

# BRDF/Albedo/NBAR: Extending MODIS to VIIRS

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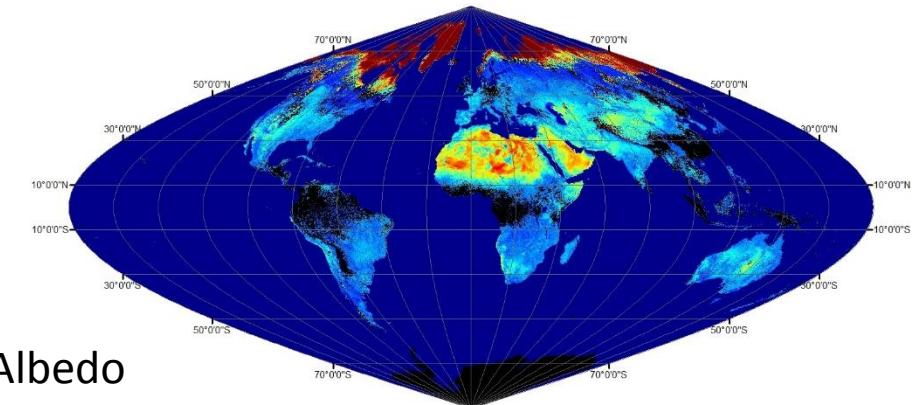
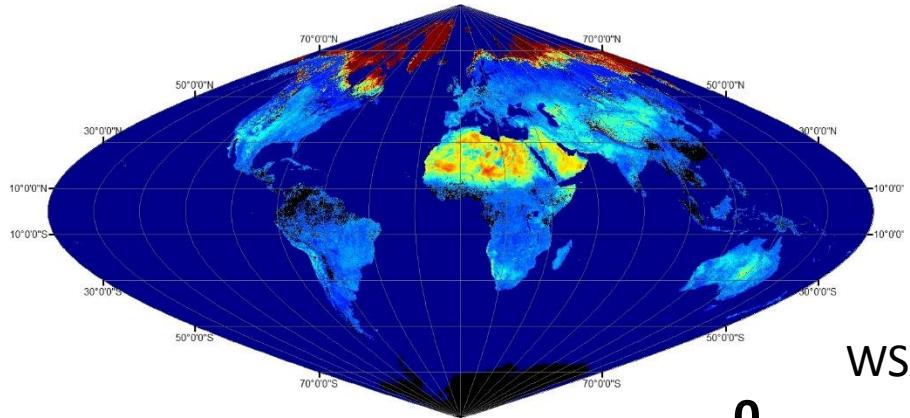
# MODIS and VIIRS Products

- MODIS V006
  - Terra AND Aqua (morning and afternoon)
  - DAILY BRDF, Albedo, NBAR (Nadir BRDF Adjusted Reflectance)
    - NBAR frequently used for phenological research
  - 500m Tiles, 30arc-second CMG
  - 7 bands, 3 Broadbands
  - QA, uncertainty measures
- VIIRS
  - Suomi NPP only (afternoon)
  - DAILY BRDF, Albedo, NBAR
  - 500m Tiles (3 I-Bands), 1km (9 M-Bands, 3 Broadbands)
  - QA, uncertainty measures

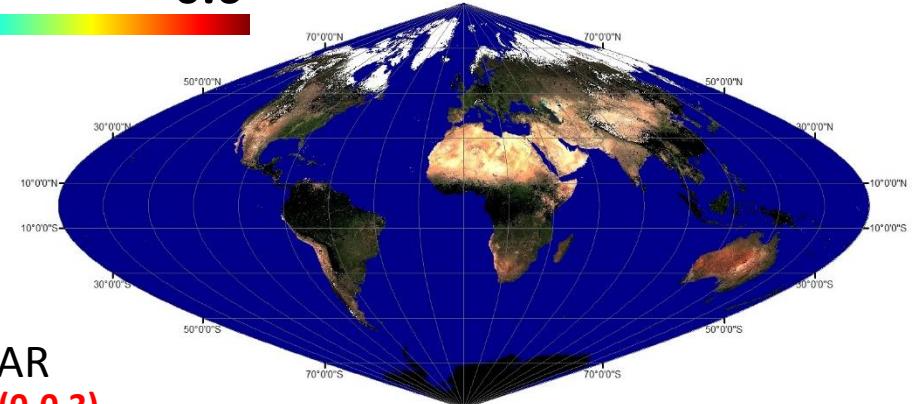
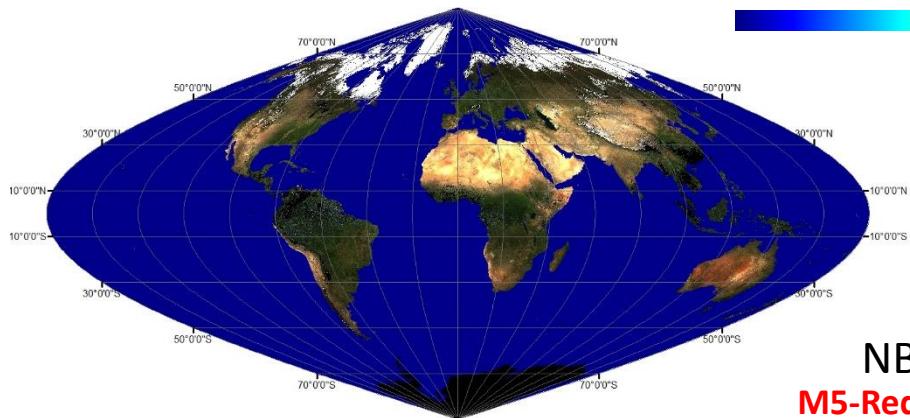
MODIS

12 May 2014 (DOY 132)

VIIRS

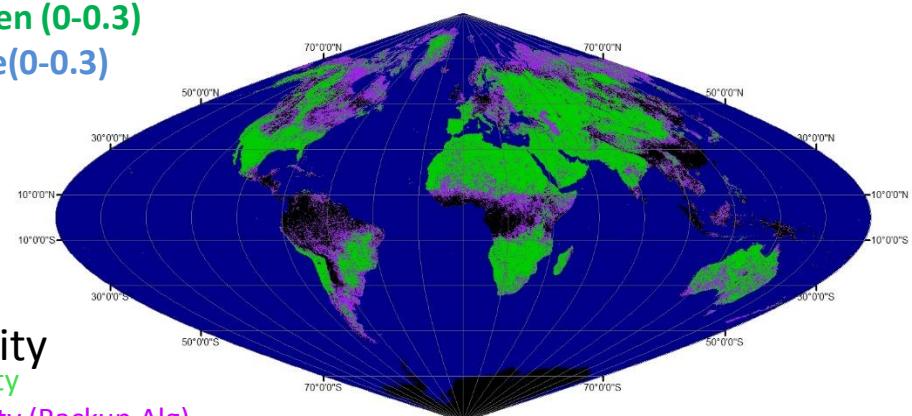
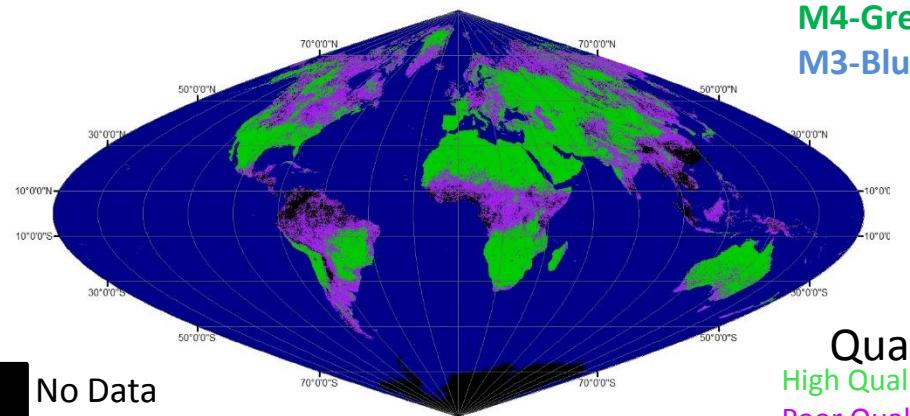


WSAlbedo



NBAR

M5-Red(0-0.3)  
M4-Green (0-0.3)  
M3-Blue(0-0.3)



Quality

High Quality  
Poor Quality (Backup Alg)

No Data

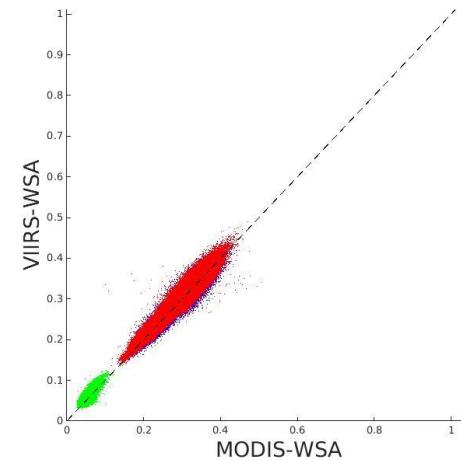
**H12V04 New England**

**2013 DOY 270**

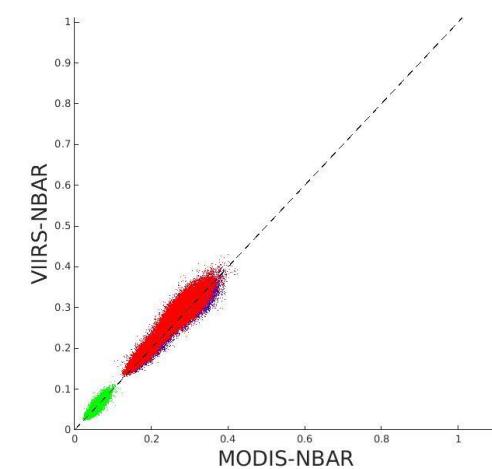
**Red, Green, Blue: (0-0.1)**



**WSA**



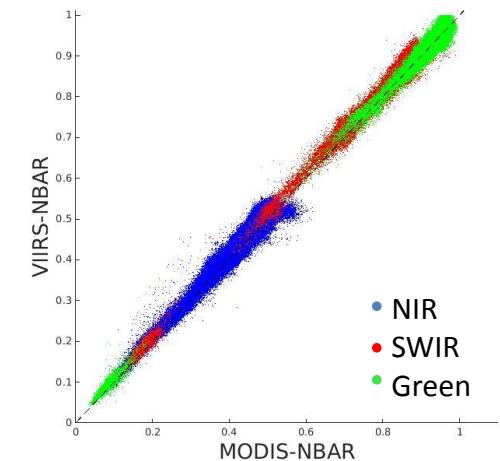
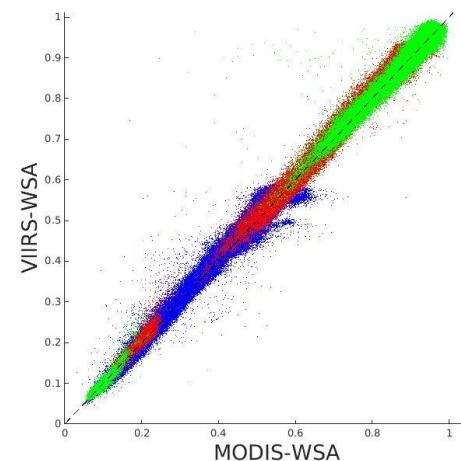
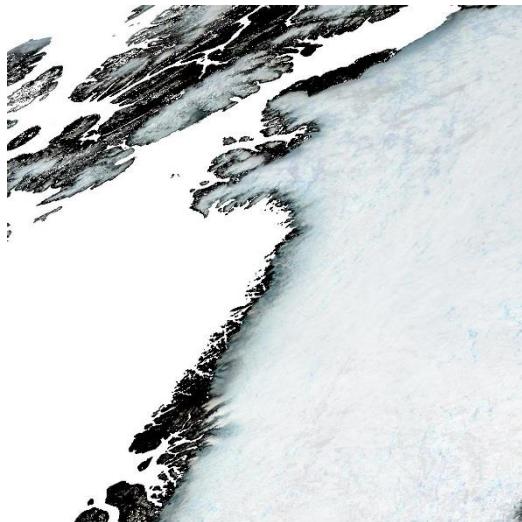
**NBAR**



**H16V01 Greenland**

**2013 DOY 193**

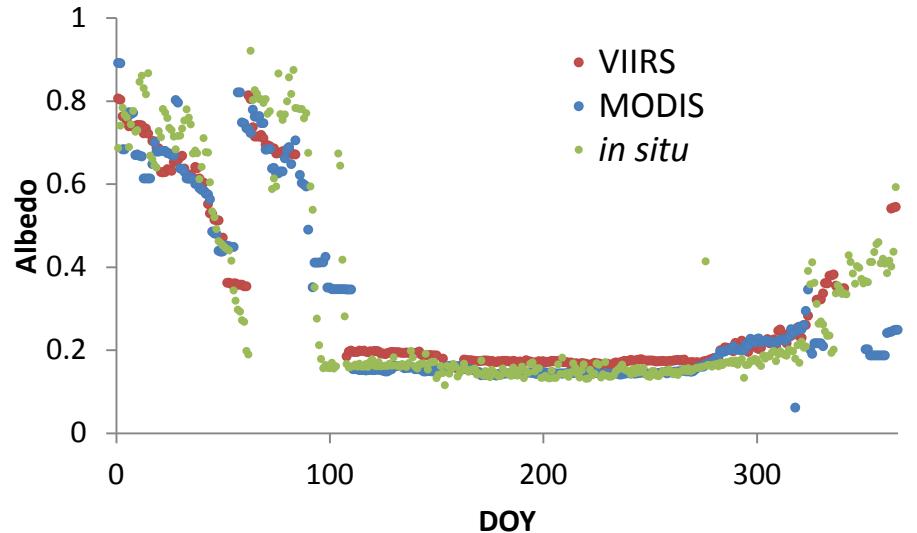
**Red, Green, Blue: (0.4-1.0)**



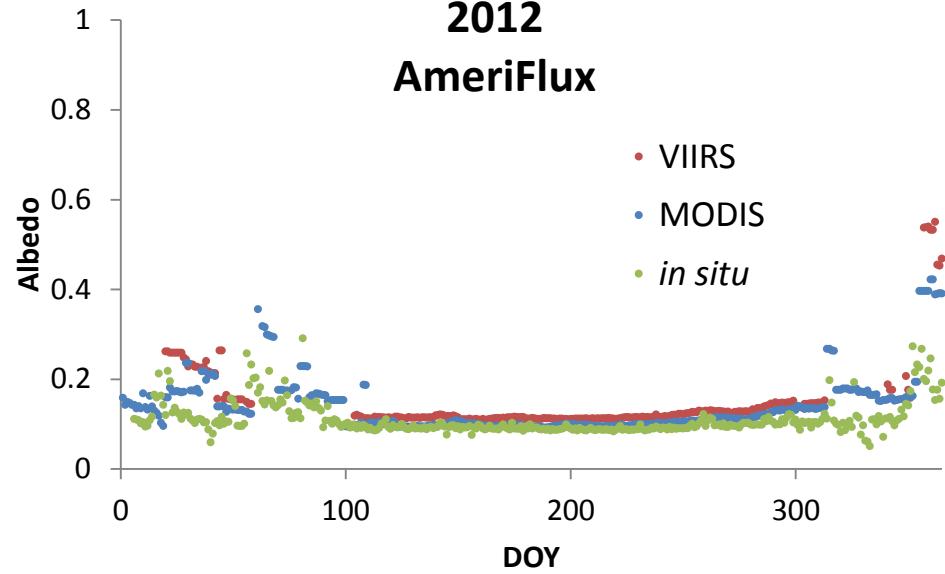
# Land Product Validation

- CEOS/WGCV/Land Product Validation (LPV)
  - Albedo
    - Baseline Surface Radiation Network (BSRN)
      - Gold Standard of Albedo Measures
    - Surfrad (NOAA)
    - Ameriflux (DOE)
    - NEON (NSF)
    - Fluxnet, TERN, ICOS, etc.
  - BRDF
    - Cloud Airborne Radiometer (CAR)  
(multiangle aircraft acquisitions of opportunity)

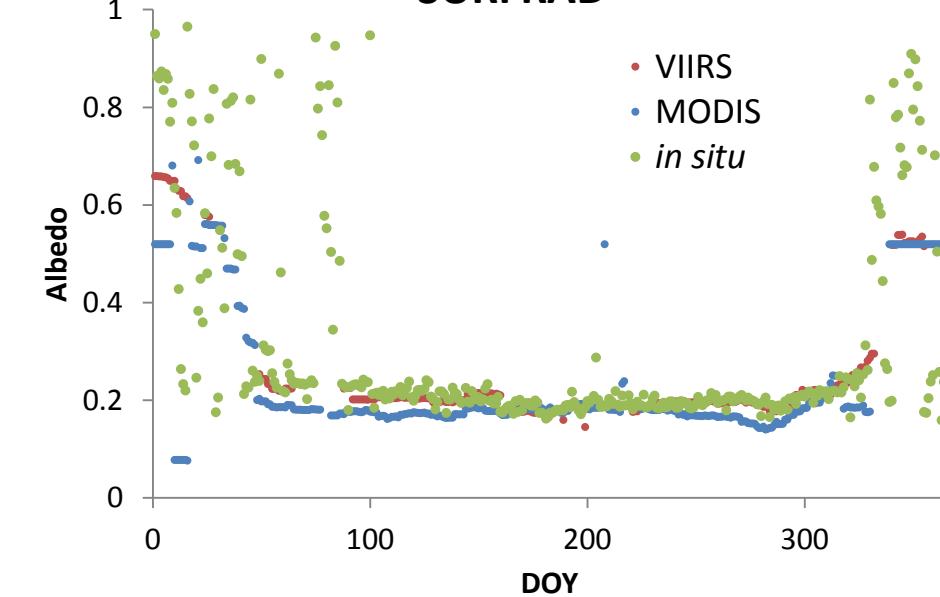
**Fort Peck--Grassland 2013**  
**SURFRAD**



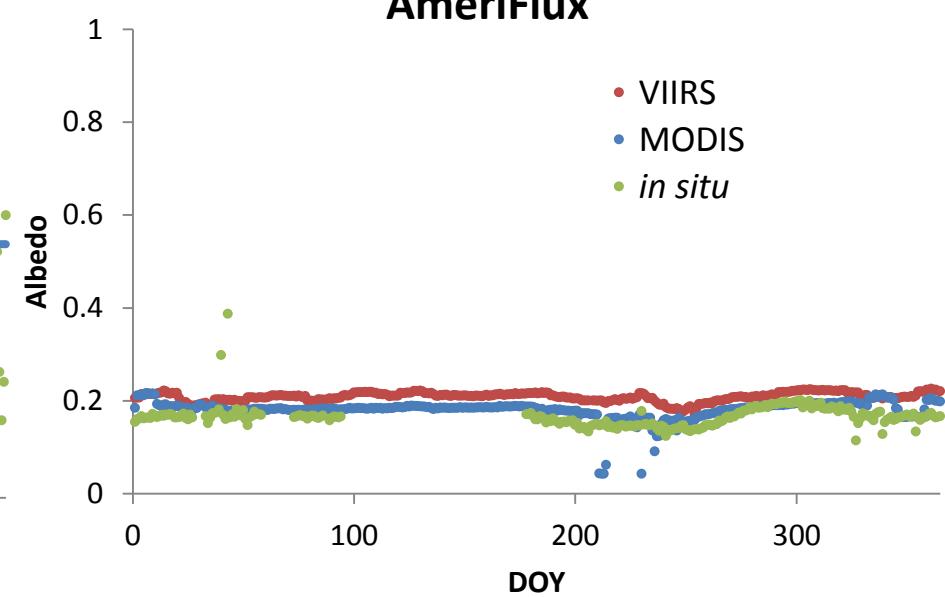
**Metolius Intermediate Pine --Forest**  
**2012**  
**AmeriFlux**



**Penn State--Cropland 2013**  
**SURFRAD**



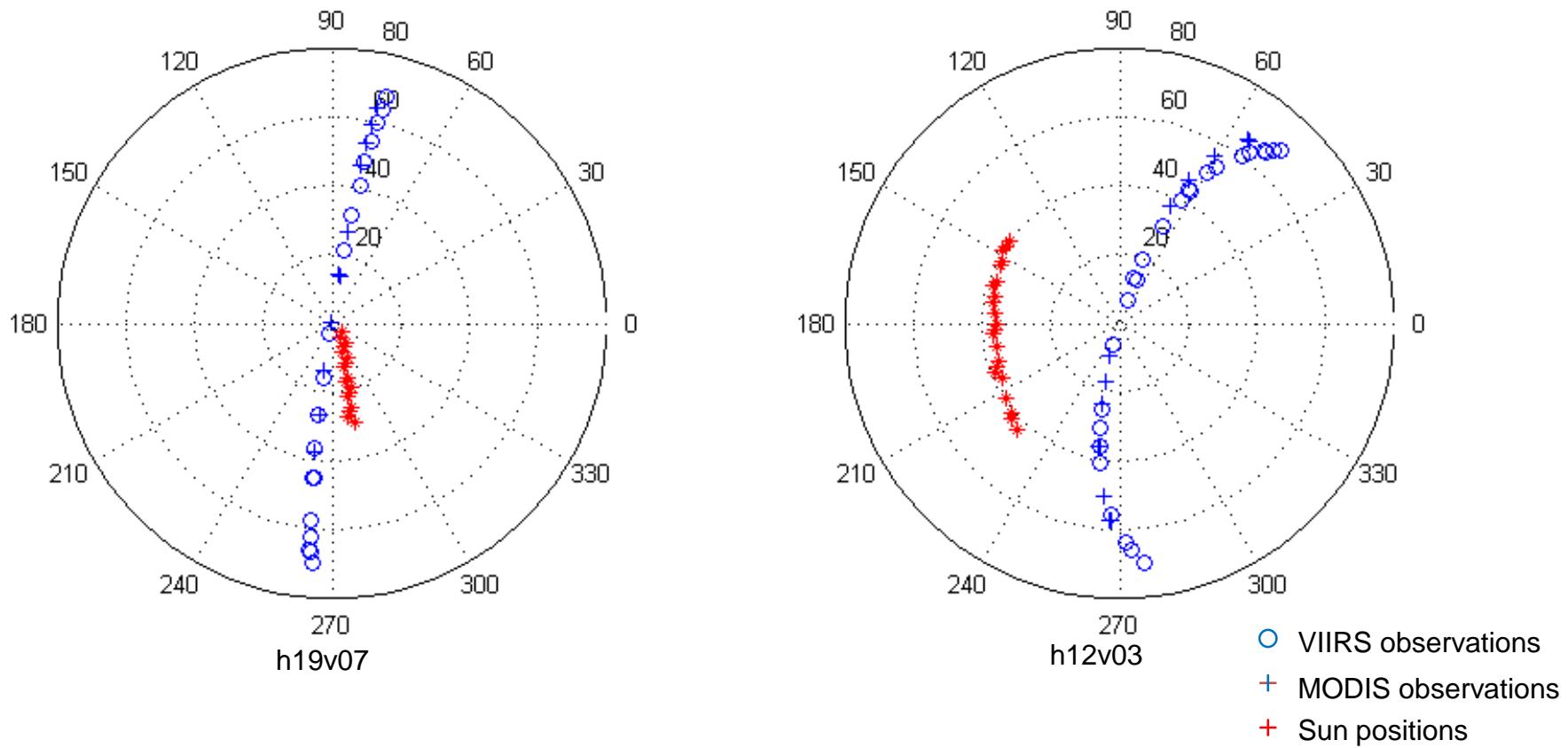
**Santa Rita Mesquite Savanna 2013**  
**AmeriFlux**



# Efforts Underway

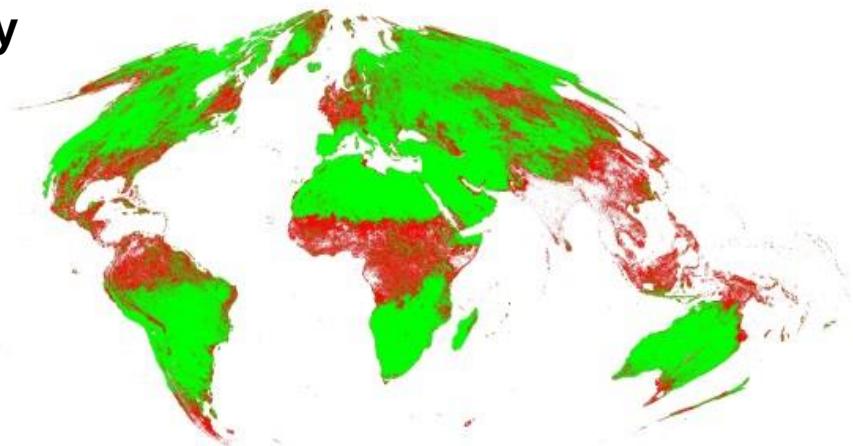
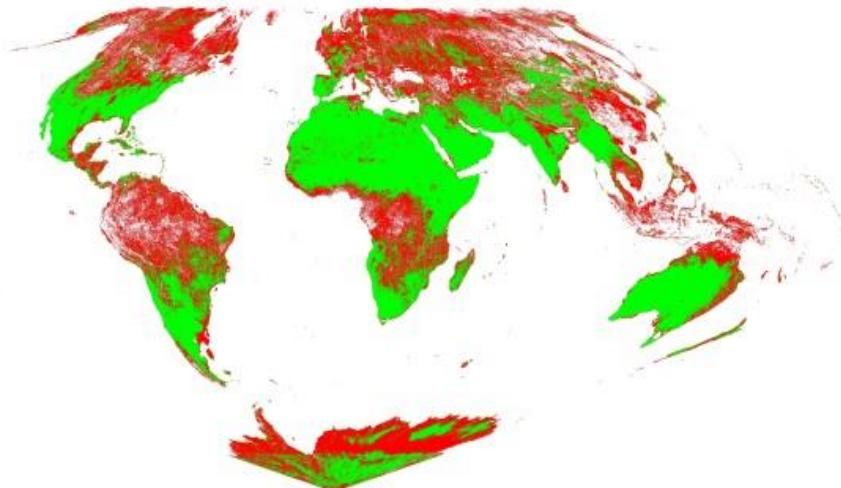
- Impact of Upstream Enhancements
- VIIRS N2B (Hyperion based)
- VIIRS and MODIS spatial resolutions
  - 500m products, 1km and/or 30arc-second
- VIIRS and MODIS combined
  - What happens when Terra finally ends....

# MODIS and VIIRS Combined

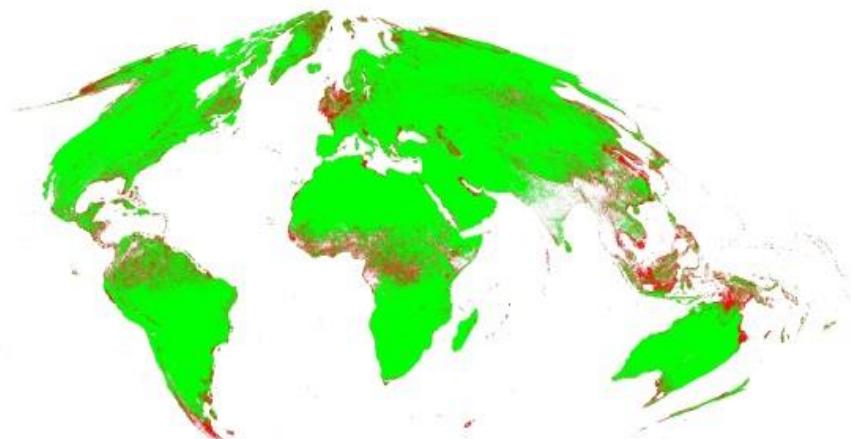
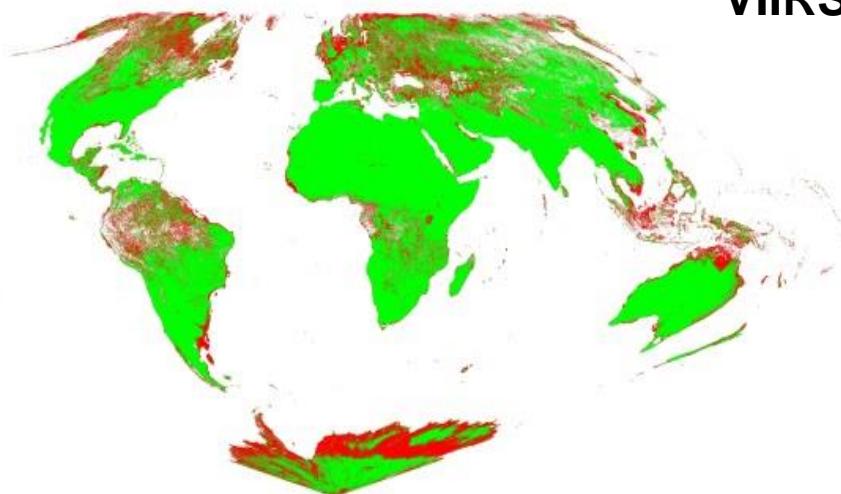


Observations DOY  
185-200, 2012

**Aqua only**



**Aqua  
+  
VIIRS**



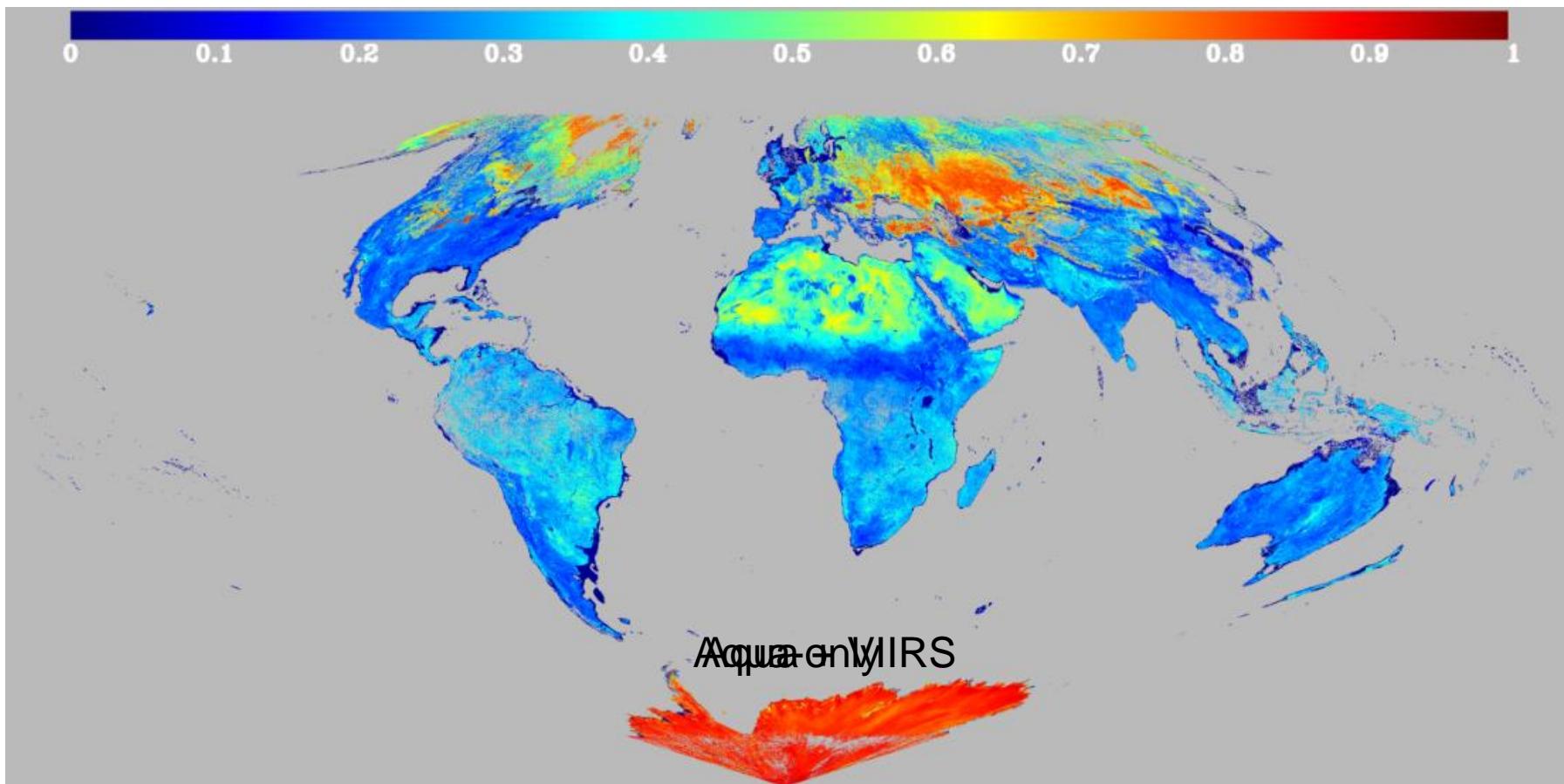
**DOY 025**

**Red band**

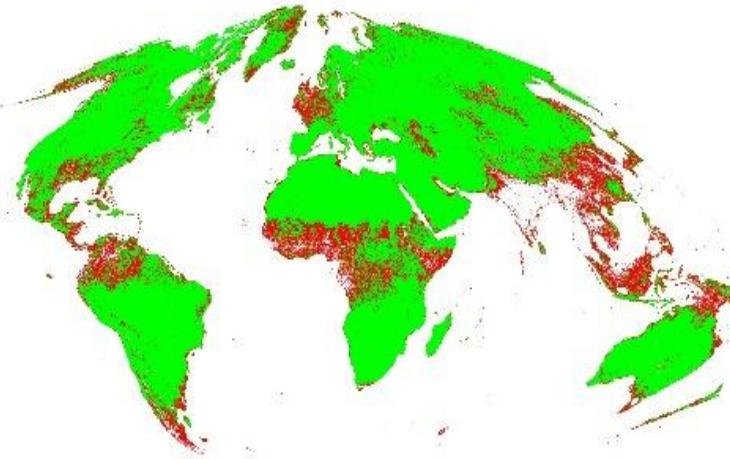
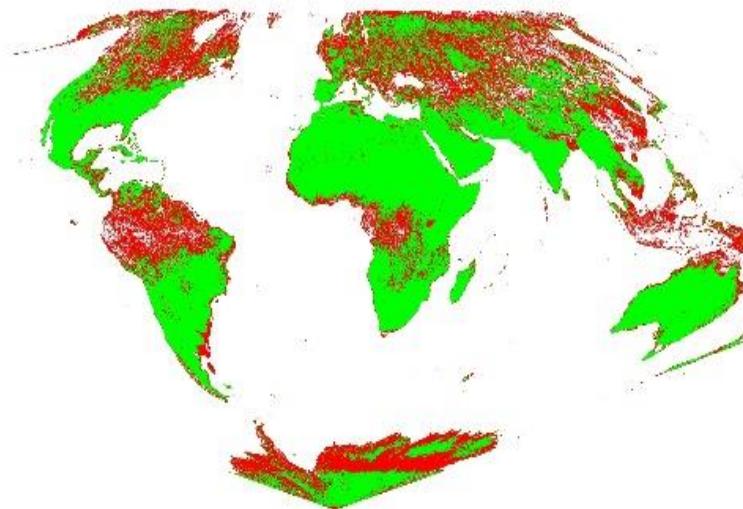
**DOY 185**

# MODIS and VIIRS

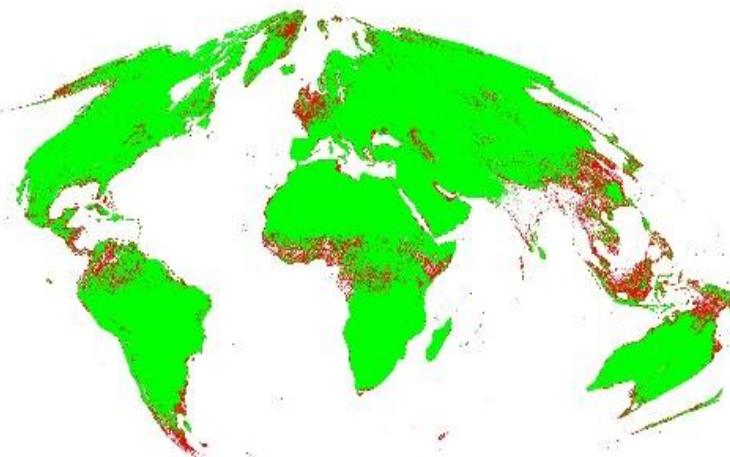
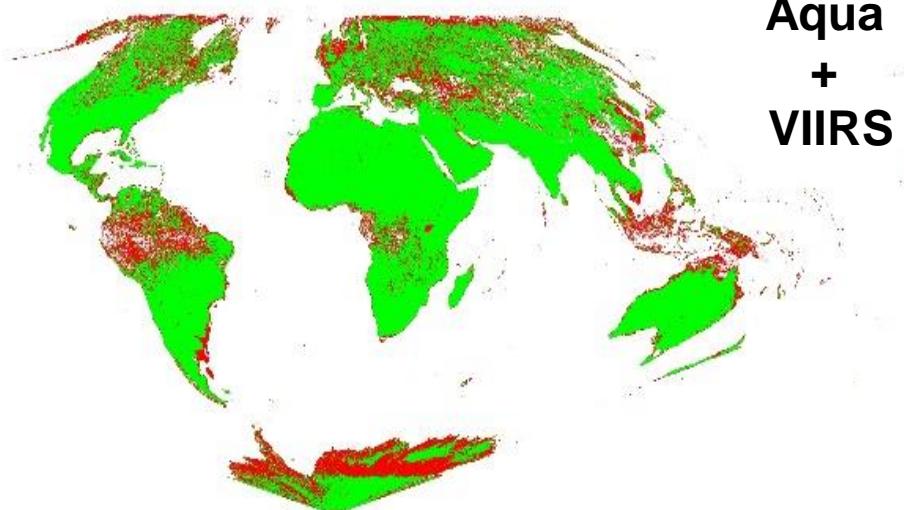
WSA NIR 025, 2012



**Terra  
+  
Aqua**



**Terra  
+  
Aqua  
+  
VIIRS**



**DOY 025**

**NIR band**

**DOY 185**

# MODIS and VIIRS Continuity

- VIIRS continuity products are currently being implemented and evaluated.
- Eventual loss of Terra will reduce number of high quality retrievals possible per attempt.
- However, high quality VIIRS products will provide long term continuity for BRDF, Albedo, NBAR data.