

PART II: Practical

1. Test bfastSpatial function with different parameters on a prepared dataset
2. Post-processing and exploring results
3. Discuss results and the process of applying the algorithm
4. Discuss the future of BFAST: a faster algorithm for larger AOIs (SciDB)

Go to :

https://github.com/rosca002/FAO_Bfast_workshop

Input data:

- NDMI time stack (2000-2016)
- NDVI time stack (2000-2016)

Additional data:

- Forest mask 2010
- Validation Forest 2016

Parameters to test:

- **Vegetation index**
- **History period**
- **Monitoring approach**
- **Regression model**

How to get from Landsat scenes to a time stack:

Online tutorial

<http://www.loicdutrieux.net/bfastSpatial/>

Preparing the environment:

https://rosca002.github.io/FAO_Bfast_workshop/tutorial/tutorial_0.html

Testing scenarios

		Example 1	Example 2	Example 3	Example 4	Example 5	Example 6	Example 7	Example 8	Example 9	Example 10
Vegetation index		NDMI	NDMI	NDMI	NDMI	NDMI	NDMI	NDMI	NDVI	NDVI	NDMI
History period	from-to	2000-2010	2000-2010	2005-2010	2005-2010	2000-2010	2008-2010	2005-2010	2005-2010	2000-2010	2008-2010
	option	"all"	"ROC"	c(2005,1)	"all"	"all"	"all"	"all"	"all"	"all"	"all"
	stack subset	no	no	no	yes (2005)	no	yes (2008)	yes (2005)	yes(2005)	no	yes(2008)
Monitoring period	from-to	2010-2016	2010-2016	2010-2016	2010-2016	2010-2016	2010-2016	2010-2016	2010-2016	2010-2016	2010-2016
	approach	Full mon	Full mon	Full mon	Full mon	Seq mon	Seq mon	Seq mon	Seq mon	Full mon	Full mon
Regression model		Harm ord. 1	Harm ord. 1	Harm ord. 1	Harm ord. 1	Harm ord. 1	Harm ord. 1	Harm ord. 1	Harm ord. 1	Harm ord. 1	Harm ord. 1
Trend		no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no

To open the tutorial for each example: https://github.com/rosca002/FAO_Bfast_workshop

Example 1

- time to process on 36 CPU cores: 1.9 min
- Overall accuracy: 90%

Vegetation index: NDMI

History period: 2000-2010

option: "all"

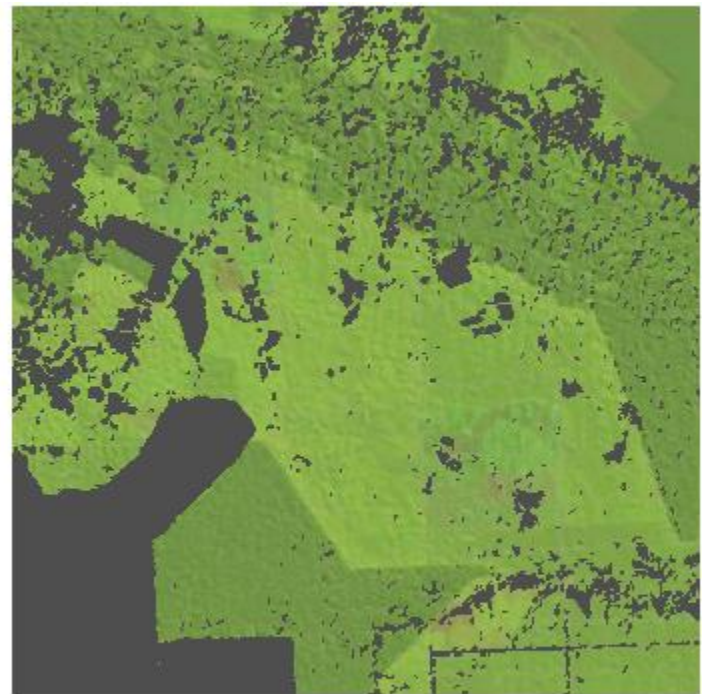
stack subset: no

Monitoring approach: 2010-2016

option: Full monitoring period approach

Regression model: harmonic order 1

Trend: no



Example 2

- time to process on 36 CPU cores: 2.3 min
- Overall accuracy: 88%

Vegetation index: NDMI

History period: 2000-2010

option: "ROC"

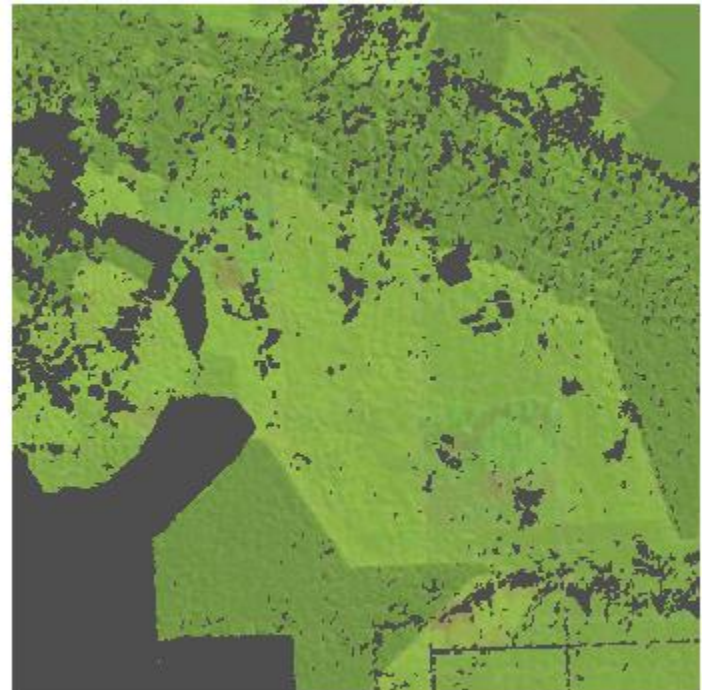
stack subset: no

Monitoring approach: 2010-2016

option: Full monitoring period approach

Regression model: harmonic order 1

Trend: no



Example 3

- time to process on 36 CPU cores: 2.1 min
- Overall accuracy: 90%

Vegetation index: NDMI

History period: 2005-2010

option: "c(2005,1)"

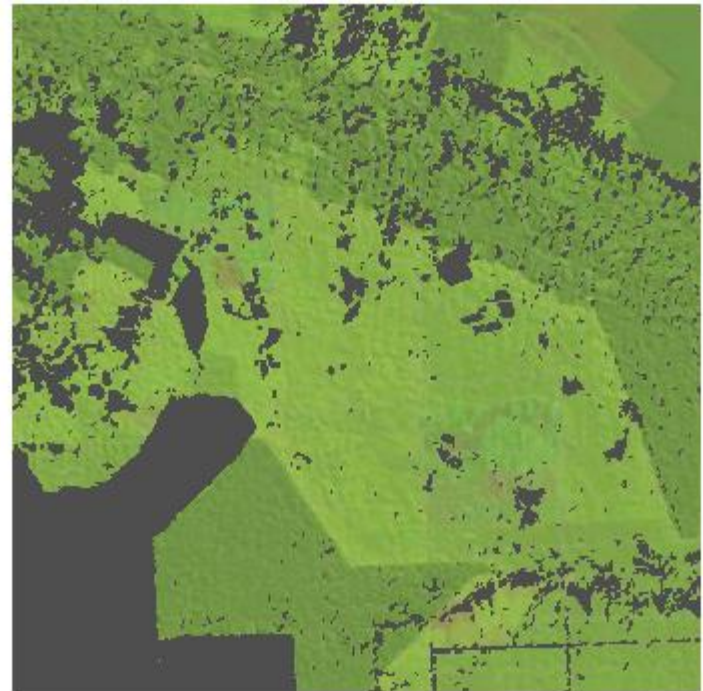
stack subset: no

Monitoring approach: 2010-2016

option: Full monitoring period approach

Regression model: harmonic order 1

Trend: no



Example 4

- time to process on 36 CPU cores: 1.6 min
- Overall accuracy: 89%

Vegetation index: NDMI

History period: 2005-2010

option: "all"

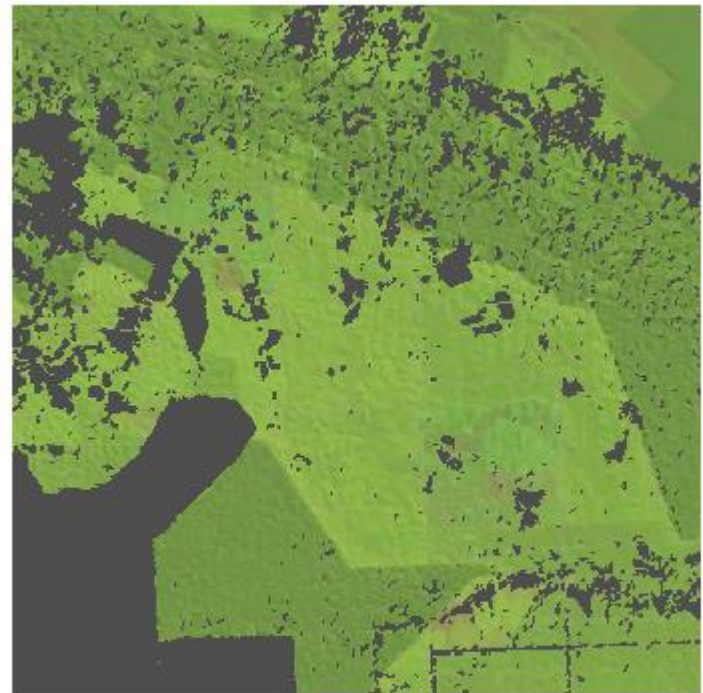
stack subset: yes (from 2005)

Monitoring approach: 2010-2016

option: Full monitoring period approach

Regression model: harmonic order 1

Trend: no



Example 5

- time to process on 16 CPU cores: 27.7 min
- Overall accuracy: 92%

Vegetation index: NDMI

History period: 2000-2010

option: "all"

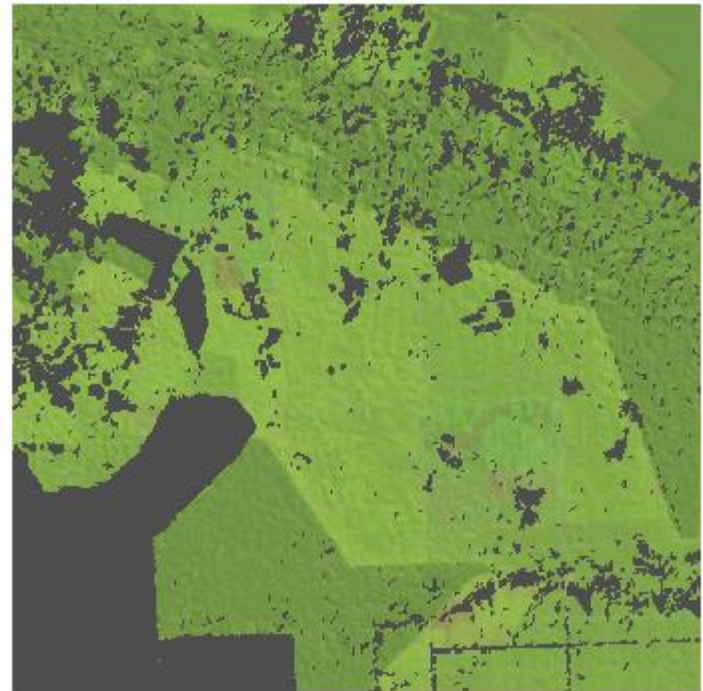
stack subset: no

Monitoring approach: 2010-2016

option: Sequential monitoring period approach

Regression model: harmonic order 1

Trend: no



Example 7

- time to process on 36 CPU cores: 11.0 min
- Overall accuracy: 93%

Vegetation index: NDMI

History period: 2005-2010

option: "all"

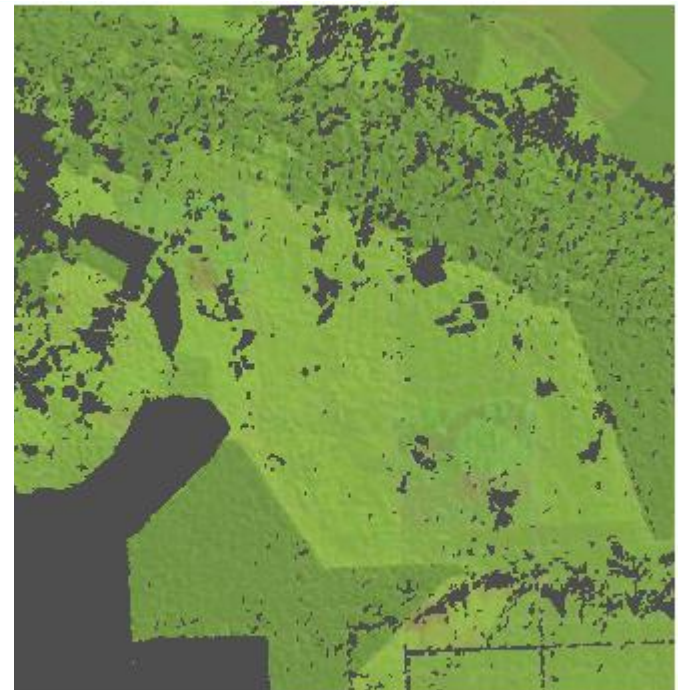
stack subset: yes (from 2005)

Monitoring approach: 2010-2016

option: Sequential monitoring period approach

Regression model: harmonic order 1

Trend: no



Example 6

- time to process on 36 CPU cores: 9.4 min
- Overall accuracy: 91%

History period: 2008-2010

option: "all"

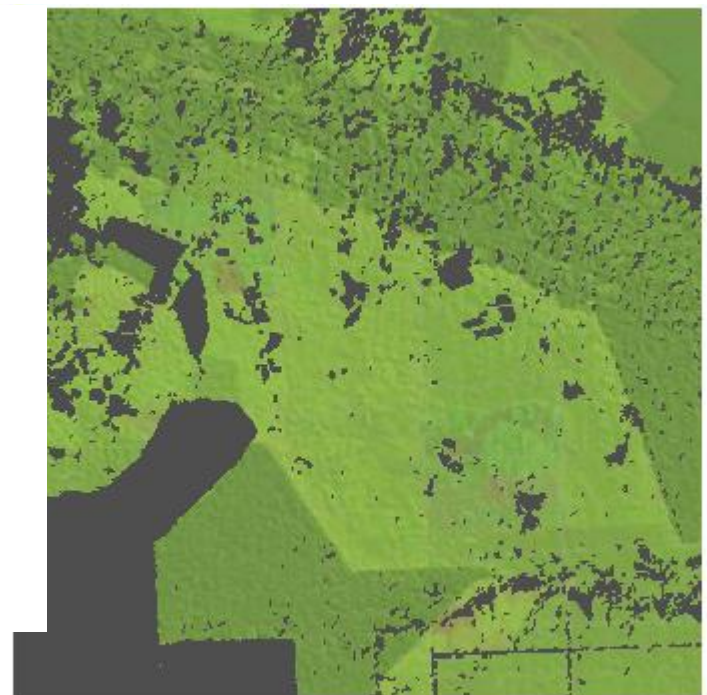
stack subset: yes (from 2008)

Monitoring approach: 2010-2016

option: Sequential monitoring period approach

Regression model: harmonic order 1

Trend: no



Example 10

- time to process on 36 CPU cores: 1.4 min
- Overall accuracy: 83%

Vegetation index: NDMI

History period: 2008-2010

option: "all"

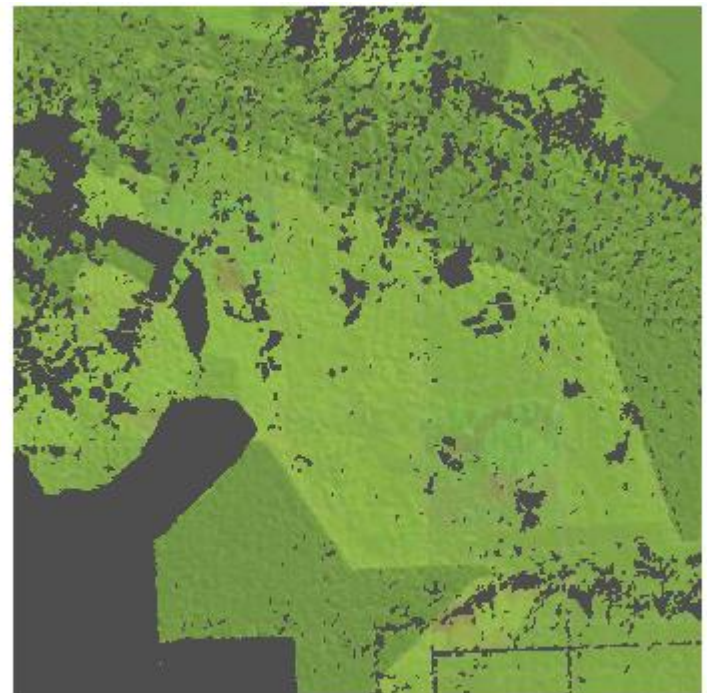
stack subset: yes (from 2008)

Monitoring approach: 2010-2016

option: Full monitoring period approach

Regression model: harmonic order 1

Trend: no



Example 8

- time to process on 36 CPU cores: 10,4 min
- Overall accuracy: 71%

Vegetation index: NDVI

History period: 2005-2010

option: "all"

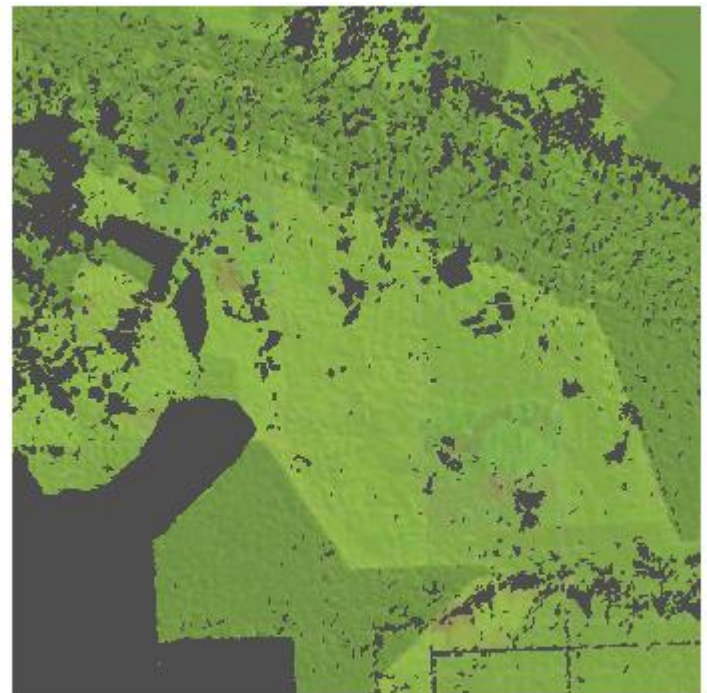
stack subset: yes (from 2005)

Monitoring approach: 2010-2016

option: Sequential monitoring period approach

Regression model: harmonic order 1

Trend: no



Example 9

- time to process on 8 CPU cores: 7.7 min
- Overall accuracy: 51%

Vegetation index: NDVI

History period: 2000-2010

option: "all"

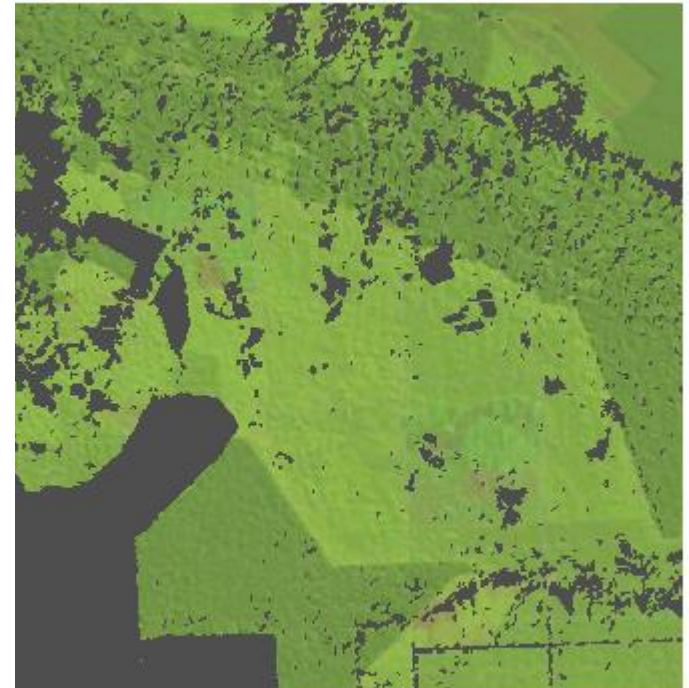
stack subset: no

Monitoring approach: 2010-2016

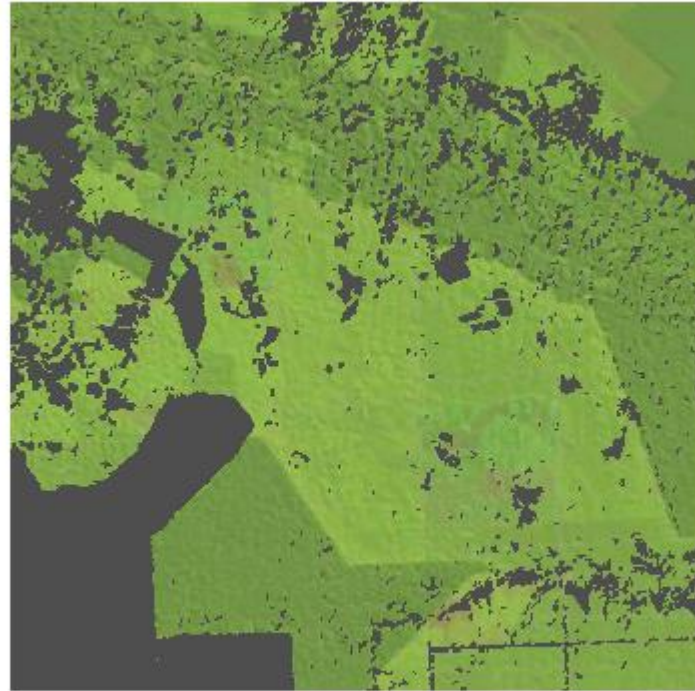
option: Full monitoring period approach

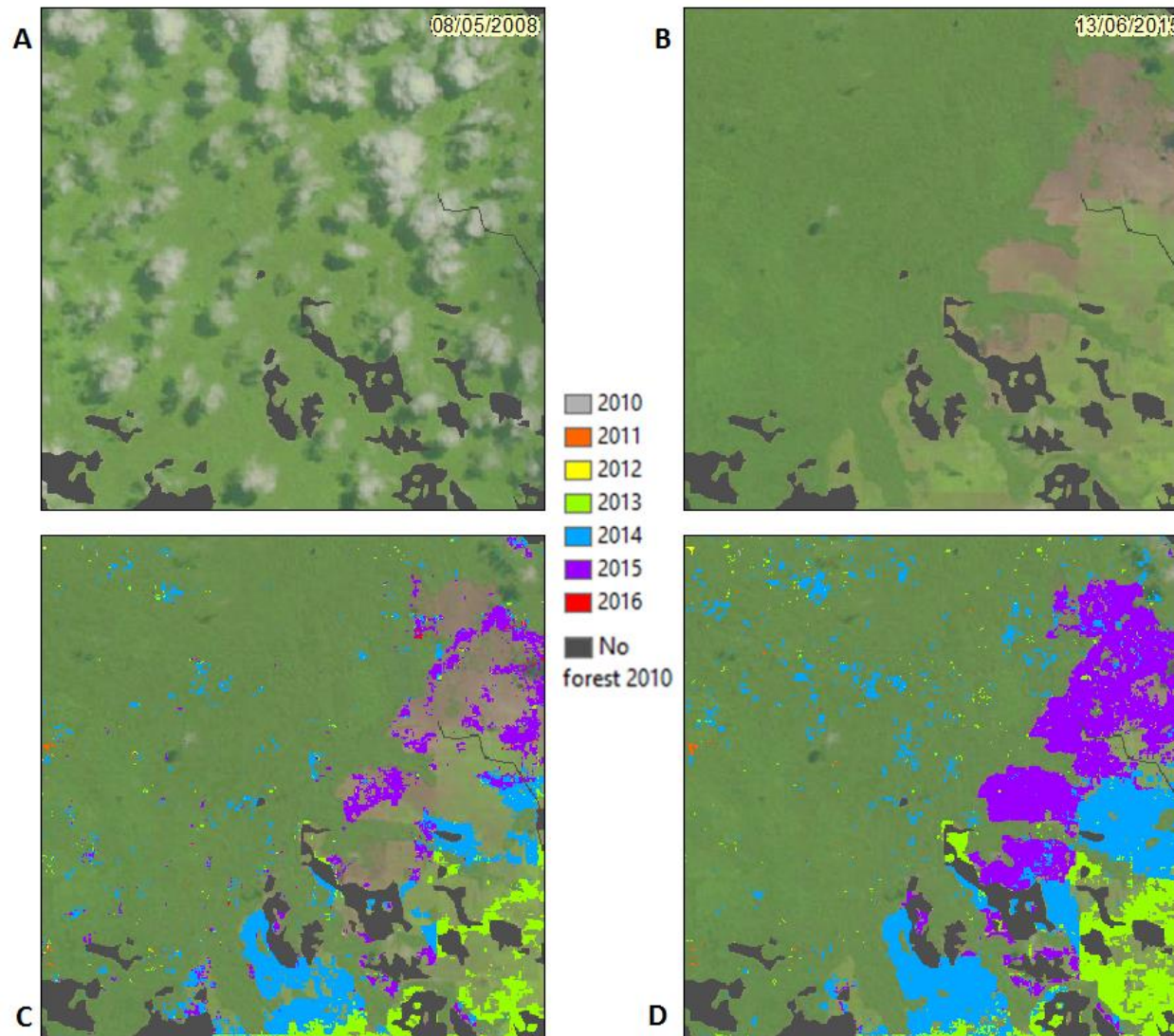
Regression model: harmonic order 1

Trend: no



Validation

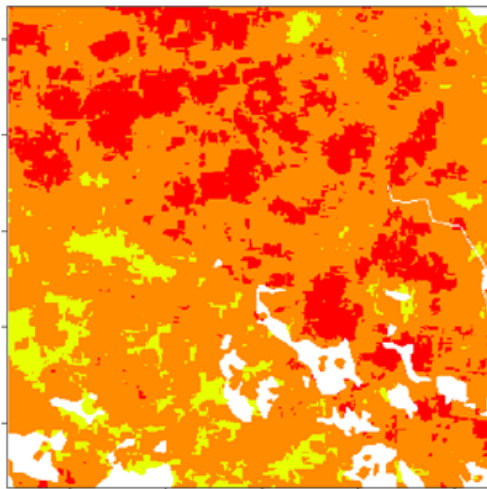




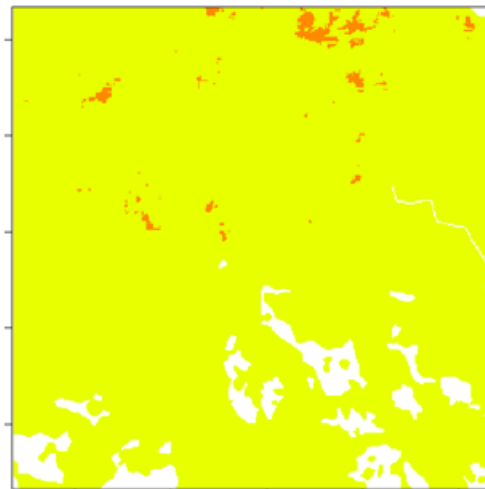
History period (2000-2010)

Monitoring period (2010-2015)

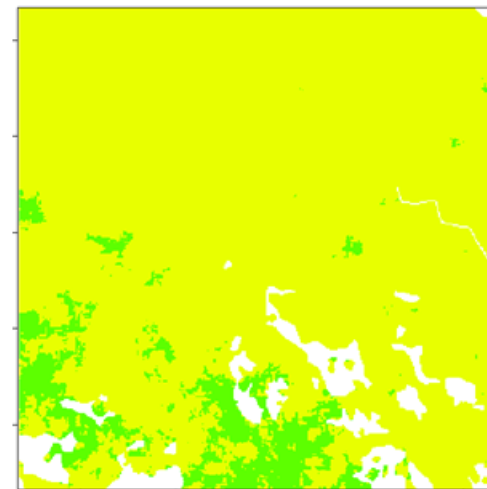
All observations (2000-2015)



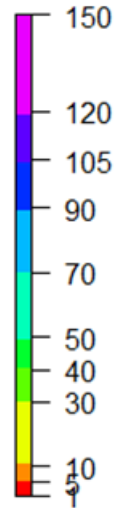
Min: 1
Max: 15



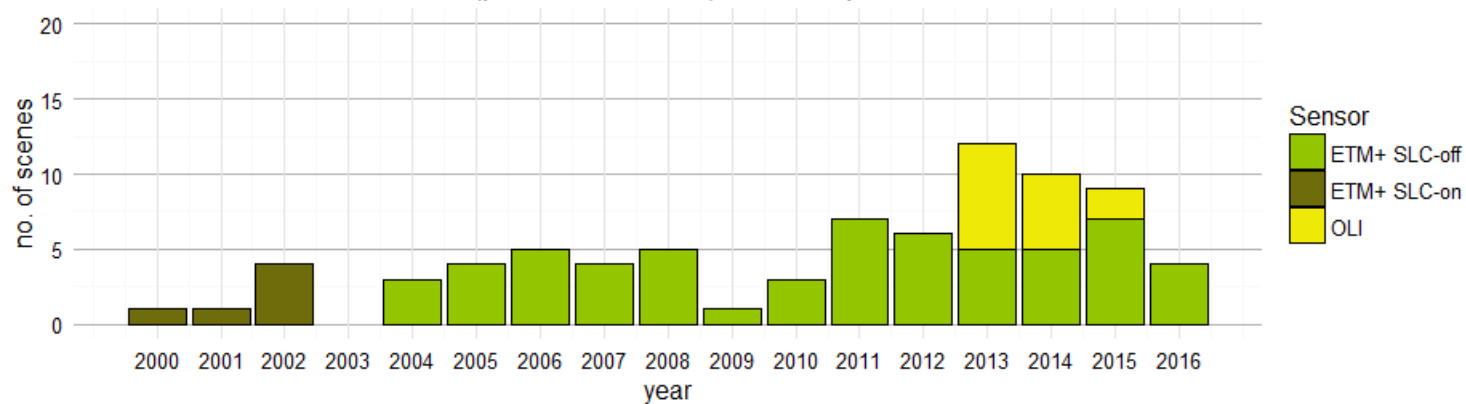
Min: 7
Max: 27



Min: 11
Max: 37



Gabon (path 185, row 61): Scenes per Year



Step by step towards detecting deforestation in your next AOI

1. Understand how Bfast works
2. Read the [Bfast guide](#) on how to choose the parameters of the bfastSpatial function
3. Assess your AOI. What is the phenology of the forest? How frequent/ many cloud free scenes are in that area?
4. Based on this information choose the appropriate VI, length of history period, monitoring approach, and regression model.
5. Decide on the data that needs to be acquired and acquire the data.
6. Test the algorithm with the above decided settings on just some sample pixels or/and a small test area (e.g.10 x 10 km) in your AOI following the [Introduction to bfastSpatial tutorial](#).
7. Depending on the results, if needed, change and test again settings.
8. Apply algorithm with final settings on entire AOI.

Discuss the future of BFAST: a faster algorithm for larger AOIs (SciDB)

<https://github.com/appelmar/scalbf-wur/>

Thank you for
your attention!

