Earth observation for disaster management
Basics of Remote Sensing

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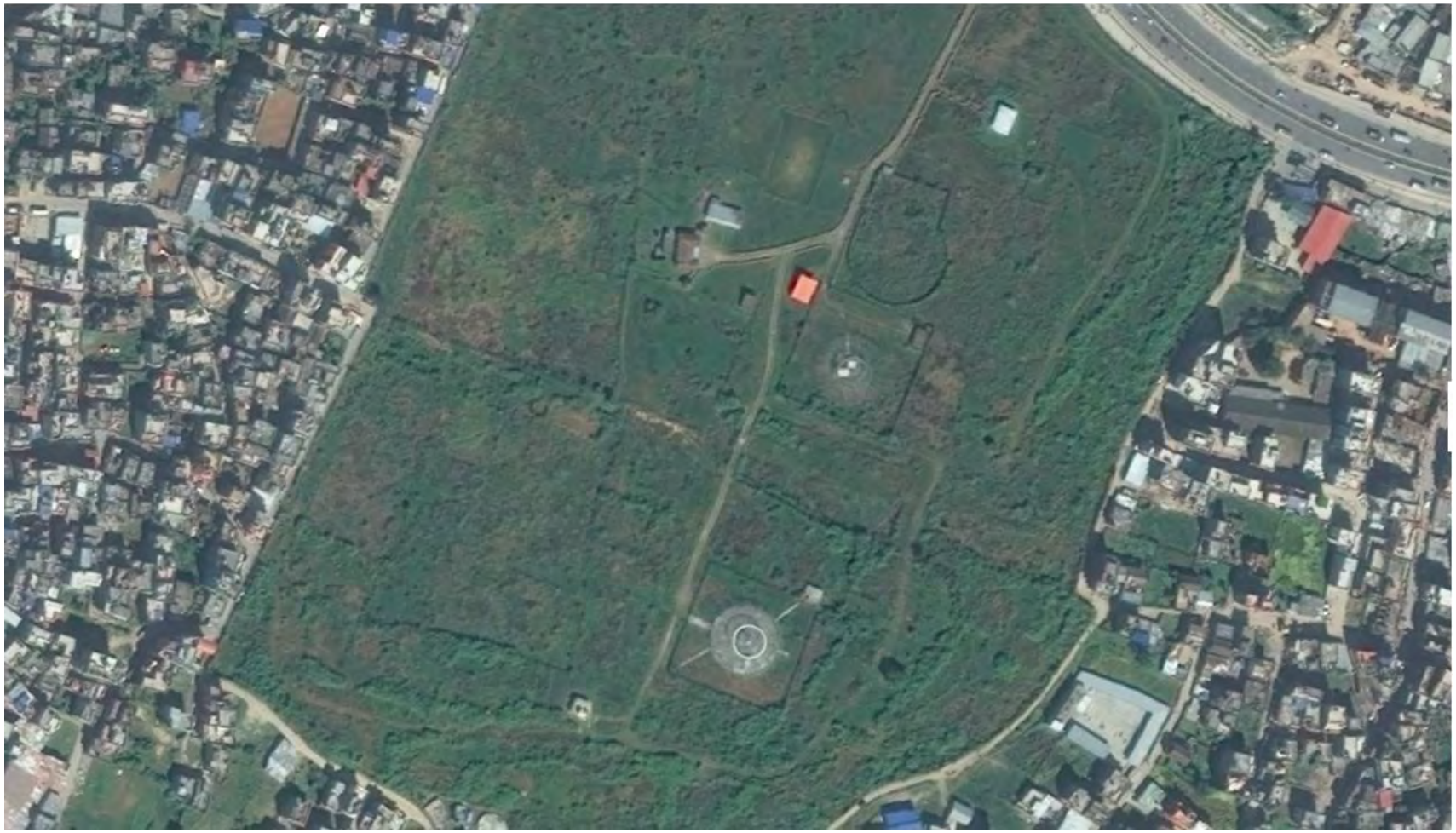


DigitalGlobe
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Before
After

1 January 2004, Normal ocean condition in Kalutara, Sri Lanka
Digital Globe Image- Quickbird

26 December 2004, Few Minutes before Tsunami in Kalutara, Sri Lanka
Digital Globe Image- Quickbird

26 December 2004, an hour after the first wave hit in Kalutara, Sri Lanka
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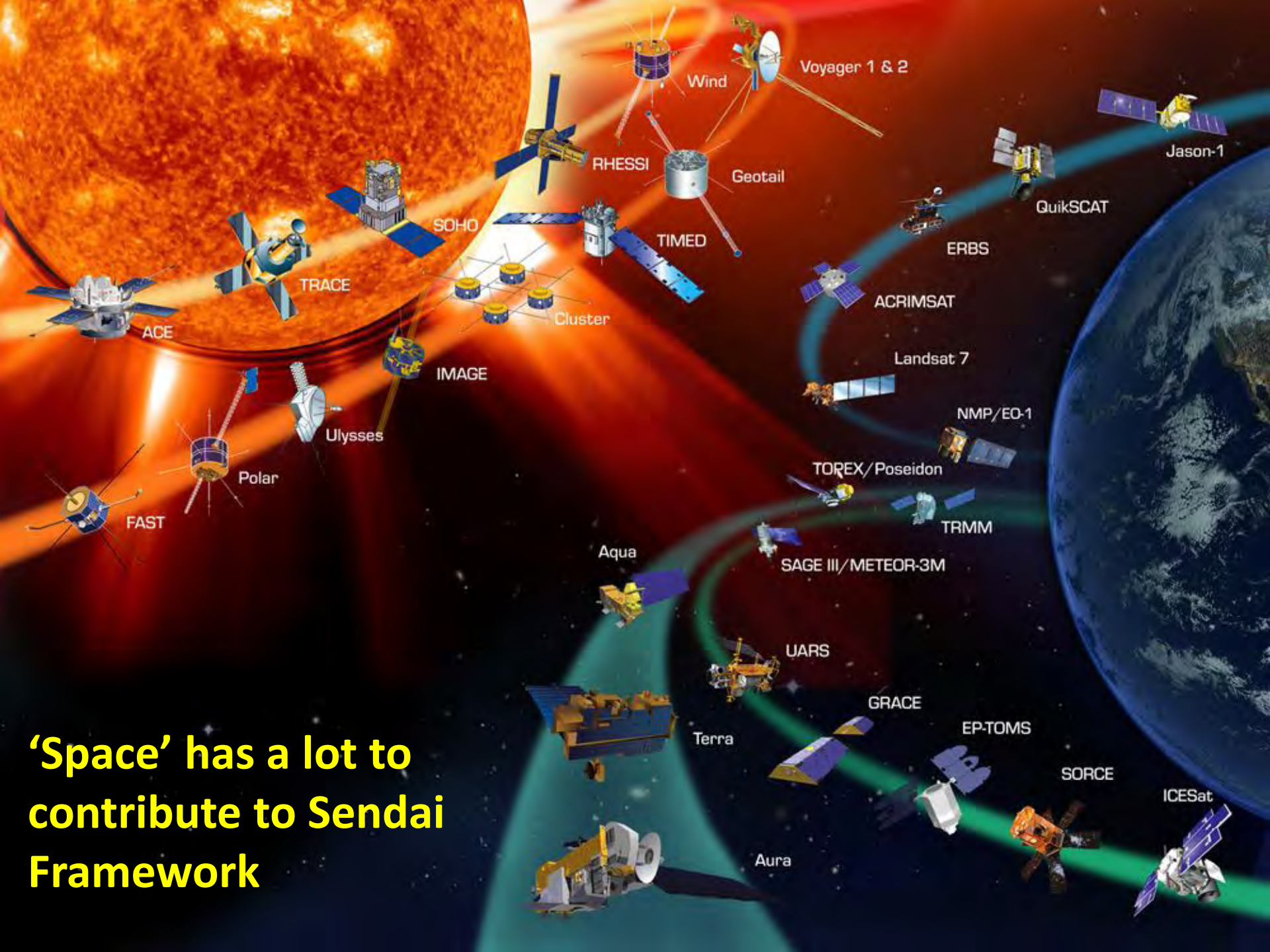
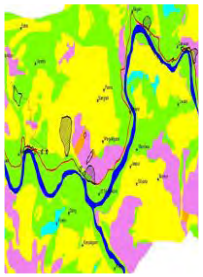


‘Space’ has a lot to contribute to Sendai Framework

Earth observation to understand disaster risks



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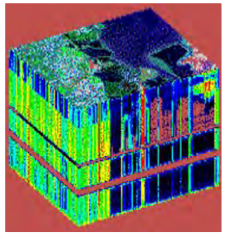

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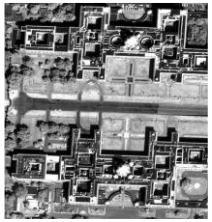
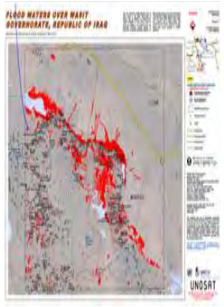
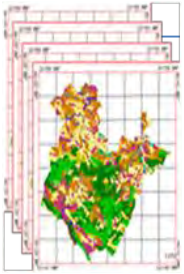


Localised event detection

Access difficult or dangerous sites



Near real time response



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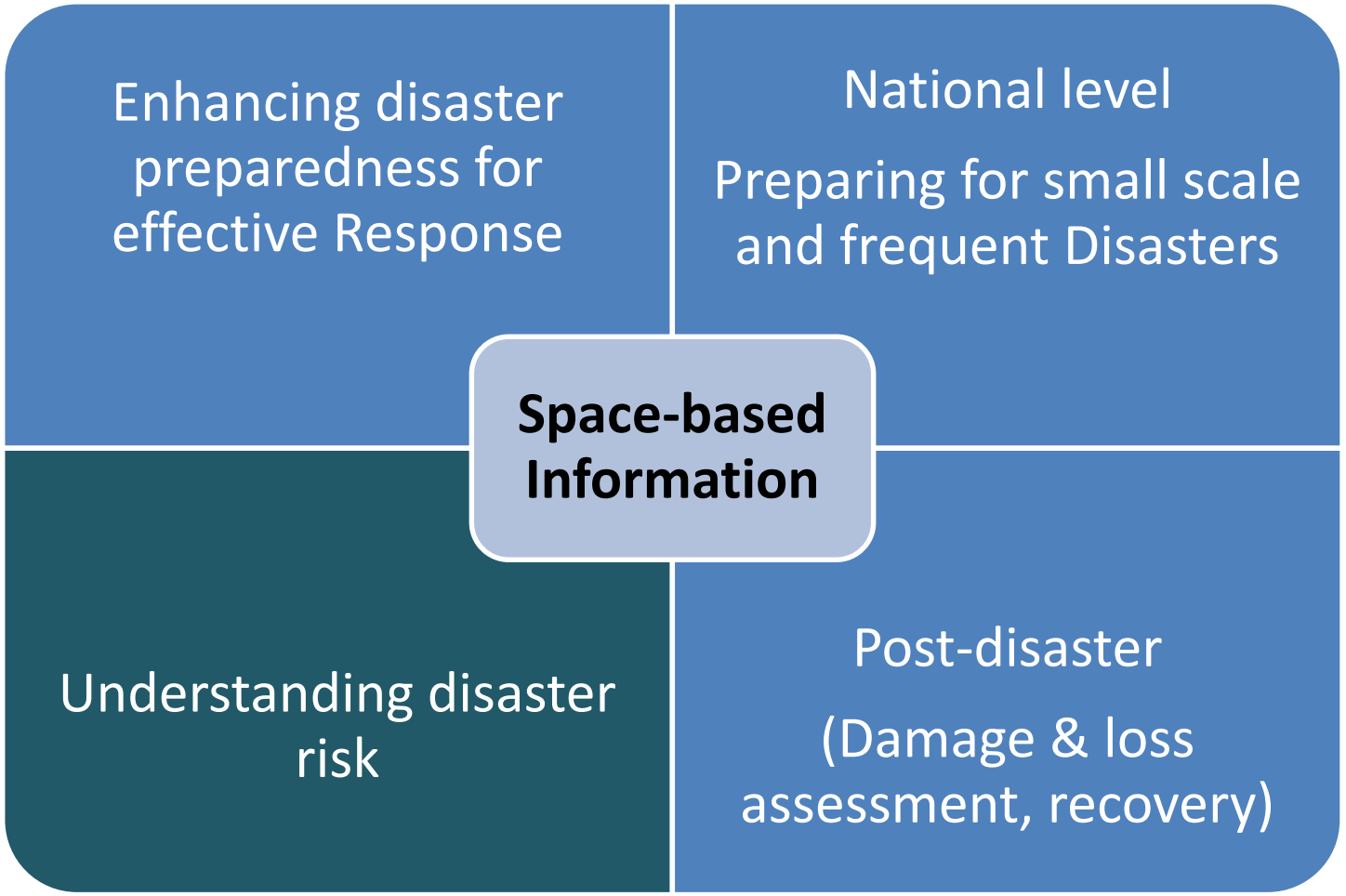
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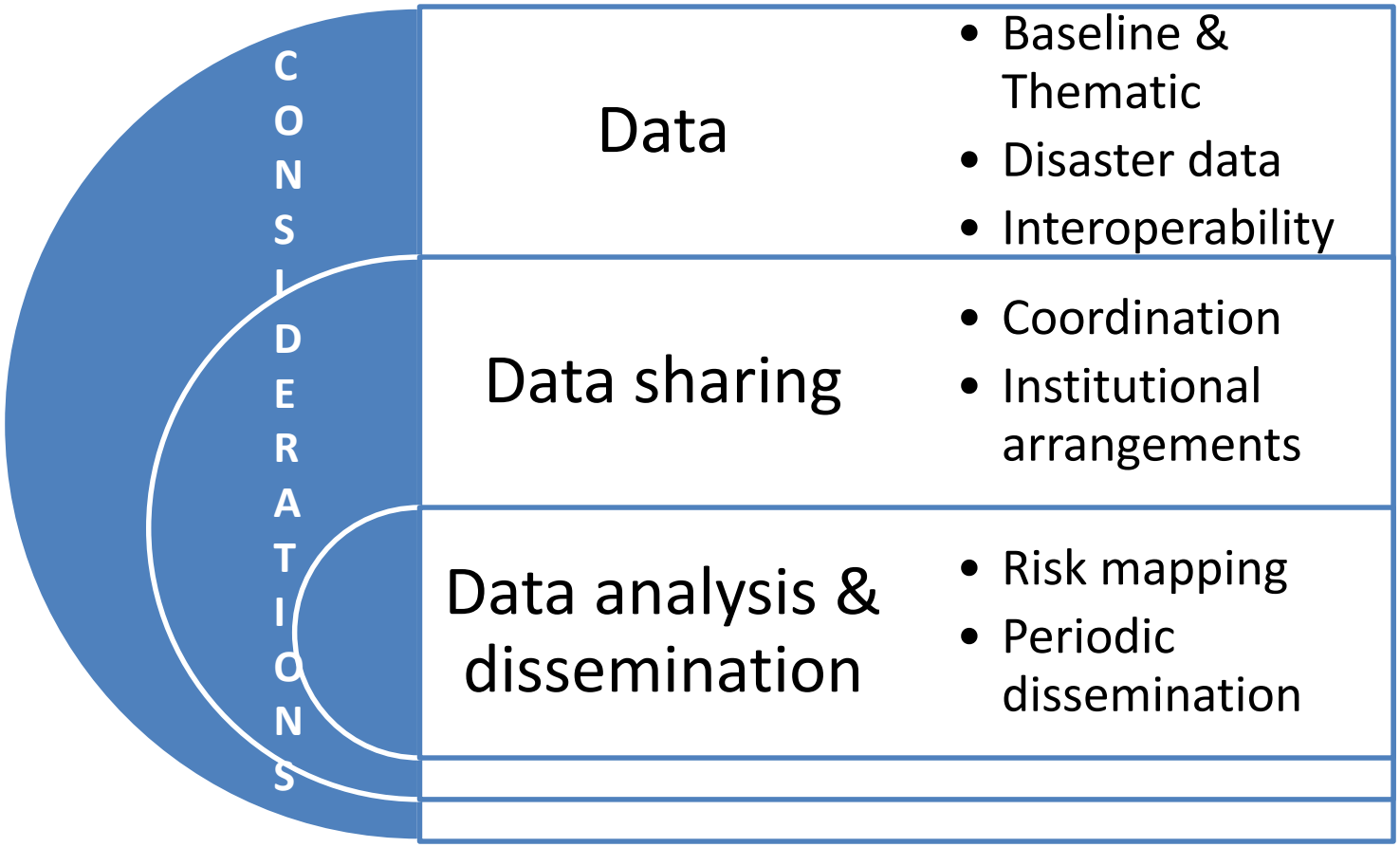
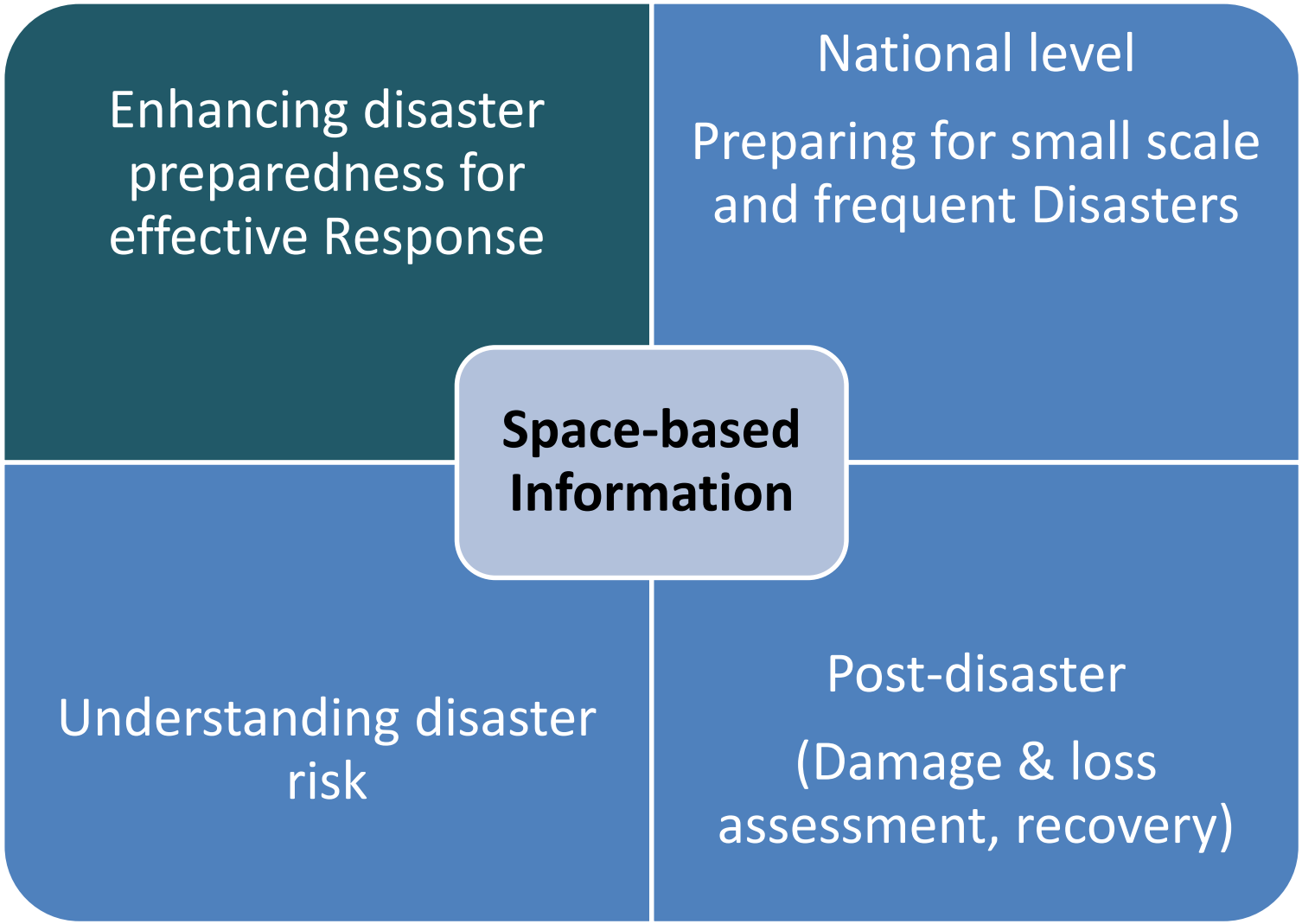
Understanding disaster risk

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Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective Response

- International Charter Space and Major Disasters

- Sentinel Asia

- GMES-COPERNICUS-EMS

UN-SPIDER

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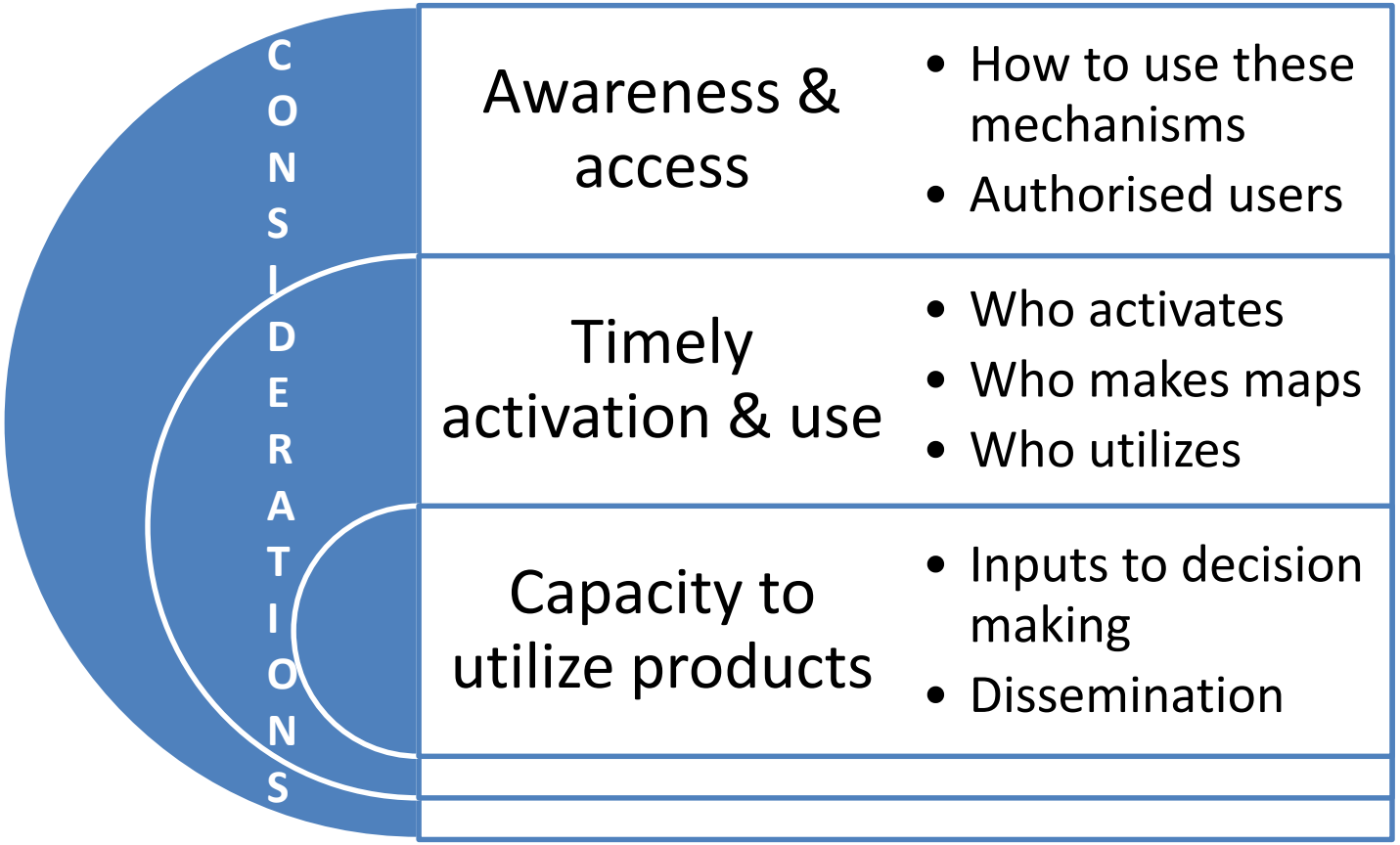

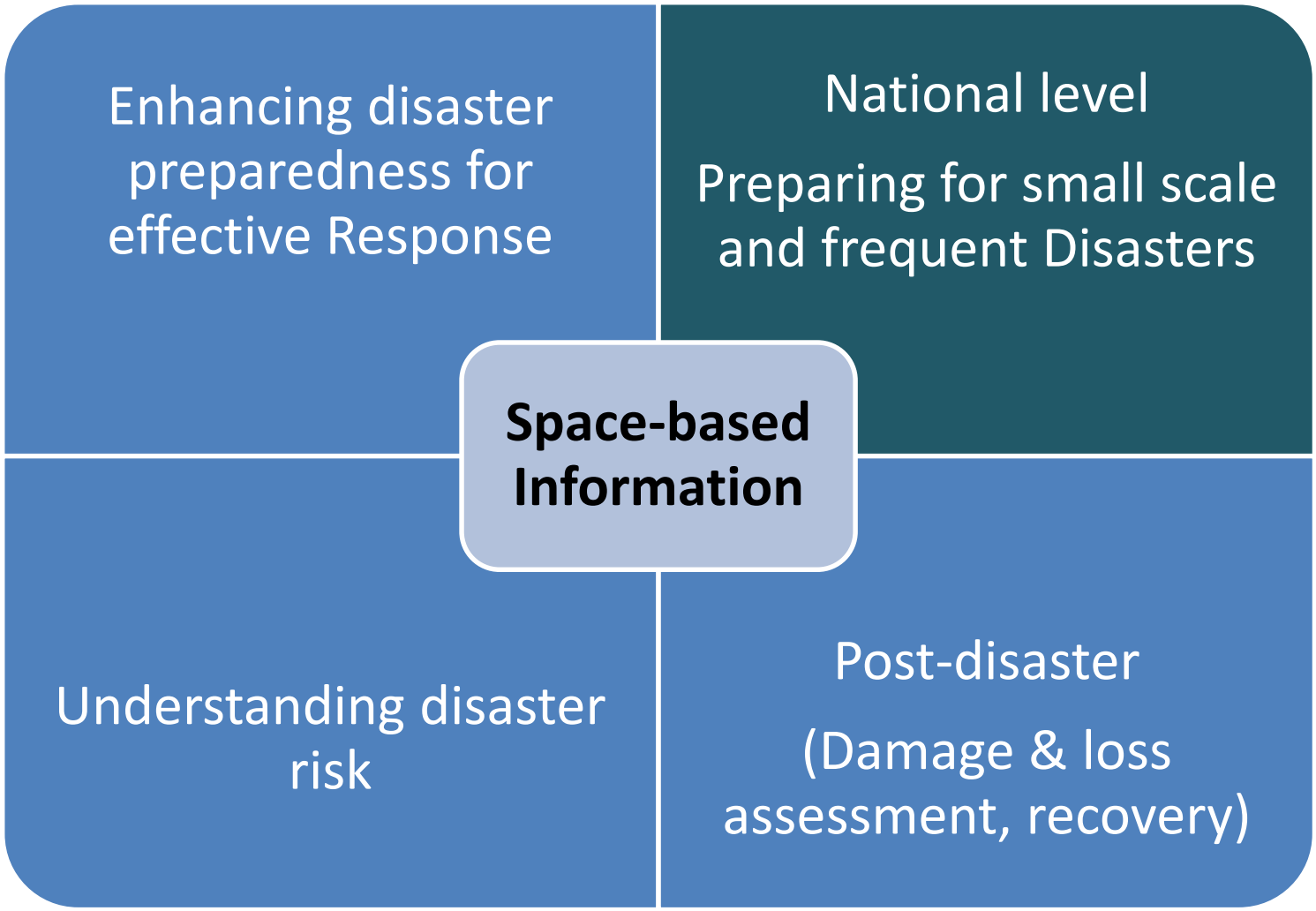
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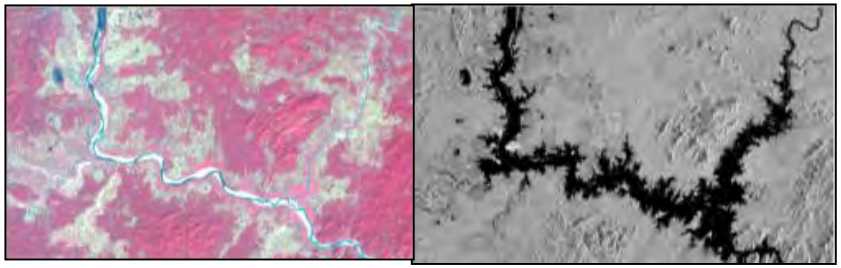
Preparing for small scale and frequent Disasters

Charter activation (2002 to 2014)

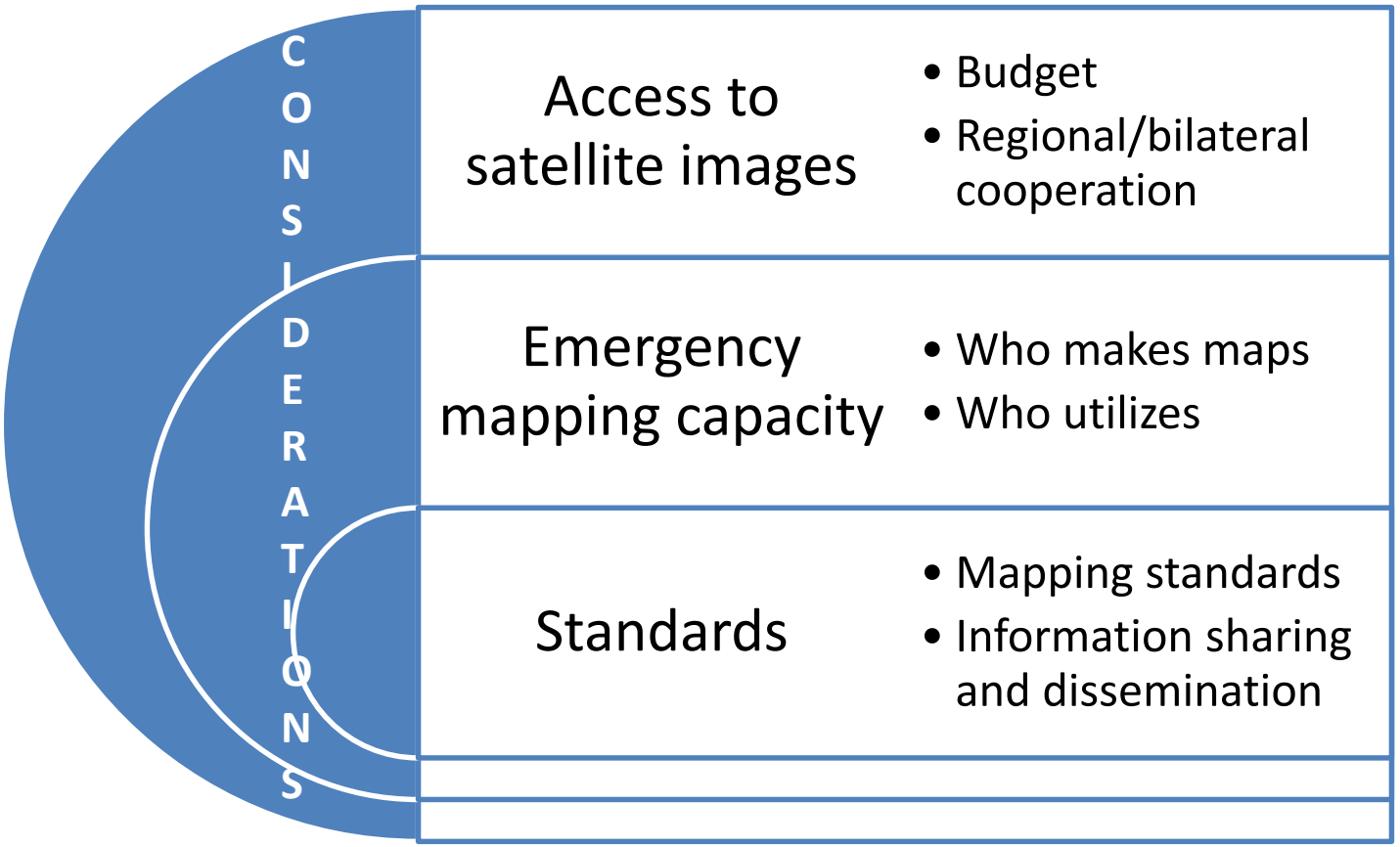
- Indonesia - 15 times
- Myanmar - 6 times
- Vietnam - 14 times
- Philippines – 16 times

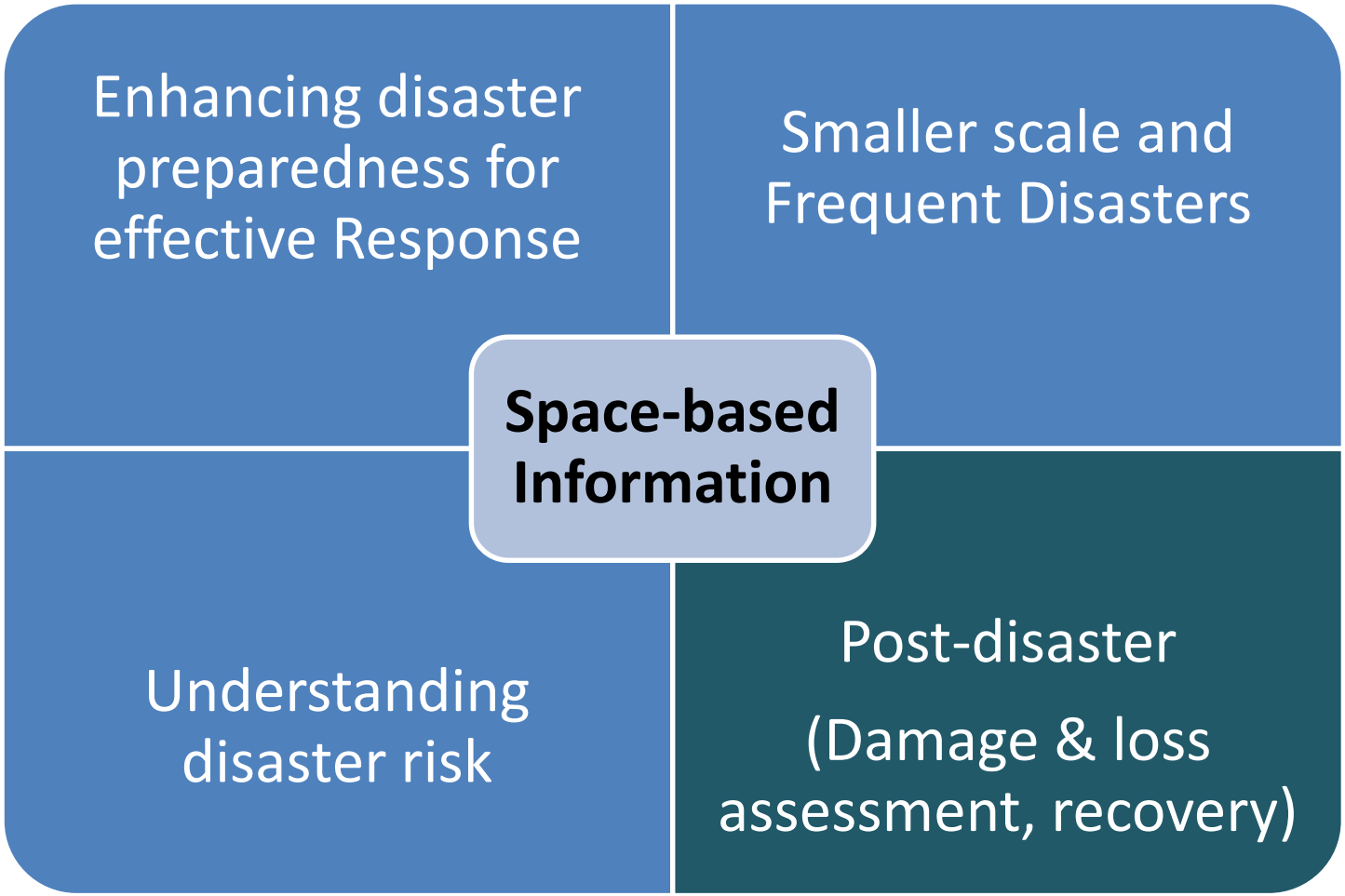
But how many disasters these countries faced in 12 years?



Pre-Flood During-Flood

Smaller scale & frequent disasters

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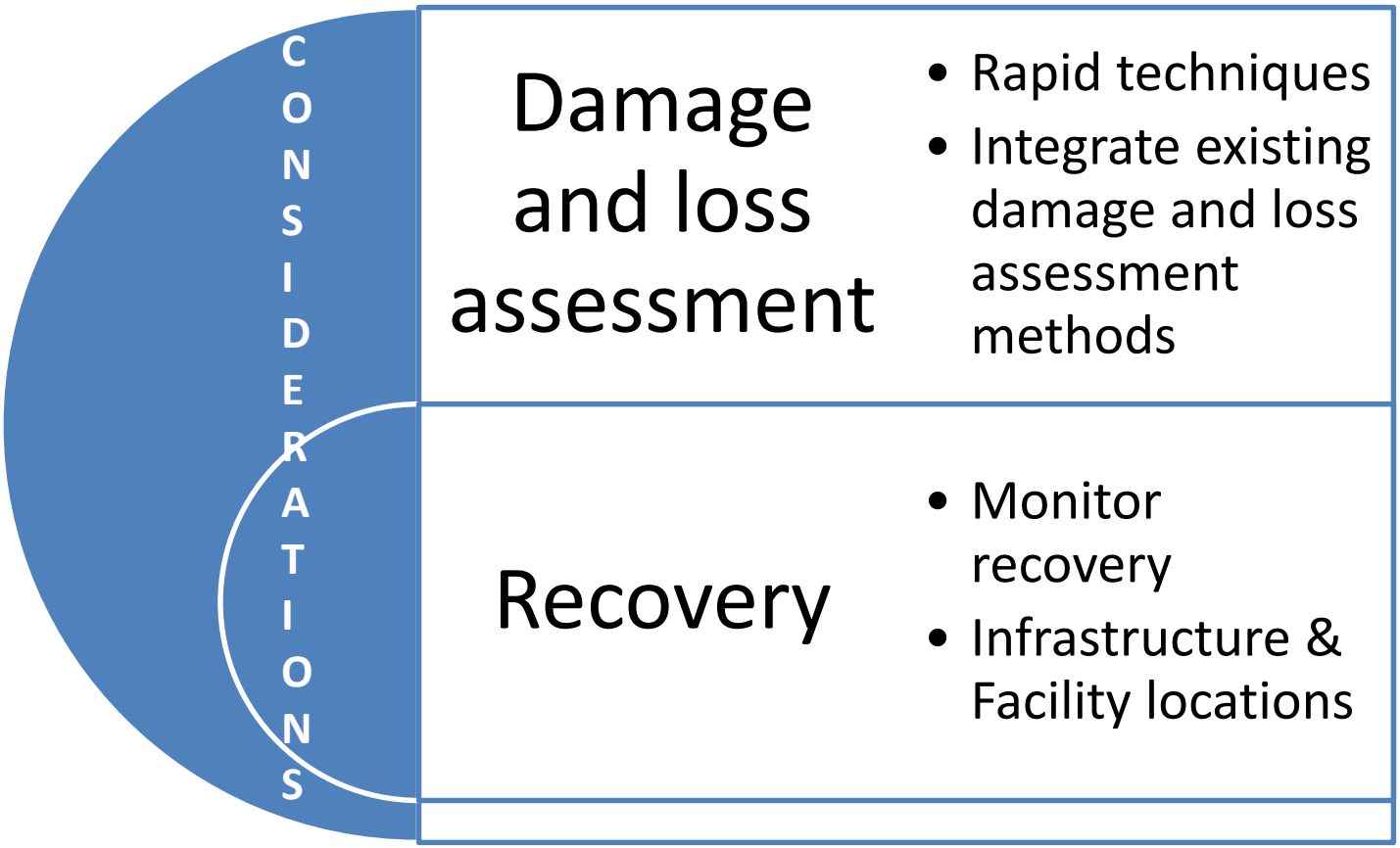

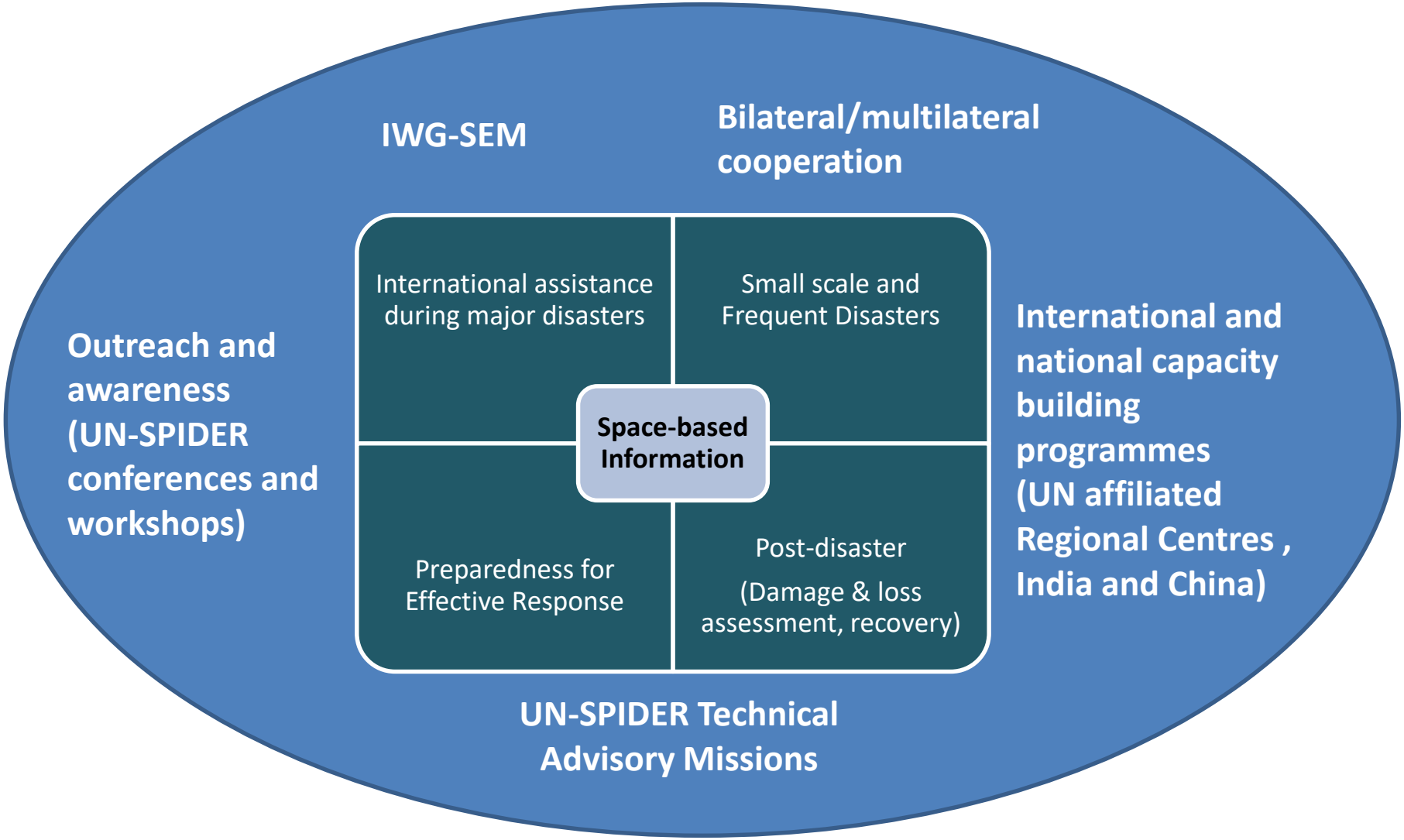
IWG-SEM
Bilateral/multilateral cooperation
International assistance during major disasters
Small scale and Frequent Disasters
Space-based Information
Preparedness for Effective Response
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Outreach and awareness (UN-SPIDER conferences and workshops)
International and national capacity building programmes (UN affiliated Regional Centres , India and China)
UN-SPIDER Technical Advisory Missions

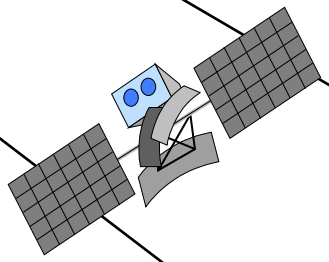
Basic terminologies in remote sensing related to drought monitoring

- Electromagnetic spectrum
- Spectral reflectance curve
- Digital number
- Multispectral bands
- False colour composite (FCC)
- Resolution (spatial, radiometric, temporal)
- Image interpretation
- Digital image processing
- Satellite derived indices
- Normalised Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)
- Image classification

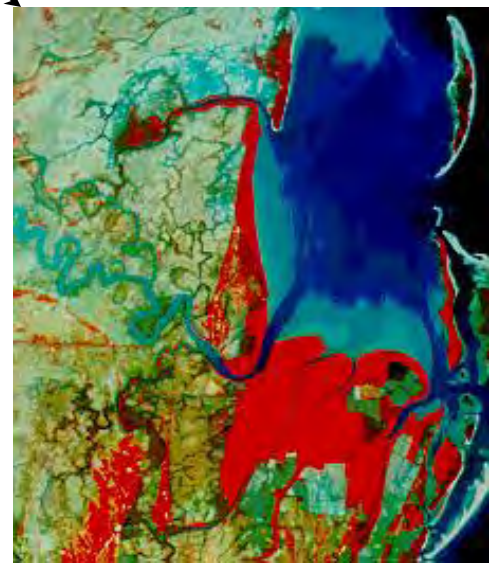
10 $^{-4}$ um .4 - .7 um 1 mm 1 m *Wavelength*

Electromagnetic spectrum

X-Ray Visible Infra Red Microwave TV & Radio



Photograph



False color composite Image

Electromagnetic Spectral Bands

Band	Wavelength
Gamma rays	<0.03 nm
X-ray	0.003 to 3 nm
Ultraviolet , UV	3 nm to 0.4 um
Photographic UV	0.3 to 0.4 um

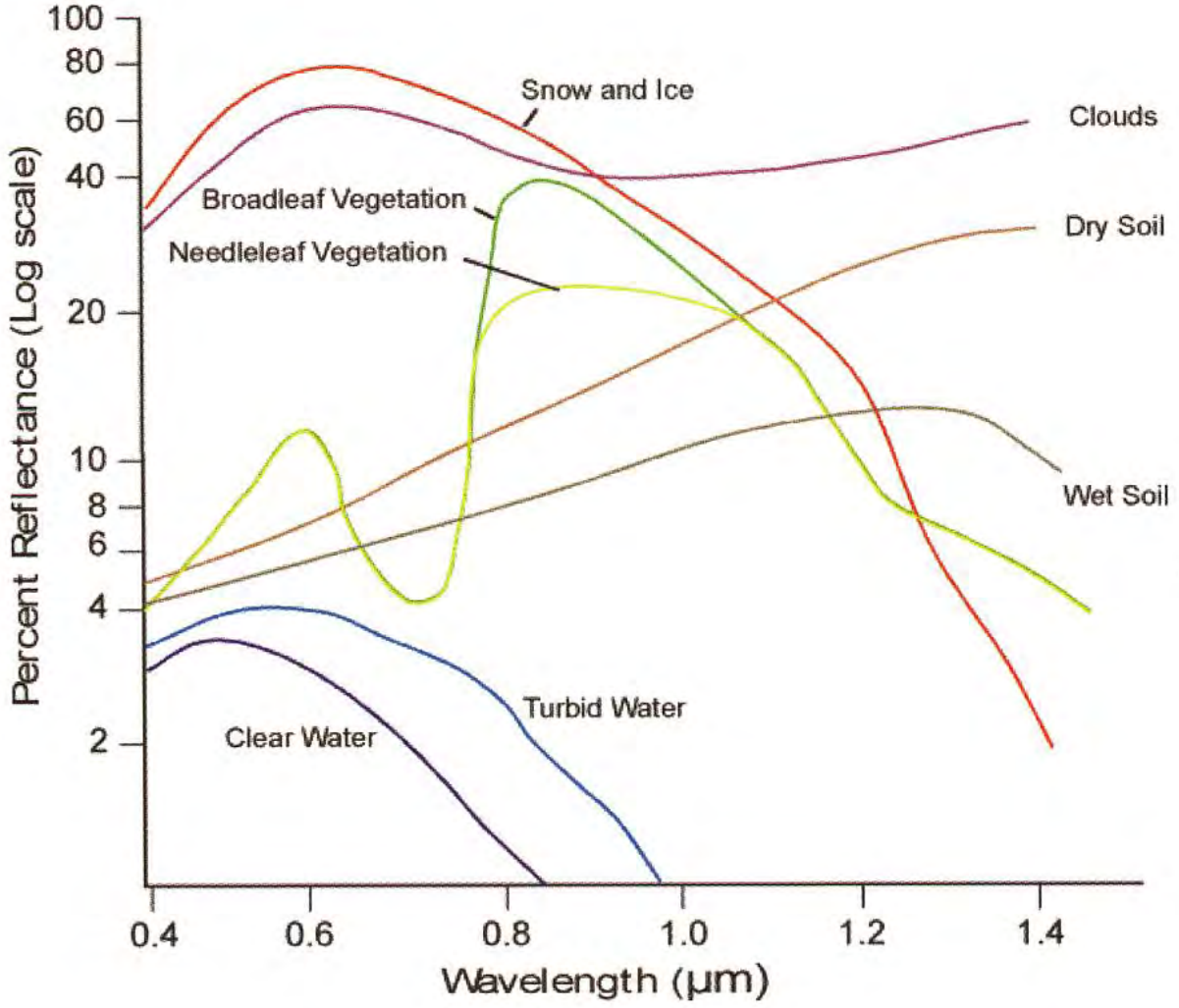
Optical R.S.

Visible	0.4 to 0.7 um
Infrared, IR	0.7 to 300 um
Reflected IR	0.7 to 3 um
Thermal IR	3 to 5 um
	8 to 14 um

Microwave R.S.

Microwave (Passive R.S.)	0.3 to 300 cm
Radar (Active RS)	0.3 to 300 cm

Spectral Signature of Major land cover Features



Normal aerial photograph

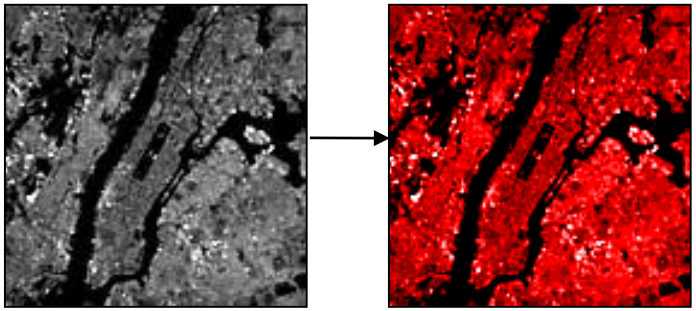
Infra-red photograph

Individual Landsat Bands

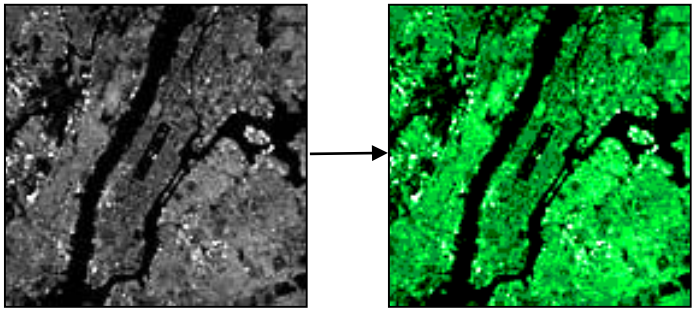
Applied to Color Guns

Resulting Image

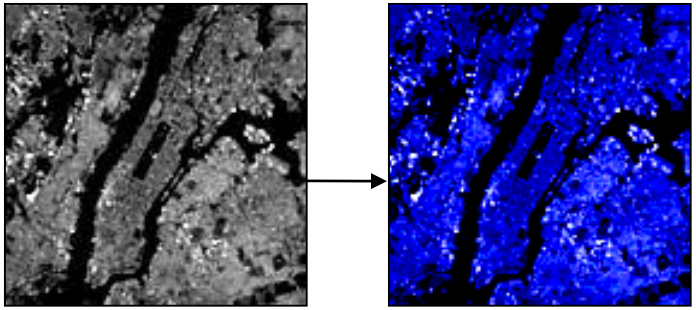
Band 3
Visible Red



Band 2
Visible Green



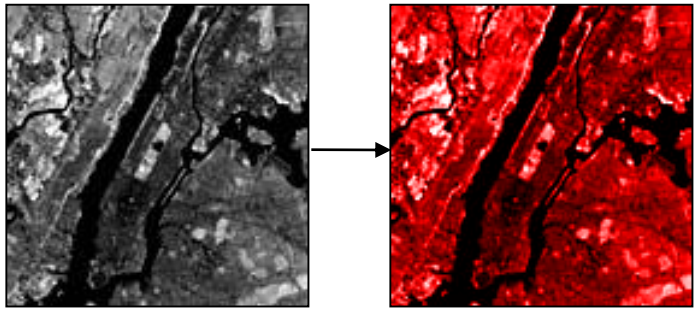
Band 1
Visible Blue



Individual Landsat Bands

Applied to Color Guns

Band 4
Near Infrared



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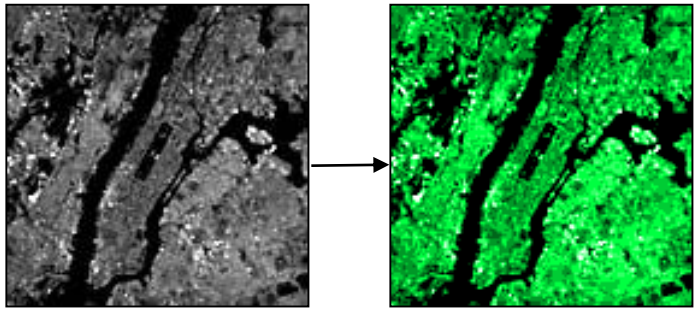

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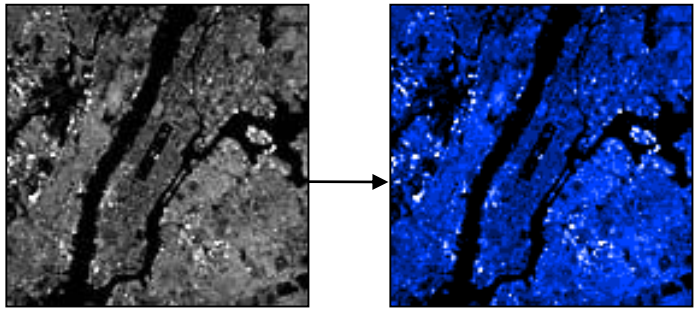

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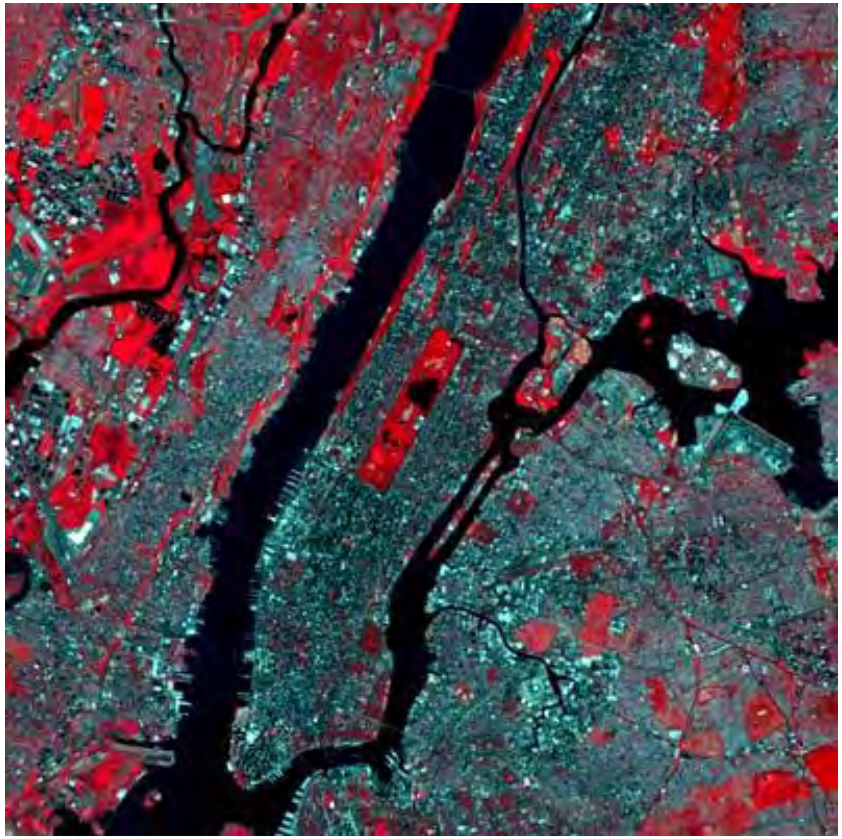
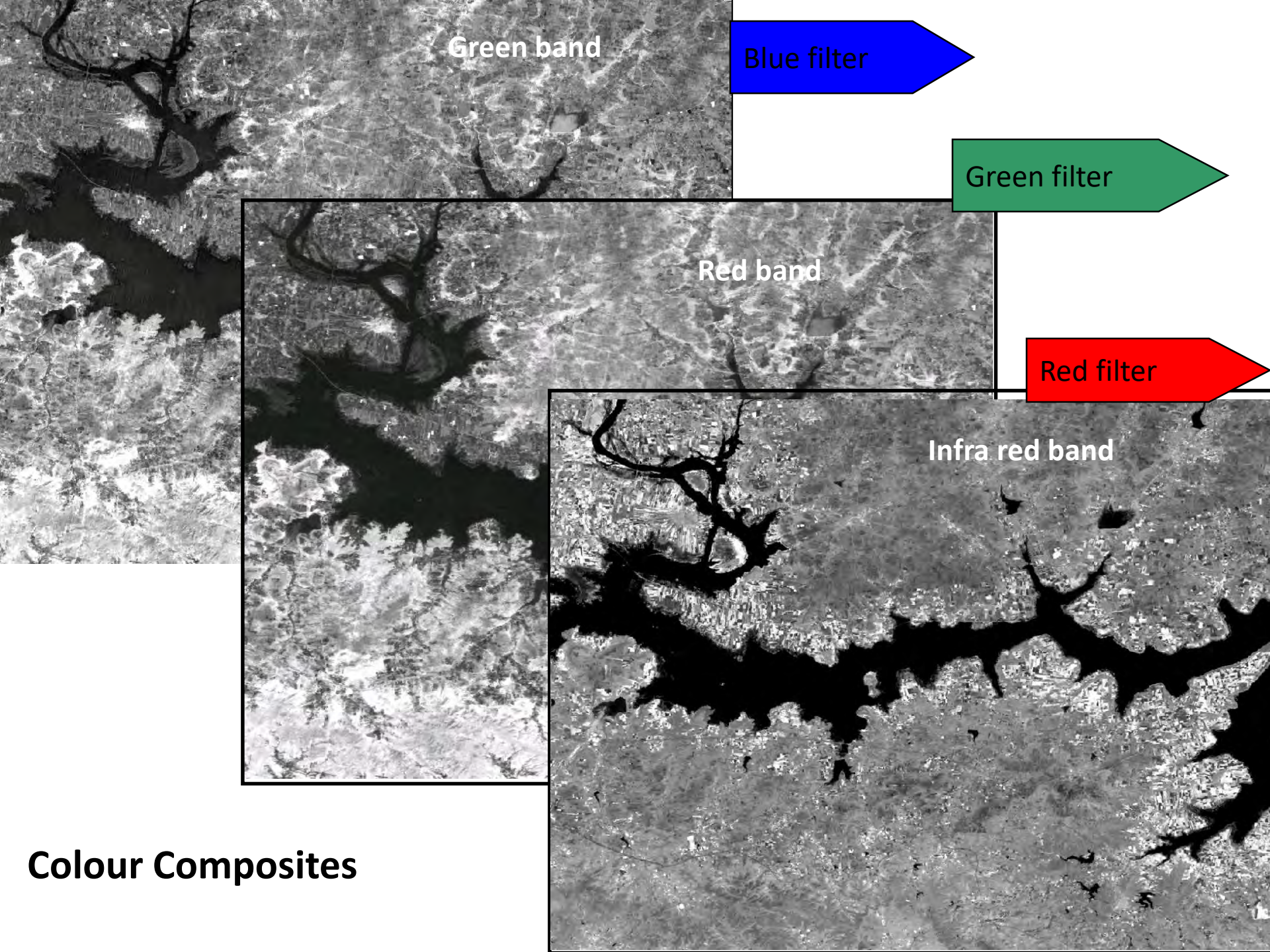




Colour Composites

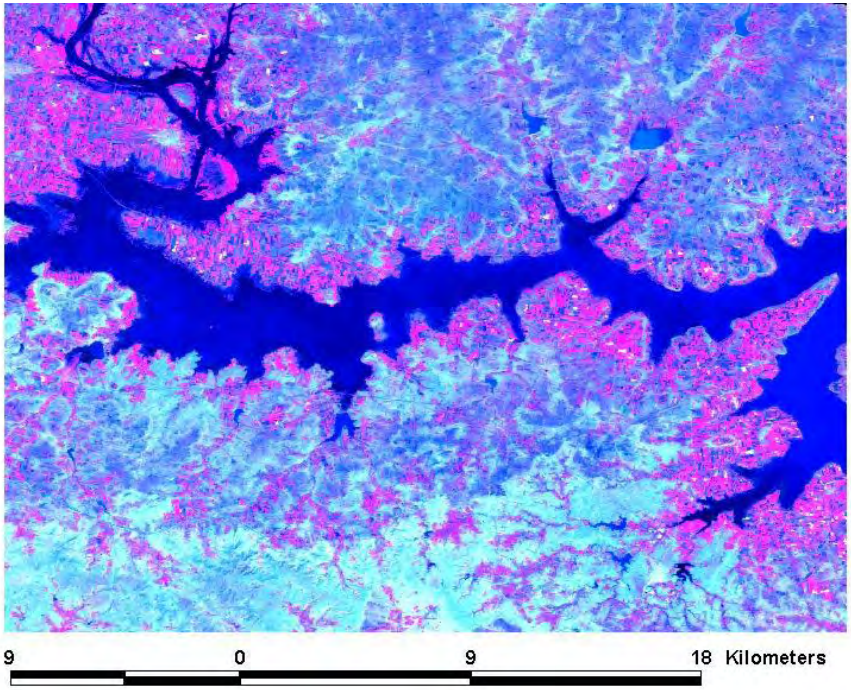
Why standard false color composite ?

Standard False Color Composite

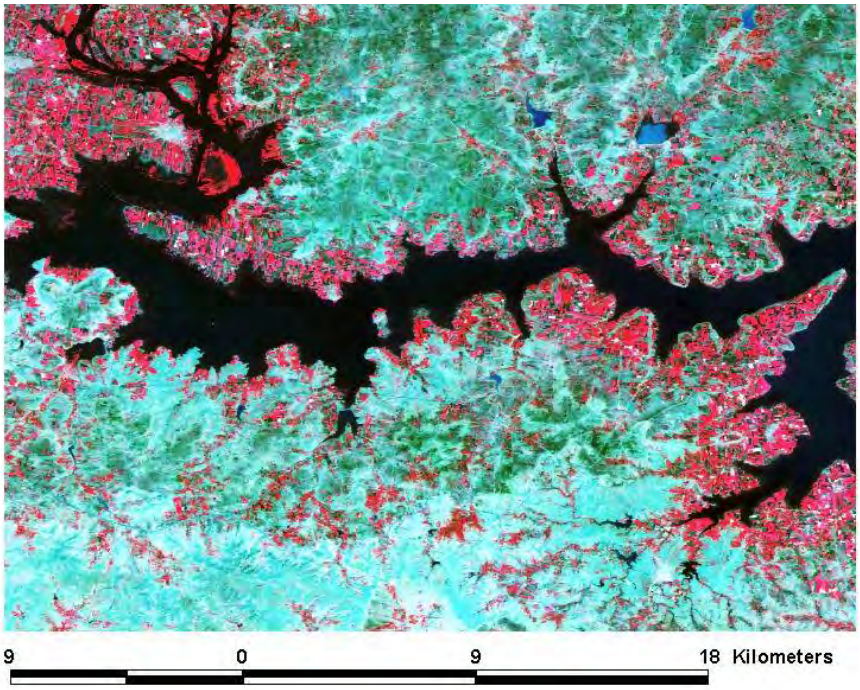
Hybrid Color Composite

Image enhancements

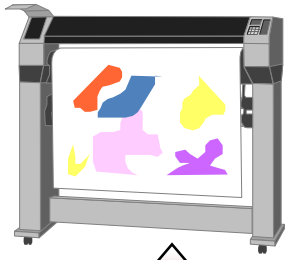
Stretching for enhancement of water bodies



Histogram stretching



Multi-thematic information for Resources Management



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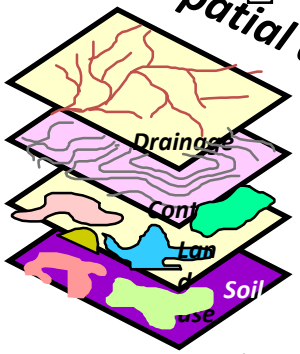
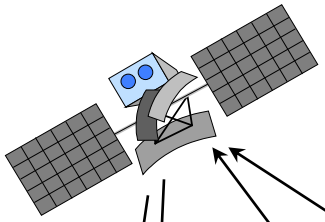
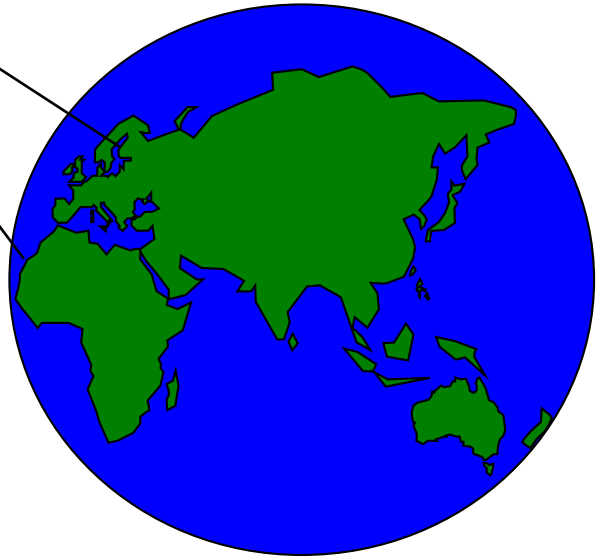
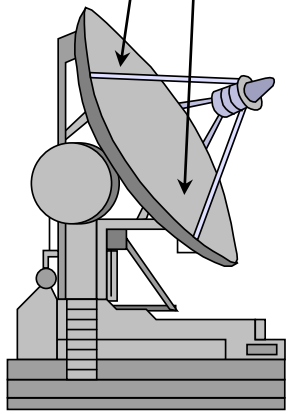
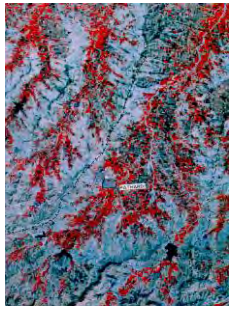








Interpretation & analysis



Data Acquisition → Storage → Image → Visual → Digital

Interpretation Techniques

Image Interpretation

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Identifying objects

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Judging significance

- Sound background of basic subject
- Development of skills through long hours of Practice with image coupled with ground checks

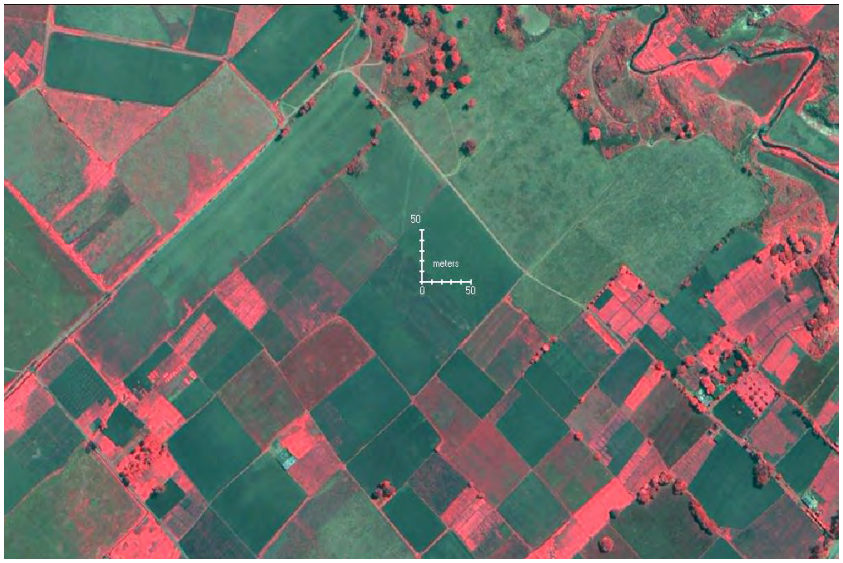
WiFS Image

Interpretation Elements

- Absolute & relative size
- Shape
- Shadow
- Tone or Colour
- Texture
- Pattern
- Location, association, convergence of evidence

Forest

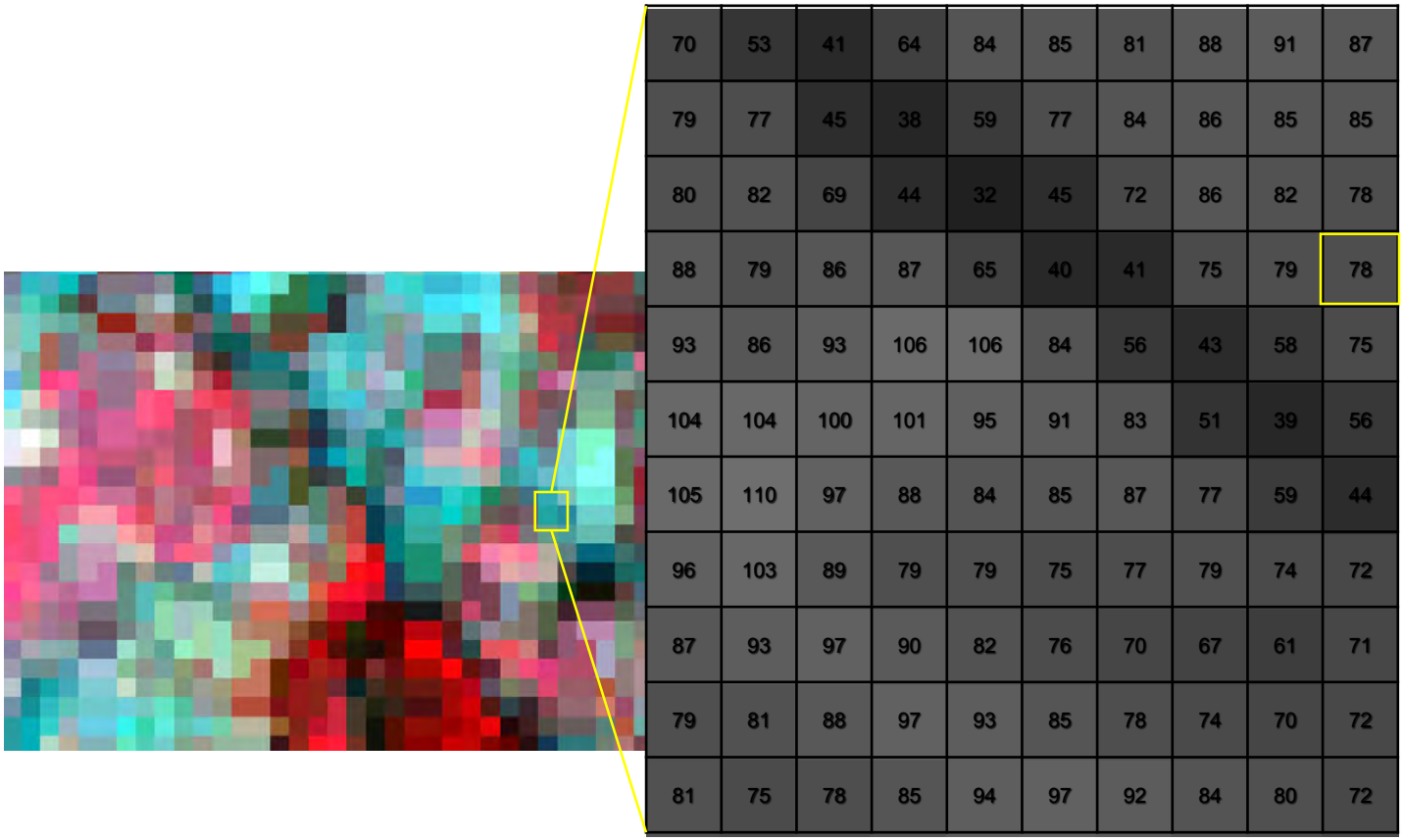
Urban Area



Agricultural Land

What is a Digital Image?

- Grid cells or pixels
- Each pixel has a digital number (DN) which represents: Spectral Reflectance Value



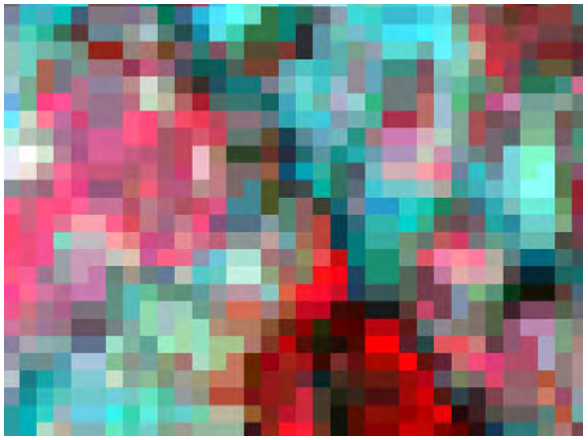
Sensor Resolution

Ability of the system to render the information at the **smallest discretely separable quantity** in terms of distance (spatial), wavelength band of EMR (spectral), time (temporal) and radiation (radiometric)

The Four Resolutions of Remote Sensing

- Spatial
- Spectral
- Temporal
- Radiometric

AWIFS (56 m)



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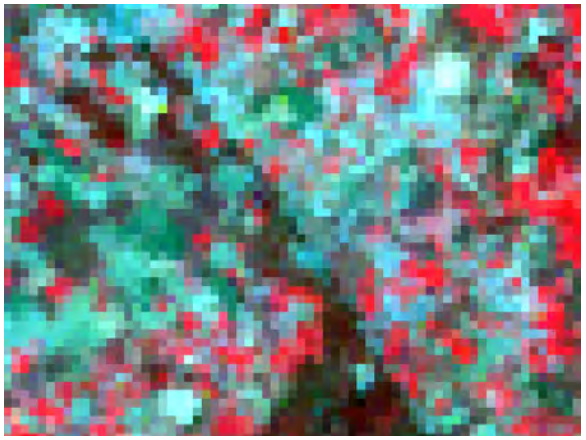
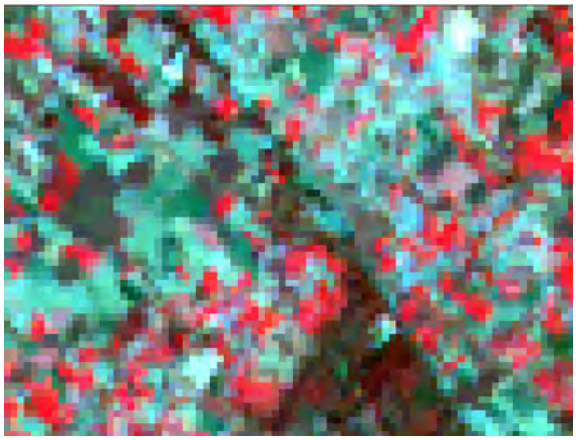


IRS LISS III 23.5 m



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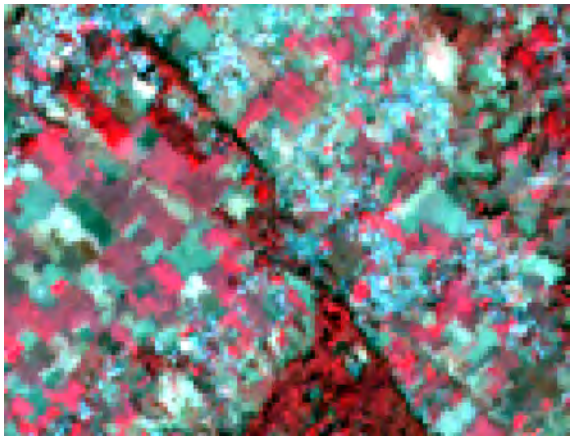
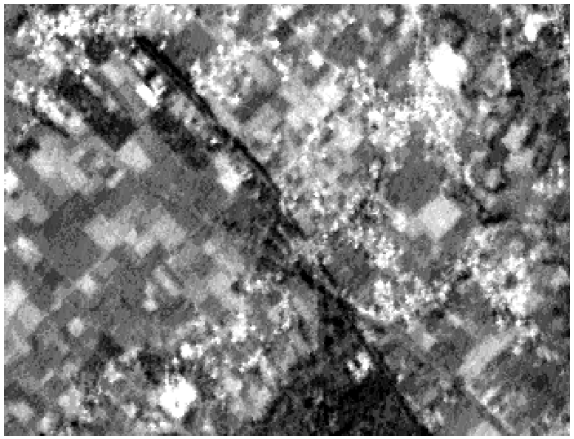


IRS PAN 5.8 m



IKONOS MSS 4 m

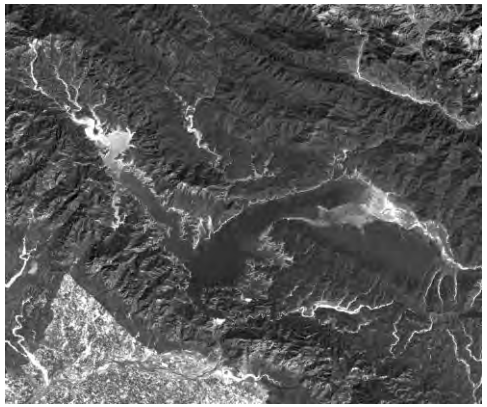
Spatial Resolution

Smallest discernible detail in an image

IKONOS PAN 1m

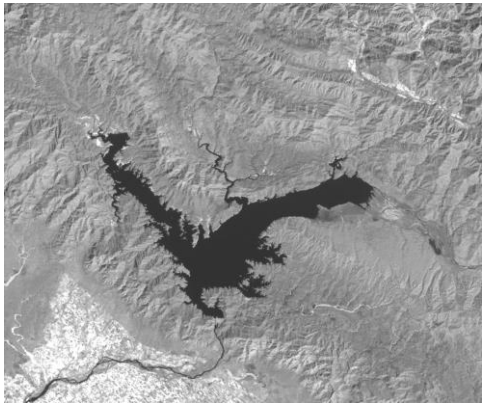
Spectral Resolution

Band (.45 to .515μm)

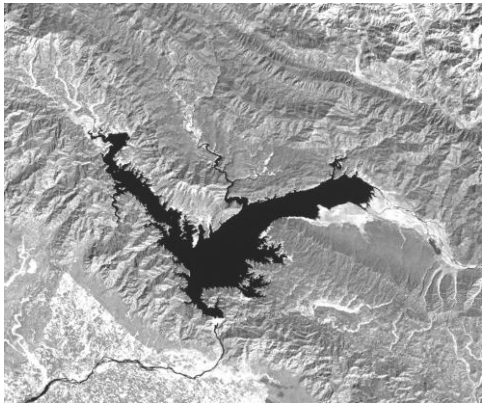


Band (.525 to .605 μm)

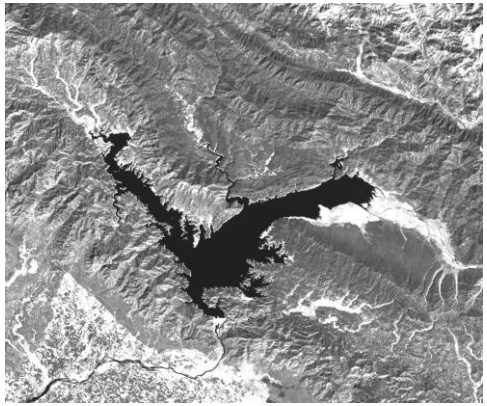
Band (.63 to .690 μm)



Band (.75 to .90 μm)



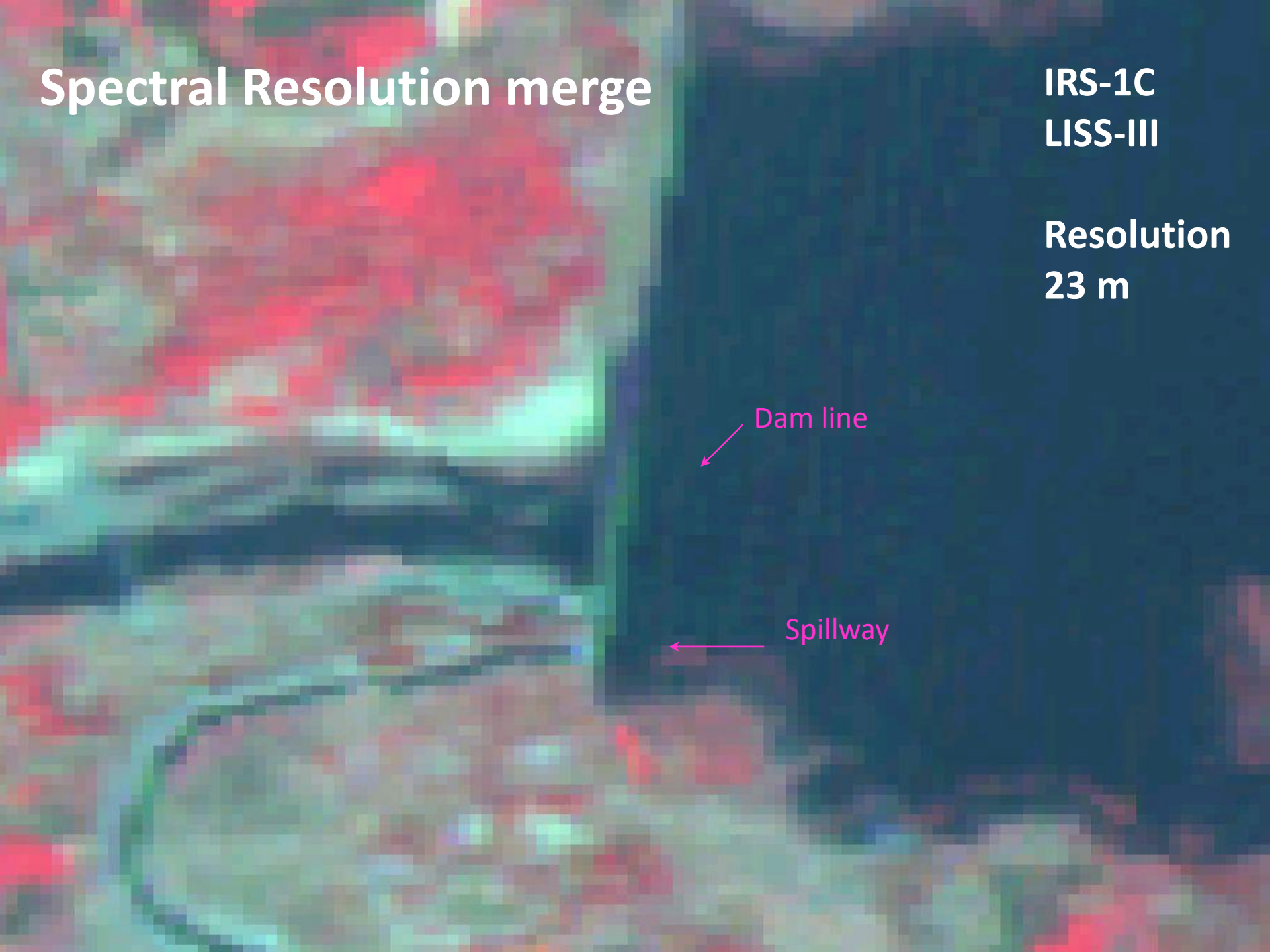
Band (1.55 to 1.75 μm)



Band (2.09 to 2.35μm)

- **number of bands in the spectrum** in which the instrument can take measurements.
- Higher spectral resolution = better ability to exploit **differences in spectral signatures**

Spectral Resolution merge



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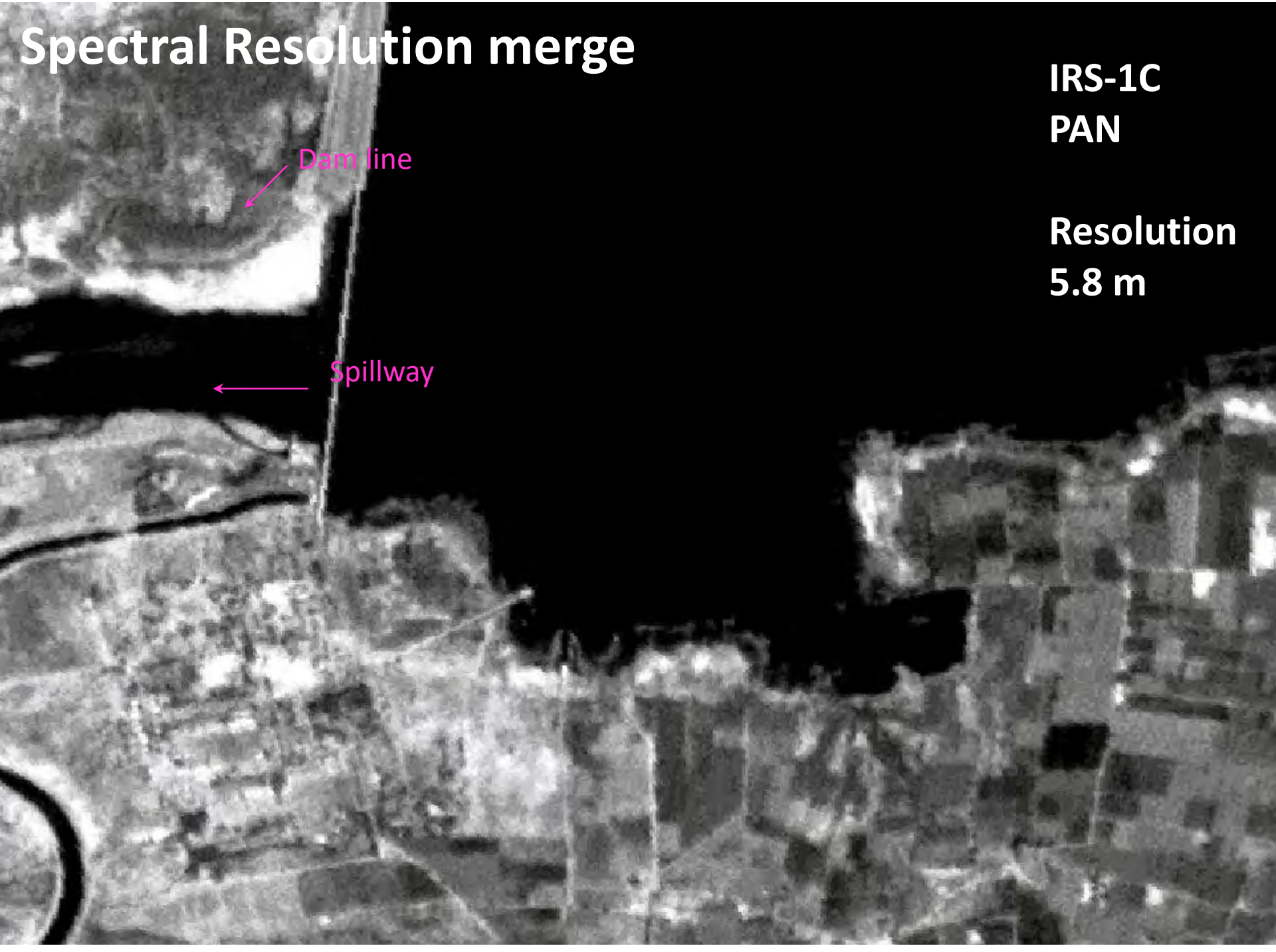
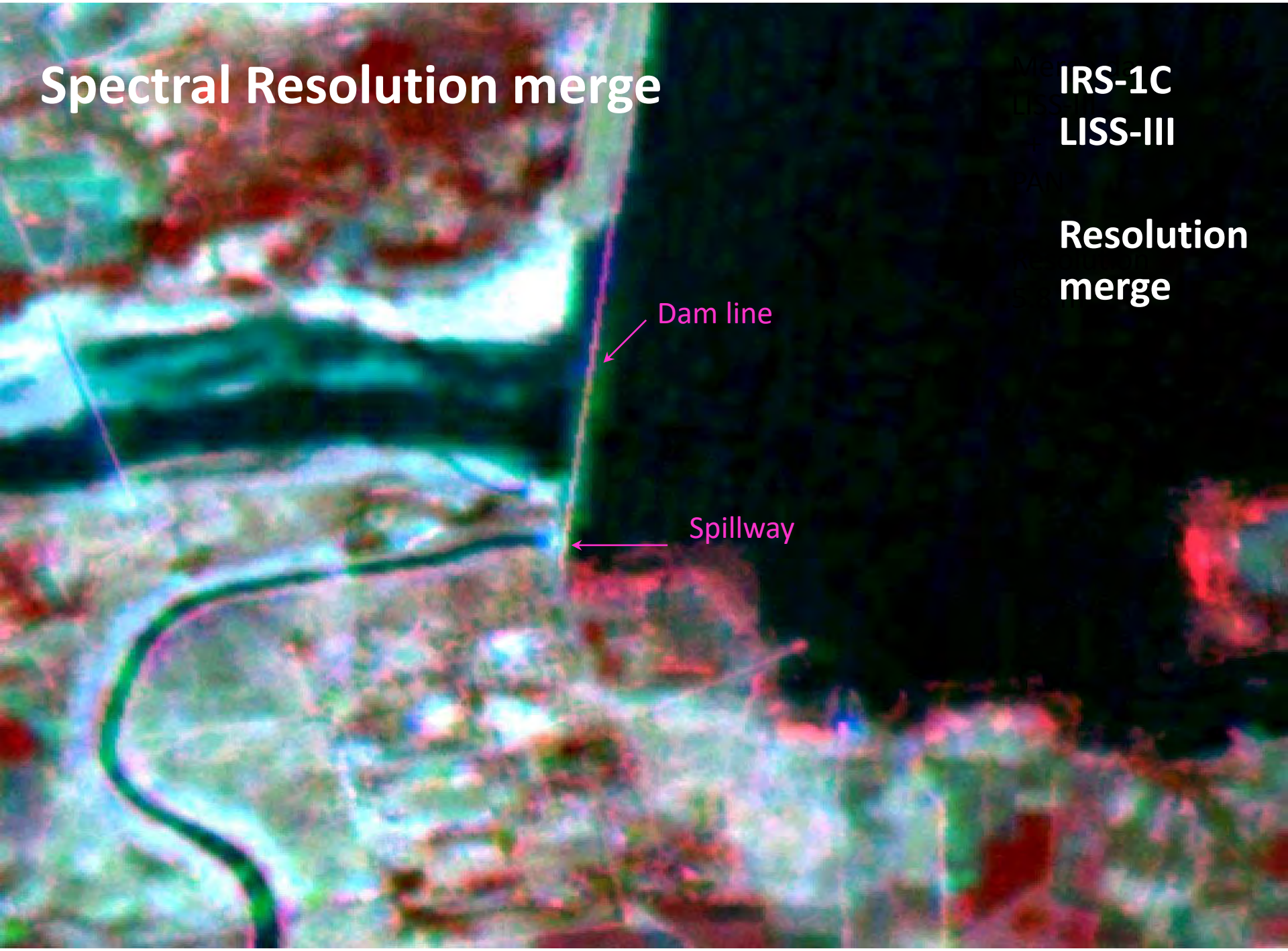
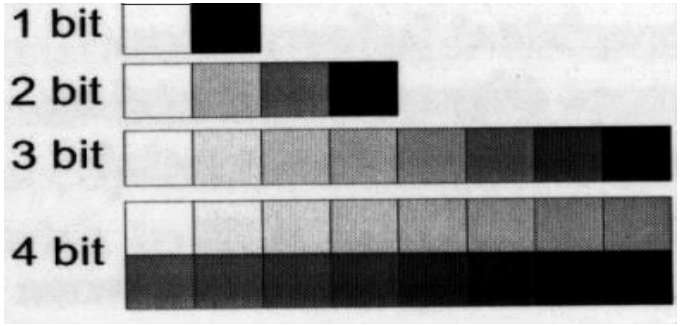



Spectral Resolution merge
IRS-1C
LISS-III
Resolution
merge
Dam line
Spillway

Radiometric Resolution

2 (number of bits) = number of grey levels

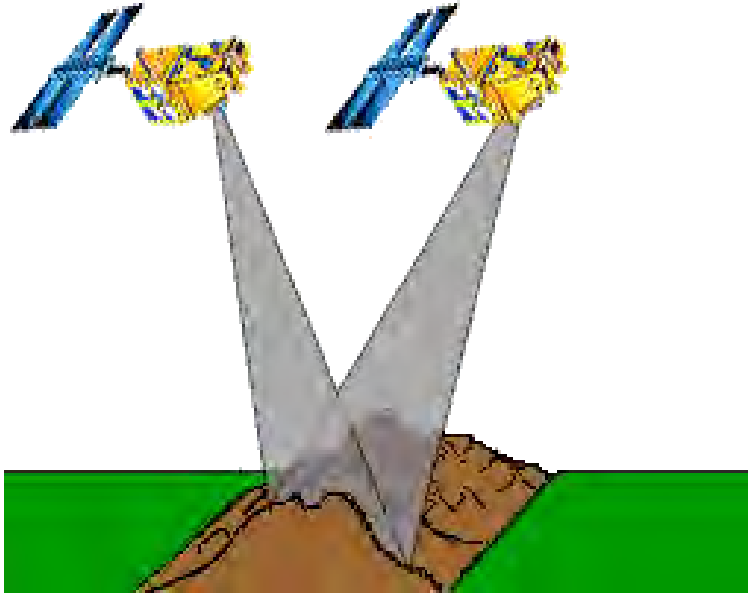


bits	Grey Levels	range (b-w)
1	2	0-1
2	4	0-3
3	8	0-7
4	16	0-15
5	32	0-31
6	64	0-63
7	128	0-127
8	256	0-255
9	512	0-511
10	1024	0-1203

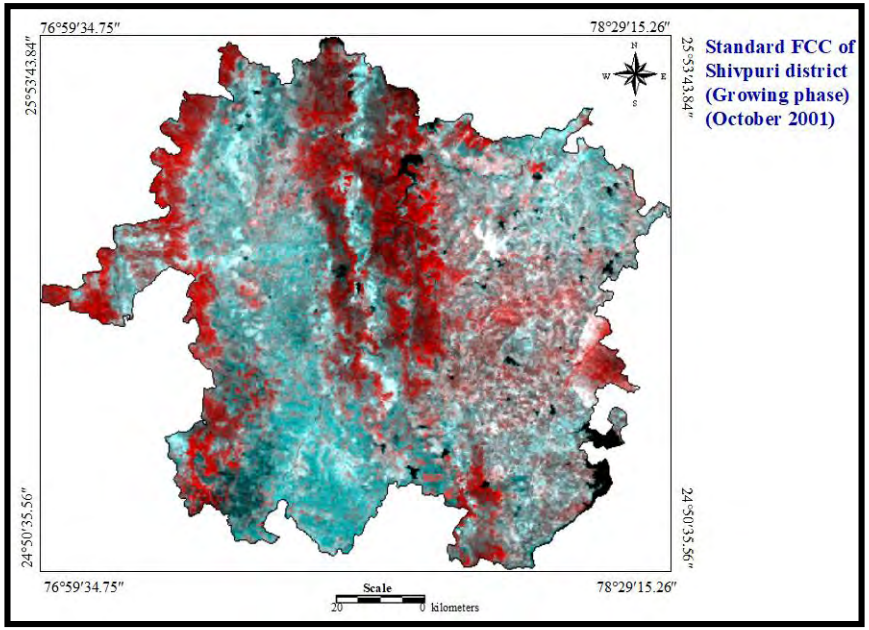
WorldView-3 images
11-bits per pixel Pan and MS; 14-bits per pixel SWIR

Temporal Resolution

- Represents the frequency with which a satellite can re-visit an area of interest and acquire a new image.
- Depends on the instrument's field of vision, and the satellite's orbit

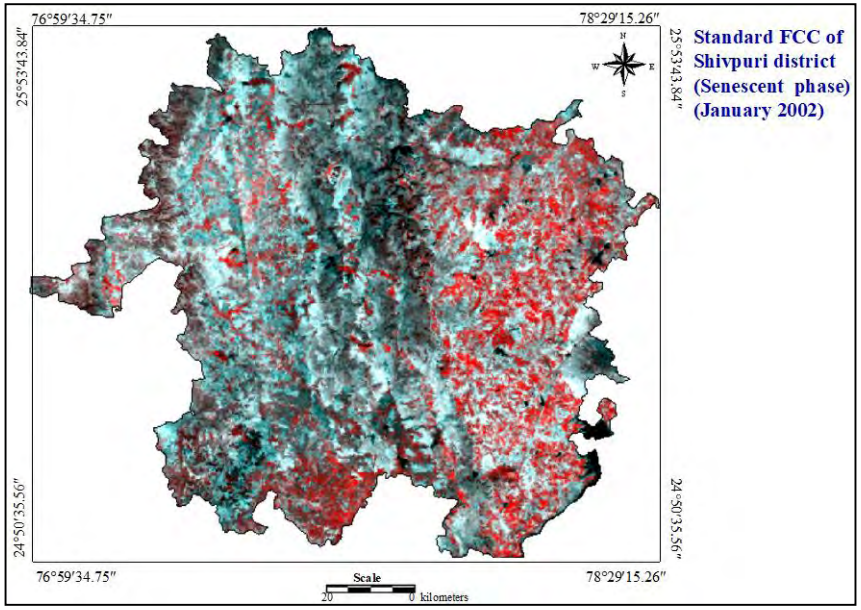


Vegetation Phenology (Shivpuri district, M.P.)



Growing Phase

October 2001

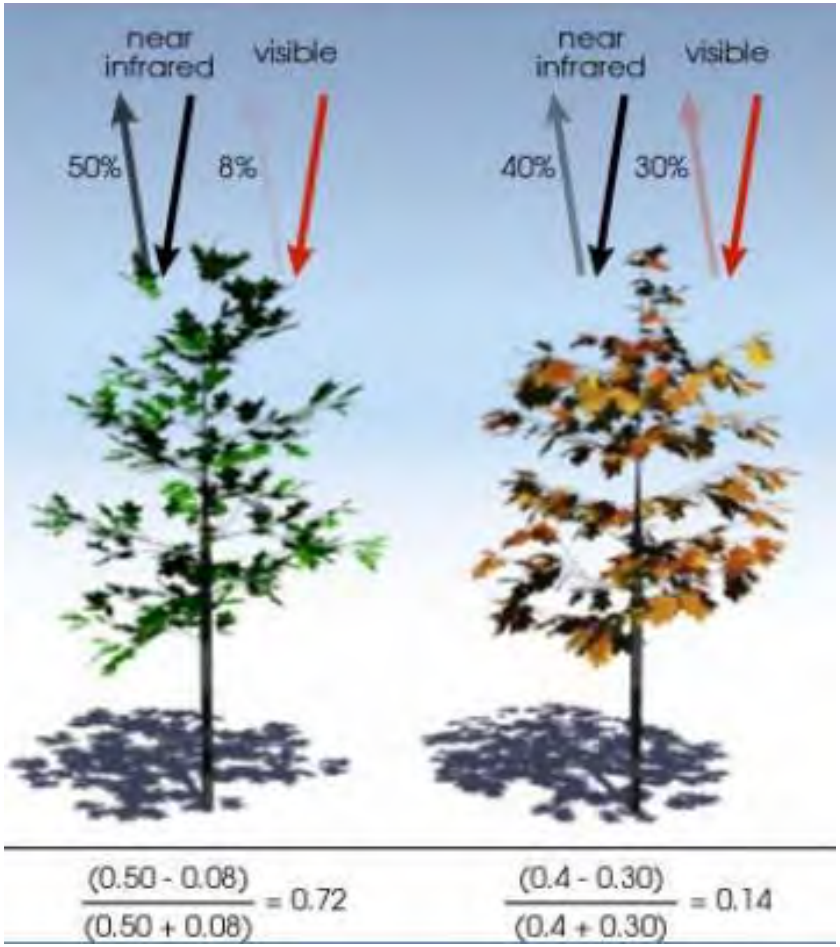


Senescent Phase

January 2002

Normalised Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) - Image Enhancement

NDVI = (NIR – Red)/ (NIR+Red)



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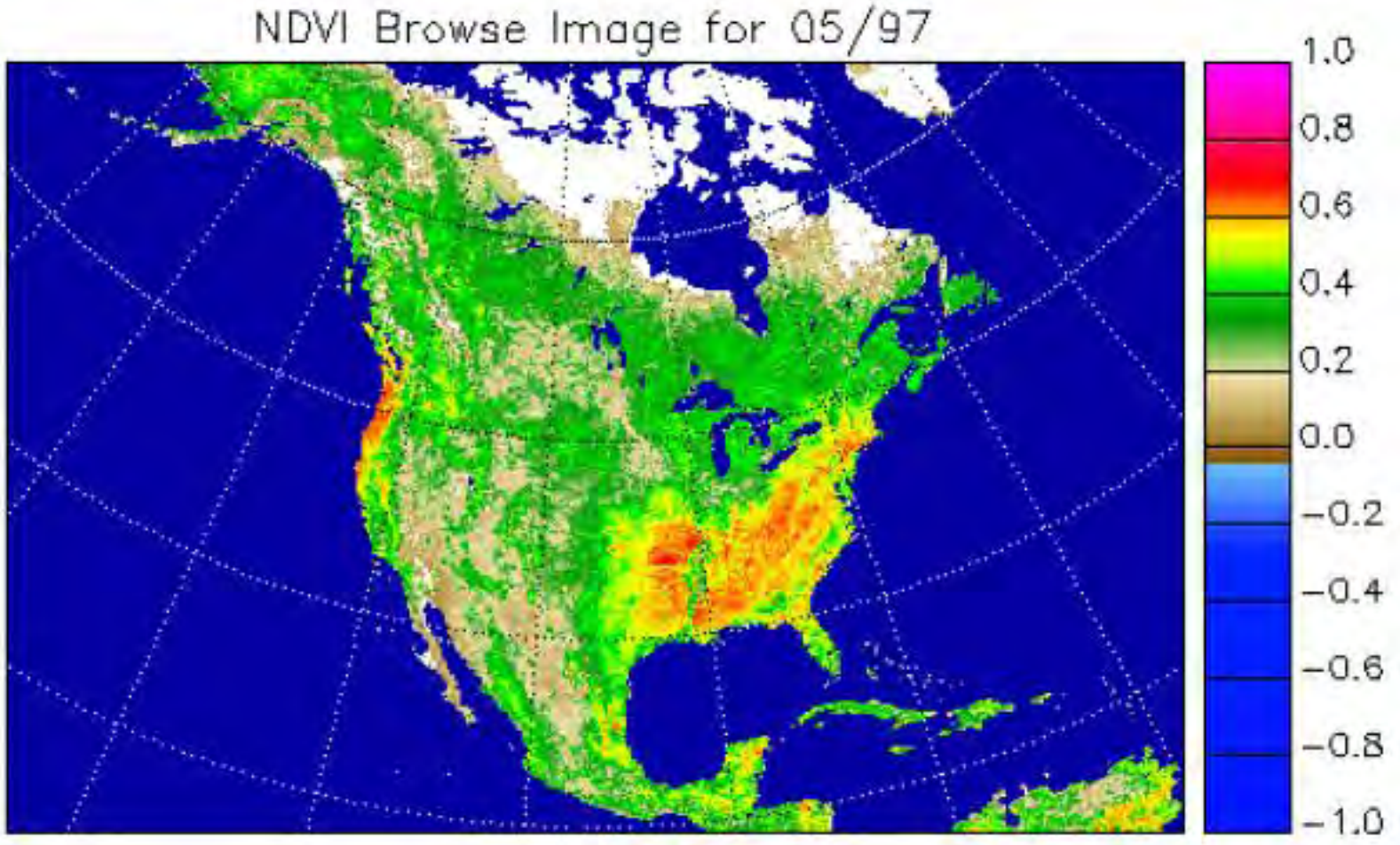

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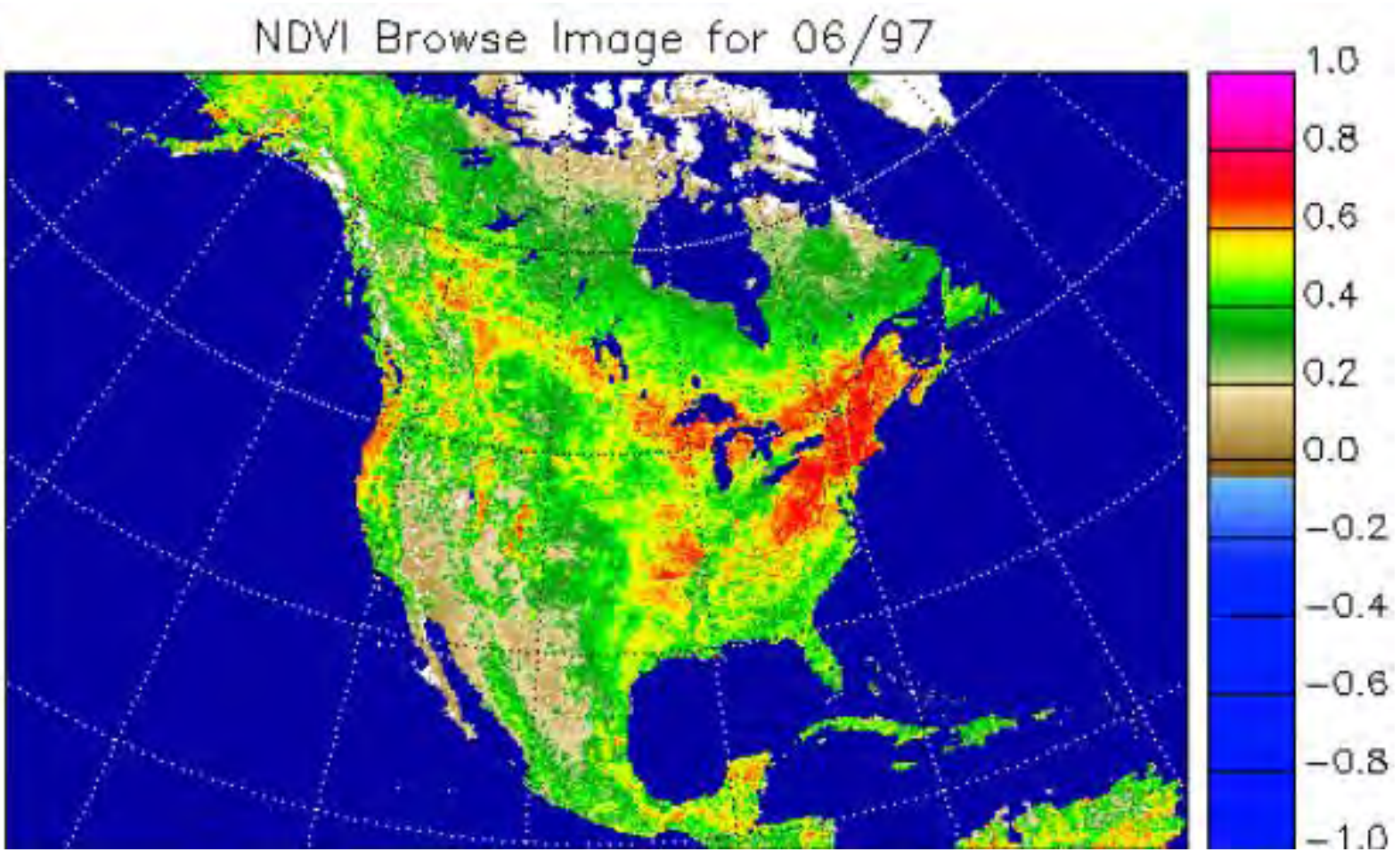

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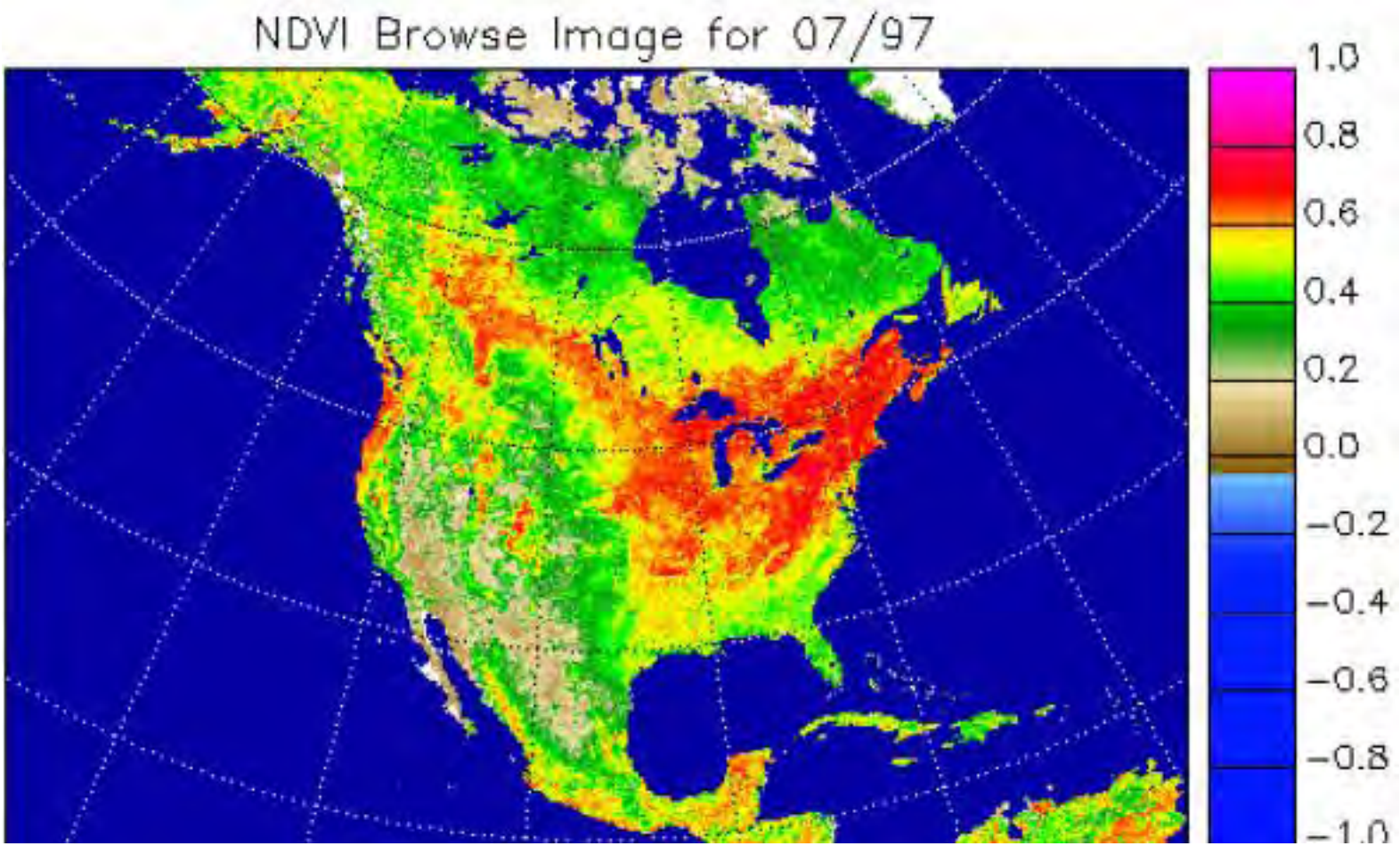

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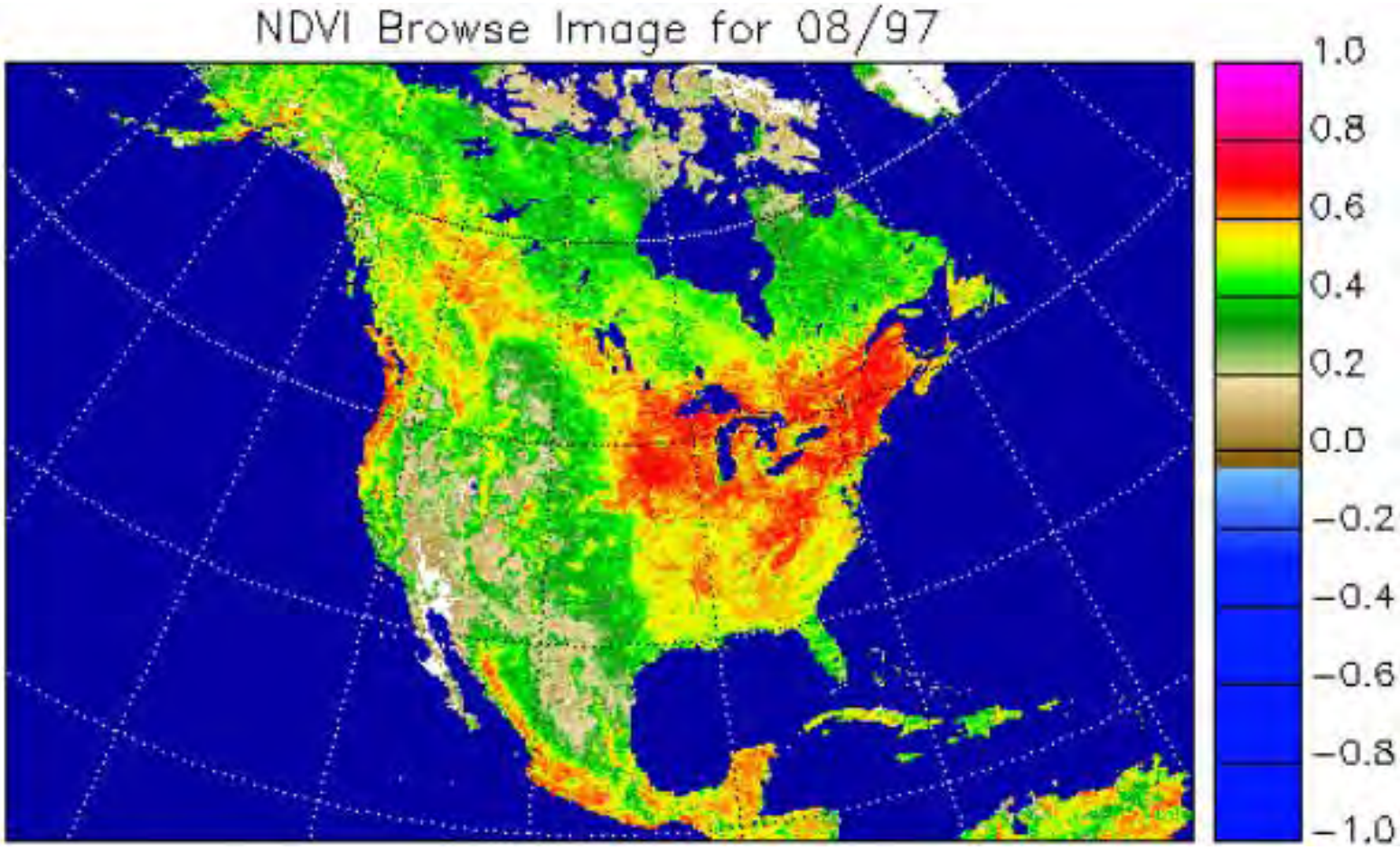

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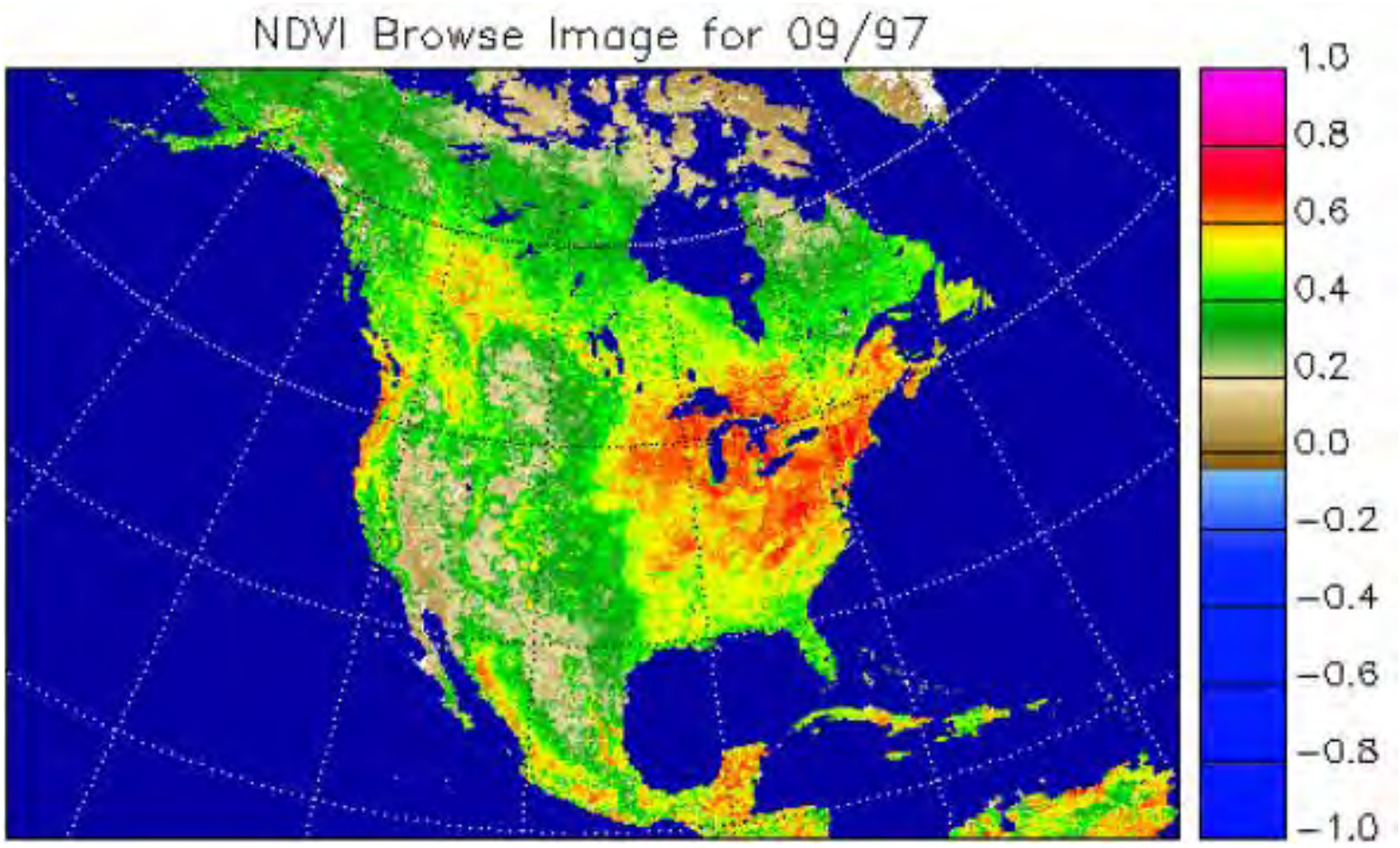

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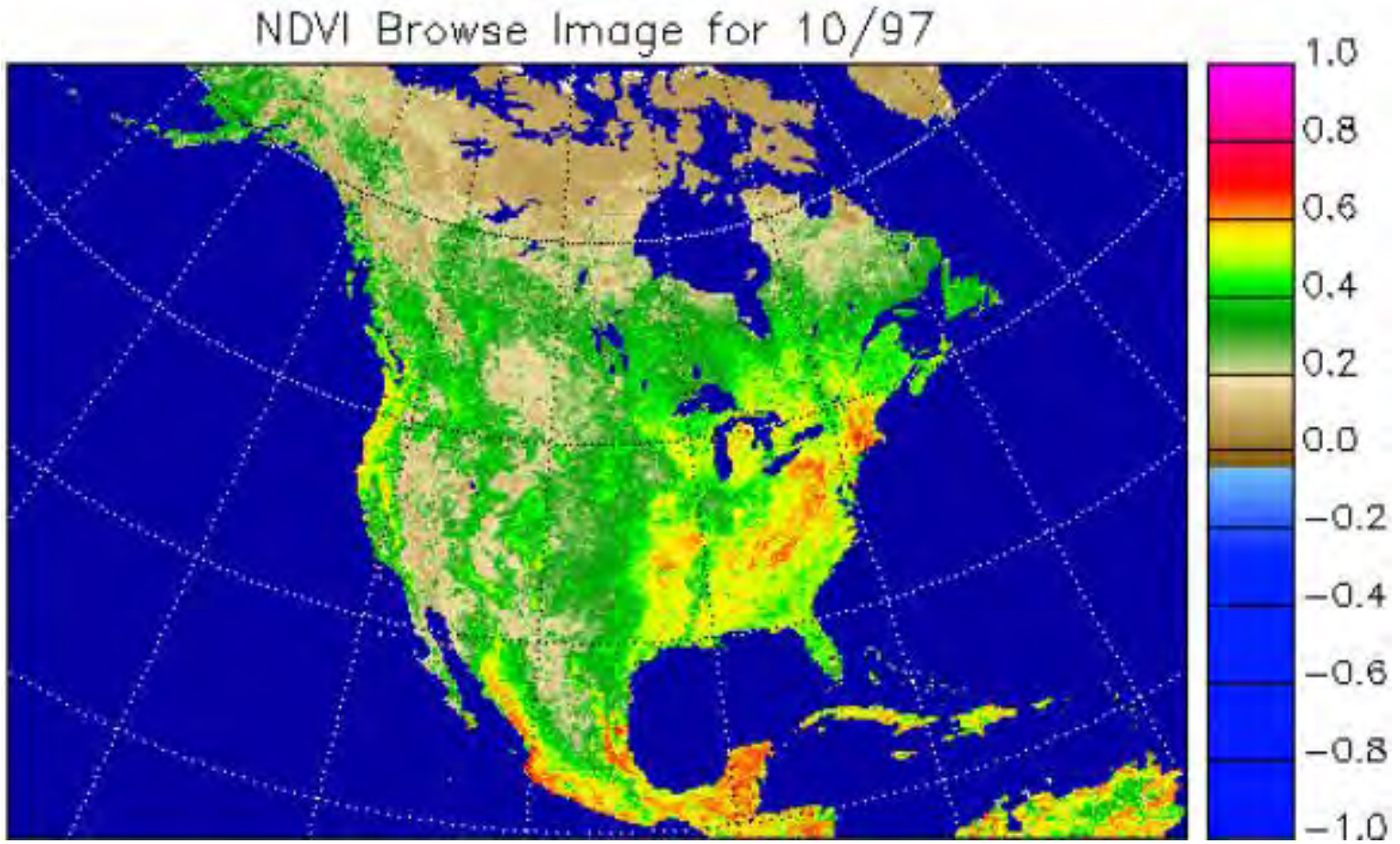
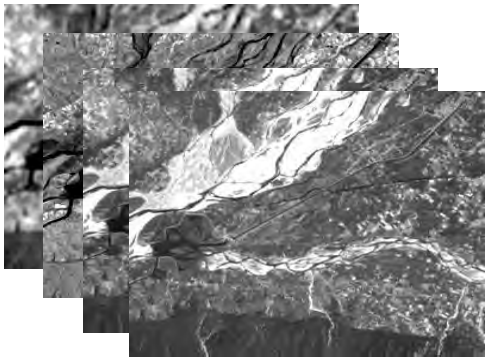


Image Classification



Allocation of a class to each spatial unit of analysis

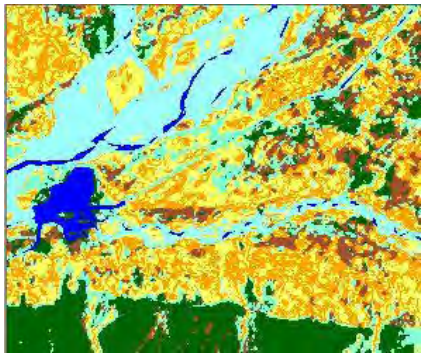


Image Classification – multiple date image processing

Garmser, Helmand (23Apr. 2006)

Garmser, Helmand (03 Jun 2006)

Pre-harvest and post-harvest images

Classified images

Final classification

Geospatial data sources

Free/low cost thematic data sets

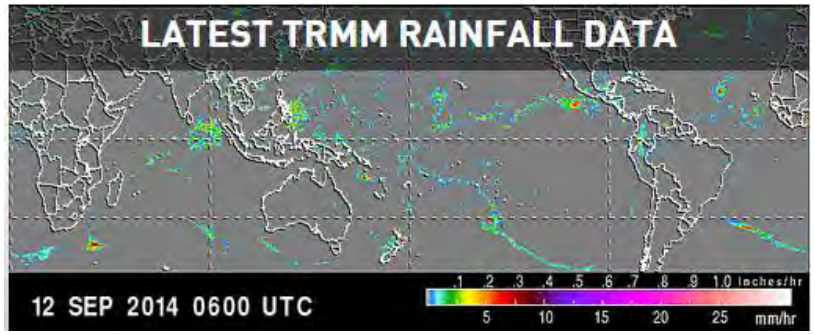
- DCW
- Openstreetmap
- ESRI
- Global Landuse

Free/low cost Image data sets

- Google earth
- Global DEM (ASTER and SRTM)
- Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR)
- MODIS
- Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER)
- Landsat MSS/TM data
- SPOT Vegetation

Advanced Earth observation

- **Worldview-3** from DigitalGlobe (Very High resolution images)
- **Sentinel satellites** (radar and multi-spectral imaging instruments for land, ocean and atmospheric monitoring)
- **TanDEM-X** (TerraSAR-X add-on for Digital Elevation Measurement)
- **ICEsat-1 & 2** (pioneered the use of laser altimeters in space – to measure ice sheet elevation change)
- **Landscan** (Global population data)
- **GPM** (new standard for precipitation measurements from space, based on success of TRMM)



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