

Role of space technology applications for disaster risk reduction & climate change

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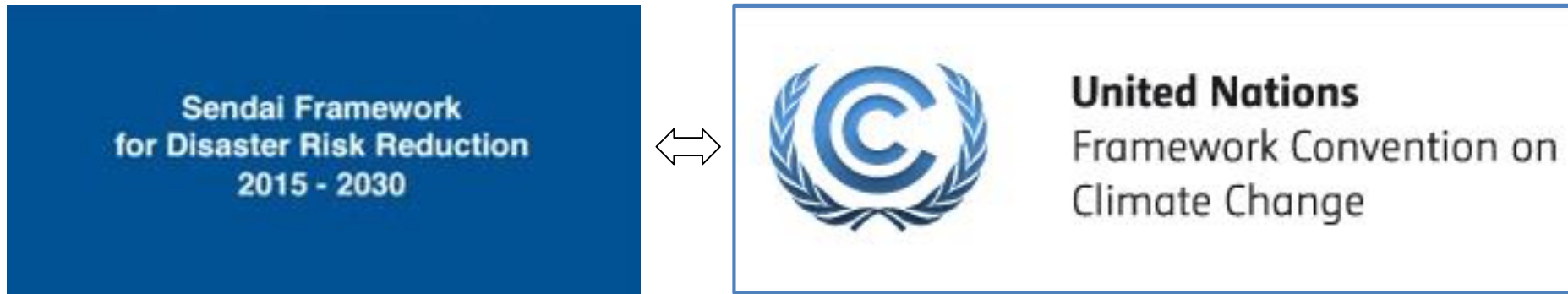


Knowledge for Tomorrow

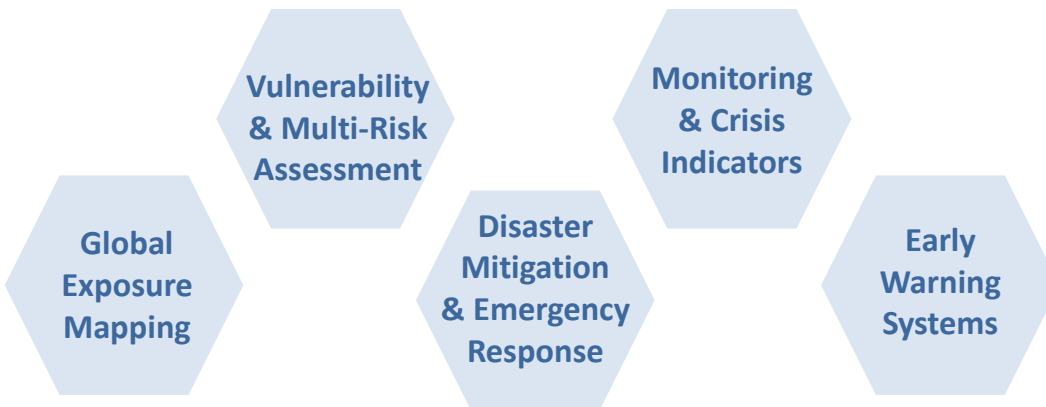


Climate Change & Risk Reduction

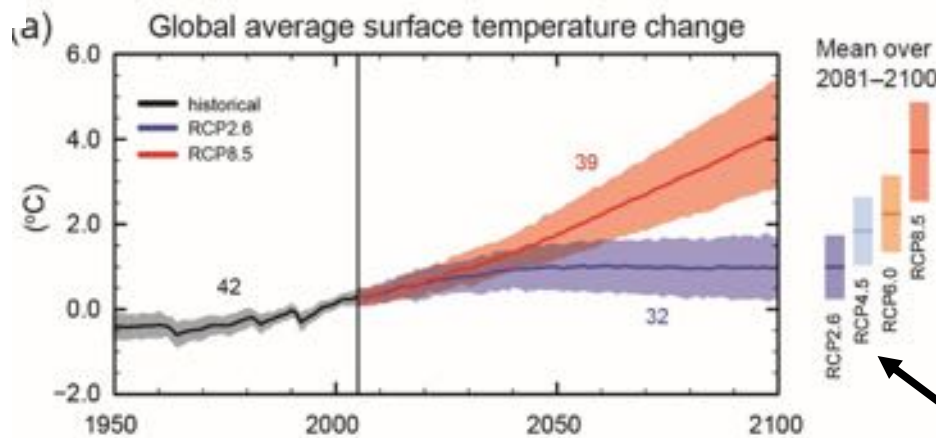
- Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation are closely linked in reducing risks and vulnerabilities to climate-related hazards.



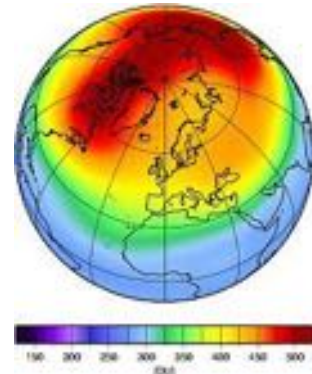
- Earth Observation (EO) technologies are key in providing reliable information and substantial contributions at global, regional, national and local level.



Climate Informatics & Modeling for Disaster Risk Reduction



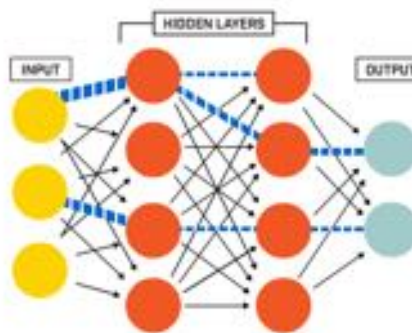
- Climate informatics utilizes machine learning on big climate data to better understand and predict the climate system
- Earth system and climate modeling simulates all relevant aspects of the Earth system, including physical, chemical and biological processes.



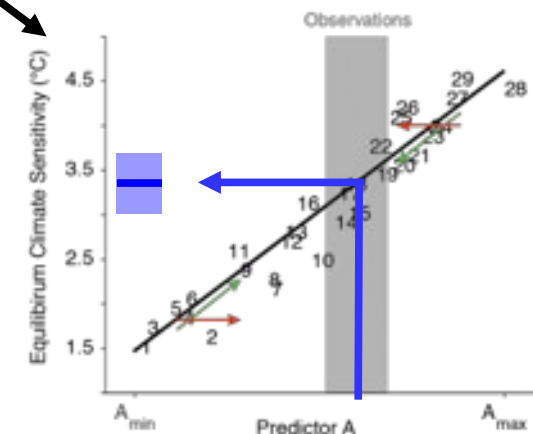
Big Data



Machine Learning & Statistics



Constraining Climate Sensitivity





Science, technology and innovation are essential for sustainable development.



Facing Extremes – DLR Disaster Mitigation Support



**International Charter on Space
and Major Disasters, Call 598**

Forest Fires in Chile

27. January, 2017



**International Charter on Space
and Major Disasters, Call 602**

Floods in Peru

01. April, 2017



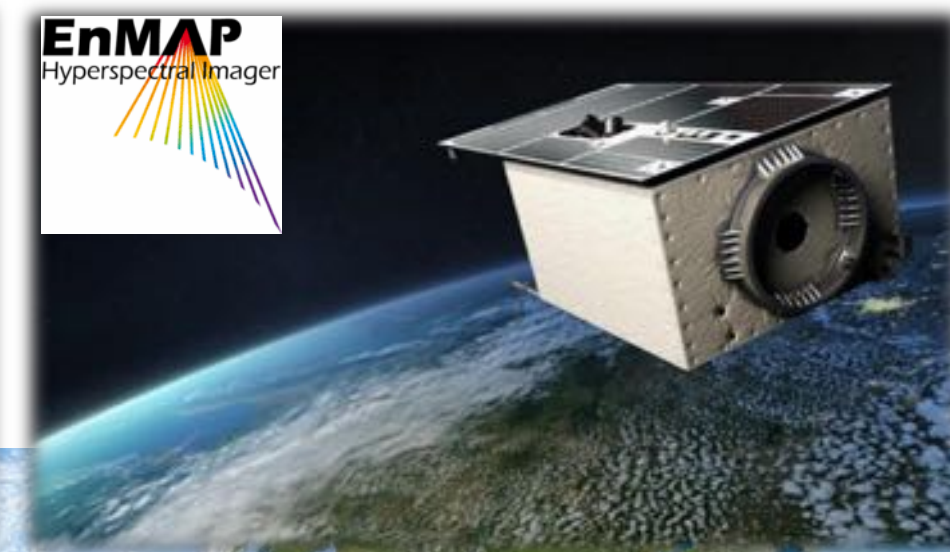
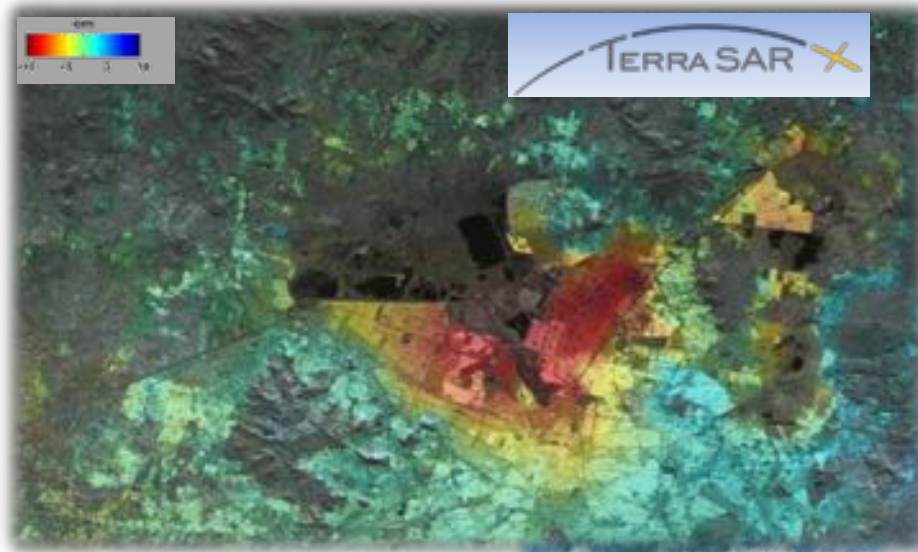
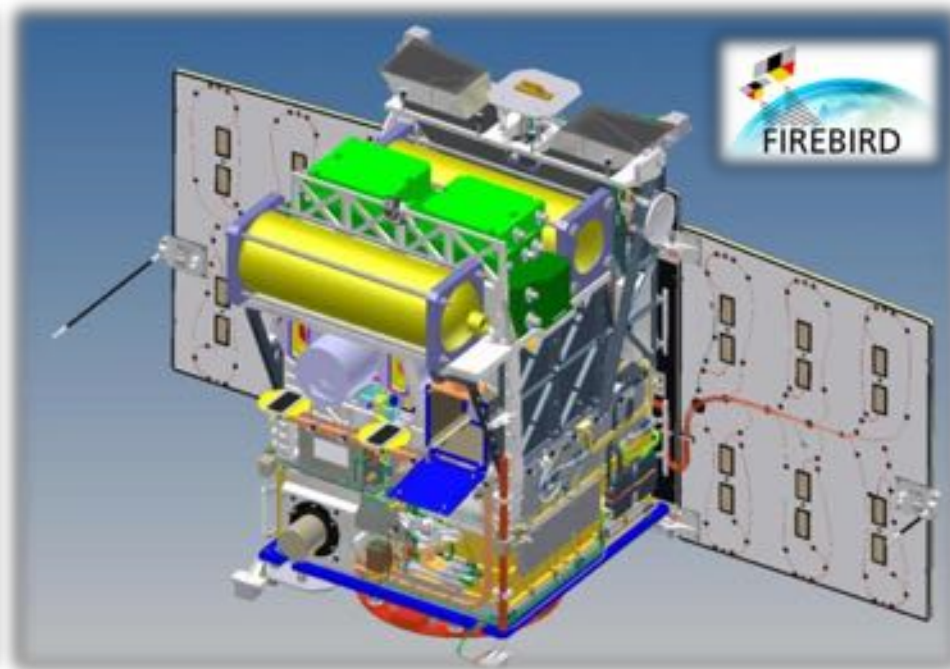
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ZKI Center for Satellite Based Crisis Information Center

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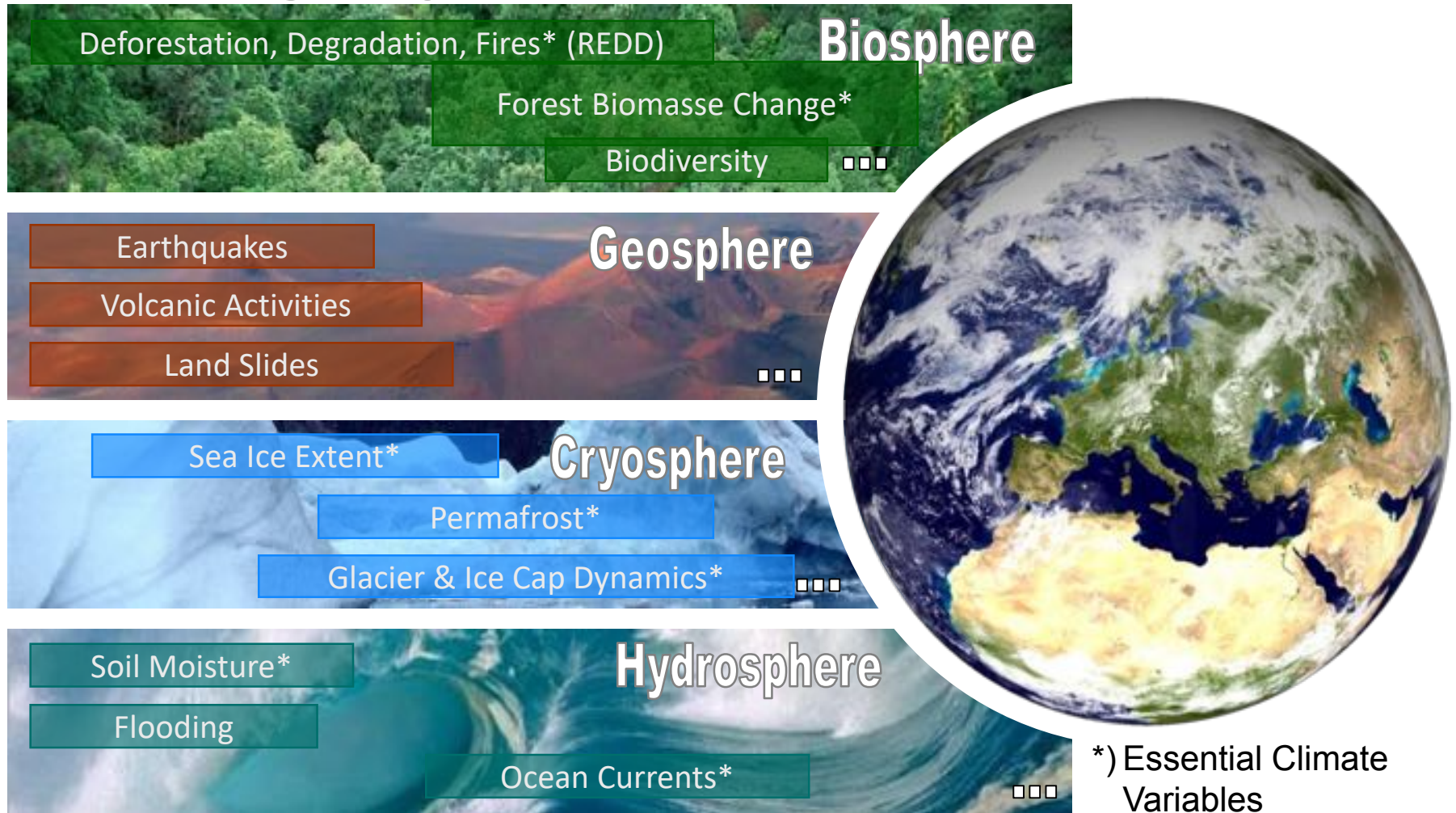
DLR Earth Observation Satellite Technologies



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Monitoring of Dynamic Processes on the Earth Surface



Days Weeks Months Years Observation Interval

The International Space Station for Earth Observation

Global Advantages:

- Near global coverage (95% of the world population)
- Low orbit gives opportunity for higher spatial resolution
- Excellent potential concerning power & data transmission
- Possibility of refurbishment on sub-decadal timescale
- Easy access with human assistance
- Relatively cheap in comparison to satellites

Practical Advantages :

- Coverage is good if you don't need to see the North or South Pole
- Low orbit gives opportunity for higher spatial resolution
- Potential for up to 34 instruments
- Power & data rate not a real problem
- Mass is a problem as it has to get to the ISS
- Possibility of refurbishment on sub-decadal timescale



Modular Orbital-Hub DLR Vision 2025 European Initiative



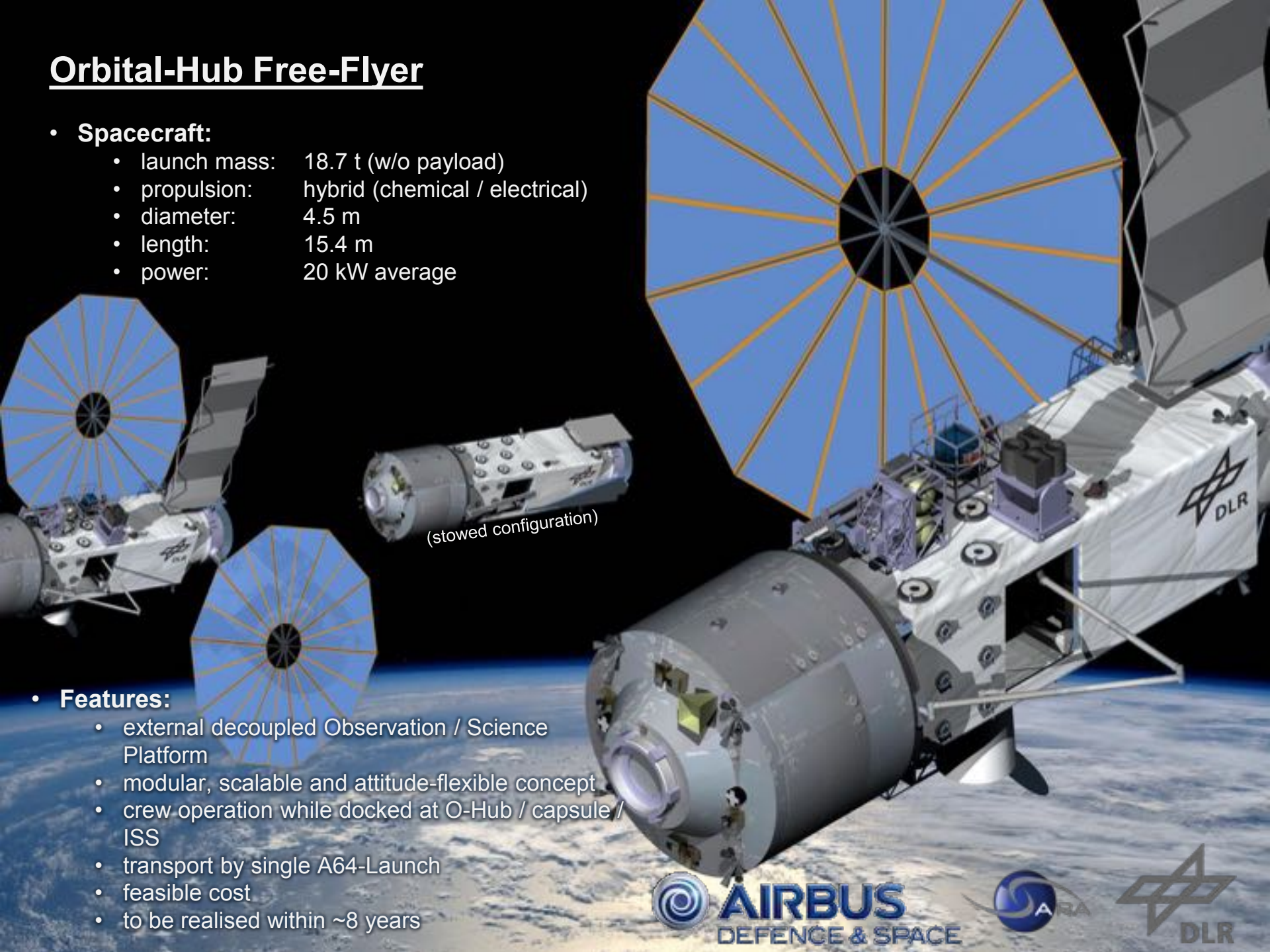
Orbital-Hub Free-Flyer

- **Spacecraft:**

- launch mass: 18.7 t (w/o payload)
- propulsion: hybrid (chemical / electrical)
- diameter: 4.5 m
- length: 15.4 m
- power: 20 kW average

- **Features:**

- external decoupled Observation / Science Platform
- modular, scalable and attitude-flexible concept
- crew operation while docked at O-Hub / capsule / ISS
- transport by single A64-Launch
- feasible cost
- to be realised within ~8 years



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