



VEN μ S:
Joint Israeli-French
micro-Spacecraft for Earth
Observation Mission

The VEN μ S mission and products

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1. The VEN μ S Mission

VEN μ S (Vegetation and Environment monitoring New Micro-Satellite) is the first cooperation between Israel and France for the Earth observation using a super-spectral camera, dedicated to vegetation monitoring. The Memorandum of Understanding between CNES and ISA (Israeli Space Agency) was signed in April 2005. The satellite was launched in August 2017.

The VEN μ S satellite uses the IMPS micro-satellite platform (Improved Multi-Purpose Satellite) of the IAI /MBT space division (Israeli Aerospace Industries).

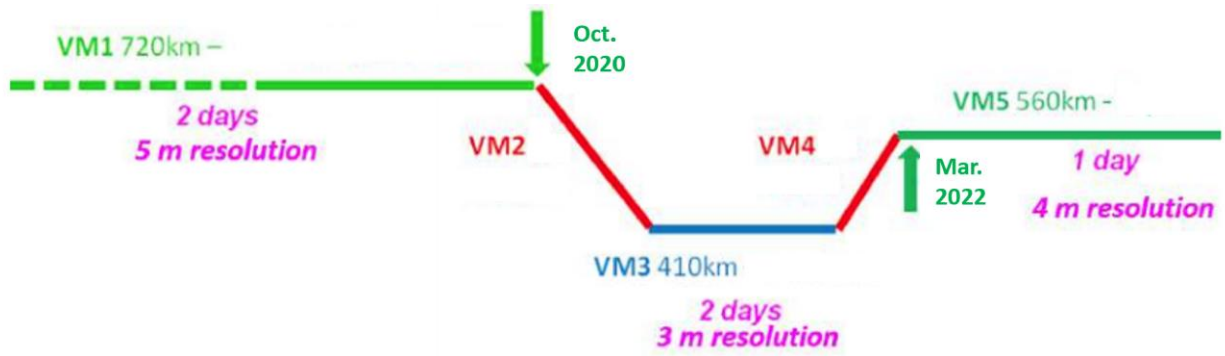
VEN μ S scientific objective is the provision of data for scientific studies dealing with the monitoring, analysis, and modeling of land surface functioning under the influences of environmental factors as well as human activities. To fulfill this objective, VEN μ S acquires multispectral images with high temporal and spatial resolutions of predefined sites of interest all around the world.

Scientific mission requirements have been defined by CESBIO, Ben Gurion University of the Negev and CNES.

VEN μ S technological mission is aimed at validating the IHET (Israeli Hall Effect Thruster): qualification of the IHET thruster for low altitude station keeping and evaluation of the IHET performances in space.

CNES is responsible for supplying the super-spectral camera and the science mission centre. ISA is responsible for the spacecraft, the launcher interface and for the satellite control centre.

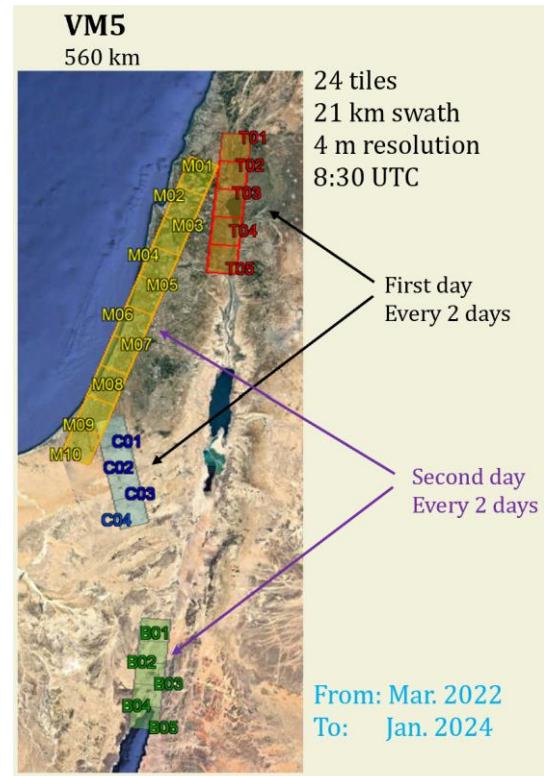
The following figure depicts the duration, orbital and spatial features of the VEN μ S mission. The duration of the VM1 scientific mission phase was 36 months after launch. At the end of this period, the Technological Mission begun (VM2). The altitude of the spacecraft was decreased from 720 km to about 410 km. The change of the orbit taken about nine months (VM2 period). The 410 km orbit was kept for two months (VM3 period). Successively, during the Technological Mission VM4, the altitude of the spacecraft was increased to 560 km for the last scientific mission phase, called VM5. This phase, which started in March 2022, will have an estimated duration of 2 years. Due to orbit change, the swath was reduced from 27 km in VM1 to about 21 km in VM5, while the ground resolution was increased to about 4m.



VENUS mission phase	Missions	Altitude (km)	Swath (km)	Spatial resolution (m)	Revisit time (days)	Phase duration (months)	Phase months
VM1	S+T	720	27	5	2	36	Nov. 2017 - Oct. 2020
VM2	T	720 to 410		no imaging		9	Nov. 2020 - Aug. 2021
VM3	S+T	410	15	3	2	2	Sep. 2021 - Oct. 2021
VM4	T	410 to 560		no imaging		3	Nov. 2021 - Jan. 2022
VM5	S	560	21	4	1	24	Feb. 2022 - Jan. 2024

S: Scientific mission
T: Technological mission

The following maps show the Israeli scientific sites acquired by the spacecraft in VM1 and VM5.



2. The VEN μ S Super-Spectral Camera

The satellite will carry a super-spectral camera characterized by 12 narrow spectral bands (B1 – B12). The radiometric resolution for all bands is 10 bits.

At the camera level, each spectral line of an image is made of 5200 pixels. At the nadir, the field of view is 27 km with a ground resolution of 5.3 m. When an image is acquired with an oblique viewing, the native ground resolution decreases a little and the field of view increases.

In VM01, the data have been acquired over existing or planned experimental sites with sizes ranging from 27 x 27 km² kilometers to 27 x 54 km² or more. All data for a given site are acquired with the same observation angle in order to minimize directional effects.

Bands	Central Wavelength (nm)	Bandwidth (nm)	Main Driver
B1	423.9	40	Atmospheric correction
B2	446.9	40	Aerosol, clouds
B3	491.9	40	Atmospheric correction
B4	555.0	40	Land
B5	619.7	40	Land
B6	619.5	40	DEM, image quality
B7	666.2	30	Land
B8	702.0	24	Land
B9	741.1	16	Land
B10	782.2	16	Land
B11	861.1	40	Land
B12	908.7	20	Water vapor

The set of bands includes 4 bands for atmospheric effects removal. The 620 nm band is duplicated with a difference in viewing angle of 1.5°. It is aimed at deriving Digital Elevation Models (DEMs) and image quality assessment. It will also be used to detect clouds using their altitude. Note that most VEN μ S spectral bands (B1 to B9) are also suited for water colour applications, in situations which do not require a very high SNR.

A brief summary of the interest of every band is given below.

B1, B2, and B3: These bands are sensitive to the scattering of light due to particles (aerosols) and molecules, those effects depend on the wavelength. They will allow estimating the turbidity (aerosols) of the atmosphere, which is then used to apply atmospheric corrections. In addition, these bands are very efficient in detecting clouds and cloud edges over land and water. This is

important for automatic processing of image time series. Cloud screening and aerosol characterization do not require the use of full resolution data. Working with data averaged over 4x4 pixels or even more is sufficient. Therefore, the SNR (Signal to Noise Ratio) at full resolution can be lower than for the other bands.

B4: This band is located in the green peak of vegetation and is useful to characterize vegetation status (LAI, chlorophyll).

B5: Vegetation chlorophyll absorption. Used with B11 to compute vegetation indices

B6: this band is a duplication of B5, and is implemented in the camera focal plane such as the difference of viewing angle is 1.5 degrees.

The interests of the duplicated B5 band are:

- From the small stereoscopic effect it will be possible i) to generate a coarse DEM ii) to help to detect clouds by their altitudes.
- Having a duplicated band has proved to be very useful with the Polder mission for image quality purposes.

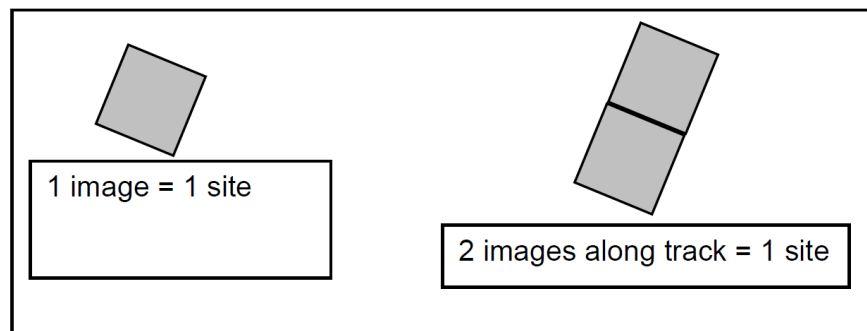
B7, B8, B9, and B10: these red-edge bands are designed for detecting the blue shift of the red edge when vegetation is stressed. They can be useful for computing the chlorophyll index.

B11: near-infrared band, e.g. for NDVI and other vegetation indices computation

B12: water vapour absorption, to help correct absorption effects on other bands

3. The VEN μ S Products

The VEN μ S ground segment delivers three levels of products: L1, L2, and L3. Products are available to the users through a web interface and ftp download (see sections 3.4 and 3.5). An **image** corresponds to the acquisition of 5200 rows by 5200 pixels in the twelve spectral bands. At nadir, it corresponds to an area on ground of approximately 27x27km² (in VM1). This is the minimal product size which will be delivered to the users. The baseline definition of a **site** is: "an area on the Earth covered by one to two along track contiguous images". A site corresponds to 5200x5200 pixels (1 image) or 5200x10400 pixels (2 images) in the focal plane. Therefore, the minimum size of a site is 27x27 km², the maximum size being 27x54 km² at nadir (in VM1).



Baseline definition of a site and standard VEN μ S image acquisitions

Each site will be observed during the whole period of the mission phase (i.e. VM1 or VM5).

The three levels of products, which will be made available to the users, are summarized in the table below.

Product Level	Temporal characteristics	Content	Ground resolution in VM1	Ground resolution in VM5
Level 1	Single date and single angle acquisition	Top of the atmosphere reflectance, map projection	5 m	4 m
Level 2	Single date and single angle acquisition	Surface reflectance, map projected	5 m	4 m
Level 3	10 day time composite of a single date and single angle acquisition	Surface reflectance, map projected	5 m	4 m

3.1 Level 1

The VEN μ S level 1 provides geolocated top-of-atmosphere reflectance. Level 1 is used as input to level 2 processors.



Level 1: Top of the Atmosphere reflectances calibrated & geocoded (orthoimage). Formosat-2 data, 8m ground resolution.

The following table details the level 1 product content.

Code	description	Res.	bands	Format		bits	
				Entête	Donnée		
Public					XML	-	
	-	Global description of the product	-	-			
		TOA reflectance and masks	5	15	HDR	GEOTIFF	16
		B1=>B12 TOA reflectance					
		SAT Saturated pixels mask					
		PIX aberrant pixels mask					
		CLD clouds mask					
CLA	Cloud altitude	20	1	HDR	GEOTIFF	16	
SOL	Solar angles grid	100	8 (B05-10-07-06)	HDR	HDF	-	
VIE	Viewing angles grid	500	4 (3000-8000m)	HDR	HDF	-	
QLK	Quick look	100	3	HDR	JPEG	8	

The following document shows the formula used to compute the VEN μ S TOA reflectance from the VEN μ S TOA radiance: https://theia.cnes.fr/atdistrib/documents/Level_1_processing_Venus.pdf

Additional information on level 1 product format can be found at the following URLs:

http://www.cesbio.ups-tlse.fr/multitemp/?page_id=12984

<https://theia.cnes.fr/atdistrib/rocket/#/documents>

3.2 Level 2

The VEN μ S level 2 products provide:

- a fine cloud and cloud shadow mask, and a water mask
- surface reflectance after atmospheric corrections for all spectral bands (still geolocated)



Level 2: Single date surface reflectances after cloud masking and atmospheric correction on level 1 product. Formosat-2 data, 8m ground resolution.

The following table details the level 2 product content.

Code description			Res. en m.	Nb. bands	bits signif.	bits write	Format	
							Entête	Donnée
Public	-	Global description of the product						XML
	SRE	Surface reflectance without slope correction	5	12	16	16	HDR	GEOTIFF
	FRE	Surface reflectance with slope correction = « Flat reflectance »	5	12	16	16	HDR	GEOTIFF
	ATB	Atmospheric parameters	5	2	8	8	HDR	GEOTIFF
		VAP Water vapour content						
		AOT Aerosol optical thickness						
	CLD	Cloud and cloud shadow mask	5	1	8	8	HDR	GEOTIFF
	(*)	ALL Summary Logical or of All cloud and shadow masks		8	8			
		ALL CLOUDS Logical or of All cloud masks						
		SHADOWS Shadows mask from clouds within image						
		SHADVAR Shadows mask from clouds outside image						
		REFL Reflectance threshold						
		REFL_VAR Reflectance variation threshold						
		EXTENSION Extension of the cloud mask						
		ALT Stereoscopic mask						
	MSK	Geophysical masks	5	1	5	8	HDR	GEOTIFF
		WAT Water mask		5	5			
		HID hidden surfaces						
		SHD shadowed by topography mask						
		STL sun too low flag						
		TGS tangent sun flag						
	QLT	Quality masks	5	3	12	16	HDR	GEOTIFF
		SAT Saturation mask copied from L1 (12 useful values)			12			
		PIX aberrant pixels channel copied from level 1 (12 useful values)			12			
		OTH Edge mask		3	3			
		IAO AOT pixel mask (0 if computed, 1 if interpolated)						
		IWC VAP pixel mask (0 if computed, 1 if interpolated)						
	SOL	Solar angles grid (identical to L1 one at L2 scale)	-	-	32	32	HDR	HDF
	VIE	Viewing angles grid (identical to L1 one at L2 scale)	-	-	32	32	HDR	HDF
	-	Quick look	100	3	8	8	HDR	JPEG

The VEN μ S level 2 products are produced using the MAJA processor, which detects the clouds and their shadows, and estimates aerosol optical thickness (AOT), water vapor and corrects for the atmospheric effects. The processor was jointly developed by CESBIO, CNES and DLR.

The following document provides a detailed description of the methods used in MAJA:

<http://www.cesbio.ups-tlse.fr/multitemp/?p=12432>

The following URL presents a shorter description of MAJA:

<http://www.cesbio.ups-tlse.fr/multitemp/?p=6203>

Additional information on level 2 product format can be found at the following URLs:

http://www.cesbio.ups-tlse.fr/multitemp/?page_id=13803

<https://theia.cnes.fr/atdistrib/rocket/#/documents>

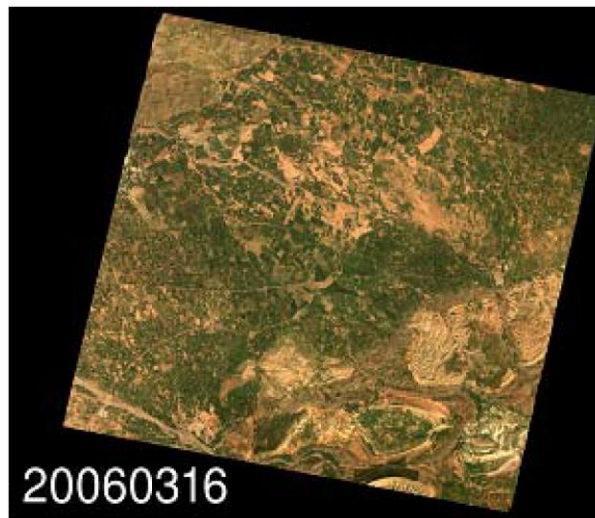
References:

Hagolle, O., G. Dedieu, B. Mougenot, V. Debaecker, B. Duchemin and A. Meygret, 2008, Correction of aerosol effects on multi-temporal images acquired with constant viewing angles: Application to Formosat-2 images. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, Vol. 112, n°4, 1689-1701.

Hagolle O., M. Huc, D.Villa Pascual, and G. Dedieu, "A multi-temporal method for cloud detection, applied to FORMOSAT-2, VEN μ S, LANDSAT and SENTINEL-2 images," *Remote Sensing of Environment*, vol. 114, Aug. 2010, pp. 1747-1755.

3.3 Level 3

The VEN μ S level 3 provides the same variables as level 2, every week, maximizing the number of cloud-free pixels. Level 3 is based on level 2 data acquired under the same viewing angle.



Level 3: 10 days time composite of level 2. Formosat-2 data, 8m ground resolution.

The following table details the level 3 product content.

	Code	description	Res.	bands	bits signif.	bits	Format		
							Entête	Donnée	
Public	-	Global description of the product	-	-	-	-		XML	
	SRE	Surface reflectance without slope correction	5	12	10	16	HDR	GEOTIFF	
	FRE	Surface reflectance with slope correction = « Flat reflectance »	5	12	10	16	HDR	GEOTIFF	
	-	Quick look	100	3	8	8	HDR	JPEG	
	MSK	Geophysical masks		5	4		16	HDR	GEOTIFF
		CLD	Cloud mask						
		CIR	Cirrus mask						
		WAT	Water mask						
		RAI	Rain mask						
	QLT	Quality/Masks		5	2		16	HDR	GEOTIFF
		SAT	Saturated pixel mask						
		PXD	Pixel dates						

3.4 Data distribution for the VEN μ S Israeli scientific sites

The VEN μ S product of the Israeli scientific site are available at the following URL:

<https://venus.bgu.ac.il/venus/>

3.5 Data distribution for others VEN μ S scientific sites


The data over all VEN μ S scientific sites (**except Israel**) are available for free download using the following URL:

<https://theia.cnes.fr/atdistrib/rocket/#/home>

4. How to order, download and extract the Israeli VEN μ S products

Connect to the website <https://venus.bgu.ac.il/venus/>

4.1 System registration

- Click on the “System registration” icon  and fill out all the information in English (**please, don’t write in Hebrew**).

A **user** is defined by “Name”, “Password”, “Affiliation”, “eMail”, “Address” and “Phone”.

Name	<input type="text" value="Ross Geller"/>
Password	<input type="password" value="*****"/>
Affiliation	<input type="text" value="American Museum of Natural Hi"/>
Remarks	<input type="text" value="The Center for Biodiversity and Conservation (CBC) transforms knowledge - from diverse sources and perspectives, spanning areas of scientific research as well as traditional and local knowledge - into conservation action."/>
eMail	<input type="text" value="ross.geller@amnh.org"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="Central Park West at 79th Stree"/>
Phone	<input type="text" value="+12127695100"/>

A **project** is defined by “Name of the Project”, “Objectives”, “Dates”, “% Max. cloud”, “Level of products” (L1, L2, L3) and “name of tiles” (W01, W02, ... S10).

More projects can be attached to a single user.

Project	<input type="text" value="Bio-VENuS"/>
Objectives	<input type="text" value="Monitor biodiversity using VENuS products"/>
Start Date	<input type="text" value="02/01/2018"/> ▼
End Date	<input type="text" value="15/10/2020"/> ▼
% Max Cloud	<input type="text" value=">20 %"/> ▼
Remarks	<input type="text" value="-"/>

L1 L2 L3

W01
 W02
 W03
 W04
 W05

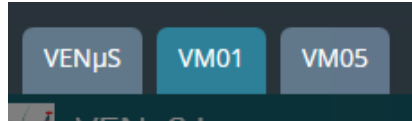
If you are going to create more projects (for a single user), please assure you to fill out correctly all the information of the user, i.e “Name”, “Password”, “Affiliation”, “eMail”, “Address” and “Phone”.


The name of the user and the eMail are unique, this means that it is not possible to have more than one user with the same eMail.

- Fill out the end user agreement form and sent it to venus@post.bgu.ac.il (if not already done).
- You will receive an email from venus@post.bgu.ac.il when your registration will be accepted by the VENμS PI.

4.2 Querying and Ordering Images

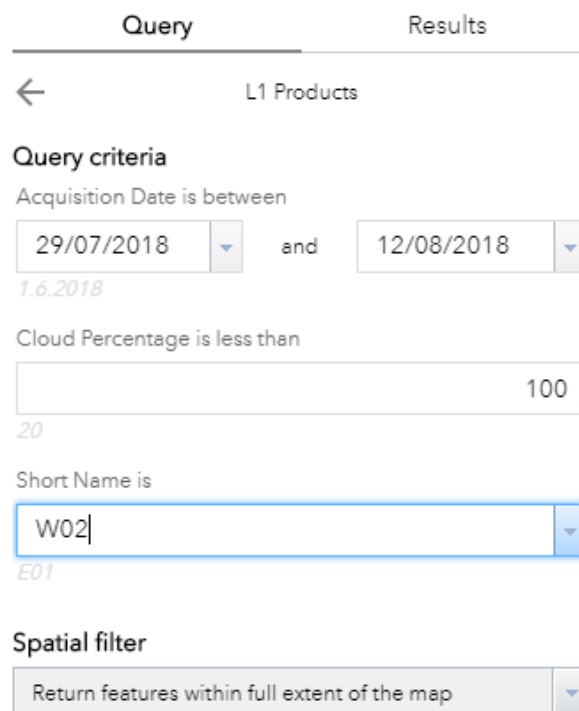
- Select the mission phase are you interested for (i.e. VM01 or VM05)



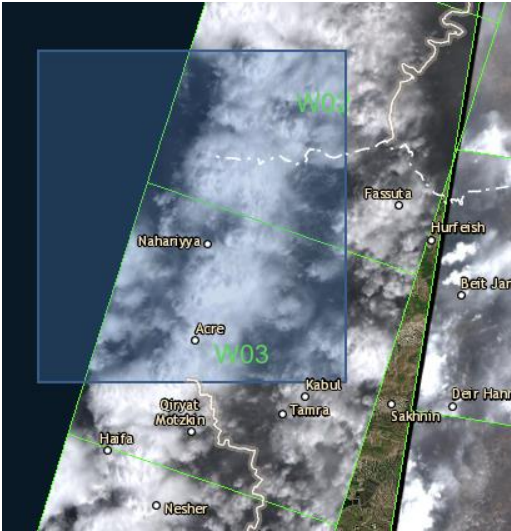
- Click on the “Query and Order Images” icon .
- Select the level of product that you want to query:



- Fill out the query request information and click “Apply”.

A screenshot of a query form. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Query' and 'Results'. Below the tabs, there is a back arrow and the text 'L1 Products'. The form is titled 'Query criteria' and contains several fields: 'Acquisition Date is between' with two date pickers (29/07/2018 and 12/08/2018) and the word 'and' between them; 'Cloud Percentage is less than' with a text input field containing '100'; 'Short Name is' with a text input field containing 'W02'; and 'Spatial filter' with a dropdown menu set to 'Return features within full extent of the map'. There are also some small text annotations like '1.6.2018' and 'E01' near the date and short name fields respectively.

You have the choice to indicate the area of your interest selecting the nickname (E01, E02, ect) or you can do spatial filter and draw rectangle on the map.



Query	Results
<p>← L1 Products</p>	
Query criteria	
Acquisition Date is between	
<input type="text" value="29/07/2018"/>	and <input type="text" value="12/08/2018"/>
<i>1.6.2018</i>	
Cloud Percentage is less than	
<input type="text" value="100"/>	<input type="text" value="20"/>
Short Name is	
<input type="text" value="E01"/>	
Spatial filter	
<input type="text" value="Only return features that intersect with the shape draw"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



- In “Results” you have the products found in the VEN μ S archive that correspond to your query request.

Query	Results
L1 Products_Query result	
Number of images found: 6	
L1: W03	
Acquisition_Date	31/7/2018 11:31 A.M.
Product_Level	L1
Cloud_Percentage	42
Product_Sampling	5-5
File_name	
ShortName	W03
L1: W02	
Acquisition_Date	4/8/2018 11:31 A.M.
Product_Level	L1
Cloud_Percentage	59
Product_Sampling	5-5
File_name	
ShortName	W02
L1: W02	
Acquisition_Date	10/8/2018 11:32 A.M.
Product_Level	L1



Order Images



- Click on  inside the three-dot icon  to order all the products of your query.

- Enter your username and password.

Enter Order Details

User	<input type="text" value="Ross Geller"/>
Password	<input type="password" value="••••••••"/>

Your request was accepted. Shortly you will receive a mail with a link and instructions

OK

4.3 Downloading Images

- In the next few hours, you will receive an email with the instructions on how to download your products. The products will be available on the server, for a period of 7 days, in a dedicated space for each user. So it may happen that older images are displayed, which have not yet been deleted.

Welcome to VENuS depot!

You can download the VENuS products you have requested.

Name	Last modified	Size	Description
VE_VM01_VSC_L1NOTV_ISRAN902_20180731.ZIP	2018-10-10 12:27	733M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L1NOTV_ISRAN902_20180802.ZIP	2018-10-10 11:49	769M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L1NOTV_ISRAN902_20180806.ZIP	2018-10-10 12:39	718M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L1NOTV_ISRAN902_20180808.ZIP	2018-10-10 12:50	741M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L1NOTV_ISRAN903_20180802.ZIP	2018-10-10 12:04	787M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L1NOTV_ISRAN903_20180804.ZIP	2018-10-10 12:32	800M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L1NOTV_ISRAN903_20180806.ZIP	2018-10-10 12:45	733M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L1NOTV_ISRAN903_20180808.ZIP	2018-10-10 12:55	789M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L1VALD_ISRAN902_20180804.ZIP	2018-10-10 12:34	519M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L1VALD_ISRAN902_20180810.ZIP	2018-10-10 12:57	424M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L1VALD_ISRAN902_20180812.ZIP	2018-10-10 13:00	445M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L1VALD_ISRAN903_20180731.ZIP	2018-10-10 11:59	506M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L1VALD_ISRAN903_20180810.ZIP	2018-10-10 12:22	424M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L1VALD_ISRAN903_20180812.ZIP	2018-10-10 13:02	455M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L2VALD_ISRAFES01_20180824.ZIP	2018-10-10 12:58	278M	
VE_VM01_VSC_L2VALD_ISRAFES01_20180830.ZIP	2018-10-10 13:03	277M	

4.4 Extracting Images

Each ZIP file contains the metadata (HDR) and a TAR file (DBL) with the images for a specific VENuS product (L1, L2 or L3), date and site.

Un-zip the file.

The HDR is an XML file, which contains the necessary metadata, and can be read with any text editor (e.g. Notepad++), and the DBL file (DataBlock) is a tar.bz2 file.

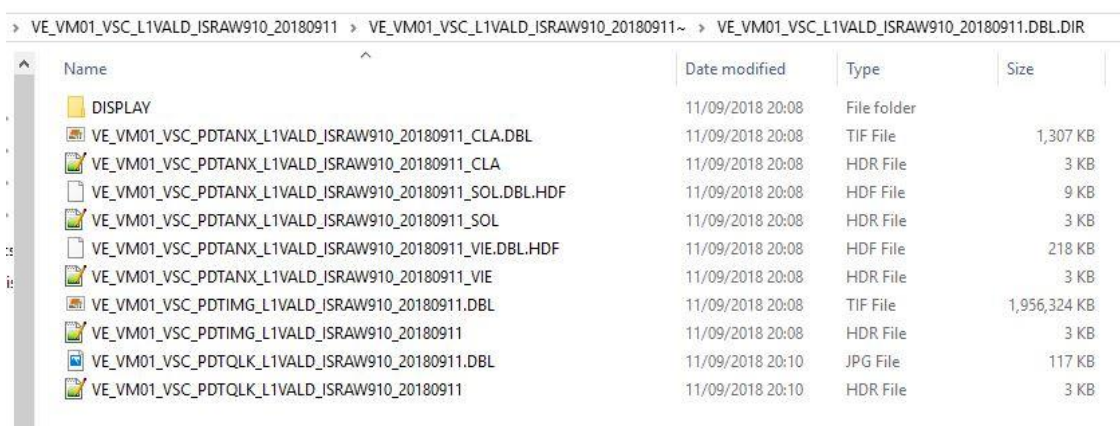
In **Linux**, you can un-zip the DBL file with the following command:

```
tar xvf filename.DBL
```

In **Windows**, you can un-zip the DBL file through 7Zip (or with other similar software).

ATTENTION: Once you un-zip the file through 7Zip, a directory that contains another compressed file is created. **You have to un-zip also this file!**

After this **second un-zip** you will obtain all the files of the products in a dedicated directory. For instance:



Name	Date modified	Type	Size
DISPLAY	11/09/2018 20:08	File folder	
VE_VM01_VSC_PDTANX_L1VALD_ISRAW910_20180911_CLA.DBL	11/09/2018 20:08	TIF File	1,307 KB
VE_VM01_VSC_PDTANX_L1VALD_ISRAW910_20180911_CLA	11/09/2018 20:08	HDR File	3 KB
VE_VM01_VSC_PDTANX_L1VALD_ISRAW910_20180911_SOL.DBL.HDF	11/09/2018 20:08	HDF File	9 KB
VE_VM01_VSC_PDTANX_L1VALD_ISRAW910_20180911_SOL	11/09/2018 20:08	HDR File	3 KB
VE_VM01_VSC_PDTANX_L1VALD_ISRAW910_20180911_VIE.DBL.HDF	11/09/2018 20:08	HDF File	218 KB
VE_VM01_VSC_PDTANX_L1VALD_ISRAW910_20180911_VIE	11/09/2018 20:08	HDR File	3 KB
VE_VM01_VSC_PDTIMG_L1VALD_ISRAW910_20180911.DBL	11/09/2018 20:08	TIF File	1,956,324 KB
VE_VM01_VSC_PDTIMG_L1VALD_ISRAW910_20180911	11/09/2018 20:08	HDR File	3 KB
VE_VM01_VSC_PDTQLK_L1VALD_ISRAW910_20180911.DBL	11/09/2018 20:10	JPG File	117 KB
VE_VM01_VSC_PDTQLK_L1VALD_ISRAW910_20180911	11/09/2018 20:10	HDR File	3 KB

From now on, you get a good format, but don't forget to remove the ZIP and DBL files, otherwise, VEN μ S data will occupy a large volume on your disk.

More information on the algorithms, products and uses can be found on the dedicated blog:

<http://www.cesbio.ups-tlse.fr/multitemp/?p=6203>

<http://www.cesbio.ups-tlse.fr/multitemp/?cat=56>

For any information, please do not hesitate to contact us at the following address:

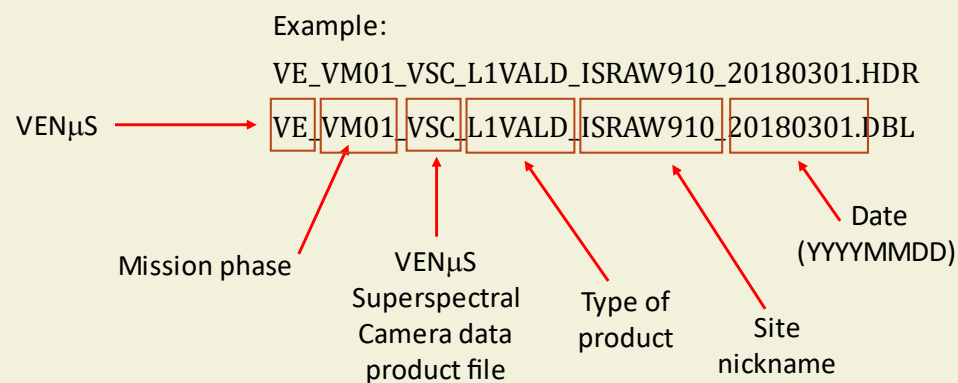
venus@post.bgu.ac.il

4.5 Additional practical information

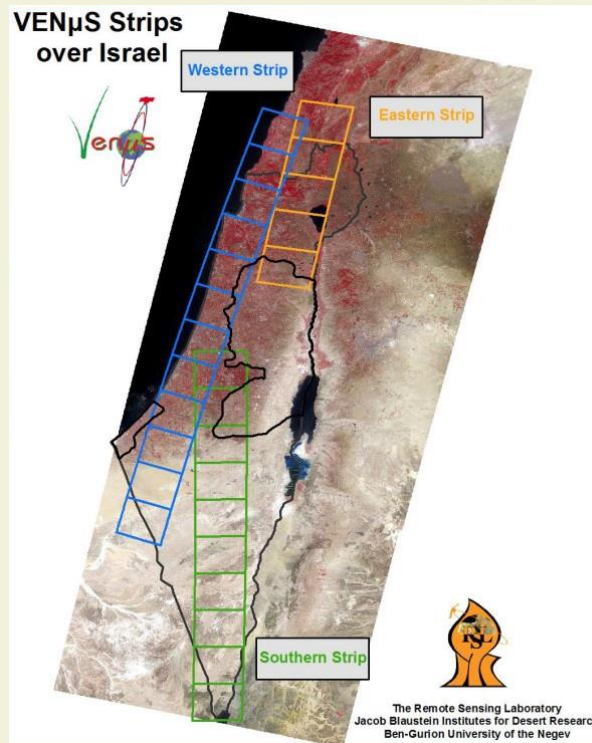
BGU WEBSITE: EXTRACT THE IMAGES

Each ZIP file contains the metadata (HDR) and a TAR file (DBL) with the images for a specific VEN μ S product (L1, L2 or L3), date and site.

- The HDR is an XML file, which contains the necessary metadata, and can be read with any text editor (e.g. Notepad++)
- DBL file (DataBlock) is a tar.bz2 file.



SITE NICKNAMES OVER ISRAEL (VM1)



Eastern Strip

ISRAEE01, ISRAEE02, ... , ISRAEE05 (from 20171127 to 20180402)

ISRAEK01, ISRAEK02, ... , ISRAEK05 (from 20180406 to 20180504)

ISRAELO1, ISRAELO2, ... , ISRAEL 05 (from 20180506 to the end of VM1)

Western Strip

ISRAEW01, ... , ISRAEW12 (from 20171101 to 20171217)

ISRAW901, ... , ISRAW912 (from 20180128 to the end of VM1)

Southern Strip

ISRAES01, ... , ISRAES10 (entire VM1)

EXTRACT THE IMAGES / DBL - L1

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CLA	Cloud altitude
SOL	Solar angles grid
VIE	Viewing angles grid

GeoTif
15 layers

LINUX:

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TOA reflectance and masks	
B1=>B12	TOA reflectance
SAT	Saturated pixels mask
PIX	aberrant pixels mask
CLD	clouds mask

EXTRACT THE IMAGES / DBL - L2

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I suggest using this



















surface reflectance
with slope correction
(12 layers)

surface reflectance
without slope
correction (12 layers)

LINUX:

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EXTRACT THE IMAGES / DBL - L2

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-  VE_VM01_VSC_PDTQLK_L2VALD_ISRAW912_20190224.DBL
-  VE_VM01_VSC_PDTQLK_L2VALD_ISRAW912_20190224

ATB	Atmospheric parameters
VAP	Water vapour content
AOT	Aerosol optical thickness
CLD	Cloud and cloud shadow mask
(*)	ALL Summary Logical or of All cloud and shadow masks
	ALL CLOUDS Logical or of All cloud masks
	SHADOWS Shadows mask from clouds within image
	SHADVAR Shadows mask from clouds outside image
	REFL Reflectance threshold
	REFL_VAR Reflectance variation threshold
	EXTENSION Extension of the cloud mask
	ALT Stereoscopic mask
MSK	Geophysical masks
	WAT Water mask
	HID hidden surfaces
	SHD shadowed by topography mask
	STL sun too low flag
	TGS tangent sun flag
QLT	Quality masks
SAT	Saturation mask copied from L1 (12 useful values)
PIX	aberrant pixels channel copied from level 1 (12 useful values)
OTH	EDG Edge mask
	IAO AOT pixel mask (0 if computed, 1 if interpolated)
	IWC VAP pixel mask (0 if computed, 1 if interpolated)
SOL	Solar angles grid (identical to L1 one at L2 scale)
VIE	Viewing angles grid (identical to L1 one at L2 scale)
-	Quick look

HDR - METADATA

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HDR - METADATA

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Viewing Angle	Spectral bands
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2	10, 12, 11
3	7, 8, 9
4	3, 4, 6

