

FireSat – A UK-Africa collaboration for enhanced detection of fires using nanosatellite technology

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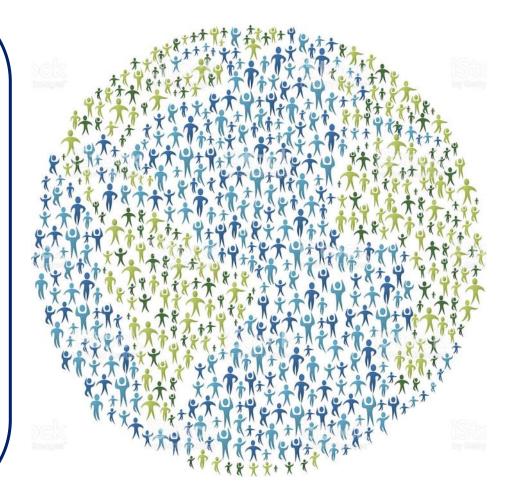




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## Introduction to the UK Space Agency's International Partnership Programme



- 5-year, £152 million programme
- UK space sector's research and innovation strengths to deliver sustainable economic or societal benefit to emerging and developing economies around the world
- Projects run by industry, academia, and non-profit entities
- Uses space solutions to make positive impact on those living in international partner countries
- Increasing capacity of developing nations to respond to specific challenges















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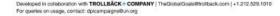


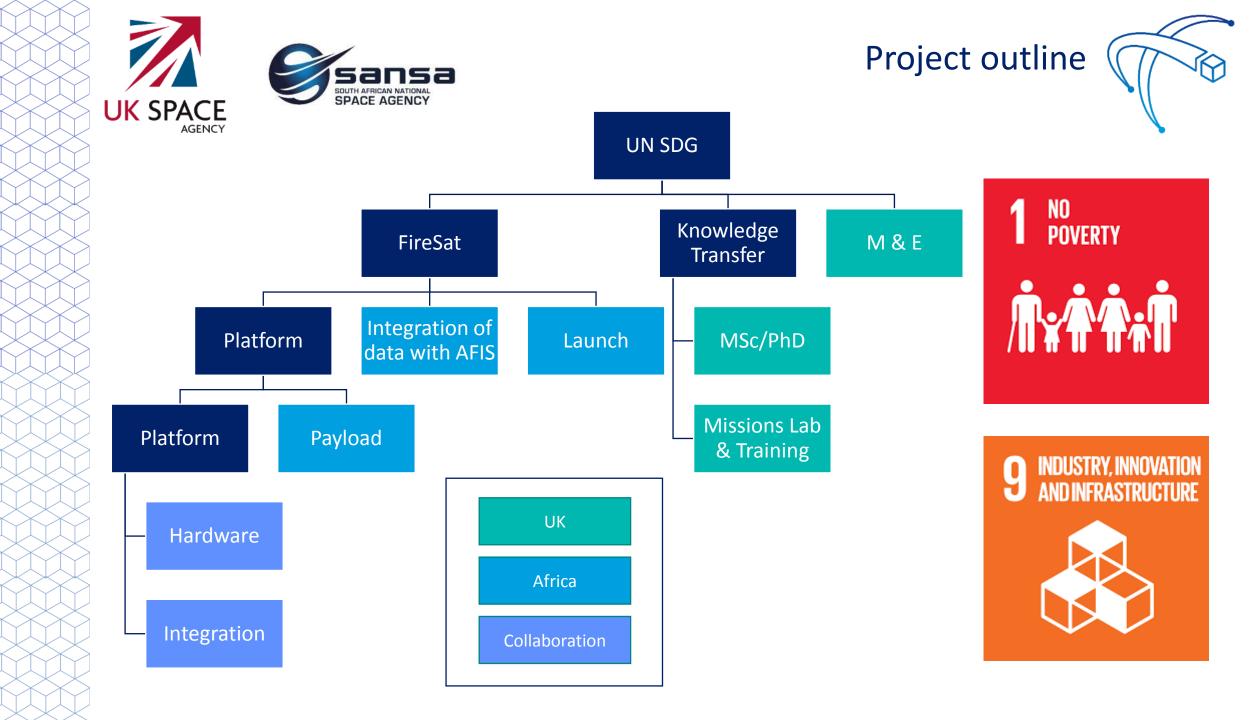


















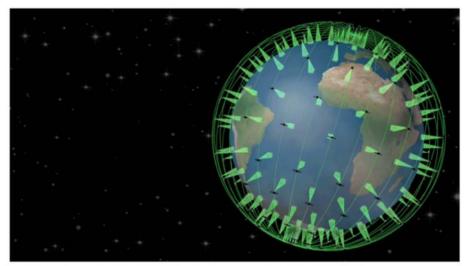
### **Phase 1 – Technology Demonstration**

- Use of ZACube-2



#### Phase 2 – Scale up

- IPP funding







## Knowledge transfer – Missions Lab



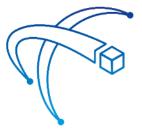












- UN Sustainable Development Goals to illustrate the application of satellite applications
- EO, Navigation and Communications, Data Science, Entrepreneurship & Space Systems (optional)
- Aims to encourage students towards creating new services and companies
- Course is well suited to markets without a mature space sector
- Remote learning and CPD
- Available from September 2019 applications from early 2019
- Joint PhD Programmes also available



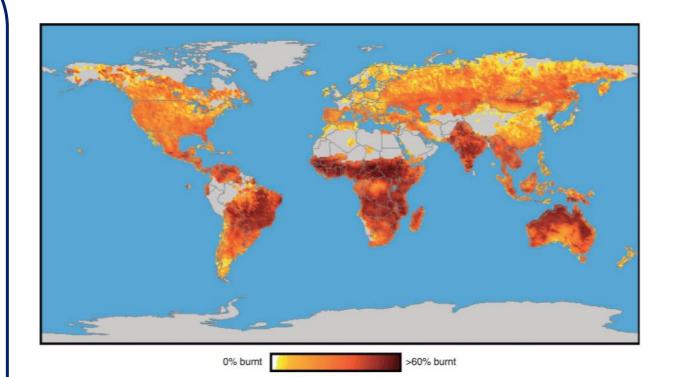








- Frequency, severity and damages from global wildfires are increasing annually
  - From 1979 to 2013 fire weather seasons have lengthened across 29.6 million km<sup>2</sup> of Earths vegetated surface, which results in an 18.7% increase in global average fire season length
  - Doubling of global burnable area and increased global frequency of long fire weather seasons (53.4% from 1996 to 2013



Average annual burned area between 1960 and 2000

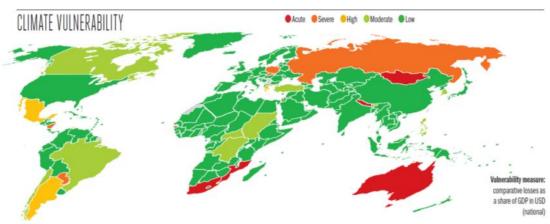




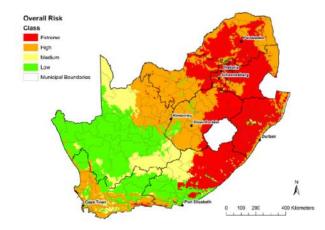
#### FireSat - background



#### The 'fire continent' - 70% of total global wildfires



Global climate vulnerability to wildfires



CSIR national veld fire risk assessment report

30.6% South Africa at Extreme risk

31.3% South Africa at High risk

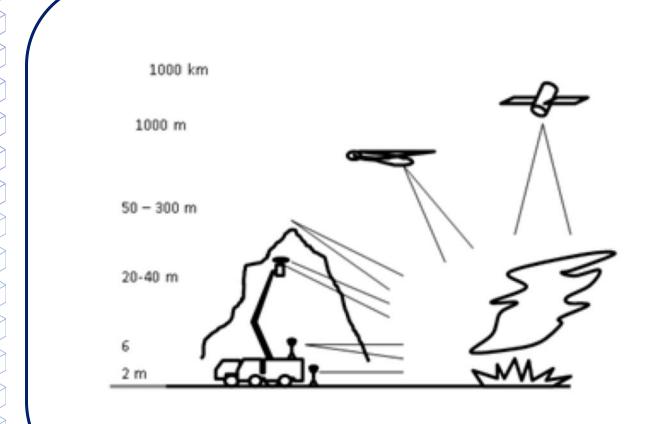




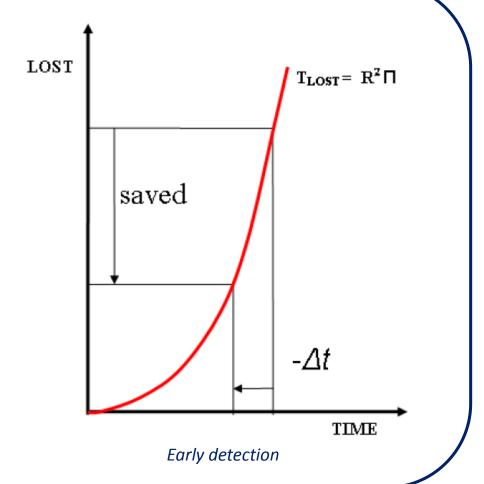


















## FireSat platform

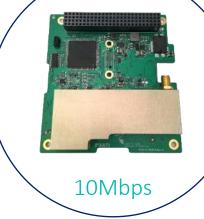












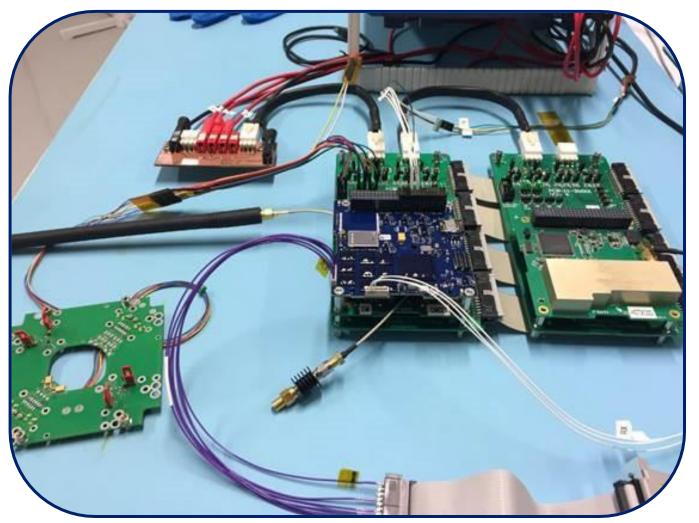






## FireSat platform





- On-Board Computer (OBC)
- UHF Transceiver (UTRX)
- High-Speed S-Band
   Transmitter (HSTX)
- Antenna

FlatSat testing – November 2017

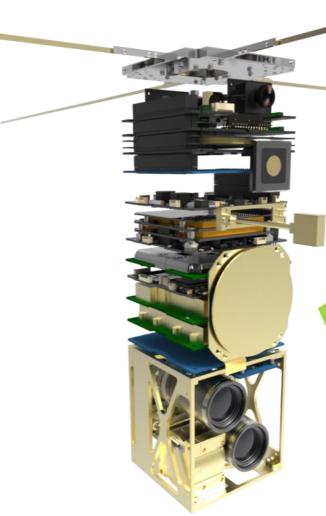


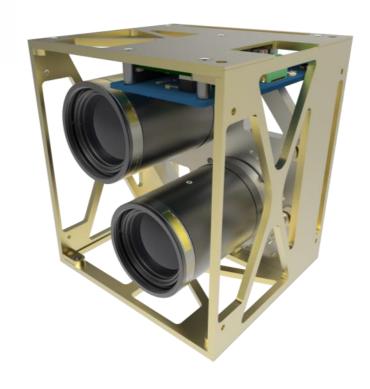


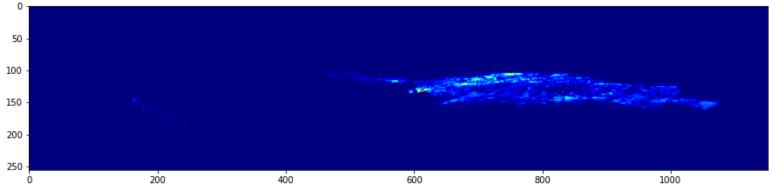












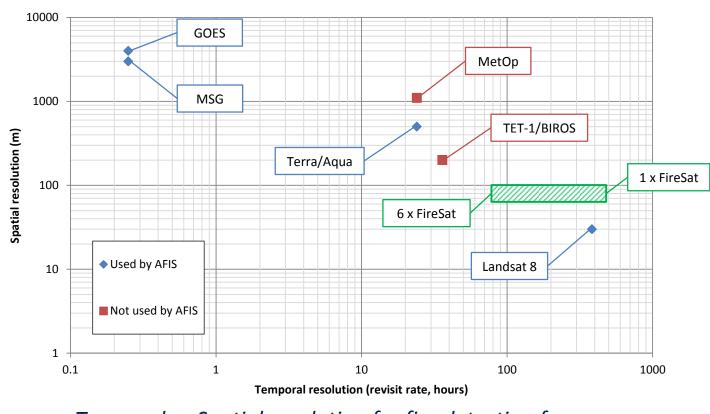
Grass fire at 8 km





#### FireSat constellation





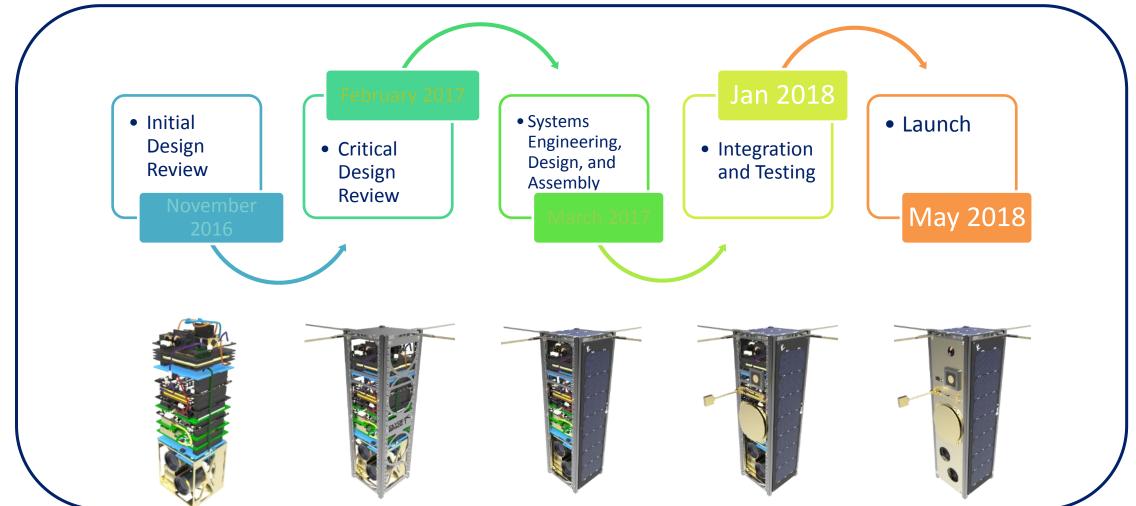
Temporal vs Spatial resolution for fire detection from space





## Development timelines

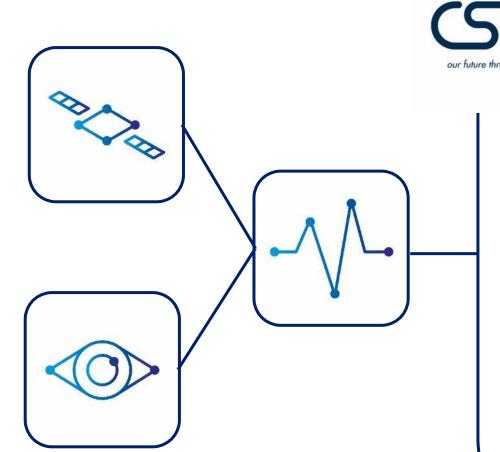




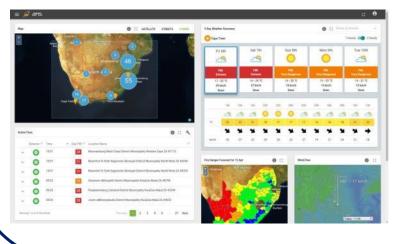




## The Advanced Fire Information System















#### Programme impact



