

ALOS-2 status and science project

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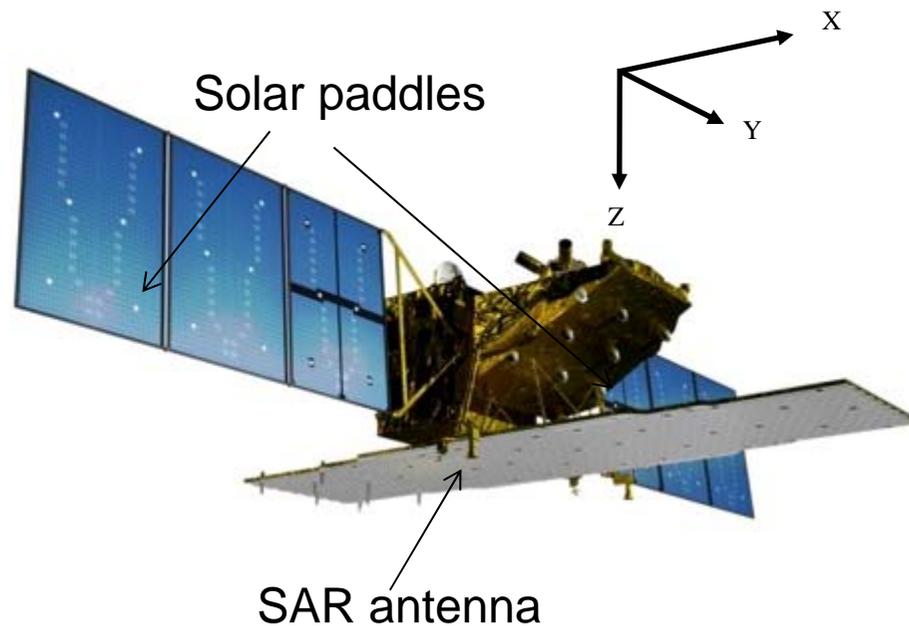
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	ALOS	ALOS-2
Launch	Jan. 24, 2006	JFY 2013 (by March 2014)
Orbit type	Sun-synchronous	
Altitude	690 km	628 km +/- 500 m (for reference orbit)
Revisit time	46 days	14 days
LSDN	10:30	12:00 +/- 15 min
Sensor	PALSAR, PRISM, AVNIR-2	PALSAR-2



	PALSAR	PALSAR-2
Band	L-band Synthetic Aperture Radar	
Antenna	Active Phased Array Antenna type one dimensions scan (range)	Active Phased Array Antenna type two dimensions scan (range and azimuth)
Antenna size	3m(EI) x 9m(Az)	3m(EI) x 10m(Az)
Bandwidth	14/ 28 MHz	14 – 84 MHz
Peak transmit Power	≥ 2000 W	5100W
Observation swath	35– 350 km	25 – 490 km
Resolution	Range : 10 m to 100 m Azimuth: 10 m to 100 m	Range : 3 m to 100 m Azimuth: 1 m to 100 m

PALSAR-2 Specifications

	Spotlight	Ultra Fine	High sensitive	Fine	ScanSAR nominal		ScanSAR wide
Bandwidth	84MHz	84MHz	42MHz	28MHz	14MHz	28MHz	14MHz
Resolution	Rg × Az: 3 × 1m	3m	6m	10m	100m		60m
Swath	Rg × Az: 25 × 25km	50km	50km	70km	350km (5-scan)		490km (7-scan)
Polarization	SP	SP/DP	SP/DP/QP/CP		SP/DP		
NESZ	-24dB	-24dB	-28dB	-26dB	-26dB	-23dB	-23dB
S/A	Rg	25dB	25dB	23dB	25dB	25dB	20dB
	Az	20dB	25dB	20dB	23dB	20dB	20dB

SP : HH or VV or HV , DP : HH+HV or VV+VH , FP : HH+HV+VH+VV , CP : Compact pol (Experimental mode)

Main applications:

- Fine beam (DP) : Forest and land cover monitoring / DinSAR
- ScanSAR (DP) : Rapid deforestation / wetlands / (ScanSAR)InSAR
- Spotlight (SP) : Emergency observations
- Ultra Fine (SP) : Global map, InSAR base mapping
- High sensitive (QP) : Global map
- ScanSAR wide (SP) : Polar ice

ALOS-2 Mission Objectives

- Disaster Monitoring
(including the solid earth research)
- Environmental monitoring for sustainable Earth in
Forestry, Cryospheric, and sea Ice
- Natural Resources
(Agriculture, Ocean monitoring, and Resources)
- Technology Development for the Future Earth
Remote sensing
(satellite and sensor)

ALOS-2 Science Project

- CAL/VAL
- Geophysical parameters-1 & 2 (High-level and Science products)
- RA-4
- Kyoto and Carbon Project (REDD+)
- Pi-SAR-L2
- Ground Truth Data Collection
- AGAP-S

CAL/VAL

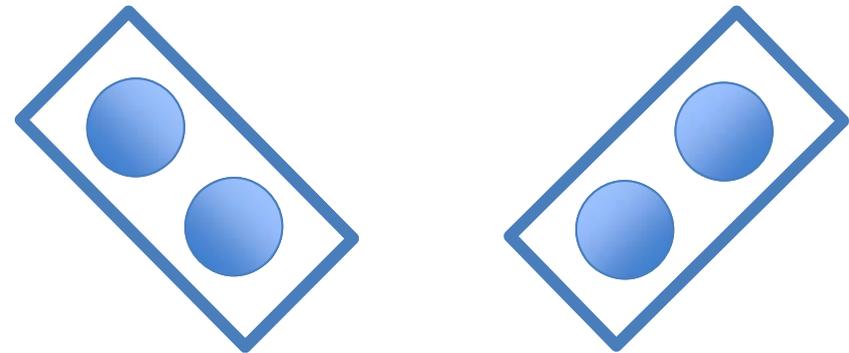
Items	Contents	Reference	Accuracy Requirement
Geometry	Geo-locations (SLC and Ortho)	CR, ARC	Strip and Spotlight SLC: <5m Strip and Spotlight Ortho: < 10m ScanSAR<50m
Radiometry	Calibration Factor Determination and Accuracy Antenna Pattern Estimation (Elevation and Azimuth) Polarimetric Calibration (Distortion, Cross talk, channel Imbalance) Noise Equivalent Sigma-Zero, Ambiguities	CR and Amazon Amazon CR + Amazon Natural Target	NRCS < 1.0 dB Pol: VV/HH < 0.5 dB VV-HH<5 degrees
Cal Site	Tomakomai-Hokkaido Brazil, several global sites		

JAXA Calibration Site in Tomakomai, Hokkaido, Japan



Transponder and Signal Evaluator

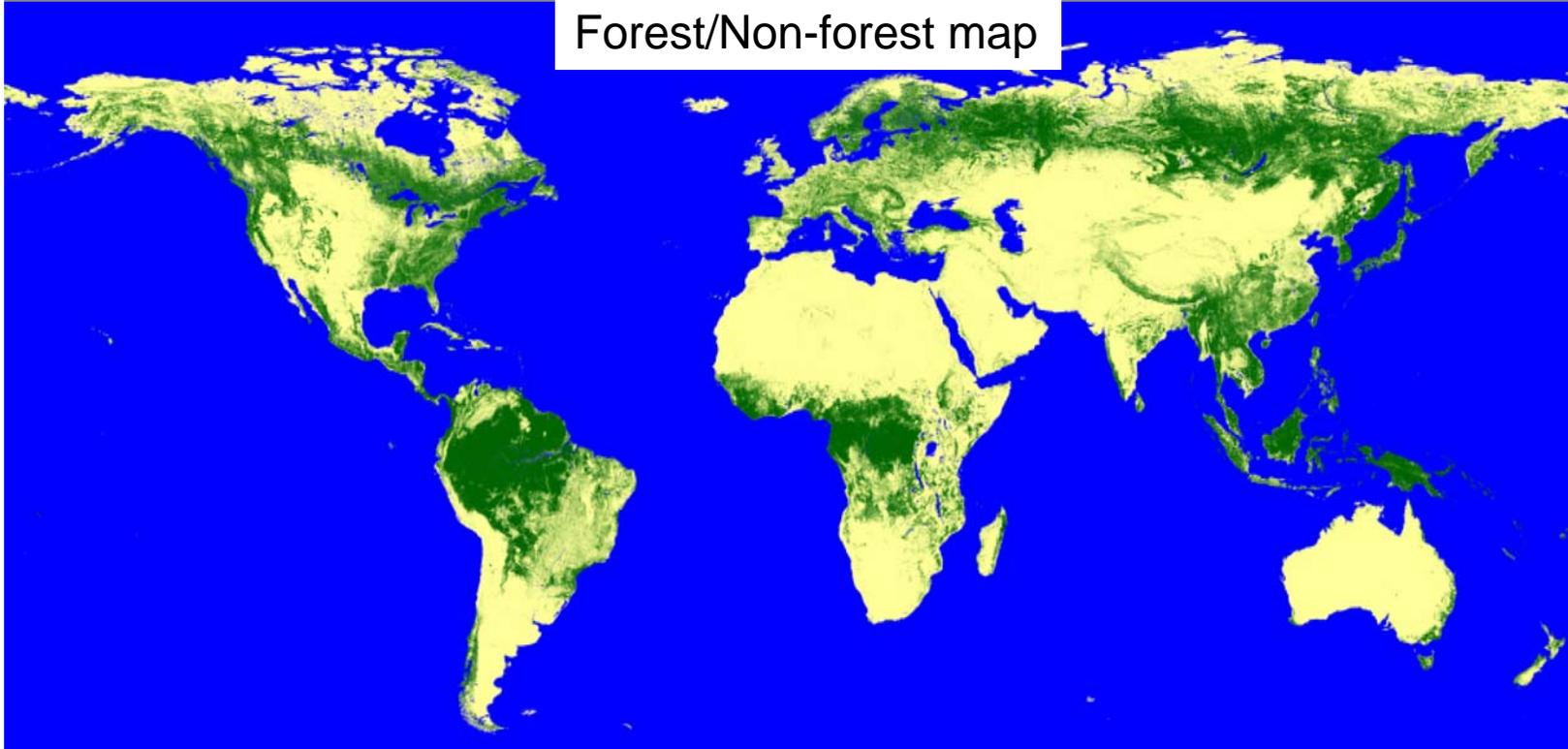
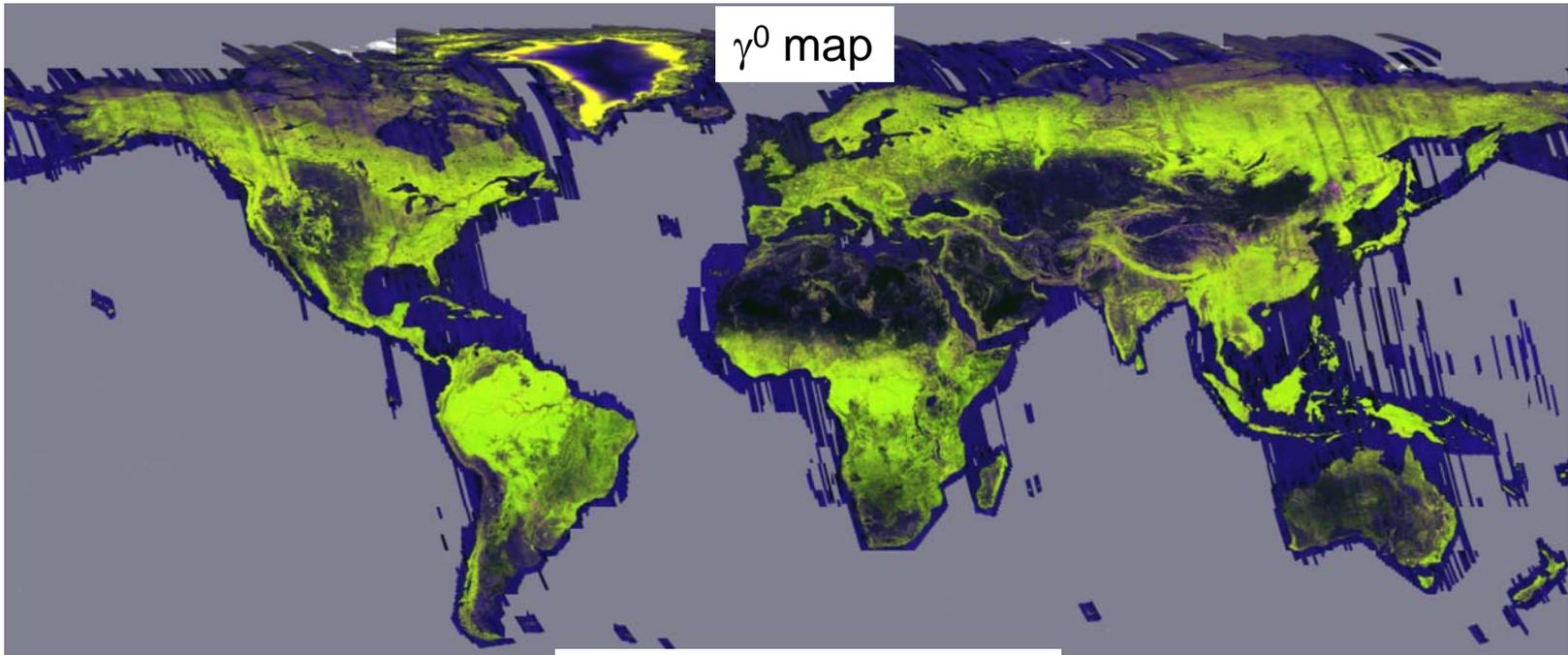
- Transportable Transponder (Geo-calibration)
- Position Accuracy : 1 cm – radar LOS
- Polarization selective



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Geophysical Parameters-1

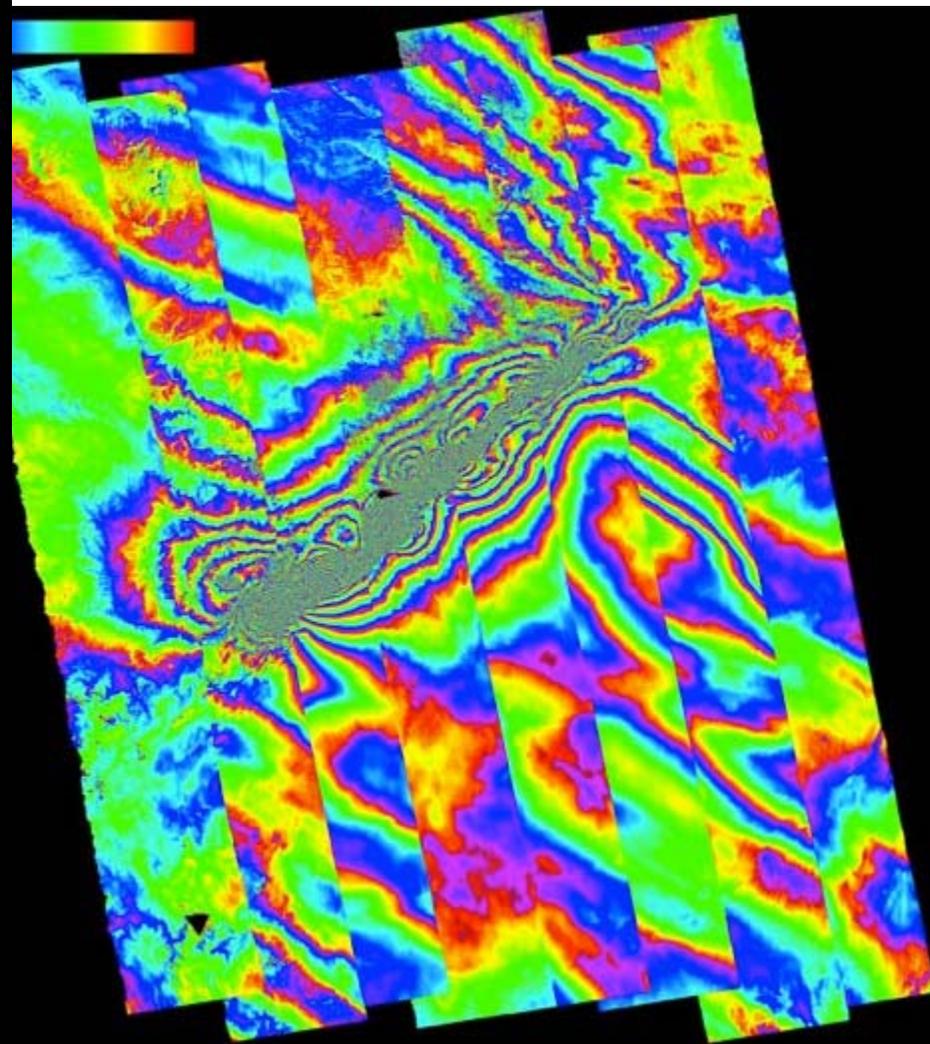
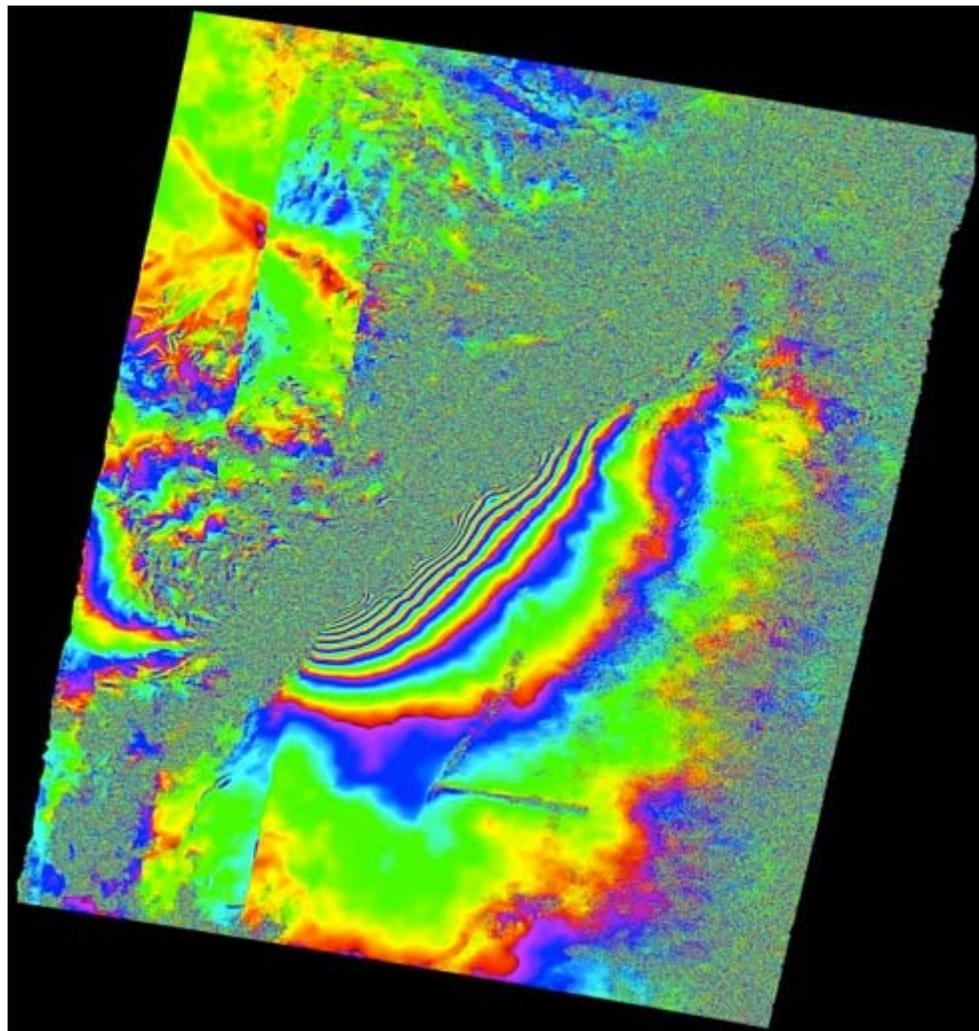
Product	Contents
Ortho-rectified (slope corrected) image	Produced using the DEM (DSM). Global browse, 500m global browse mosaic, global 3-m resolution mosaic, ScanSAR ortho-slope corrected path for quasi deforestation monitoring at pan tropical regions, i.e., Brazil, Indonesia, are also included.
Disaster information detection	Using the TIME SERIES SAR data including before and after the event, possible disaster area will be detected. The parameters will be amplitude, interferometric coherence, polarimetric coherence and the others.
Deformation detection	Using the DinSAR (Differential SAR interferometry) and Time Series Analysis, land surface deformation pattern caused by the Earthquake, Volcanic activities, subsidence, land slide, will be produced. Representative products are quick deformation pattern detection at the earthquake event, and the monitoring of the Japan Island annually.
Sea Ice Identification	Produces the Sea-Ice Identification using the ScanSAR Dual Polarizations.
Forest Classification	Generate the global forest map, i.e., Forest/Non-Forest or forest maps with more classes (Fig. 1 as the samples).
Biomass Estimation	Generate the biomass map using the gamma-naught-biomass, biomass-lidar, and biomass-classification method.



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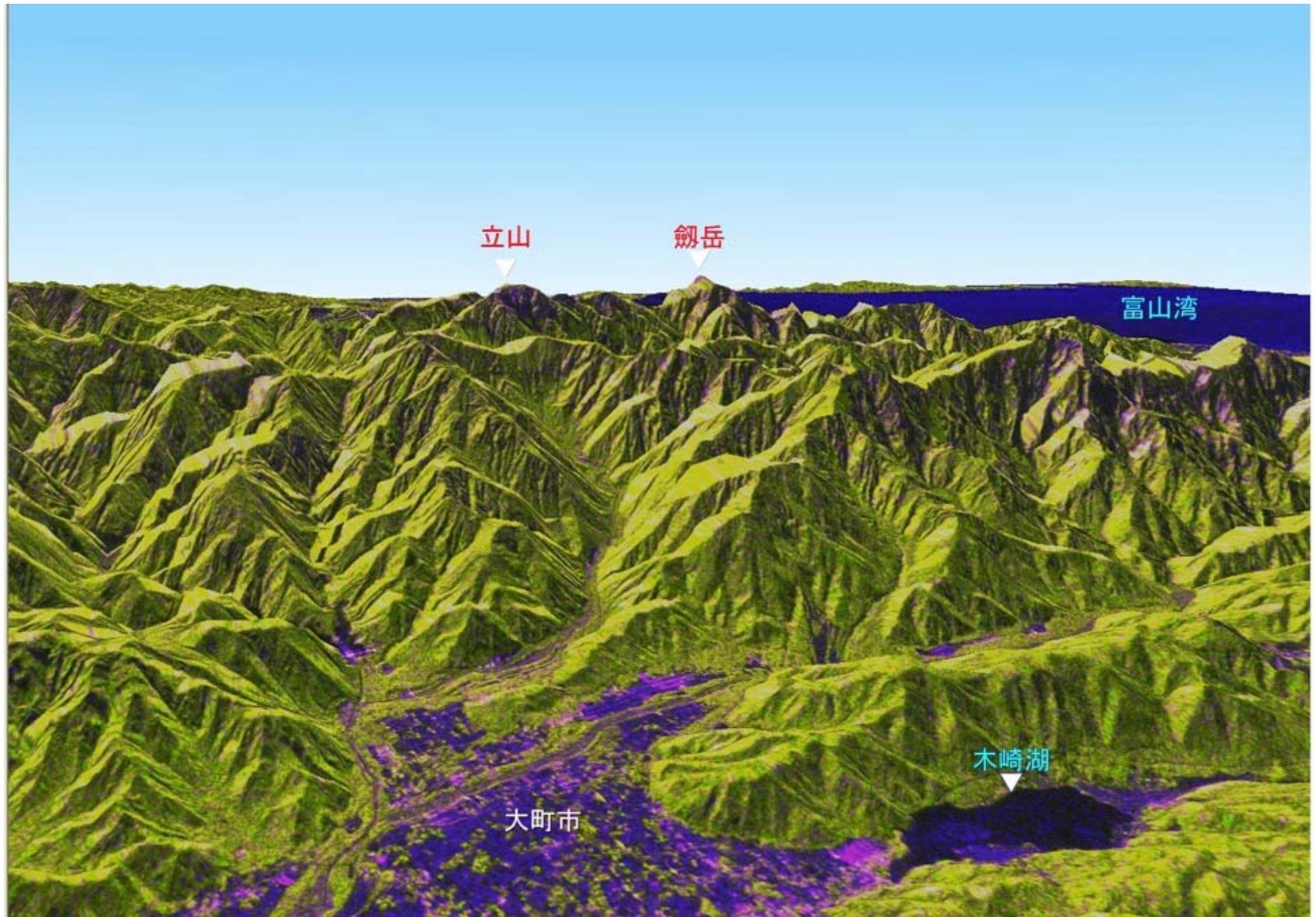
ScanSAR : descending

DinSAR: Ascending



Geophysical Parameters-2

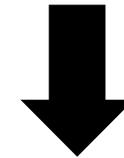
Product	Contents
Ship Detection	Detecting the ships on location and possibly the speed/direction.
DEM	DEM will be generated as stacking the InSAR data. Correction of Topographic and Ionospheric error is the issue.
Fire scare	Using the time-differentiation of the slope corrected HV, the fire scare area will be detected.
Wind speed distribution	LMOF (L-band Modulation Function) developed by PALSART will be improved by using the dual polarized PALSAR-2 data.
Land Use Classification	Land use will be classified by using the SAR data.
Soil Moisture	From the PolSAR data, the soil moisture will be generated.
Sensitivity Research for the disaster	Time series SAR data (amplitude), PolSAR and InSAR (coherence) will be combined to detect the best combination for each disaster. Flooding in the urban area is one of the targets.
Agriculture application	Crop monitoring using the SAR especially the biomass estimation will be the target.



Ice jam flood



Thawing from south
in spring time



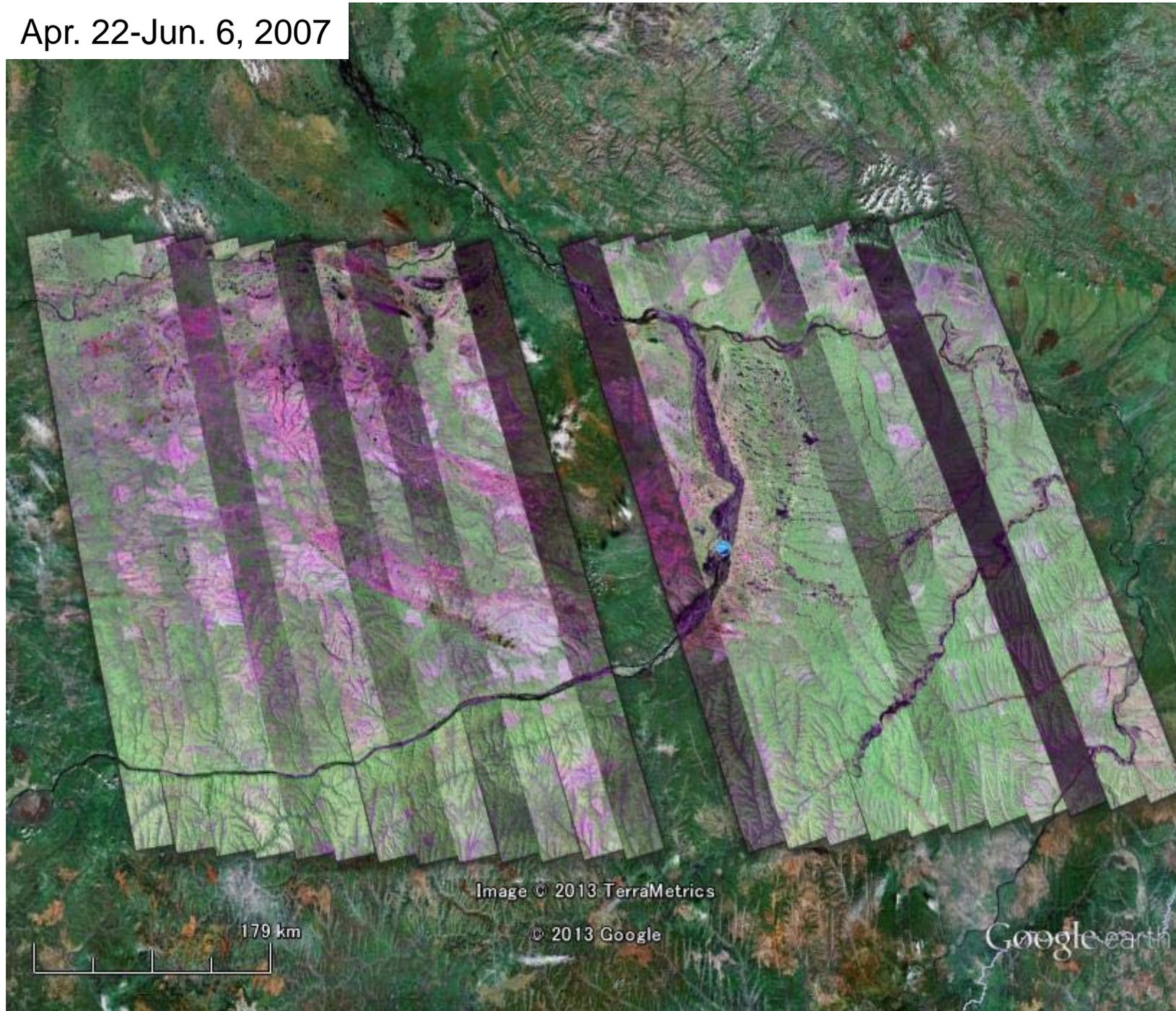
Ice jam floods

More frequent &
Larger scale
recently

Goal

Understand the
detailed mechanism

Apr. 22-Jun. 6, 2007



Mar. 7-Apr. 21, 2007

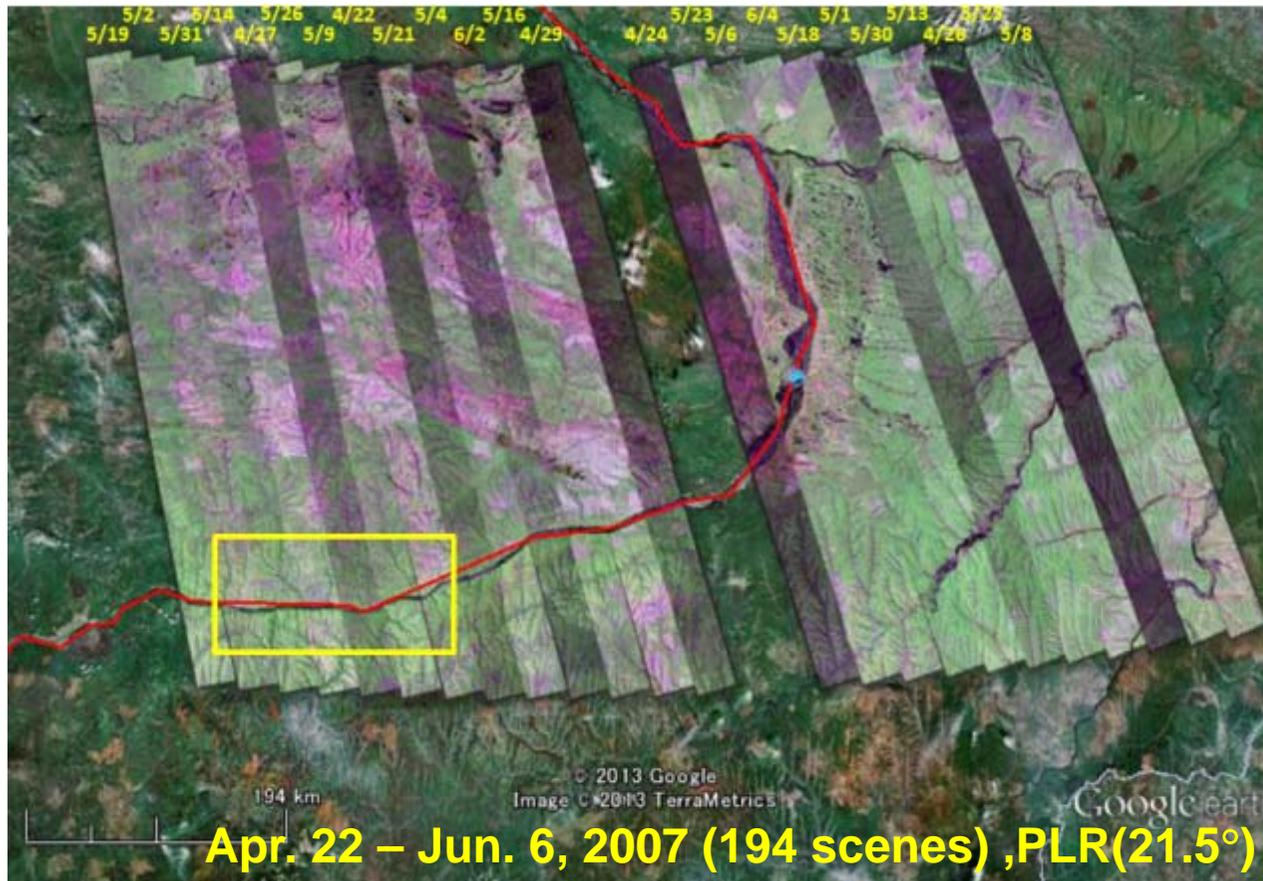


PALSAR full polarimetry mosaic image

(PALSAR : a unique systematic data observation strategy)

2007: Many floods

2009: Few floods



Interpretation of the color

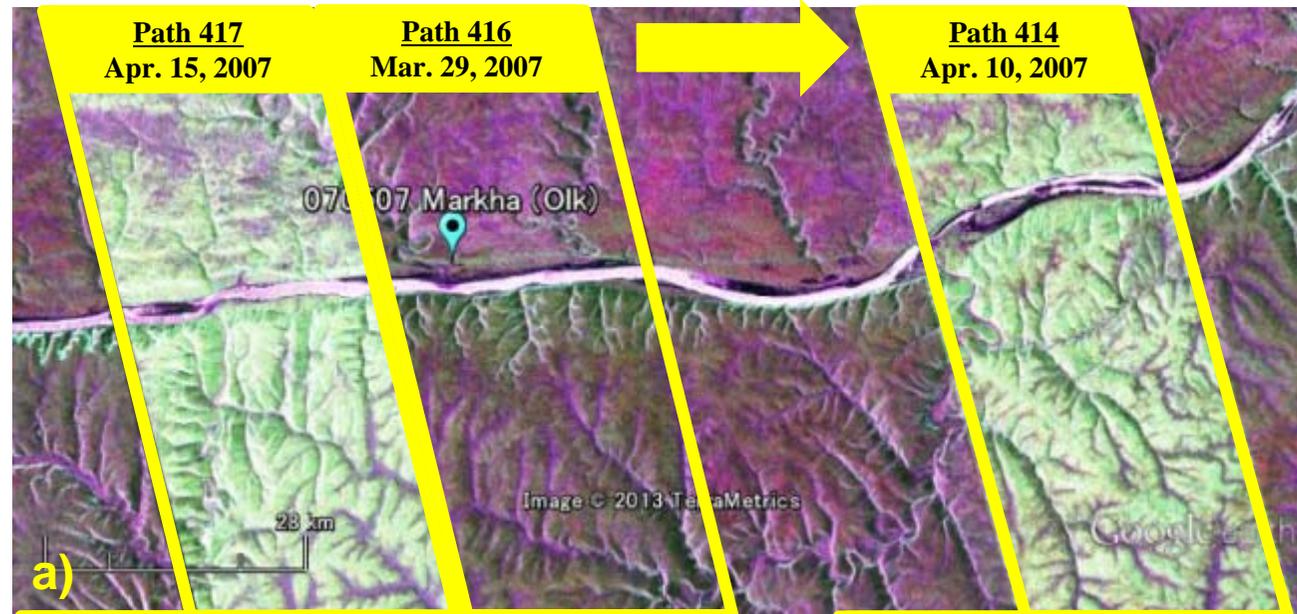
	Frozen condition	Thawing condition
Forest	Purple	Green
Bare soil	Dark purple	Bright purple
Water	Purple or white	Black

Full polarimetry image

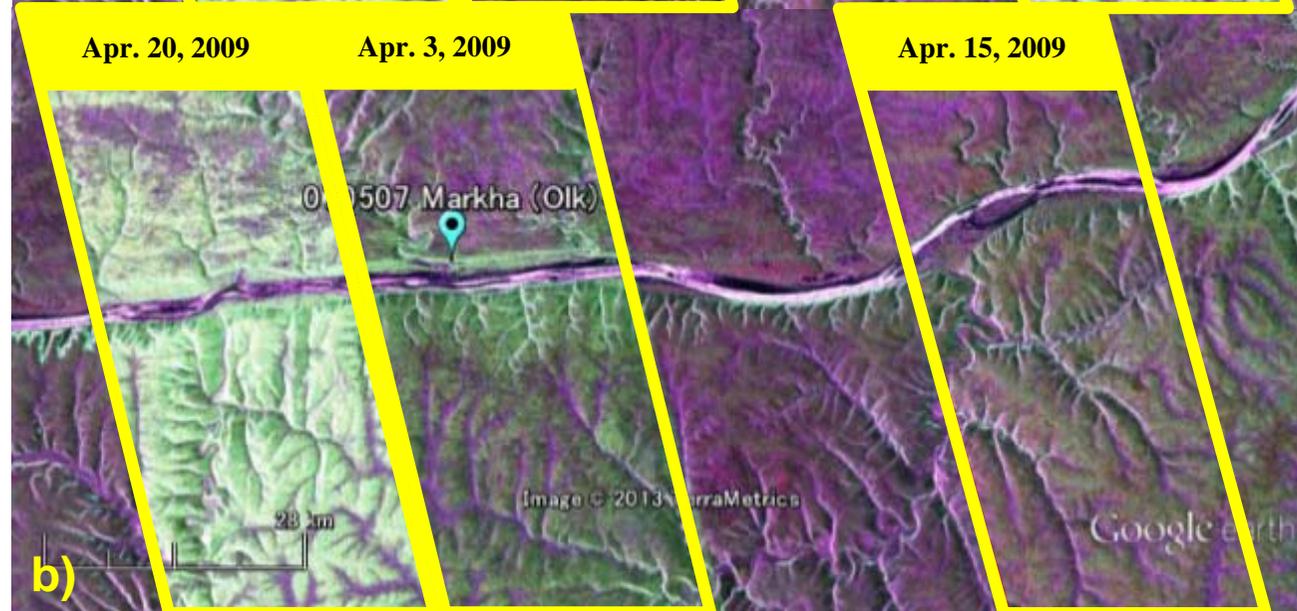
R: HH G: HV B: VV

Rapid thaw
during 12 days

2007
Many floods



2009
Few floods



ALOS京都・炭素観測計画(ALOS Kyoto & Carbon Initiative)-3

Abstract

- ・ 陸域観測技術衛星「だいち」(ALOS)に搭載しているLバンド合成開口レーダ(PALSAR)を用いて、世界の森林やその周辺、湿地帯や砂漠について、長期的・季節的な変動を観測し、データ解析や現地調査をもとに地球環境変化との関連を調べる。
- ・ 南米(アマゾン)、東南アジア、中央アフリカの熱帯雨林、シベリア、カナダ、アラスカに分布する北方林など世界規模の観測を行い、画像を3ヶ月以内にオンラインの専用回線経由で各機関に提供する。
- KC-3 will conduct the quantitative estimation and evaluation of the forest carbons based on the results of KC-1 and 2.

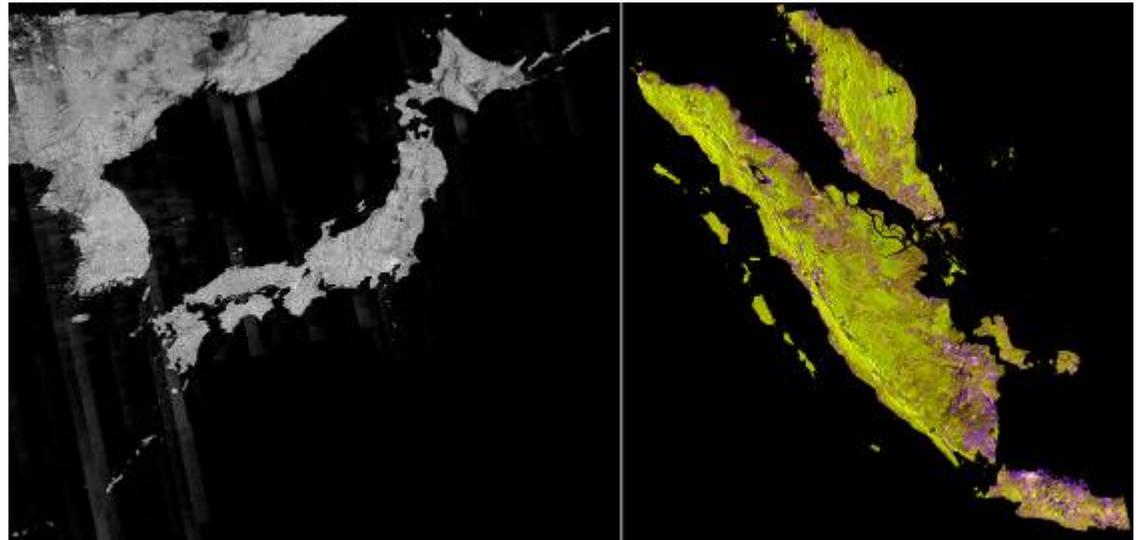
- ※K&C produces the global PALSAR data mosaic in 25, 50, or 100m resolutions multi-annually.

Participating Institutes

- ・マサチューセッツ大学(アメリカ)
- ・カリフォルニア大学サンタバーバラ校(アメリカ)
- ・地球観測科学シェフィールドセンター(イギリス)
- ・生物圏研究センター(フランス)
- ・ポルドー大学(フランス)
- ・ドイツ航空宇宙センター(ドイツ)
- ・フリードリッヒ・シラー大学(ドイツ)
- ・欧州連合共同研究センター(EU)
- ・Sarmap(スイス)
- ・スウェーデン農業科学大学(スウェーデン)
- ・ウェットランド・インターナショナル(オランダ)
- ・アプライド・ジオソリューション(オランダ)
- ・ヘルシンキ工科大学(フィンランド)
- ・地質科学コンサルティング社(オーストラリア)
- ・ヴィクトリア大学(カナダ)
- ・ブラジル環境及び再生可能天然資源院(ブラジル)
- ・国立宇宙研究所(ブラジル)
- ・ボルネオ・オランウータンサバイバル基金(インドネシア)

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37 institutes in KC-3

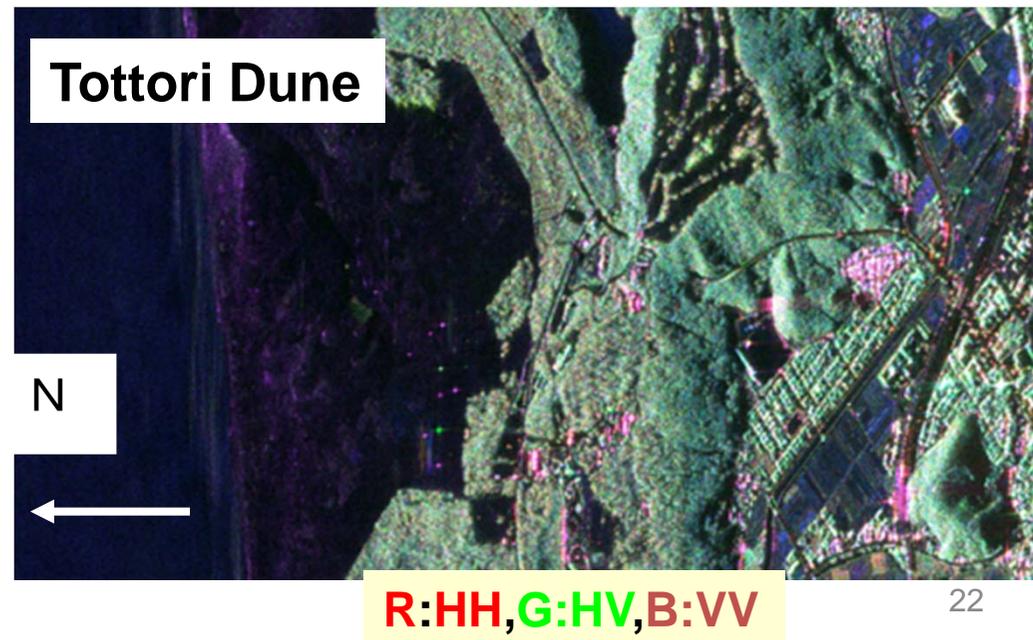


高分解能PALSARモザイク画像
左: 2007年 日本列島モザイク
右: 2007年 インドネシア、スマトラ島 カラー合成モザイク

Pi-SAR-L2

JAXA's L-band Airborne Polarimetric SAR
1st version: 1996~2012, 3
2nd version : April 2012~

All weather and High resolution sensor
adequate for disaster and environmental
monitoring.



Specification

Items	ALOS-2	Pi-SAR-L2
Band width	14/28/42/85 MHz	85MHz
Sampling frequency		100 MHz
Height	628 km	6~12 km
Image width	25~490 km	<=20 km
AD(I/Q)		8 bits I + Q
ρ_R slant	1 m (Spot light) 3m (2 pol.) 6m (4. pol.)	1.76 m (4. pol)
ρ_A 4look	3 m	3.2 m
NEsigma zero	-28 dB	-35 dB
Incidence Angle	8-70 deg.	10-62 deg.
Polarimetry	full	full
τ		10~30 micro s
Pt	5.1 KW	3.5 KW

Calibration of the Pi-SAR L band/Pi-SAR L2

- Calibration Factors: show some variation flit to flight (Pi-SAR-L)
- Calibration Factors do not deviate so much for Pi-SAR-L2
- PolCal was conducted using the two methods, shown below.
- PolCal Method:
 - Van Zyl Method(Pi-SAR-L2): Pi-SAR-L2 with radar reciprocal: 1st priority
 - Forest and CR based method (Pi-SAR-L and L2)

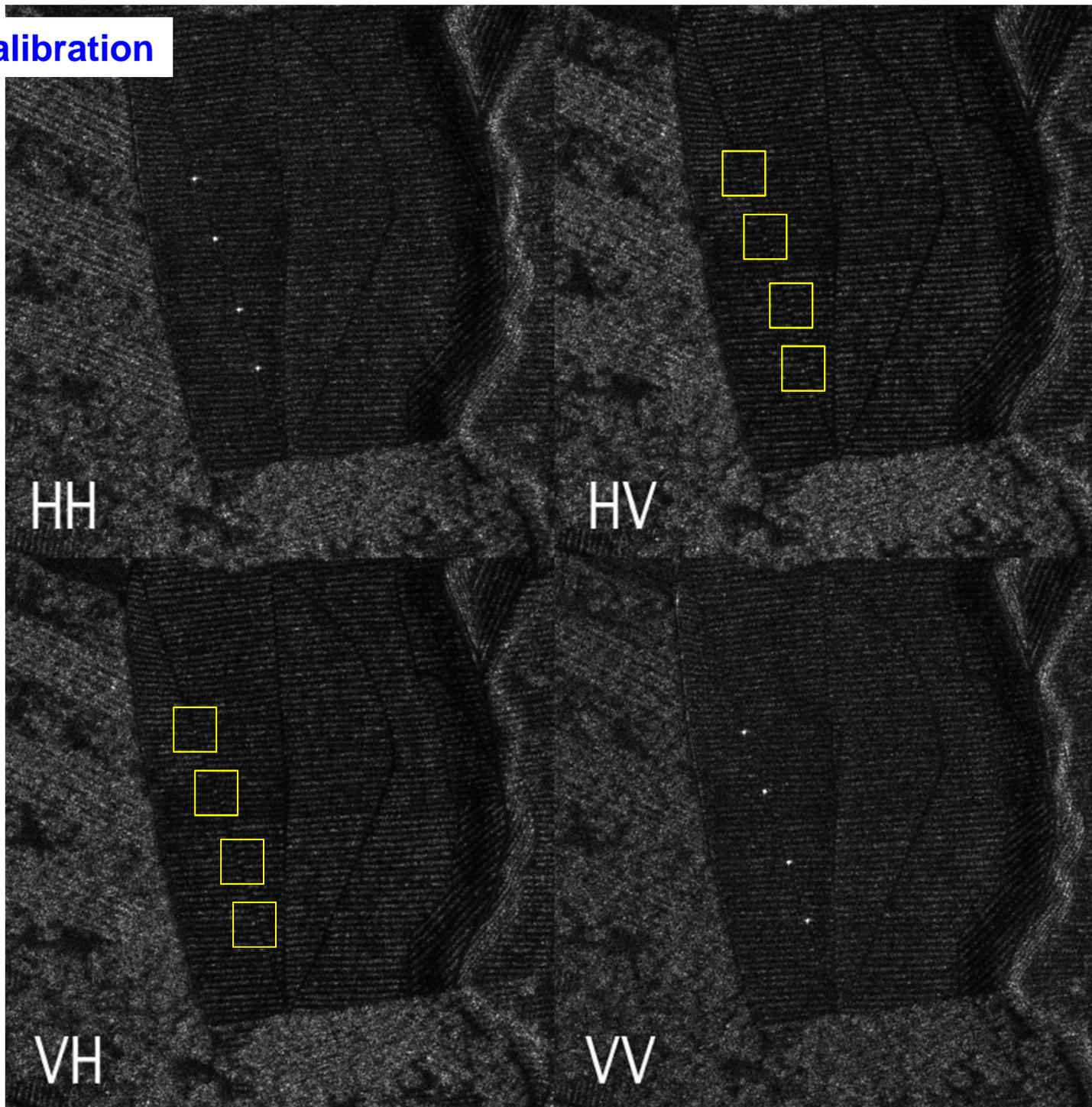
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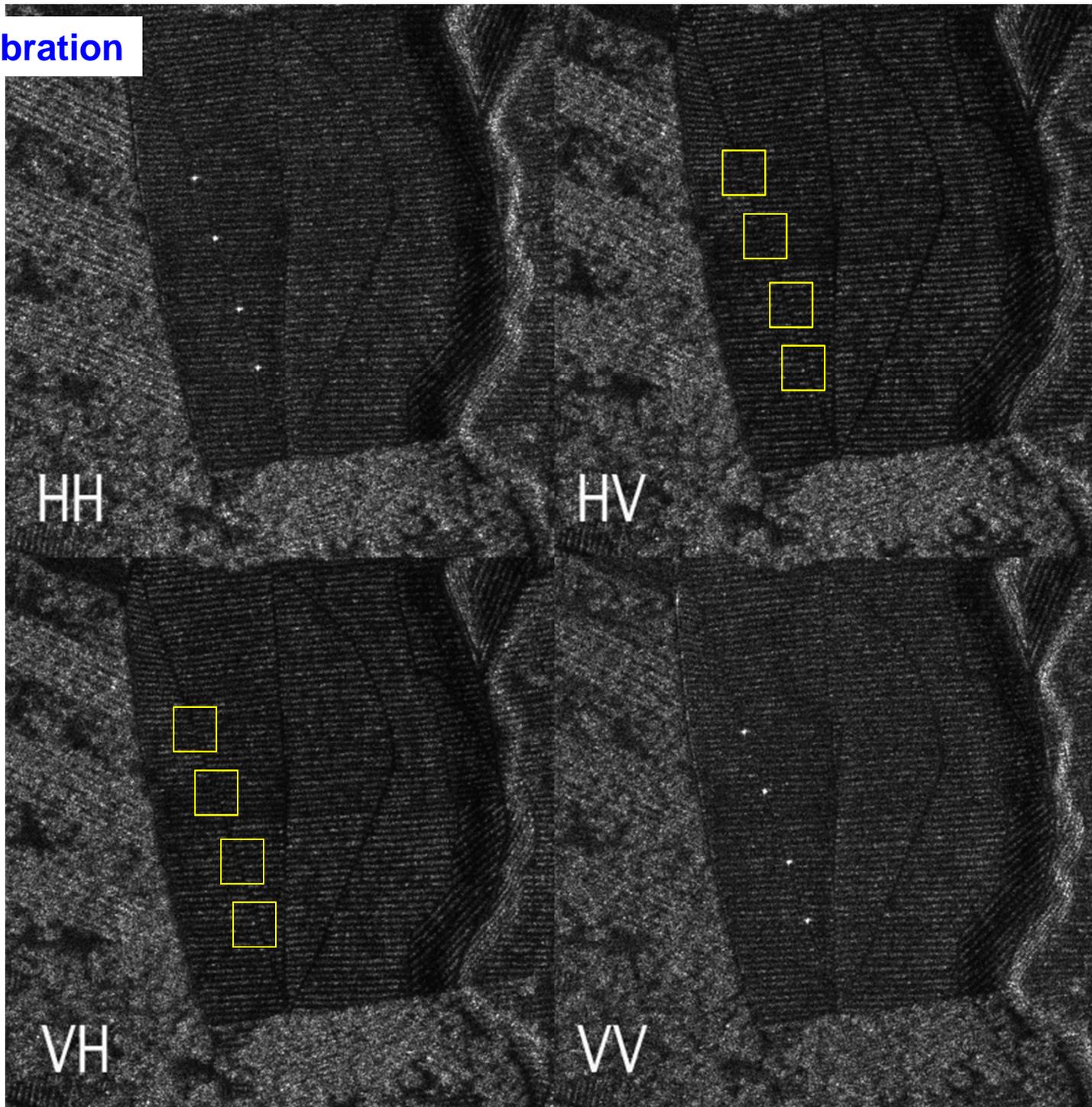
M-2)

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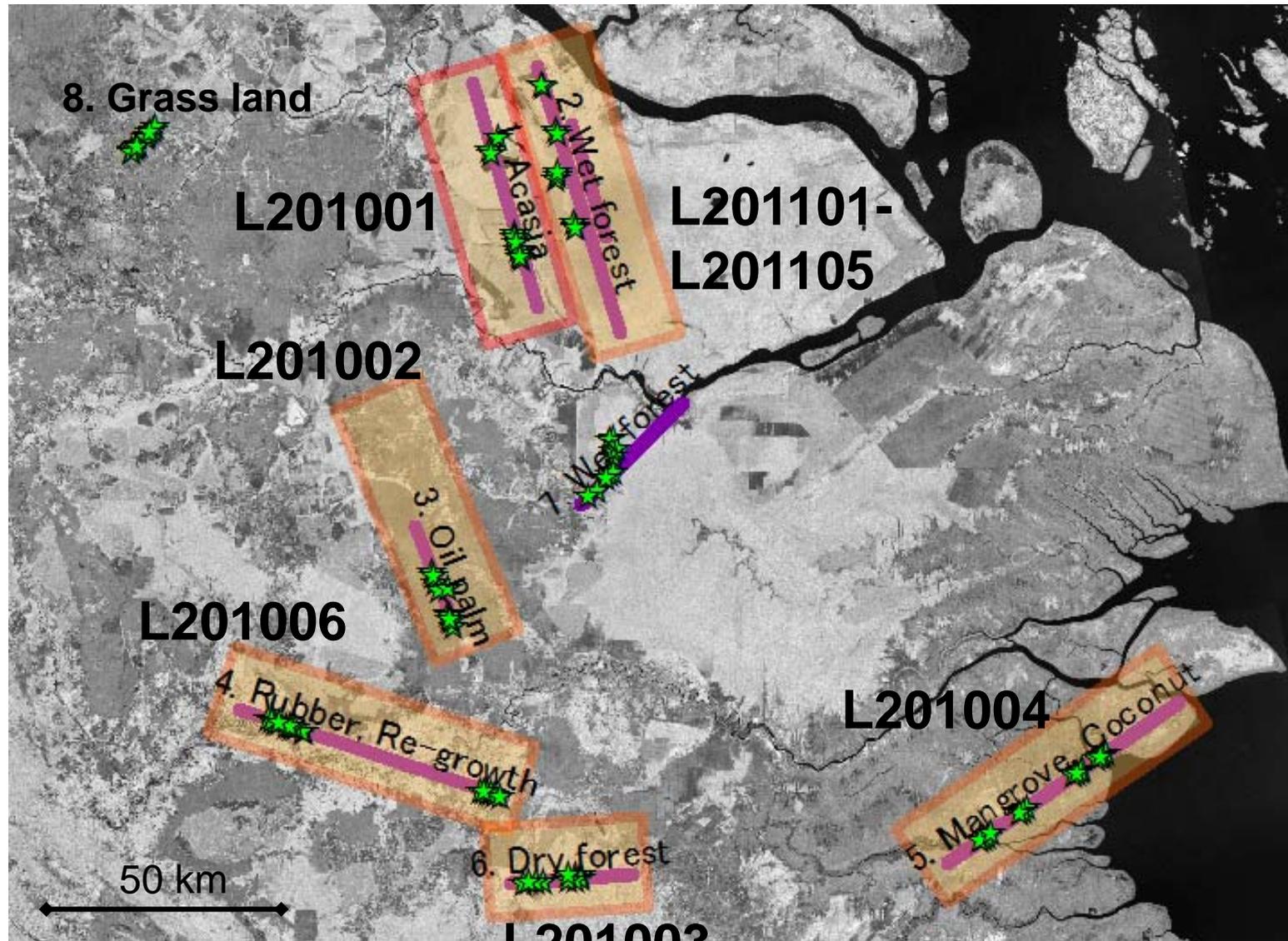
Before Calibration



After Calibration



Pi-SAR-L2 Indonesia campaign



Biomass collection
LiDAR observation



PiSAR-L2 observation

Pi-SAR-L2 observation



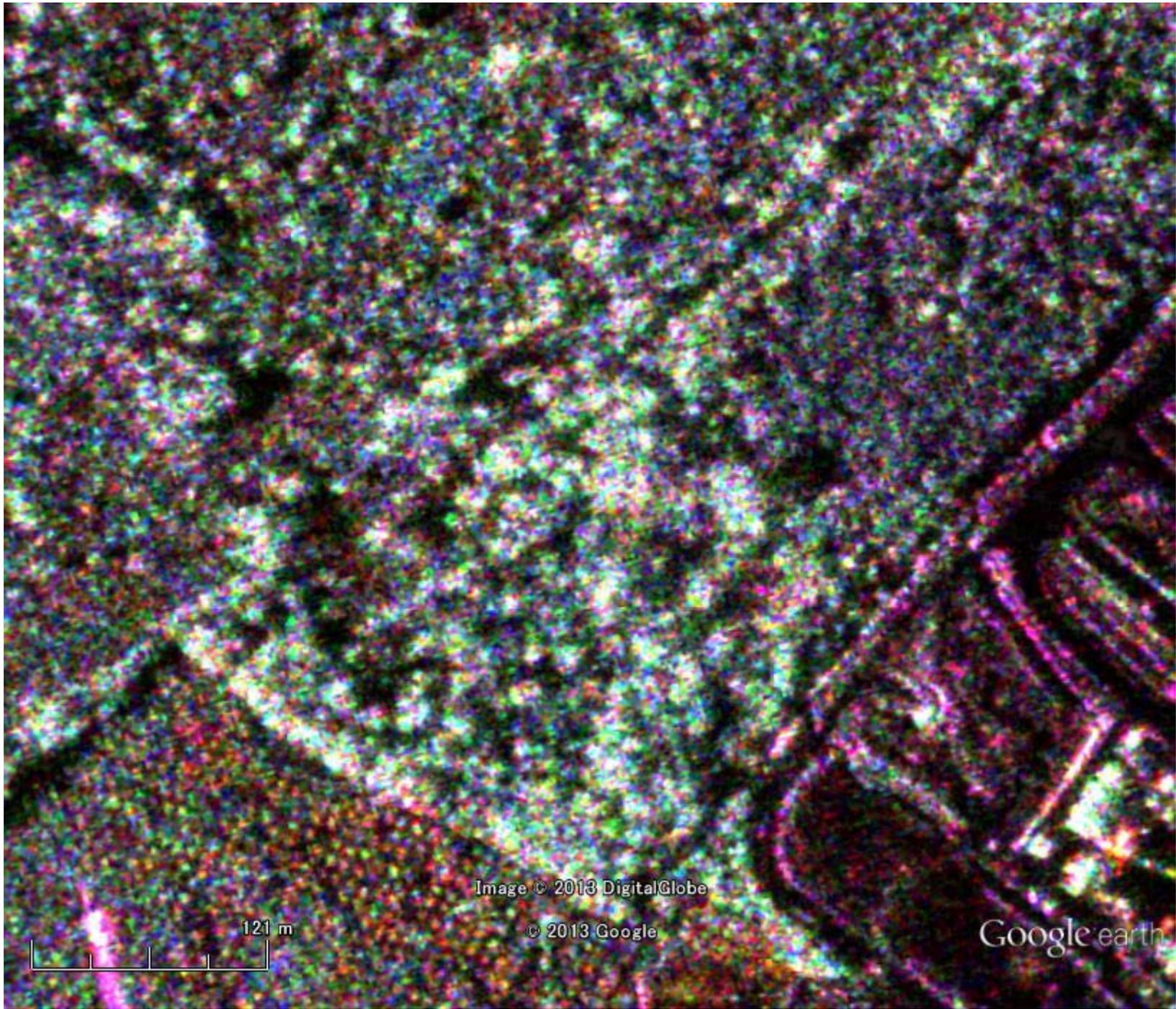


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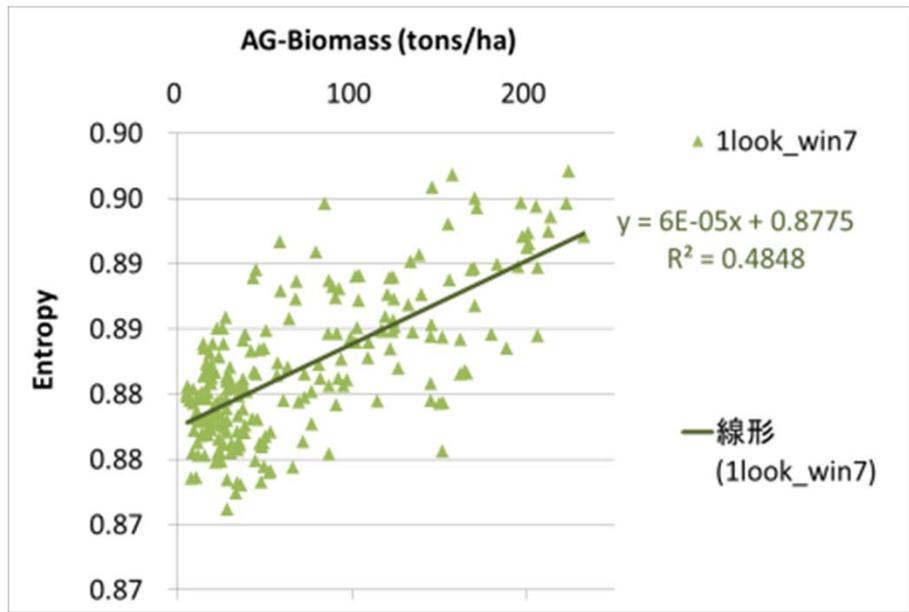
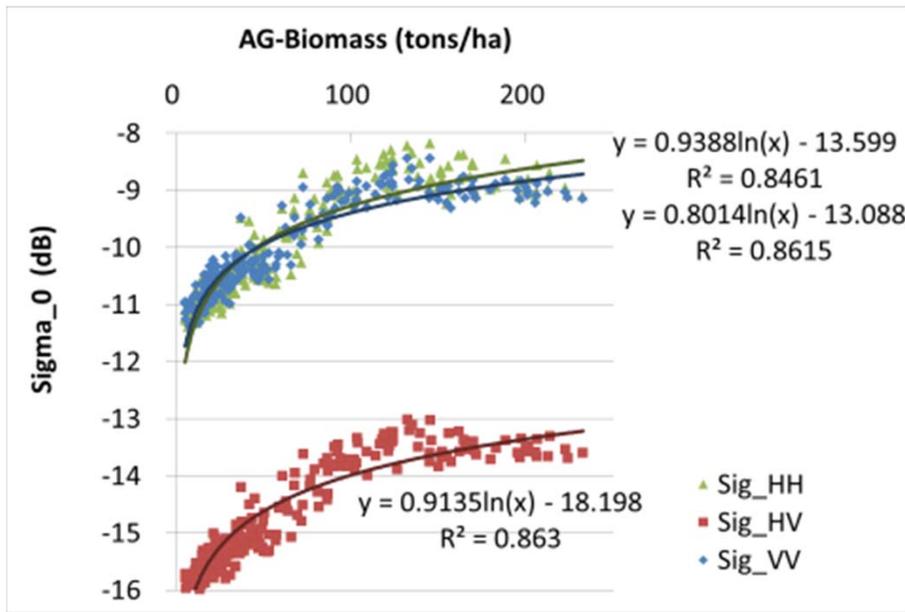


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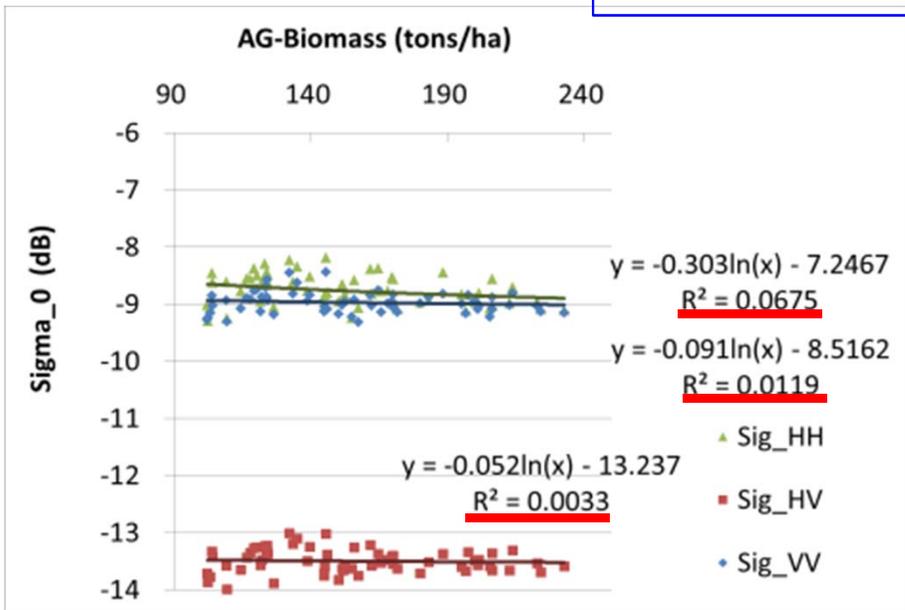
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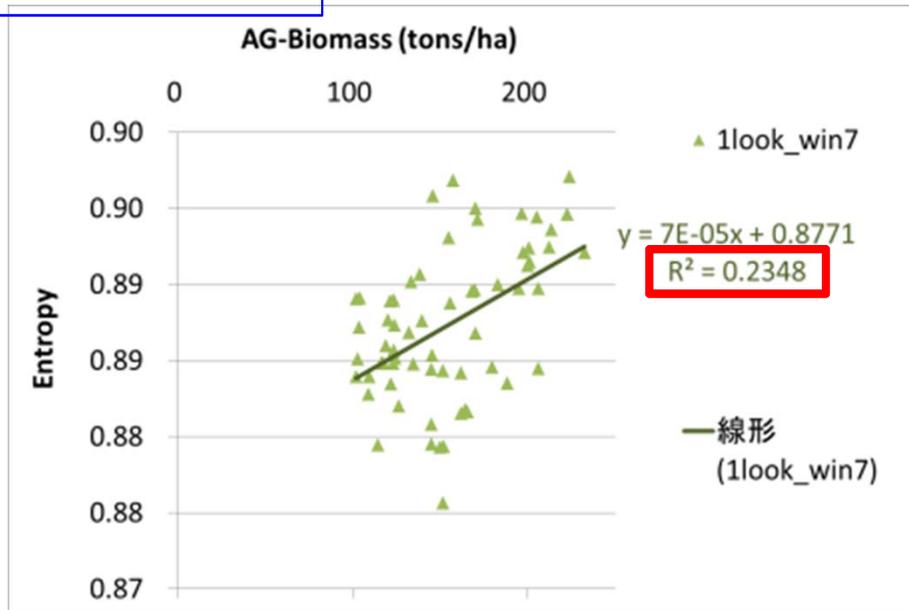
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AG-Biomass \geq 100 tons/ha



σ^0 : Saturation

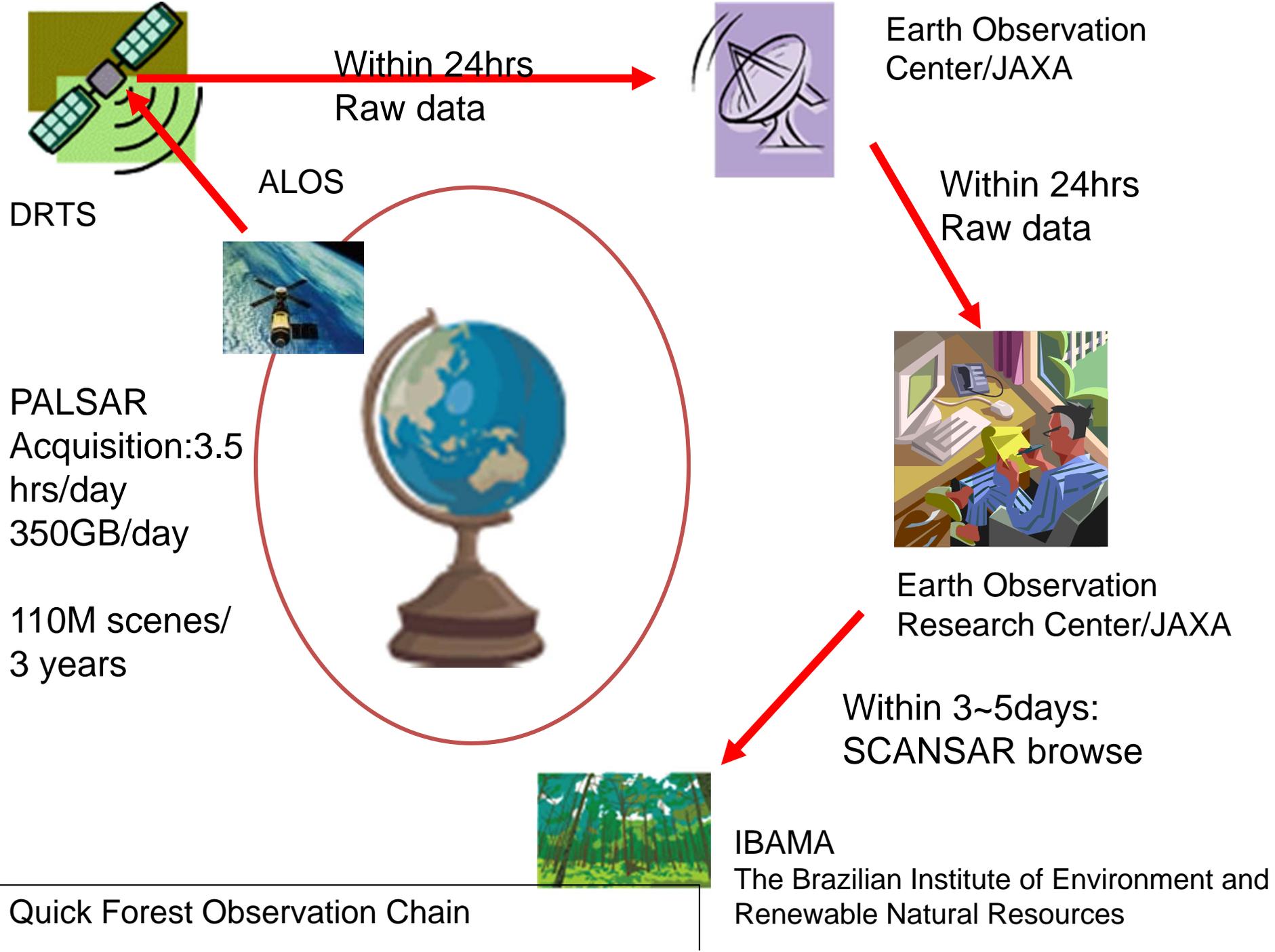


Entropy: Week correlation

AGAP-S

Items	Contents
ALOS-2 Geoscience and application Processor (AGAP-S)	Linux system x 44 Set (704core) CPU: 2x Octet core 2.7GHz Sandy Bridge E5 Processor, MEM: 64GB (1600 MHz) SAN Disk 3.6PB Capacity Controller: Active/Active Disk Drive: 3TB SAS x1200 Storage Host: 16x FDR Infini Band(56GB/s)
Software	Sigma-SAR: Browsing all the PALSAR-2 data SAR imaging in range-Doppler and Specan InSAR processing (Strip and SCanSAR9 Mosaicking for strip/ScanSAR Ortho/slope corrected SAR data Applications (eCOG, etc.)



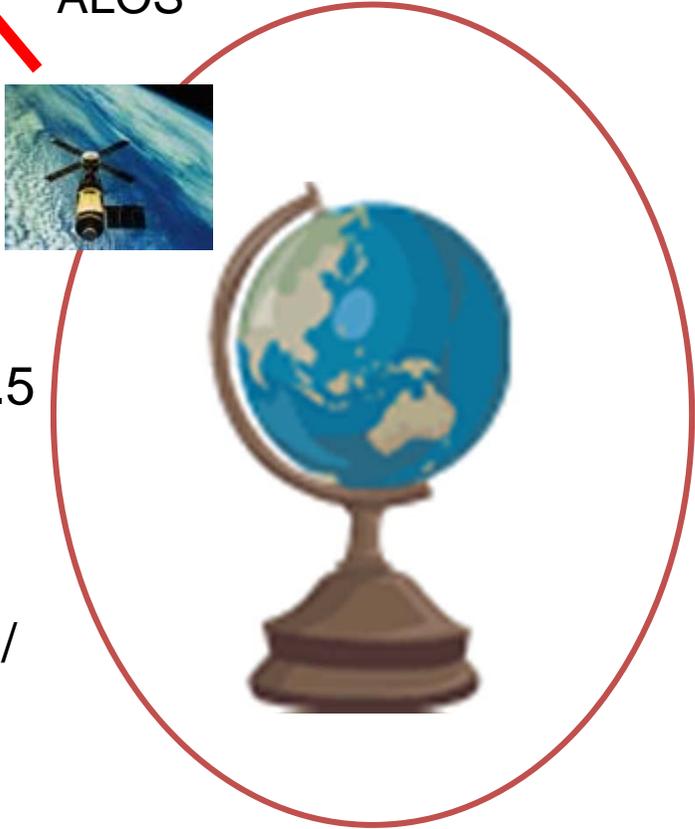


DRTS

ALOS

PALSAR
 Acquisition:3.5
 hrs/day
 350GB/day

110M scenes/
 3 years



Quick Forest Observation Chain



Earth Observation
 Center/JAXA

Within 24hrs
 Raw data



Earth Observation
 Research Center/JAXA

Within 3~5days:
 SCANSAR browse

IBAMA
 The Brazilian Institute of Environment and
 Renewable Natural Resources



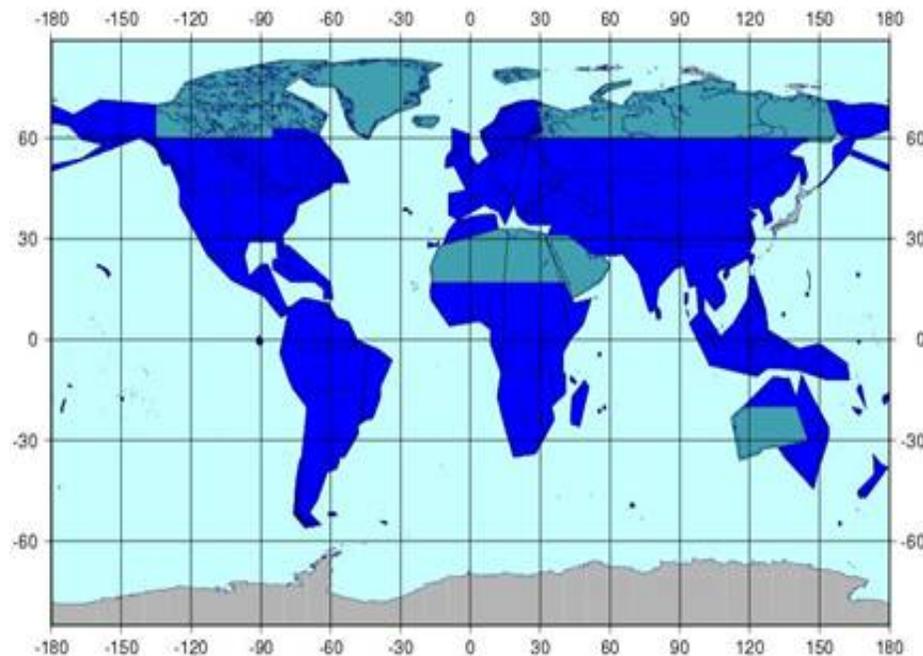
The ALOS-2
Basic Observation Scenario (BOS)
(as of September 2012)

Global land areas – baseline mapping

Temporal repeat: 2 cov/year

GSD: 10 m

Mode: Dual-pol (HH+HV)



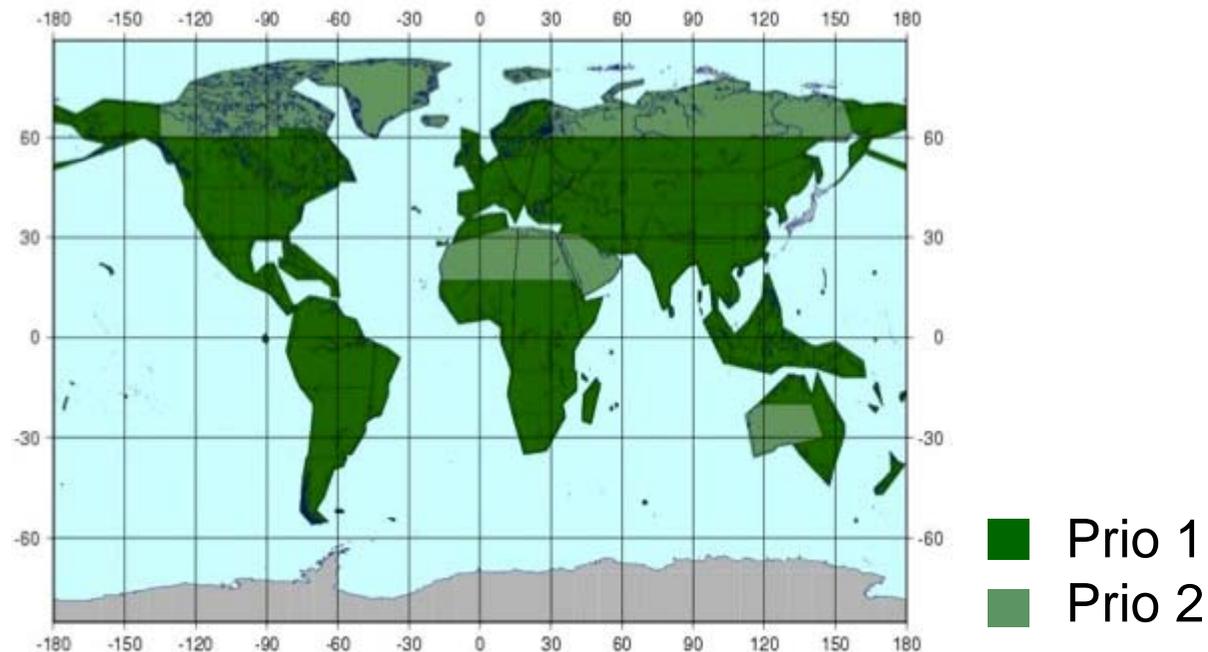
■ Prio 1
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Global land areas – VHR baseline mapping

Temporal repeat: 1 cov/ 3 years

GSD: 3 m

Mode: Single-pol (HH or HV) (TBD)

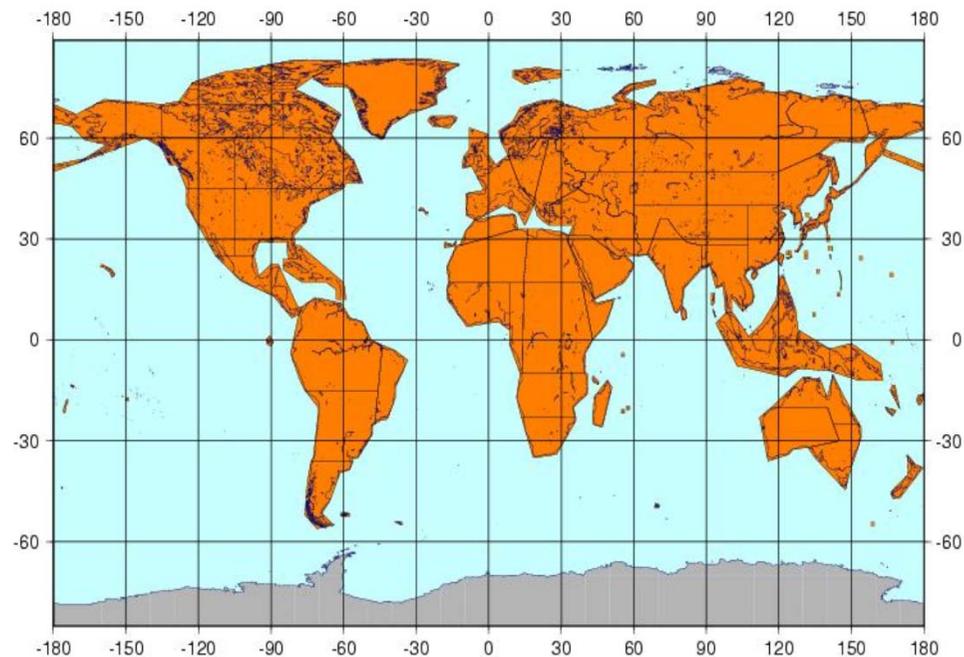


Global land areas – Polarimetric baseline

Temporal repeat: 1 cov/ 3 years

GSD: 6 m

Mode: Quad-pol (HH+HV+VV+VH)

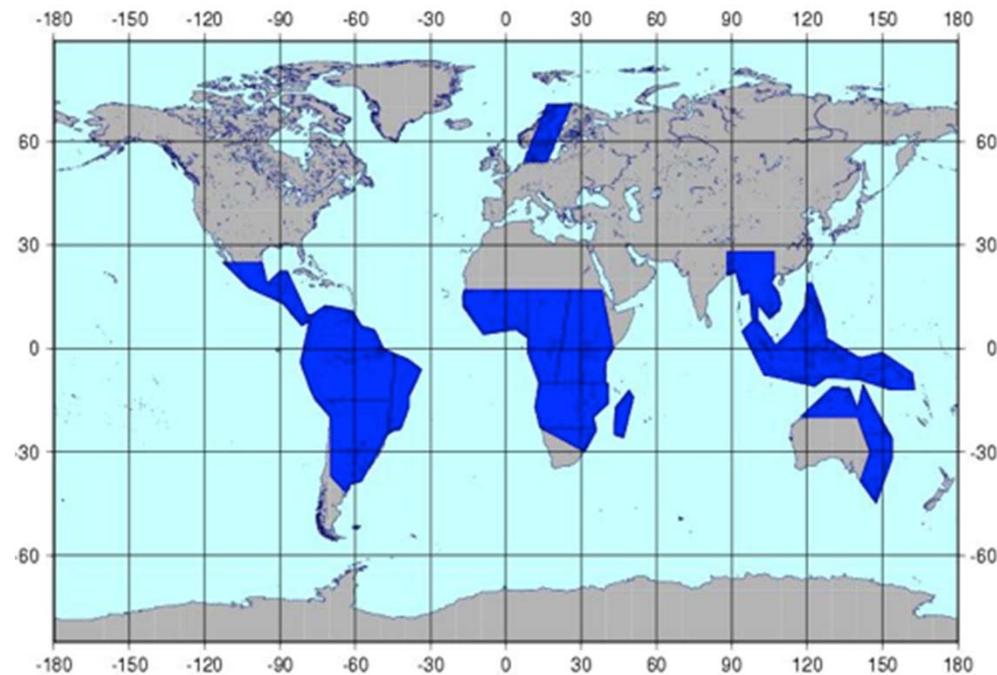


Forest monitoring

Temporal repeat: 2-6 cov/year (tropics 6 cov)

GSD: 10 m

Mode: Dual-pol (HH+HV)

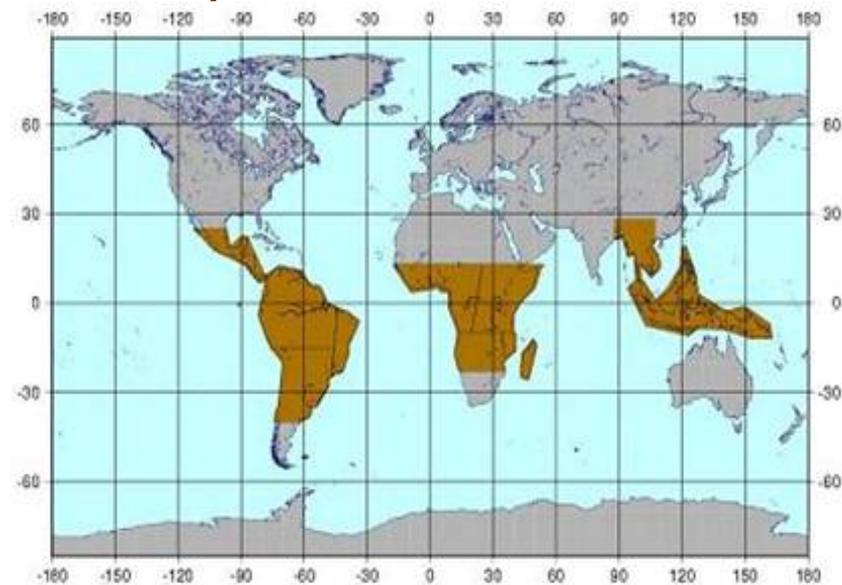
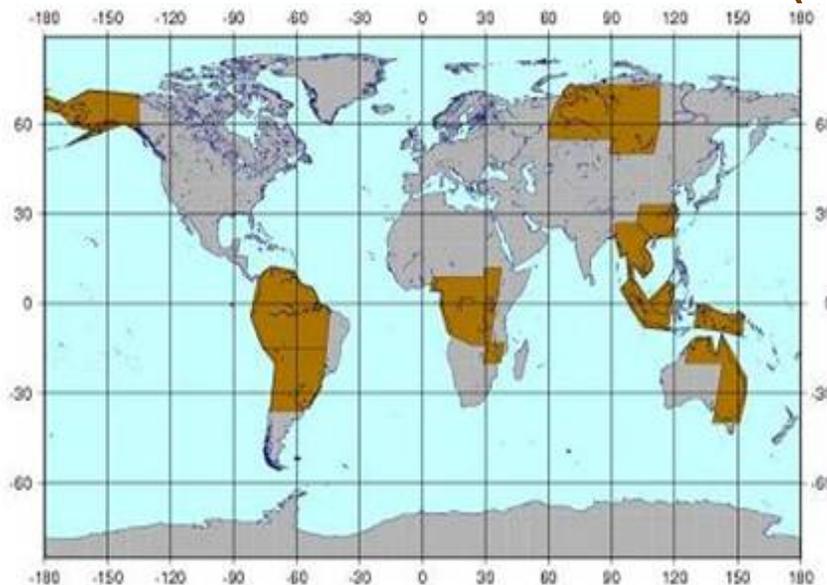


Wetlands & Rapid deforestation monitoring

Temporal repeat: 9 cov/year

GSD: 100 m

Mode: WB-350km (HH+HV)

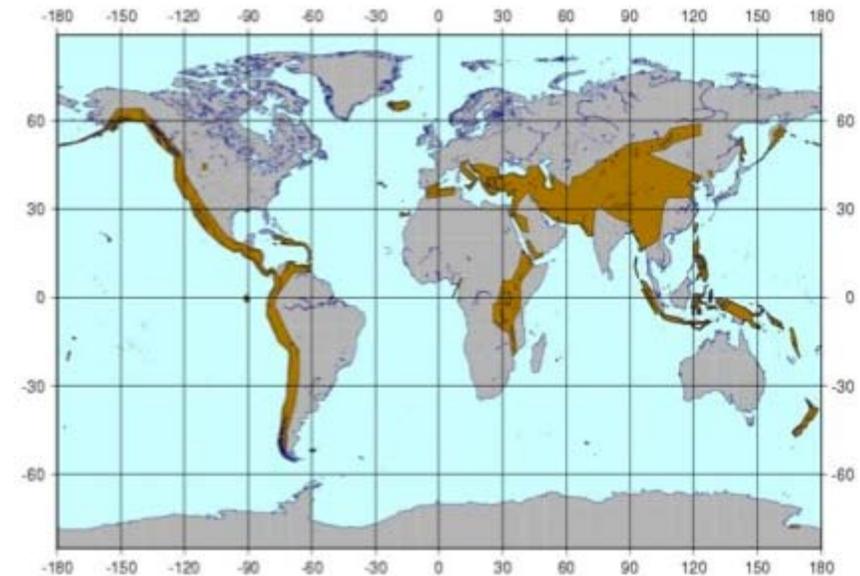
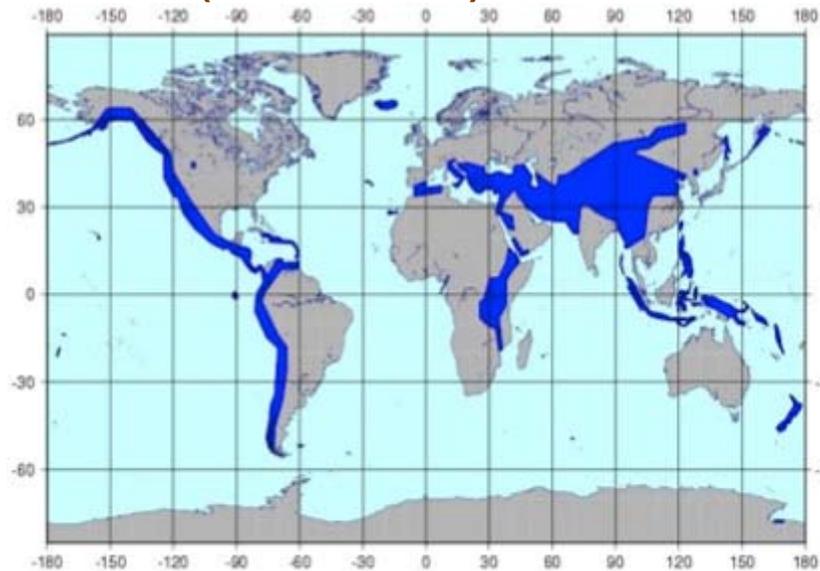


Crustal Deformation

Temporal repeat: 2-6 cov/year & 9 cov/year

GSD: 10 m & 100 m

Mode: Dual-pol (HH+HV) & WB-350km
(HH+HV)

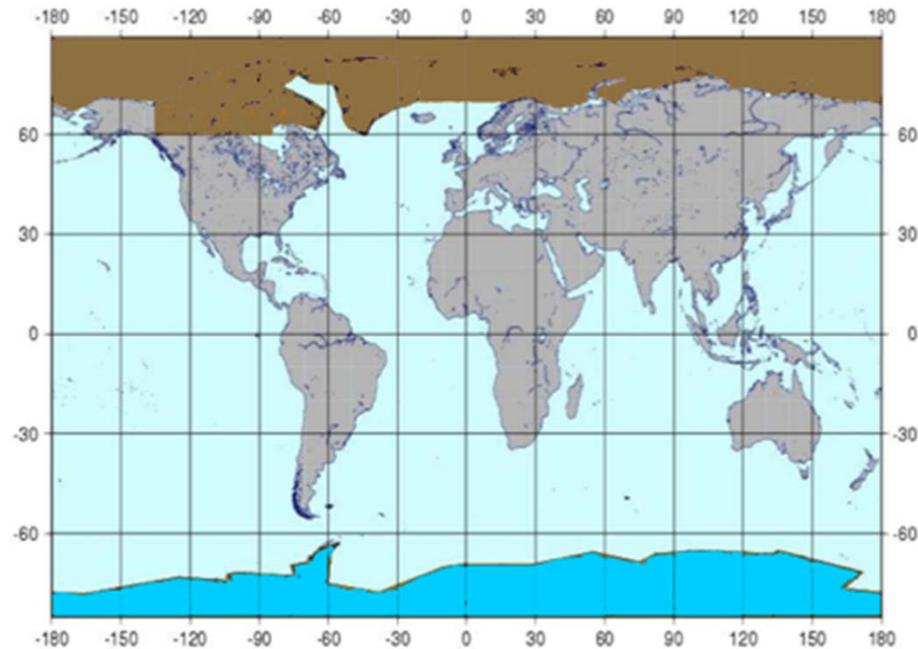


Polar Ice

Temporal repeat: 3 cov/year

GSD: 100 m

Mode: WB (HH or HH+HV) (TBD)



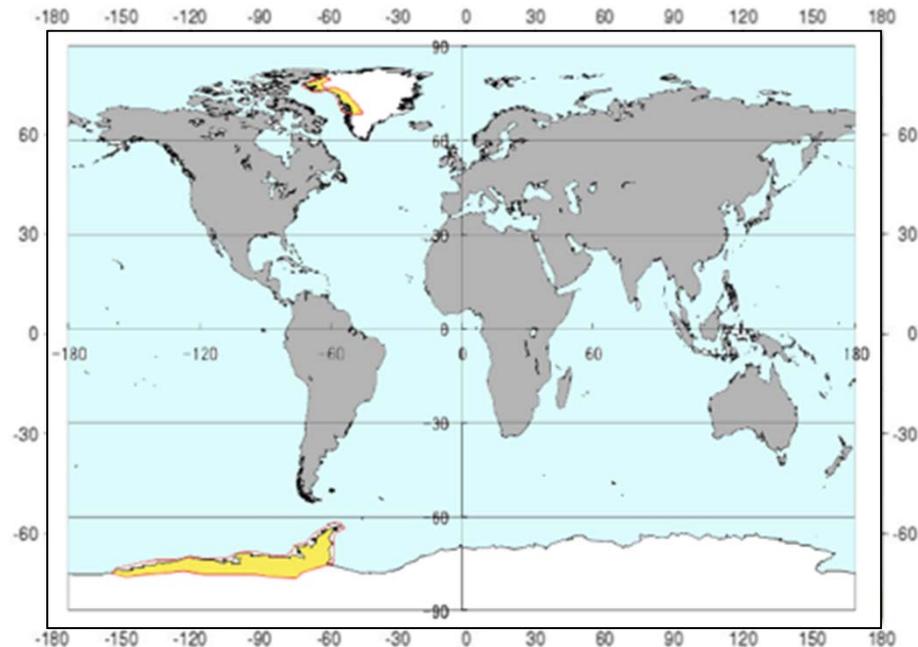
■ Right look
■ Left look

Glacier movement (Super Sites)

Temporal repeat: 2-3 cov/year

GSD: 10 m

Mode: SP (HH)



Observation pattern for annual acquisitions *

Year	Annual																									
Week of year	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
Cycle	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83
Desc	D+W+F			D+W+F	14-day InSAR		D+W+F	14-day InSAR		D+W+F	14-day InSAR		D+W+F		D+W+F	Glacier Antarctica		D+W+F	Glac. Antarc.		D+W+F	Global (n/3)		D+W+F	Global (n/3)	
	WB 100m			WB 100m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB 100m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB 100m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB 100m		WB 100m	SP 10m	SP 10m	WB 100m	SP 10m		WB 100m	SP 3m	SP 3m	WB 100m	SP 3m	SP 3m
Asc	North Pole	World 1			Glacier Greenland		Global (n/3)						World 2			South Pole	N + S Pole	World 1					World 2			N + S Pole
	WB(R)	DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m	SP 10m	SP 10m	QP 6m	QP 6m	QP 6m	QP 6m	QP 6m		DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB(L)	WB(R)	DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m			DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB(R)
																WB(L)	WB(L)								WB(L)	



10m DP (HH+HV)



3m SP (HH or HV)



100m WB (HH+HV)

(Right)



10m SP (HH)



6m QP (HH+HV+VV+VH)



100m WB (HH+HV)

(Left)

* 3m SP and 6m QP modes require 3 years for global coverage

Pattern repeated on a 3-year basis

Year	2014年																											
Week of year	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52		
Cycle	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
Desc	D+W+F			D+W+F	14-day InSAR		D+W+F	14-day InSAR		D+W+F	14-day InSAR		D+W+F		D+W+F	Glacier Antarctica		D+W+F	Glac. Antarc.		D+W+F	Global (1/3)		D+W+F	Global (1/3)			
	WB 100m			WB 100m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB 100m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB 100m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB 100m		WB 100m	SP 10m	SP 10m	WB 100m	SP 10m		WB 100m	SP 3m	SP 3m	WB 100m	SP 3m	SP 3m		
Asc	Def	World 1			Glacier Greenland		Global (1/3)					World 2			South Pole	N + S Pole	World 1					World 2			N + S Pole			
	WB 100m	DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m	SP 10m	SP 10m	QP 6m	QP 6m	QP 6m	QP 6m	QP 6m		DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB(L)	WB(R)	DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m			DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB(R)		
Year	2015年																											
Week of year	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52		
Cycle	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57		
Desc	D+W+F			D+W+F	14-day InSAR		D+W+F	14-day InSAR		D+W+F	14-day InSAR		D+W+F		D+W+F	Glacier Antarctica		D+W+F	Glac. Antarc.		D+W+F	Global (2/3)		D+W+F	Global (2/3)			
	WB 100m			WB 100m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB 100m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB 100m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB 100m		WB 100m	SP 10m	SP 10m	WB 100m	SP 10m		WB 100m	SP 3m	SP 3m	WB 100m	SP 3m	SP 3m		
Asc	North Pole	World 1			Glacier Greenland		Global (2/3)					World 2			South Pole	N + S Pole	World 1					World 2			N + S Pole			
	WB(R)	DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m	SP 10m	SP 10m	QP 6m	QP 6m	QP 6m	QP 6m	QP 6m		DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB(L)	WB(R)	DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m			DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB(R)		
Year	2016年																											
Week of year	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52		
Cycle	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83		
Desc	D+W+F			D+W+F	14-day InSAR		D+W+F	14-day InSAR		D+W+F	14-day InSAR		D+W+F		D+W+F	Glacier Antarctica		D+W+F	Glac. Antarc.		D+W+F	Global (3/3)		D+W+F	Global (3/3)			
	WB 100m			WB 100m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB 100m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB 100m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB 100m		WB 100m	SP 10m	SP 10m	WB 100m	SP 10m		WB 100m	SP 3m	SP 3m	WB 100m	SP 3m	SP 3m		
Asc	North Pole	World 1			Glacier Greenland		Global (3/3)					World 2			South Pole	N + S Pole	World 1					World 2			N + S Pole			
	WB(R)	DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m	SP 10m	SP 10m	QP 6m	QP 6m	QP 6m	QP 6m	QP 6m		DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB(L)	WB(R)	DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m			DP 10m	DP 10m	DP 10m	WB(R)		

Emergency observations

Emergency observations – such requested through the International Disaster Charter, by Japanese institutions or by JAXA itself – have highest priority and supersede the Basic Observation Scenario programming.

Cal/Val

Requests related to Cal/Val also have higher priority than the BOS, but are as far as possible already integrated into the BOS planning.

Top priority

Satellite house-keeping has top priority and supersede all the above.

ALOS-2 status

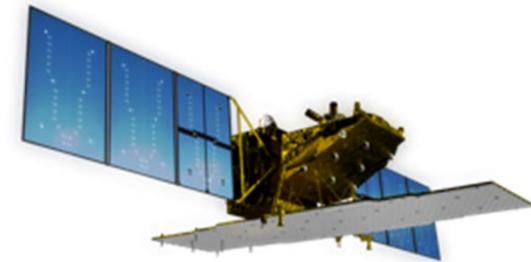
- ALOS-2 is planned for launch in **JFY 2013 (by March 2014)** with a design lifetime of 7 years.
- A global systematic acquisition strategy (“Basic Observation Scenario” – BOS) is under development.
- The ALOS-2 BOS builds on the ALOS acquisition strategy (2006-2011). It will provide continuity of key acquisitions but with enhanced image characteristics (spatial resolution, polarisations, radiometric sensitivity).
- The ALOS-2 Data Policy is yet to be determined.

Schedule

- 2011-2012:** Observation plan development with associated software simulations to optimise data collection verses recording and downlink capacity and use of other system resources (power, etc.)
- 2013:** BOS implementation and satellite launch
- L + 2.5 m:** BOS operations starting
- L + 7 m:** Start of distribution of standard products
- 2013+** The BOS plan will be reviewed on a regular basis (ALOS: 2 times/year) by JAXA and related Japanese institutions, and refined/modified as required.

ALOS-2 Research Announcement

- Release: July 20, 2012
- Window for proposal: ~ Oct. 31, 2012
- Peer review: Nov. 1 ~ Dec. E, 2012
- PI selection: Jan/E, 2013
- Agreements: Feb. 2013 ~ March 2013
- PI activities: April 2013-3 years:



(1) Calibration and Validation, (2) land use and land cover research, (3) topography and geology, (4) terrestrial (vegetation) ecosystem, agriculture and forestry research, (5) climate system, hydrological processes and water resources related research, (6) oceanography and coastal zone related research, (7) disaster and earthquakes, (8) resource exploration, (9) development of spatial data infrastructure, (10) basic studies on scattering and interferometric characteristics,, (11) Polar research, and (12) Ionospheric Researches.

The 1st PI Workshop for ALOS-2

Date : September 19 (Thursday) - 20 (Friday), 2013

Venue : Tsukuba International Congress Center, Epocal (Japan)

Registration_deadline

July 31 , 2013

APSAR 2013

Date : September 23 (Monday) – 27(Friday), 2013

Venue : Tsukuba International Congress Center, Epocal (Japan)

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