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# Enriching Science Search with the Open Search Framework MOSAIC

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# Science Search and Digital Libraries

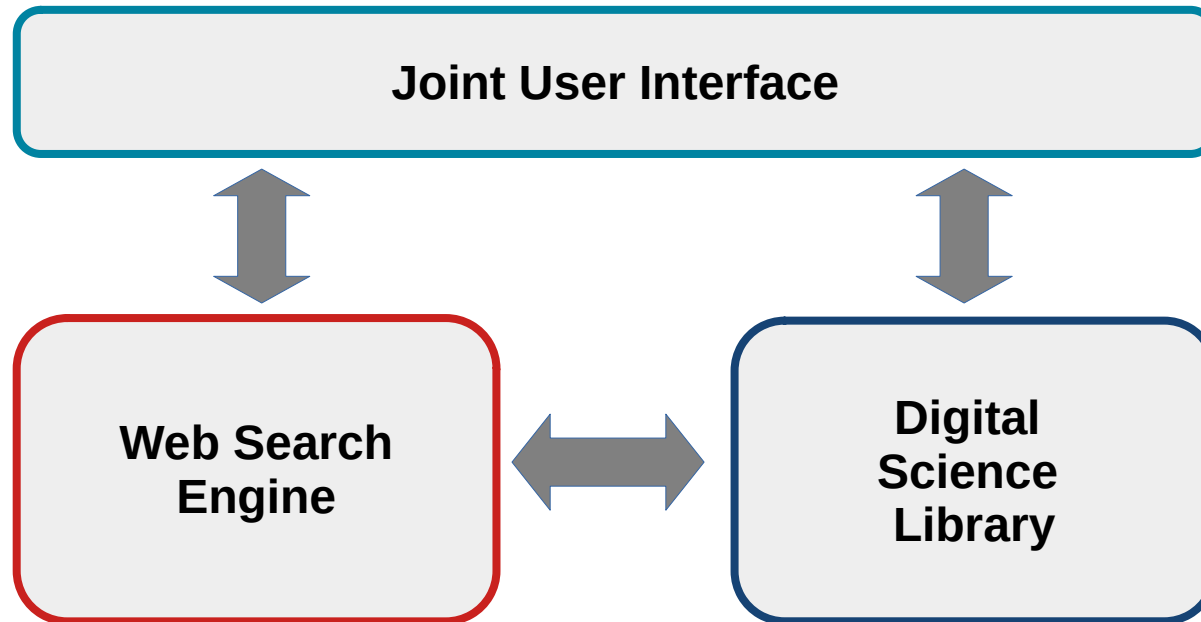


- Science search is mostly done in digital libraries
- Many digital science libraries available
  - Universities, journals, publishers, referencing systems
- Current solutions focus on formally published material
  - Search and filter for bibliographic metadata
- Requirements
  - Effectiveness, efficiency, usability satisfactory
  - Meeting information needs

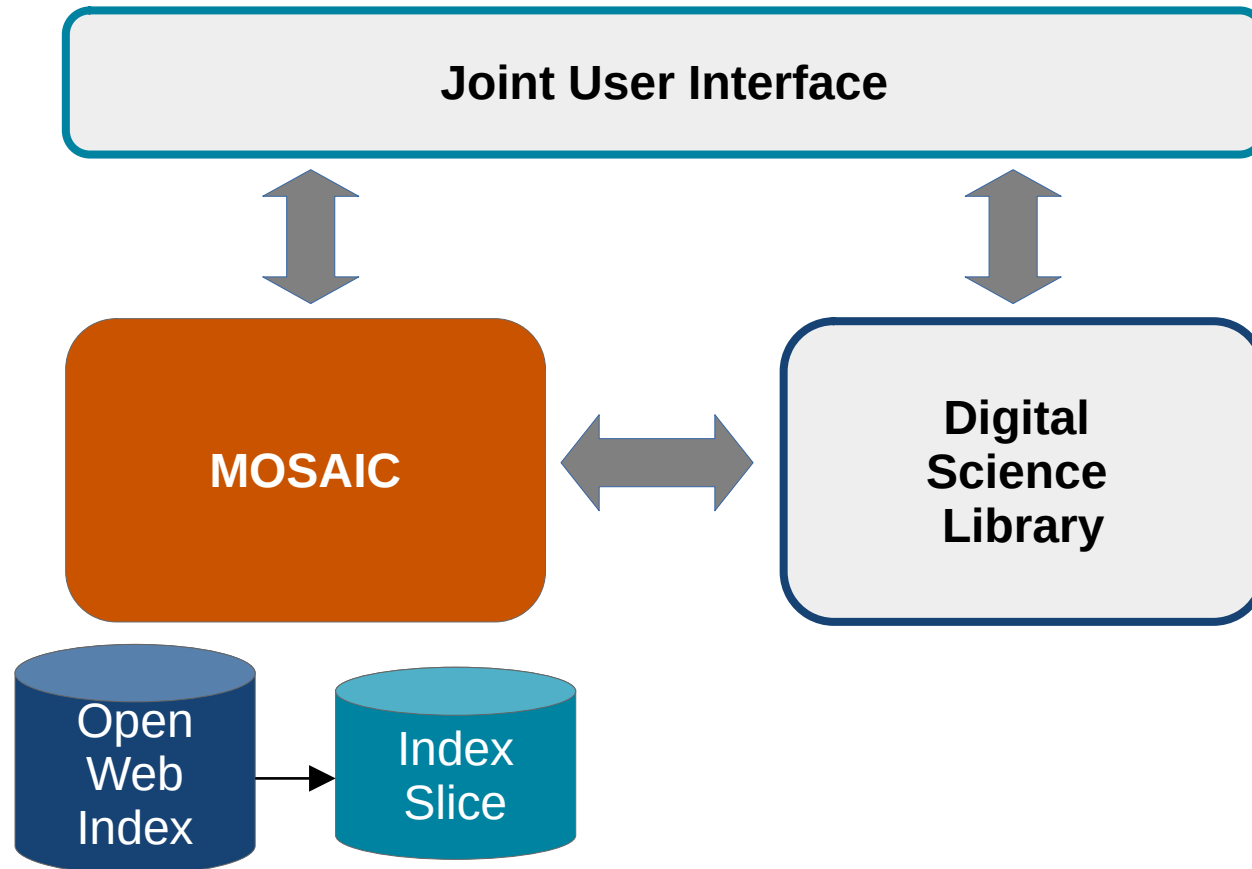
# Science-Related Web Data

- More information on research available on the web
  - Conference information, research institution, research data, events, news, blogs, etc.
- In fact, scientific search includes web search
  - In addition to search in digital libraries
- Need for a technical integration of search in different sources

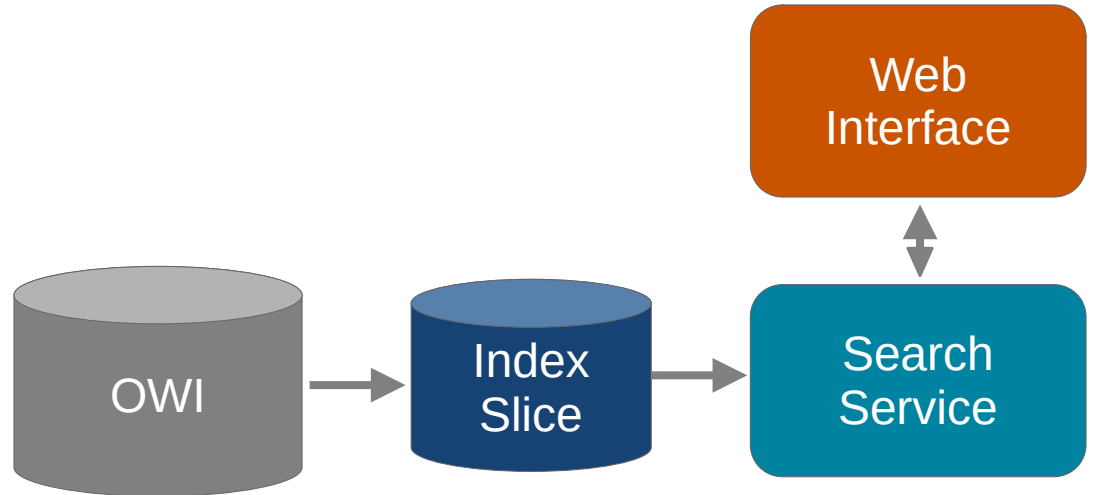
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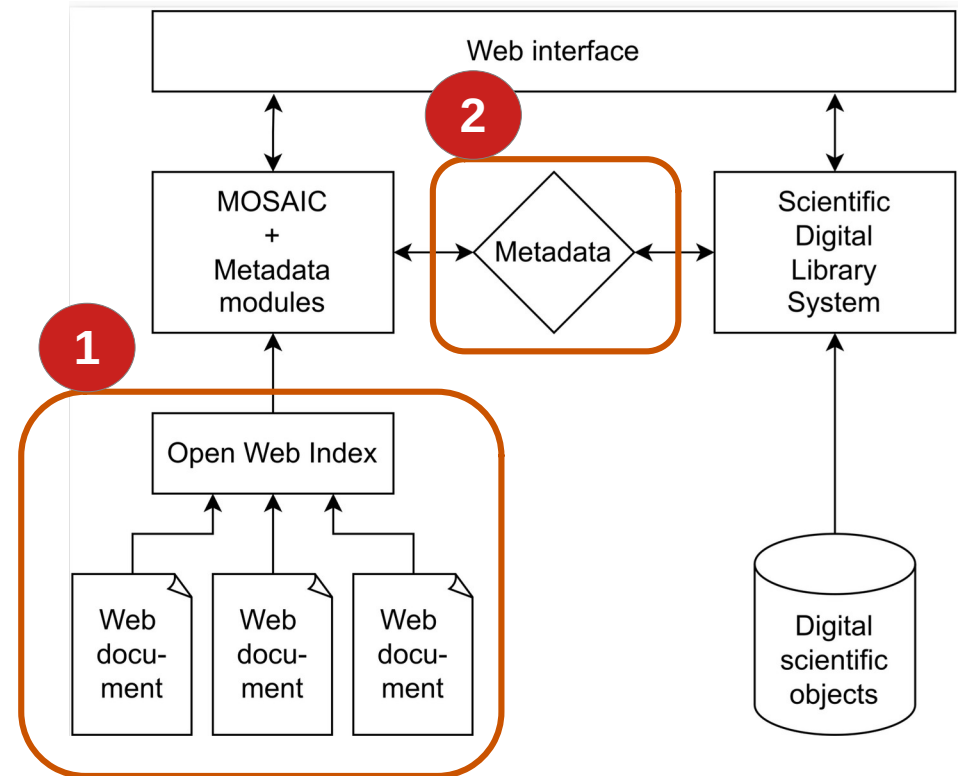


- **M**odular **S**earch **A**pplication based on **I**ndex **F**ract**I**ons
- Generic implementation of an OWS.eu vertical search engine
  - Demonstration of the concept of an OWS.eu vertical engine
  - Out-of-the-box search engine
  - Framework for building an own search application



# Integrating MOSAIC with Science Search

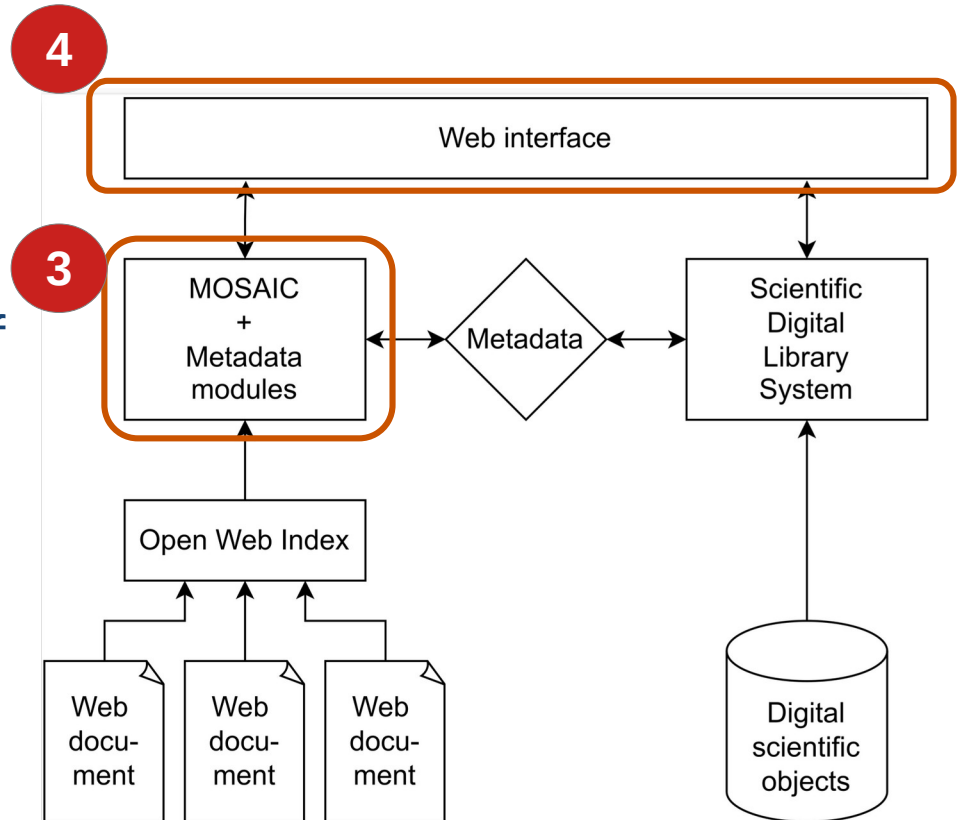
- Specifying the search domain (1)
  - Related to digital library
  - Creation of an index slice
- Specifying the metadata (2)
  - Depends on digital library
  - keywords, geo-location, topic, bibliographic information, etc.



# Integrating MOSAIC with Science Search



- Create a module in MOSAIC (3)
  - Processes metadata in index
- Create a User Interface (4)
  - Federated search: integration of search queries and results over services

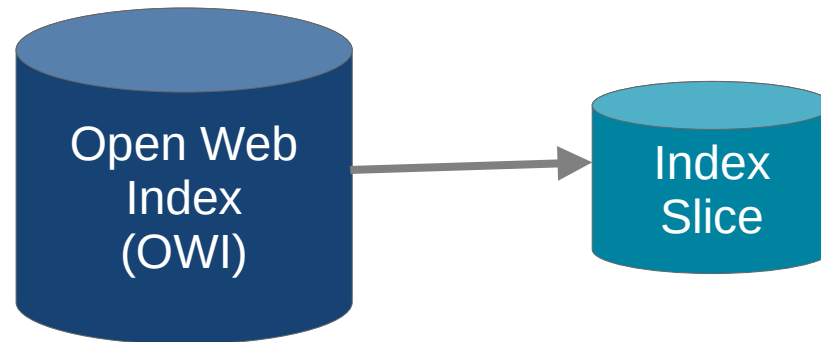




# Specifying the Search Domain

## Creation of an index slice

- List of URLs
- Filtering according to metadata
- Focused crawling (classifier to discover relevant content)



# Specifying the Metadata

- Metadata are calculated in pre-processing phase
- Metadata can be extended (e.g. keywords)

## CIFF

Term	List of (Document, Frequency)
Term 1	(docID A, 1) (docID B, 3) (docID C, 1)
Term 2	(docID A, 1) (docID B, 2) (docID C, 1)
Term 3	(docID A, 1) (docID B, 1) (docID C, 1)
Term 4	(docID B, 1) (docID C, 1) (docID D, 1)

## Parquet



Document	Lang	Full text	Topic (Curie)	Geo-location	Keywords
docID A	en	... text ...	Topic 1	23.234, 23.453	
docID B	de	... text ...	Topic 2	2.323, 42.2433	
docID C	de	... text ...	Topic 3	12.245, 22. 424	
docID D	en	... text ...	Topic 4	8.754, 66.456	

# Metadata Module in MOSAIC

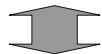
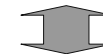
- Metadata processed by MOSAIC:
  - Filtering and search result
- Flexible approach to add modules

REST API



Module

Module



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# Use Case: Environmental Search



*Up-to-date  
information*



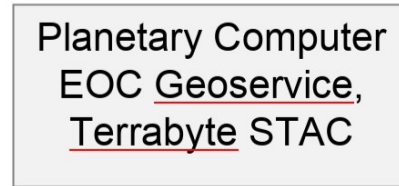
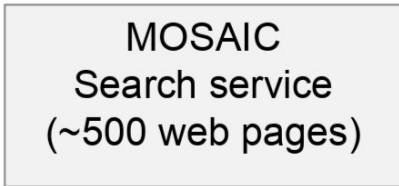
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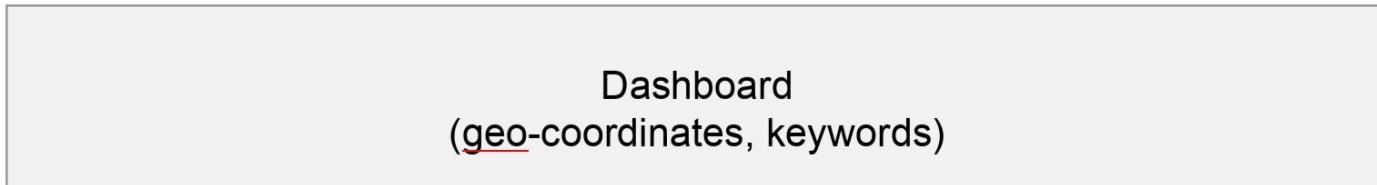
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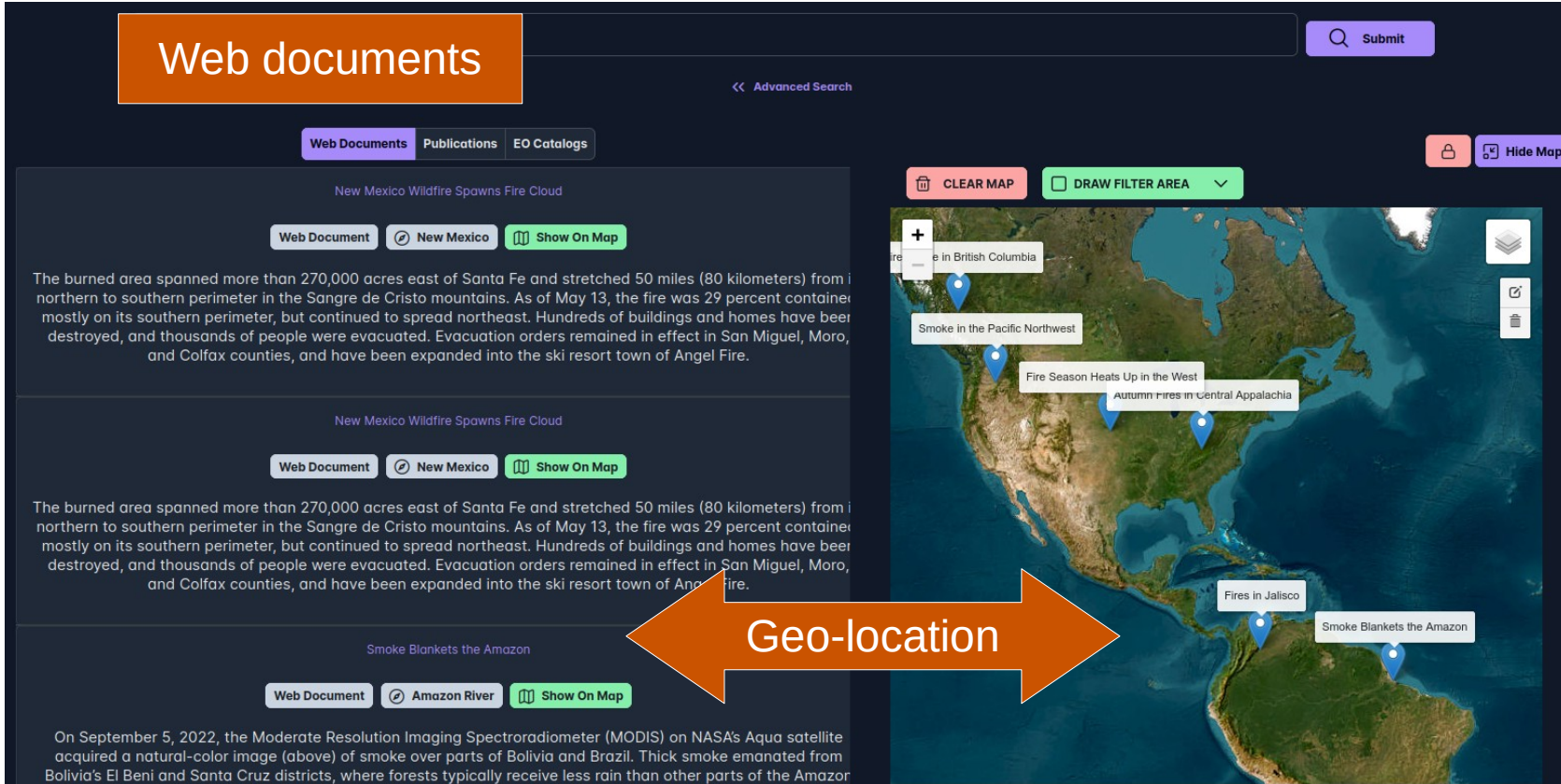
Three types  
of information  
sources



Prototype  
search  
application



# Use Case: Environmental Search

The screenshot displays the OpenWebSearch.eu interface. On the left, a list of search results is shown under the heading "Web documents". The first result is "New Mexico Wildfire Spawns Fire Cloud", which includes a text snippet and buttons for "Web Document", "New Mexico", and "Show On Map". A second, identical result is shown below it. The third result is "Smoke Blankets the Amazon", with a text snippet and buttons for "Web Document", "Amazon River", and "Show On Map". On the right, a map of North and South America is displayed with several blue location pins. Callout boxes point to these pins with labels: "Fire in British Columbia", "Smoke in the Pacific Northwest", "Fire Season Heats Up in the West", "Autumn fires in Central Appalachia", "Fires in Jalisco", and "Smoke Blankets the Amazon". A large orange double-headed arrow labeled "Geo-location" points from the text results to the map. The interface also includes a search bar at the top right with a "Submit" button, a "Hide Map" button, and a "CLEAR MAP" button above the map.



Q forest fire **Publications** Submit

<< Advanced Search

Web Documents **Publications** EO Catalogs

**The effect of vegetation type and density on X-band SAR backscatter after forest fires**

Publication change detection backscatter analysis terrasar-x forest fire

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Various frequencies (e.g. visible light, infrared, microwaves) from remote sensing sensors can be used for active fire mapping, forest fire detection and fire emission assessment. However, little is known about the applicability of X-band SAR data for burned area detection. This paper presents a detailed SAR backscatter coefficient analysis and accuracy assessment with respect to CORINE 2006 land cover data. For this purpose five forest fires have been analyzed. Dry as well as wet acquisition conditions have been taken into account. The analysis demonstrated that largest differences in backscatter coefficients between pre- and post-fire conditions were linked to tall and dense vegetation types. Contrarily, scant vegetation was marked by lowest signal differences. High correlation coefficients have been obtained from regression analysis between vegetation indices and SAR backscatter

Show more


**Optical real-time mapping of forest fires to support firefighting and crisis management**

Publication photogrammetry first responders uas rapid mapping remote sensing real-time

Tilman Bucher

Airborne real-time mapping of forest fires is a technology which was developed at Sensor Systems (DLR-OS) in Berlin. Georeferenced image data and fire positions can be transferred into incident management systems. This technology was tested at the Lüneburg Heath. The system is based on the DLR MACS camera systems and the MACS software chain, which is both developed and built at DLR-OS. This technology can be used for all kinds of airborne carriers from UAS to HAP, spectral ranges from RGB to the thermal range are covered.

CLEAR MAP DRAW FILTER AREA



**Geo-location**

# Conclusions

- Enriching science search by integrating web resources
  - Using the infrastructure of OpenWebSearch.eu
- General model can be used in many domains
  - Various science topics, education, etc.
- Integrating Gen AI features
  - Query and ranking improvement, conversational search

# Any Questions?



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