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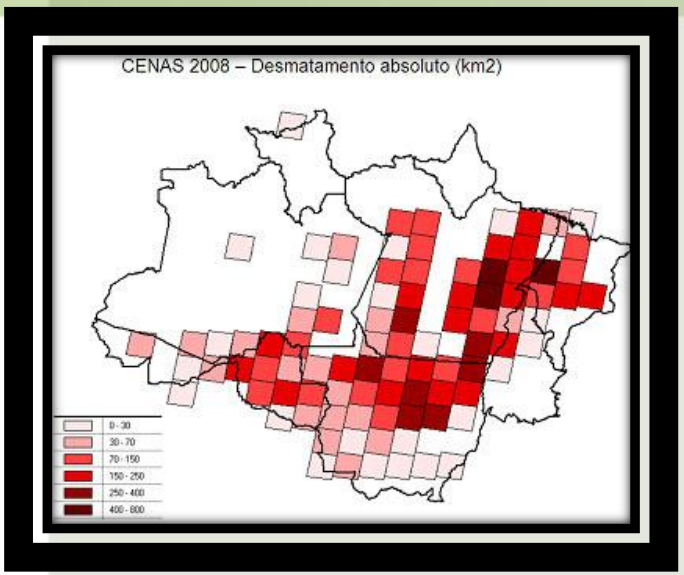

Landsat-based
Annual rates of deforestation
6.25 ha
Statistics

MODIS-based
Bimontly new fronts of deforestation
25 ha
Law enforcement

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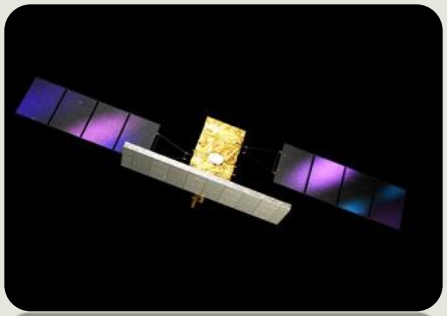

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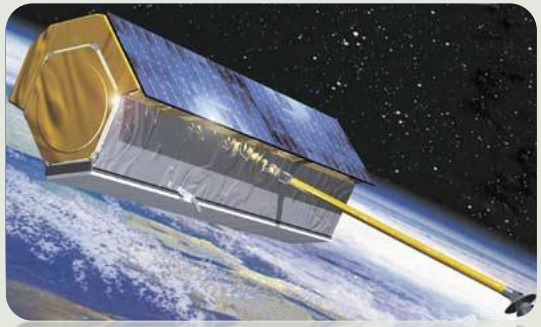

RADARSAT-2

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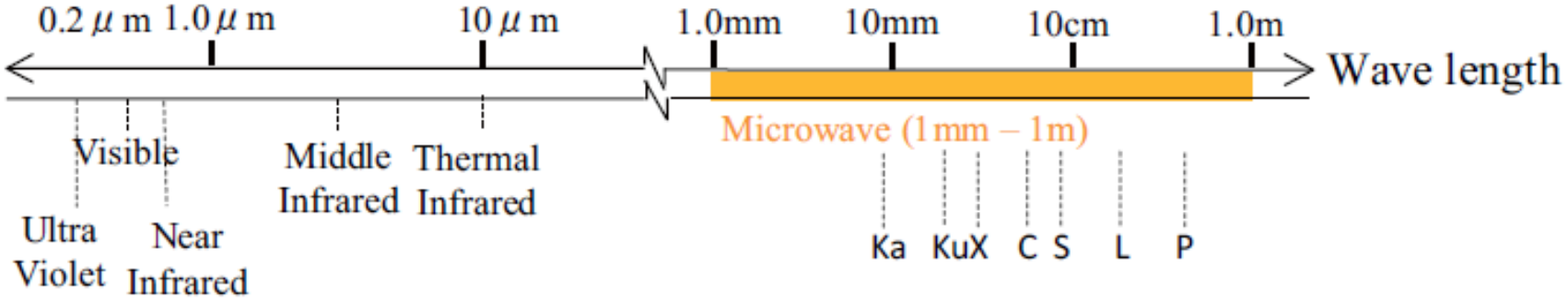

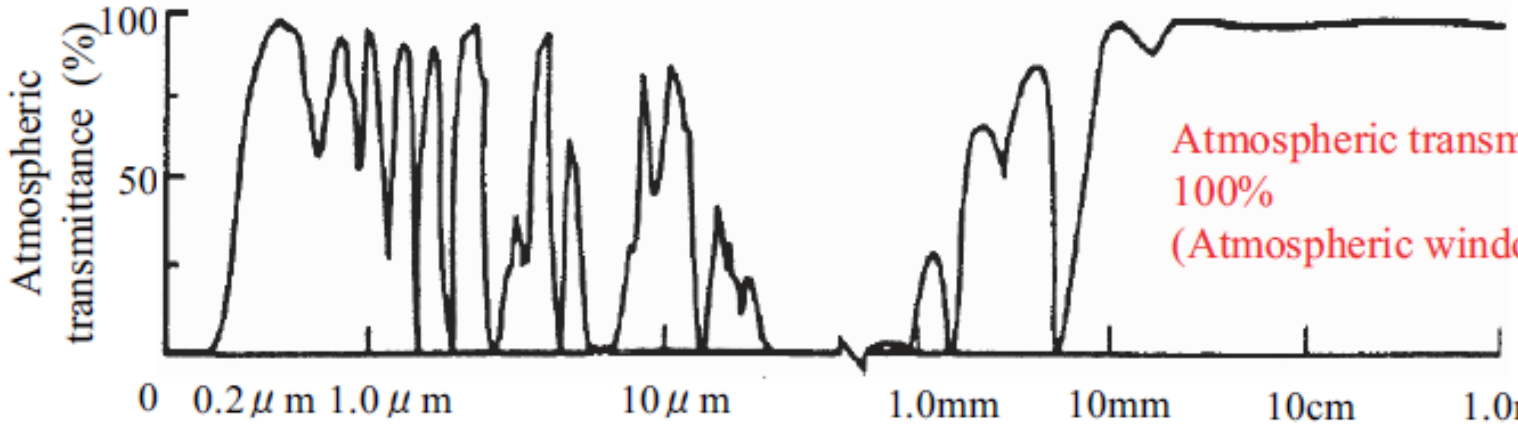

Atmospheric transmittance is almost 100%
(Atmospheric window)

Little disturbed by rain drops and clouds

Cloud particle (Radius -10 μ m)

Rain drop (Radius -1.0mm)

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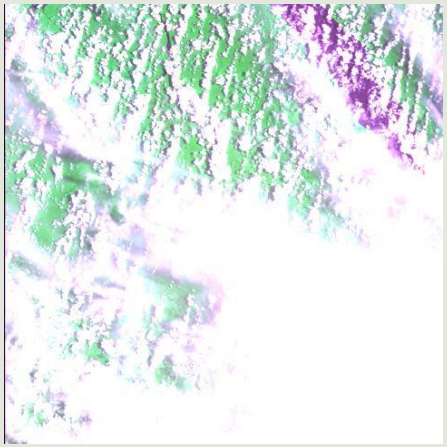

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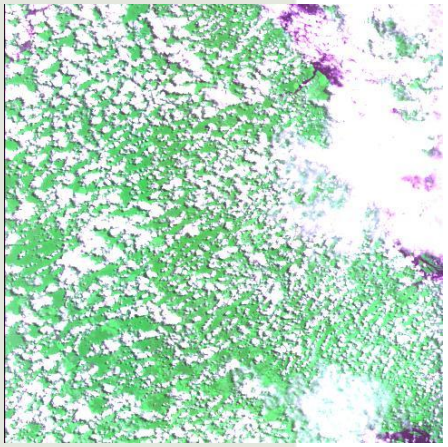

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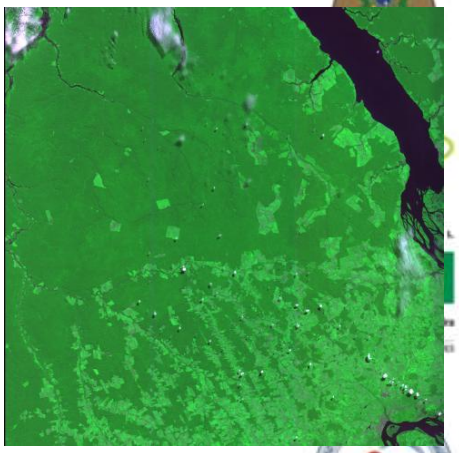

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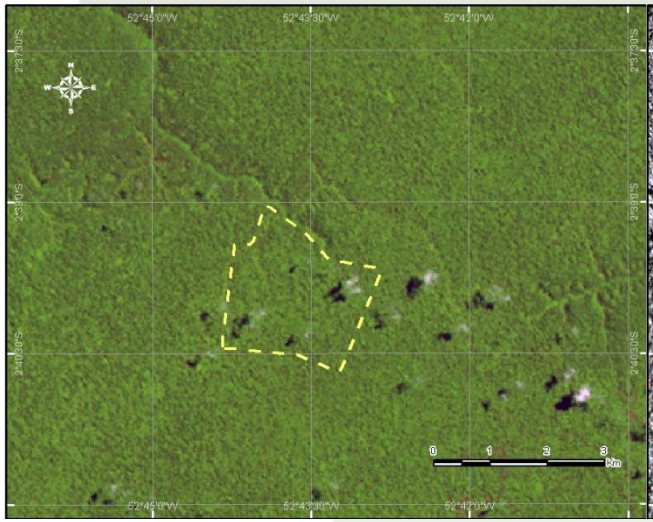

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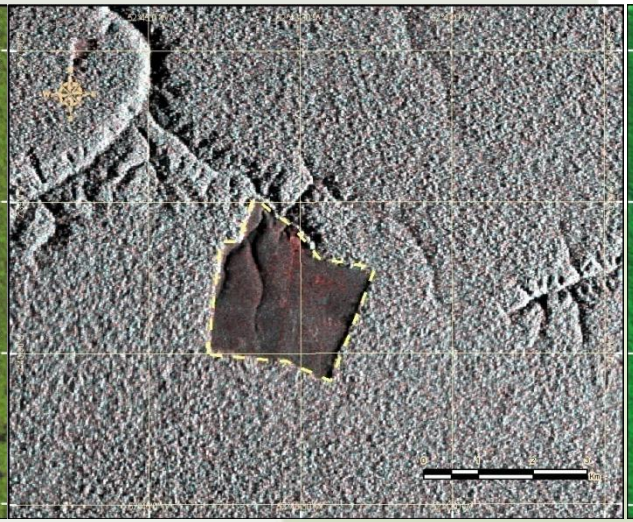

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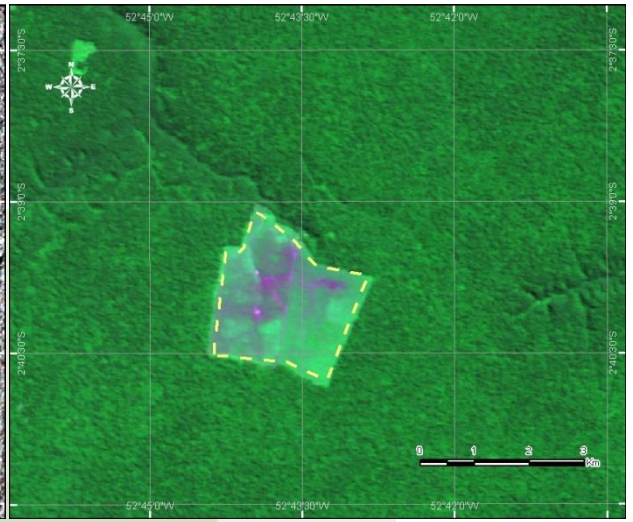

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20 technicians
190.000.000 Brazilians
7.000.000.000 inhabitants

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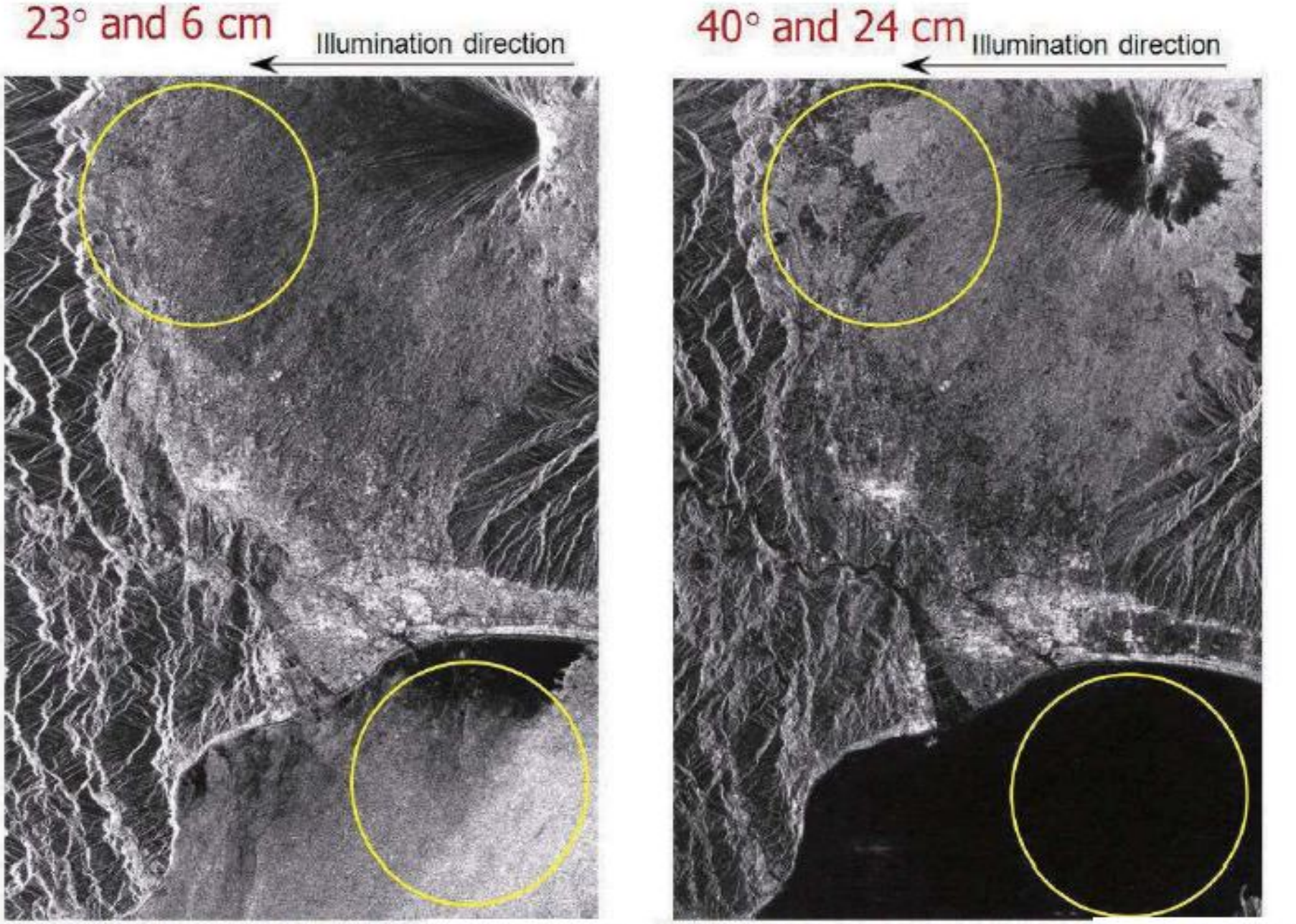
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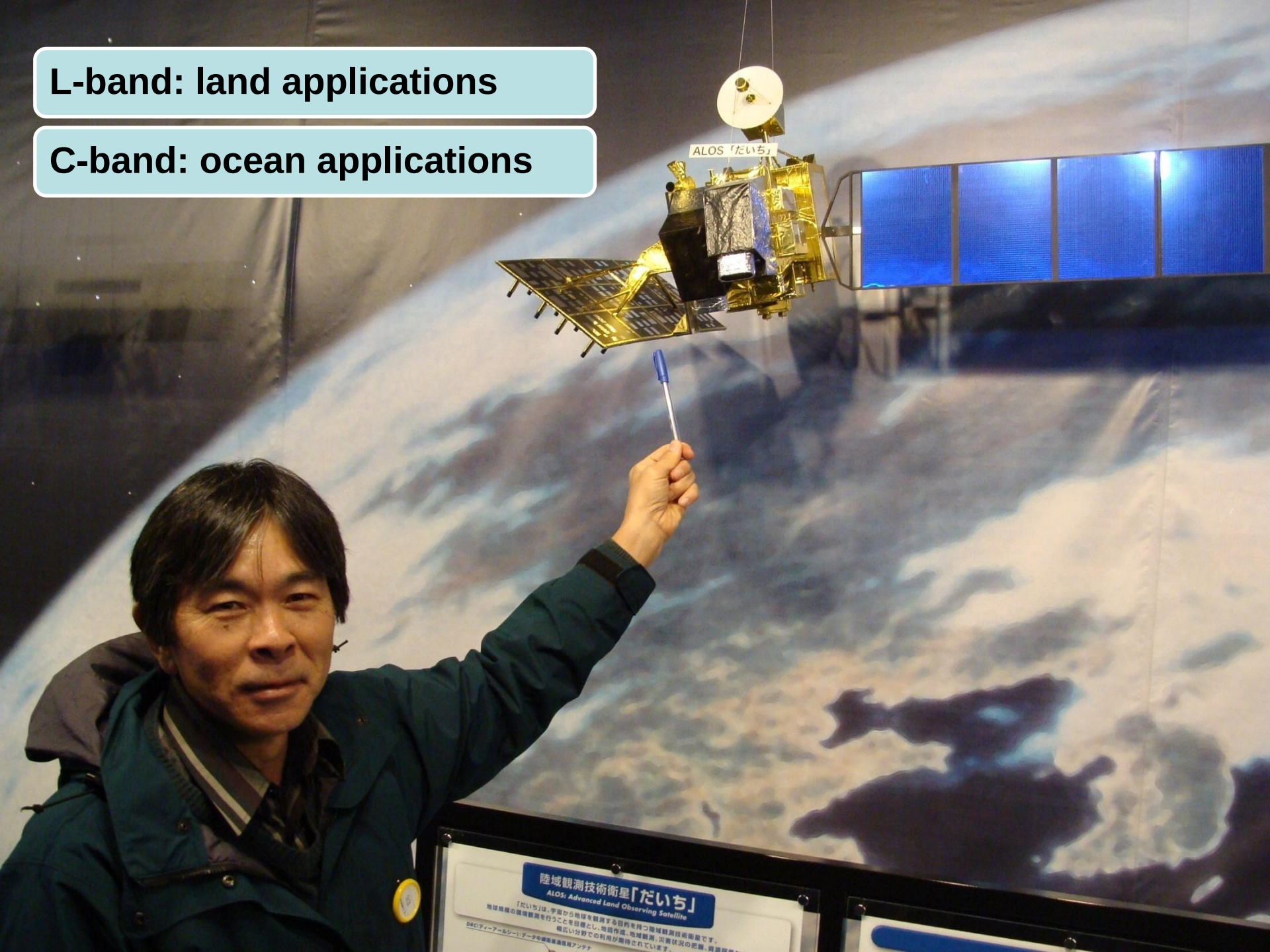
L-band: land applications
C-band: ocean applications
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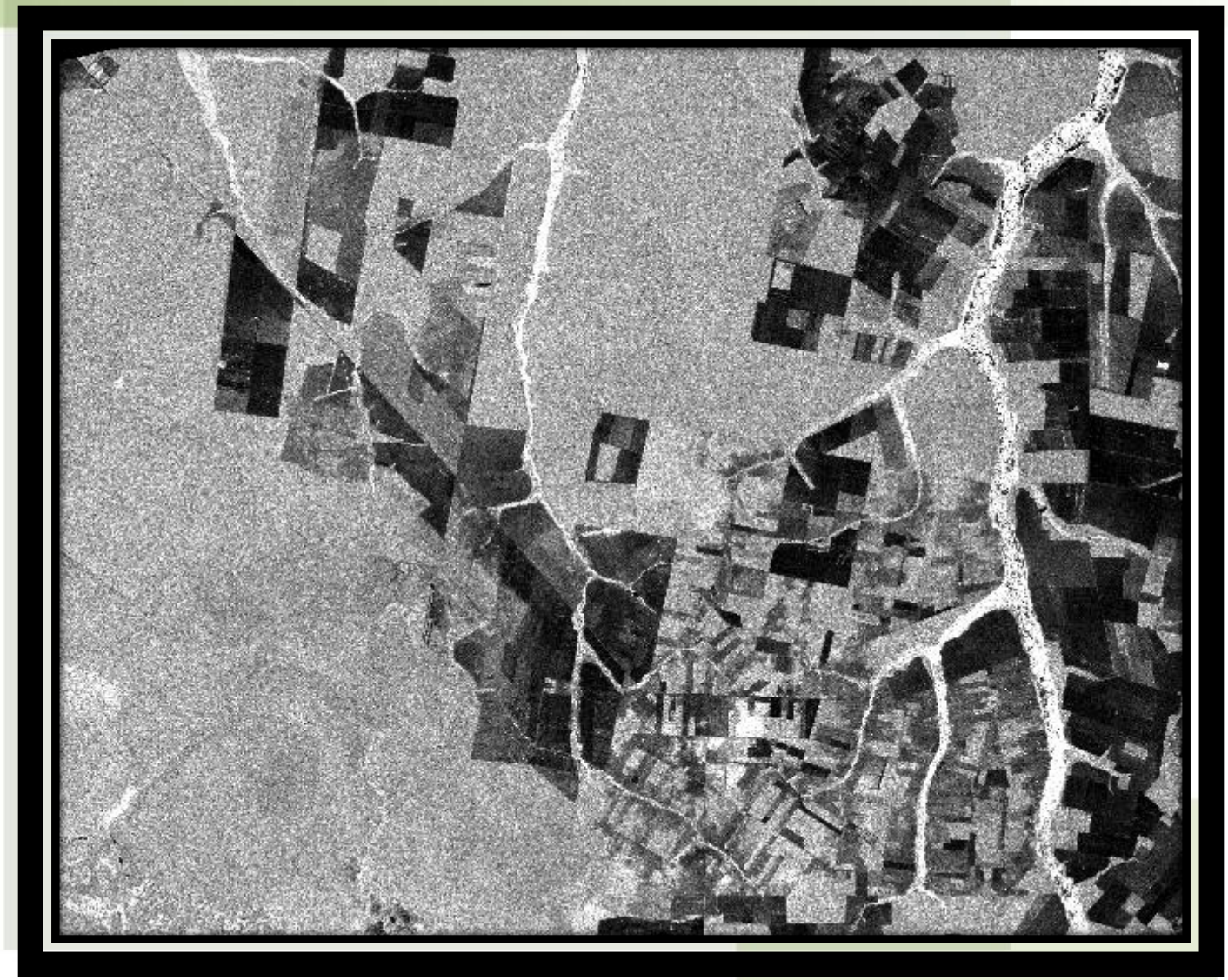

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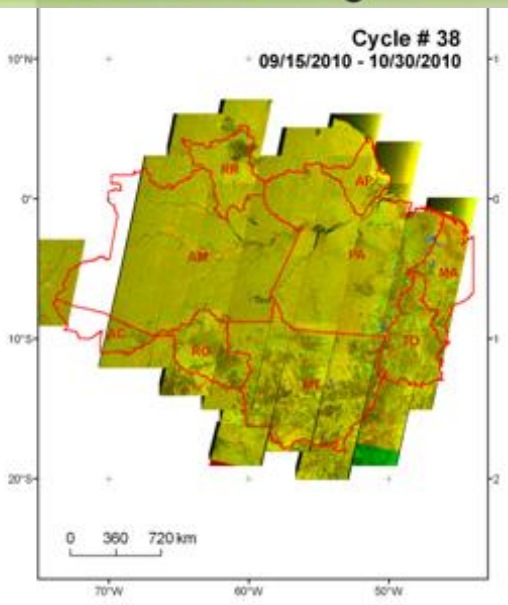

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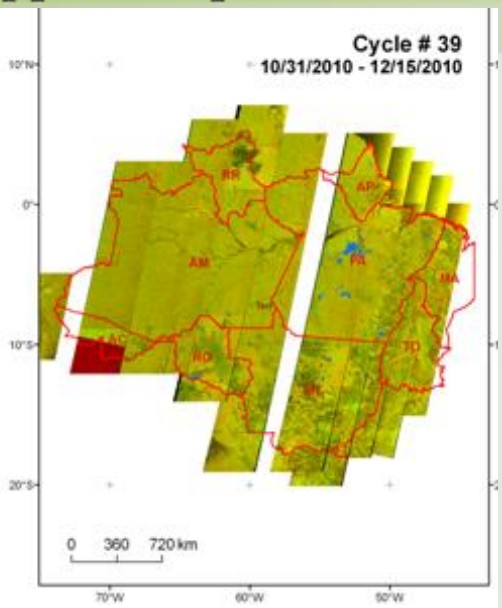

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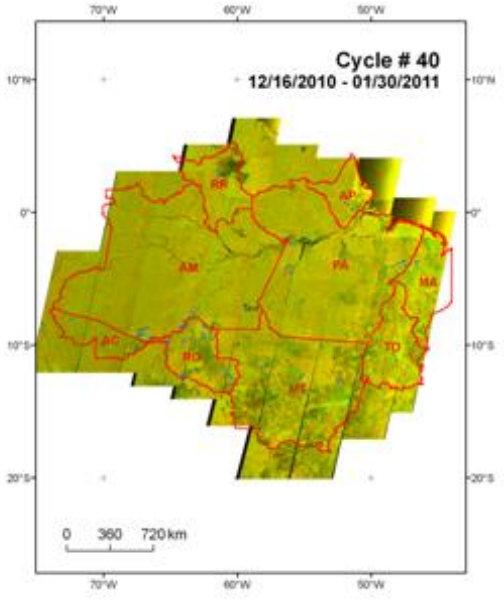

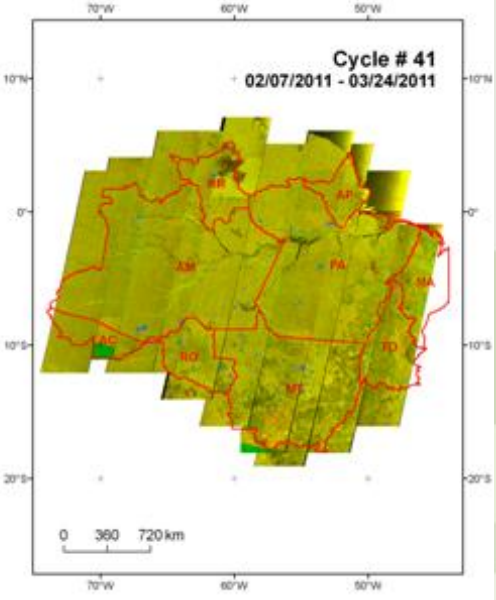

ALOS PALSAR (ScanSAR mode) COVERS AMAZÔNIA EVERY 45 DAYS

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Table 1 ALOS PALSAR overpasses analyzed in this study to detect indicatives of deforestation in the Legal Amazonia.

Cycle	Year	Month/Day
30	2009	September, 12 - October, 27
31	2009	October, 28 - December, 12
32	2009/2010	December, 13 - January, 27
33	2010	January, 28 - March, 14
34	2010	March, 15 - April, 29
35	2010	April, 30 - June, 14
36	2010	June, 15 - July, 30
37	2010	July, 31 - September, 14
38	2010	September, 15 - October, 30
39	2010	October, 31 - December, 15
40	2010/2011	December, 16 - January, 30
41	2011	February, 7 – March, 24

Each cycle was composed by 17 strips of 400-km width (Figure 1). The along-track stripes were ortho-rectified and slope corrected using 30-meter Shuttle Radar

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Approach

DATA INPUT
ScanSAR images

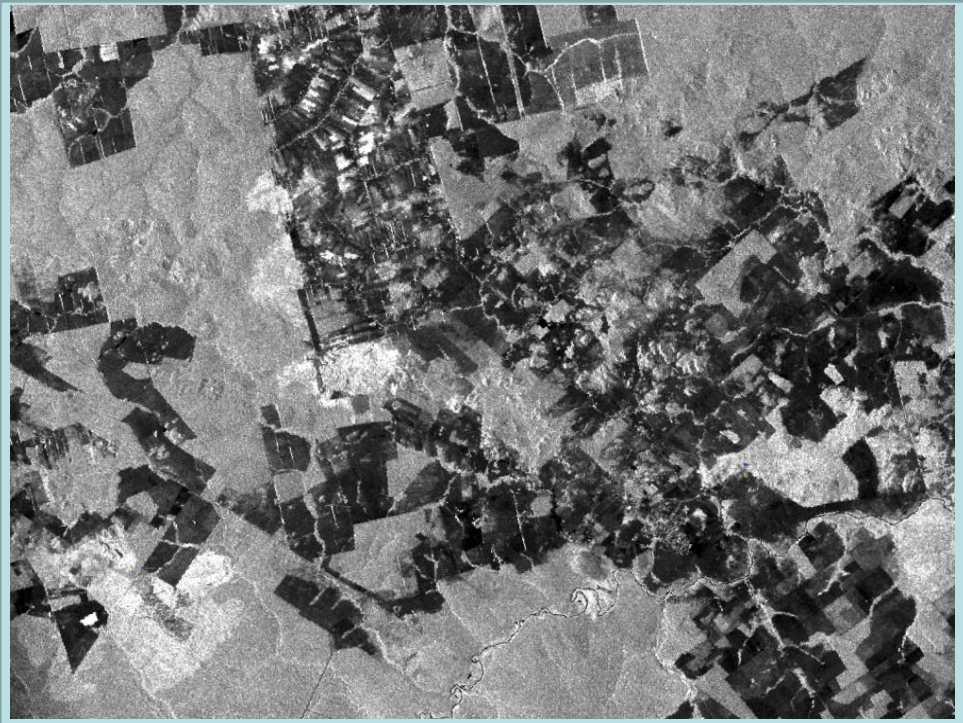
GIS DESKTOP
Visual interpretation (polygon extraction)
SHP, KML

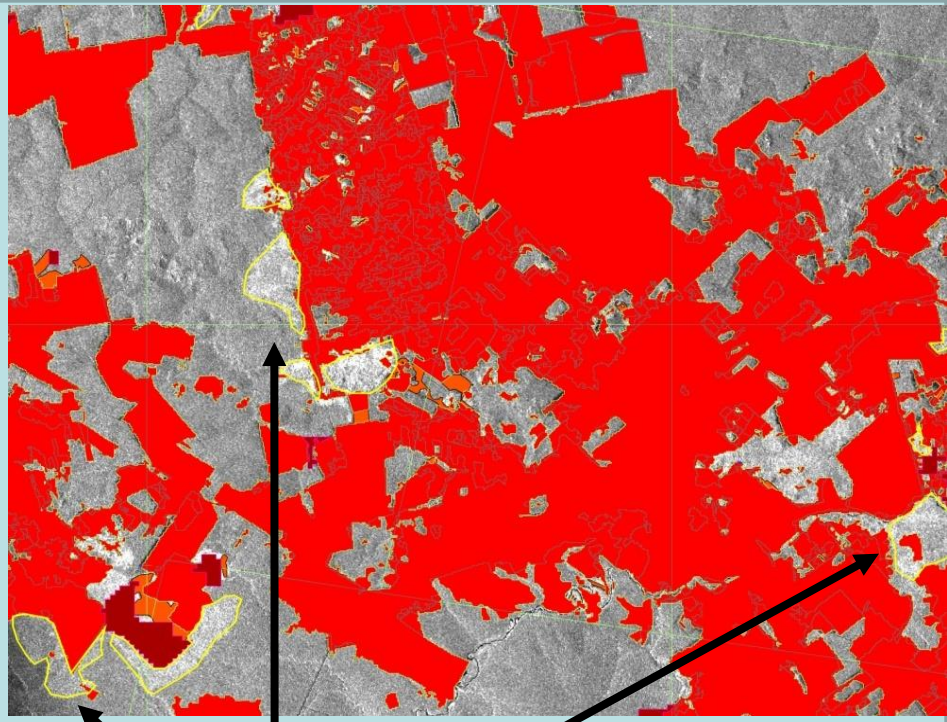
LOCAL OFFICES
Field validation, reports

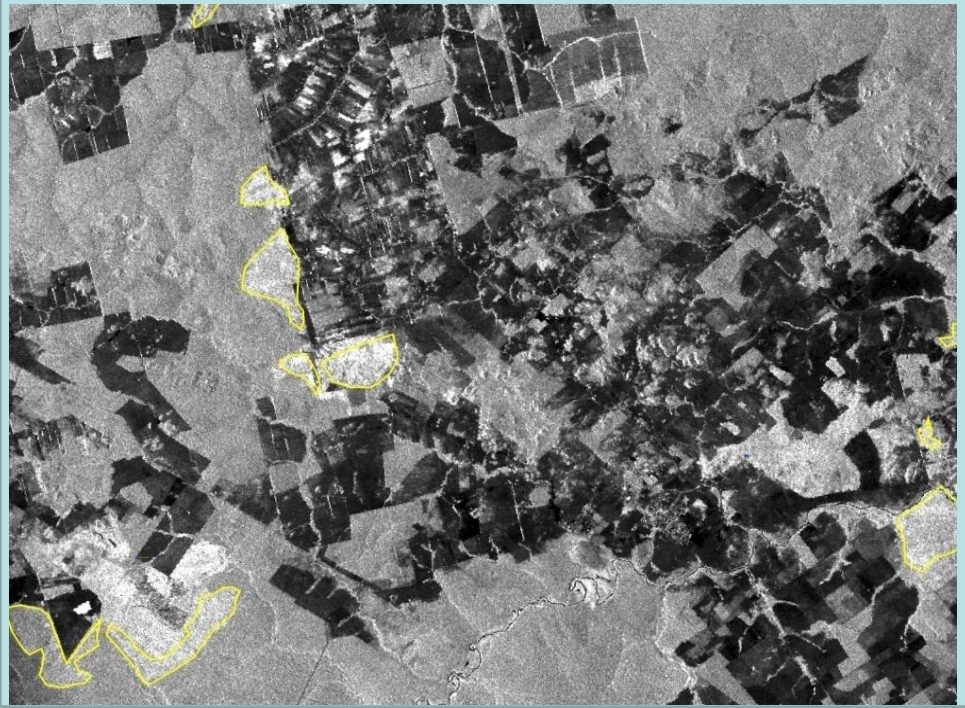
FINAL PRODUCTS
GPS coordinates
Reports

- **Uses ScanSAR images with 100 meter spatial resolution, pre-processed by JAXA**

- **Masks previous PRODES data**
- **Some polygons are verified in the field**





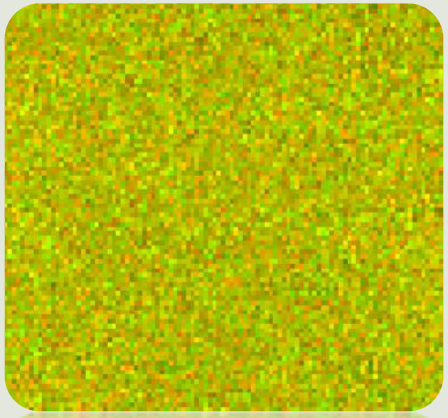


New Detections

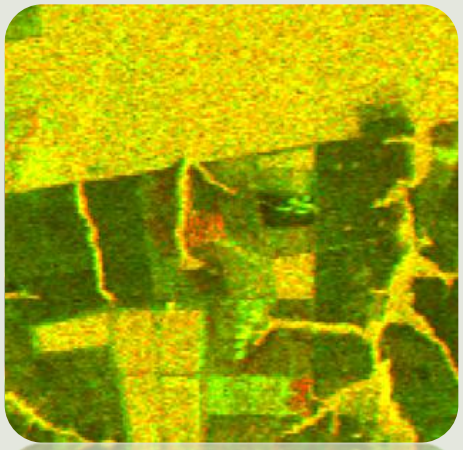
Legend

- ALOS deforestation detection
- Deforestation by DETER 2007
- Deforestation older than 2006 by PRODES
- Forest by PRODES

Color Composite RGB: New-Old-Old imageries



Primary forest



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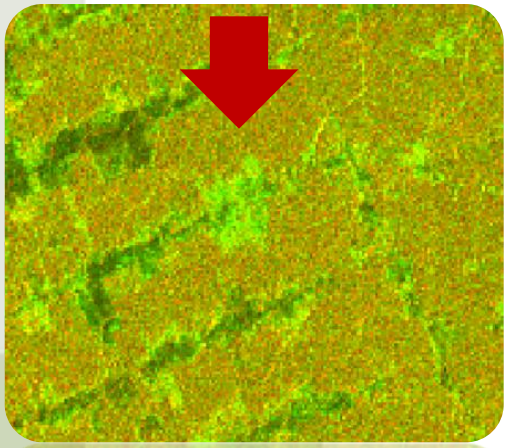
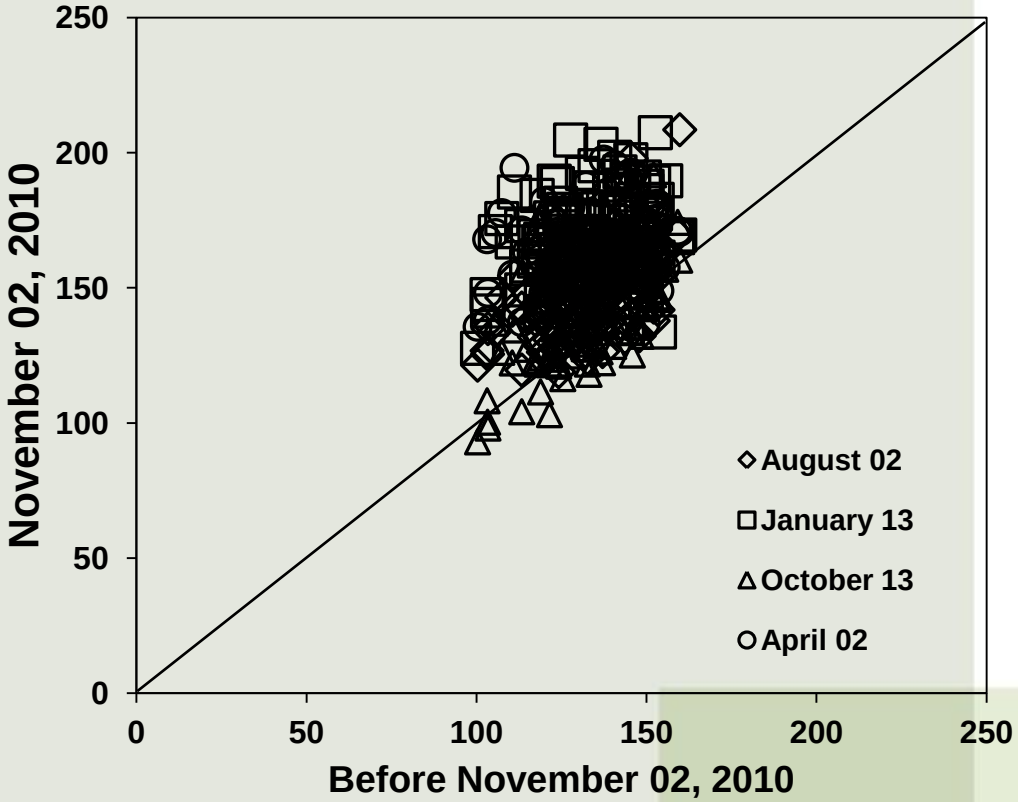


New front of deforestation

RADAR SIGNALS OF NEW FRONTS OF DEFORESTATION ARE HIGHER THAN OTHER LAND COVER CLASSES



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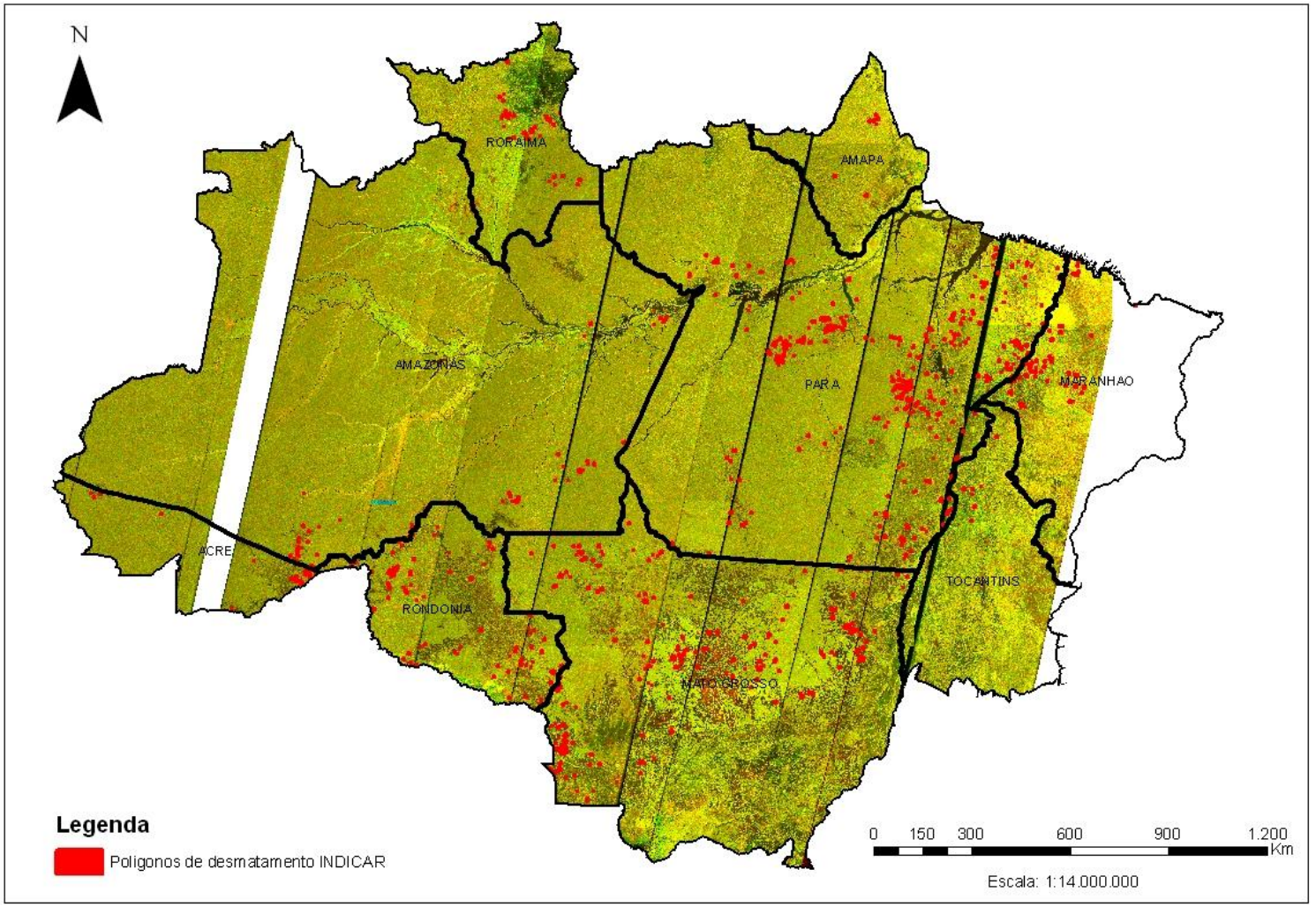
1,328 Polygons Identified



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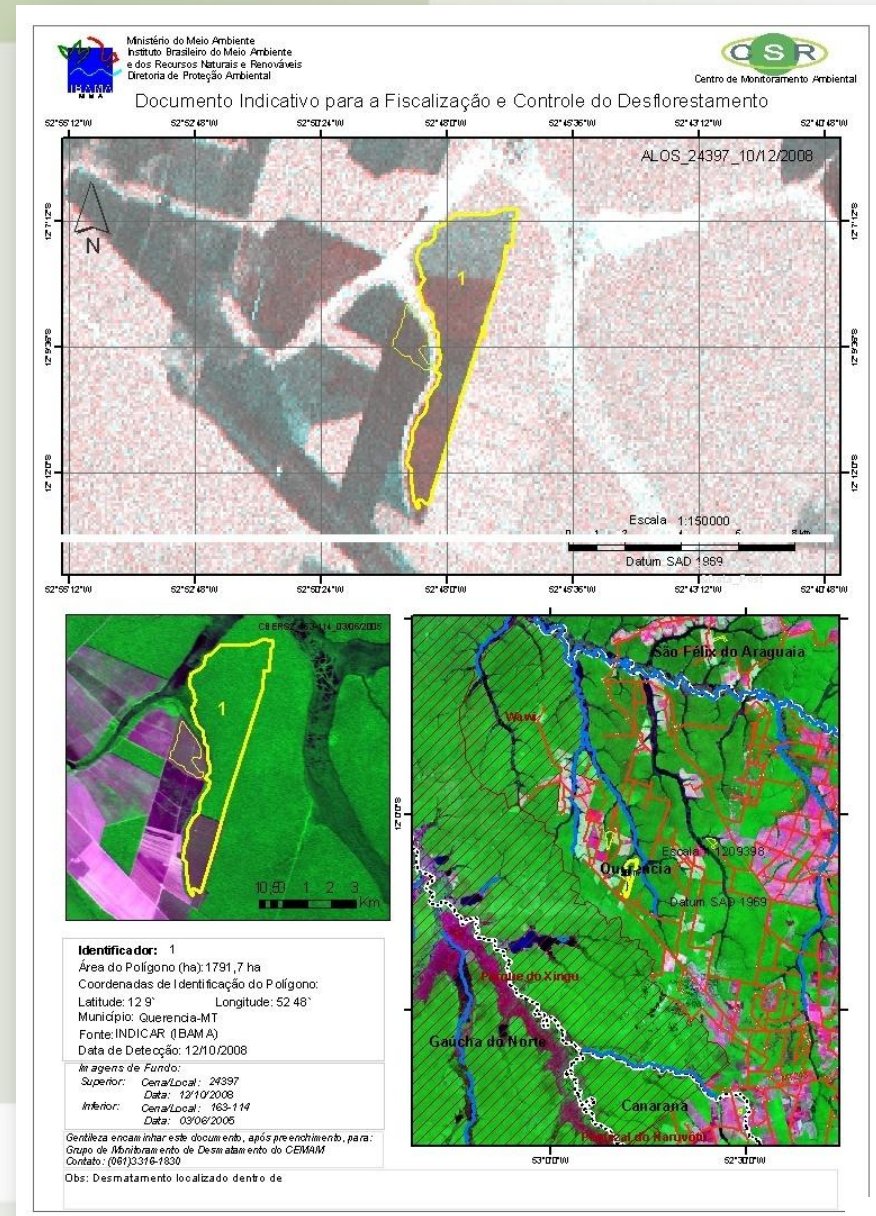
Law enforcement for illegal deforestations



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- ✓ Today, with the INDICAR system, the entire Amazonia can be monitored throughtout the year;
- ✓ Over 1,200 polygons were already detected by INDICAR;
- ✓ Local offices uses this information for field operations;
- ✓ CSR/IBAMA team has now expertise to detect deforestation from other biomes as well.

Perspectives

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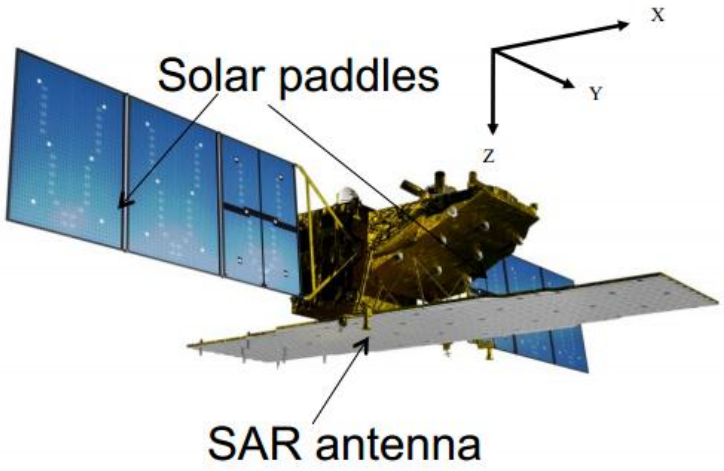
ALOS-2

ALOS-2 satellite

- **Launch : Aug-Oct 2013**
- Orbit type : Sun-synchronous
- Altitude : 628 km +/- 500 m (for reference orbit)
- Revisit time : 14 days
- LSDN : 12:00 +/- 15 min



PALSAR-2

- L-band Synthetic Aperture Radar
- Active Phased Array Antenna type two dimensions scan (range and azimuth)
- Antenna size : 3m(El) x 10m(Az)
- Bandwidth : 14 – 84MHz
- Peak transmit Power : 5100W
- Observation swath : 25 – 490km
- Resolution : Range: 3 m to 100 m
  Azimuth: 1 m to 100 m

Expectation: continuity of cooperation after ALOS-2 lauching

Thank you very much !

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