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Synergistic Use of Multi-Satellite Sensors for Mapping and Monitoring LCLUC across Multi-Scales in the Time-Space Continuum

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**Session 3: Challenges of Land Cover and Land Use Monitoring with Dense
Time Series of EO Data – 7 May 2016**

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Challenges in Mapping and Monitoring LCLUC

- **LCLUC sciences across multiple scales in time and in space**
- **Require mapping across spatial dimension and monitoring across temporal dimension**
- **Require multiple satellite sensors with different spatial and temporal resolution and coverage + ancillary**
- **Time-space continuum paradigm to address rural-urban transformation**

Multi-Sensors in Mapping and Monitoring LCLUC

- **Optical/multi-spectral:** AVHRR, OLS, MODIS, VIIRS; **High resolution:** Landsat, Sentinel, LISS-I/II, AVNIR, Spot, WorldView ...
- **Active microwave radars:** SRTM, Sentinel, SIR-C/X, Envisat, ERS, ALOS, RADARSAT, TanDEM-X, Scatterometers ...
- **Passive microwave radiometers:** SSM/I, SSMIS, AMSRE, AMSR2, TMI, ...
- **Others Sat.:** SCIAMACHY, GOME, OCO-2, ...
- **Others:** Airborne, tower, surface sensors, ...

Multi-Datasets in Mapping and Monitoring LCLUC

- **Sensory data (L0, L1):** Reflectance, backscatter, brightness temperature – Calibration, accuracy, stability, geolocation
- **LCLUC parameter/product (L2-L4):** Urban extent, building height, impervious surface, vegetation cover, surface water – Algorithms, models, validation, uncertainty
- **Data policy:** Free, open, accessible, long-term archives, latency, documentation, format/software.

Synergy in Mapping and Monitoring LCLUC

- **Different sensor types:** Sensitive to different LCLUC parameters – optical multispectral for surface types, temperature, vegetation; radars for surface water and physical infrastructures – 3D capability
- **Multi-scales in time and in space:** 1m-10s km, narrow-1000s km swath, sub-daily-yearly, month-decade – Diversity
- **Multi-disciplinary science and applications:** Physical to human dimensions

Approaches in LCLUC Science and Applications

- **Cross-scale in time and in space:**
Sectorial, systematic, and holistic methods
- **Discrete:**
 - Relevant to boundaries in time/space
 - **Dependent on specific definitions**
 - **Dependent on specific thresholds**
- **Continuous:**
 - Relevant to rural-urban transformation
 - **Continuum in time and in space**
 - **Gradient in space and rate in time**
- **Hybrid: e.g., Intra-urban continuum**

SPECIFIC EXAMPLES

**NASA Multi-source Land
Imaging Science (MuSLI) &
InterDisciplinary Science
(IDS) Research
in
Collaboration with European
and other Research
Institutes and Agencies**

Multi-source Imaging of Infrastructure and Urban Growth using Landsat, Sentinel and SRTM

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NASA/JPL USA

EU Collaborators: T. Esch & Team DLR Germany

Objectives

Develop, calibrate and validate a continuous optical+microwave index
to map the continuum of human settlements worldwide.

Apply the index to Landsat+SRTM circa 2000 and Landsat+Sentinel
circa 2015 to map changes in spatial structure of settlement networks.

Quantify spatiotemporal co-evolution of settlement networks and other
complementary land cover networks.

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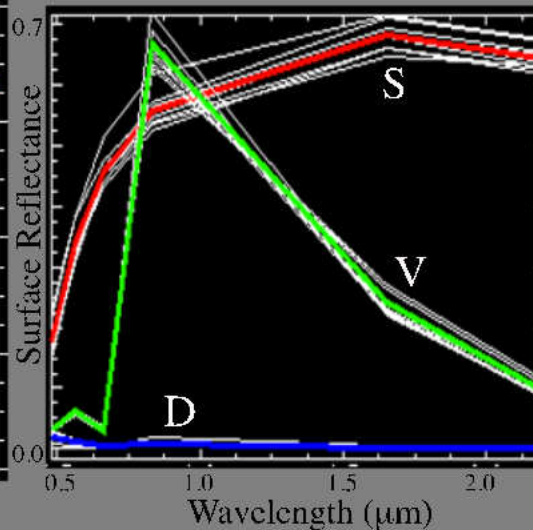
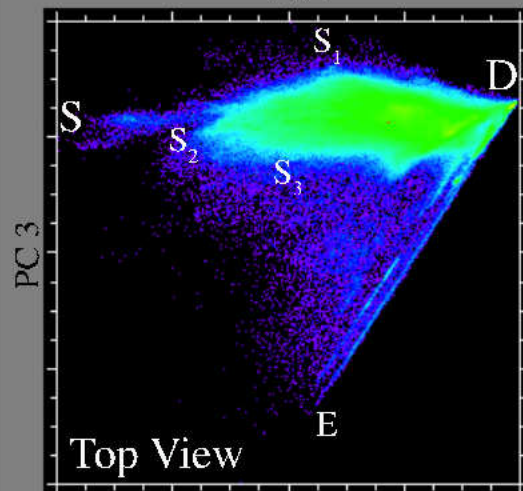
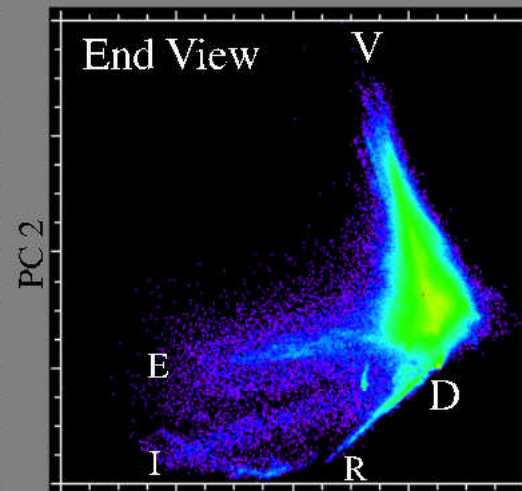
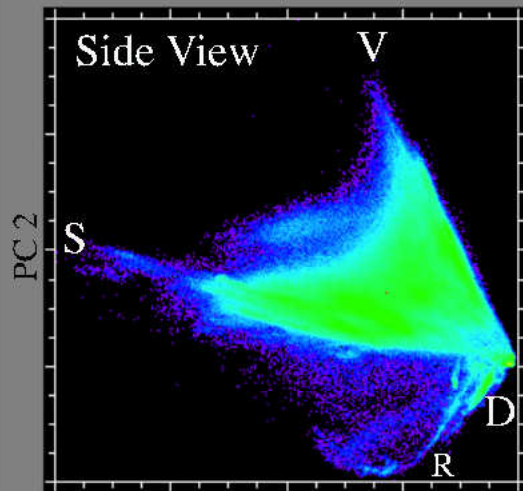
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The Global Spectral Mixing Space

Spectrally, most land surfaces are composed of a few common reflectances:

Substrate, **Vegetation** and **Dark** surfaces



Substrate

The Rock - Soil continuum

Plane of Substrates D S_1 S_2 S_3

High albedo (when dry)

SWIR bright

Vegetation

Similar spectral features:

Vis - Chlorophyll Absorptive

NIR - Mesophyll Reflective

SWIR - H_2O , Lignin, Absorptive

Dark surfaces:

Transmissive: e.g. clear water

Absorptive: dark rocks & soils

Non-illuminated: shadow

Other Stuff

Evaporites, Ice/snow Reefs

Land Cover Fraction S_u V_u D_u Spectral Variability S_σ V_σ D_σ

Radar Backscatter

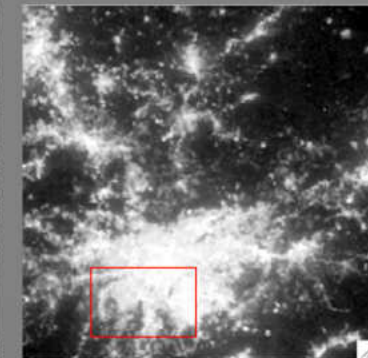
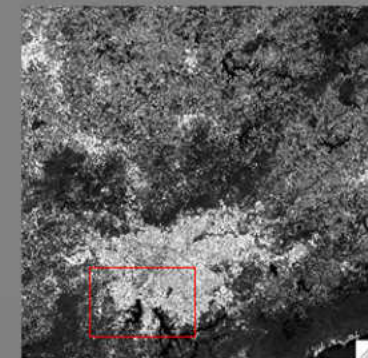
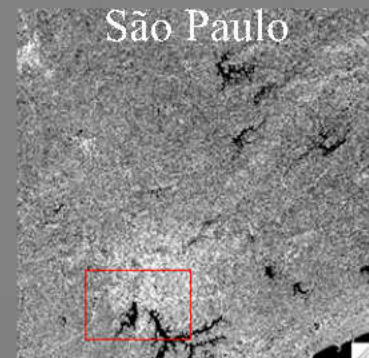
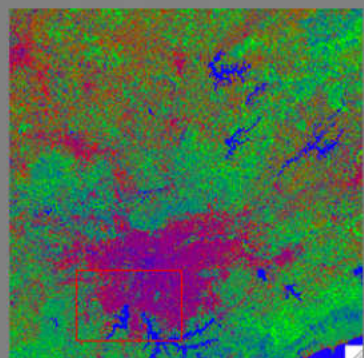
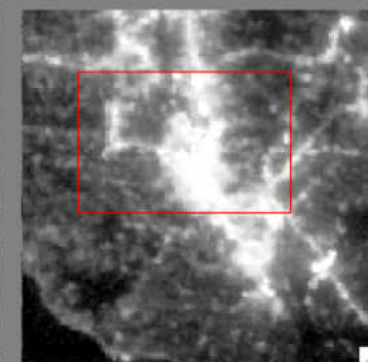
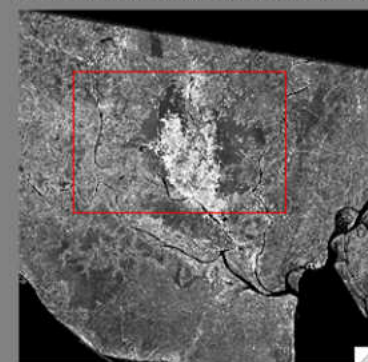
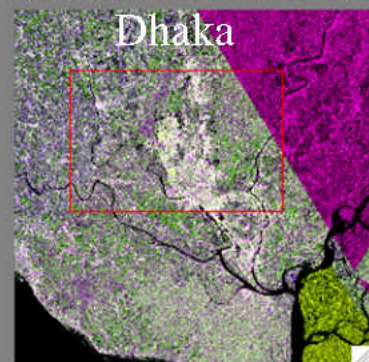
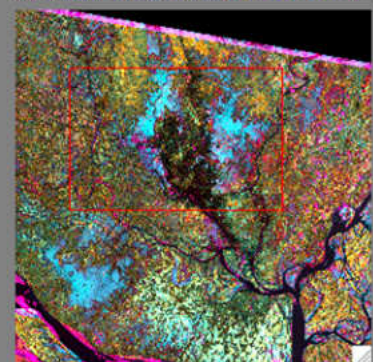
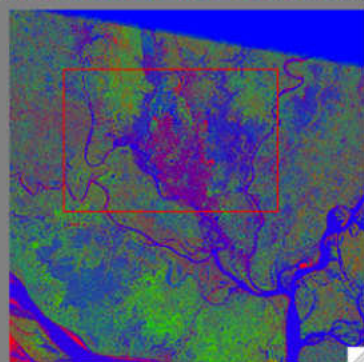
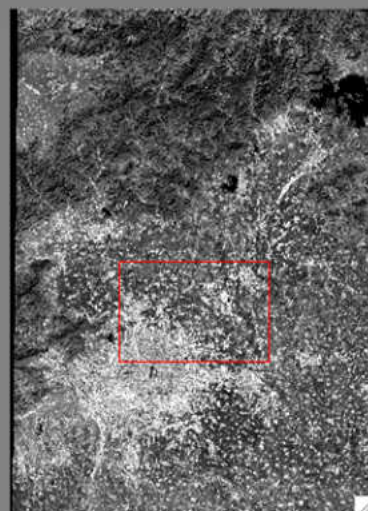
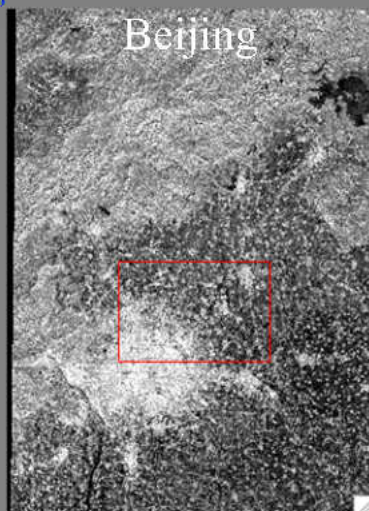
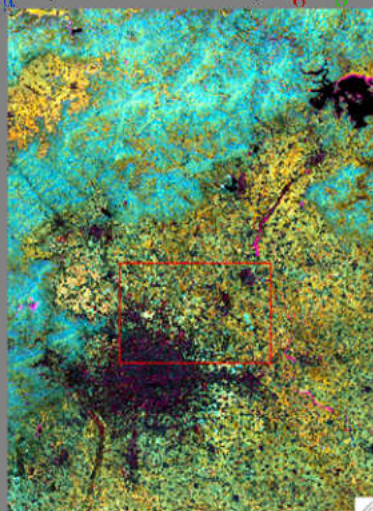
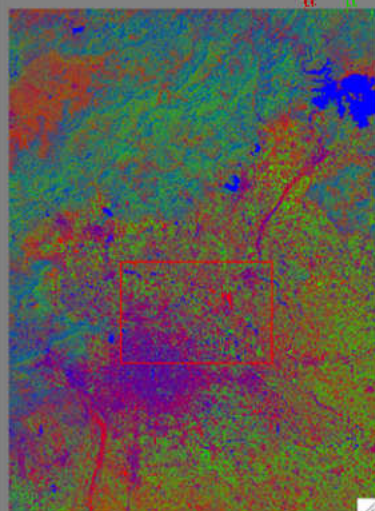
Infrastructure Index

VIIRS Night Light

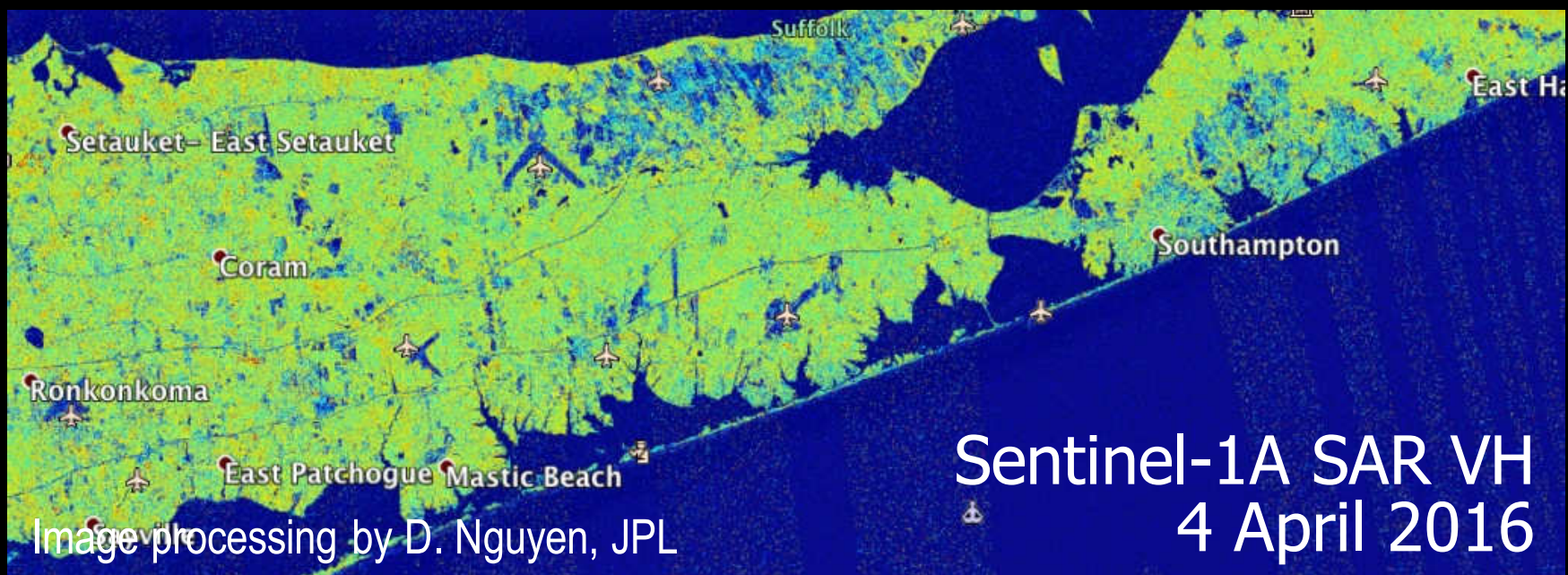
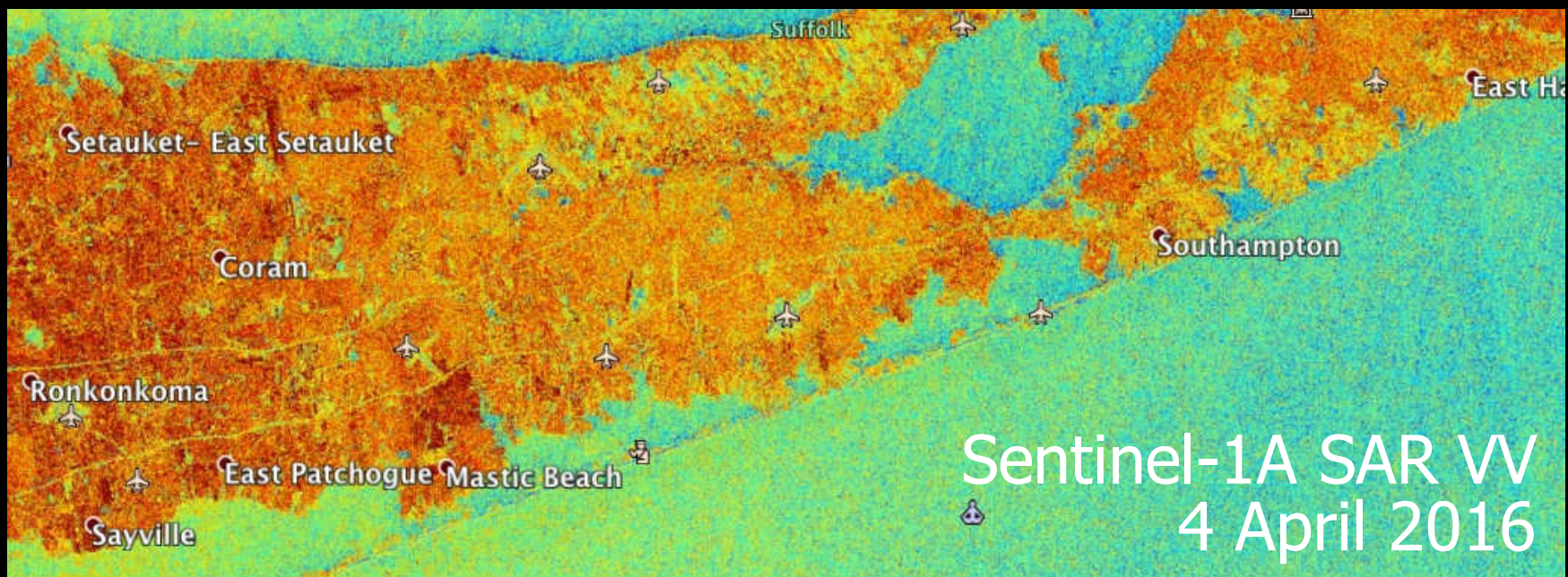
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Polarization Diversity



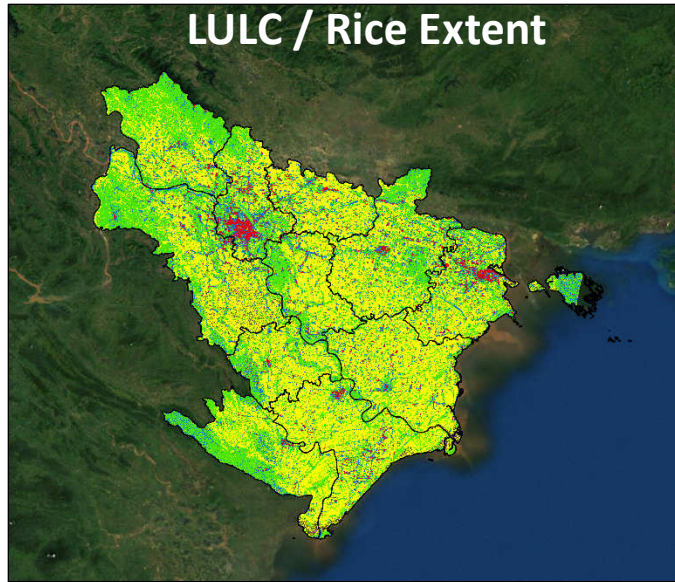
Operational algorithms and products for near real time maps of rice extent and rice crop growth stage using multi-source remote sensing

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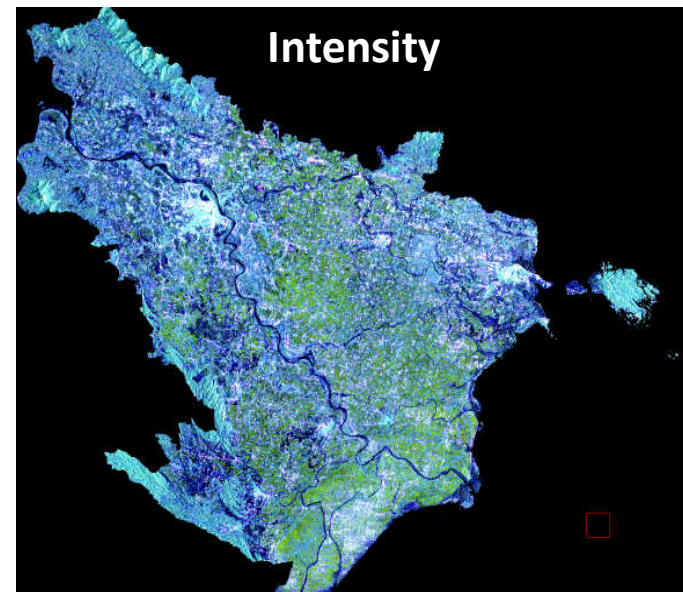
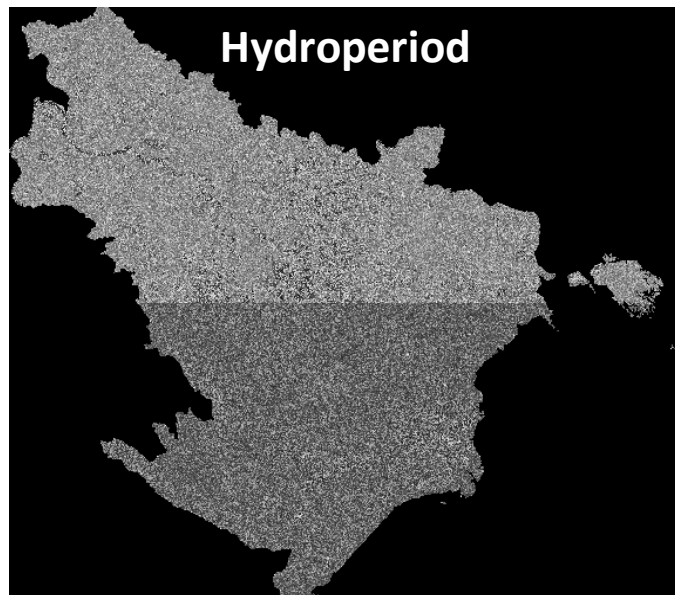
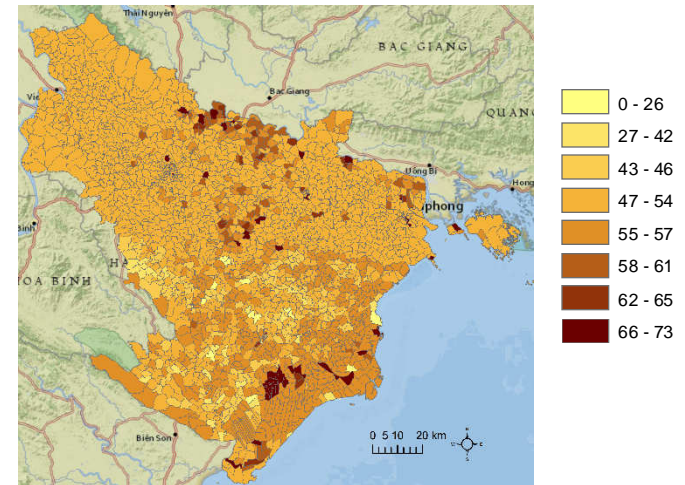
Thuy Le Toan CESBIO, Dirk Hoekman

- PALSAR-2, Sentinel-1, Landsat 8 fusion high LULC accuracy
 - Multitemporal required for mapping rice attributes
 - Suite of parameters: extent, hydroperiod, intensity, calendar
- RRD GHG footprint characterized and uncertainty reduced with EO compared to IPCC Tier 1 approach
- Tuning, evaluating, and scaling products for new regions and select hot spots this upcoming year
- Open source tools, tech transfer, Decision Support Tools
 - Transition research to operational domain
 - github.com/Applied-GeoSolutions

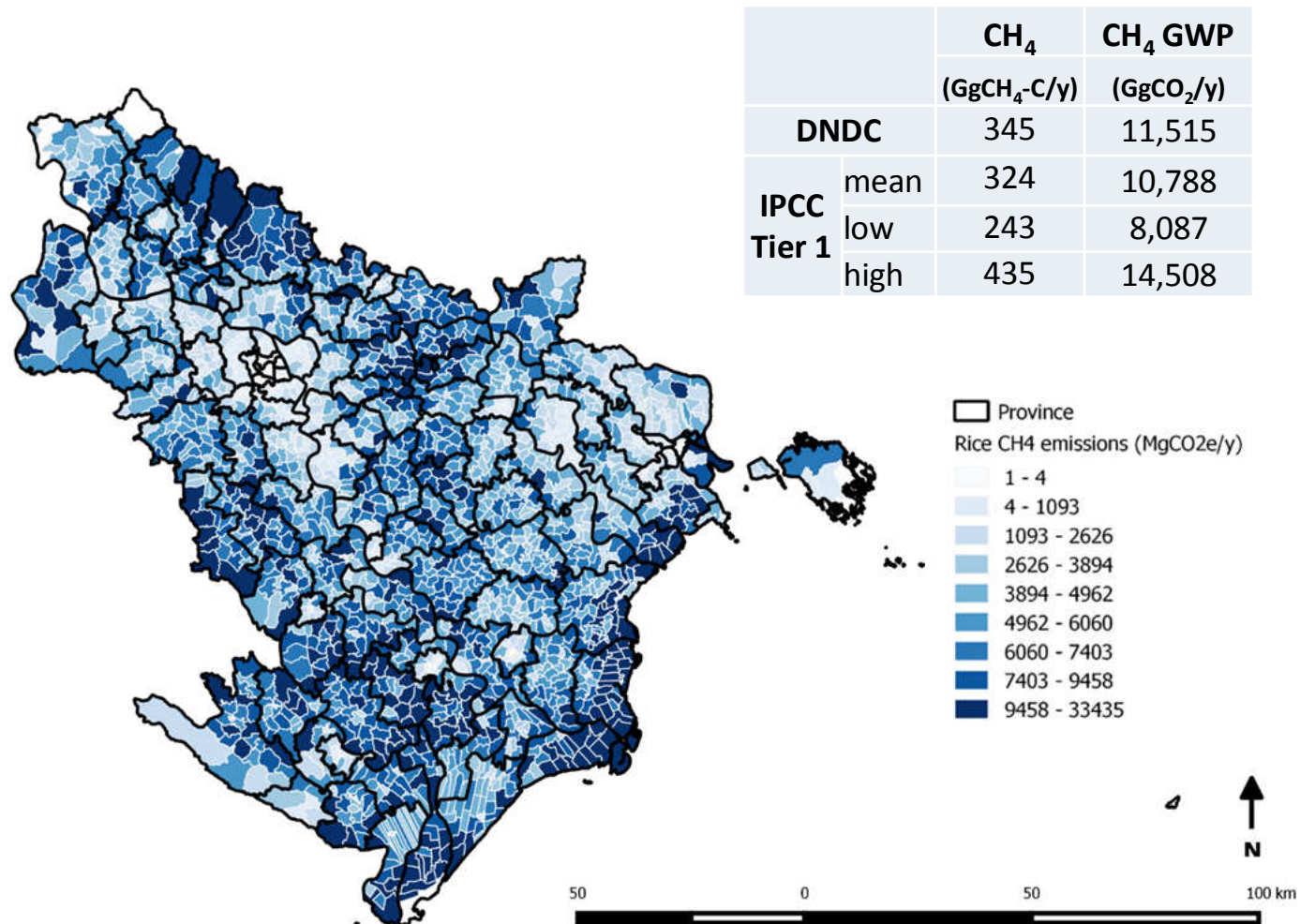
Driving DeNitrification-DeComposition Model with Earth Observations for GHG Assessment - Red River Delta



Crop calendar (1st crop planting DOY)



RRD 2015 Rice CH₄ Emissions



Commune-level rice GHG emissions for DNDC and comparison to IPCC Tier 1 approach.

Towards Near Daily Monitoring of Inundated Areas over North America through Multi-Source Fusion of Optical and Radar Data

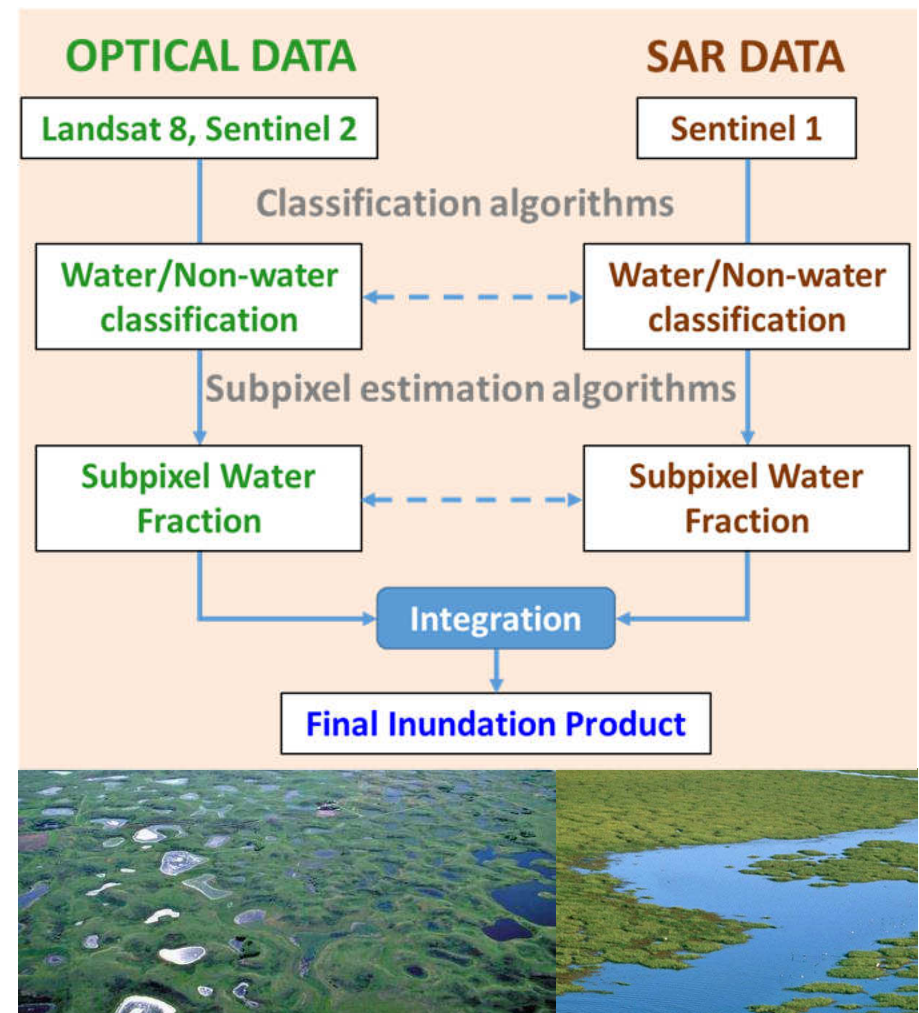
PI: Chengquan Huang, University of Maryland

Co-Is: Megan Lang, US Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetland Inventory

John Jones, US Geological Survey

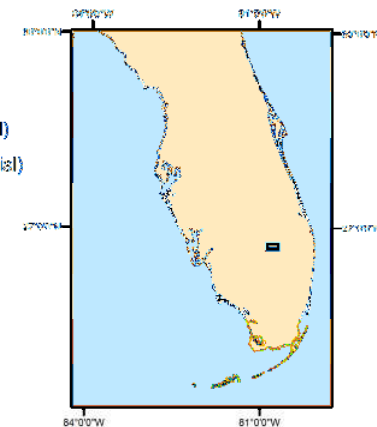
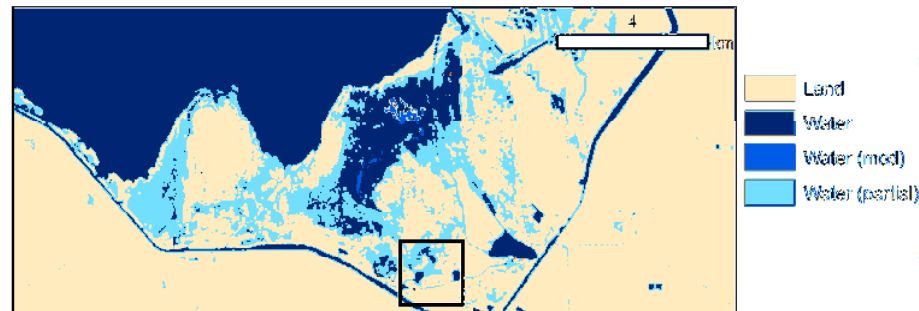
International Collaborators: Irena Creed, University of Western Ontario, and many others

- Goals
 - develop automated inundation mapping algorithms
 - generate near daily inundation products
- Geographic area
 - US and southern Canada
- Data used
 - Landsat 8, Sentinel 2, Sentinel 1
- Advantage of using MuSLI approach
 - Capture rapid changes in surface inundation
- Up-to-date progress
 - Data exploration
 - Initial algorithm development

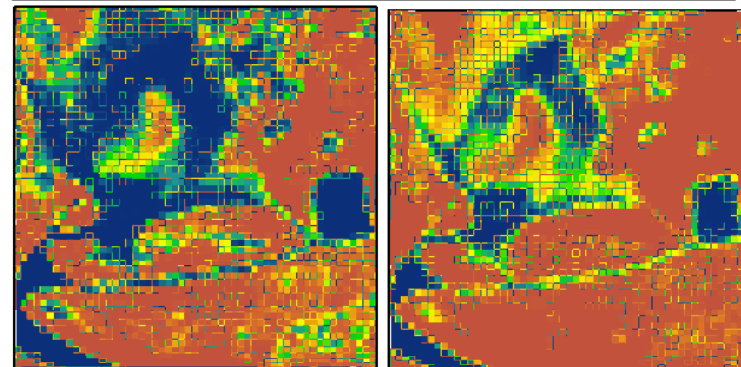
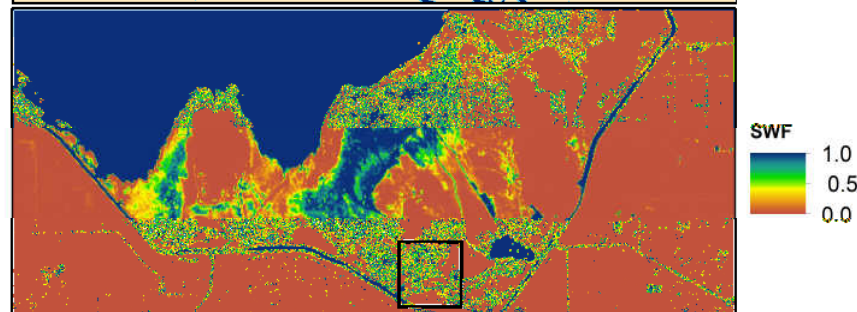


Iterative, Self-Training Approach for Subpixel Inundation Mapping Using Optical Data (Landsat 8, Sentinel-2)

Initial
Classification
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SWF (final
pass)



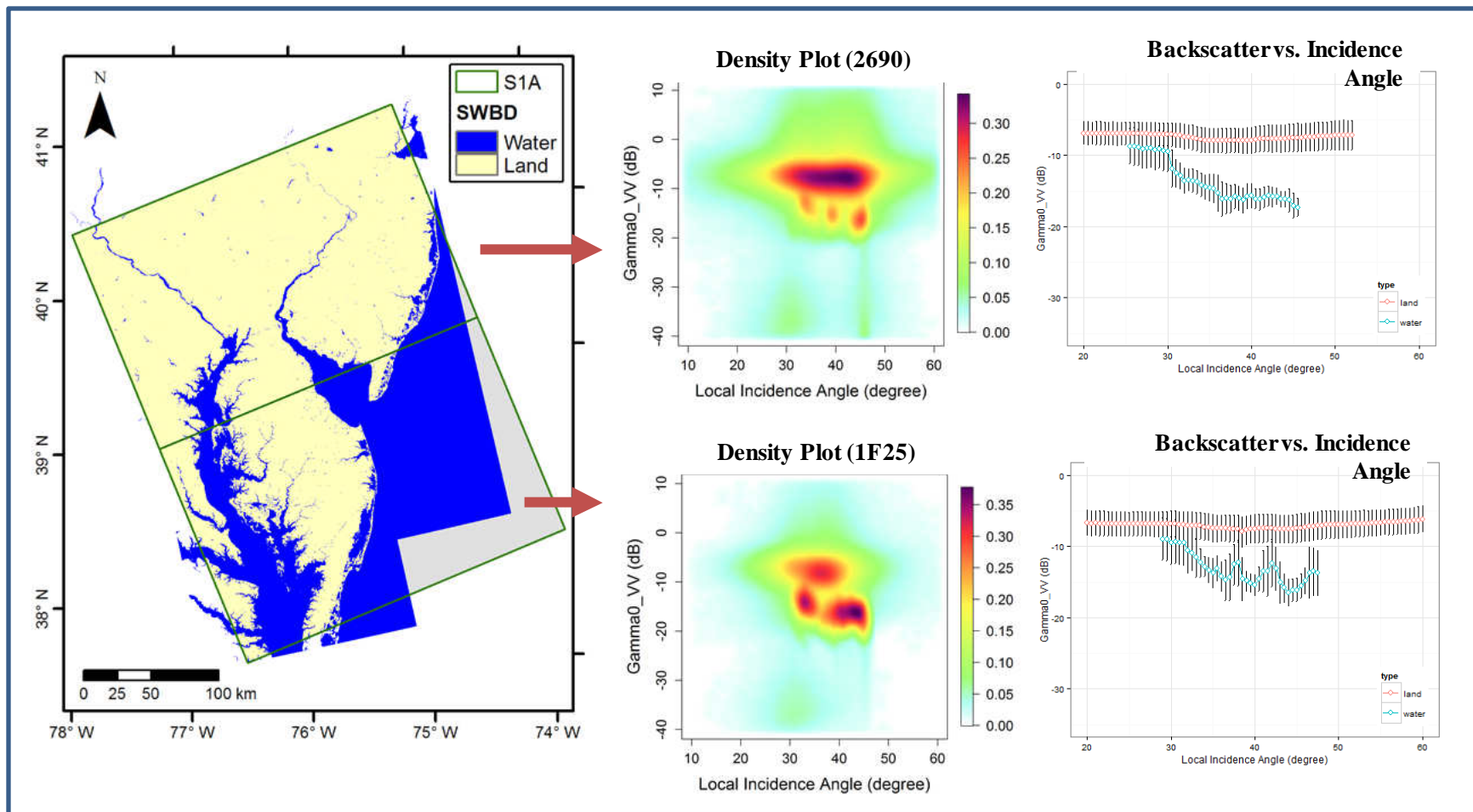
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Local Incidence Angle Based Method for Separating Surface Inundation from Land Using Sentinel-1 Radar Data



NASA InterDisciplinary Research in Earth Science (NASA IDS)

GLOBAL MEGA URBANIZATION AND IMPACTS IN THE 2000s

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Co-Is and Collaborators: 30 Institutions/Agencies
in U.S., Italy, Germany, Belgium, and U.K.

Using 14 satellites from international space agencies
<http://urban.jpl.nasa.gov>



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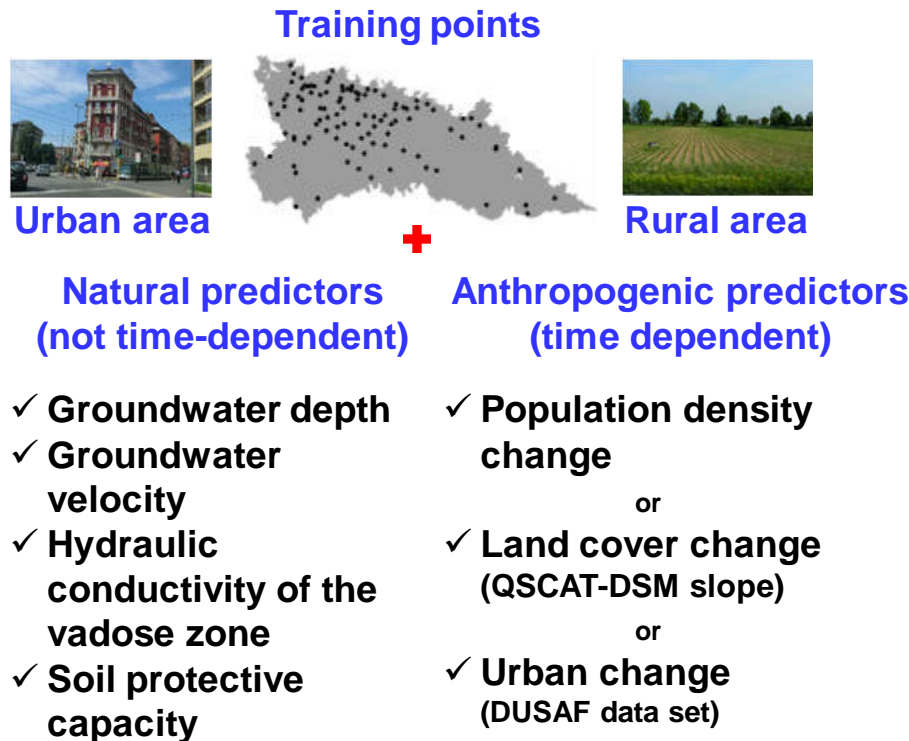
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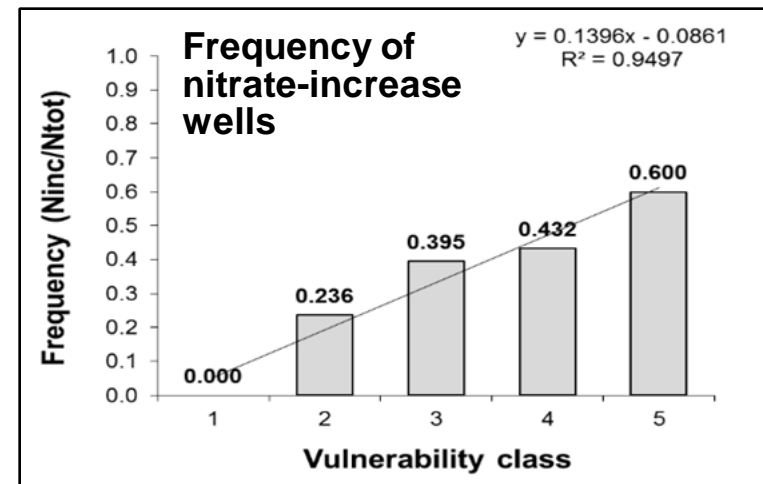
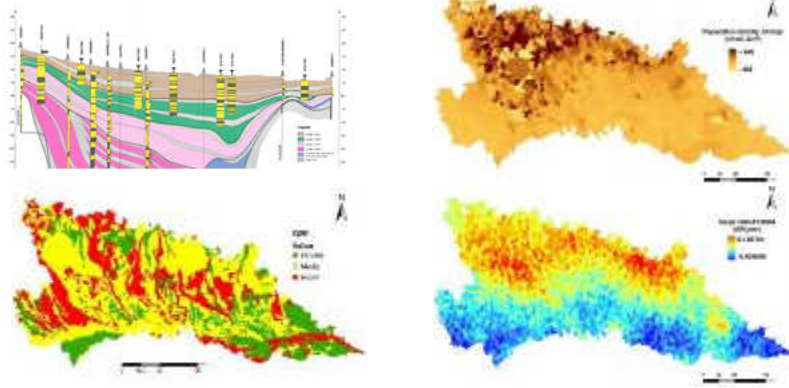
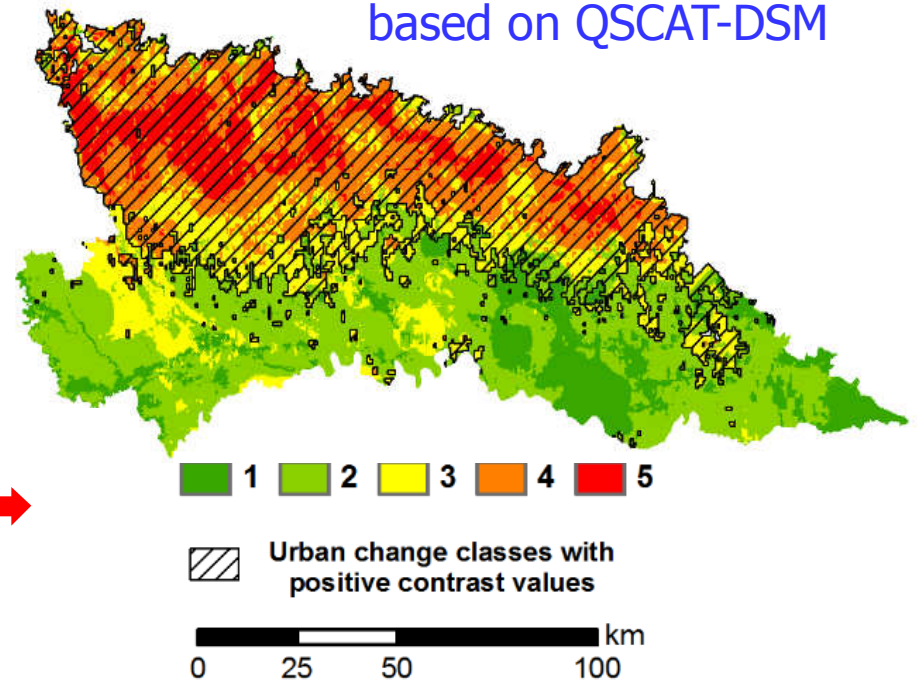
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Lombardy, Italy: Groundwater Vulnerability Assessment in the Shallow Aquifer (2006/118/EC)

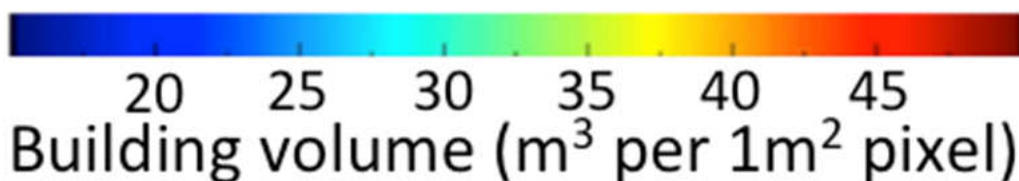
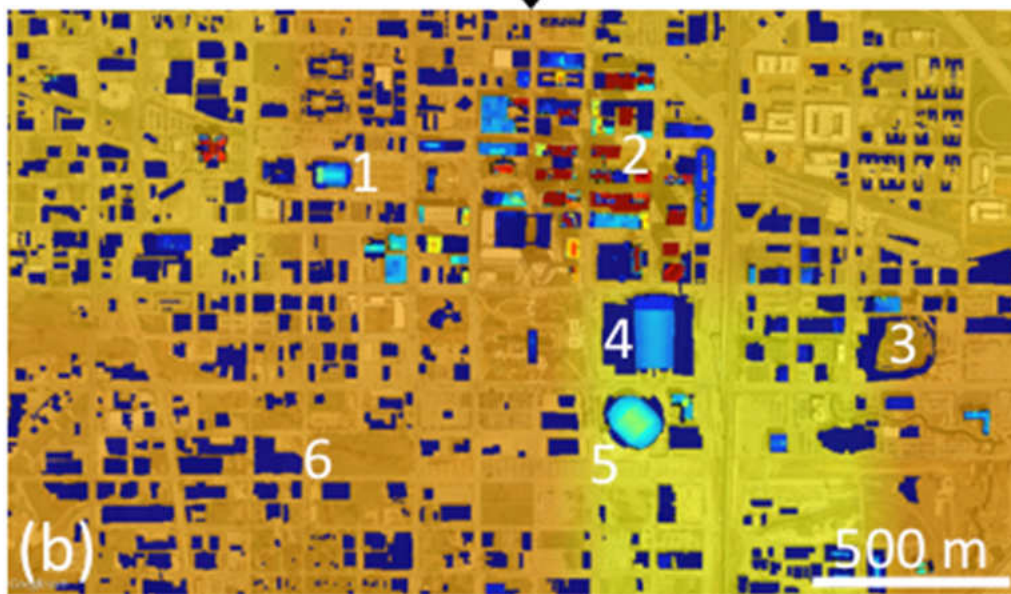
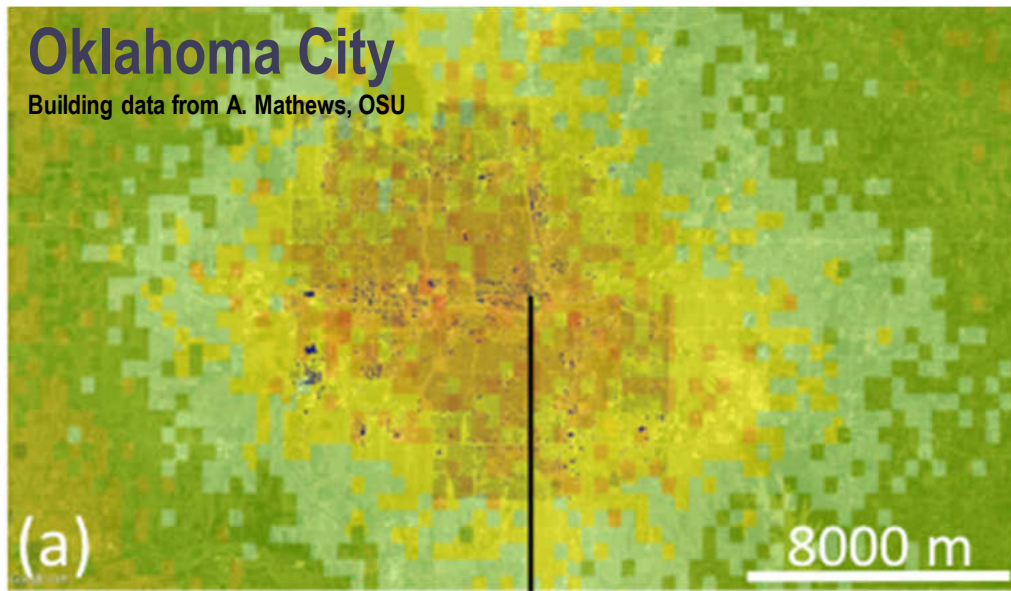


Groundwater vulnerability maps based on QSCAT-DSM



Oklahoma City

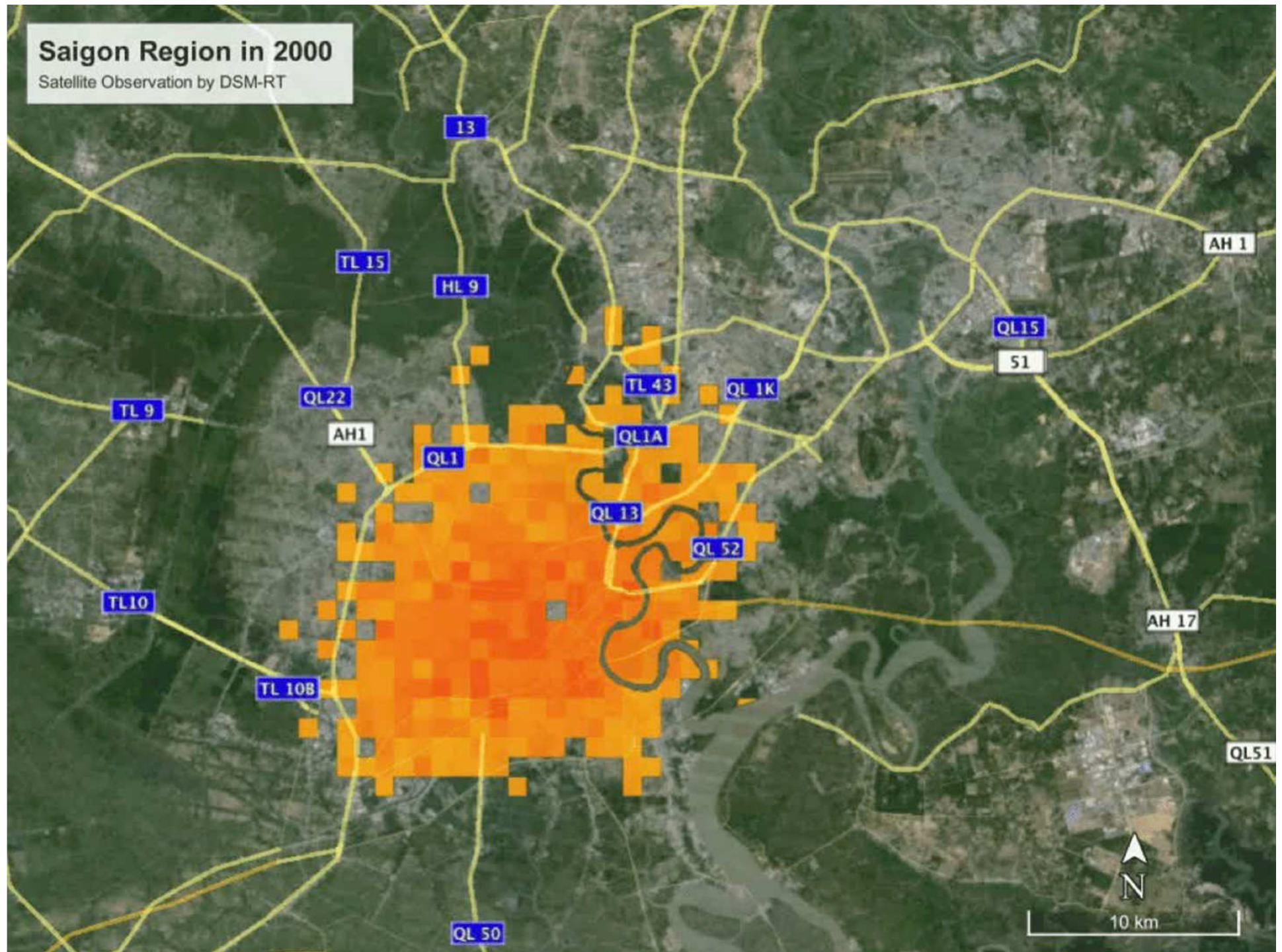
Building data from A. Mathews, OSU



Dense sampling method to measure 3D vertical and lateral infrastructure is demonstrated and validated:

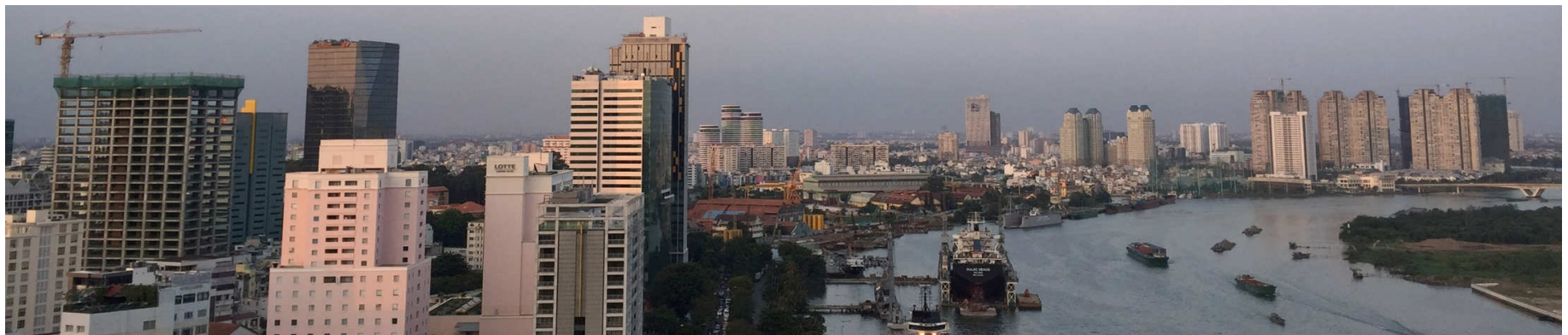
- NASA ESPCoR: OSU & JPL, 4 grad students
- Declassified Lidar data + building footprint at 1-meter resolution
- Almost identical patterns between DSM and 3D building volume with R^2 larger than 0.9

Satellite Observation by DSM-RT

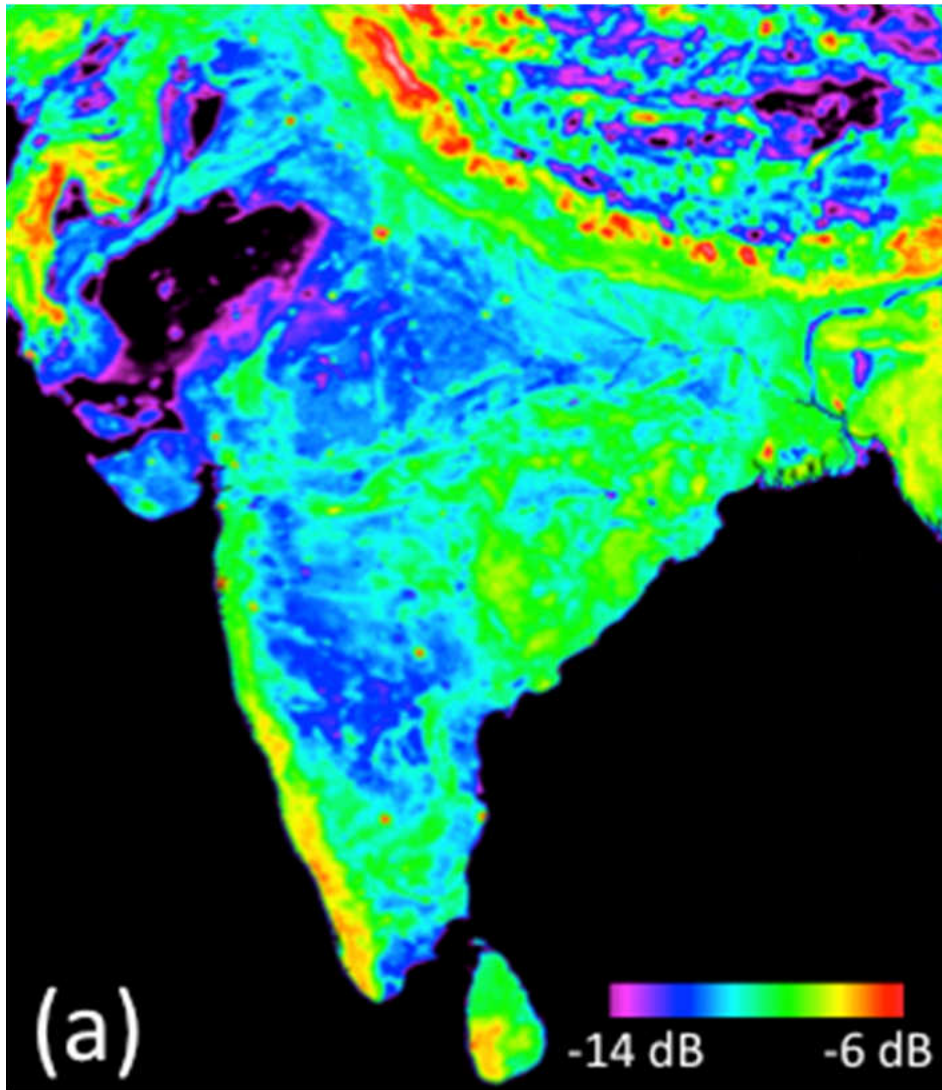


Saigon Regional Change in 2000-2009

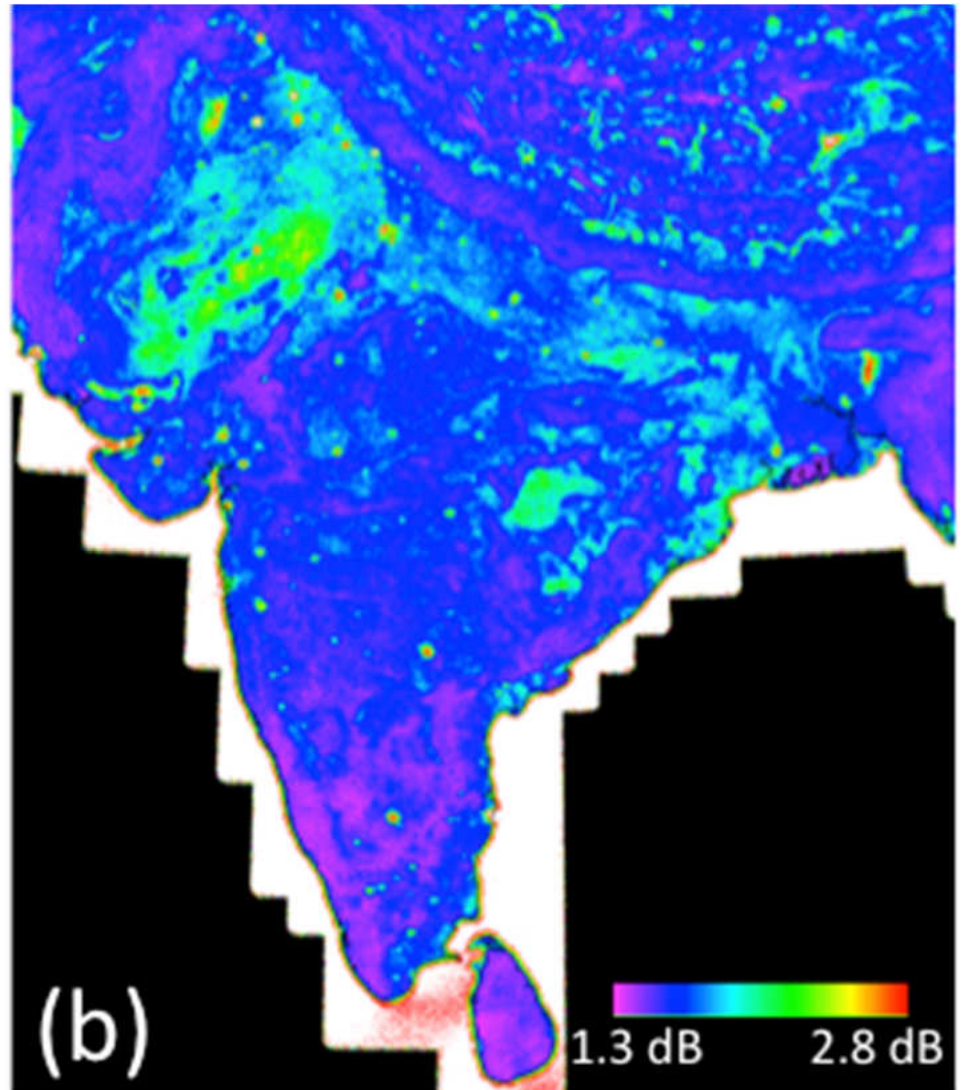
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2003	491.58901	1.82351	17.11
2004	573.65858	2.12794	21.25
2005	648.77193	2.40657	25.73
2006	777.61744	2.88451	31.38
2007	861.41044	3.19534	37.58
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DSM Decadal Continuums over the Indian Subcontinent

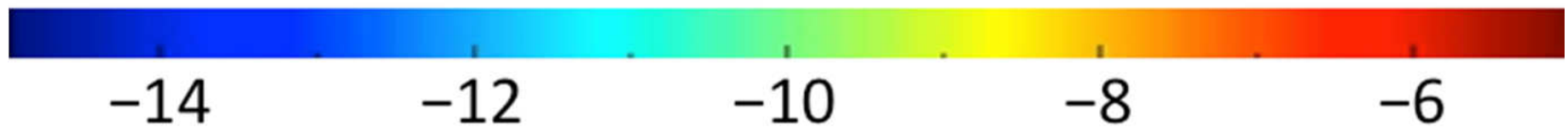
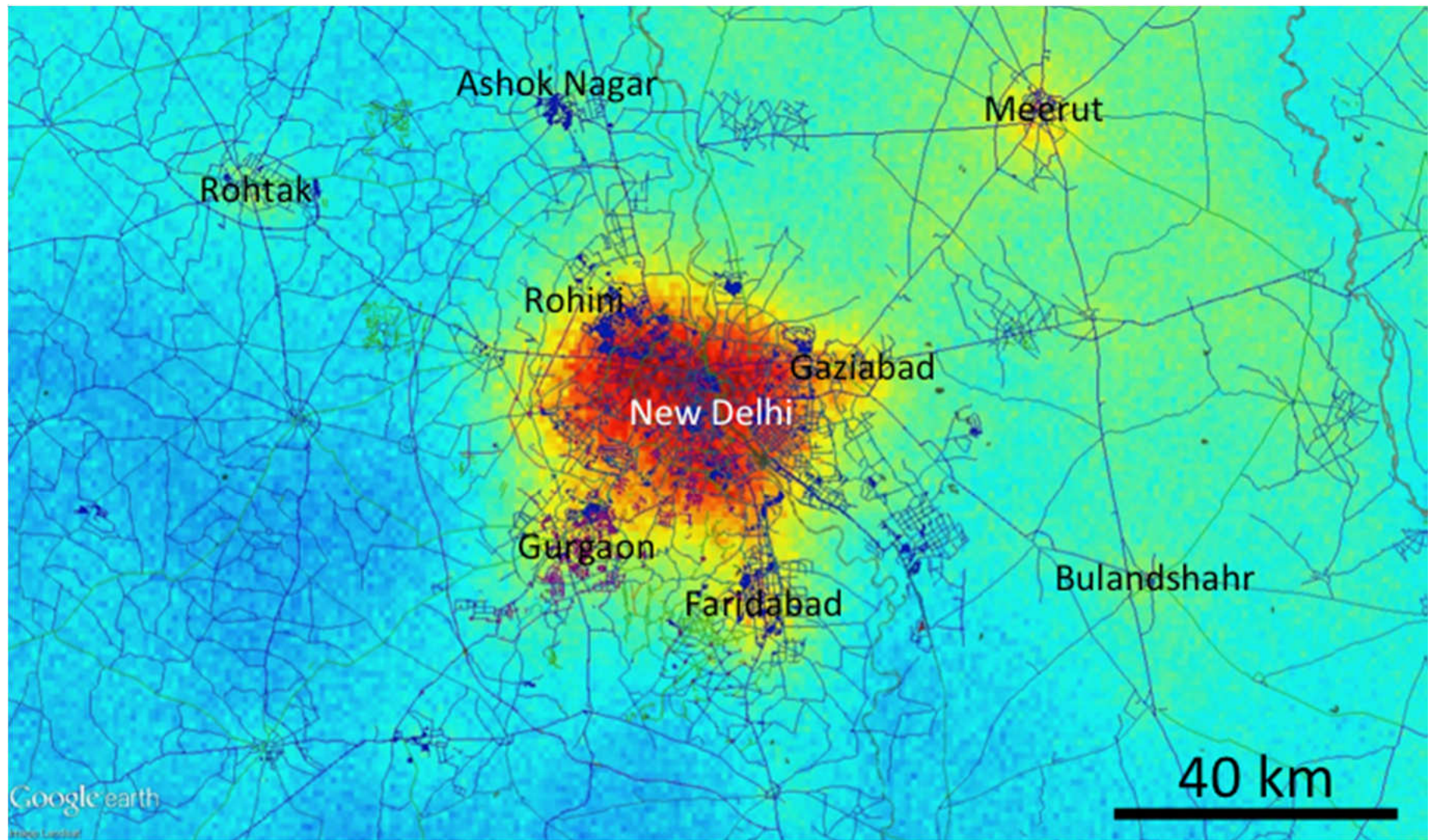


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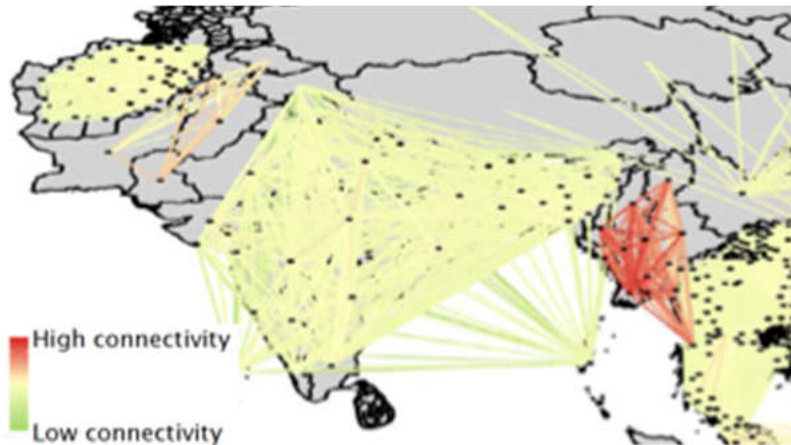
DSM Y-Intercept Continuum with OSM Road Network and SRTM Water Bodies



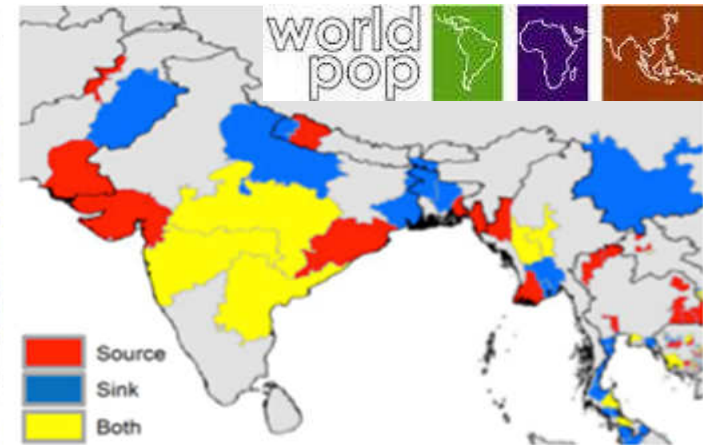
Vector-Borne Diseases (Malaria, Zika) over the Indian Subcontinent

Malaria Study (Courtesy of A. Sorichetta et al., ASTMH 2014)

Anopheles

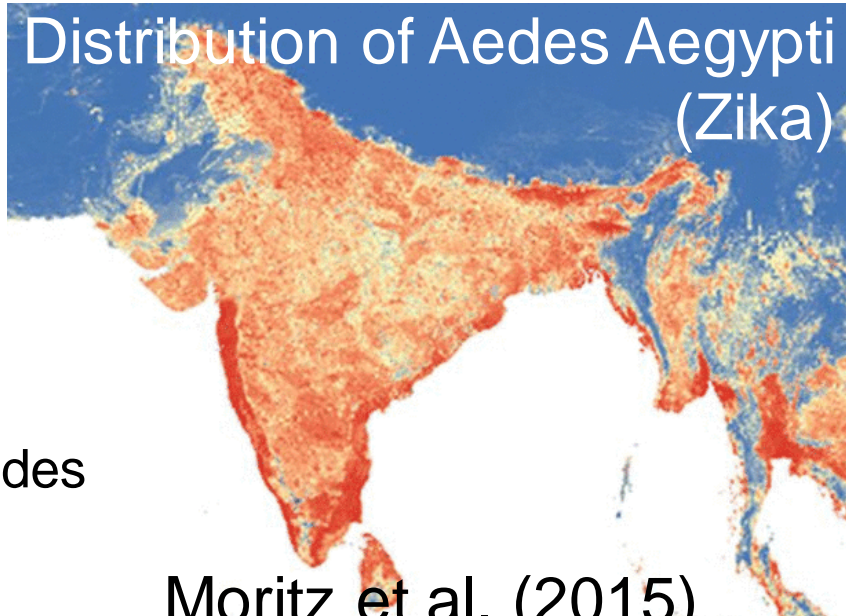


(a) Connectivity from migration data



(b) Malaria source and sink

Distribution of Aedes Aegypti (Zika)



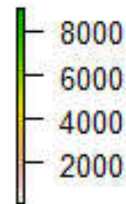
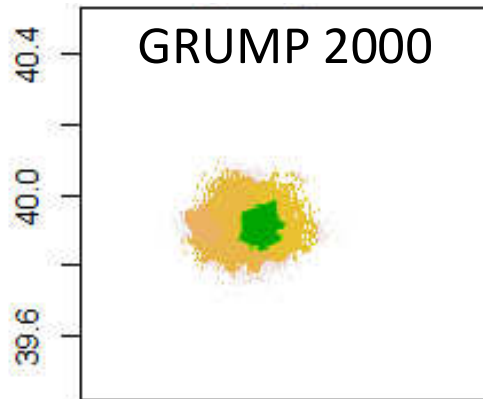
Aedes

Moritz et al. (2015)

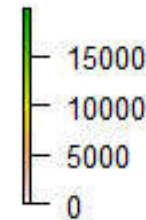
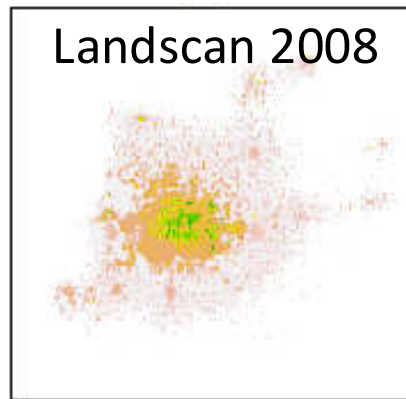
Require layer of rural/urban/peri-urban as a **continuum of built-up density rather than binary.**

Population Distribution and Dynamics

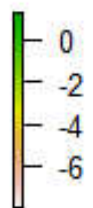
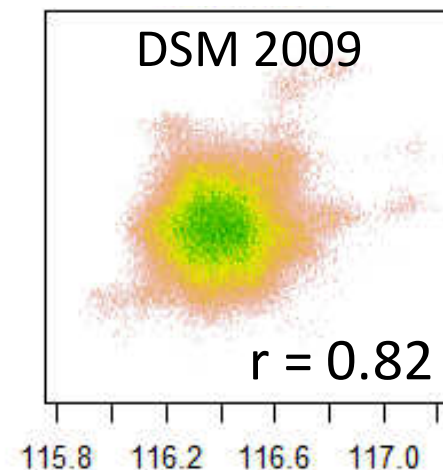
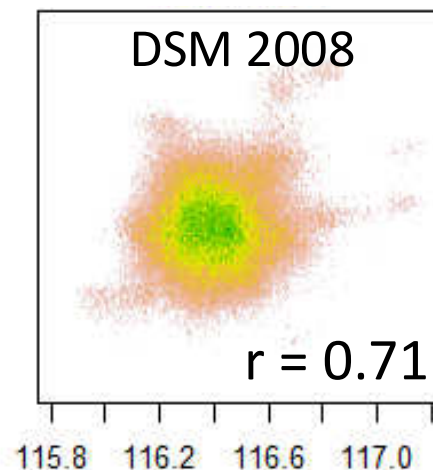
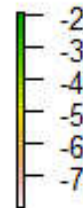
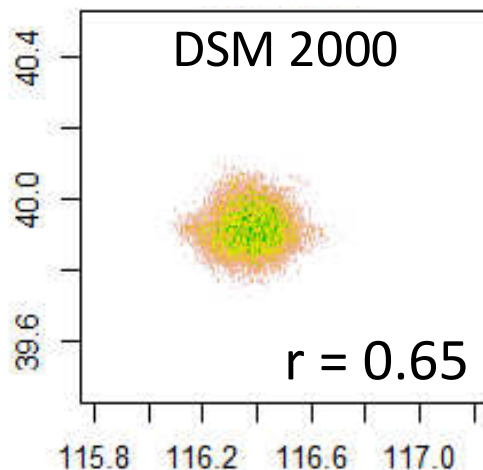
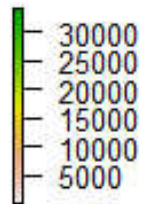
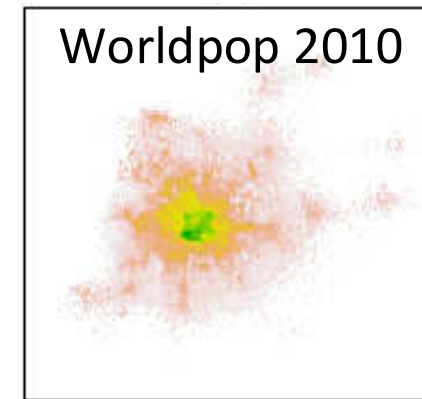
Census data partitioned
in discrete boundaries



Distributed ambient
population by Landscan



Distributed ambient
population by Worldpop



**Enabling assessment of spatial gradient and rate of
change to characterize rural-urban transformation**

Summary

- **Challenges in LCLUC science & appl.**
- **Multi-sensors in LCLUC observations**
- **Multi-datasets/products for LCLUC**
- **Synergy for LCLUC mapping/monitor**
- **Approaches in LCLUC science & appl.**
- **Specific examples from NASA MuSLI and NASA IDS projects in collaboration with European and others institutions and agencies**