

# Hyperspectral Applications in Remote Sensing

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## Hyperspectral Applications in Remote Sensing

### Introduction

- Definitions

### Application Fields (Selection)

- Atmosphere
- Limnology, Coastal Waters
- Vegetation Parameters, Agriculture
- Forestry, Forest Fire Research
- Geology, Geomorphology

### Processing Challenges

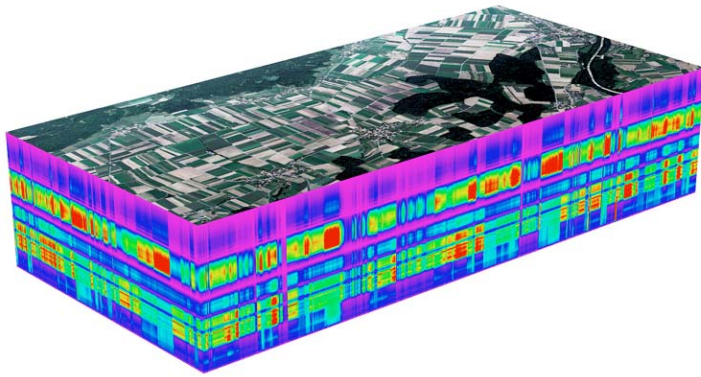
- Geometric and Atmospheric Corrections
- BRDF Corrections / Angular Processing

### Summary

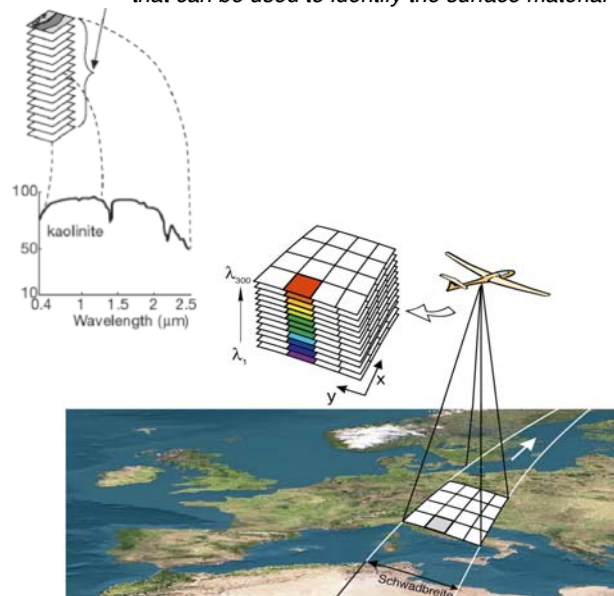


## Imaging spectrometry

spectral range: 380 - 2500 nm & ev. tir  
 spectral bands: 200 - 300  
 flying altitude range: 2 - 20 km



*Each pixel has an associated continuous spectrum that can be used to identify the surface material*



## Definition of terms

### Imaging spectroscopy

... is the art and science of analysing hyperspectral data

whereas

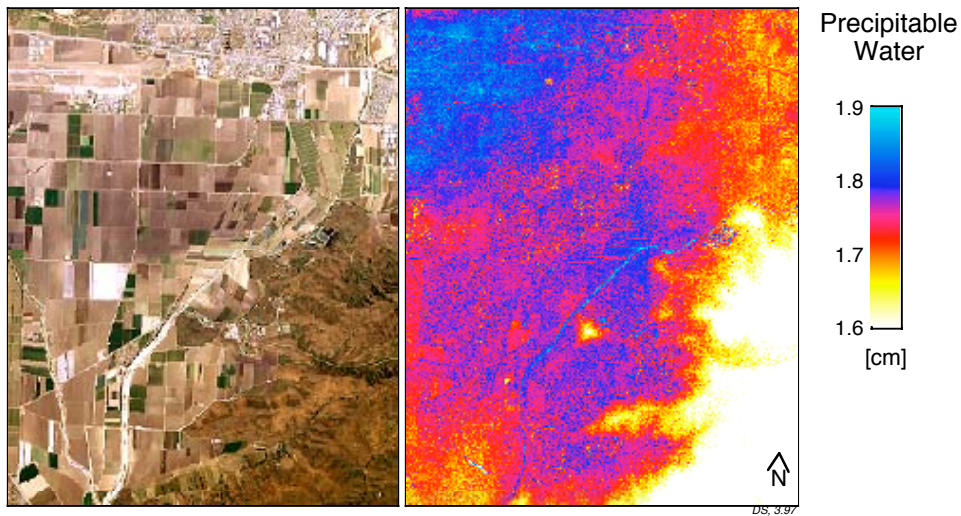
### Imaging spectrometry

... is the engineering task and science of making the hyperspectral data available, e.g. defining and building the instrument and taking the data in a meaningful way

### in brief, hyperspectral remote sensing means

... taking data in a great number (>10) of spectrally contiguous bands with the aim of allowing for spectral analysis of measured objects

## Imaging spectroscopy in the atmospheric science - example: quantitative water vapour determination



### Example: aerosol detection

- aerosol = atmospheric particles (a.a. „Feinstaub“)
- interacts with radiation through absorption, scattering and reflection
- superimposed on ground signal -> eventual correction through an atmospheric code

Terra-1MODIS image

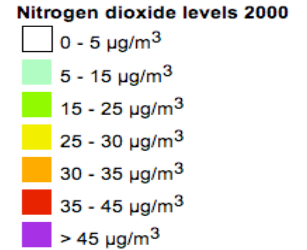
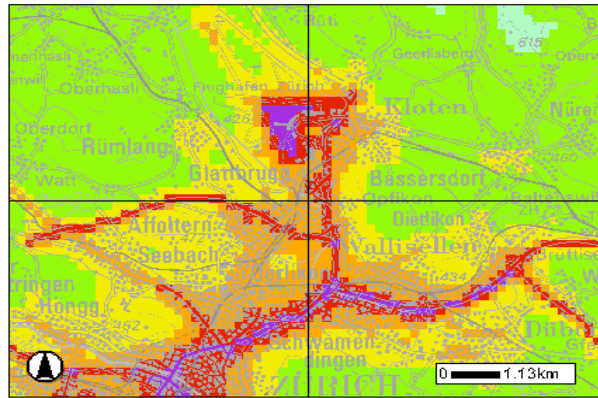


# Air pollution determination

Spaceborne global NO<sub>2</sub> Measurements:  
e.g. GOME (40 x 320 km<sup>2</sup>), OMI (24 x 13 km<sup>2</sup>)



Local In-Situ Measurements:  
e.g. NABEL stations



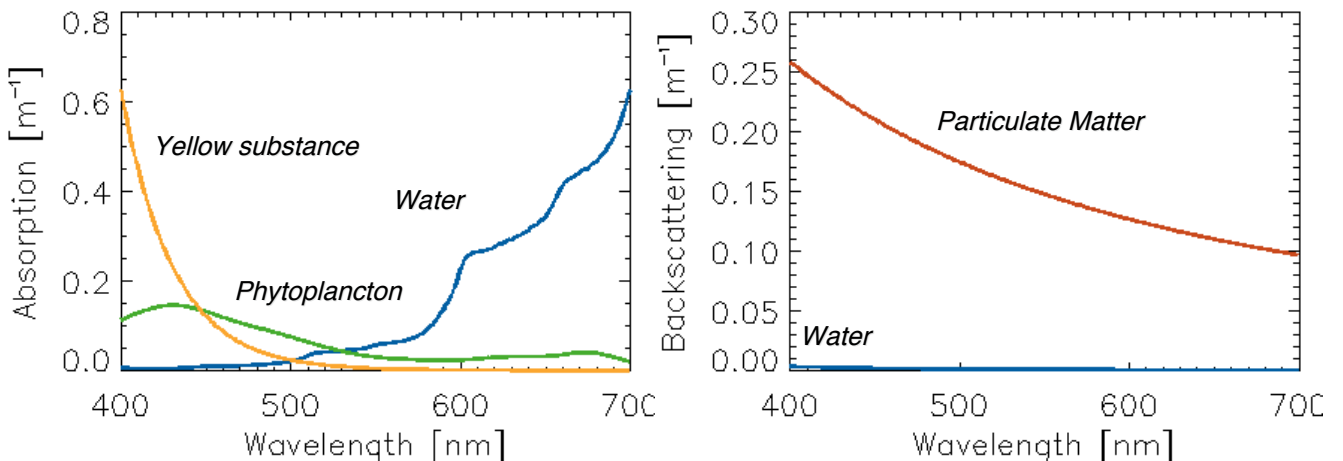
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Source:  
BUWAL/METEOTEST  
using dispersion  
calculations under typical  
meteorological conditions

Airborne imaging spectroscopy allows to retrieve NO<sub>2</sub> (and CH<sub>4</sub>)  
in local/regional scale with a spatial resolution of ~ 30 m and a  
column retrieval precision of ~ 10%.



# Detection of water pollution - spectral properties of water



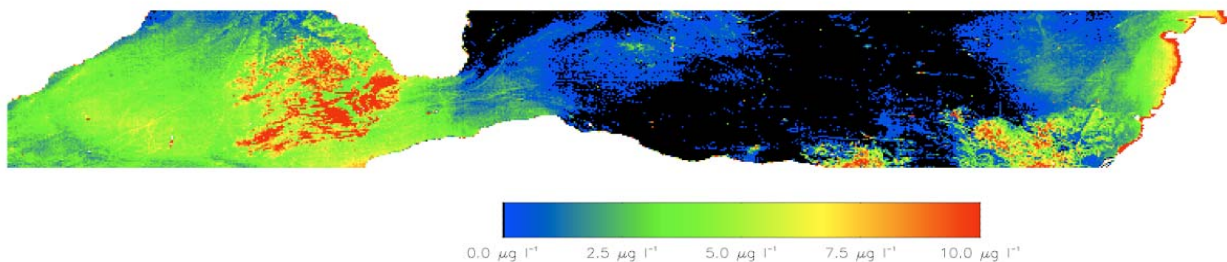
## Water constituents - chlorophyll detection

### Methodology:

- (1) correction for atmosphere effects,
- (2) correction for air-water interface effects,
- (3) inversion of the sub-surface radiation for the determination of the quality parameters such as chlorophyll a or suspended matter.

⇒ Comparison of different methods on CASI imaging spectrometer over Lake Zug

Chlorophyll a concentration from CASI in 1999 over Lake Zug (CH)

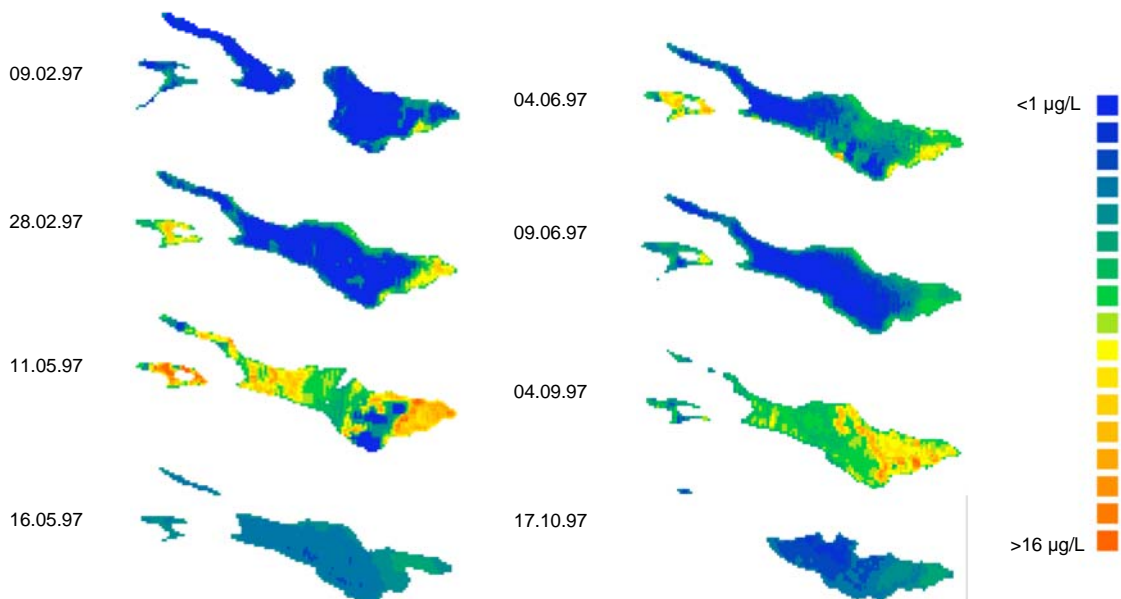


Keller (2001)



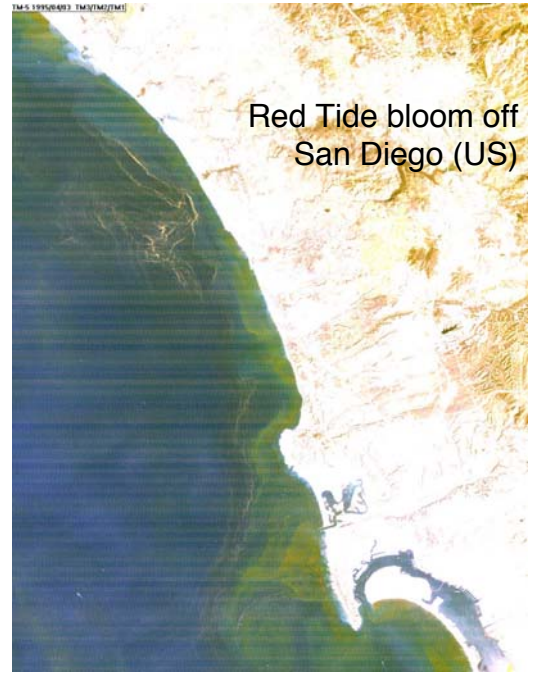
## Chlorophyll a in Lake Constance (from MOS Data)

Chlorophyll a



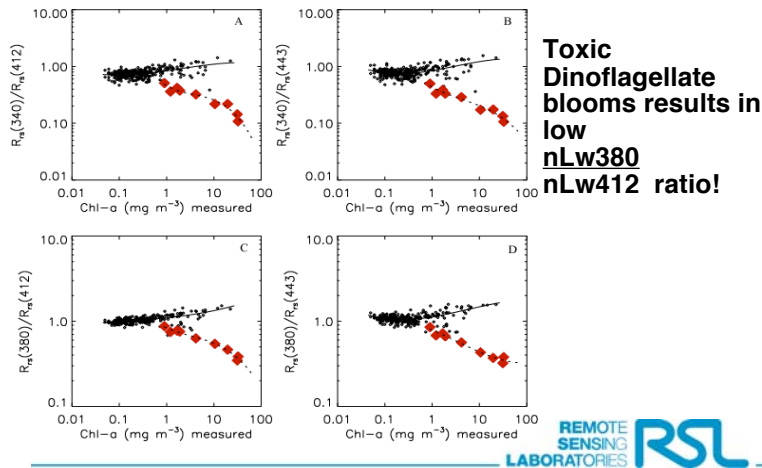
# Algae detection in coastal waters

Exceptional blooms (“red tides” or Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs)) in coastal areas are detectable with airborne imaging spectroscopy.



Red Tide bloom off San Diego (US)

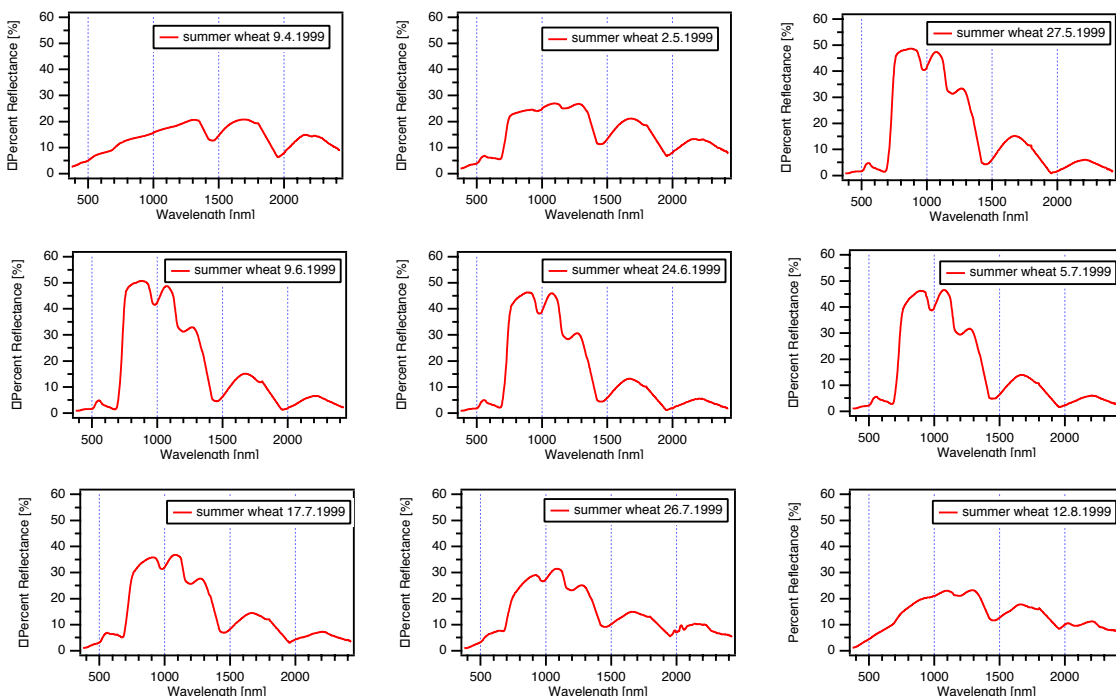
## Toxic Dinoflagellate blooms detection



Kahru & Mitchell (1998) © Scripps Institution of Oceanography



## Spectral seasonal effects of land surface processes



# Detemination of Plant Water Content

## Spring Wheat July 16th 1999

Plant Water [%] (average field value 50.4)



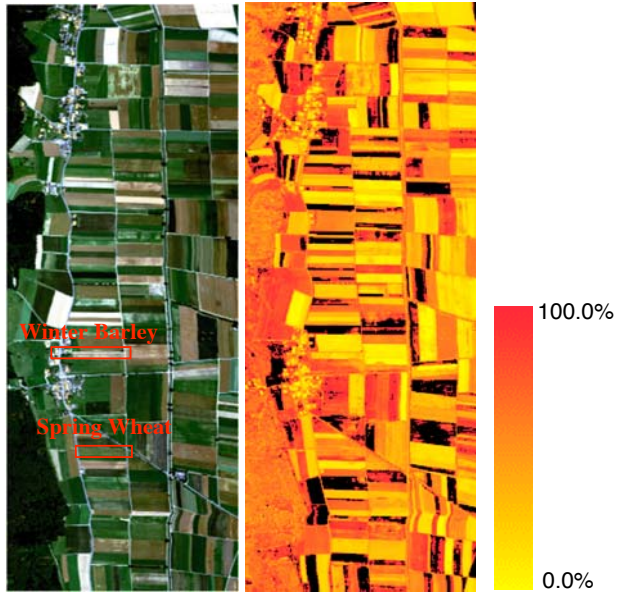
## Winter Barley July 16th 1999

Plant Water [%] (average field value 17.94)



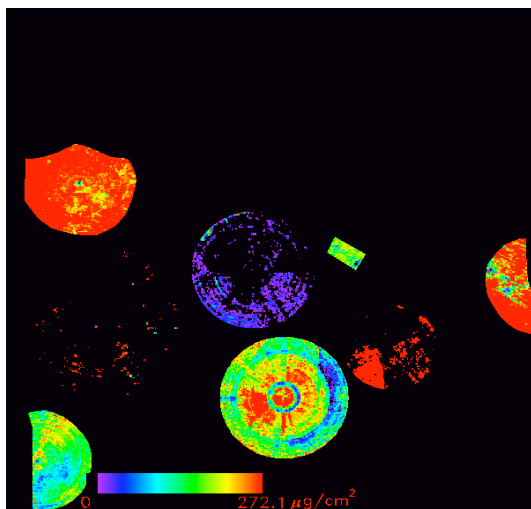
Plant Water Content retrieval using the stepwise multiple linear regression method and laboratory data

## Limpach Valley HyMap Data Set



# Vegetation and Precision Farming

## Leaf Chlorophyll map



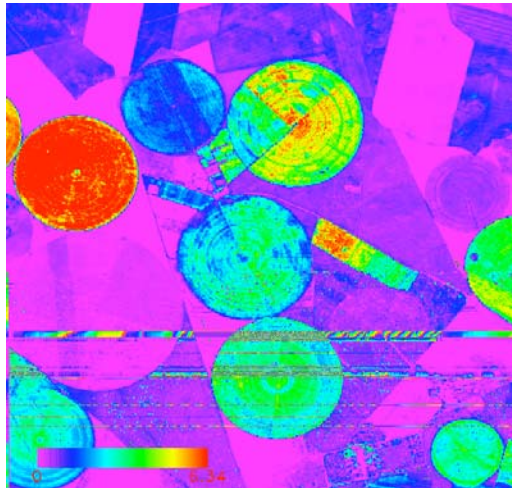
RGB, Barrax (SP) HyMap Data

Leaf chlorophyll derived from HyMap 99 Data using a TCARI/OSAVI ratio and laboratory derived chlorophyll values

# Vegetation and Precision Farming

## Leaf Area Index (LAI)

LAI map derived from HyMap' 99 Data using the WDV method (Clevers 1989)



LAI Map



RGB, Barrax (SP) HyMap Data

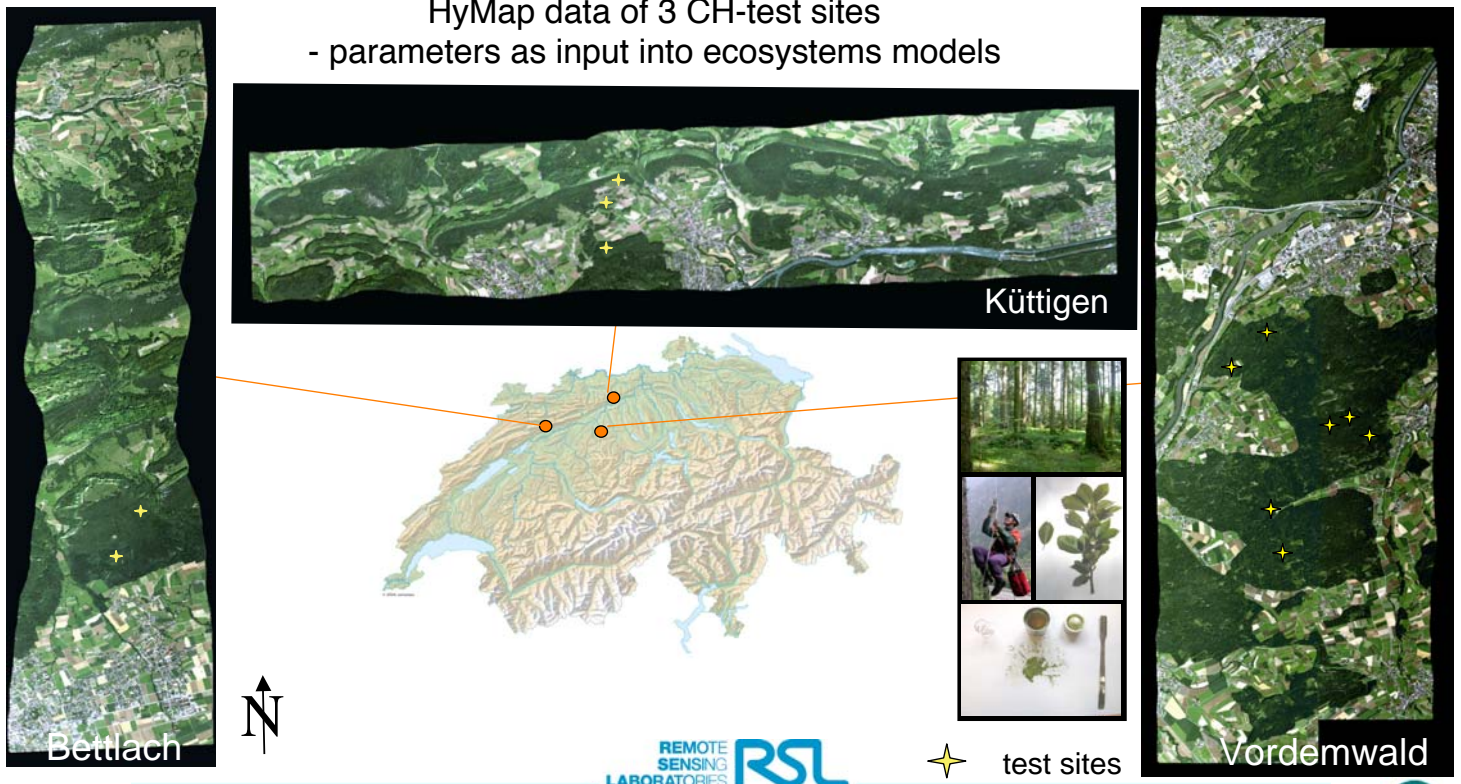
LAI and Chlorophyll are examples of derived vegetation parameters.

Products are used as input for ecology models.

Huber (2002)

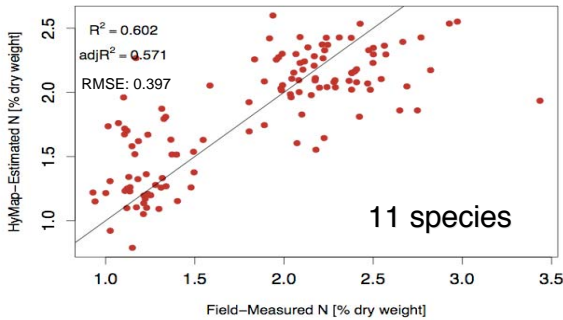
## Estimation of biochemical parameters in mixed forests

HyMap data of 3 CH-test sites  
- parameters as input into ecosystems models

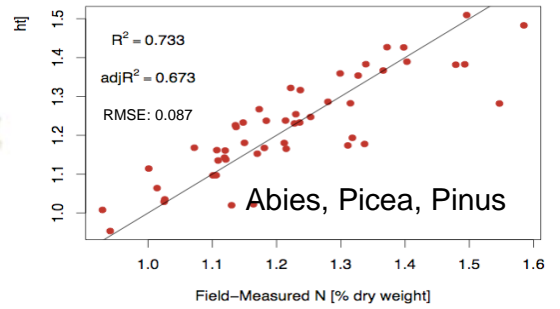


# Regression results btw. nitrogen concentration and transformed reflectances

Regression Results Broadleaves and Needleleaves

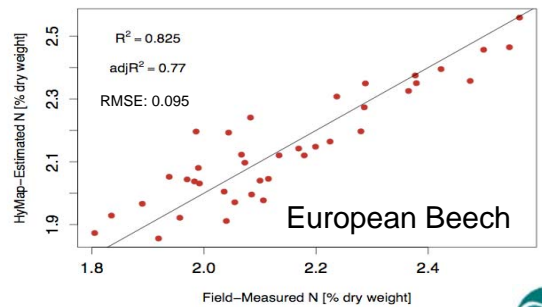


Regression Results Conifers



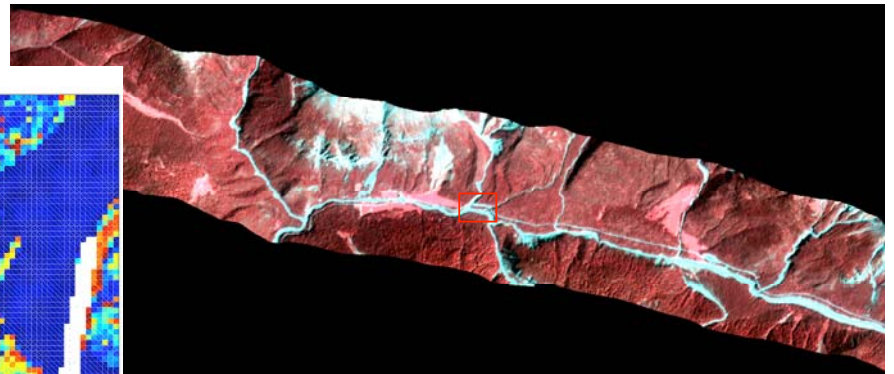
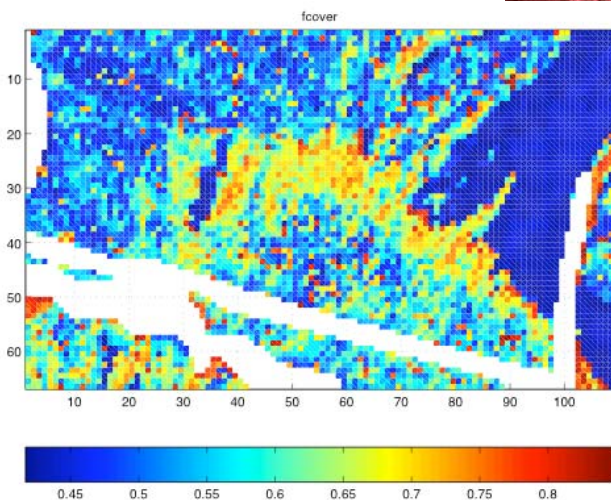
- Combined sample shows 2 plant functional types
- $R^2$  of deciduous sample increases with further partitioning among species
- Imaging spectrometer data can improve classification of plant functional types and single species relative to multispectral data

Regression Results European Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)



Huber et al, 2005, Proc. ISPMRS

## Forest fire research



False-Color RGB, Swiss National Park (DAIS/ROSIS Data)

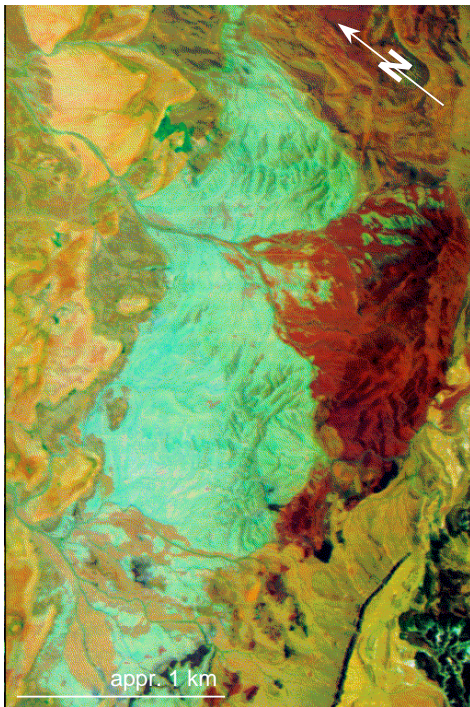
Fractional Cover map

Example of derived biophysical and biochemical properties over the test sites in the Swiss National Park.

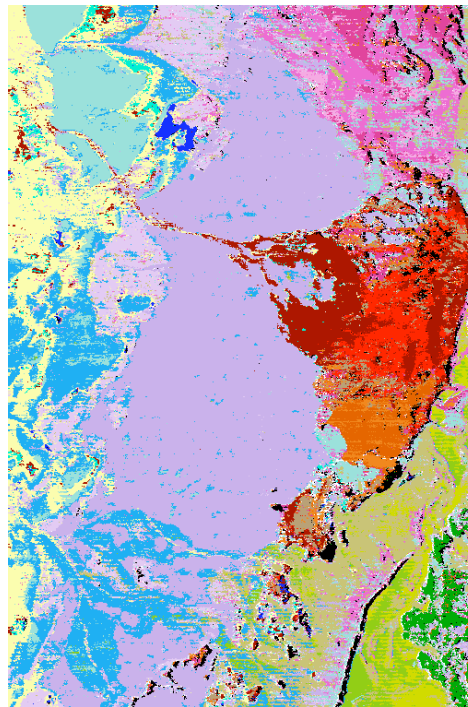
Products are used as input into fire models.

# Mineral Identification based on Spectral Mixture Analysis

## DAIS Hyperspectral Data of Makhtesh Ramon/Israel



Color Composite of bands 1, 20, 48



Result of Mineral Classification (E. Ben-dor)

### Stratigraphy/Lithology

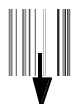
- q alluvium
- kumi chert
- ku1 limest./dolomite
- kuh dolomite
- klh sandstone
- ji sandstone
- ja2 dolomite
- ja2 'chocolate' clay
- ja1 dolomite/sandst.
- ja1 bauxite
- trm3 limestone
- trm2 gypsum
- trm1 limestone
- trs2 limestone
- trs1 limestone/marl
- β basalt
- v arfv (edsonite (unalt.))
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- v arfv. (kaolinitic-alt.)
- v arfv. (potassic-alt.)



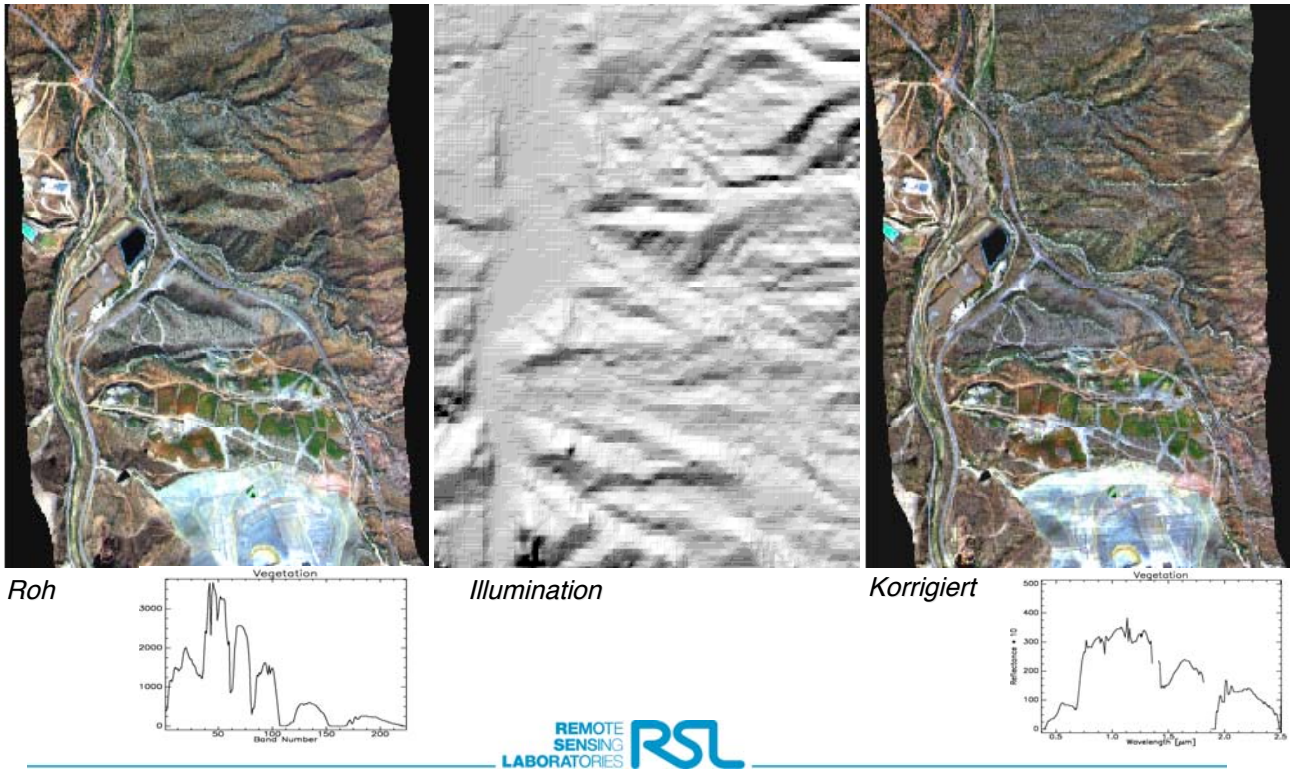
## Preprocessing of hyperspectral image data

**PARGE**  
Parametric  
geocoding  
result

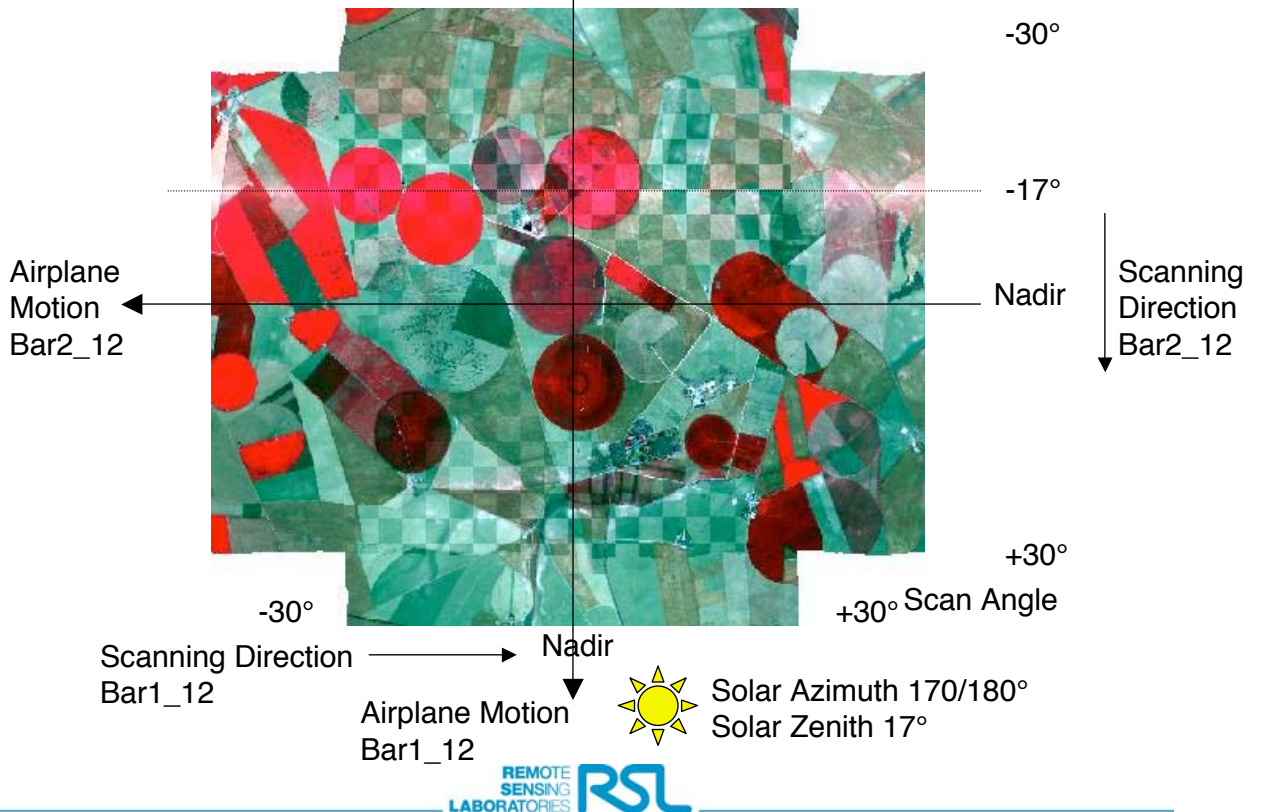
*Overlay of AVIRIS "high altitude" and "low altitude" scenes over a digital terrain model (Ray Mine, Arizona, USA)*



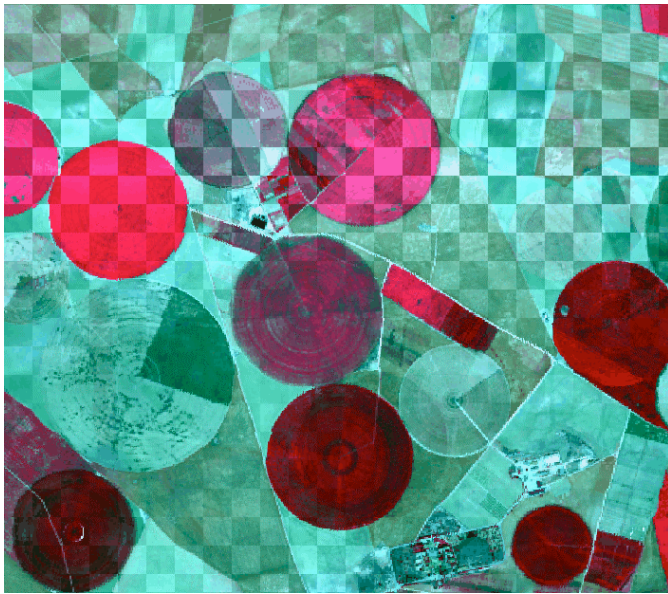
# Atmospheric/radiometric preprocessing of hyperspectral image data using ATCOR4



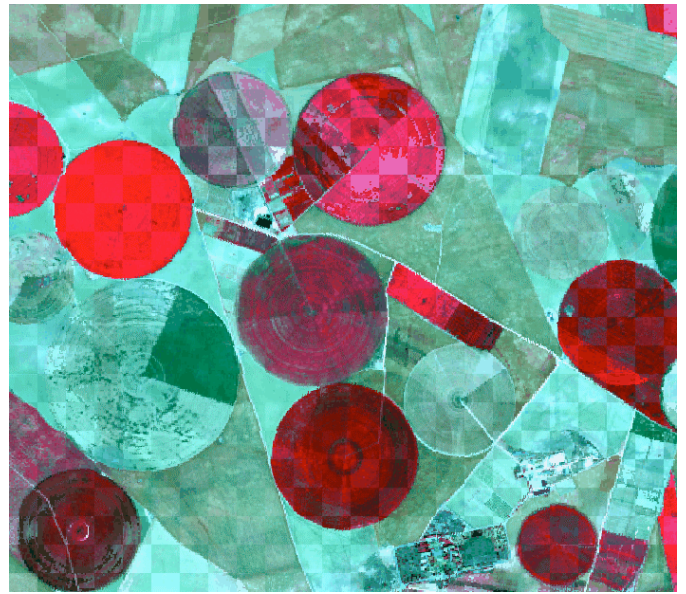
## DAISEX'99 - HyMap Hot Spot Effect (Beisl, 2001)



## BRDF correction using the Ambrals-method (Beisl, 2001)



before



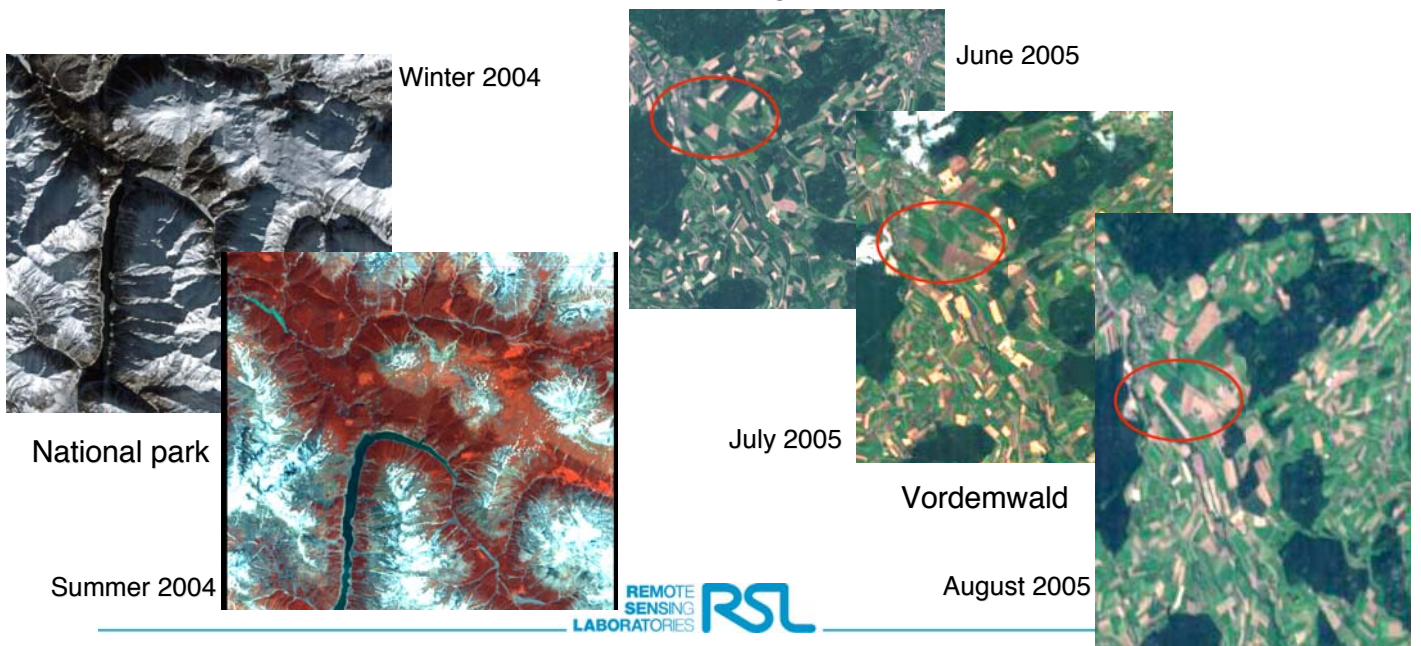
after

## CHRIS/PROBA - a spectro-directional sensor

CHRIS: 37 bands (400 - 1000 nm), 18m GSD, 5 angles (+55°, +36°, 0°, -36°, -55°)

Multitemporal and multidirectional experiments in Switzerland:

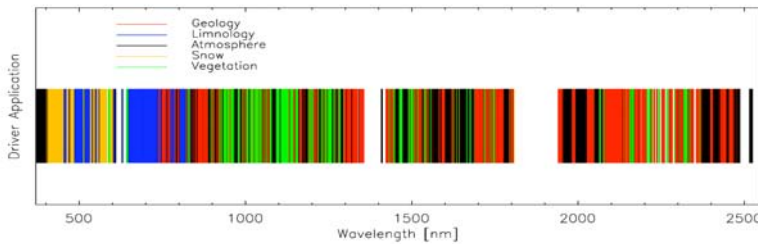
- Swiss national park: Reflectance differences in coniferous forests
- Swiss midlands: Spectro-directional phenological studies



# Simulation, Cal/Val of Spaceborne Sensors

## Definition of application-driven user requirements

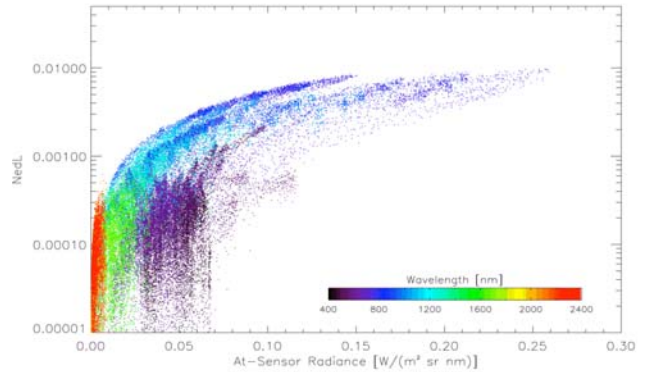
### Driver application for the radiometric requirement



Schlaepfer & Schaepman (2002)



Modeled LAI as a function of NedL and at-sensor-radiance to determine SNR requirements for imaging spectrometers.



## Summary

Combined air- and spaceborne hyperspectral remote sensing has a huge potential in assessing and monitoring the Earth's ecosystem

The greatly improved capabilities for the estimation of quantitative parameters and variables enable a much better understanding of Earth system processes ("from pixels to processes").

APEX, the airborne flexible, programmable imaging spectrometer with extreme radiometric, spectral and spatial properties will certainly serve as a development tool for upcoming and future spaceborne systems.

Such an instrument with a broad range of applications must be hyperspectral, a dedicated single use optimized system may be multi- or superspectral (10- 20 applications specific bands such as the ESA Sentinel II).

Hyperspectral research with APEX bears great potential not only for science but offers opportunities for further industrial developments.

