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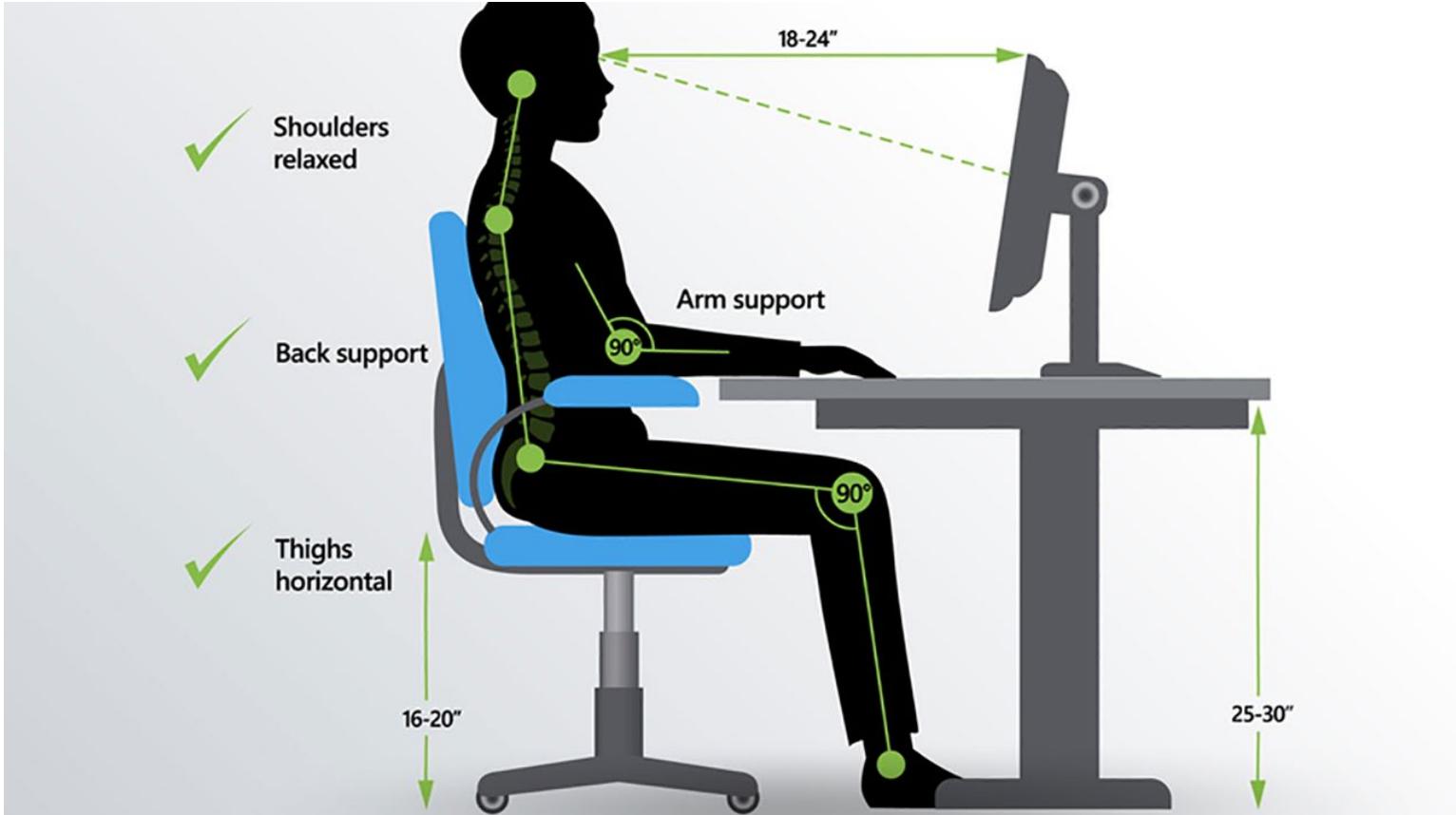
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**Distributed Architecture for Monitoring Urban Air Quality:
A Systems Engineering Approach**



Health & Safety Moment

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Home Office Ergonomics



Agenda

- Motivation
- Project goals
- Context
- Development process
- Conclusions
- Acknowledgements



Motivation

- Capstone Project
- Sponsor: Georgia Tech's PMASE program
- Co-sponsor: NASA's ESTO
- Support to New Observing Strategies (NOS) project



Project Goals

- Use of SE methods & tools
- Needs, use cases & high level requirements
- Distributed monitoring architecture
- Urban air quality domain

Why Urban Air Quality?



Air pollution, which kills an estimated 7 million people every year, is the biggest environmental health risk of our time.

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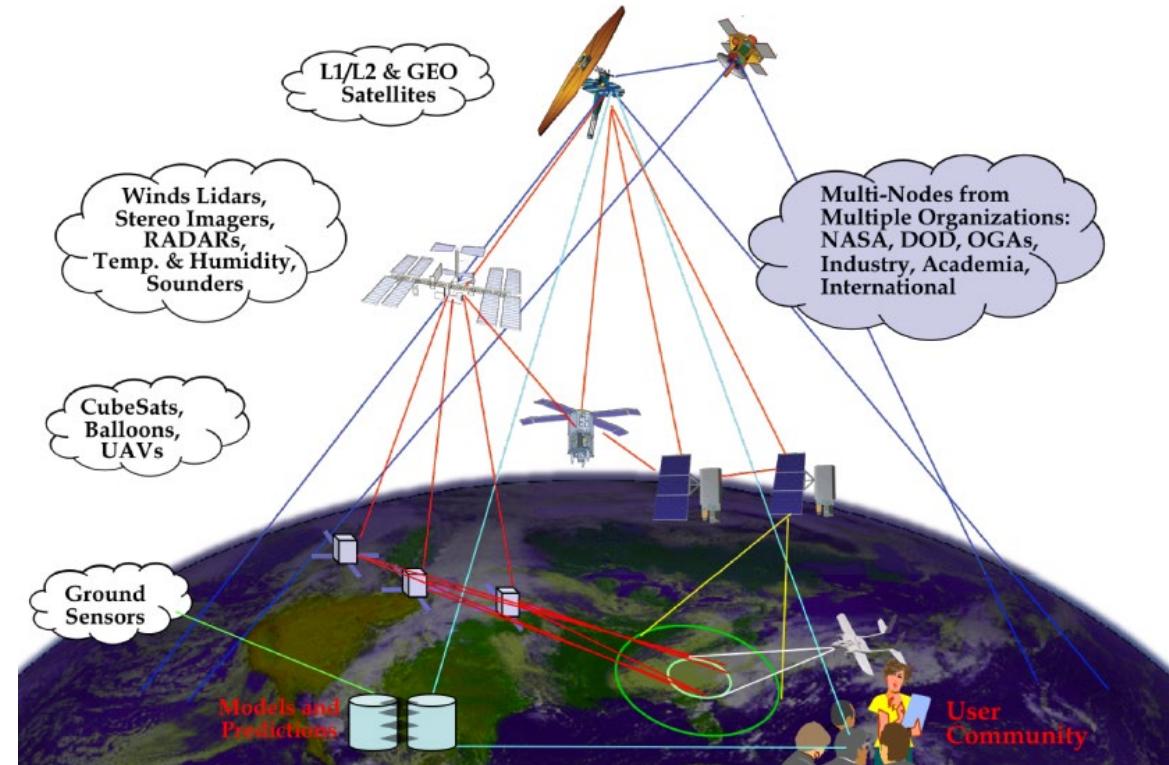
*The **short-lived climate pollutants** black carbon, methane, tropospheric ozone, and hydrofluorocarbons are the most important contributors to the man-made global greenhouse effect after carbon dioxide, responsible for up to 45% of current global warming.*
(IGSD, 2013)





Why a Distributed Monitoring System?

- Variety of systems available
 - Satellites to indoor monitoring
- Why not an interconnected platform?
- Allow data sharing and processing
- Better decision-making
- More research data



ntrs.nasa.gov/archive/nasa/casi.ntrs.nasa.gov/20190028350.pdf



Development Process

Mission Analysis

Use Case Analysis

Sociotechnical Analysis

Requirements Analysis

System Architecture

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Mission Analysis

Monitoring

Access by nodes

Raw & processed data

Data validation
(reliability)

Action

Action from nodes

Current situation
triggers

Enhanced monitoring
or mitigation

Predictive

Action from nodes

Predictive model
triggers

Avoid or reduce
consequences



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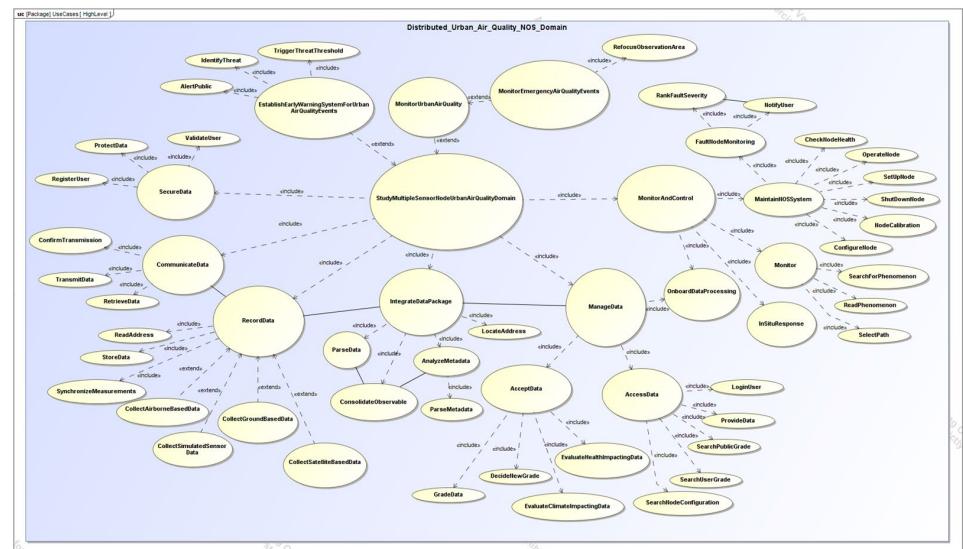
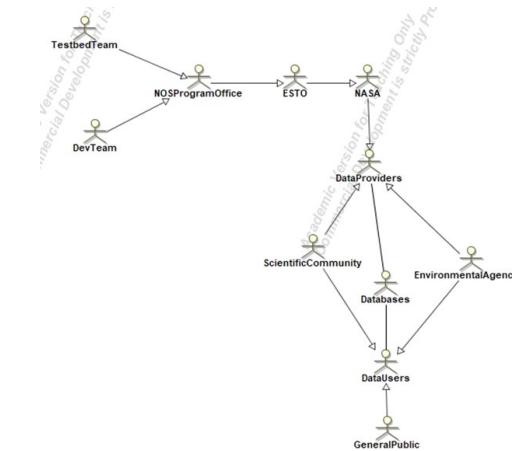
Requirements Analysis

System Architecture



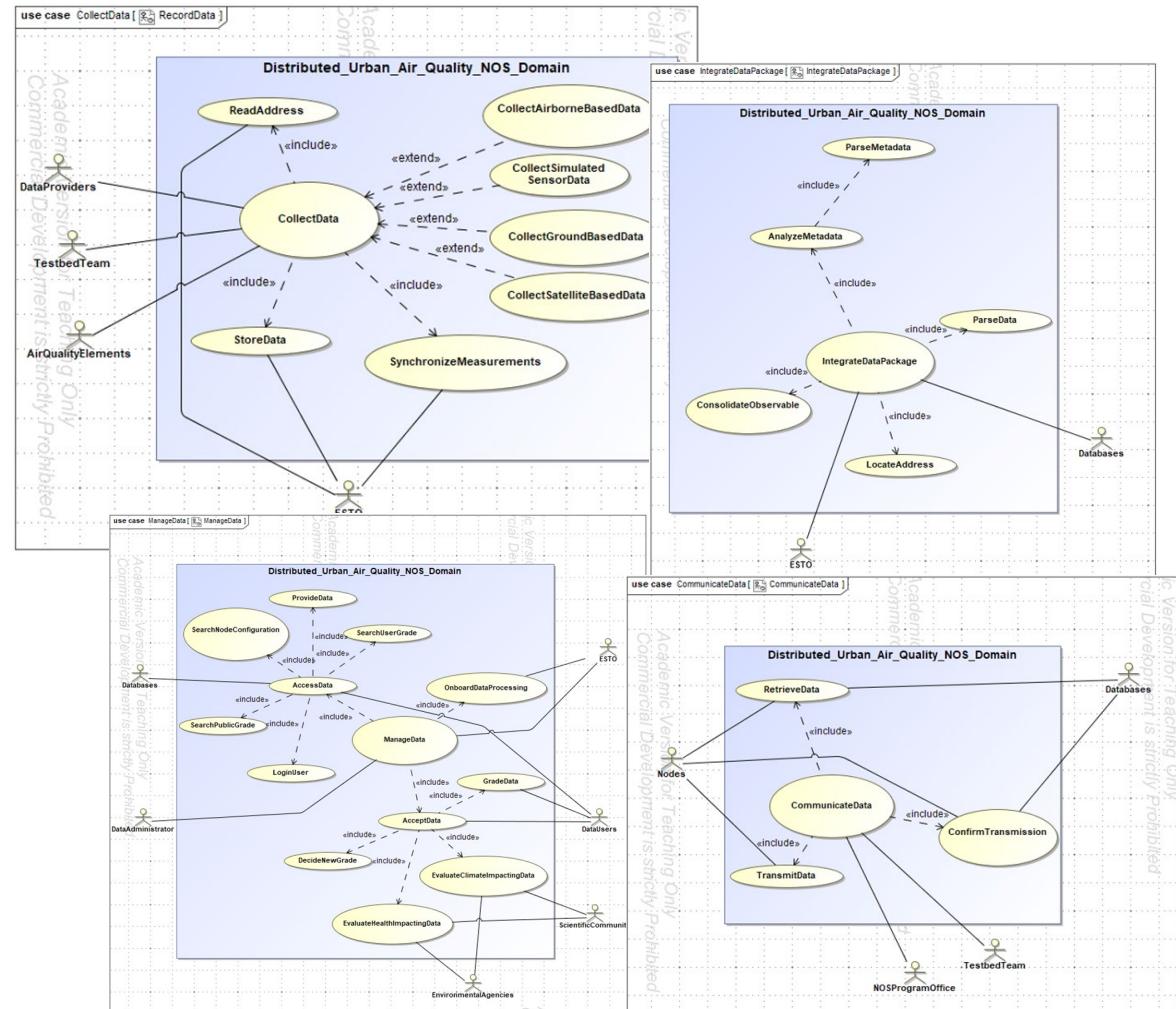
Use Case Analysis

- Actors identification
- Multi-level use cases



Use Cases

- Collect Data
- Integrate Data
- Manage Data
- Communicate Data
- Secure Data
- Monitor & Control





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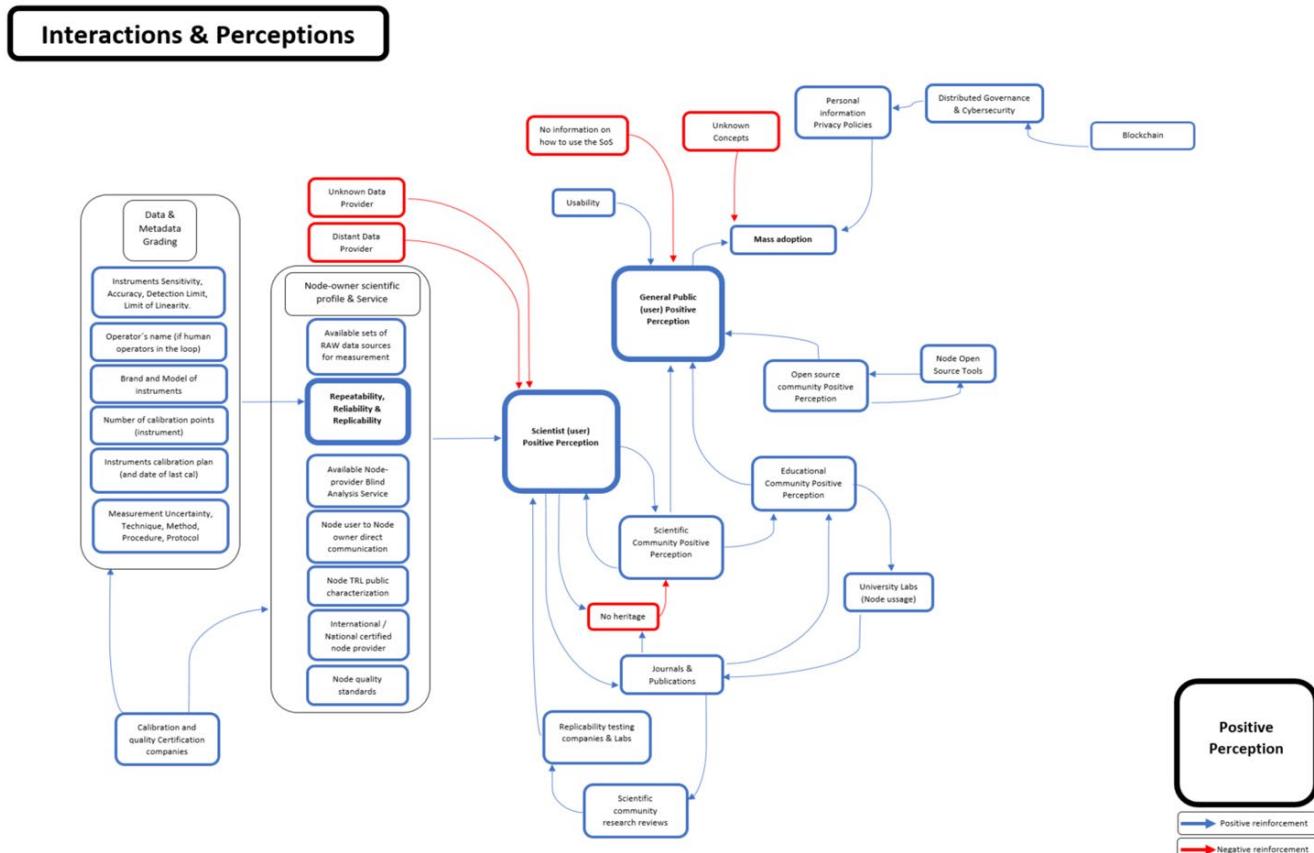
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Sociotechnical Analysis

- High-level mapping
- Support to requirement analysis
- Perception & confidence
- Required & desired
- Key aspects of influence





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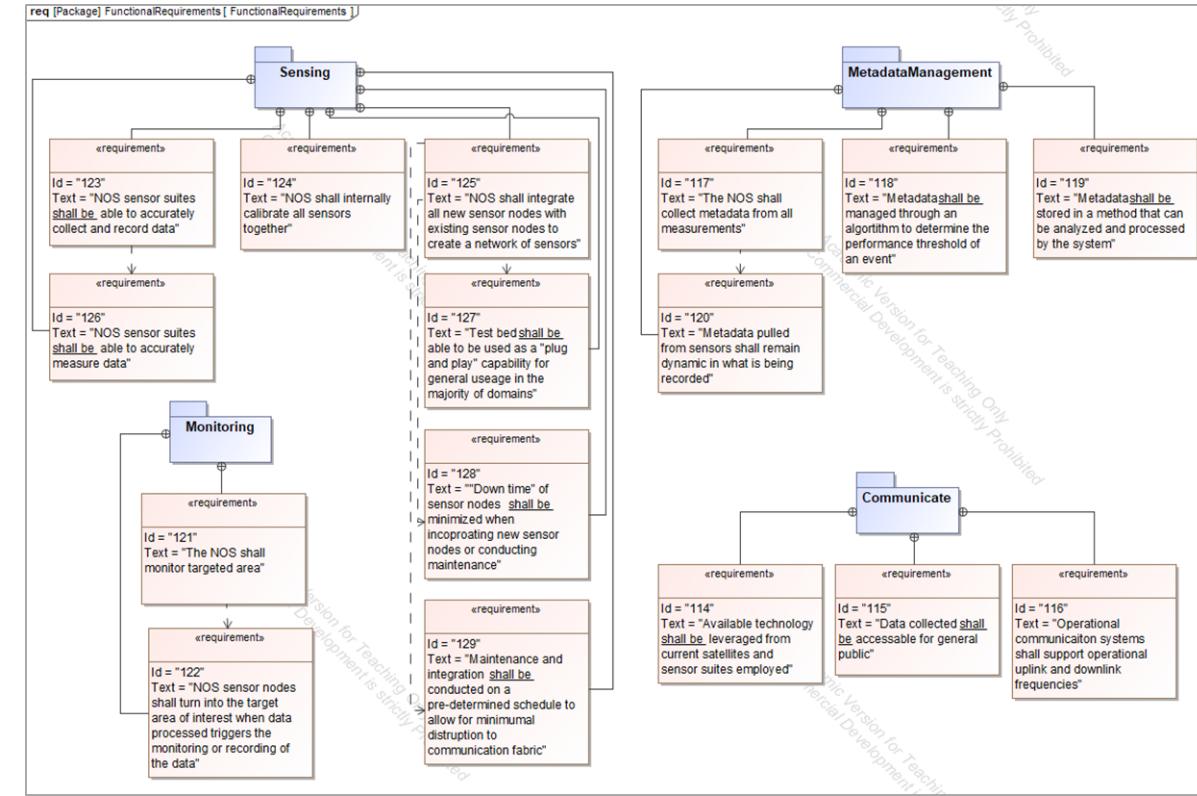
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- Functional
- Data architecture
- Hardware architecture
- Sociotechnical
- Project management
- Air quality
- Human systems integration





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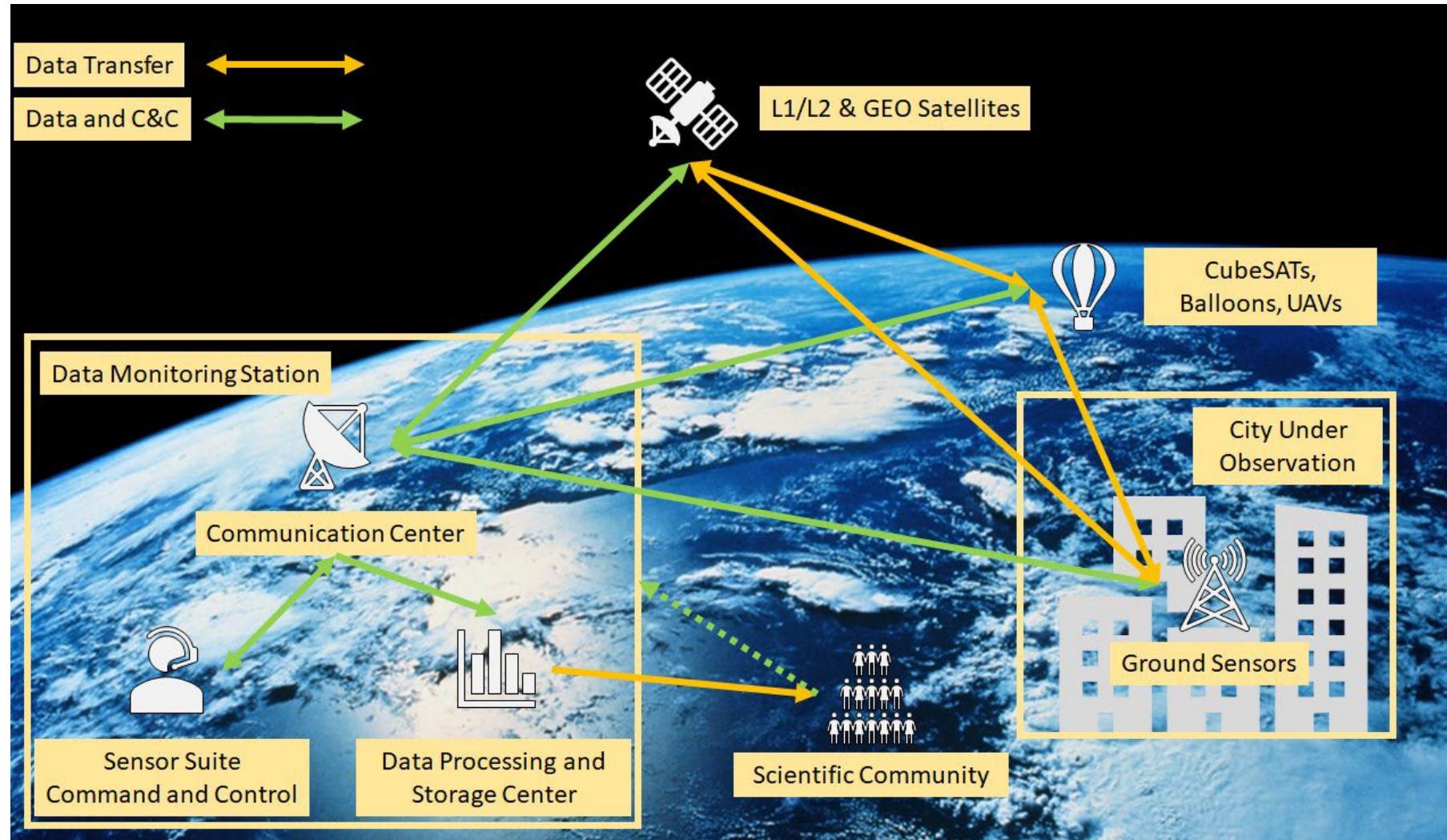
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System Architecture





System Architecture

NOS System

Data
System

Information
System

Support
System

User
System



Conclusions

- Flexible network node interface increase acceptance
- User perception and confidence is important
- 3 “Rs”: Repeatability, Reliability & Reproducibility
- Data validation and security as building blocks
- Commercial partners would enhance capabilities
- International standards may speed up definitions
- This is a starting point. Much further work still required.



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