# ROSHYDROMET updates since CGMS-52 and report on the medium to long-term future plans on earth observation

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### **Executive summary**

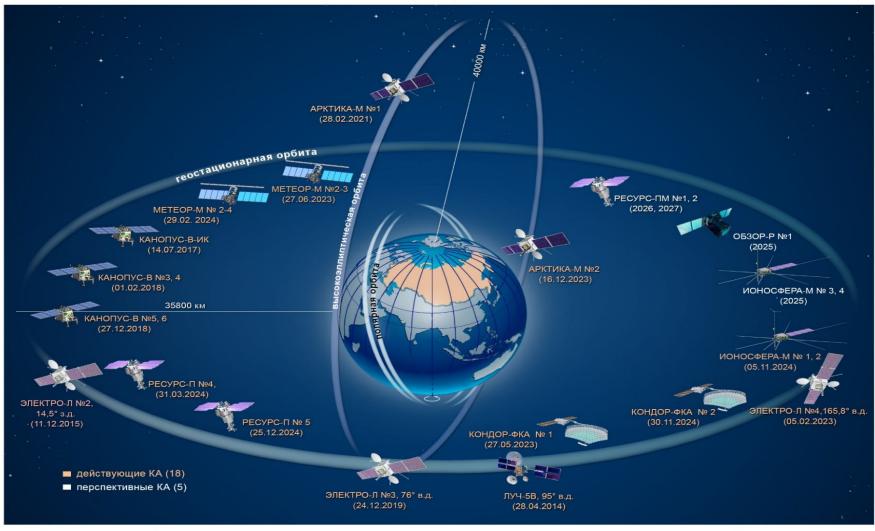
This document addresses the current status of the Russian satellite systems for hydrometeorology and heliogeophysics.

Since CGMS-52 the Russian hydrometeorological satellite constellation has been increased by 2 polar-orbiting heliogeophysical satellites Ionosphere-M N1 and Ionosphere-M N2 launched on 5 November 2024 by group launch.

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# **Overview - Planning of ROSHYDROMET/ROSCOSMOS satellite systems**



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#### **CURRENT GEO SATELLITES**

Electro-L constellation standing points:

14,5°W – Electro-L N2 76°E – Electro-L N3 165,8°E – Electro-L N4

- Instrument payload:
  - MSU-GS imager
  - Heliogeophysical complex GGAK-VE
  - Data collection system
  - COSPAS-SARSAT system
  - direct broadcast HRIT/LRIT
- Objectives of Electro-L mission:
  - Continuous observation of the Earth disc within a radius of 55-60 degrees centered at the sub-satellite point;
  - Simultaneous images of cloud cover and the Earth's surface in 3 visible and 7 infrared channels;
  - Heliogeophysical measurements at geostationary orbit altitudes;
  - Collection and retransmission of the hydrometeorlogical data from national and international platforms (DCPs);
  - Retransmission of the data from Roshydromet regional centers;
  - Data dissemination in HRIT/LRIT formats to national and foreign users





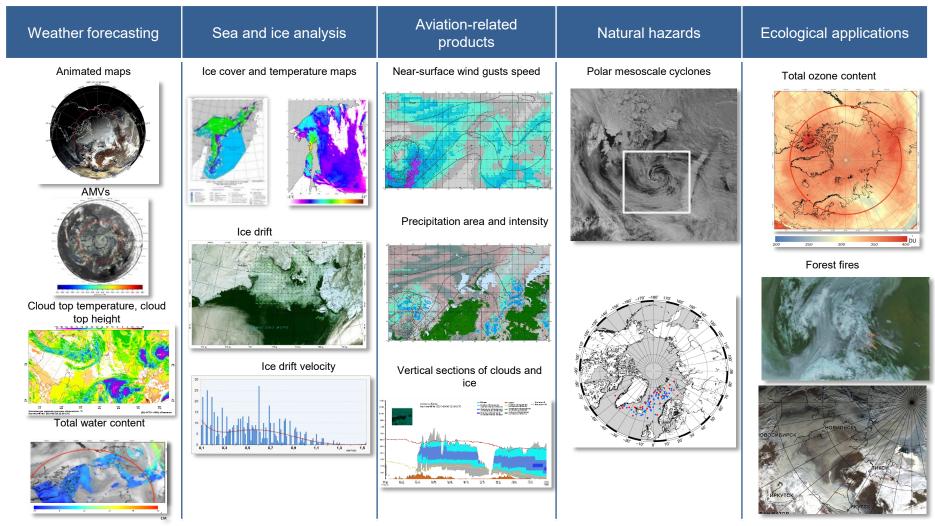
### **CURRENT HEO SATELLITES**

- ➤ The main purposes of the mission Arctica-M are meteorology, oceanography, including ice cover monitoring and disaster monitoring in the Arctic region. To perform operational monitoring of polar regions 24 hours a day each of two satellites is covering the area for ~6 hours and then step back for the next one. The repeat cycle time for each satellite is exactly 12 hours
- Primary objectives of Arctica-M mission:
  - Continuous observation of Arctic and contiguous region
  - Simultaneous images of cloud cover and the Earth's surface in 10 visible and infrared channels
  - Heliogeophysical measurements at orbit altitudes (Electromagnetic solar radiation, corpuscular radiation and terrestrial magnetic fields)
  - The development and maintaining the national data collection system, collection of the hydrometeorlogical data from national and international platforms
  - Two-way radio communication with stations of Roshydromet hydrometeorlogical network

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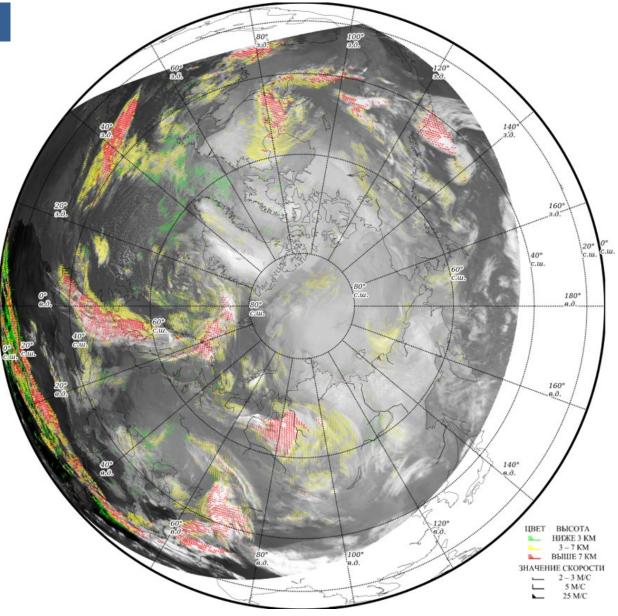
### **CURRENT HEO SATELLITES**



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# **CURRENT HEO SATELLITES**



Wind vectors map from Arctica-M (optical flow algorithm)

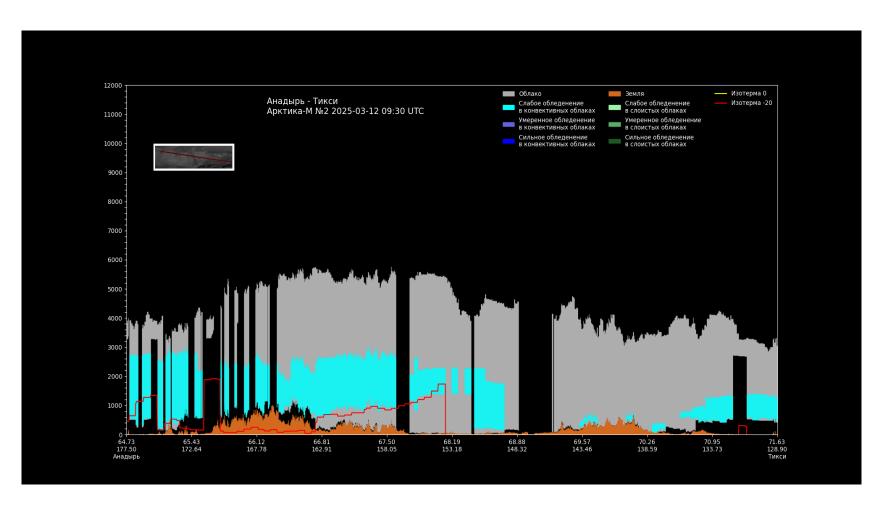
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### **CURRENT HEO SATELLITES**



Vertical section of cloudiness and and icing zones along the air route Anadyr-Tiksi

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#### **CURRENT HEO SATELLITES**

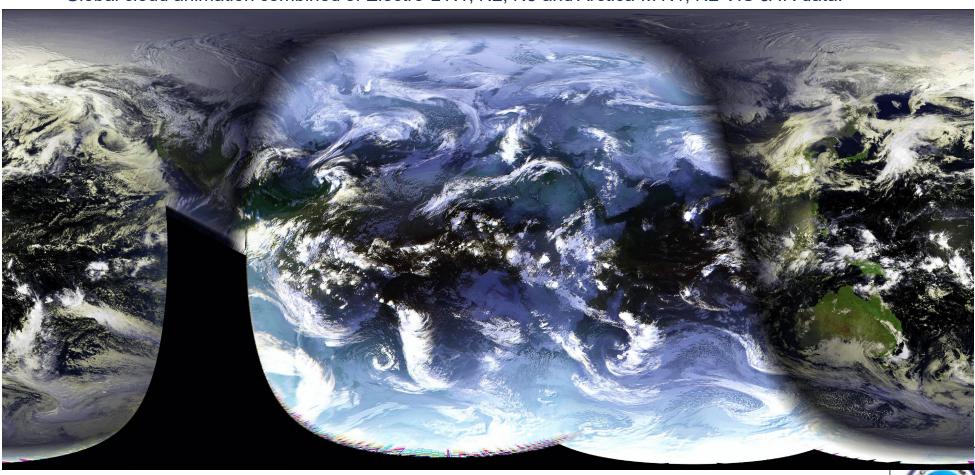
- > Arctica-M N1 and N2 payload is similar to those of Russian geostationary satellites and includes:
  - MSU-GS/VE imager in 3 visible channels (1 km spatial resolution) and 7 IR channels (4 km spatial resolution)
  - GGAK-VE Heliogeophysical Measurements Suite
  - Data collection system (DCS)
- Both Arctica-M N1 and N2 satellites are functional without limitations
- The ground segment for Arctica-M constellation is based on SRC Planeta/Roshydromet satellite centers, responsible for receiving, processing, disseminating and archiving of satellite data: European (Moscow, Obninsk), Siberian (Novosibirsk) and Far-Eastern (Khabarovsk)

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# **CURRENT GEO/HEO SATELLITES**

Global cloud animation combined of Electro-L N1, N2, N3 and Arctica-M N1, N2 VIS & IR data.



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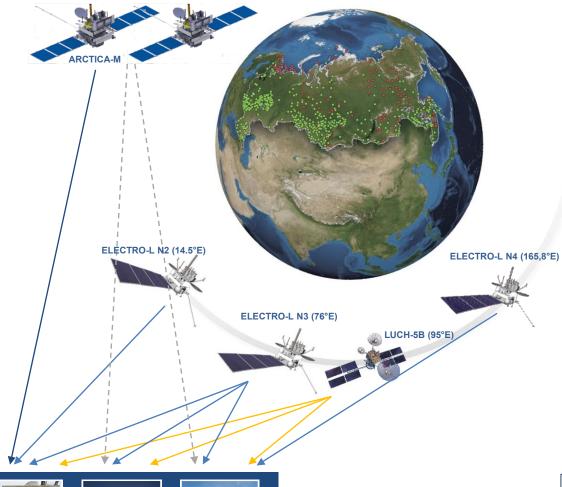
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### **CURRENT GEO/HEO SATELLITES**

DCS comprises of the network of DCPs at Roshydromet' observational sites, relay transponders at Russian satellites of 3 Electro-L, 2 Arctica-M and Luch series, and ground receiving stations at SRC Planeta satellite centers.

Data is currently being collected from 698 Roshydromet's observation network (•••), including 137 difficult to access stations (•).



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#### **CURRENT LEO SATELLITES**

➤ Two Meteor-M series satellites are now operational on sun-synchronous orbit with ~820 km height, 98.8°inclination:

Meteor-M N2-3 - "morning" orbit, ascending equator crossing time ~ 9:30

Meteor-M N2-4 - "afternoon" orbit, ascending equator crossing time ~ 15:00

Meteor-M N2-2 has been decommissioned since January 2025

- Instrument payload operational for now:
  - MSU-MR Scanning Radiometer (1 km spatial resolution multichannel scanning unit, 6 channels, VIS/IR);
  - KMSS VIS Scanning Imager (6 channels implemented by 3 cameras, 50 m and 100 m spatial resolution);
  - MTVZA-GY Imaging/Sounding Microwave Radiometer (module for temperature and humidity sounding of the atmosphere, 26 channels, 10.6 183 GHz);
  - IKFS-2 IR Fourier-transform spectrometer (IR atmospheric sounder, spectral range 5-15 mkm, spectral resolution ~ 0.5 cm-1);
  - METEOSAR X-band Synthetic Aperture Radar (onboard only Meteor-M N3 and N2-4);
  - GGAK-M Heliogeophysical Measurements Suite;
  - Data collection system (DCS)
  - COSPAS-SARSAT system





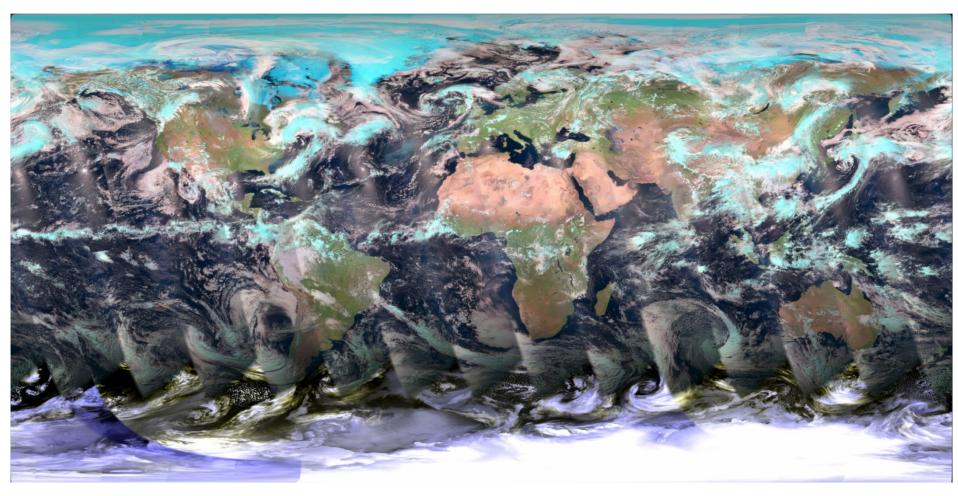
#### **CURRENT LEO SATELLITES**

- The main objective of Meteor-M mission is to provide global observations of the Earth's surface and the atmosphere for the following purposes:
  - Weather analysis and forecasting on global and regional scales
  - Global climate change monitoring;
  - Sea surface observations;
  - Sea ice observations;
  - · Disaster monitoring;
  - Space weather analysis and prediction (solar wind, ionosphere research, Earth's magnetic field, etc.).
- ➤ Meteor-M N2-3, N2-4 has three downlink radio lines:
  - 2-channel X-band radio link (8.192 GHz and 8.320 GHz) with 122.88 Mbps data transmission rate in each channel (not operational on Meteor-M N2-3)
  - L-band radio link (1.7 GHz) with 665.4 Kbps data transmission rate (HRPT data transmission);
  - VHF-band radio link (137 MHz) with 80 Kbps data transmission rate (LRPT data transmission).

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### **CURRENT LEO SATELLITES**



Global coverage of Meteor-M MSU-MR VIS & IR data

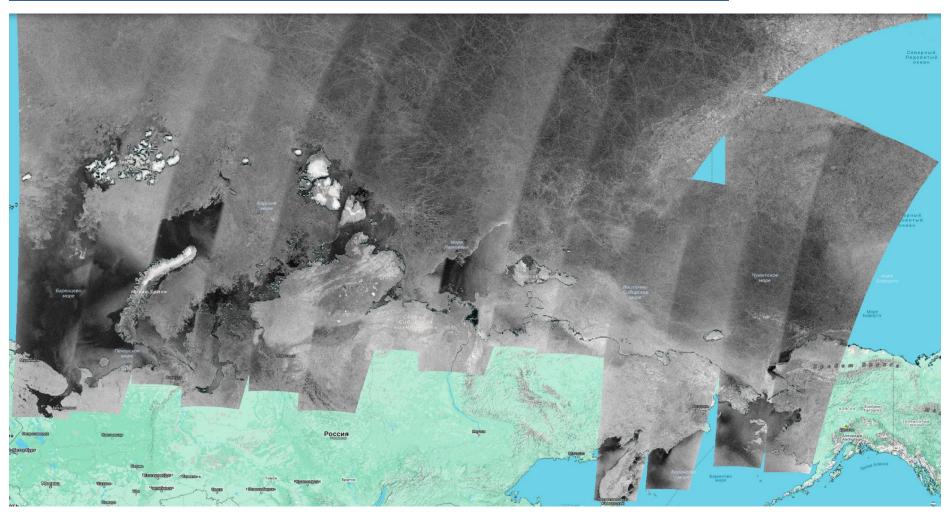
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### **CURRENT LEO SATELLITES**



Arctic ocean coverage of Meteor-M N2-4 METEOSAR for ice conditions analysis along the Northern Sea Route

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### **CURRENT LEO SATELLITES**

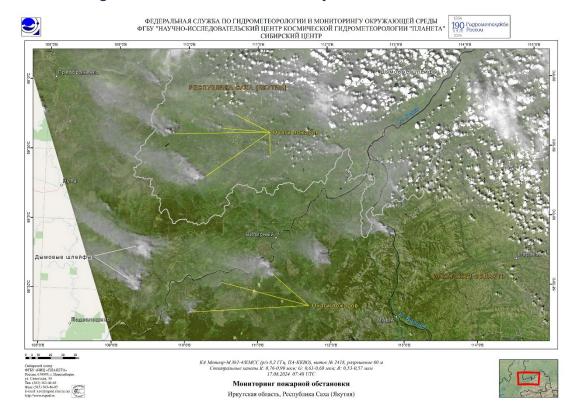
### Monitoring of floods in West Siberia by Meteor-M N2-2 KMSS data



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#### Monitoring of forest fires in Yakutia by Meteor-M N2-4 KMSS data



17/08/2024



### **CURRENT LEO SATELLITES**

Status of spacecraft:

Meteor-M N2-3 is operational with limitations: Due to failure of X-band radio link the transmission of global data and SAR data is not carried out.

Meteor-M N2-4 is operational with limitations: METEOSAR is operational only separately of other payload since METEOSAR and other sensors need different spacecraft orientation.

Meteor-M LEO constellation is planned to consist of 4 spacecrafts to provide meteorological data over Russian Federation at least 8 times per day at synoptic time

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### **FUTURE GEO SATELLITES**

Mission	Operator(s)	Orbit	Launch planned	Instruments	
Electro-L N5	ROSHYDROMET /ROSCOSMOS	GEO, standing point 77E	2025	- MSU-GS, - GGAK-VE,	
Electro-L N6	ROSHYDROMET /ROSCOSMOS	GEO, standing point TBD	2030	- DSC, - COSPAS-SARSAT,	
Electro-L N7	ROSHYDROMET /ROSCOSMOS	GEO, standing point TBD	2032	- direct broadcast HRIT/LRIT	
Electro-M N1	ROSHYDROMET /ROSCOSMOS	GEO, standing point TBD	2033	<ul> <li>MSU-GSM imager with ~20 channels,</li> <li>hyperspectral sounder IKFS-GS,</li> <li>lightning detector,</li> <li>radiation balance radiometer,</li> <li>heliogeophysical complex KGI,</li> <li>DSC,</li> <li>COSPAS-SARSAT,</li> <li>direct broadcast HRIT/LRIT</li> </ul>	
Electro-M N2	ROSHYDROMET /ROSCOSMOS	GEO, standing point TBD	2034		

- > Electro-L N5, 6 and 7 are the serial satellites planed for maintain the current constellation
- ➤ New generation GEO satellite series Electro-M with extended useful payload is planned to start after 2032

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### **FUTURE LEO SATELLITES**

Mission	Operator(s)	Orbit	Launch planned	Instruments
Meteor-M N2-5	ROSHYDROMET /ROSCOSMOS	LEO, ECT TBD	2027	<ul><li>MSU-MR</li><li>MTVZA-GY</li><li>IKFS-2</li></ul>
Meteor-M N2-6	ROSHYDROMET /ROSCOSMOS	LEO, ECT TBD	2028	• KMSS • DCS
Meteor-M N2-7	ROSHYDROMET /ROSCOSMOS	LEO, ECT TBD	2032	<ul><li>METEOSAR</li><li>GGAK-M2</li></ul>
Meteor-M N2-8	ROSHYDROMET /ROSCOSMOS	LEO, ECT TBD	2033	COSPAS-SARSAT
Meteor-MP N1	ROSHYDROMET /ROSCOSMOS	LEO, ECT TBD	>2033	<ul> <li>MSU-MR-MP (20 channels)</li> <li>MTVZA-MP</li> <li>IKFS-3</li> <li>SA-MP - atmosphere gas content spectrometer</li> <li>SCAT-MP - sctterometer</li> <li>ARMA-MP - radio occultation sounder</li> <li>KGI-MP - heliogeophysical complex</li> <li>DCS</li> <li>COSPAS-SARSAT</li> </ul>
Ionosphere-M N3, N4	ROSHYDROMET /ROSCOSMOS	LEO	July 2025	Instrument complex for study of upper atmosphere, ionosphere and near-earth space

- Meteor-M N2-5 N2-8 will be serial identic satellites to form LEO constellation
- Meteor-MP will start next generation LEO constellation with improved characteristic and new payload incl. scatterometer, radio occultation sounding, greenhouse gas spectrometer

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### **FUTURE HEO SATELLITES**

Mission	Operator(s)	Orbit	Launch planned	Instruments
Arctica-M N3, N4	ROSHYDROMET/ROSCOSMOS	HEO Molnya Orbit	2029	• MSU-GS/HE • GGAK-VE
Arctica-M N5, N6	ROSHYDROMET/ROSCOSMOS	HEO Molnya Orbit	2030	• DSC
Arctica-M N7, N8	ROSHYDROMET/ROSCOSMOS	HEO Molnya Orbit	2034	

- The HEO constellation of 4 spacecraft will allow to double the periodicity of observation from two angles
- The next satellites will be launched to maintain the constellation



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# **CONCLUSIONS**

Russian Federation is currently developing a national constellation of both geostationary and polar orbiting meteorological satellites. It is complemented by the satellites at highly elliptical "Molnya" type orbits for frequent coverage of the northern areas.

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# Thanks for attention!

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