

# Land Report Back

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# Topics

- New Team Functions
- Some Recent MODLAND Highlights
- Discussion - User Feedback and Outreach
- Breakout Sessions
  - Vegetation Indices
  - MODIS for Modelers
  - Land CDR's
- Summary Next Steps for Land

# Overview

- **New MODIS Land Team**
  - **Multiple Functions**
    - Continued Monitoring and Characterization of instrument performance
    - Continued Product Generation, Product Maintenance and Validation
    - Contributing to ESE Science Goals - utilizing MODIS land products in ESE science and applications
    - Developing and Testing New / Improved Land Algorithms
      - **Plant Water Content**
      - **Evaporation**
      - **Surface Reflectance**
      - **Continuous Fields of Biophysical Parameters**

- **Actively contributing to emerging ESE Land focus – moderate resolution component**
  - **Stewardship of a suite of maturing Land Products**
    - » Continued and timely data production
    - » Product Refinement / Reprocessing
    - » Developing / Applying Quality Assessment (QA) procedures
    - » Establishing and Applying Validation Protocols (Stage 2)
  - **Outreach to and feedback from the community of data users**
    - » Science and Applications Users
  - **Guiding land data system development**
    - » Enhancing MODAPS
    - » Enhancing MODIS Rapid Response
    - » Supporting REASON project

**– Transitioning MODIS capabilities and lessons to Operational Domain**

- » MODIS to NPP VIIRS
- » MODIS integrated in decision support

**– Defining and Prototyping CDR's**

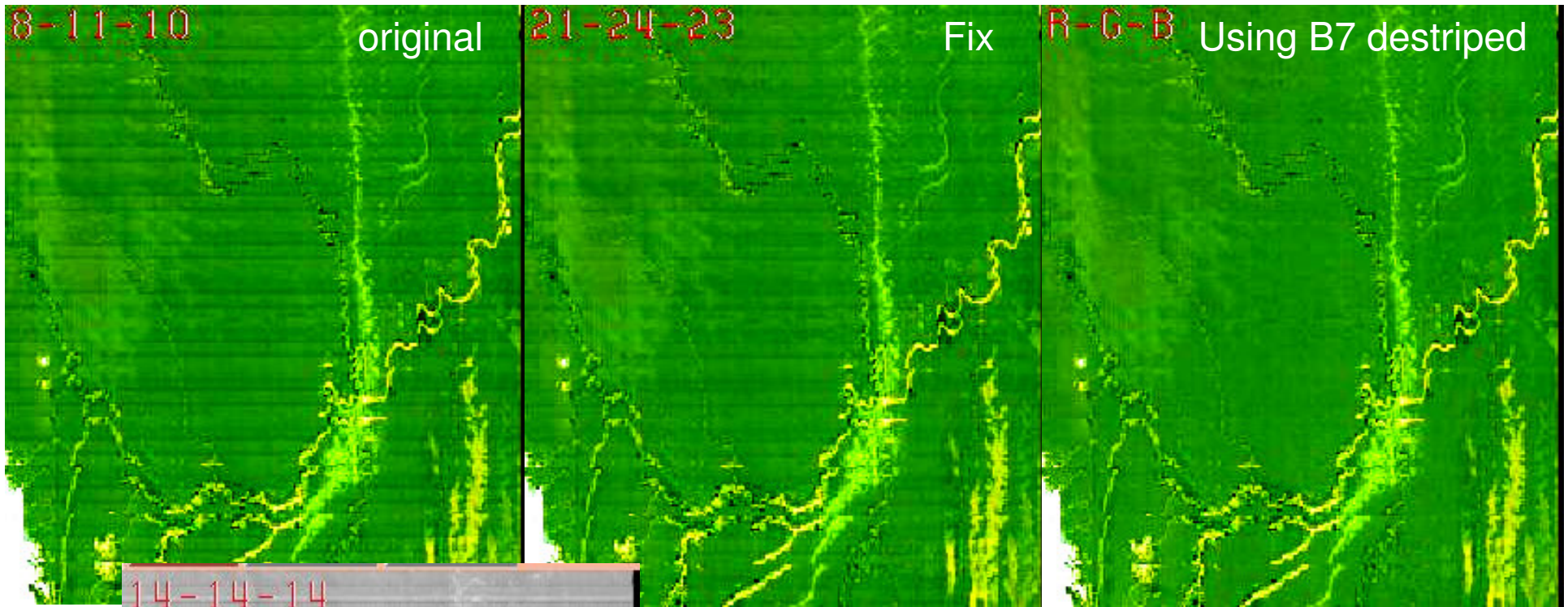
- » REASON Land Long Term Data Record – AVHRR>VIIRS

**– Contributing to the international observation coordination efforts**

- » GTOS GOFC/GOLD - Data Access and Use
- » CEOS Land Product Validation (LPV)
- » IGOL, GEOSS – future observation coordination

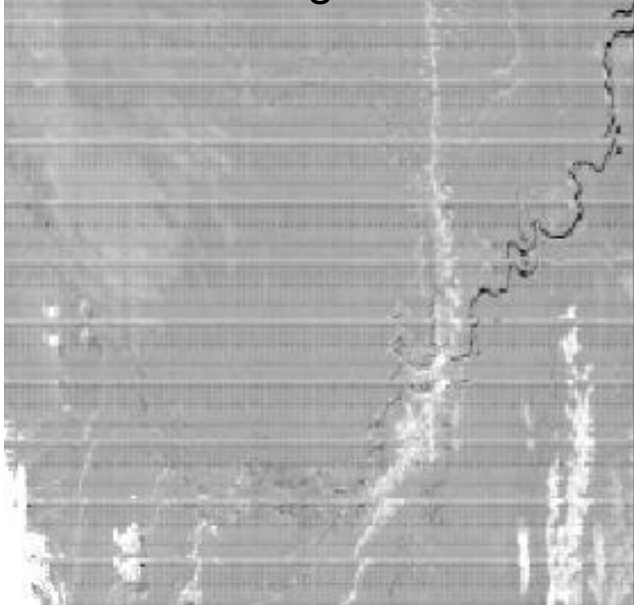
# Instrument: issues being tracked

- Reflective bands calibration accuracy and stability (comparison Aqua-Terra on desert sites shows agreement 1-2%) – **Green**
- Noise appearing in the Terra longwave bands (being tracked) – **Orange**
- Striping in SWIR (esp. Band7), several methods are being evaluated (eliminating noisy detector, atmosphere de-striping, Xtalk correction – MCST) – **Red**
- Polarization correction to be used for aerosol inversion over Land at 412nm (characterization has been provided by MCST) – **Yellow**



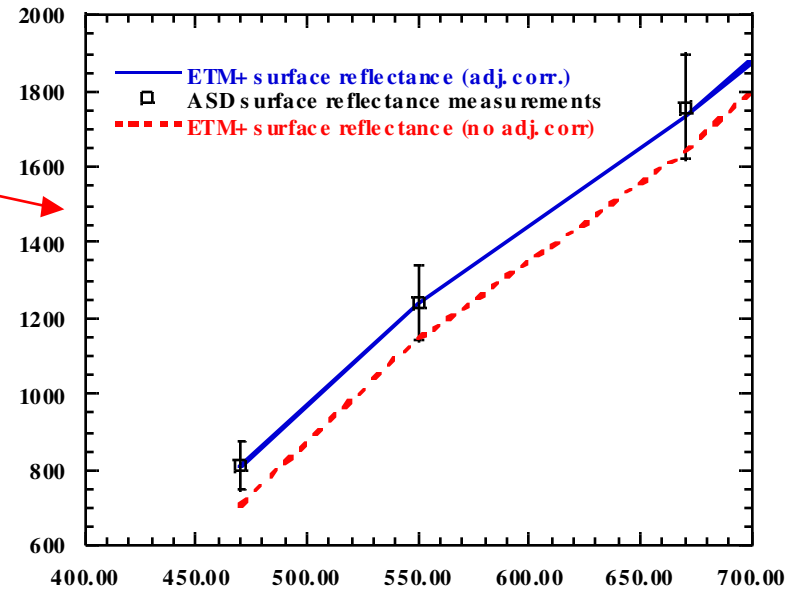
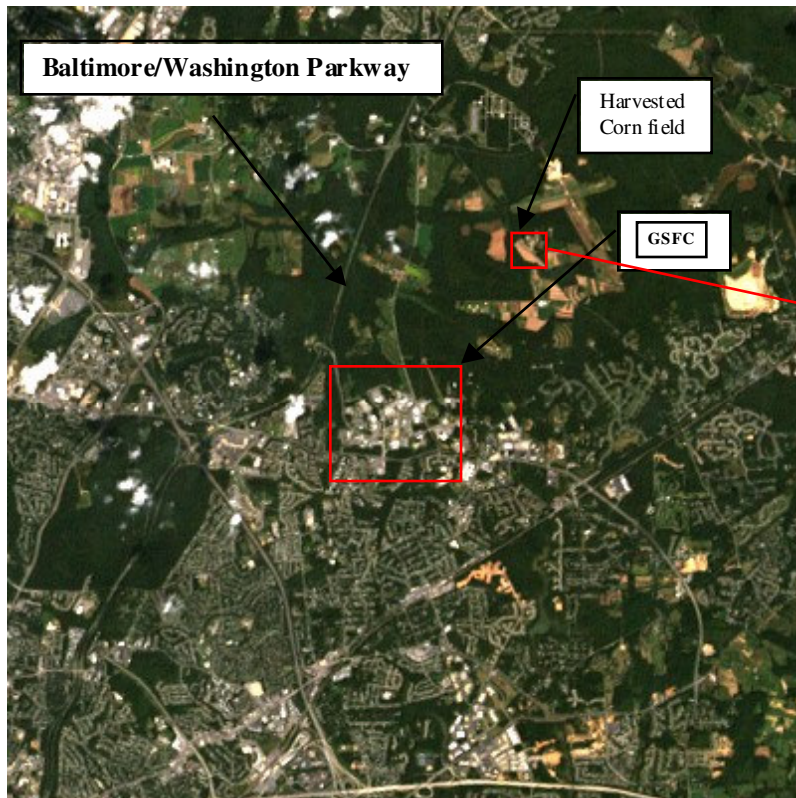
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B7 original



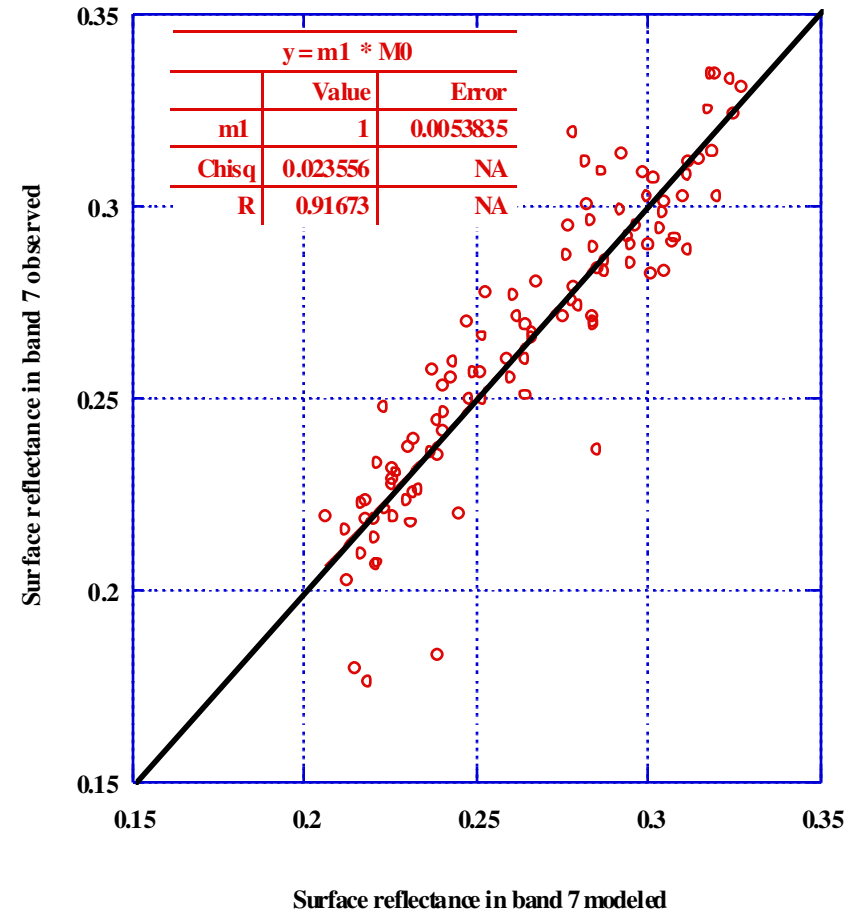
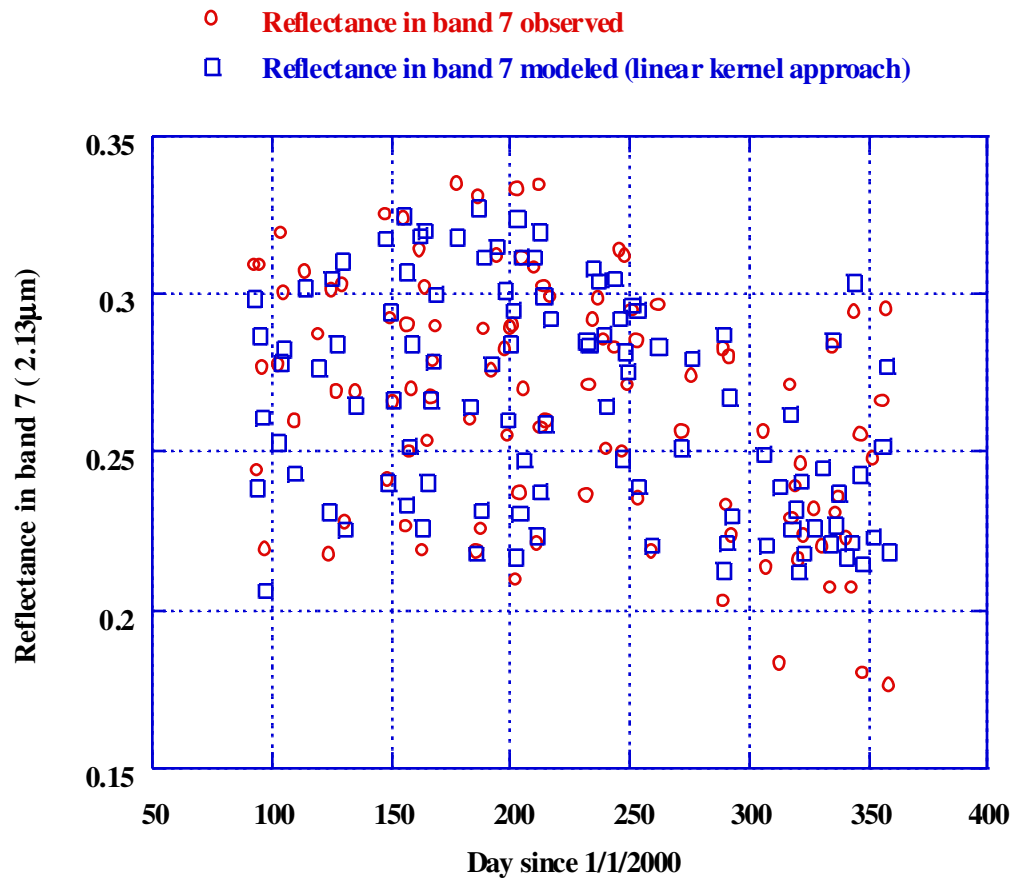
Band 7 used for Atmospheric Correction  
The improvement by the “fix” is still showing stripes (but reduced),  
The version using the Level 1B de-stripped provided by atmosphere does not show any stripe.

# C5 - Improvements to Surface Reflectance Adjacency effect correction (validation)

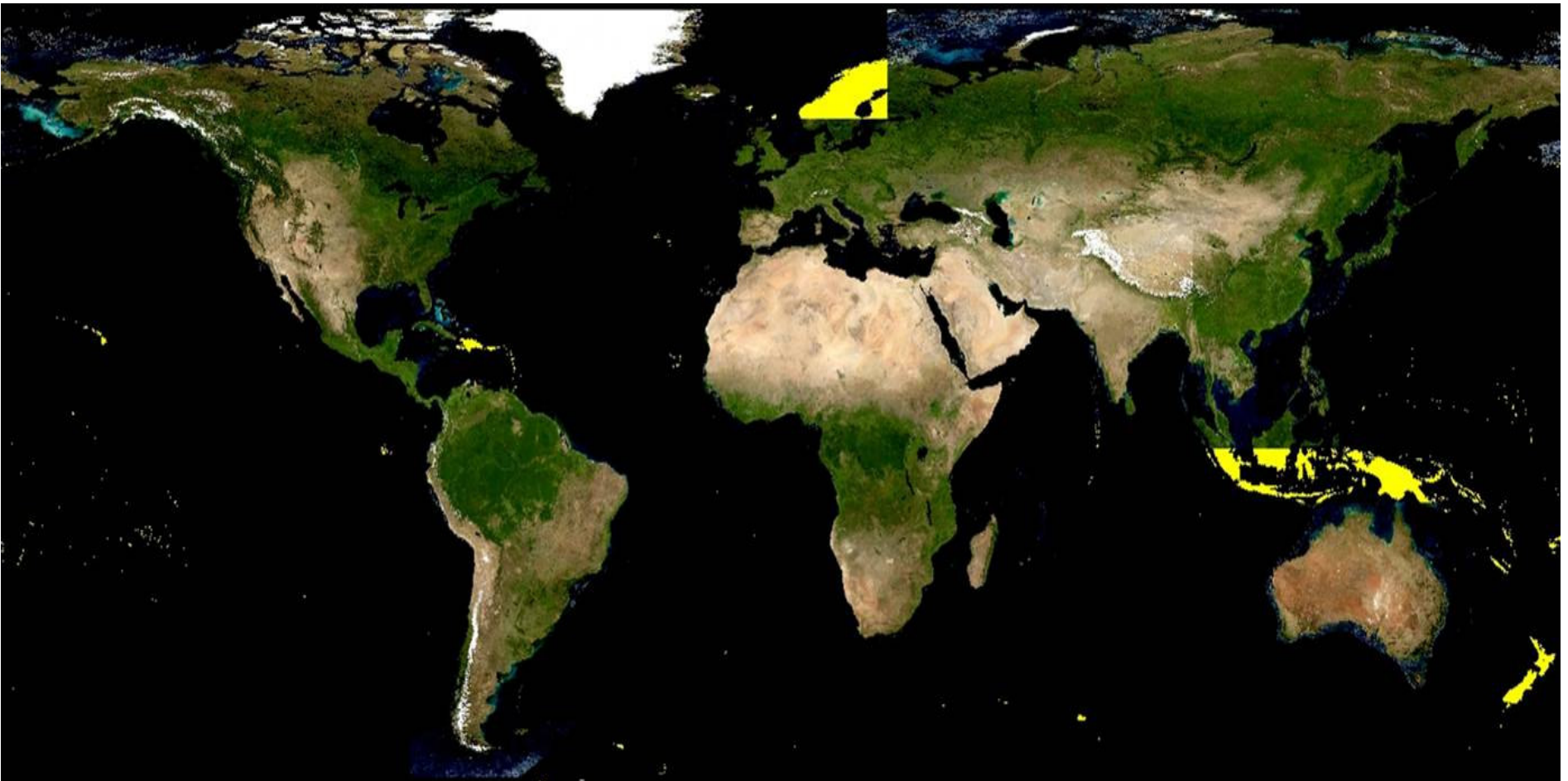




# C5 - BRDF atmosphere coupling correction application to the Sevilleta site (New Mexico)



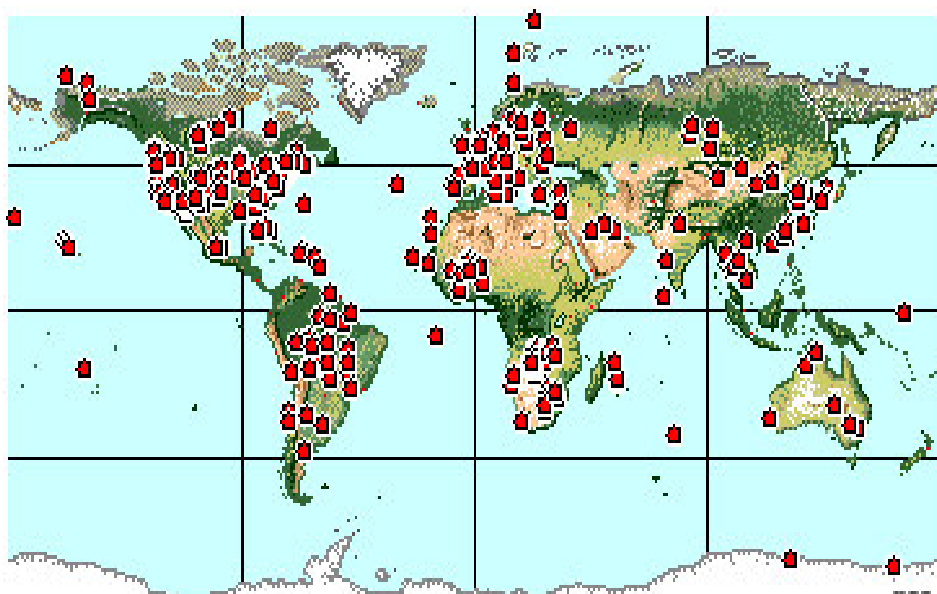
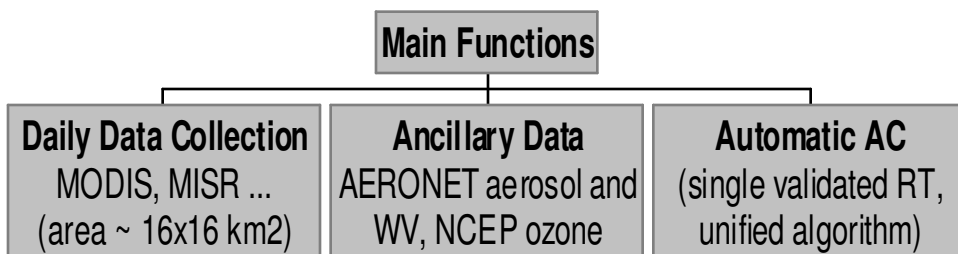
# Global 500m Surface Reflectance cloud free composite status





# A-SRVN - AERONET-based Surface Reflectance Validation Network

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GEST UMBC/NASA GSFC



## PRODUCTS

### BRDF

1. Point-wise in Observation Angles
2. Best-fit MRPV (MISR)
3. Best-fit Kernel (MODIS)

### Albedo

1. Spectral
2. Shortwave Broadband (SB)
3. Spectral and SB Fluxes, PAR

### Spectral Regression (for AOT retrieval)

1. 2.1  $\mu\text{m}$   $\rightarrow$  blue & red

## EXPECTED BENEFITS

1. Validation of surface albedo/BRDF at sensor's spatial & spectral resolution.
2. Development of global surface climatology for aerosol retrievals.
3. Way to MODIS – MISR data fusion.

### Calibration Analysis

4. Vicarious calibration.
5. Cross-calibration of different sensors.
6. Detection of calibration trend based on a time series of surface reflectance.

# MODIS Vegetation Index Products

- Two indices

- NDVI (Continuity)
- EVI (Enhanced)

$$EVI = G \frac{\rho_{NIR} - \rho_{red}}{\rho_{NIR} + C_1 \rho_{red} - C_2 \rho_{blue} + L}$$

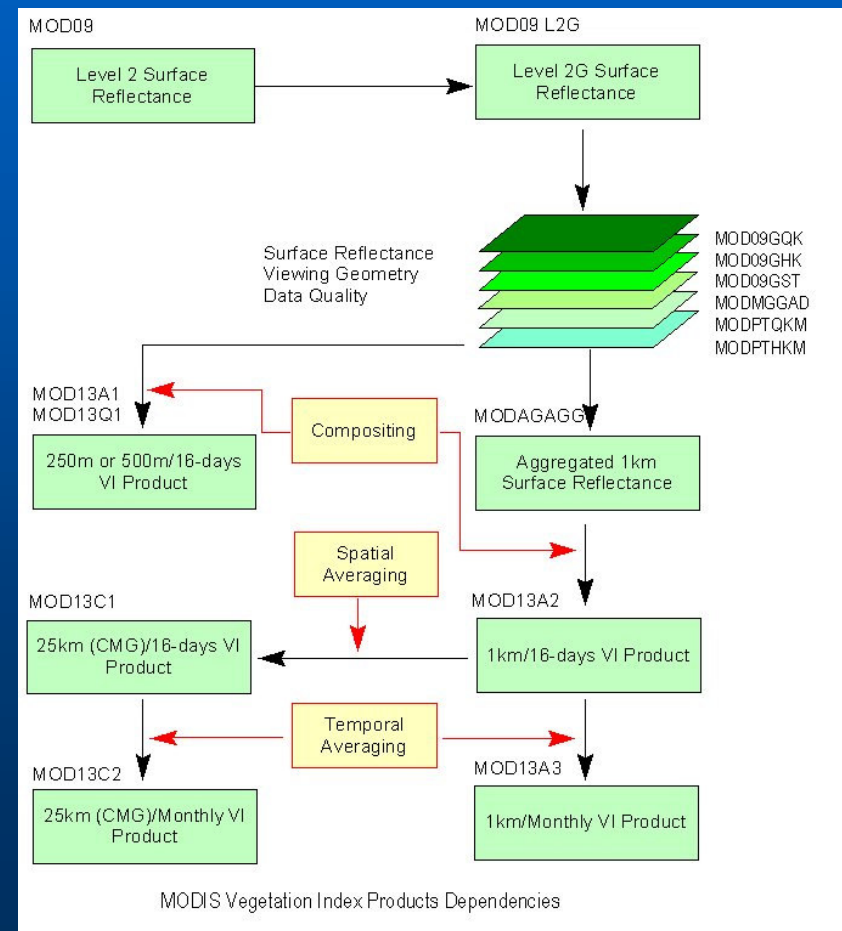
- G, C1, C2, and L are coefficients

Each product includes

- NDVI, EVI, NDVI QA, EVI QA, Red, NIR, Blue, MIR, Sensor Zenith, Sun Zenith, Relative Azimuth
- Produced in L3 Tile units, that are ~1200 x 1200 km
- SIN grid projection (ISIN previous collections) except for the CMG products which are in the geographic projection

The Products are

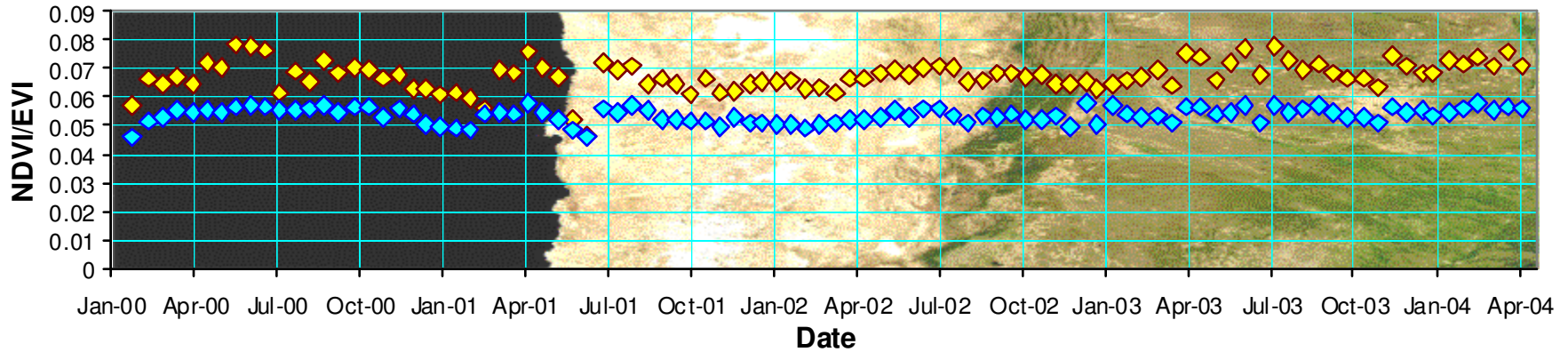
- MOD13Q1: 16-day 250m VI
- MOD13A1: 16-day 500m VI
- MOD13A2: 16-day 1 km VI
- MOD13A3: Monthly 1 km VI
- MOD13C1: 16-day 25 km VI (coarse resolution (CMG)).
- MOD13C2: Monthly 25km VI (coarse resolution (CMG)).



# MODIS sensor (VIs) long term stability

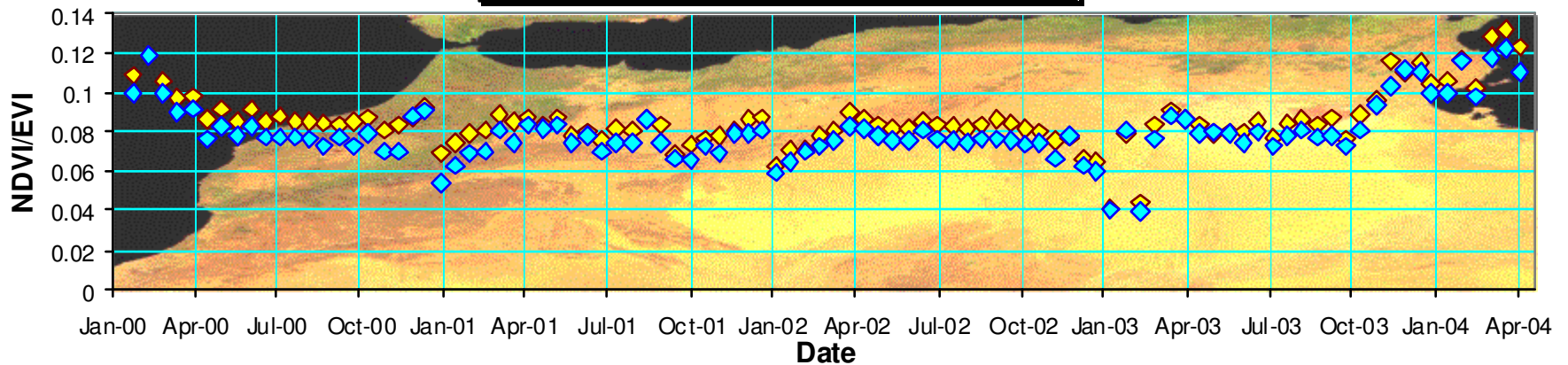
MODIS NDVI and EVI long term stability  
2000-2004 time series

Atacama Desert NDVI    Atacama Desert EVI

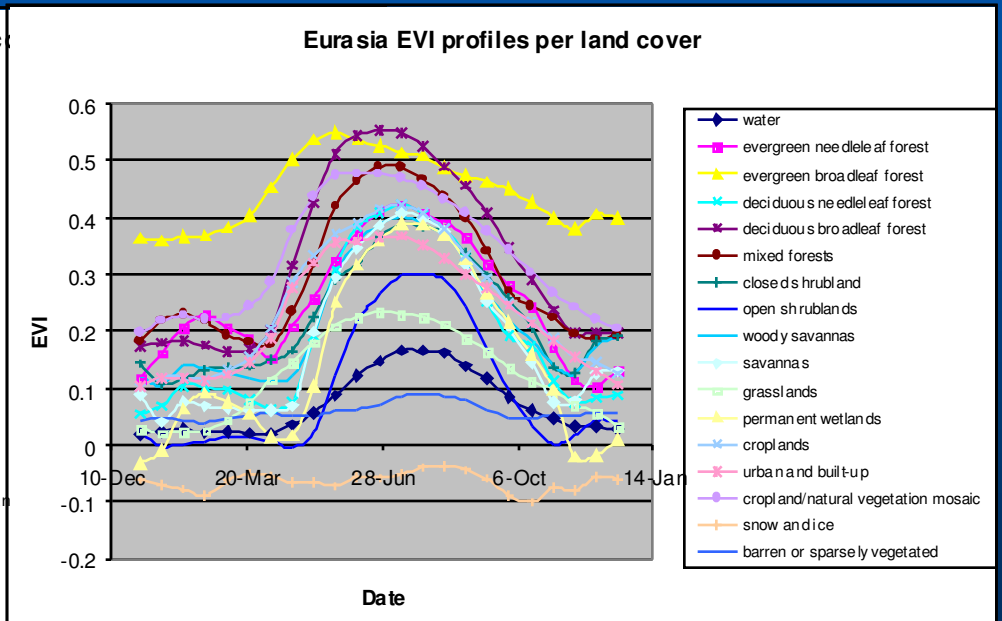
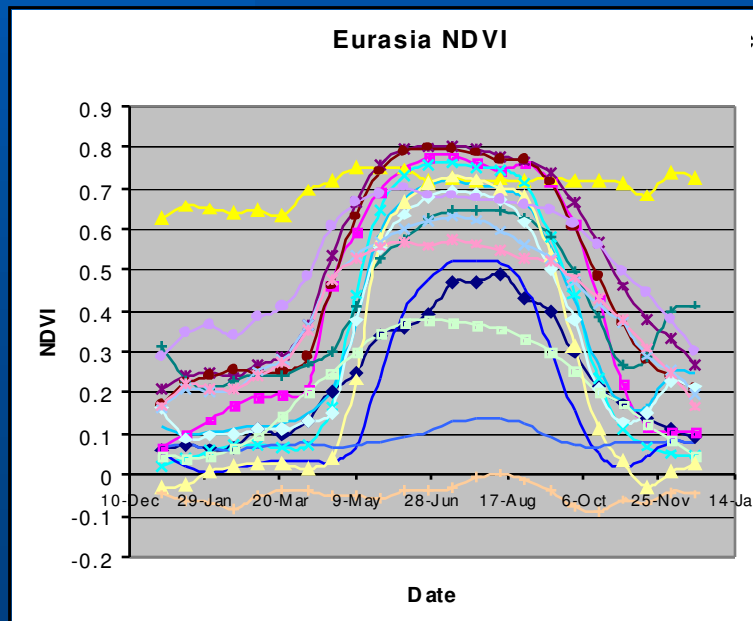
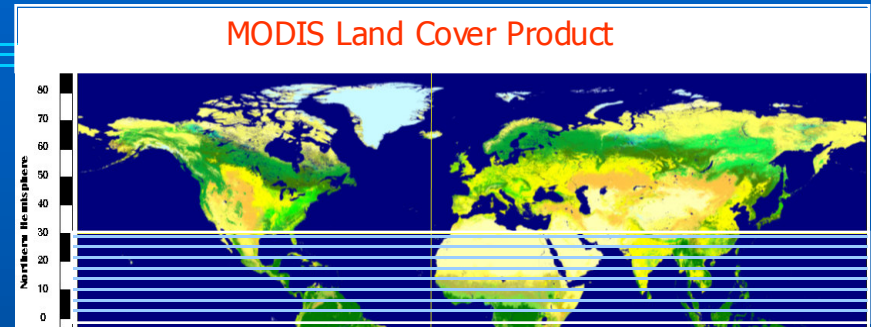
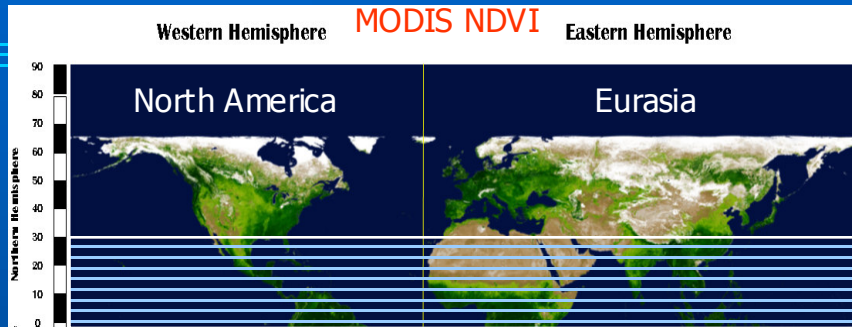


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2000-2004 time series

Sahara Desert NDVI    Sahara Desert EVI



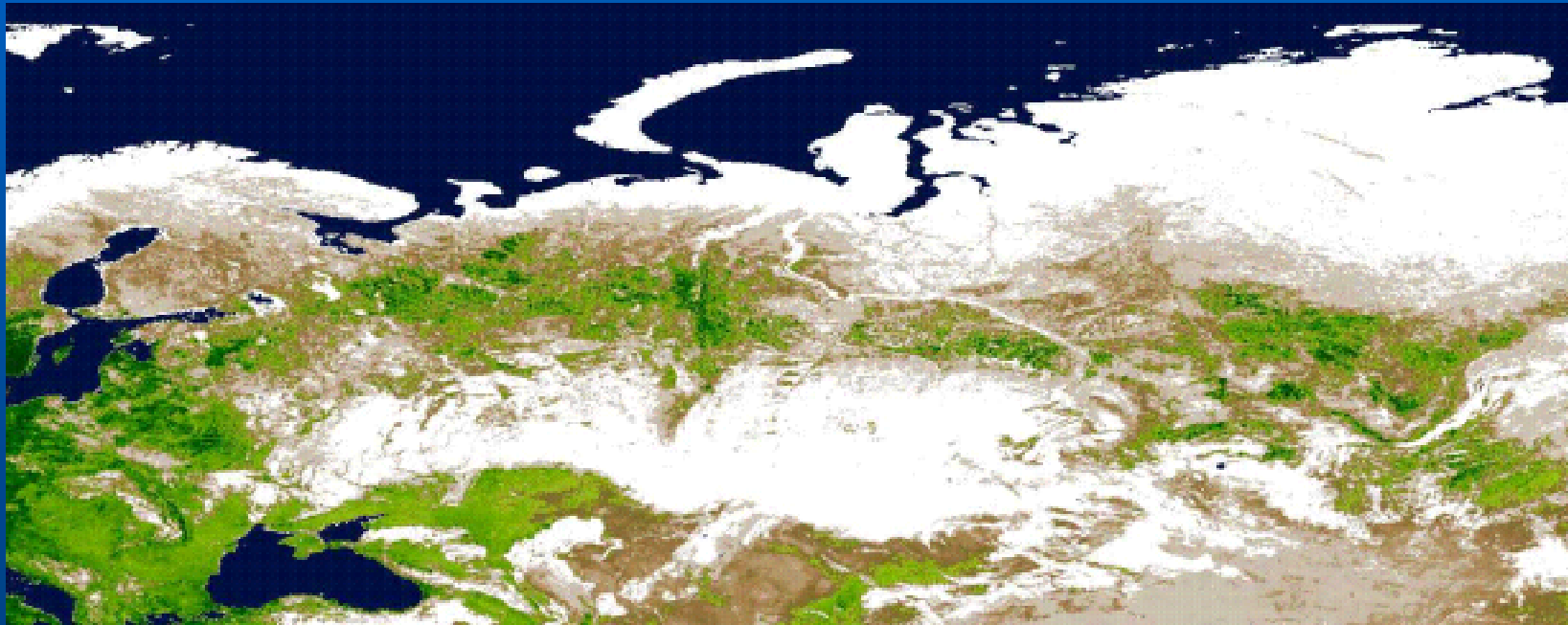
# North America and Eurasia Vegetation Phenology Analysis (Feb. 2000-to-Dec. 2003)



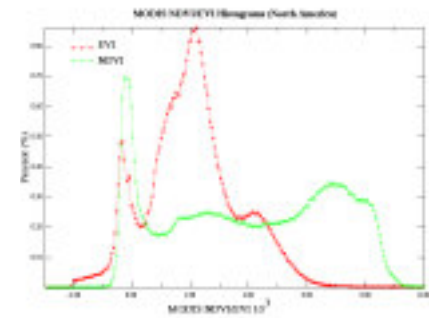
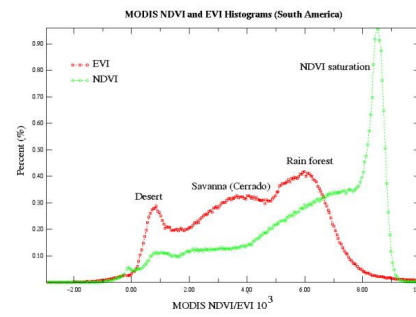
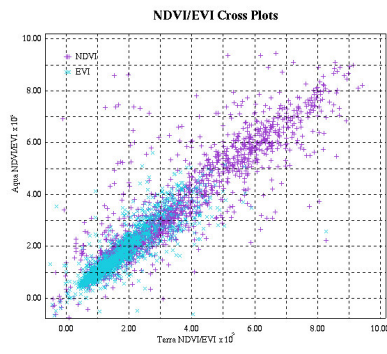
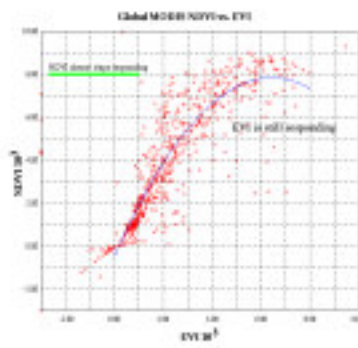
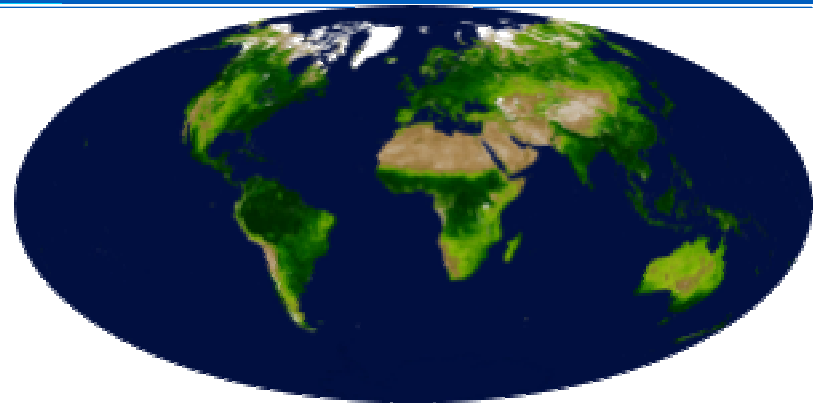
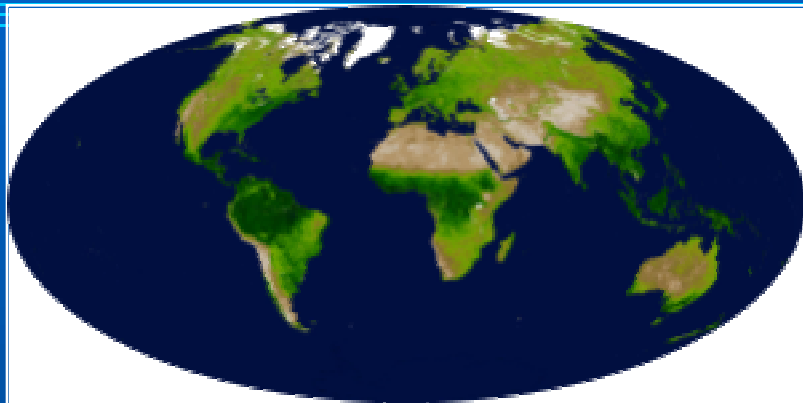
Eurasia MODIS Vegetation Index animation.  
Feb. 2000-Jan. 2004 NDVI time series

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# NDVI vs. EVI - comparisons

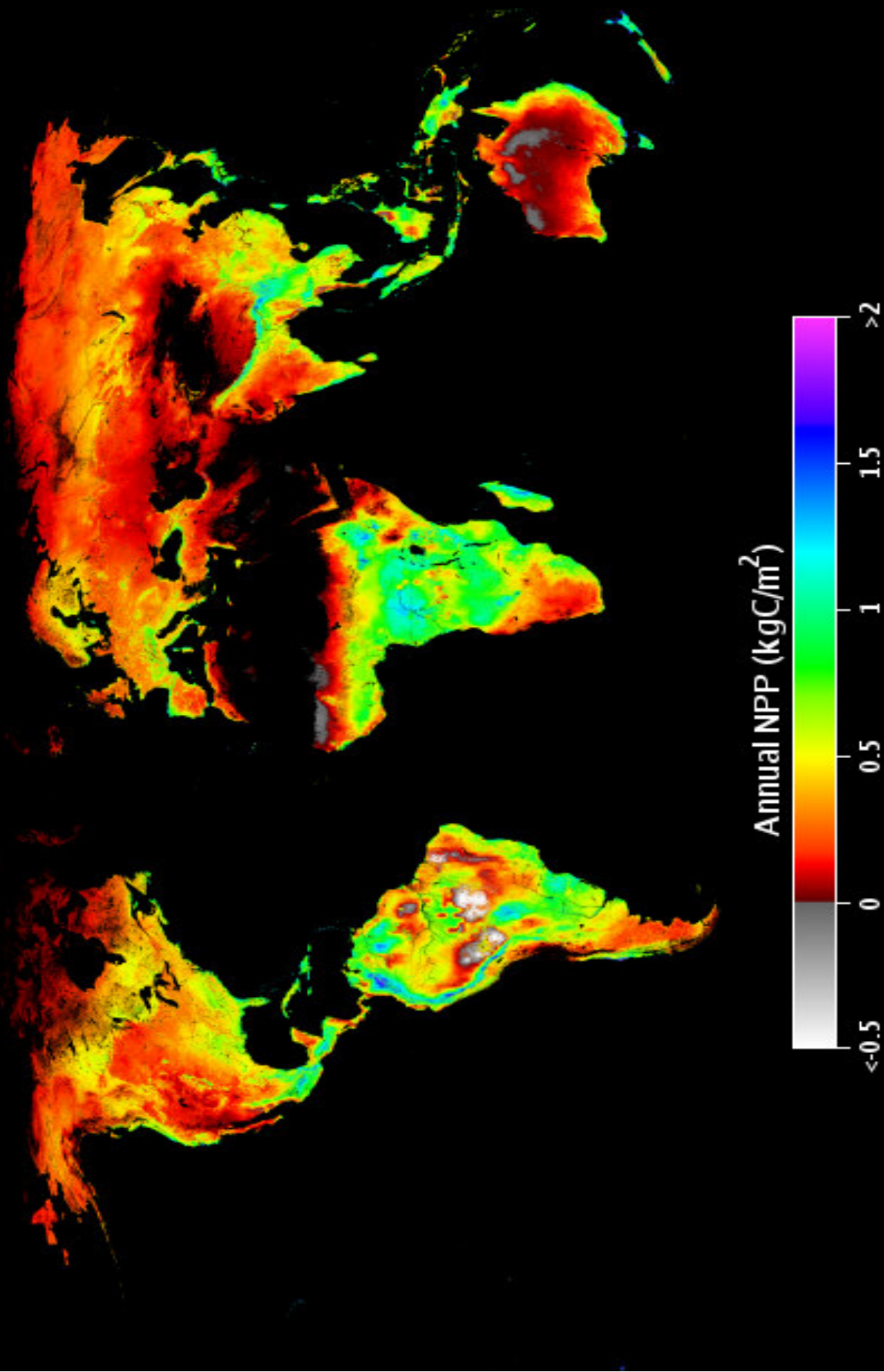




# EVI/DVI Breakout Report Back

- Need to continue broader community evaluation of EVI and NDVI – small working group forming to start to build community consensus
- Two indices offer different information – and have different science issues - need to guide users as to their use
- Recommended to continue providing both indices
- NPP VIIRS is carrying both indices

MOD17A3 105 (Enhanced NPP) over the Globe, January 1 - December 31, 2002



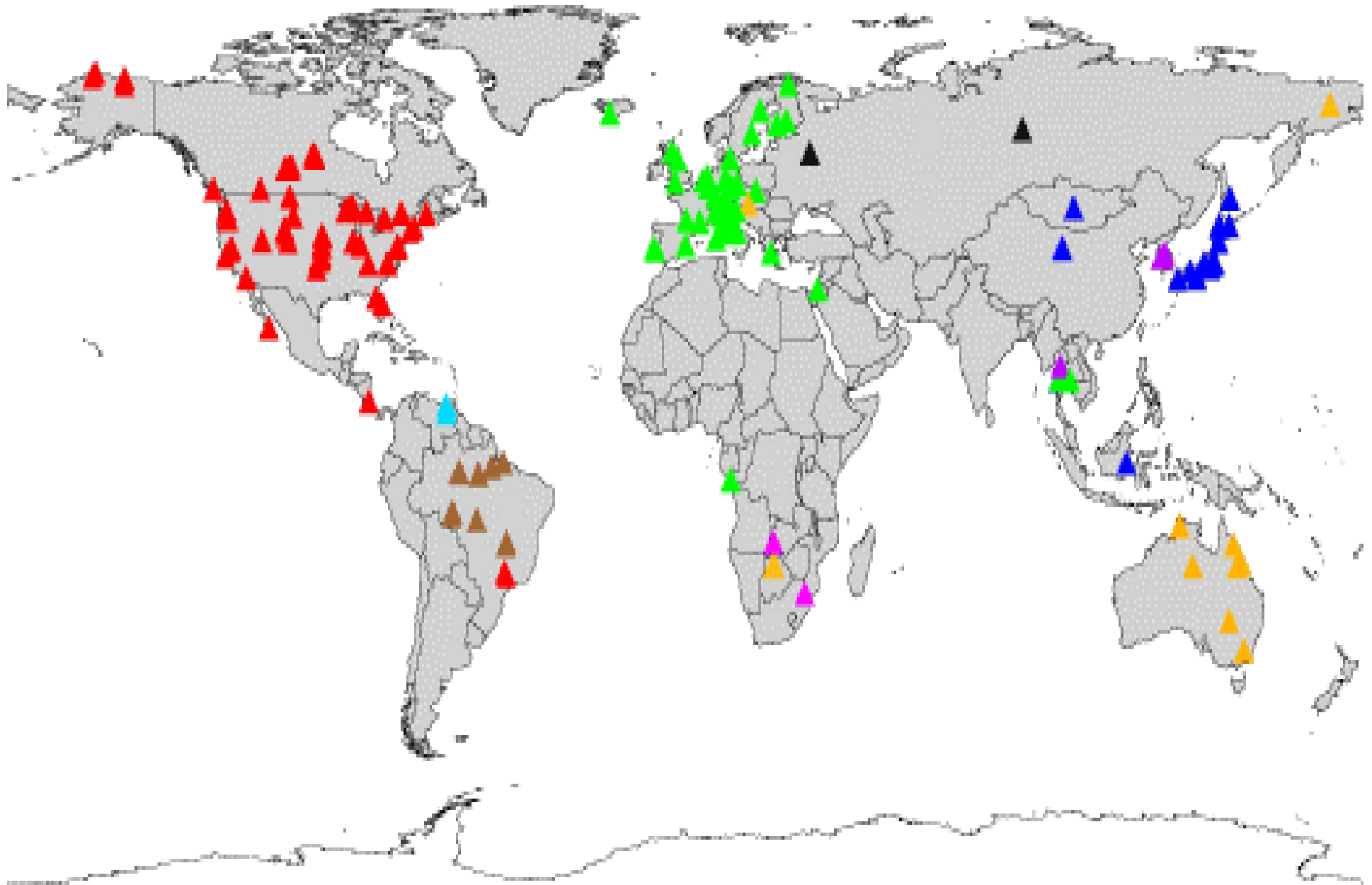
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### **3 Sources of variability of MODIS GPP/NPP**

- 1. Radiometric – MODIS FPAR and LAI**
- 2. Meteorological – DAO IPAR and Temps**
- 3. Ecological – algorithm representation of plant physiology**

**Each require a different mode of validation**

# Fluxnet 2003

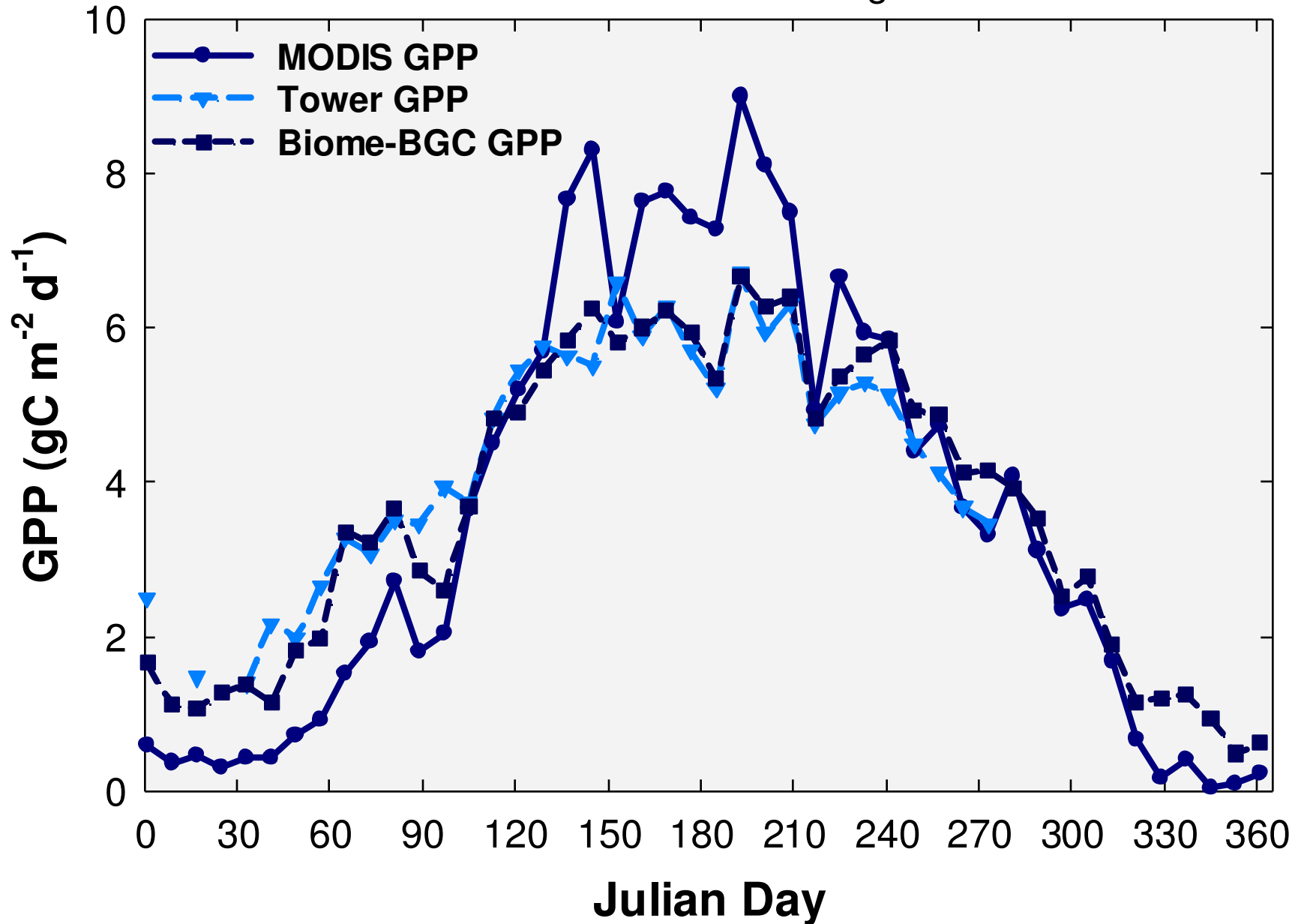


# Old Ponderosa Pine Site, Metolius, OR, 2001

MODIS GPP = 1317.60 gC m<sup>-2</sup>

Tower GPP = 1089.86 gC m<sup>-2</sup>

Biome-BGC GPP = 1333.86 gC m<sup>-2</sup>

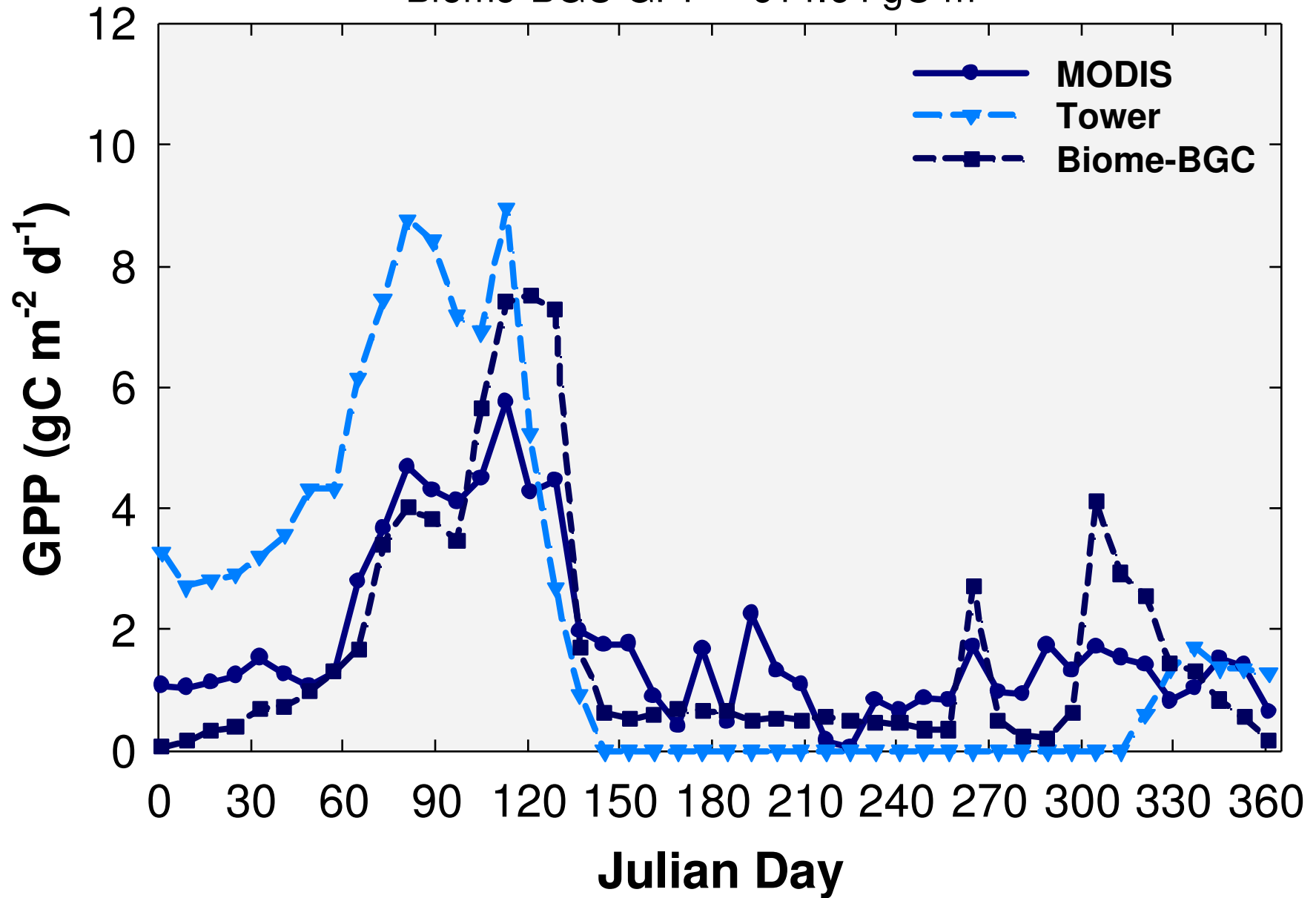


# Grassland, Vaira Ranch, CA, 2001

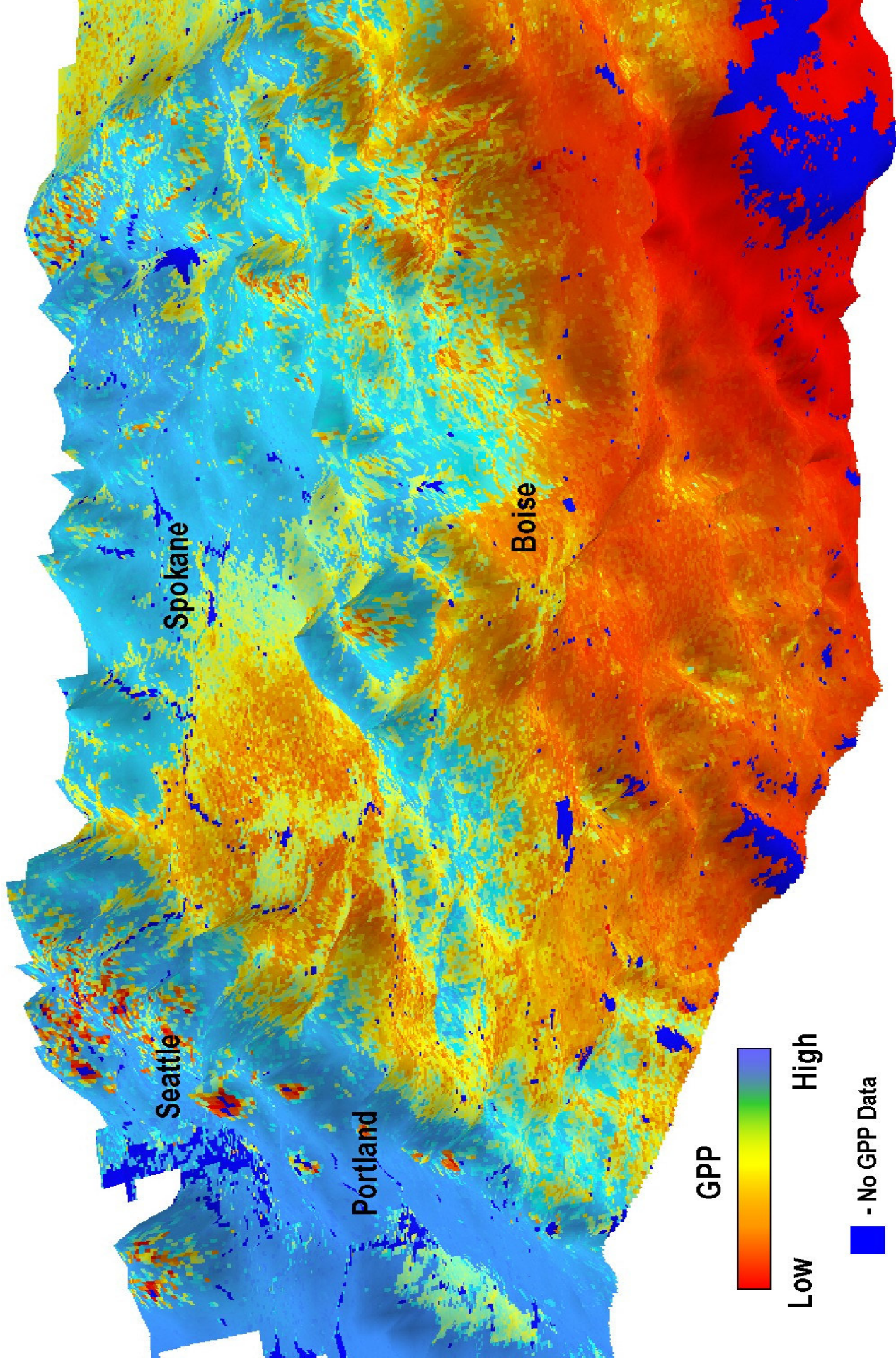
MODIS GPP = 1134.86 gC m<sup>-2</sup>

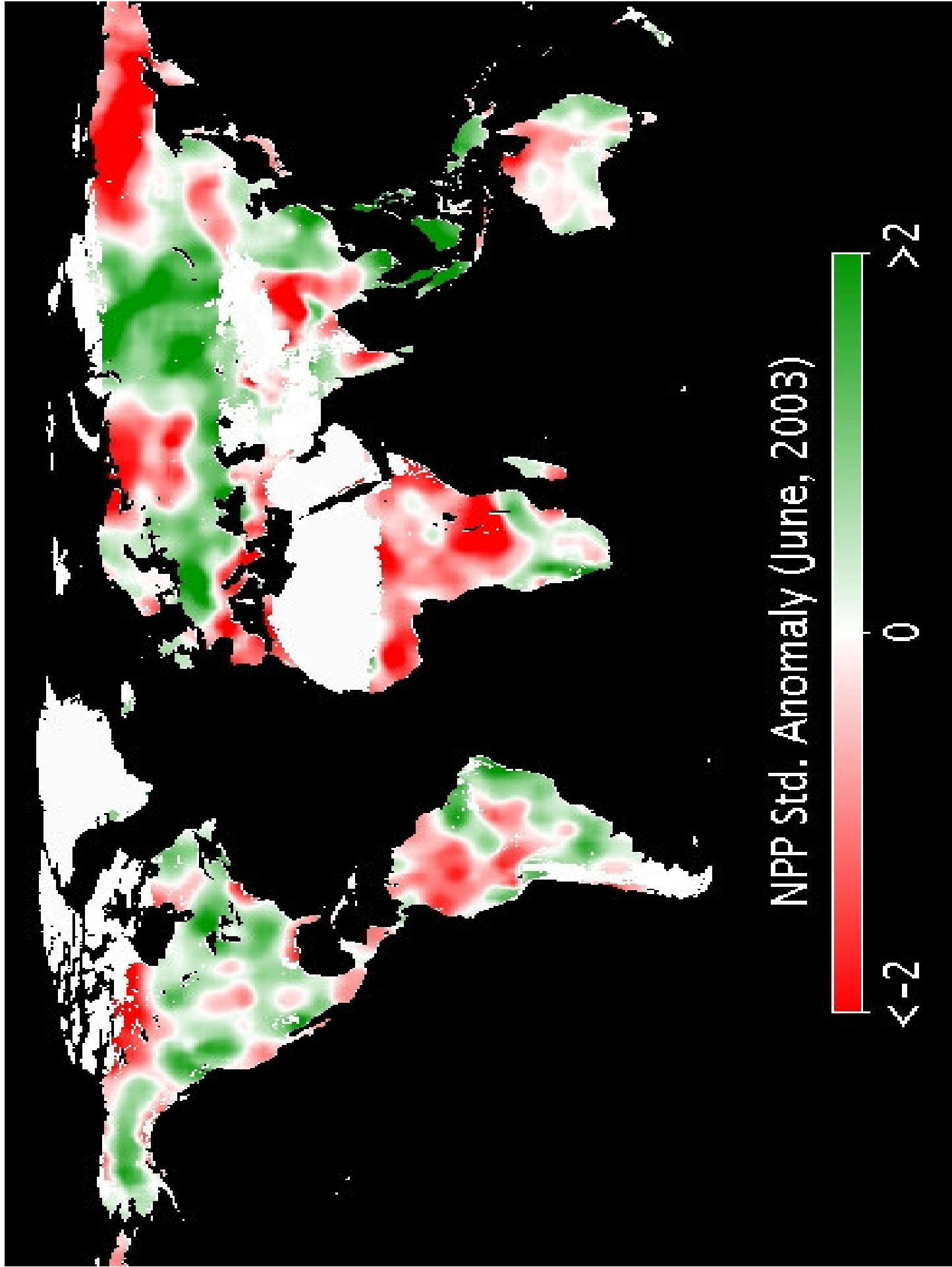
Tower GPP = 776.37 gC m<sup>-2</sup>

Biome-BGC GPP = 614.64 gC m<sup>-2</sup>



# MODIS Vegetation Productivity - June 2002





NPP Std. Anomaly (June, 2003)

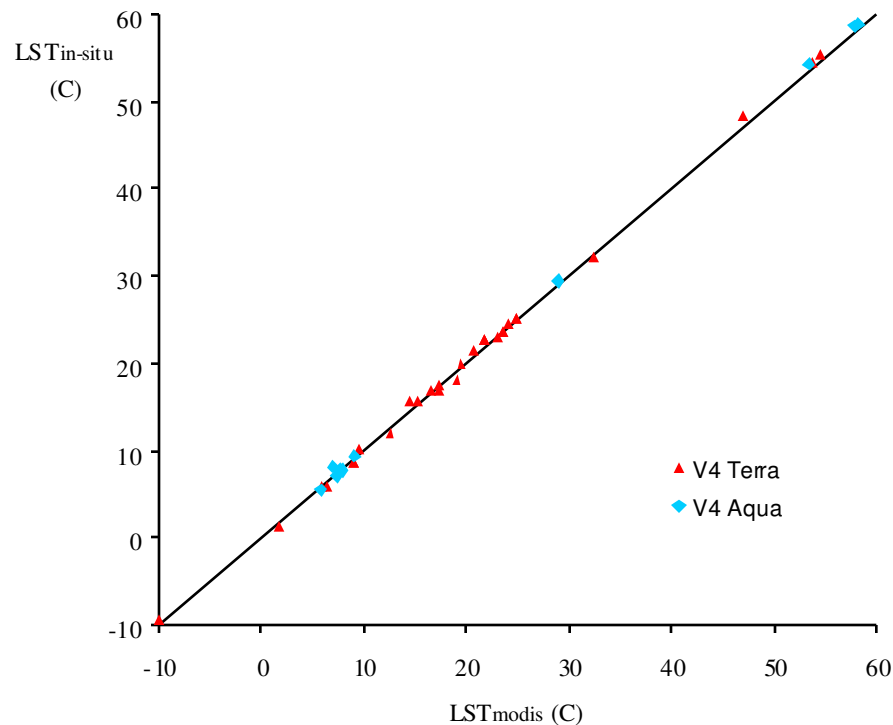
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# Validation of the MODIS LST Products

V4 Terra and Aqua MODIS LSTs have been validated, most within 1K, with in-situ data in about 30 clear-sky cases in wide ranges of atmospheric and surface conditions in 2000-2003.



Railroad Valley, NV



Walker Lake, NV



Bridgeport grassland, CA



Snowcover, Bridgeport, CA



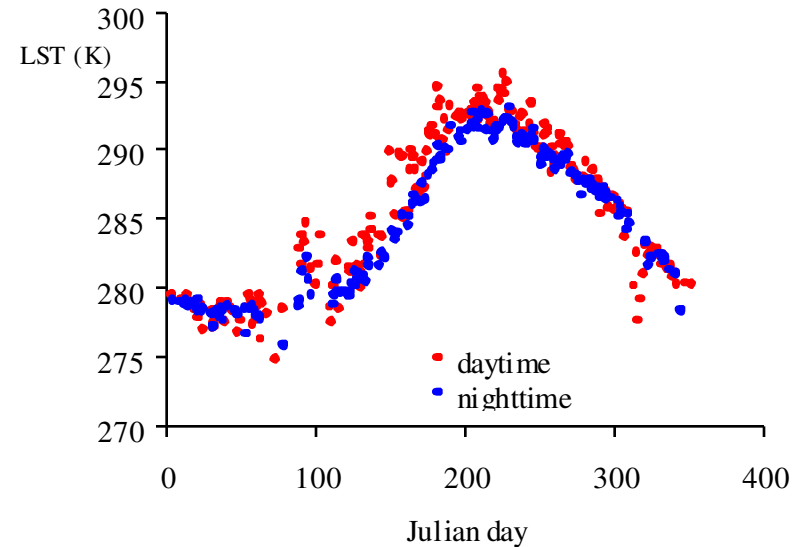
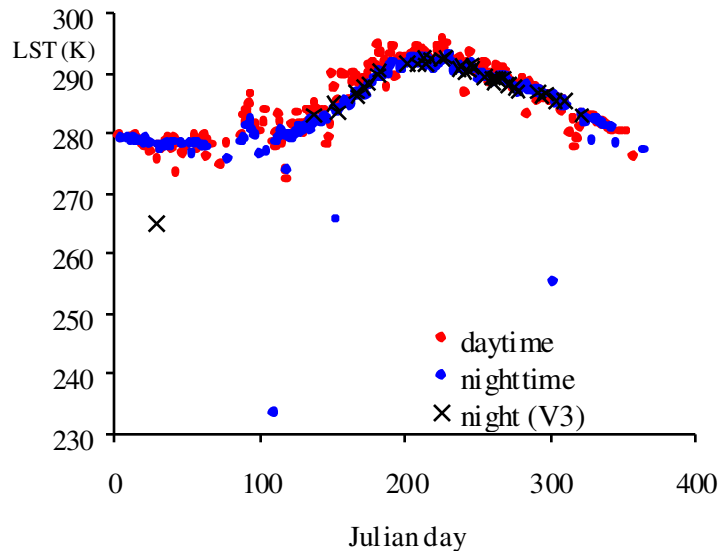
Rice field in Chico, CA



Soybean field, MS



## Cloud-screen scheme to remove cloud-contaminated LSTs in MODIS LST Products with landcover-dependent constraints on temporal variations in clear-sky LSTs



LSTs near the center of Lake Tahoe in the year 2002 MOD11A1 data sets before (left) and after (right) applying the cloud-screen scheme.

The cloud-screen scheme has been tested at the MODIS LST SCF and will be implemented in the V5 LST processing.



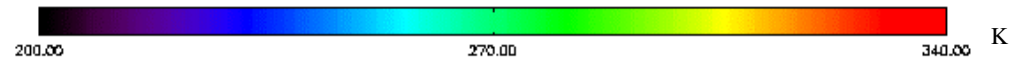
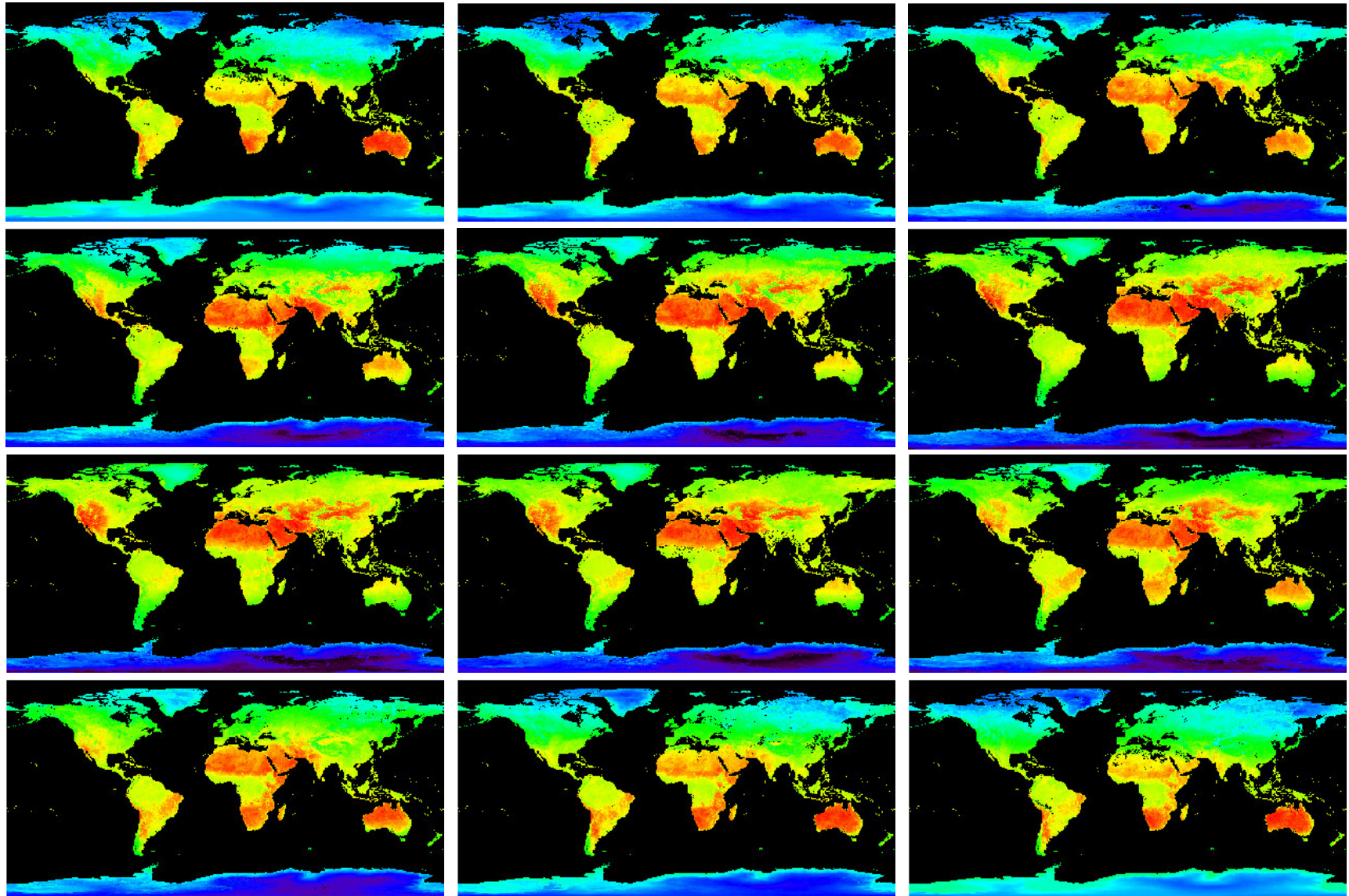
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# Monthly daytime LSTs from Terra MODIS data in 2003

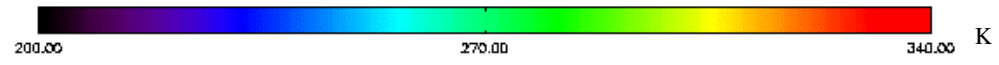
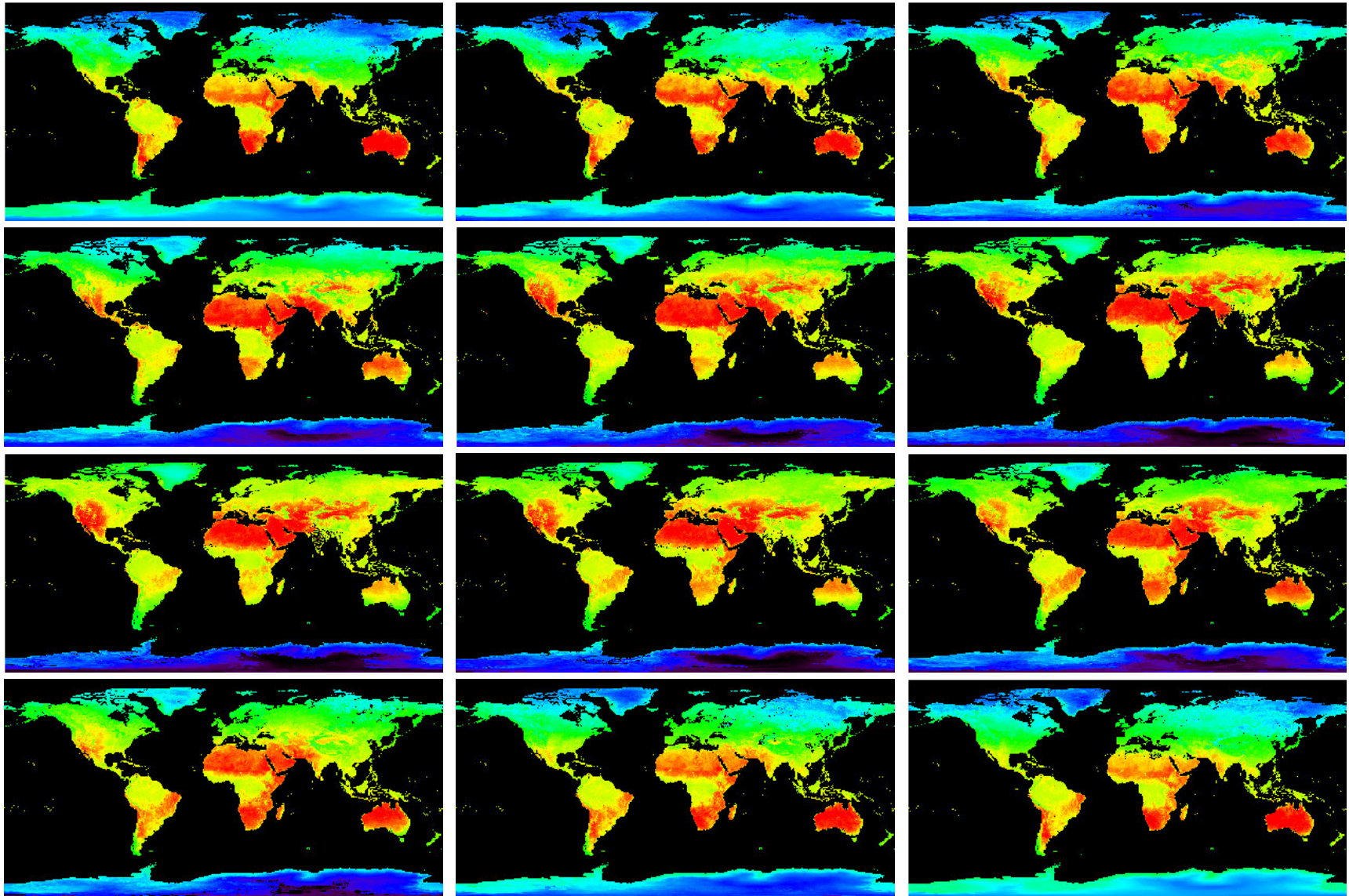


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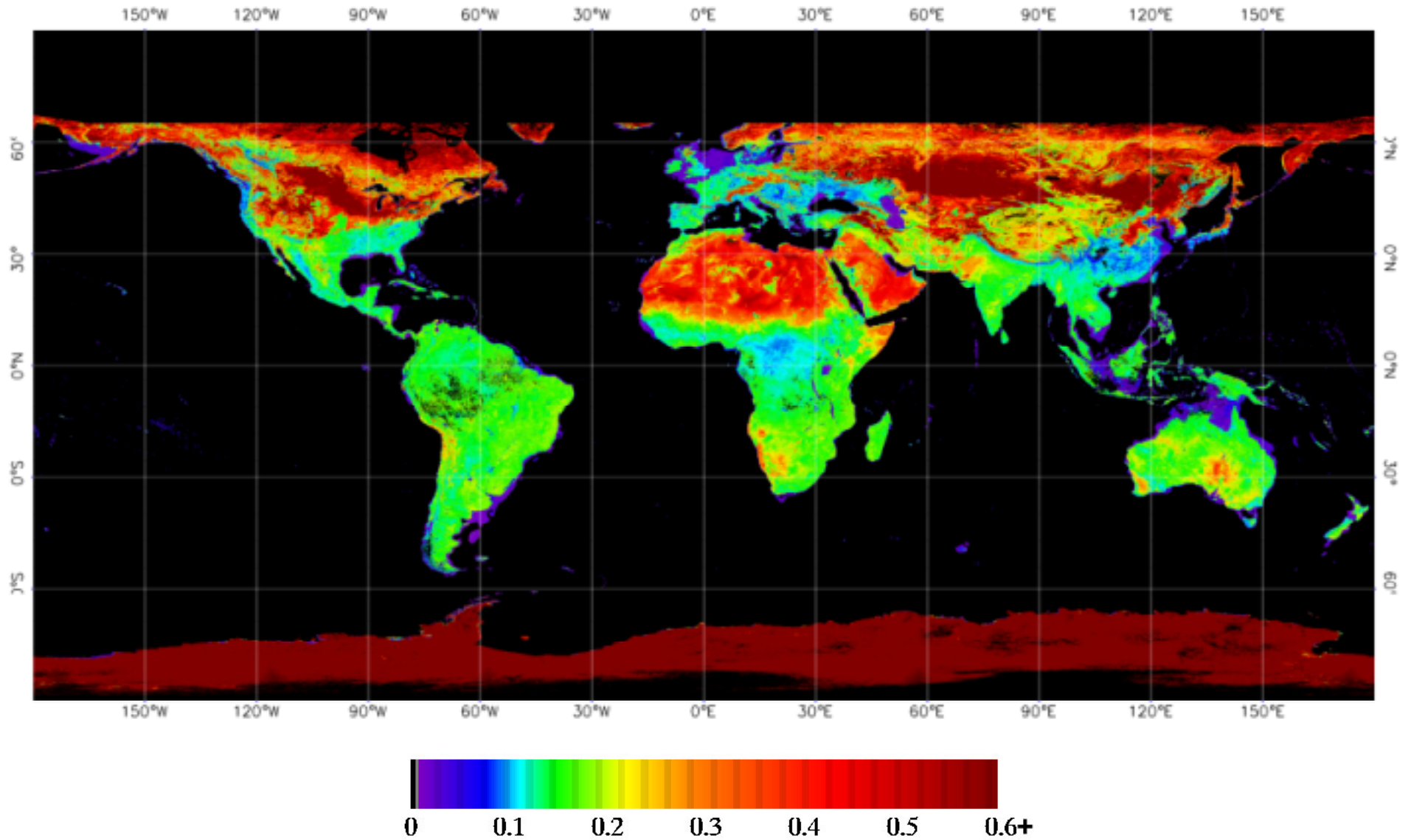




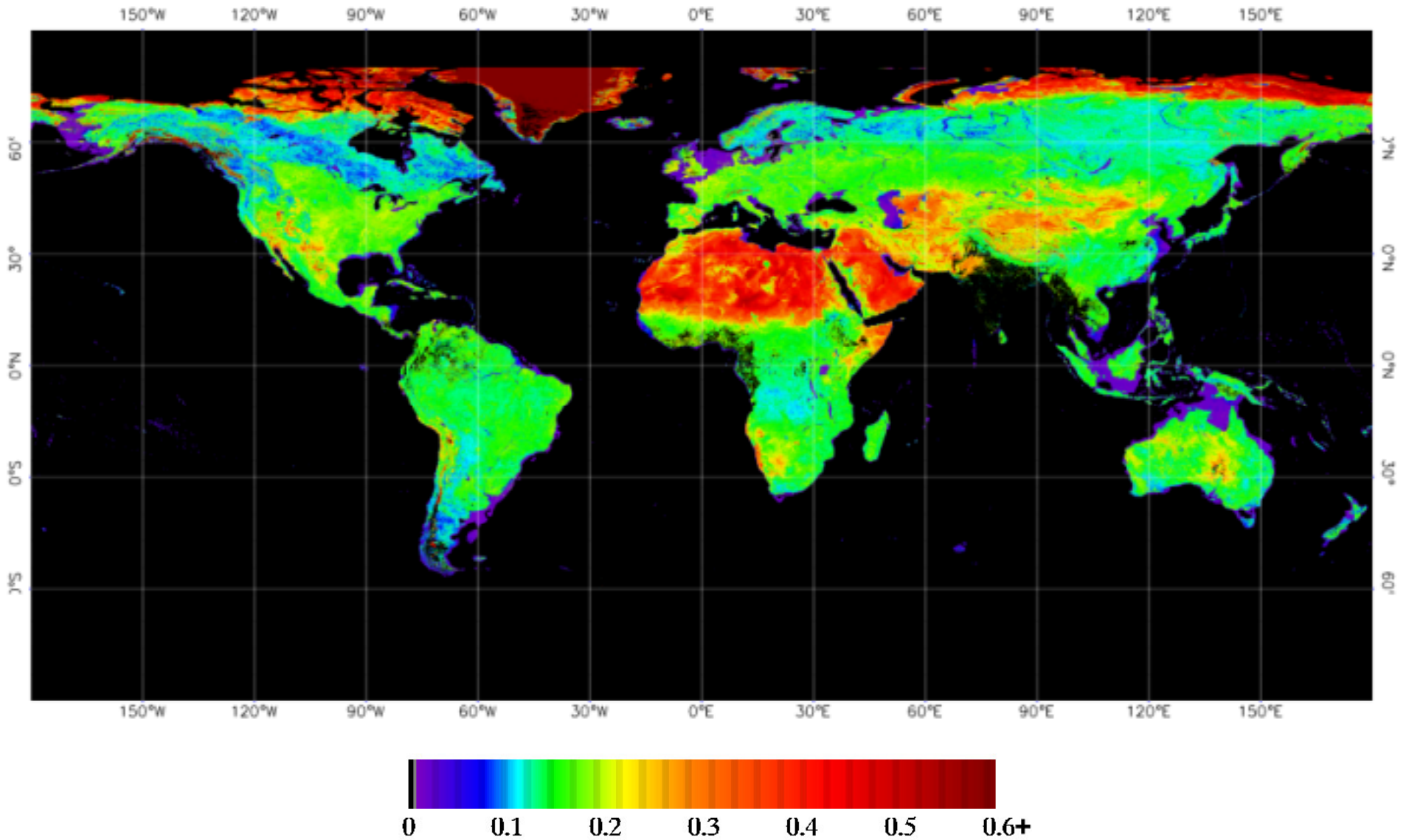
# Monthly daytime LSTs from Aqua MODIS data in 2003



# Shortwave White-Sky Albedo of January, 2001



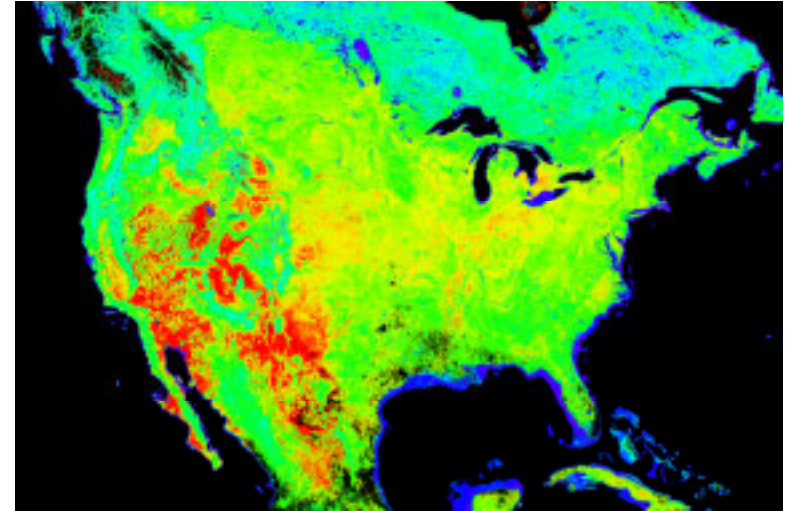
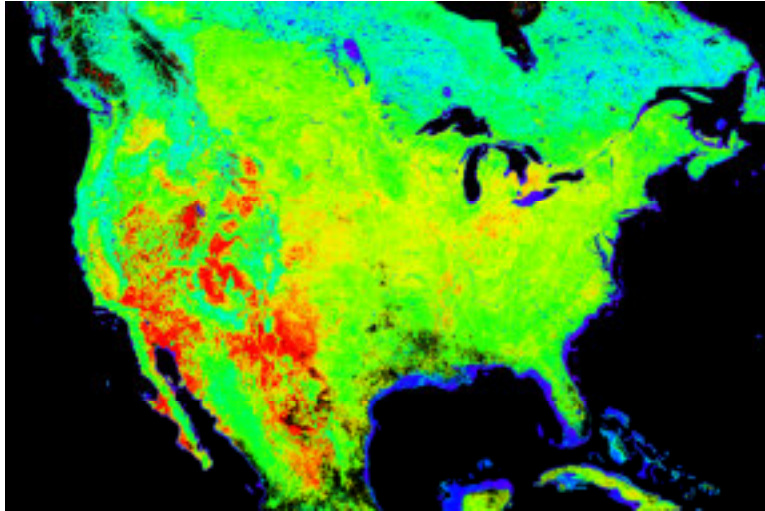
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## Terra Only

## Terra + Aqua

Shortwave Albedo

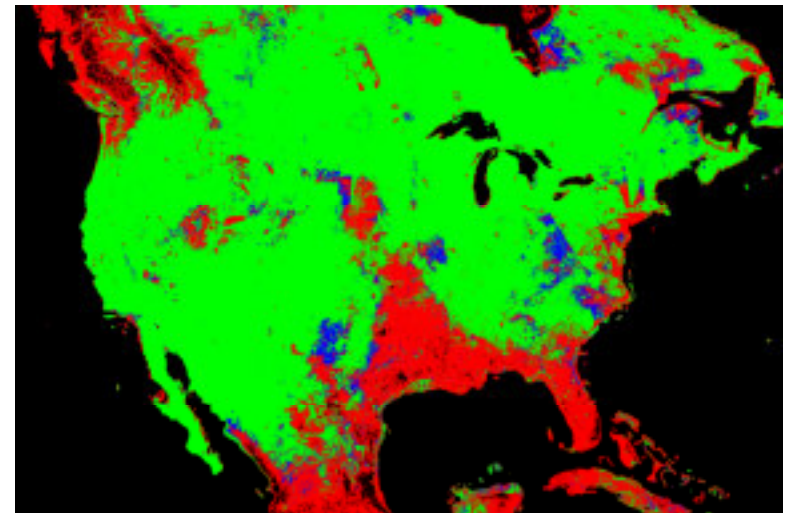
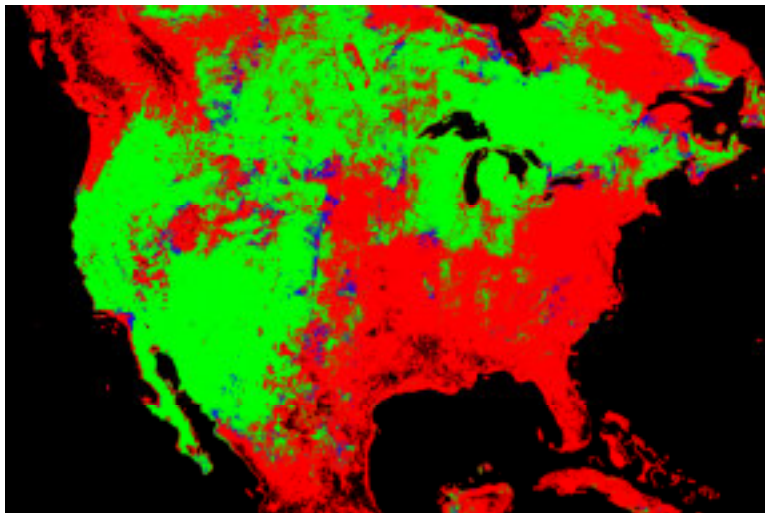


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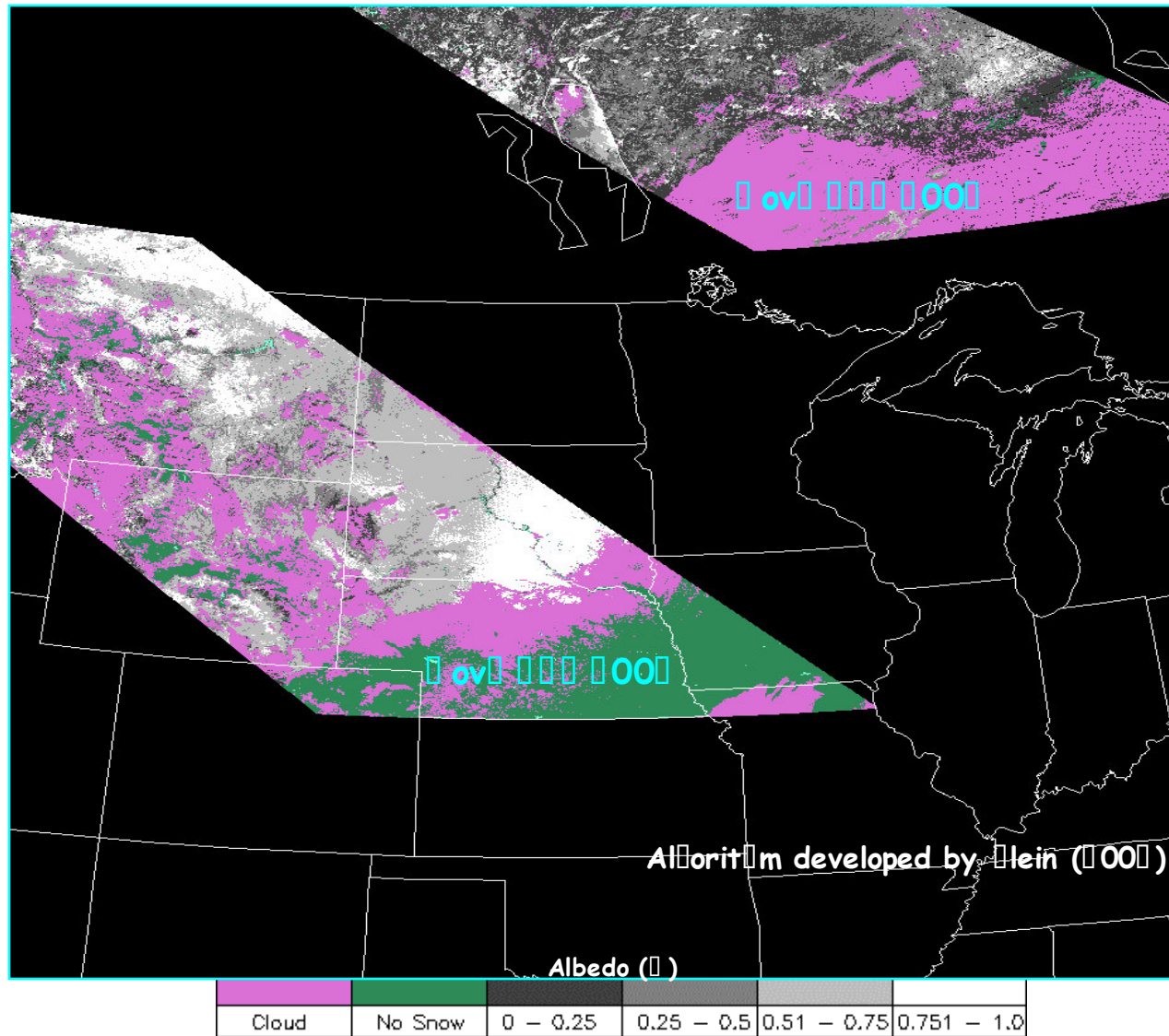
Albedo Quality



(green: highest quality; blue: moderate quality; red: poorest quality back-up algorithm; black: fill values and deep oceans)

# Daily snow albedo product (MOD10A1) (beta version) 500-m resolution

Snow albedo swaths - North America

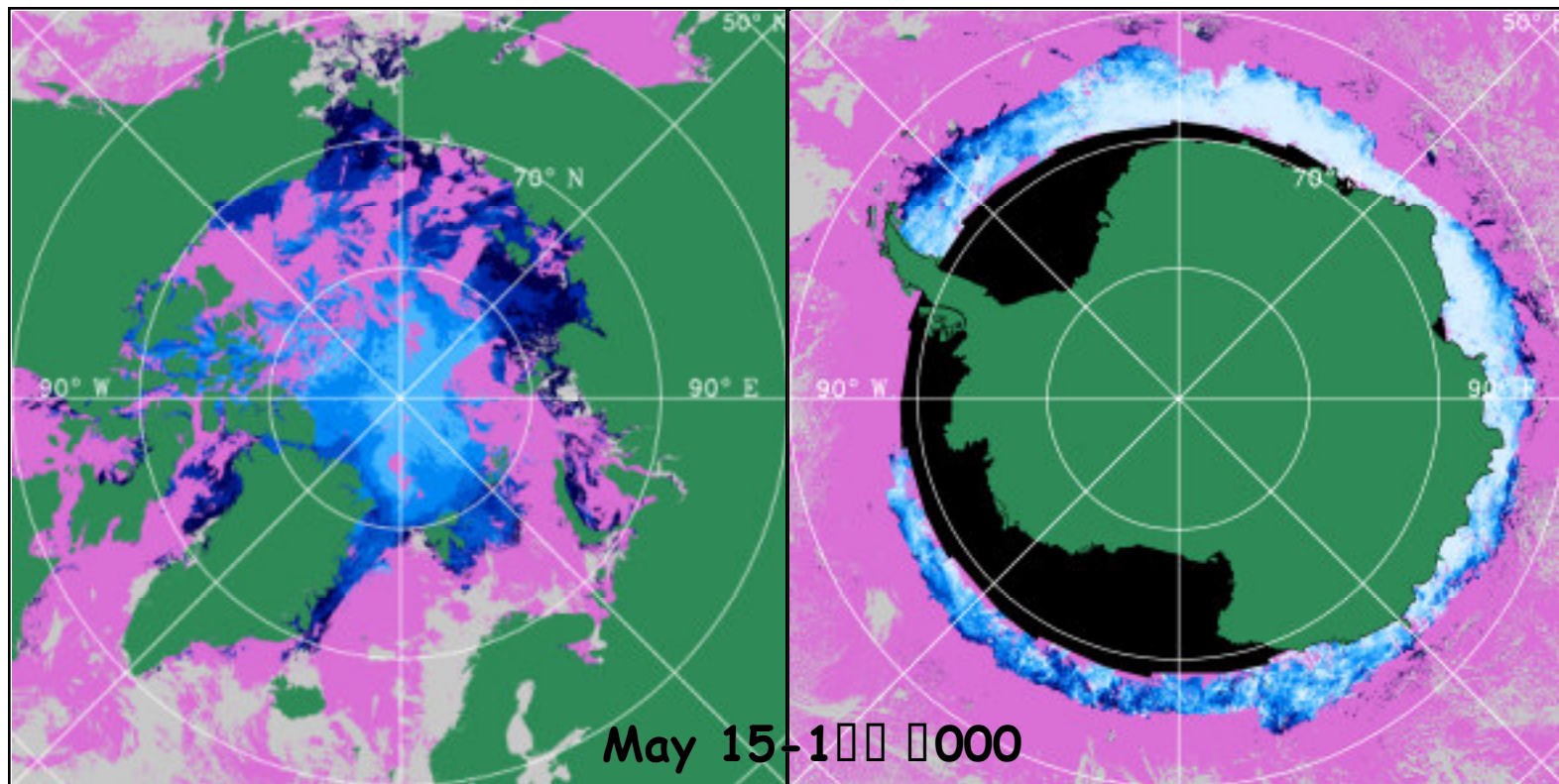




# Port and Out Polar Sea Ice Surface Temperature (K) 5-day composite prototype maps at 100-m resolution

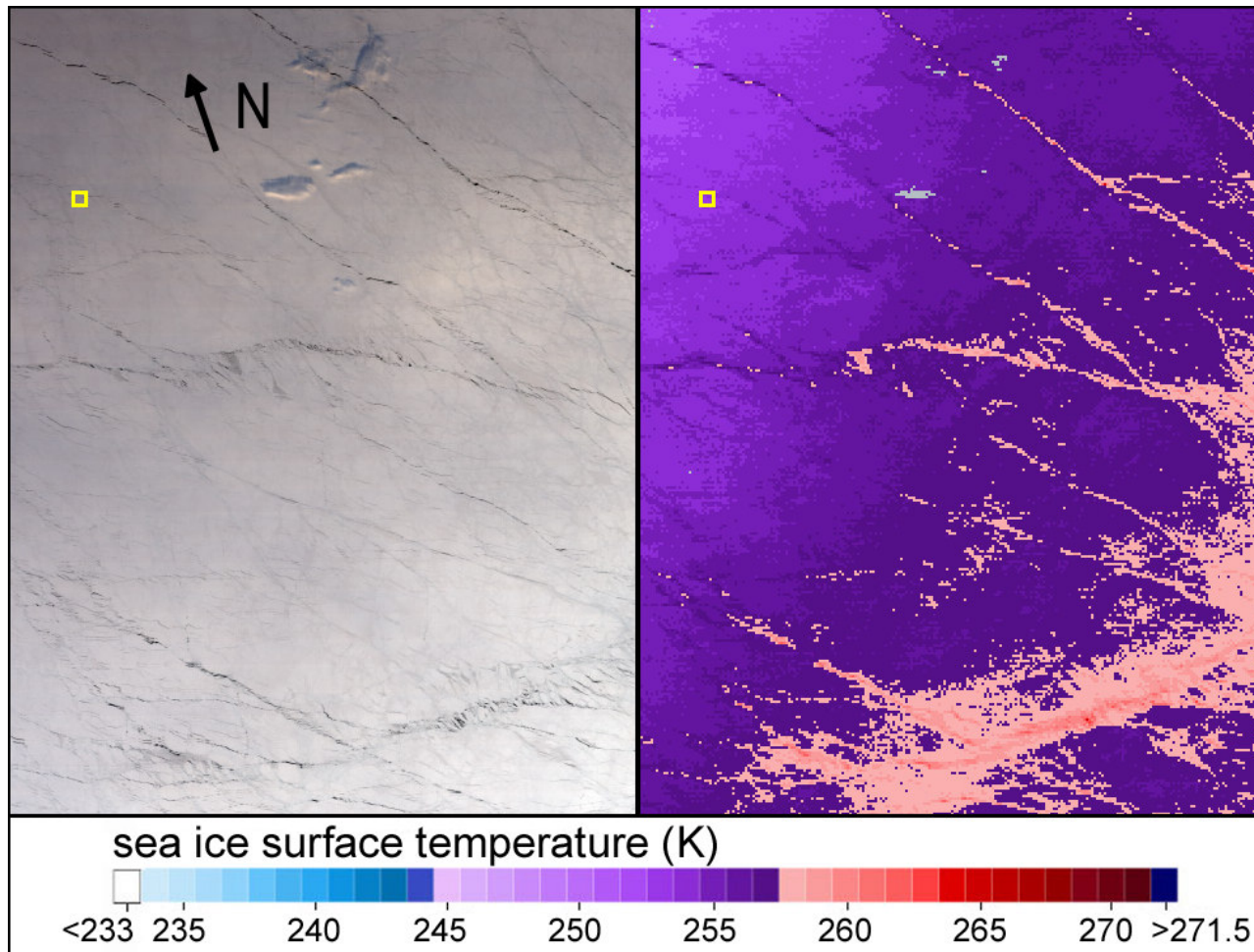
Port Polar View

Out Polar View



# Sea ice surface temperature at 1-km resolution

Accuracy is 1K during the cold season under clear skies



Left - true-color Terra MODIS image using bands 1 (0.65-0.85  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and 2 (0.45-0.65  $\mu\text{m}$ ) derived from Terra MODIS level 1 data March 00 (0005 000) in the Arctic Ocean north of Alaska. Right - Terra MODIS SST map product of the same area at the same date and time.

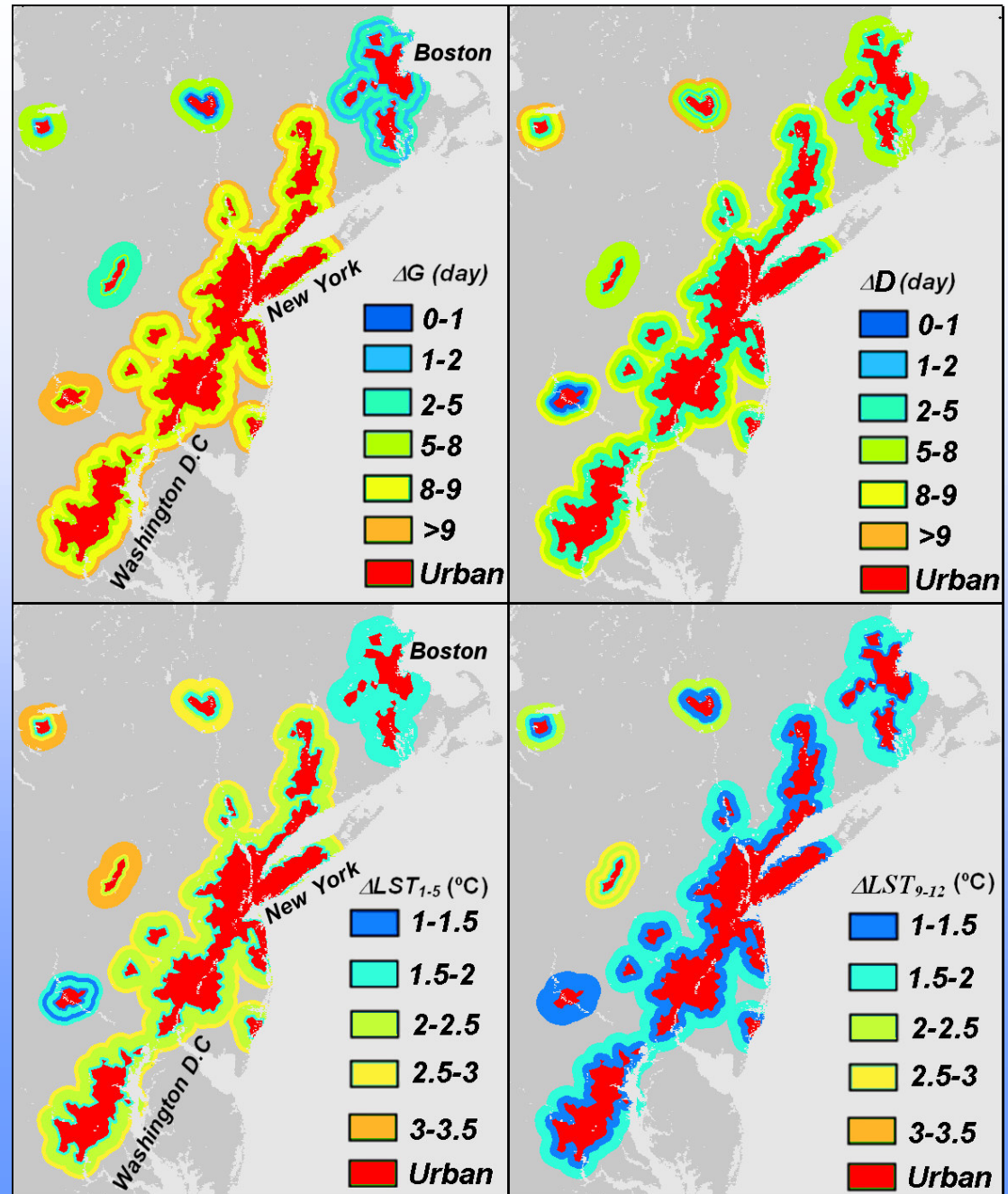
# Ecological Footprint of Urban Climates

- Urban Heat Islands
  - Well defined phenomenon
  - Established phenological signature
  - Model for future global change scenario



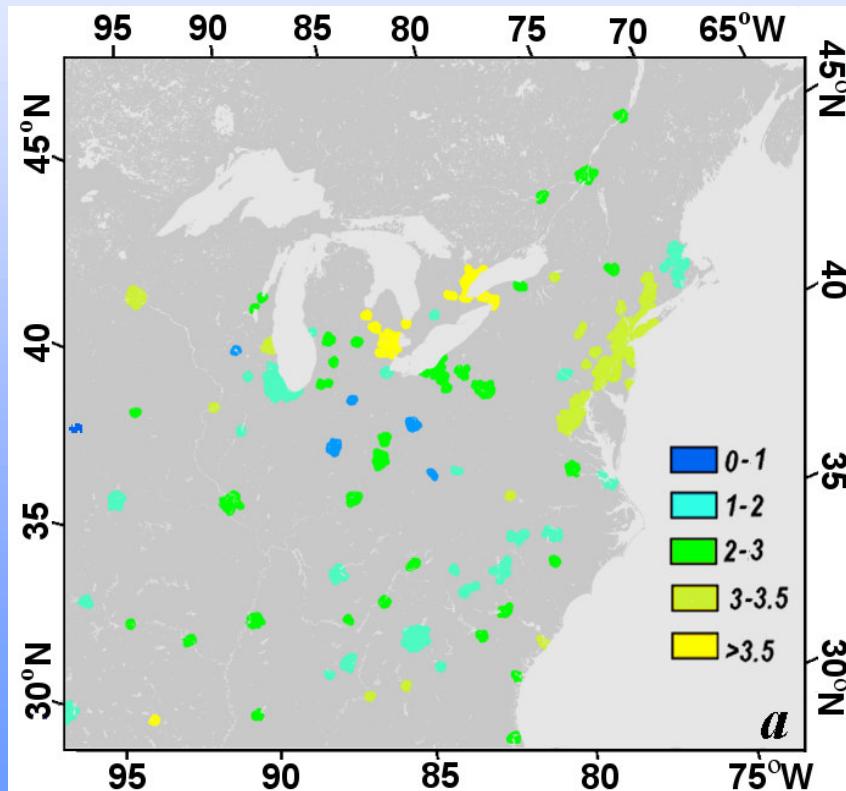
- Urban Footprint
  - Onset of greenup & dormancy
  - Surrounding natural vegetation
- Contrast urban vs surrounding natural vegetation
- Footprint ~ 2.4 times area of urban land cover

(Credit: Xiaoyang Zhang)

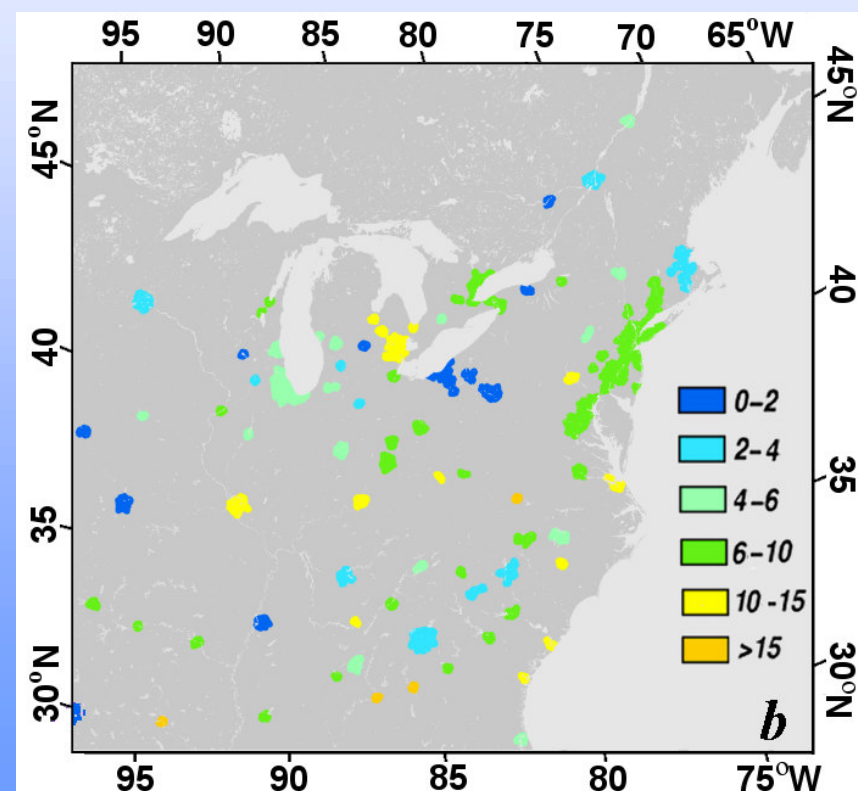


# Footprint of Urban Climate on Phenology

Springtime MODIS LST



Change in Timing of Greenup



# MODIS Burned Area

being tested and validated ( Australia Example)

- Dry season

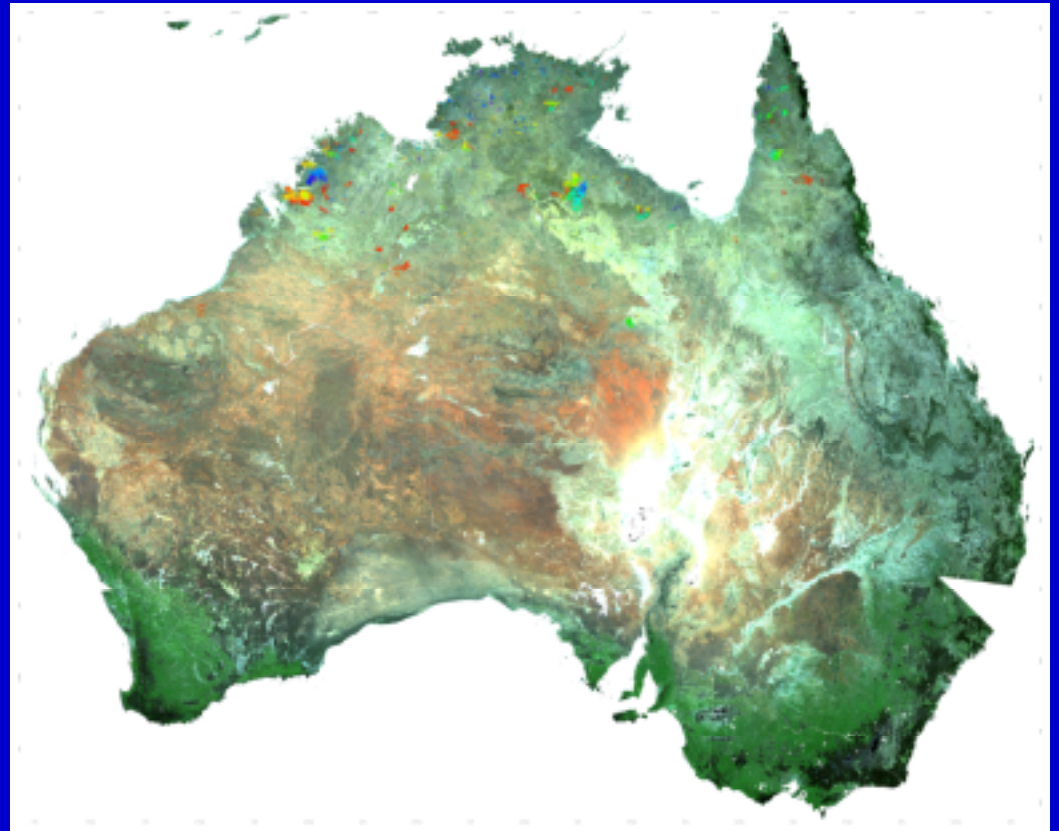
Apr.-Nov., Northern Australia

- Input time series

224 days (Apr. 1 – Nov. 10, 2003)

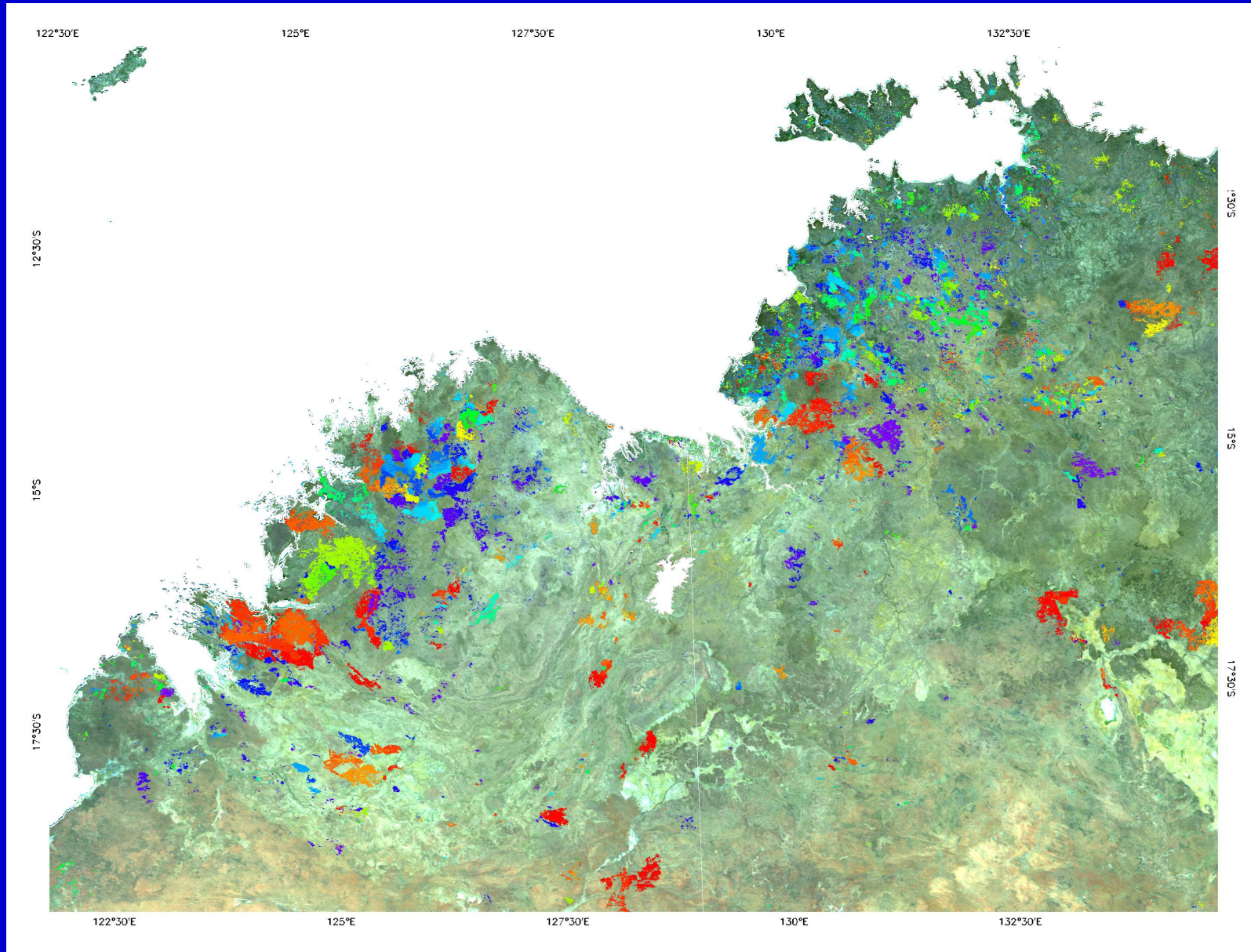
- Burned area mapped with Terra only, Aqua only and Terra+Aqua data

May 1 – Oct. 31, 2003

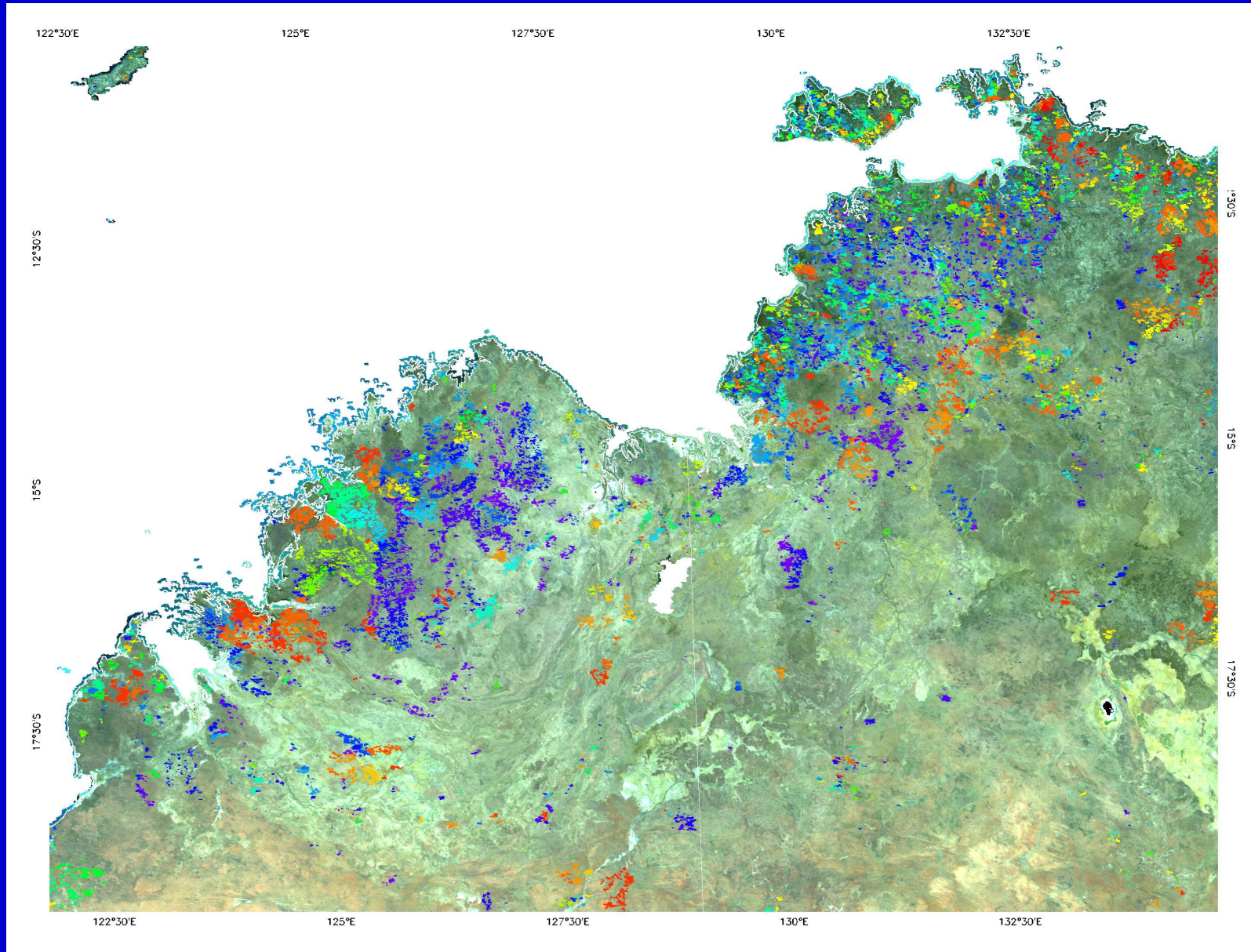


□ burned area □ Au □ □ □ □ □ Oct □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

Burned area with Terra and Aqua data in North Australia Mar-Oct 2000-2001

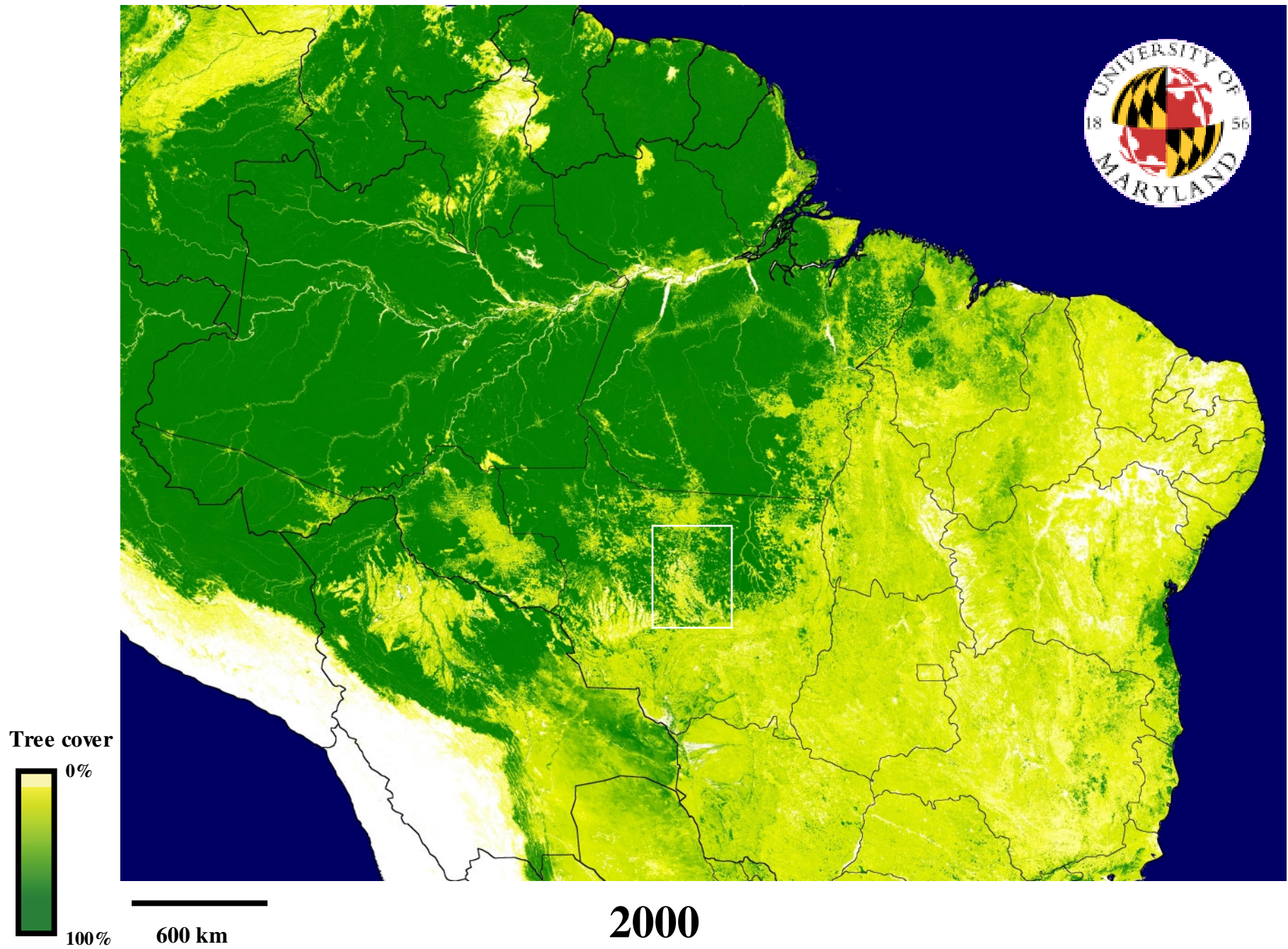


# Active fire Earth and Area data in Northern Australia Mar-Oct

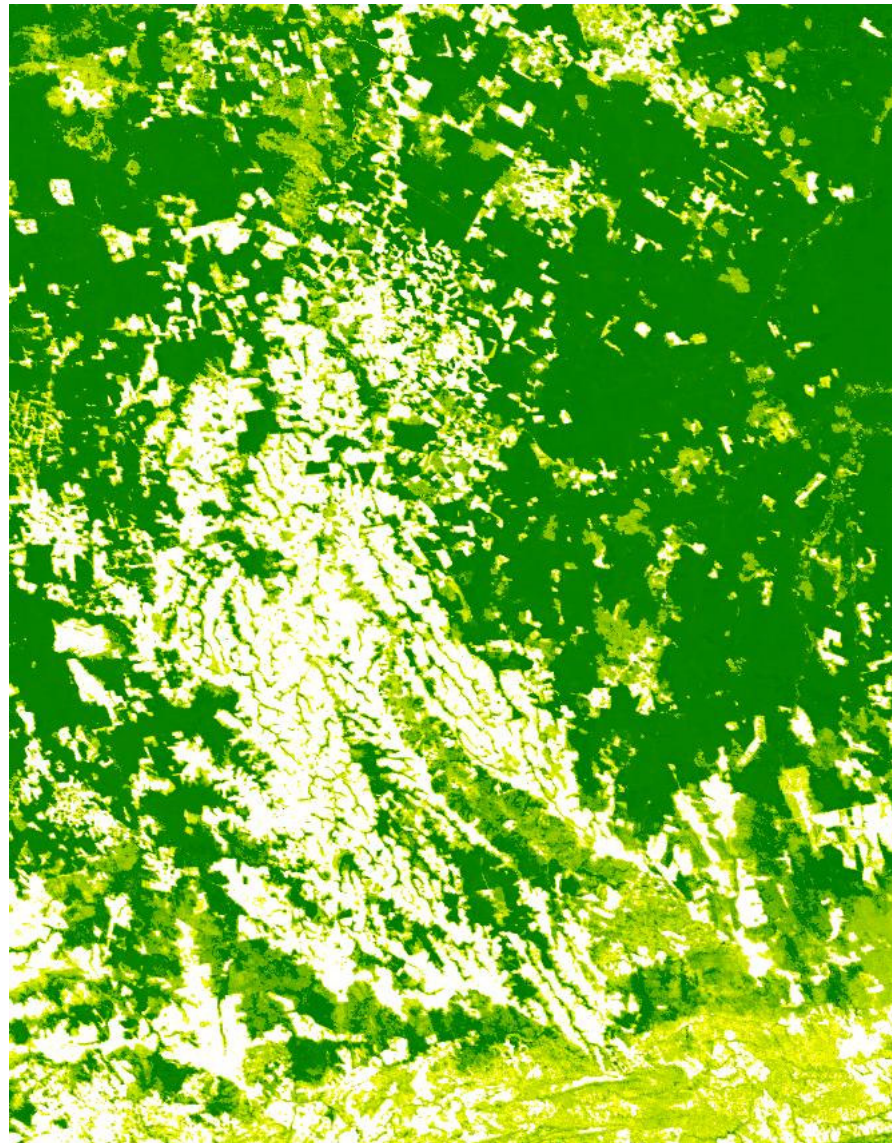




# Amazon Basin Percent Tree Cover from 500m MODIS data



# Declining MODIS Tree Cover: Central Mato Grosso



2000

Tree cover



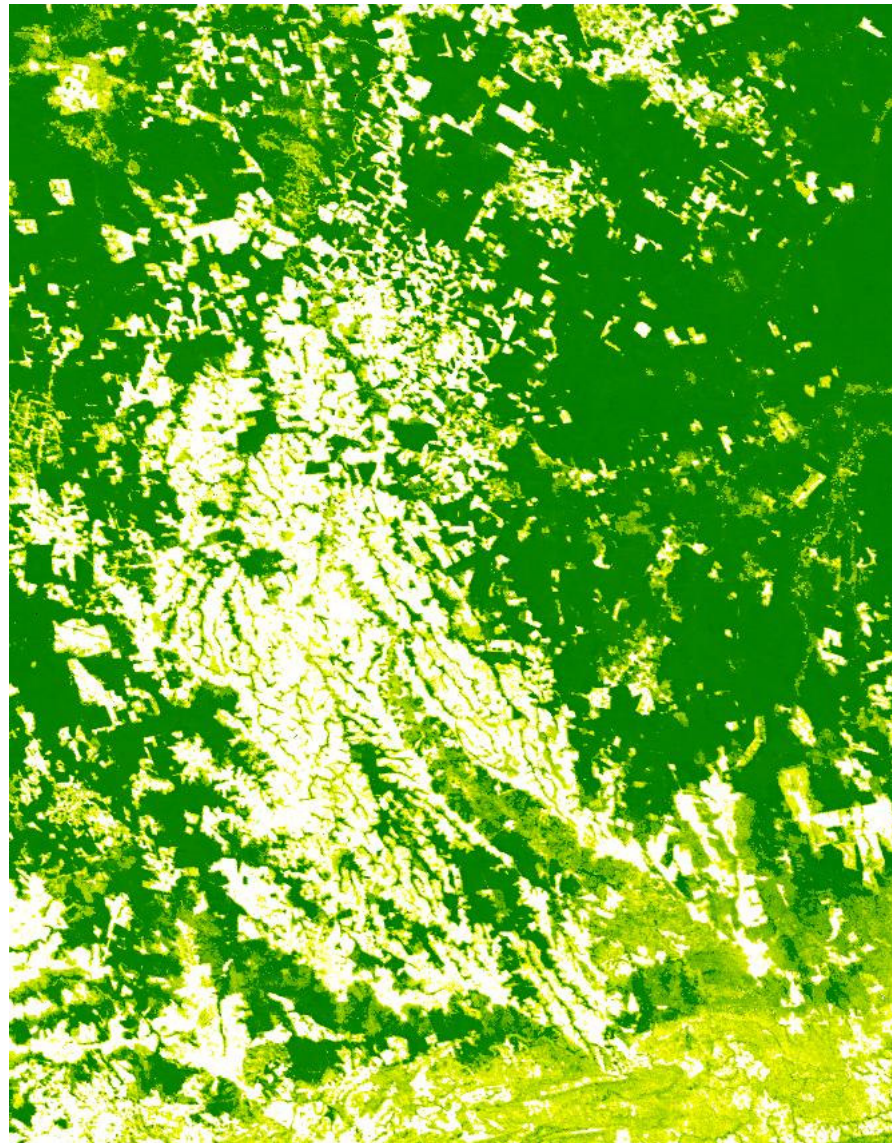
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# Declining MODIS Tree Cover: Central Mato Grosso



2001

Tree cover

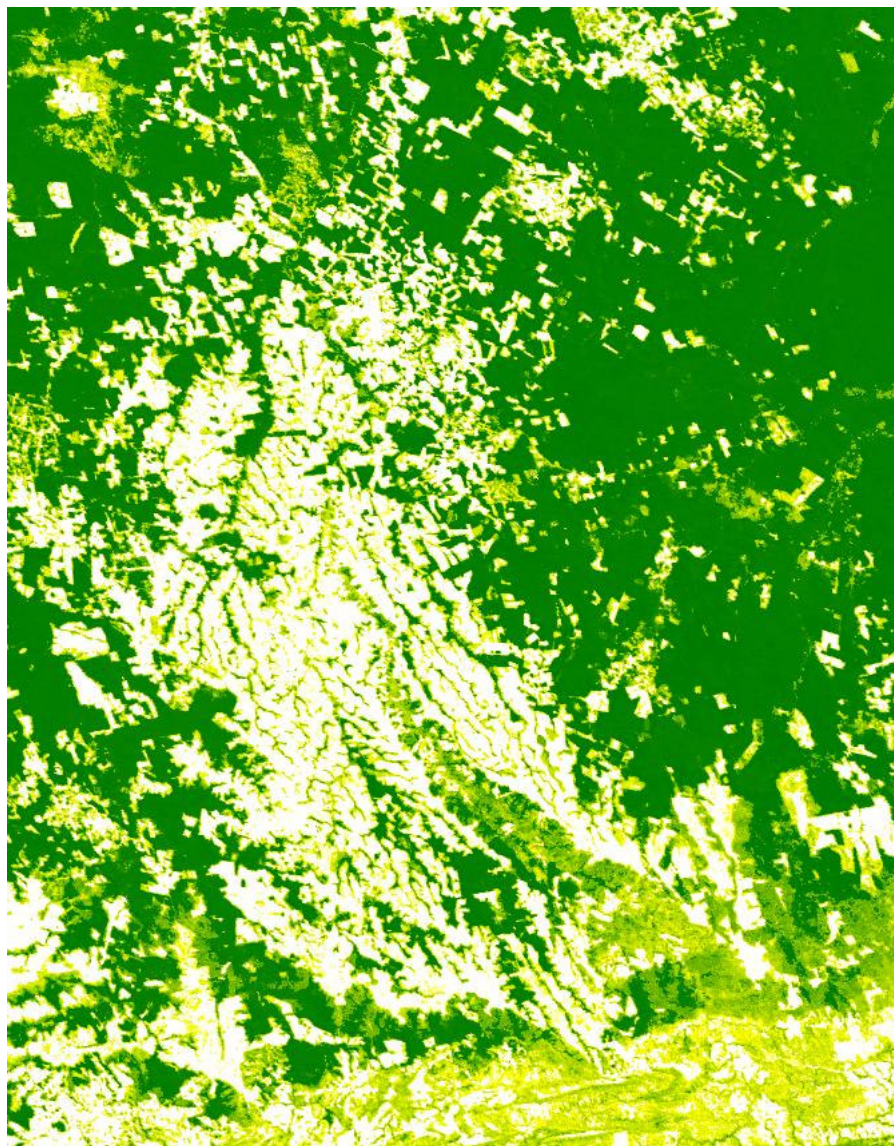


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