

Overview of Copernicus Global Land LAI, FAPAR and FCOVER from SPOT/VEGETATION to Sentinel-3/OLCI

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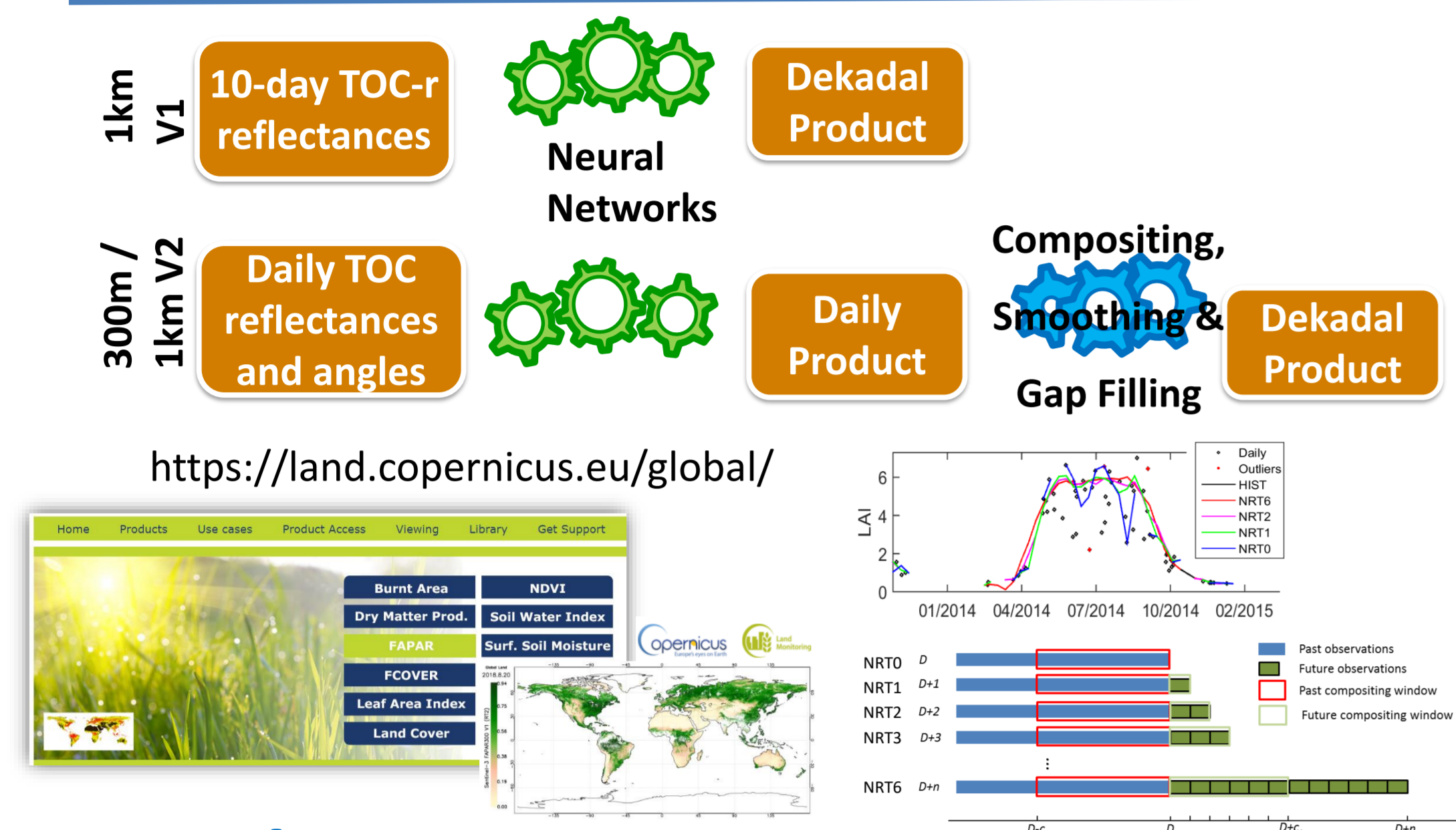
Abstract

Copernicus Global Land Service (CGLS) provides near-real time and long-term time series of leaf area index (LAI), fraction of absorbed PAR (FAPAR) and vegetation cover (FCOVER) products every 10 days at:

- 300 m resolution (Collection 300m) from PROBA-V (2014 – June 2020) and Sentinel-3/OLCI (July 2020 – present), and
- 1 km (Collection 1km) resolution from SPOT/VGT (1999 – 2013) and PROBA-V (2014 – June 2020).

Objectives: Description of the principles of CGLS Collection 300m and 1km LAI, FAPAR and FCOVER retrieval algorithms, and main validation results

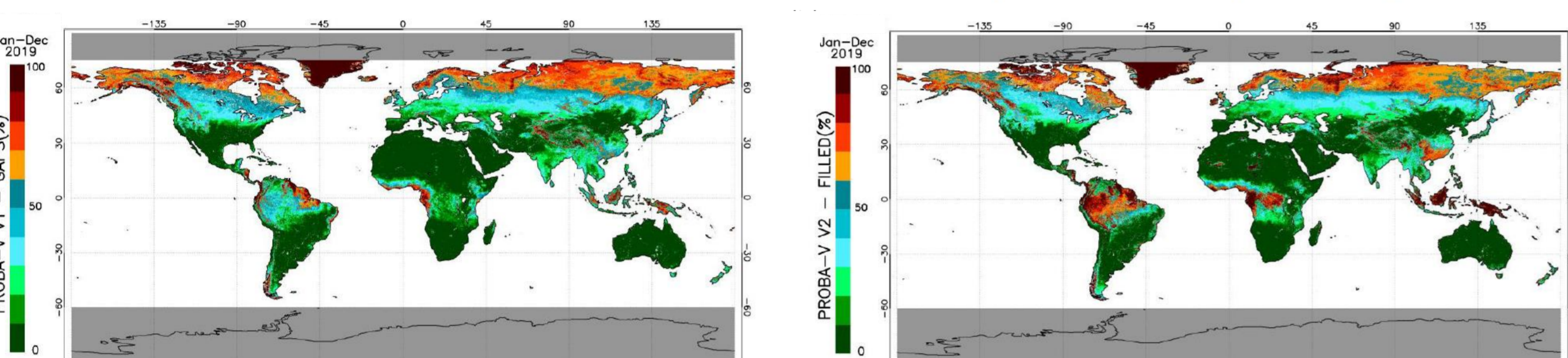
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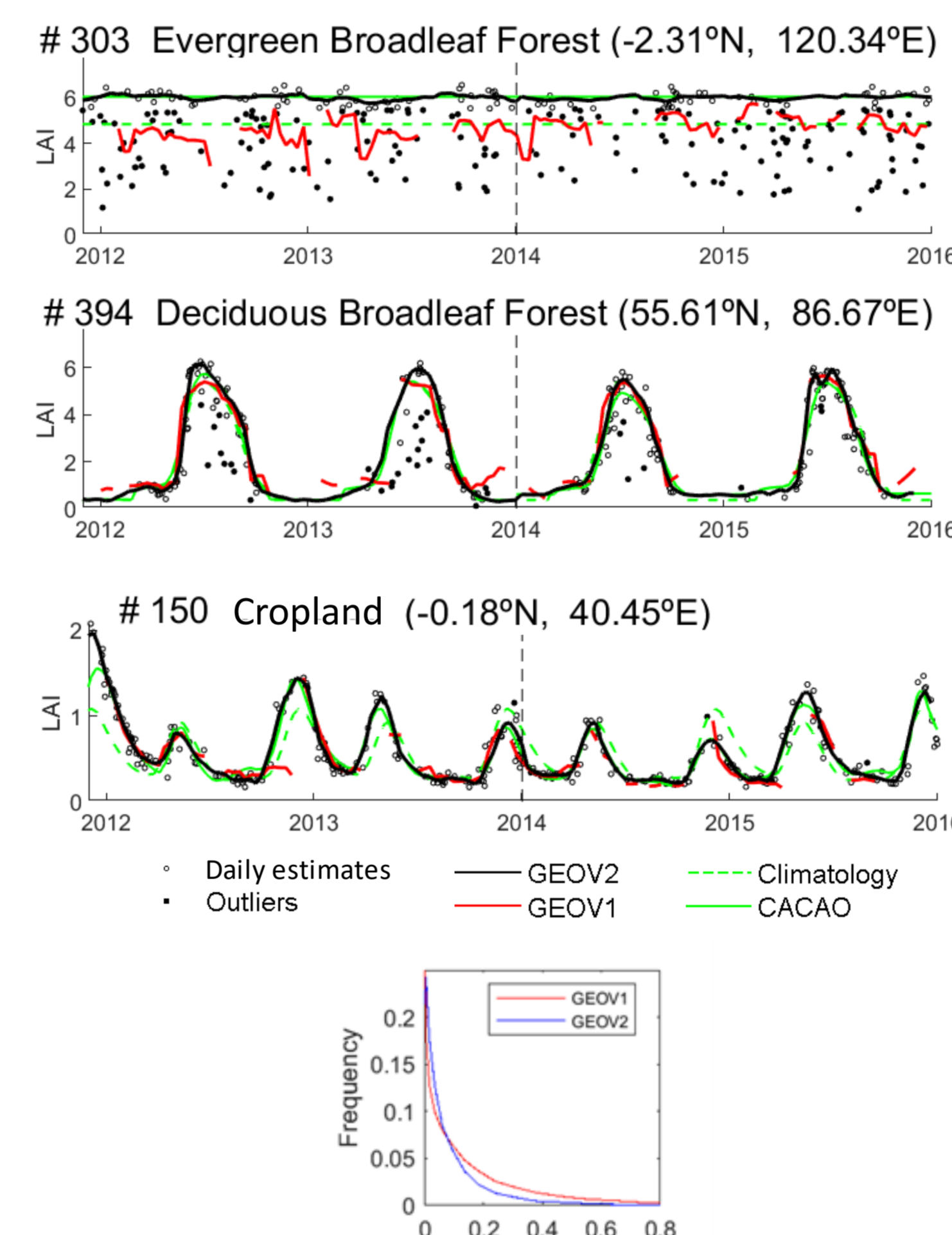
Version	Sensor	Period	Spatial resolution	Input	Temporal smoothing	Gap filling	NRT	Main improvement
1km V1	SPOT/VGT PROBA-V	1999 – 2013 2014 – June 2020	1km	30-day red/NIR/SWIR normalized TOC-r	Reflectance level	✗	✗ 12-day lag	Accuracy
1km V2	SPOT/VGT PROBA-V	1999 – 2013 2014 – June 2020	1km	Daily red/NIR/SWIR TOC-r & angles	Product level	✓	✓	NRT, temporal consistency & product completeness
300m V1	PROBA-V OLCI Sentinel-3	2014 – June 2020 July 2020 – present	300m	Daily red/NIR PV 12 bands OLCI TOC-r & angles	Product level	✓	✓	Spatial resolution

Results

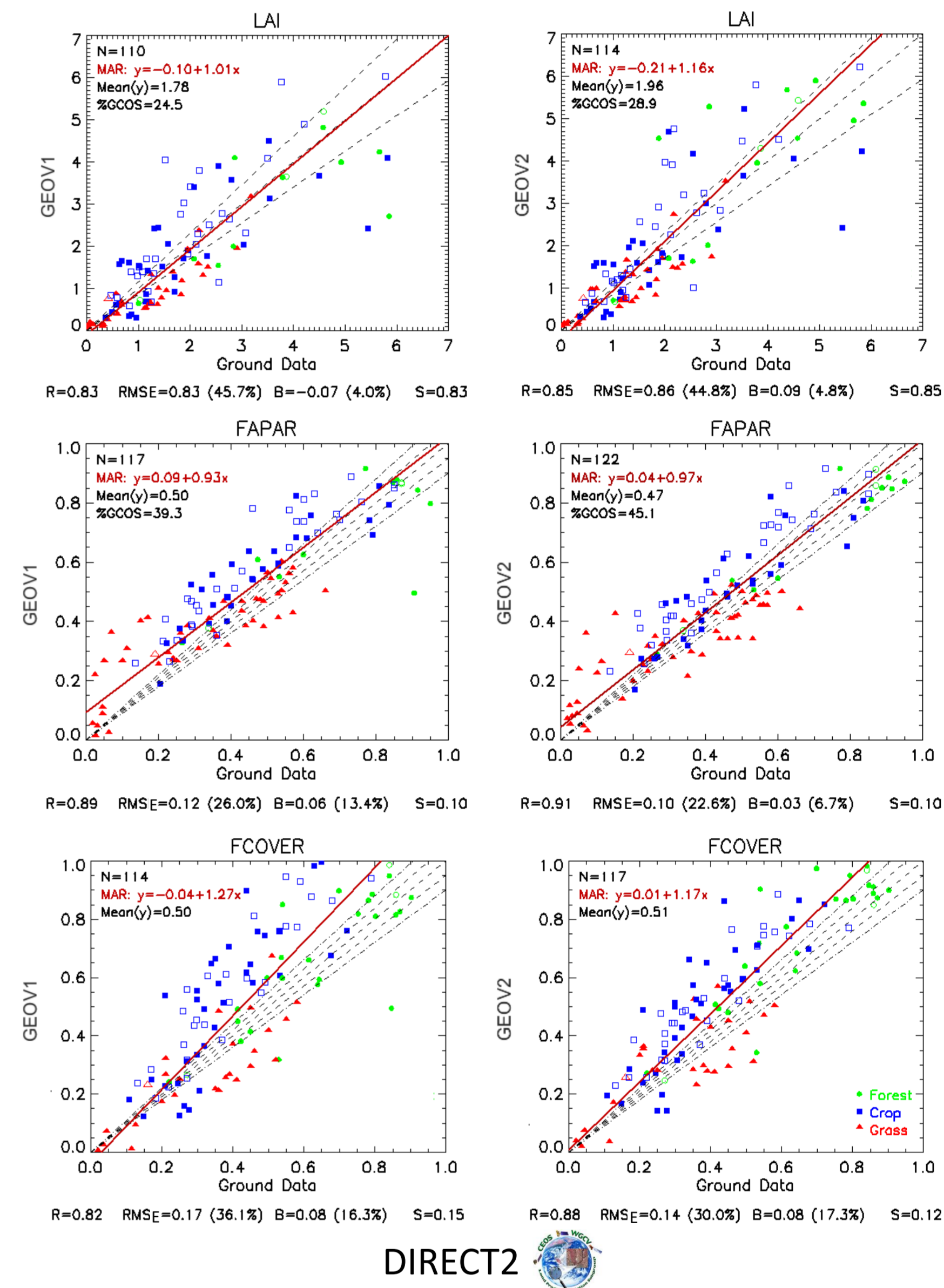
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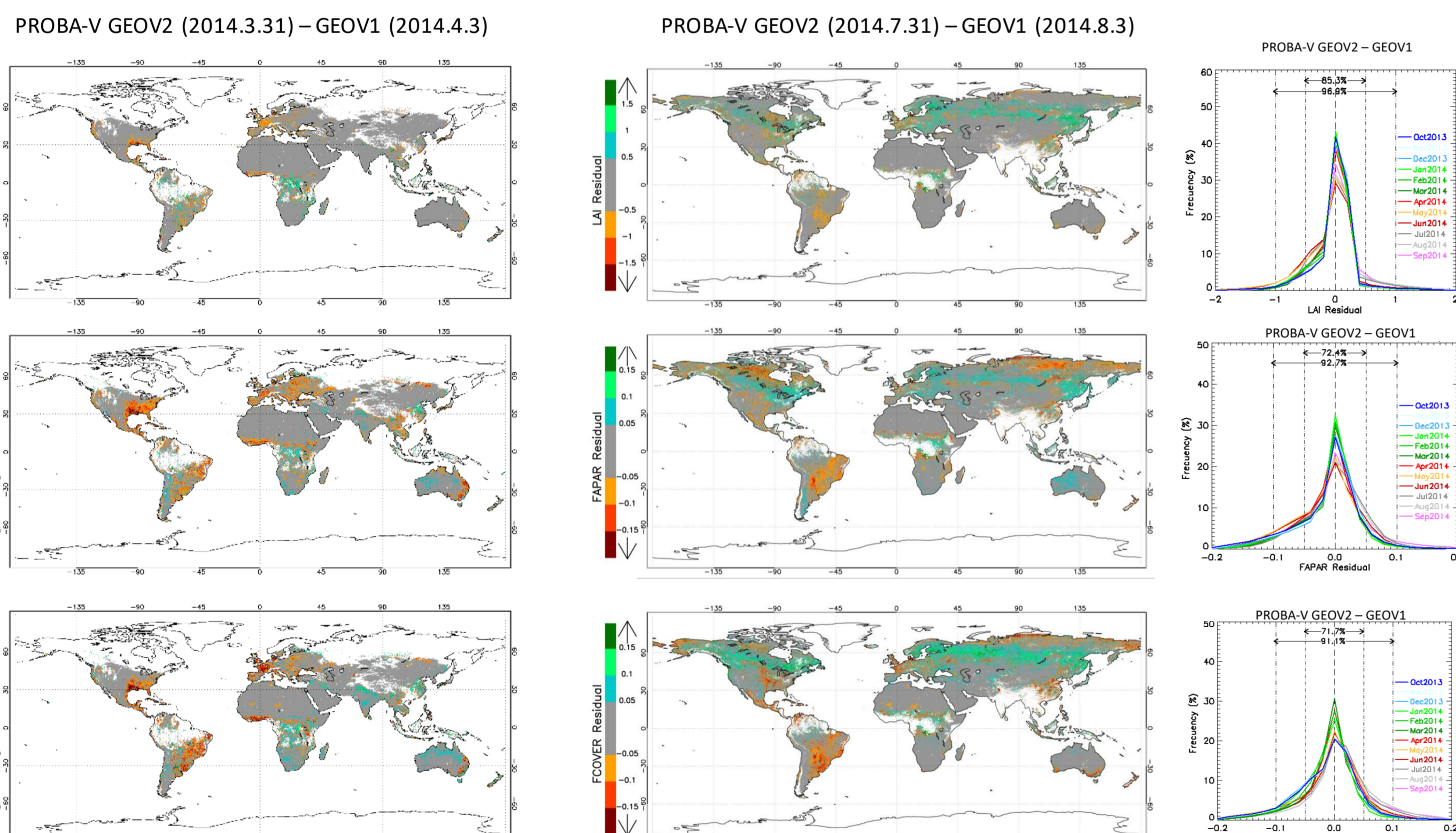
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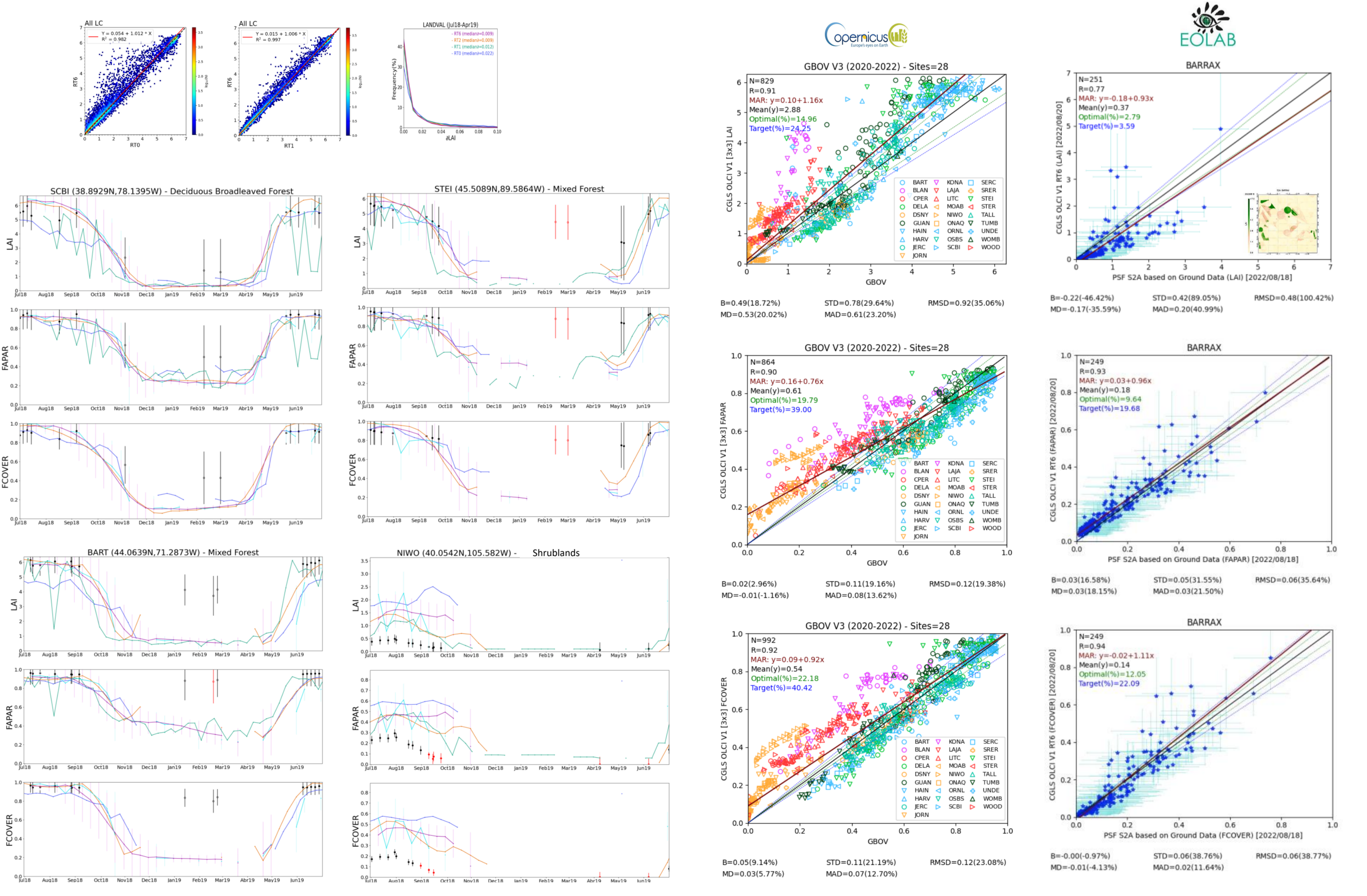
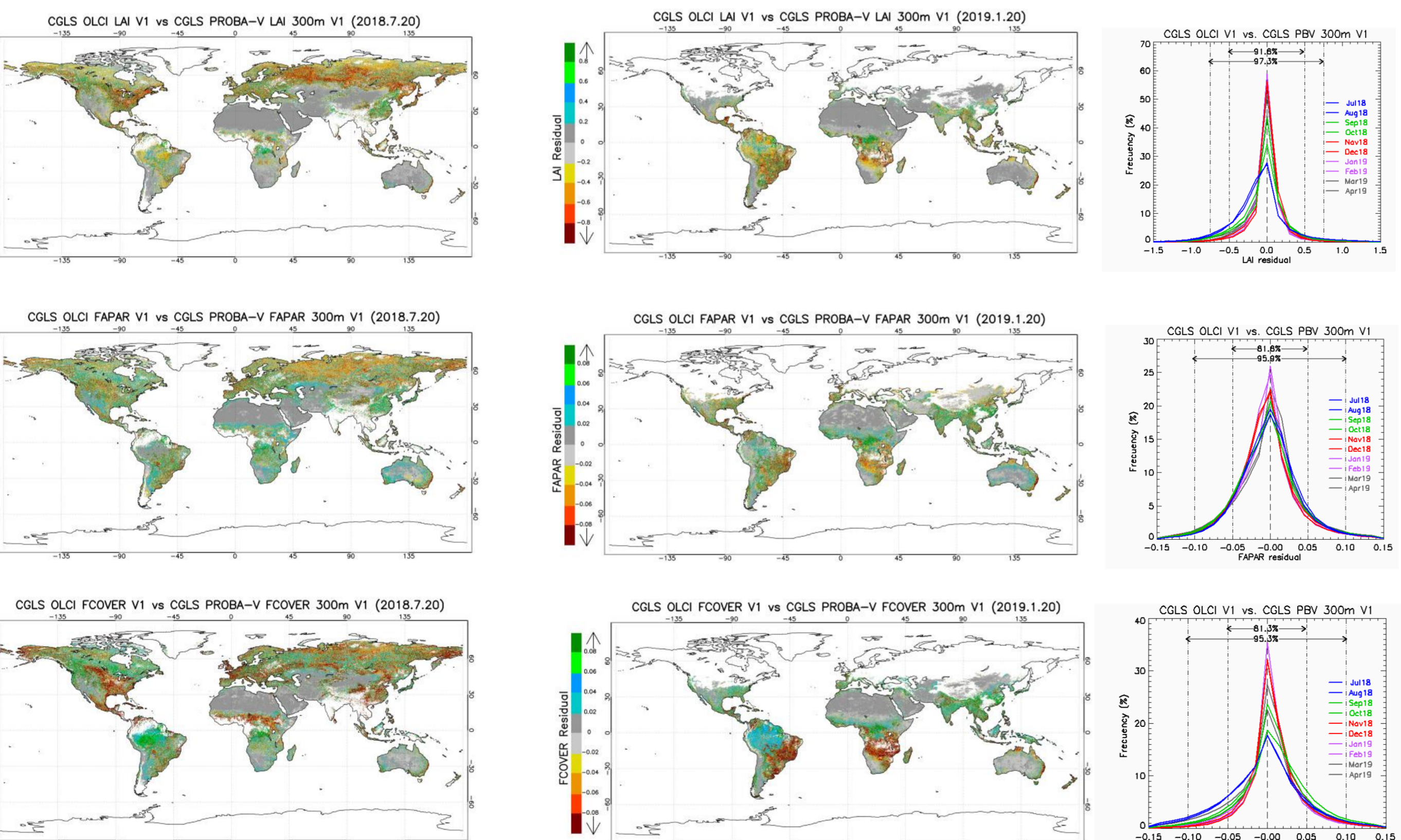
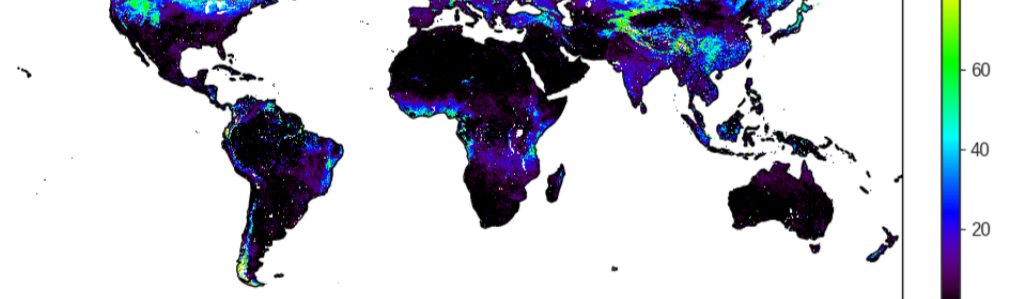
Accuracy assessment



Spatial consistency



Missing values (%) OLCI V1 Jan-Dec 2022



Conclusions

- ✓ CGLS V2 and V1 1km are consistent at the global scale and meet GCOS requirements in 90% of cases for LAI, and 80% for FAPAR and FCOVER.
- ✓ V2 showed a similar accuracy as V1 for LAI and slight improvements for FAPAR and FCOVER over DIRECT2.0 sites.
- ✓ V2 highly improves V1 in terms of product completeness and it shows no missing data due to climatological gap filling.
- ✓ V2 corrects inconsistencies in V1 at high northern latitudes and for evergreen broadleaf forests, and improves intra-/inter-annual precision.
- ✓ Ensured continuity of CGLS 300m time series from PROBA-V to OLCI Sentinel-3.
- ✓ High agreement between NRT modes with an improvement in intra-annual precision after 1 dekad (i.e. RT1 is smoother than RT0).
- ✓ OLCI V1 shows similar temporal trajectories as PROBA-V V1, VNP15A2H and EPS VEGA products and GBOV ground measurements.
- ✓ CGLS 300m products will be reprocessed using C2 of PROBA-V and OLCI data corrected of the geolocation issue.
- ✗ Not enough ground data to reach levels 3-4 of CEOS LPV hierarchy.
- ✗ Not enough quality control of ground based maps (e.g. up-scaling methods of GBOV): reference should follow CEOS validation good practices and be thoroughly documented.

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