



Mission status and ground segment status JAXA

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1. JAXA's Mission Status

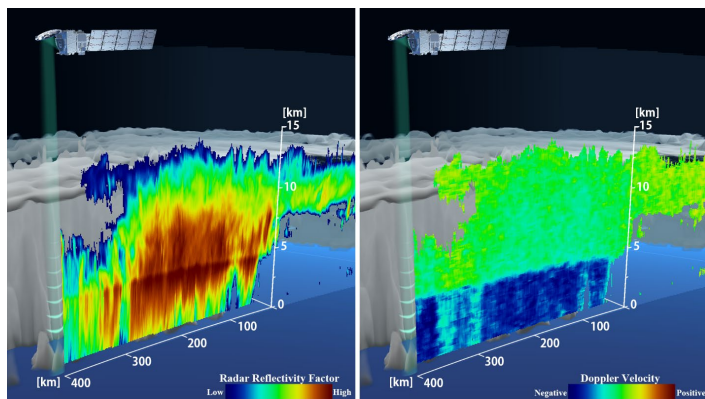
- Since the EarthCARE launch in May 2024, JAXA has been conducting the initial checkout and initial calibration/validation of the CPR, in collaboration with NICT and ESA.
- The nominal operation phase commenced in January 2025.

May 29, 2024 (JST) launch
Successfully launched by
Falcon9, Space X



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June 27, 2024 CPR First Image
World's First: Cloud up/down
motion captured from space!

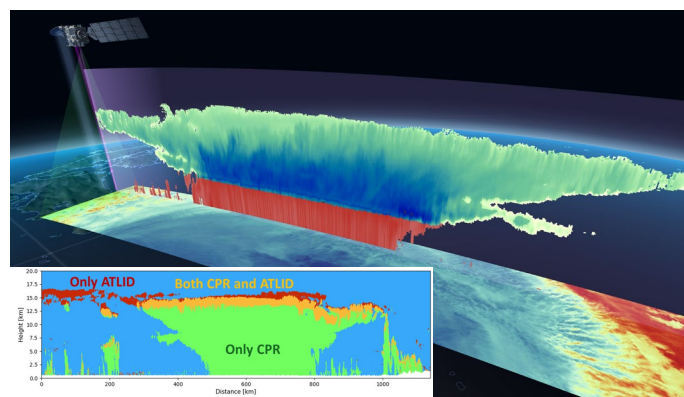


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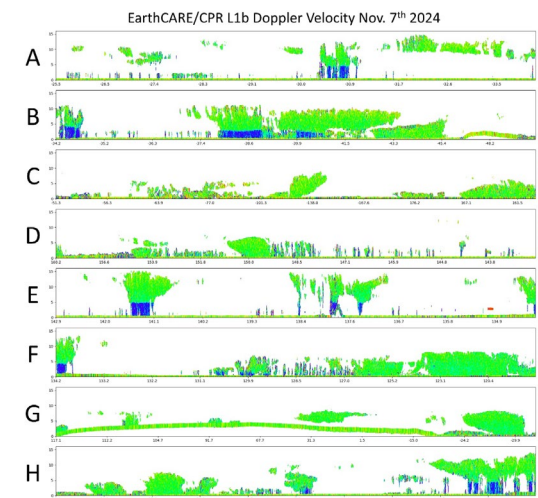
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October 4, 2024
EarthCARE synergy
observation cloud was released



<https://www.satnavi.jaxa.jp/ja/news/2024/10/04/9923/index.html>

January 14, 2025
EarthCARE L1 products were
released to the public



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https://www.jaxa.jp/press/2025/01/20250114-1_j.html

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1. JAXA's Mission Status



● CPR: GREEN

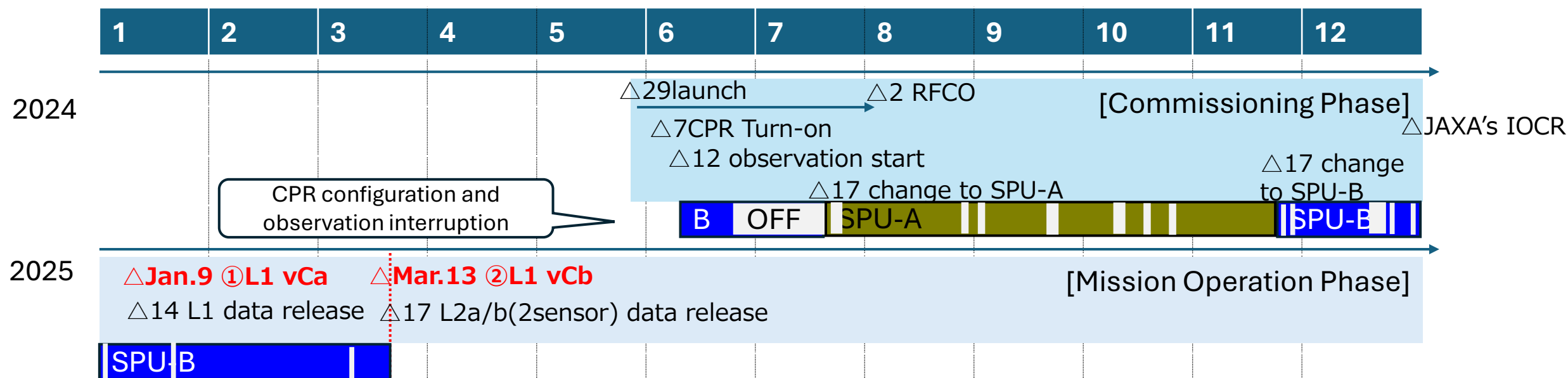
- CPR is working its observation nominally with pre-defined calibration operations.
- No significant findings from HK trending are observed.
- However, CPR observation is interrupted a few times per month.

● Ground Segment (Mission Operation System =MOS): GREEN

- CPR planning and monitoring operations are nominal.
- JAXA's data processing is also working nominally.
- L1 products were released on 14 January 2025.
- One-sensor L2a and two-sensor L2b products are just released on 17 March 2025.

2. CPR: Operation Status

- CPR observation has started from 12 June 2024 with **HPT-B/SPU-B**, which are prime subsystems.
- Due to the occurrence of HPT(high power transmitter)-OFF , CPR observation was interrupted several times(white part in below chart), and SPU was switched to **SPU-A from July to November 2024**.
- JAXA/NICT performs CPR Calibrations (Internal-Cal, External-Cal. and Sea Surface Cal.) routinely, then CPR calibration factor was tuned in L1b in ①vCa Jan.9 and ②vCb Mar.13 2025
- CPR operational status and relevant information that data users should be aware of are summarized in [the data release note](https://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/EARTHCARE/data/prd_list_std_e.html). → https://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/EARTHCARE/data/prd_list_std_e.html



3. CPR: Observation Interruption by HPT OFF



- Frequency of Interruptions: CPR observation is interrupted about a few times a month.
- Estimated cause:
 - Instantaneous body current caused by floating atoms inside the Klystron makes HPT to shut off as normal behavior.
 - The instantaneous body current caused by solar proton on orbit. The JAXA experts also consider that solar proton reaches low earth orbit in the polar regions corresponding with solar activity.
- Current countermeasure:
 - A recovery procedure has been prepared.
 - CPR observation is recovered by commands from ESA/ESOC operator.
- Additional countermeasure:
 - To reduce the observation interruptions, JAXA plans to implement auto-restart function into onboard software instead of relying on commands from a ground operator.
 - This onboard software update operation will be coordinated with ESA and performed in April 2025.

4. MOS: Processing Status



- CPR L1b

- Baseline vCa was released on 14 January 2025.
- Reprocessed vCa data from CPR observation start (2024/6/12) is also available.
- The calibration factor was updated as vCb on 13 March 2025.

- JAXA one-sensor L2a and two-sensor L2b

- L2a/L2b products were released to the public on 17 March 2025.
- Reprocessed data will be made available progressively.

- Data Latency

- The data timeliness meets the requirement. For example, more than 60% of L1 data should be available within 3.1hrs from the on-board sensing as nominal case. The average latency for nominal case is around 1.5 hrs.

Product ID	Baseline version
CPR_NOM_1B	vCb
CPR_ECO_2A	vBa
CPR_CLP_2A	vBa
ATL_CLA_2A	vBa
MSI_CLP_2A	vBa
AC__CLP_2B	vBa
ACM_CLP_2B	In preparation
ALL_RAD_2B	In preparation

5. MOS: Data Dissemination

- EarthCARE product is available from both ESA and JAXA.
- You can access data from top page of JAXA/EORC EarthCARE;

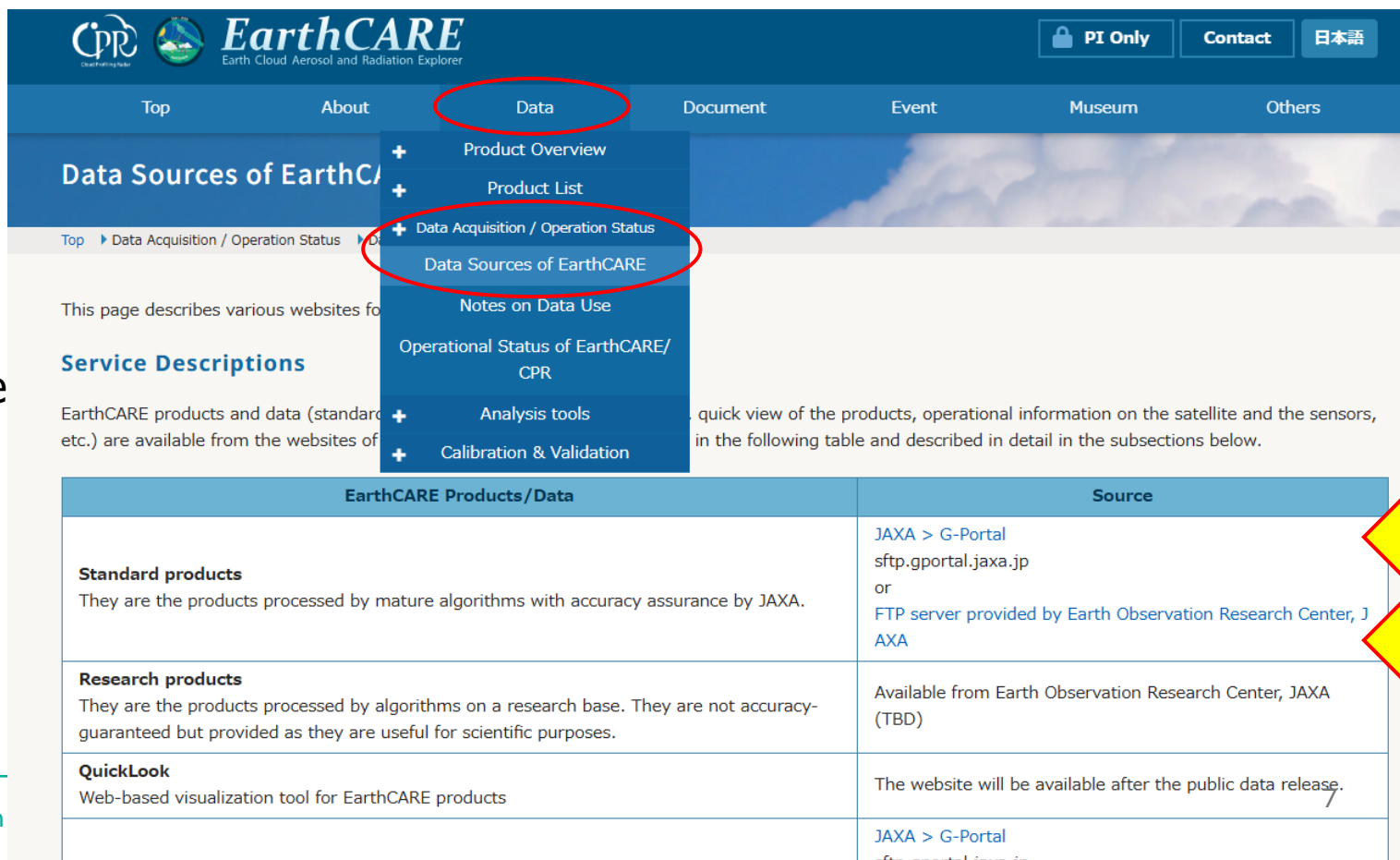
➤ <https://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/EARTH CARE/index.html>

Data > Data Acquisition/Operation Status > Data Sources of EarthCARE

There are two options;

- 1) G-Portal REPO
- 2) EORC SFTP Server

Tentative alternative REPO service will end by the end of April. The original G-Portal will resume on 1st April 2025. The link will be updated soon. FTP/SFTP and the data refining-search by physical parameters or area will be functional.



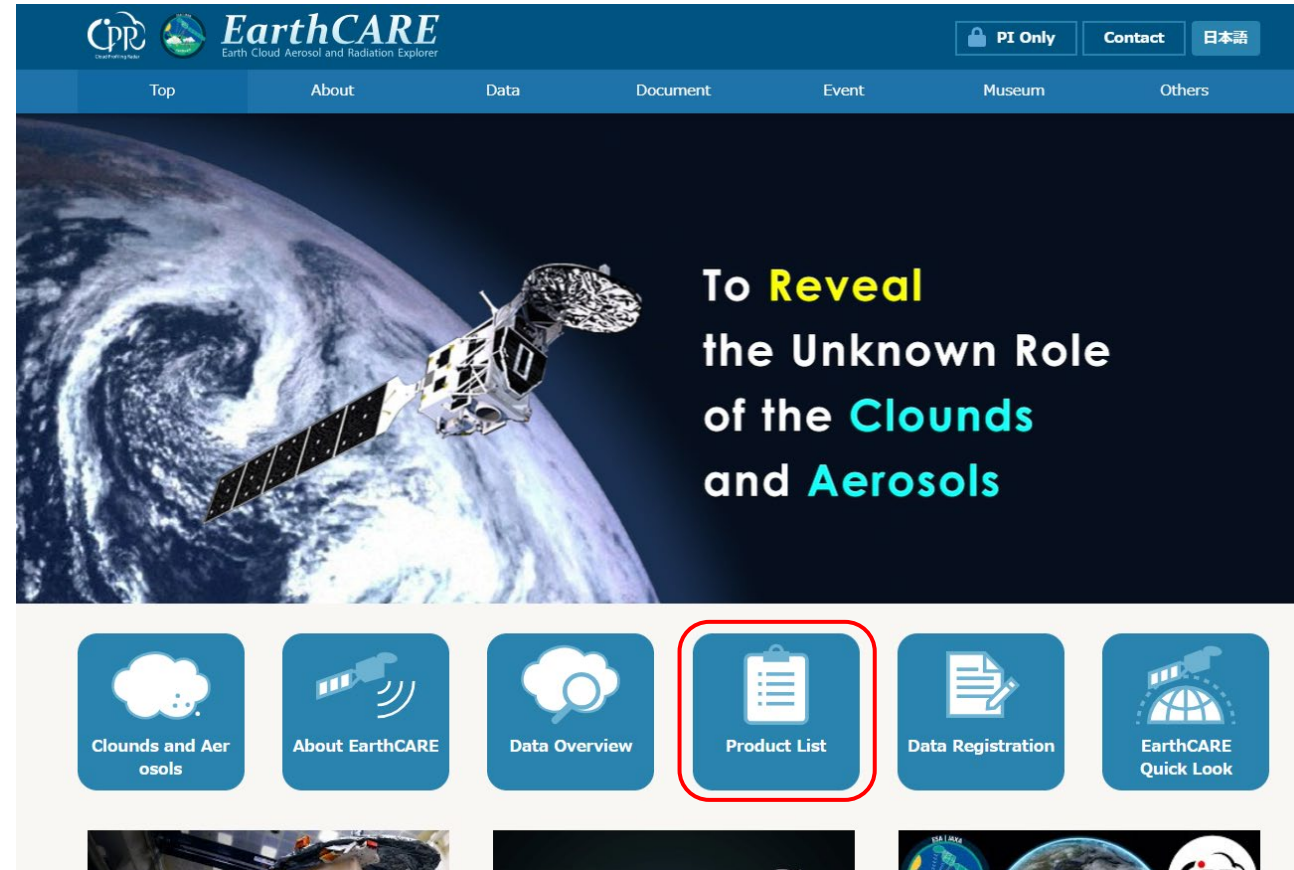
The screenshot shows the EarthCARE website interface. The navigation menu at the top includes 'Top', 'About', 'Data', 'Document', 'Event', 'Museum', and 'Others'. The 'Data' menu is circled in red. Below it, a dropdown menu lists 'Product Overview', 'Product List', 'Data Acquisition / Operation Status', 'Data Sources of EarthCARE', 'Notes on Data Use', 'Operational Status of EarthCARE/CPR', 'Analysis tools', and 'Calibration & Validation'. The 'Data Sources of EarthCARE' link is also circled in red. The main content area displays the 'Data Sources of EarthCARE' page, which includes a table titled 'EarthCARE Products/Data'.

EarthCARE Products/Data	Source
Standard products They are the products processed by mature algorithms with accuracy assurance by JAXA.	JAXA > G-Portal sftp.gportal.jaxa.jp or FTP server provided by Earth Observation Research Center, JAXA
Research products They are the products processed by algorithms on a research base. They are not accuracy-guaranteed but provided as they are useful for scientific purposes.	Available from Earth Observation Research Center, JAXA (TBD)
QuickLook Web-based visualization tool for EarthCARE products	The website will be available after the public data release.

6. MOS: Data Utilization Guide

- The following documents for both L1 and L2 are available from the Product List on the EORC/EarthCARE website.

- ATBD
- Data format specification (PDD)
- Release Note(caveats/disclaimer)
- DOI



Let's enjoy utilizing EarthCARE data!