

ON THE ESTIMATION OF FIRE SUSCEPTIBILITY, FIRE EXPANTION AND POST-FIRE DAMAGE BASED ON THE INTEGRATION OF SATELLITE, METEOROLOGICAL DATA AND FORECASTS: THE EXPERIENCE OF FIRESAT PROJECT

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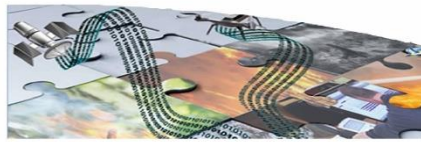
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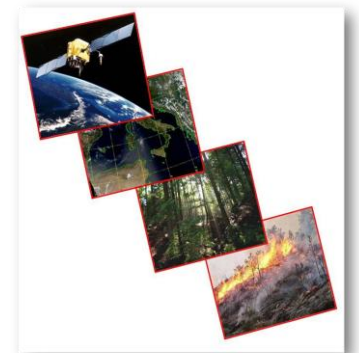
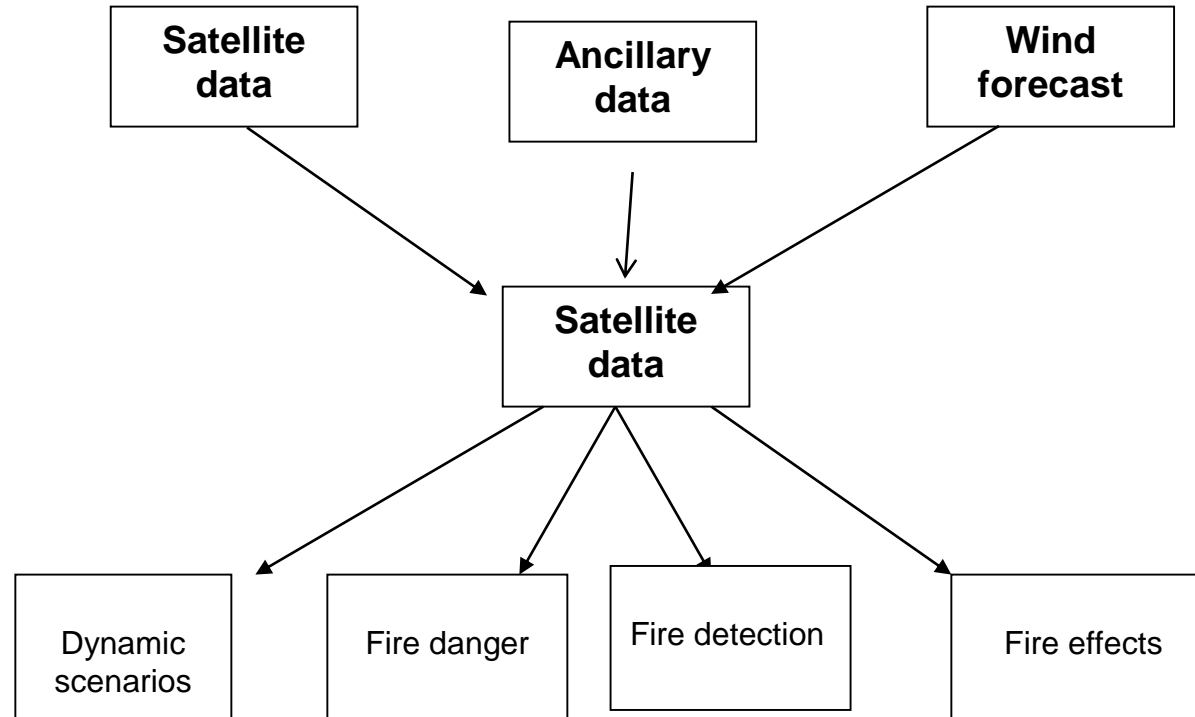


- ✓ **FROM LAB TO OPERATIONAL APPLICATION**
- ✓ **FIRE SCUPETIBILITY ESTIMATION**
- ✓ **FIRE SEVERITY**
- ✓ **ESTIMATION OF FIRE IMPACT ON HYDROGEOLOGICAL RISK**
- ✓ **MULTISCALE AND MULTITEMPORAL ESTIMATION OF FIRE AND POST FIRE RISK**
- ✓ **(WEEKLY, MONTHLY, SEASONAL.....) IN COOPERATION WITH SERV_FOR FIRE**



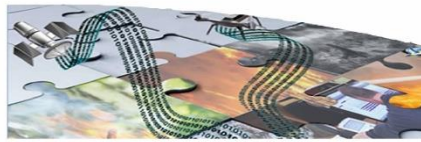


FOREST FIRE MONITORING FROM SPACE



For additional info
 Lasaponara et al . 2010
 Monitoraggio satellitare
 per la previsione del rischio
 di incendio pre operativa in
 Basilicata

Patent : An Integarted system for Fire detection Patent prot. 408719 del 24 agosto 2009 sistema di lotta attiva agli incendi boschivi, n. 2008 A0016 (by lasaponara & Lanorte)



FIRE MONITORING LAB

The methodologies adopted for the diverse phases of fire risk, damage estimation and post fire risk assessment, **evolved from the development and testing of prototype models and algorithms** (developed in the laboratories of CNR-IMAA) to **the pre-operational and operational applications**



FOREST FIRE MONITORING FROM LAB TO OPERATIONAL APPLICATION

FIRE MONITORING : OPERATIONAL USE

2008-2010 only based on the use of MODIS satellite data

2011-2013 later integrated with TM (for fuel mapping and damage estimation)

2014-2016 further with meteorological data and forecast available for free (Meteo Model NOAA-GFS, 2014-2016), I

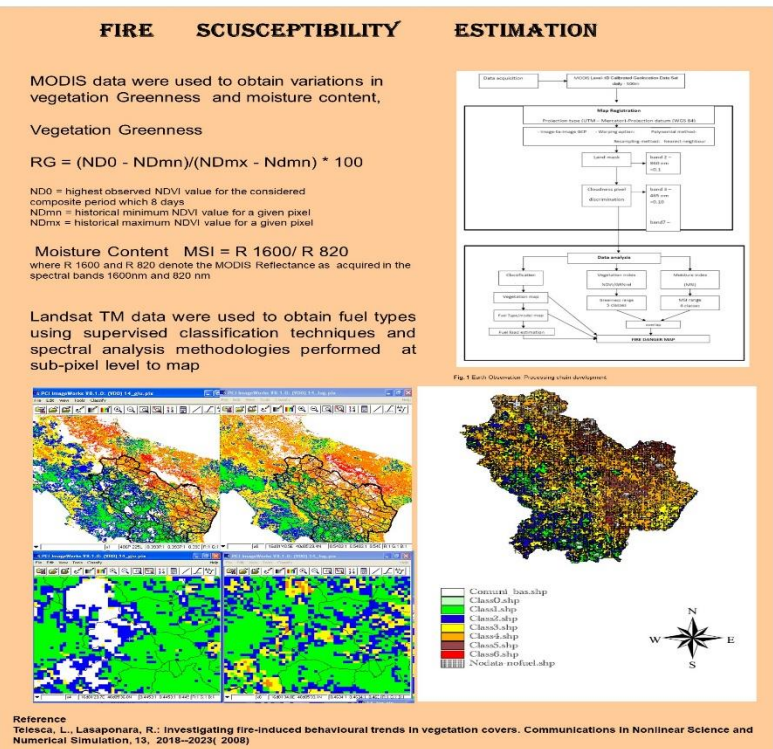
2017 later improved with the highest spatial resolution meteo forecast from Cosmo 5 (5 km)

2018-2019 and Cosmo 2 (km 2) made available by the National Civil Protection up

up to the use of Sentinel 1 and 2 along with manned and unmanned multispectral and thermal aerial surveys for selected study sites

Daily estimates of fire danger using multitemporal satellite MODIS data: the experience of FIRE-SAT in the Basilicata Region (Italy)

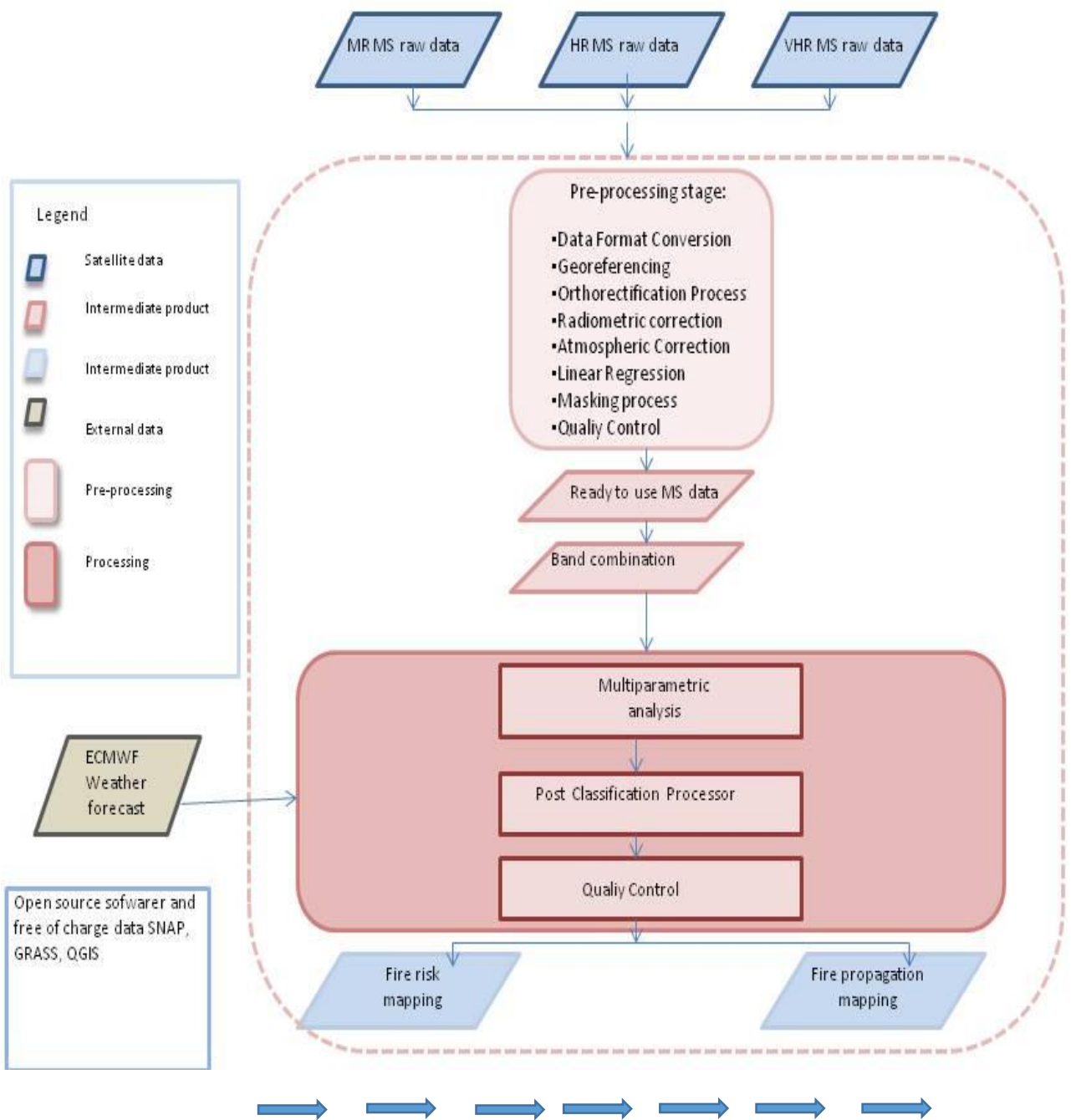
Focus In the recent years the Basilicata Region (Southern Italy) has been characterized by an increasing incidence of fire disturbance which also tends to affect protected (Regional and national parks) and natural vegetated areas. FIRE_SAT project has been funded by the Civil Protection of the Basilicata Region in order to set up a low cost methodology for fire danger/risk monitoring and fire effect estimation based on satellite Earth Observation techniques. To this aim, NASA Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS), ASTER, Landsat TM data were used. The spectral capability and free of charge availability makes these data sets very suitable for daily monitoring of large areas.



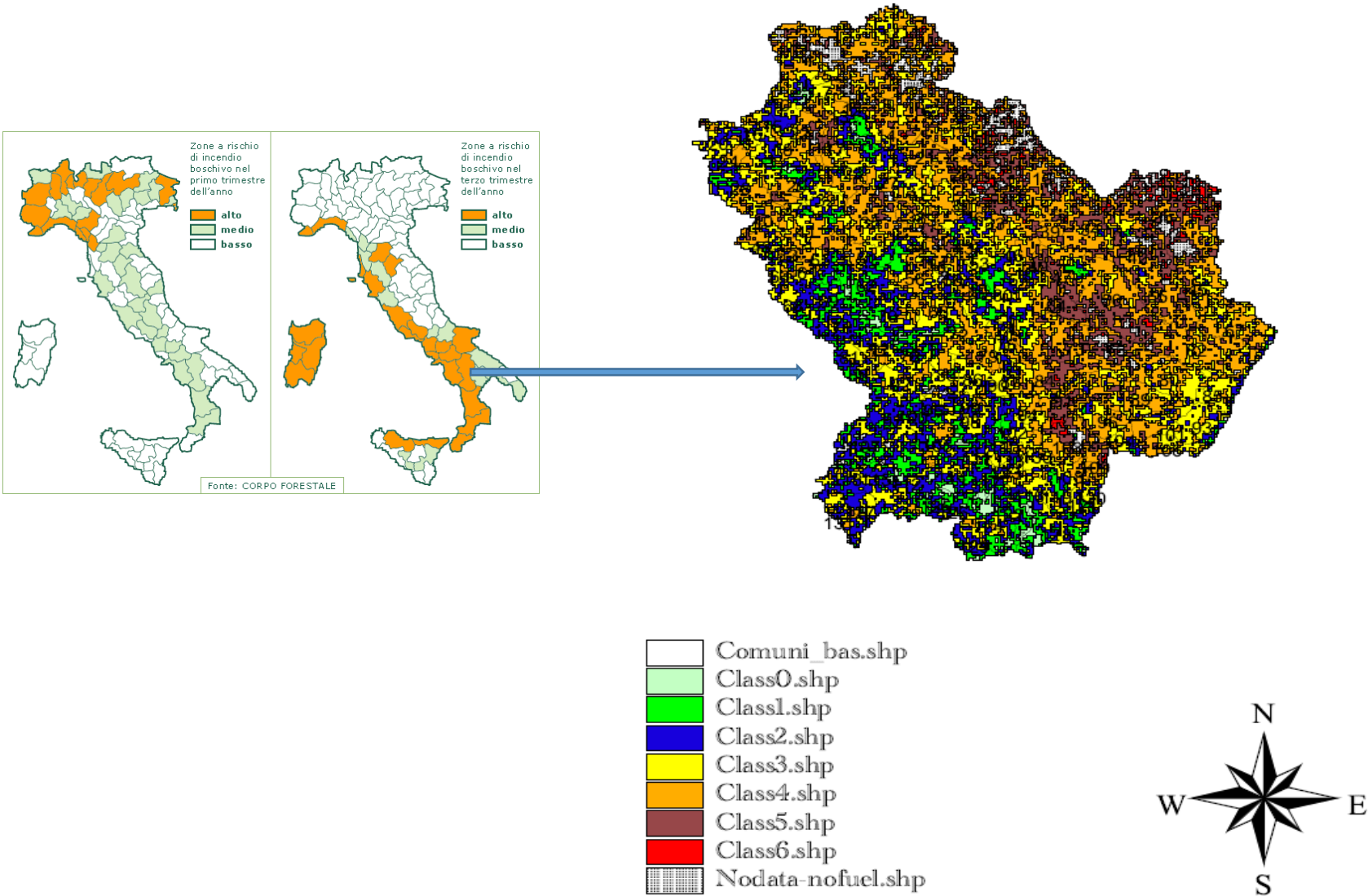


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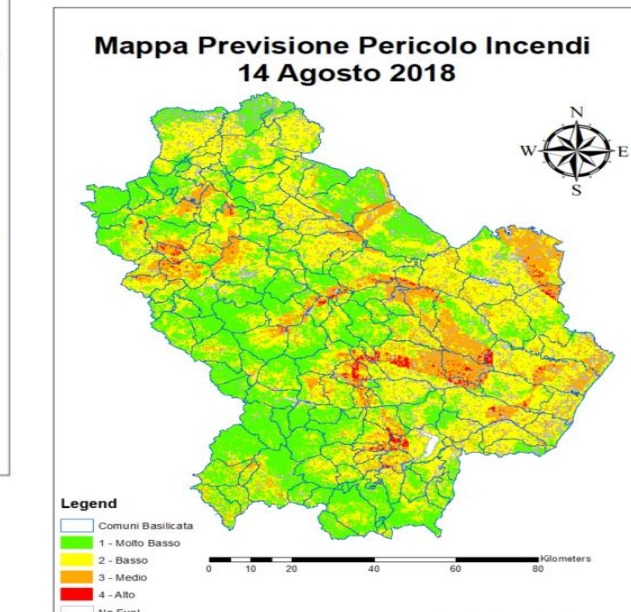
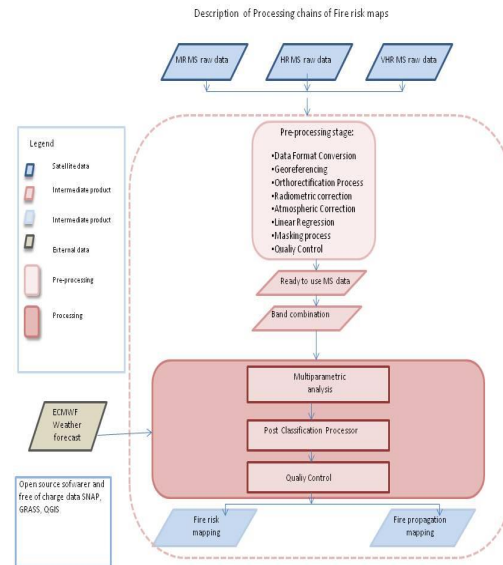
Description of Processing chains of Fire risk maps



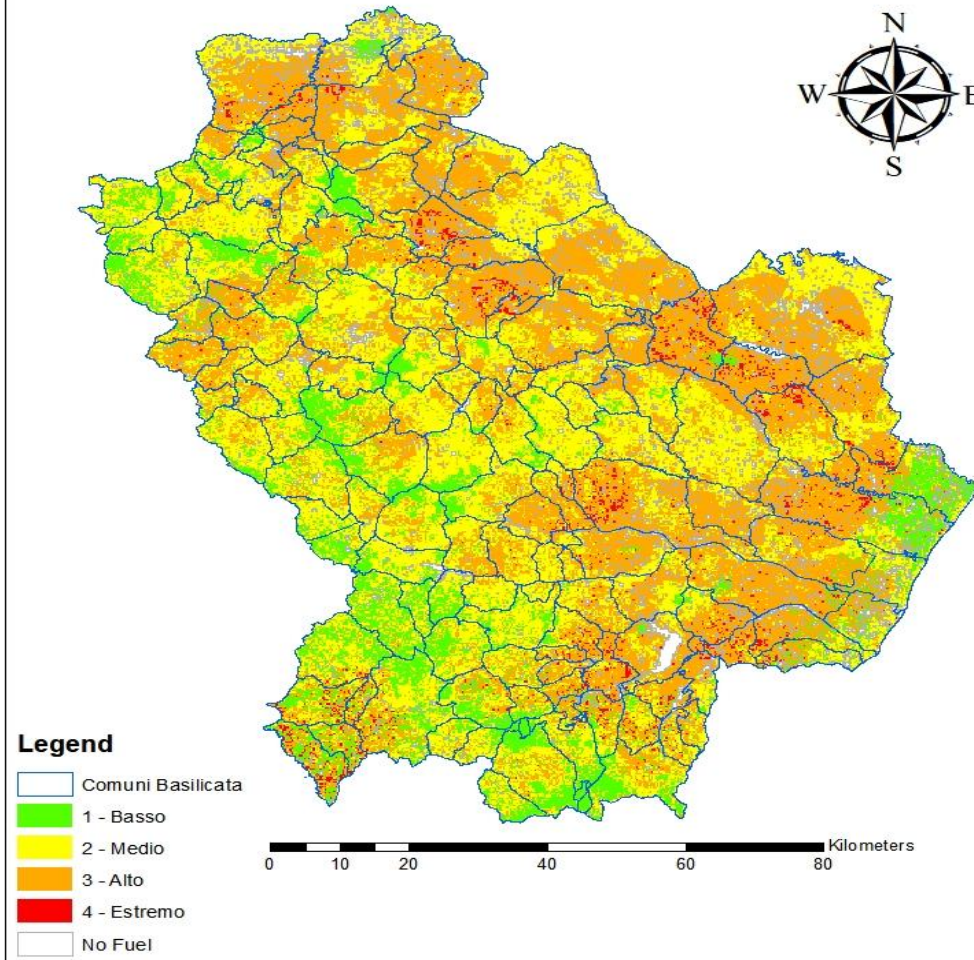
Current information daily provided in the framework of FIRE-SAT project : pixel size 1Km, 250m improved to 30 m (for interface fires)



The daily fire risk methodology is based on the integration of satellite data with meteorological data and forecasts. The main novelty compared with the methodology already developed (and operationally used by the Protezione Civile of the Basilicata Region) The automatic processing of meteorological data and forecasting has twofold applications (i) the assessment of fire risk and (ii) the estimation of the expansion of fire perimeter using FIRESITE software



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Static variable/index

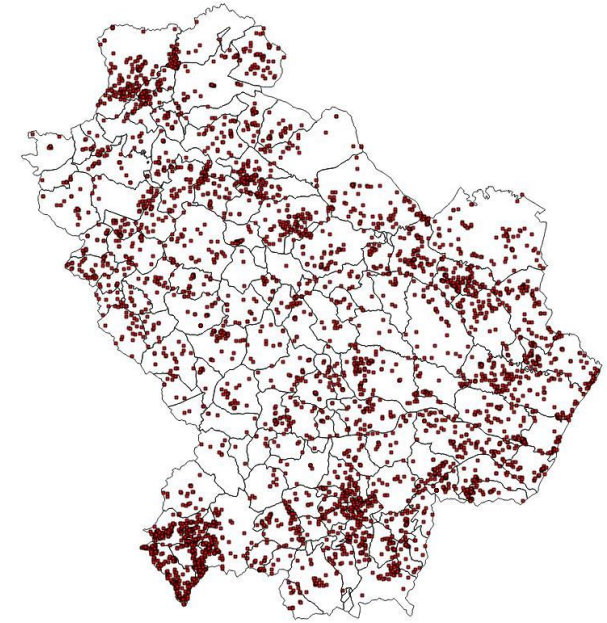
- Statistical Analysis of fire catalogue
- DTM (Slope, Aspect, Elevation);
- Vegetazione -Fuel types/models**
- Burned areas
- Fire Regime

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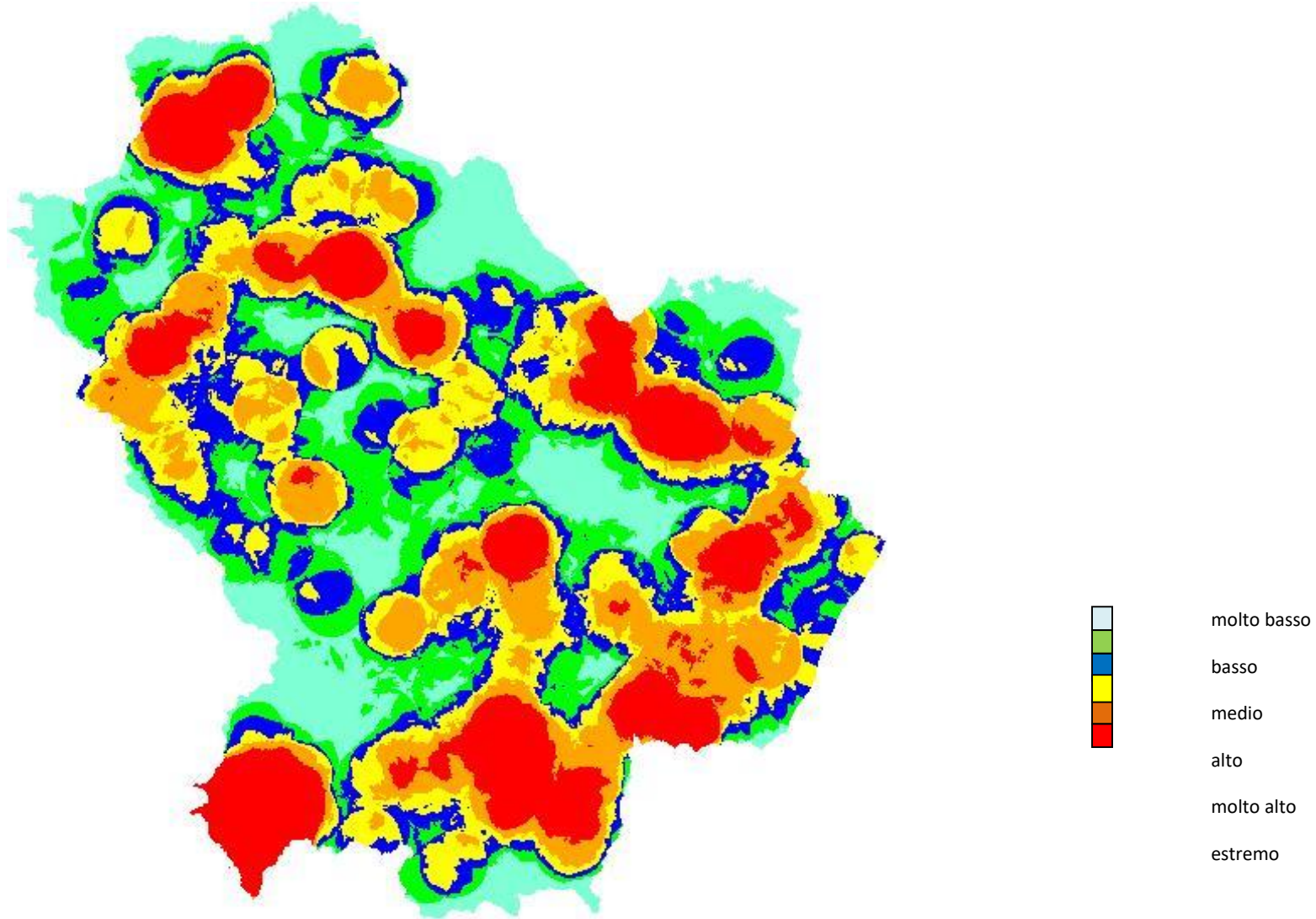
- (density of population, accessibility; anthropogenic activities)

Dinamici Variabili/Indices

- Meteorological : -temperature, - humidity, -Wind, -insolation, etc.
- State of vegetation (moisture, stress)**



Static map based on the statistical analysis of the available fire catalogue



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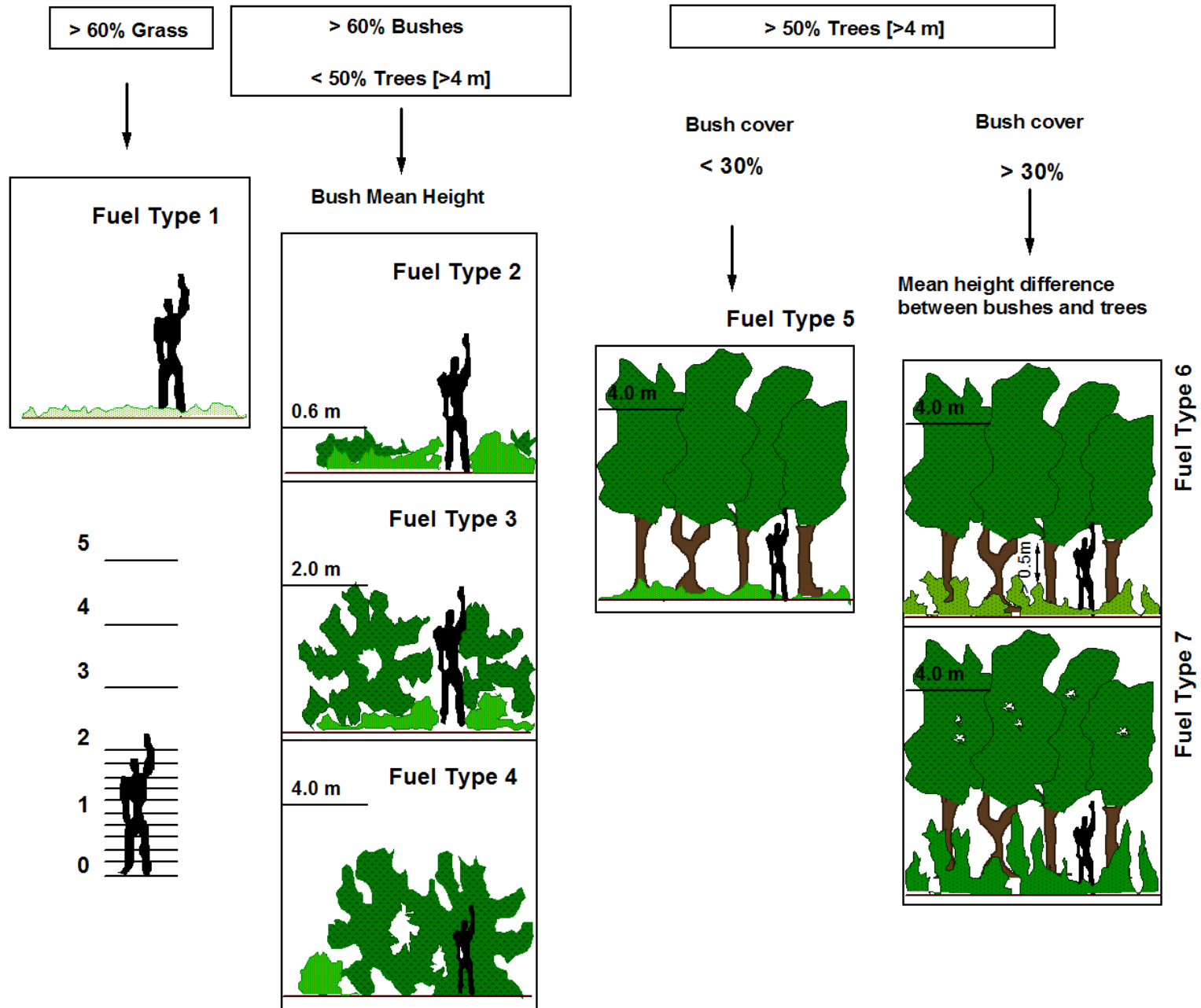
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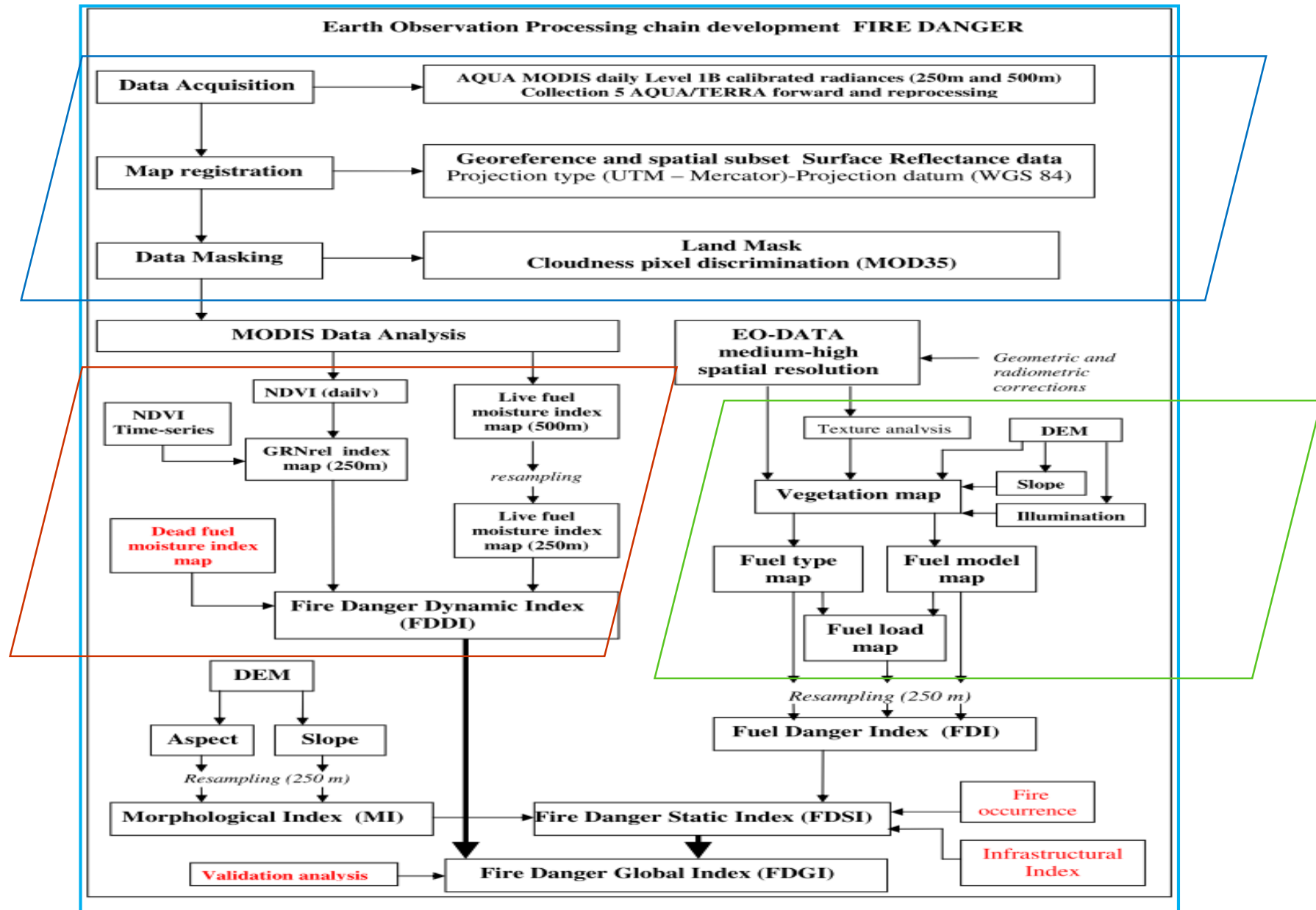
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Fuel type classification developed for Mediterranean ecosystems in the framework of Prometheus project (Prometheus Project 1999)

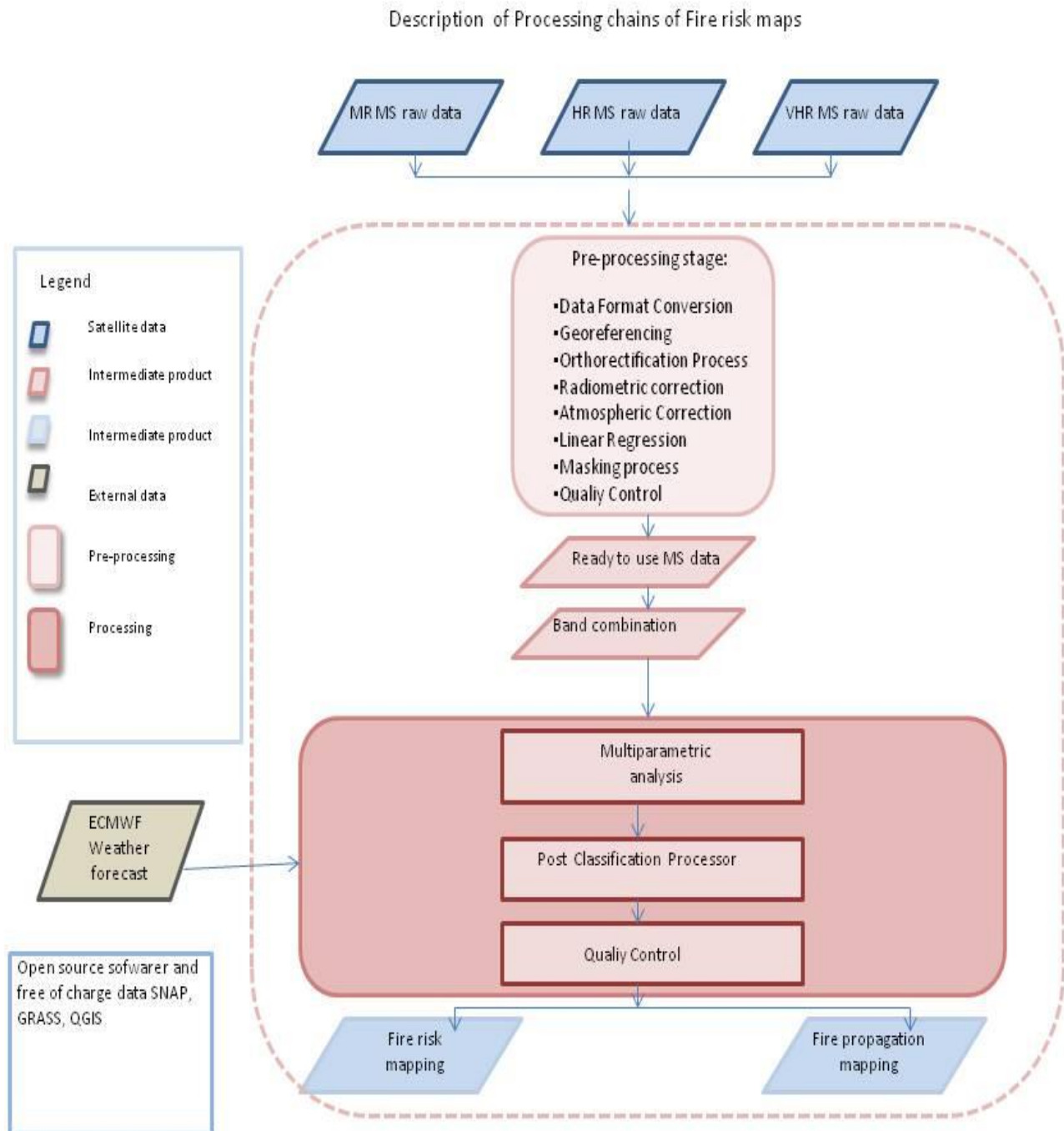
Fuel Type class	Fuel Type description in terms of percentage of cover	Fuel Type description in terms of vegetation typology
1	Ground fuels (cover >50%)	grass
2	Surface fuels (shrub cover >60%, tree cover <50%)	grassland, shrub land (smaller than 0.3–0.6 m and with a high percentage of grassland), and clear cuts, where slash was not removed
3	Medium-height shrubs (shrub cover >60%, tree cover <50%)	shrubs between 0.6 and 2.0 m
4	Tall shrubs (shrub cover >60%, tree cover <50%)	high shrubs (between 2.0 and 4.0 m) and young trees resulting from natural regeneration or forestation
5	Tree stands (>4 m) with a clean ground surface (shrub cover <30%)	the ground fuel was removed either by prescribed burning or by mechanical means. This situation may also occur in closed canopies in which the lack of sunlight inhibits the growth of surface vegetation
6	Tree stands (>4 m) with medium surface fuels (shrub cover >30%)	the base of the canopies is well above the surface fuel layer (>0.5 m). The fuel consists essentially of small shrubs, grass, litter, and duff (the layer of decomposing organic materials lying immediately above the mineral soil but below the litter layer of freshly fallen twigs, needles, and leaves; the fermentation layer).
7	Tree stands (>4 m) with heavy surface fuels (shrub cover >30%)	stands with a very dense surface fuel layer and with a very small vertical gap to the canopy base (<0.5 m)

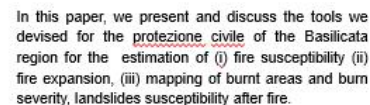
Sviluppo di un modello EO-based per la stima del pericolo d'incendio





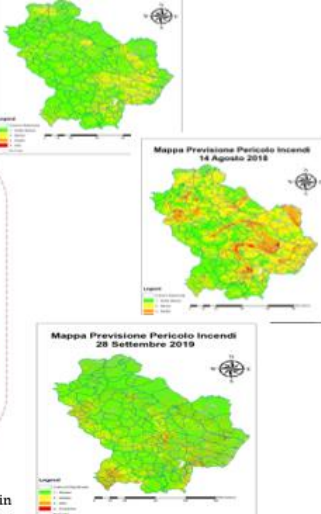
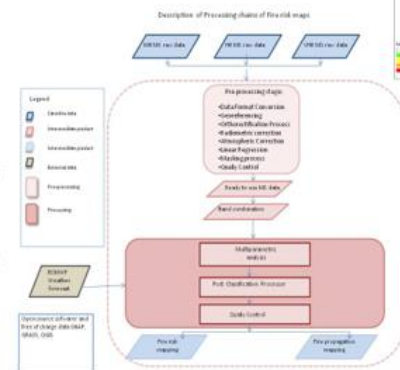
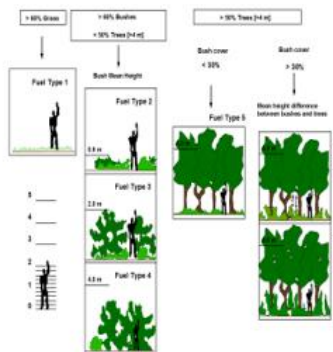
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In this paper, we present and discuss the tools we devised for the protezione civile of the Basilicata region for the estimation of (i) fire susceptibility (ii) fire expansion, (iii) mapping of burnt areas and burn severity, landslides susceptibility after fire.

The central assumption underlying the testing of new approaches adopted is (i) the definition of an integrated methodology for the characterization of fire hazard capable of combining different techniques and (ii) the activation of profitable synergies between the various actors involved in the management and active firefighting processes. The integration of diverse fire hazard factors (among them the assessment of the presence, typology and status of fuels and their fire susceptibility) does provide very significant indications encompassing all the planning phase of forest fire monitoring: forecasting, prevention, active fight, damage assessment and post-fire damage and recovery.



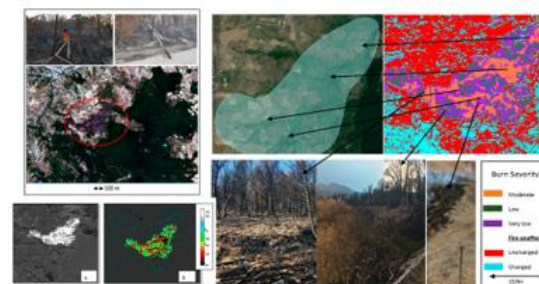
The fire risk methodology is based on the integration of satellite data with meteorological data and forecasts. The main novelty compared with the methodology already developed (and operationally used by the [Protezione civile](#) of the Basilicata Region) is the updated of the risk estimation based on the MODIS proxy indicators with the meteorological forecasting provided by the COSMO 5 and COSMO 2 model (respectively at 5 km and 2 km as obtained from ECMWF forecasting).

The automatic processing of meteorological data and forecasting has twofold applications (i) the assessment of fire risk and (ii) the estimation of the expansion of fire perimeter using FIRESITE software.



maia ARGON Automatic mapping of Burnt areas and Fire severity Piancardillo fires

Burned areas, treated as geographic data, are characterized by inherent complexity. There are many indexes that could be derived from satellite data to find their delimitation and the areas with different fire severity inside of them. However, this multidimensionality and heterogeneity is difficult to manage in classic Geographic Information Systems, so, in the last years many works and methods were proposed in other application fields for visualization, dimensionality reduction and classification of this type of data. In the following figures burnt severity estimation is made using Sentinel 1 and Sentinel 2 data by CNR-IMAA.



Satellite ASTER Mapping of burned areas

Grottole – C.da Cacciatori – 18 agosto 2010 – 13.12 ha (di cui 9.51 ha wooded)



14 agosto 2010



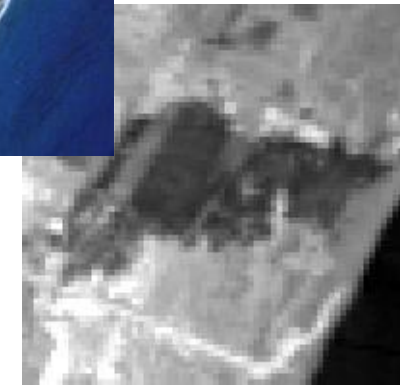
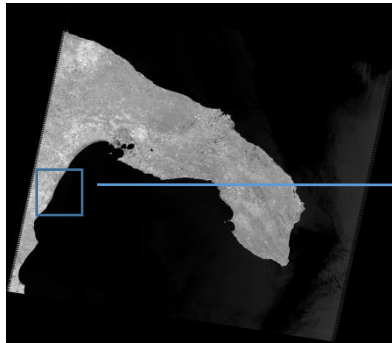
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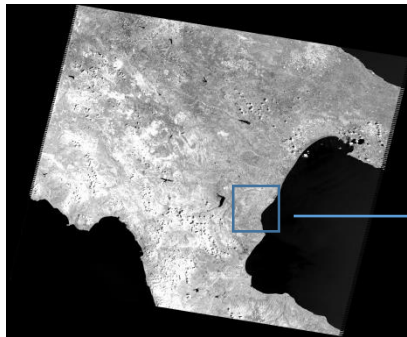
Fire management

Uso di dati satellitari LANDSAT-TM

Incendio Policoro
20 luglio 2011
(82 Ha)



LANDSAT-TM 24 giugno 2011
(NIR)

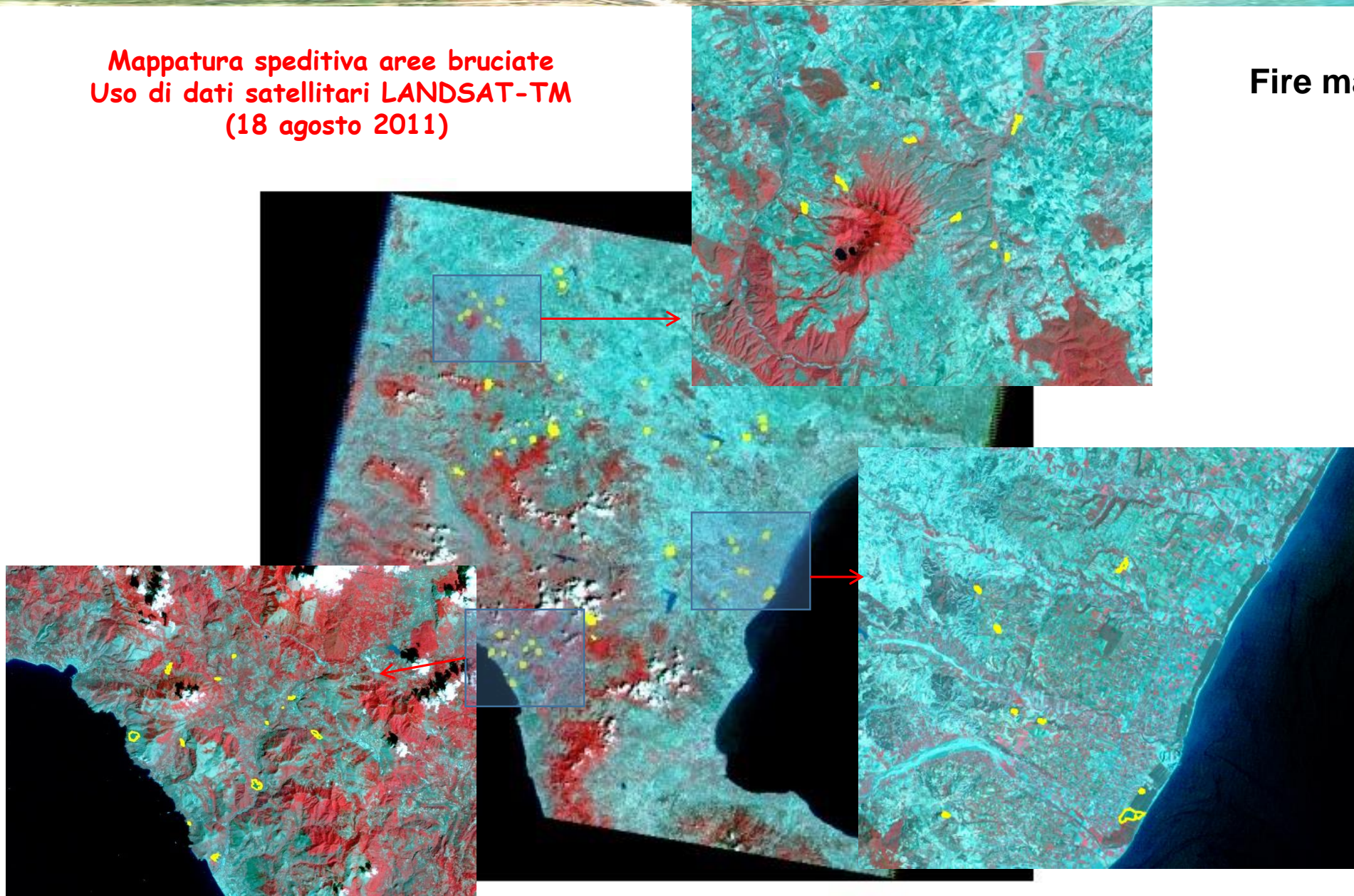


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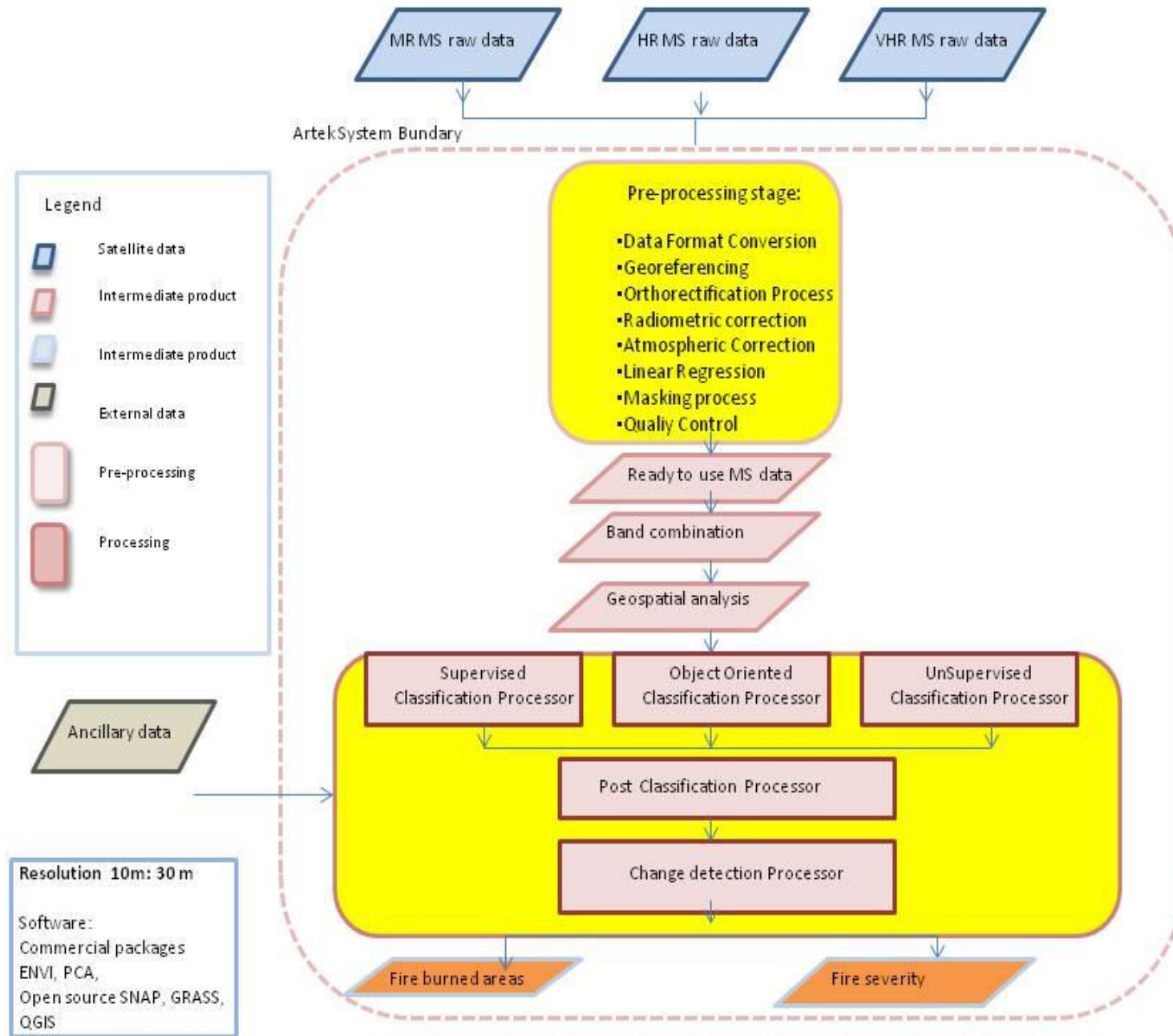


Mappatura speditiva aree bruciate
Uso di dati satellitari LANDSAT-TM
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Fire management



Description of Processing chains of Multitemporal Burned Thematic maps

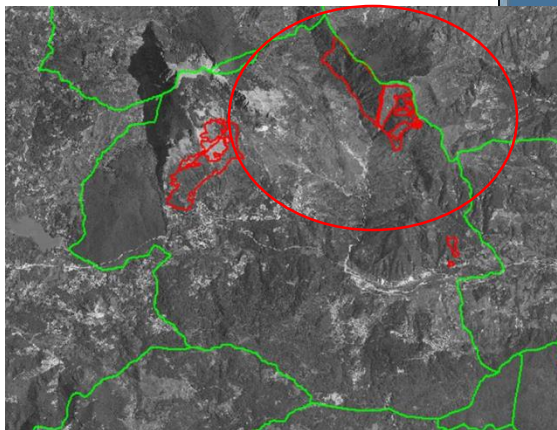
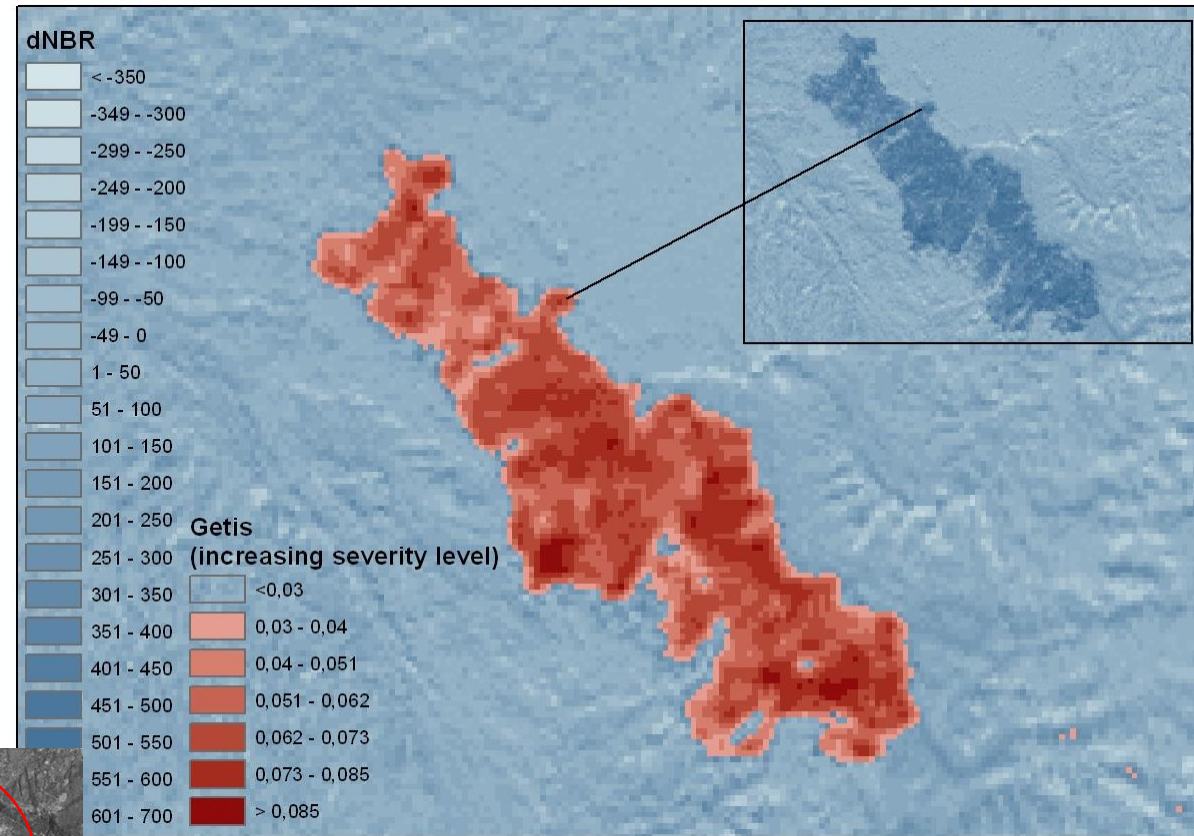
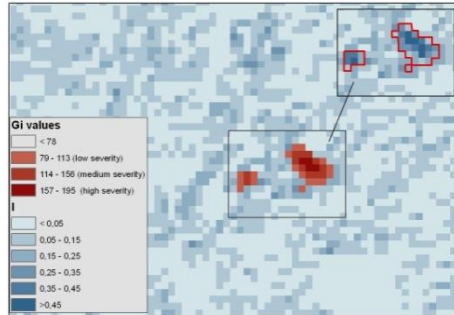


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Multiscale mapping of burn area and severity using multisensor satellite data and spatial autocorrelation analysis
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Fire Severity map based on ASTER NBR Index



- Burned areas
- Dead Fuel load
- Geomorphological risk

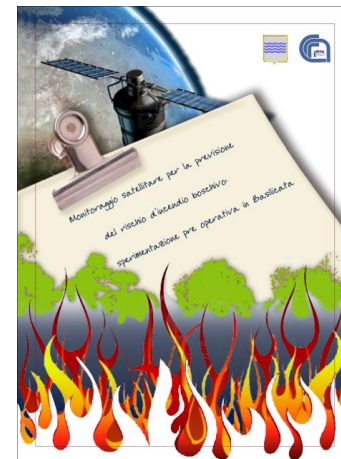
FIRE SEVERITY – MARINA DI MARATEA 07-08-2016

Utilizzo di immagini Sentinel 2 ad alta risoluzione per lo studio della severità delle aree percorse dal fuoco.

RGB pre-fire Sentinel 2

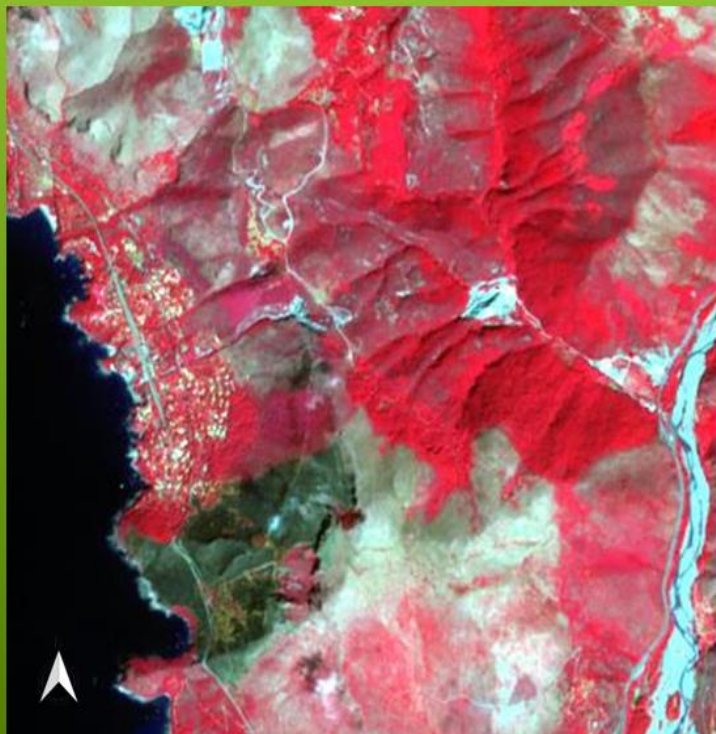


RGB post-fire Sentinel 2

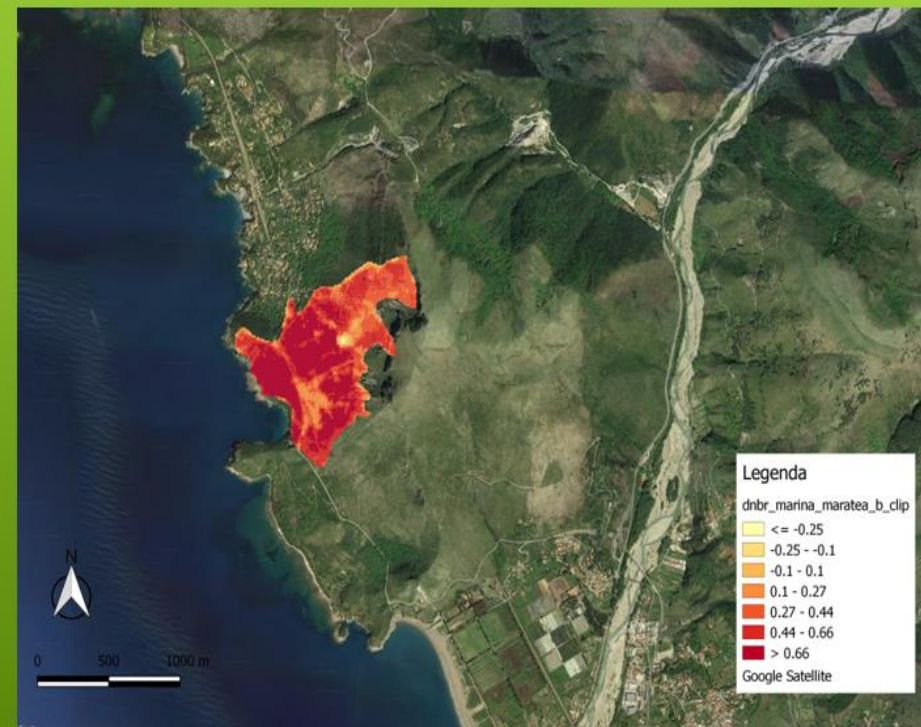


FIRE SEVERITY – MARINA DI MARATEA 07-08-2016

False Color Sentinel 2



Indice ΔNBR per la stima della severità



Work in progress

Sentinel 1 for burned area and fire severity

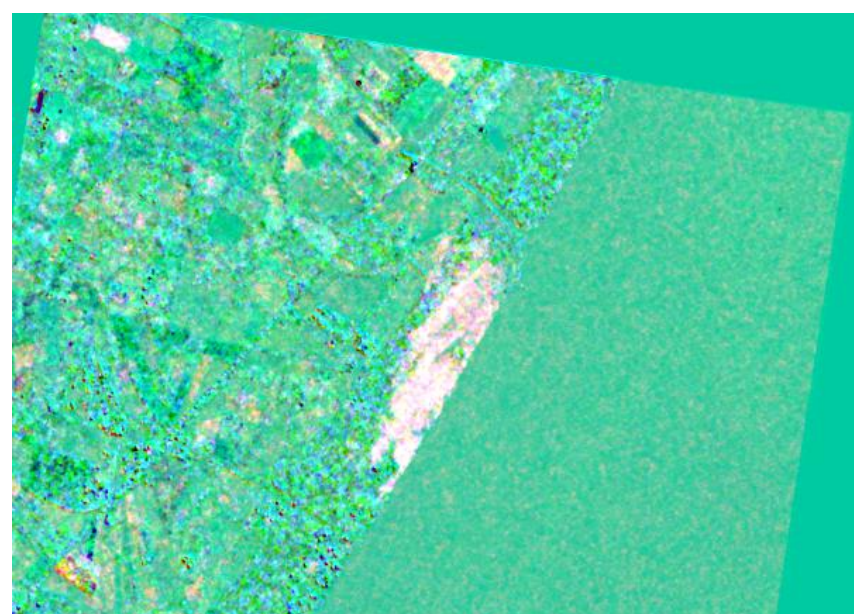
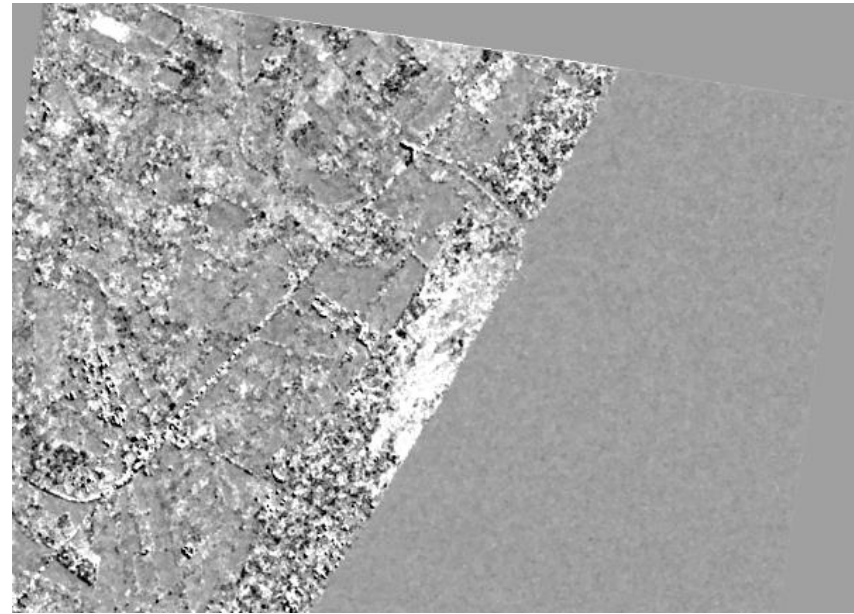
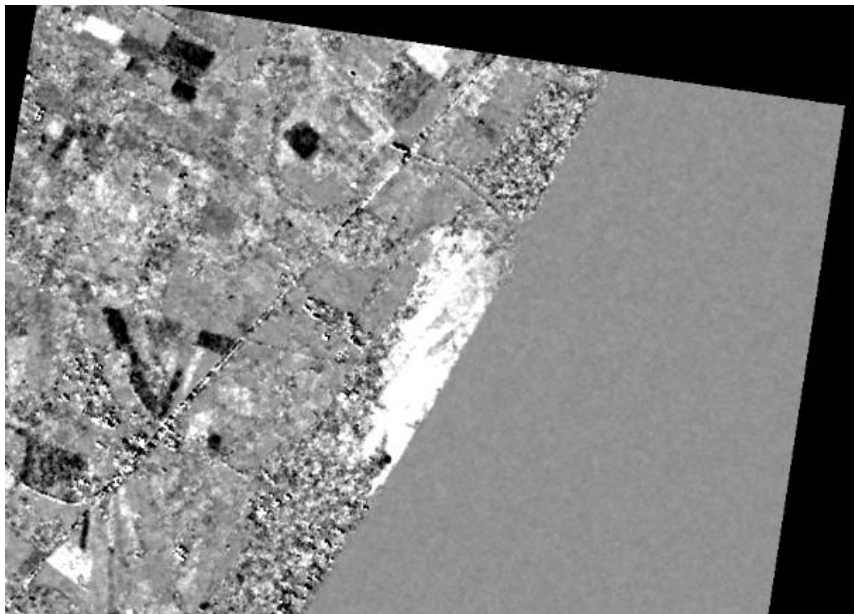
- $RBR_{xy} = \text{Postfire average bascatter}_{xy} / \text{Prefire average Backscatter}_{xy}$
(1)
- $RBD_{xy} = \text{Postfire average bascatter}_{xy} - \text{Prefire average Backscatter}_{xy}$
(2)
- RBR and RBD were calculated for each polarization (HH and HV) and using both (i) one pre and one post-fire image (acquired under dry conditions) and (ii) backscatter time averaged of pre and post-fire scenes.

Pre Fire date multi_image	Post-fire date multi_image
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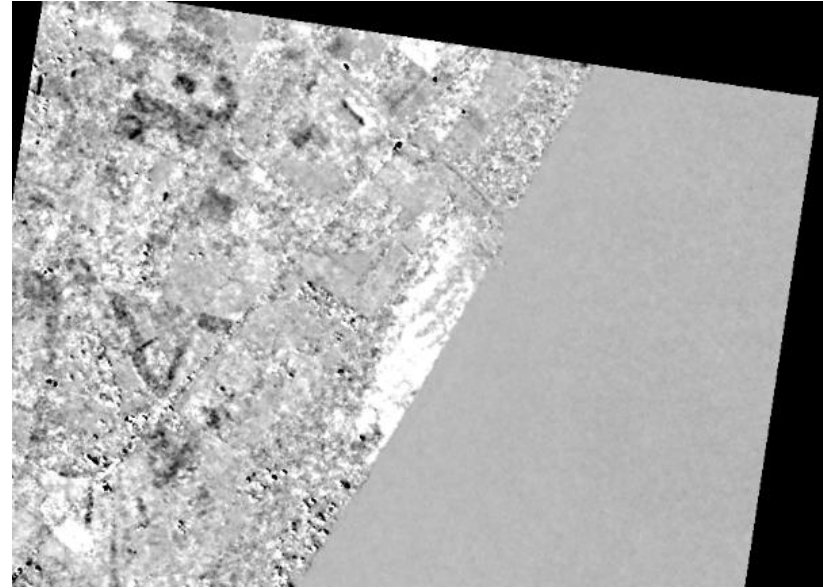
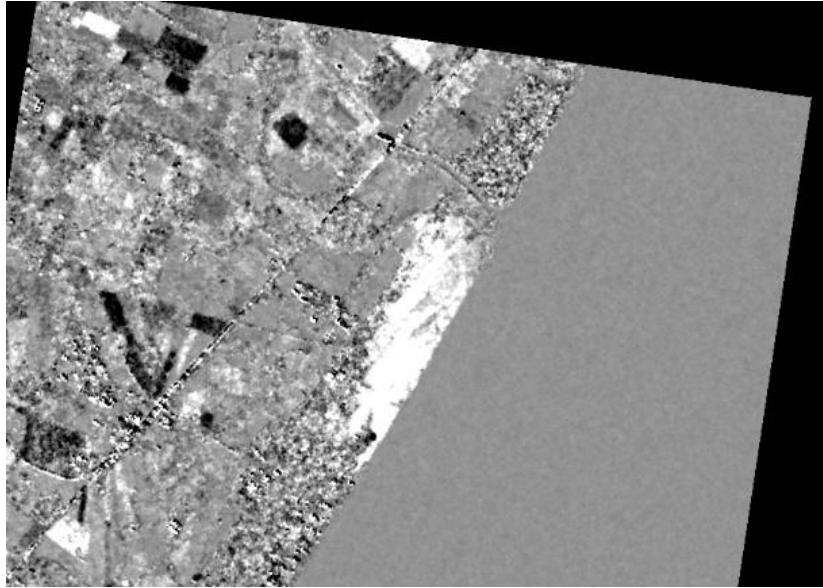
Table 1. The dates of satellite acquired before and after the fire in a Descending pass, by Sensor S1a and S1, in the VV,VH polarization with an incidence angle $30.6^{\circ} \sim 46.3^{\circ}$ and resolution at 20 x 22 m (in range x azimuth). The type of products used is GRDH

Metaponto Fire 13 July 2017

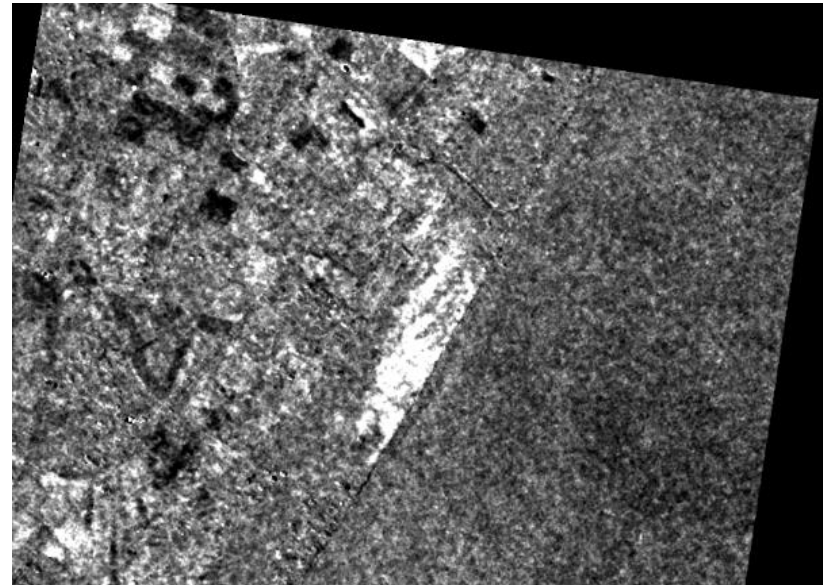
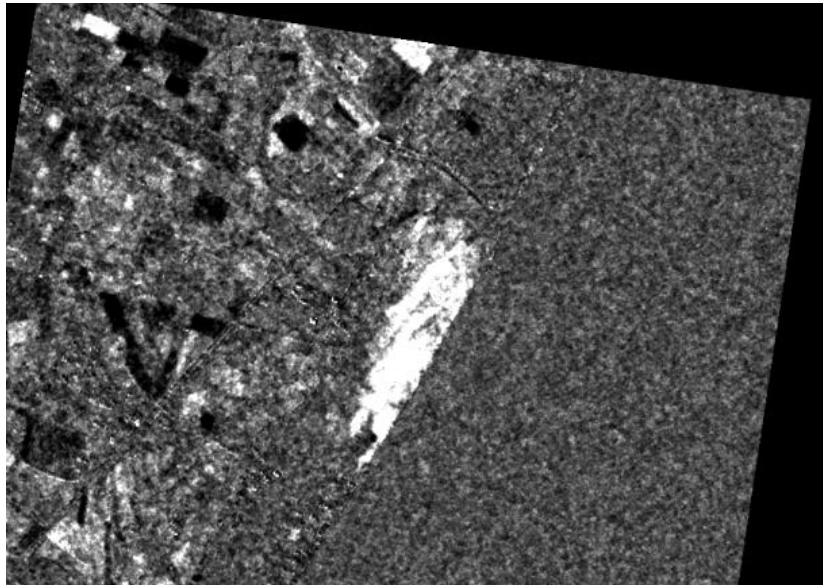




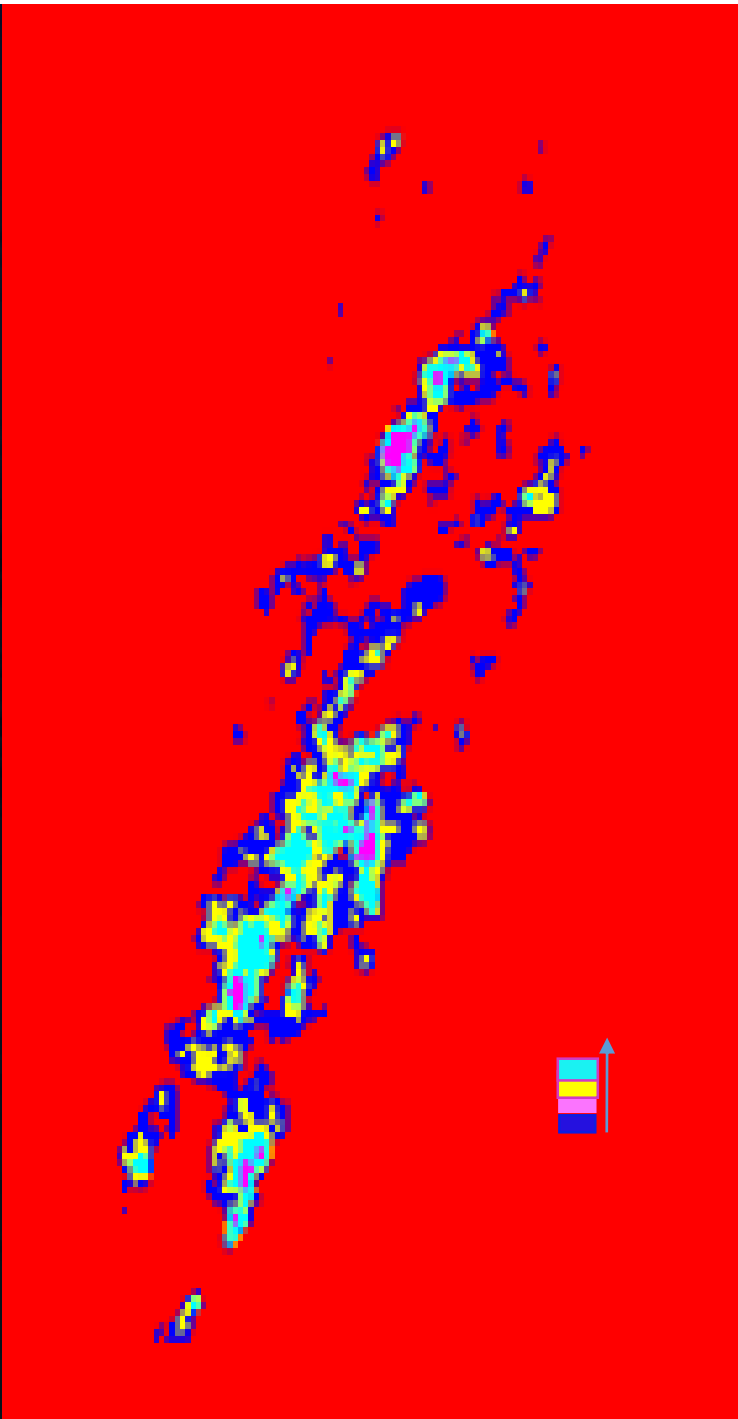
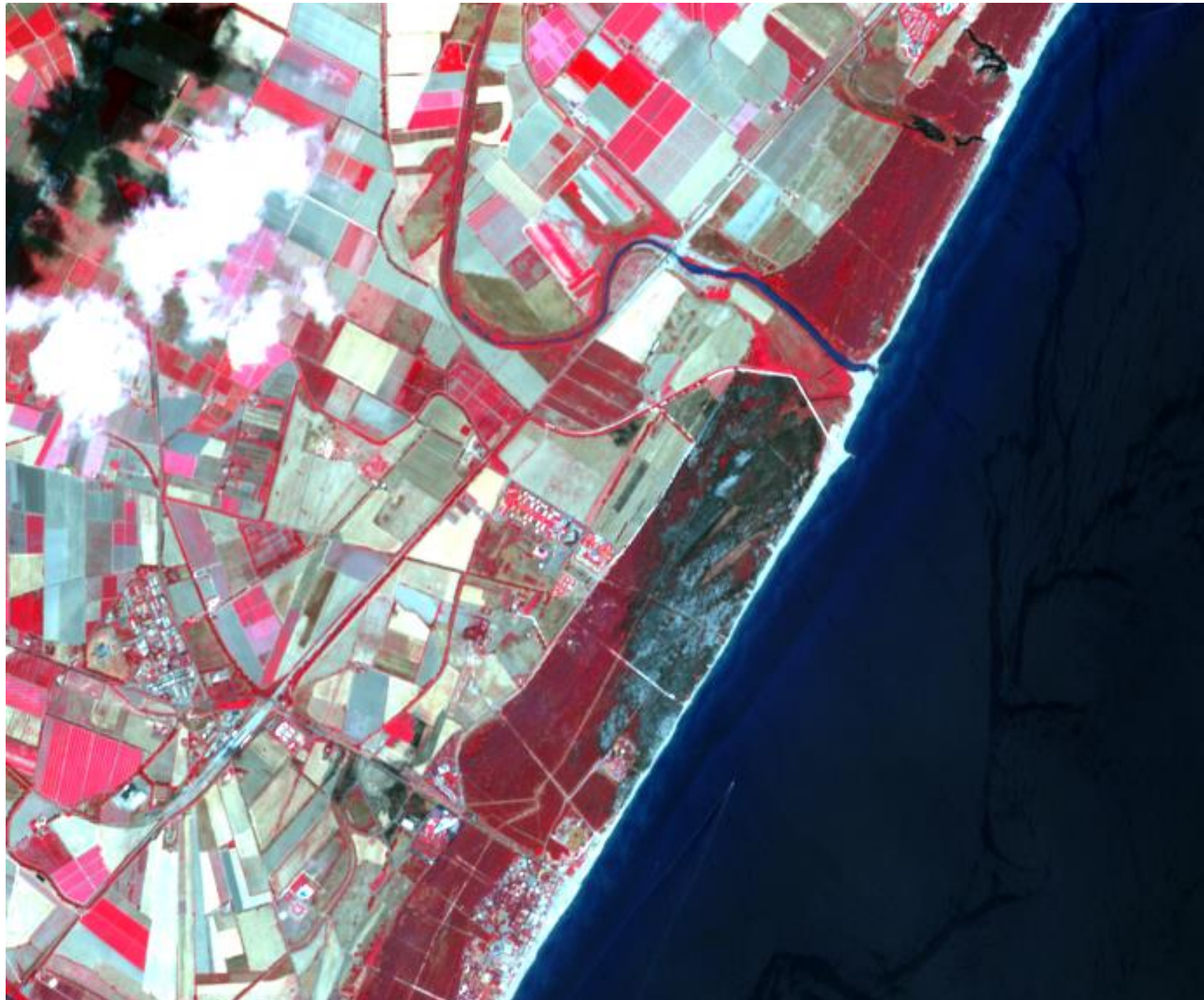
UP: RBD computed on the averaged scenes and on the single scenes, in left and right, respectively.
 Bottom RGB of Sentinel-2 acquired after the fire occurrence and RGB composite of RBR_{VH} and RBD_{VV} and RBR_{VH} respectively



Up: Averaged **RBD** of pre and postfire as obtained from **VH and VV polarization, in left and right, respectively.**



Bottom Averaged **RBR** of pre and postfire as obtained from **VH and VV polarization in left and right, respectively**



Burnt areas, fire severity and hydrogeological risk

In this paper, we present outputs from research activities we conducted in the framework of the FIRESAT project (funded by the Office of Civil Protection of the Department of Infrastructure of the Basilicata Region) in the context of burn severity mapping addressed to the estimation of post fire damage mainly for the (i) assessment of the impact of fire on soil and hydrological risk and (ii) to support the definition of mitigation strategy.

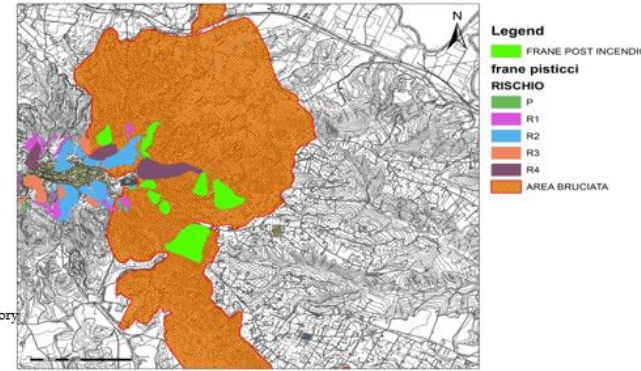
At local scale, managers need to be aware of the impacts that fire can have on soil systems, and how these impacts can lead to undesired changes in site productivity, sustainability, biological diversity, and watershed hydrologic response. For this reason, the availability of reliable and timely information on fire affected areas and burn severity (and expected changes) is crucial to mitigate post fire damage and optimize strategies related to post fire damage management. The methodological approach developed for the Basilicata Region is based on (i) the estimation of fire severity using MODIS, TM and Sentinel 2 data, (ii) in situ analysis and (iii) the statistical investigations on the co occurrence between fire and landslide events. As an example, the Pisticci fire (2012) and below the maps for 2011 and 2012



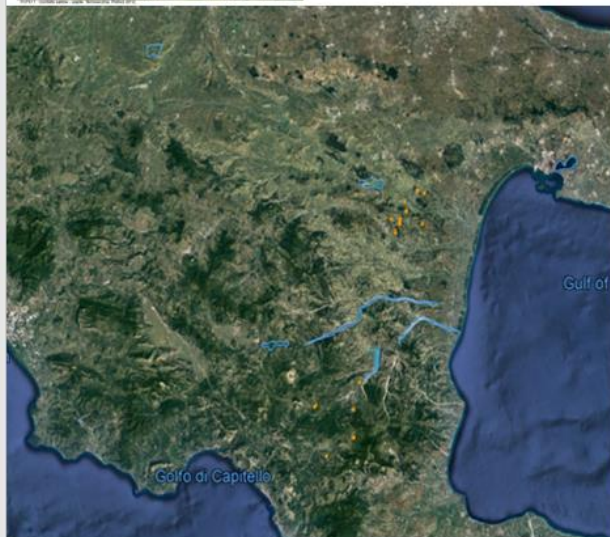
As an example of the methodology herein the case study of the Pisticci fire (2012) is presented



In situ investigation and acquisition of samples for the laboratory analysis in the case of Pisticci Fire 2012



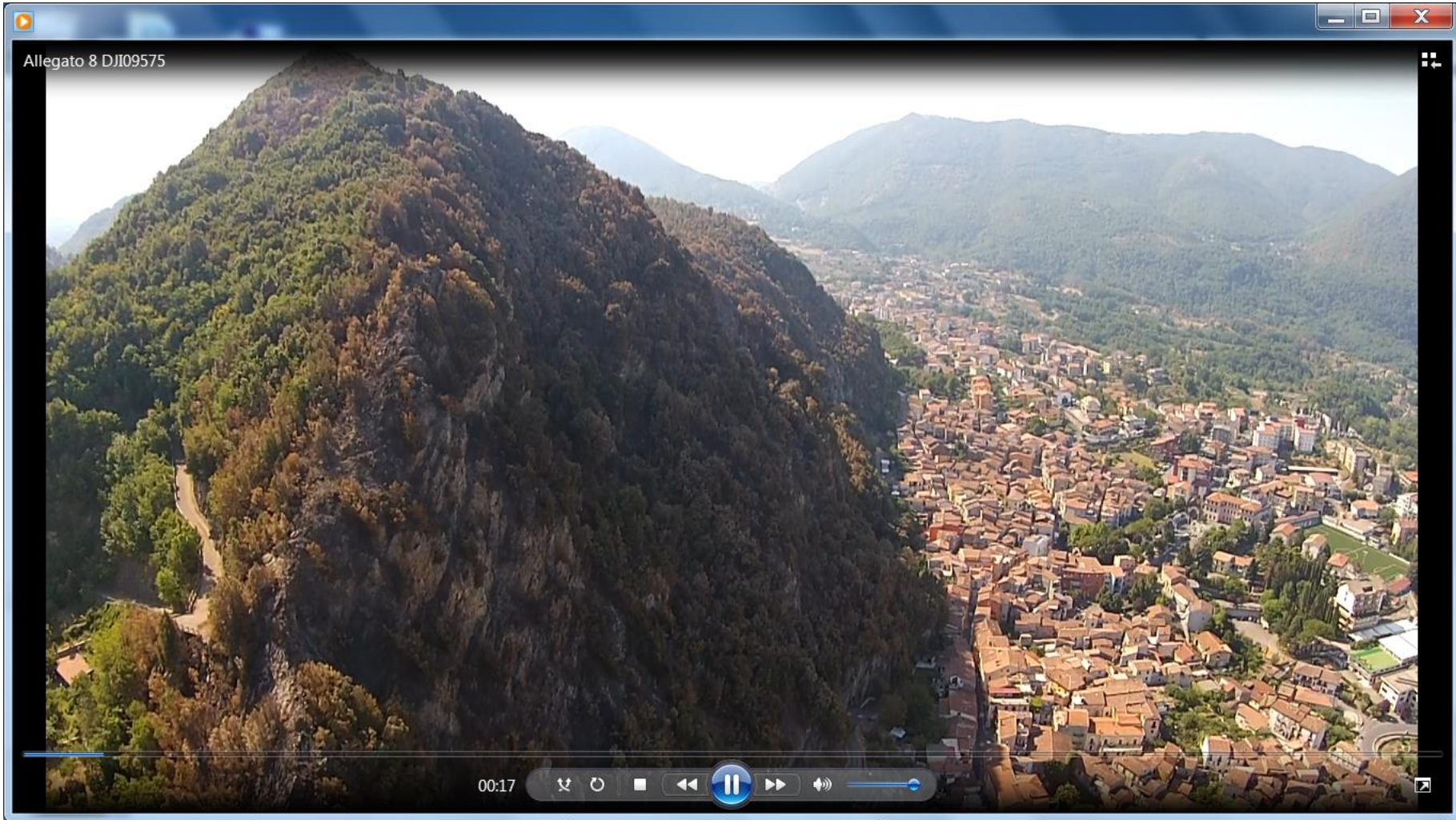
Orange burnt areas where we overlapped landslides occurred after the fire

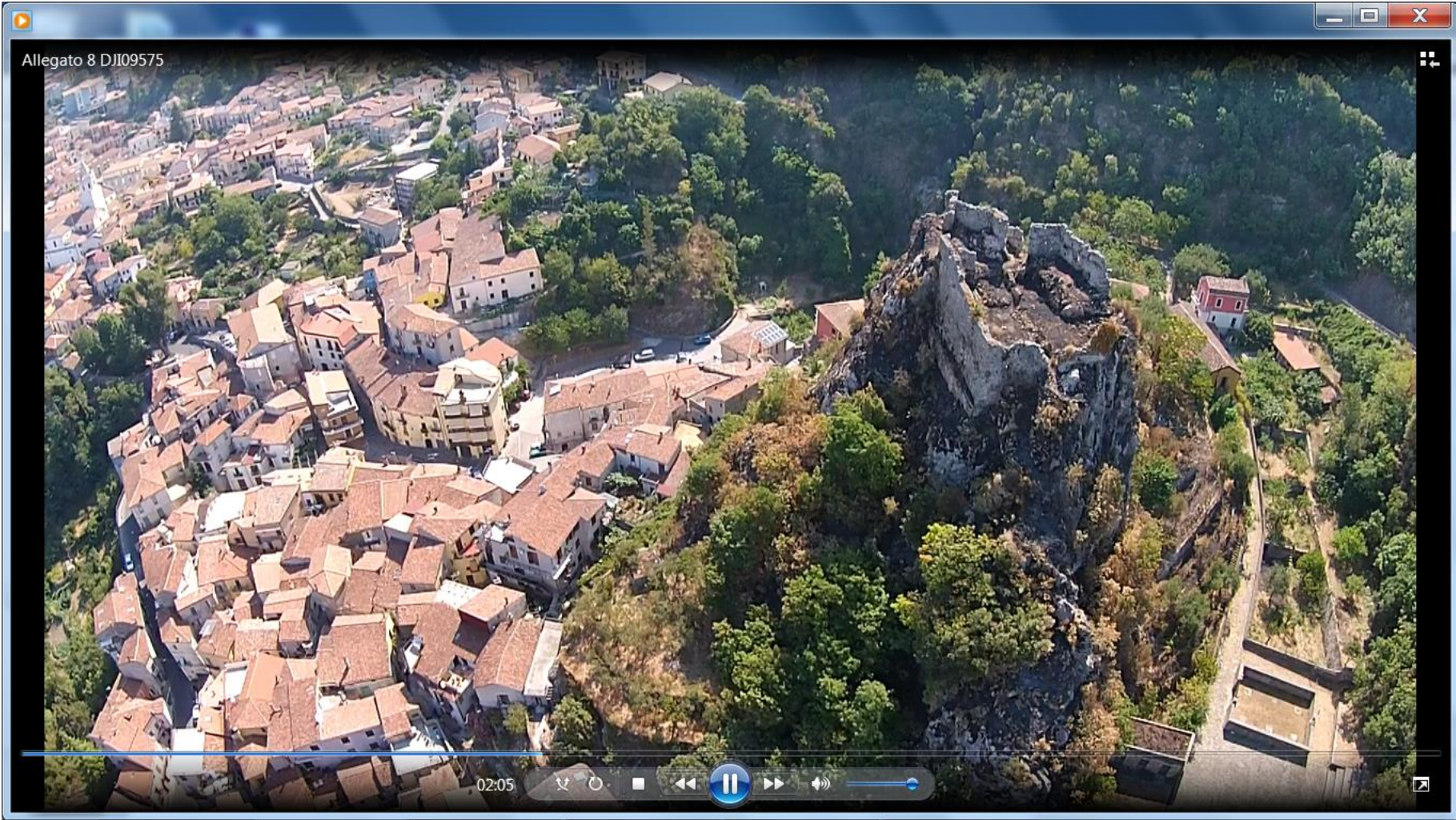


Co-occurrence of fires and landslides (orange dots in the figure) for 2011



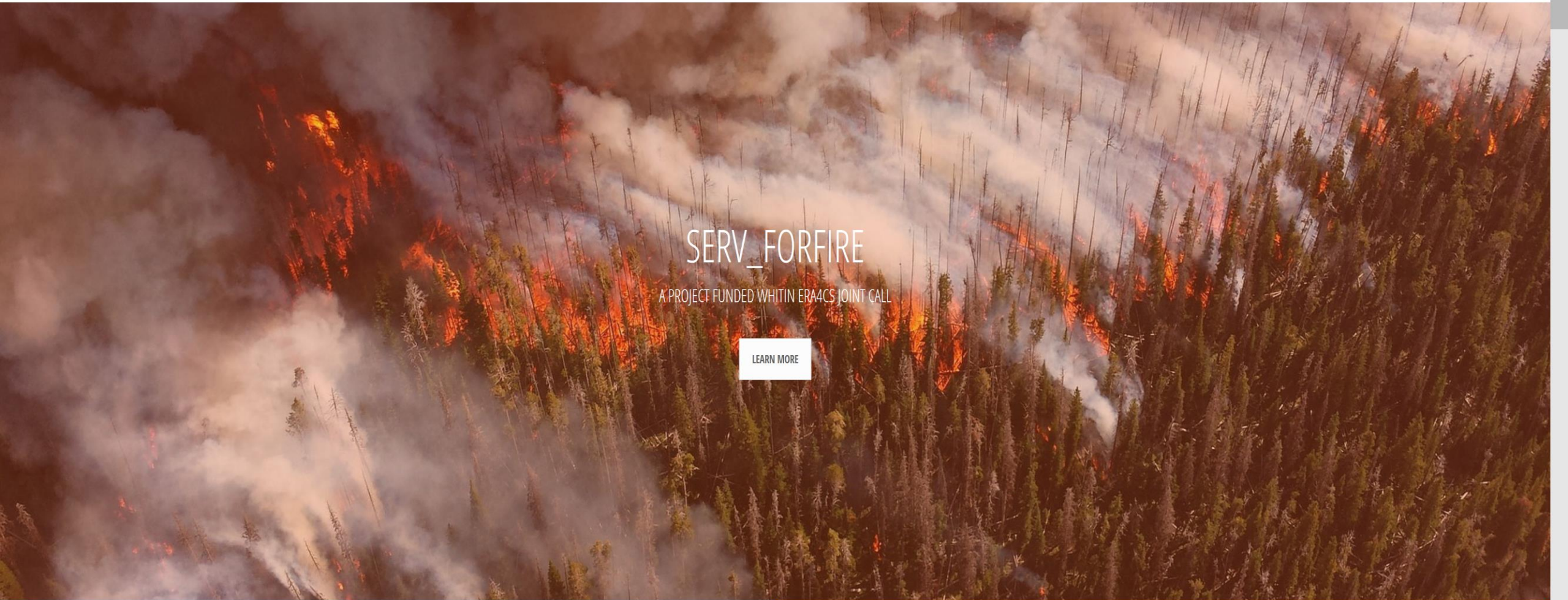
Co-occurrence of fires and landslides (red dots in the figure) as assessed for the 2012 events







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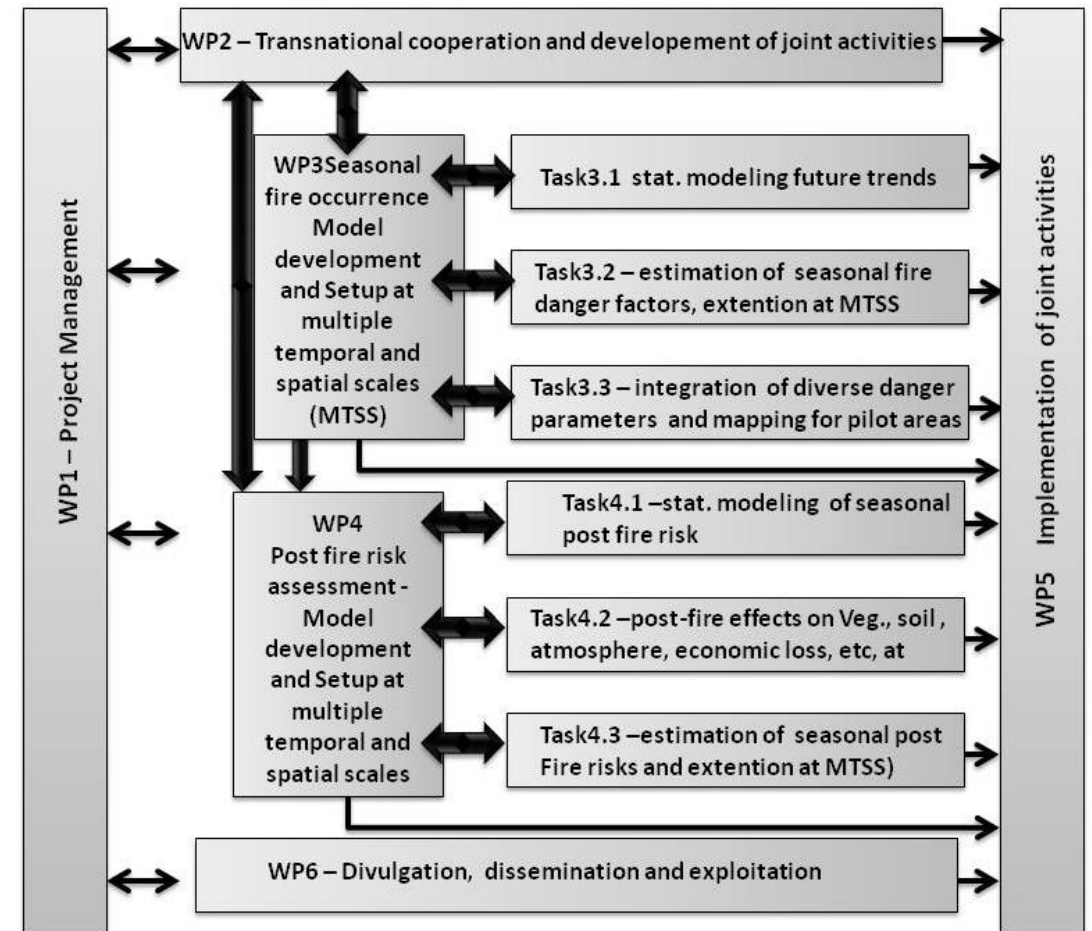
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THE PROJECT

"INTEGRATED SERVICES AND APPROACHES
FOR ASSESSING
EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND
EXTREME EVENTS FOR FIRE AND POST FIRE
RISK PREVENTION"

OBJECTIVES

The project was funded within ERA4CS Joint call with the purpose of creating an international collaborative community, expert in remote sensing soil and vegetation, risk management and mitigation for the fire and post fire risk management in Europe at climatic time scales.

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SERV_FORFIRE
FIRE MONITORING PROJECT



THE PROJECT

OBJECTIVES

The project aims at creating an international collaborative community, expert in remote sensing soil and vegetation, risk management and mitigation, to provide climate information along with decision makers and planning authorities in order to:

- Increase **efficiency of decision and policy makers authorities response**, to improve the preparedness level of our societies and to limit the high economic cost of climate variability impact on fire and post fire risks, **develop methods and procedures** within the framework of fire and post fire risk management in Europe at climatic time scales.
- Strengthen the science-policy-society nexus using a participatory approach, by improving operational or experimentally tested climate services in Europe, tailoring relevant information for decision and policy makers through a participatory and circular approach, capacity building user-based tools, specific training programs, dissemination activities.
- Increase the information regarding the **drought conditions on wildfire** and post fire risks management at climatic time scales for national and local authorities decision-making procedures and **planning activities**.
- Investigate **adaptation strategies and approaches** to deal with future fire occurrence.
- Collect scenarios on the effects of climate **change** on vegetation and **fire occurrence**.

PILOT AREAS

SERV_FORFIRE Joint Activities will take place in Pilot Areas which have been selected by the partners as more appropriate for this action.

A template has been created and filled in by the partners for the Pilot Areas which includes information about the responsible partner, the proposed activities, the availability and characteristics of the data sets and descriptive information, necessary for the organization of common activities.

The first version of the completed Pilot Areas Templates are presented below:

- Finland
EASTERN FINLAND
- Greece
EASTERN ATTICA
- Italy
BASILICATA REGION
- Italy
TUSCANY REGION
- Czech Republic
CZECH REPUBLIC

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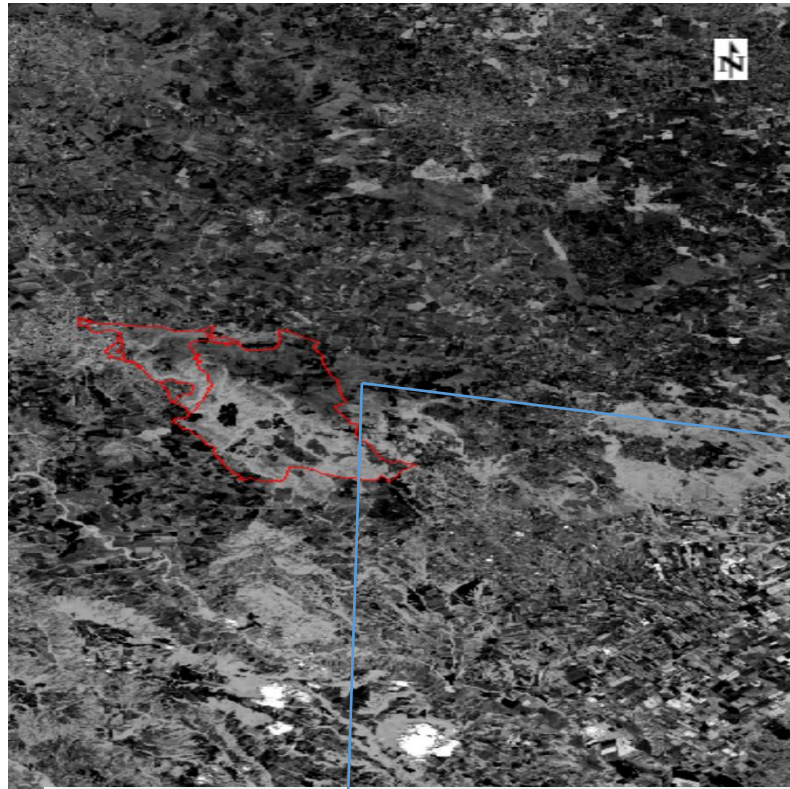
DISSEMINATION

A continuous cooperation has been established by FMI team with the Finnish Rescue Services aiming at further development of fire danger forecasting services, including discussion about the services developed within SERV_FORFIRE.

SERV_FORFIRE was presented by the KNMI team at a national ERA4CS workshop in The Hague, on 4 April 2018. The audience consisted of staff from several Netherlands ministries that are involved in climate policies. Contacts were established with the Ministry of Justice and Security and with the Institute for Safety.

SERV_FORFIRE project was presented at the European Researchers' Night within BRAINCITIES project, held in Potenza, 28 September 2018.

WORK IN PROGRESS: Pm 10 FROM SATELLITE LANDSAT TM DATA AND ESTIMATION OF EMISSION



Sunday 11 March 2018 00UTC CAMS Forecast t+000 VT: Sunday 11 March 2018 00UTC
Model: ENSEMBLE Height level: 500m Parameter: PM10 Aerosol [$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$]

