



# **Unleashing the Power of Earth Observations – Together**

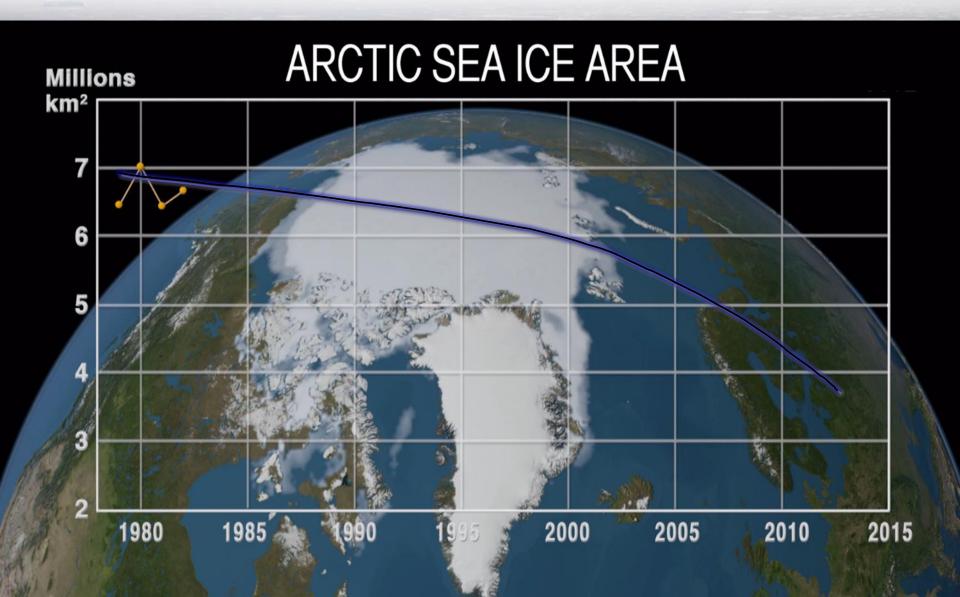
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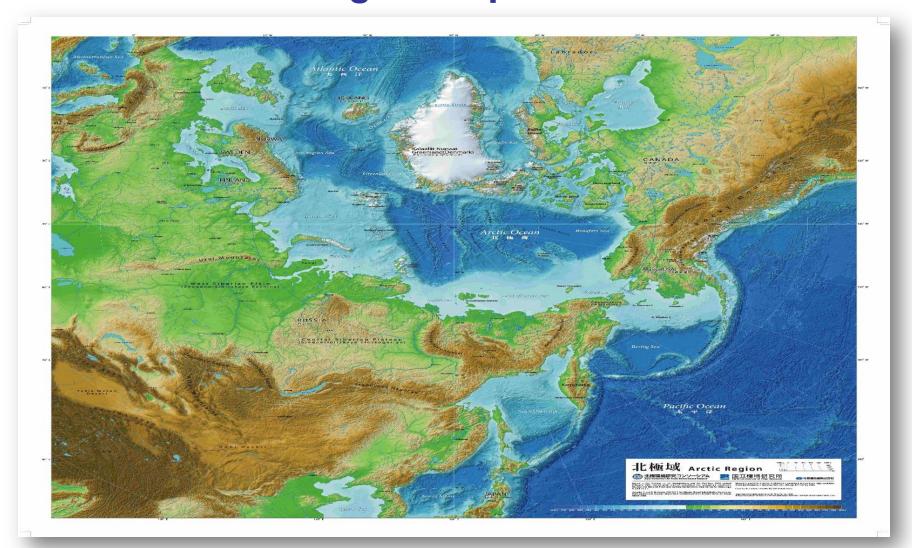








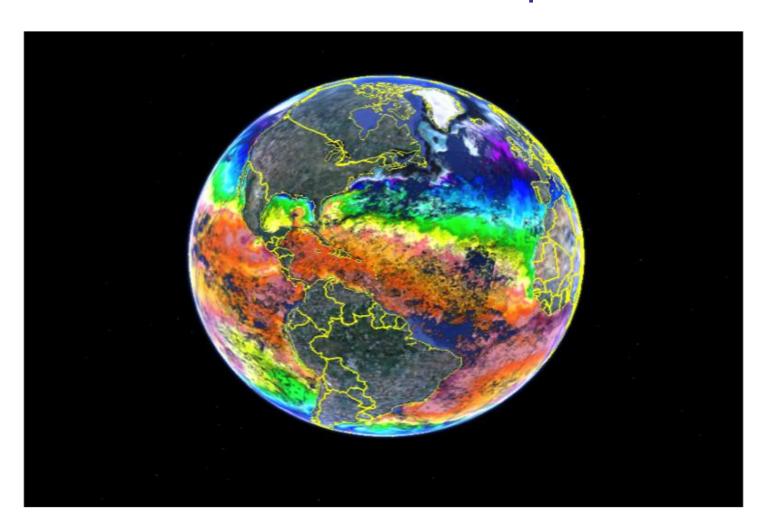
#### The Arctic Region Impacts the Globe







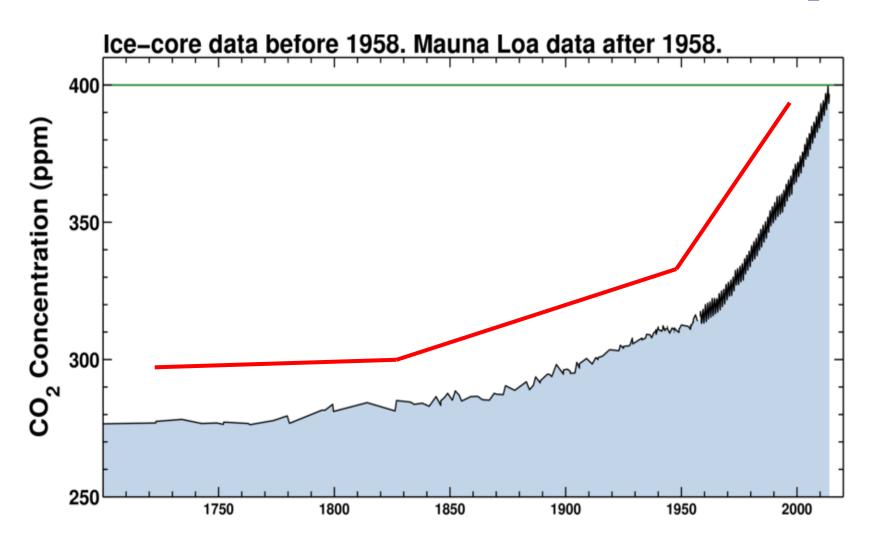
#### Global Sea Surface Temperatures







#### Global Atmospheric Concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub>







#### **Observations – In, On, and Around the Earth**







#### **GEO Vision**

To realize a future wherein decisions and actions, for the benefit of humankind, are informed by coordinated, comprehensive and sustained Earth observations and information.





#### A Global System of Systems







#### **GEO Objectives**

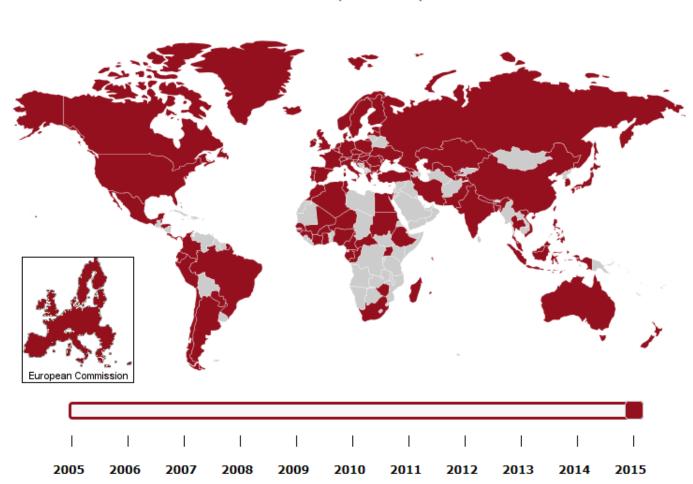
- Improve and coordinate observation systems globally
- Provide access to data & information
- Advance broad open data policies/practices
- Build capacity





#### **GEO Member States**

GEO Member Map for the year 2015



#### Number of Members (2015)

Africa: 25

Americas: 15

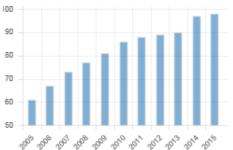
Asia/Oceania: 17

C.I.S.: 7

Europe: 34

Total: 98

#### Number of Members by year





#### **87 Participating Organizations**





































**Economic Commission for Africa** 

























































































































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## Spans the Entire Information Value Chain

Data Providers











Value-Added Providers







Downstream Users

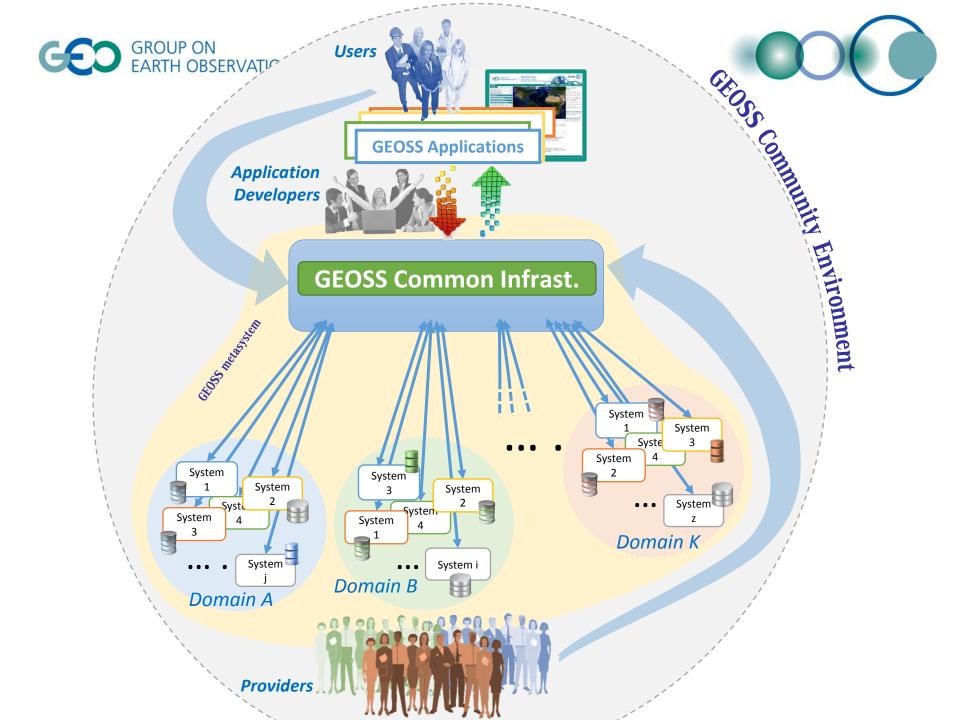


















#### **GEOSS Information System**

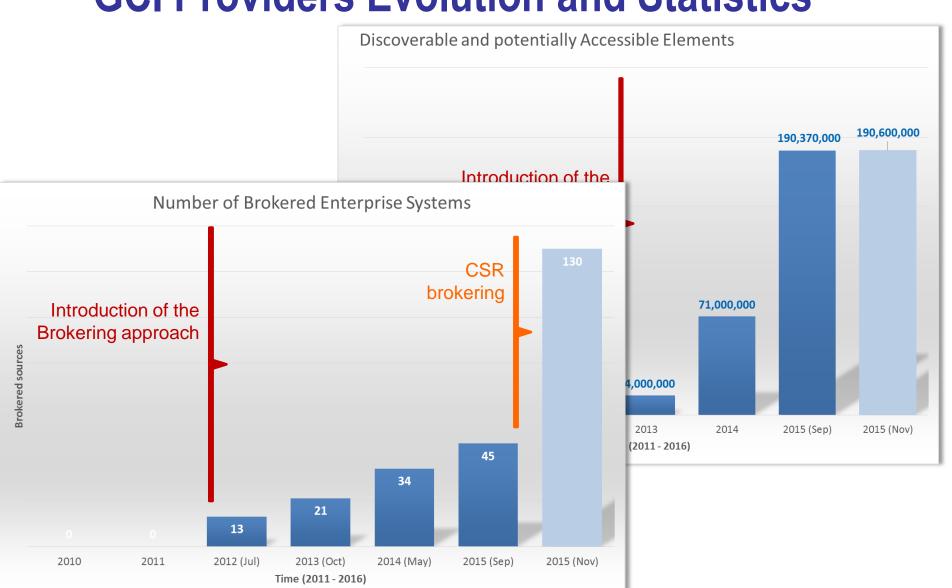








#### **GCI Providers Evolution and Statistics**







#### **Brokering Organizations**



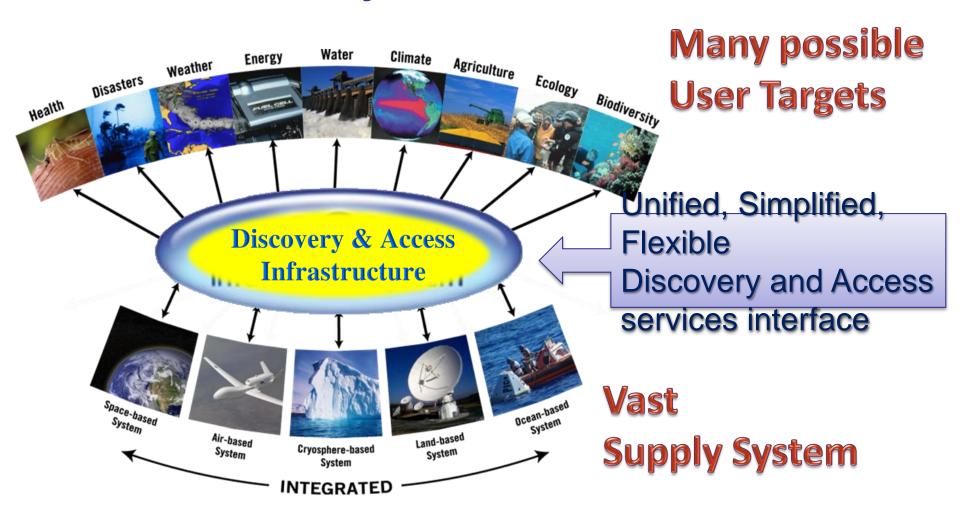






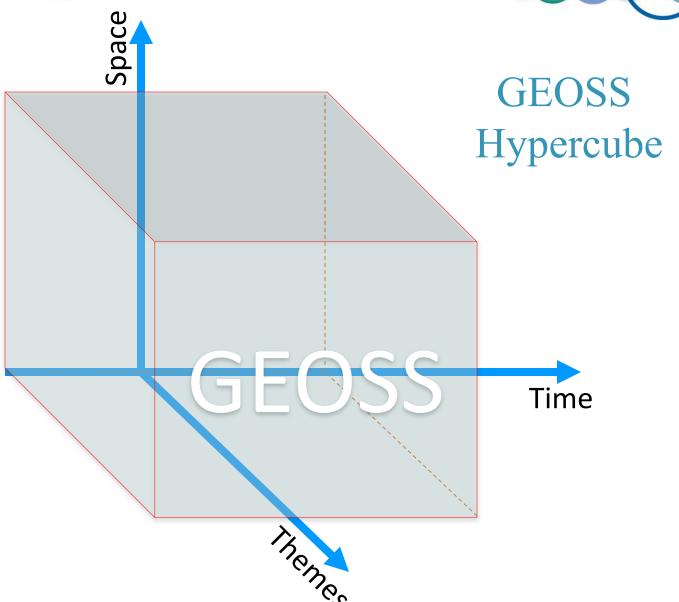


#### **GEOSS Discovery and Access Infrastructure**



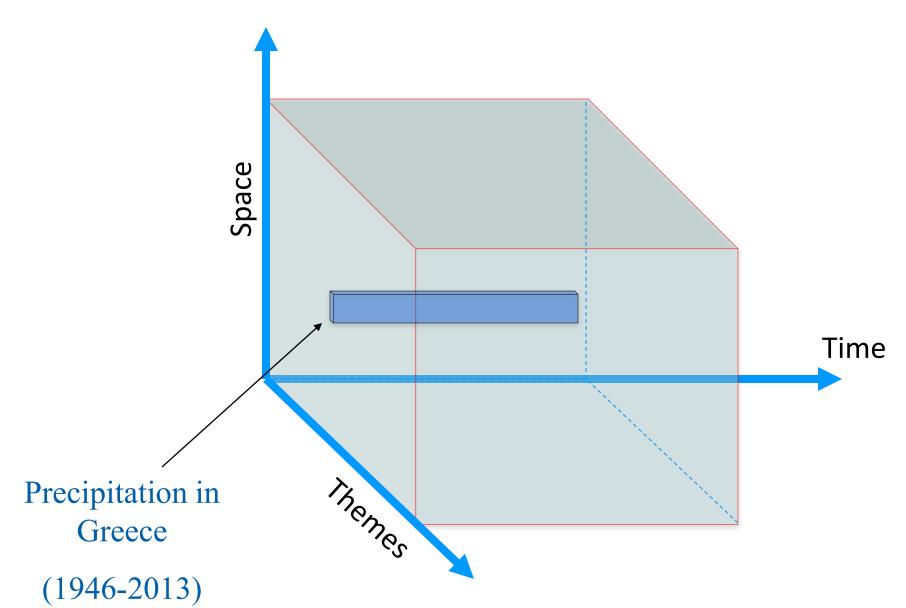






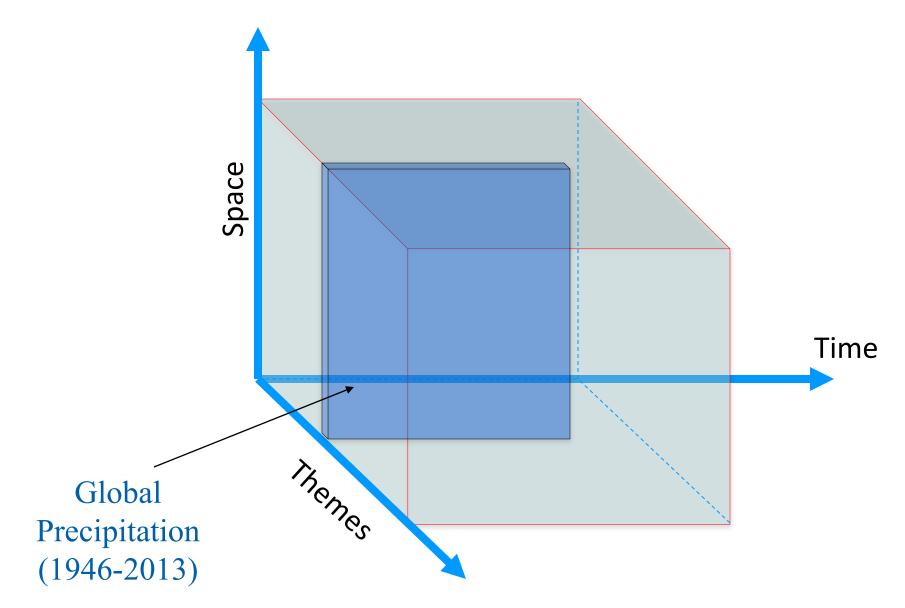






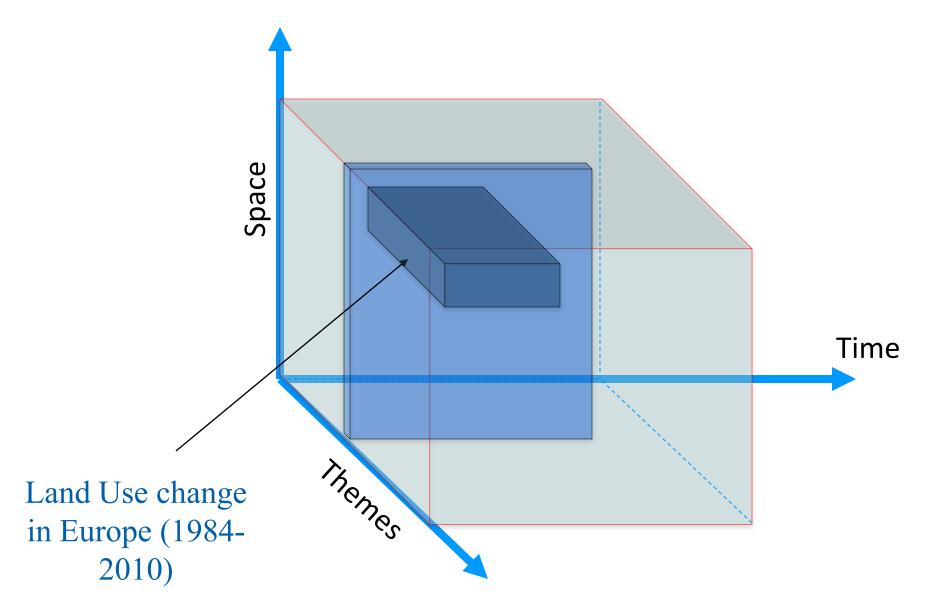






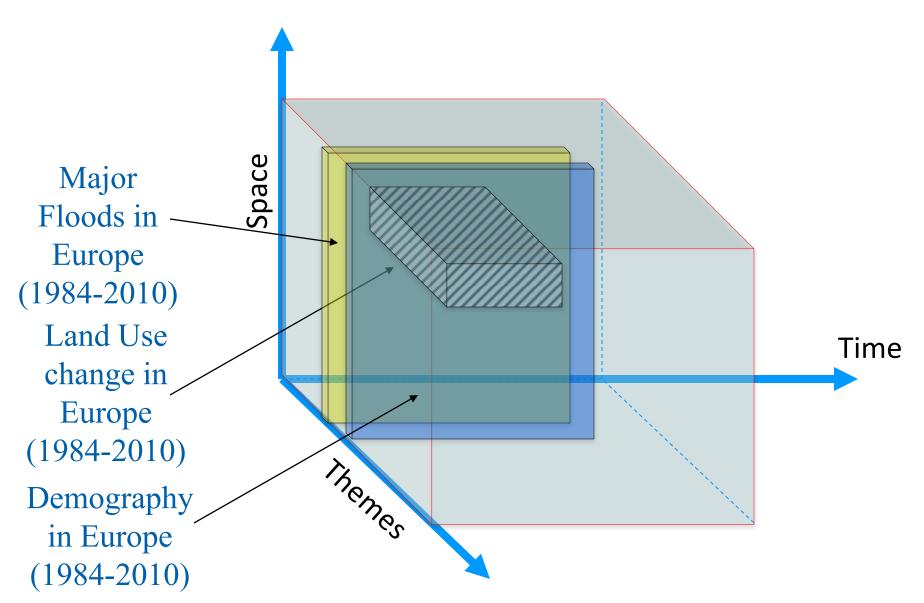


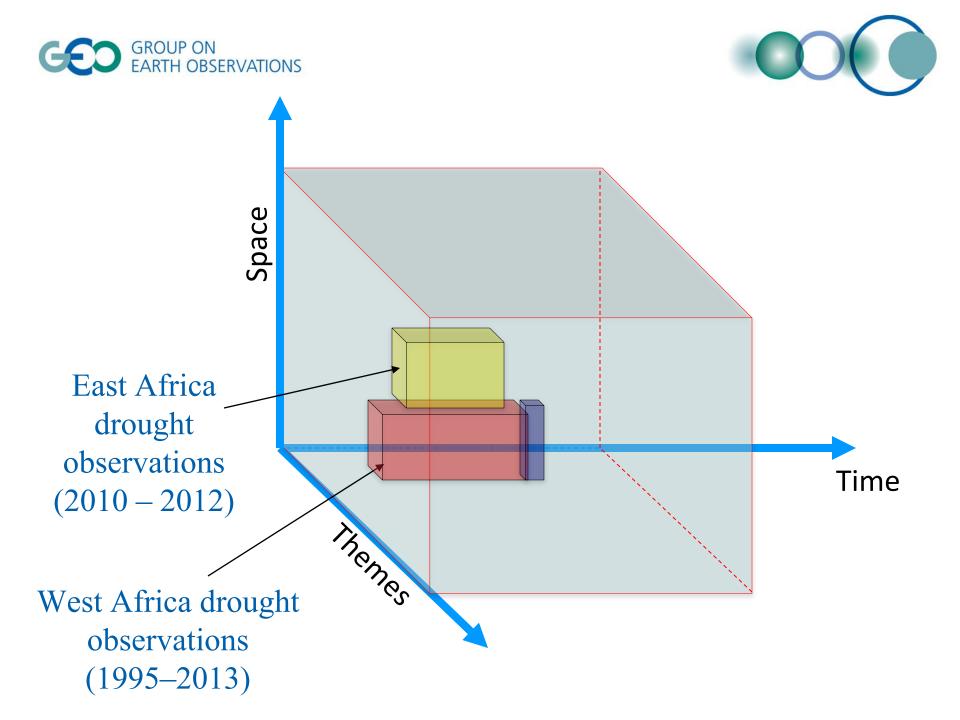


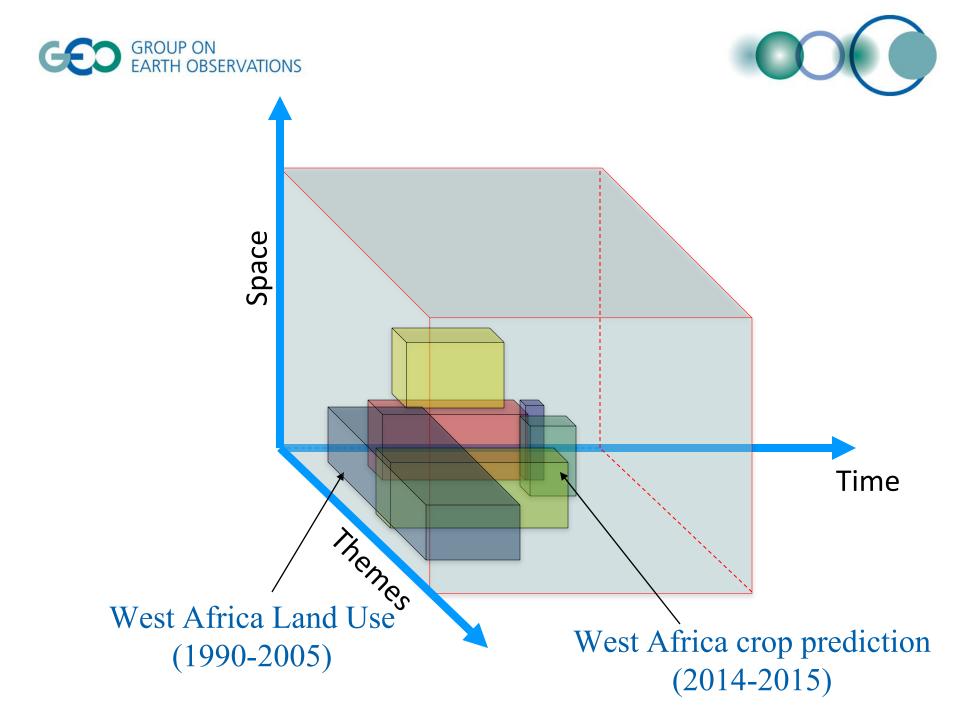






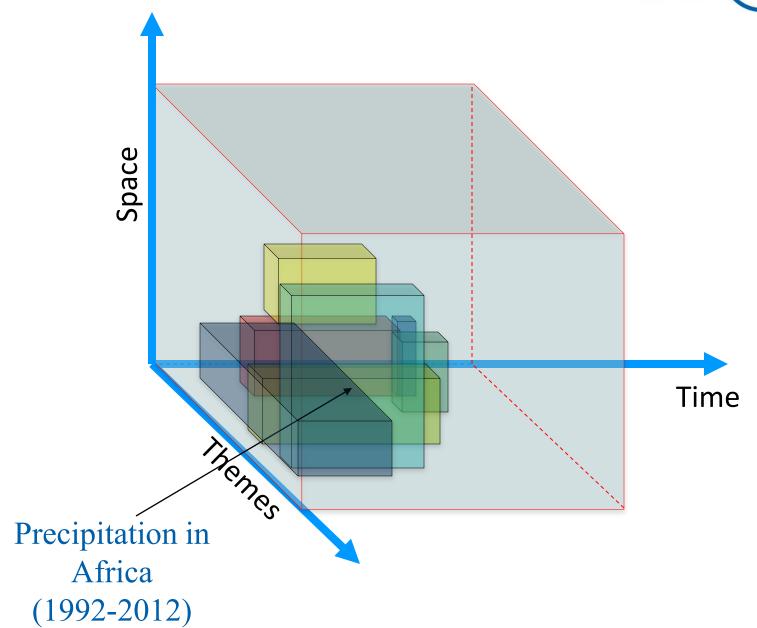


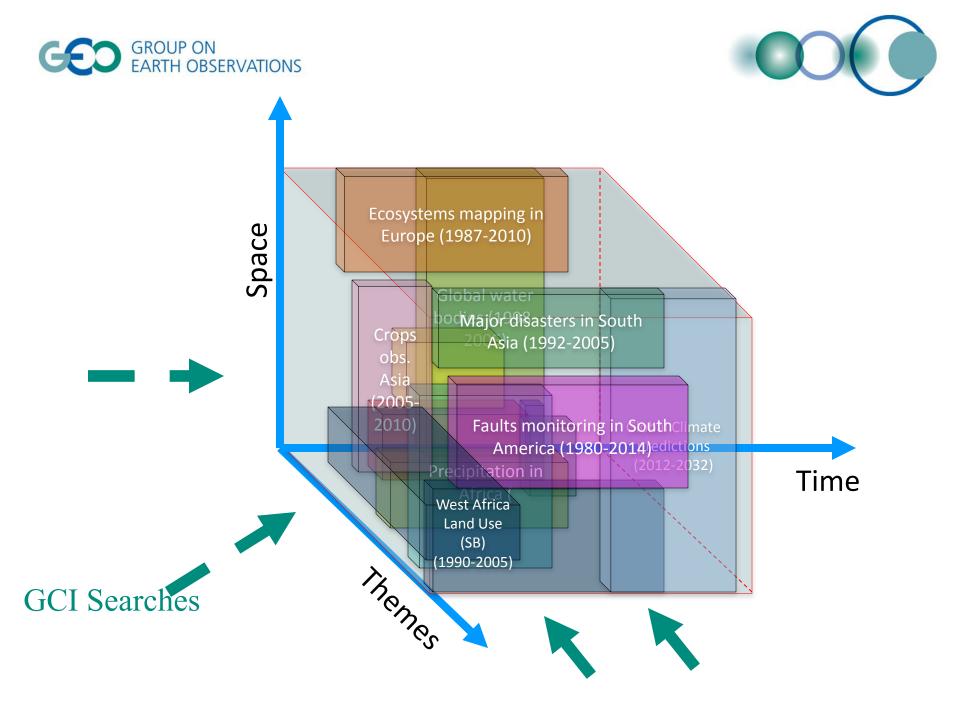
















## **GEOSS Implementation Requires: Data Sharing Principles**

Full and Open Exchange of Data

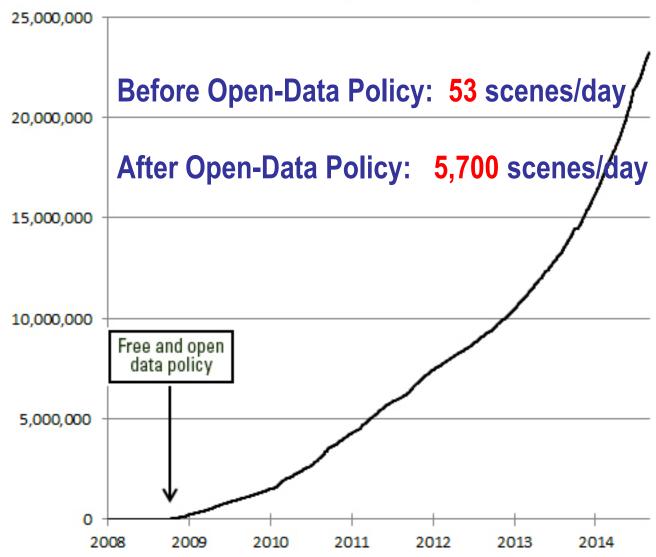
 Data and Products at Minimum Time Delay and at Minimum Cost

Free of Charge or Cost of Reproduction





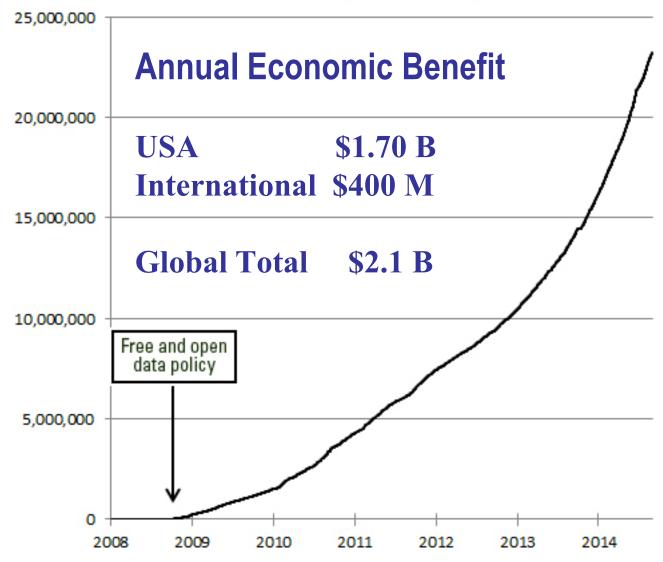








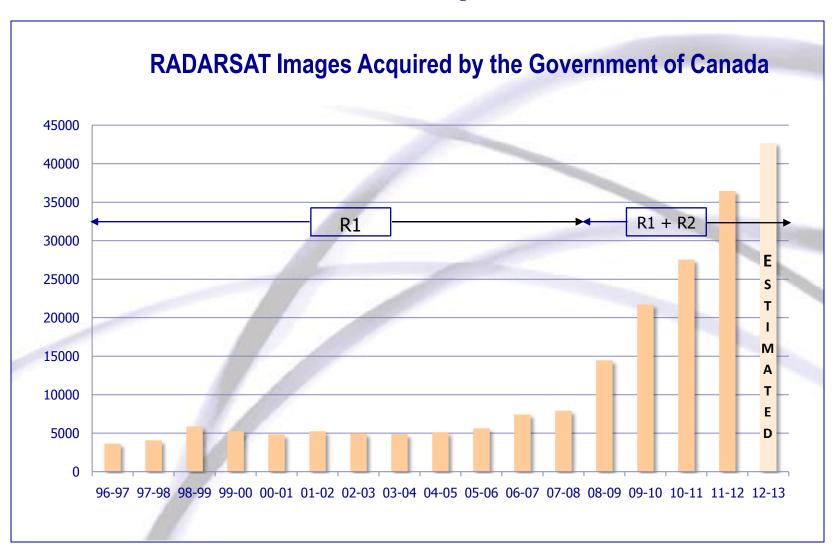








#### Canada's Experience



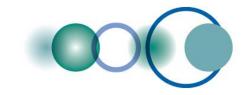




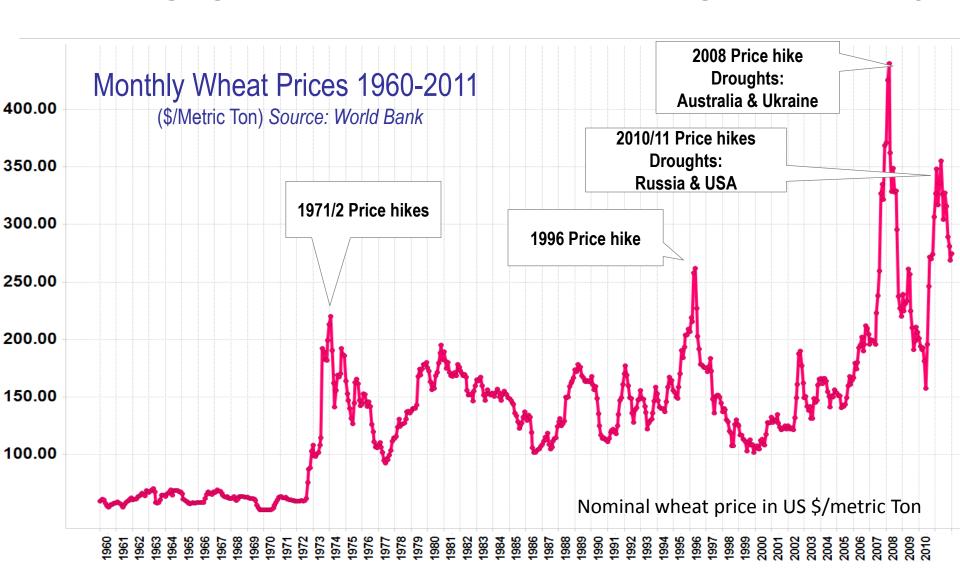
# "Uncertainty is the enemy of investment; shared information is the antidote to uncertainty."

Dylan Ratigan Co-Founder, Helical Outposts



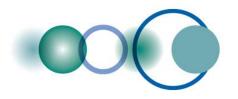


#### Leveraging Earth Observations for Reducing Price Volatility









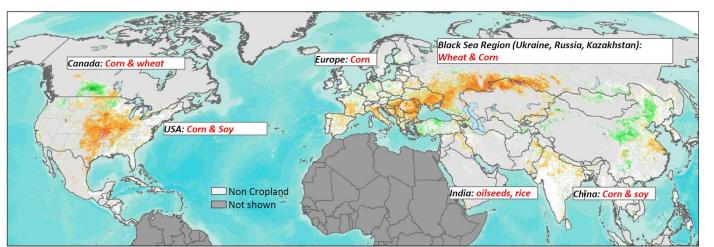
#### **Crop Information for Decision-Making**

(Canada, China, EC, France, Japan, Kazakhstan, India, Mexico, Russia, USA, CEOS, FAO, WMO)





Northern Hemisphere NDVI Crop Anomaly, August 13th, 2012



-0.4 0 0.4
Worse than normal Better than normal

- Observed highlights:
- Drought conditions persist in US, south eastern
   Ukraine, Russia, and Kazakhstan, with slight
   improvement in some areas in northern Kazakhstan
- Rains in India mitigate dry conditions

\* GEOGLAM part of G20 Action Plan on Food Price Volatility

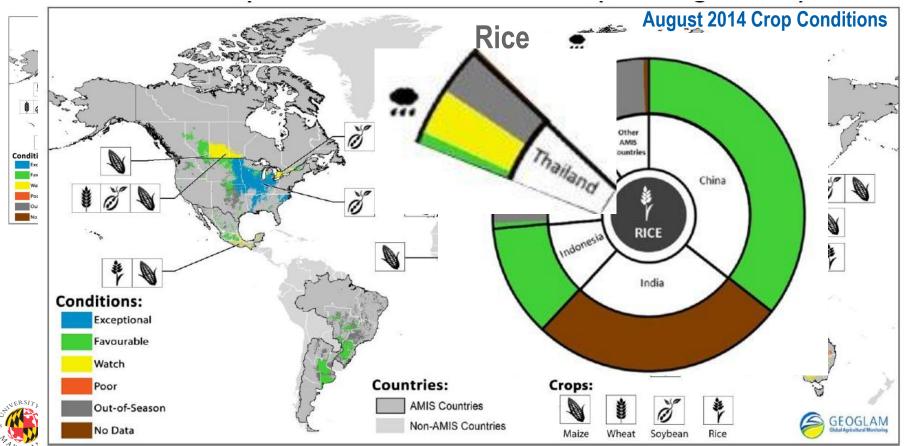
**GEOGLAM** 

- \* New crop outlook
- \* Rice crop monitoring



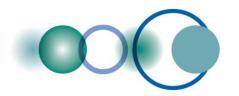
#### **GEOGLAM Crop Monitor for AMIS**

- **Operational since September 2013**
- 36 institutions, 22 countries + 7 international organizations
- Global map for the 4 AMIS crops (Maize, Wheat, Soybean, Rice)









# Countries have borders; Earth observations don't.

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### **Back-Up Slides**