Some Aspects of Land Applications

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Land Applications Considerations

• Often terrestrial applications require using data in combination e.g.

- MODIS moderate resolution regional monitoring daily data cloud free temporal composites (16 days), multiyear time series, change detection
- Landsat7 /Aster /EO1 high resolution regional wall to wall mapping seasonal cloud free coverage, periodic high resolution local sampling

Two pathways

- Satellite derived data or products used directly
- Satellite data/products used as inputs used in models model outputs used as input

NASA Applications Emphasis on Supporting Operational Decisions

- Decision making often not a formalized quantitative process
- Need to understand the Decision Process
- Most likely that remote sensing will be one of several inputs to resource decisions
- Often a subjective process economic/socio-political issues may dominate
- Need to transition methods and ownership from the research to the operational community
 - Not an easy process money is the bottom line
 - Arrangements needed for continued data provision is NOAA funded to do this?

Operational Systems need

- Operational commitment from an operational agency / unit
- Routine Quality Control of the input data impact of product accuracy on utility
- Understanding of the impact of instrument performance on product accuracy
- Data continuity a problem for experimental satellite systems



G L A M Global Agriculture Monitoring

Enhancing the agricultural monitoring and crop production forecasting capabilities of the Foreign Agricultural Service using moderate resolution satellite data

A collaboration between NASA/GSFC, USDA/FAS, SSAI, and UMD Department of Geography







Foreign Agricultural Service PECAD (Production Estimate & Crop Assessment Division)

FAS PECAD's Mission Statement:

To produce the most objective and accurate assessment of global agricultural production.



Generates World Agricultural Production Reports

History- Remote sensing programs & data archives from 1979

- LACIE: mid-1970's, pioneer remote sensing research by USDA/NASA/NOAA to monitor agriculture production with satellites.
- AGRISTARS: during 1980s, developed automated applications using Landsat, NOAA-AVHRR, and weather data.
- GIMMS GSFC 1990's AVHRR, SPOT Vegn, SeaWiiFS moderate resolution time series
- Landsat 5 and 7 now using IRS AWIFS data





Global Data Sources for Estimating Crop Production Production Estimates and Crop Assessment Division (PECAD)

USDA/FAS/PECAD, USDA South Building, MS-1045, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington DC, 20250

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URL:http://www.fas.usda.gov/pecad/



GLobal Agricultural Monitoring (GLAM)

- Upgrade from AVHRR 8km to MODIS
 - Establish Data Continuity
- NRT MODIS Rapid Response Data
 - Customized products
- MODIS Crop Mask / Type Mapping
- MODIS/AVHRR Time-series Data Base
- Improved GUI for Information Extraction
- Develop an Operational FAS Prototype based at GSFC
- Prepare for use of NPP VIIRS

Project website: http://tripwire.geog.umd.edu/usda/index.asp



Crop Explorer = Automated Weather, Crop Models, & Vegetation Analysis Over Major Crop Regions



MODIS RR Web Interface with PECAD Crop Explorer



USDA Crop Explorer (http://www.pecad.fas.usda.gov/cropexplorer)

MODIS Rapid Response (http://rapidfire.sci .gsfc..nasa.gov

- MODIS RR 250m Data fully integrated in PECAD Crop Explorer
- RR coverage being expanded to global agricultural areas
- RR data used for special event monitoring - flooding, drought
- RR product suite being expanded to include VI and 7.2.1 products

MODIS RR GSFC

MODIS RR Web Interface with PECAD Crop Explorer



Fig.1a - MODIS RR web interface with PECAD Crop Explorer showing clickable regions for which RR data is available.

Fig.1b - Example of RR imagery available for NArgentina on October 22nd 2005, including false color and true color composites, and NDVI at 250m, 500m and 1km resolutions. The highlighted red box shows soy croplands in the Chaco region of Argentina.

Fig.1c - Highlighted soy croplands at 250m resolution band combination 7-2-1.

<u>USDA Crop Explorer</u> (http://www.pecad.fas.usda.gov/cropexplorer)

Kenyan Drought depicted by Database GUI



The cereal deficit this season has grown to 300,000 metric tons, which means that up to 2.7 million people will need food aid this season in Kenya

Enhanced cropland products using MODIS A dynamic continuous cropland mask for use with MODIS time-series web interface

- New experimental crop products
 A continuous crop-likelihood mask using 4 years of MODIS 500m data (2001-2004)
 - Allowing analysts to threshold cropland membership according to their needs and region of interest
 - Currently under evaluation / validation





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Compatibility of Morning vs. Afternoon Overpass Data: MODIS Vegetation Index Products (Terra vs. Aqua)

- Long-term observations of global vegetation from multiple satellites require much effort to ensure continuity and compatibility due to differences in sensor/orbital characteristics and product generation algorithms.
- One issue that needs to be addressed is compatibility between morning and afternoon overpass data, e.g.:
 - ✓ NOAA-14 AVHRR1:30pm (at launch)
 - ✓ NOAA-16 AVHRR/3 : 2:00pm
 - ✓ NOAA-17 AVHRR/3 : 10:00am
 - ✓ SPOT VEGETATION : 10:00am
 - ✓ Terra MODIS : 10:30am
 - ✓ Aqua MODIS : 1:30pm
- Compatibility of Terra- vs. Aqua-MODIS VI products (NDVI and EVI) were assessed for:
 - ✓ Geographic dependency
 - ✓ Seasonal dependency
 - ✓ Latitudinal dependency
 - ✓ Land cover dependency

Geographic Dependency of NDVI Differences



 Discrepancies (differences) in the NDVI can be seen in the tropical, sub-tropical, and high-latitude zones.

Tomoaki Miura U. Hawaii



Seasonal Dependency

- The NDVI and EVI differences between Aquaand Terra- MODIS were generally negative (i.e., Aqua MODIS VIs smaller than the Terra counterparts) and larger for larger VI values.
- The overall magnitudes of the differences were:
 - < 0.015 for NDVI
 - < 0.01 for EVI



∆NDVI (Aqua - Terra)



Latitudinal Dependency

- For both the NDVI and EVI, the differences were always negative except for the latitudes around 60° N.
- The overall magnitudes of the differences were:
 - < 0.02 for NDVI
 - < 0.01 for EVI

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National map of habitat suitable for tamarisk



Morisette, J.T., C. S. Jernevich, A. Ullah, W. Cai, J.A. Pedelty, J. Gentle, T.J.Stohlgren, J.L. Schnase, A tamarisk habitat suitability map for the continental US., *Frontiers in Ecology*, February 2006.

Large-scale monitoring of spatio-temporal fire dynamics

ACTIVE FIRES and VI

2001 animation

1km MODIS active fire detections (red)

superimposed on MODIS 16 day NDVI



Developing a fire early warning system for South Africa

- In South Africa wildfires often make headline news.
- Following a tragic incident in 2001 the Department of Agriculture installed a MODIS Direct Broadcast system at the Satellite Applications Center (SAC) in Pretoria
- SAC asked UMD and NASA to help demonstrate the utility of a fire early warning system to the National Disaster Management Center and Eskom – South African power company

Why Eskom?

ESKOM produces 95% of South Africa's electricity



ESKOM transmission network in South Africa

Why ESKOM?

Each year ESKOM experiences a substantial amount down time on its transmission lines due to 'flashovers' triggered by hot air plasma from intense fires that causes an electrical short



Photo courtesy of R.Evert, Eskom

Integrating Active Fire data into ESKOM's decision support system



Line fault types

If ESKOM knows when an active fire is approaching the transmission line staff can be deployed to assess the situation

- suppress the fire

 affected lines can be switched out and electricity supply rerouted through the grid

Establishing the Advanced Fire Information System (AFIS)

- 1. Replicate the MODIS Rapid Response system to enable automated processing of near real-time (40 mins) active fire data and production of MODIS imagery
- 2. Customize Web Fire Mapper internet mapping tool to allow users to view and query the full database of active fire detections.
- Develop an SMS / text messaging and email alert system to warn managers of fires within a 2.5km buffer around transmission lines



http://maps.geog.umd.edu

Advanced Fire Information System (AFIS): Web mapping tool that allows users to view and query active information



AFIS:SENSORWEB FIRE MAPPER

rand at 15 Aug

CSIR Cskom

Buffer



Find



- MODIS Image
- Fire Archive
- Distance Calculator

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NAS

- Identify layer attributes
- Print maps
- Scale
- Pan and Zoom
- Overview Maps
- •Slimed down version for dialup users

Text message service



- Capable of handling both SMS/Text messages and E-mail messages
- Can be sent in near real-time

Davies et al. UMD



Results from the 2004 fire season

ESKOM statistics show a 30% drop in line faults since the introduction of AFIS

The system was successful in raising awareness and better enabled ESKOM to manage fire events

The economic benefits to ESKOM will lead to them continuing to fund AFIS - and make the data freely available to other users in the region

FIRMS: Fire Information for Resource Management System

NER FIRE HAPPER



MODIS subset color composite images







MODIS Active-Fire Map & Imagery Products



Increasing Number of MODIS Direct Broadcast Sites



(Freely Available Code for Fire Detection)

- 82 Ingest sites around the world for Terra/Aqua DB downlink
- List is located on the Direct Readout Portal
- Web based MODIS fire servers in Australia, Africa, Brazil, Mexico, Europe, Russia – recent requests for support from India, Mongolia, Malaysia



Distributed MODIS Ground Stations

http://sentinel.ga.gov.au/acres/sentinel/index.shtml



After 3 years, we have begun transfer of the Sentinel Hotspots demonstrator system [<u>www.sentinel.csiro.au</u>] from our CSIRO systems to those in a 24/7 operational agency, Geoscience Australia.

Global Observation of Forest Cover



MODIS Burned Area Product

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- Will run in Collection 5
- Currently being tested
- Monthly 500m product
- Validated in Africa, Australia
- Validation underway in Brazil, Russia, US

• DB Version of the BA Product under development (Schaaf et al) Roy UMD



Comparison Of MODIS Active Fires With burned Area product for the Same period.


2 months of MODIS burned areas: SEPT-OCT 2002



Rov. Boschetti UMD

Surface reflectance mosaic: E.Vermote





Daily Phenology from BRDF/Albedo

• MODIS BRDF information is in demand at Direct Broadcast sites to capture phenology on a daily basis





Daily change in Black Sky Albedo during the harvest season, produced using a daily rolling database BRDF/Albedo algorithm

BRDF Removes Angular Effects

 MODIS BRDF information is in demand at Direct Broadcast sites to remove angular effects





Left: MOD09GHK. Angular effect is severe between two swaths (North China Plain) Right: Nadir BRDF-Adjusted Reflectance (NBAR). Angular effect is clearly removed Operational Deforestation Detection in Brazilian Legal Amazon with MODIS (DETER - DEtecção em TEmpo Real do Desmatamento na Amazônia Legal) www.obt.inpe.br/deter

Reference: deforestation map available from the Landsat derived deforestation product (PRODES) for the previous year
Monthly detection of changes in forested areas without cloud cover
Rapid production and dissemination of the results using the internet
Daily acquisitions and free availability key for operational real-time monitoring
Not a substitute for higher resolution, Landsat-like observations but allows rapid assessment











PRODES Project Deforestation Database for the previous years

> Processing data in S.J. Campos: SPRING – detection of new deforestation areas

DETER

MODIS image Ground Station from NASA Cuiabá / MT ta in S.J. (In the future)

Products in the Internet



Fiscalization: IBAMA





LANDSAT ETM+ - TERRA MODIS 2002/278







LANDSAT ETM+ - MAPPED AREAS (KM²) Área desmatada entre junho e outubro de 2002 Área em Km2 ETM+ MODdia prodes dias julianos

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Large deforestation area detected by DETER on 22 June 2004 in Altamira, Para State (S 05 08 11.89 - W 53 55 15.73)

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"Document Indicative for Fiscalization and Control of Deforestation", written by IBAMA/MMA based on DETER information





Field verification done by

IBAMA / MMA on 16 AUGUST 2004 in Altamira, Para



Dinâmica do Desmatamento por Unidade Federativa (Agosto/2003-Agosto/2004)





Source: M. Hansen SDSU

Landsat Applications

- Landsat has made the single largest contribution to land applications of remote sensing
- Within the Landsat Progra the NASA Geocover Global Data sets 1990 – 2000 were a major contribution – enabling regional scale analyses using large numbers of scenes
- Future applications will include a more synergistic use of moderate and high resolution data
- Need to advance Landsat class observations commensurate with the MODIS class observations
 - Atmospheric Correction, Data Normalization
 - Regional mosaics and derived products
- Prototyping for processing and distribution underway
 REASONS, ACCESS
- Current SLC problem with Landsat 7 2003 has created a data gap for applications user
- For applications users there is a need for an equivalent data set to Geocover for the mid decade 2004-2007

Landsat Ecosystem Disturbance Adaptive Processing System



Landsat Disturbance History Example: Virginia



Clearing Epoch

1985-88 1988-91 1991-95 1995-99 1999-01

Undisturbed Forest



DATA BLENDER PROJECT

"Daily" Landsat Surface Reflectance

• Objectives:

blend high-frequency temporal information from MODIS and high spatial resolution information from Landsat to produce "daily" Landsat-like surface reflectance



- Input:
 - MODIS surface reflectance $M(x_i, y_i, t_k)$ at t_k
 - Landsat surface reflectance $L(x_i, y_i, t_k)$ at t_k
 - MODIS surface reflectance $M(x_i, y_j, t_0)$ at t_0
- Predict:

Landsat surface reflectance $L(x_i, y_i, t_0)$ at t_0

Masek et al. GSFC



Detecting upwellings (cold water plumes) with MODIS and ASTER



Mid-Decadal Global Land Survey Initiative

- Extend the global cloud free data sets for 1990-2000 with a mid–decadal data set 2004-2007
 - Total number of WRS land scenes: 13334 scenes covering approximately 210M km²
- Landsat 7 SLC problem will necessitate data from multiple sources – NASA Assets with possibility of supplementing the data set with foreign data sources
- Cooperation between NASA / USGS USGS to lead the implementation
- Project Stages
 - Project Specification and Design completing
 - Data Acquisition starting
 - Data Integration, Processing and Dissemination (need specification and funding)



MDGS Coverage with Landsat 5:

Map displays both US and International Cooperator (IC) stations



- This map represents a best-case scenario for L5 data meeting the Mid-decadal Global Survey (MDGS) to date.
 - Assumes that, over the three-year survey epoch, the IC stations will have acquired at least one acceptable scene over each P/R





ASTER has produced 2 cloud-free global datasets



EO-1 Coverage

 EO-1 acquisitions over islands and reefs provide some additional coverage



≊USGS

September 28, 2005



L7 Global Coverage meeting MDGS Criteria



Primary scene with <10%CC, filler with <20%CC, >95% coverage
 Primary scene accounts for 78% of image area



International Cooperation on Landsat Class Observations

- International community strong supporters of Landsat recognize NASA's long standing contribution
- GOFC/GOLD has raised international awareness concerning the current widening Landsat data gap
- At the Nov 05 LGSWG Meeting a good response from foreign ground stations Landsat 5 to help with data provision
- Interest from other instrument providers to help fill data gaps – India, China/Brazil, Argentina
- High resolution data a major topic at the last CEOS meeting
- A real opportunity to initiate international data coordination in the framework of GEOSS but will need working
 - CEOS Cal/Val WG poised to help

International Land Observations: Mechanisms for Coordination

- GOFC/GOLD
 - Requirements and coordination
 - land cover and land use change
 - fire observations
 - Part of the emerging IGOL
- CEOS CVWG LPV
 - Emphasis on cross instrument calibration and validation coordination





INTEGRATED GLOBAL OBSERVATION OF LAND

- IGOS-P had not considered the observational needs relating to many aspects of the land
- Sustainable economic development,
- Natural resources management,
- **Conservation and biodiversity**
- **Ecosystems Functioning Services**
- Multilateral environmental agreements, mandatory reporting

Stakeholders

Environmental Assessments (Global, regional, sectoral)

- Early Warning Systems
- Sustainable agriculture, forestry and fisheries
- **International Environmental Conventions**
- **Decision-makers at National Level**
- **Evolving Scientific Requirements (IGBP, WCRP, IHDP).**
- Scientific focus on coupled human environmental systems

Determining the Requirements

- Food Security And Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Forestry
- Early Warning Systems
- Biodiversity And Conservation
- Ecosystem Services
- Land Degradation
- Fire And Related Hazards (Including Air Quality)
- Climate
- Real Time Response Systems

Proceeding by a series of IGOL workshops – inputs to GEOSS Biodiversity - Nov 05 Food Security and Agricultural Monitoring Needs - March 06
Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS)

- An opportunity for coordinated international observations for decision support and societal benefit
- Heavy emphasis on land applications
- NASA is already making significant international contributions
 - Can we build on these activities?
 - Make these contributions to a GEOSS
 - Respond to GEOSS work packages

Land Applications

- MODIS is contributing significantly to Land Applications
- International issues are increasingly of National Importance
 - Tremendous uptake of MODIS and enhancement by the international community – we can benefit from their expertise and involvement
 - Real opportunities for NASA to contribute to GEOSS
 - For GEOSS we will need to move beyond National Agencies
- Combination of moderate and high resolution data extremely powerful – we should continue to play to our strengths
 - Phenological monitoring is only possible with high temporal resolution and has shown to be critical for vegetation monitoring and land process models
 - The Landsat data gap is critical for Land Applications
 - The Applications Program should be a partner in the Mid Decadal Data Set initiative

Land Applications

- How does the Applications Program influence the NASA mission priorities?
 - What are the Applications measurement requirements e.g. Landsat Data Continuity Mission
 - What is the relationship between the Applications Program and the Land Measurement Teams
- Until we have an operational agency responsible for Land satellite missions and observations ("No L in NOAA") - NASA will need to continue to strengthen use and uptake satellite data by land applications partners