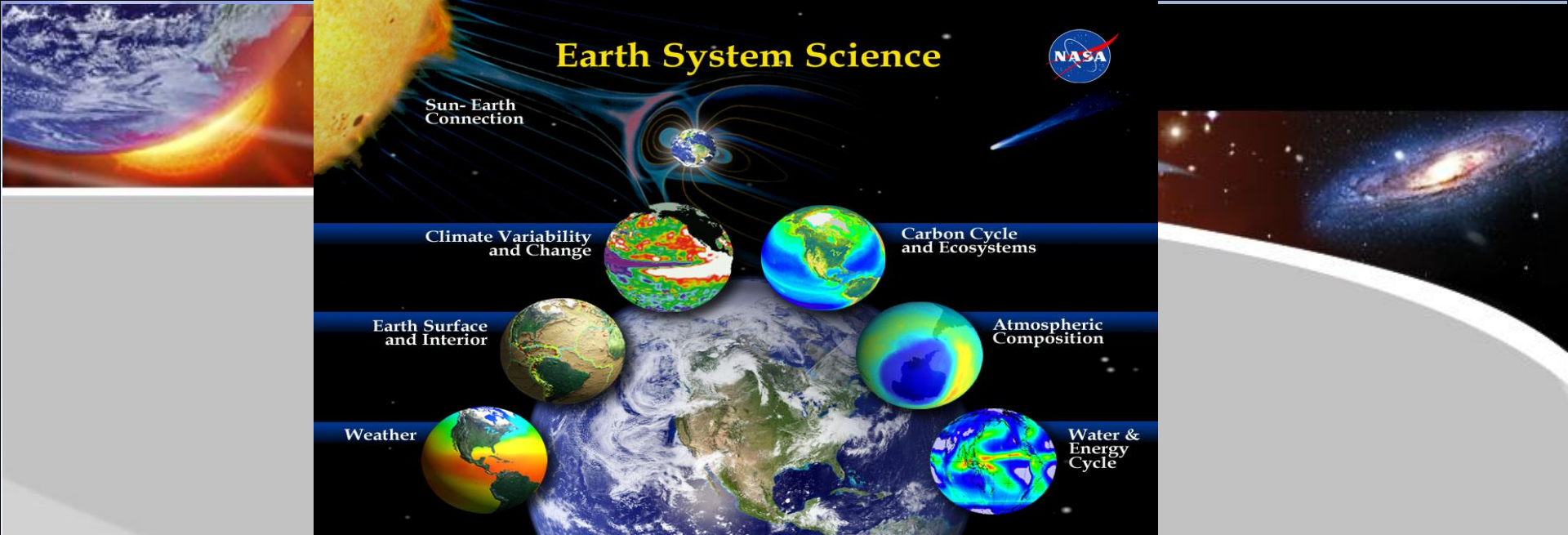




# NASA Earth Remote Sensing Resources for Public Health:

*A Thermodynamic Paradigm for Studying Disease Vector's Habitats & Life Cycles Using NASA's Remote Sensing Data*

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## NASA Applied Sciences Program Mission Statement

Advance the realization of societal and economic benefits from NASA Earth science by identifying societal needs, conducting applied research and development, and collaborating with application developers and users.

## NASA Public Health Application Areas

Earth science applications for public health and safety, particularly regarding infectious disease, emergency preparedness and response, and environmental health issues.....







Figure 3-4 Photograph of Gaspard Felix Tournachon (1820-1910), the famous Parisian photographer. He called himself Nadar. Here he is seen kneeling in a fragile balloon gondola. He obtained the first aerial photograph from a balloon in 1858 near Paris, France and patented the aerial survey as we know it today. Unfortunately, the first aerial photograph did not survive (© Roger-Viollet Paris, France; used with permission).



Figure 3-5 A portion of an aerial photograph of downtown Boston, MA, obtained by aeronauts James W. Black and Samuel A. King from a tethered balloon at an altitude of 1,200 ft on October 13, 1860. It is believed to be the first aerial photograph taken from a captive balloon in the United States and the earliest aerial photograph still in existence. It was obtained using a wet collodion plate (used with permission of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC; #3B-15472).



Gaspard Tournachon, AKA  
Nadar 1858

Boston, MA 1860, Black & King



# Earth Science Missions

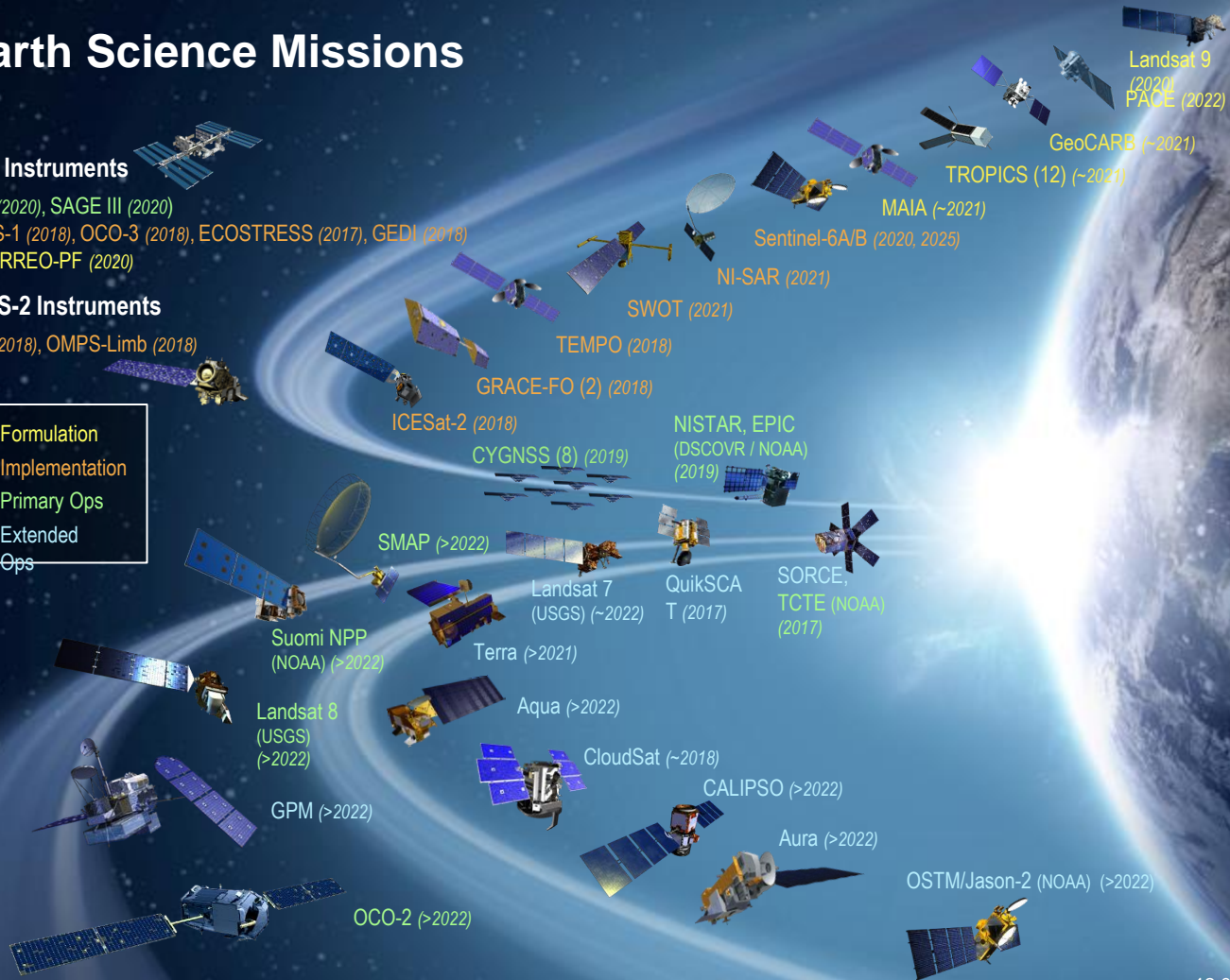
## ISS Instruments

LIS (2020), SAGE III (2020)  
 TSIS-1 (2018), OCO-3 (2018), ECOSTRESS (2017), GEDI (2018)  
 CLARREO-PF (2020)

## JPSS-2 Instruments

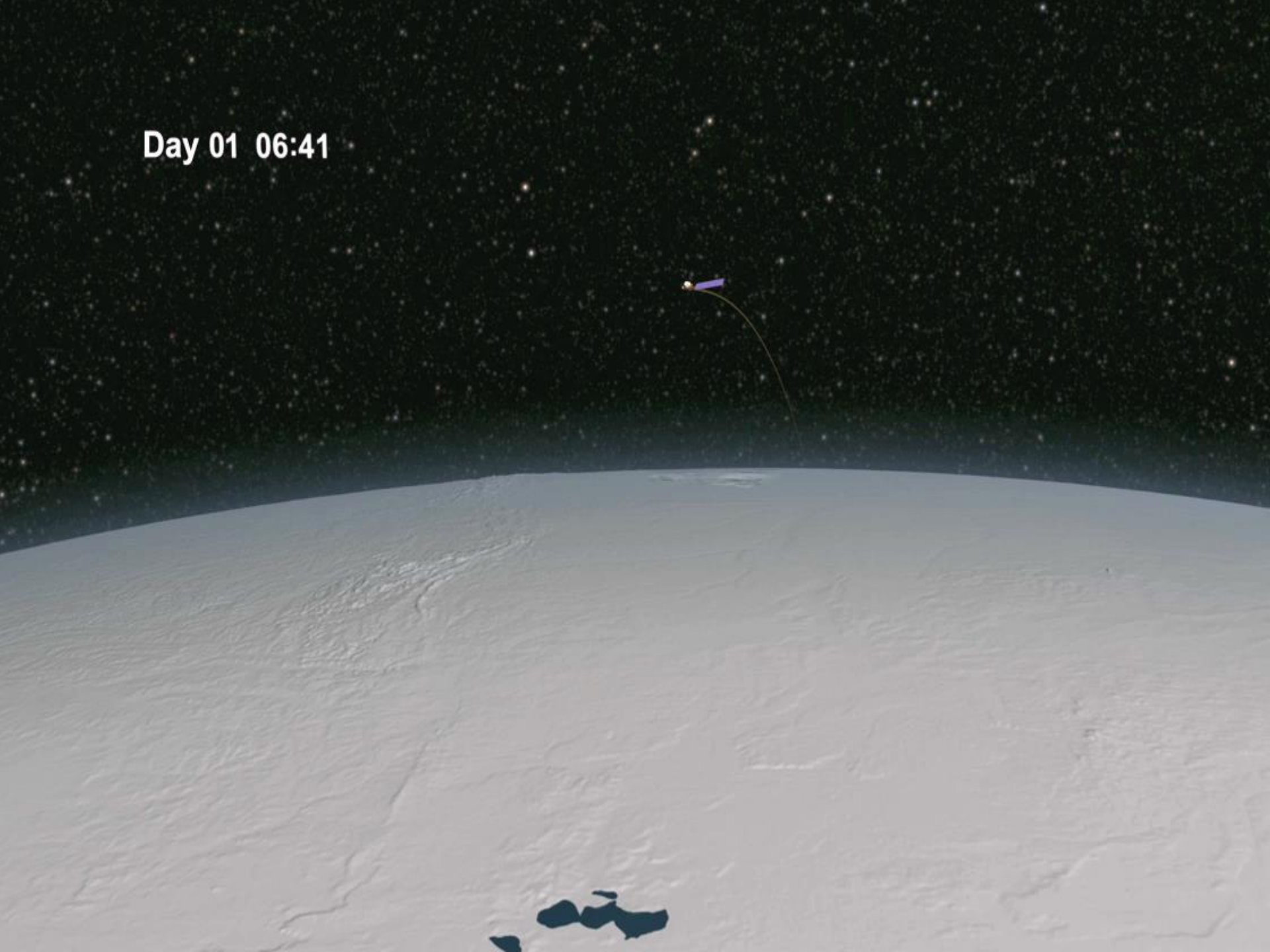
RBI (2018), OMPS-Limb (2018)

■	Formulation
■	Implementation
■	Primary Ops
■	Extended Ops



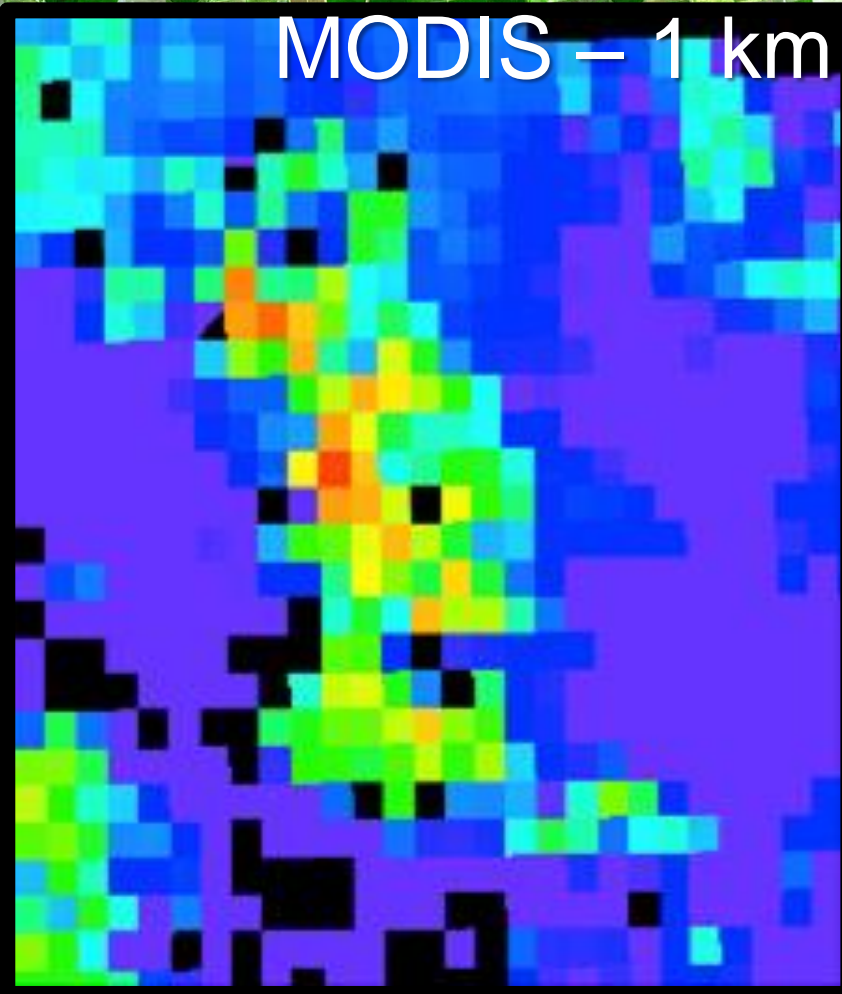


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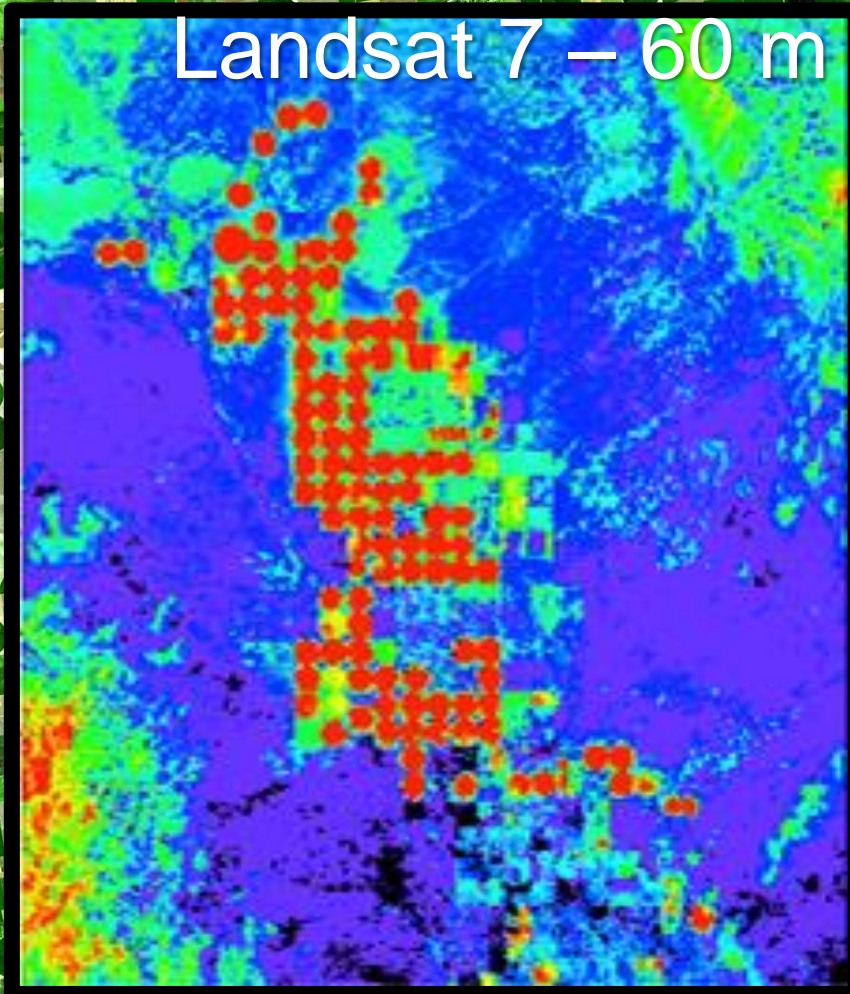




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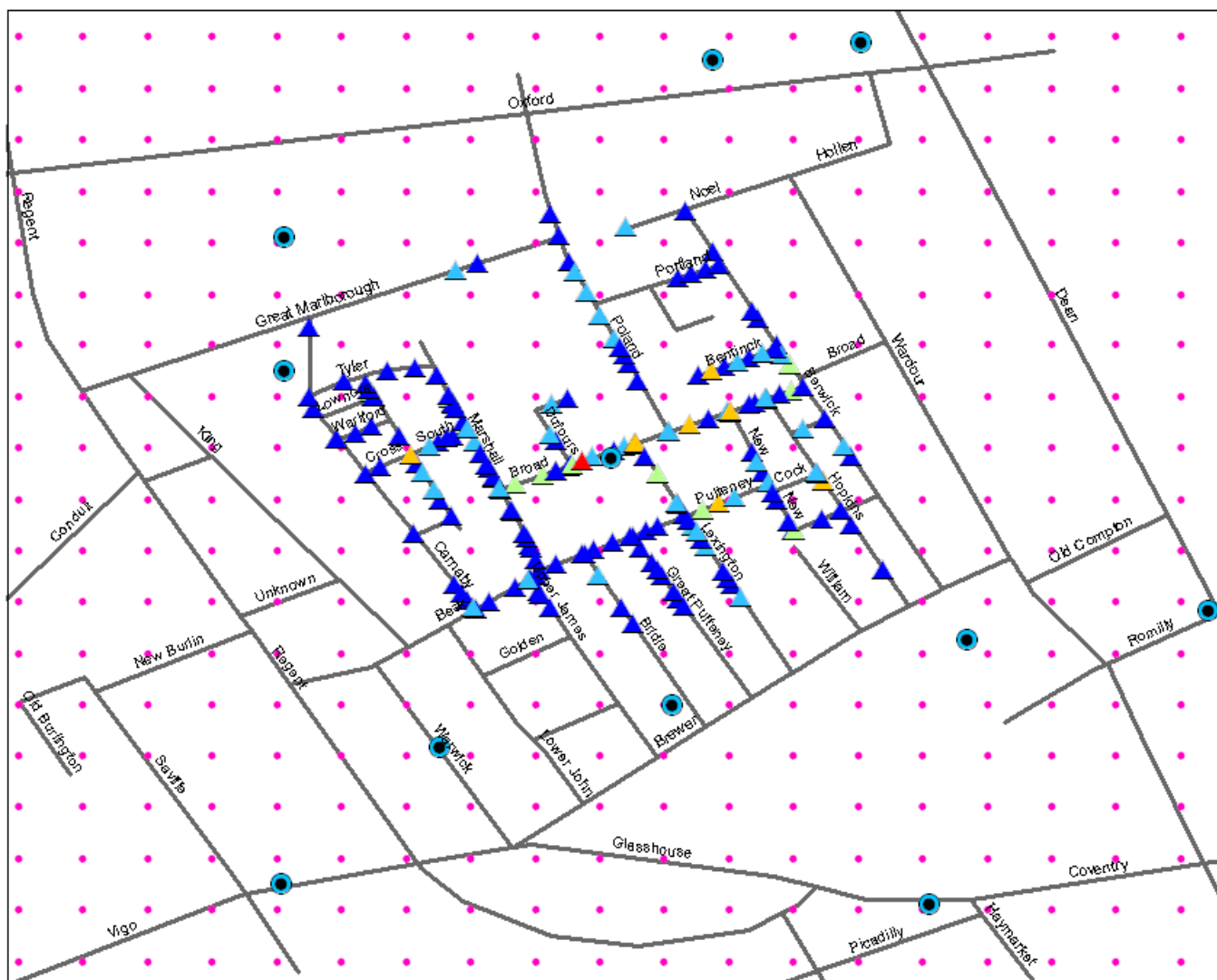
Landsat 7 – 60 m





# Public Health Surveillance

## Cholera Deaths Soho, London August-September, 1854



### Legend

- Streets
- Wells
- Grid

### Cholera Deaths Per Residence

#### COUNT

- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5-6
- 7-10
- 11-18

Integration Radius = 55m  
Grid Spacing = 40m



0 50 100 200 Meters

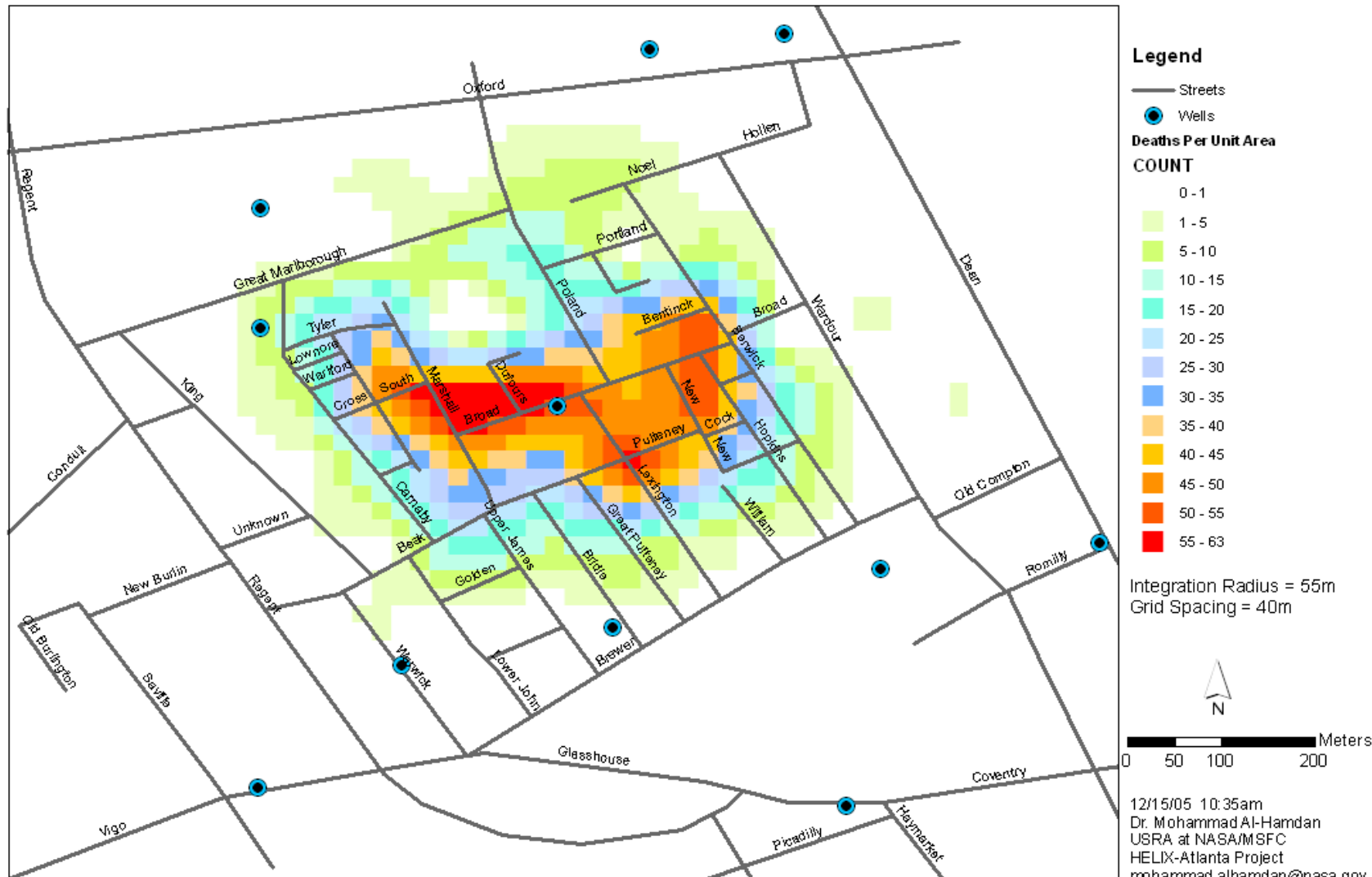
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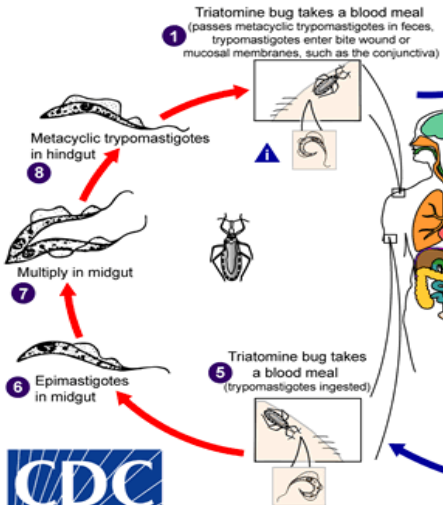
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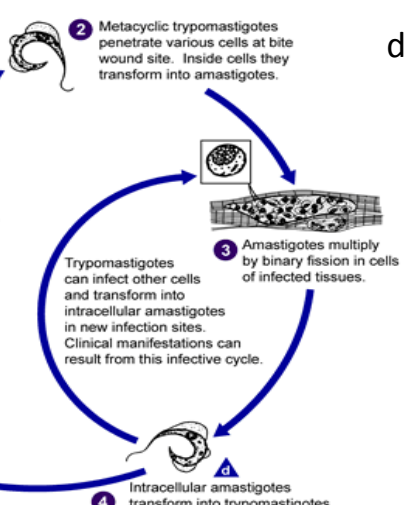


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**Triatomine Bug Stages**



**Human Stages**



**i** = Infective Stage  
**d** = Diagnostic Stage

d



c

b

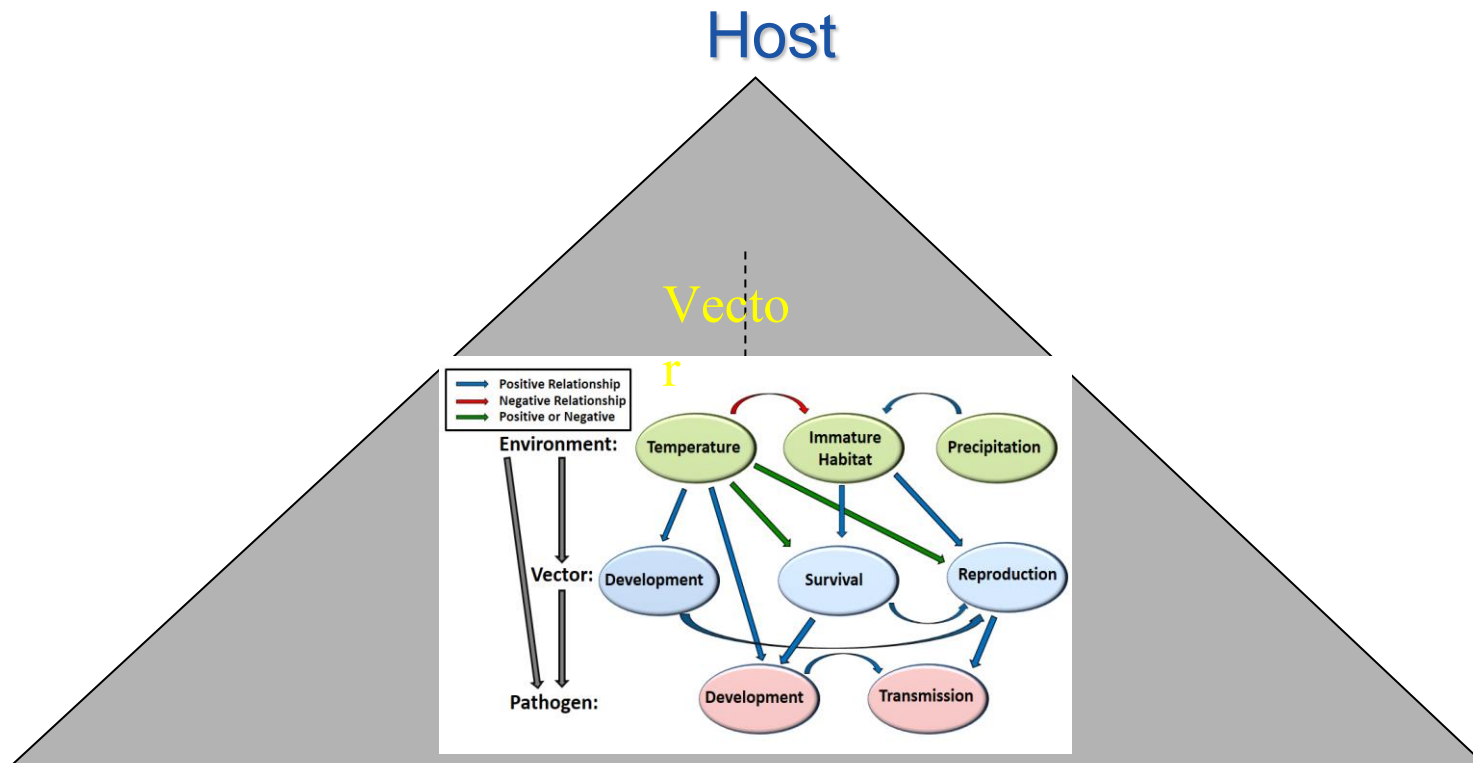


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# Epidemiologic Triangle of Disease (Vector-borne Diseases)

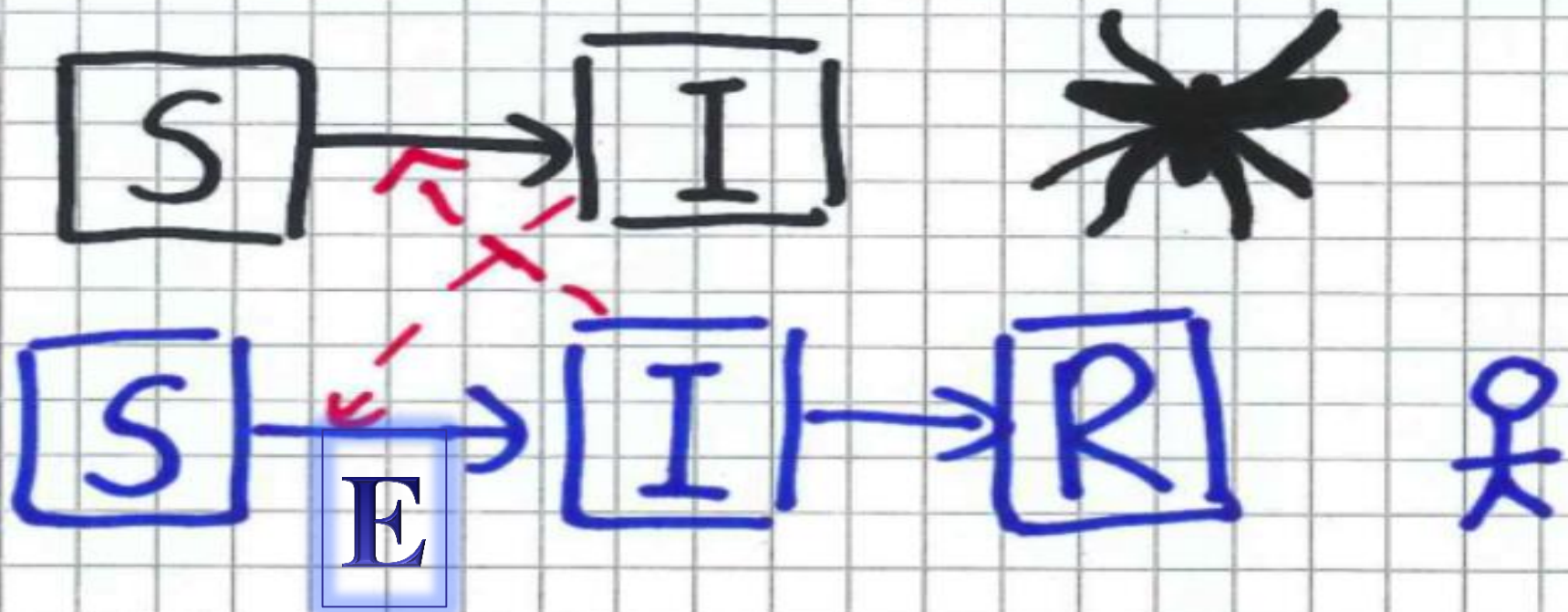
*A multi-factorial relationship between hosts, agents, vectors and environment*



**Agent**  
(eg, Pathogen)

**Environment**  
(Climate & Weather)

# 1915 Ross Model For Vector-borne Malaria Transmission



$$\frac{dI_h}{dt} = \alpha \lambda \omega I_m (1 - I_h) - \gamma I_h$$

$$\frac{dI_m}{dt} = \alpha \nu I_h (1 - I_m) - m I_m$$



# Vectorial Capacity

$$VC = \frac{ma^2bp^N}{-\log(p)}$$

variable	definition
m	<u>Mosquito:vertebrate density</u>
a	Man biting rate of mosquito (alternatively, contact rate)
b	Vector competence (% mosquitoes that will become infectious)
p	Mosquito mortality (average lifespan)
N	EIP (time it takes for virus to be transmitted by a mosquito)

Figure 5: Vectorial Capacity (VC) equation and variable definitions.



# Potentially, An Increased Risk of Transmission

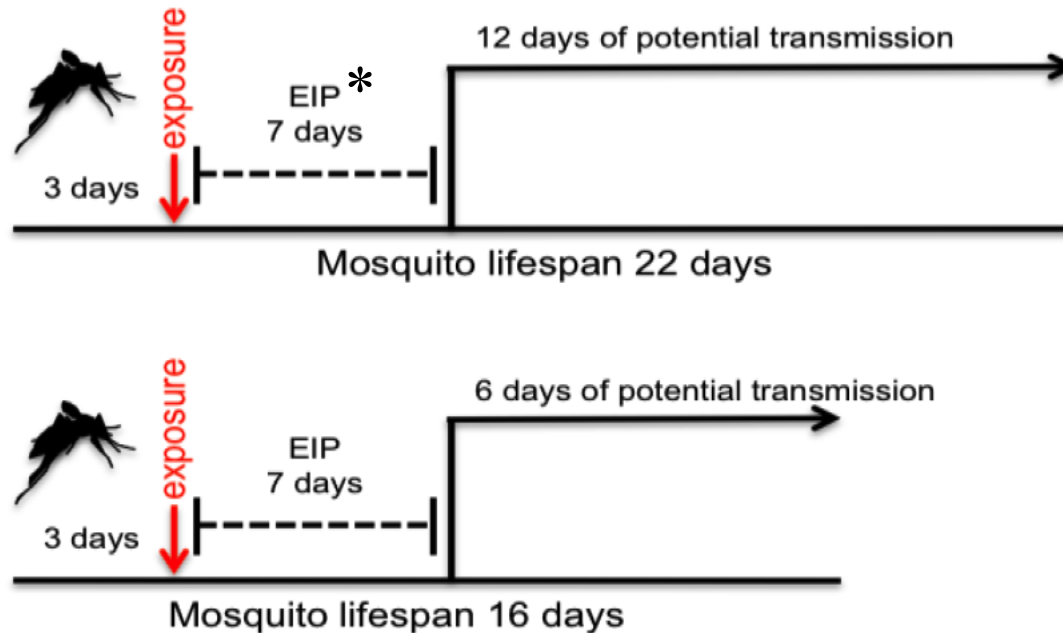



Figure 8 (from Christofferson & Mores 2016): Schematic demonstrating the impact of mosquito mortality on the cumulative transmission potential of an arbovirus.

 \*Extrinsic Incubation Period (EIP). This process is known to be influenced by both intrinsic (such as viral strain and/or mosquito population) and extrinsic factors (such as temperature and humidity)



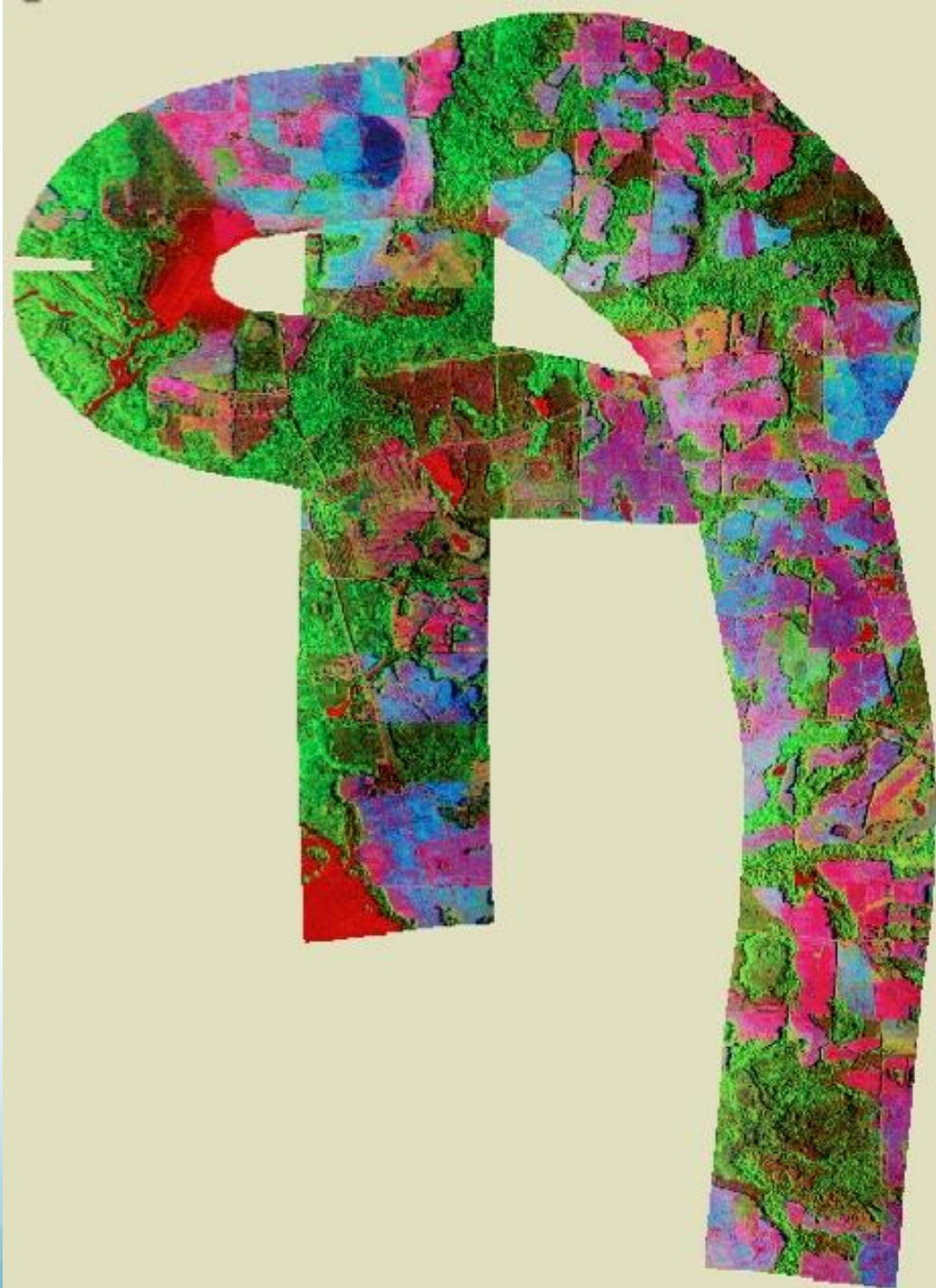
# Thermal Remote Sensing and the Thermodynamics of Ecosystem Development

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*In Memory of James J. Kay 1954  
2004*



# Strengths Of Satellite Observations

***Measures environmental state functions important to vector & disease life cycles (within vector)***

Precipitation, soil moisture, temperature, vapor pressure deficits, wet/dry edges, solar radiation....

***But also the interfaces as process functions:***

Land use/cover mapping; Ecological functions/structure, canopy cover, species, phenology, aquatic plant coverage.....

***And provides a Spatial Context***

Spatial coverage & topography – local, regional & global...

***Lastly, but perhaps the greatest strength:***

Provides a time series of measurements





# A Ecological Thermodynamic Paradigm



The epidemiological equations (processes) can be adapted and modified to *explicitly incorporate environmental factors and interfaces*

Remote sensing can be used to measure or evaluate or estimate *both environment (state functions) and interface (process functions)*. The products of remote sensing must be expressed in a way they *can be integrated directly into the epidemiological equations*. The desired logical structures must be consistent with thermodynamic and with probabilistic frameworks.



# Challenges



## Satellite Data

- repeat frequency & spatial resolution
- spectral bands available
- clouds
- life cycle
- cost
- data availability & timeliness of delivery

## Public Health & Epidemiology

- availability of data & various sampling issues
- difficulty in getting access to sampling areas
- cost
- understanding of the data provided by satellites
- *Define & quantify the multi-factorial relationships between hosts, agents, vectors and environment*





# Surface Radiation Budget

$$Q^* = (K_{in} + K_{out}) + (L_{in} + L_{out})$$

$Q^*$  = Net Radiation

$K_{in}$  = Incoming Solar

$K_{out}$  = Reflected Solar

$L_{in}$  = Incoming Longwave

$L_{out}$  = Emitted Longwave

# Surface Energy Budget

$$Q^* = H + LE + G$$

H = Sensible Heat Flux

LE = Latent Heat Flux

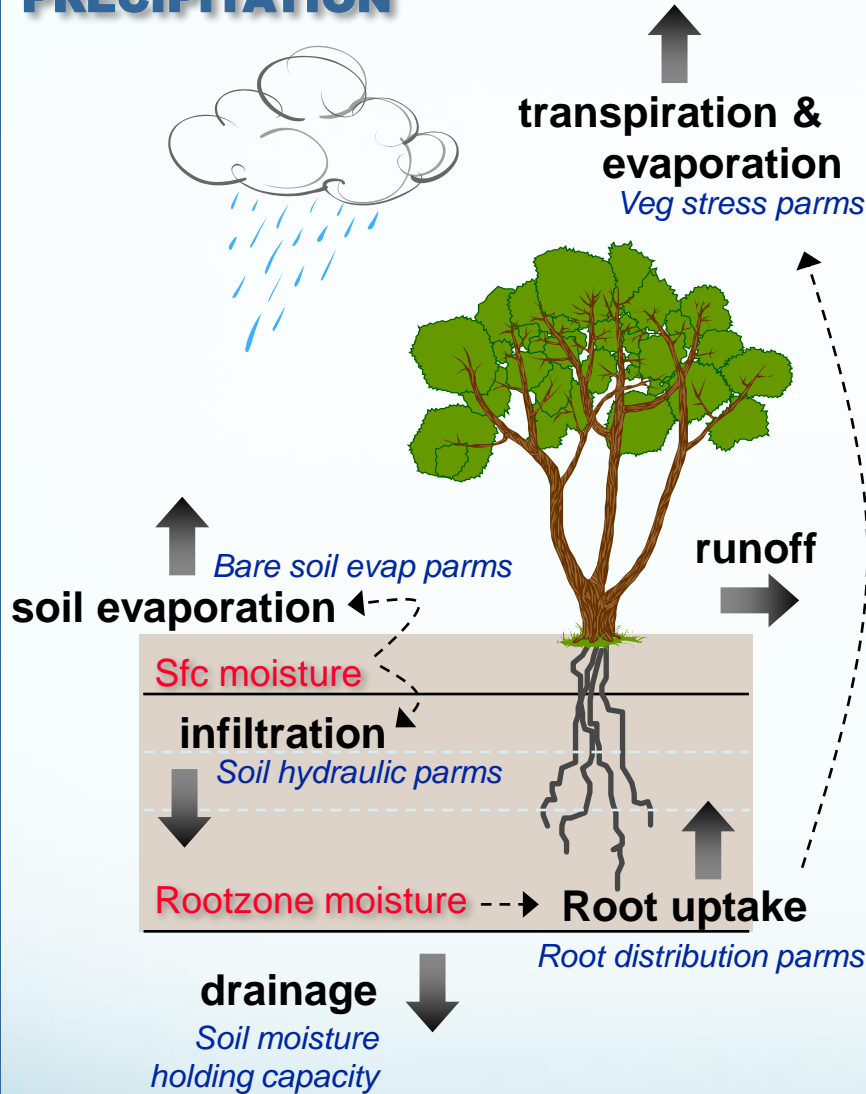
G = Storage (maybe + or -)



# Surface Temperature

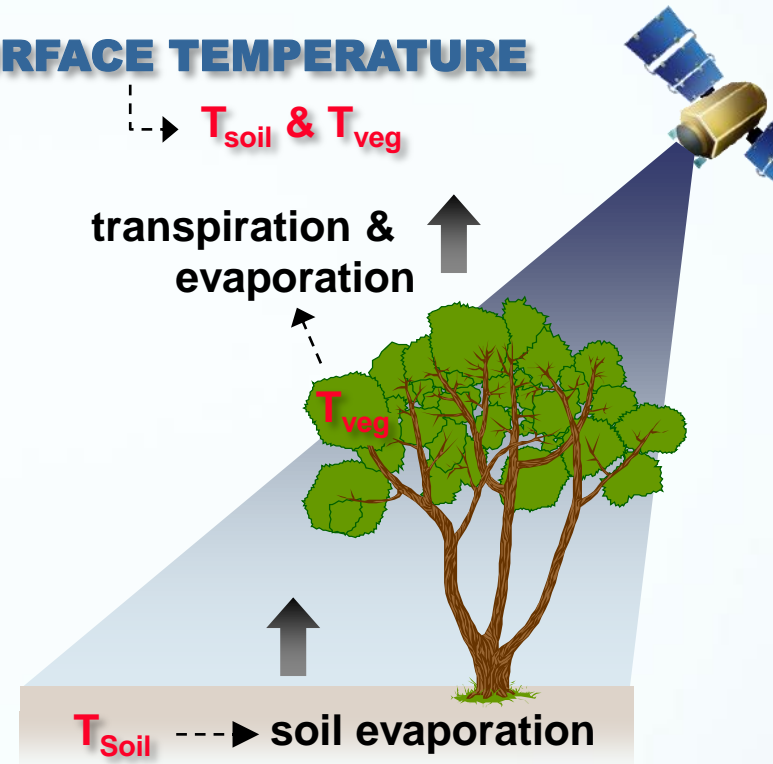
$$T_s = T_a + \frac{R_b}{C_r} (R_n - E)$$

## PRECIPITATION



**WATER BALANCE APPROACH**  
(prognostic modeling)

## SURFACE TEMPERATURE

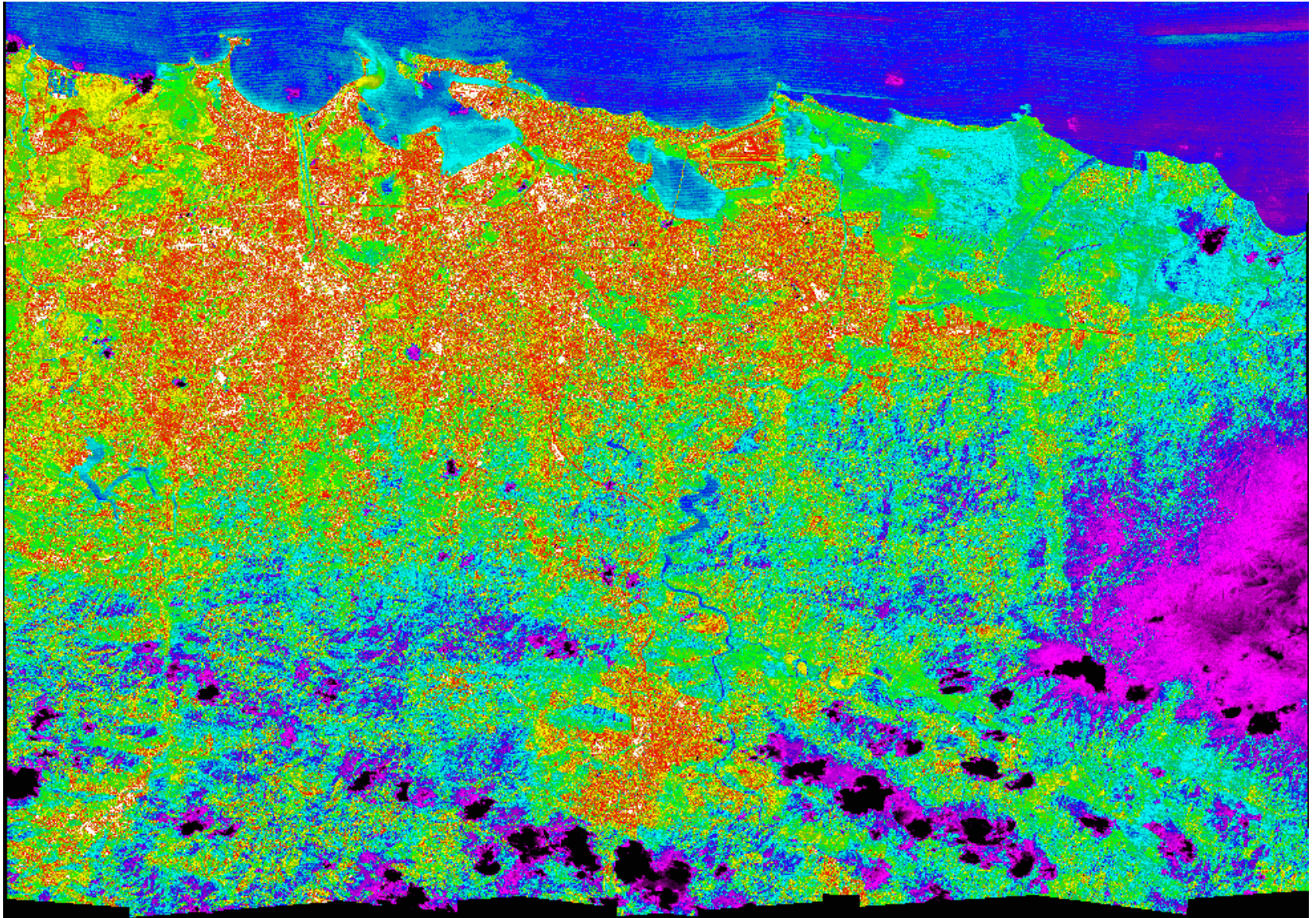


Given known radiative energy inputs, how much water loss is required to keep the soil and vegetation at the observed temperatures?

**ENERGY BALANCE APPROACH**  
(diagnostic modeling)



# San Juan F5 Mosaic Temperature



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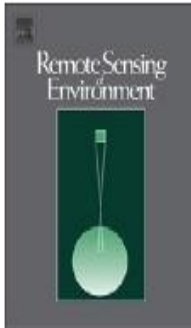


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## High-resolution urban thermal sharpener (HUTS)

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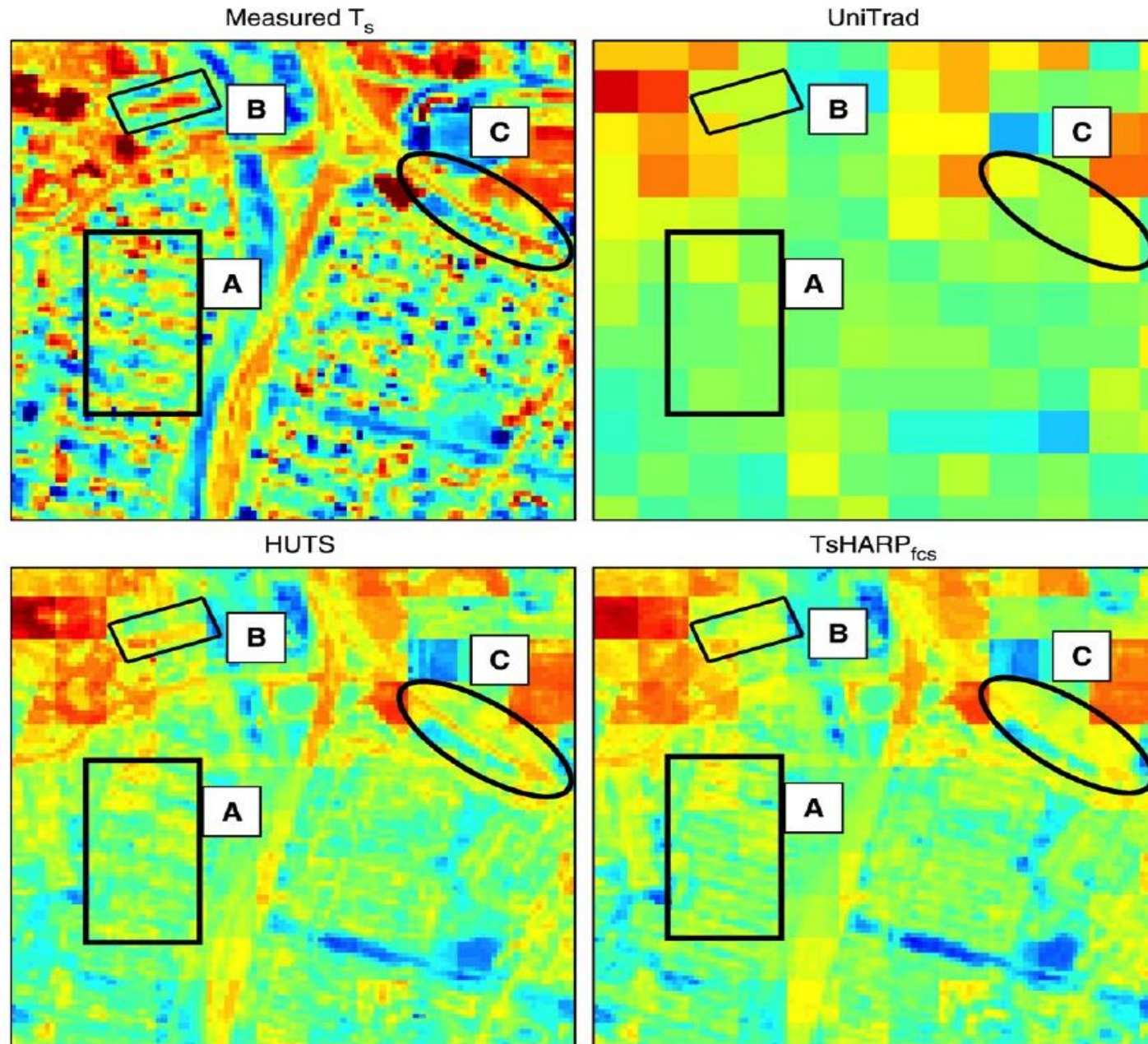
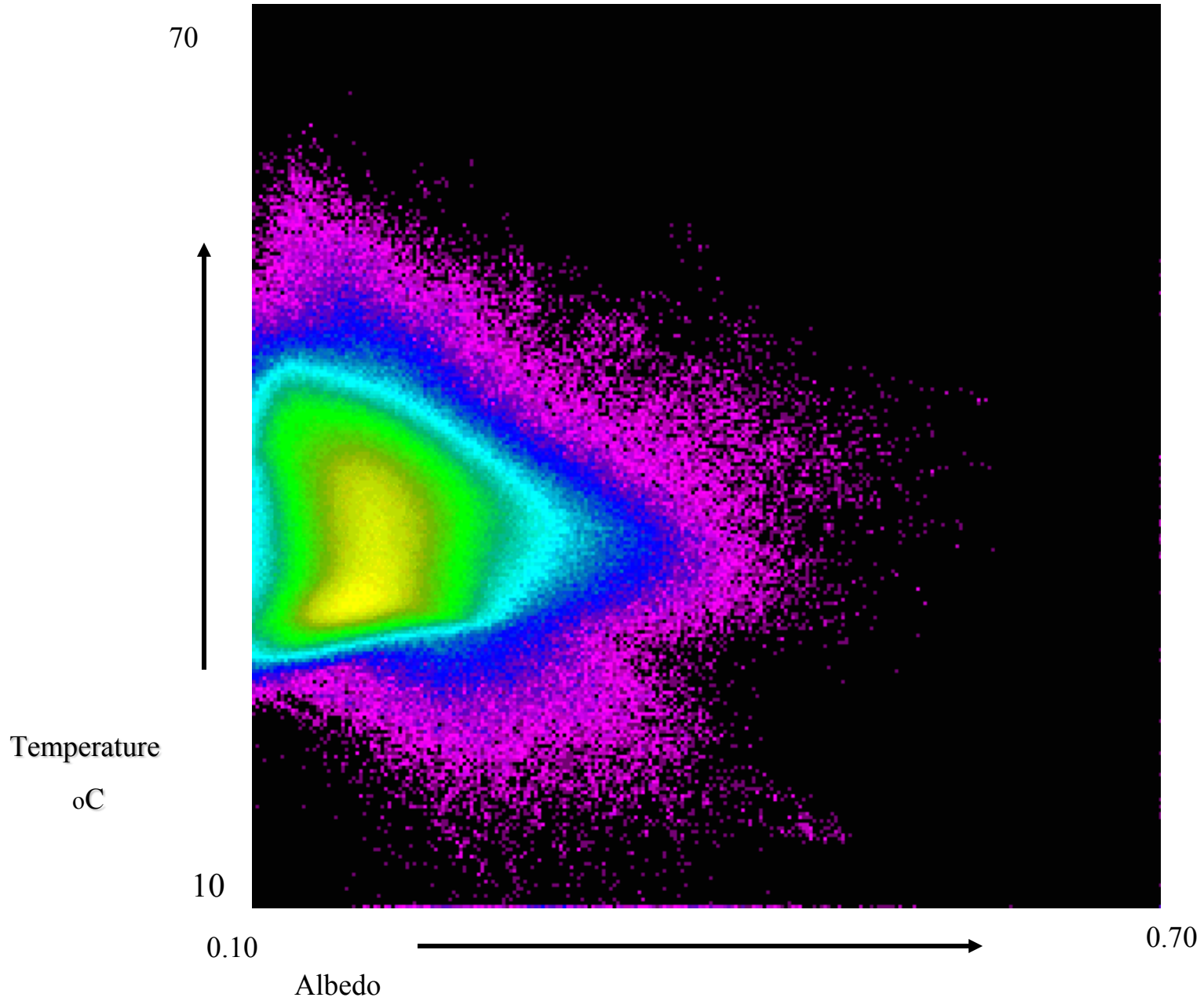


Fig. 5. Sharpened  $T_s$ , zoomed in to a 100 × 100 pixel urban region (centered at 18.390698°N, 66.153084°W) at 10 m resolution. The figure shows a major highway intersection (CII 2 and Carr 174). To the south of the east–west highway are mostly residential neighborhoods with trees, while parks, parking lots, and commercial buildings are to the north. West of

San Juan Puerto Rico  
Albedo vs Temperature





# Thermal Response Number

$$\text{TRN} = Q^*/\Delta T$$

where:

$Q^*$  = net radiation

$\Delta T$  = change in temperature

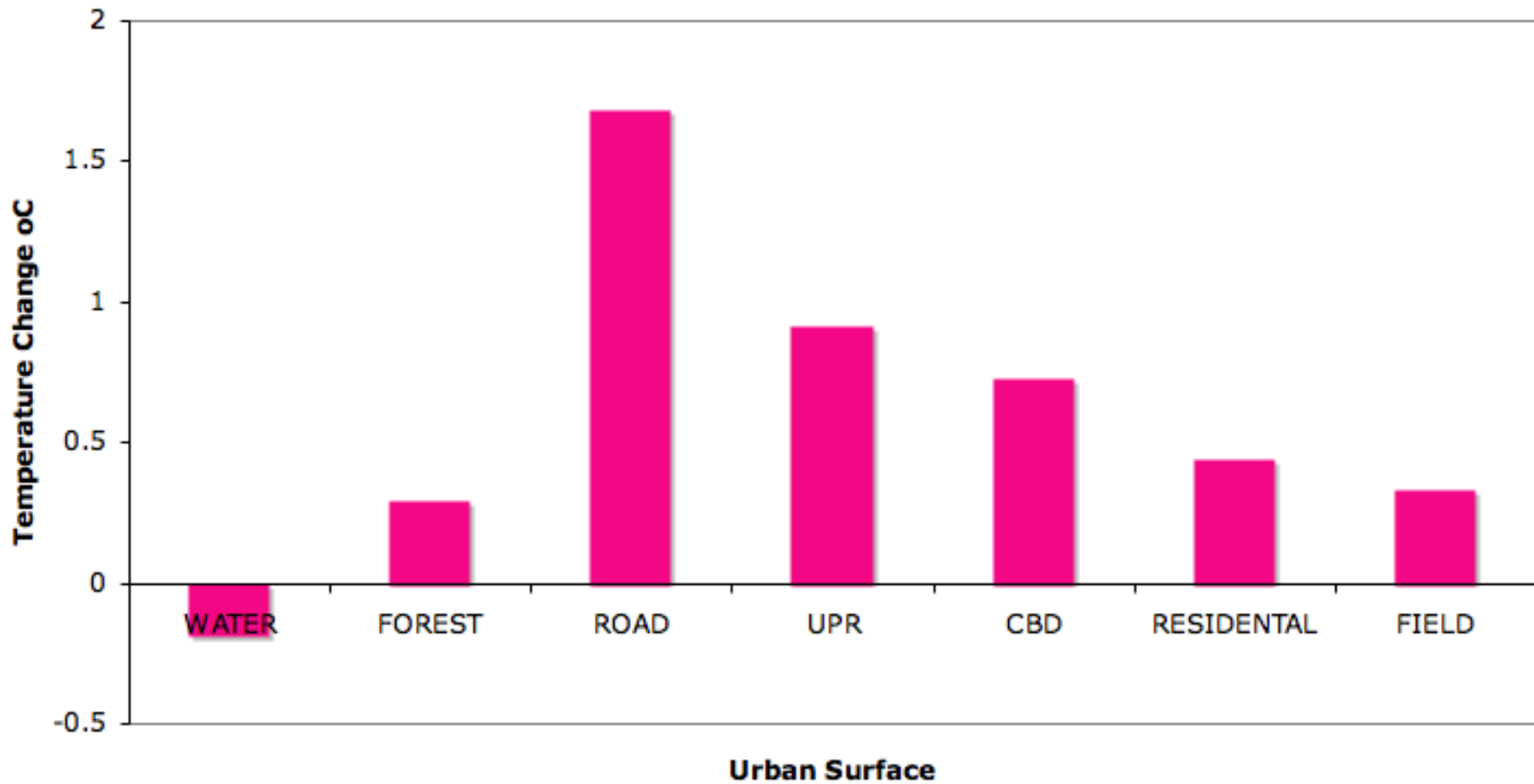
- Uses the change in surface temperature between 2 measurement times
- Uses surface net radiation as amount of energy available the surface for partitioning
- Produces a quantifiable value ( $\text{kJ m}^{-2} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ )
- Allows the classification of land use in terms of energy partitioning

Luvall & Hobo 1989



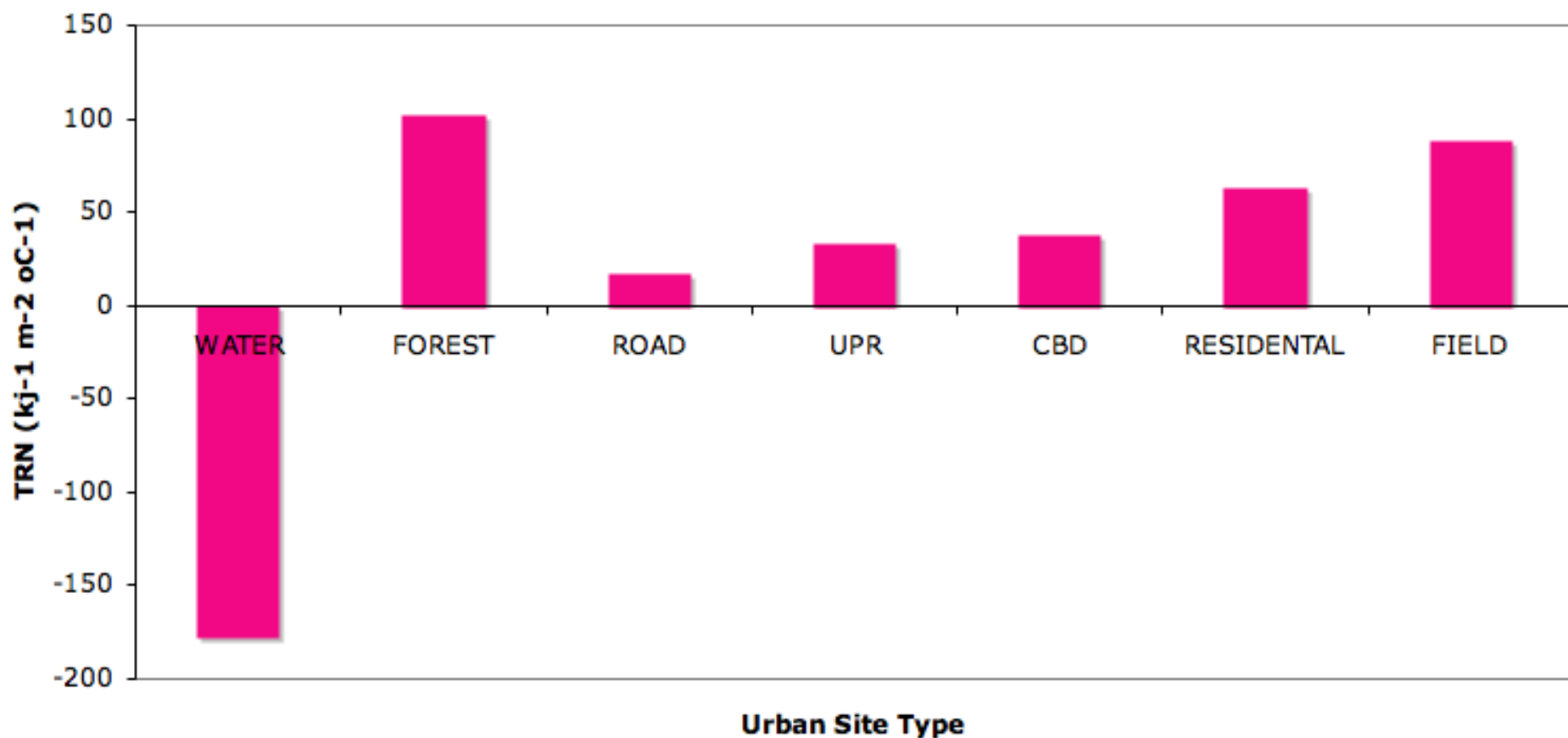


## Surface Temperature Change over 9 Minutes





## San Juan, PR Thermal Response Numbers





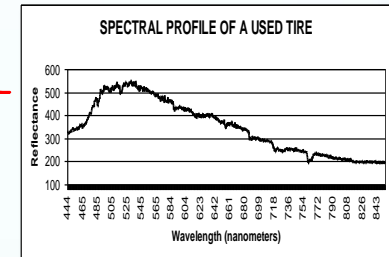
# Creating a Spectral Habitat Signature

0.2 – 0.6 m<sup>2</sup>  
Pixel



Spectral Band	Purpose
Coastal Blue	Vegetation and water depth based on chlorophyll
Blue	Vegetative analysis based on chlorophyll
Green	Plant vigor analysis
Yellow	Plant vigor on land and in the water
Red	Vegetation discrimination, soils, geology
Red Edge	Plant vigor
Near Infrared 1	Moisture content, plant biomass
Near Infrared 2	Moisture content, plant biomass

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Spectral Signature  
*The "Intelligent" Pixel*



# HyspIRI Science and Applications

## Key Science and Science Applications

**Climate:** Ecosystem biochemistry, condition & feedback; spectral albedo; carbon/dust on snow/ice; biomass burning; evapotranspiration.

**Ecosystems:** Global plant functional-type, physiological condition, and biochemistry including agricultural lands.

**Fires:** Fuel status, fire occurrence, severity, emissions, and patterns of recovery globally.

**Coral reef and coastal habitats:** Global composition and status.

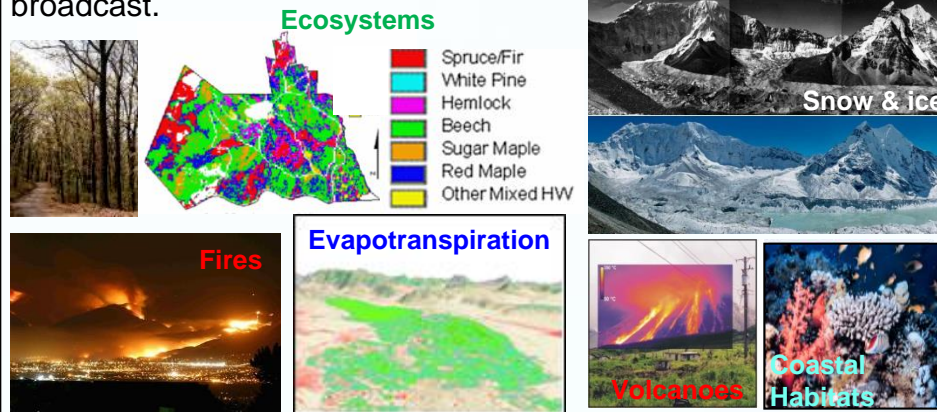
**Volcanoes:** Eruptions, emissions, regional and global impact.

**Natural and resources:** Global distributions of surface mineral resources and improved understanding of geology and related hazards.

**Societal Factors:** Urban environment, habitability and resources.

## Mission Urgency

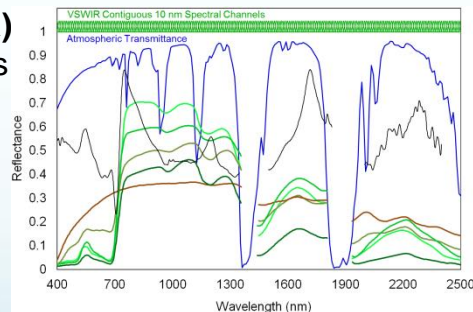
The HyspIRI science and application objectives are important today and uniquely addressed by the combined imaging spectroscopy, thermal infrared measurements, and IPM direct broadcast.



## Measurement

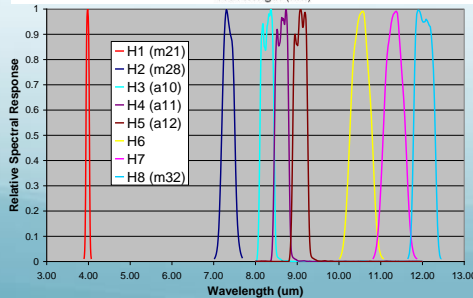
### Imaging Spectrometer (VSWIR)

- 380 to 2510 nm in 10nm bands
- 30 m spatial sampling
- 16 days revisit
- Global land and shallow water

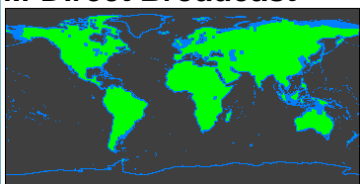


### Thermal Infrared (TIR):

- 8 bands between 4-12  $\mu\text{m}$
- 60 m spatial sampling
- 5 days revisit
- Global land and shallow water



### IPM-Direct Broadcast



## Workshop Objectives

- Interact with broad science and applications research community
- Review science inputs to the Decadal Survey
- Review HyspIRI Mission Concept efforts in 2017
- Discuss ECOSTRESS TIR mission headed to the ISS
- Present new relevant Science and Applications Research
- Review results from the U.S. HyspIRI preparatory airborne campaigns
- Review AVIRIS-NG VSWIR Asian Environments campaign in India
- Support current Decadal Survey process
- Information and Registration at: <http://hyspiri.jpl.nasa.gov>**

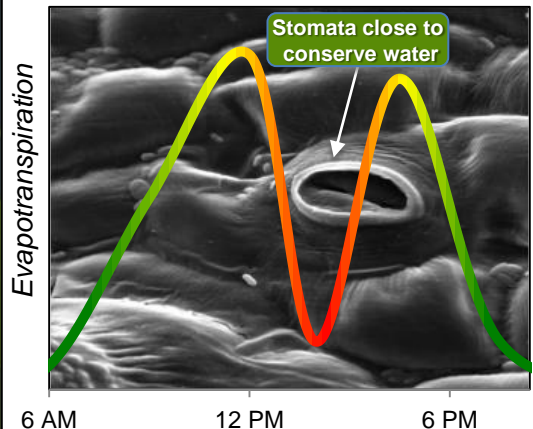


## ECOsystem Spaceborne Thermal Radiometer Experiment on Space Station

Dr. Simon J. Hook, JPL, Principal Investigator

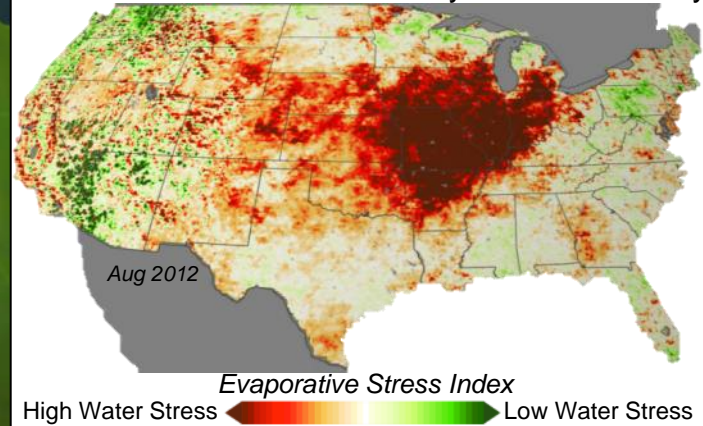
ECOSTRESS will provide critical insight into **plant-water dynamics** and how **ecosystems change with climate** via **high spatiotemporal** resolution thermal infrared radiometer measurements of evapotranspiration from the International Space Station (ISS).

### Water Stress Drives Plant Behavior



When stomata close, CO<sub>2</sub> uptake and evapotranspiration are halted and plants risk starvation, overheating and death.

### Water Stress Threatens Ecosystem Productivity



Water stress is quantified by the Evaporative Stress Index, which relies on evapotranspiration measurements.

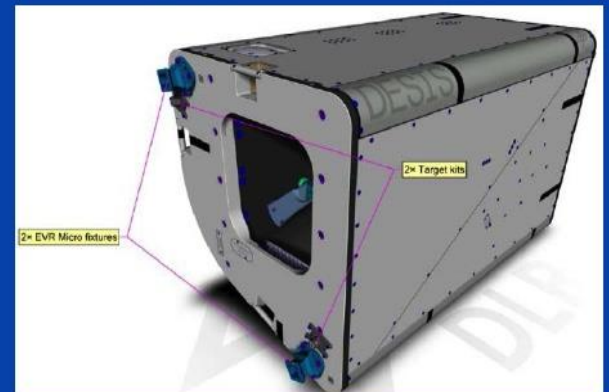
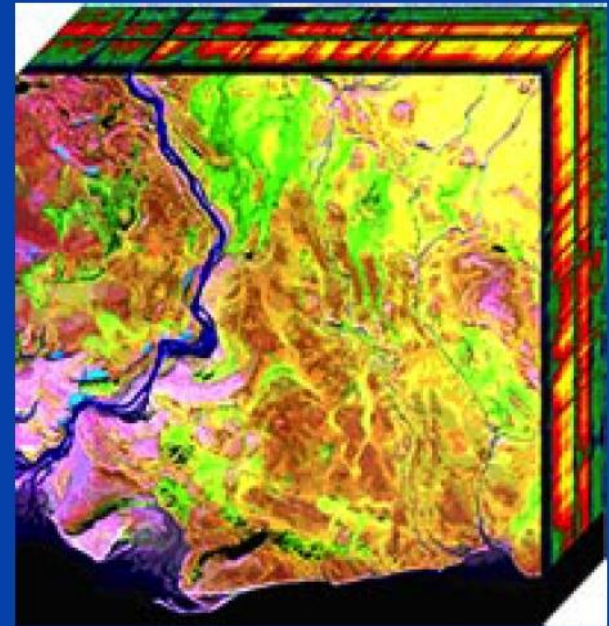
### Science Objectives

- Identify **critical thresholds of water use and water stress** in key climate-sensitive biomes
- Detect the timing, location, and predictive factors leading to plant **water uptake decline** and/or cessation over the **diurnal cycle**
- Measure **agricultural water consumptive use** over the contiguous United States (CONUS) at spatiotemporal scales applicable to improve drought estimation accuracy

# Hyperspectral Data from LEO



- ▶ Teledyne and DLR have partnered to build and operate the DLR Earth Sensing Imaging Spectrometer (DESIS) from the Teledyne-owned MUSES Platform on the ISS
- ▶ DESIS Provides:
  - 30 m GSD, 30 km swath
  - 235 contiguous bands of 2.55 nm
  - Senses from 400 nm to 1000 nm
- ▶ Commercially available in Q2, 2018 through Teledyne's Earth Sensor Portal





# Global Ecosystem Dynamics Investigation Lidar (GEDI) (~2018)

The GEDI instrument is a geodetic-class, light detection and ranging (lidar) laser system comprised of 3 lasers that produce 10 parallel tracks of observations.



Forest height and vertical structure; habitat quality & biodiversity; Forest carbon sinks & source areas; loss of carbon from extreme events such as fires and hurricanes; parameterization of ecosystem models

Forest  
Management &  
Carbon Cycling

Canopy 3D structure that influences snowmelt, evapotranspiration, canopy interception of precipitation. Glacier surface elevation change; lake & river stage; snowpack elevation; coastal tides.

Water  
Resources

Improved canopy aerodynamic profiles to parameterize weather prediction models. Canopy and biomass products that initialize and constrain climate models; impacts of land use change on climate

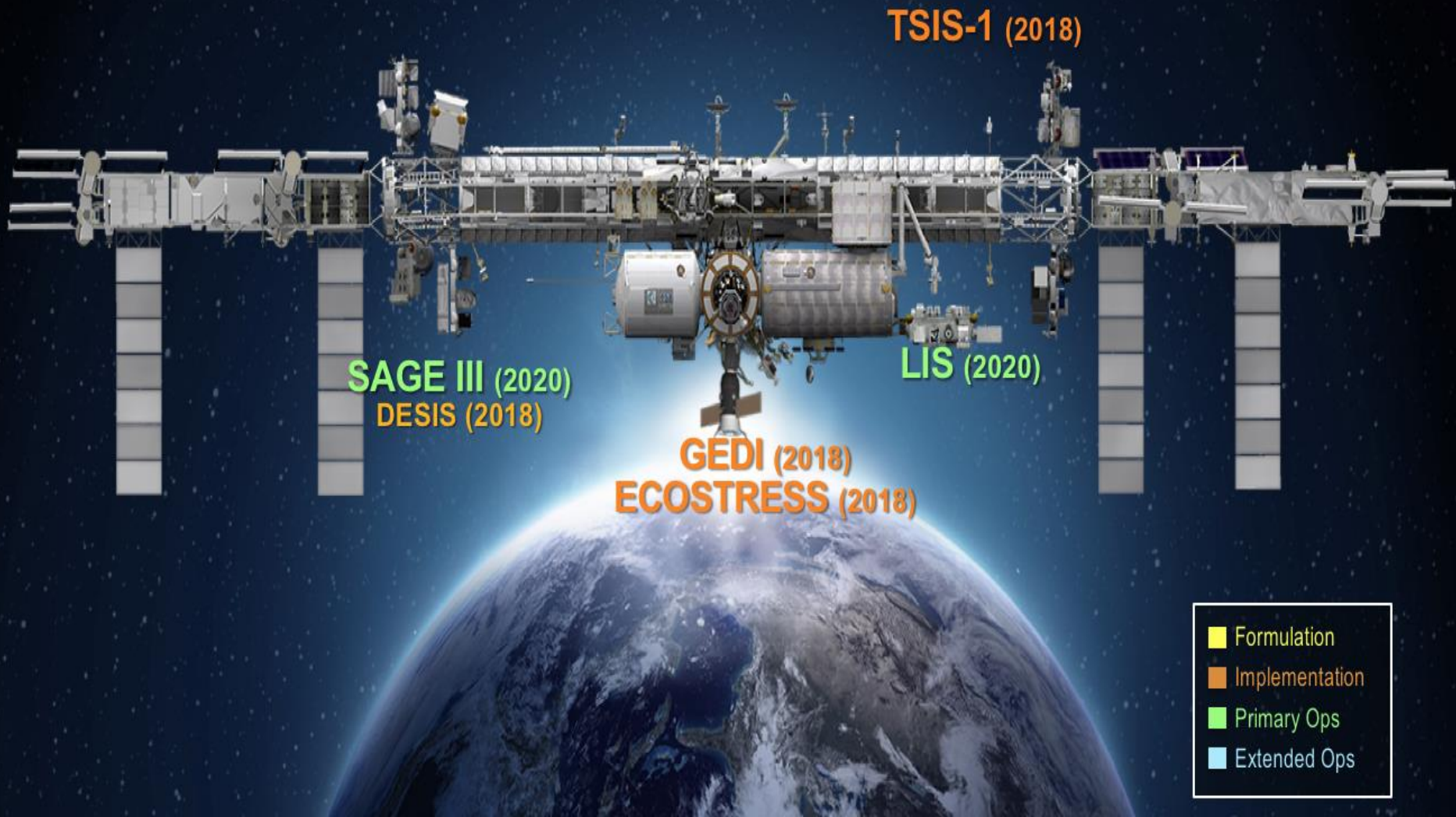
Weather  
Prediction

Accurate bare earth and under canopy topographic elevations for improved digital elevation models from radar. Calibration of satellite based observations of surface deformation and earthquakes

Topography &  
Surface  
Deformation

# International Space Station

## Earth Science Operating Missions



- Formulation
- Implementation
- Primary Ops
- Extended Ops



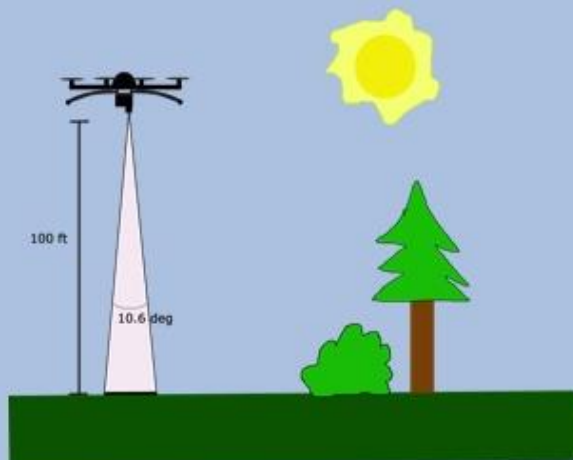
# Compact Snapshot Image Mapping Spectrometer (SNAP-IMS) with an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle for Hyperspectral Terrain Imaging

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Spectral Channels

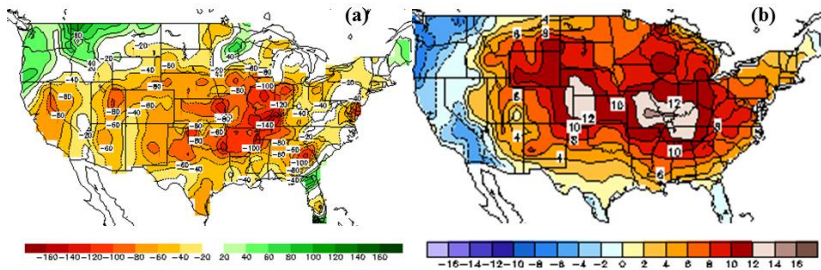


SNAP-IMS Specifications	
Dimensions	288x150x160 mm
Mass	3.6 kg
FOV	10.6°
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Spectral Range	485 nm – 650 nm
Spectral channels	55
Spatial Samples	350x400

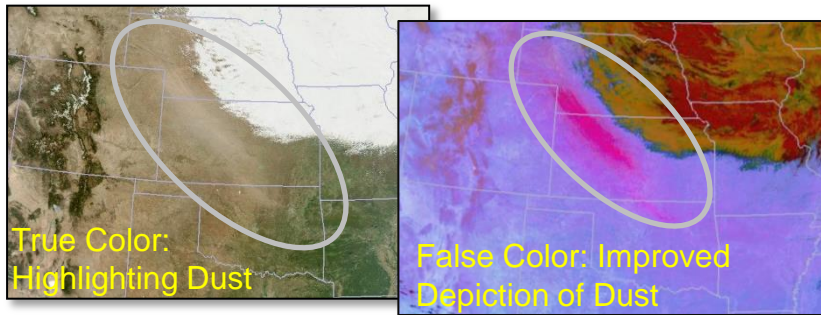




# NASA's Short-term Prediction Research and Transition (SPoRT) Center



Temperature and soil moisture anomalies for public health (extreme heat and cold) or environmental applications favorable for disease vectors



Multispectral remote sensing from VIIRS and MODIS for air quality and vegetation applications.

- The SPoRT Center focuses on the transition of “research to applications” for unique NASA, NOAA, and other-agency capabilities
- Current focus is on the use of land surface modeling and remote sensing for a variety of applications
  - Weather Analysis and Forecasting
  - Numerical Weather Prediction
  - Remote Sensing
  - Disasters
- SPoRT is well-suited to combine multiple products to support Public Health applications, through combination of satellite-derived and model-derived information.

Combined, modeling and remote sensing capabilities can support the generation of new Public Health products, alerts, and end training for end users.



Short-term Prediction Research and Transition Center



SPoRT is a NASA project to transition unique observations and research capabilities to the operational weather community to improve short-term forecasts on a regional scale.

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The SPoRT web server will be affected by a power outage that is expected to last from Sunday morning, January 28, 2018 through Monday morning, January 29, 2018. During this time, access to the SPoRT site will be unavailable. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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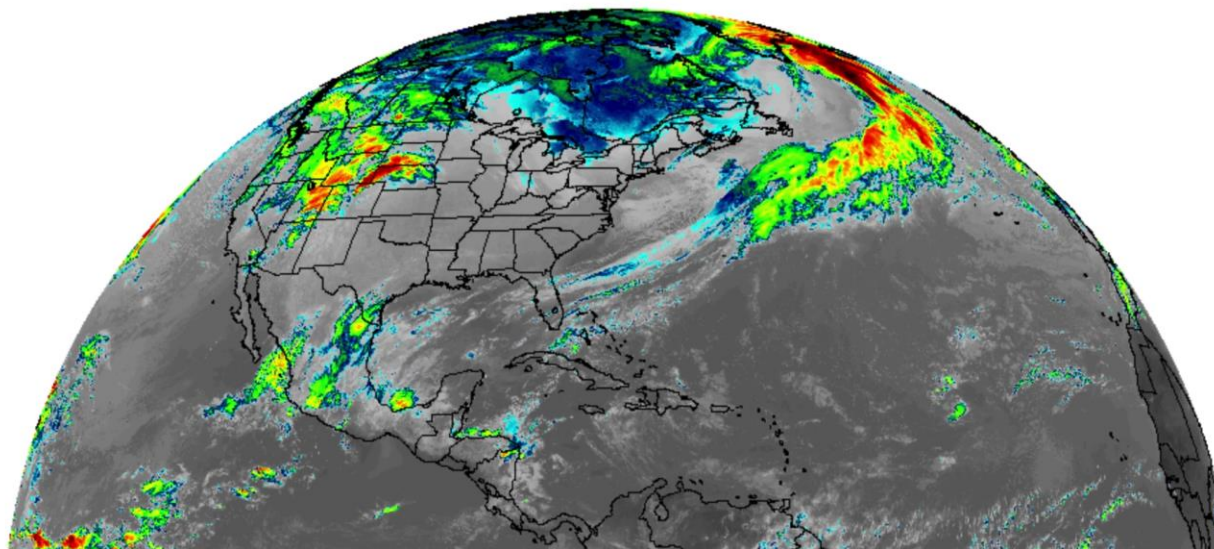
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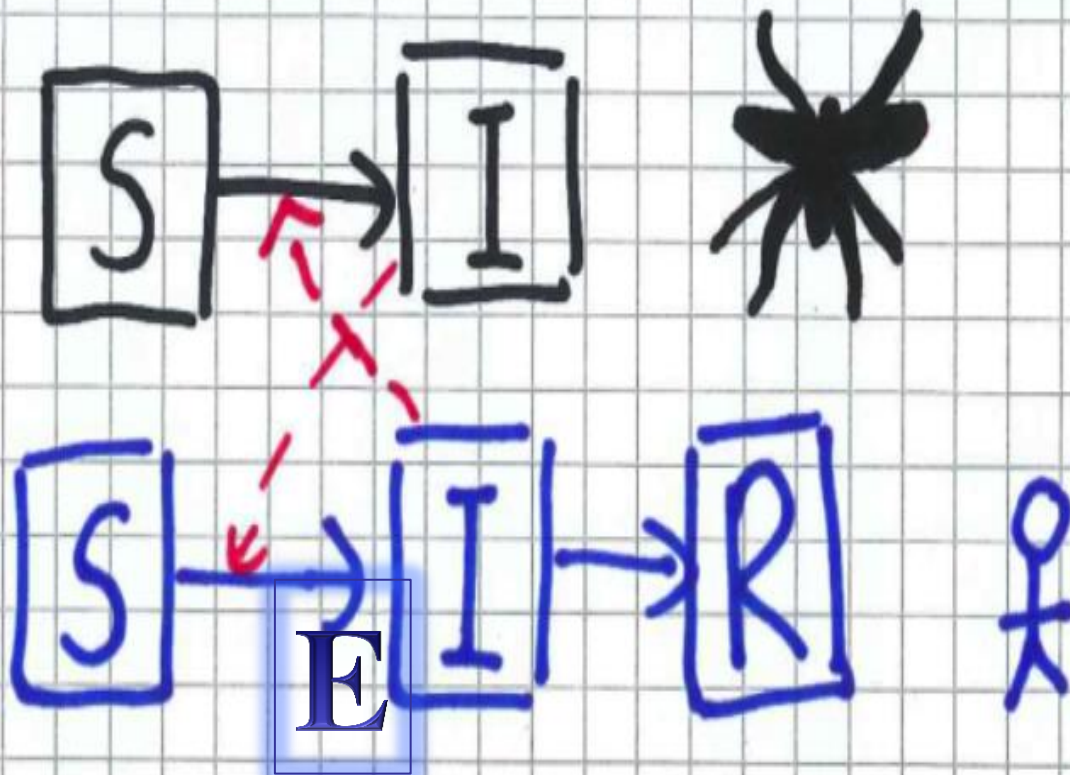
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- Temperature
- Soil moisture
- Precipitation
- Vapor Pressure (RH)
- Thermal Response Number
- Evapo-transpiration
- Solar Radiation

$$\frac{dI_h}{dt} = \alpha \lambda \omega I_m (1 - I_h)$$

$$\frac{dI_m}{dt} = \alpha \nu I_h (1 - I_m) - m I_m$$