

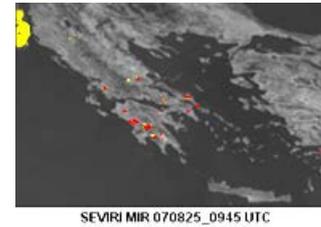


# FireHub: A Space based Fire Management Hub

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## BEYOND participated in the Best Service Challenge Copernicus - Masters competition

Submitted Service : The Operational EO based fire management service, known as:



## “FireHub: A Space Based Fire Management Hub “

The service consists of four pillars:

1. The early fire detection and real-time fire monitoring
2. The large scale Burnt Scar Mapping during and after wildfires
3. The diachronic BSM and damage assessment
4. The hourly forecasting of fire smoke dispersion

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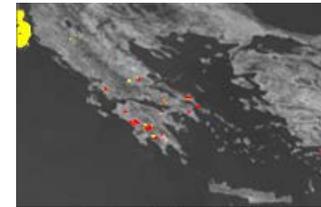
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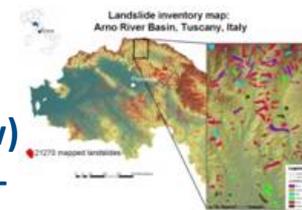
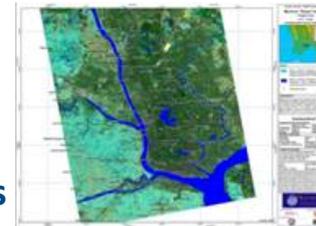
Institutional End Users and stakeholders receiving the fire disaster services:



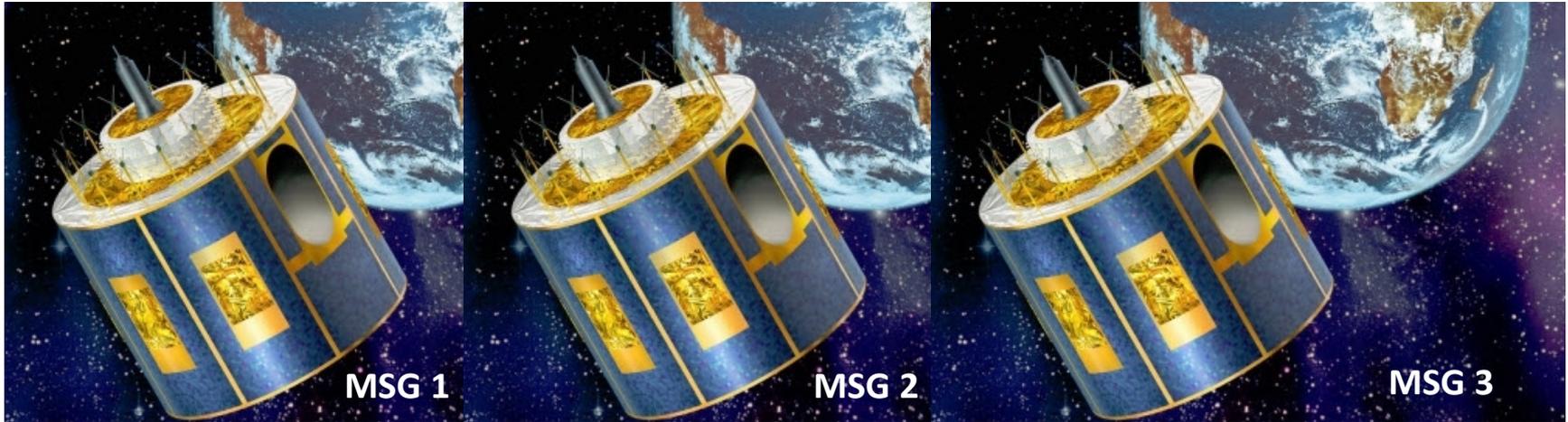
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- 🌐 The European Copernicus Program (EMS service)
- 🌐 The Hellenic Fire Brigades Operations' Control Room (199)
- 🌐 The Ministry of Env. (Directorate for Forests Protection)
- 🌐 The Gen. Sec. Civil Protection
- 🌐 The Forestry Services over Greece and Europe
- 🌐 The Local Authorities & Environmental Organisations
- 🌐 The Greek Army
- 🌐 The Public
- 🌐 The European Fire Monitoring Center
- 🌐 The Serbian HydroMet Service (transfer of know-how)
- 🌐 The BBU - Research Center for Disaster Management- (expressed interest)

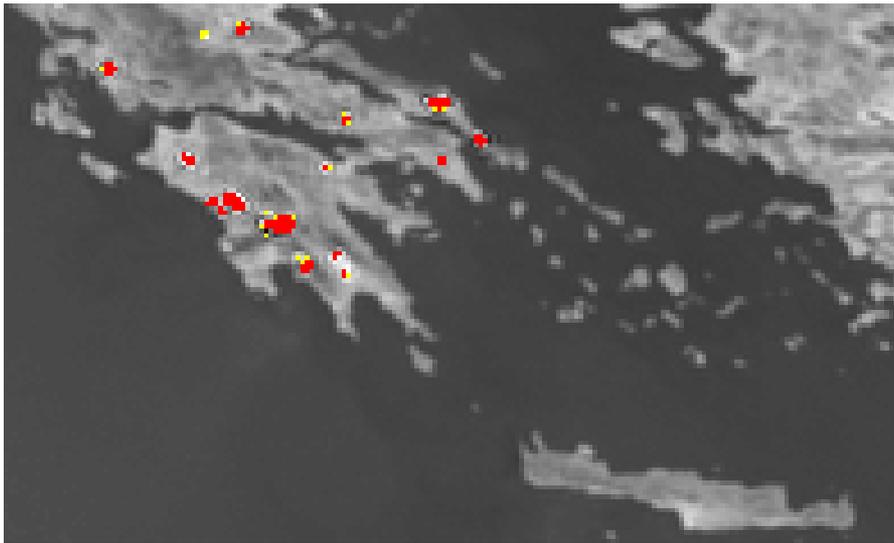


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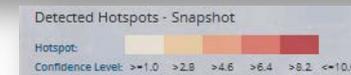
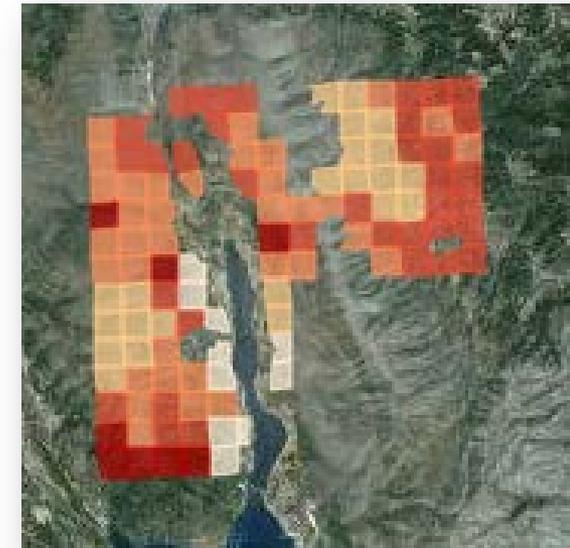


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<b>4</b>	<b>IR3.9</b>	<b>3.90</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>4.36</b>	Surface, clouds, wind fields
5	WV6.2	6.25	5.35	7.15	Water vapor, high level clouds, atmospheric instability
6	WV7.3	7.35	6.85	7.85	Water vapor, atmospheric instability
7	IR8.7	8.70	8.30	9.1	Surface, clouds, atmospheric instability
8	IR9.7	9.66	9.38	9.94	Ozone
<b>9</b>	<b>IR10.8</b>	<b>10.80</b>	<b>9.80</b>	<b>11.80</b>	Surface, clouds, wind fields, atmospheric instability
10	IR12.0	12.00	11.00	13.00	Surface, clouds, atmospheric instability
11	IR13.4	13.40	12.40	14.40	Cirrus cloud height, atmospheric instability
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## Regional Real Time Fire Monitoring Service based on EUMETSAT MSG SEVIRI Data Monitoring

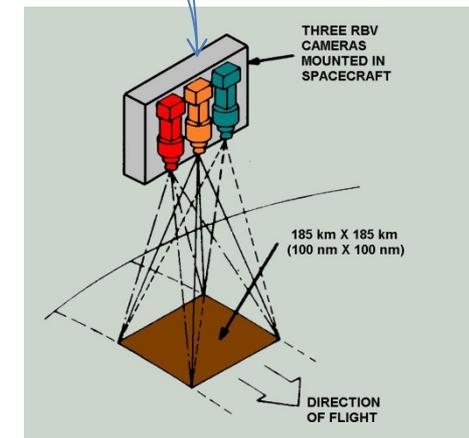
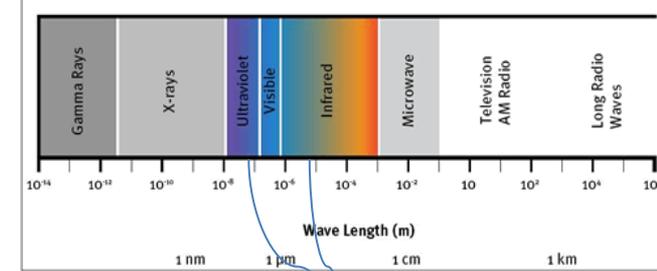
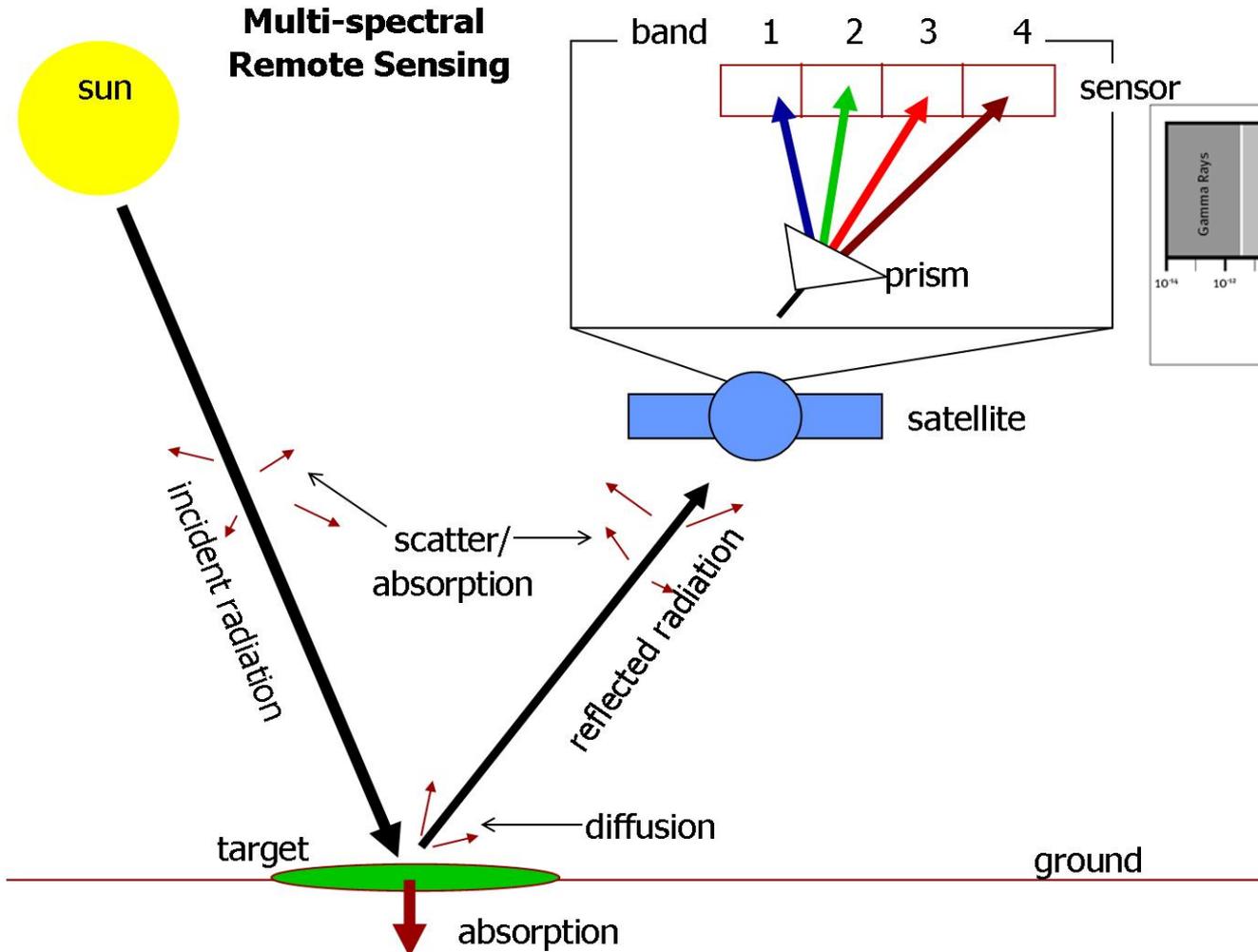


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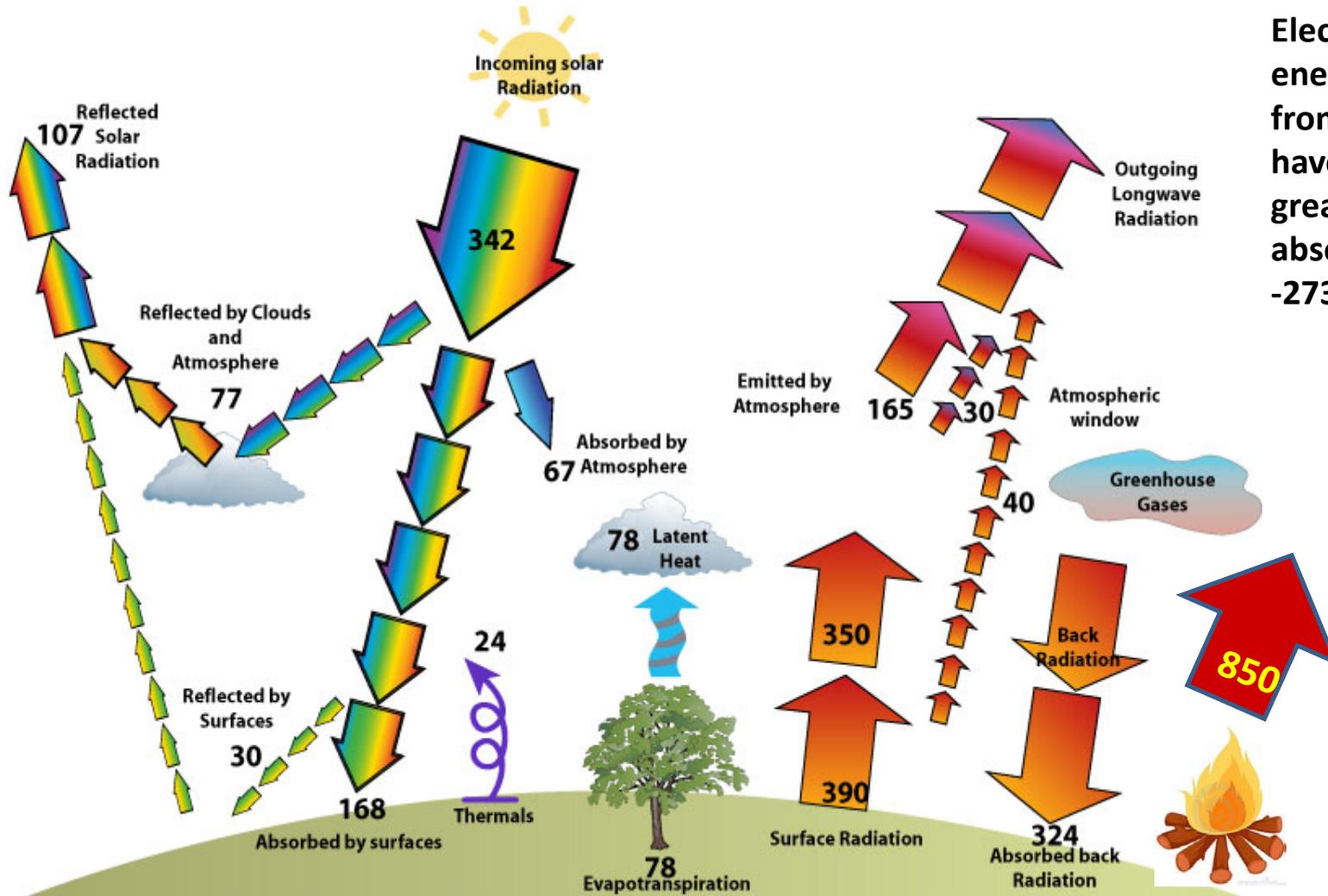


**Refined resolution: 0.5x0.5 km  
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## The Sensor system onboard the EO satellite



## The Emitted Radiation



Electromagnetic energy is emitted from all objects that have a temperature greater than absolute zero (0 K or -273°C).

## Wien's Displacement law

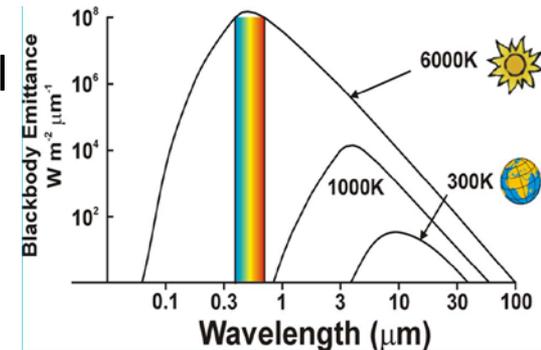
The **dominant wavelength** at which a blackbody radiation curve reaches a maximum, is related to temperature and follows the **Wein's Law**

$$\lambda_{\max} = \frac{A}{T}$$

$\lambda_{\max}$  = wavelength of maximum spectral radiant exitance ( $\mu\text{m}$ )

$A$  = constant, equal to 2898 ( $\mu\text{m} * K$ )

$T$  = Temperature, (K)



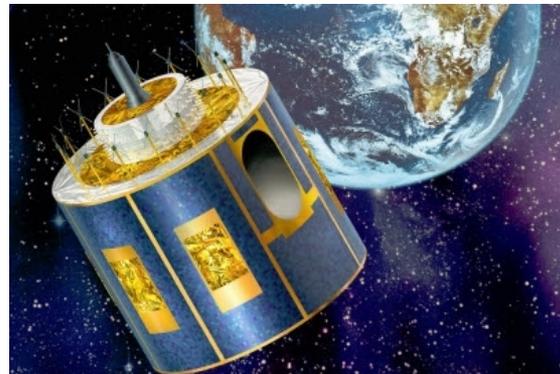
The greater the **T** the shorter the wavelength  $\lambda_{\max}$

### Example cases:

- (i) Earth ambient temperature  $\sim 300 \text{ K}$  ( $27^\circ\text{C}$ )  $\rightarrow \lambda_{\max} = 2898/300 = 10 \mu\text{m}$  (TIR)
- (ii) Vegetation fire temperature  $\sim 850 \text{ K}$  ( $577^\circ\text{C}$ )  $\rightarrow \lambda_{\max} = 2898/850 = 3.5 \mu\text{m}$  (MIR)
- (iii) Sun temperature  $\sim 6000 \text{ K}$  ( $5726^\circ\text{C}$ )  $\rightarrow \lambda_{\max} = 2898/6000 = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$  (B)

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The best suited MSG SEVIRI Channels for active fire detection of forest and vegetation fuels and discrimination from ambient temperatures are:

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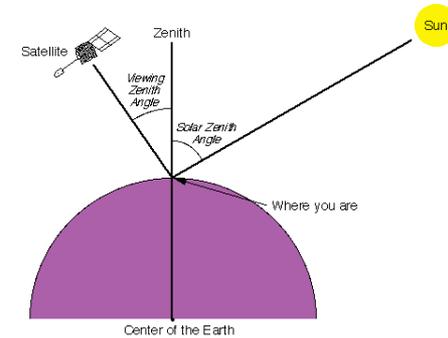
**Classification step #1:** The EUMETSAT Fire mapping algorithm (FIR) is based on fixed thresholding approach, applied on the spectral bands **IR 3.9** and **IR10.8**. The FIR algorithm uses the following criteria to check for **potential fire and fire pixels**:

1. Brightness temperature of channel IR3.9 > **threshold 1**
2. Brightness temperature difference of channels IR3.9 and IR10.8 > **threshold 2**
3. Difference of the standard deviations of channel IR3.9 and IR10.8 > **threshold 3**
4. Standard deviation of channel IR3.9 > **threshold 4**
5. Standard deviation of channel IR10.8 < **threshold 5**

(all standard deviations are computed over a 3x3 pixel group)

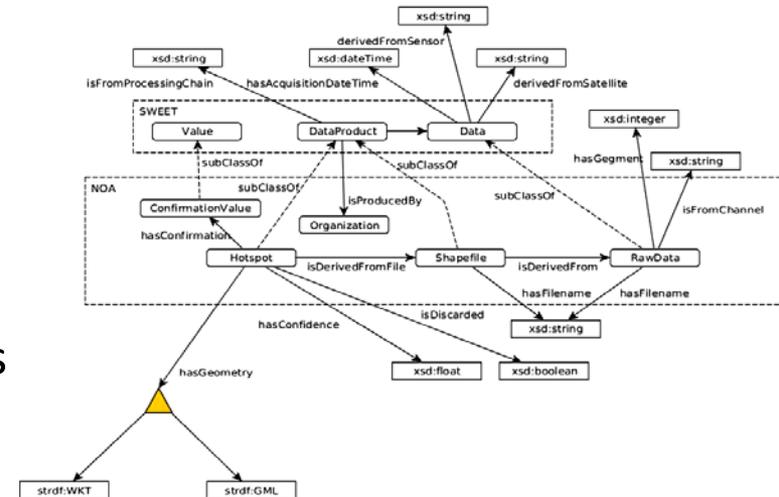
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**Classification enhancement # 1:** The thresholds are dynamically changing calculated for each image and every pixel location on the basis of the seasonally variations and time depended Solar Zenith Angle.



**Classification enhancement # 2 :** Create and integrate classification evidence through geo-spatial ontology schemes and reasoning queries, accounting for the

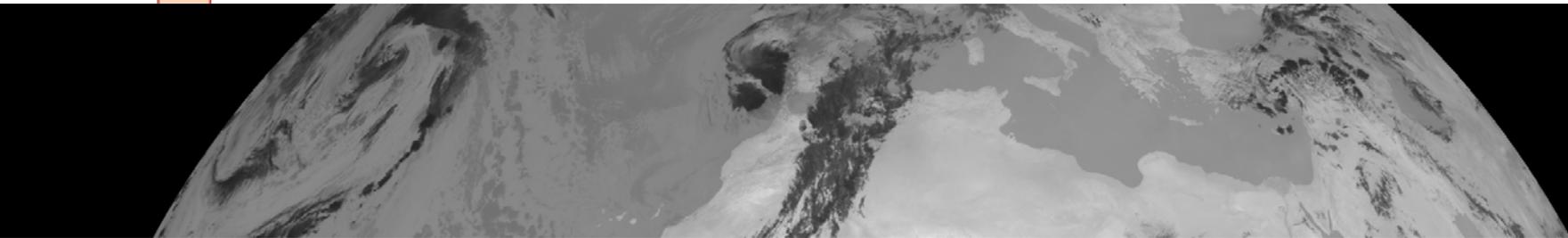
- a) thematic consistency by eliminating false alarms
- b) account for the time persistence of the fire observations



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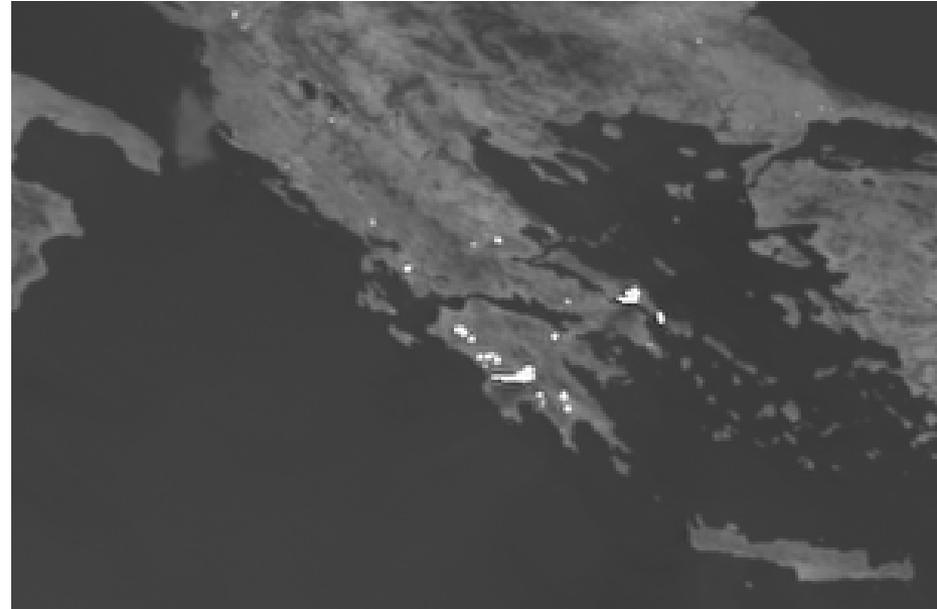
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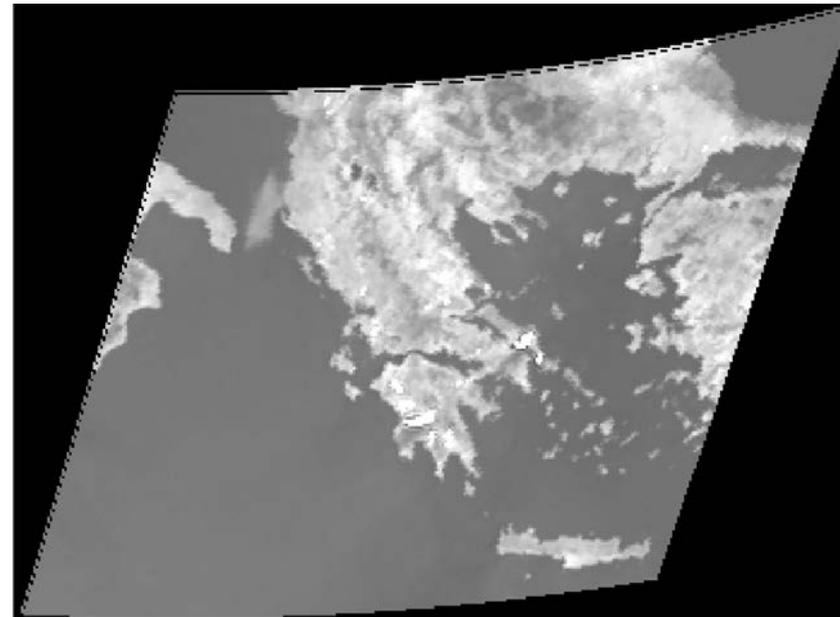
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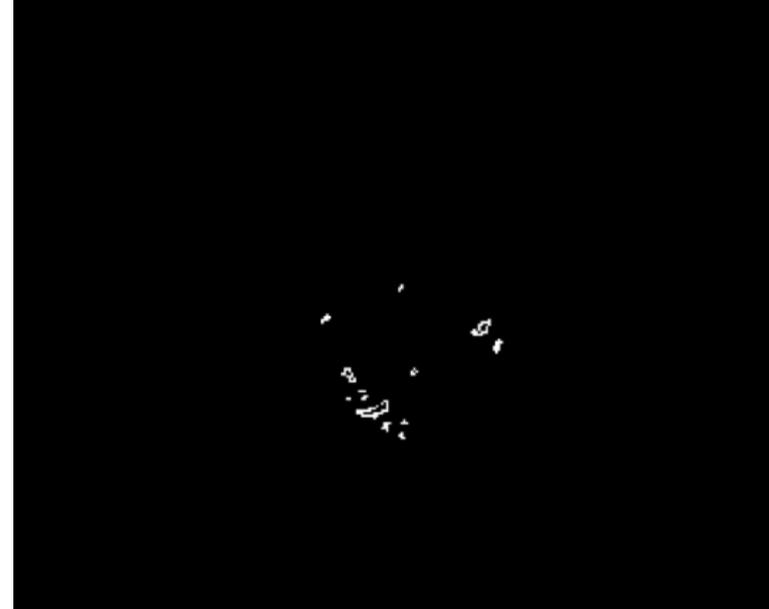
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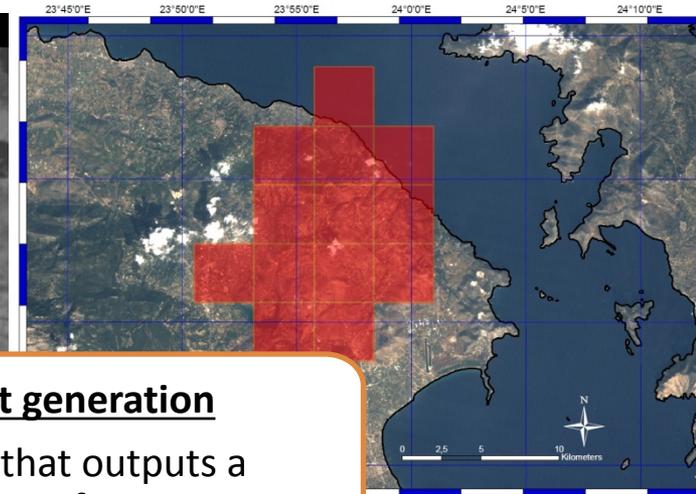
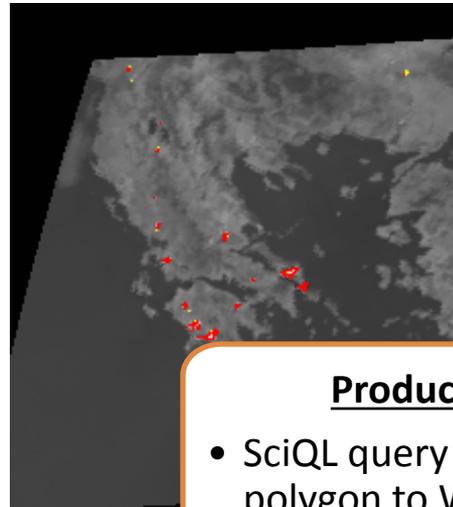
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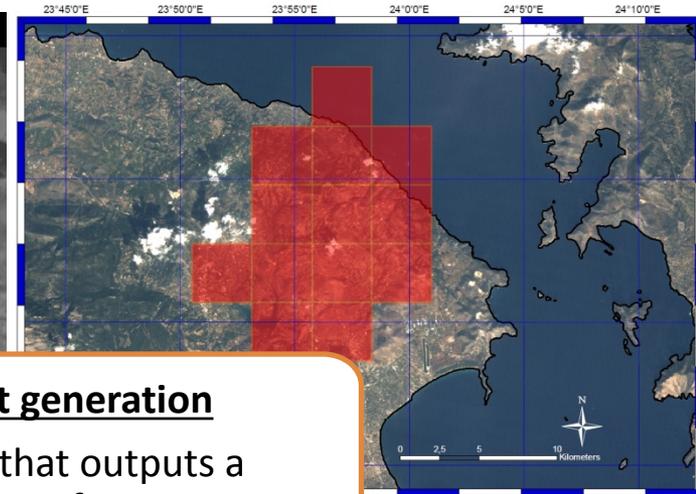
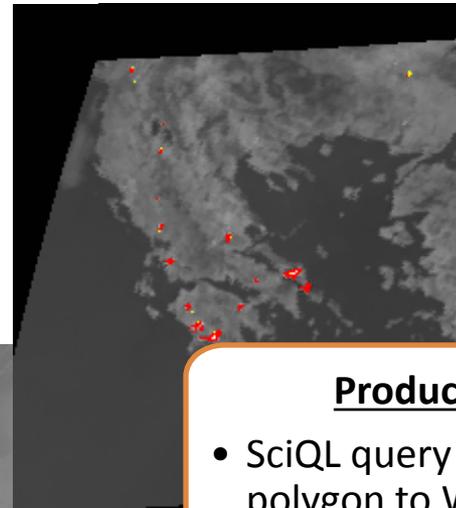
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## Regional Real Time Fire Monitoring - NOA's MSG SEVIRI Station – Raw Resolution mode



Zaharo Fire



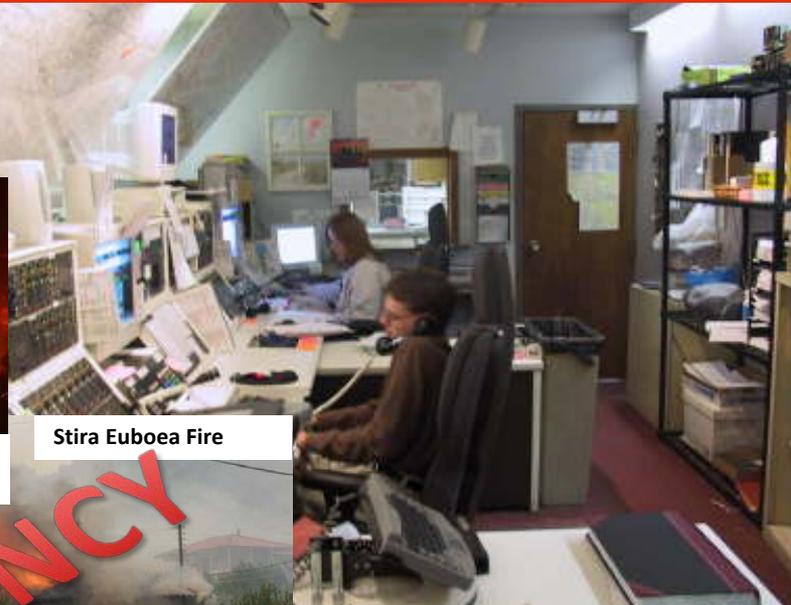
Olympia site Fire



AliveriEuboea Fire



Korinthos Fire



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Parnon Mt Fire



Taygetos Mt Fire



Megalopolis Fire



Otilon Fire



**EMERGENCY**

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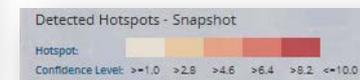
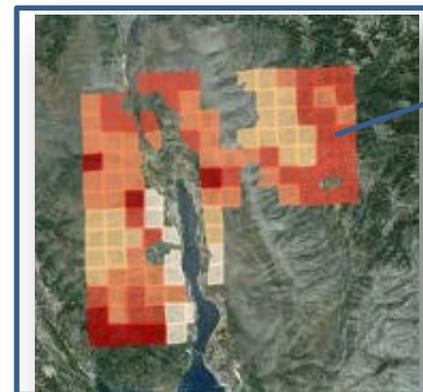


POTENTIAL FIRE  
CONFIRMED FIRE

## CLASSIFICATION PROCESS

**Classification enhancement # 3:** Downscaling the first classification output and calculate the fire occurrence probability in sub-areas of 500 m x 500 m wide, inside the initial observation area of 3.5km x 3.5 km, accounting for the real meteorological, physical / ecological, and morphological conditions in the affected area such as,

- a)** Wind conditions (speed/direction),
- b)** Fuel types and fuel type's proneness to fire,
- c)** Altitudinal zone,
- d)** Slope and Aspect elements of each of the 500m x500m area.



## Results @ 150 minutes after fire ignition

+30'

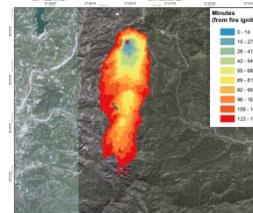
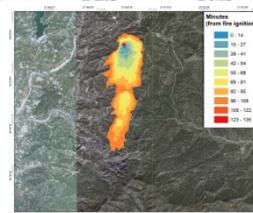
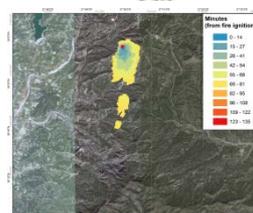
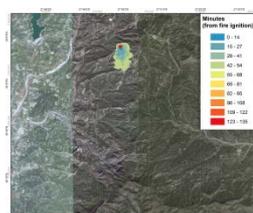
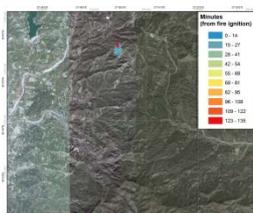
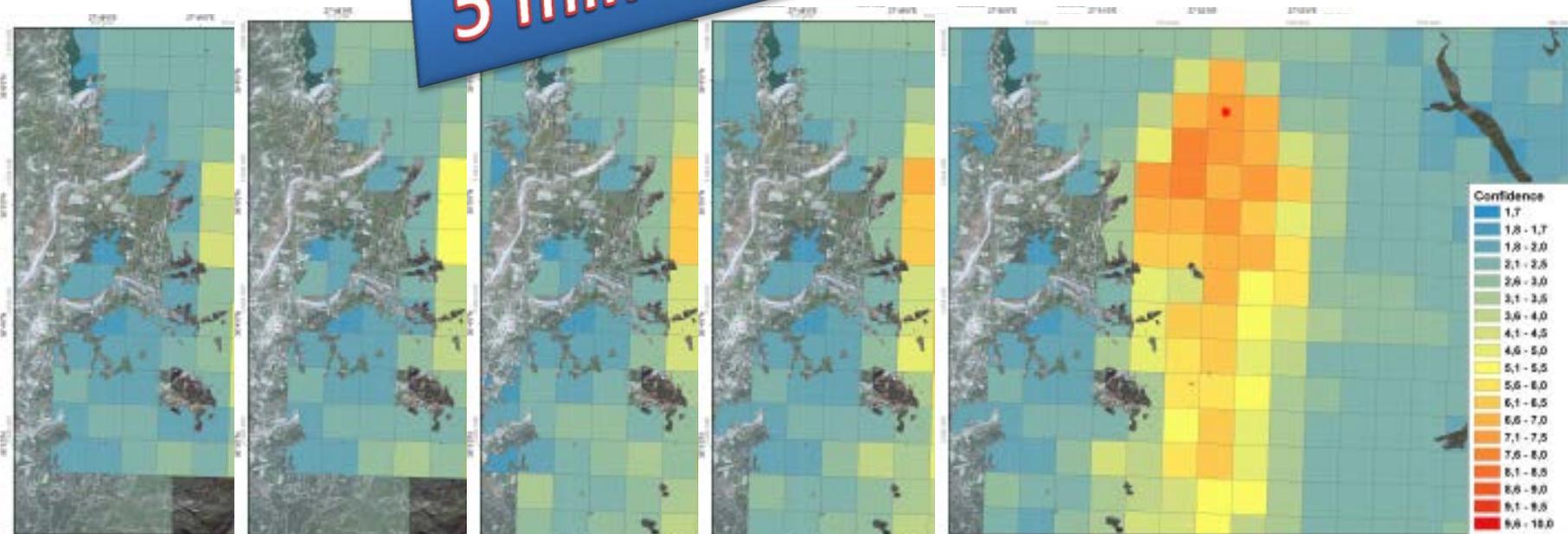
+35'

+40'

+45'

+50'

5 minutes basis





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Fire Monitoring Service based on MSG SEVIRI

Raw Refined Realtime Archive

Year & Month of Reference: Jul 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 Aug 01 02

Detected Hotspots - Snapshot

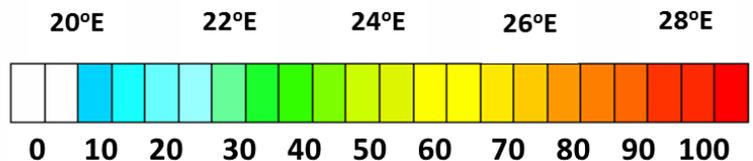
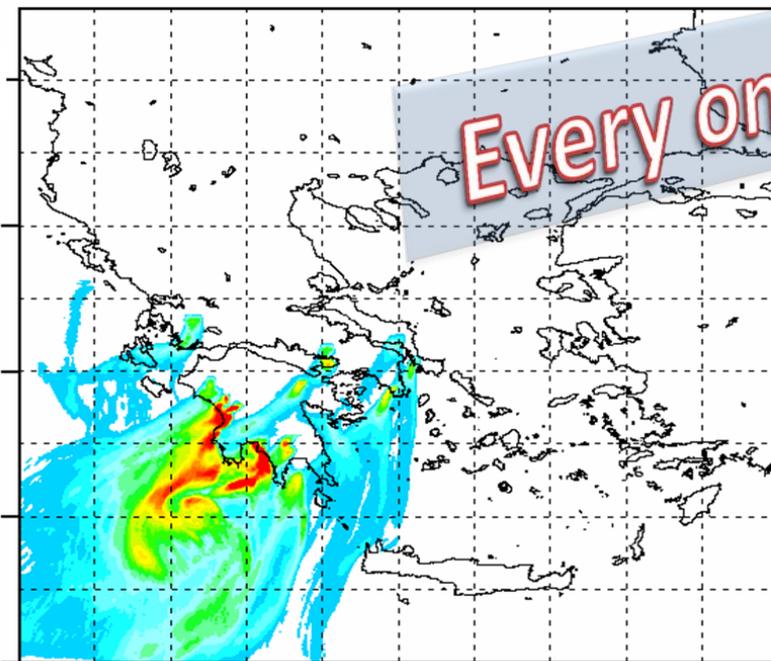
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Show Fire: [Buttons]

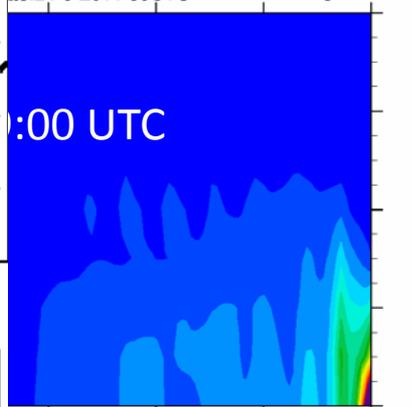
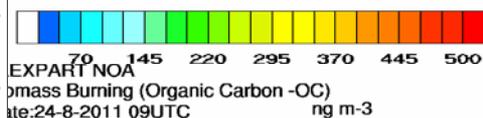
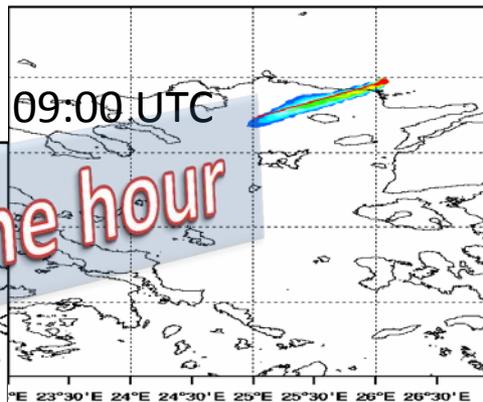
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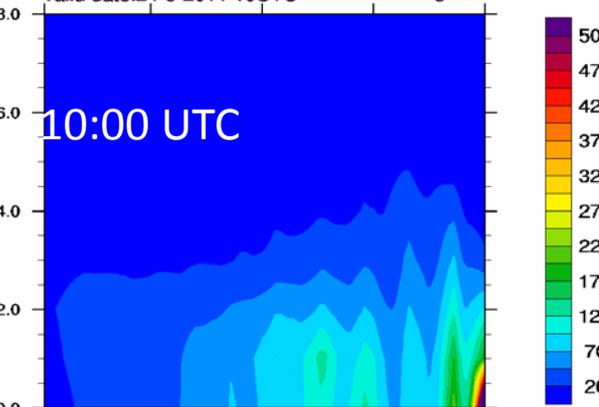
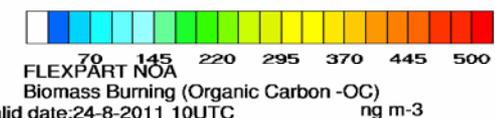
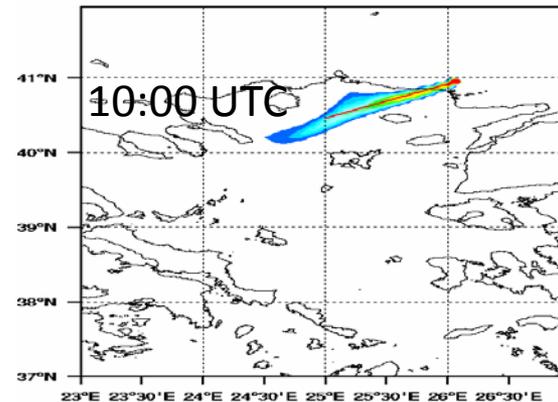
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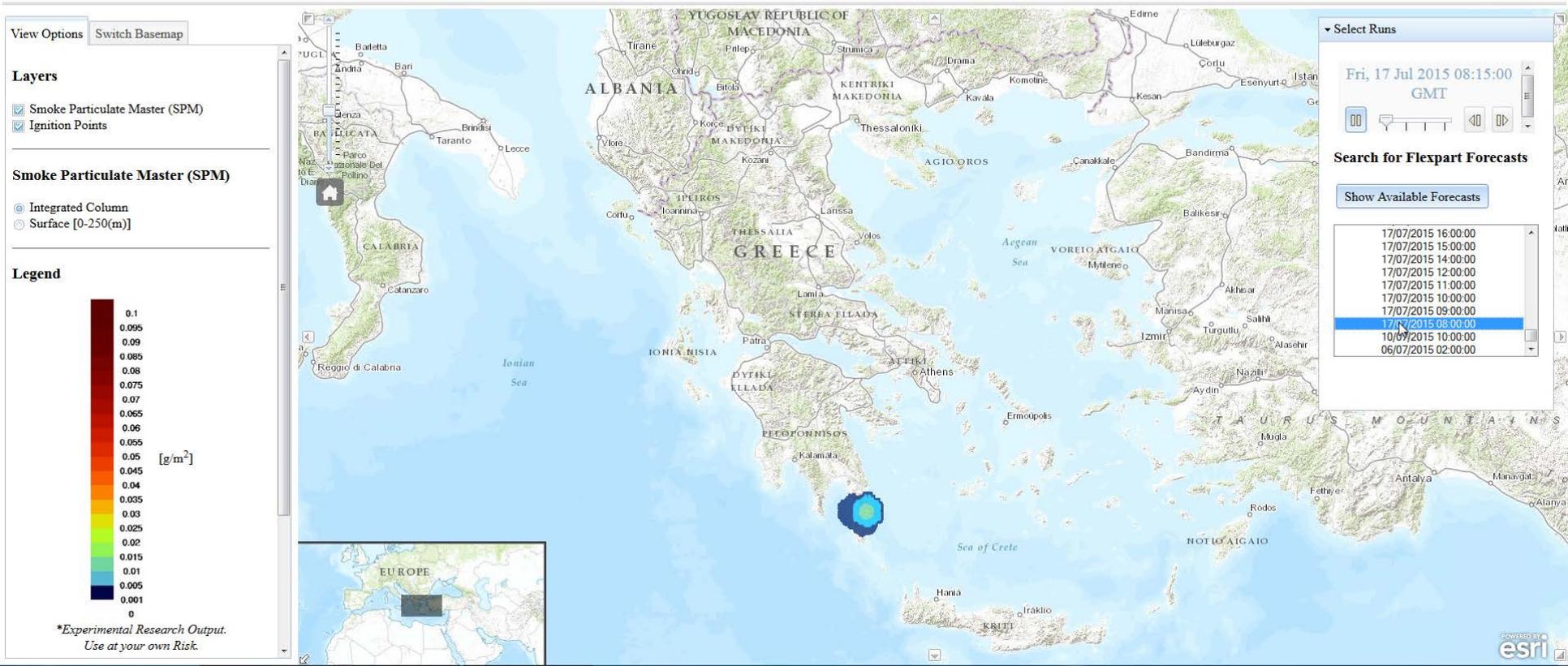
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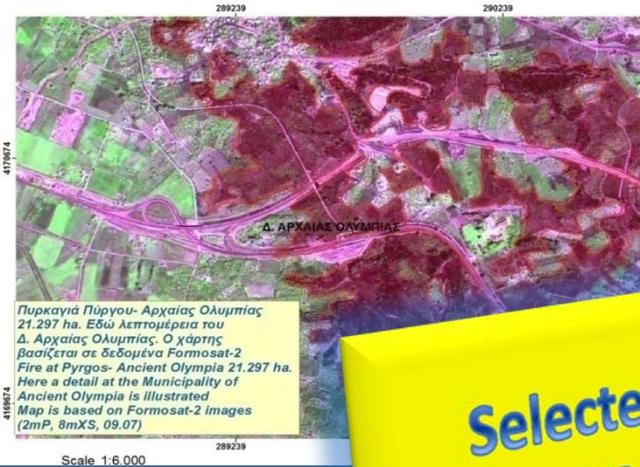
Every one hour



## Rapid Mapping During Crisis - Off-line Mapping After Crisis

### Fully Automatic Processing Chain

Applies to any type of High and Very High Resolution Satellite Data



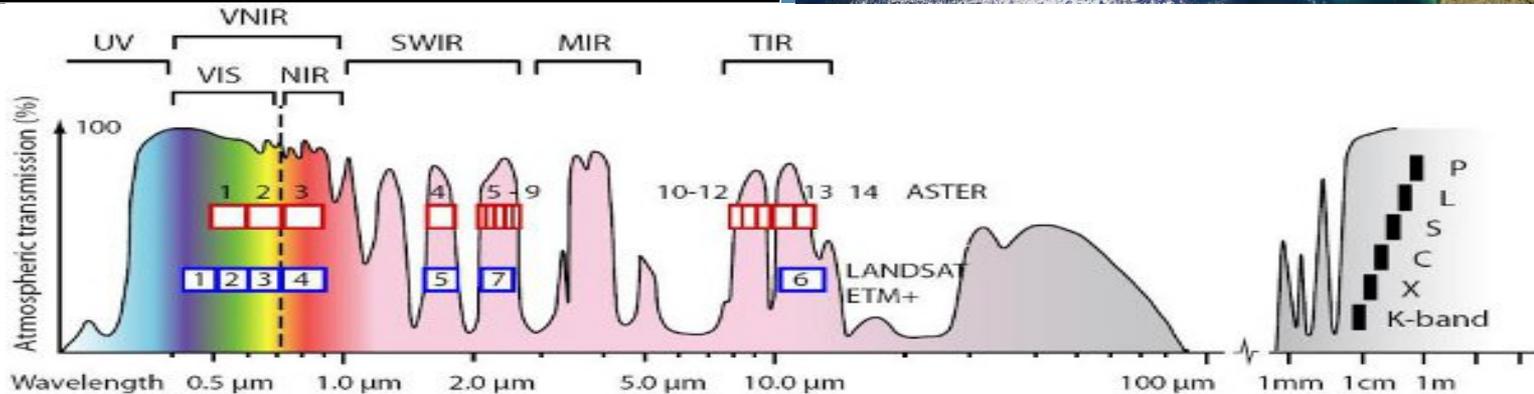
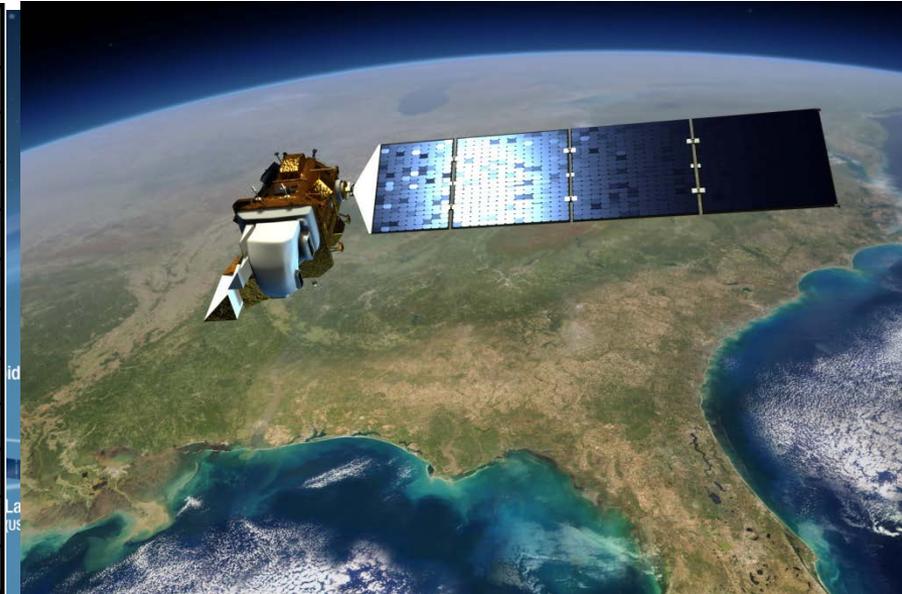
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The GLOBAL EARTH OBSERVATION OPERATIONAL  
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Emergency Management Service

Adv...  
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... data (e.g. geo-...  
... administrative  
boundaries)

## (Single/multi-date) Burn Scar Mapping from reflected Near - Mid Infrared radiation captured by multispectral sensor systems

Landsat-7 ETM+ Bands ( $\mu\text{m}$ )			Landsat-8 OLI and TIRS Bands ( $\mu\text{m}$ )		
			30 m Coastal/Aerosol	0.435 - 0.451	Band 1
Band 1	30 m Blue	0.441 - 0.514	30 m Blue	0.452 - 0.512	Band 2
Band 2	30 m Green	0.519 - 0.601	30 m Green	0.533 - 0.590	Band 3
Band 3	30 m Red	0.631 - 0.692	30 m Red	0.636 - 0.673	Band 4
Band 4	30 m NIR	0.772 - 0.898	30 m NIR	0.851 - 0.879	Band 5
Band 5	30 m SWIR-1	1.547 - 1.749	30 m SWIR-1	1.566 - 1.651	Band 6
Band 6	60 m TIR	10.31 - 12.36	100 m TIR-1	10.60 - 11.19	Band 10
			100 m TIR-2	11.50 - 12.51	Band 11
Band 7	30 m SWIR-2	2.064 - 2.345	30 m SWIR-2	2.107 - 2.294	Band 7
Band 8	15 m Pan	0.515 - 0.896	15 m Pan	0.503 - 0.676	Band 8
			30 m Cirrus	1.363 - 1.384	Band 9





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### BSM\_NOA Pre- Processing

(1) Separate **clouds** from **vegetation** – Create **water** and **shadow** masks

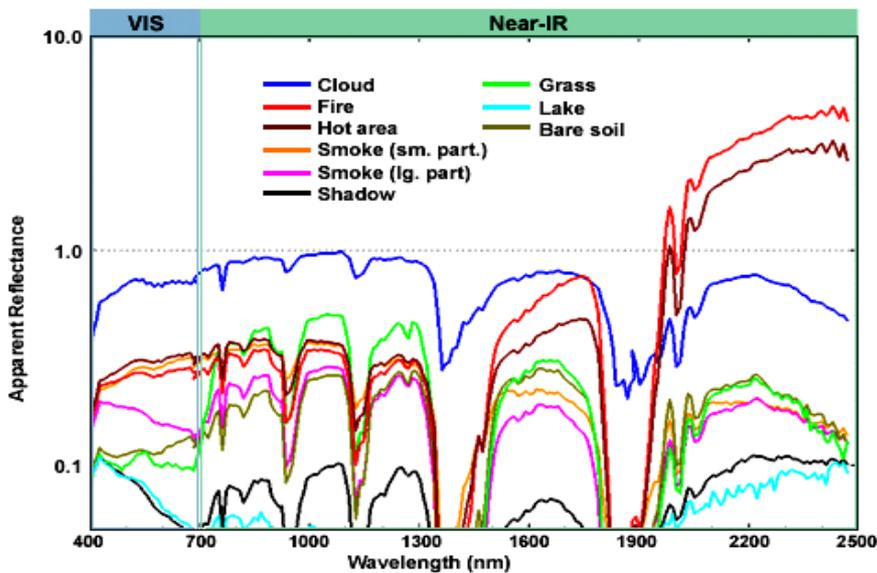
(3) Perform **sensor radiometric calibration** and scene **radiometric normalisation** to create compatible time series of satellite image acquisitions for multi-date analysis

(4) **Geo-reference the input satellite** data using fully automatic image co-registration techniques with appropriate sensor geometric models



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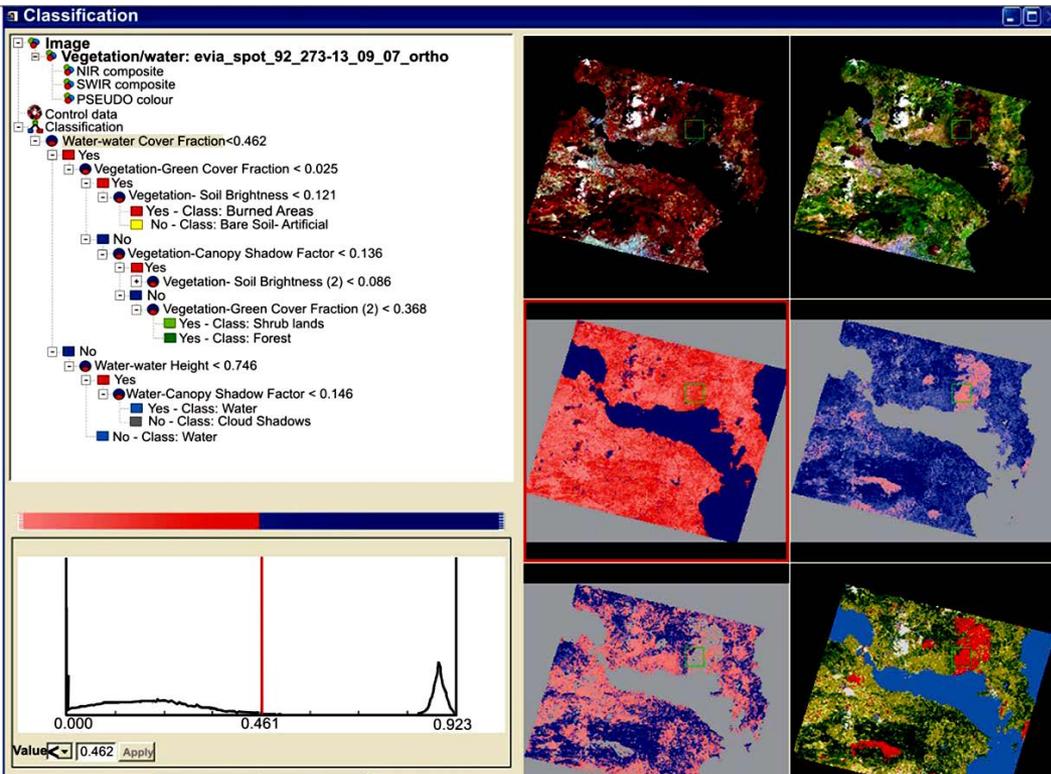
Vis & Near IR Spectral Signatures



## BSM\_NOA Processing

(1) Generate band transformation indices  
**Normalised Burn Ratio Index,**  
**Albedo, NDVI, multi-date NDVI,**  
**NDVIdiff, multi-date derived**  
**Radiometric Change Vectors**

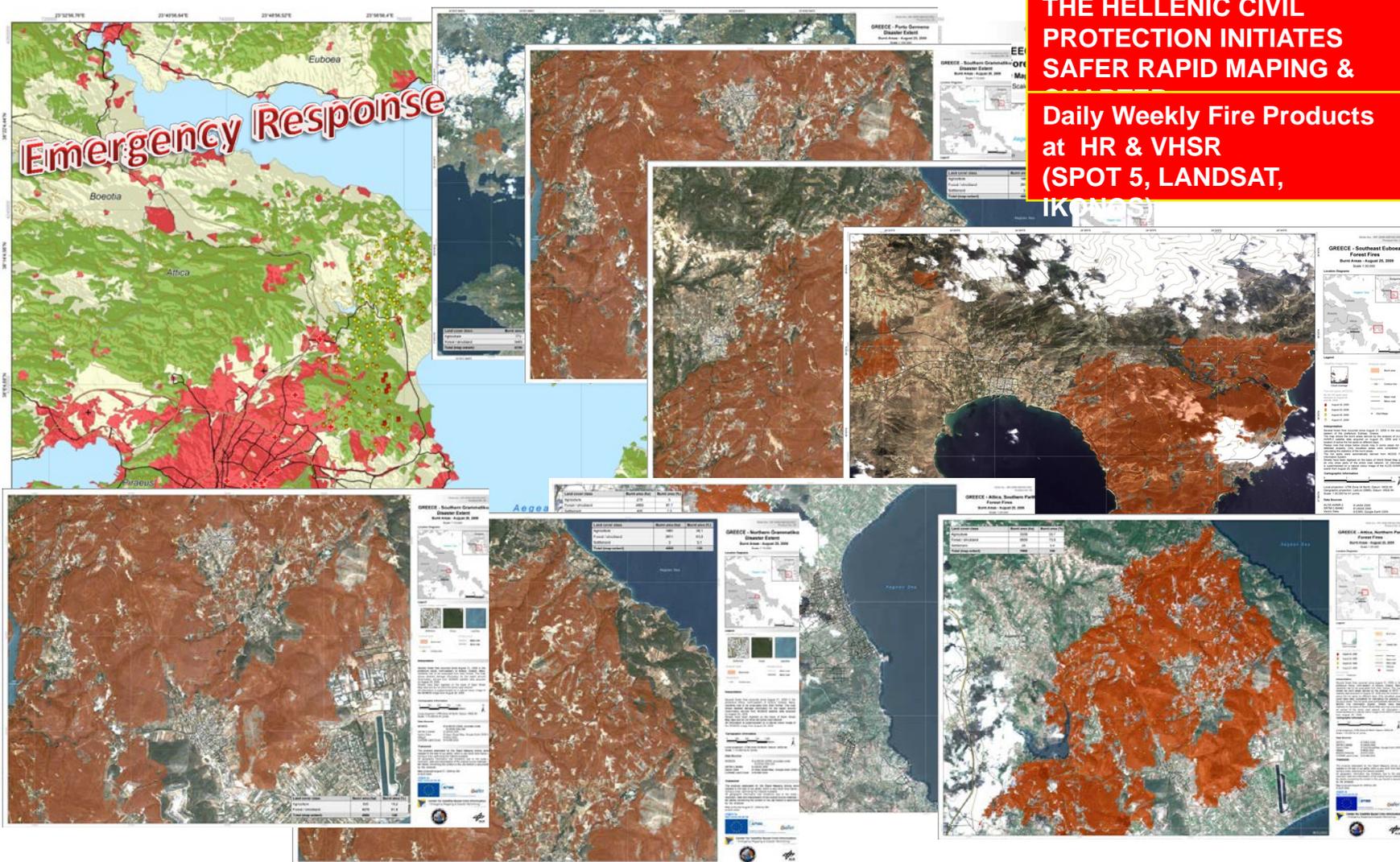
(2) Define **appropriate image /sensor/land use dependent threshold values** and apply to the band transformation indices in order to: a) identify yearly changed from unchanged areas due to fire disasters and other ecosystem disturbances, b) identify burnt spectra on the image plane, and c) resolve for open, urban, and less vegetative areas' confusion

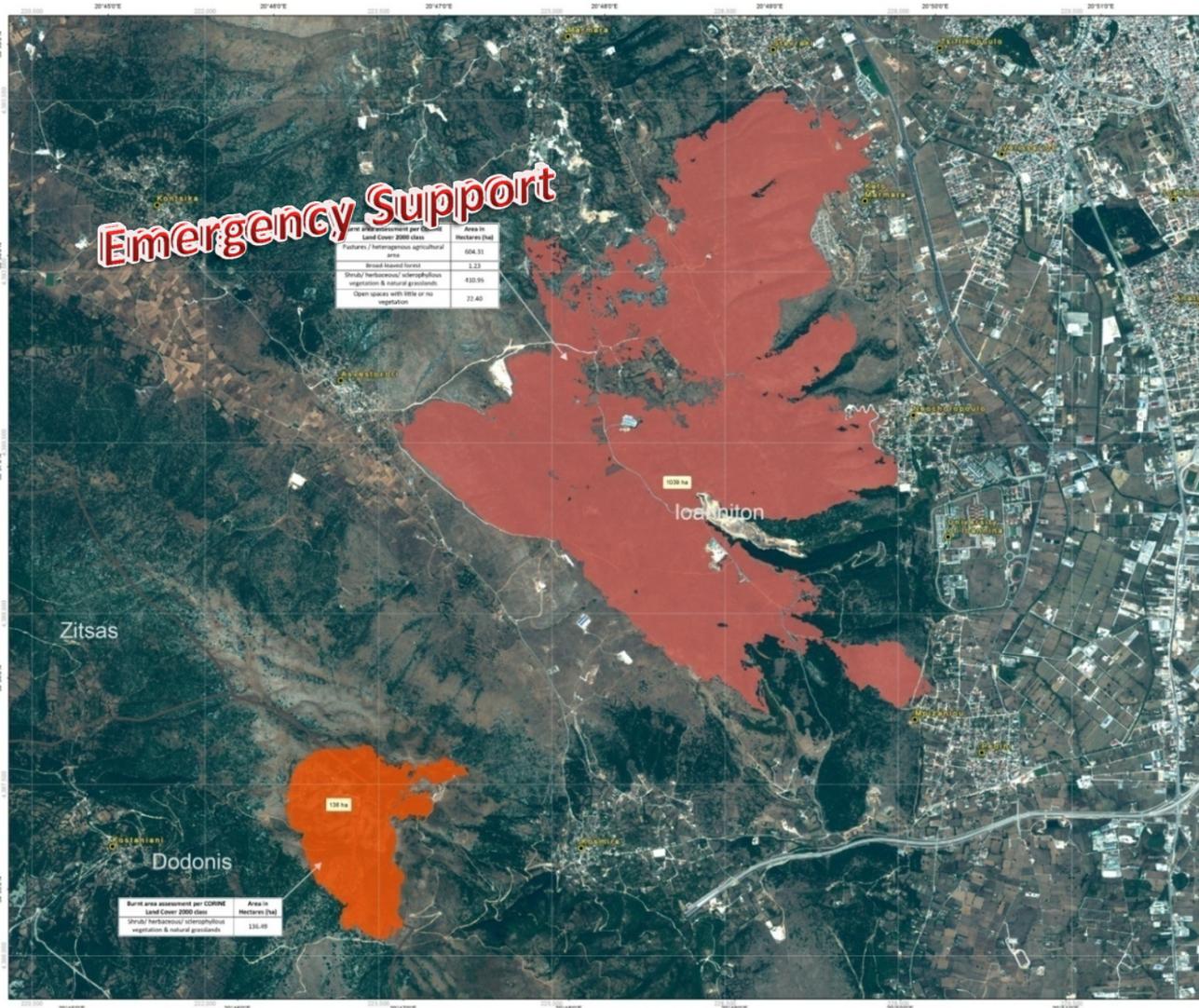


Rapid Mapping During Crisis -  
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## BSM\_NOA Post Processing

- (1) **Clean** from isolated pixels, and small area classification noise using a 3x3 smoothing kernel, and proceed with the join of small disconnected fire pixel clubs to larger segments (>1ha) . Filter out objects smaller than 1ha
- (2) **Convert** raster fire classification layer to vector fire polygons and **smooth** the fire polygon boundaries to resolve from pixel effect
- (3) **Apply** a series of geospatial reasoning queries in GIS using expert knowledge in order to generate refined classifications of Burnt Areas (**based on knowledge extracted from over than 30 years of fire occurrence statistical observations**)
- (4) **Assign** attribute data to the fire vector polygons (administrative data, land cover data, toponyms, area (ha), perimeter, etc )





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### Greece - Epirus, Ioannina

#### Forest Fires - Burnt Areas

Situation Map: Disaster Extent, Summer 2011  
Scale 1: 15,000

**Location Diagrams**

**Legend**

Population: ● (1000000+), ● (500000-999999), ● (100000-499999), ● (50000-99999), ● (10000-49999), ● (5000-9999), ● (1000-4999), ● (500-999), ● (100-499), ● (50-99), ● (10-49), ● (5-9), ● (1-4)

Analysis layer:  
■ Burnt area (19 Aug 2011)  
■ Burnt area (17 August 2011)

Administrative Boundaries - "The Kallikratis Project"

**Photo interpretation keys**

**Interpretation**

In Summer 2011 forest fires occurred in the Peripheral Unit of Ioannina, Greece. This map illustrates the extent of the area burnt to loss the events:

- Assessment Event - Municipality of Ioannina - 04/07/2011
- Assessment Event - Municipality of Dodoni - 11/08/2011

The map is compiled from the products of CORINE, multi-spectral satellite image with a spatial resolution of 1.85m acquired on 07/08/2011. The burnt areas are overlaid using the Burnt Area Mapping methodology developed by the National Observatory of Athens (NOA, NGA). Administrative units and cities have been digitized on the basis of geodata.gov.gr and OSM OpenStreetMap.org. Road Edition Maps and OSM OpenStreetMap.org.

All nearby registered features are overlaid with best effort for better context and readability.

**Cartographic Information**

Local projection: Greek Geocentric Reference System 1987  
 Datum: GGRS, 1987  
 Geographic projection: UTM  
 Scale: 1:15 000 for A1 print

0 150 300 450 Meters

**Data Sources**

WorldView-2 multi-spectral 1.85m panchrom. 07/08/2011, administrative boundary, vector  
 Vector Data © OpenStreetMap contributors, CC-BY-SA  
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 Vector Data © geodata.gov.gr  
 Vector Data ©2011 Google, ©2011 Digital Globe, ©2011 Terra Atlas  
 CORINE Land Cover © ESA, Copenhagen

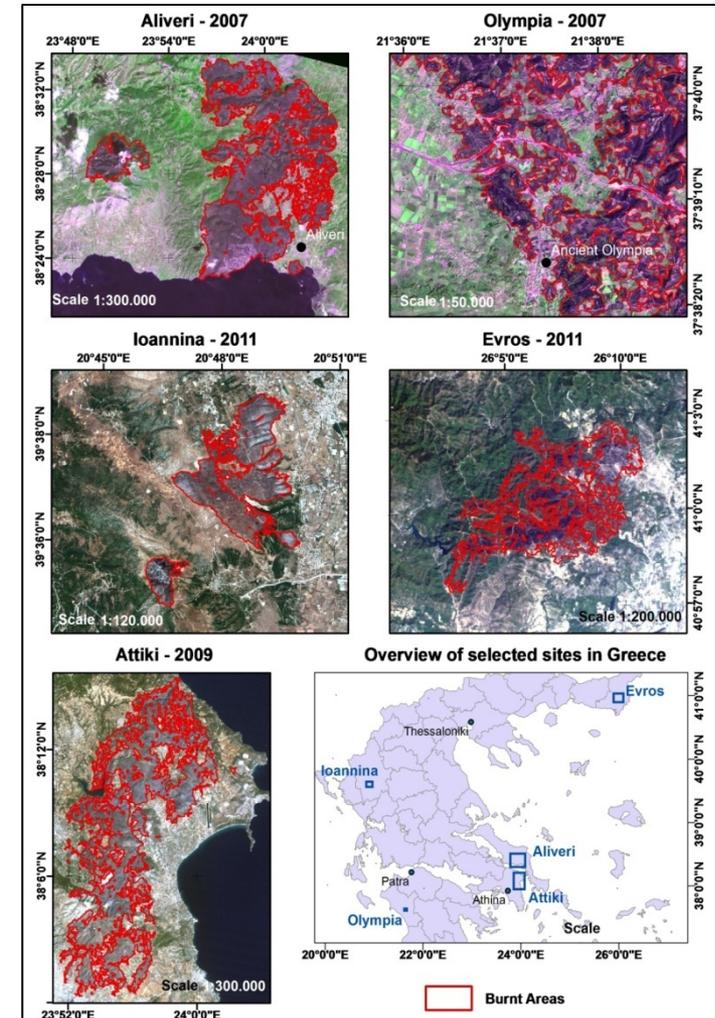
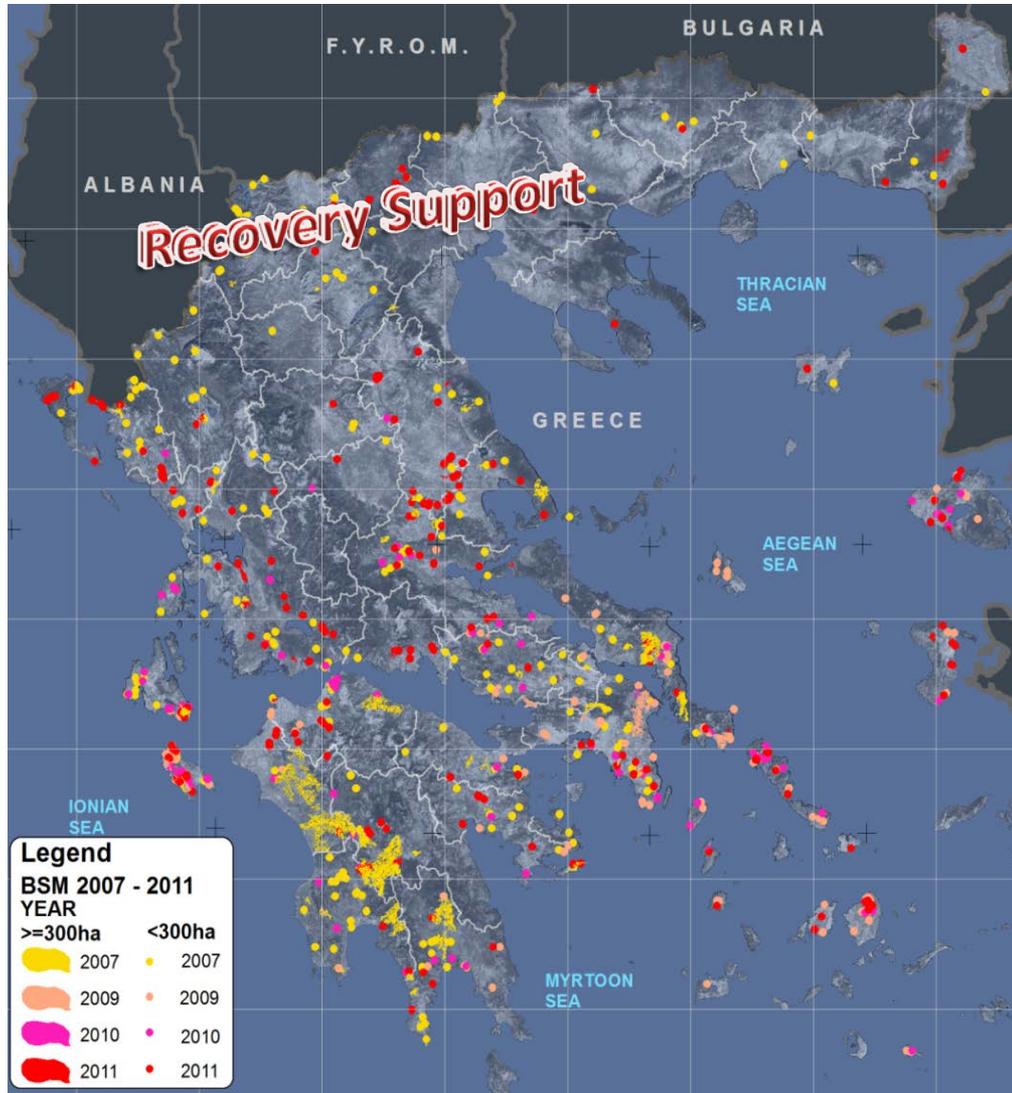
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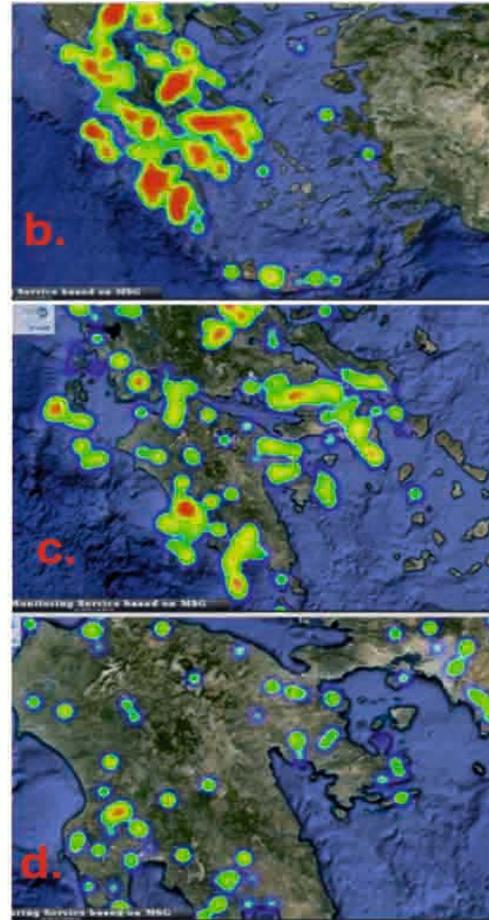
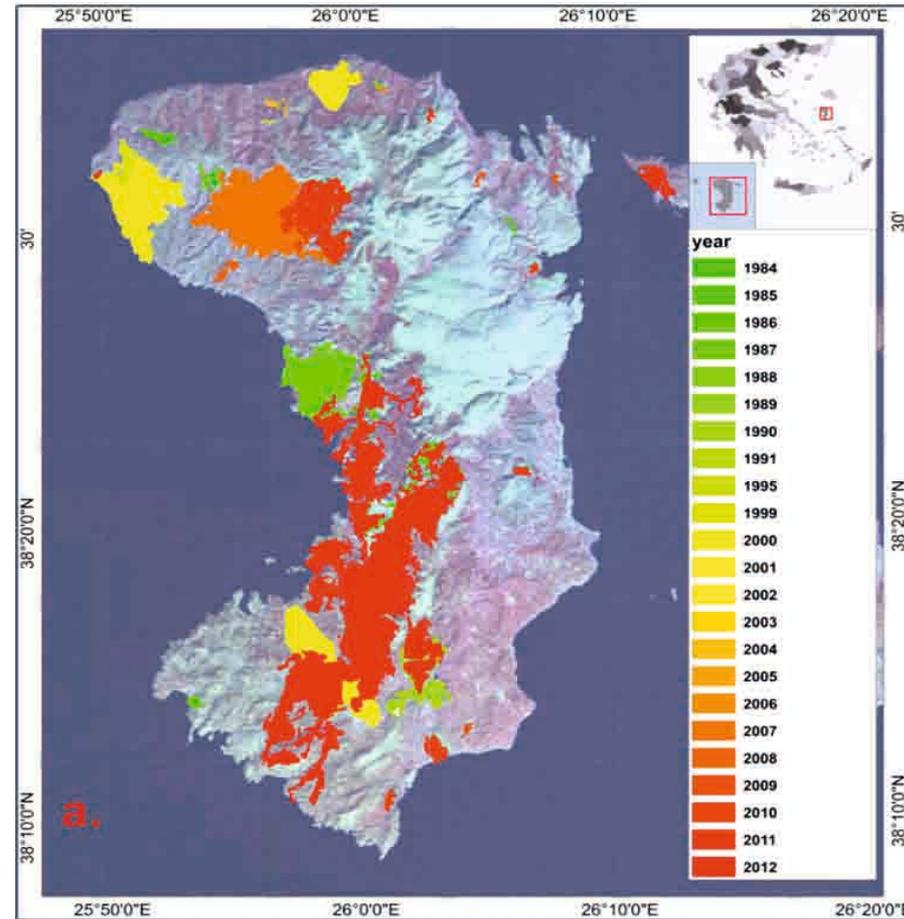
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Map generation



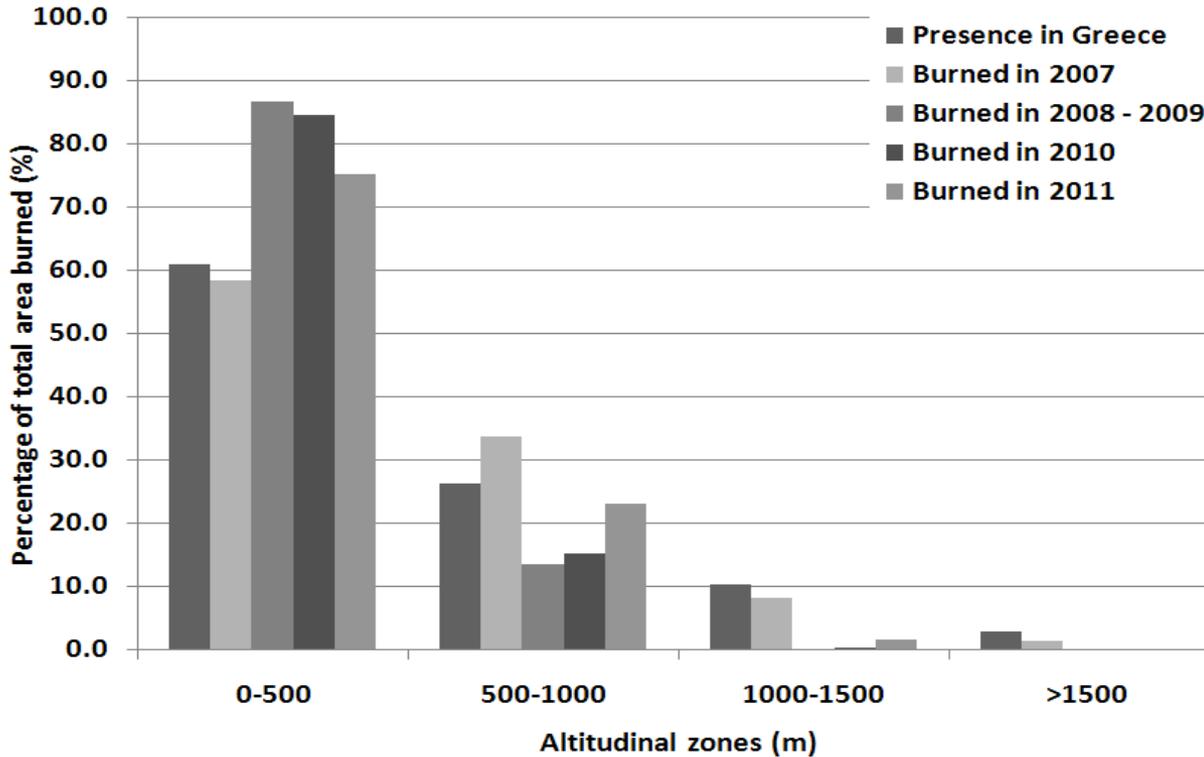


1) More than 700 Landsat TM images acquired over Greece in the period 1984-2014 residing on USGS archives were downloaded and processed fully automatically using the NOAA processing chain.

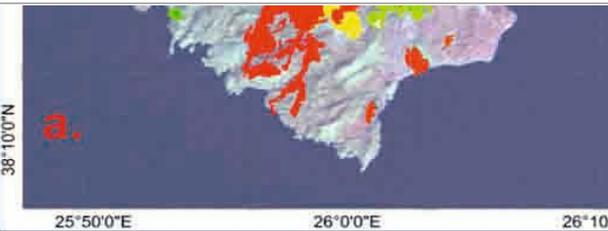
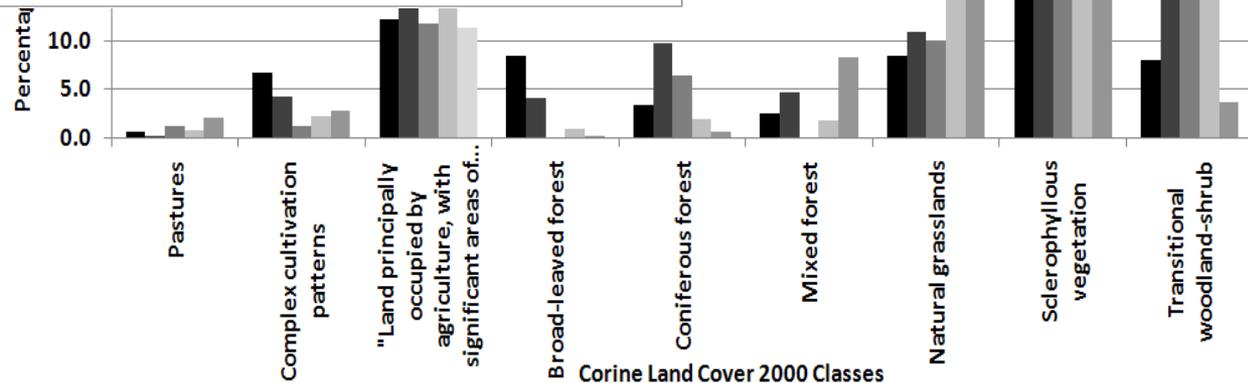
2) Yearly maps of Burned Areas have been produced

3) Yearly statistics per land cover type and administrative data have been generated

4) On-line dissemination of the produced maps and statistics through the NOAA's dedicated web interface



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**DIACHRONIC INVENTORY OF FOREST FIRES OVER  
GREECE FROM 1984 TO PRESENT, WITH USE OF  
LANDSAT 4,5,7 SATELLITE DATA**

URL: <http://www.noa.gr>



- 1) 25-30% of the detected fires are reported 10 -15 minutes earlier than Fire Brigades logs
- 2) 60% of the detected fires, are reported in the first ~15 minutes after the ignition time stamp reported in the Fire Brigade logs
- 3) All the larger fires than the 112ha are completely detected without any omission
- 4) Smaller fires, that are in the range of [4.7ha - 112 ha] are 50% detected
- 5) The smallest detected fire has been of the order of 4.7 ha
- 6) The omitted fire detections, are summing up to the 5,8% of the total Burned Area. Omissions are caused mainly due to, a) cloud cover, b) fire intensity (e.g. small fires – small burned areas), c) area topography, and d) fuel characteristics (e.g. less vegetative areas, pasture lands, sparse vegetation resulting in low fire intensities)
- 7) The 82-85% of the 500mx500m cells which are assigned a high fire occurrence probability that is in the range of [6, 10], are located in the Burned Area Polygons

## System Updates

**Real time integration of active fire and burned area evidences**, as soon as they are depicted (captured) on the scenes of polar satellite systems acquired on the BEYOND X-/L-band acquisition station (EOS, NPP, NOAA/AVHRR, METOP)

**Real time integration of in-field crowd source evidence** (e.g. fire locations, and ignition points) returned from the Fire Brigade teams during crisis

**Ingest the additional bits of evidence in an assimilation process** for deriving more accurate FIREHUB assessments (fire occurrences)

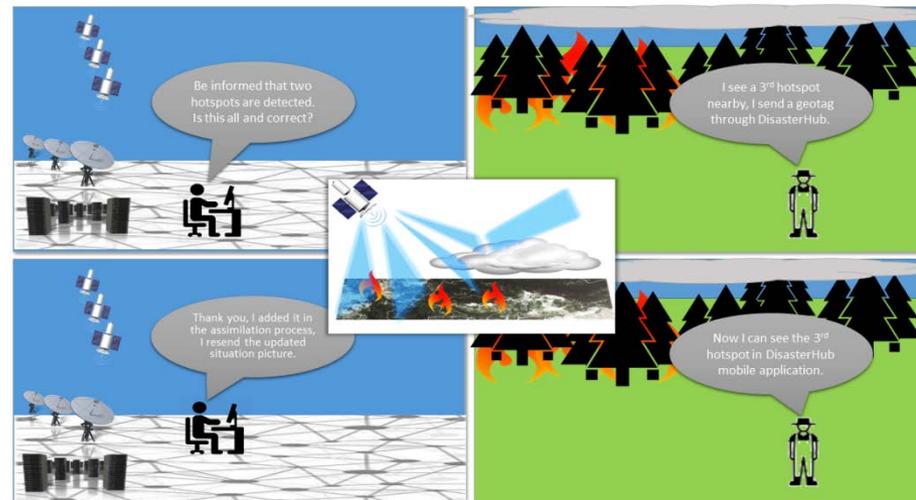
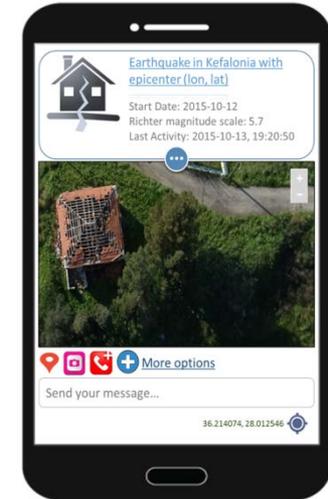
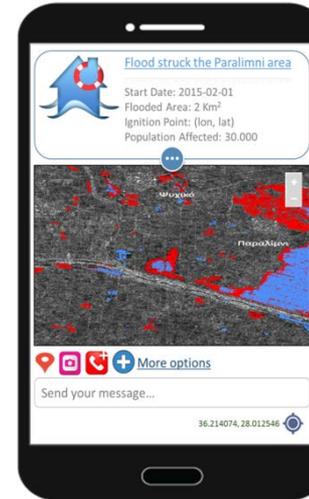
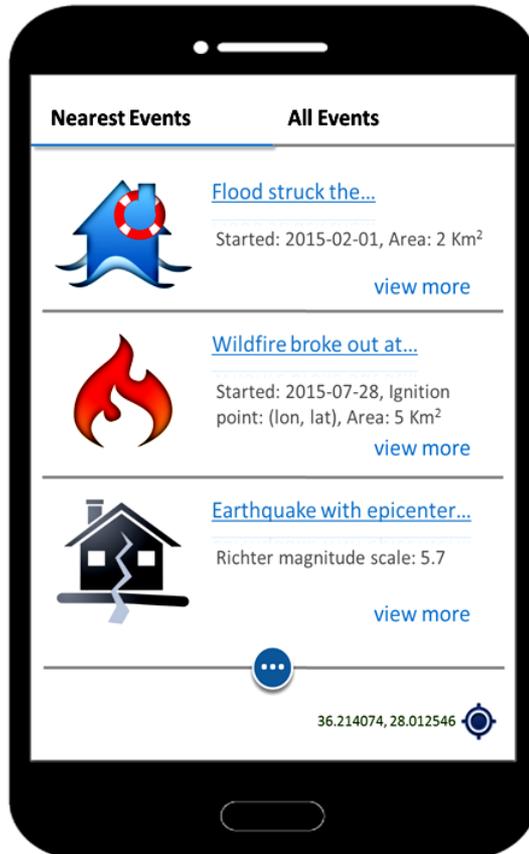
**Use mobile platforms** for informing about the fire occurrences in addition to the web platform

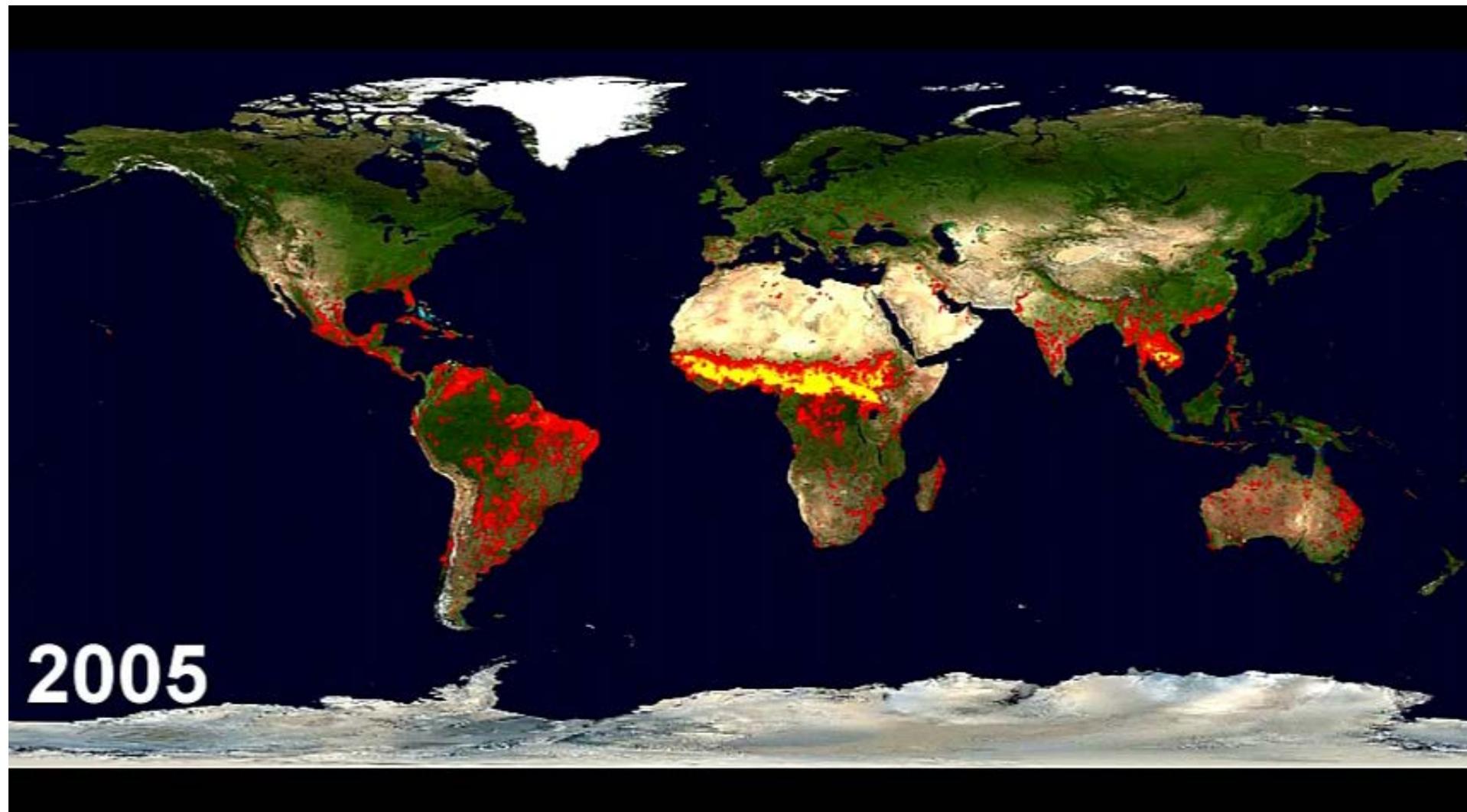
**Expand the FIREHUB concept to other hazards** (Floods, & EQs)





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**Thank you for your attention!**

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