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# Updates of the Fire\_cci project

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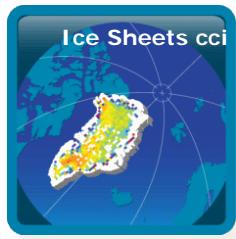
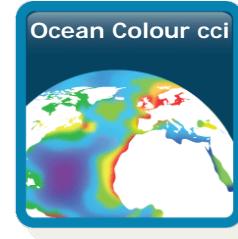
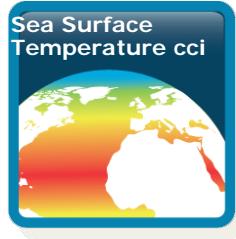
On behalf of the Fire\_cci consortium





# CCI Programme

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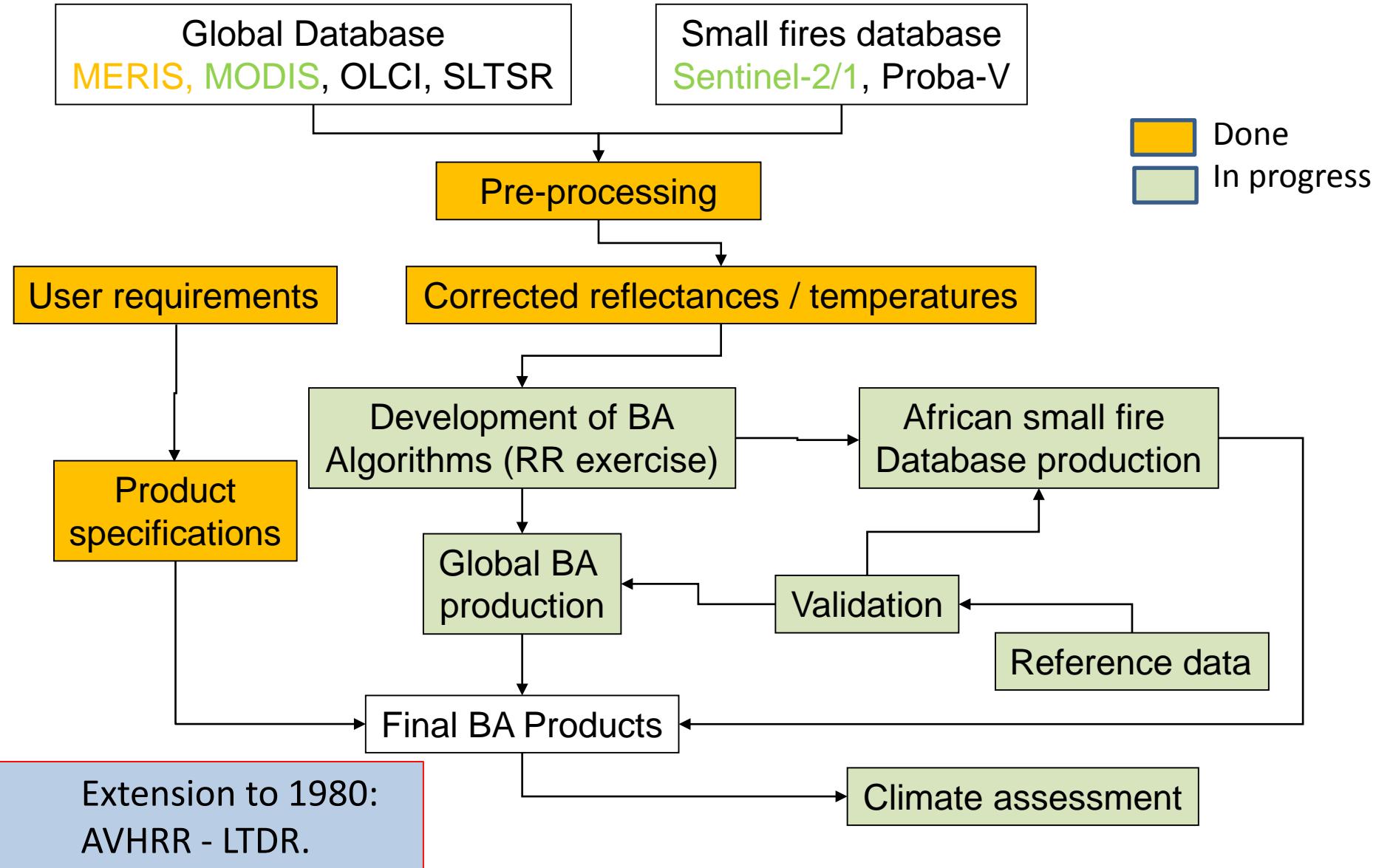


- ESA contribution to GCOS.
- Generation of temporal series of ECV.



# Project structure (phase 2)

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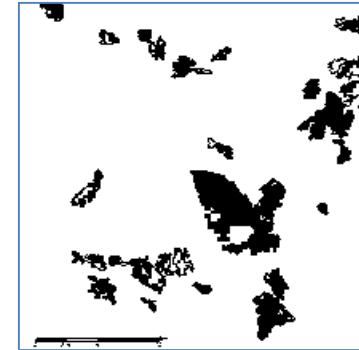


# Phase-2 BA products

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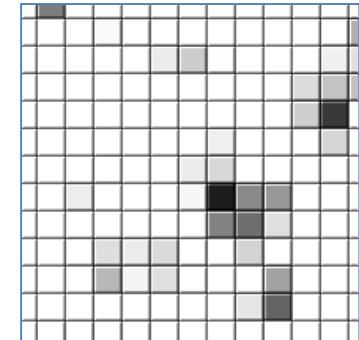
- Pixel product:

- 4 variables: date of detection, uncertainty, burned land cover (derived from LC\_cci) **and sensor detecting.**
- Monthly files, continental tiles, GeoTiff format.



- Grid product:

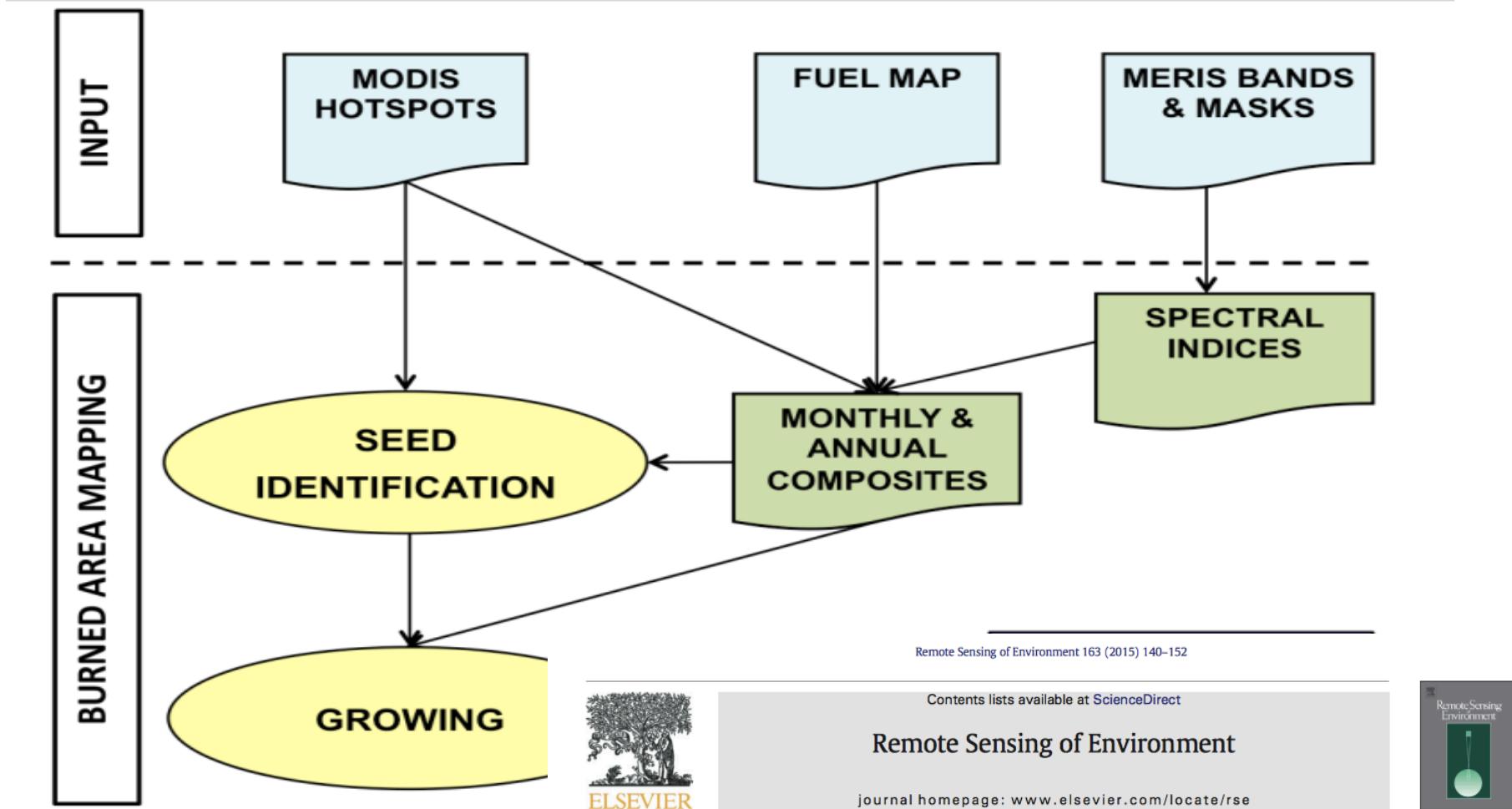
- 22 variables: total burned area, standard error, % observed area, number of patches and burned area of each land cover.
- 15-day files at **0.25 x 0.25 degree.**
- NetCDF4 format.





# Global BA algorithm (MERIS)

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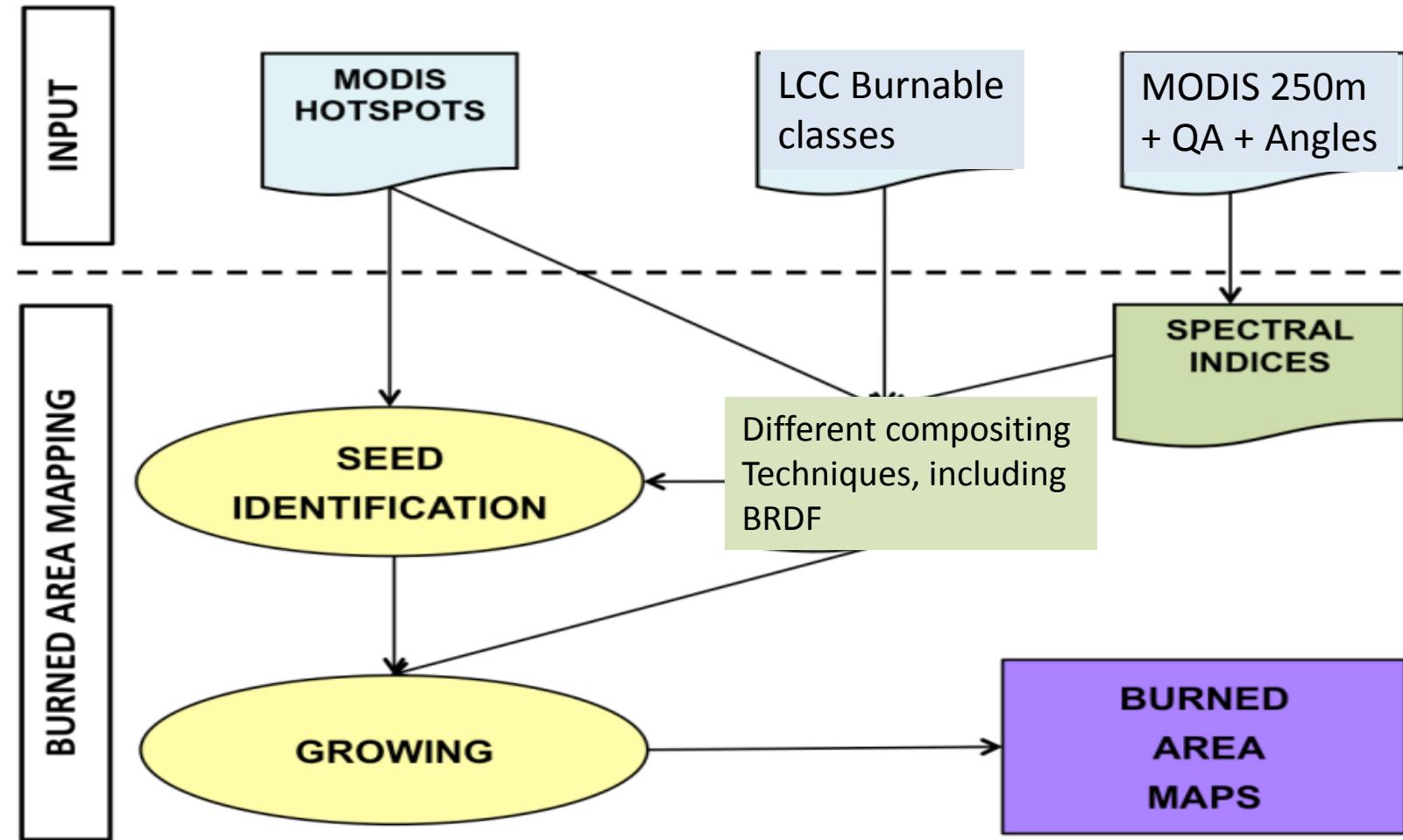
Global burned area mapping from ENVISAT-MERIS and MODIS active fire data

Itziar Alonso-Canas \*, Emilio Chuvieco



# Global BA algorithm (MODIS, In progress)

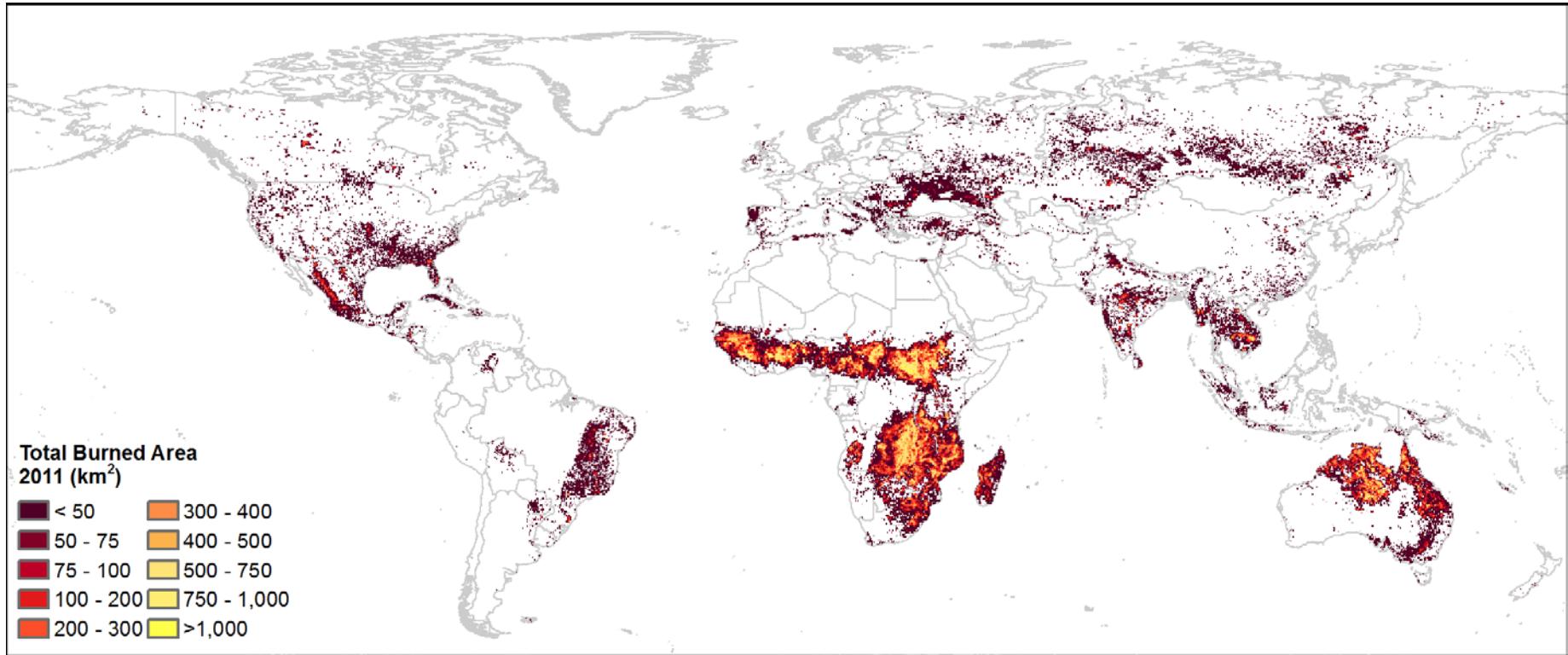
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# Fire\_cci BA product v4.1

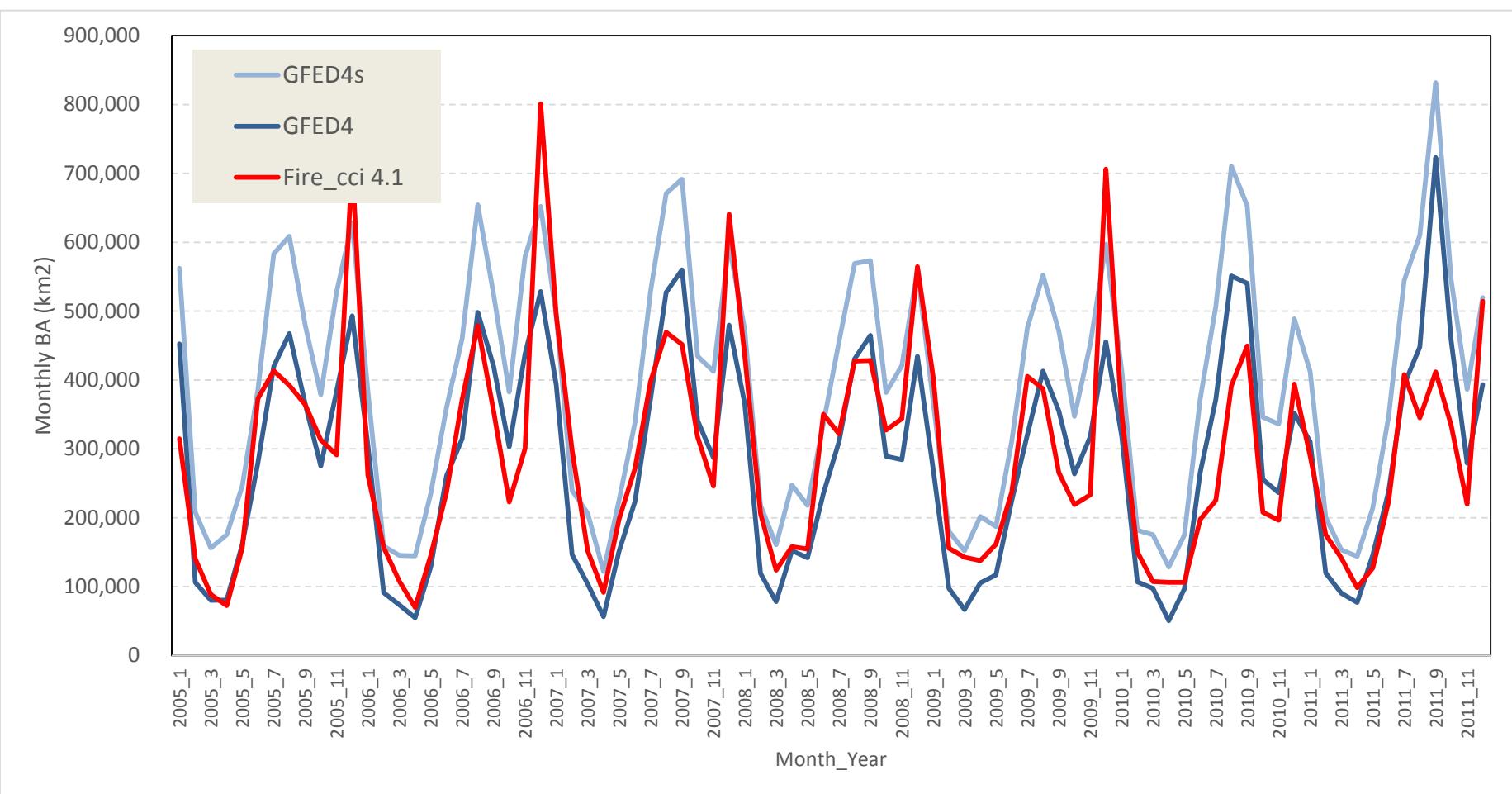
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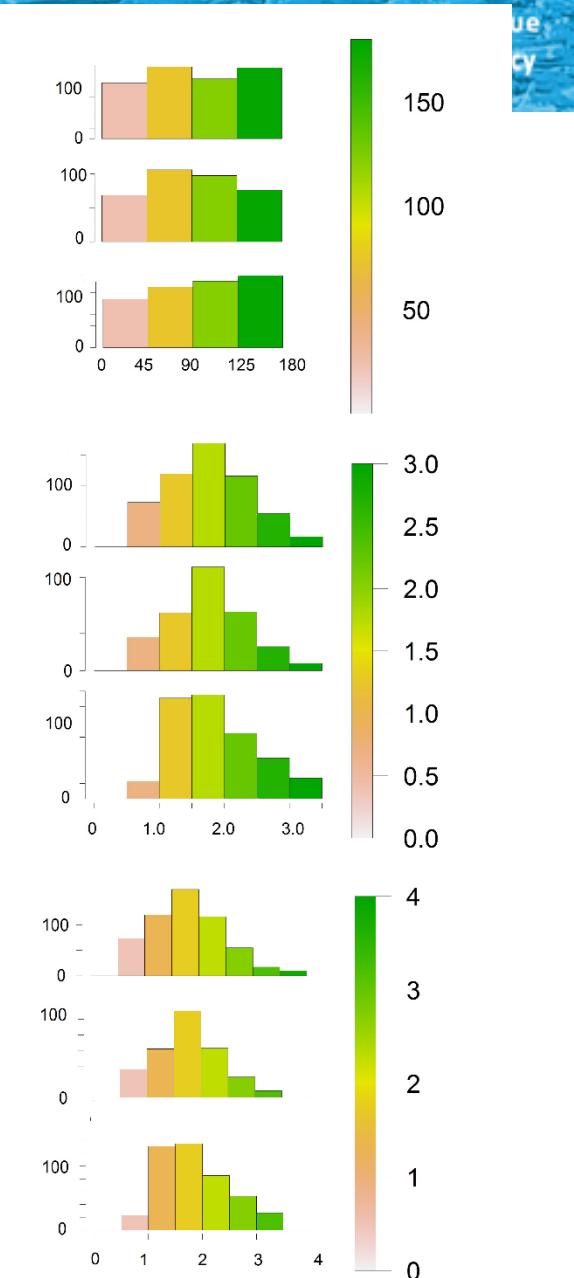
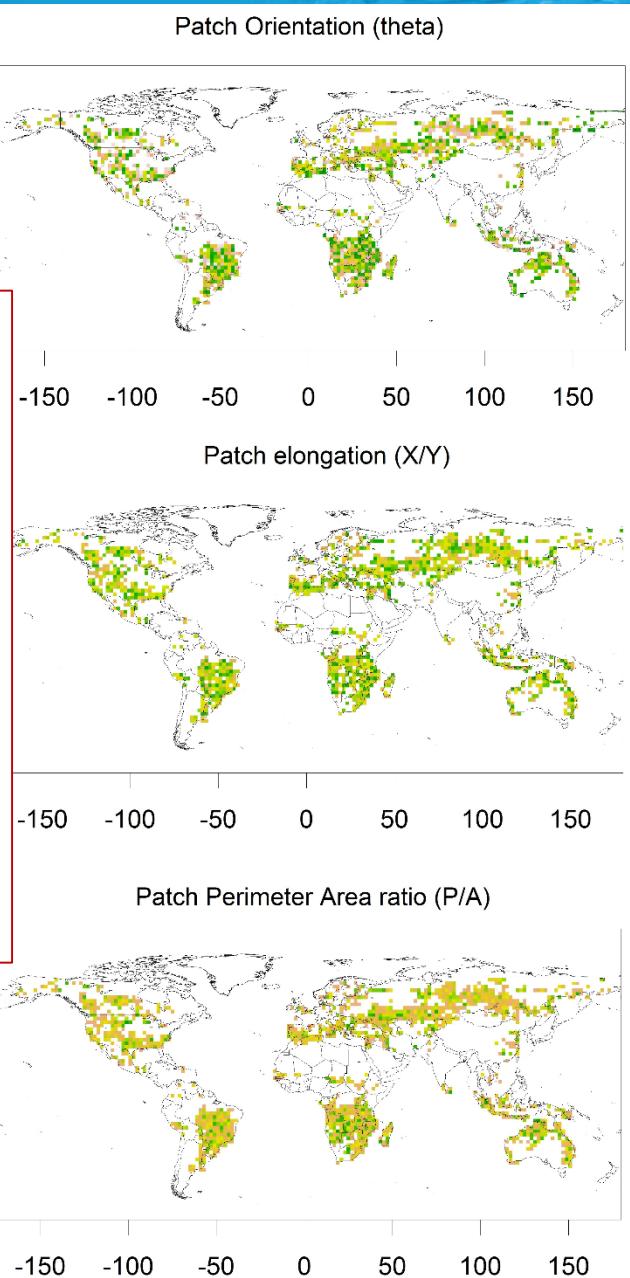
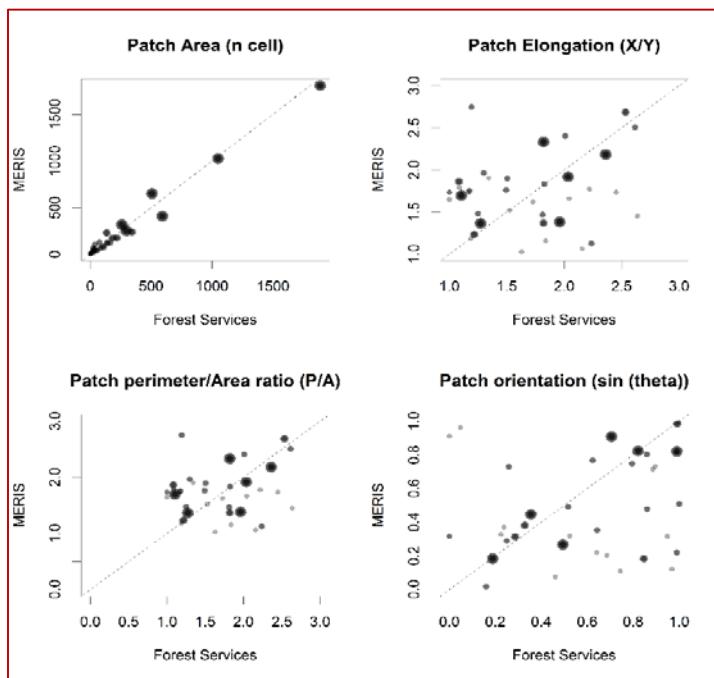
# Temporal trends GFED 4 – GFED4s – Fire\_cci4.1

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# Fire patch analysis v3.1





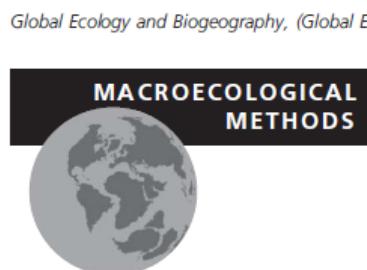
# Emission comparisons (v3.1)

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	Burned area (Mha yr <sup>-1</sup> )	CO emissions (TgCO yr <sup>-1</sup> )	Carbon emissions (PgC yr <sup>-1</sup> )
<b>GFED4 data set</b>	346	258	1.6
<b>ORCHIDEE – GFED4</b>	346	329	2.0
<b>ORCHIDEE – Prognostic</b>	232	346	2.0
<b>ORCHIDEE – Fire_cci</b>	369	351	2.1
<b>GFED3.1 data set</b>	346	334	1.9

Chuvieco et al., 2016, GEB

A Journal of Macroecology



Global Ecology and Biogeography, (Global Ecol. Biogeogr.) (2016)

## A new global burned area product for climate assessment of fire impacts

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### ABSTRACT

**Aim** This paper presents a new global burned area (BA) product developed within the framework of the European Space Agency's Climate Change Initiative (CCI) programme, along with a first assessment of its potentials for

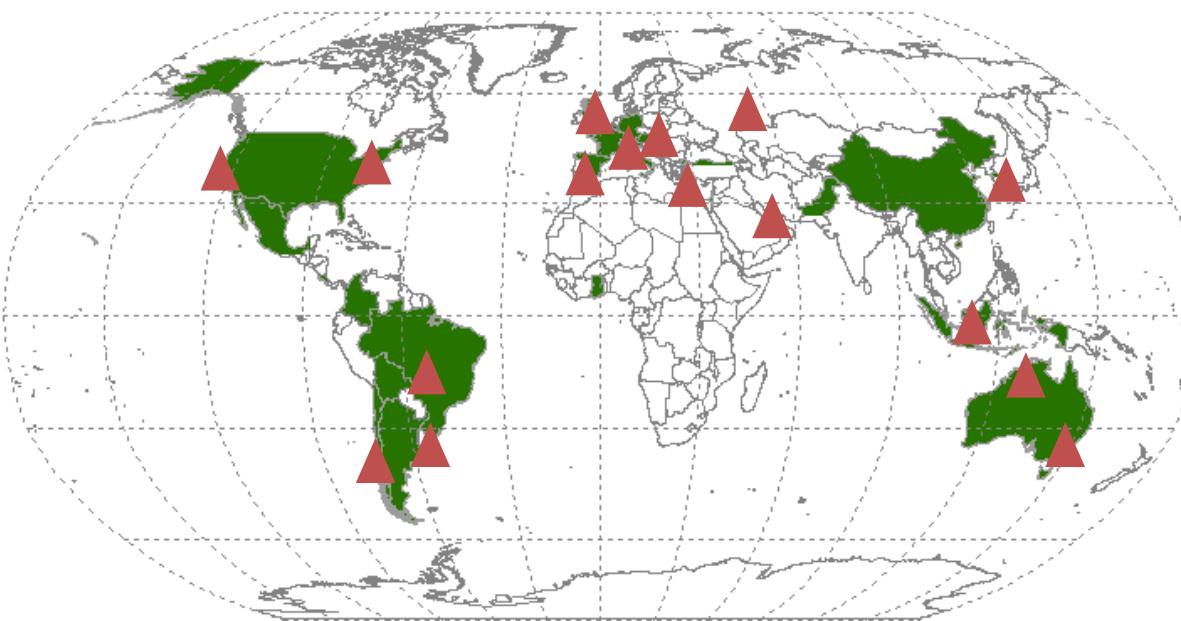
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# Product Downloads

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- Version 3.1:
  - 65 researchers from 28 countries (+ESA, JRC, FAO).
- Version 4.1 (available since July, 2016):
  - 35 researchers from 18 countries.

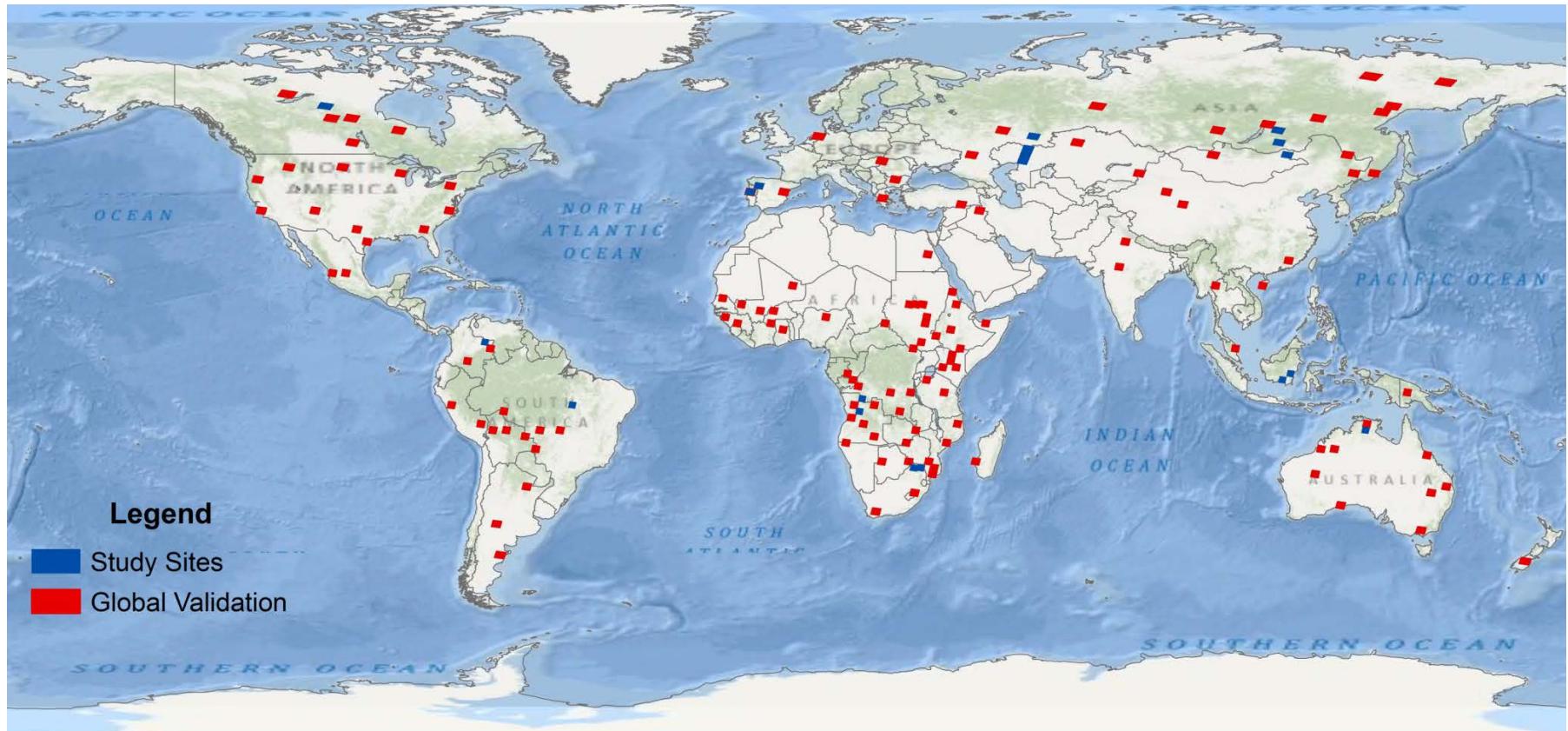


▲ Project presentations  
2010-2016



# Validation

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- 242 pairs of Landsat TM/ETM+ images.
- 130 sites for spatial validation from 2008 (red)
- 112 pairs for temporal validation (blue).

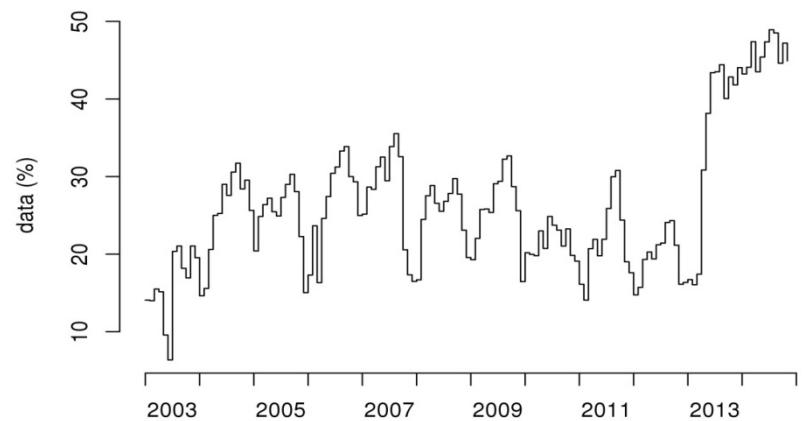
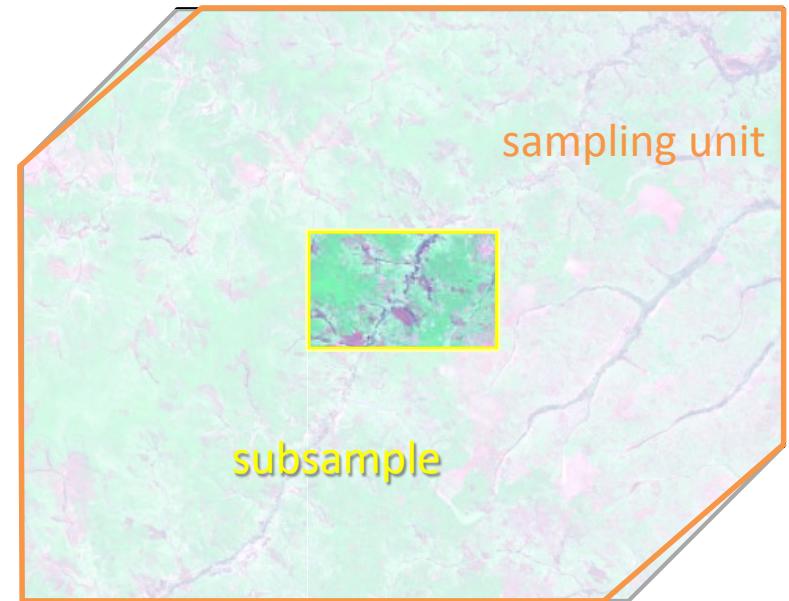


# Phase 2 validation datasets

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## Two-stage cluster sampling

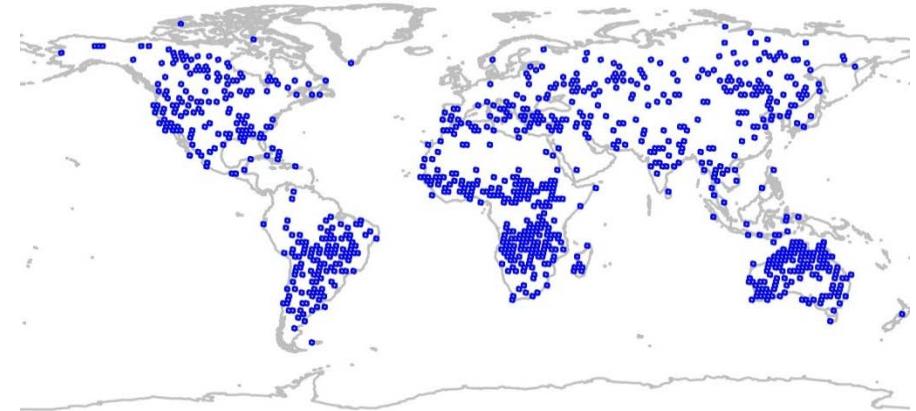
- 1<sup>st</sup> stage: sampling units selected with a stratified random sampling:
  - Years / Biomes / BA
- 2<sup>nd</sup> stage: subsample of a spatial cluster of pixels in each sampling unit
- This allows for an increase in the number of sampling units that can be processed





# The sample

- 1200 sampling units, 100 each year over 2003-2014
- Sampling intensity in each stratum proportional to BA extent
- Minimum 2 units in each stratum

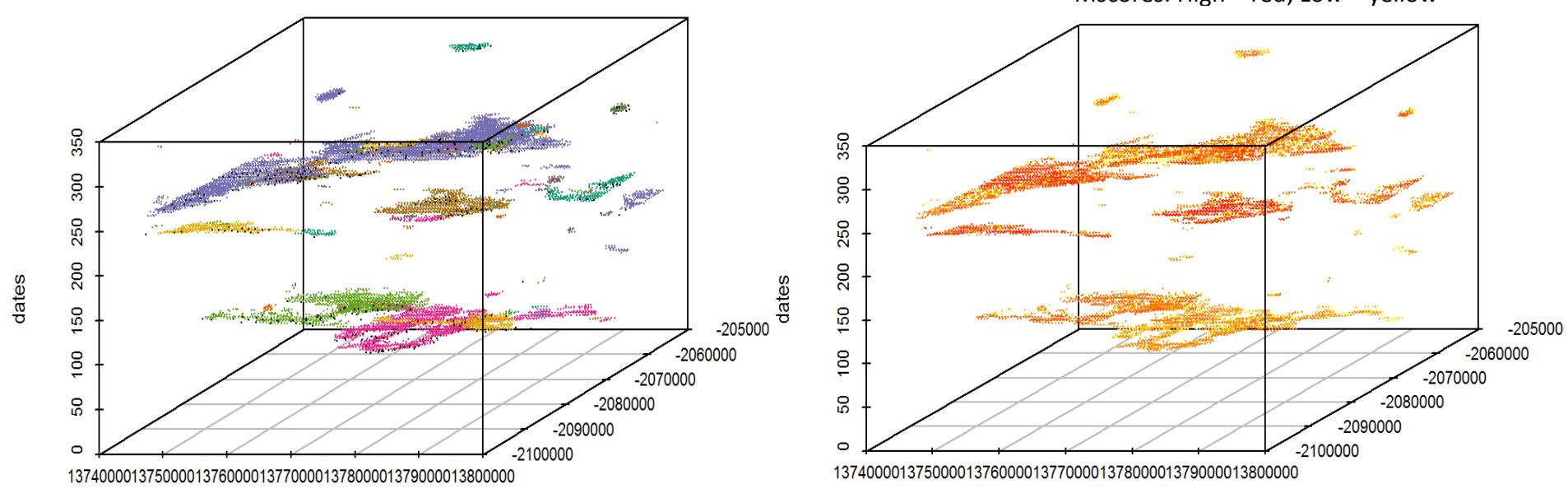


$n_h$	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Others	2+2	4+2	2+2	6+2	4+2	2+2	2+2	3+2	13+2	9+2	2+2	4+2
Tropical Forest	5+2	5+2	5+2	4+2	5+2	3+2	4+2	6+2	3+2	4+2	4+2	4+2
Temperate Forest	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2
Boreal Forest	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2
Tropical and Subtropical savanna	60+10	60+10	59+12	58+10	58+11	58+13	60+11	59+11	52+11	54+11	63+10	59+10
Temperate grassland and savanna	5+2	3+2	4+2	4+2	4+2	6+2	5+2	3+2	3+2	4+2	3+2	5+2
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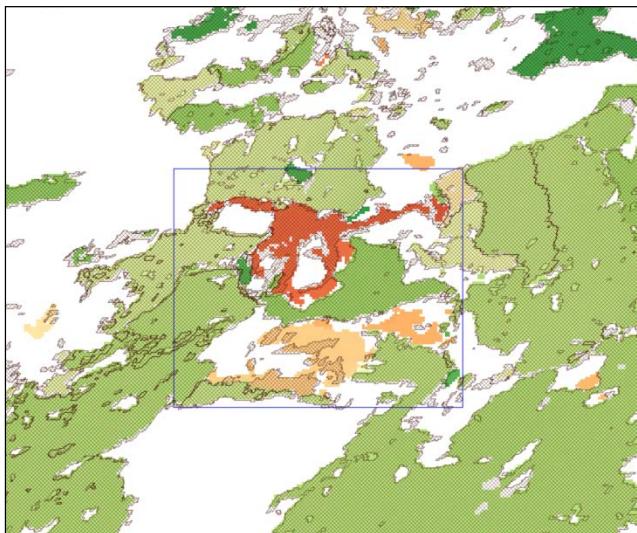
# SLSTR BA algorithm

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- Spatio-temporal patches (clusters of NBR change events) derived from the graph.

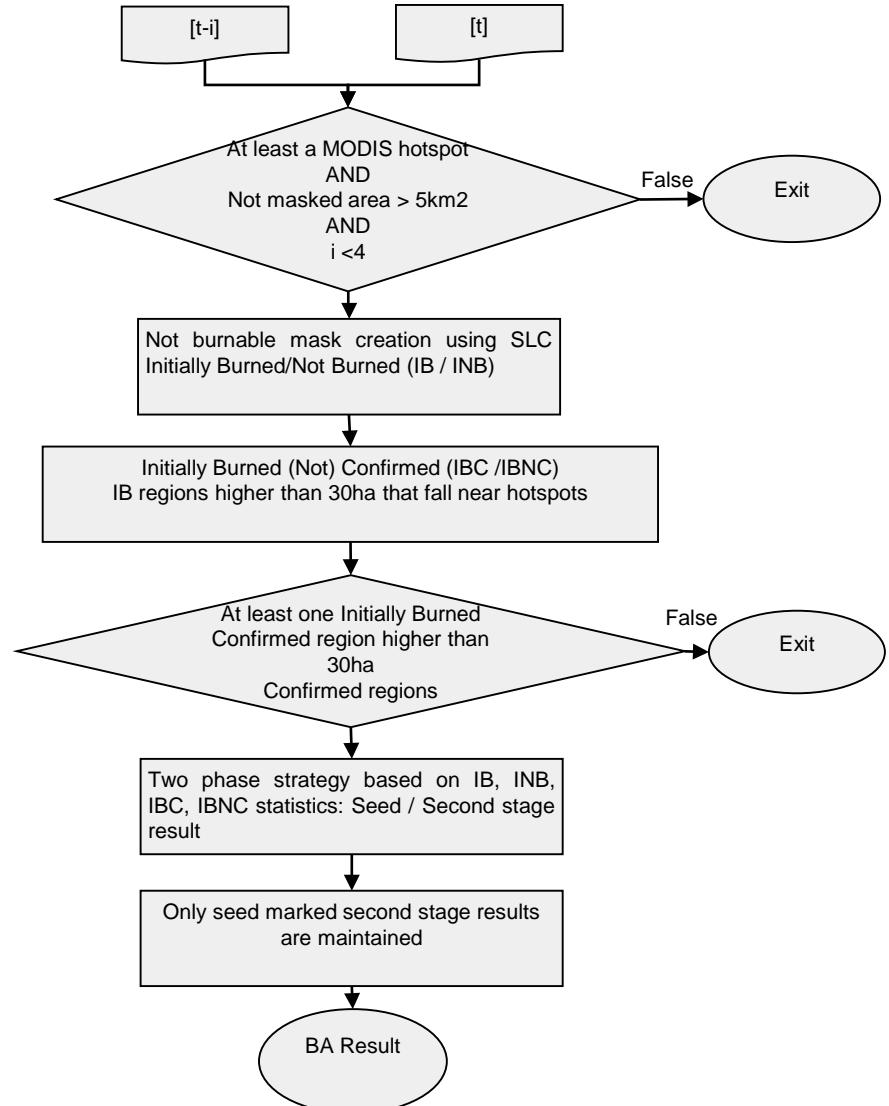
- MaxEnt scores for each pixel in the patches labeled as burned.





# Small Fire Database: Sentinel-2 BA algorithm

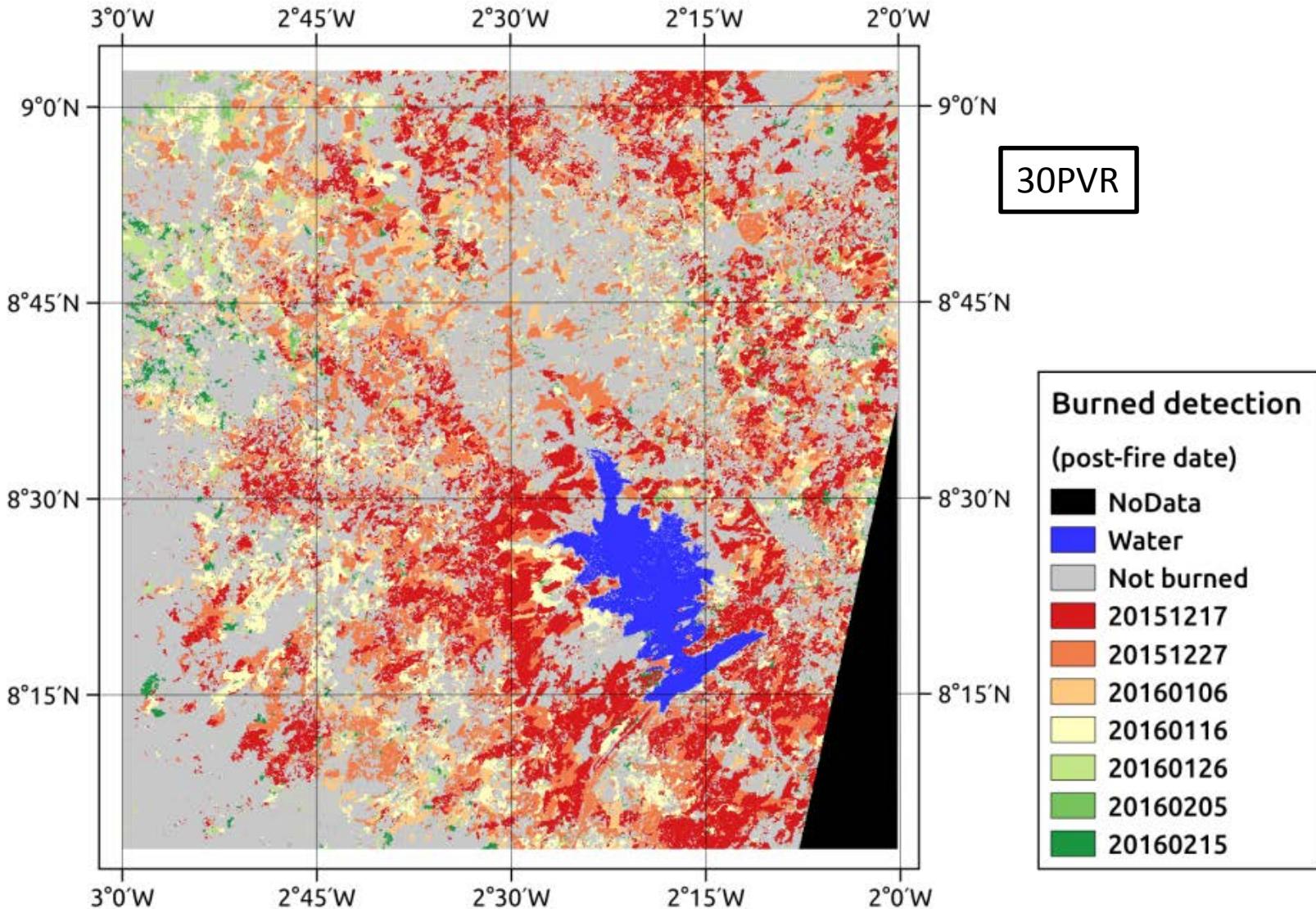
- Inputs:
  - Pre-fire image ( $t-i$ )
    - MIRBI
    - NBR2
    - NIR (B8A)
    - SCL
  - Post-fire image ( $t$ )
    - MIRBI
    - NBR2
    - NIR (B8A)
    - SWIR2 (B12)
    - SCL
  - MODIS hotspots





# Results

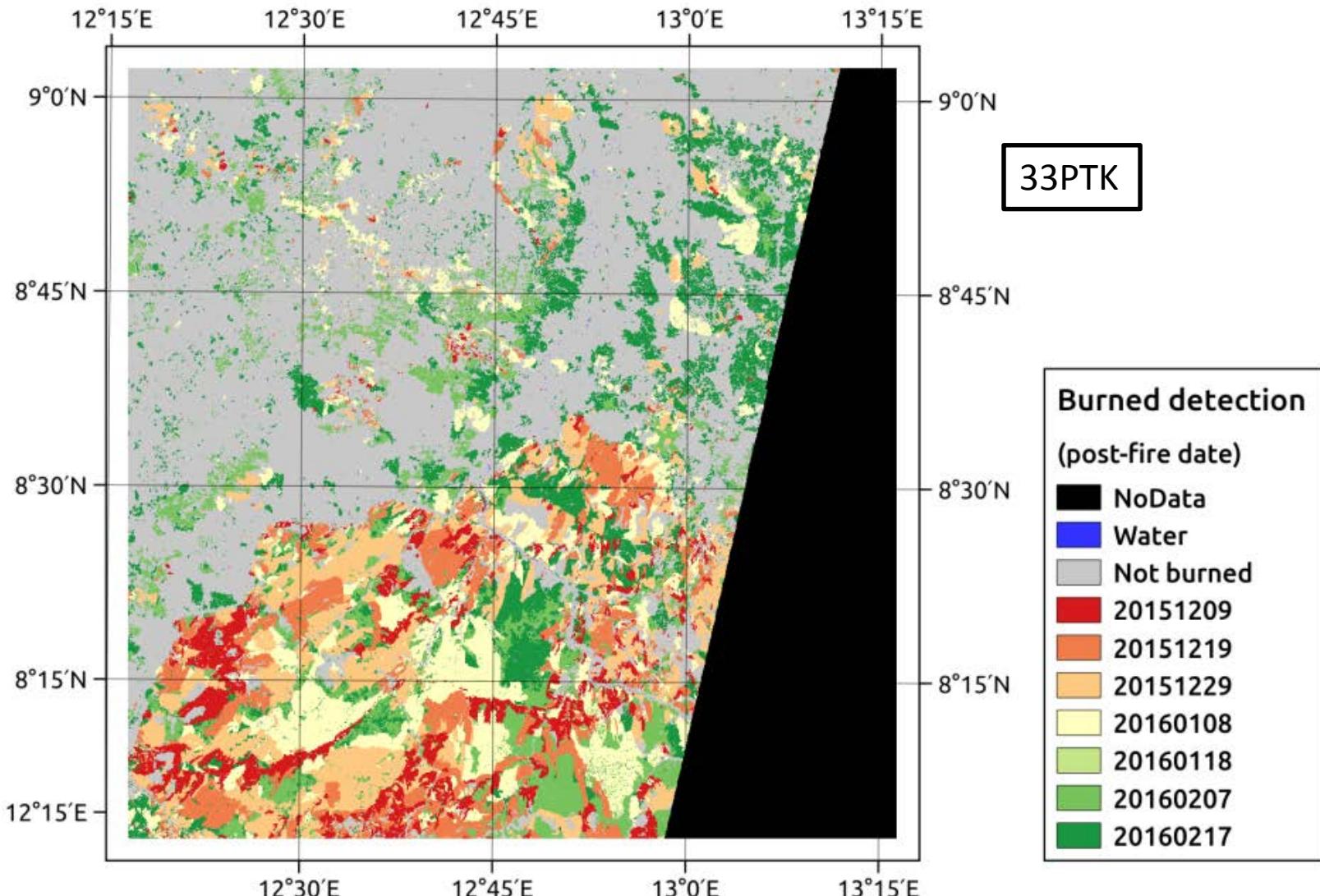
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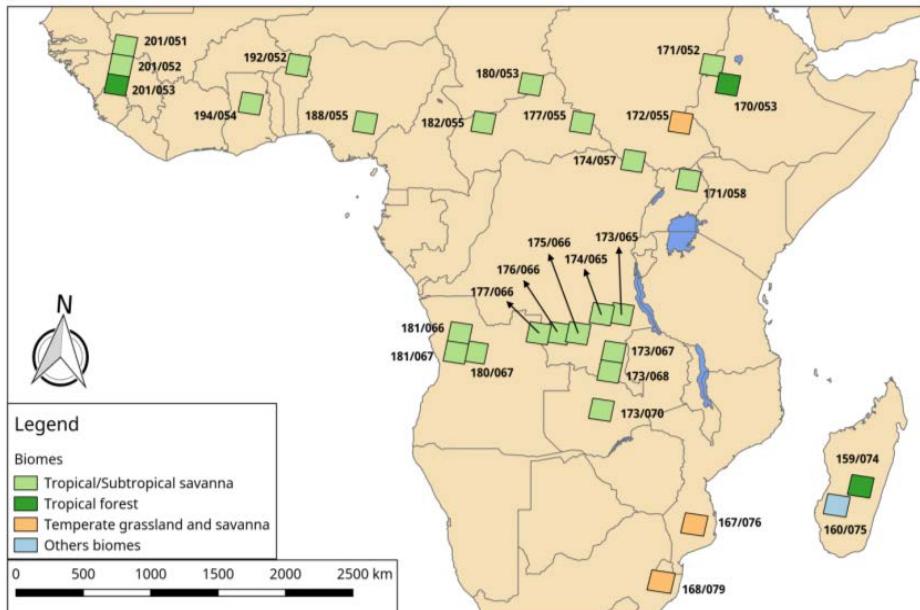
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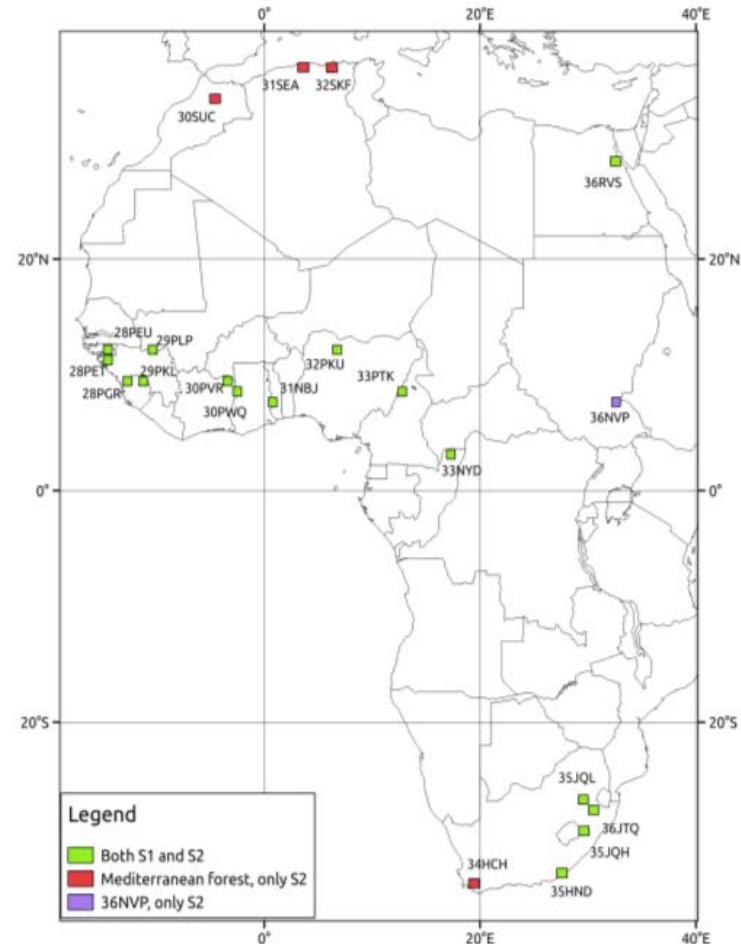


# Assessment

- Landsat-8
  - 29 study areas
  - OE: 8.3%
  - CE: 8.0%
  - Kappa: 0.914



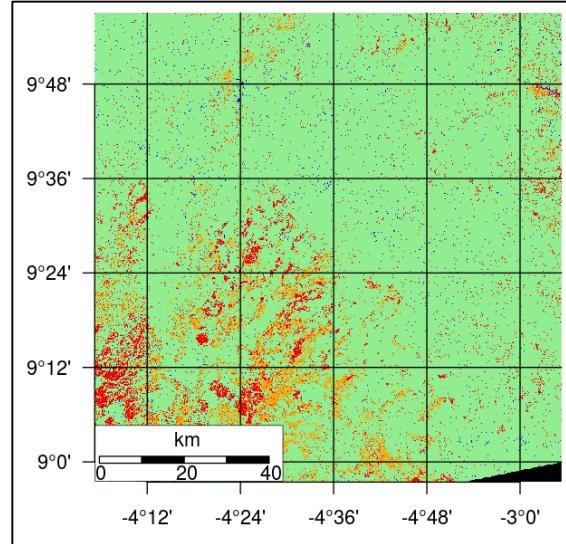
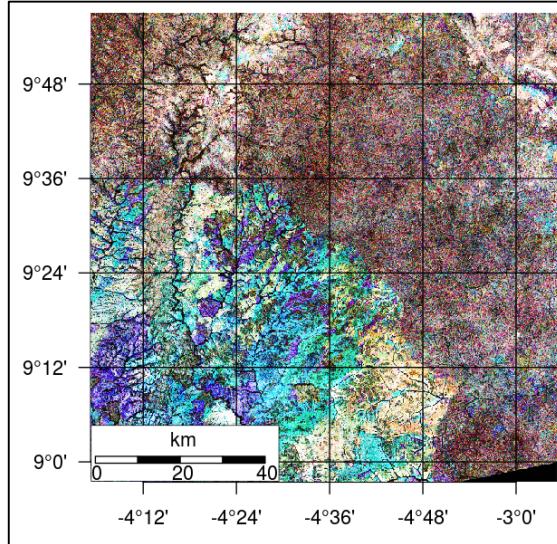
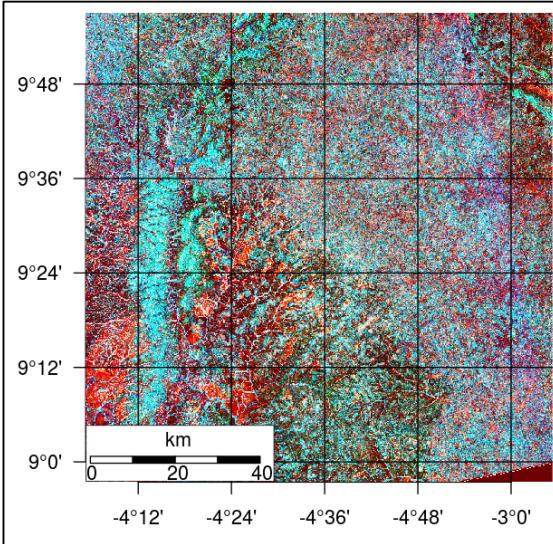
Cloudy areas will be covered by S-1 images.





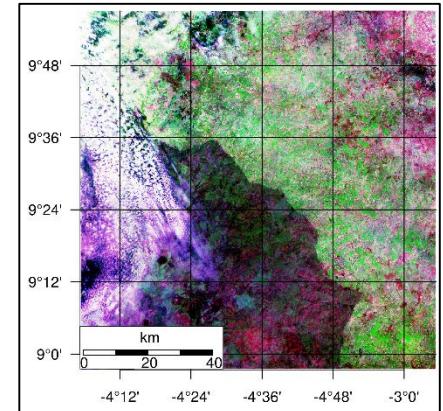
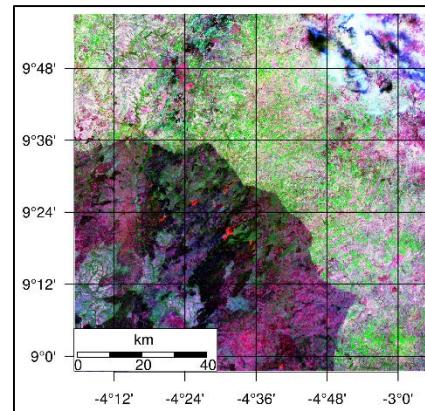
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Clockwise from top left:

- VV, VH backscatter difference  
RGB
- VV Coherence RGB
- BA Classification
- S2 Post
- S2 Pre



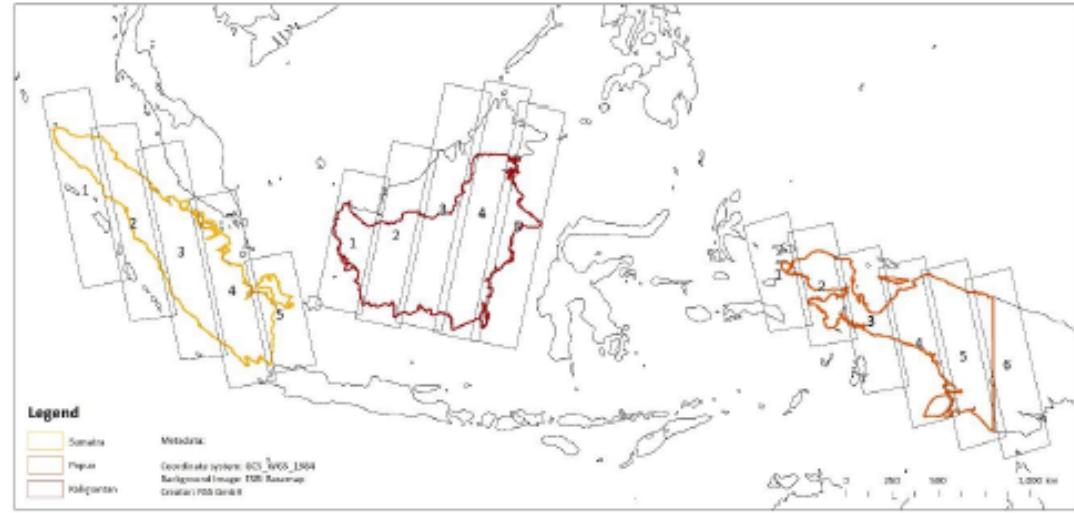


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- S1
- C-band
- 10 m spatial resolution
- 2015
- # of tiles 164

- Kalimantan 2\*31 tiles
- Sumatra 2\*25 tiles
- Papua 2\*26 tiles



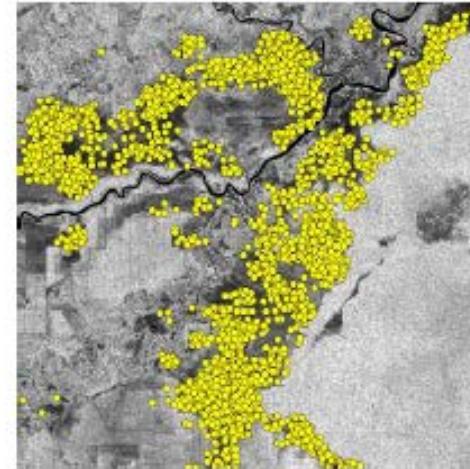
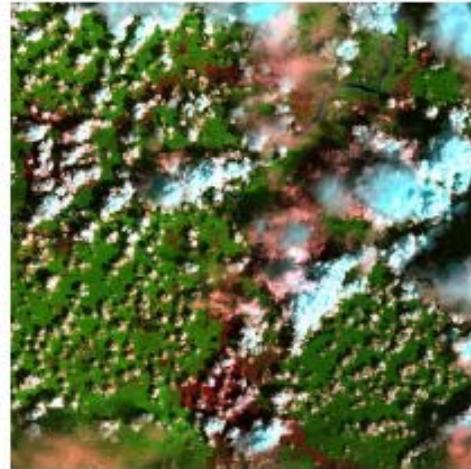
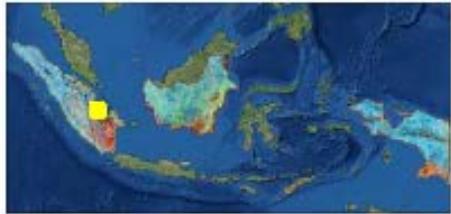
} Pre- and post-fire season

- Product type
  - Kalimantan, descending, dual-pol (VH,VV)
  - Sumatra, ascending, single-pol (VV)
  - Papua, ascending, single-pol (VV)



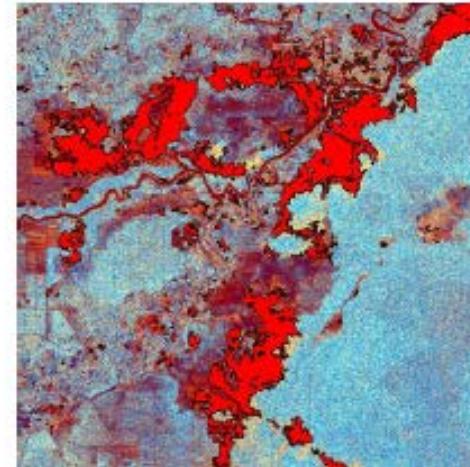
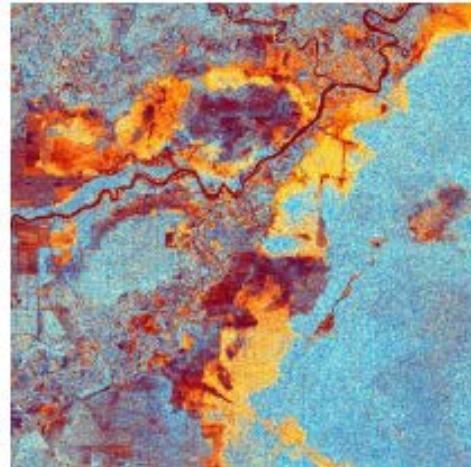
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S1 VV & HS

S1  
False color  
composite



Classification  
result



ESA | aerosol | CCI | cloud | cmug | ghg | glaciers | ice sheets greenland | ice sheets antarctica | land cover | ocean colour | ozone | sea ice | sea level | soil moisture | sst

## FIRE\_CCI



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### Questionnaire for users

Potential users of the BA Products are kindly requested to fill this questionnaire.

### New publication of Fire\_cci on Global Ecology and Biogeography

A new article detailing the methods and results of the global burned area (BA) product developed by the Fire\_cci Team has been published in Global Ecology and Biogeography in March 2016.

The article, entitled "A new global burned area product for climate assessment of fire impacts", presents the methods for generating the global BA product, along...

Submitted by: MLP  
Post date: 31 Mar 16

### Overview

#### Why is information on burned areas needed?

It is estimated, that about 25%-35% of Greenhouse gases (GHG) are resulting from biomass burning and therefore they are considered an important factor in climate change (GTOS 68, T13 Fire Disturbance).

### Aims of the Fire\_cci project

Current global...

Submitted by: MLP  
Post date: 28 Jan 16

### Questionnaire for users

In order to generate a BA product that fits your needs you are kindly asked to complete the following questionnaire. Your input is very valuable to us and if you have more detailed comments or suggestions, please feel free to formulate them. While the focus of the ESA initiative is on climate change research and assessments, other user communities are very welcomed to use the Fire\_cci products.

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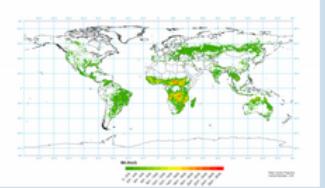
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### Download BA products

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# Phase-2 Options

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- Option 1: Interactions between FRP-BA information: MPI, VUA, UAH.
- Option 2: Extending historical BA time series with LTDR data: UAH, BC, MPI, UCLouvain.
- Option 3: Radar BA algorithms. UAH – Cubenube.



# RSE fire paper trends

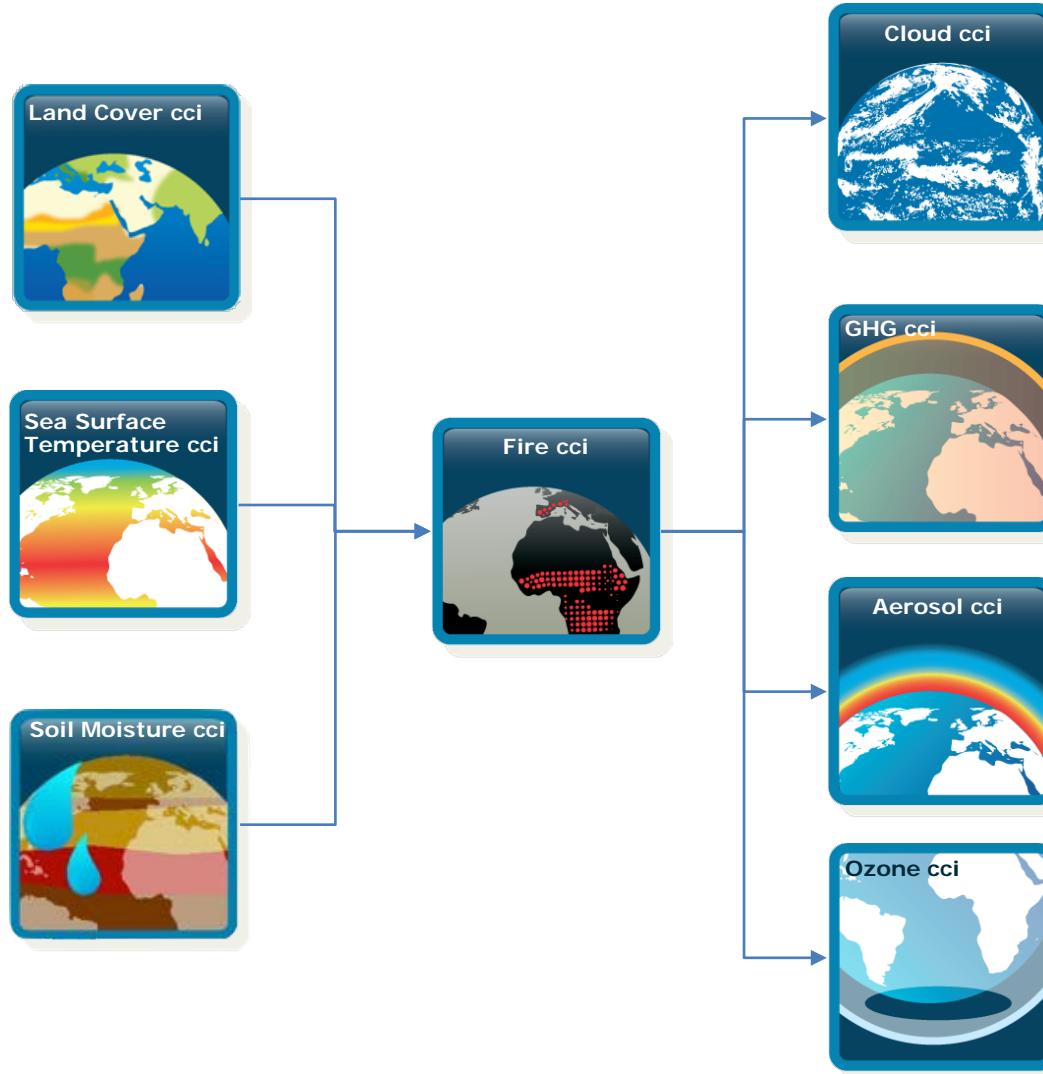
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- Pre-fire papers:
  - Water content
  - Fuel types.
- Active fires:
  - New algorithms: VIIRS, Landsat.
  - Emissions.
- Burned area:
  - Validation.
  - Severity.
  - Large regions: from coarse to medium sensors.
  - Agricultural fires.



# Connections of Fire and other ECVs

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- Workflow – S1 Backscatter

