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#### CSG-2



Launched 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2022

Second of Italy's COSMO-SkyMed Second Generation series of radar satellites, which together will be able to observe the same points on Earth twice a day

Follows the original 4-satellite COSMO-SkyMed constellation, launched 2007-2010.

Applications in environmental monitoring, surveillance and risk management, environmental resources management, maritime management, and topographic mapping

### RISAT-1A



- Launched 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022
- Also known as EOS-4 (Earth Observing Satellite-4)
- Carries a C-Band SAR instrument, and designed to provide high-quality images under all-weather conditions
- Applications include agriculture, forestry, soil moisture, hydrology, and flood mapping



#### GOES-T



- Launched 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2022
- GOES = Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites
- ✤GOES-T was renamed GOES-18 following launch, and is the third in a series of four advanced geostationary weather satellites, known as the GOES-R Series

The GOES-R Series provides advanced imagery and atmospheric measurements, real-time mapping of lightning activity, and monitoring of space weather.

## EnMAP



#### Launched 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022

- EnMAP is the first ever German optical Earth observing satellite, and carries a hyperspectral imager, with 230 spectral channels in the solar-reflectance range
- Mission objectives include to measure, derive, and analyse numerous diagnostic parameters which describe vital processes on the Earth's surface
- EnMAP data was already assessed as CEOS Analysis Ready Data prior to launch.



#### LARES-2





#### Launched 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

- ✤H303 retrorefelectors that will reflect laser pulses from ground stations and allow the position of the satellite to be measured to within 1 mm
- The precisely determined orbit of the satellite will be used to calculate the dragging of inertial frames due to the Earth's angular momentum, known as the Lense-Thirring effect.

- Launched to the ISS on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2022
- Installed on the exterior of the ISS on July
  22<sup>nd</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>
- EMIT is comprehensively measuring the mineral composition of Earth's dust source regions
- Helping scientists understand how dust can heat or cool our planet when strong winds lift the particles from Earth's desert and dryland regions and carry them great distances through the atmosphere.









- Launched 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023
- Renamed NOAA-21 following launch
- The second mission of the new generation of NOAA's POES (Polar-Orbiting Environmental Satellites) system
- Provides operational continuity of satellitebased observations and products for numerical weather prediction

## Oceansat-3



- Launched on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2022
- Multi-sensor mission to provide service continuity for users of Oceansat-2 data and improve upon existing remote sensing capabilities in the field of oceanography
- Oceansat-3 data has applications in ocean colour, biology, and surface winds and temperature
- Also carries the ARGOS-4 data collection system, in partnership with CNES



# MTG-l1



- Launched 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2022
- First of the six-satellite Meteosat Third Generation geostationary constellation
- Four MTG-I (Imager) satellites will be complemented by two MTG-S (Sounder) satellites
- Carries Europe's first lightning imager which will give weather forecasters greater confidence in their predictions of severe storms, particularly in remote regions and on the oceans where lightning detection capabilities are limited

## SWOT

✤Launched on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

- A swath-based Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) altimetry mission, following from the Jason-1, -2 and -3 missions
- SWOT will perform a global survey of the Earth's surface water, collecting detailed measurements of how water bodies change over time
- The data collected by this mission could improve ocean circulation models and weather predictions, while aiding in freshwater management around the world



# Electro-LN4





✤Launched 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

Operational meteorology satellite hosted in Geostationary orbit at 165° East, over Eastern Asia and the Pacific.

Carries the Module for Geophysical Measurements (GGAK-E) to monitor and forecast solar activity, radiation and magnetic fields around Earth

Also carries the multispectral scanning imager-radiometer (MSU-GS) which measures multiple parameters for operational meteorology.

# TEMPO

Launched as a payload on Intelsat 40E on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

Intelsat 40E is a commercial communications satellite in geostationary orbit at 91° West

TEMPO is the first space-based instrument to measure air quality over North America hourly during the daytime and at spatial regions of several square miles



#### NORSAT-TD





#### Launched 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

Carries multiple advanced or experimental payloads, including an iodine propulsion system, a satellite tracking and navigation payload, a laser data downlink system, and an AIS receiver

# FY-3RM-1 (FY-3G)



- Launched on 16th April, 2023
- Dedicated rainfall mission in low Earth orbit
- Will help monitor and predict meteorological disasters like rainstorms and typhoons during the main flood season
- Equipped with a Ku/Ka-band dualfrequency precipitation measurement radar



### TROPICS





- Launched 8<sup>th</sup> May and 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2023
   Four-satellite constellation
- Provides rapid-refresh microwave measurements to monitor tropical storms

Aims to improve the understanding and prediction of the evolution of tropical cyclone structure, size, and intensity

# Kondor-FKA N-1

Launched on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

- Hosts an S-band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) instrument, with spatial resolutions up to 1 m, and swaths as wide as 500 km across various modes
- The data has applications in disaster monitoring, sea surface monitoring, and environmental management



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