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Assessing the distribution of disease vectors and fruit crop pests from satellite in GRASS GIS 7

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- **Founded 1874** as IASMA - Istituto Agrario San Michele all'Adige (north of Trento, Italy)
 - Research Centre + Tech. Transfer Center + highschool, ~ 800 staff
 - ... of those **350 staff in research** (Environmental research, Agro-Genetic research, Food safety)
- PGIS:** <http://gis.cri.fmach.it>

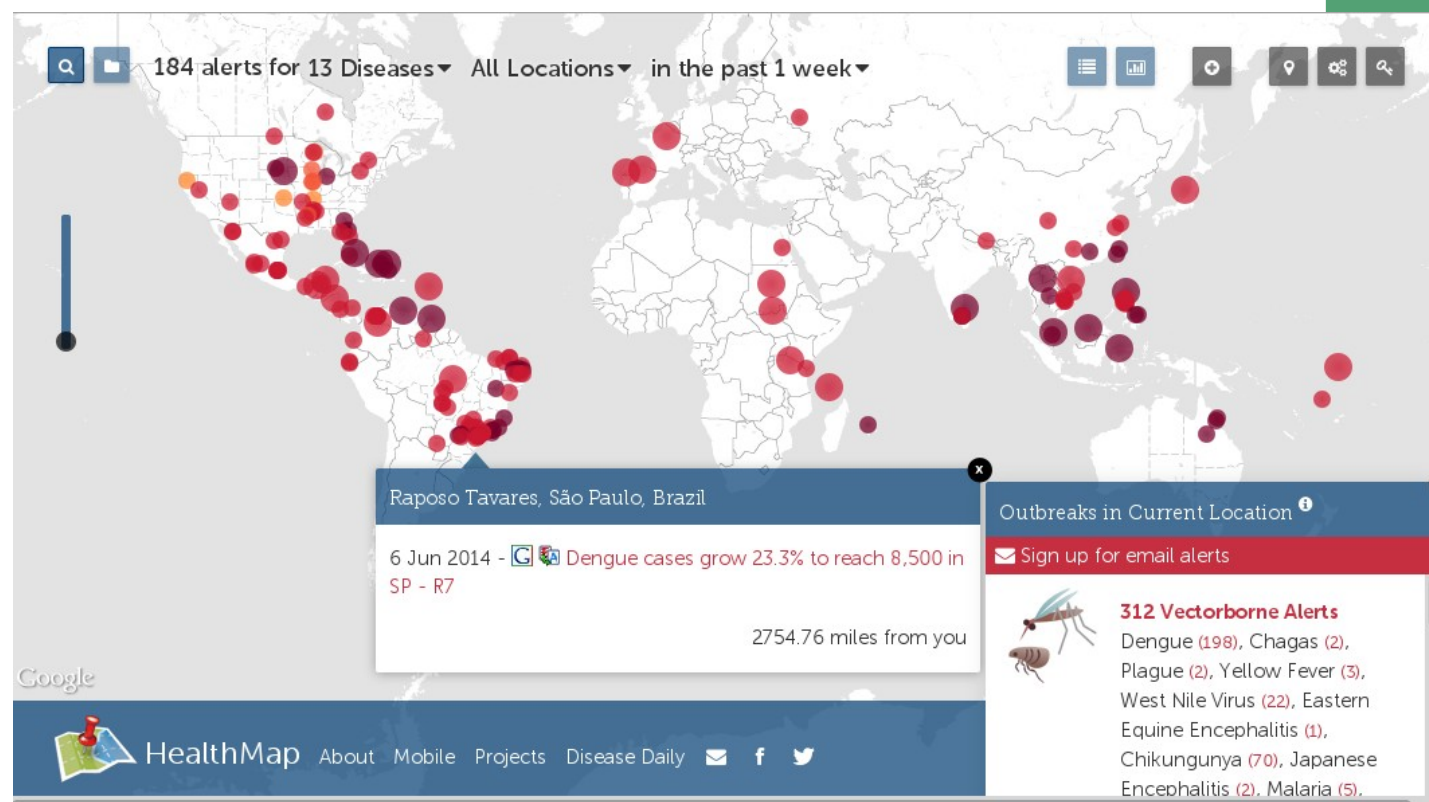
Challenge 1: Emerging infectious diseases

Focus on **zoonotic diseases**

- transmitted from animals to humans, usually by a **vector** (e.g., ticks, mosquitoes)
- reservoir hosts: **wildlife** and **domestic animals**
- zoonoses involve all types of **agents** (bacteria, parasites, viruses and others)

Zoonotic diseases cause **major health problems** in many countries.

They are driven by environmental and pathogen **changes** as well as political and cultural changes.



<http://healthmap.org/en/>

Infections causing also “hidden” problems ...

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COMMENTARY:

Blood supply under threat

Jan C. Semenza and Dragoslav Domanović

Europe should take action to prevent contamination of blood products by emerging infectious diseases as the climate warms.

The circulation of **safe blood products** in Europe is threatened by the recent arrival and dispersal of tropical pathogens commonly associated with warmer temperatures. Contamination of **blood products from donors infected** with emerging infectious diseases (EIDs) represents a significant threat to the blood supply.

The convergence of infectious disease drivers, such as climate change and globalization, has created conditions favourable to EIDs^{1,2}. Europe is now more connected than ever to global EID hotspots and provides conducive epidemiological conditions for disease outbreaks³. The spread of insect vectors through

including collection, testing, processing, storage and distribution of blood and blood components. The long-term safety, sustainability and future expansion of the blood supply in Europe is at stake.

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) has elicited two expert assessments to prioritize the EID risk for the blood supply that is related to climate change. The first assessment ranked EID threats from climate change⁶; the second prioritizes pressing infectious disease threats to substances of human origin (for example, blood, cells, tissues or organs) in the European Union⁹.

Merging these two lists of priorities sheds light on the potential threat level

its range in Europe — particularly in Mediterranean countries — in part due to conducive environmental and climatic conditions² (Fig. 2). Over 1,000 cases of dengue fever are imported into Europe each year from endemic areas worldwide. France witnessed the first autochthonous dengue transmission in 2010¹¹. Although technically not part of the European continent, at present Madeira is experiencing the first sustained transmission in ‘Europe’ since 1920 with over 2,000 cases as of 9 December 2012; over 70 dengue cases have already been imported to the European mainland¹². Leishmaniasis is transmitted to humans through the bite of infected female



Challenge 2: Commercial fruits at risk – *Drosophila suzukii* (Spotted Wing Drosophila)

<http://www.lexem.eu>



Drosophila suzukii



Drosophila suzukii's
preference: berries!

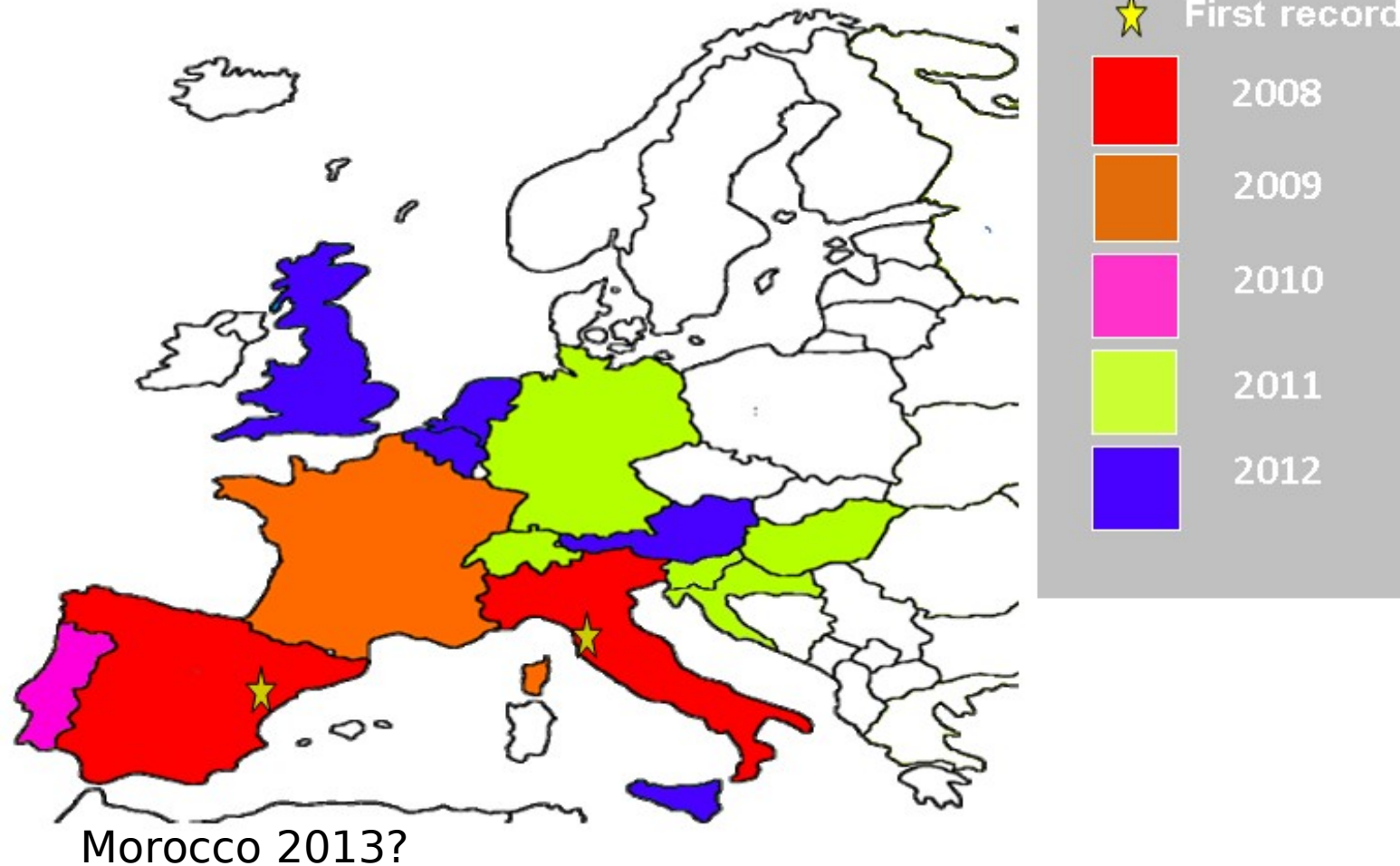


Cherry



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Spotted Wing Drosophila: Increasing spread in Europe

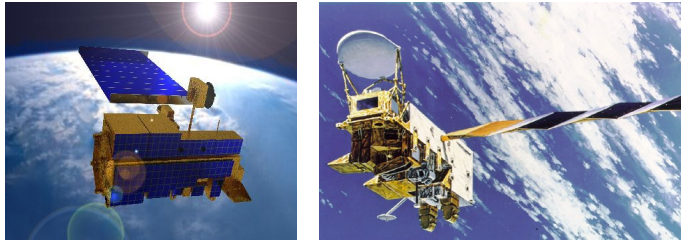


First fruit damage was reported in 2009 in soft fruits in Trentino (Grassi et al., 2009)

Cini *et al.*, 2012. Bull. Insectol.
Rota Stabelli et al. 2013. Curr Biol.

Big issue also in the United States!

Temperature in space and time driving lifecycle of mosquitoes



Land Surface Temperature from satellite

Temperature time series

Selected references:

- Kilpatrick et al 2011 (WNV transmission)
- ECDC 2009 (*Aedes albopictus* risk maps)
- Roiz et al 2011 (*Aedes albopictus* distribution map)
 - Randolph 2004 (tick seasonality)
- Tersago et al 2009 (Hantavirus)
- Rios et al 2000 (Tuberculosis)
- Kalluri et al 2007 (mosquito abundance)
- Epstein et al 2002 (infectious diseases)
- Morand et al 2013 (infectious diseases)
- Pérez-Rodríguez et al 2013 (VB parasites)

Average

Minimum

Maximum

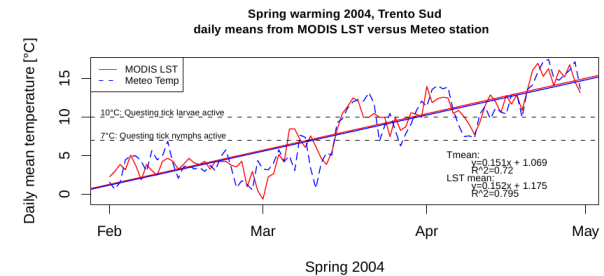
Seasonal temperature:
Winter, spring, summer, autumn

Spring warming, Autumnal cooling

Anomalies, Cool Night Index

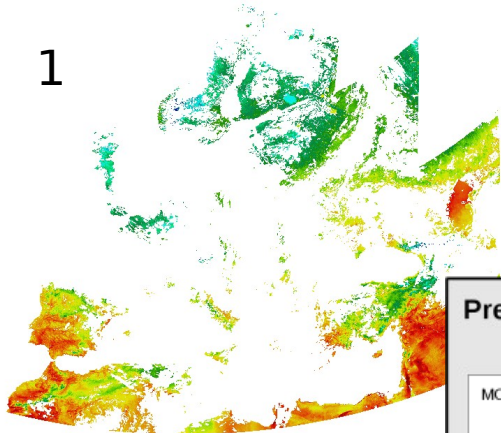
Growing Degree Days (GDD)

Late frost periods

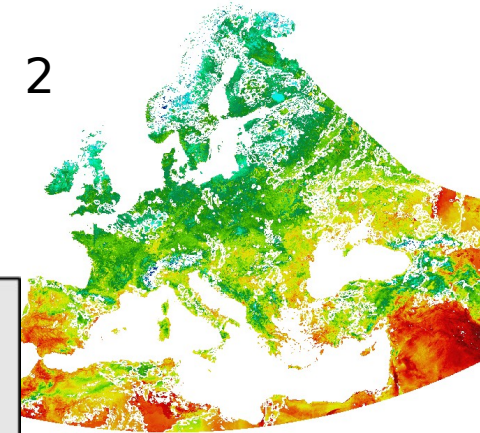


EuroLST: MODIS LST daily time series

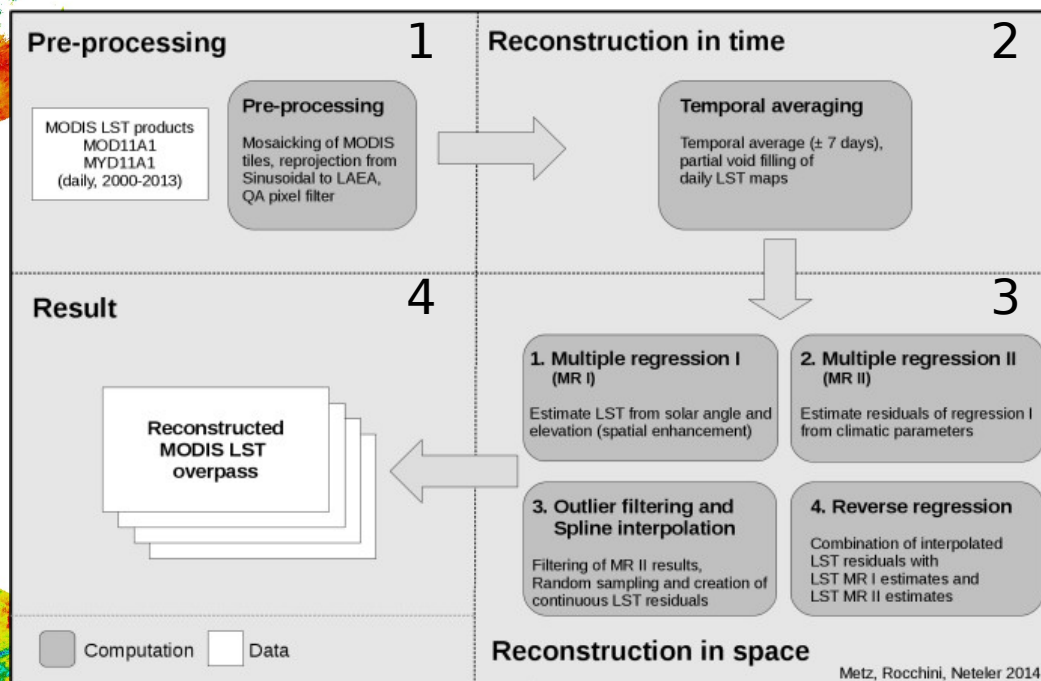
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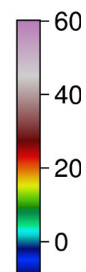
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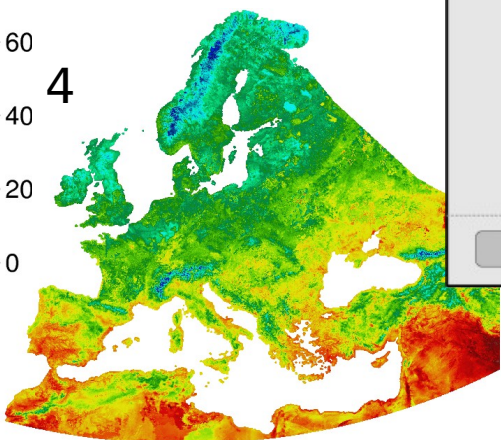
Summary workflow of daily MODIS LST reconstruction at continental scale



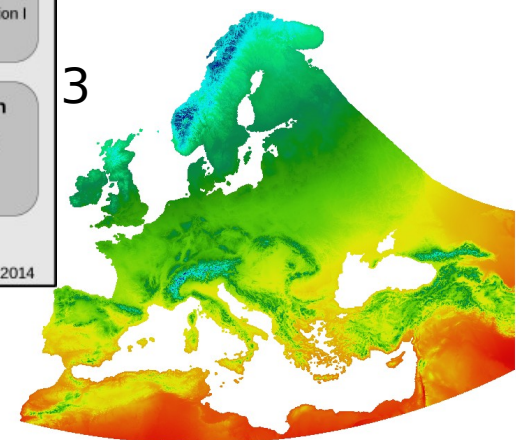
°C



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EuroLST: <http://gis.cri.fmach.it/eurolst/>

Metz, Rocchini, Neteler, 2014: Remote Sens 6, DOI: 10.3390/rs6053822

EuroLST: MODIS LST daily time series

Software used for LST reconstruction

~~[MODIS Reprojection Tool (MRT 4.1) ]~~

GDAL 1.x 

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GRASS GIS 7 

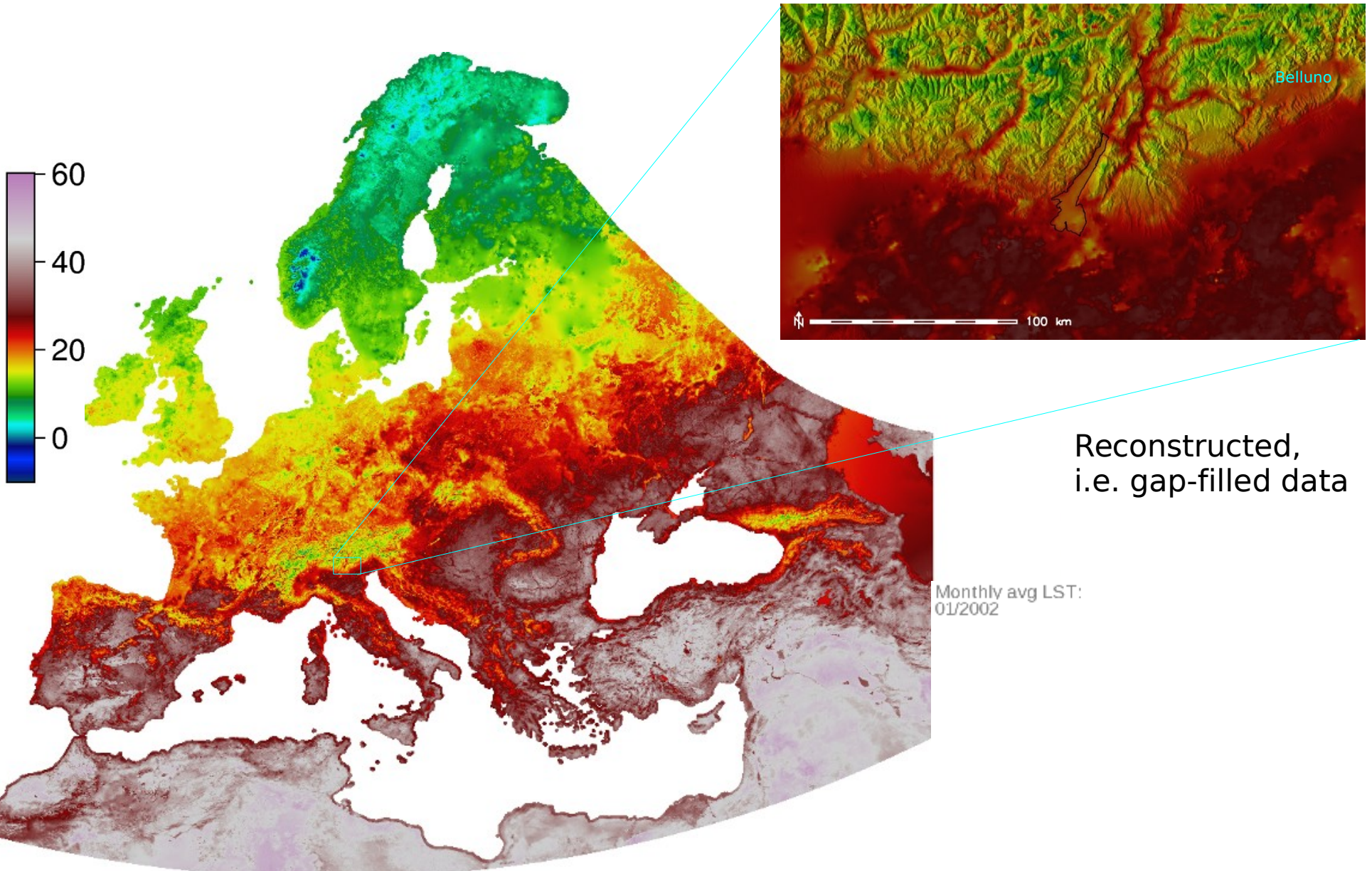
Grid Engine 

Scientific Linux 6.x 

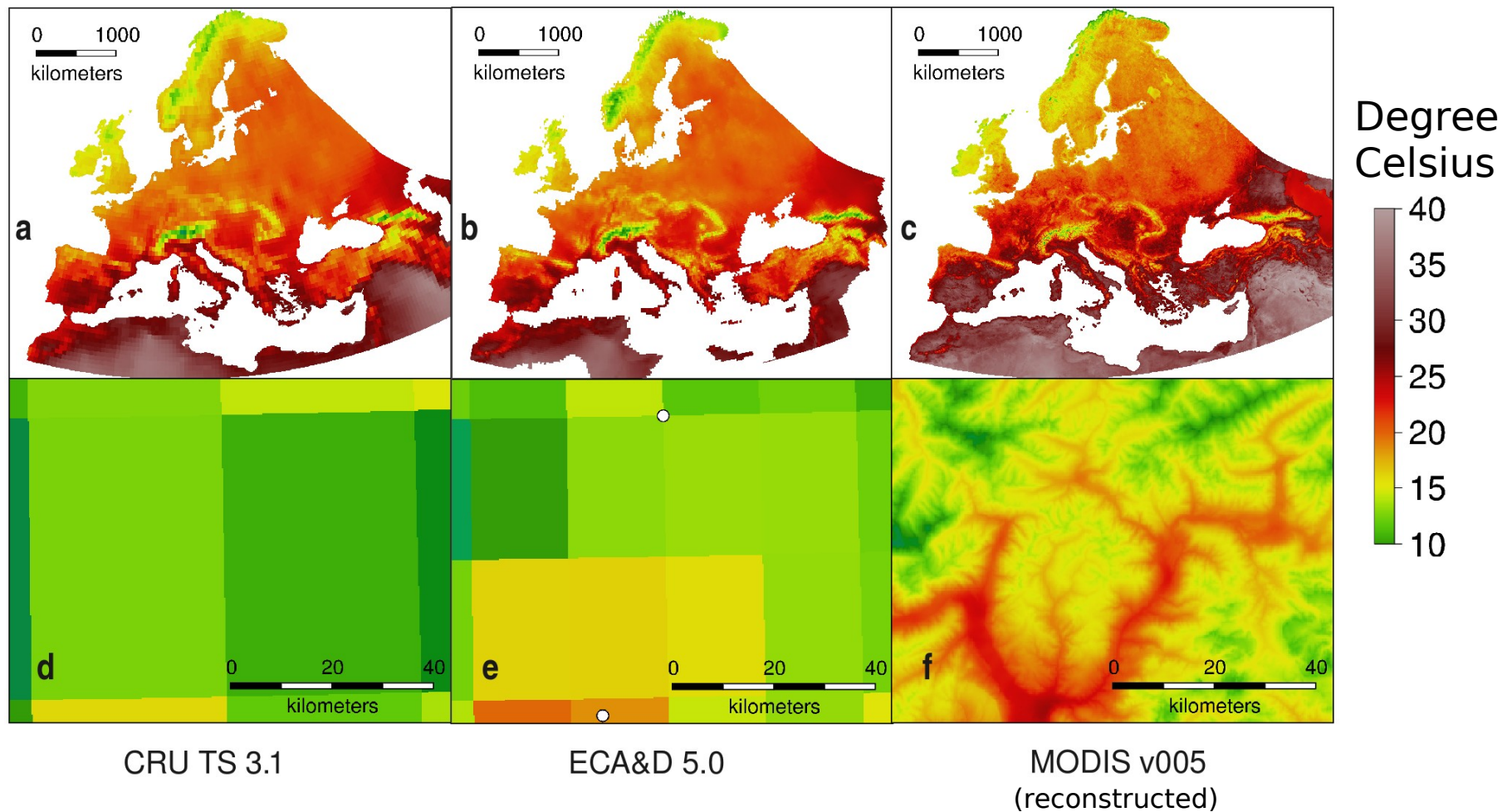
[1] Mosaiking of 20 MODIS LST tiles
* 17,000 overpasses reduced from
1 week to 1 day

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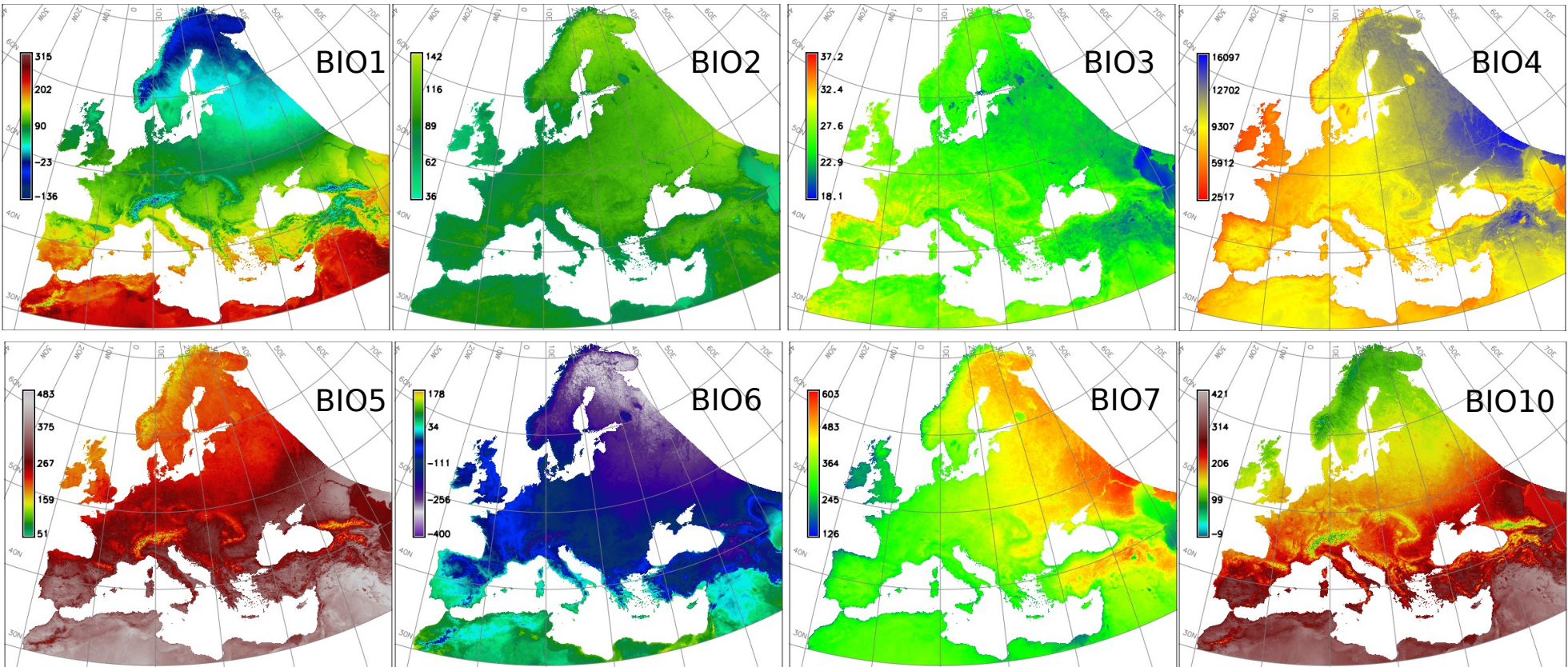
Example: Land surface temperature for Sep 26 2012, 1:30 pm



New EuroLST dataset: Comparison to other datasets (and advantages of using remote sensing time series)



BIOCLIM from reconstructed MODIS LST at 250m pixel resolution



- BIO1: Annual mean temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C} \cdot 10$)
- BIO2: Mean diurnal range (Mean monthly (max - min tem))
- BIO3: Isothermality ($(\text{bio2}/\text{bio7}) \cdot 100$)
- BIO4: Temperature seasonality (standard deviation * 100)
- BIO5: Maximum temperature of the warmest month ($^{\circ}\text{C} \cdot 10$)
- BIO6: Minimum temperature of the coldest month ($^{\circ}\text{C} \cdot 10$)
- BIO7: Temperature annual range (bio5 - bio6) ($^{\circ}\text{C} \cdot 10$)
- BIO10: Mean temperature of the warmest quarter ($^{\circ}\text{C} \cdot 10$)
- BIO11: Mean temperature of the coldest quarter ($^{\circ}\text{C} \cdot 10$)

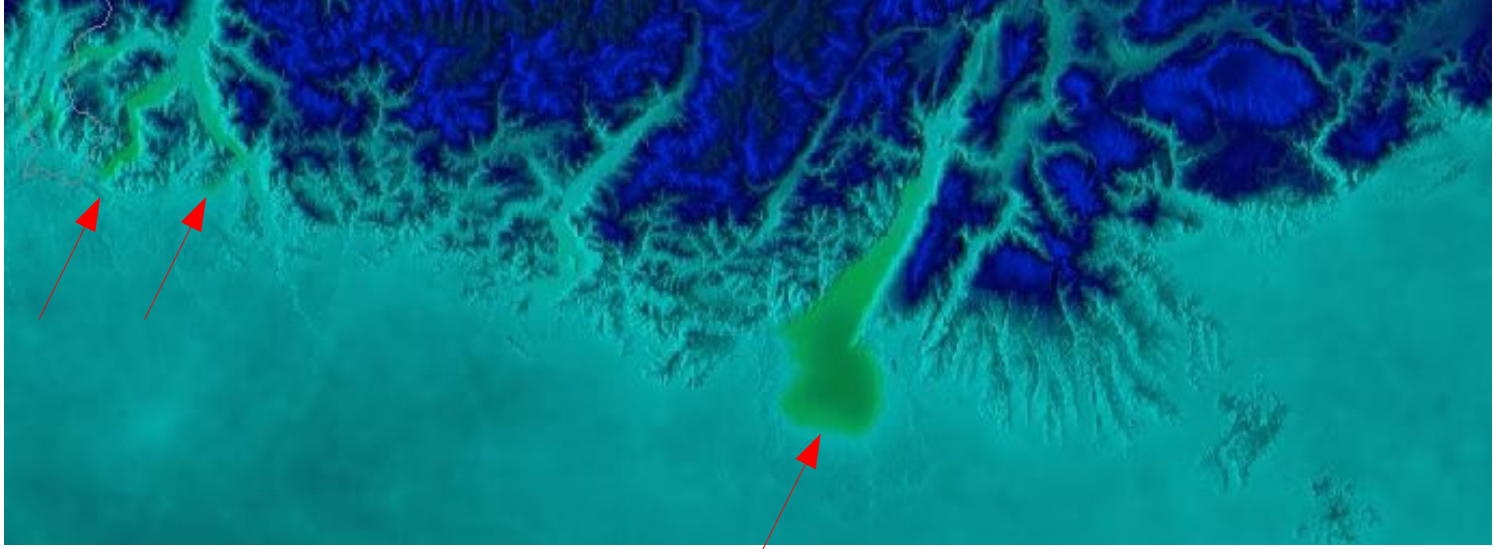
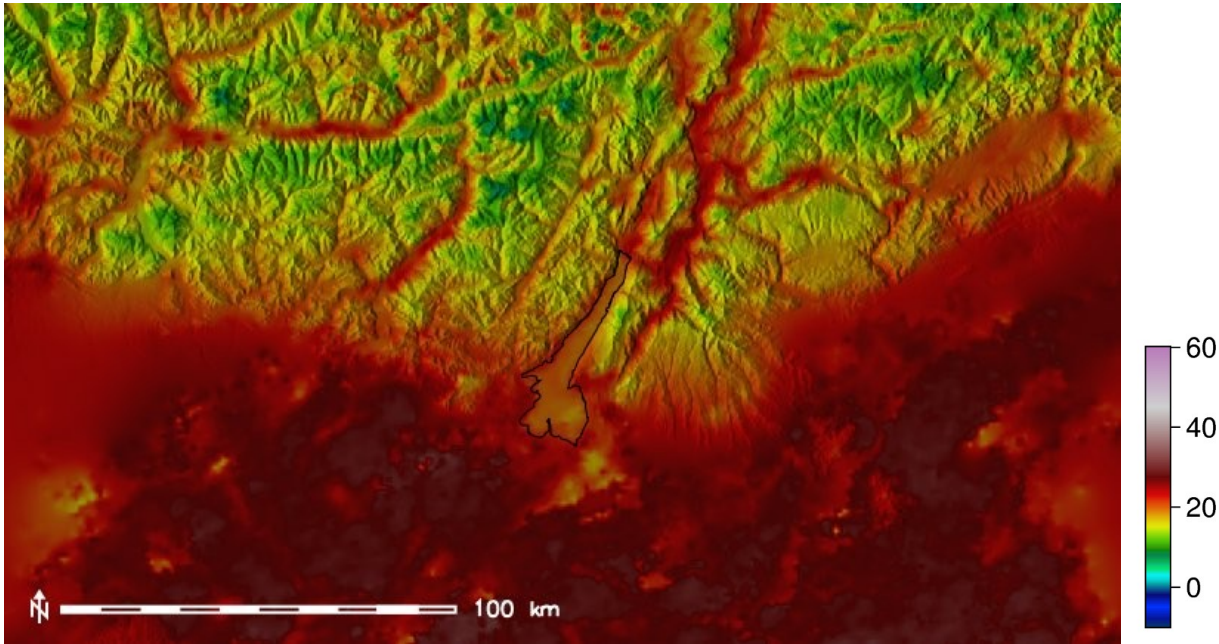
Metz, M.; Rocchini, D.; Neteler, M. 2014: *Surface temperatures at the continental scale: Tracking changes with remote sensing at unprecedented detail*. Remote Sensing. 2014, 6(5): 3822-3840 (DOI | HTML | PDF)

Selected data download:
<http://gis.cri.fmach.it/eurolst/>

MODIS Land Surface Temperature

Examples:

“Hot” year 2003
and effects



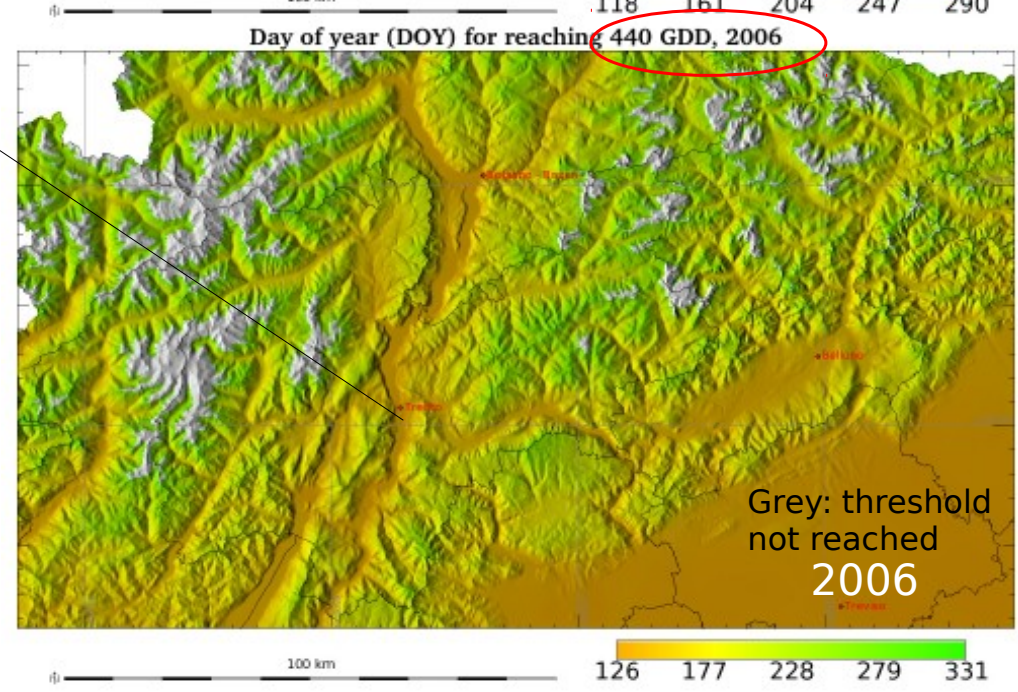
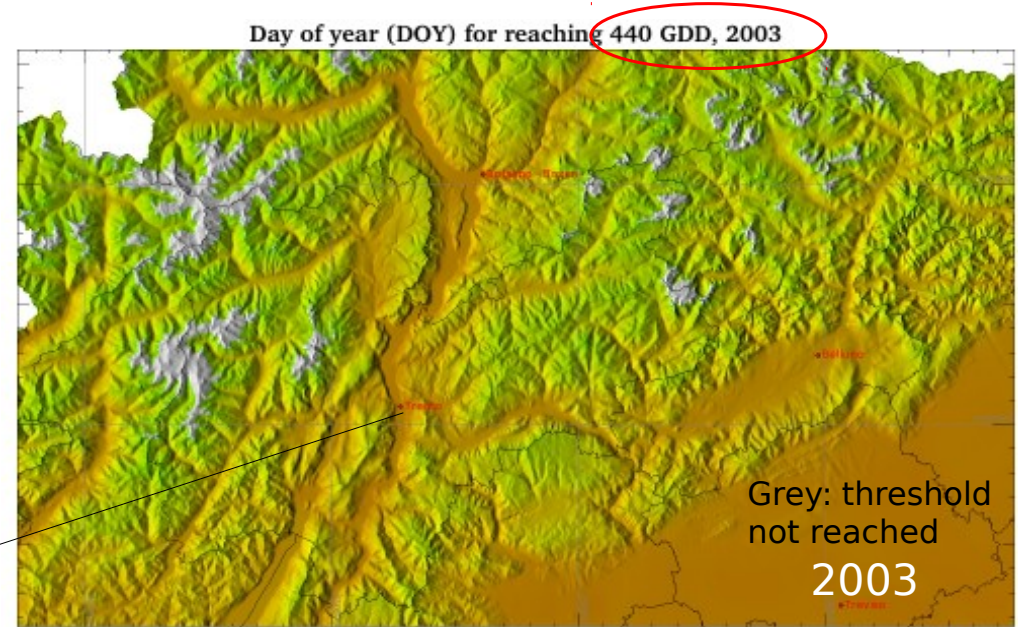
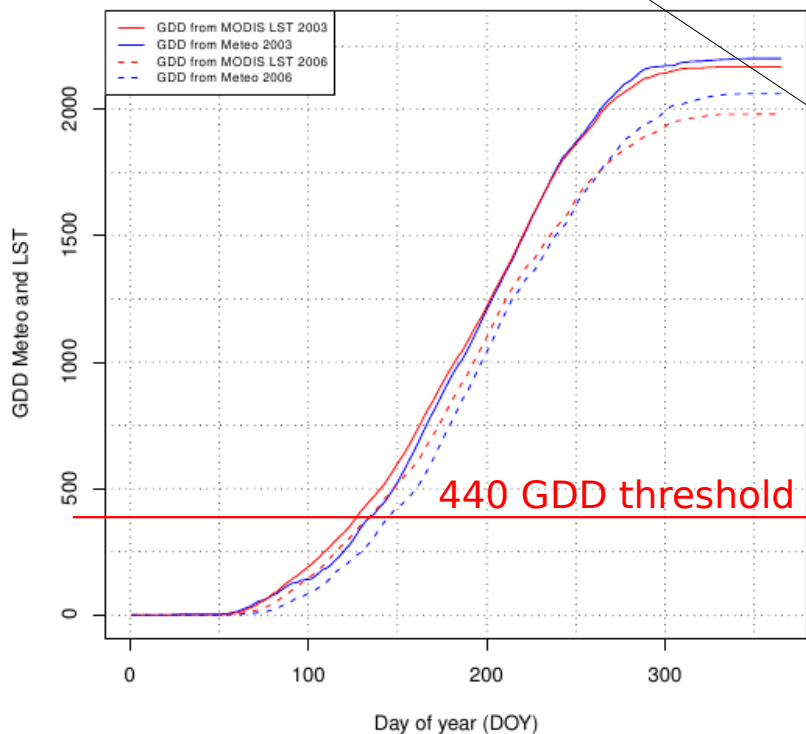
January 2004: Lake Garda still “warm” after hot 2003 summer
--> local heating effect = insect overwintering facilitated

Growing Degree Days from gap-filled MODIS LST

Number of Day-Of-Year (**DOY**) to reach **440** accumulated growing degree days (GDD) in the years 2003 and 2006:

- proxy for life-stage survival analysis of insect
- satellite-derived GDD are delivered as map, each pixel is "measured"

Growing Degree Days from Meteo and MODIS LST
Station/position Trento Sud

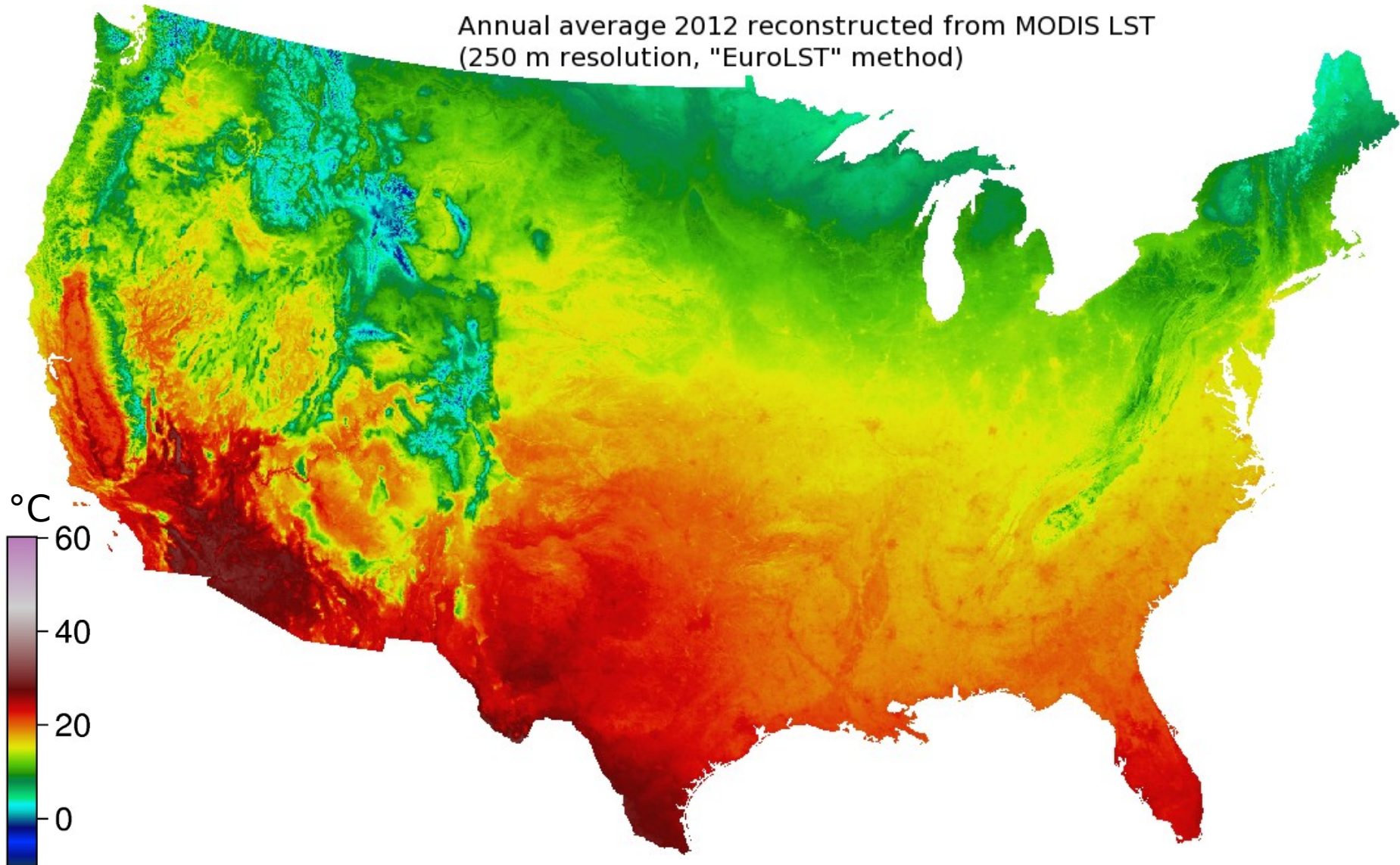


Data: EuroLST

New! CONUSLST - MODIS LST daily time series

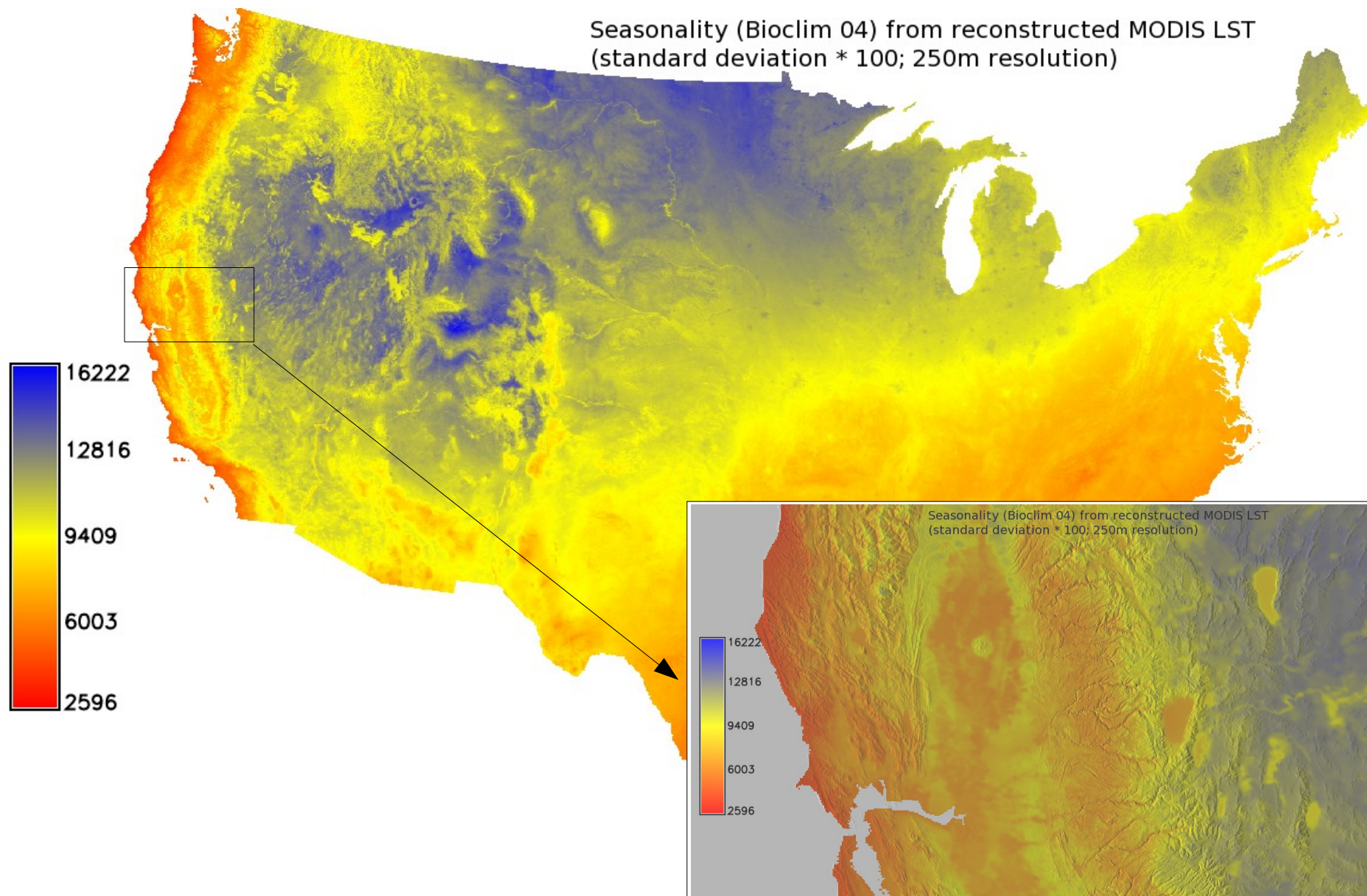
Example: Annual Average 2012

Annual average 2012 reconstructed from MODIS LST
(250 m resolution, "EuroLST" method)



CONUSLST: New MODIS LST daily time series

Example: BIOCLIM04 (2003-2013): the higher the more variability

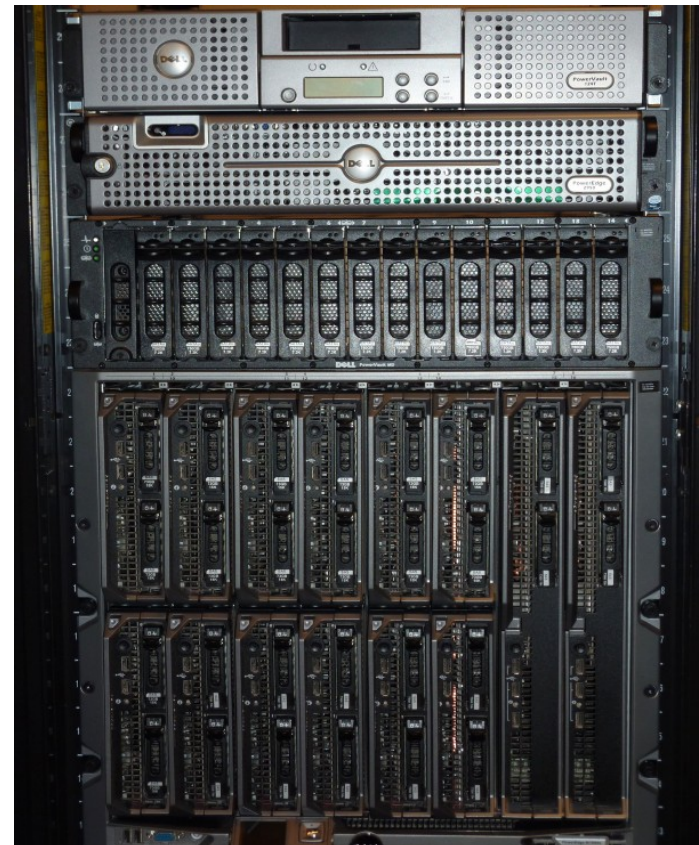


MODIS Land Surface Temperature LST reconstruction

... on a cluster computer

FEM-GIS Cluster

- In total 300 nodes with 610 Gb RAM
- 132 TB raw disk space, XFS, GlusterFS
- Circa 2 Tflops/s
- Scientific Linux operating system, blades headless
- Queue system for job management (Grid Engine), used for GRASS GIS 7 jobs



MODIS Land Surface Temperature LST reconstruction



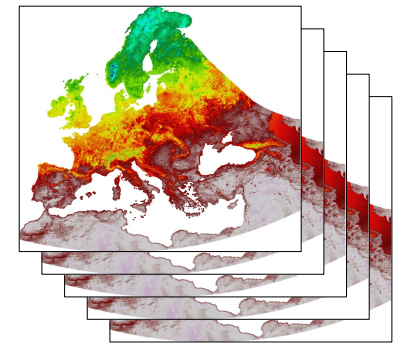
Massive spatial data processing with GRASS GIS 7:

- Our **MODIS EuroLST** [1] sensor time series reconstruction required:
 - 6 **input** grids (LST map, altitude, solar angle, two principal components, ocean mask) with about 400 million raster cells in each map (in total: **$2.4 * 10^9$ pixel per job**),
 - 1 **output** LST map (temporary files not considered)

... this done for 17,000 maps:

--> EuroLST: about **4 trillion ($4.76e+13$) pixels** processed for “just” Europe without preprocessing.

Computational time: 1 month



[1] <http://gis.cri.fmach.it/eurolst/>

“Big data” challenges on a cluster



GRASS GIS – LST data processing “evolution”:

- ⚡ • 2008: **internal 10Gb network** connection way to **slow...**
 - ✓ *Solution:* TCP jumbo frames enabled (MTU > 8000) to speed up the internal NFS transfer

- ⚡ • 2009: hitting an **ext3 filesystem limitation** (not more than 32k subdirectories but more files in cell_misc/ – each raster maps consists of multiple files)
 - ✓ *Solution:* adopting **XFS filesystem** [err, reformat everything]

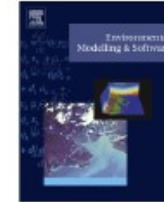
- ⚡ • 2012: Free inodes on **XFS exceeded**
 - ✓ *Solution:* Update XFS version [err, reformat everything again]

- ⚡ • 2013: **I/O saturation** in NFS connection between chassis and blades
 - ✓ *Solution:* reduction to one job per blade (queue management), 21 blades * 2.5 billion input pixels + 415 million output pixels

- ⚡ • **GlusterFS saturation**
 - ✓ *Solution:* New 48 port switch, 8-channel trunking (= 8 Gb/s)

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TGRASS: A temporal GIS for field based environmental modeling

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Temporal data processing in GRASS GIS

The temporal GIS framework in GRASS introduces three new datatypes that are designed to handle time series data:

- *Space time raster datasets* (strds) are designed to manage raster map time series. Modules that process strds have the naming prefix *t.rast*.
- *Space time 3D raster datasets* (str3ds) are designed to manage 3D raster map time series. Modules that process str3ds have the naming prefix *t.rast3d*.
- *Space time vector datasets* (stvds) are designed to manage vector map time series. Modules that process stvds have the naming prefix *t.vect*.

Temporal data management in general

List of general management modules:

- [t.connect](#)
- [t.create](#)
- [t.remove](#)
- [t.register](#)
- [t.unregister](#)
- [t.info](#)
- [t.list](#)
- [t.rast3d.list](#)
- [t.vect.list](#)
- [t.vect.db.select](#)
- [t.sample](#)

Export/import conversion

- [t.rast.export](#)
- [t.rast.import](#)
- [t.rast.out.vtk](#)
- [t.rast.to.rast3](#)
- [r3.out.netcdf](#)
- [t.vect.export](#)

Statistics and gap filling

- [t.rast.gapfill](#)
- [t.rast.univar](#)

Querying and map calculation

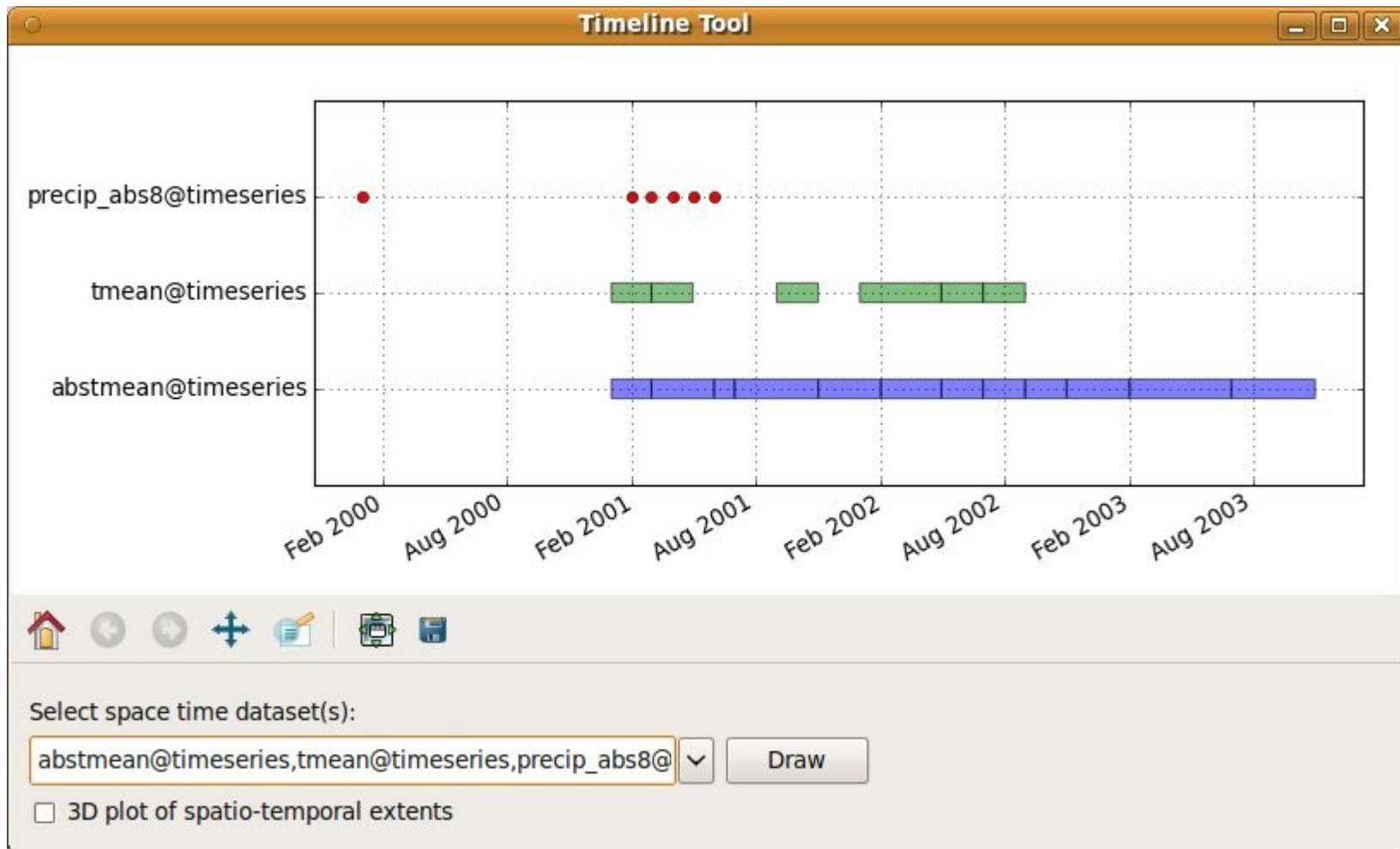
- [t.rast.list](#)
- [t.rast.extract](#)
- [t.rast.gapfill](#)
- [t.rast.mapcalc](#)
- [t.rast3d.extract](#)
- [t.rast3d.mapcalc](#)
- [t.rast3d.univar](#)
- [t.vect.extract](#)
- [t.vect.import](#)
- [t.vect.observe.strds](#)
- [t.vect.univar](#)
- [t.vect.what.strds](#)

Aggregation

- [t.rast.aggregate.ds](#)
- [t.rast.aggregate](#)
- [t.rast.series](#)



New Space-Time functionality in GRASS 7



Screenshot: S Gebbert/A. Petrasova

t.register: Registers raster, vector and raster3d maps in a space time dataset

New Space-Time functionality in GRASS 7

Example: daily MODIS Land Surface Temperature time series

The image shows two windows from the GRASS GIS interface. The left window is the 't.register' dialog box, which is used to register a space-time dataset. It has several input fields: 'Name of the input space time dataset:' with the value 'modis_lst2002@modis2002lst', '[multiple] Name of the input maps:', 'Type of the input map:' set to 'rast', and 'Input file with map names, one per line. Additionally the start time and the' with the value '/home/neteler/tgrass.aqua_lst_day_list.csv'. There are also buttons for 'Close', 'Run', 'Copy', and 'Help'. The right window is the 'Timeline Tool', which displays a 2D plot of the time series and a 3D plot of the spatio-temporal extents. The 2D plot shows a blue line representing the time series from July 2002 to December 2002. The 3D plot shows a blue volume representing the spatial extent of the data over time. The Timeline Tool also has a 'Select space time dataset(s):' dropdown menu with the value 'modis_lst2002@modis2002lst' and buttons for 'Draw' and 'Help'. There is a checkbox for '3D plot of spatio-temporal extents' which is checked.

t.register input=modis_lst2002@modis2002lst file=/home/neteler/tgrass.aqua_lst_day_list.csv

t.register: Registers raster, vector and raster3d maps in a space time dataset

Conclusions

- **Emerging diseases** and **emerging agro pests** need to be considered among the “emerging themes” to be covered by integrated research strategies because of their dramatic impact on well being and economy
- **Current and potential distribution of disease vectors** (like *Ae. albopictus*) can and should be modelled at high resolution, relevant to many health projects. Likewise Spotted Wing Drosophila
- **New reconstructed high temporal resolution datasets** allow for real spatial modelling
- **... bring it all together in FOSS4G!**



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