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**20 YEARS ARCHIVING AT IIS, AND ITS  
MAXIMUM UTILIZE OF ENVIRONMENT AND  
DISASTER MONITORING FROM SPACE**

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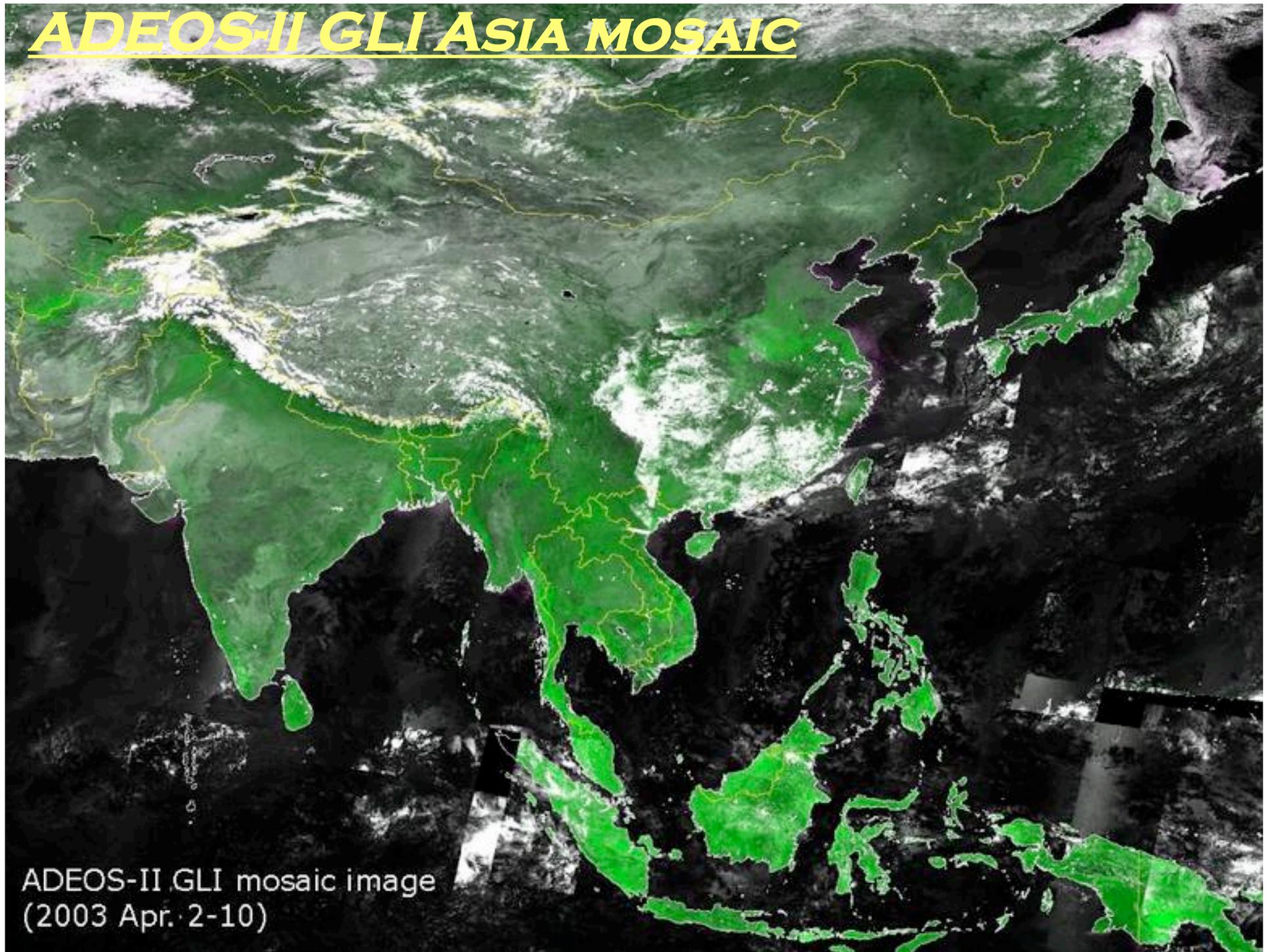


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# ADEOS-II GLI ASIA MOSAIC



ADEOS-II GLI mosaic image  
(2003 Apr. 2-10)

# **TO MEET THE NEEDS OF USERS**

- ◆ **IIS** and **AIT** have been receiving NOAA **AVHRR** and Aqua/Terra **MODIS** data at the direct receiving station.
- ◆ AVHRR since 1983
- ◆ MODIS since 2001
- ◆ Over **20 years** of record is archived in data storage system.
- ◆ Network based (**WWW** or **FTP**) data distribution is in process.

**Contribute to data utility promotion  
(especially for **Asian countries**)!!**

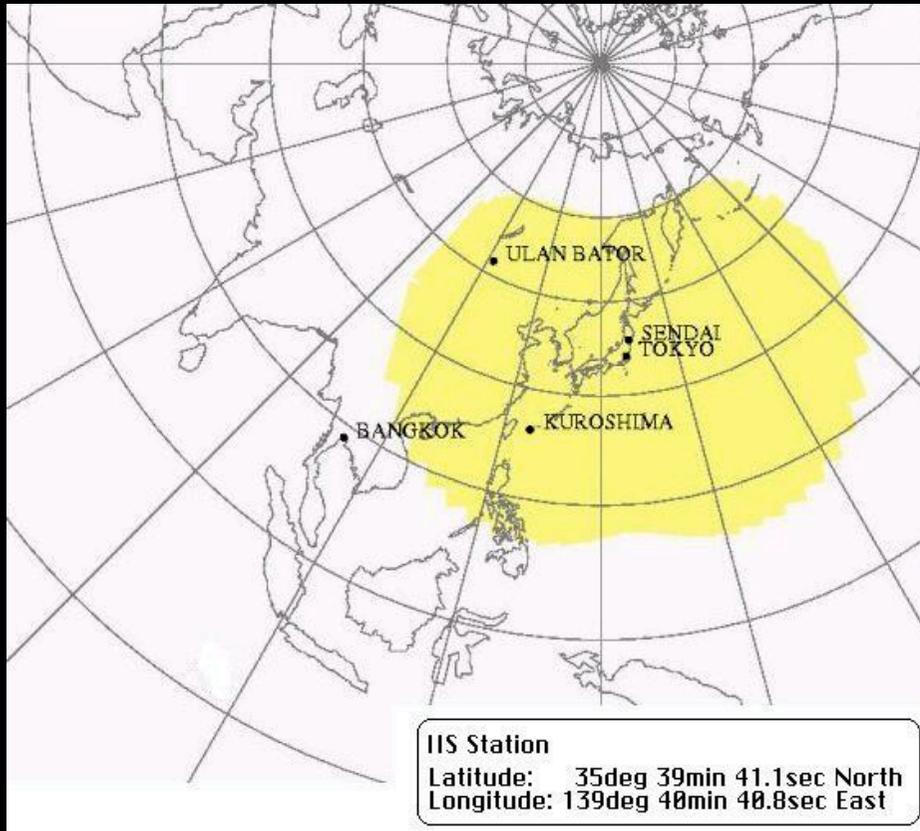


**MODIS antenna in Tokyo**

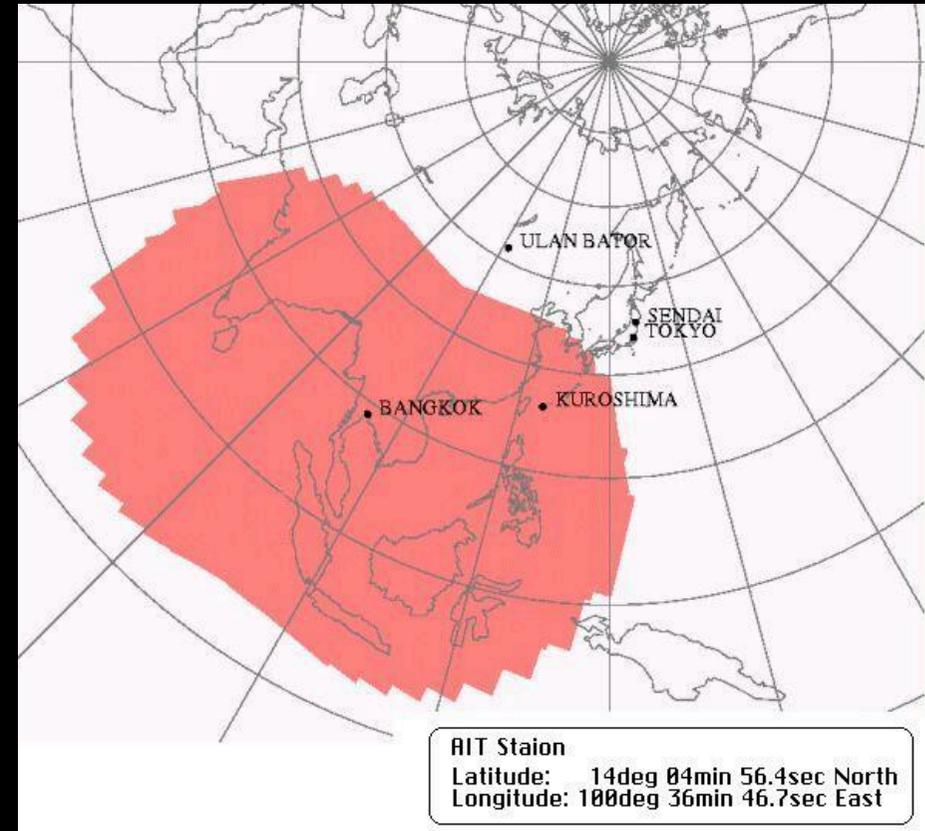


**MODIS antenna in Bangkok**

# **SPATIAL COVERAGE OF MODIS AND AVHRR**



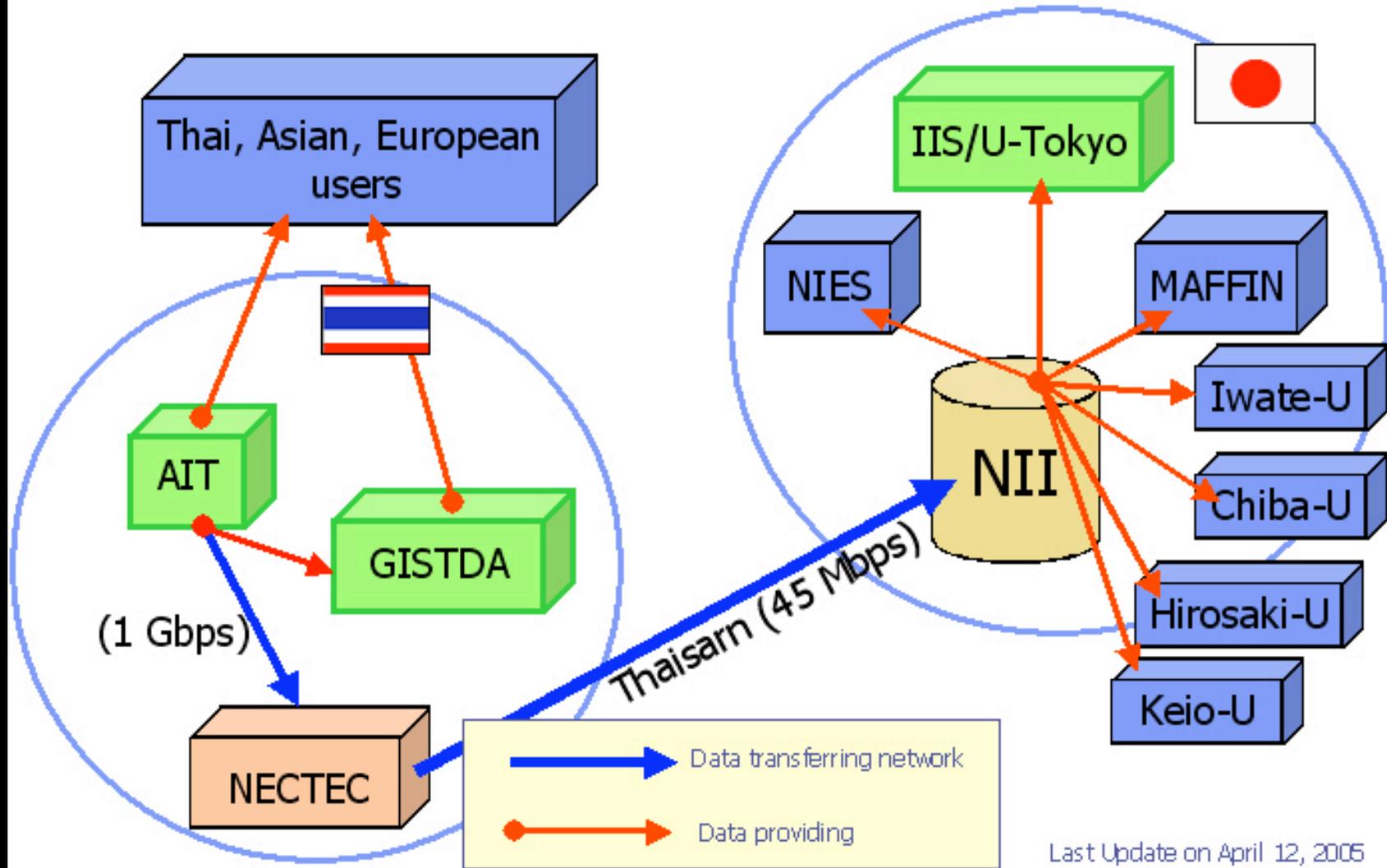
**IIS, Tokyo**  
**Since Oct. 1983**



**AIT, Bangkok**  
**Since Nov 1997**

# DATA TRANSFER FROM THAI TO JAPAN

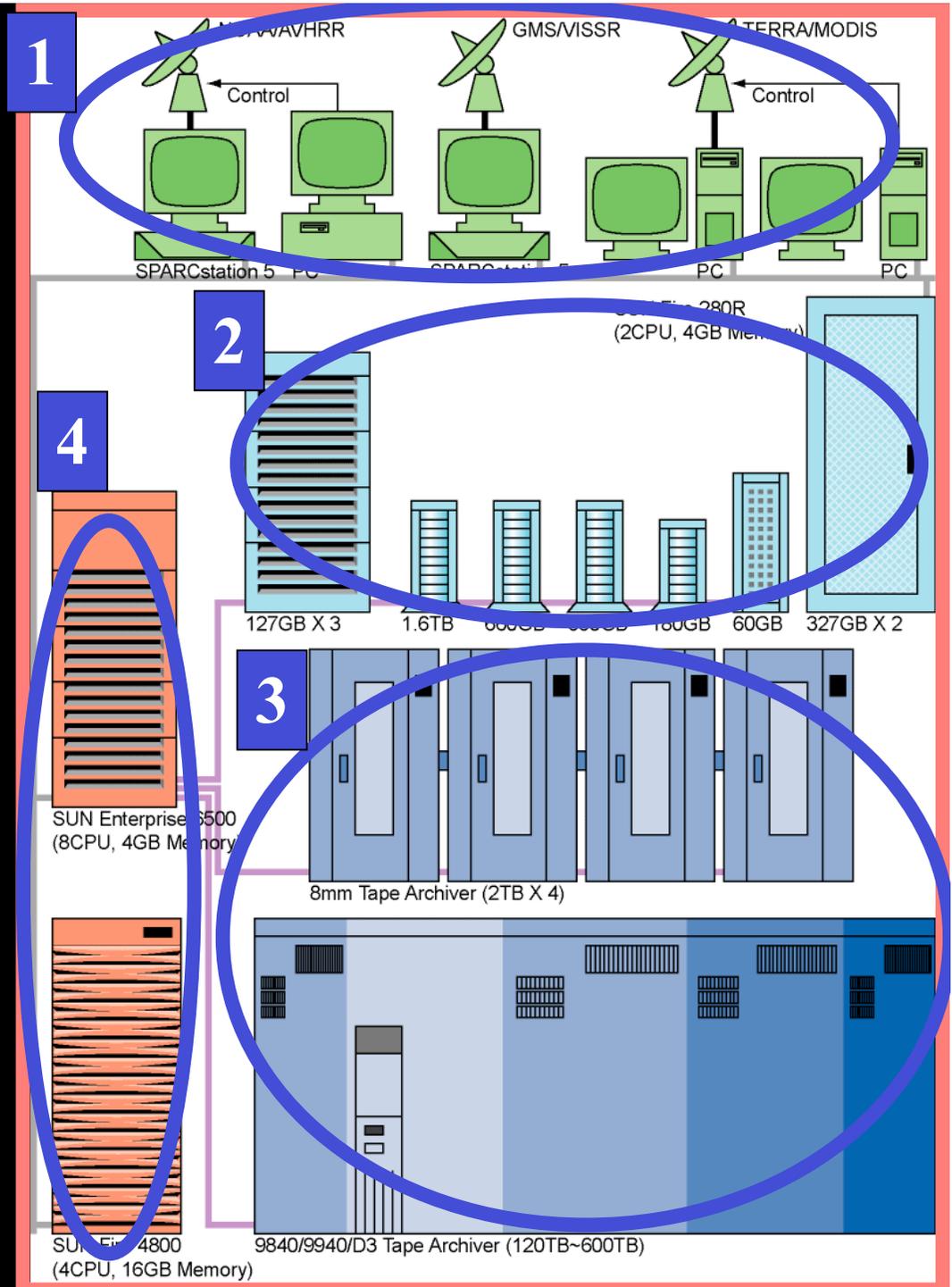
Terra/Aqua MODIS Data Transfer network  
Thailand - Japan



Last Update on April 12, 2005

# FROM DATA RECEIVING TO DATA DISTRIBUTION

1. Data receiving
  - 🍏 NOAA AVHRR
  - 🍏 Aqua/Terra MODIS
  - 🍏 Dundee/England system
2. Data processing
  - 🍏 Radiometric / geometric correction, Quick look image, cloud-free compositing
3. Data archive
  - 🍏 Huge data storage system on tape archiving (~600TB)
4. Data distribution
  - 🍏 Network-based (FTP and WWW) download



# COMPUTER FACILITIES AT IIS



Air-conditioned server room



Antenna control machines



Linux (6)  
Xserve (6)  
RAID (20TB)  
Solaris (1)

MODIS and AVHRR data processing, archiving and distributing

# ONLINE DATA DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

## WebMODIS (Aqua/Terra MODIS)

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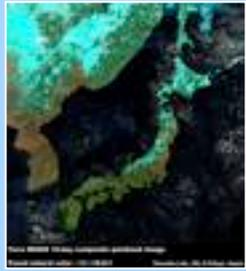
Online subsetting scene by scene

2



Rapid response by quicklook

3



10 day cloud-free composite

## WebPaNDA (NOAA AVHRR)

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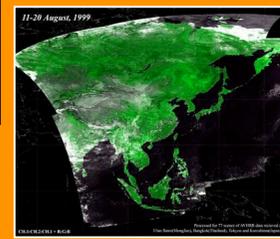
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# MODIS PROCESSING SYSTEM ON WWW

WebMODIS - MODIS Data Service Center  
Yasuoka Laboratory, Institute of Industrial Science, University of Tokyo, JAPAN

2002年9月1日から通算して1760 (328 + 342 + 590)シーンが処理されました。

オンライン処理	250m	500m	1000m
パンコタ受信	250m	500m	1000m

FTPによるデータアクセス

RS Data	hdf2bin	Subset Data
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Terra MODIS Image Information

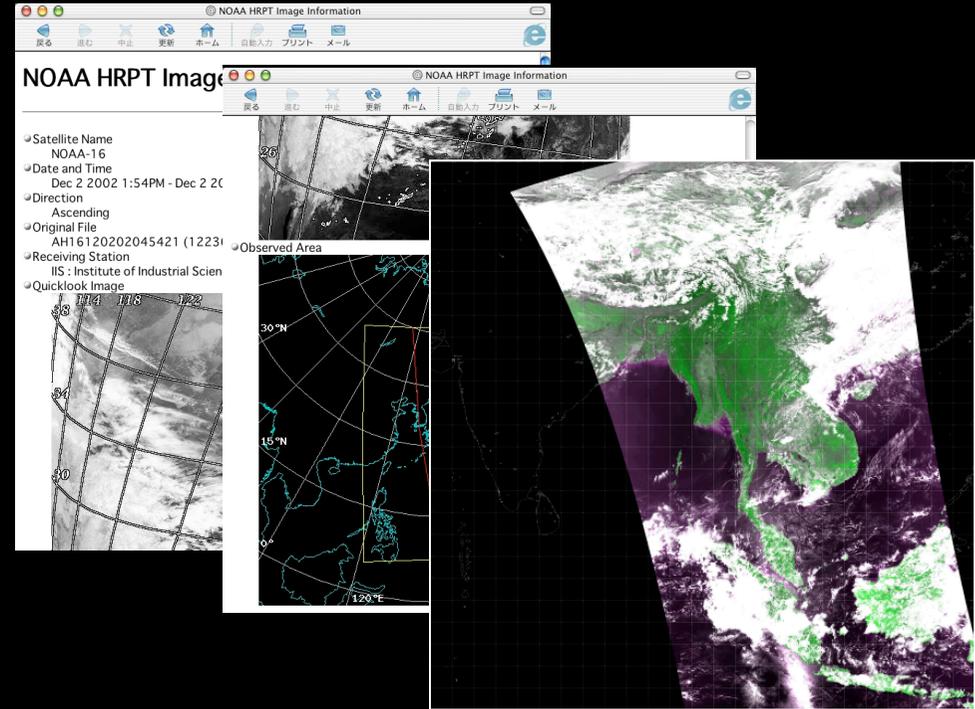
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  - 200204040141\_500m.hdf (57)
  - 200204040141\_250m.hdf (55)
  - 200204040141\_geo.hdf (125)
- Receiving Station: IIS : Institute of Industrial Science
- Quicklook Image

- ◆ Data search with mouth click
- ◆ Radio. / geo. Correc., spatial subset
- ◆ FTP download instruction via e-mail

4,000 scenes have been delivered in 3 yrs

**WebMODIS website**  
**http://webmodis.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/**

# AVHRR PROCESSING SYSTEM ON WWW

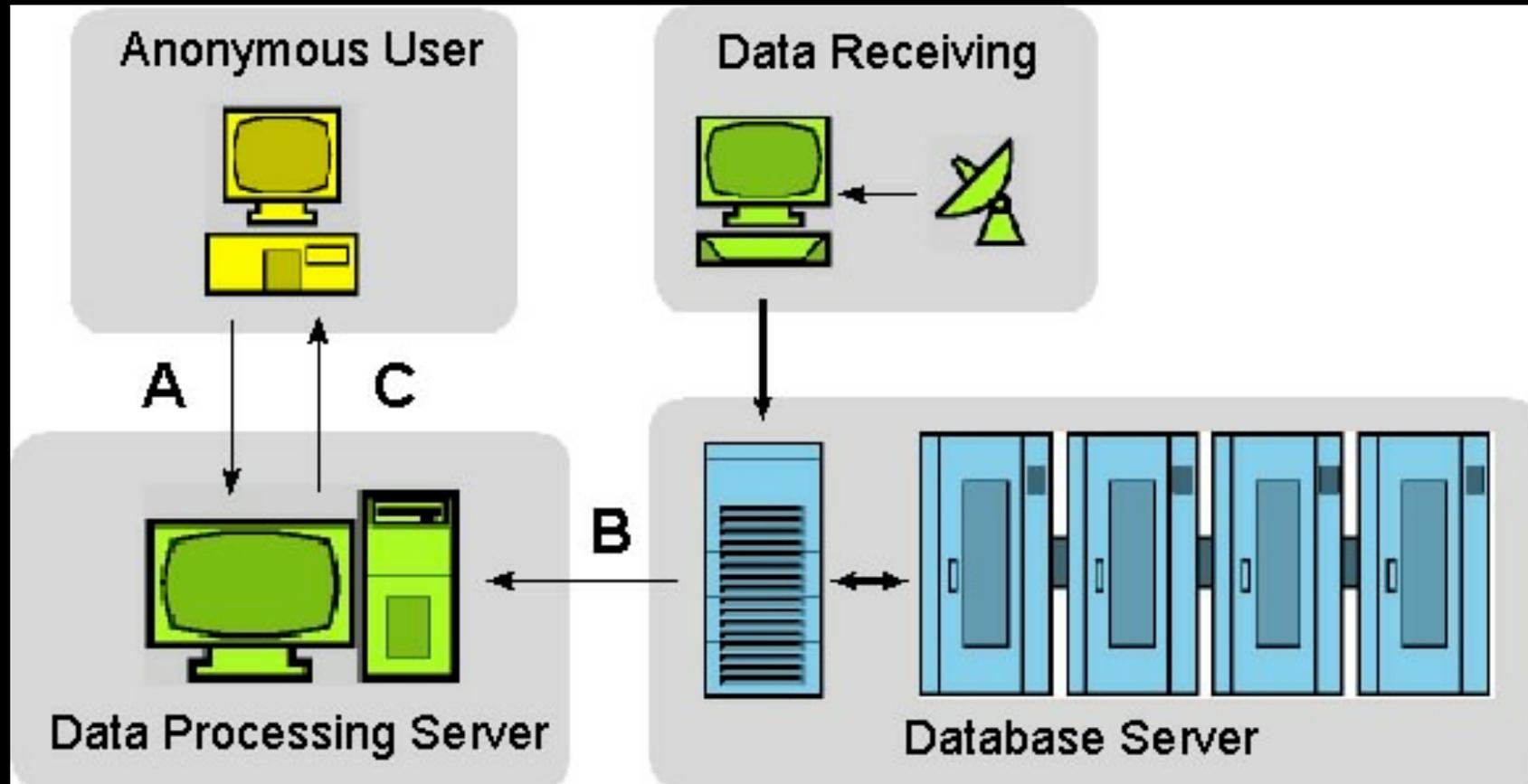


- ◆ Data search with mouse click
- ◆ Radio. / geo. Correc., spatial subset
- ◆ FTP download instruction via e-mail

**16,500** scenes have been delivered in 3 yrs

**WebPaNDA website**  
<http://webpanda.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

# **HARDWARE SYSTEM STRUCTURE**



- A) Input mapping parameters by anonymous users**
- B) Pre-processing of MODIS data**
- C) Deliver data via the FTP**

# **NOTIFICATION VIA E-MAIL**

**From:** webmaster@webmodis.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp  
**Subject:** Your order is available  
**Date:** 2005年9月30日 17:26:41 JST  
**To:** undisclosed-recipients::;

\*\*\*\*\* MODIS Processing System on WWW (Tokyo) \*\*\*\*\*

Your order 200202010120.1000m.hdf, submitted on 2005 Sep 30 17:22 (JST=UTC+9) is available for you to ftp copy.  
You can pick up your data set via <ftp://webmodis.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/IIS/1KM/20050930172211/>

File Description:

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200202010120\_SolarZenith.hdf

NOTE: You must pick up your data within 72 hours of this notice.

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Thank you very much!  
WebMODIS Developer: Dr. Wataru Takeuchi  
E-mail: [wataru@iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:wataru@iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

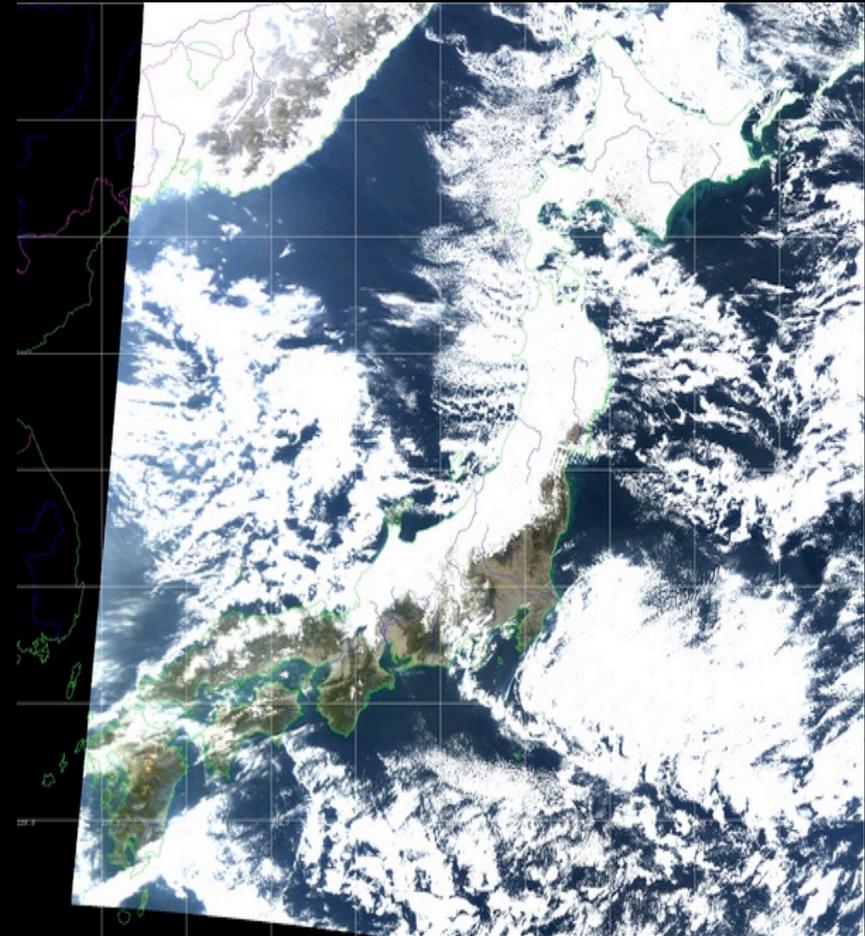
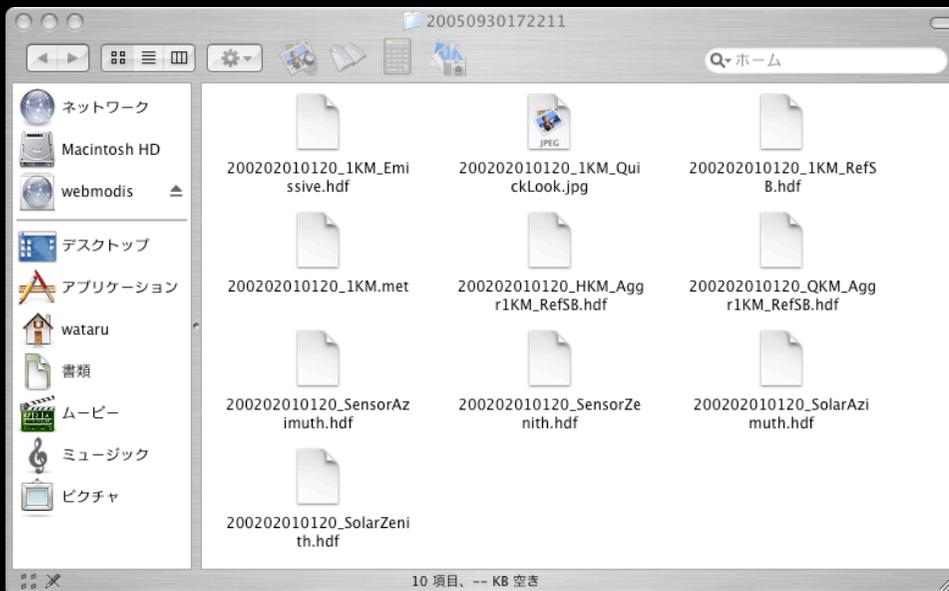
**Users are notified how to download MODIS product from FTP via e-mail**

# DOWNLOAD MODIS PRODUCT VIA FTP

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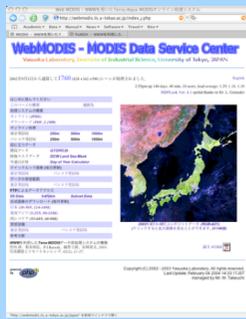


Geo-coded MODIS image  
(200302010120 Terra)

# ONLINE DATA DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

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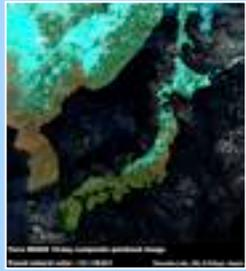
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10 day cloud-free composite

## WebPaNDA (NOAA AVHRR)

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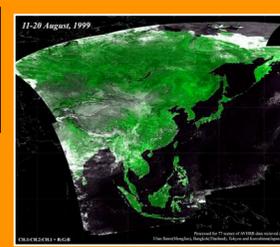
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# L1B QUICKLOOK IMAGE OF MODIS AND AVHRR

2005 July Aqua/Terra MODIS L1B quicklook (IIS, Japan)  
<http://webmodis.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/IIS/L1B/>

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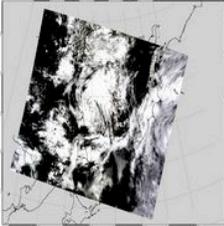
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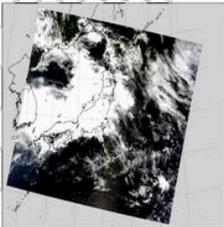
## Aqua/Terra MODIS L1B quicklook (IIS, Japan)

Dr. Wataru Takeuchi

**About this page**  
 Recent quicklook images of Aqua/Terra MODIS level 1b data, at 1000m resolution, are created. For daily scenes, we are using reflective channels 1,4,3 (blue, gree and red) as RGB signals (R:G:B=1:4:3). For night scenes, the thermal infrared channel 20, 29 and 31 are used for a thermal anomalies quicklook image.

**2005 July Quicklooks (JST=UTC+9) (Click image to enlarge)**

Jul 01 2005 01:25 (UTC)  (498 KB)

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***Terra / Aqua MODIS***  
<http://webmodis.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

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2004 May Aqua/Terra NOAA AVHRR quicklook...

## NOAA AVHRR quicklook (Tokyo, Japan)

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 Recent quicklook images of AVHRR level 1b data, at 1000m resolution, are created by [PaNDA](#). For each scenes, we are using reflective channels 1 and 2 (Red and NIR) as RGB signals (R:G:B=1:2:1), the thermal infrared channel 4 is used for a B-W quicklook image.

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***NOAA / AVHRR***  
<http://webpanda.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

2005 July Aqua/Terra MODIS SST quicklook (IIS, Japan)  
 http://webmodis.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/IIS/SSST/

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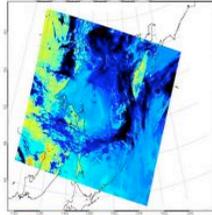
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Recent quicklook images of Aqua/Terra MODIS SST (sea surface temperature), at 1000m resolution, are created. The split window algorithm is used between channel 31 and 32 in thermal infrared. The original hdf files are available at our [anonymous FTP site](#).

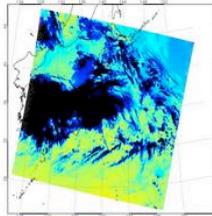
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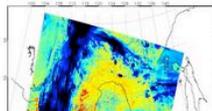


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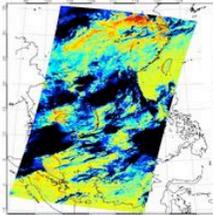
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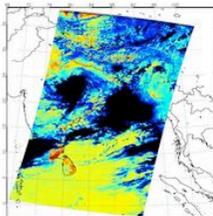
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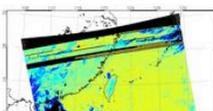


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$$\text{modis\_sst} = c_1 + c_2 * T_{31} + c_3 * T_{3132} + c_4 * (\sec(\theta) - 1) * T_{3132} \quad (18)$$

$T_{31}$  is the band 31 brightness temperature (BT) (cf. AVHRR Channel 4)

$T_{3132}$  is (Band32 - Band31) BT difference (cf. AVHRR (Channel 4 - Channel 5))

$\theta$  is the satellite zenith angle

[ATBD MOD28, 1999]

# LEVEL 2 PRODUCTS - PRECIPITABLE WATER VAPOR

2005 July Aqua/Terra MODIS WVNIR quicklook (IIS, Japan)

http://webmodis.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/IIS/WVNIR/

Aqua/Terra MODIS WVNIR quicklook (IIS, Japan)

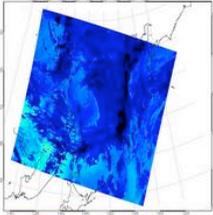
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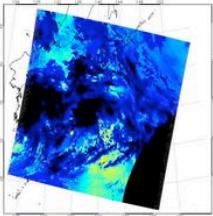
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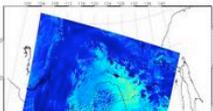


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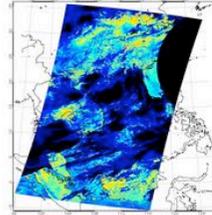
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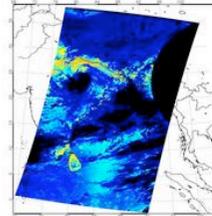
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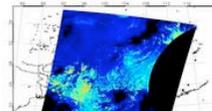


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[ATBD MOD05, 1998]

# LEVEL 2 PRODUCTS - ACTIVE FIRE MAPPING

Aqua/Terra MODIS active fire map over Asia

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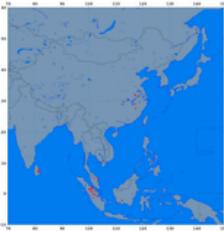
## Aqua/Terra MODIS active fire map over Asia

Dr. Wataru Takeuchi

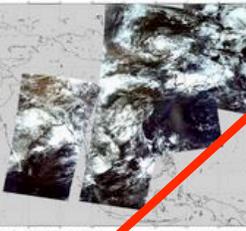
**About this page**  
Recent quicklook images of Aqua/Terra MODIS active fire map are created along with level 1b data, at 1000m resolution. For daytime scenes, we are using reflective channels 1, 4 and 3 (blue, green and red) as RGB signals (R:G:B=1:4:3). For nighttime scenes, the thermal infrared channel 20, 29 and 31 are used for a thermal anomalies quicklook image.

**2005 July quicklooks (Click image to enlarge)**

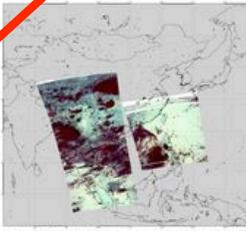
**2005/07/01 (Active fire location list, 56 events)**



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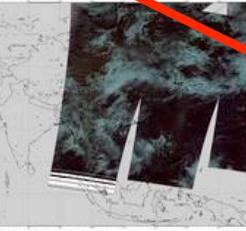


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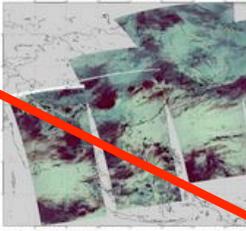
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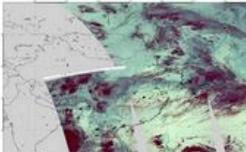


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**2005/07/03 (Active fire location list, 425 events)**

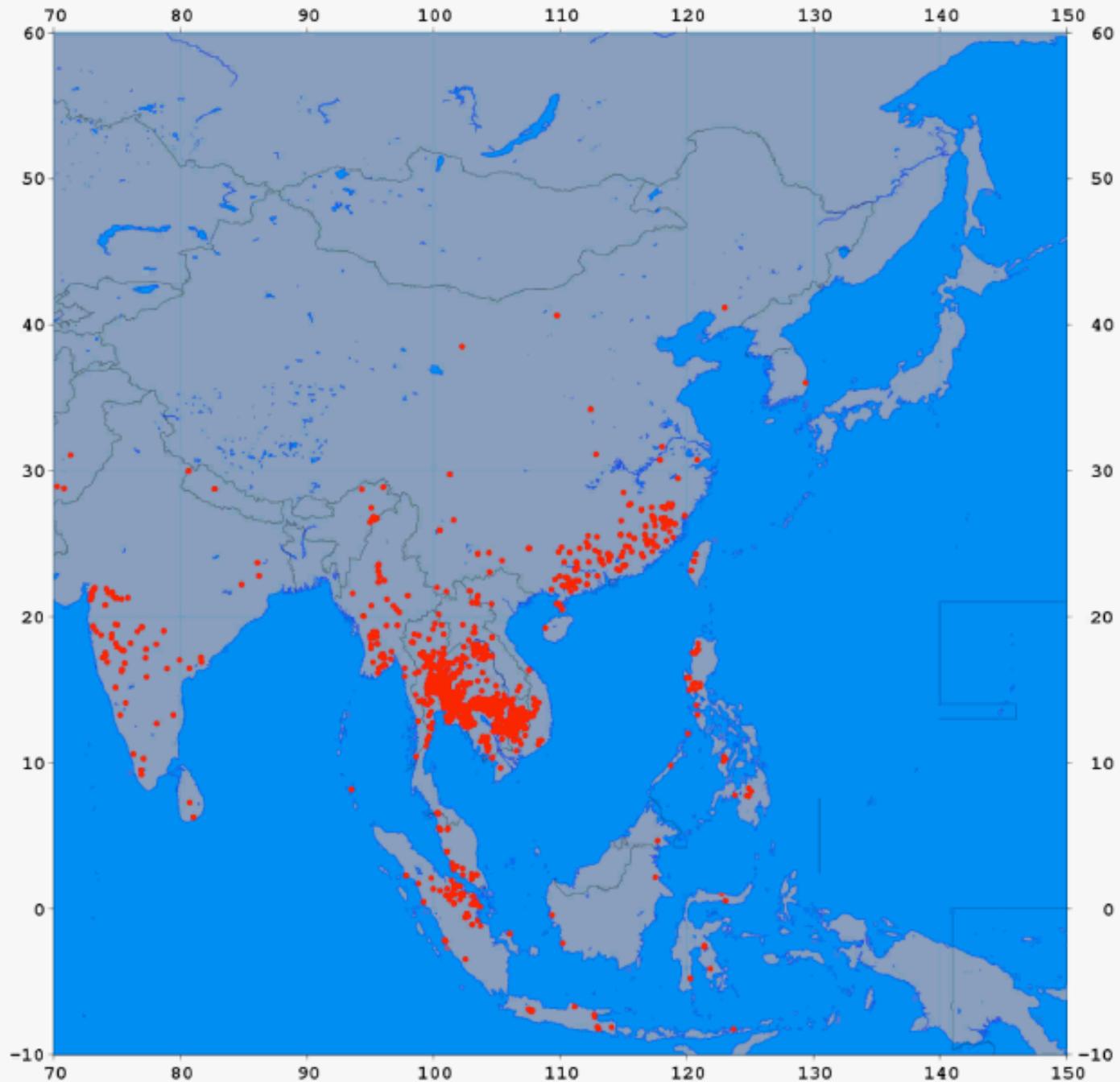






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Active fire pixels on 2005/07/02



**Aqua/Terra MODIS active fire map as of 2004/01/01-10 (C) Institute of Industrial Science, U-Tokyo**

**SEA ICE**  
**MONITORING IN**  
**OHOTSUKU**  
**SEA**

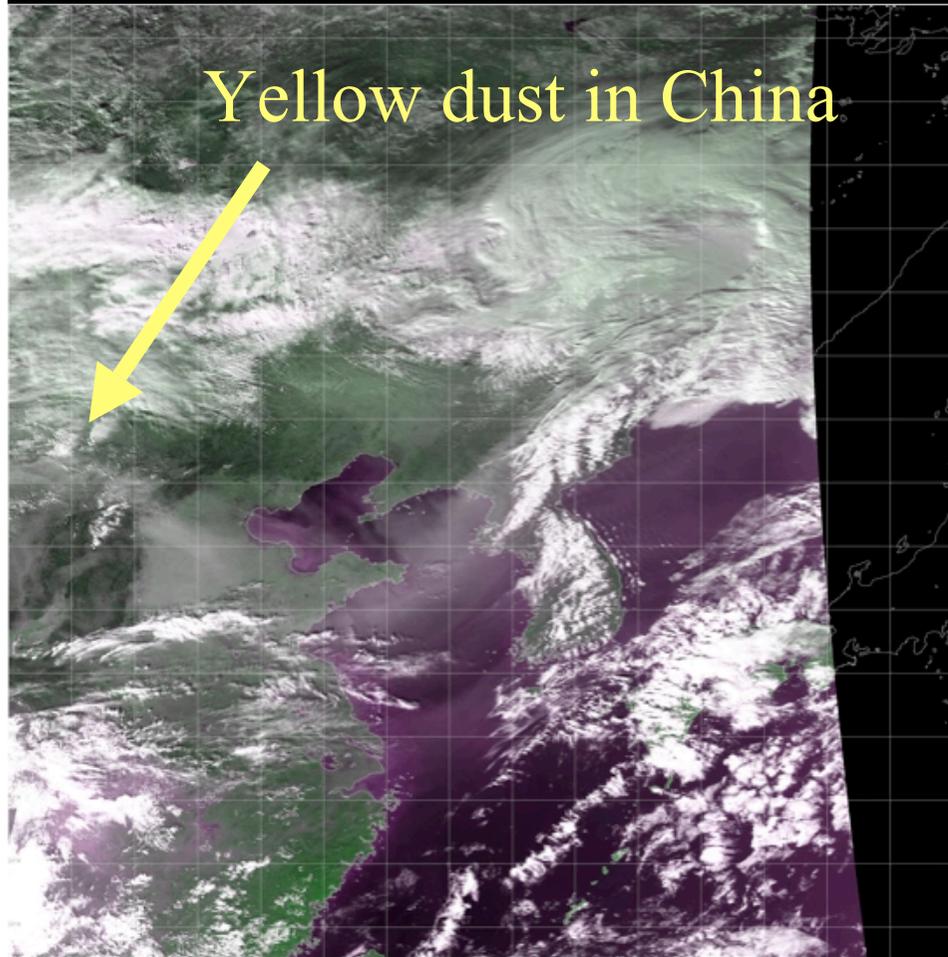
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**Middle-infrared channel  
(1.6 $\mu$ m) is effective to  
distinguish sea and land  
ice from clouds.**

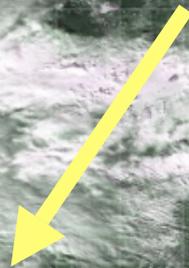


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# **YELLOW DUST MONITORING**

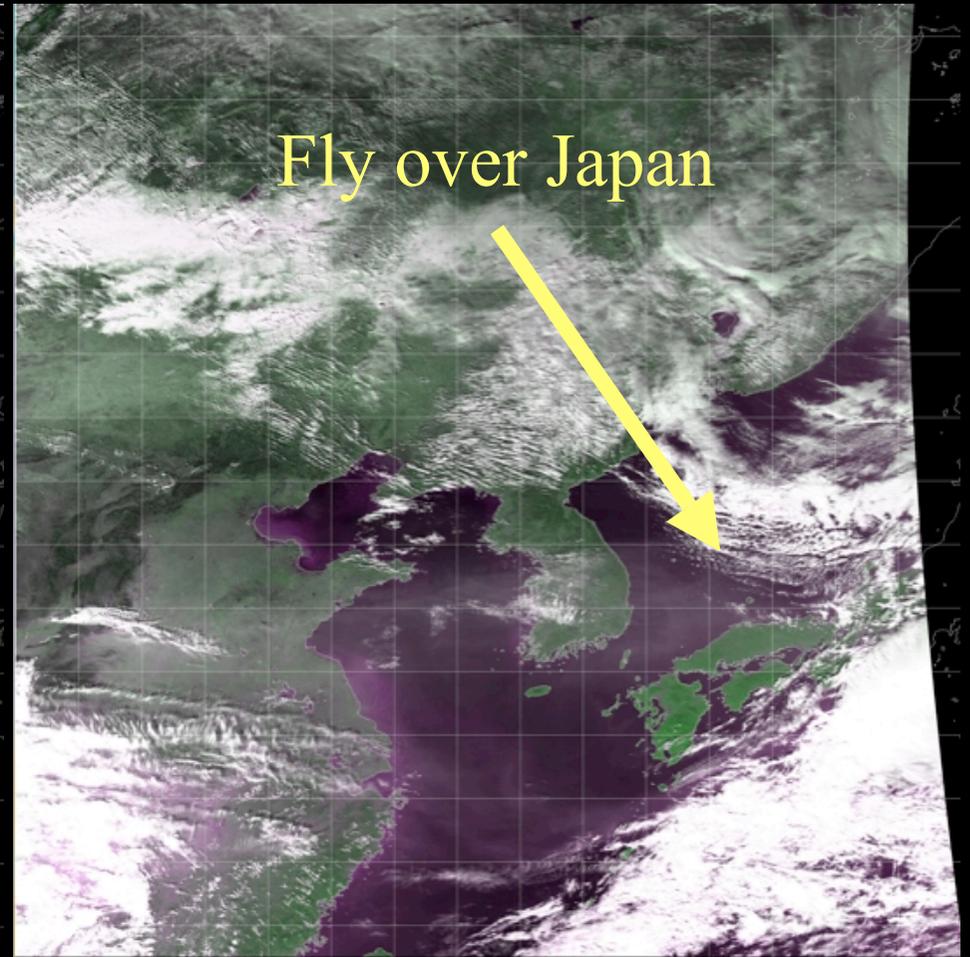


Yellow dust in China

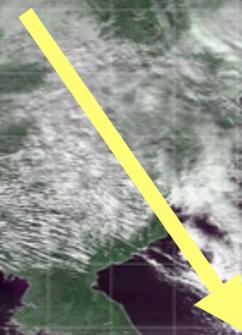


NOAA AVHRR Quick Look Image 2002/11/11 05:27 (UTC)  
Pseud color composite R:G:B=Ch.1:2:1 Yasuoka Lab., IIS, U-Tokyo, Japan

2002/11/11 14:27 (JST)



Fly over Japan



NOAA AVHRR Quick Look Image 2002/11/12 05:15 (UTC)  
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# **TSUNAMI TRAGEDY FROM MODIS QKM**



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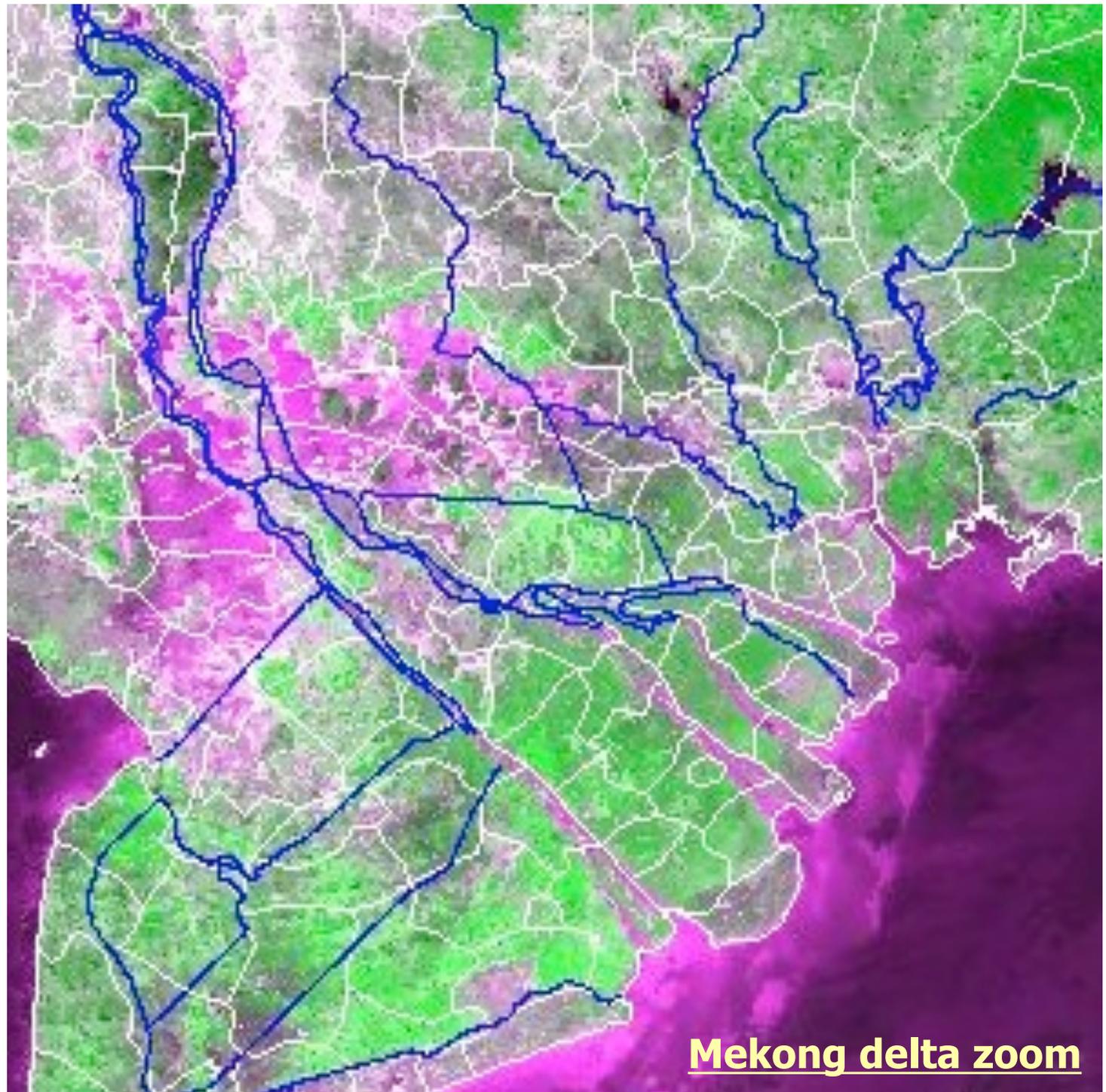
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**Turbid water along the coastal line just after the tsunami occurrence**



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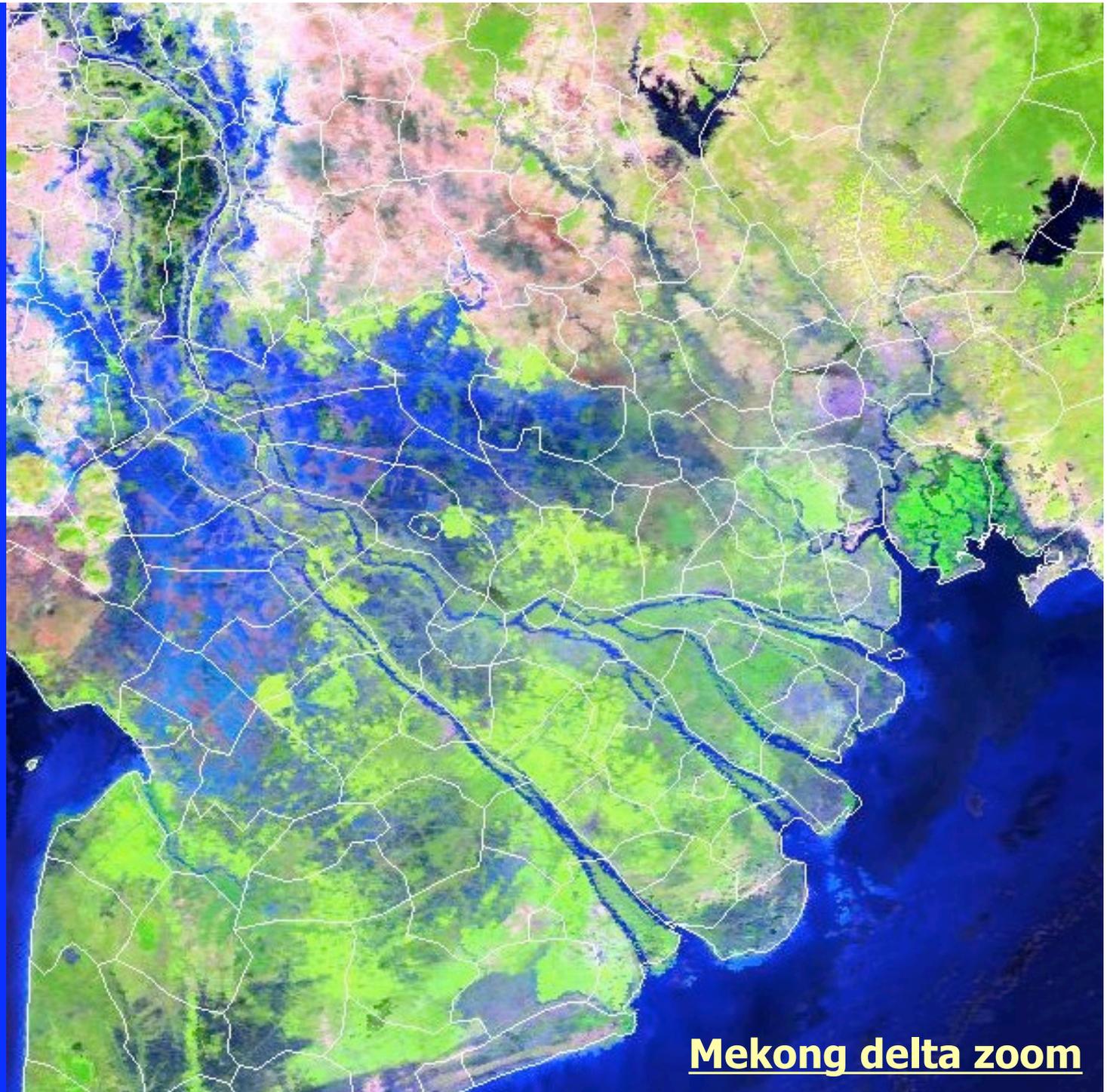
**10 day composite**  
**Dec. 20 -31, 2001**  
**NTMinS criteria**  
**1km resolution**





**MODIS**  
**FALSE**  
**COLOR**  
**(RGB=621)**

**10 day composite**  
**Dec. 20 -31, 2001**  
**Min. blue criteria**  
**500m resolution**  
**Remarkable view**

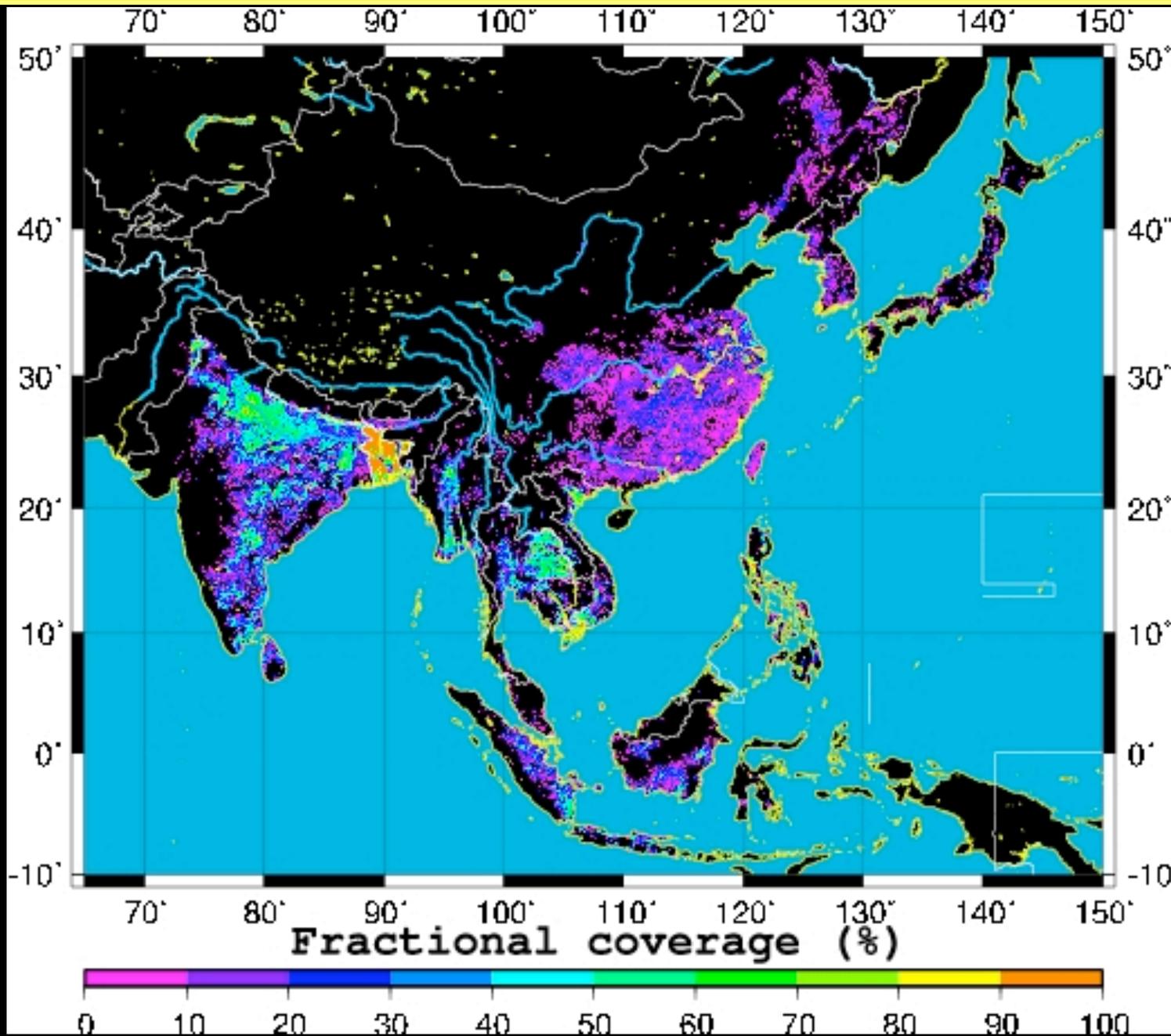


**Mekong delta zoom**



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# ***RICE CULTIVATION OVER ASIA***



# ONLINE DATA DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

## WebMODIS (Aqua/Terra MODIS)

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Online subsetting  
scene by scene

2



Rapid response  
by quicklook

3



10 day cloud-free  
composite

## WebPaNDA (NOAA AVHRR)

1



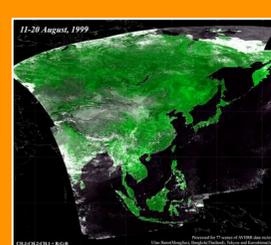
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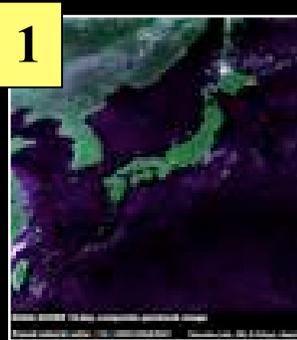
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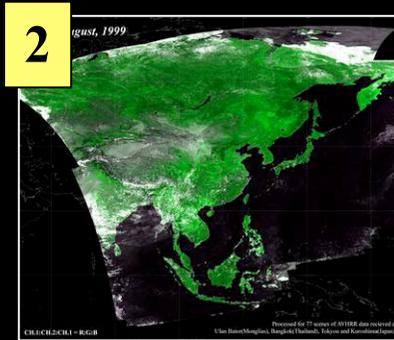
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# ONLINE DATA LIST IN DETAIL

	Sensor	Period	Data type	Processing level	Media
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<b>2</b>	NOAA AVHRR(Asia)	1997 Nov-	10day composite	reflectance, temp., NDVI, SST	anonymous FTP
<b>3</b>	Aqua/Terra MODIS(EAsia)	2001 May-	10day composite	reflectance, temp., NDXI, SST	anonymous FTP
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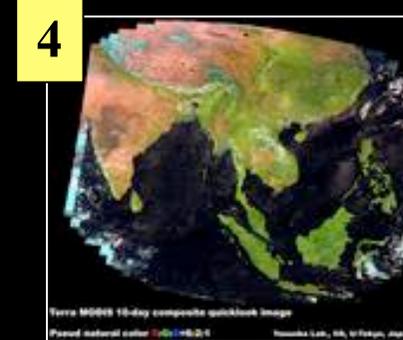
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80N50E-20S170E



50N124E-30N146E



40N70E-10S130E

# COMPOSITING ALGORITHM

- 🍏 **AVHRR** - NDVI and thermal criteria followed by minimum scan angle method (NTMinS) [Lei, 2001]
  - 🍏 **NDVI** of cloud is lower than normal pixel.
  - 🍏 **Thermal** value of cloud is cooler than normal pixel.
  - 🍏 The **smaller scan angle** is, the better the spatial resolution is.

*Reference:*

Lei, L., and Yokoyama, R., 2001. Development of AVHRR 10-day composite over the whole Asia (in Japanese with English abstract). *J. Remote Sens. Soc. Japan*, 21(2), 168-178.

- 🍏 **MODIS** - Thermal criteria followed by minimum blue method (TMinB) [Takeuchi, 2004]
  - 🍏 **Blue** channel is subject to atmospheric effects.
  - 🍏 **Cloud shadow** is cooler than fine pixel.
  - 🍏 Not only vegetation but also **water and soil mixture** are better represented.

*Reference:*

Takeuchi, W., and Yasuoka, Y., 2004. Development of compositing algorithms for MODIS data (in Japanese with English abstract). *J. Japan Photogramm. Remote Sens.*, 22-32, 42(4).

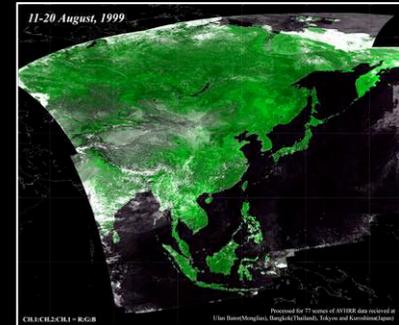
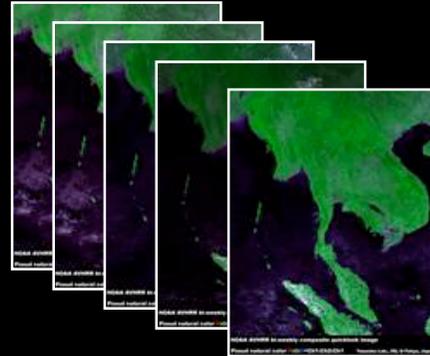
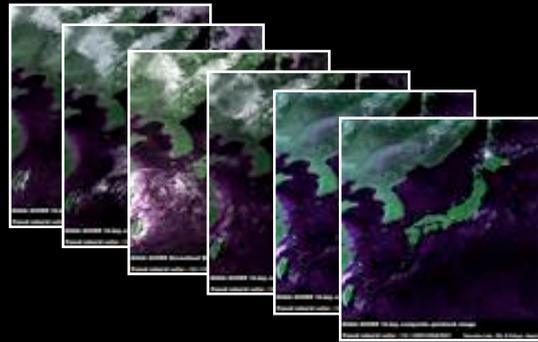
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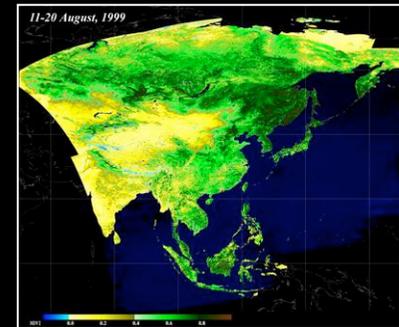
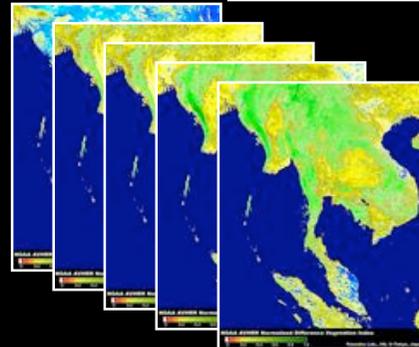
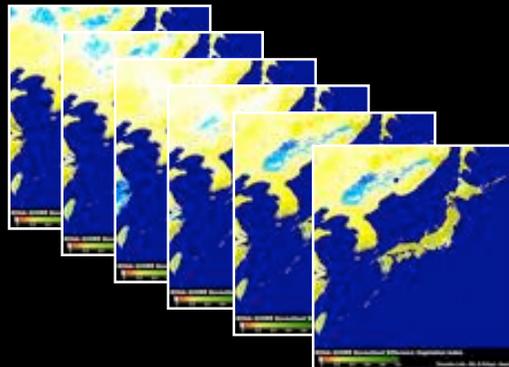
Southeast Asia

Whole Asia

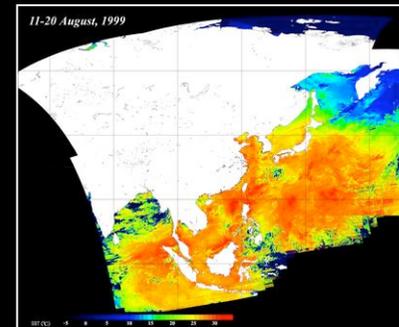
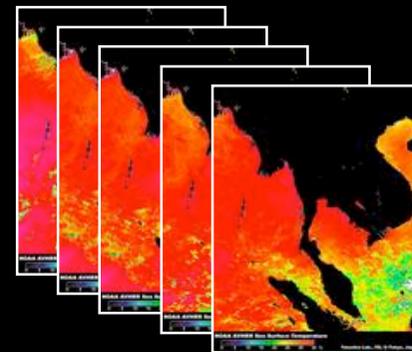
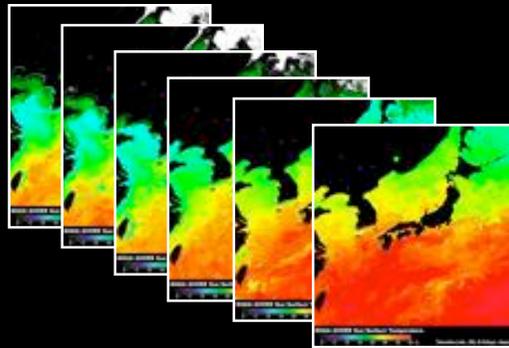
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NDVI



SST



1983~2005

1997~2005

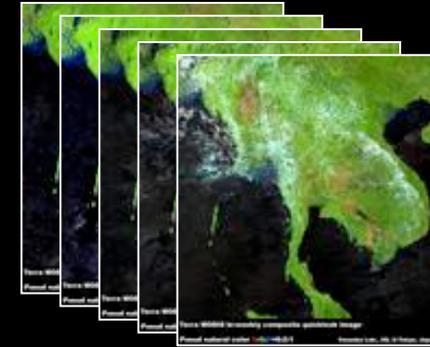
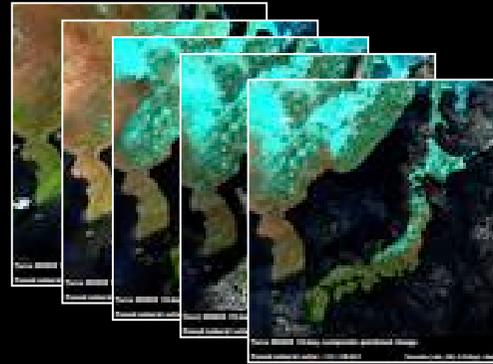
1998~1999

# AQUA/TERRA MODIS CLOUD-FREE COMPOSITE

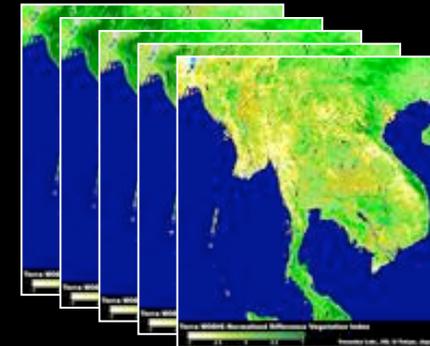
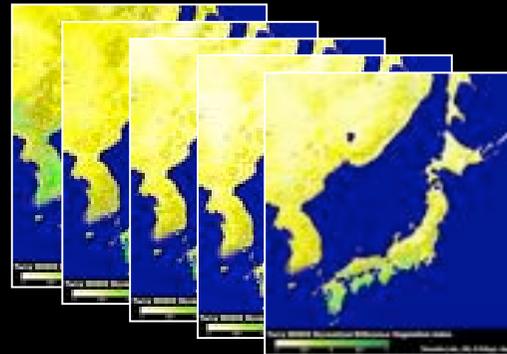
East Asia

Southeast Asia

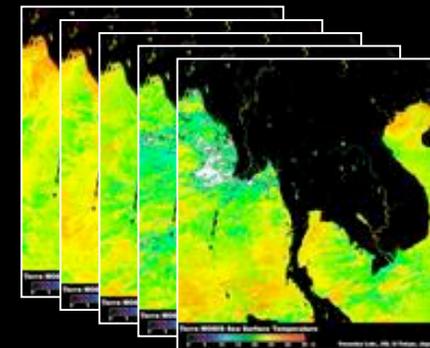
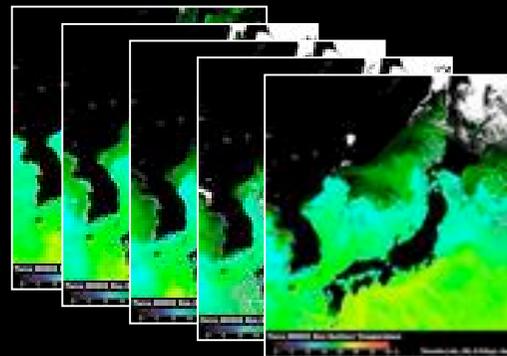
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NDVI, NDSI,  
NDWI



LST, SST



2001~2005

2001~2005

# MODIS EAST ASIA MOSAICS

Aqua/Terra MODIS 10 day composite database (Japan)

http://webmodis.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/Japan/

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### Aqua/Terra MODIS 10 day composite database (Japan)

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**Backgrounds**

Terra MODIS is one of the few space-borne sensors currently capable of acquiring radiometric data over the range of view angles. Institute of Industrial Science (IIS), University of Tokyo, has been receiving Terra MODIS data at the Komaba Campus station and at Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok on direct broadcasting system since May 2001. The coverage includes whole East and South Asia and is expected to monitor environmental changes regularly such as deforestation, forest fires, floods and typhoon. Over eight hundred scenes have been archived in the storage system and they occupy 2 TB of disk space so far. In this study, MODIS data processing system on WWW is developed including following functions: spectral subset (250m, 500m and 1000m resolutions), radiometric correction to radiance, spatial subset of geo-referenced data as a rectangular area with latitude-longitude grid system in HDF format and generation of a quick look file in JPEG format. Users will be notified via e-mail just after all the processes have finished. Using this system enables us to process MODIS data on WWW with a few input parameters and download the processed data by FTP access. An easy to use interface is expected to promote the use of MODIS data. Those who would like to download original data, please refer the [FTP site](#).

**References**

W.Takeuchi, T.Nemoto, P.J.Baruah, S.Ochi and Y.Yasuoka, Development of Terra MODIS data pre-processing system on WWW, *Journal of the Japan Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing*, pp. 21-27, No. 2, Vol. 42, 2003.

**Composite images**

	1st 10-day COMPOSITE			2nd 10-day COMPOSITE			3rd 10-day COMPOSITE		
2005 Aug									
2005 Jul									
2005 Jun									
2005 May									

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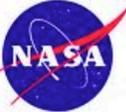
# MODIS SE/S-ASIA MOSAICS

Aqua/Terra MODIS bi-weekly composite database (Asia)

http://webmodis.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/Asia/

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## Aqua/Terra MODIS bi-weekly composite database (Asia)

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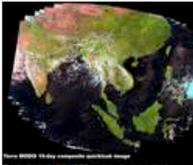
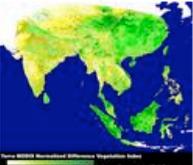
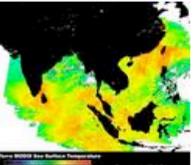
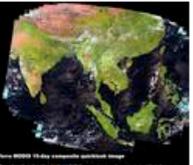
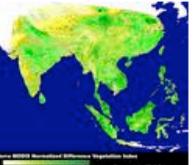
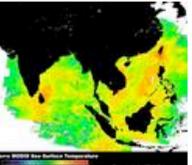
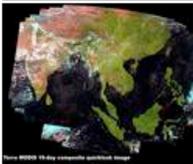
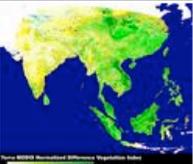
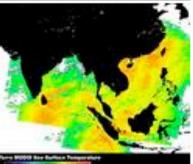
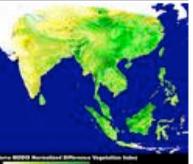
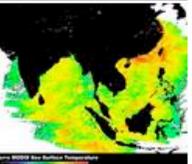
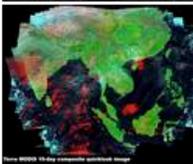
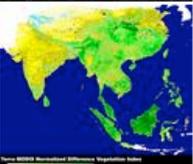
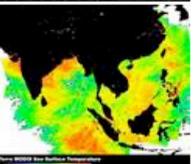
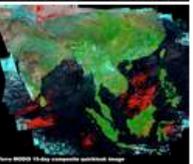
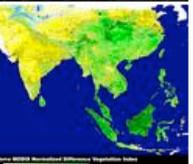
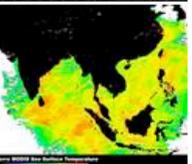
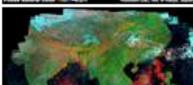
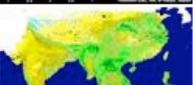
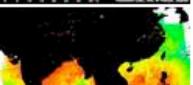
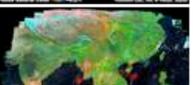
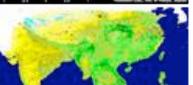
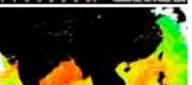
### Backgrounds

Terra MODIS is one of the few space-borne sensors currently capable of acquiring radiometric data over the range of view angles. Institute of Industrial Science (IIS), University of Tokyo, has been receiving Terra MODIS data at the Komaba Campus station and at Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok on direct broadcasting system since May 2001. The coverage includes whole East and South Asia and is expected to monitor environmental changes regularly such as deforestation, forest fires, floods and typhoon. Over eight hundred scenes have been archived in the storage system and they occupy 2 TB of disk space so far. In this study, MODIS data processing system on WWW is developed including following functions: spectral subset (250m, 500m and 1000m resolutions), radiometric correction to radiance, spatial subset of geo-referenced data as a rectangular area with latitude-longitude grid system in HDF format and generation of a quick look file in JPEG format. Users will be notified via e-mail just after all the processes have finished. Using this system enables us to process MODIS data on WWW with a few input parameters and download the processed data by FTP access. An easy to use interface is expected to promote the use of MODIS data. Those who would like to download original data, please refer the [FTP site](#).

### References

**W.Takeuchi, T.Nemoto, P.J.Baruah, S.Ochi and Y.Yasuoka**, Development of Terra MODIS data pre-processing system on WWW, *Journal of the Japan Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing*, pp. 21-27, No. 2, Vol. 42, 2003.

### Composite images

	1st 15-day COMPOSITE			2nd 15-day COMPOSITE		
<u>2005 Aug</u>						
<u>2005 Jul</u>						
<u>2005 Jun</u>						
<u>2005 May</u>						

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# ONLINE FAQ FOR USERS

東大生研MODISデータ配布システムに寄せられた質問 (WebMODIS, FAQ)

竹内 渉 (たけうち わたる)

はじめに

東京大学生産技術研究所安岡研究室では、2001年5月よりMODISデータの受信を開始し、2002年9月よりこのサーバ(WebMODIS)上にてオンラインでのデータ配布サービスを行っております。運用中に利用者の方々から頂いたご質問を公開することにより、MODISデータの利用が促進され、データを通じたユーザコミュニティが構築されることを願っています。利用者の方々から寄せられたご意見やご要望は、できる限りシステムの運用に反映していくように努めております。ご参考にしていただければ幸いです。

**(問1) MODISとAVHRRはどこが違うのですか?**

(答1) MODISはAVHRRの後継機として開発されたセンサーであり、かなりの改良がなされています。劇的に異なる改良点は3点あるかと思いますが、第1に、空間分解能が従来の1kmから最高250mにまで向上した点です。これにより、これまでは判読できなかった地表の細かい地物も識別できるようになると思われます。第2に、スペクトル分解能が向上し、可視から熱赤外までの領域を36のチャンネルで分光して観測できる点です。AVHRRには5つのチャンネルしか利用できなかったのが、MODISでは、より狭い波長帯に絞って観測しているため、観測対象物質が本来有する連続スペクトルの情報をより詳細にとらえられると考えられます。第3に、幾何補正精度が格段に向上した点です。MODISが搭載されているTerraやAquaといった衛星には、スタートレッカーという恒星のデータベースおよびGPSが搭載されているため、衛星の姿勢制御精度が格段に向上しています。極軌道衛星はおよそ7km/sの速度で飛行しているため、わずかな時間や姿勢のずれが、地表観測位置の同定に大きく影響を及ぼします。現在は、衛星が提供しているシステム情報を利用するだけで、地表面をおよそ100mの精度で推定することができるので、AVHRRの時代とは異なりGCPを使用したマッチング処理などは、通常の利用者にとっては必要がなくなりつつあります。

**(問2) Web MODISを使ったところFTPサーバーに接続できませんという状態になり、画像が取得できませんでした。今日はサーバーメンテナンス中だからでしょうか?**

(答2) 年に数回ですが研究所の停電や計算機センターのネットワークメンテナンスなどでサーバが不通になることがあります。月初めには、サーバが合成画像を作成しているので、2-3日間の間サーバの負荷が非常に高くなり応答が悪くなるのがわかっています。また、サーバ自体をメンテナンスのためにシャットダウンしていることもありますので、そのような事態が事前に予測できる場合には、ページのわかり易いところにシステムの稼働状況を表示するようにします。

**(問3) Web MODISを使ってデータを注文したのにメールが届きません。ちゃんとリクエストが届いているのでしょうか?**

(答3) メールデーモンを動かし忘れていたことが時々あります(爆)。データを注文すれば、そのとき発行されているIDでFTPサーバ上にデータが格納されるようになっていますので、メールが届かなくてもデータが処理されていることが多いです。もしわからなければ、注文したときのID、シーンの名前、画像取得年月日時刻などを管理者までお知らせいただければこちらでお調べ致します。

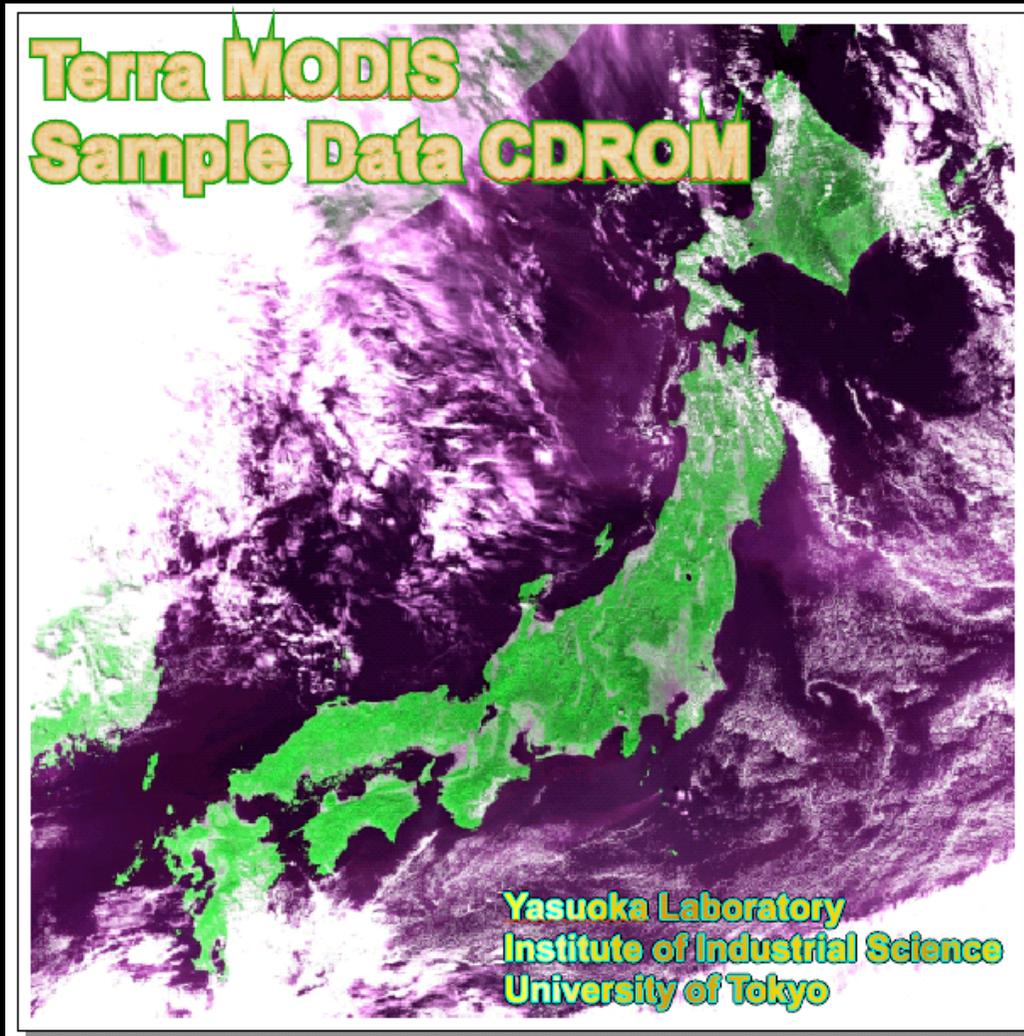
**(問4) 入力まで1分間待ってくれと書いてあるのはなぜですか?せっかちなので1分待ちたくありません。**

(答4) それはサーバ内でのジョブの処理IDを年月日時分で管理しているからです。当初はそんなにたくさんのリ



# ***MODIS SAMPLE DATA CDROM***

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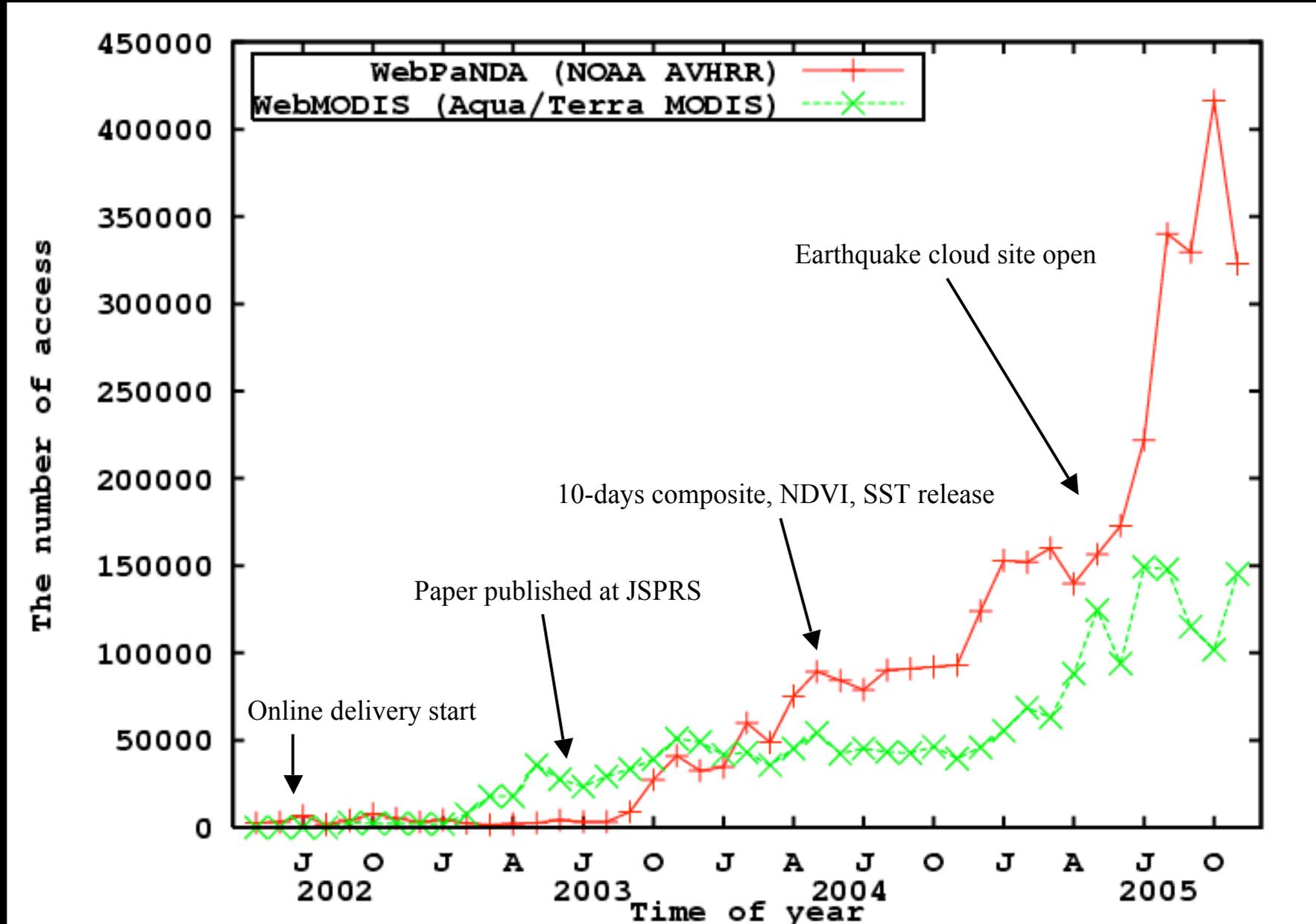
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- *250m - Ch.1-2*
- *500m - Ch.1-7*
- *1000m - Ch.1-36*



**Freely available via the Internet**  
**<ftp://yasulab.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>**

# USAGE STATISTICS OF WWW



# USAGE STATISTICS IN DETAIL

Server	Access
WebPaNDA (AVHRR)	<p>Japan (47%, Kyoto-U, Tohoku-U, U-Tokyo, Nihon-U, JAXA, RESTEC)</p> <p>Private company (11%, both domestic and foreign country)</p> <p>Foreign country (22%, Thailand, Singapore, Korea, USA, Netherlands, Canada, Germany, France)</p> <p>Search engine (20%, google, yashoo)</p>
WebMODIS (MODIS)	<p>Japan (52%, Hiroshima-U, Kagoshima-U, JAXA, Tohoku-U, Kobe-U, U-Tokyo, RESTEC)</p> <p>Foreign country (19%, Thailand, Malaysia, Korea, France, Russia, USA, Taiwan)</p> <p>Private company (5%, both domestic and foreign contry)</p> <p>Search engine (24%, google, yahoo)</p>

🍏 **50 %** are from university or national institutes.

🍏 30 % are from foreign countries in **Asia**

🍏 **20%** from Google or yahoo!!

# LESSONS LEARNED FROM USERS

- 🍏 A user to quick look system **not always** submits a job to deliver or download data
  - 🍏 Data delivery request is not much; 300 scenes/300,000 access (AVHRR), 100 scenes/100,000 access (MODIS).
  - 🍏 It does not always provide enough information on applications.
- 🍏 **A system failure** hinders users' access on WWW
  - 🍏 No idea how to submit a job on WWW or no response from the server.
  - 🍏 WWW users are prone to give up with less efforts on data handling.
- 🍏 System maintenance is **a time-consuming job**
  - 🍏 Feedback or acknowledgement from users can be a strong motivation or incentive for system engineers.
  - 🍏 Human resources is the most important point to keep up a system from a long term point of view.

# **MISSION ON DB STATION**

🍏 **Safety net** with multiple data receiving but not much connection to share know-how

🍏 20 or more NOAA AVHRR station in Japan; JMA, Tohoku-U, MAFFIN, Chiba-U, UT, Tokai-U

🍏 5 or more Aqua/Terra MODIS station in Japan; JAXA, Tokyo Info-U, UT, Tokai-U

🍏 **Quick data delivery** is required for DB station from the users communities

🍏 MODIS are available from DAAC/GSFC at near real-time (12-hrs Terra, 48-hrs Aqua)

🍏 AVHRR are not available at near real-time fashion on LAC.

***Provide data smoothly and flexibly on users request***

# **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

- **Online** processing and delivering of AVHRR and MODIS data is introduced.
- Data distribution via WWW or FTP is developed at considerably **low cost** to make the use of open source software.
- Quick look image will be expected to work as a **rapid monitoring** system.
- Local data distributor should live up to the **needs or expectations** of local data users with a view to NPP/NPOESS era.

## **APPENDIX – USEFUL ONLINE DATA**

**DAAC NASA GSFC (MODIS data)**

<http://daac.gsfc.nasa.gov>

**Aqua / Terra MODIS processing system on WWW**

<http://webmodis.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

**NOAA/AVHRR processing system on WWW**

<http://webpanda.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

**MODIS cloud-free composite imagery**

<ftp://webmodis.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

**AVHRR cloud-free composite imagery**

<ftp://webpanda.iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION!!**



PHOTO AT PHITSANULOK (2004 FEB.)

# CEOP Centralized Data System and integrated analysis tools

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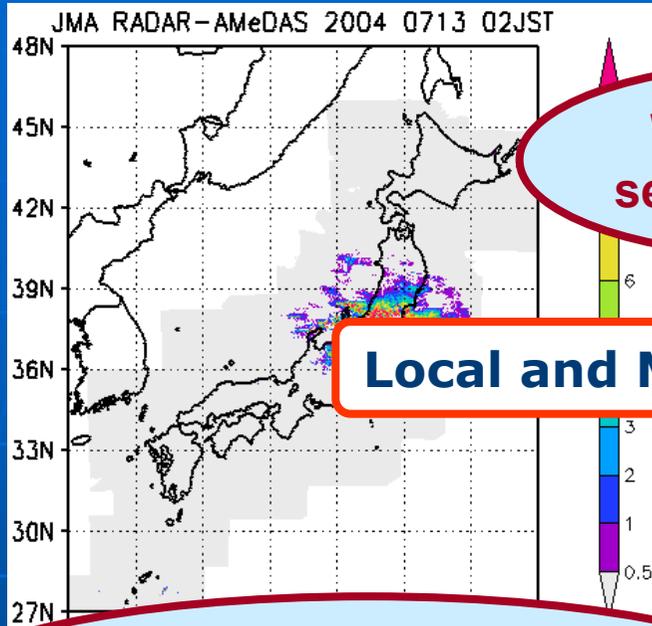
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# Outline

- Background
- Introduction of CEOP
- CEOP Centralized data system
- Integrated data analysis tools
- Future challenge of the CEOP centralized data system

# Precipitation (RADAR-AMeDAS)

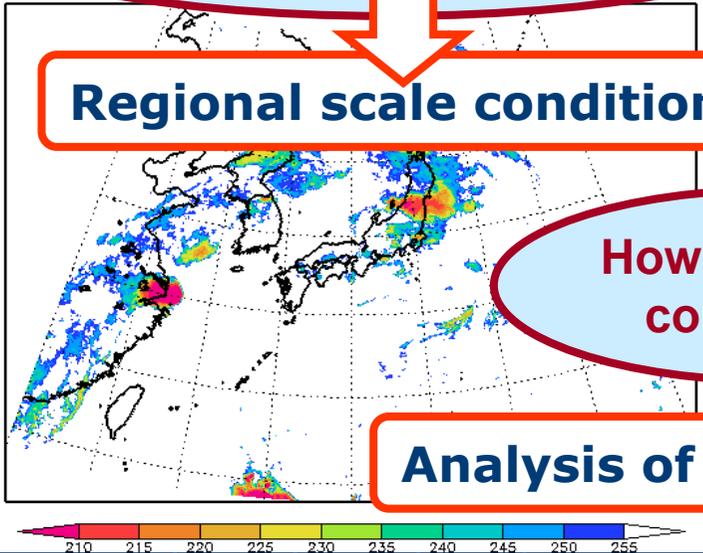


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Local and Meso-scale condition

How was such rainfall system generated?

Regional scale condition



How was global conditions?

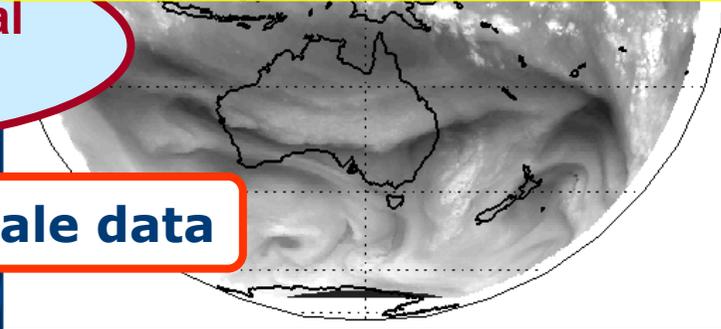
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**CEOP Centralized Data System**  
Integrated use of:  
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Regional & Global Satellite Data  
Global Model Output...  
**+Integrated data analysis with huge amount of data**

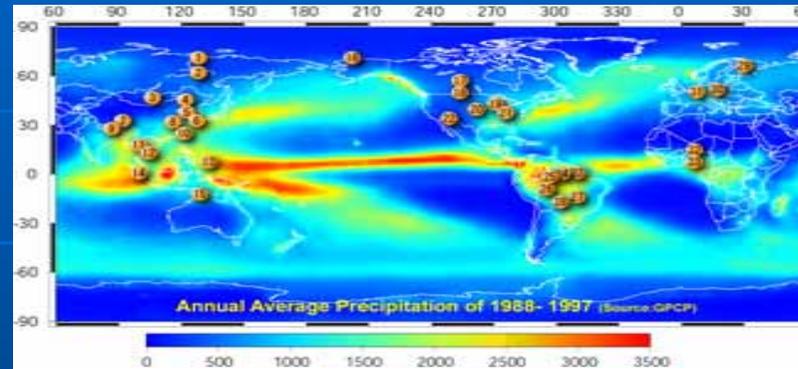
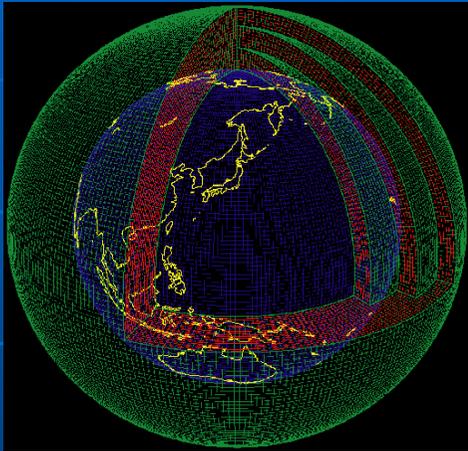






# Coordinated Enhanced Observing Period Three Unique Capabilities

## A Well Organized Data Archive System



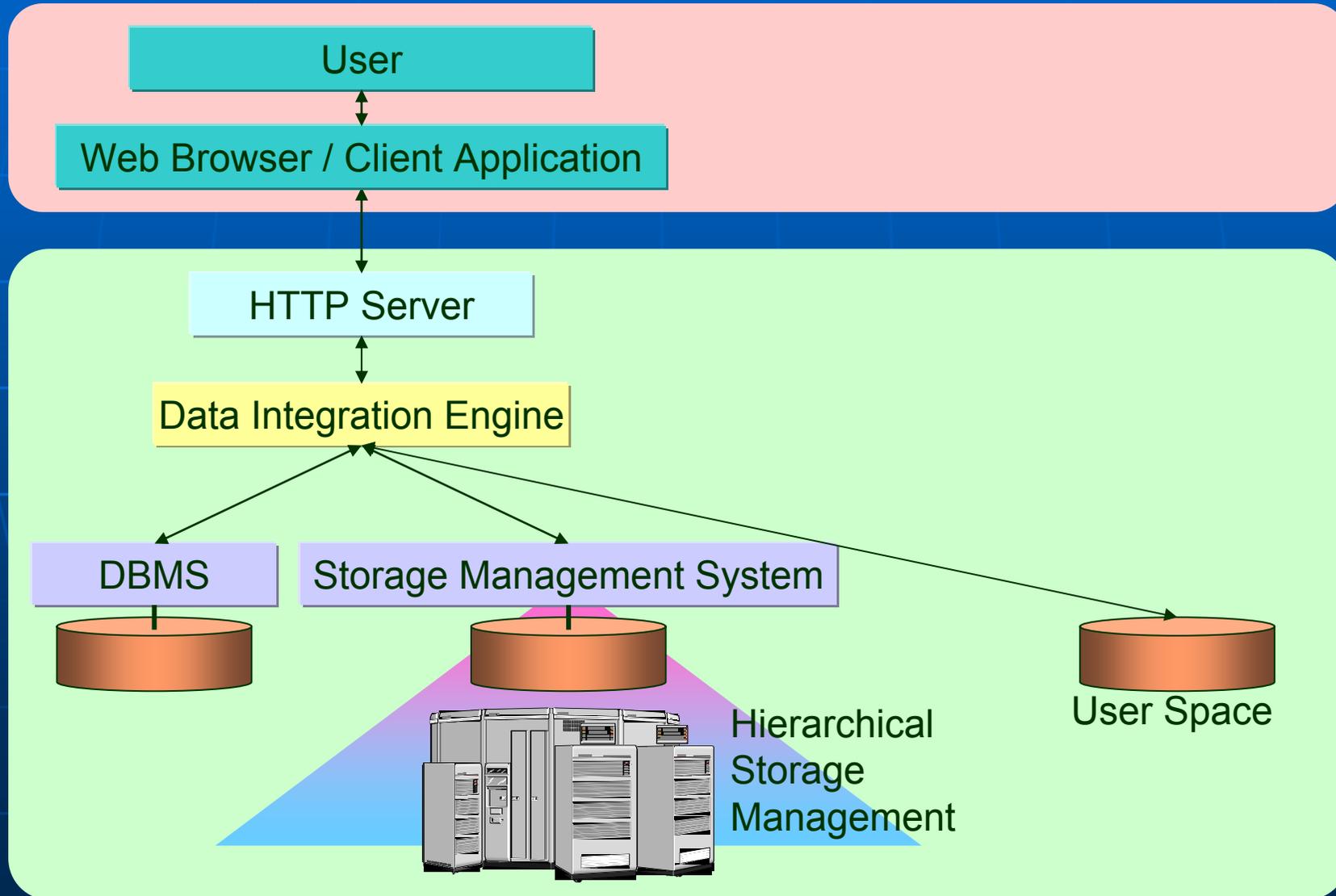
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Atmospheric Research)** of  
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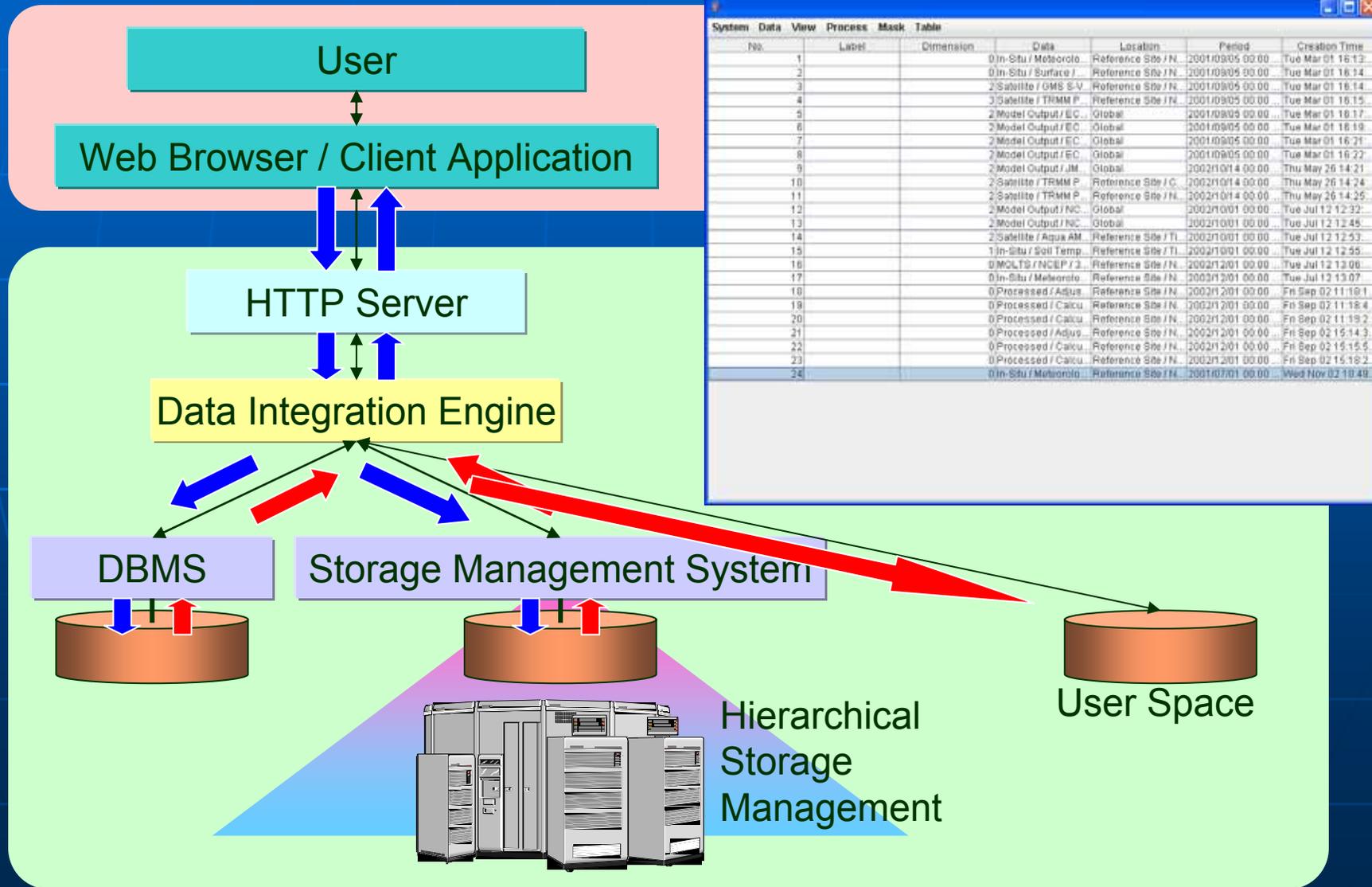
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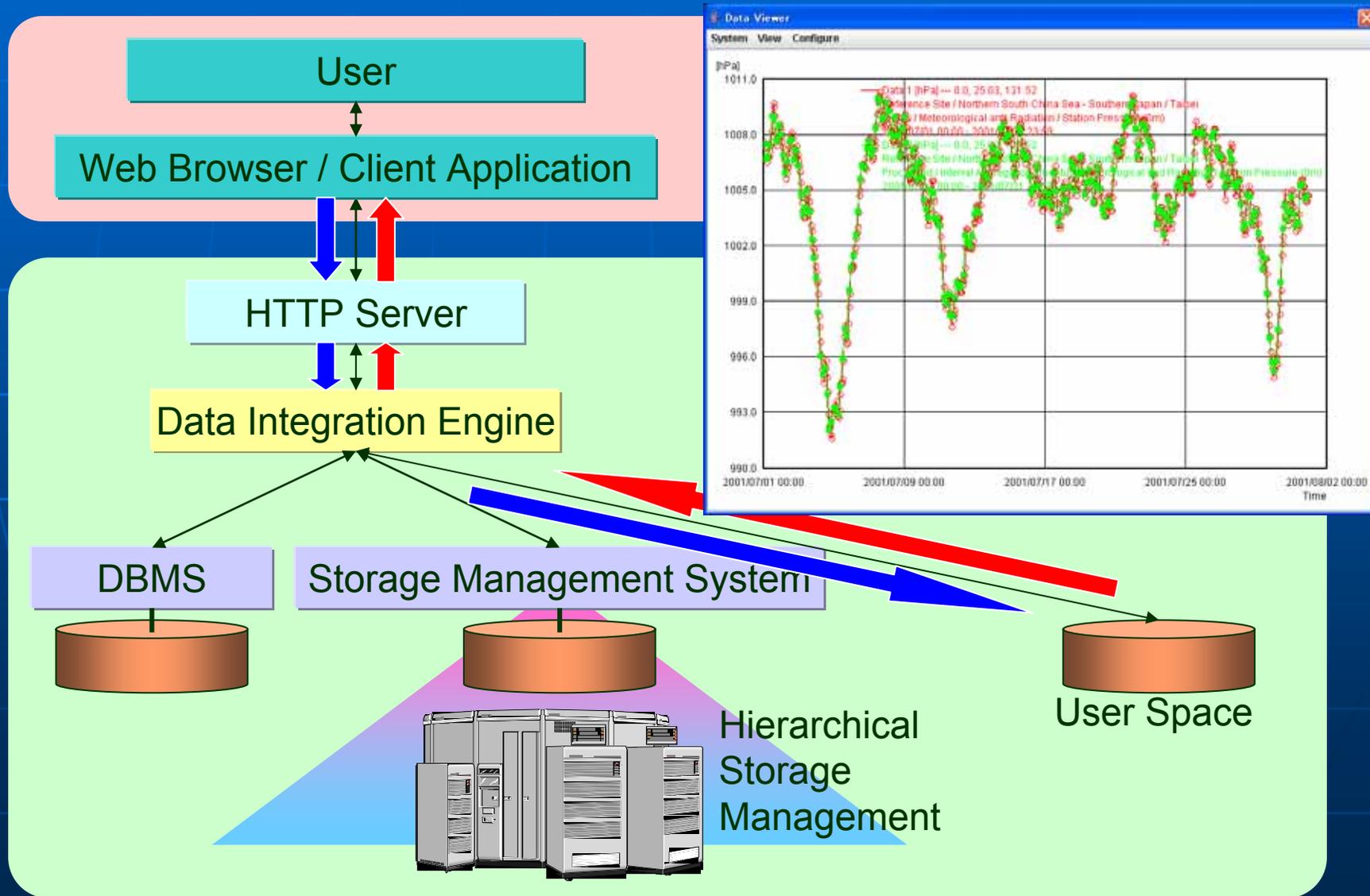
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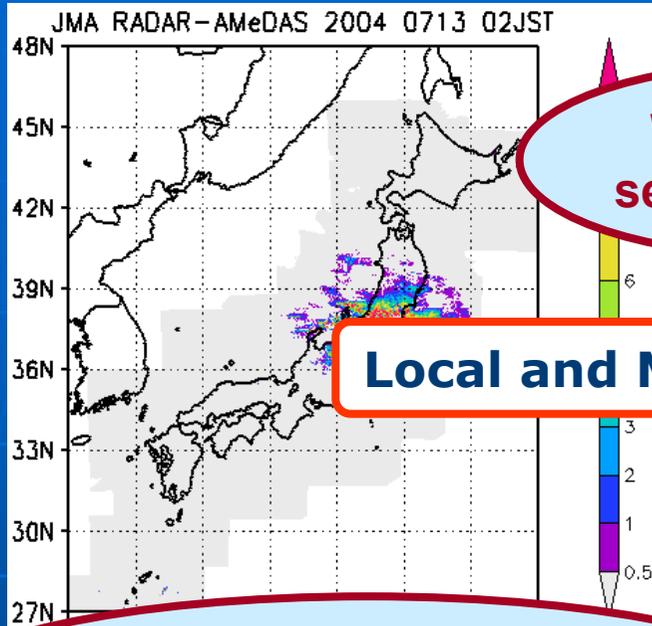
# Request and Data Flow - Retrieval -



# Request and Data Flow - Visualization -



# Precipitation (RADAR-AMeDAS)

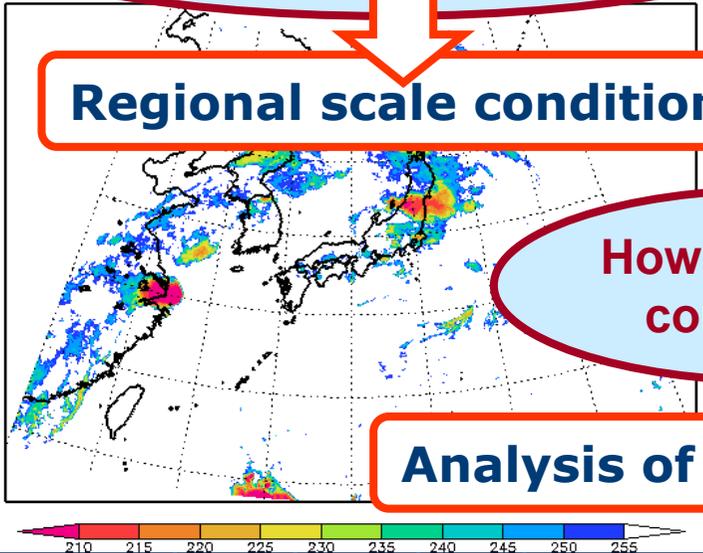


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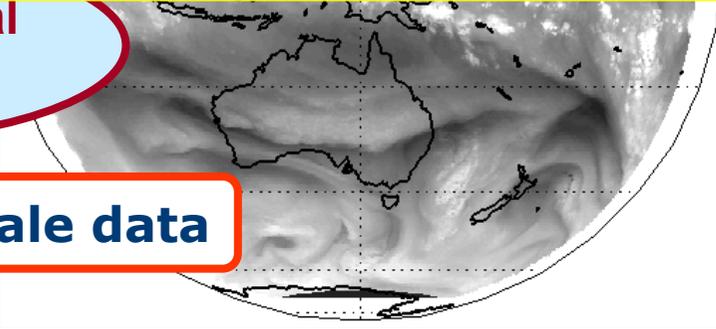
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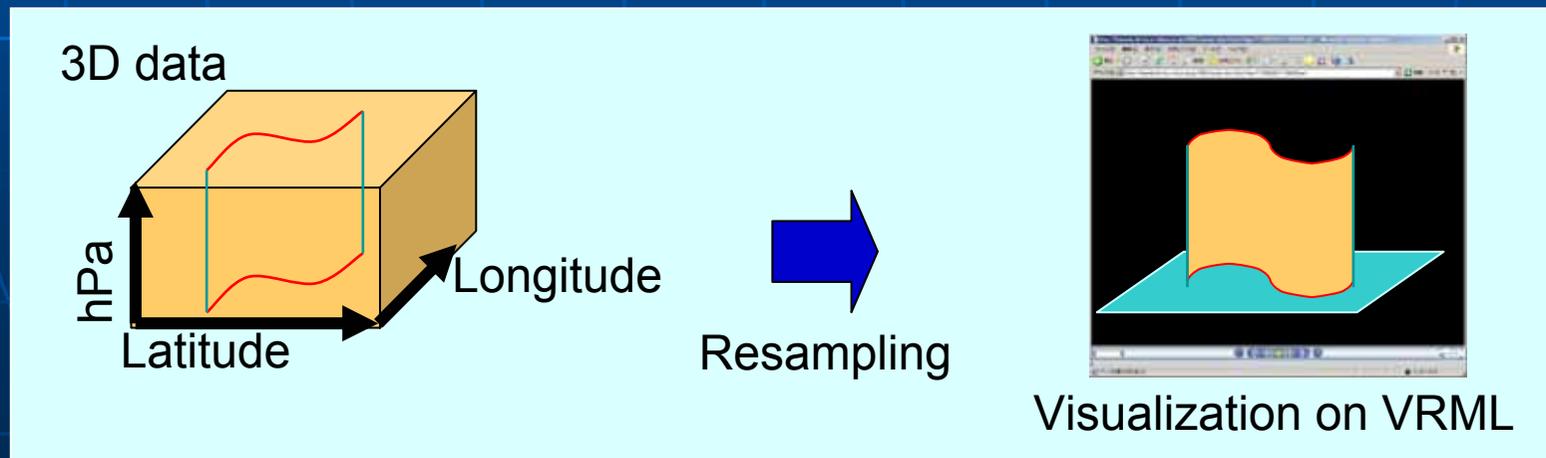
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  - Regional & Global Satellite Data
  - Global Model Output...

+Integrated data analysis with huge amount of data

# 3D Data Visualization System at Univ. of Tokyo

## Development of a 3D Data Visualization System

- Tool for **mesoscale** analysis
- **Asia Area** (10N-50N, 70E-150E)
- **Cutting out arbitrary surface from 3D data**
- Displaying multiple 3D data in **virtual reality** space
- Web interface with easy treatment



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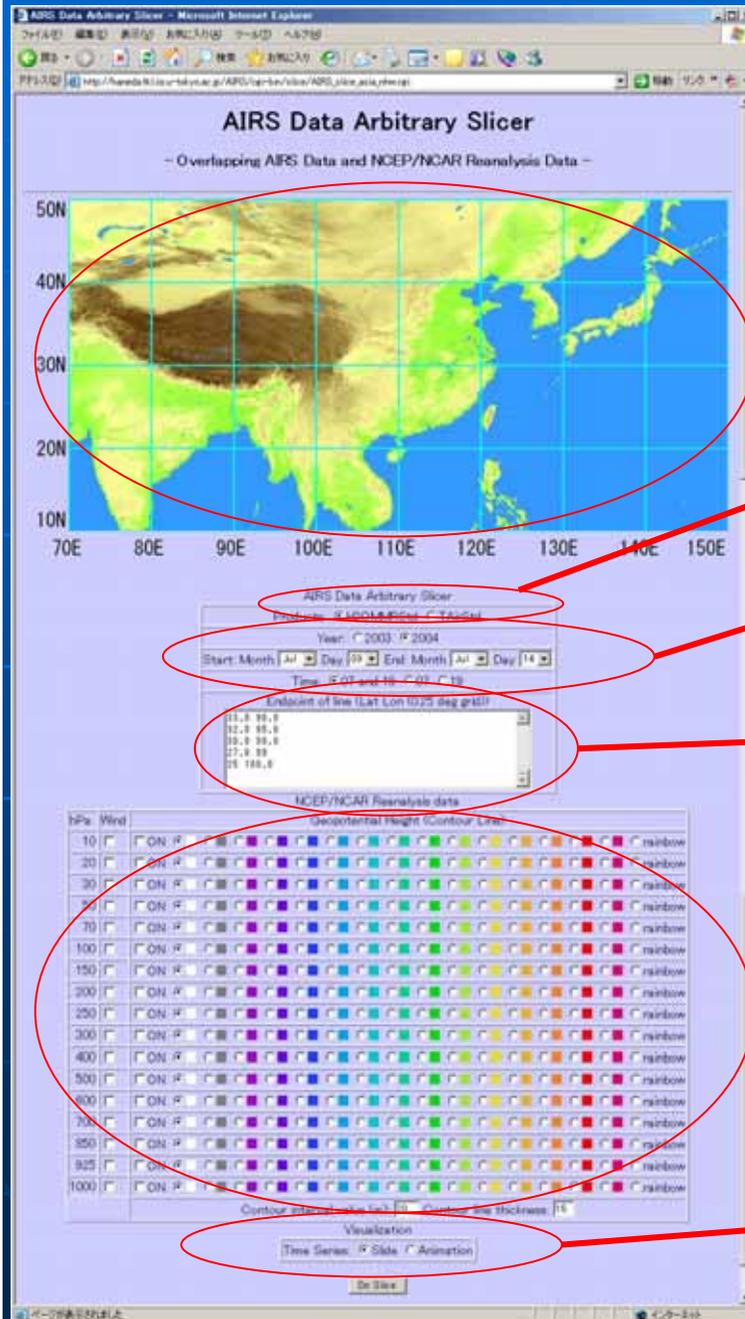
Demonstration:

## Heavy Rain in Niigata and Fukui in 2004

- ◆ 2004/07/09-2004/07/14
- ◆ Water vapor [gm/kg\_dry\_air] of AIRS products
  - AIRS (Atmospheric Infrared Sounder) on Aqua Satellite
  - 28 pressure levels
  - Arbitrary surface (Shaded contour plot)
- ◆ Geopotential height [m] of NCEP/NCAR reanalysis data
  - 17 pressure levels
  - Contour line

# 3D Data Visualization System at Univ. of Tokyo

## Data Selection Page



Coverage of this tool  
(10N-50N, 70E-150E)

AIRS Products

Period

Points on arbitrary surface  
(latitude, longitude)

NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis data  
on each pressure level  
(geopotential height, wind)

Visualization type  
(slide or animation)



High dimensional Information Extraction  
Using Integrated Data visualization and Analysis System

- Correlation Coefficient Analysis tool
- Spatial Filtering Analysis System

for Huge Volume Data of Water Cycle Change

# Correlative Analysis System of Climate Anomalies

Analysis 30016 - Microsoft Internet Explorer

ファイル(F) 編集(E) 表示(V) お気に入り(I) ツール(T) ヘルプ(H)

アドレス欄 http://pc011.tk.lis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/Analysis/cgi-bin/top32.cgi

Confirm  
Making reference dataset... please wait...

(170.0, 150.0) (-150.0, 20.0)

Threshold=50 (<30)

Run

Notice you to e-mail after calculation?  
 No  Yes

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1981/199-218, 1981/200-219, 1981/201-220,

Reference data  
hgt660

Target data  
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 hgt850  clr  u200  
 u850  v850  
 temp500-300  
 omega500  omega850  
 omega300

Term  
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200 Days  
(Day: 1-365)

Area  
(Lat: 180/0/180/E/Lat: 90/0/-90/0)  
(170 20)  
(-150 45)

History  
-1

Result -> New Window?  
 No  Yes

Confirm

History

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•Base area for correlation

**Example: Mar.11-20, 1981**  
**dataA → dataB, C, D**  
**Time lag: -1 ~ +2**

•PURPOSE=Search the correlation between the base time sequential data and other various kind, area, time of data.

•Select Base data

•Select target data to analyze the correlation

•Define the period of correlation analysis(to cut-off the time sequential data)

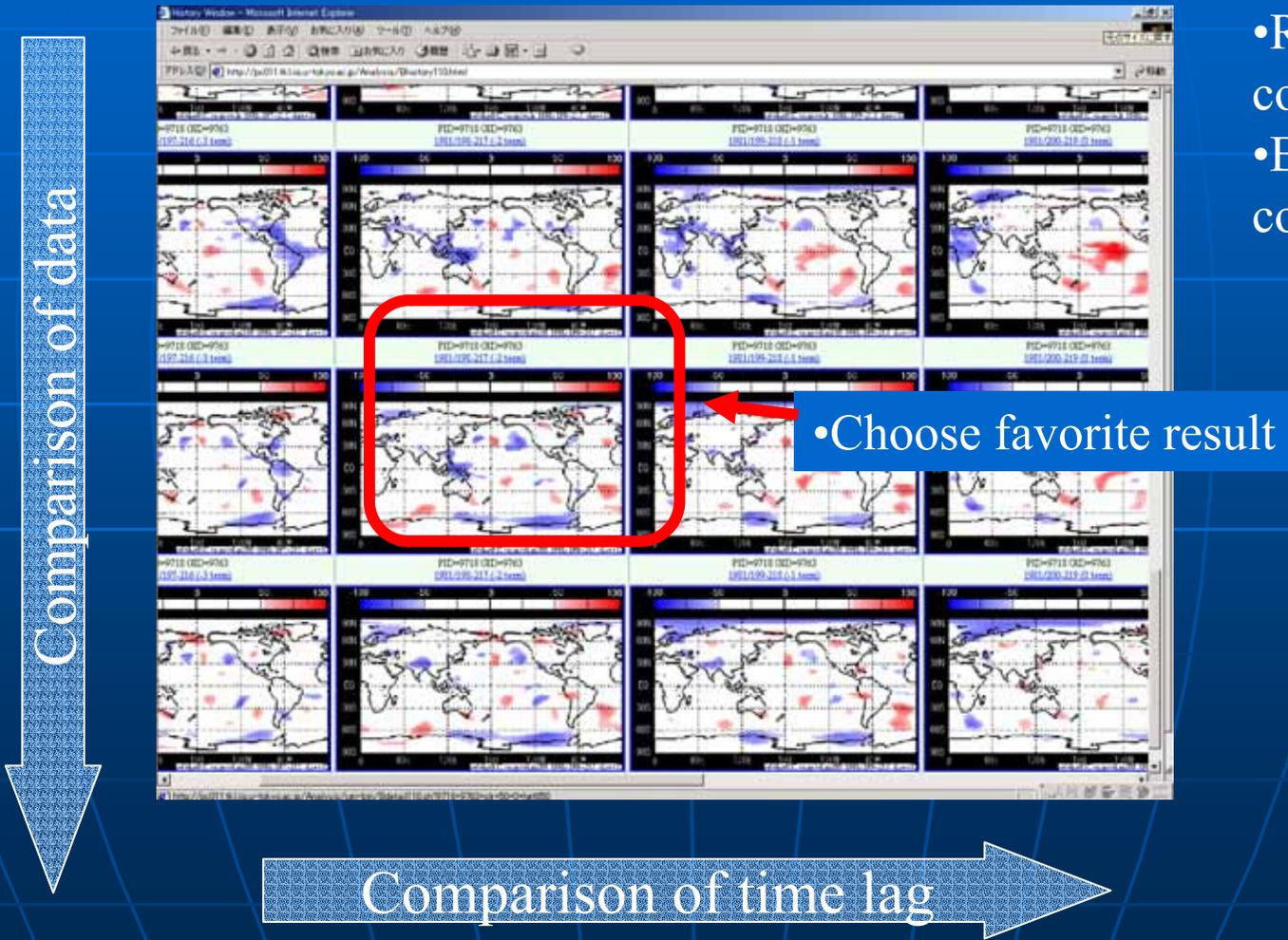
•Define the area of base data

•Define the time lag

•After processing, whether the system notice to user by e-mail or not

# Result (1)

- Red: positive correlation
- Blue: negative correlation

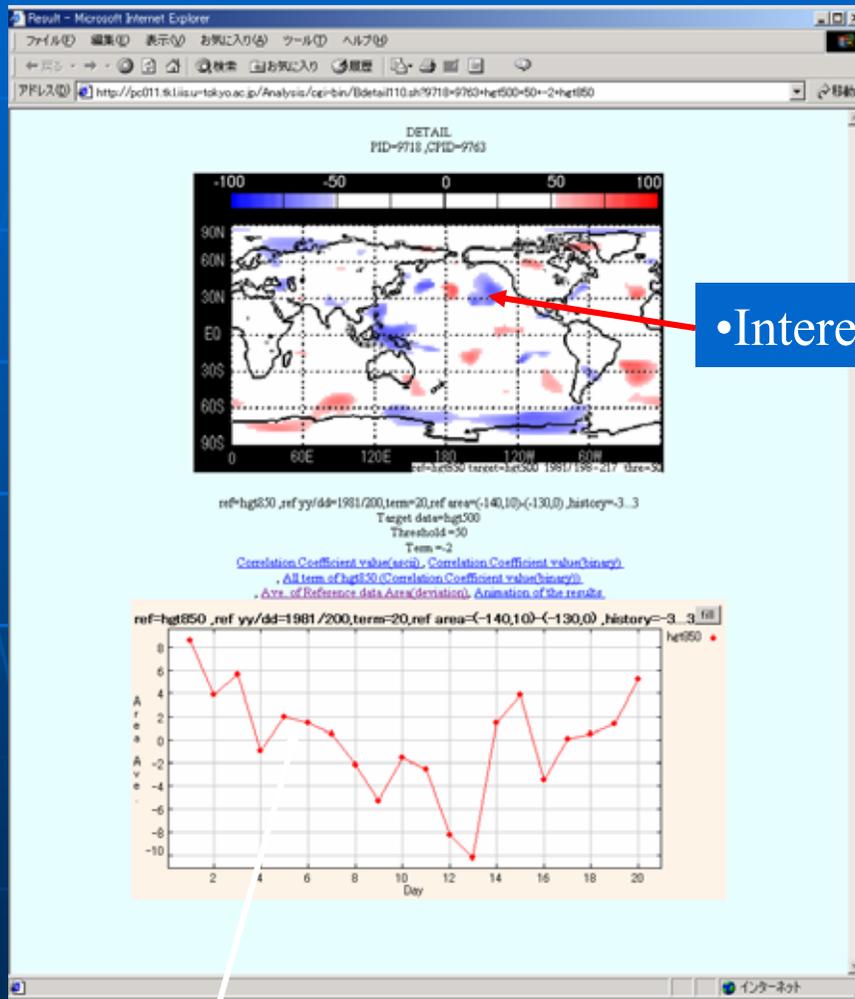


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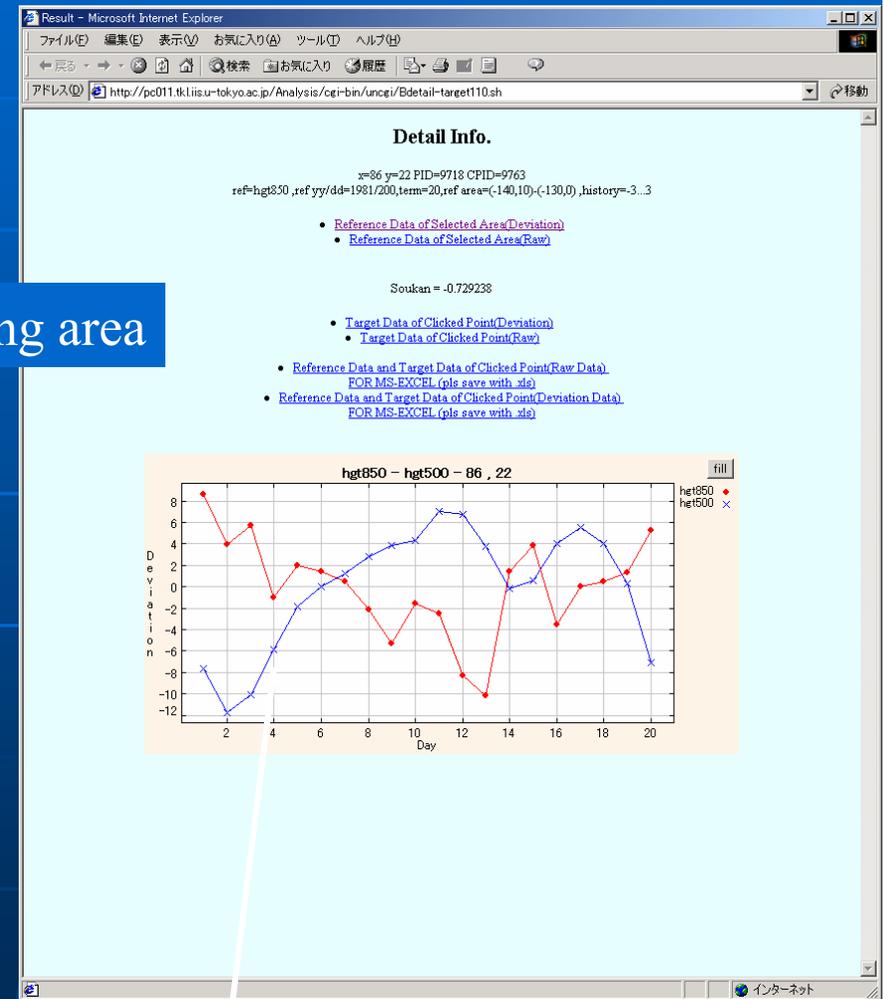
Comparison of data

Comparison of time lag

# Result(2)



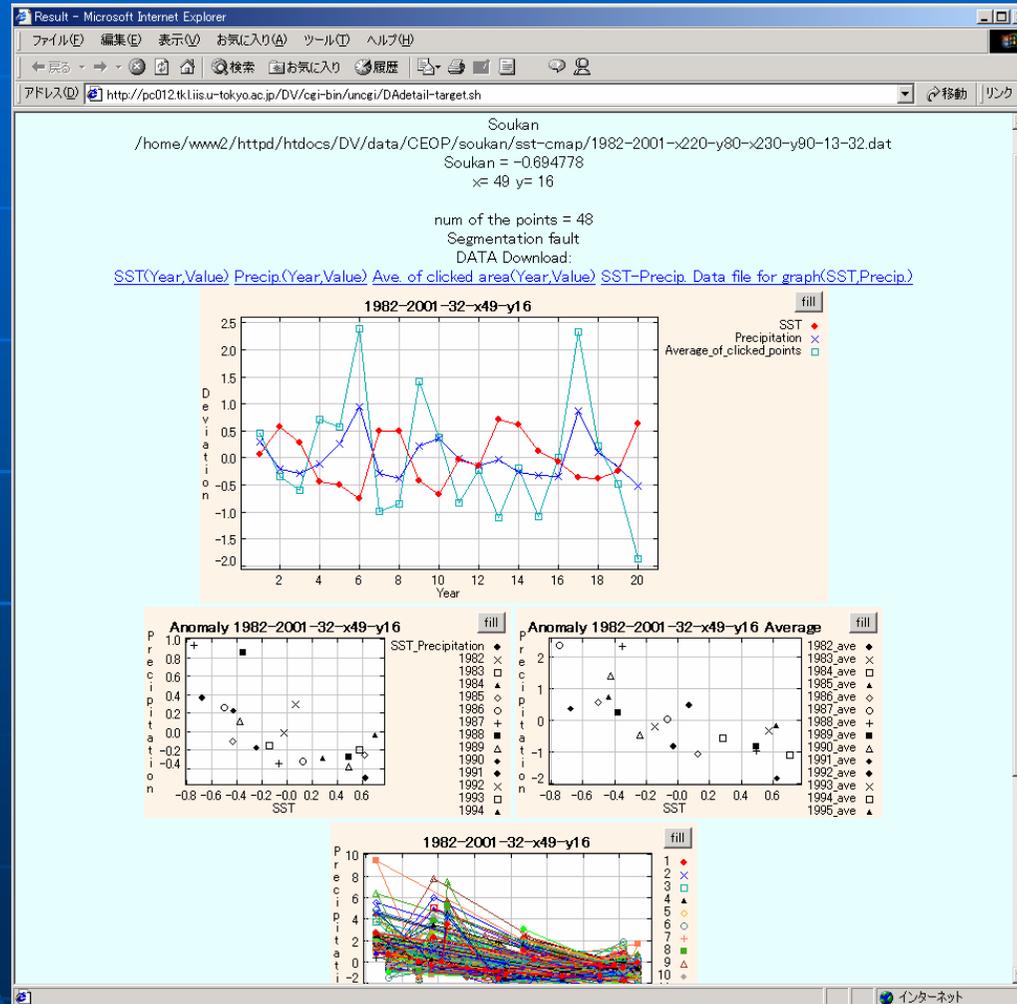
• Interesting area



• Time sequential info of clicked point

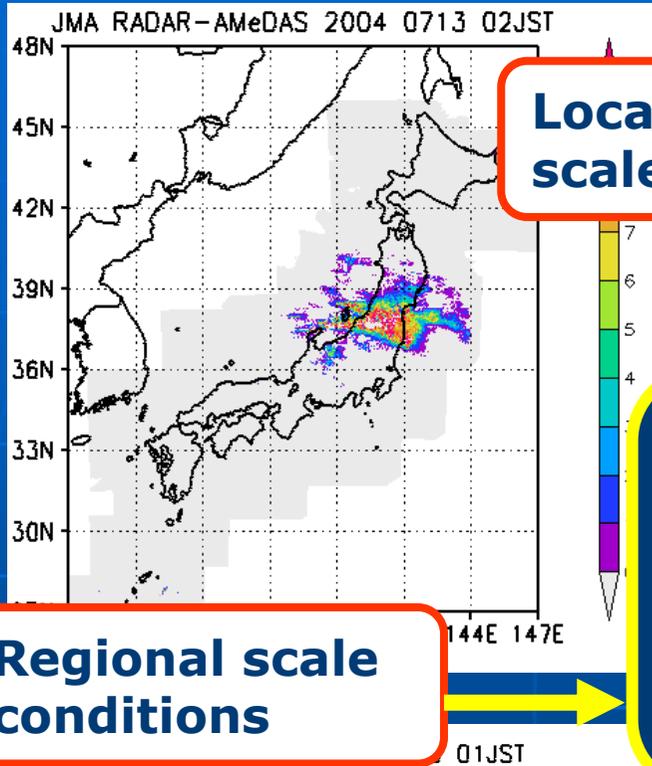
• Time sequential information of base data

# Result(3)



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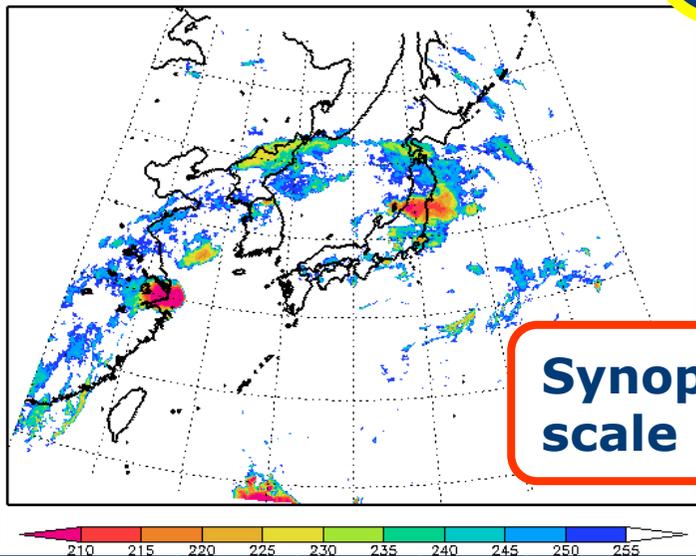
**Local and Meso-scale conditions**



## CEOP Centralized Data System

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Global Satellite  
Global Model Output...

**Regional scale conditions**



**Synoptic and Glo scale conditions**

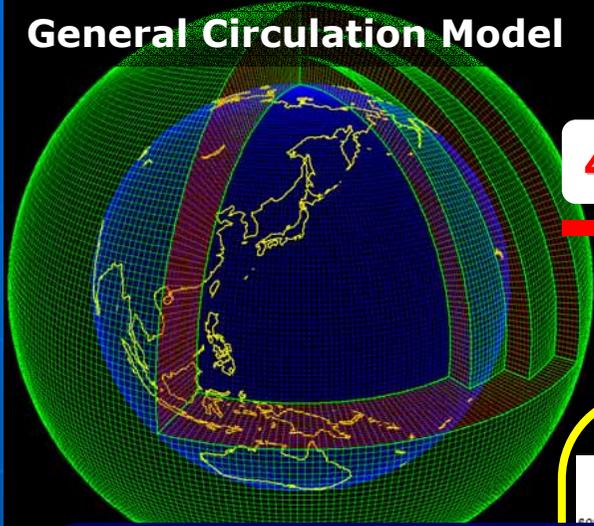
Up to now  
**For Research Purpose.**

From now  
**For Social Benefits.**  
**But how?**

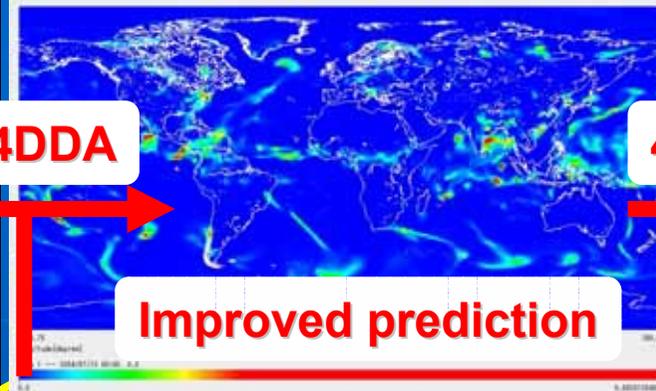


# Centralized Data System ~from now~

General Circulation Model

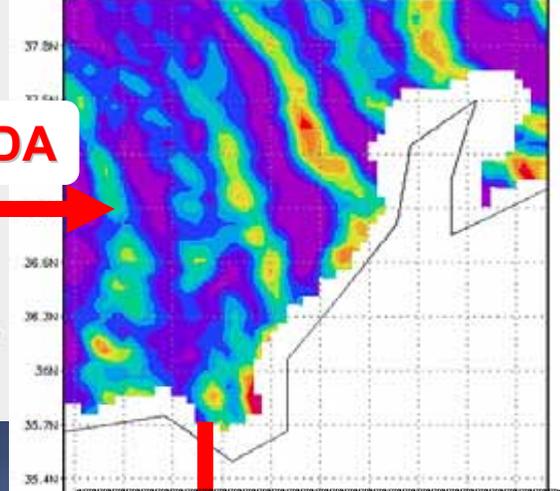


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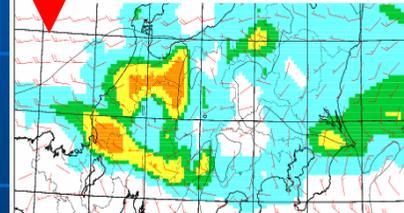
Improved prediction

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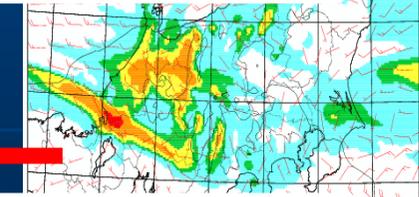


Regional/Meso Model

Improved data



Observation data



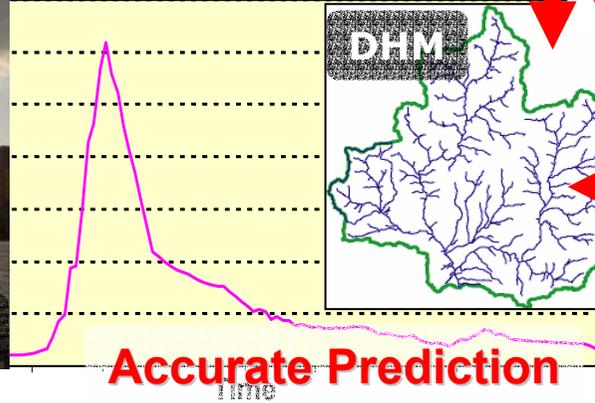
Improved data



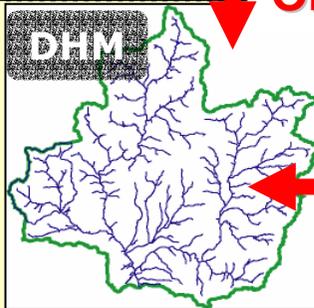
**Future Target:**  
**Collaborative activity of**  
**model predictions and**  
**centralized data system**

Centralized Data System

River Discharge



Accurate Prediction



Information for General Citizens



# Summary

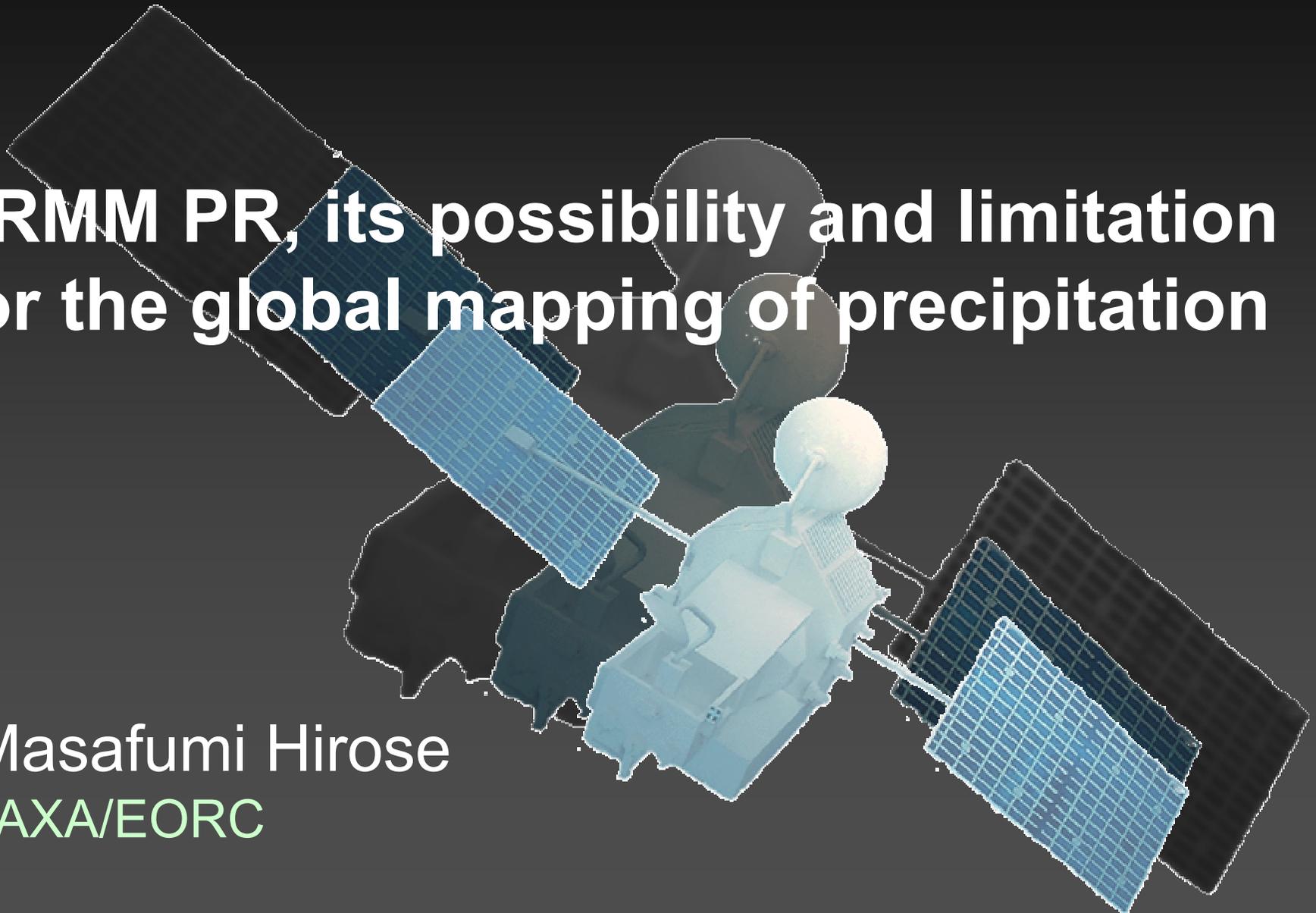
- CEOP centralized data system realizes visualization and data analysis of multi-scale, various and huge amount of data (In-situ, satellite and model output).
- CEOP centralized data system has been developed mainly for research purposes. From now, such a data integration system should aim to social benefits.
- For that purpose, an ongoing challenge (cooperation of *meteorological/hydrological modeling and data management system*) is one possible prototype of next “**Multi-scale Data/Information Fusion**”.

***Thank You.***

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# TRMM PR, its possibility and limitation for the global mapping of precipitation

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# Topics

0. What is TRMM PR?
1. The unique strengths of the observation
2. The sampling issue for the global mapping of precipitation
3. Spatiotemporal features of rainfall by 8-year data
4. Rainfall map in view of “Precipitation system climatology”
5. Remaining issues on the precipitation retrieval

# 0. What is TRMM PR?

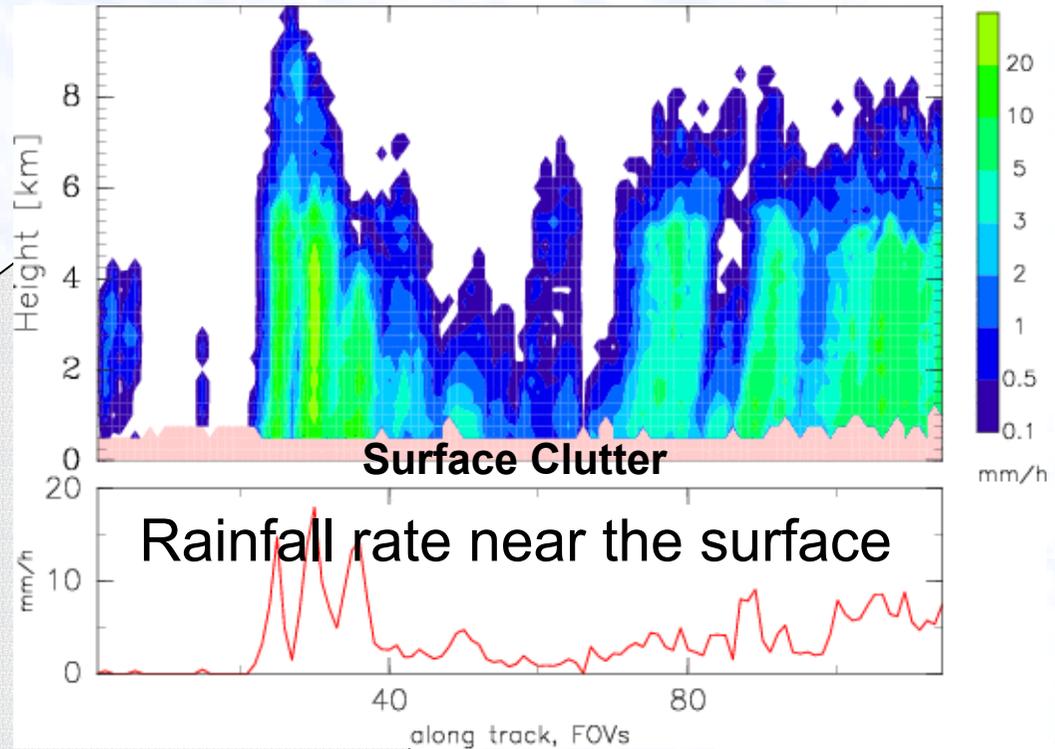
It is the only  
Precipitation Radar  
in space.



Sampling volume  
4.3 km × 4.3 km × 250 m at nadir  
(5 km × 5 km × 250 m after the boost)

Swath width 215 km  
(247 km after the boost)

## Vertical cross section of rainfall rate



Period: 1997/12-, 8yrs  
Area: 36S-36N  
Main dataset: 2A25, v.6  
Main data: Z, Rainfall rate  
Datasize: 780 GB (compressed)  
12.5 TB (original)

# 1. The unique strengths of the observation

- **Global 3-D observation of precipitating echo**

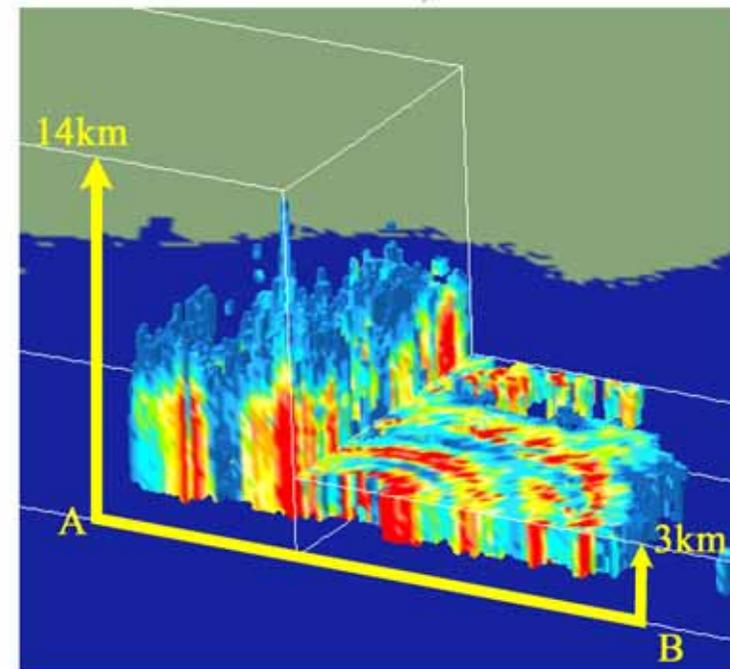
- provides homogeneous dataset over land and ocean

- improved the algorithm of the precipitation type required for specifying the drop-size distribution

- collected a number of precipitation profiles which is indispensable to the conventional retrievals by using remotely sensed proxies

## TRMM PR 2A25 Rain

28 Aug. 2005 3:23-3:27 (UTC)



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 8 10 15 20 50 (mm/h)



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- **Attenuation correction**

- is developed by utilizing the path integrated attenuation

- **Non-sun-synchronous orbit**

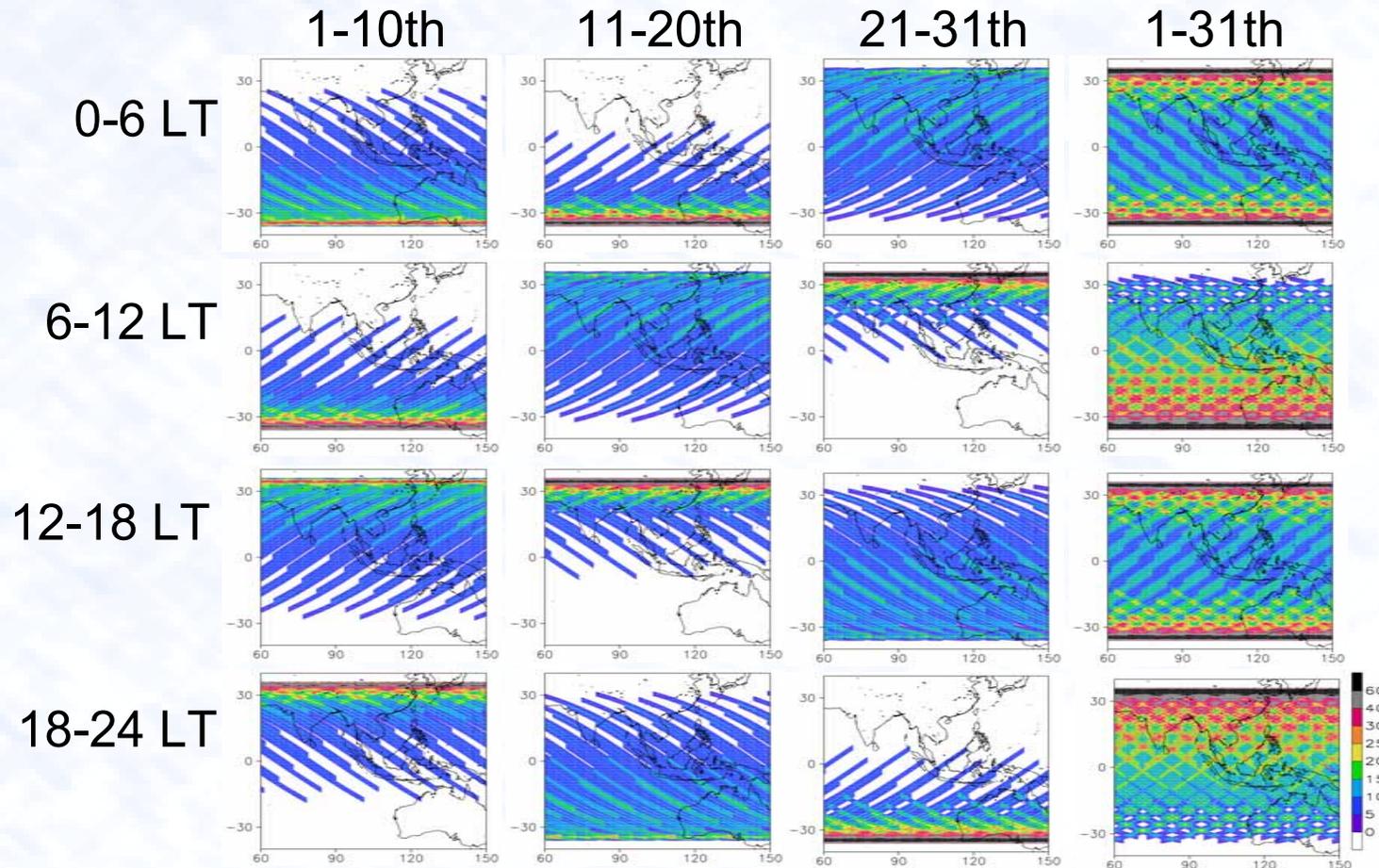
- makes the statistics more accurate by sampling various developing stages (i.e., the diurnal cycle) of convective activity

- **The combination of the multiple sensors on the same platform**

- enabled us to examine data characteristics of the radar together with other sensors such as the microwave radiometer (TMI)

## 2. The sampling issue for the global mapping of precipitation

The number of samples over 0.1-deg-box during August 1998



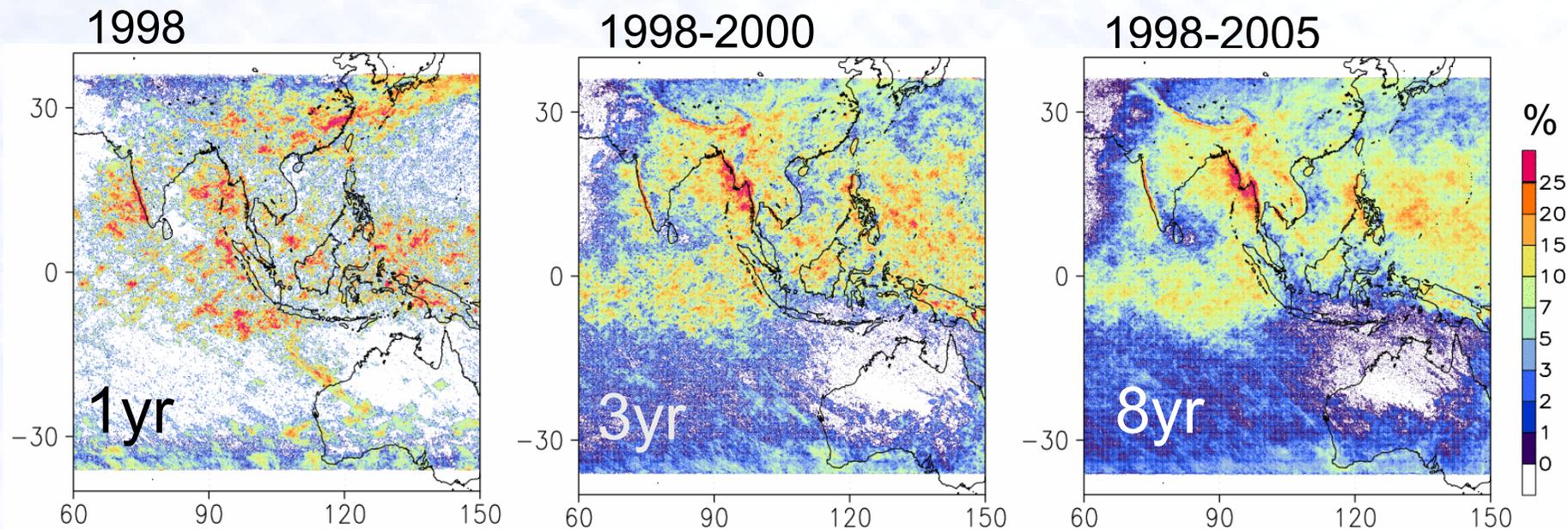
We are not data rich for any given month. The frequency is about 12 to 60 times per a month. The sampling bias should be kept in mind for one-month data.



### 3. Spatiotemporal features of rainfall by 8-year data

#### Impact of long-term data accumulation

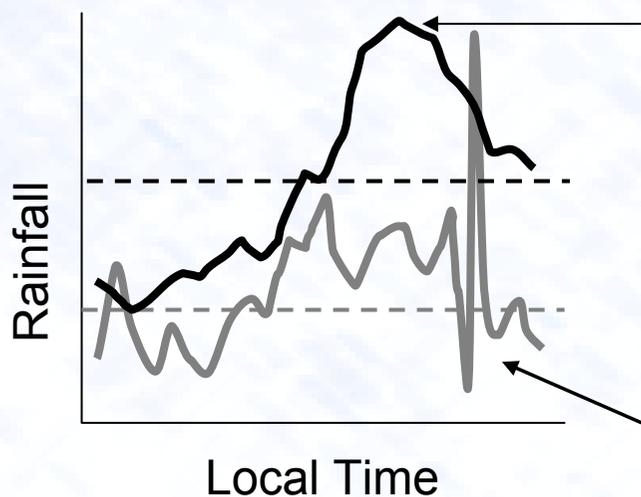
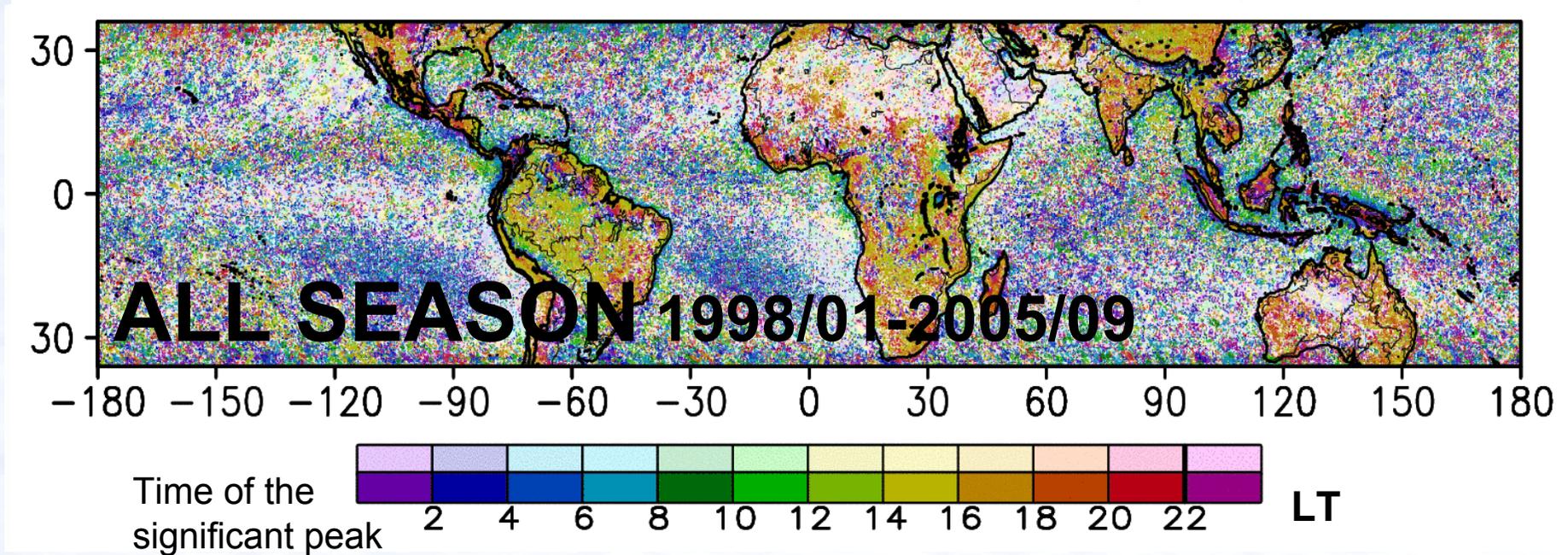
#### Rain frequency in August



TRMM PR data are becoming climatologically significant and reliable data. The eight-year data accumulation has greatly benefited for global and regional understanding of precipitation systems, rare events, the intraseasonal variation, and so on.

# Increased possibility in detection of the diurnal signature

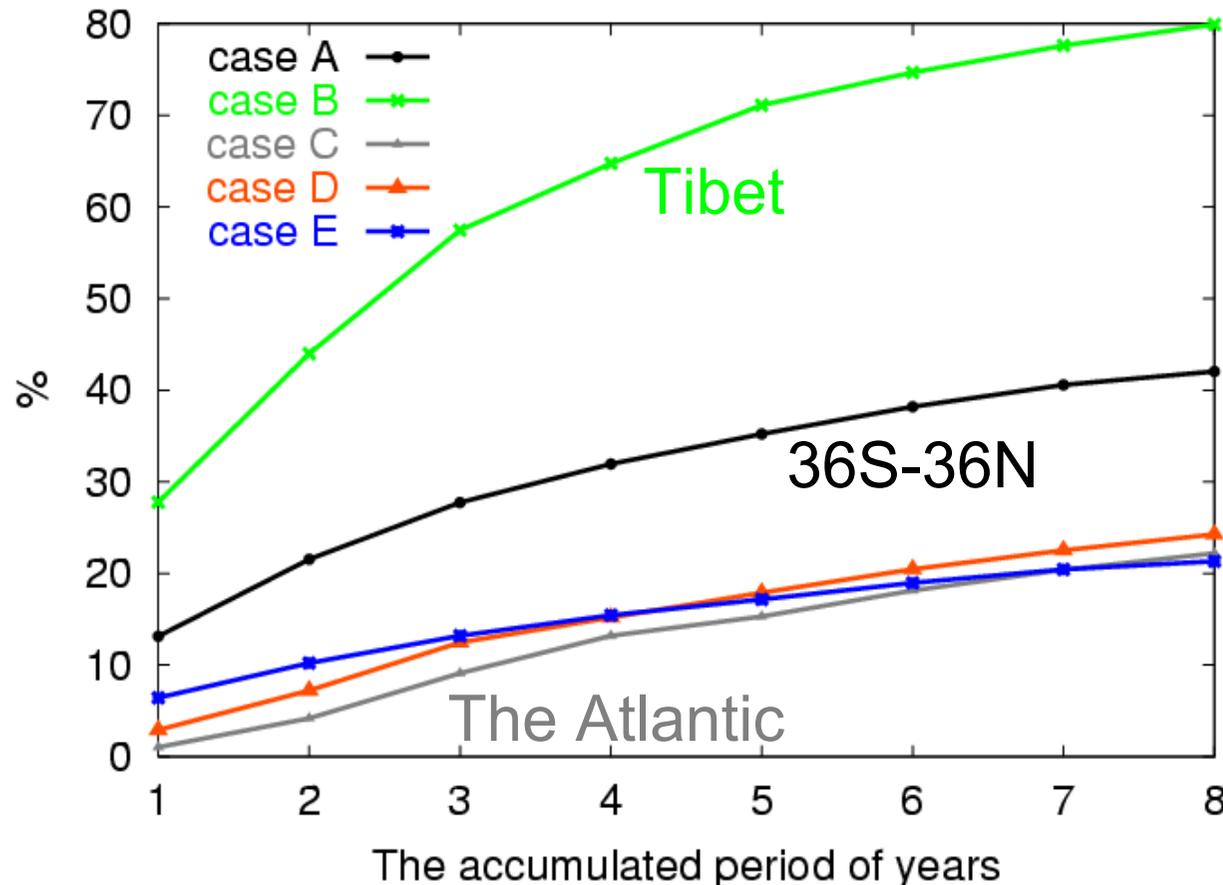
Time of the maximum rainfall at each 0.2-degree grid for JJA



**Time of maximum rainfall** with consecutive positive anomalies for more than three hours is assumed to be **reliable** as the significant diurnal features. <Dark color>

Poor diurnal signature due to few precipitation samples. <Light color>

## The percentage of significant features of time of maximum rainfall

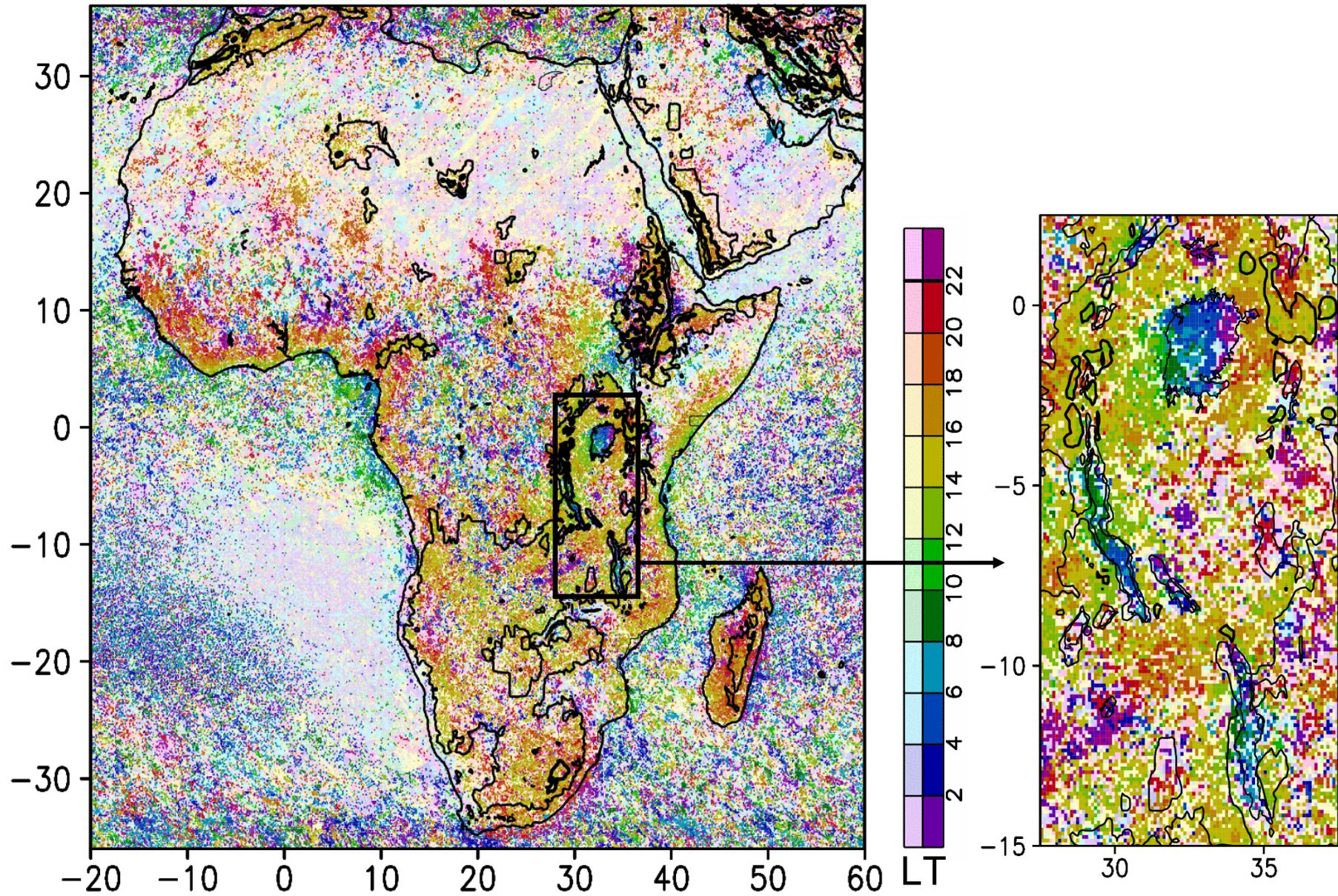


Definition of the meaningful signal of the diurnal cycle:

- A: temporal continuity
- B: same as A but over Tibet
- C: same as A but over the southeastern Atlantic
- D: same as A but for JJA
- E: spatial and temporal continuity

The occurrence frequency of “the significant diurnal signal” over the global tropics is still increasing year by year according to the increase of the sampling. TRMM will be on orbit at least until 2009. There should be further examined the increasing possibility and limitation in utilizing the dataset.

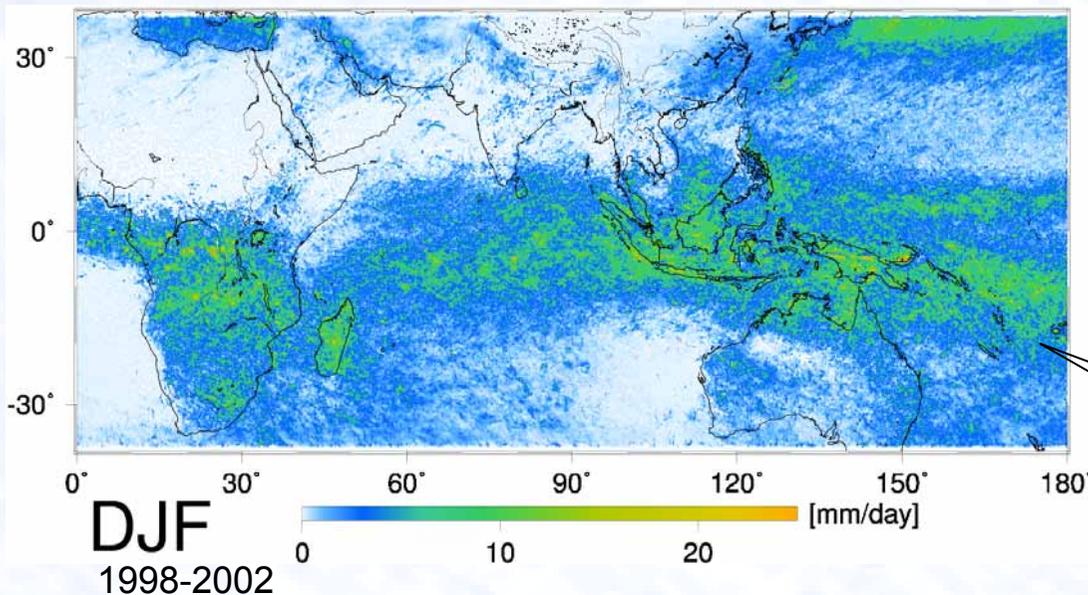
# Time of maximum rainfall over Africa



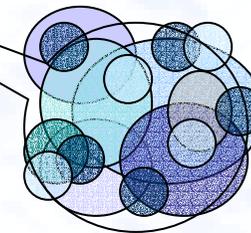
## 4. Rainfall map in view of “Precipitation system climatology”

The terminology is named by K. Nakamura

Seasonal variation of rainfall

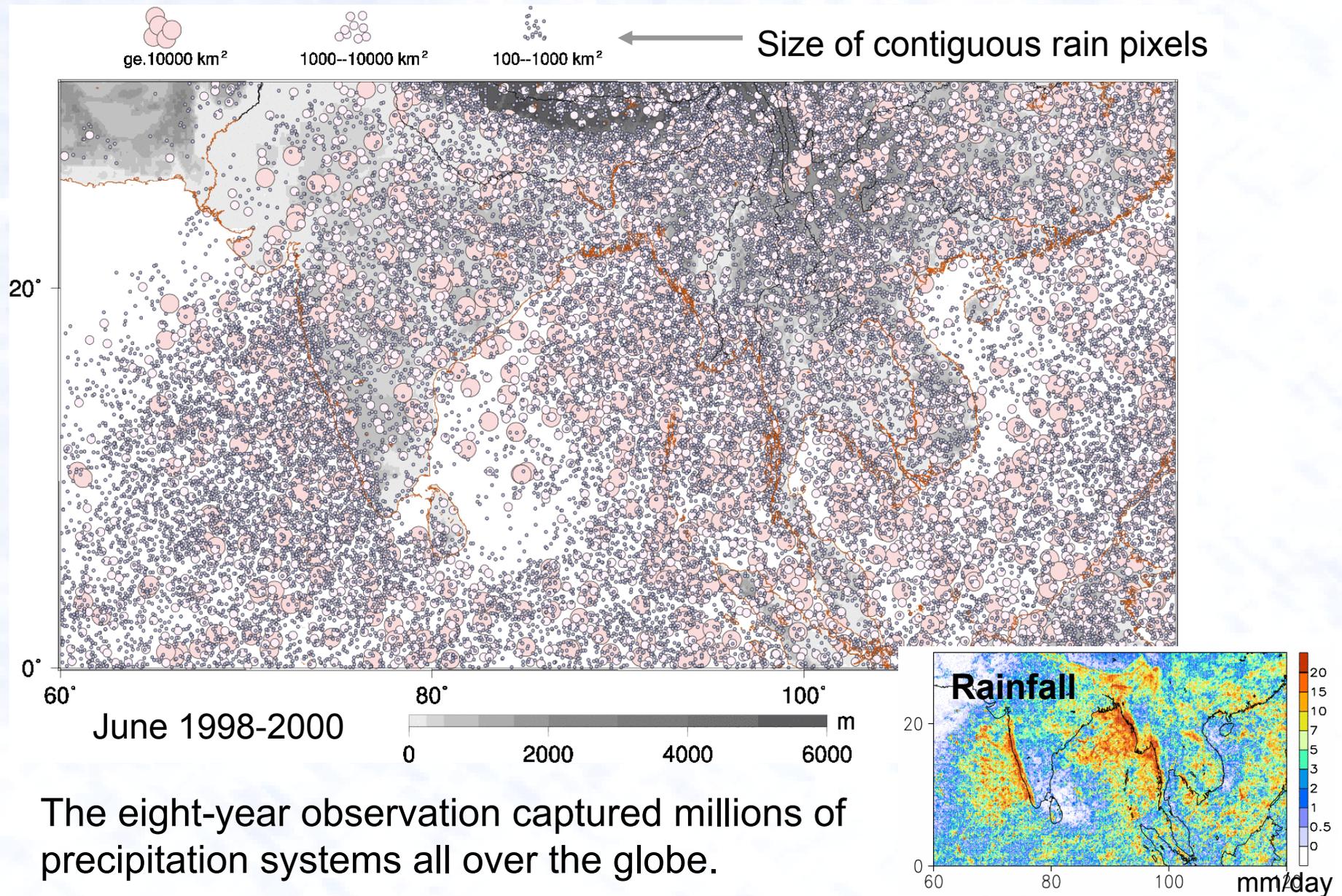


The total rainfall amount is the sum of the individual pixel rain intensities which are grouped into the precipitation system.



Beyond more accurate estimates of rainfall, the climate variability will be further understood as conglomerates of precipitation systems.

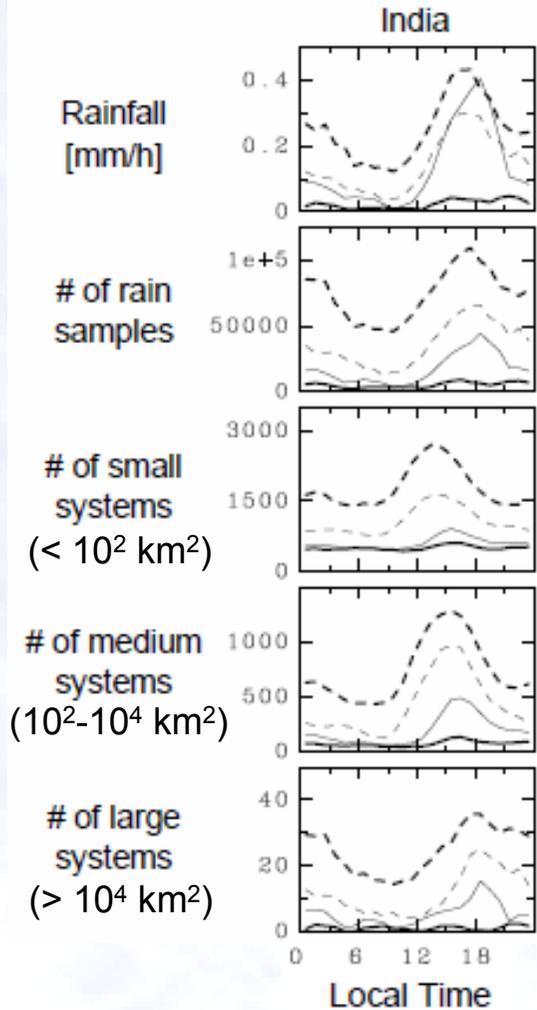
# Spatial distribution of scale-based precipitation systems



The eight-year observation captured millions of precipitation systems all over the globe.

# Impact of the Scale-Based Systems in Rainfall

Diurnal variation of rainfall and the number of precipitation systems over inland India



DJF: Thick solid lines  
 MAM: Thin solid lines  
 JJA: Thick dashed lines  
 SON: Thin dashed lines  
 1998-2003

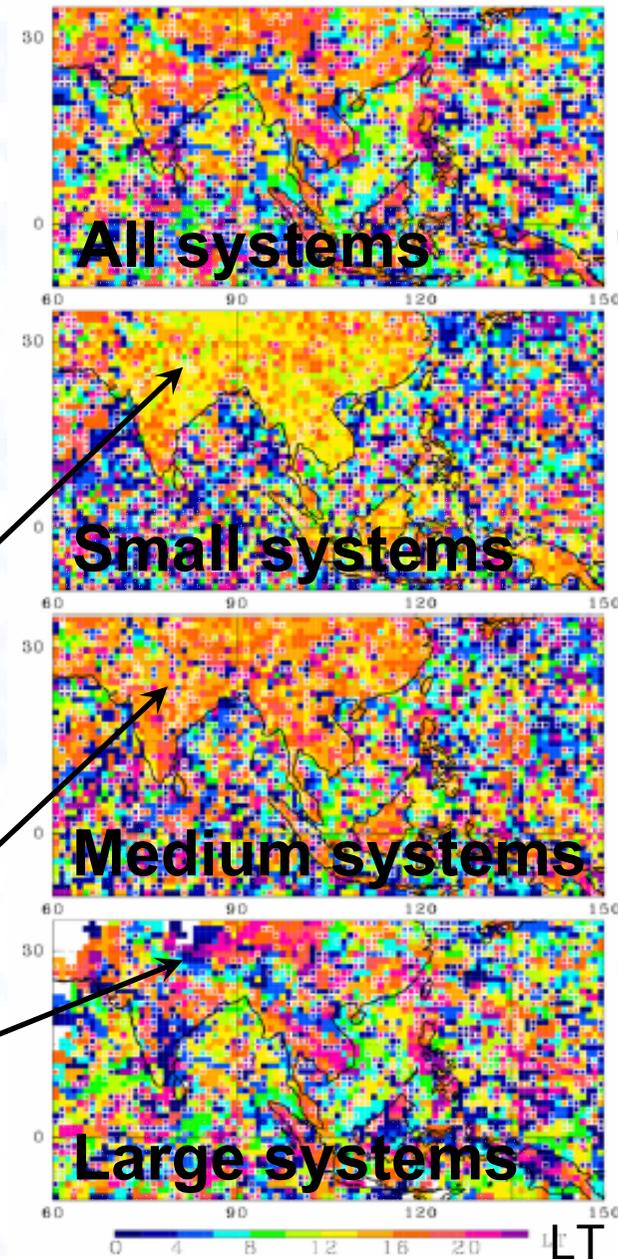
Hirose and Nakamura (2005)

Clear contrast between early-afternoon rain over land and morning rain over ocean.

The peaks over land shift later.

Large systems show the geographical pattern more clearly.

Time of max R for JJA



The global and regional understandings of precipitation properties will deepen from the further data accumulation and a diversity of researches.

### **Precipitation system climatology:**

Diurnal variation in view of precipitation features: Nesbitt and Zipser (2003)

Statistics of precipitation features: Cecil et al. (2005)

Cluster analysis of precipitation profiles: Boccippio et al. (2005)

Precipitation type classification: Katayama and Takayabu (2004)

Prevailing precipitation systems: Hirose and Nakamura (2005)

## 5. Remaining issues on the precipitation retrieval

Adequate “truth” of global map of rainfall is in the absence. Reduction of differences, about 5 %, between TRMM PR and TMI has been discussed by evaluating each data characteristics.

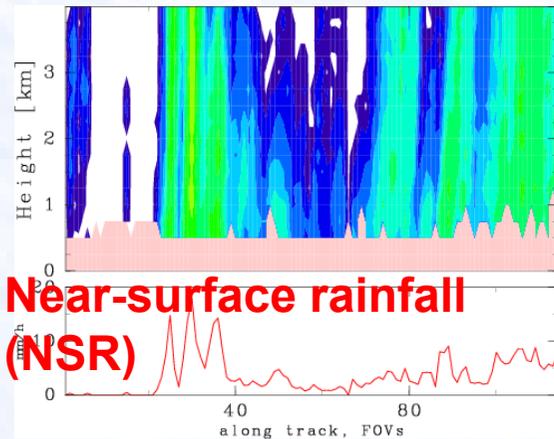
### Major possible error sources:

- Regional variation of the drop size distribution
- Radar calibration
- Uncertainty of path-integrated-attenuation
- Non-uniform-beam-filling effect
- Profiles in the surface clutter ranges
- Attenuation by cloud and water vapor
- Kind of solid precipitation particles
- Temporal variation of the freezing level

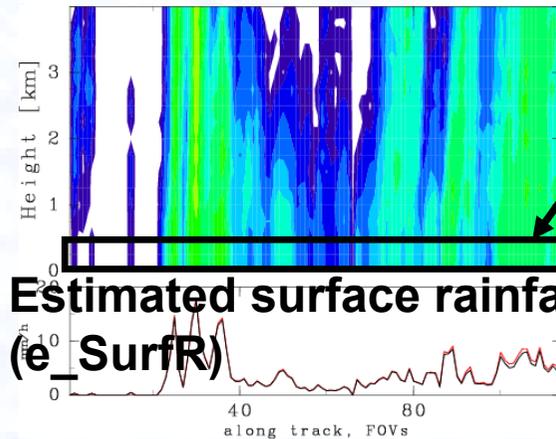
# Uncertainty in the surface rainfall estimates

TRMM PR at nadir has vertical resolution of 250 m and the lowest level of meaningful data is about 500 m height. In the latest version, surface rainfall is estimated by assuming several constant slopes of dBZe.

Vertical cross section of rainfall rate



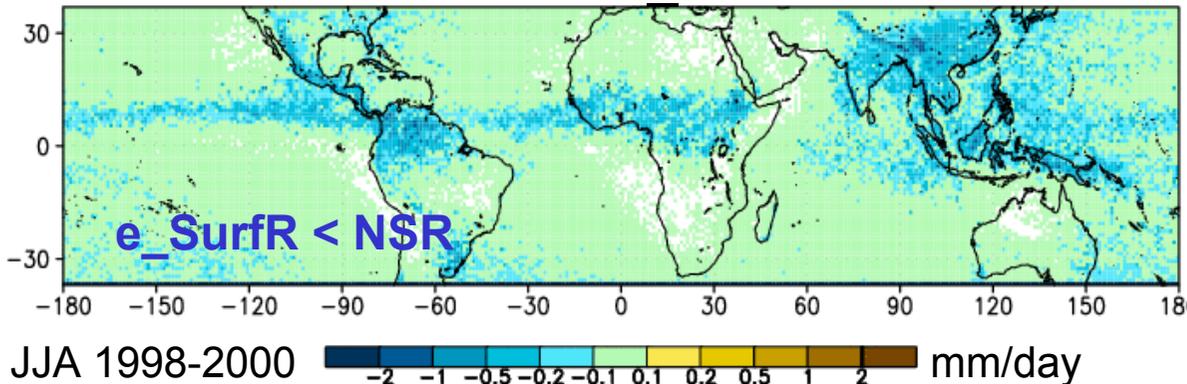
Near-surface rainfall (NSR)



Estimated surface rainfall (e\_SurfR)

Slopes based on the WPR measurement: 0 dB/km except for stratiform rain over land (-0.5 dB/km)

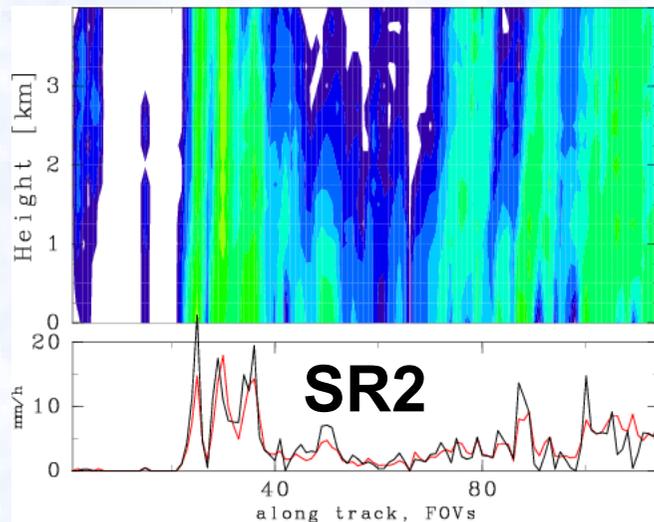
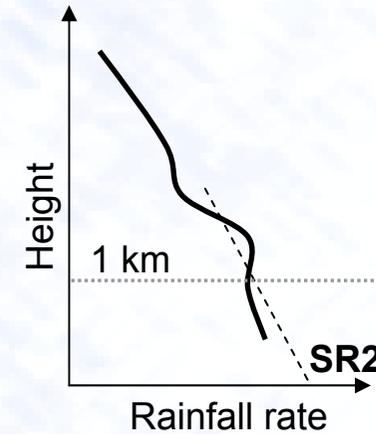
Difference between e\_SurfR and NSR



In average, e\_SurfR is 2 % smaller than rain at 500 m level due to the slower terminal velocity near the surface.

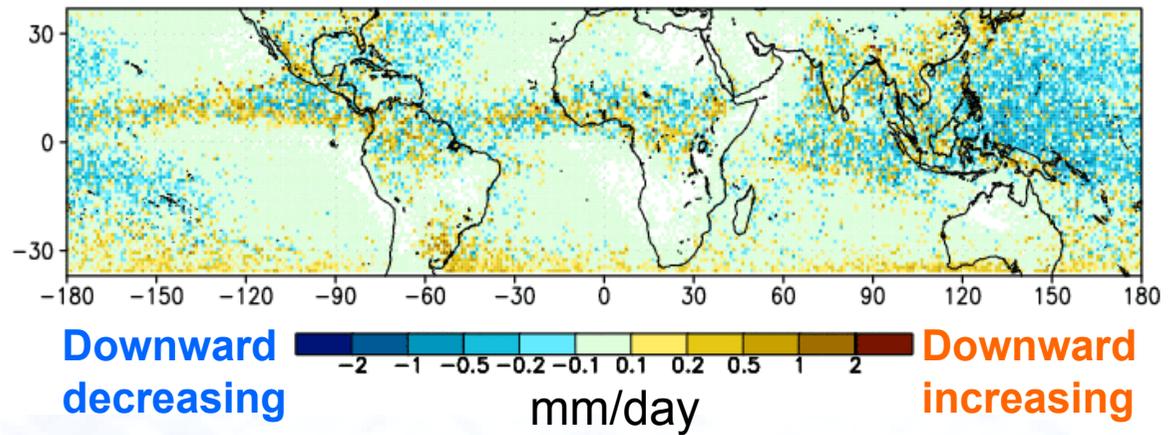
The adequacy of the assumption is in controversy.

Another estimate of surface rainfall was done by utilizing the profiling capability of TRMM PR. The “SR2” was extrapolated by a linear regression of rainfall rates around 1 km above the surface.



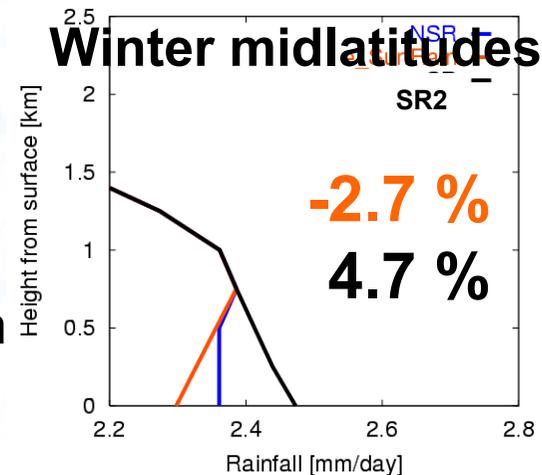
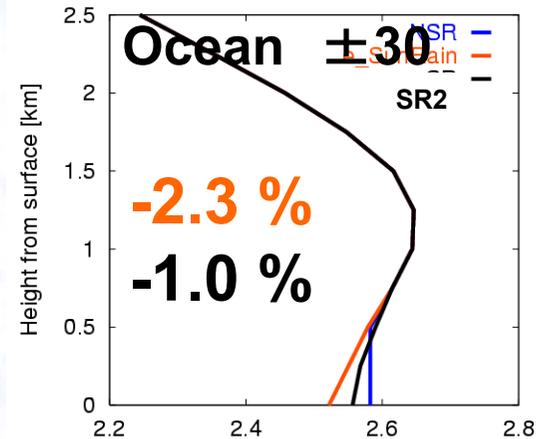
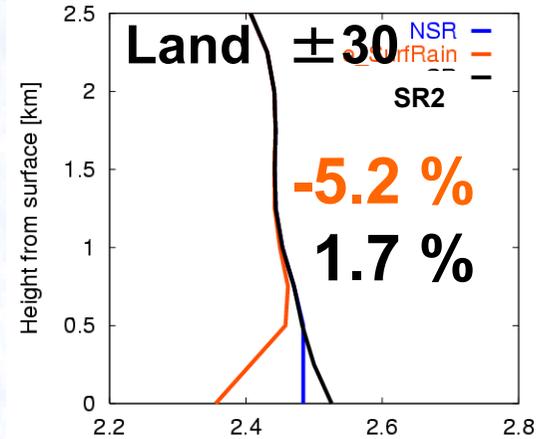
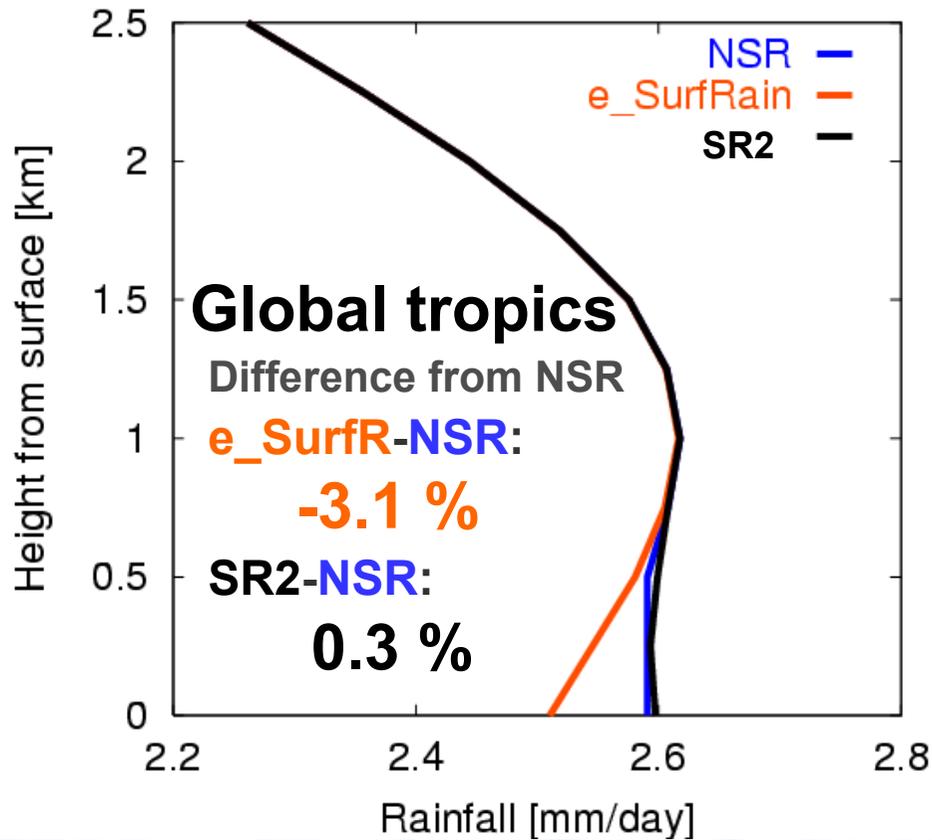
**SR2-NSR**

JJA 1998-2000



Slope around 1 km height does not always exhibit the negative gradient unlike the assumption in V.6.

# Altitudinal differences of averaged rainfall

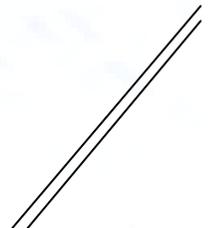


There is few statistics of the vertical gradients below the level of 1 km. With the collaboration of other ground-based observations, some kind of model is needed, considering the regional variation of the precipitation type.

# Conclusions

The long-term data accumulation enabled us to examine more accurate rainfall at various temporal and spatial scales and the constituents of a particular climatic regime as being congregations of various precipitation systems.

Furthermore, the comprehensive and interdisciplinary discussions are needed for further scientific and algorithm benefits.



**Extra slides follow**

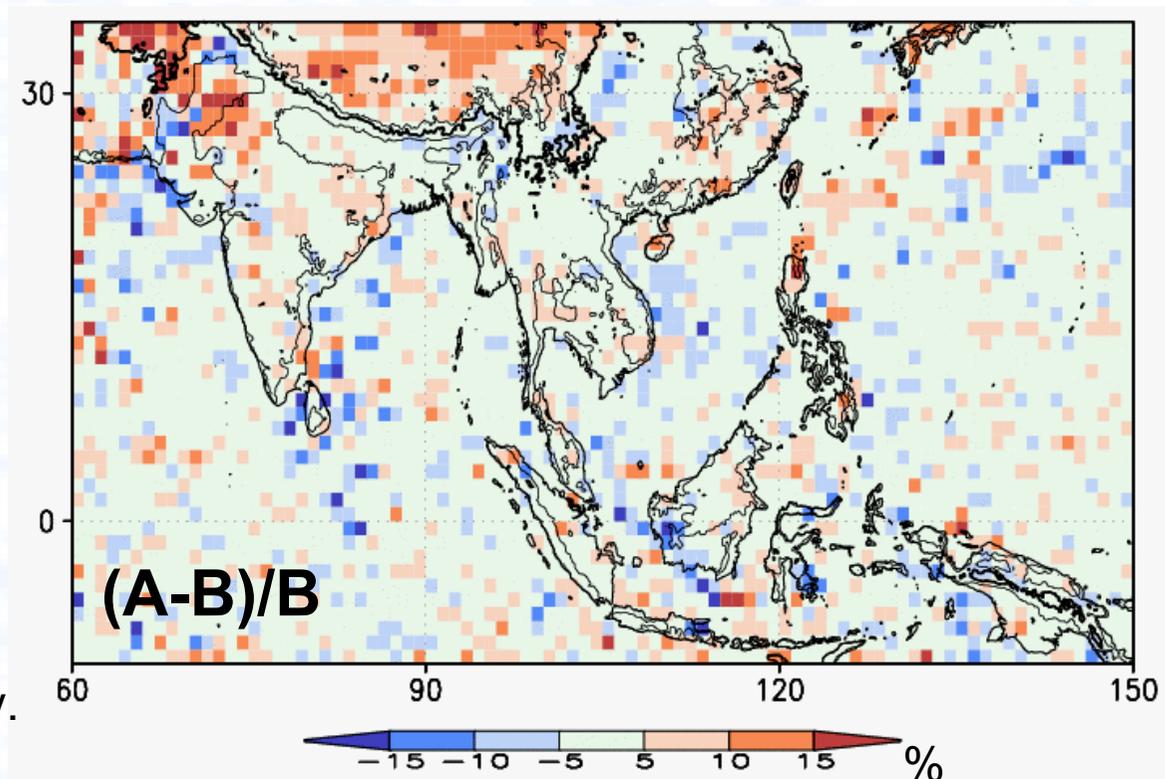
## Importance of the sampling in hourly scale

In August over Tibet, the maximum number of samples and rainfall are in phase in the afternoon, hence 10 % overestimates were exhibited. By using long-term data, accurate monthly rainfall based on the hourly rainfall can be obtained.

The bias due to the diurnal variations of samples and rainfall

August 1998-2005  
1 deg. grid

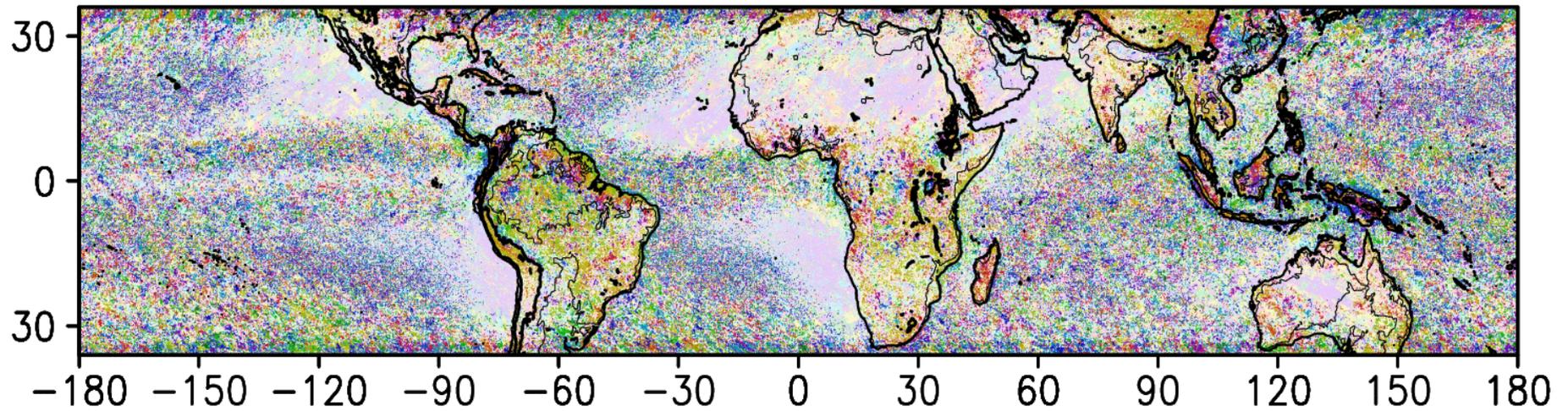
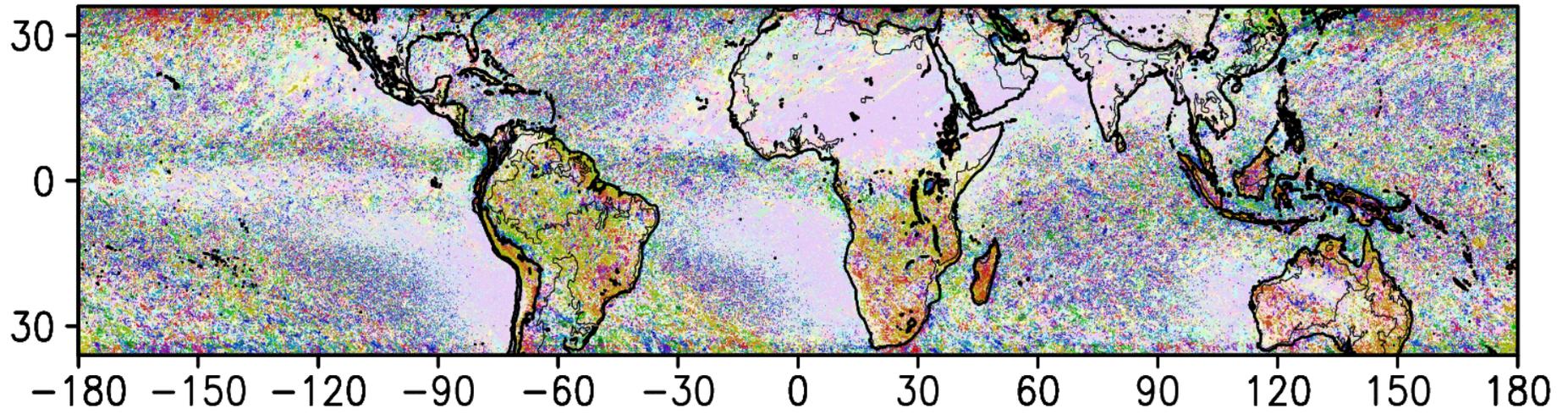
Rainfall A and B are calculated **without** and **with** considering on the diurnal effects, respectively.



$$\text{Rainfall A [mm/day]} = 24 \sum \text{Ra inf all} / \sum N$$

$$\text{Rainfall B [mm/day]} = \sum_{t=1}^8 \left( 3 \sum_{T=3t-2}^{3t} \text{Ra inf all}(T) / \sum_{t=3t-2}^{3t} N(T) \right)$$

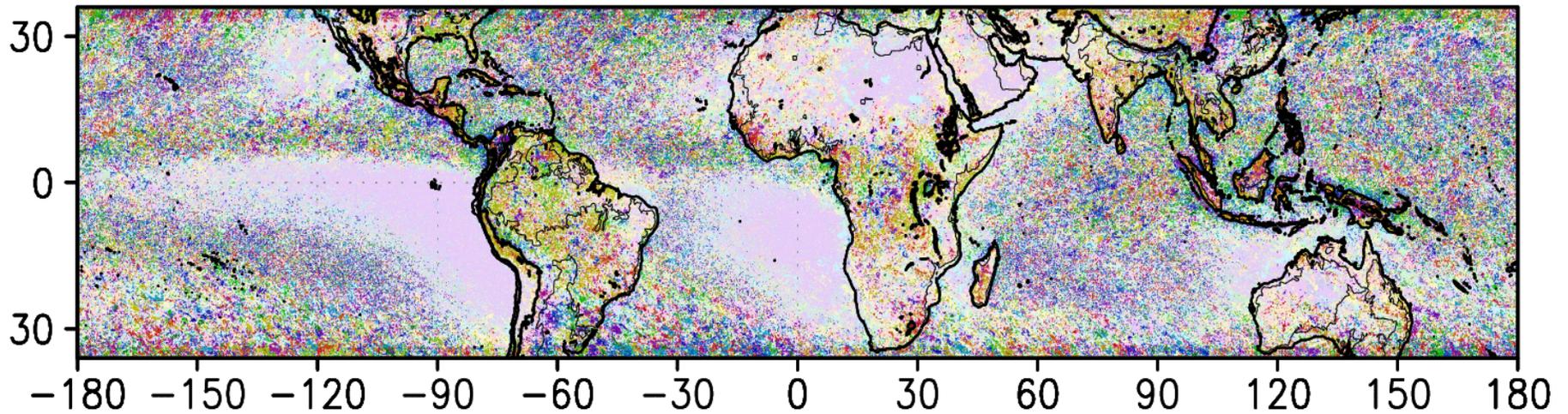
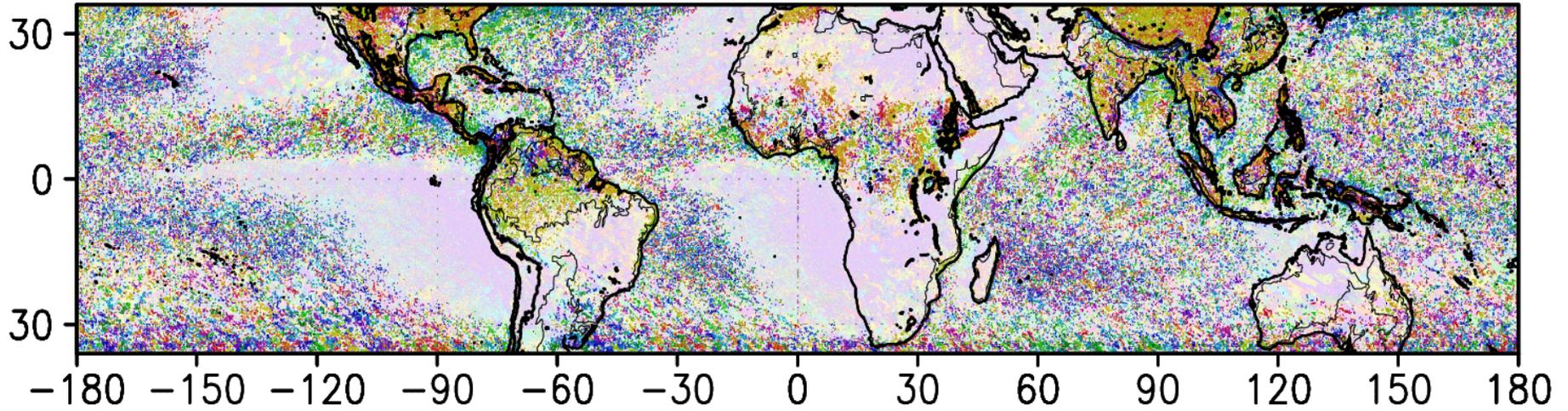
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# MAM



# JJA

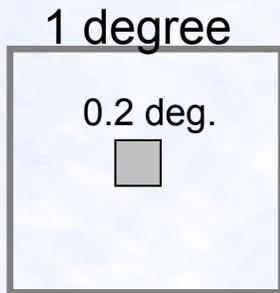


# SON



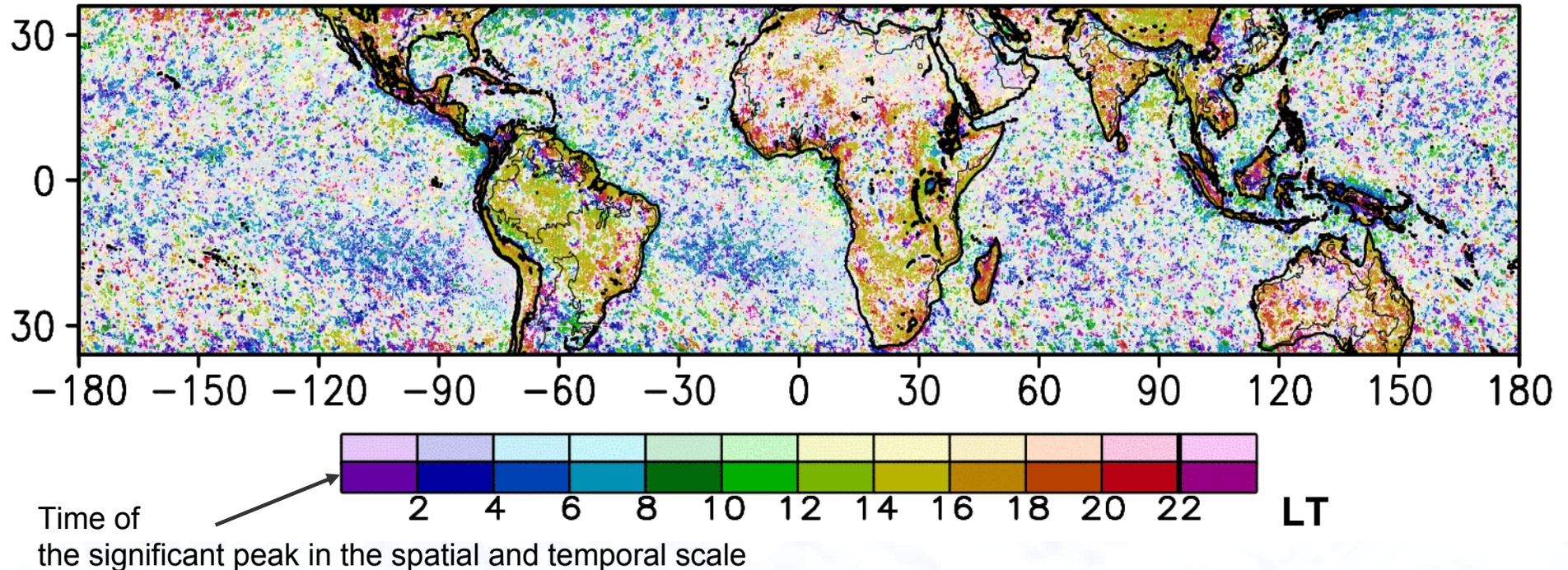
# Time of maximum rainfall 1998/01-2005/09

0.2 degree box



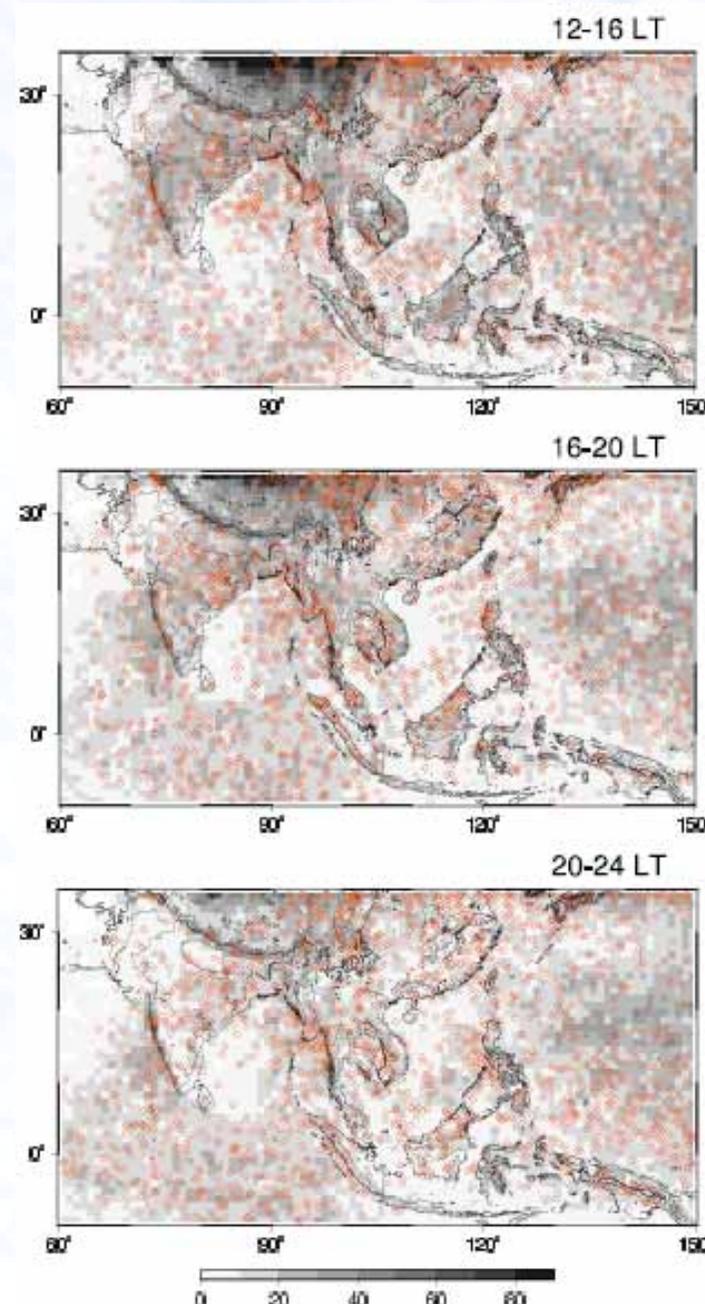
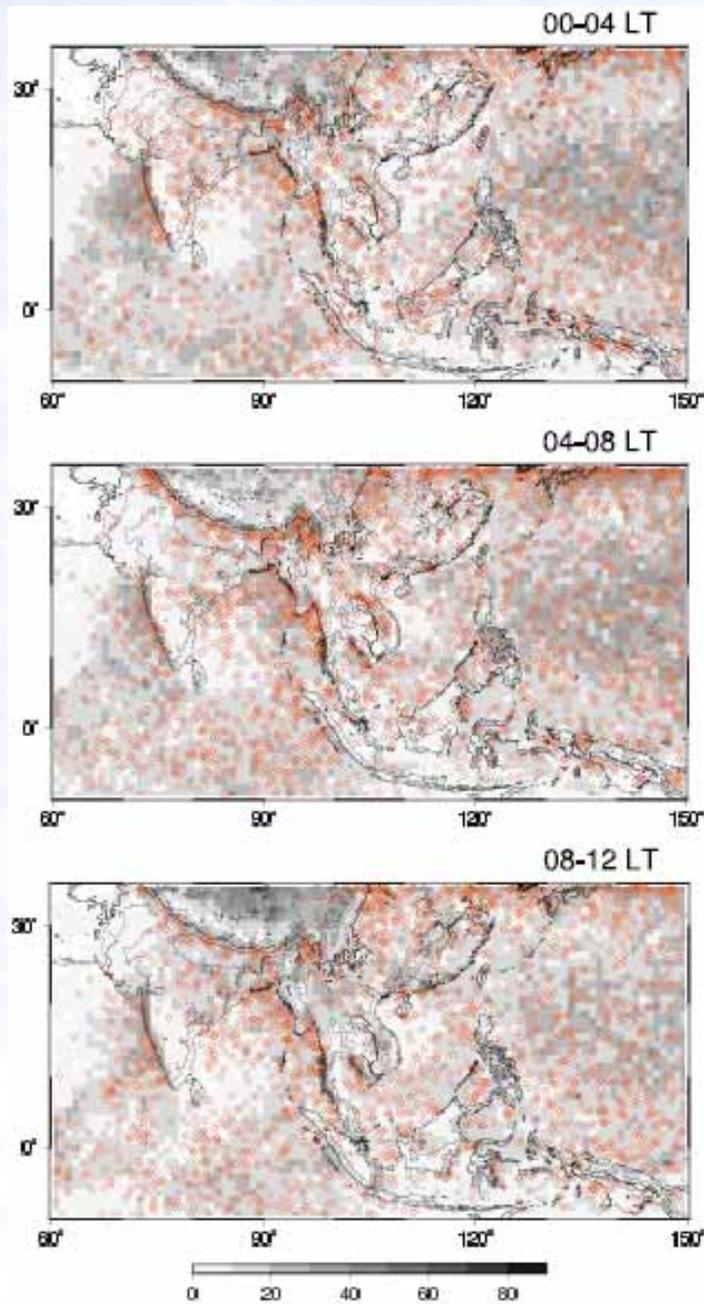
## Spatial homogeneous feature:

Def. More than 50 % of the surrounding grids preserve time of maximum rainfall within 2 hours.



Eight-year data accumulation gives opportunities to investigate spatiotemporal variation of rainfall in less time in fine scale.

# Spatial distribution of medium ( $10^2$ - $10^4$ km<sup>2</sup>) and large ( $>10^4$ km<sup>2</sup>) precipitation systems



JJA  
1998-2003

Shadings:  
The number of  
medium systems

Circles:  
Large systems

## **Some new insights and enhanced issues**

The simple validation of global rainfall map could not be simply assessed since various volumetric microphysics therein have the uncertainty in surface-rainfall estimates from the ground and space.

The retrieval method has been sophisticated by the own quality database not only for the spaceborne radar but also for other instruments such as the microwave radiometers and ground-based radar.

Long-term data accumulation allows for a better climate-oriented dataset, requiring further understanding of precipitation properties at various spatial and temporal scales

Beyond more accurate rainfall estimates, understandings of precipitation systems make possible interpretation of the precipitation climatology and the mechanisms therein more specifically.

# Constraints on the Global Measurement of Vegetation Structure Using L-band InSAR

- ◆ Fundamental Sensitivity
- ◆ Error Sources
- ◆ Design Tradeoffs



**Microwave Remote Sensing Laboratory (MIRSL)  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

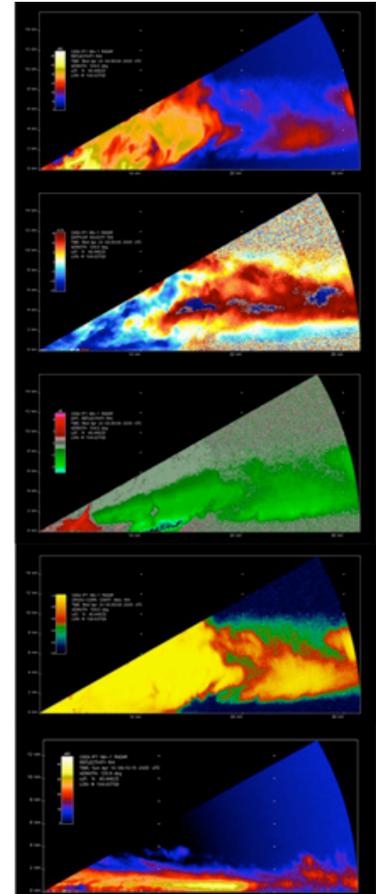


# What MIRSL Does

Design and build microwave instruments for studying the environment

## Why Microwaves??

- coherent control
- unique perspective
- day/night operation, robust in various weather conditions



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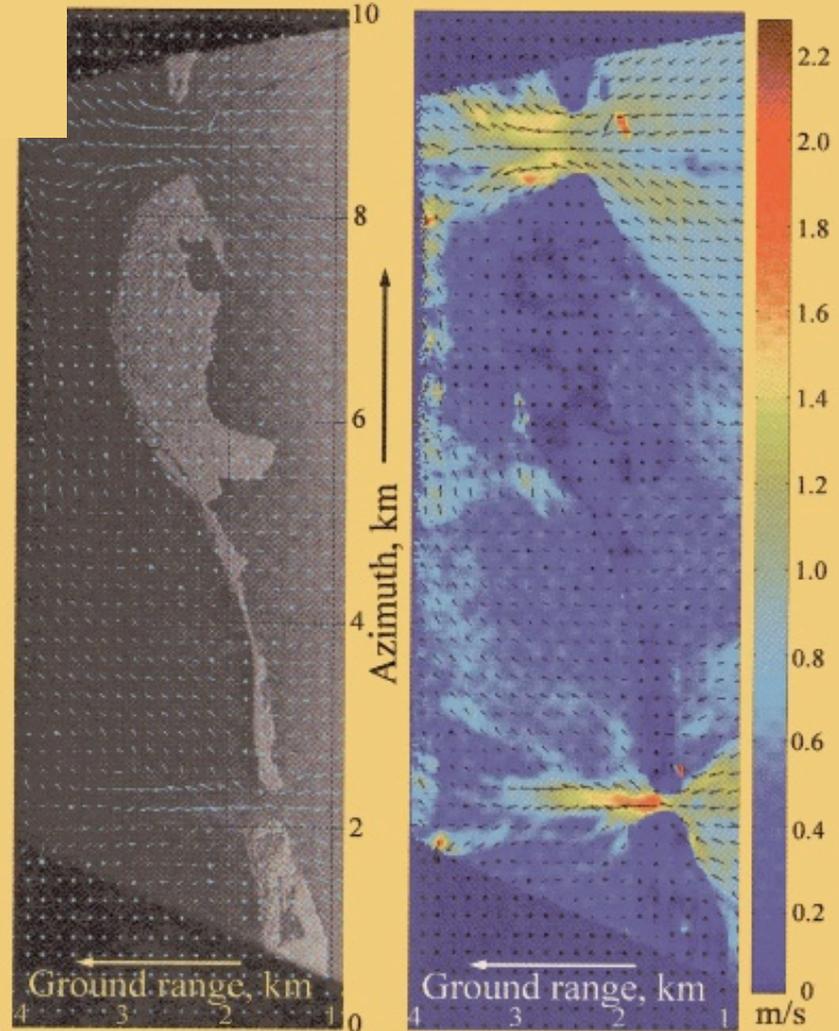
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## Interferometry & Ocean Currents



# Scatterometry & Hurricanes



# Millimeterwave Hardware Development

## Advanced Performance Ku- and Ka-band Dual-Downconverter

### Objective

- To build Ku- and Ka-band Dual-Downconverters (DDCs) suitable for use in spaceborne interferometric radar applications.

### Description

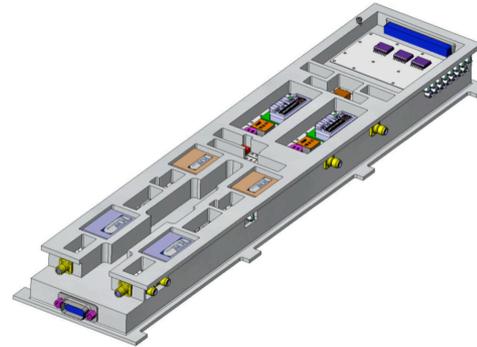
- 20 MHz BW • ~70 dB gain • 4.5dB NF
- < 0.3 dB amplitude variation about best linear fit
- < 50 mdeg RMS relative phase accuracy over BW
- symmetric design aids in thermal stability
- parts layout and PWB construction designed to aid in testing of subunits.

### Approach

- Test Ku-band breadboard model to guide construction of Ku-band DDC
- Use Ku-band DDC to guide development of Ka-band DDC
- Low thermal expansion materials used to maintain thermal stability
- characterized amplitude and phase stability between -10 and 50 deg C using a thermal chamber
- Stringent demands on testing accuracy will be met by recently developed measurement techniques

Entry TRL = 3, Exit TRL = 5

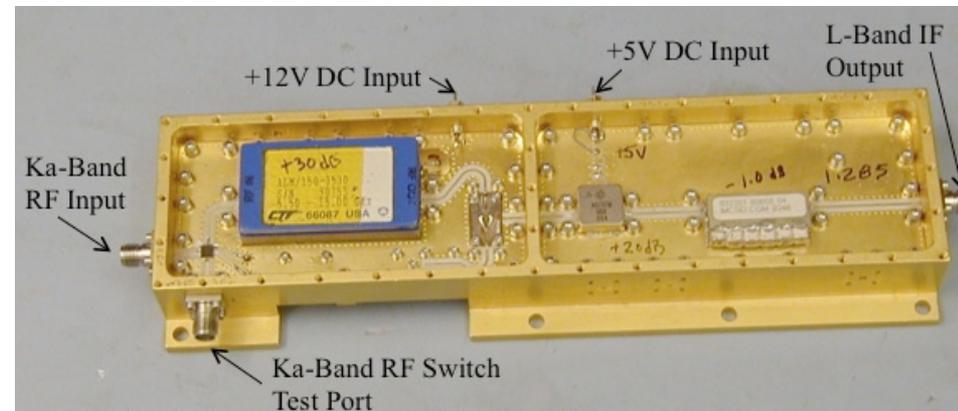
Two-channel DDC



Ku-band Interferometer



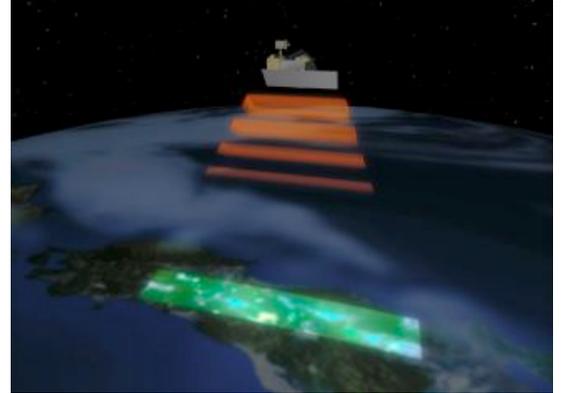
Two-channel, dual-downconverter and a Ku-band interferometric radar conceptualization





# JAXA/ALOS

Launch Date: January 19, 2006!!



Three instruments: AVNIR-2, PRISM, & PALSAR

# JERS-1 Mapping of Global Forests

- Geographic Locations

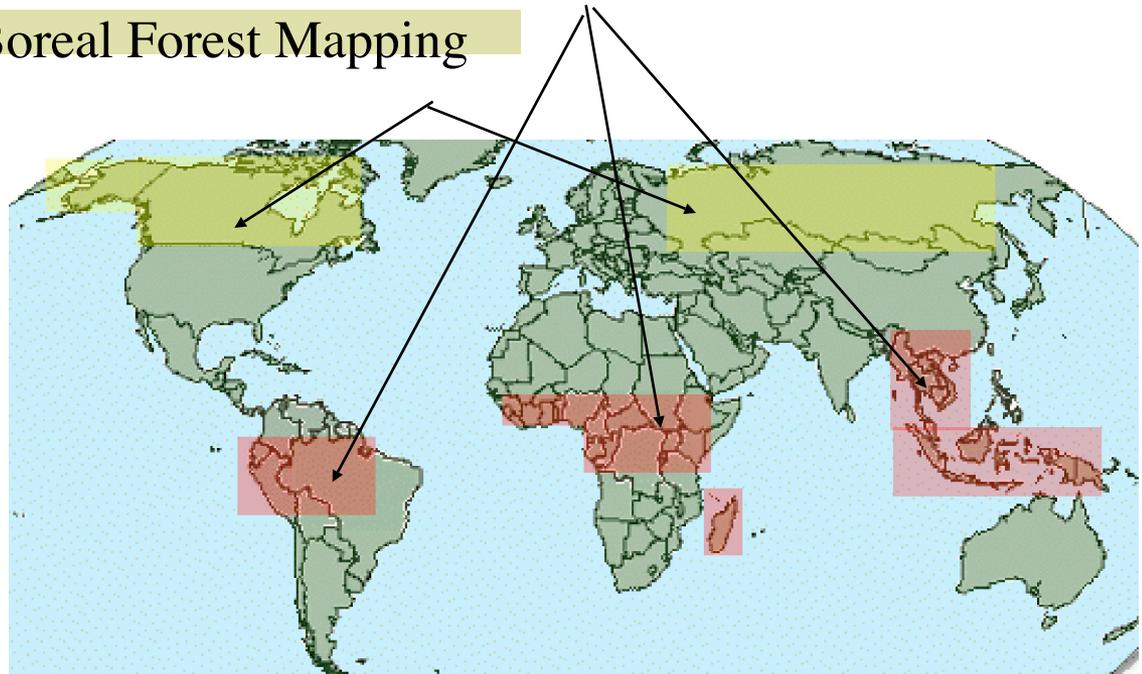
Siberia, Africa (Congo), Asia, Brazil (Amazon)

- International Collaborations

ESA, NASA, NASDA

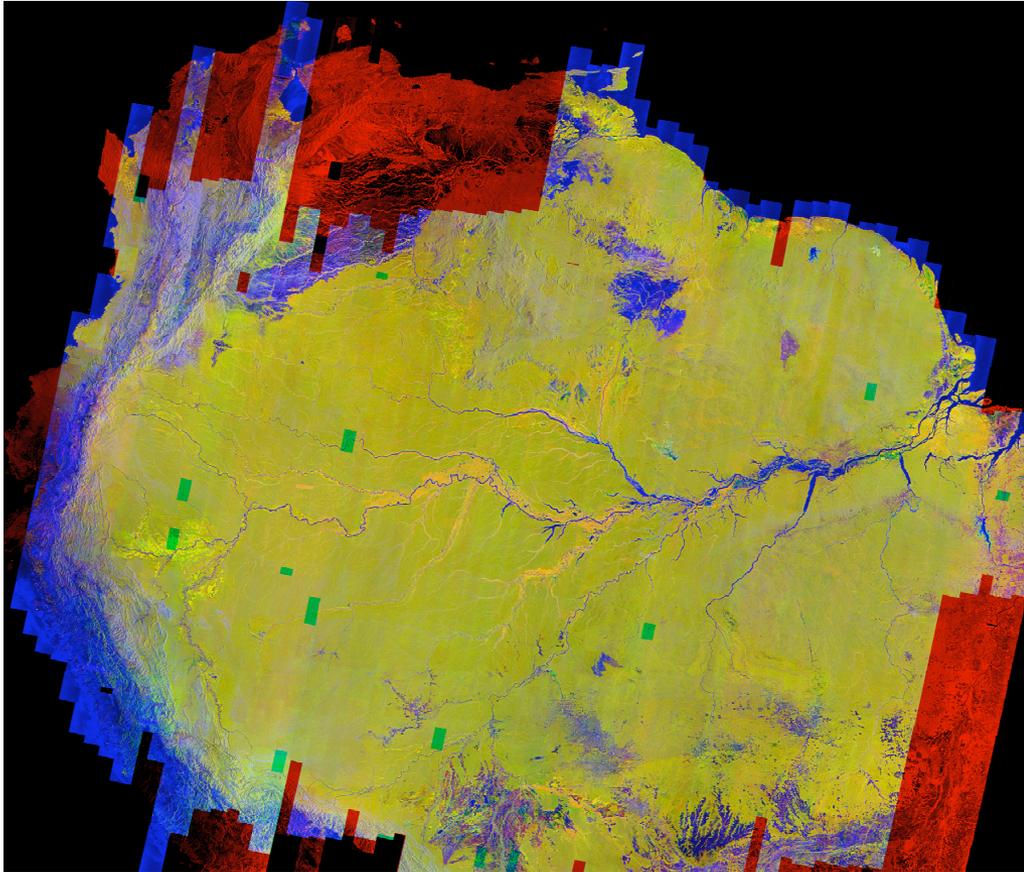
GRFM: Global Rain Forest Mapping

GBFM: Global Boreal Forest Mapping



# ALOS KYOTO & CARBON INITIATIVE

**Forest & Landcover Theme:** Systematic Observations on a Global Scale at High Resolution of the World's Vegetated Regions



## Building Blocks

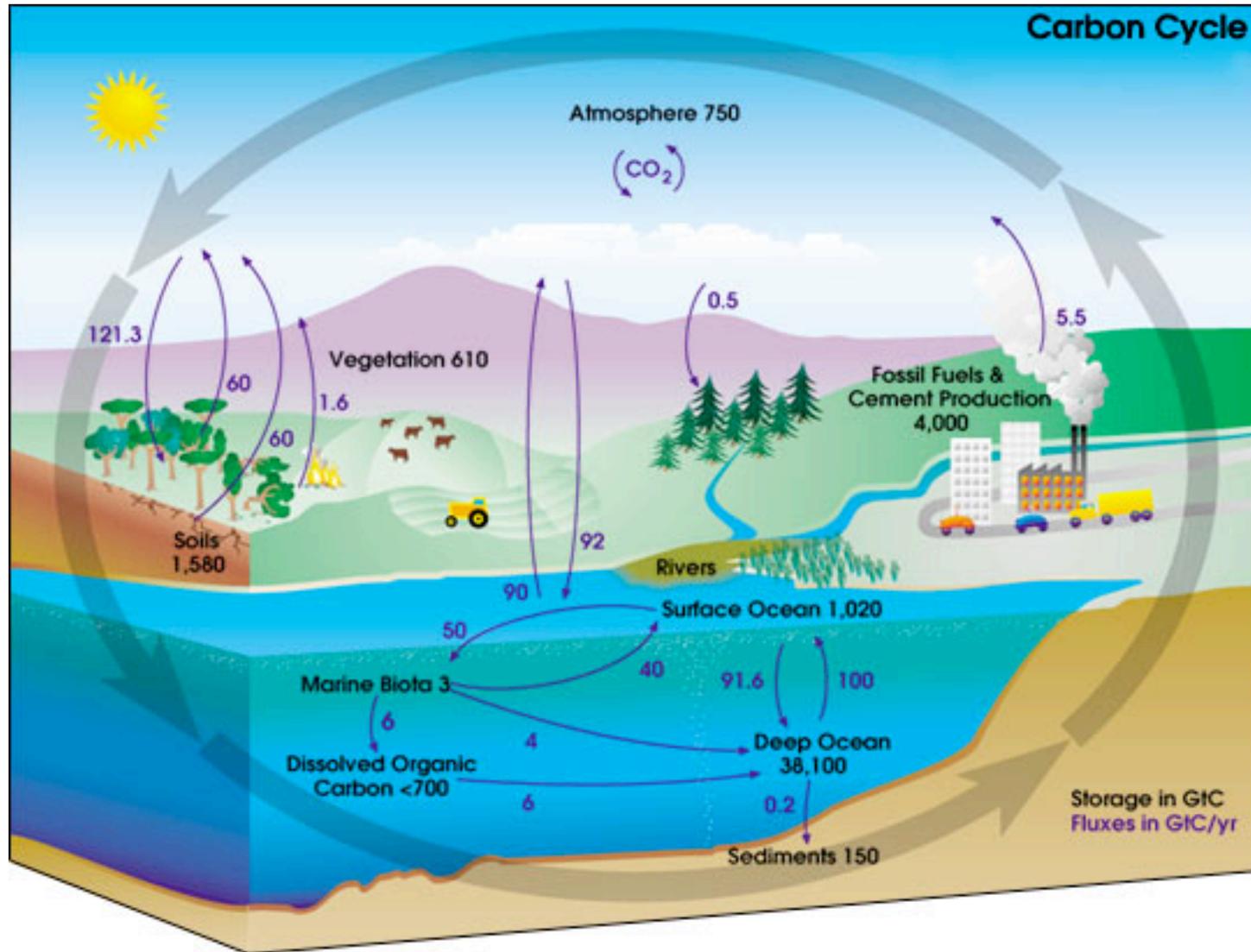
Measurement planning, data collection

Processing, mosaicking, data fusion

Quantitative estimation of target characteristics



In any given year, tens of billions of tons of carbon move between the atmosphere, hydrosphere, and geosphere. Human activities add about 5.5 billion tons per year of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. The illustration above shows total amounts of stored carbon in black, and annual carbon fluxes in purple. (Illustration courtesy NASA Earth Science Enterprise)



# Techniques for Measuring Carbon Stored in Vegetation

Measurement Technique	Calibrated Target Measurement	Physical Interpretation	Physical Interpretation	Relation to Spatial Carbon Distribution
Lidar Profile	Lidar Height Profile	Lidar "Height", height of median energy, etc.	"Height" to Biomass conversion	Biomass to Carbon
Interferometric Correlation	Volumetric Correlation	InSAR "Height", density...	"Height" to Biomass conversion	Biomass to Carbon
Backscatter measurement	Vegetation Backscatter	Diameter at Breast Height, density, etc.	Backscatter to Biomass conversion	Biomass to Carbon
Destructive Sampling	Dry/Wet Weight	Biomass	---	Biomass to Carbon

Measurable

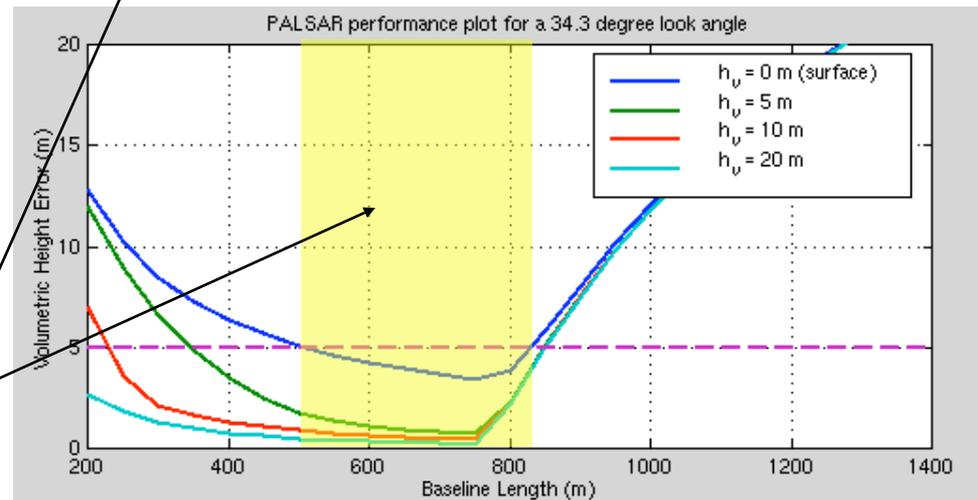
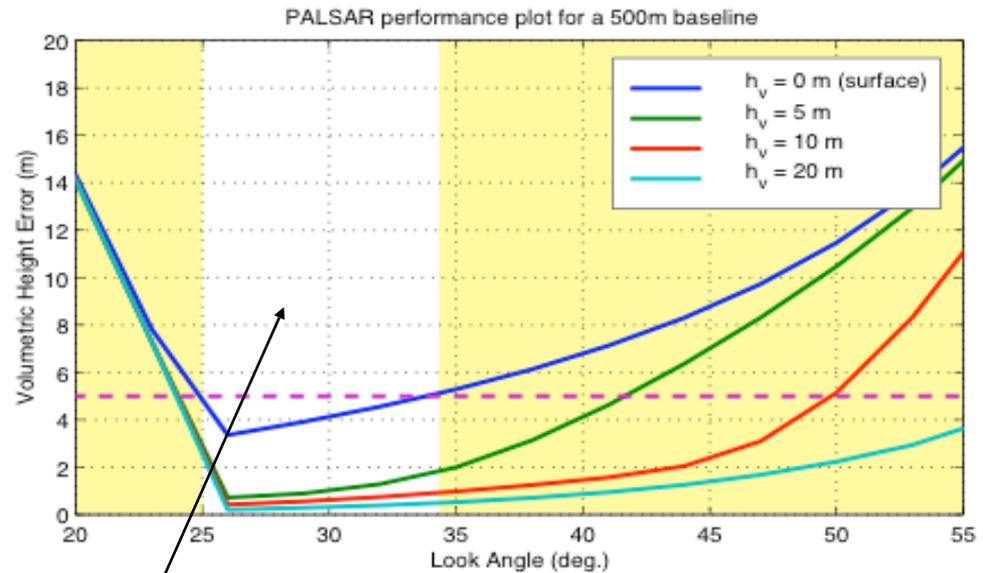
Modeling; Intermediate Results

Science Goal

# ALOS/PALSAR Kyoto and Carbon Cycle Initiative



System Parameter	Value
Frequency	L-Band
Wavelength	24 cm
Bandwidth	14 & 28 MHz
Noise Equivalent $\sigma^0$	$\geq -23$ dB
Signal to Ambiguity Ratio	$\leq 16$ dB
Thermal SNR Over Vegetation	18 dB
Platform Height	700 km
Swath Width	40 - 70 km
Resolution	7 - 44 m
Effective Number of Looks Used	64
Look Angle Range	8 - 60 degrees
Repeat Track Time	46 days



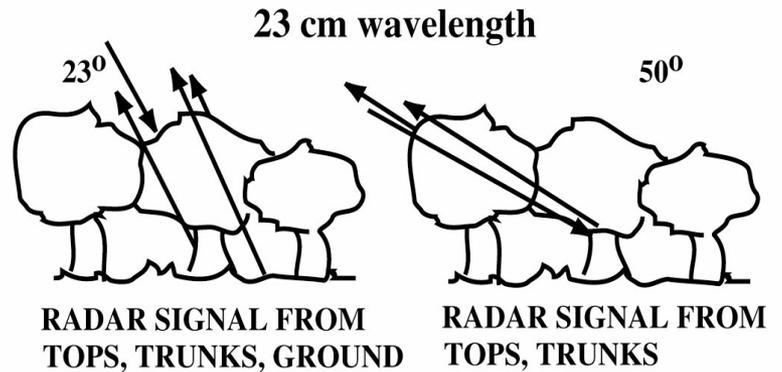
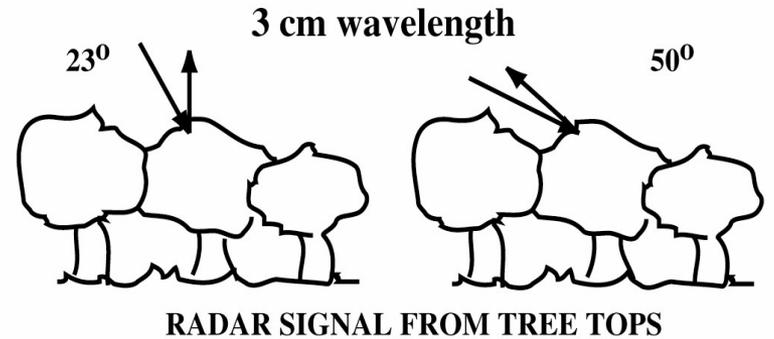
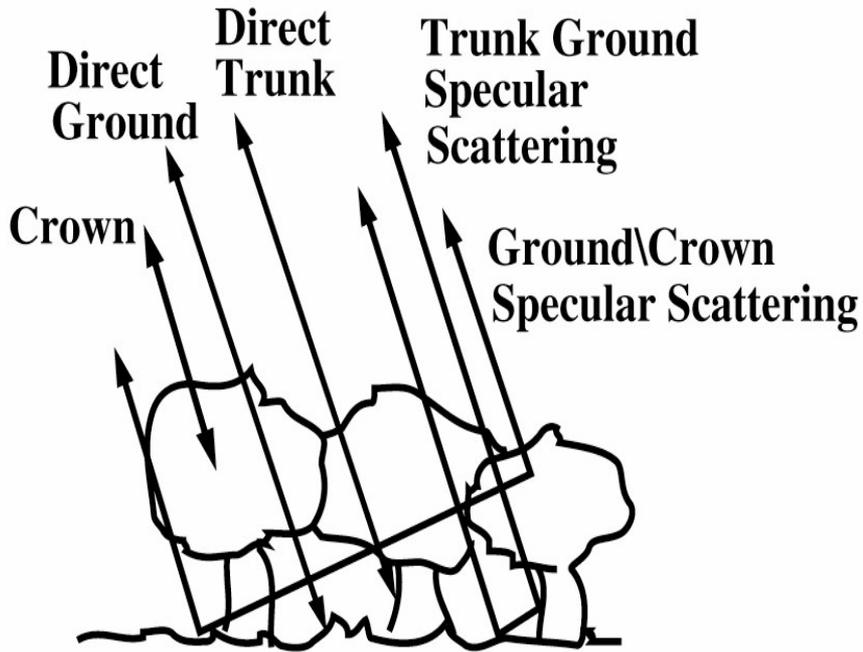
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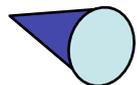
# Radar and Optical Signatures of Forests



# Using Microwaves to Measure Forest Biomass and Carbon Stocks



# Backscatter Signature of Volume Scattering



observed  
electric field

range and azimuth  
weighting functions

backscatter power

$$|E_1|^2 = A^4 \sum_i W_r^2 W_\eta^2 e^{-kz / \cos\theta} f_{bi}^2$$

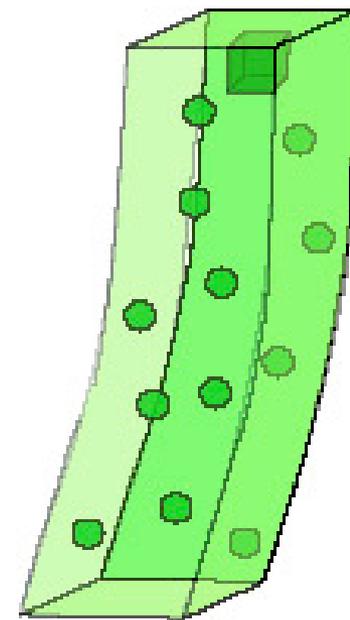
antenna gains and  
free space losses

attenuation losses

Average over looks

$$\langle |E_1|^2 \rangle = A^4 \int_{vol} W_r^2 W_\eta^2 e^{-kz / \cos\theta} \rho(z) \langle f_b^2 \rangle d^3 r$$

density



# Backscatter vs. Biomass Curves

## Combined Forest Types

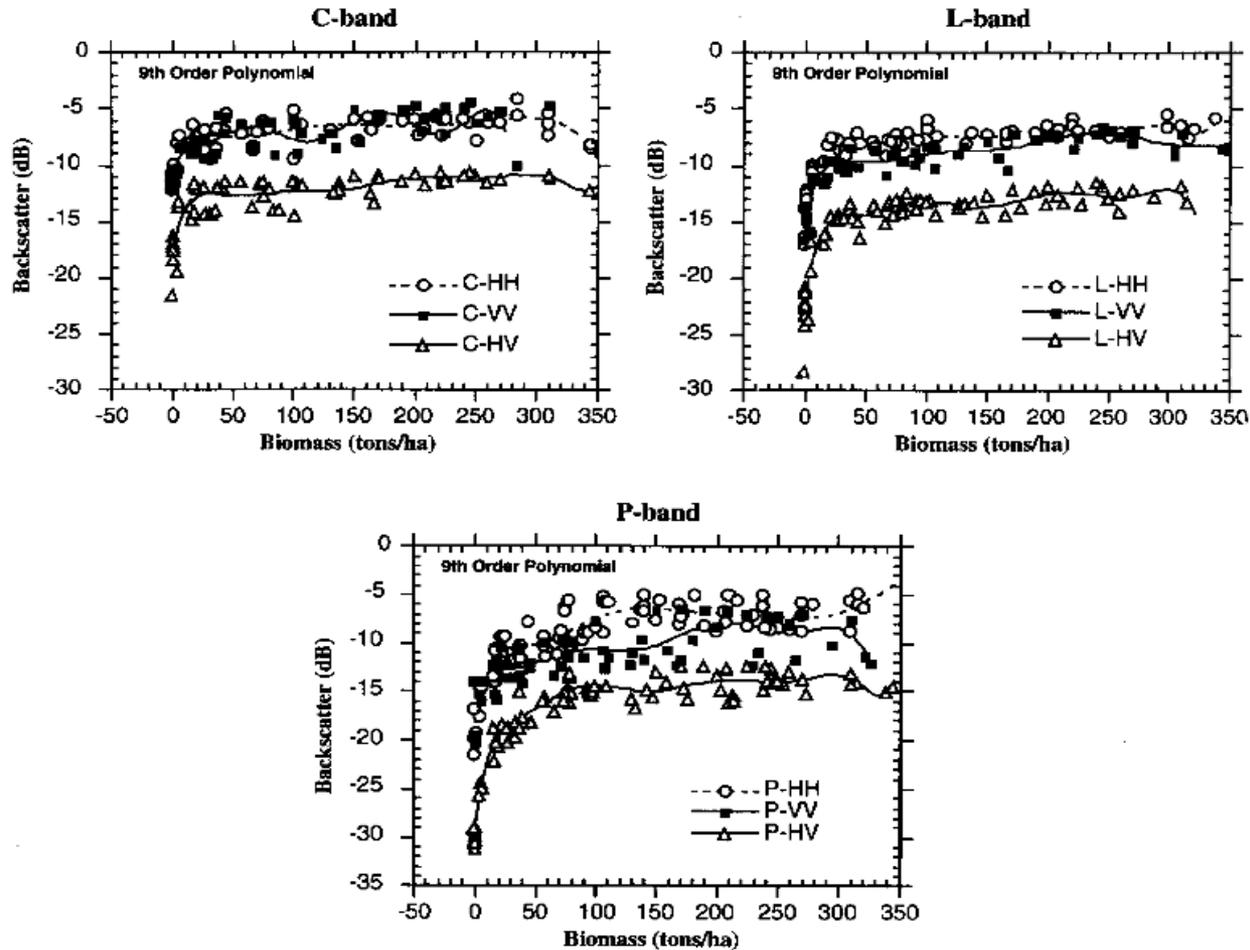


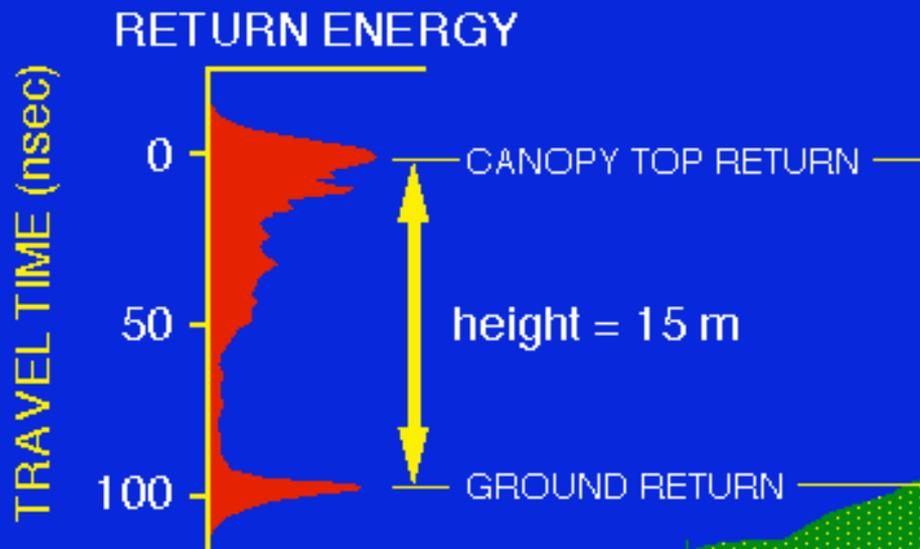
Fig. 3. SAR backscatter plotted against biomass for combined broadleaf evergreen and *Pinus* forest stands. Ninth order polynomial regression curves are shown for each polarization and band. Note locations of first maxima. Regression coefficients and the precise locations (in biomass) of the first maxima are shown in Table VI.



# SCANNING LIDAR IMAGER OF CANOPIES BY ECHO RECOVERY (SLICER)

## CROSS-TRACK LASER PULSES

### RETURN PULSE WAVEFORM

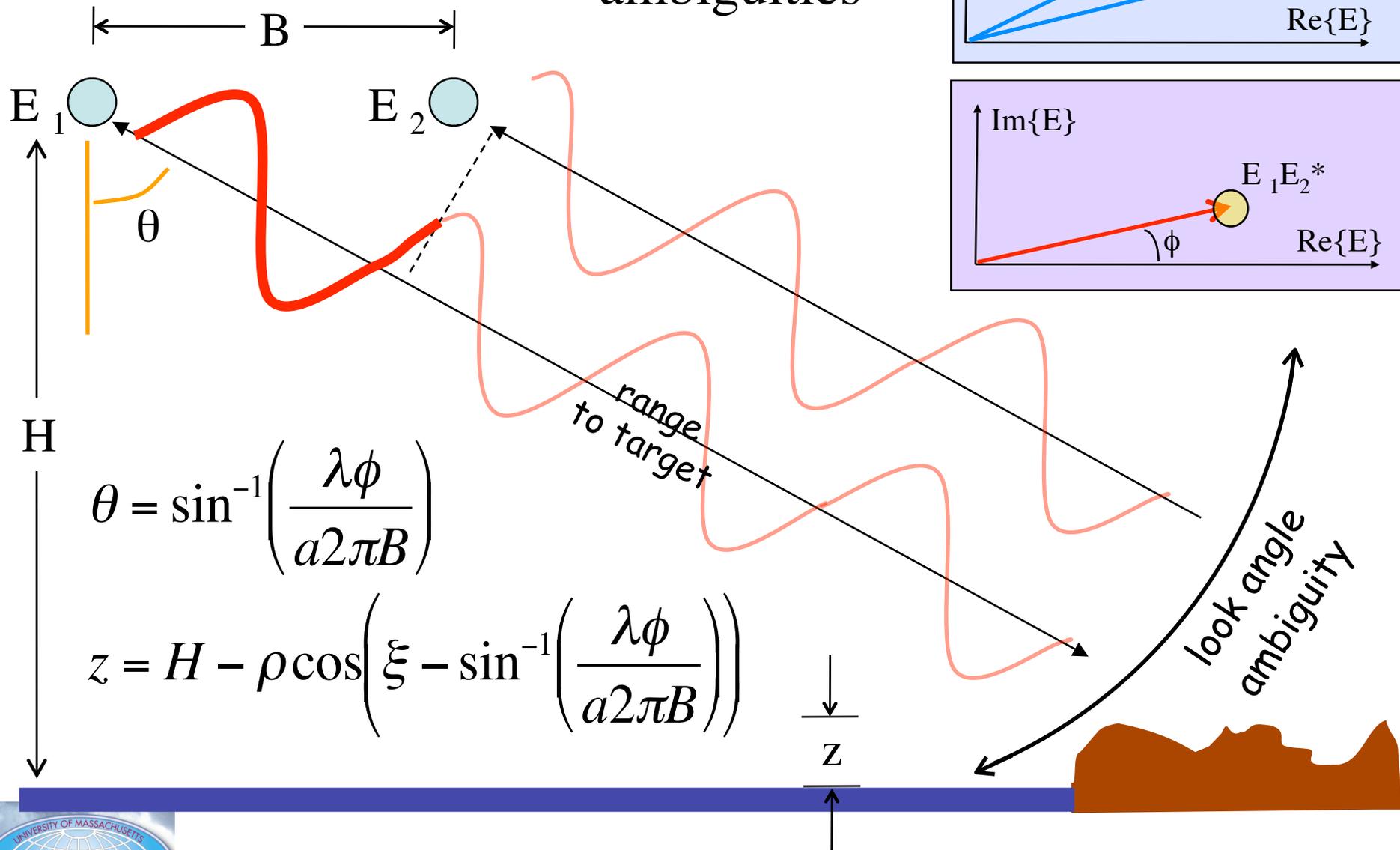


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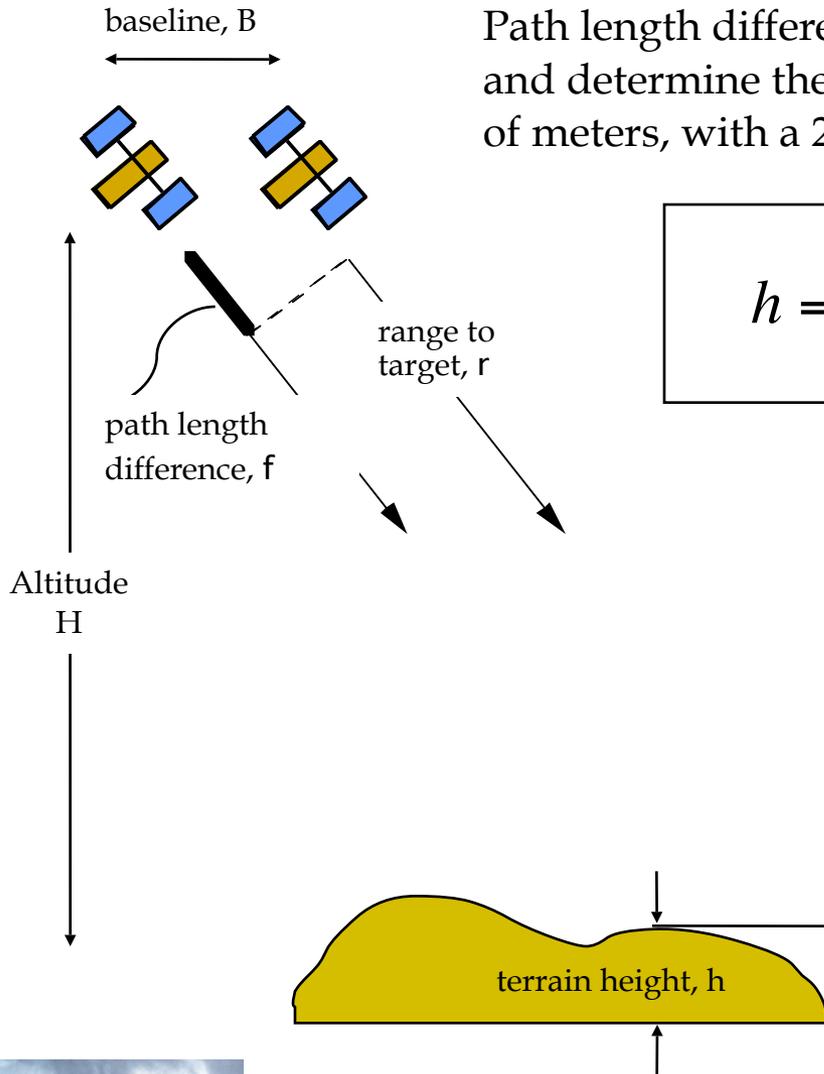
# Interferometric Signatures of Forests



# Interferometry to resolve look angle ambiguities



# Tree Height Estimation from Radar Interferometry



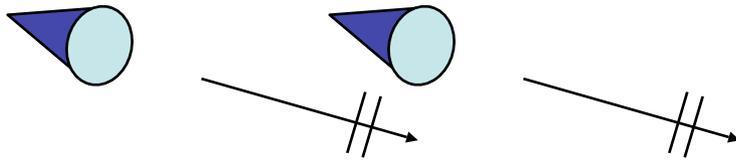
Path length difference can be used to resolve positional ambiguity and determine the height of the terrain. Accuracy is on the order of meters, with a 25m resolution

$$h = H - \rho \cos \left( \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{\lambda \phi}{4\pi B} \right) \right)$$

When the signal return comes from multiple heights, a unique signature is observed by the interferometer



# Interferometric Modeling



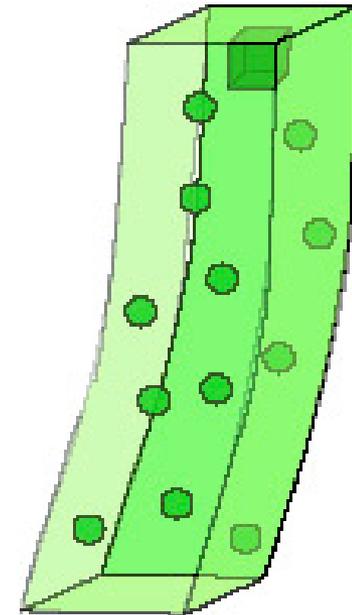
## Single Antenna Backscatter

$$\langle |E_1|^2 \rangle = A^4 \int_{vol} W_r^2 W_\eta^2 e^{-kz/\cos\theta} \rho(z) \langle f_b^2 \rangle d^3 r$$

## Two Antenna Interferometry

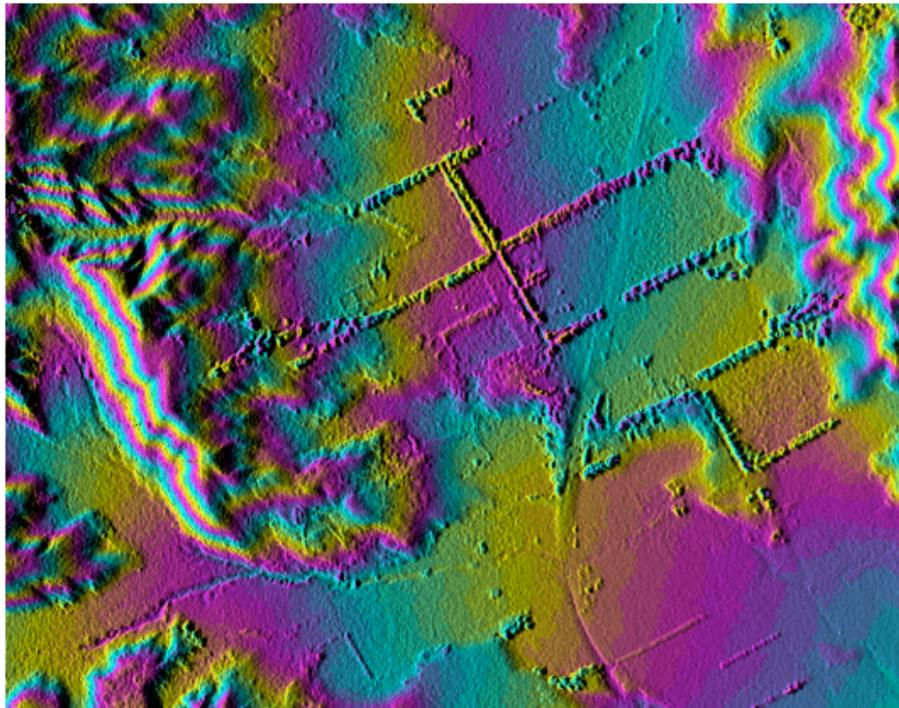
$$\gamma = \langle E_1 E_2^* \rangle = A^4 \int_{vol} e^{-ik_z z} W_r^2 W_\eta^2 e^{-kz/\cos\theta} \langle f_b^2 \rangle d^3 r$$

height dependent  
phase term

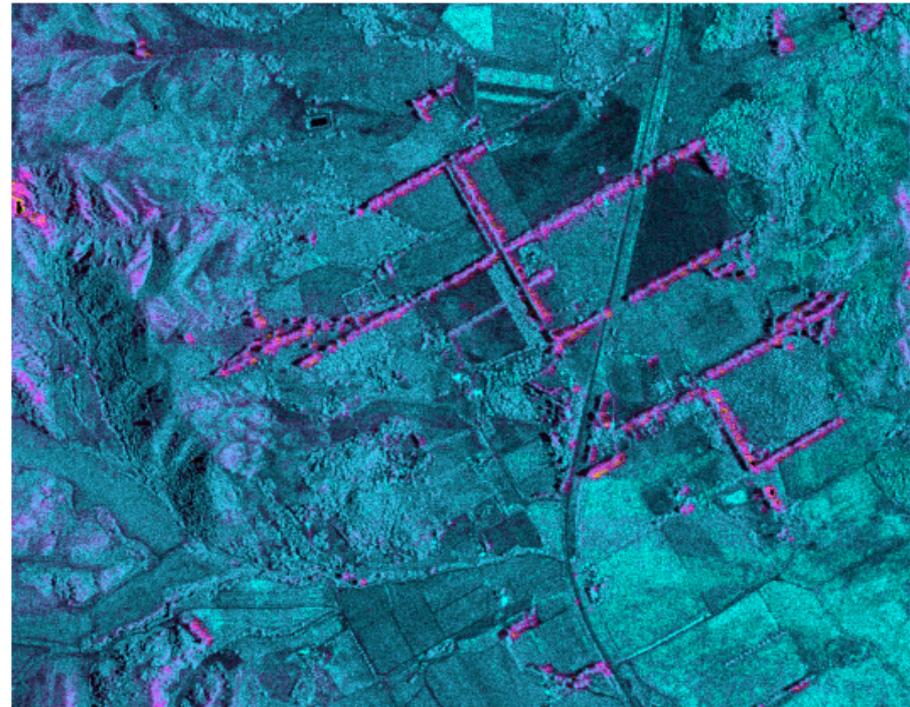


# Interferometric Data Products

DEM from Interferometry



Correlation Map



$$\gamma_{obs} = |\gamma_{obs}| e^{i\phi_{obs}} = \gamma_{vol} \gamma_{temp} \gamma_{SNR} \gamma_{geom}$$

# Derivation of a first order approximation or metric

$$\gamma_{vol} = |\gamma_{vol}| e^{i\phi_{vol}} = \frac{\int \sigma(z) e^{ik_z z} dz}{\int \sigma(z) dz}$$

$$f(z) = \frac{\sigma(z)}{\int \sigma(z) dz}$$

$$\gamma_{vol} = \int f(z) e^{ik_z z} dz$$

$$\ln \gamma_{vol} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \kappa_n \frac{(ik_z)^n}{n!}$$

$$\ln \gamma_{vol} \approx \mu i k_z - \mu_2 k_z^2 / 2! - \mu_3 i k_z^3 / 3! + \mu_4 k_z^4 / 4! + \dots$$

$$\mu_n = \int (z - \mu)^n f(z) dz$$

$$\ln \gamma_{vol} = \ln |\gamma_{vol}| + i \phi_{vol}$$

$$\phi_{vol} = \mu k_z$$

$$\ln |\gamma_{vol}| = -\mu_2 k_z^2 / 2$$

$$\sqrt{\mu_2} \approx \sqrt{\frac{-2}{k_z^2} \ln |\gamma_{vol}|}$$

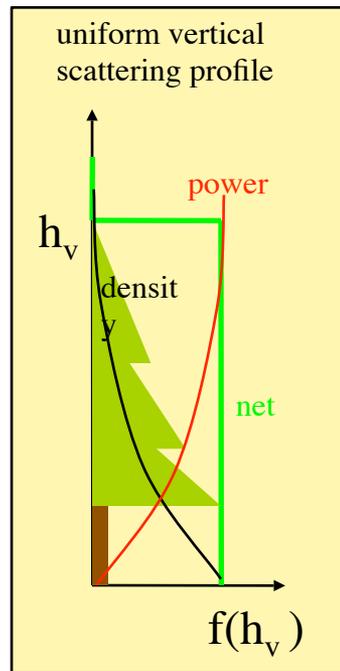
assume uniform vertical scattering profile

$$\mu_2 = \sigma^2 = h_v^2 / 12$$

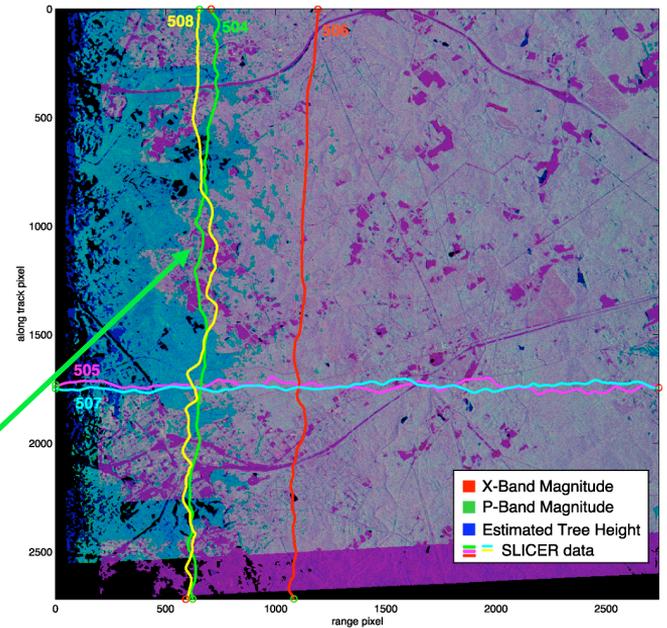
$$h_v \approx \sqrt{\frac{24}{k_z^2} (1 - |\gamma_{vol}|)}$$

assume uniform vertical scattering profile

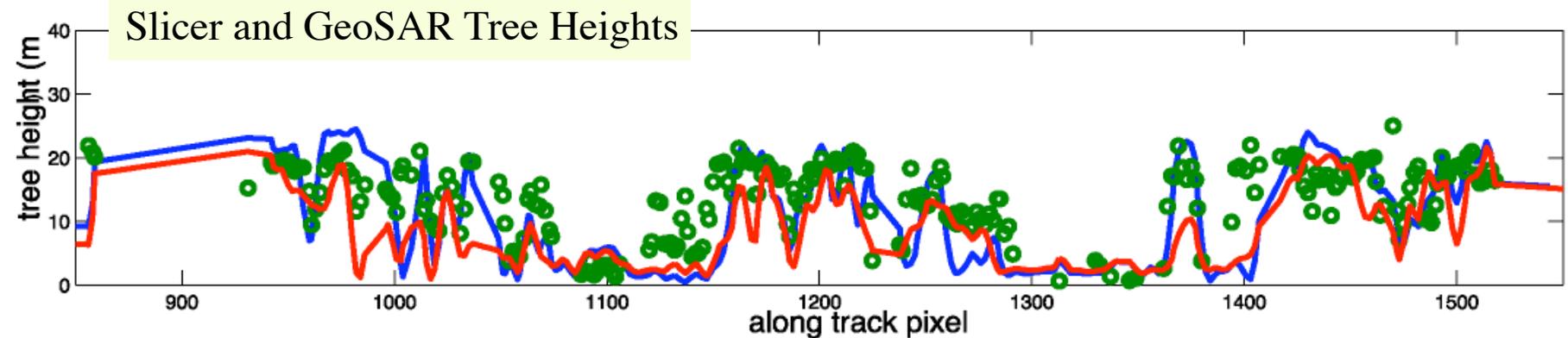
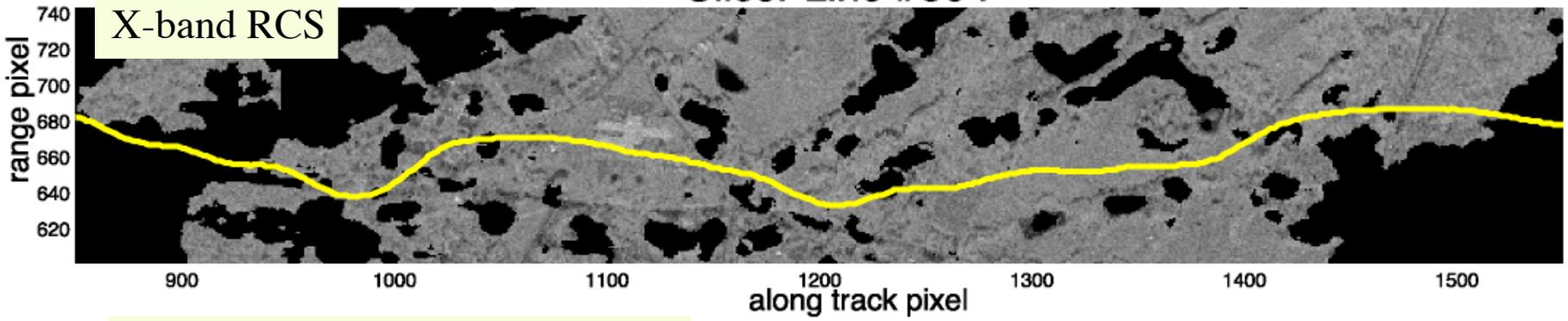
$$\gamma_{vol} = e^{ik_z h_v / 2} \text{sinc } k_z h_v / 2$$



# Slicer Tree Height vs. GeoSAR Tree Heights based on X-band Correlation Magnitude



Slicer Line #504



# Calibration

- Need for a well calibrated signal
  - understand error sources
  - provide ability to unwrap desired signature from other observational artifacts.
- Observed correlation is modeled as the combination of a variety of sources

$$\gamma_{obs} = \gamma_{vol} \gamma_{SNR} \gamma_{geom} \gamma_{temp}$$



$$\gamma_{vol} = \frac{\gamma_{obs}}{\gamma_{SNR} \gamma_{geom} \gamma_{temp}} = f(h_v)$$

$$h_v = f^{-1}(\gamma_{vol})$$

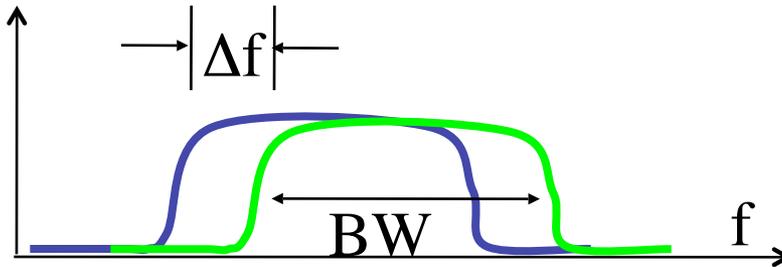


# InSAR Error Sources

- Total observed correlation arises from a combination of several sources.

$$\gamma_{obs} = \gamma_{vol} \gamma_{SNR} \gamma_{geom} \gamma_{temp}$$

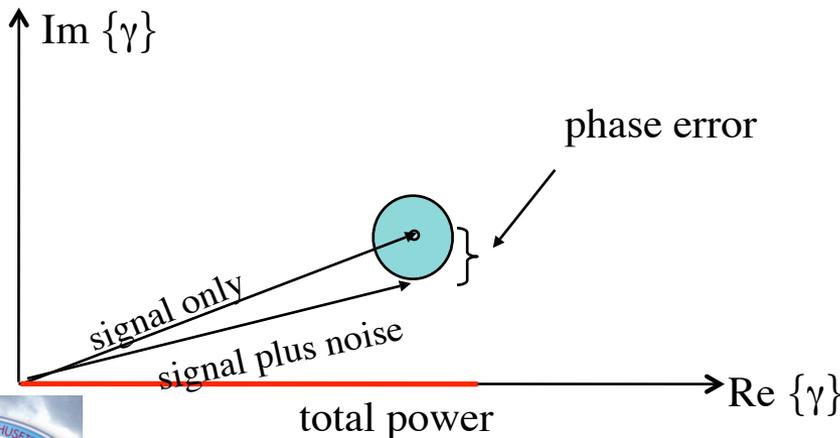
- Geometric Decorrelation



$$\Delta f = \frac{c B \cos(\theta - \alpha)}{2 r_0 \lambda \tan(\theta - \tau_y)}$$

$$\gamma_{geom} \approx 1 - \frac{c B \cos(\theta - \alpha)}{2 BW r_0 \lambda \tan(\theta - \tau_y)}$$

- Thermal Noise

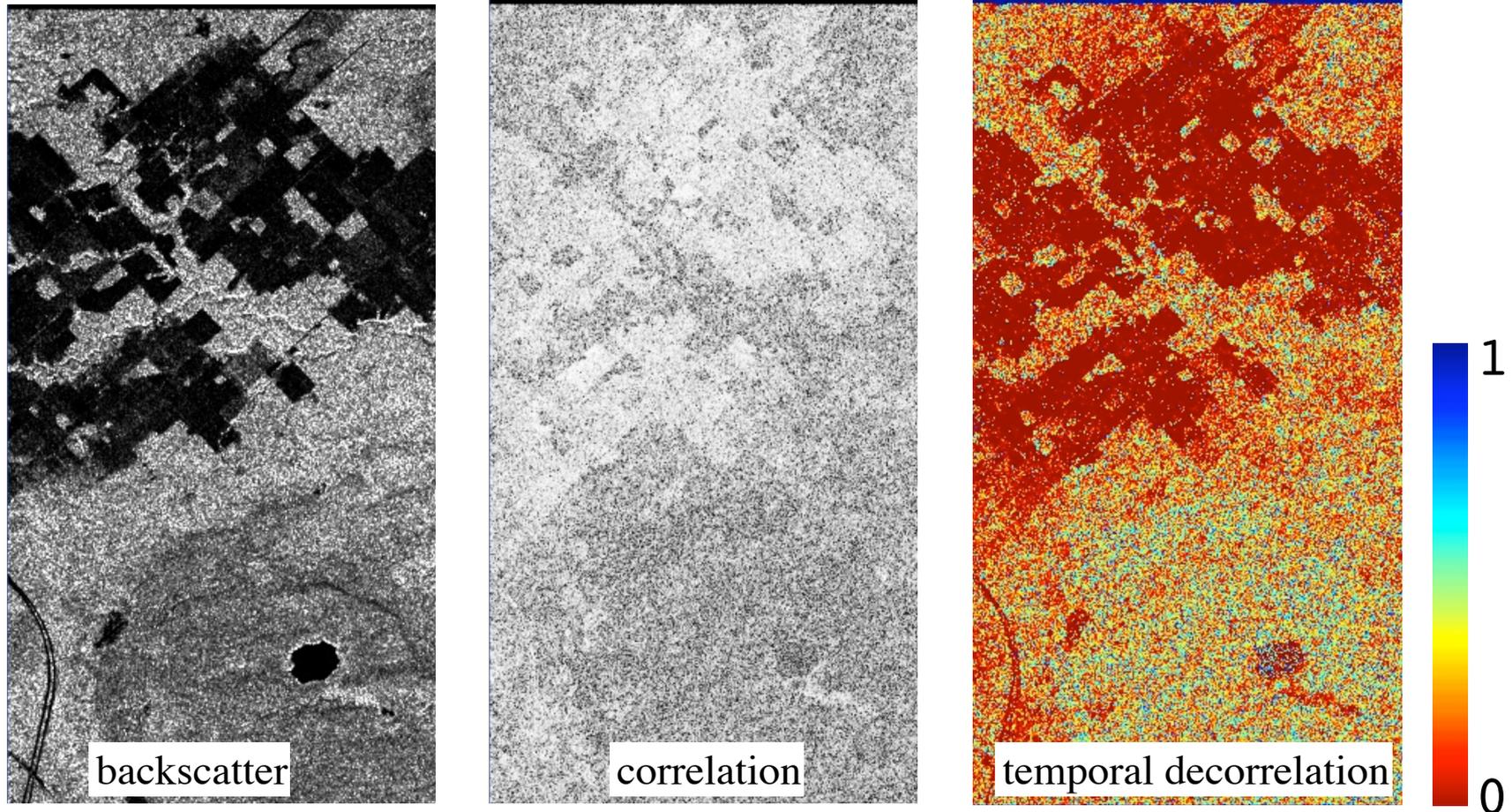


$$\gamma_{SNR} = \frac{S}{S(1 + \alpha) + N_{th}}$$



# Temporal Decorrelation

- Caused by scatterer motion between repeat-pass observations

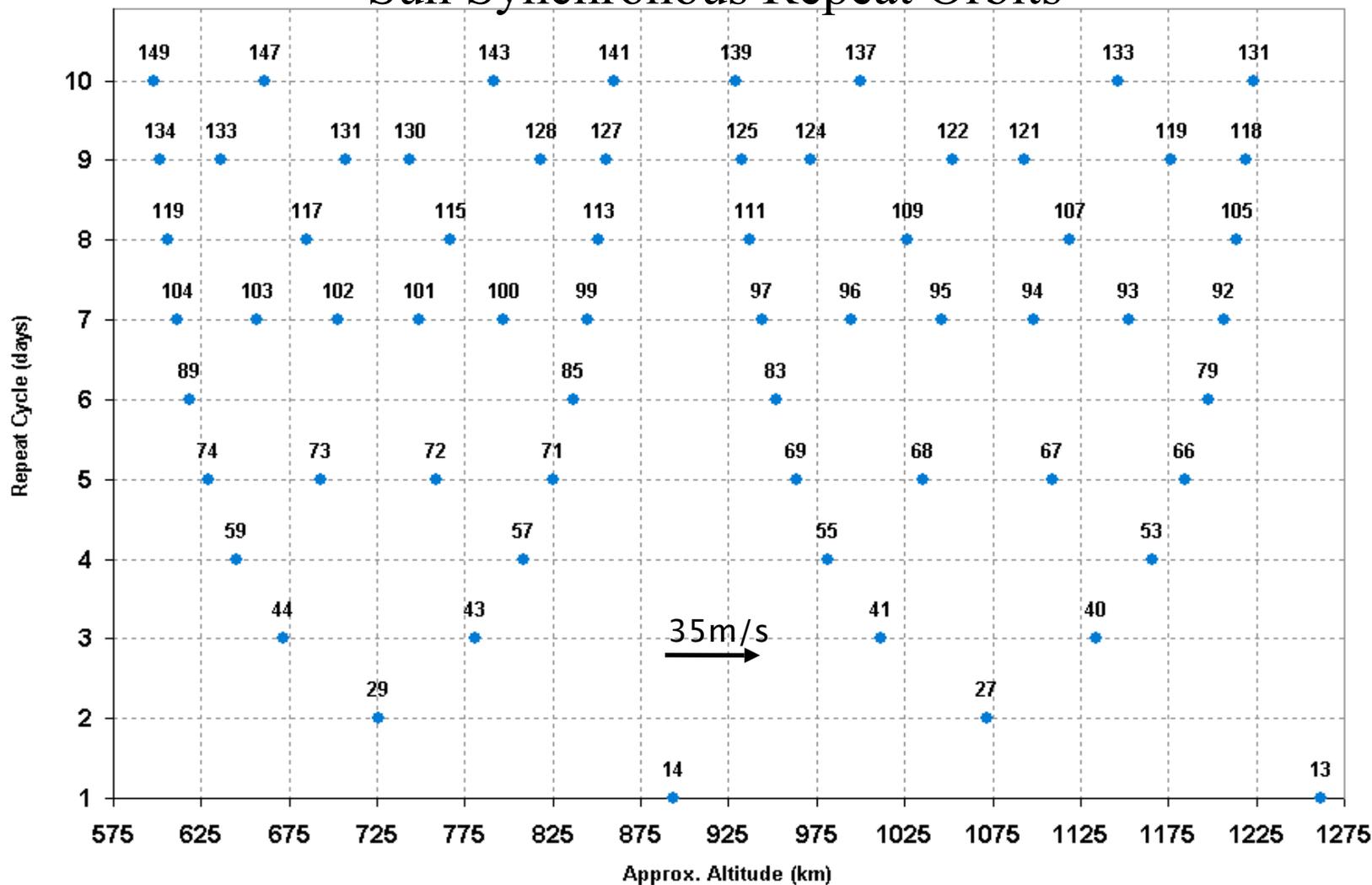


SIR-C, one-day repeat L-band over Racoon, Michigan

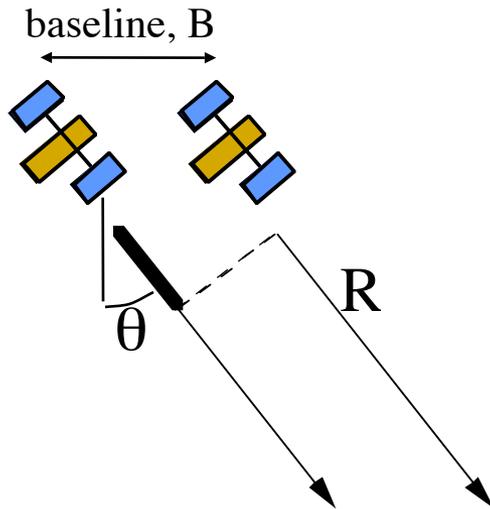
Decorrelation likely due to a weather event occurring between observations

# Temporal Decorrelation

## Sun Synchronous Repeat Orbits



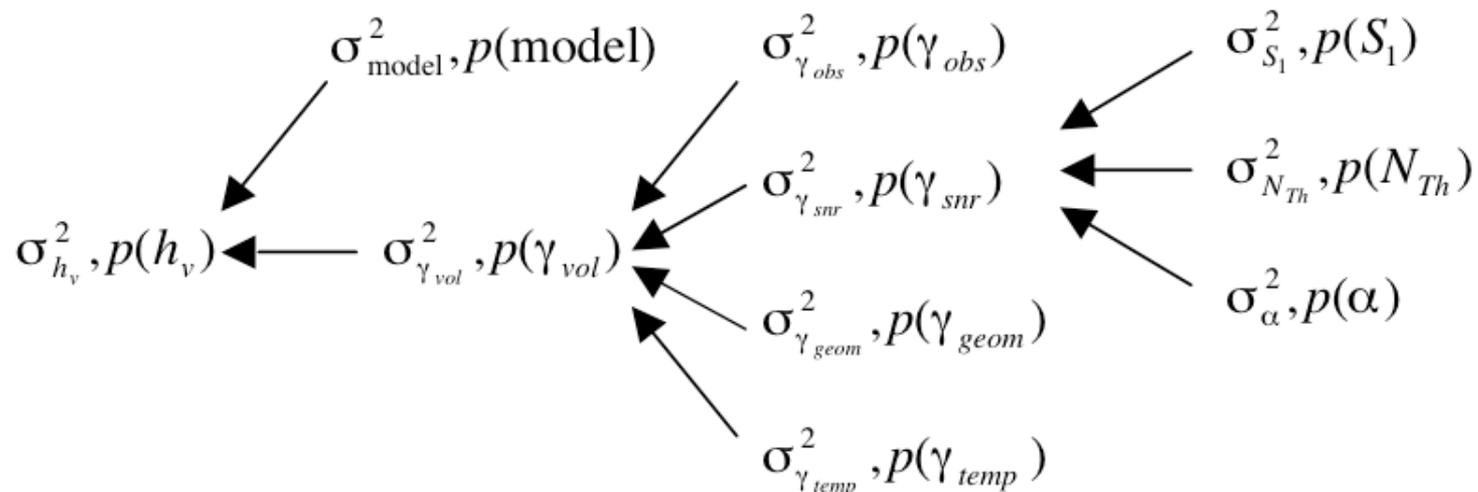
# System/Measurement Design



- Look Angle
- Baseline Length
- Altitude or Range
- Frequency (wavelength)
- Management of Measurement Errors
- Observing Strategy

$$k_z = \frac{akB \cos(\theta - \alpha)}{R \sin \theta}$$

Build an Error Model to take into account statistical uncertainty

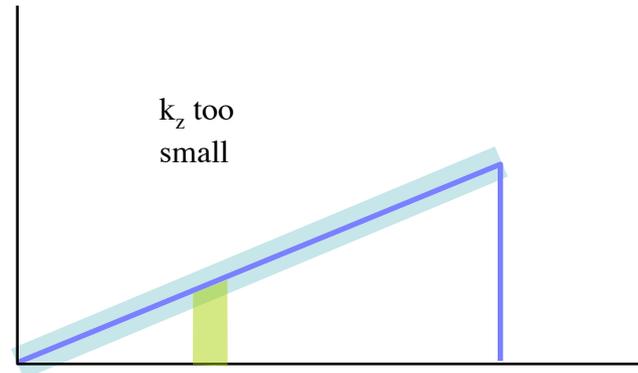
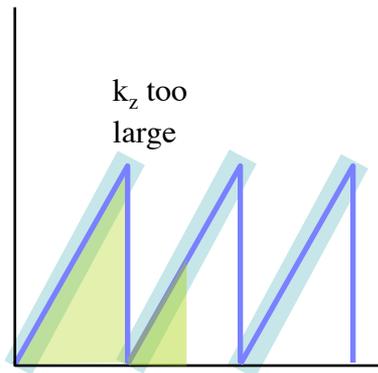
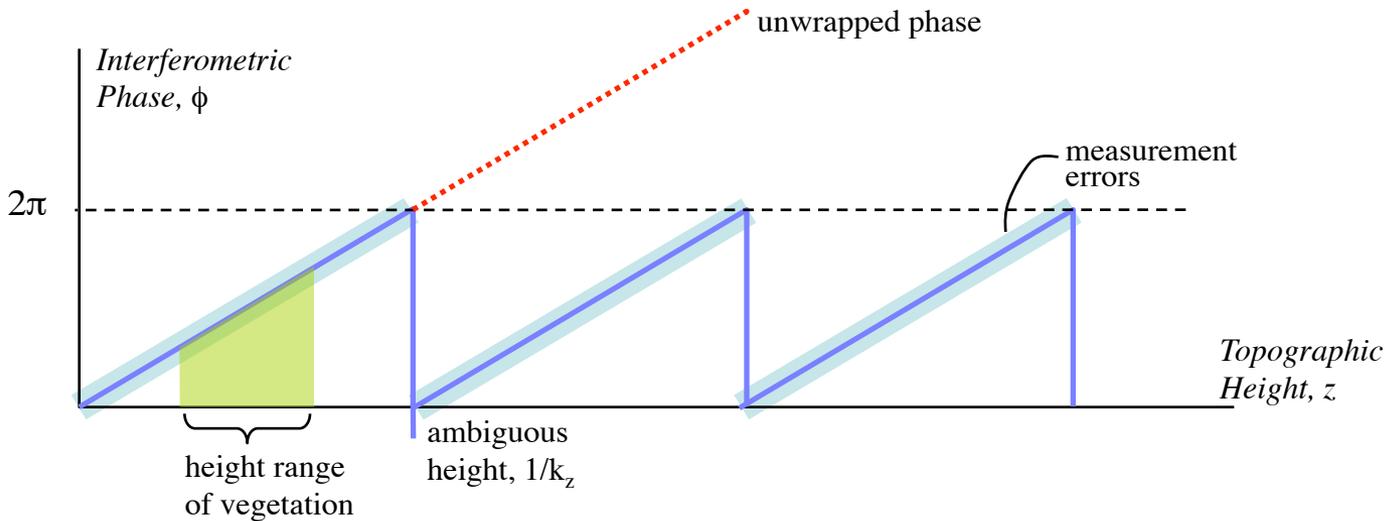


# Approach to System/Measurement Design

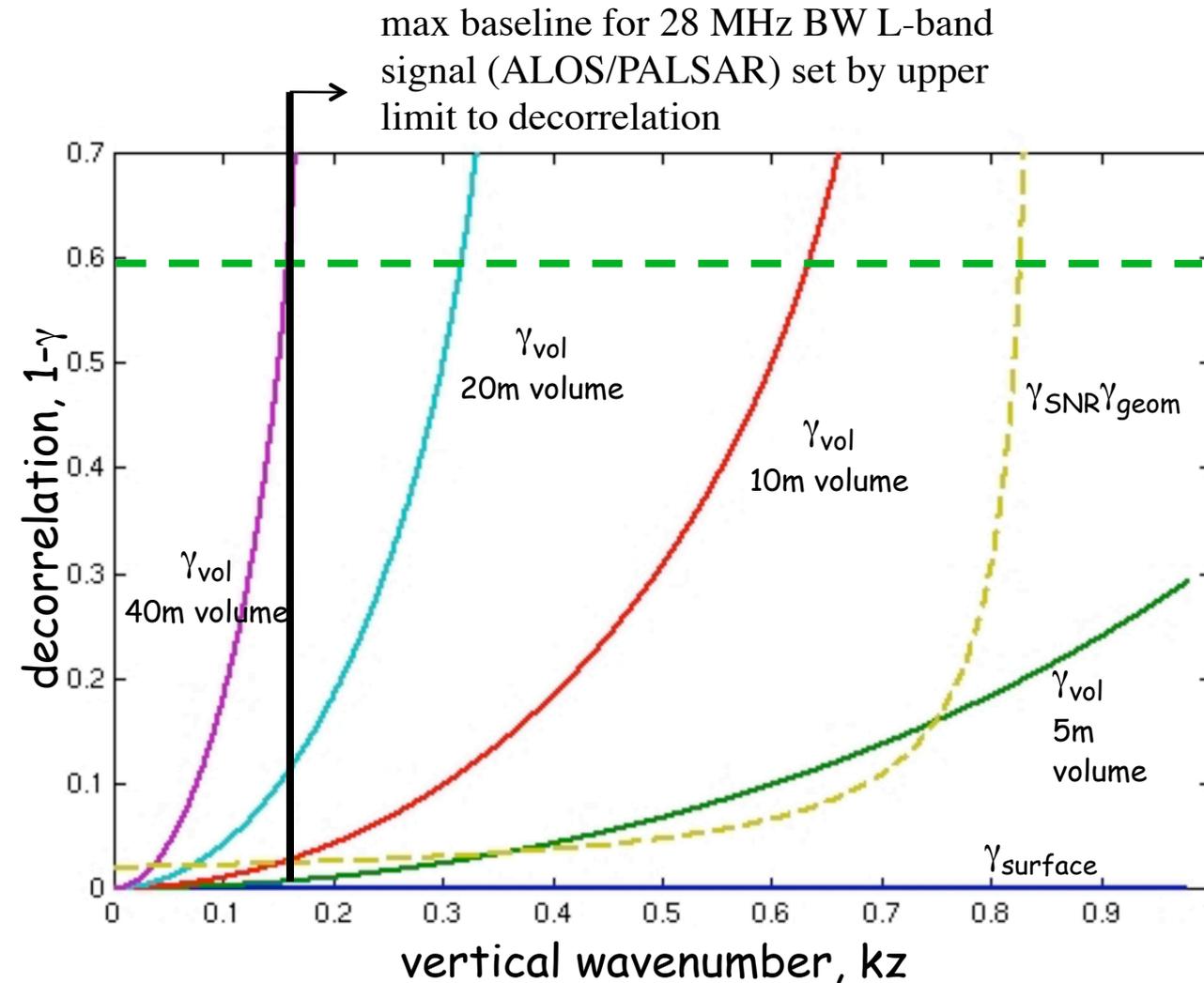
- Explore the effects of changing baseline,  $B$ , and look angle,  $\theta$ , on the estimate error.

slope of line is set by the sensitivity of interferometric phase to height

$$k_z = \frac{akB \cos(\theta - \alpha)}{R \sin \theta}$$



# Choose $k_z$ to maximize signal and minimize errors



- large baseline desired to maximize sensitivity to volumetric decorrelation (short volumes have small decorrelation signatures)
- maximum baseline is limited by
  - loss of signal due to the wavenumber shift (Prati filtering)
  - maximum decorrelation allowable for phase unwrapping ( $\gamma=0.4$ )
- simple volumetric model used to demonstrate this tradoff in figure at left.

# Some Comparisons

- Observational characteristics for various interferometers can be compared with a proposed InSAR observation that would be sensitive to vegetation

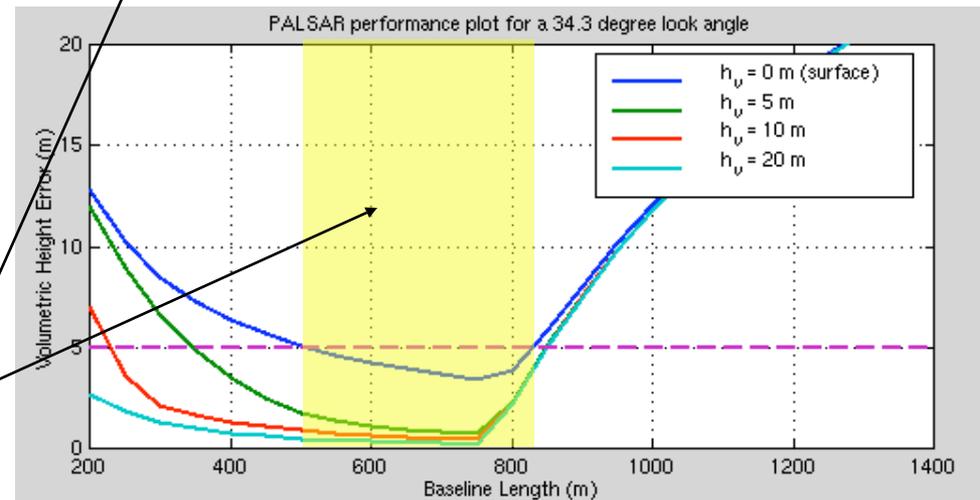
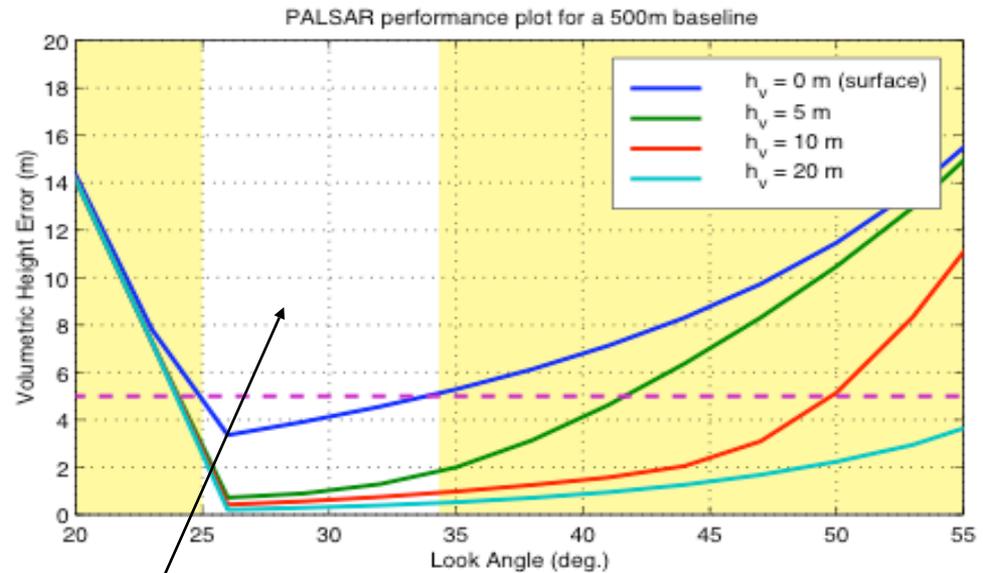
Sensor	Altitude (km)	$\theta, \alpha$ (deg)	$B, \lambda$ (m)	$k_z$ (rad/m)	$h_{\text{ambig}}$ (m)	BW, $B_{\text{crit}}$ (MHz, m)
GeoSAR X	10,000	45, 0	2(2.6), 0.03	0.08	160	160, 230
GeoSAR P	10,000	45, 0	2(20), 0.87	0.02	310	160, 6500
AIRSAR C	10,000	45, 65	2(2.5), 0.056	0.05	120	40, 85
SRTM	230,000	40, 45	60, 0.056	0.03	240	10, 600
DLR - L	3,000	39, 0	2(15), 0.24	0.24	27	100, 260
<b>ALOS/PALSAR</b>	700,000	35, 0	<b>2(800), 0.24</b>	<b>0.07</b>	90	28, 13400



# ALOS/PALSAR Kyoto and Carbon Cycle Initiative



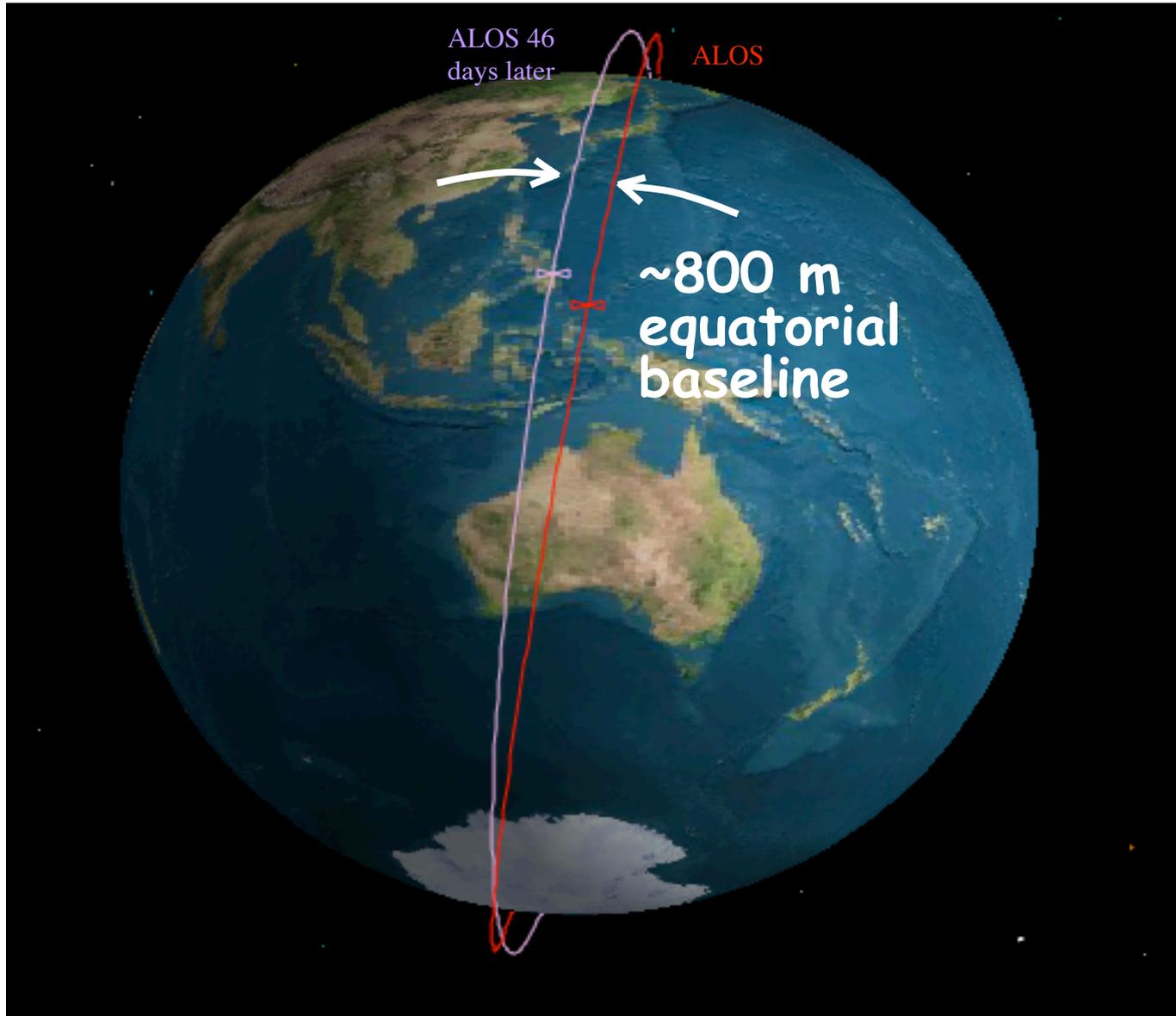
System Parameter	Value
Frequency	L-Band
Wavelength	24 cm
Bandwidth	14 & 28 MHz
Noise Equivalent $\sigma^0$	$\geq -23$ dB
Signal to Ambiguity Ratio	$\leq 16$ dB
Thermal SNR Over Vegetation	18 dB
Platform Height	700 km
Swath Width	40 - 70 km
Resolution	7 - 44 m
Effective Number of Looks Used	64
Look Angle Range	8 - 60 degrees
Repeat Track Time	46 days



operating  
region

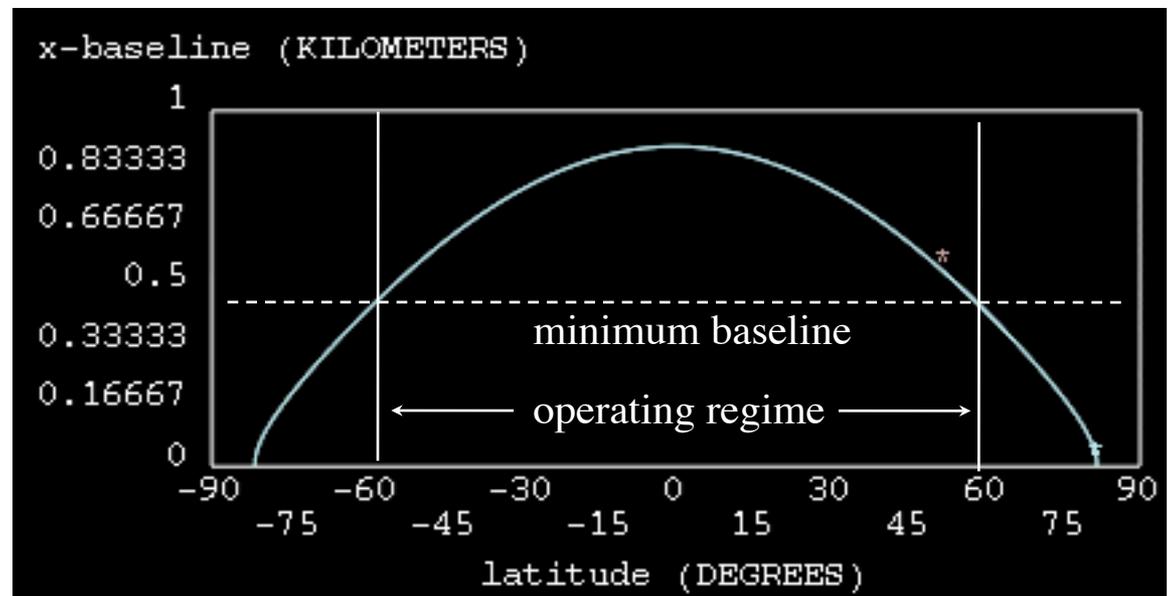
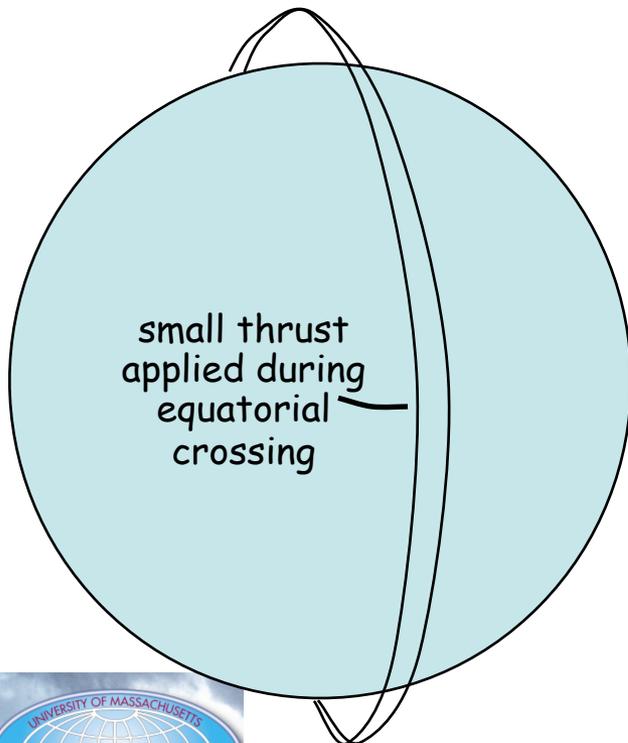


# Repeat Pass Cross-Track Baseline



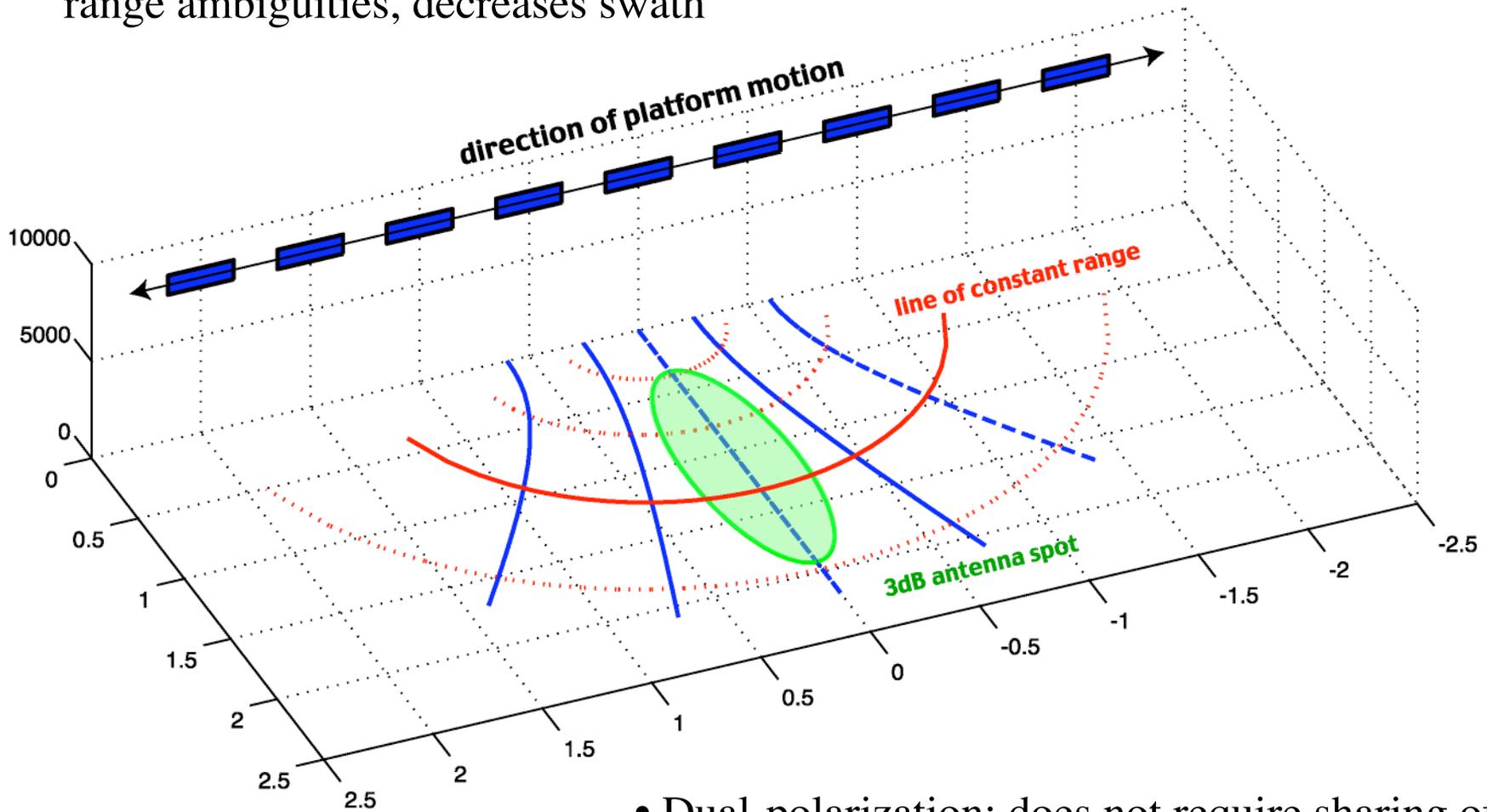
# Implementation Issues

- Baseline changes as a function of latitude
- Very small amount of lateral thrust ( $<0.001$  m/s) applied to spacecraft at equator crossing to achieve “time of day” shift in crossing.



# Fully Polarimetric or only Co-pol/Cross-pol??

- Fully Polarimetric: Increases data rate, increases range ambiguities, decreases swath

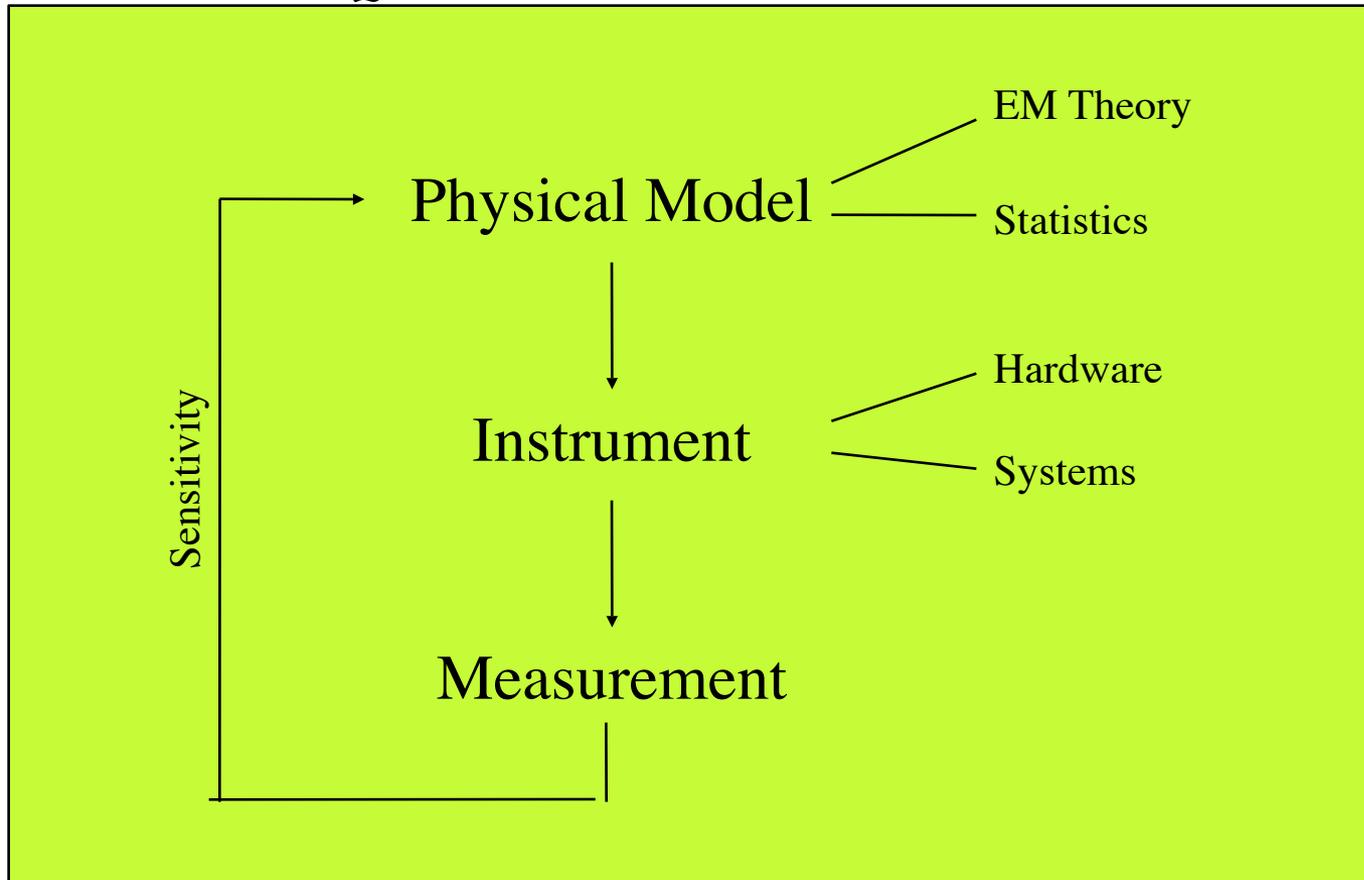


- Dual-polarization: does not require sharing of aperture, may have similar utility



# Research Tasks in Remote Sensing

## Science Question



# Conclusions

- Demonstrated InSAR Sensitivity to Vegetation
- Discussed Error Sources Involved in Observations
- Determined “Best” Baseline & Look Angle for ALOS/PALSAR for measuring vegetation characteristics
  - best baseline is between 500 - 800 m
  - best look angle is between 25 and 35 degrees.
- Greatest Risk is Due to Temporal Decorrelation
- Looking Forward to the Launch of ALOS/PALSAR



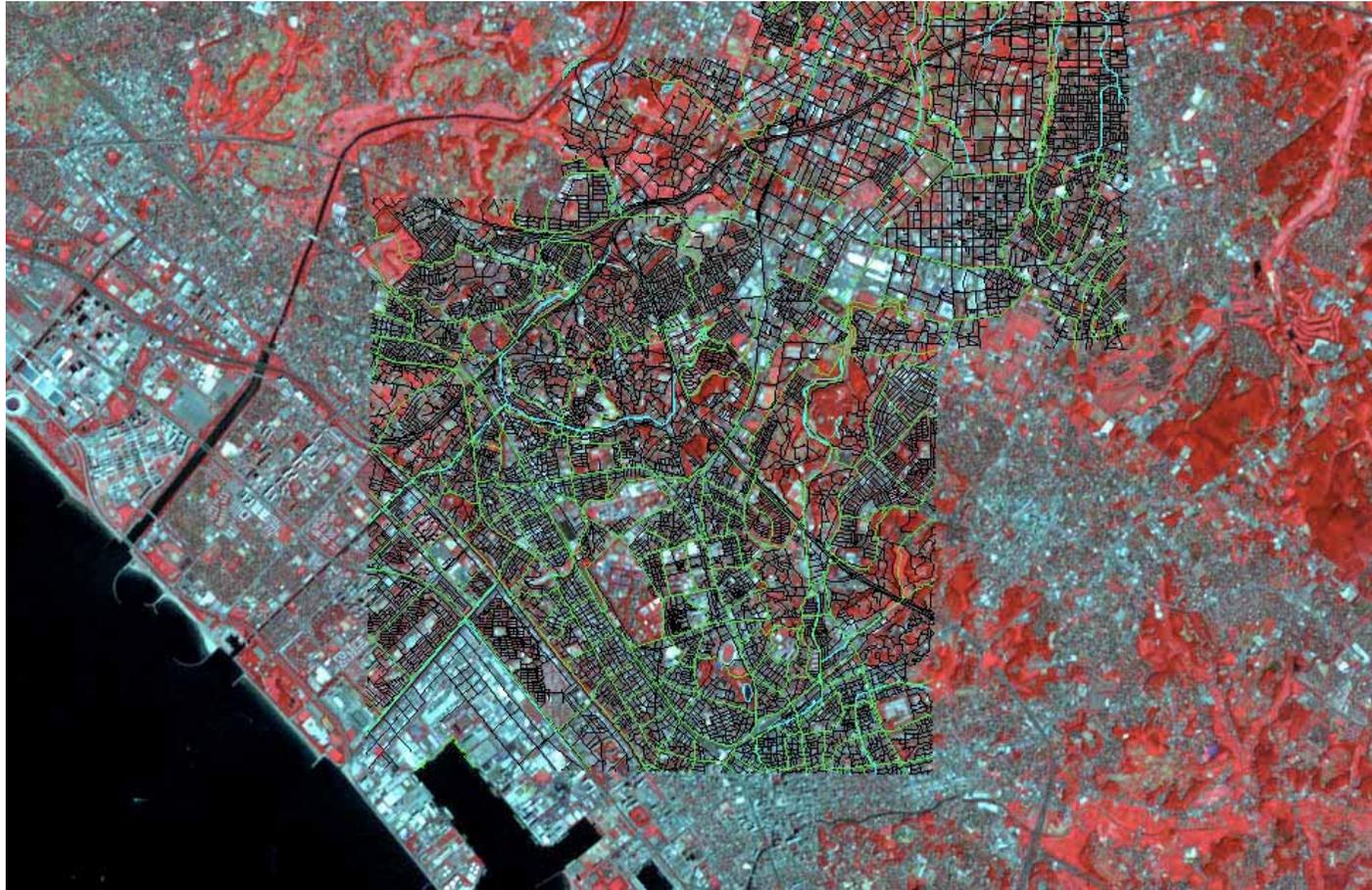
# Global Coverage of ASTER Data And Its Accuracy and Availability

**December 13, 2005**

**The 11th International Symposium on  
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**Chiba University, Japan  
Hiroshi Watanabe, ERSDAC**

ASTER VNIR Image with GIS Information  
Chiba September, 2005



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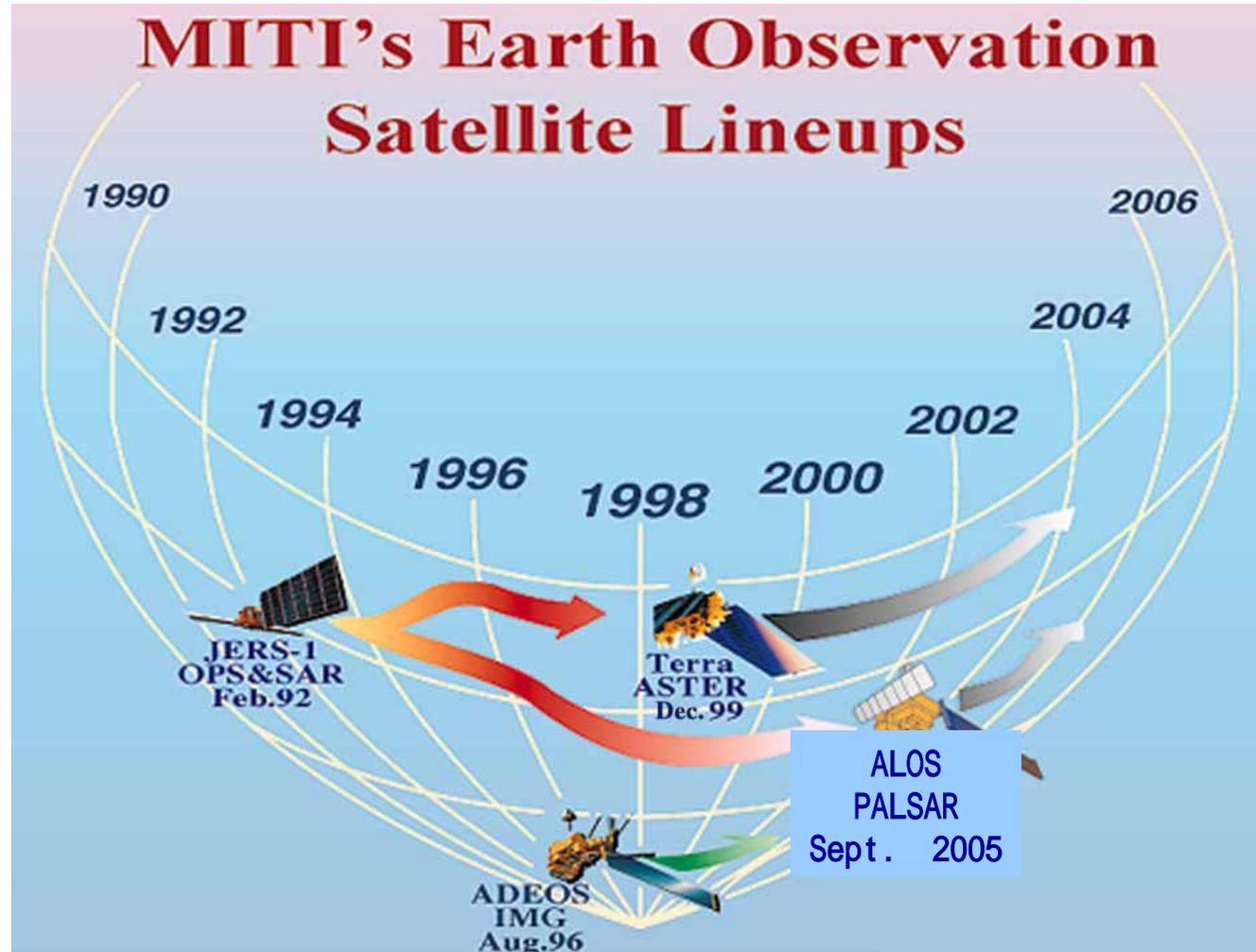
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# **Brief Introduction to ASTER**

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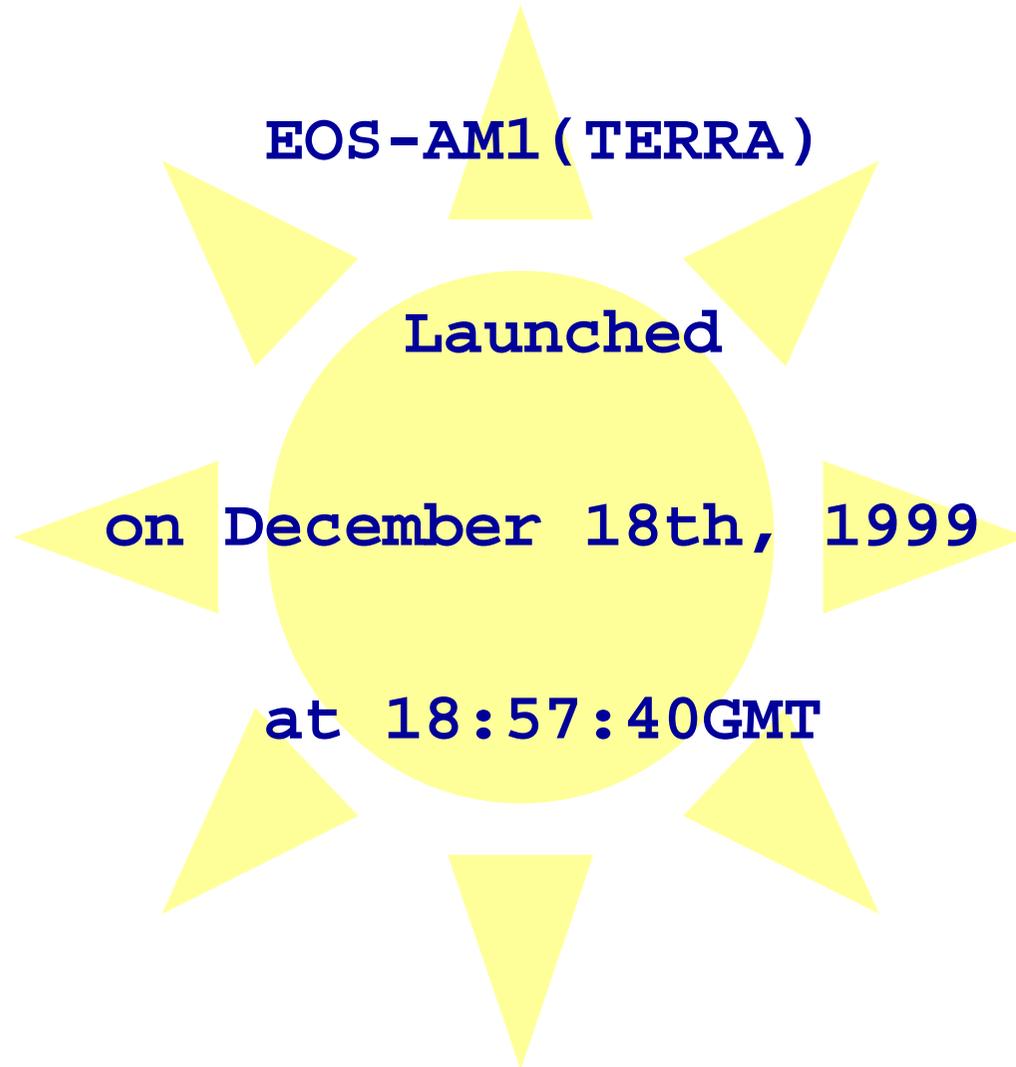
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# METI's Earth Observation Satellite Lineups



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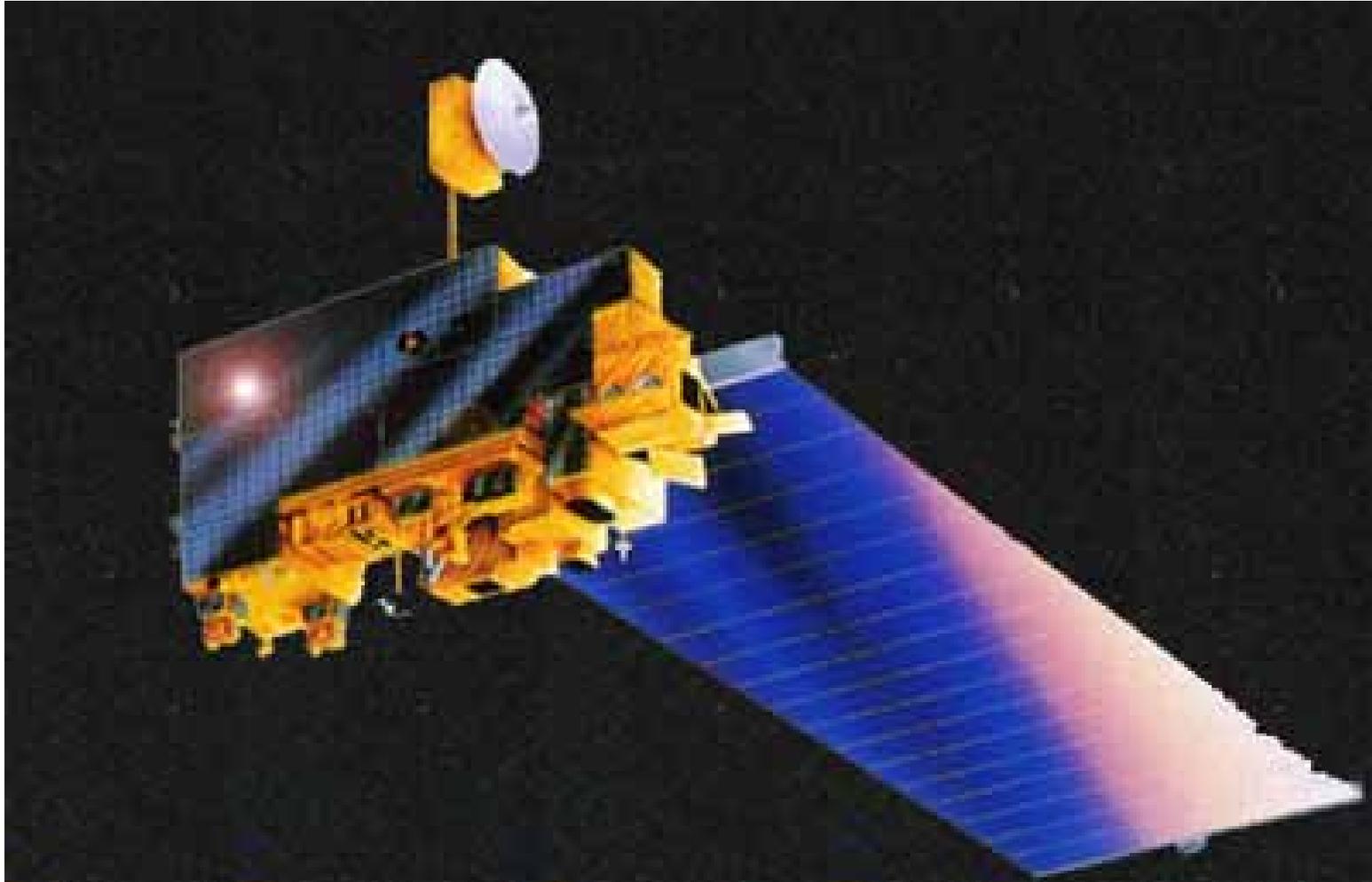
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# ***What is Terra ?***

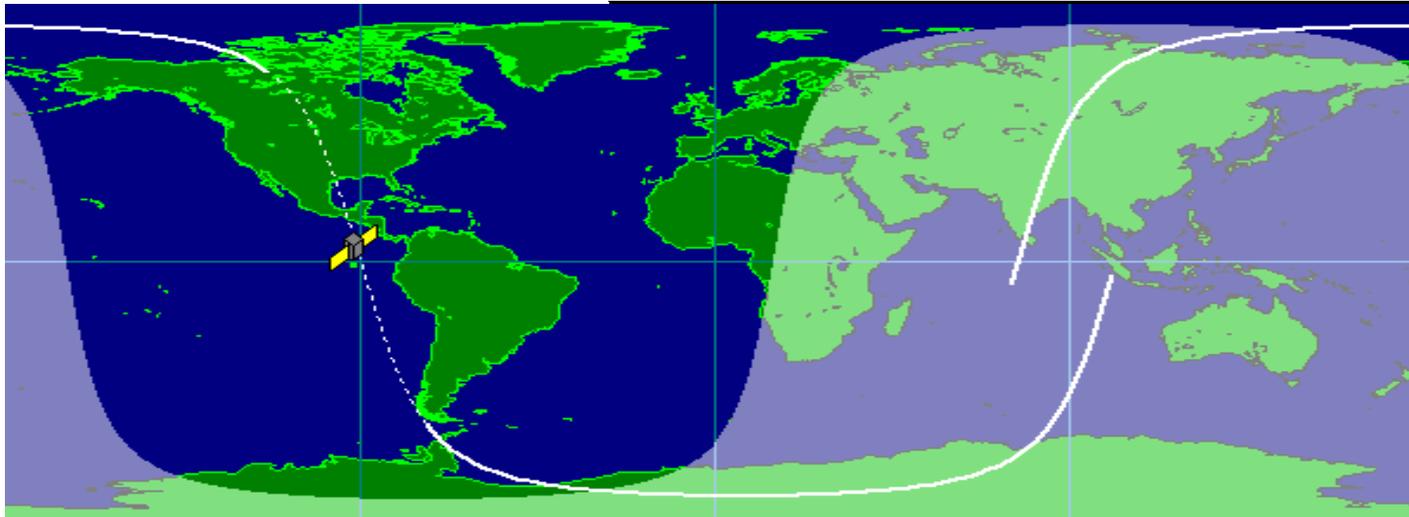


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# Orbit of Terra

<b>Orbit</b>	<b>Sun Synchronous</b>
<b>Local time at equator</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. ± 15min.</b>
<b>Altitude range</b>	<b>700-737 km (705 km at equator)</b>
<b>Inclination</b>	<b>98.2 ° ± 0.15 °</b>
	<b>16 days (233 revolutions/16 days)</b>
<b>Distance between adjacent orbits</b>	<b>172 km at equator</b>
<b>Repetition accuracy</b>	<b>± 20 km,3</b>



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# Terra / NASA



## CORE SENSORS:

### - **ASTER**

Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission & Reflection Radiometer

### - **CERES**

Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System

### - **MISR**

Multi-angle Imaging Spectro-Radiometer

### - **MODIS**

Moderate-resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer

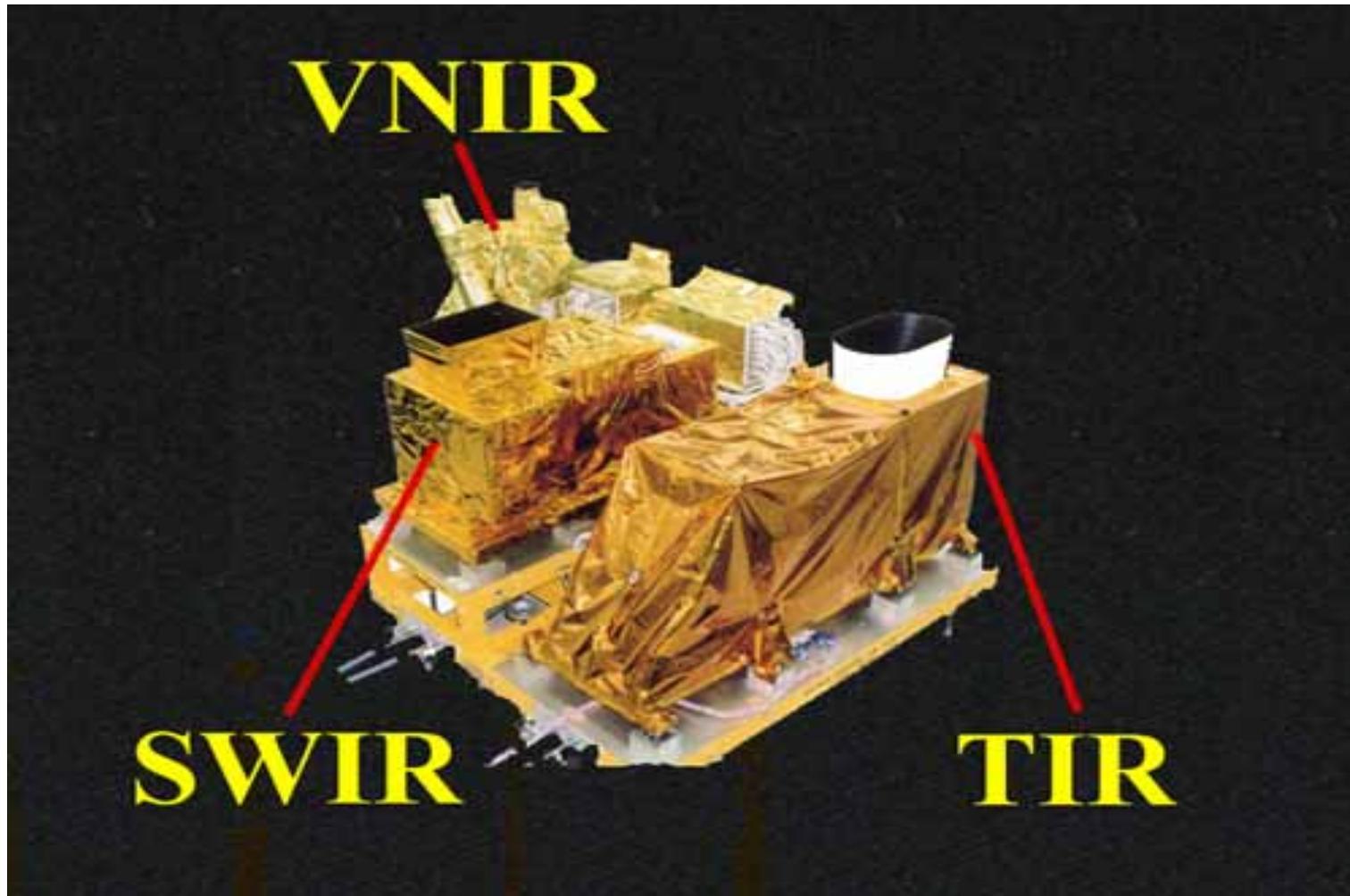
### - **MOPITT**

Measurements of Pollution in the Troposphere

## PURPOSES:

- (1) To promote research into geological phenomena of tectonic surfaces and geological history through detailed mapping of the Earth's topography and geological formations. (This goal includes contributions to applied research in remote sensing.)
- (2) To understand distribution and changes of vegetation.
- (3) To further understand interactions between the Earth's surface and atmosphere by surface temperature mapping.
- (4) To evaluate impact of volcanic gas emission to the atmosphere through monitoring of volcanic activities.
- (5) To contribute to understanding of aerosol characteristics in the atmosphere and of cloud classification.
- (6) To contribute to understanding of the role coral reefs play in the carbon cycle through coral classification and global distribution mapping of corals.

# What is ASTER ?

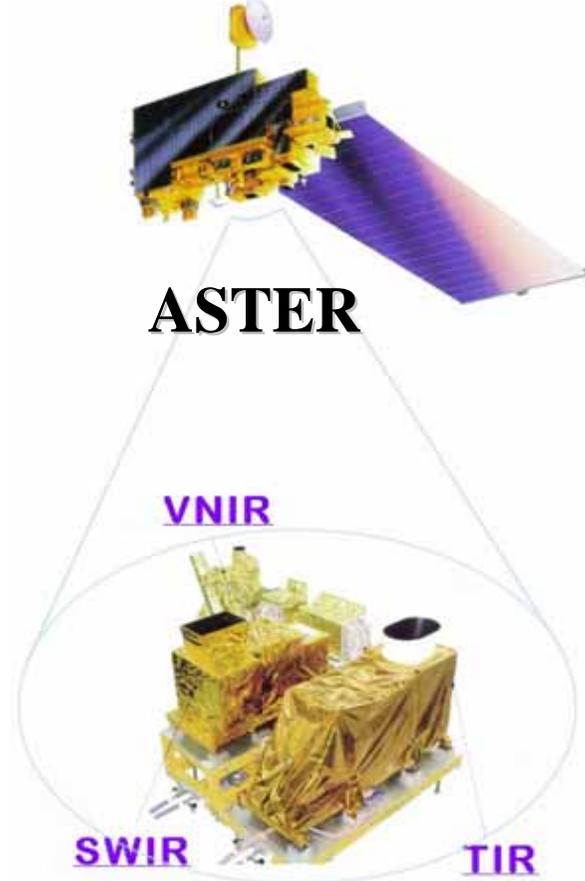


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# ASTER sensors

## Terra



### VNIR

**Visible Near Infrared Radiometer**

Wave Length: **3 Bands + Backward**

**0.52 - 0.86  $\mu\text{m}$**

Spatial Resolution: **15 m**

Pointing Angle:  **$\pm 24^\circ$**

(Cross-track Direction)



### SWIR

**Short Wave Infrared Radiometer**

Wave Length: **6 Bands**

**1.60 - 2.43  $\mu\text{m}$**

Spatial Resolution: **30 m**

Pointing Angle:  **$\pm 8.55^\circ$**

(Cross-track Direction)



### TIR

**Thermal Infrared Radiometer**

Wave Length: **5 Bands**

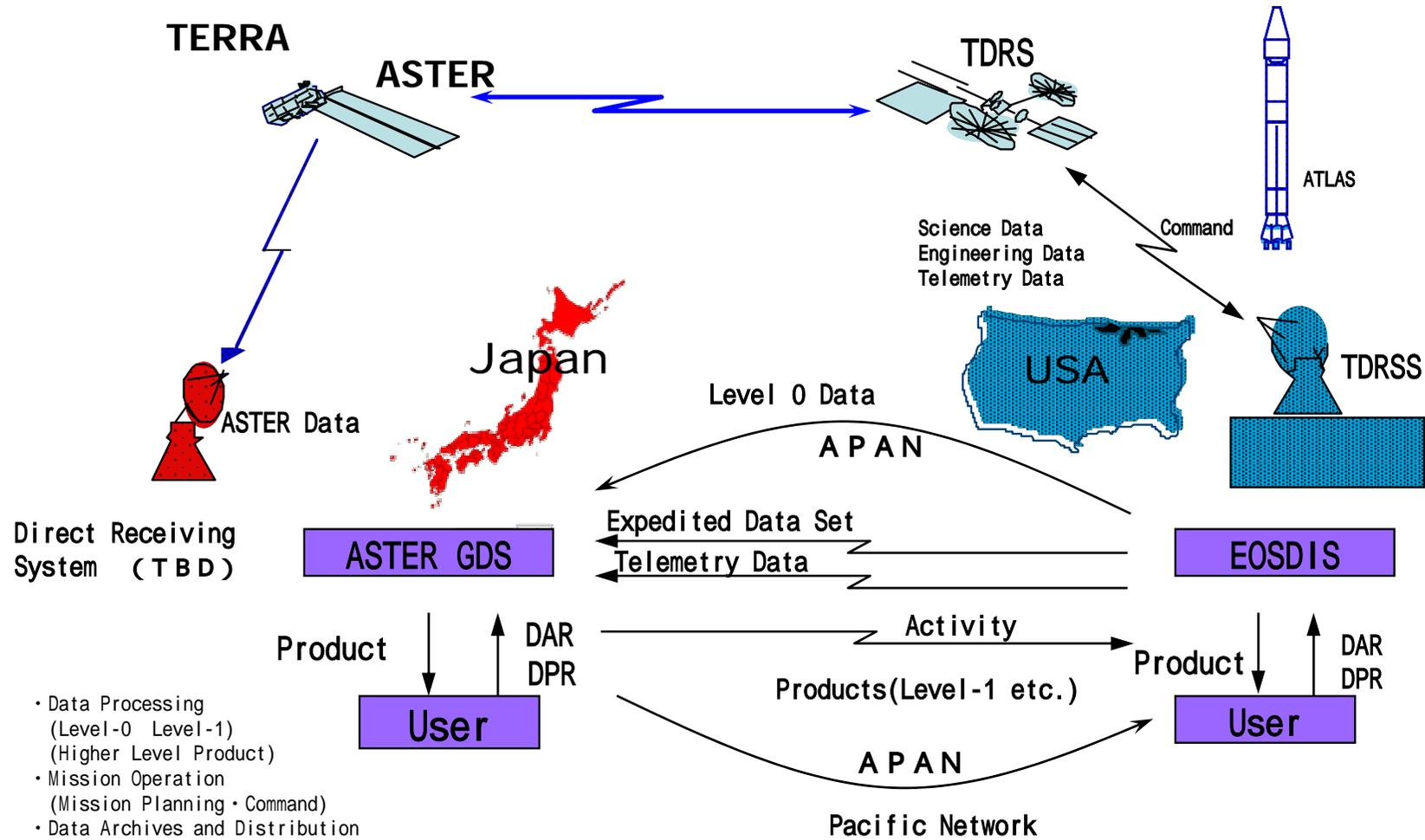
**8.125 - 11.65  $\mu\text{m}$**

Spatial Resolution: **90 m**

Pointing Angle:  **$\pm 8.55^\circ$**

(Cross-track Direction)

# Data Flow and Relationship between JAPAN and USA



- Data Processing (Level-0 Level-1) (Higher Level Product)
- Mission Operation (Mission Planning • Command)
- Data Archives and Distribution

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# Comparison ASTER:Landsat:SPOT

		Spatial Resolution	Swath	# of Bands	Stereo Function
		(m*m)	(km)		
ASTER	Multi/VNIR	15*15	60	3	(along track)
	MultiSWIR	30*30	60	6	
	Multi/TIR	90*90	60	5	
Landsat7/ETM+	Multi	30*30#	185	7	
	Pan	15*15	185	1	
SPOT5/HRG	Multi/VNIR	10*10	60	3	(cross track)
	Multi/SWIR	20*20	60	1	(cross track)
	Pan	5*5	60	1	
SPOT5/HRS	Pan	10*5	120	1	(along track)

# TIR:60\*60

Landsat 5 has a problem in Solar Panels, and Landsat 7 has a problem in Scan Line Corrector

# Resolution of ASTER, JERS-1 and LANDSAT VNIR data



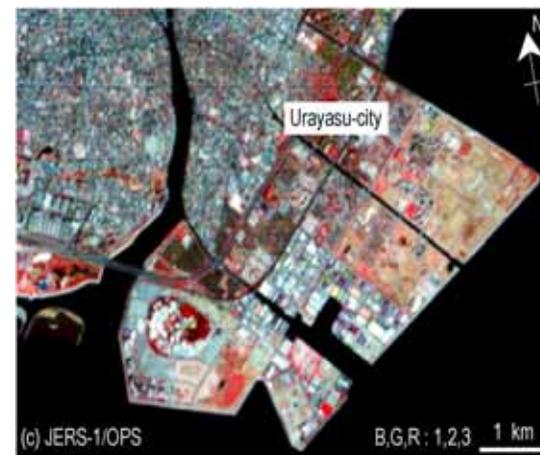
ASTER(B,G,R : 1,2,3)

15m



ETM+(B,G,R : 2,3,4)

30m



JERS-1 OPS(B,G,R : 1,2,3)

18m

**ASTER**



**JERS-1**



**LANDSAT**



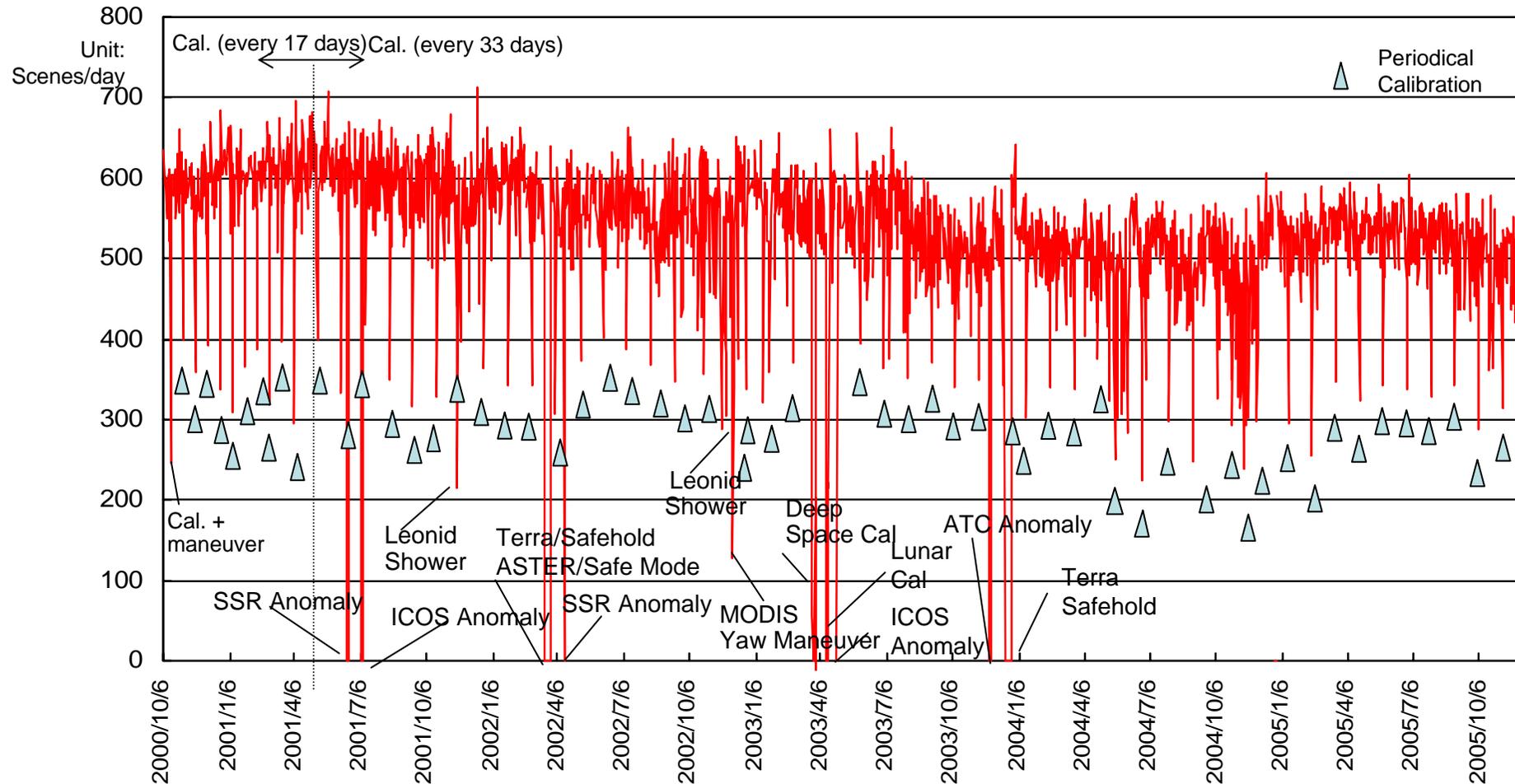
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# Availability of ASTER Data

- Time between Data Acquisition and Data Distribution
- Total Number of Scenes and Degree of Repeated Observation

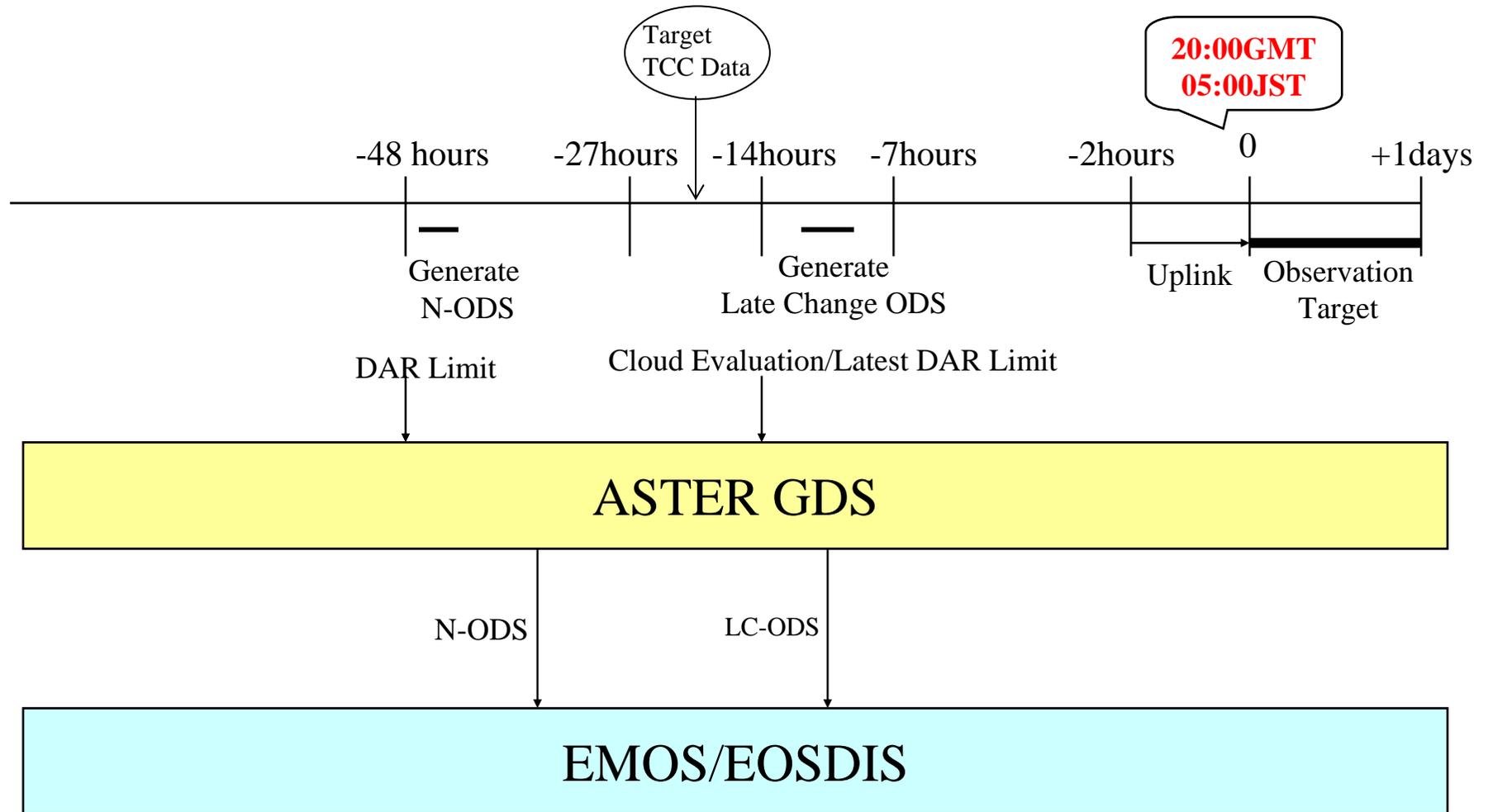
# Number of the ASTER data acquisition per day



The total no. of acquired scenes from Feb. 28th, 2000 to Dec.1, 2005 is **1,073,626**

# LC Operation (1)

## Timeline for Observation Schedule

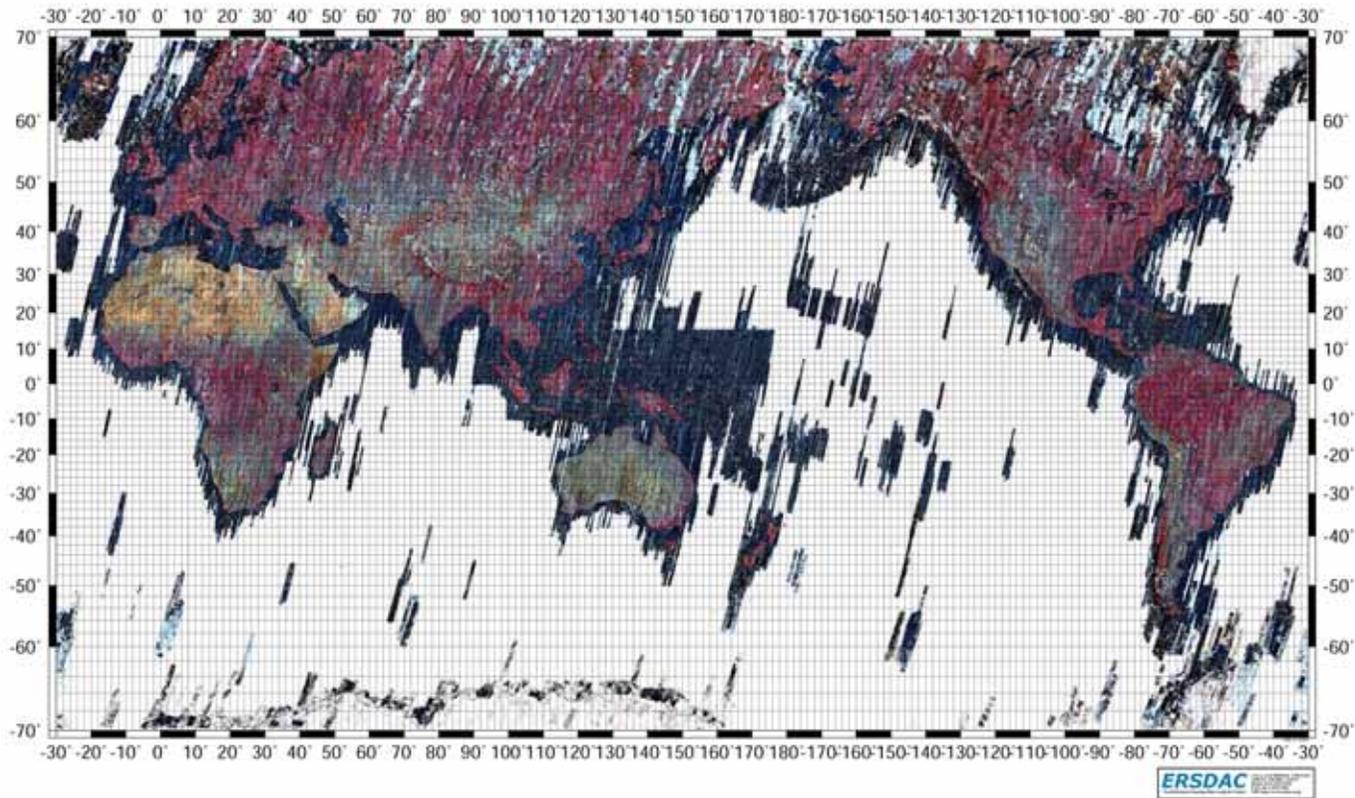


## Effectiveness of Late Change-ODS Operation

	No L/C		L/C		Checking Method
	Cloud Coverage	No. of Scenes	Cloud Coverage	No. of Scenes	
00/11-12	<b>45.4%</b>	2756	<b>36.5%</b>	3120	Visual Check
01/5-7	<b>40.6%</b>	5103	<b>36.7%</b>	5192	L1 Auto.
02/2-7	<b>40.4%</b>	19,288	<b>35.0%</b>	52,445	L1 Auto.

# World Coverage Map (Day time)

**Best Scenes Observed by ASTER ( as of Oct. 2005 )**  
Total Number of L1A Scenes is About 797,624

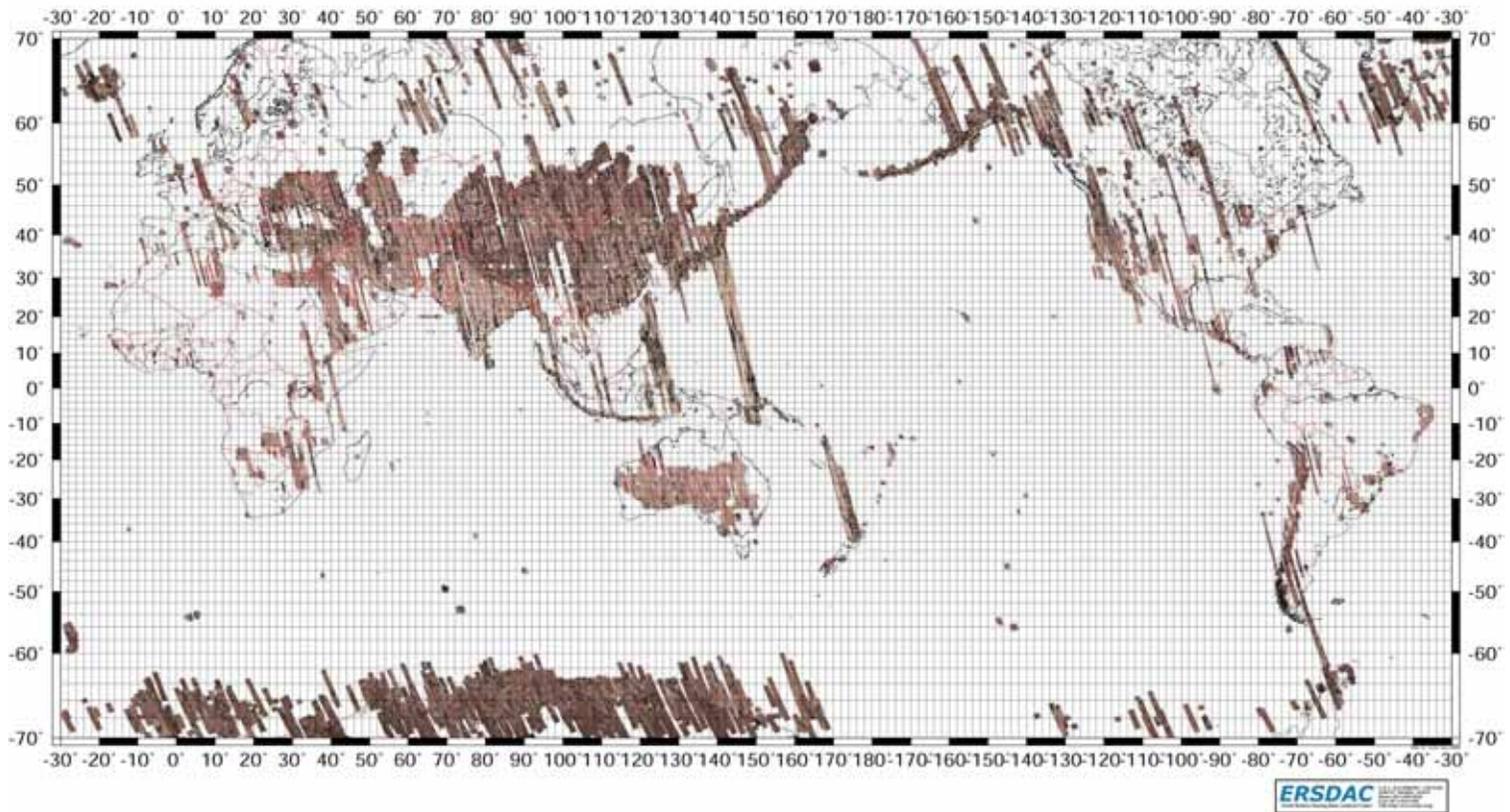


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# World Coverage Map(Night Time)

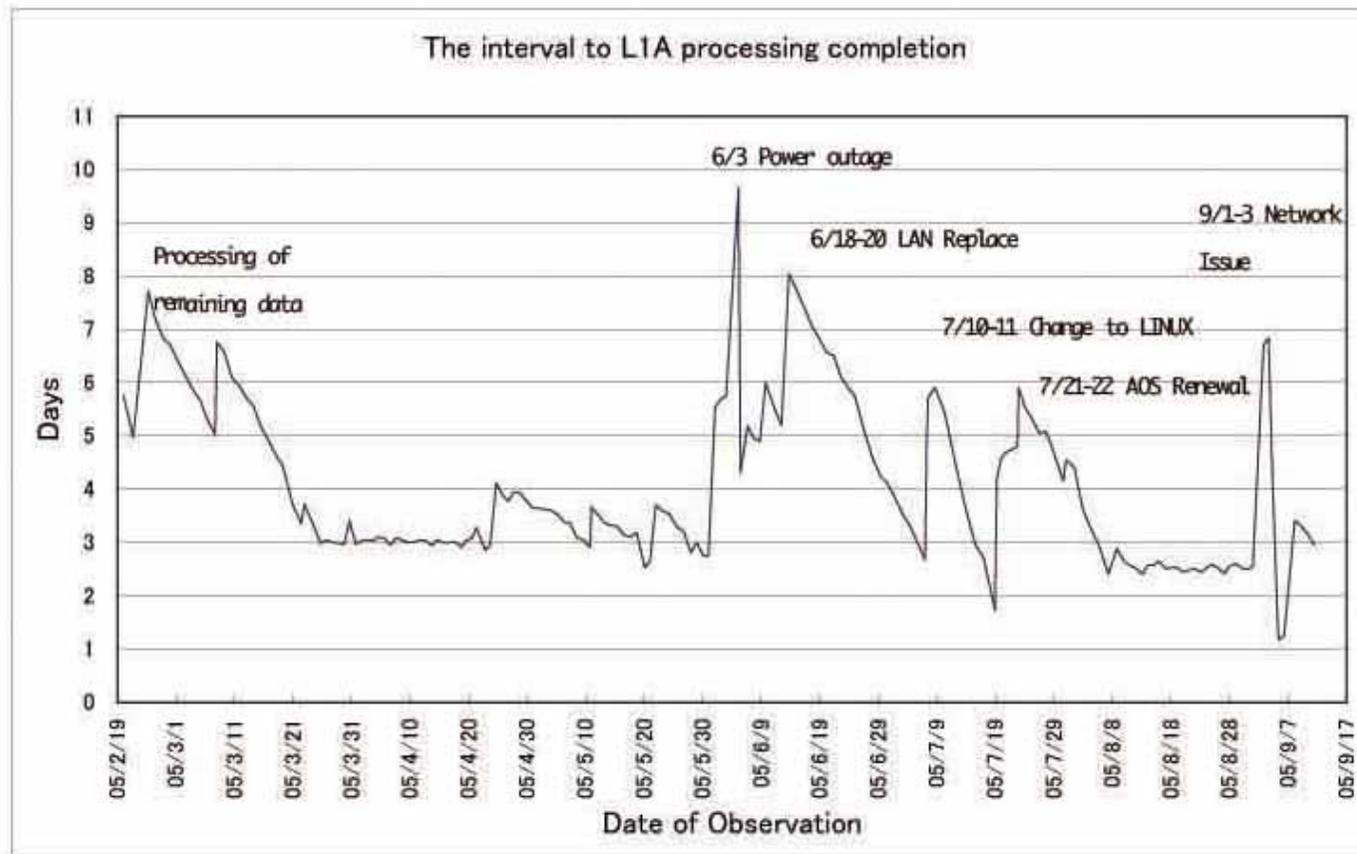
**ASTER Thermal IR Scenes Observed (as of Oct. 2005)**



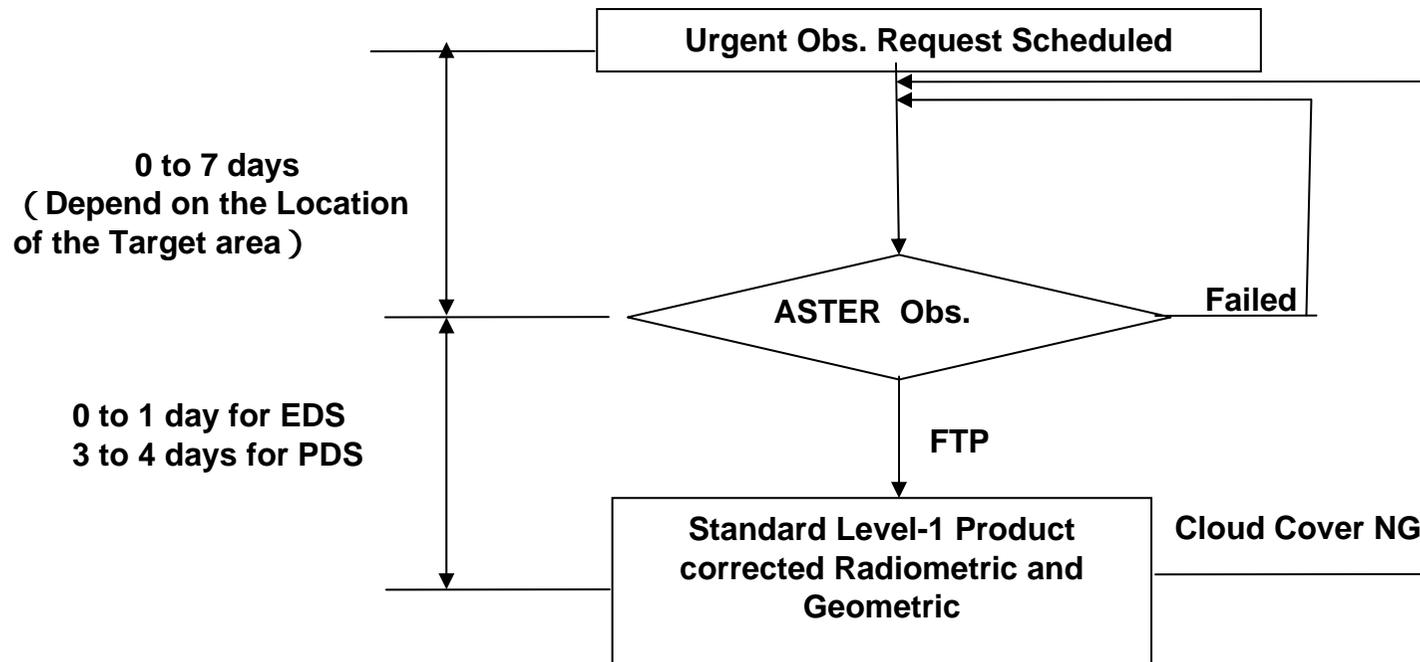
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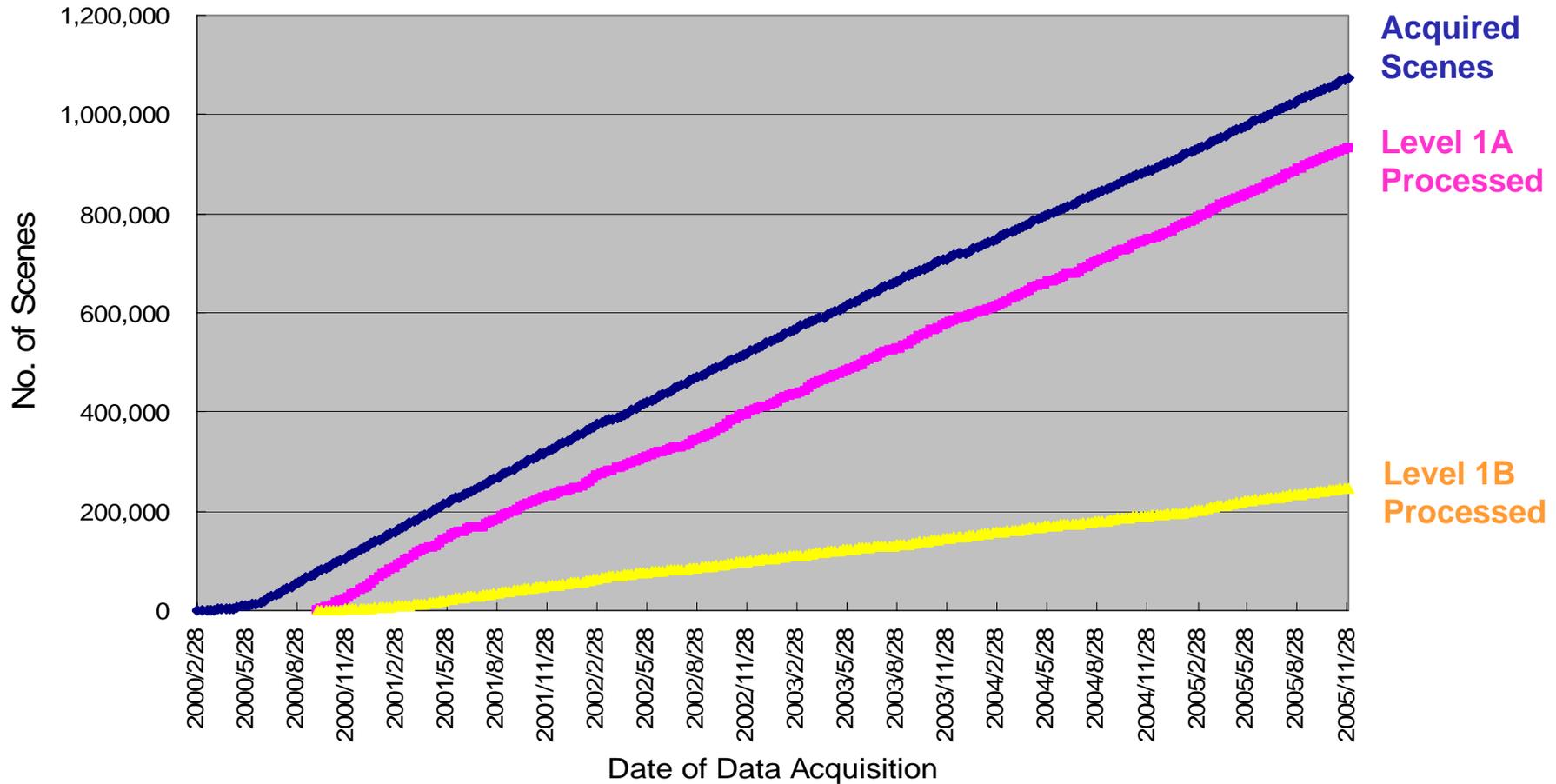
# Time between Data Acquisition and L1A Generation



## Flow of ASTER Urgent Observation



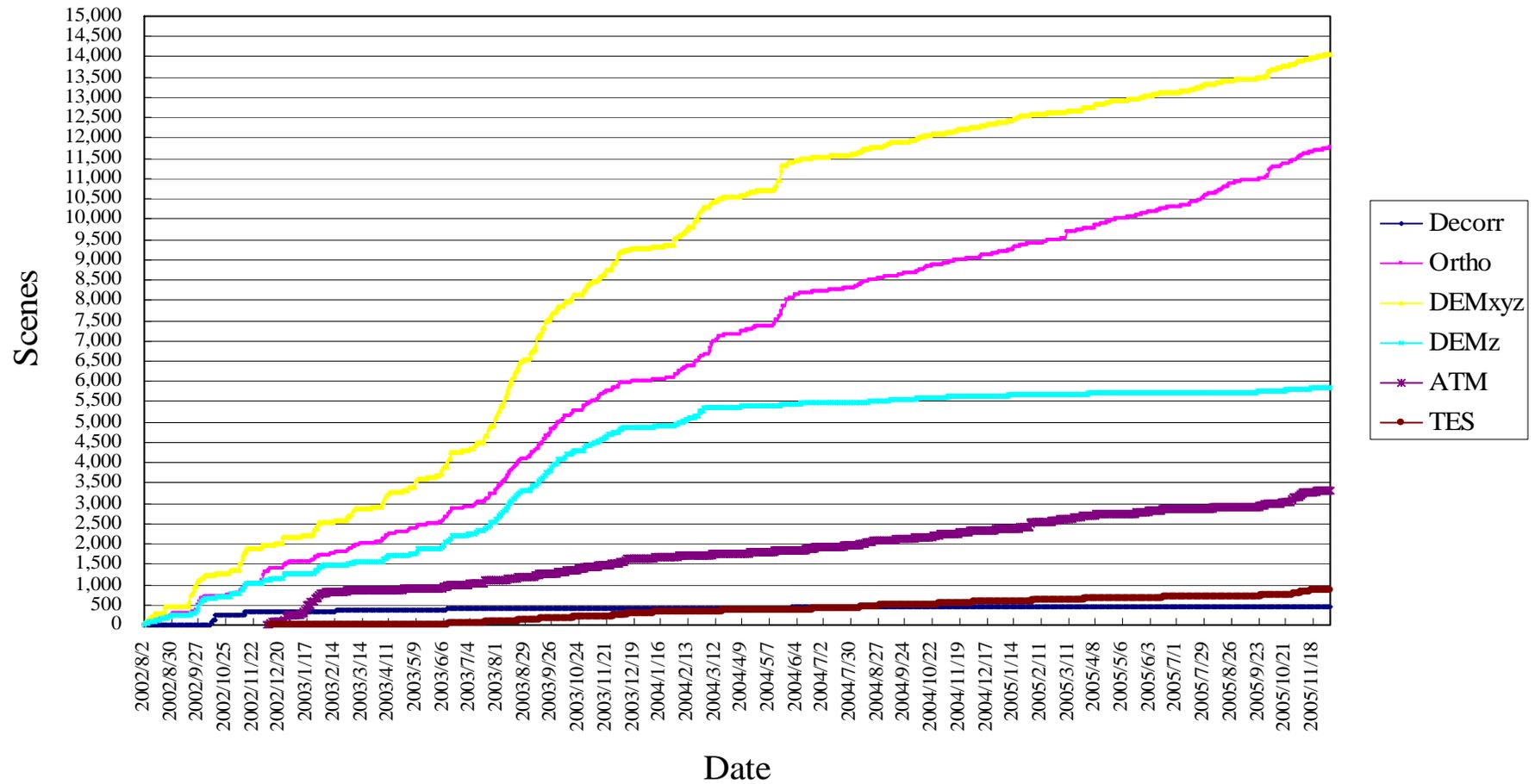
# ASTER Data Production



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# Higher Level Products



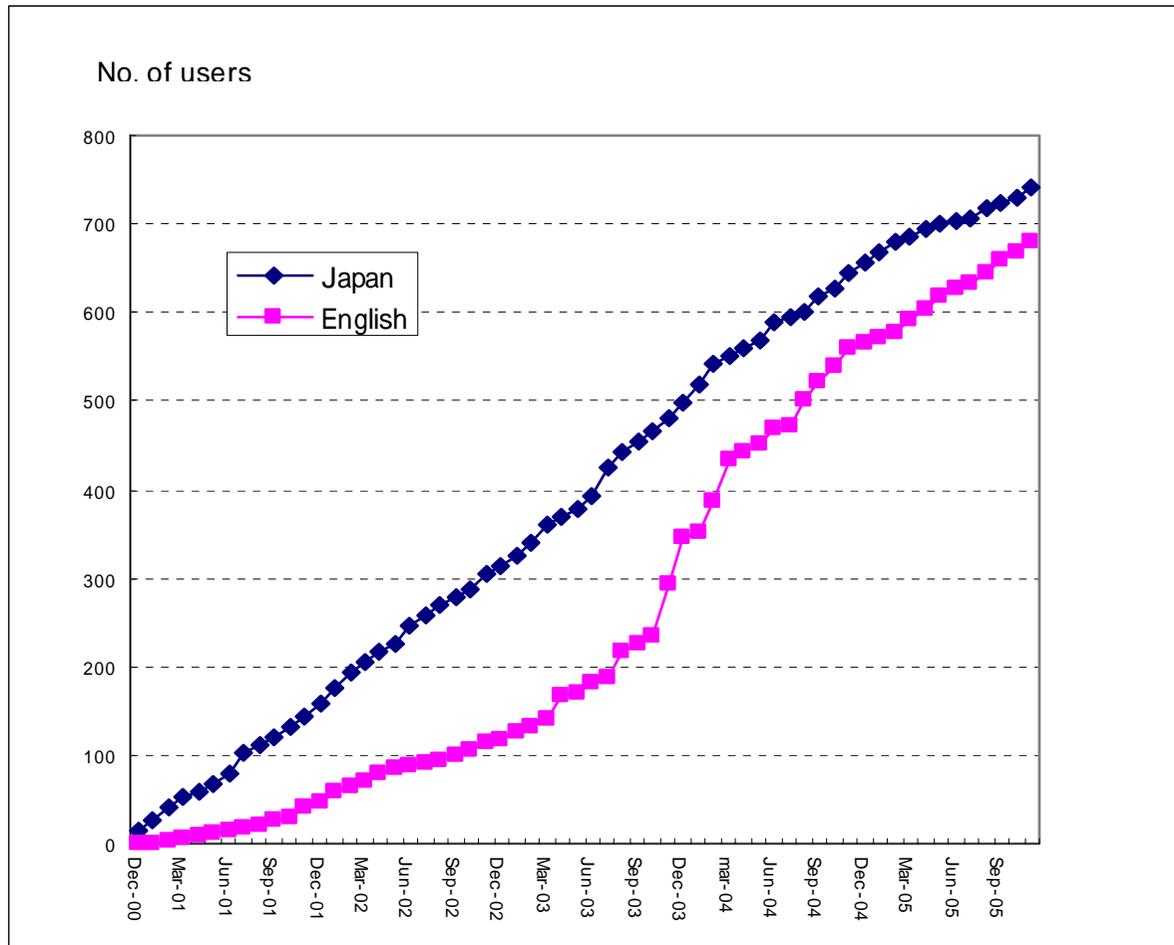
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# Data Distribution

## Statistics

# No. of Registered Users (General Users)

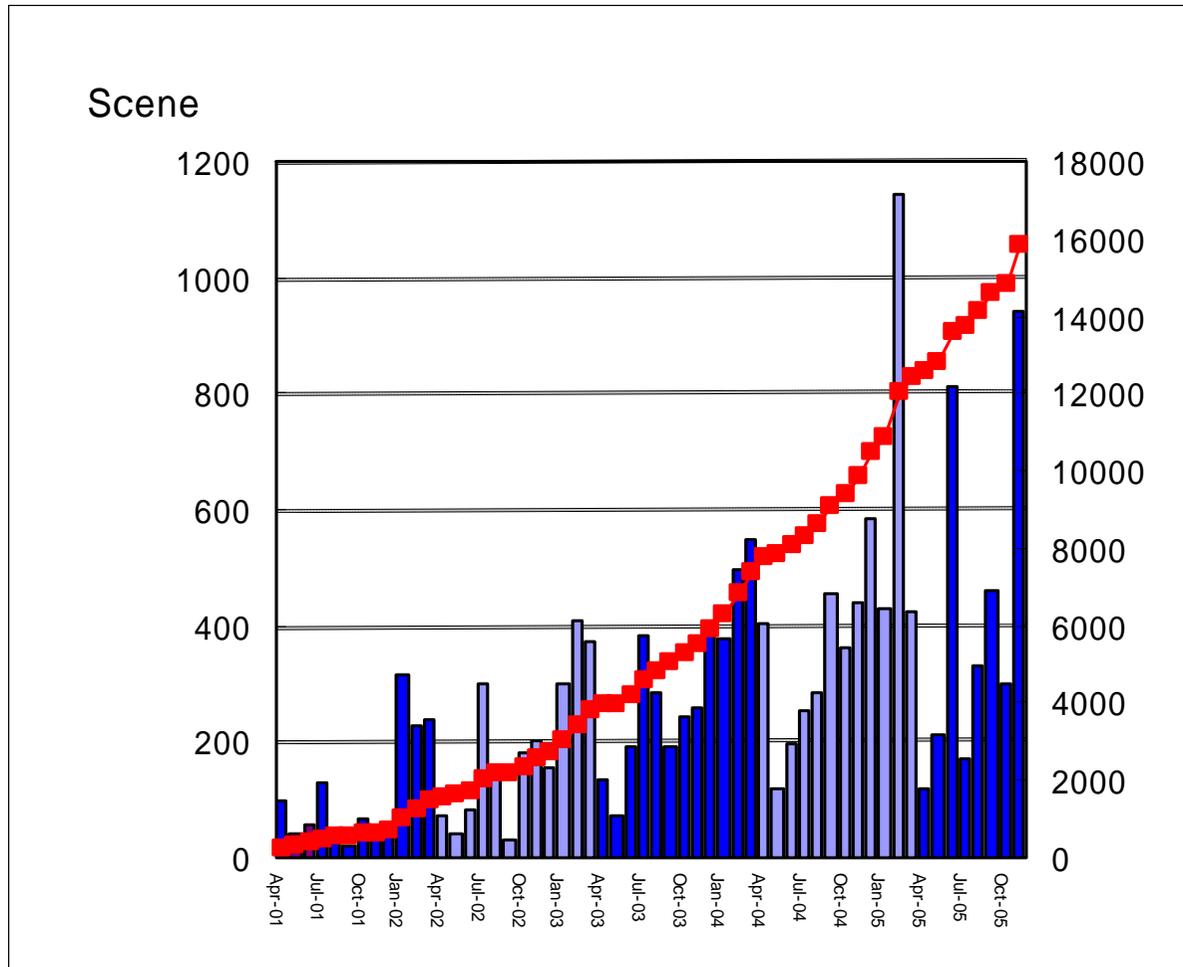


<b>Japan Cum</b>	<b>740</b>
<b>Eng Cum</b>	<b>679</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1419</b>
FY2000	58
FY2001	219
FY2002	224
FY2003	482
FY2004	297
FY2005	139

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# No. of Scenes Ordered (General Users)

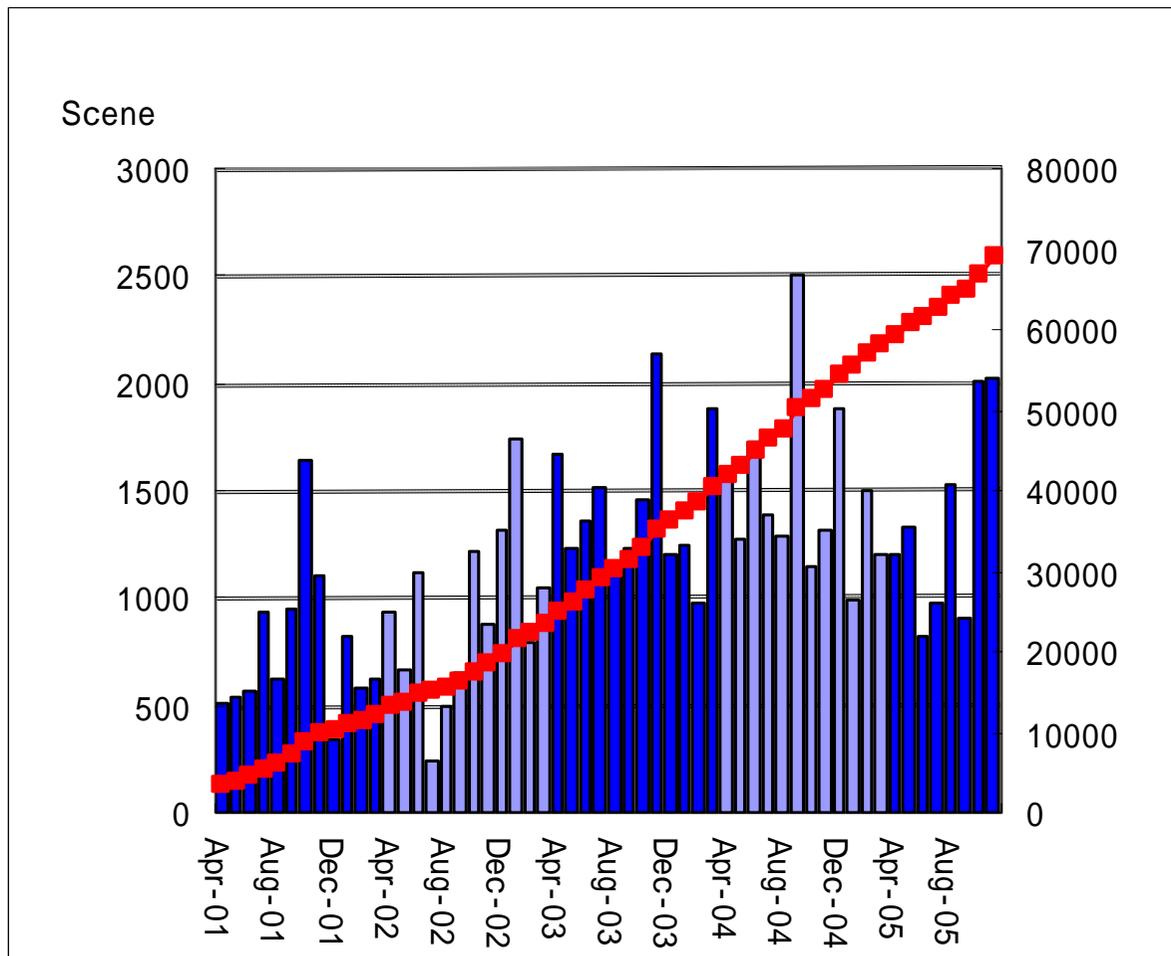


<b>FY2000</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>FY2001</b>	<b>1,317</b>
<b>FY2002</b>	<b>2,301</b>
<b>FY2003</b>	<b>3,562</b>
<b>FY2004</b>	<b>5,092</b>
<b>FY2005</b>	<b>3,348</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,791</b>

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# No. of Total Scenes Distributed (Free Users)



<b>FY2000</b>	<b>2,886</b>
<b>FY2001</b>	<b>9,233</b>
<b>FY2002</b>	<b>11,120</b>
<b>FY2003</b>	<b>17,063</b>
<b>FY2004</b>	<b>17,833</b>
<b>FY2005</b>	<b>11,135</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69,270</b>

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# Categorization of General Users

Category	Domestic	Abroad
Geology, Resources	76	56
Education	257	277
Software	53	6
Civil Engineering	77	5
National, Local Government, NPO	117	131
Remote Sensing & Its Application	29	78
Miscellaneous	30	92
Photogrammetry	38	7
Private	17	9
Environment	23	18
Agriculture	4	
Mass Media	19	
<b>Total</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>679</b>

## Data Distribution by General User Category

Category	Domestic		Abroad	
	FY2004 or earlier	FY2005	FY2004 or earlier	FY2005
Geology, Resources	2642	759	687	78
Education, Academia	1597	250	673	232
Software	1009	55	1	
Civil Engineering	837	107	0	13
State, Local Government, NPO	2145	173	734	207
R/S and Its Application	506	136	733	883
Miscellaneous	166	17	277	271
Photogrammetry	203	77	0	4
Private	13	3	7	1
Environment	155	66	5	9
Agriculture	15	3	0	
Mass Media	38	4	0	
<b>Total</b>	9326	1650	3117	1698

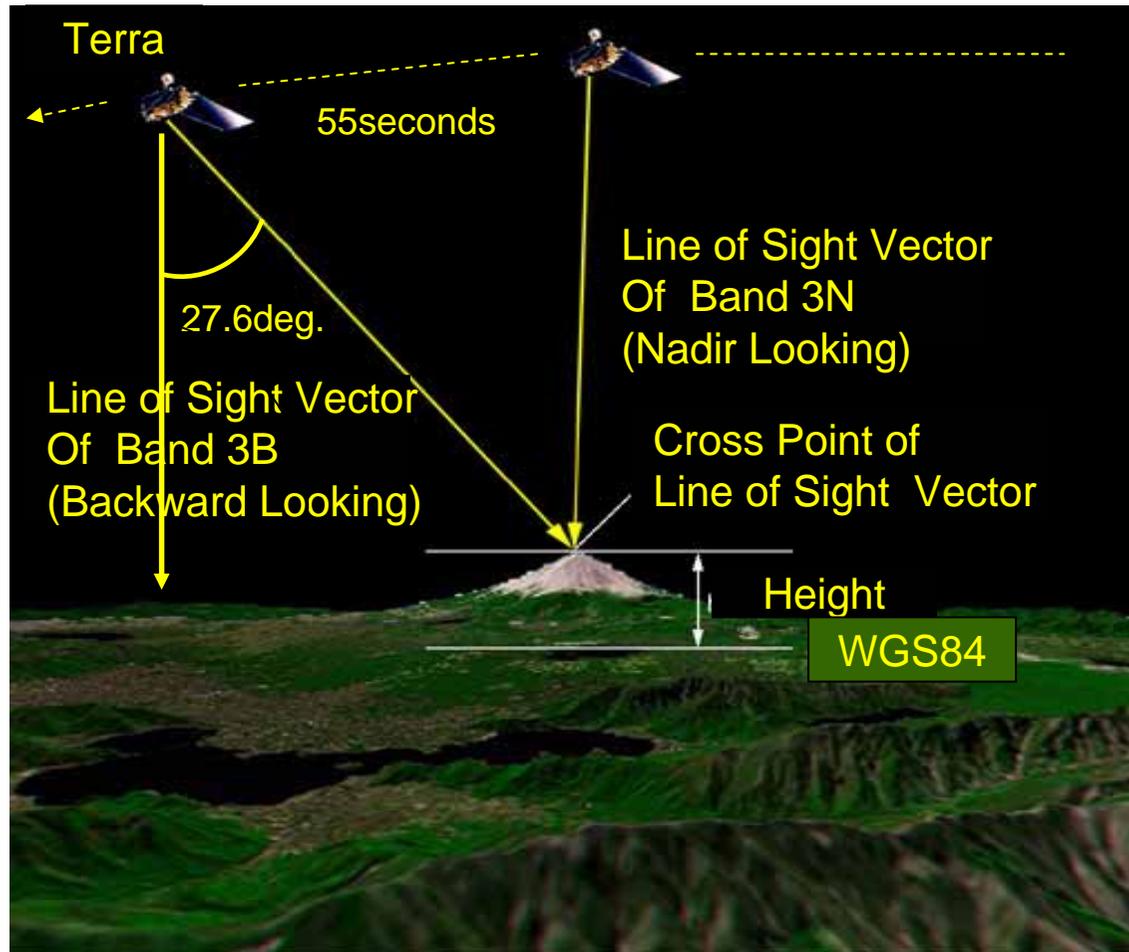
## General User Distribution by Region

<b>Area</b>	<b># of Registration</b>	<b>FY2004 or earlier</b>	<b>FY2005</b>
Europe	120	321	207
Asia	296	1316	944
South America	21	586	14
North and Central America	77	87	28
Oceania	26	340	156
Africa	18	106	14
Middle East	88	361	335
<b>Total</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>3117</b>	<b>1698</b>

# Geometric and Radiometric Accuracy

- Geometric Accuracy
  - Geolocation
  - DEM
- Radiometric Accuracy

# Simplified Explanation of DEM Extraction from ASTER Data



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# Hardware Setting

- The band 3B data is not only rotated backward direction by 27.6 degrees around the pitch axis but also 1.33 degrees by roll axis to compensate the Earth Rotation. This configuration is kept when there is a cross track pointing.
- In the Band 3B sensor, there are 5,000 CCDs, and when the data is downloaded from the Terra, 4,100 pixel data are selected in function of the latitude to compensate the Earth Rotation.
- To keep the pixel size of the Band 3B the same as that of the band 3N, the instantaneous field of view is designed slightly smaller than that of band 3N. ( respectively, 21.3 and 18.6 micro radian)

# Note on B/H

- The band 3B looks at the same location of the Earth approximately 55 seconds after the data take by the band 3N. A set of the bands 3N and 3B constitutes a stereo pair, from which user can see ASTER data stereoscopically, even in Level 1B data set, with the Base to Height Ratio ( B/H )= 0.6 calculating as follows ( Fujisada et.al., 1998):
  - $\tan(\arcsin((R_E + H) / R_E * \sin(27.6)))$   
where  $R_E$  and  $H$  denote the radius of the Earth and the Altitude of the Spacecraft( 6378 km and 705 km at the Equator, respectively).
- Note this value of B/H is not necessarily equal to 0.6, but slightly changing depending on the relative location of the pair pixel.
- Note the overlap of the Bands 3N and 3B does not cover the completely the same location, the coverage of the stereo pair is usually slightly less than the coverage of nadir looking data, 60 km.

## Error Evaluation by GCPs for the data of 2003

	delta lon	delta lat	delta h
	(m)	(m)	(m)
Results for all the 90 data			
mean	40.75	-11.82	-19.81
std	44.67	11.43	7.65
Results for each scenes			
mean	42.86	-10.56	-19.19
std	6.86	5.48	4.12

## **Estimated Errors in Longitude Direction(m) (2003)**

<b>Date of Data Acquisition</b>	<b>Longitude</b>	<b>Estimated Errors in Longitude Direction (m)</b>
2003.9.15	N35	58.2
2003.10.15	N35	38.4
2003.11.15	N35	46.8
2003.12.15	N35	76.3

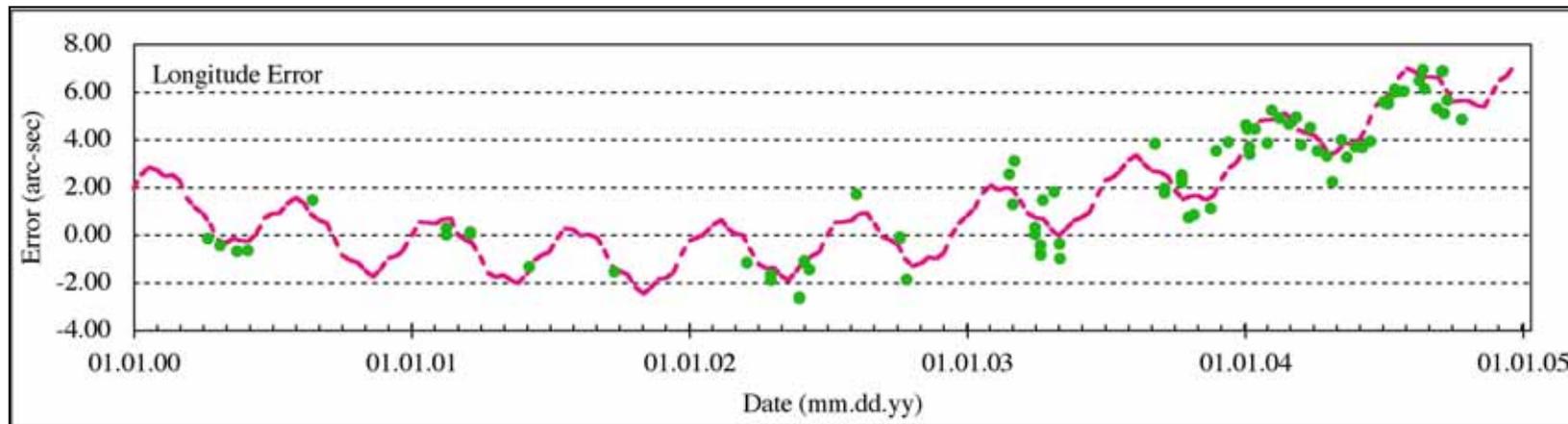
## Summary of Results of DEM Accuracy Measurement by Comparing with GCP conducted in FY 2004

Site	Observation Date	Pointing (deg)	GCT Ver.	Gain	Mean Error [m]			Standard Deviation [m]			No. of GCP
					lon	lat	h	lon	lat	h	
Tsukuba 14	2004.9.9	-8.583	3.00	NOR	138.69	-12.88	-3.25	5.89	3.47	3.53	7
Saga 10	2004.10.12	2.873	3.00	NOR	129.42	-26.52	-18.28	4.61	3.73	2.86	15
Unzen 4	2004.10.12	2.873	3.00	NOR	130.60	-22.16	-15.96	5.79	6.77	5.61	1
Fujisan 3	2004.10.18	-5.727	3.00	NOR	121.96	-27.21	-8.73	2.60	3.65	4.52	5
Aso 11・12	2004.11.22	-5.729	3.00	NOR	156.77	-20.62	-14.81	5.74	3.61	5.24	15
Kisokoma 7	2004.12.28	-2.826	3.00	NOR	183.62	-12.97	-6.36	7.82	3.20	7.05	10
Mean Value					143.51	-20.39	-11.23	5.41	4.07	4.80	

# Estimated Errors in Longitude Direction (2004)

Site	Observation Date	Latitude	Errors by GCP	Estimated Errors in longitude direction (m)
Tsukuba 14	2004.9.9	N34/10	138.69	168.1
Saga 10	2004.10.12	N33/20	129.42	144.1
Unzen 4	2004.10.12	N32/50	130.60	145.4
Fujisan 3	2004.10.18	N34/10	121.96	134.5
Aso 11·12	2004.11.22	N33/10	156.77	153.5
Kisokoma 7	2004.12.28	N35/50	183.62	153.5

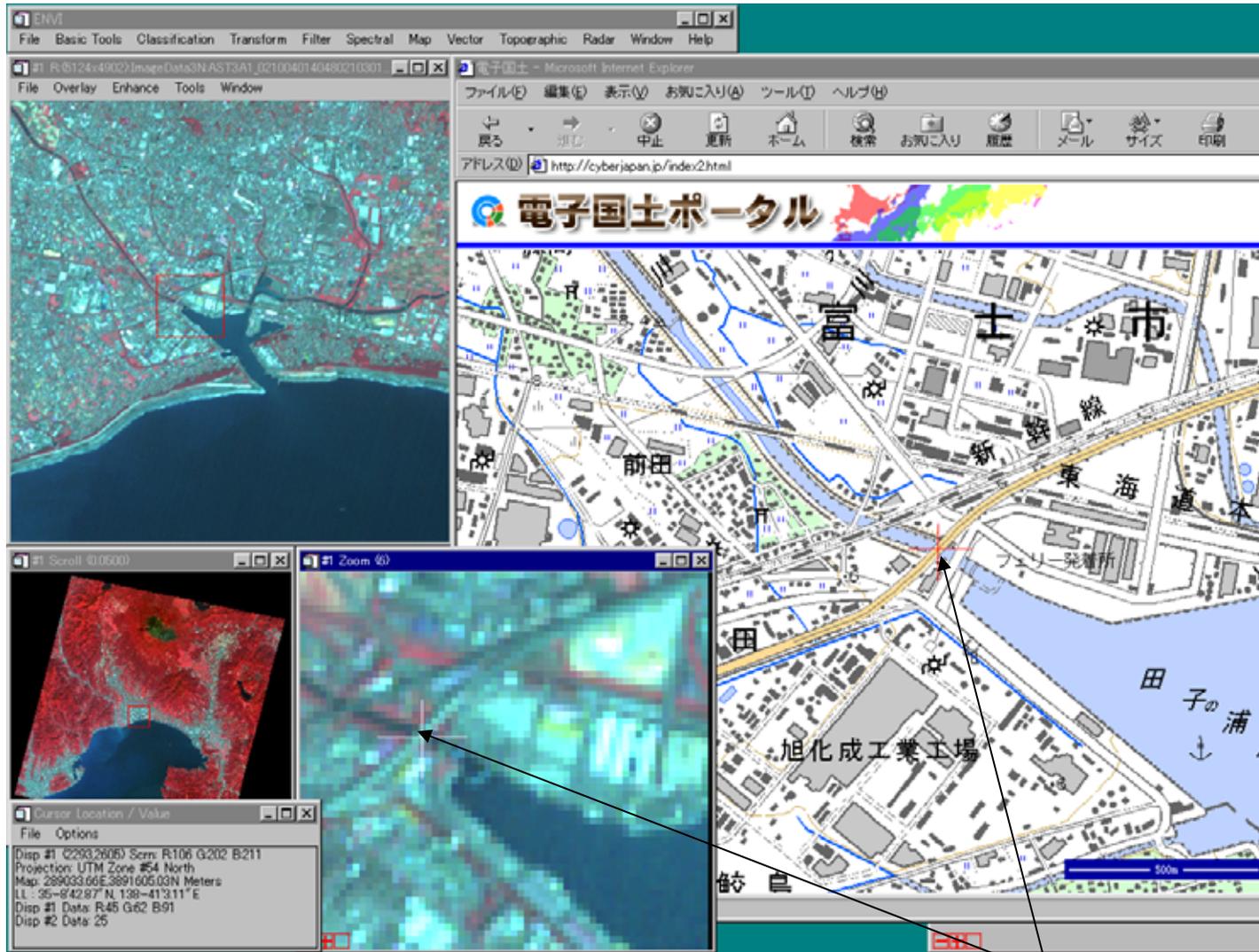
# Change in errors due to earth nutation (Fujisada)



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# Validation of ASTER DEM



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N35d8m43s, E138d41m3s

# Geo-location accuracy in horizontal direction

Level 1A: no geometric correction

L1B: System correction applied

L3A: Ortho-rectified

	Level 1B		Level 3A		Inst.of Geography	
	latitude	Longitude	latitude	Longitude	latitude	Longitude
Tagonoura	N35/08/42	E138/41/04	N35/08/43	E138/41/03	N35/08/43	E138/41/03
difference	00/00/01	00/00/01	00/00/00	00/00/00		
Top of Mt. Fuji	N35/21/37	E138/43/45	N35/21/37	E138/43/38	N35/21/37	E138/43/38
difference	00/00/00	00/00/07	00/00/00	00/00/00		

Date of Data Acquisition: 2002/10/04)

In L1B product, only system correction is applied.

In L3A product, geometric distortion caused by the elevation is corrected.

# Major Parameters of the three scenes used for the geolocation error evaluation

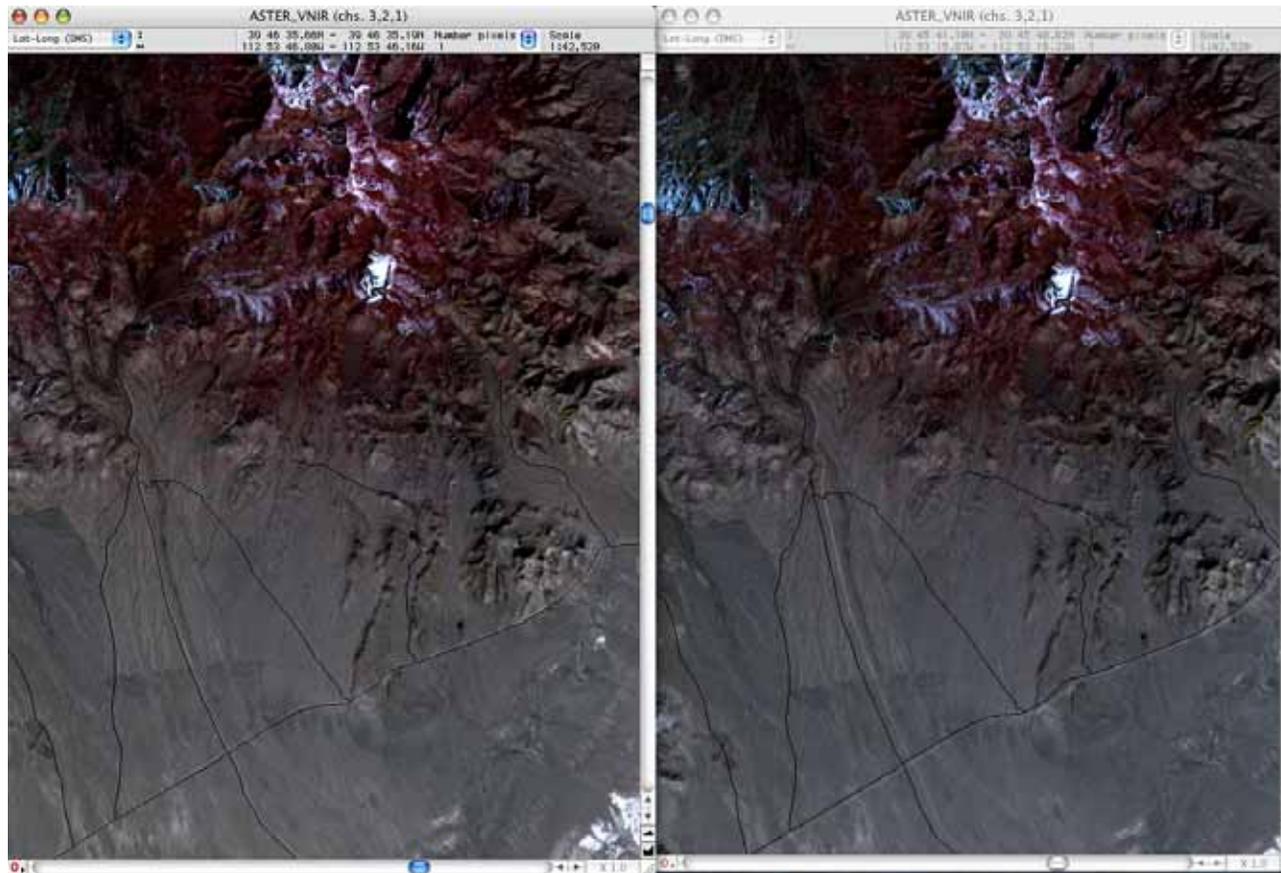
Obs.Date	Proc. Level	Proc.Date of L1A	Pointing Ang.	Est, Error by Elev	Est.Error by Nutation
030521	L1B	030609	-5.721	155m to W	35m to E
040320	L3A	040406	-5.727	0m	128m to E
040320	L3A	050725	-5.727	0m	0m

Geolocation of Target Point: N37/45/09, W112/52/30

Elevation of Target Point: 1550 m in L3A

Path of the Orbit =38

# Error caused by the nutation



L3A Data( Latest Version)

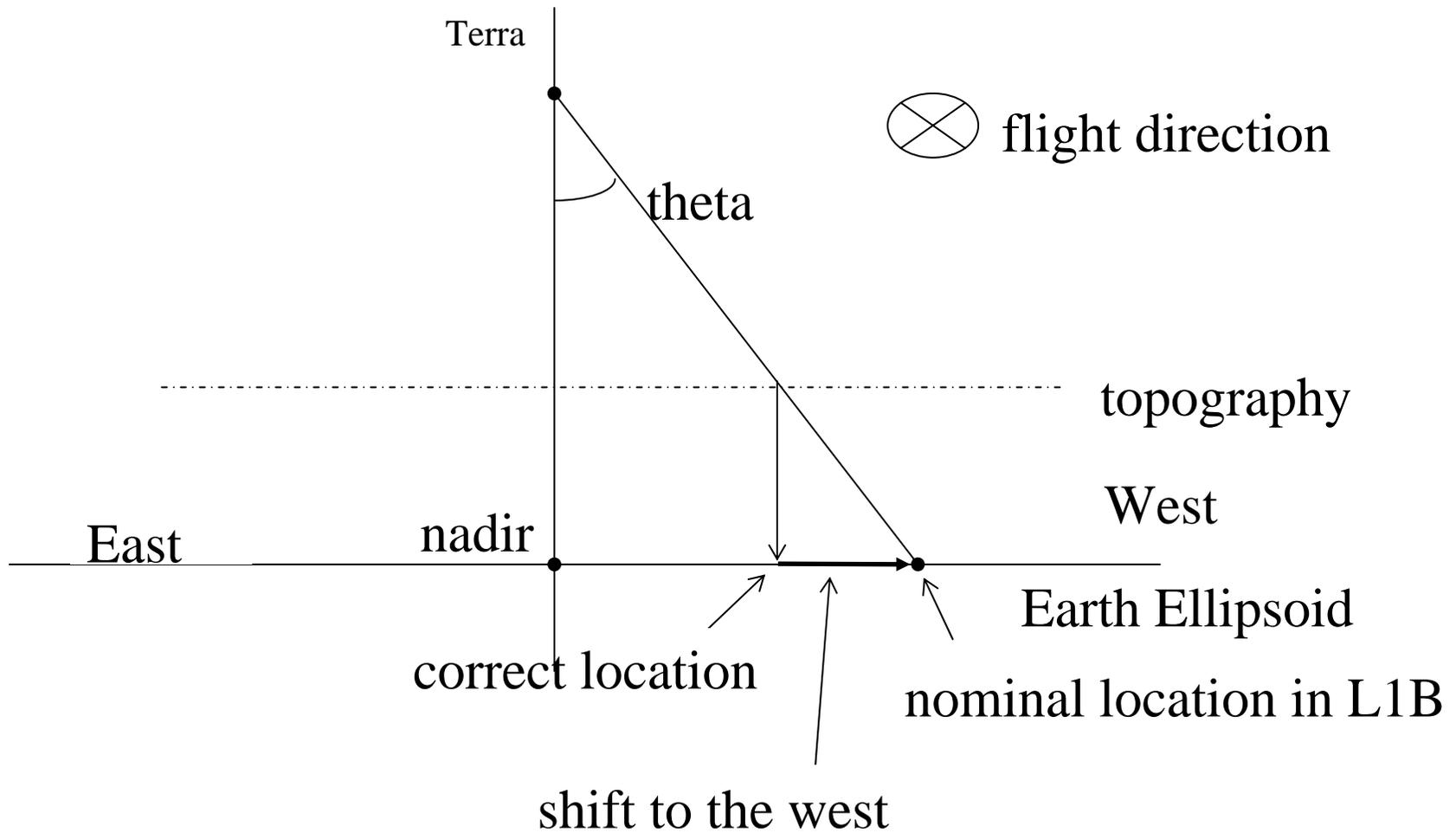
L3A ( Older Version )

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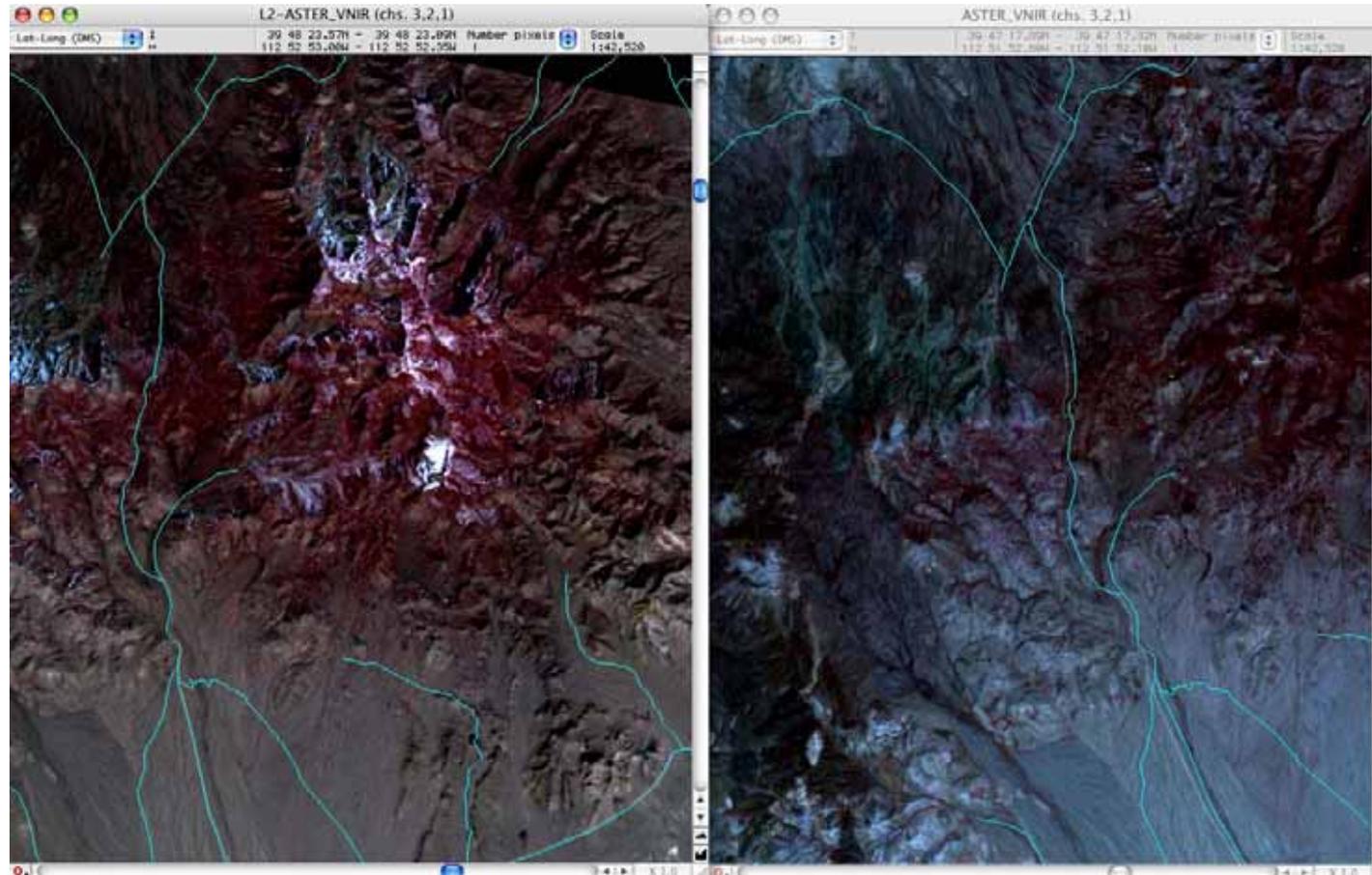
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# Geometric Configuration

to explain error caused by Elevation and Pointing



# Error caused by Elevation



L3A Data( Latest Version)

L1B data

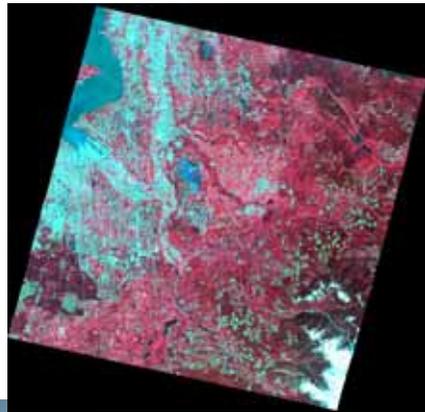
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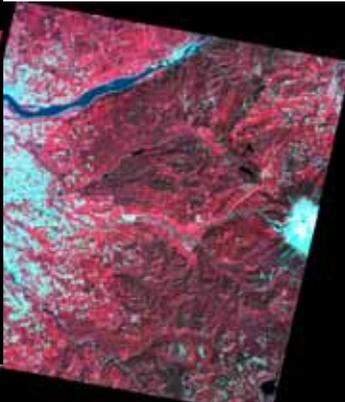
# Study Site Selection and Characteristics

by B.G.Bailey of USGS

Tacoma, WA



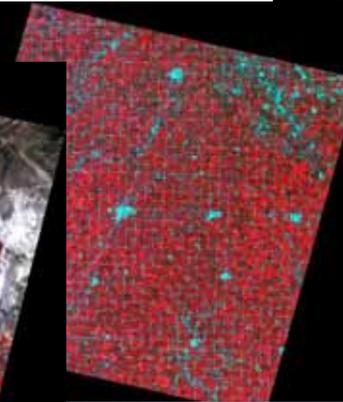
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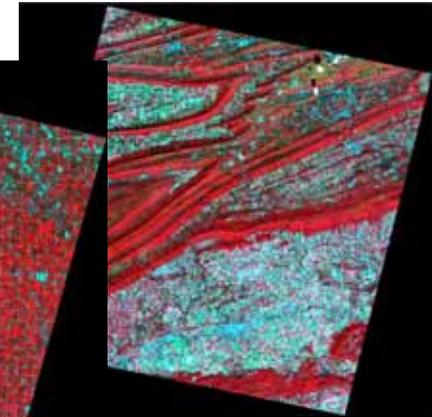
Drum Mts., UT



Okoboji, IA



Reading, PA

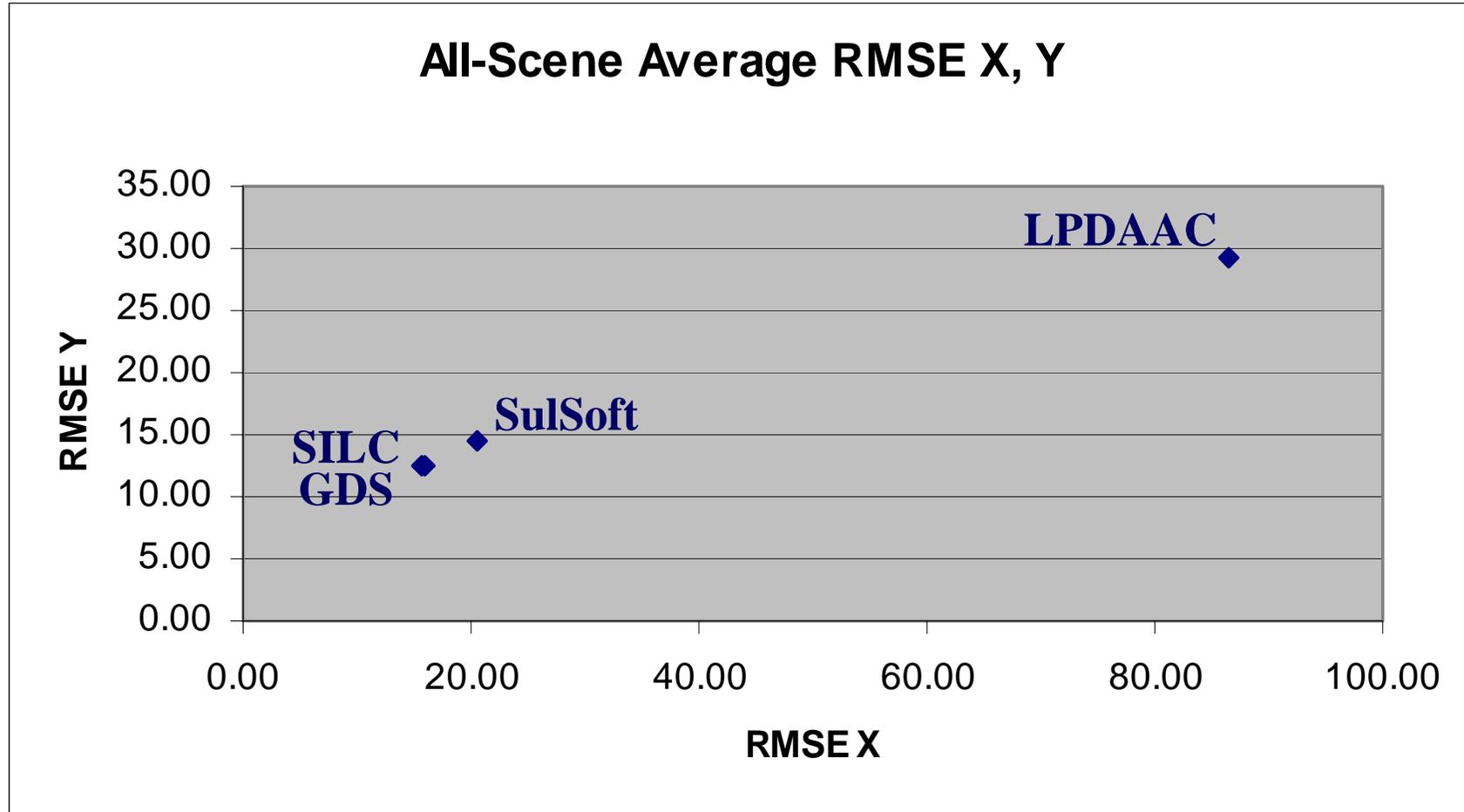


- Five sites selected
- Variable terrain
- Two ASTER scenes per site
- Early & recent dates
- Multiple pointing angles

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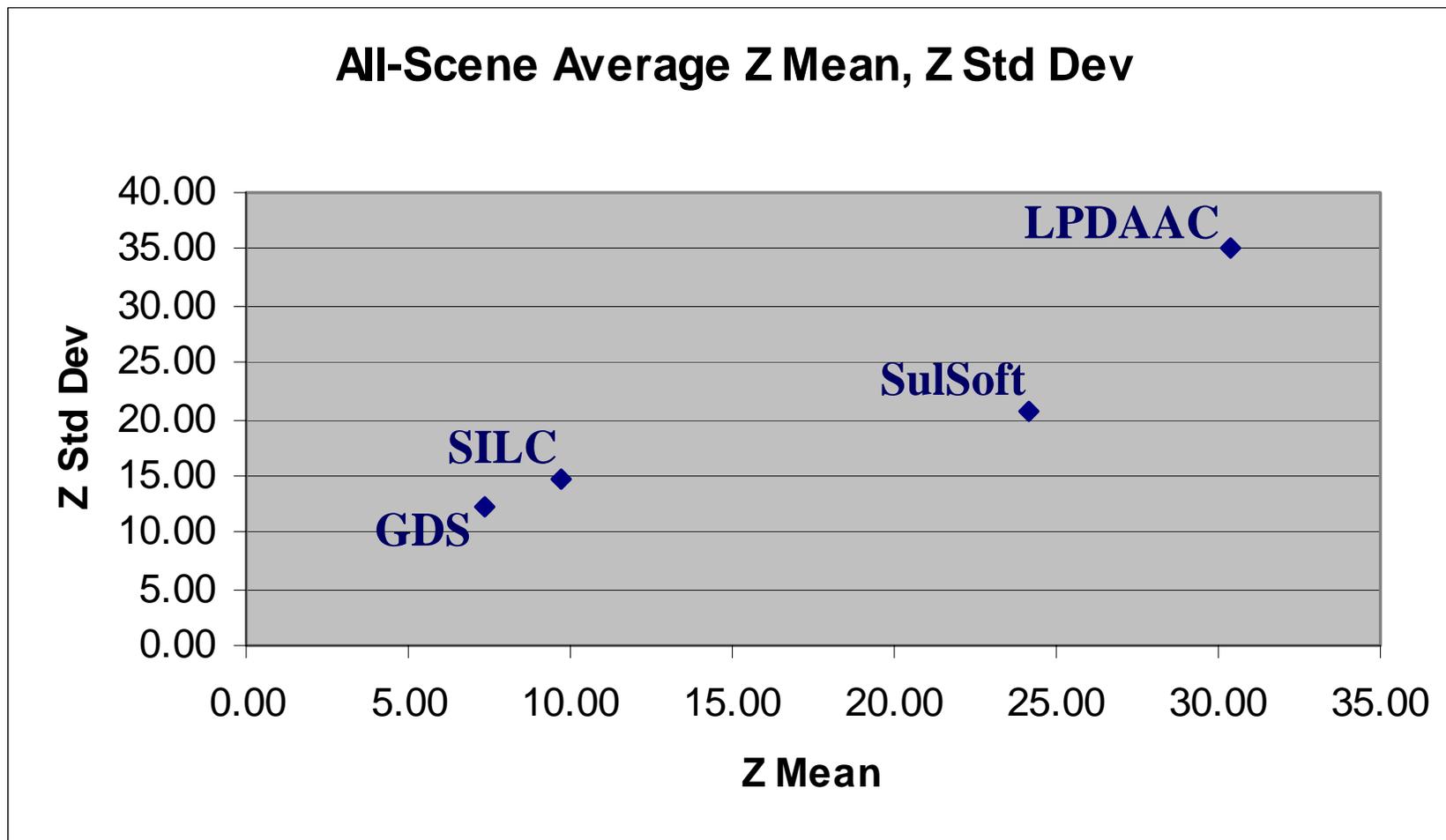
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# Horizontal Accuracies by DEM Generation System- Phase 2 Results -



# Vertical Accuracies by DEM Generation System

- Phase 2 Results -



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# General Processing Efficiency Table

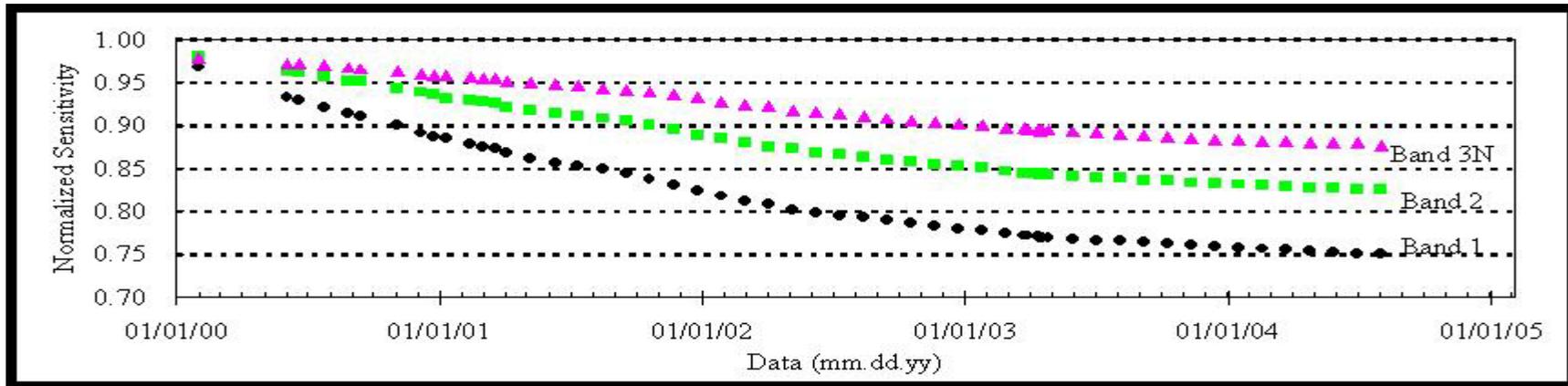
<u>Software System</u>	<u>Average Production Time</u>	<u>Manual Intervention Required</u>
Silcast (SILC)	15-20 min.	Virtually None
AsterDTM (SulSoft)	35-40 min.	Minimal
LP DAAC (PCI)	2-3 hours	Considerable

# Summary & Conclusions

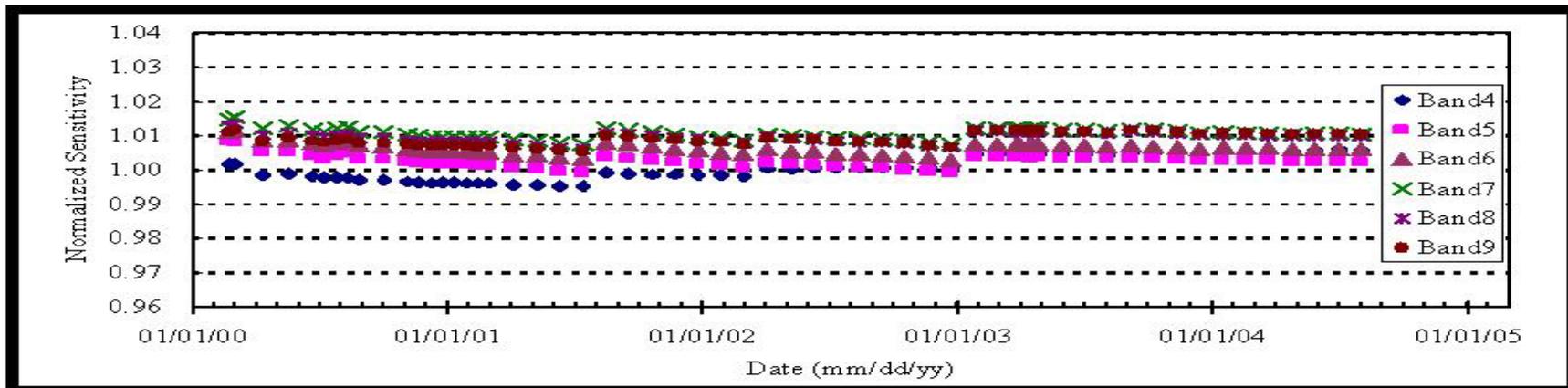
- **Horizontal and vertical accuracies of four ASTER DEM generation systems were thoroughly assessed.**
- **Processing efficiency also was evaluated for three of the four systems.**
- **In terms of overall accuracy, ASTER DEM's produced by GDS and SILC systems were virtually the same, and they were significantly more accurate than DEM's produced by the SulSoft and LP DAAC systems.**
- **Of the systems evaluated, the Silcast software system of SILC was the most efficient. The GDS system was not assessed.**
- **Based on these results, the LP DAAC should replace its production ASTER DEM generation software system with the same system used by GDS or with a production version of the SILC system.**

# Radiometric Performance --Sensitivity Trend Data--

VNIR



SWIR



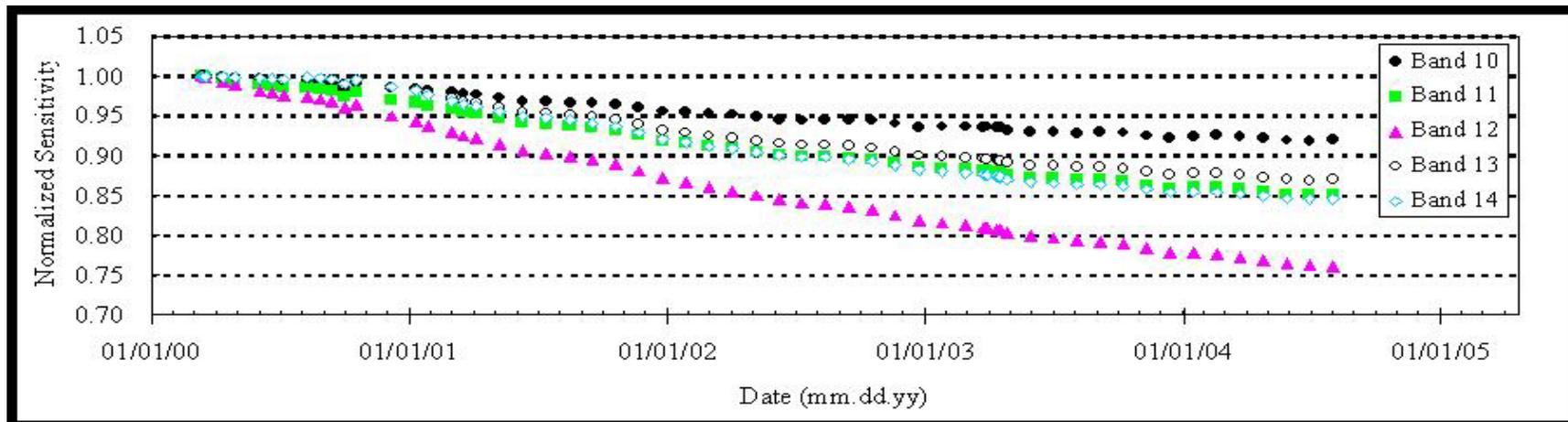
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# Radiometric Performance

## --Sensitivity Trend Data--

TIR



- The radiometric performance will be kept within the required accuracy by the database update.

# Radiometric Performance

Radio DB	Application Time Period (mm/dd/yyyy)	Corresponding Telescope
Ver.2.01	02/02/2000-06/03/2000	VNIR
Ver.2.02	06/04/2000-09/13/2000	VNIR
Ver.2.03	09/14/2000-11/03/2000/	TIR
Ver.2.04	11/04/2000-02/13/2001	VNIR
Ver.2.05	02/14/2001-11/30/2001	VNIR, TIR
Ver.2.06	12/01/2001-10/11/2002	TIR
Ver.2.09	10/12/2002-12/15/2002	VNIR, SWIR, TIR
Ver.2.11	12/16/2002-01/29/2003	TIR
Ver.2.12	01/30/2003-05/14/2003	VNIR
Ver.2.13	05/15/2003-08/25/2003	TIR
Ver.2.14	08/26/2003-12/05/2003	TIR
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Ver.2.16	01/05/2004/-03/09/2004	VNIR
Ver.2.17	03/10/2004-08/09/2004	TIR
Ver.2.18	08/10/2004/-??/??/????	TIR

# Application using high availability of ASTER data

- Global coverage
- High repetition cycle
- Synergism with other sensor

# Forest Fire in the neighborhood of San Bernadino, CA, USA, by MODIS

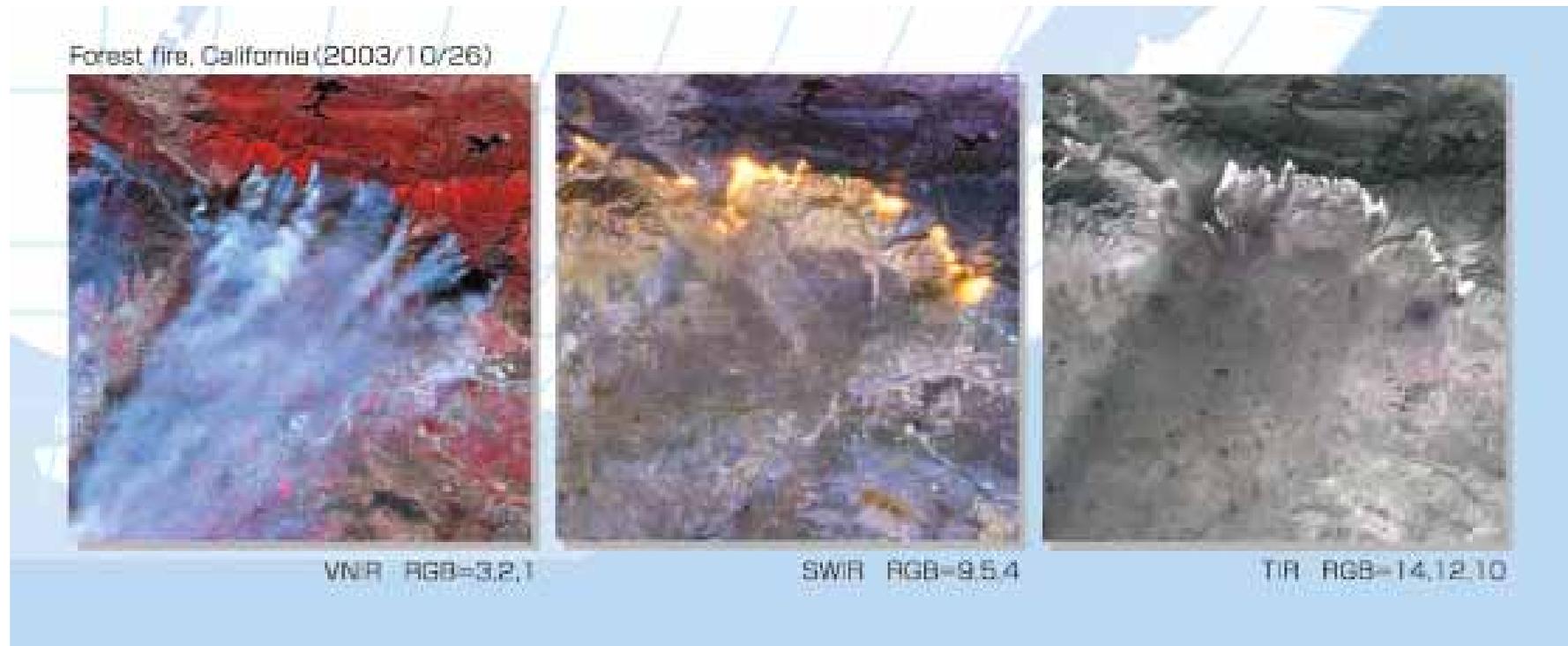


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2003/10/29

# Forest Fire in the neighborhood of San Bernadino, CA, USA, by ASTER



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# Blue Tide occurred in Tokyo Bay-1

Right 2000/03/29

Below: 2000/10/07

Lower Right: 2000/11/8



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# Blue Tide occurred in Tokyo Bay-2

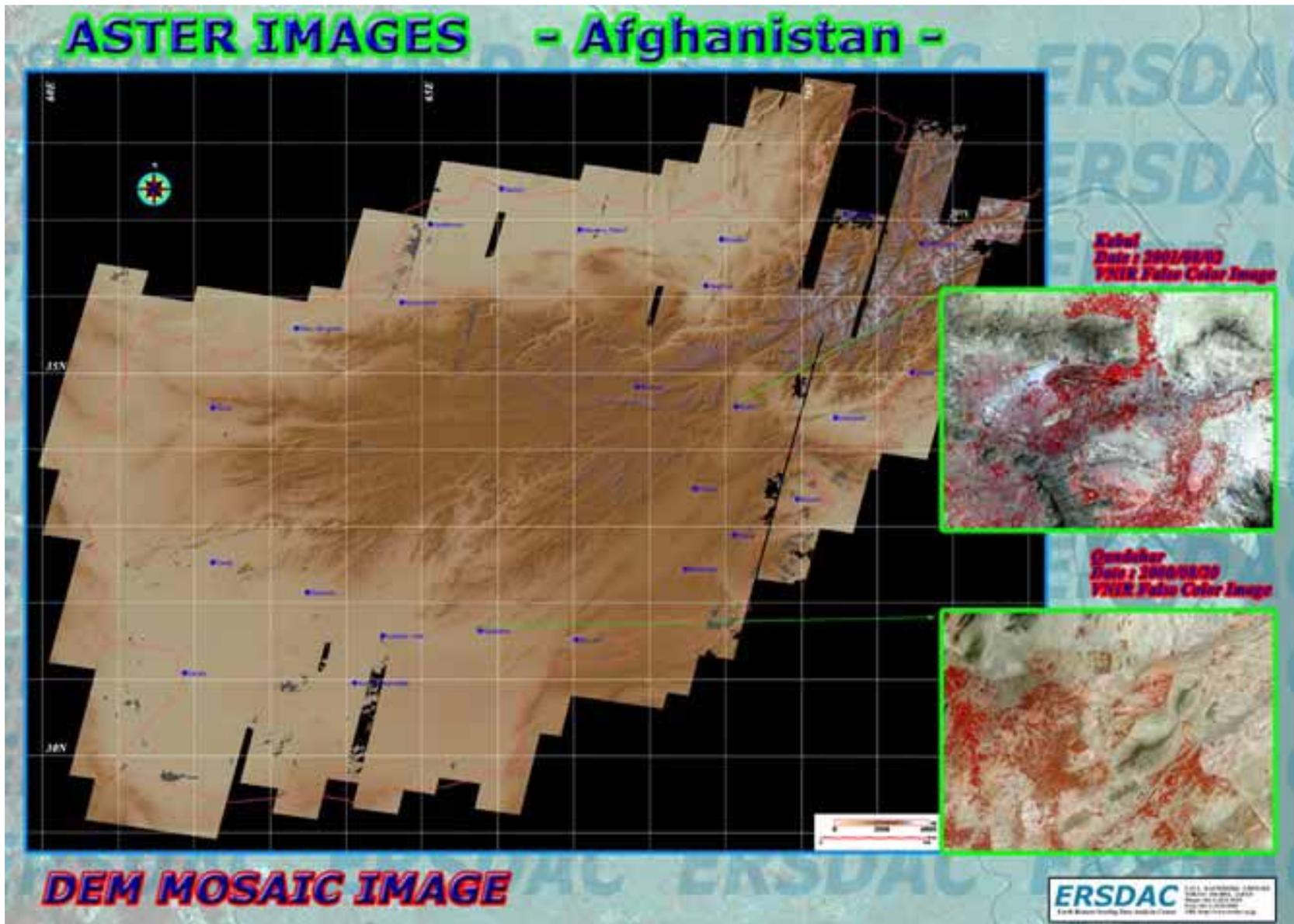
- ASTER VNIR Image of Tokyo Bay, 2000/10/07



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# ASTER DEM MOSAIC IMAGE Afghanistan



# Conclusion

- ASTER achieves the high performance of data coverage, high speed data distribution, high geometric and radiometric accuracy.
- Such performance enables not only the application based on the high geometric, radiometric and spectral characteristics, but also environmental, agricultural and disaster monitoring based on the efficient operation.

# *Overview*

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- **The Global Land Cover Validation Report**
- **Global Land Cover from Space**
- **Challenges to Validation**
- **Recommendations**
- **Example: GLC2000 Validation**
- **Example: MODIS Land Cover Validation**

# *The GLCV Report*

**GLOBAL LAND COVER VALIDATION:  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EVALUATION AND ACCURACY  
ASSESSMENT OF GLOBAL LAND COVER MAPS**



# *Report Provenance*

**CEOS**  
Committee On Earth Observation Satellites

**WGCV**  
Working Group on Calibration and Validation

**LPV**  
Land Product Validation Subgroup

**GLCV**  
Global Land Cover Validation Sub-subgroup

**Activity of Global Observation of Forest Cover-  
Global Observation of Land-Cover Change  
(GOFC-GOLD)**

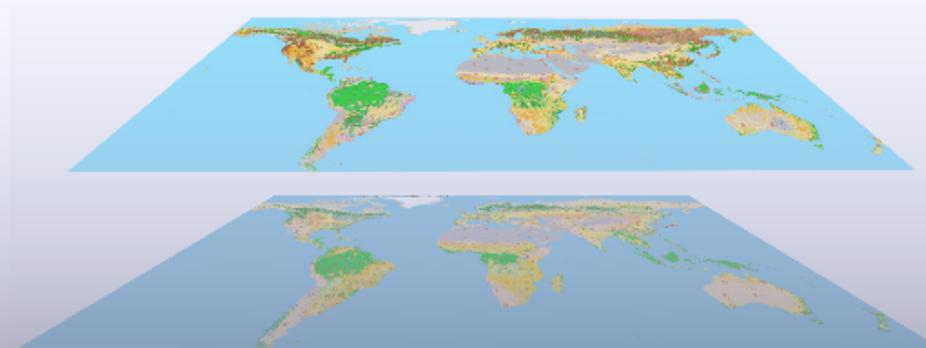


**GOFC-GOLD** GLOBAL OBSERVATION OF FOREST  
AND LAND COVER DYNAMICS

# History

- **Outcome of Two Two-Day Workshops**
  - JRC Institute of Environmental Sustainability, Ispra, March, 2003
  - Boston University Center for Remote Sensing, February, 2004
- **Report Preparation and Iteration, 2004, early 2005**
- **Report Publication as JRC-IES Technical Report, January 2006**

GLOBAL LAND COVER VALIDATION:  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EVALUATION AND ACCURACY  
ASSESSMENT OF GLOBAL LAND COVER MAPS



# Report Contents

- **Introduction (Alan Strahler)**
- **Issues in Accuracy Assessment (Giles Foody)**
- **Probability Sampling in Global Validation (Steve Stehman)**
- **Qualitative/Descriptive Analyses (Philippe Mayaux)**
- **Validation of Land Cover Change (Matt Hansen)**
- **Recommendations and Conclusions**

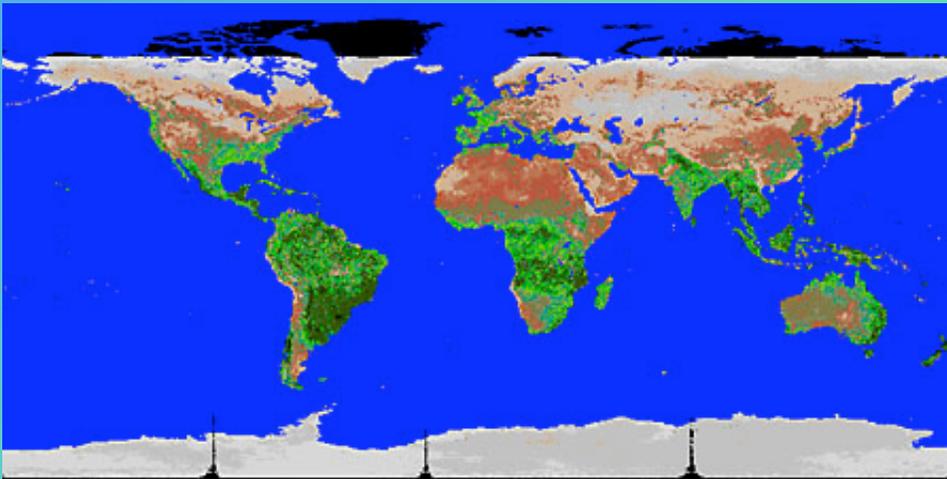
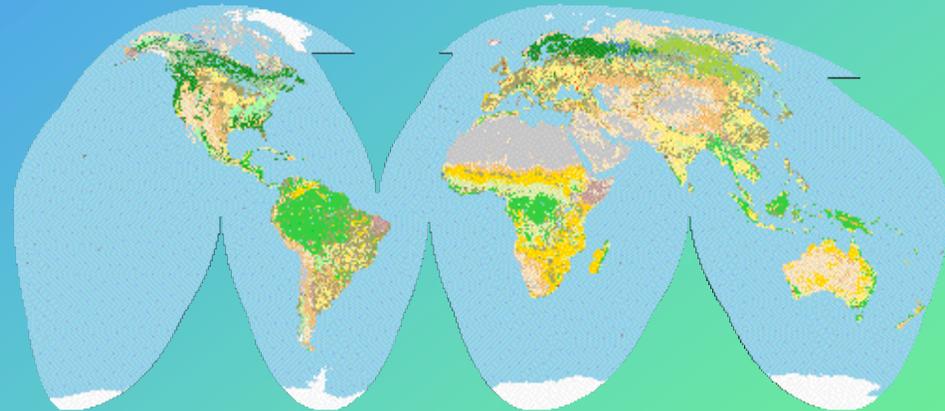
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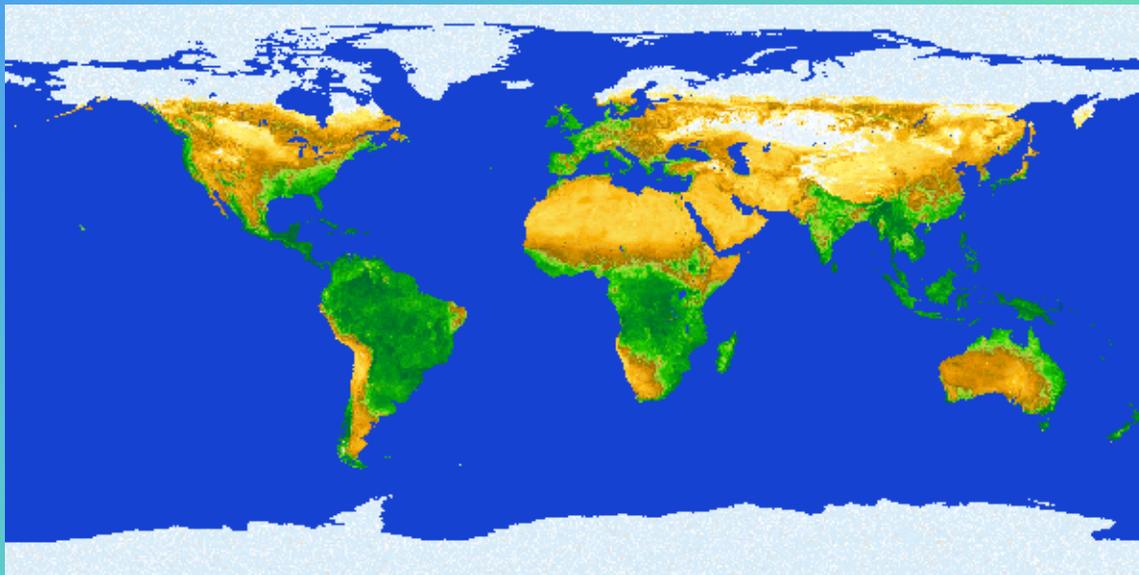
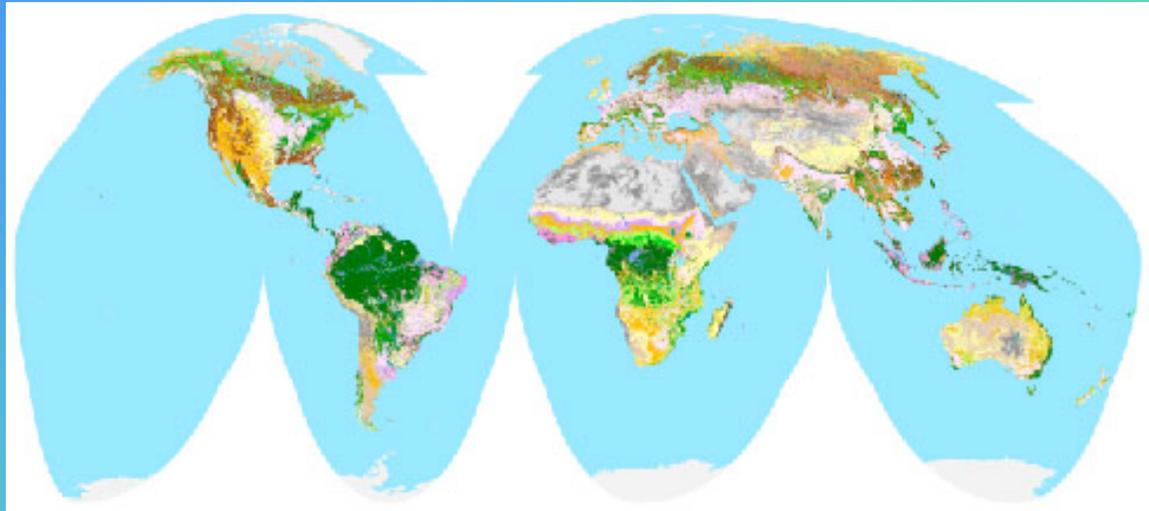
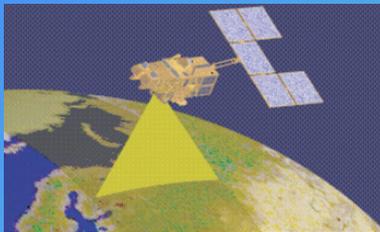
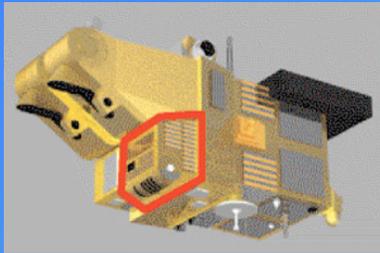
- **AVHRR—Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer  
1982–present**



**EDC DISCover Land  
Cover Product**

**Composited NDVI  
February 1992**

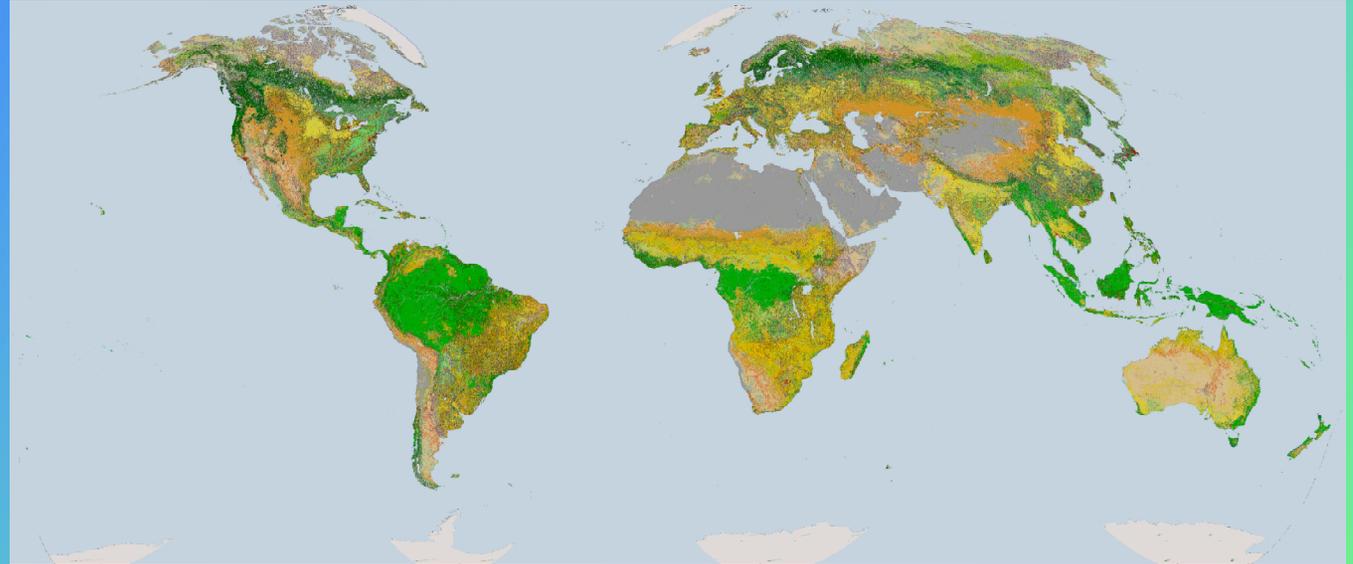
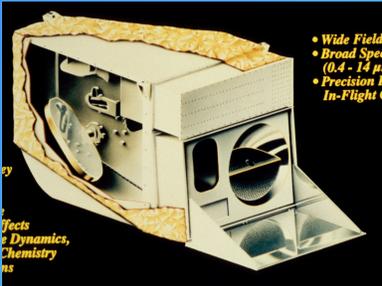
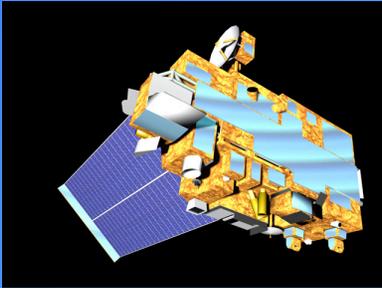
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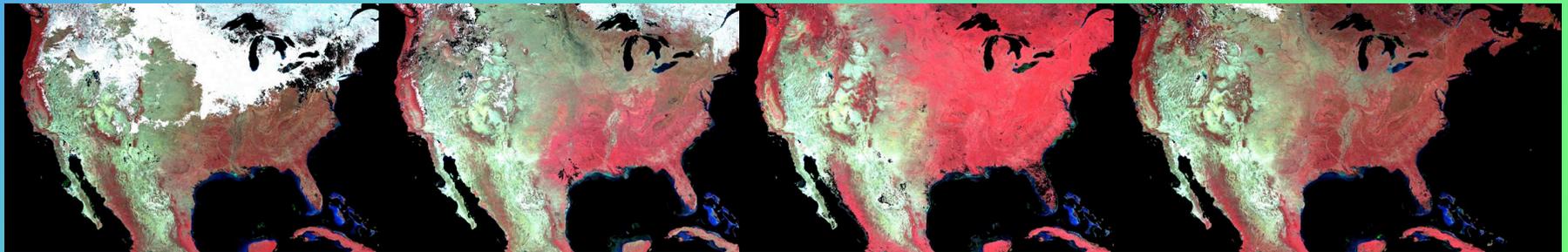
**GLC2000 Land Cover Product**

**SPOT-Vegetation NDVI**

# MODIS



MODIS Land Cover Product 2001



January 1-16

April 7-22

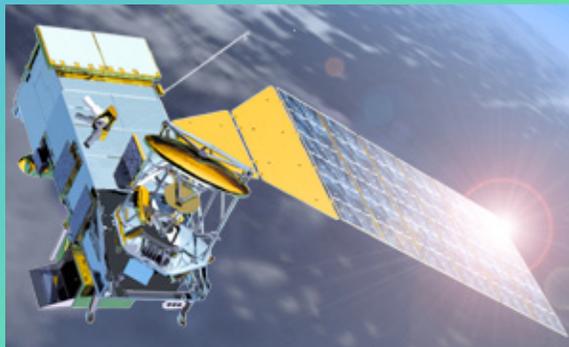
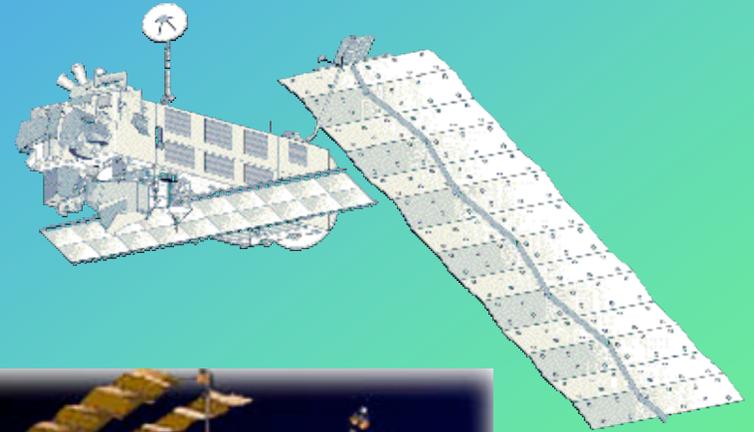
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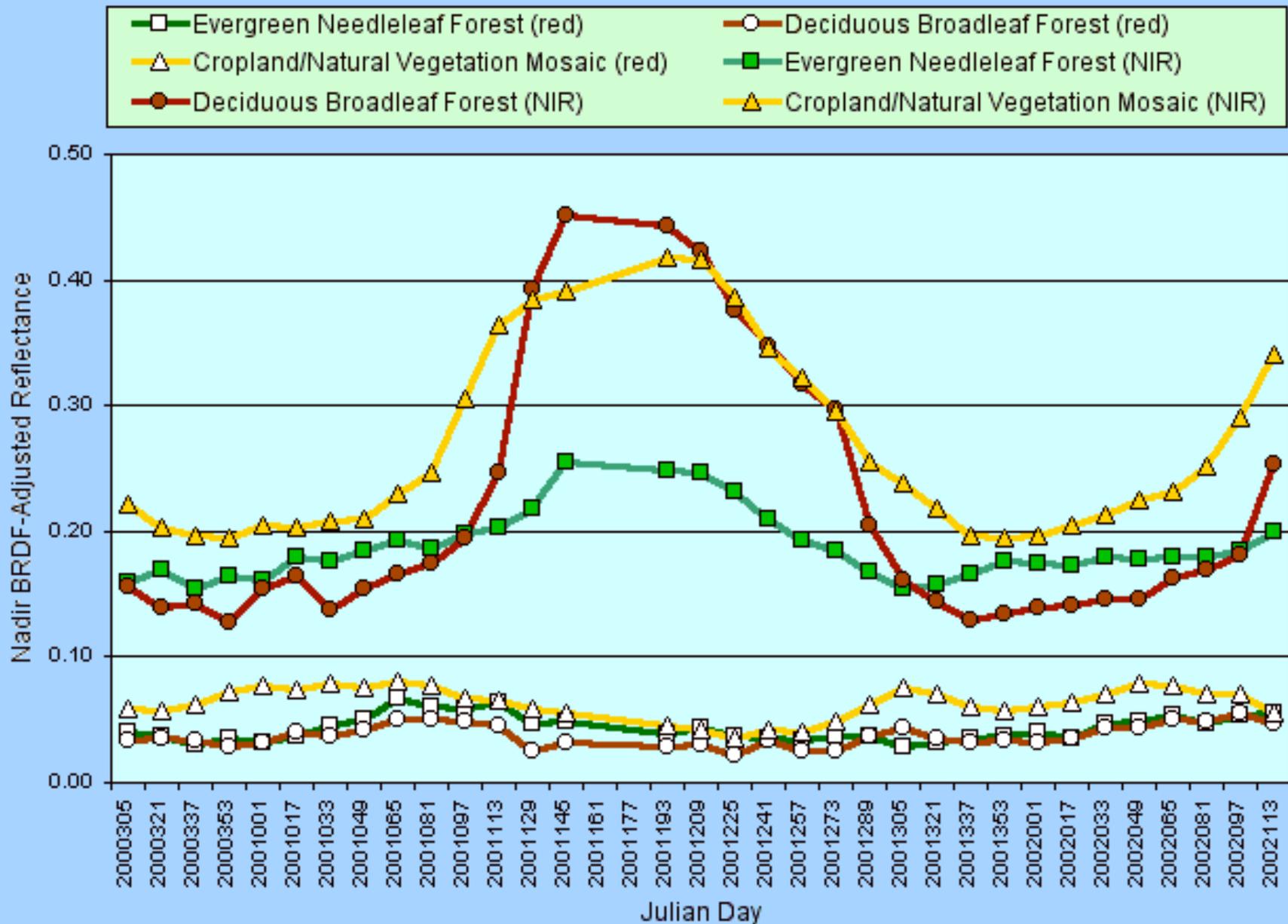
MODIS Nadir BRDF-Adjusted Reflectance 2001

# *Future Maps*

- **MERIS**
  - Planned GLOBCover 2005, JRC, Ispra, 500 m
- **NPOESS**
  - Will have a quarterly land cover product
  - Launch in >2010
- **MODIS**
  - Prof. Tateishi's Global Land Cover Product



# NBAR Time Trajectories

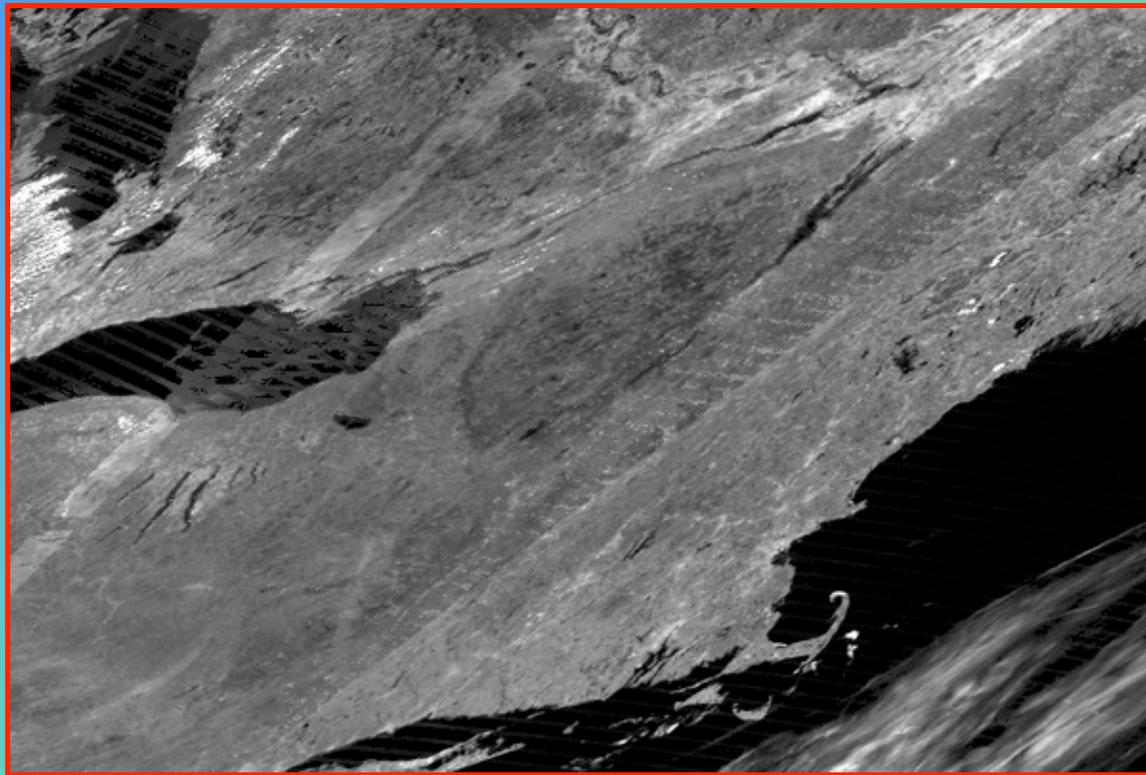


# *Challenges to Global Land Cover Mapping and Validation*

- **Satellite Sensor Limitations**
  - Spectral Data Quality
  - Geolocation
- **Land Cover Type Model**
  - Legend Definitions
  - Mixed Pixels
- **Challenges to Classification**
  - Variability of Cover Types
  - Obtaining Global Training Data
  - Registration
  - Temporal Change
- **Challenges to Accuracy Assessment**
  - Accuracy Parameters and Definitions
  - Sample Design
  - Global Sampling

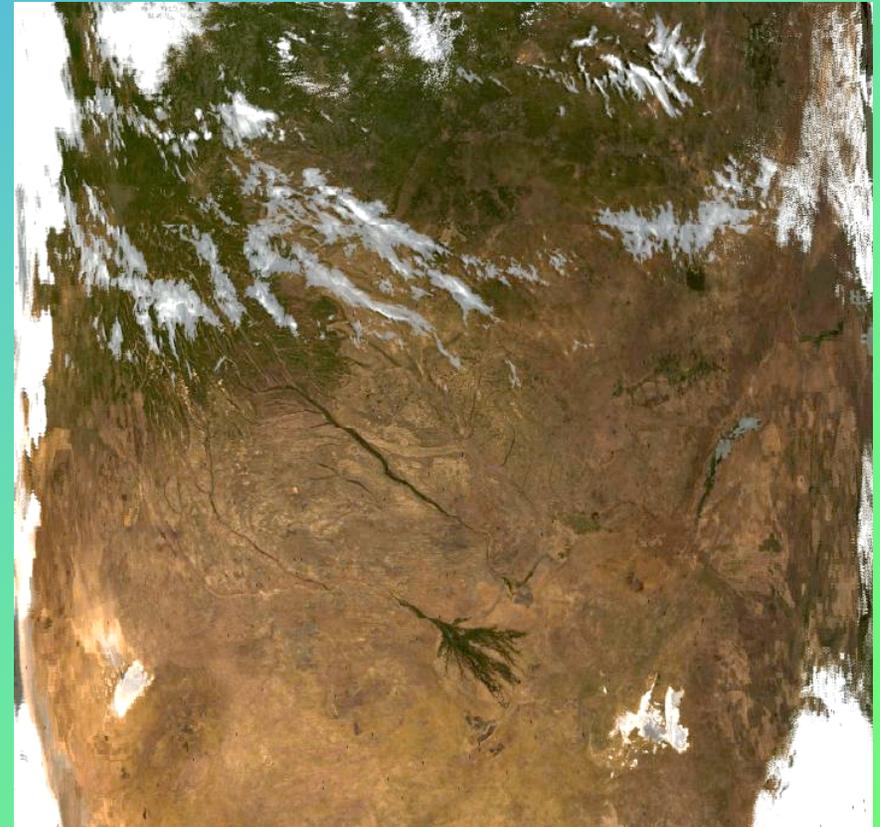
# *Calibration*

- **Instrument calibration is essential to accurate imaging**
- **Example: Striping in Band 3 (Blue) in early MODIS data**



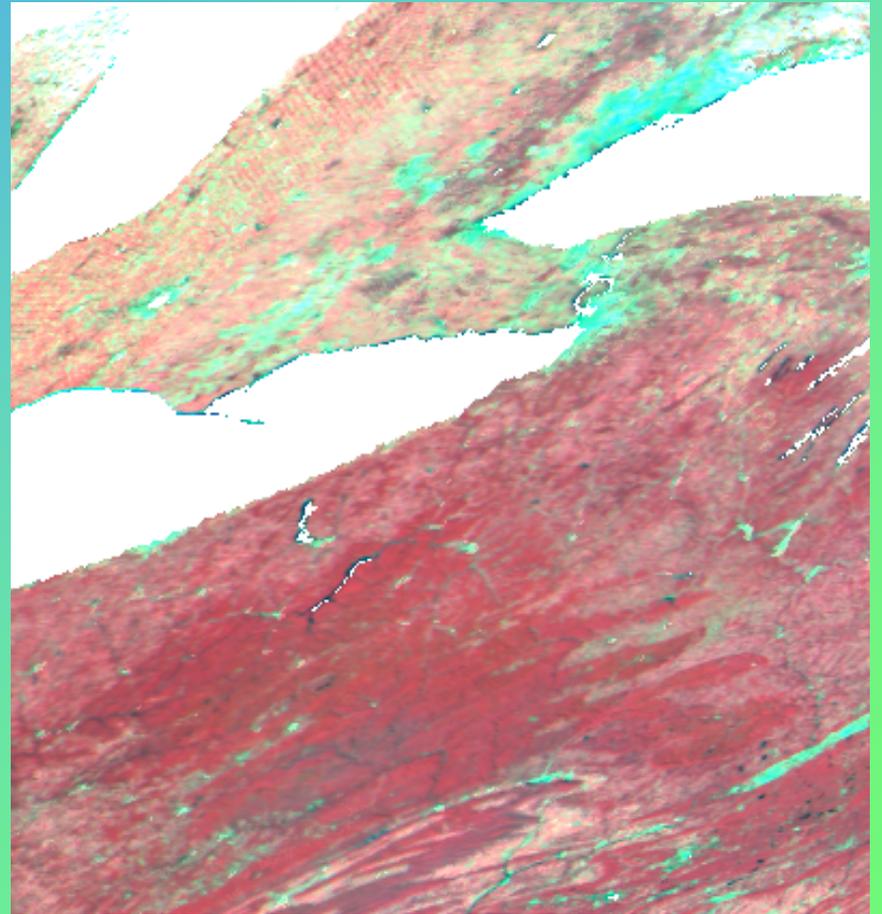
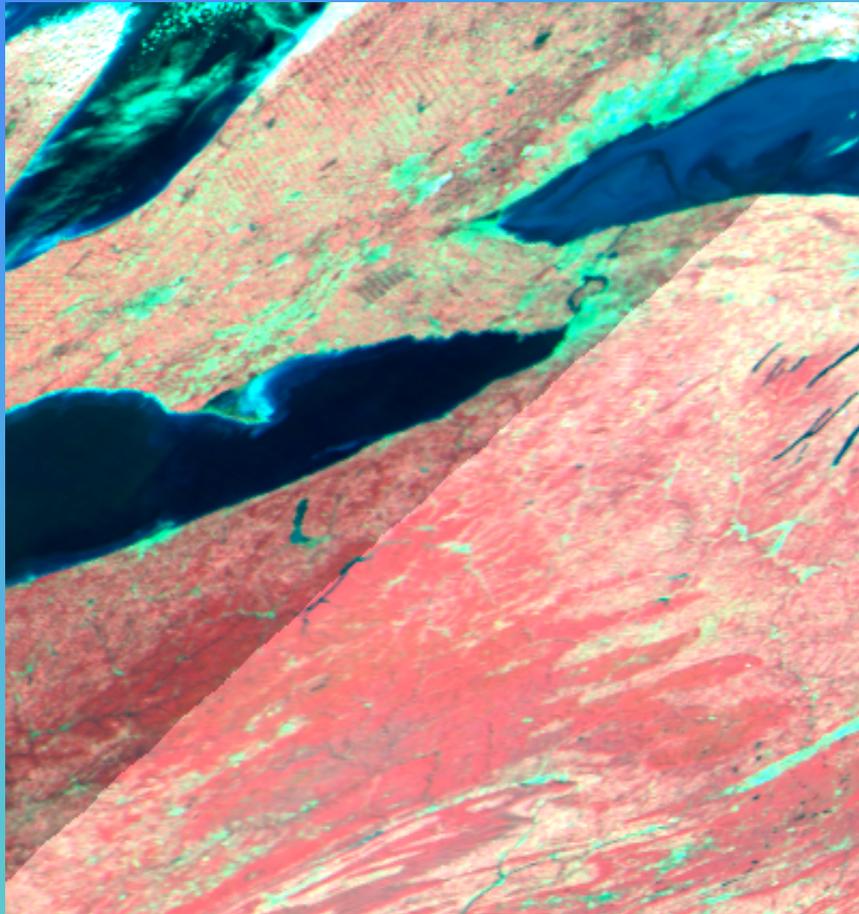
# *Atmospheric Effects*

- **Atmospheric correction is also essential for high-quality data**
- **Example: Atmospheric correction of MODIS swath from central Africa**



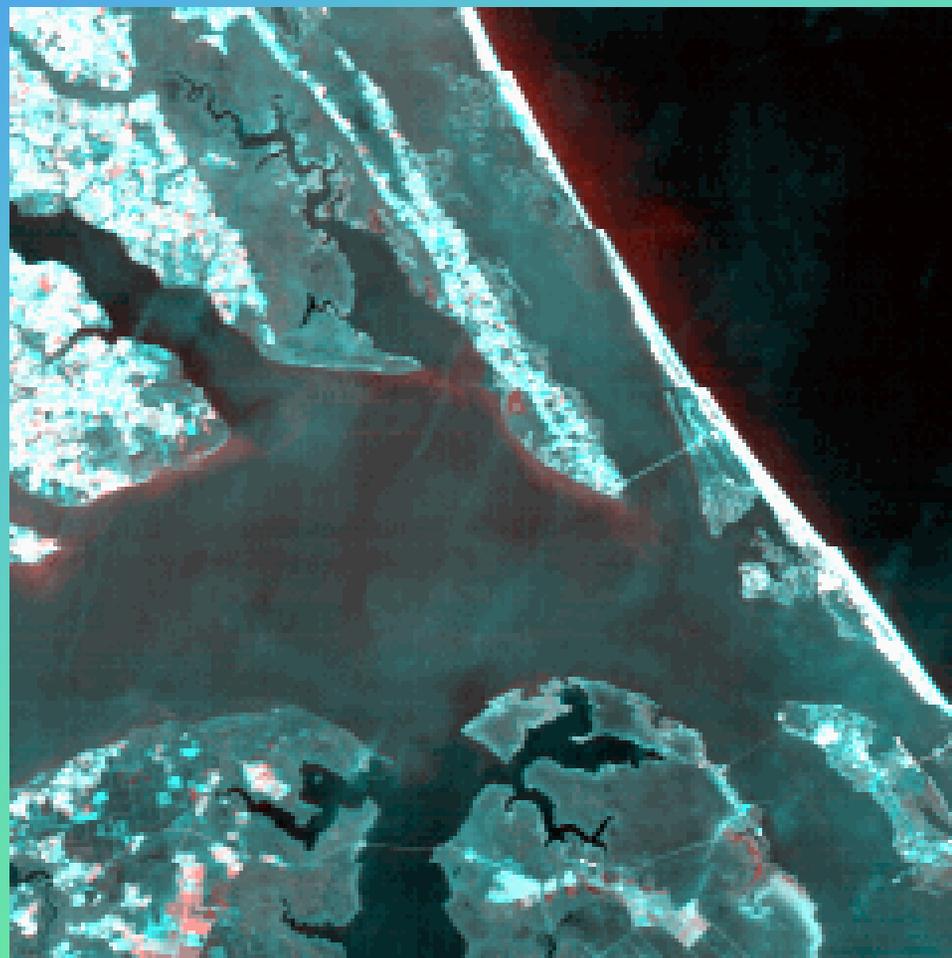
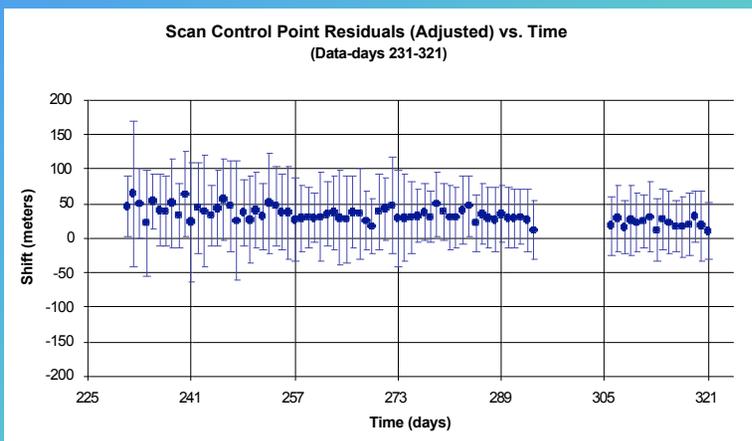
# *Angular Effects*

- **View angle effects can affect wide-scan imagery**
- **Example: Adjacent MODIS scans and BRDF correction**



# Geolocation

- **Spacecraft Position and Velocity**
- **Instrument Imaging Parameters**
- **Topographic Height of Terrain**



**MODIS (blue); Landsat-simulated MODIS (red)**

# Land Cover Type Model

- Legend Definitions

## GLC2000—LCCS

### MODIS—IGBP

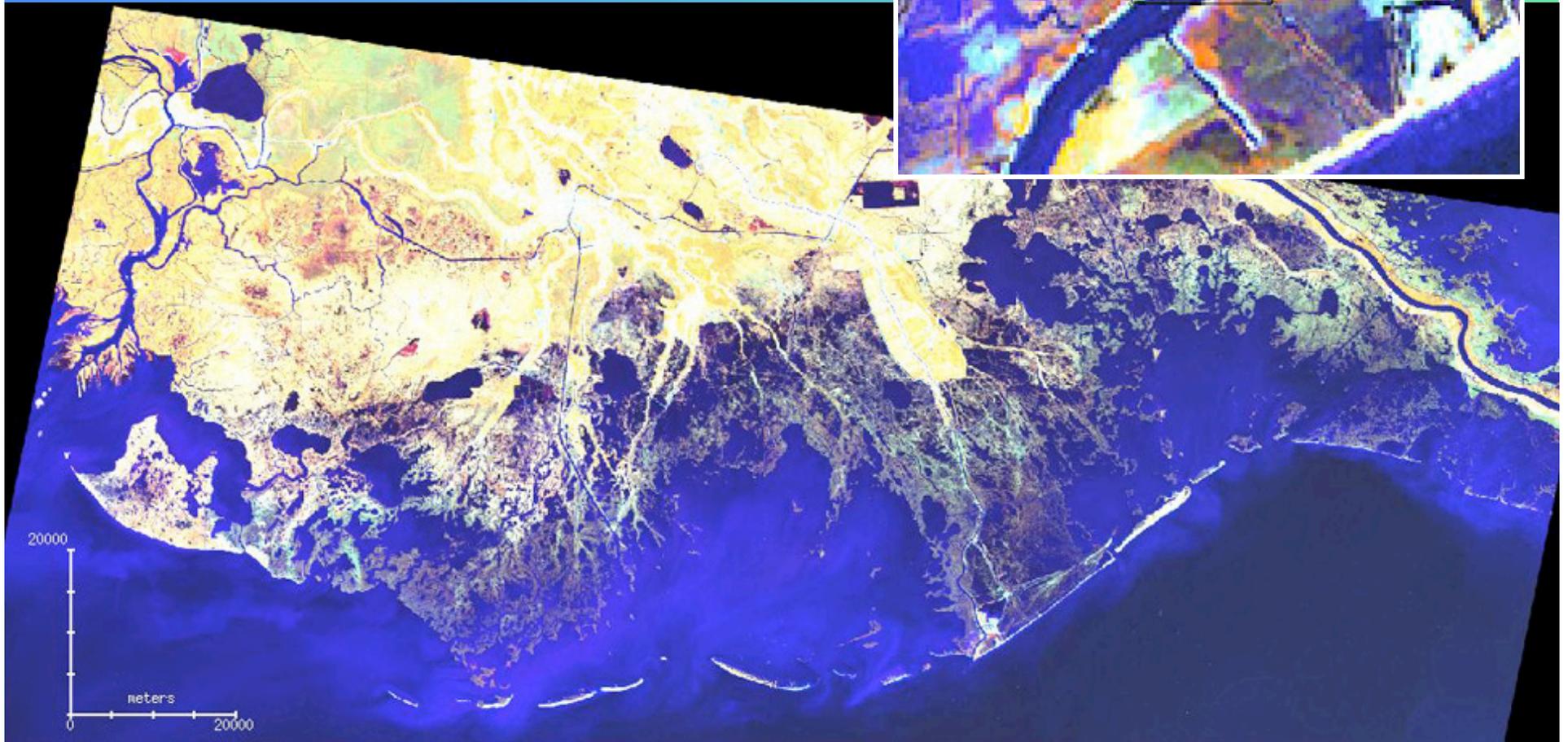
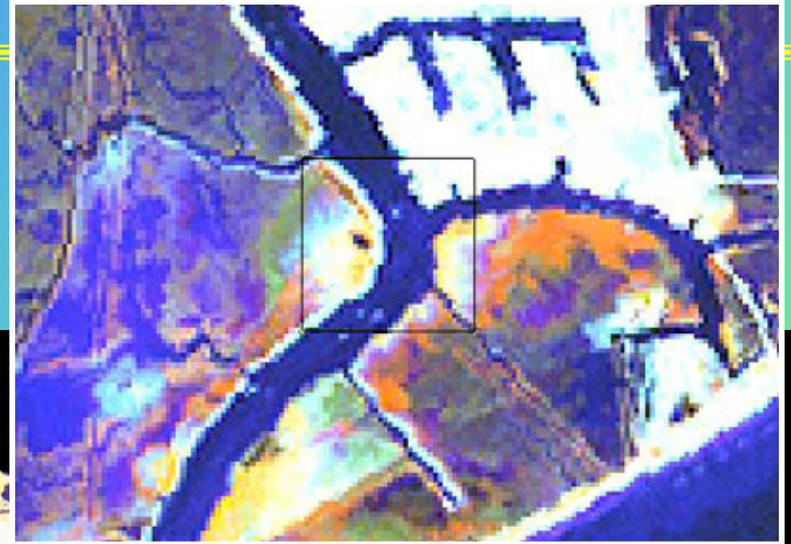
International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme  
Land Cover Class Names

	1 EVERGREEN NEEDLELEAF FOREST
	2 EVERGREEN BROADLEAF FOREST
	3 DECIDUOUS NEEDLELEAF FOREST
	4 DECIDUOUS BROADLEAF FOREST
	5 MIXED FORESTS
	6 CLOSED SHRUBLANDS
	7 OPEN SHRUBLANDS
	8 WOODY SAVANNAS
	9 SAVANNAS
	10 GRASSLANDS
	11 PERMANENT WETLANDS
	12 CROPLANDS
	13 URBAN AND BUILT-UP
	14 CROPLAND/NATURAL VEGETATION M...

Domain	I. Aggregation Global Classes (mandatory)	II. Suggestion for regional classes (additional classes may be add achievable)
Forest types	1. Tree Cover, broadleaved, evergreen (LCCS >15% tree cover, tree height >3m)	1.1 -closed > 40% tree cover (LCCS >65% and >40-65%) 1.2 - open 15-40% tree cover
	2. Tree Cover, broadleaved, deciduous	2.1 - closed 2.2 - open
	3. Tree Cover, needle-leaved, evergreen	3.1 - closed 3.2 - open
	4. Tree Cover, needle-leaved, deciduous	4.1 - closed 4.2 - open
	5. Tree Cover, mixed phenology or leaf type	5.1 - closed 5.2 - open
	Flooded & inundated forest types	6. Tree Cover, regularly flooded: Mangrove  >>>>flooded forest types other than mangrove (swamp, peat swamp, ...) are not displayed at the global level but grouped under class (1)<<<<
7. Shrub Cover, closed-open, evergreen (with or without sparse tree layer)		7. - minimum same as global optional: > 7.1 without, 7.2 wit
Shrubland type& Shrub-Tree Savannas types	8. Shrub Cover, closed-open, deciduous (with or without sparse tree layer)	8. - minimum same as global optional: > 8.1 without, 8.2 wit
Grassland, Savannas ,Heath Pasture	9. Herbaceous Cover, closed-open	9.1 Herbaceous Cover, closec 9.11 natural; 9.12 pasture <sup>1</sup>
		9.2 Herbaceous Cover, closec sparse trees or shrubs (>
Tree Savanna type	10. Sparse Herbaceous or sparse shrub cover	10 - minimum same as global -
Steppe types	11. Lichens & Mosses	11 - minimum same as global -
Tundra types	12. Regularly flooded shrub and/or herbaceous cover	12 - minimum same as global -
Wetland types	13. Regularly flooded cover of mosses ( and lichens)	13 - minimum same as global -
Bog type		

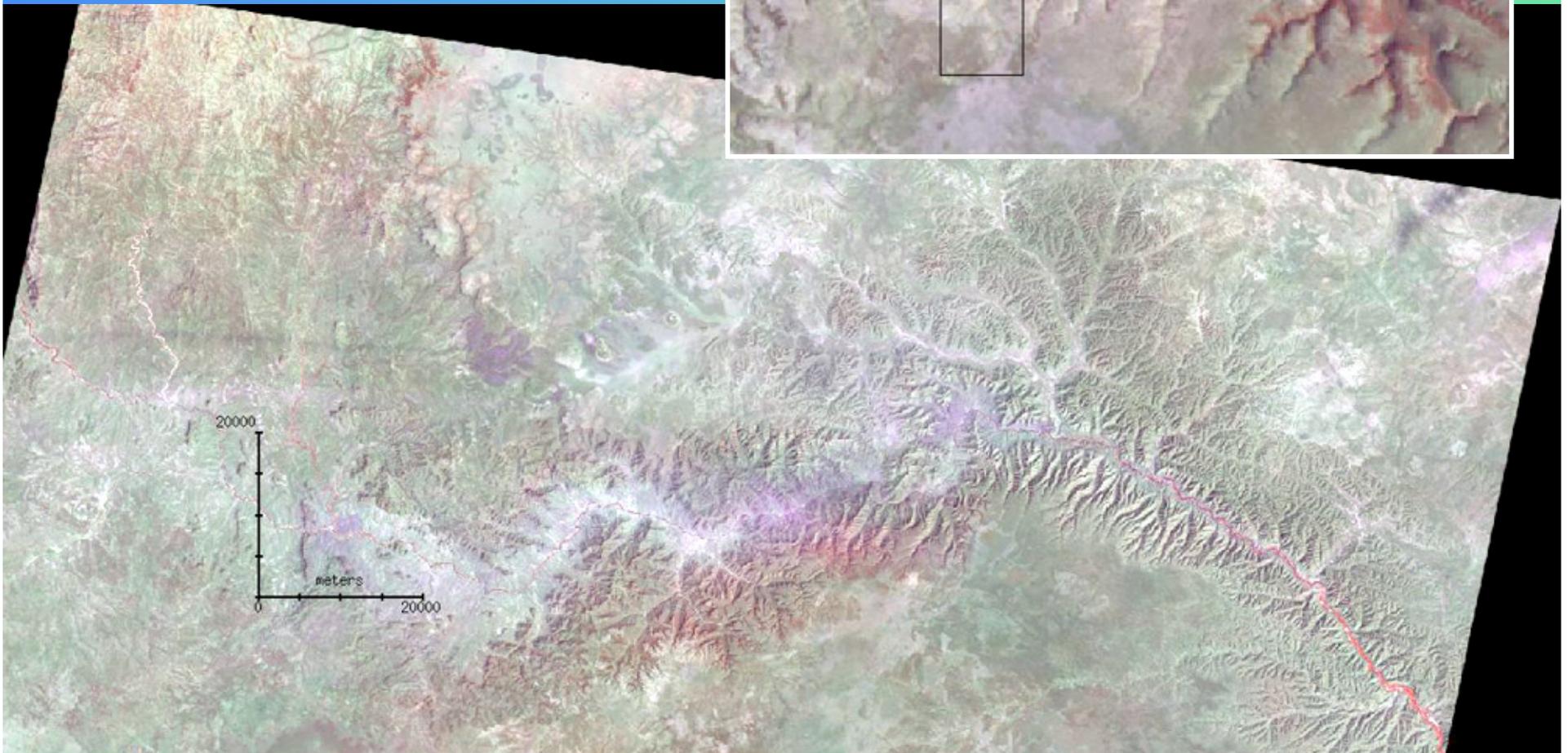
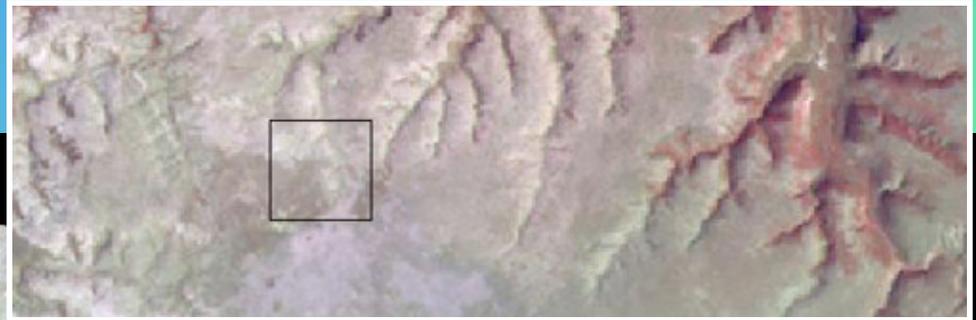
# Mixed Pixels

- **Mississippi Delta—Land-water mixed pixels**



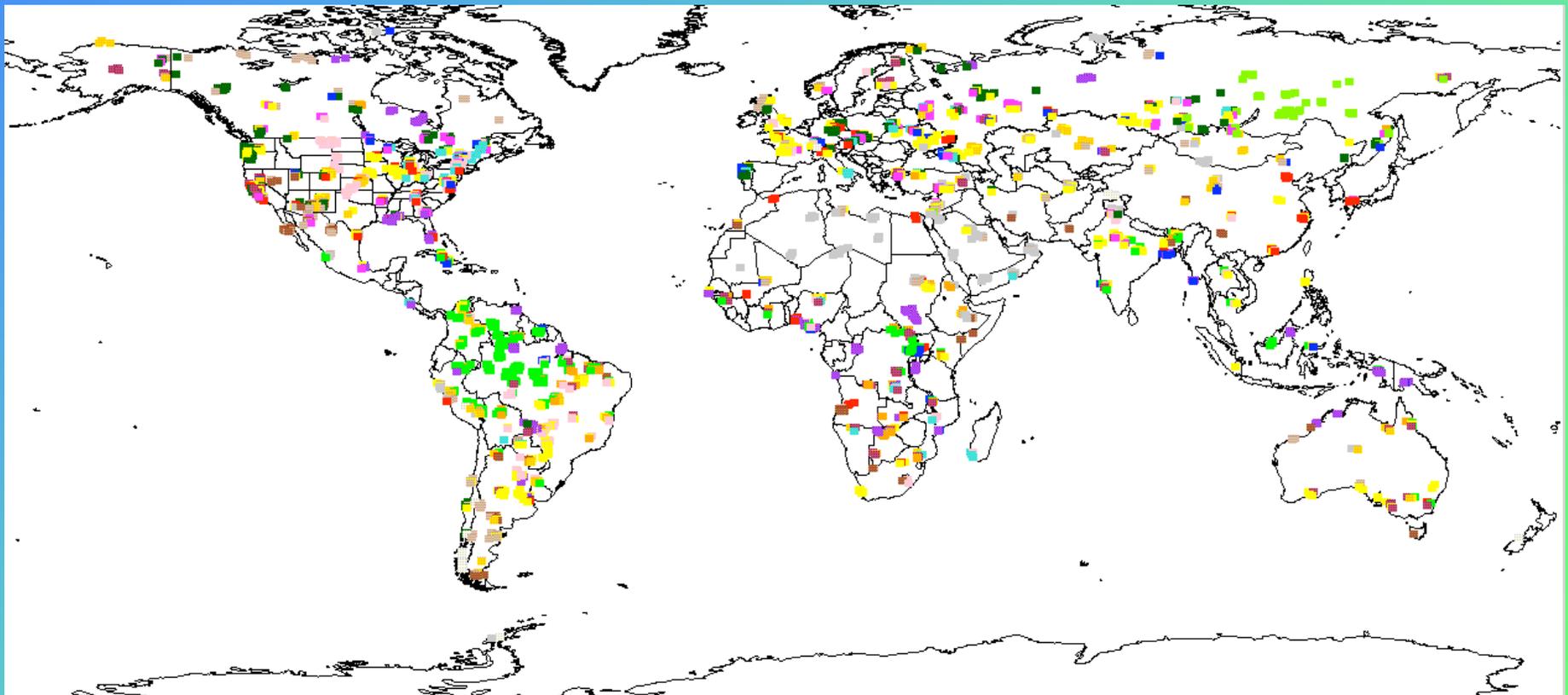
# *Variability of Cover Types*

- **Arid East Africa, gradations of barren–open shrubland–closed shrubland**

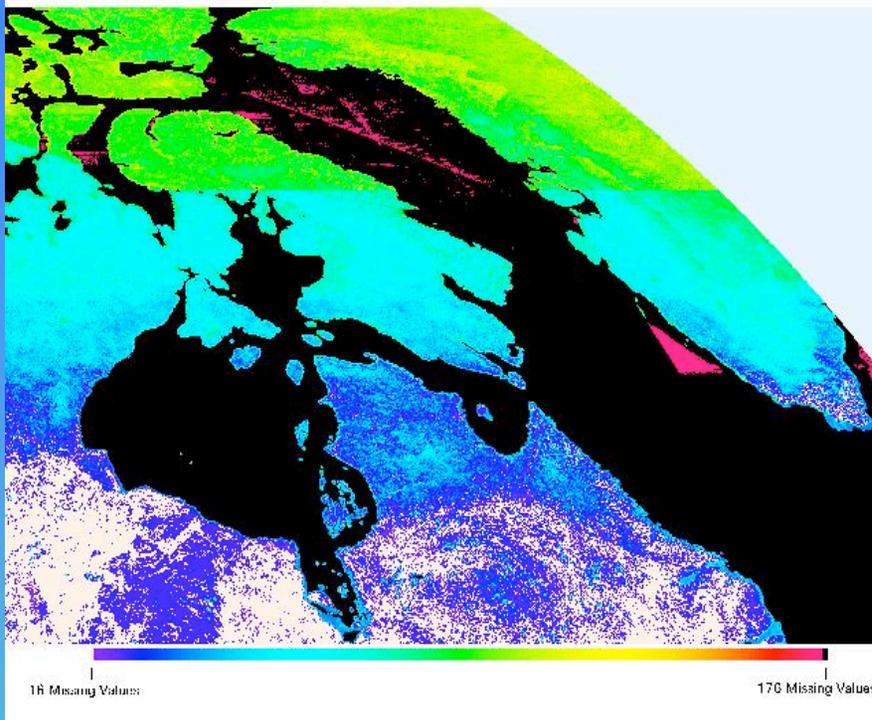


# *Obtaining Global Training Data*

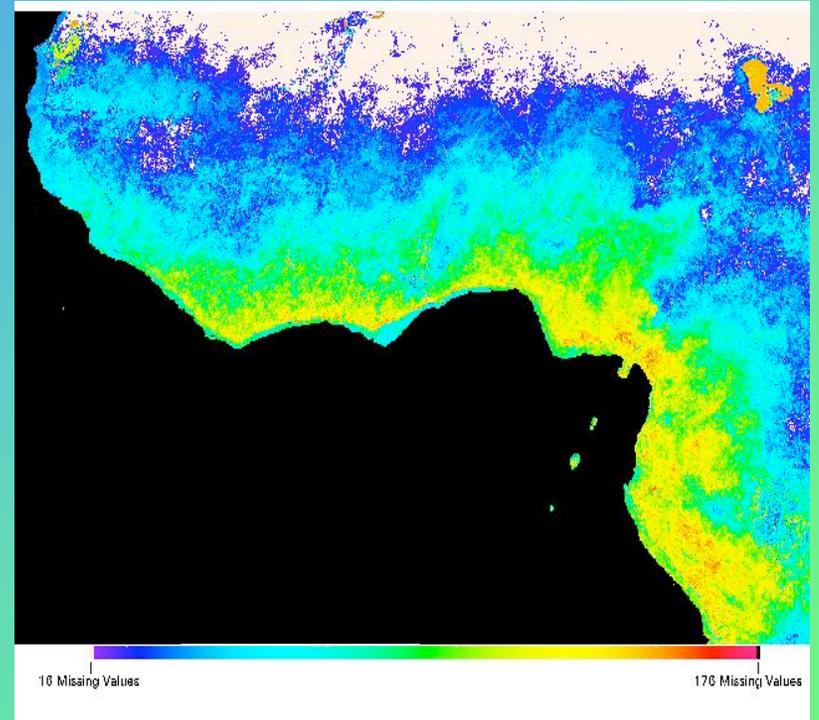
- **Global Training Site Database—MODIS**
- **2300 Sites—“Living” Database**
- **Map shows locations of Landsat scenes**



# Missing Data



*High Latitudes*



*Cloud Cover in Tropics*

Color scale indicates number of missing values, 16-day NBARs



# *Accuracy Assessment Issues*

- **Accuracy Parameters and Definitions**
  - Overall accuracy
  - Per-class accuracies, users' and producers'
  - Standard errors on accuracies
  - Fuzzy accuracy
    - Some types of errors are more important than others
- **Sample Design**
  - Stratification strategy, e.g., equal samples from each class
- **Global Sampling**
  - Obtaining samples randomly from anywhere on the globe
  - Use of high-resolution images and photointerpretation is the only practical way

# *Validation Approaches*

- **Probability Sampling and Accuracy Assessment**
  - Examples: IGBP DISCover Validation, GLC2000 Validation
- **Use of Training Sites for Validation**
  - Example: MODIS Land Cover Product
- **Confidence Observations and Maps**
  - Example: MODIS Land Cover Product
- **Qualitative-Systematic Accuracy Assessment**
  - Example: GLC2000 Validation

# ***Report Recommendations***

- **All global land cover maps should have statistically valid estimates of map accuracy**
- **Core methods to be routinely applied include :**
  - Design-based inference
  - Probability sampling
  - Consistent estimators
- **Core methods may be extended to include:**
  - Validation both during and after map production
  - Use of confidence-based quality assessments
  - Addition of fuzzy accuracy methods
  - Use of qualitative and descriptive methods



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# ***Validation of the GLC2000 Land Cover Dataset***

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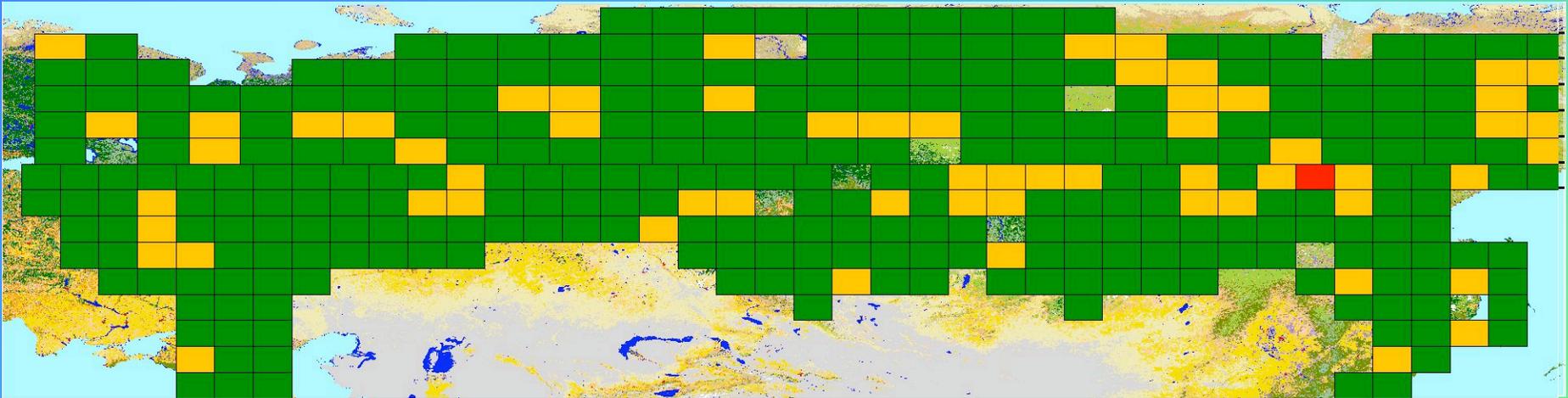


# *Qualitative-Systematic Accuracy Assessment*

- **Objectives**
  - elimination of macroscopic errors and
  - improvement of the global acceptance by the users.
- **Systematic descriptive protocol**
  - each cell of the map (200x200 km) is compared with reference material (quick-looks, local maps...)
- **Overall accuracy**
  - and qualification of errors per cell



# *An Example in Russia*





# *Design-Based Strategy*

- Validation of the **global product** but sampling units should cover the different continents.
- Focus on **priority classes** (forests, wetlands, croplands) ⇒ stratification
- **Landscape complexity** taken into account for the sampling.
- Validation derived from one single sensor dataset, **Landsat**
- Deformation of the geographical grid in **high latitudes**.
- Use of **regional experts** for interpretation
- The interpretation key follows the classifiers used in the map production .
- Locational accuracy = 300m =>use of **pixel-blocks**



# GLC 2000 Global Classes

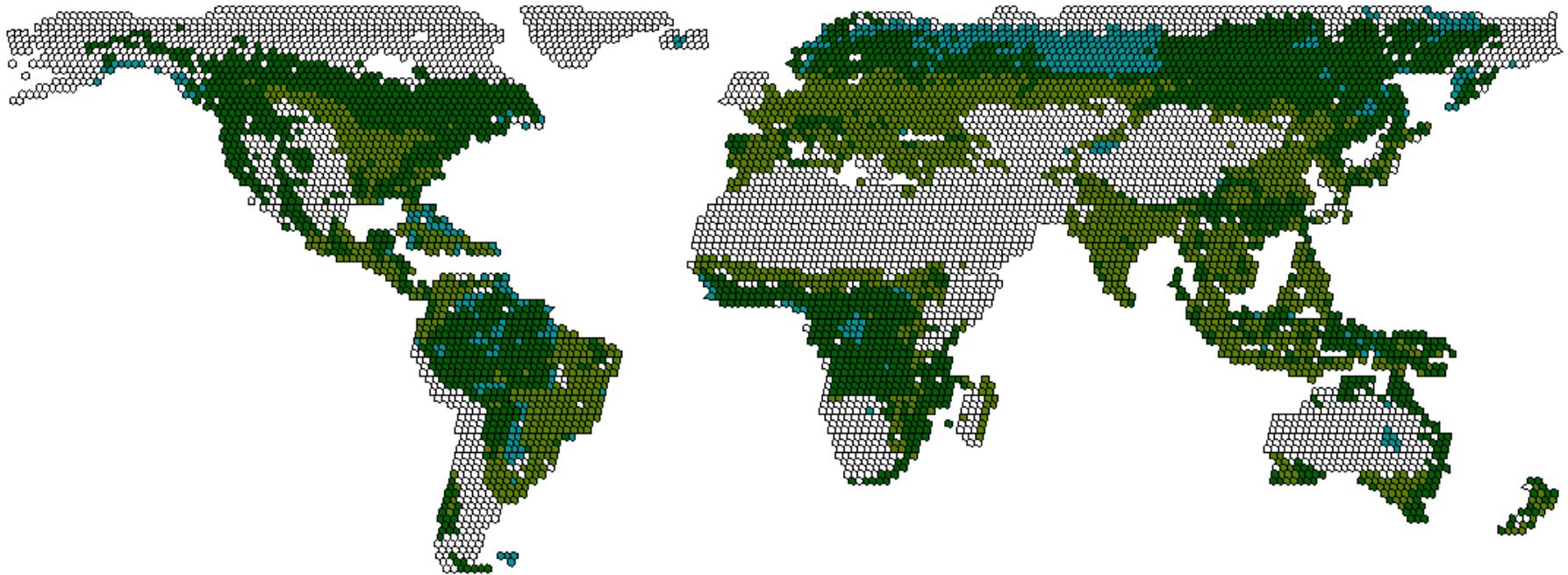
Priority classes	Non-priority classes
<b>FORESTS</b> Tree Cover Broadleaved Evergreen Tree Cover Broadleaved Deciduous Open Tree Cover Broadleaved Deciduous Closed Tree Cover Needleleaved Evergreen Tree Cover Needleleaved Deciduous Tree Cover Mixed Tree Cover / Other Natural Vegetation	<b>SHRUBLANDS &amp; GRASSLANDS</b> Shrubland Evergreen Shrubland Deciduous Open-Closed Grassland Sparse Grassland Lichen & Mosses
<b>WETLANDS AND INLAND WATER</b> Flooded Forest Mangrove Regularly Flooded Grass- & Shrublands Water	<b>OTHER</b> Bare Soil Cities Snow/Ice
<b>CROPLANDS</b> Cultivated & Managed Areas Cropland / Tree Cover Cropland / Other Natural Vegetation	



# Computation of LC Proportion

- **Priority Classes**

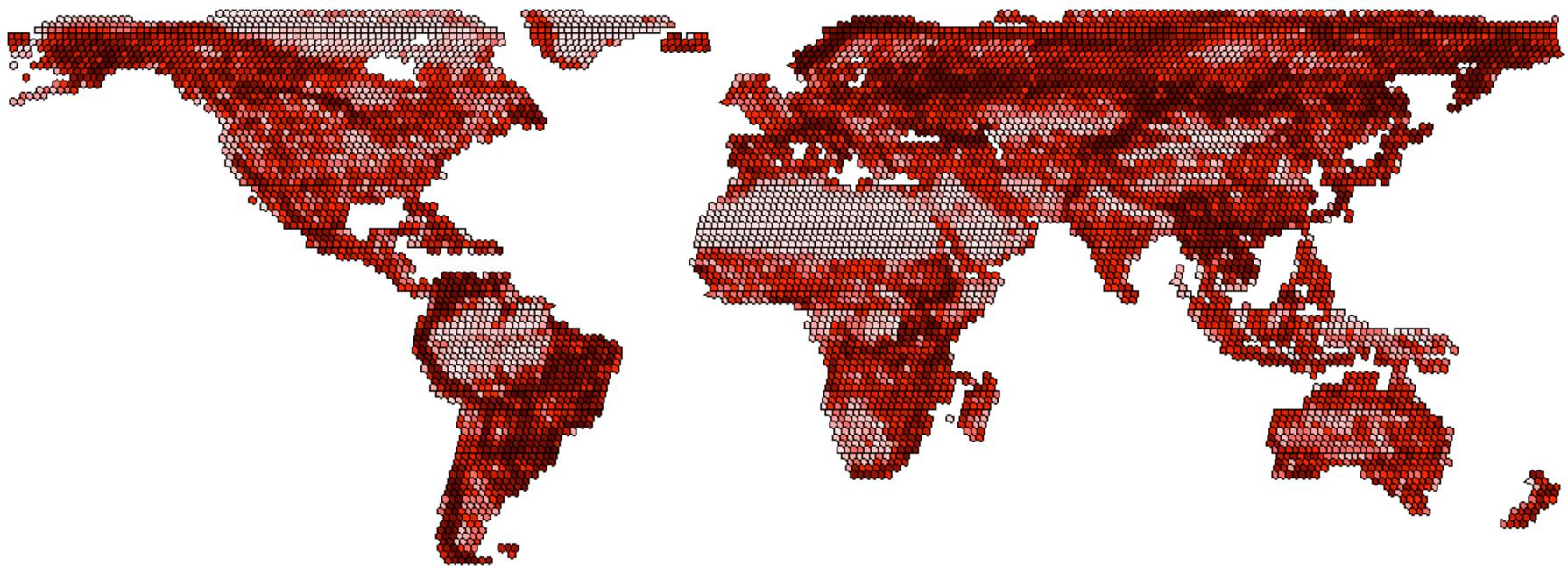
- Proportion of priority classes in each polygon
  - >30% forest
  - >30% croplands
  - >10% wetlands





# Computation of Fragmentation

- **Landscape Complexity**
  - Shannon index calculated on the total number of classes in the polygon





# Stratification

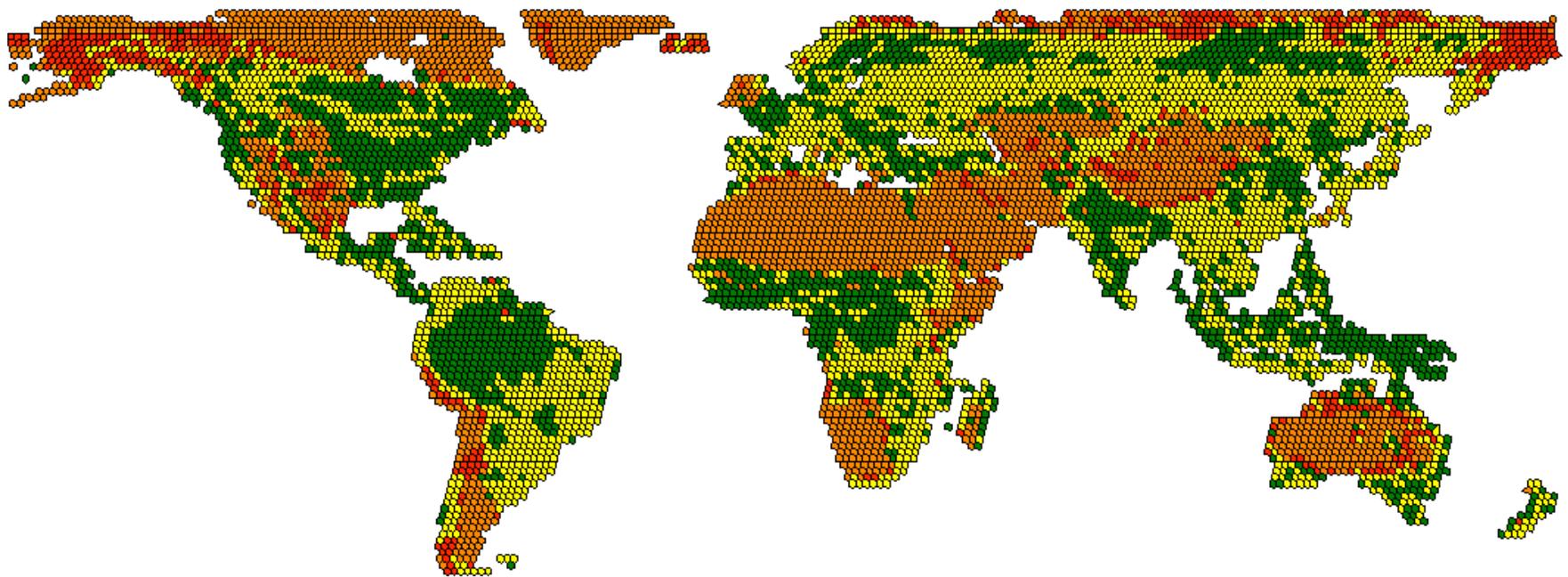
## 4 strata

Stratum	Landsat	%	Landsat area (km <sup>2</sup> )	%
Priority classes Homogenous	2267	28.2%	15,769,715	31.2%
Priority classes Heterogeneous	2936	36.6%	19,115,193	37.9%
Non - Priority classes Homogenous	2174	27.1%	12,794,538	25.3%
Non - Priority classes Heterogeneous	649	8.1%	2,809,180	5.6%
	8026		50,488,626	



# Stratified Sampling

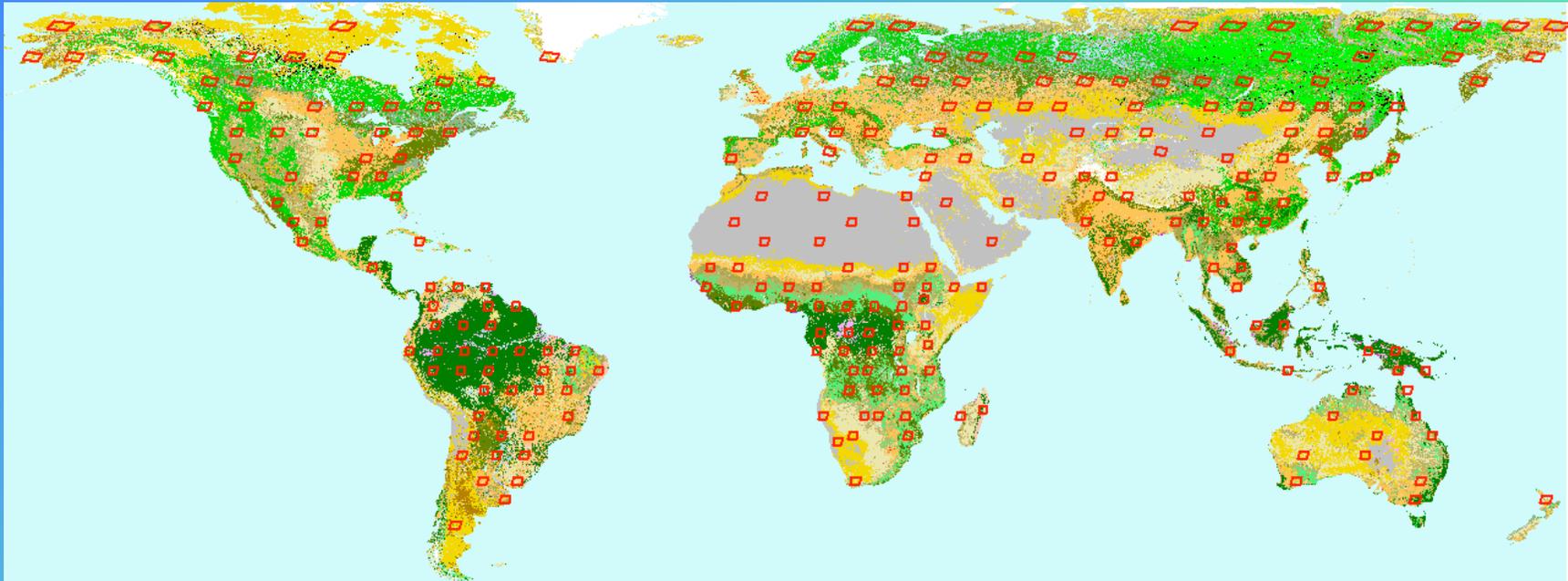
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# *Primary Sampling Units*

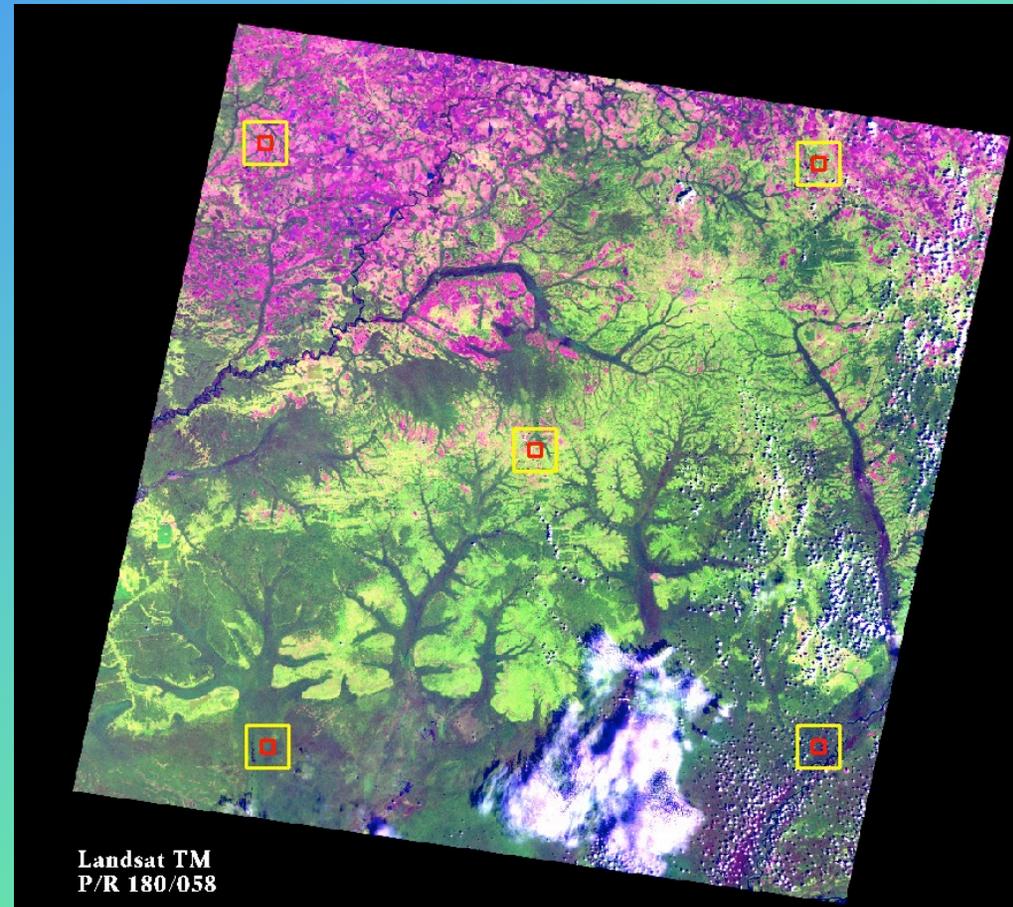
**245 Landsat scenes**





# Secondary Sampling Units

- **5 blocks** of 3 x 3 km per Landsat scene
- Centre  $\pm 50$ km in X and Y (spatial autocorrelation)





# Example in South America (Homogeneous Agriculture)



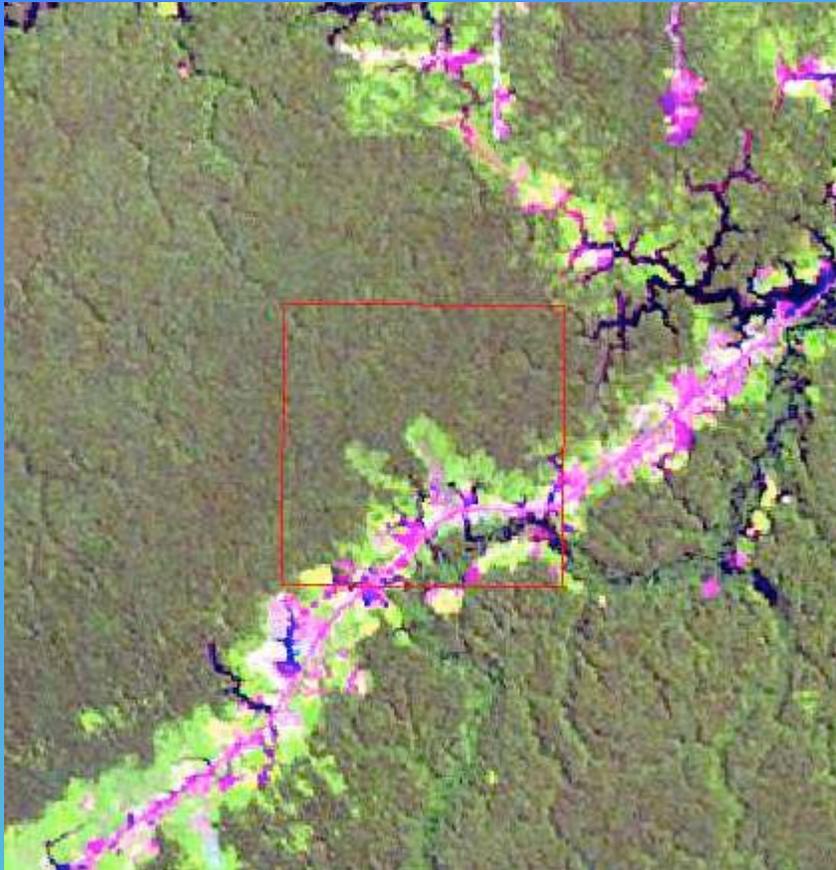
GLC2000 Validation form

1. Landsat	ID 2638	Path Row P223R076	Landsat Date 20000512	Box Lower left box	Fraction[%] 100
2. Interpreter	Company ECOFORCA	Interpreter ECOFORCA	Interpretation Date 20040608		
3. Key parameters	Vegetated Vegetated	Natural / managed Artificial / managed	Dominant layer Herbaceous		
4. Water	Water regime Terrestrial	Water seasonality	Water quality		
5. Tree layer	Tree cover <10%	Tree height 05-15m	Leaf type Tree Broadleaved	Phenology Tree Deciduous	
6. Shrub layer	Shrub cover 05-10%	Shrub height 1-3m	Leaf type Shrub Broadleaved	Phenology shrub Deciduous	
7. Grass layer / Bare soil	Grass cover 40-70%	Grass height 0.3-1m	Grass phenology Undetermined	Bare soil	
8. Agriculture	Agriculture cycle Annual	Agriculture water Rainfed	Agriculture intensity Permanent high intensity	Spatial pattern Continuous fields	
9. Additional Information	Common name (english) agriculture	Local name (local language) agricultura		Additional information	

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# Example in South America (Forest + Agriculture)



GLC2000 Validation form

1. Landsat	ID: 2448	Path_Row: P231R063	Landsat Date: 20010811	Box: Upper right box	Fraction[%]: 60
2. Interpreter	Company: ECOFORCA	Interpreter: ECOFORCA	Interpretation Date: 20040608		
3. Key parameters	Vegetated: Vegetated	Natural / managed: Natural	Dominant layer: Trees		
4. Water	Water regime: Terrestrial	Water seasonality:	Water quality:		
5. Tree layer	Tree cover: 70-100%	Tree height: >30m	Leaf type Tree: Broadleaved	Phenology Tree: Evergreen	
6. Shrub layer	Shrub cover: 10-40%	Shrub height: 3-5m	Leaf type Shrub: Broadleaved	Phenology shrub: Evergreen	
7. Grass layer / Bare soil	Grass cover:	Grass height:	Grass phenology:	Bare soil:	
8. Agriculture	Agriculture cycle:	Agriculture water:	Agriculture intensity:	Spatial pattern:	

Common name (english): Local name (local language):

GLC2000 Validation form

1. Landsat	ID: 2450	Path_Row: P231R063	Landsat Date: 20010811	Box: Upper right box	Fraction[%]: 40
2. Interpreter	Company: ECOFORCA	Interpreter: ECOFORCA	Interpretation Date: 20040608		
3. Key parameters	Vegetated: Mixed	Natural / managed: Artificial / managed	Dominant layer: Shrubs		
4. Water	Water regime: Terrestrial	Water seasonality:	Water quality:		
5. Tree layer	Tree cover: <10%	Tree height: 05-15m	Leaf type Tree: Broadleaved	Phenology Tree: Evergreen	
6. Shrub layer	Shrub cover: 10-40%	Shrub height: 1-3m	Leaf type Shrub: Broadleaved	Phenology shrub: Evergreen	
7. Grass layer / Bare soil	Grass cover: 5-10%	Grass height: 0,3-1m	Grass phenology: Deciduous	Bare soil:	
8. Agriculture	Agriculture cycle: Annual	Agriculture water: Rainfed	Agriculture intensity: Permanent low intensity	Spatial pattern: Continuous fields	

Common name (english): agriculture mosaic  
Local name (local language): mosaico agricultura/capoeira

9. Additional Information

Additional information:

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# Contingency Matrix

	GLC 2000 (Map samples)																						
	Tree Cover, broadleaved, evergreen	Tree Cover, broadleaved, deciduous, dense	Tree Cover, broadleaved, deciduous, open	Tree Cover, needle-leaved, evergreen	Tree Cover, needle-leaved, deciduous, open	Tree Cover, mixed leaf type	Tree Cover, regularly flooded, fresh	Tree Cover, regularly flooded, saline	Tree cover / Other natural vegetation	Shrub Cover, closed-open, evergreen	Shrub Cover, closed-open, deciduous	Herbaceous Cover, closed-open	Sparse Herbaceous or sparse shrub cover	Regularly flooded shrub and/or herbaceous cover	Cultivated and managed areas	Cropland / Tree Cover / Other natural vegetation	Cropland / Shrub and/or grass cover	Bare Areas	Water Bodies (natural & artificial)	Snow and Ice (natural & artificial)	Artificial surfaces and associated areas	Total	Producer's accuracy
Tree Cover, broadleaved, evergreen	62.0		0.8	1.1					1.1							1.1						66.0	0.94
Tree Cover, broadleaved, deciduous, dense		11.6										0.4										12.0	0.96
Tree Cover, broadleaved, deciduous, open	2.1	6.2	2.1						2.3		1.1											13.8	0.15
Tree Cover, needle-leaved, evergreen				19.3																		20.9	0.93
Tree Cover, needle-leaved, deciduous, open					1.1	2.1																3.2	0.67
Tree Cover, mixed leaf type	0.8	5.5		12.3	1.1	12.5				0.4	1.1											33.7	0.37
Tree Cover, regularly flooded, fresh	3.0			0.8			1.5															5.3	0.29
Tree Cover, regularly flooded, saline	1.1							1.1														2.1	0.50
Tree cover / Other natural vegetation									1.5							1.1						2.6	0.59
Shrub Cover, closed-open, evergreen	1.1									1.1	3.9	1.5	5.0		1.8							14.4	-
Shrub Cover, closed-open, deciduous		2.6	5.8	0.8					3.0		12.1	9.1	10.6	1.1	2.1			0.4				47.5	0.26
Herbaceous Cover, closed-open		1.1	0.8						2.3		4.9	12.4			2.1		3.4					26.9	0.46
Sparse Herbaceous or sparse shrub cover											1.5	6.9	20.1		1.5			2.4				32.4	0.62
Regularly flooded shrub and/or herbaceous cover	1.1	2.1		1.1								0.4		3.7	0.8		1.1					10.2	0.36
Cultivated and managed areas					1.2							5.6	0.8		49.1	1.1	2.3	3.0	1.1			64.0	0.77
Cropland / Tree Cover / Other vegetation	2.1	1.1	1.1	2.6		0.8									4.3	9.7	1.8	1.5				25.0	0.39
Cropland / Shrub and/or grass cover		1.1									1.1				3.4							5.5	-
Bare Areas												0.8	3.3		1.1		0.4	111.0				116.6	0.95
Water Bodies (natural & artificial)																			39.2			39.2	1.00
Snow and Ice (natural & artificial)																				2.0		2.0	-
Artificial surfaces and associated areas				0.8																		0.8	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>118.4</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>544.0</b>	
<b>User's accuracy</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>372.96</b>	<b>68.6%</b>

**Overall accuracy = 68.6 %**  
**(Blocks with >80% in one land cover type)**



# Distance Calculated from LCCS

Distance in %	Tree Cover, broadleaved, evergreen	Tree Cover, broadleaved, deciduous, dense	Tree Cover, broadleaved, deciduous, open	Tree Cover, needle-leaved, evergreen	Tree Cover, needle-leaved, deciduous, open	Tree Cover, mixed leaf type	Tree Cover, regularly flooded, fresh	Tree Cover, regularly flooded, saline	Mosaic: Tree cover / Other natural vegetation	Shrub Cover, closed-open, evergreen	Shrub Cover, closed-open, deciduous	Herbaceous Cover, closed-open	Sparse Herbaceous or sparse shrub cover	Regularly flooded shrub and/or herbaceous cover	Cultivated and managed areas	Mosaic: Cropland / Tree Cover / Other natural vegetation	Mosaic: Cropland / Shrub and/or grass cover	Bare Areas	Water Bodies (natural & artificial)	Snow and Ice (natural & artificial)
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Tree Cover, broadleaved, evergreen	0.00	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.50	0.25	0.38	0.25	0.31	0.19	0.44	0.41	0.49	0.56	0.49	0.19	0.44	0.75	1.00	1.00
Tree Cover, broadleaved, deciduous, closed	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.25	0.25	0.50	0.50	0.31	0.44	0.19	0.29	0.24	0.69	0.49	0.31	0.31	0.75	1.00	1.00
Tree Cover, broadleaved, deciduous, open	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.25	0.25	0.50	0.50	0.31	0.44	0.19	0.29	0.24	0.69	0.49	0.31	0.31	0.75	1.00	1.00
Tree Cover, needle-leaved, evergreen	0.25	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.25	0.25	0.50	0.50	0.31	0.31	0.56	0.66	0.74	0.69	0.69	0.31	0.56	0.75	1.00	1.00
Tree Cover, needle-leaved, deciduous	0.50	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.63	0.75	0.31	0.56	0.31	0.54	0.49	0.81	0.69	0.44	0.44	0.75	1.00	1.00
Tree Cover, mixed leaf type	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.38	0.50	0.06	0.31	0.31	0.41	0.49	0.56	0.46	0.19	0.31	0.75	1.00	1.00
Tree Cover, regularly flooded, fresh	0.38	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.63	0.38	0.00	0.13	0.44	0.44	0.56	0.66	0.74	0.19	0.48	0.31	0.56	1.00	0.75	1.00
Tree Cover, regularly flooded, saline	0.25	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.75	0.50	0.13	0.00	0.56	0.44	0.69	0.66	0.74	0.31	0.46	0.44	0.69	1.00	0.75	1.00
Mosaic: Tree cover / Other natural vegetation	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.06	0.44	0.56	0.00	0.31	0.31	0.35	0.43	0.50	0.40	0.38	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.00
Shrub Cover, closed-open, evergreen	0.19	0.44	0.44	0.31	0.56	0.31	0.44	0.44	0.31	0.00	0.25	0.35	0.43	0.38	0.41	0.38	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.00
Shrub Cover, closed-open, deciduous	0.44	0.19	0.19	0.56	0.31	0.31	0.56	0.69	0.31	0.25	0.00	0.23	0.18	0.50	0.41	0.50	0.38	0.63	1.00	1.00
Herbaceous Cover, closed-open	0.41	0.29	0.29	0.66	0.54	0.41	0.66	0.66	0.35	0.35	0.23	0.00	0.08	0.48	0.25	0.60	0.35	0.56	1.00	1.00
Sparse Herbaceous or sparse shrub cover	0.49	0.24	0.24	0.74	0.49	0.49	0.74	0.74	0.43	0.43	0.18	0.08	0.00	0.55	0.33	0.68	0.43	0.50	1.00	1.00
Regularly flooded shrub and/or herbaceous cover	0.56	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.81	0.56	0.19	0.31	0.50	0.38	0.50	0.48	0.55	0.00	0.28	0.38	0.38	0.83	0.75	1.00
Cultivated and managed areas	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.69	0.69	0.46	0.48	0.46	0.40	0.41	0.41	0.25	0.33	0.28	0.00	0.38	0.25	0.83	0.88	0.88
Mosaic: Cropland / Tree Cover / Other natural vegetation	0.19	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.44	0.19	0.31	0.44	0.38	0.38	0.50	0.60	0.68	0.38	0.38	0.00	0.25	0.74	1.00	1.00
Mosaic: Cropland / Shrub and/or grass cover	0.44	0.31	0.31	0.56	0.44	0.31	0.56	0.69	0.50	0.50	0.38	0.35	0.43	0.38	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.70	1.00	1.00
Bare Areas	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	1.00	1.00	0.75	0.75	0.63	0.56	0.50	0.83	0.83	0.74	0.70	0.00	0.50	0.50
Water Bodies (natural & artificial)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.75	0.75	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.75	0.88	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.00	0.25
Snow and Ice (natural & artificial)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.88	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.25	0.00
Artificial surfaces and associated areas	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.98	1.00	1.00	0.99	1.00	0.25	0.50	0.50

**Based on 4 attributes: aquatic/terrestrial; life form; phenology; leaf type**



# *Adjusted Accuracies*

- From the producer's perspective
  - Accuracy based on the 4 most efficient classifiers: **90.3%**
  - 22% of the errors can be explained by a confusion in the legend (overlap, absence of explicit criteria...)
- From the user's perspective
  - Based on carbon in the plants : **76.3 %**
  - Carbon in plants and soil : **76.6 %**
  - Net Primary Productivity : **74.4 %**

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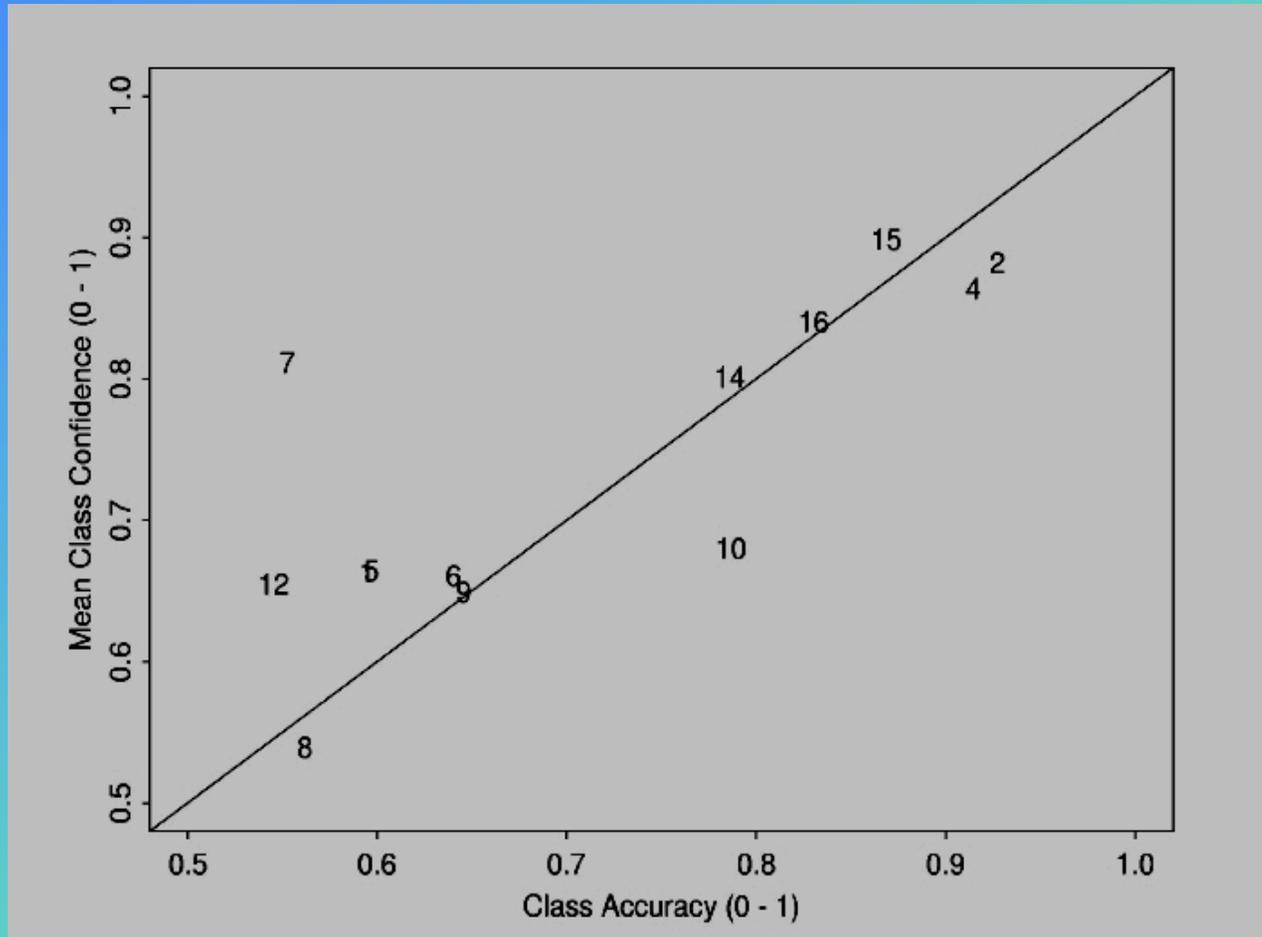
*Validation of the  
MODIS 2001 V4 Land Cover Product*

**Mark Friedl and Alan Strahler  
Boston University**

## *Dual Approach to Validation*

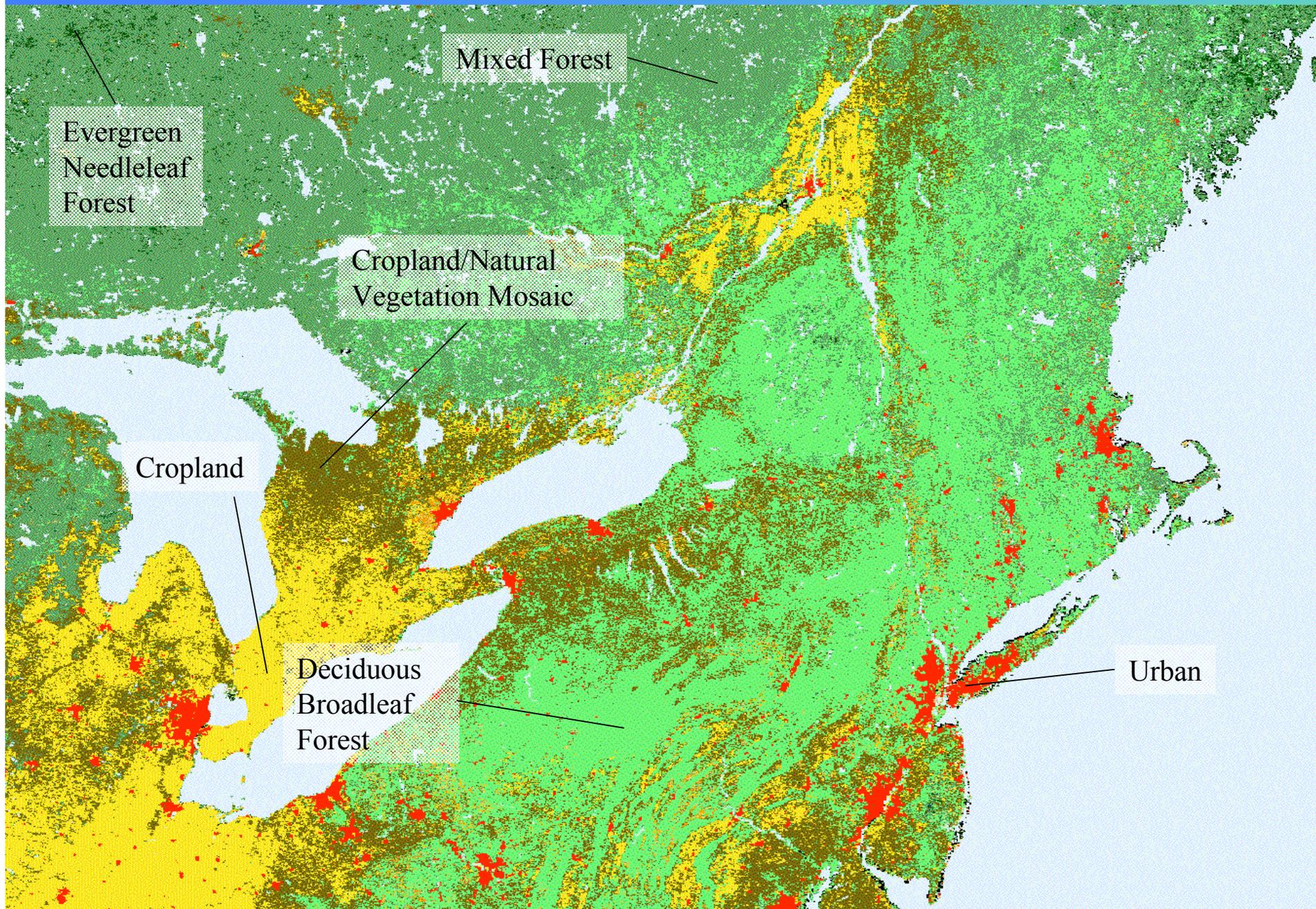
- ***Use of Confidence Values from Classifier***
  - Values are probabilities a pixel belongs to a class given the training data provided
  - Allows mapping of spatial pattern of confidence
- ***Use of Unseen Training Sites***
  - Hold back 10 percent of sites, train with remainder, repeat 10 times for all sites

# *Relation Between Confidence and Class Accuracy*

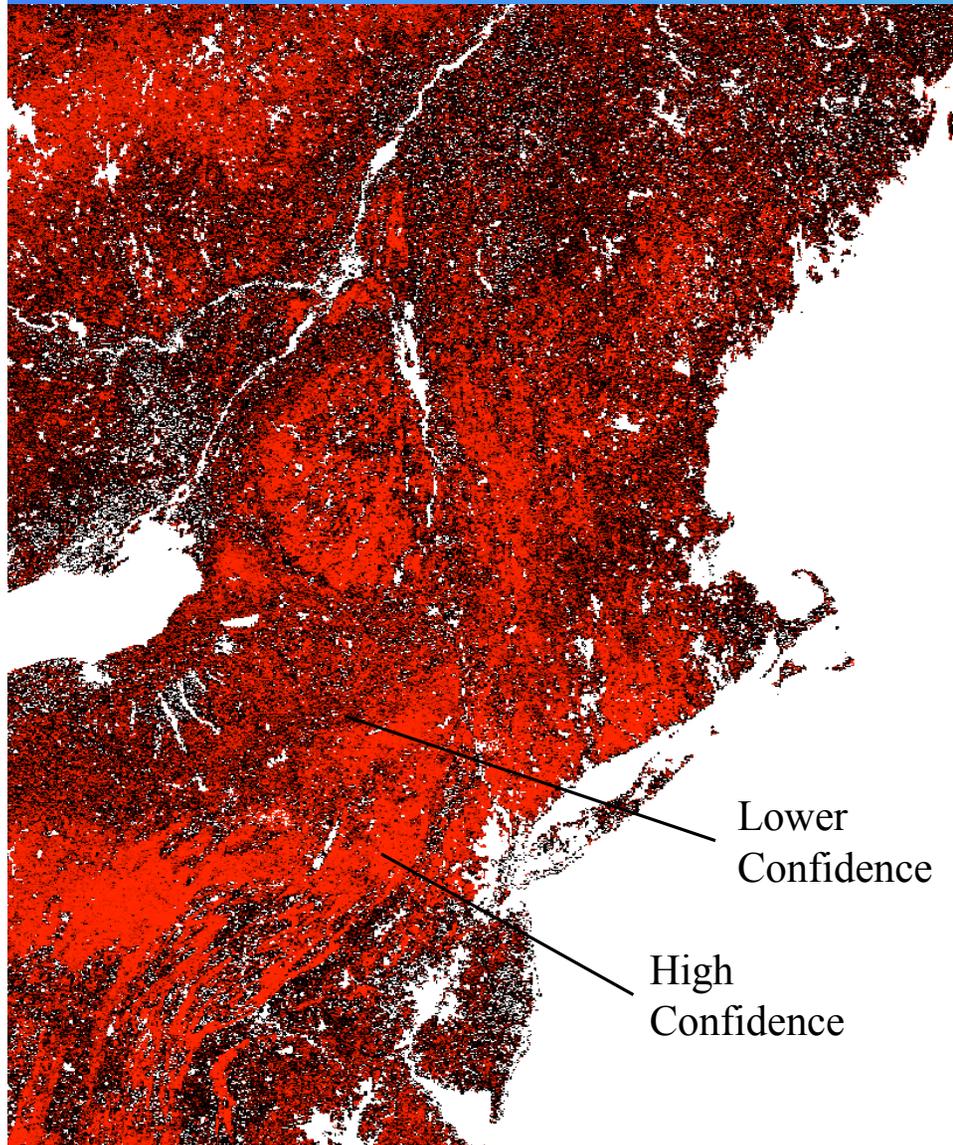


(from AVHRR prototype of North America)

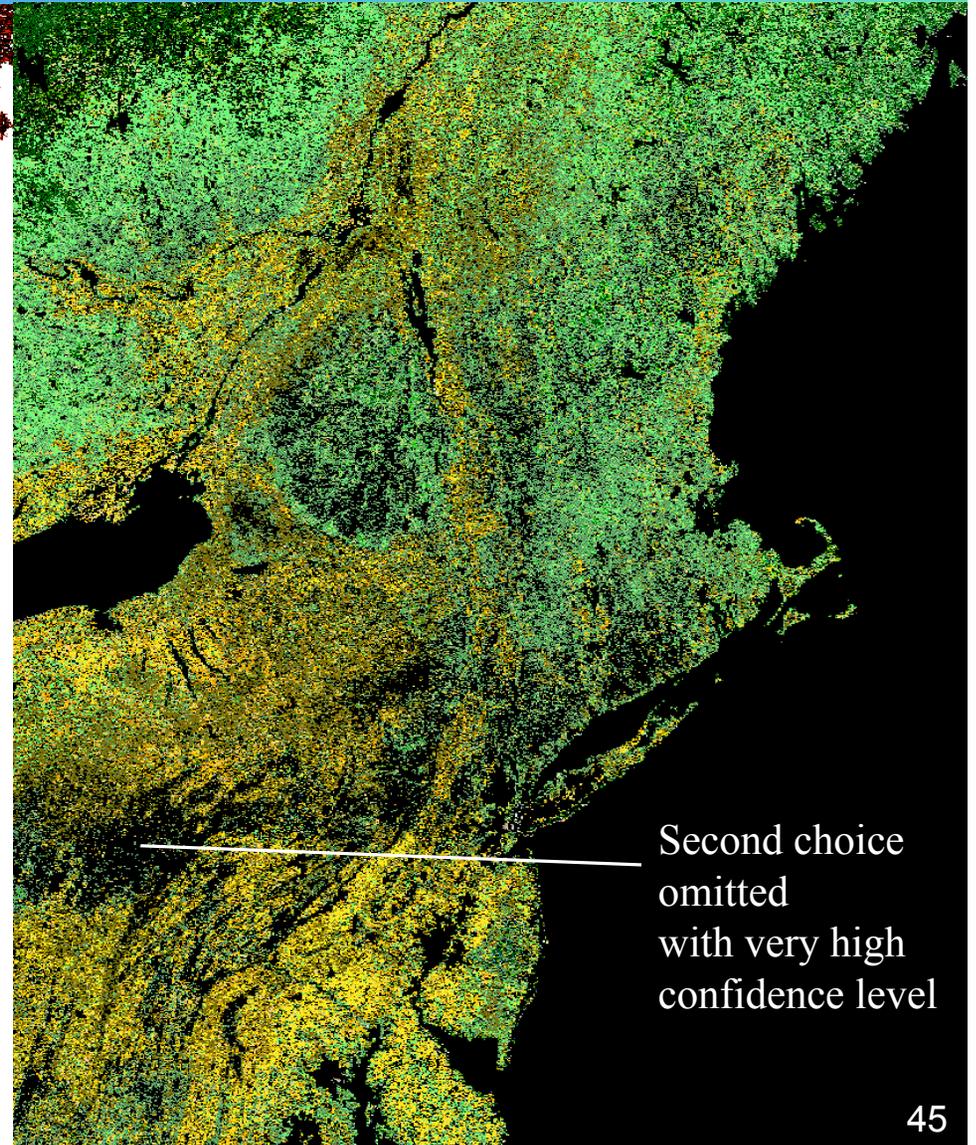
# Consistent Year Land Cover Product, Nov 00–Oct 01



# Classification Confidence Map



# Second Most-Likely Class



# *Cross Validation with Training Sites*

- ***Cross-Validation Procedure***
  - Hide 10 percent of training sites, classify with remaining 90 percent; repeat ten times for ten unique sets of all sites
  - Provides “confusion matrix” based on unseen pixels where whole training site is unseen
  - NOT a stratified random sample, but a useful indication of global and within-class accuracies

# Confusion Matrix

Site Class	Class Name	Classification Outcome																
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	Total
1	Evergreen Needleleaf	1446	10	19	3	180	27	8	86	0	4	517	5	31	6	0	0	2342
2	Evergreen Broadleaf	38	4852	0	15	6	11	4	80	17	22	1629	150	163	38	1	1	7027
3	Deciduous Needleleaf	81	0	439	0	14	0	0	2	1	0	24	0	2	0	0	0	563
4	Deciduous Broadleaf	9	6	2	614	149	2	40	14	4	9	66	36	136	0	15	0	1102
5	Mixed Forest	507	10	169	215	1171	6	7	78	3	6	226	15	76	17	8	0	2514
6	Closed Shrubland	10	2	0	5	1	277	44	18	2	7	63	23	5	0	11	0	468
7	Open Shrubland	22	23	7	3	2	246	1946	108	52	446	59	276	32	52	420	50	3744
8	Woody Savanna	108	174	9	100	70	78	72	867	352	34	362	239	174	2	9	9	2659
9	Savanna	4	21	0	98	2	50	44	322	742	247	211	608	296	13	5	0	2663
10	Grasslands	9	29	0	32	8	92	214	43	107	1196	72	412	130	19	92	1	2456
11	Pmnt Wtlnd	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1138	46	4	17	18	11	1240
12	Cropland	2	16	1	10	31	37	27	34	30	71	19	5872	306	2	7	0	6465
14	Cropland/Natural Vegn	1	2	0	4	2	1	0	10	23	11	35	352	453	0	5	0	899
15	Snow+ice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1250	0	0	1250
16	Barren	2	0	0	0	0	17	201	13	4	27	5	20	2	129	4097	1	4518
17	Water	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	0	0	112	0	7756	7901
<b>Total</b>		2239	5148	646	1099	1638	844	2608	1675	1337	2081	4458	8054	1810	1657	4688	7829	47811

**Overall Accuracy: 70.3 ± 2.4% (65.6%, 75.0%)**

# Per-Class Accuracies

Table 5. Global per-class accuracies, 2001 V4 land cover product (percent)

IGBP Land Cover Class	Producer's Accuracy				User's Accuracy			
	Est.	Std. Err.	CI -	CI +	Est.	Std. Err.	CI -	CI +
1. Evergreen Needleleaf	64.6	3.9	56.9	72.3	60.2	5.2	52.6	67.9
2. Evergreen Broadleaf	94.3	1.4	91.4	97.1	69.0	34.1	66.2	71.9
3. Deciduous Needleleaf	68.0	7.5	53.3	82.7	77.8	0.5	63.1	92.5
4. Deciduous Broadleaf	55.9	5.7	44.6	67.1	54.2	2.1	43.0	65.4
5. Mixed Forest	71.5	3.6	64.4	78.5	45.8	6.1	38.8	52.9
6. Closed Shrubland	32.8	6.2	20.7	44.9	53.9	0.4	41.8	66.0
7. Open Shrubland	74.6	4.5	65.9	83.4	50.0	17.1	41.2	58.7
8. Woody Savanna	51.8	5.3	41.3	62.2	32.2	6.8	21.8	42.6
9. Savanna	55.5	4.2	47.2	63.8	27.5	6.0	19.3	35.8
10. Grasslands	57.5	5.2	47.2	67.7	47.1	5.9	36.8	57.4
11. Permanent Wetlands	25.5	2.7	20.2	30.8	91.8	0.9	86.5	97.1
12. Cropland	72.9	2.7	67.6	78.2	88.8	14.7	83.5	94.2
14. Cropland/Nat Veg Mosaic	25.0	3.3	18.6	31.5	49.8	0.9	43.4	56.3
15. Snow and Ice	75.4	10.9	54.1	96.7	100.0	0.0	78.7	121.3
16. Barren/Sparse	87.4	2.3	82.8	92.0	88.7	10.1	84.2	93.3
17. Water	99.1	0.8	97.6	100.6	98.1	12.4	96.6	99.6

# Confidence Values by Land Cover Type

Table 6. Global confidence values by land cover class (percent)	
IGBP Land Cover Class	Average Confidence Value
1. Evergreen Needleleaf	68.3
2. Evergreen Broadleaf	89.3
3. Deciduous Needleleaf	66.7
4. Deciduous Broadleaf	65.9
5. Mixed Forest	65.4
6. Closed Shrubland	60.0
7. Open Shrubland	75.3
8. Woody Savanna	64.0
9. Savanna	67.8
10. Grasslands	70.6
11. Permanent Wetlands	52.3
12. Cropland	76.4
14. Cropland/Natural Veg	60.7
15. Snow and Ice	87.2
16. Barren	90.0
17. Water	(Not Available)
Average Value, All Classes	70.7
Area-Weighted Average (Table 5)	78.3

*(Example based on Version 3 data)*

## *Overall Accuracies*

- *Proper accuracy statements require proper statistical sampling*
- *AVHRR state of the art has been around 60 percent, depending on class and region*
- *SPOT-Vegetation has been around 65 percent (GLC2000)*
- *MODIS accuracies are around 70 percent*
- *Most “mistakes” are between similar classes*

# Conclusions

- **Training sites are NOT a random sample**
  - Many (perhaps most) training sites are placed in equivocal areas where the classifier needs new and better examples
  - Thus, the training sites do not represent well the broad regions of core areas for land cover classes
  - This leads to the conclusion that actual accuracies are probably better than observed from the training sites
  - So we estimate that:

**GLOBAL ACCURACY IS 75–80 PERCENT**

**PER-CLASS ACCURACIES RANGE 60–90 PERCENT**

**CONTINENTAL REGION ACCURACIES RANGE 70–85 PERCENT**

# ***Report Recommendations***

- **All global land cover maps should have statistically valid estimates of map accuracy**
- **Core methods to be routinely applied include :**
  - Design-based inference
  - Probability sampling
  - Consistent estimators
- **Core methods may be extended to include:**
  - Validation both during and after map production
  - Use of confidence-based quality assessments
  - Addition of fuzzy accuracy methods
  - Use of qualitative and descriptive methods

# ***Areas of Future Research***

- **Standardization of legends and mapping units**
- **Methods for validation of more continuous measures of land cover**
- **Effect of spatial aggregation on accuracy estimates**
- **Reuse of existing validation samples**
- **Linkages between spatially-distributed confidence metrics and design-based sampling methods**
- **Effects of misregistration, mixed pixels, and sensor point spread function**
- **Integrating error in reference data**
- **Error magnitude effects**
- **Better understanding of users' needs**
- **Defining priorities for future research**

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**Necessary paths for developing  
harmonized global land use classification systems**

**Christophe Duhamel**

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## **One guiding idea**

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**Land use has a cumbersome neighbour: land cover...**

**but systematic and pragmatic ways for improving the availability of land use data sets should be applied**

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# Introduction 1

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Land use information is of significant value but:

- paucity of global data sets that contain land use information
- Variable quality of available information
- confused mixture of land use and land cover categories.
- often inadequate for studies that focus on the collection of aspects of land use and on context related socio-economic data.

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## Introduction 2

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Development of information systems on land use has increased but:

- although many initiatives launched in order to improve the availability and the quality of land use information the result is extremely scarce and discouraging

This is resulting from

- a lack of consciousness on the importance to build a sound theoretical framework together with a careful analysis of user's requirements
- may be also from evidence: land use data is difficult to collect into global data sets

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## Introduction 3

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In terms of harmonization of data sets, one element is fundamental :

**the question of classification.**

- not built in order to create an aesthetic effect
- close links between the development of scientific concepts and classifications
- classification systems as mirrors of the conceptualization of the domain to be investigated.

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## Specific objectives of the presentation

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Discussing the necessary prerequisites for classifications for land use which would:

- answer user's requirements
- take into account capabilities of available data collection tools
- through an appropriate theoretical framework

Guiding principle for structuring land use information :  
following the general concepts of classification systems

- the demarcation of a universe of discourse (what is land use)
- the establishment of a classification of all land use objects in this universe
- a system for naming the groups linked to the structure
- the procedures for allocating any land use object to one established group.

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# What is land use (1)

## The demarcation of the domain of investigation

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Any given portion of Earth's surface can be observed and described in various ways

When observing a portion of Earth's surface, several questions may arise:

- **what is this**
- **what is it for**
- why and how is it like this
- was it like this before
- will it stay like this in the future etc...?

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# What is land use (2)

## The demarcation of the domain of investigation

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Starting with land cover: a physical description of land

- with a definition: *the observed physical cover of the earth's surface*
  - biophysical categories: areas of vegetation
  - bare soil and hard surfaces (rocks, buildings)
  - wet areas/bodies of water

In most cases, land cover is directly detectable by human observation or less directly from remote sensing.

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# What is land use (2)

## The demarcation of the domain of investigation

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### For land use

#### Two main approaches:

**functional approach** (the one referred as land use here)

- corresponds to *the description of land in terms of its socio-economic purpose* (agricultural, residential, forestry etc...)
- easy to handle since it has direct correspondences into widely utilized statistical nomenclatures.

**sequential approach** developed for agricultural purposes: *a series of operations on land, carried out by humans, with the intention to obtain products and/or benefits through using land resources.*

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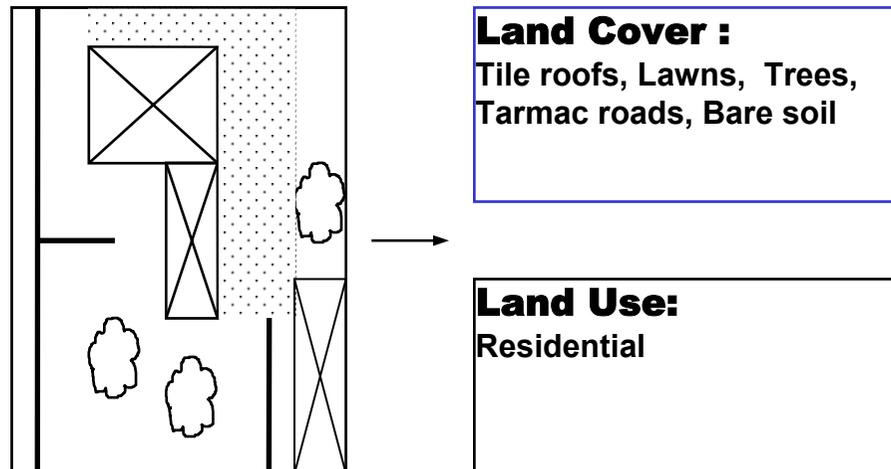
# What is land use (3)

## The demarcation of the domain of investigation

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Distinguishing between land cover and land use is easy but....

- not often reflected into the existing systems.
- two major issues to be dealt with is that land cover and land use are often intertwined and that objects may be mixed



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# What is land use (4)

## The demarcation of the domain of investigation

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### Some additional prerequisites before classifying

Specific constraints due to the intrinsic nature of geographic data:

- **spatial consistency** (classification systems should be designed in a way to allow compatibility of results between various geographical locations),
- **temporal consistency** (observation at time of observation , no classes on previous or future land uses).
- ensure the **independence of the system from the data collection tools** (a lot of systems have been built on the basis of the technical capacities of the tools, e.g. remote sensing)

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# Classifying the land use objects (1)

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## **Classification:**

*the organisation of sub-classes of a domain through a (hierarchical) series of nested categories that have been arranged to show relationships to one another.*

## **Groups of land use objects have therefore to be described through:**

- the selection of shared characteristics that make the members of each group similar to one another and unlike members of other groups

## **Any proposed land use classification system is conceptual**

- describing selected aspects of the real world
- the same reality described according to several classifications
- it simply depends of the purpose of the classification.

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## Classifying the land use objects (2)

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**The purpose for which the classification is designed necessarily shapes its structure and content**

- this is why each user, in general, builds an individual classification adapted to specific needs
- spontaneous development of classifications therefore leads inevitably to incompatibility: this is frequent for land use classifications.

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# Classifying the land use objects (3)

## Two approaches for building land use classifications

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A classical theory where land use objects are allocated according to a set of individually necessary and jointly sufficient properties.

- Top-down approach:
  - many nomenclatures are built following this a-priori approach
  - the domain of study is divided into categories and sub-categories
  - Strong disadvantage: the rigid structure
- Classifiers approaches
  - a tool consisting of a combinatory system applied on a common basis.
  - the basis is just a set of necessary characteristics to describe the objects.
  - the characteristics allow, through combinations, the definition of the objects and the grouping of the objects for all possible systems.

The prototype theory: prototypes brought from pre-existing classifications and setting-up the beginning of main categories

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# A system for naming the groups (1)

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Six main basic components:

- principle of completeness
- absence of overlap
- general rules of interpretation  
(cases of overlap, ontological or logical relations between objects, problems of mixtures)
- rules concerning the elaboration of headings and labels  
(kernel method of description, definitions by extension and intension, boundaries problems, cross-references of exclusions and inclusions)
- elaboration of index of objects
- principles of coding

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# A system for naming the groups (2)

## An example: LUCAS system

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### **D01 Shrubland with sparse tree cover**

Areas dominated (more than 20% of the surface) by shrubs and low woody plants generally below 5 meters of height, including sparsely occurring trees within a limit of a tree-crown area density between 5 and 10 %

 **this class includes:**

- Scrub land (pines, rhododendrons, maquis, matorral and deciduous thickets)
- Heathland with gorse, heather or broom

 **this class excludes:**

- Shrubland where tree cover is more than 10% (C)
- Shrub like crops: orchards, vineyards in production (B7- B8)

 **Principles of observation**

Extended window of observation

 **Links with Land Use (U)**

- D01 ➤ U11 Agricultural use: grazing
- D01 ➤ U12 Forestry (Wood production)
- D01 ➤ U36x Leisure areas
- D01 ➤ U40 Wooded areas not utilized
- D01 ➤ U50 Wetland.

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# Procedures of allocation of objects

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Approaches directly linked with the types of classification system

Classifier approaches,

- classes through a predefined set of inherent traits utilizing for example a decision tree. objects are systematically matched with candidate

Top-down trees or prototypes

- the process is theoretically more empirical since the link between the object and the class is not direct
- this is why it is fundamental to have made available a textual part of the classification (in particular the definitions by intension and extension).
- And sometimes to have an index of objects (a good example of index may be found into the UK Land use database).

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# A first set of conclusions

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Developing a land use classification system needs therefore to be **systematic**:

- the strict utilization of **appropriate framework**- ensures that data sets will have a sufficient quality.

However two **pragmatic** issues remain to be dealt with:

- **the purpose of the classification**  
user's needs have to be strongly reflected and existing classification and information systems should be taken into account.
- **the scarce opportunities to collect exhaustive data on land use on large areas**

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# Collecting global land use data (1)

## A challenge...

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### Collecting with mapping approaches:

- The coverage of the territory is exhaustive.
- Main source of information is generally photo-interpretation or processing of aerial photographs and earth observation data together with ground truth.
- Choice of observation units is driven by technical constraints: the scale of observation and the scale of restitution of information
- No doubt that remote sensing data represent a data source which contributes to a deeper understanding of processes on the earth's surface and enables map production up to scales of 1:5.000.
- **But remote sensing images capture only land cover**, i.e. the physical features. Although one can interfere from some land cover categories to land use, remote sensing images are not really suitable for this aim.

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# Collecting global land use data (2)

## A challenge...

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### **Suitable alternative approaches to acquire land use data: area frame surveys.**

- Statistical surveys provide information on samples from a population.
- Sampling theory is applied so that inference about the whole area can be made.
- The sample is made of a set of area units: the statistical units may be of different size (points, areas) or different shape (squares, circles).
- Possibility of being independent of the difficult problem of observation units: the population may be divided up into a grid on a systematic basis; each area unit thus obtained being a statistical unit (observation unit) of the same size and same shape.
- These approaches are commonly used in agricultural statistics and also widely applied in ecological monitoring surveys

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## A paradox as conclusion

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- Increasing availability of land cover data sets but with low concrete impact on land use data availability
- Accurate and precise information on land use comes from statistical approaches where limited portions of earth can be observed
- How to do “reconciliation” or to have a mutual benefit from the two approaches?
- Is it worth to develop specific land use classifications for global data sets utilizing mapping approaches?

# Harmonisation of land-use class sets to facilitate compatibility and comparability of data across space and time



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# Introduction



- Introduction
- Definition of domain of interest
- Previous attempts
- Major parameters for harmonisation of class sets
- Basic unit of measurement
- Data quality
- Example of land-use harmonisation in Albania
- Conclusions and discussion

# Introduction



- Both **space and time dimensions** are essential for making land-use data compatible and hence comparable.
- Harmonisation of land-use classifications includes harmonisation of **land-use change**.
- The **data quality** need to be analysed.

Harmonisation of class sets as presented here will address the **semantic aspect of harmonisation**, i.e. the class definitions because these imply the parameters used in the formation of classes.

# Domain of interest



- Land use: “the type of human activity taking place at or near the surface” (Cihlar and Jansen, 2001).
- Classification: “the ordering or arrangement of objects into groups or sets on the basis of relationships. These relationships can be based upon observable or inferred properties” (Sokal, 1974).
- The key principles of classification are:
  - Completeness and absence of overlap of classes;
  - Existence of definitions and explanatory notes;
  - Existence of an index of objects;
  - Spatial and temporal consistency; and
  - Independence from scale and data collection tools.



- Data standardisation: “the use of a single standard basis for classification of a specific subject”.

Data standardisation will allow direct comparison of class sets but would disregard the financial and intellectual investments made in established methods and data sets.

- Data harmonisation: “the intercomparison of data collected or organised using different classifications dealing with the same subject matter” (McConnell and Moran, 2001).

Data harmonisation will allow the continued use of existing data systems and classifications. However, if many class sets are involved the number of pair-wise class combinations becomes excessive because comparison of  $n$  data sets requires  $n(n-1)/2$  comparisons to be made.

# Previous attempts



- The United Nations Statistical Division - International Standard Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) published in 1948 with major revisions in 1958, 1968 and 1989.
- The International Geographic Union - Commission on World Land-Use Survey in 1949 led to the creation of the Commission on Agricultural Typology (e.g., Types of Agriculture Map of Europe in 1983).
- The American Society of Planning Officials identified different land-use dimensions (1959).
- The Commission on Geographic Applications of Remote Sensing of the Association of American Geographers – the Anderson classification (1976).
- The Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations - Standard International Classification of Land Use (1989).
- The Land-Based Classification Standards (LBCS) project, co-ordinated by the Research Department of the American Planning Association in corporation with several U.S. departments and agencies (1999).
- The improvement of the FAO Land Utilization Type (LUT) led to several studies analysed by Duhamel (1998).

# Major parameters used



Main sector	Land-use characteristics			
	Function	Activity	Biophysical	Legal
Agriculture	x	x	x	
Fisheries	x	x	x	
Forestry	x	x	x	x
Economics	x	x		
Sociology	x	x		
Statistics	x	x	x	
Industry		x		x
Housing	x	x	x	x
Services		x		x

Based upon: World Land-Use Survey (IGU, 1976), Anderson (Anderson *et al.*, 1976), ISIC 3<sup>rd</sup> revision (UN, 1989), Standard International Classification of Land Use (ECE-UN, 1989), NACE 1<sup>st</sup> revision (CEC, 1993), Central Product Classification (UN, 1998), FAOSTAT (FAO, 1998), Land-Based Classification Standard (APA, 1999) and <http://home.att.net/~gklund/DEFpaper.htm>.



- Just two parameters suffice: “function” and “activity”.
  - The **function approach** describes land uses in an economic context and is able to group land uses together that do not possess the same set of observable characteristics but serve the same purpose.
  - The **activity approach** describes what actually takes place on the land in physical or observable terms. Activity is defined as “*the combinations of actions that result in a certain type of product*” (UN, 1989).
- It is important to note that the function approach is independent of the activity approach: a variety of activities may serve a single function (e.g., both farm housing and farming activities serve agriculture).

# Basic unit of measurement



- The **cadastral parcel unit**
  - The lowest-level unit of a cadastre that has a legal status.
  - Can be regrouped according to ownership, cadastral zone, administrative units, similar type of uses and socio-economic properties.
  - Level corresponds with decision making by landowner/landholder.
- The **land-cover polygon**
  - Remote sensing can be used as a tool for observation.
  - Too much emphasis on land cover embodies the risk not to capture socio-economic, institutional, cultural and legal aspects of land use.
  - Establishment of land-cover/land-use relationships that however may change with time.
- The **statistical sample unit**
  - Areas selected as being representative for a much larger area.
  - Example is the LUCAS methodology as applied in the EU.

# Data quality



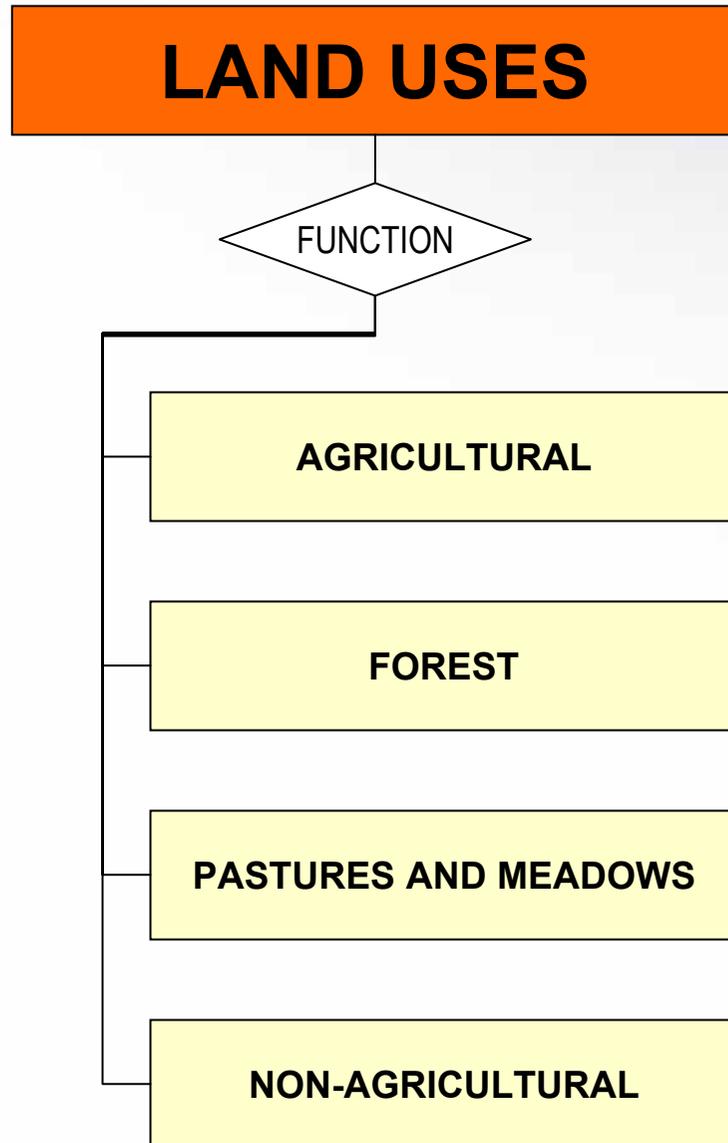
- Semantic harmonisation of class sets should consider the data quality aspect in a comprehensive manner and would need to address also the following two aspects that are still at the level of research:
  - A **quantitative measure** should be provided of the **harmonisation result of a class**. In existing examples, the impression is often given that class correspondence is 100%, whereas more often than not the result will be much lower.
  - A **quantitative measure** should be provided for the **overall correspondence between two class sets** similar to the overall accuracy calculated from the confusion matrix.

# Example: Albania



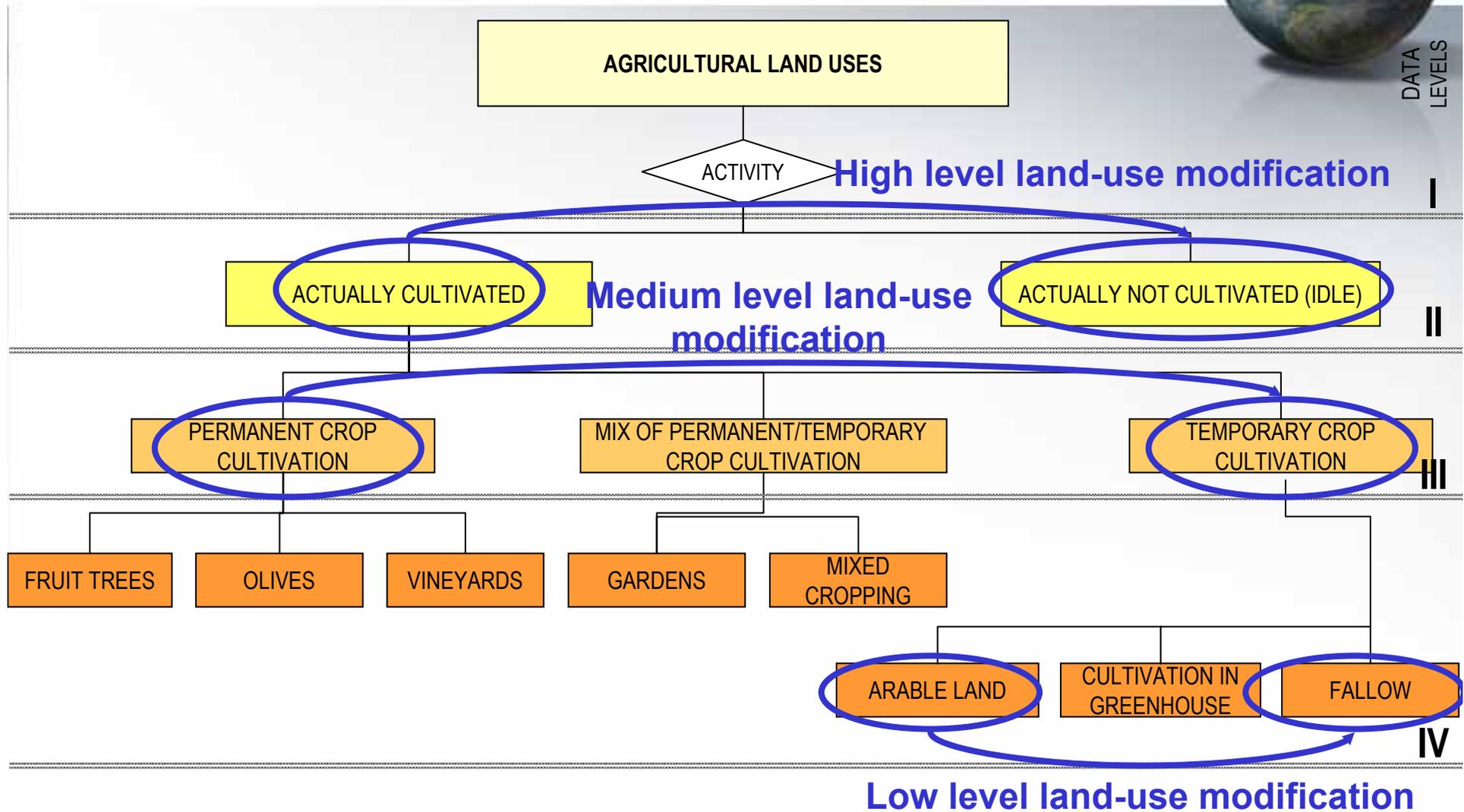
- One of the aims of the EU Phare Land-Use Policy II project was to provide the Albanian government with an analysis of land-use change dynamics to better understand the past, monitor the current situation and to predict future trajectories in order to plan land uses and develop and implement appropriate policies.
- A standard hierarchical methodology for description of land use has been developed for Albania, the **Land-Use Information System of Albania (LUISA)**:
  - Adopts the function and activity parameters for description;
  - Uses the cadastral parcel as basic unit of measurement;
  - The use of the cadastre as basis implies high data accuracy.
  - Has been developed in complete synergy by the subject-matter specialist and information technology specialist.

# LUISA class set



Land-use modifications occur within a land-use category and the degree of modification depends on the level of the class (see next slide). Land-use conversion occurs between land-use categories.

With the exceptions of the Non-agricultural land-use classes, where modifications occur within one group and conversions between groups.



# Available class sets



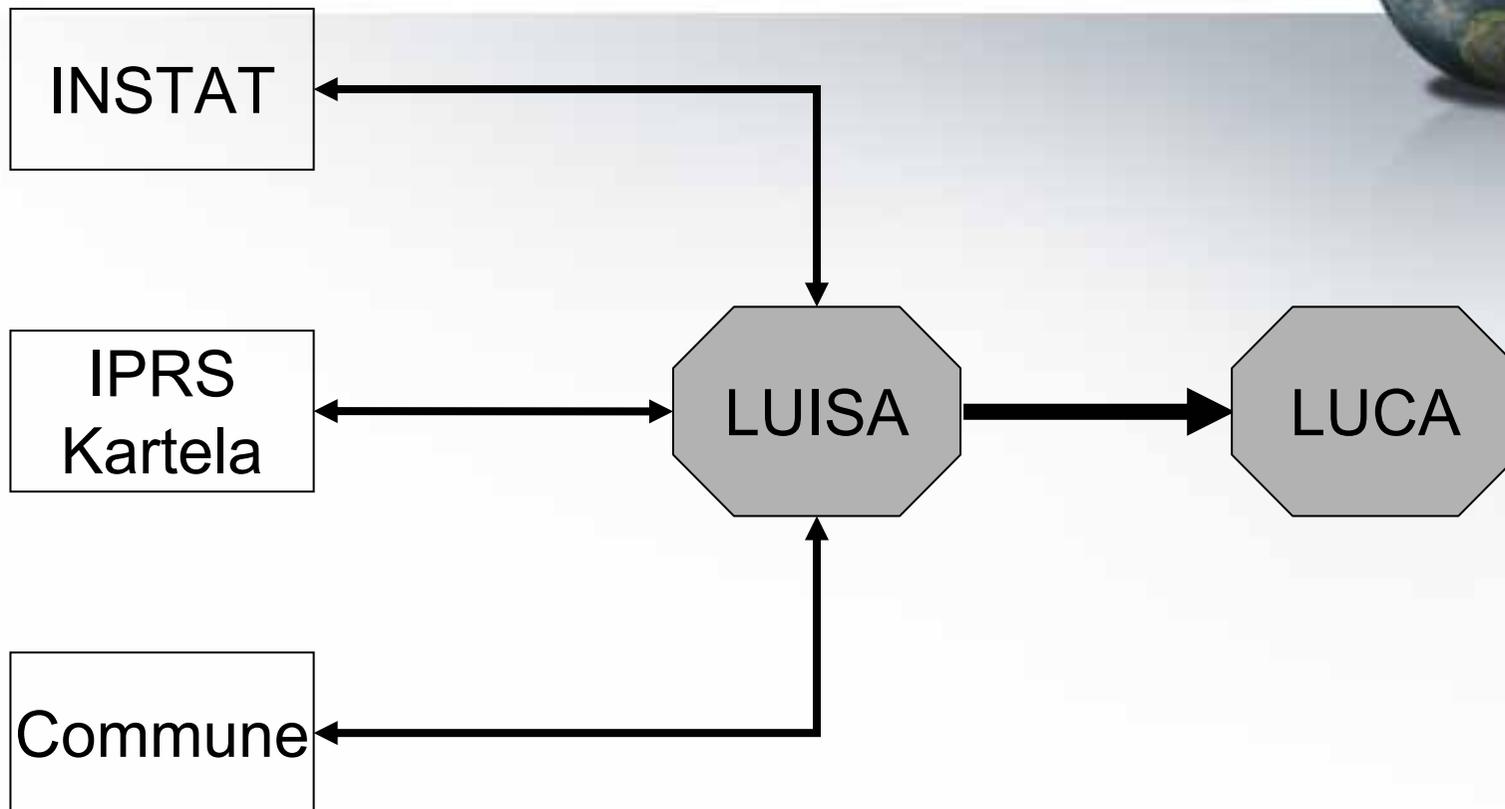
- In the context of the LUP II project, four data sets covering the period 1991-2003 (e.g., under socialist government, before and after privatisation) are important:
  1. Statistical data from the Institute of Statistics ([INSTAT](#)) comprising seven classes;
  2. Cadastral data from the Immovable Property Registration System ([IPRS Kartela](#)) comprising 41 classes (spatially explicit data);
  3. The [commune](#) data comprising 14 classes (spatially explicit data);
  4. The [LUISA](#) data comprising 48 classes where the most detailed levels of the hierarchy were used for land-use data collection (spatially explicit data).

# Harmonisation at generic level



Legal categories	Land use classes	Class sets			
		INSTAT	IPRS Kartela	Commune	LUISA
Agricultural land uses	Used agricultural area	b	-	1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
	Area with arable land crops	c, d	101, 102	1a	6, 7
	Area with permanent crops	f	116, 125, 128, 131, 148	1b, 1c, 1d	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Non utilised agricultural area	e	-	-	8, 9
Pastures & meadows	Grassland and pastures	g	108, 110, 153	2, 3a	51, 52, 53, 54, 55
Forests	Forests	h	118	3	31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37
Non agricultural land uses	Water bodies	-	107, 109, 111, 120, 138, 153	4a	131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138
	Wetlands	-	336	-	81, 82
	Built up areas	-	100, 103, 106, 114, 121, 129, 130, 136, 144, 152, 213, 261, 332, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342	4b, 4c, 4d, 4e	91, 92, 93, 94, 95,
	Barren	-	119, 135	4f	111, 112, 113, 114, 121, 122, 123, 124
	Mining/extraction	-	117, 343	-	61

# Harmonisation process

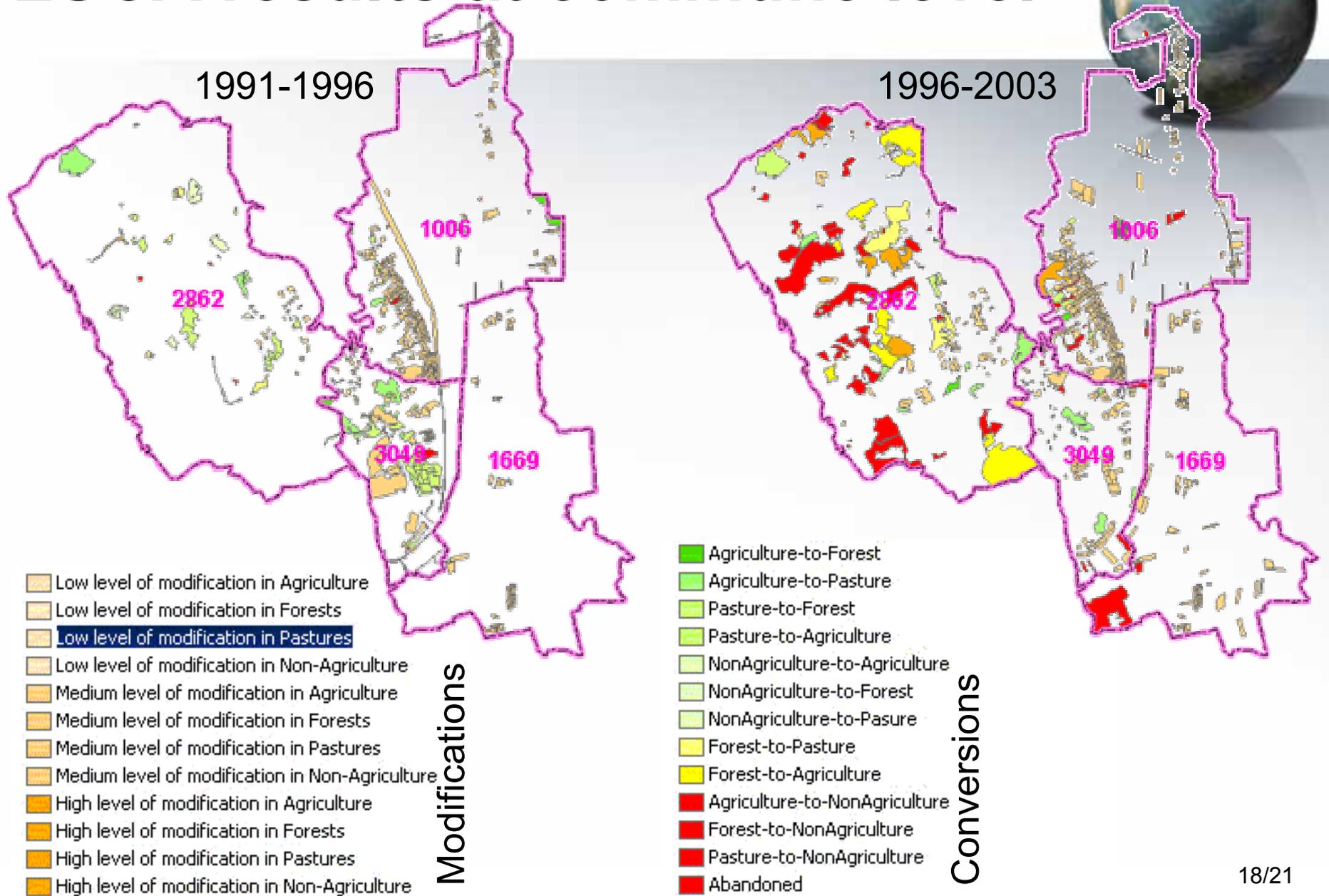




# Land-use change analysis (LUCA) types

No change		No change	1
Modifications	Low level	Low level modification in Agriculture	201
		Low level modification in Forests	202
		Low level modification in Pastures	203
		Low level modification in Non Agriculture	204
	Medium level	Medium level modification in Agriculture	301
		Medium level modification in Forests	302
		Medium level modification in Pastures	303
		Medium level modification in Non Agriculture	304
	High level	High level modification in Agriculture	401
		High level modification in Forests	402
		High level modification in Pastures	403
		High level modification in Non Agriculture	404
Conversions		Agriculture to Forest	5
		Agriculture to Pasture	6
		Agriculture to NonAgriculture	7
		Forest to Pasture	8
		Forest to Agriculture	9
		Forest to NonAgriculture	10
		Pasture to Agriculture	11
		Pasture to Forest	12
		Pasture to NonAgriculture	13
		NonAgriculture to Agriculture	14
		NonAgriculture to Forest	15
		NonAgriculture to Pasture	16
No correspondence			99

# LUCA results at commune level



# Comparison with RS data



- The detailed LUISA land-use data can be compared to the coarser ANFI data (scale 1:2,500 vs 1:100,000), as far as space and time considerations both data sets represent more or less the same period (1991-2003 vs 1991-2001):
  - ANFI provides a national overview of the major change processes (e.g., deforestation, urbanisation and increased pasture) but cannot provide conclusive evidence on the use of agricultural land.
  - LUISA provides an insight into the non-use of low productivity areas in hilly terrain and the extensive forms of agriculture practised on prime agricultural land due to the lack of fertilizer use and breakdown of irrigation systems.
- Remote sensing can provide a quick overview of the type and location of land-cover types. However, land use contains socio-economic, institutional, cultural and legal aspects. Even with the use of the most detailed RS images, these aspects will not be covered.

# Conclusions and discussion



- The combination of just two parameters may suffice to describe any land use: function together with activity.
- The example in Albania shows how harmonisation of class sets can include harmonisation of land-use change using a reference system.
- Remote sensing is a useful tool for gaining a quick overview of land-cover related land uses but the potential for a detailed and in-depth knowledge of land use is limited as other aspects, such as socio-economics, institutional, cultural and legal factors, are not captured by remotely sensed based land cover.



- The way forward for harmonisation of land-use class sets is to promote and fully develop a parametric approach to classification.
- Commonalities in existing approaches should be emphasized and a set of commonly used parameters should be identified.
- Lessons can be learnt from harmonisation attempts at local, regional and national levels that are equally valid for a globally applicable land-use classification.
- Furthermore, a quantitative measure should be defined to express the harmonisation result of a class and between class sets.



# Land cover/tree cover mapping of the Global Mapping project

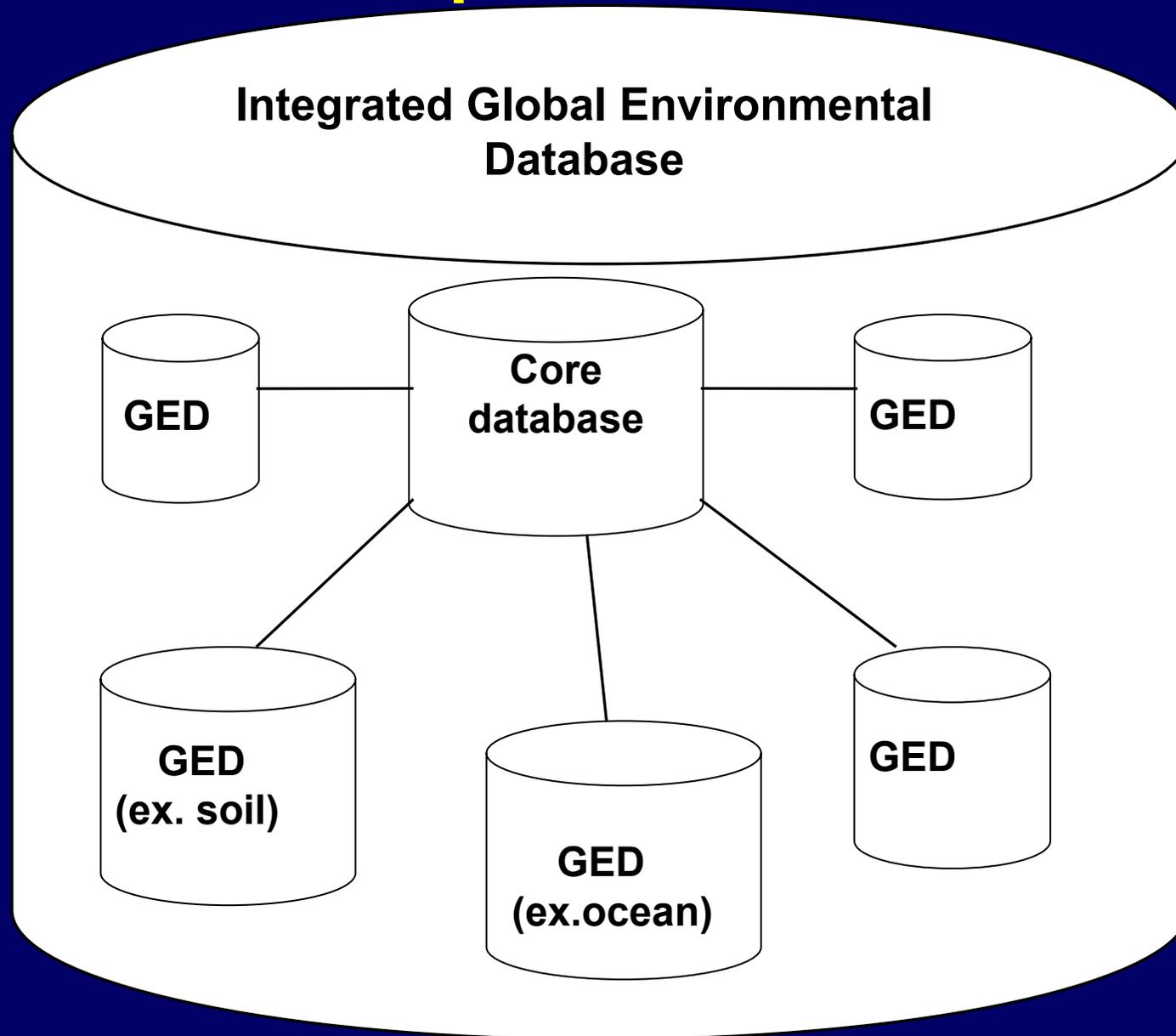


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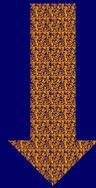
# Ideal concept for the future



**GED:**  
**Global**  
**Environmental**  
**Database**

# Global Mapping Project – Birth -

- **1992 UNCED**
  - Adoption of “Agenda 21”
  - Global Mapping Concept proposed by Japanese Government



Concept -> Project

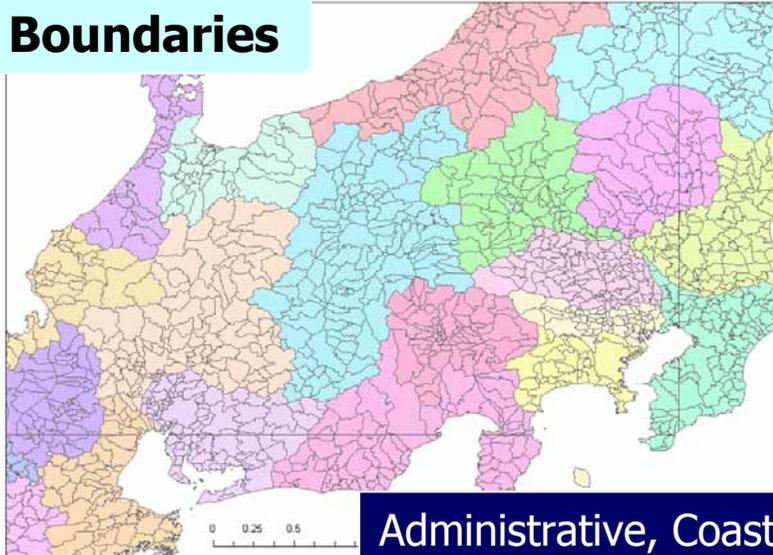
- **1996** Establishment of International Steering Committee for Global Map (ISCGM) <http://www.iscgm.org/>
- **1998** Preparation of the specifications  
Invite National Mapping Organizations (NMO) to the Project in cooperation with UN Statistics Division

# Global Map Specifications

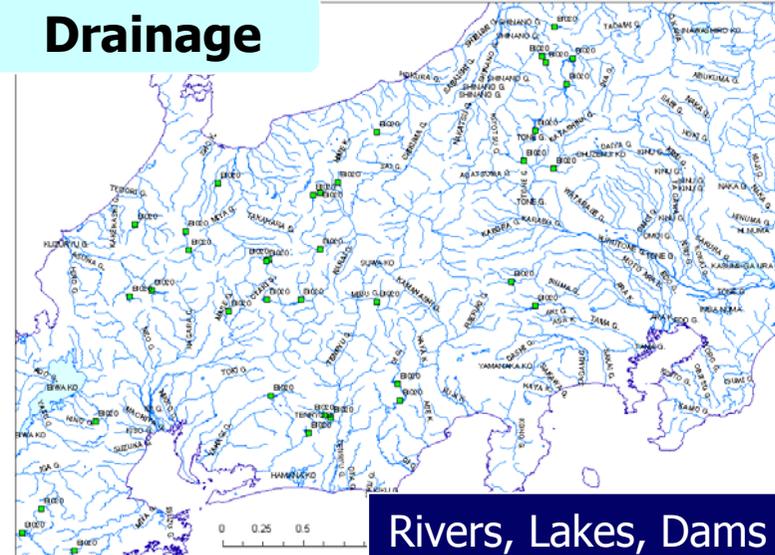
- Spatial resolution: **1km**  
(equivalent to **1:1,000,000** scale)
- 8 layers
  - Vector data (point, line, area)
    - Boundaries** (Administrative/Coast),
    - Drainage** (Rivers/Lakes),
    - Transportation** (Roads/Railways/Airport),
    - Population centers**
  - Raster data (grid)
    - Elevation, Land Cover, Land Use, Vegetation**

# Global Map Data (Vector Data)

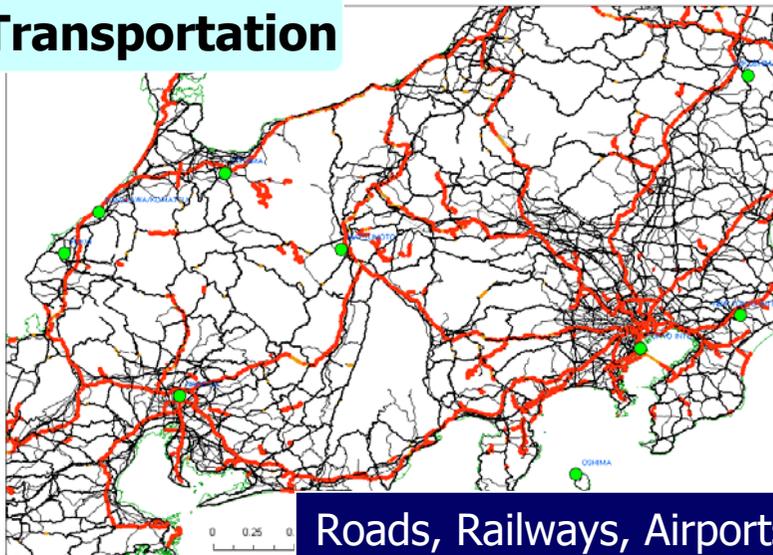
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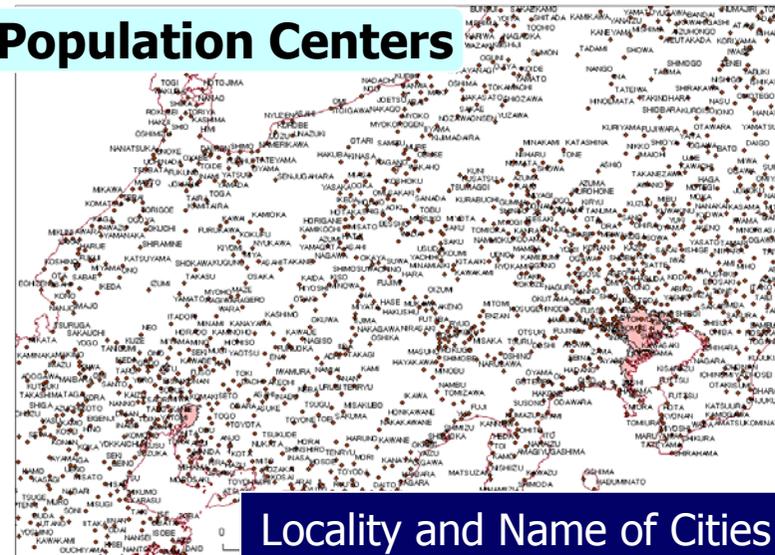
## Drainage



## Transportation

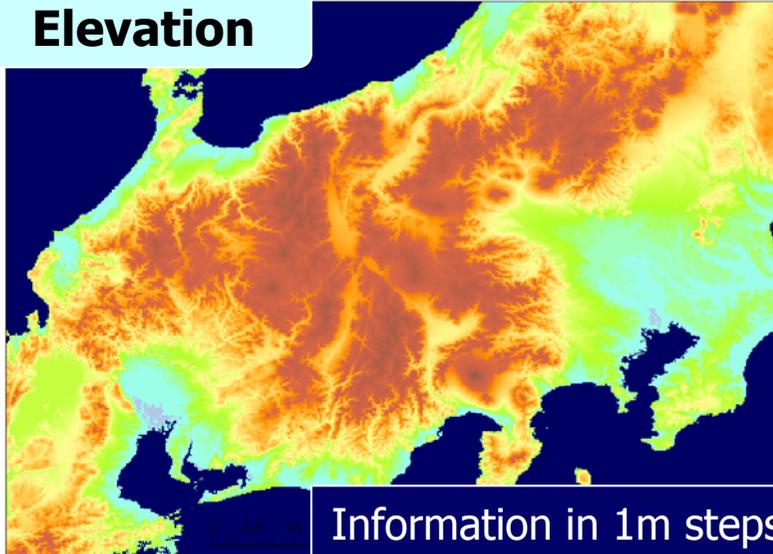


## Population Centers

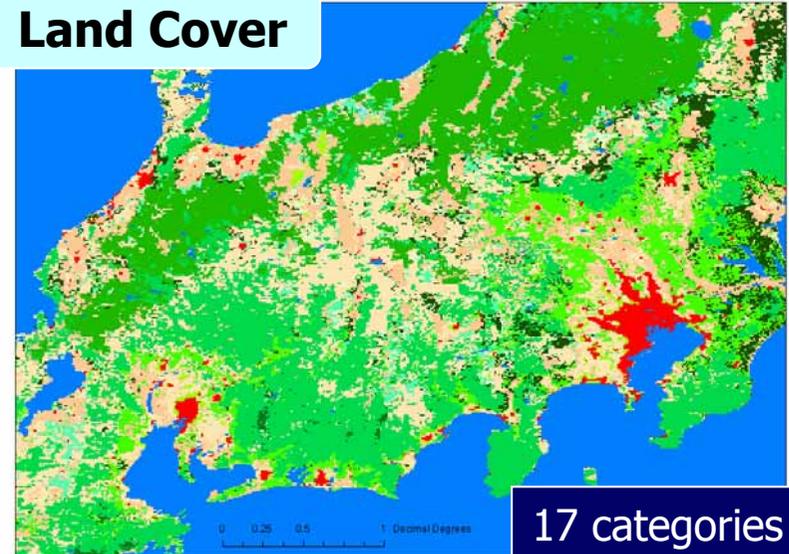


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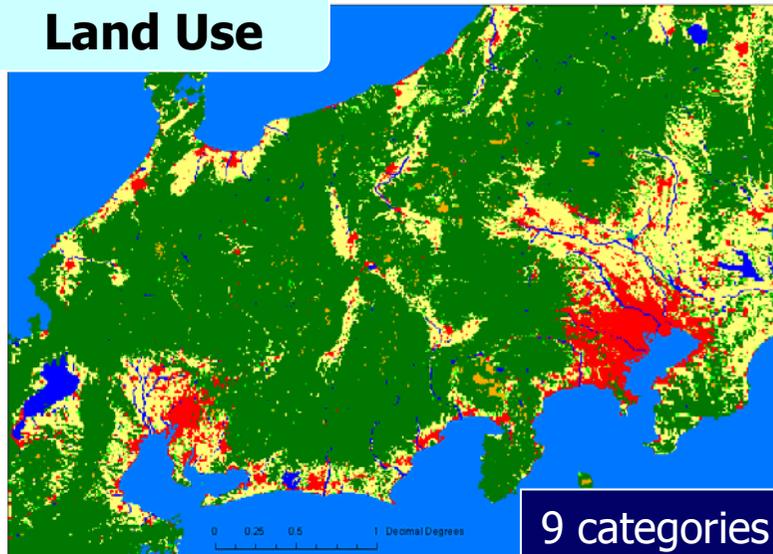
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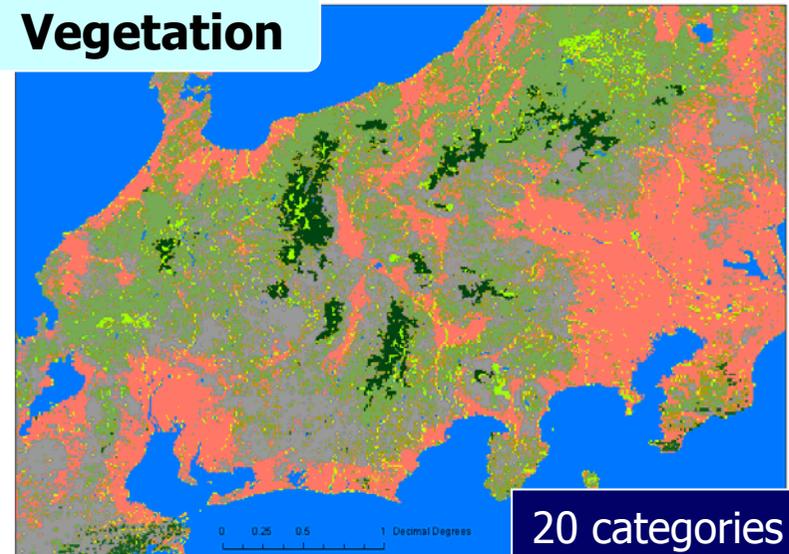
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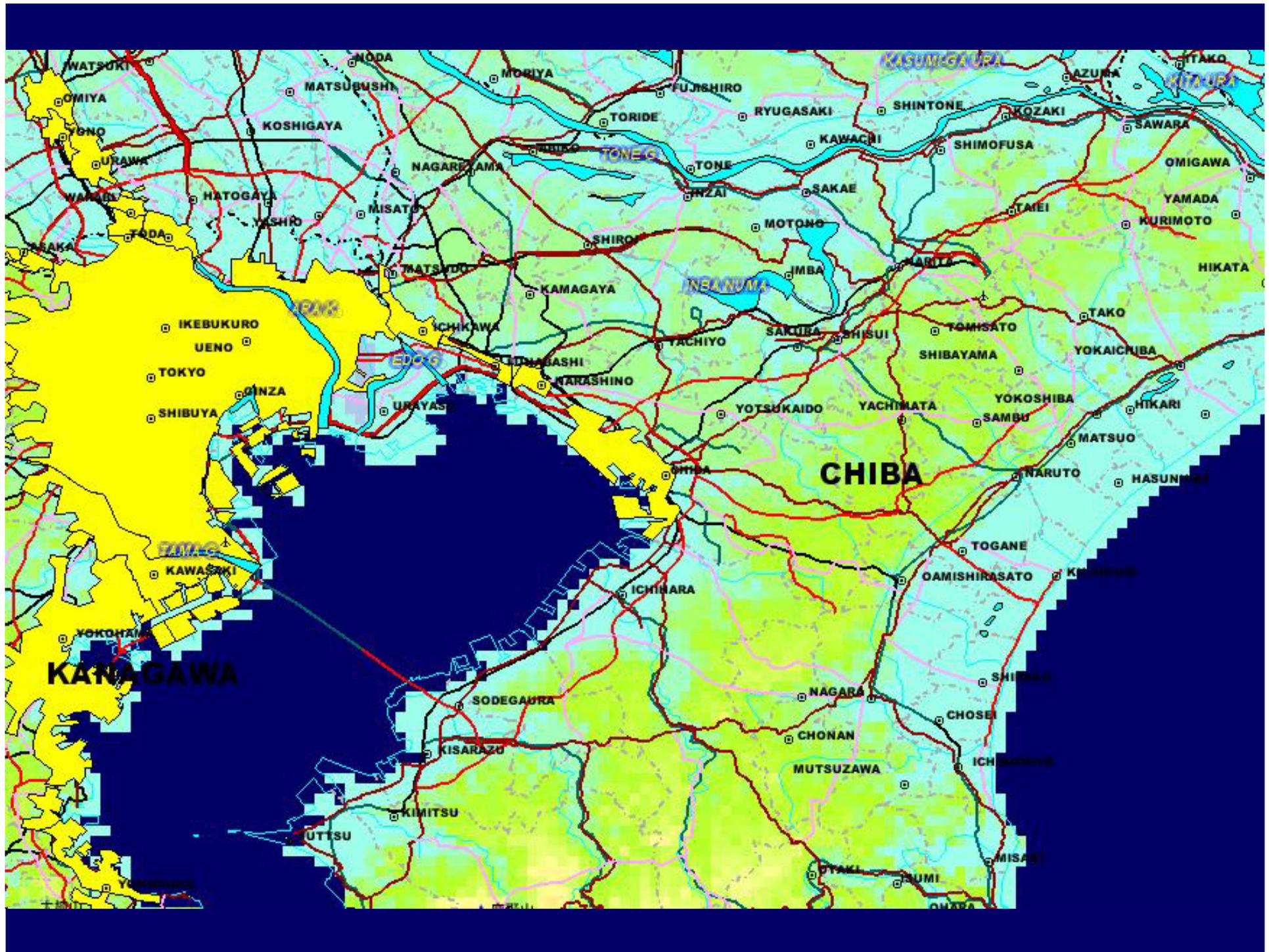


**Land Use**



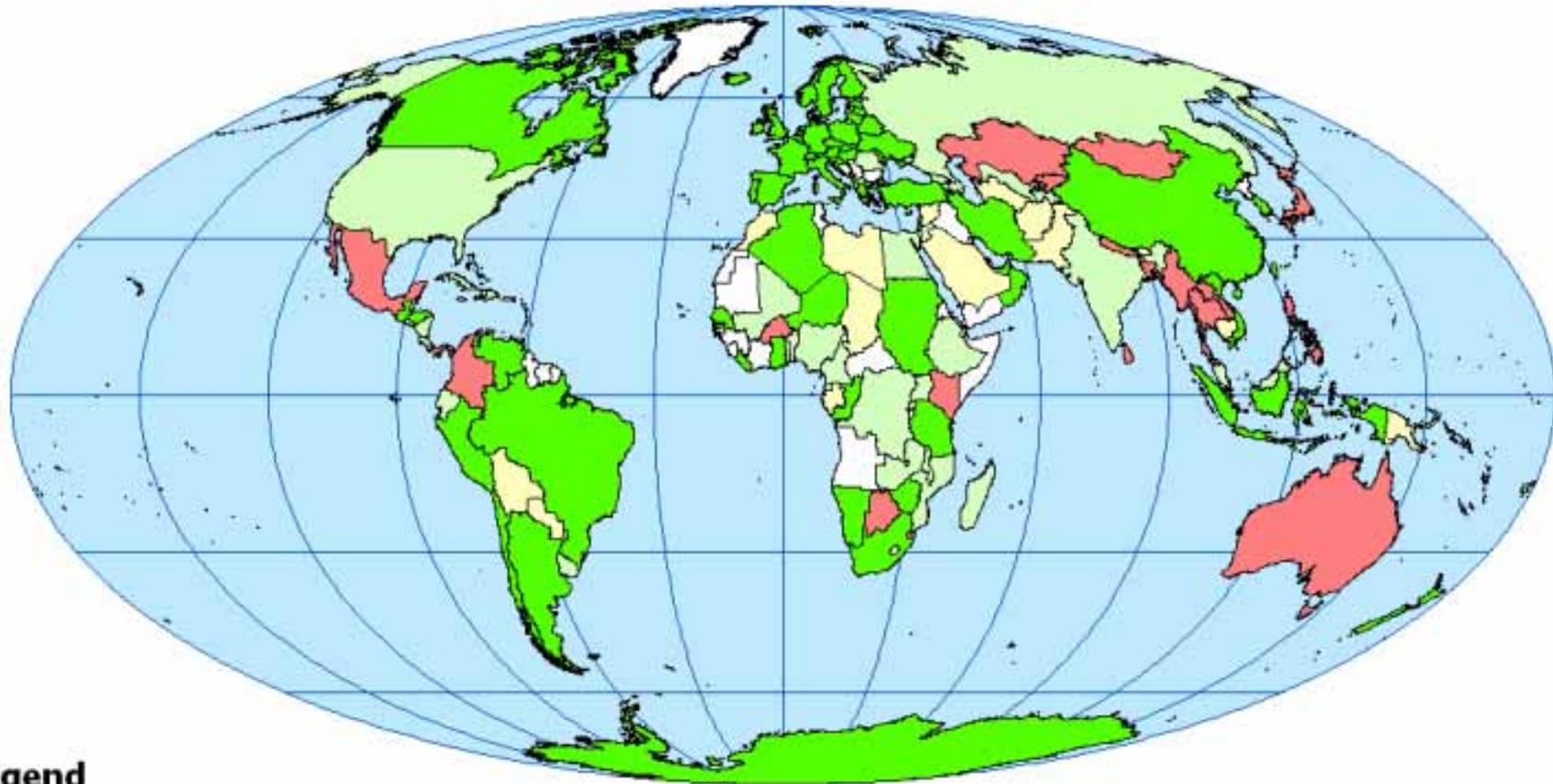
**Vegetation**





# Progress of Global Mapping Project

As of 2005-06-10  
Secretariat of  
International Steering Committee for Global Mapping



## Legend

- |   |  |
|---|--|
|  data available        |  considering joining the project  |
|  data for verification |  not participating in the project |
|  developing data       |  |

Most raster data of current Global Map are compiled from GTOPO30 and GLCC, contribution of United States of America.

This map is for the purpose of reference and the boundaries in this map are not authorized by any organizations.

# - Implementation of the Project -

- Data development  
by National Mapping Organizations
- Management by ISCGM

version 2 (complete by 2007)

Land cover	new production (GLCNMO)
Vegetation	new production (percent tree cover)
Land use	no

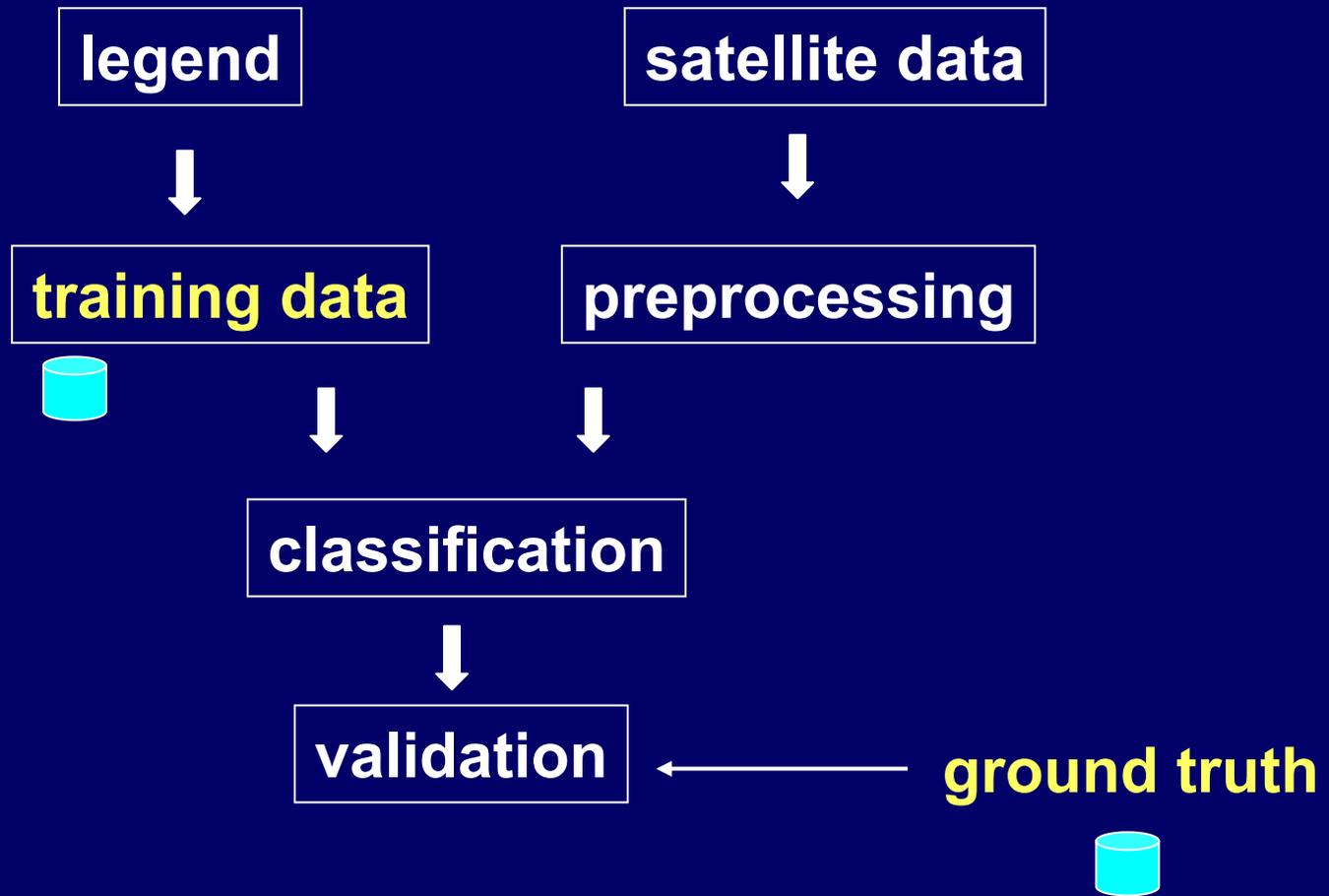
# **Global Land Cover by National Mapping Organizations**

**(GLCNMO )**

# Development of Global Land Cover Dataset in Global Mapping project

- Legend will be defined by LCCS of FAO
- MODIS 1km data 2003
- Ground truth collection by the cooperation with National Mapping Organizations
- Decision tree method
- Validation by the cooperation with National Mapping Organizations
- Complete by 2007

**ground truth**  
- satellite image  
- existing maps  
- field survey  
- expert's  
knowledge



## Flow of Land Cover Classification

## **Tentative global land cover legend for Global Map version 2**

- 1. Broadleaf Evergreen Forest**
- 2. Broadleaf Deciduous Forest**
- 3. Needleleaf Evergreen Forest**
- 4. Needleleaf Deciduous Forest**
- 5. Mixed Forest**
- 6. Tree Open**
- 7. Shrub**
- 8. Herbaceous, single layer**
- 9. Herbaceous with Sparse Tree/Shrub**
- 10. Sparse Herbaceous / Shrub**
- 11. Cropland (herbaceous crops except rice)**
- 12. Rice, paddy**
- 13. Cropland / Natural Vegetation Mosaic**
- 14. Tree-Water (Brackish to Saline)**
- 15. Wetland**
- 16. Bare area, consolidated (gravel, rock)**
- 17. Bare area, unconsolidated (sand)**
- 18. Urban**
- 19. Snow / Ice**
- 20. Water bodies**

# **Land Cover Classification System (LCCS) by FAO**

- eight basic classes based on vegetation, water, and artificial**
- hierarchical**
- comprehensive**
- defined in detail**

# Land Cover Classification System (LCCS) by FAO

Dichotomous Classification Phase  
at the top of the hierarchical system

<b>vegetated</b>	<b>terrestrial</b>	<b>managed/artificial</b> <b>natural</b>
	<b>aquatic</b>	<b>managed/artificial</b> <b>natural</b>
<b>non- Vegetated</b>	<b>terrestrial</b>	<b>managed/artificial</b> <b>natural</b>
	<b>aquatic</b>	<b>managed/artificial</b> <b>natural</b>



FA12L1 : Form

## Natural and Semi-Natural Terrestrial Vegetation

Woody		Herbaceous		Lichens / Mosses	
Trees	Shrubs	Forbs	Graminoids	Lichens	Mosses

**A - Life Form**

Closed > 65%	Open 65 - 15%		Sparse 15 - 1%	
-	65 -	40 -	15 -	4 - 1%

**A - Cove**

> 30 - 3 m	5 - 0.3 m		3 - 0.03 m	
> 14 m	5 - 0.5 m		3 - 0.3 m	
14 - 7 m	5 - 3 m	3 - 0.	3 - 0.8	0.8 -
7 - 3 m	< 0.5 m		0.3 - 0.03 m	

**B - Height**

Continuous	Fragmented	Parklike
-	Striped Cellular	-

**C - Spatial Distribution**

*Skip Spatial Distribution !*

Vertical navigation toolbar with icons for:

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- Left arrow
- Calendar icon
- Globe icon
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- Hel
- Search icon
- Hand icon
- Table icon
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## USGS MOD43B4 NBAR Product

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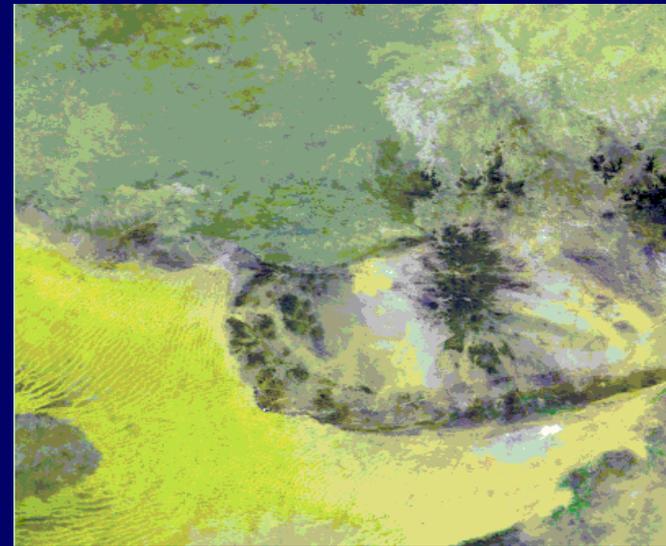
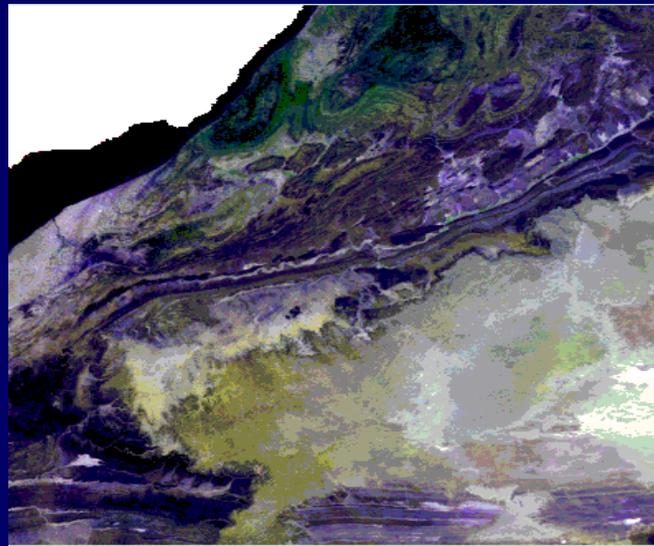
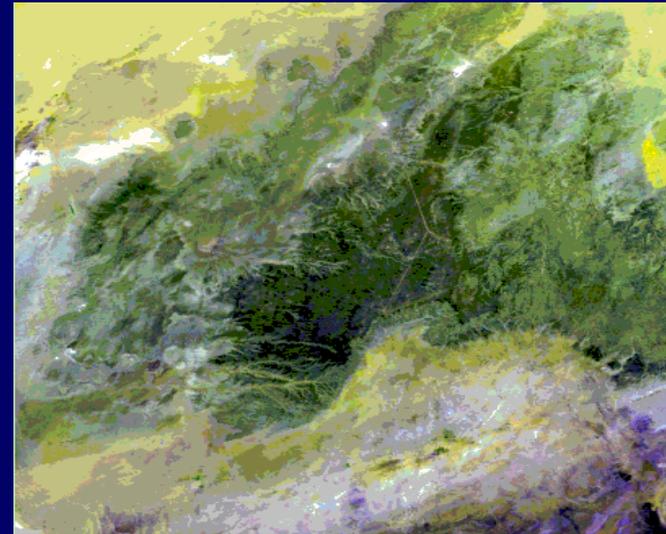
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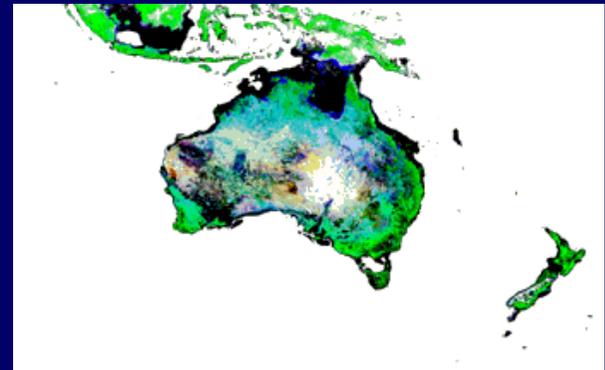
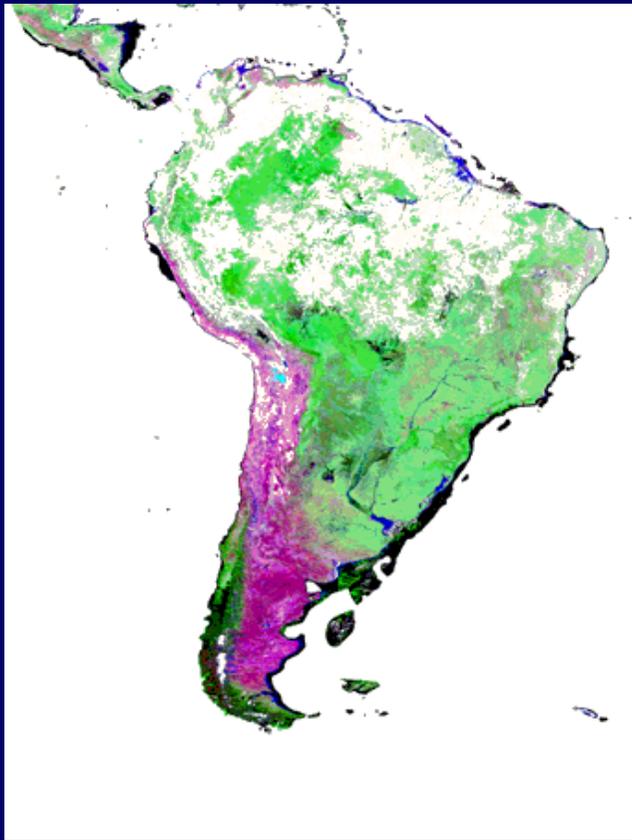
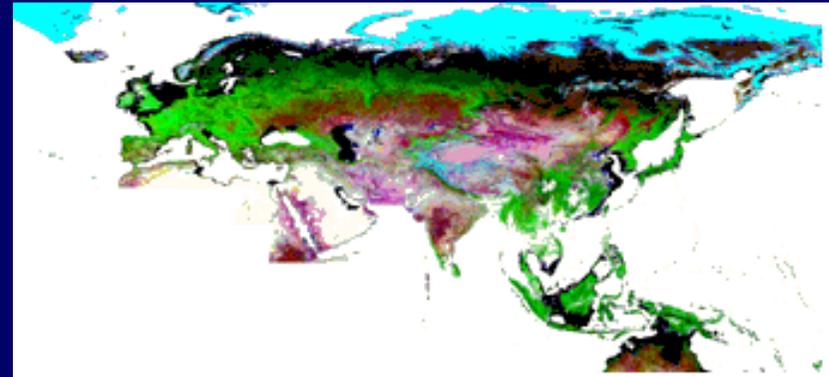
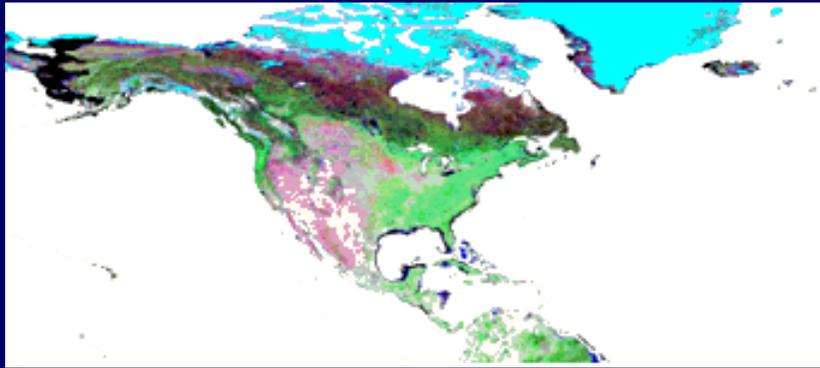
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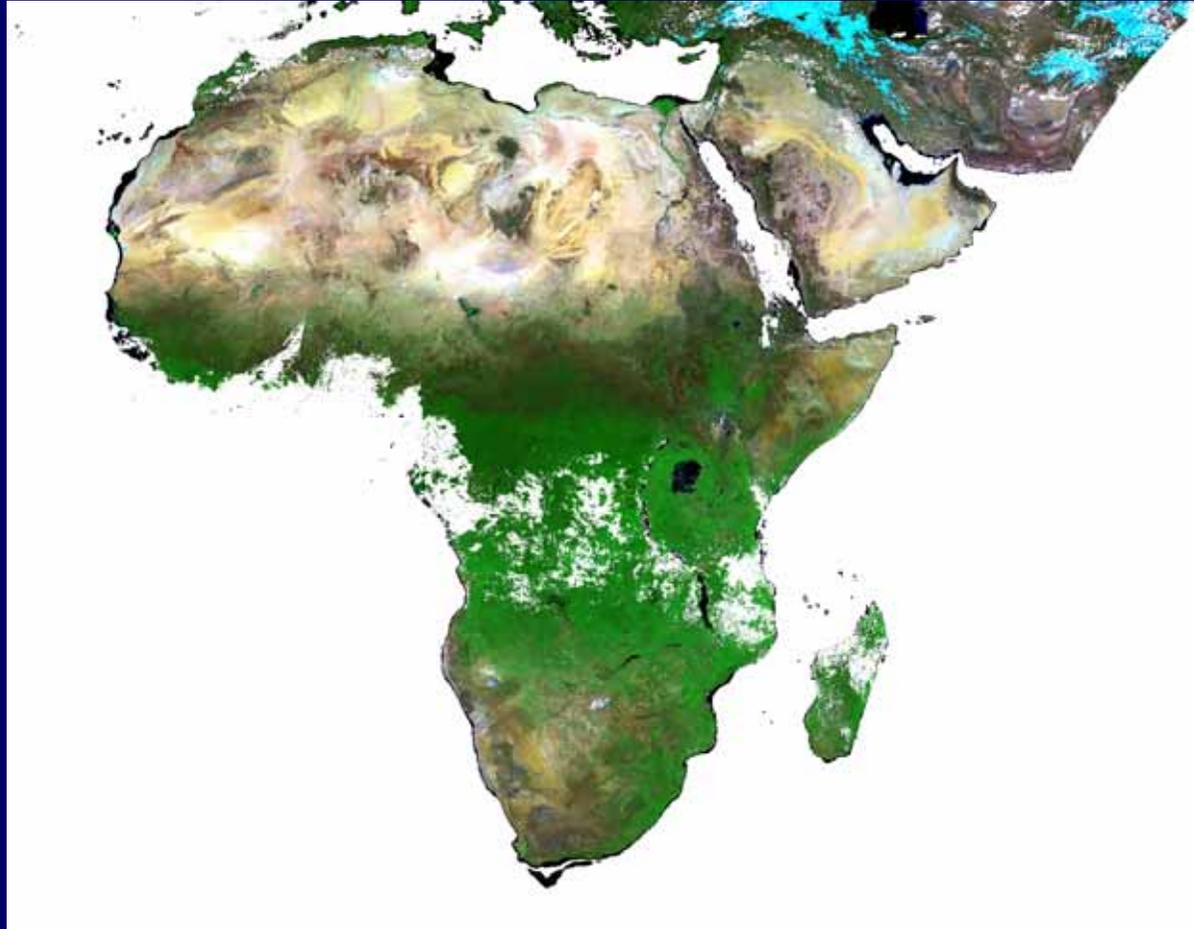
# Preprocessing of MODIS

- **Mosaicing from 10x10 deg. tiles to continent**
- **Add snow flag using MODIS snow product**
- **Cloud removal using 2002 & 2004 MODIS data and temporal interpolation**

# 16-Day Composite of MODIS 1km of 2003

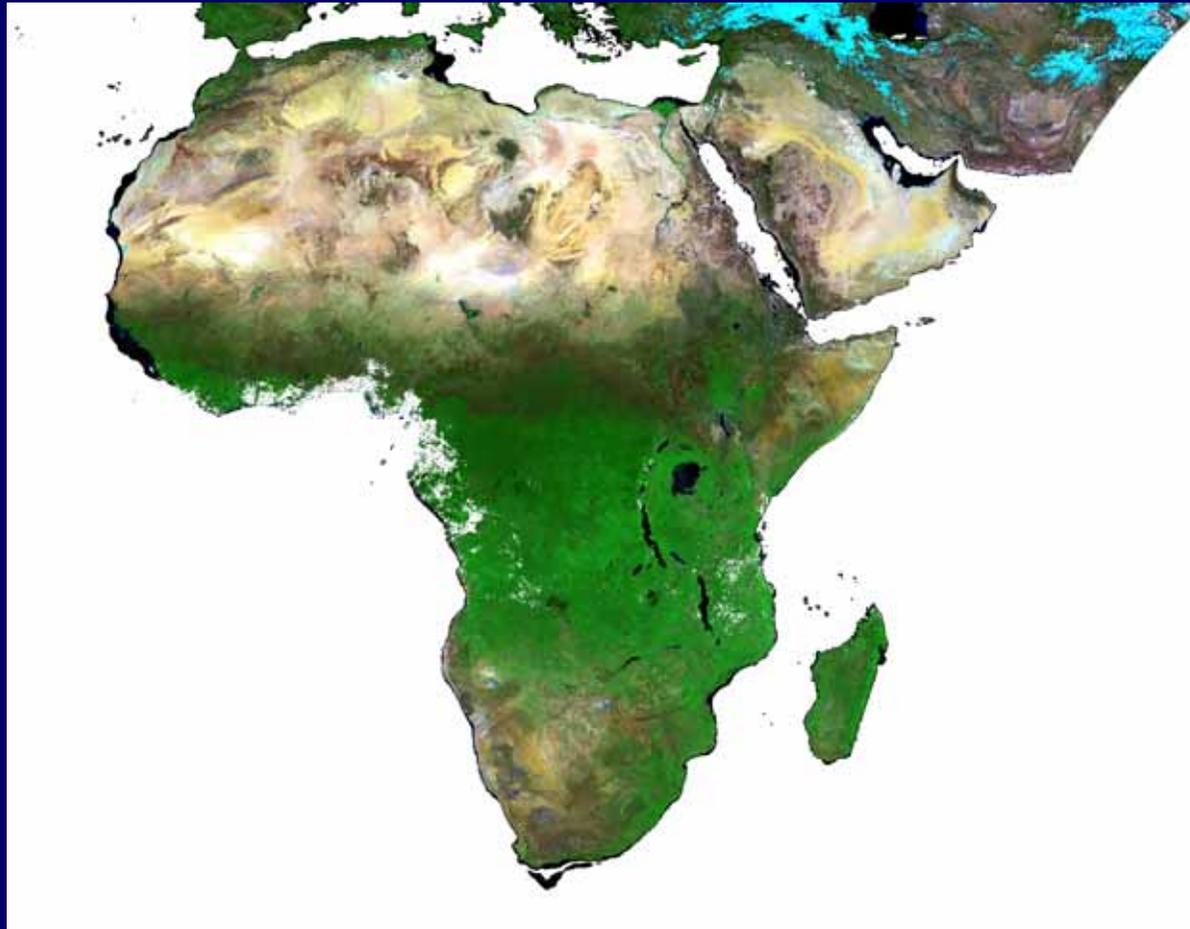


## Cloud Removal



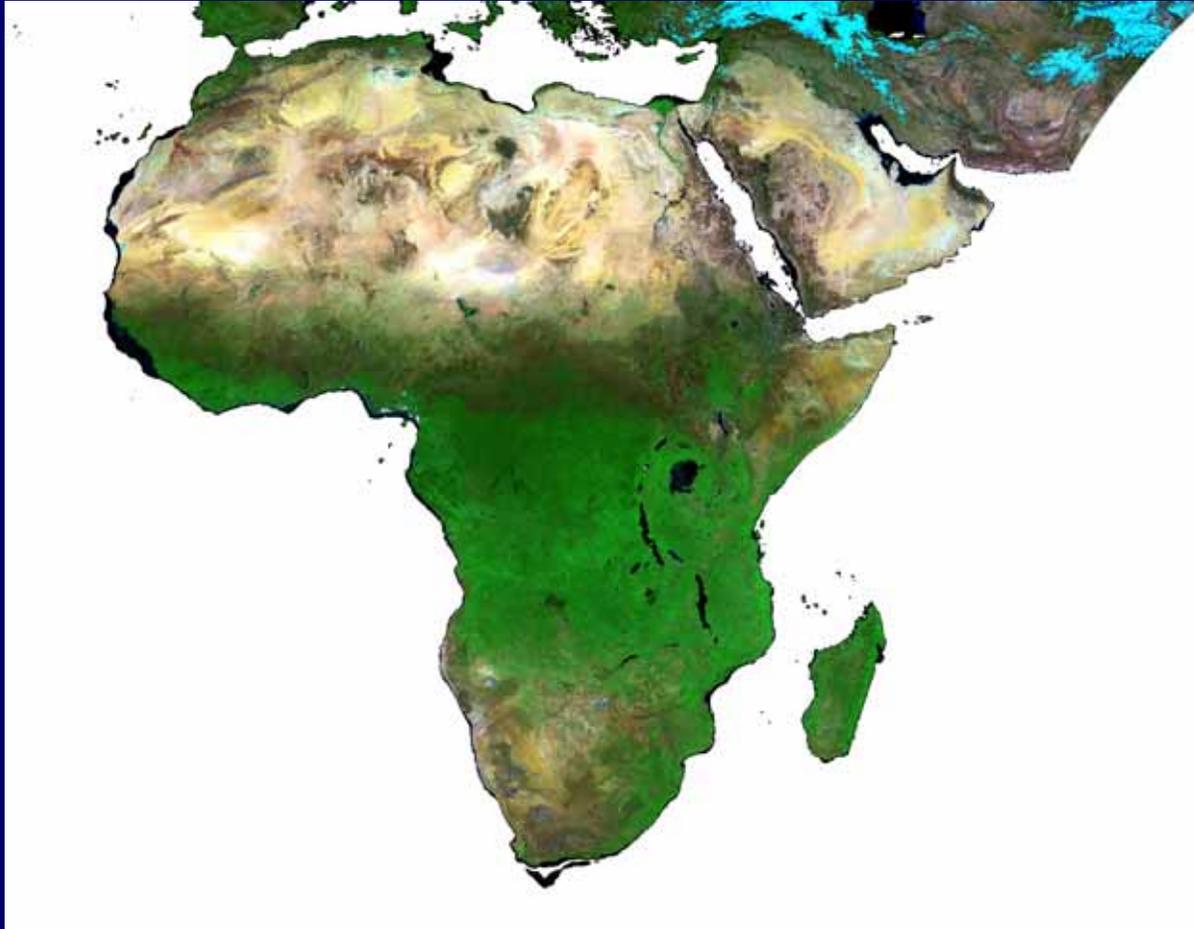
**MODIS DATA 2003/1/1 Before processing**

## Cloud Removal (intermediate)



**MODIS DATA 2003/1/1 After overlay by MODIS 2002  
and MODIS 2004**

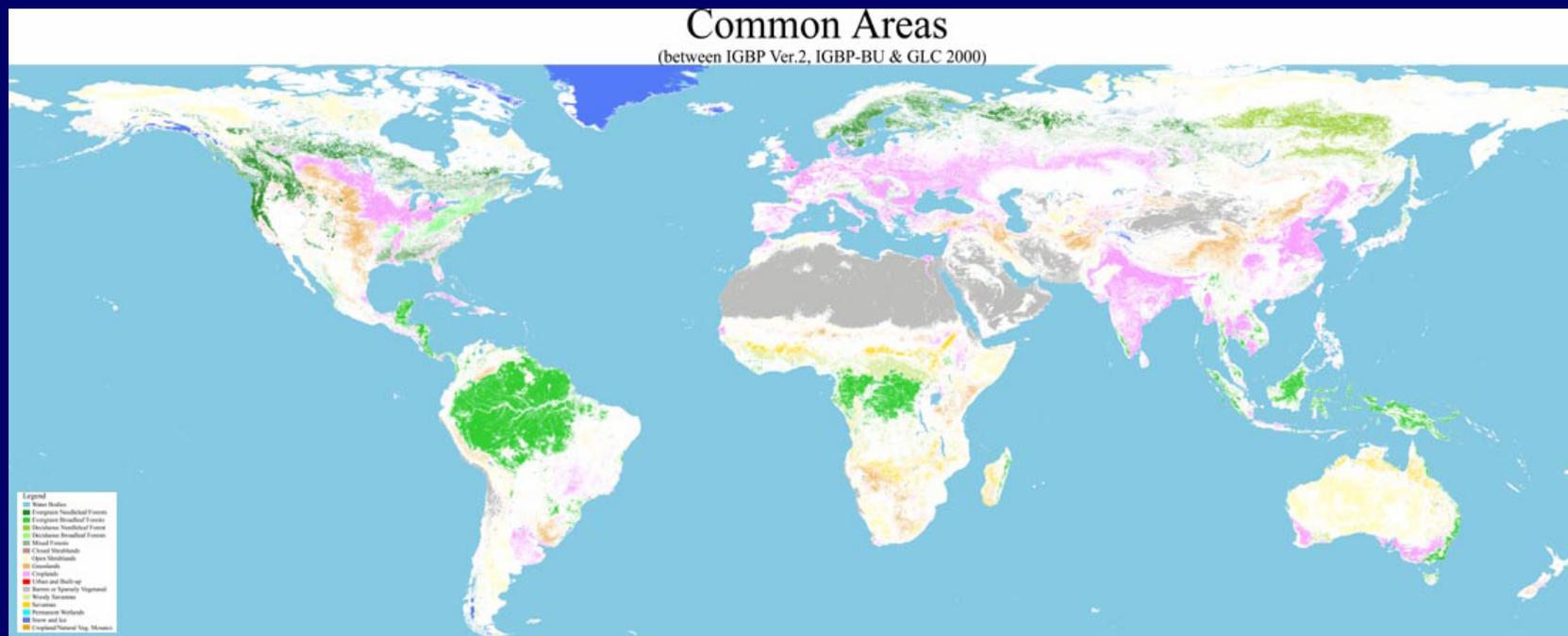
## Cloud Removal (final)



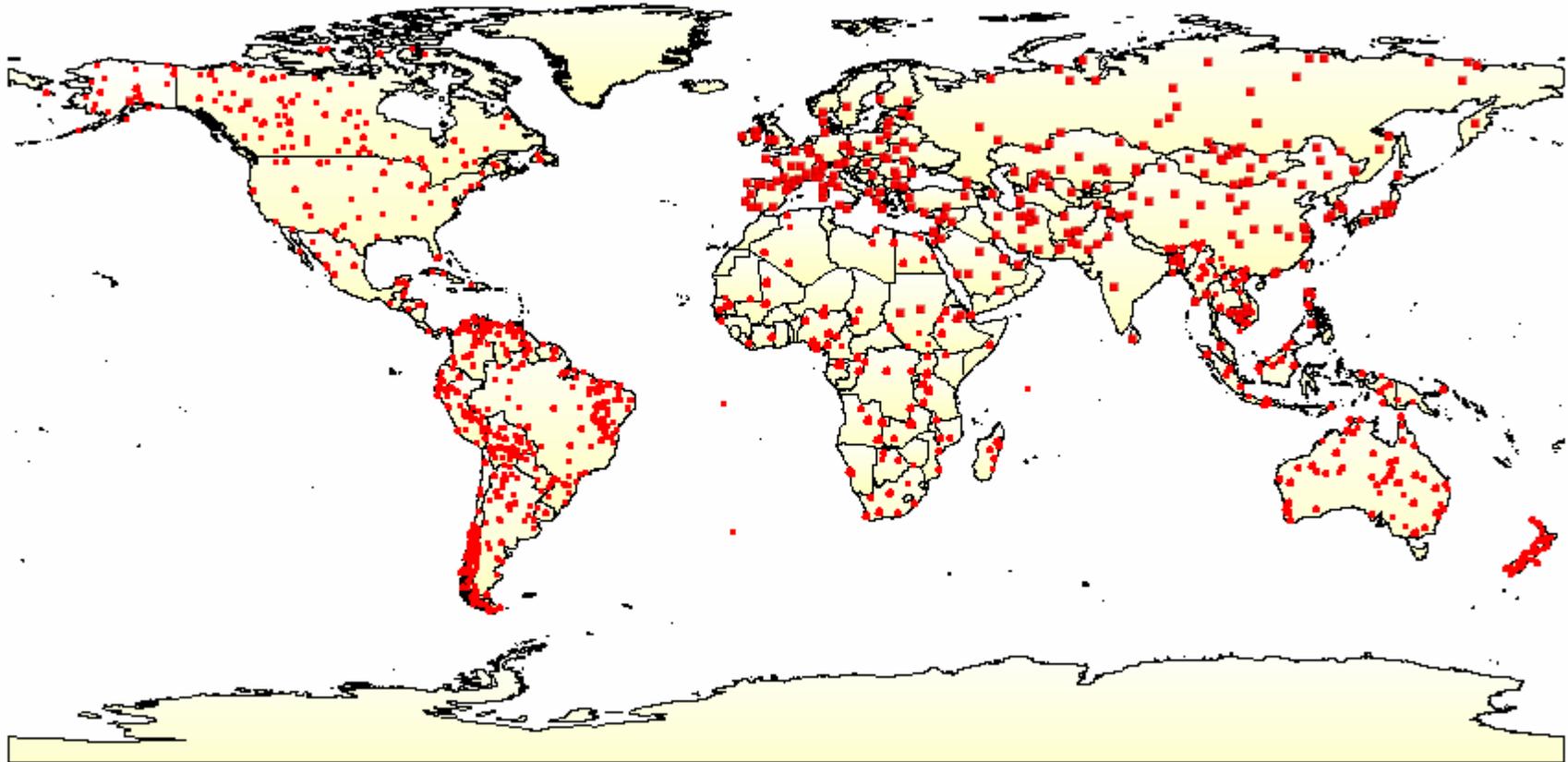
**MODIS DATA 2003/1/1 After temporal interpolation**

# Selection of training sites

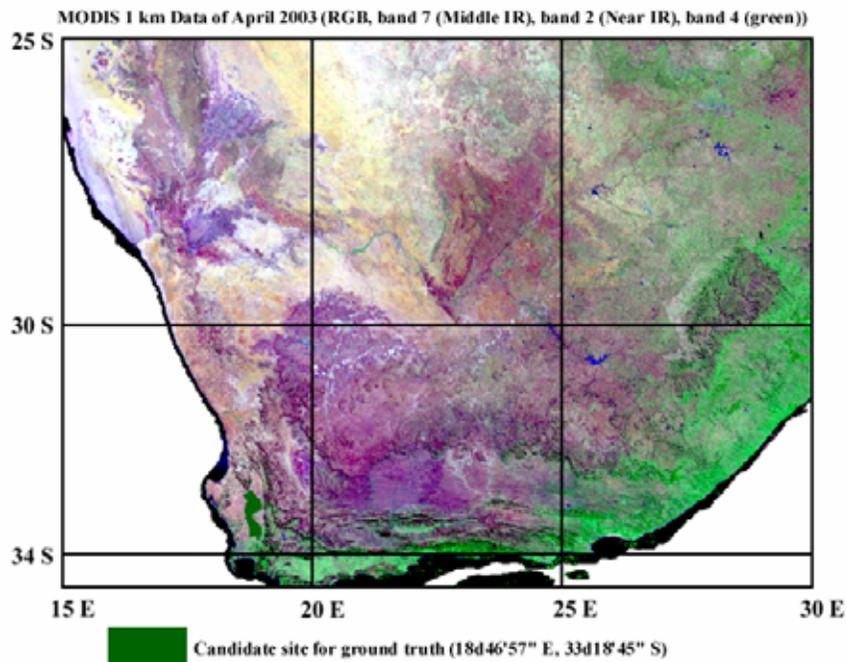
from (1) common areas of three land cover products, GLC2000, IGBP-Discover, and Boston Univ.  
(2) GLC2000 regional products



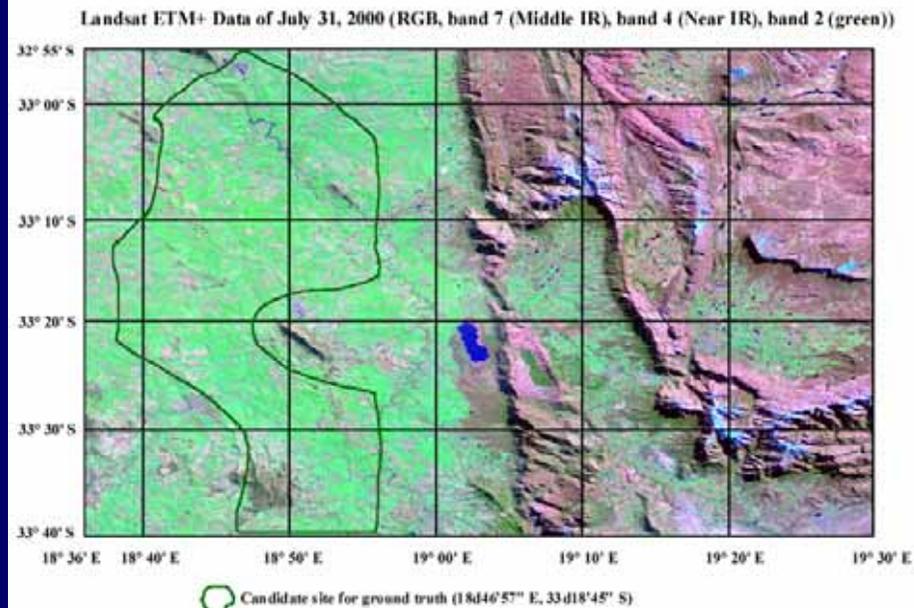
# Candidate of ground truth sites



# Sample of satellite images of ground truth site

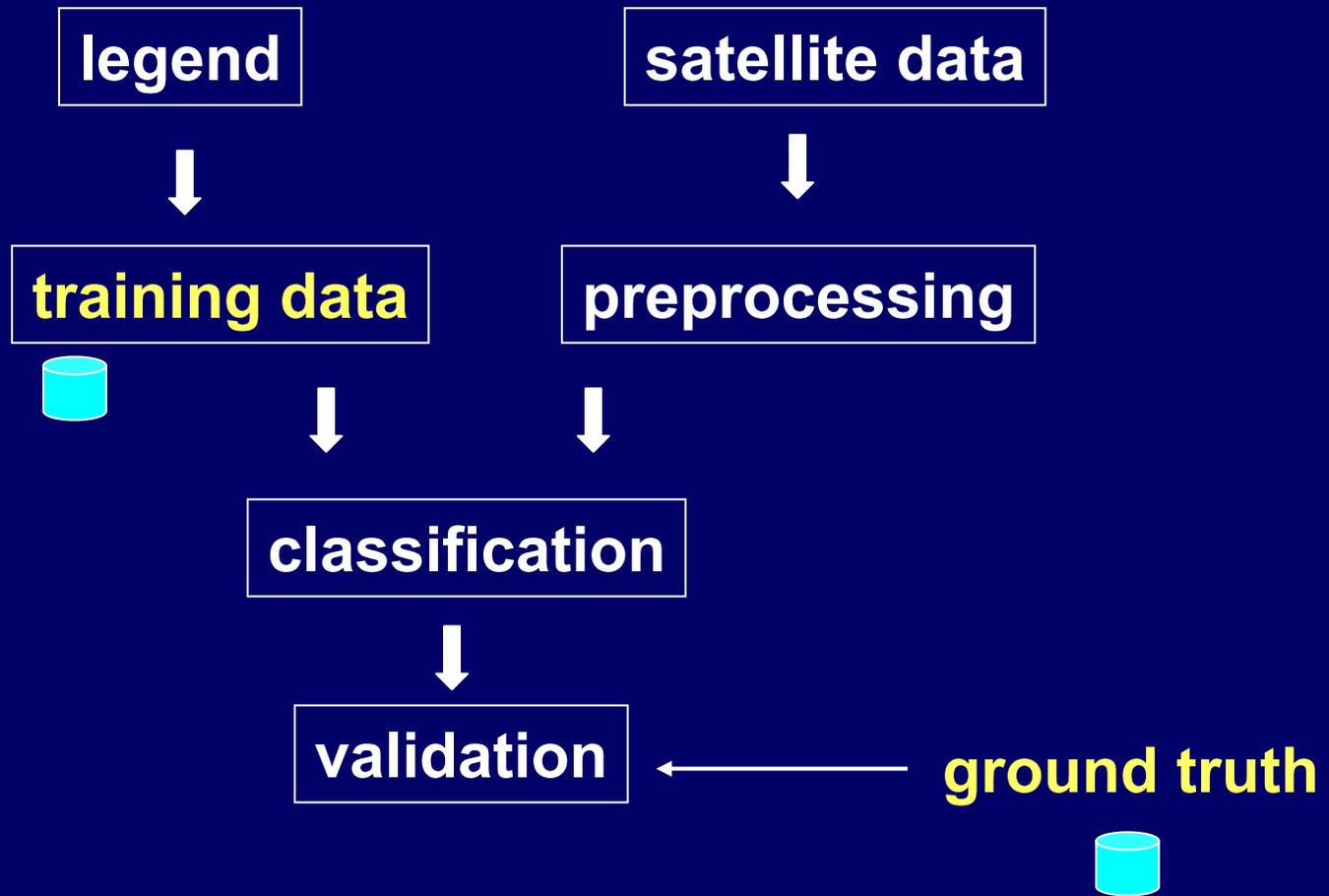


**MODIS**



**Landsat**

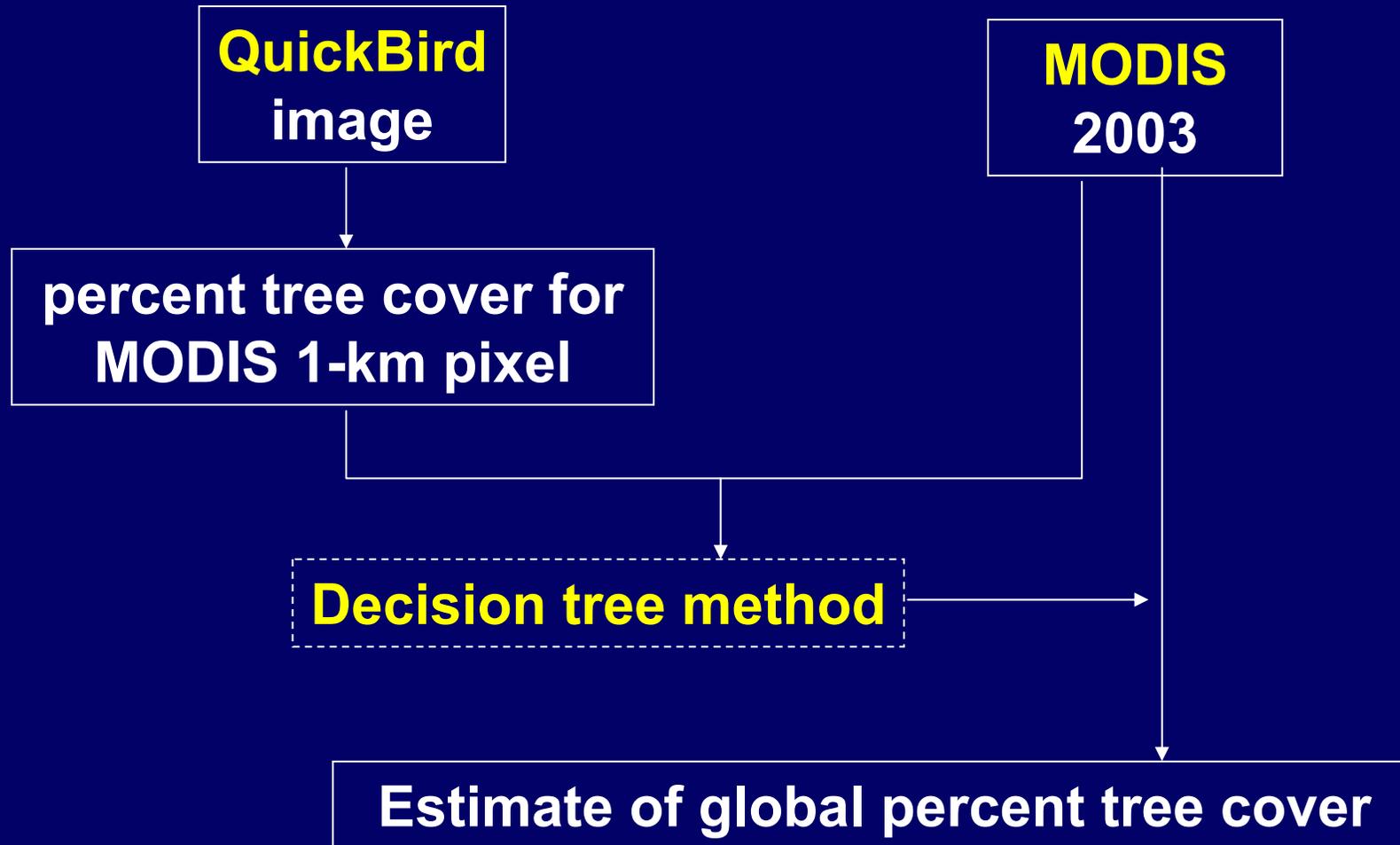
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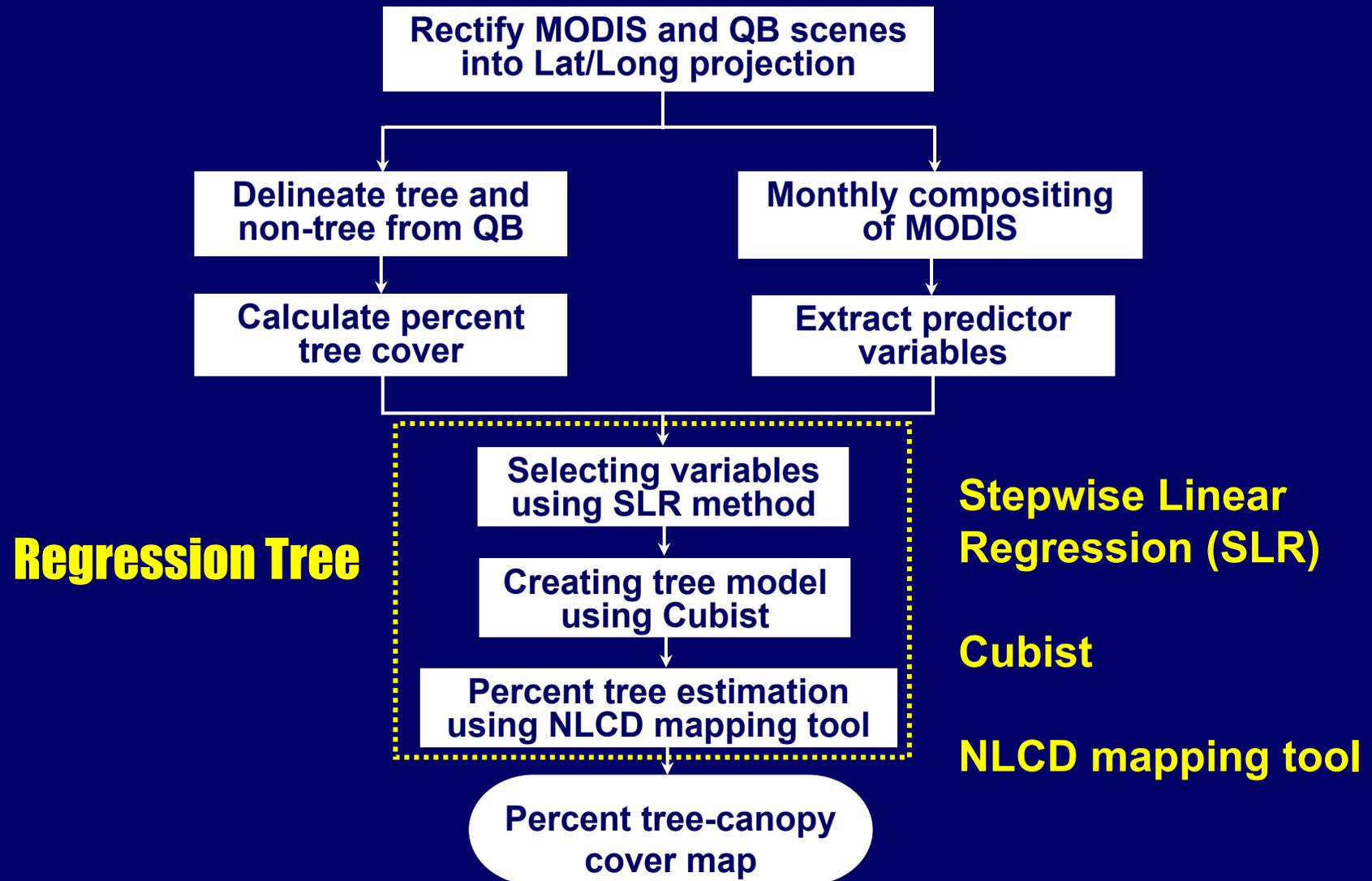
## Flow of Land Cover Classification

**Percent tree cover**

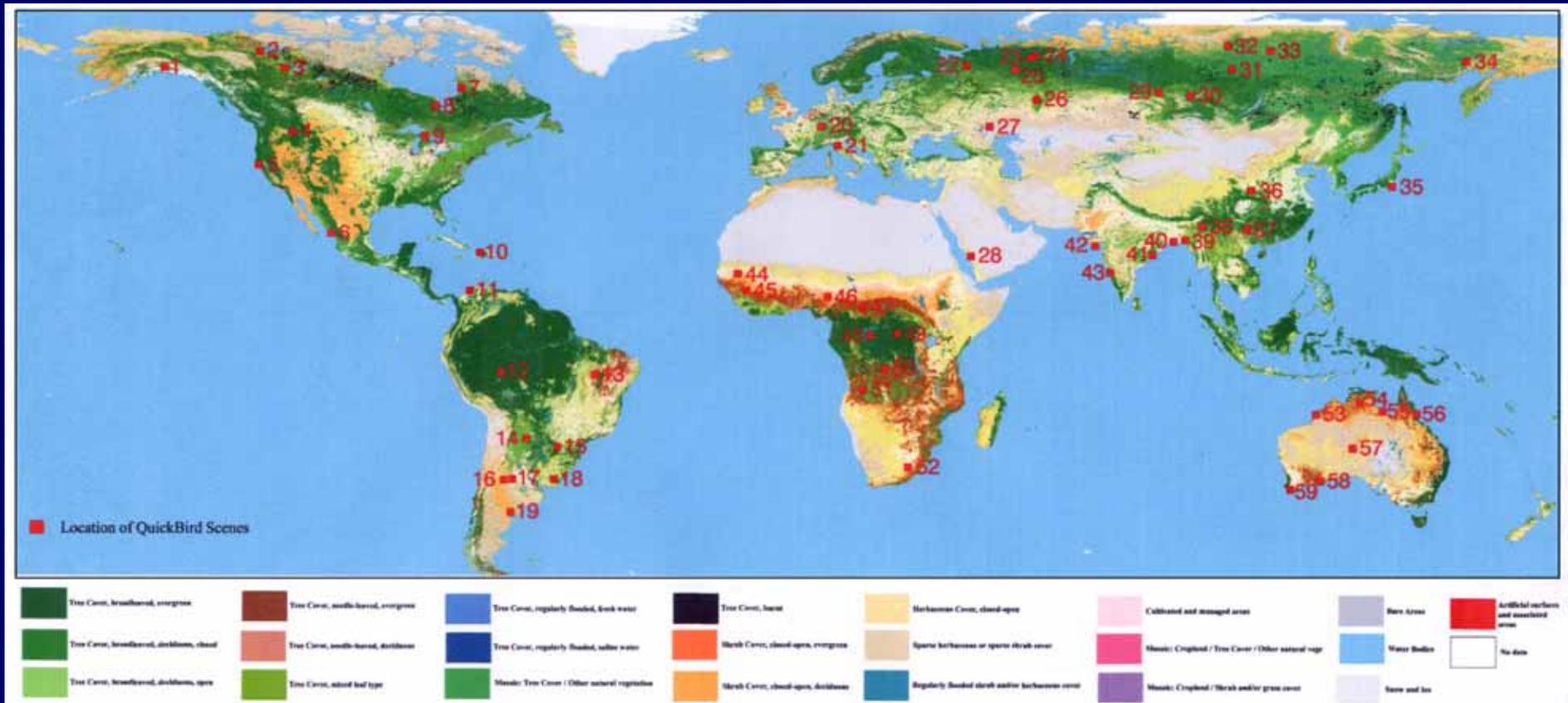
# Percent tree cover



# Methodology



# 59 QuickBird images (5 by 5 km)



# Some QB scenes for TD



*GLC2000: Tree Cover, needle-leaved, evergreen*

**no.1-Japan(Kisarazu)**



*Artificial surfaces and associated areas*

**no.2-Japan(Makuhari)**



*Shrub Cover, closed-open, evergreen*

**no.6-Bangladesh**



*Sparse herbaceous or sparse shrub cover*

**no.12-Kazakhstan**



*Tree Cover, broadleaved, deciduous, closed*

**no.13-Russia**

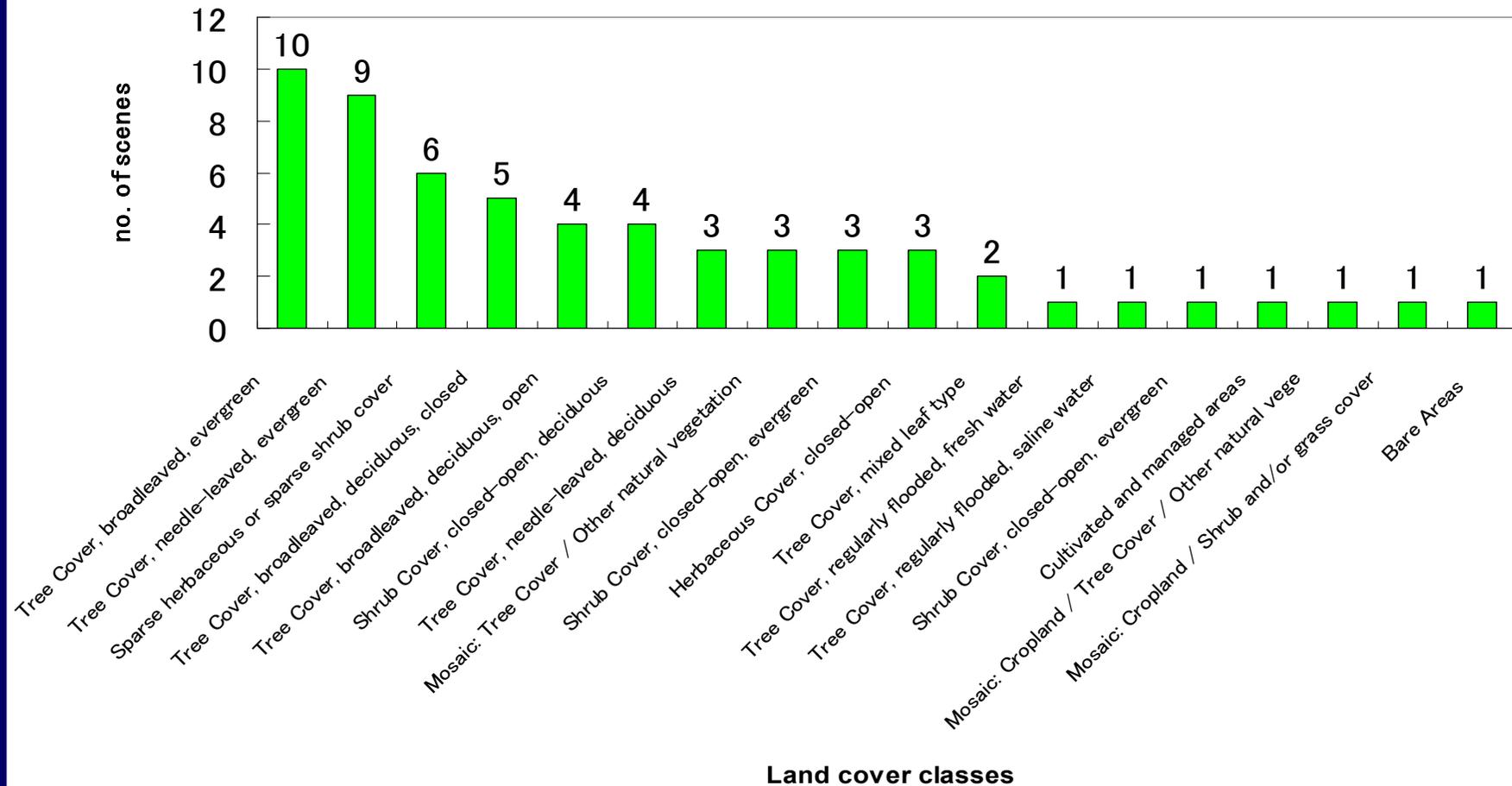


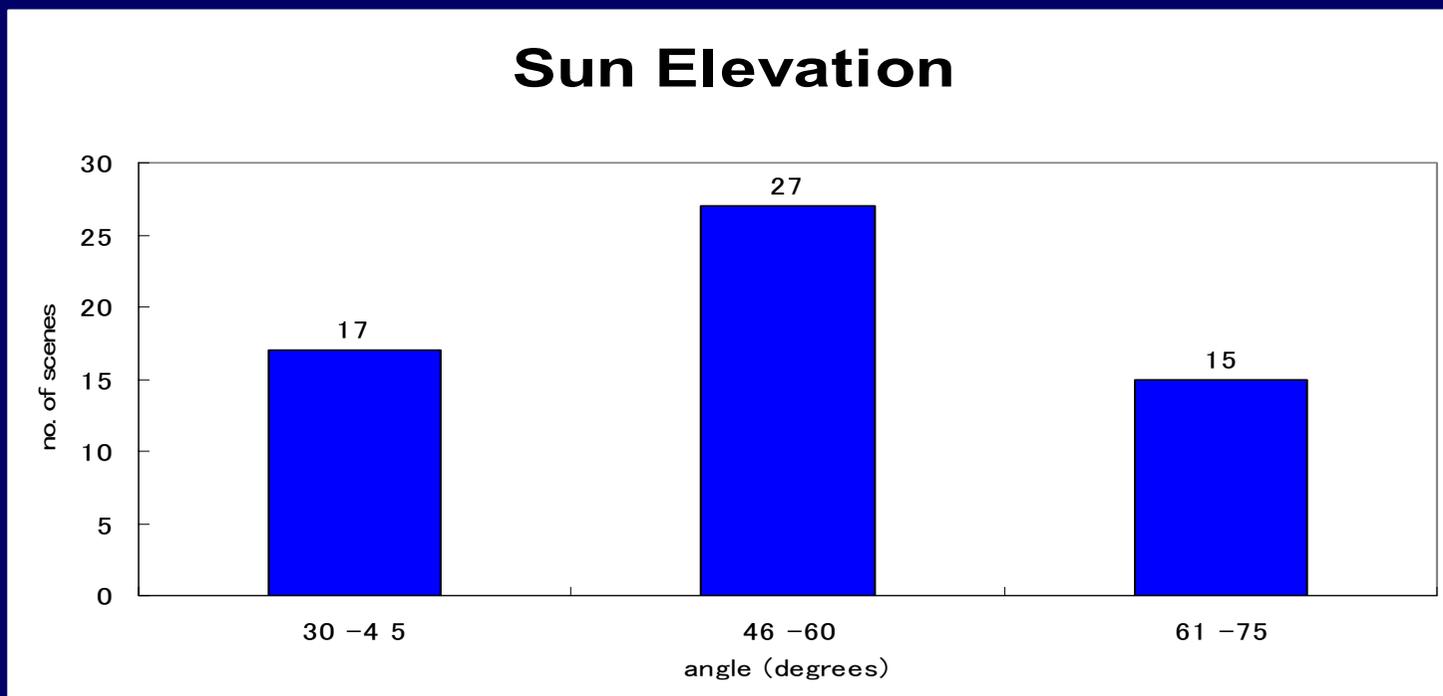
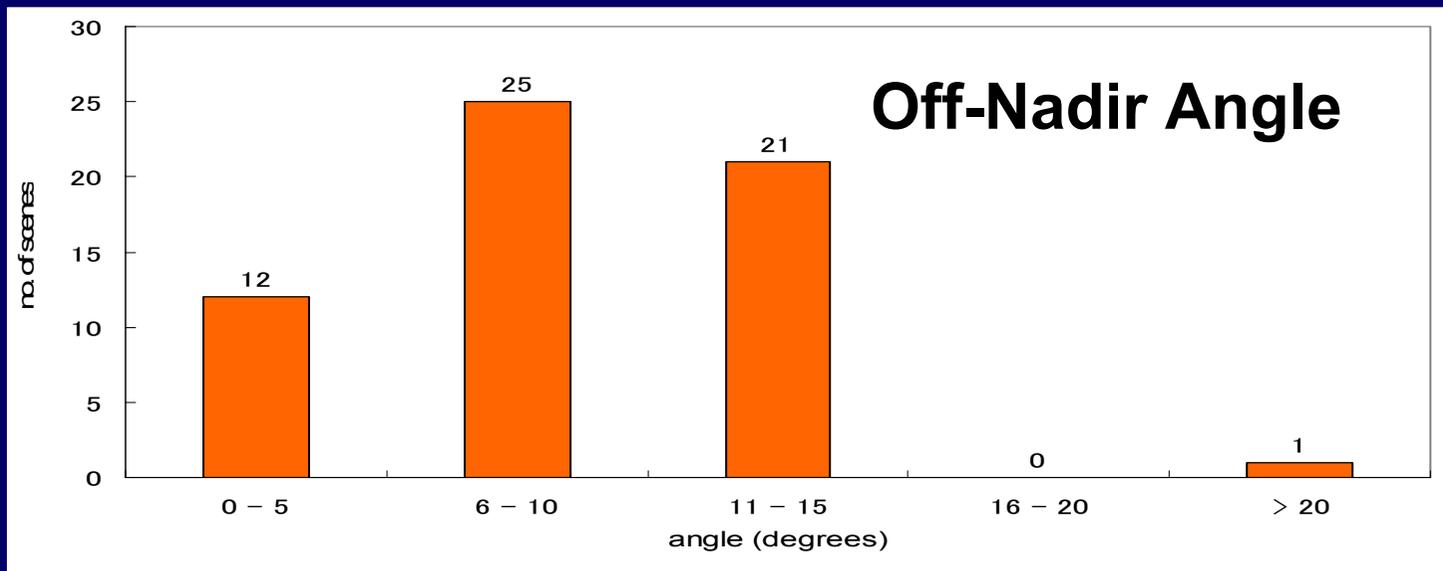
*Tree Cover, needle-leaved, deciduous*

**no.21-Russia**

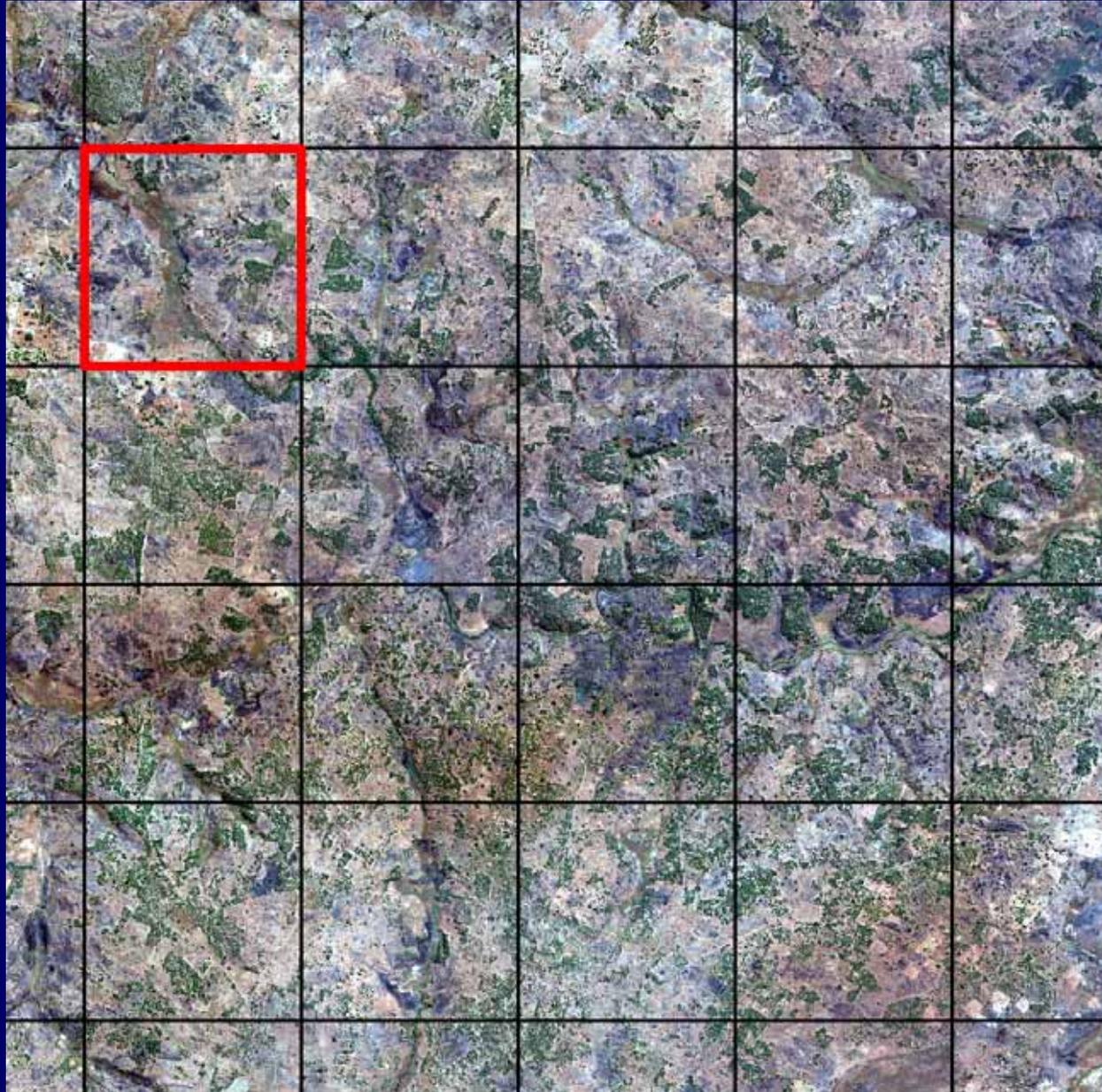
# Characteristic of QB scenes for TD

Land Cover Types according to GLC 2000

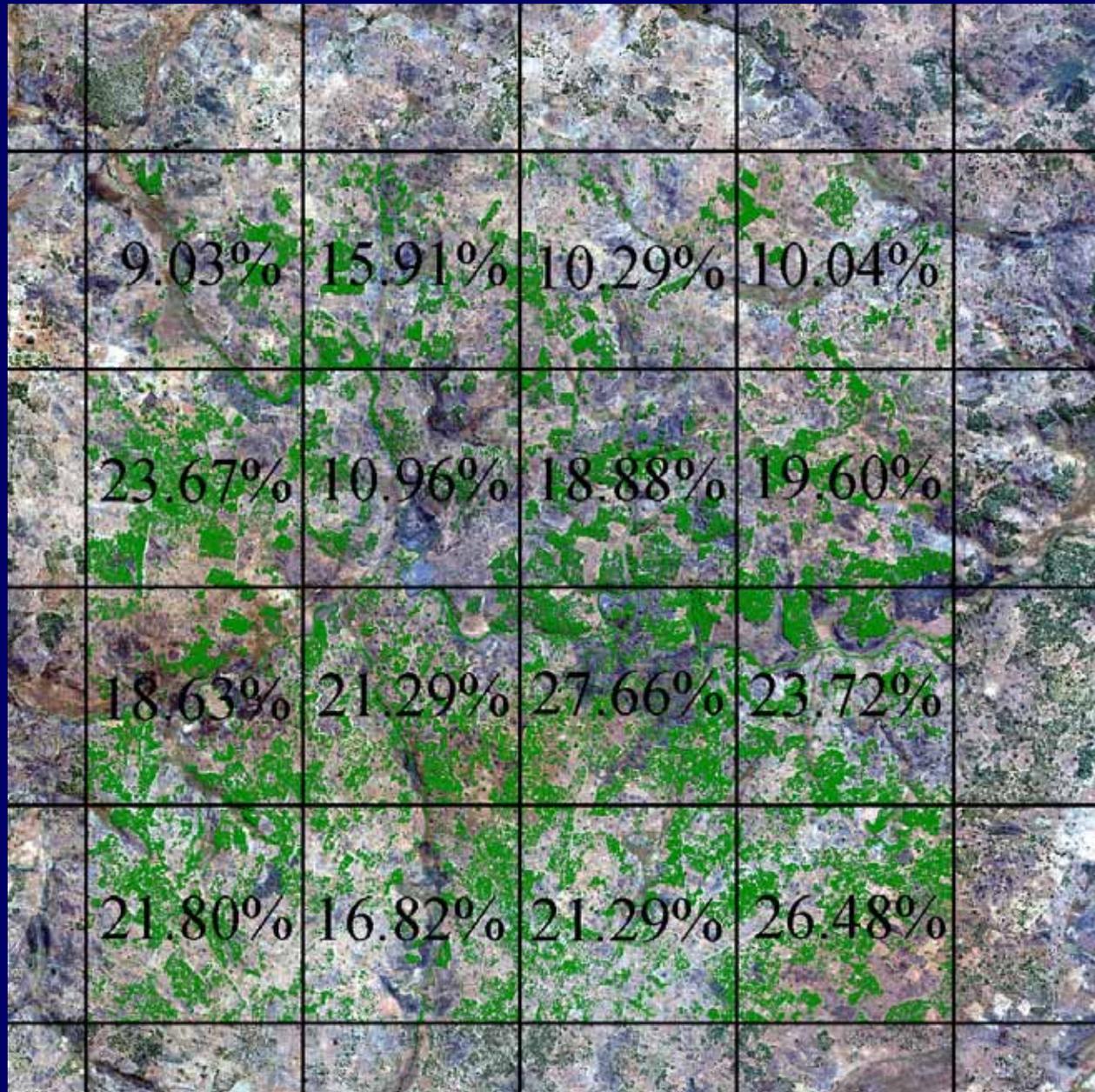




## QuickBird image with the grid of MODIS 1km pixel size



## QuickBird image with percent tree cover for MODIS 1km pixel area



# MODIS 2003



# Predictor Variables

(Extracted from MODIS)

- Surface Reflectance: band 1 - 7,
- NDVI: band 1 and band 2,
- EVI (Enhanc. Veg. Index): band 1, band 2 and band 3,
- NDSI (Norm. Diff. Soil Index): band 2 and band 6,
- LST (Land Surf. Temp.)-LST Day & Night: band 20, 22, 23, 29, 31 and 32.

# Selecting Predictor Variables

Based on  $C_p$  statistics, *the higher  $C_p$  means the more relevance variables:*

$$C_p = p + \frac{(n - p)(s_p^2 - \sigma^2)}{\sigma^2}$$

$n$ : number of observations,

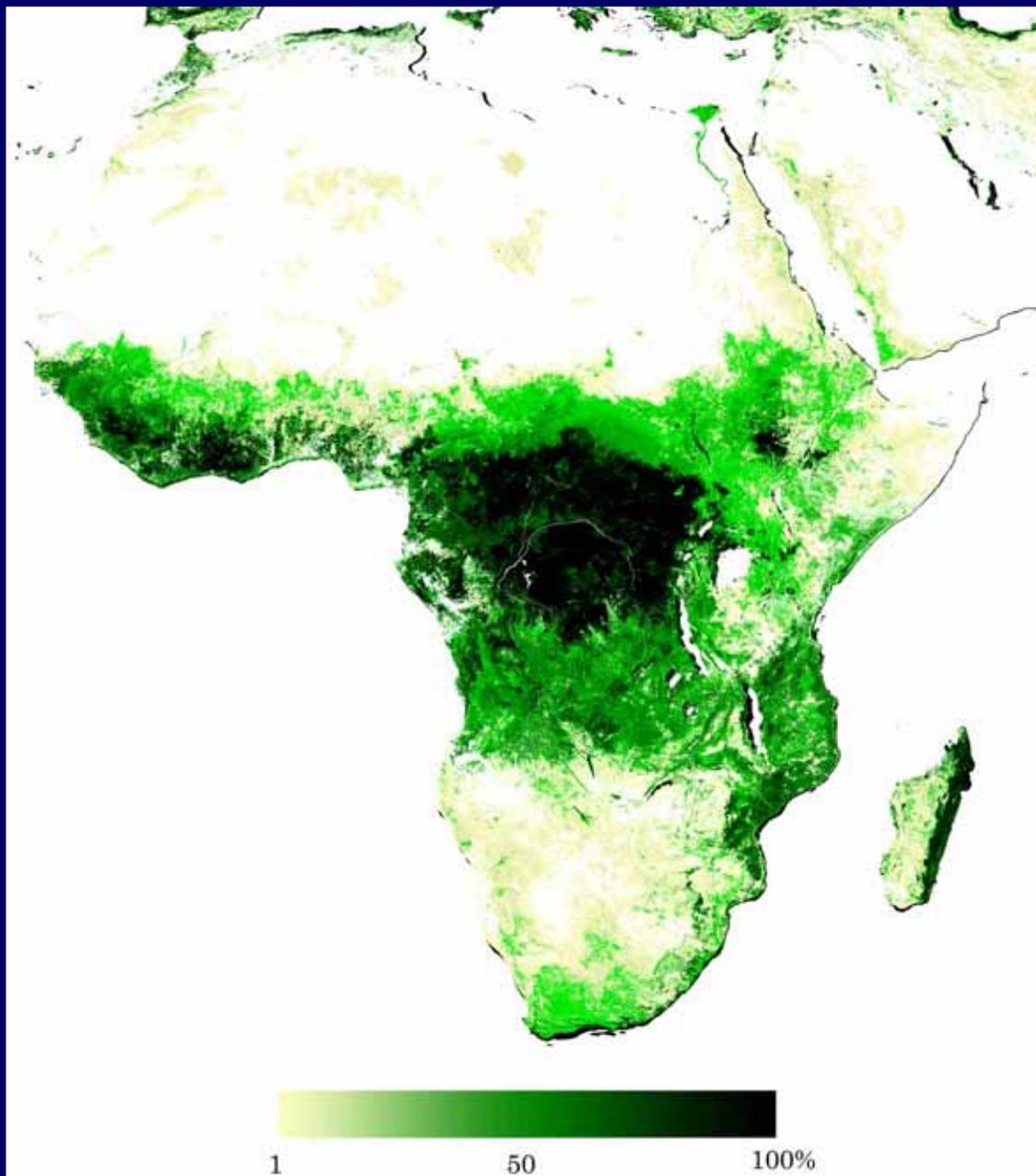
$p$  : number of coefficients (number of explanatory variables plus 1),

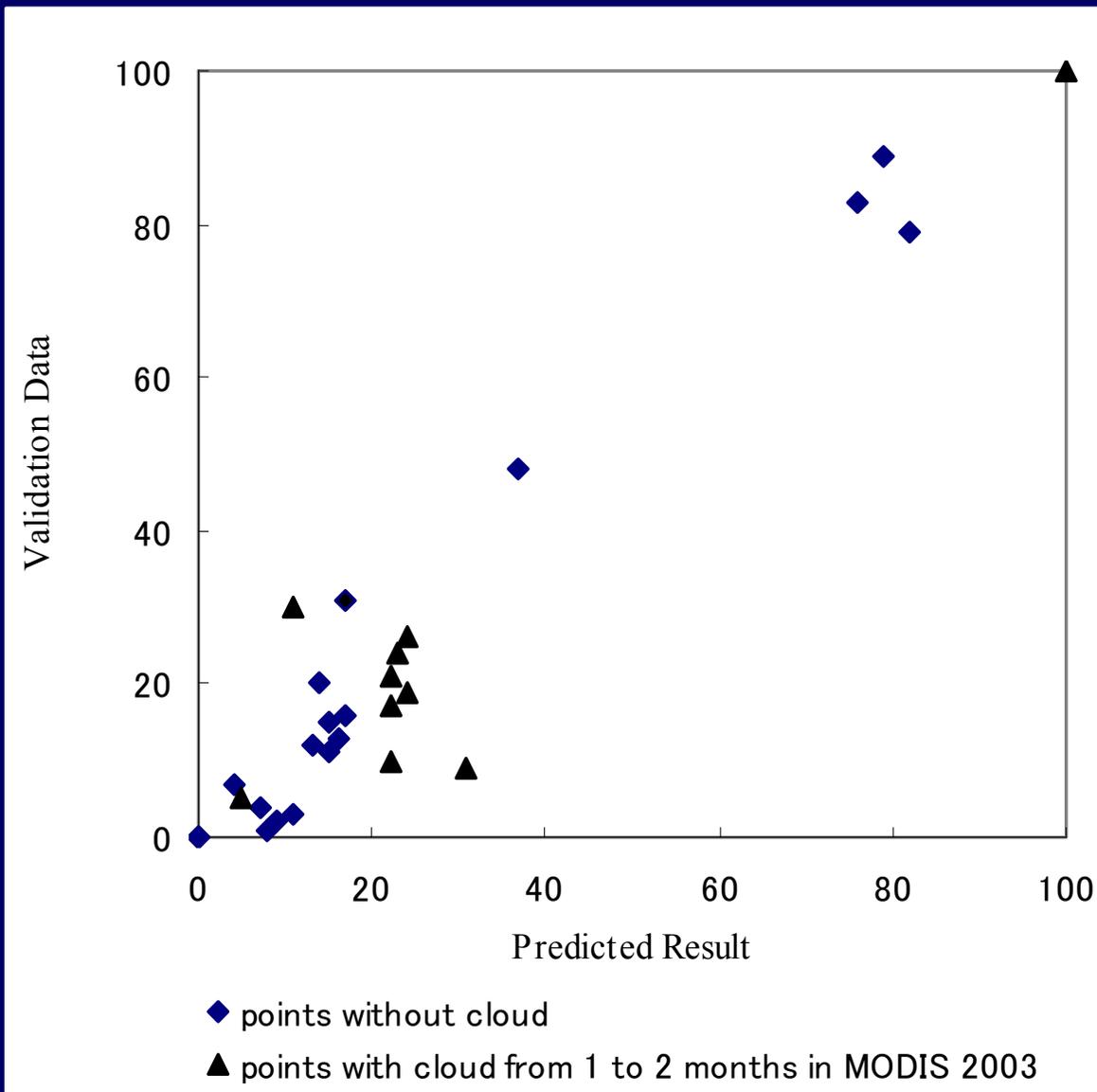
$s_p^2$  : mean square error of this  $p$  coefficient model,

$\sigma^2$  : the best estimate of the true error



# Estimated percent tree cover by MODIS and QuickBird





**Scatter plot depicts comparison between predicted result and validation data derived from QuicBird**

## ***Accuracy assessment***

<b>Case</b>	<b>Predictor Variables</b>	<b>Prediction Errors (%)</b>	<b>Correlation Coefficients (R<sup>2</sup>)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>All variables</b>	<b>3.44</b>	<b>0.956</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Surface reflectance variables</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>0.731</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>SLR-selected variables</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>0.959</b>

**Validation points: 25 % of all ground truth points  
(126 points)**

# Land use

## Land use

purpose

area

model of land use change

local/regional

environmental analysis

local/regional/global

global land use mapping

- need harmonization

“land use” version of “LCCS”

- challenge

global mapping of agricultural land

# Conclusion

- **Global Mapping** is on going to complete global land area coverage **by 2007** with the participation of 153 NMOs in the world.
- New scheme to develop land cover data “**GLCNMO**” has started as part of GM by the cooperation with NMOs.
- **Percent tree cover** will be produced as GM version 2 by 2007.
- Needs more investigation for **global land use mapping**.

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**Thank you**



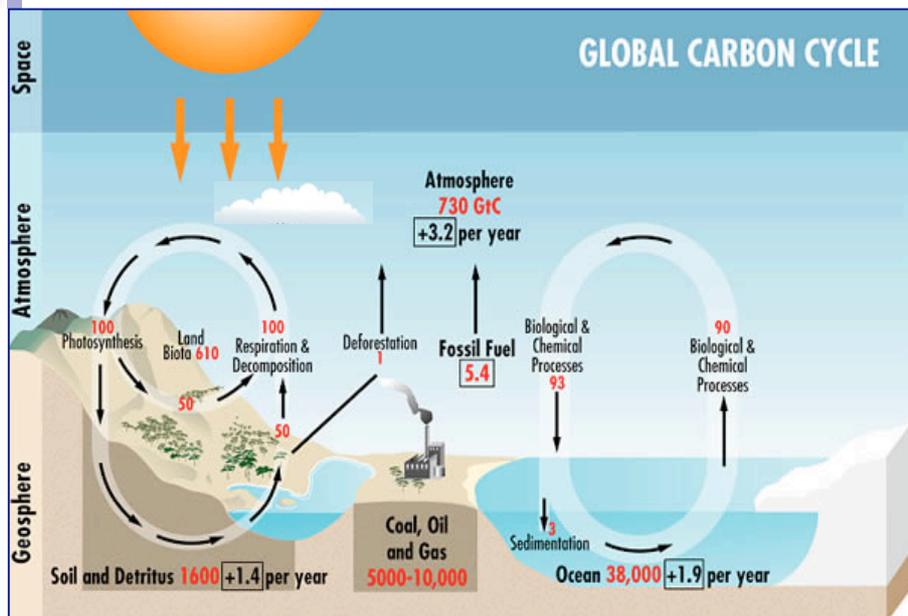
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## Atmospheric Change, Radiation Change, and the Terrestrial Carbon Cycle

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Hideki KOBAYASHI 小林 秀樹



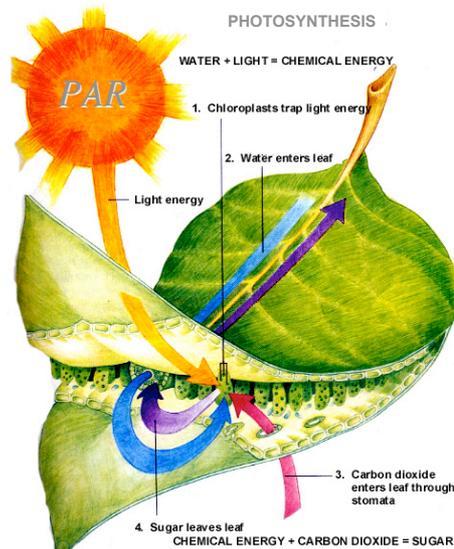
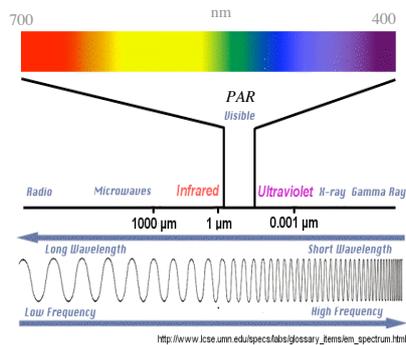
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Frontier Research Center for Global Change  
Ecosystem Change Research Program  
Yokohama, Japan



“Greenhouse Effect and Climate Change”, BOM, Australia

## Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR)

- 400-700 nm wavelength
- Delivers energy used in photosynthesis
- Key variable in carbon cycle models



## Current Challenges

• Empirical & model-based process studies

• Proposed Global Observation System for PAR

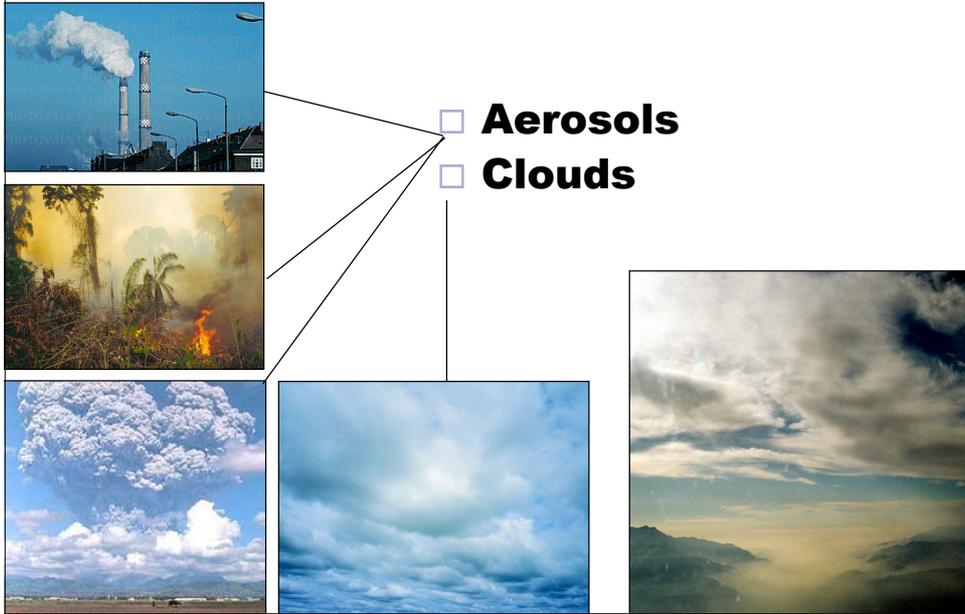
### ■ *Insufficient understanding*

- **How does a changing radiation regime influence vegetation photosynthesis, productivity, and terrestrial carbon source/sink dynamics?**

### ■ *Insufficient Data Availability*

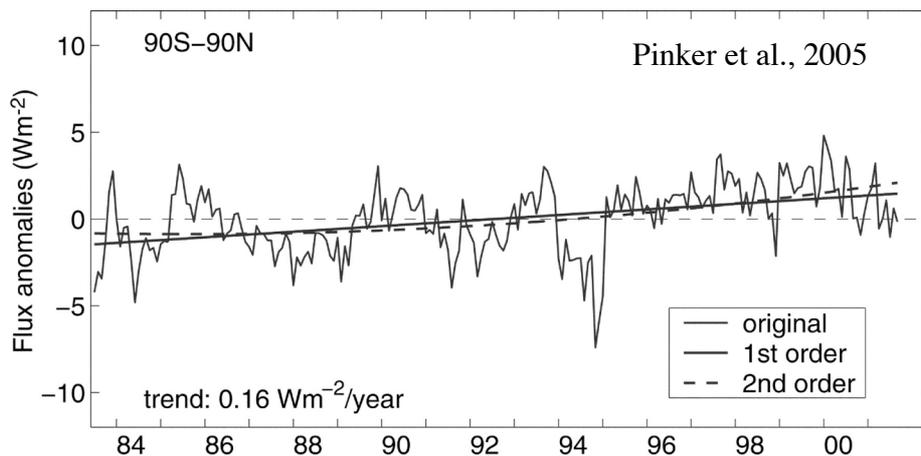
- ***In situ* PAR data are rare**
- **No operational, observation-based, global-coverage PAR data source for land**
  - Important for accurate modeling of terrestrial C cycle

## Sources of Change in Solar Radiation & PAR at the Earth's Surface



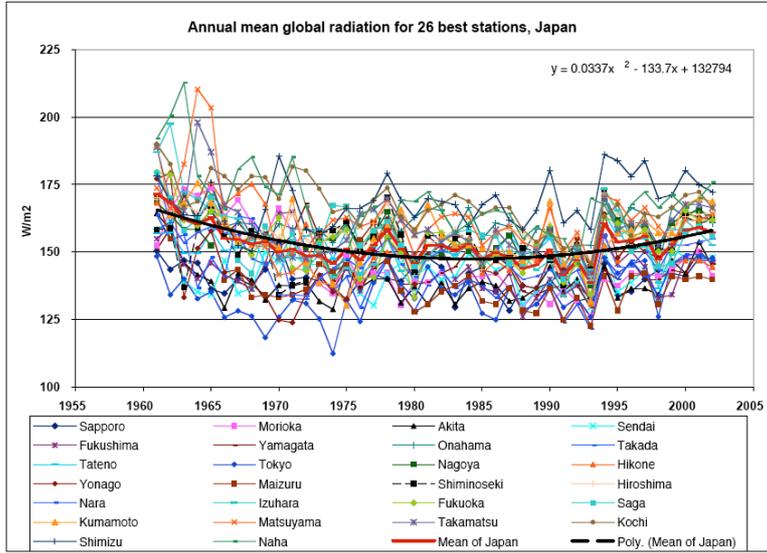
### Evidence of Change

## Satellite-observed Trend in Global Average Solar Irradiance at Surface



Evidence of Change

### Annual Mean Solar Irradiance in Japan from Surface Measurements, 1960-2003

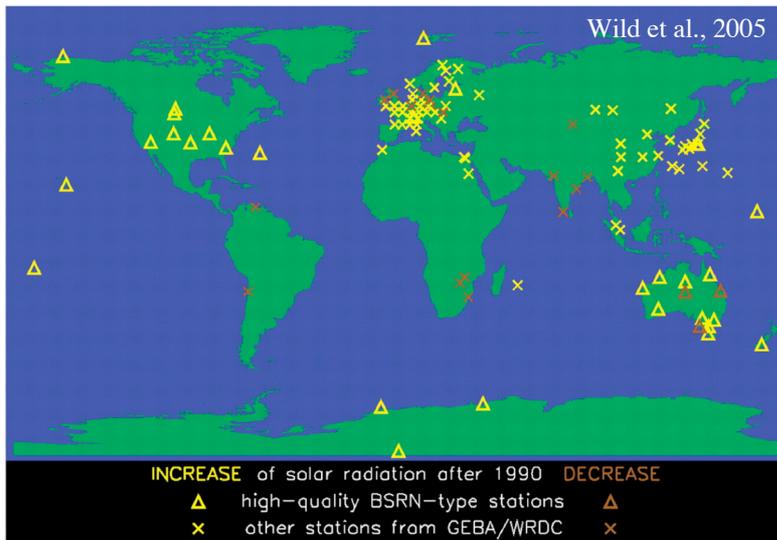


Wild et al., 2005

Evidence of Change

### From Global Dimming to Global Brightening: Changes in Solar Irradiance after 1990

Measurements from Baseline Surface Radiation Network (BSRN)



## Underlying Factors for Observed Trends

- Pre-1990 “Dimming”
  - **Increased aerosol loads (air pollution)**
  - **Increased cloudiness**
- Post-1990 “Brightening”
  - **Reduced cloudiness**
  - **Reduced aerosol loads (Wild, 2005)**
    - Enhanced air pollution control
    - Curtailed economic/industrial activity with breakup of Soviet Union

## Effects of Changing Atmospheric Conditions Surface Irradiance

- Solar radiation and PAR may be altered with respect to:
  - **Amount and intensity**
  - **Source geometry (sky radiance distribution & diffuse:beam ratio )**
  - **Spectral composition**
- Such changes have implications for
  - **Vegetation photosynthesis & carbon cycle**
  - **Surface energy budget, global warming & water cycle**
    - Global dimming correlated in decline in pan evaporation (Roderick, 2005)

## CO<sub>2</sub> uptake by forest is enhanced under cloudy skies (diffuse PAR)

Results from eddy covariance for boreal forest  
Goulden et al., 1997

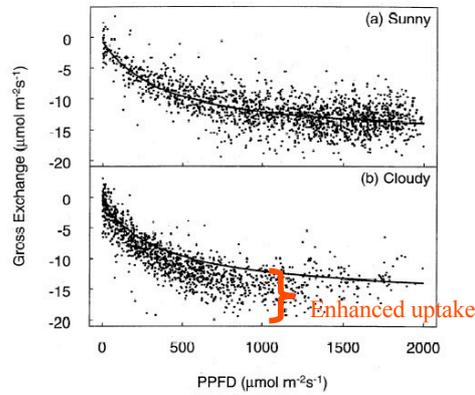
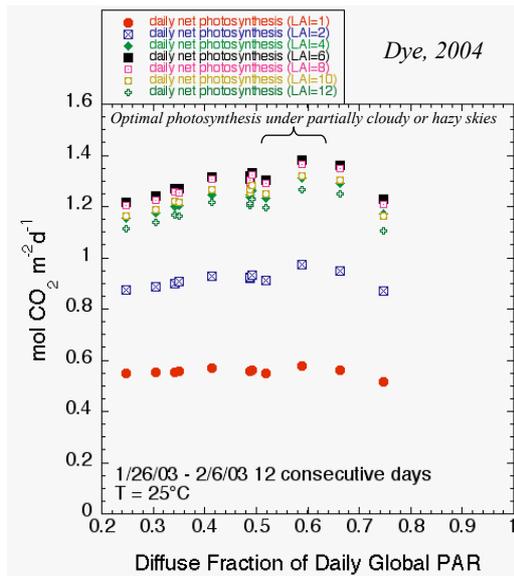


Figure 8. Gross CO<sub>2</sub> exchange as a function of incident photon flux density (PPFD) for (a) sunny periods (below-canopy PPFD/above-canopy PPFD < 0.12) and (b) cloudy periods (below/above > 0.12). Points are half-hour intervals from June 9 to September 17 of all 3 years when the air temperature was greater than 14°C,  $u^* > 0.20 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ , and wind from a suitable direction. The best fit for the sunny periods is replicated on each panel to allow comparison ( $\text{GEE } (\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}) = -0.8 + (-15.7 \text{ PPFD})/(389.9 + \text{PPFD})$ ;  $n = 1650$ , quantum yield as PPFD approaches 0 is  $0.040 \text{ mol CO}_2 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ photons}$ ). The best fit line (not shown on plots) for cloudy periods was  $\text{GEE } (\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}) = -0.4 + (-16.9 \text{ PPFD})/(258.0 + \text{PPFD})$ ;  $n = 1250$ .

## Response of Daily Canopy Photosynthesis to Diffuse PAR

- For LAI=6, daily net photosynthesis increases by ~11% as diffuse fraction increases from 0.2 to ~0.6
- Results from:
  - Sun-shade model of canopy photosynthesis (de Pury & Farquhar, 1997)
  - *in situ* PAR data for Sri Samrong, Thailand



## No consensus on role of diffuse PAR in terrestrial C source/sink dynamics

### Significant

- Goulden et al., 1997
- Healey et al., 1998
- Roderick, 2001
- Gu et al., 2003
- Farquhar & Roderick, 2003
- Robock, 2005
- *et al.*

### Insignificant

- Nemani et al., 2003
- Krakauer & Randerson, 2003
- Angert et al., 2004
- *et al.*

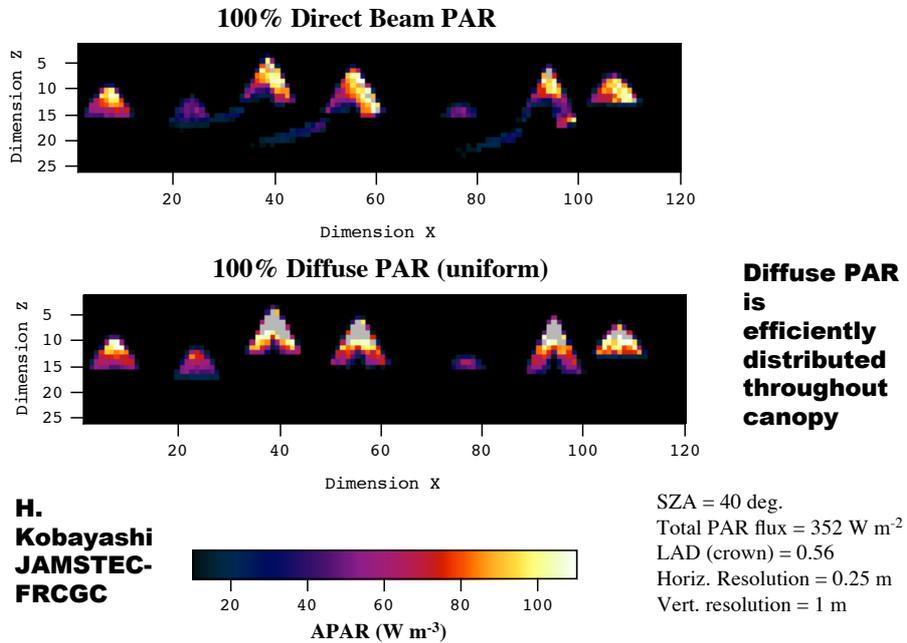
• Many results are highly MODEL DEPENDENT

## Atmospheric Effects on PAR

- PAR may be altered with respect to:
  - amount and intensity
  -   source geometry (diffuse fraction)
  - spectral composition



## How does diffuse PAR enhance LUE and photosynthesis?



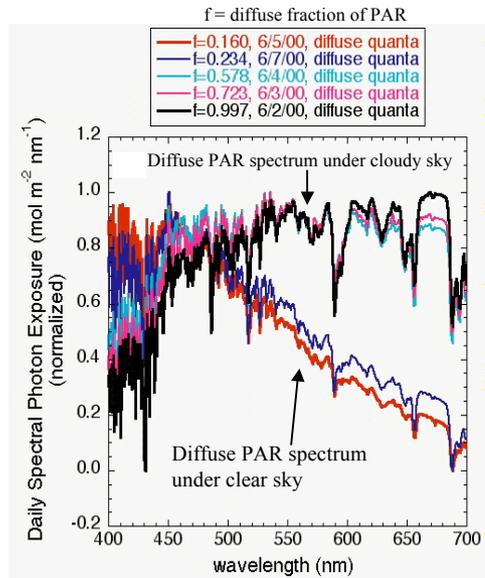
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## How Does Diffuse PAR Enhance Canopy Photosynthetic Rates?

- Existing knowledge:
  - **efficient distribution within canopy (less light saturation)**
- Our findings:
  - **Diffuse PAR has favorable spectral composition**
    - Scattering causes diffuse PAR spectrum to shift towards red [see figure -->]
    - Therefore **MORE PHOTONS RECEIVED PER UNIT ENERGY**

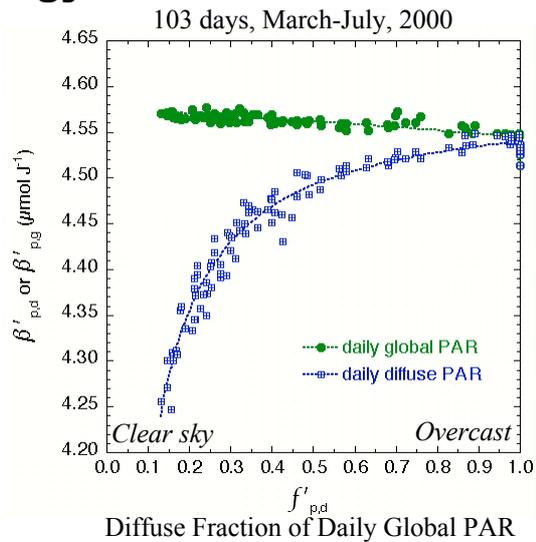


Dye, 2004, *J. Geophys. Res. -Atmospheres*

## Scattering Increases Photon Content of Diffuse PAR Energy

Quanta-to-energy ratio  
( $\mu\text{mol}/\text{J}$ )

Dye, 2004  
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## **Reliable Simulation and Interpretation of Terrestrial Carbon Source/Sink Dynamics Requires Adequate and Appropriate Treatment of Radiation-related Effects**

- Example: Satellite-based modeling of Net Primary Production (NPP) in Amazonia

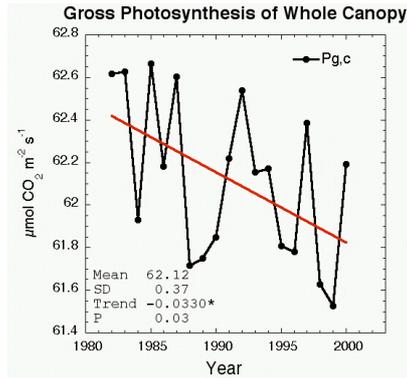
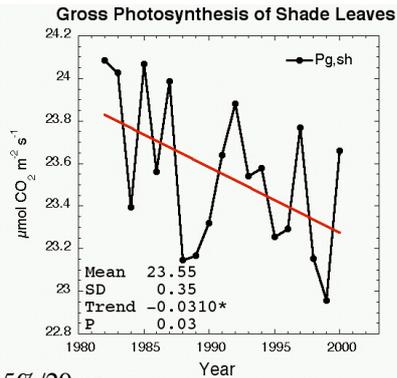


## **Investigating the Effects of Decreased Cloudiness on Photosynthesis in the Amazon Region**

- Question
  - **Does accounting for diffuse radiation effects alter the conclusions of Nemani et al. (2003)?**
- Approach
  - **Sun-shade model of canopy photosynthesis (de Pury & Farquhar, 1997)**
  - **Diffuse & beam PAR data from NCEP/NCAR reanalysis (1982-2002)**

## Results

- Decline in diffuse PAR associated with:
  - **lower canopy light use efficiency**
  - **lower rates of canopy photosynthesis**
- Simulated regional CO<sub>2</sub> uptake slightly *decreased* during 1981-2000
- Consistent with theory

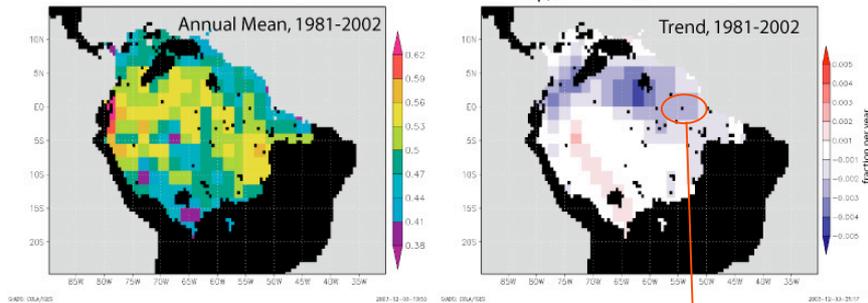


-2.5%/20 yr

Simulated with dePury & Farquhar's [1997] sun-shade model and PAR data from NCEP-NCAR Reanalysis.

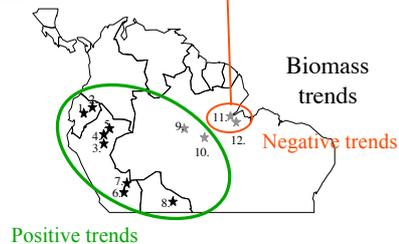
## Results

Average Diffuse Fraction of Global PAR Flux ( $f_{p,d}$ ) during 1200-1800 GMT



Region of declining diffuse PAR corresponds to sites with negative trends in annual biomass production from field observations

(Baker et al., 2004, *Phil. Trans. Roy. Soc. Lon.*)



Dye, 2004



***Problem:***  
**Insufficient PAR data**

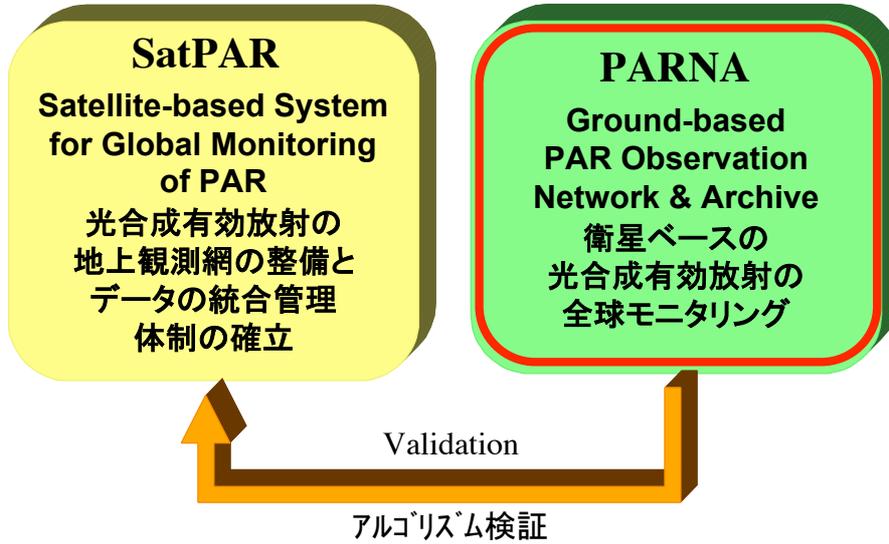
- Accurate modeling and monitoring of terrestrial carbon cycle requires accurate PAR data
- Current sources of PAR data are inadequate
  - PAR estimated from total shortwave irradiance (common approach) have large errors
  - Diffuse and direct-beam PAR are rarely available
  - Ground-based PAR datasets are also rare



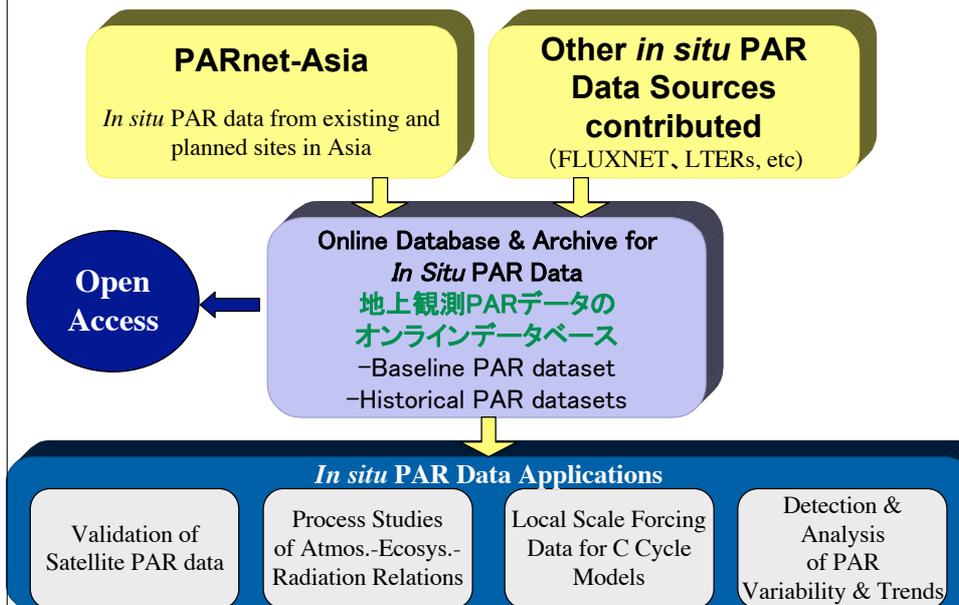
***Potential Solution:***  
**Establishment of a Global Observing System for PAR (GOSPAR)**

- Comprehensive strategy for improving availability and quality of satellite- and ground-based PAR data
- Potential contribution to GEOSS (Global Earth Observing System of Systems)

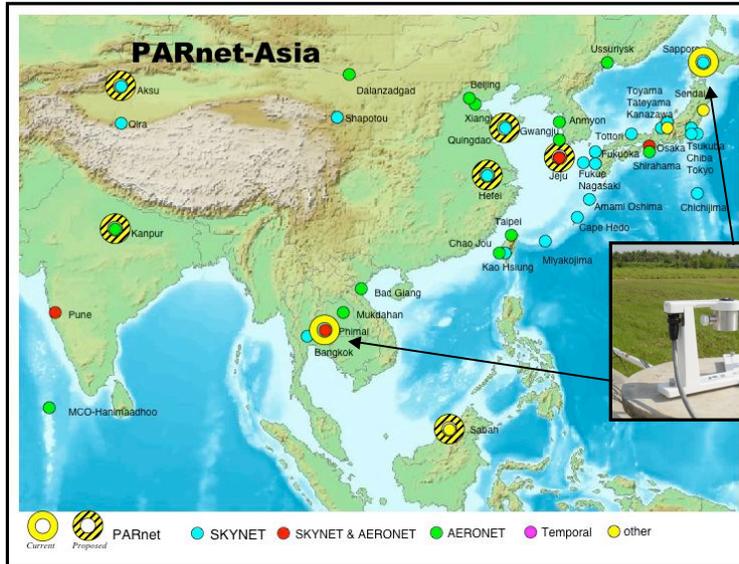
## Overview of a Proposed Global Observing System for PAR (GOSPAR)



## Ground-based PAR Observation Network and Archive PARNA



# PAR観測ネットワーク (PARnet-Asia)

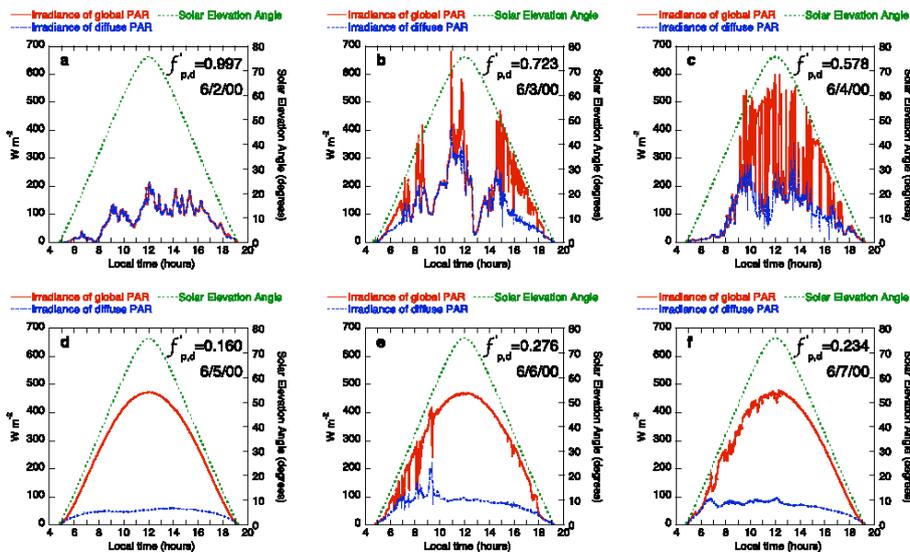


2 Existing Sites  
- Thailand  
- Hokkaido  
Additional sites proposed

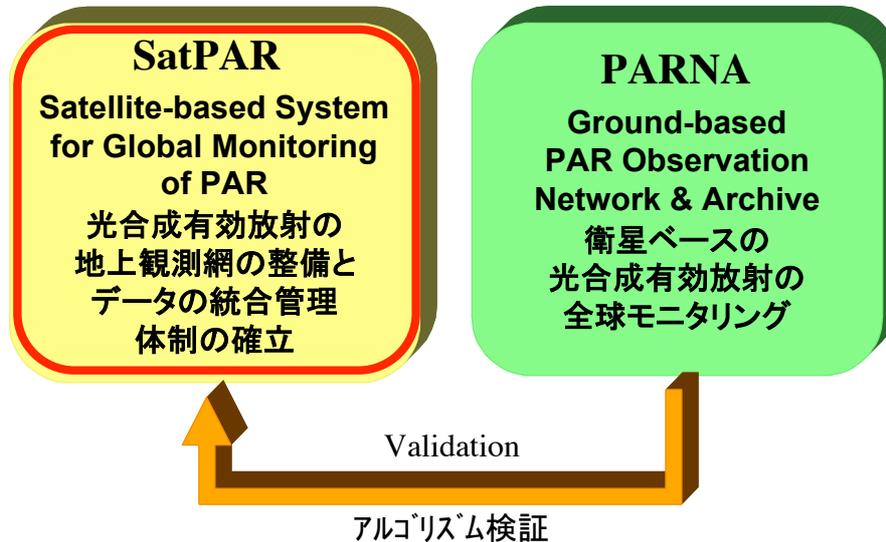


Rotating shadowband Radiometer (RSS)  
Measures diffuse and total PAR

## Measured Diurnal Variation in Total & Diffuse PAR at Sri Samrong, Thailand, June 2-7, 2003

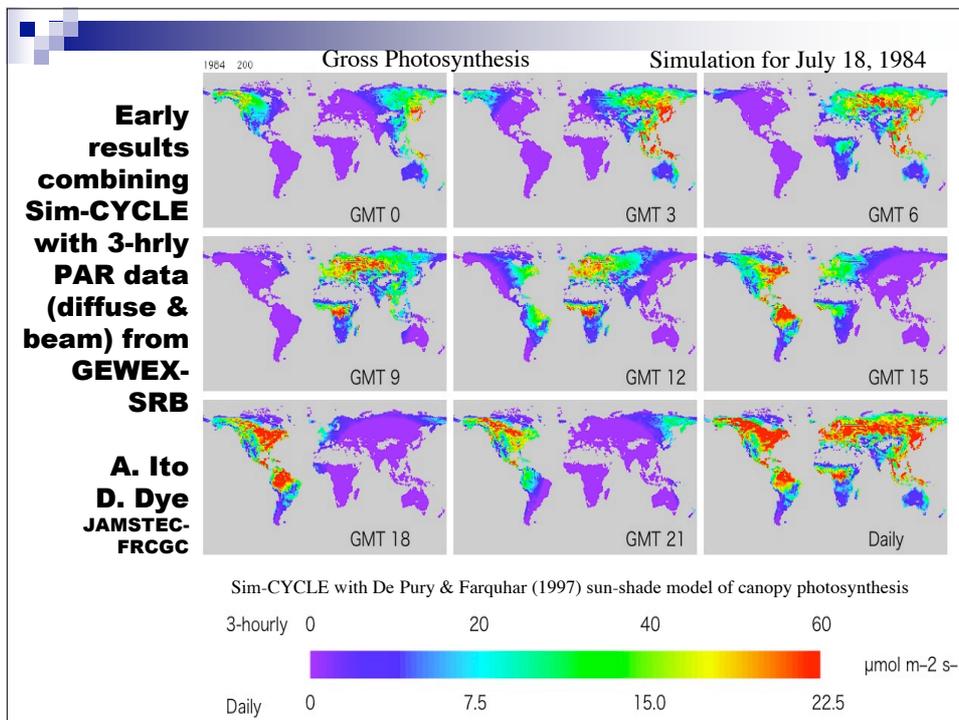
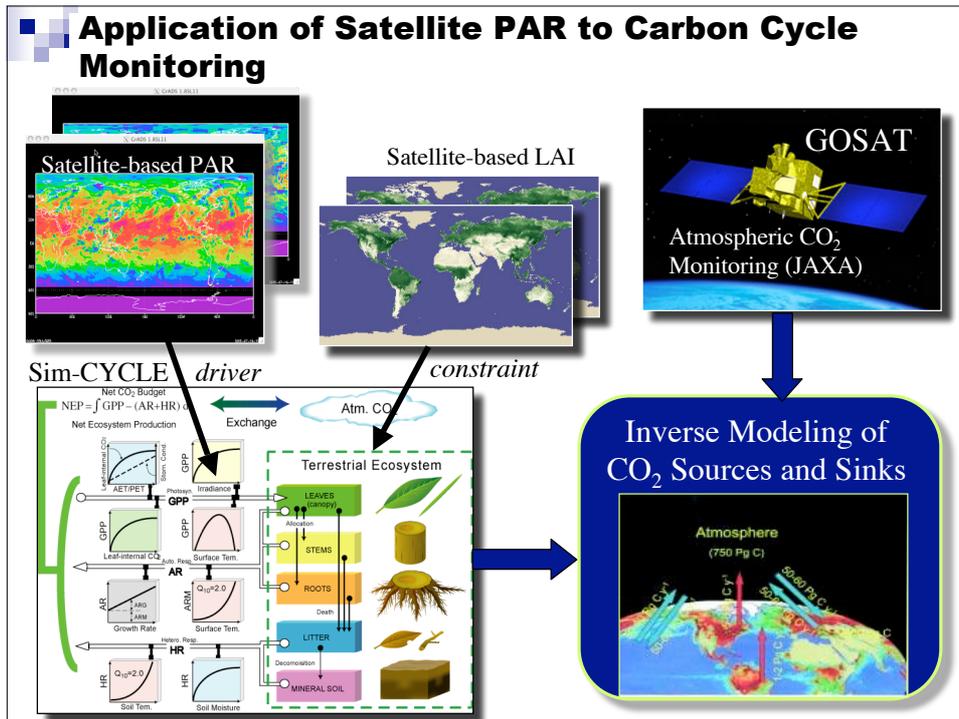


## Overview of Proposed Global Observing System for PAR (GOSPAR)



## Desired Features of Satellite-based PAR data for Improved Carbon Cycle Modeling

- Separate data for direct beam and diffuse fluxes
- Quantum units ( $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )
- High spatial resolution (1-10 km)
- High temporal resolution (3 hrly - daily)
- Global coverage of land areas
- Routine data product
- Continuous, multi-year time-series



## Conclusions



- Improved certainty in terrestrial carbon cycle modeling requires accounting for effects of changing atmospheric conditions on quality & quantity of PAR
- Improved availability of satellite-based and *in situ* PAR data sources are needed
  - **Trend detection**
  - **Simulation and validation**
- Proposed Global Observing System for PAR (GOSPAR) will address these needs

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**Satellite active and passive microwave  
sensing of sea ice in the Okhotsk Sea**

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# Introduction

The importance of studying the sea ice, as well as atmospheric and oceanic parameters and processes in the open ocean and in the Marginal Ice Zone (MIZ) is due to scientific and practical requirements.

The large heat and salt fluxes associated with polynyas and thin ice area play an important role in air/sea interaction. Air-sea interaction is particularly intense in the MIZ, resulting in abrupt horizontal and vertical gradients of hydrometeorological parameters which promote formation of various mesoscale structures both in the atmosphere (convective rolls and cells) and in the ocean (ice edge waves, ice streets, bands and eddies).

Accurate estimation of their area and ice thickness will allow to improve the large-scale ice mass balance and the oceanic salt production.

# Passive microwave sensing

Satellite passive microwave measurements of brightness temperatures  $T_B(\nu)$  have been used for **sea ice**, wind speed, SST, atmospheric water vapour content  $V$  and total cloud liquid water content  $Q$  and precipitation studies. The changes of the sea surface emissivity caused by variations of water temperature and salinity and wind action can be estimated reasonably well.

*Over the compact ice cover and over marginal ice zone, variations of  $T_B(\nu)$  are due to the change of sea ice concentration  $C$  (from 0.0 to 1.0), types of sea ice, the evolution of snow/sea-ice thermophysical properties including *liquid water presence* in the system, snow pack density and snow grain metamorphism, air temperature and wind.  $V$  and  $Q$  retrieval presents a difficult problem **due to the larger values and higher variability of the underlying surface emissivity compare to the water surface.***

## Simulation of the **AMSR** brightness temperatures

Modeling of microwave measurements over the open ocean, the MIZ and compacted ice was carried out with a microwave radiative transfer program. The program allows to compute the brightness temperatures of the underlying surface-atmosphere system  $T_B^{V,H}(\nu)$  at frequency  $\nu$  with the vertical (V) and horizontal (H) polarizations. The radiosonde (r/s) database was built up to model atmospheric conditions observable near and over the MIZ. Total 478 r/s with SST  $t_s \leq 1^\circ\text{C}$  were selected: 69 sets from research vessels and 409 sets from 6 polar coastal and island stations. Every set consists of radiosonde, meteorological data (wind speed  $W$  and direction, forms and amount of clouds) and  $t_s$  values. In the database, the water vapor content  $V = (0.63-18.5)$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>, cloud water content  $Q \leq 0.25$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> and wind speed  $W \leq 18.0$  m/s. R/s atmospheric profiles were complimented by the cloud liquid water content profiles. For each r/s, the  $T_{BS}(\nu)$  were computed for uniformly distributed values of sea ice concentration  $C = 0.0 - 1.0$ .

$$T_B^{V,H}(\nu, \theta) = T_{Bocean}^{V,H}(\nu, \theta)e^{-\tau(\nu, \theta)} + T_{Batm}^{\uparrow}(\nu, \theta) + T_{Batm}^{\downarrow}(\nu, \theta)[1 - \kappa^{V,H}(\nu, \theta)]e^{-\tau(\nu, \theta)} + T_C[1 - \kappa^{V,H}(\nu, \theta)]e^{-2\tau(\nu, \theta)}$$

- brightness temperature of the atmosphere-underlying surface system with vertical ( $V$ ) and horizontal ( $H$ ) polarization as a function of frequency  $\nu$  and incidence angle  $\theta$ .

$T_{Bocean}^{V,H}(\nu, \theta) = \kappa^{V,H}(\nu, \theta)T_S$  is the brightness temperature of the underlying surface,  $T_S$  is surface temperature .

$\kappa^{V,H}(\nu, \theta, T_S, W)$  is emissivity of the surface

$\tau(\nu, \theta)$  is integral absorption of the atmosphere

$T_{Batm}^{\uparrow}(\nu, \theta)$  is the upwelling brightness temperature of the atmosphere

$T_{Batm}^{\downarrow}(\nu, \theta)$  is the downwelling brightness temperature of the atmosphere

$T_C$  is brightness temperature of cosmic radiation

# Emissivity

For each radiosonde, the brightness temperatures  $T_Bs(\nu)$  were computed for 10 values of sea ice concentration  $C = 0.0 - 1.0$ . The emissivity of the underlying surface  $\kappa^{V,H}$  was determined by Eq. 1

$$\kappa^{V,H}(\nu, \theta, t_S, W) = \kappa_W^{V,H}(\nu, \theta, t_S, W)(1 - C) + \kappa_I^{V,H}(\nu, \theta, t_I) C, \quad (1)$$

where  $\kappa_W$  and  $\kappa_I$  are sea surface and sea ice emissivity, correspondingly,  $t_S$  is sea surface temperature,  $W$  is wind speed,  $t_I$  is temperature of ice surface .

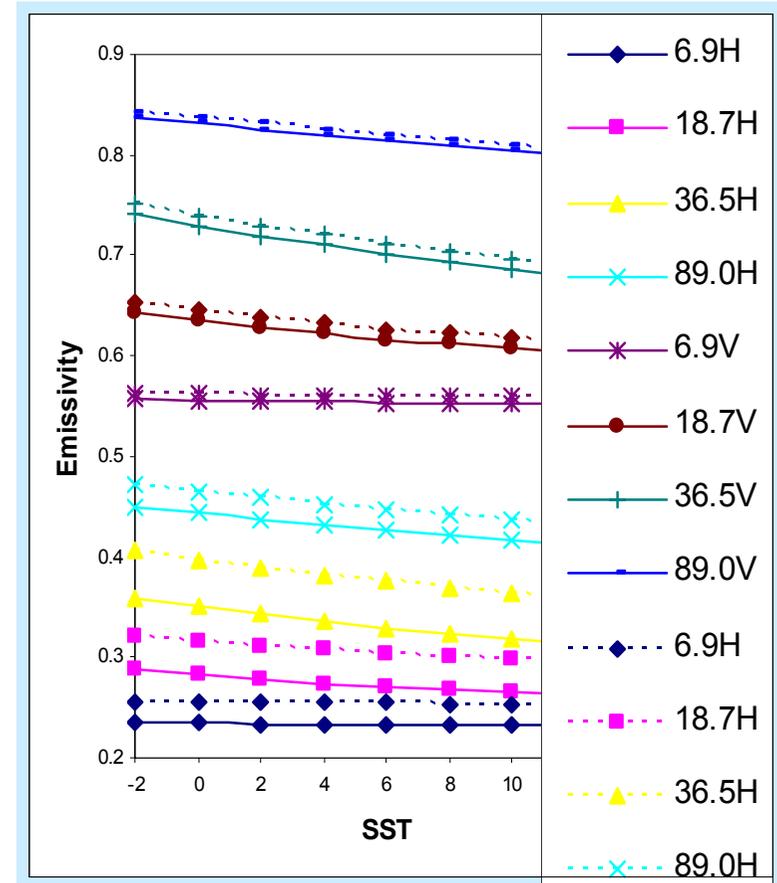
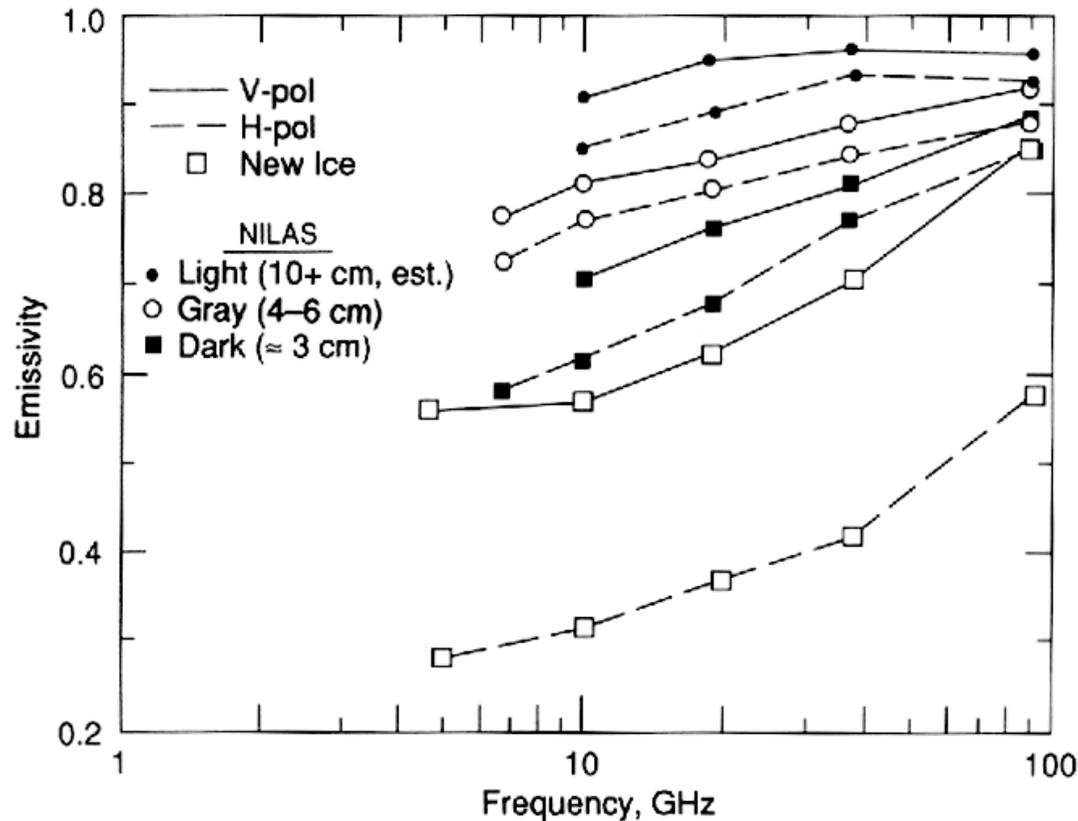
Emissivity of the calm sea surface at frequencies  $\nu = 18.7, 23.8$  and  $36.5$  GHz was computed from the Fresnel formulas [*Ellison et al., Radio Sci., 1998*] . Increments of emissivity associated with the wind action were found on the basis of experimental data [*Rosenkranz, 1992; Sasaki et al., 1987; Wentz, 1992*].

## Emissivity of calm water and sea ice at $\theta = 55^\circ$

<b>Frequency, GHz (polarization)</b>	<b>18.7 (V/H)</b>	<b>23.8 (V/H)</b>	<b>36.5 (V/H)</b>
<b>Water (<math>t_s = -0.6^\circ\text{C}</math>) [1]</b>	<b>0.6358/0.2825</b>	<b>0.6685/0.3045</b>	<b>0.7332/0.3524</b>
<b>Dark nilas [2]</b>	<b>0.76/0.67</b>	<b>0.76/0.67</b>	<b>0.80/0.77</b>
<b>Gray nilas [2]</b>	<b>0.84/0.80</b>	<b>0.85/0.82</b>	<b>0.88/0.84</b>
<b>Light nilas [2]</b>	<b>0.95/0.89</b>	<b>0.96/0.91</b>	<b>0.97/0.94</b>
<b>First-year ice (no melting) [2]</b>	<b>0.95/0.91</b>	<b>0.945/0.91</b>	<b>0.94/0.90</b>
<b>Thick first-year ice [4]</b>	<b>0.97/0.90</b>		<b>0.97/0.90</b>

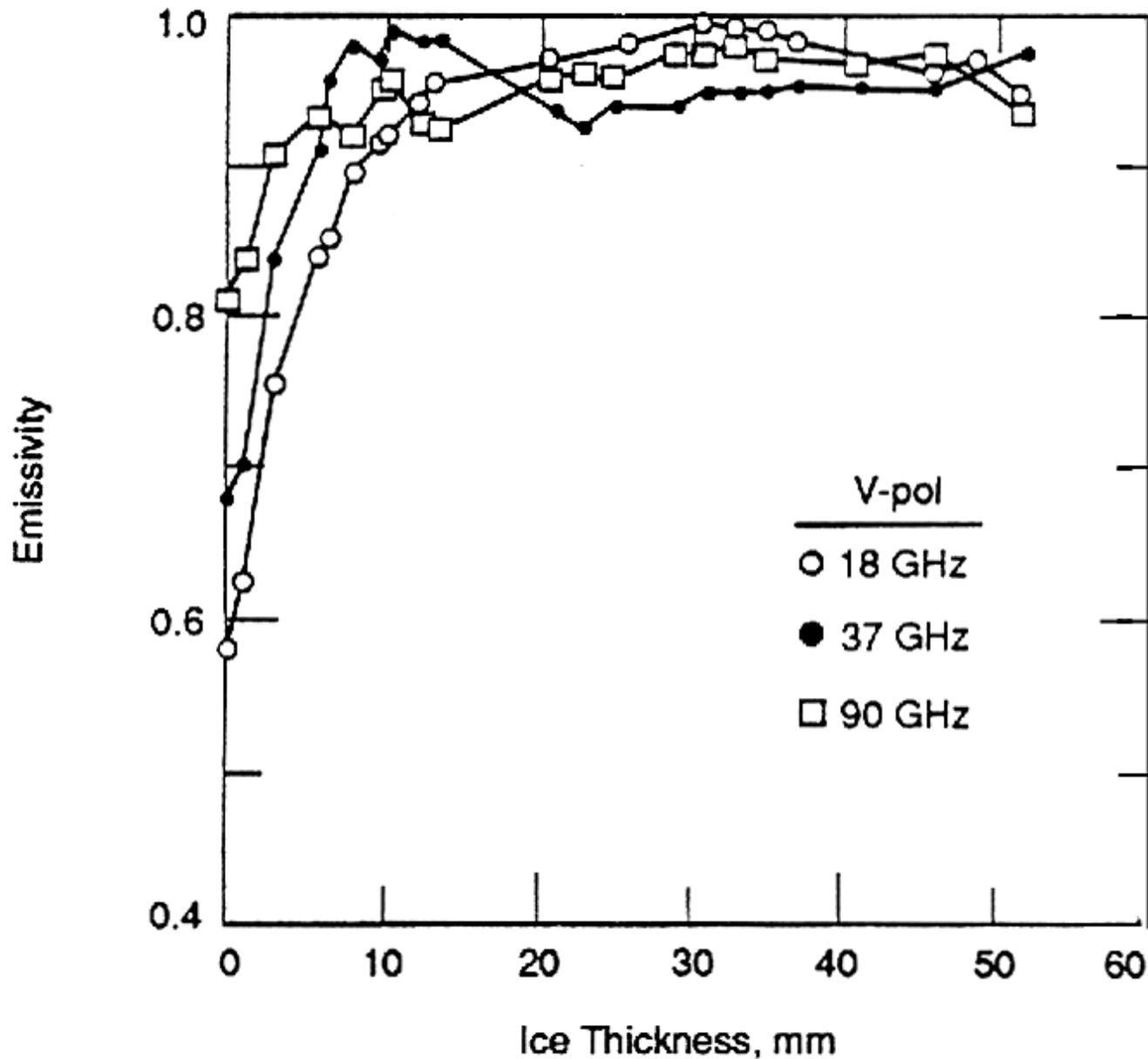
1. Ellison et al., 1998; 2. Eppler et al., 1992; 3. Svendsen et al., 1987;  
4. Harouche, I.P-F. and D.G. Barber (2001)

# Emissivity of new ice, nilas and water



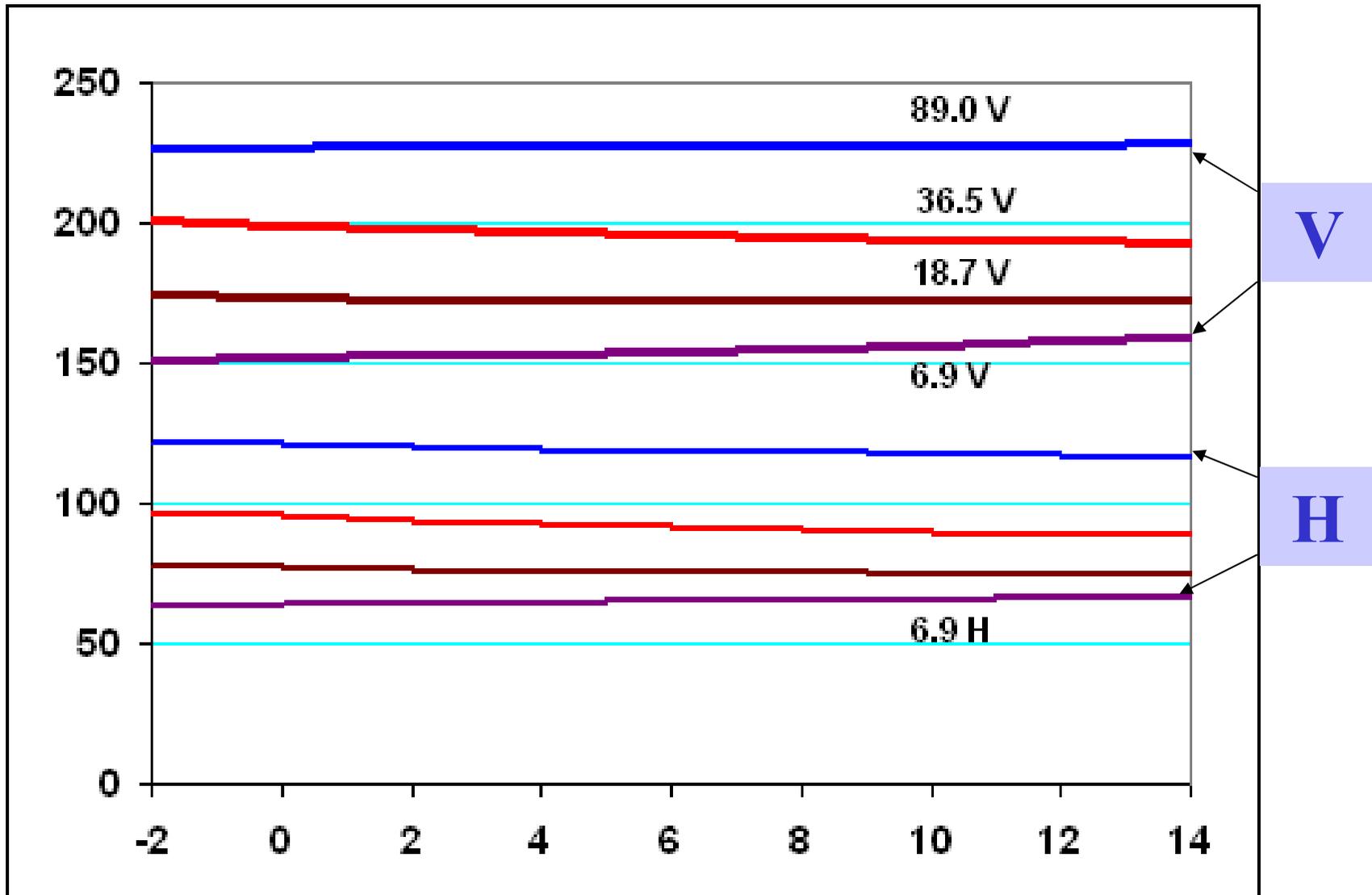
*Emissivity as a function of frequency for grease ice and nilas of three different thickness ( $\theta = 50^\circ$ ) (left, Eppler et al., 1992) and water as a function of temperature at AMSR-E frequencies at V- and H-pol (right)*

## Emissivity of sea ice

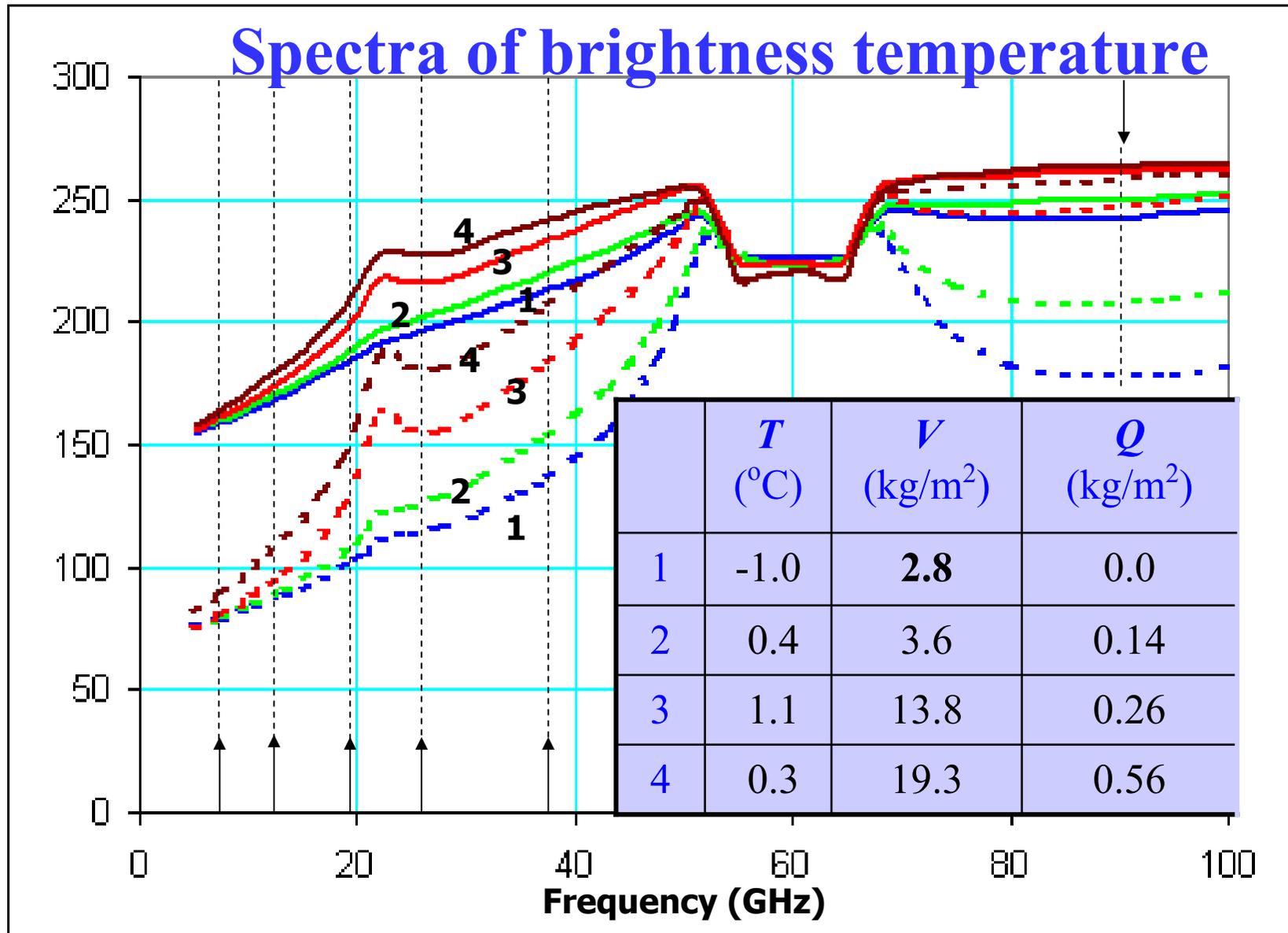


*Emissivity  
as a function of  
ice thickness  
at 18, 37 and  
90 GHz (V-pol)  
for saline ice  
[Grenfell et al.,  
1988].*

## Brightness temperature of calm sea surface

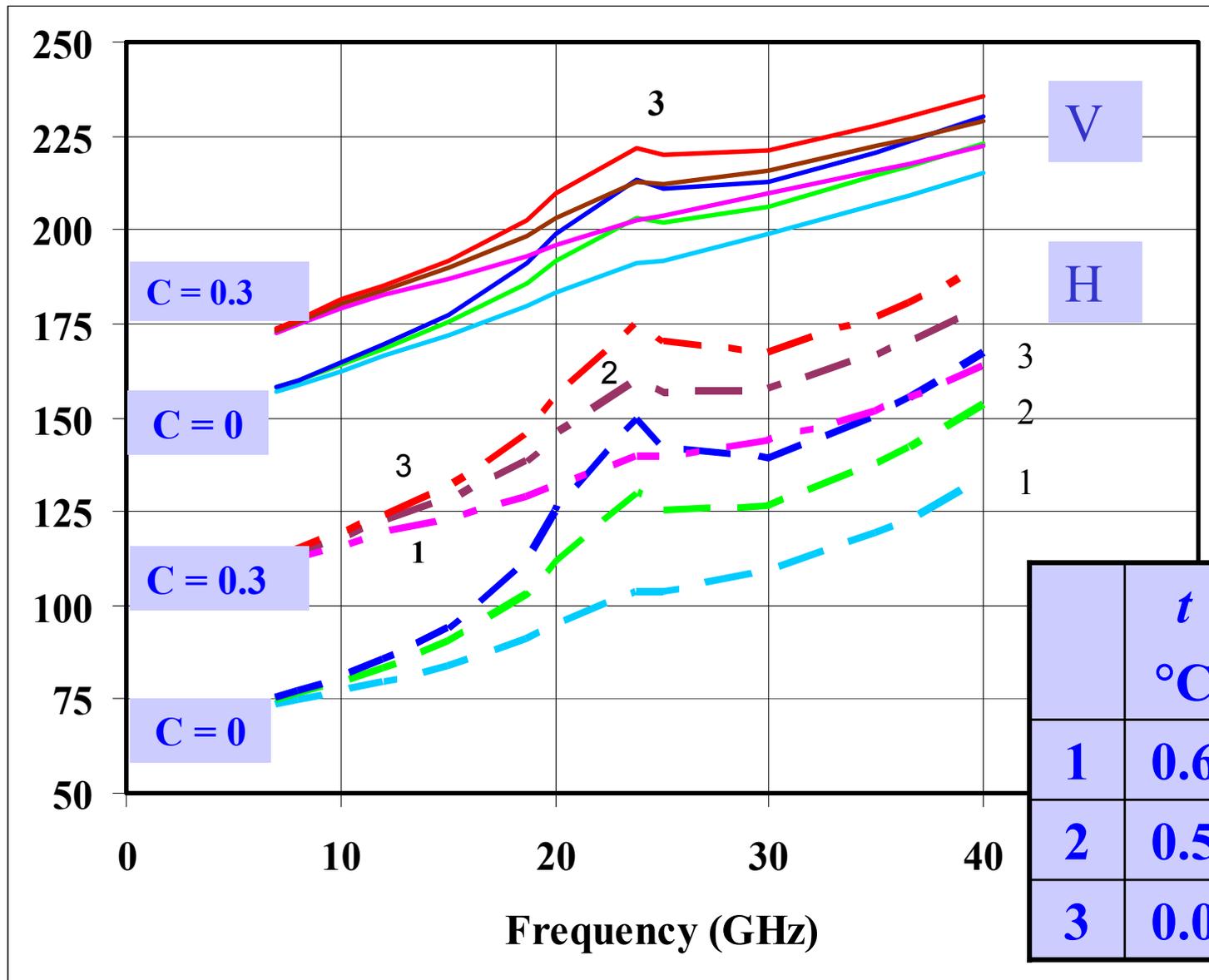


*Brightness temperature of the calm sea surface as a function of water temperature (V- and H-pol) at AMSR-E frequencies.*



Computed spectra of brightness temperature of the ocean-atmosphere system with V-pol (solid curves) and H-pol (dashed curves). Arrows mark **AMSR-E** frequencies.

# Spectra of brightness temperature over the Marginal Ice Zone



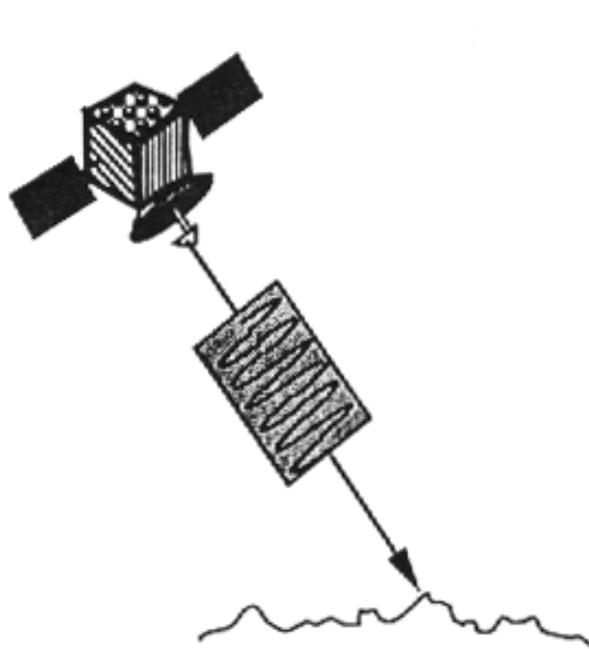
# Active microwave sensing

Brightness of radar image is determined mainly by small-scale roughness and permittivity of the underlying snow-ice surface. These characteristics, in turn, are function of types of sea ice, the evolution of snow/sea-ice thermophysical properties including *liquid water presence* in the system, snow pack density and snow grain metamorphism, air temperature and wind.

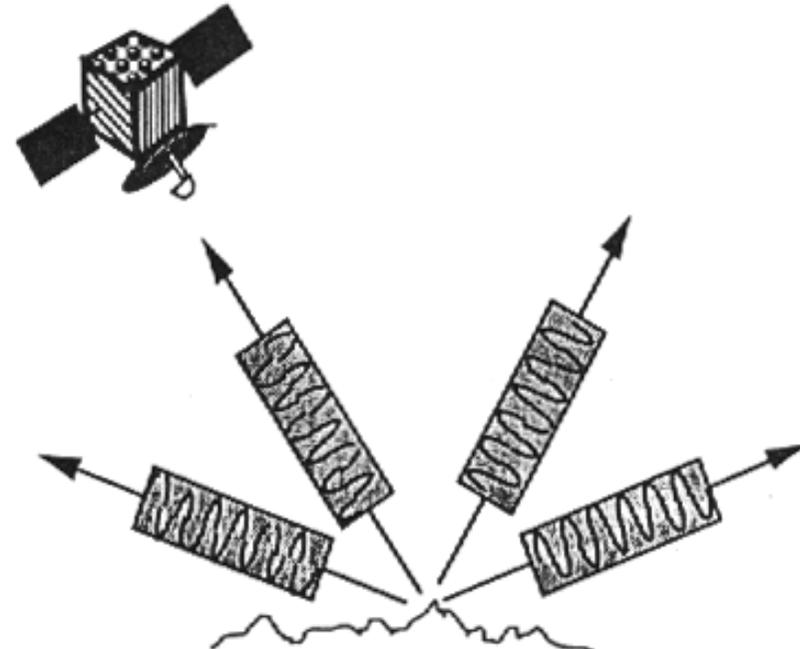
The grease ice damps the small gravity and capillary waves due to increased viscosity and the corresponding areas look dark on **SAR** images. The areas with weak winds also look dark that hinders detection of the grease ice on the images.

Winds and waves are also favor to the formation of the pancake ice. It is characterized by the presence of plentiful cm-scale nonuniformities resulting in the increased backscatter. These features make possible their reliable identification.

# Surface scattering



RADAR TRANSMITS A PULSE



MEASURES REFLECTED ECHO (BACKSCATTER)

- Backscatter is measured in units of area (radar cross section or RCS)
- Scientists use normalized RCS, or  $\sigma^\circ$ , which is dimensionless (decibels - dB)
- $\sigma^\circ$  is usually between -45 dB (very dark) and +5 dB (very bright)

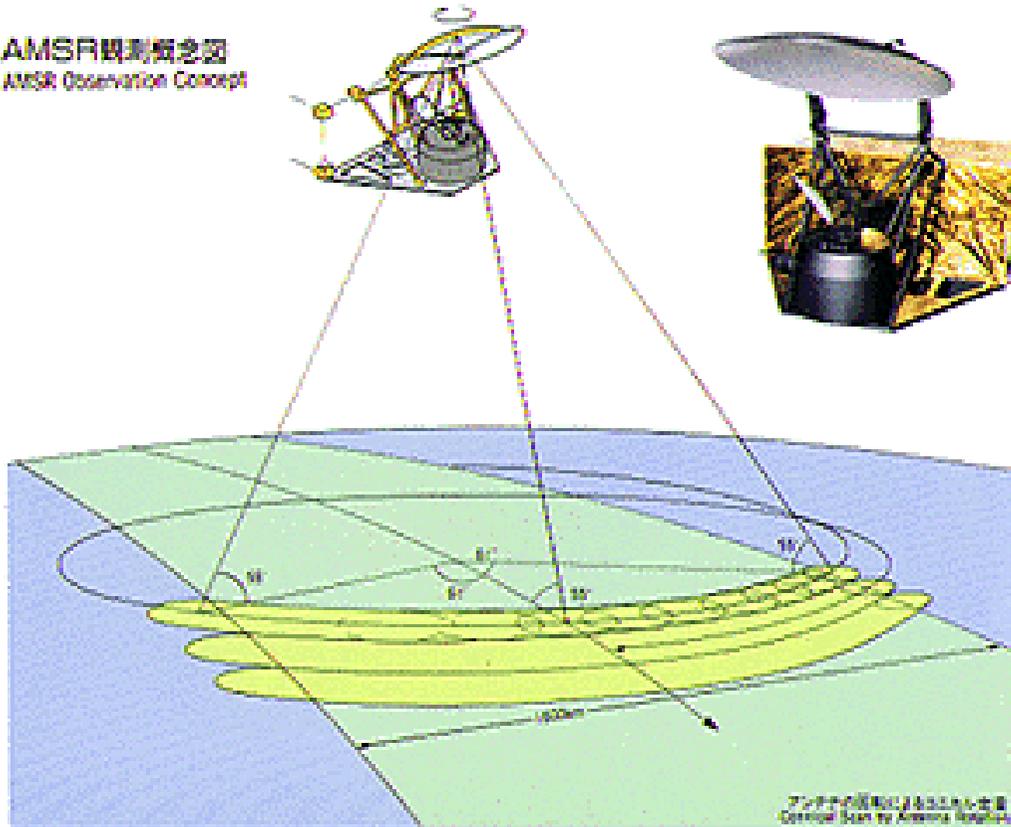
**Sensors: AMSR, AMSR-E,  
SAR, ASAR, SeaWinds  
and supplementary satellite  
and *in situ* data**

# Microwave radiometers

The **Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer** for EOS (**AMSR-E**) is a Japanese sensor that was launched on the NASA **Aqua** satellite in May 2002.

The **AMSR**, a similar instrument was launched on the Japan **ADEOS-II** satellite in December 2002. **AMSR** has about twice the spatial resolution of **SSM/I** with resolution as low as 5 km at frequency of 89.0 GHz. This is a substantial improvement over **SSM/I** and yields improved benefits from passive microwave imagery both over the ice-free sea and ice areas.

AMSR観測概念図  
AMSR Observation Concept

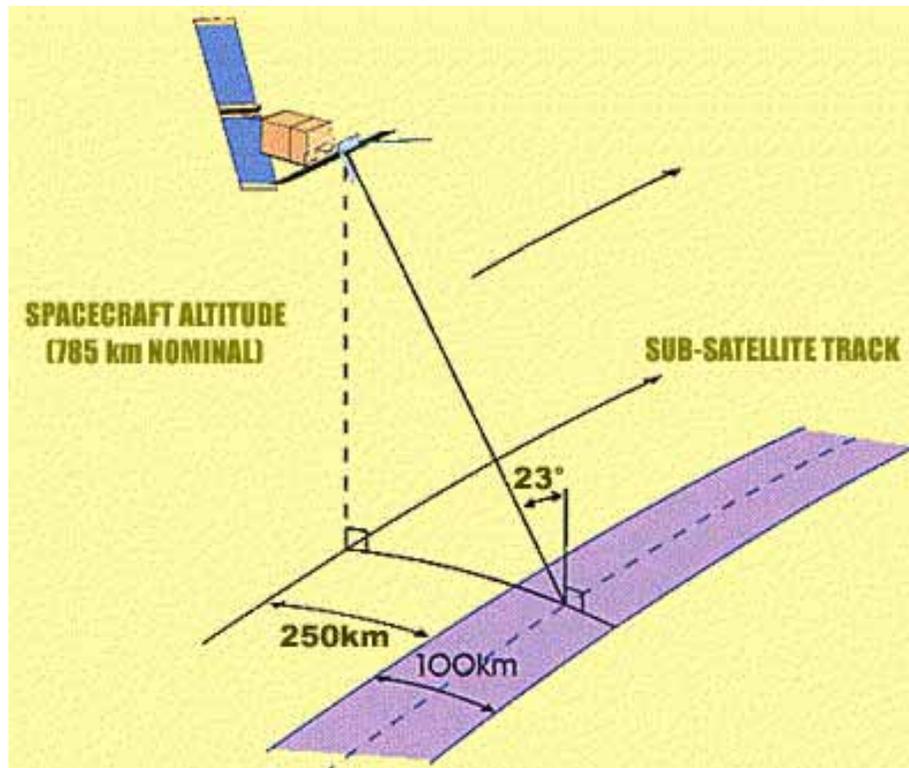


# AMSR observation concept

Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer **AMSR** is an 8-frequency total-power microwave radiometer with dual polarization (except two vertical channels in the 50-GHz band). **AMSR** has a conical scanning geometry. Incidence angle is 55 deg.

Center frequency (GHz)	6.925	10.65	18.7	23.8	36.5	50.3	52.8	89.0 A	89.0 B
Band width (MHz)	350	100	200	400	1000	200	400	300	
Polarization	Vertical and Horizontal						Vertical		V, H
IFOV (km x km)	40x70	27x46	14x25	17x29	8x14	6x10	6x10	3x6	
Sampling interval (kmxkm)	10x10							5x5	
Swath width (km)	Approximately 1600								

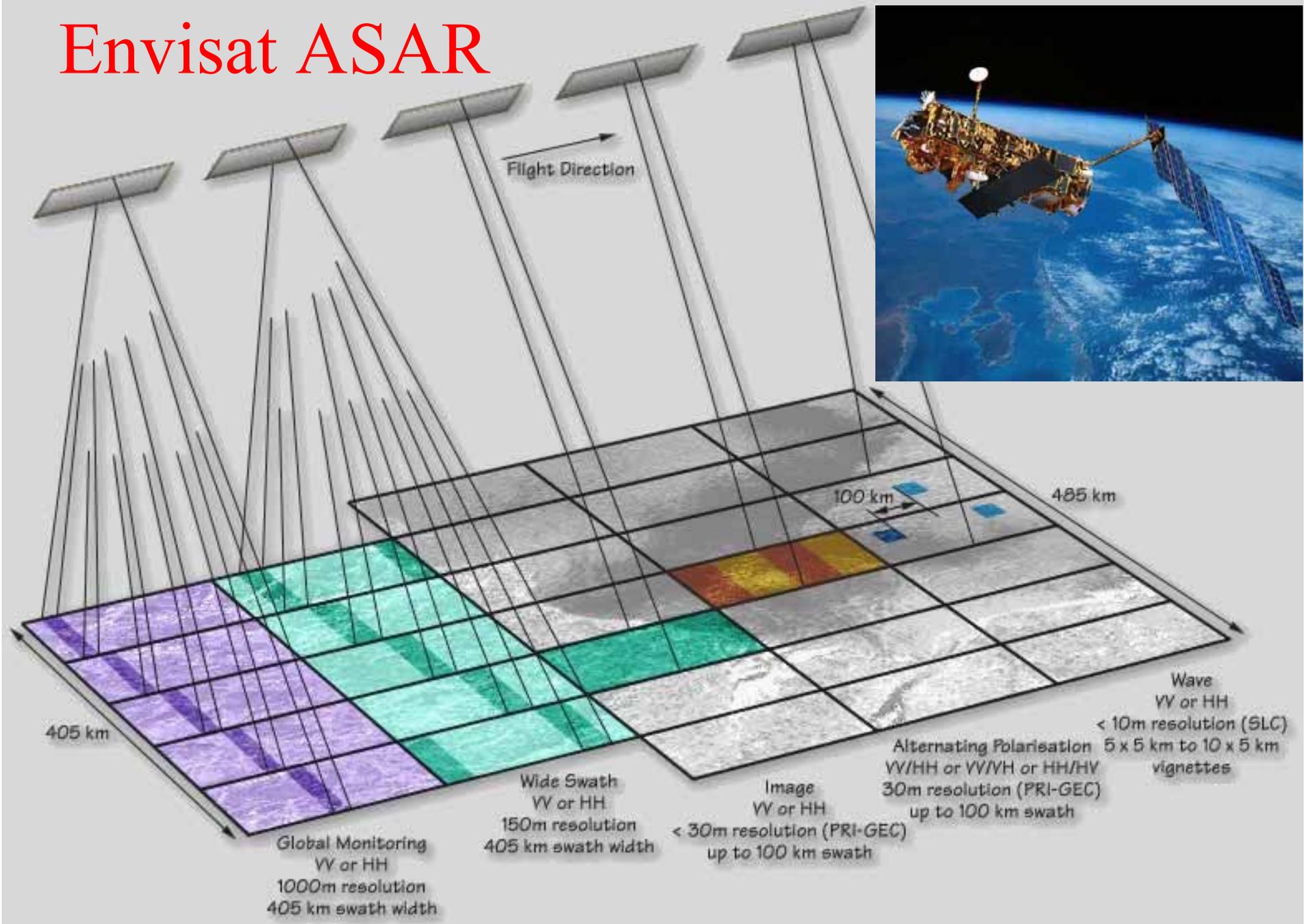
# SAR characteristics



Satellite	ERS-1/2	ENVISAT
SENSOR	SAR	ASAR
Frequency, GHz	5.3	5.3
Wavelength, cm	5.6	5.6
Polarization	VV	VV, HH
Incidence angle, deg	20-26	15-45 (variable)
Swath width, km	100	100-405
Ground resolution, m	25 x 25	25 x 25 150x150

European Remote Sensing Satellite **ERS-1** was launched on 17 July 1991, **ERS-2** was launched on 21 April 1995 and **ENVISAT** was launched on 1 March 2002.

# Envisat ASAR



# QuikSCAT



## Scatterometer SeaWinds

**Radar:** 13.4 GHz

**Pulse repetition:** 189 Hz

**Antenna:** 1 m

**Swath width:** 1,800-km

**Wind vector  
resolution** 25 km.

**Wind-speed:  
accuracy:** 3-20 m/s,  
2 m/s.

**Wind direction  
accuracy:** 20 deg.

Rotating dish produces two  
spot beams, sweeping in a  
circular pattern.

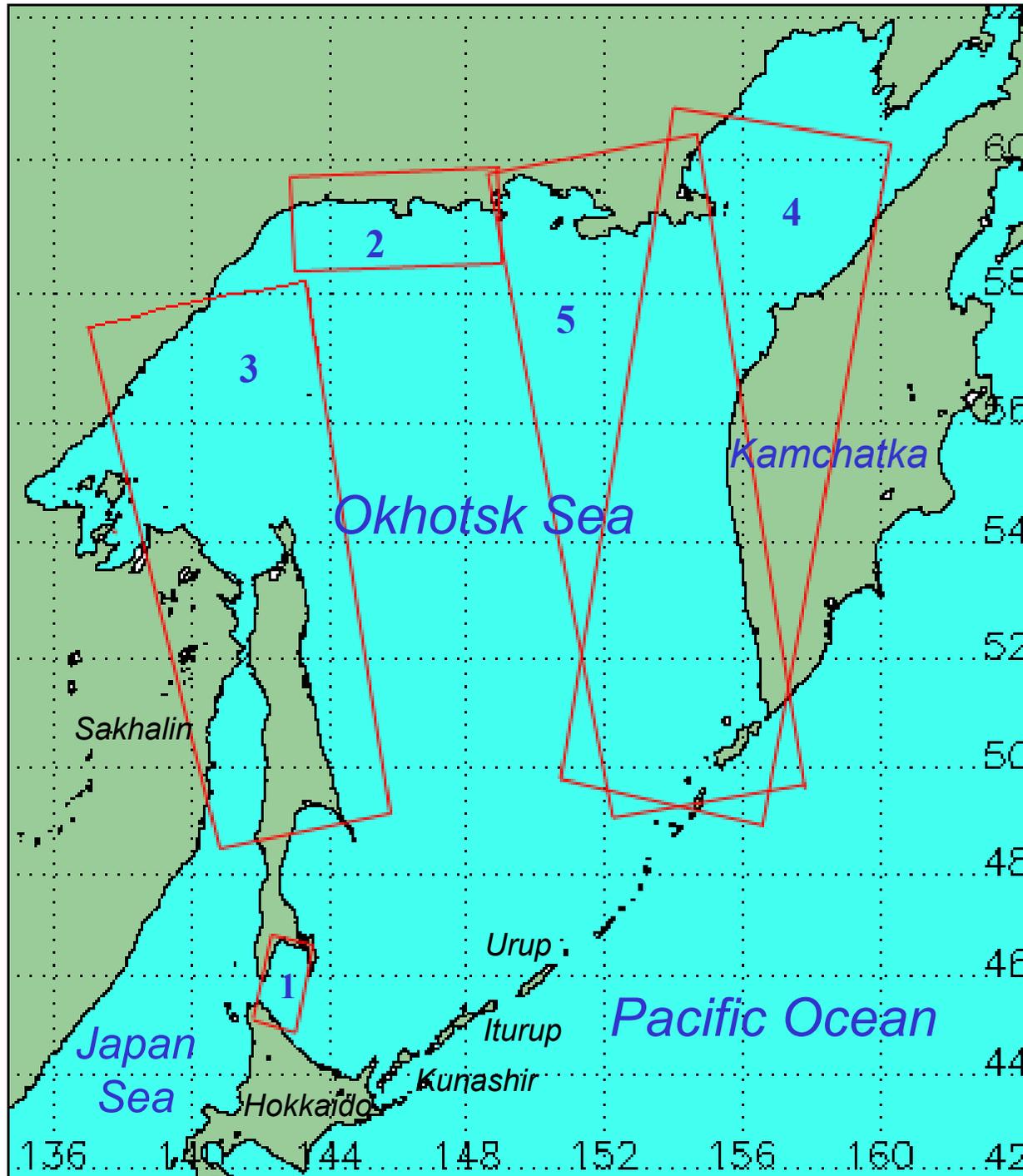
90% coverage of Earth's  
oceans every day.

# Satellite SAR

Precision (PRI) and quick look (QL) **ERS-2 SAR** and **Envisat ASAR** images taken in 2002-2005 are used for the sea ice study in the Okhotsk and Japan Seas. High spatial resolution of a **SAR** permits to determine the areas of grease ice, pancake ice and transition zone between them. The growth rate of the ice-covered areas can be estimated by comparison of the overlapping **SAR** images acquired on ascending and descending orbits.

**ADEOS-II AMSR** and **Aqua AMSR-E** data, **NOAA AVHRR** and **MODIS** images, **QuikSCAT**-derived wind fields as well as weather maps were used to confirm interpretation of **SAR** signatures. Several case studies cover the Aniva Bay and the northern, western and eastern Okhotsk Sea are considered.

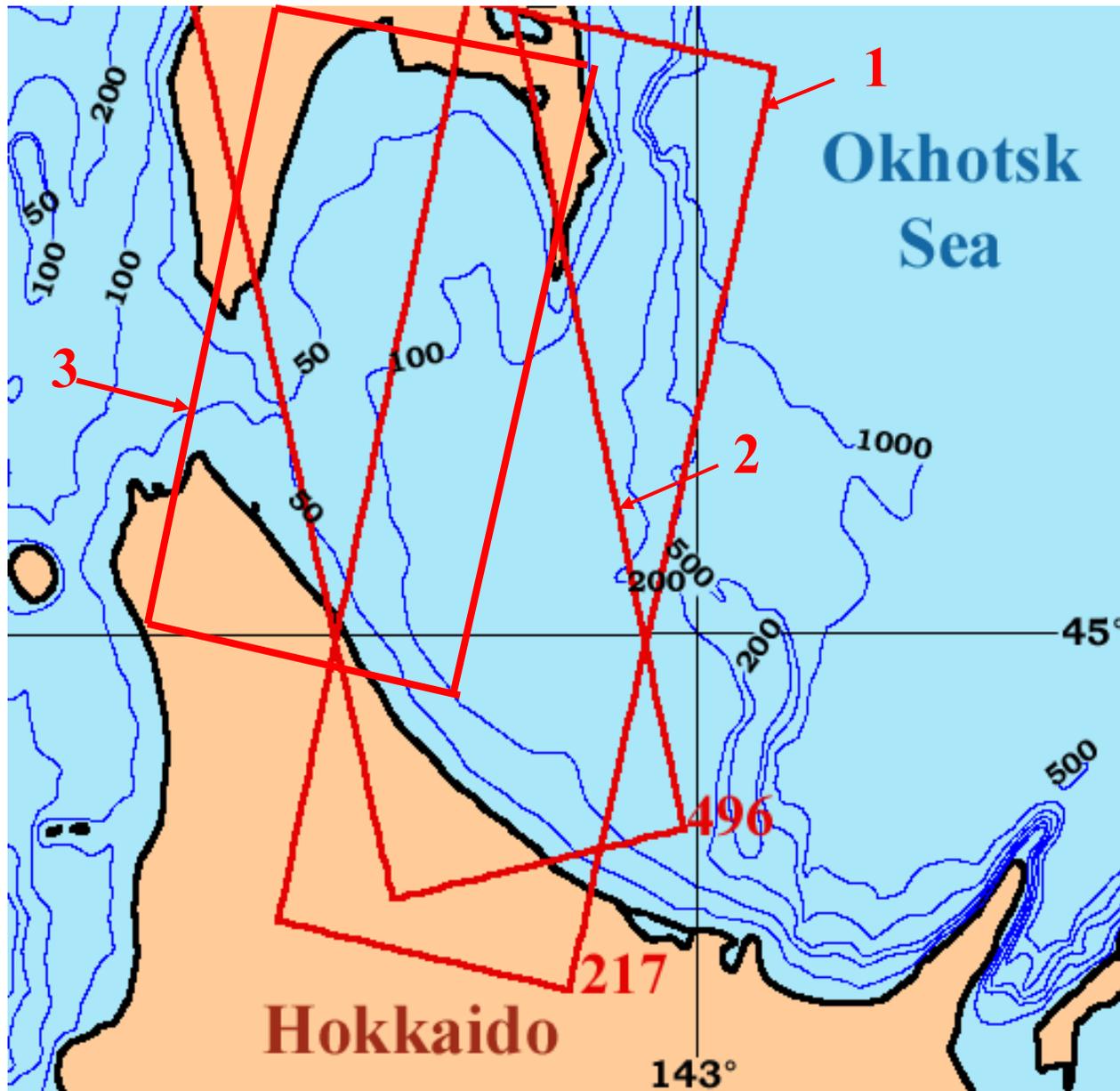
# SAR image location



## Map of the Okhotsk Sea

- (1) **ERS-2 SAR** for 24 Jan 2000 at 01:17 UTC
- (2) **Envisat ASAR** for 1 Dec 2004 at 11:46 UTC
- (3) **Envisat ASAR** for 9 Dec 2002 at 12:11 UTC
- (4) **Envisat ASAR** for 28 Feb 2003 at 00:02 UTC
- (5) **Envisat ASAR** for 28 Feb 2003 at 11:25 UTC

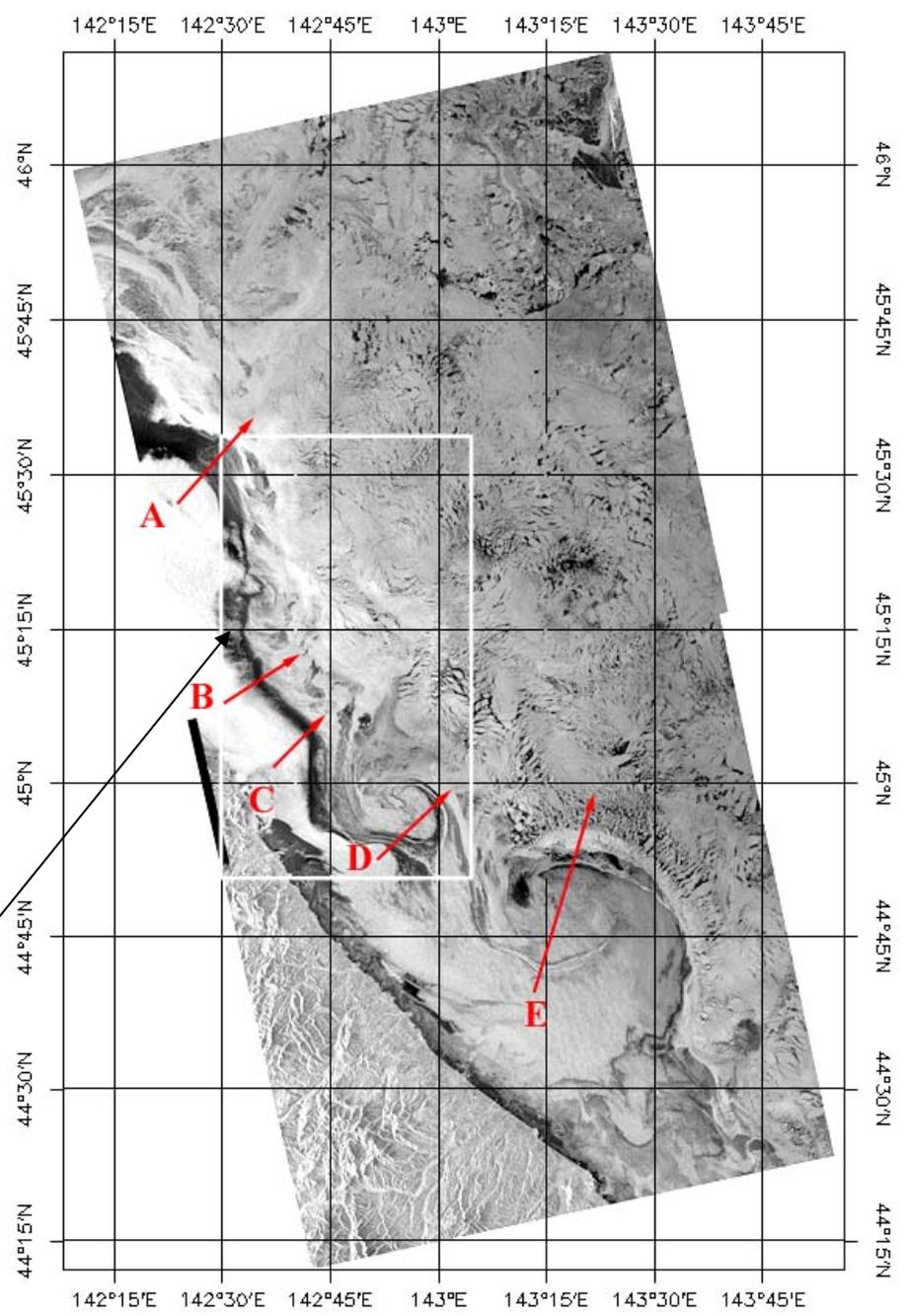
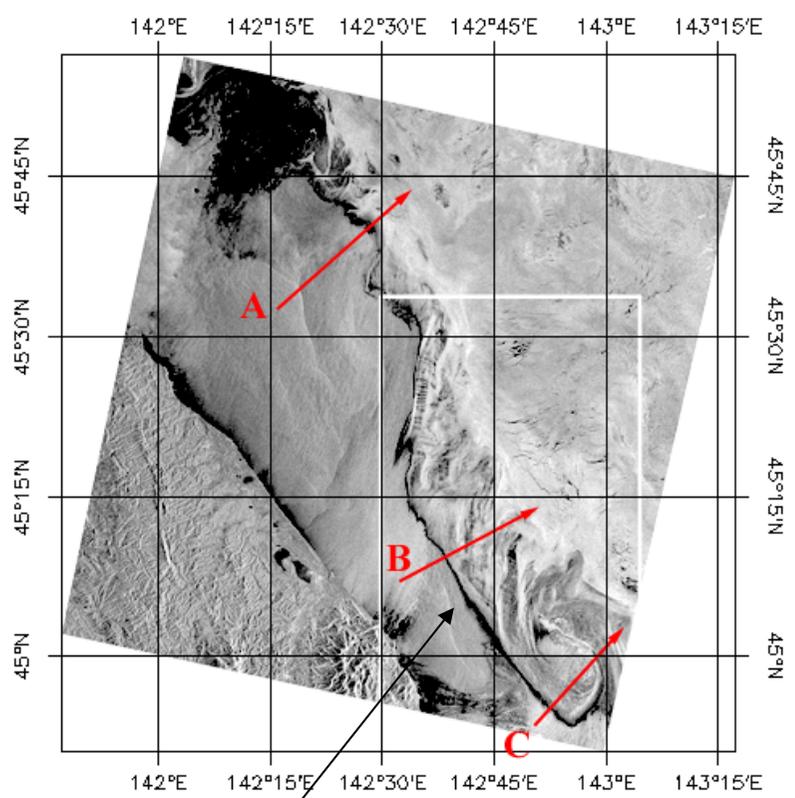
# Aniva Bay. ERS-2 SAR frames



Bathymetric map  
off the Hokkaido  
coast

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15 March 1999  
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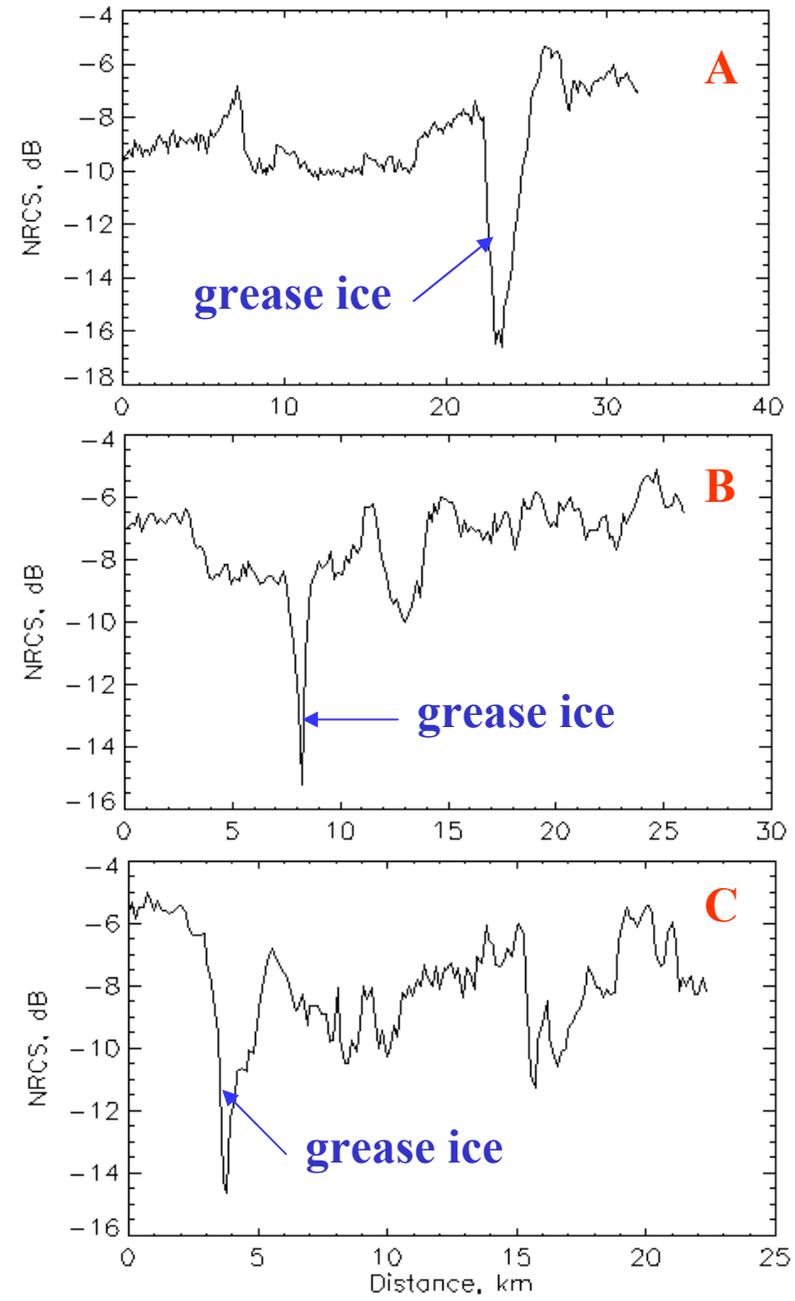
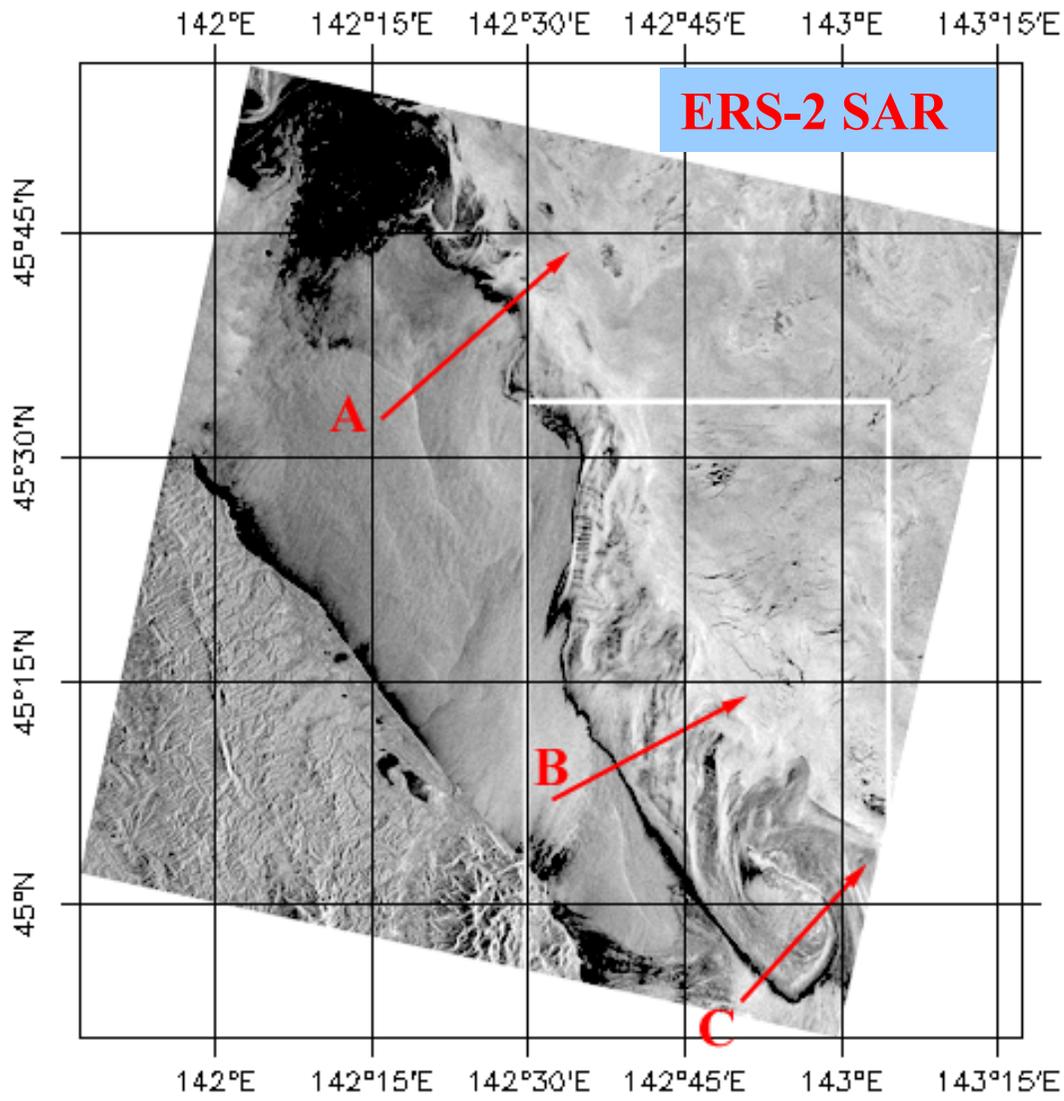
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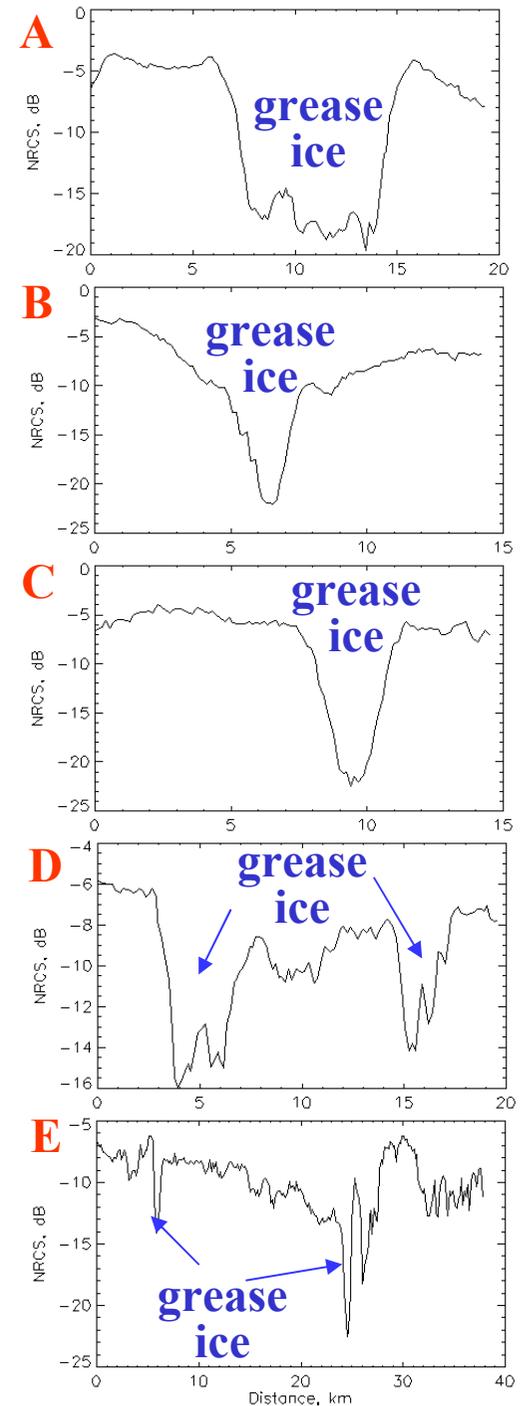
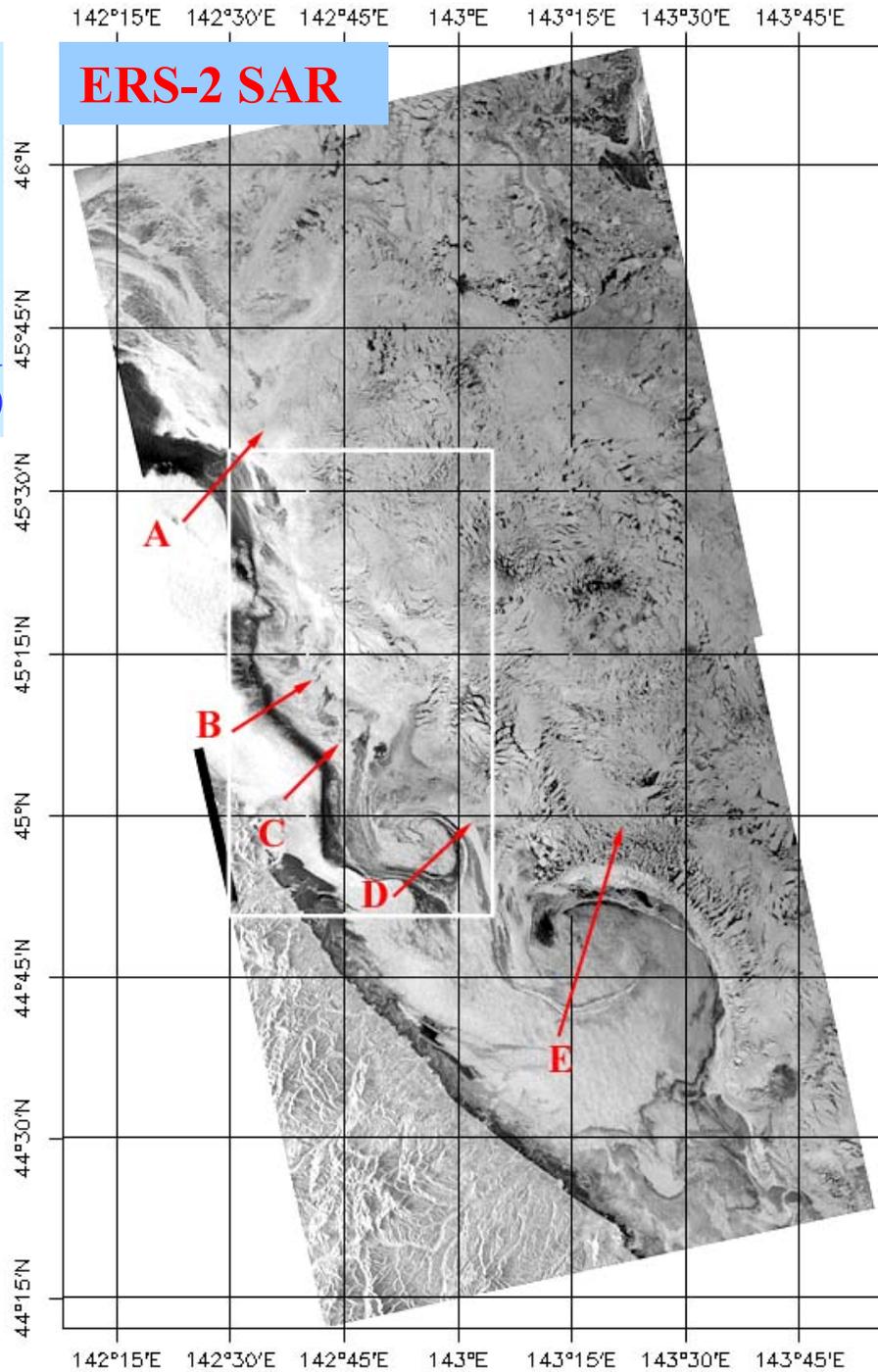
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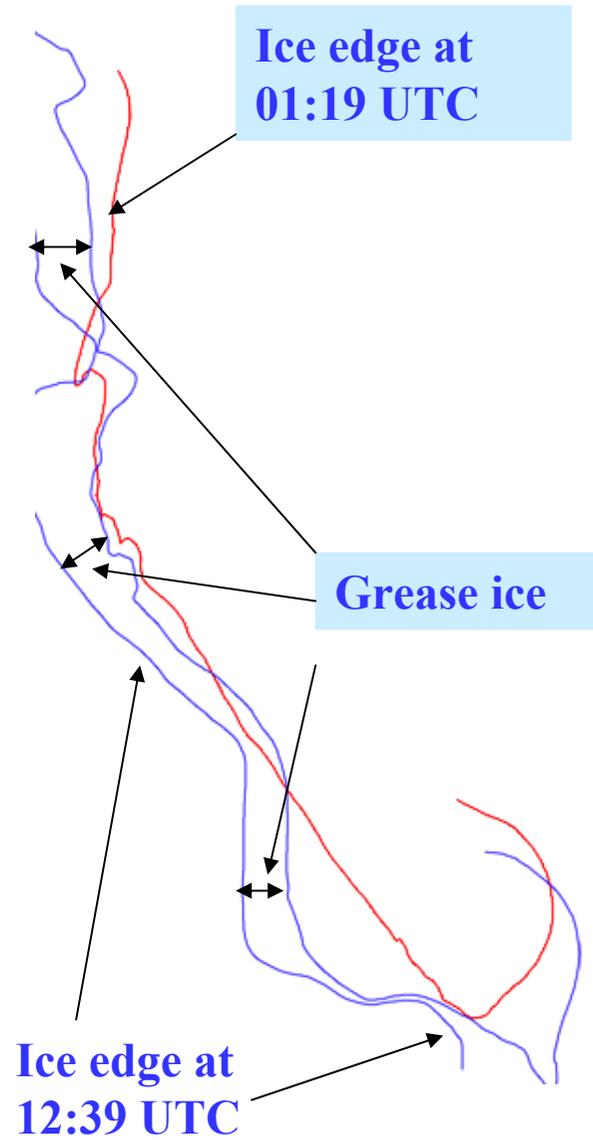


# Ice drift and ice eddies

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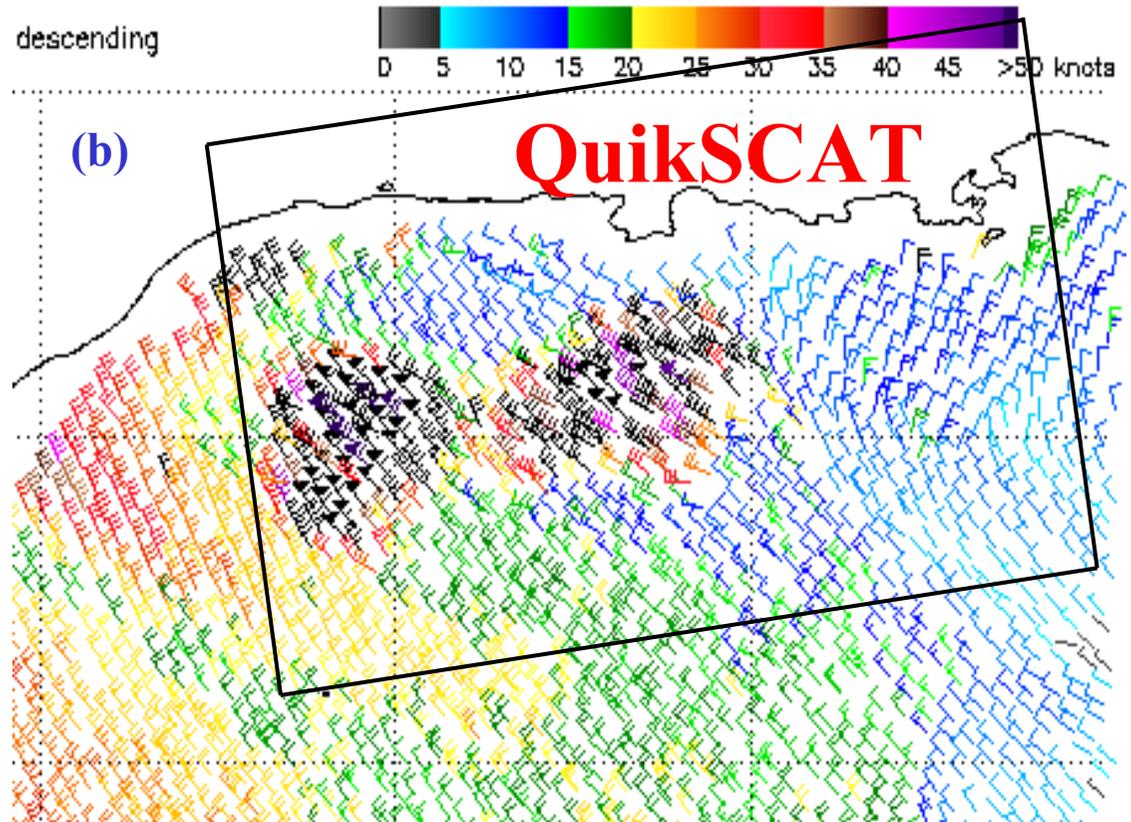
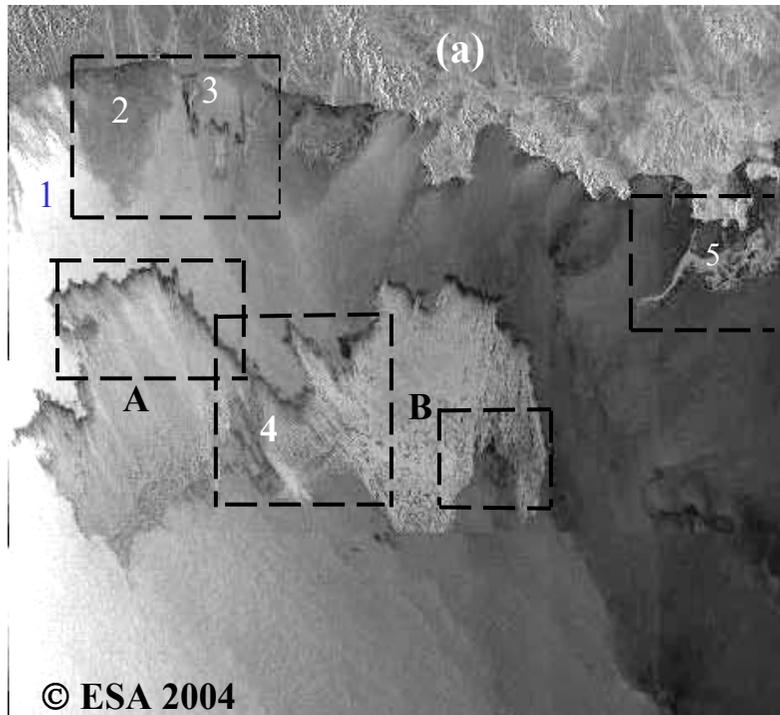
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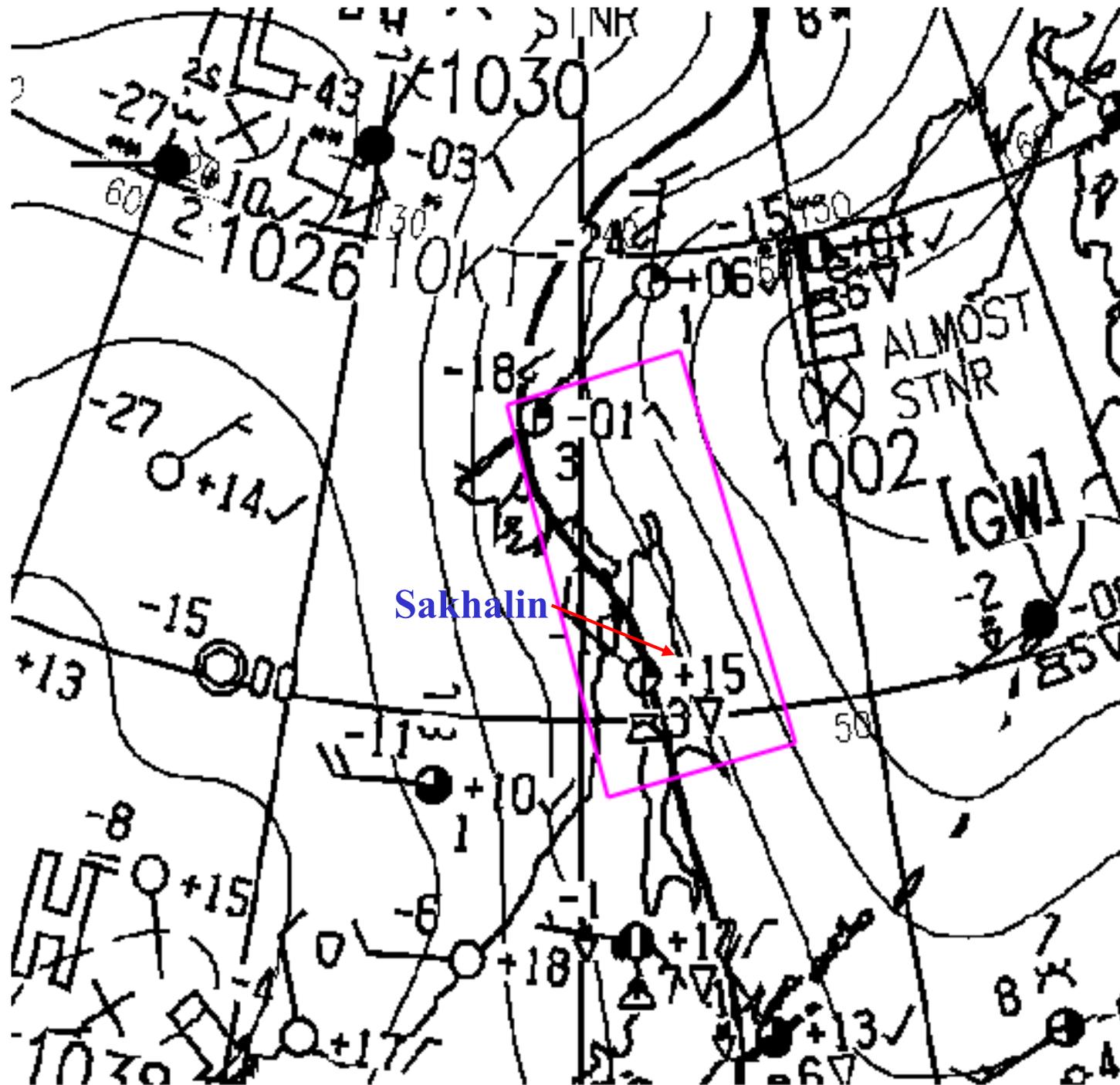
The change of ice cover off Hokkaido for 11 h 20 min

# Envisat ASAR



Fragment of **ASAR** quick look image with HH-pol at 11:46 UTC (a) and **SeaWinds**-derived wind field at 10:02 UTC on 1 December 2004 (b).

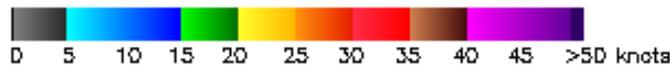
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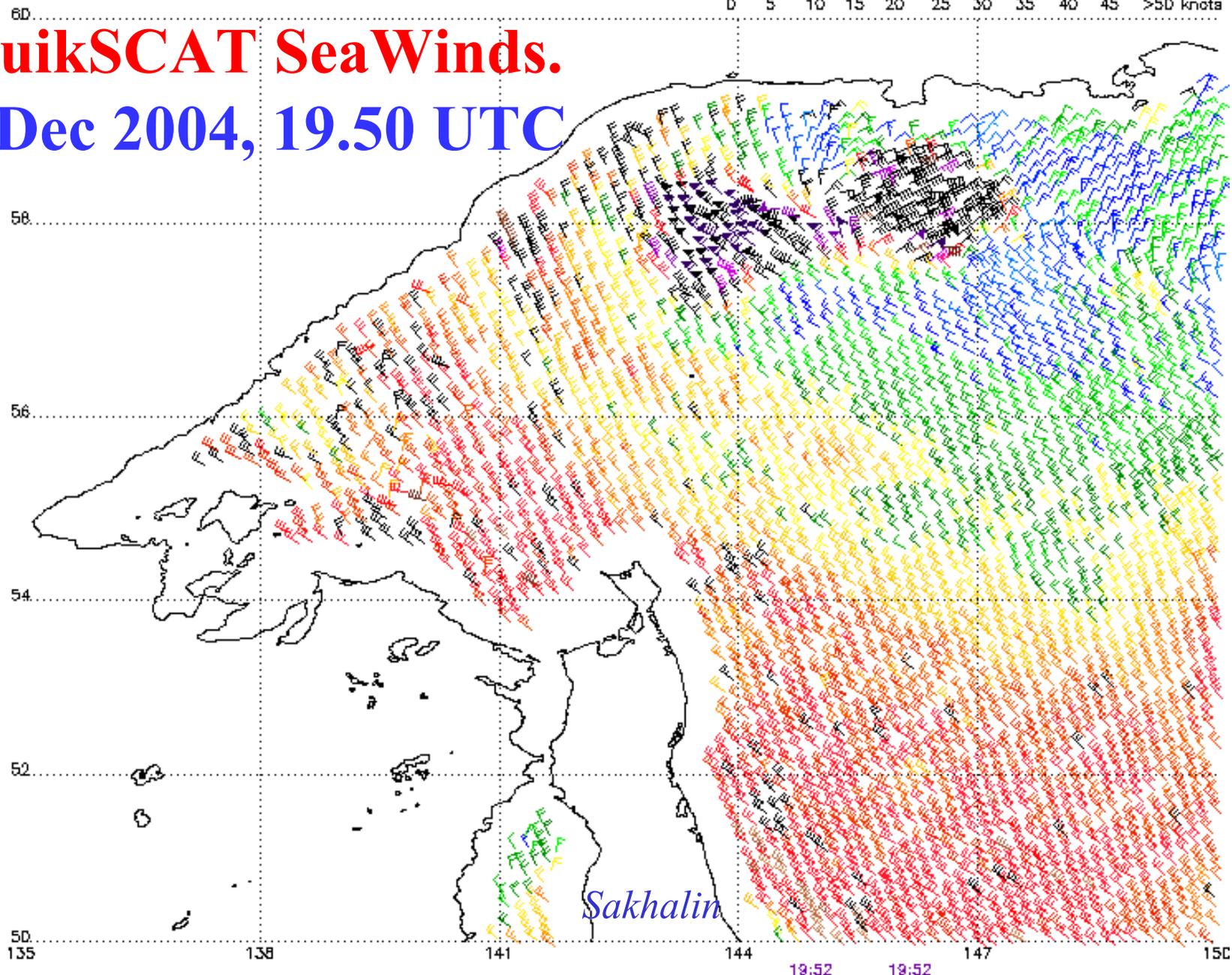
Surface analysis map of the JMH for 1 Dec 2004 at 12:00 UTC.

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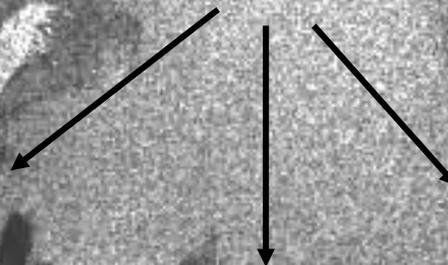
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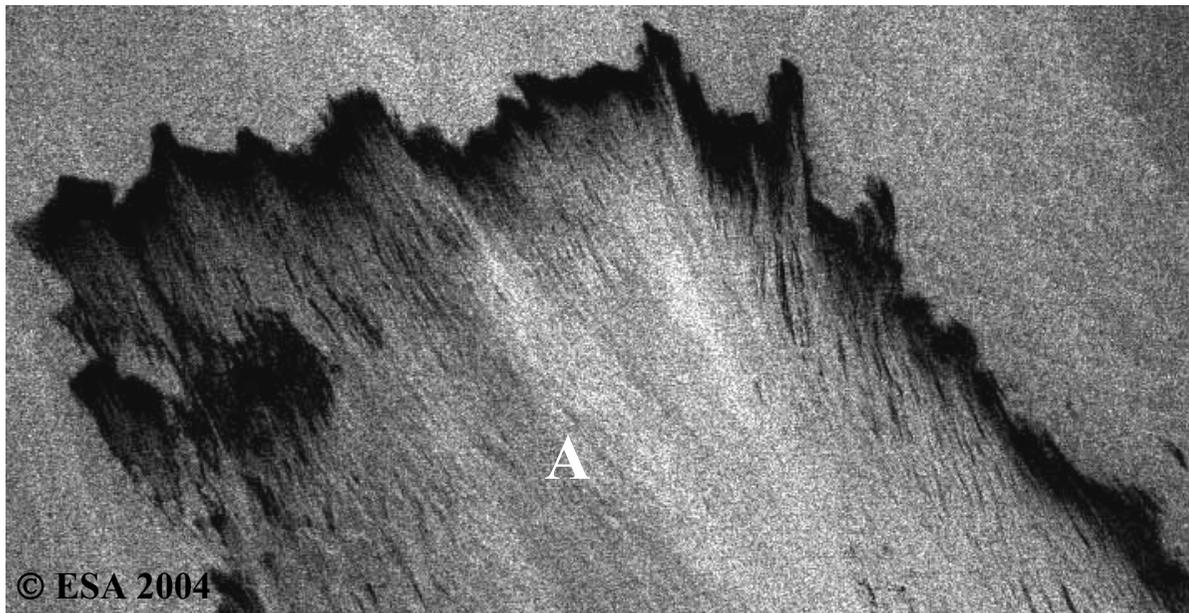
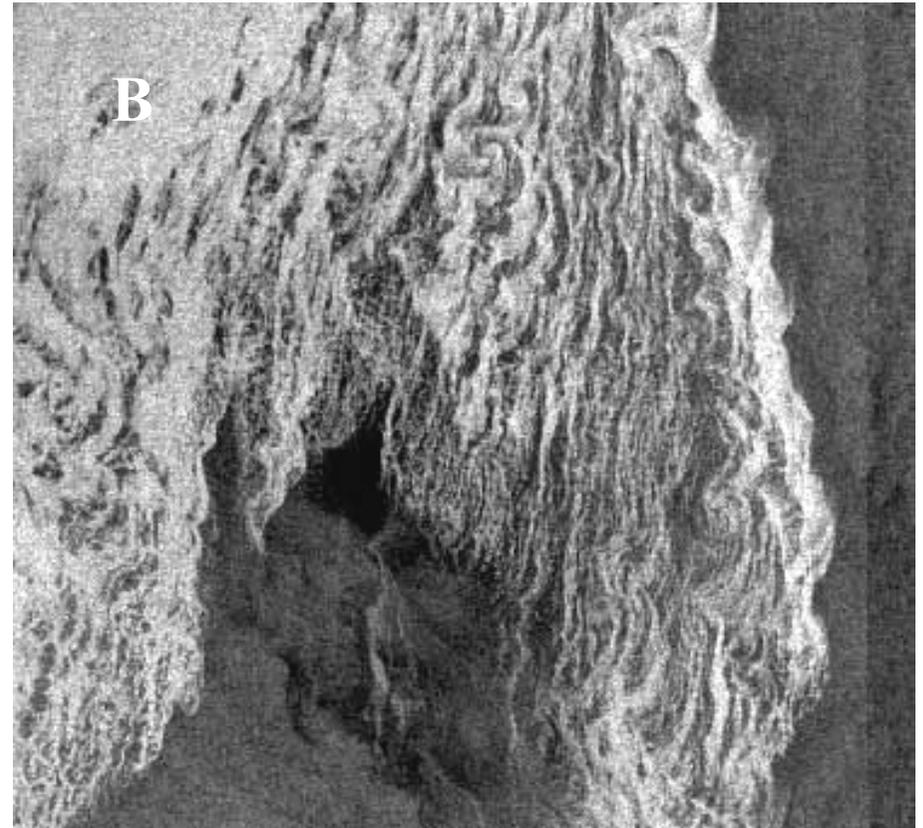
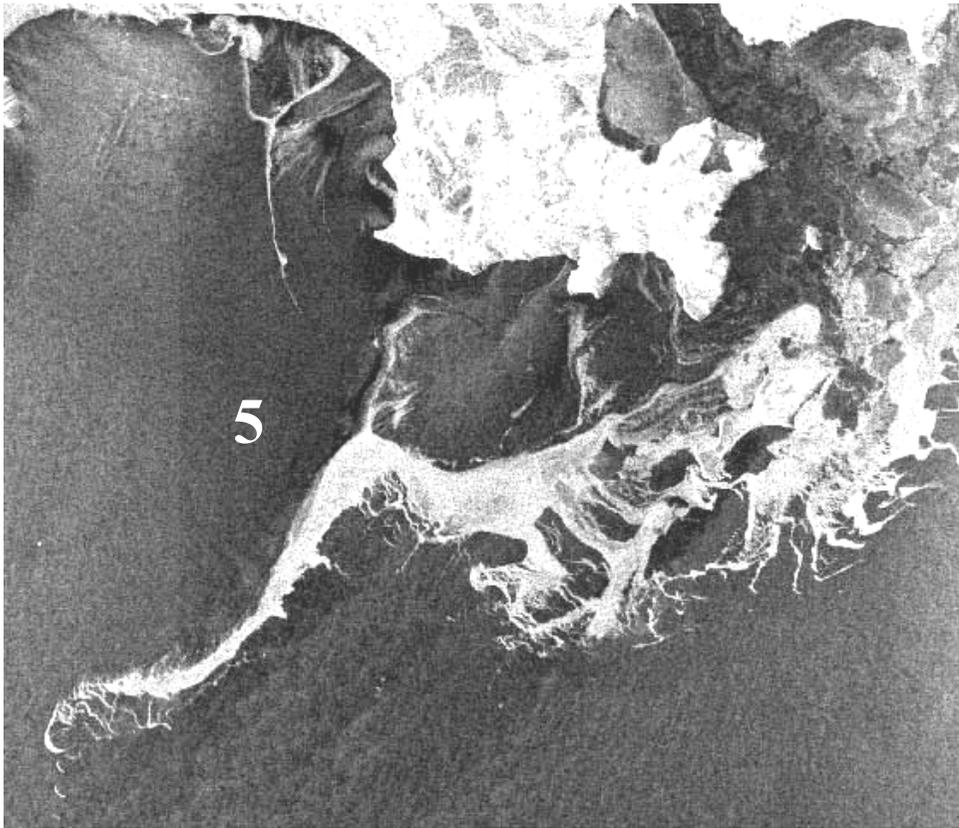
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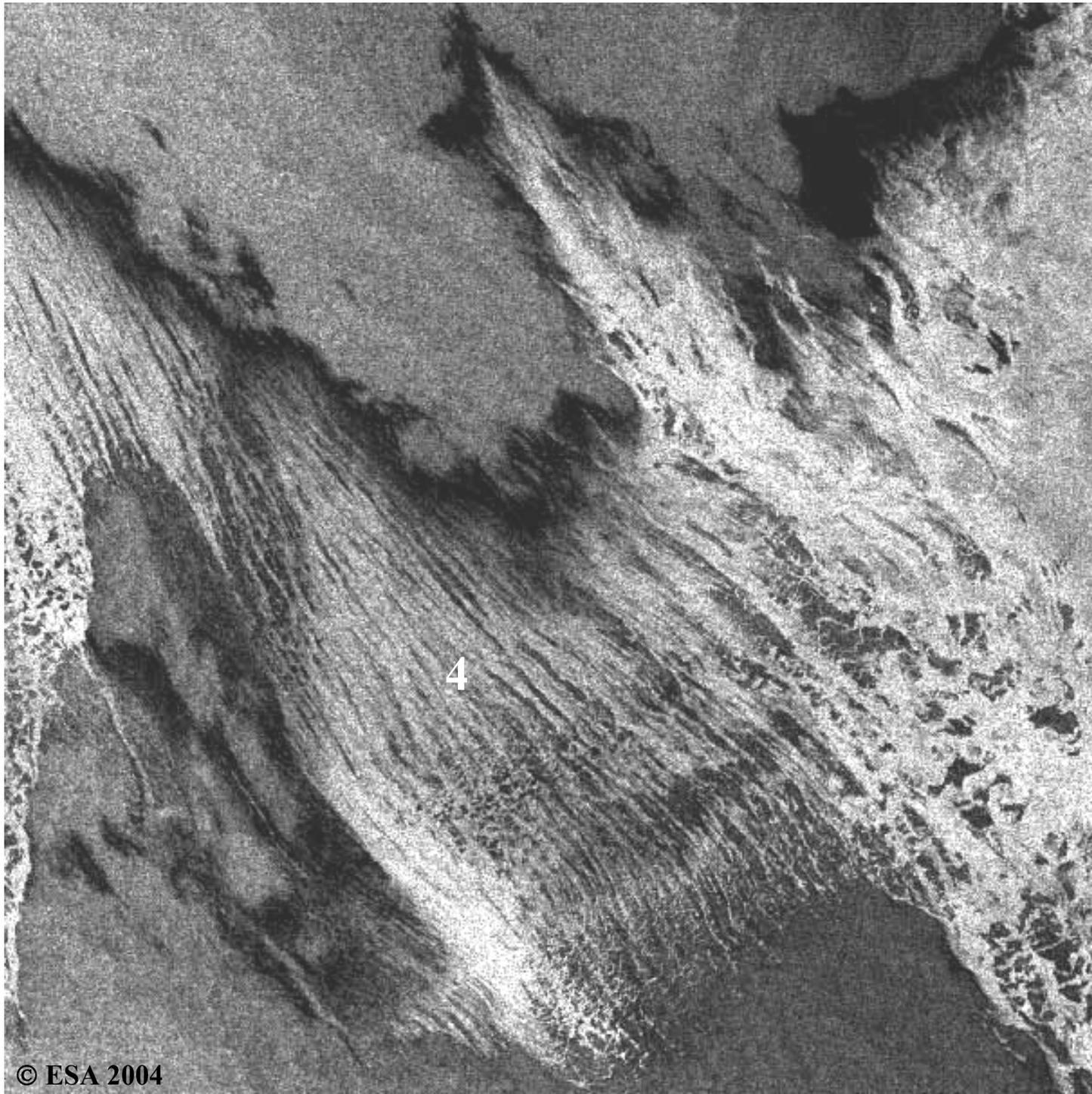




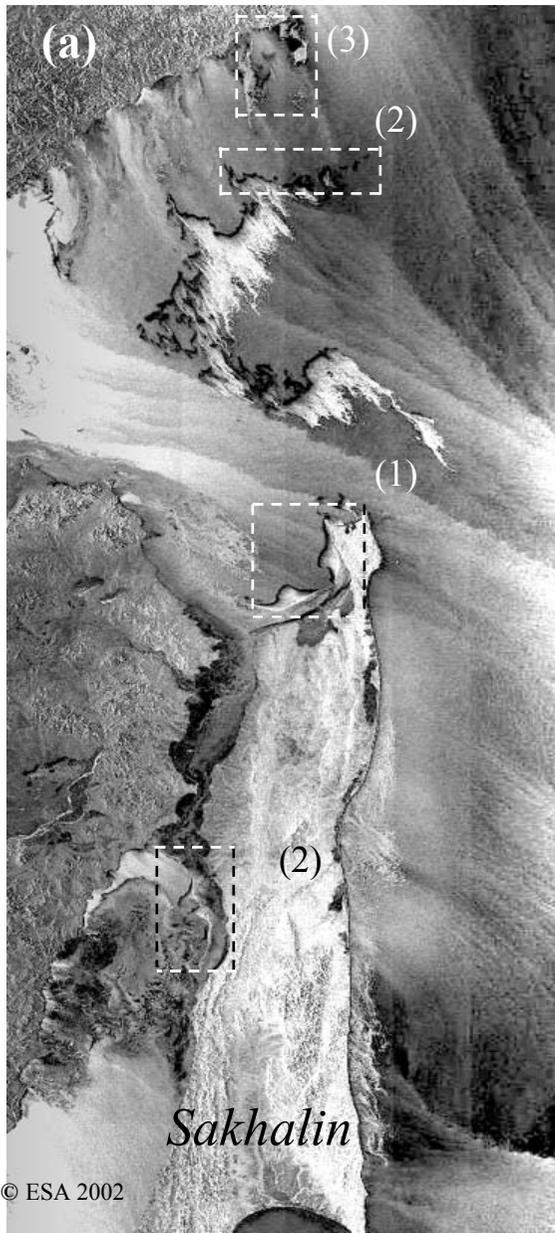
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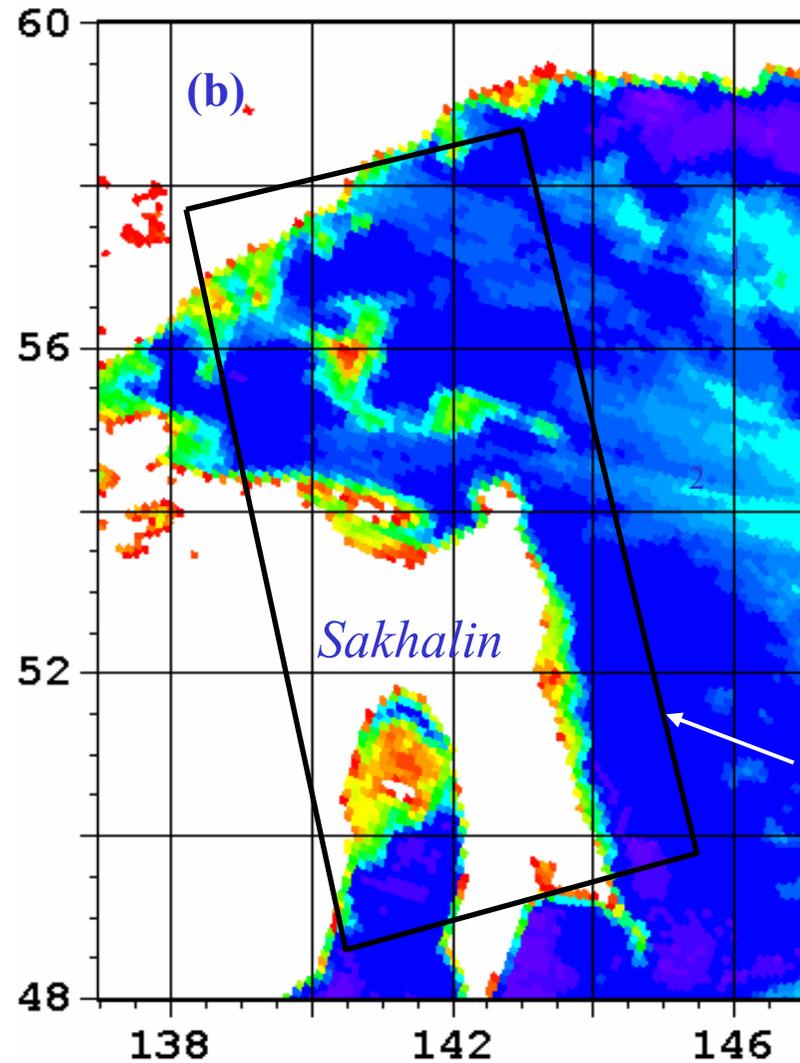
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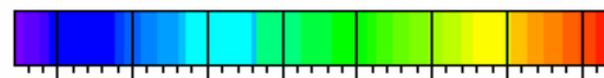
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## Western Okhotsk sea



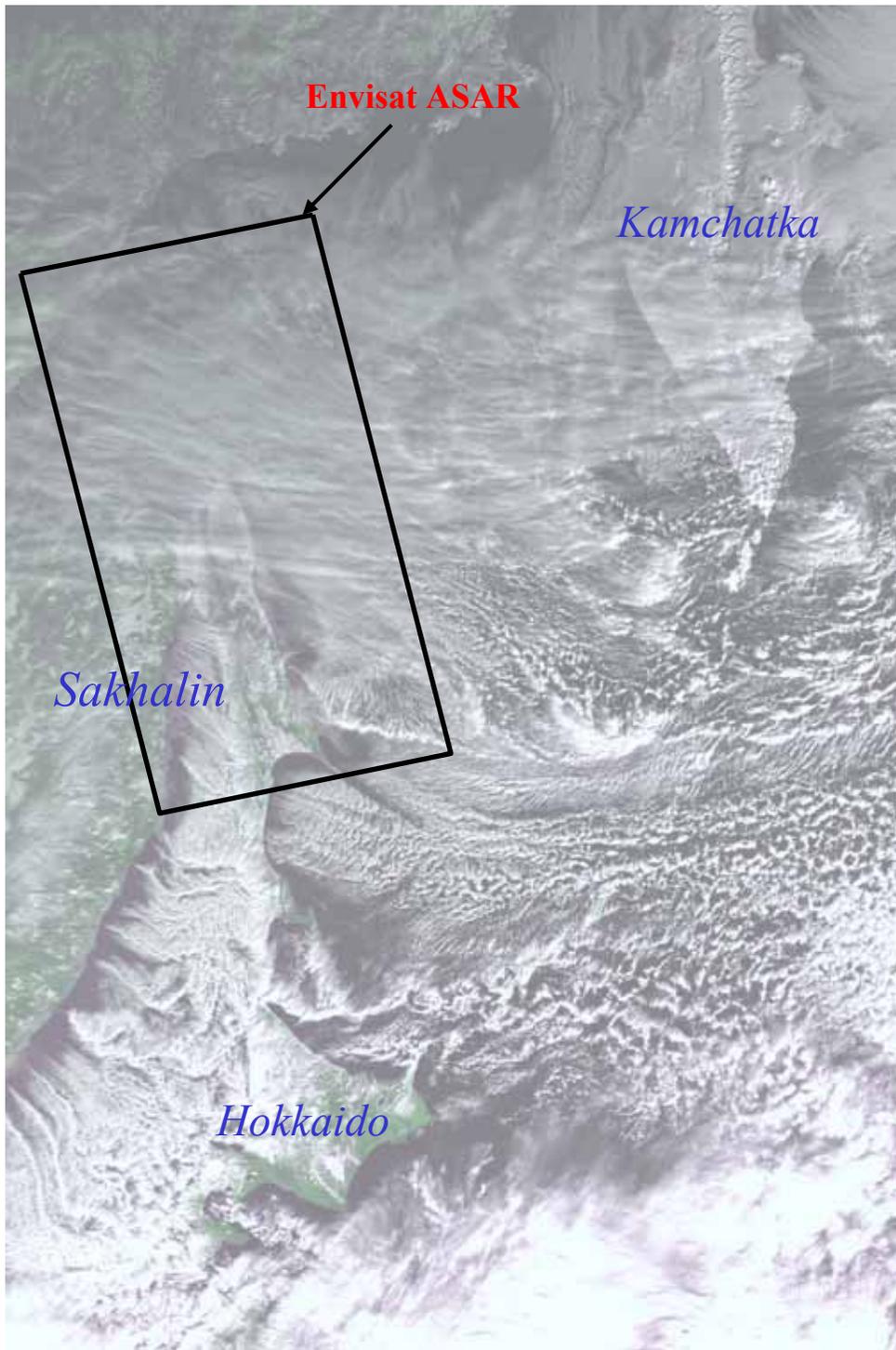
Grease ice  
3260 km<sup>2</sup>.  
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Aqua AMSR-E at 15:23 UTC, 36.5 GHz, H-polarization

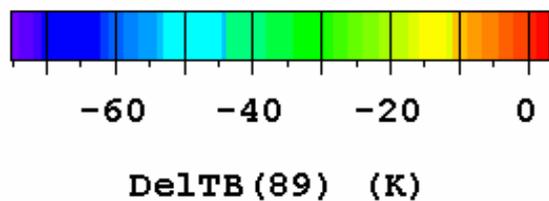
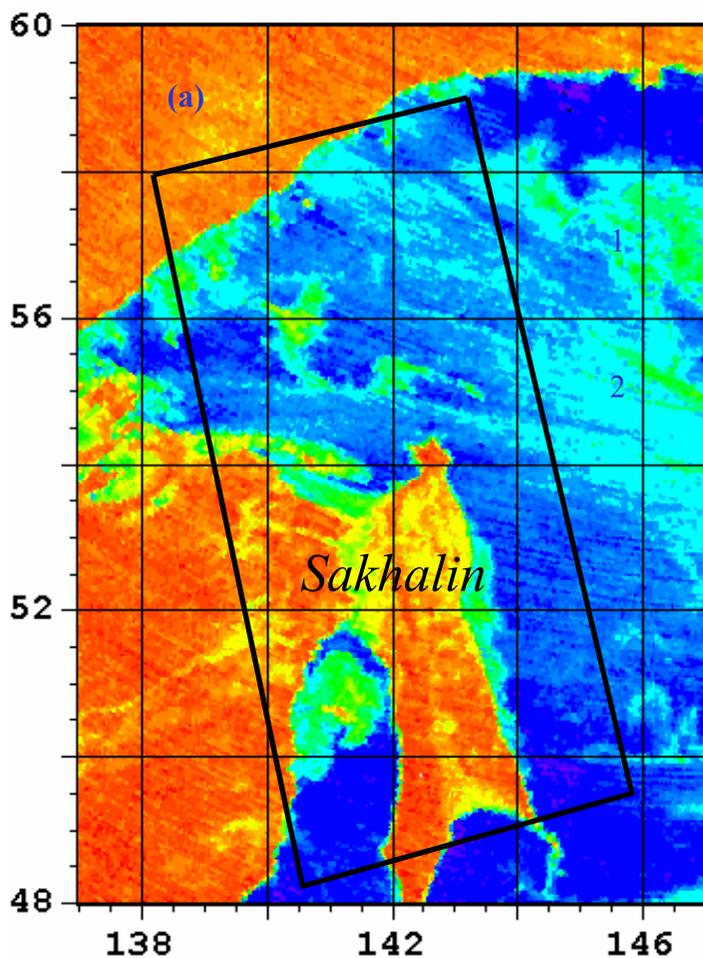


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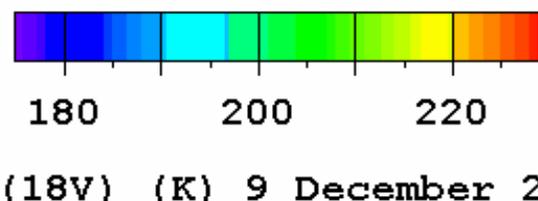
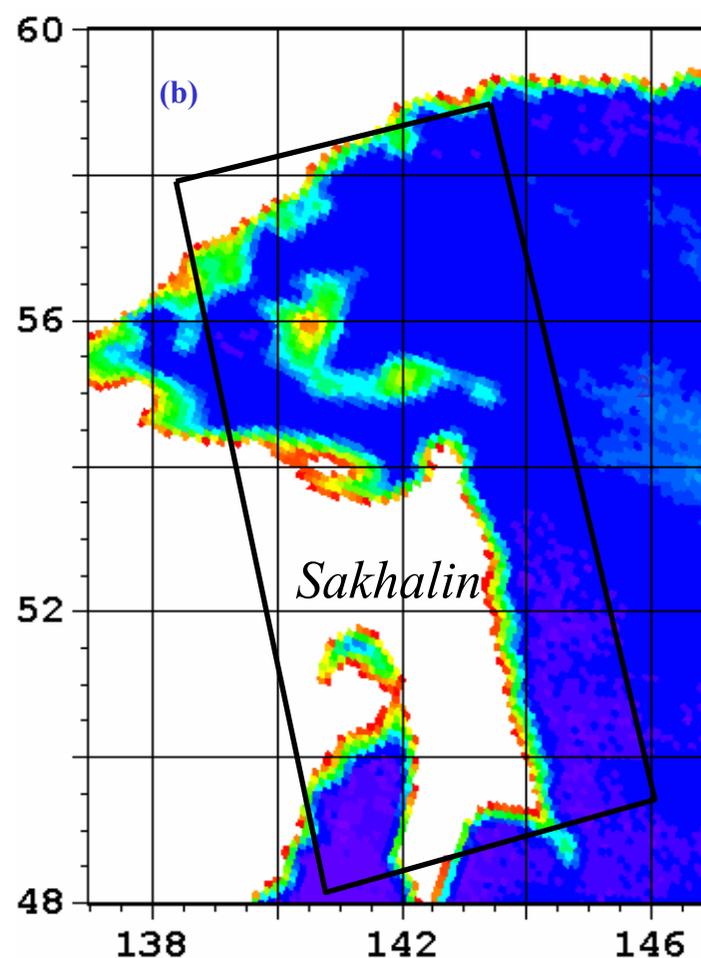
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# Western Okhotsk Sea

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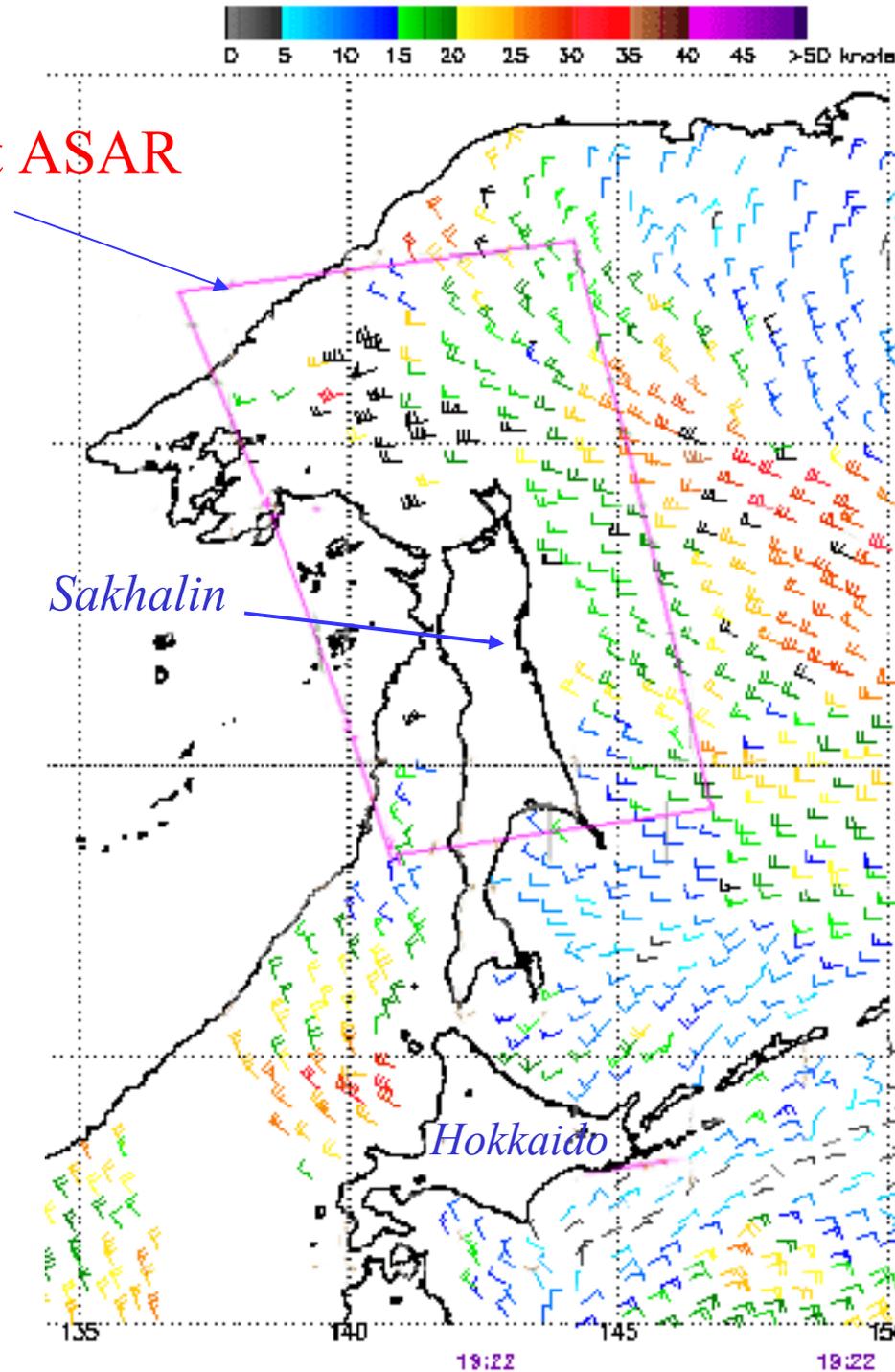


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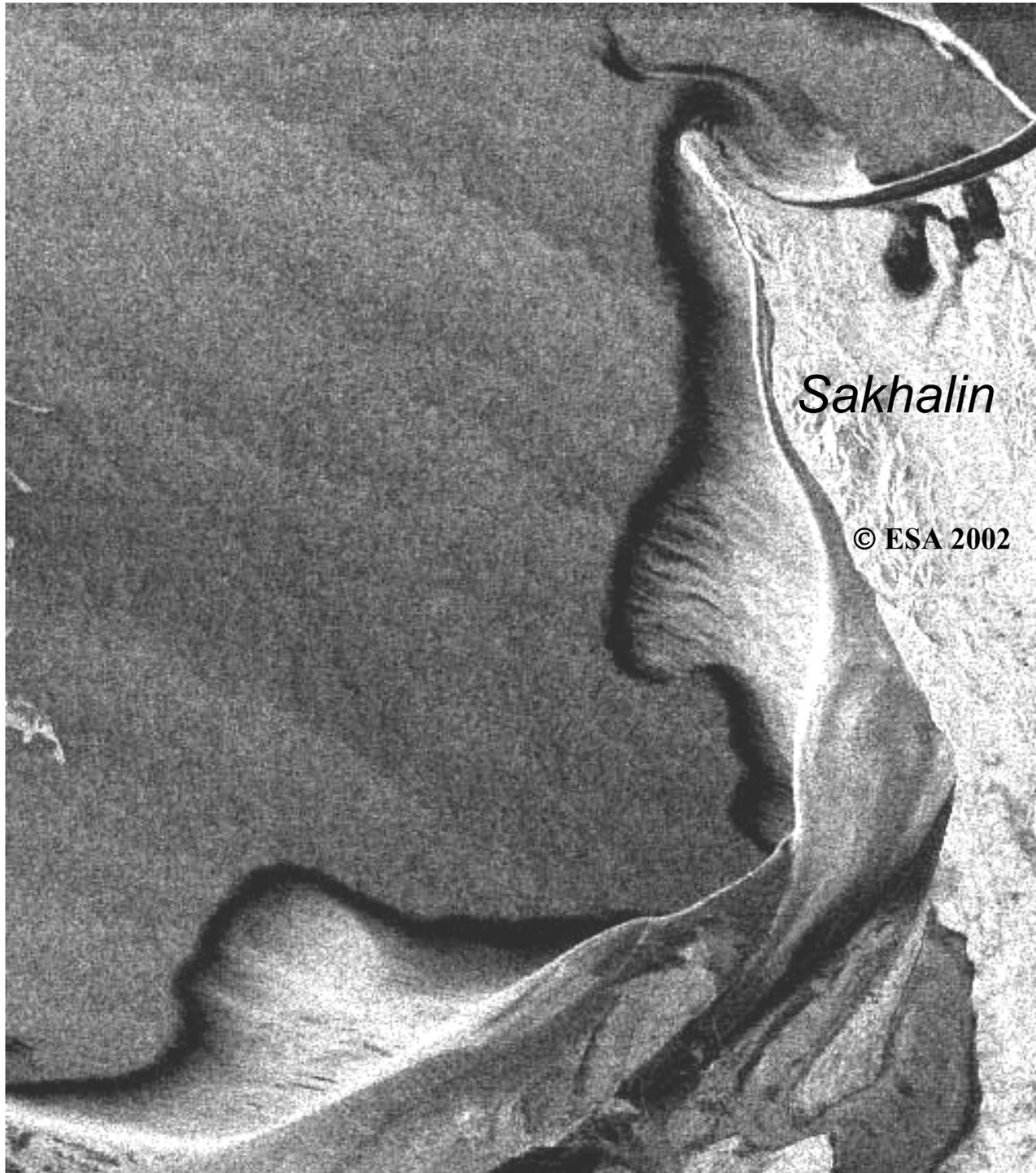
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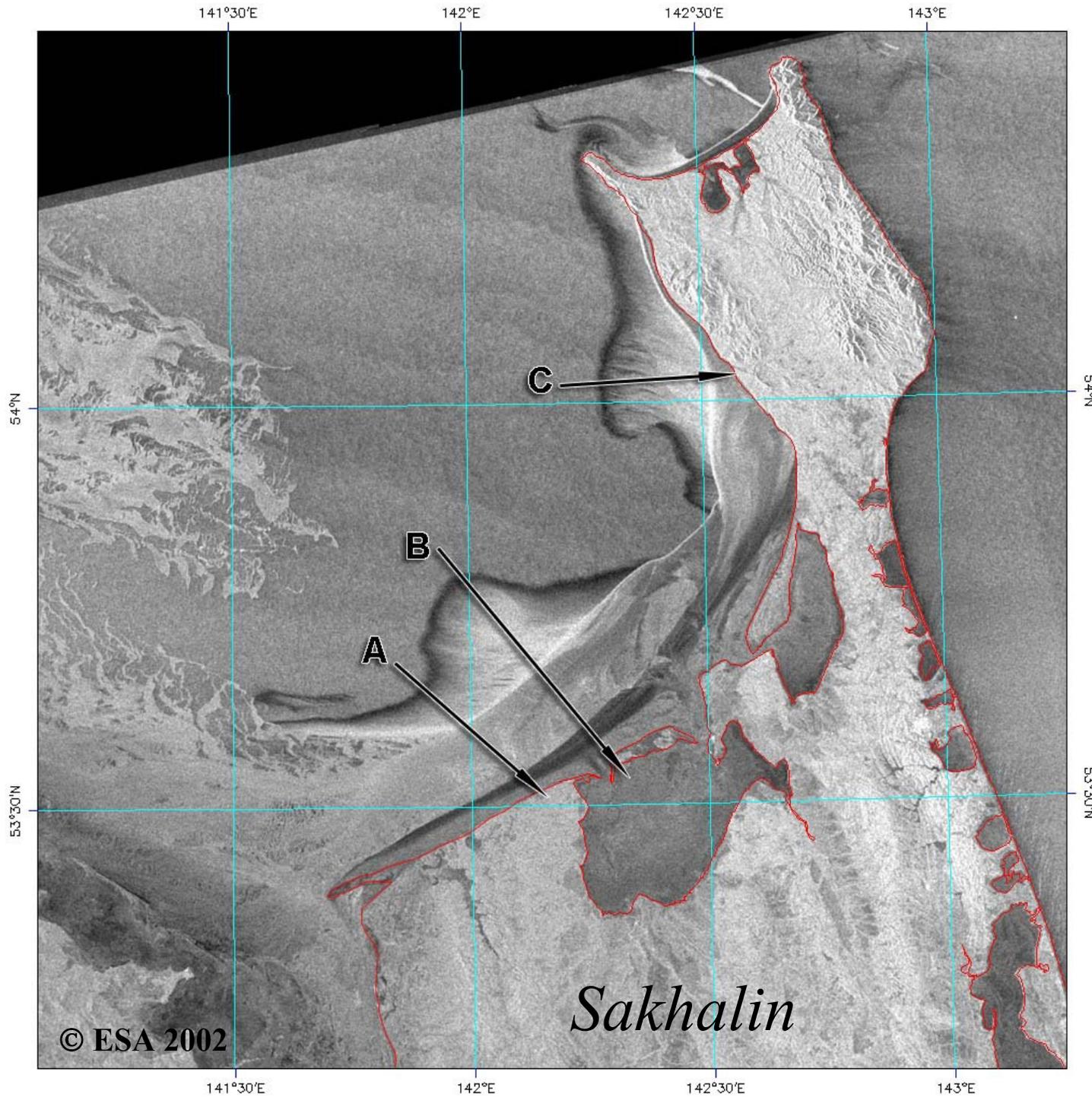


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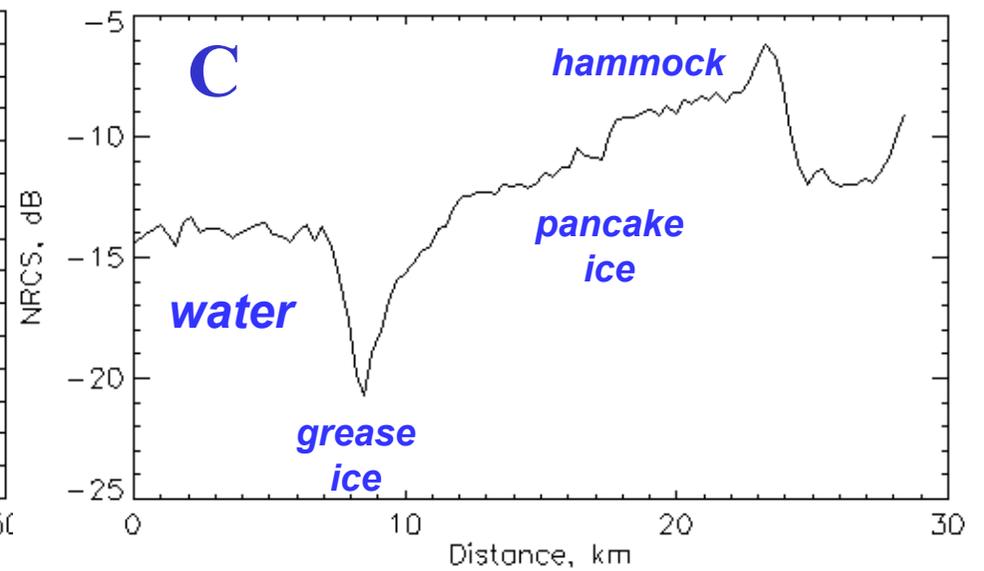
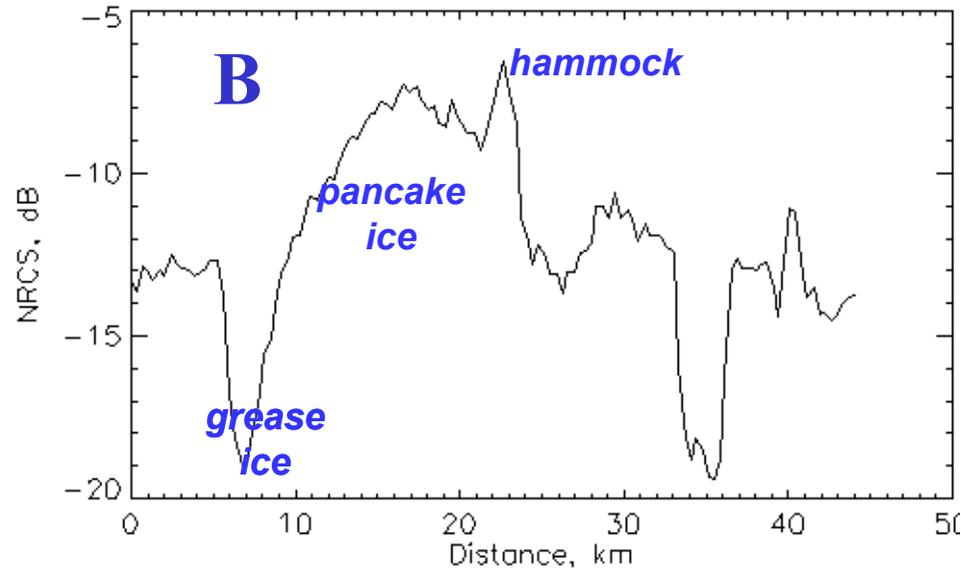
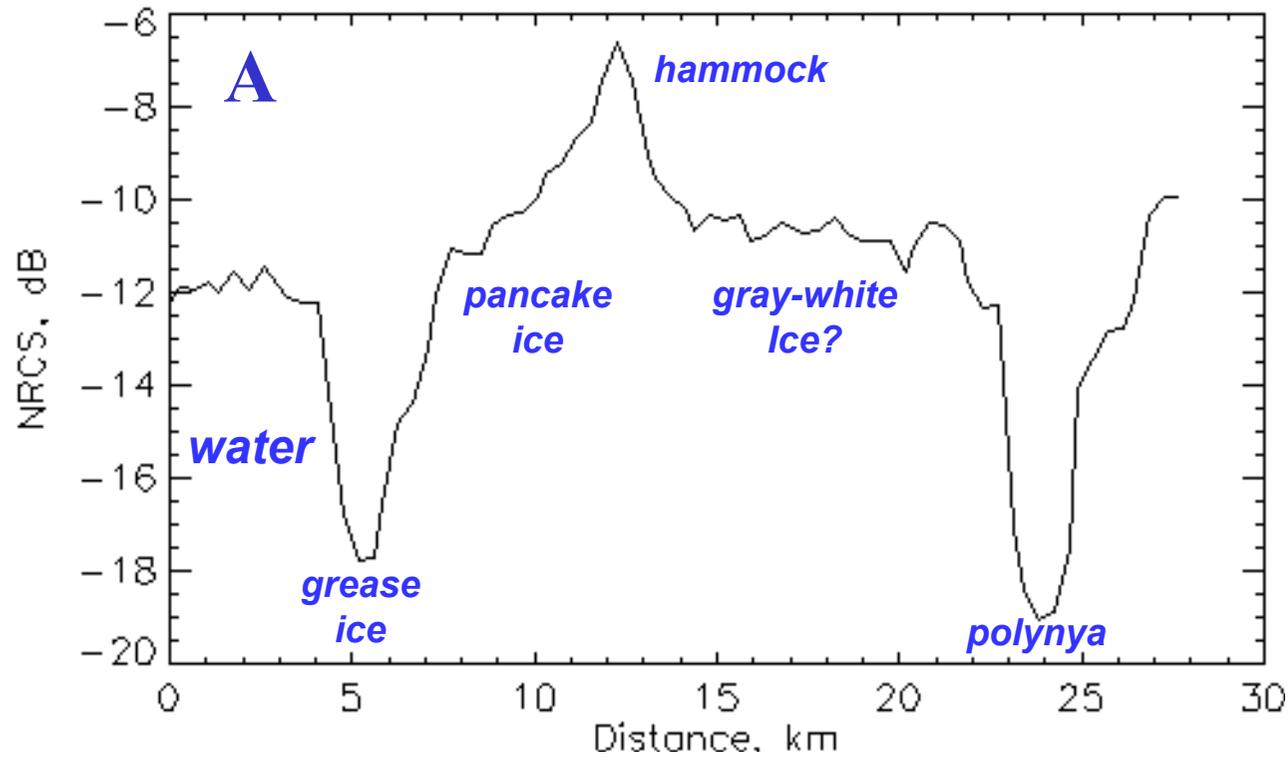
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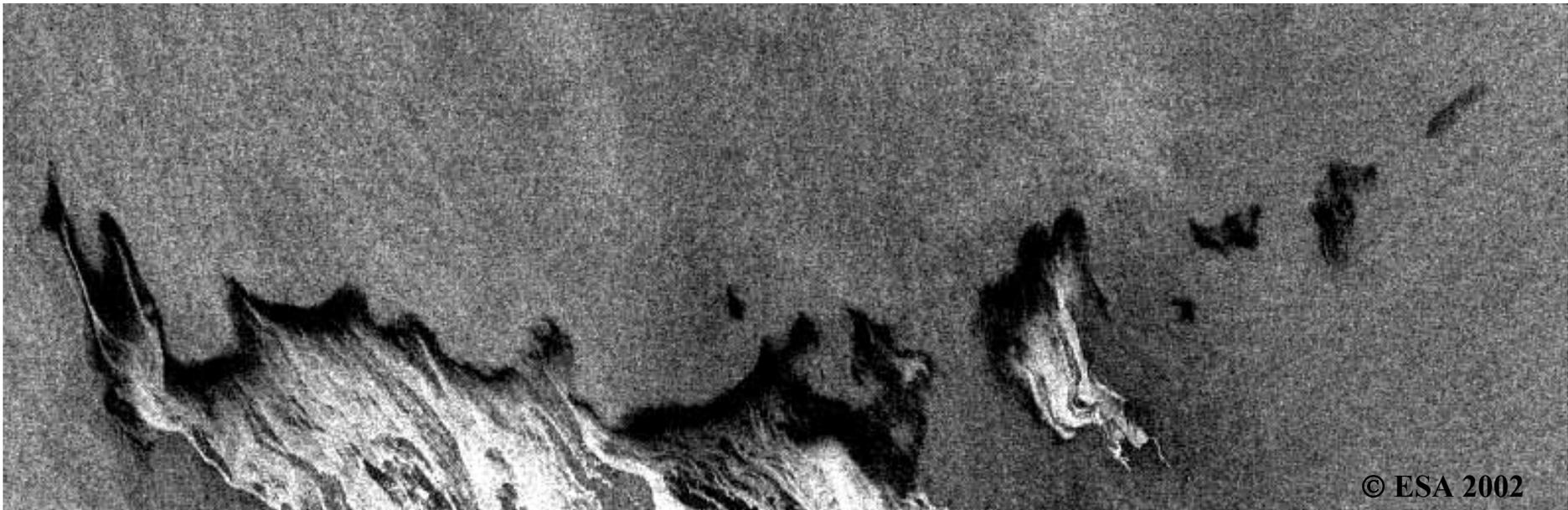
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# NRCS profiles



# **Envisat ASAR, 9 Dec 2002, 12: 11 UTC**



**Patches of sea ice in the open sea**

# Envisat ASAR



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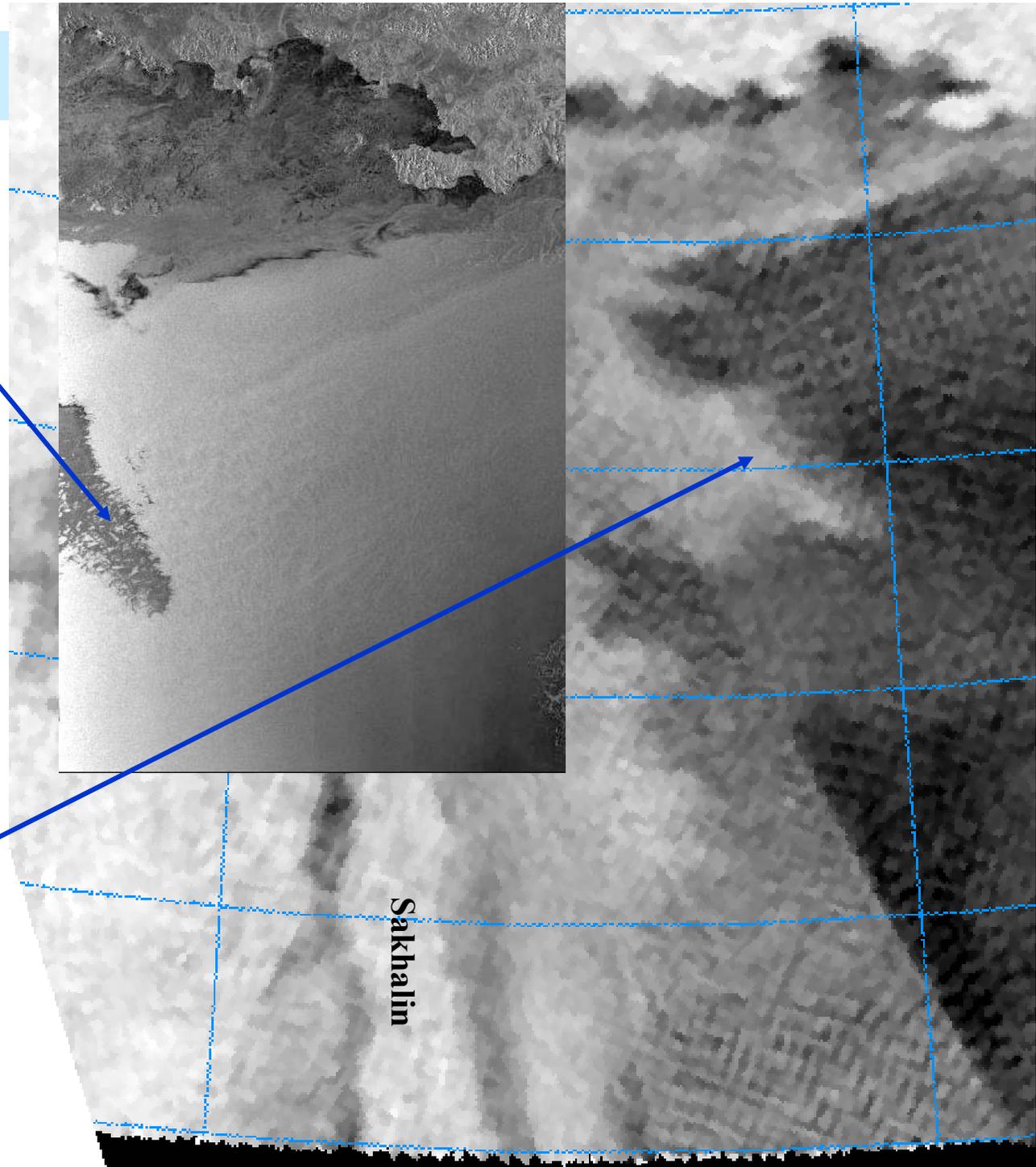
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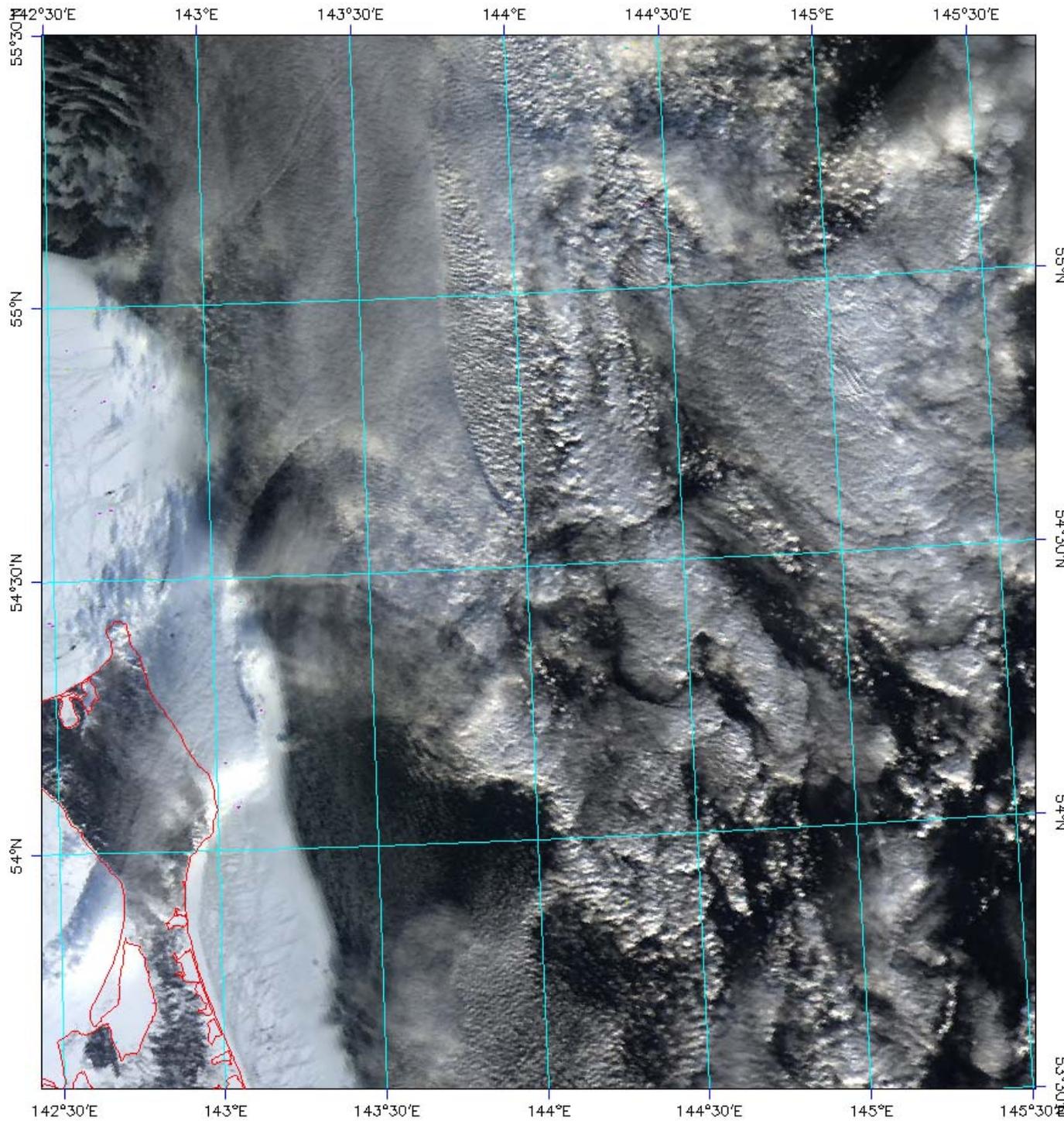
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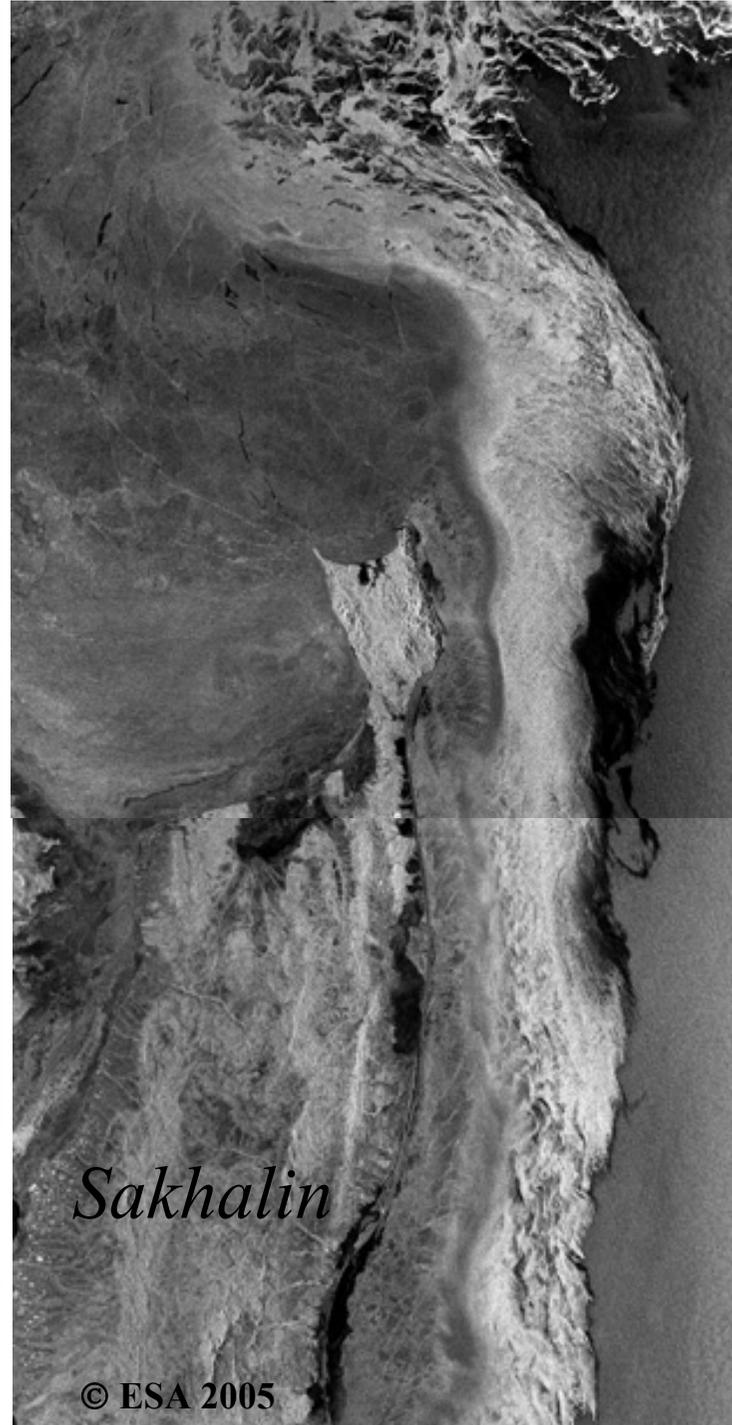
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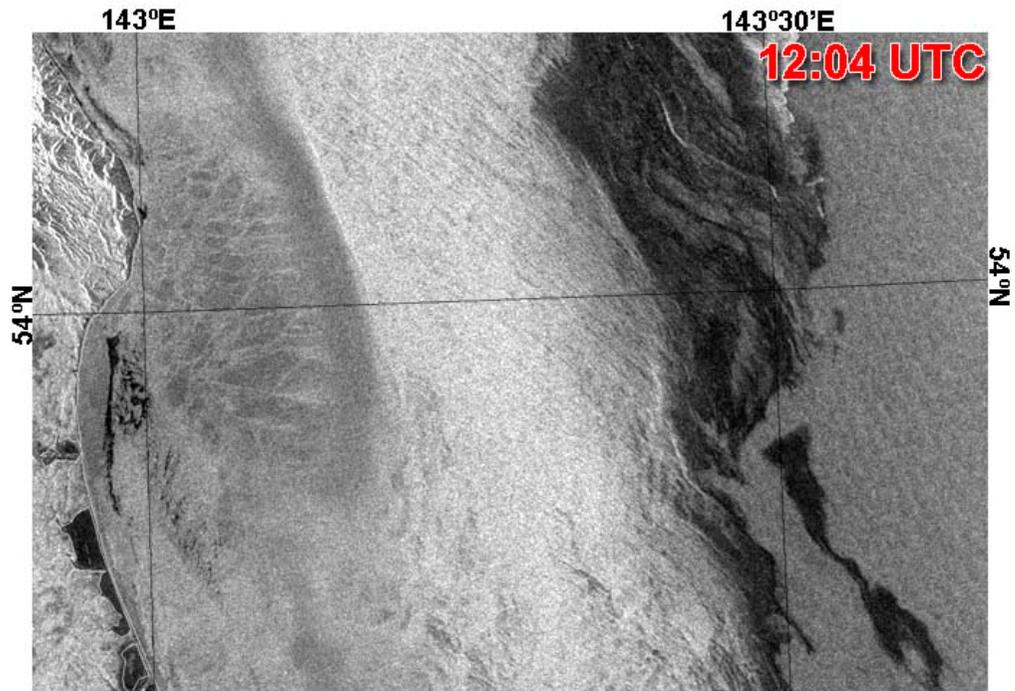


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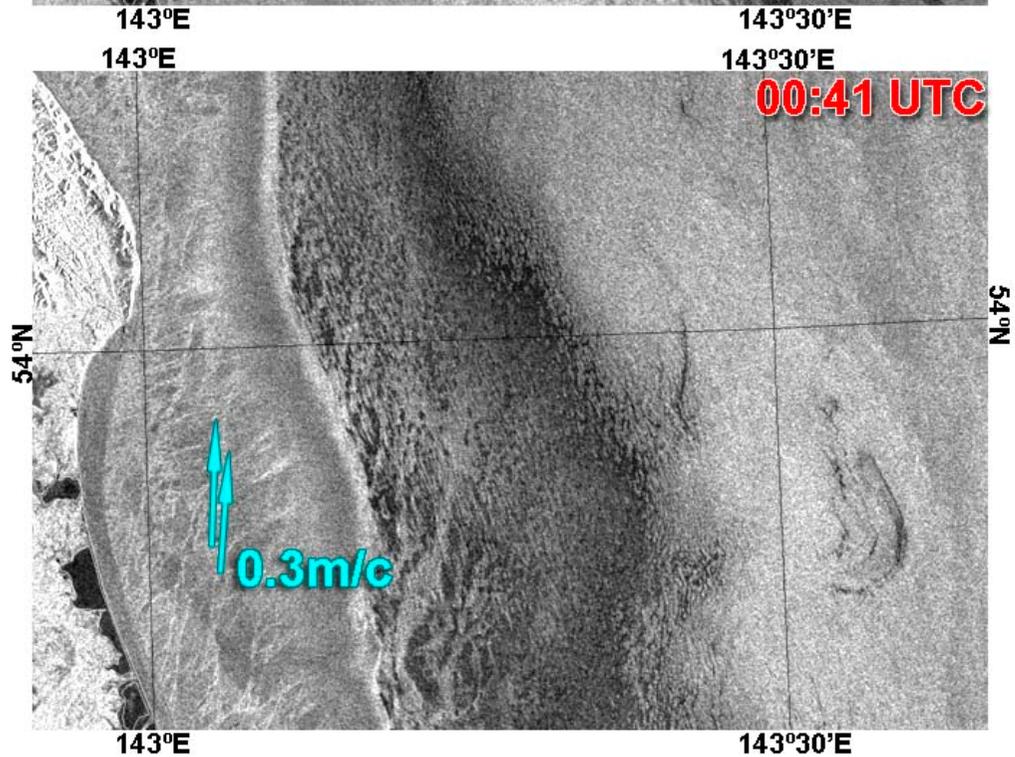




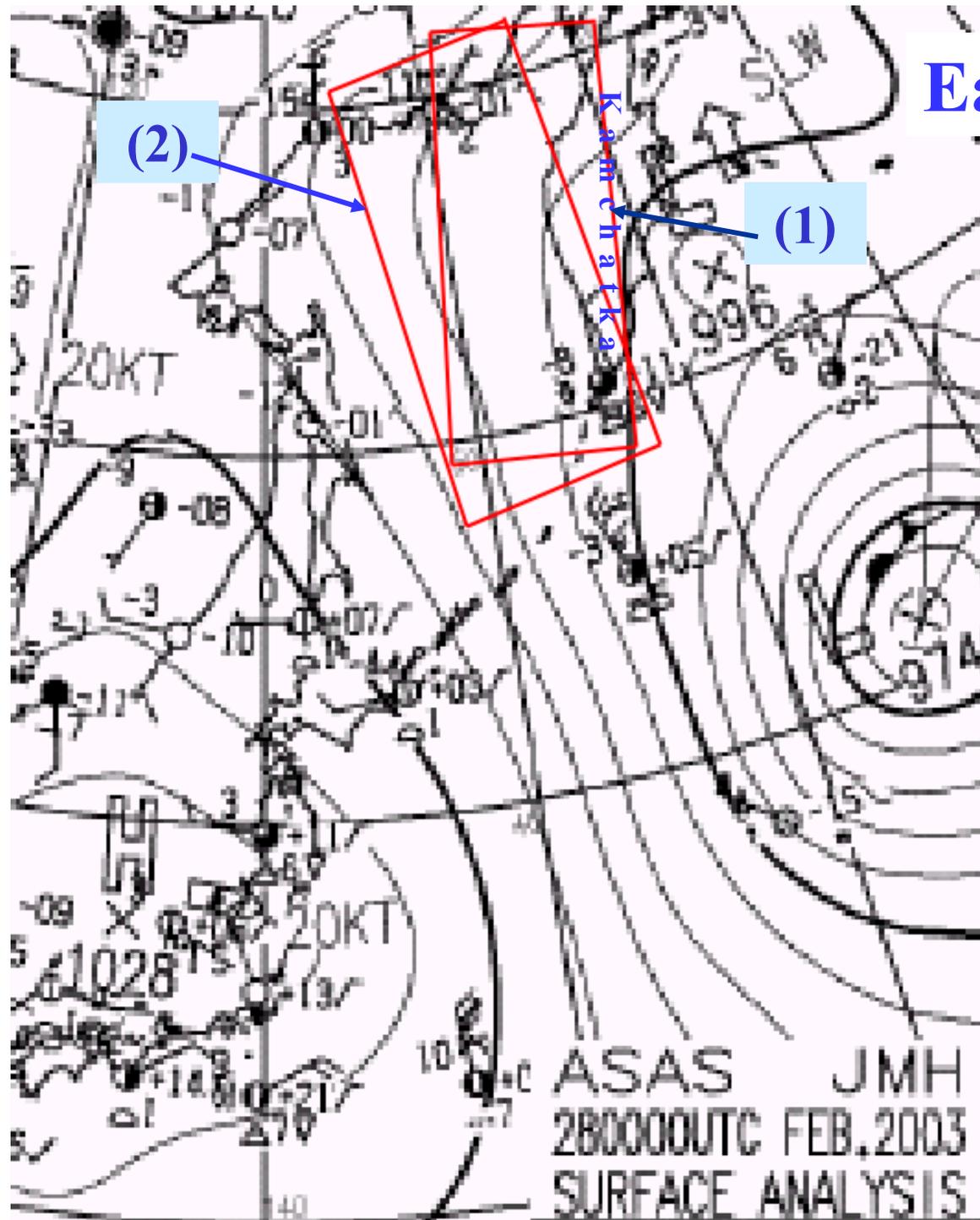
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## Eastern Okhotsk Sea

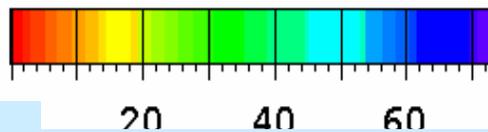
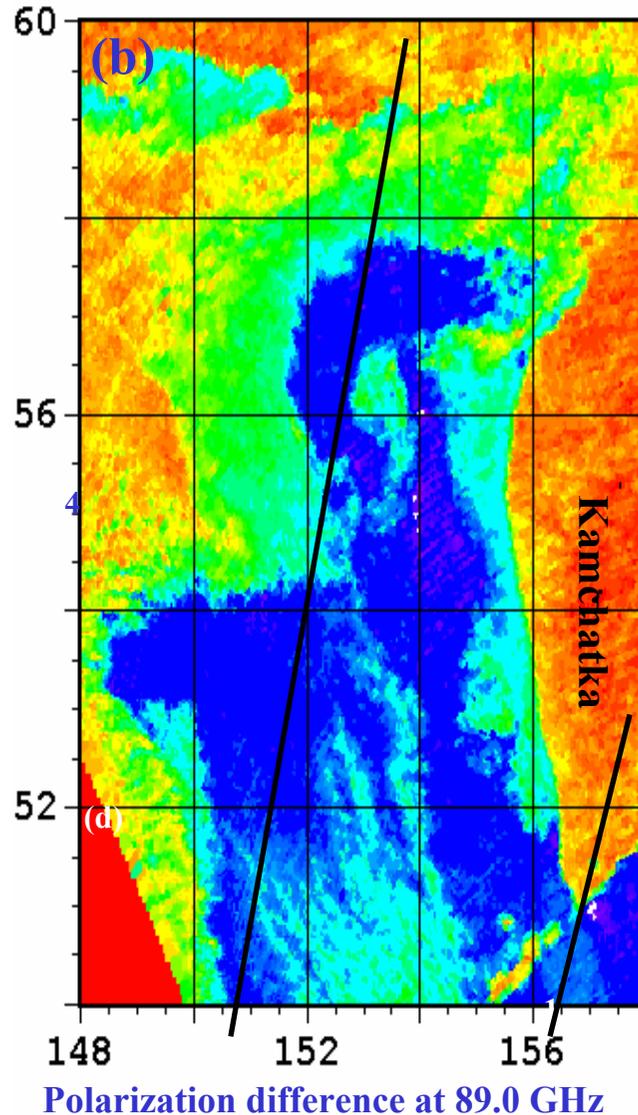
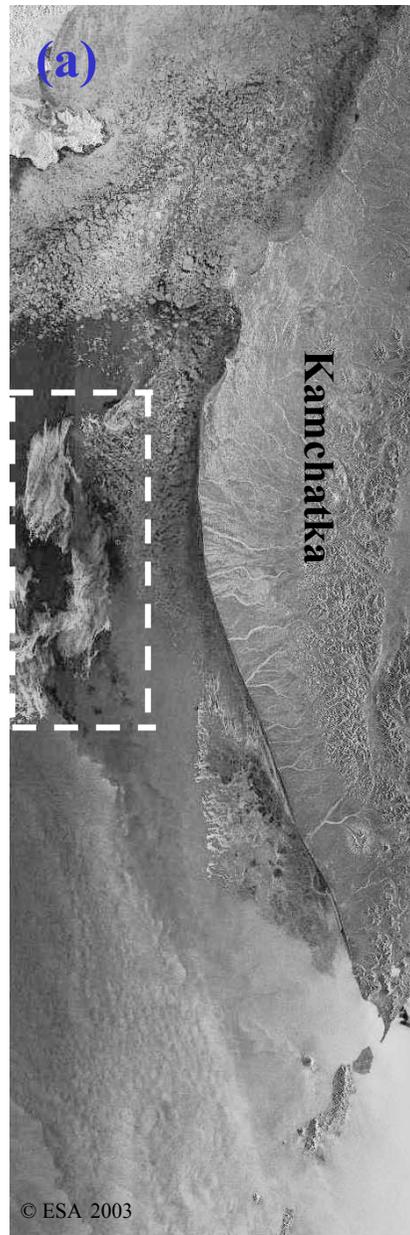


Surface analysis map  
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**Red rectangles** mark  
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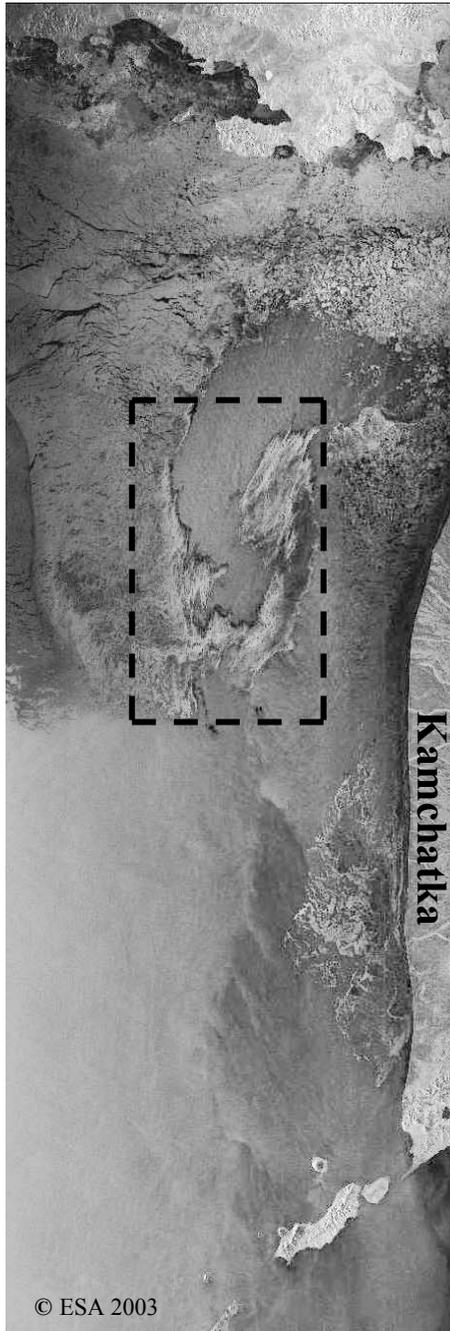


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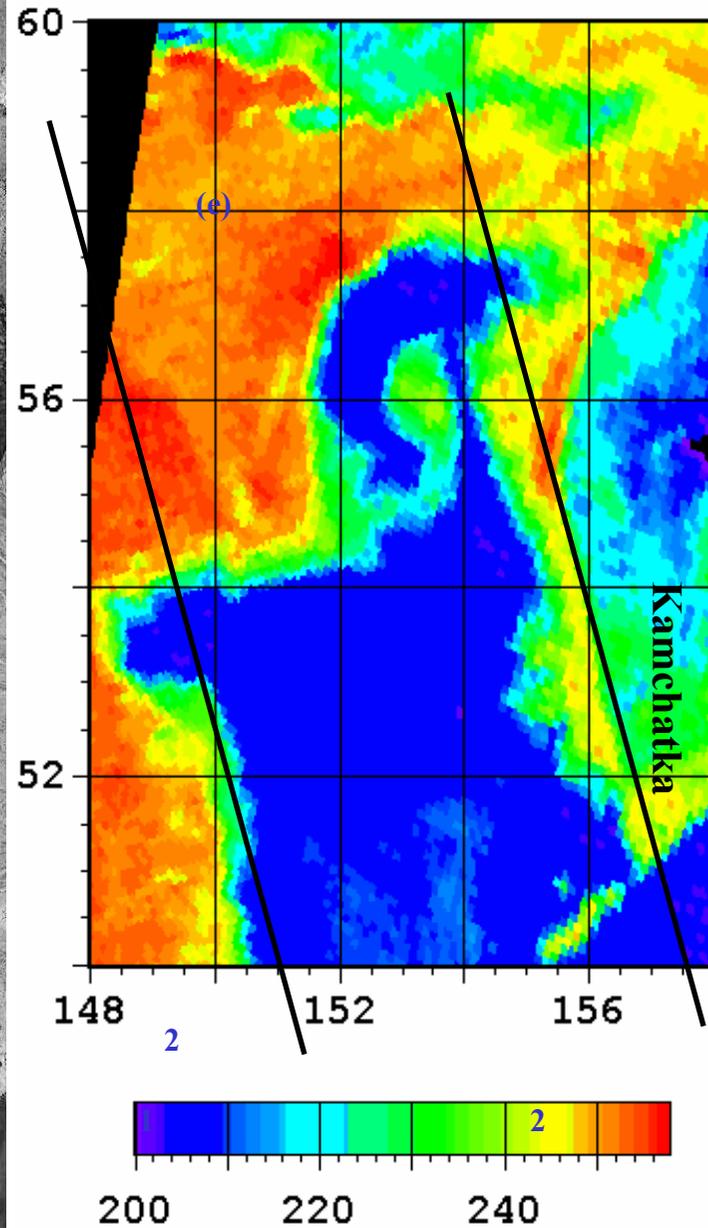
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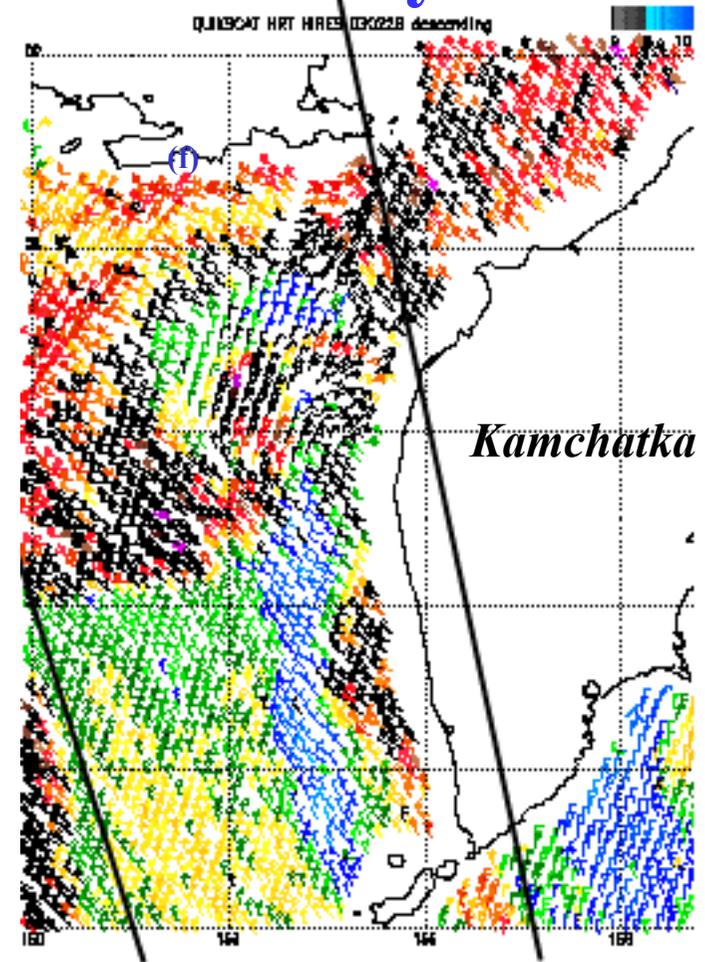
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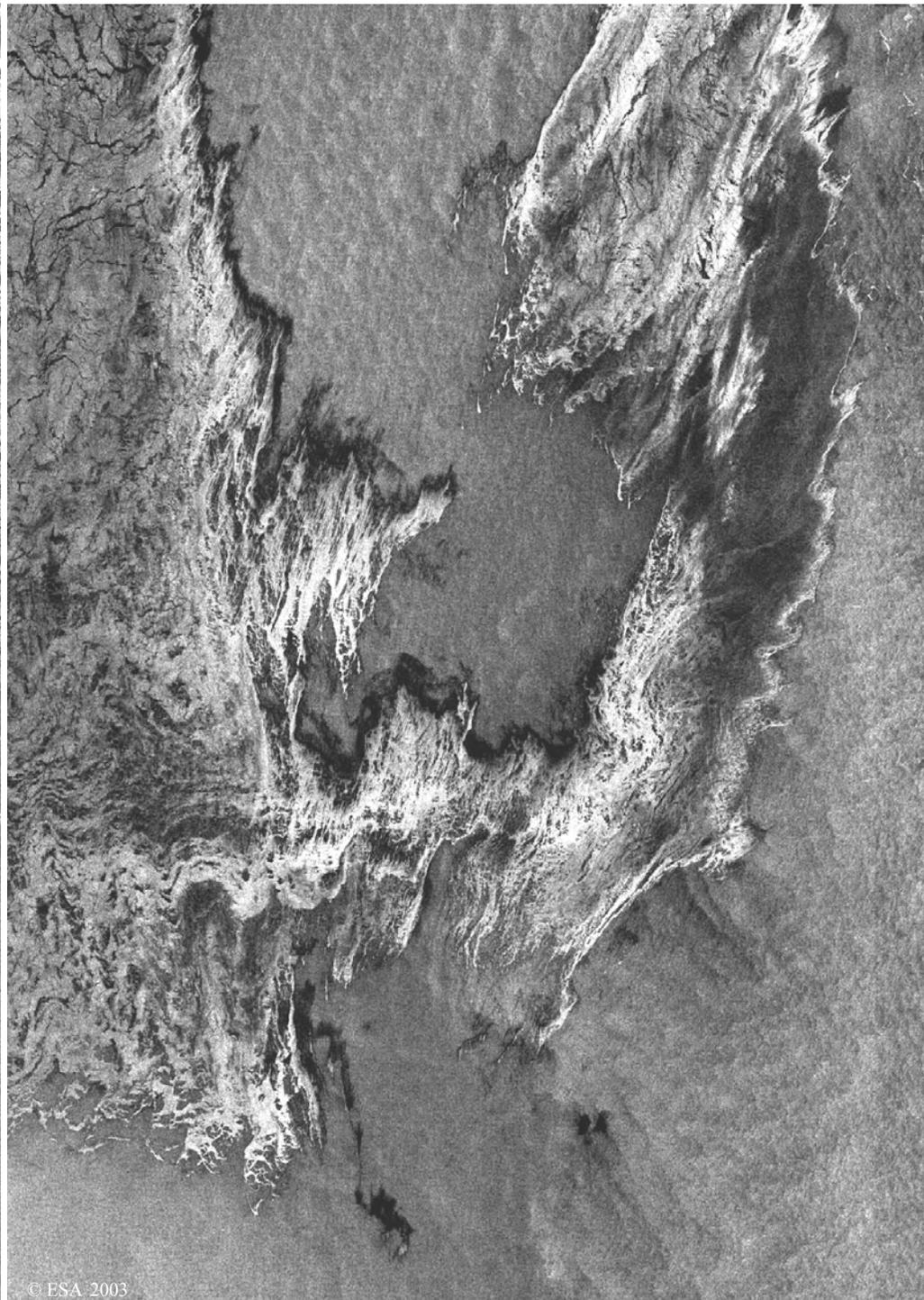
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 $T_B(36V)$



QuikSCAT SeaWinds-derived  
wind field at 08:08 UTC



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# Conclusions

**This study has demonstrated the utility of a multiscale multisensor approach for the sea ice study in the Okhotsk Sea. Data from satellite SAR, microwave scanning radiometer, scatterometer, AVHRR and MODIS were used for several case studies in different regions of the Sea. The sensors were chosen for their temporal simultaneity of measurement collection.**

**The primary attention was given to the satellite SAR due to the high spatial resolution capability of the instruments. SAR can provide precise data on the location and type of ice boundary, concentration and the presence or absence of polynyas and leads. Interpretation of SAR images is not straightforward due to the ambiguities associated with SAR backscatter from sea ice features that vary by season and geographic region.**

**Application of AMSR, AMSR-E, SeaWinds scatterometer and MODIS visible/ infrared observations decreases the ambiguities in the interpretation of SAR data.**

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- the cooperation between

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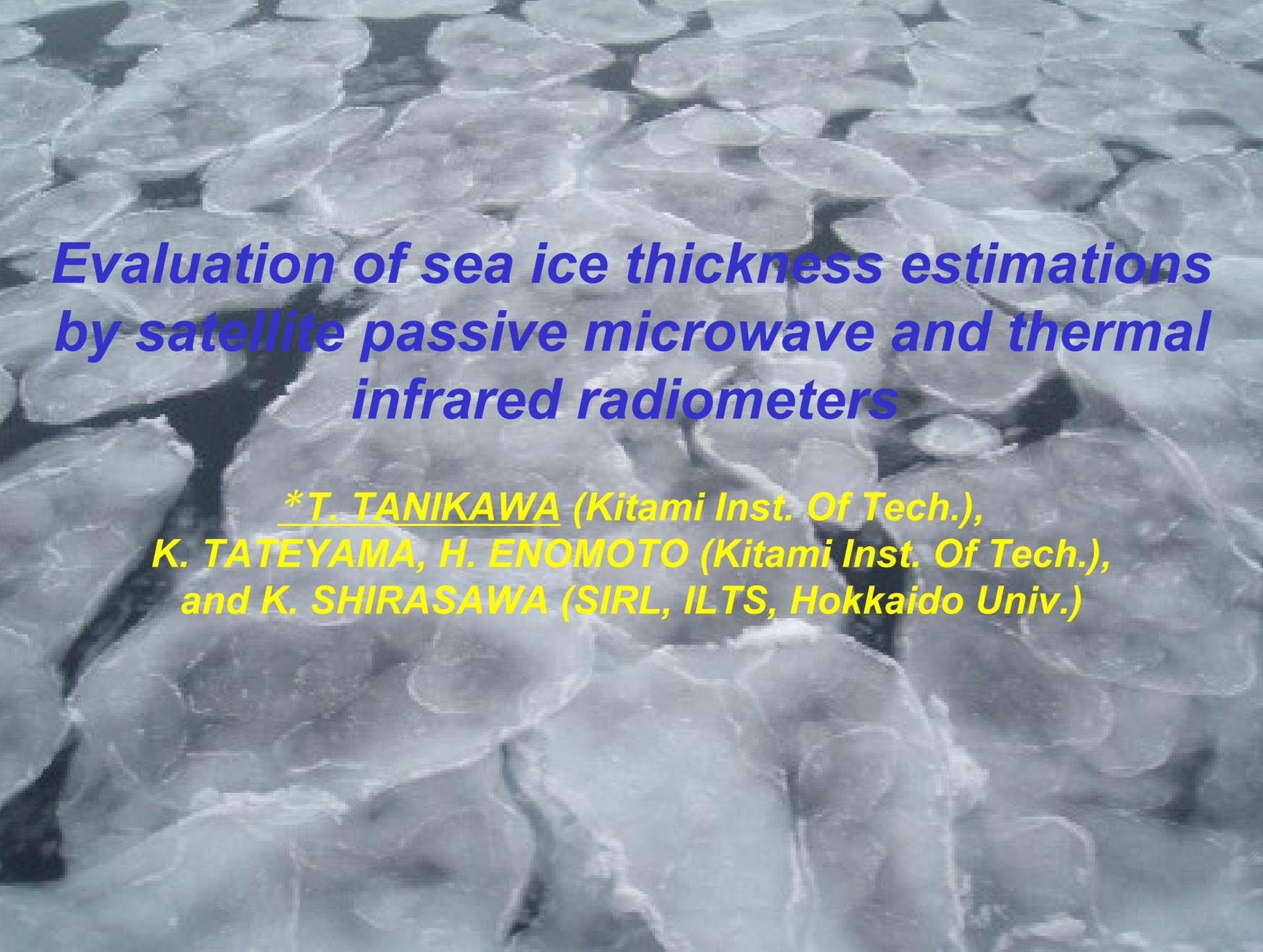
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- ESA Envisat project AO-ID-391:** “Study of the interaction of oceanic and atmospheric processes in the Japan Sea and the Southern Okhotsk Sea”.

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An aerial photograph showing a vast expanse of sea ice. The ice is broken into numerous irregular floes of varying sizes, separated by dark, narrow channels of open water. The overall color palette is a range of blues and greys, with the ice appearing lighter and the water appearing darker.

***Evaluation of sea ice thickness estimations  
by satellite passive microwave and thermal  
infrared radiometers***

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# Background

## Sea ice thickness estimation by the satellite remote sensing

*Qualitatively* → *Quantitatively*

### □ AVHRR ice thickness: AVHRR + Heat flux

- Groves and Stringer [1991]: AVHRR + Kuhn's model
- Drucker et al. [2003]: AVHRR + Yu and Rothrock [1996]

### □ Active microwave ice thickness: ERS, RADARSAT

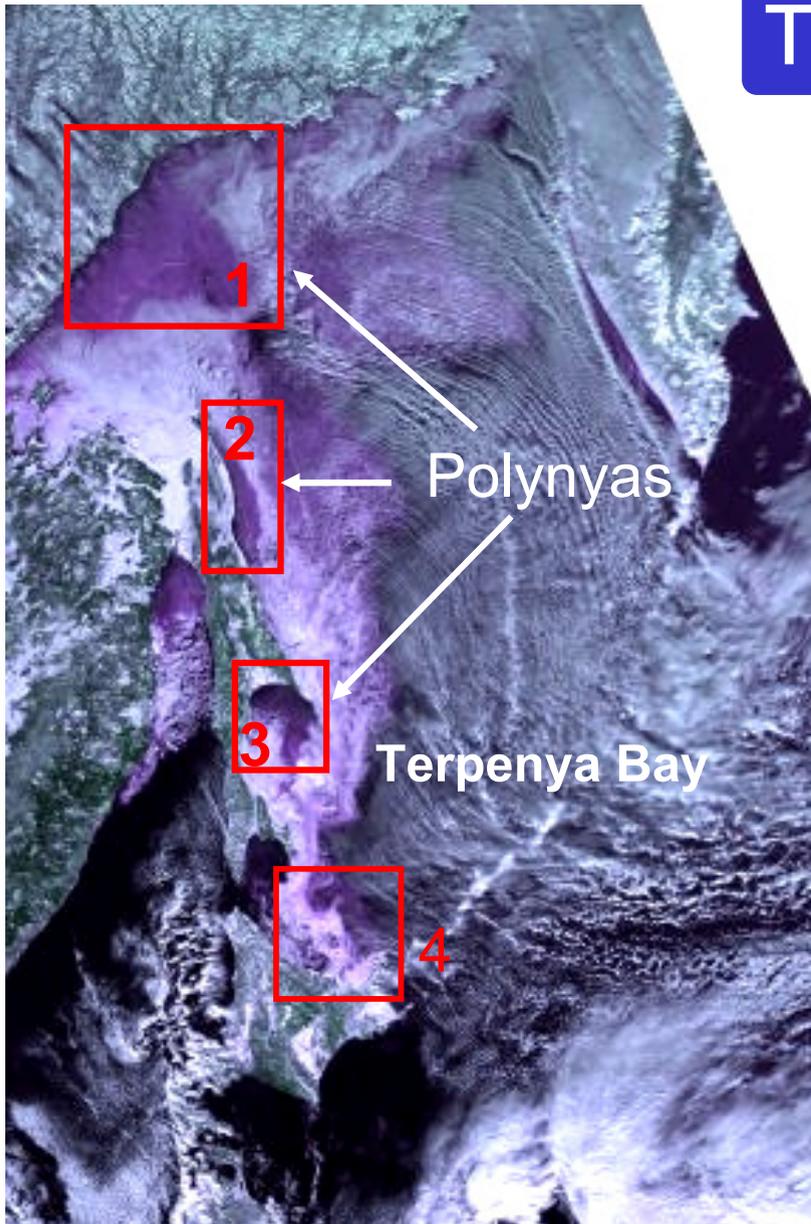
- Kwok and Cunningham [2002] : RGPS
- Peacock and Laxon [2004] : altimeter

### □ Passive microwave ice thickness: SSM/I

- Tateyama et al., [2002]:  $R_{37V/85V}$ ,  $R_{19H/85V}$ ,  $PR_{19}$
- Martin et al., [2004]:  $R_{37}$

## Test site

### Terpenya Polynya



‘Terpenya Bay’ polynya in 1997 winter.

- no ice movement
- no snow cover

### Thick ice

# Data and Spatial Resolution

## □ DMSP SSM/I

✓ Tateyama algorithm [2002]

✓ Martin algorithm [2004]

- Daily brightness temperature (BT) from DMSP SSM/I

*For validation*

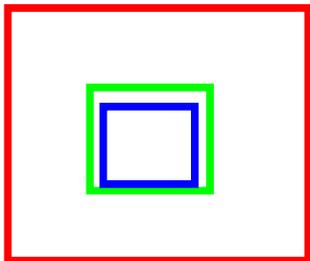
## □ NORR AVHRR

✓ Yu and Rothrock algorithm [1996]

- Daily surface temp. data from NOAA AVHRR

- Daily meteorological data from NCEP/NCAR reanalysis

## □ Ship-borne video data (for thick ice)



NCEP/NCAR:  $2.5^\circ$  mesh  $\rightarrow$  280km $\times$ 280km

AVHRR: 1.1km  $\times$  80pixel  $\rightarrow$  88km $\times$ 88km

SSM/I: 12.5km  $\times$  6pixel  $\rightarrow$  75km $\times$ 75km

## Method 1

## Tateyama algorithm (2002)

□ Tateyama algorithm is developed based on the SSM/I data and *in-situ* ice thickness data taken by ship-borne video camera.

The ice thickness  $H_T$  (m) is estimated using empirical equation;

$$H_T = -5.37 \cdot PR_{19} + 0.84 \cdot R_{37V/85V} - 0.07, \quad (1)$$

where

$$PR_{19} = \frac{TB_{19V} - TB_{19H}}{TB_{19V} + TB_{19H}}, \quad R_{37V/85V} = \frac{TB_{37V}}{TB_{85V}}, \quad (2)$$

➤ Sea-ice surface roughness      ➤ Temperature gradient

When a new ice signal is detected ( $R_{37V/85V} < 0.97$ ),  $*R_{37V/85V}$  is converted to  $R_{37V/85V}$  by following equation,

$$R_{37V/85V} = 0.3 \cdot \left( *R_{37V/85V} - R_{19H/85V} \right) + 0.6 \cdot R_{19H/85V} - 0.29_5 \quad (3)$$

- ❑ Martine algorithm is useful for ice production in polynyas.
  - This algorithm is developed based on the ratio of H- and V-polarized 37GHz channels.

The ice thickness  $H_M$  (m) is calculated using the following equation

$$H_M = \exp^{1/(\alpha R_{37} + \beta)} - \gamma, \quad (4)$$

where  $\alpha = 230.47$ ,  $\beta = -243.60$ ,  $\gamma = 1.0080$ , and,

$$R_{37} = \frac{TB_{37V}}{TB_{37H}}. \quad (5)$$

## Method 3

## Yu and Rothrock algorithm (1996)

□ Yu & Rothrock algorithm is based on surface-heat balance model using AVHRR thermal data.

➤ In absence of melting and a snow cover, heat energy balance at the ice surface can be assumed that conductive heat loss at ice-surface through the ice is equal to the total heat flux  $F_{TL}$ .

The ice thickness  $H_A$  (m) is calculated using the following equation,

$$H_A = \frac{K_i(T_F - T_i)}{F_{TL}}, \quad (6)$$

where  $K_i = 2.034$  (W/m/K),  $T_F = -1.8$  (°C).  $T_i$  can be calculated from the AVHRR data given by [Key and Haefliger, 1992],

$$T_i = a + b \cdot TB_{ch4} + c \cdot (TB_{ch4} - TB_{ch5}) + d \cdot (TB_{ch4} - TB_{ch5})(\sec\theta - 1), \quad (7)$$

$$F_{TL} = F_{SH}(T_i) + F_{LH}(T_i) + F_{LW}(T_i) + F_{SW} + F_{DL}(T_a). \quad (8)$$

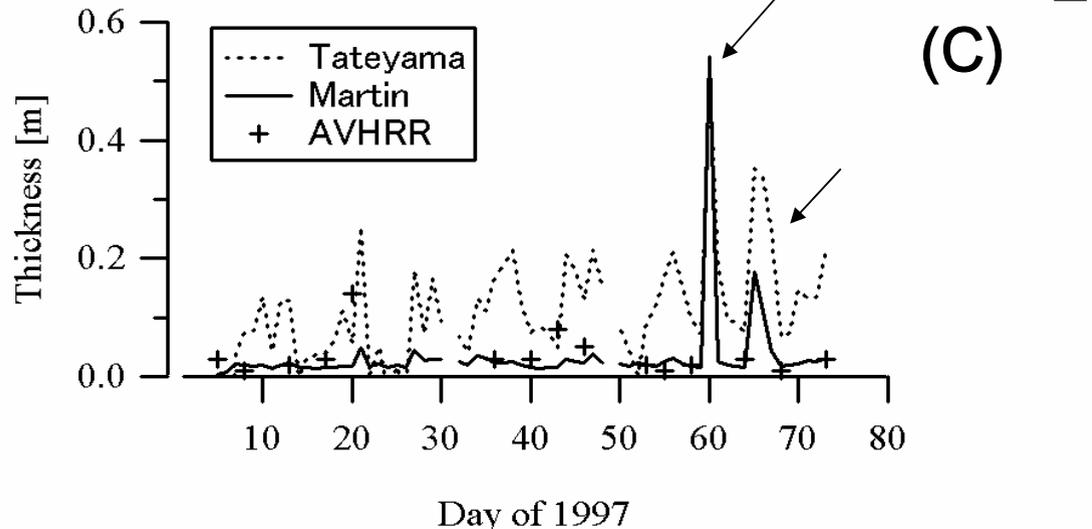
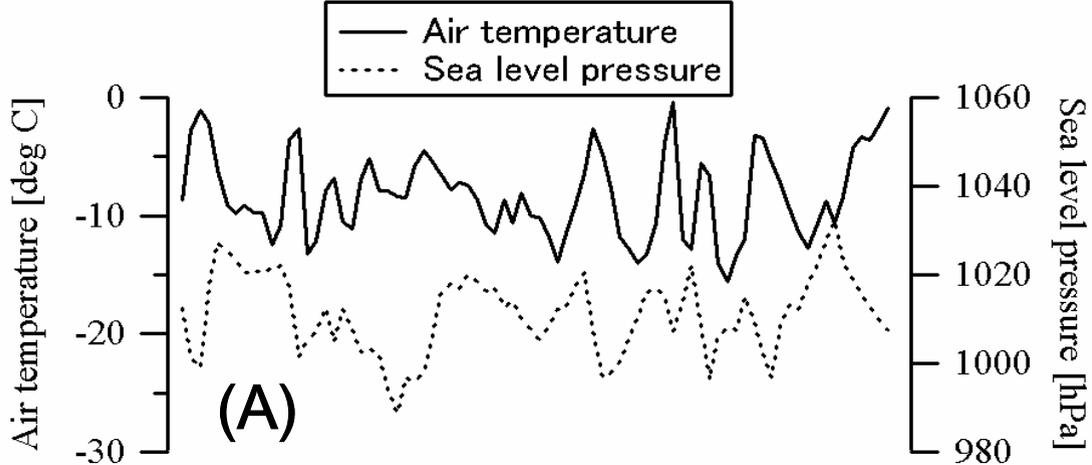
# Results 1

Meteorological data from NCEP/NCAR

- Air temp. at 1000 hPa
- Sea level pressure

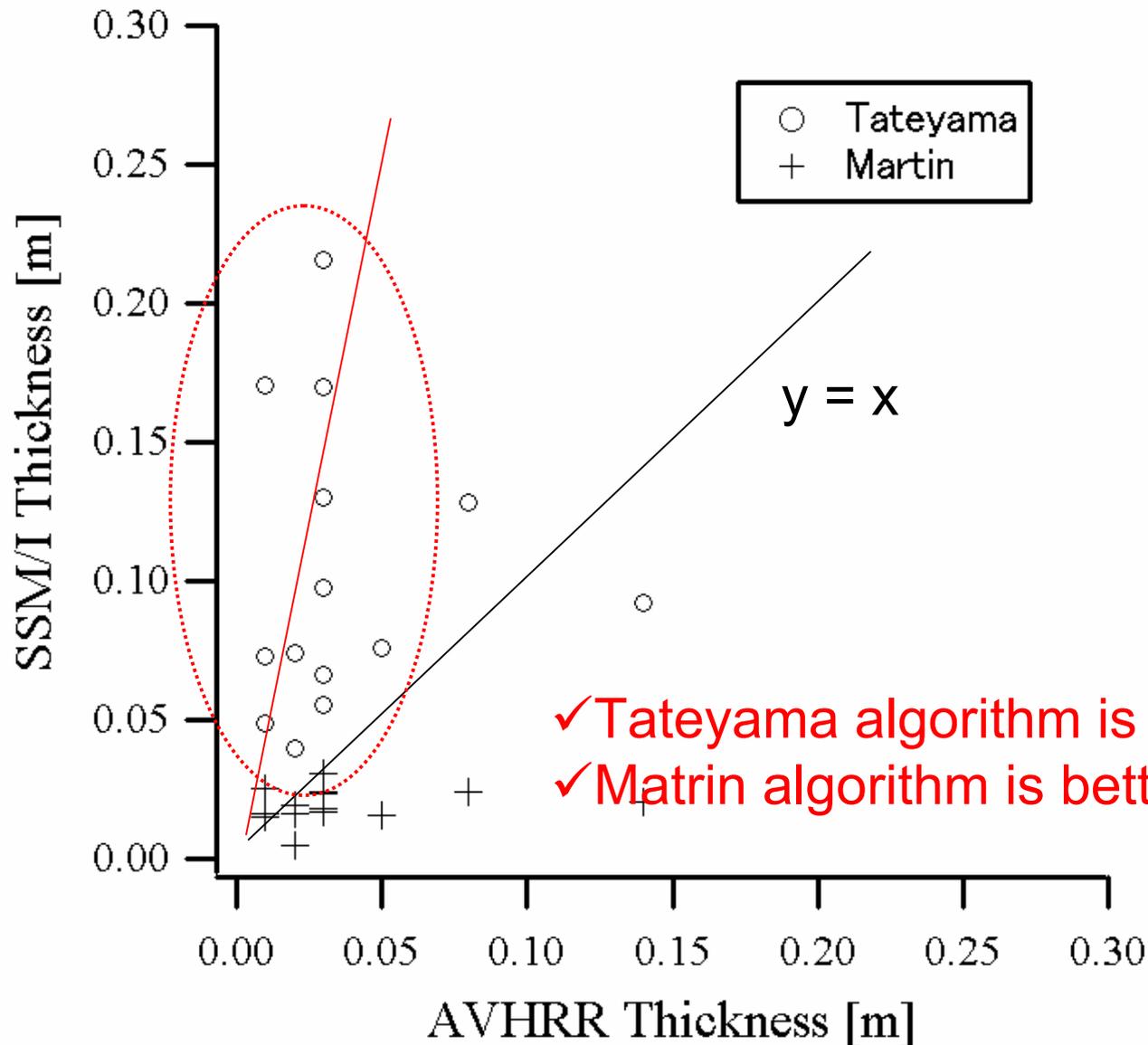
Ice concentration from the SSM/I

Estimated ice thickness from SSM/I and AVHRR data



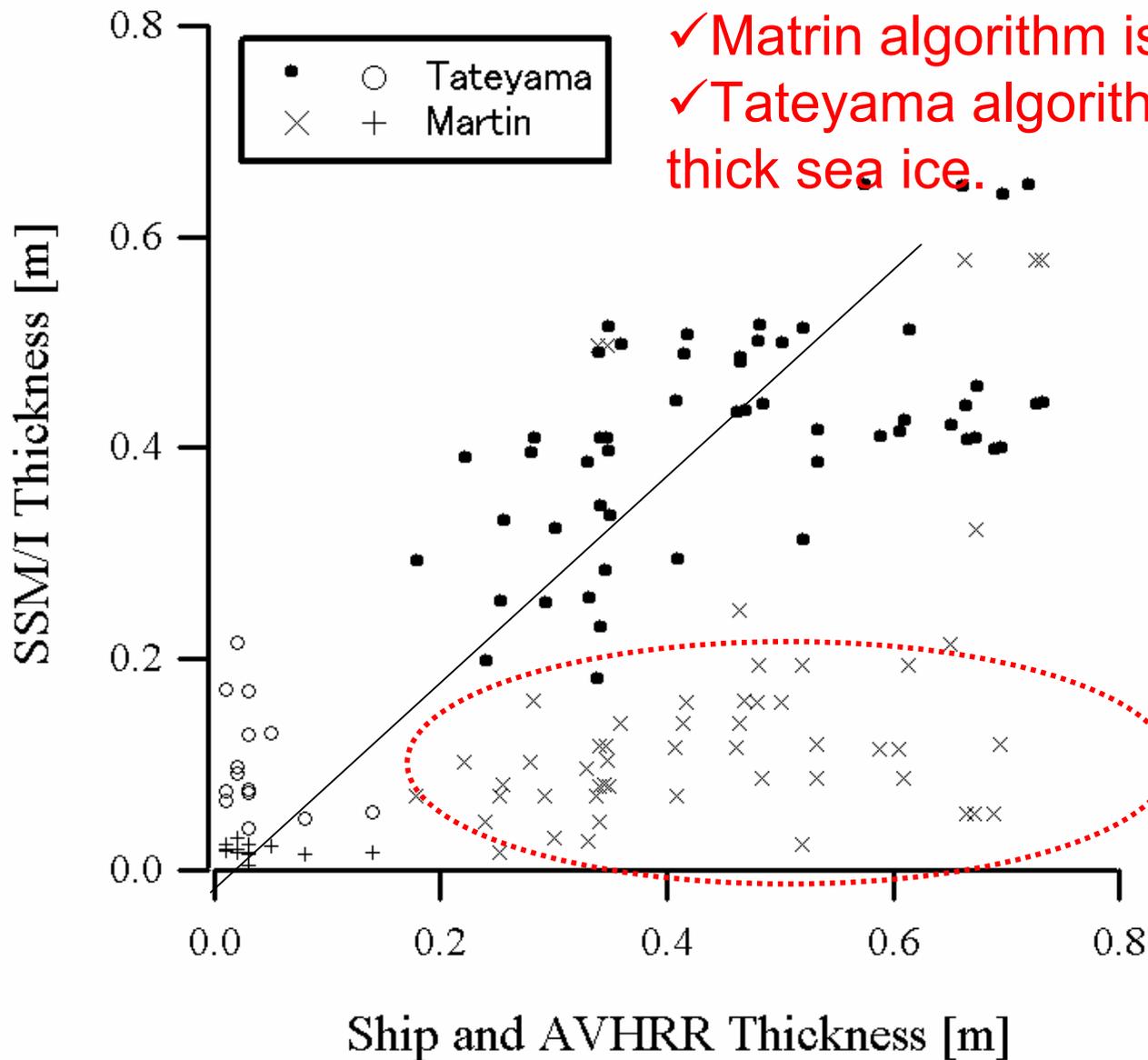
# Comparison 1

## Thin Sea Ice



# Comparison 2

# Thick Sea Ice



# Discussion

- Uncertainties in the ice-thickness from AVHRR data.
  - ✓ Ice thickness derived from AVHRR agrees with that from upward looking sonar within 10%.
  - ✓ A coarse spatial resolution of AVHRR (1.1 km).
  - ✓ The largest uncertainty is in NCEP data.
    - a coarse spatial resolutions of ( $2.5^{\circ} \times 2.5^{\circ}$  ; 280 km  $\times$  280km)
    - covers the bay and surrounding land.
  - ✓ High thin cold clouds and low warm fogs over polynya.

# Summary

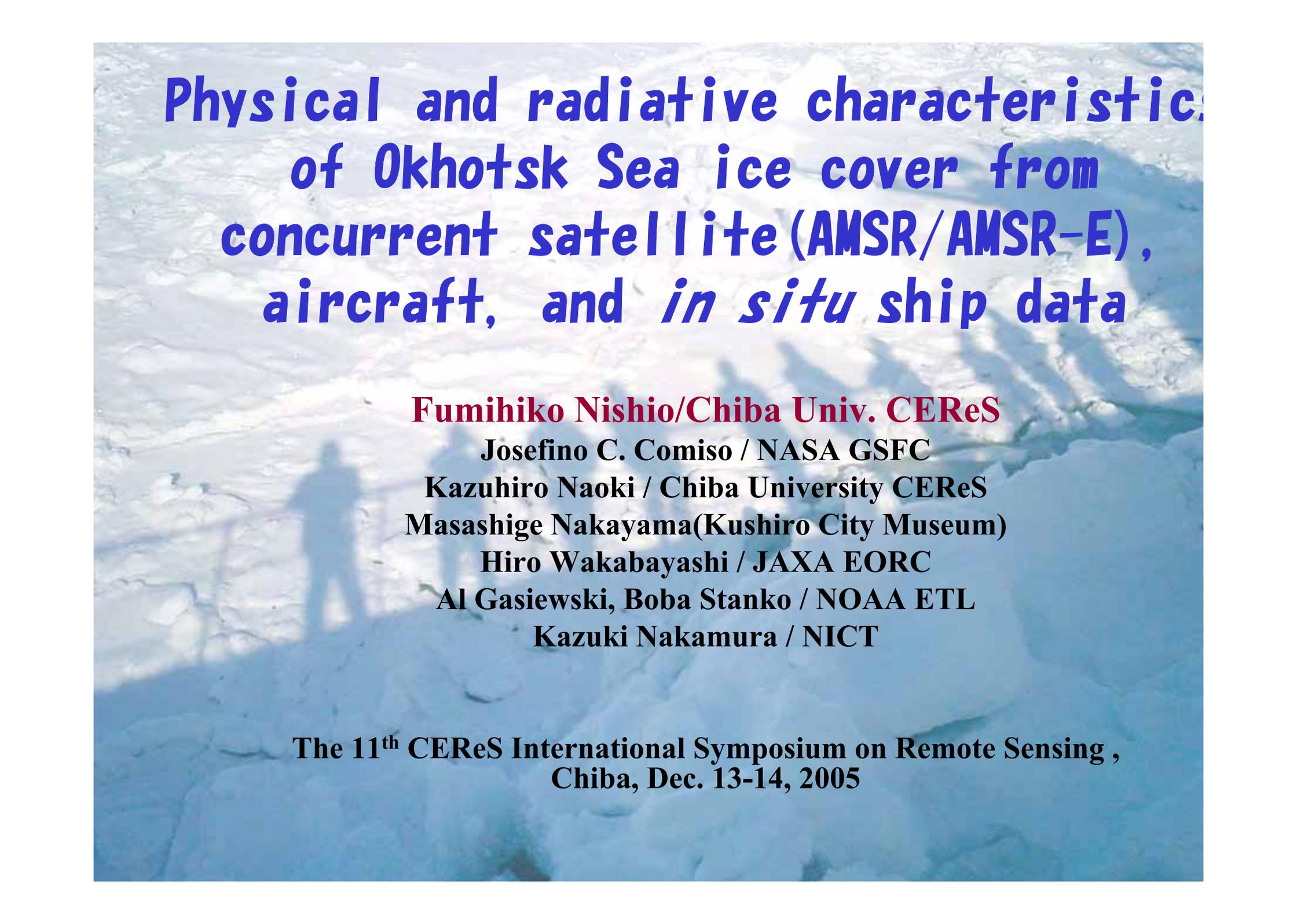
Ice thickness estimation algorithms for thin sea ice in the Terpeniya Bay and for thick ice in Sea of Okhotsk were validated.

## □ Tateyama algorithm:

- ✓ A very poor relationship with AVHRR of RMSE 0.17 m for  $< 0.2$  m thick ice.
- ✓ A high correlation with the thick ice of RSME 0.14m.

## □ Martin algorithm:

- ✓ Efficient result for thin ice with RMSE 0.04 m.
  - ✓ A coarse accuracy for thick ice with RMSE 0.47 m.
- ✓ Tateyama algorithm and Martin algorithm are suitable for thick ice and thin ice estimation, respectively.



**Physical and radiative characteristics  
of Okhotsk Sea ice cover from  
concurrent satellite (AMSR/AMSR-E),  
aircraft, and *in situ* ship data**

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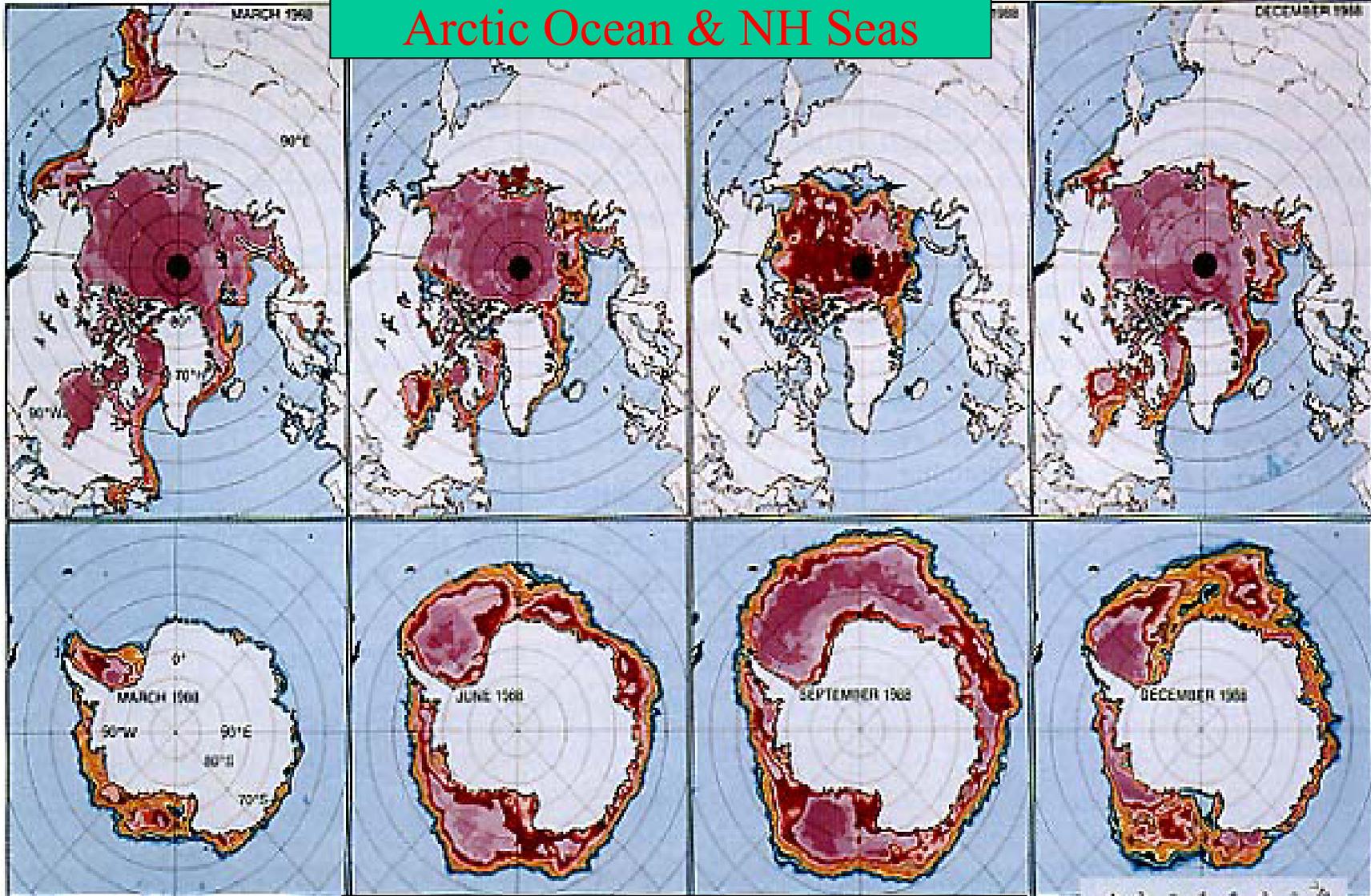
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Arctic Ocean & NH Seas



Antarctic Seas around the Continent

Sea Ice Cover in the Arctic & Antarctic, Okhotsk Sea

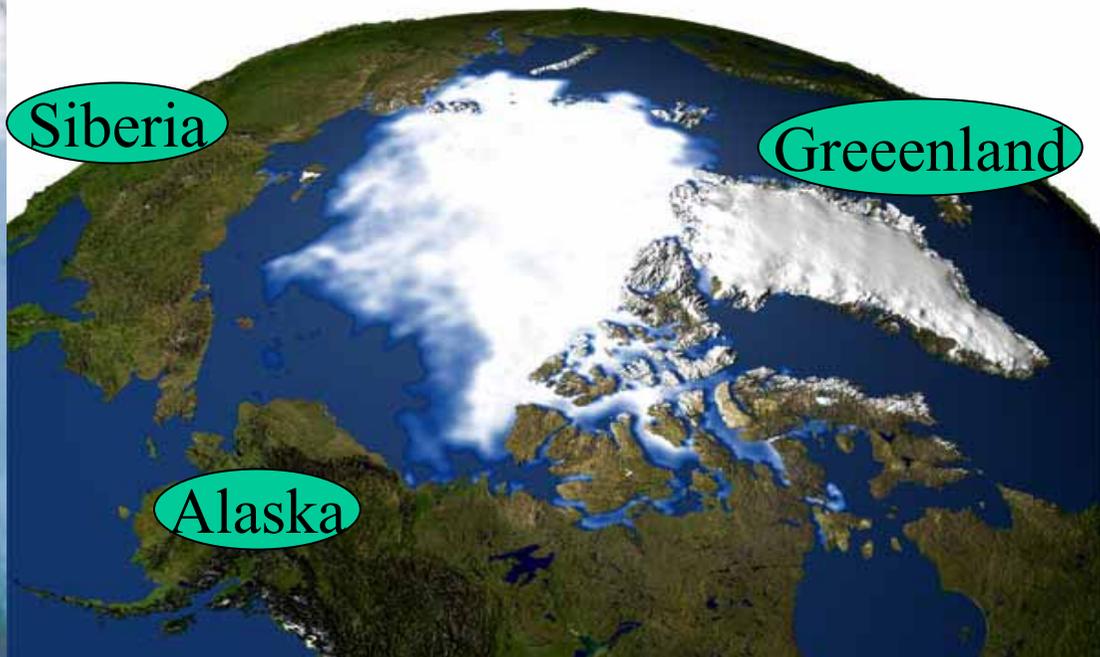
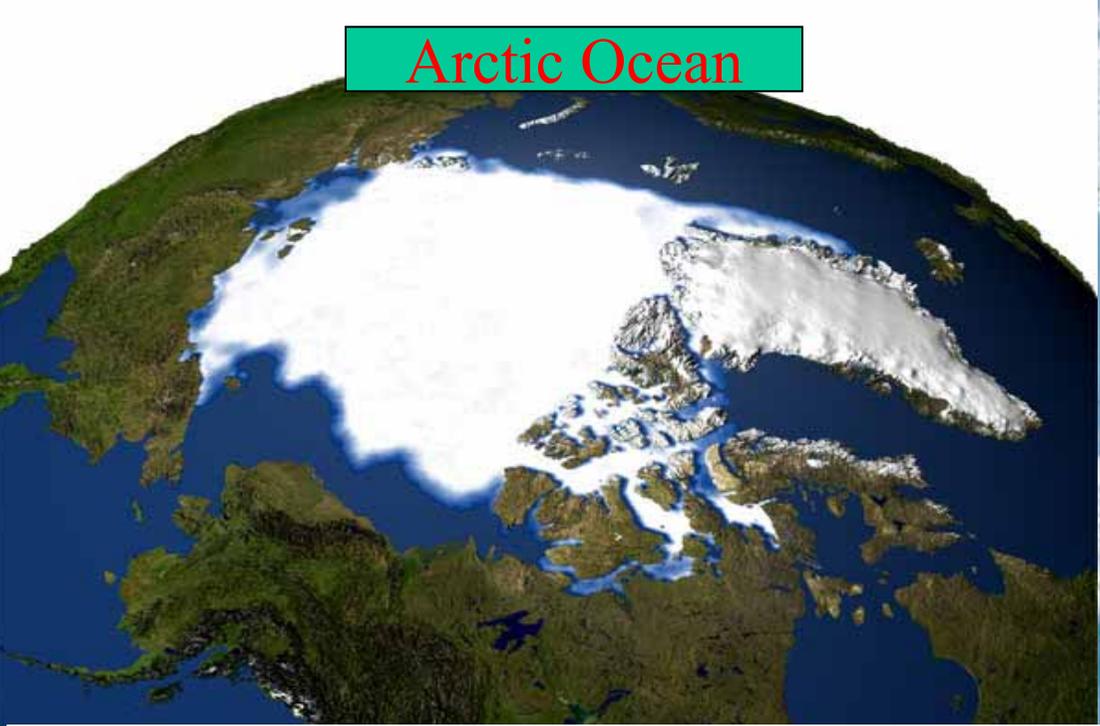
# Arctic Sea Ice

*retreating*

**1979**

**2003**

Arctic Ocean



# Scientific Motivations:

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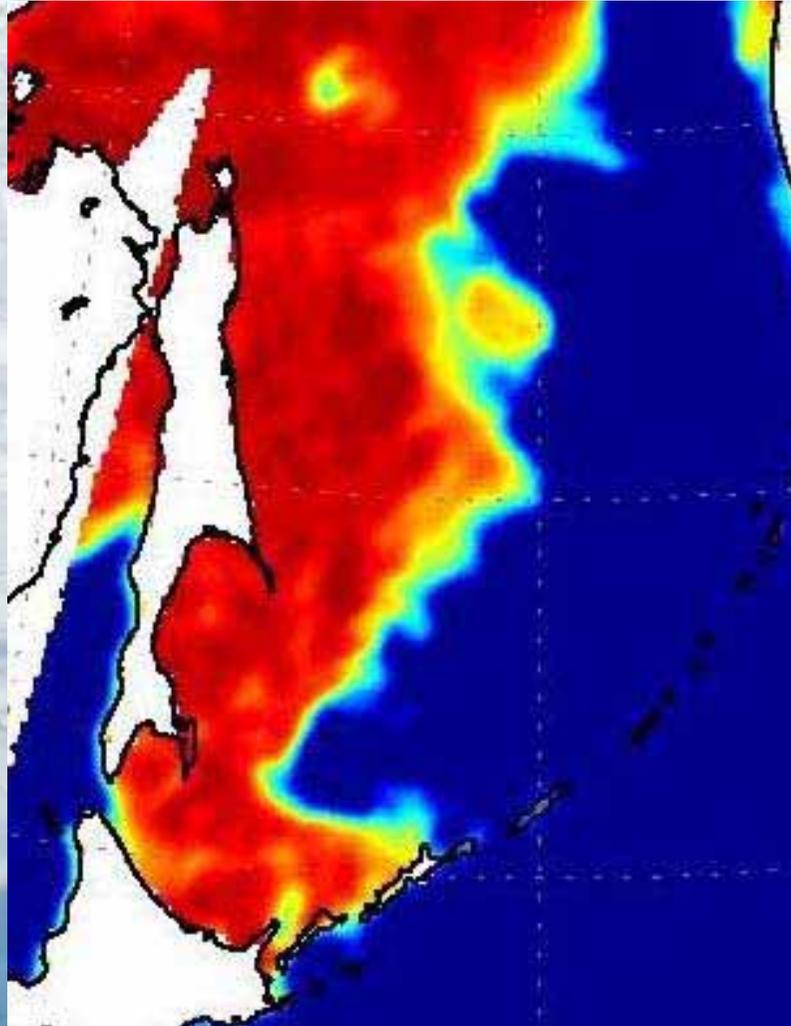
- 1) Evaluate the true benefit of having an AMSR for sea ice studies
- 2) Do comparative studies of AMSR and SSMI data, Landsat and other high resolution sensors and assess improvements
- 3) Evaluate the role of AMSR in long term/trend studies
- 4) The polar regions may provide the earliest signal of a climate change because of feedbacks between ice, ocean & atmosphere
- 5) The Okhotsk sea (SH) is the southern-most ocean covered with sea ice in the winter and may also provide the earliest signal of a climate change.
- 6) *Sea ice concentration & ice thickness is most important*
- 7) The entire Antarctic sea ice cover has been observed to be increasing at less than 1%/decade while the B/A Seas region has been declining at about 6%/decade.

**Validation Schedule (ADEOS2/AMSR & Aqua/AMSR-E: Sea Ice)  
-Post launching-**

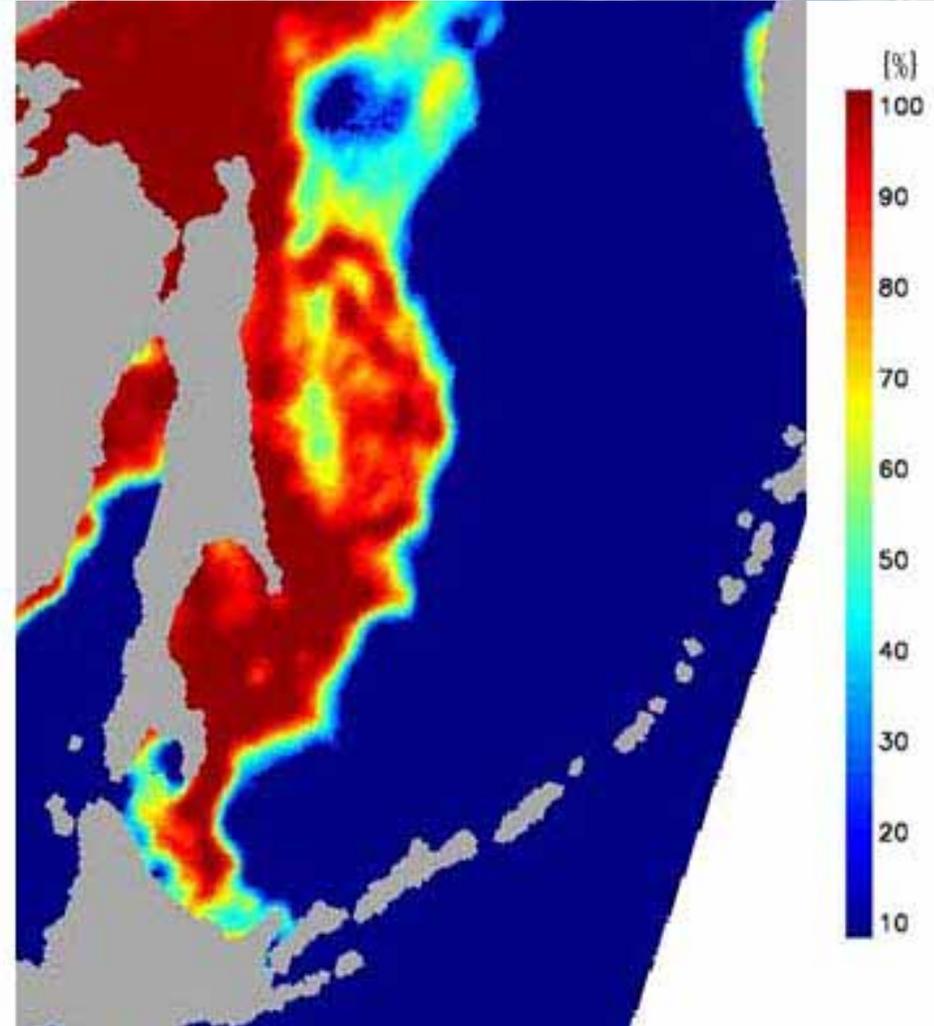
	<b>Okhotsk Sea</b>	<b>Antarctic Ocean &amp; Continent</b>
<b>2002</b>	ADEOS2 launching (Dec.14), Aqua/AMSR-E(May 5) Okhotsk Sea Field experiments(February~March) Aircraft(AMR, VTR, etc.),Icebreaker, field campaign	ADEOS2 launching New Glaciological Program(JARE) 5-year term Wintering at Showa St. (GLI Receiving)
<b>2003</b>	<b>Okhotsk Sea</b> <b>Field experiments(February~March)</b> Aircraft(AMR, VTR, etc.), <b>NASA/P3</b> <b>Icebreaker, field campaign</b>	<b>Antarctic Campaign-AASI</b>  (August~September, NASA) Punta Arenas
<b>2004</b>	Okhotsk Sea Field experiments(February~March) Aircraft-PiSAR Icebreaker, field campaign	Weddell Sea & Belingshausen <b>Antarctic Campaign-AASI</b> (P3, Icebreaker)  (October, NASA) –P3 Ushuaia Australian icebreaker(Oct.-Nov.)  Ross Sea (P3, Icebreaker)
<b>2005</b>	Okhotsk Sea Field experiments (February~March) Aircraft-PiSAR Icebreaker, Field campaign	<b>Antarctic Campaign</b> study on sea ice & snow cover on ice sheet(AMSR & GLI) by JARE(Wintering) (JARE) winter(August~October, ) near Syowa St. & Ice sheet to inland
<b>2006</b>	Okhotsk Sea Field experiments(February~March)	<b>Antarctic Campaign</b> (NASDA & JARE) winter(August~October, DC8) near Syowa St. & Ice sheet to inland
<b>2007</b>	Okhotsk Sea Field experiments(February~March)	<b>IGY/IPY memorial year</b>

## AMSR-E(ice concentration )

09/Feb/2003

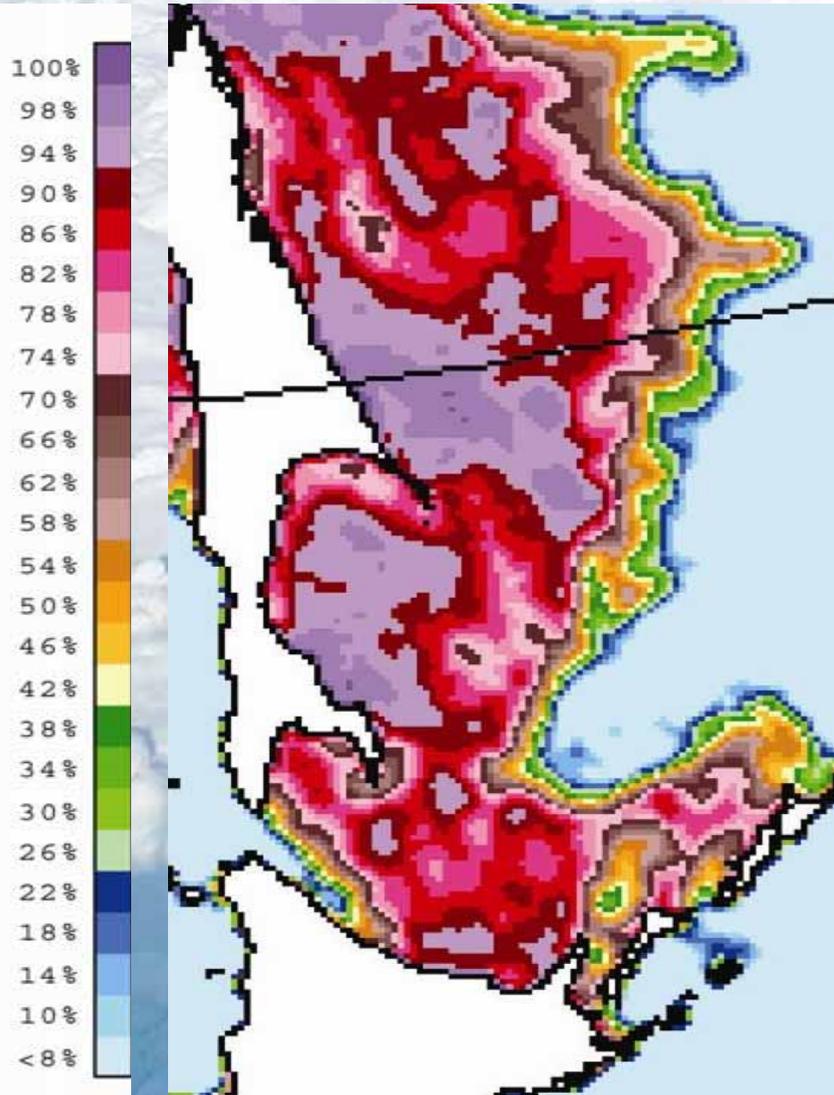


09/Feb/2004

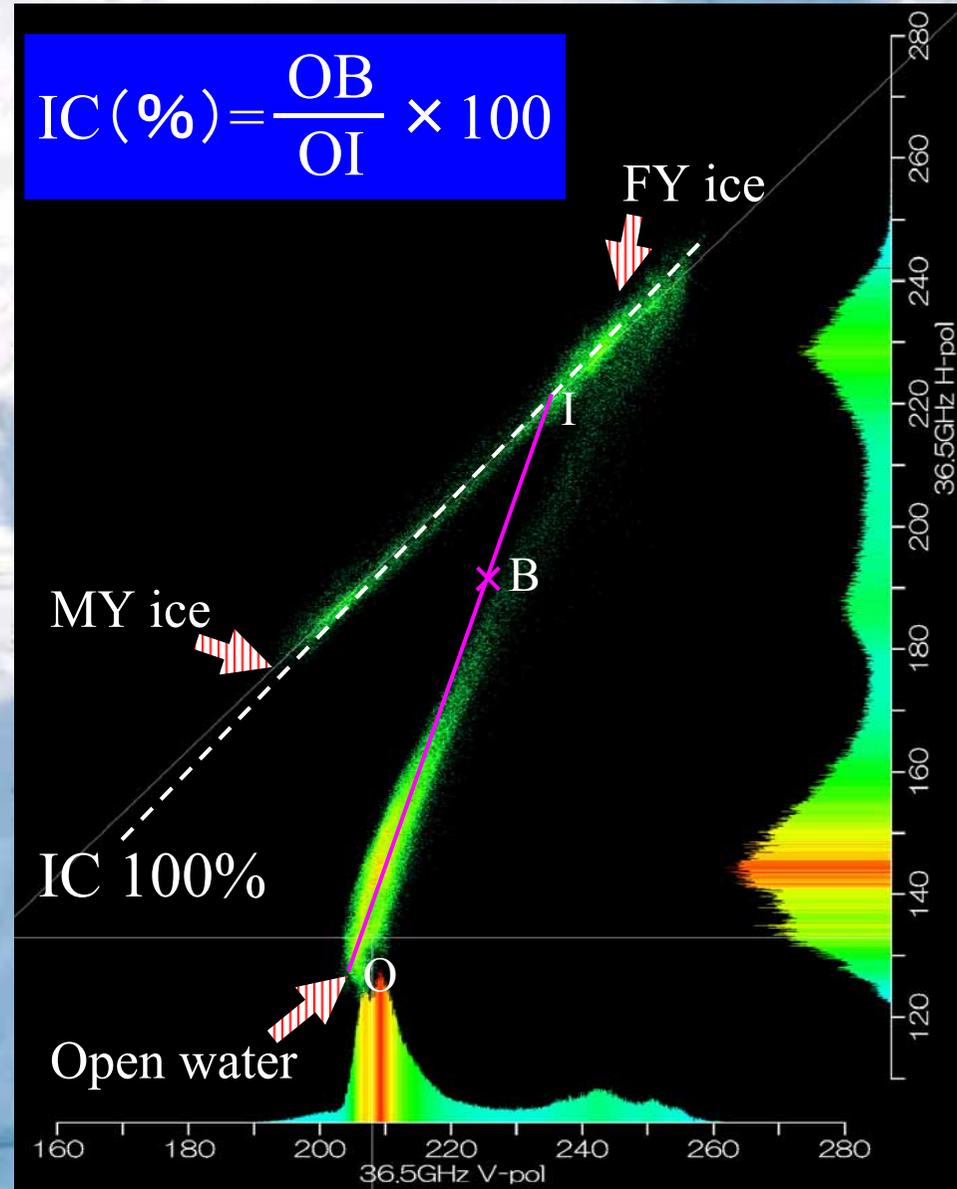


- These are images of sea ice concentration. From AMSR/E data. This is a 09/feb/2003 this is a 09/feb/2004
- At first This year was estimated to be difficult for observation because of low sea ice cover but sea ice existed on observation day.
- However, especially, Hokkaido coast find the low extent of the sea ice compared to last year.

# Sea ice concentration (Bootstrap) by AMSR



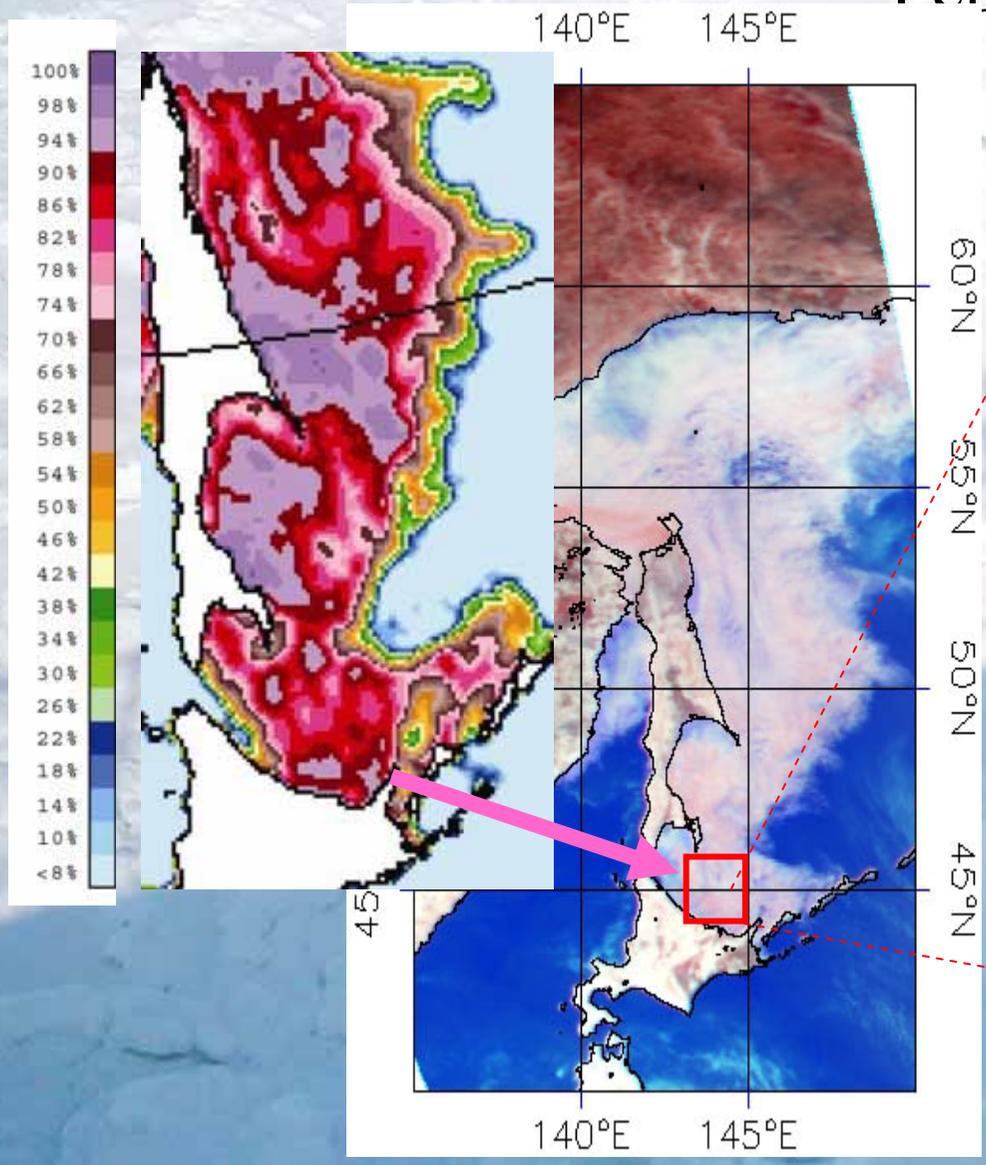
2003 February 7 AMSR-E  
36.5H, 36.5V



オホーツク海の海氷をAMSRで見ると

# Concurrent observation

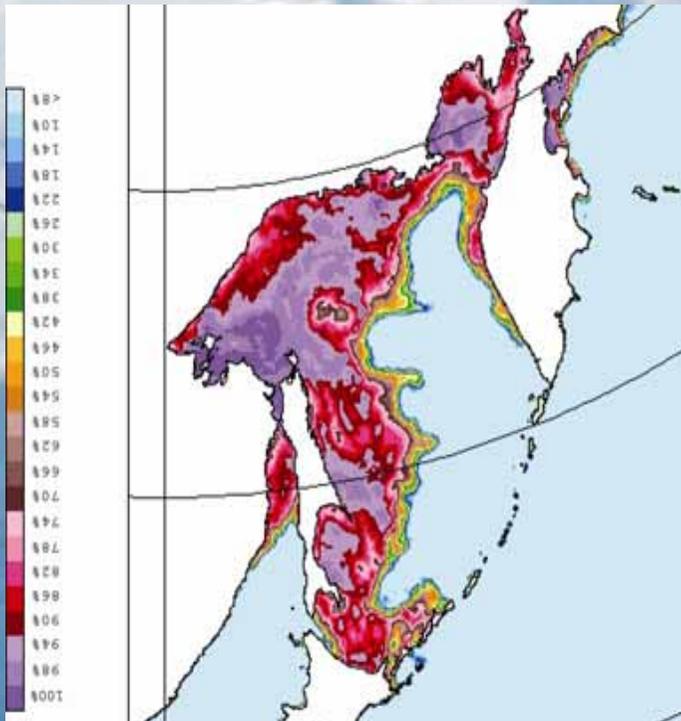
February 7, 2003 Sea of Okhotsk



AMSR-E (RGB:36.5H,89.0H, 89.0V)

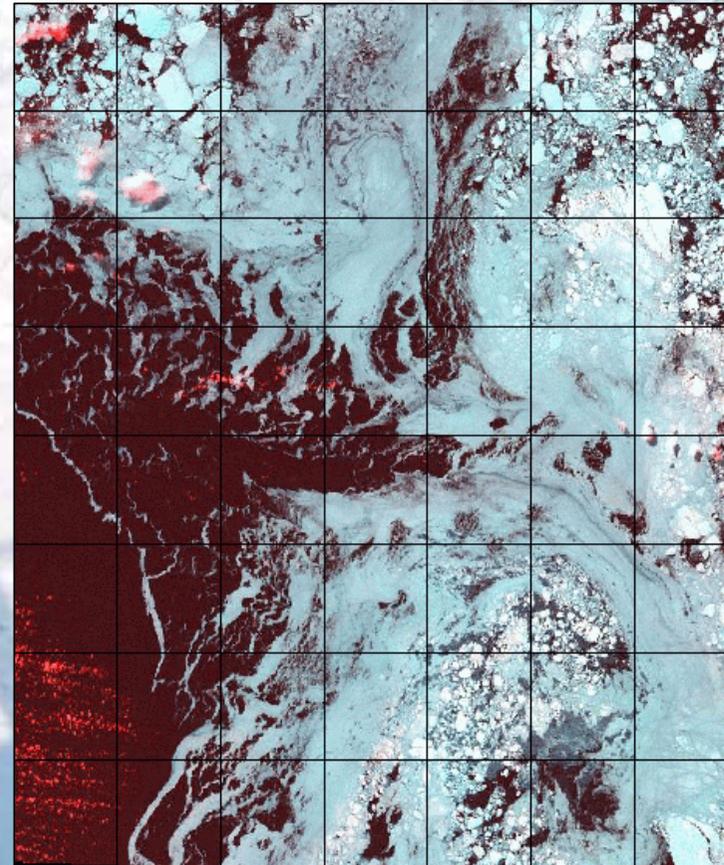
# AMSR-E & Landsat

- Landsat data provide information that can be very useful in the interpretation of AMSR-E data
- The concentration of new ice depends on thickness and stage of growth.

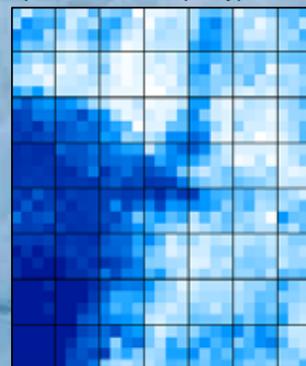


February 11, 2003

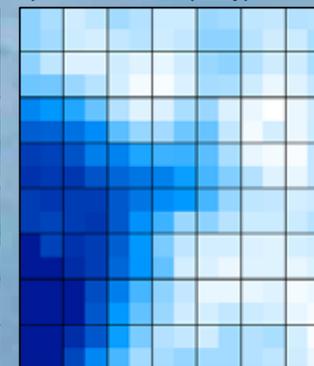
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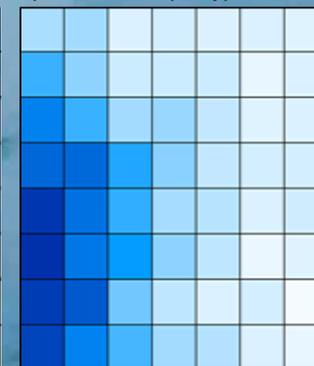
b) AMSR 6.25km (Daily)



c) AMSR 12.5km (Daily)



d) SSM/I 25km (Daily)



# Validation Strategy

- **Aircraft Validation Campaigns**
  - Sea of Okhotsk Mission – February 2003
  - AASI Campaign – August – September 2003\*
  - AASI Campaign – October 2004
  - PiSAR February 2004 & 05
- **High Resolution Satellite Data**
  - MODIS, GLI\*\*
  - Landsat
  - Quickbird/IKONOS
- **Ship Data/other *in situ* data**
- **Radiative Transfer Modeling**

\*Aborted

\*\*Oct. 2003

# Validation Tools (2003 & 04))

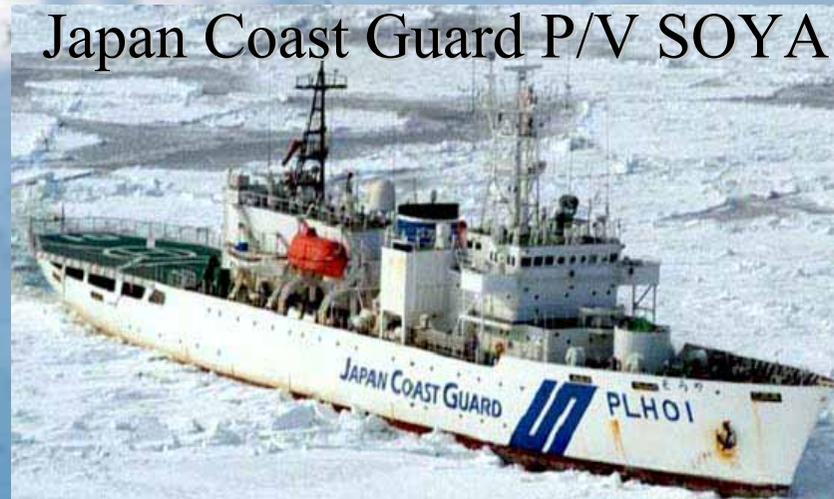
- P3 Aircraft – coordinate with Aqua & ADEOS2\* orbit
  - PSR A & C – Sensor calibration and parameter studies
  - ATM – ice thickness and topography studies
  - THOR – snow thickness and cloud cover studies
  - D2P – ice and snow thickness studies
  - TAMMS – heat and humidity flux studies
- Ship Observations- in situ data of passive microwave observations and physical characterization of the ice
- High Resolution Satellite Observations – Landsat, ASTER, Ikonos
- PiSAR(2004 & 2005)
- Radiative Transfer Modeling Studies

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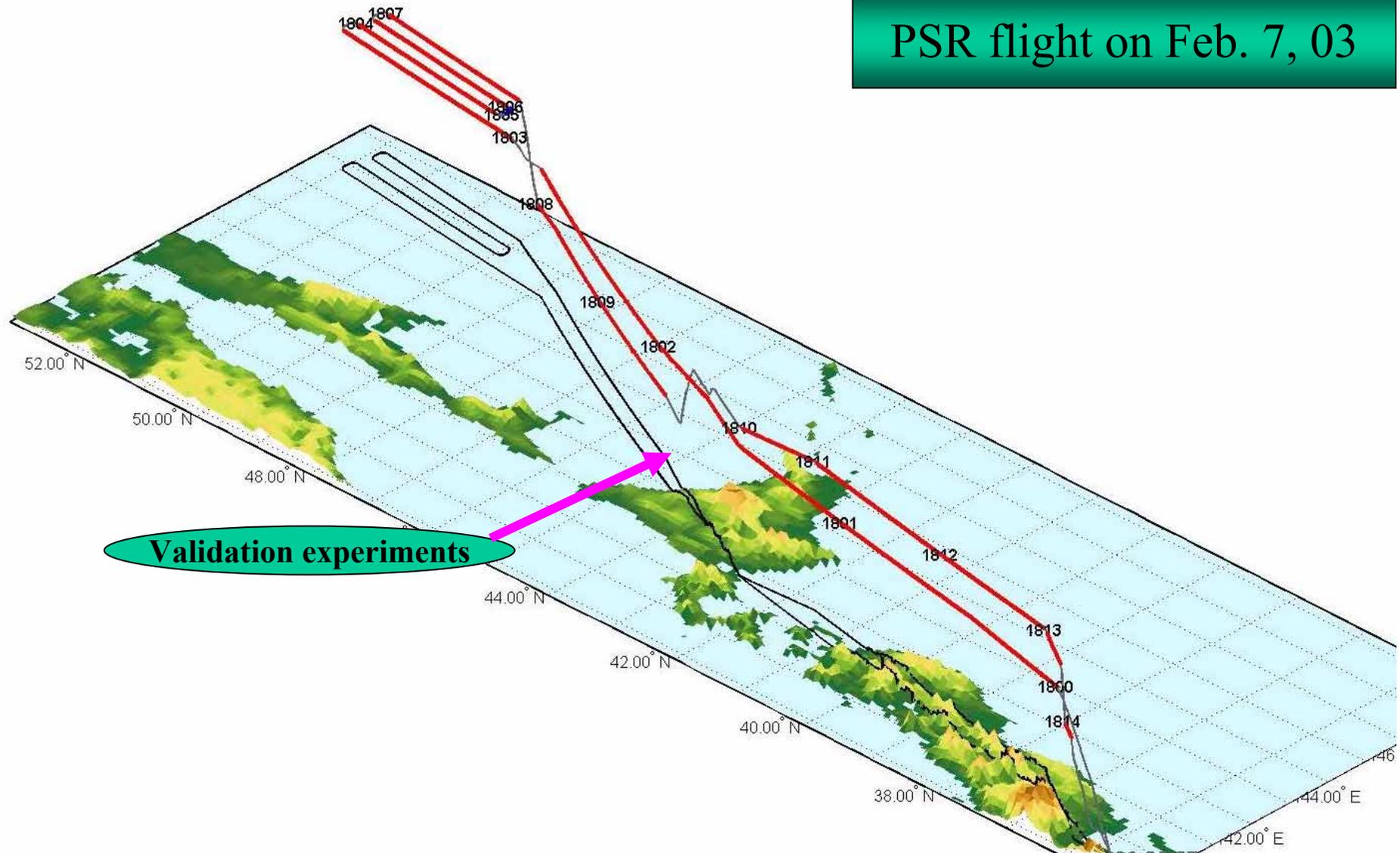
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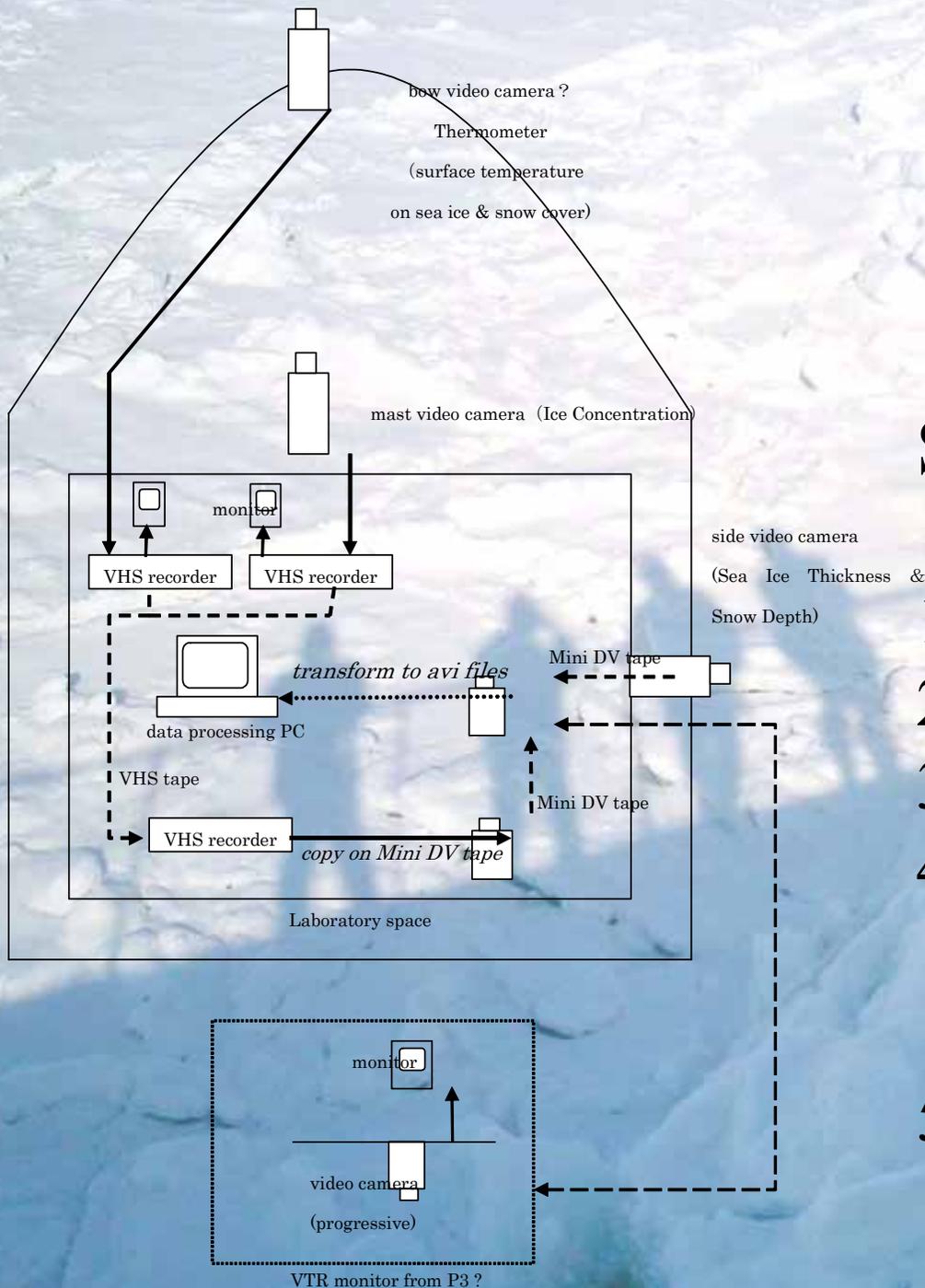
# Aircraft and ship observation

- **February 5 – 14, 2003.**
  - Sea of Okhotsk
- August 16 – September 4, 2003.
  - Bellingshausen Sea
- September 11 – October 30, 2003.
  - Hobart to Casey station (AUS)
- February 5 – 14, 2004.
  - Sea of Okhotsk



PSR flight on Feb. 7, 03

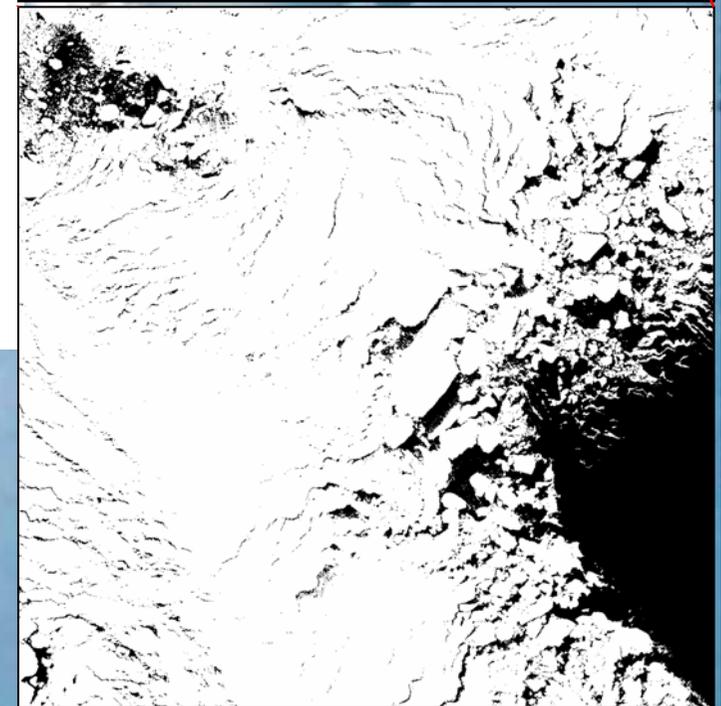
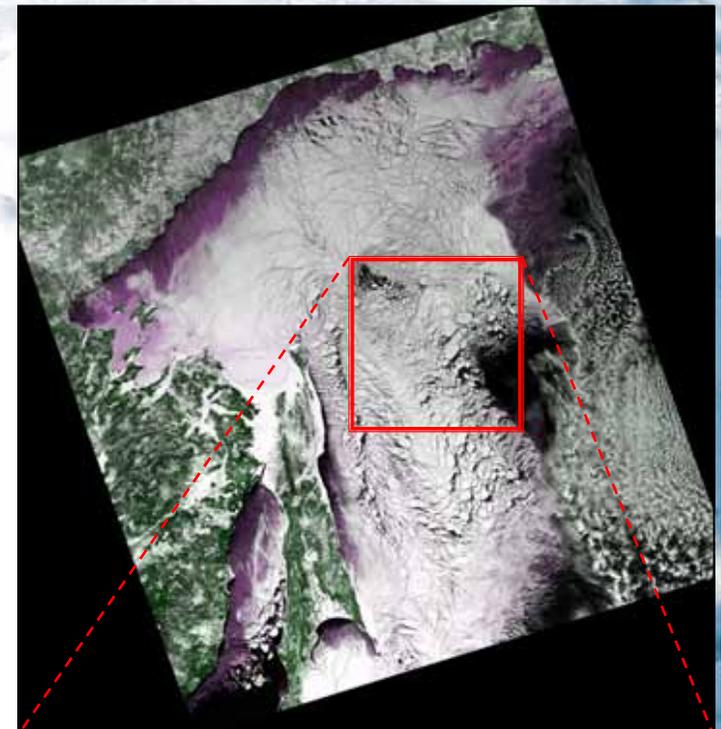
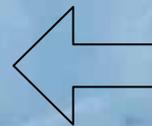
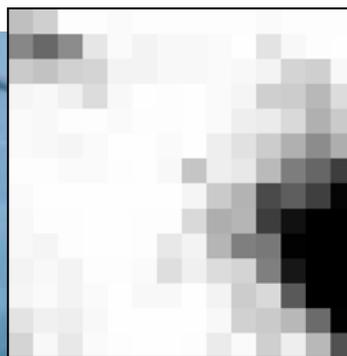
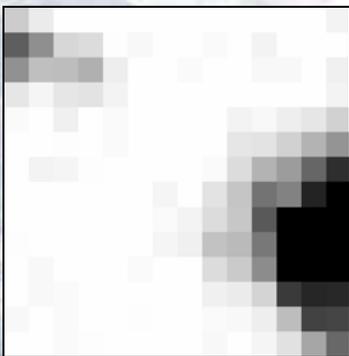
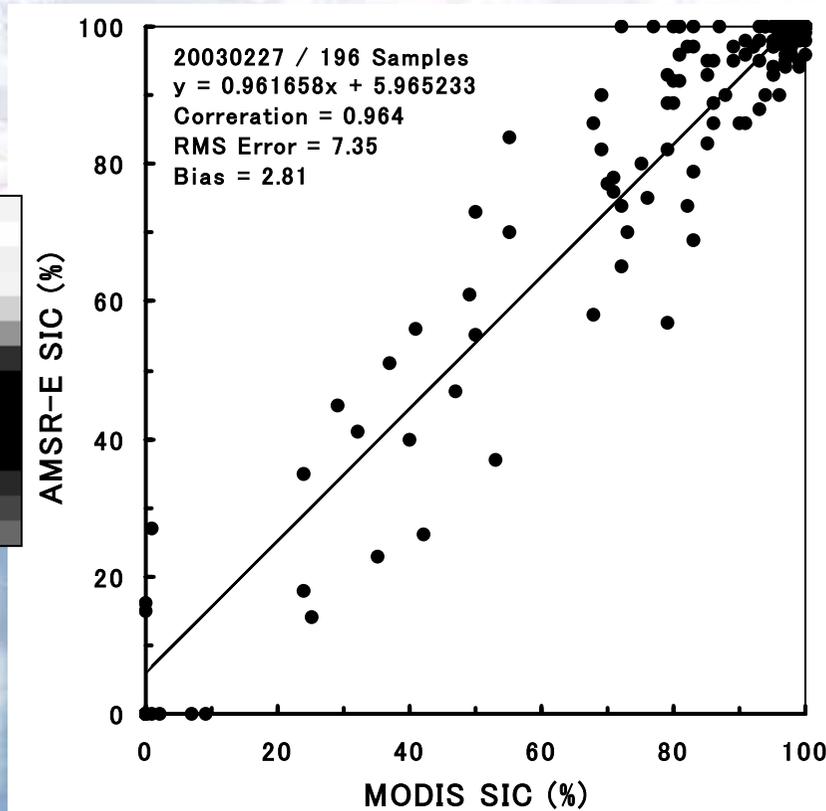




## Ship measurements

- 1) ice concentration
- 2) sea ice thickness
- 3) snow depth
- 4) sea ice classification  
(by VTR, IR-VTR,  
digital camera)
- 5) Sea surface temperature  
(thermometer)

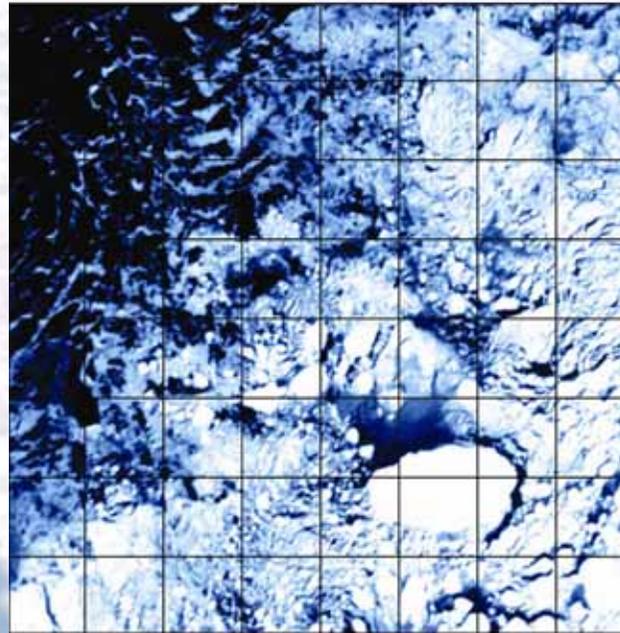
# Validation using MODIS



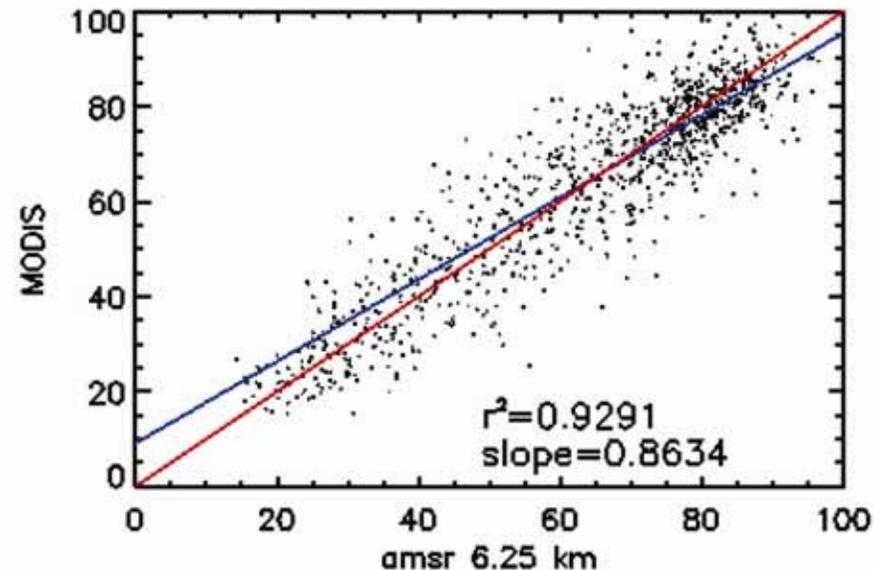
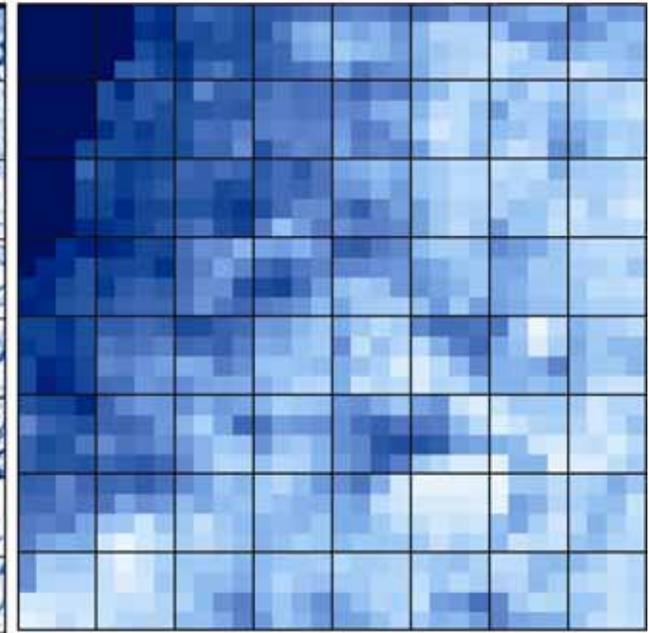
February 27, 2003  
Sea of Okhotsk

**Modis and  
AMSR-E at 6  
km grid shows  
basically the  
same general  
features of the  
ice cover. They  
are also highly  
correlated.**

MODIS Sep 09, 2002



AMSR 6.25 km Icecon

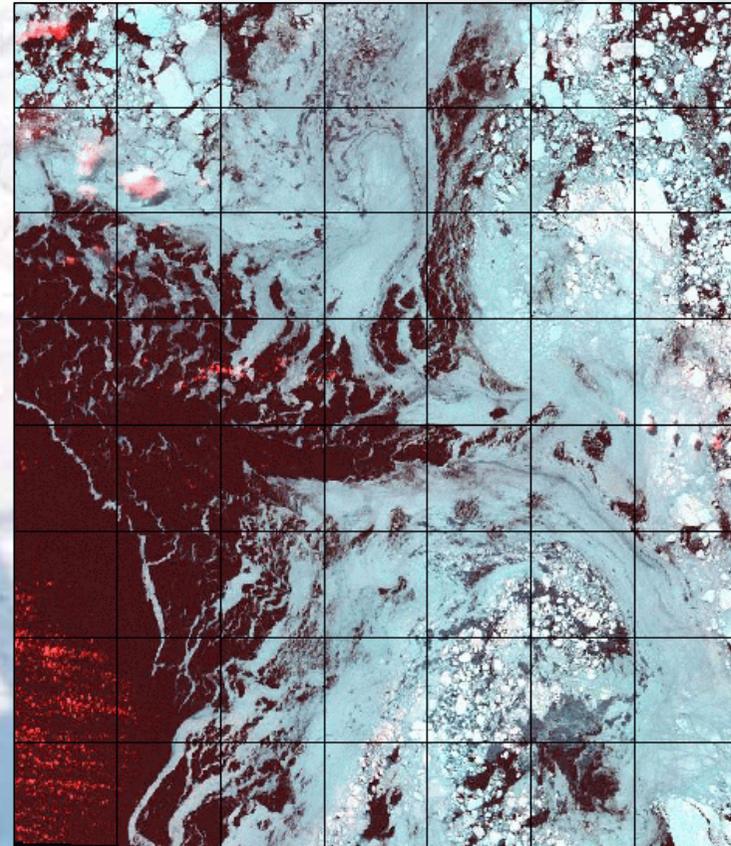


# AMSR-E versus Landsat

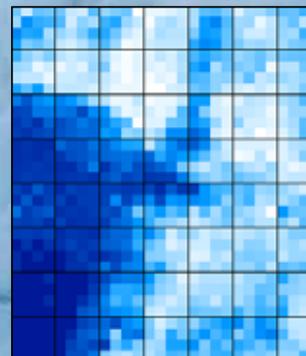
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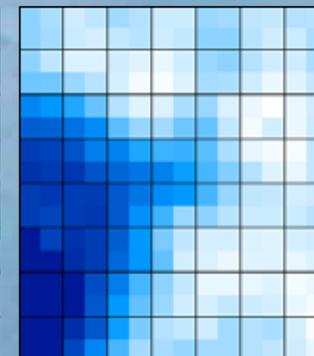
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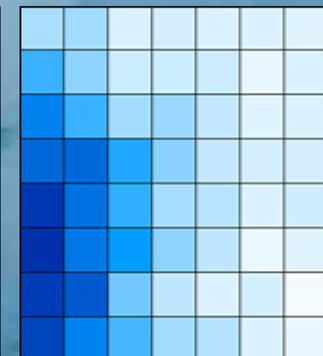
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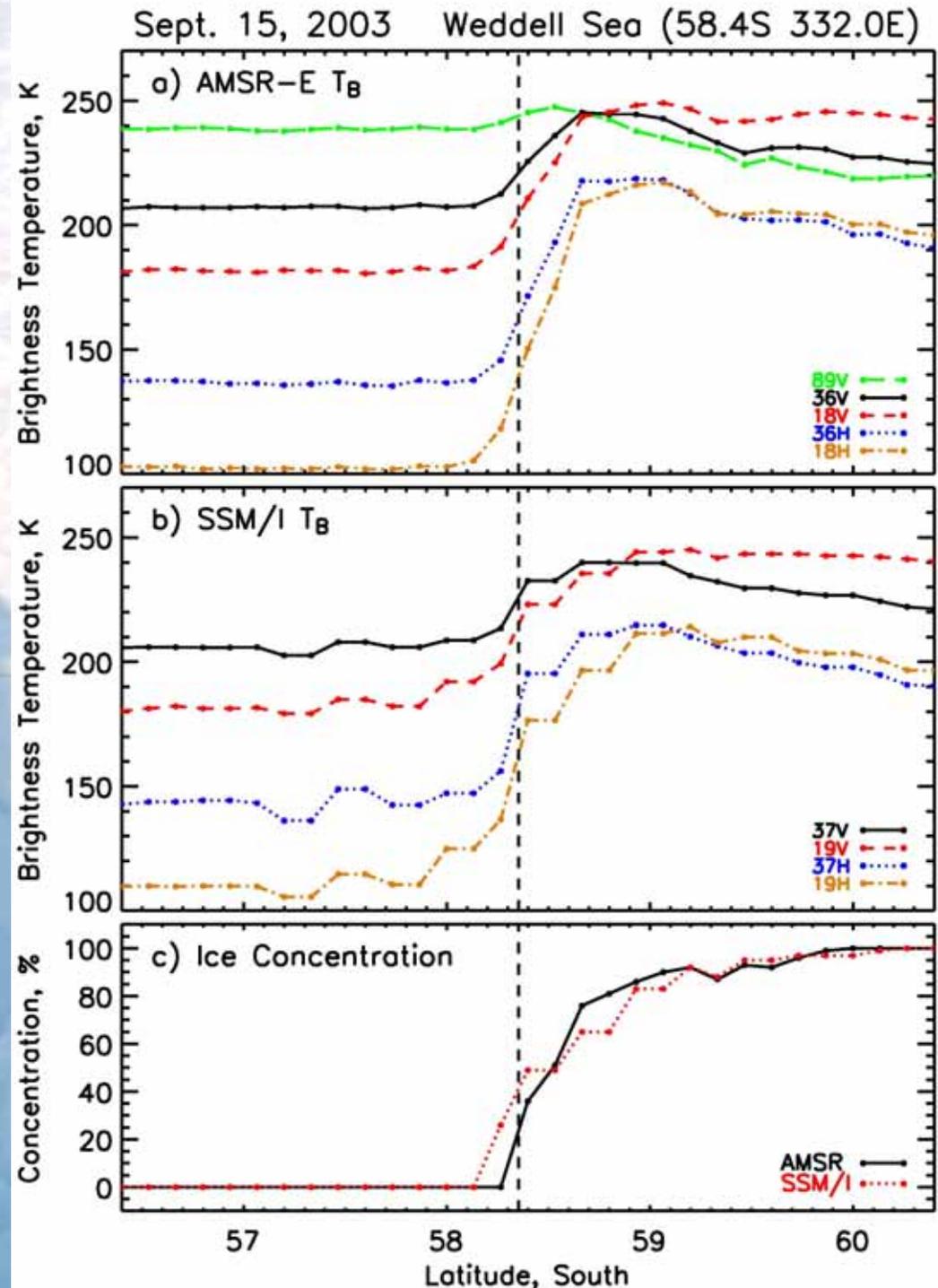


d) SSM/I 25km (Daily)



# Ice Edge Characterization

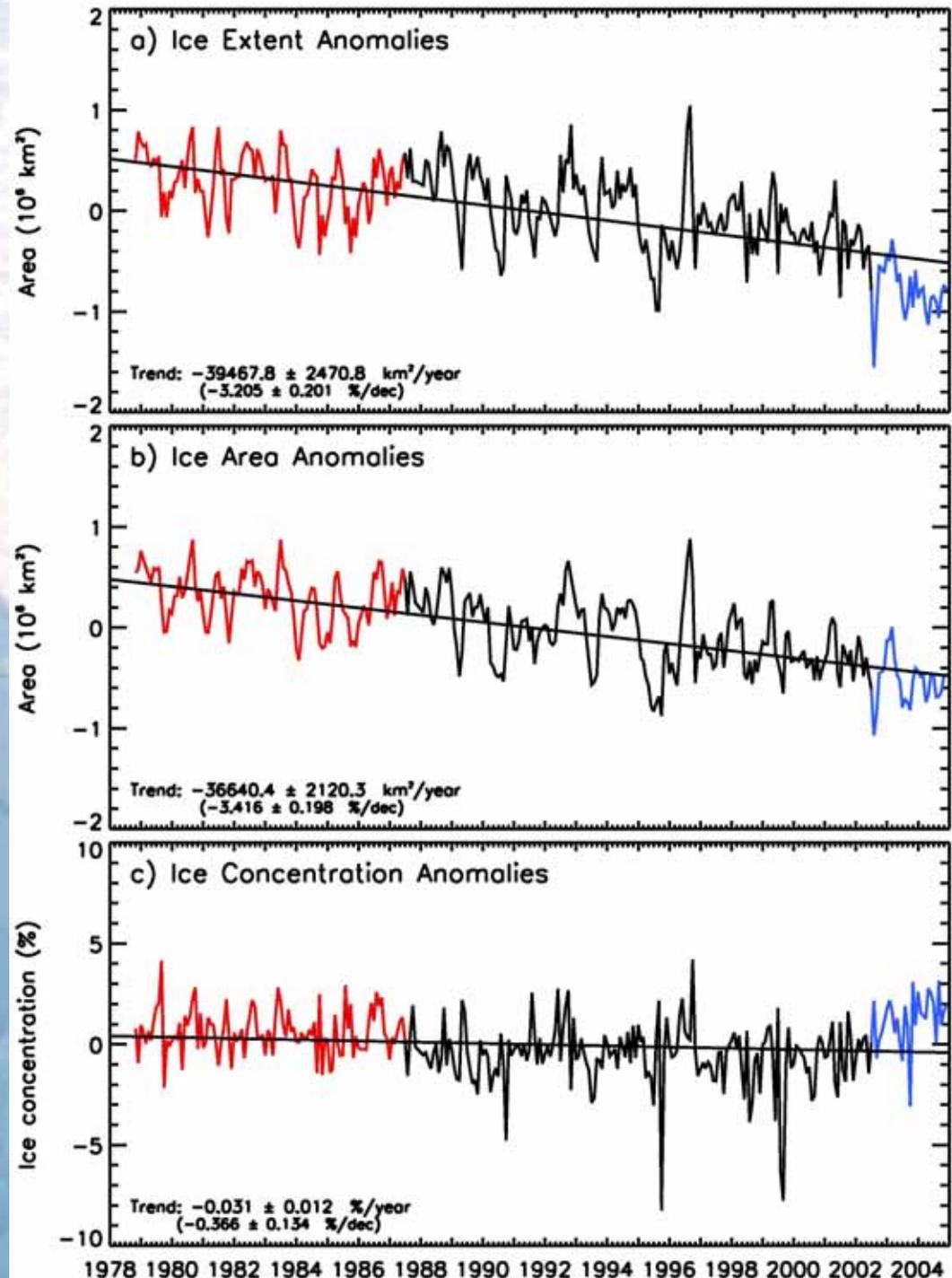
- All channels from AMSR are coherent.
- The ice edge location is almost frequency independent
- Effect of resolution and sidelobes apparent with SSM/I
- Error of about 12 km is possible in some locations for SSM/I



# Anomaly/Trend Studies

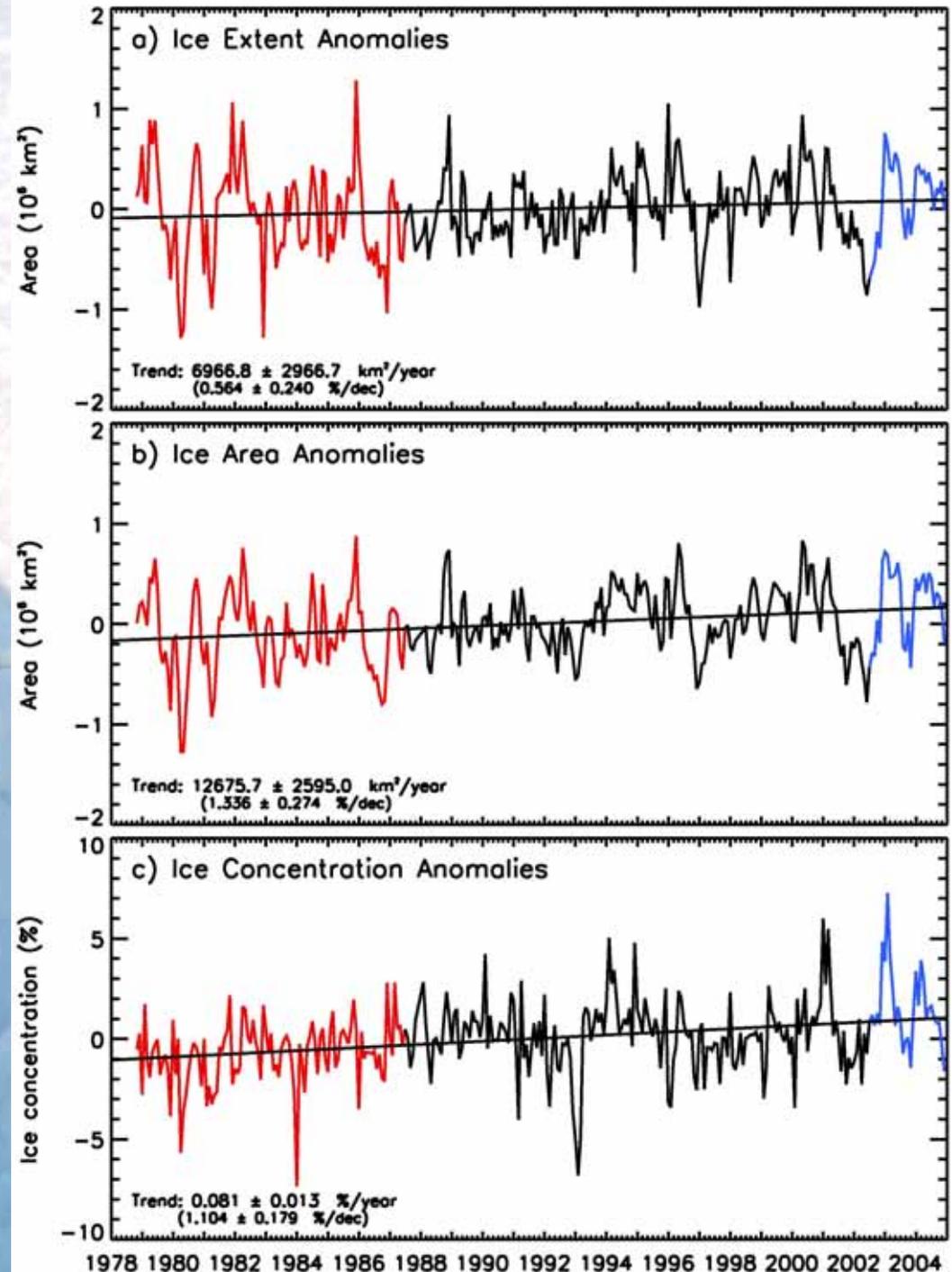
## Northern Hemisphere

- Long term studies requires consistency checks specially during periods of overlap
- Use of AMSR provides a means of improving accuracy in trend analysis but biases should be removed first
- Ice area values are more stable because of less dependency to ice edge location



# Annomaly/Trend Studies Southern Hemisphere

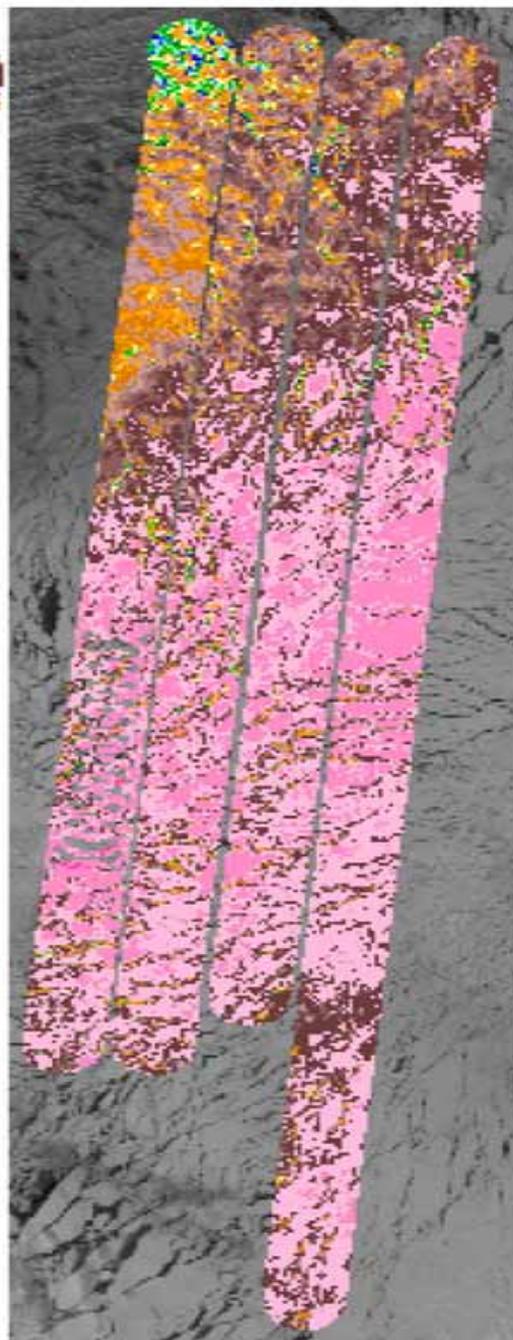
- Smaller trend in ice extent is observed with the use of AMSR data vs SSM/I reflecting some bias
- Again, the trends in ice area are almost the same for AMSR and SSMI



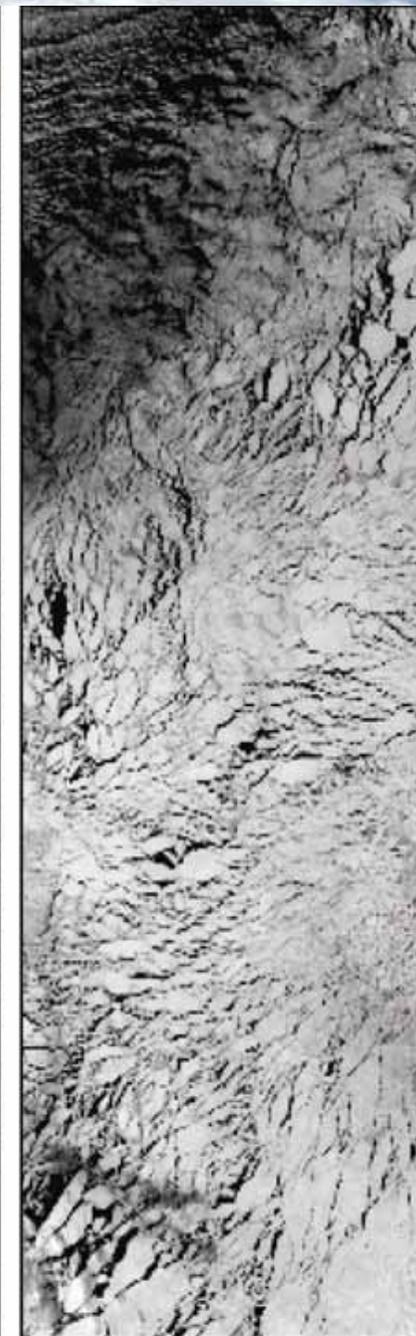
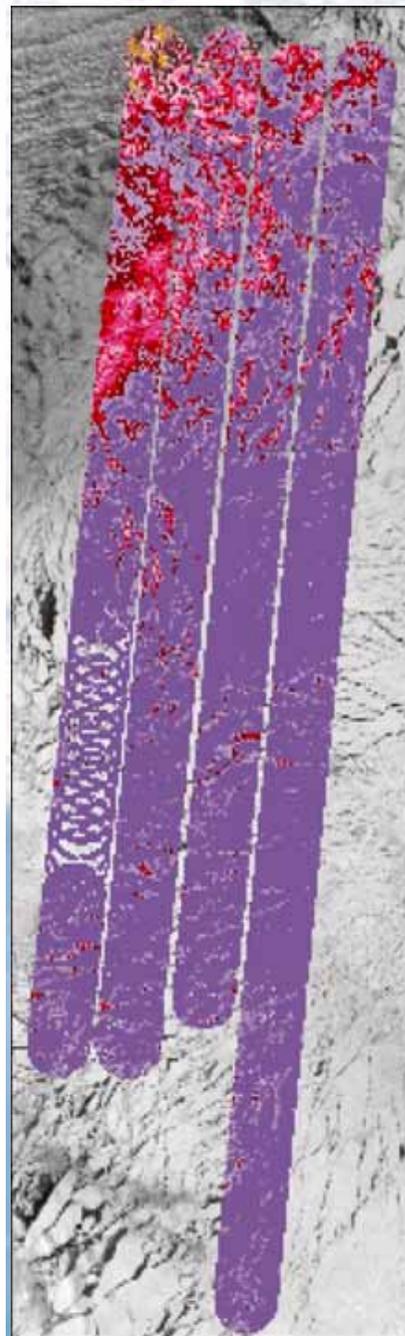
# Summary (sea ice concentration)

- High resolution AMSR data are shown to be consistent with MODIS and Landsat data and can be useful for mesoscale studies when atmospheric effects are not critical.
- AMSR/AMSR-E is an excellent successor to SSM/I
- AMSR provides an improved characterization of the ice margin
- AMSR shows spatial details of the ice cover that have never been observed before
- AMSR has the potential of improving the accuracy of long term variability and trend in the ice cover

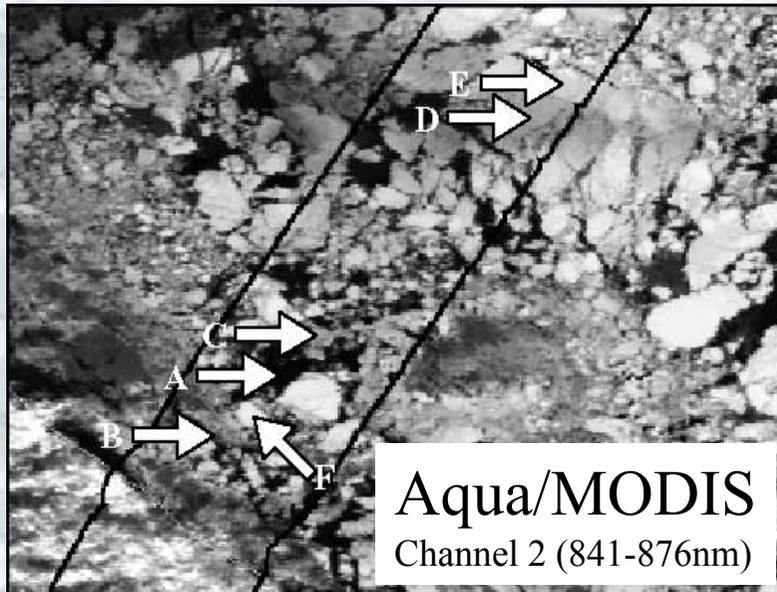
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derived  
ice  
concentrations  
Overlayed  
on  
MODIS data  
(Okhotsk Sea)**



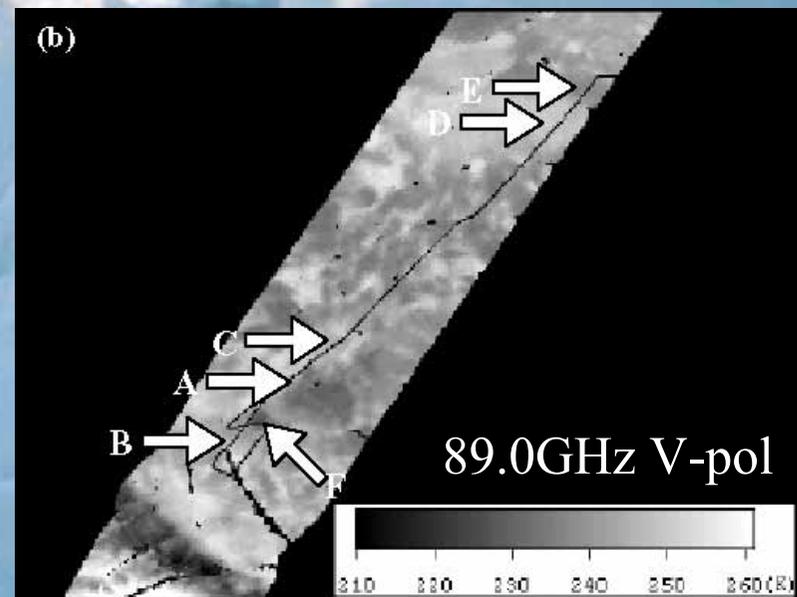
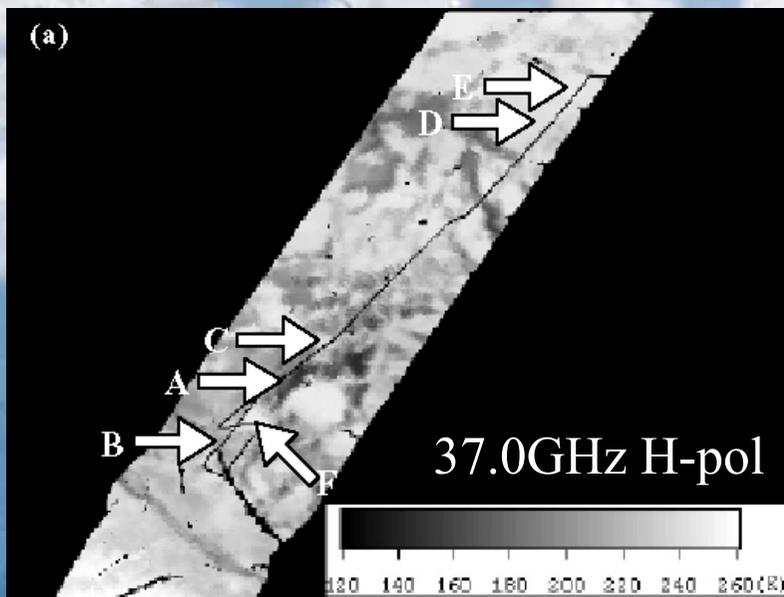
PSR+MODIS



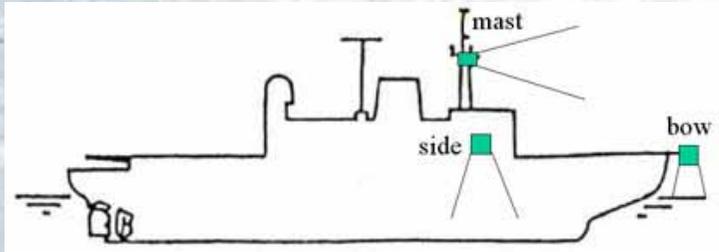
# PSR data over P/V "Soya"



NASA P3-B PSR



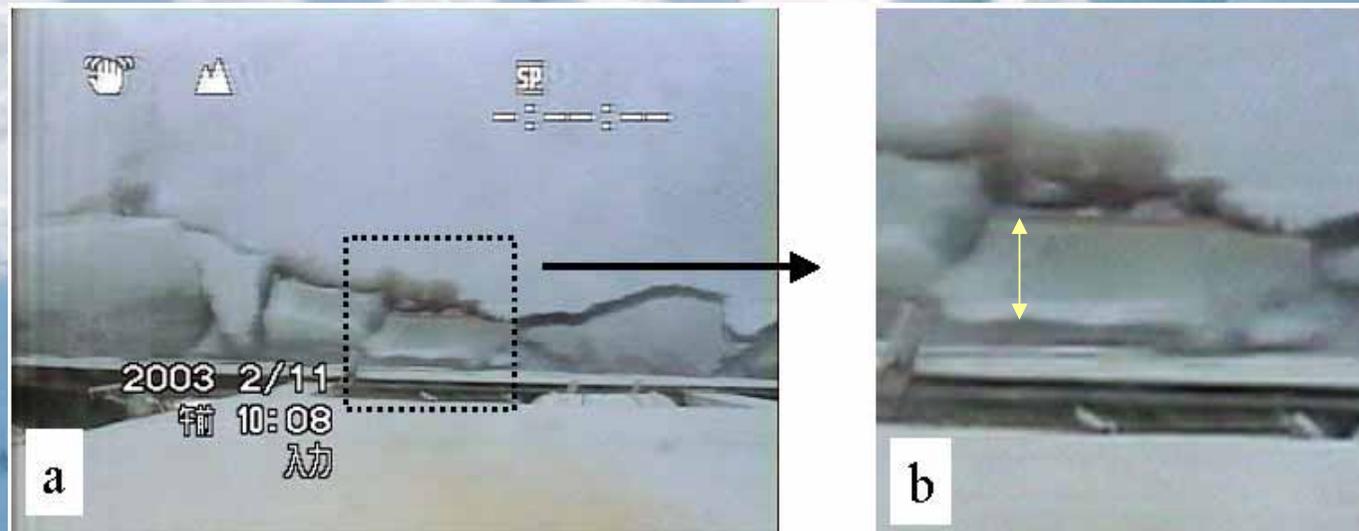
# Sea ice thickness observation from ship



Position of camcorder  
on P/V SOYA



Sample images taken by camcorders  
a:mast, b:bow, c:broadside



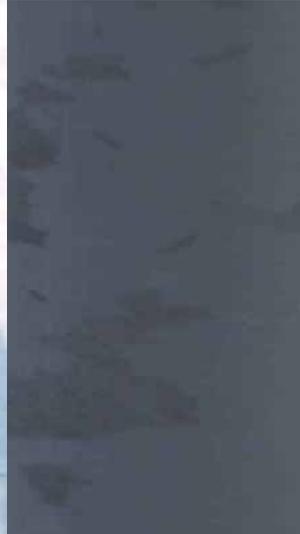
Example image of  
measuring sea ice thickness

# Average sea ice thickness of area “A” ~ “F” by “Soya”

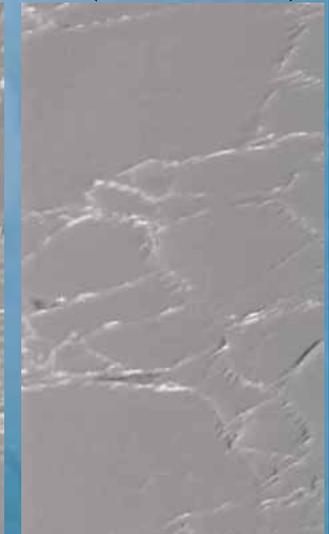
A (>2cm)    B (6.8cm)    C (11.1cm)



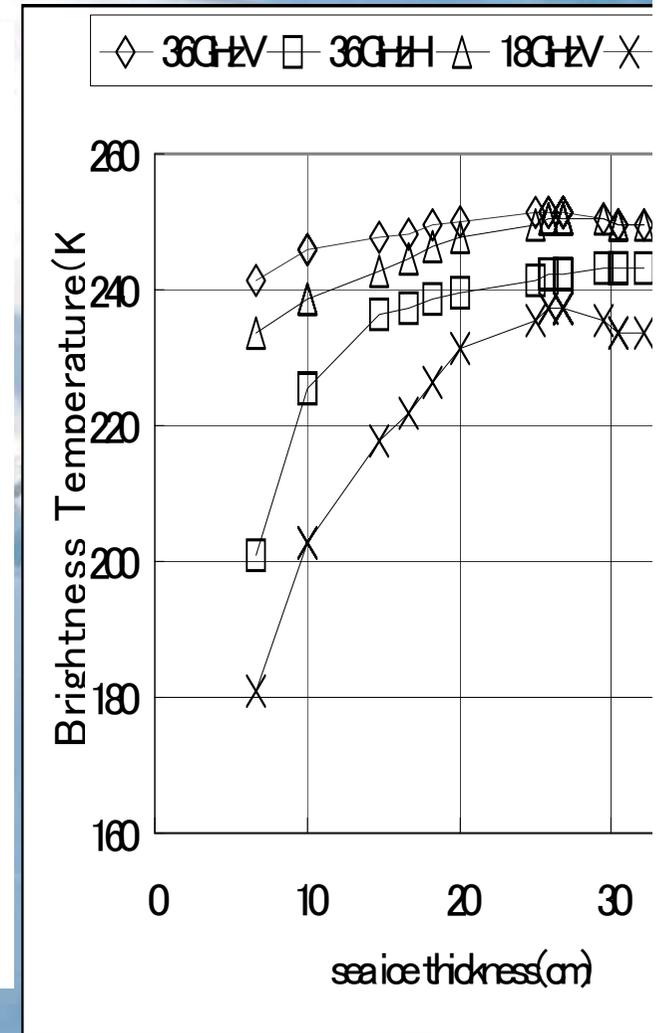
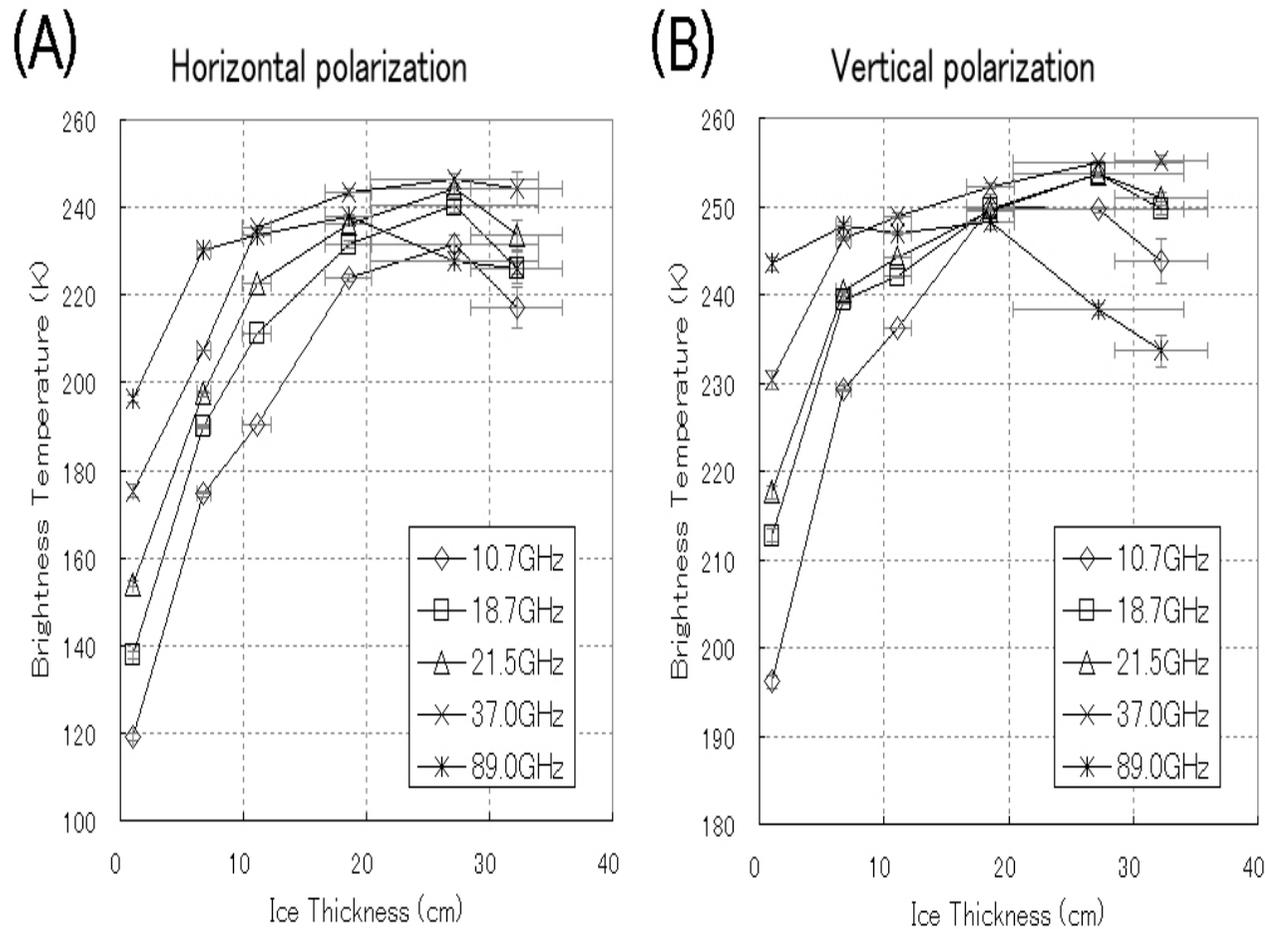
Aqua/MODIS  
Channel 2 (841-876nm)



D (18.5cm)    E (27.2cm)    F (32.2cm)

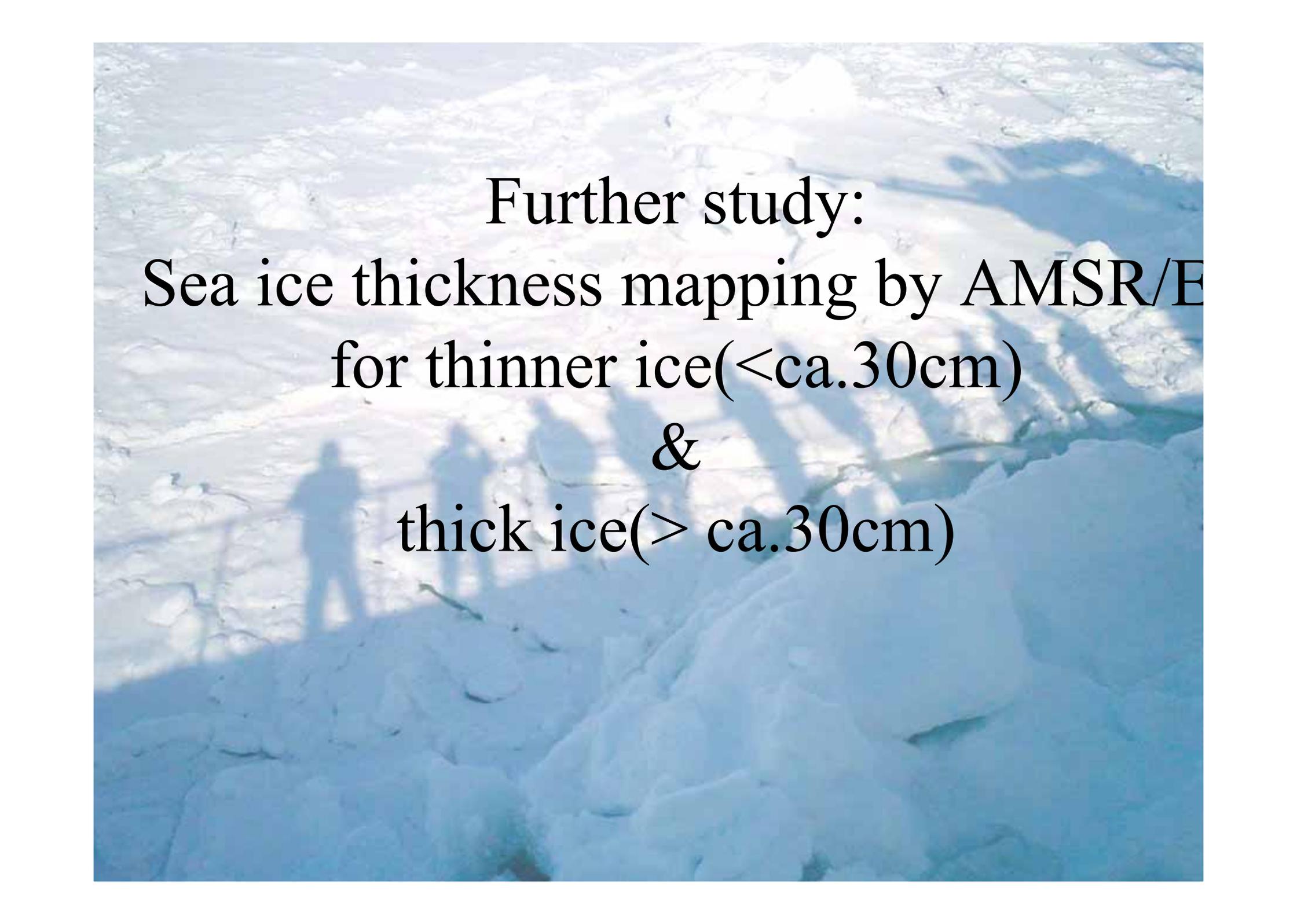


# Relationship of brightness temperature to sea ice thickness



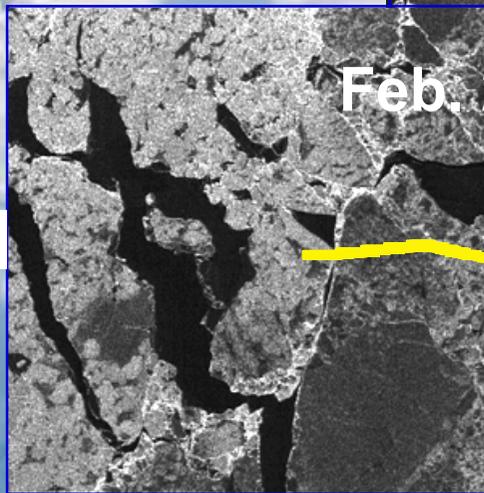
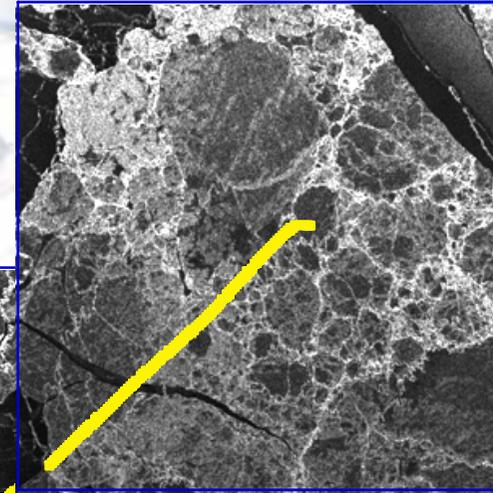
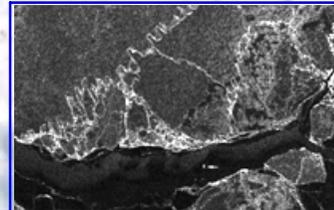
PSR

AMSR/E

An aerial photograph of a vast expanse of sea ice. The ice is broken into numerous irregular floes of varying sizes, separated by thin channels of dark water. The lighting is bright, creating sharp, dark shadows of people standing on the ice, which are cast across the surface from the upper left towards the lower right. The overall color palette is dominated by whites and blues, with the dark shadows providing a stark contrast.

Further study:  
Sea ice thickness mapping by AMSR/E  
for thinner ice(<ca.30cm)  
&  
thick ice(> ca.30cm)

in the Sea of Okhotsk by using  
Dual-Frequency and Fully Polarimetric Airborne SAR (Pi-SAR) D



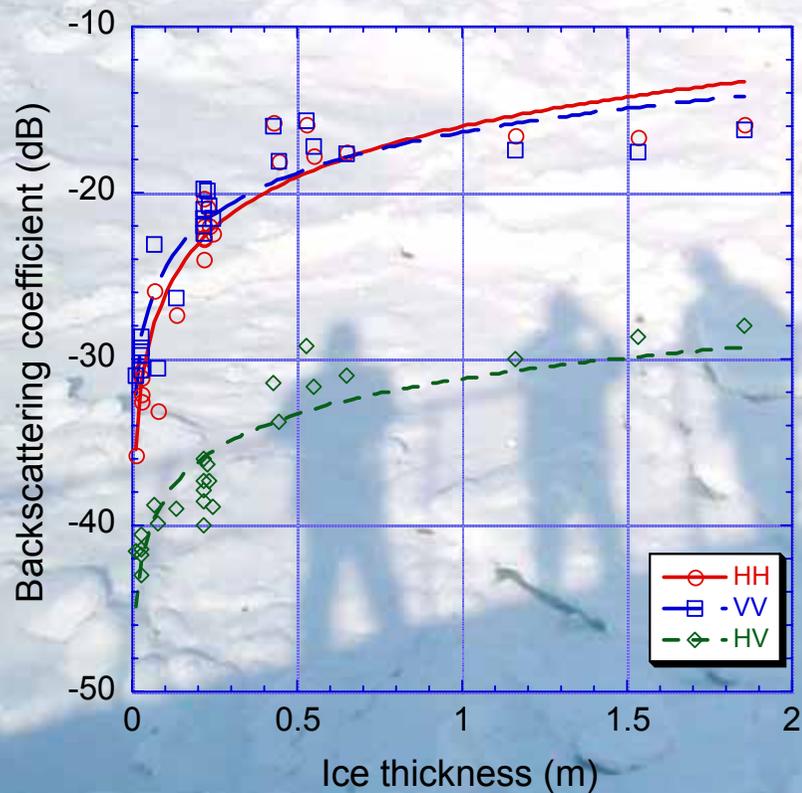
3 km

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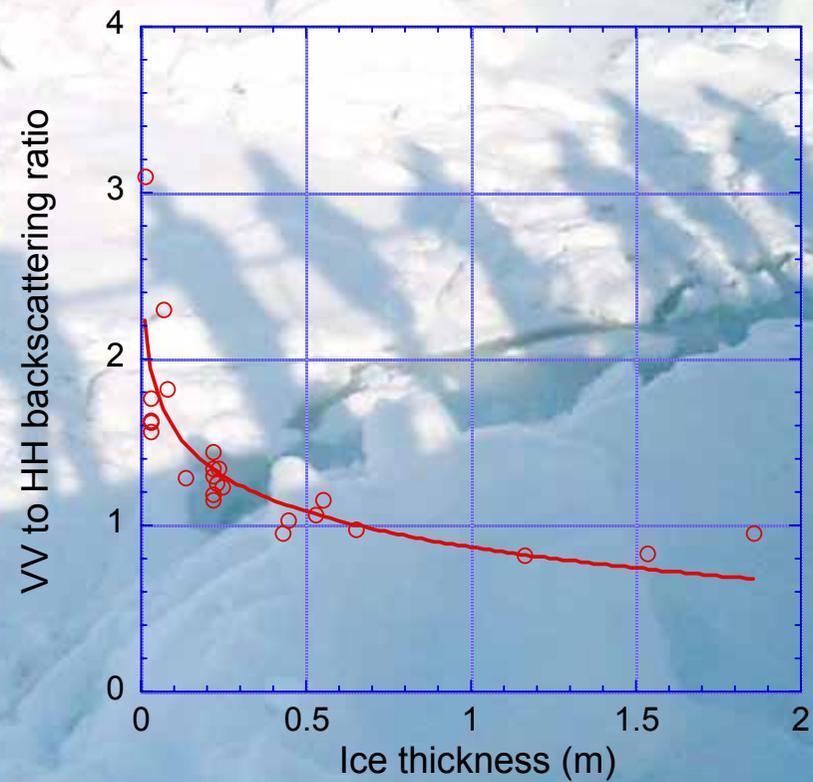


Mooring sonar

## Ice thickness - Backscattering coefficient

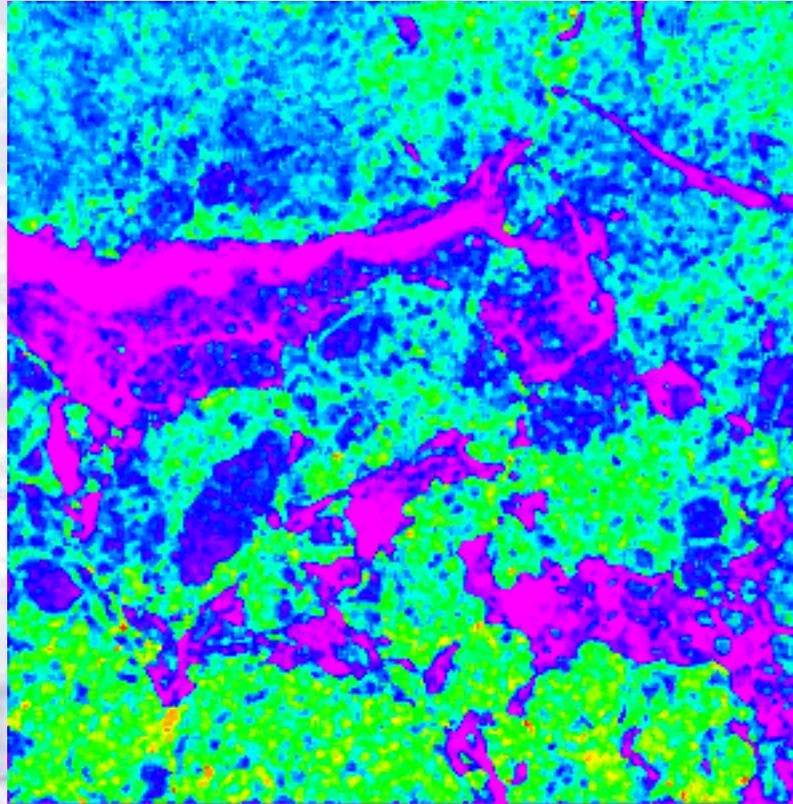


## Ice thickness - VV to HH



Wakabayashi, H et al., 2003

## Ice thickness map



### -Ice thickness (presented by Nakamura, et al.:psoter)

- It was possible to estimate the thickness of YI and FYI
- using VV-HH backscattering ratio.
  - > Estimation of ice thickness was possible using both X-band and L-band SAR data.

# Summary and Conclusions

- AMSR(X) & AMSR/E is an excellent successor to SSM/I.
- Advantages of AMSR/E includes:
  - (a) More accurate ice concentration and better definition of ice edges – because of higher resolution and more frequency channels;
  - (b) Wider swath and smaller gap around the North Pole;
  - (c) Improved masking of ice free ocean; and
  - (d) Improved masking of ice free land/ocean boundaries.
- Some disagreements between sensors are apparent but may be largely due to resolution differences and side lobe effects.
- Co-registered and coincident AMSR and MODIS data will provide complementary and more accurate information about the ice cover AMSR(X) can be used to assess the accuracy of historical passive microwave data on sea ice.
- The validation of sea ice products from satellite data is very important
- Sea ice thickness could provide the thinner thickness (<30 cm) by passive microwave data
- Active microwave sensor (VV/HH) may provide sea ice thickness (<ca. 100cm) maps.
- Sea ice thickness information & mappings could give us the changes of ocean-ice-atmosphere, related to global warming

An aerial photograph of a vast field of oysters in blue water. The oysters are densely packed and appear as a textured, light blue-green surface. The water is a deep blue color. The text "Thank you" is overlaid in the center in a bright green, italicized font. Below it, the Japanese phrase "ありがとう" is written in a pink, stylized font.

*Thank you*

ありがとう