#### Introduction

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  - Areas of Interest: Remote Sensing particularly of land cover and land use change and forests, focusing on the use of optical data (particularly from the Landsat series of satellites)
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    - Extensive work in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California (in support of forest vegetation mapping and monitoring)
    - Research projects in China, Egypt, Turkey, the Black Sea region, Australia
    - Member of the Landsat Science 7 Team
    - Member of the Land Cover Characteristics and Changes Implementation Team of GOFC/GOLD

#### **Presentation Outline**

Background on remote sensing

optical remote sensing

the Landsat satellites

Prior projects

Egypt: Land Reclamation and Desertification

China: Urbanization

Turkey: Agricultural Development and Climate

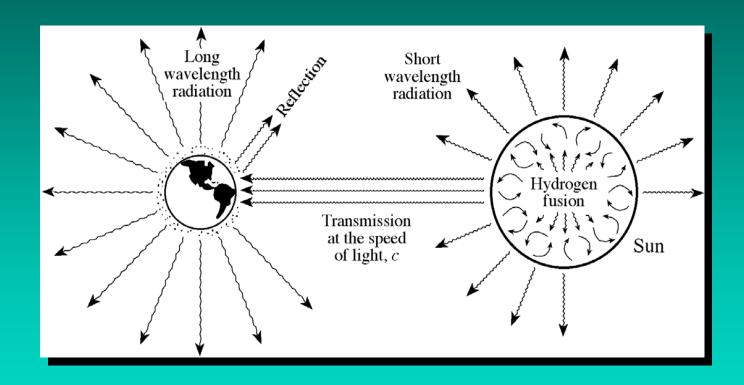
**Professional Information** 

Who uses remote sensing?

What kinds of people comprise the remote sensing community?



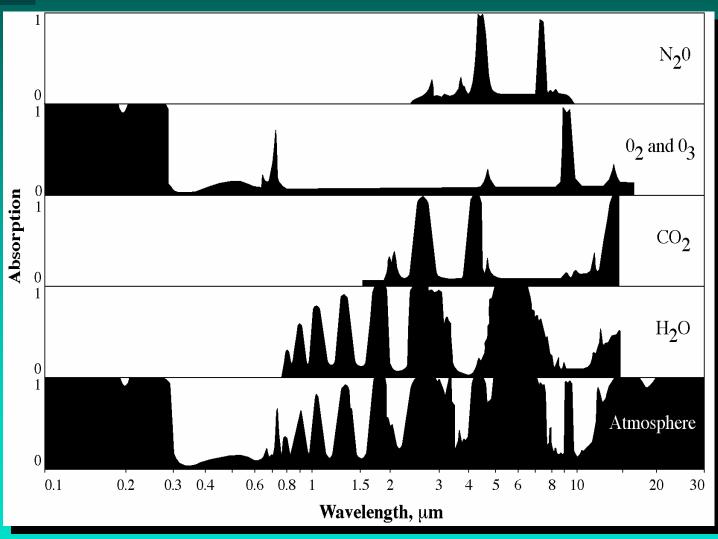
# Sources of Electromagnetic Energy



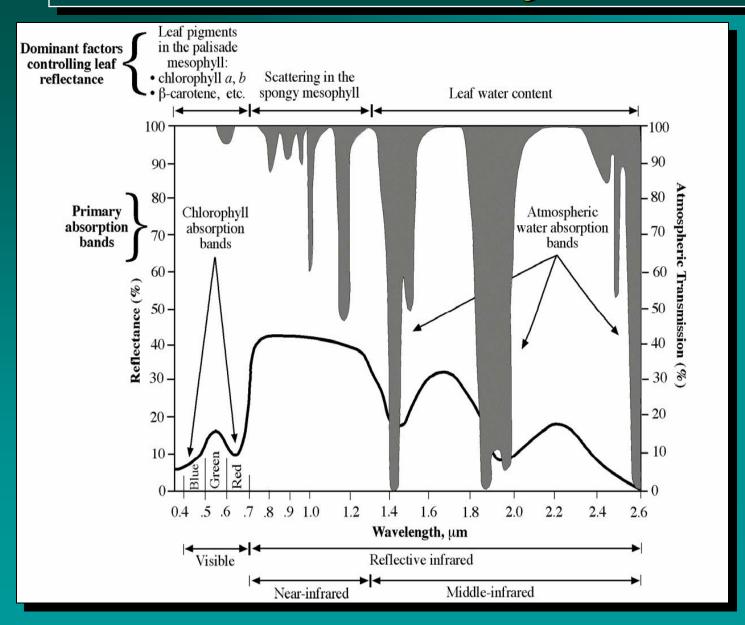
"Optical Remote Sensing" uses measurements of reflected solar radiation



# Absorption of the Sun's Incident Electromagnetic Energy in the Region from 0.1 to 30 µm by Various Atmospheric Gases

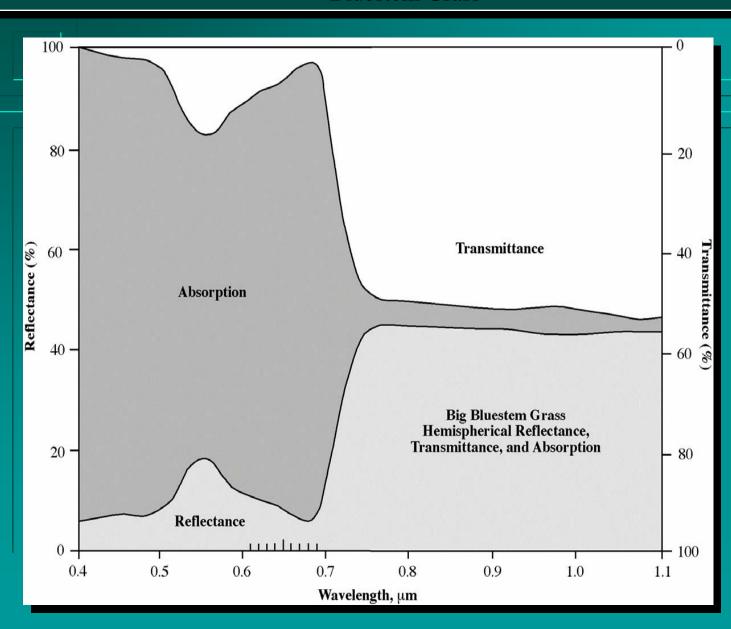


#### Dominant Factors Controlling Leaf Reflectance

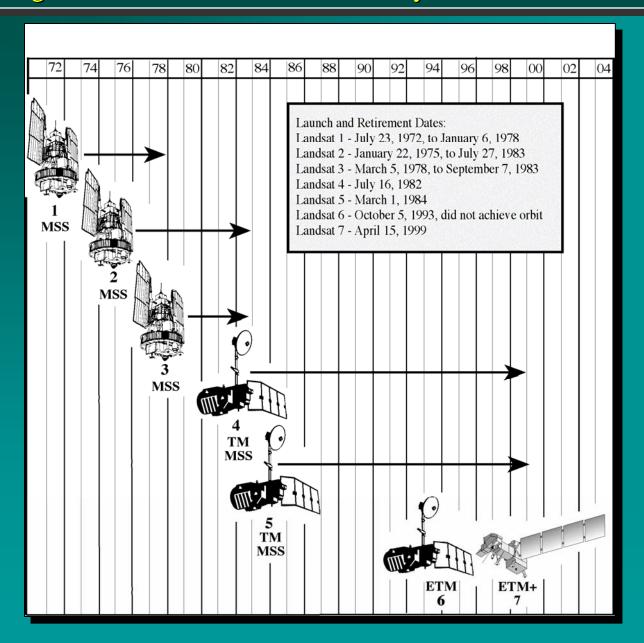


Water absorption bands: 0.97 μm 1.19 μm 1.45 μm 1.94 μm 2.70 μm

#### Hemispherical Reflectance, transmittance, and Absorption Characteristics of Big Bluestem Grass



#### Chronological Launch and Retirement History of the Landsat Satellite Series



Launch of Landsat 7 on April 15, 1999 from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California (on a Delta rocket)

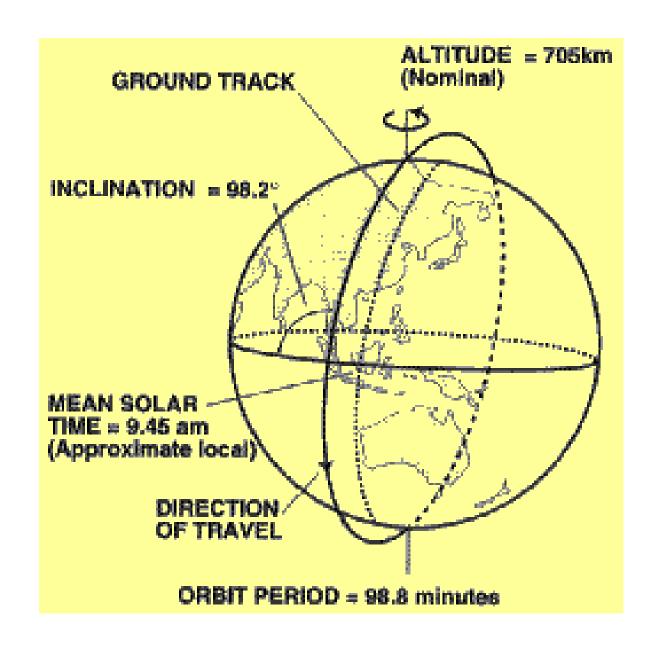


#### Landsat Sensor Characteristics

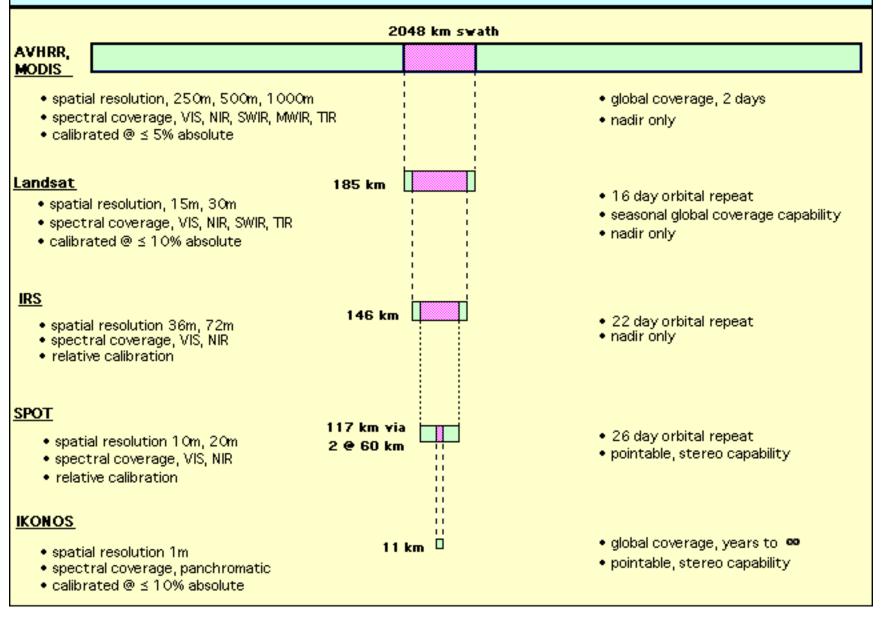
#### (Note in particular Landsat TM and ETM+)

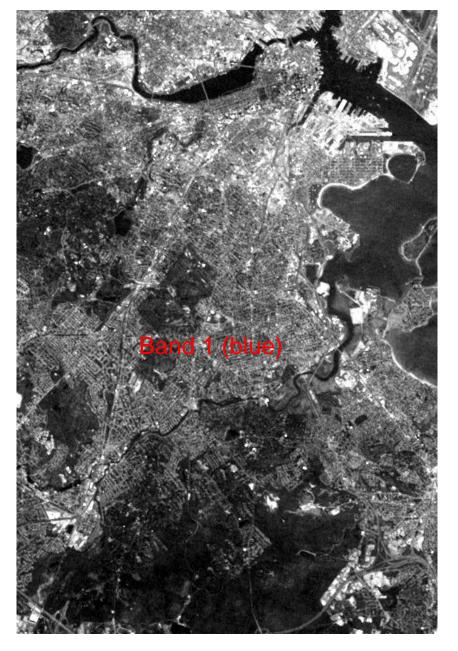
Satellite	Sensor	Bandwidths	Resolution	Satellite	Sensor	Bandwidths	Resolution
LANDSATs 1-2	RBV	(1) 0.48 to 0.57	80	LANDSATs 4-5	MSS	(4) 0.5 to 0.6	82
		(2) 0.58 to 0.68	80			(5) 0.6 to 0.7	82
		(3) 0.70 to 0.83	80			(6) 0.7 to 0.8	82
						(7) 0.8 to 1.1	82
	MSS	(4) 0.5 to 0.6	79		TM	(1) 0.45 to 0.52	30
		(5) 0.6 to 0.7	79			(2) 0.52 to 0.60	30
		(6) 0.7 to 0.8	79			(3) 0.63 to 0.69	30
		(7) 0.8 to 1.1	79			(4) 0.76 to 0.90	30
				Important!		(5) 1.55 to 1.75	30
LANDSAT 3	RBV	(1) 0.505 to 0.79		·		(6) 10.4 to 12.5	120
	MSS	(4) 0.5 to 0.6	79 70			(7) 2.08 to 2.35	30
		(5) 0.6 to 0.7	79 70		+		
		(6) 0.7 to 0.8	79 70	LANDSAT 7	ETM <sup>+</sup>	(1) 0.45 to 0.52	
		(7) 0.8 to 1.1	79			(2) 0.52 to 0.60	
		(8) 10.4 to 12.6	240			(3) 0.63 to 0.69	
						(4) 0.76 to 0.90	
						(5) 1.55 to 1.75	
						(6) 10.4 to 12.5	
						(7) 2.08 to 2.35	
						PAN 0.50 to 0.9	0 15

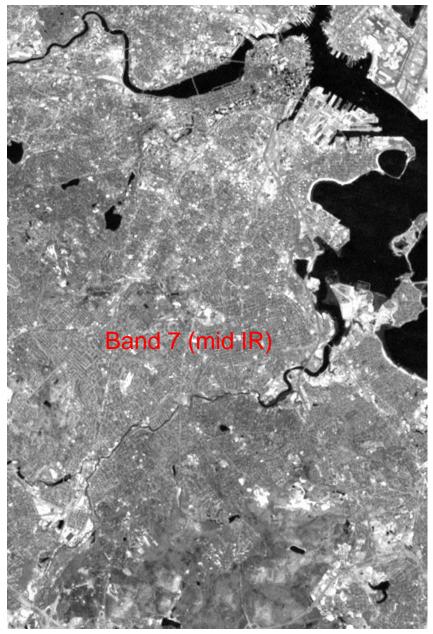
"Polar" orbits allow for global coverage – the descending part of the orbit is "sun synchronous" and the ascending part is on the dark side of the planet

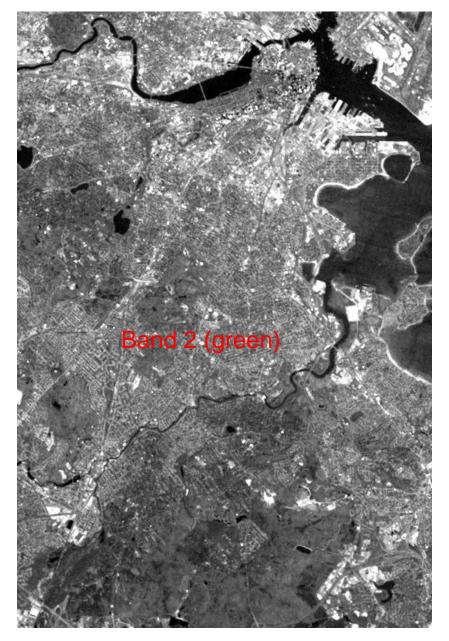


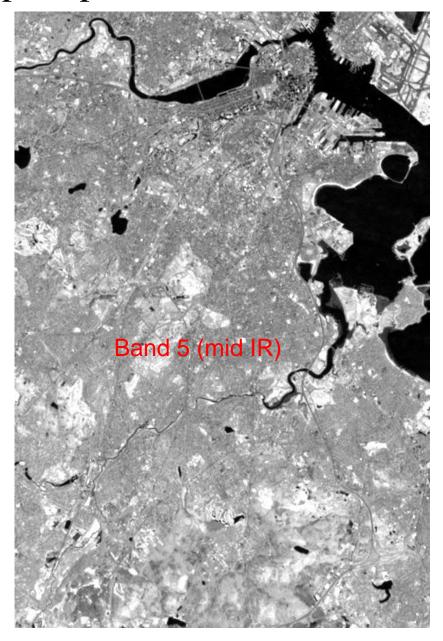
#### Landsat's Unique Niche Leads to a High Resolution Global Seasonal Archive Capability

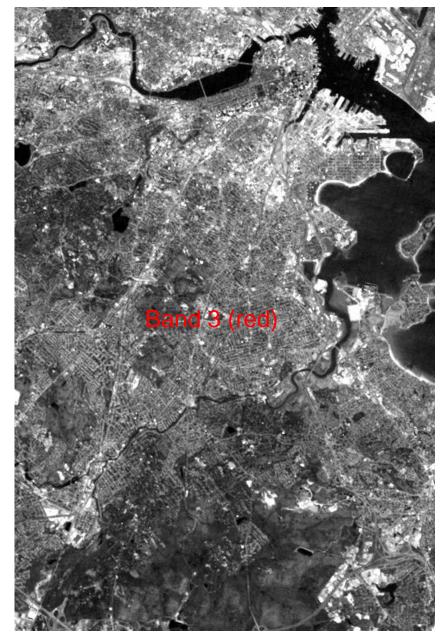


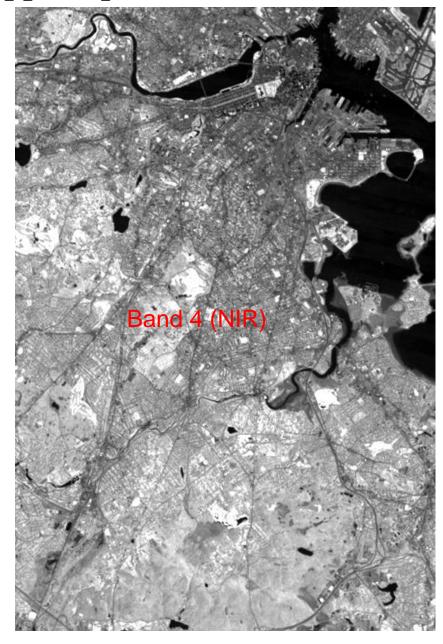


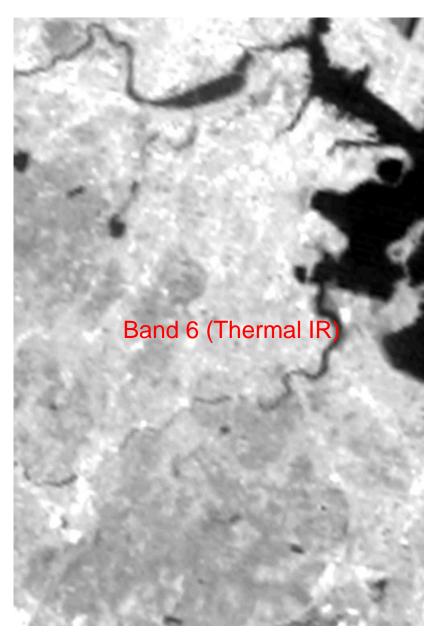












Notice the blurry nature of the image. This is due to 2 effects: (1) the bigger size of the pixels (120m instead of 30m), and (2) because surface temperature does not vary over such short distances as dramatically as surface reflectance. (Dark is low temperature, bright is high temperature)

#### Let's muck with your sense of color!



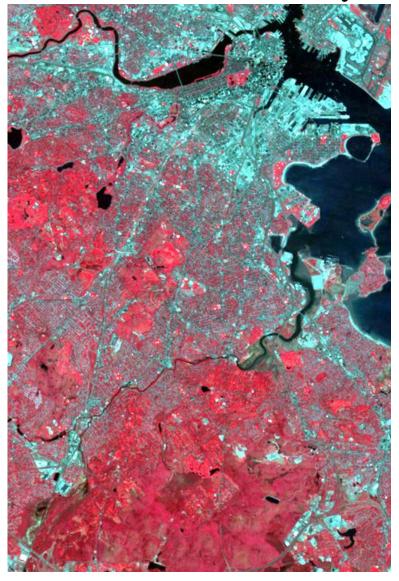
Landsat 321

We can make a color composite out of 3 of the spectral bands – using an additive color scheme. In this approach, one TM Band is put in each of the 3 primary colors: red, green, and blue (in that order). So we can make a "true" color composite, by matching the TM Bands that our eyes see as those colors, with the color guns in the computer. So in the example to the left:

Landsat TM Band 3 = red Landsat TM Band 2 = green Landsat TM Band 1 = blue

The higher the reflectance (the brighter it appears in black and white) the stronger the contribution of the color.

#### Let's muck with your sense of color! (continued)



Landsat 432

In this "false" color composite, we have used wavelength ranges outside those our eyes can see!

We have put the Near Infrared band (Band 4) into the red color gun on the computer, the red spectral band in the green color gun, and the green spectral band in the blue color gun:

Landsat TM Band 4 = red

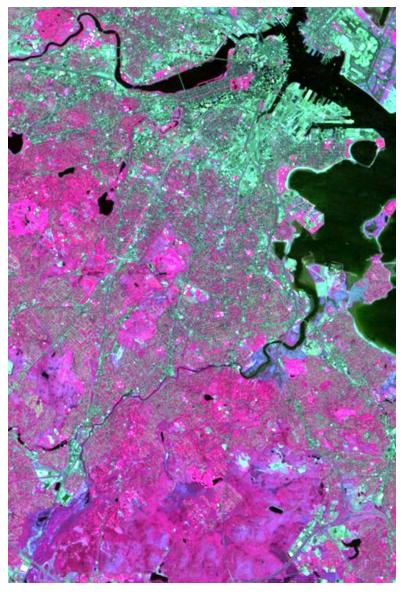
Landsat TM Band 3 = green

Landsat TM Band 2 = blue

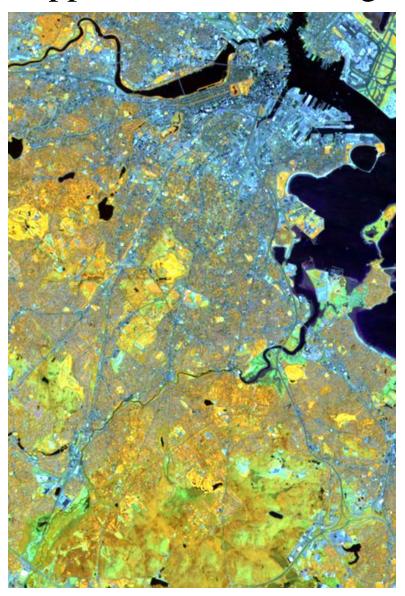
One reason for doing this is to help us visualize reflectance in the wavelengths we can't see with our eyes!

This particular color combination is very common – where vegetation appears red.

#### You have lots of control over the appearance of the images!

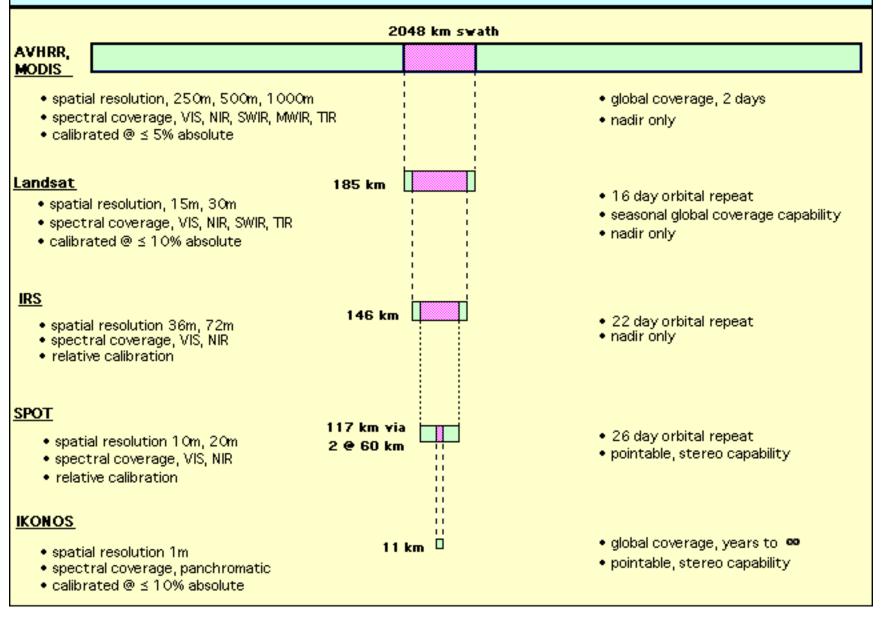


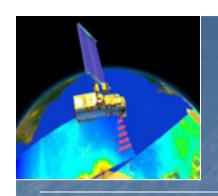
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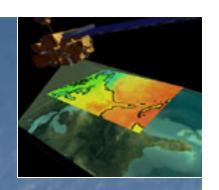
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#### Landsat's Unique Niche Leads to a High Resolution Global Seasonal Archive Capability





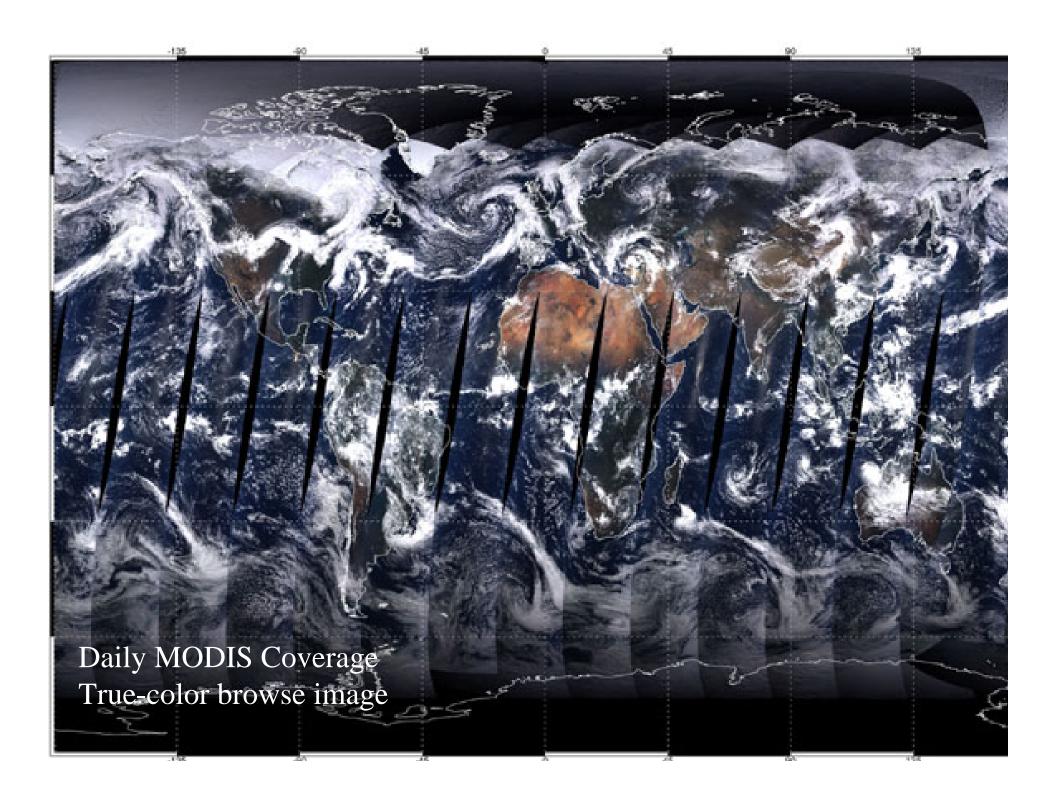
# MODIS: System Characteristics

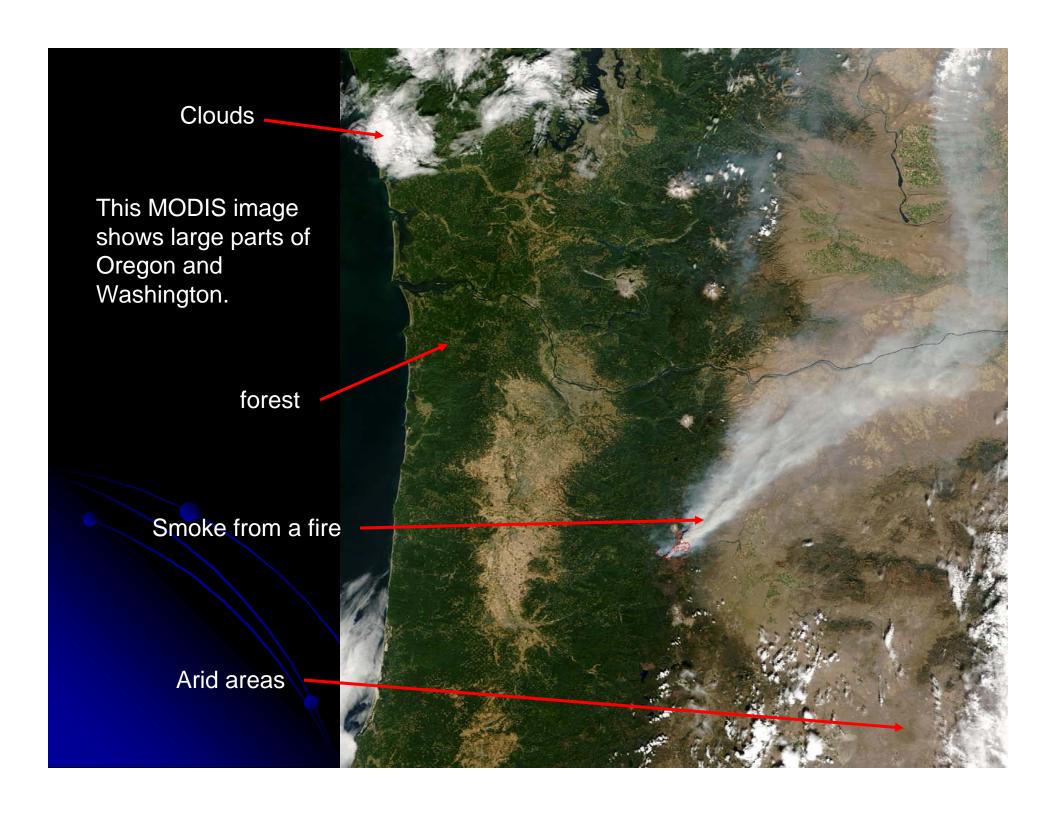


- MODIS Instrument Characteristics
  - 36 spectral bands, VNIR, SWIR, TIR (0.4–14 μm)
    - Seven specifically designed for land observation
  - Spatial resolutions at 250-, 500-, and 1000-m (nadir) depending on waveband
  - Repeat: 2-day global repeat, 1-day or less poleward of 30°
- Improvement over heritage (AVHRR)

### MODIS Land Bands

Spatial resolution	Wavelength, nm	Waveband region
250 m	620-670	Red
250 m	841-876	Near-infrared
500 m	459-479	Blue
500 m	545-565	Green
500 m	1230-1250	Near-infrared
500 m	1628-1652	Shortwave infrared
500 m	2105-2135	Shortwave infrared
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#### Monitoring Desertification and Land Reclamation in Egypt Curtis E. Woodcock (and others)

#### Goals:

- Evaluation of the location and extend of desertification in the Nile Delta
- Mapping and monitoring the newly reclaimed lands of the Western Desert and coastal areas

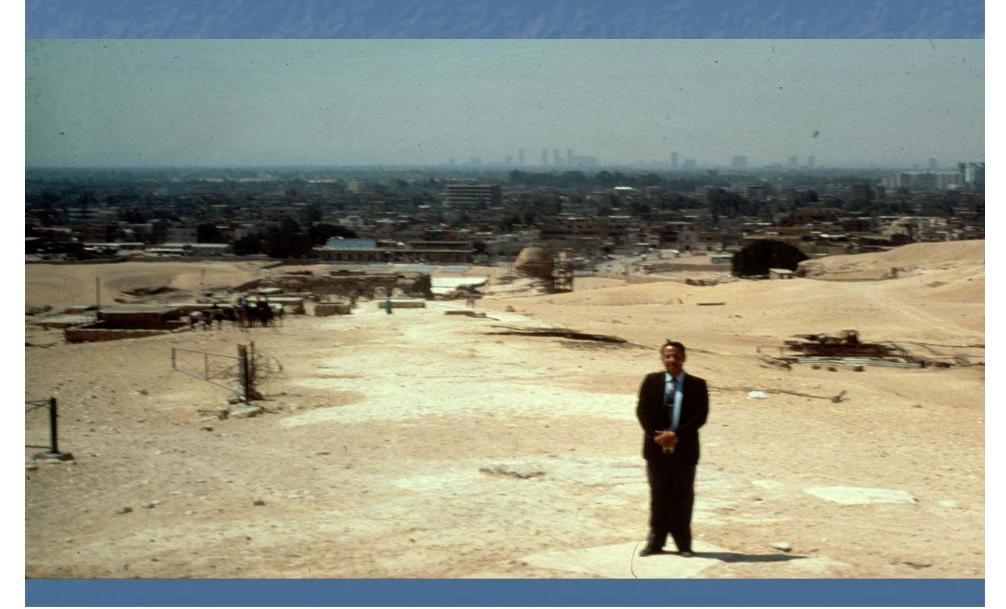
What is our definition of desertification?

Reduced fertility of agricultural soils due to waterlogging, salinization, urbanization, and being covered by windblown sand (did not occur in our study area)

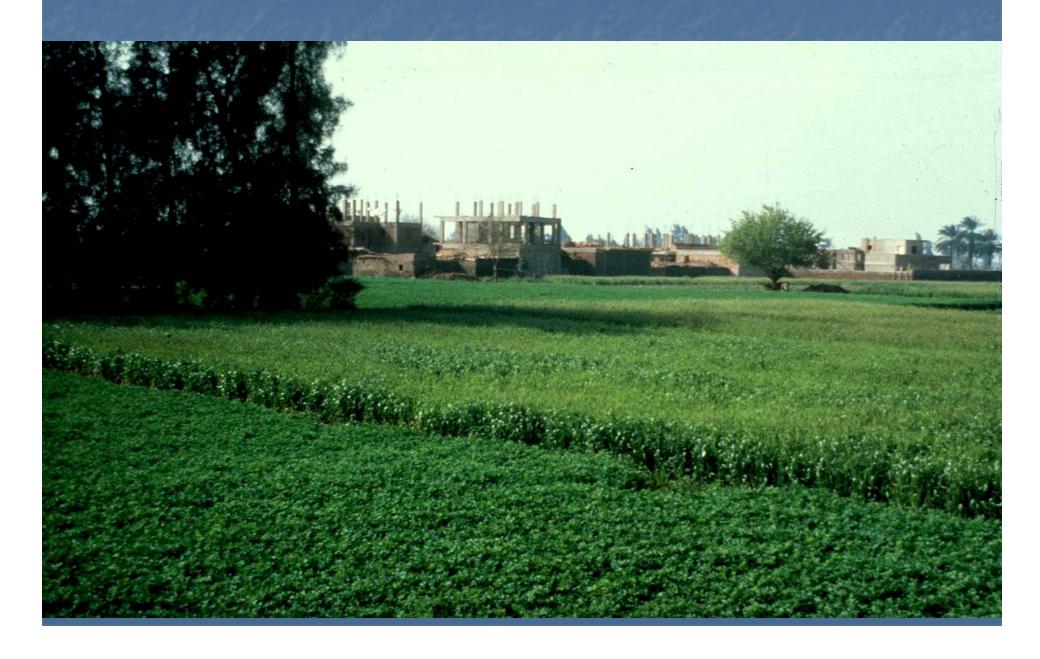
#### Conditions in Egypt

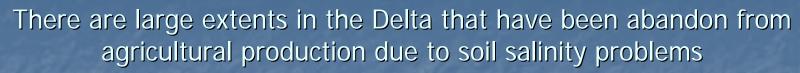
- Least amount of arable land per capita in the world
- Limited other natural resources
- Constant struggle to feed and improve the diet of a growing population
- Half the population participates in agriculture
- Aswan high dam is a mixed blessing
- Ministry of Agriculture is extremely important
- How many of you know who the Minister of Agriculture is in your country?

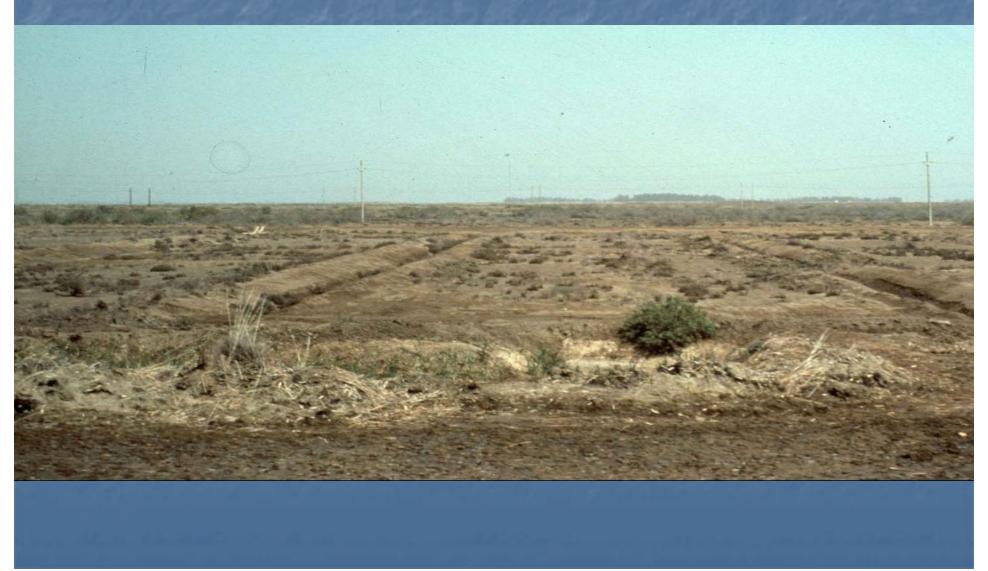




Normal, healthy fields in the delta. Notice that new housing is often built on top of existing houses, so often the top is left unfinished.



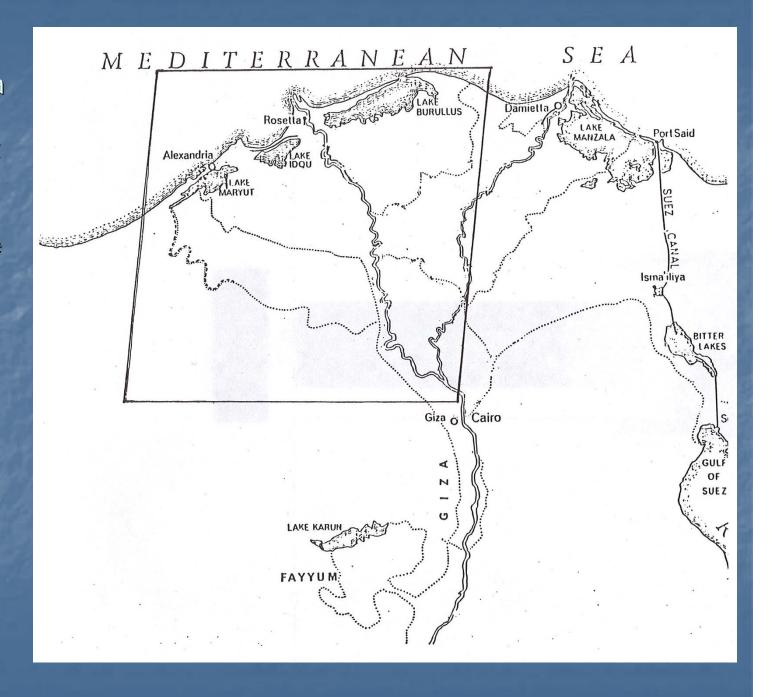




Salt is plainly visible as a surface crust in many areas. (The plants are salicornia, common to salt marshes)



Our study area included a single Landsat scene that covers about 2/3 of the Nile Delta and much of the adjacent Western Desert



#### Landsat TM image of the study area

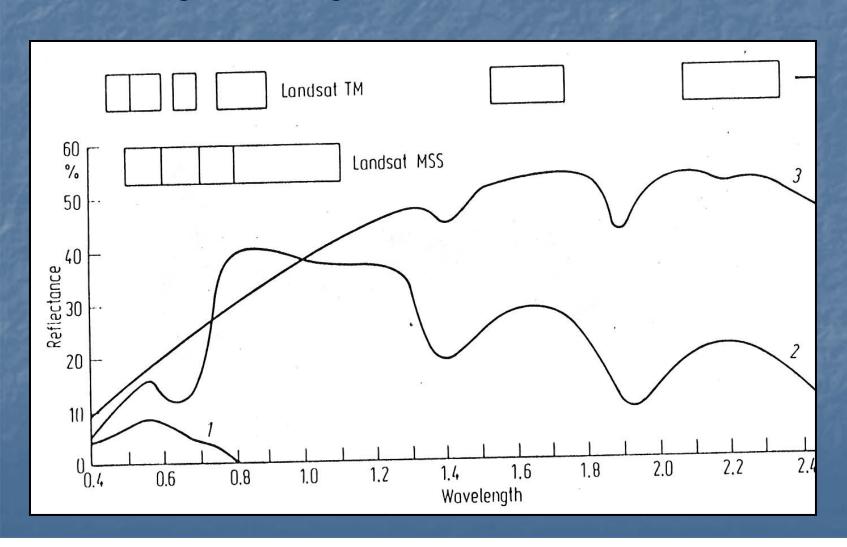


- TRADITIONAL IMAGE ANALYSIS DOES NOT ACCOUNT FOR AGRARIAN PRACTICES COMMON IN THE REGION.
  - ♦ CONSTANT AVAILABILITY OF IRRIGATION WATER AND MILD CLIMATE PERMIT FIELDS TO SUPPORT MULTIPLE CROPS IN ONE YEAR
  - ♦ FLEXIBILITY IN THE AGRICULTURAL GROWING CYCLES
  - ♦ SPECTRAL CONFUSION BETWEEN TEMPORARILY FALLOW FIELDS AND UNPRODUCTIVE, BARREN LANDS
  - ♦ AVERAGE FARM SIZE IS LESS THAN 2.5 ACRES

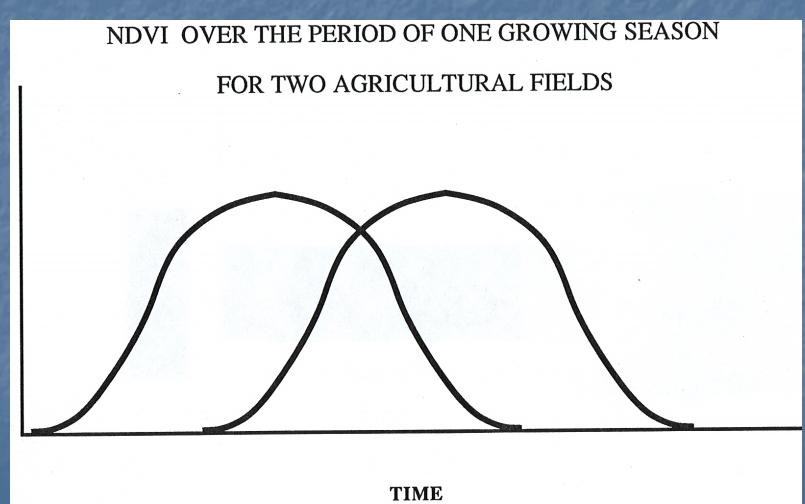
- ♦ NEW METHODS ARE NEEDED TO MONITOR THE AGRICULTURAL LANDS OF EGYPT.
- ♦ METHODS BASED ON MULTITEMPORAL PATTERNS OF NDVI

NDVI: based on the dramatic difference in reflectance between the NIR and red wavelengths for vegetation.

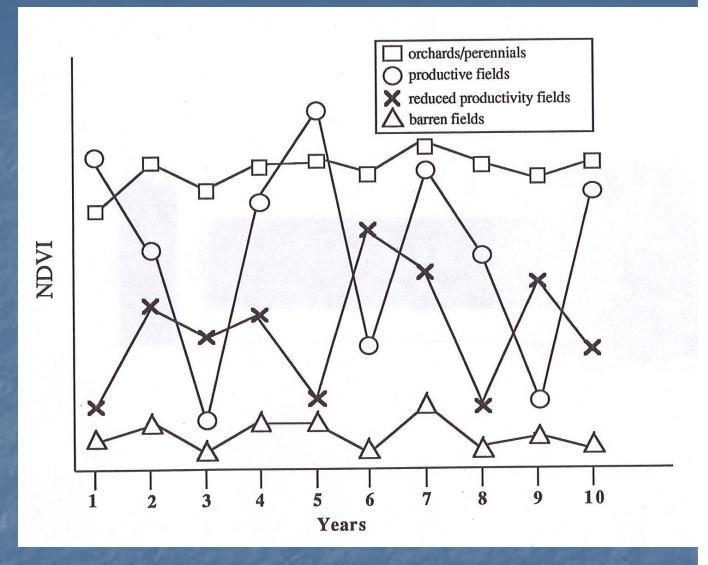
$$NDVI = \frac{IR - Red}{IR + Red} = \frac{TM4 - TM3}{TM4 + TM3}$$



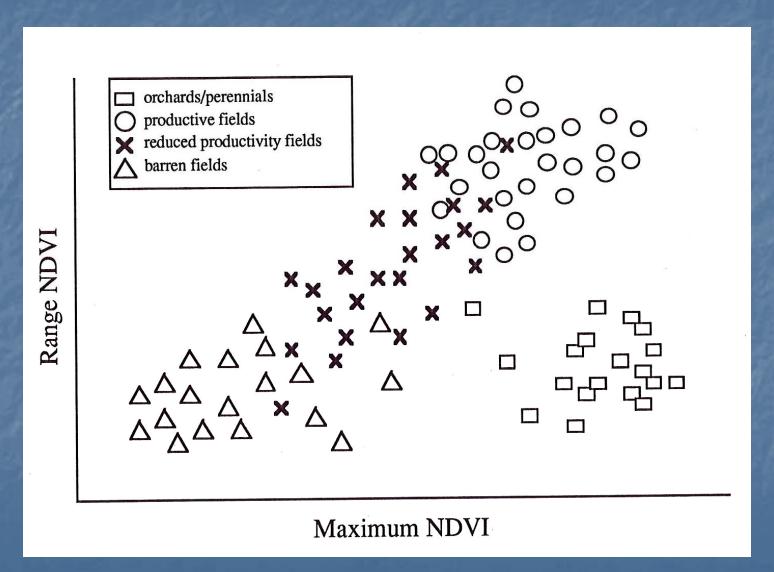
The variability in planting times for individual fields will result in some healthy, productive fields having low NDVI values in some images.



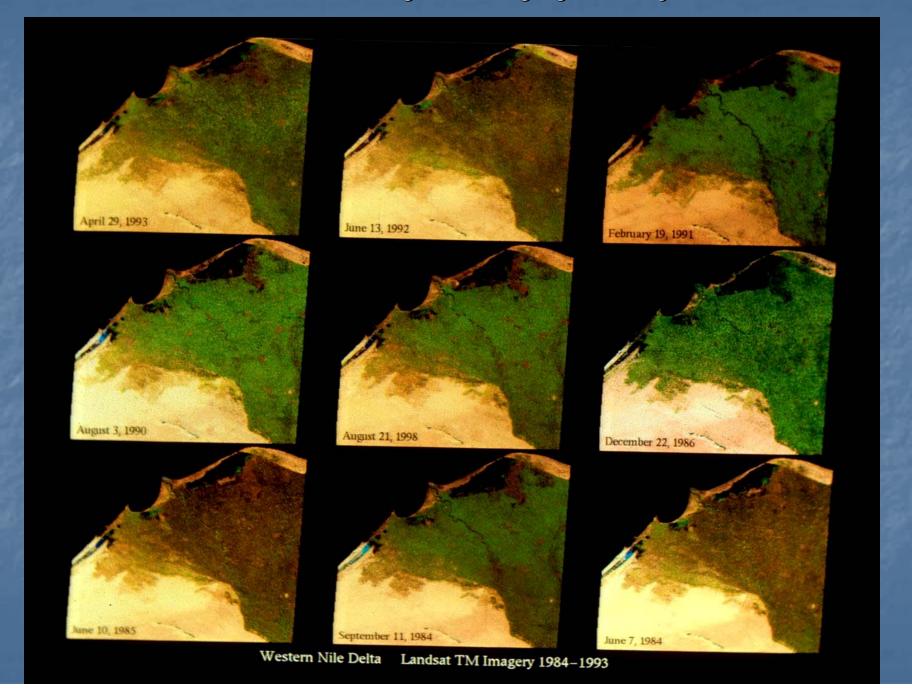
Conceptual model for the behavior of different land covers.



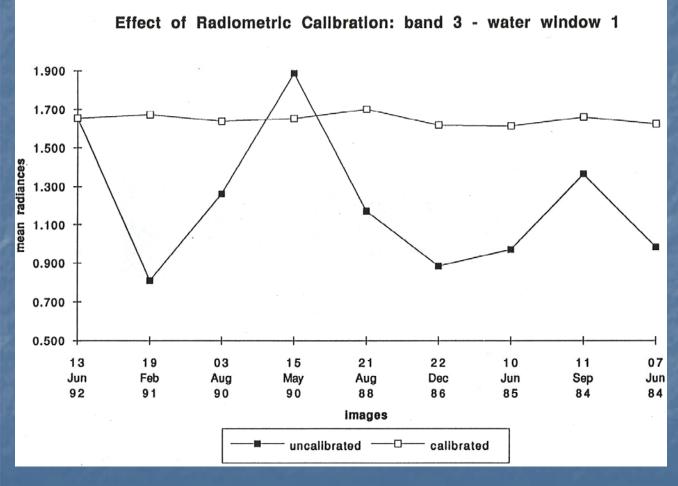
## Strategy: Use the Max and Range of NDVI from many images to find areas chronically unproductive



## 9 Landsat TM images – Ranging over 9 years



# Preprocessing: Geometric Registration Radiometric Matching Calculation of NDVI

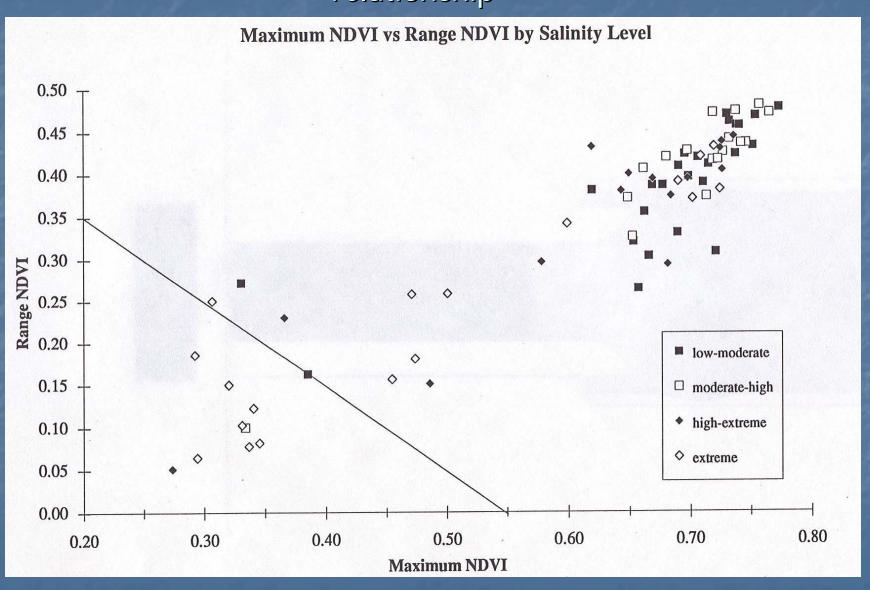


Notice the drop in variability for stable surface features following image "matching". Stable dark (ocean) and bright (desert) sites were used to correct each band to match the June 92 image.

# Soil Salinity measurements as a surrogate for fertility

- Field Data Collection Procedures
  - Locate site on the TM image
  - Collect soil samples for lab analysis of salinity levels
  - Take photographs of the site
  - Soil and Water Research Institute from Giza

# Results used to calibrate our Max and Range NDVI relationship

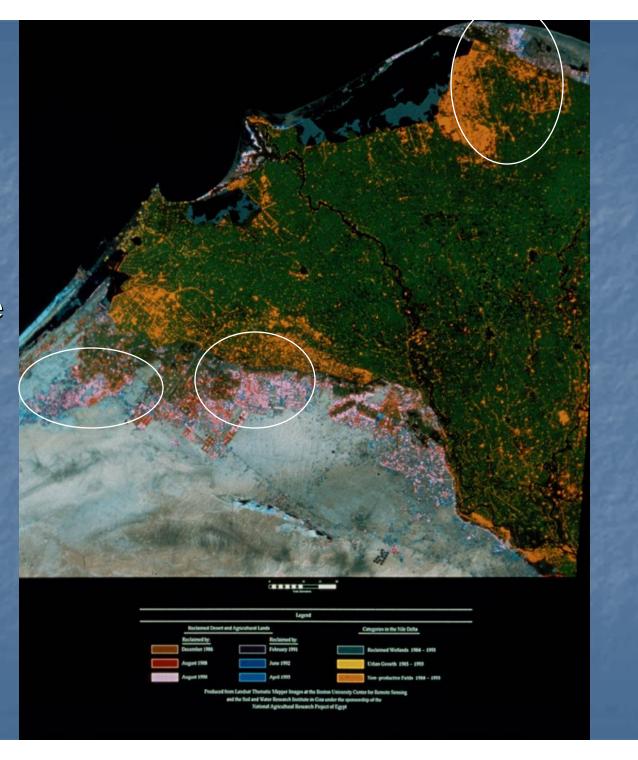


## Monitoring Reclamation

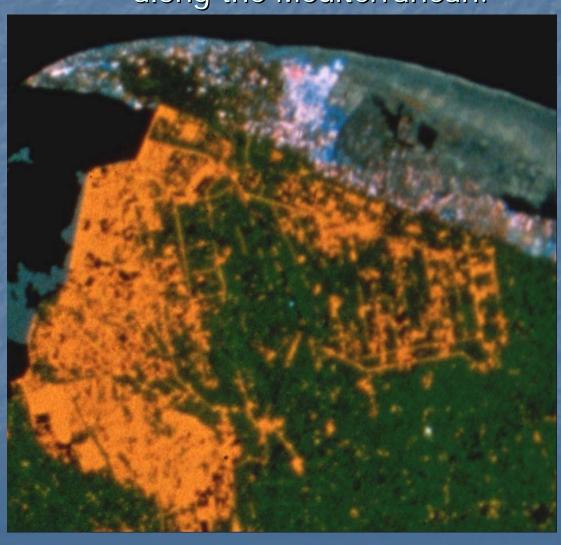
- Sites outside the Delta were identified as reclaimed any time NDVI surpassed a threshold
- Areas of urban growth (urbanization) was separated from the "reduced productivity" class by use of the spatial proximity to existing urban areas. (it was interesting to find that spectrally, urban areas in the Nile Delta can not be separated from fallow fields or areas of reduced productivity!)

The whole map!
It is hard to see
much detail at
this scale!

(We'll look at the circled areas more closely)



There are extensive salinity problems near Lake Burullus. Note the expansion of agriculture onto the beach areas along the Mediterranean.

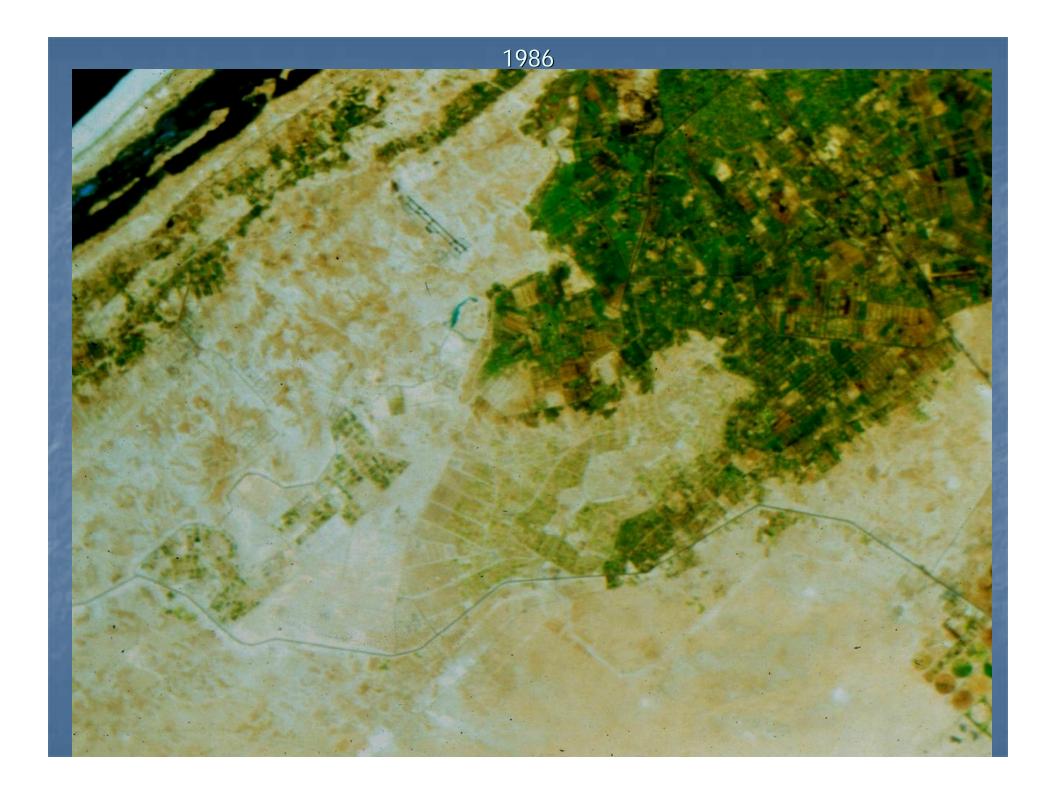


There is both significant expansion of agriculture, and significant loss of agricultural land along the western edge of the Nile Delta

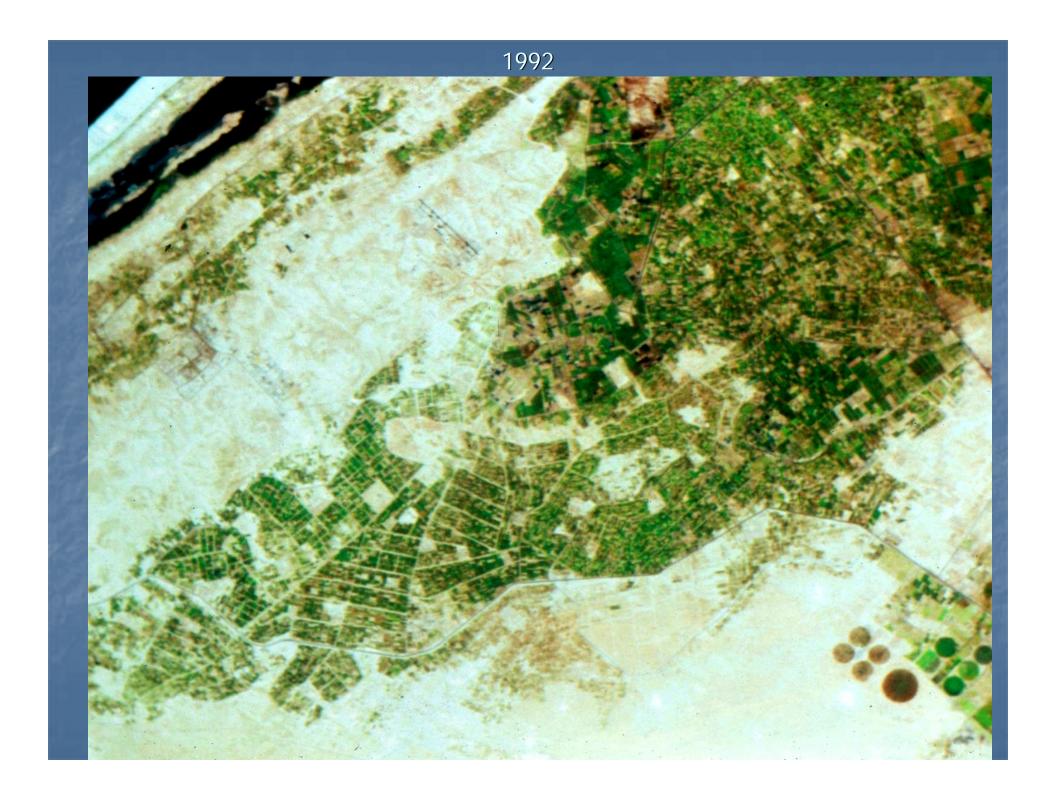


This time series shows great expansion of agriculture southwest of Alexandria
This image is from 1986





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# Final Map: colors are the different years of reclamation

# Maps are untested hypotheses without accuracy assessment!

### **ACCURACY ASSESSMENT**

	FIELD ASSESSMENTS									
				red.	agric.	agric.		wet.		user's
Map Label	Sites	urban	urbaniz	prod.	delta	desert	reclaim	reclaim	other	accuracy
urban	28	28								100.00%
urbanization	17	4	8	1	4					47.06%
reduced productivity	31	5.5*	2.5*	19	3				1	61.29%
agriculture in delta	75				75					100.00%
agriculture in desert	13					11	1		1	84.62%
reclamation	27					6	18		3	66.67%
wetlands reclaimed	4							3	1	75.00%
other	70			6-17 (c)					70	100.00%
totals	265								ia i	87.55%

Confusion matrix for user's accuracy. \* Mixed ground features at one site made it impossible to assign a single class label to the site. This site was divided between two classes.

# Area estimates can be improved by using the information in the accuracy assessment!

# CHANGES IN AREAL ESTIMATES OF THE PRINCIPLE MAP CLASSES AS A RESULT OF THE ACCURACY ASSESSMENT (IN HECTARES)

Map Class	Map Estimate	Adjusted Estimate	Change	% Change	
Urban	69,033	82,061	13,028	18.87	
Urbanization	6,575	8,313	1,738	26.43	
Reduced productivity	64,711	40,048	- 24,663	- 38.11	
Delta agriculture	1,023,732	1,031,541	7,810	0.76	
Desert agriculture	110,346	121,467	11,121	10.08	
Reclamation	126,437	92,780	- 33,658	- 26.62	

### CONCLUSIONS

MULTITEMPORAL SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING IS USEFUL IN MAPPING AND MONITORING THE STATUS OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS IN EGYPT.

FIELDS OF REDUCED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY CAN BE SEPARATED SUCCESSFULLY FROM FIELDS OF NORMAL PRODUCTIVITY IN THE NILE DELTA USING MULTITEMPORAL NDVI FEATURES.

### IN THE NILE DELTA

AS OF APRIL 1993, 3.74% OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY. THE EXTENT OF THESE REDUCED PRODUCTIVITY LANDS IS GREATER THAN ANTICIPATED, INDICATING A NEED TO INCORPORATE THESE LANDS IN RECLAMATION PLANNING

THE GROWTH OF URBAN CENTERS ONTO PRODUCTIVE LANDS WAS SLOWER THAN EXPECTED. LESS THAN 1% OF HEATHY AGRICULTURAL LANDS WERE CONVERTED TO URBAN LAND USE BETWEEN 1984 AND 1990.

IN THE WESTERN DESERT AND COASTAL AREAS, 43.3% OF CULTIVATED LANDS IN 1993 HAD BEEN RECLAIMED AND PUT INTO PRODUCTION AFTER 1985.

MAP ACCURACY ASSESSMENT IS CRITICAL TO AREAL ESTIMATES.

# Modeling and Forecasting Effects of Land-Use Change in China Based on Socioeconomic Drivers

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Seto, K.C., Woodcock, C.E., Song, C., Huang, X., Lu, J., and R.K. Kaufmann, 2002. Monitoring land-use change in the Pearl River Delta using Landsat TM, *International Journal of Remote Sensing*, 23(10):1985-2004.

# Global Rates of Urbanization

- >50% of world population
- 30% urban in 1950, estimated 60% urban in 2030
- 19 megacities > 10 million
- 22 cities with 5 to 10 million
- 370 cities with 1 to 5 million
- 440 cities with 0.5 to 1 million
- Highest growth rates in medium-sized cities (1-5 million)

# **Crisis or Opportunity?**

Cities as problems	Cities as solutions
<ul> <li>Unemployment</li> <li>Environmental degradation</li> <li>Loss of agricultural land</li> <li>Pressure on natural resources (energy, water, land)</li> <li>Deficiencies in urban services</li> <li>Deterioration of infrastructure</li> <li>Inadequate housing</li> <li>Consumption patterns</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Driving forces in economic growth</li> <li>Efficient use of infrastructure</li> <li>Delivery of health services</li> <li>Sanitation</li> <li>Education</li> <li>"Saving land for nature"</li> <li>Efficient natural resource use</li> </ul>

# Urbanization trends in China

- One quarter of world's 500 largest urban areas in China
- 2050: China's urban population increase by 300-700 mil.
- 2002 urbanization rate: 36%
- 2050 urbanization rate: 70%
- US (2000): 77%
- Japan (2000): 79%
- Germany (2000): 88%

# Migration and urbanization trends in China, 2000



- Highest interprovincial in-migration: Guangdong (14.43%)
- Highest interprovincial out-migration: Jiangxi (7.12%)
- Lowest interprovincial in-migration: Henan (0.54%)
- Lowest interprovincial out-migration: Guangdong (0.55%)

Source: C. Fan, 2004.

# Motivations for Land-Use Change Research in China

Rapid economic development

• 1978-1996 annual GDP growth: 9 -13%

• Raised per capita income

 Changed dietary standards Implications for land use

Massive migrations

Rapid urbanization

 Grain-based to meat-based diets

# Why Pearl River Delta, Guangdong Province?

- 1988 1996 real GDP growth: 350-550%
- Major agricultural region and national leader in production of:
  - lychees, bananas, pond fish, sugar cane
- Special Economic Zones
- Geographic proximity to Hong Kong
- Cultural ties to overseas Chinese investors

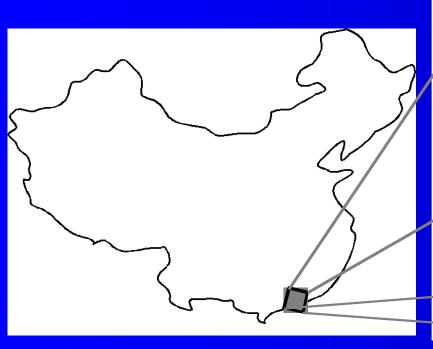


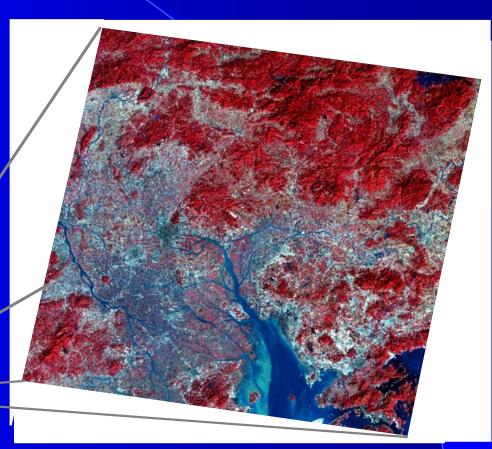


### Pearl River Delta, China

- Major agricultural region
- Special Economic Zones
- Geographic proximity to Hong Kong
- Cultural ties to overseas Chinese investors
- 33-48 million

# Study Area: Pearl River Delta





Landsat TM 432 (RGB) 12.30.95



















Typical urban dwellings (Guong Zhou)



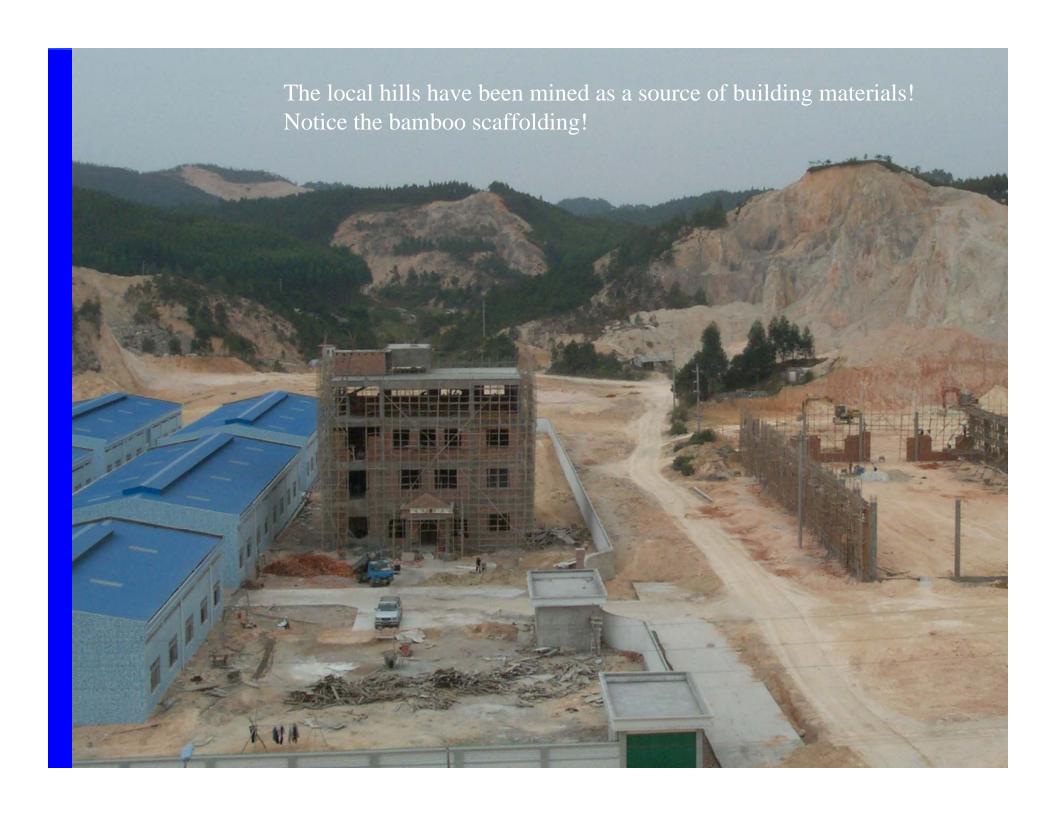


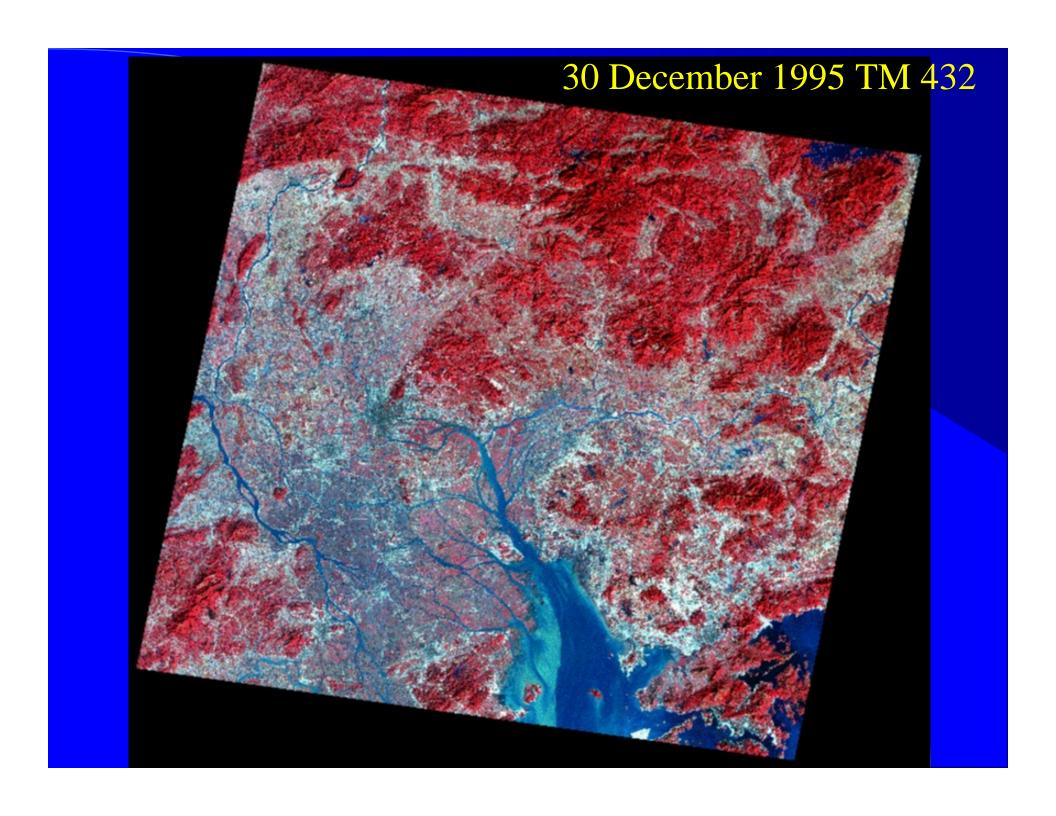




Buildings of several stories are being built with bamboo scaffolding and without the use of cranes! Huge amounts of manual labor!







### Stable and Change Land-Use/Cover Classes

Water → Fish pond

Water → Agriculture

Water 

Transition

Water → Urban

Forest Forest → Water

Forest  $\rightarrow$  Transition

Forest → Urban

Shrub Shrub → Water

Shrub → Transition

Shrub → Urban

Fish Pond Fish pond → Transition

Agriculture Agriculture → Water

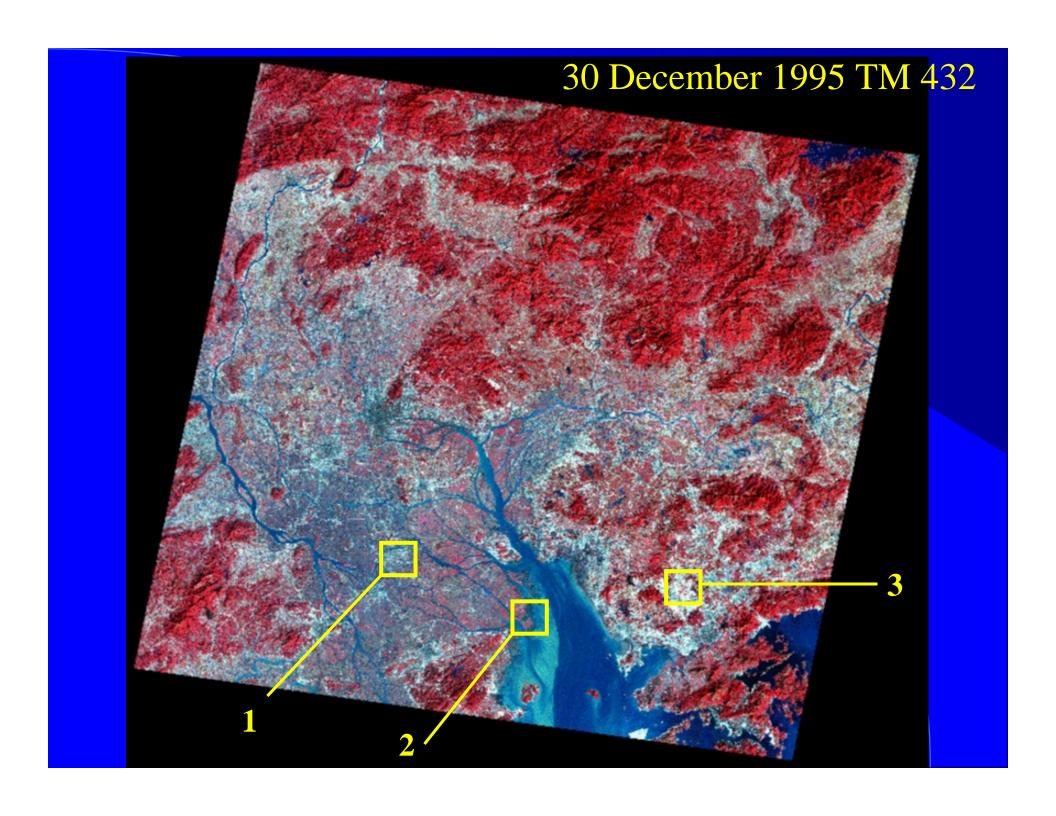
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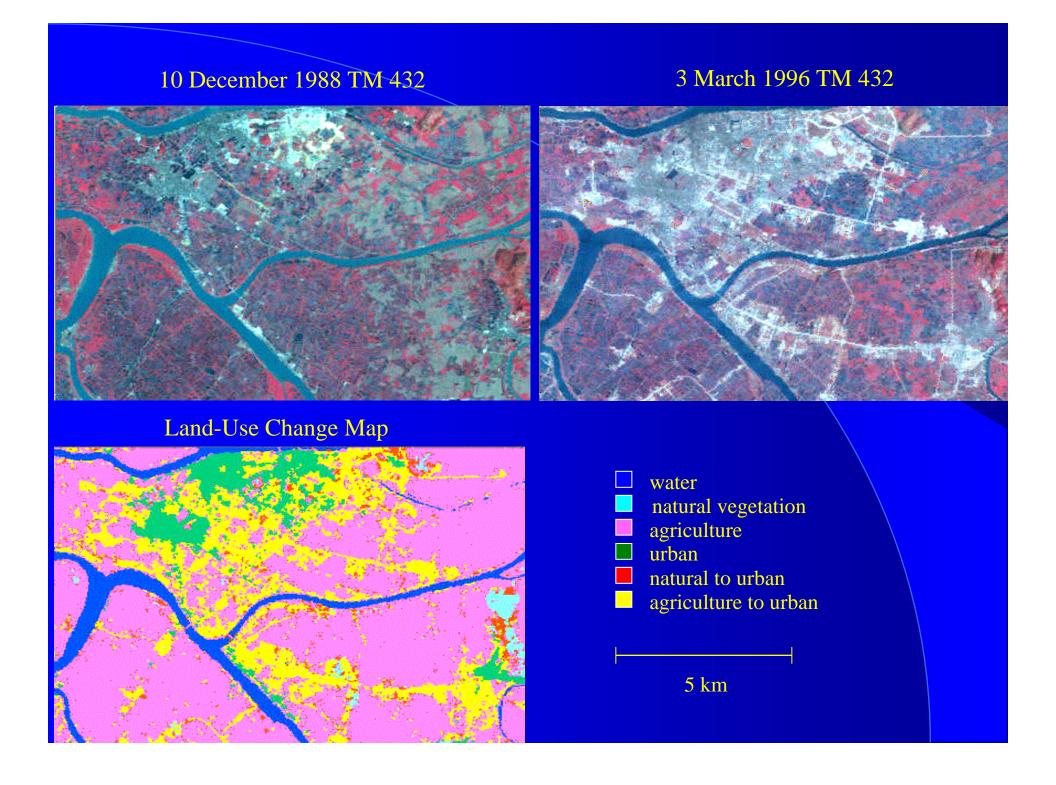
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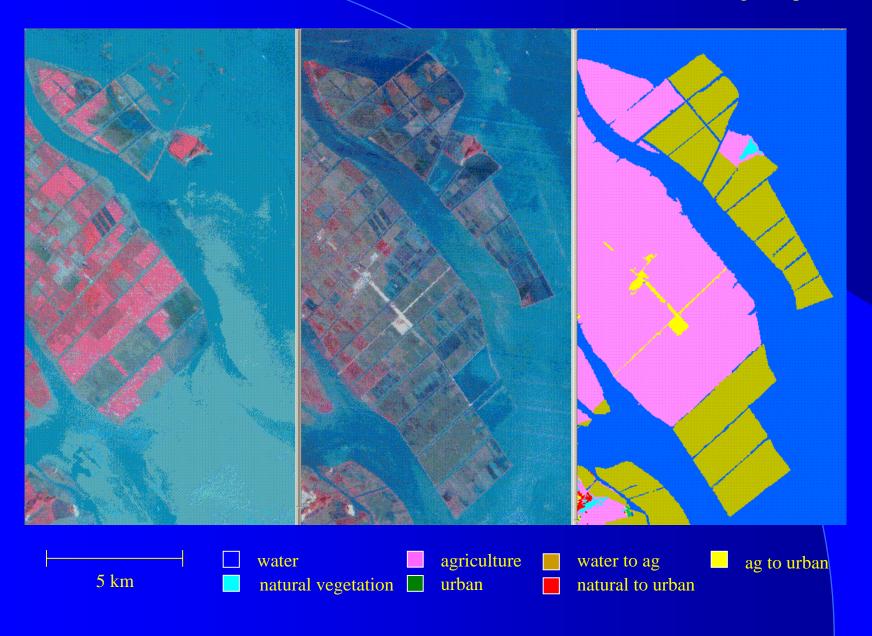
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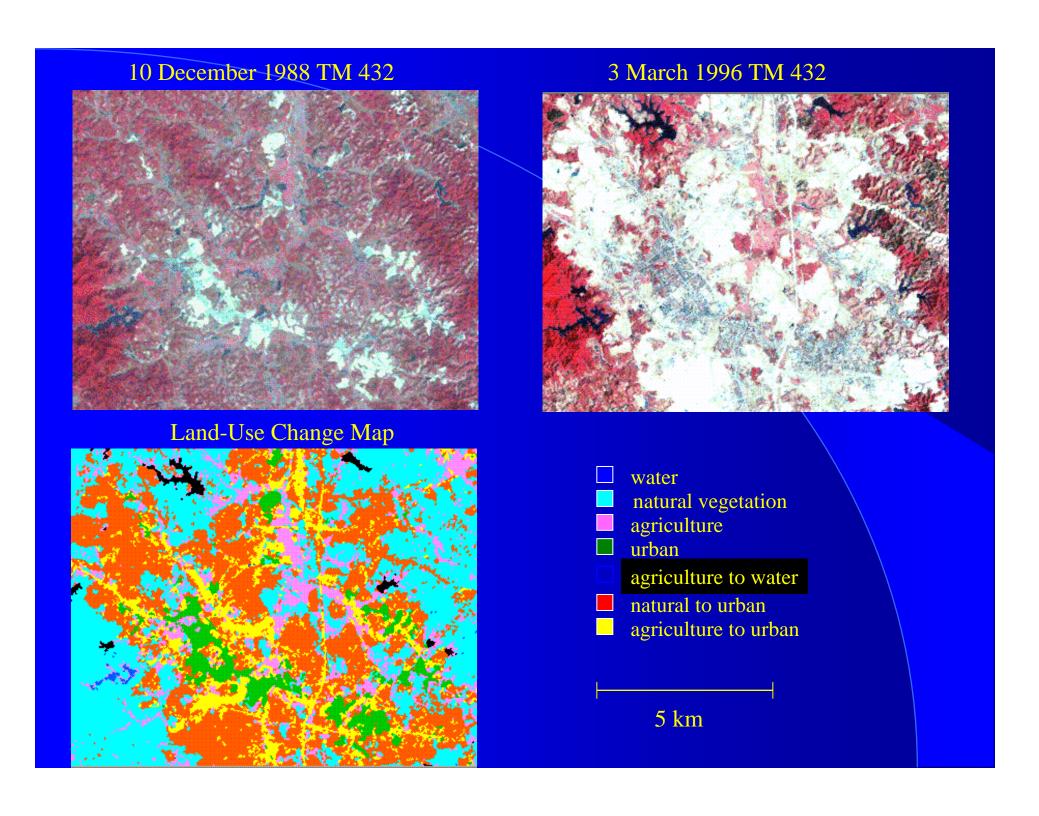
Transition Transition → Urban

Urban









### Contributions of Research

- Successful mapping of land-use change with high accuracy (93.5%)
- Amount of developed land has increased by 319% between 1988 and 1996
- Developed new method to evaluate change in series of images using time series techniques
- Identified and quantified major drivers of urbanization

# MONITORING CHANGES IN IRRIGATED LANDS IN SOUTHEASTERN TURKEY WITH MODIS AND LANDSAT

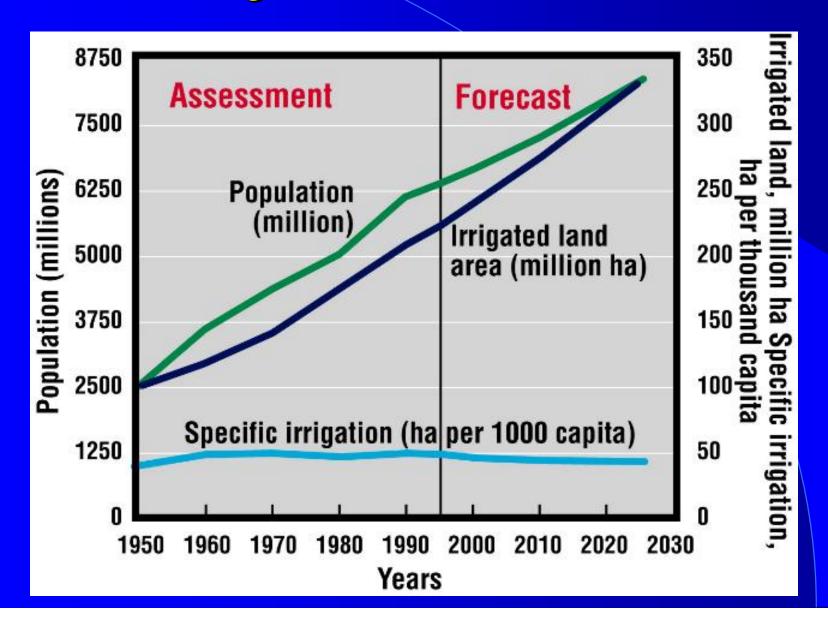
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#### Situation in SE Turkey

- Large-scale water resources development project in SE Turkey known as the GAP (Turkish acronym for *Southeastern Anatolia Project*).
- 22 dams within the Euphrates-Tigris Basin with irrigation network planned to serve 1.7 million hectares by 2010.
- Currently ~300,000 hectares of land is being irrigated.

# Agricultural Water Use

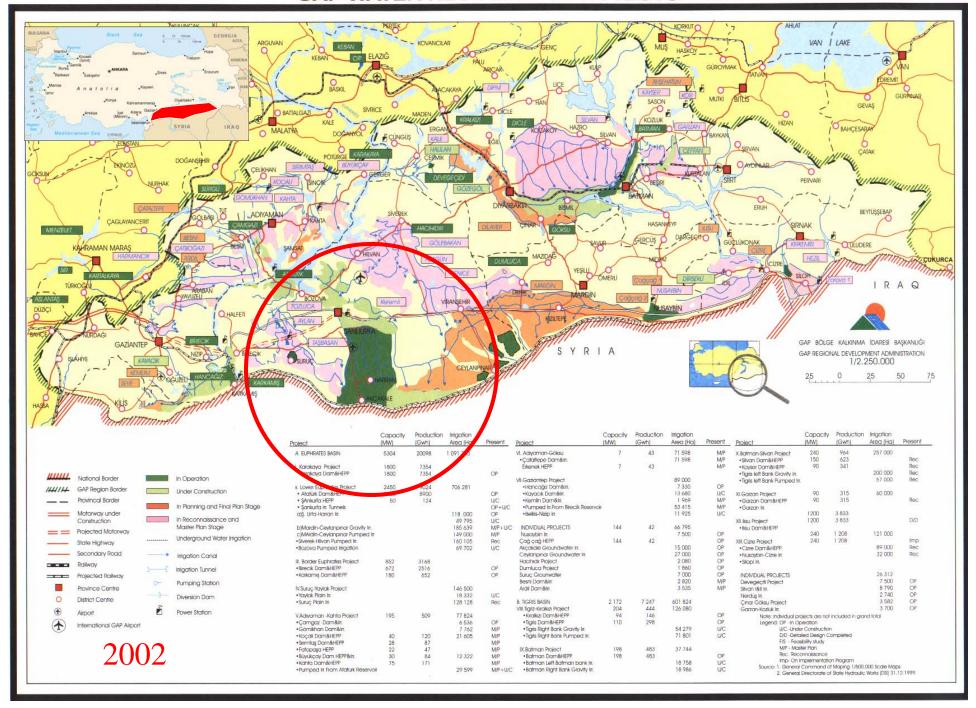


#### Multidisciplinary Research Project

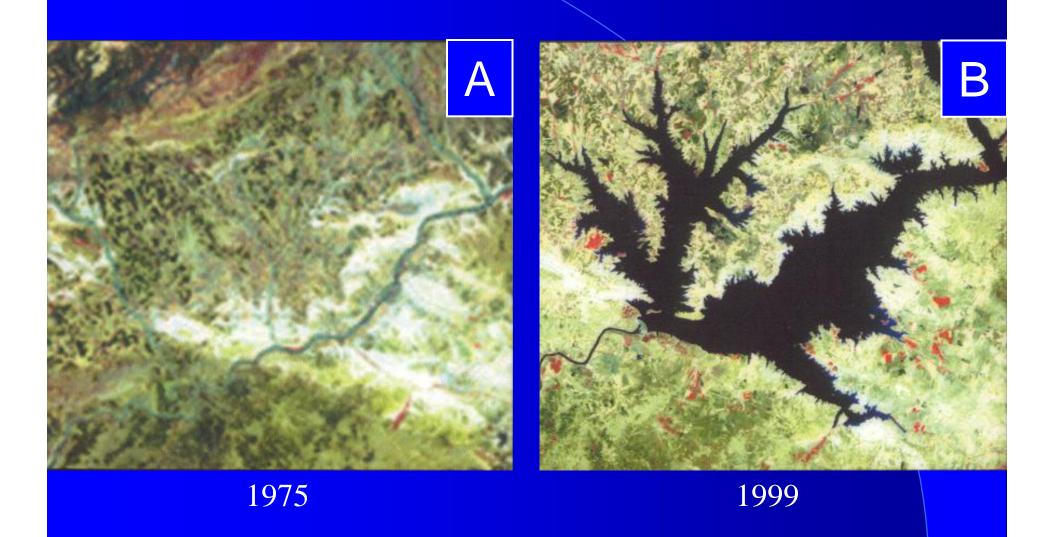
- To assess the hydro-climatological impact of large-scale irrigation.
  - Remote sensing estimates of irrigated acreage for 10 years
  - Evapotranspiration estimates based on Penman-type approach
  - Meso-scale climate modeling to understand future impacts

http://www.bu.edu/remotesensing/Research/Turkey/index.html

#### **GAP WATER RESOURCES PROJECTS**



# Atatürk Dam and Reservoir



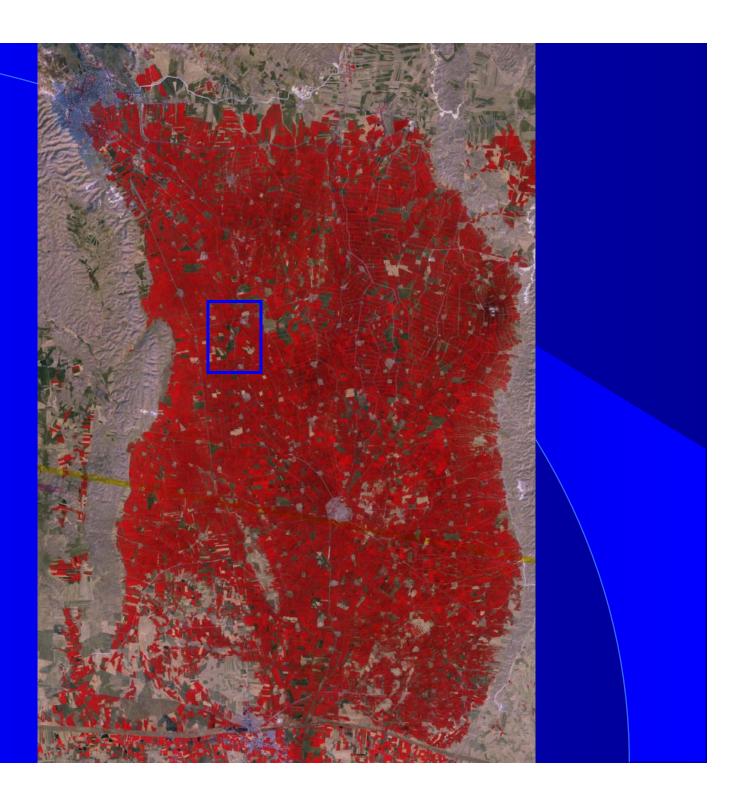






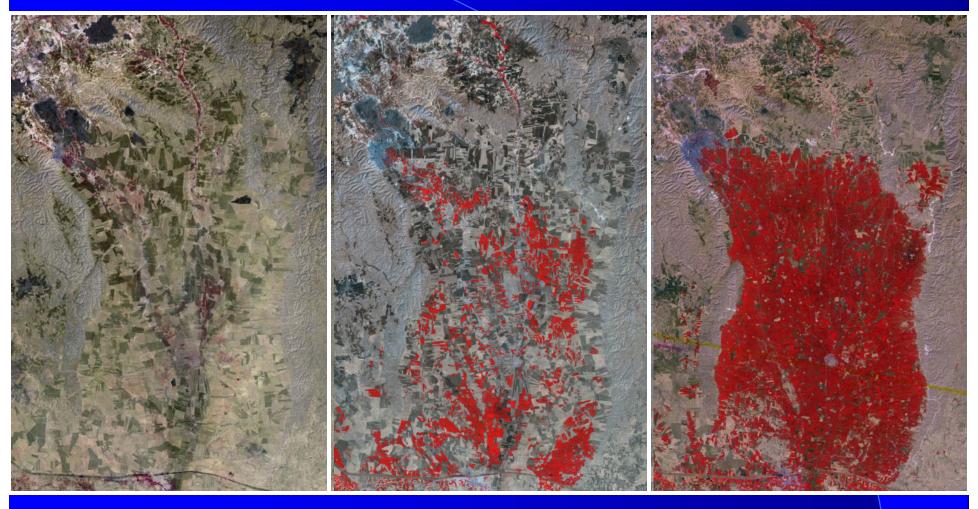


ETM+ image September 1, 1999



IKONOS image December, 2000

# Harran Plain



 1978
 1992
 1999

All late-summer images

#### Results (Remote Sensing of Irrigation)

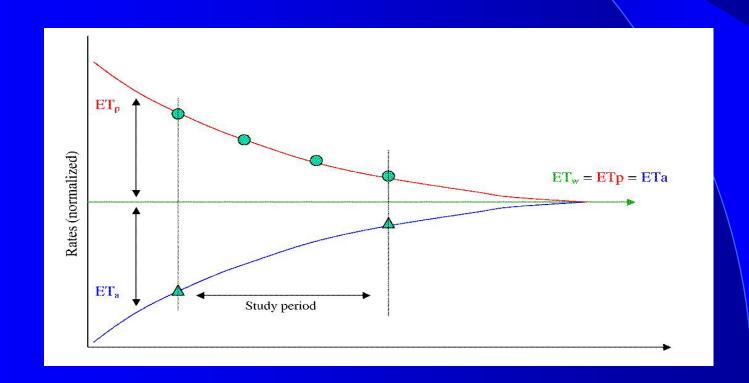
- Between 1980 and 2002 irrigated area has increased
   ~2000 percent
- Similar increase in agricultural water use
- 1.18 bcm in 2002 (~3% of total Euphrates flow)
- MODIS data useful for optimum timing
- NDVI thresholding method is reliable
- Applicable in other areas with single crop

#### Implications for the hydrologic cycle

- Main Question:
  - What is the impact of increased irrigation on the hydrological cycle and climate?
- Concentrating on Evapotranspiration
  - Simple models suited for changing moisture
  - Use routine meteorological observations
  - Capable of representing feedbacks between land surface and atmosphere

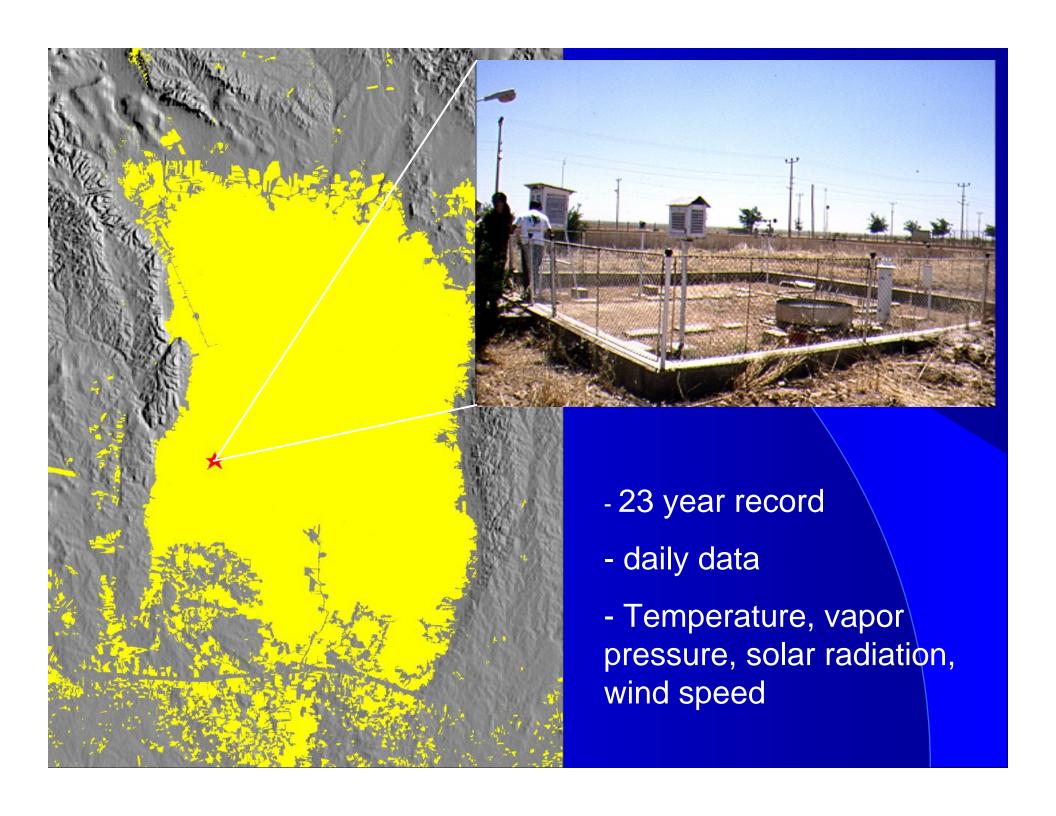
#### Complementary Relationship (CR)

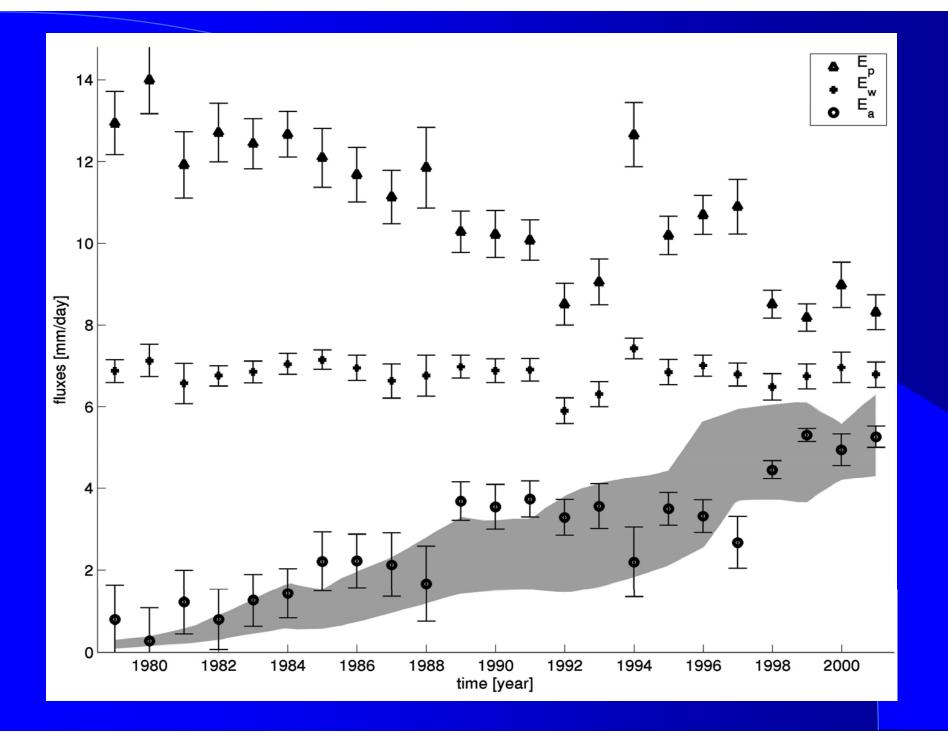
- Based on heuristic arguments of Bouchet (1963)
- Simply states that the <u>potential</u> and <u>actual</u> evapotranspiration are not independent, but form a complementary relationship



#### **Evaporation Definitions**

- <u>Actual evaporation</u> (E<sub>a</sub>) is defined as the actual amount of water leaving earth's surface in the form of atmospheric water vapor
- <u>Potential evaporation</u> (E<sub>p</sub>) is defined as the amount of evaporation that would occur, if unlimited water source were available. An upper limit to actual evaporation, atmosphere limited
- <u>Equilibrium evaporation</u> (E<sub>w</sub>) is defined as potential evaporation under minimum advection conditions. It represents a lower limit evporation from moist surfaces (it is rarely achieved)





#### CR Results (neutral case)

- E<sub>P</sub> decreased ~15 mm/day to ~7 mm/day
- Decrease in wind speed primary cause
- CR holds for the study site means:
  - Economies of scale exist!
  - Method for estimating ET
- $E_a$  increased 0 to ~ 5 mm/day
- Comparison against E<sub>a</sub> calculated from water balance shows good agreement

# What can remote sensing tell us?

- Provides a means for studying the way our planet is changing, and in particular, how human activities are changing the planet
- We have just begun to scratch the surface of utilizing existing datasets to learn about how Earth is changing

## Remote Sensing and Your Students!

- Who uses remote sensing (Earth Observations)
- Career paths
  - Science (diverse backgrounds)
    - Geography
    - Forestry and agriculture
    - Earth sciences (geology)
    - Atmospheric sciences
    - Biology (ecology)
    - Math and statistics, computer science, engineering and physics
  - IT perspective tools, image processing, geographic information systems, GPS (mostly commercial)
  - Resource management (commercial, governmental and NGO) forestry, agriculture, mineral exploration, urban and regional planning, weather and climate, fisheries, land management agencies (wildlife, biodiversity ...)
  - Satellites and Sensors (design, build, launch, operate) aerospace industry and government
  - Data systems collect, process, archive, and distribute imagery