

# Mapping water bodies exploited multi-sensors and multi resolution optical and SAR data: gained experience from plain flood monitoring in Western Europe and Asia

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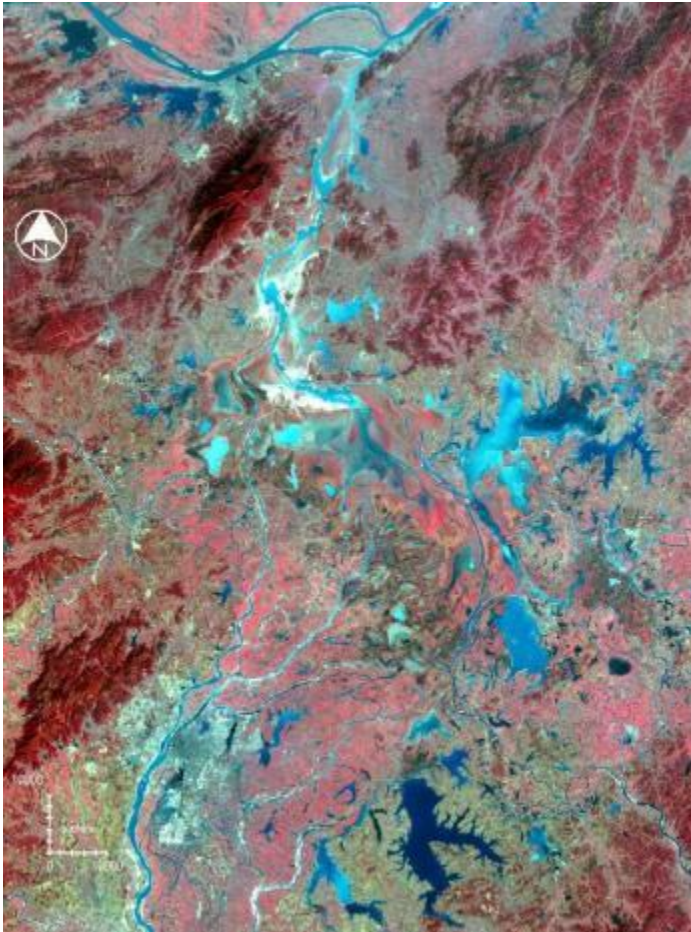


# Context: better understanding in of water bodies dynamic (water cycle and services)

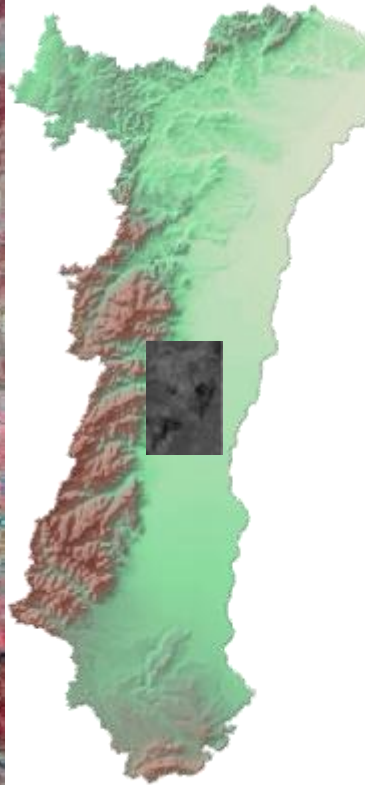
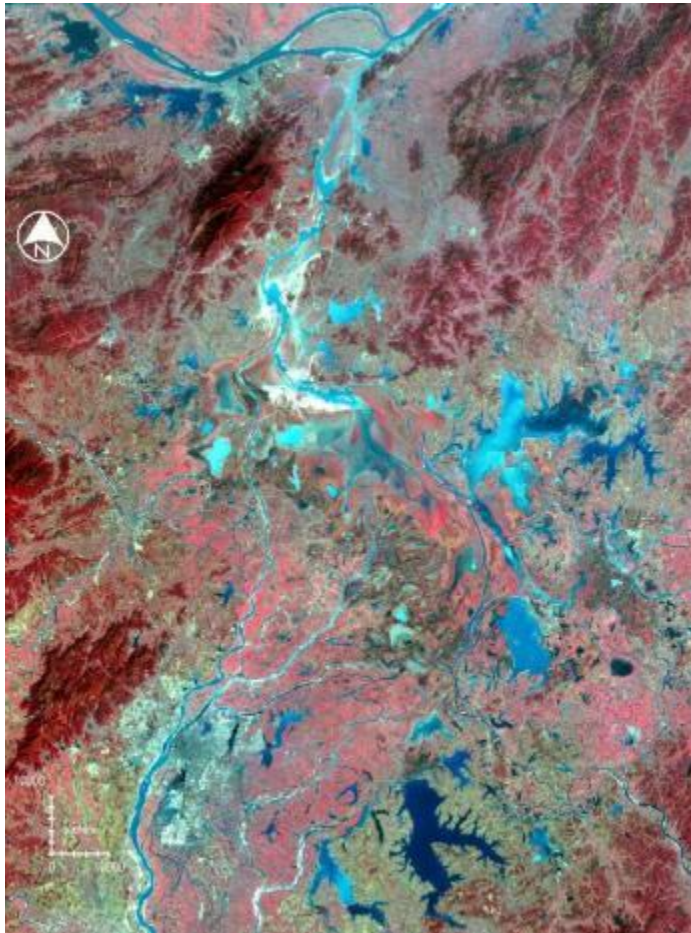
- Test site Alsatian plain flood & Yangtze intermediate basin
- Dynamic of water bodies
- EO time series description/access
- Sentinel 1 versus Envisat ASAR
- Challenging problems, submerged /floating vegetation, mud banks
- Water bodies from time series
- Validation via multi resolution approach
- Indicators derived from times series
- Perspectives recommendations

Test sites: Poyang Lake (PR China), Alsatian Flood Plain (Fr)

Poyang lake, Monsoon lake 15 years of monitoring



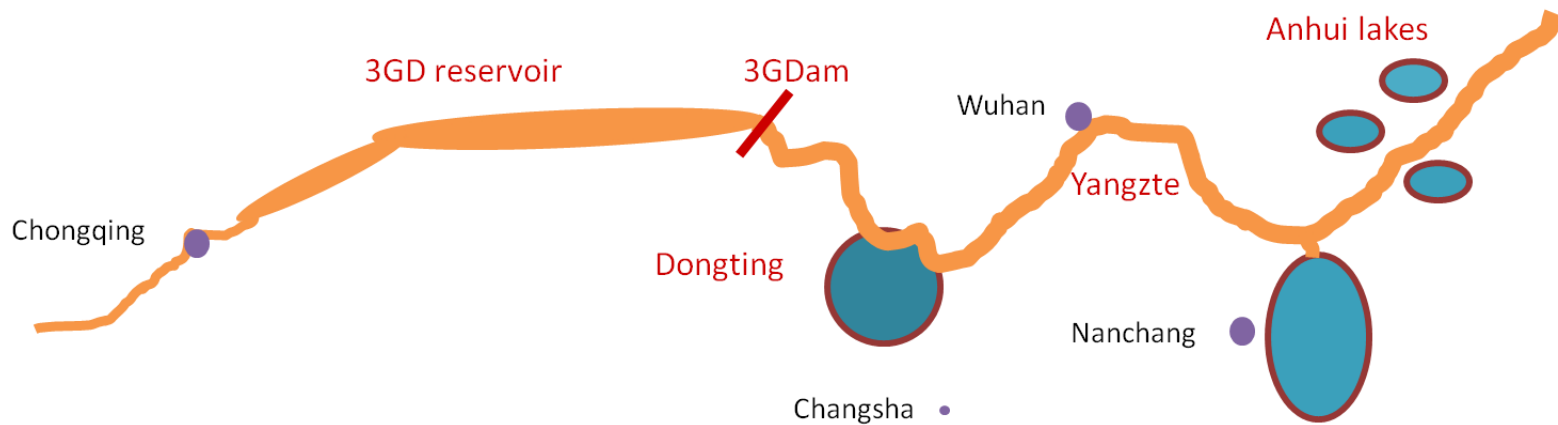
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Alsatian Flood plain, less regularly monitor area, but lot of experiment, SPOT Take  
Five, Pleiades, CSK, Terra SAR ,

# Poyang study context: Yangtze middle watershed

- Diversity of types of water bodies, narrow reservoir, large flat depression, etc ..
- water surface extent behaviors, depending of the season, size factor 5
- huge water height variations from 40 to 1 m depending of the water body



**3 Gorges Reservoir (3G) reservoir : 1084 km<sup>2</sup> 2 to 2.5km width, 40m of annual water height variations**

**Yangtze river: 1-2 km , 9-12m of annual water height variations**

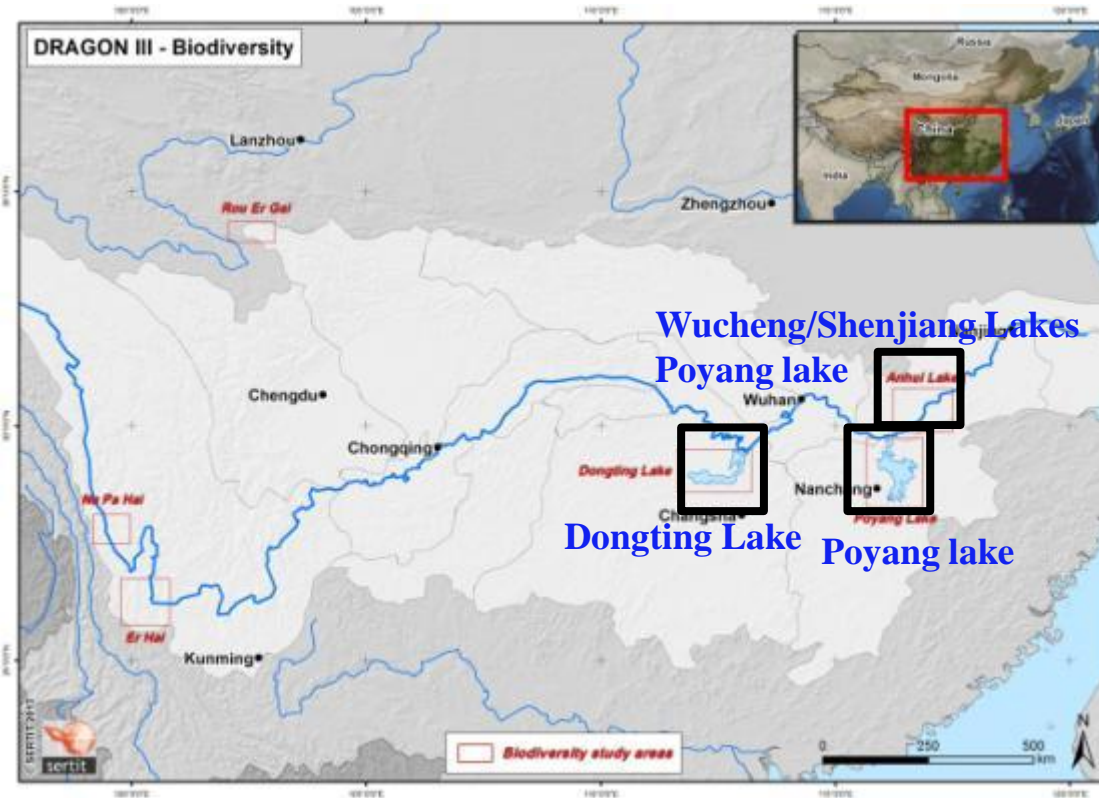
**Dongting Lake: 500-2500 km<sup>2</sup>, 9-12m of annual water height variations**

**Poyang Lake: 700-3300 km<sup>2</sup>, 9-12m of annual water height variations**

**Anhui lakes: >10-100 km<sup>2</sup> , 1-3 m of annual water height variations**



# Context: Yangtze river's monsoons lakes monitoring



- 6000 Lakes, pond, reservoirs
- 25% freshwater of SE Asia
- 1 ha to 3500 km<sup>2</sup>
- Large flooded lakes: 30-40 % of area, 2 majors and 4 small ones
- Water services:
  - 330 000 000 inhabitants
  - Public health
  - Biodiversity stakes
- Within climate change and water management (3GD)



# Acknowledgement

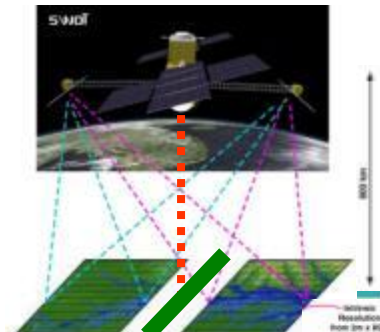
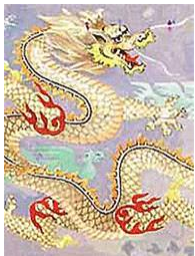
No product without raw material !!!!!

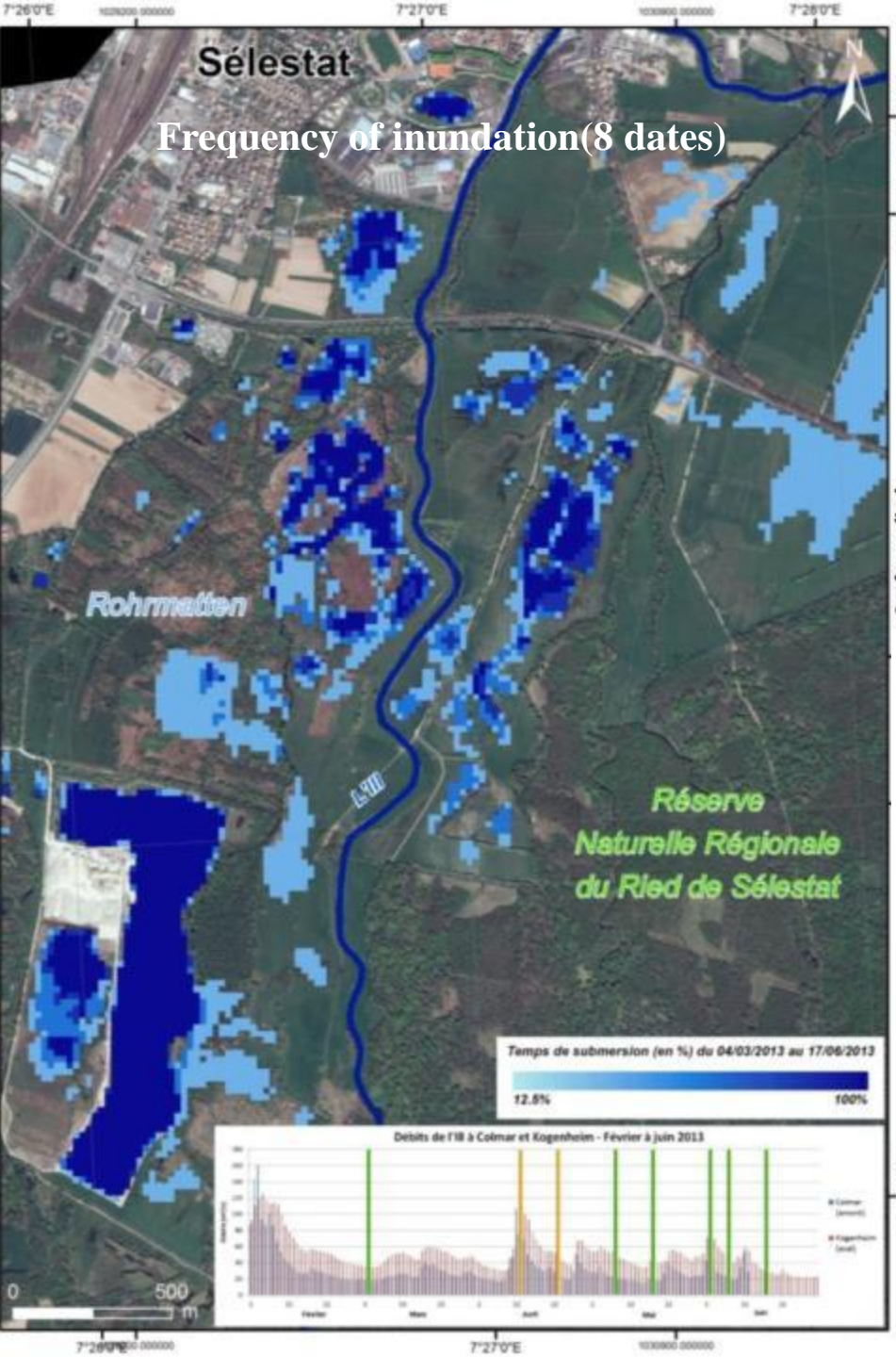
Major pillars :

- ESA MOST DRAGON (2004-2016 and more !!) 
- CNES télé-épidémiologie and SWOT ( RTU + Take 5) 

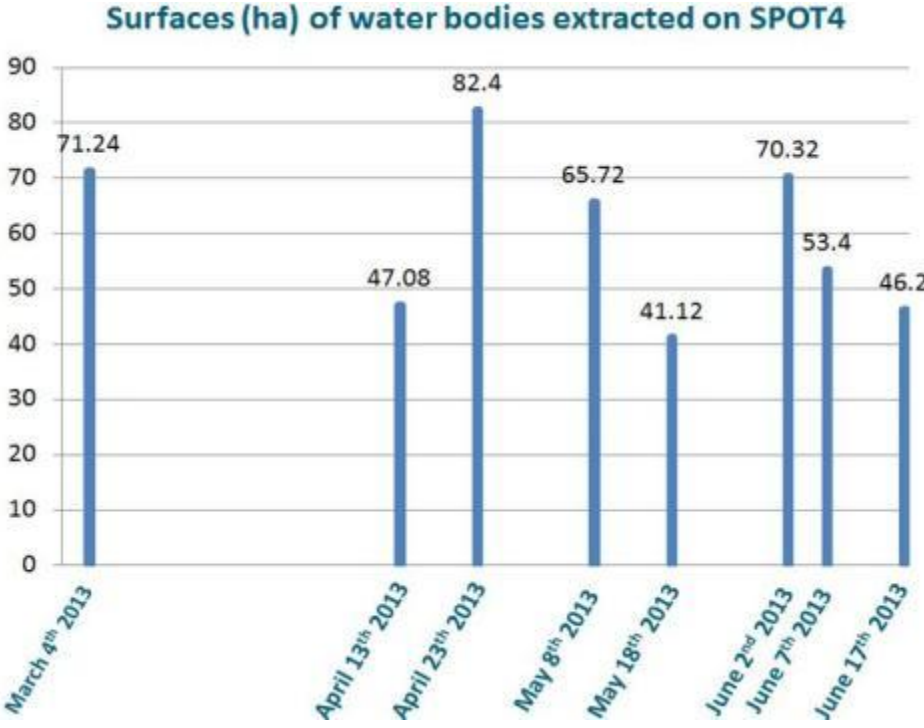
Others very valuable contributions:

- ASI for CSK time series 2010-2011, 2013-2015
- DLR for Tandem X and multimode data access
- Deimos
- etc





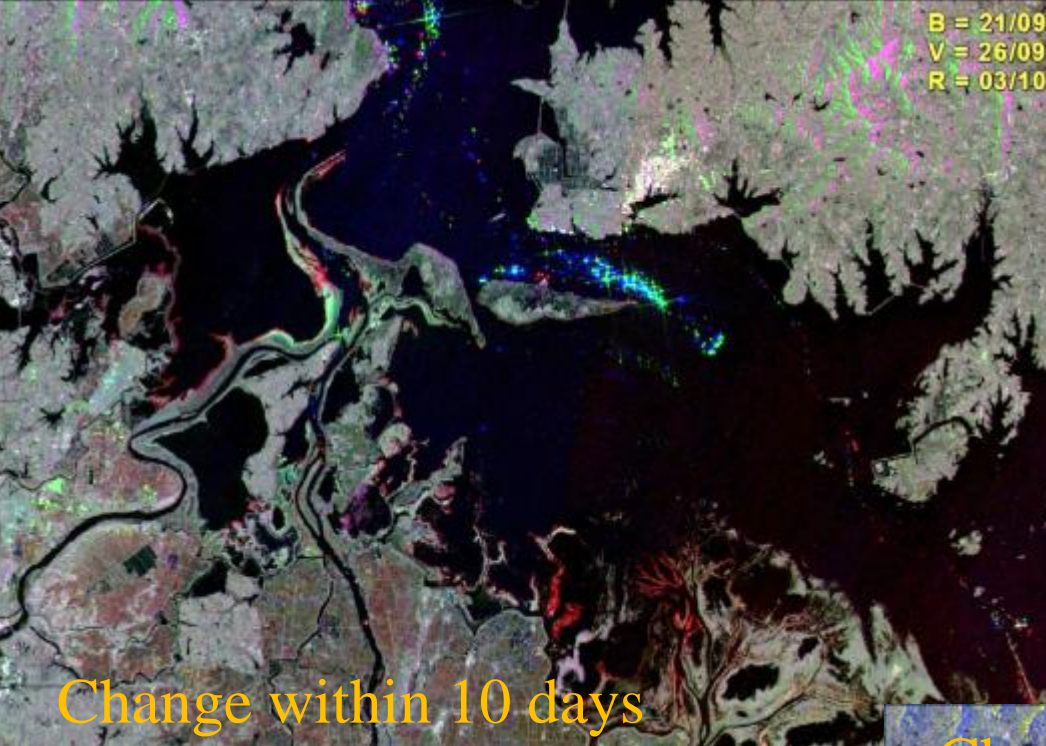
# Water monitoring Alsatian Plain flood TAKE5 SPOT4 exploitation



Possibility to follow very small wetlands complex presenting in fact an unexpected/unknown (?) dynamic.

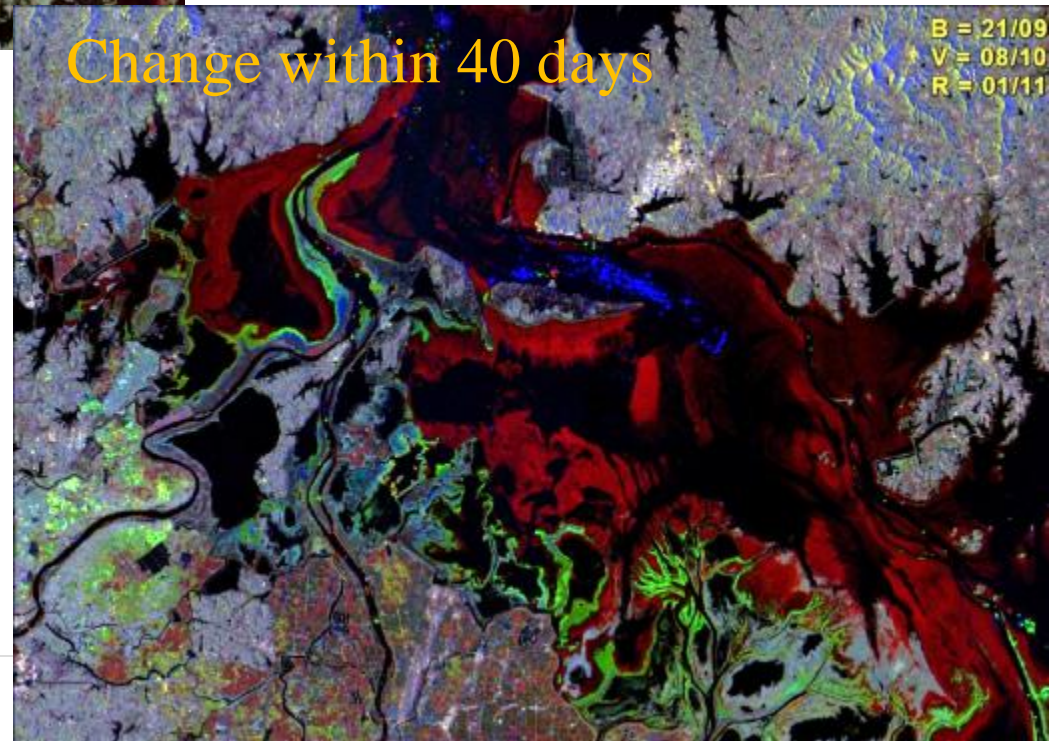






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**Intra annual changes**



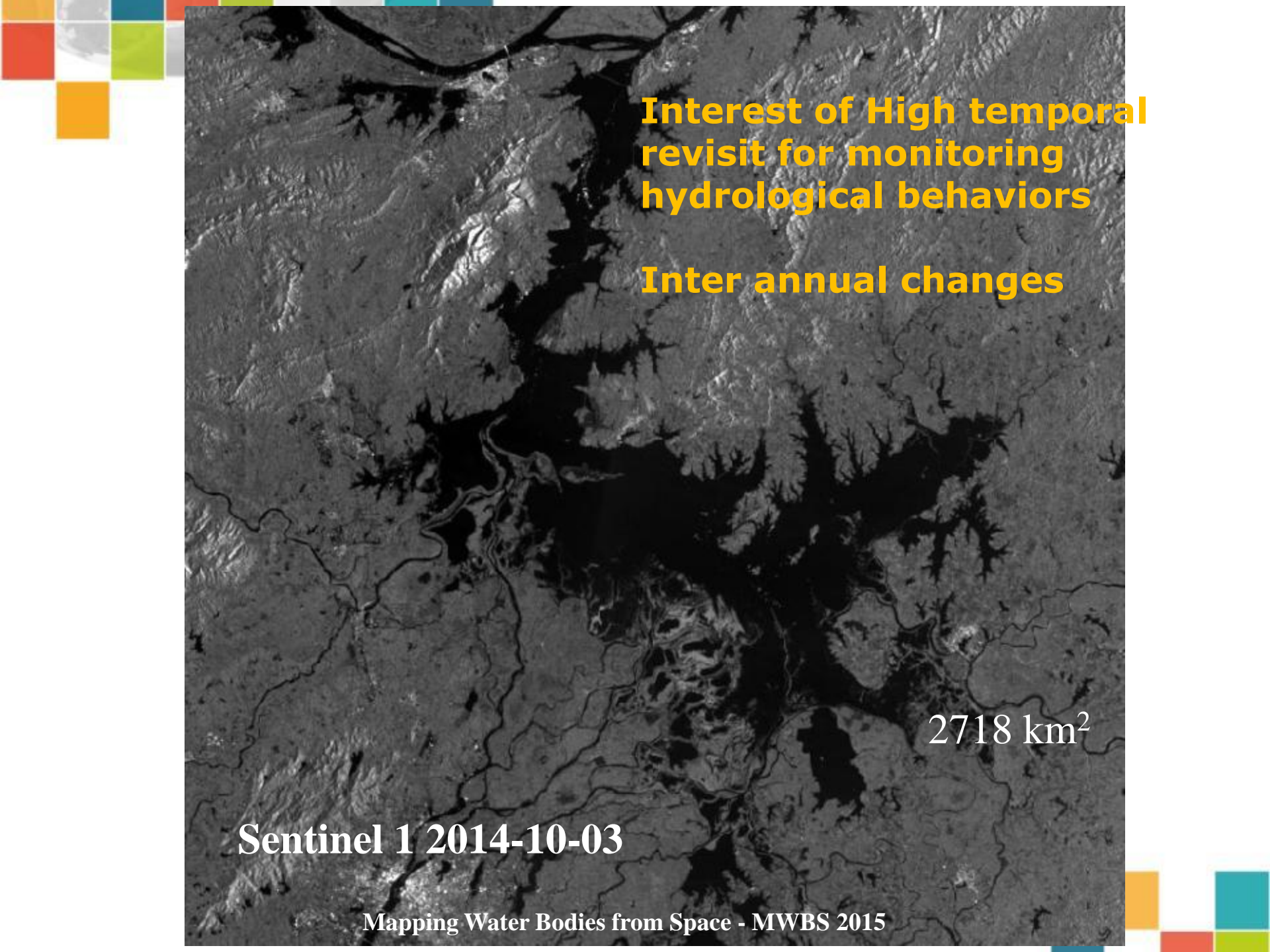


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**Inter annual changes**

1626 km<sup>2</sup>

**CSK 2013-10-01**



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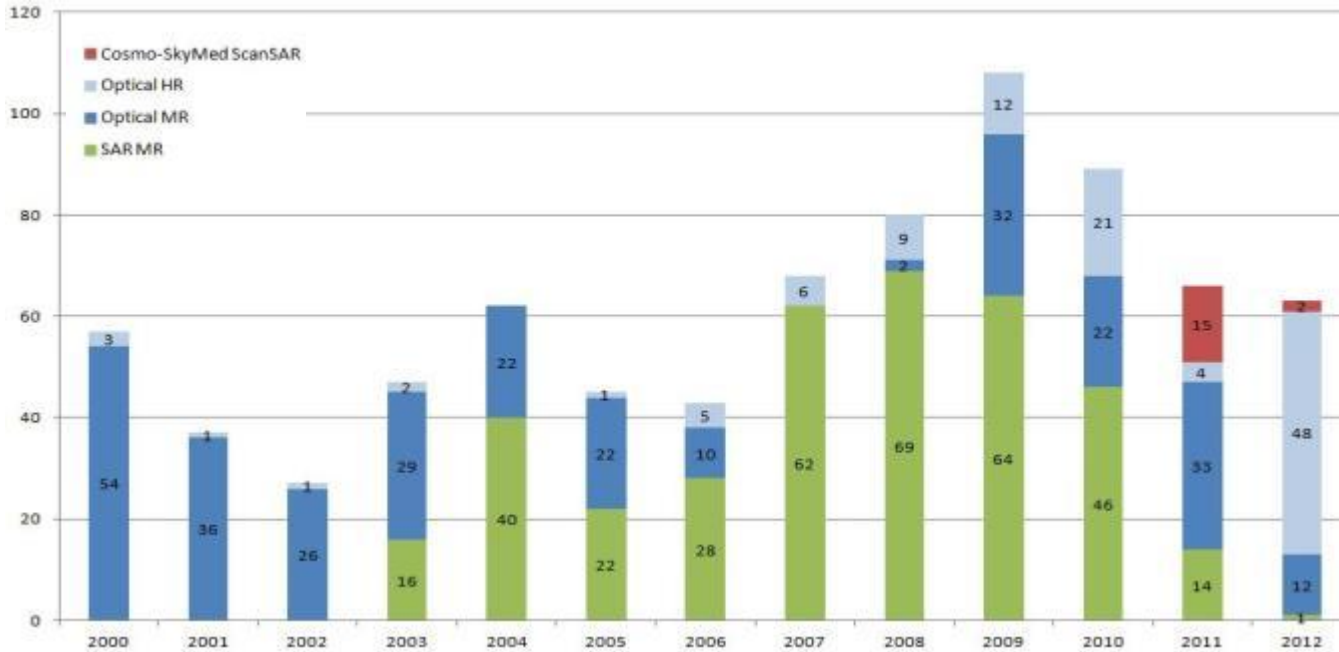
**Inter annual changes**

2718 km<sup>2</sup>

**Sentinel 1 2014-10-03**

# Monitoring water bodies based on EO resource 2000-2012

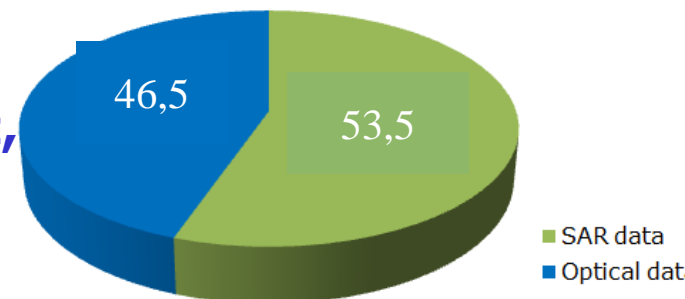
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Near Half SAR and optic: 2000-2012

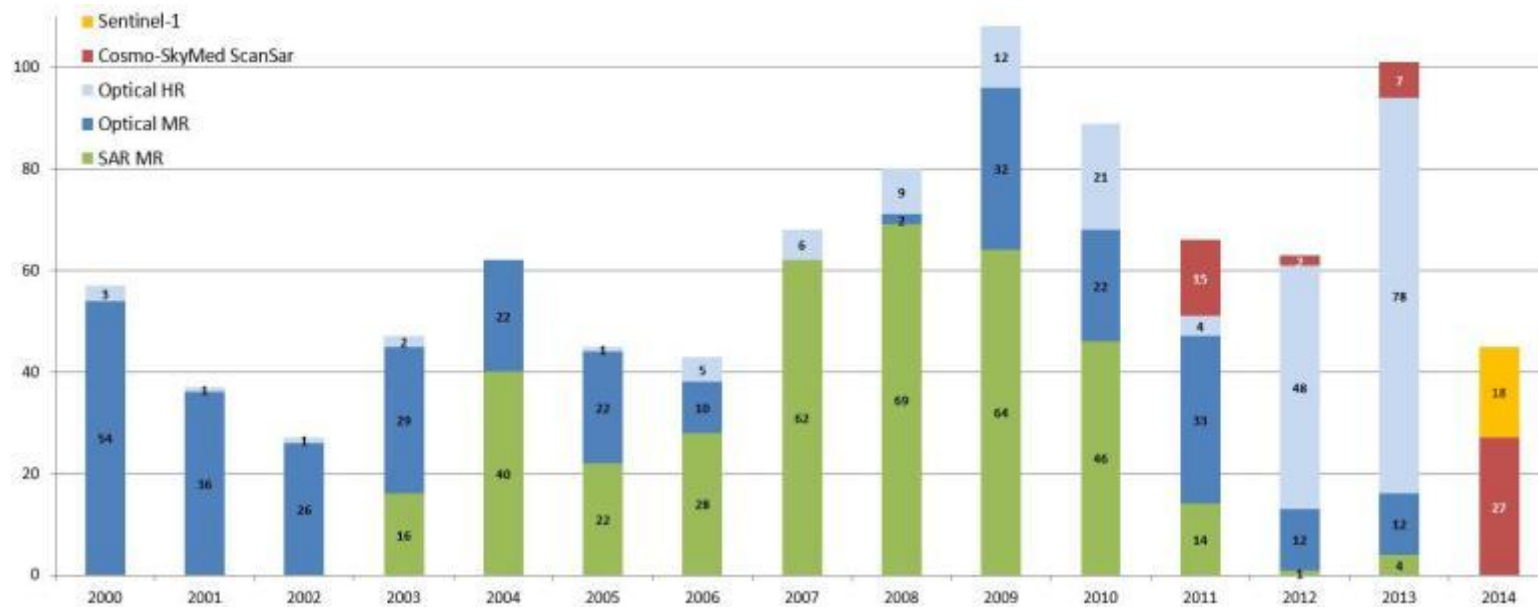
=> ENVISAT, Beijing1 and HJ thanks to DRAGON

=> + opportunistic approach to insure revisit, AO JAXA, DEIMOS, TakeFive, AO CSK ASI  
=> Open EO database, MODIS, Landsat



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**Moving from MR to HR**

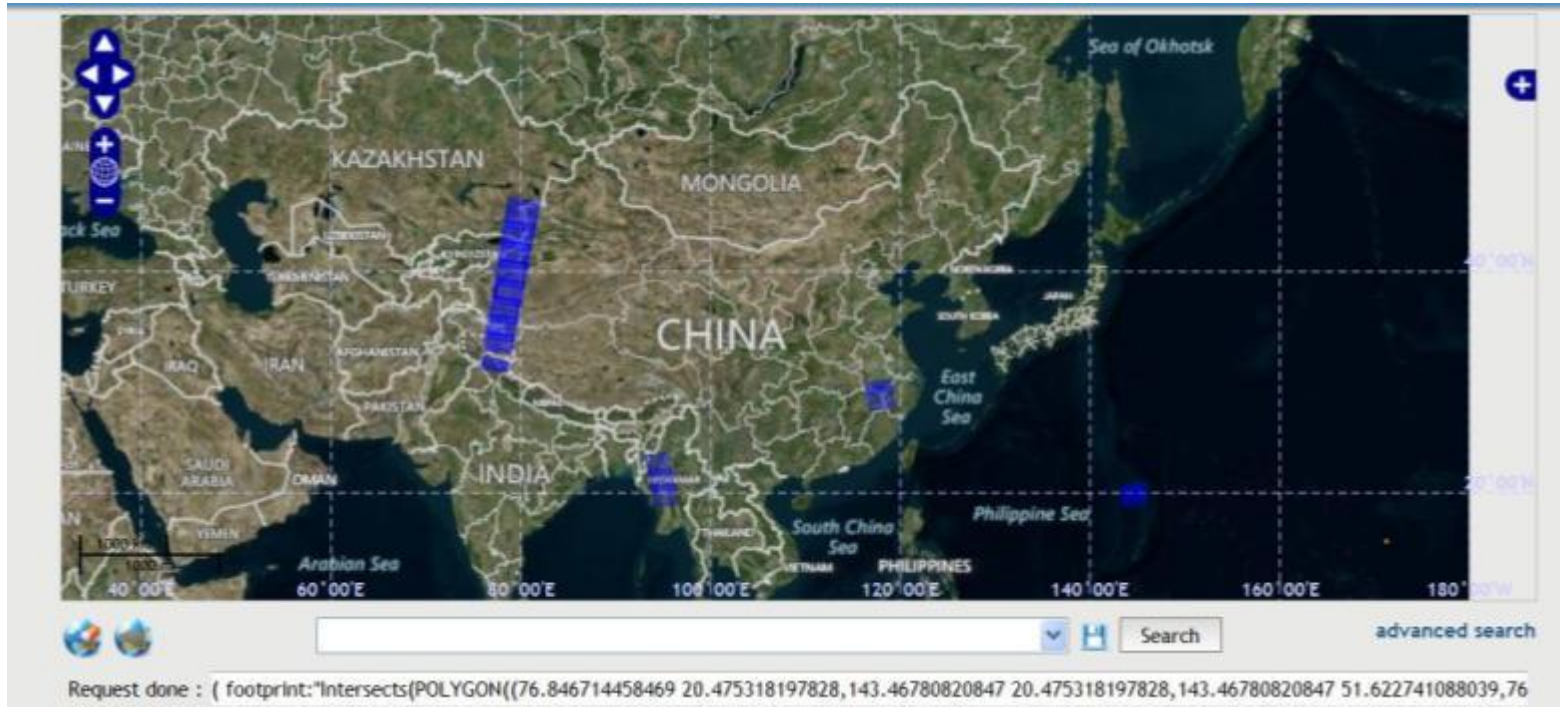
⇒, SPOT 4 TakeFive, HJ1A, preparing Sentinel 2 venue

⇒ Archive TerraSAR, New modes TerraSAR TandemX

⇒ Cosmo Skymed from ASI (supporting Envisat Gap)

⇒ Sentinel 1

# Integration of Sentinel 1 data within the monitoring scheme



Poyang lake is one of the rare site that is covered by systematic acquisition as viewed in the Sentinel Scientific Hub



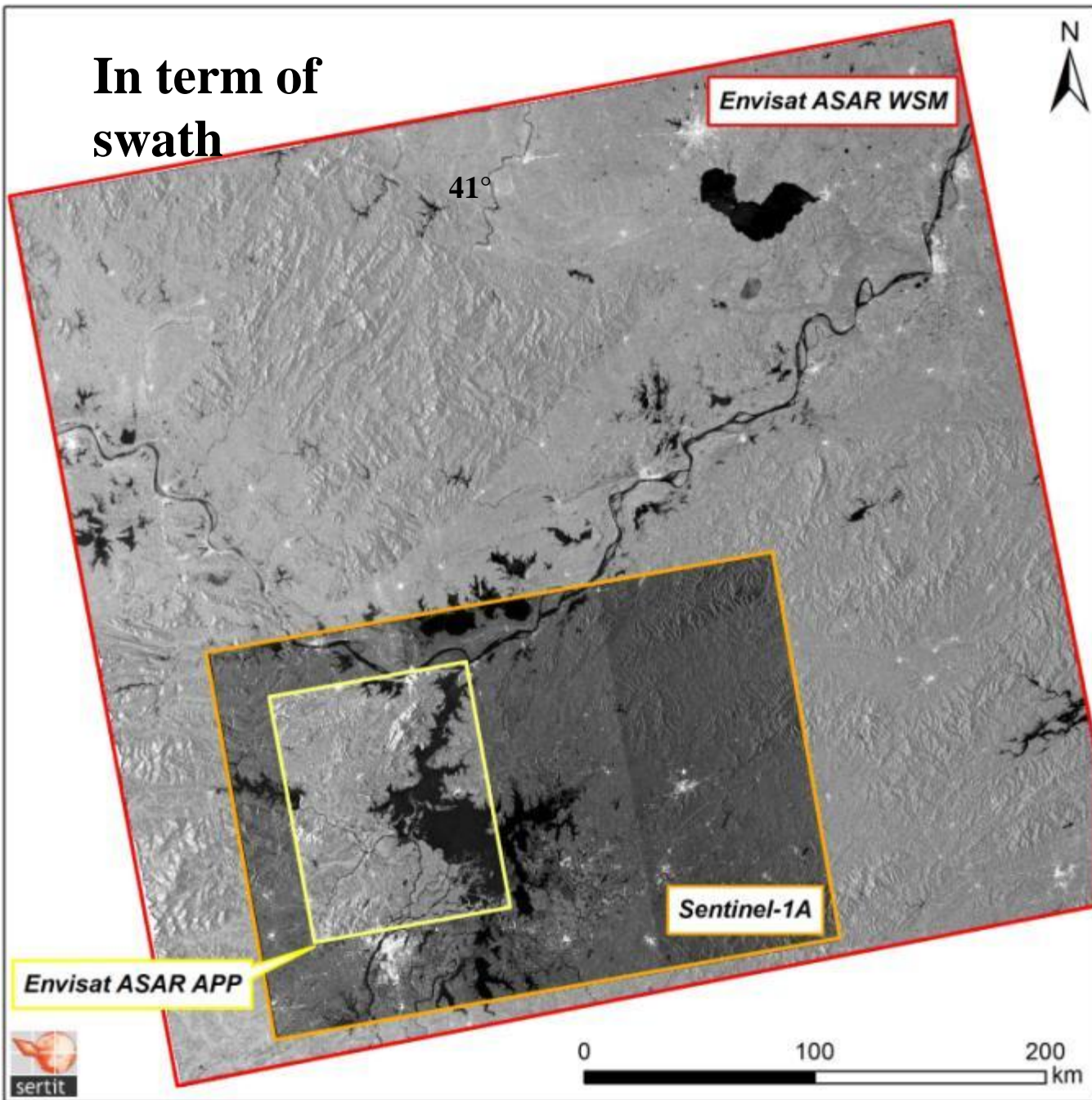


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**Comparison Sentinel1 IWS  
With ENVISAT ASAR WSM and APP modes  
over Poyang Lake, PR China**



# In term of swath



**ASAR WSM  
ENVISAT**

**400 km**

**26° - 41° ENL 10.5**

**Sentinel 1**

**250 km**

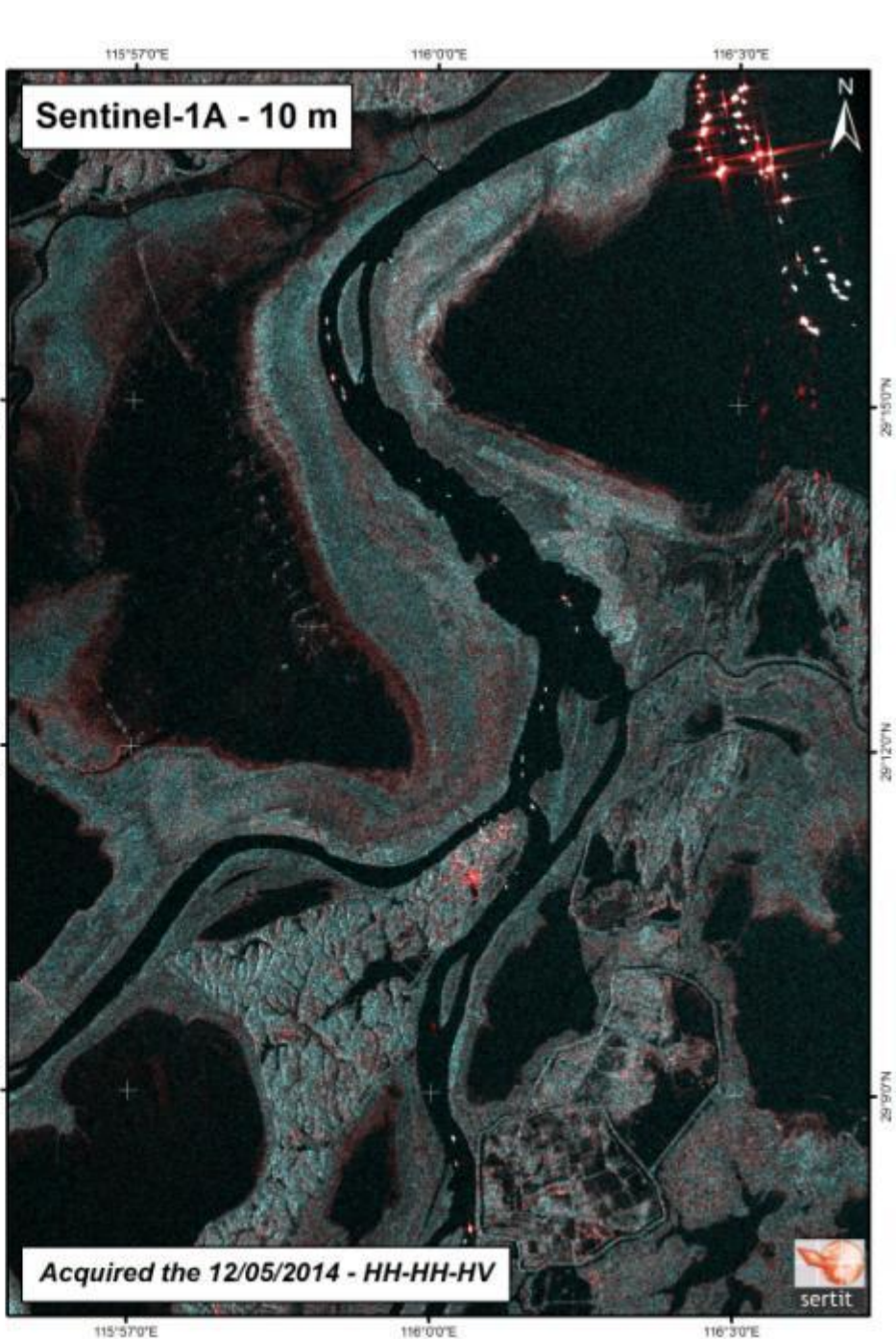
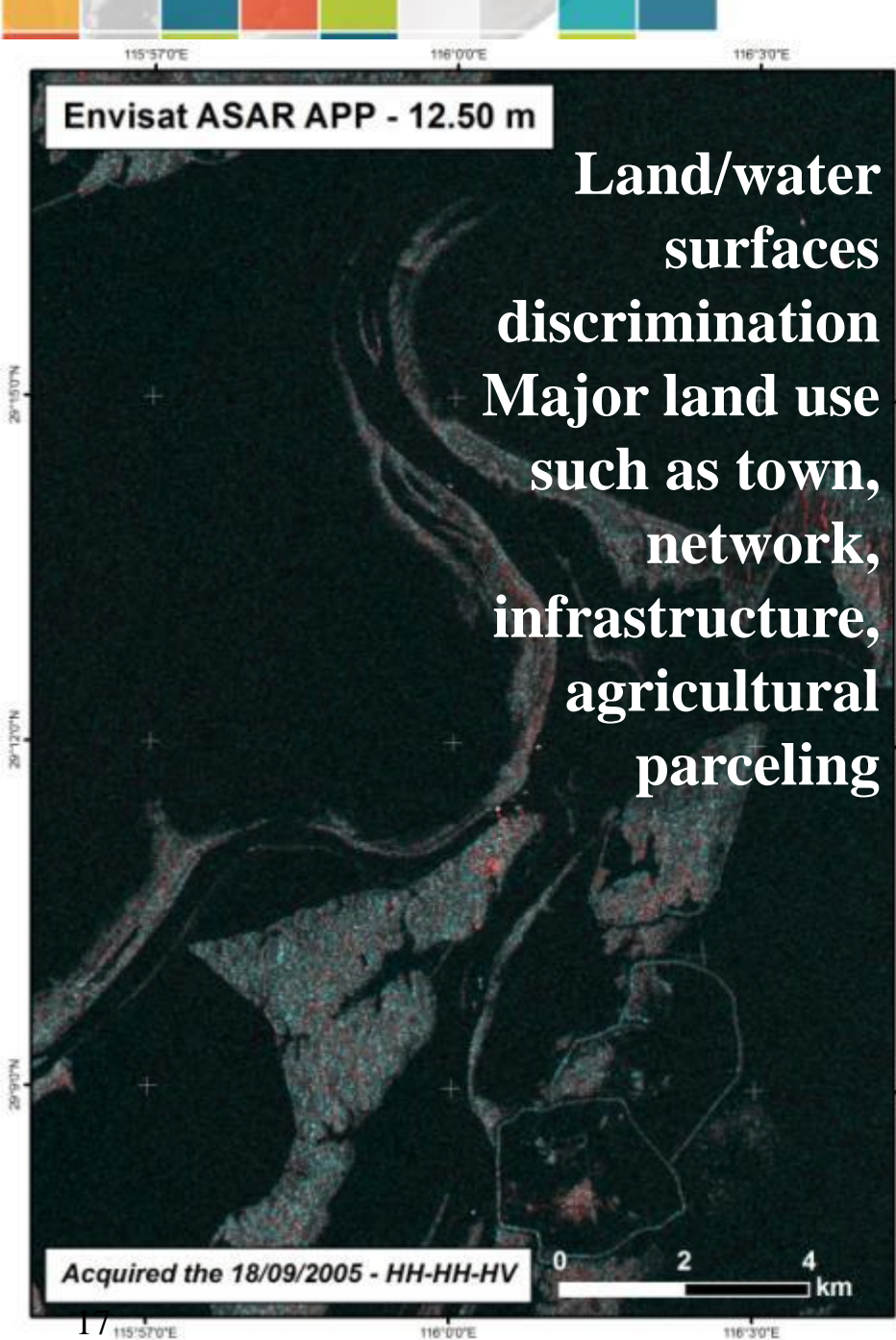
**30° - 45 ENL: 4.9**

**ASAR APP S4  
ENVISAT**

**88 km**

**31-36° ENL 1.9**







116°00'E

116°00'E

Envisat ASAR APP - 12.50 m

20°30'N

20°30'N

Acquired the 18/09/2005 - HH-HH-HV

0 1.5 3 km

116°00'E

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116°00'E

Sentinel-1A - 10 m

20°30'N

20°30'N

Ship detection  
Land/water  
surfaces  
discrimination  
Major land use  
such as town,  
rice fields,

Acquired the 12/05/2014 - HH-HH-HV



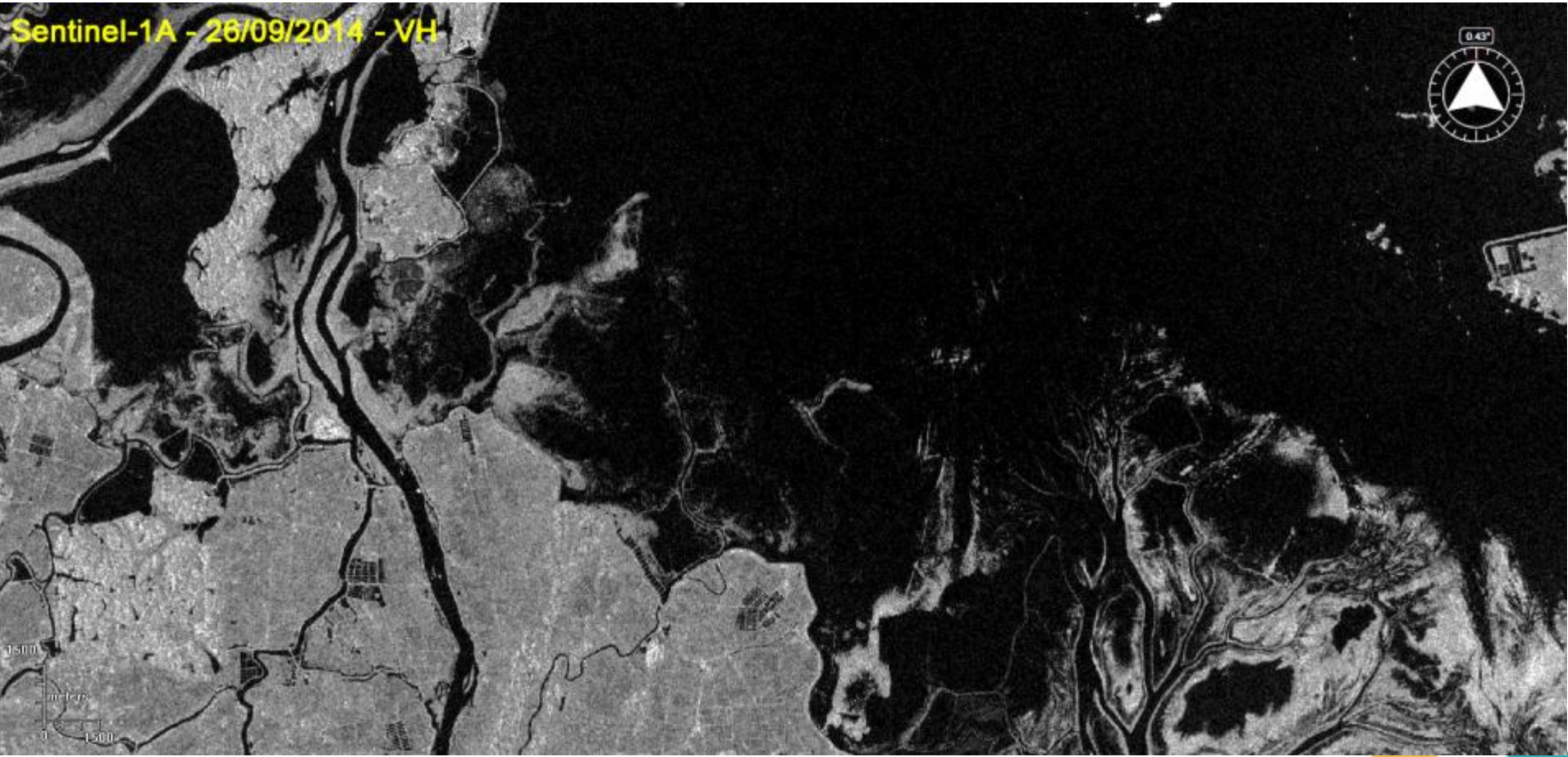
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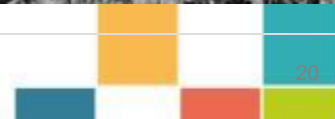
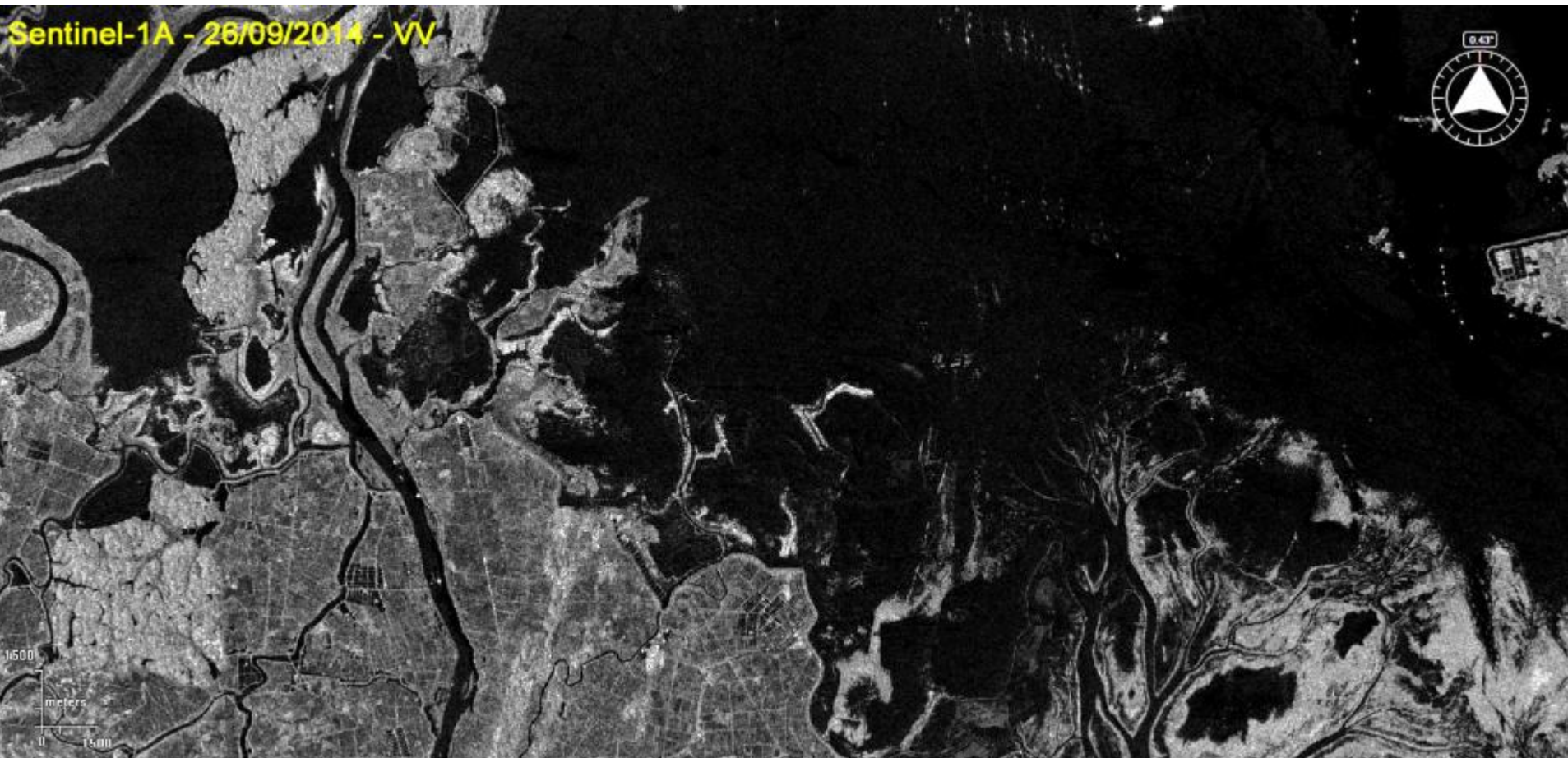


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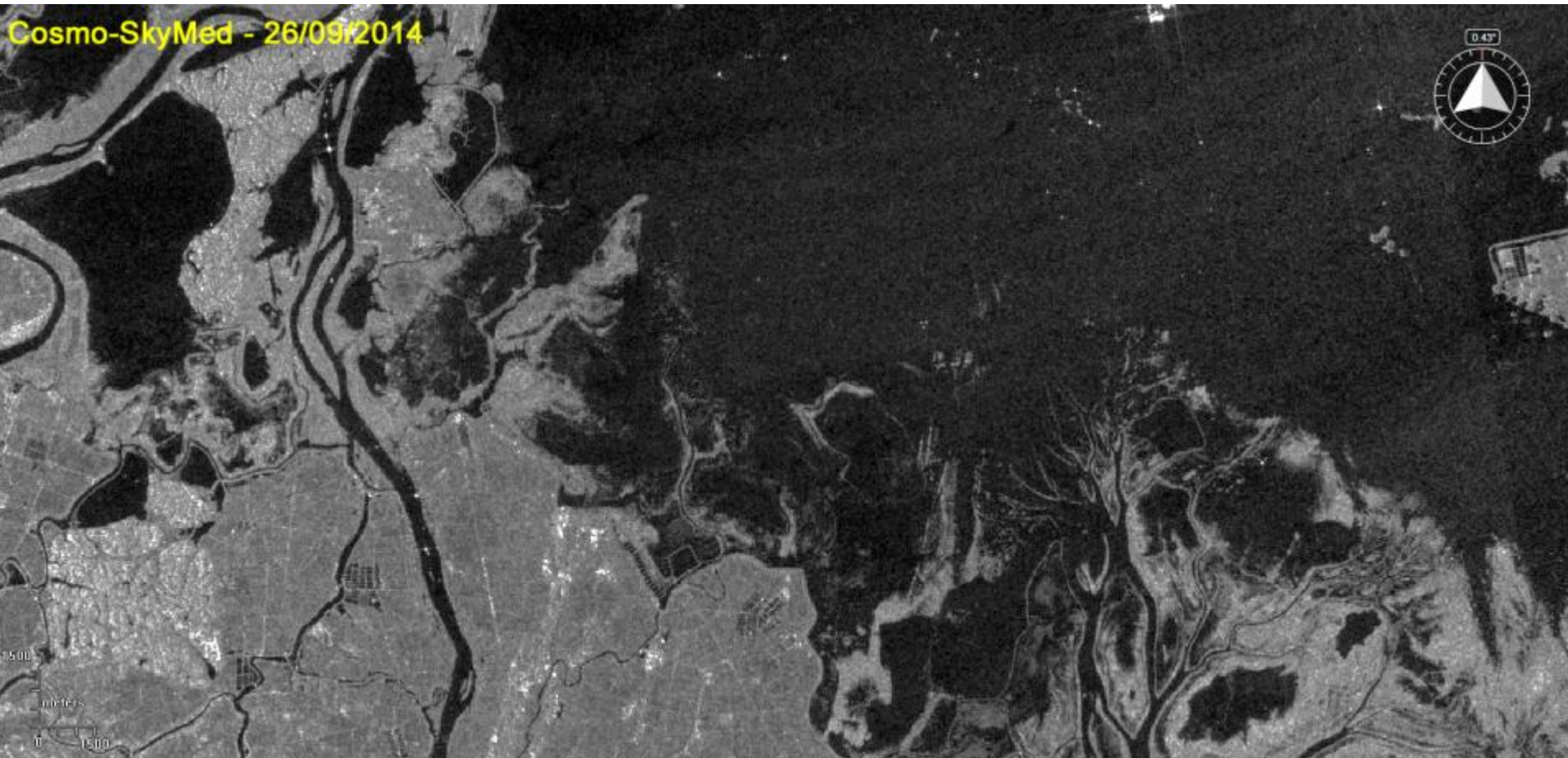
**Sentinel1 VV less apparent water than on VH**





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**Sentinel1 band C VV = CSK band X HH**



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## **Nymphoides Pelatum**

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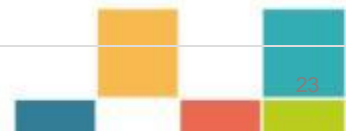


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## Jacynth

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CSK 0224-0726-0928- 2014

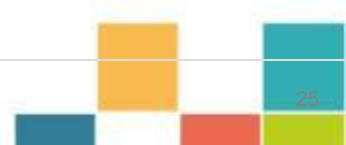


Shenjiang Lake  
Anhui Pr, PR CHina



# Recognition of water surface

## Wet area after water redraw





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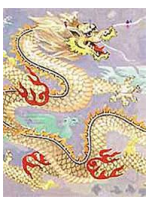


Transitional areas  
between dry land and  
open water surface in  
very flat areas



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**Water extraction from Sentinel 1, CSK,  
HJ1A Time series  
over Poyang Lake and Anhui lakes ,  
PR China**



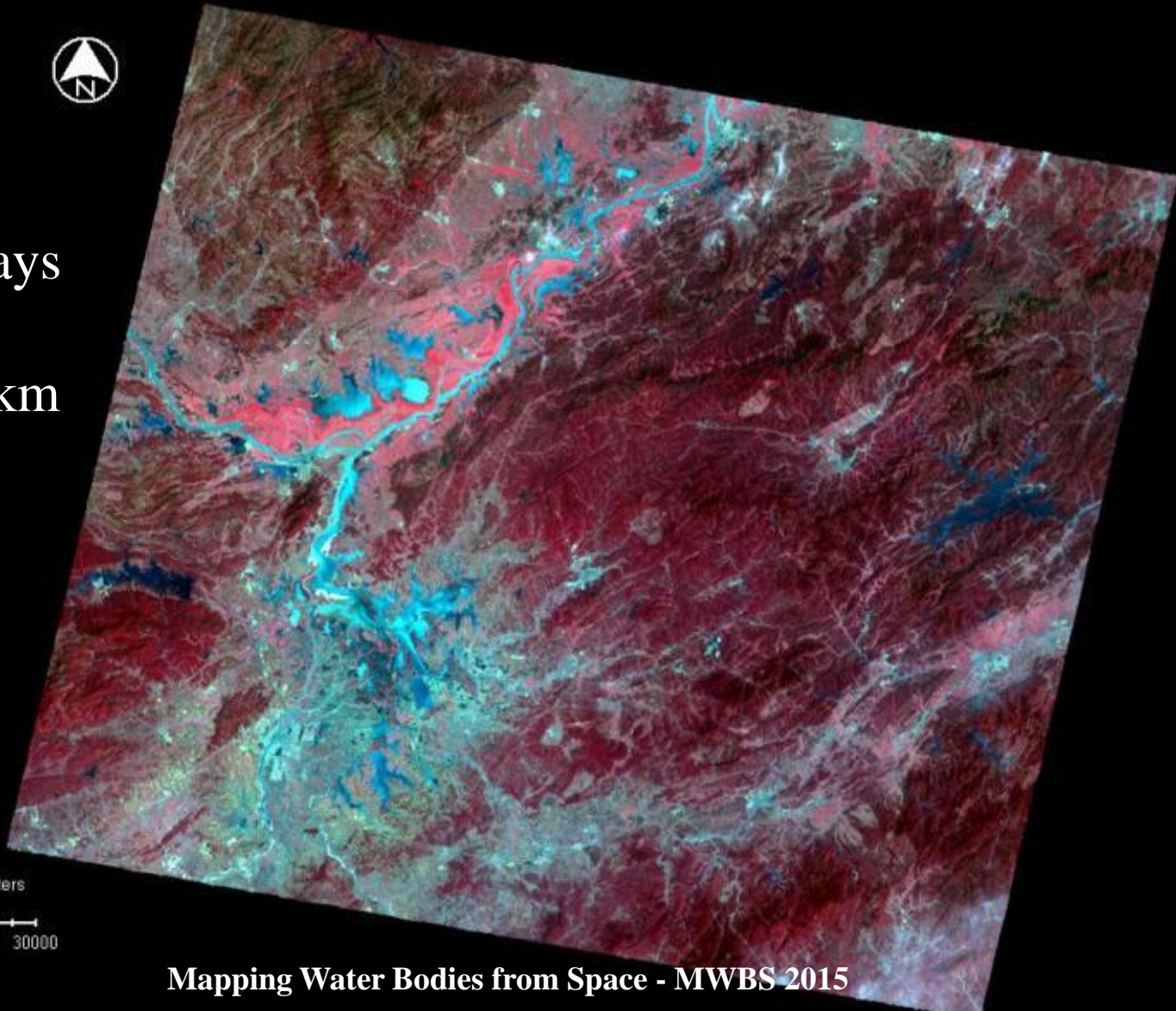
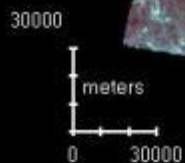


## HR exploited dataset: HJ Chinese satellite 400 km swath: large diversity of landscapes



HJ1 A/B  
Daily or  
every 2 days

400\*400 km  
30m

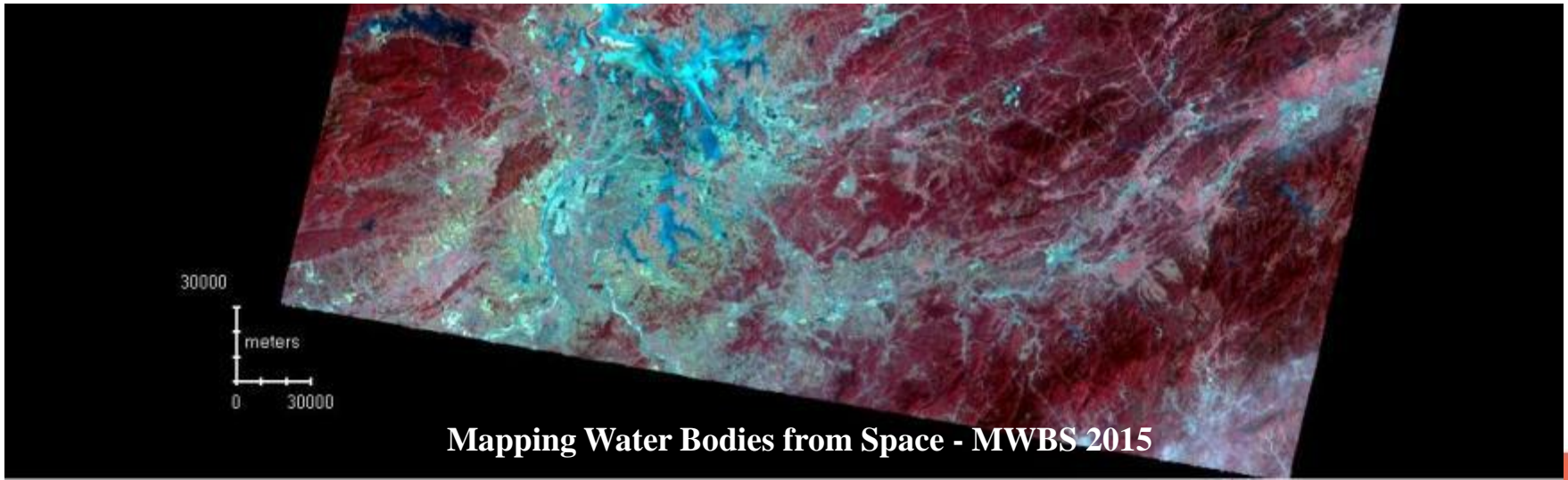
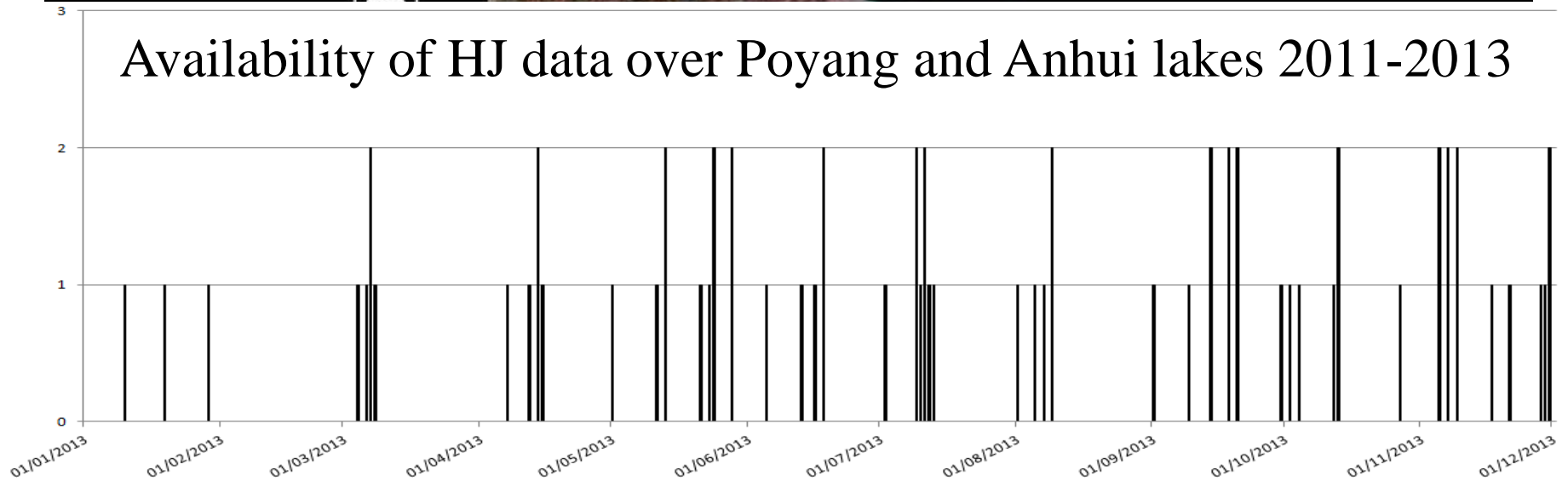




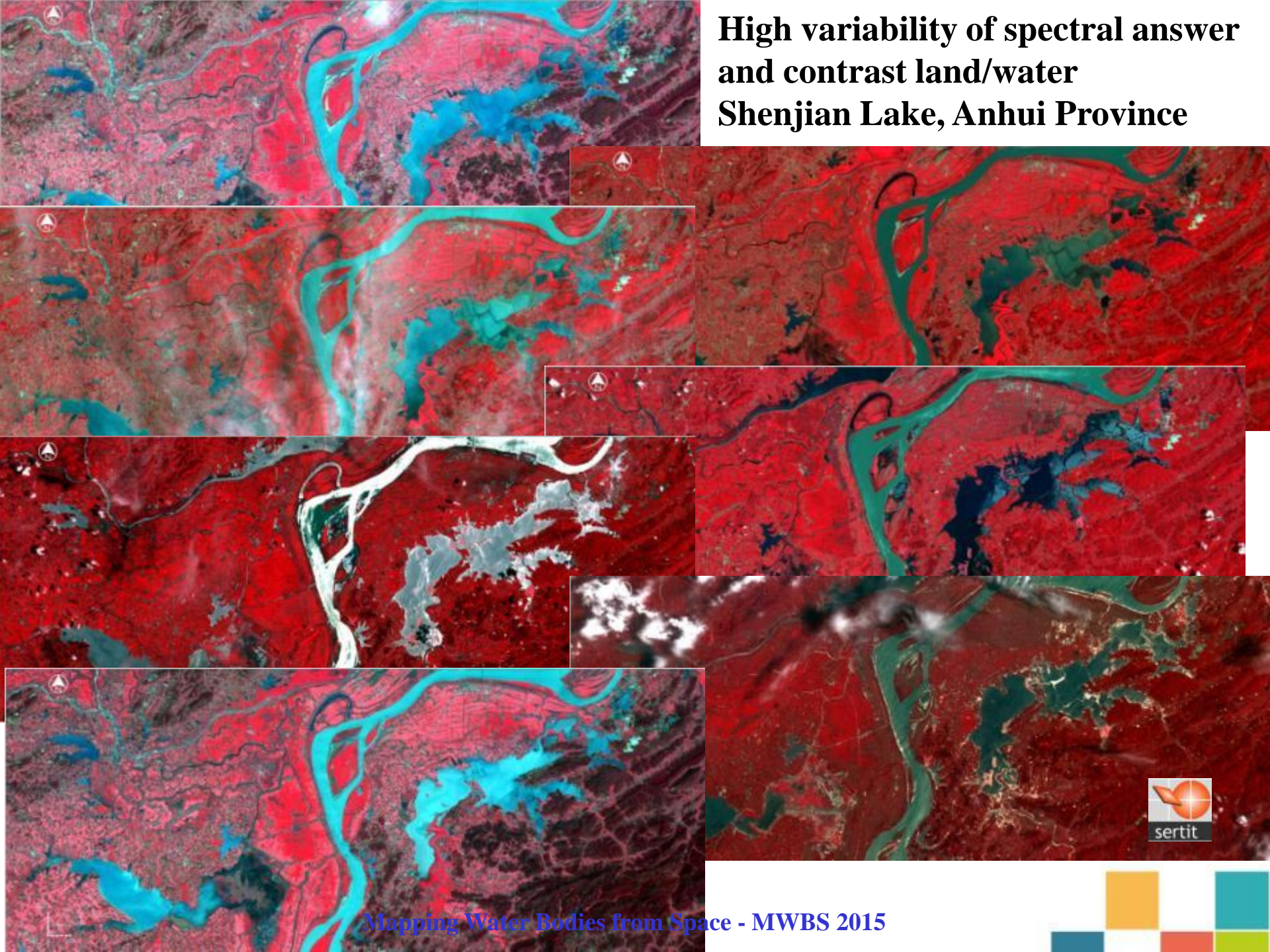
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### Availability of HJ data over Poyang and Anhui lakes 2011-2013

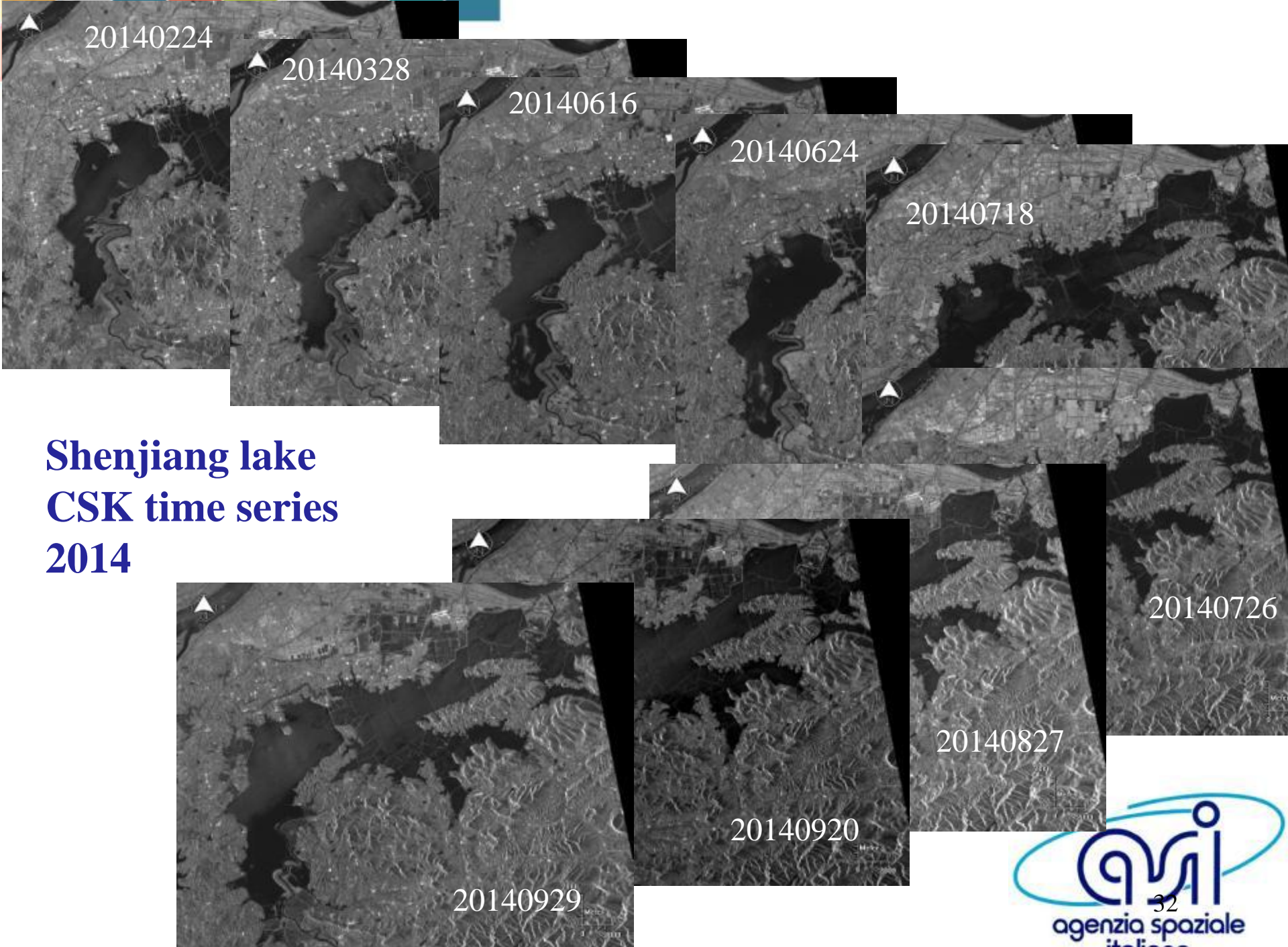


# High variability of spectral answer and contrast land/water Shenjian Lake, Anhui Province





## Poyang lake CSK time series January to December 2014



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**Shengjiang lake  
CSK time series  
2014**

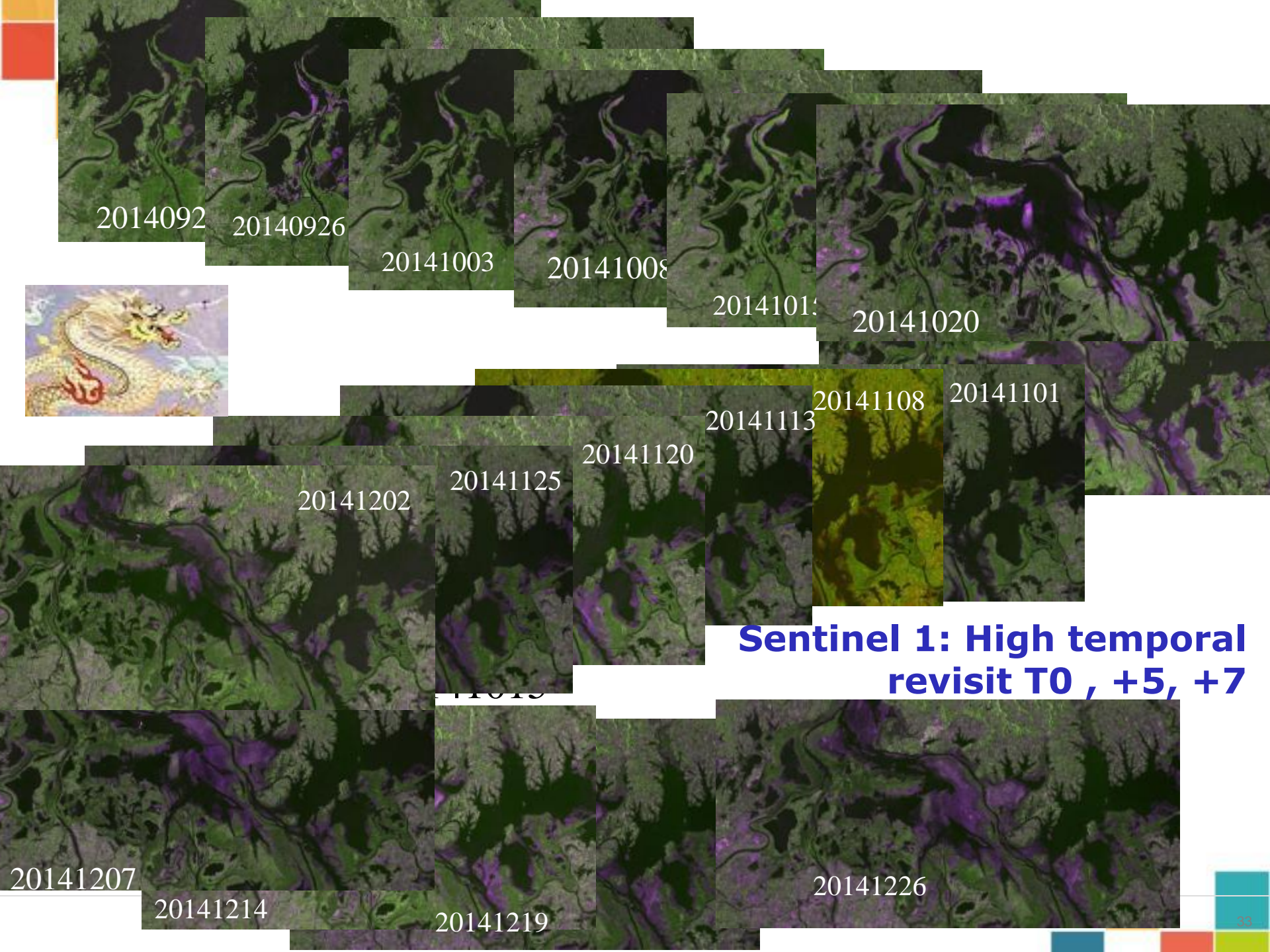
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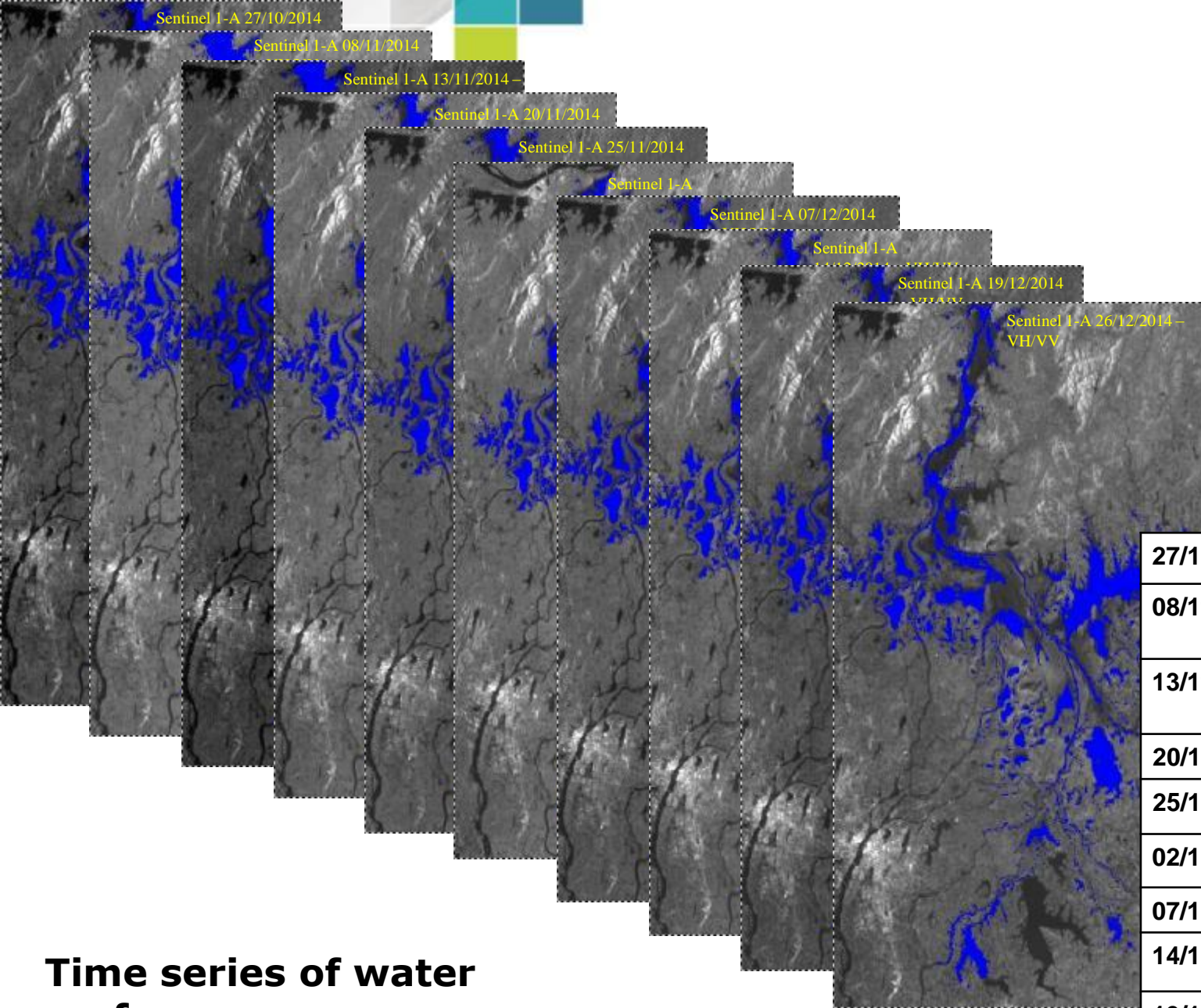
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**Sentinel 1: High temporal revisit T0 , +5, +7**

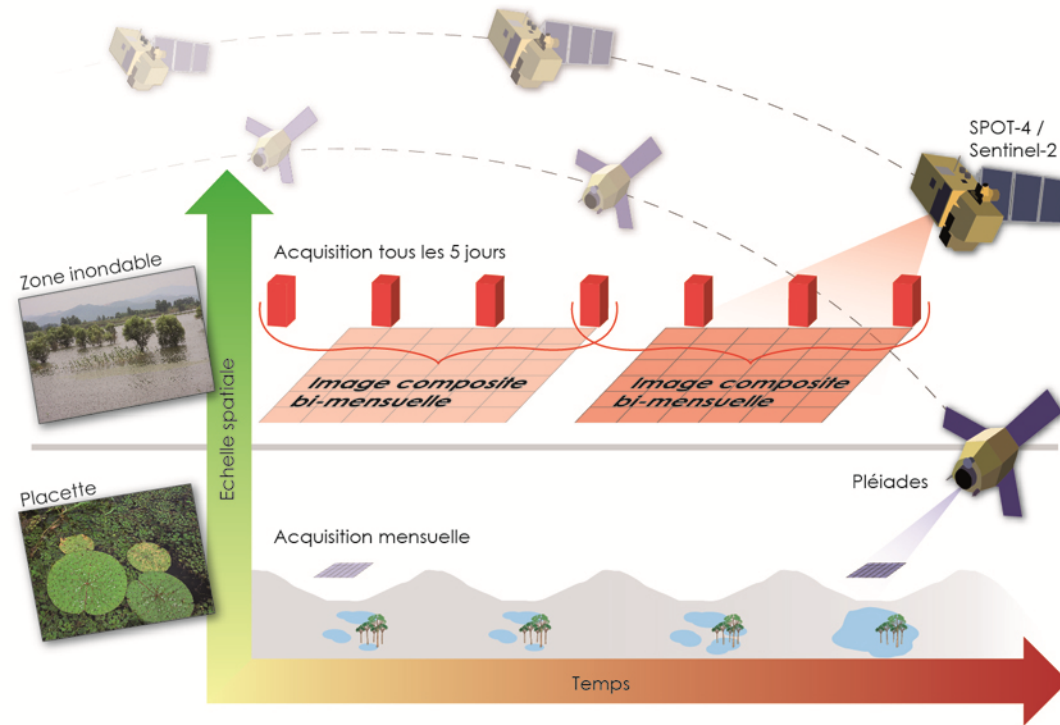


27/10/14	S -1A	1380 km <sup>2</sup>
08/11/14	S -1A	1871 km <sup>2</sup>
13/11/14	S -1A	1844 km <sup>2</sup>
20/11/14	S -1A	1417 km <sup>2</sup>
25/11/14	S -1A	1485 km <sup>2</sup>
02/12/14	S -1A	1475 km <sup>2</sup>
07/12/14	S -1A	1514 km <sup>2</sup>
14/12/14	S -1A	1324 km <sup>2</sup>
19/12/14	S -1A	1341 km <sup>2</sup>
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**Time series of water surfaces**  
**Example with Sentinel-1a**

# Validation approach Multi source & multiscale optical and SAR

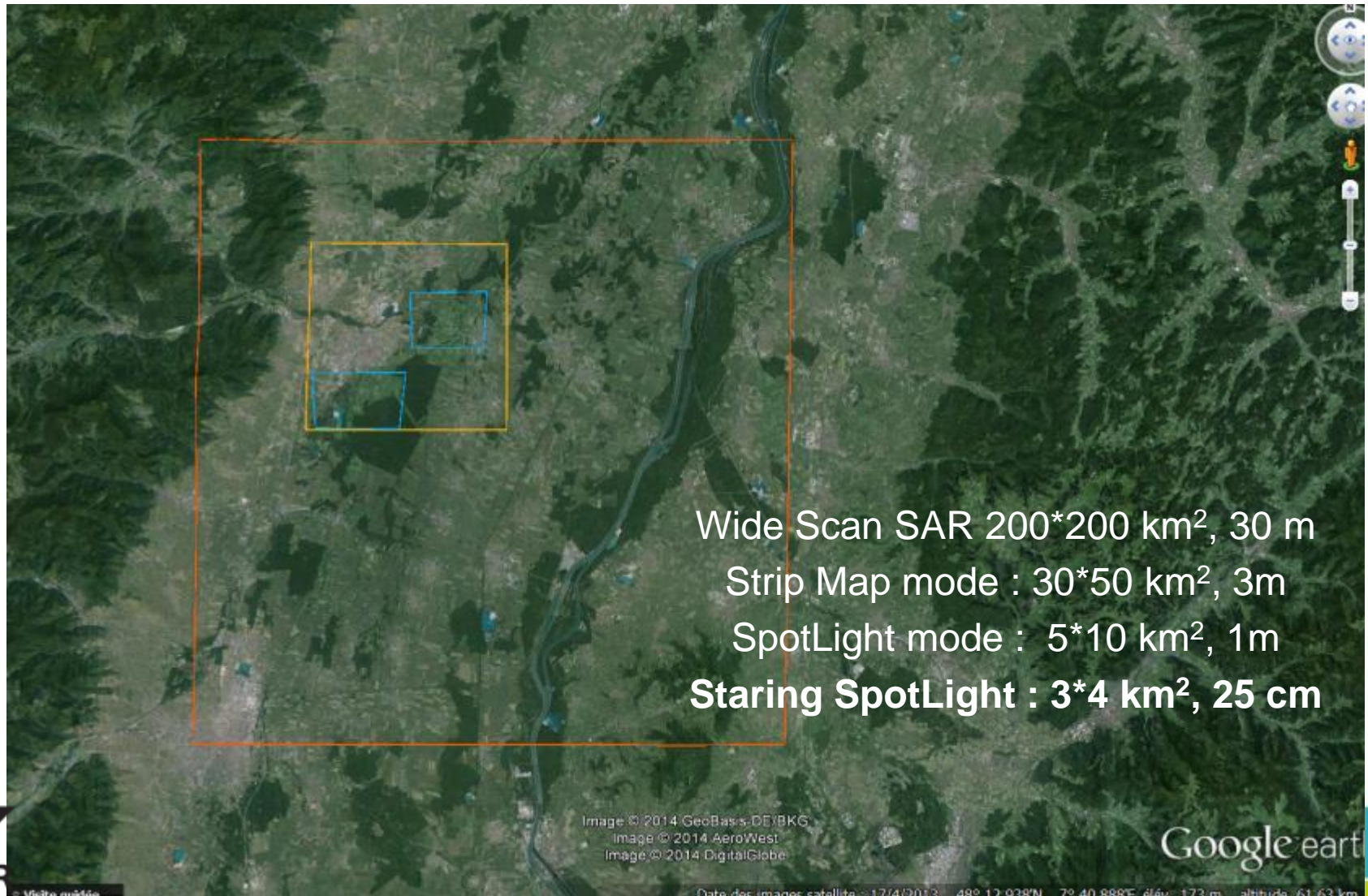
SPOT4/ HJ/Deimos and Pleiades HR  
TerraSAR, Wide ScanSAR to Staring Spot Light



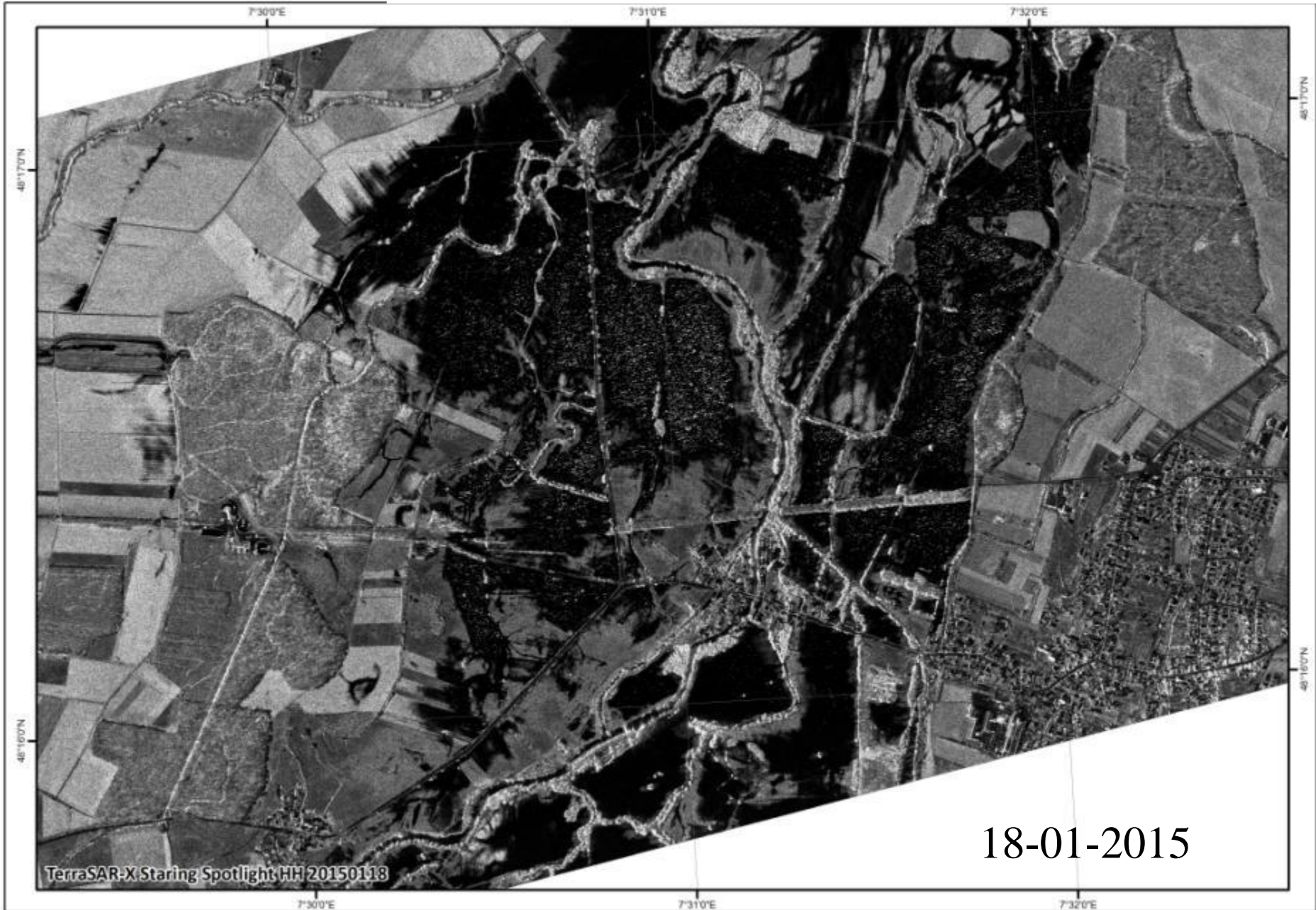
VHR SAR (CSK, Multi mode TerraSAR) or VHR Optical (Pleiades, Kompsat) imagery allow to validate the HR derived flood extent

# Validation of water bodies delineation Based on HR/VHR multi resolution approach

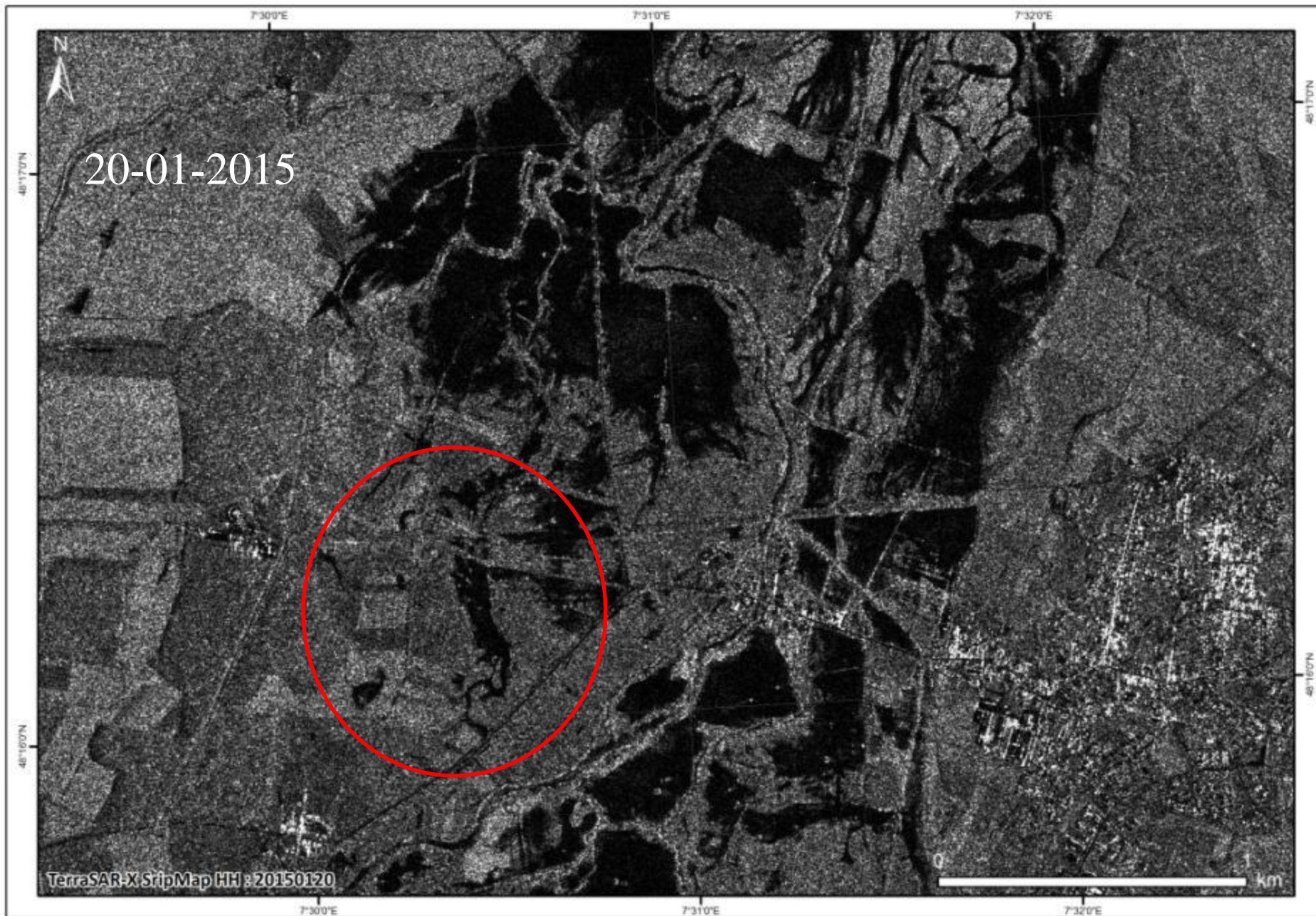
Stripmap (SM) / Spotlight standard (SL) / Staring Spotlight (ST)



# New TerraSAR X Starring Spot Light images



# Classical TerraSAR X Strip map images



# Multi resolution analysis for water extraction validation

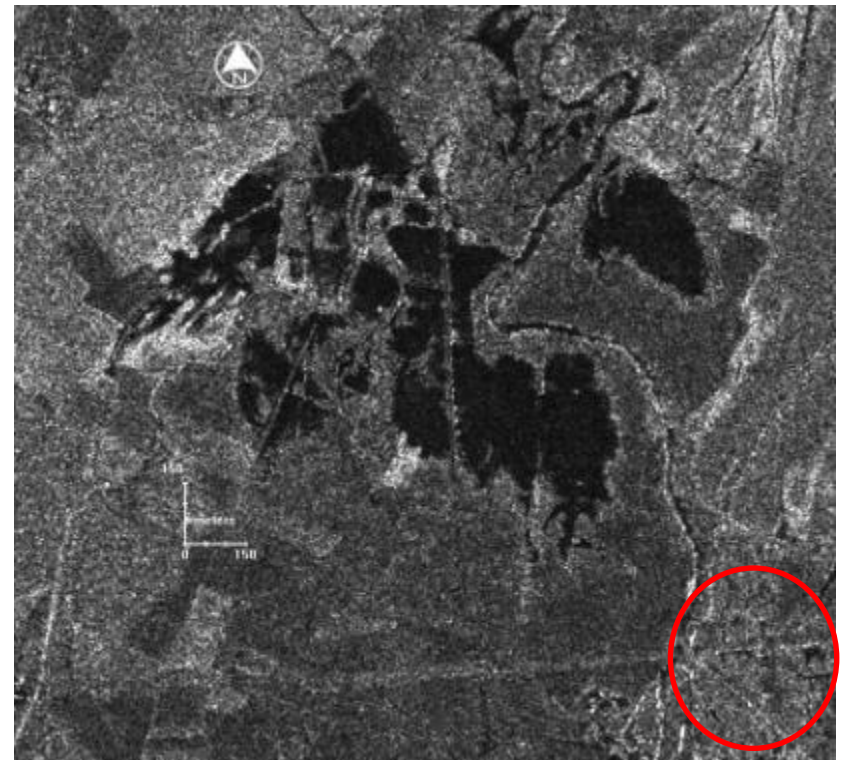
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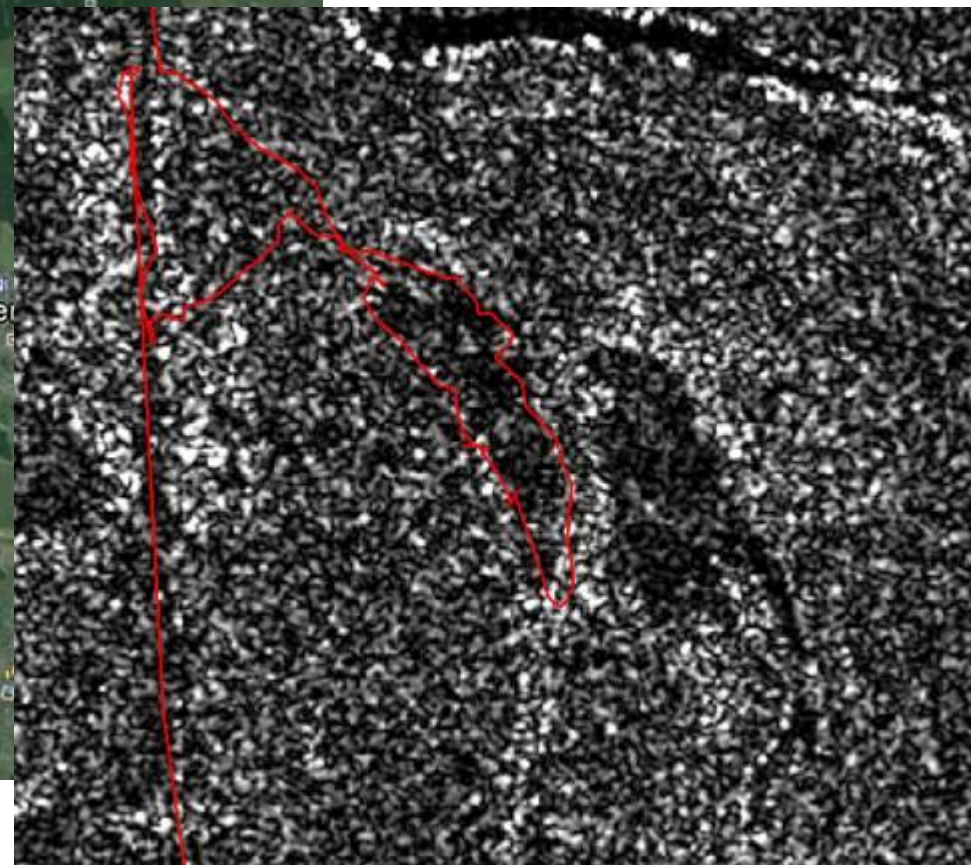
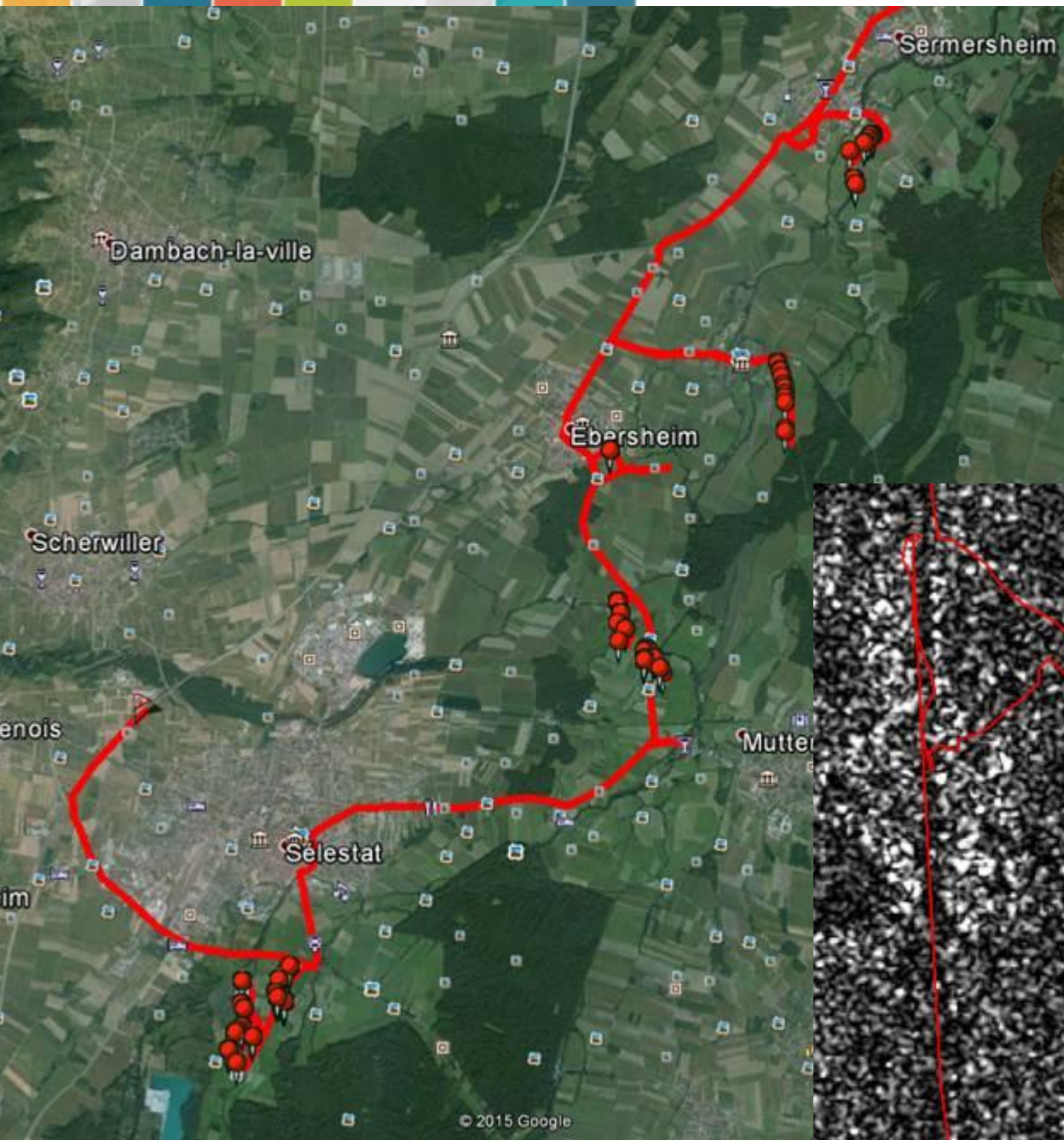
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Comparison TS Staring Spot  
Light and Strip map

Temporal effect and resolution  
artefact

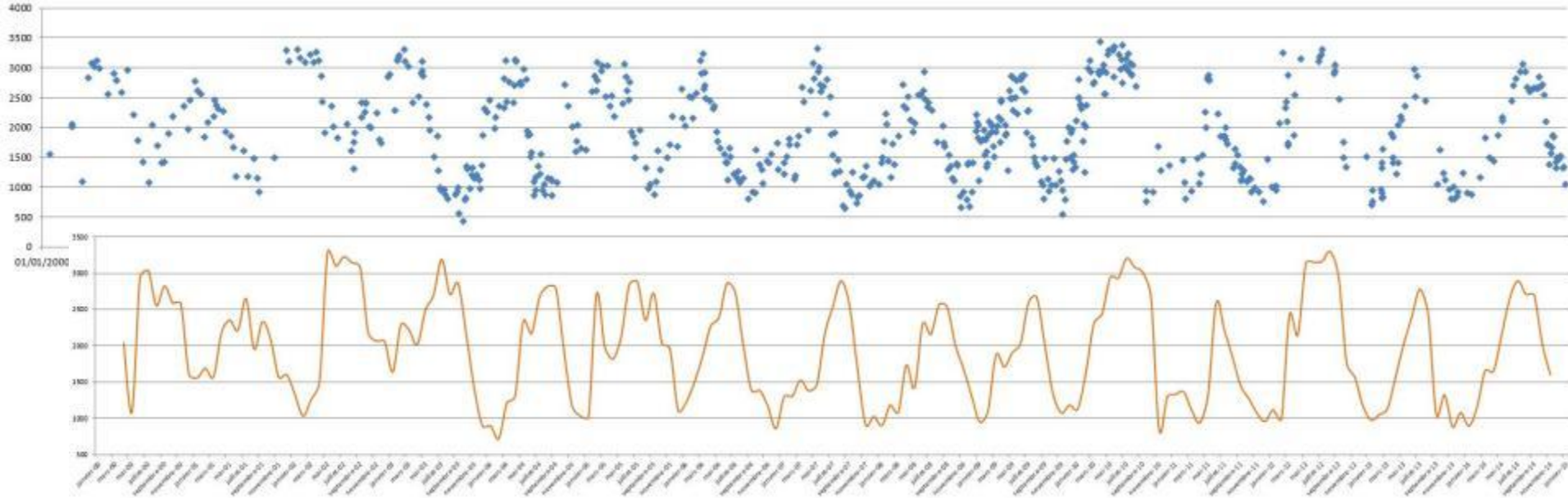


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# Ends: Water surfaces monitoring



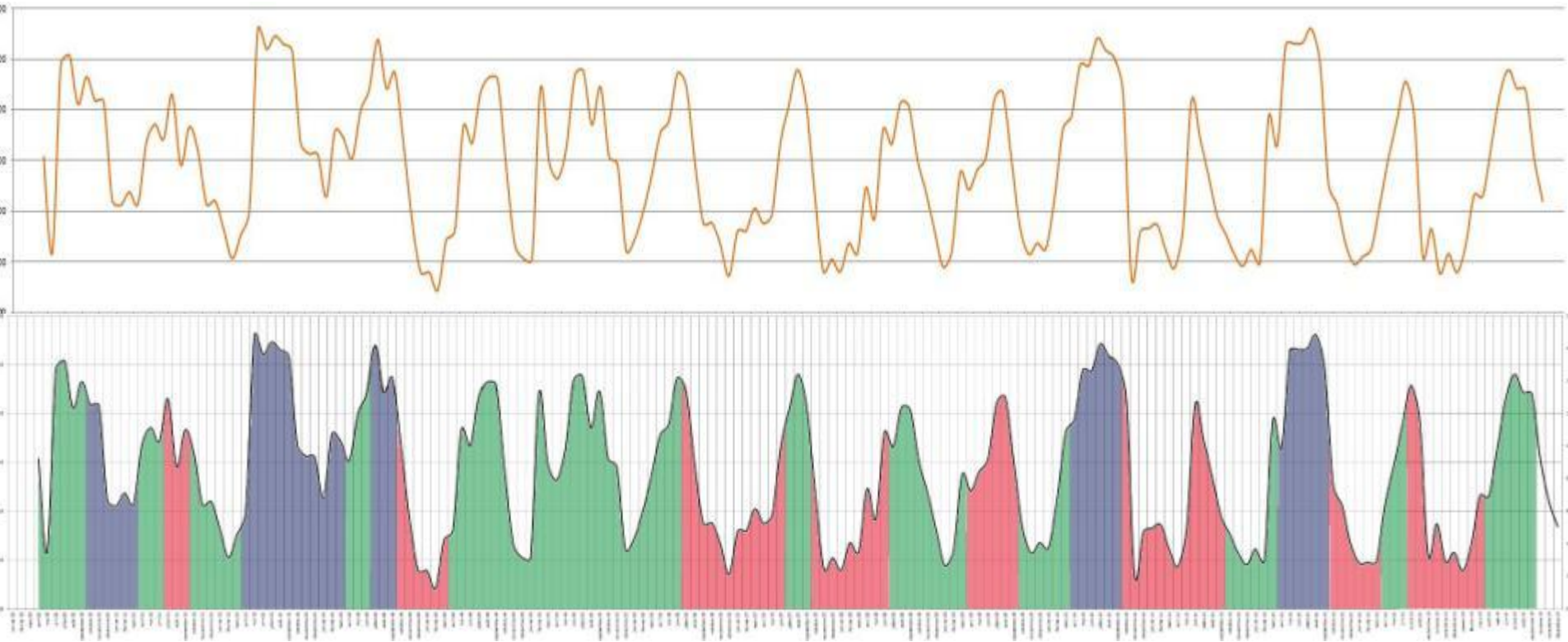
**Analysis of temporal variations of water surfaces from 2000 to 2014. Our core information is 15 years of surface extents with a high frequency scoring (10 days in average)**





# Water surfaces monitoring

Both in spatial and temporal domains



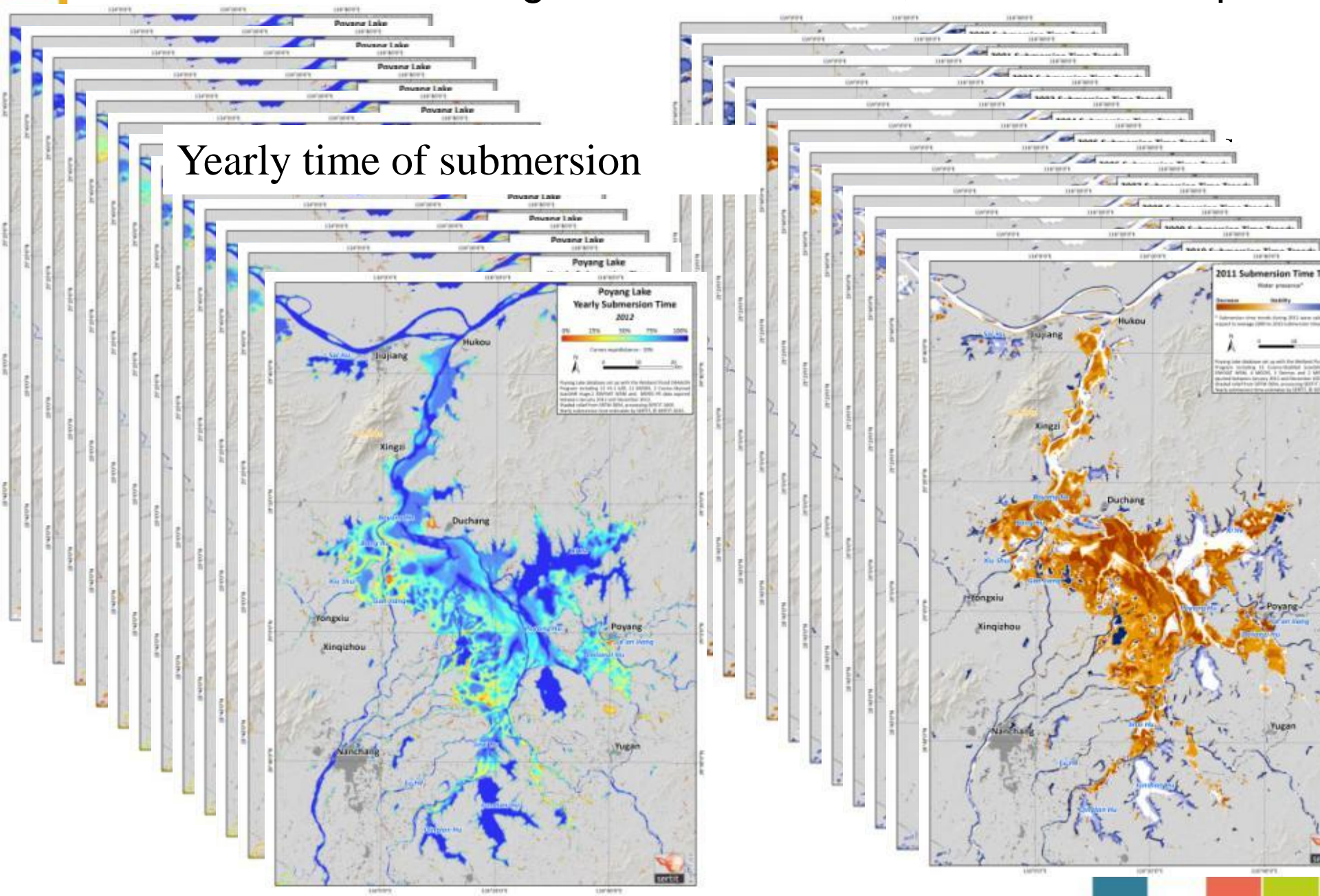
**Analysis of temporal variations of water surfaces from 2000 to 2014**  
**Normal hydrological year, wetness and dryer successions**

**=> Trends analysis in conjunction with meteo parameters ...**



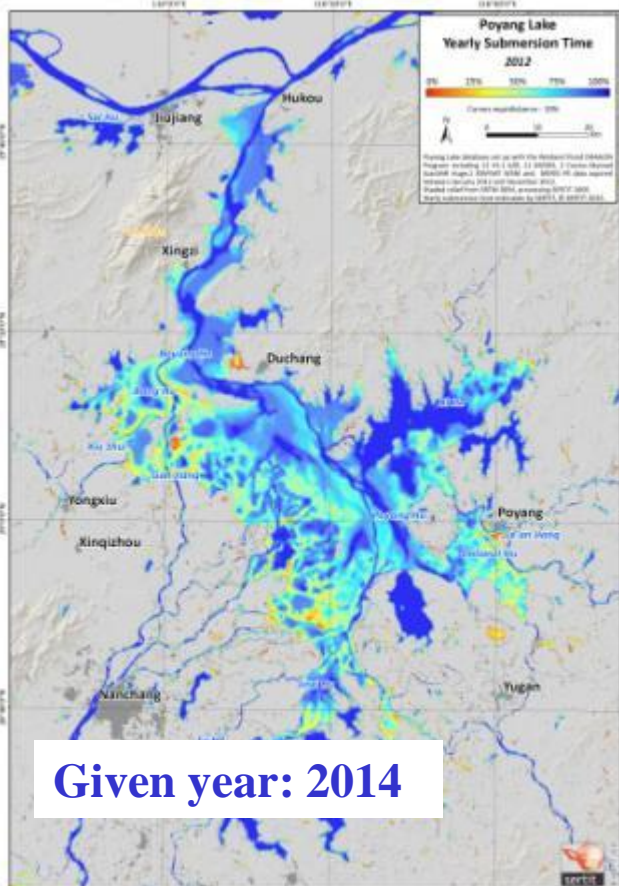
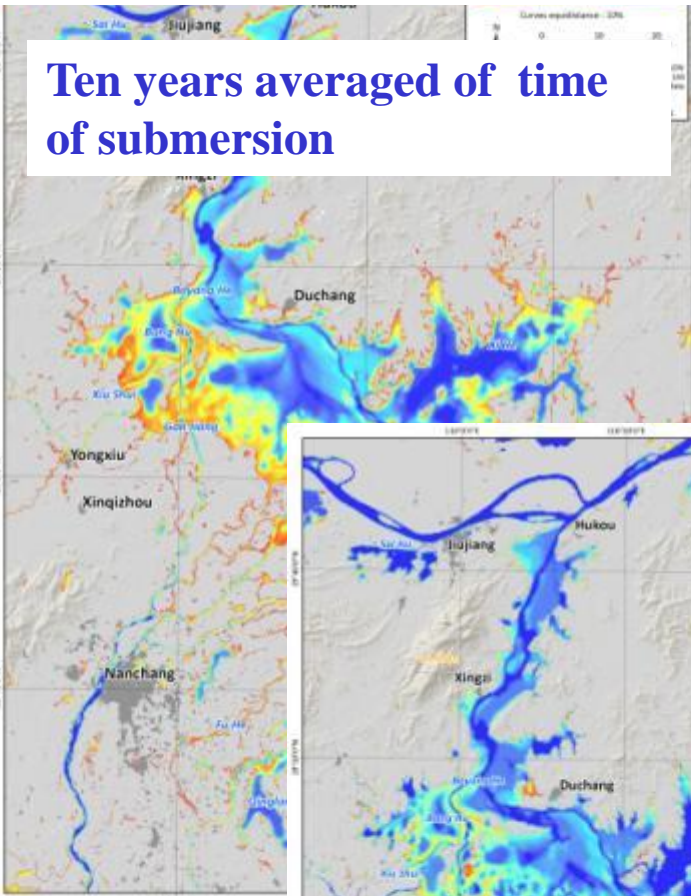
# Water extent monitoring: Submersion time, occurrence maps

Yearly time of submersion

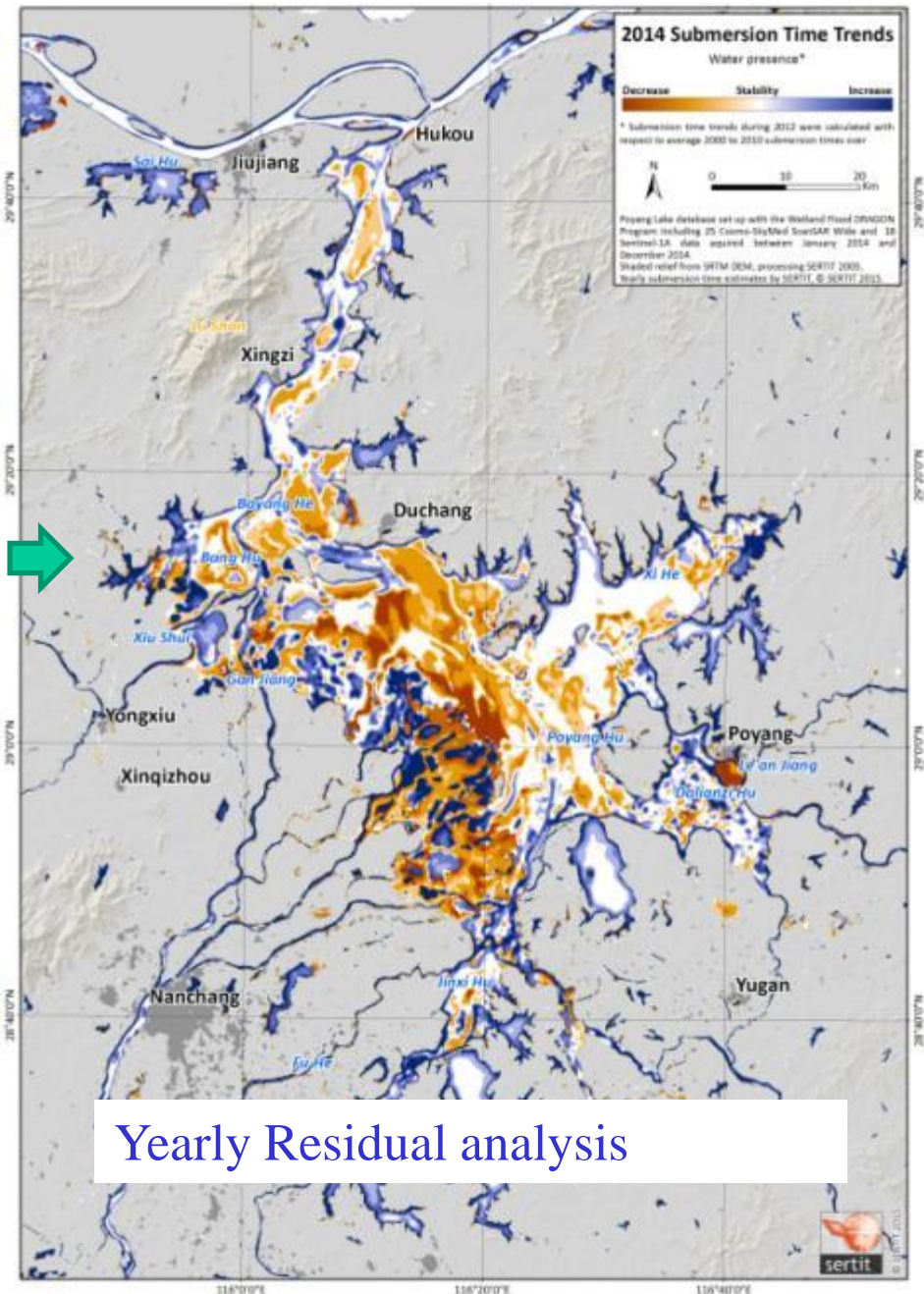


# Water extent monitoring: Submersion time: residual analysis

Ten years averaged of time of submersion

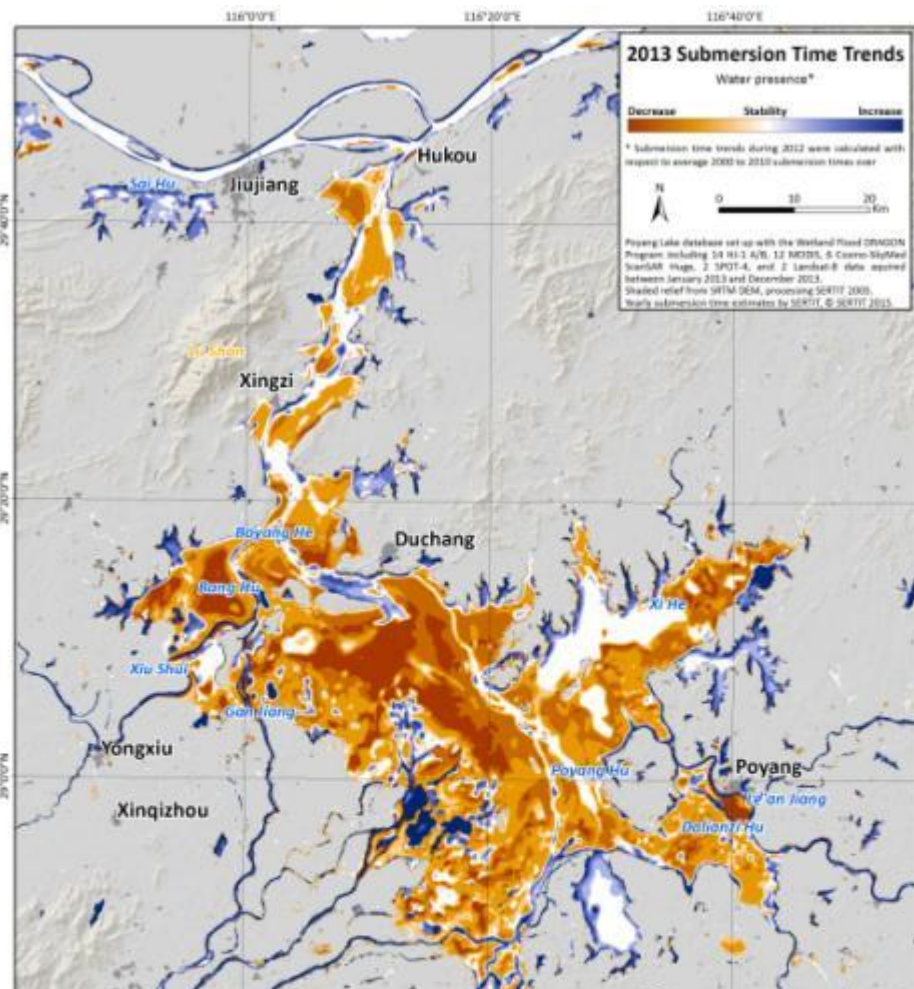
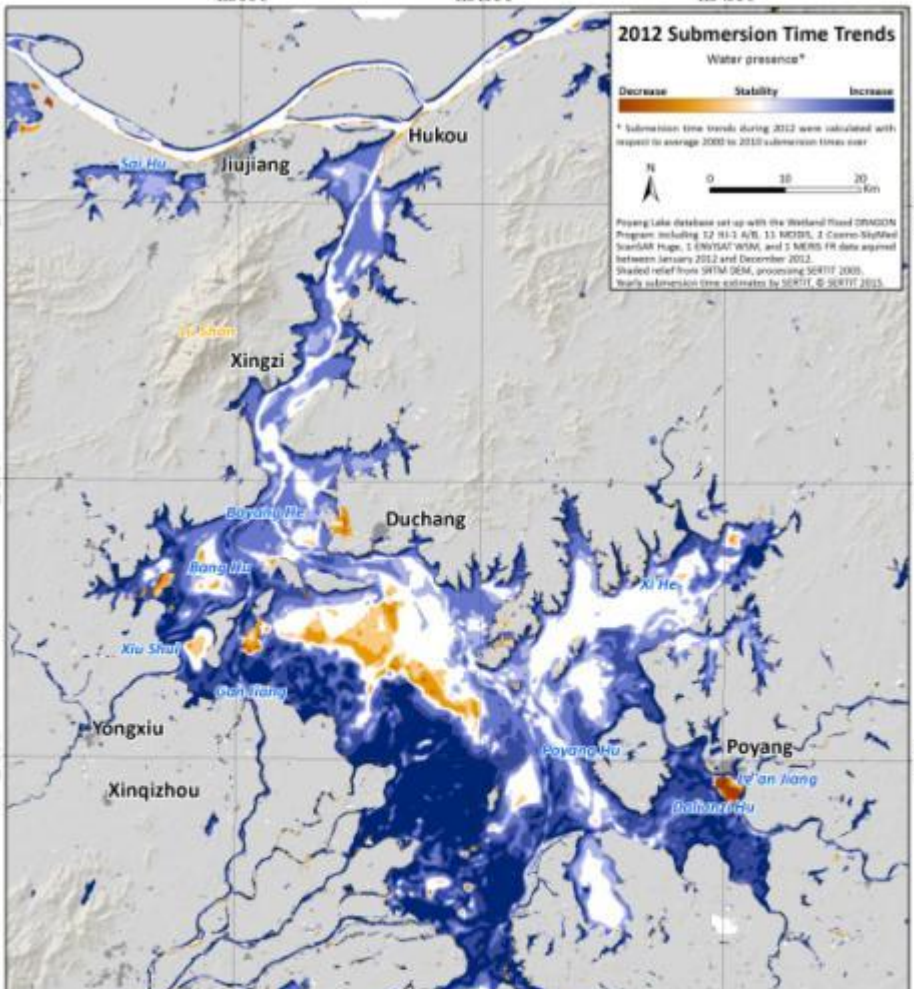


Given year: 2014



Yearly Residual analysis

# Water extent monitoring: Submersion time: residual analysis





# Complementarity SAR Optical HR

High complementary-synergy

Temporal:

- Long term few weeks/month with none exploitable Optical data
  - Short term: increase the revisit, that interesting because evolution in less than 5 days (multiscale)
- => More accurate indicators (be careful with trends motions...)

Thematic:

- Optical :
    - Vegetation on optical: flooded, submerged floating vegetation
    - Water quality
- ⇒ Be careful with scale of analysis (Vegetation versus Modis, versus SPOT... 20% break each time... )..
- ⇒ Water bodies monitoring request regular and long term time series, continuity and consistency are key words



# Perspectives and recommendations

Sentinel1 : systematic VV/VH rather than HH/HV !!!!

More global coverage.. Poyang is covered by S1 but only one major sites over hundreds ,

Sentinel 2: the systematic will be really systematic all around the world .. And at which time

Pursuit of the synergy approach with Sentinel3 OCLI (and other L8, Proba 100m) ,

Integrate as much as possible others source of information , such as water height (Jason, Altika, coming S3 and Jason CS before SWOT 2020)



**Thanks you**  
**Questions ?**



# L'ESPACE...

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