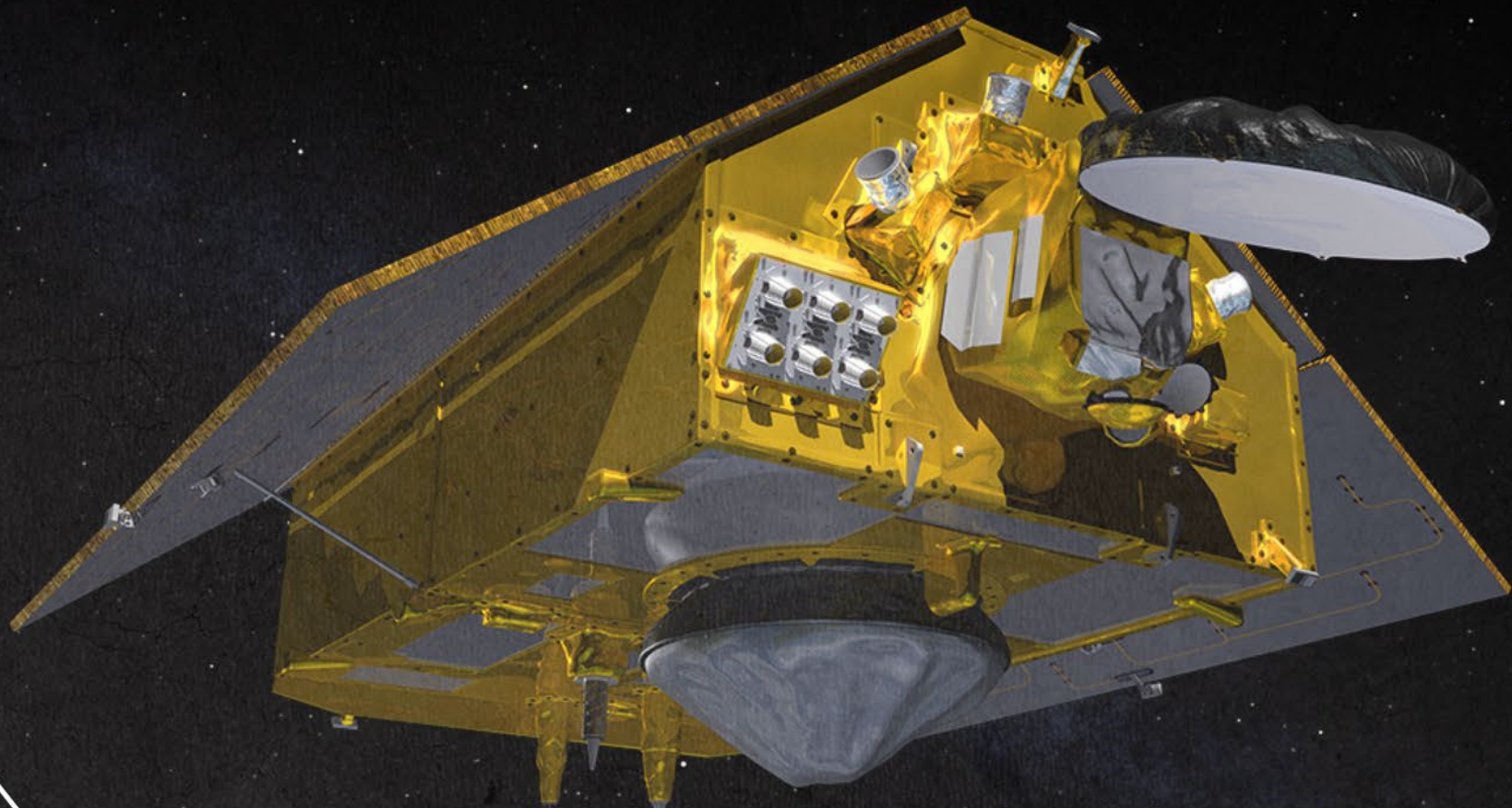


Dr. Michael Freilich

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“Earth system science is bigger than any particular agency, it’s bigger than any single nation, than any single continent – and I surely hope, because humanity requires it, that we make some significant progress in understanding.”

Dr. Michael Freilich led NASA’s Earth Science Division for more than a decade. His creative vision, powerful intellect, and tireless commitment to excellence enabled a deeper understanding of our planet, enhanced by new technologies and expanded partnerships. Dr. Freilich also excelled as a principal investigator of spaceborn scatterometer instruments and pioneered the field of measuring ocean wind vectors. Because of his lasting impact on the field of Earth science, the international partners behind the Sentinel-6/Jason-CS mission renamed this satellite Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich in his honor.

