



# Global Watch

## Research Project



towards an operational processing  
of optical time series

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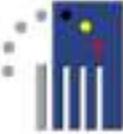
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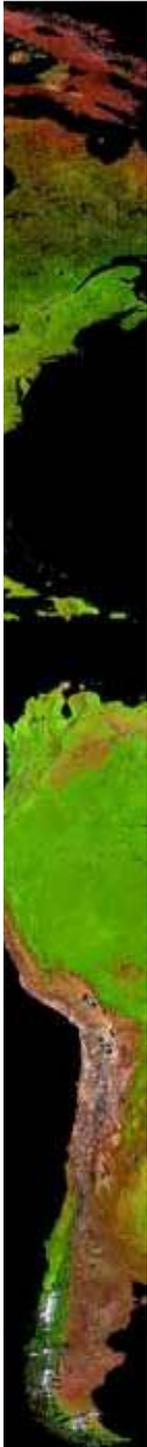
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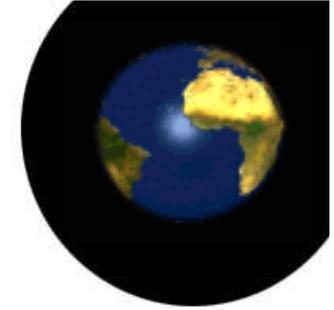
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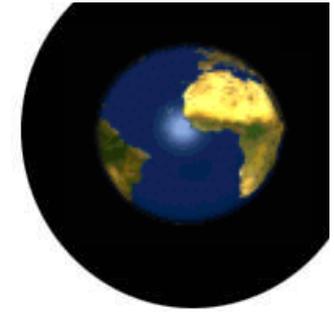


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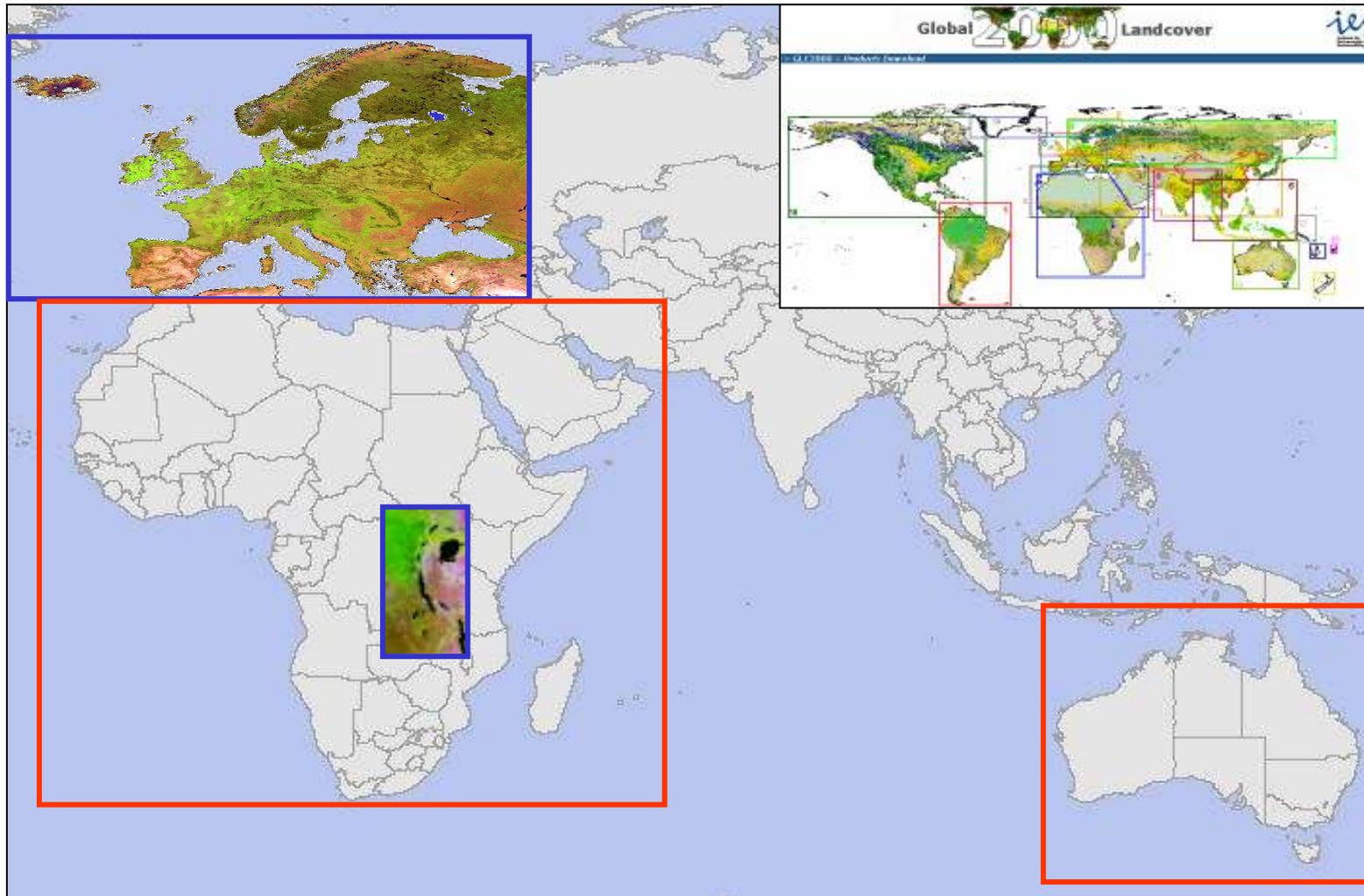
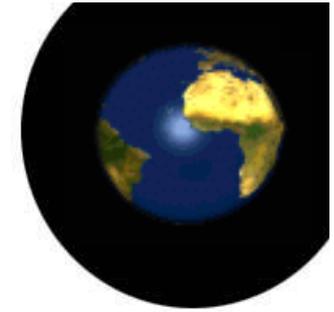
# Objectives



- Generalization and validation of the new compositing strategy, at the global scale and for other sensors of medium and high spatial temporal resolution.
- Extension and development of the automatic algorithm of change detection in optical time series with high temporal resolution.

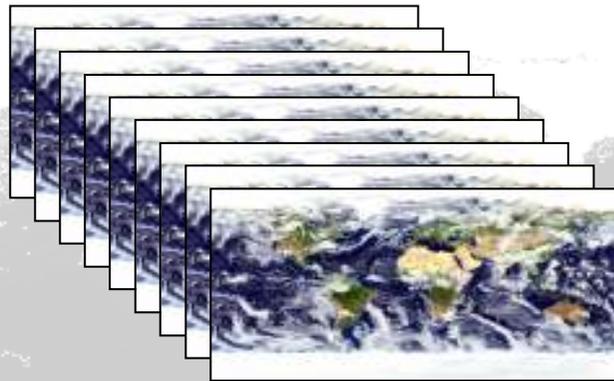
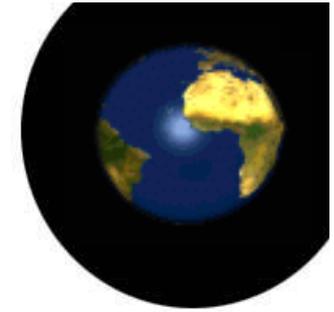
# Background

## Global Land Cover 2000 program

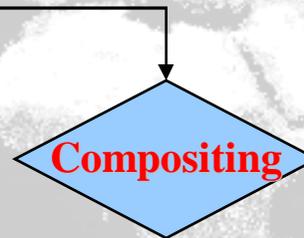


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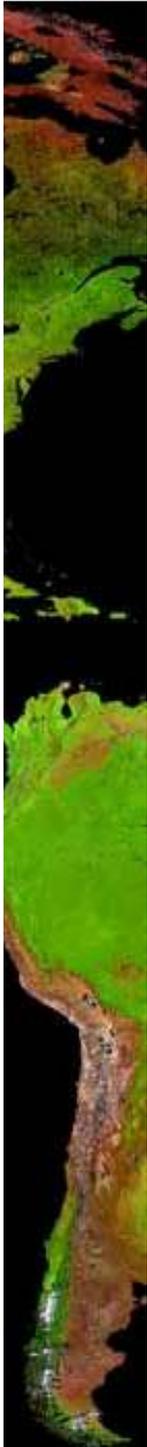
## Compositing



Temporal series of daily data

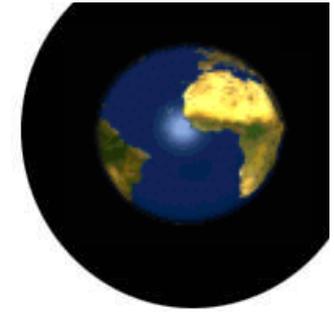


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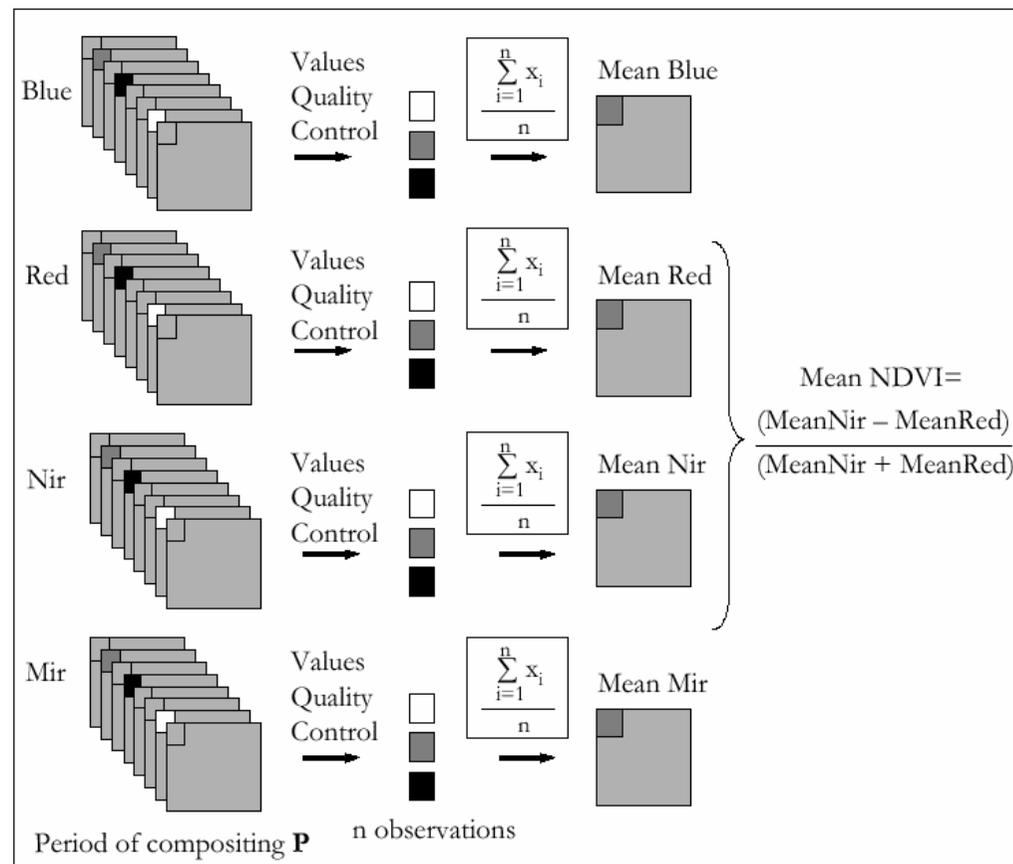


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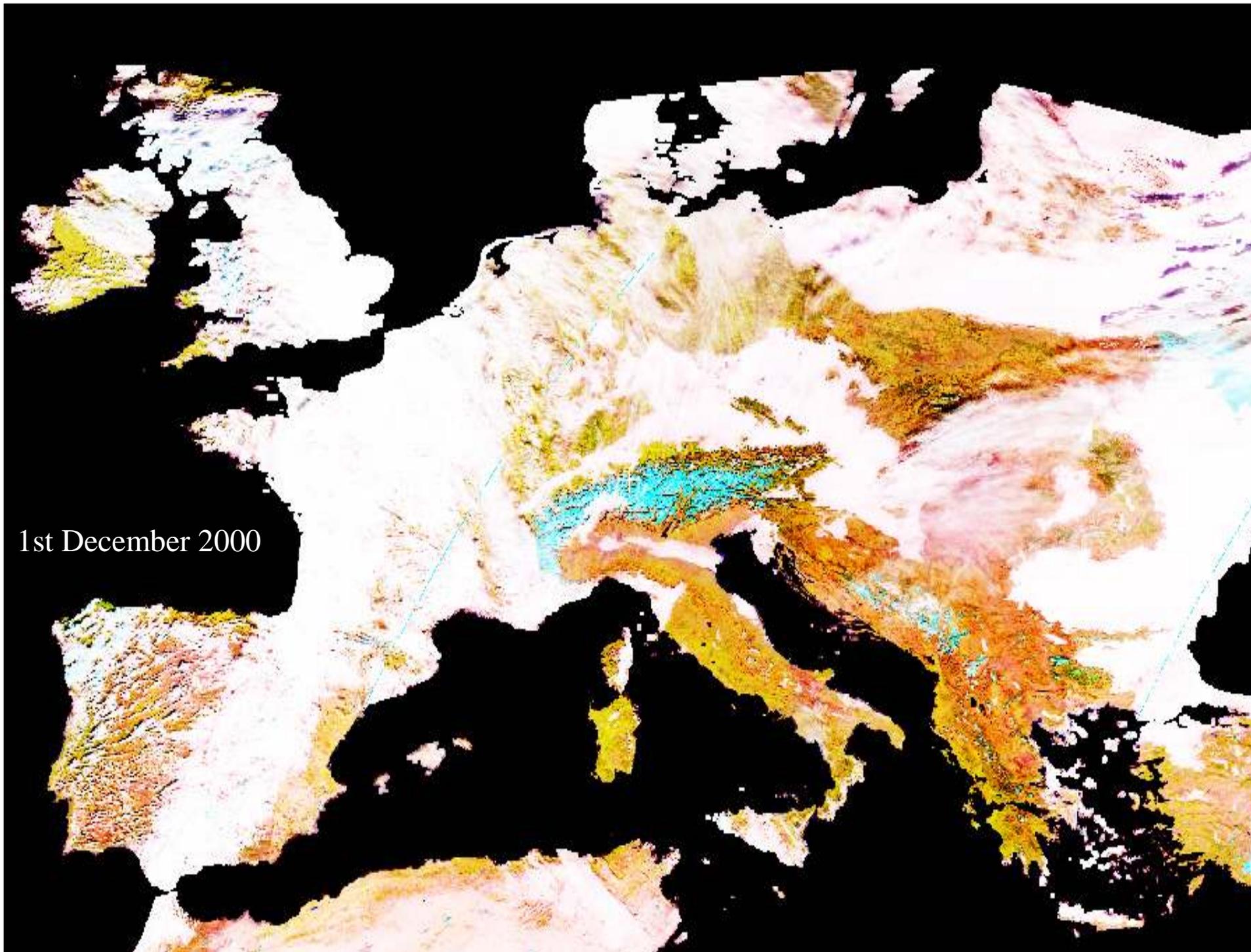
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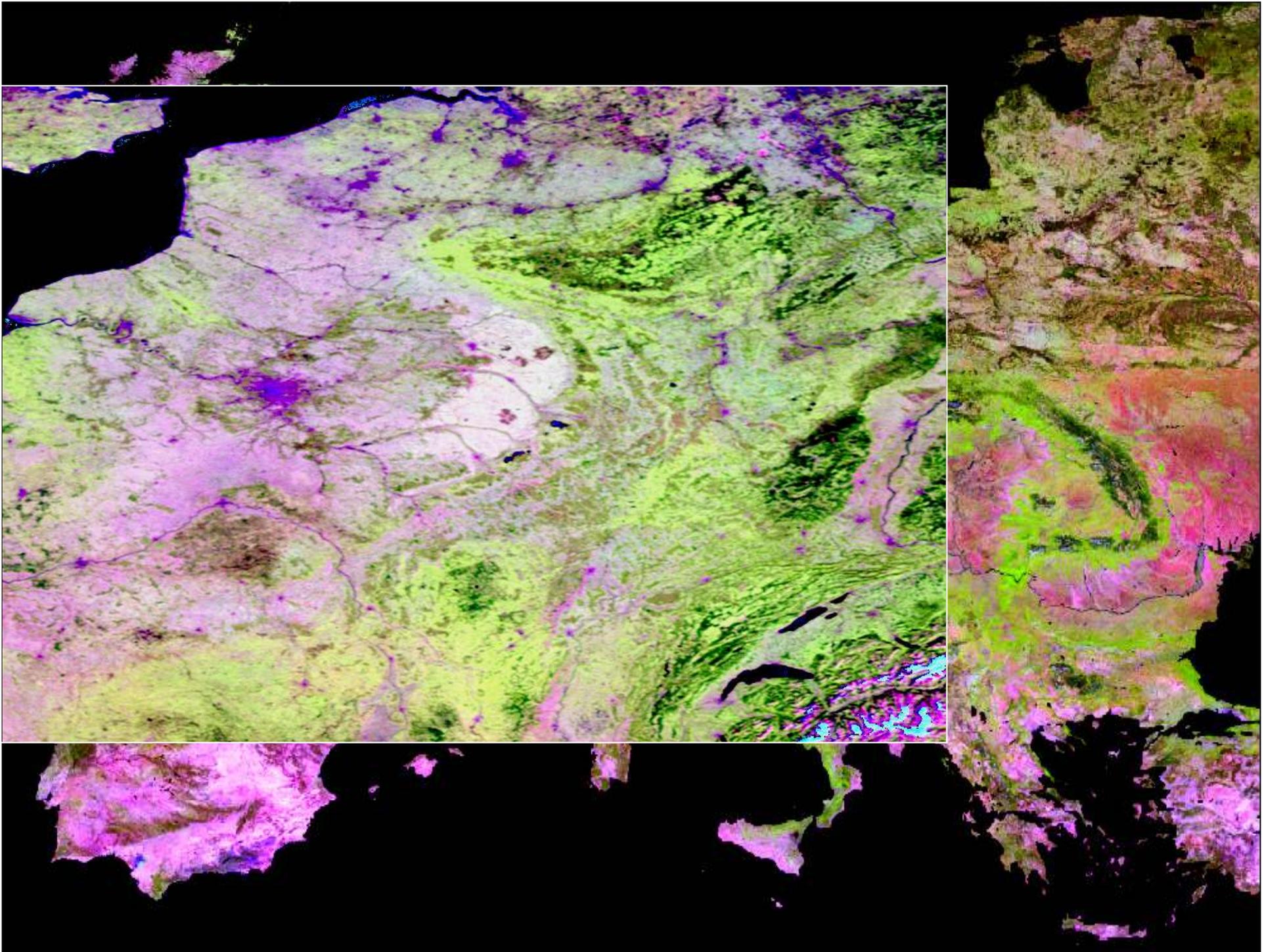


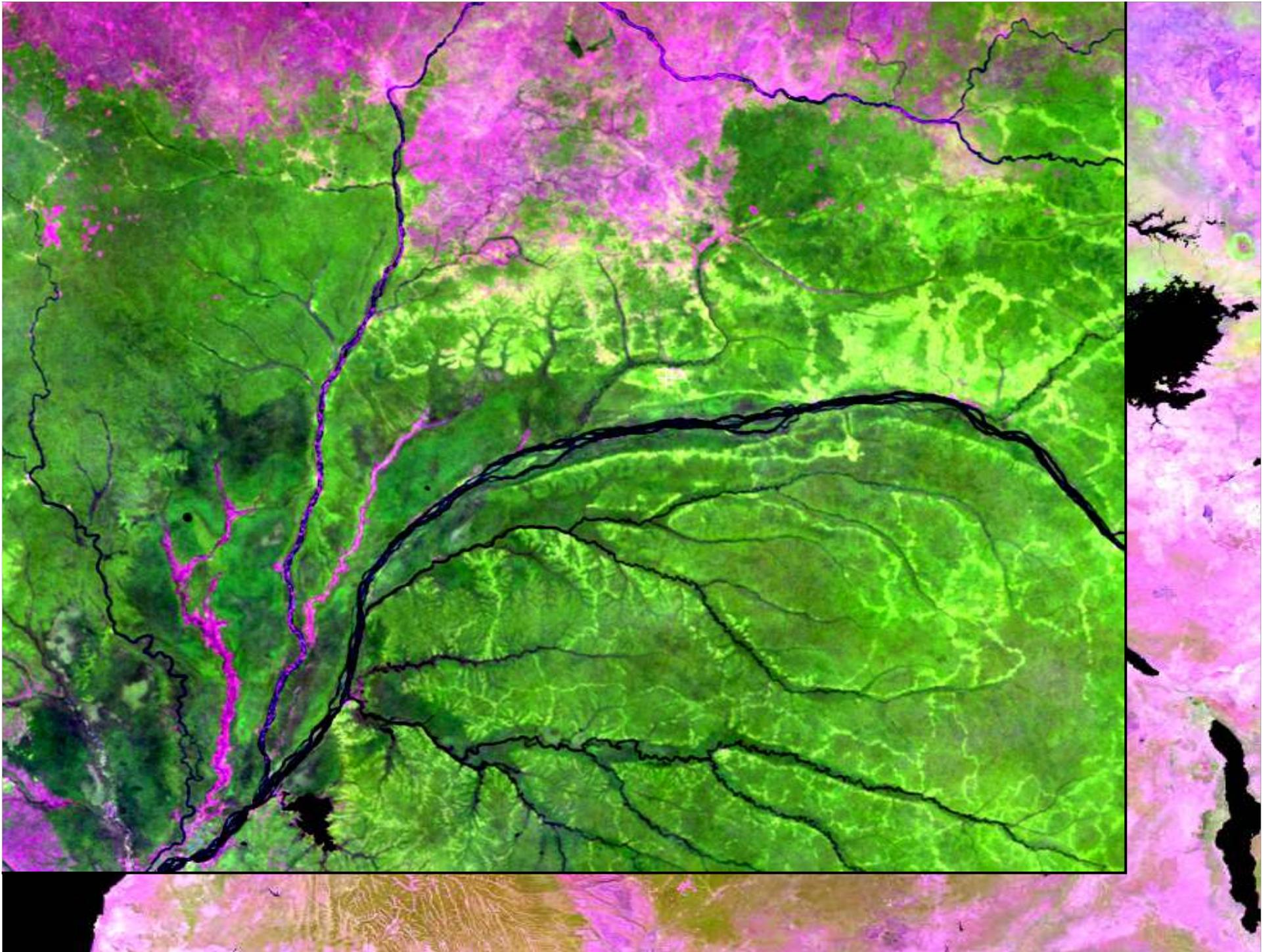
Averaging of all the quality controlled reflectance values in all spectral bands



1st December 2000

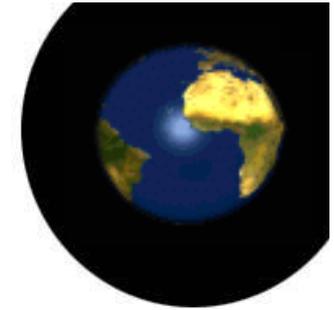




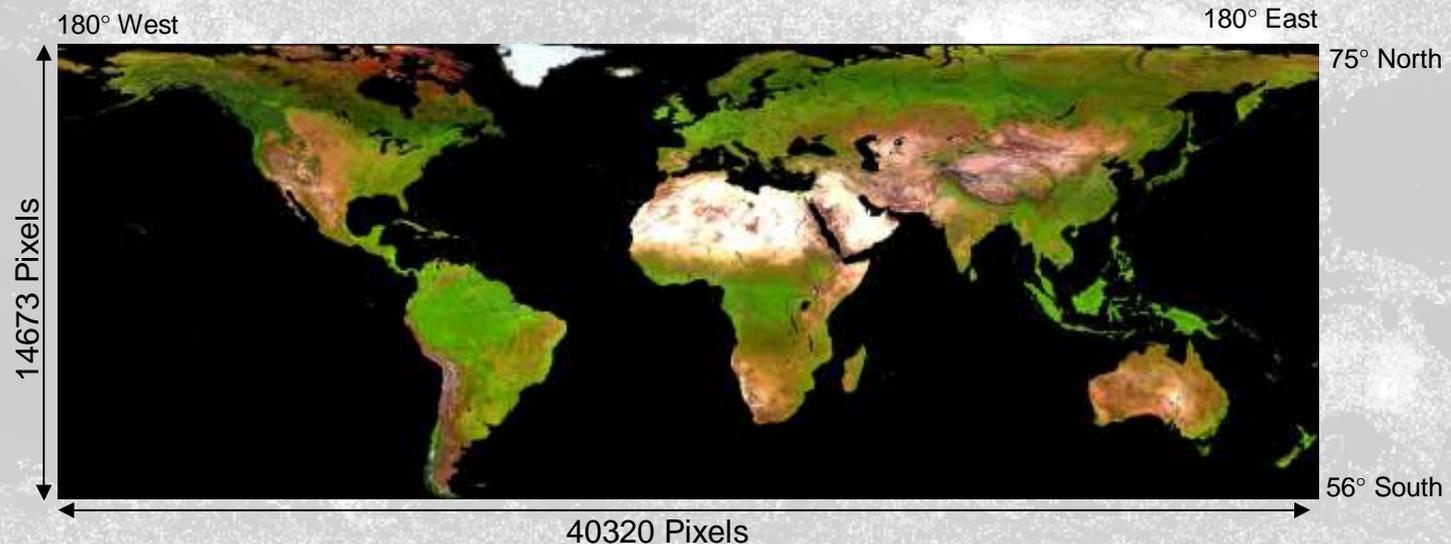


# Dataset

## SPOT VEGETATION daily data



- Global time series for years 2000 and... 2004, 2005
- Continental time series (Africa, Europe and South America) for years 2001, 2002, 2003



4 wavelengths: Blue, Red, NIR, SWIR

**1 day = 6,6 Giga octets**

**1 Year = 2413 Giga octets**

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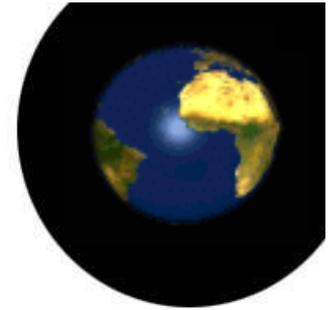
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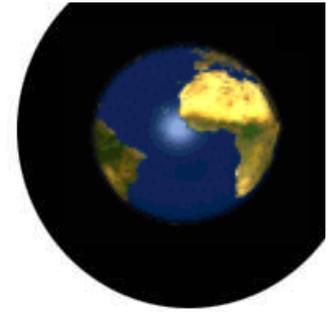
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250 m		Vis, Nir

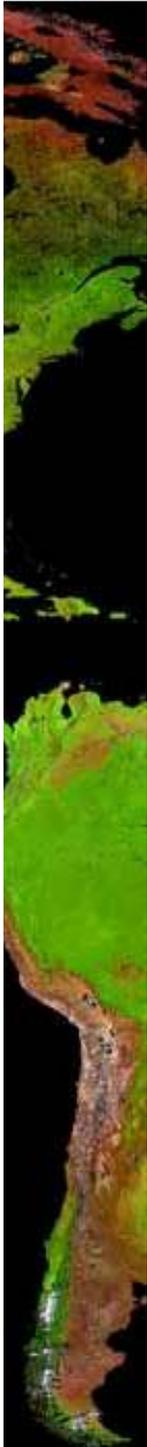
## MERIS (ENVISAT):

Spatial resolution: 300 m	Radiometric resolution :	12 Vis, 3Nir
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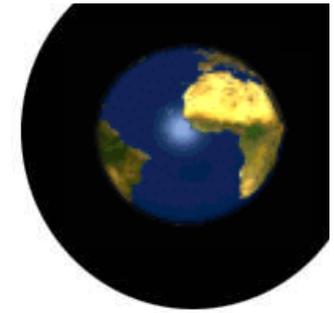
# Operational computing at the global scale





# Generalization

To other sensors



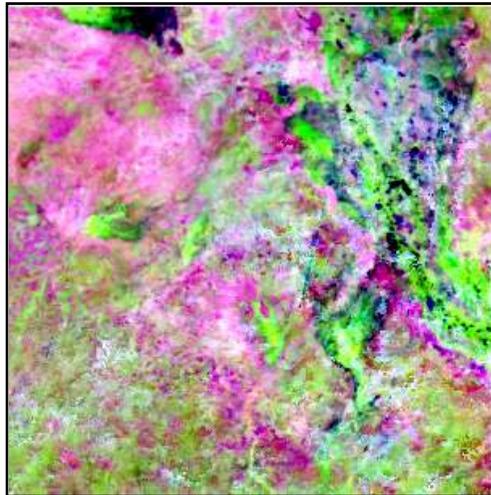
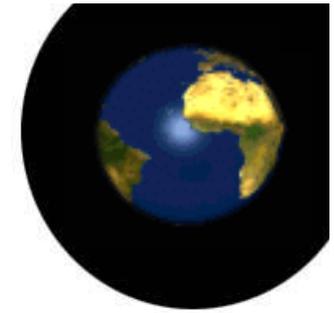
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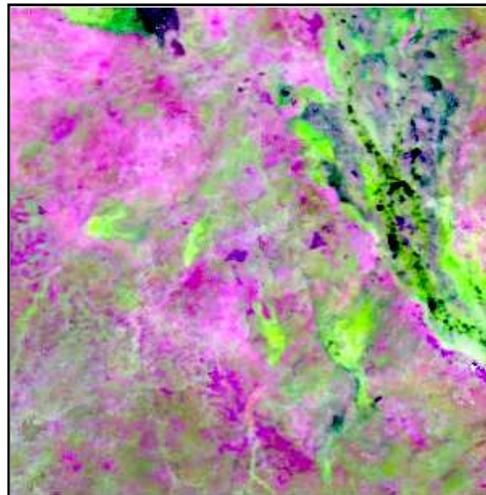
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# Validation methodology

- Qualitative : visual comparison and ranking



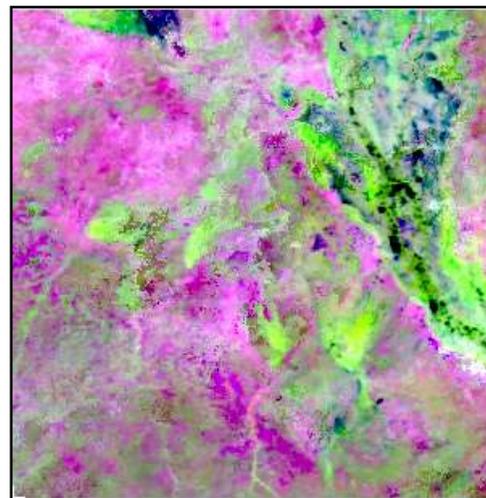
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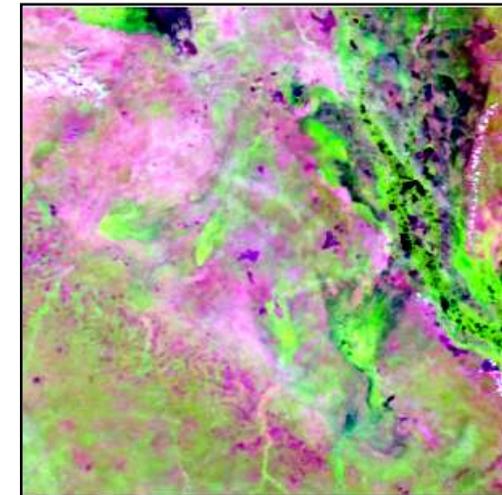
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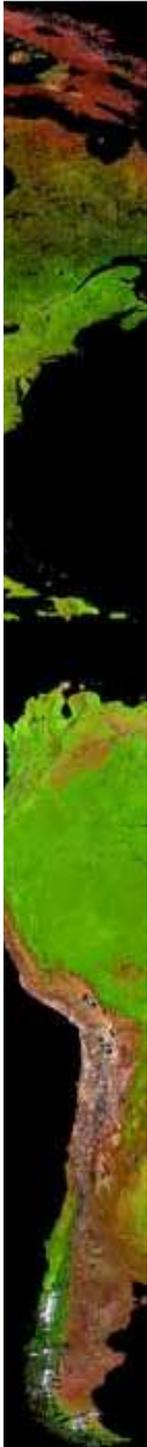
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**AVG**

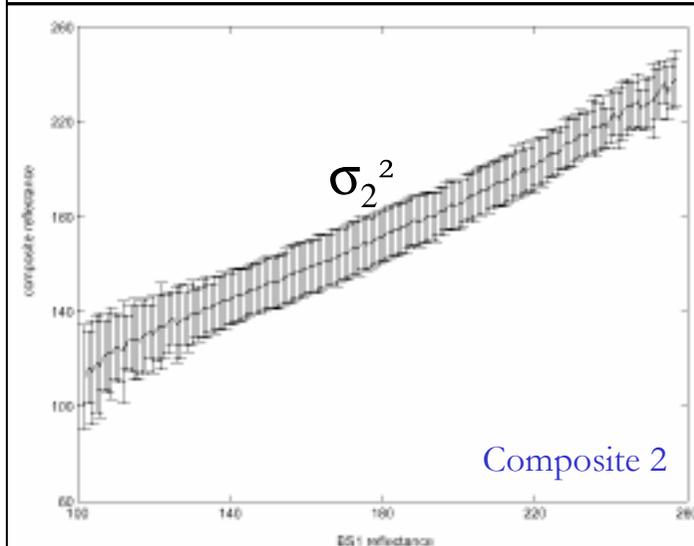
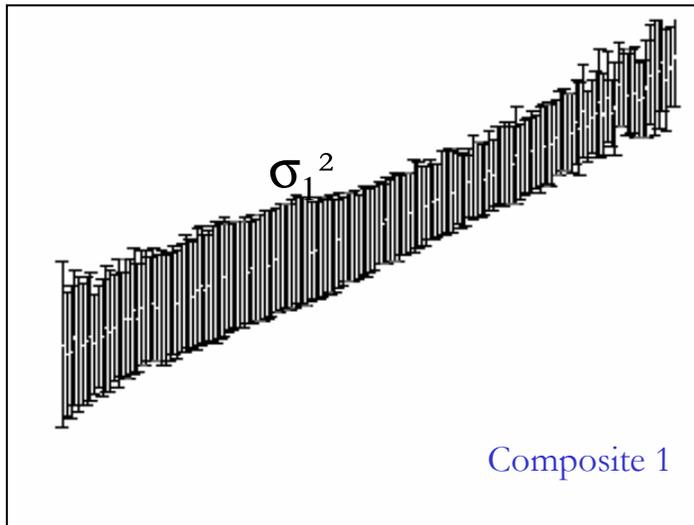
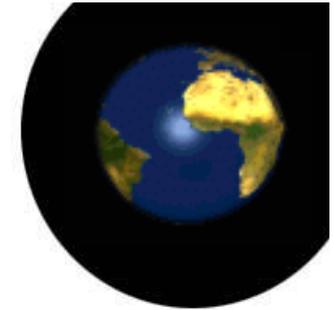


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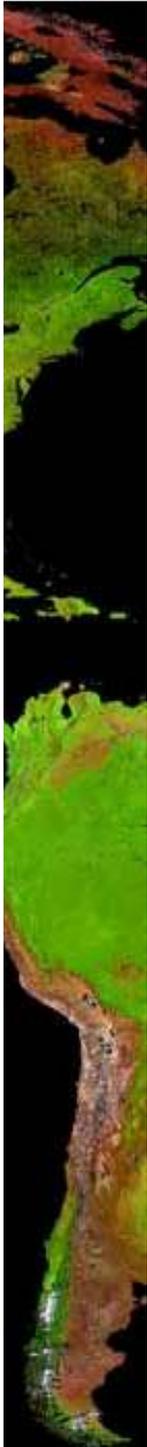
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- Quantitative : Wilcoxon signed rank tests  
(p 0.01significance)



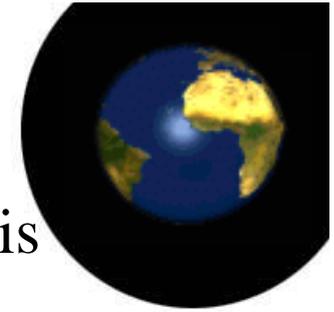
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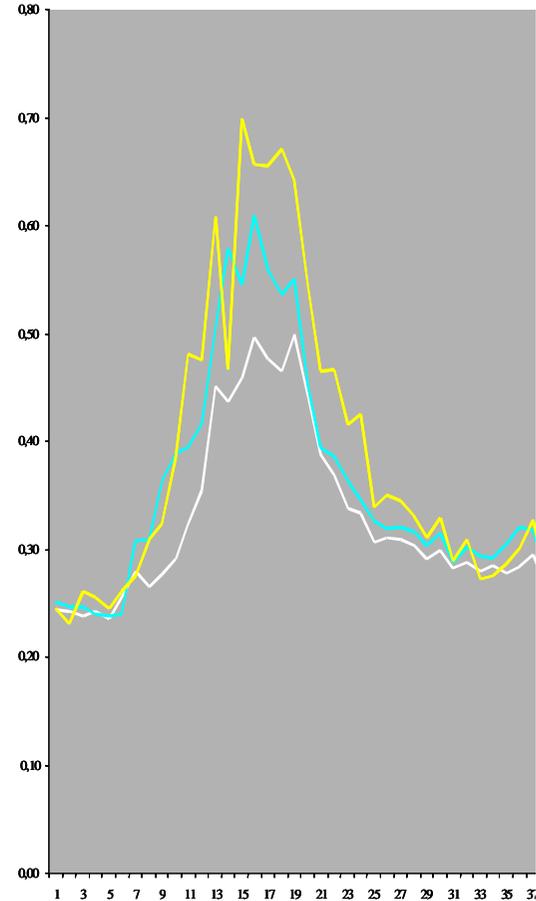


# Change detection

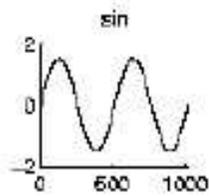
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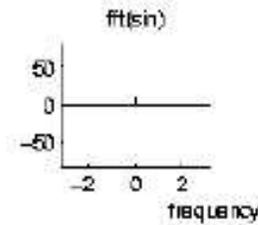
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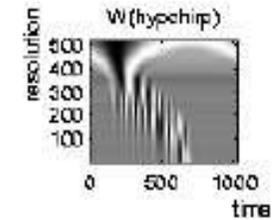
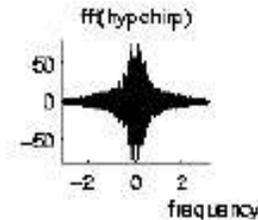
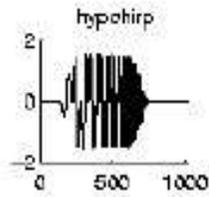
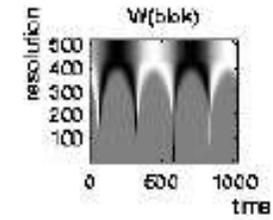
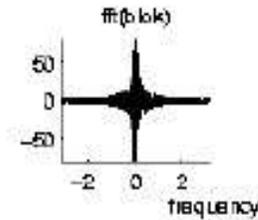
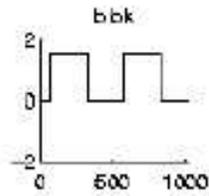
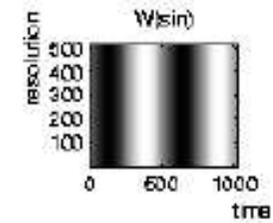
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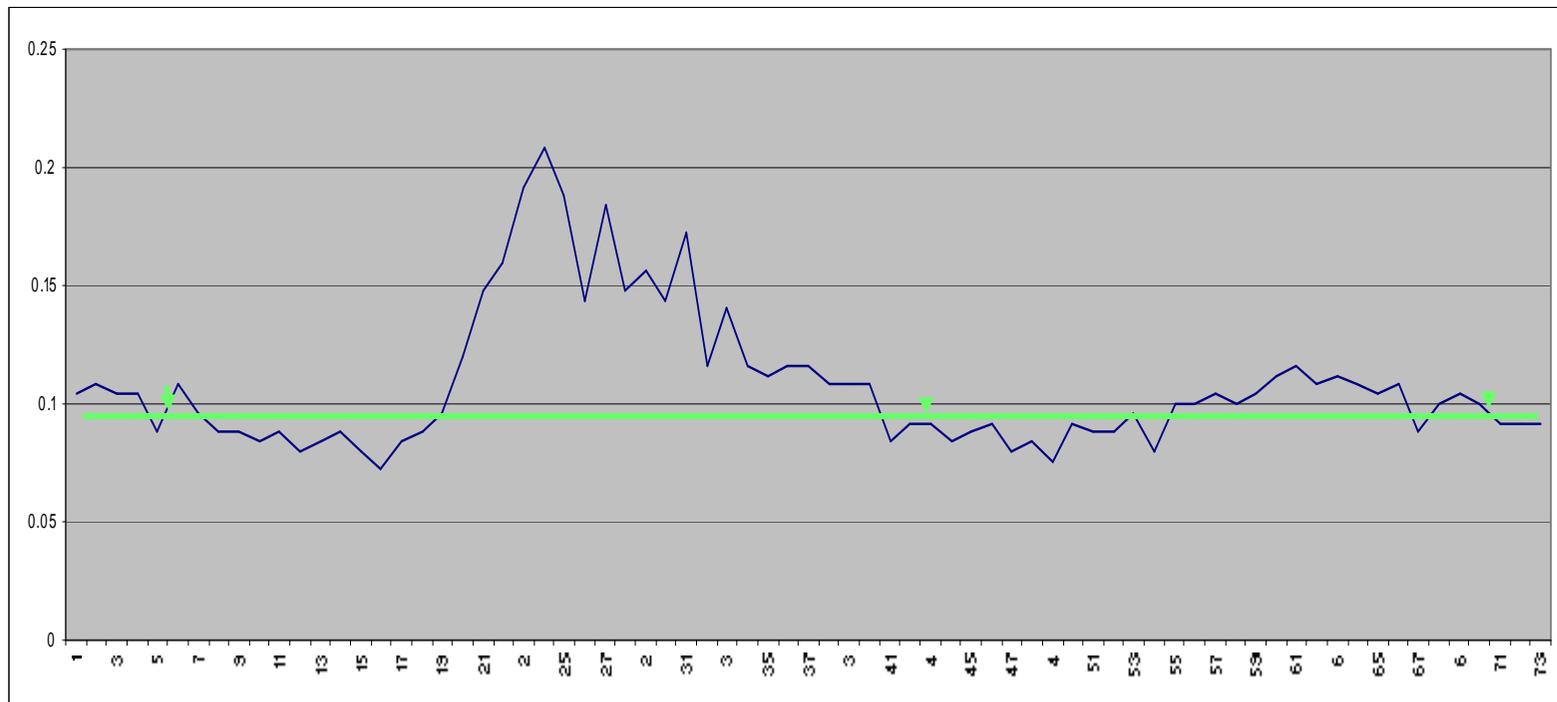
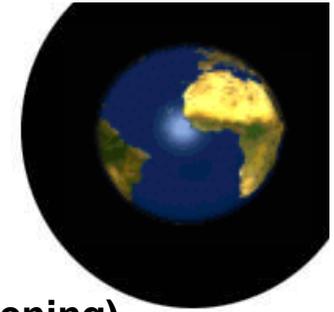
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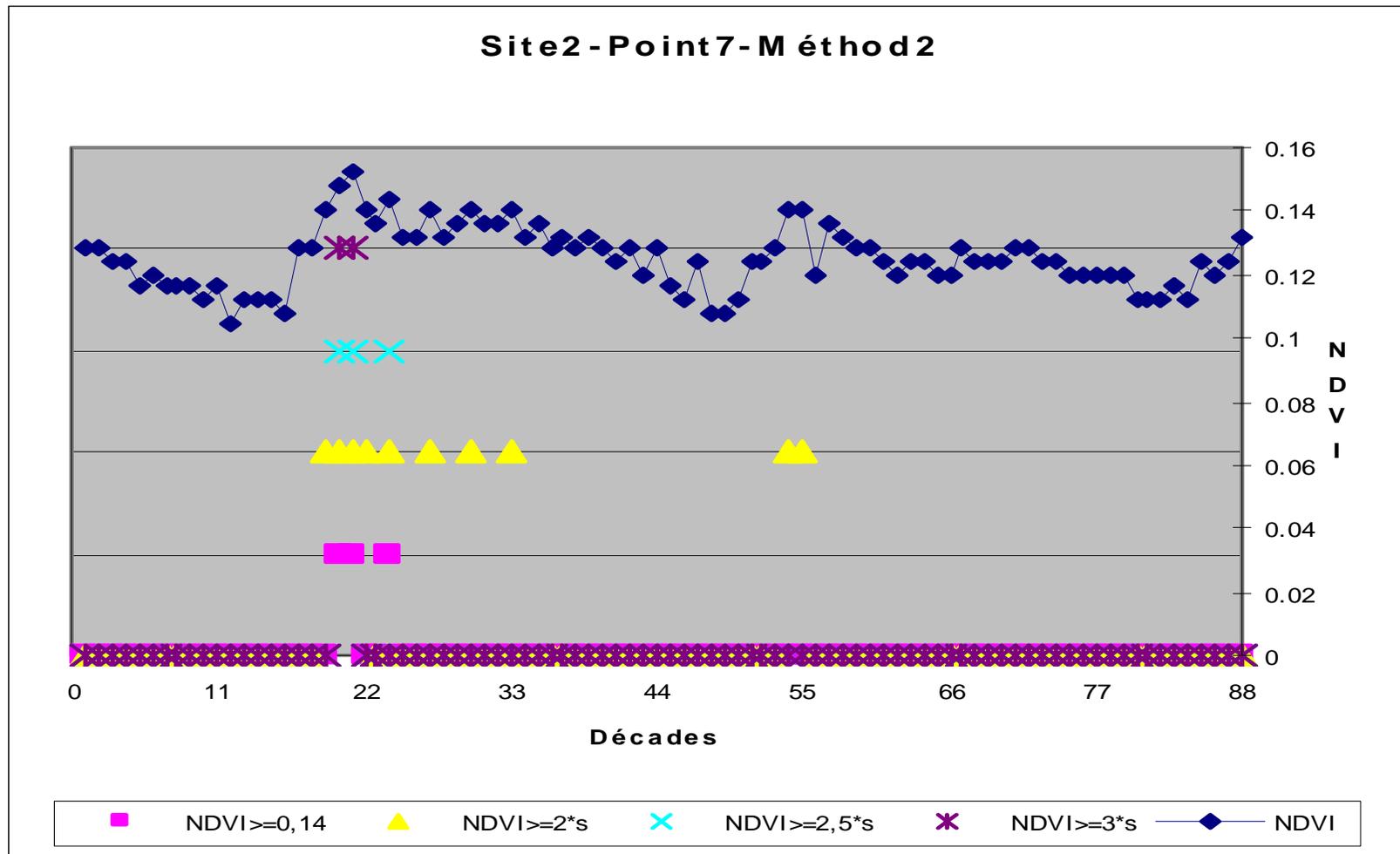
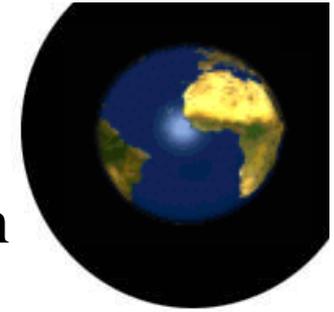
## Principle of automatic detection of events

- cleaning of the time series (aerosol, BDRF effects, cloud screening)
- identification of the noise level over the year for each pixel
- detection of the values not related to the noise background
- temporal and spatial filtering

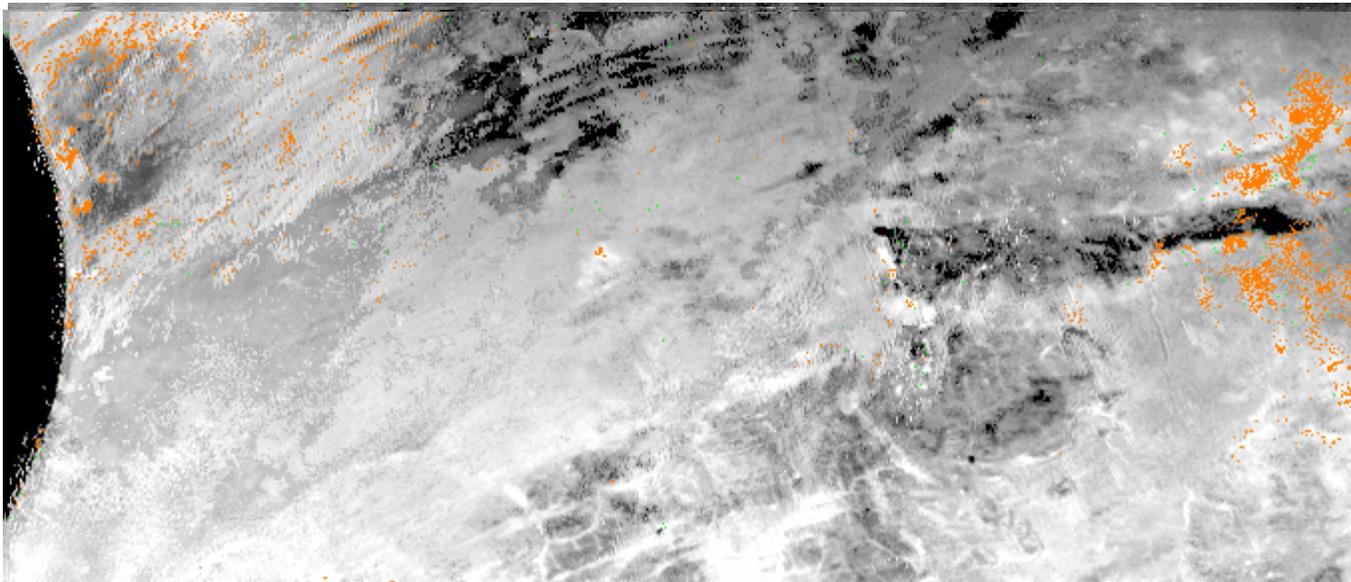
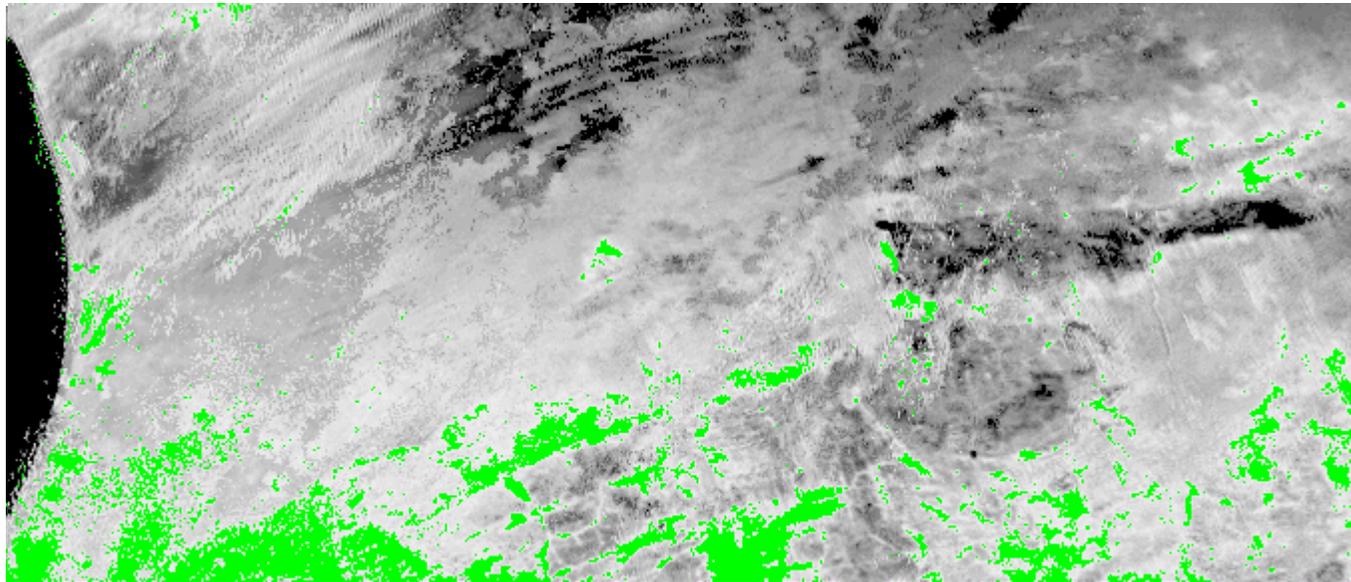


# Change detection

Different levels of sensibility ( $n$  STD) of the detection method



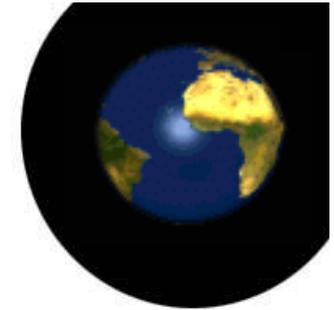
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# Change detection

Early Warning

Monitoring of the habitat of the desert locust



*Schistocerca gregaria*  
(Forsk., 1775)

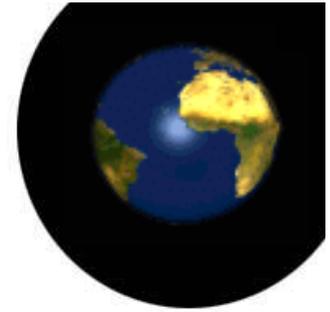


Early Reaction

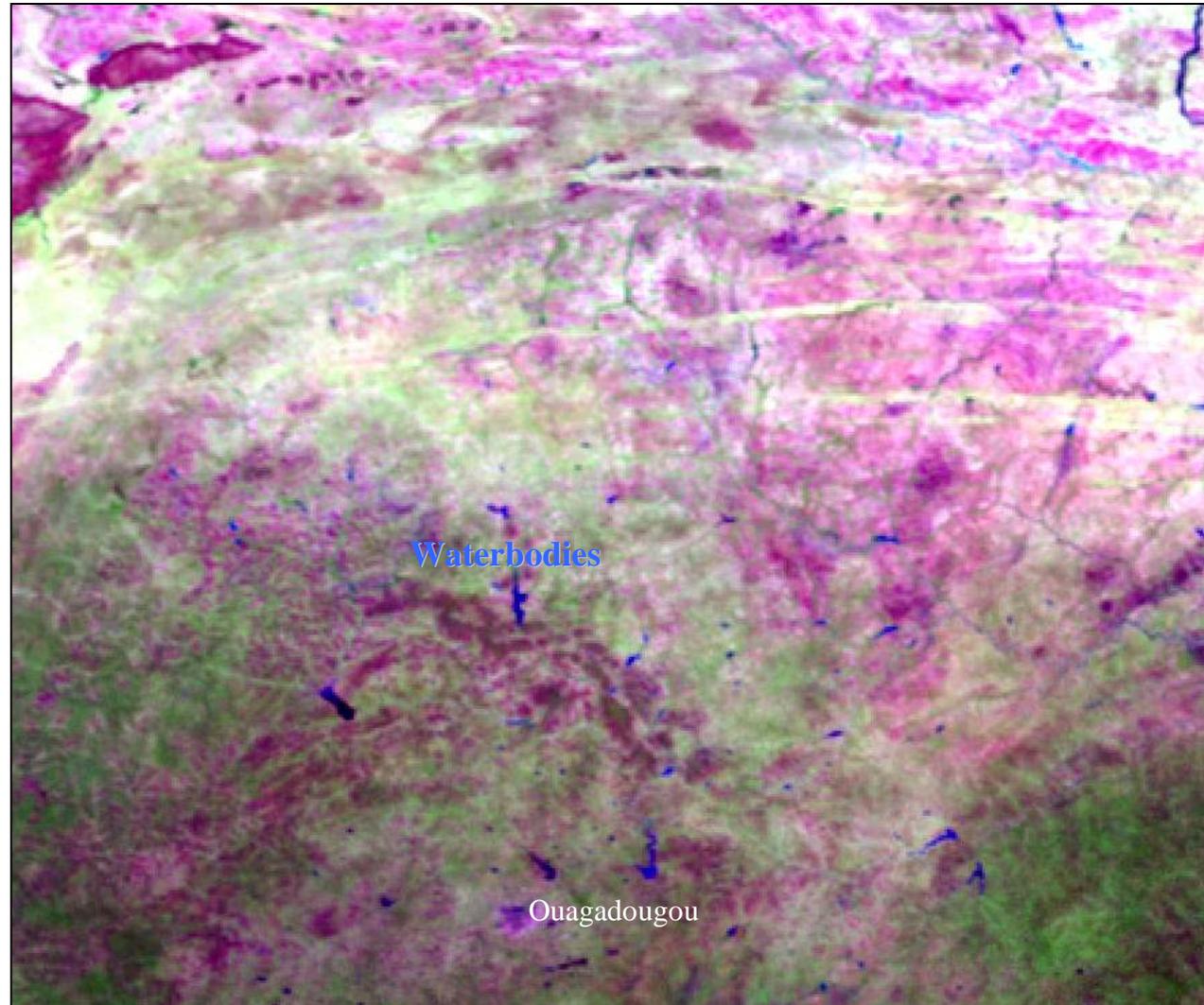
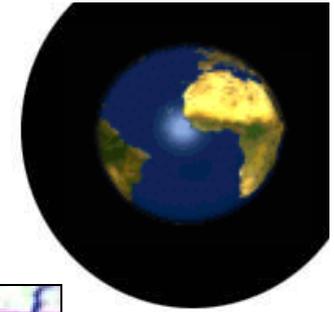


# Validation

- In close collaboration with the FAO Field campaign

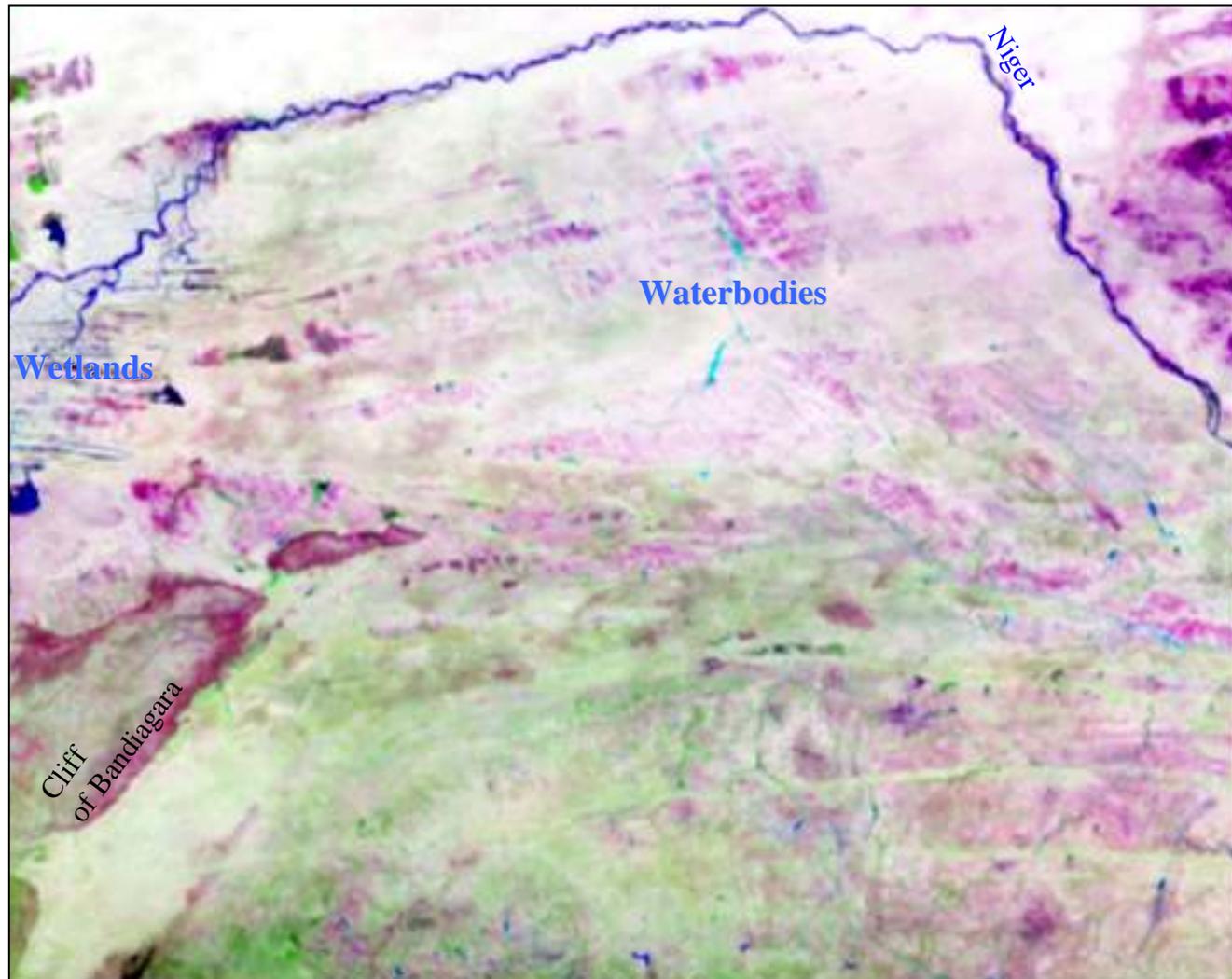
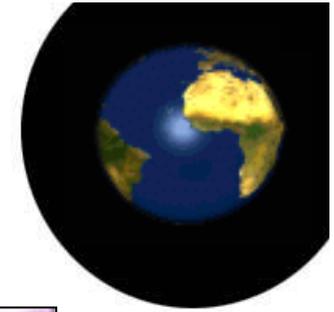


# Waterbodies and wetlands detection



**SPOT VGT**  
seasonal composite  
2000

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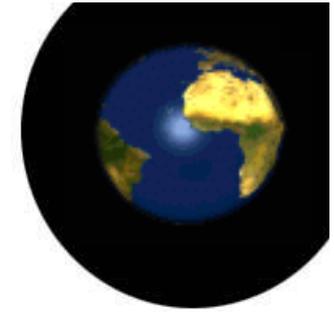


SPOT VGT

seasonal composite

2000

# Flooding early detection



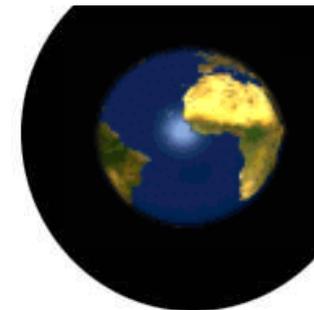
## Floods in Argentina

In May 2003, heavy rains in Argentina led to devastating floods that displaced 35,000 people and killed over 25 people in the province of Santa Fe. The floodwaters can be seen in these image acquired on May 8, 2003, by MODIS. All the rivers and tributaries in this region are much more swollen than normal.



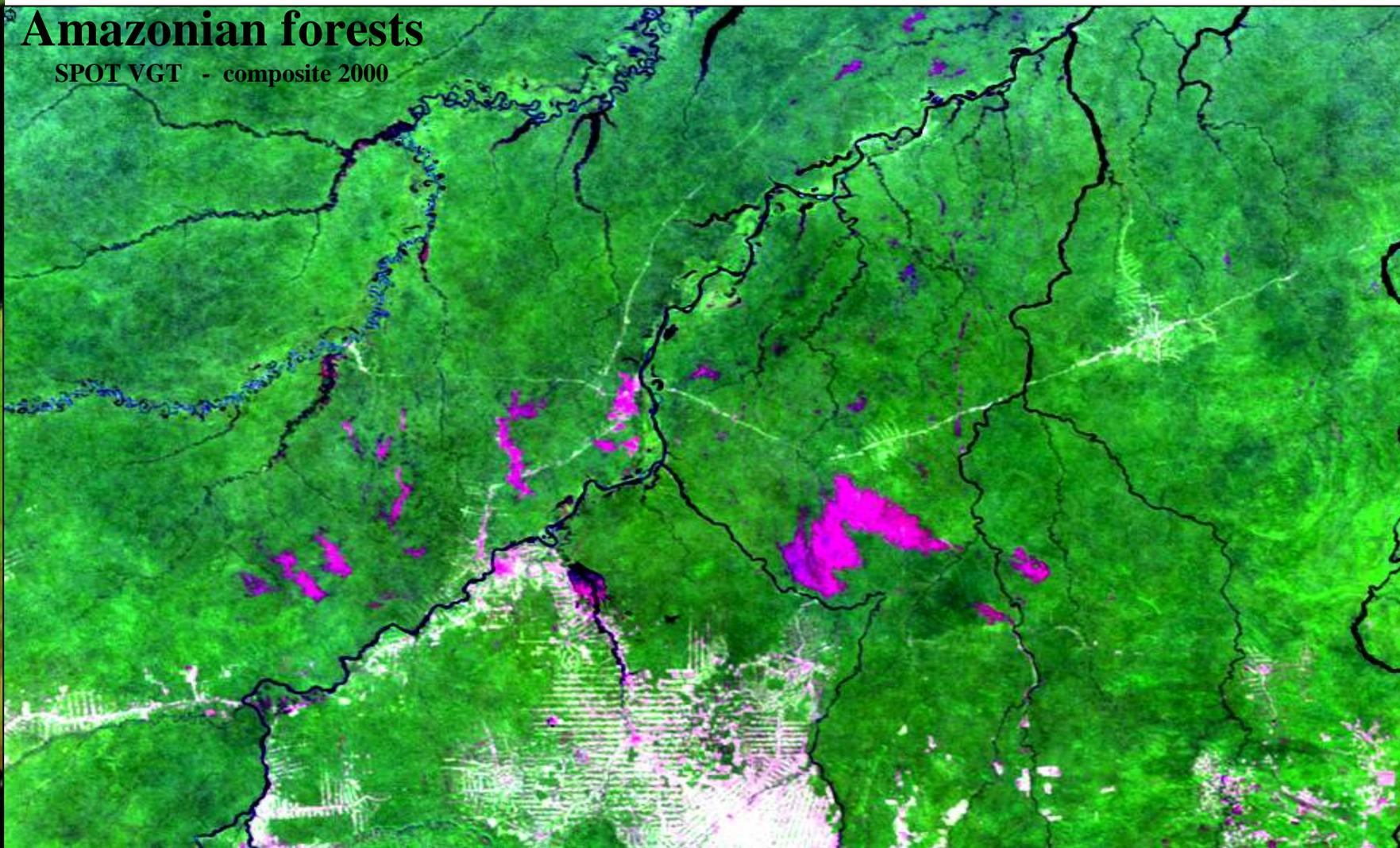
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(Logging)



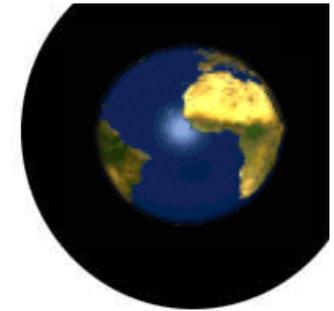
## Amazonian forests

SPOT VGT - composite 2000

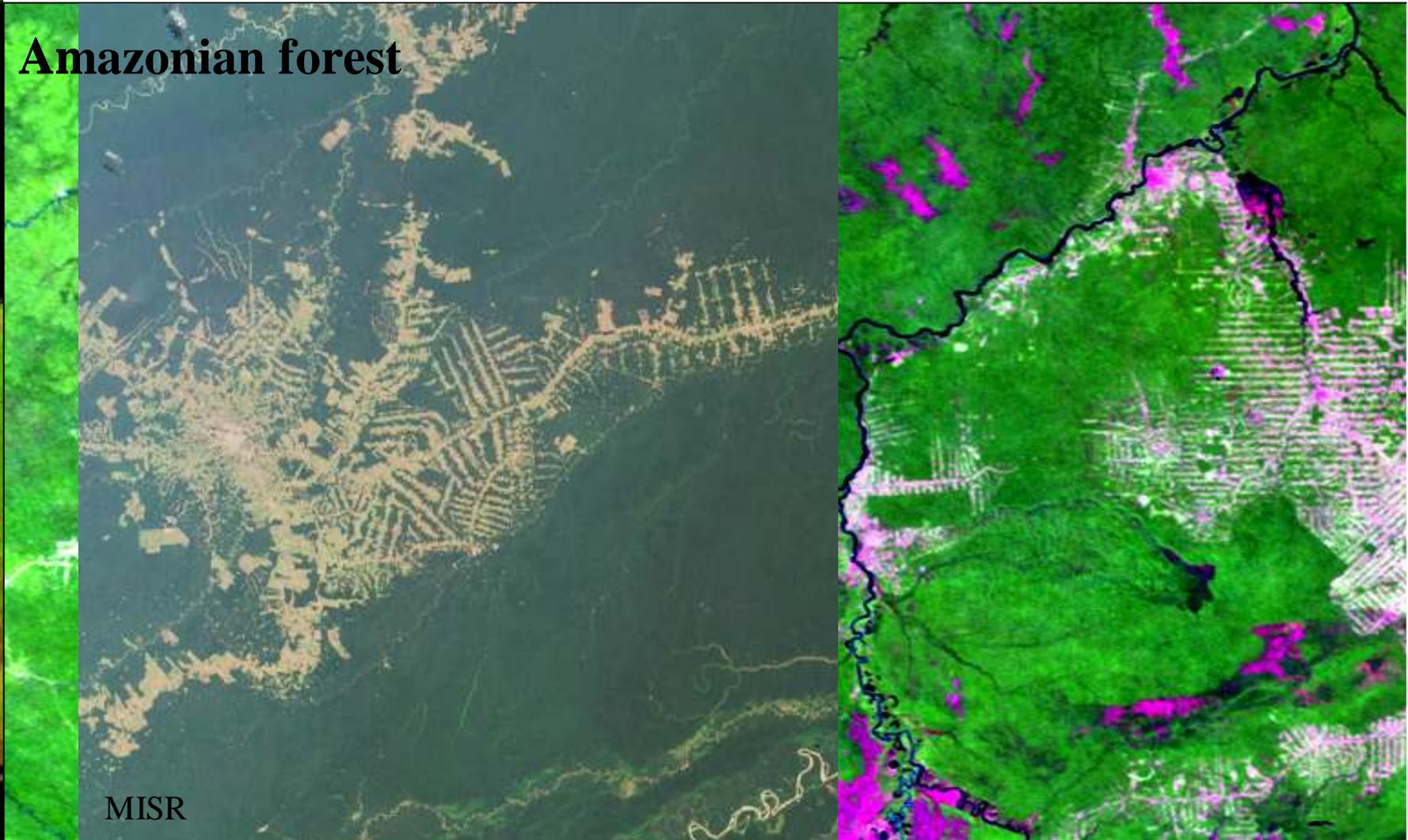


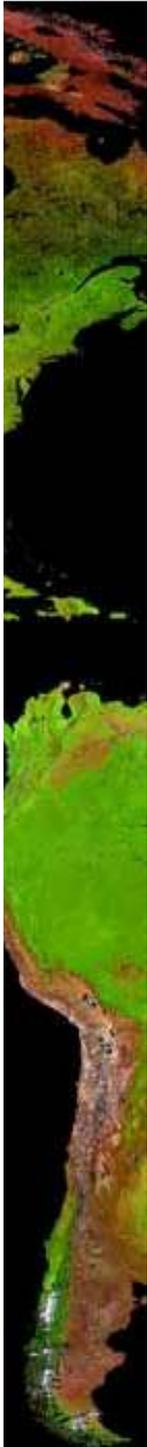
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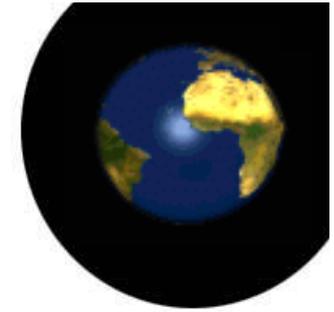
Amazonian forest





## Conclusion

- Generalisation of a new operational compositing strategy, which presents a high level of performance combined with a large flexibility
- Development of change detection tools:
  - to early warn a desert locust invasion (FAO)
  - to produce a map of water resources with the water availabilities during the year (West Africa)
  - to early warn the extent of a flood
  - to watch the tropical forests



## Challenges

- Management of a large quantity of data (several terabytes)
- Management of different sources of data (different sensors with their specificities)
- Management of the regional conditions variability at the global scale