

The background of the slide features a repeating pattern of Earth globes. Each globe is rendered with a false-color map, where blue represents water, red and orange represent land, and yellow and green represent vegetation. The globes are arranged in a grid-like fashion, creating a textured, spherical background.

# Visualization and animation for use in ESA communication

EO open science 2.0

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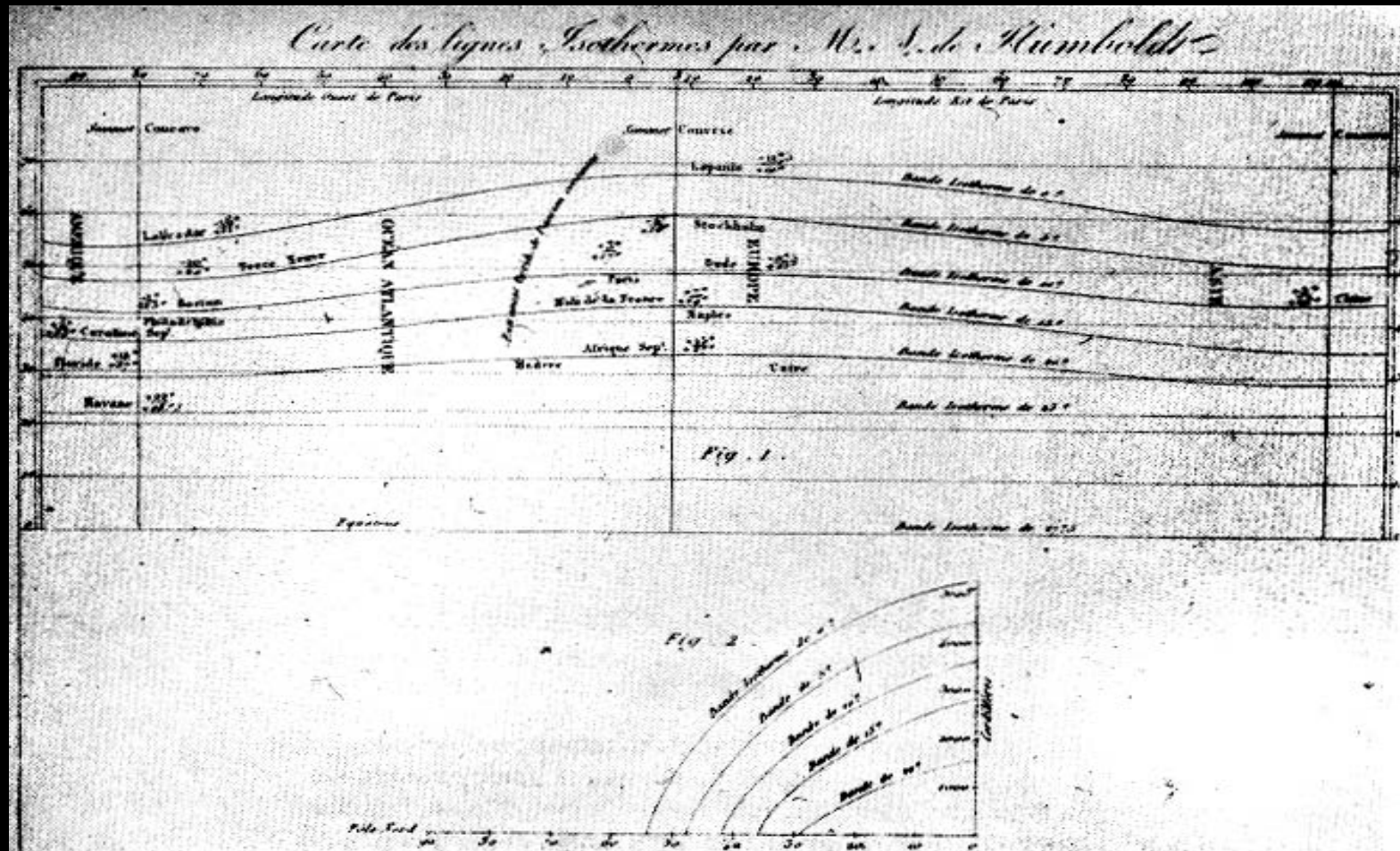
# Visualization is not new



Babylonian World Map approx. 500 B.C.  
(British Museum, London)



# Visualization is not simple



Isothermes, time and latitude dependency, Alexander v. Humboldt, 1817

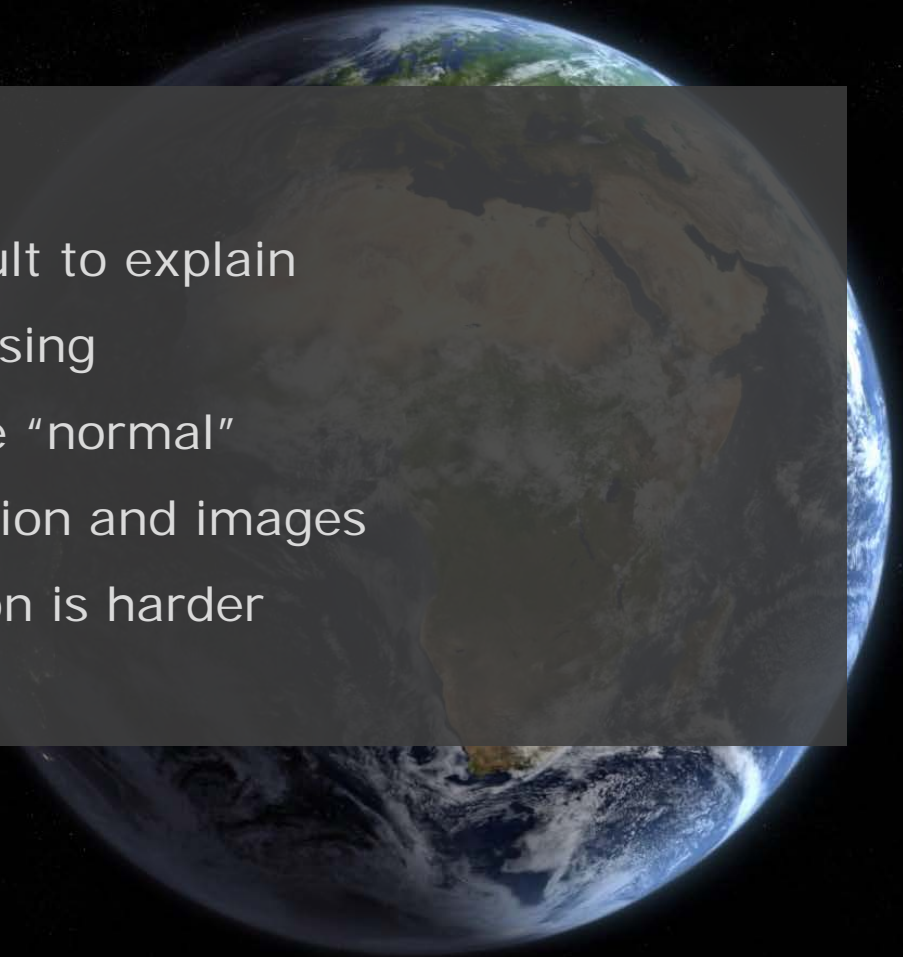


# Why worry ?



## Because ...

- science gets more and more difficult to explain
- the role of media is steadily increasing
- high quality images and videos are “normal”
- people are “overfed” with information and images
- budgets are tighter and competition is harder
- it gets more difficult to stand out





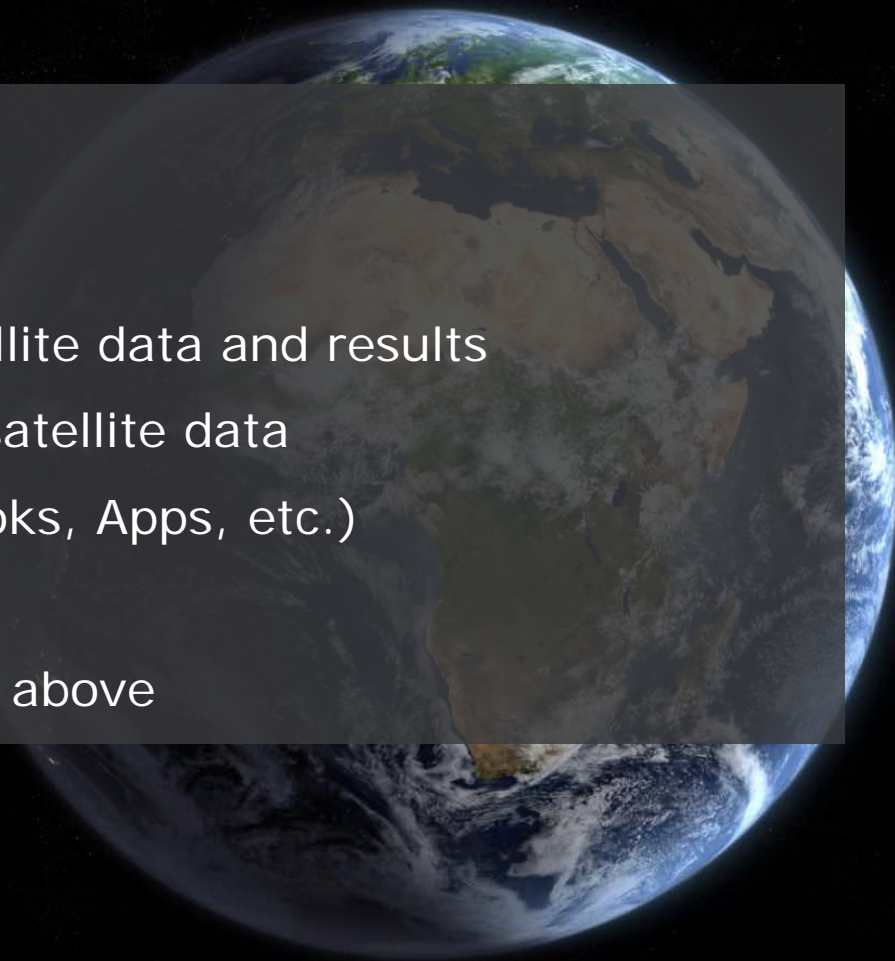
## Tasks:

- Raise awareness of the benefits of Earth observation
- Convince share holders, member states and funding bodies
- Increase visibility of satellite missions & scientific results
- Relate Earth observation to socioeconomic benefits
- Illustrate the benefits of space activities for the environment



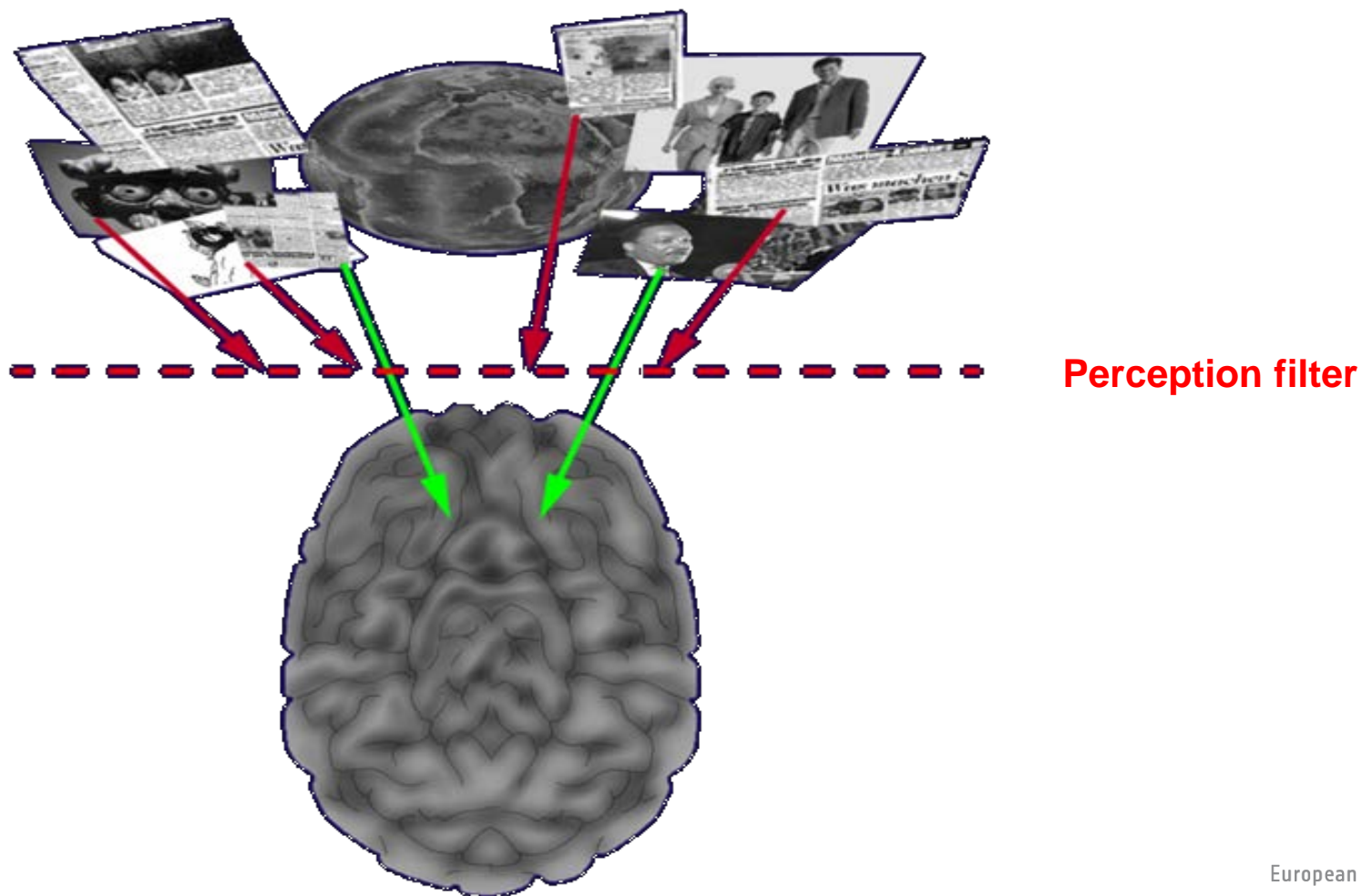
## **Material produced:**

- Graphics illustrating data
- Good images/maps based on satellite data and results
- Animations based on results and satellite data
- Interactive media collections (iBooks, Apps, etc.)
- Videos and Web-TV productions
- Combination products of all of the above





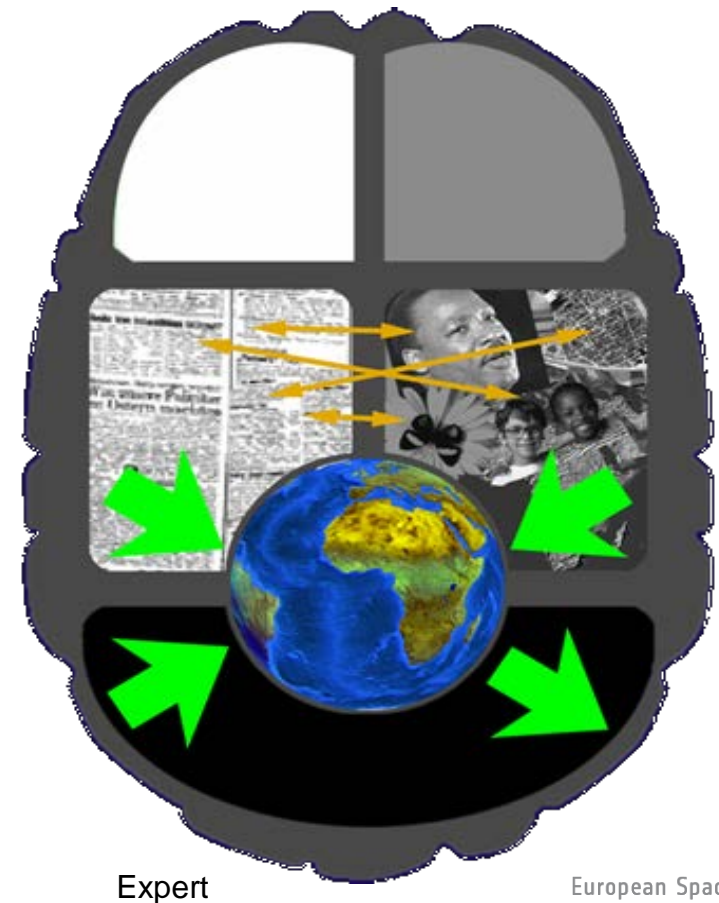
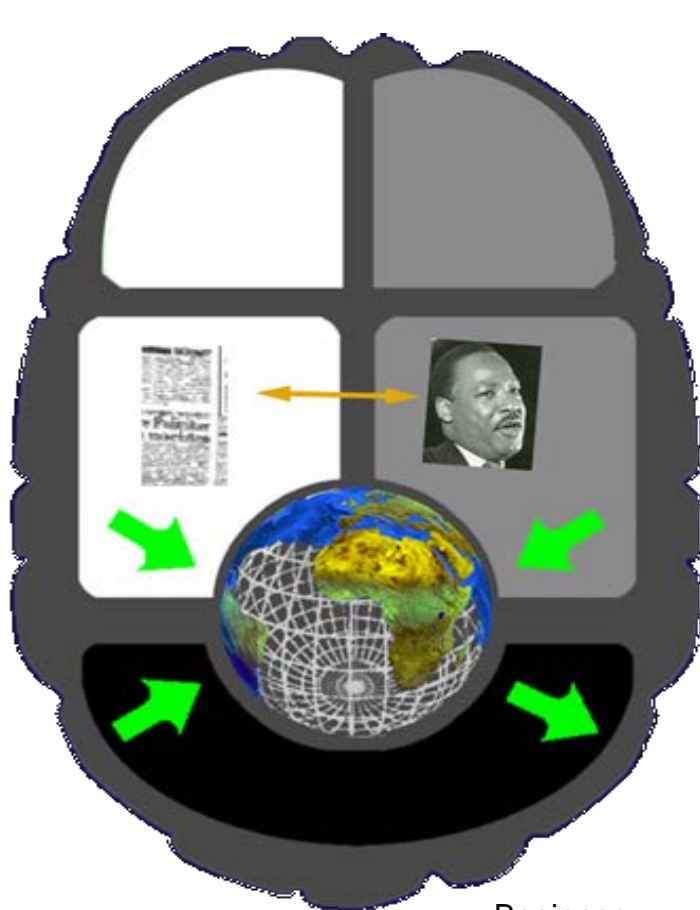
# Passing the perception filter...





# ... and getting integrated.

Individual „mental maps“ require adapted visualizaton content



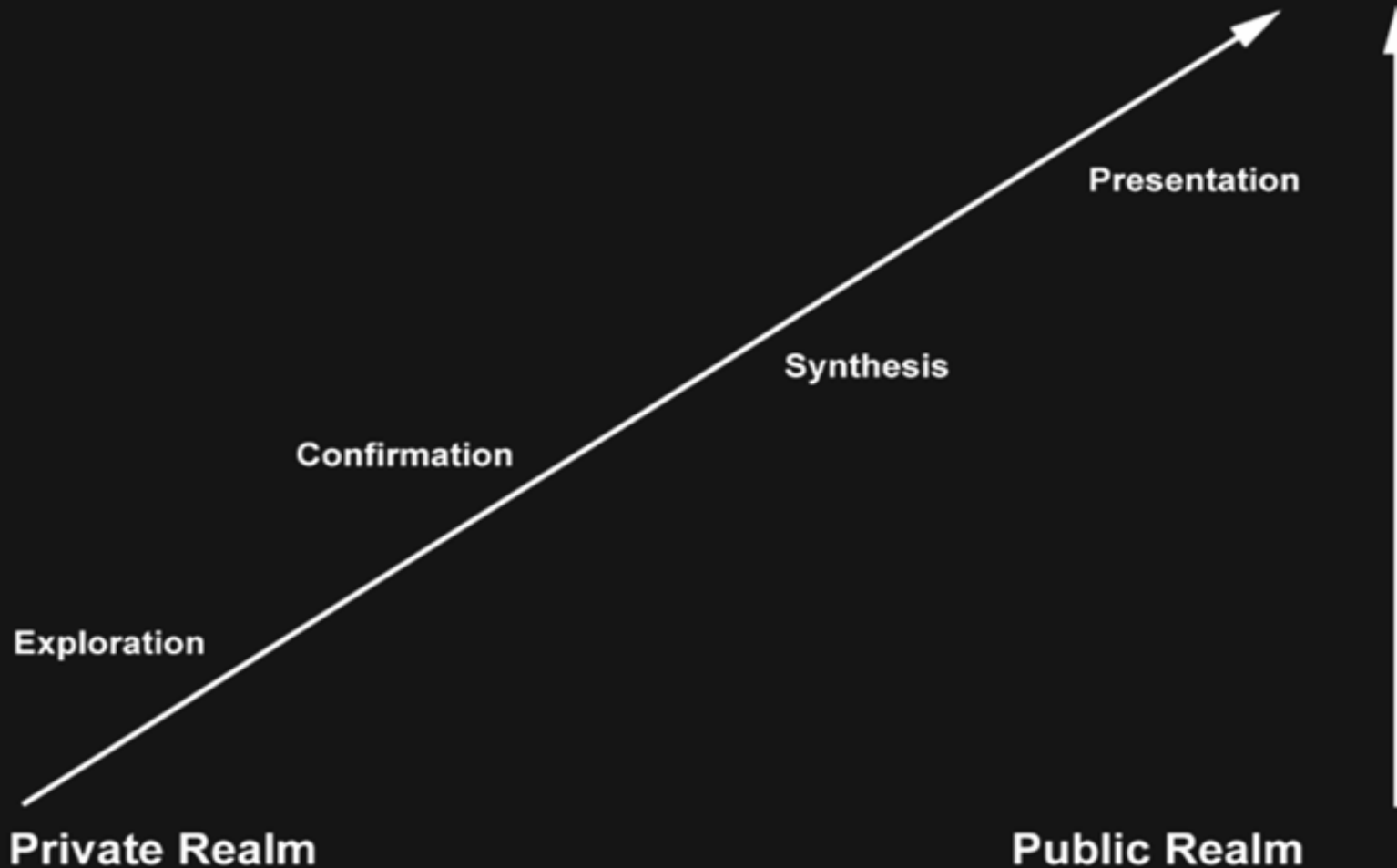


# Visualization quality versus objective



**Visual Thinking**

**Visual Communication**

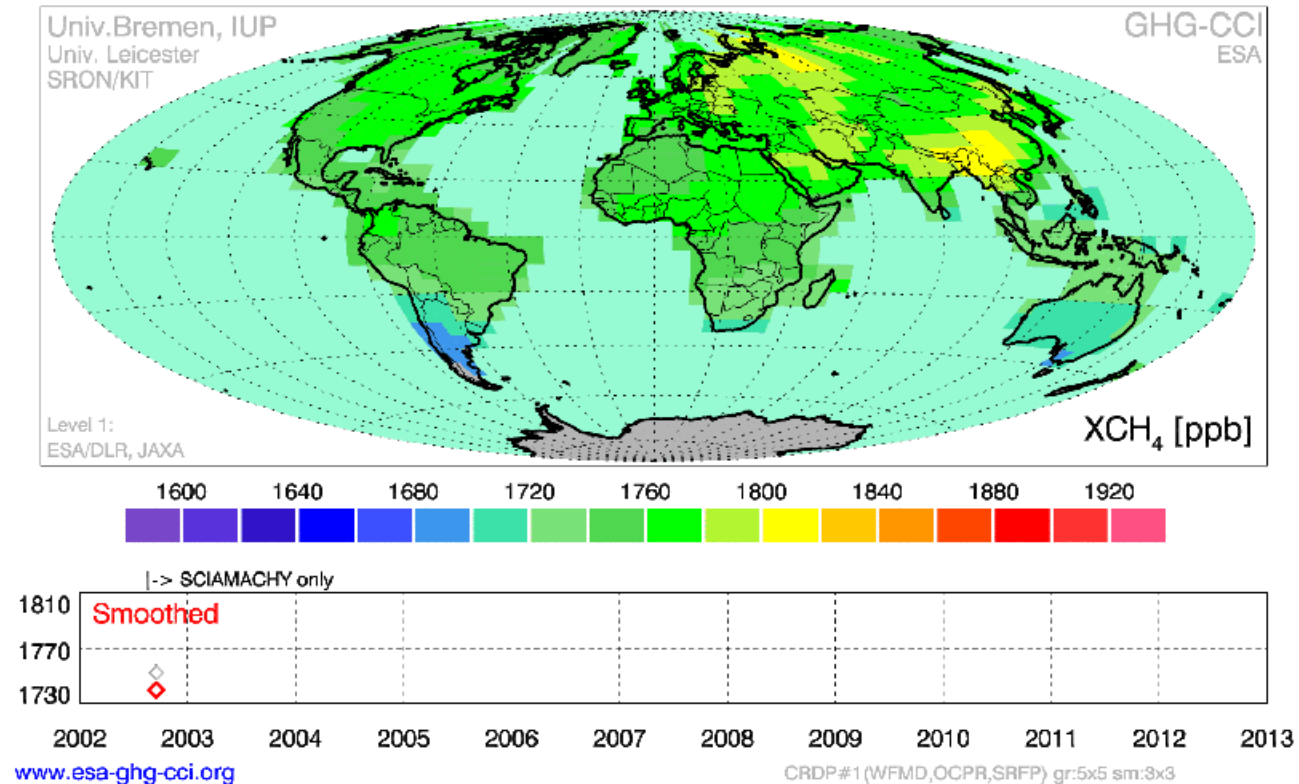


**Increasing  
optical Quality  
of Visualizations.**



# Scientific discussions (Exploration) What scientists produce (and use)

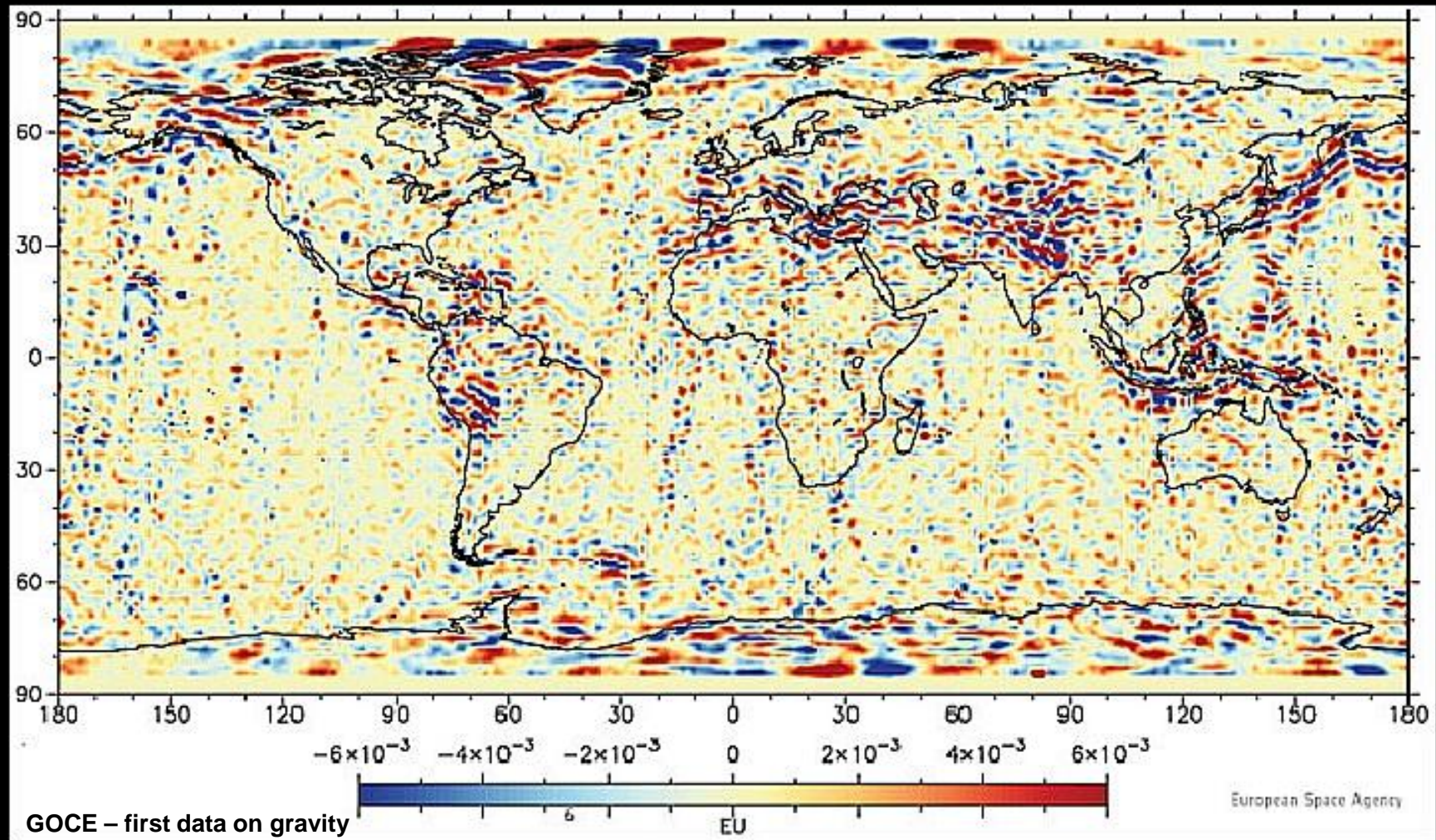
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# GOCE gravity data

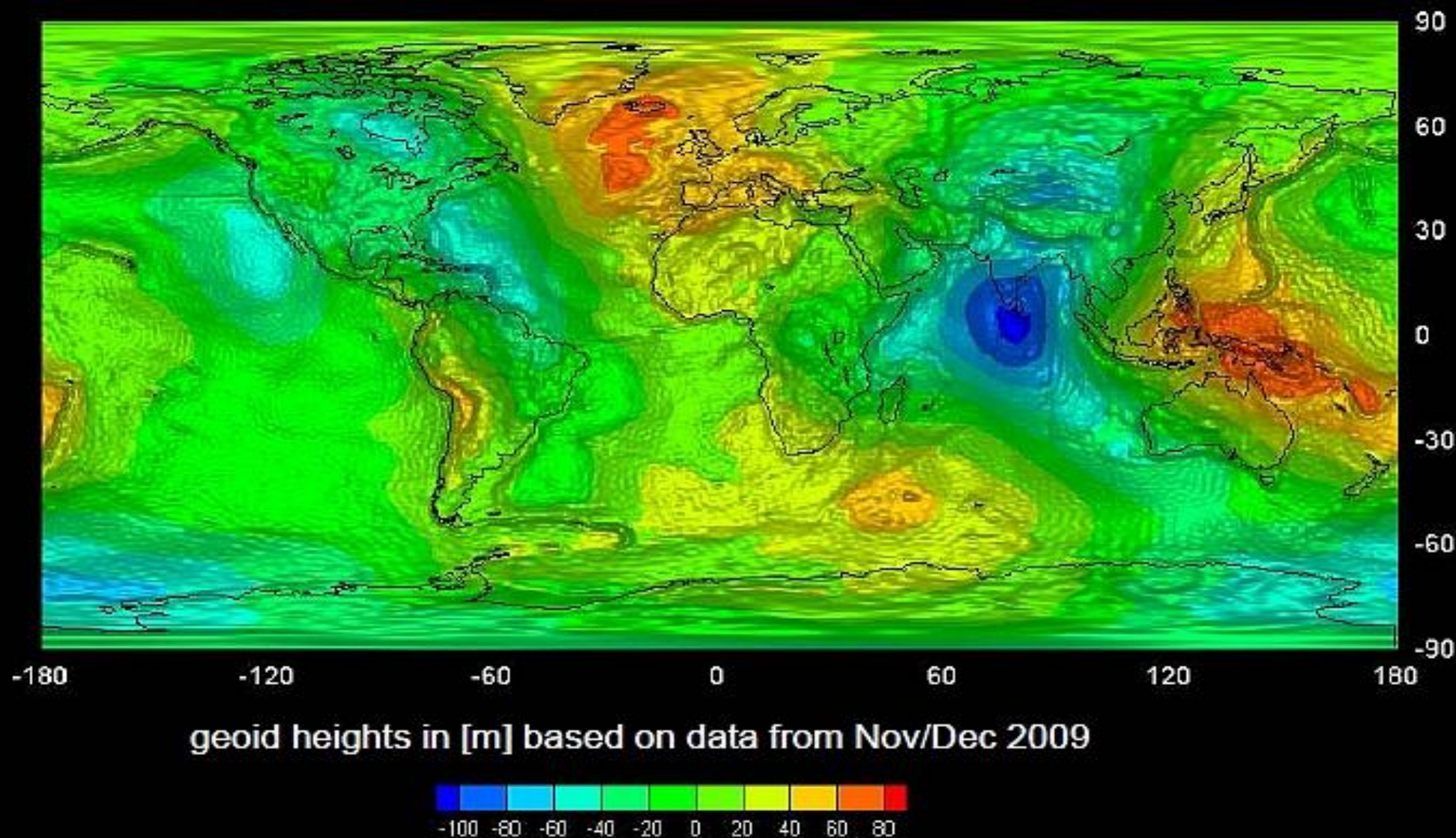
## What we get from the satellite





# GOCE visualization

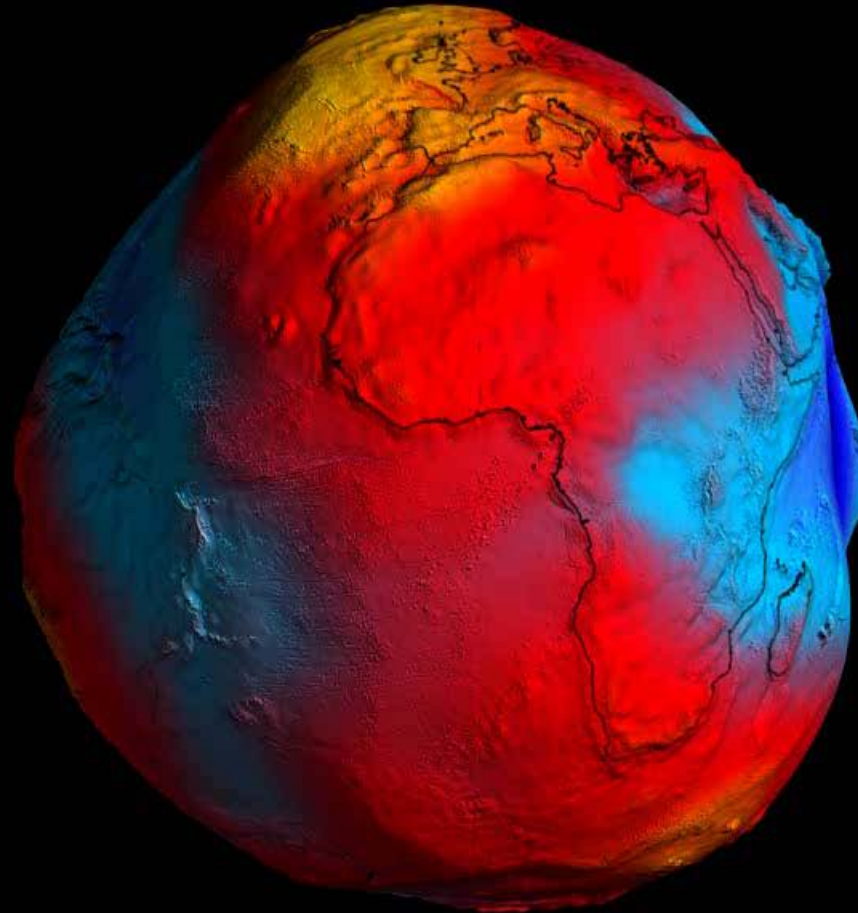
## Used at a conference





# GOCE data visualization

## What communication wants to show

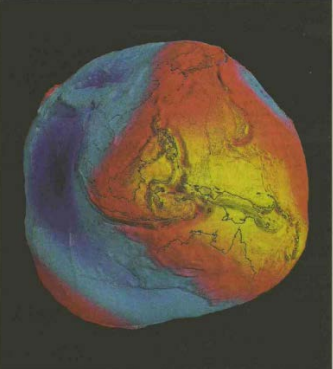




# GOCE data visualization And the echo we can get



Basler Zeitung Page(s) : 14



## Kartoffel statt Kugel

**PLANET ERDE.** Der Satellit „Goce“ hat das Schwerfeld der Erde mit bisher unerreichter Genauigkeit vermessen. Das Ergebnis: Die Erde ist nur annähernd eine Kugel. Tatsächlich sieht sie – in zehntausendfacher Übersteigerung dargestellt – aus wie eine Kartoffel, wie die Europäische Raumfahrtbehörde ESA gestern zeigte. Die Ergebnisse sollen unter anderem den Anstieg des Meeresspiegels und Strömungsveränderungen im Zuge des Klimawandels dokumentieren. Die Farben stellen die Unterschiede der Anziehungskraft der Erde dar. Rot steht für hohe Gravitation, Blau für geringere.

DPA Fotoagentur

Bild Edition : Hamburg Page(s) : 1



## Erde ist gar nicht rund!

München - So krumm haben wir unsere Erde noch nie gesehen! Der ESA-Satellit „Goce“ hat

Jornal „Notícias

Frankfurter Allgemeine ZEITUNG FÜR DEUTSCHLAND

HERAUSGEBERN VON WERNER DÜMKE, BERTRHOLD KÖHLER, GUNTHER MÜNCHENWACHSER, FRANK SCHWABACHER, WILHELM STEFFENSEN

## Eine Welt aus Beulen und Dellen

Streitbar und erfahren von Günther MÜNCHENWACHSER



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De Standaard Date : 01/04/2011 Pays : BELGIQUE Page(s) : 127 Rubrique : WETENSCHAP Diffusion : (104746)

## DE ZWARE BULTEN VAN DE AARDE



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## Un satélite europeo crea el mejor mapa de la gravedad terrestre

Las diferencias detectadas forman un planeta imaginario con aspecto de patata

El campo gravitatorio varía por los materiales internos de la Tierra y su forma casi esférica



Desde el 2009 A UNA ALTITUD DE 260 KILOMETROS

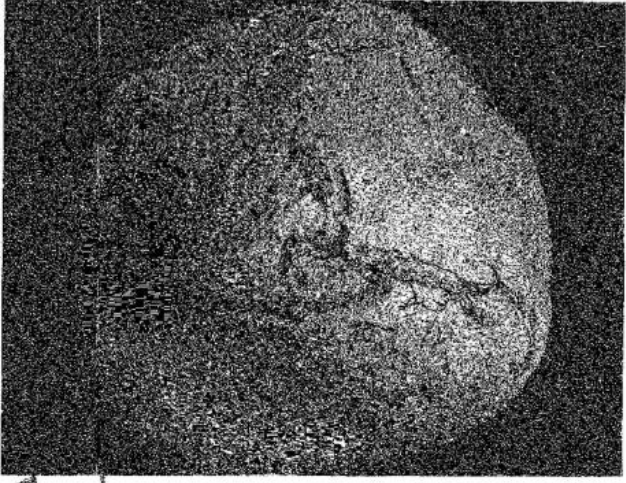
Desde el 2009, la Agencia Espacial Europea (ESA) ha lanzado el satélite GOCE (Gravity and the Earth's Climate Orbiter) para medir la gravedad terrestre con una precisión sin precedentes. El satélite, que orbita a una altitud de 260 kilómetros, ha creado el mejor mapa de la gravedad terrestre hasta ahora. Este mapa revela que la Tierra no es una esfera perfecta, sino que tiene una forma más bien irregular, similar a una patata. Las variaciones en la gravedad se deben a la distribución desigual de los materiales en el interior de la Tierra. El mapa de la gravedad también puede ayudar a comprender mejor el clima y el medio ambiente.

Mosaico



## Gravidade da Terra muito variável

Foam ontem divulgadas as medições da gravidade do planeta pelo satélite GOCE, da Agência Espacial Europeia. Dasas resulta esta imagem da Terra, onde em vastas regiões (a amarela) a força da gravidade é maior. Os dados levam também ao desenho da circulação dos oceanos.



## Ο Άτλας της Βαρύτητας

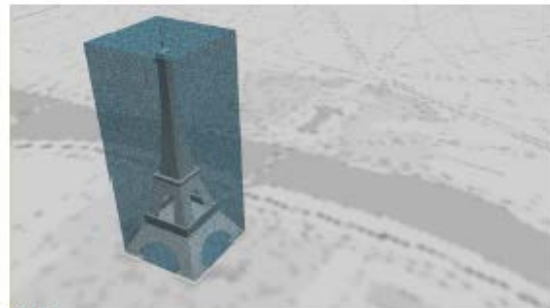
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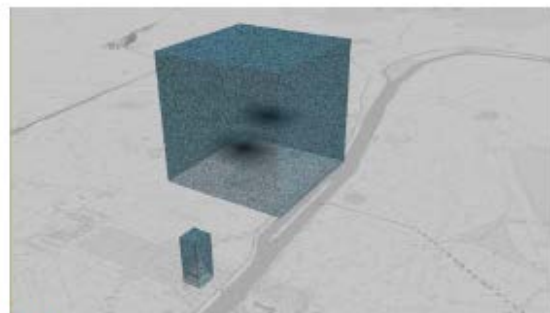
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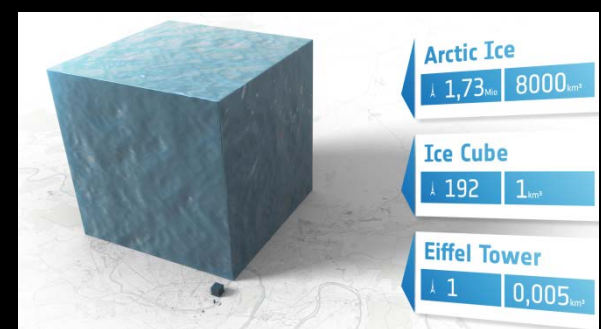
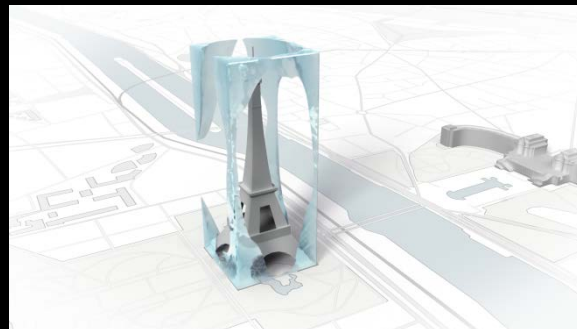
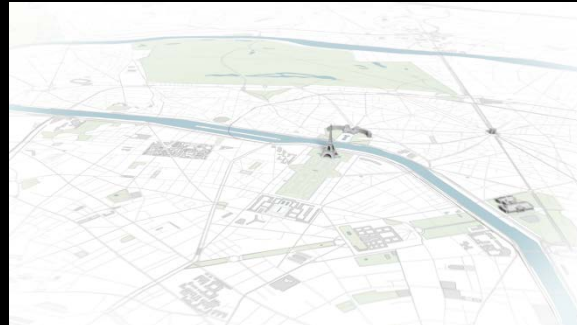
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Cam2



Cam3





# Preparation - storyboarding



## Length

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Animation 01/12

Copernicus opener with logo, title, and information

Copernicus closer with logo and credits



## Subtitle

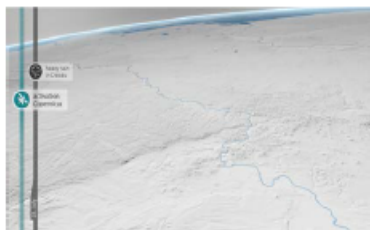
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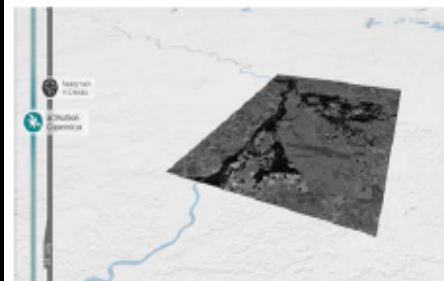
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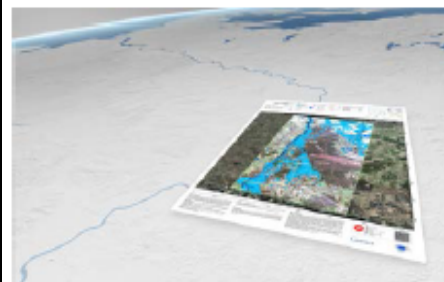
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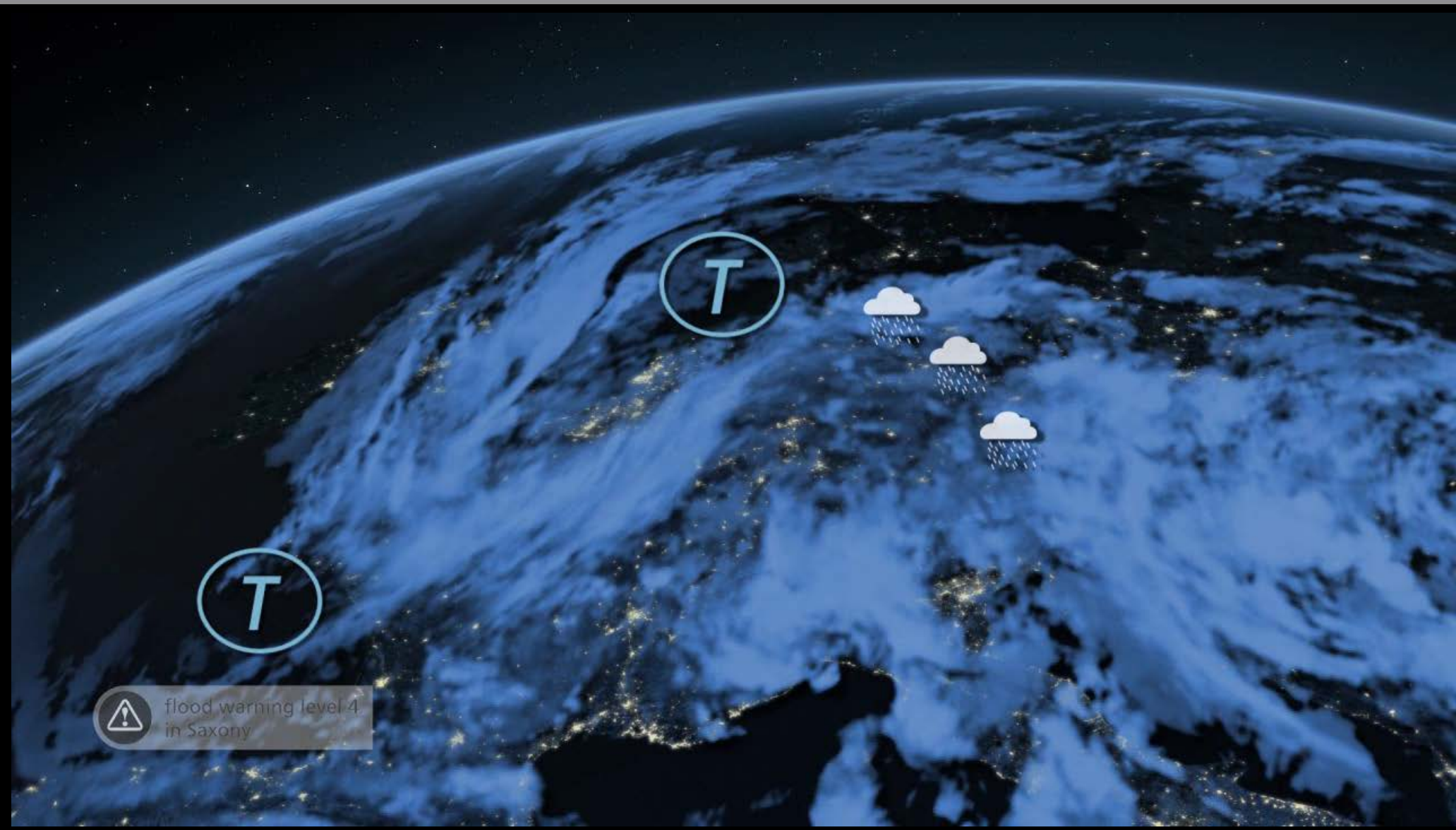
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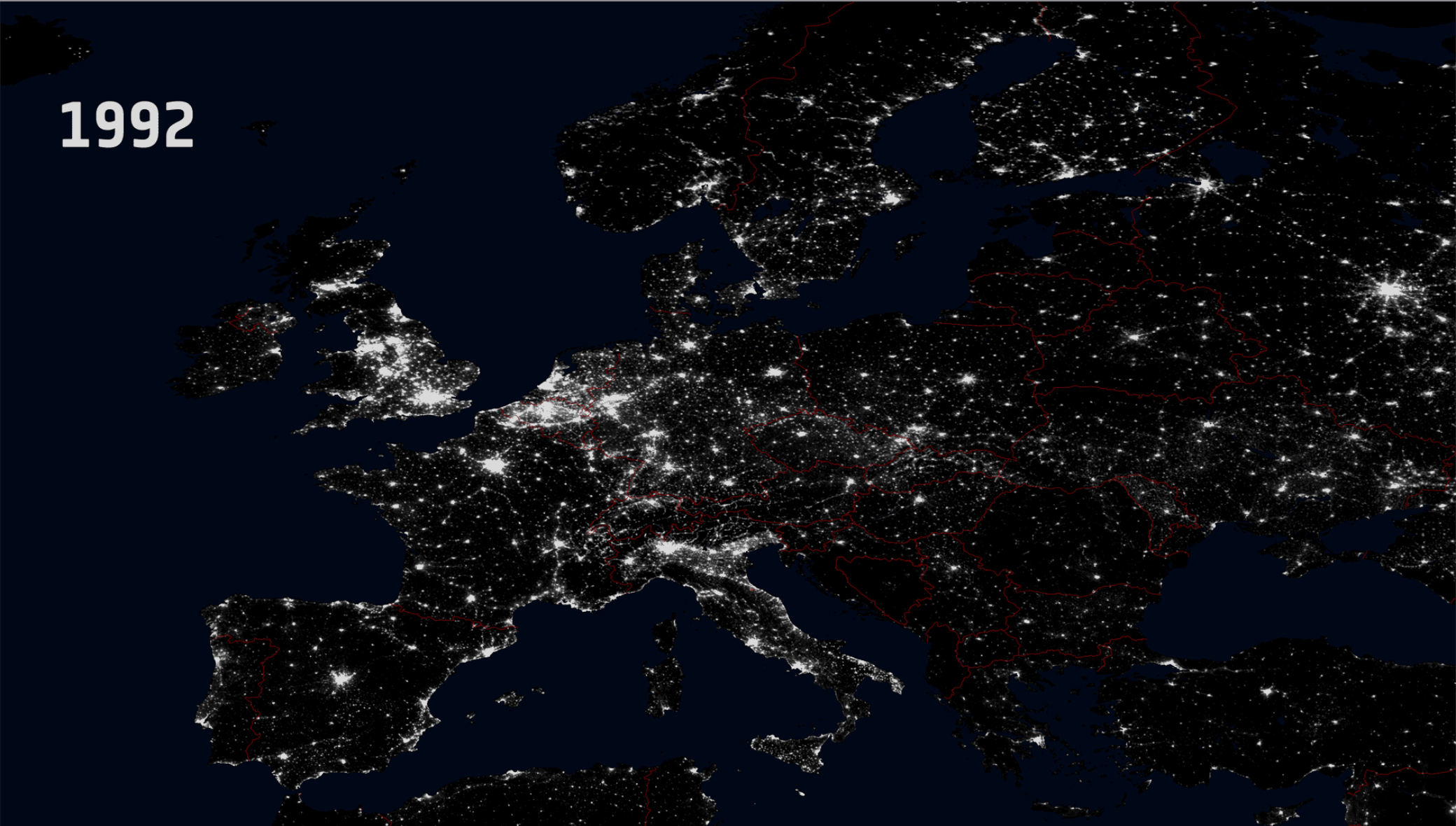




# Simple Visualization (WWF – Earth day)



1992





# Visualization example

## Mission promotion (Swarm)



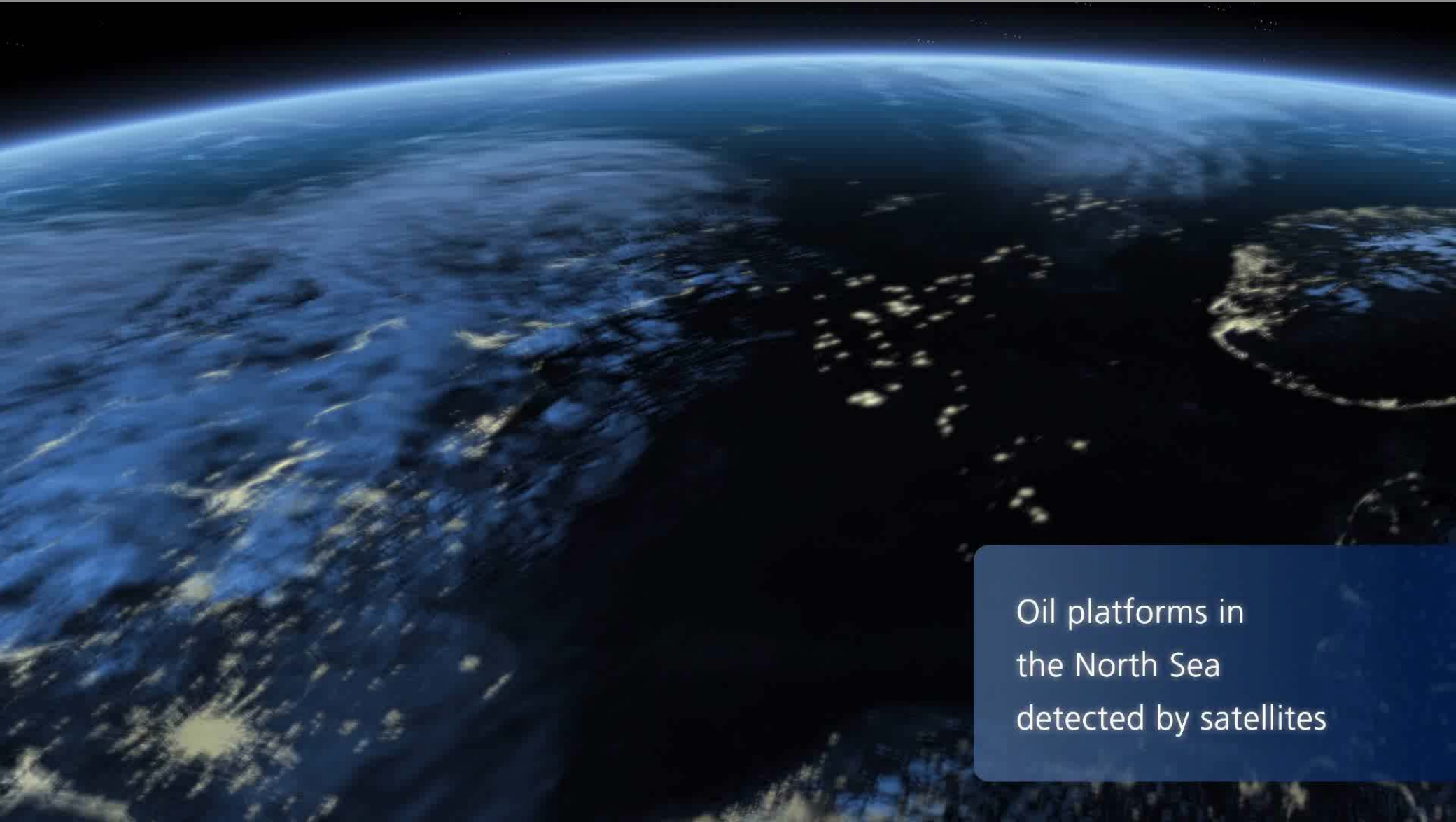
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# Visualization example

## Socioeconomic impact (Oil spills in Europe)



Oil platforms in  
the North Sea  
detected by satellites



# Visualization example – visually good story

