

# LAND and WATER ASSESSMENTS: GIS and REMOTE SENSING TOOLS

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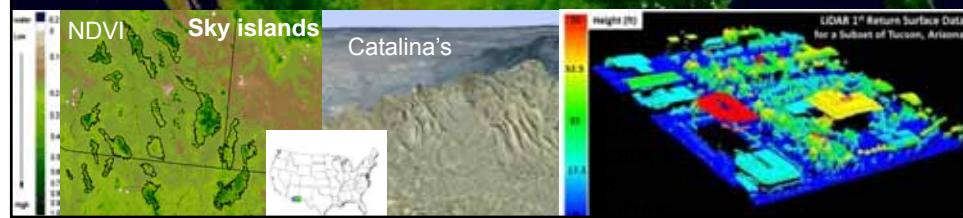


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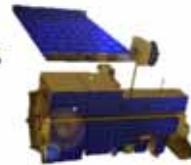
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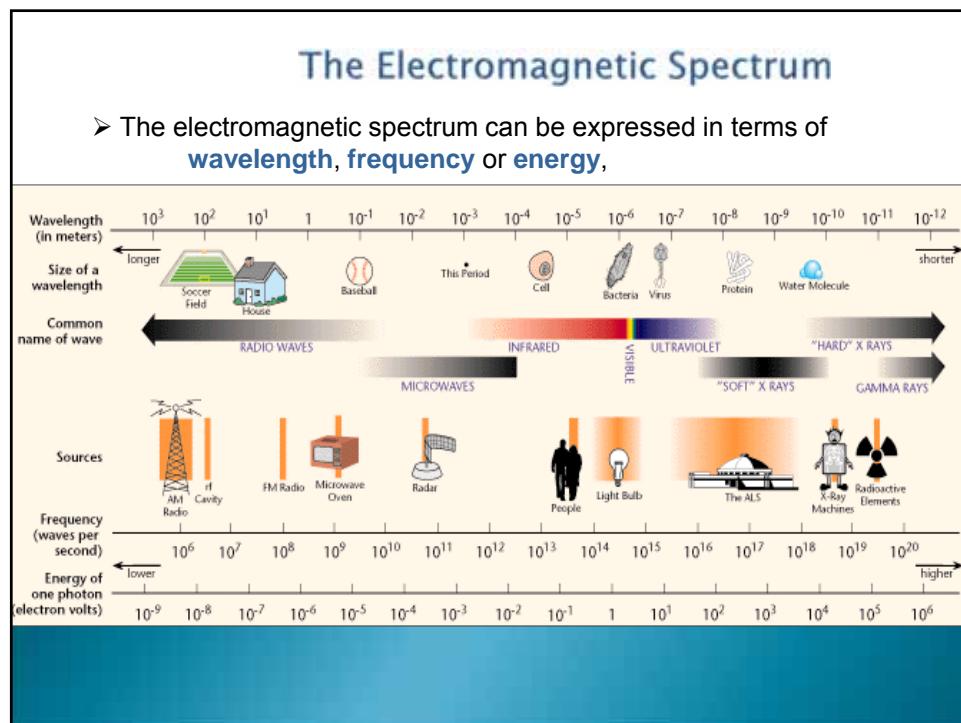
1. Natural Resource & Urban Remote Sensing, Monitoring and Assessment
2. Global/Regional/Urban Land Use Change, Wildfire, Drought and Phenology
3. Multiple Sensors, Temporal, Spatial, and Organizational Scales



## LAND and WATER ASSESSMENTS: GIS and REMOTE SENSING TOOLS

- ▶ Remote Sensing Data and Products
- ▶ Remote Sensing Scale and Data Selection
- ▶ A Hierarchical Landscape Inventory, Monitoring, Assessment and Modeling Framework: Impact of Scales on Land Use and Land Cover
- ▶ GIS and Remote Sensing Tools – Demonstrations
- ▶ Synthesis – Decision Support Systems



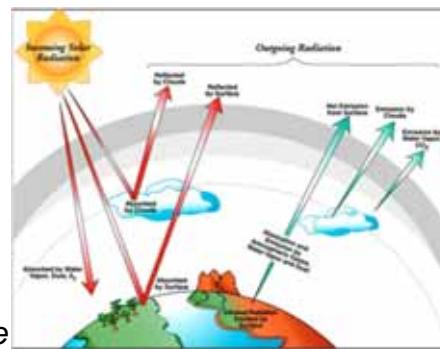


## Radiation at the Top of Atmosphere

Parameters influencing the amount of radiation at the top of earth-atmosphere systems:

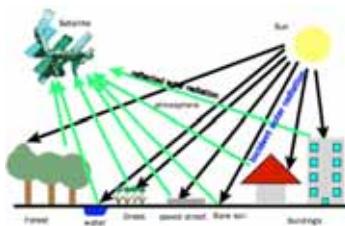
### Solar radiation

surface type – e.g. vegetation, soil, snow/ice, clouds, aerosols



### Infrared radiation

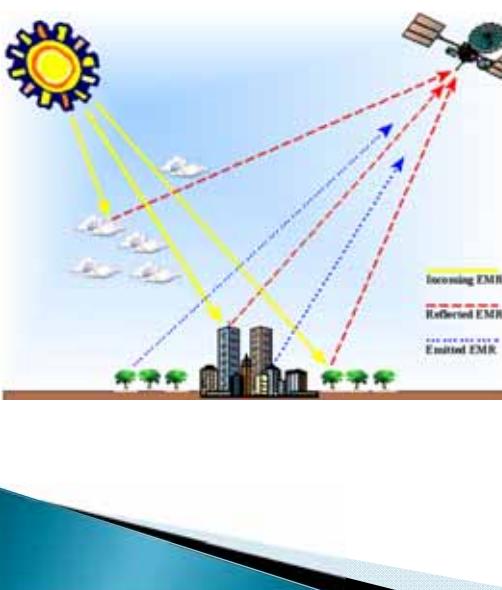
surface temperature, greenhouse gases (water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, ozone) and clouds



### Microwave radiation

Surface temperature and type (snow/ice, soil moisture), rain, water vapor, clouds

## Principles of Remote Sensing



Satellites carry a variety of instruments to measure electromagnetic radiation reflected or emitted by the earth-atmosphere system

In '**passive**' remote sensing satellites measure naturally reflected or emitted radiation

In '**active**' remote sensing satellites 'throw' beams of radiation on the earth-atmosphere system and measure 'back-scattered' radiation

## Principles of Remote Sensing

The measured radiant energy by satellites is recorded typically as digital counts on-board and transmitted to ground stations

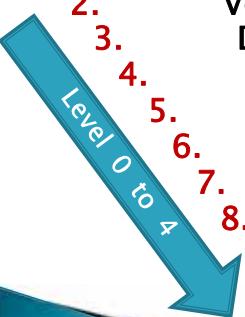
The counts are processed and converted to appropriate geophysical quantities by using complex procedures (algorithms)

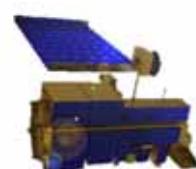
These 'retrieved' geophysical quantities are validated for accuracy by comparing them with ground-based and/or aircraft-based measurements



## Remote Sensing Data and Products

### Data processing

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|---|---|
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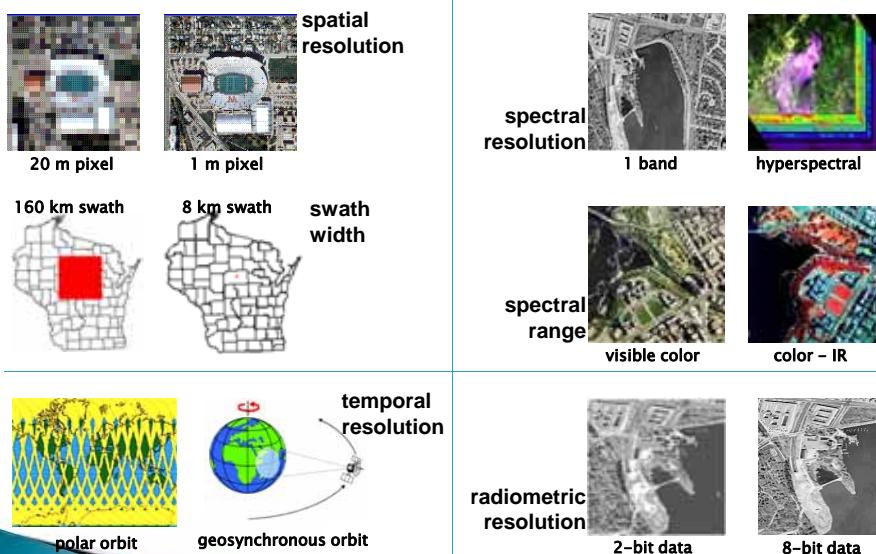


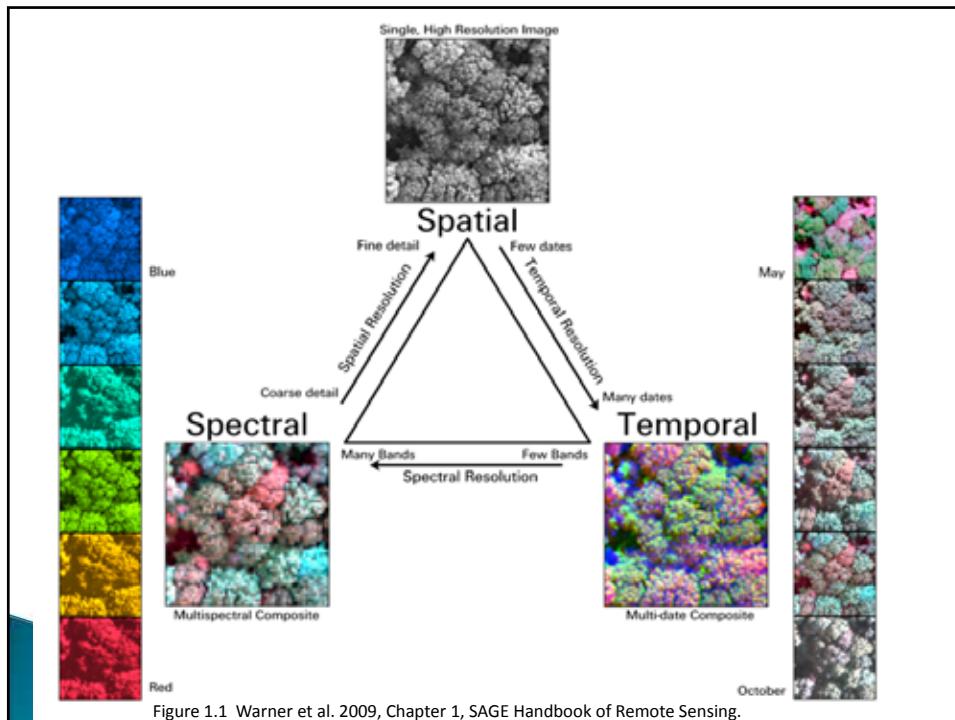
## Remote Sensing Data and Products

# Data processing

1. Electromagnetic Radiation ( $\lambda$ ; Active or Passive)
  2. Voltage (A/D conversion)
  3. Digital Number (Calibration)
  4. Radiance (Radiative transfer models)
  5. Apparent Reflectance or Temperature
  6. Surface reflectance/Temperature and  $\Delta$
  7. Vegetation Index and  $\Delta$  (NIR/red)
  8. Land cover and  $\Delta$  (algorithm)
  9. Evapotranspiration and  $\Delta$ (model)
- Level 0 to  $\Delta$*

### *Dimensions of Remotely Sensed Imagery*





Ikonos images showing the impact of improving radiometric resolution. In the upper part of the figure, different roofs can only be discriminated when enough radiometric resolution is available, while in the lower part, the same applies to the darker areas

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8 bits: 256

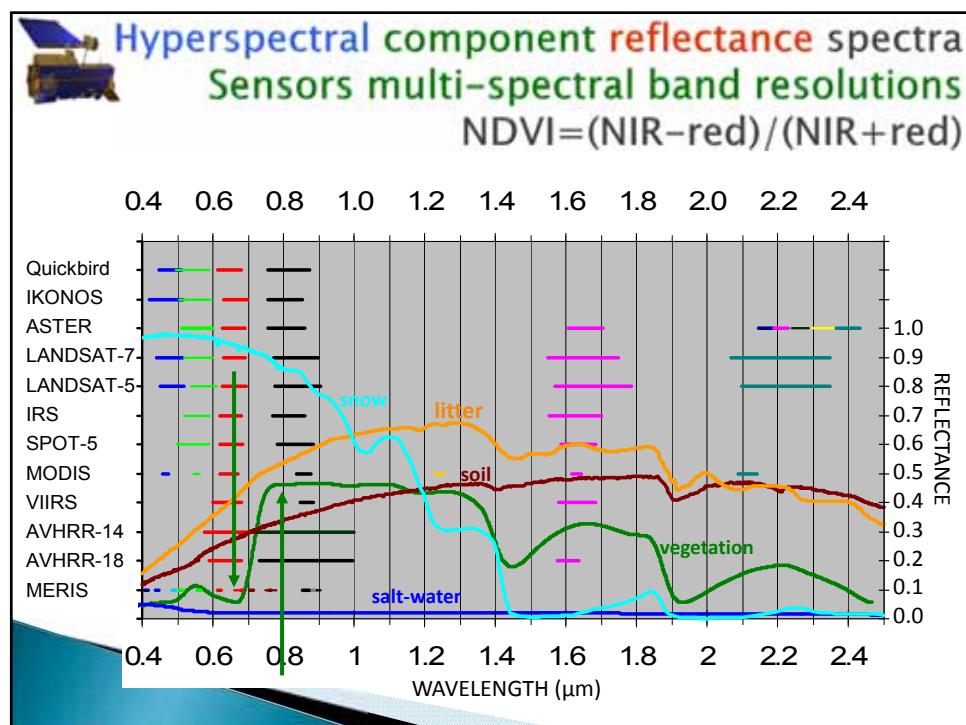
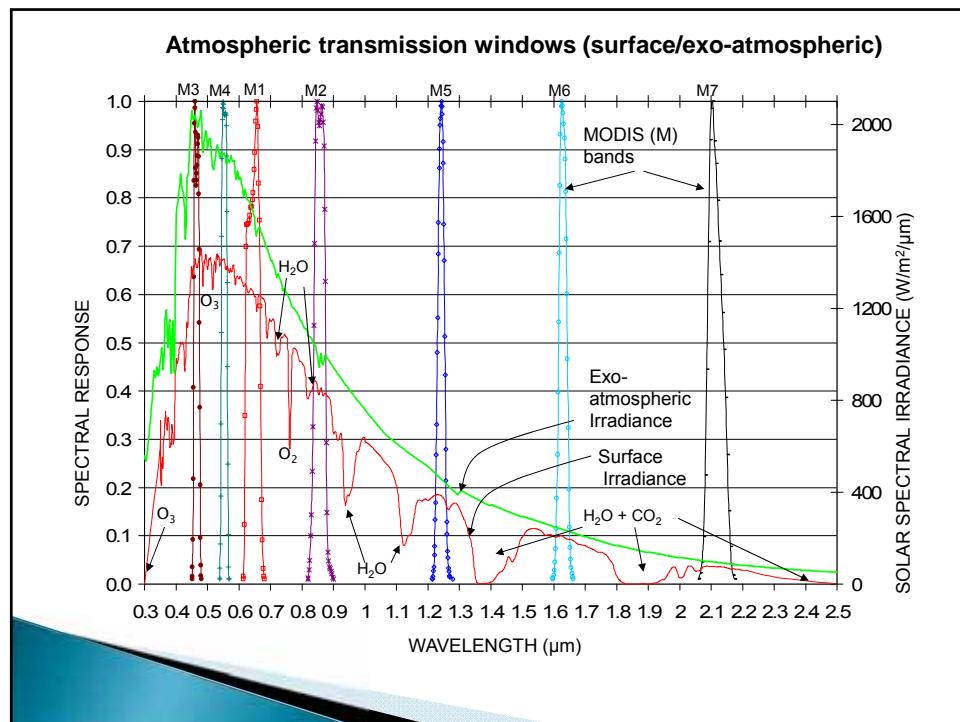


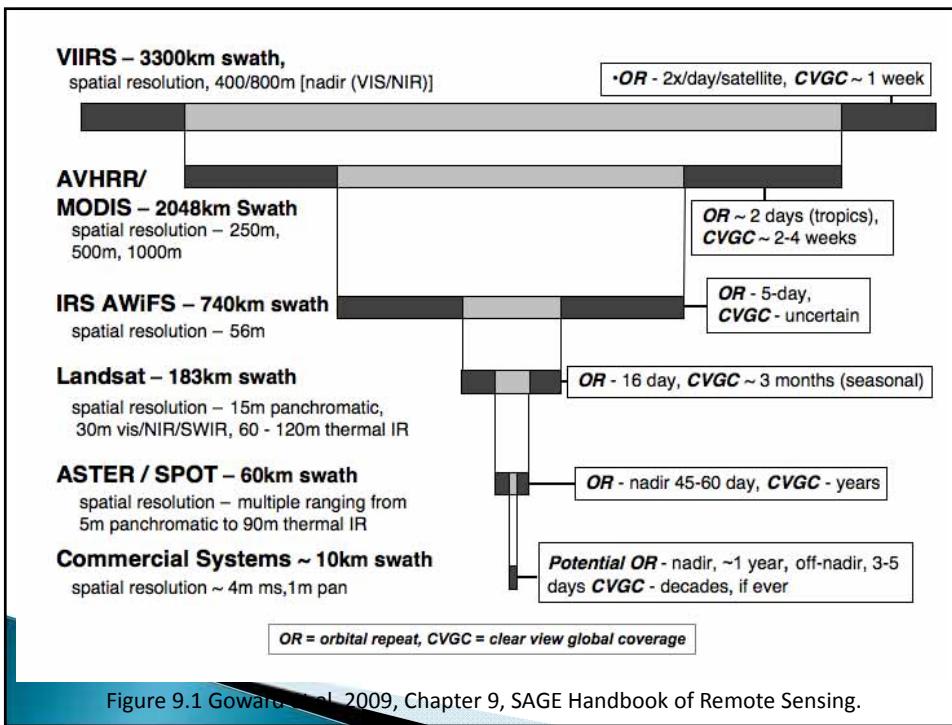
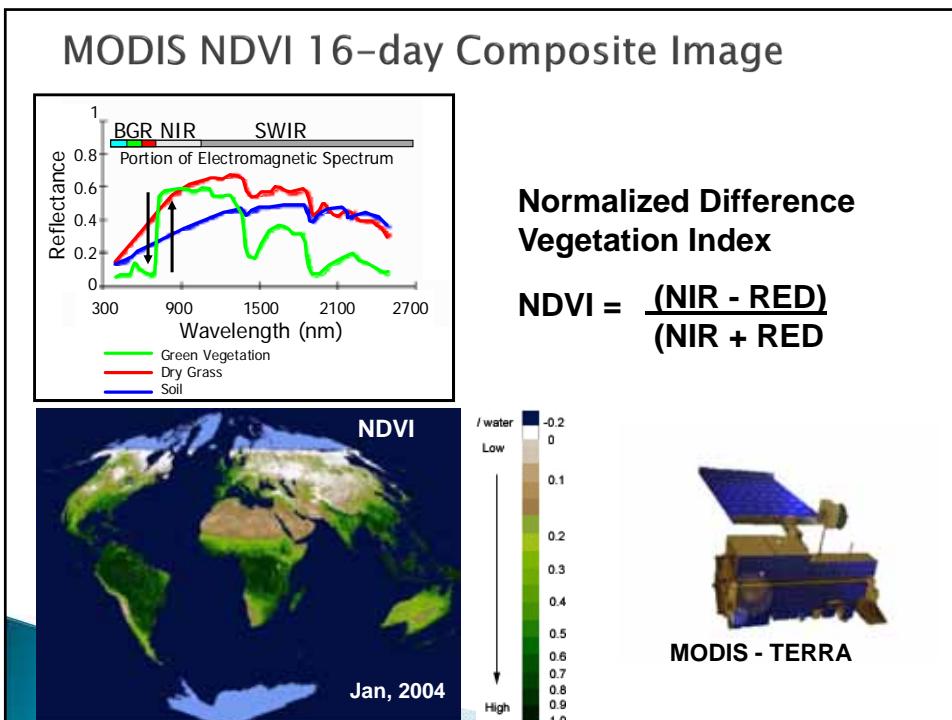
AREA 1: Bright areas



AREA 2: Dark areas

(Courtesy Indra Espacio).





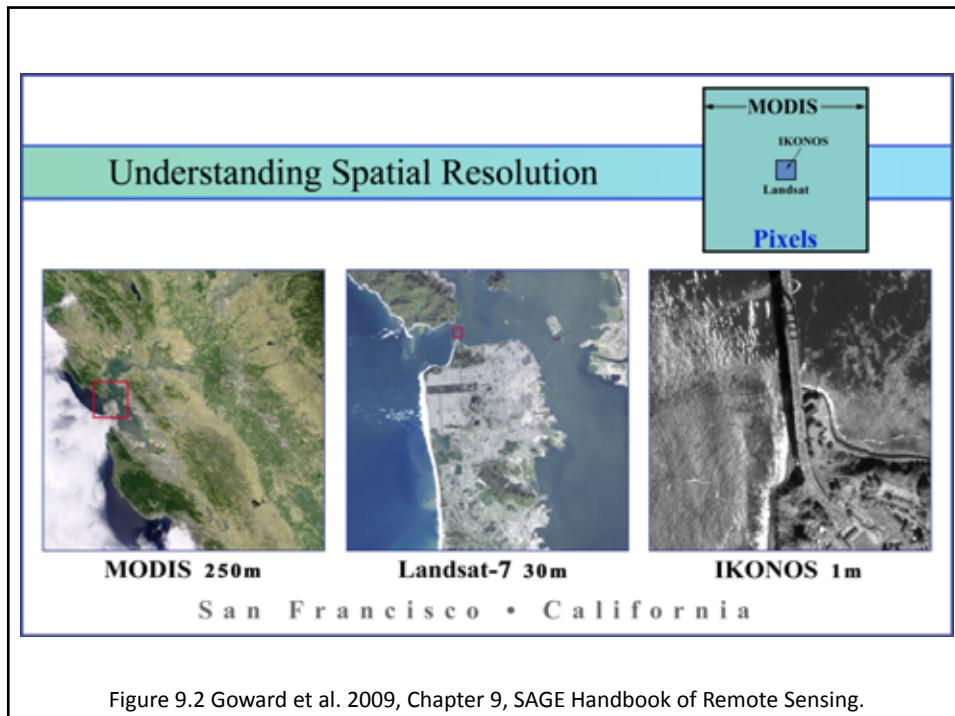


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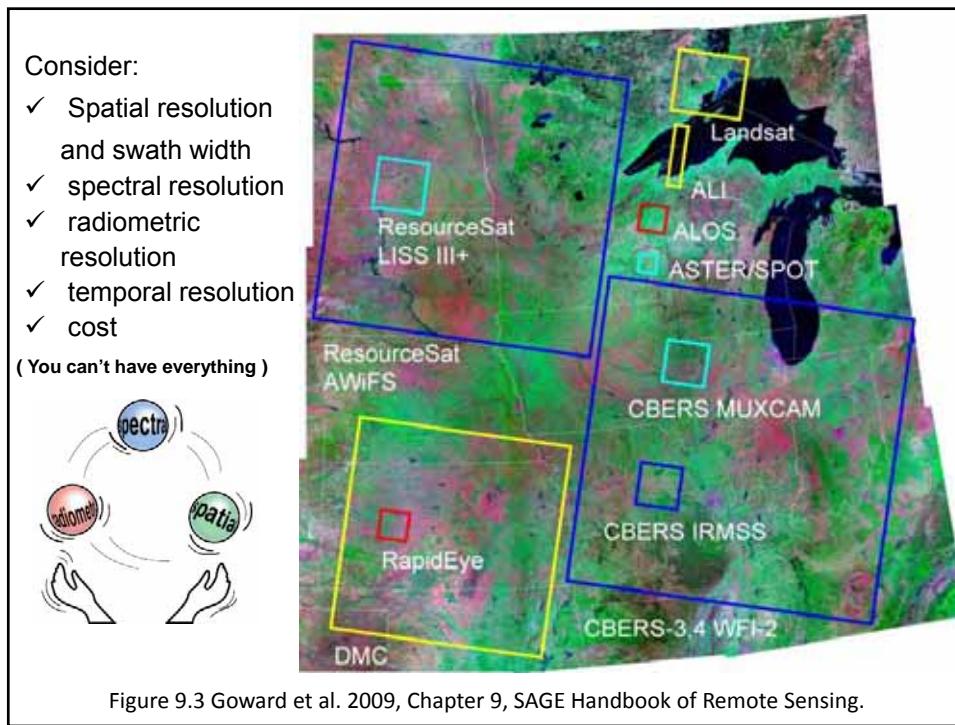
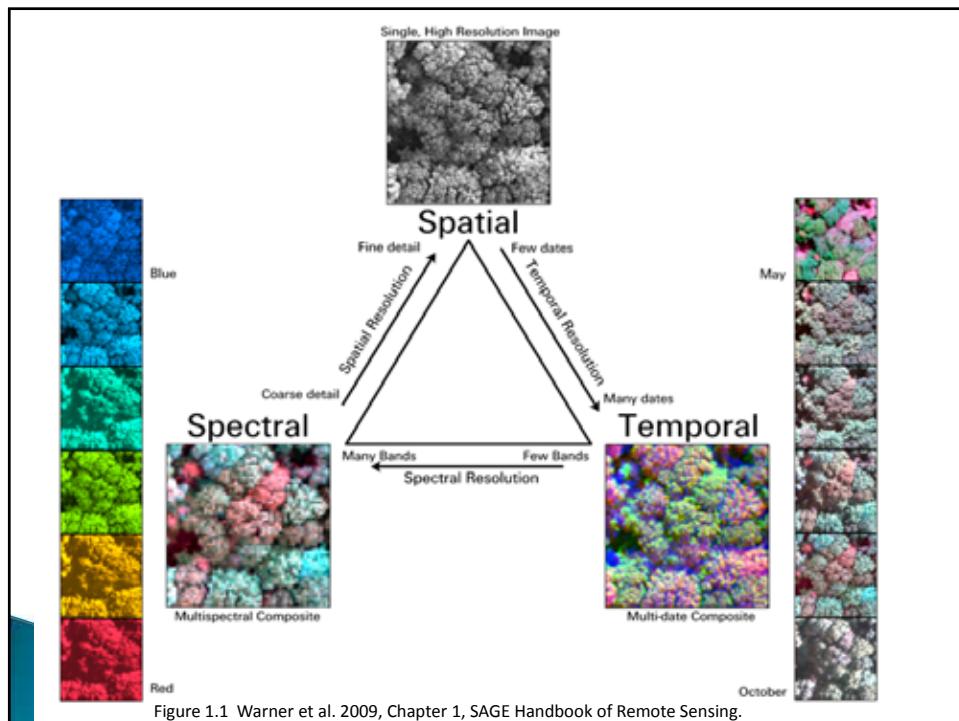
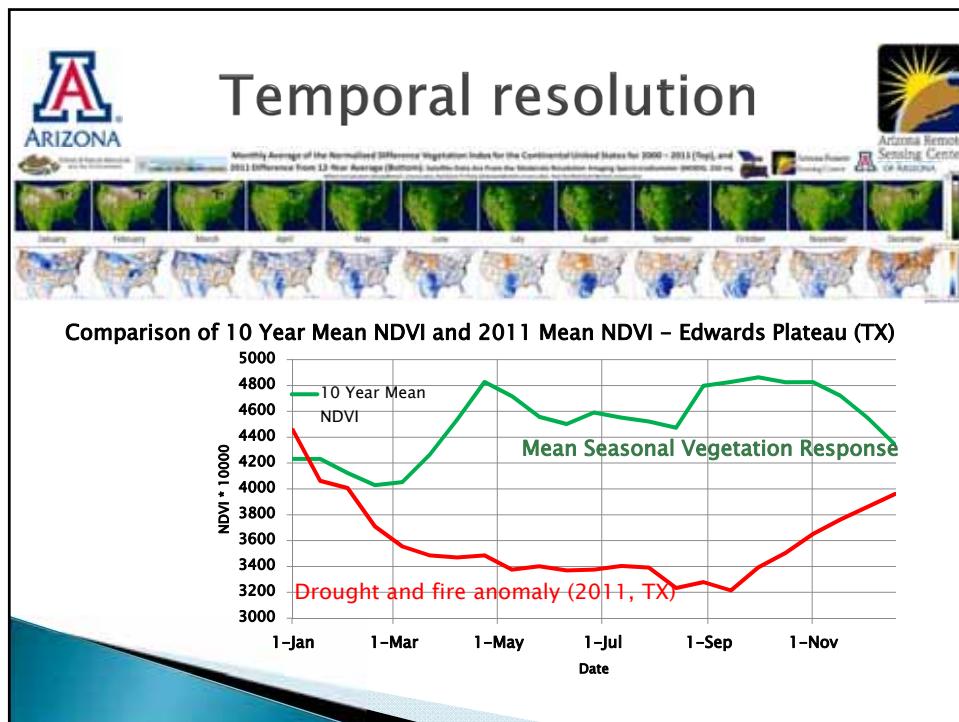
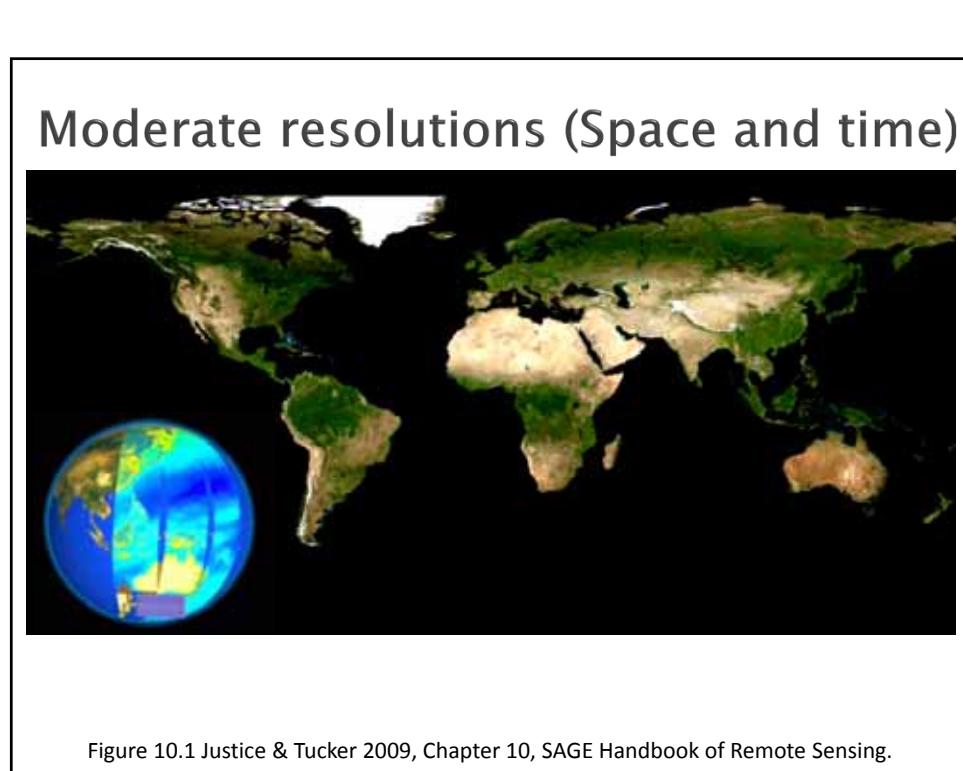
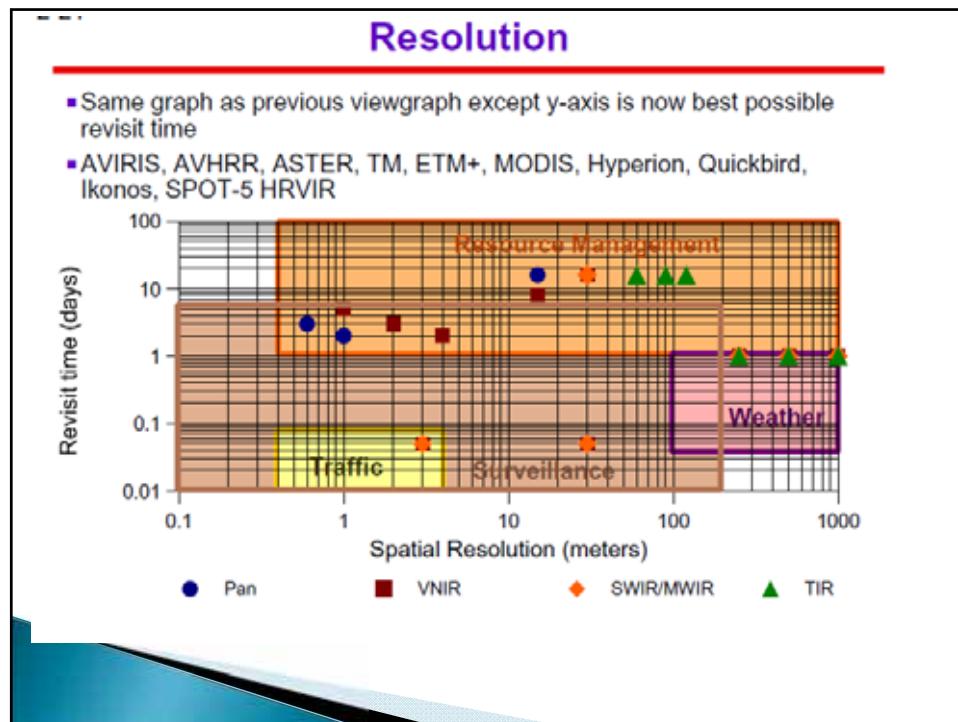
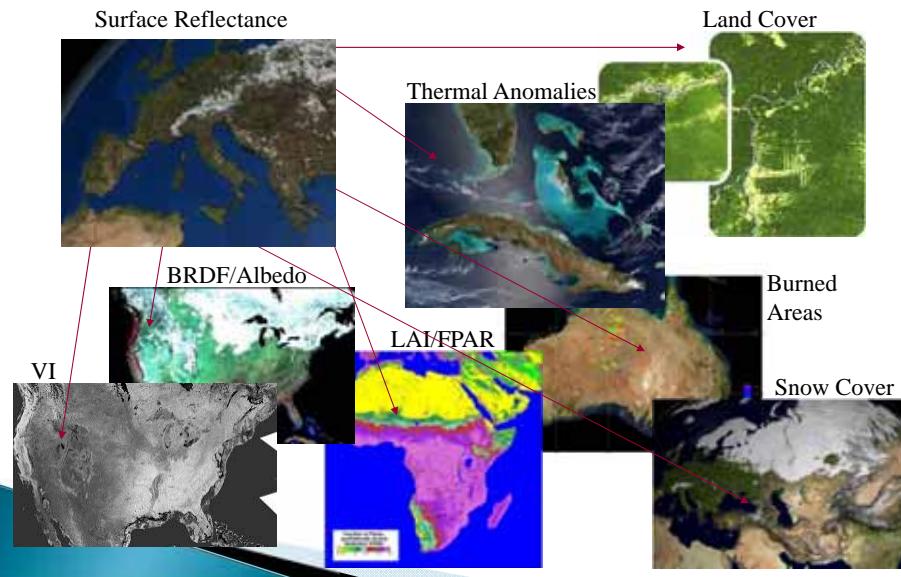


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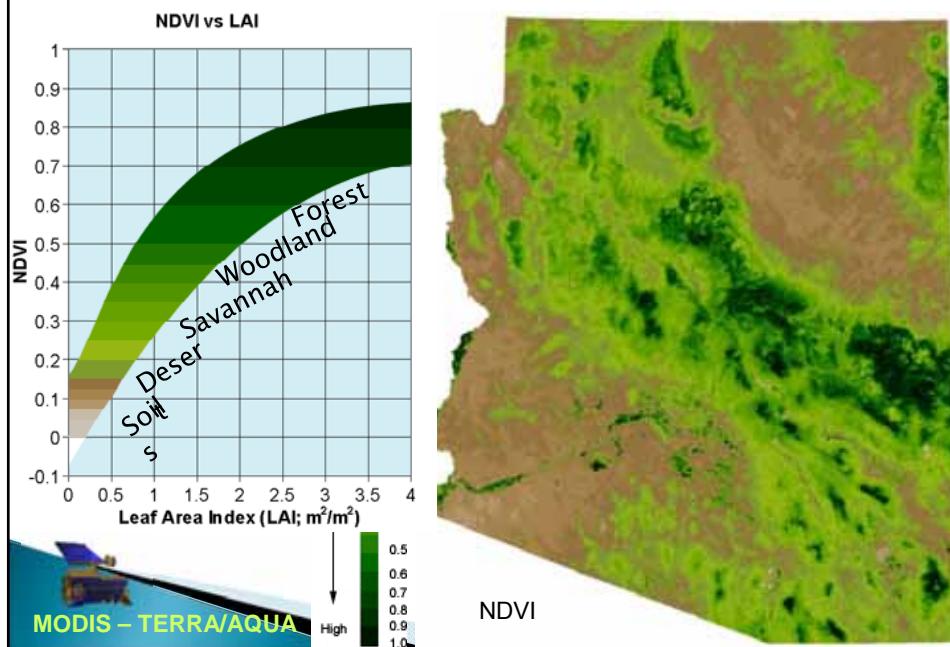


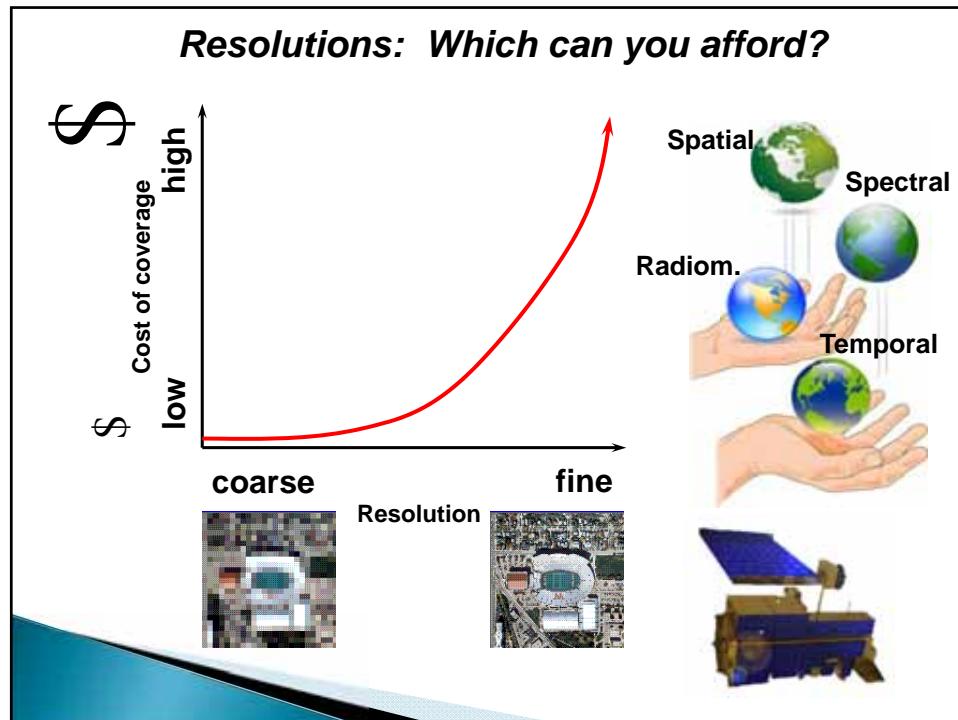


## MOD09 – Reflectance Applications



## MODIS NDVI 16-day Composite Image





## ***Practical Remote Sensing Needs Assessment***

**WHAT** do you want to do?

mapping, monitoring, animal, vegetable, mineral

#### **WHY do you want to do it (that way)?**

#### **strategy, goals, objectives, constraints**

**WHERE** do you want to do it?

global, regional, local

**WHEN** do you want to do it?

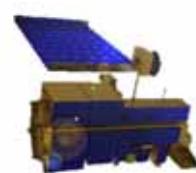
once repeatedly seasonally hourly

**WHOM** do you want to do it?

do you want to do?  
government university commercial

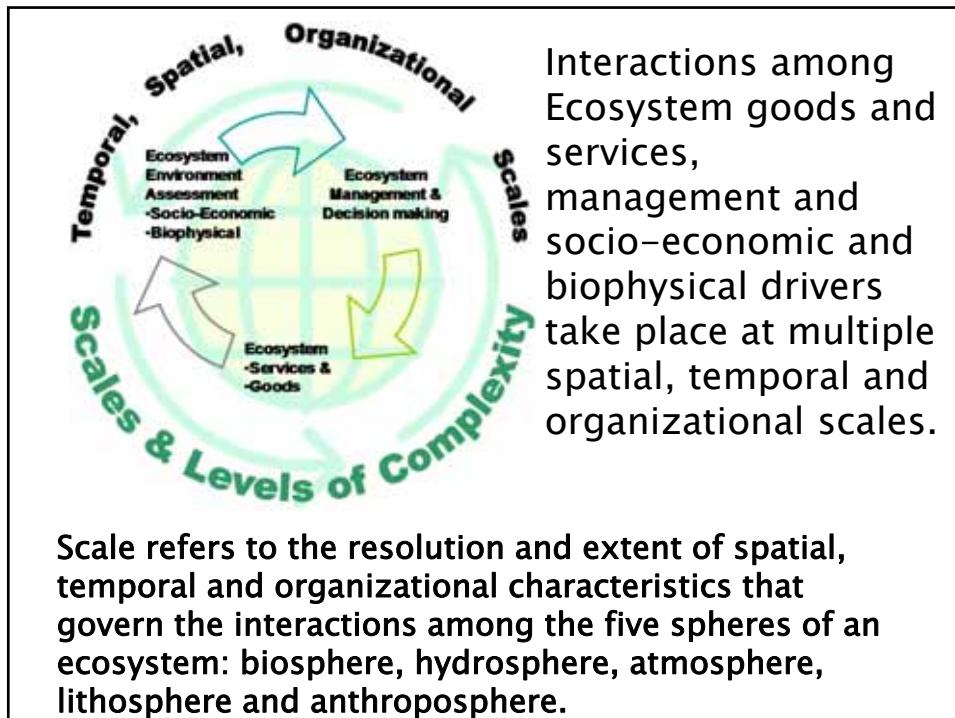
government, university

## **HOW do I...**



**How do you want to do it?**

**airborne, spaceborne, spectral bands, resolution, timing, processing**



## Important Questions: Land Cover & Climate Change

1. What is the impact of climate variability on range (e.g. drought and wildfire)?
2. How does mosquito habitat change in a changing urban environment?
3. Will changing rangeland cover and woody plant encroachment increase or decrease above and/or below ground carbon sequestration?
4. How does woody cover and fragmentation affect species habitat and other ecosystem services?
5. Will changes in management practices affect carbon and nitrogen stocks and what could be the impact of management on carbon sequestration?

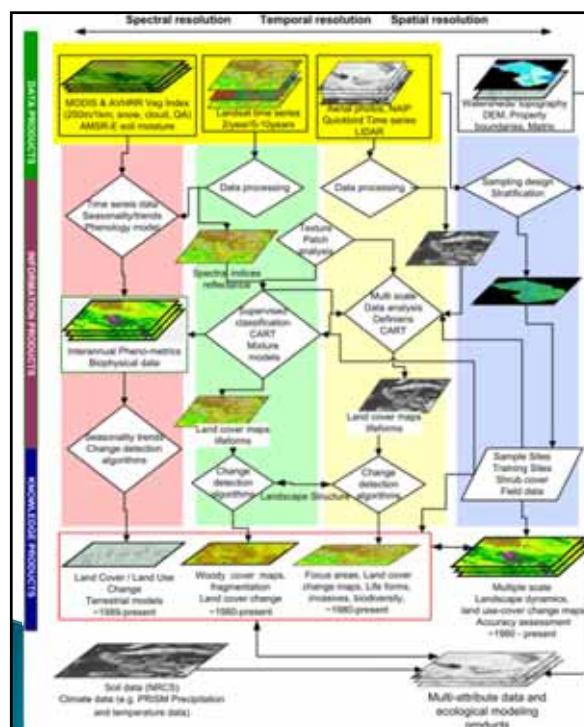
## How Can Remote Sensing Help Answer Some of These Questions?

What Are We Learning In The Southwest US?

Range and Habitat RS examples

**Hierarchical Landscape Inventory, Monitoring, Assessment and Modeling Framework**  
Using Remotely Sensed Data and Products.

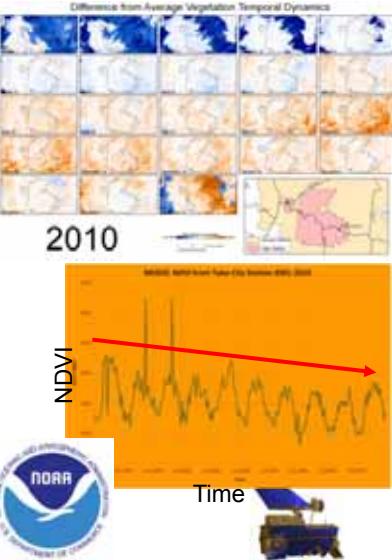
These data and product can be used or integrated with climate and soil information to model biogeochemical and ecological processes and possibly verify their results.



**Q. How can we monitor and assess drought impacts to inform and manage our natural resources?**



Difference from Average Vegetation Temporal Dynamics



2010

NDVI

Time

NOAA National Centers for Environmental Prediction

**Science Issue:**

- Drought and climate change and variability impact vegetation response, land use and management (Hopi Tribe and Navajo Nation)

**Tools:**

- AVHRR and MODIS NDVI time series products
- Precipitation and temperature data
- Contextual GIS

**Approach:**

- NDVI time-series data analysis per range unit
- Phenology= $f$ (environmental variables)
- Anomaly analysis
- Analog years (e.g. wet, dry)

**Results:**

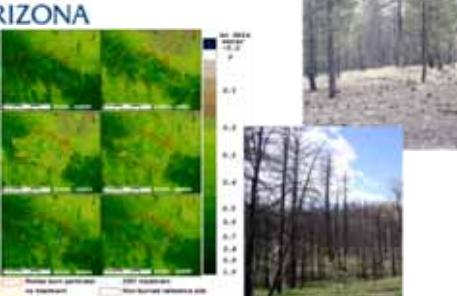
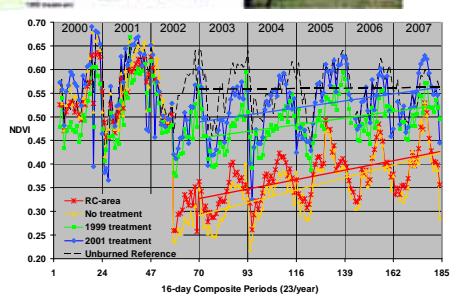
- Range assessments
- Vegetation Anomaly Maps



**Q. How does wildfire impact phenology?**



NDVI

16-day Composite Periods (23/year)

RC-area  
No treatment  
1999 treatment  
2001 treatment  
Unburned Reference

**Science Issue:**

- Climate, land use and land cover variability and changes impact post-wildfire response.
- How can we use satellite data to monitor post-wildfire vegetation response?

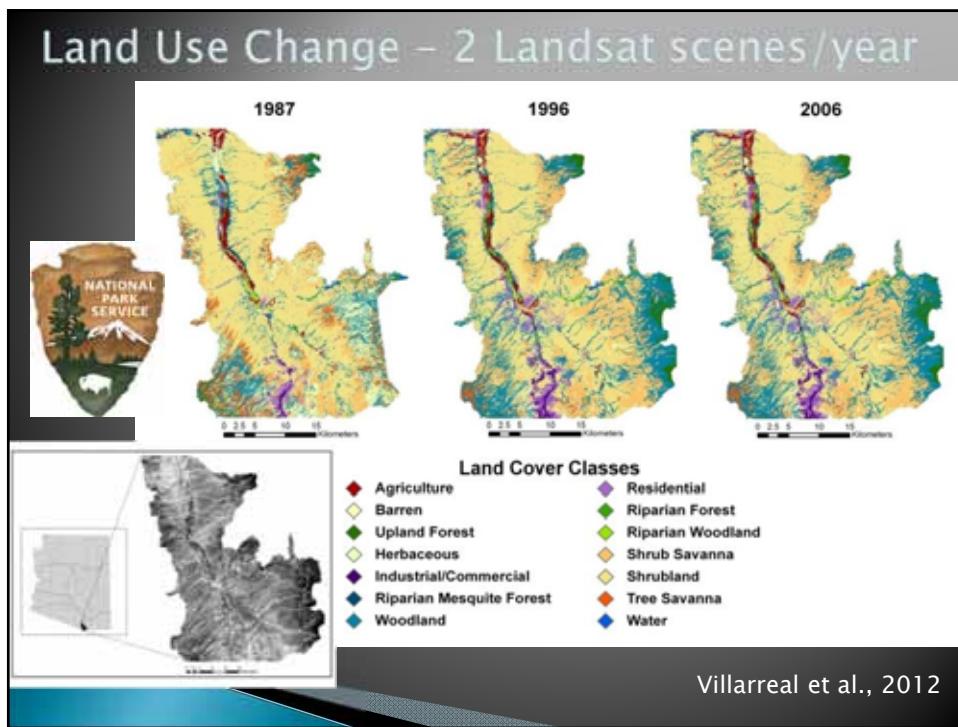
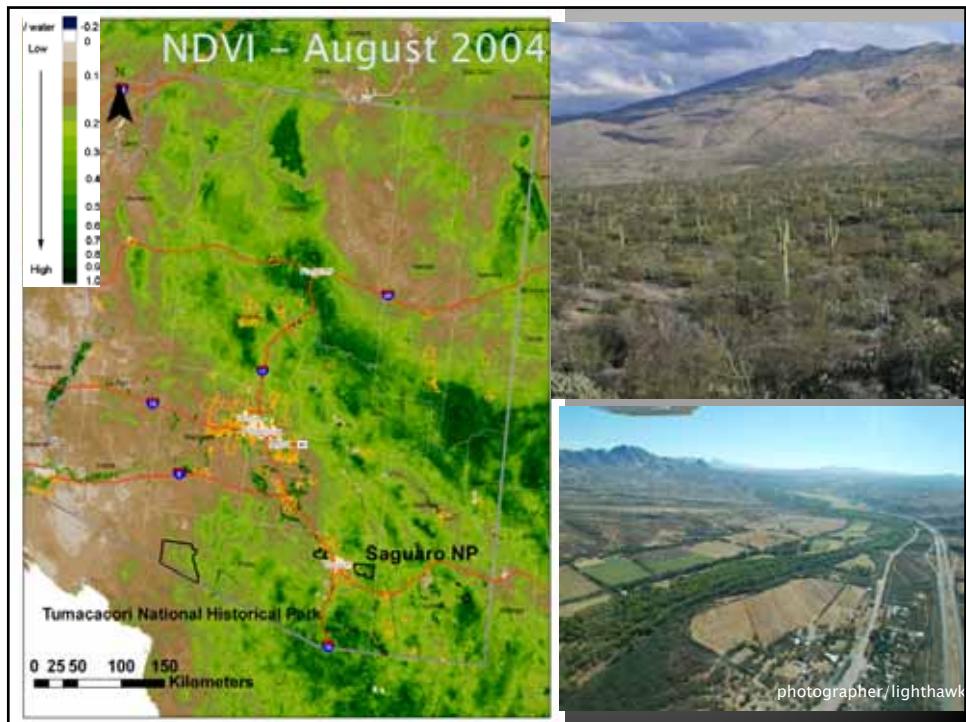
**Tools:**

- Multi-resolution time series of reflectance and NDVI data from MODIS, Landsat, and NAIP.
- GIS data integration

**Approach:**

- Phenological assessments
- Quantifying seasonal and interannual variability in vegetation growth patterns for different wildfire severity and management approaches

van Leeuwen et al., 2008, 2010



**Q. What and where is Tucson mosquito habitat?**




**Science Issue:**

- Can we characterize high risk mosquito breeding habitat?
- What are relationships between mosquitos, microclimates and land use/land cover?

**Tools:**

- Lidar and multispectral data
- Mosquito counts
- Temperature, precipitation & humidity data

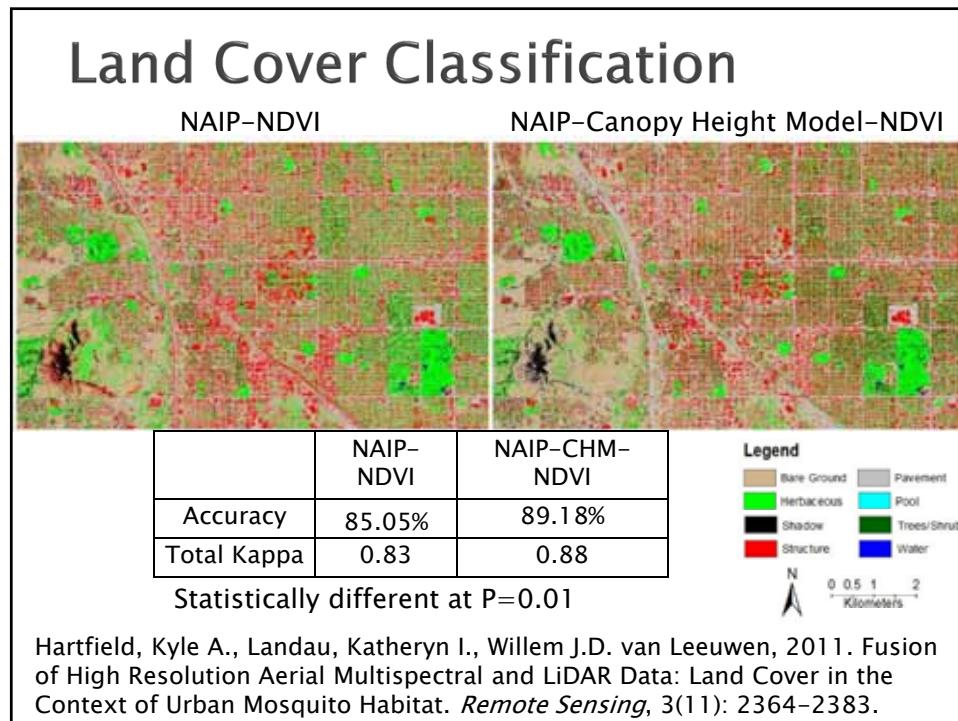
**Approach:**

- Data fusion and land use/cover classification
- Mosquito habitat modeling

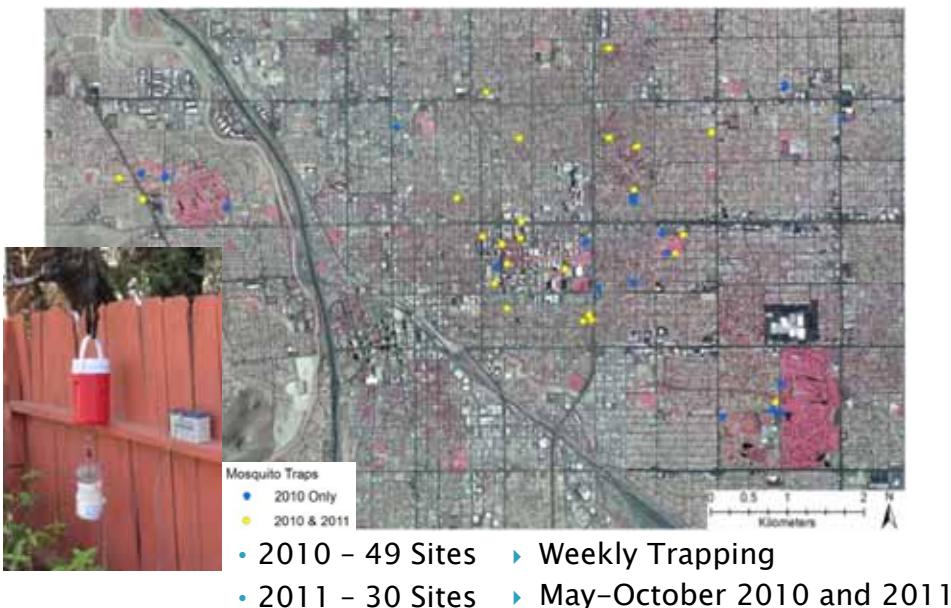
**Results:**

- Mosquito habitat maps

Hartfield, Kyle A., Landau, Katheryn I., Willem J.D. van Leeuwen, 2011. Fusion of High Resolution Aerial Multispectral and LiDAR Data: Land Cover in the Context of Urban Mosquito Habitat. *Remote Sensing*, 3(11): 2364–2383.



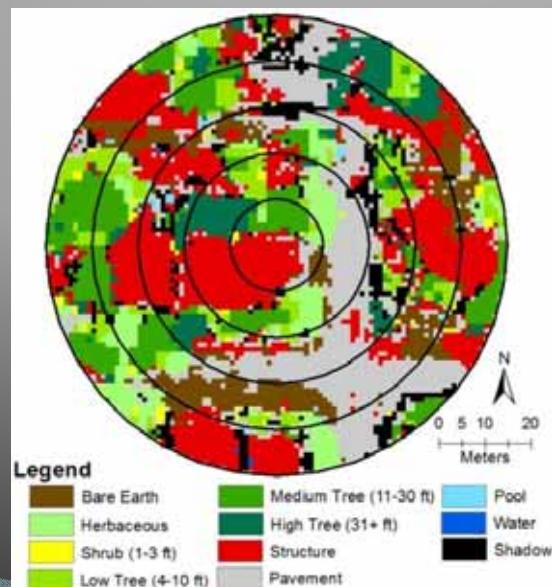
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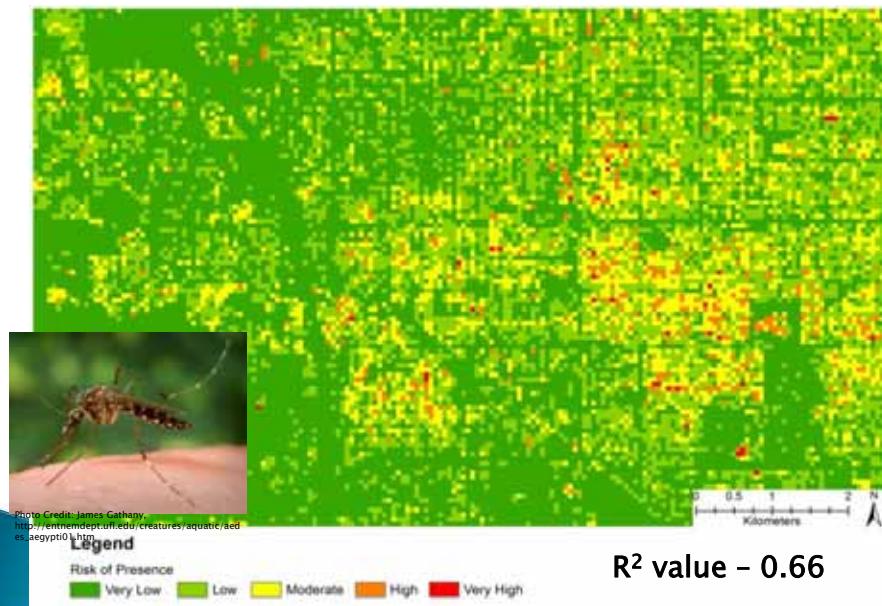
## Site Land Cover Characterization

- 5 buffers per site
- Site Characteristics
  - Percent cover 11 LULC classes
  - Distance to waterways

**significant predictive land cover variables:**  
percent structure,  
bare earth, and  
medium tree.



## Ae. aegypti Predicted Seasonal Presence

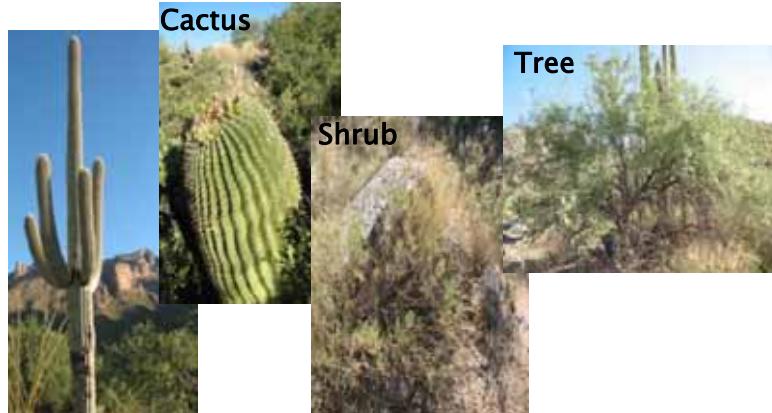


## Results

- ▶ Spatial resolution does matter
  - 30 m buffer has highest R<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ High spatial resolution inputs needed
- ▶ Mosquito control applications
  - Identify high risk areas
  - Focus mitigation practices

Katheryn I. Landau, Willem J.D. van Leeuwen, 2012. FINE SCALE SPATIAL URBAN LAND COVER FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH ADULT MOSQUITO ABUNDANCE AND RISK IN TUCSON, ARIZONA. *Journal of Vector Ecology*. In Press.

## Can LIDAR Help Provide More Accurate Estimates of Rangeland Biomass and Carbon?



### Identifying vegetation life forms in the Santa Catalina Mountains using LIDAR and multispectral data

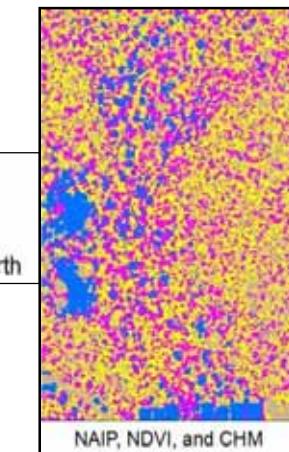
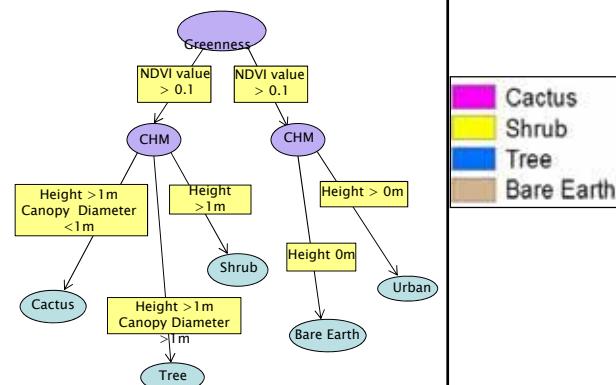
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## Can LIDAR Help Provide More Accurate Estimates of desert lifeforms to improve assessments of Biomass and Carbon?

### Results and Discussion

#### Cart Model



! Co-registration 1m LiDAR and multispectral data; point density !

**Q. How accurate can we assess woody cover using multispectral 1m resolution imagery?**




Woody Cover

Percent Woody Cover

0 - 5%  
5 - 10%  
10 - 15%  
15 - 100%

0 1.25 2.5 5 Kilometers

**Science Issue:**

- Brush management-Woody encroachment assessment for upper Cienega Creek Basin and Sonoita Plain, AZ

**Tools:**

- In situ woody cover data
- Timely 1m Visible/NIR reflectance data
- ESRI and ERDAS and See5 software

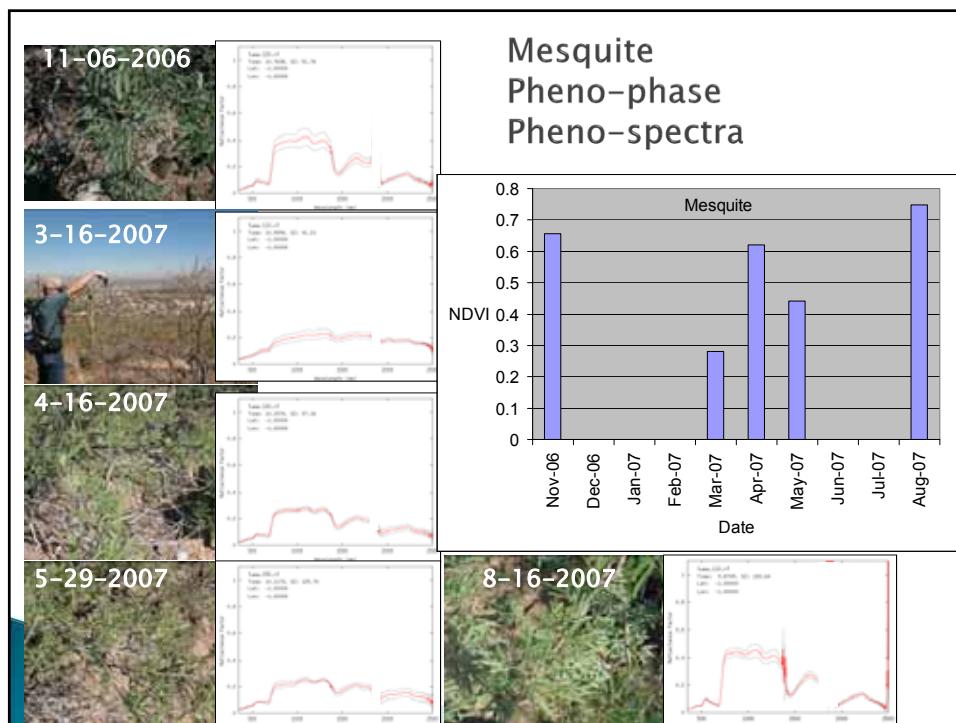
**Approach:**

- Compare 2 classification approaches
  - Classification and Regression Tree (CART)
  - Feature Analyst
  - Accuracy assessment

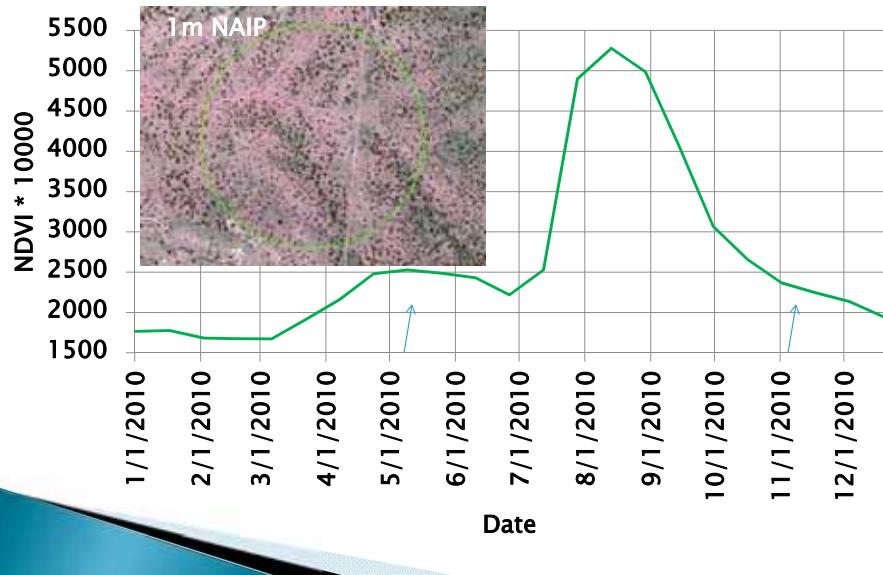
**Results:**

- Accurate woody cover maps
- CART is fast
- Phenology and Co-registration important

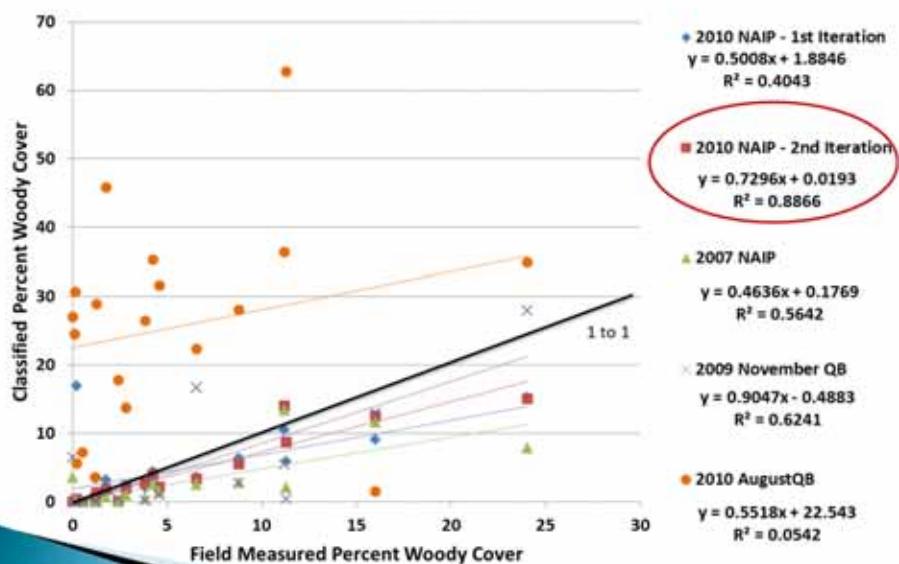
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Protecting nature. Preserving life.



## Las Cienegas National Conservation Area – Sparse Shrub Cover (MODIS time series)



### SEES Classifications to Estimate Percent Woody Cover



**Q. How does habitat affect distribution patterns of pronghorns and Ferruginous Pygmy-Owls?**






**Science Issue:**

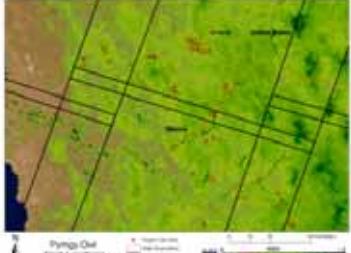
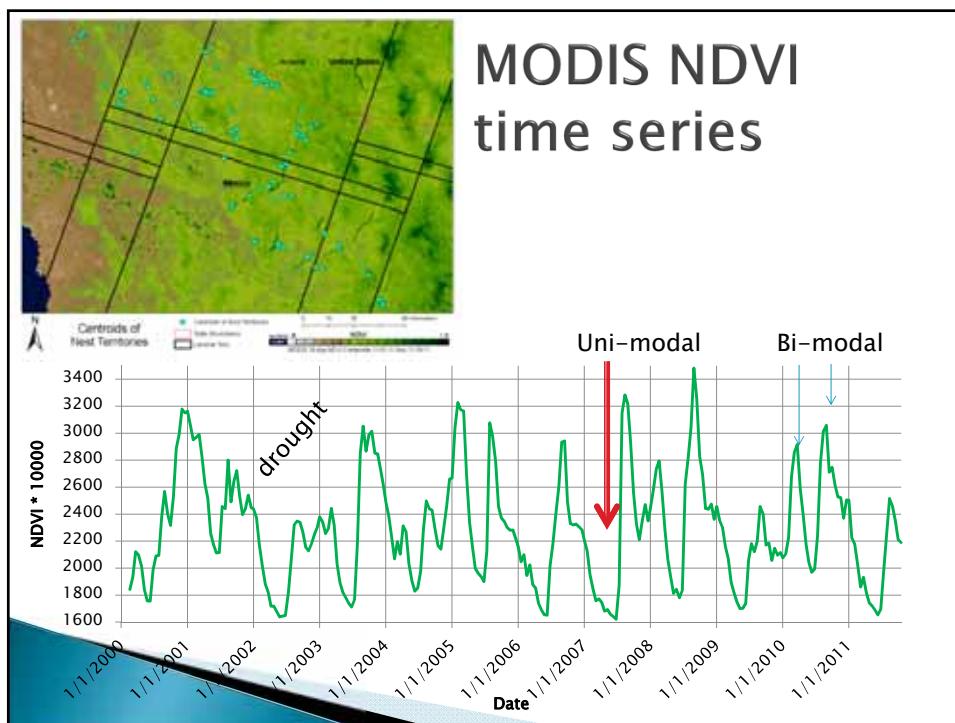
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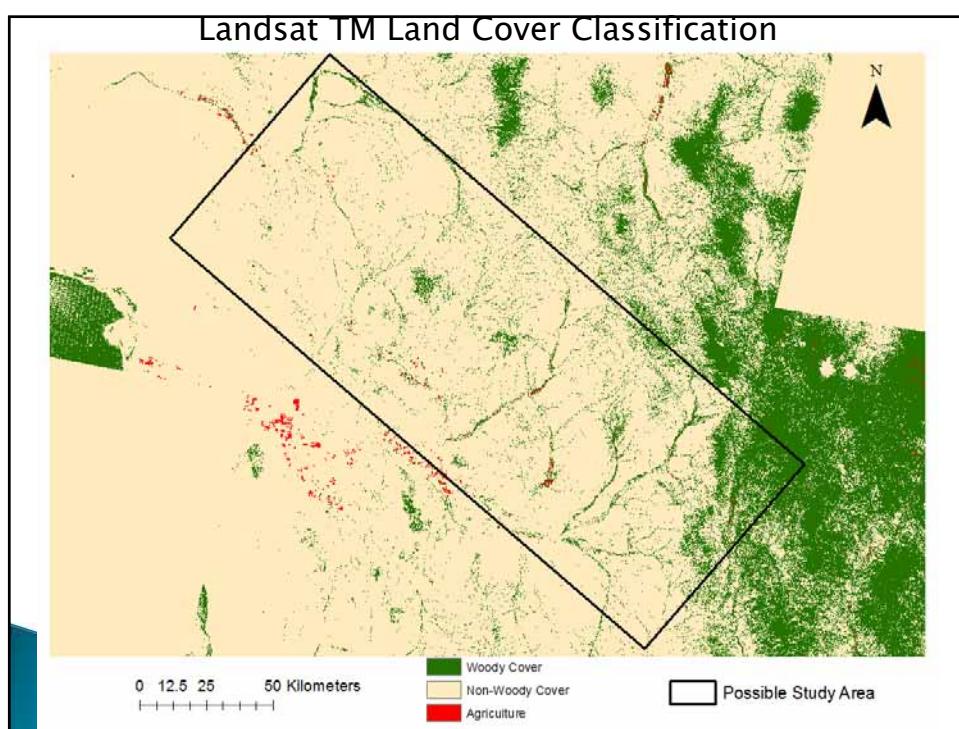
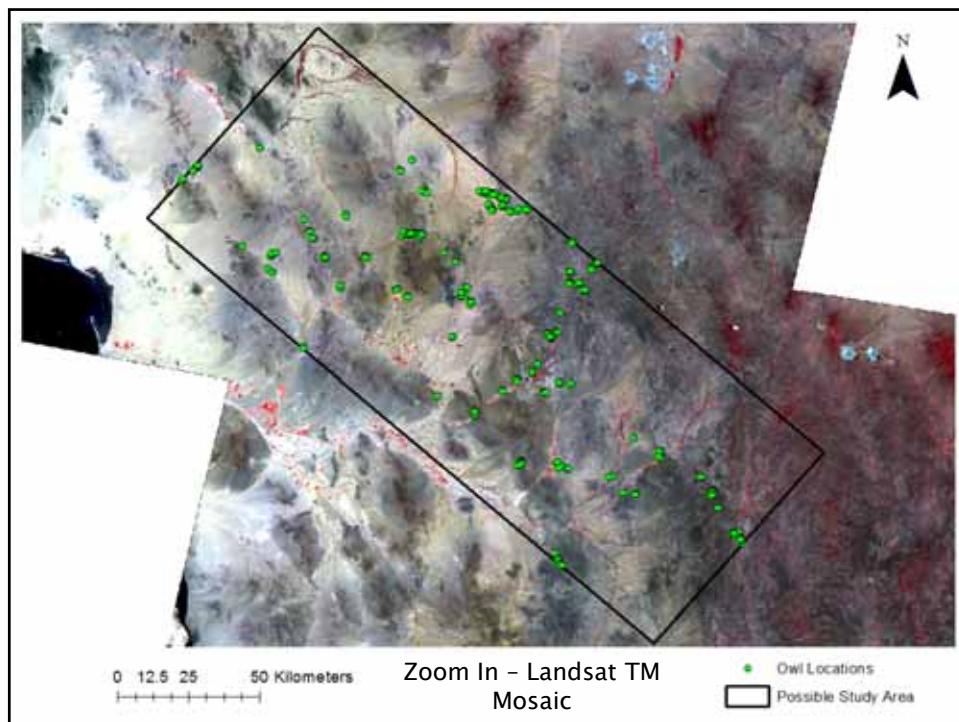
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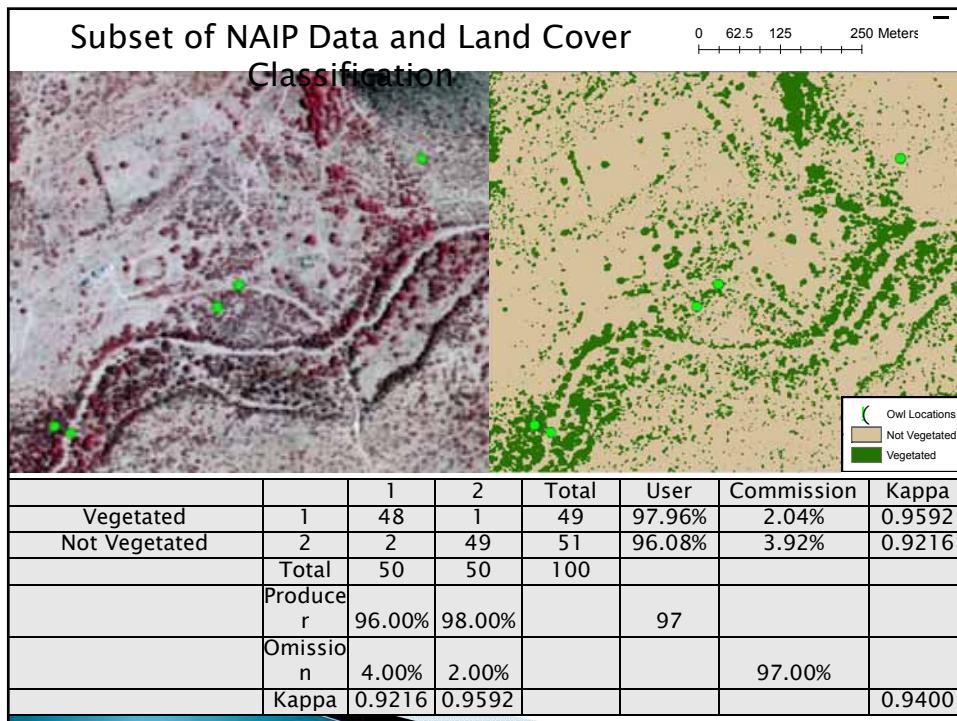
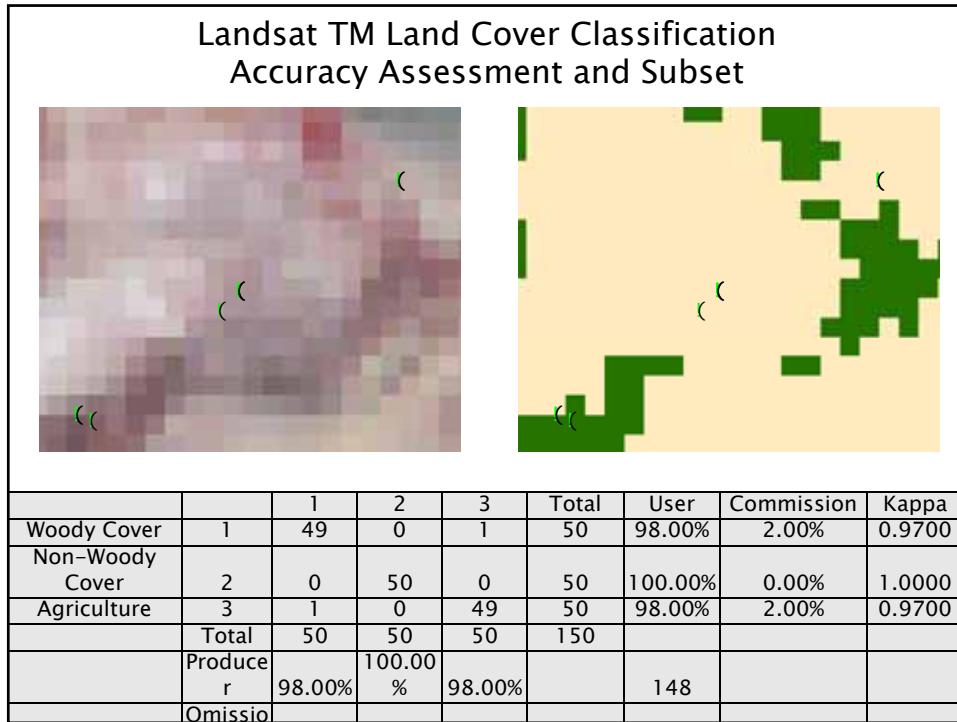
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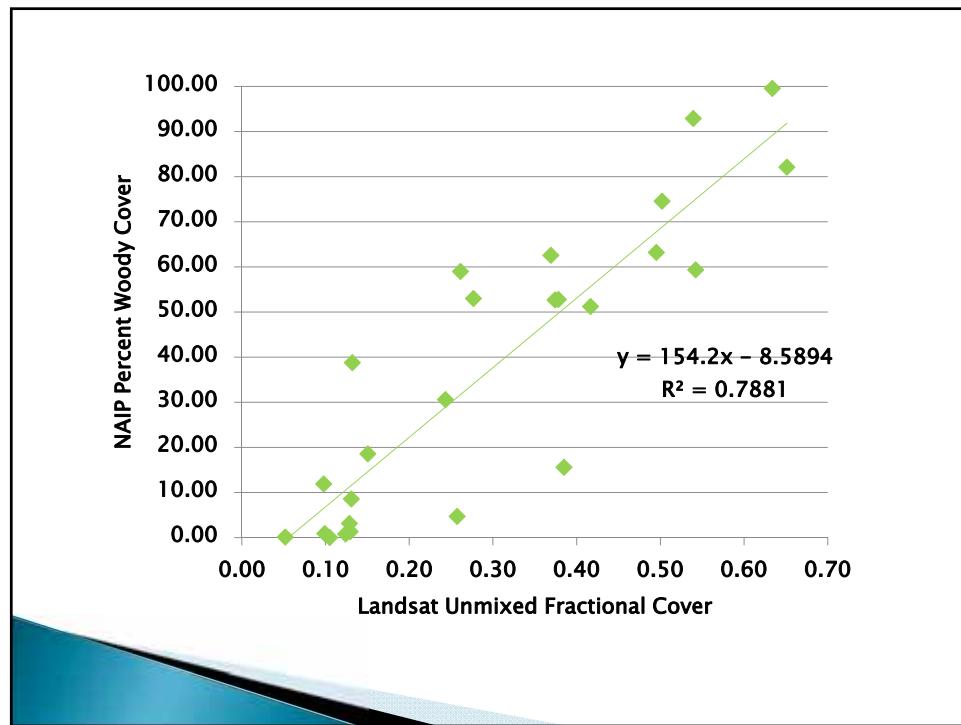
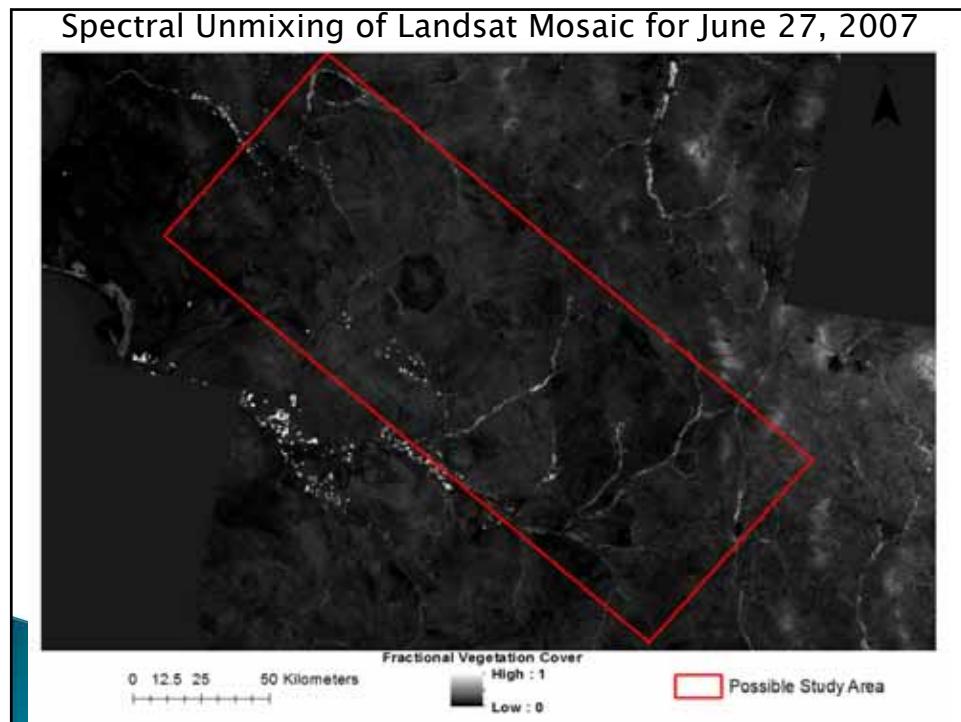
**Approach:**

- Land cover classification mixture modeling, and habitat fragmentation.
- Quantifying seasonal and interannual variability in vegetation growth patterns (phenology, land use, land cover, fragmentation, connectivity) for owl and pronghorn locations.

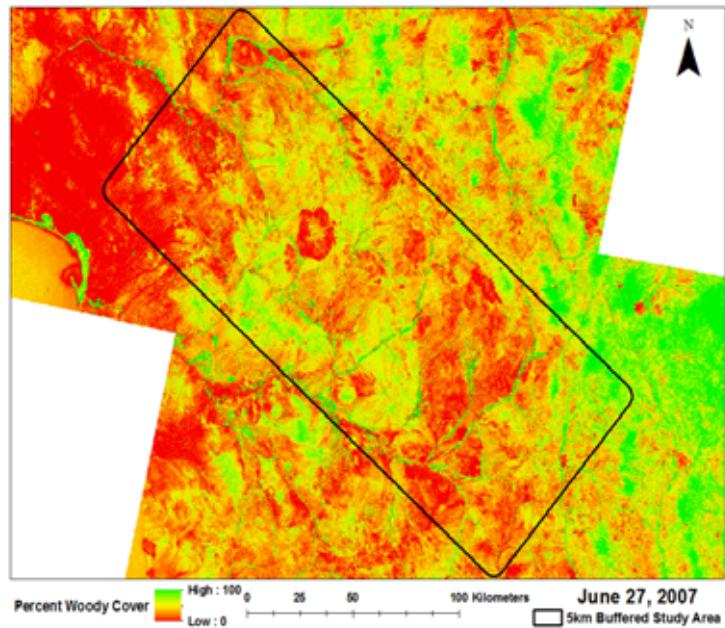










# Percent woody cover



**Q. How can we create the longest seamless greenness satellite time series data and what are the implications for Earth System Science?**



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**PI: Dr. Kamel Didan**

**Science Issue:**

- Land surface phenological response to climate change and variability impacts and represents ecosystem processes at multiple temporal, spatial and organizational scales.

**Tools:**

- Multi sensor time series of global vegetation index data; GigaFLOPS; Web interface to examine data.

**Approach:**

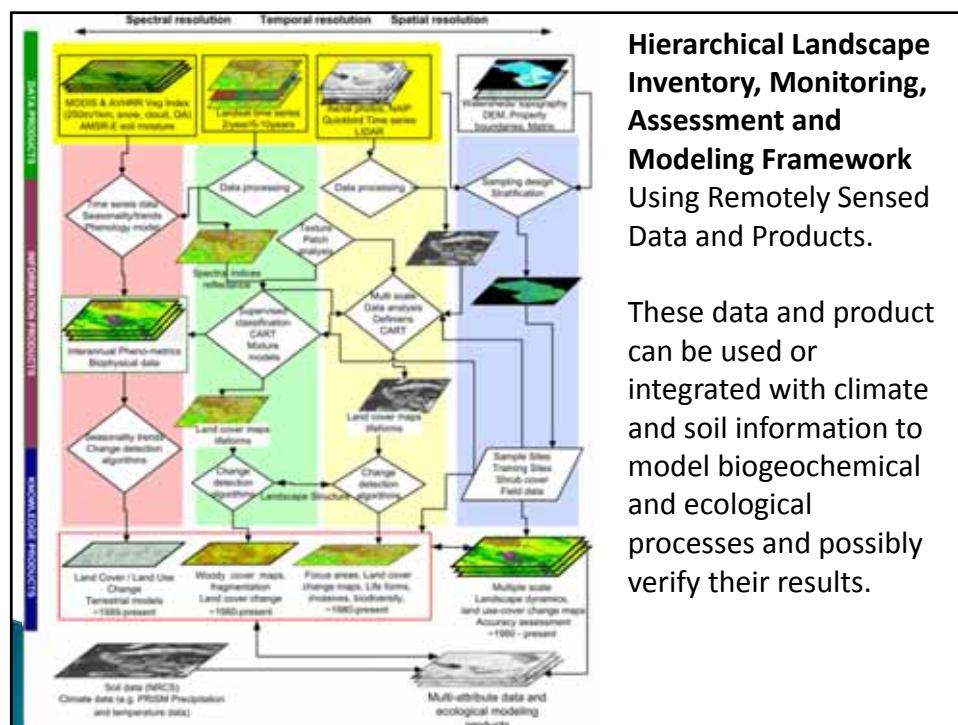
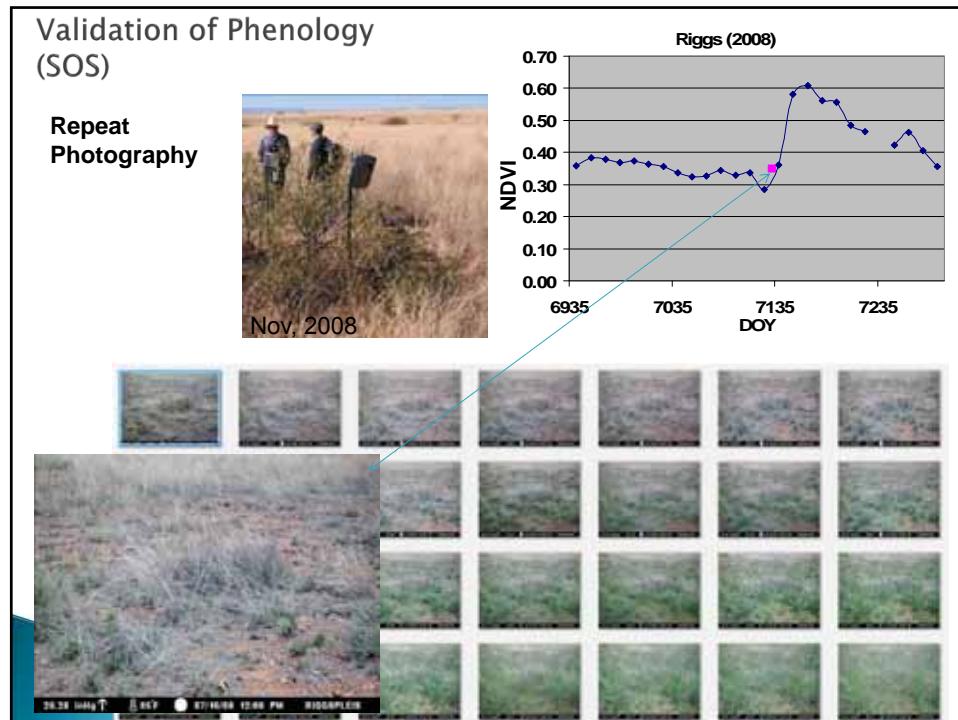
- Data quality control algorithms to minimize atmospheric noise and data gaps.
- Atmospheric and canopy radiative transfer modeling to calibrate and translate cross sensor vegetation index data.
- Phenology algorithms.

**Results:** <http://measures.arizona.edu/>

- Version 2 daily global 5km resolution seamless vegetation index data (1982-2011).
- Land surface phenology climate data record.



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These data and product can be used or integrated with climate and soil information to model biogeochemical and ecological processes and possibly verify their results.

## Ecosystem – land cover RS framework

- ▶ Multi sensor solutions (passive, active)
  - Multispectral, LiDAR, Fusion
- ▶ Nested temporal, spatial and spectral resolutions
  - MODIS–Landsat–Quickbird/NAIP–Field
  - Continuous (woody cover) and discrete data (land cover class)
  - Data resolution < phenomena resolution
  - Fine resolution co-registration!
- ▶ Timing of phenomena (uni-, multi-modal)
  - Phenology of life forms
- ▶ Timing of data acquisition
  - Sun angle (shadows)
- ▶ Bridge interplay between organizational scales
  - Local, landscape, continental upscaling ↔ downscaling
  - Biophysical and socio-economic drivers, management

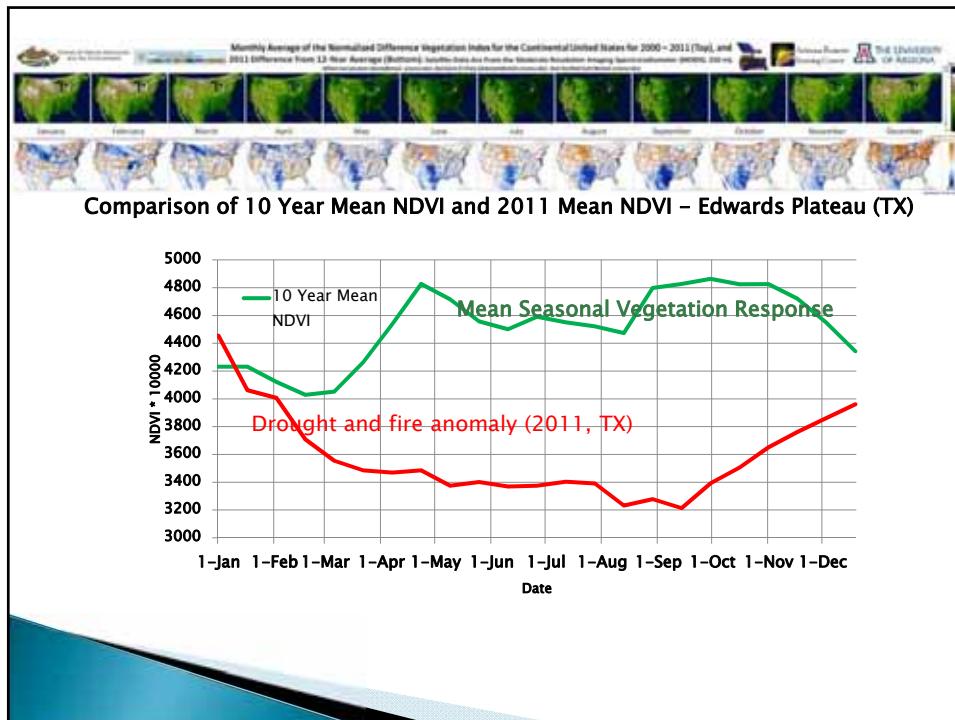


## RS and GIS demonstrations (PART II)

- ▶ Data download tools (MODIS & Landsat data)
  - Spatial, point and temporal data
  - Data links
- ▶ Data viewing verification tools (Google Earth, Landsatlook)
- ▶ Free GIS and RS tools
- ▶ Commercial tools (ESRI, ENVI, ERDAS, Matlab, JMP, etc.)
- ▶ Open source tools (Quantum GIS, GRASS, R, GPicSync, GPSbabel, Google Earth, Picasa, OpenOffice, GIMP, etc)

## Remote Sensing Resources

1. NASA <http://earthdata.nasa.gov/>
  1. <http://earthdata.nasa.gov/data/data-tools/search-and-order-tools>
2. Application Earth Science
  1. <http://appliedsciences.nasa.gov/>
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6. Landsat tools
  1. <http://landsat.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/where.html>
  2. <http://landsatlook.usgs.gov/>
7. Hydrologic and Atmospheric data
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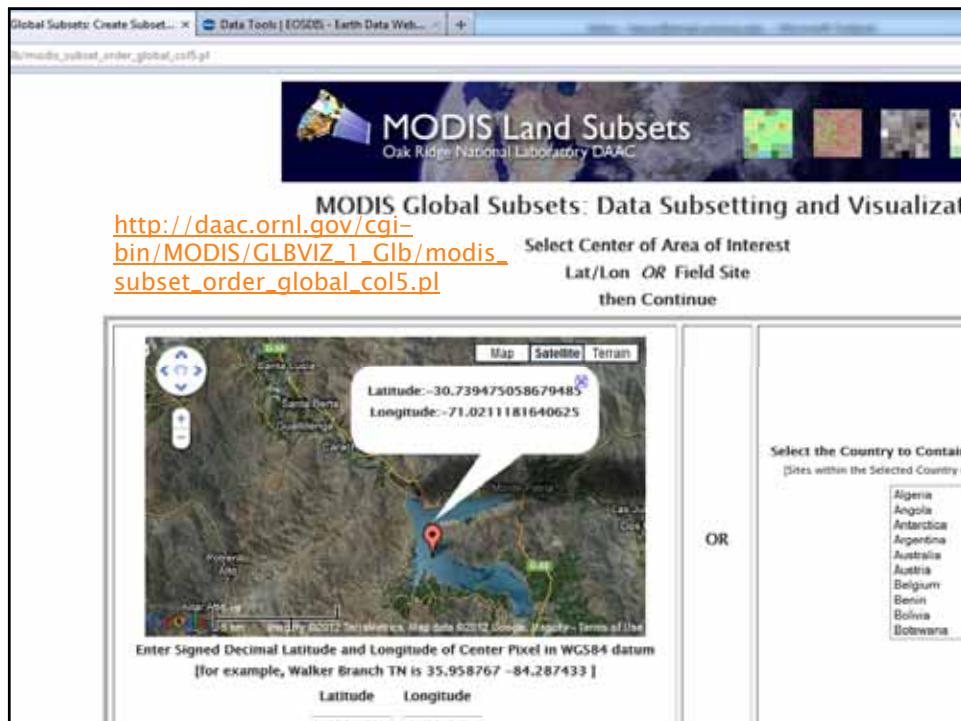


## Where to download MODIS time series data using a web-interface

- ▶ Order, download, display, interpret and discuss NDVI time series for Chile for a latitudinal gradient with different land cover types.
- ▶ Use [http://daac.ornl.gov/cgi-bin/MODIS/GLBVIZ\\_1\\_Glb/modis\\_subset\\_order\\_global\\_col5.pl](http://daac.ornl.gov/cgi-bin/MODIS/GLBVIZ_1_Glb/modis_subset_order_global_col5.pl)
- ▶ Extract, download, create and plot data by creating a spreadsheet, graph the data, create a ppt with 3-5 data points at different latitudes.

## Short list of instructions

1. Open [http://daac.ornl.gov/cgi-bin/MODIS/GLBVIZ\\_1\\_Glb/modis\\_subset\\_order\\_global\\_col5.pl](http://daac.ornl.gov/cgi-bin/MODIS/GLBVIZ_1_Glb/modis_subset_order_global_col5.pl)
2. Choose your site of interest using latitude and longitude coordinates or the graphical user interface, then "Continue" (see slide 3 below)
3. Select a Product and Subset Size. Specify the Number of Kilometers Encompassing the Center Location, Above and Below (0–100), – Left and Right (0–100) . "0" means you're choosing 1 pixel. You can choose an area around the center for up to 200 km and download these as ASCII or GEOTIFF data later. Click on "Continue" (see slide 4 below)
4. Select Starting Date; Select Ending Date ; select your GeoTiff projection: Enter your email Click on "Continue" (see slide 5 below)
5. Order Verification – MODIS Global Subsets: Data Subsetting and Visualization – If the Selected Parameters Above are Correct, Select "Create Subset" to Begin Processing, or use the Browser's "Back" Button to Access Previous Choices, or Select "Restart this Visualization" to Restart the Selection Process (see slide 6 below)
6. You will get an email with the link to the data you ordered. (see slide 7) When you open the link in the email, the data is visualized for you (slide 8 and 9). If you scroll down, you can download the data you want using the links (see slide 10). E.g. "Statistical Data of the subset" Use the "Help" button for explanations.
7. To order more or other data sets for the same area go to the end of the link that was sent to you (Slide 11). Click "Create subsets for this location". This will bring you to the ordering tool again to order more data for the same area.



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### MODIS Global Subsets: Data Subsetting and Visualization

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Select a Product and Subset Size, then Click on "Continue"

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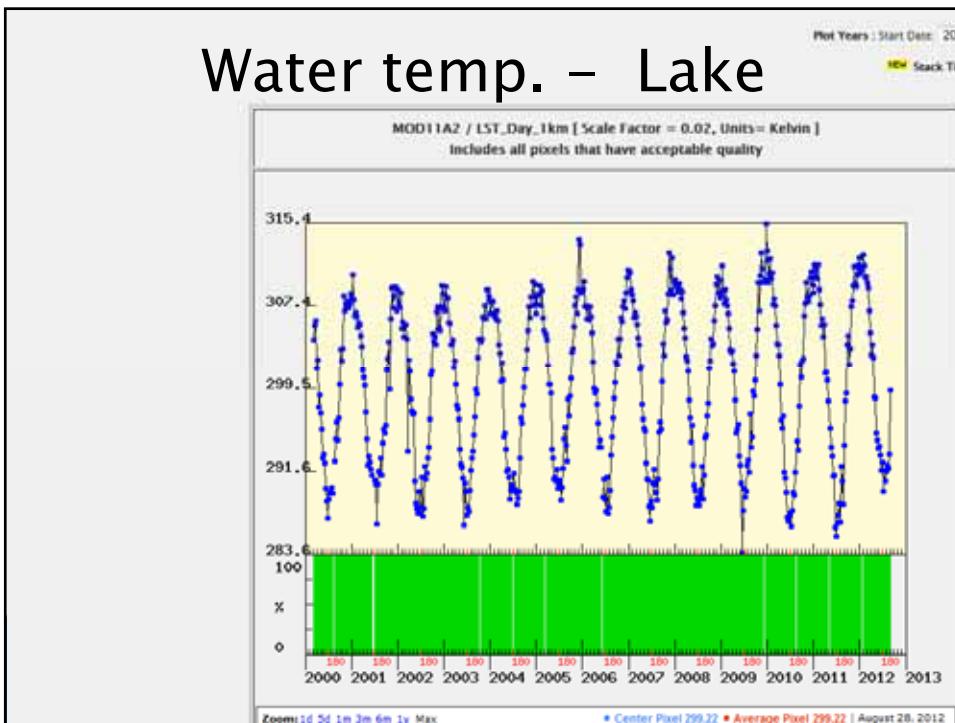
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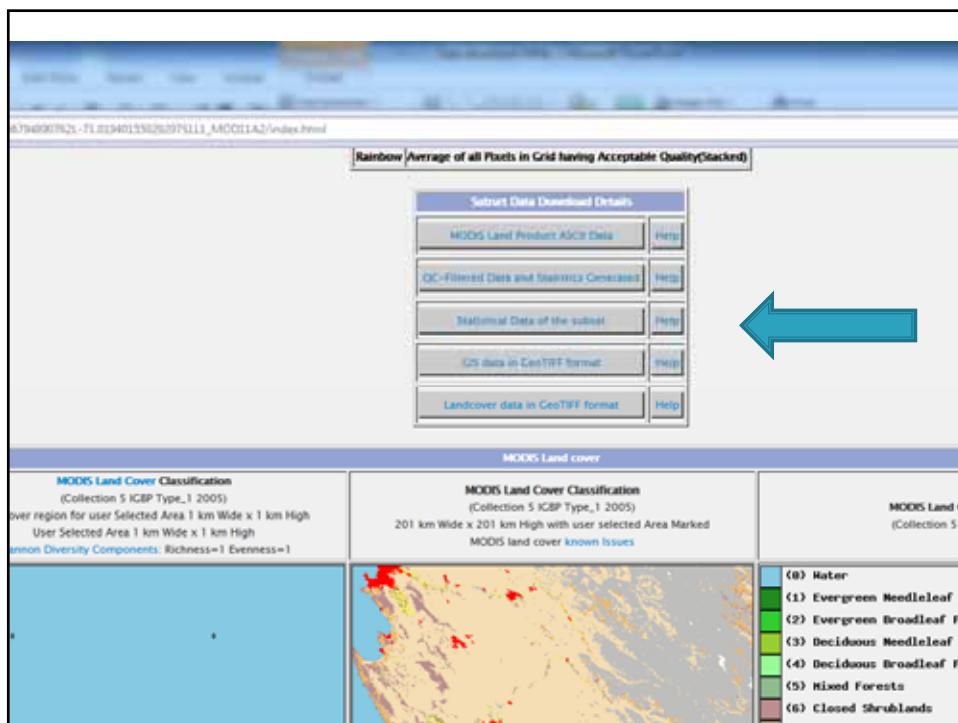
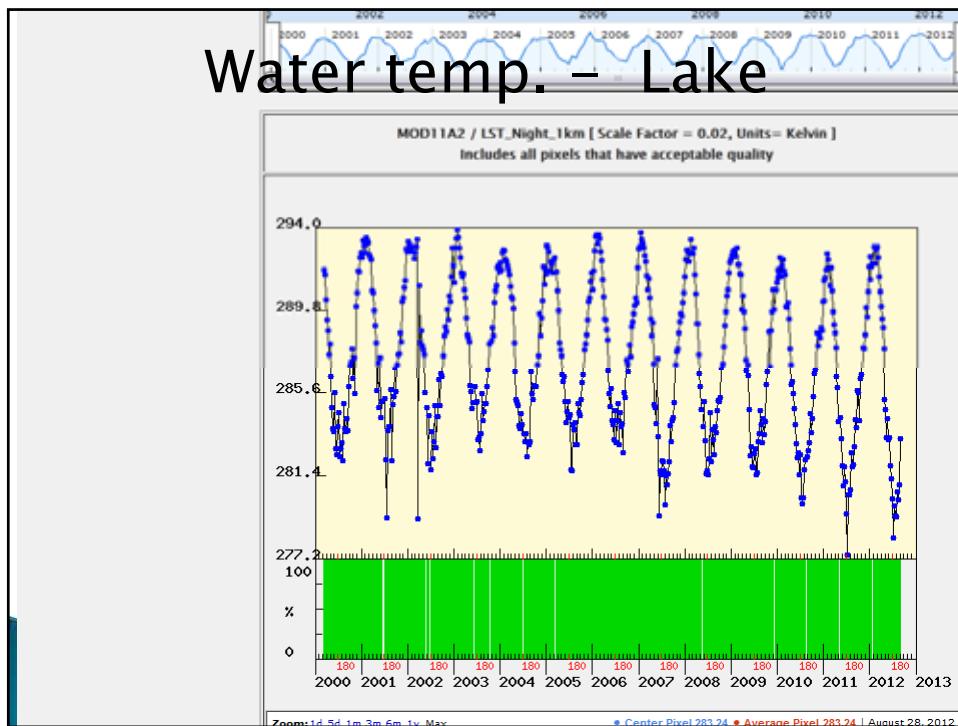
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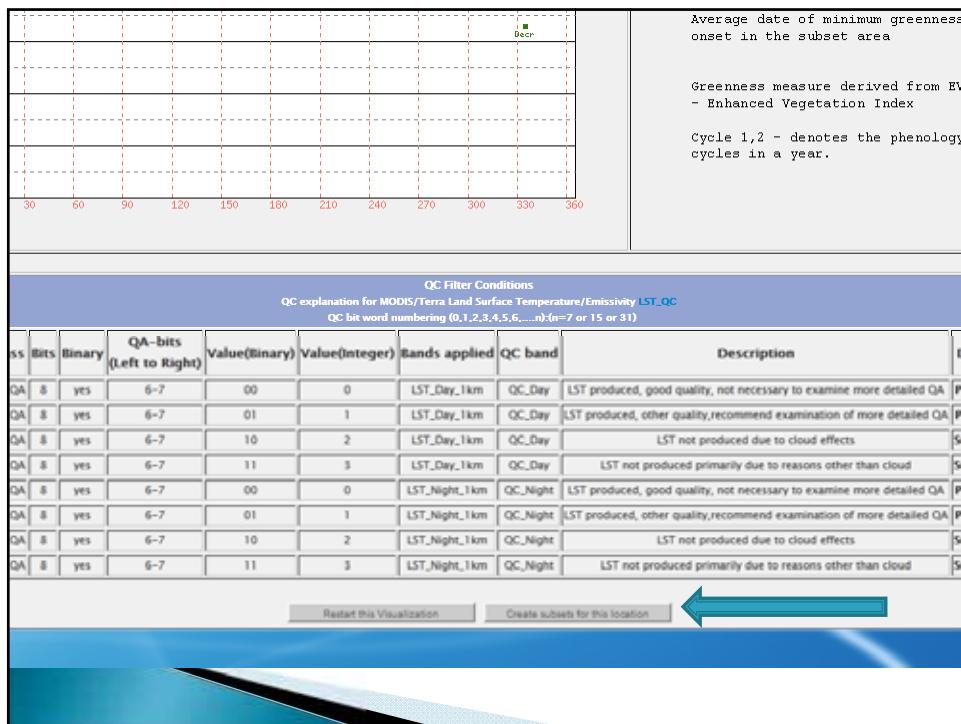
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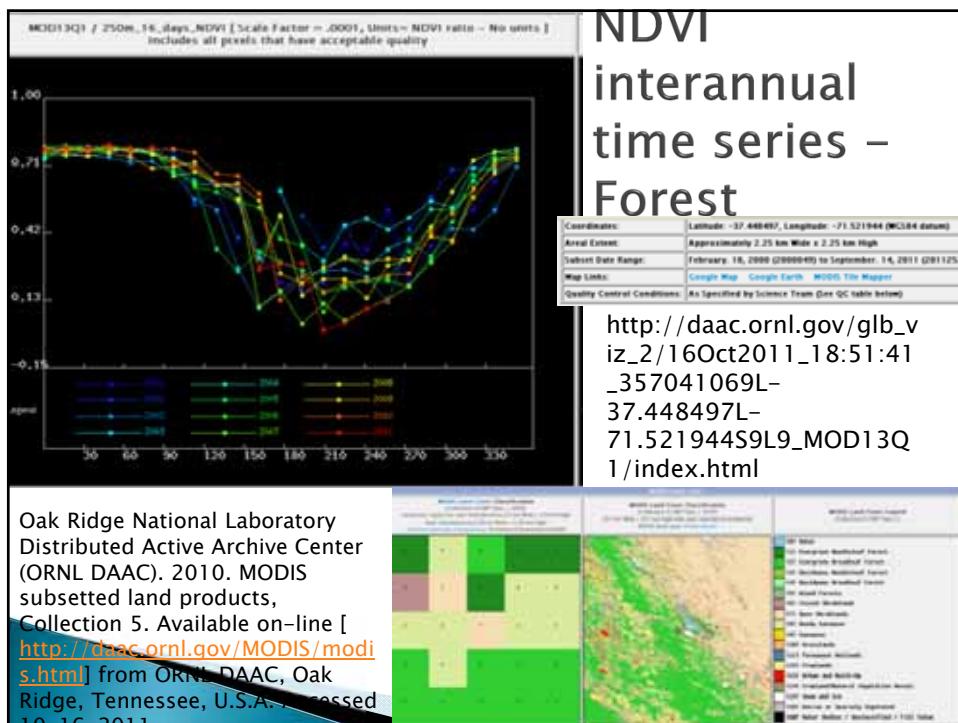
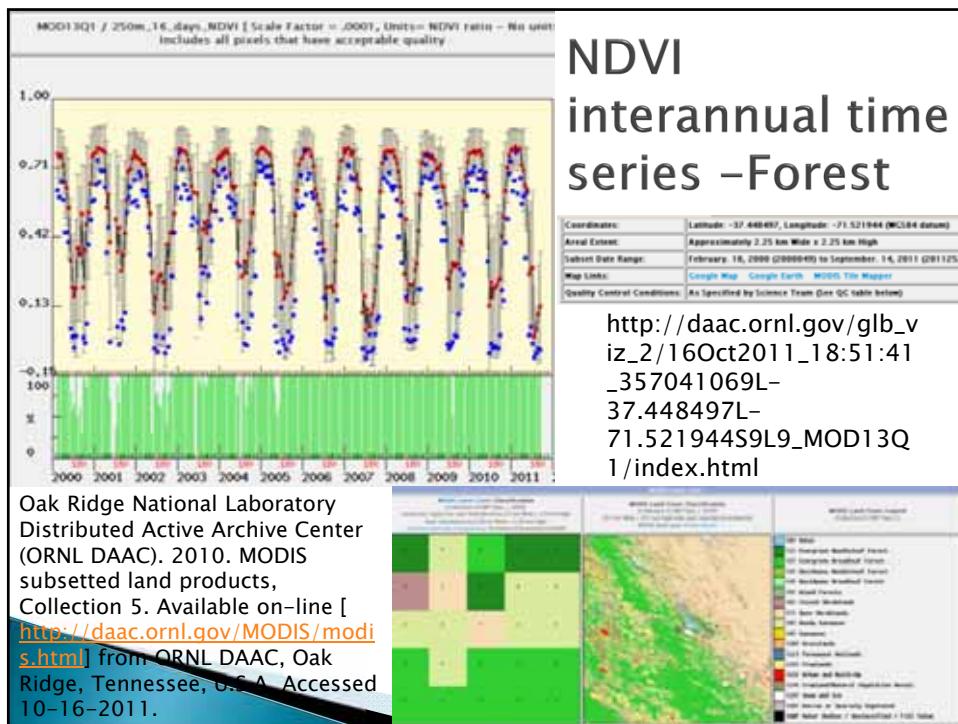
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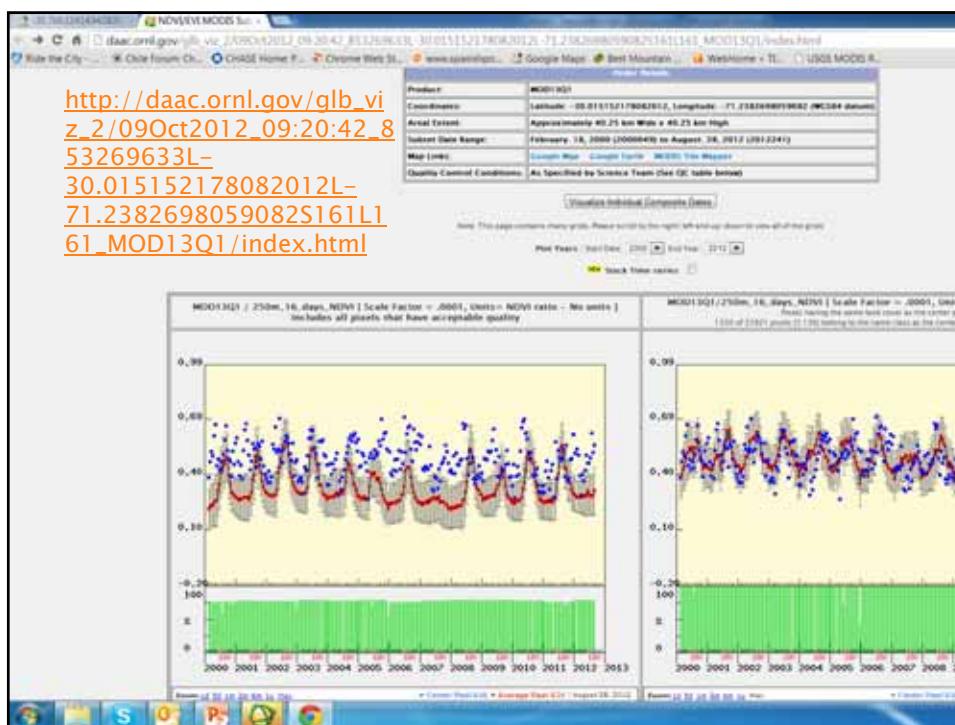
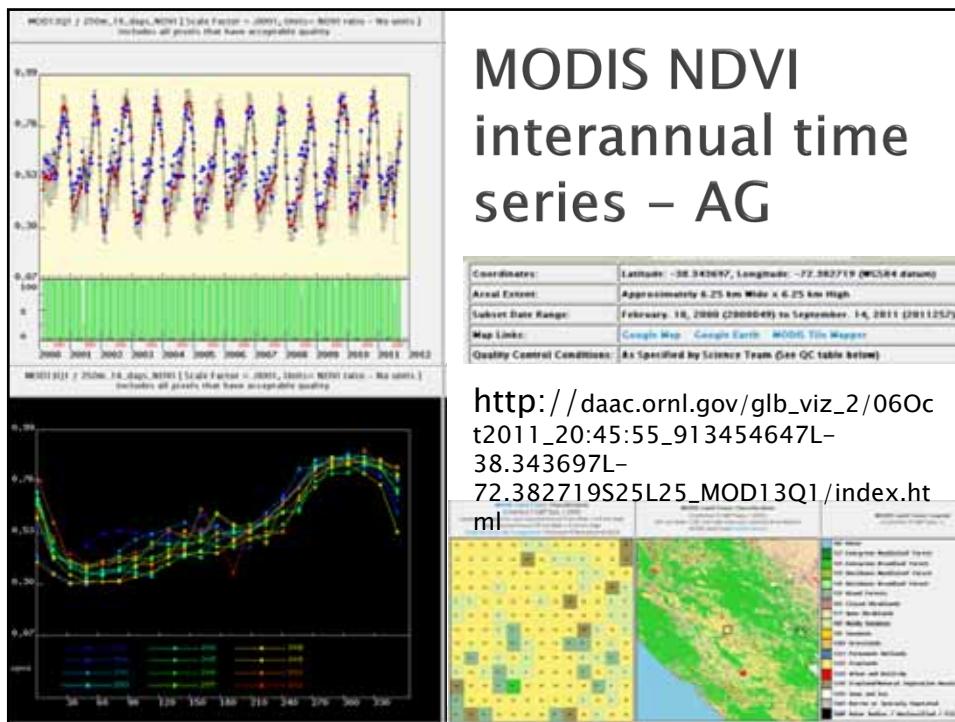
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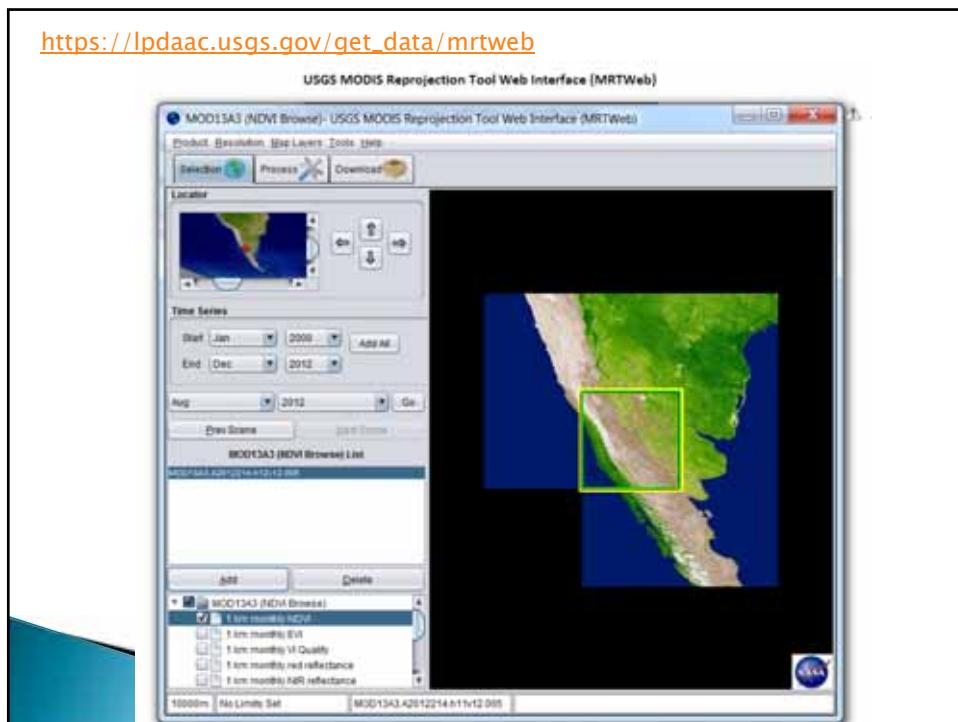




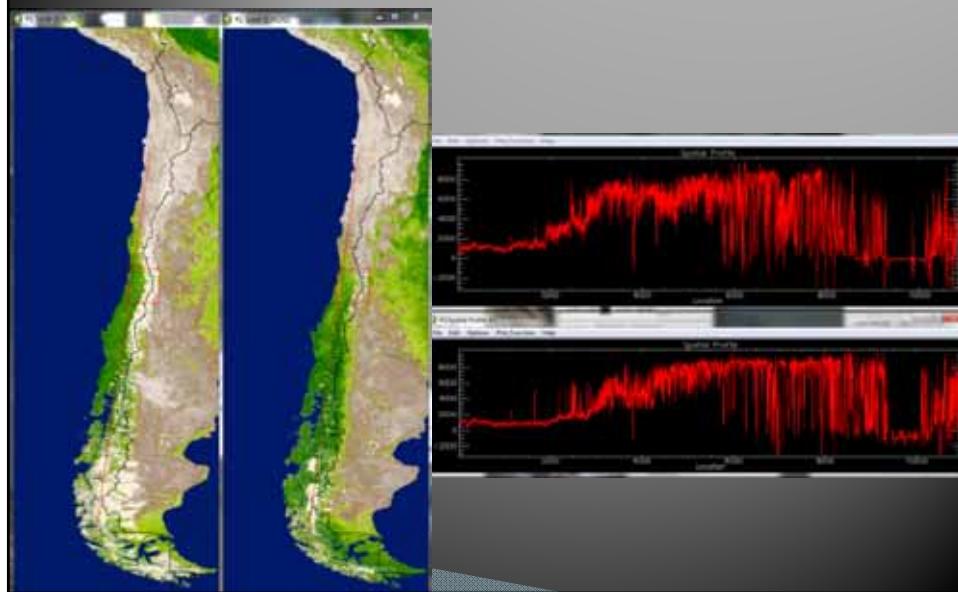




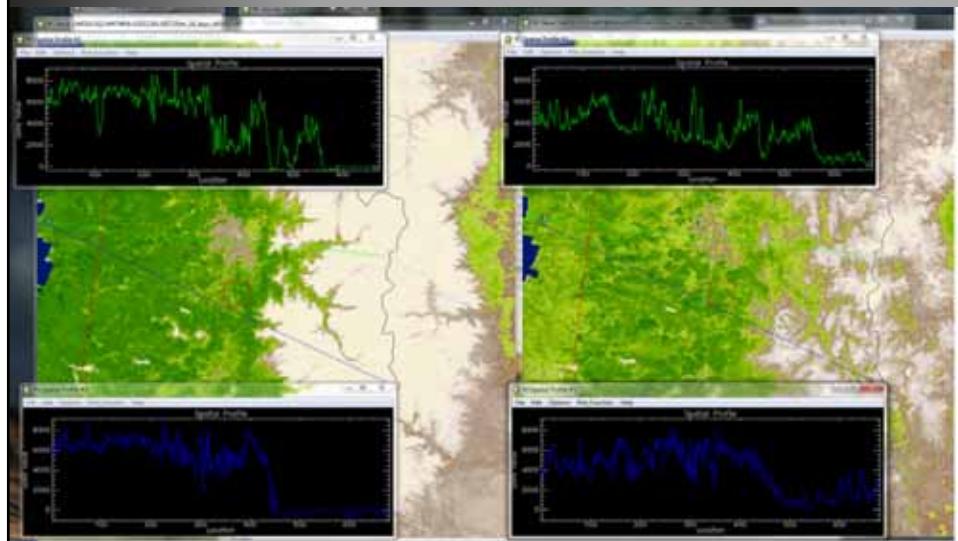




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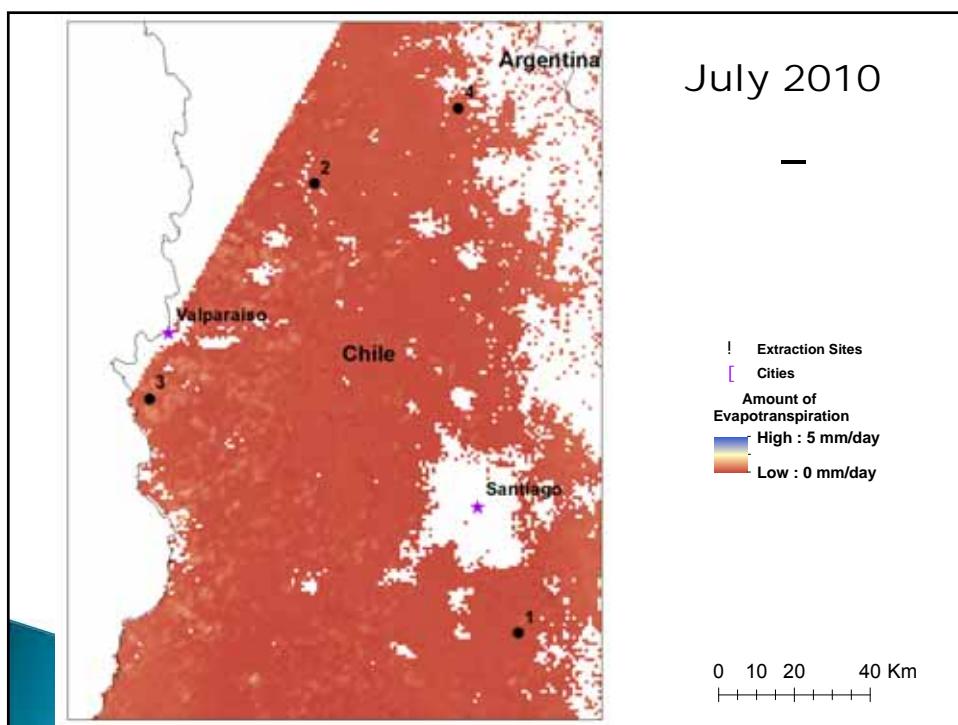
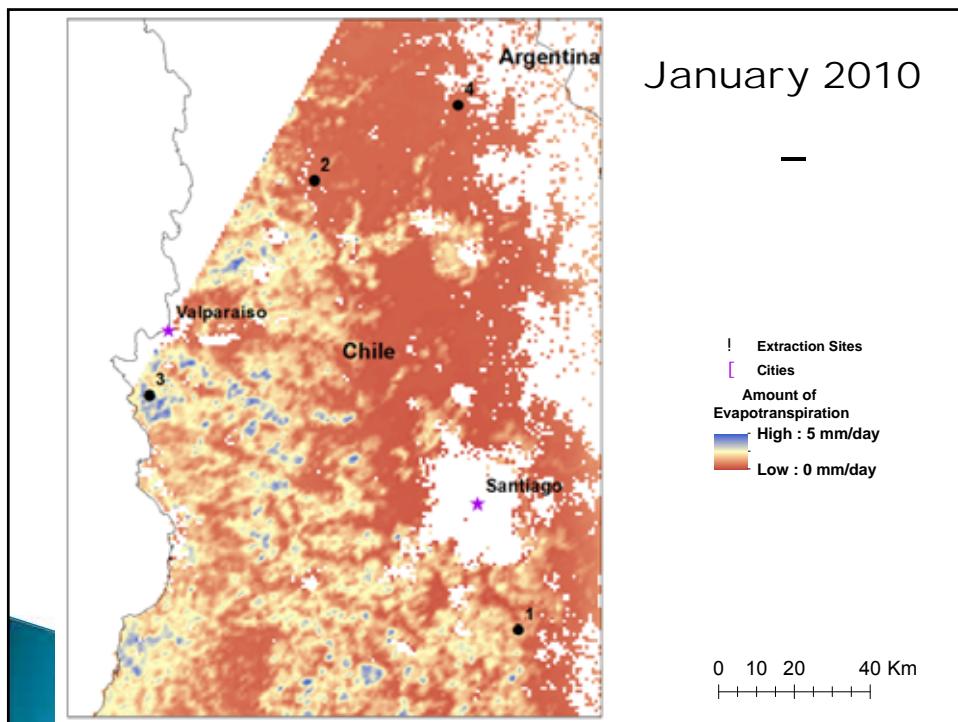


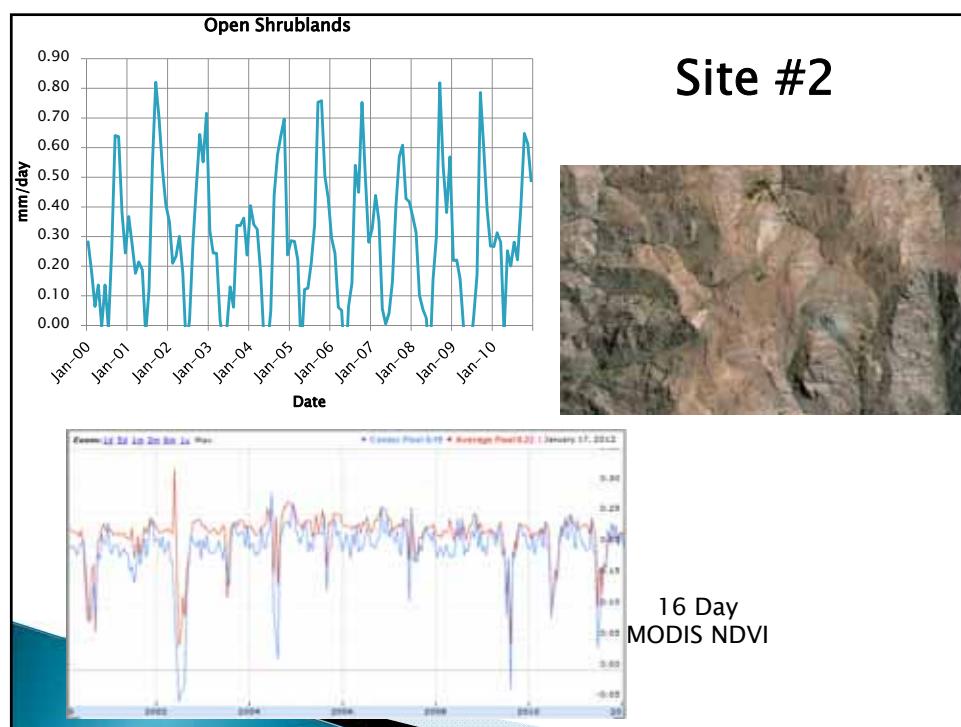
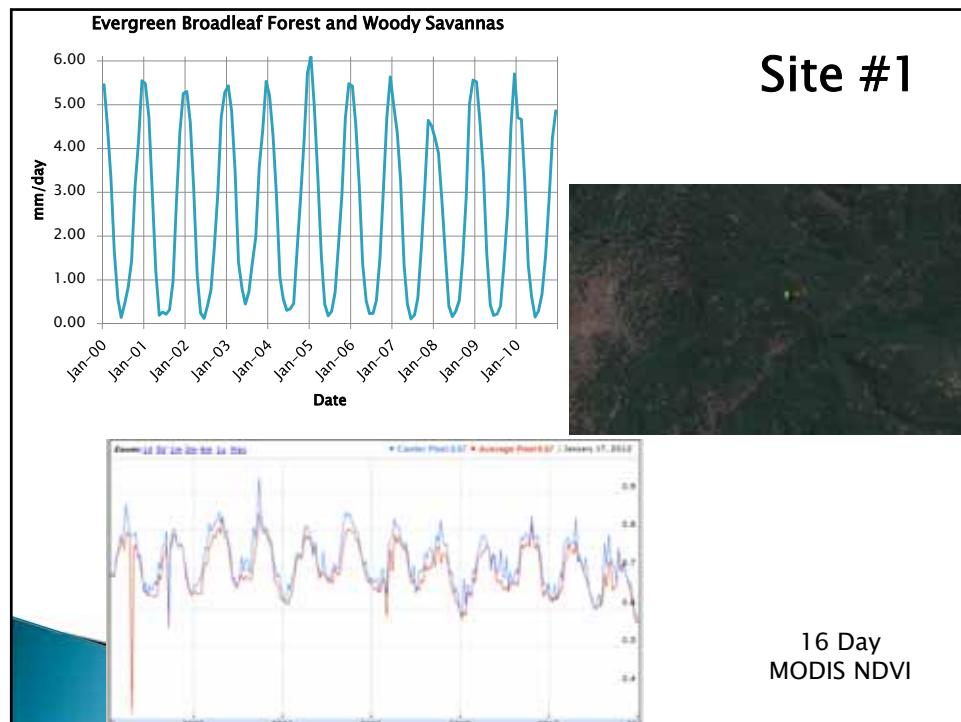
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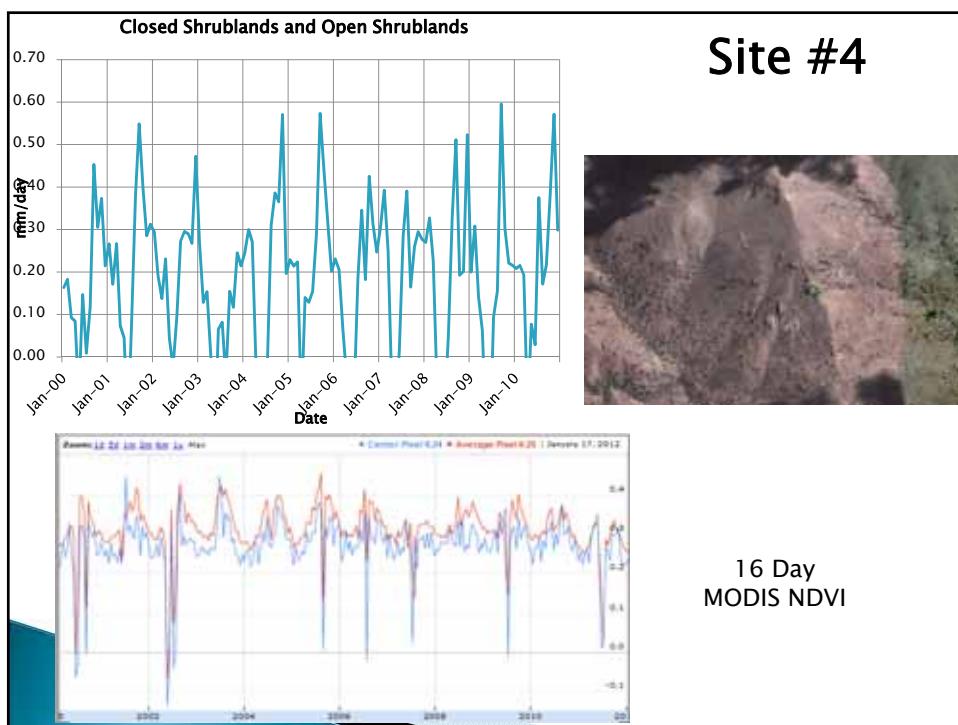
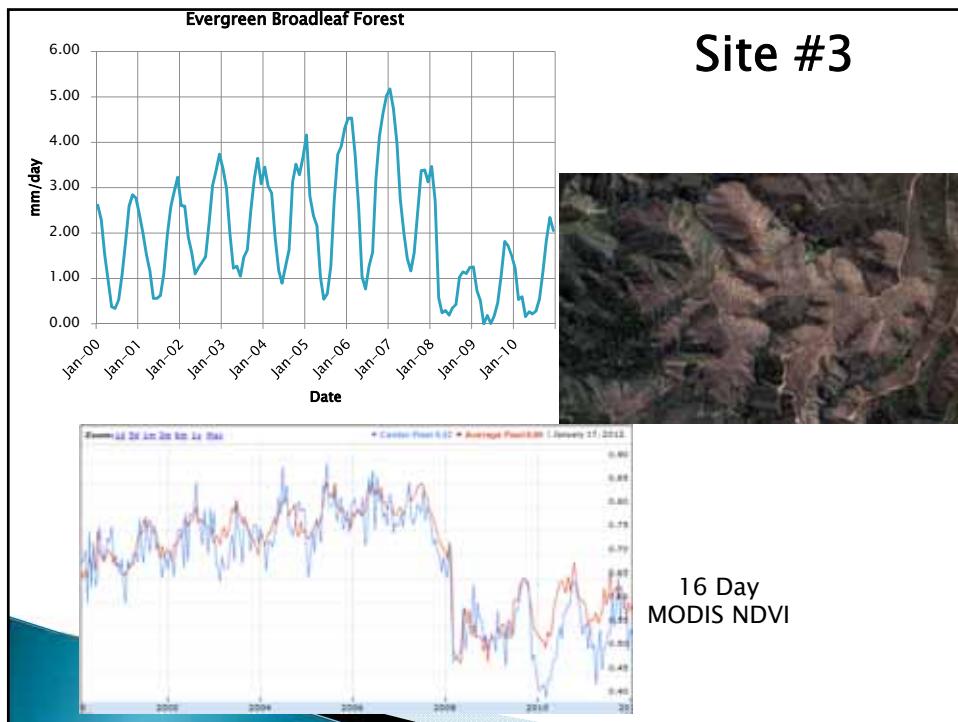


### How do download the ET and NDVI data in ARCMAP using the Toolbox?

- ▶ <http://blogs.esri.com/esri/arcgis/2011/03/21/global-evapotranspiration-data-accessible-in-arcmap-thanks-to-modis-toolbox/>
- ▶ <http://resources.arcgis.com/gallery/file/geoprocessing/details?entryID=9CC382D2-1422-2418-34F8-DC9F97B24052>

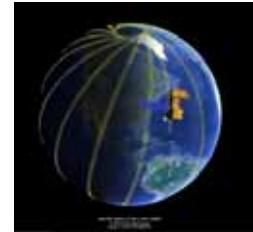




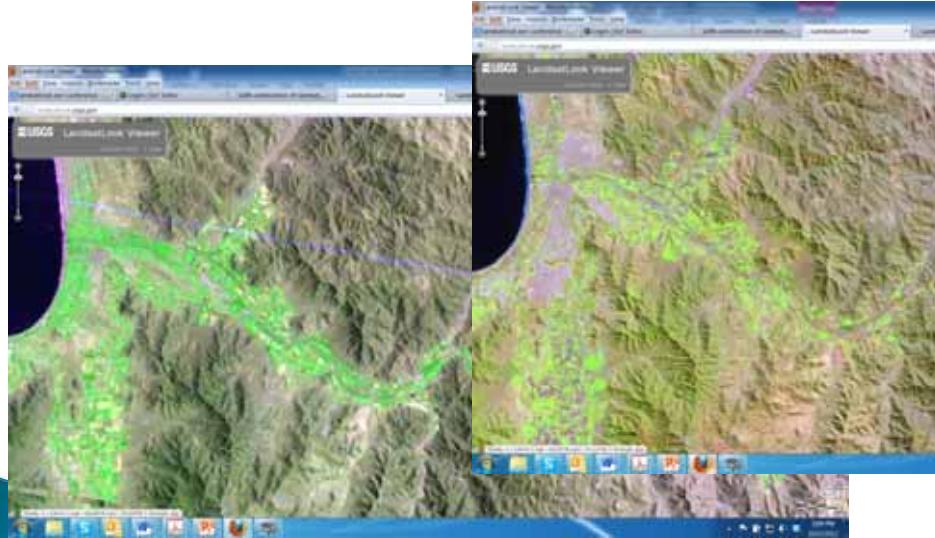


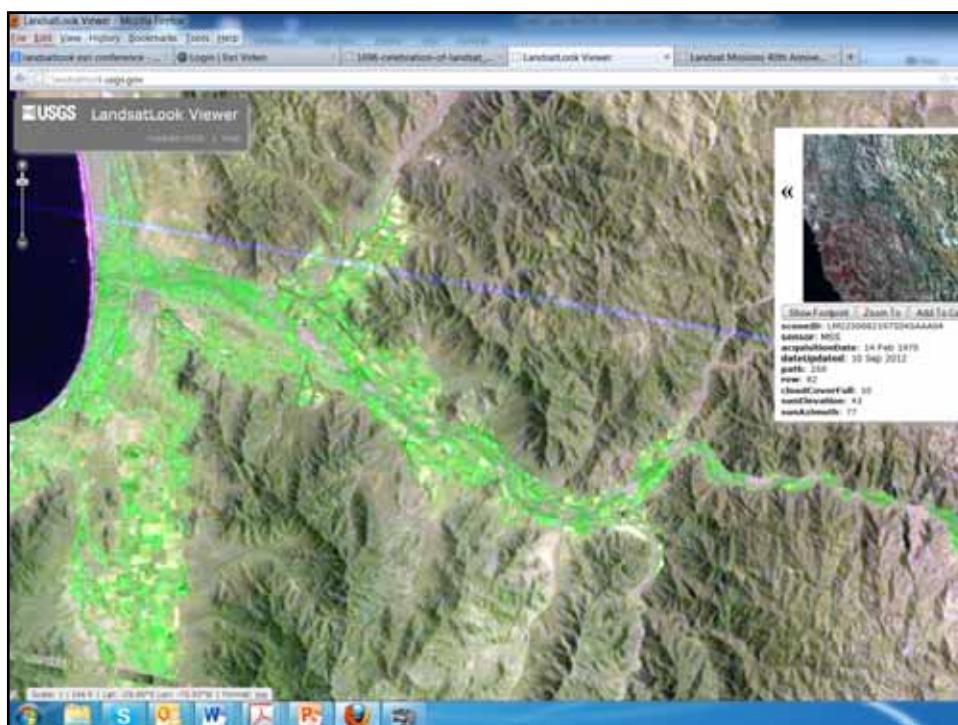
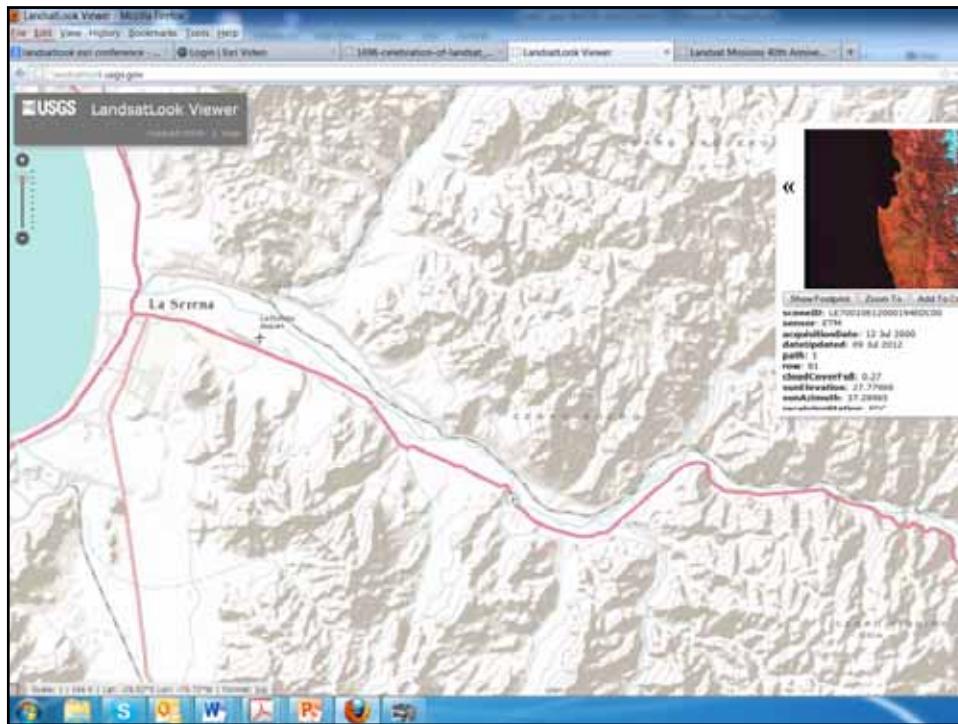
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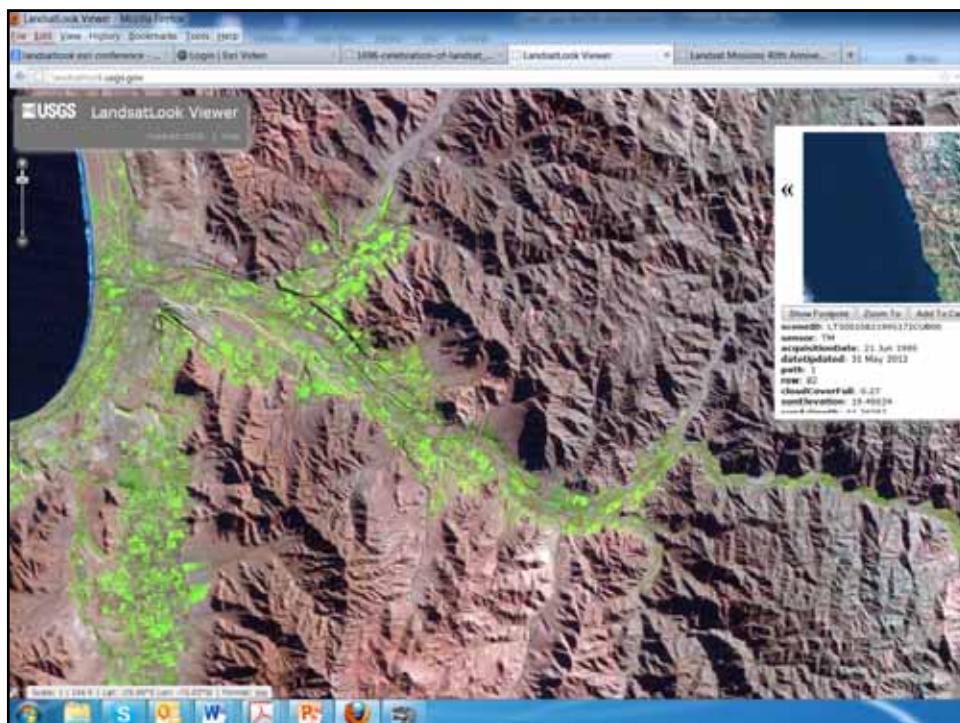
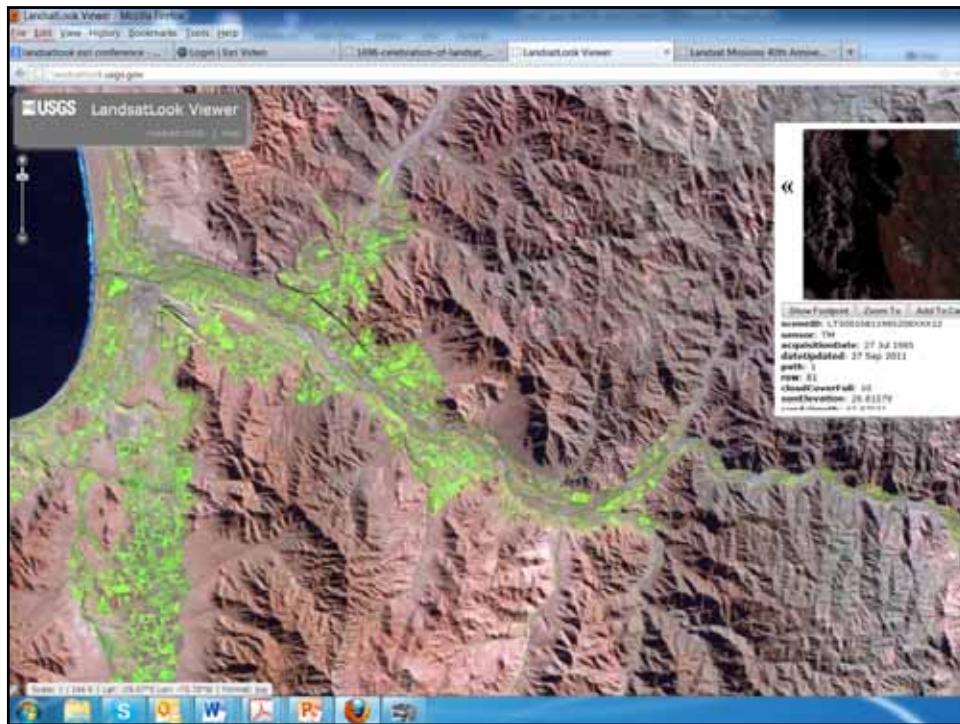
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- ▶ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezn1ne2Fj6Y>
- ▶ <http://landsat.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/where.html>
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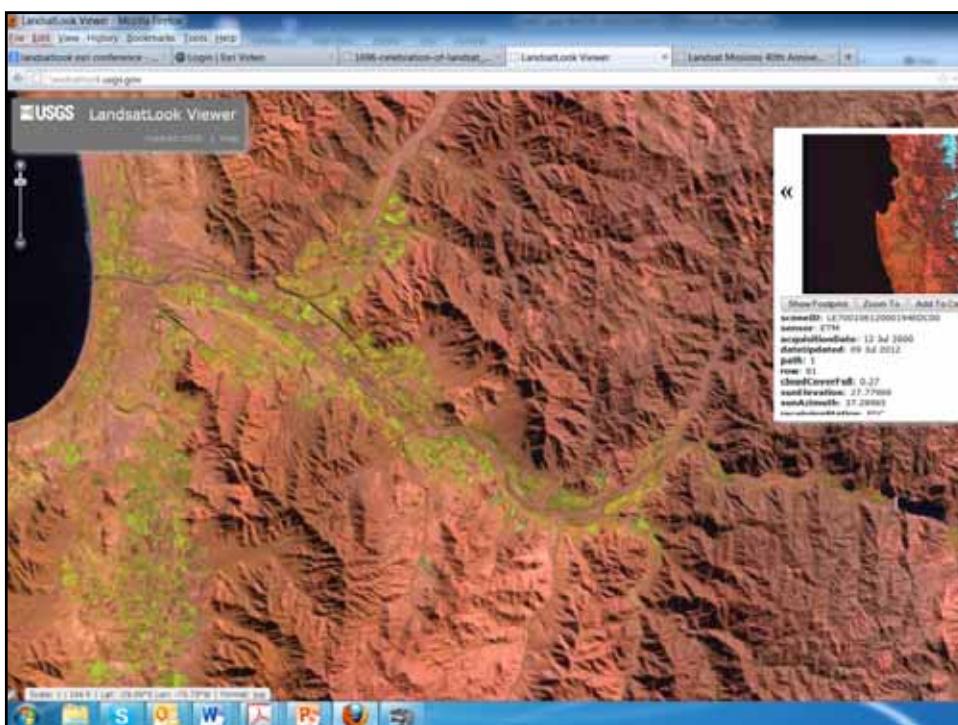
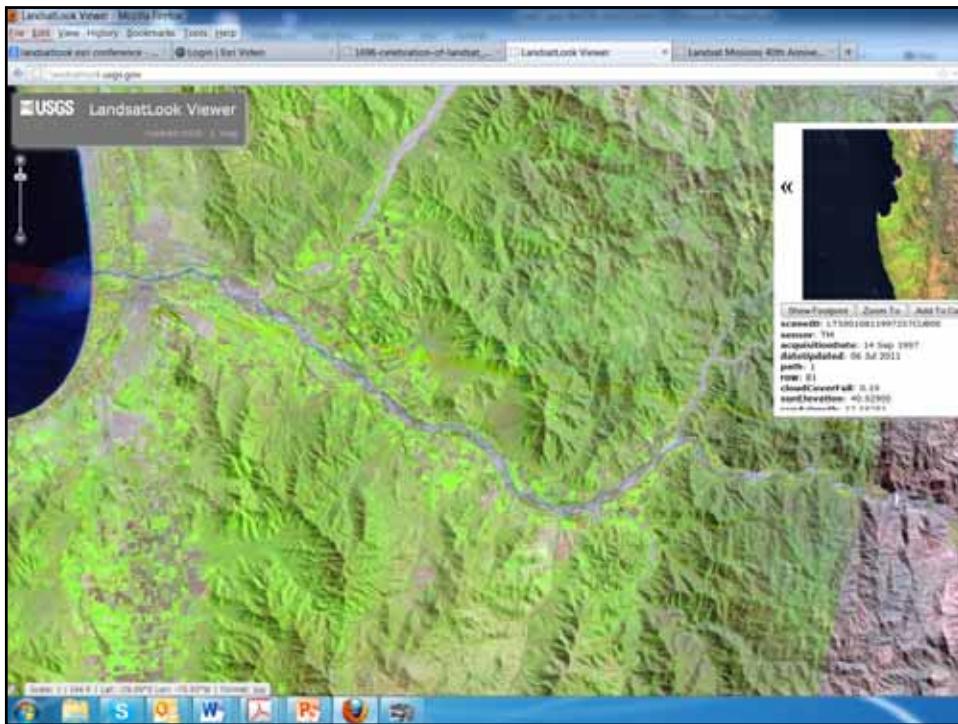


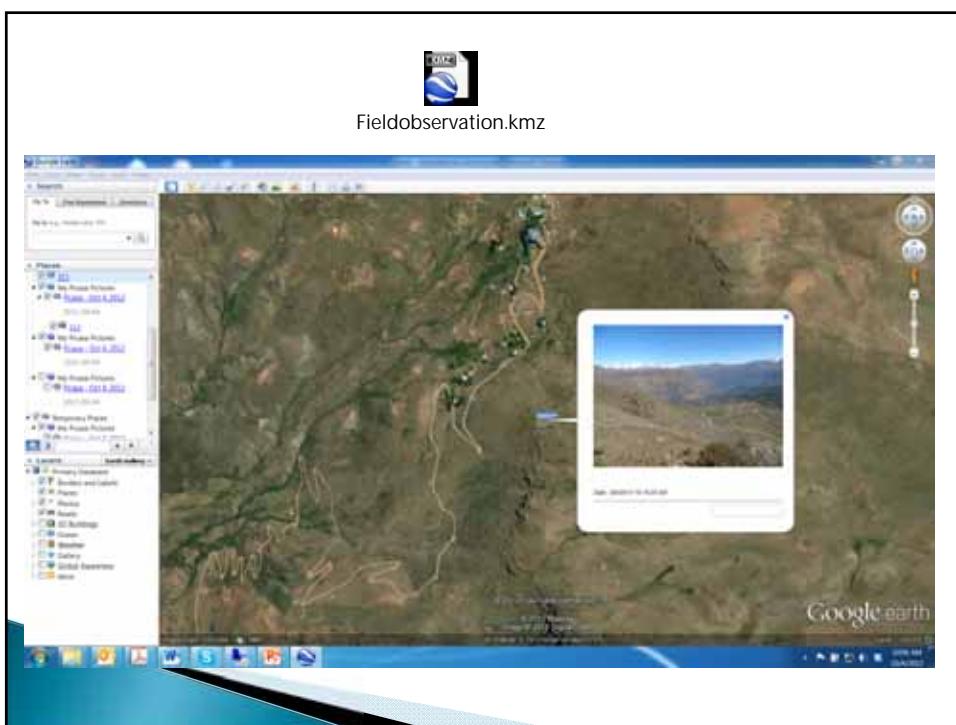
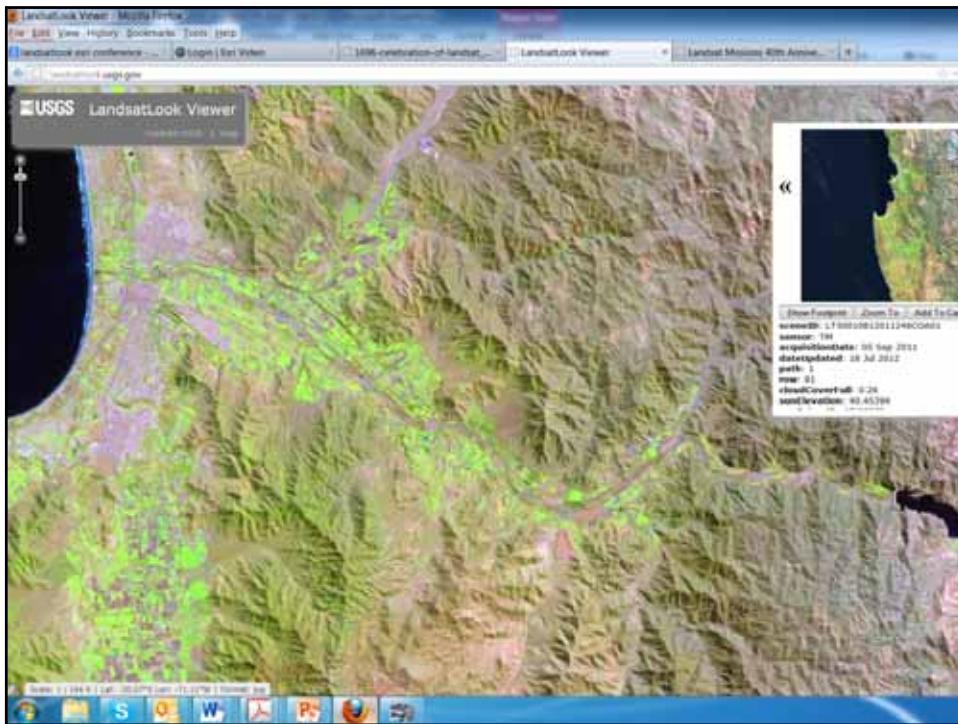
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From the researcher's point of view, Giovanni is comprised of a number of interfaces, each tailored to meet the needs of specific fields of Earth science research. Each interface, known as an instance, provides functions and parameters applicable to that specific area of Earth science. For example, the A-Train instance provides an interface designed for research of clouds and aerosols, utilizing data from instruments aboard the A-Train satellites such as CloudSat, Aqua, Aura, and CALIPSO.

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**Science Portals** · **Giovanni Parameter List**

- Atmospheric Portals (including Clouds and Aerosols)
- Application and Education Portals
- Geospatial Portals
- Modern Era Reanalysis Portals (Research and Reanalysis (MERRA), 20CR, M21)
- Modern Reanalysis Portals for Research and Applications (MRCAP, MRCAP-2010)
- MERRA Climate Analysis (MCA)
- Modern Climate Change (MCC)
- Modern Hydrology (MHD)
- Modern Hydrology and Analysis System (MHAS)
- Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System (CERES)

**Other Portals**

**Hydrology Portals**

**GIOVANNI NEWS**

- GES DISC provides access to data from four instruments  
Aug 22, 2012
- Release 10 of Giovanni Increasing in 2012  
Aug 24, 2012
- GES DISC announces Call for Presentations and schedule for Giovanni online meeting  
Aug 10, 2012
- Version 7 Modern-era TSMR With-satellite Precipitation Analysis (MTPA-2P) Product Available  
Jul 23, 2012
- GES DISC 2012 version 9 data on greenhouse gases measured from space  
Jul 10, 2012
- Version 7 TRMM Global Satellite Precipitation Analysis (TPMA); Product Beta Available  
Jul 02, 2012
- Balancing the price to bring data users a wide variety of useful earth science data  
Jul 14, 2012
- Launch 2012 beta of The Giovanni Visualize online  
Jul 13, 2012

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This web-based tool is designed for visualization and analysis of the Daily TRMM and Other Rainfall Estimate (3B42 V7 derived). Users can generate plots for Lat-Lon Map, Time Series, Histogram diagram and more. Animation is available for Lat-Lon Maps. Results can be downloaded in PDF, NetCDF, ASCII, and Google Earth KMZ formats.

<http://earthdata.nasa.gov/>

Discover Data & Services

- Data and Service Access Cheat Sheets
- Dataset Directory (GCD)
- Search & Order Tools
- EOSDIS Data Services Directory

DAAC IMAGE OF THE WEEK - GLDAS Noah monthly soil moisture

Image showing Global Land Data Assimilation Systems (GLDAS) Noah monthly 0.25-degree average layer 1 soil moisture (in kg/m<sup>3</sup>) from May 2007, taken from the collection at GES DISC. To find out more about GES DISC and what it has to offer, click to visit their website.

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## RS and GIS demonstrations (PART II)

- ▶ Data download tools (MODIS & Landsat data)
  - Spatial, point and temporal data
  - Data links
- ▶ Data viewing verification tools (Google Earth, Landsatlook)
- ▶ Free GIS and RS tools
- ▶ Commercial tools (ESRI, ENVI, ERDAS, Matlab, JMP, etc.)
- ▶ Open source tools (Quantum GIS, GRASS, R, GPicSync, GPSbabel, Google Earth, Picasa, OpenOffice, GIMP, etc.)

## Synthesis (PART III)

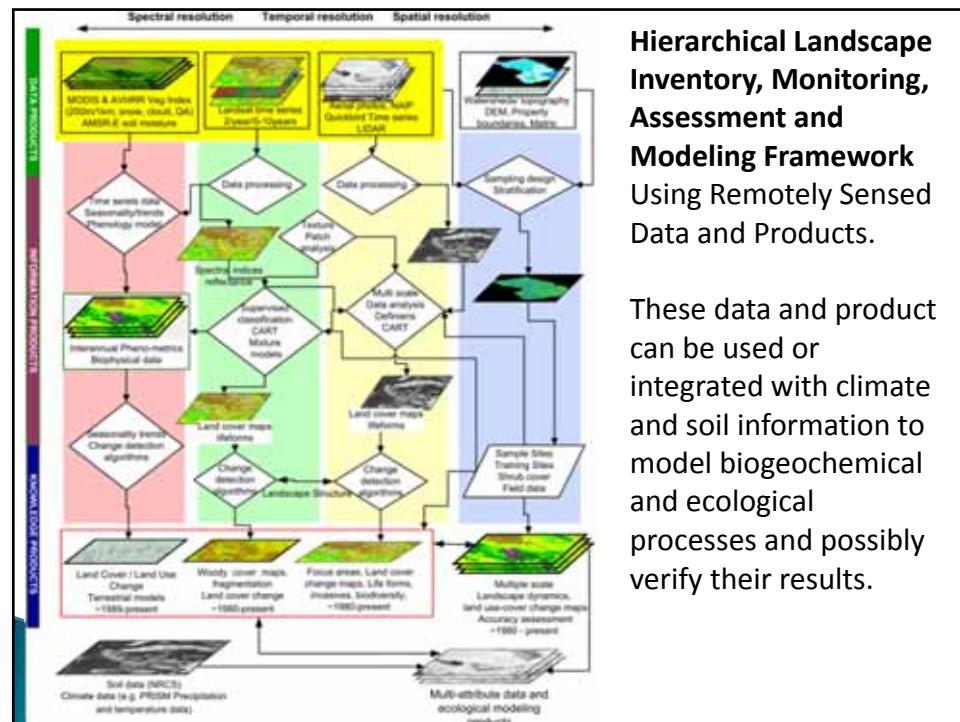
## Ecosystem – land cover RS framework

- ▶ Multi sensor solutions (passive, active)
  - Multispectral, LiDAR, Fusion
- ▶ Nested temporal, spatial and spectral resolutions
  - MODIS–Landsat–Quickbird/NAIP–Field
  - Continuous (woody cover) and discrete data (land cover class)
  - Data resolution < phenomena resolution
  - Fine resolution co-registration!
- ▶ Timing of phenomena (uni-, multi-modal)
  - Phenology of life forms
- ▶ Timing of data acquisition
  - Sun angle (shadows)
- ▶ Bridge interplay between organizational scales
  - Local, landscape, continental upscaling↔ downscaling
  - Biophysical and socio-economic drivers, management

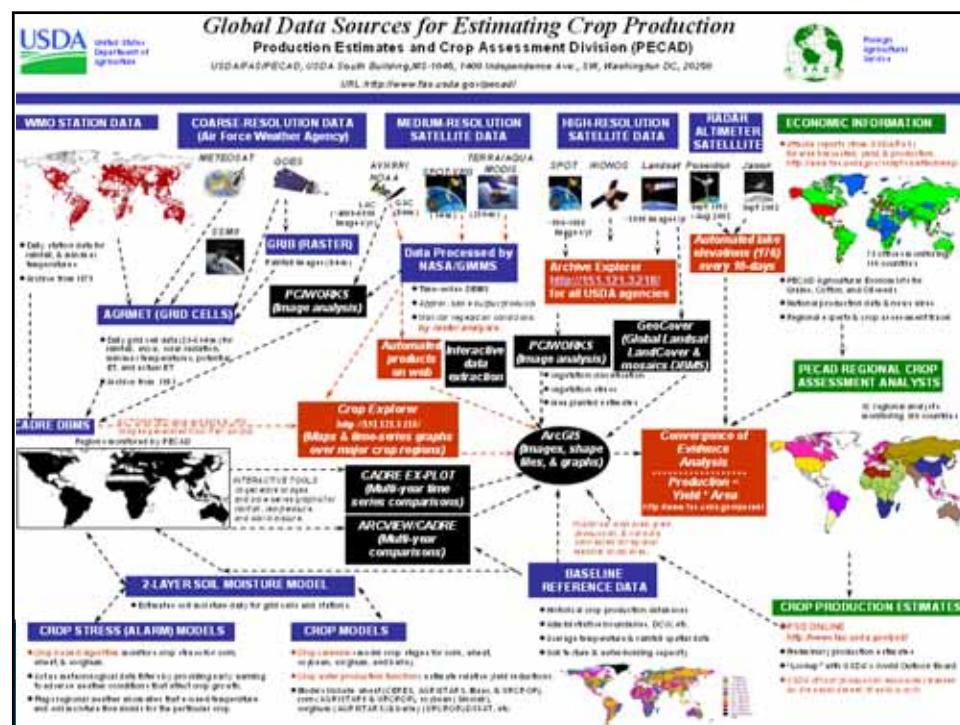
## LAND and WATER ASSESSMENTS: GIS and REMOTE SENSING TOOLS→ DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS

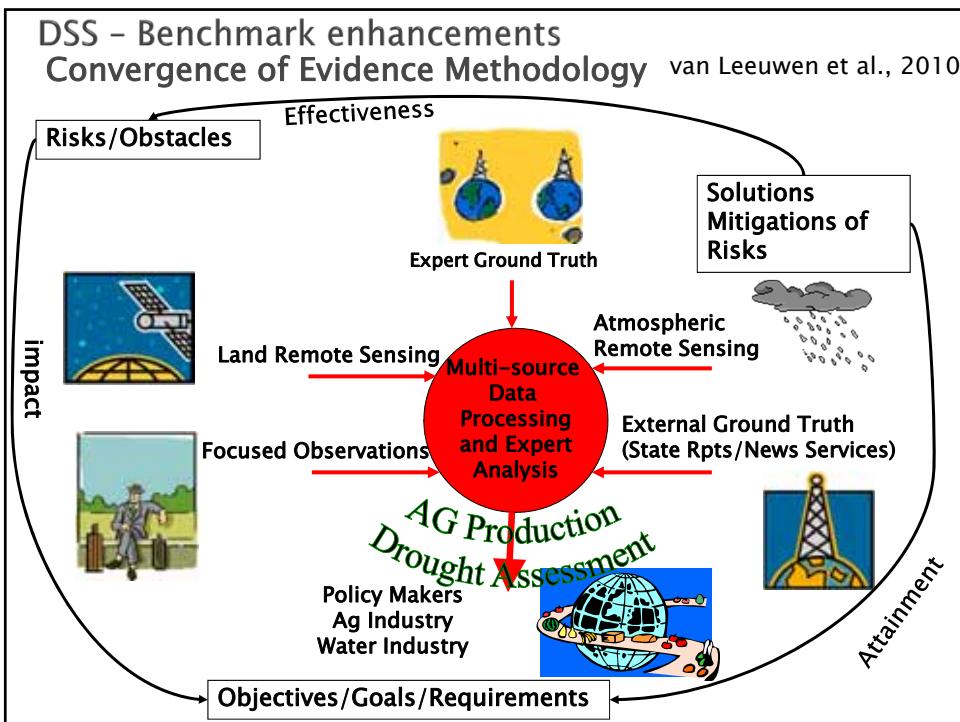
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These data and product can be used or integrated with climate and soil information to model biogeochemical and ecological processes and possibly verify their results.





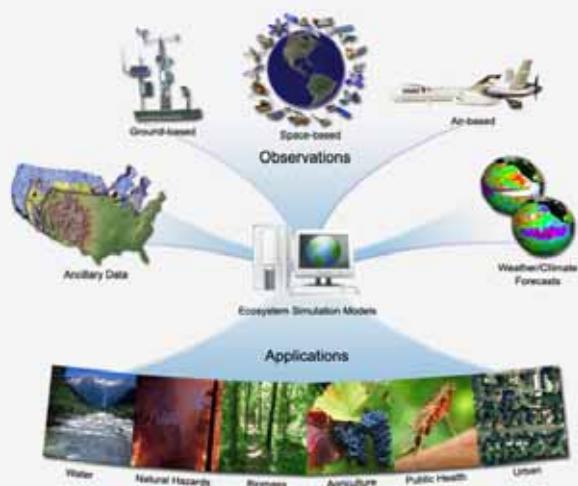
**Ecological Forecasting** – predicting the effects of changes in physical, chemical, and biological environment on ecosystem state and function

**Terrestrial Observation and Prediction System (TOPS)** - A data - modeling system for integrating satellite, surface data with simulation models to produce ecological nowcasts and forecasts

Key elements:

- Monitoring
- Modeling
- Forecasting
- Local to Global

Focus on biogeochemical cycles



Nemani et al., 2009, RSE

