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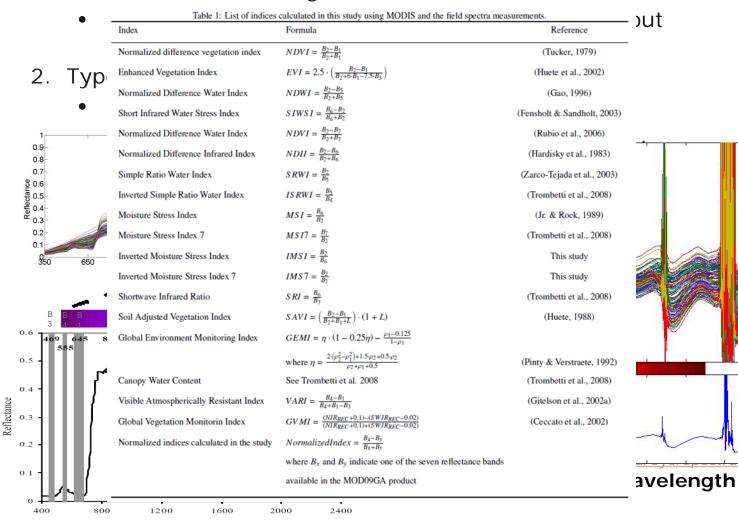
Application of satellite data to estimate

evapotranspiration over large areas.

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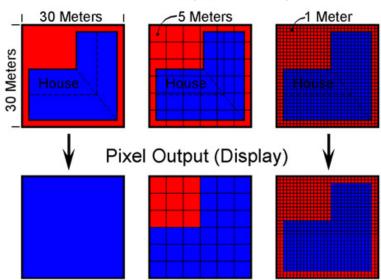
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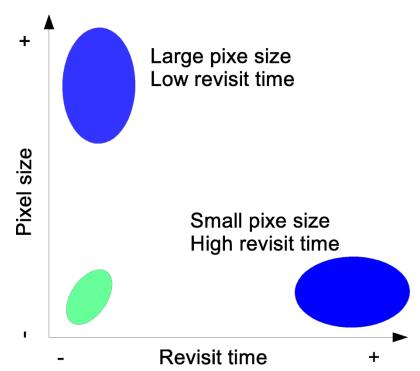
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Source: http://www.satimagingcorp.com/services/resources/characterization-of-satellite-remote-sensing-systems/

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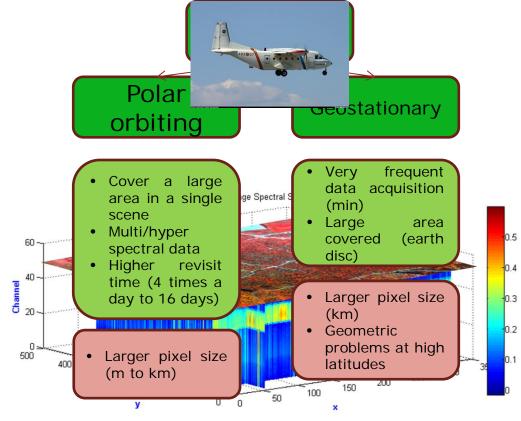
Sources of remote sensing data

UAV

- Small pixel size (cm)
- Difficulties to cover a large area
- Limited sensors can be mounted

Airborne

- Small pixel size (m)
- Hyperspectral sensors can be mounted
- Difficulties to cover a large area
- Expensive
- Require a lot of planification





How do we calculate Evapotranspiration (ET) using satellites?

- Empirical aproach
 - Vegetation index related with ET measurements
- Semi-empirical aproach
 - Triangle aproach relating temperature and vegetation indices
- Physical aproaches (Based on Land Surface Temperature (LST), Leaf Area Index and Albedo)
 - One source energy balance model (OSEB)
 - Two source energy balance model (TSEB)

Dual-Temperature-Difference (DTD) adapted for polar orbiting satellites (Guzinski, 2013)



The DTD model

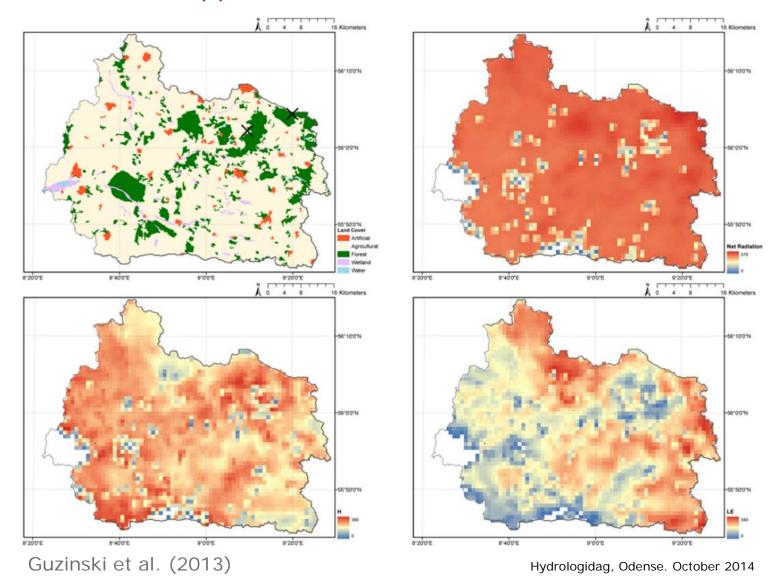
Is based on the energy conservartion law

$$R_n = LE + H + G$$

- Uses two observartions in time to minimize systematic errors in temperature estimation
- Requires LAI as input to split LST between soil and canopy
- Net radiation and ET for soil and canopy as outputs.

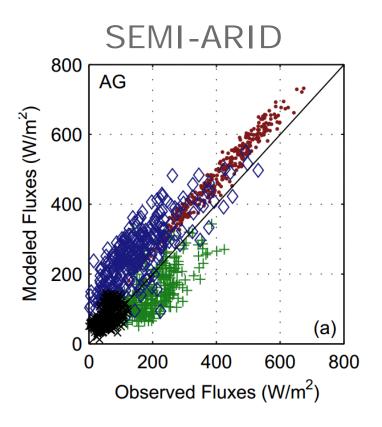


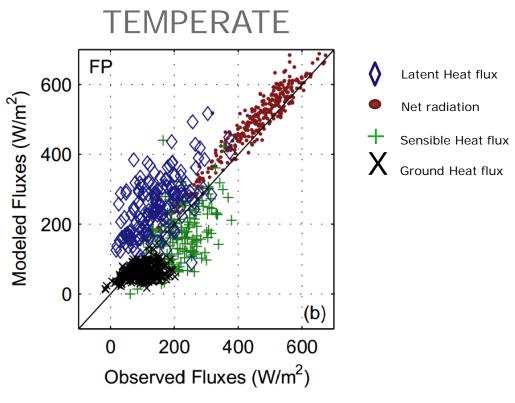
The DTD applied to Skern River catchment





DTD performance



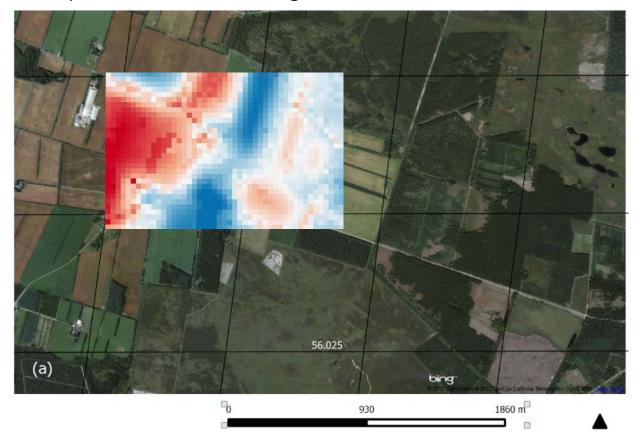


(Guzinski, 2013)



Scale issues

- Downscaling fluxes
 - Low resolution fluxes can be disagregated using higher spatial resolution images (Dis-ALEXI)





Summary and conclusions

- Remote sensing is a powerful tool to monitor hydrological processes
- ET was presented as an example. Spectral and thermal information can also be used to retrieve other biophysical properties of vegetation (LAI, Albedo) as well as other soil properties
- Combination of different sensors offers a wide range of possibilites, as very dynamic processes can be monitored with higher spatial resolution. Specially important when studying heterogenous areas.



Thanks for your attention!!!!

Any questions???

