

# Mapping ET at Multiple Scales using Multi-Sensor Data Fusion

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# Multi-scale monitoring toolkit

## TOOLS

ALEXI

Multi-scale ET  
modeling

DMS

Thermal image  
sharpening

STARFM

Multi-sensor data  
fusion

## ASSETS

GEO

Hourly      SW/TIR

5km/5km

MODIS

Daily      SW/TIR

250m/1km

Landsat

16 day      SW/TIR

30m/100m

Lsat-like

~20-60m/ --

## APPLICATIONS

(daily/30 m to 10 km)



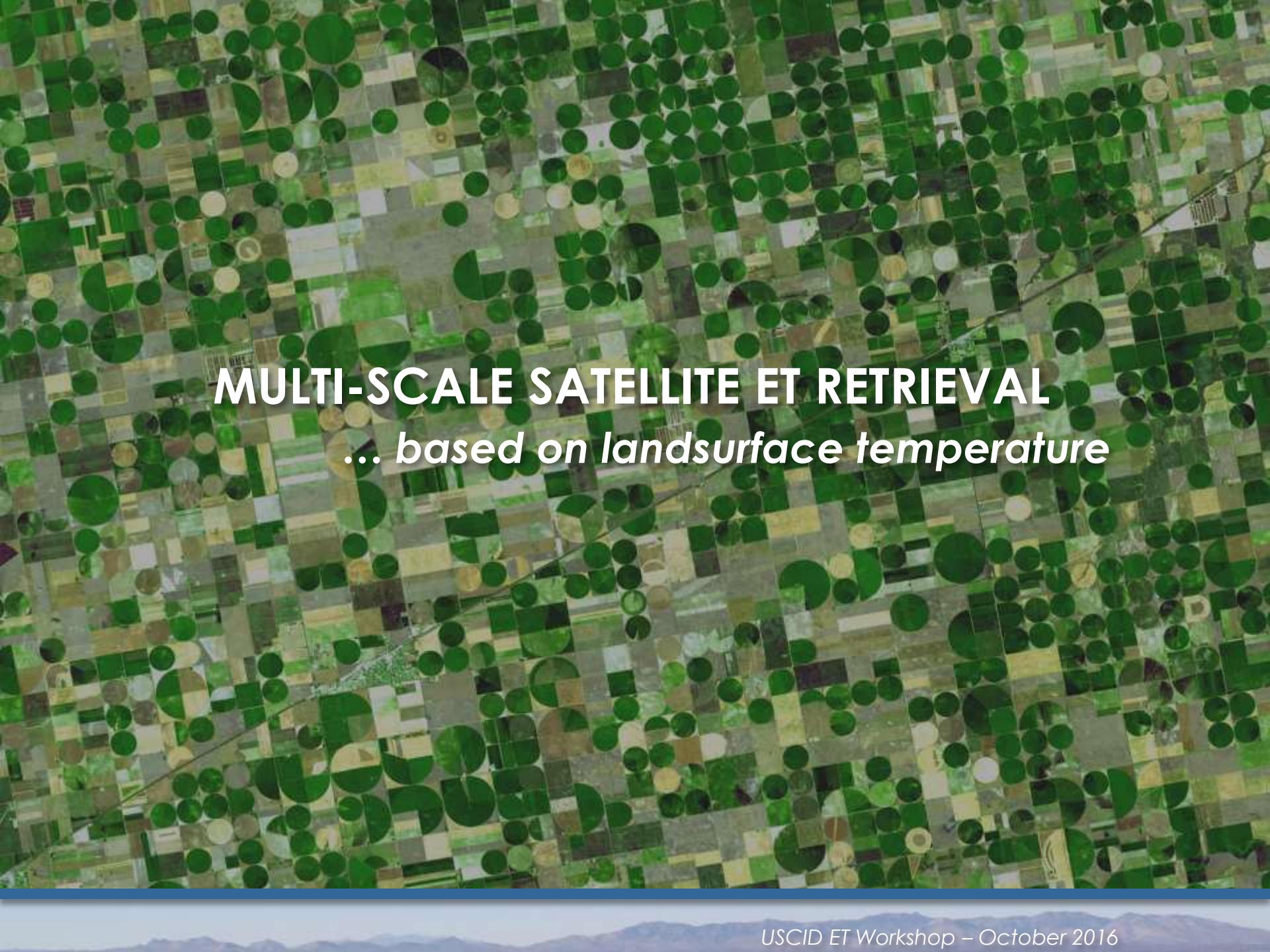
Crop water use  
(Evapotranspiration)



Crop phenology  
metrics



Crop stress  
(drought early warning)

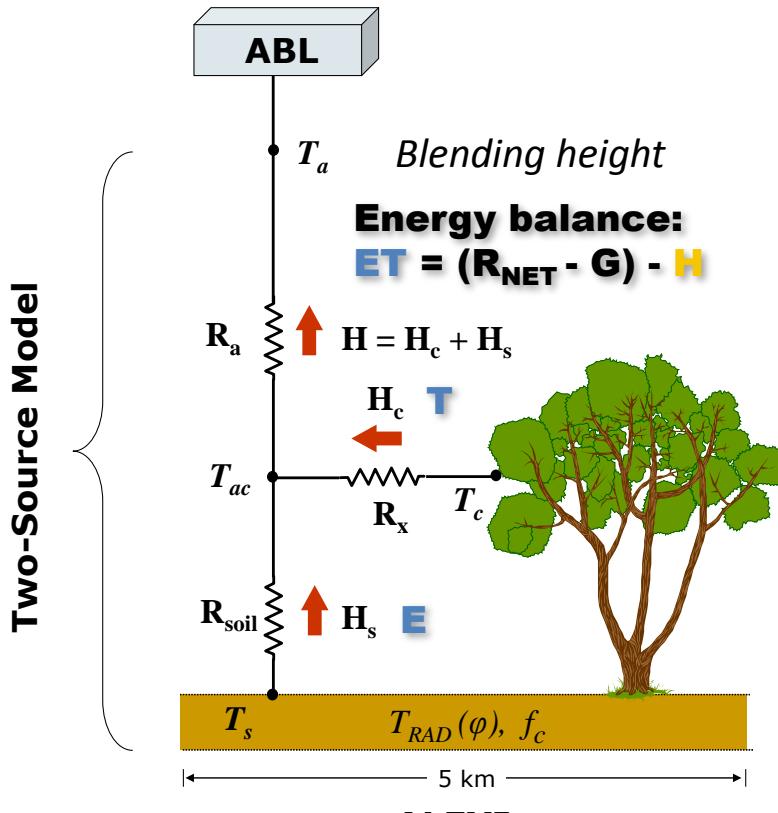


A high-resolution aerial photograph showing a patchwork of agricultural fields. The fields are organized into various geometric patterns, likely representing different crops or management zones. The colors range from deep green to yellow and brown, indicating different vegetation types and health. A thin white line runs diagonally across the center of the image.

# MULTI-SCALE SATELLITE ET RETRIEVAL

*... based on landsurface temperature*

# ALEXI: regional ET modeling system



## ATMOSPHERE-LAND EXCHANGE INVERSE MODEL

**ALEXI** uses measurements of morning surface temperature rise from geostationary satellites...

...time changes in temperature can be measured more accurately than instantaneous temperature.

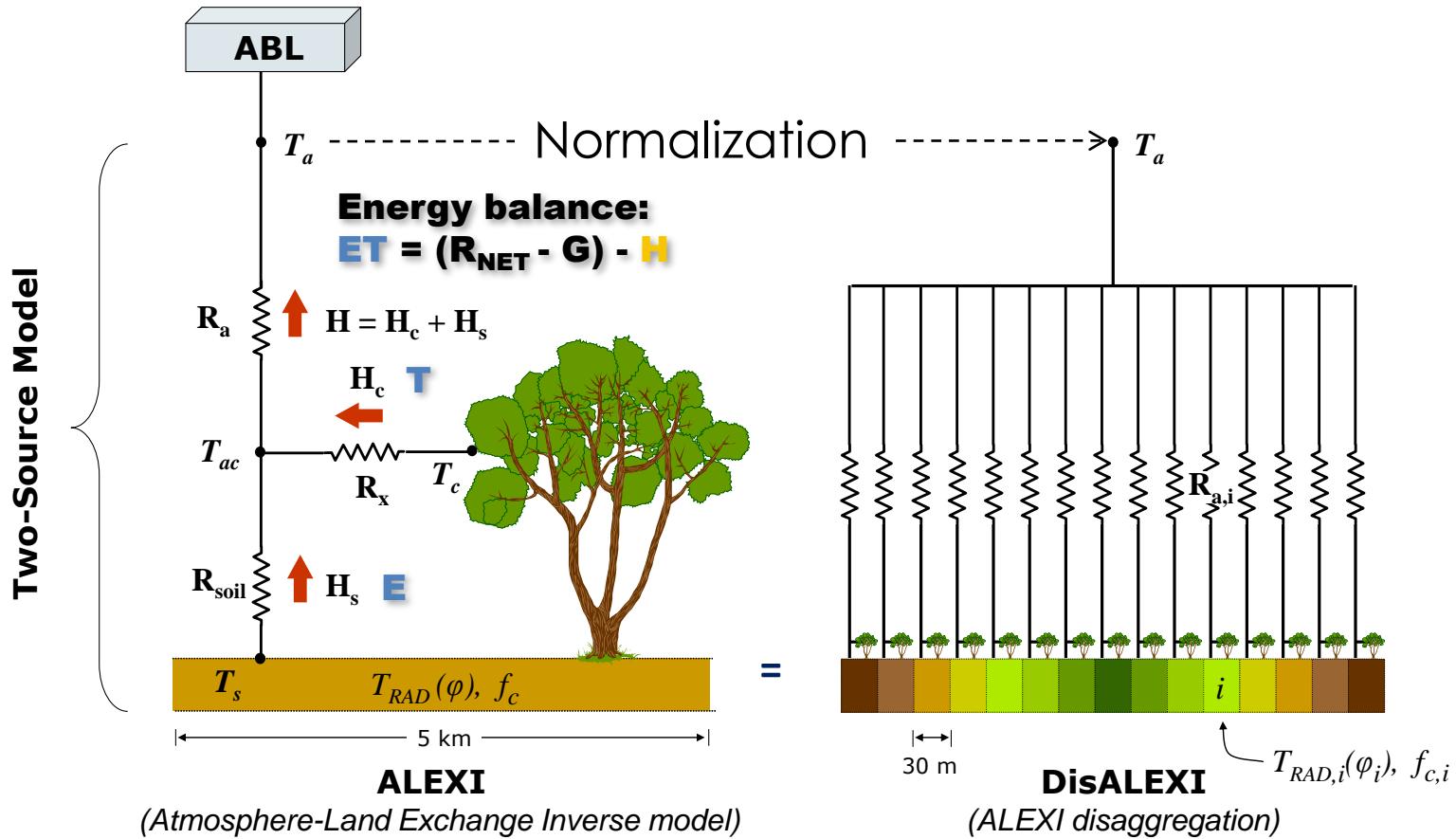
## Regional scale

Surface temp:  $\Delta T_{RAD}$  - Geostationary  
Air temp:  $T_a$  - ABL model

NOAA – NESDIS – STAR  
GOES Evapotranspiration and Drought Product System (GET-D)



# DisALEXI: ALEXI flux disaggregation



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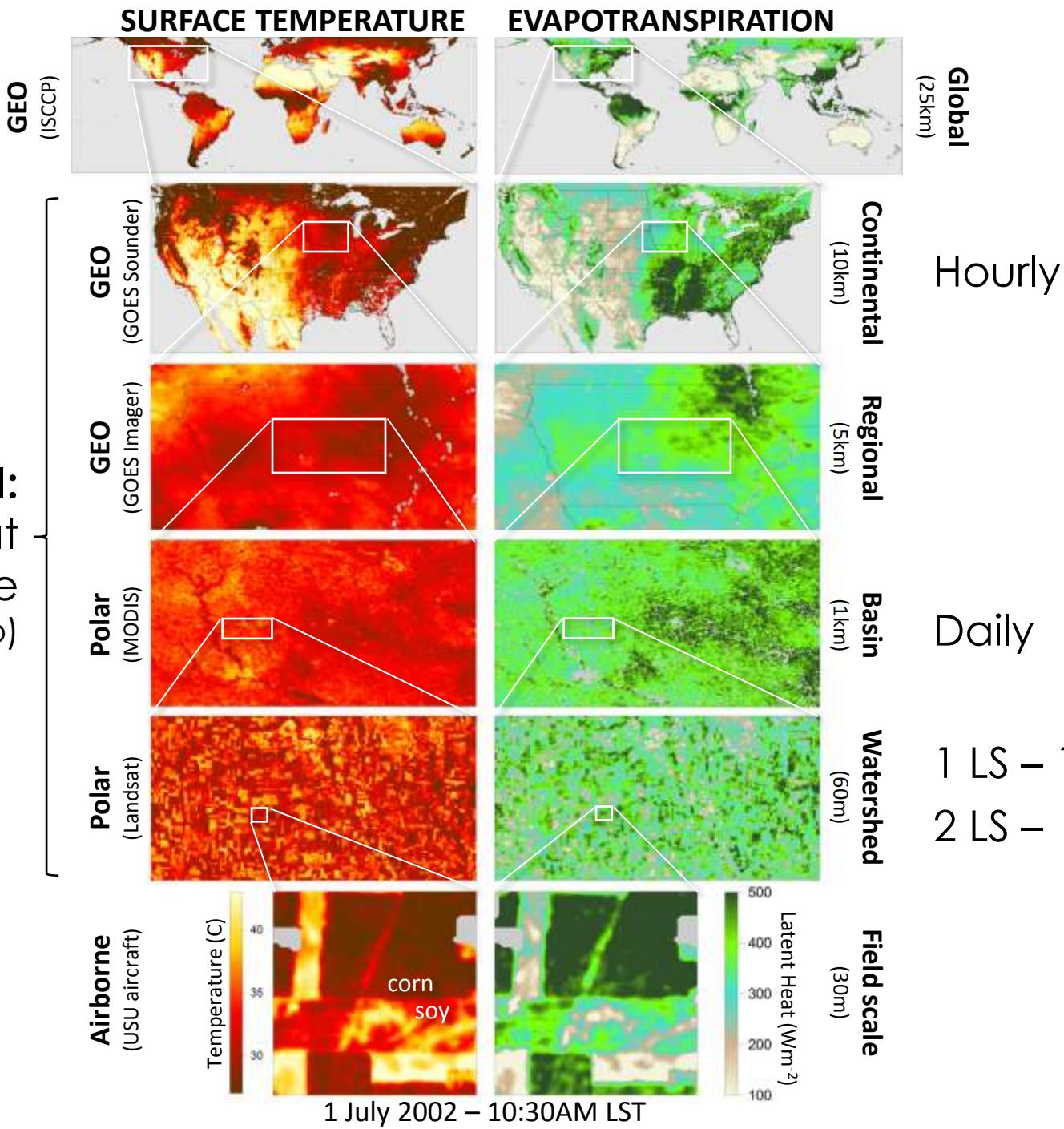
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## Landscape scale

$T_{RAD}$  - Landsat, MODIS  
 $T_a$  - ALEXI

## DATA FUSION:

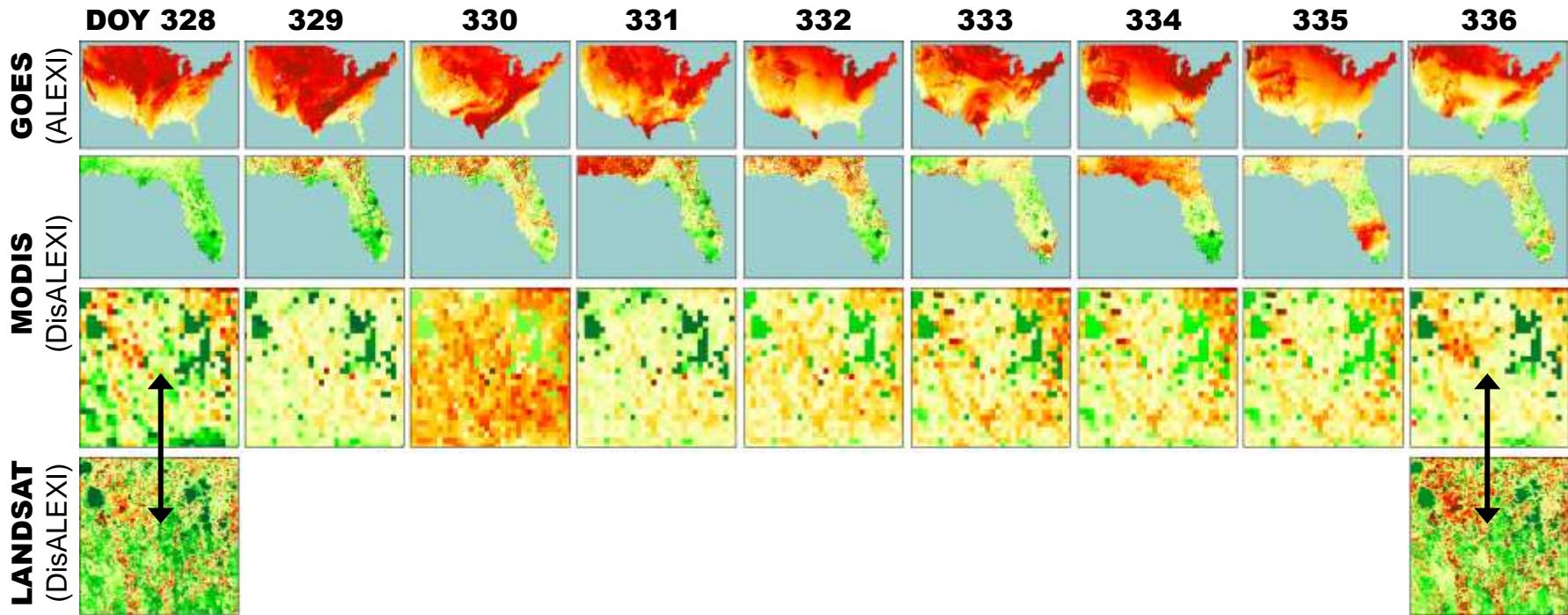
daily ET at field scale  
(F. Gao)



1 LS – 16 day  
2 LS – 8 day

# GOES/MODIS/Landsat FUSION

## Daily Evapotranspiration – Orlando, FL, 2002



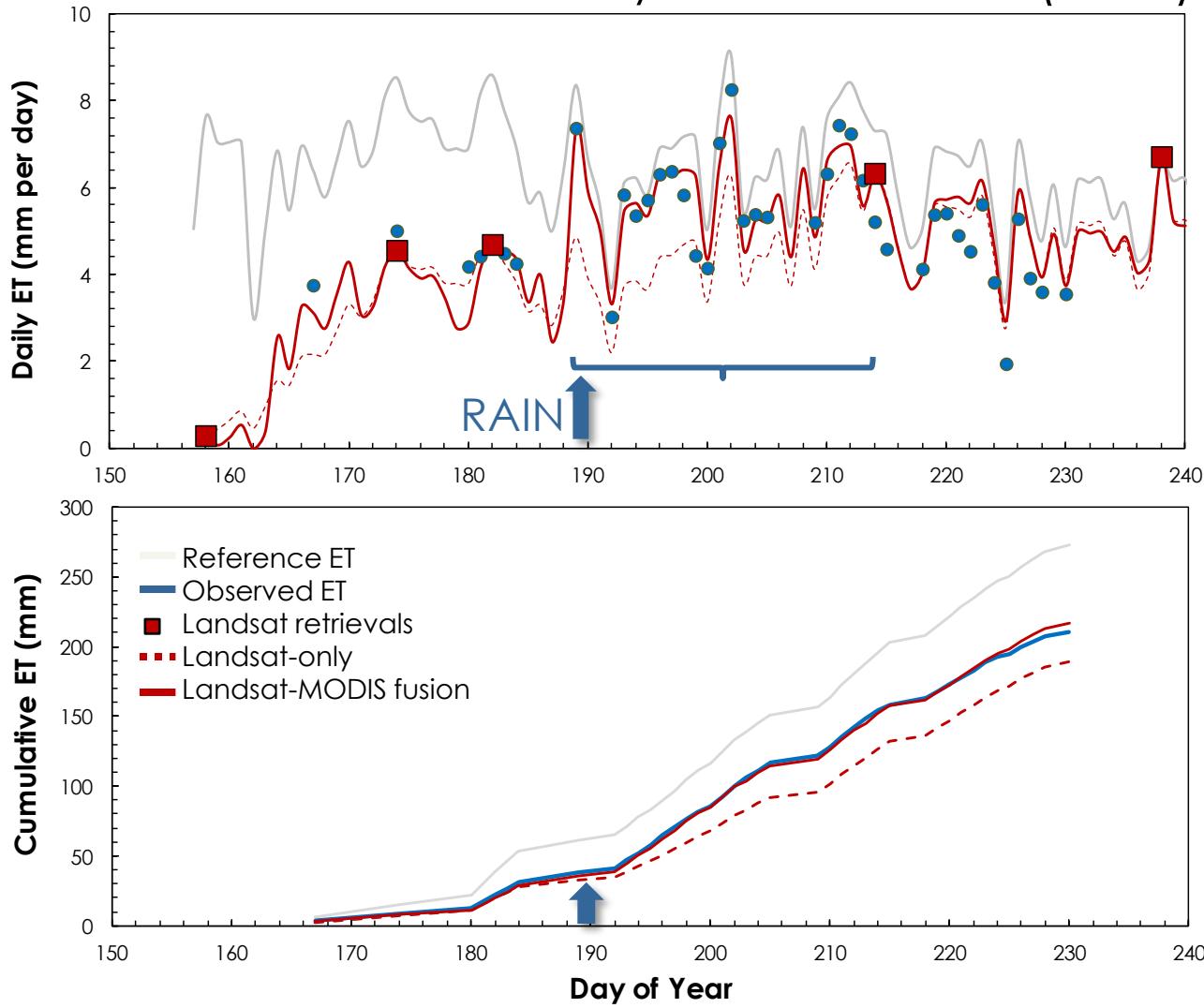
Landsat 5

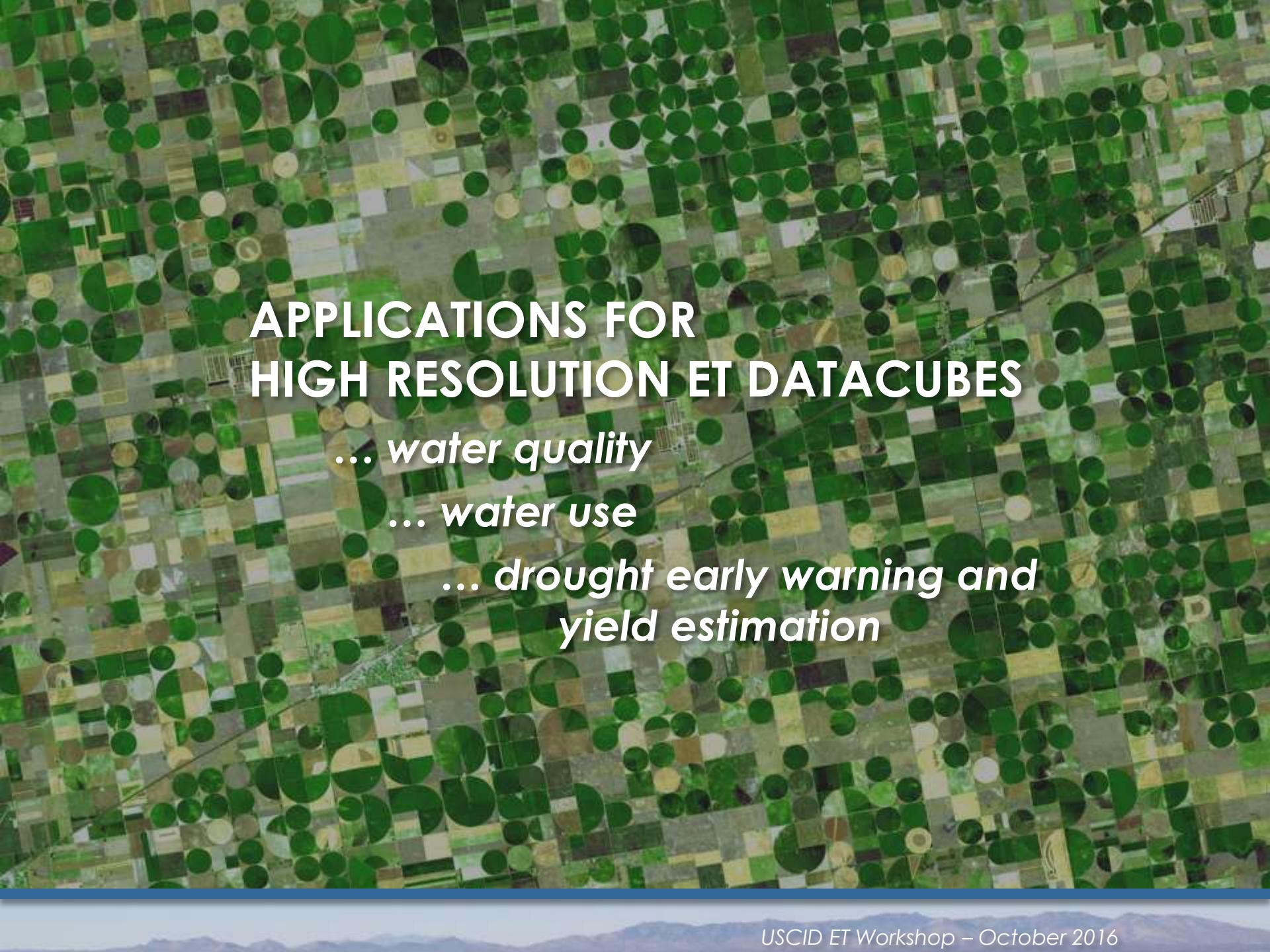
Landsat 7

**Spatial Temporal Adaptive Reflectance Fusion Model  
(STARFM)** *(Gao et al, 2006)*

# Validation using flux tower data

## Rainfed soybean – SMEX02 (Iowa)



The background of the slide is a high-resolution aerial photograph of agricultural land. The fields are organized into a grid-like pattern, with different colors representing various crops or soil types. Some fields show distinct circular or rectangular shapes, likely from center pivot irrigation systems. The overall scene is a mix of green, brown, and tan colors.

# APPLICATIONS FOR HIGH RESOLUTION ET DATACUBES

*... water quality*

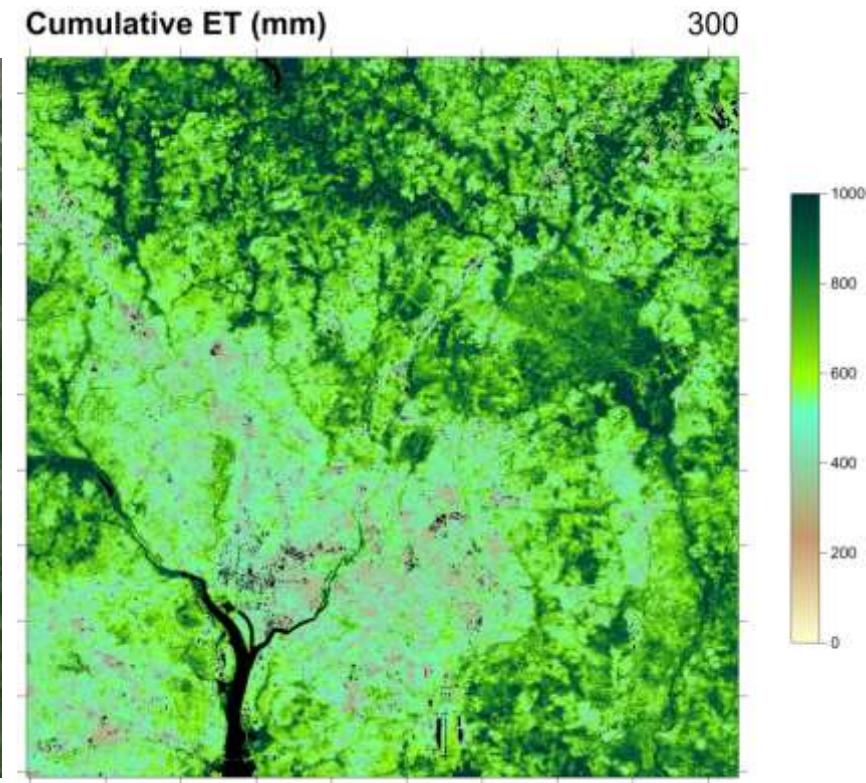
*... water use*

*... drought early warning and  
yield estimation*

# Lower Chesapeake Bay LTAR

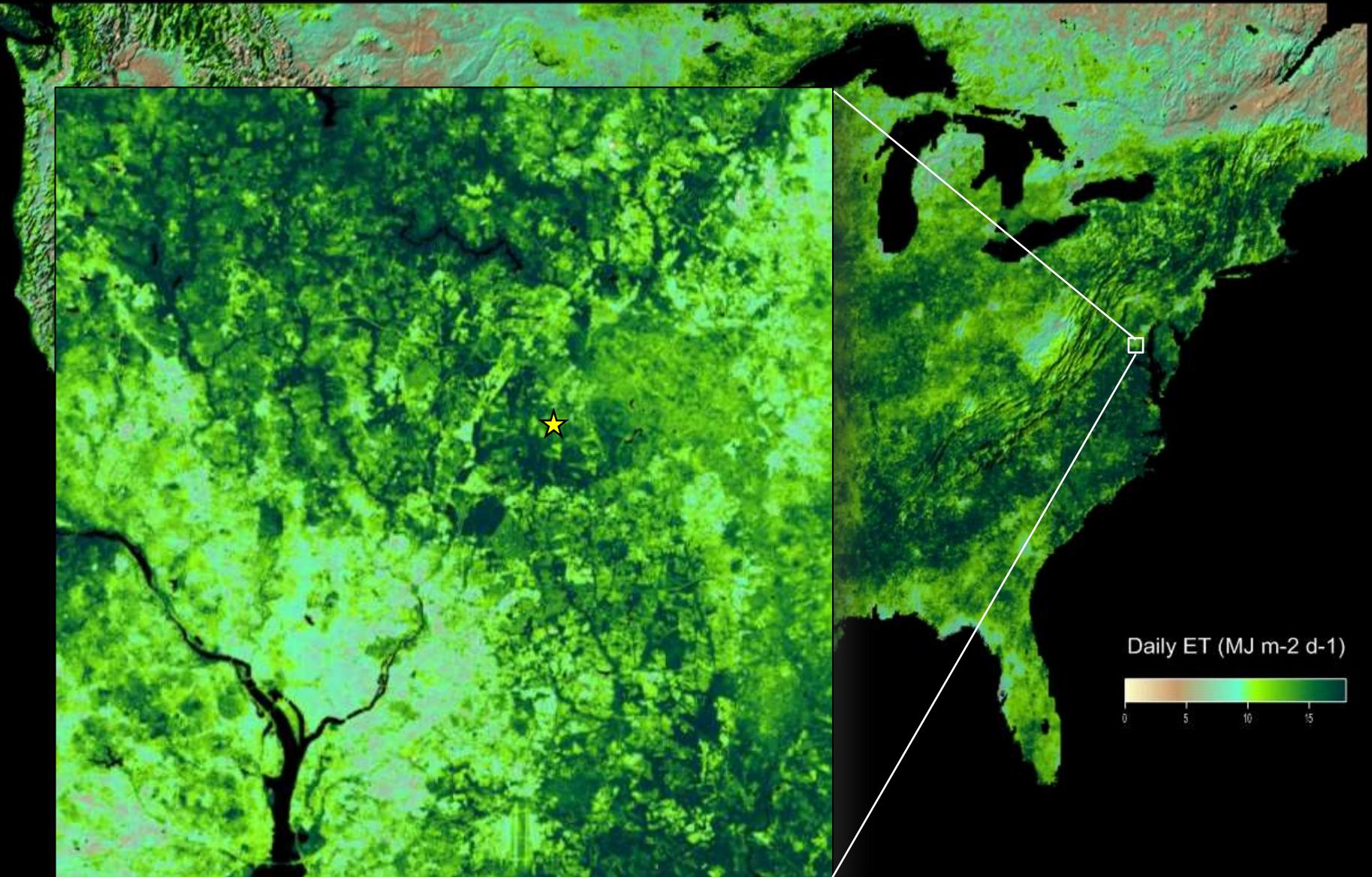


Liang Sun, Amir Sharifi, 2016

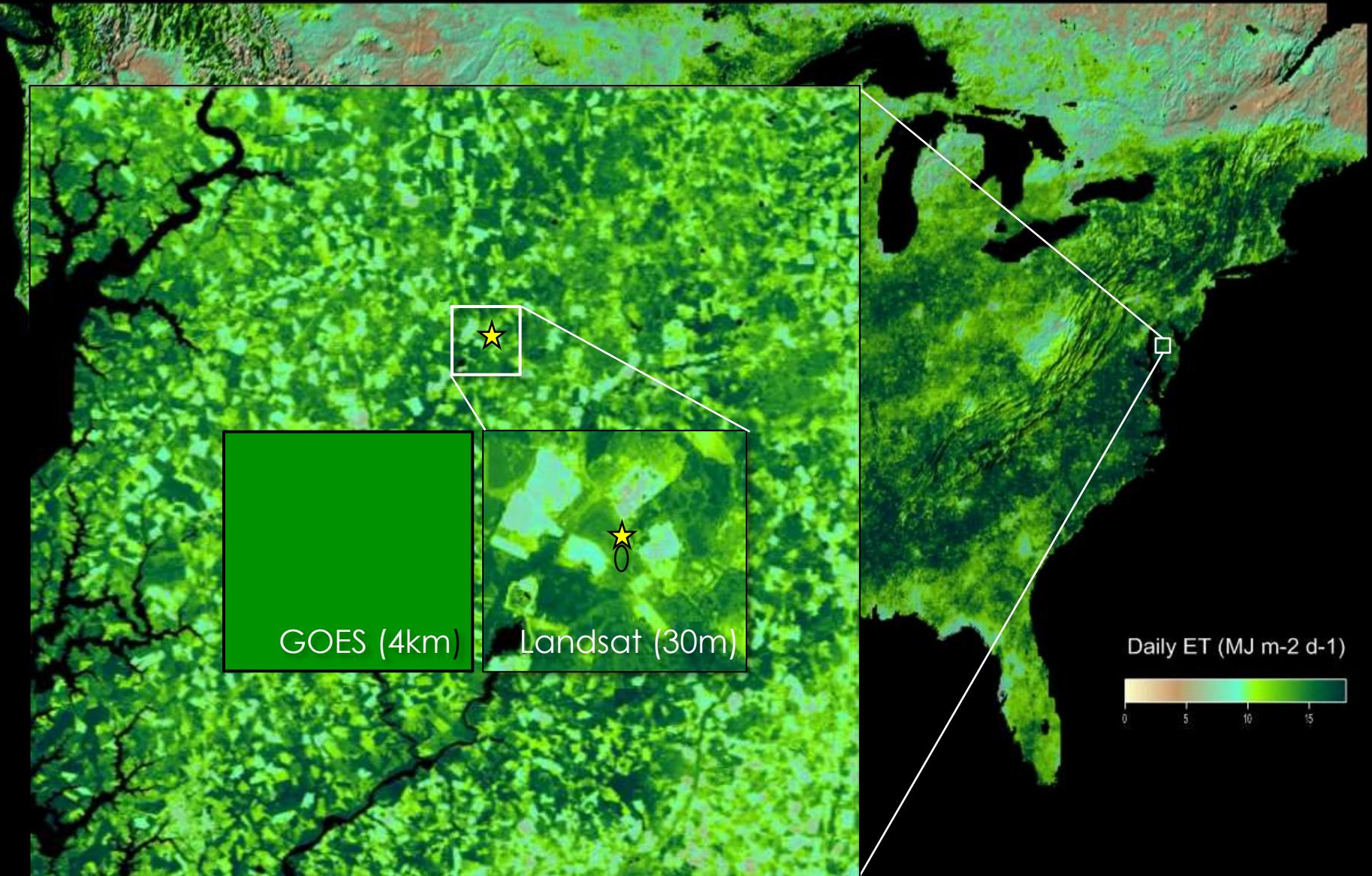


Landsat 8 - 2014

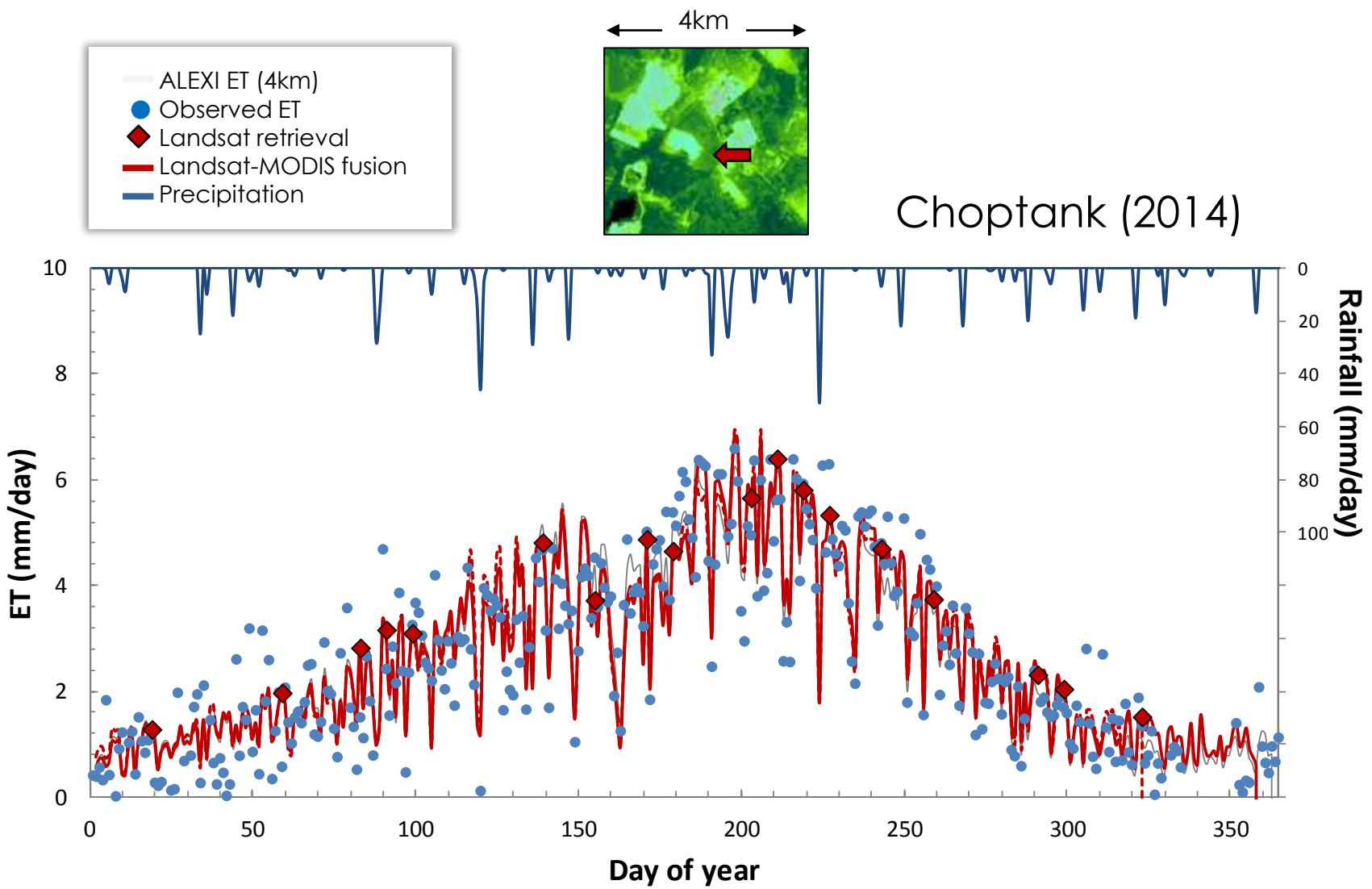
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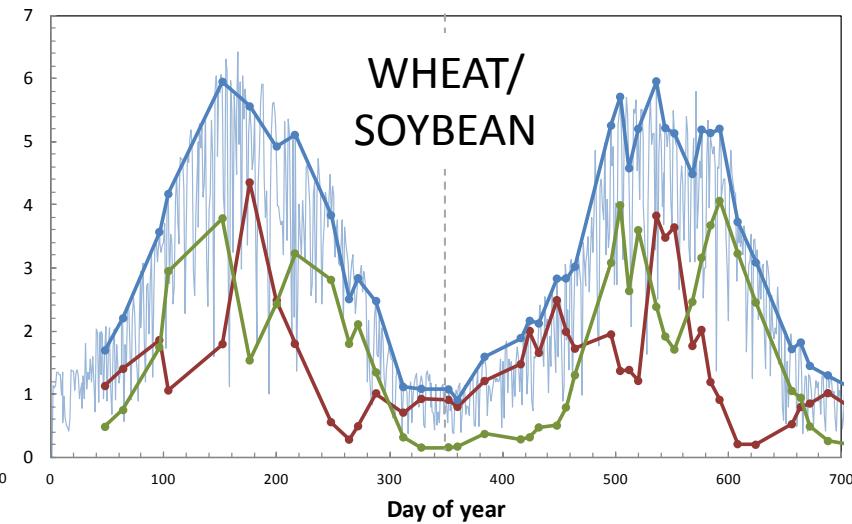
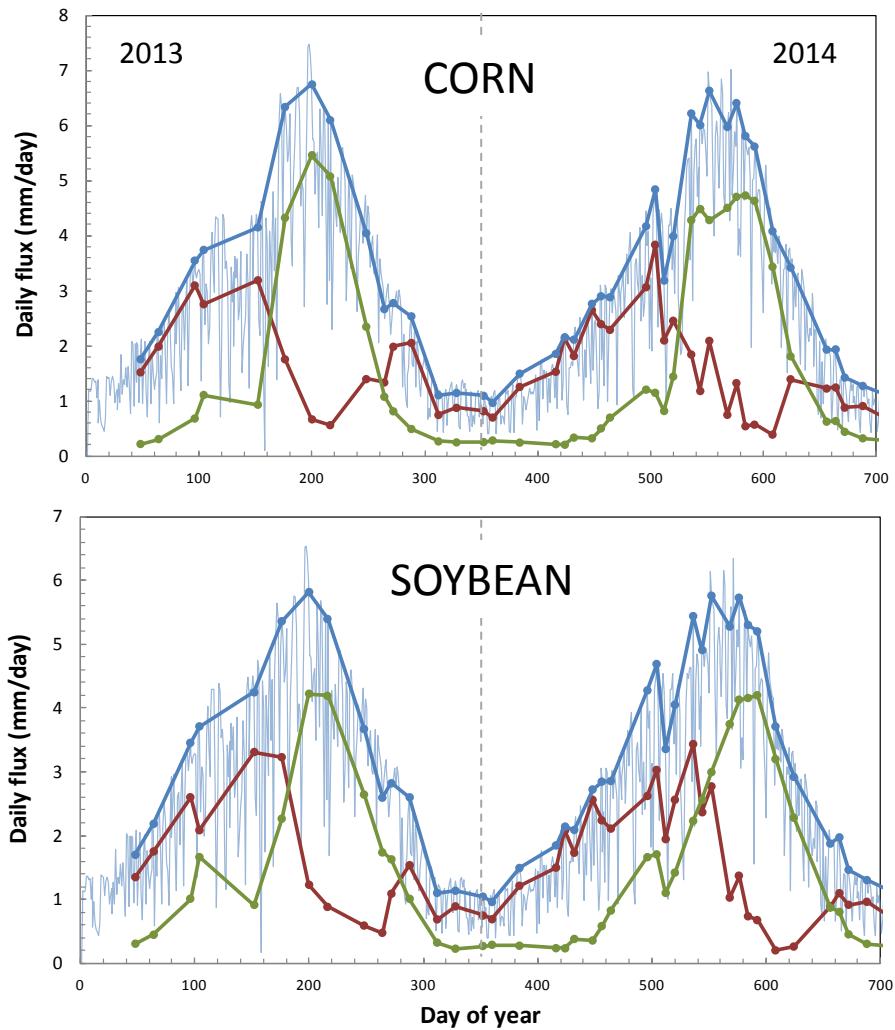
# Comparisons with flux tower data



Sun, L. et al. (2016). Monitoring daily evapotranspiration at field-scale over an agricultural landscape on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. *Remote Sens. Environ.*, in preparation

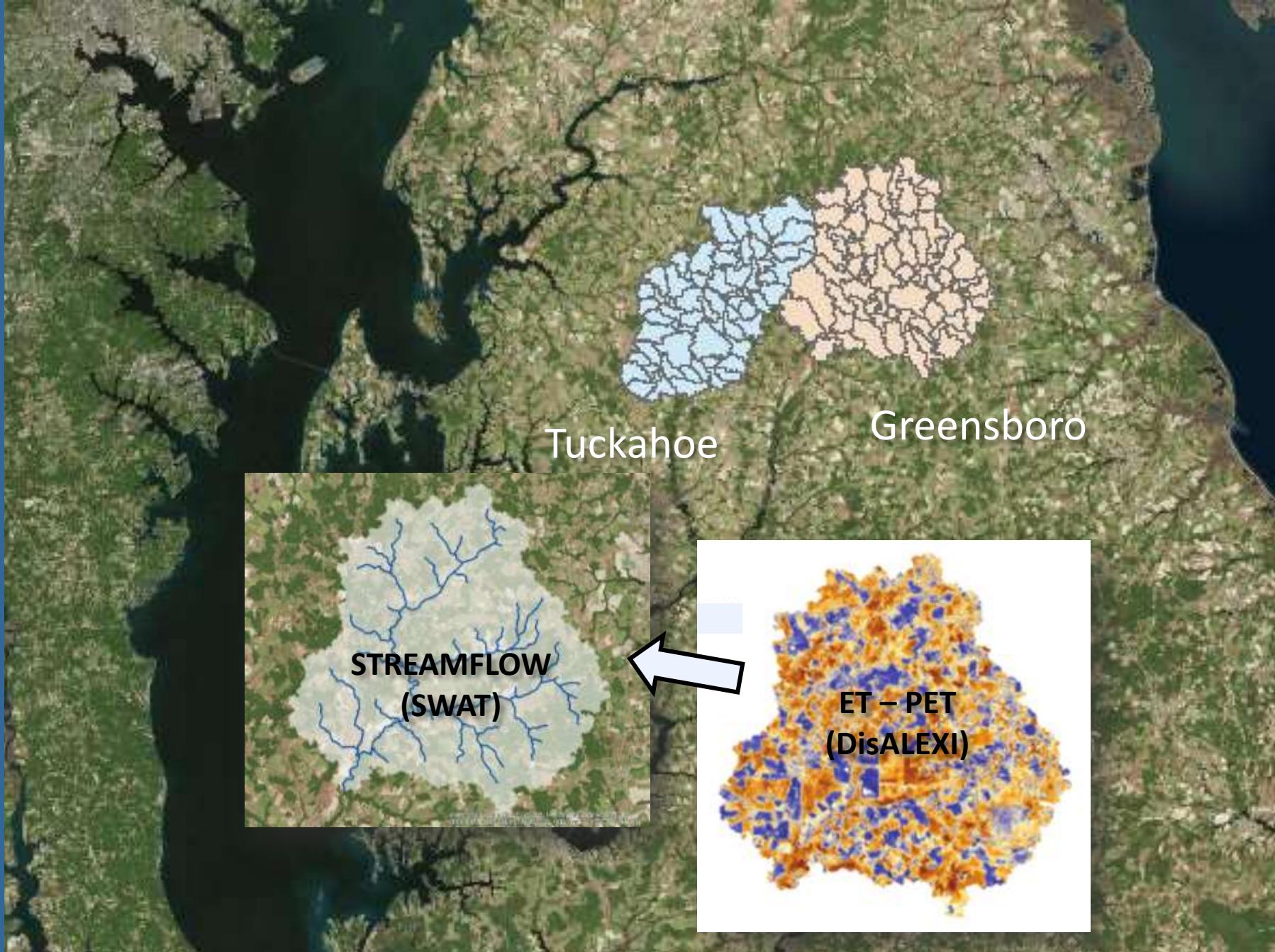
# T/E SEPARATION ON CLEAR LANDSAT DATES

Partitioning of E and T

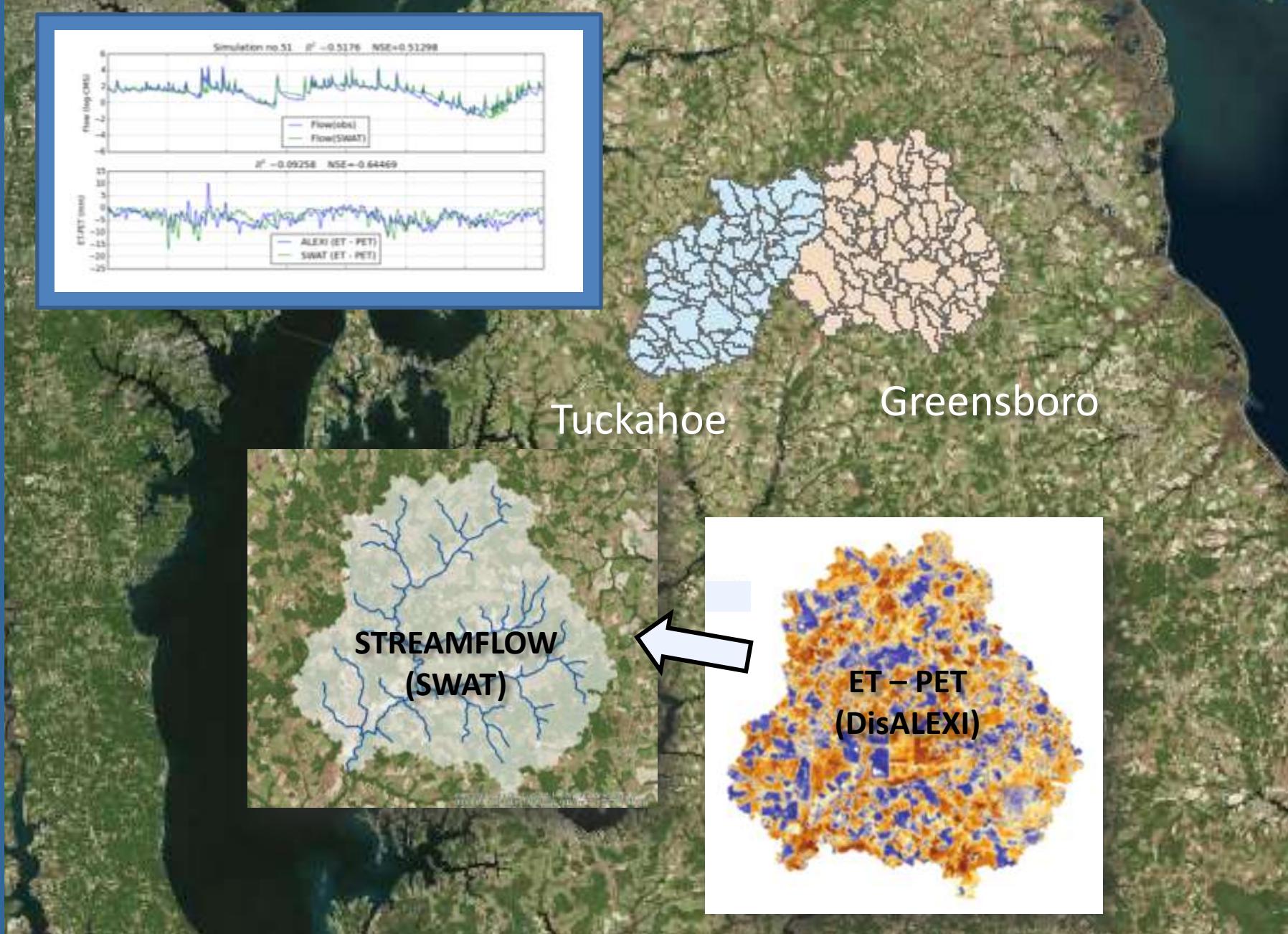


Evapotranspiration  
Soil evaporation  
Canopy transpiration

# Soil Water Assessment Tool (SWAT)



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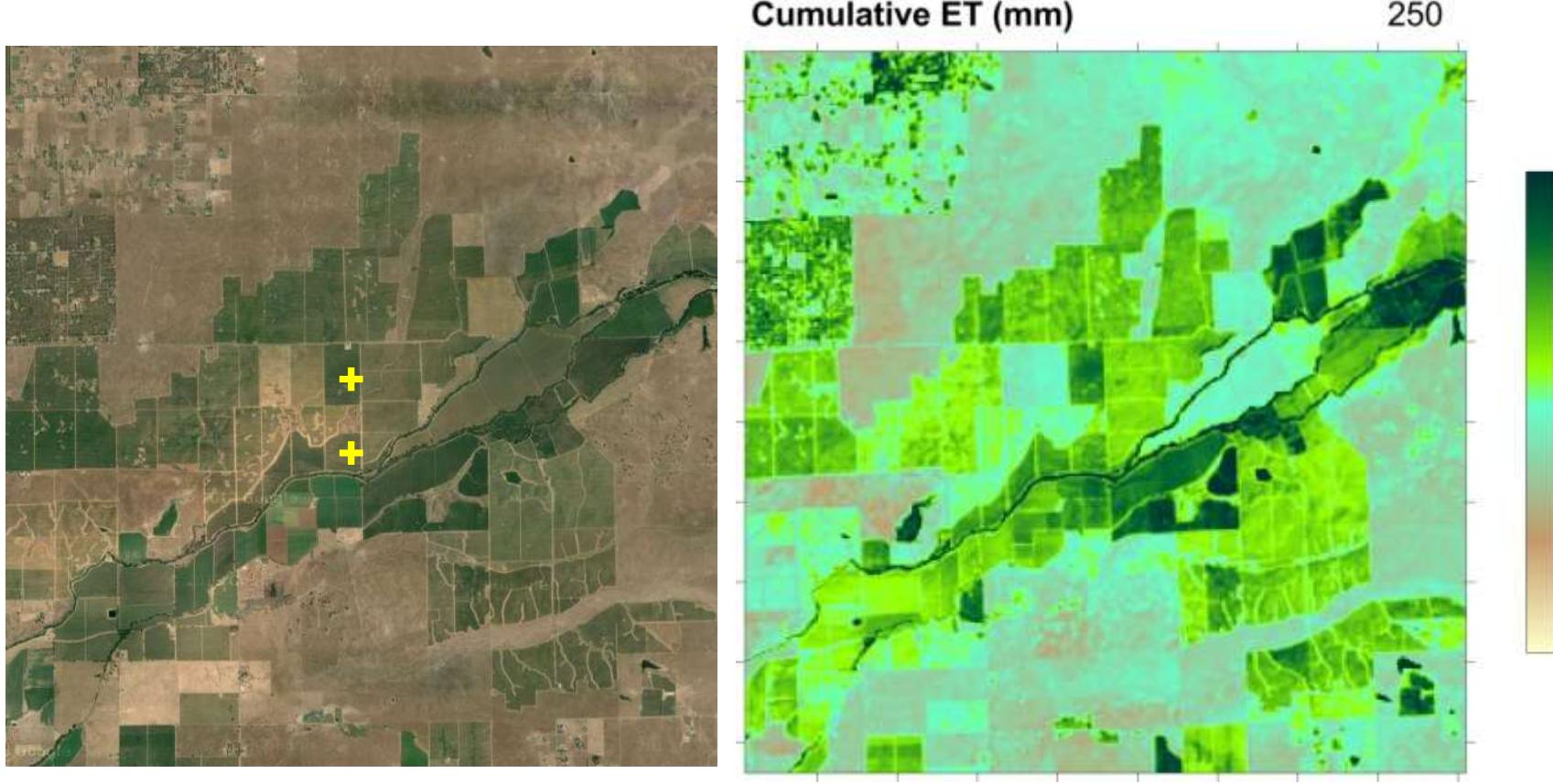
GRAPEX2013, 14, 15



Site 2: 5-year Pinot



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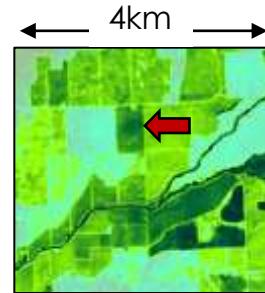


Semmens, K.A., et al.(2015). Monitoring daily evapotranspiration over two California vineyards using Landsat 8 in a multi-sensor data fusion approach. *Remote Sens. Environ.*,  
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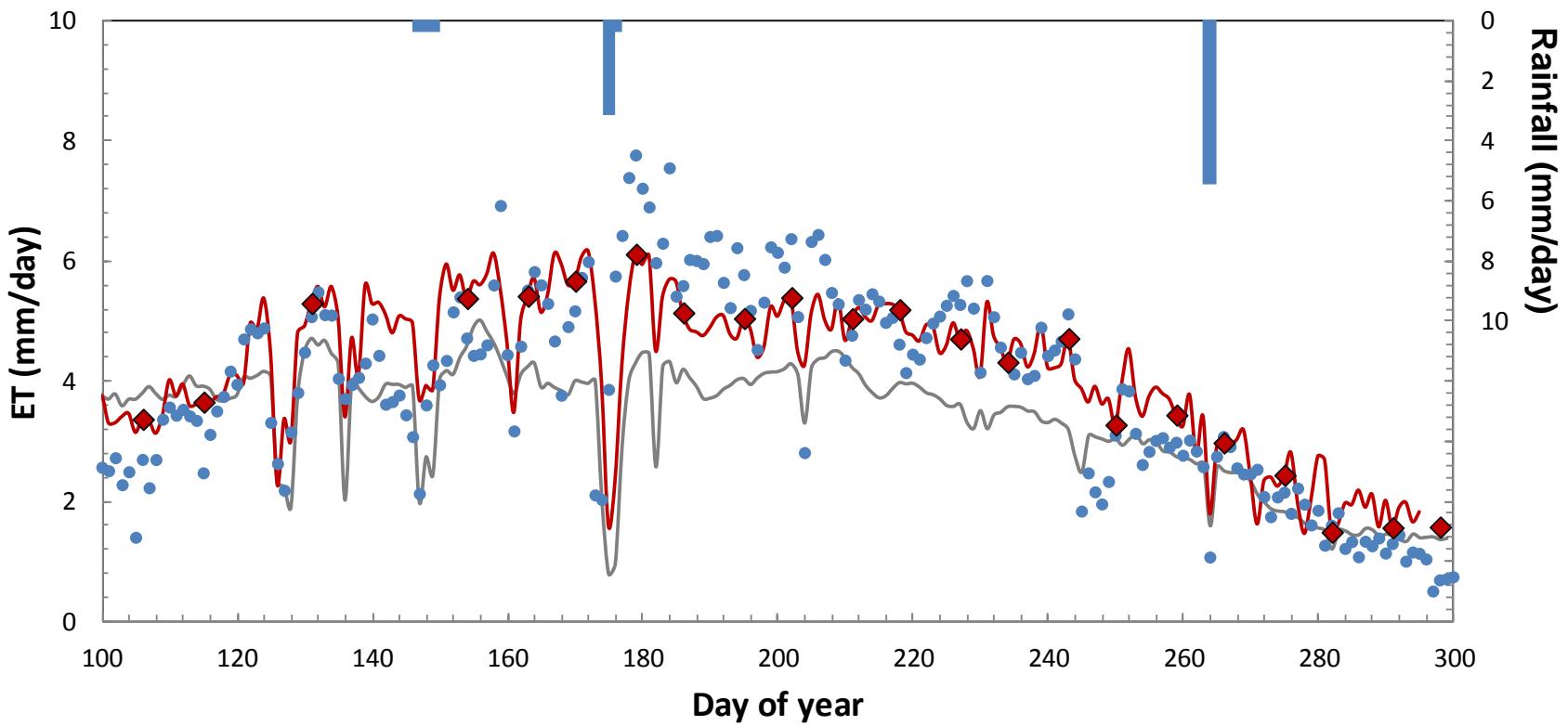


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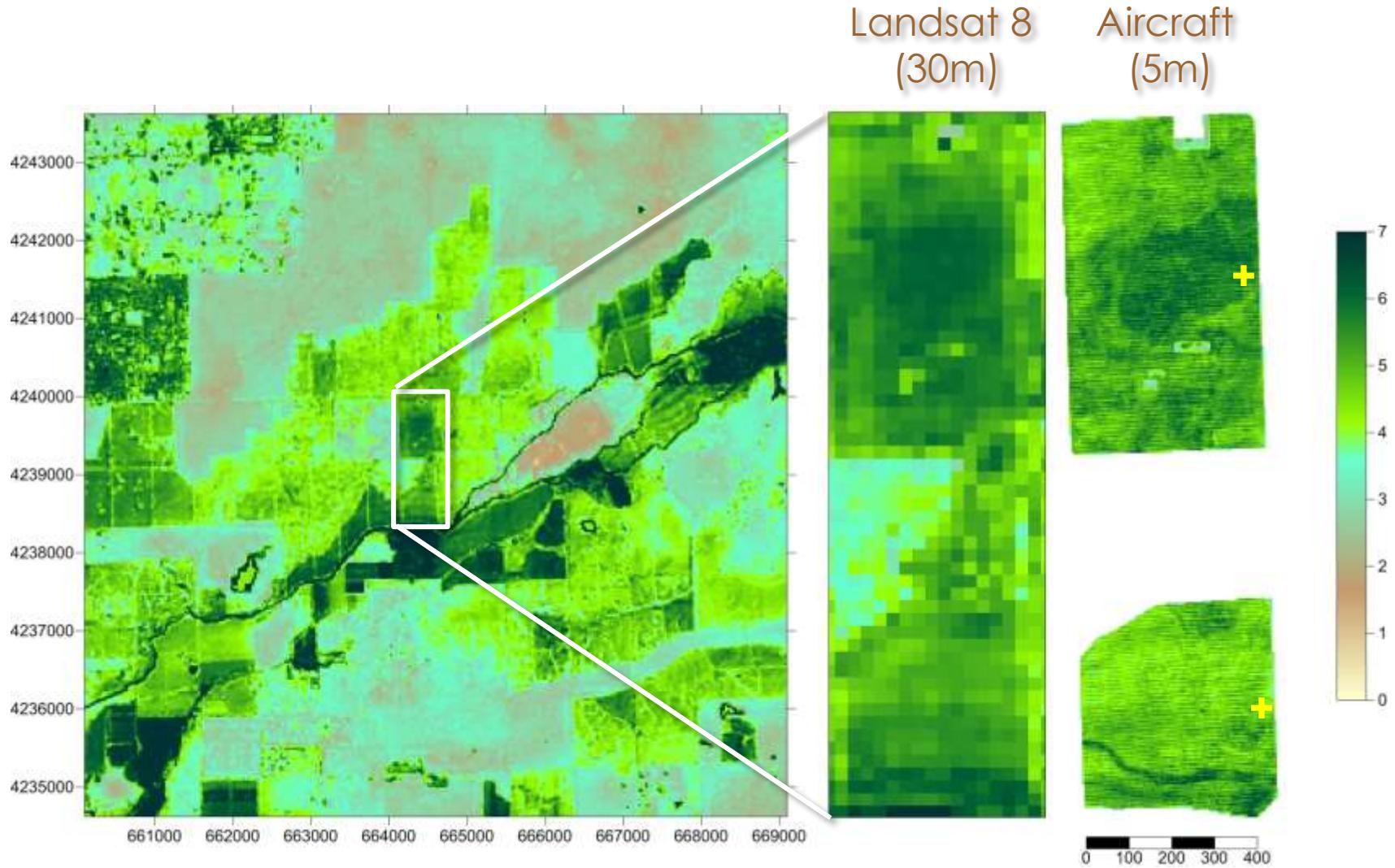
- ALEXI ET (4km)
- Observed ET
- Landsat retrieval
- Landsat-MODIS fusion
- Precipitation



SITE 1:  
Pinot Noir – 8 YR (2013)



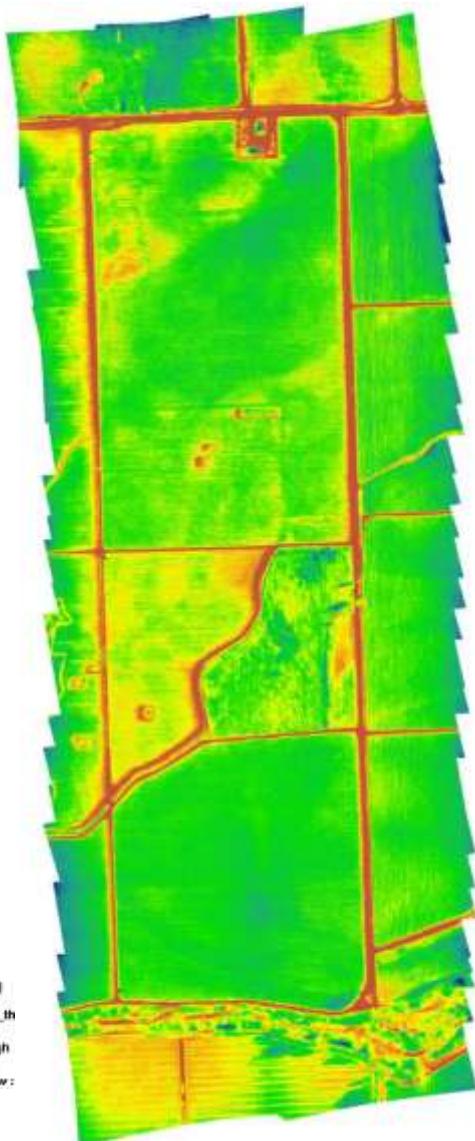
# Utility of aircraft thermal imaging



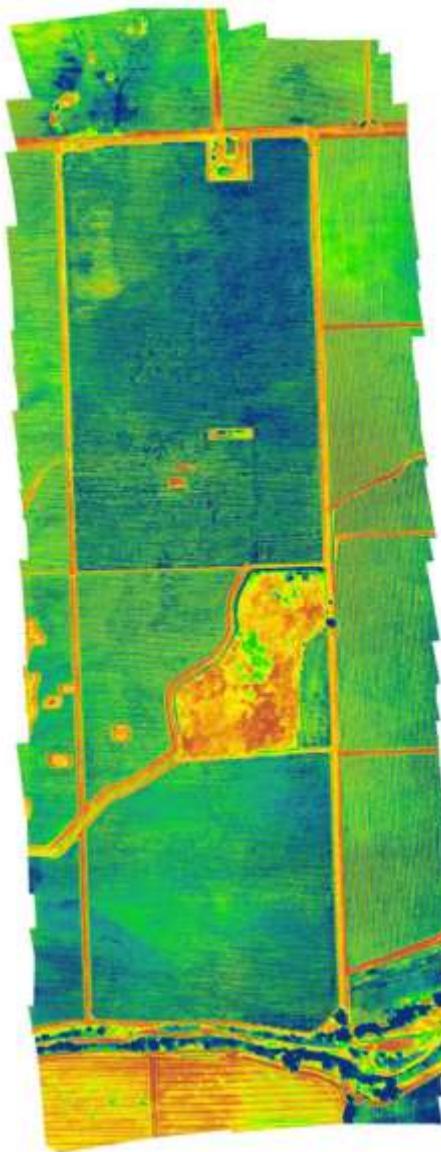
# Utility of UAV thermal imaging

UAV LST – 0.6 m (August 9, 2014)

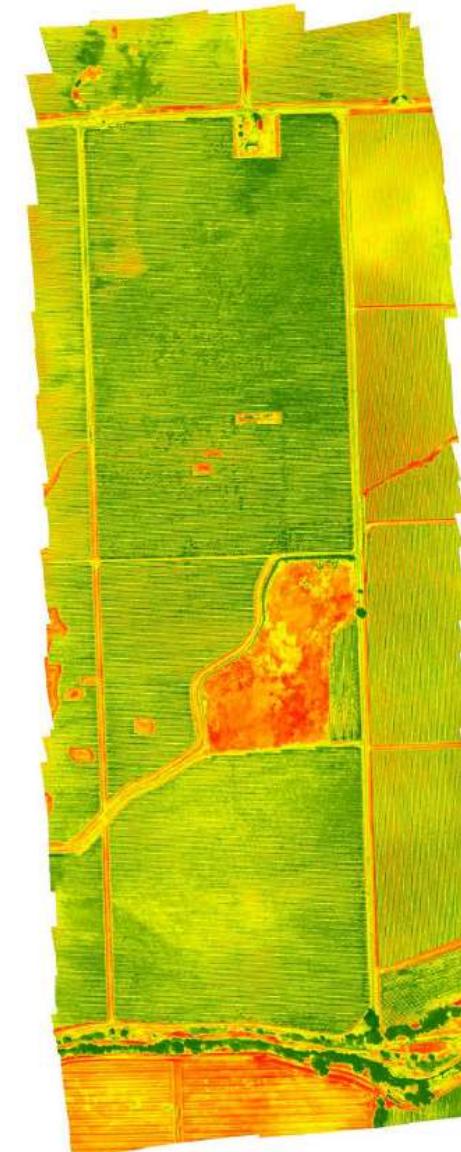
7 AM



11 AM



Time difference



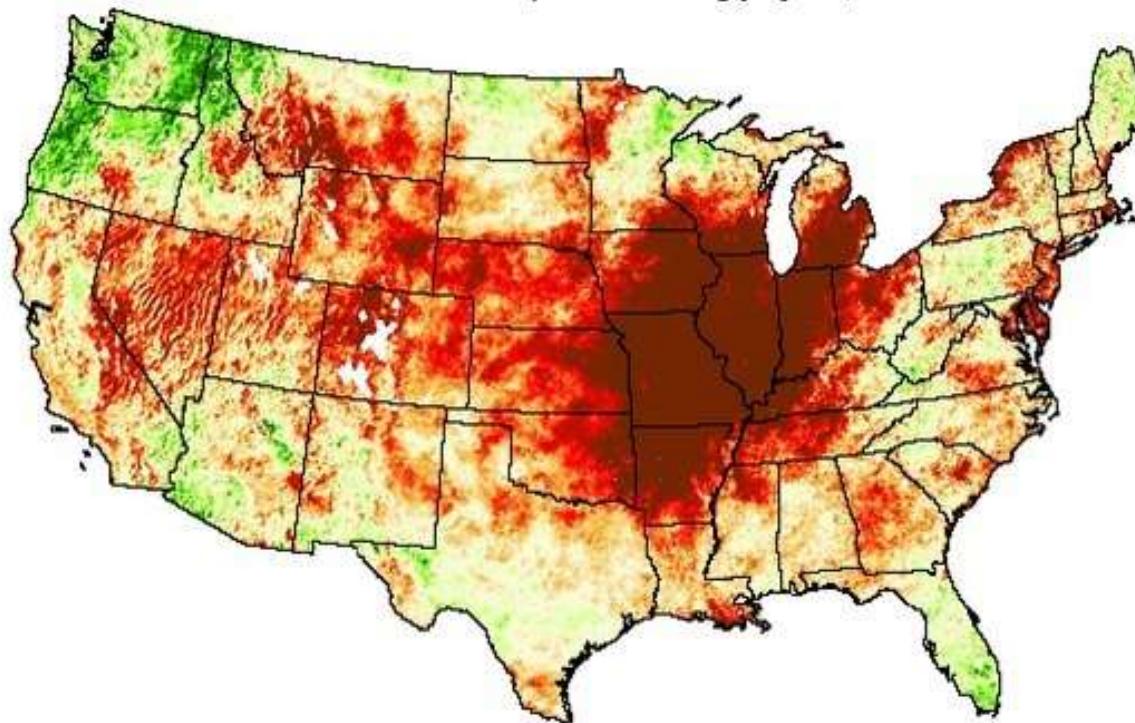


# **MONITORING DROUGHT**

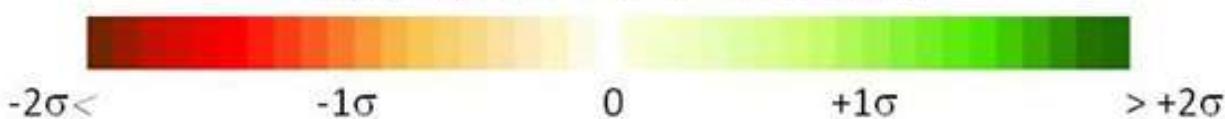
*... Crop stress and yield impacts*

## Evaporative Stress Index 4km

3 month composite ending July 28, 2012

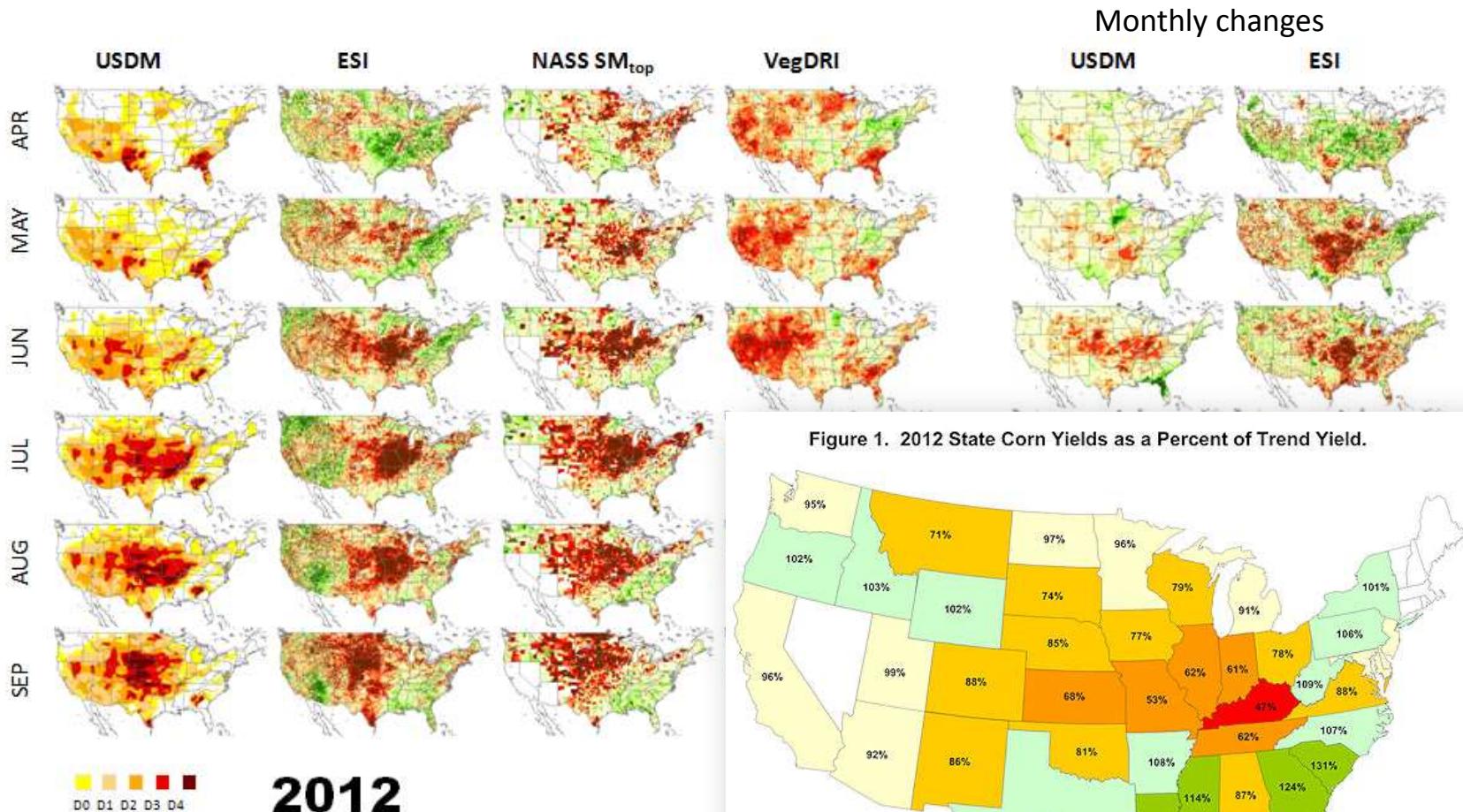


Standardized ET/PET anomalies



Atmosphere-Land Exchange Inverse Model (ALEXI)  
(Anderson et al., 1997, 2007)

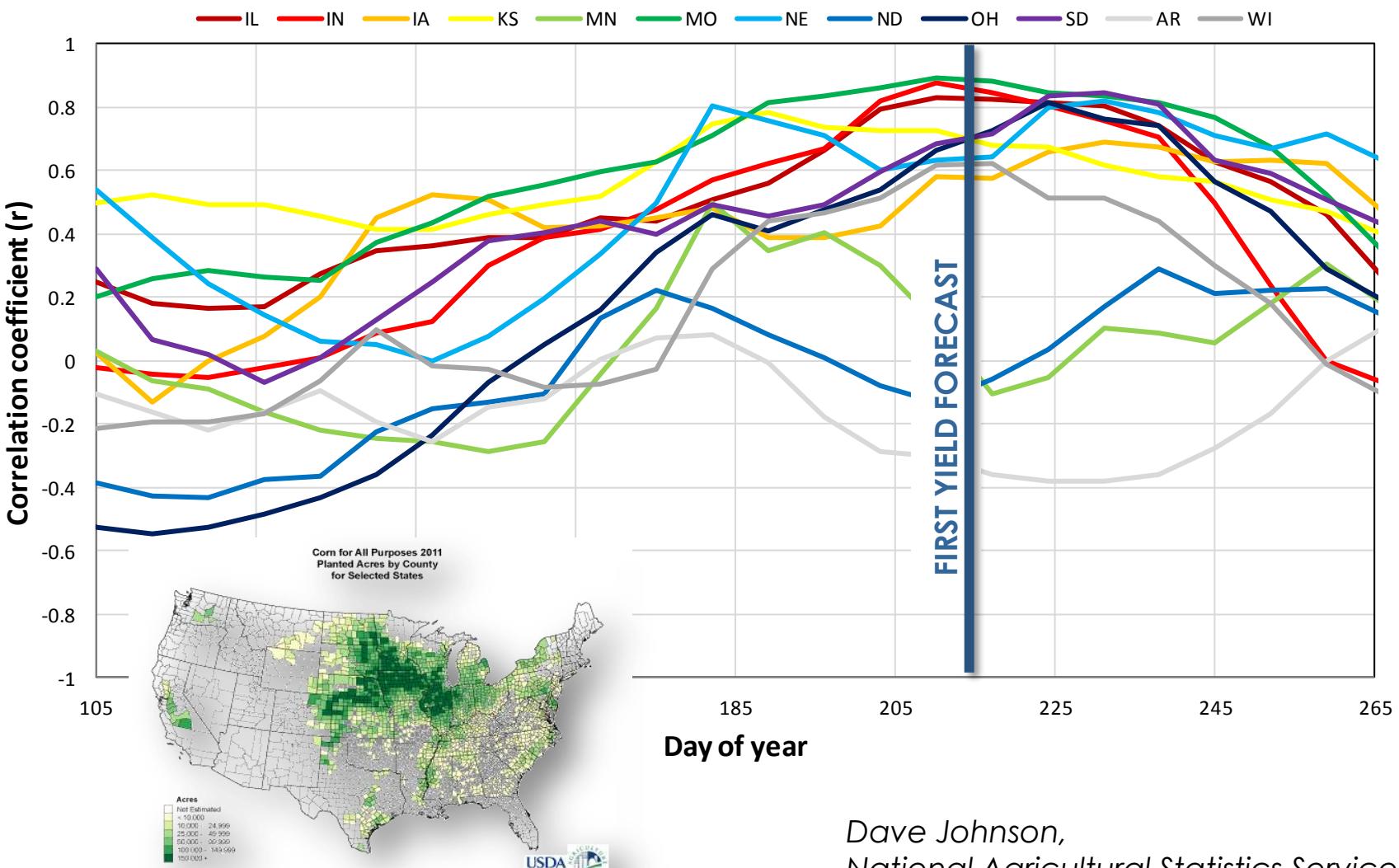
# 2012 FLASH DROUGHT



# ESI CORN YIELD CORRELATIONS

(10-km ESI vs. state level yields)

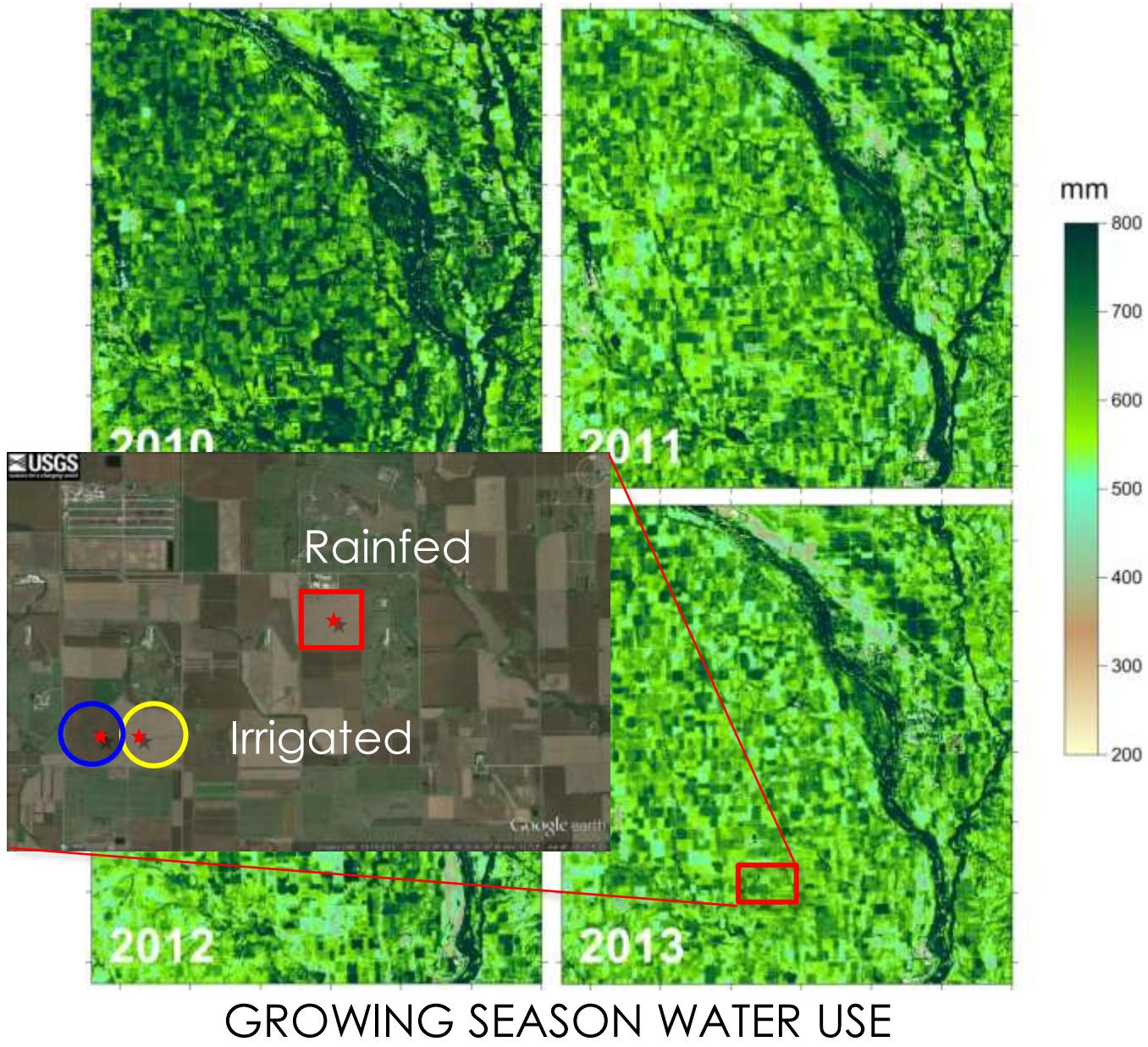
Using ESI to project crop yields



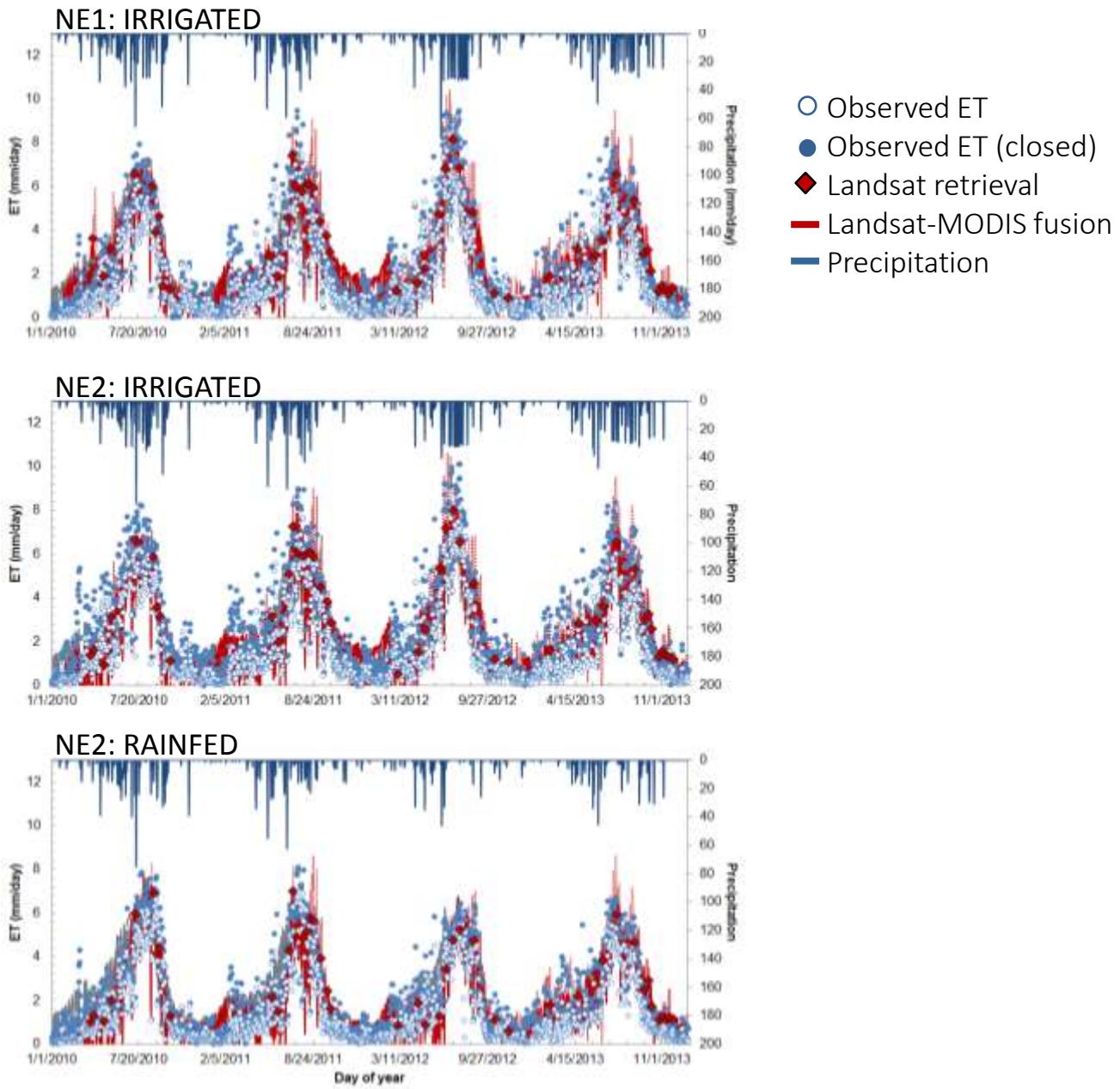
Dave Johnson,  
National Agricultural Statistics Service

# Rainfed corn and soybean in NE

Mead, Nebraska (near Lincoln)

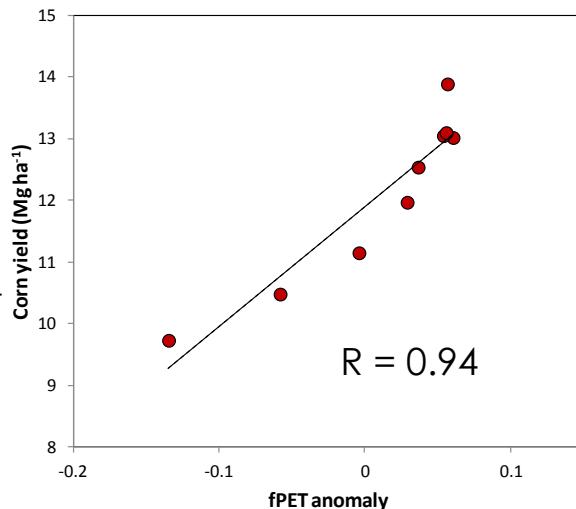
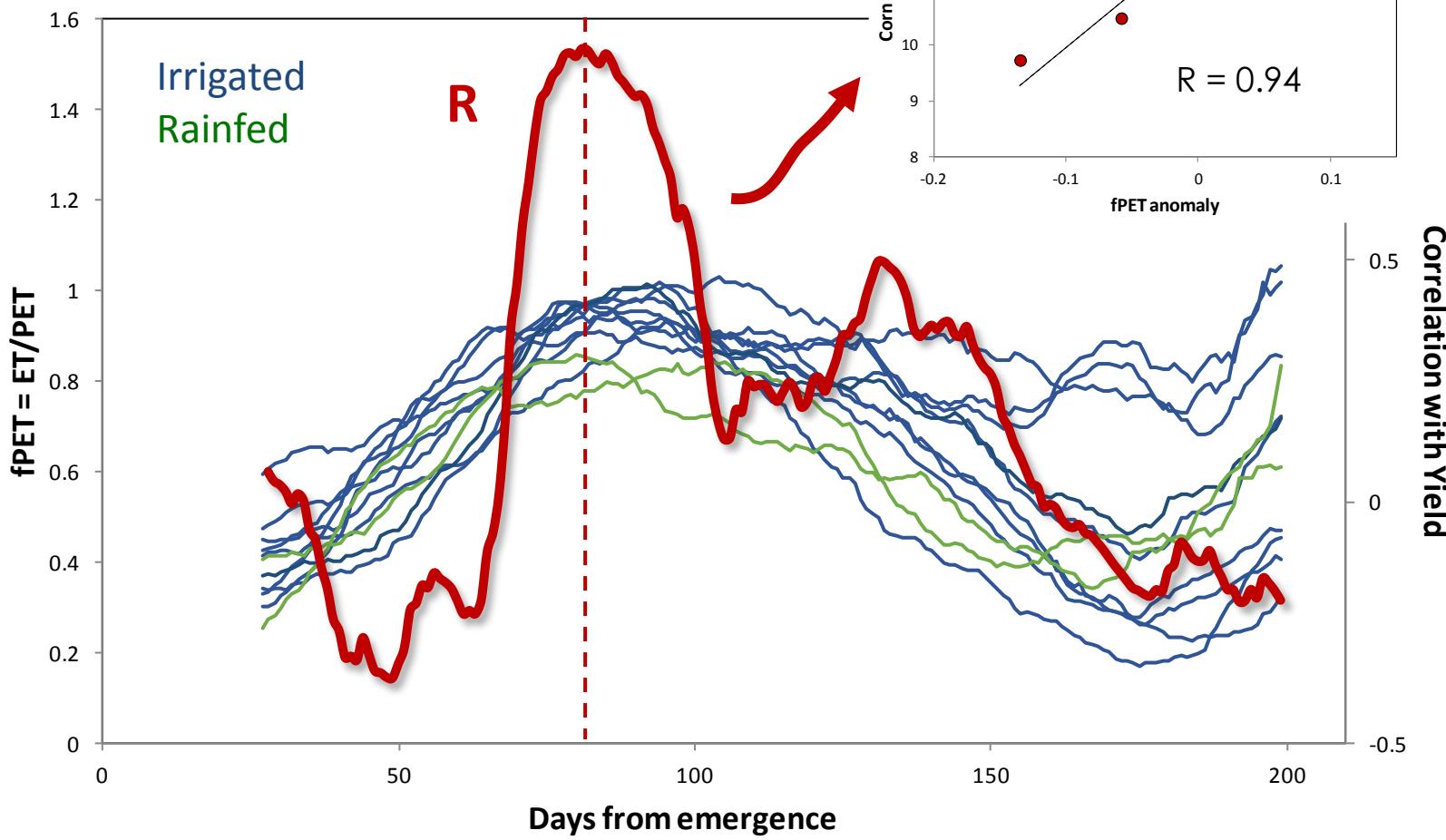


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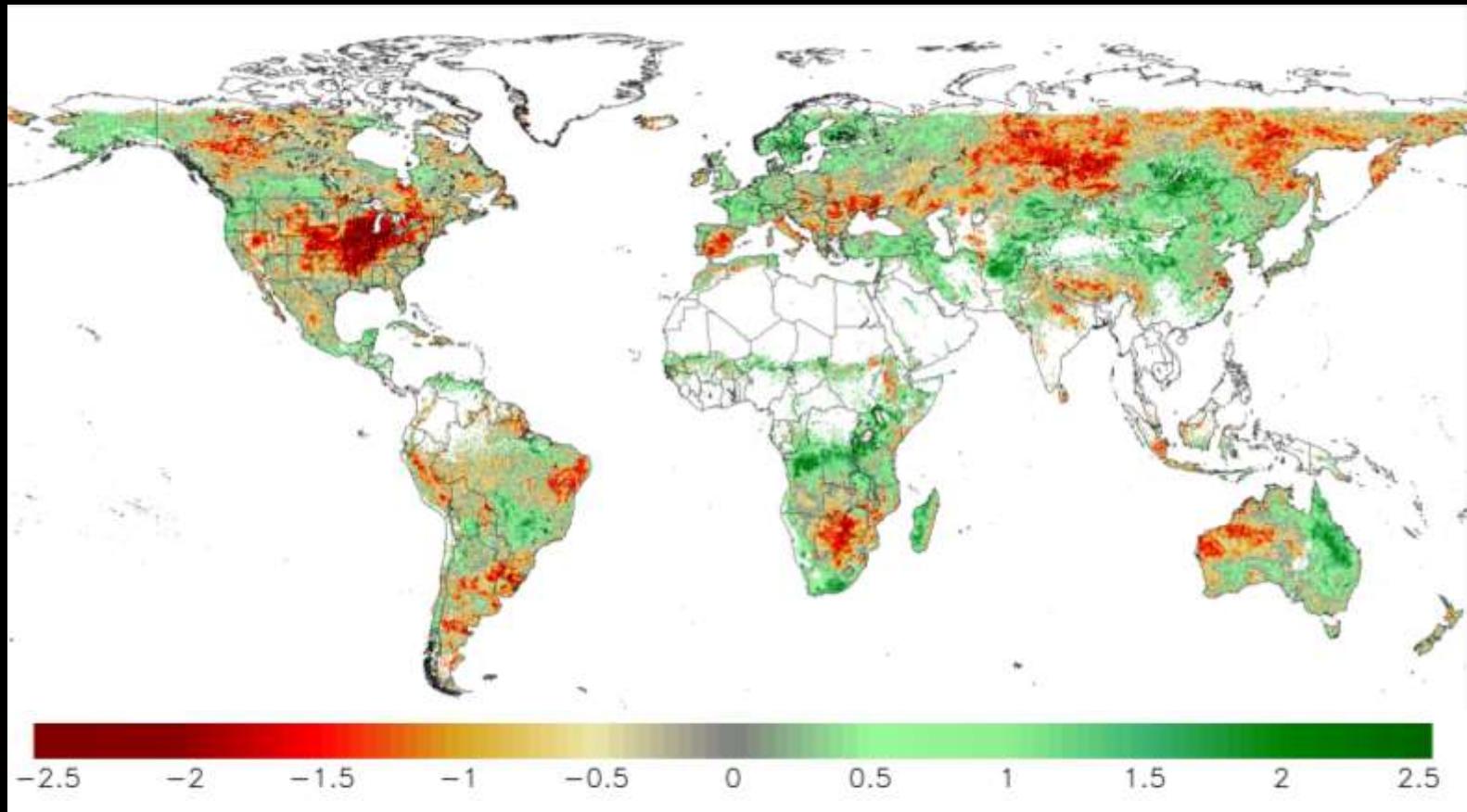


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Maximum correlation  
with corn yield



# Global drought monitoring



GEOGLAM Global Crop Monitor : Provides multi-source consensus info on global crop conditions  
Partners: University of Maryland, FAO, Group on Earth Observations

# WATER ACCOUNTING AND FOOD SECURITY

- Monitoring changes in water use with changing climate, land-use and population
- Improved hydrologic monitoring (flood, drought, runoff) to better cope with extremes
- Improved accounting of current water use and crop water productivity (crop per drop)
- Crop stress detection and yield estimation

**We can't manage  
what we can't measure ...**

