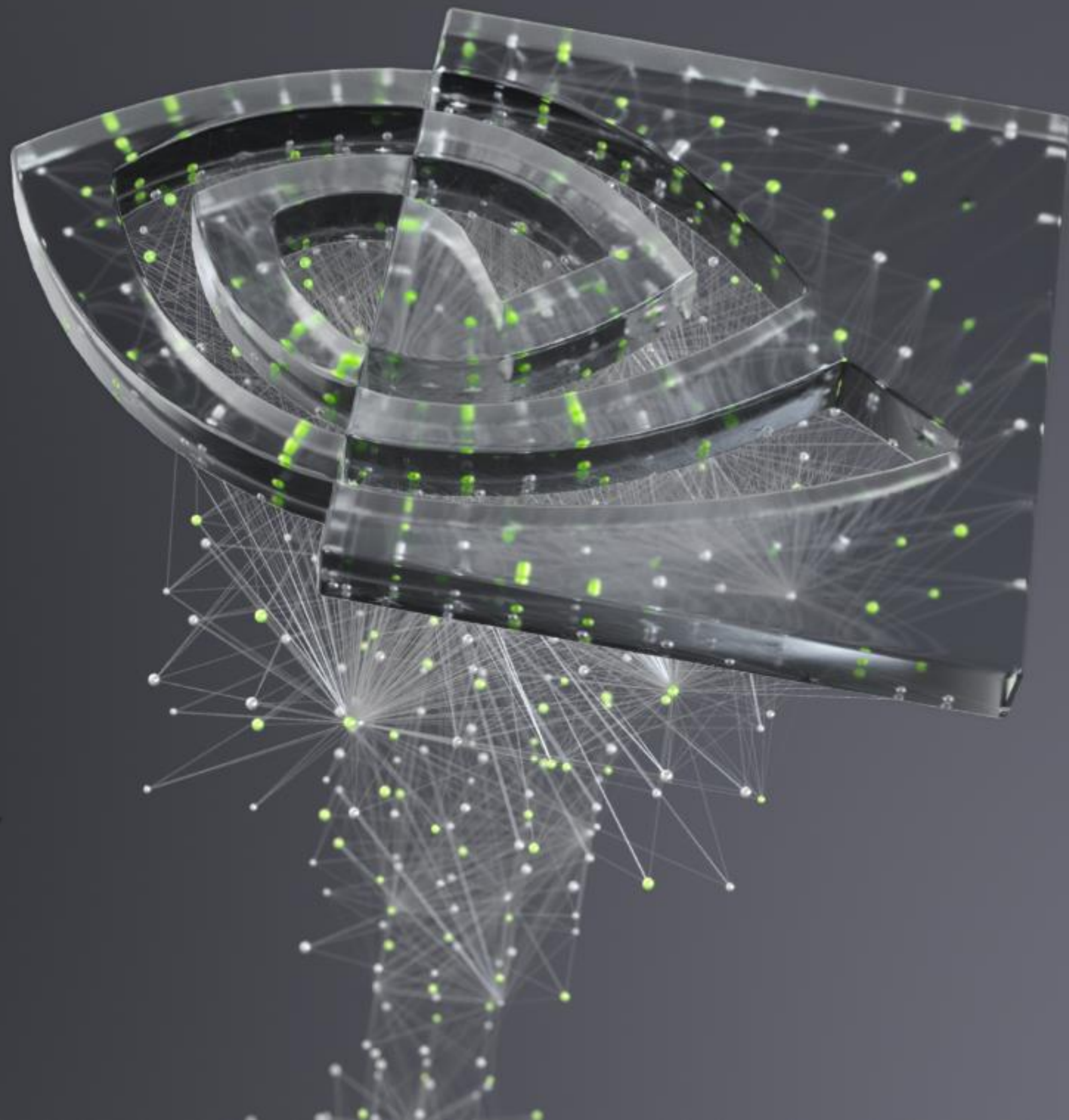




# DISASTER RISK MONITORING USING SATELLITE IMAGERY

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Learn project motivation and how to pre-process large satellite images with DALI

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Learn how to build a segmentation model with the TAO Toolkit

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## Model Deployment for Inference

Deploy segmentation model on Triton Inference Server

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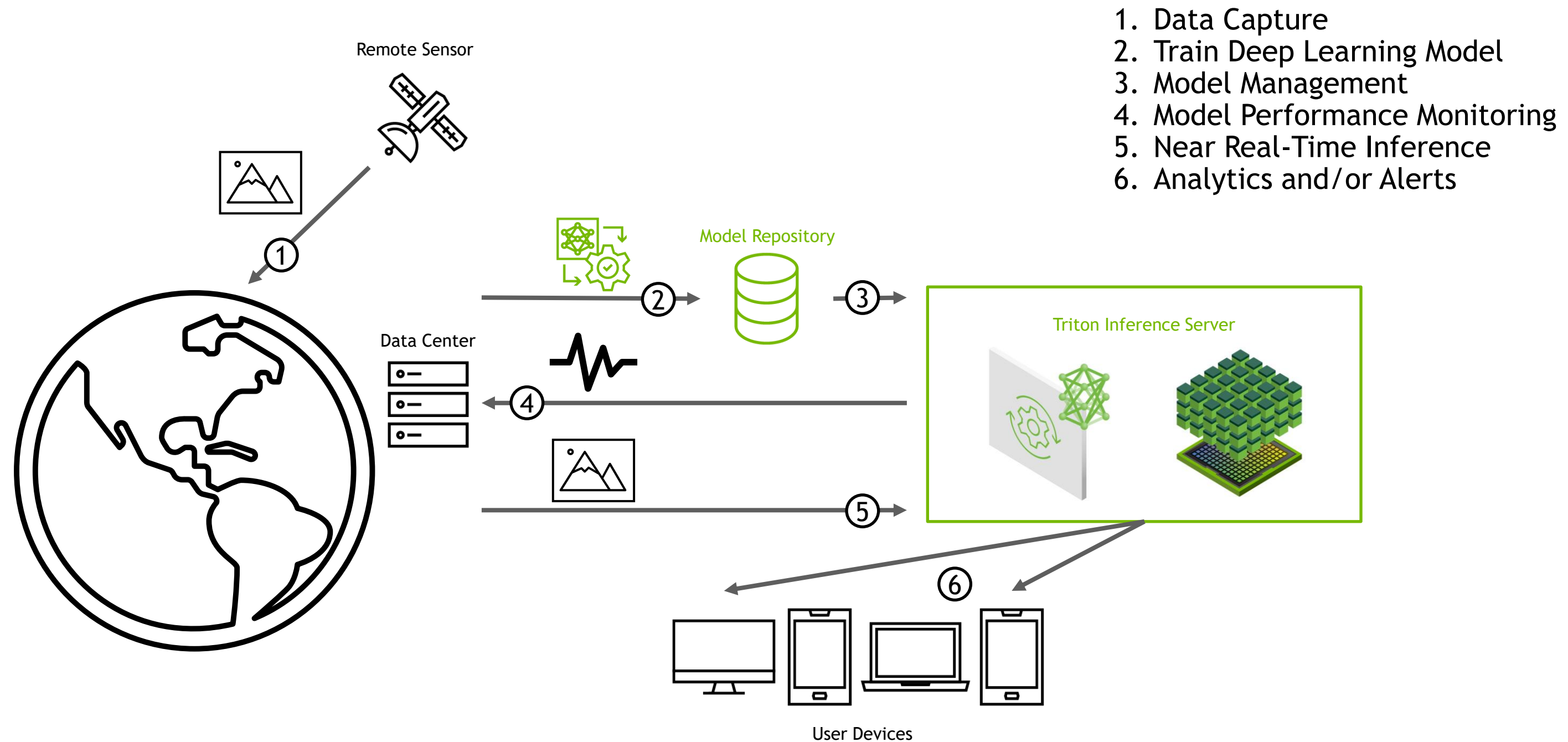
## BONUS: Illustration of an Alternative Approach for Model Training

State-of-the-art approach for model building using a semi-supervised approach

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# DISASTER RISK MONITORING USING SATELLITE IMAGERY

## End-to-End Disaster Risk Monitoring System Workflow





# DISASTER RISK

Ability to Detect and Quantify Helps Reduce Economic Impact and Loss of Human Lives

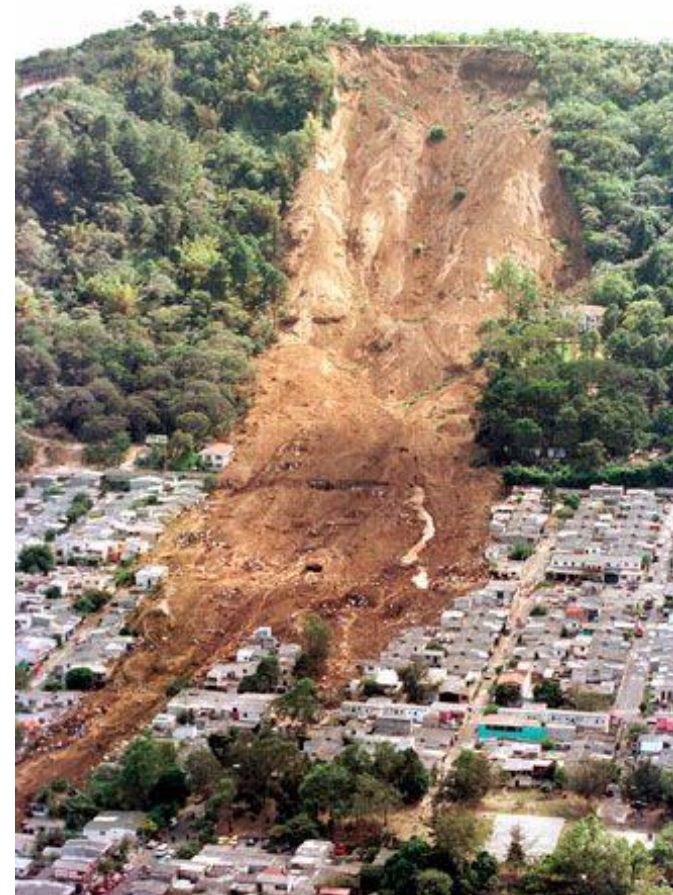
Tsunami



Drought



Landslide



Flood



Wildfire





# ABOUT FLOODS

Flooding Events Are On the Rise Due to Climate Change and Increasing Sea Levels

- Costs more than \$40 billion annually
- 40% of the population lives close to coasts
- Flood monitoring needs to be done remotely due to limited physical access
- Deploying instruments in potential flood zones can be dangerous
- Ability to measure and understand floods enables tactical responses and long-term mitigation strategies



# COPERNICUS SENTINEL-1 MISSION

Performs C-Band Synthetic Aperture Radar Imaging

- Enables data collection day and night, as well as under cloud cover
- Operates in **LEO** for fast data transfer and orbit speed
- Comprises of 2 identical satellites 180° apart to image the planet with a repeat frequency of 6 days
- Provides an independent operational capability for continuous radar mapping of the Earth with enhanced revisit frequency, coverage, timeliness and reliability
- Ideal for operational services and applications requiring long time series



Orbit Type	Description
Low Earth Orbit LEO (<1,000 km)	Almost all human activity in space is in LEO due to desirable speed of orbit and data transfer
Medium Earth Orbit MEO (1,000 km - 35,786 km)	MEO comprises of orbits between LEO and GEO. This is commonly used by navigation satellites but is also used by a variety of satellites with different applications
Geosynchronous Earth Orbit GEO (35,786 km)	Satellites in GEO circle the Earth above the equator following Earth’s rotation, which make them appear “stationary” over a fixed position. This is commonly used by communication satellites
Elliptical (Not Pictured)	Least common of satellite orbits

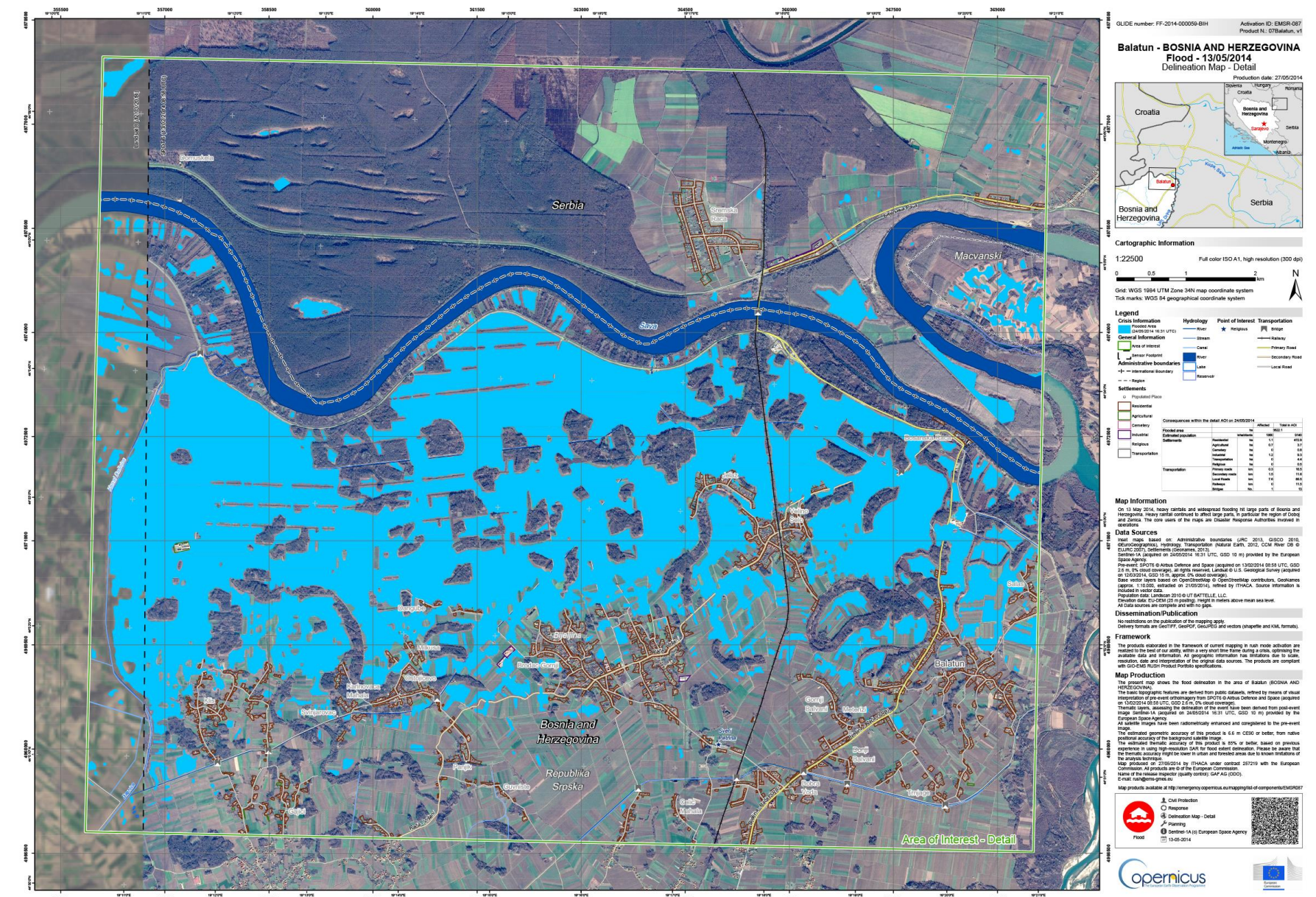


# MODERN COMPUTER VISION USES DEEP LEARNING

# Flood Detection Using Semantic Segmentation

- Traditional Disaster Risk Monitoring (DRM) requires significant domain expertise. It also relies upon many different data types, information sources, and types of models to be effective
- Modern computer vision, using machine learning techniques, can perform different tasks such as classification, object detection, and segmentation
- Promising results but requires powerful technology to enable complex computations

## ESA (European Space Agency) Flood Map

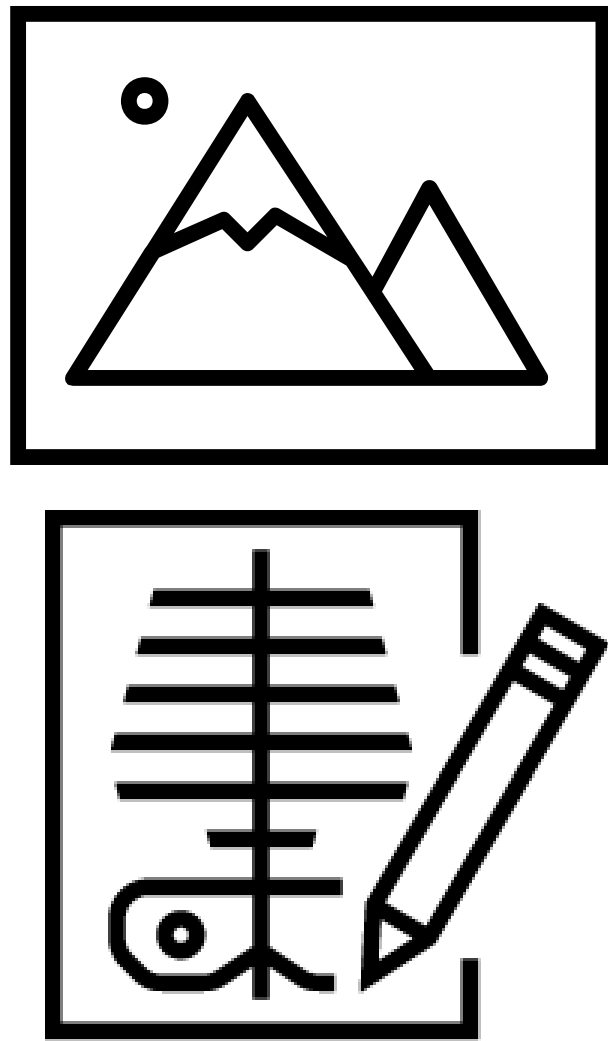




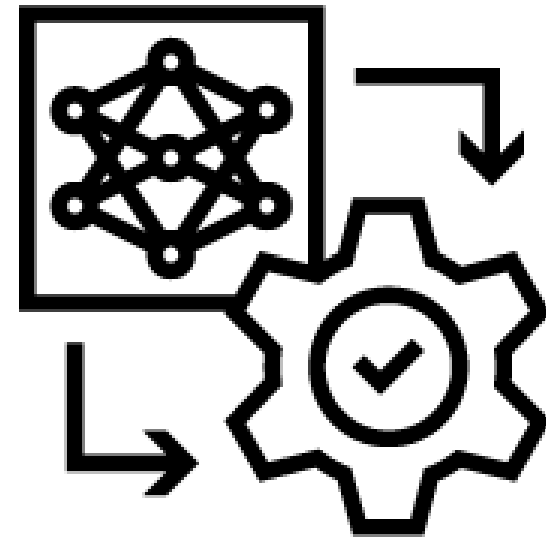
# MODEL DEVELOPMENT WORKFLOW

Machine Learning Workflow

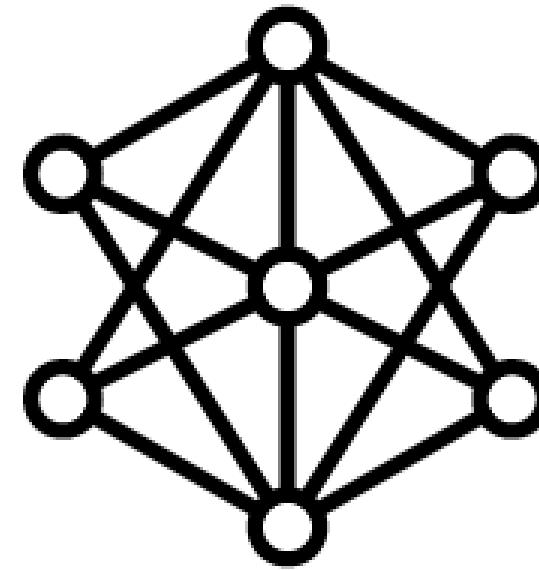
Preprocessing ->  
Image + Label



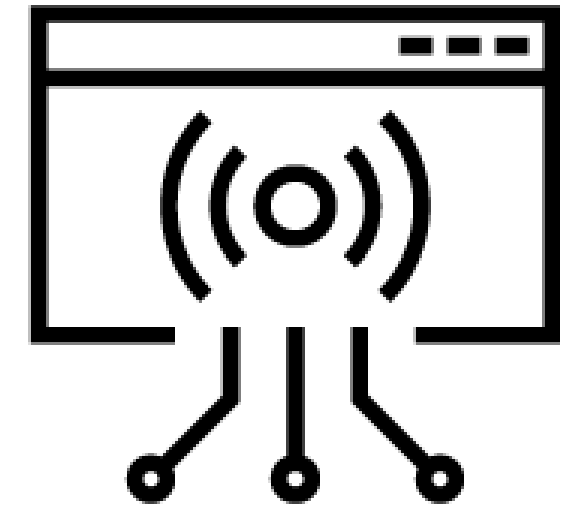
Model training



Trained Model



Model Deployment





# UNOSAT RAPID MAPPING SERVICE: SATELLITE IMAGERY ANALYSIS IN SUPPORT OF HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES

# UNITED NATIONS SATELLITE CENTRE UNOSAT

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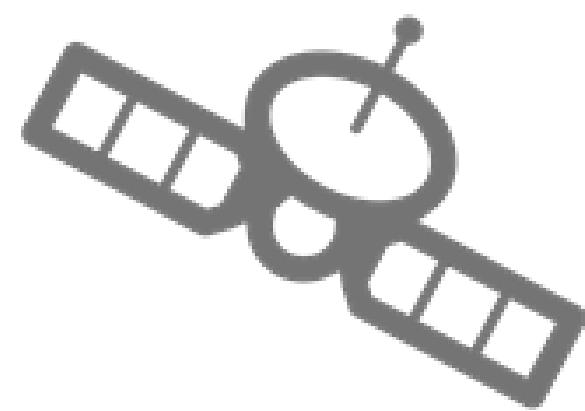
Division for Satellite Analysis and Applied Research at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). Operational since 2001, recognized as the United Nations Satellite Centre in June 2021.

*Celebrated 20 years of operations in 2021!*





# UNOSAT | UNOSAT OPERATIONAL PILLARS



## SATELLITE ANALYSIS

Satellite imagery derived  
geospatial products



## TRAINING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

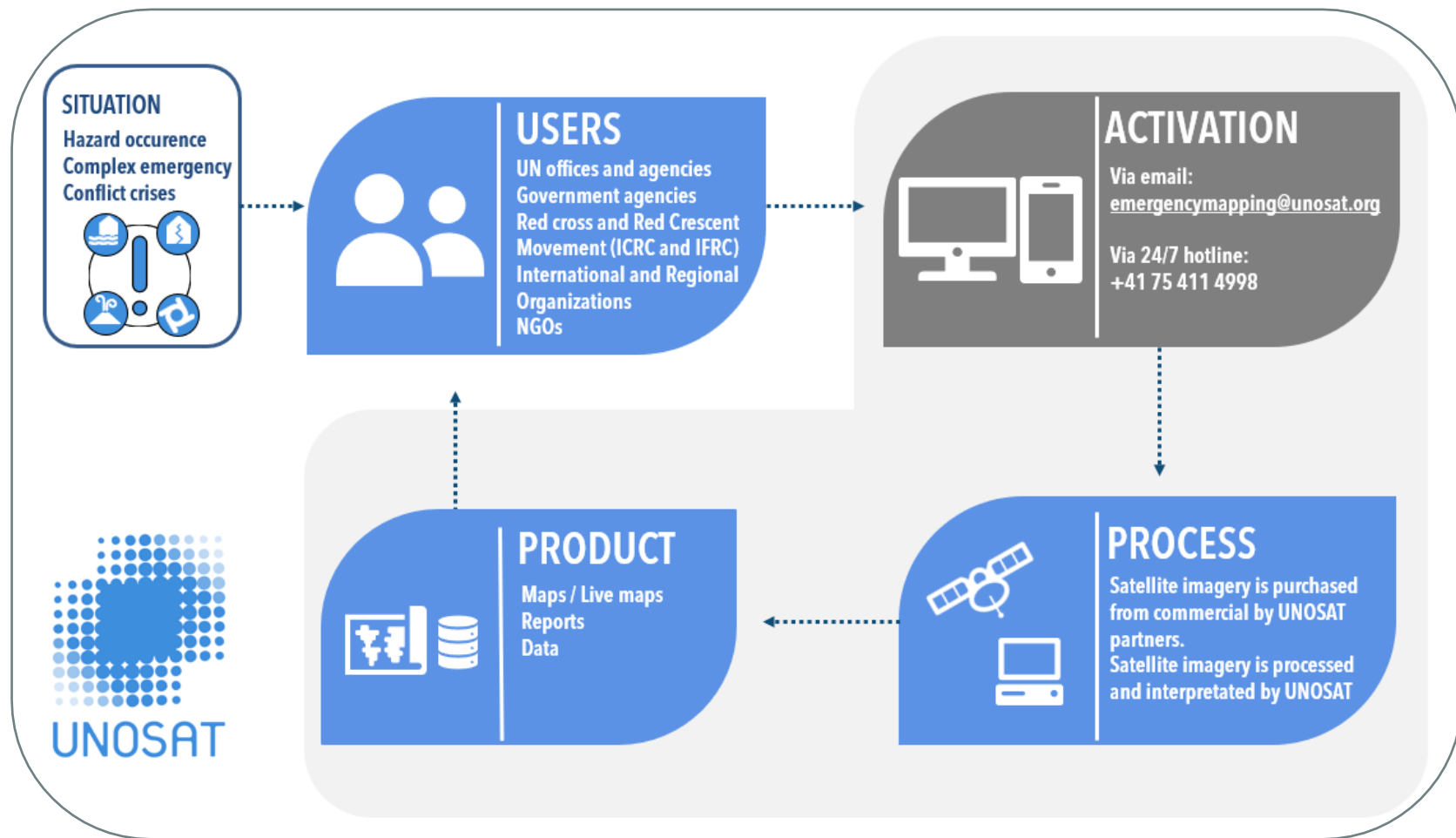
Hands-on technical training, awareness  
raising and technical backstopping



## APPLIED RESEARCH AND INNOVATION


EO, AI, Machine Learning, Big Data  
Analytics, crowdsourcing

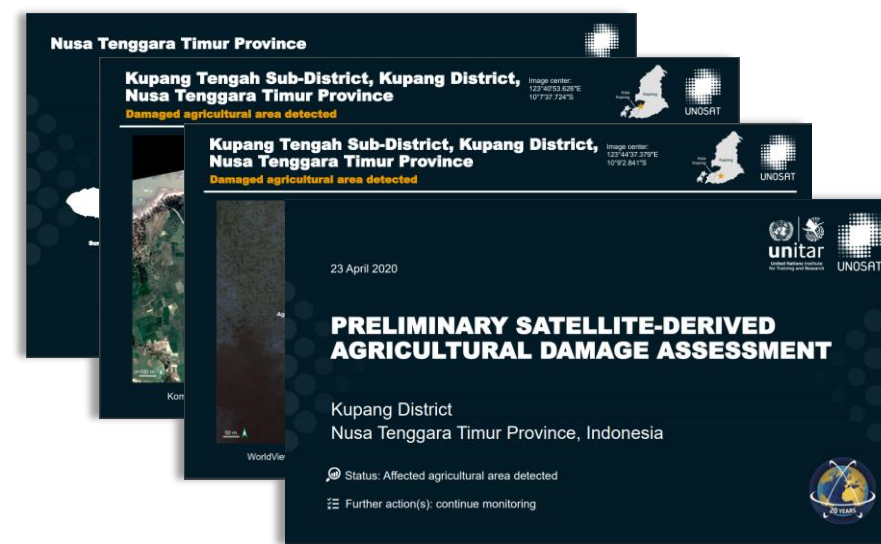
# UNOSAT | HOW TO ACTIVATE RAPID MAPPING SERVICE?



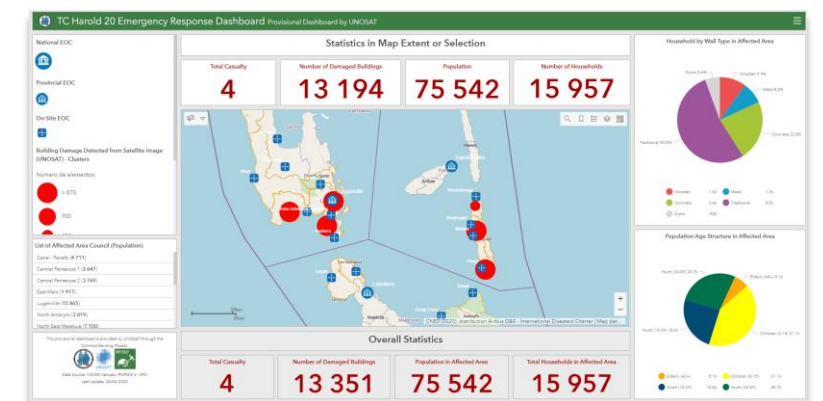
<https://www.unitar.org/maps/unosat-rapid-mapping-service>



 Satellite derived map products and  
Analysed GIS data – ready to use



## Satellite derived reports

 Web maps

## Dashboards and Statistics

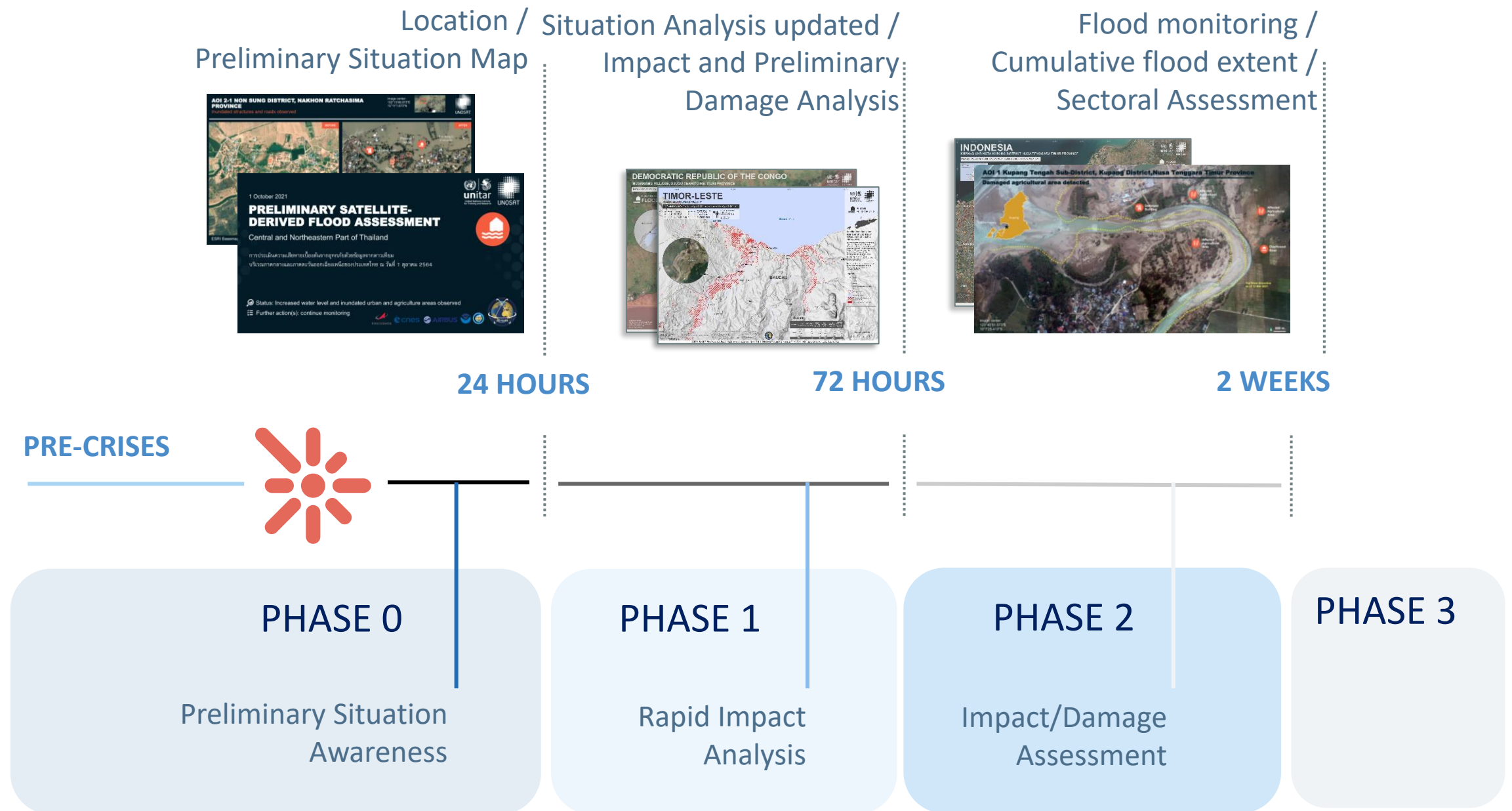
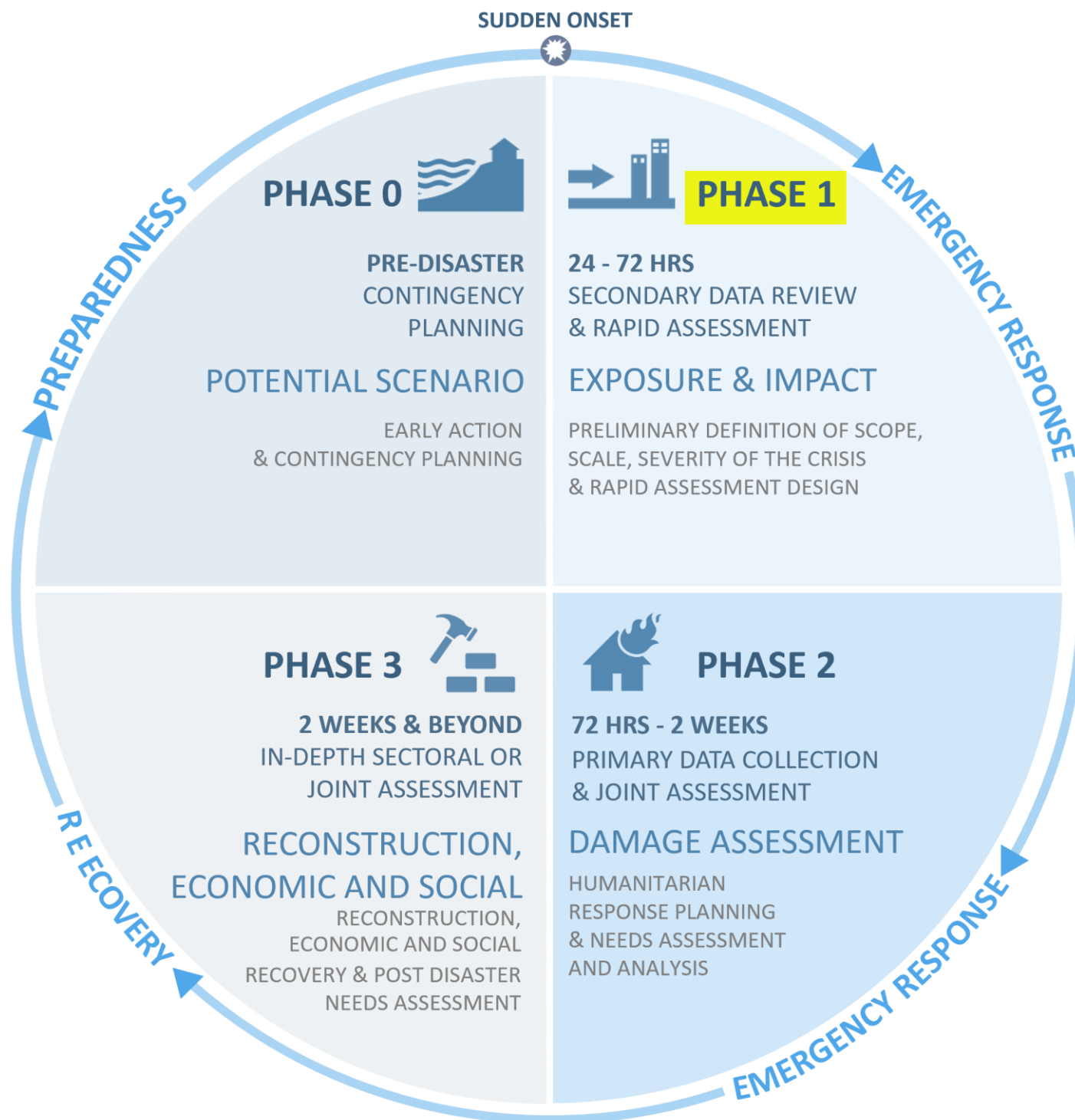
 Satellite Mapping Coordination Tool (GDACS-SMCS)



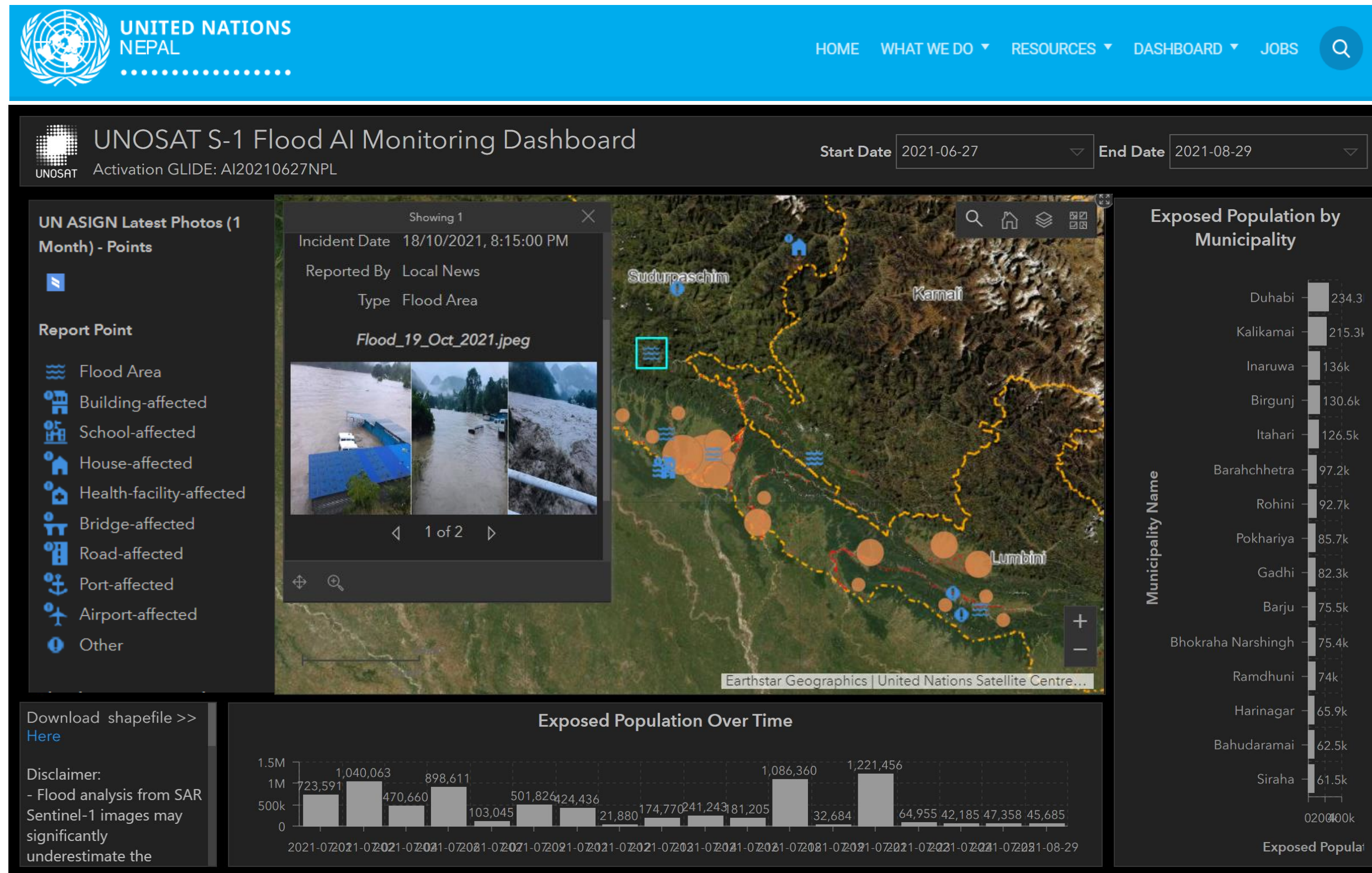
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## SATELLITE IMAGERY ANALYSIS WORKFLOW

### FLOOD IMPACT ANALYSIS

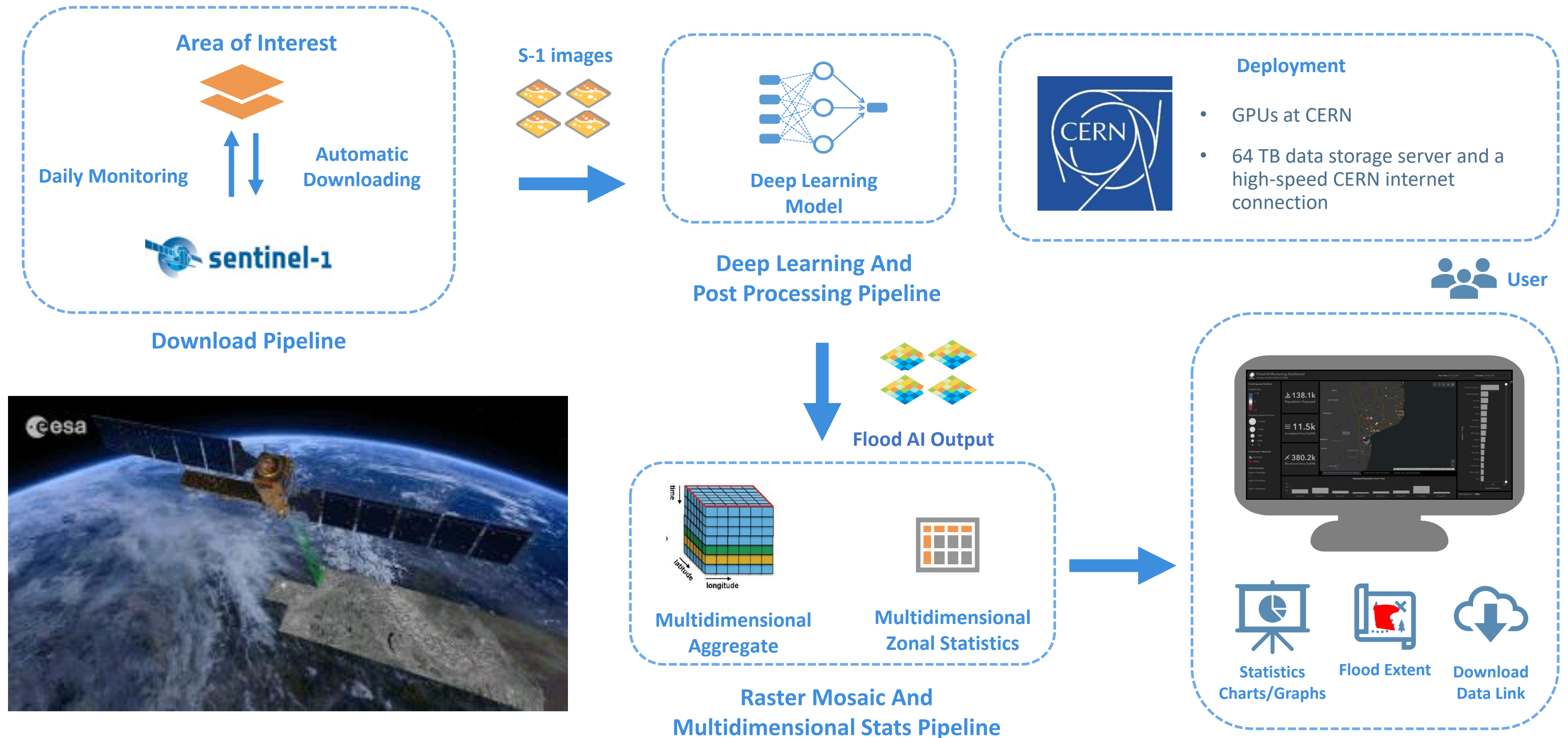


# UNOSAT | NEAR-REAL-TIME ACTIVATION: NEPAL





# UNOSAT | AI-BASED FLOOD DETECTION TOOL



# NVIDIA AND UNOSAT COLLABORATION

## Using AI to Boost Sustainable Development Goals

- UNOSAT collaborates with NVIDIA on training and research activities to promote the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Earth Observation activities in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS), with an emphasis on disaster management. [\[Link\]](#) [\[Link\]](#)
- During the course learners will not only train a flood detection model, but also run inference on a satellite imagery taken from the latest activation in Nepal just presented and perform an impact analysis assessment. All of these activities are dedicated to serve a central vision: the promotion of evidence-based decision making for peace, security and resilience. UNOSAT's goal is thus to make satellite solutions and geographic information easily accessible to the UN family and experts worldwide, with a professional commitment to producing concrete, tangible and usable results in every activity.

