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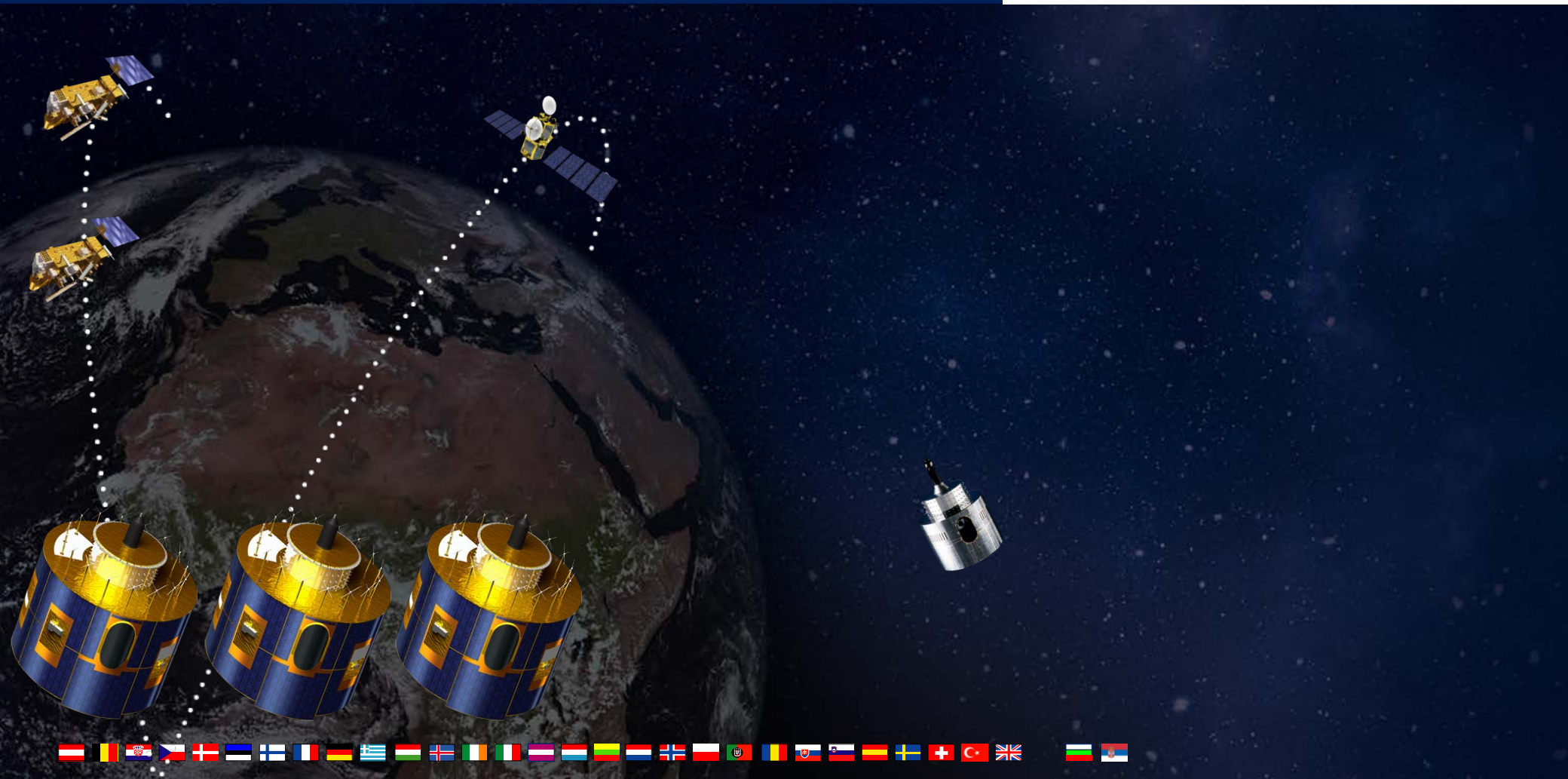
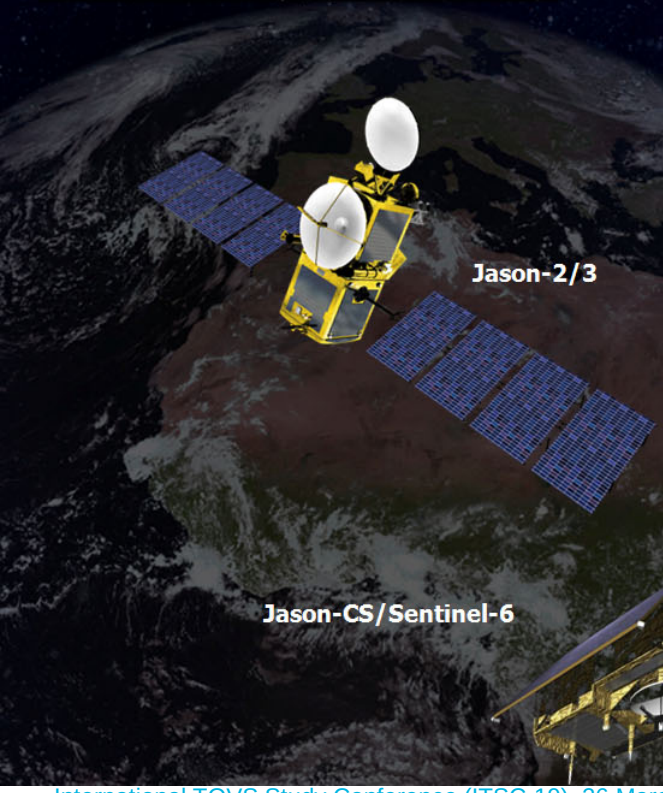


Metop-B flies in the same orbital plane as Metop-A

Mid-morning orbit

Equator crossing time : 09:30 (Local Solar Time, descending node)
Orbit phase: 48.93 min.

Supporting operational oceanography – The Jason series of satellites and Sentinel-3



- Stimulated by **Copernicus**, operational oceanography is rapidly developing in Europe;
- In support of operational oceanography **EUMETSAT** already delivers the Jason optional programme consisting of **Jason-2**, High Precision Ocean Altimetry mission delivered by the follow-on **Jason-3** and ultimately the **Jason-CS/Sentinel-6** programme.
- EUMETSAT is also designated operator of the **Sentinel-3** satellite developed by ESA as part of the Copernicus initiative and which will deliver high-quality ocean measurements from 2015 onwards;
- **Sentinel-3** will monitor sea surface temperature (SST), ocean colour, and ocean surface topography in conjunction with the **Jason-3** and **Jason-CS/Sentinel-6** reference HPOA mission.

Thank you for your attention !