

# SPÉir: Satellite Platform for Éire

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spÉir (Caeúic): noun

1. Sky, air, heaven.
2. Sphere, orbit

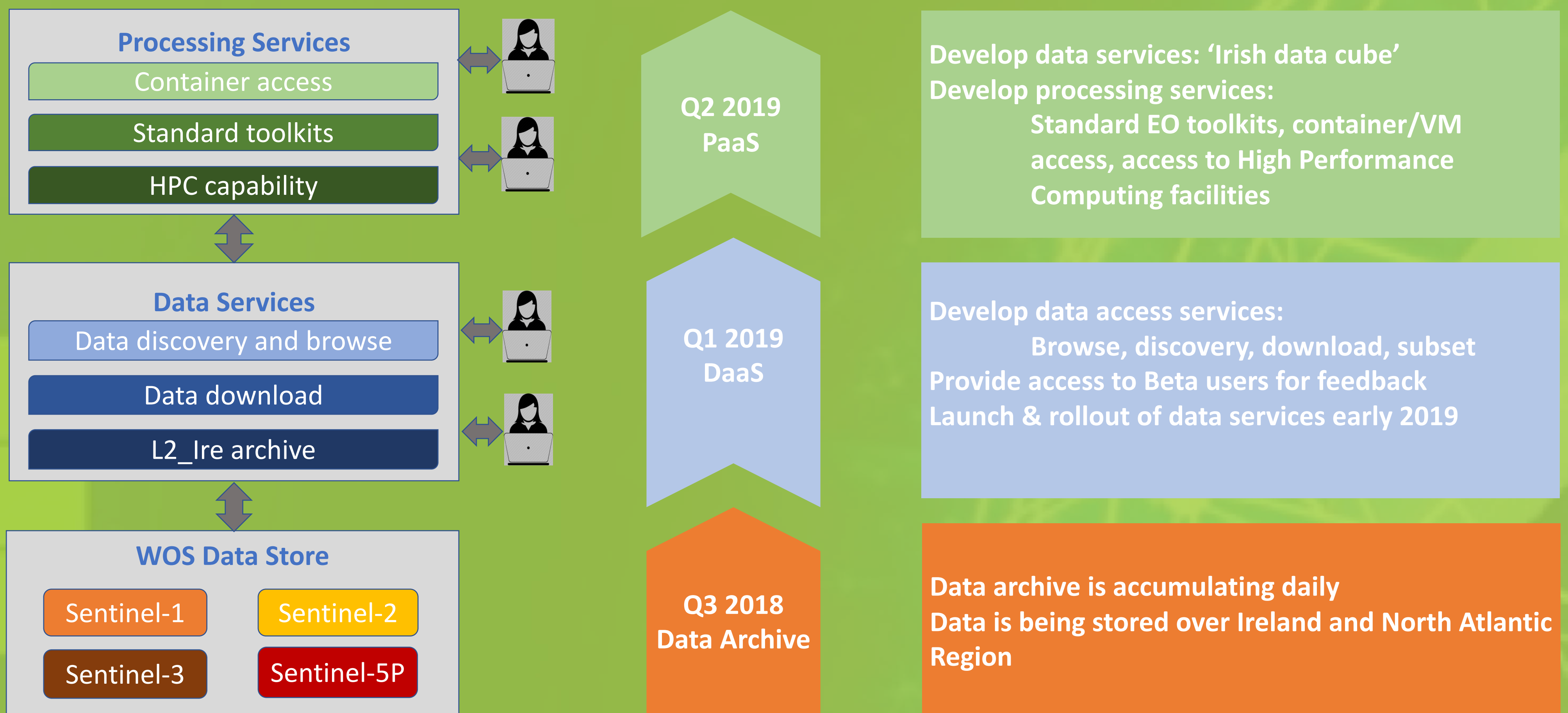
## Introduction

The SPÉir facility is being developed by ICHEC to provide access to and facilitate the use of Copernicus EO data and services for Irish users. We present here the objectives, the development plan and the applications which are currently underway on the system.

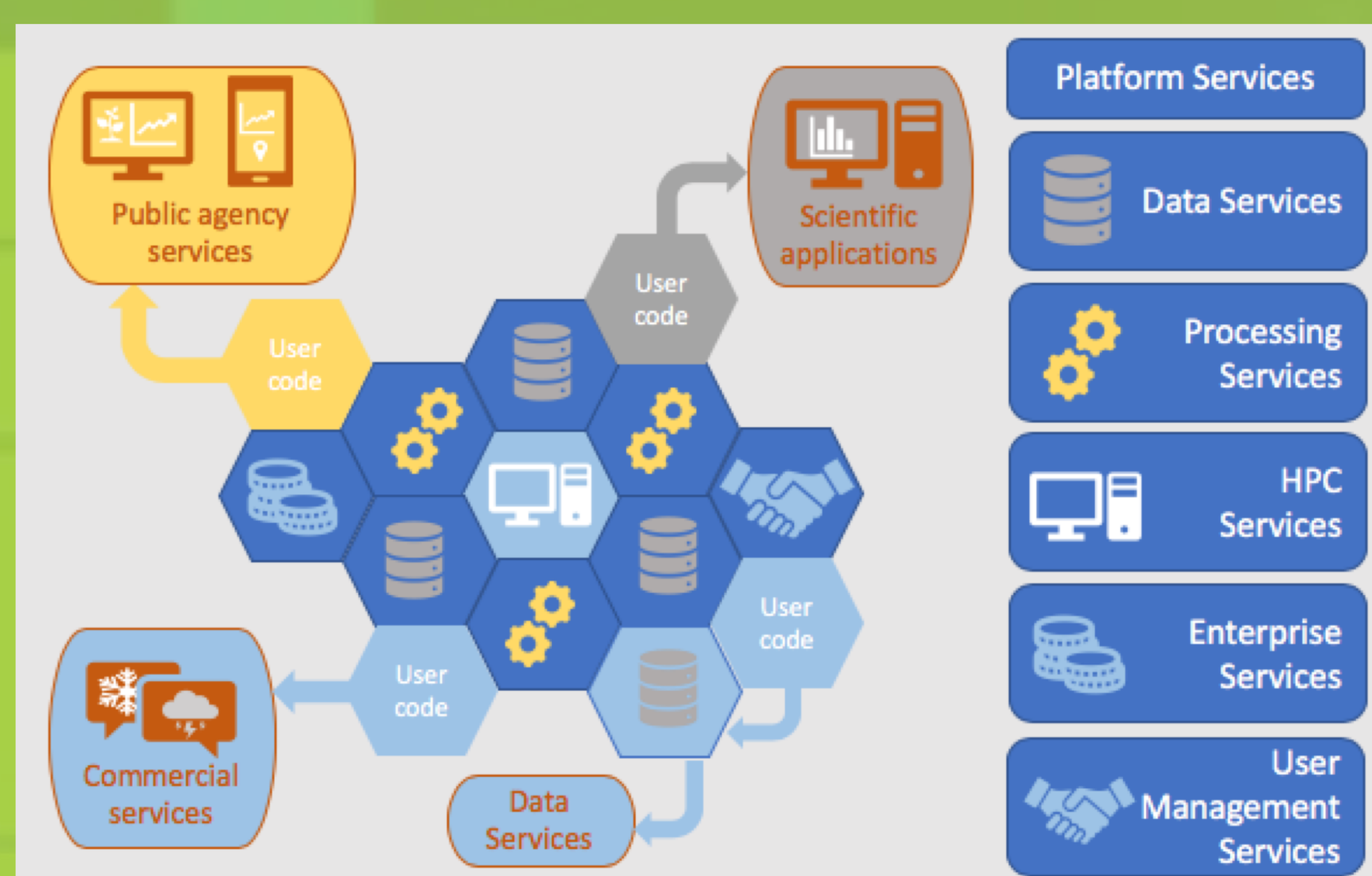
## SPÉir Objectives

- To collate and **archive Sentinel data** relevant to Ireland
- To provide **free and open access to data archives**
- To provide **data and processing services**
- To develop a **user base of public agency, academic and commercial users**
- To **promote the use and value of satellite data** in Ireland

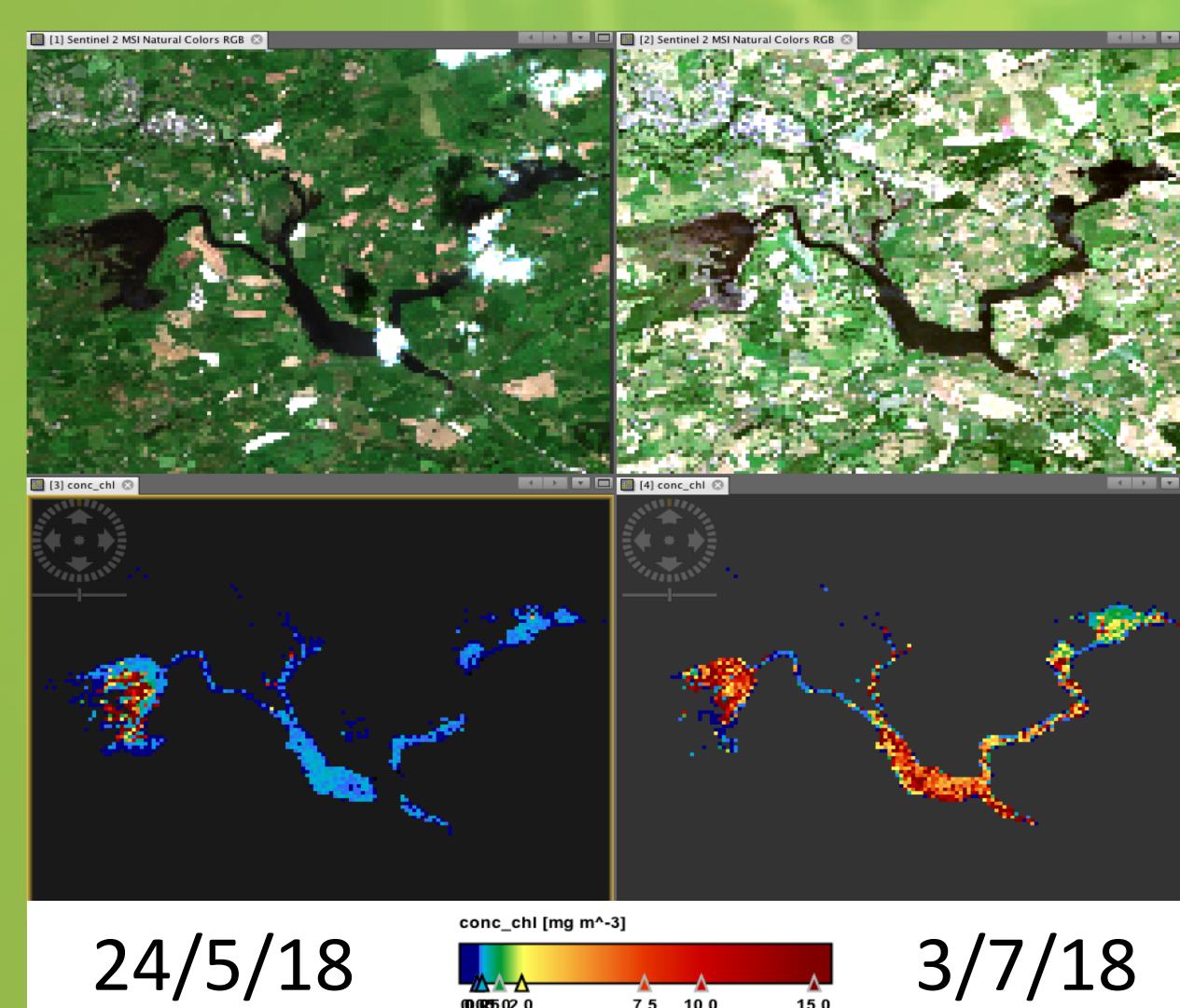
## SPÉir Development Plan & Schedule



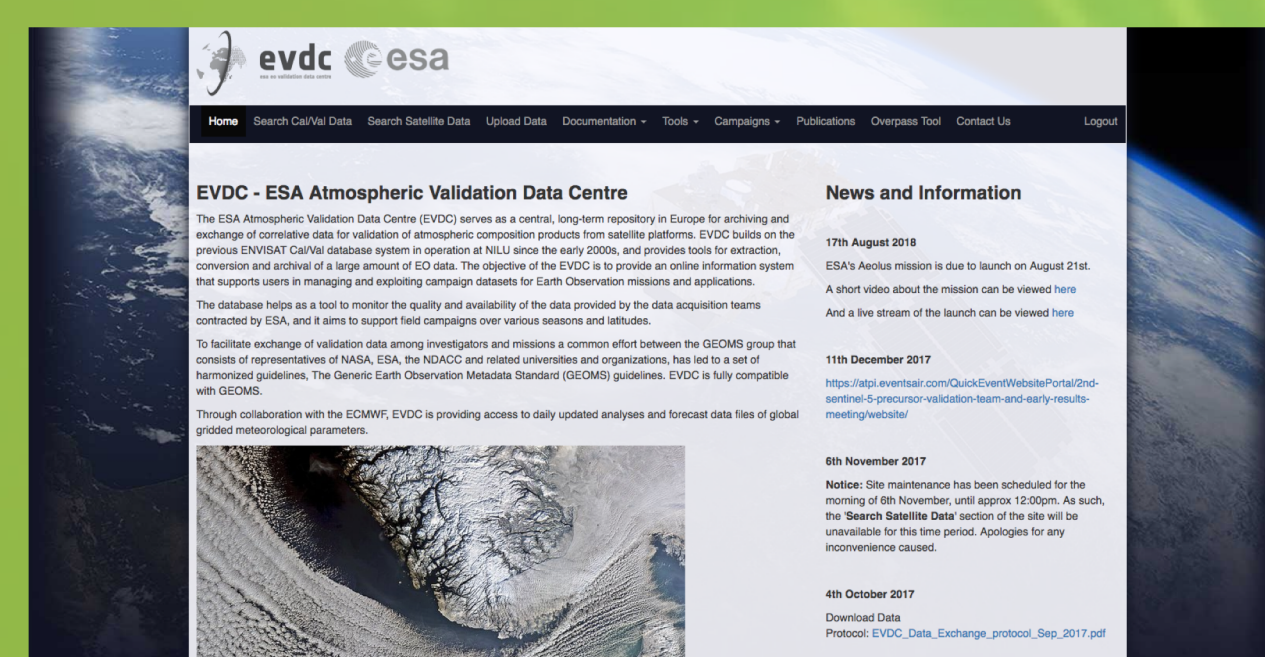
## SPÉir System & Applications



A unique aspect of the SPÉir system will be the combination of a large EO data archive with high performance computing capability and AI analytics. This combination will help to unlock insights in the data, removing technical limitations to growth in downstream services and enabling innovative academic research and public sector services.



An Irish EPA-funded project to monitor water quality in inland and coastal waters is being carried out at ICHEC. Data from Sentinel-2 for a Special Area of Conservation shows large differences in C2RCC chlorophyll from May to July 2018.



The data archive is currently supporting the ESA Validation Data Centre, providing satellite and in situ data for the Sentinel 5P Validation Team.