

OUTLINE

- I. Radar imaging - Spatial resolution
- II. Polarization - Polarimetry
- III. **Radar response sensitivity**
- IV. Relief effects
- V. Speckle and Filtering

The radar equation

Transmitted power:

$$P_i = \frac{P_e G_e}{4\pi} d\Omega \quad (W)$$

Receiving irradiance at distance R:

$$E_i = \frac{P_e G_e}{4\pi R^2} \quad (W / m^2)$$

Intercepted power from the target (W):

$$P_s = \frac{P_e G_e}{4\pi R^2} \text{RCS}$$

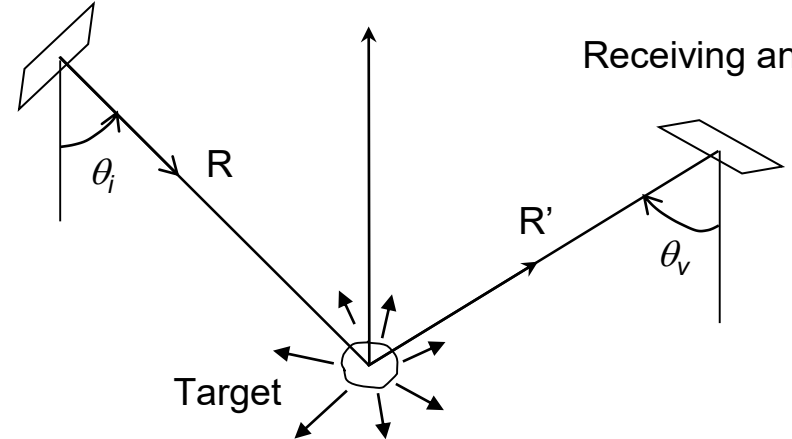
Radar Cross Section (m^2)

Intensity emitted from the target (isotrope):

$$I = \frac{P_s}{4\pi} = \frac{P_e G_e}{4\pi R^2} \frac{RCS}{4\pi} \quad (W / sr)$$

Power received by surface dS at distance R' : $P_r = I d\Omega = I \frac{dS}{R'^2} = \frac{P_e G_e}{4\pi R^2} \frac{RCS}{4\pi R'^2} dS \quad (W)$

Transmitting antenna



The radar equation

Power received by dS at distance R'

$$P_r = \frac{P_e G_e}{4\pi R^2} \frac{RCS}{4\pi R'^2} dS \quad (W)$$

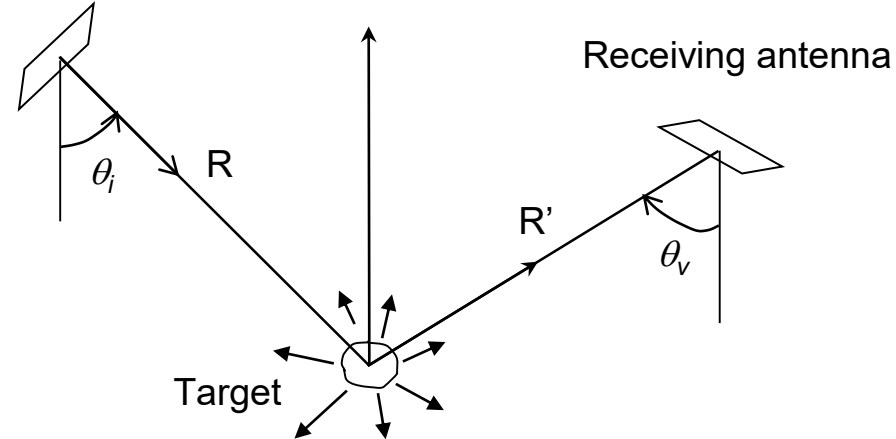
Received irradiance at distance R'

$$E_r = \frac{P_e G_e}{4\pi R^2} \frac{RCS}{4\pi R'^2} \quad (W/m^2)$$

Power received by the antenna: $P_r = E_r dA = E_r \frac{G_r \lambda^2}{4\pi} = \frac{P_e G_e}{4\pi R^2} \frac{RCS}{4\pi R'^2} \frac{G_r \lambda^2}{4\pi}$

(W)

Transmitting antenna



The radar equation

Power received by the antenna:

$$dP_r = \frac{P_e G_e}{4\pi R^2} \frac{\text{RCS}}{4\pi} \frac{G_r \lambda^2}{4\pi R^2} \quad (W)$$

↖ Radar Cross Section (m²)

Case of expanse surfaces:

Radar Backscattering Coefficient:

$$\sigma^0 = \frac{\text{RCS}}{d\Sigma} \quad (m^2/m^2)$$

➔ Analogous to the reflectance in Optical domain

$$dP_r = \frac{P_e G_e}{4\pi R^2} \frac{\sigma^0 d\Sigma}{4\pi} \frac{G_r \lambda^2}{4\pi R^2}$$

$$\sigma^0 = \frac{(4\pi)^3}{\lambda^2} \frac{\langle P_r \rangle}{P_e} \frac{R^4}{\iint_{\text{Surf. obs.}} G_e G_r d\Sigma}$$

σ^0 high dynamic

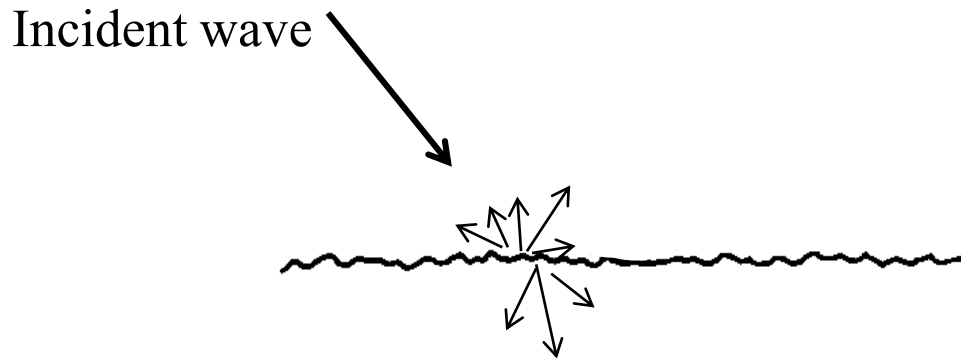
==> dB units (log. scale)

$$\sigma_{dB}^0 = 10 \cdot \log_{10} \left(\sigma_{Nat}^0 \right)$$

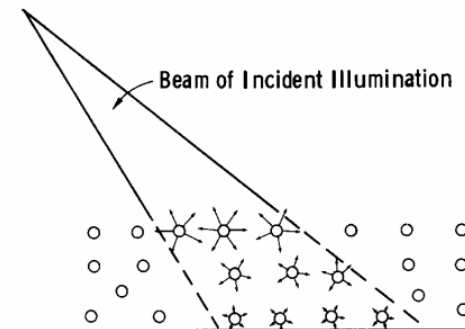
Radar images interpretation rules

2 cases of figure:

Surface scattering (interaction occurs at the interface between both media)



Volume scattering (interaction with multiple elements = scatterers)



Radar response sensitivity

bare soils or water surfaces

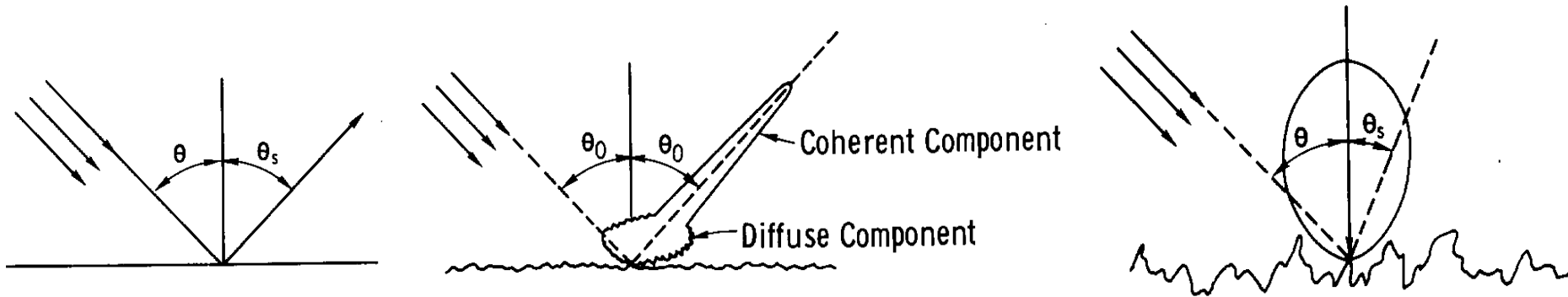
Surface Scattering

Radar images interpretation rules

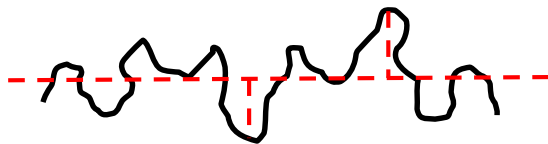
Surface scattering

Soil: homogeneous medium ==> scattering at the interface

Influence of roughness



Surface roughness is referred to the radar wavelength



σ : rms height

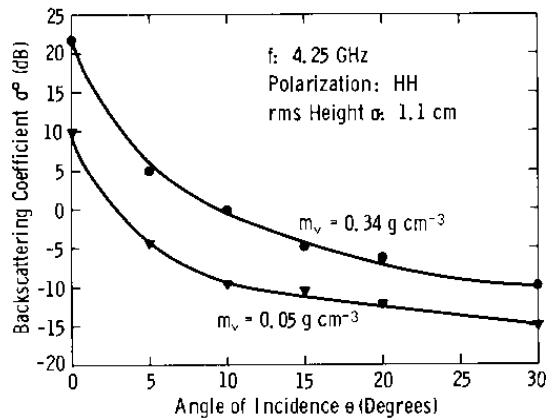
$$\sigma < \frac{\lambda}{8 \cos \theta} \quad ==> \text{smooth surface}$$

ERS ($\lambda = 5 \text{ cm}$, $\theta = 23^\circ$): $s > 2 \cdot 10^{-2}$: every soil is rough!

Radar images interpretation rules

Surface scattering

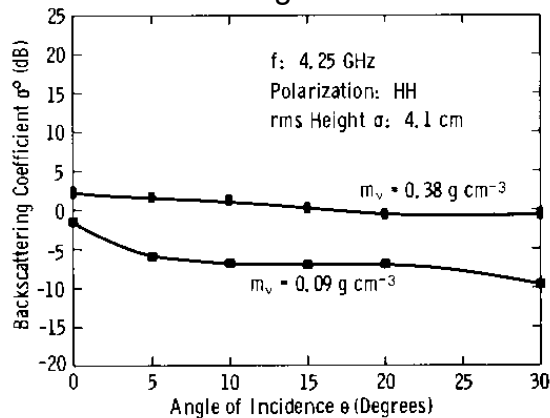
Smooth surface



Soil *roughness*: **angular** effect

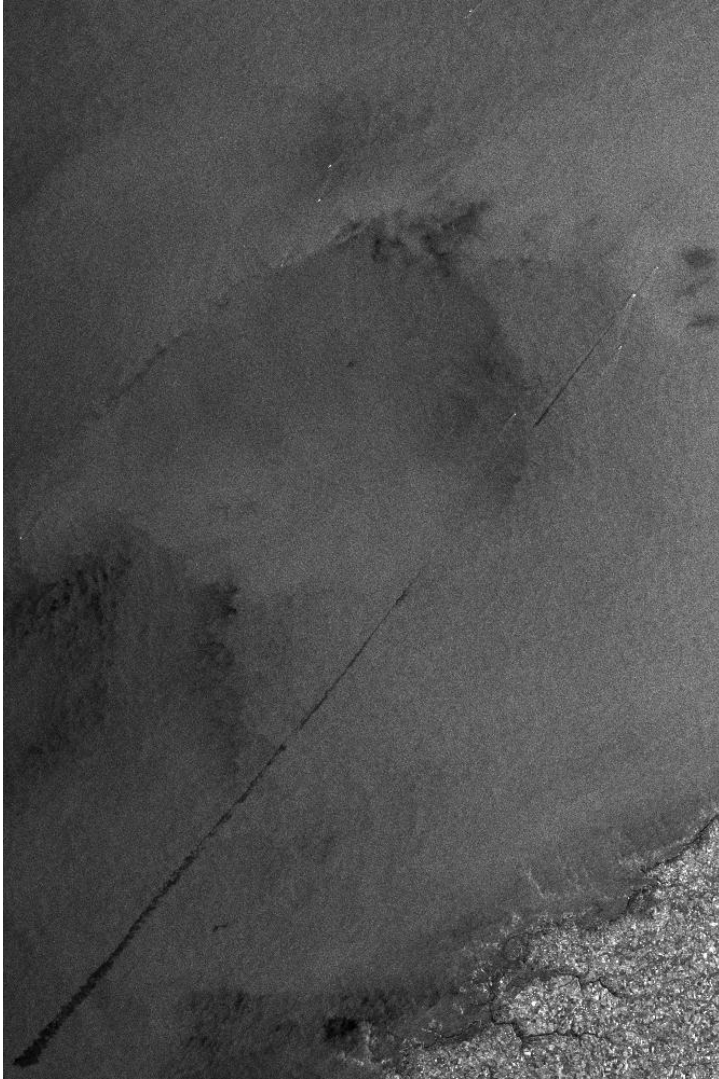
Soil *moisture*: **shift level** effect

Rough surface



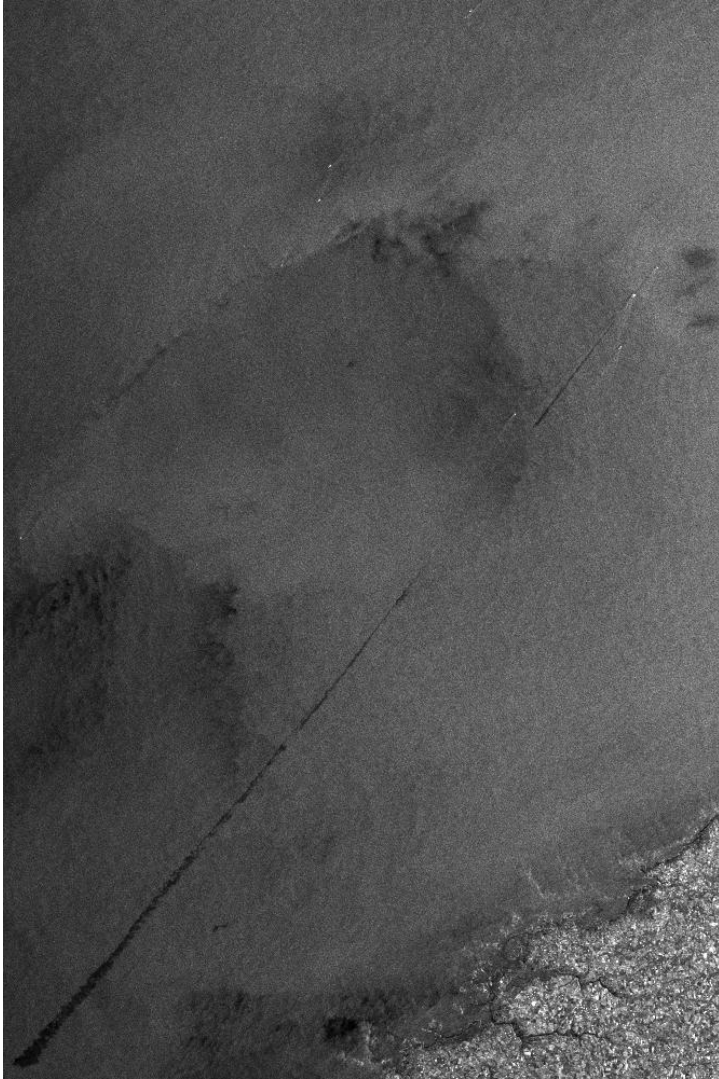
(b)

Radar response sensitivity



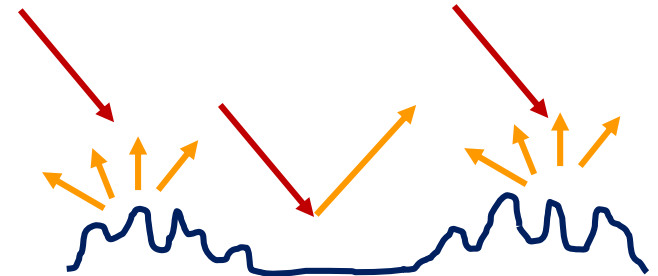
ERS (bande C, 23°, VV): 9 mars 1999

Radar response sensitivity



ERS (bande C, 23°, VV): 9 mars 1999

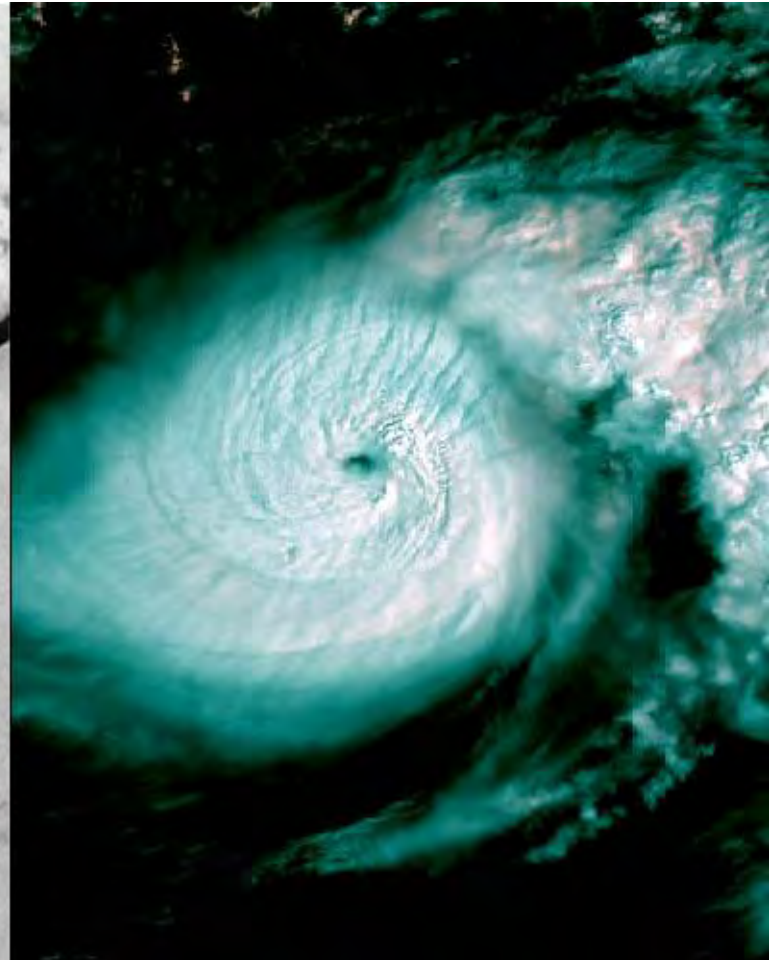
Over surface water:
surface roughness too



Typhon Isidore
Mexico - 21.09.2002



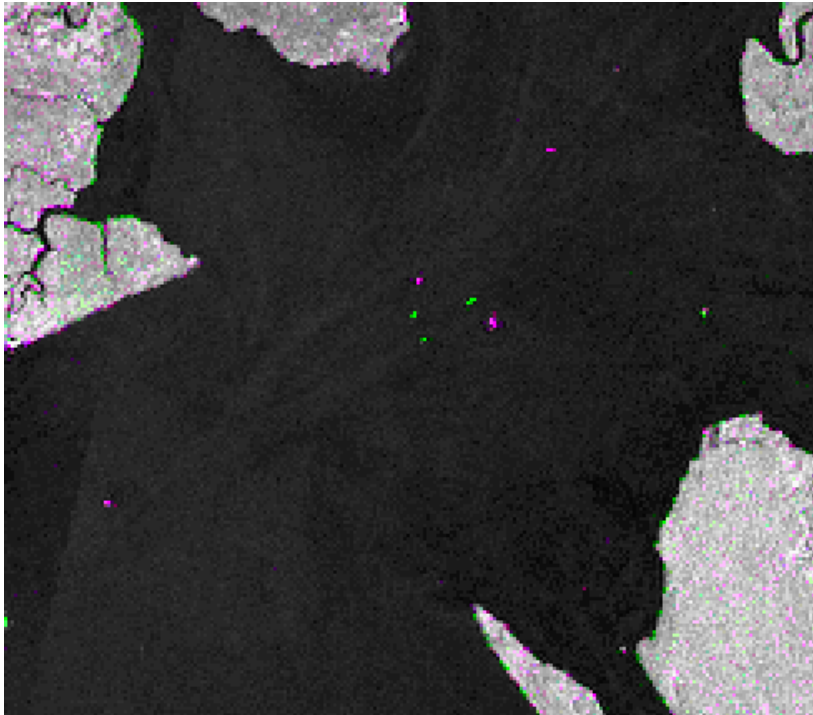
ASAR



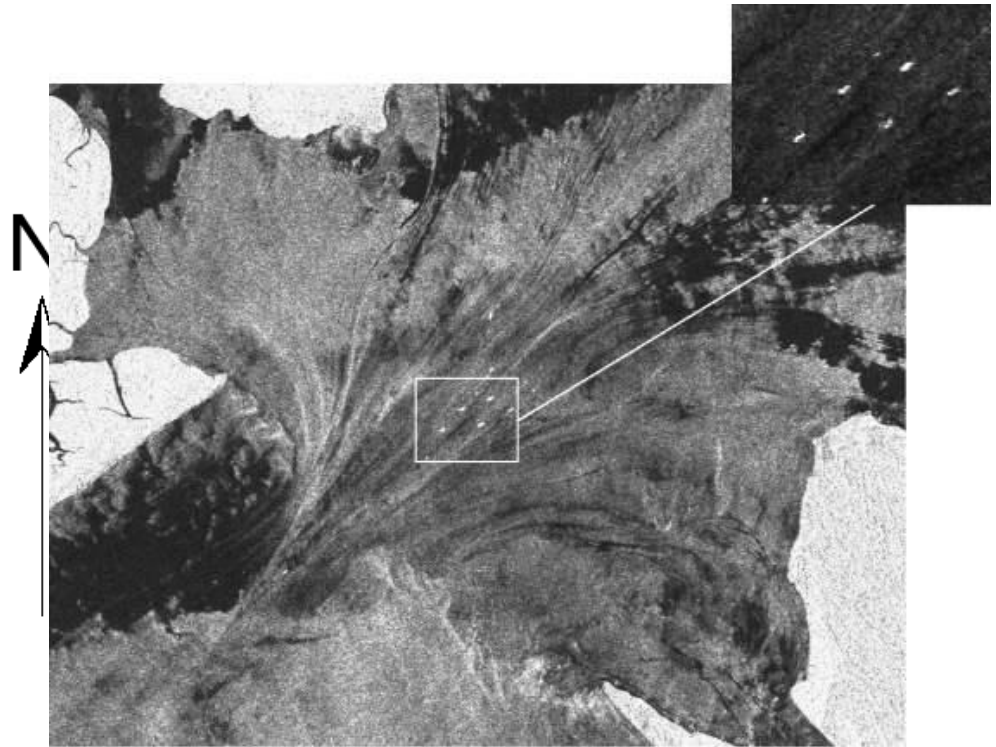
MERIS (600 m)

Frequency - wavelength

Exercise: why is it required to know the wavelength λ ?



JERS sensor
(Bande L, $\lambda = 25$ cm)



ERS sensor
(Bande C, $\lambda = 6$ cm)

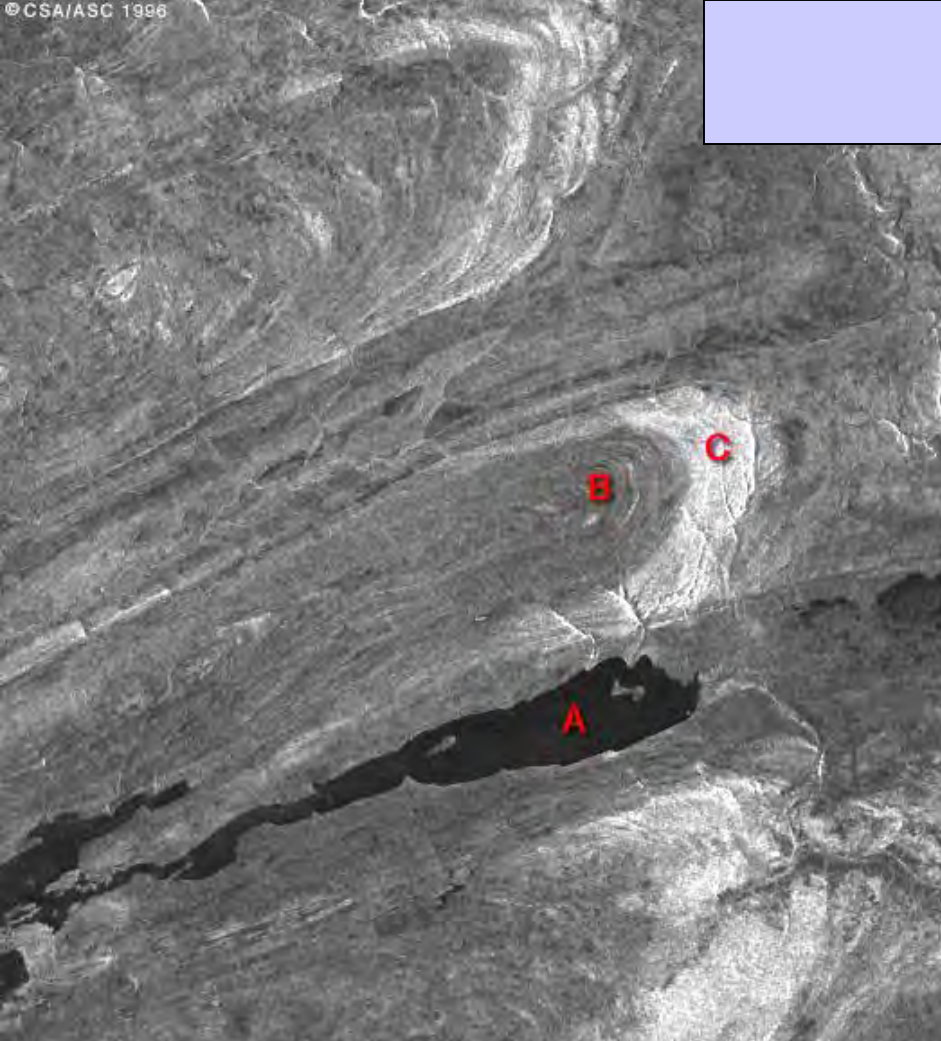
ERS radar image in Sahel



Over bare soil: depends on
Roughness
Soil moisture



Canada

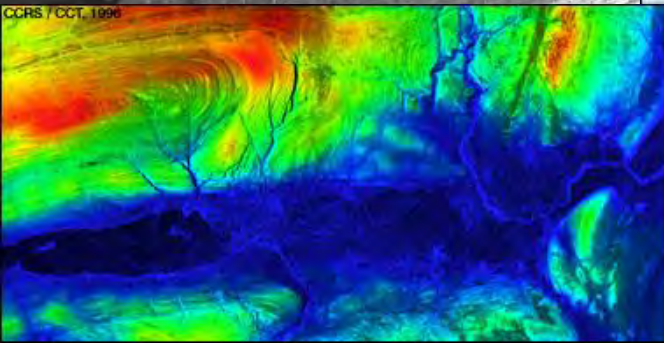


Siltstone 1.5 cm

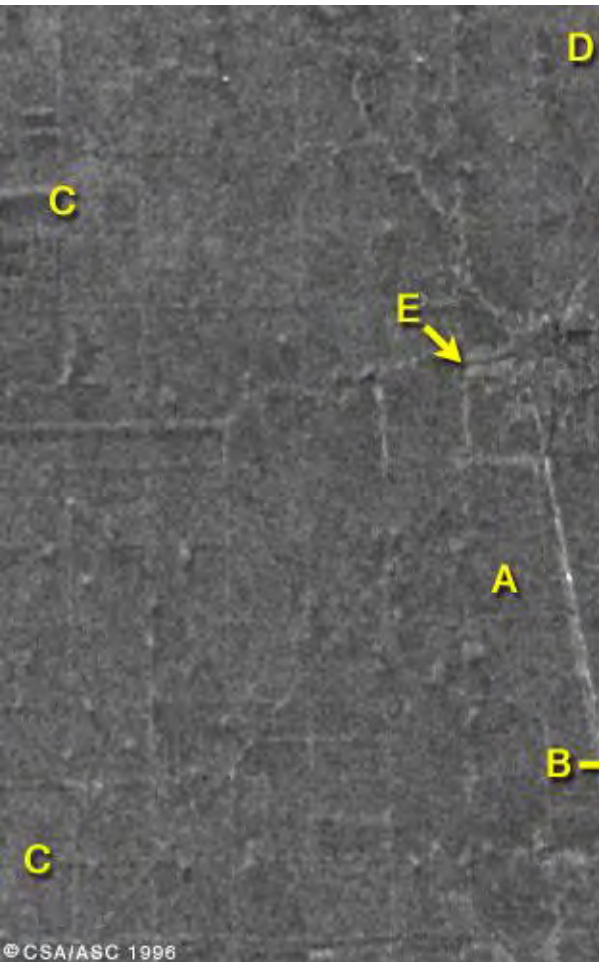
limestone 4.5cm



contact

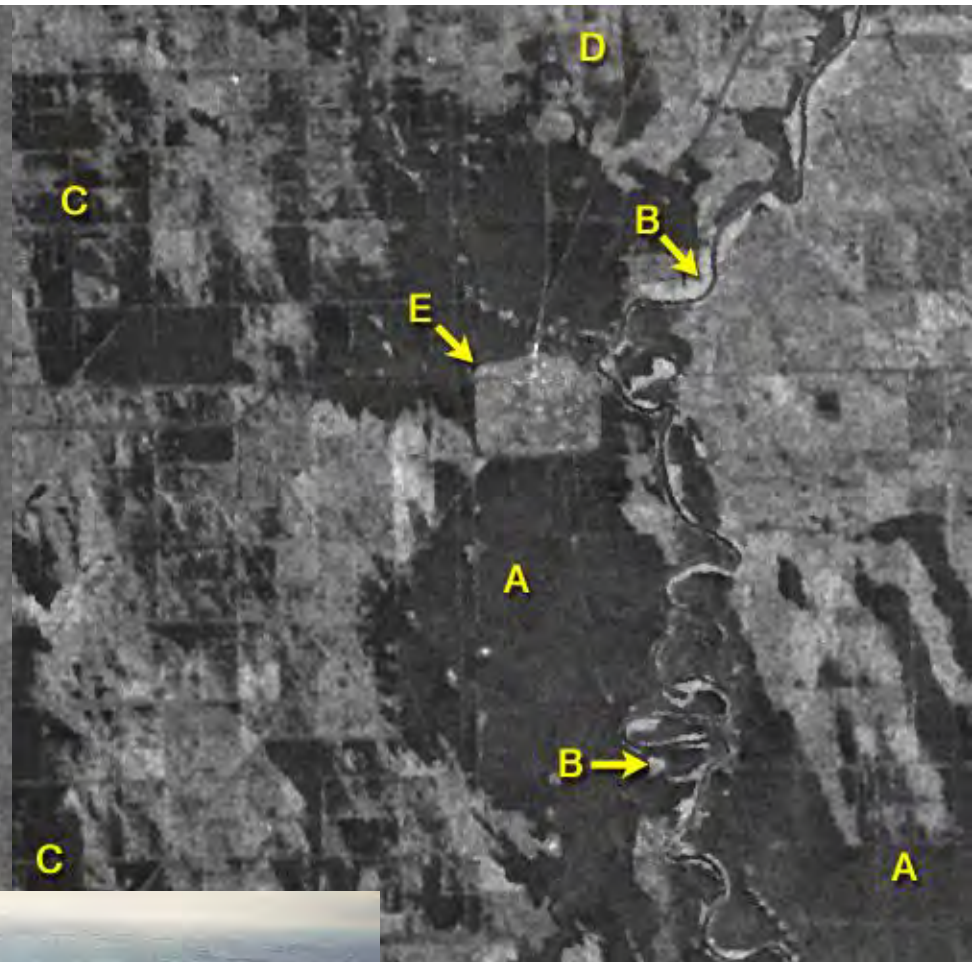


Flooded areas monitoring



March 23 1996

The Red River, China



April 25 1996



Penetration effect

Radar ERS

optical



"Tin Etki"

Ain Cheik

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Desert Algeria

Effect of
penetration

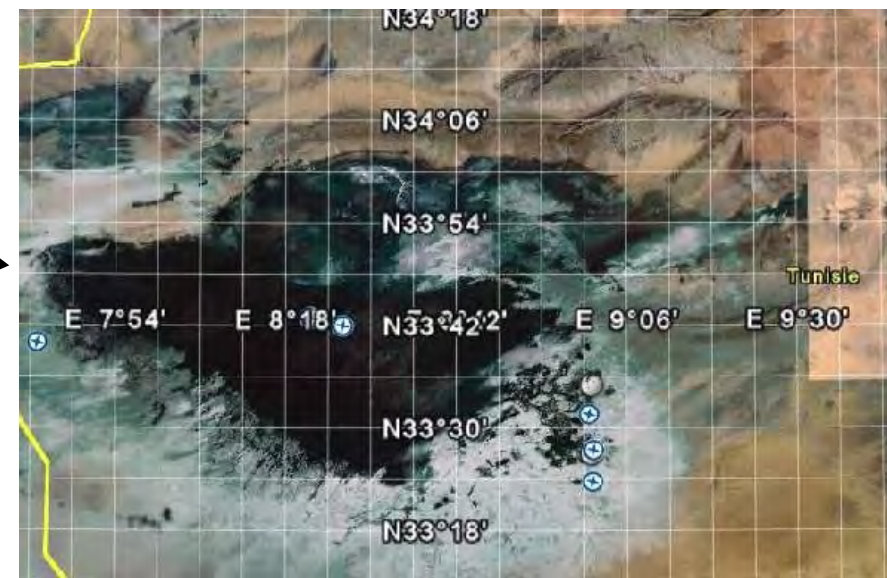
SIR A
band L



The Chott El Jerid, Tunisia



A vast evaporitic (80 x 120 km) area



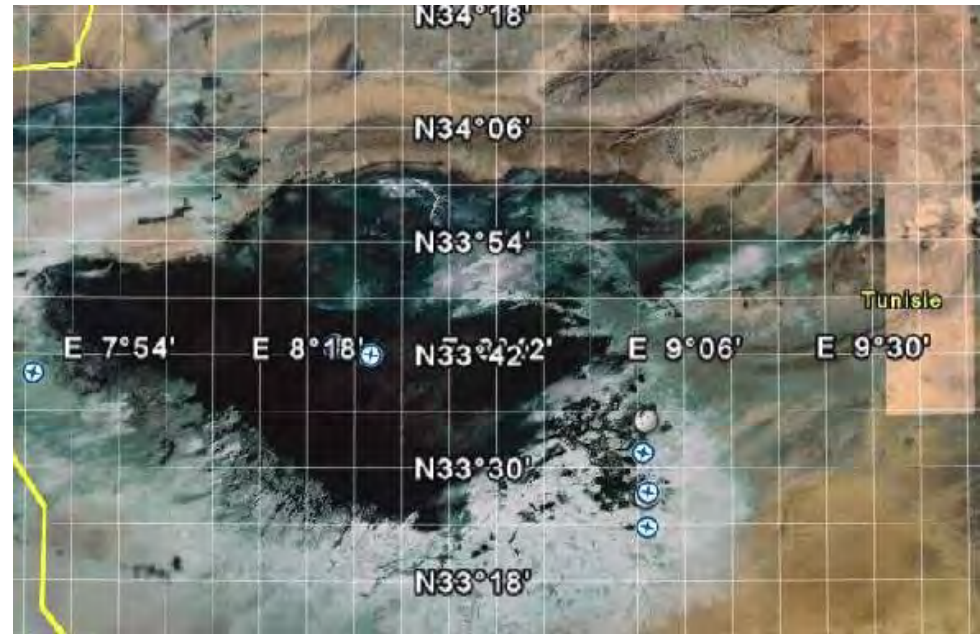
60 km

Discharge playa from a major aquifere
(upward percolation)

+
occasional runoff from neighbouring
playa (Fedjadj).

➔ *Temporary flooding*

Playas: Evaporites (saline deposits)



Flooded / dry surface

Wettest months

sudden smoothing due to dissolution of saline crust
+ dramatic change of diel. const. (saline solution)

Summer months:

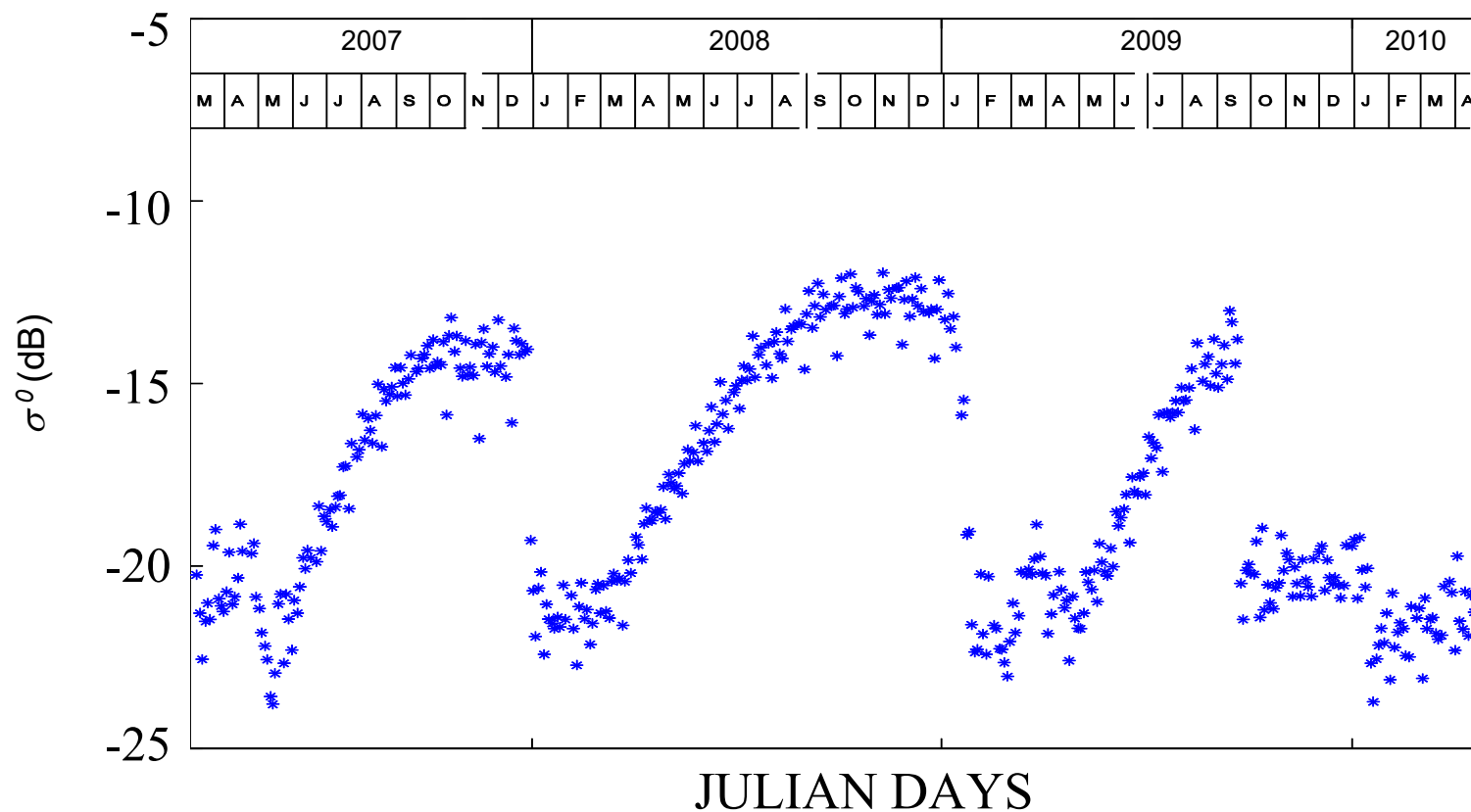
evaporation → halite crystal growth → increase of roughness

Lab and ground measurements, Death Valley
(roughness, dielectric constant)



ASCAT temporal signature over the Chott el Jerid

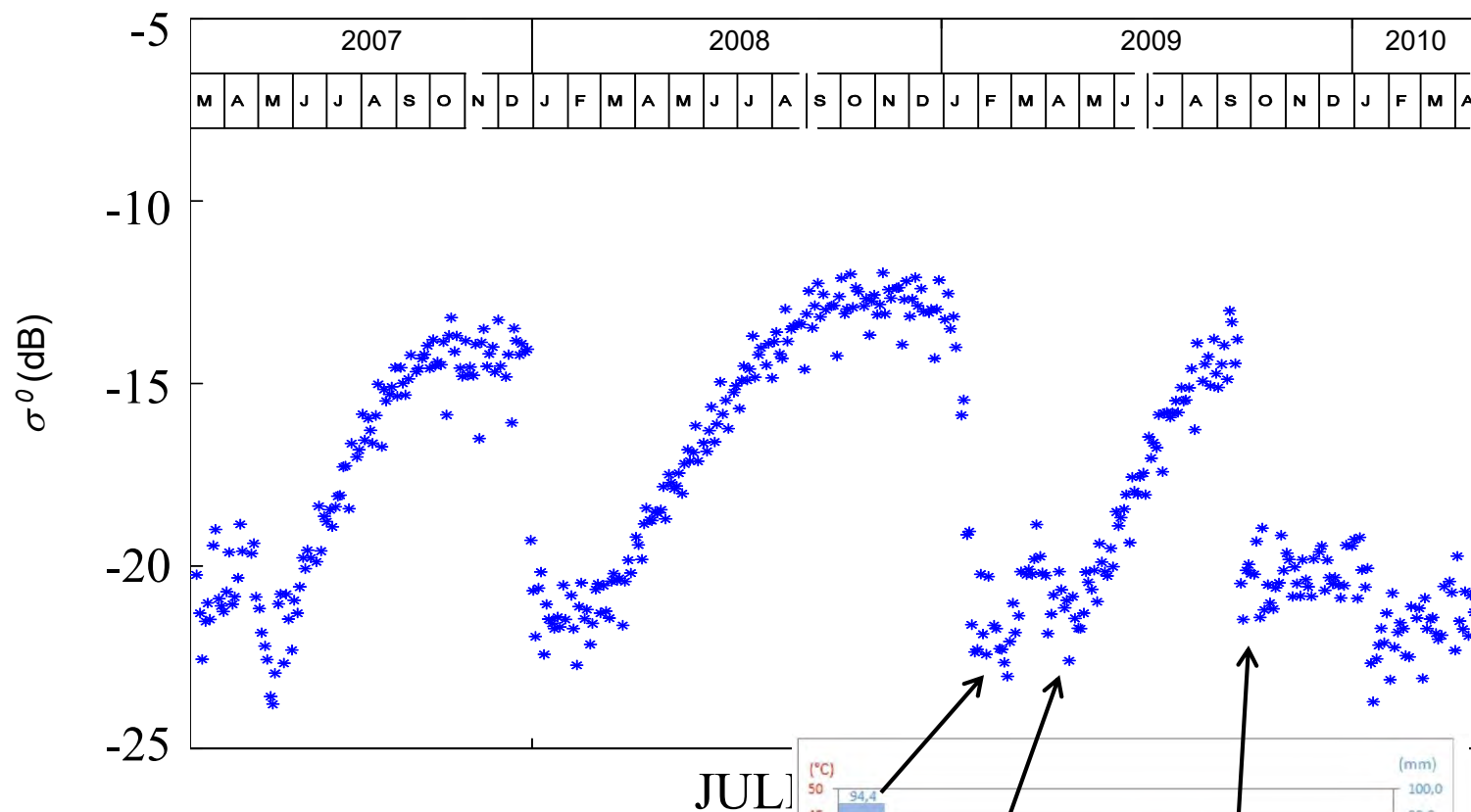
Incidence angle: 40°



High temporal dynamic (> 10 dB)
Linked to environment seasonal variations

ASCAT temporal signature over the Chott el Jerid

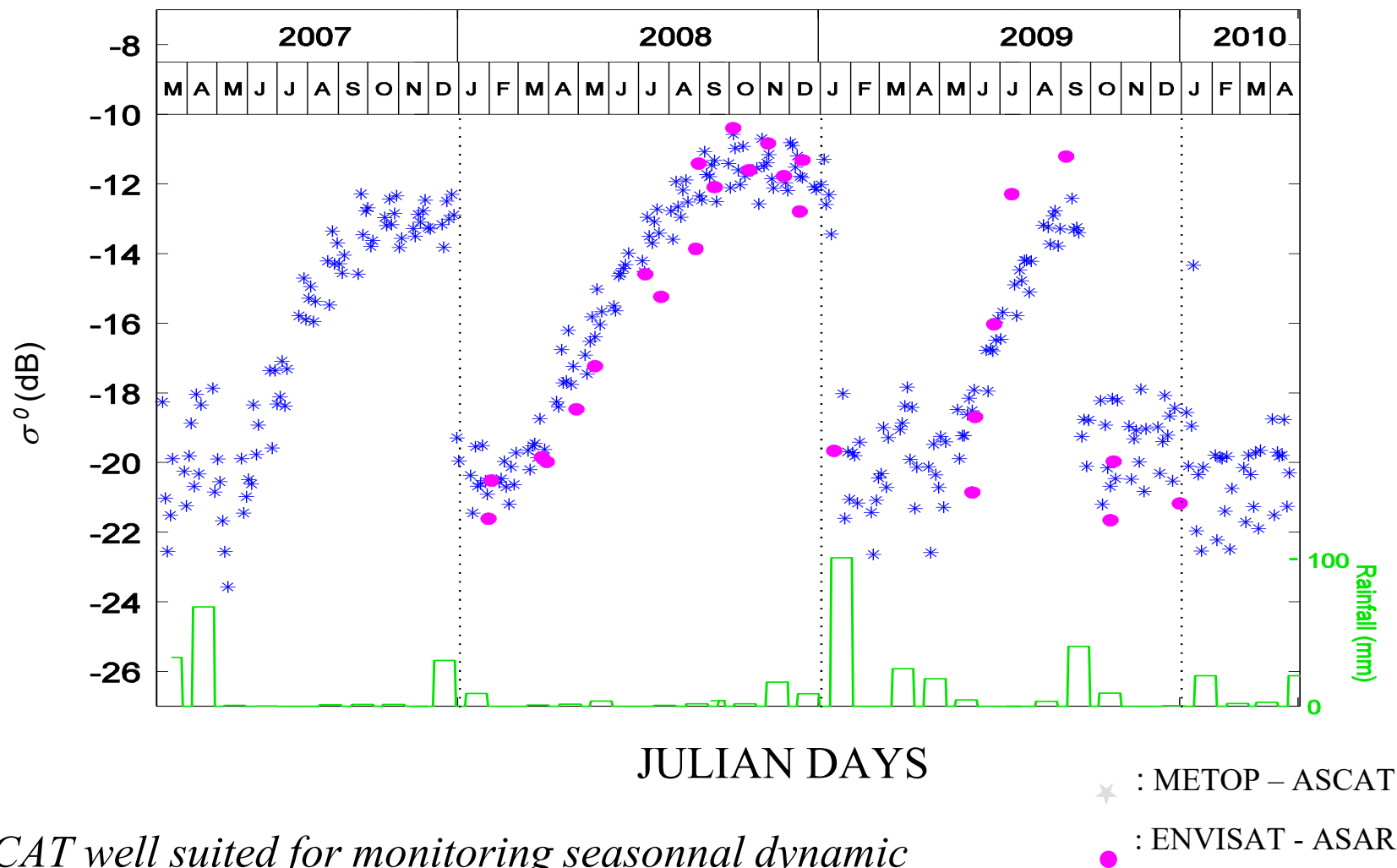
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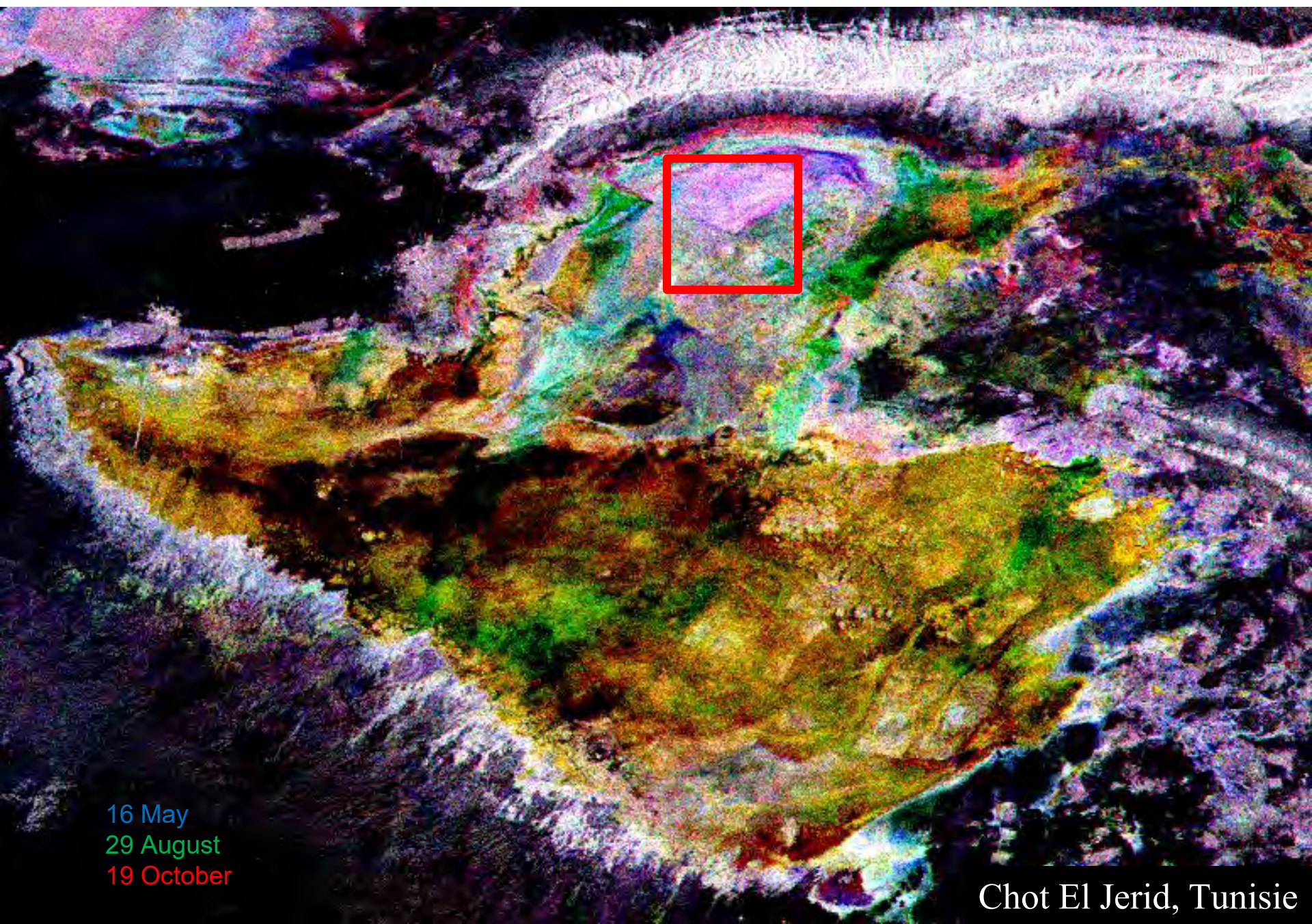


Precipitation, Tozeur, 2009

ASCAT/ASAR temporal signature over the Chott el Jerid

Incidence angle: 40°



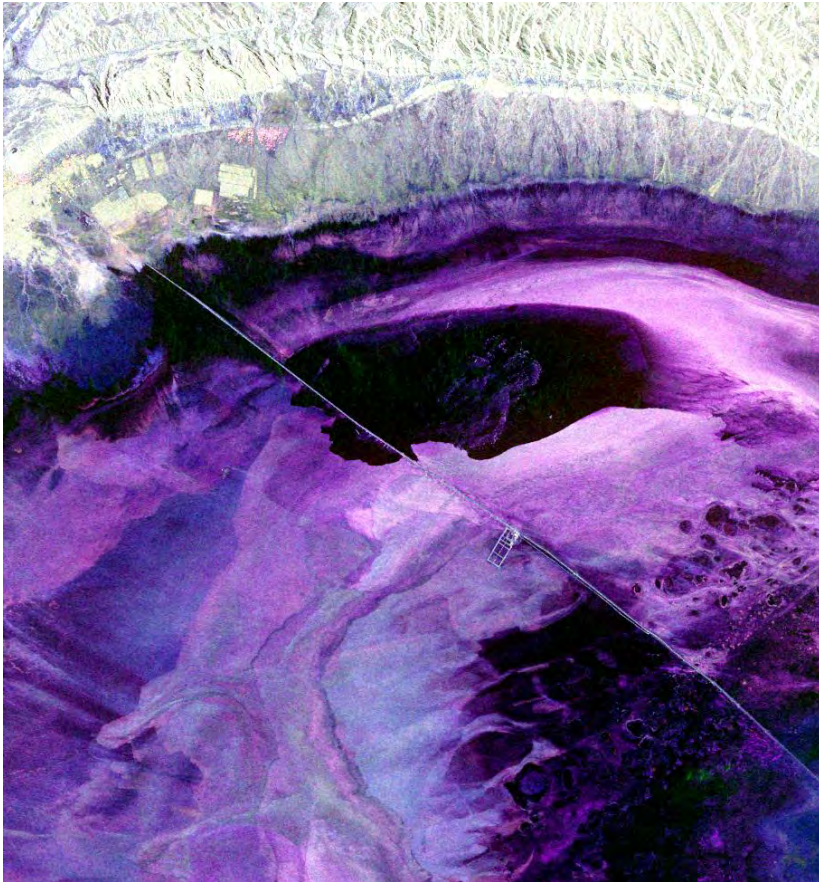


16 May
29 August
19 October

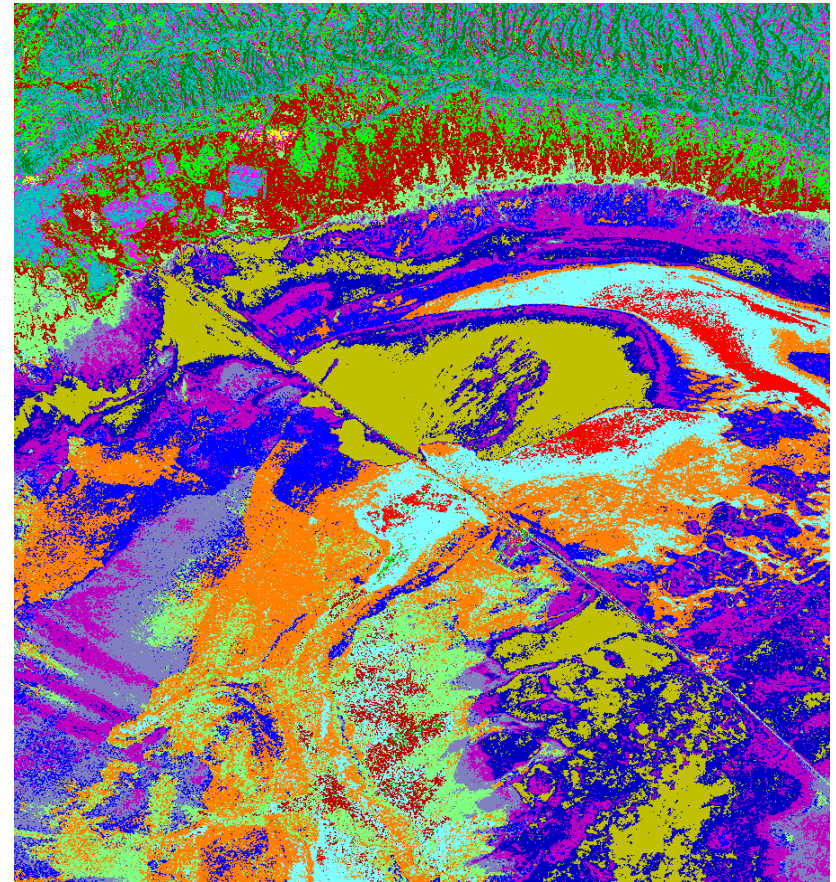
Chot El Jerid, Tunisie

Polarimetric data classification

Chott El Djerid



Decomposition de Pauli



Classification H/A/alpha

Radarsat-2 - 17 avril 2009

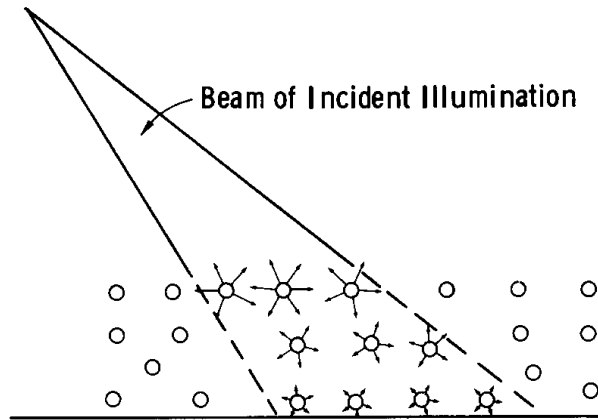
Radar response sensitivity

Over vegetation

Volume scattering

Radar images interpretation rules

Volume scattering



Inhomogeneous medium (vegetation cover)

each inhomogeneity (leaves, branches....)
scatters incident wave in all direction

Multiple scattering
+
Absorption } ==> wave attenuation within the layer

Radar images interpretation rules

Volume scattering

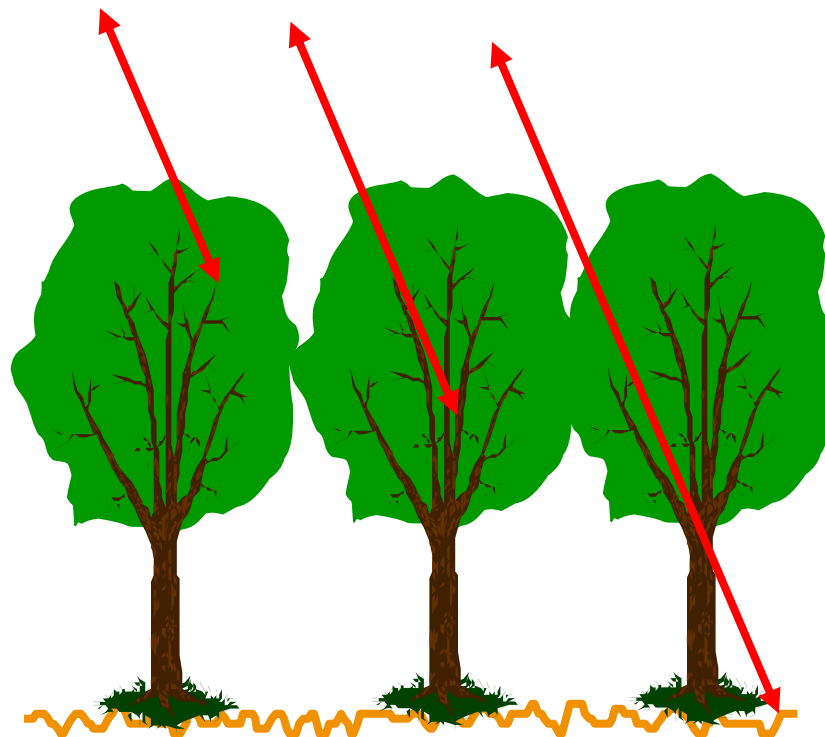
C band

L band

P-band

Penetration Depth:

$$\delta = \frac{\lambda}{4 \pi \operatorname{Im}(\sqrt{\varepsilon})}$$



Penetration \nearrow { Biomass \searrow
wavelength \nearrow

Bande C

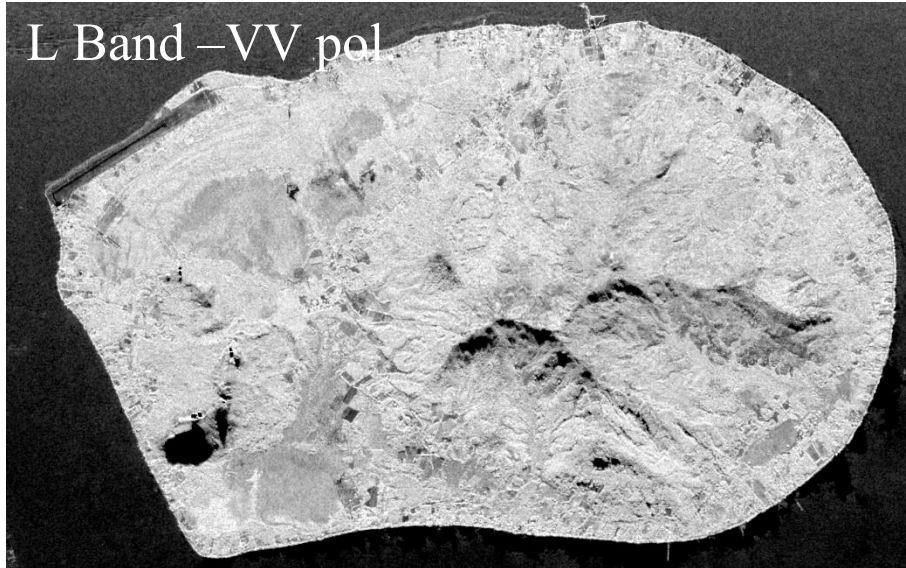


Radar response over French Guiana

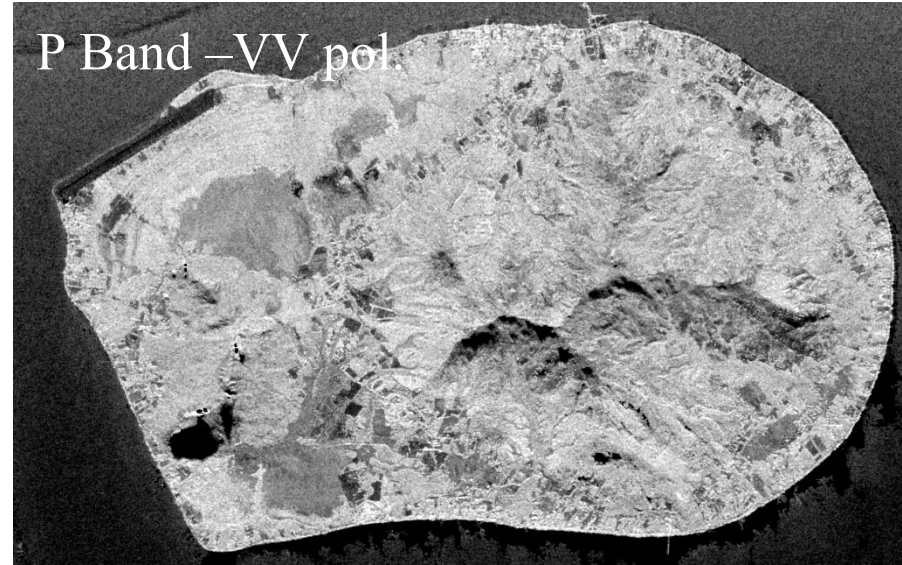
Frequency - wavelength

Tubuai Island, Vegetation discrimination

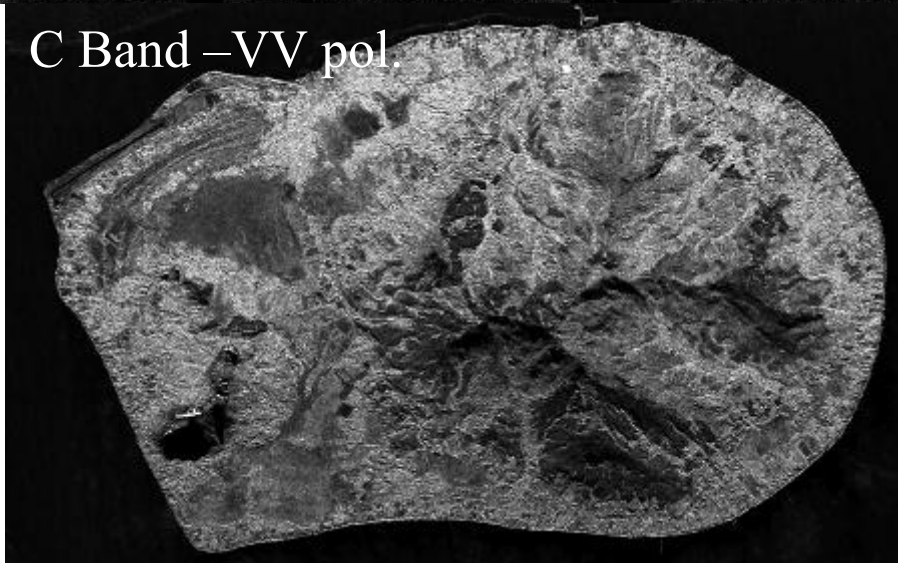
L Band – VV pol.



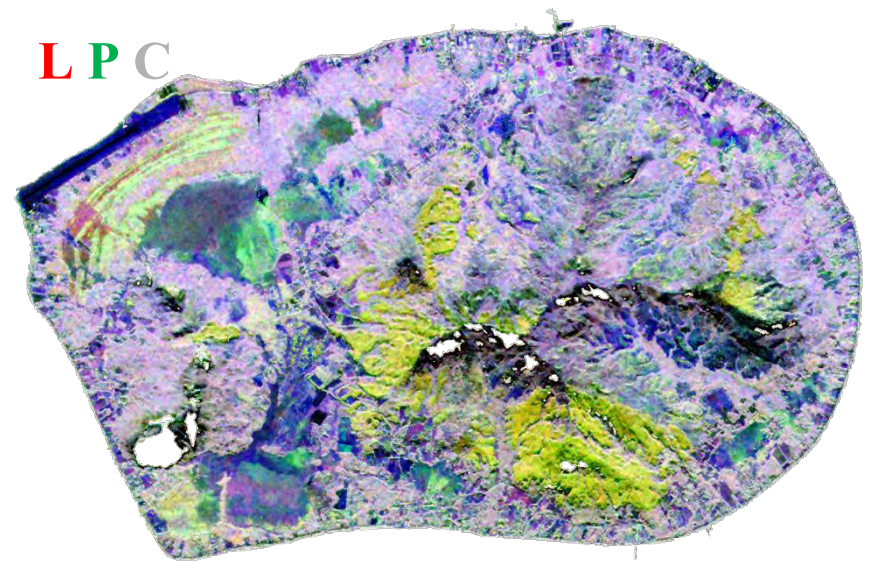
P Band – VV pol.



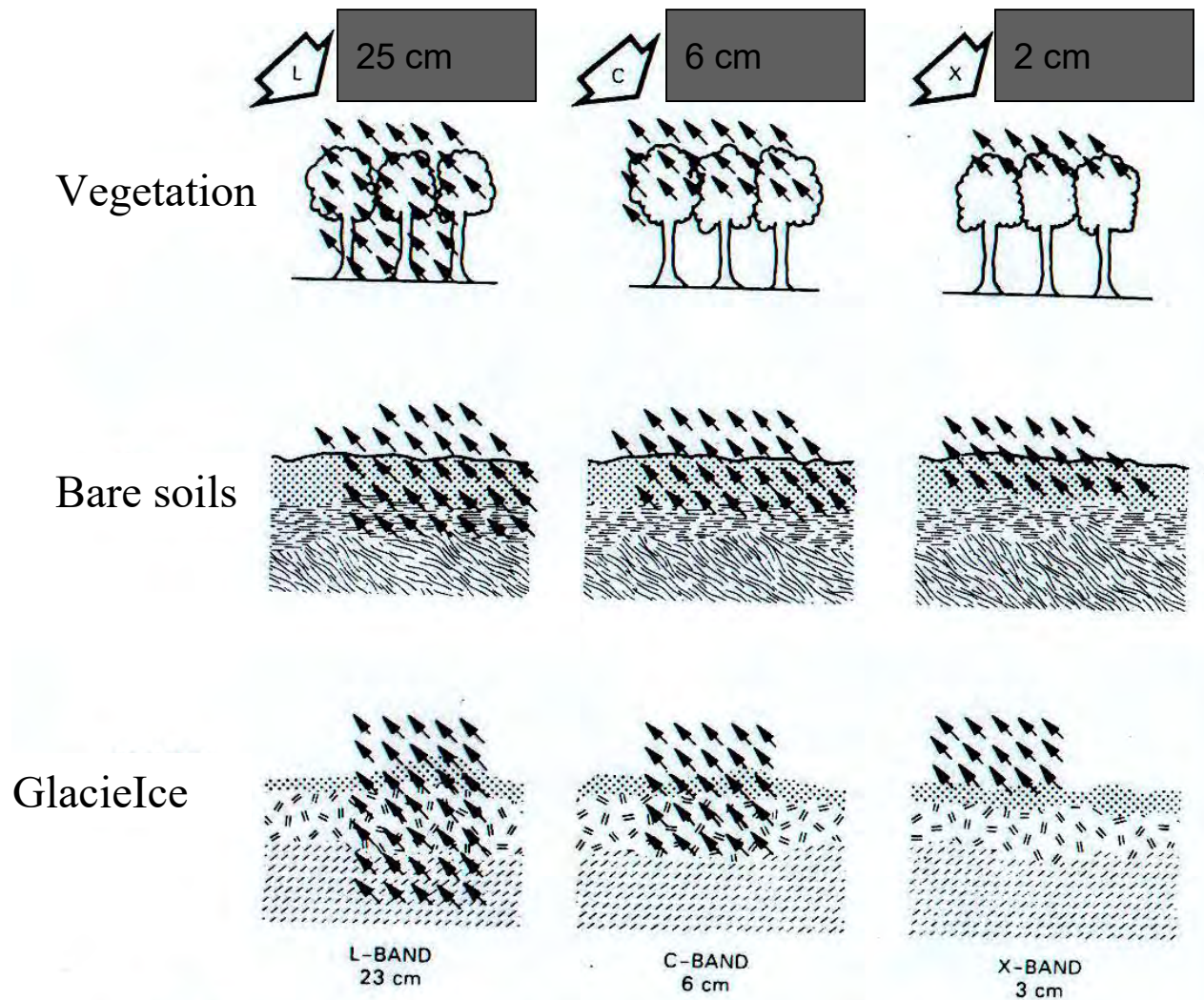
C Band – VV pol.



L P C



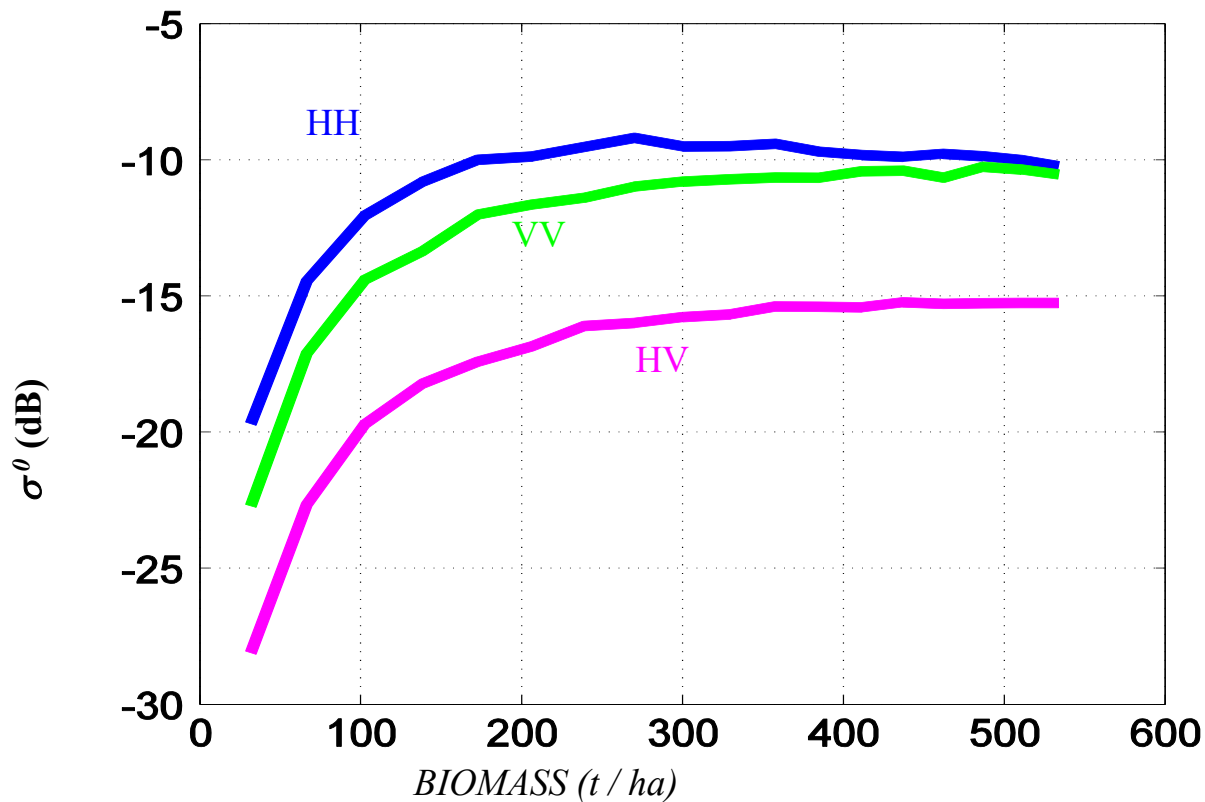
Radar response sensitivity



Penetration depth is proportional to λ

Radar images interpretation rules

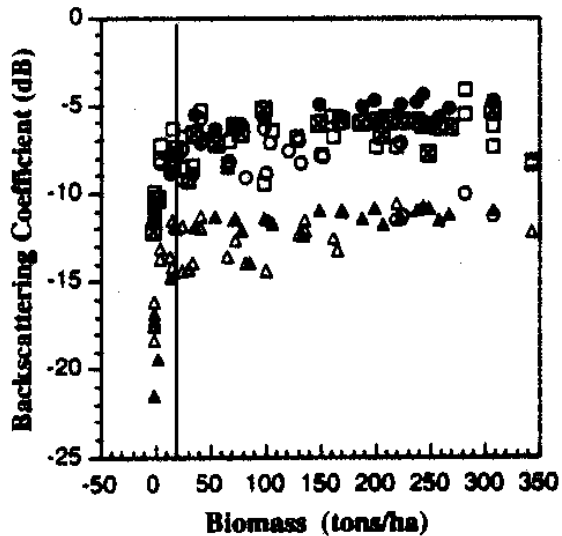
Radar response over forest



Volume Scattering

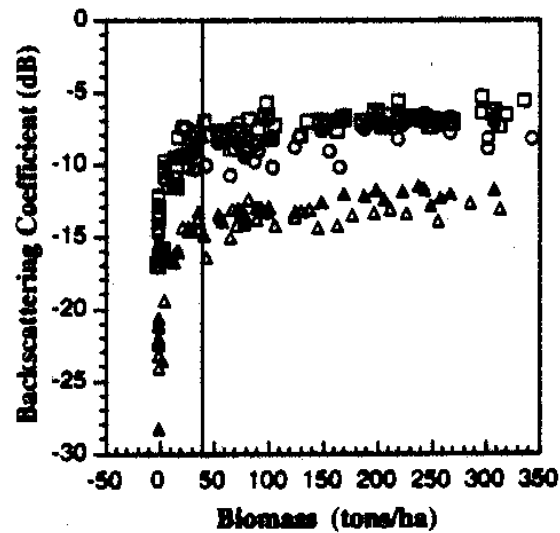
Radar saturation level with vegetation density

C band



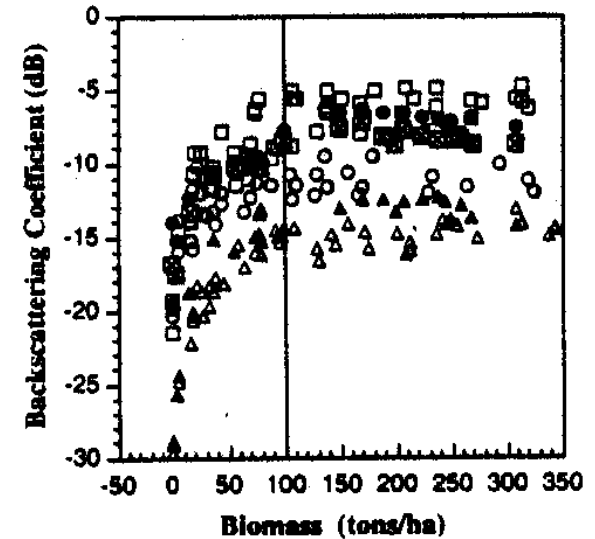
20 tons/ha

L band



40 tons/ha

P band

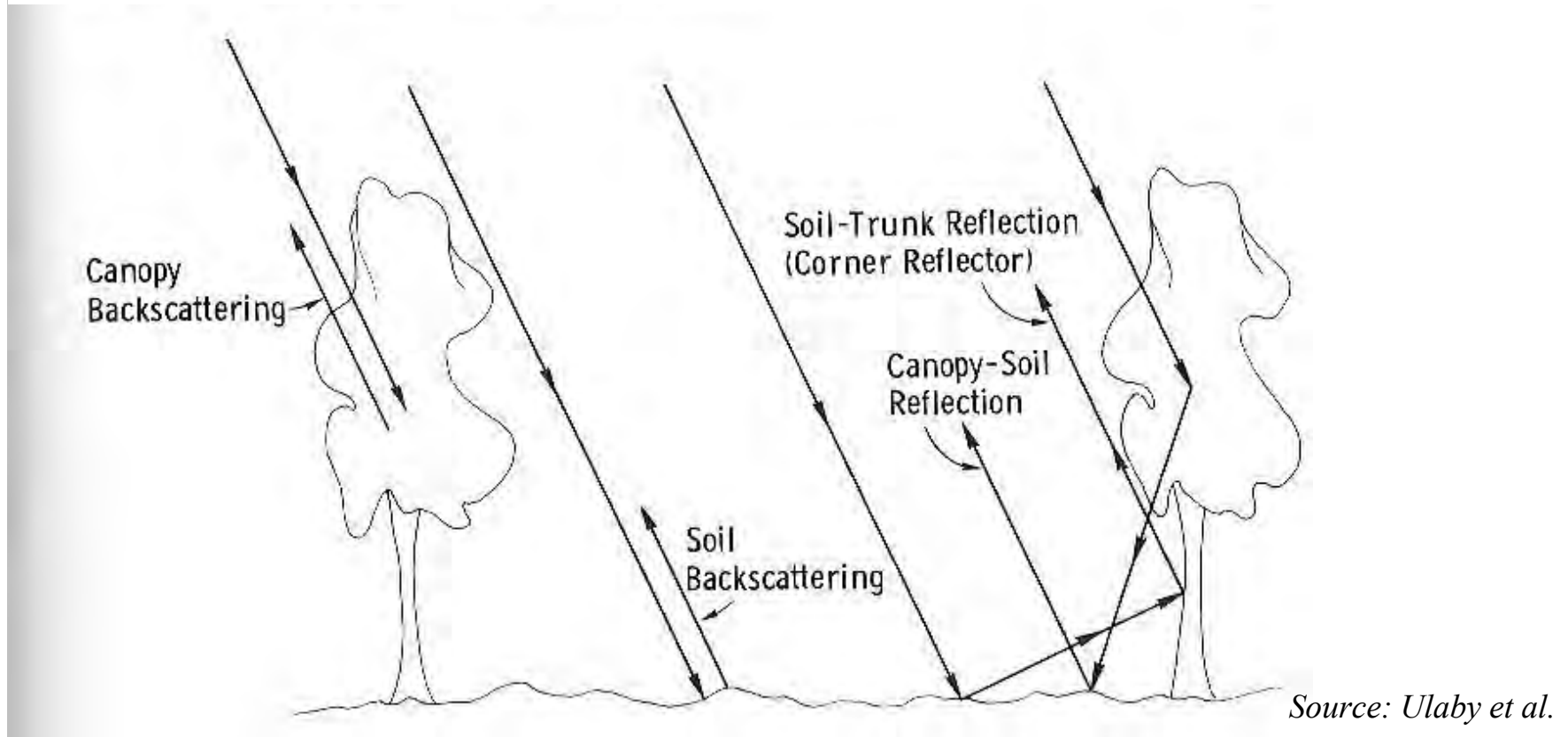


100 tons/ha

from Imhoff et al. 19?

Radar response sensitivity

Backscattering mechanism on vegetation

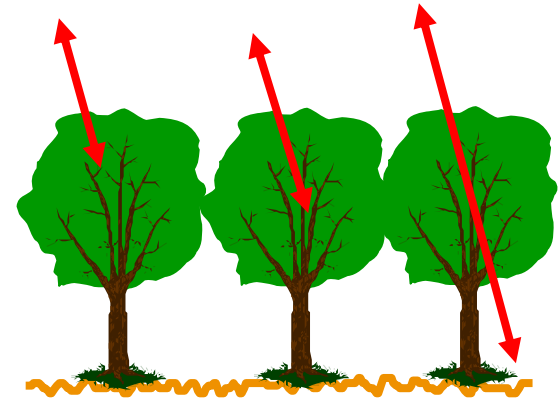


Land surfaces monitoring with radar data

Radar observations sensibility

- ☞ Biomass
- ☞ Structure and moisture of vegetation
- ☞ Roughness and moisture of soils

$\lambda = 6 \text{ cm}$ $\lambda = 25 \text{ cm}$ $\lambda = 70 \text{ cm}$



Access to key variables of ecosystem functioning

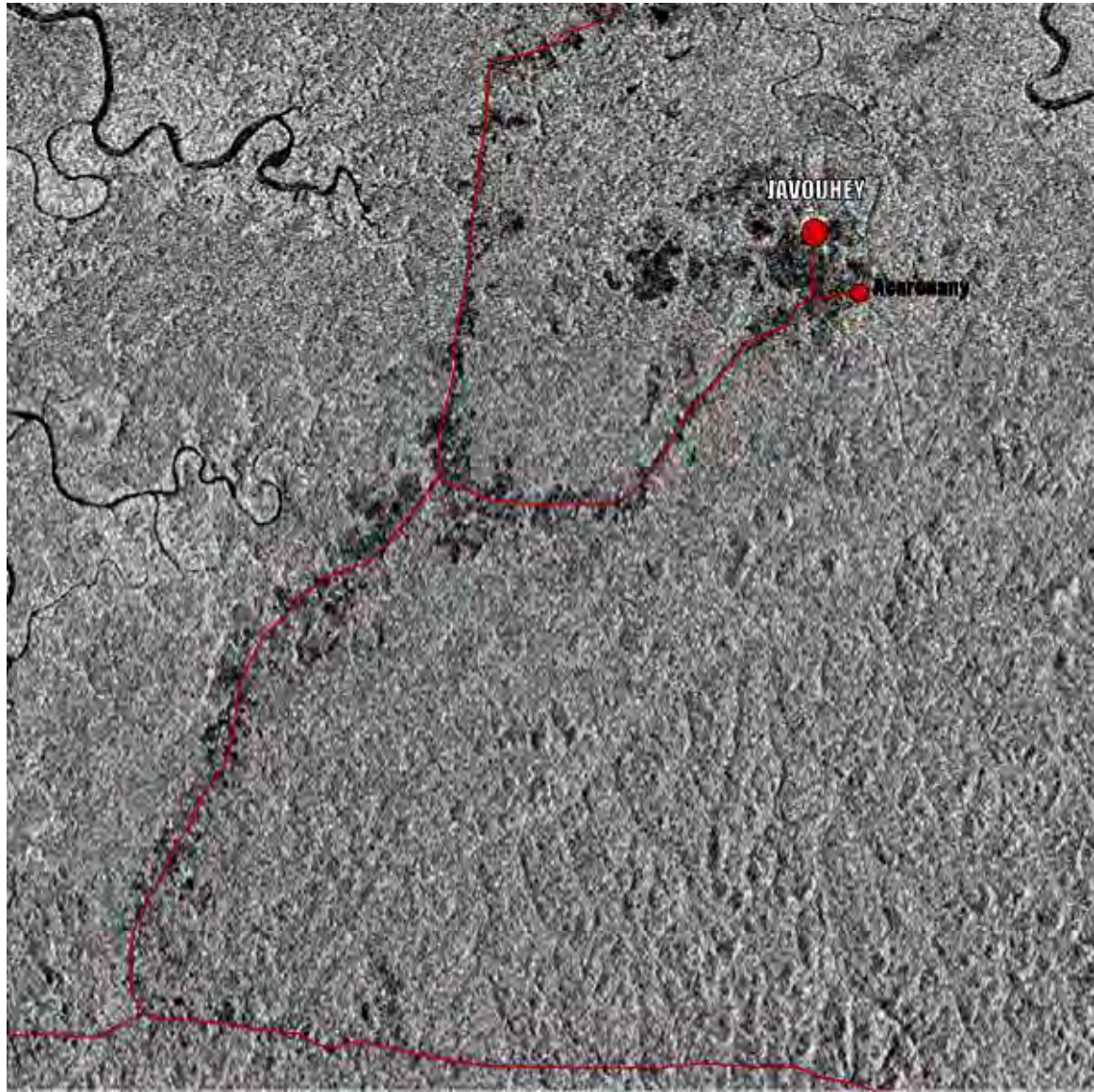
- ☞ Vegetation discrimination (type, espèces, état,...)
- ☞ Biomass (Net Primary Productivity)
- ☞ Vegetation phenology (periods of activity)
- ☞ Hydrological states of plant covers (stress,)
- ☞ Soil moisture

Radar response sensitivity

Local Agricultural Deforestation along road

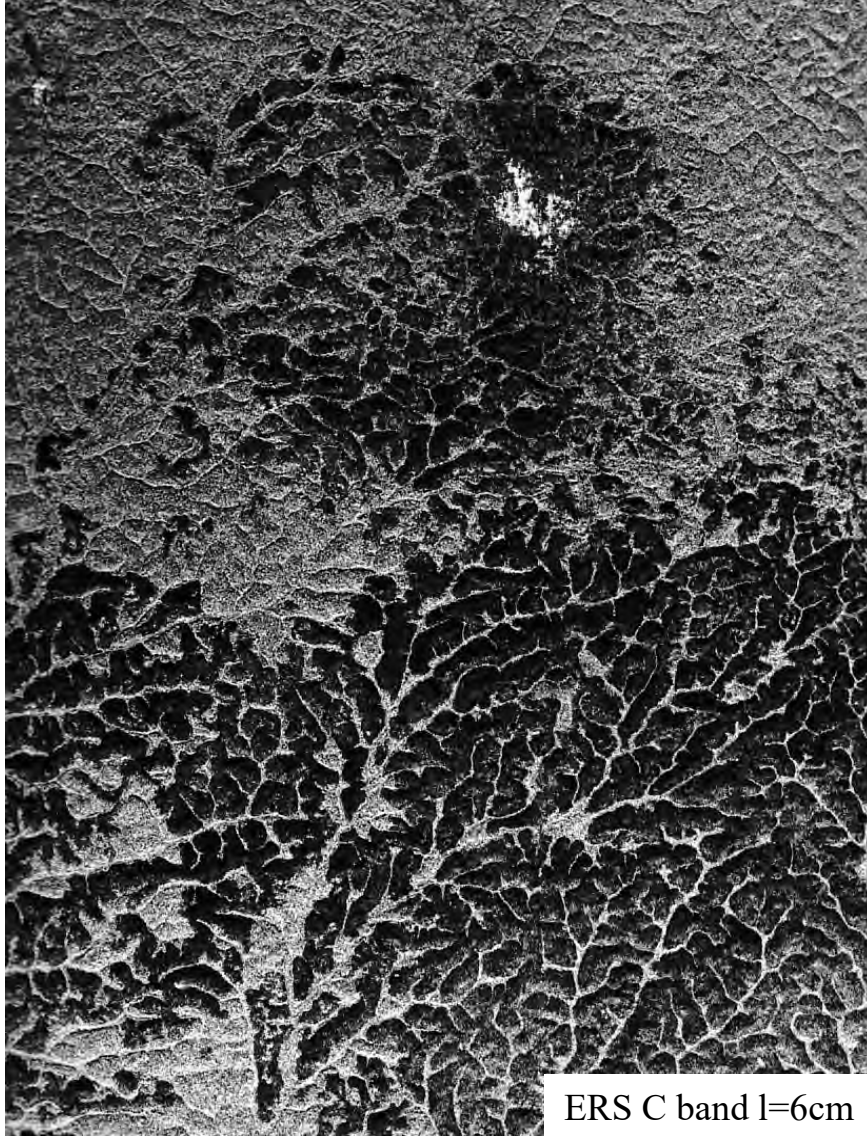


Radar response sensitivity



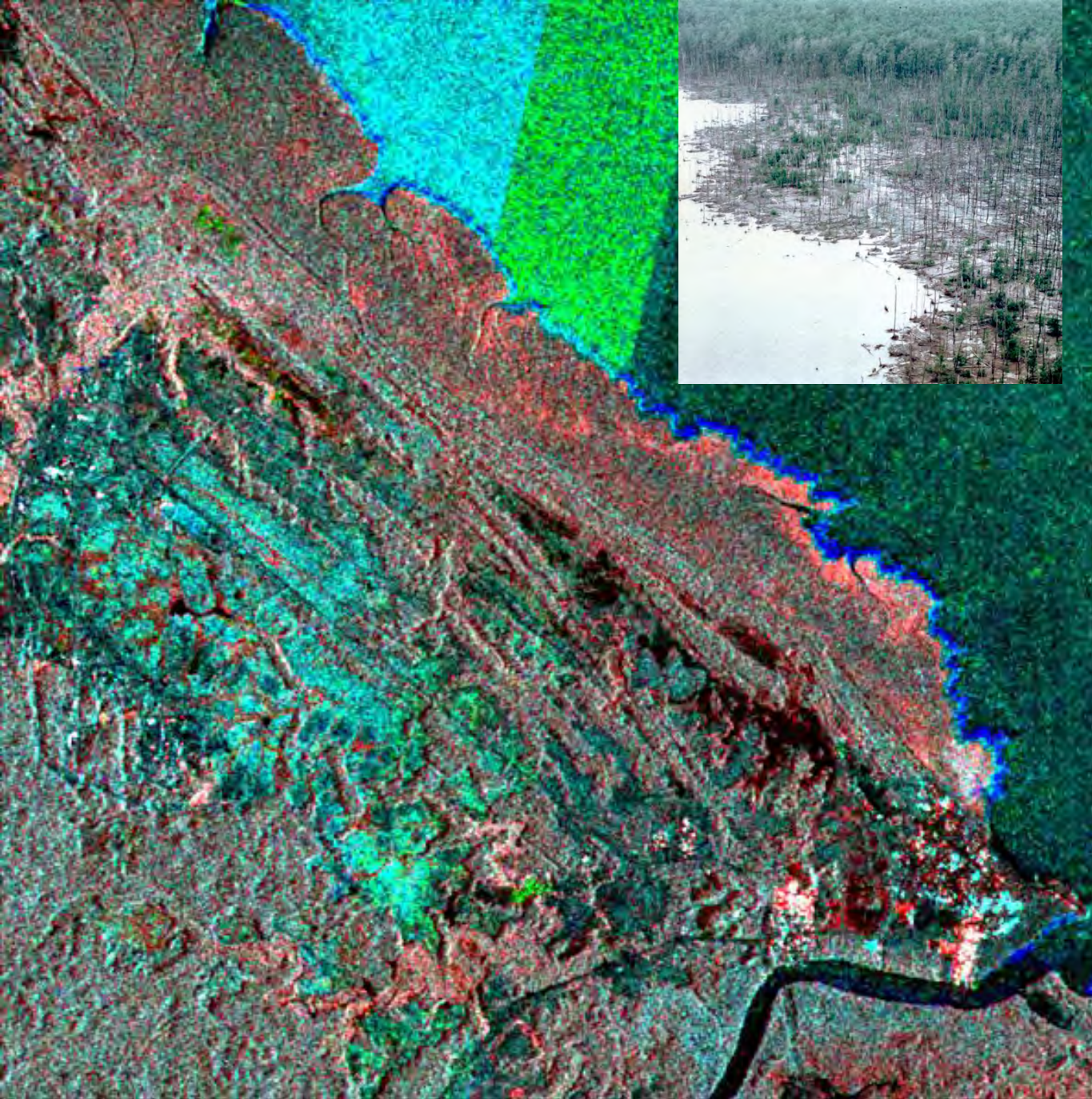
Radar response sensitivity

Cameroun (Ngaoundéré région : Cultural practice, burned area



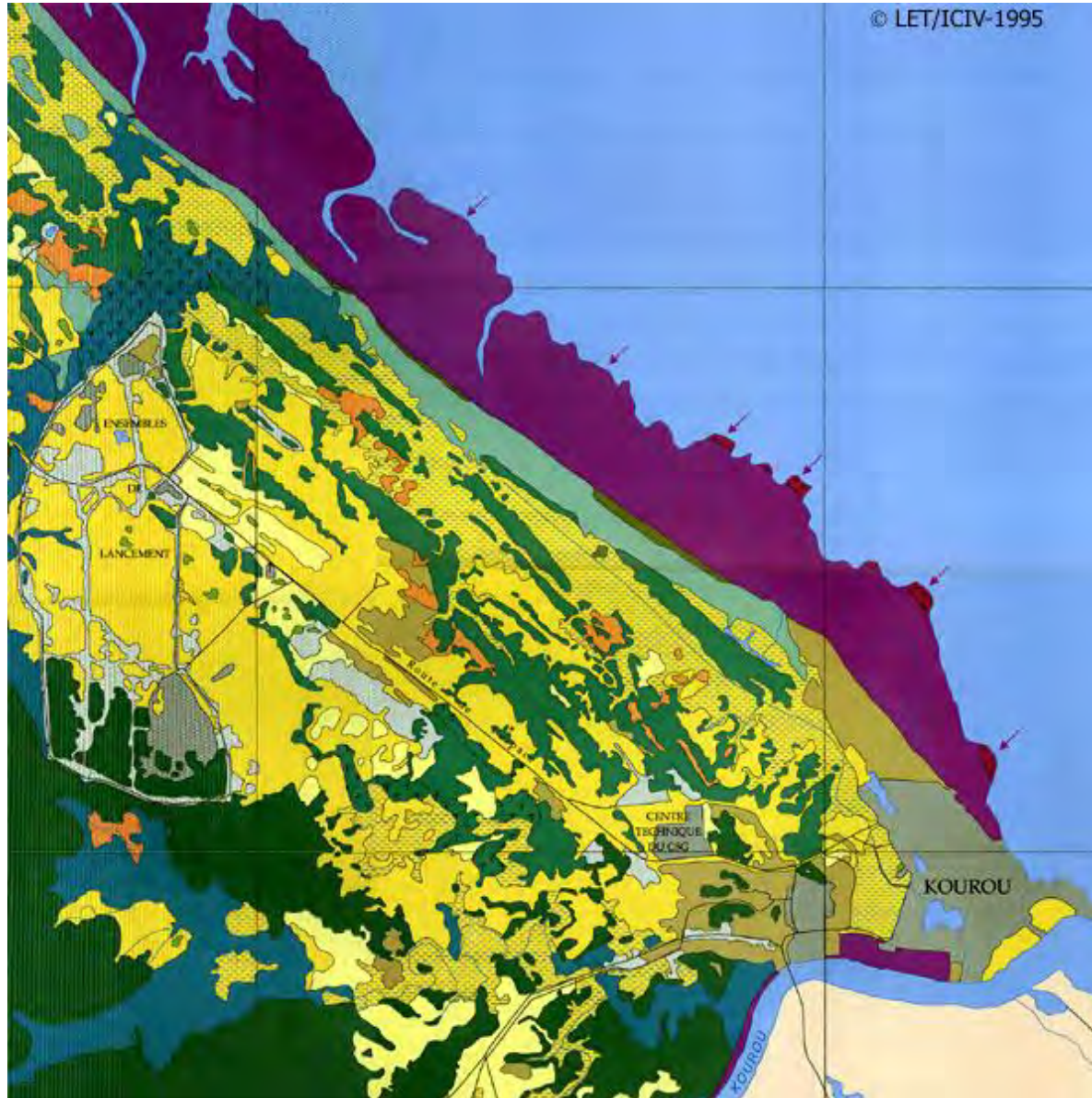


Dry season



Color Composite
ERS and **JERS**

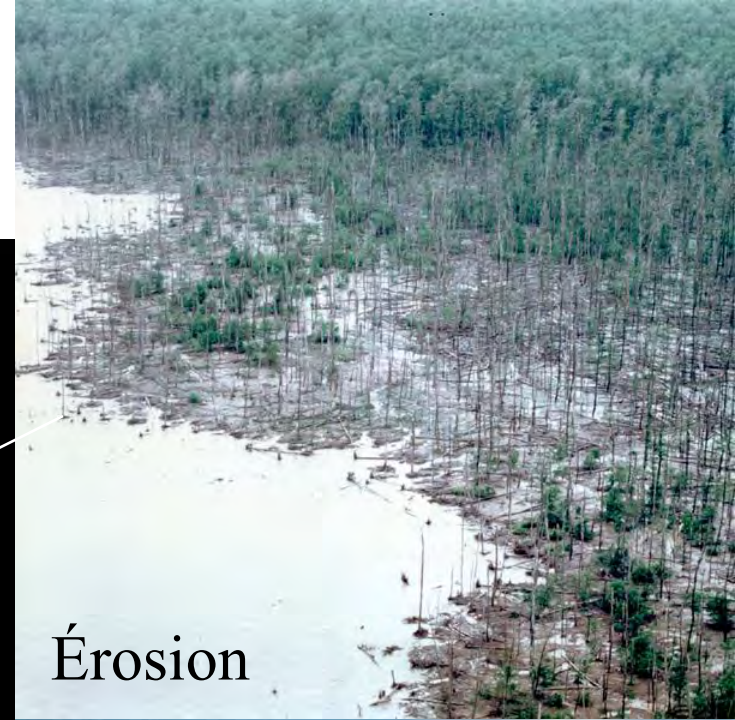
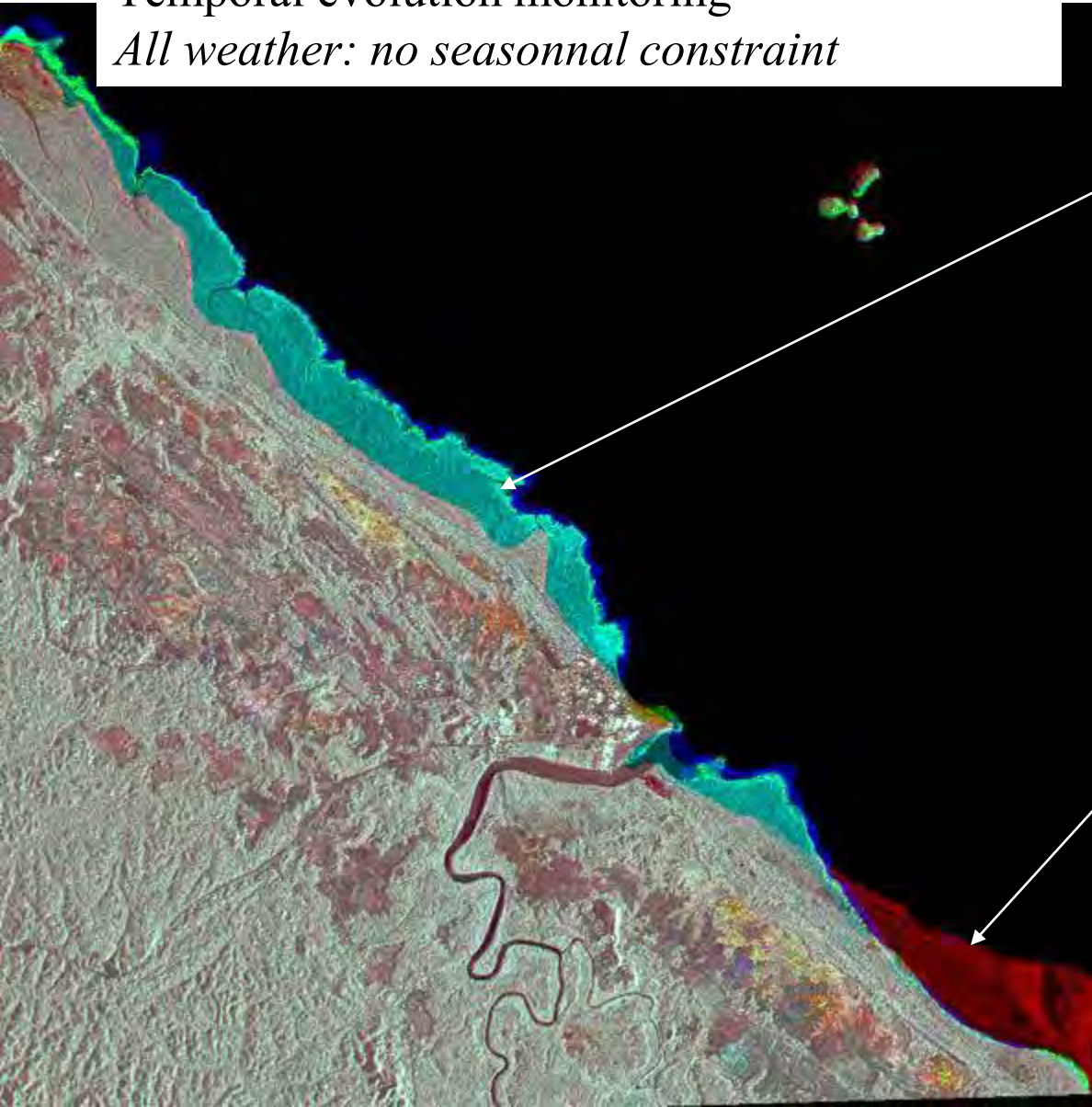
Radar response sensitivity



Radar response sensitivity

Temporal evolution monitoring

All weather: no seasonal constraint



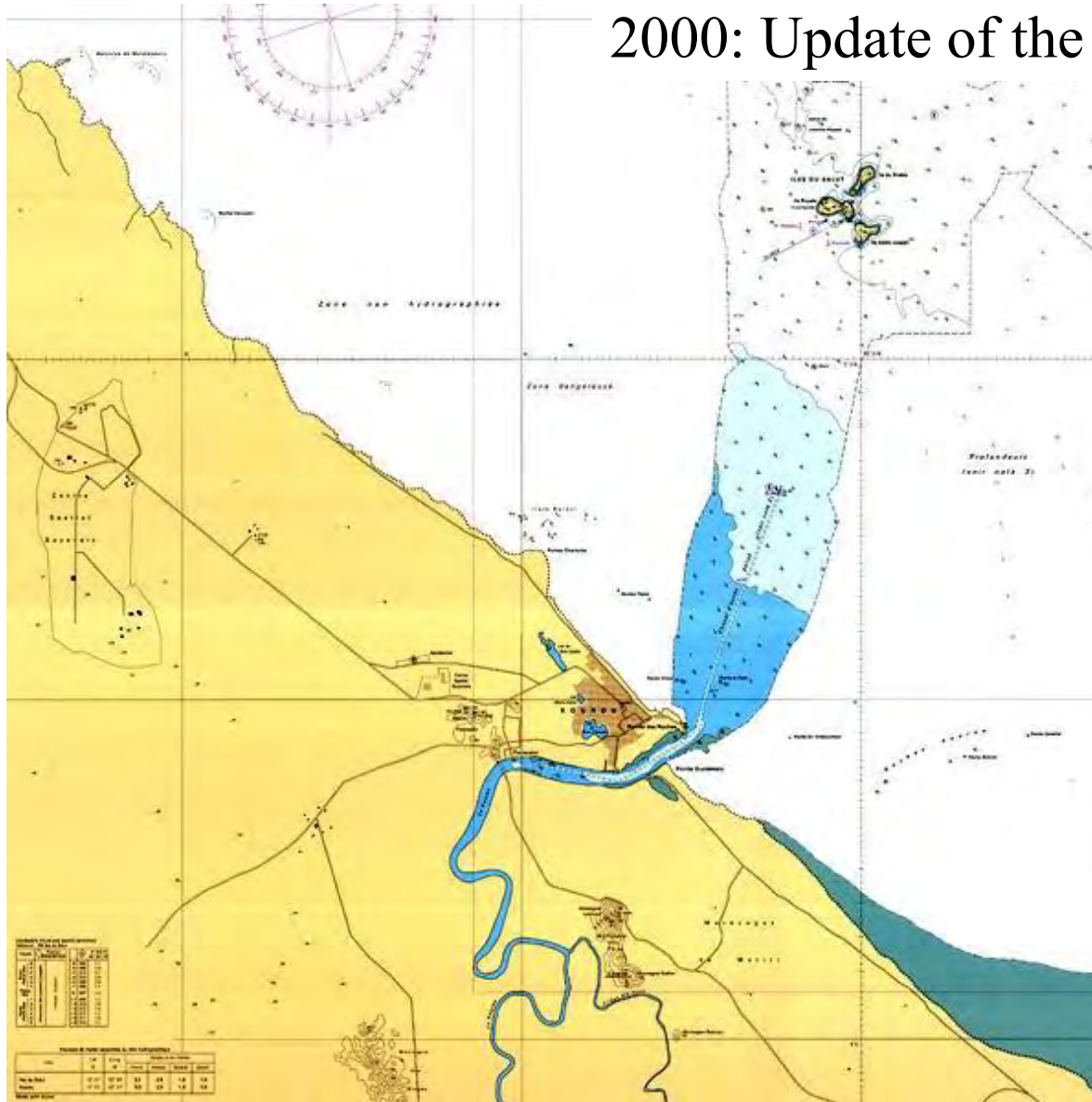
Érosion



Sédimentation

Radar response sensitivity

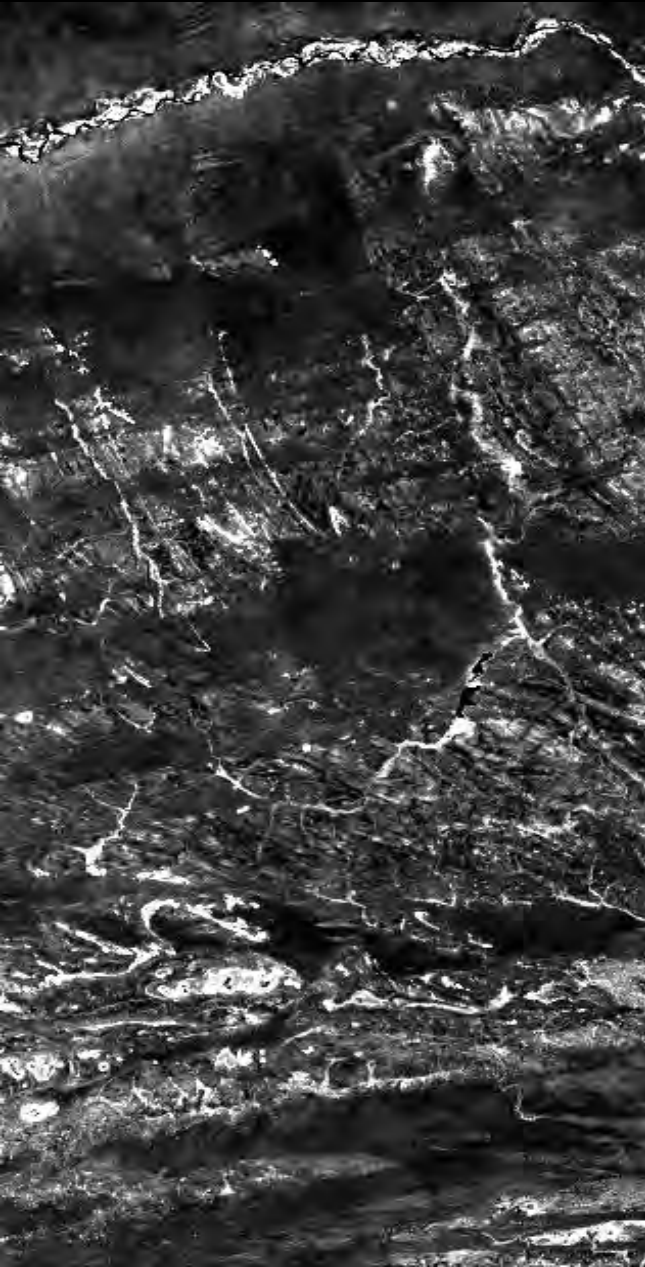
2000: Update of the marine map



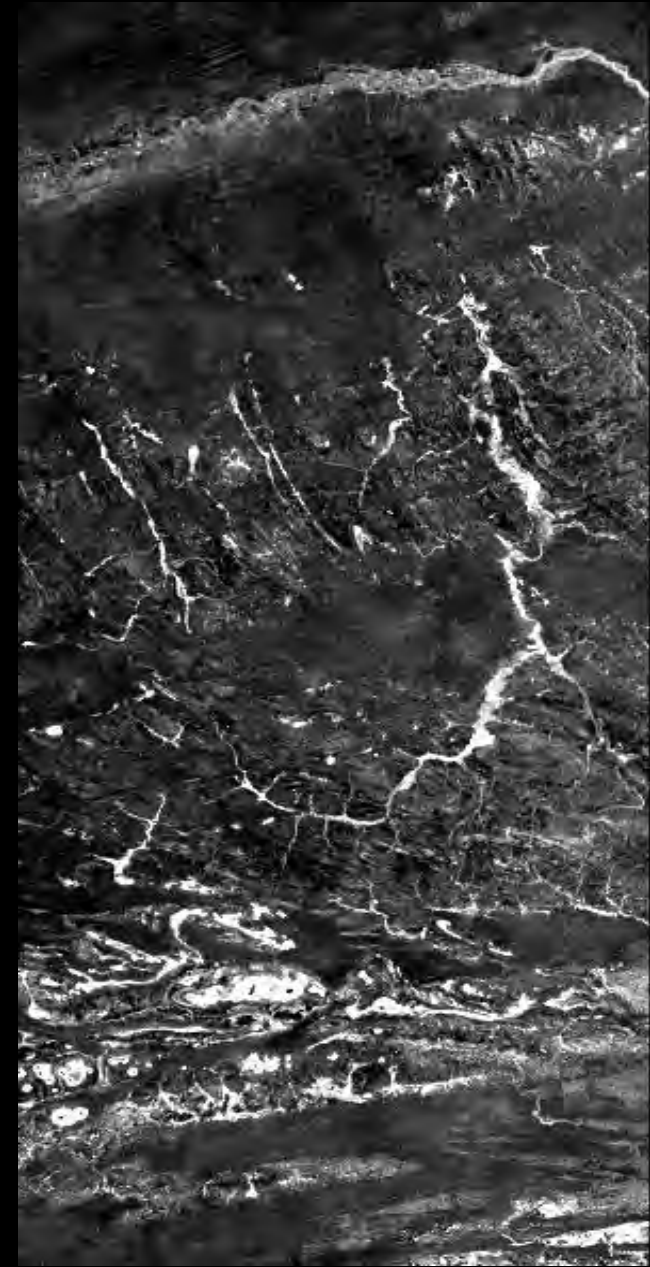
Source: SHOM/ Univ-MLV

Seasonal variations monitoring (Sahel)

ASAR ($\lambda = 6$ cm)



PALSAR ($\lambda = 24$ cm)



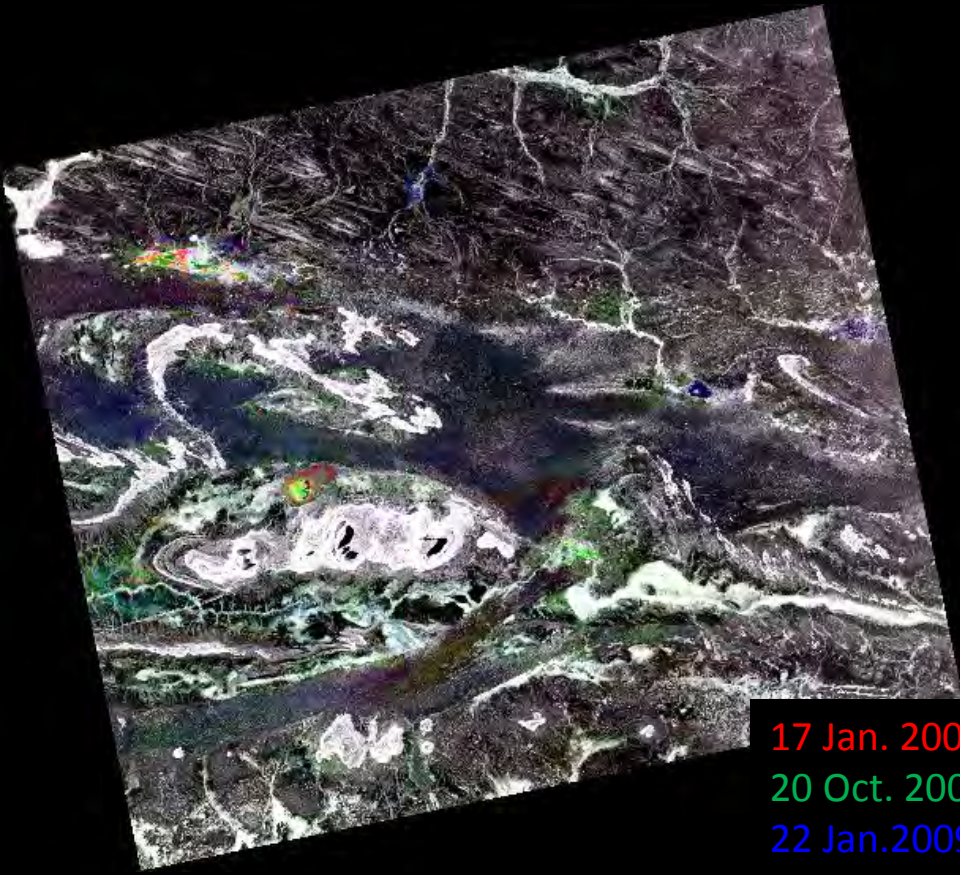
C Band (ASAR):
Sensitive to sandy and silty soils

Bande L (PALSAR):
Better discrimination
of geological structures

Remnant of alluvial system
and lacustrine depressions

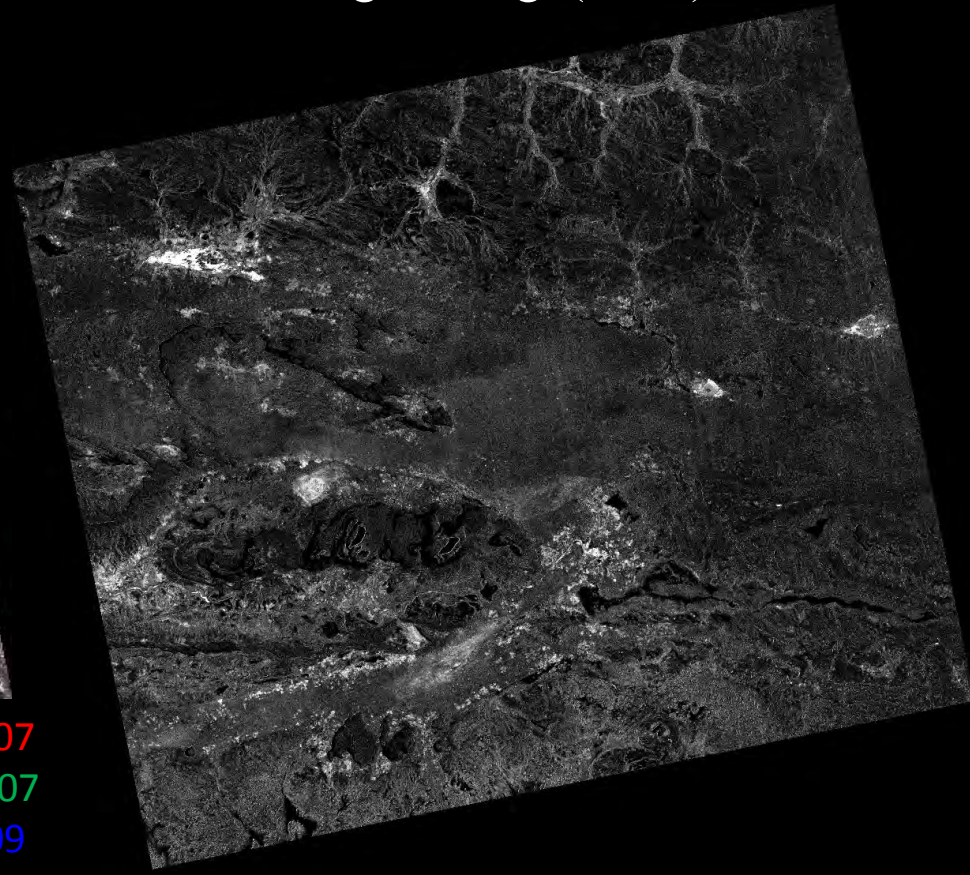
Change detection in a radar time series of 12 PALSAR images Jan. 2007 – apr. 2009

Color composite image



17 Jan. 2007
20 Oct. 2007
22 Jan. 2009

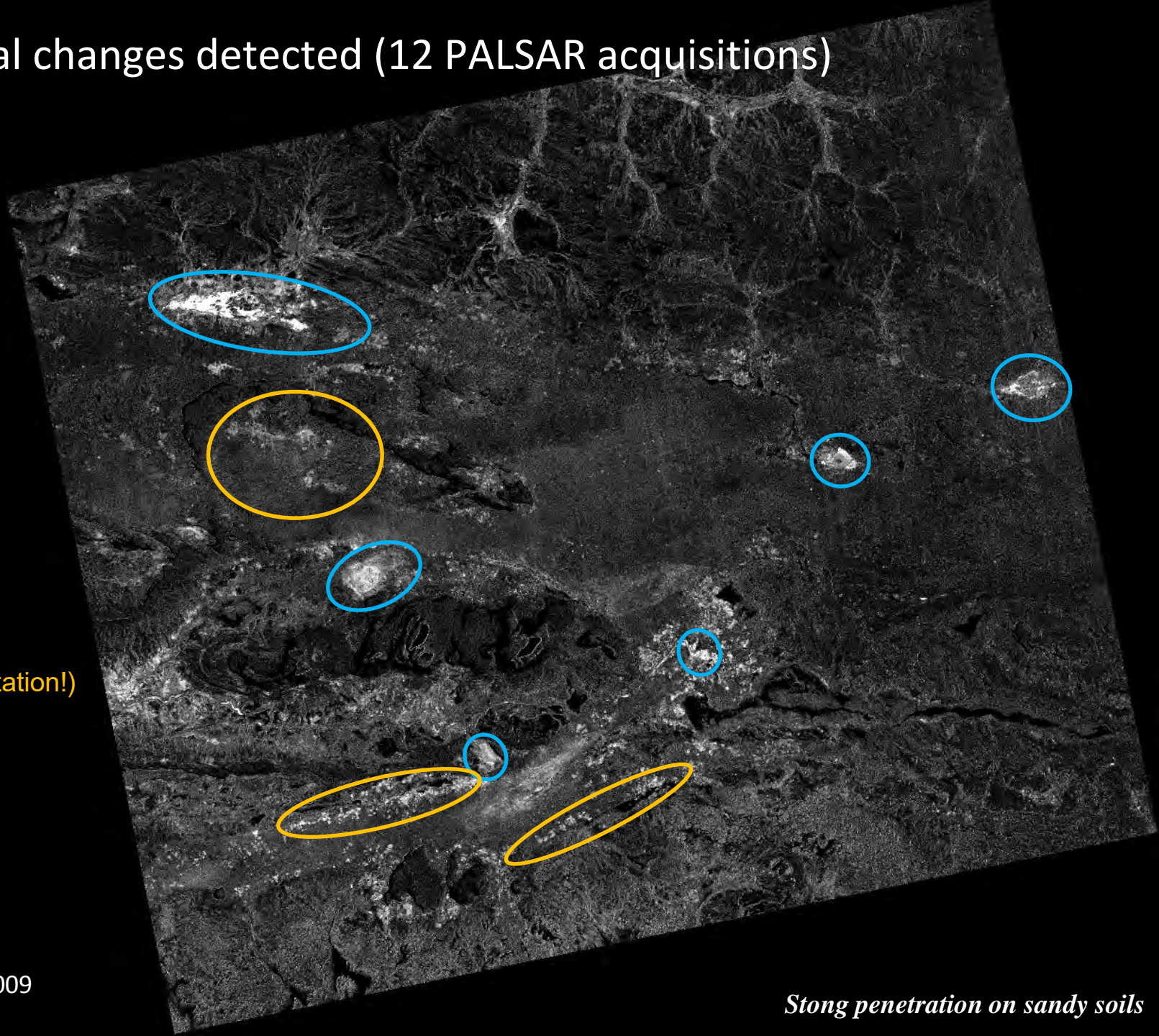
Changes image(HSV)



Jan. 2007 – Apr. 2009

PALSAR Fine Beam
HH polarization

Temporal changes detected (12 PALSAR acquisitions)



ponds

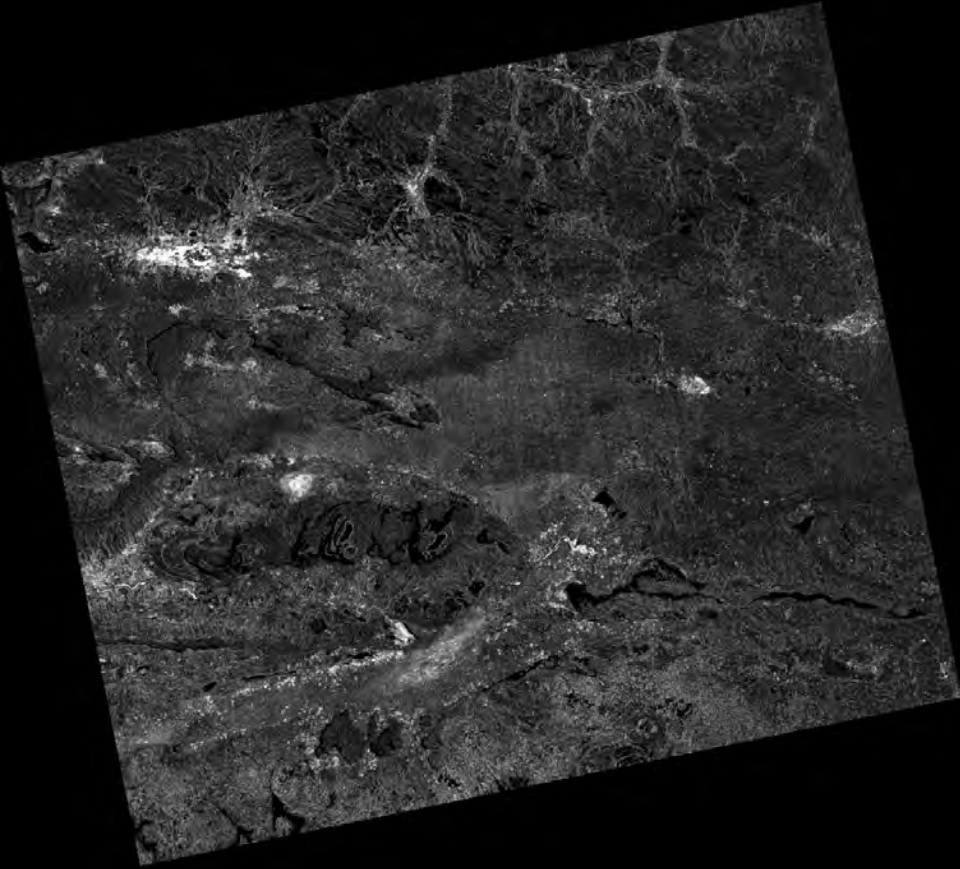
Millet fields
(depend on orientation!)

PALSAR
HH polarisation
Jan. 2007 – Mar. 2009

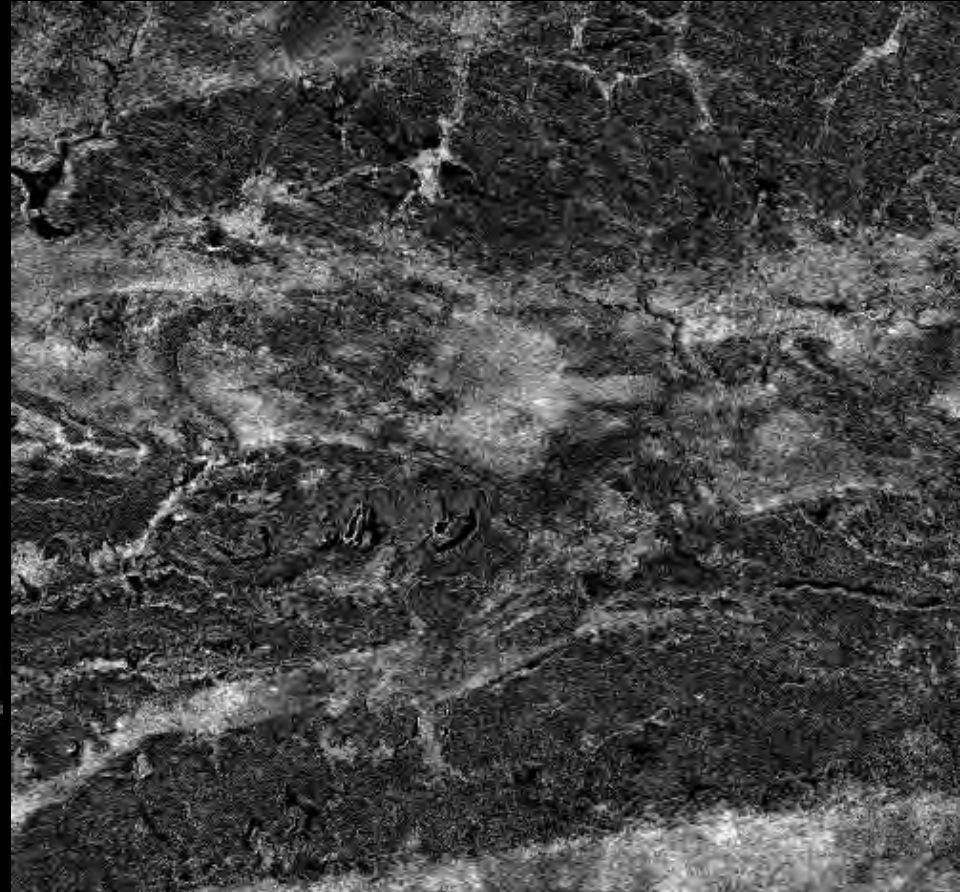
Strong penetration on sandy soils

Changes detection: C band / L band comparison

PALSAR ($\lambda = 24$ cm)

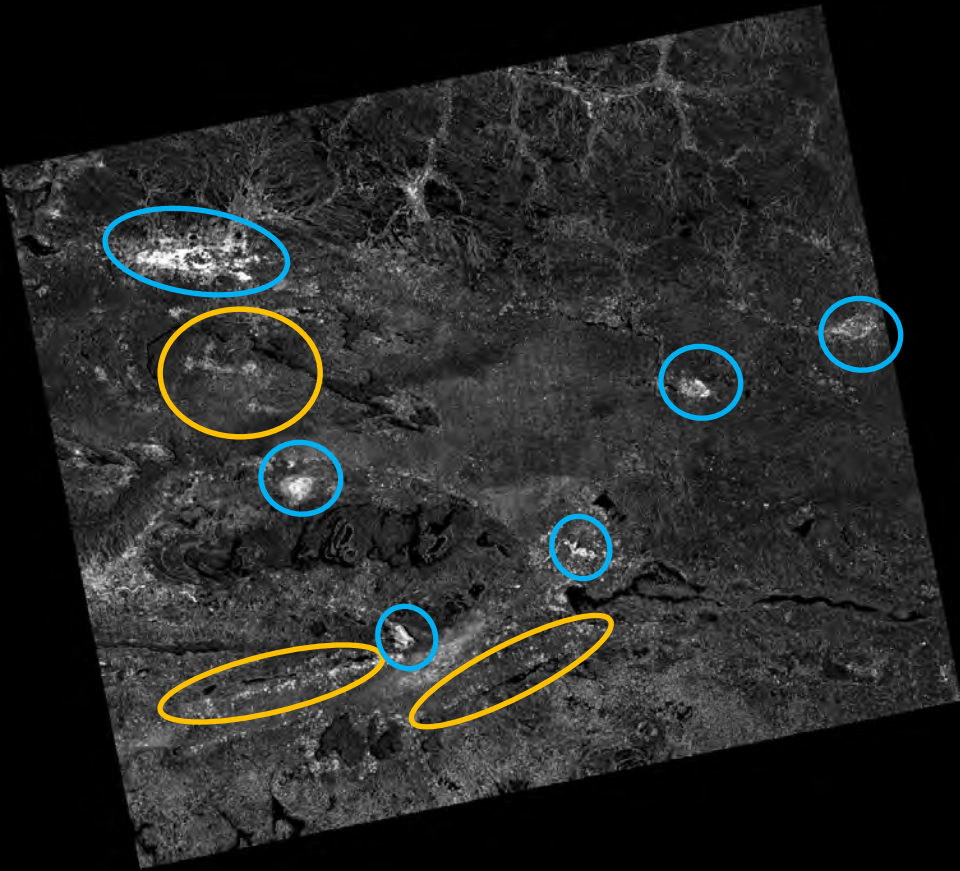


ASAR ($\lambda = 6$ cm)



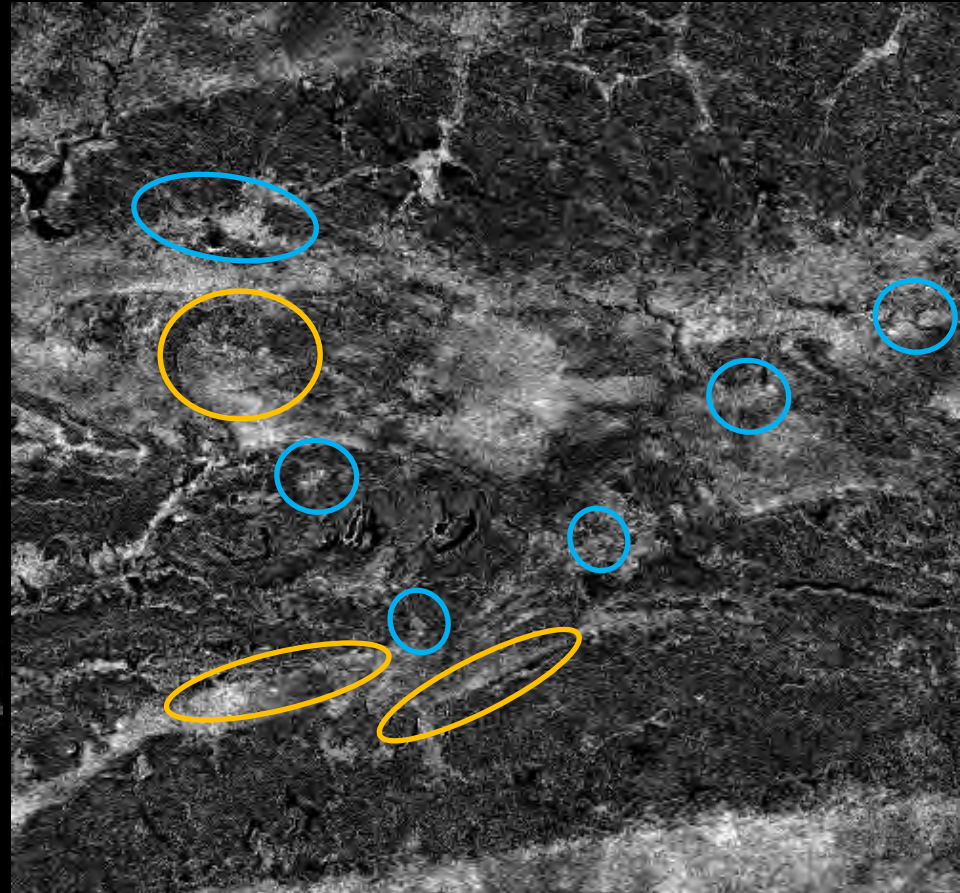
Changes detection: C band / L band comparison

PALSAR ($\lambda = 24$ cm)



Strong penetration on sandy soils
ponds
Millet fields

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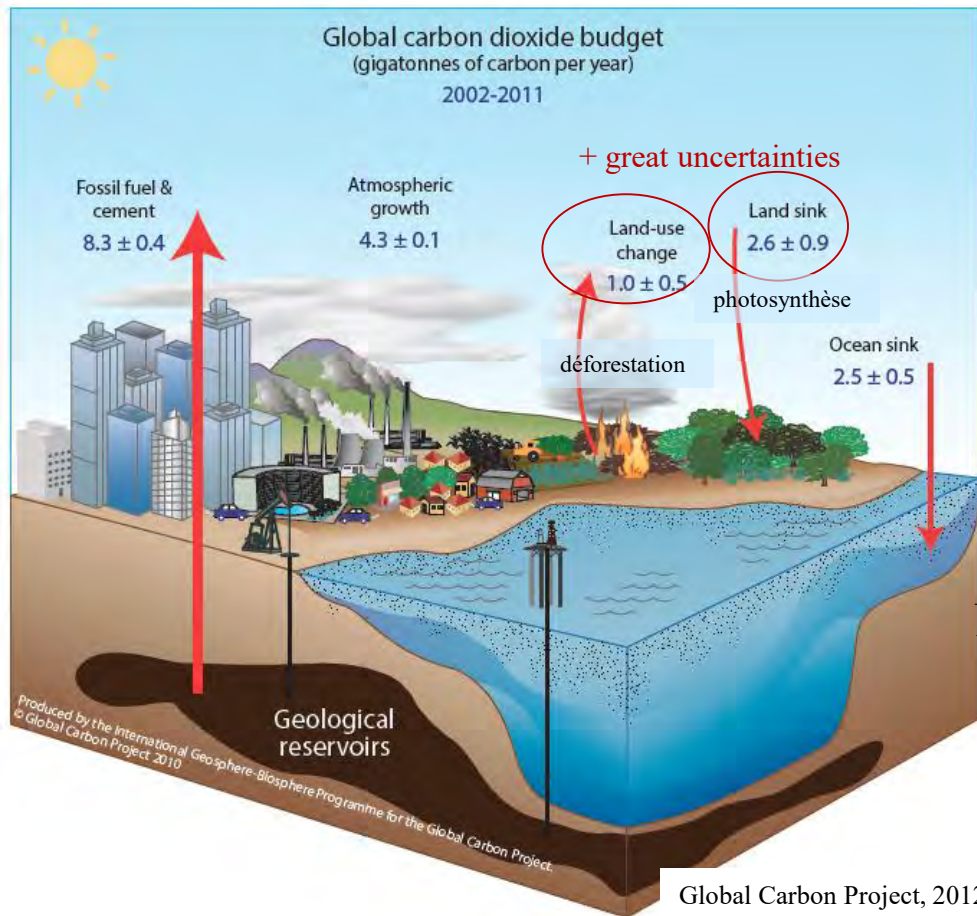


Weak penetration on sandy soils
surface states changes
sandy soils, ponds

TROPICAL RAIN FORESTS MONITORING

Tropical Forests monitoring

Role of biomass in the Carbon Global Cycle?



C Stock C = 50% Biomass

Forests: 70-90% aerial biomass

CO₂ flux with land surfaces :
30% flux anthropiques
great uncertainty

Need for forest biomass estimation improvement:

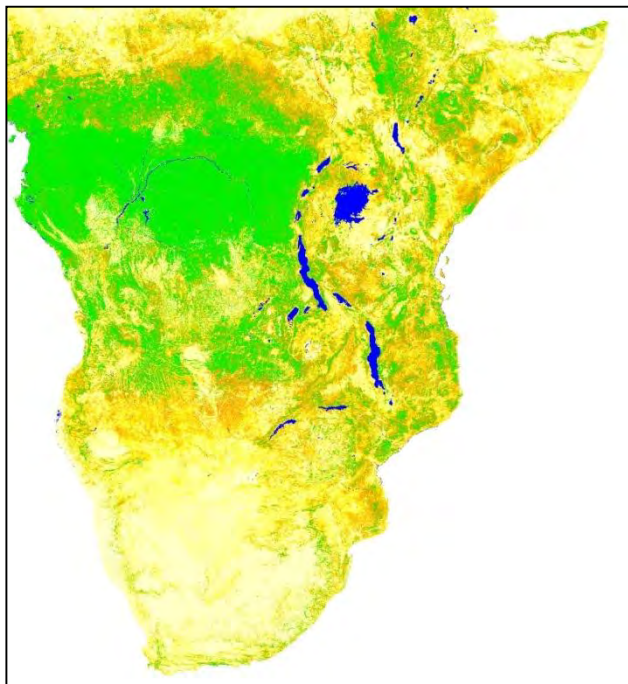
- Spatial distribution
- Stocks
- dynamics

IPCC , UNFCCC

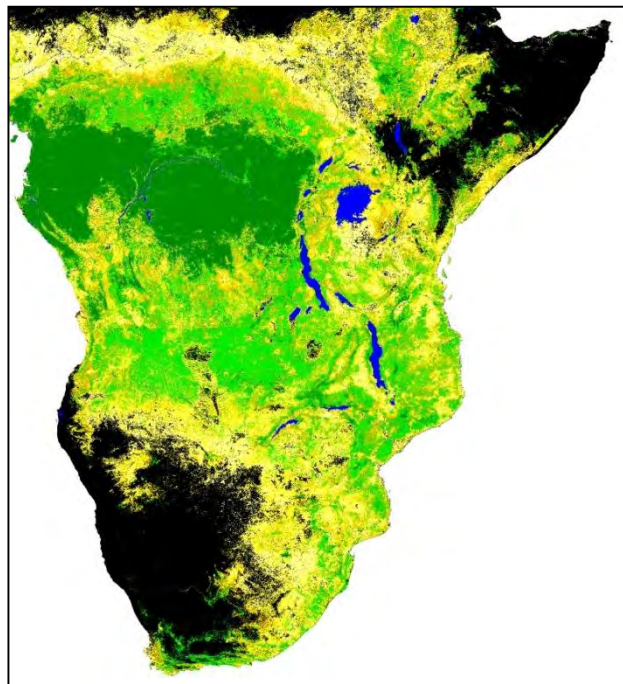
REDD+:

Financial incentive for sustainable forests ==> tropical countries

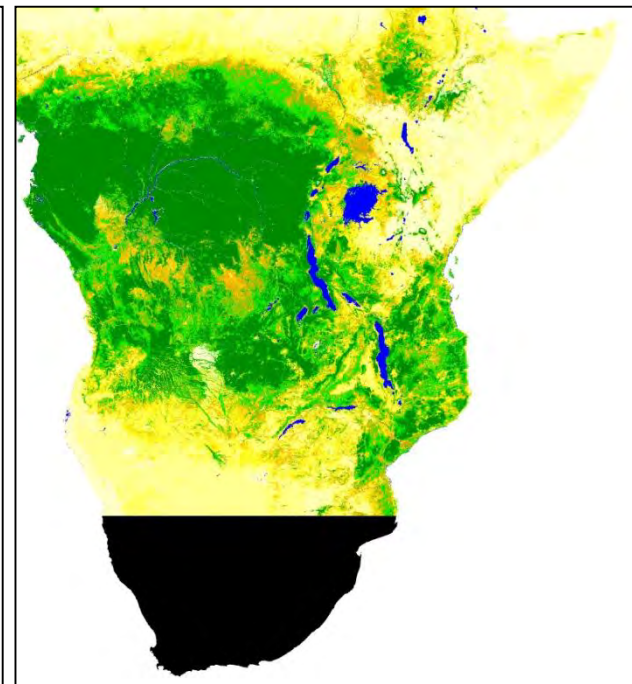
Mermoz *et al.*, 2016



Saatchi *et al.*, 2011



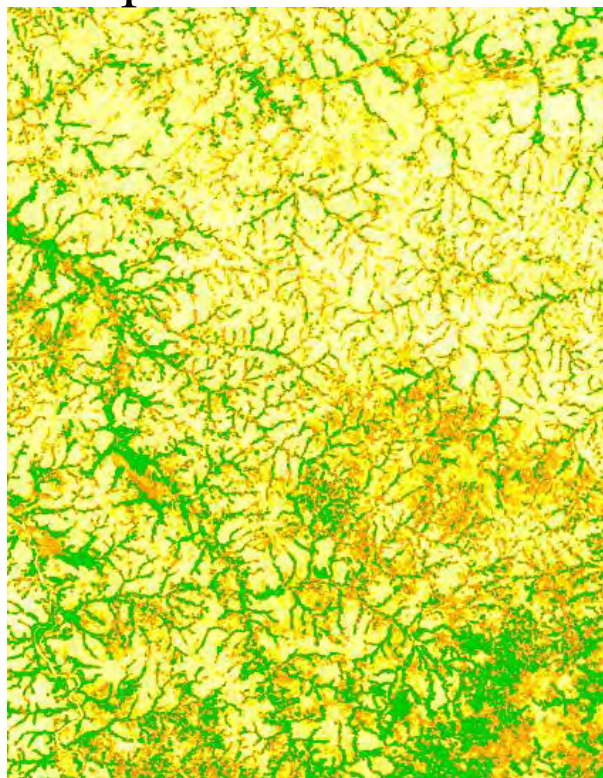
Baccini *et al.*, 2012



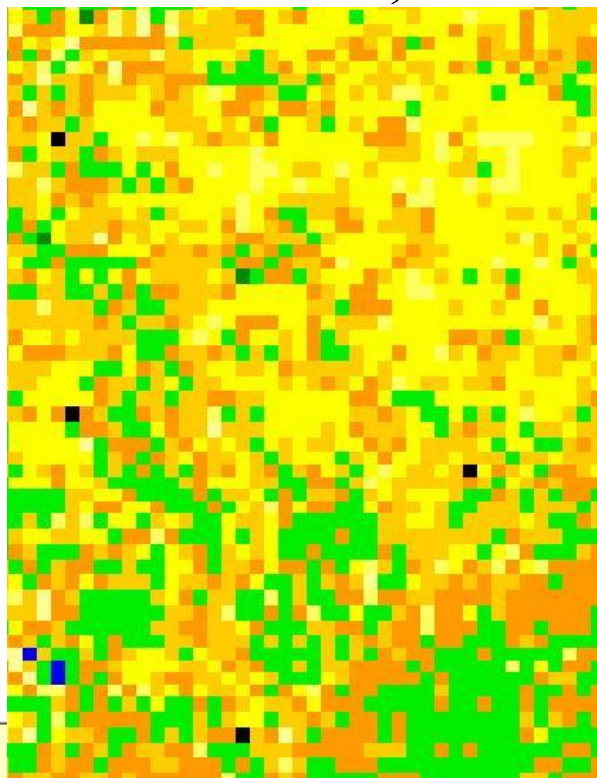
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10-20 Mg ha ⁻¹	60-100 Mg ha ⁻¹
20-30 Mg ha ⁻¹	> 100 Mg ha ⁻¹
30-40 Mg ha ⁻¹	water
40-50 Mg ha ⁻¹	no data

Produit 'Biomasse forestière' Afrique

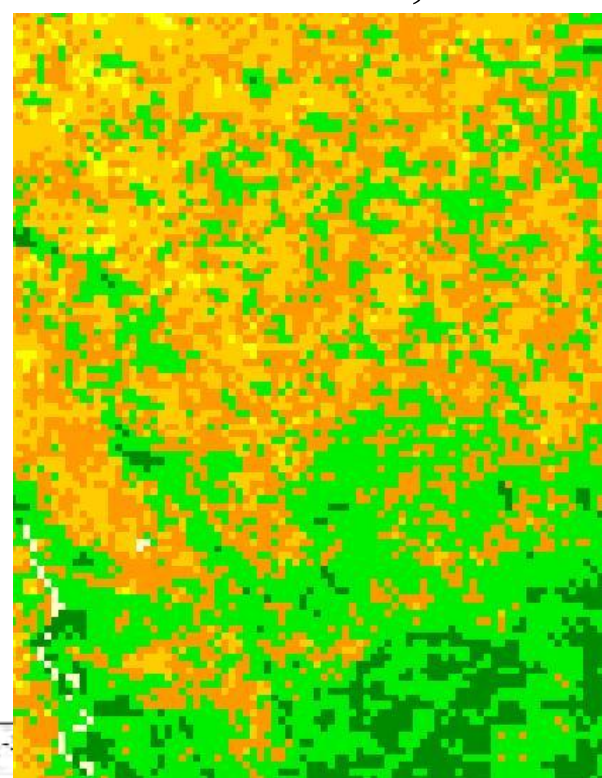
Map from CESBIO



Saatchi et al., 2011



Baccini et al., 2012



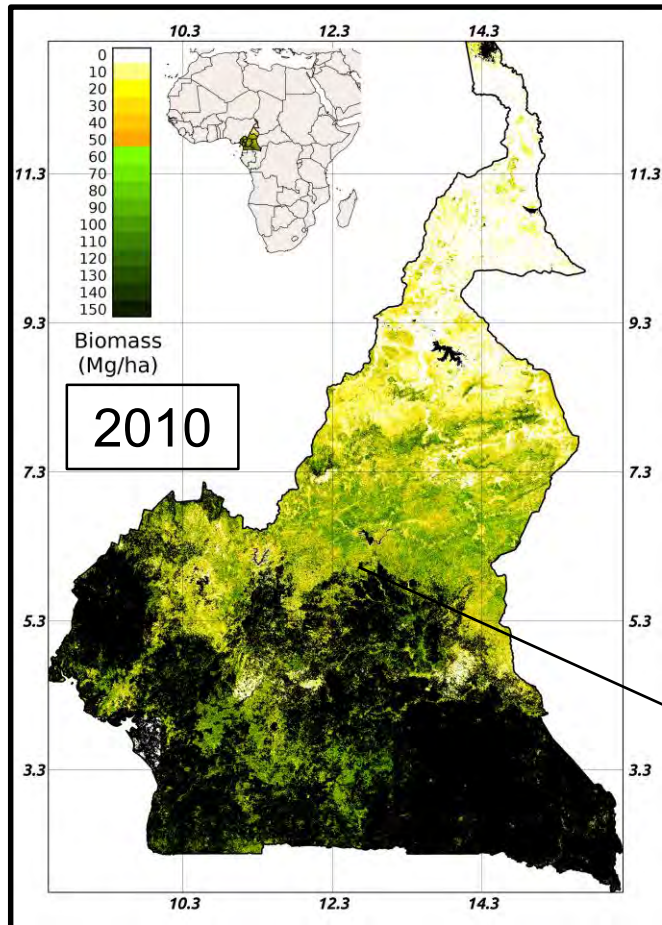
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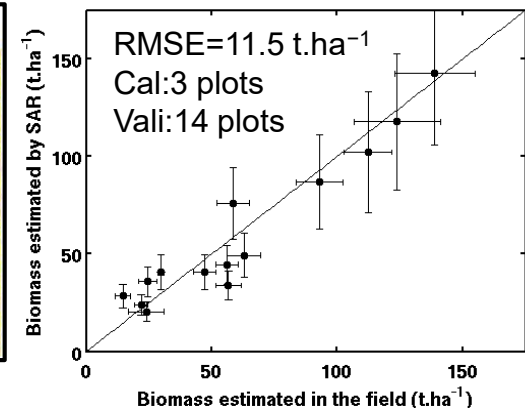
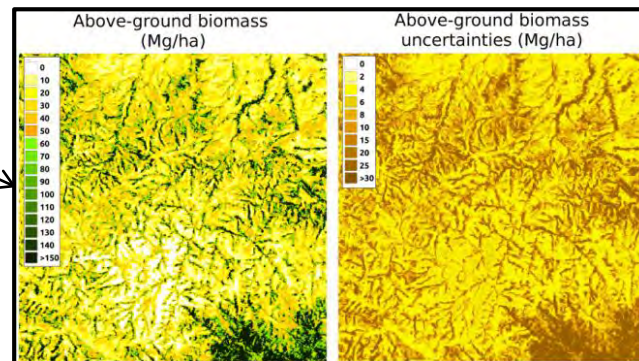
Latitude: 10°S to 5°S

Longitude: 20°E to 25°E

Produit 'Biomasse forestière' Cameroun



	Surface area (ha)	Mean AGB (Mg.ha ⁻¹)	AGB (Tg)	Carbon (TgC)
Mosaic forest-croplands	1,811,150	89.5	162.9	81.4
Mosaic forest-savanna	5,187,900	75.6	394.2	197.1
Deciduous woodland	10,352,400	53.3	553.6	276.8
Deciduous shrubland – sparse trees	1,949,000	30.7	59.8	29.9
Others	6,622,340	12.6	83.4	41.7
TOTAL	25,922,790	48.2	1253	626.9

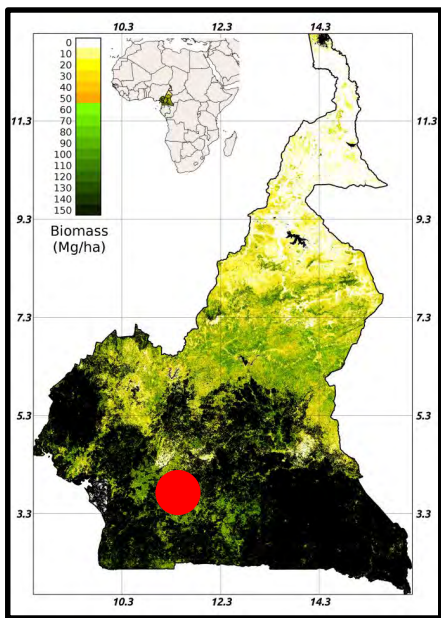


Total aboveground carbon stock:

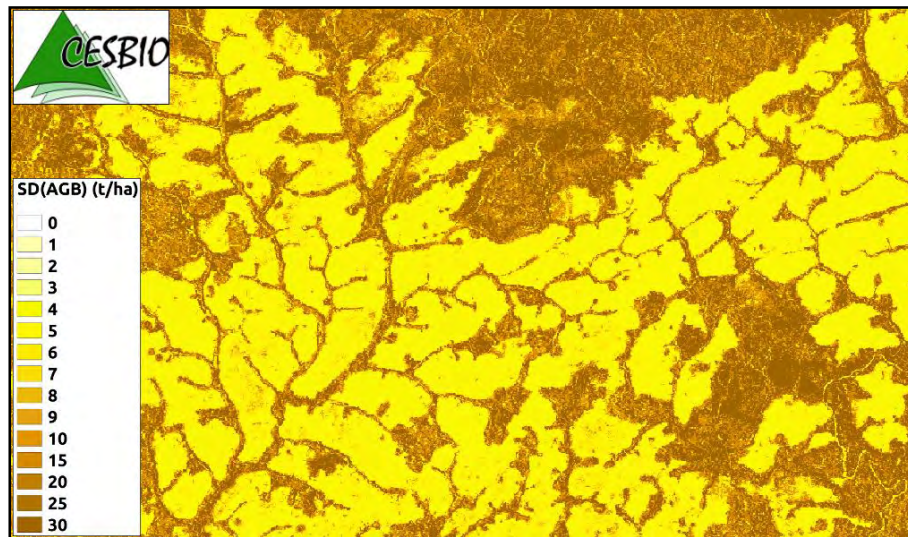
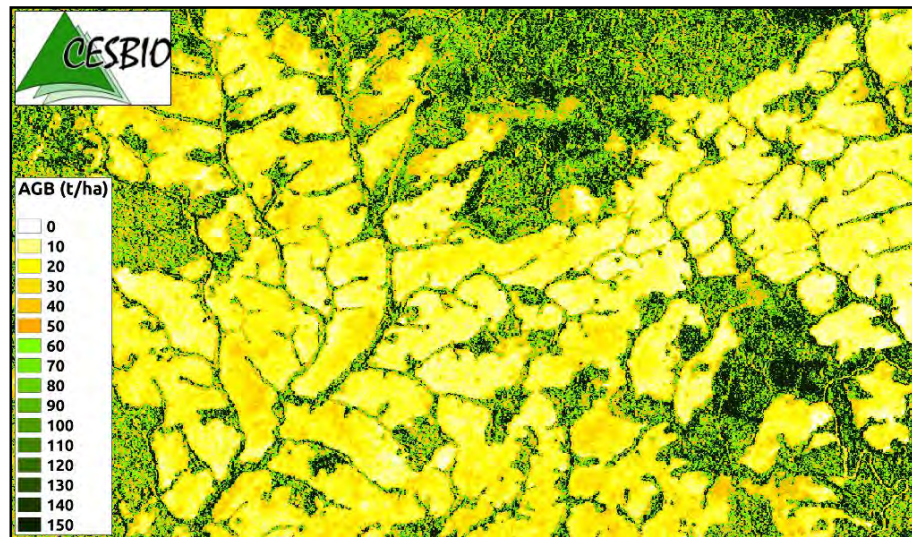
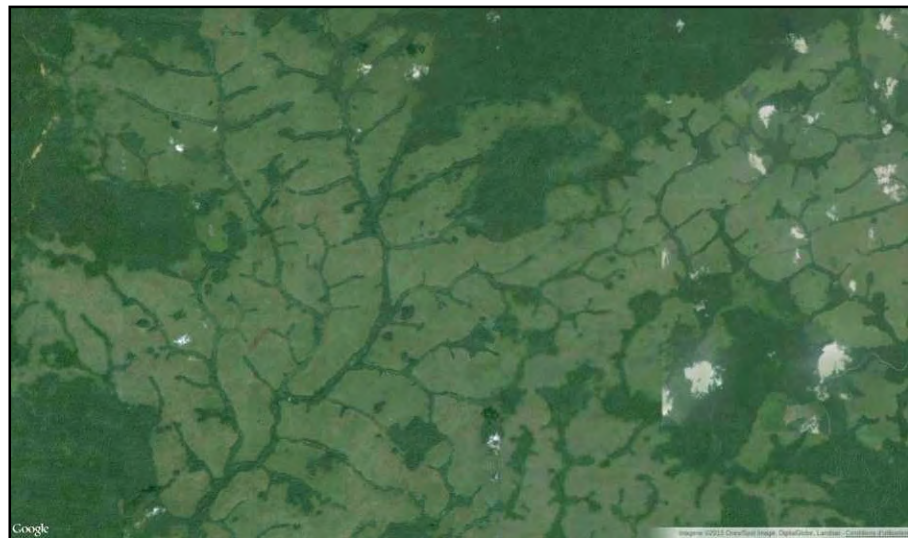
- **This study: 626.9 TgC**
- **Nasi et al. (2009): 710 TgC**



Produit 'Biomasse forestière' Cameroun



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Tropical Forests monitoring

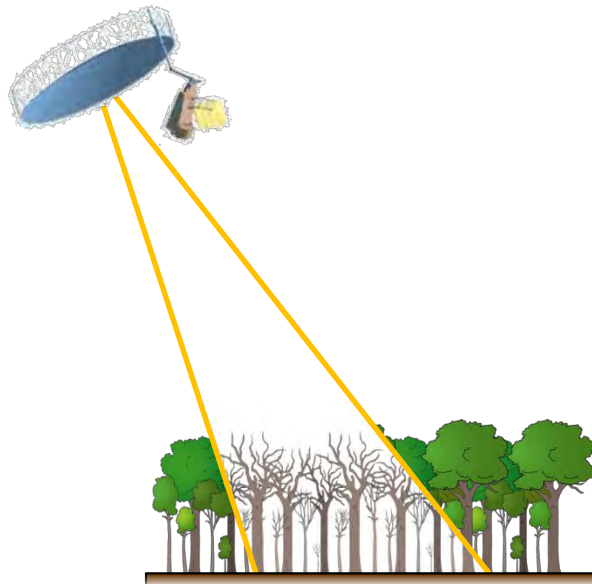
7th ESA Earth Explorer mission: BIOMASS (~ 2022)

Large wavelength for biomass cartography

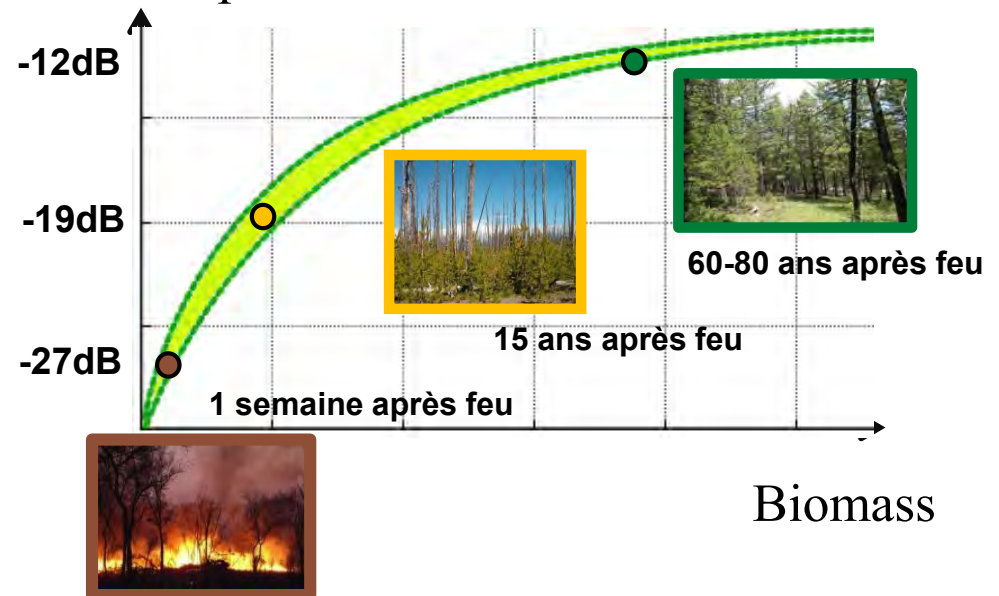
1. Canopy penetration for every biomes
2. Interacts with woody elements of vegetation
3. Forest height estimation ability

→ P band band P ($\lambda = 70\text{ cm}$) largest available wavelength from space

P Band Radar
($\lambda = 70\text{ cm}$)



Radar response



Tropical forest monitoring

7th ESA Earth Explorer mission: BIOMASS (~ 2022)

A key mission for a better understanding of Global Carbon Cycle



Forest Biomass

Aerial biomass (t / ha)

- Resolution: 200 m
- 1 map / 6 mois (4-year period)
- Global cover of forested areas
- **Precision 20%**, or 10 t ha^{-1} for biomass $< 50 \text{ t ha}^{-1}$



Forest Height

Canopy height (m)

- Resolution: 200 m
- 1 map / 6 months (4-year period)
- Global cover of forested areas
- Precision 20 – 30%



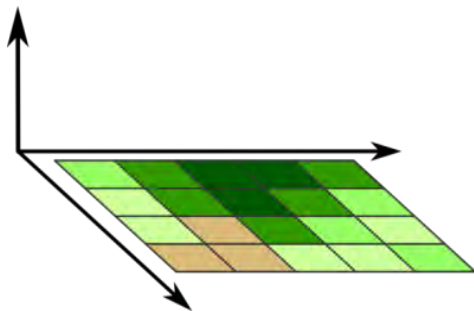
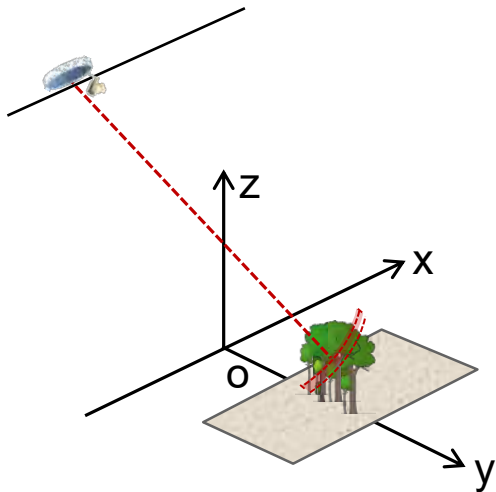
Deforested areas

Deforested areas (ha)

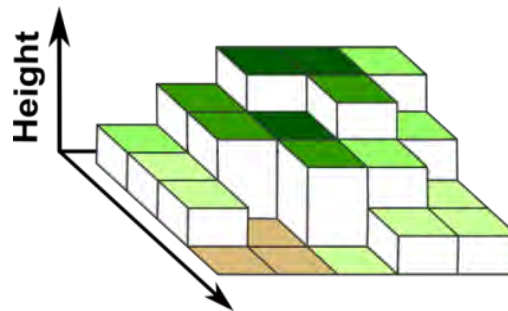
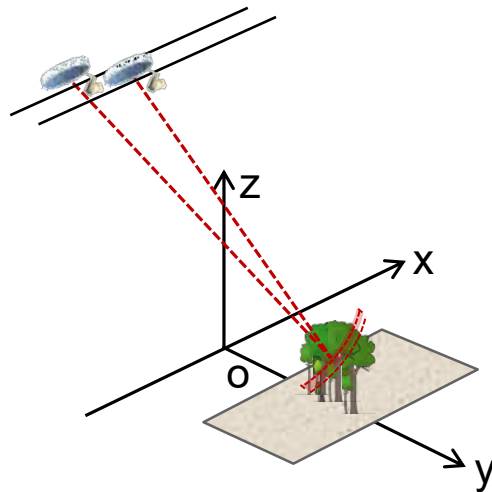
- Resolution: 50m
- 1 map / 6 months (4-year period)
- Global cover of forested areas
- Classification precision: 90%

Biomass Mission

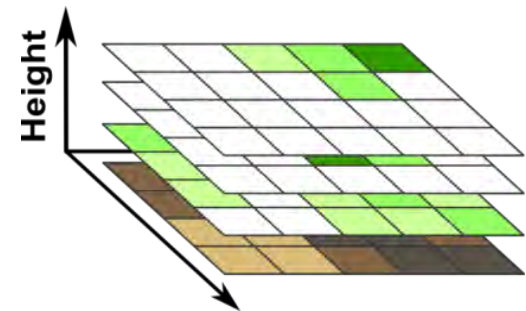
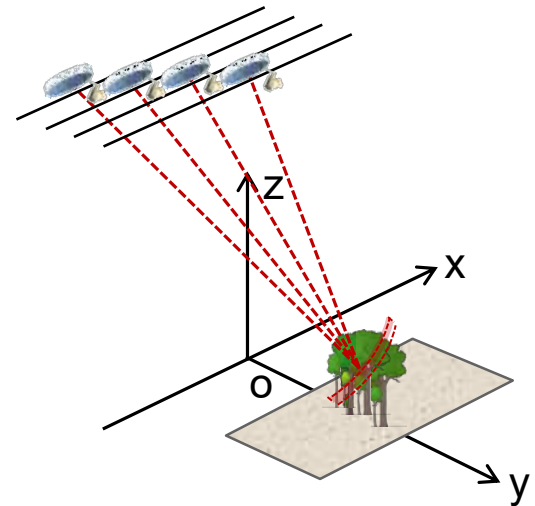
PolSAR
(SAR Polarimetry)



PolInSAR
(Polarimetric SAR Interferometry)



TomoSAR
(SAR Tomography)



Radar response sensitivity

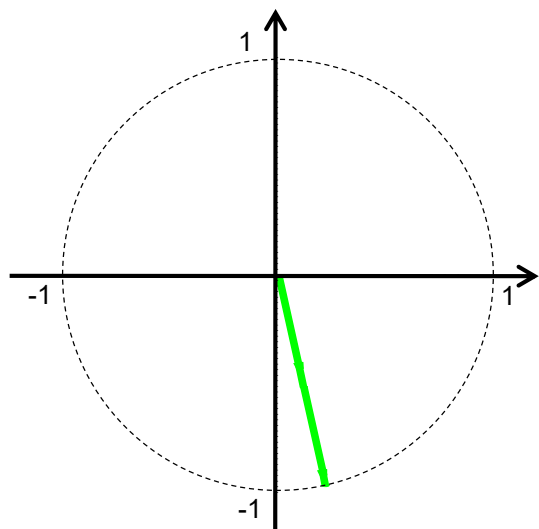
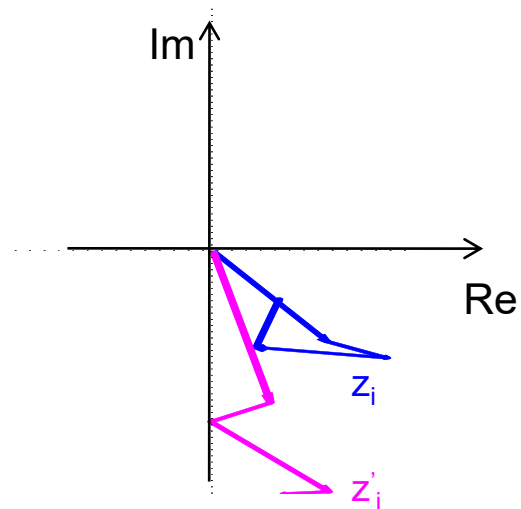
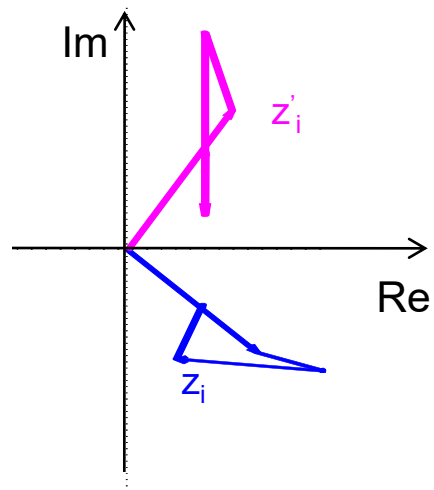
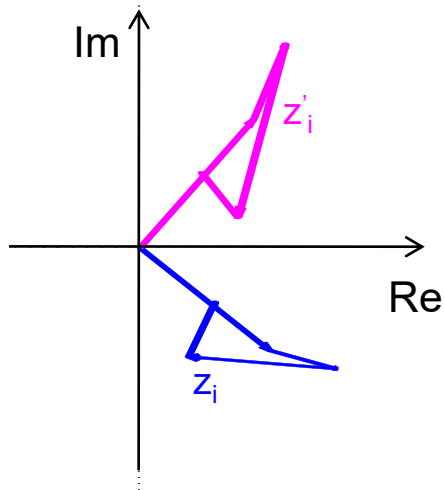
RADAR COHERENCE:

2 radar acquisitions

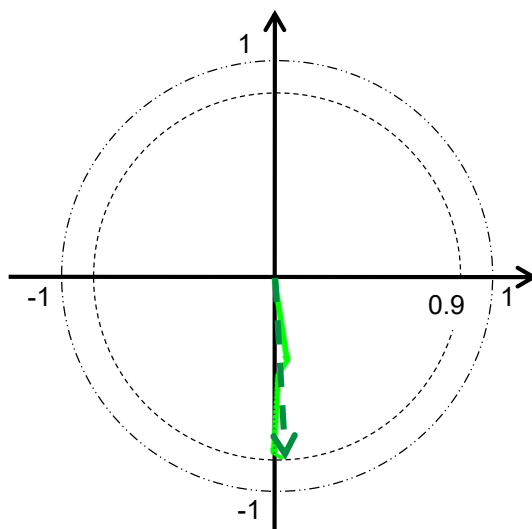
Temporal geometrical stability ($\leq \lambda$)
of the scatterers within each resolution cell

Complex coherence

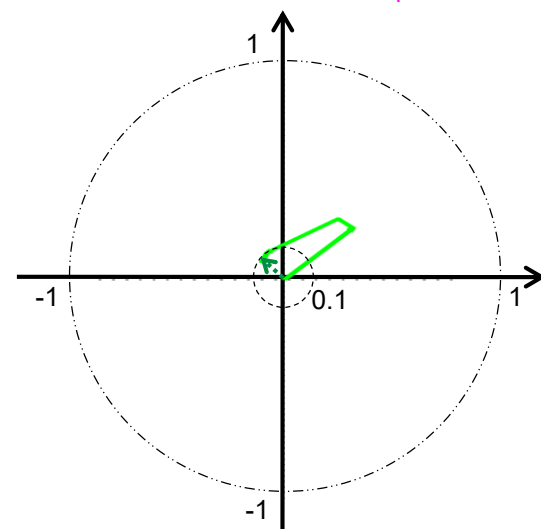
$$\rho = \frac{\langle z_i z_i'^* \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle |z_i|^2 \rangle \langle |z_i'|^2 \rangle}}$$



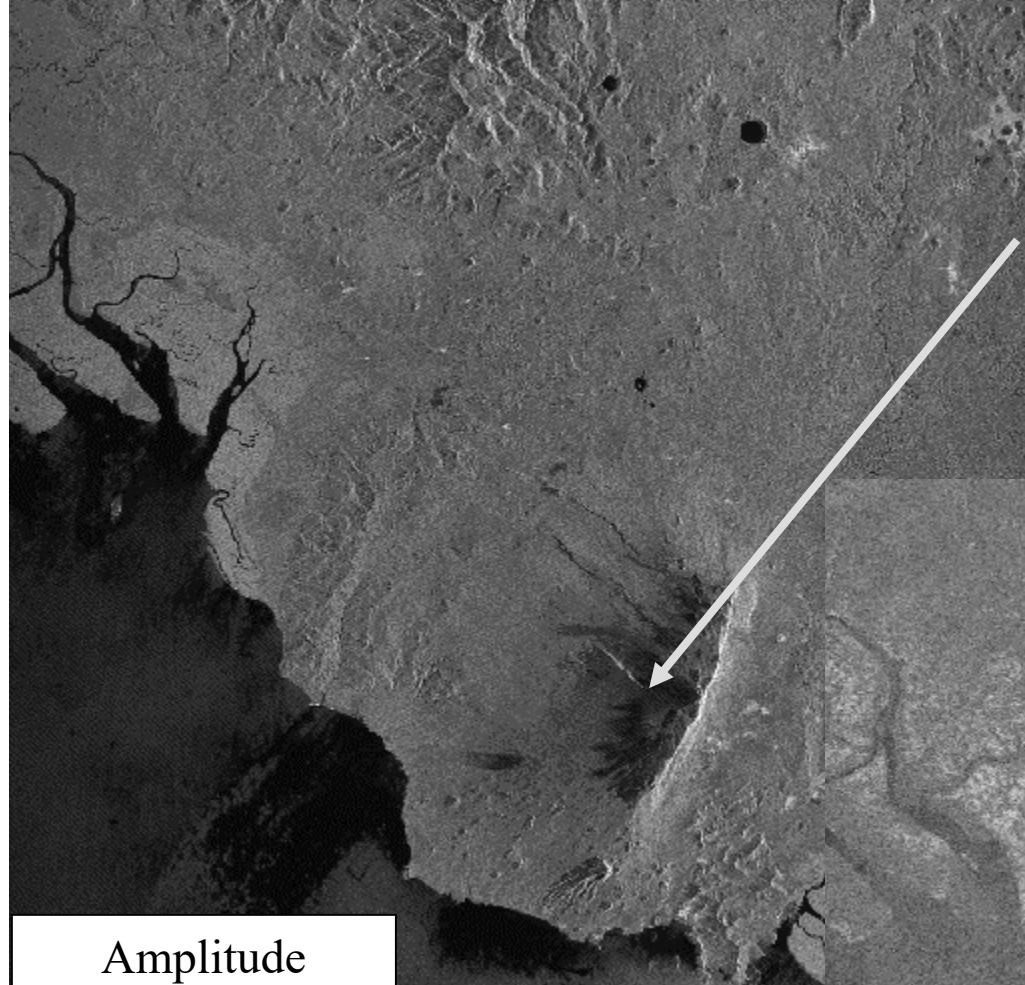
$$|\rho| = 1$$



$$|\rho| = 0.9$$



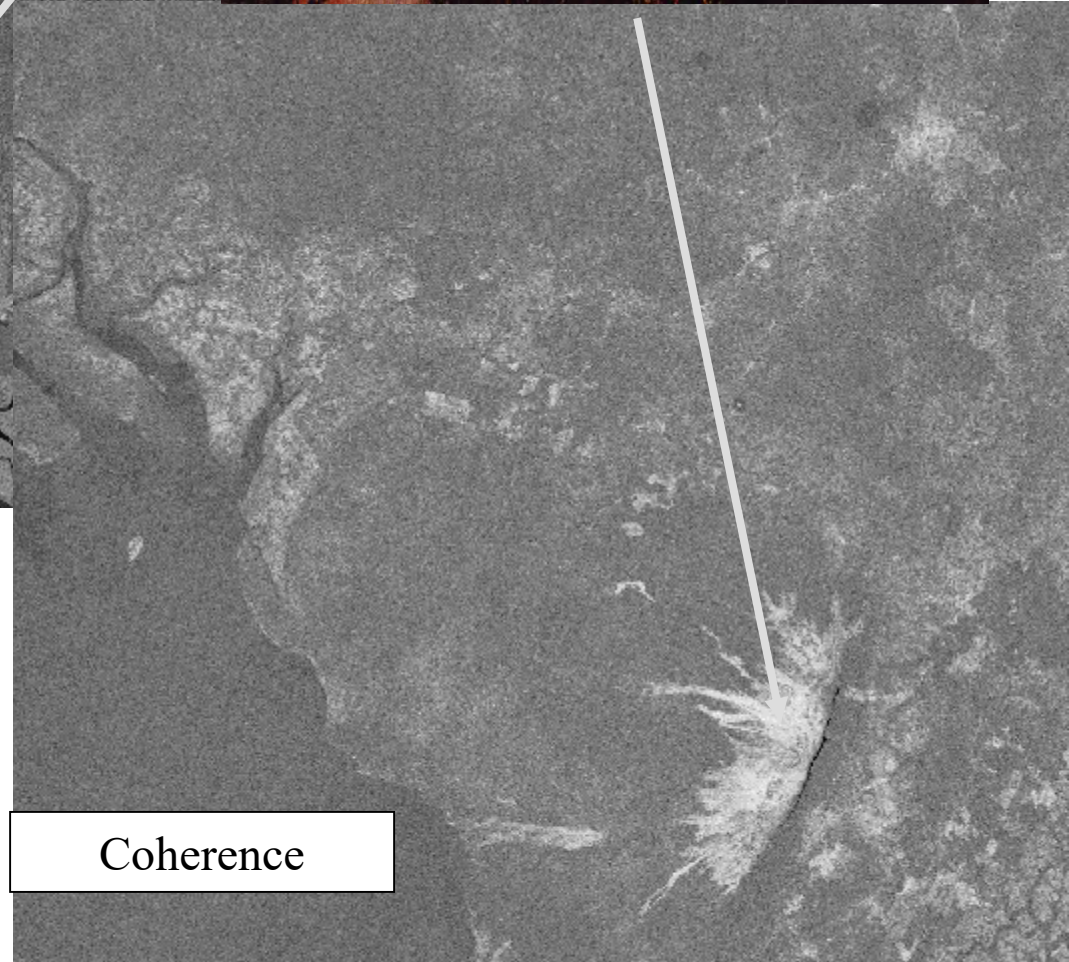
$$|\rho| = 0.1$$



Amplitude



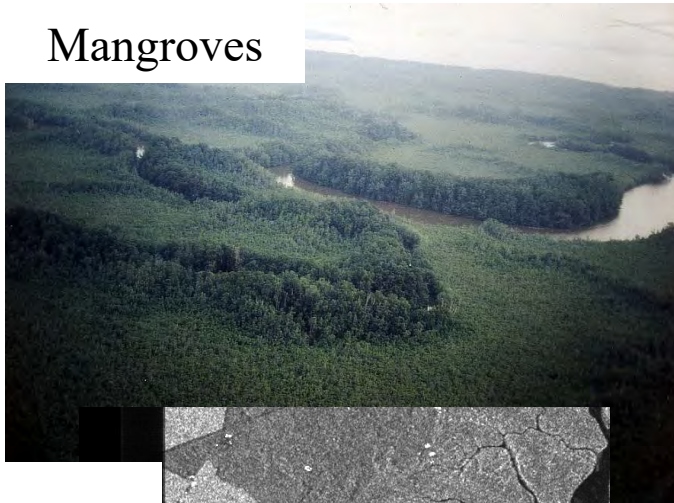
Mount Cameroun, ERS



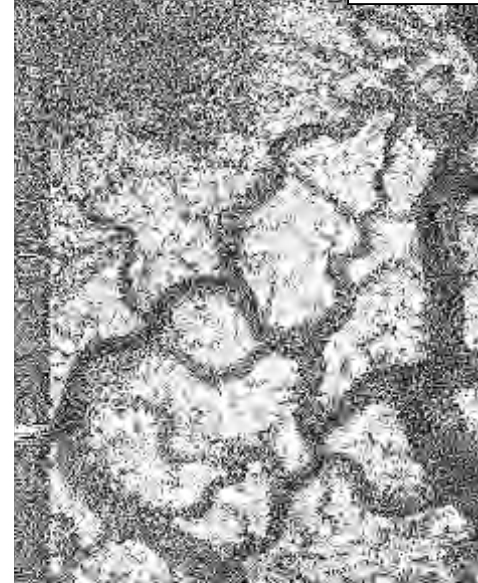
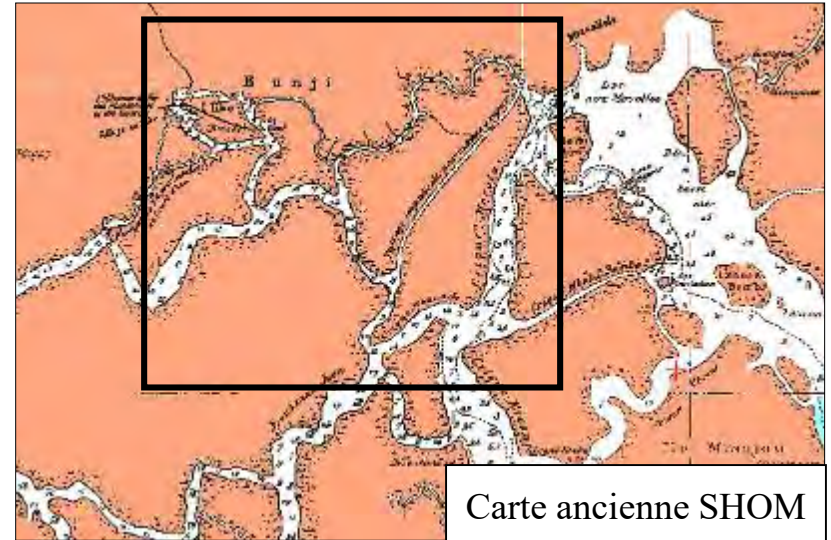
Coherence

Radar response sensitivity

Mangroves

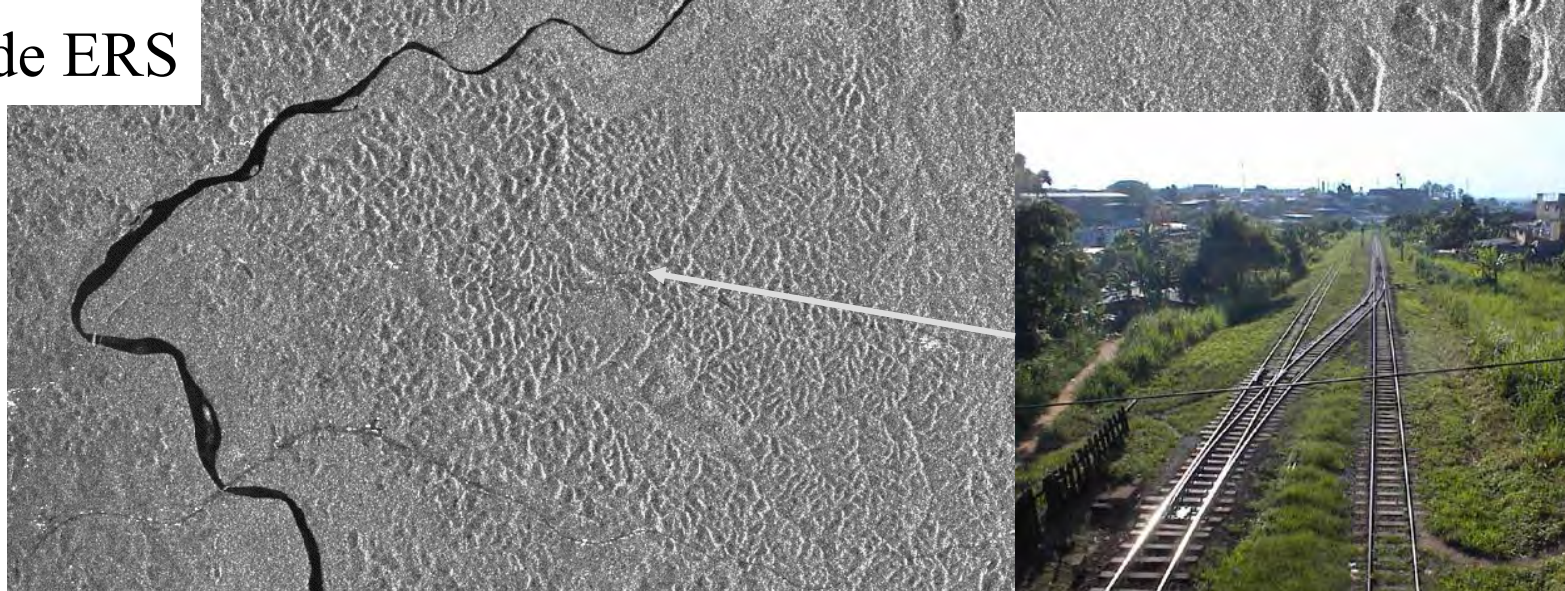


Amplitude ERS

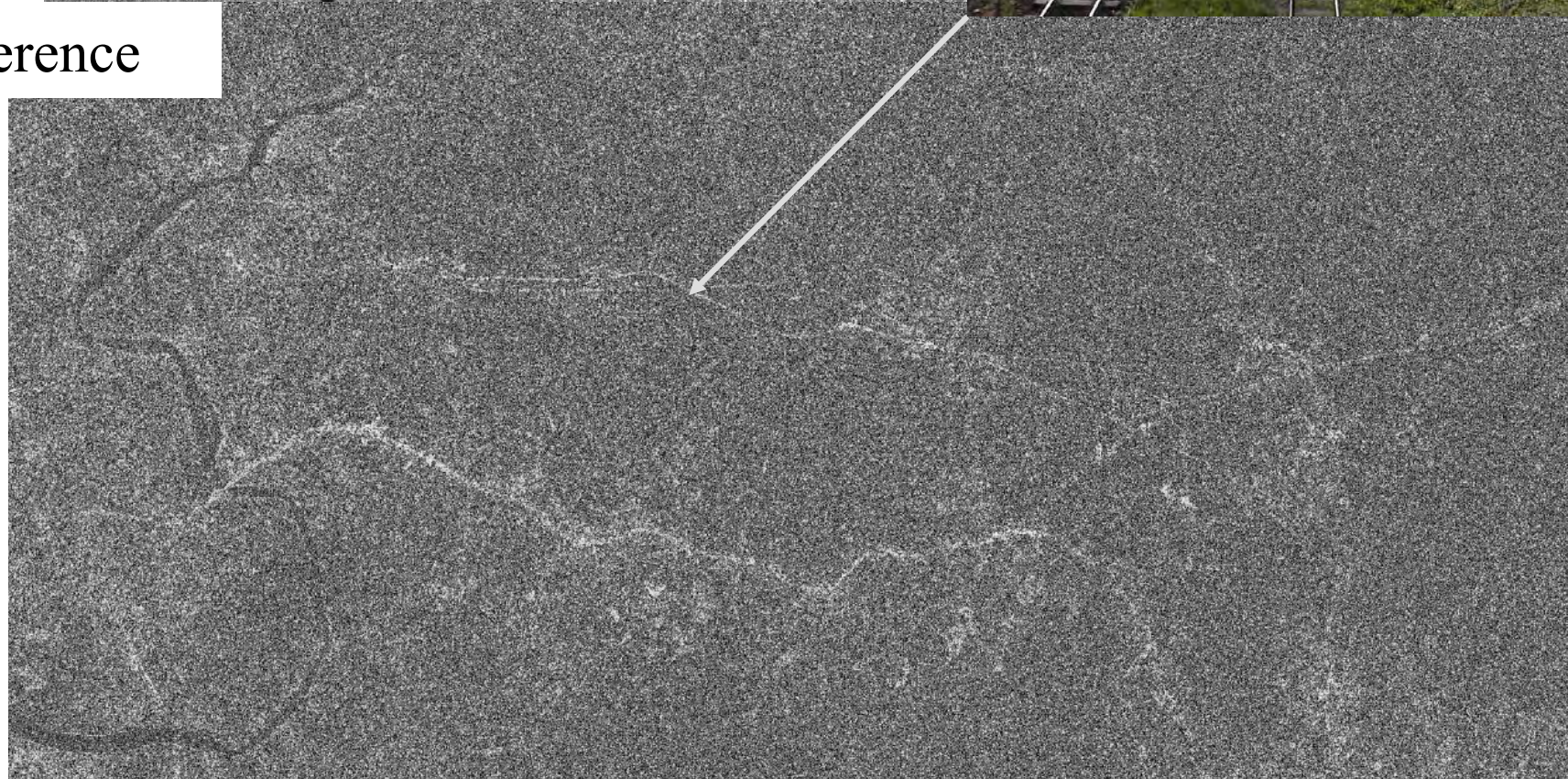


Coherence ERS

Amplitude ERS

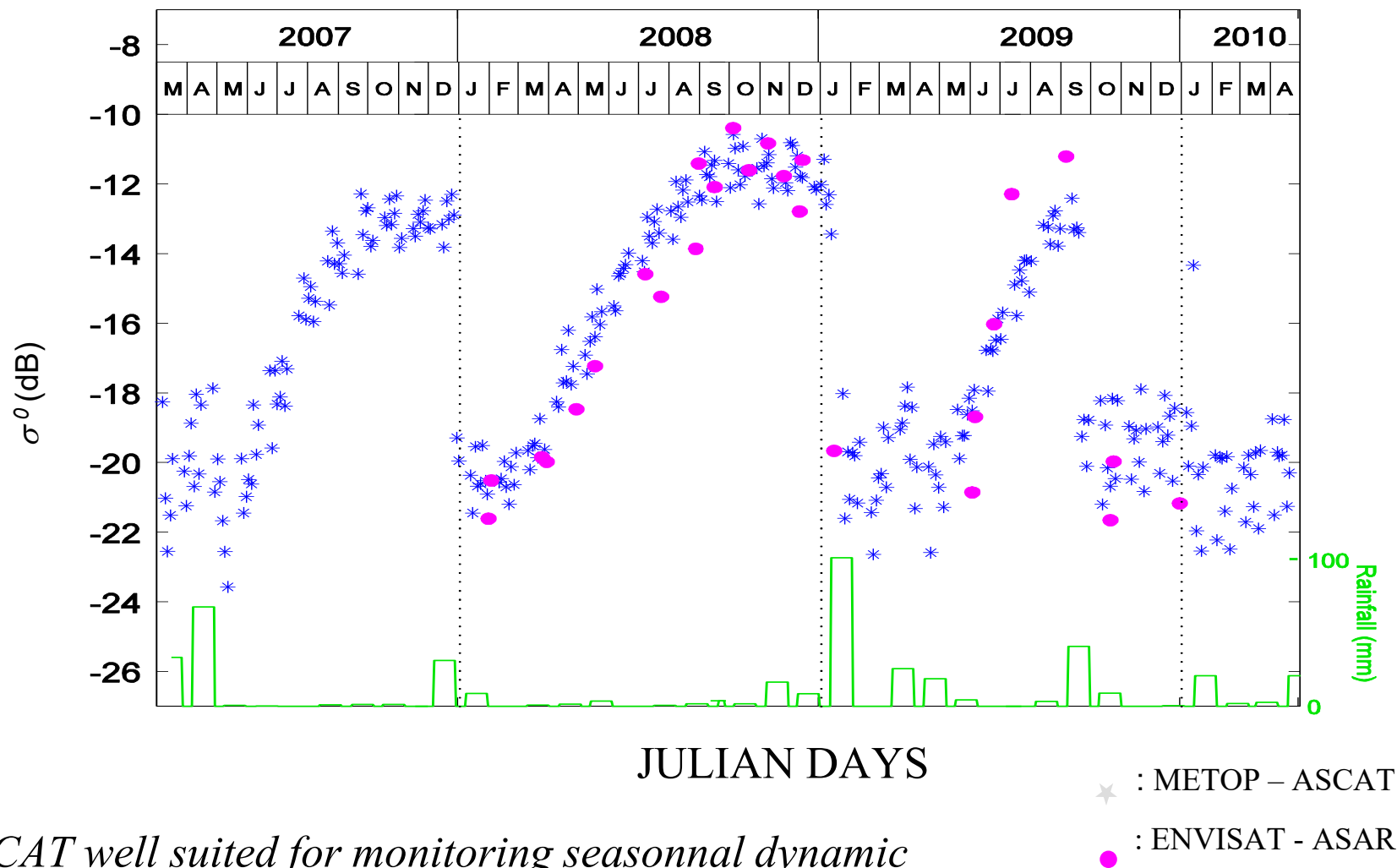


Coherence



ASCAT/ASAR temporal signature over the Chott el Jerid

Incidence angle: 40°



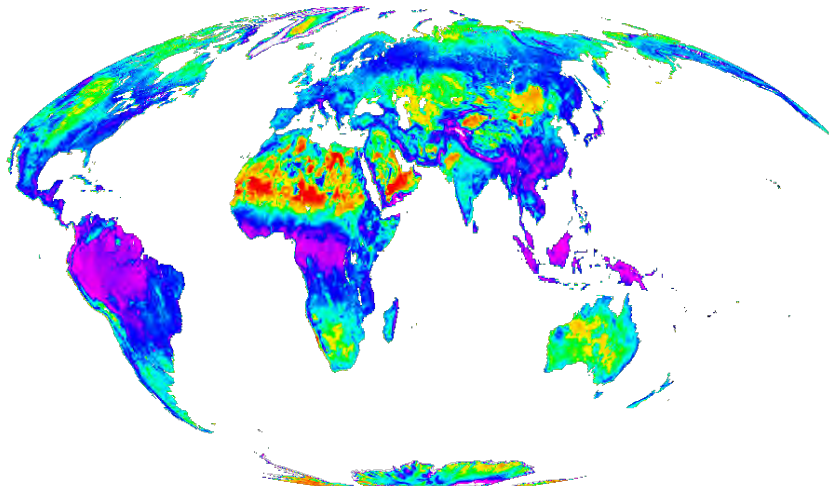
ASCAT well suited for monitoring seasonal dynamic

Side looking radar sensors

Scatterometers

☞ Radar reflectivity estimation (σ°)

- *low spatial resolution: $\sim 10 - 50$ km*
- *high frequency of acquisitions (\sim day)*



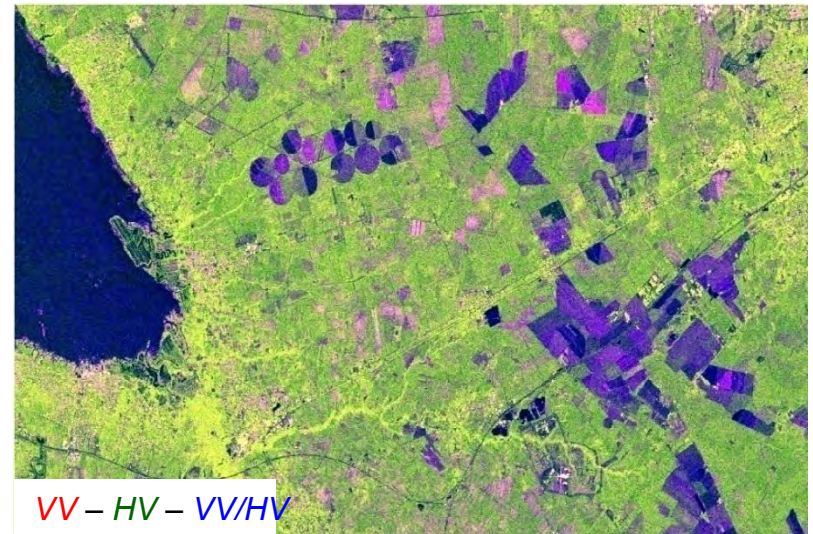
≤ -25 dB ≥ -6 dB

Scatt. ERS – May 1992

SAR

☞ Surface imaging

- *high spatial resolution: ~ 10 m*
- *low frequency of acquisition (\sim month)*



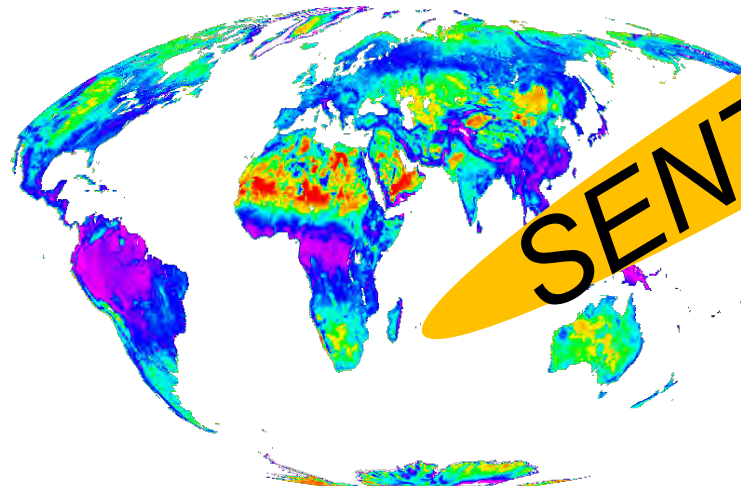
Sentinel-1
Les landes – March 2015

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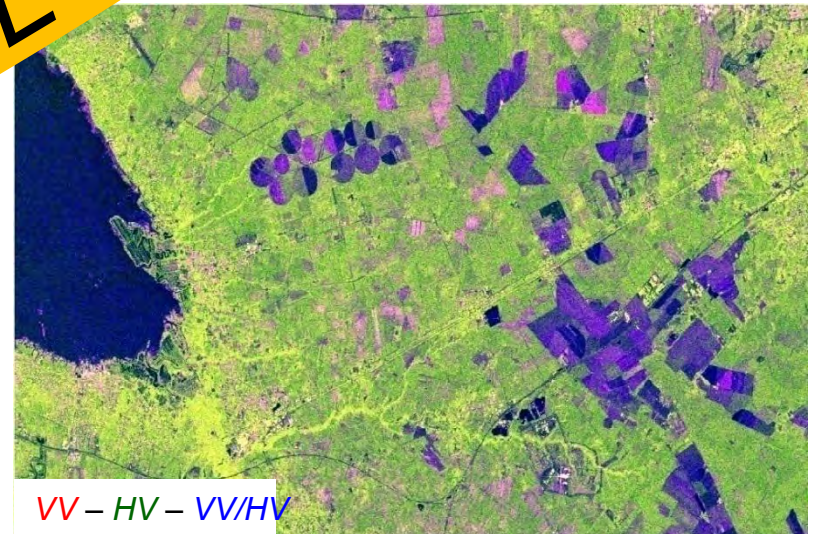
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VV – HV – VV/HV

Sentinel-1

Les landes – March 2015

The Sentinel-1 missions

Sentinel-1A: launched the 3rd April 2014

==> SAR data from March 2015 Revisit time: 12 days

} *6 days!!*

Sentinel-1B: launched the 22th April 2016 Revisit time: 12 days

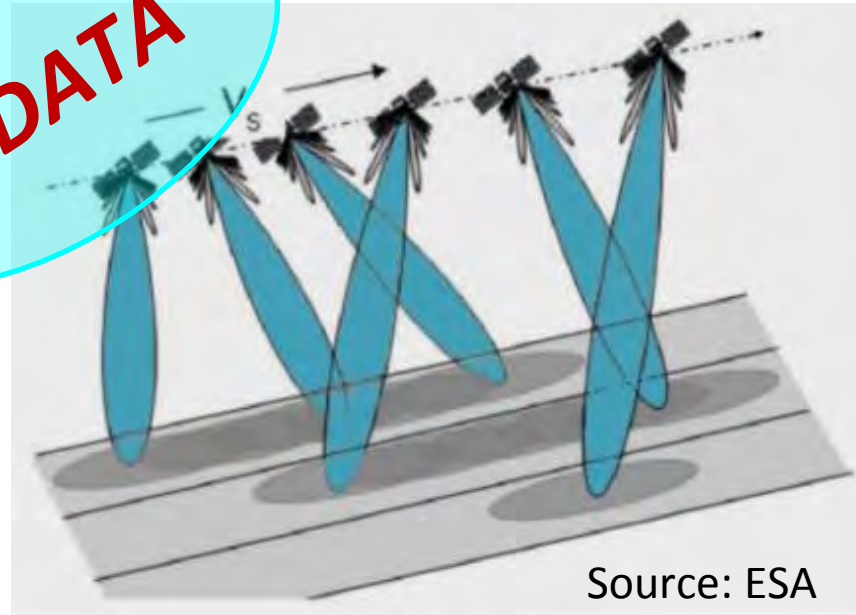
==> SAR data from September 2016

- C band
- Spatial resolution: 20 m
- Swath width: 250 km
- Two polarizations over land surfaces: VV and VH

SAR ← → **SENTINEL-1** ← → Scatterometers

Acquisitions period: **12 days** (S1-A) – **6 days** (S1-A+B)

Planned mode over land surfaces: **Interferometric Wide (IW)**



2 Polarisations: **VV – VH**

Swath: 250 km (3 sub-swaths)

GRD Products :

Spatial resolution: **20 m**

Pixel: 10 m

SLC Products

Spatial resolution: 3 x 20 m;

Pixel: 2 x 14 m (rge x az.)

Temporal monitoring of seasonal variations of land surfaces

Radar Backscattering Coefficient

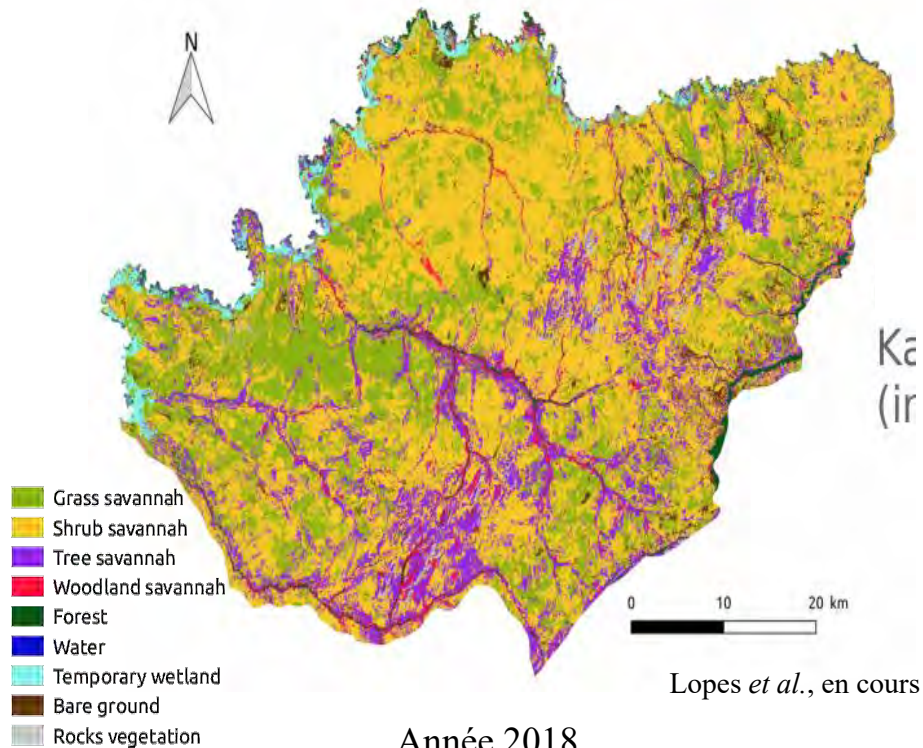
σ^0

Interferometric Coherence

$|\rho|$

Sentinel: Apport des séries temporelles

Formations végétales Parc de la Pendjari, Bénin



Année 2018
Données Sentinel-1 et -2

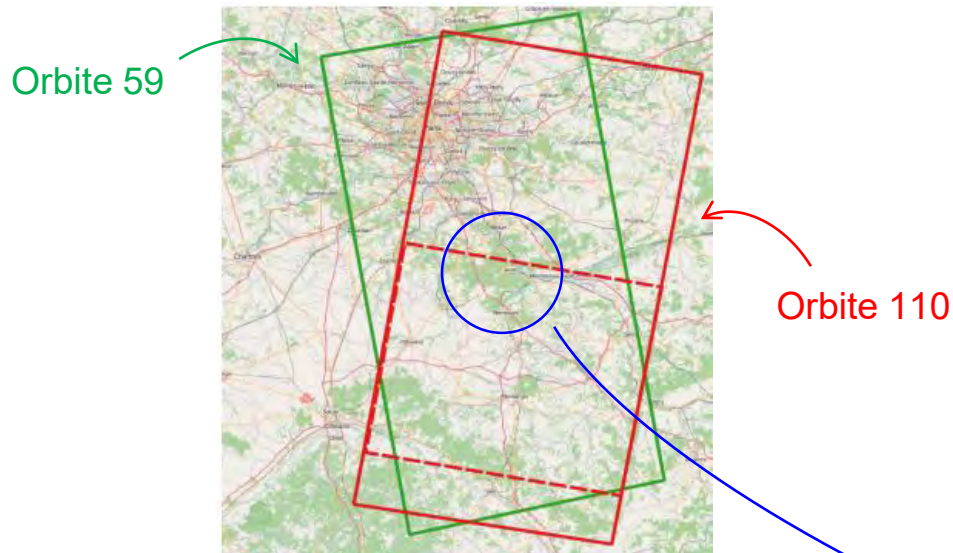
Lopes *et al.*, en cours

Données Sentinel (*Big Data*)

Fouille de données
Intelligence artificielle
Deep learning

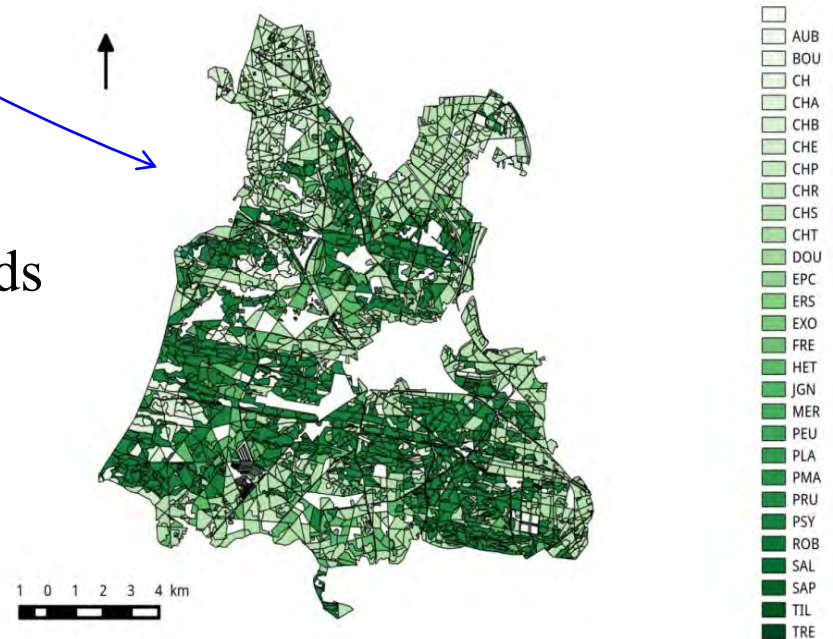
Complémentarité optique / radar

Acquisitions over the Paris region



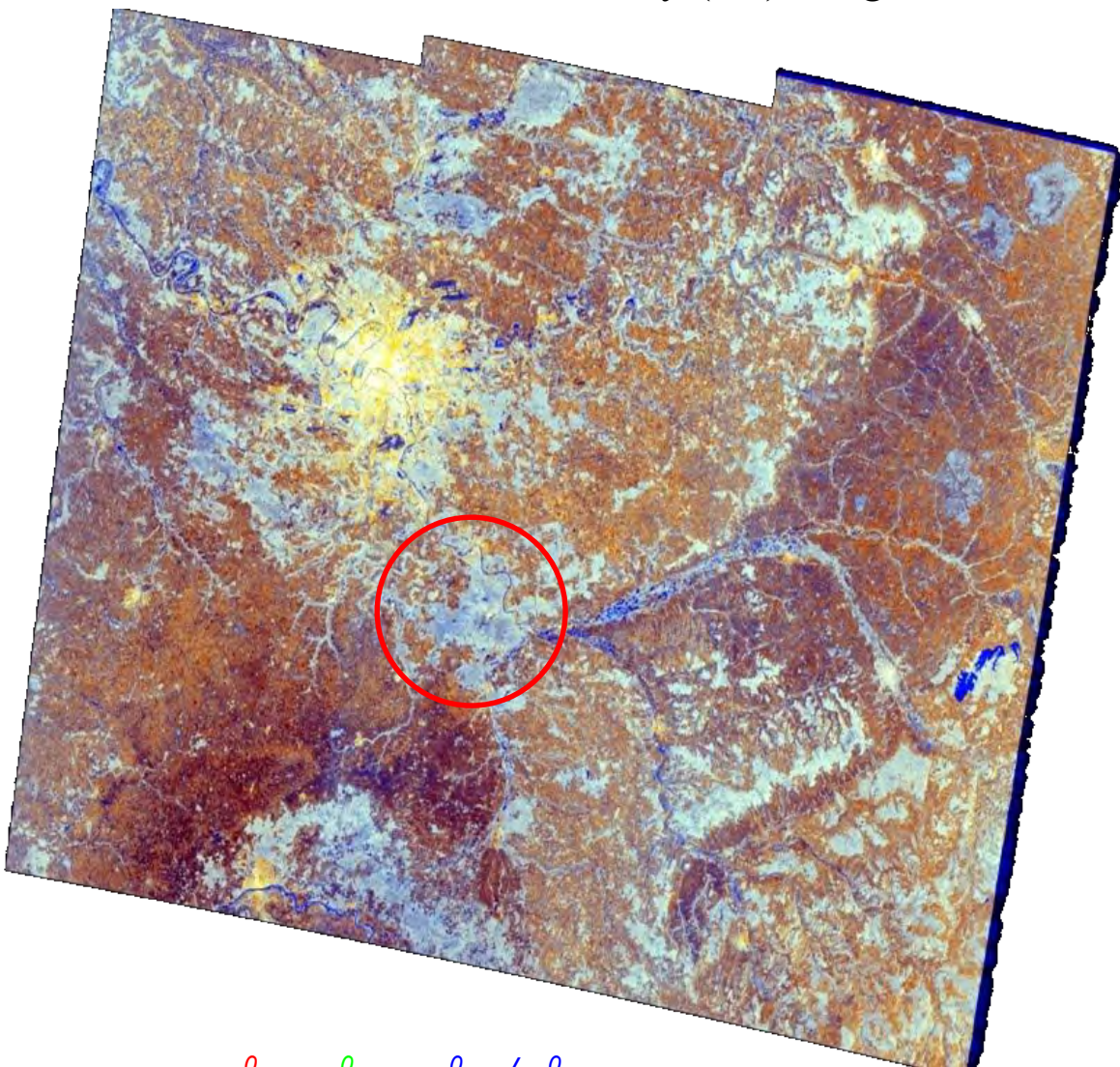
Fontainebleau Forest

Oaks, pines and beeches stands



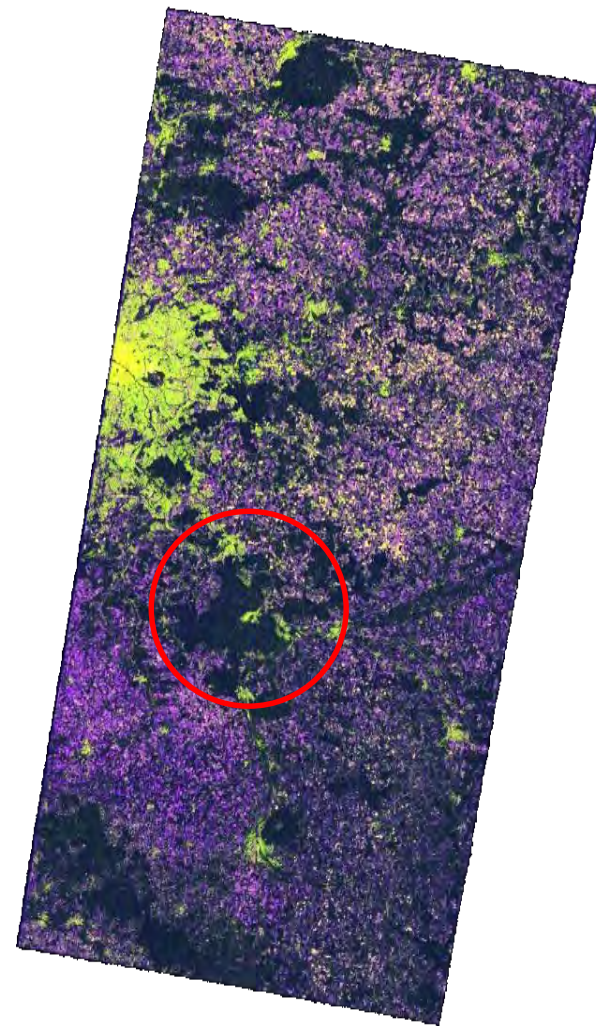
18th March 2015 IW Acquisition

Radar reflectivity (σ^0) image



$$\sigma_{VV}^0 - \sigma_{VH}^0 - \sigma_{VH}^0 / \sigma_{VV}^0$$

18 – 30 March coherence image

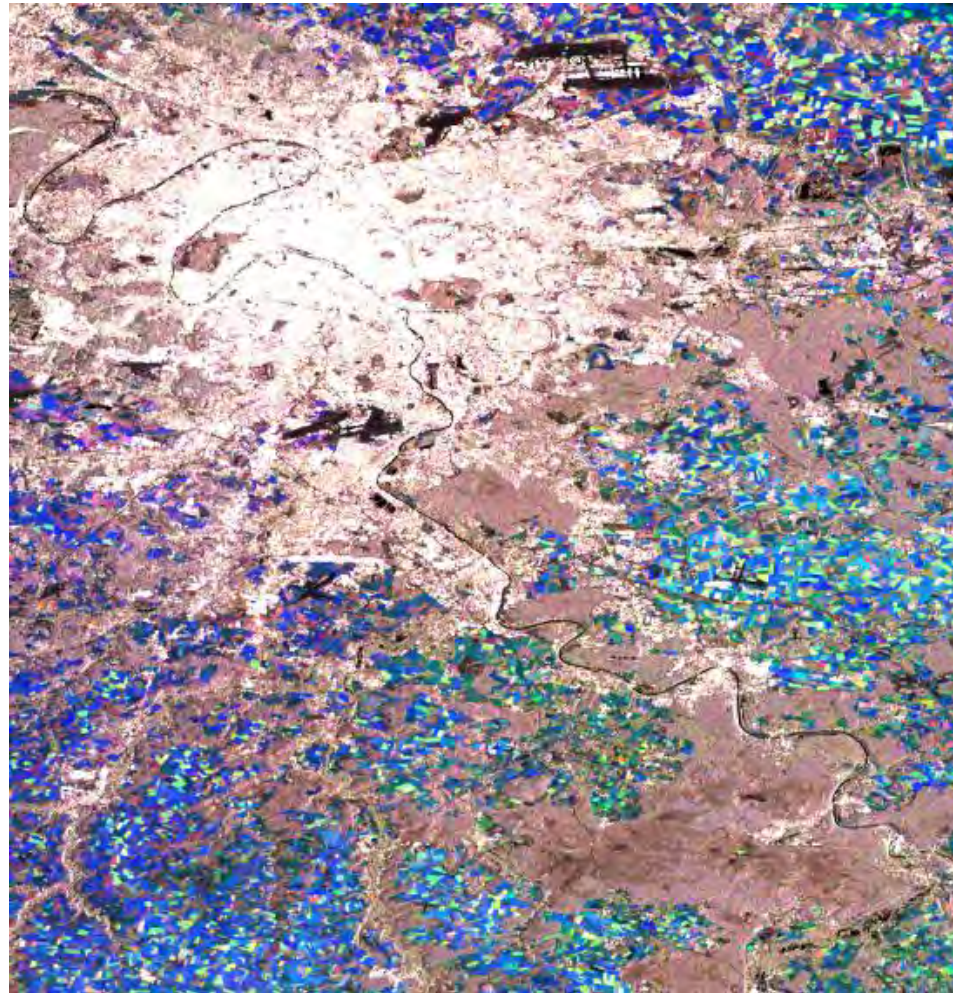


$$|\rho_{VV}| - |\rho_{VH}| - |\rho_{VV}| / |\rho_{VH}|$$

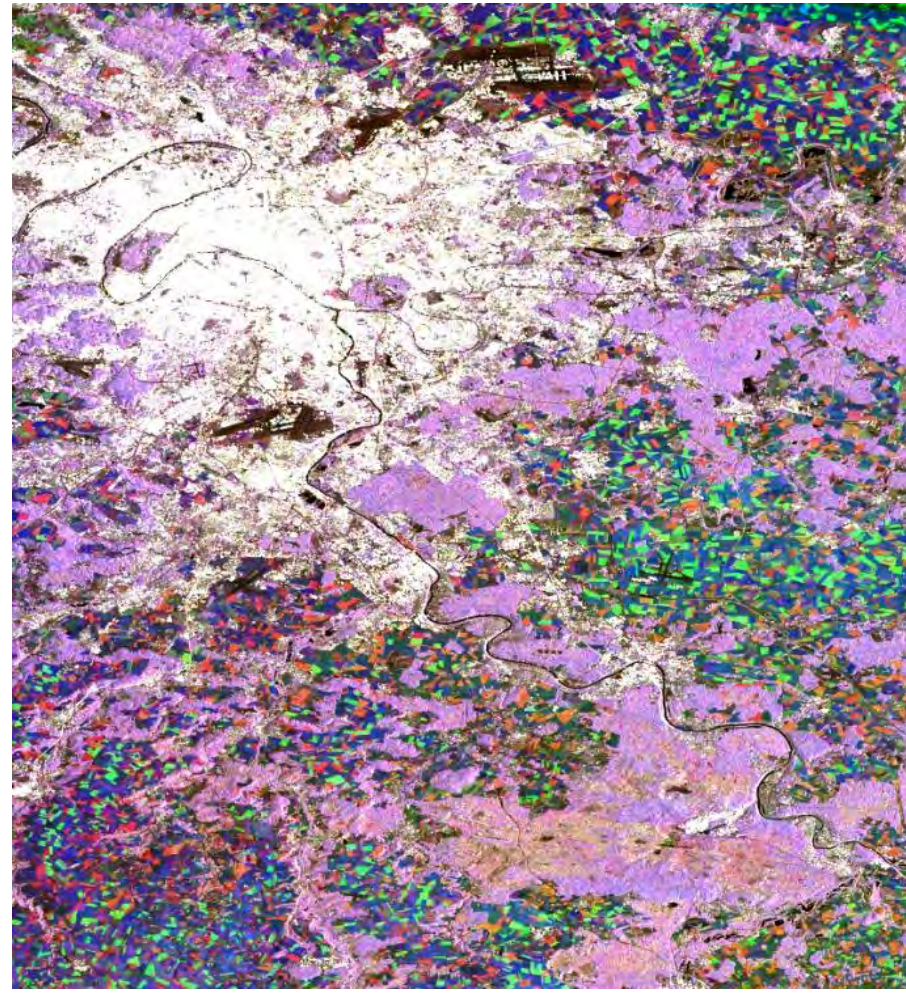
σ^0 Color composite image

5 May - 2 Sept. - 19 Dec. 2015

Polarisation **VV**



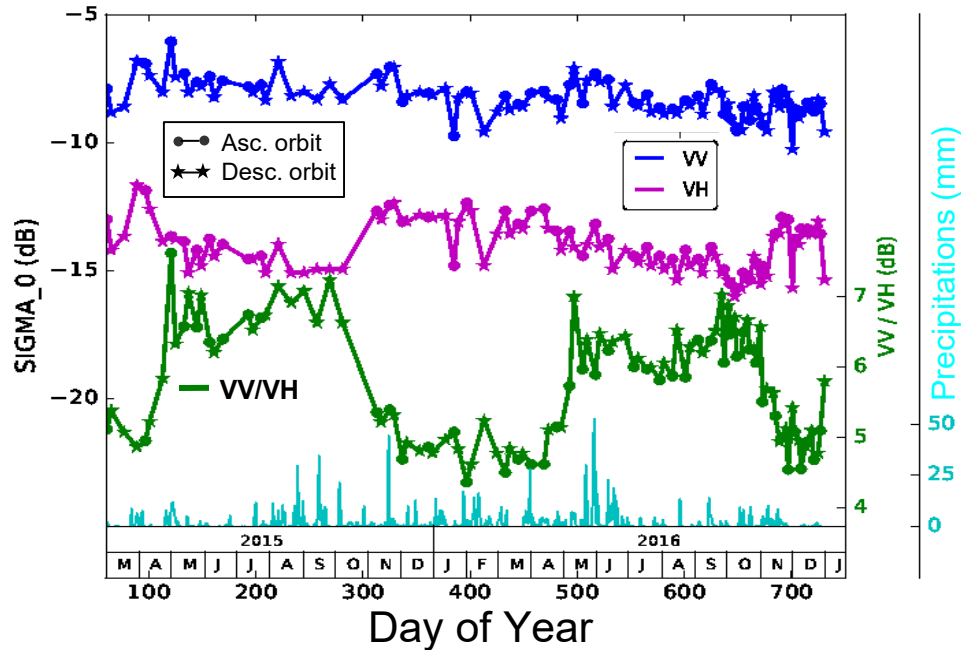
Polarisation **VH**



☞ *High spatio-temporal variability over crop fields*

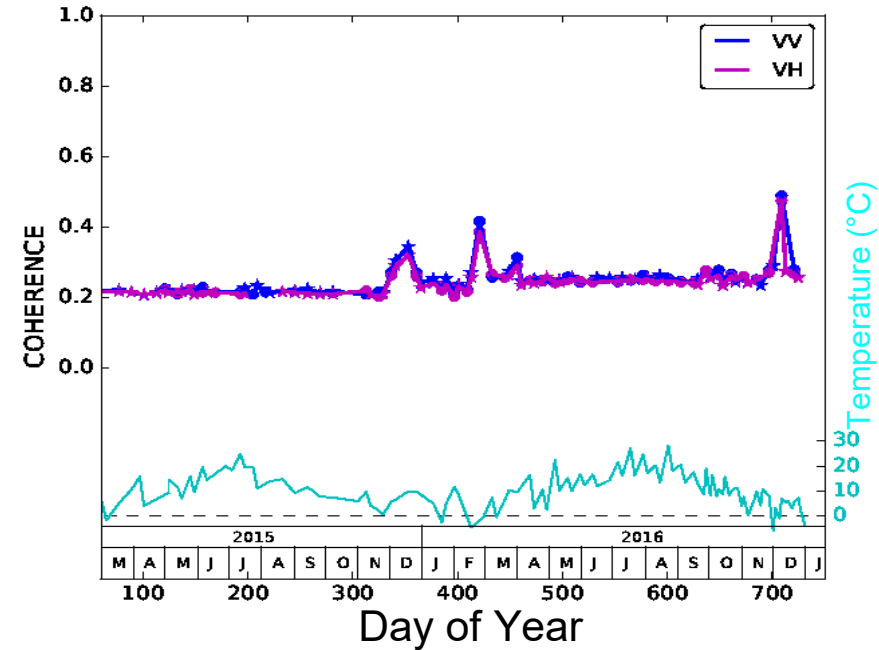
Oaks stand

Radar Backscat. Coeff. σ^0



- No seasonal cycle s_{VV}^0
- Seasonal cycles $s_{VH}^0 \Rightarrow \sigma_{VV}^0 / \sigma_{VH}^0$
(yearly amplitude 3 dB)

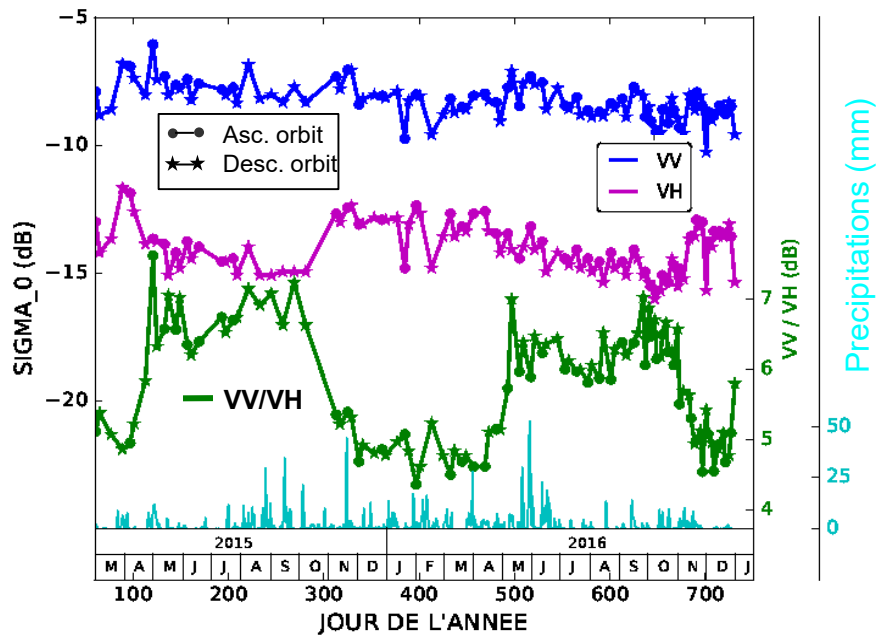
Coherence $|\rho|$



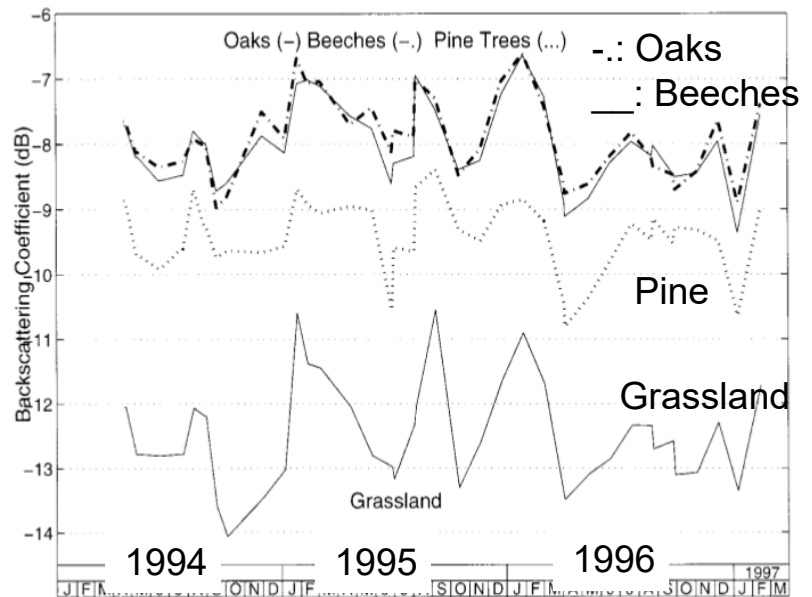
- signal low and constant (Mar. - Nov.)
- $|\rho_{VV}|$ et $|\rho_{VH}|$ Identical
- higher values for low temperatures

Oaks stand

Radar Backscat. Coeff. s^0



ERS (VV) temporal signature



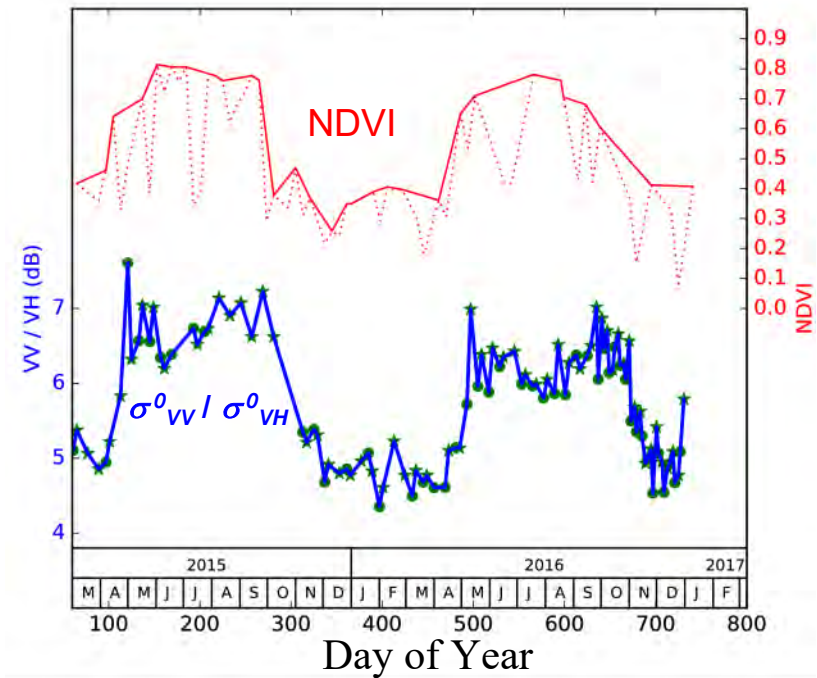
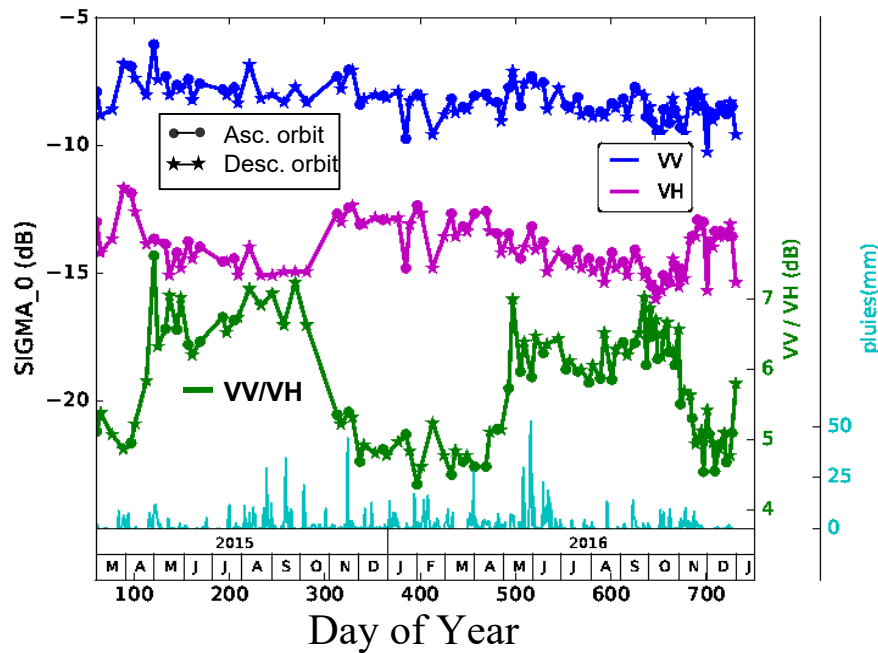
Proisy et al., 1999

☞ no seasonal cycle in VV pol.

☞ Seasonal cycle $\sigma_{VH}^0 \Rightarrow \sigma_{VV}^0 / \sigma_{VH}^0$

Oaks stand

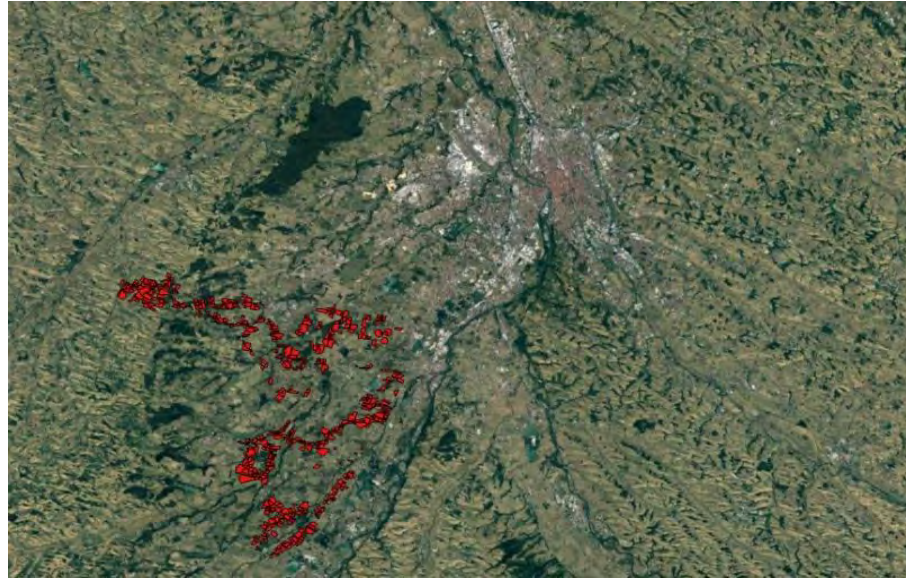
Radar Backscat. Coeff. σ^0



$\sigma^0_{VV} / \sigma^0_{VH}$ and NDVI in phase

C band sensitive to foliar activity

Crops monitoring – Lamasquère region



in situ survey (CESBIO)

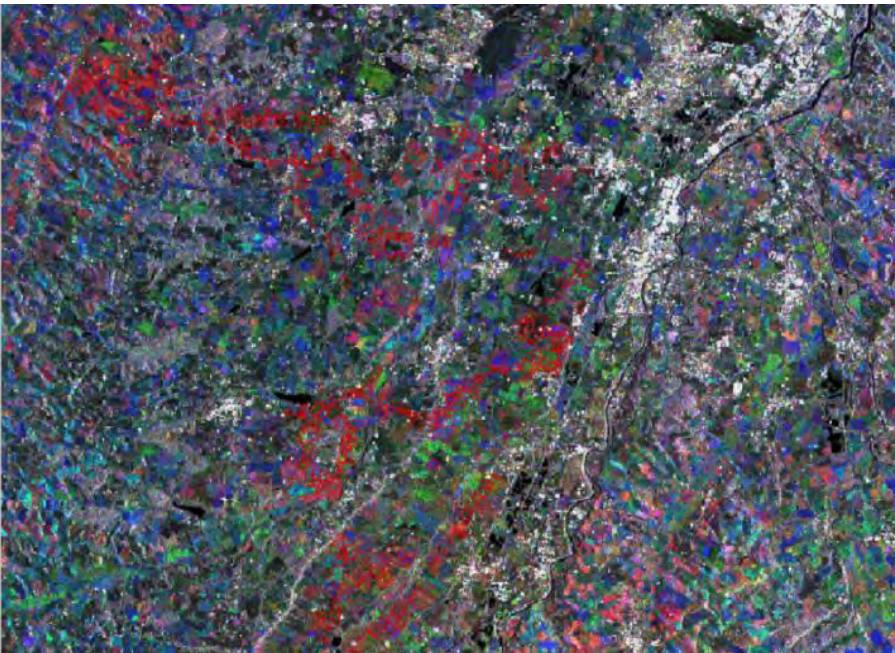
Winter crops: wheat, barley, rapeseed

Summer crops: soybean, sorghum, maize, sunflower

Agricultural area (Lamasquère region)

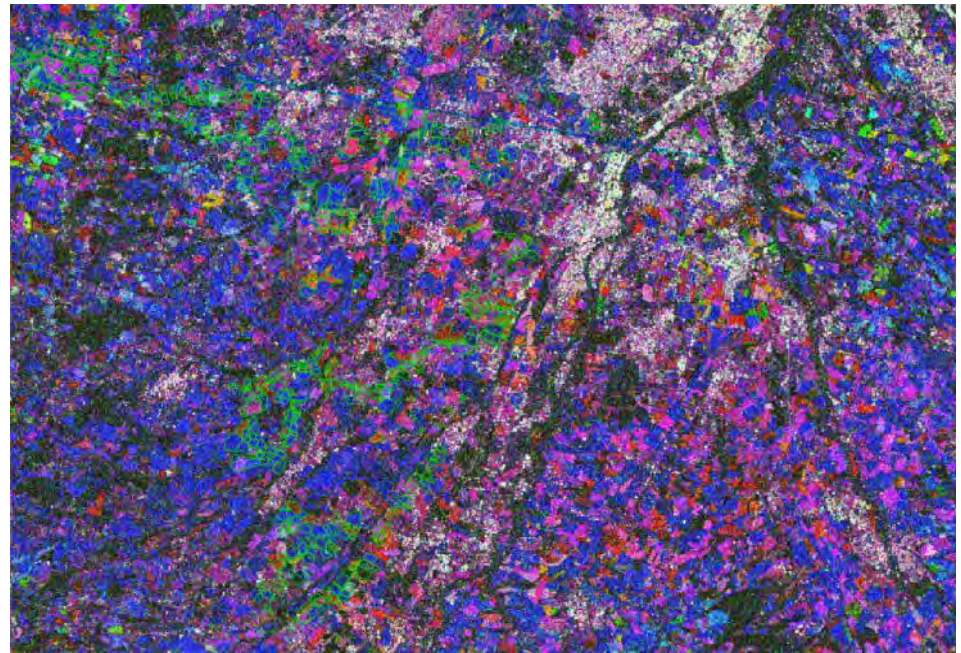
Multi-temporal color-composite images

Radar Backscatterin Coeff.



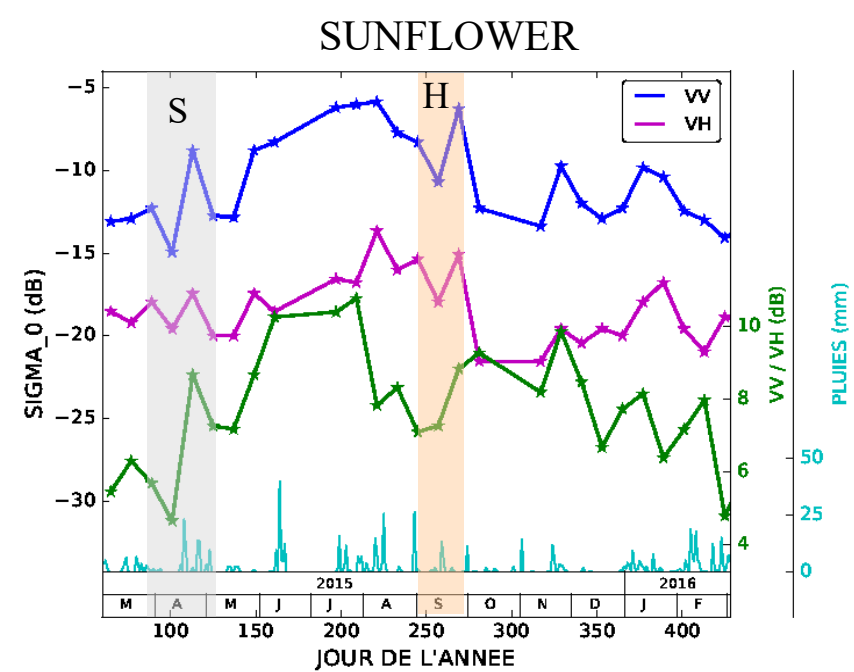
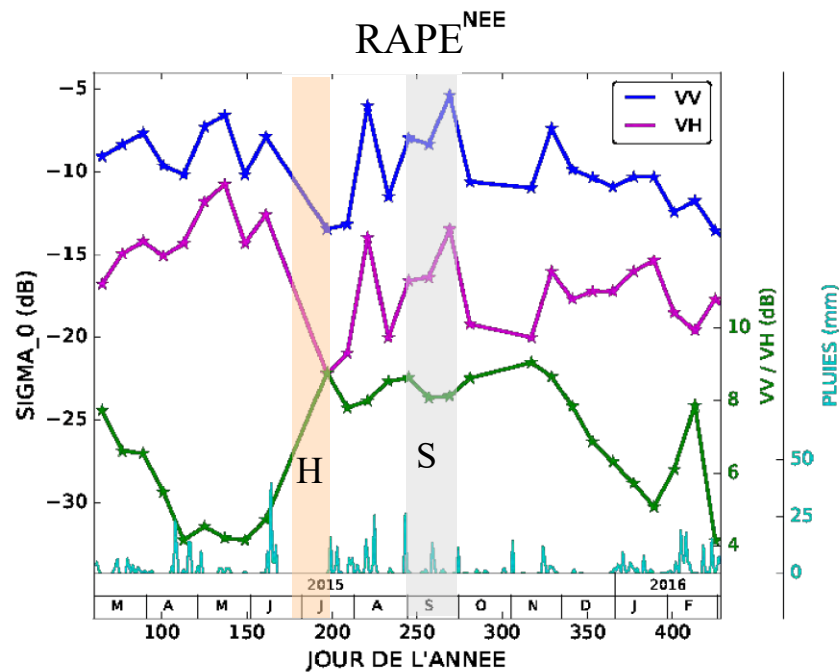
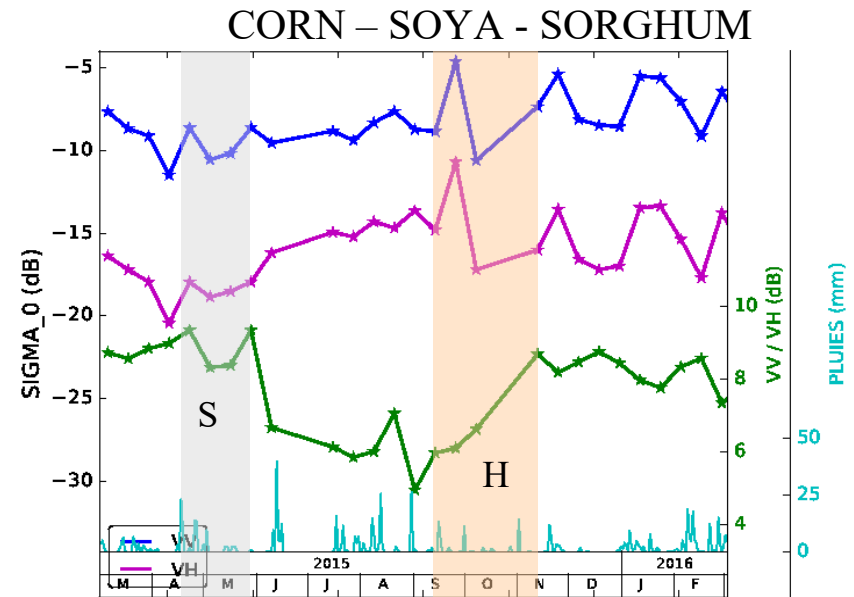
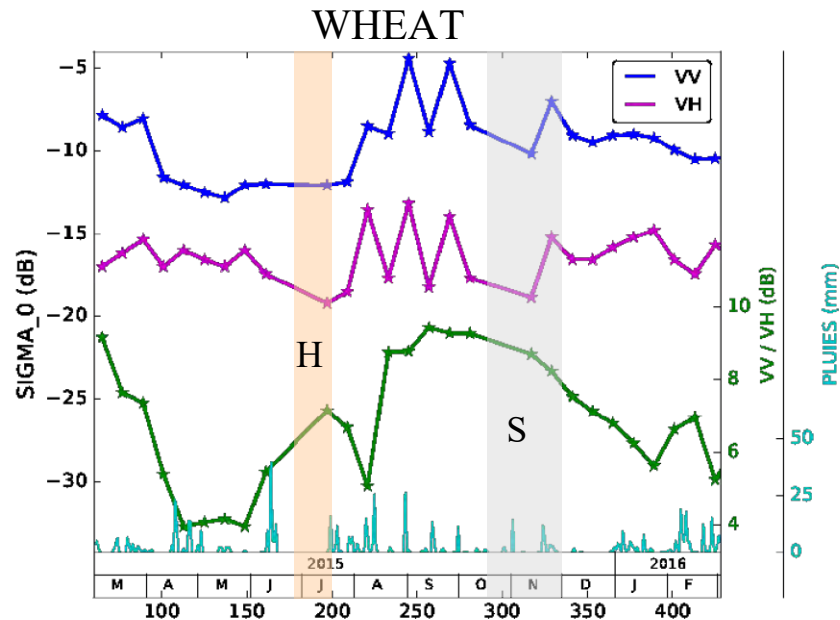
10 June- 14 Sept. – 7 Dec.

Cohérence

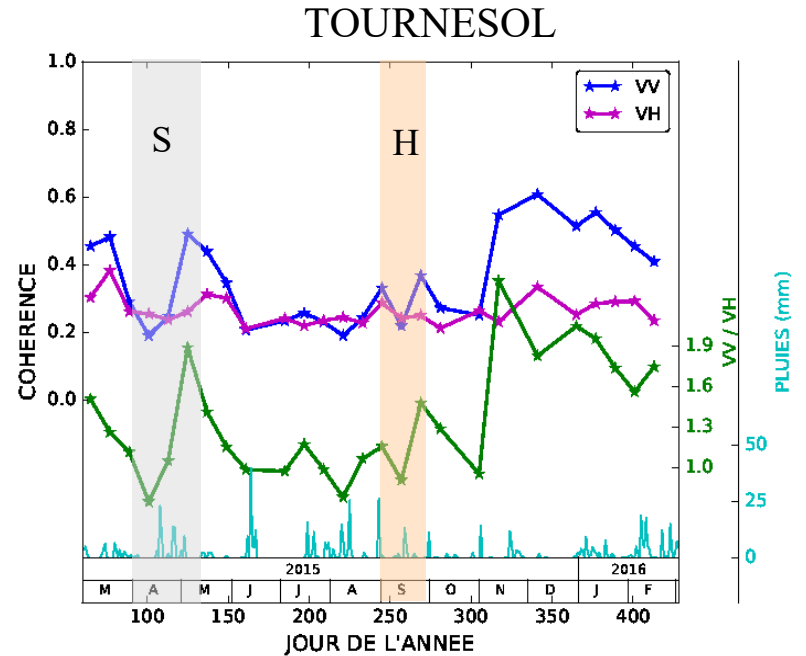
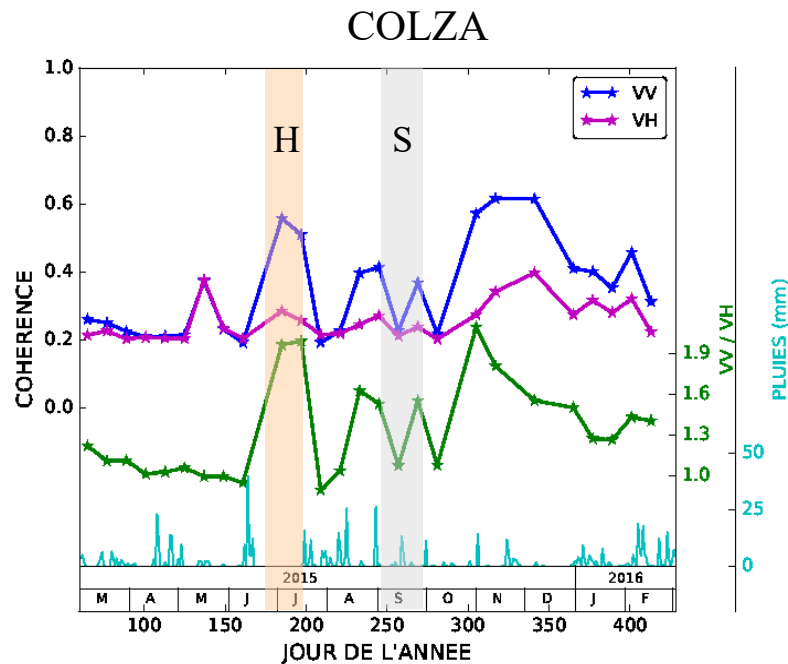
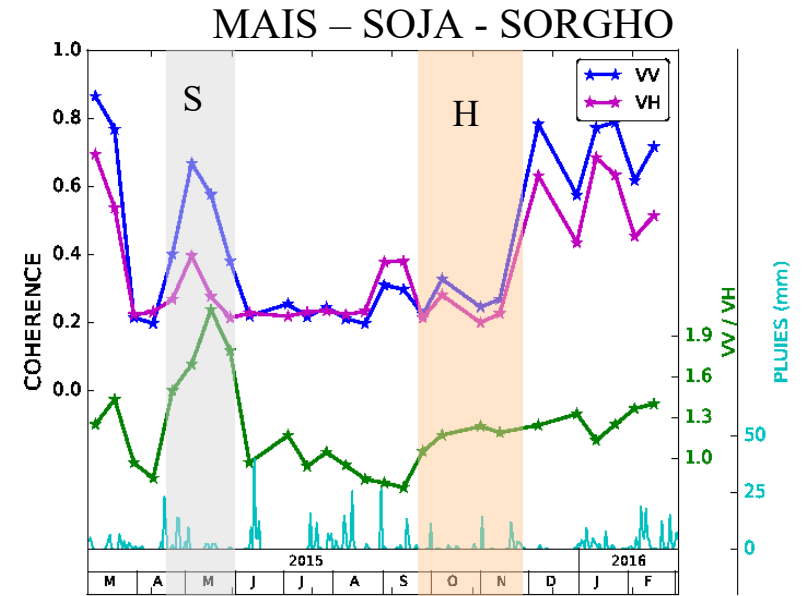
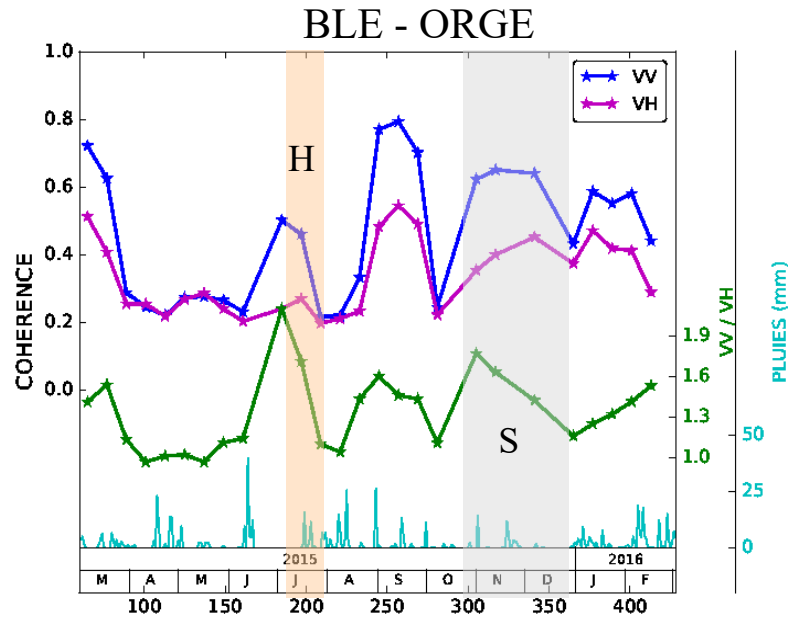


4-16 Jul .- 9-16 Aug. – 7-19 Dec.

CROP FIELDS: Temporal profile σ^0



CROP FIELDS: Temporal profiles coherence





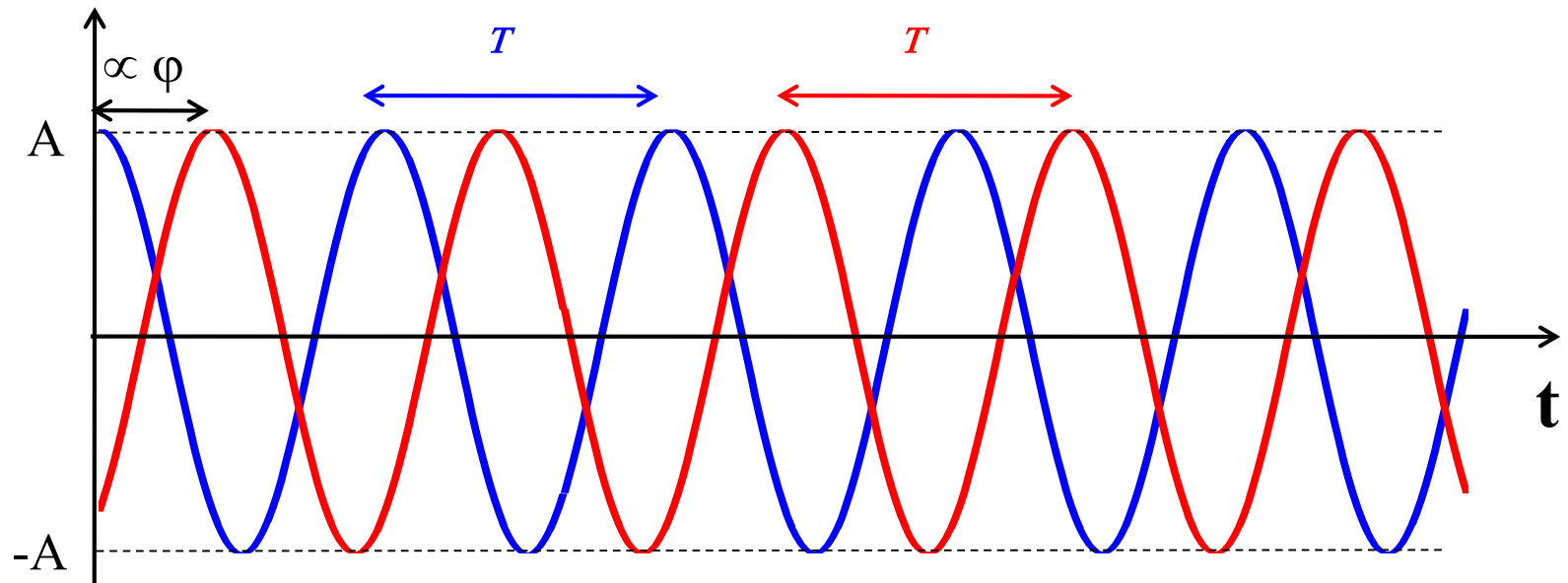
THAT'S ALL FOLK!!

OUTLINE

- I. Radar imaging - Spatial resolution**
- II. Polarization**
- III. Radar response sensitivity**
- IV. Relief effects**
- V. Speckle and filtering**

Electromagnetic coherent wave

Coherent wave: *temporal* behaviour



$$y(t) = A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} t\right)$$

$$y(t) = A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} t - \varphi\right)$$

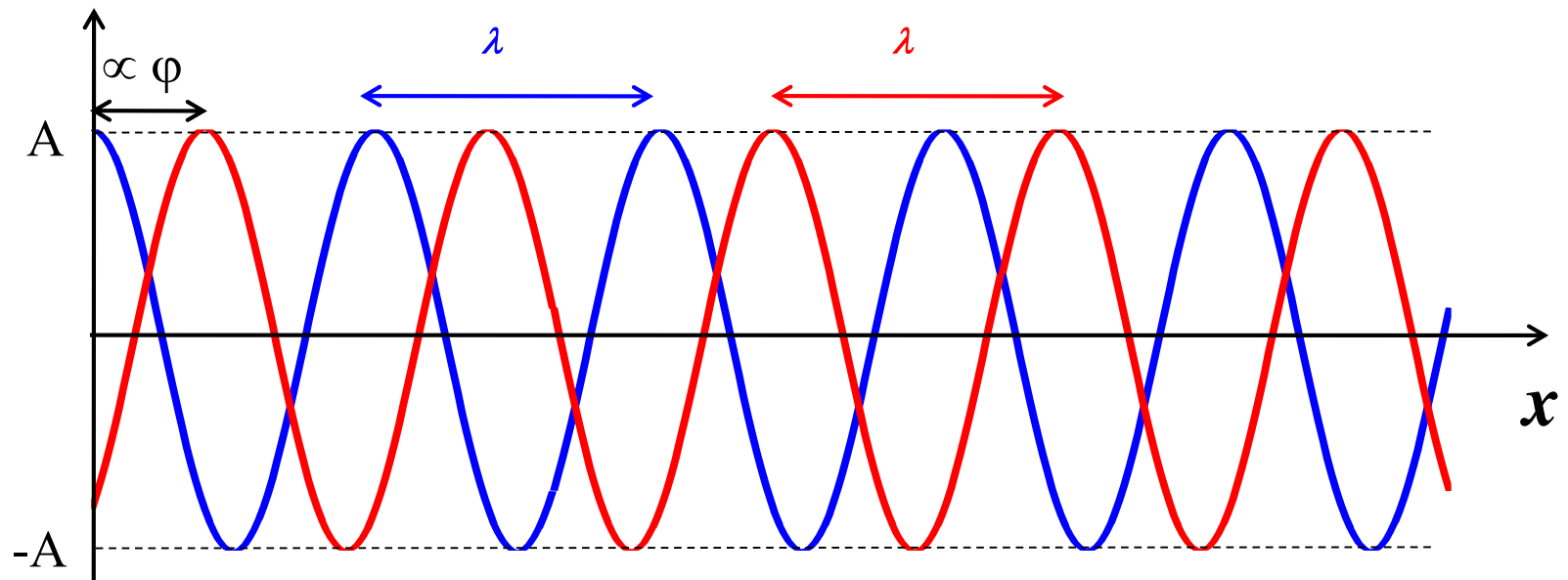
$$T = \frac{1}{f_0}$$

A: amplitude
 T : time period
 φ : phase shift



Electromagnetic coherent wave

Coherent wave: *spatial* behaviour



$$y(x) = A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}x\right)$$

$$y(x) = A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}x - \varphi\right)$$

$$\lambda = c T = \frac{c}{f_0}$$

A : amplitude

λ : spatial period = wavelength

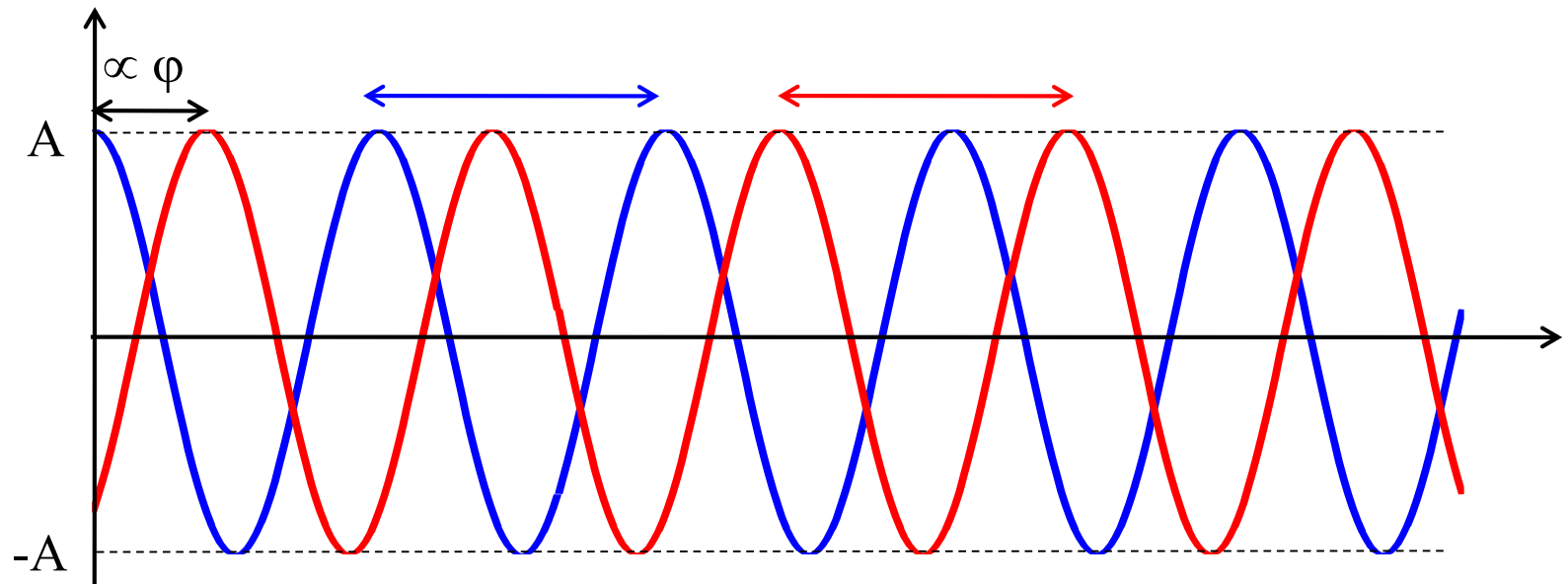
φ : phase shift

c : light celerity = $3 \cdot 10^8$ m/s



Electromagnetic coherent wave

Coherent wave: *spatial* and *temporal* behaviour

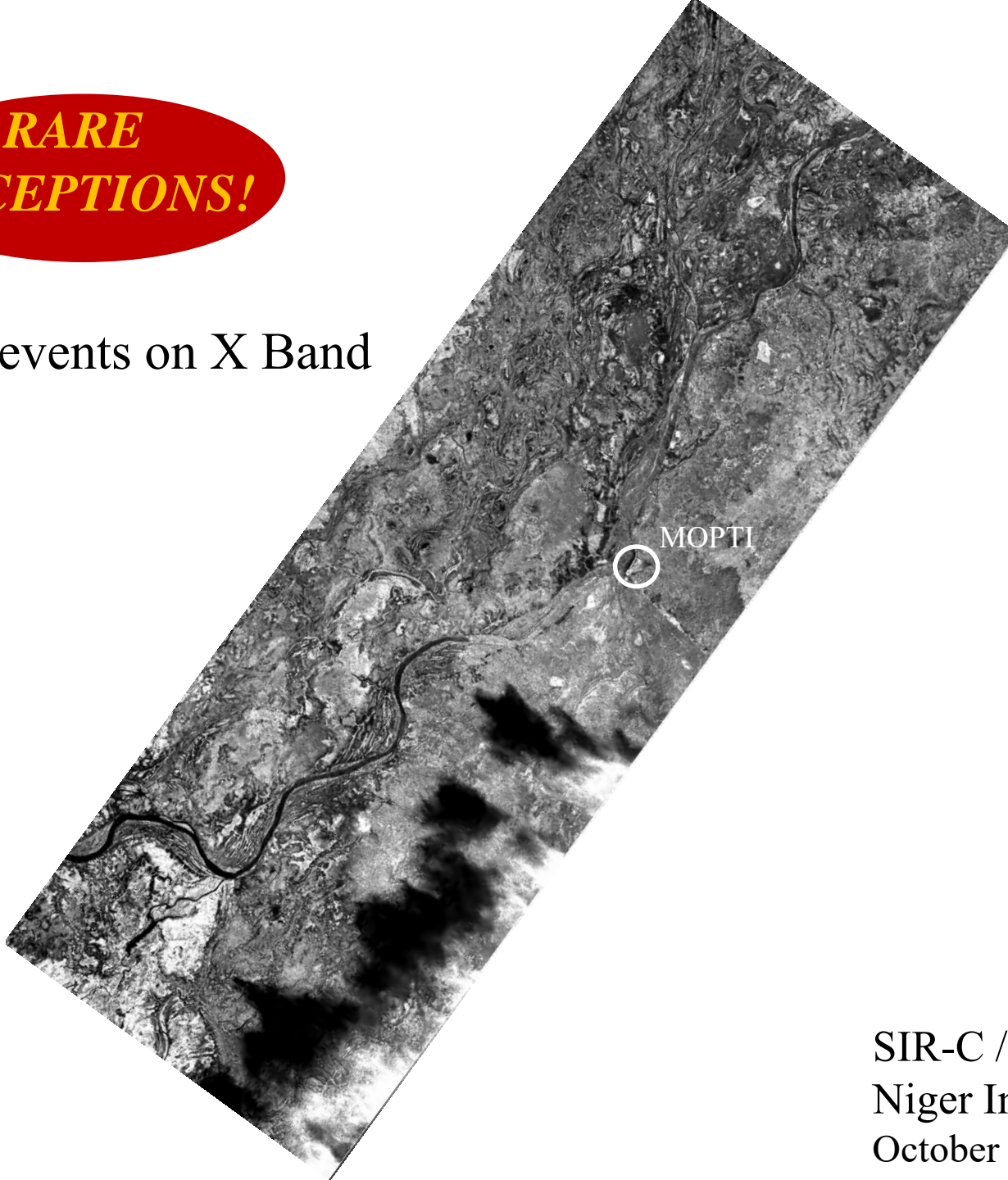


$$\psi(x, t) = A \cos\left(2\pi f_0 t - \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} x + \phi\right)$$



***RARE
EXCEPTIONS!***

Rainy events on X Band



SIR-C / X-SAR
Niger Inner Delta, Mali
October 2, 1994

Rainy events on X Band

**RARE
EXCEPTIONS!**

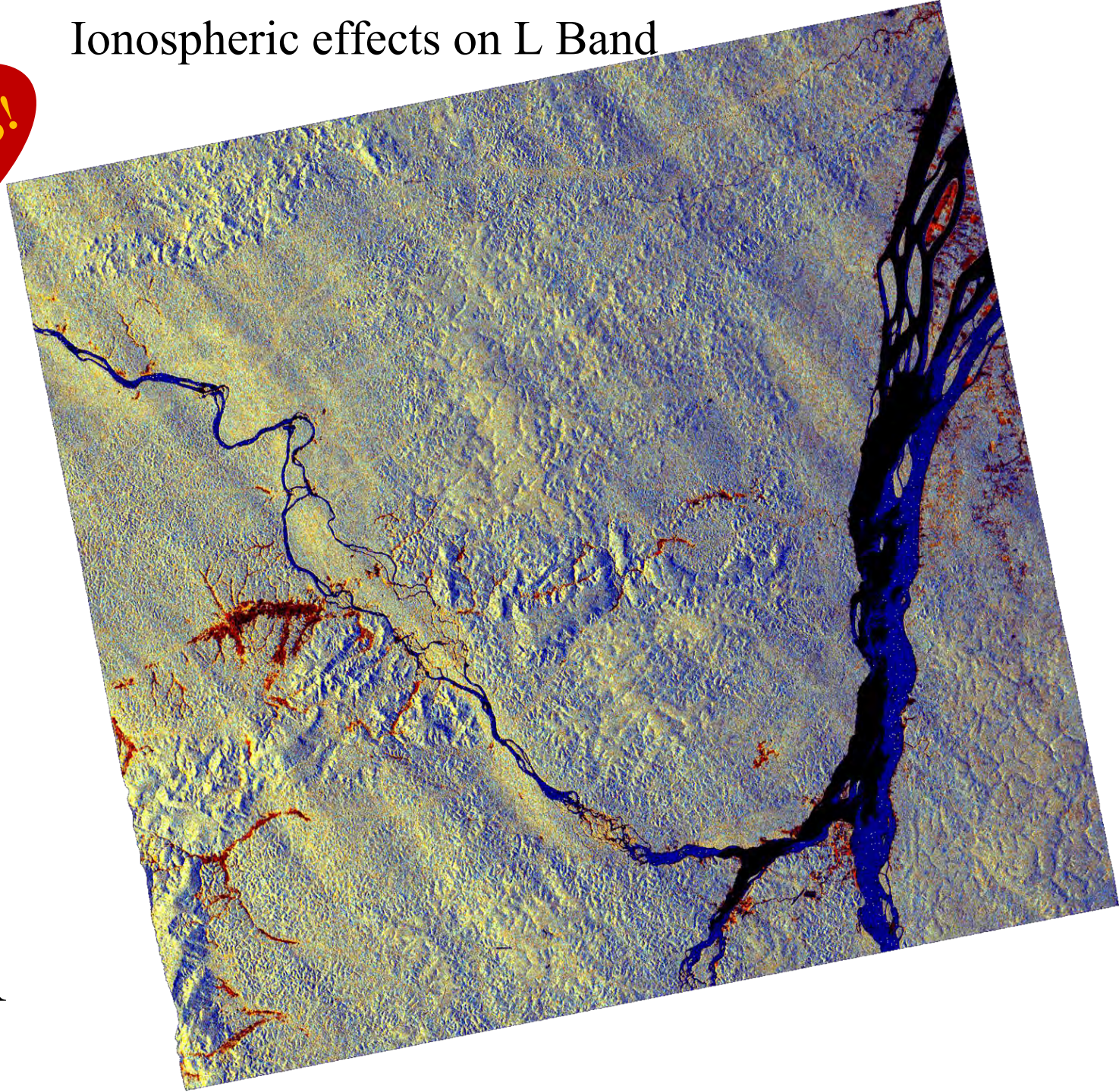


TerraSAR-X

Don River, Russia
June 19, 2007

Ionospheric effects on L Band

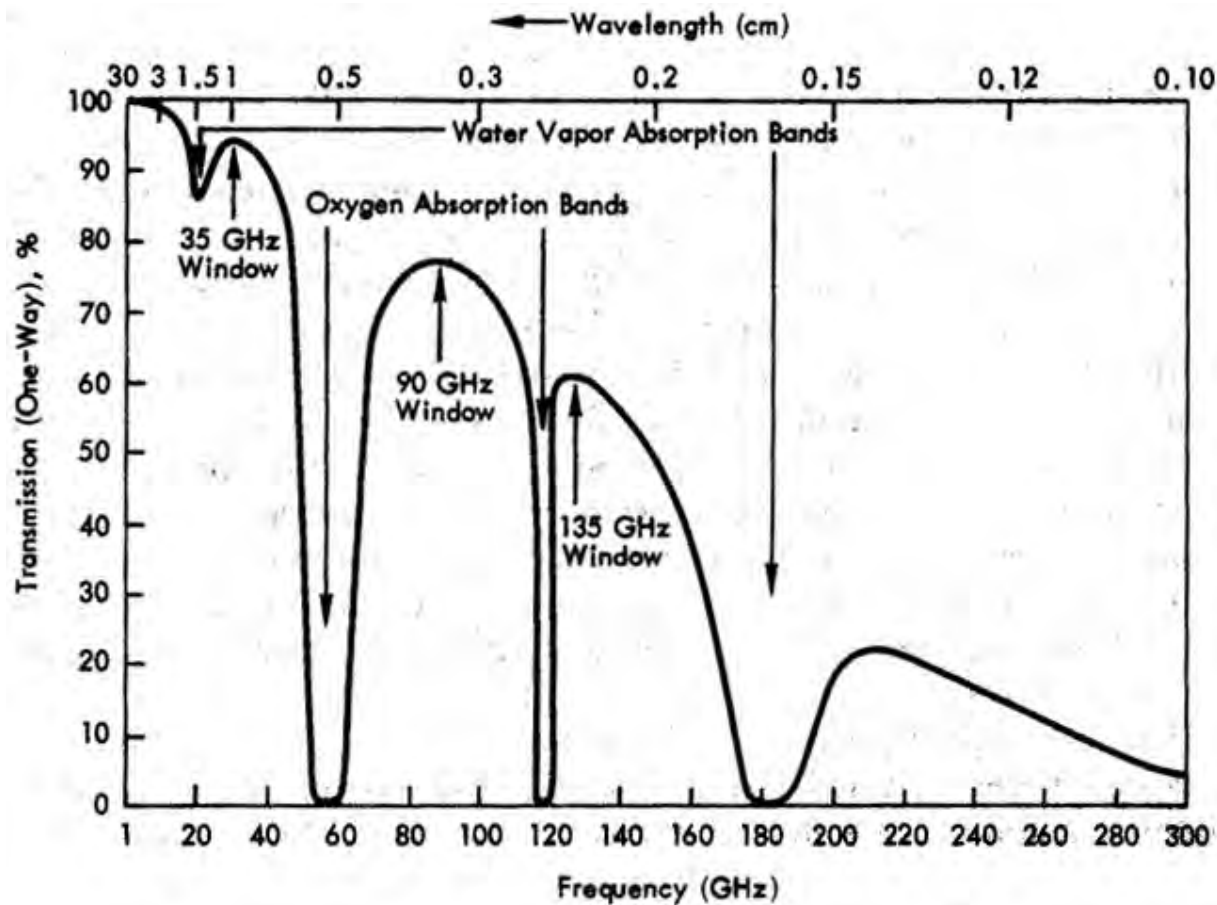
**RARE
EXCEPTIONS!**



ALOS-PALSAR
AMAPA, Brazil

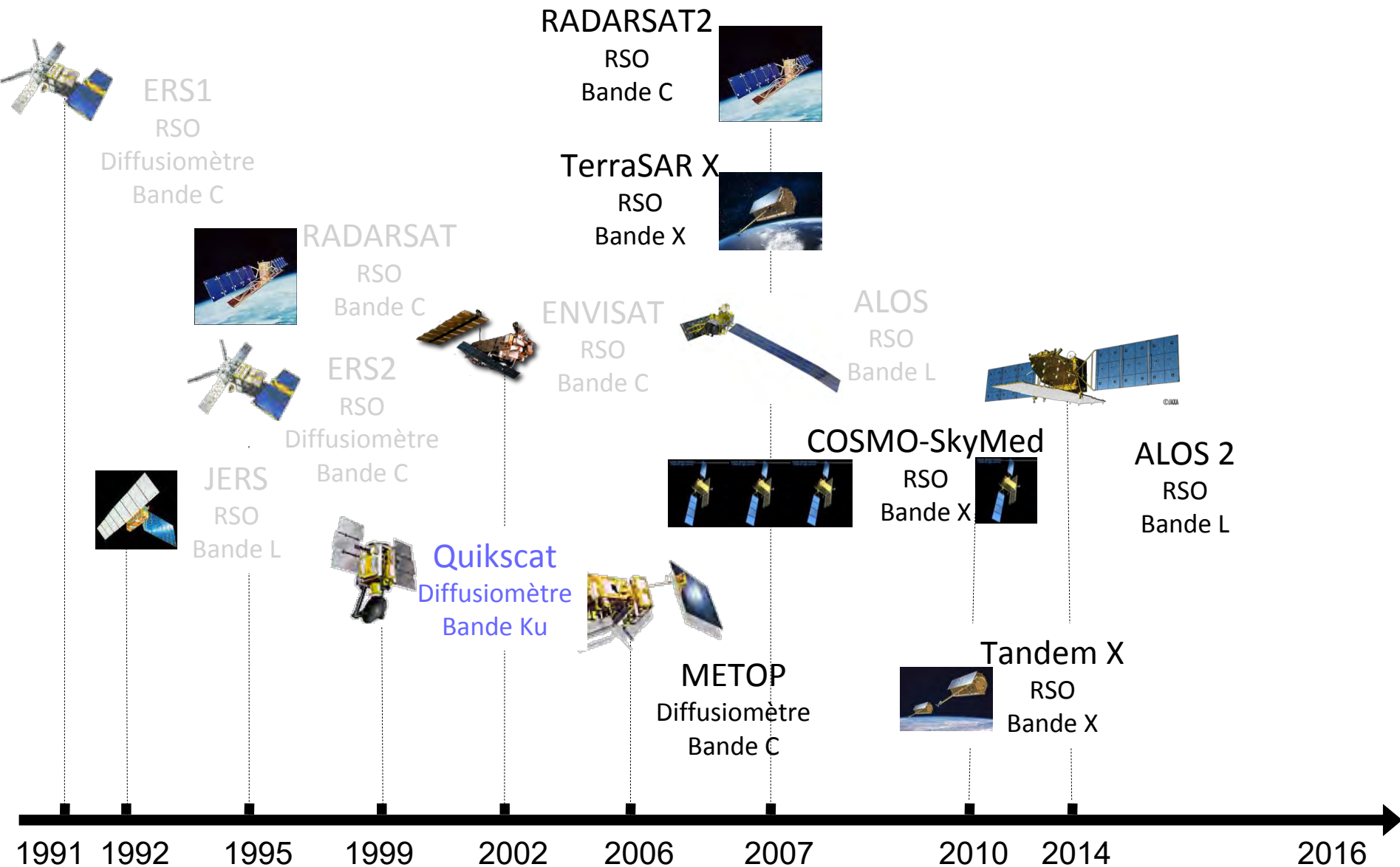
Frequency - wavelength

Radar: all weather acquisition



Source: Ullaby *et al.*

Radar spaceborne sensors

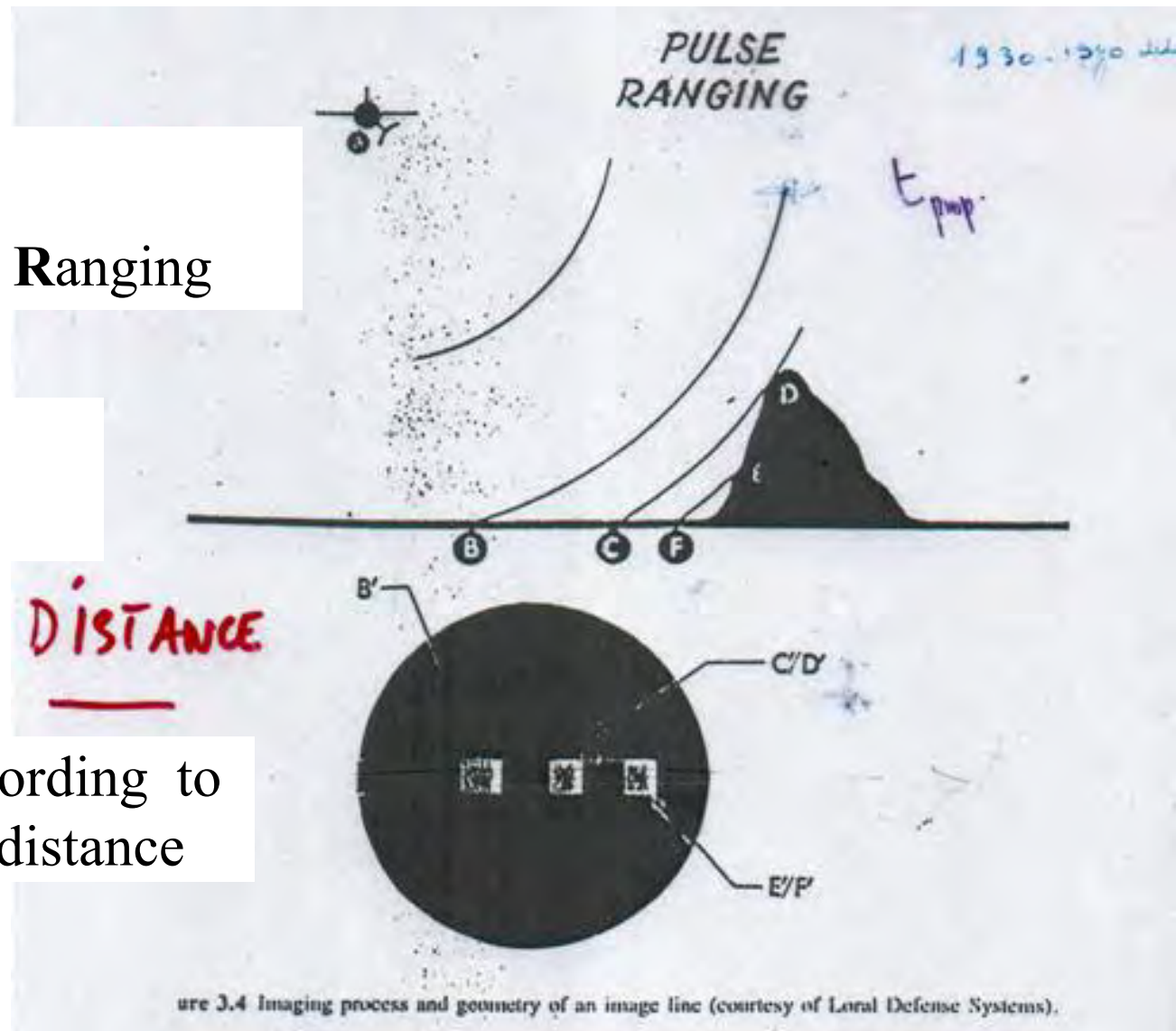


Radar Fundamentals

RADAR: **R**adio **D**etection And **R**anging

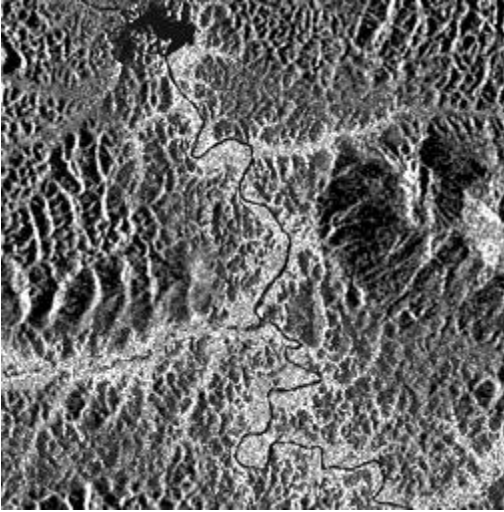
Active mode
with **coherent wave**

Echoes are ranged according to
Antenna – target distance

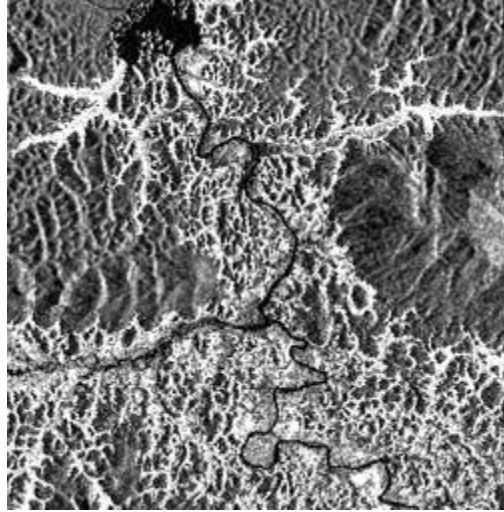


Polarization

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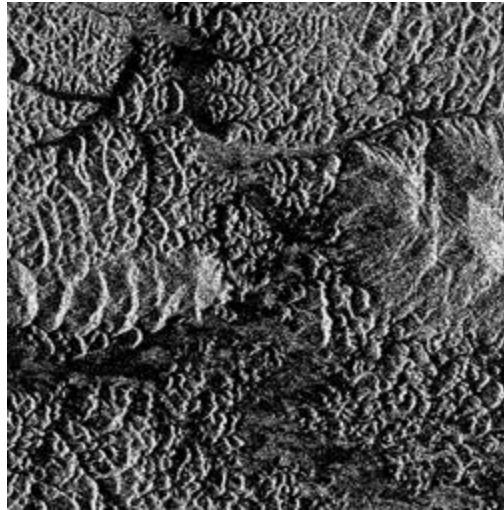
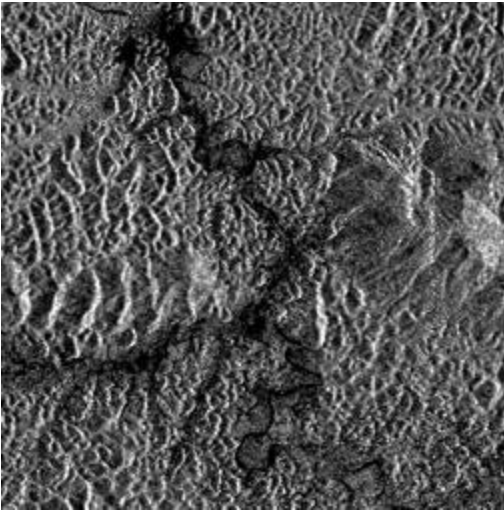
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