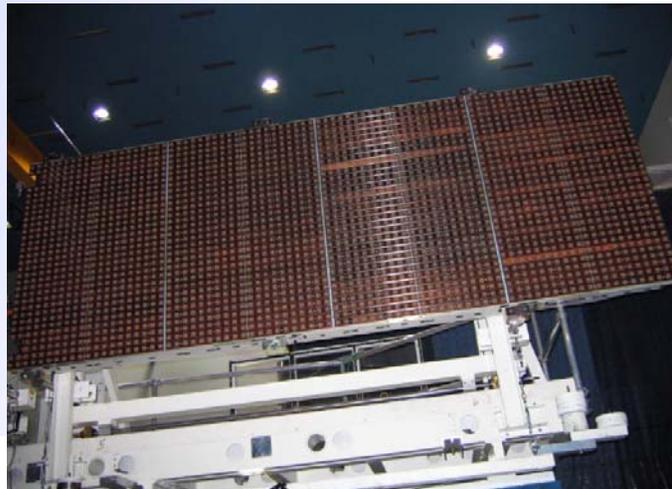
MDA
SAR Antenna and Sensor Electronics



Alenia
AEROSPAZIO
Divisione Spazio

Bus and Solar Arrays

MDA



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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:

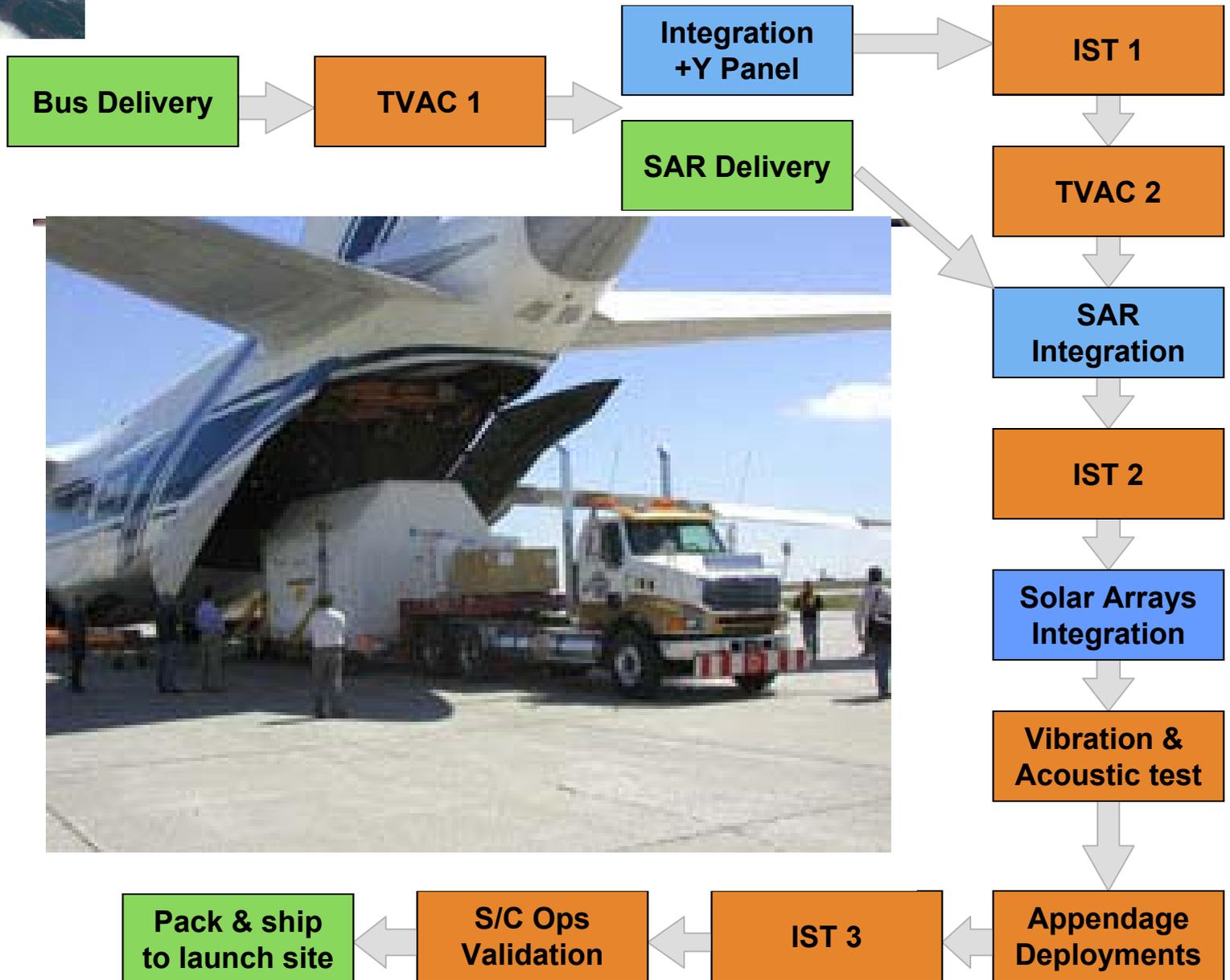
- Completed Testing of the 4 Antenna Panels at system level
- Completed integration and deployments of the SAR wings with the Extendable Support Structure (ESS) and the Bus



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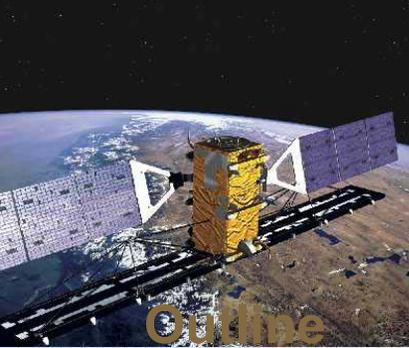
Spacecraft level completed and upcoming tests at DFL





Launch on a Soyuz rocket from Baikonur Summer 2007

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- **Radarsat-2 Features and Benefits**

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Orbit Parameters

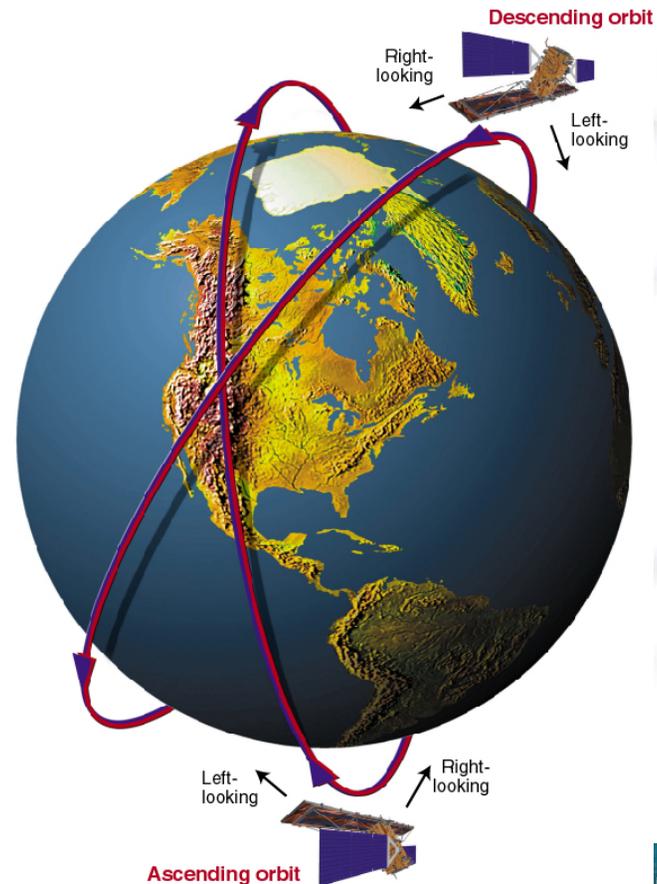
ORBIT CHARACTERISTICS

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

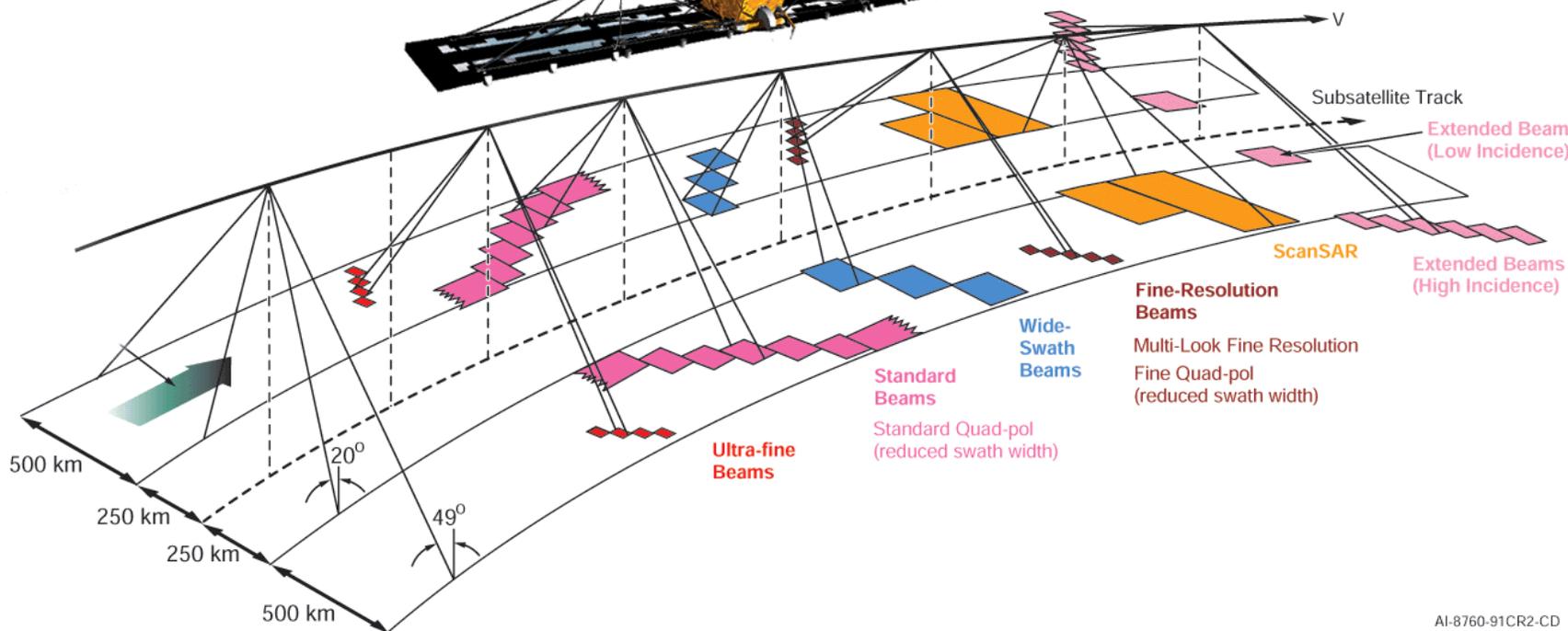
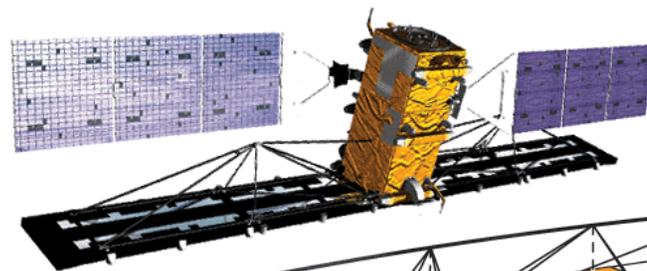
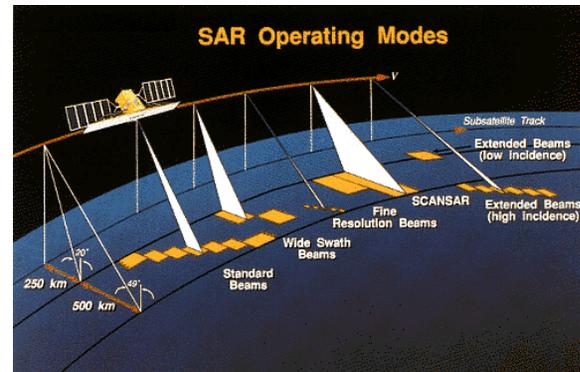
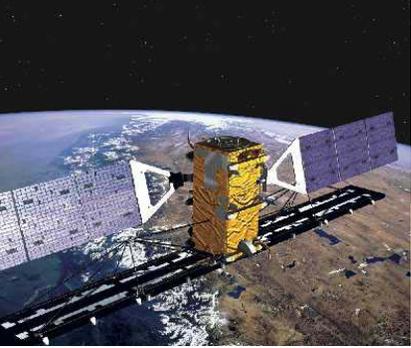
North of 70°	Daily
North of 48°	Every 1-2 days
Equator	Every 2-3 days

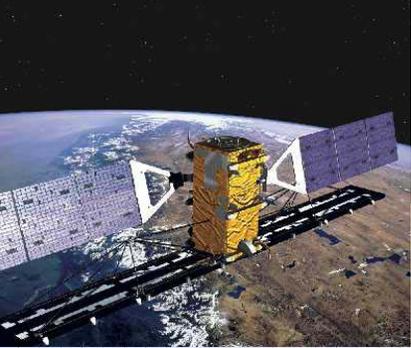
RADARSAT-2 will operate in an orbit identical as RADARSAT-1 except for an offset in time



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RADARSAT-2 Imaging Modes





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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



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RADARSAT-2 Key Applications

Defence

- target surveillance

Marine Surveillance

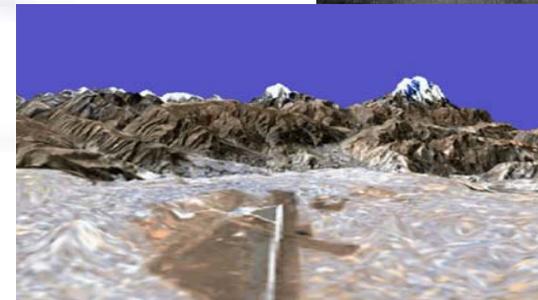
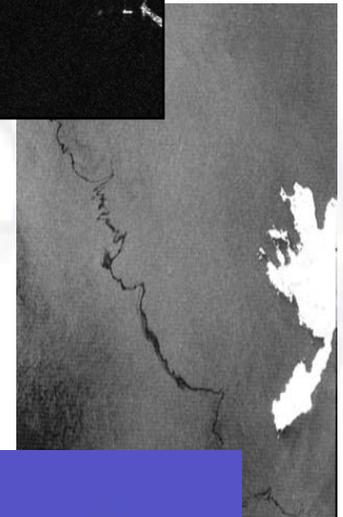
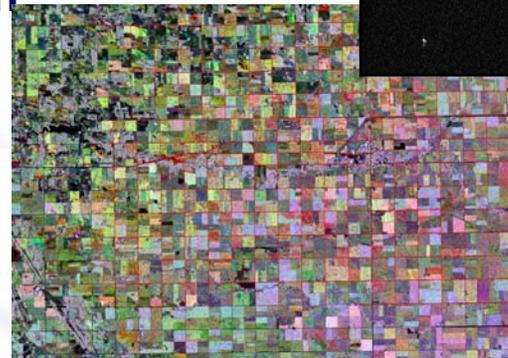
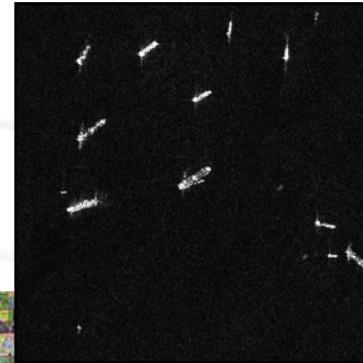
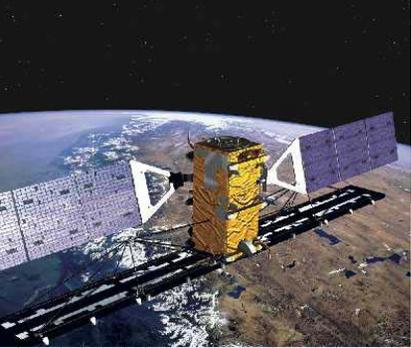
- oil pollution spill/slick detection
- ship detection/ fisheries monitoring
- sea ice mapping

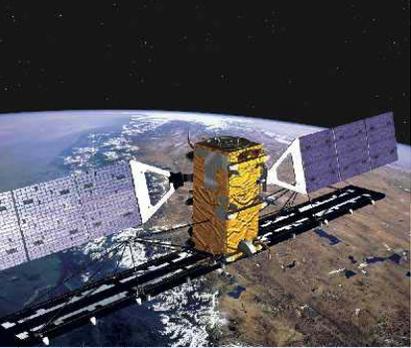
Agriculture

- crop type
- crop condition

Mapping

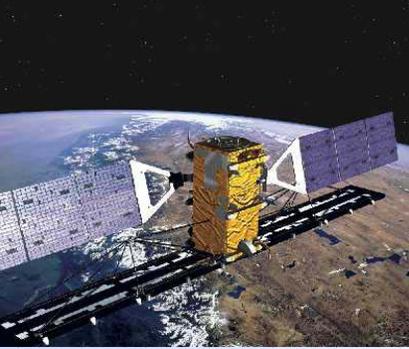
- feature extraction
- INSAR (Deformation and change)





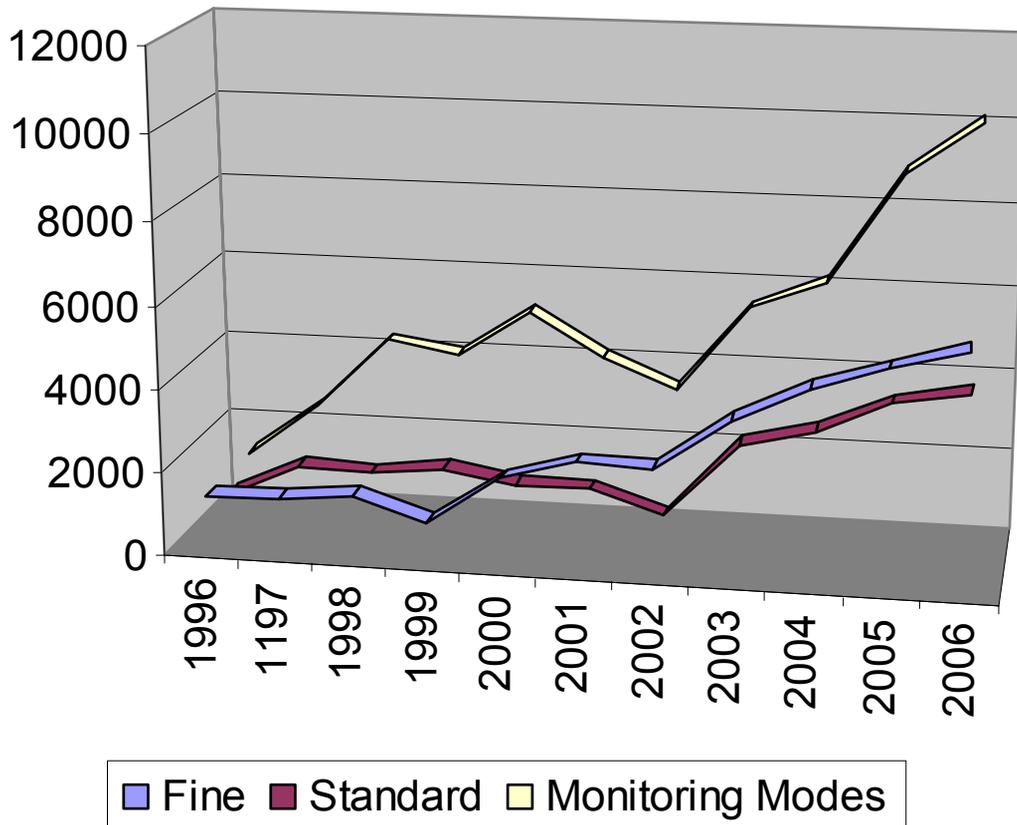
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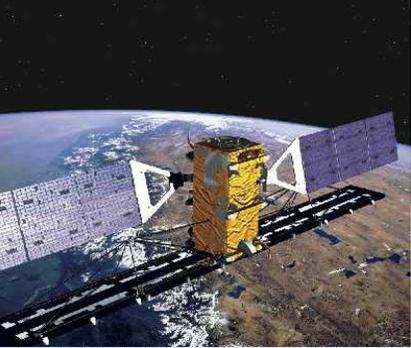
Radarsat Usage and Commercial Trends



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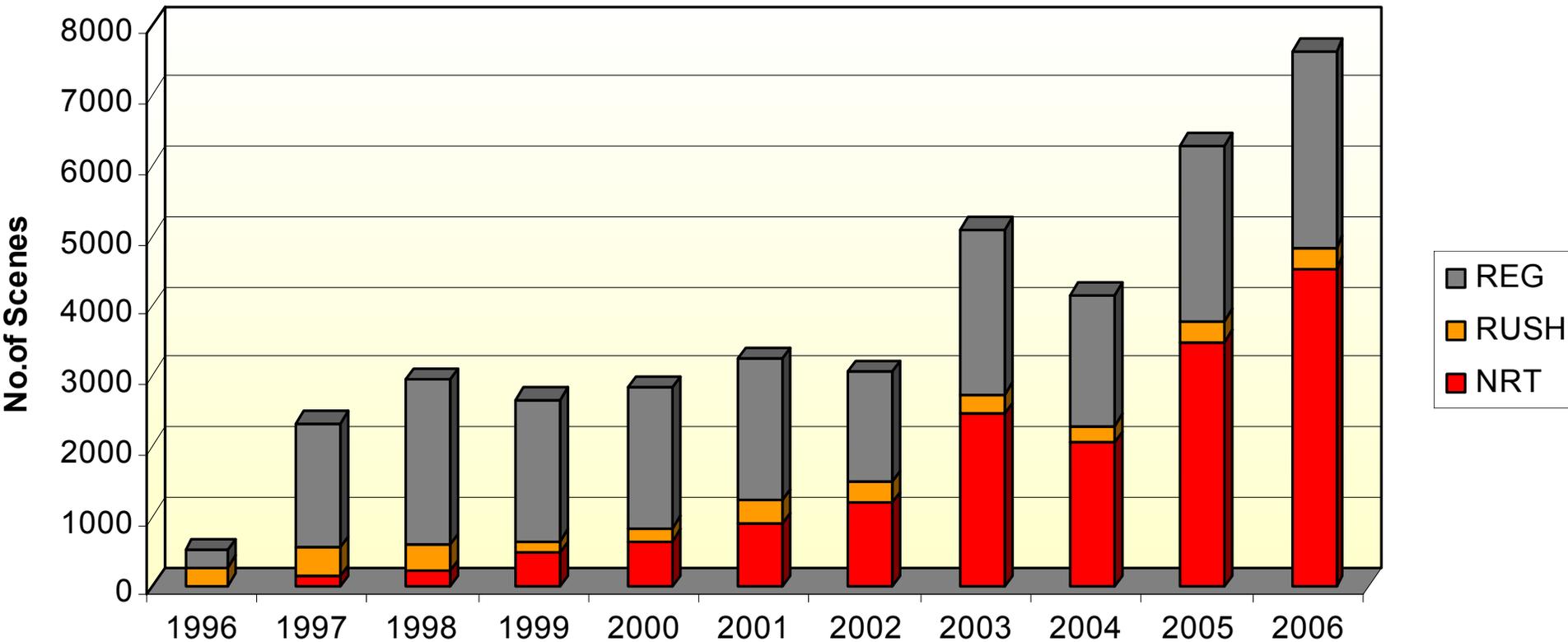
RADARSAT-1 Beam Usage Trend





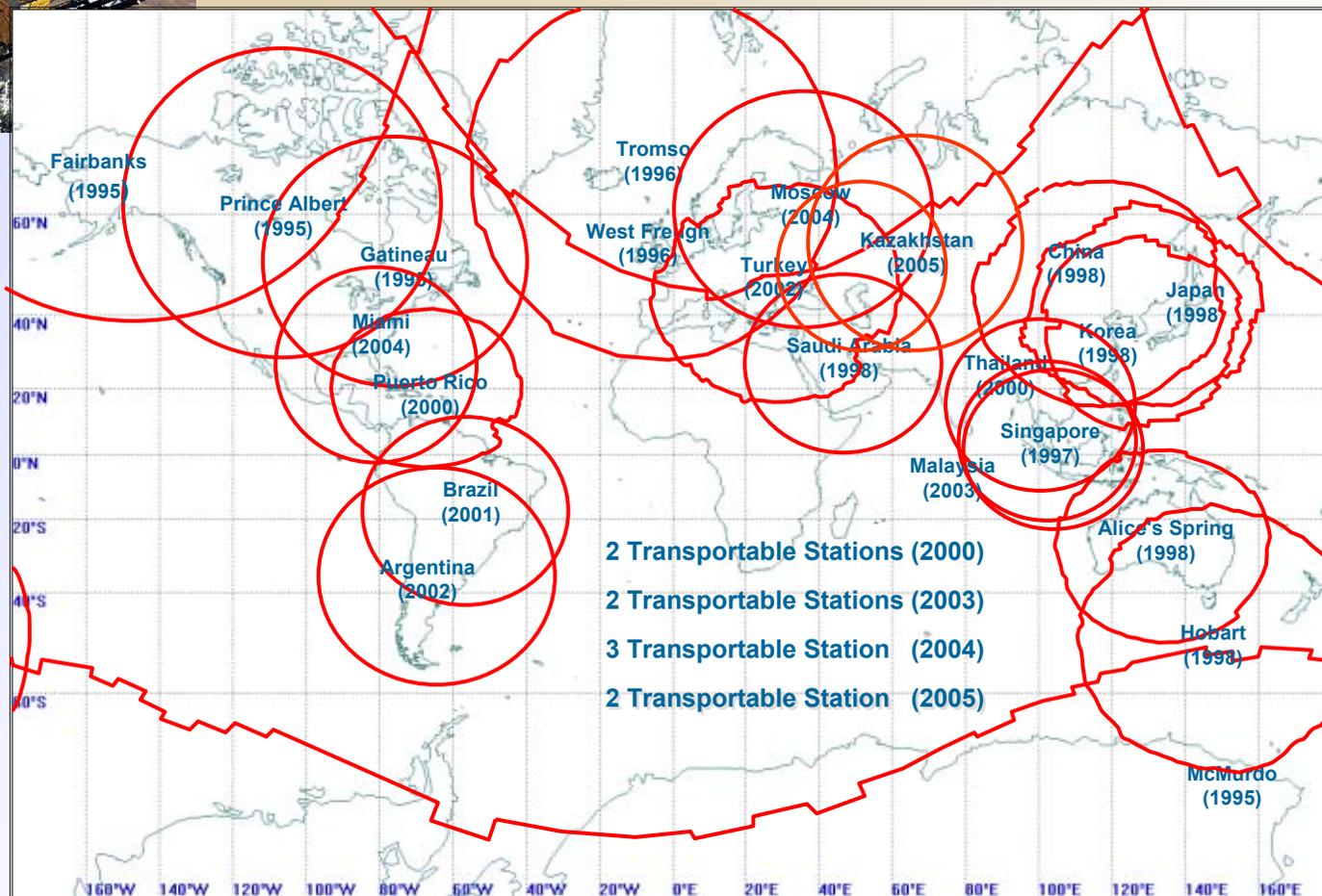
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RADARSAT-1 Processing Trends (CDPF)



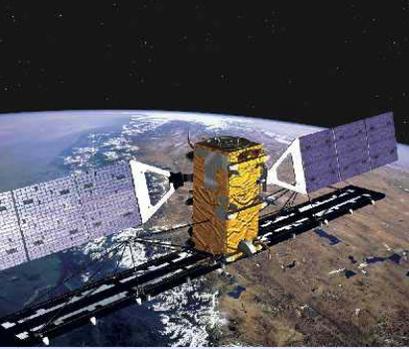
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Evolution of RADARSAT-1 ground stations



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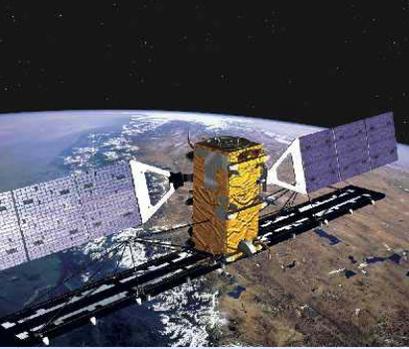
- Total Data Reception Facilities: 32 (including 9 transportable stations) with 4 under certification
- 4 more expected in 2007



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RADARSAT-1 Data Commercial Trends

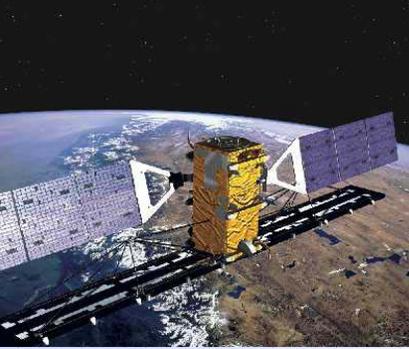
- **Continuing growth in lower resolution modes for maritime monitoring**
- **Continuing trend toward higher resolutions for defence/mapping**
- **Continuing trend towards faster and more reliable NRT**
- **Continuous growth of the network of ground stations**



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RADARSAT-2 Commercial Response

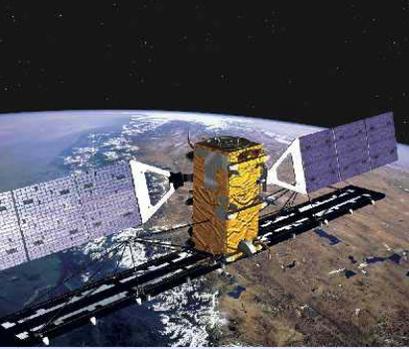
- Higher resolution modes to facilitate trend toward higher resolutions for defence/mapping
- RADARSAT-1 beam continuity but with improved revisit coupled with more flexible SSR and faster NRT turnaround to facilitate more growth in marine monitoring applications
- Continue policy of downlinks to international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



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Partners

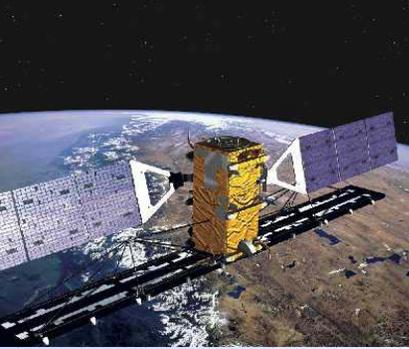
- **RADARSAT-1 success built on a solid group of international partners. Ground station Distributors, and value added partners have helped build a market**
- **Success also built on support from Canadian and international academic and research and Govt sectors programs**
- **RADARSAT-2 will continue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



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Brazilian Partners and Development– 10 year history

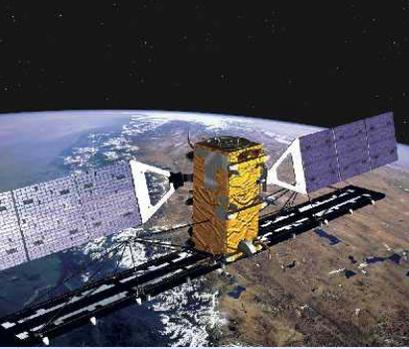
- **Early institutional champion and Ground Station:**
 - INPE
- **Radar user development:**
 - SAREX, GlobeSAR, Amazon Nations – with INPE, Cad govt and MDA
- **Resource Centre for Training and R&D**
 - Fed U of Rio (CBRR)
- **Early adopter of technology for maritime applications**
 - Petrobras – Cenpes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



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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



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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**