



**GEOV2-AVHRR long-term time series of global LAI,  
FAPAR and FCover since 1981: principles and validation  
based on the comparison with ground measurements and  
with GEOV2-CGLS, GIMMS3g, GLASS and C3S products**

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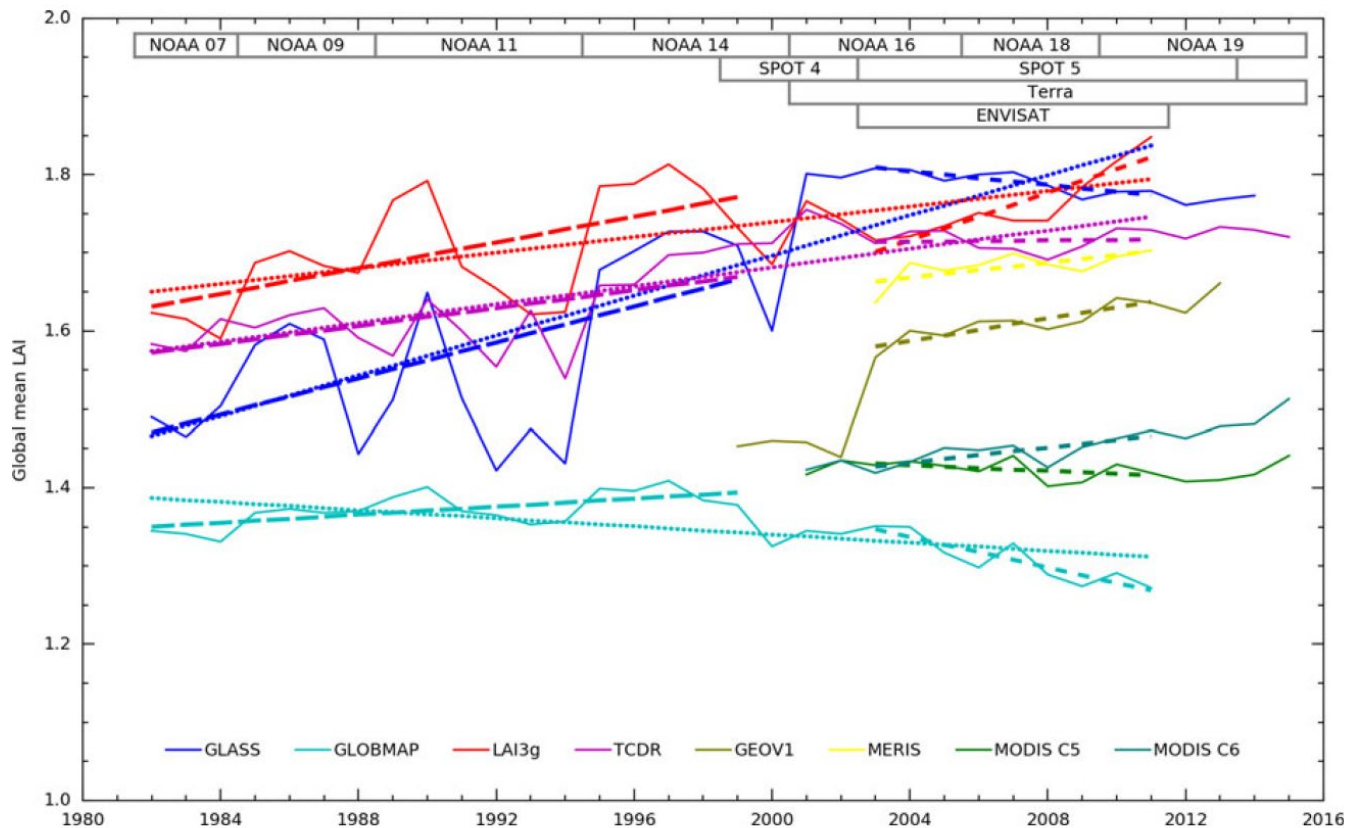


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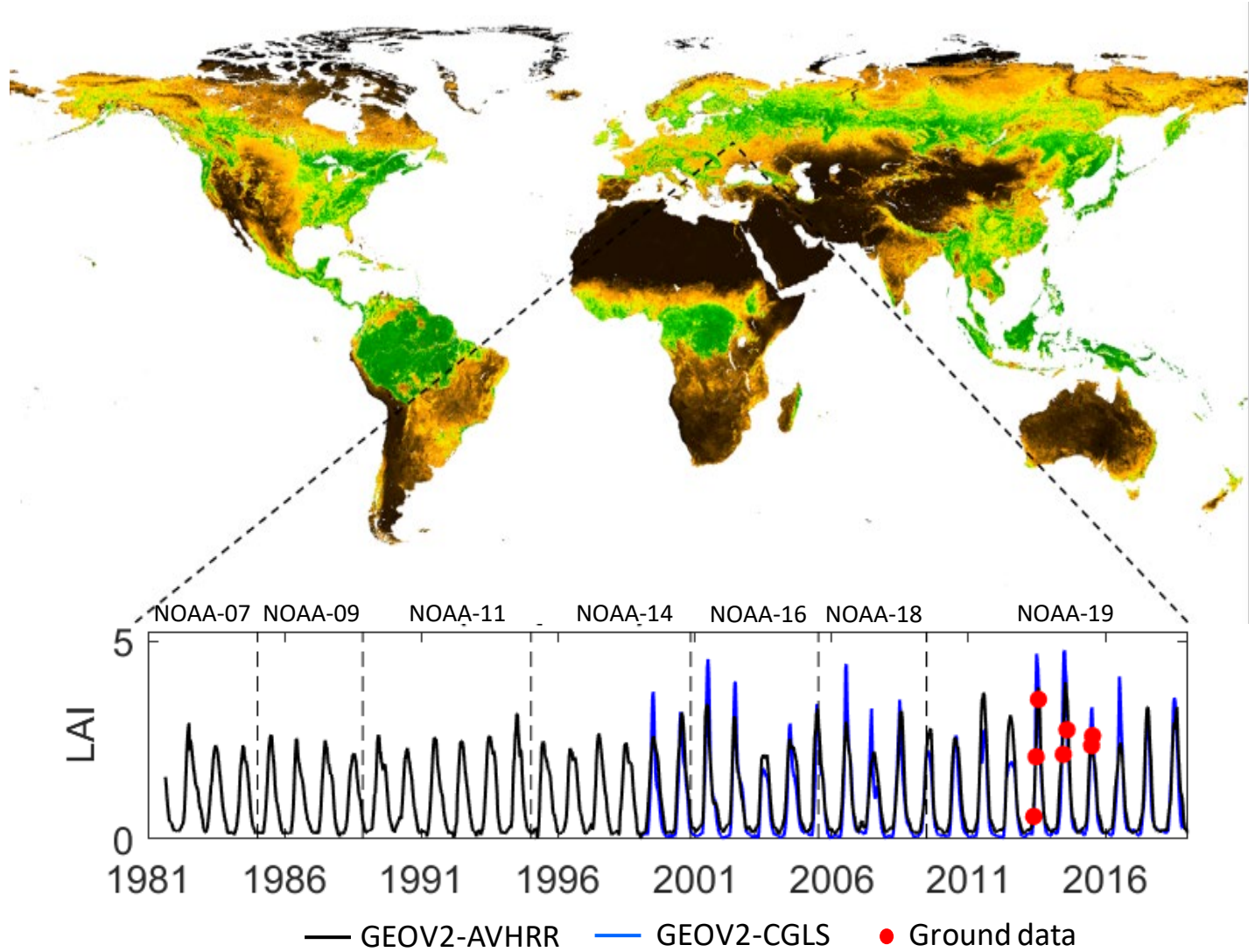
# Background

Need for biophysical variables ECVs LAI, fAPAR & fCover

- long, consistent, stable and continuous time series at the global scale
- Validated products with quantified uncertainties



# GEOV2-AVHRR products



✓ 40+ years AVHRR

# GEOV2-AVHRR products

Products available every 10-day at 5km resolution at

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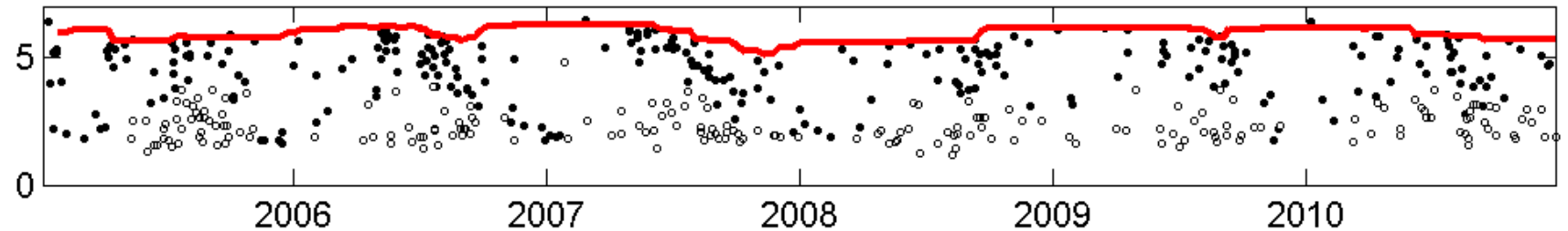
# GEOVx algorithm principles

Same principles as for GEOV2-CGLS

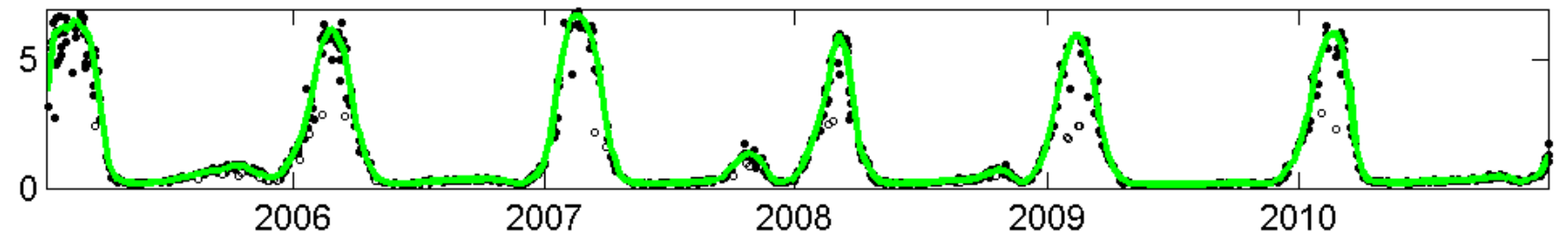
NNT for achieving consistency with existing satellite products (CYCLOPES & MODIS) and temporal techniques to improve robustness and continuity



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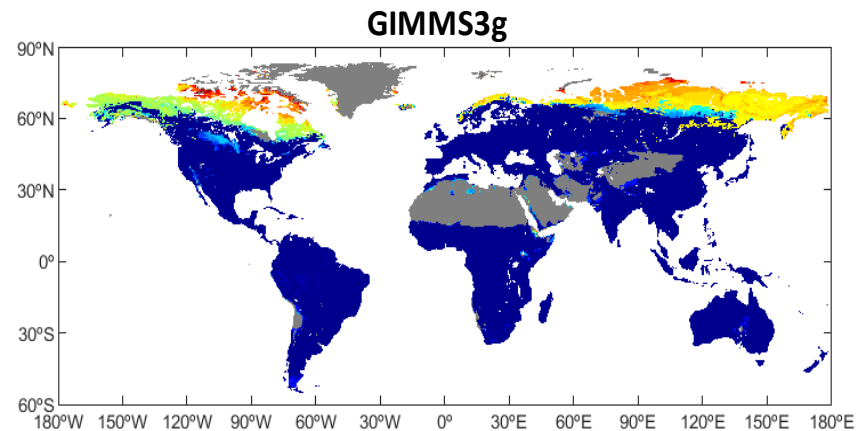
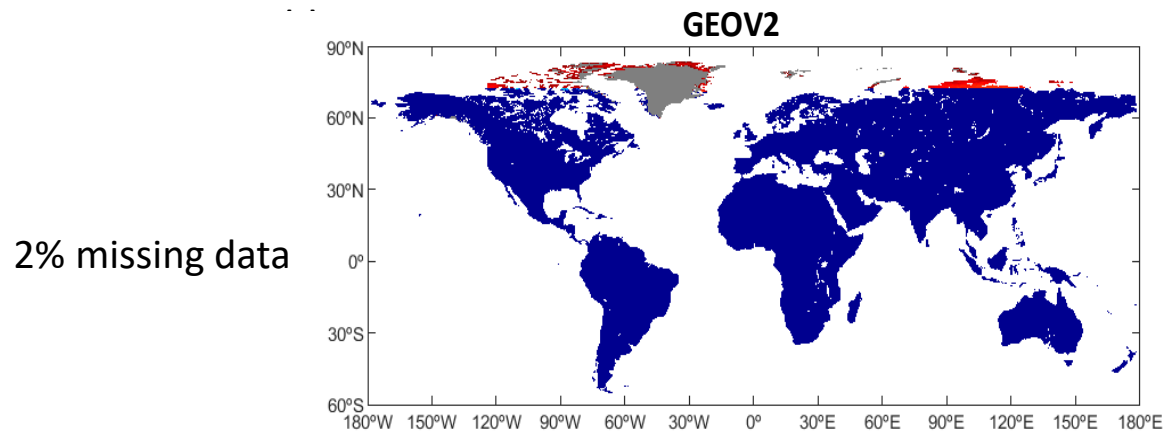


# LAI, FAPAR and Fcover products

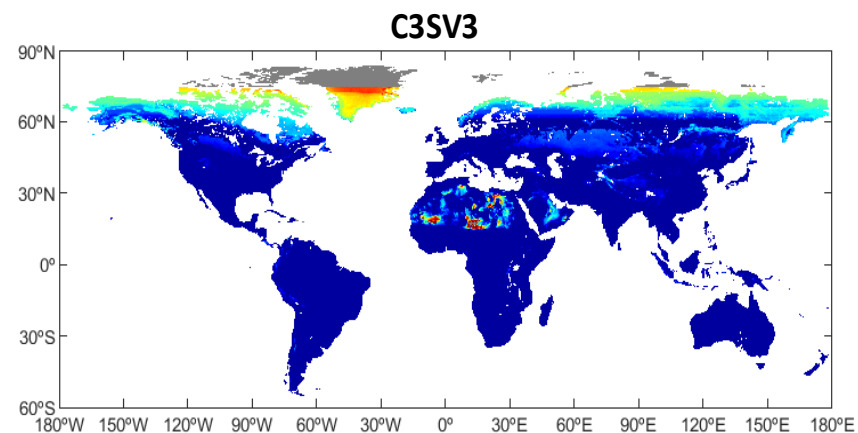
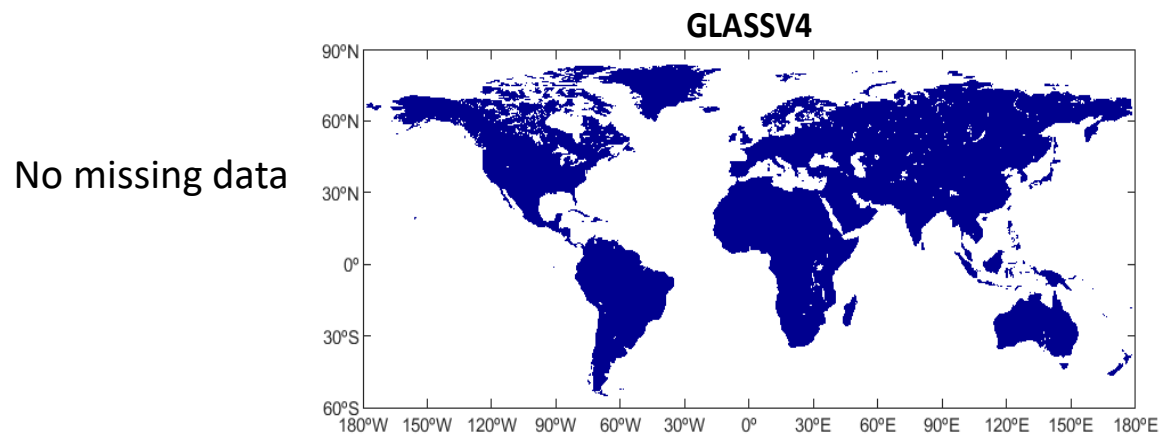
+ DIRECT2  
ground data

	 GEOV2-AVHRR	 GEOV2-CGLS	 GIMMS3g	 GLASSV4	 C3SV3
Variable	LAI, FAPAR, FCover	LAI, FAPAR, FCover	LAI, FAPAR	LAI, FAPAR, FCover	Effective LAI, White-sky FAPAR
Retrieval algorithm	NNT Smoothing and gap filling at output level	NNT Smoothing and gap filling at output level	NNT Maximum value NDVI composites	NNT / MARS Smoothing and gap filling at input level	TIP Smoothing and gap filling at input level
Input data	NTOC-r red and NIR, cos(SZA)  LTDR v4	TOC-r red, NIR and SWIR, cos(SZA), cos(VZA), cos(RAA)	NDVI  GIMMS3g	NTOC-r red and NIR  LTDR v4, v5*  *FCover	White-sky broadband albedos in the visible and NIR
Sensor	A2 N7 1981/06 A2 N9 1985/01 A2 N11 1988/11	VGT S 1999/01 VGT P 2014/01	A2 N7 1981/06 A2 N9 1985/03 A2 N11 1988/11	A2 N7 1981/06 A2 N9 1985/01 A2 N11 1988/11	A2 N7 1981/09 A2 N9 1985/03 A2 N11 1988/11
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Spatial sampling	1/20°	1/112°	1/12°	1/20°	1/30° (AVHRR) 1/112° (VGT)
Temporal sampling	10 days	10 days	15 days	8 days	10 days
Time period	1981/06-2018/12	1999/01-2020/06	1981/06-2011/12	1981/06-2018/12 (LAI) 1982/01-2018/12 (FAPAR, FCover)	1981/09-2020/06
Reference	Verger et al. 2023	Verger et al. 2014 <b>Poster 31</b>	Zhu et al. 2013	Jia et al. 2019; Xiao et al. 2015; Xiao et al. 2016	Blessing and Giering, 2021; Pinty et al. 2006

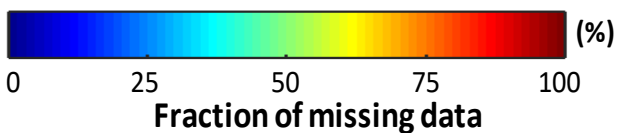
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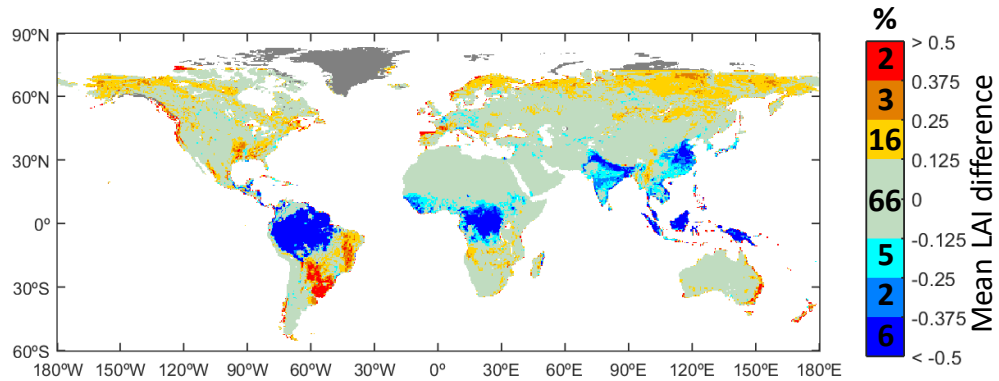
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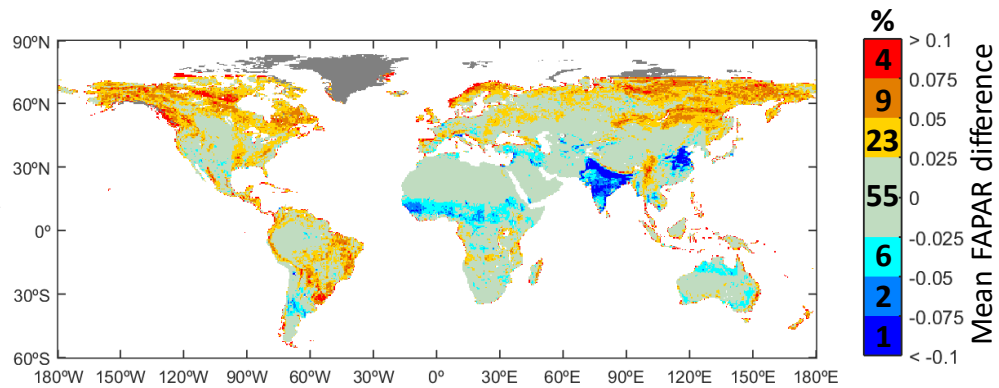
# Consistency with GEOV2-CGLS

GEOV2-AVHRR – GEOV2-CGLS (1999-2018)

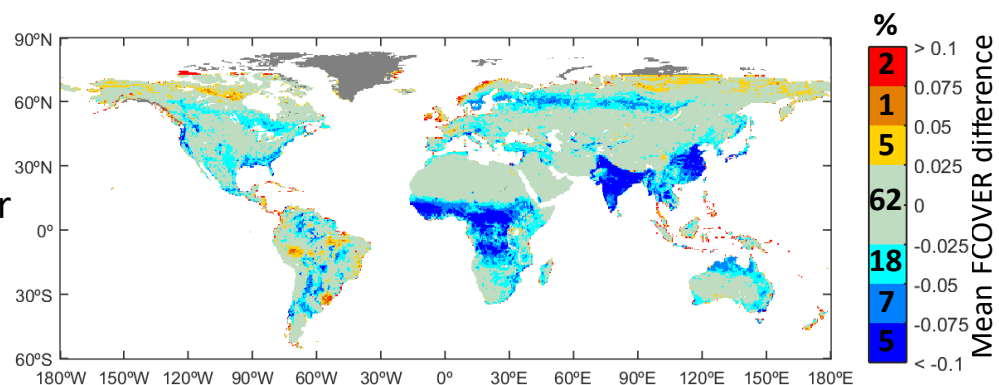
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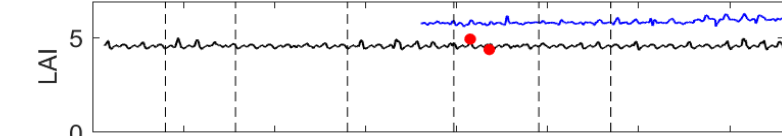
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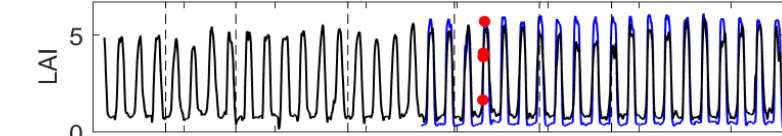
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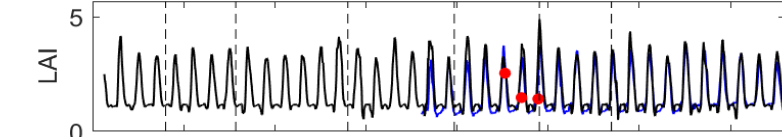
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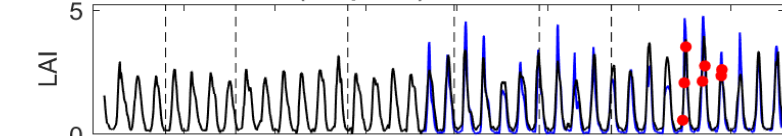
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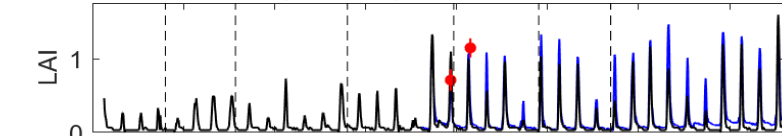
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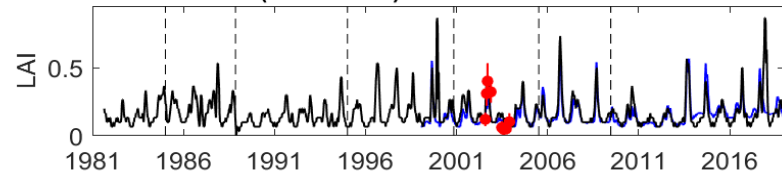
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Gourma (Savanna) Lat= 15.32° Lon= -1.55°



Sevilleta (Grassland) Lat= 34.35° Lon= -106.69°



— GEOV2-AVHRR — GEOV2-CGLS ● Ground data

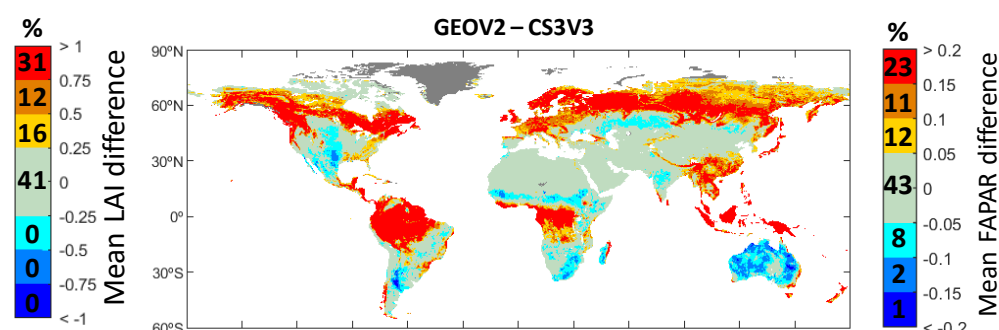
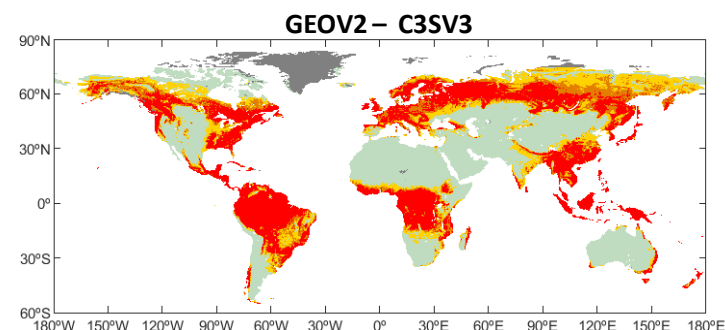
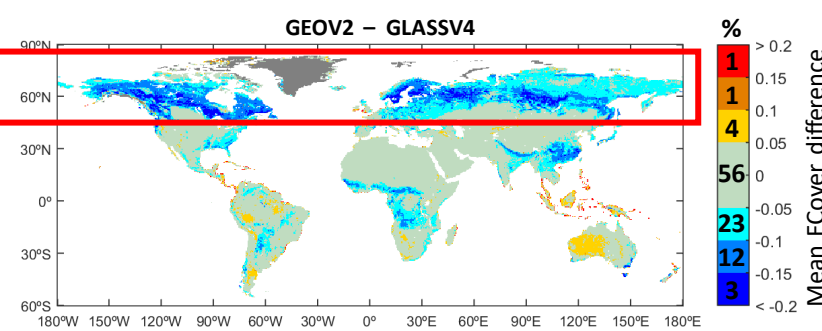
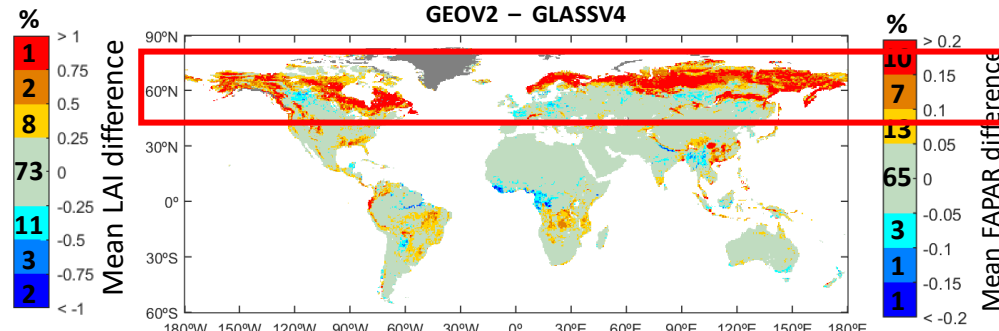
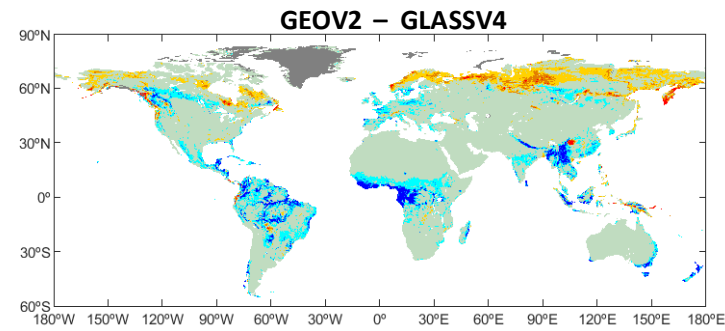
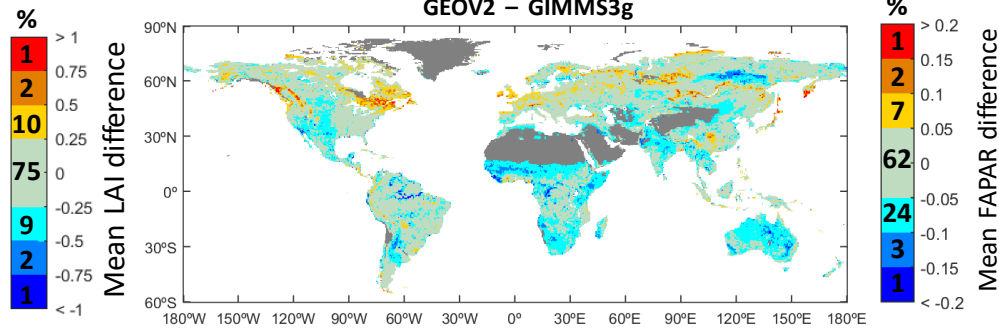
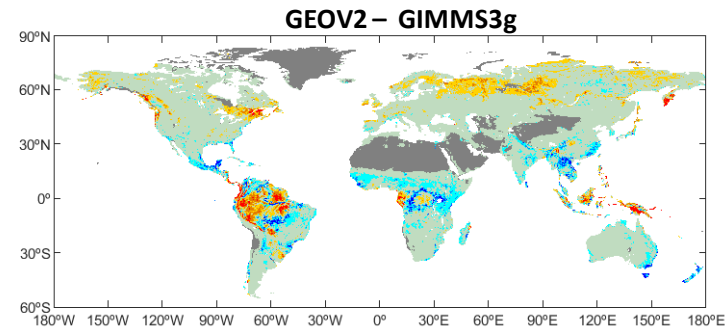


# Consistency with existing AVHRR products

LAI 1981-2011

FAPAR 1982-2011

FCover 1982-2018

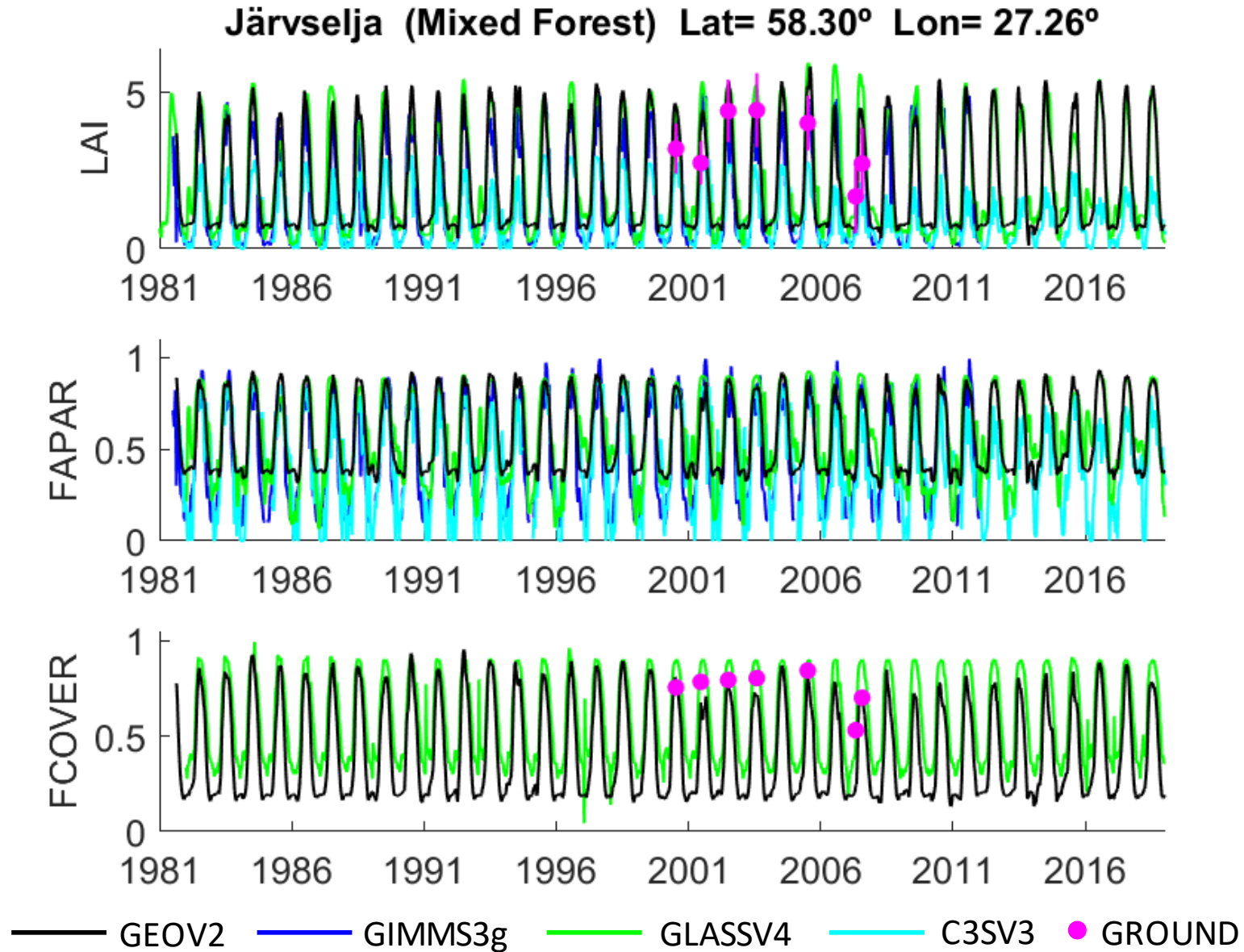


>90% within  $\pm 0.5$  LAI

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# Temporal profiles

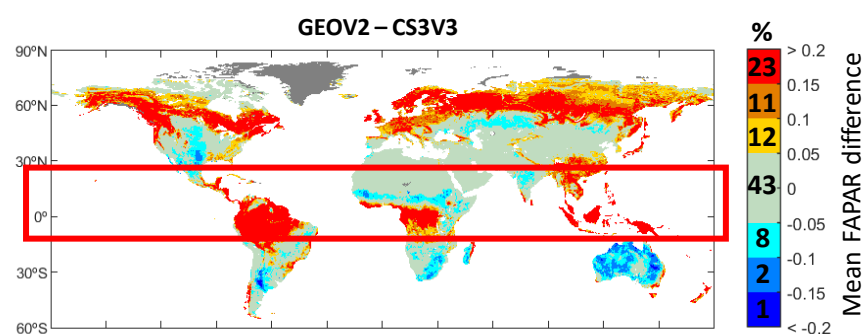
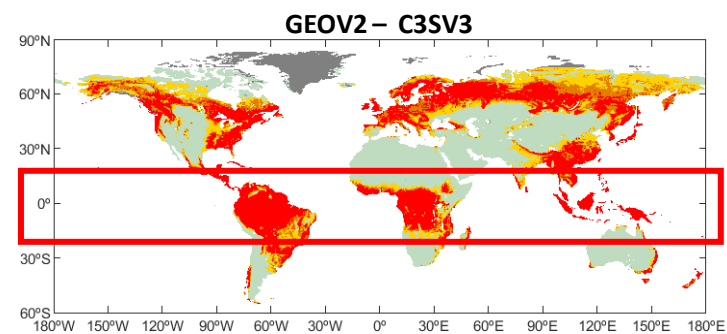
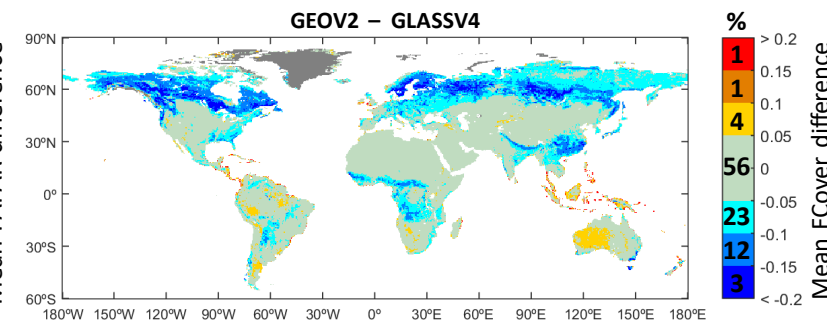
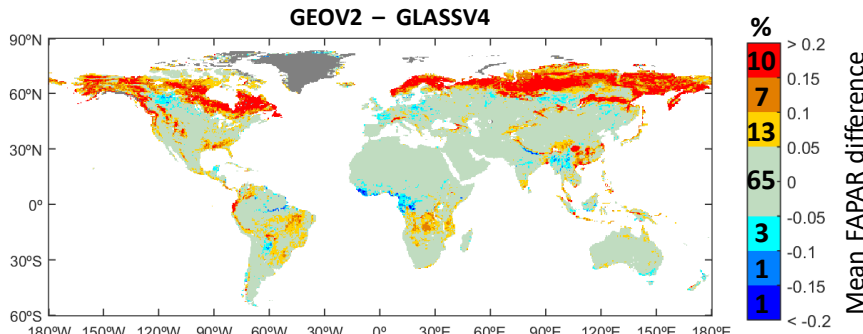
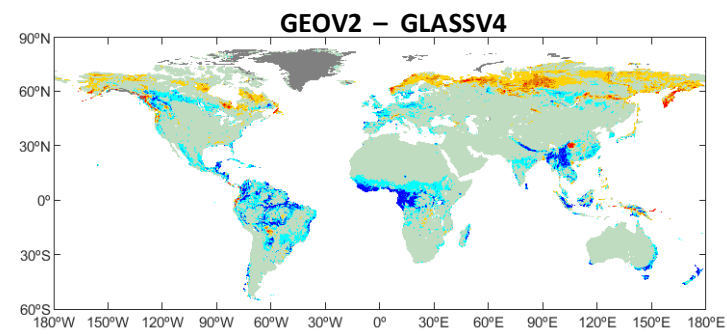
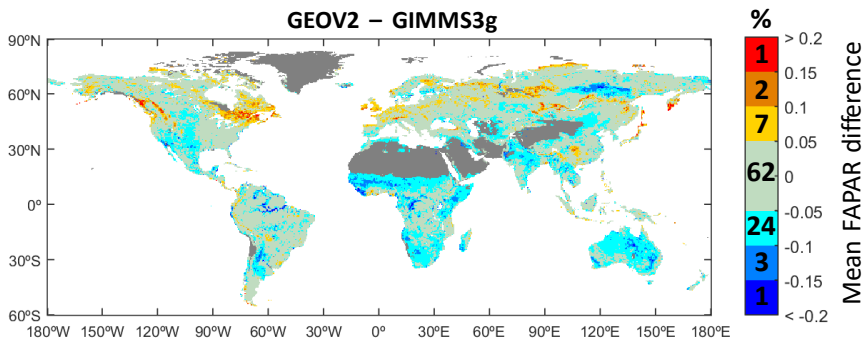
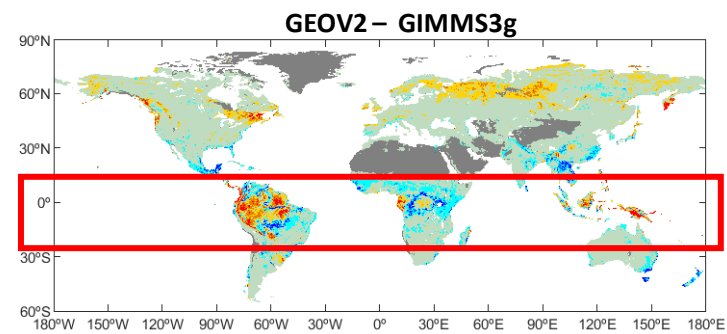


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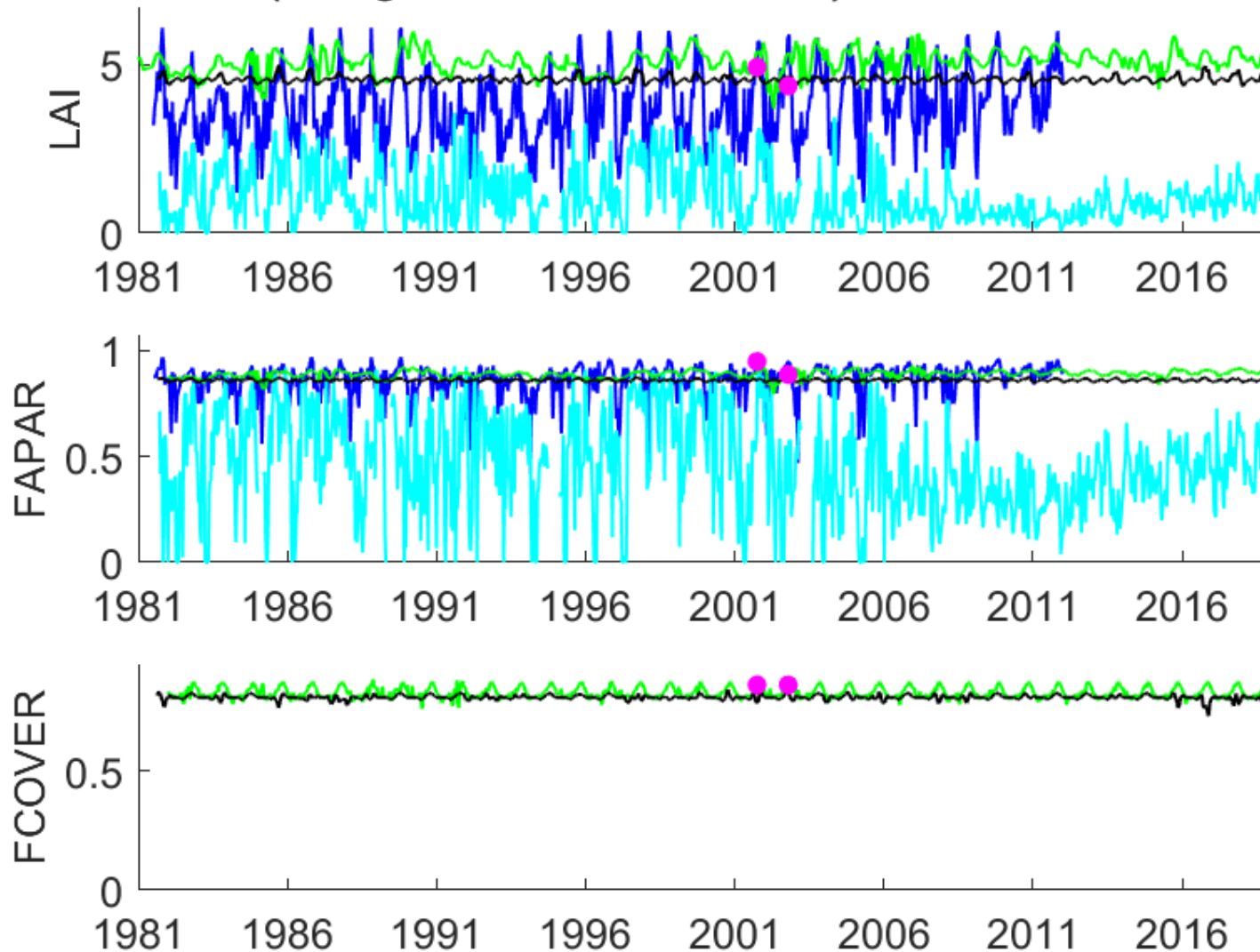
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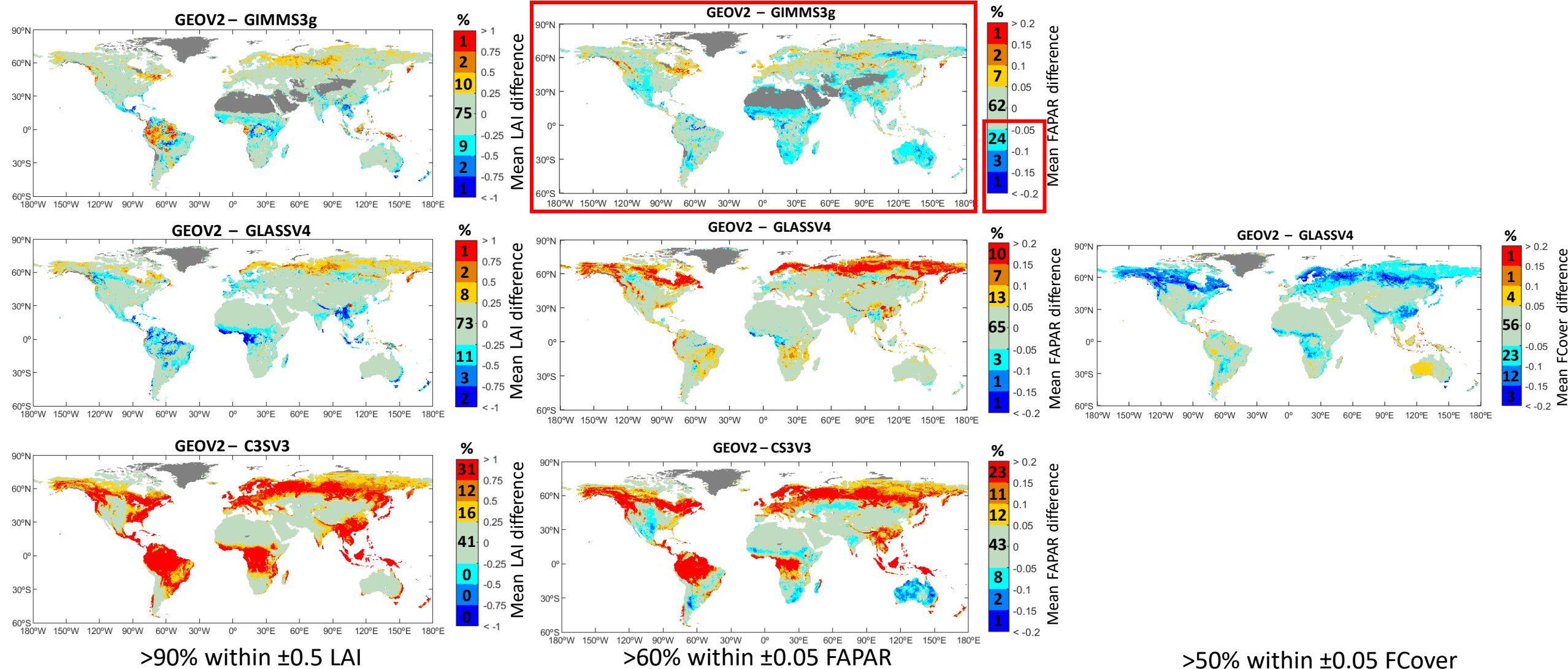
— GEOV2 — GIMMS3g — GLASSV4 — C3SV3 ● GROUND

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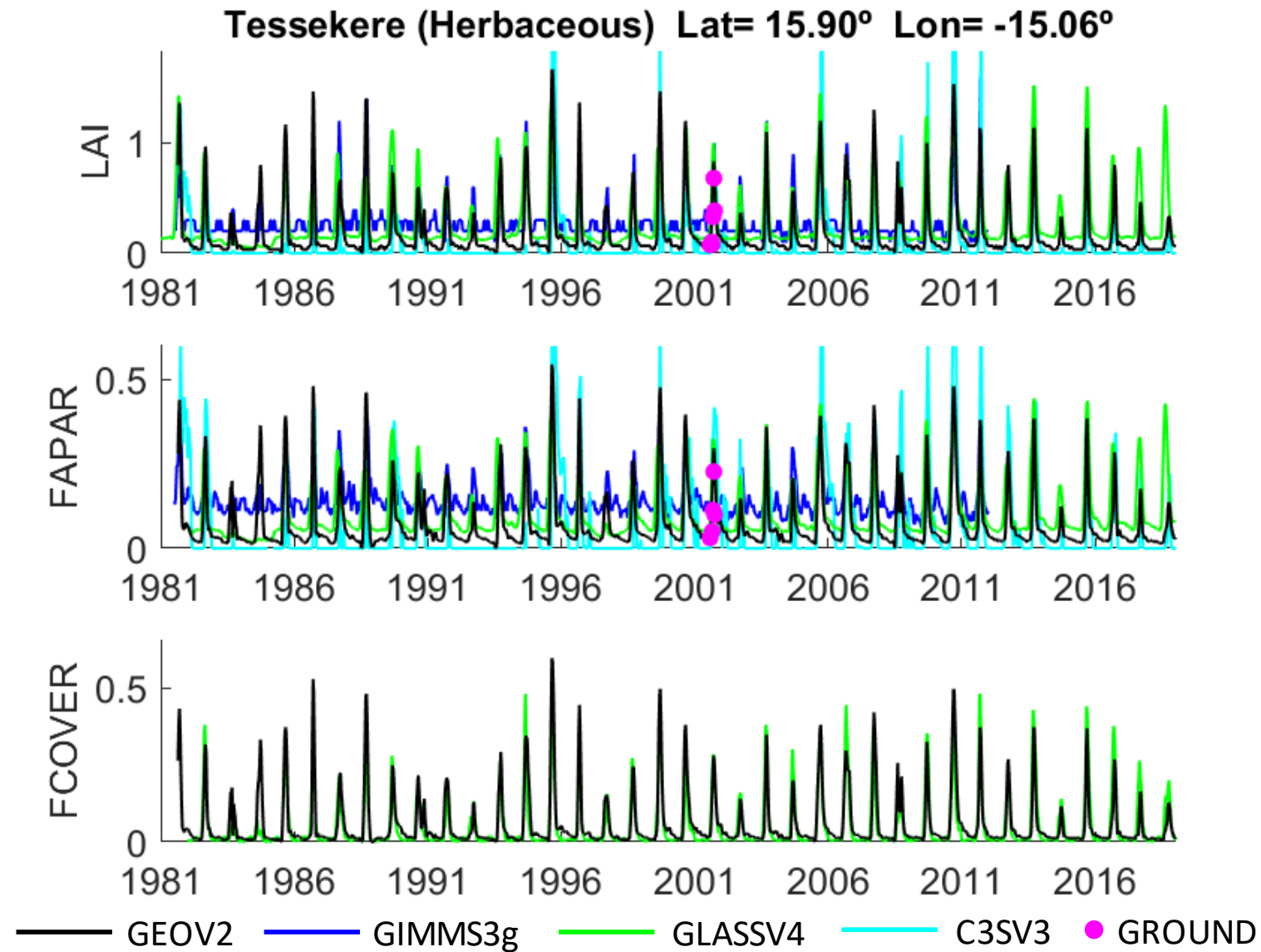
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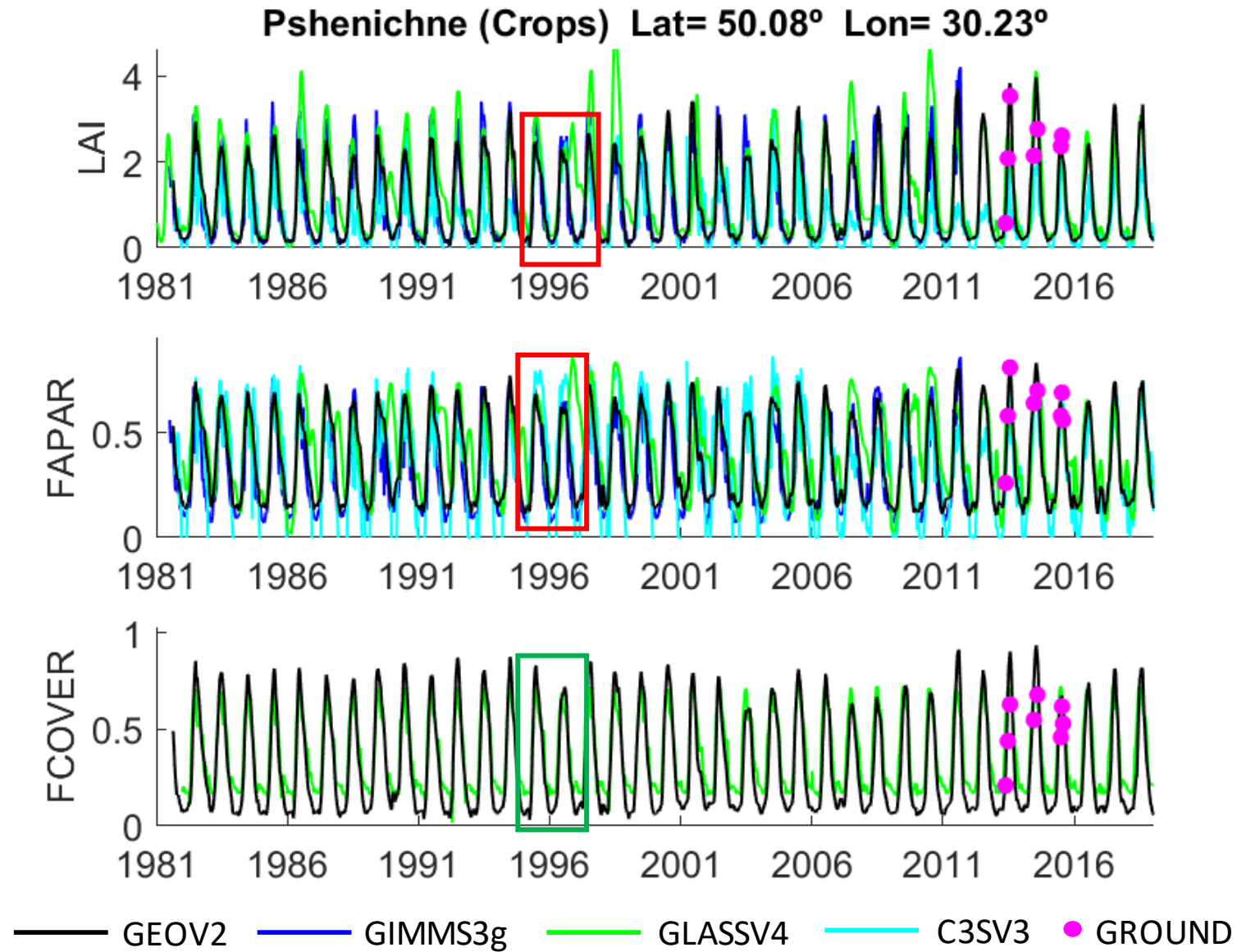
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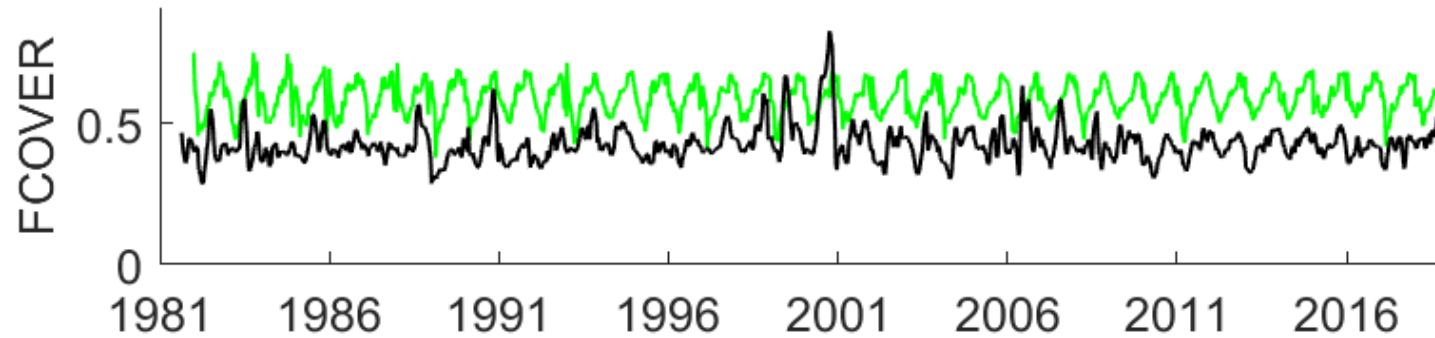
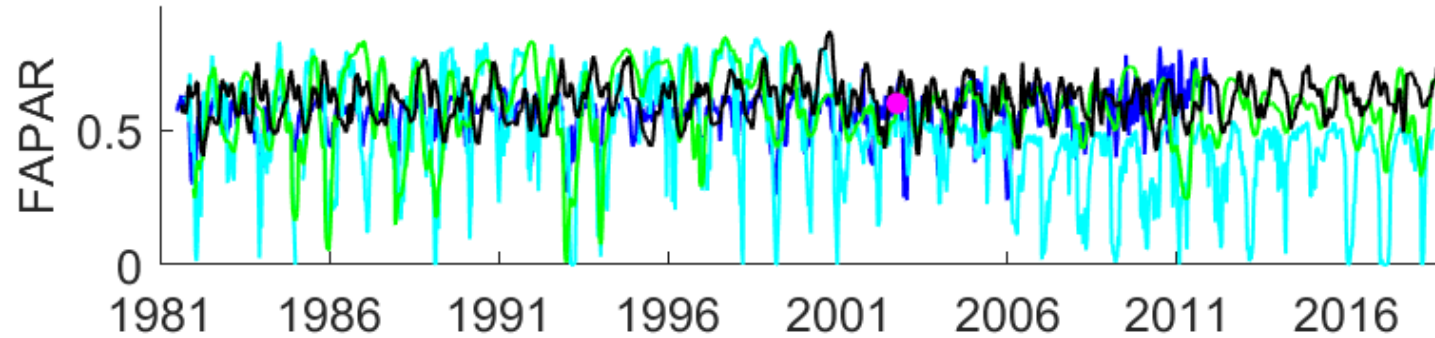
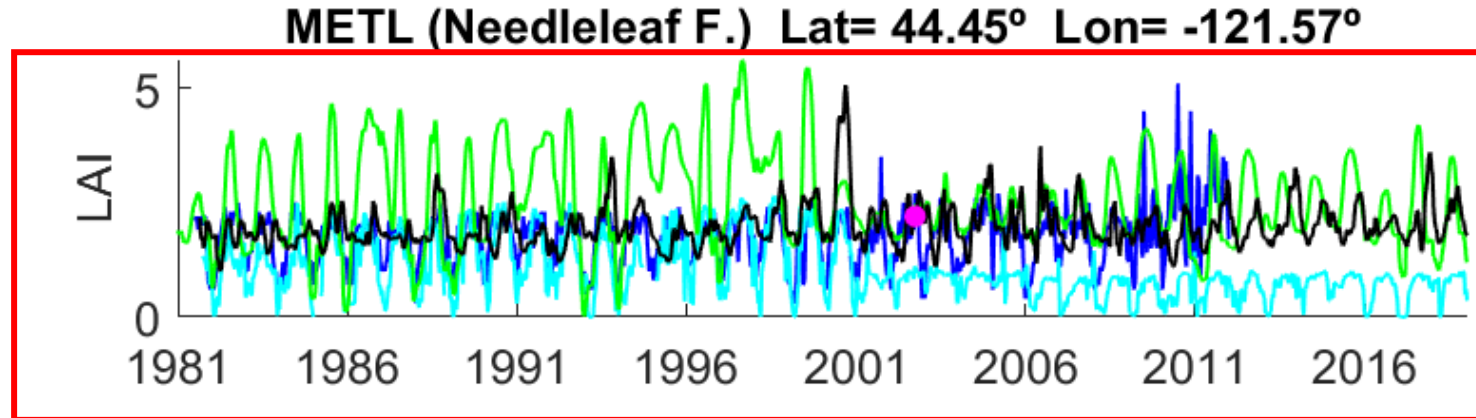
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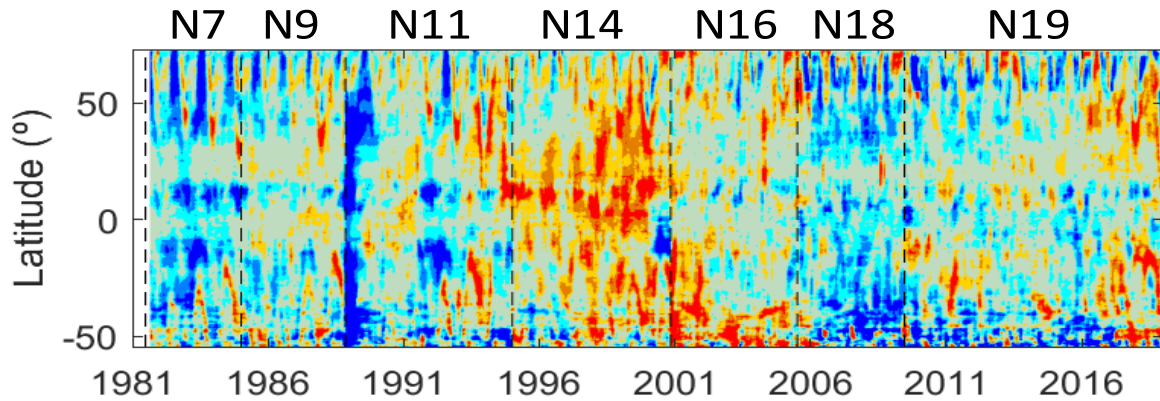


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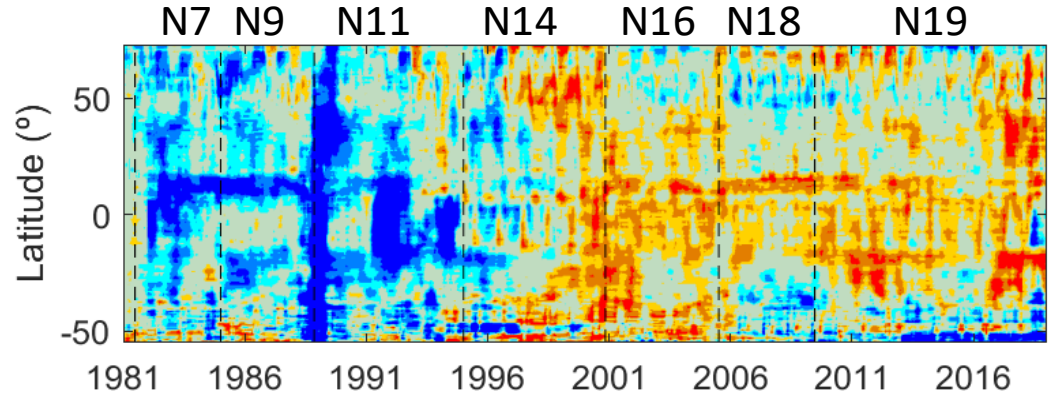


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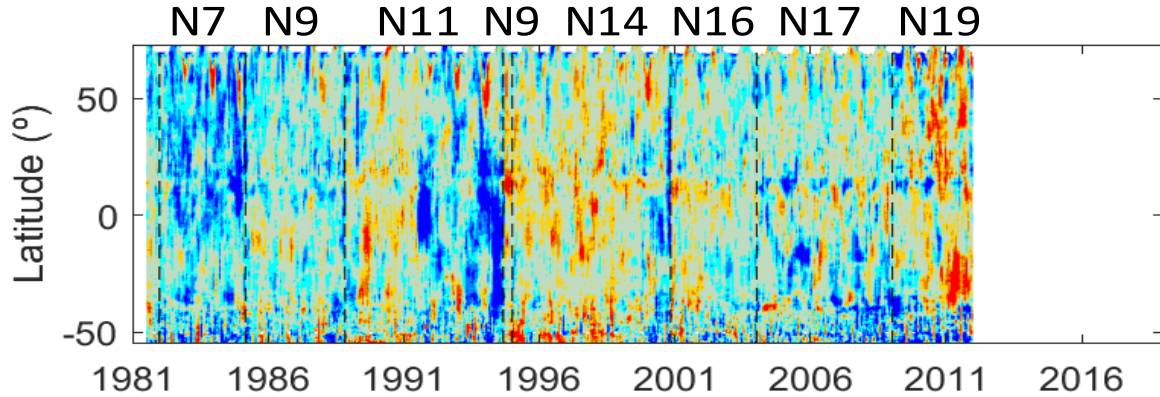
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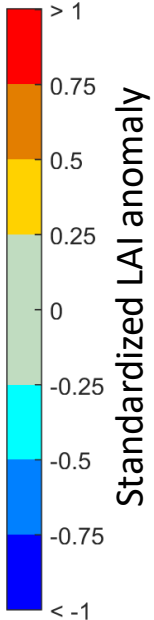
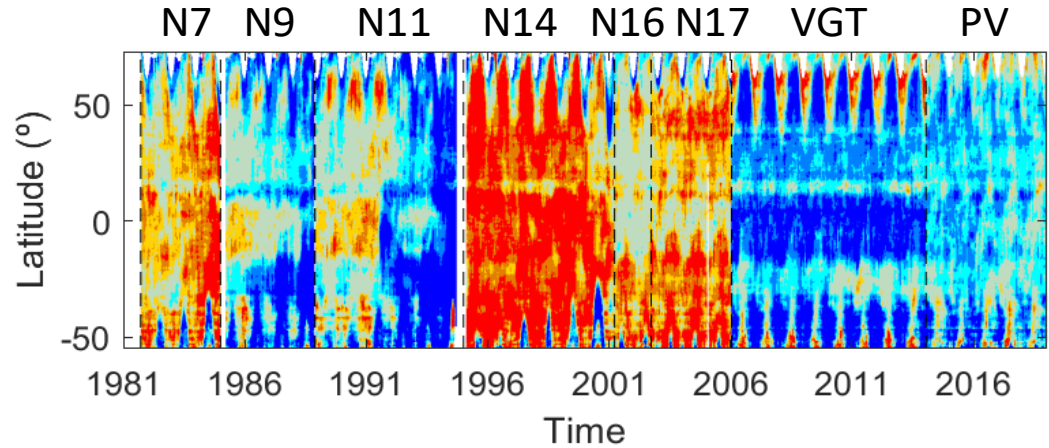
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**GIMMS3g**



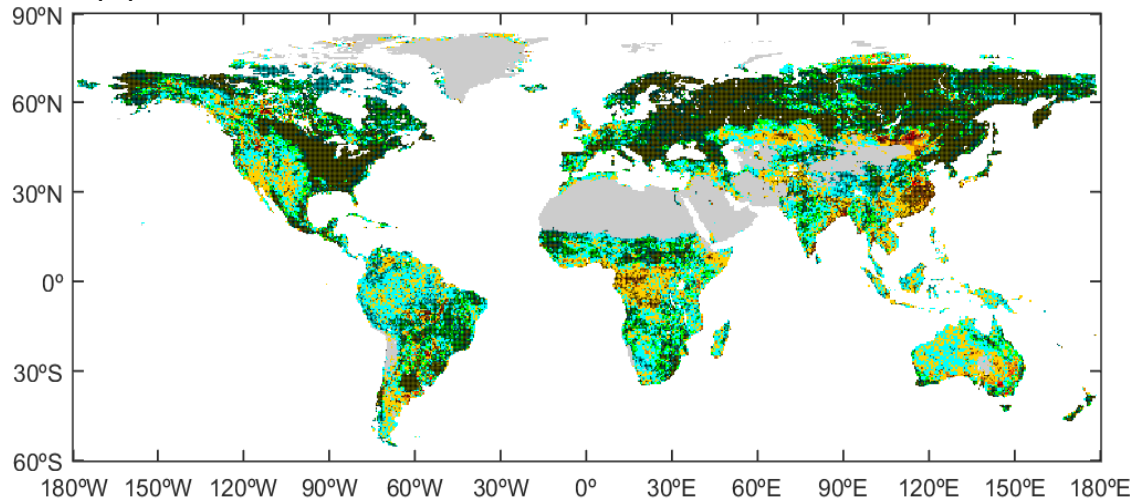
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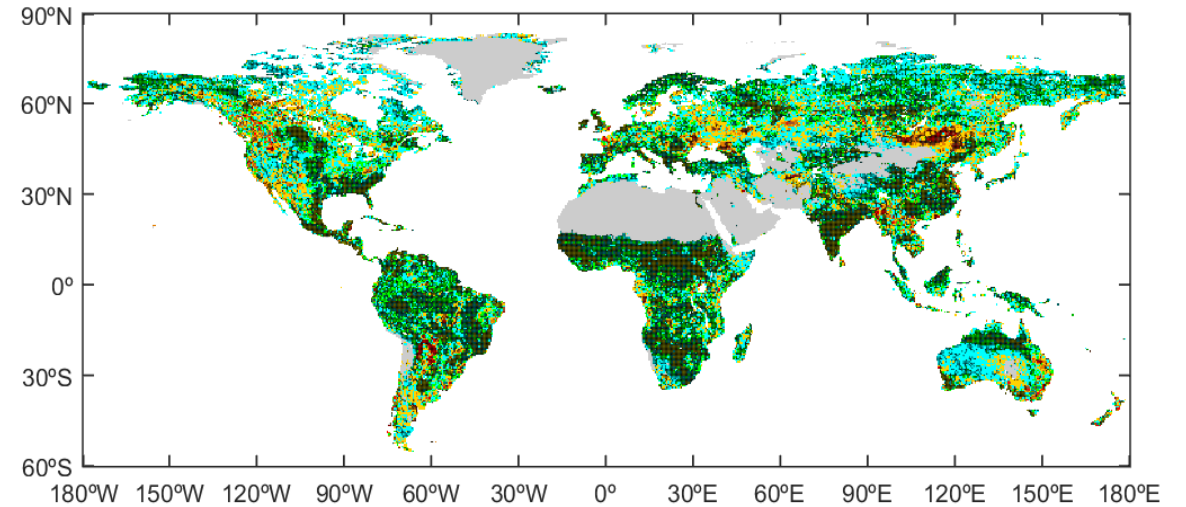
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(1981-2011)

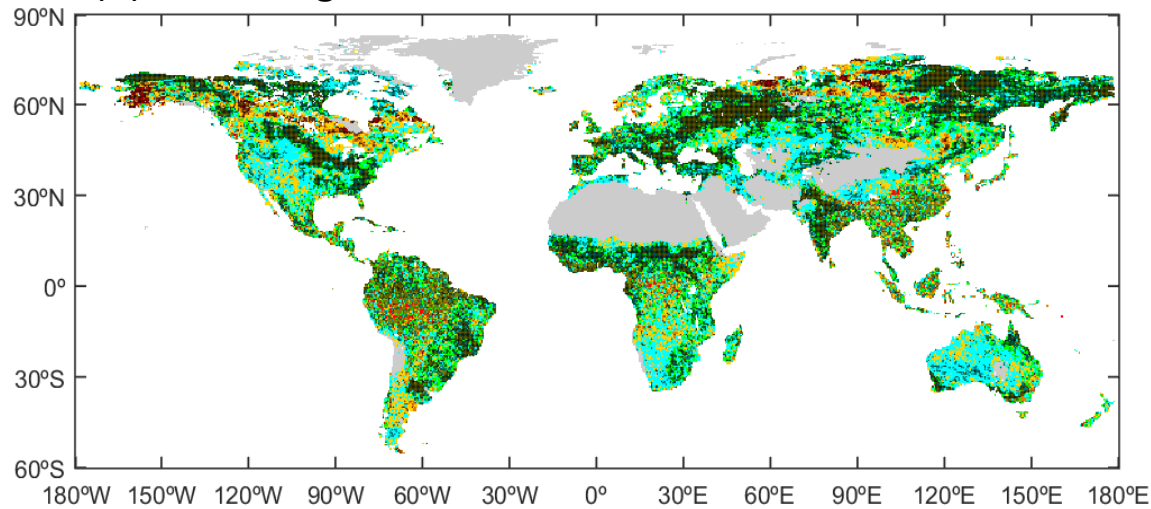
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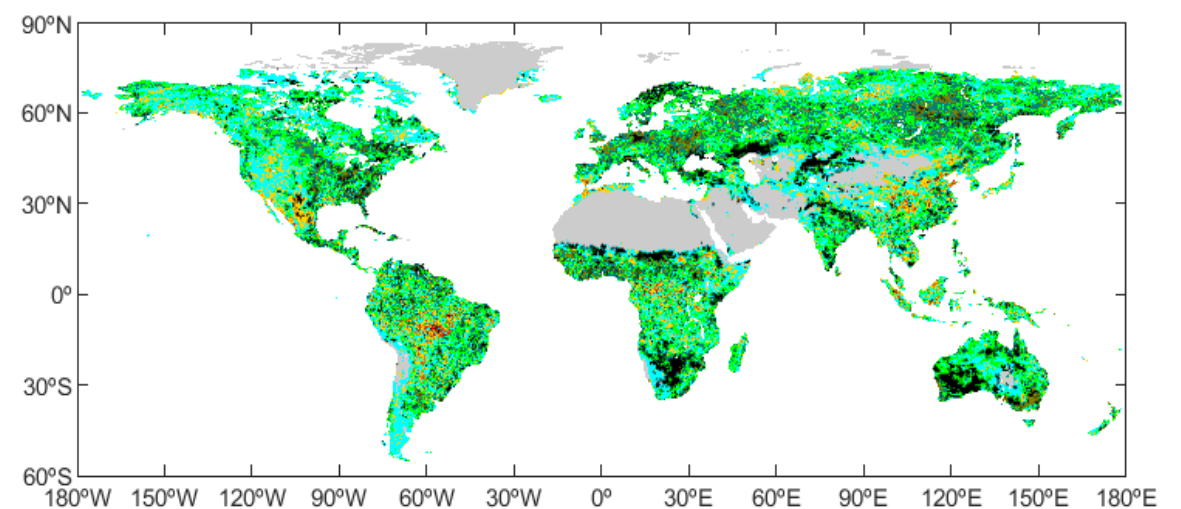
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GIMMS3g



C3SV3



85% agreement

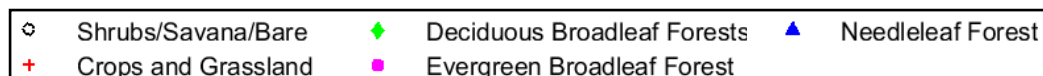
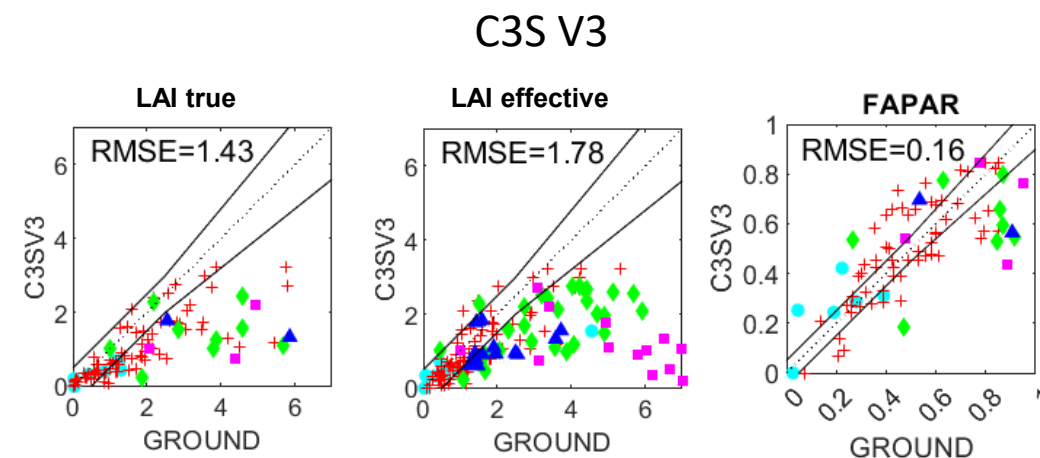
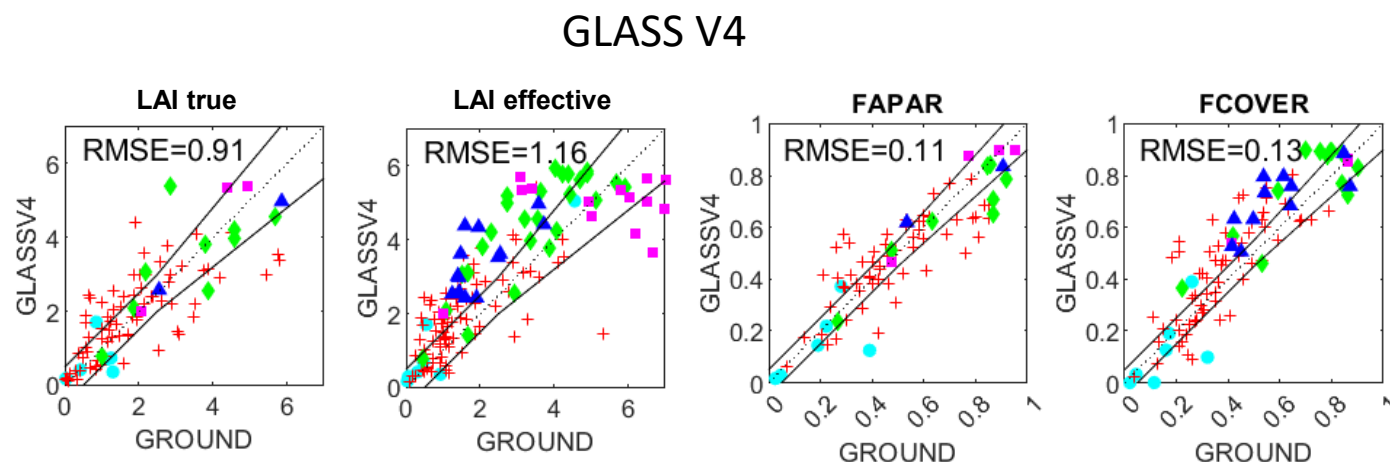
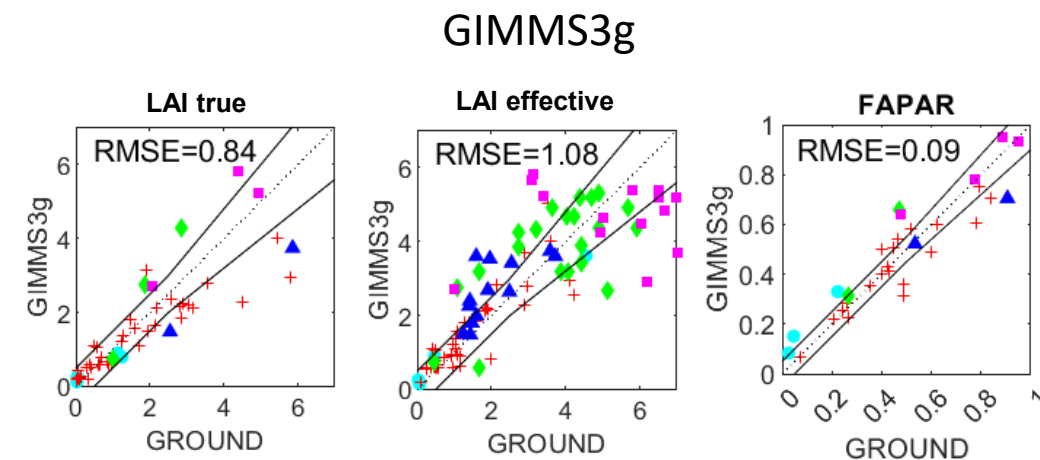
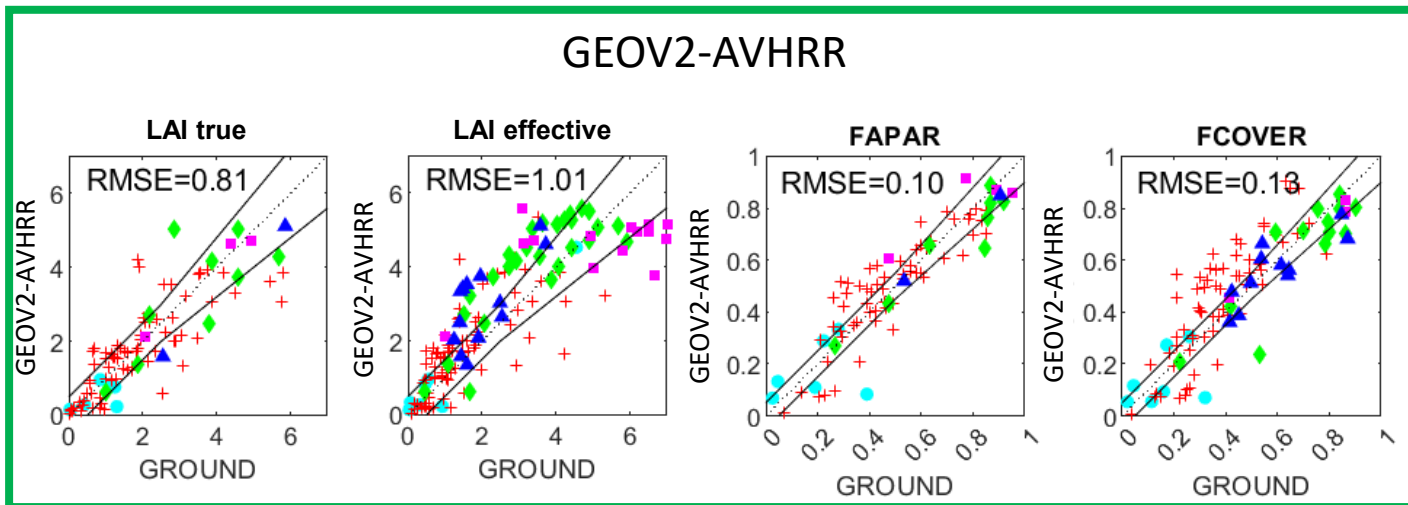
20% browning



80% greening

Trend in growing season integrated LAI ( $10^{-3} \text{ m}^2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ )

# Accuracy assessment over DIRECT2.0

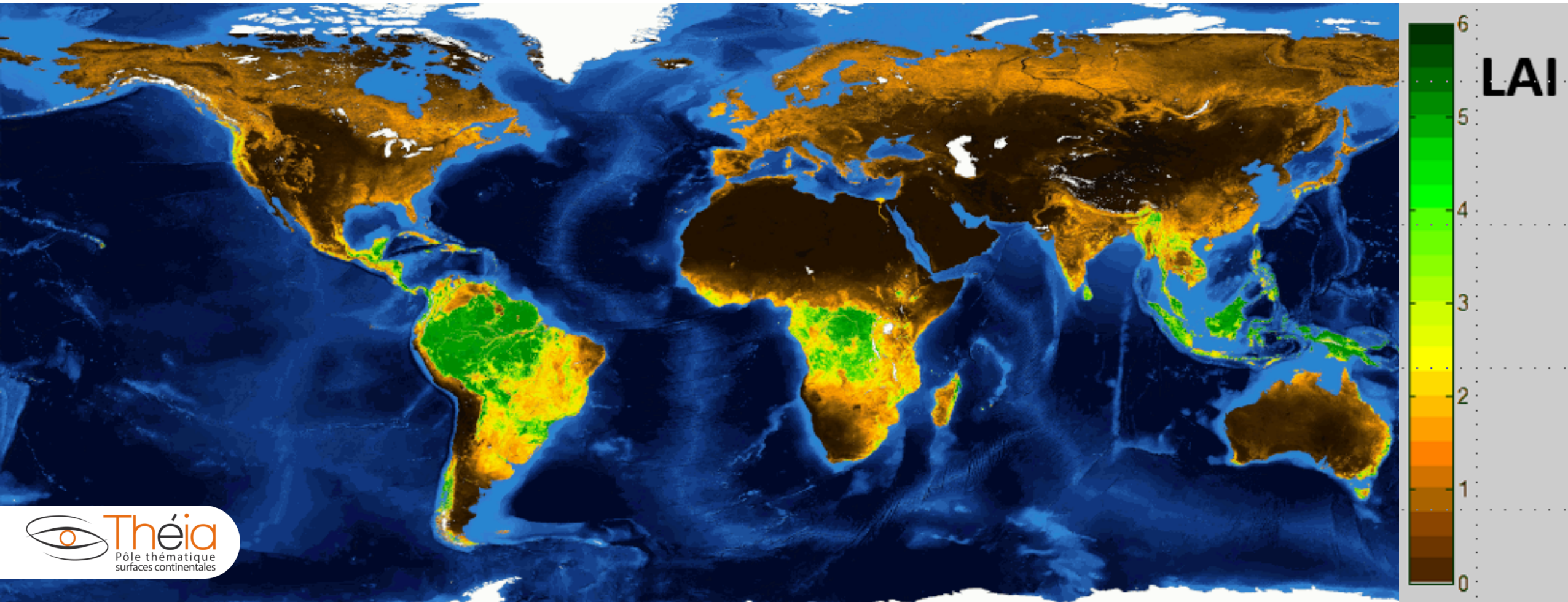


# Conclusions

- GEOV2-AVHRR LAI, FAPAR and FCOVER 5km, 10d time series (**1981-2018**) at the global scale
- Associated with **quality flags and quality indicators**
- **Same principles as for GEOV2-CGLS 1999-2019**: ~90% of land pixels within  $\pm 0.5$  LAI and  $\pm 0.05$  FAPAR/FCover
- **GEOV2-AVHRR agrees with GIMMS3g and GLASSV4** products within  $\pm 0.5$  LAI and  $\pm 0.05$  FAPAR/FCOVER in >90% of land pixels for LAI and >50% for FAPAR and FCOVER
- GEOV2-AVHRR is **an intermediate solution** between GIMMS3g and GLASSV4 in terms of the magnitude of products, temporal **smoothness**, and spatio-temporal **continuity** (5% of missing data for GEOV2-AVHRR)
- High **temporal consistency** of GEOV2-AVHRR with no artifacts from the transition between NOAA satellites
- The **temporal trends** in GEOV2-AVHRR LAI agrees with GIMMS3g and/or GLASSV4 in 85% of land pixels
- **GEOV2-AVHRR agrees the best with ground measurements**: uncertainty of 0.81 LAI, 0.10 FAPAR and 0.13 FCOVER
- **C3SV3** shows temporal discontinuities, **inconsistencies and artifacts** from the transition between sensors as well as important discrepancies with other products and ground data both for LAI and FAPAR
- GEOV2-AVHRR (1981-2018) time series will be updated to present using **MetOp** data

# Thank you!

Time series of LAI, FAPAR and FCOVER every 10-day since 1981



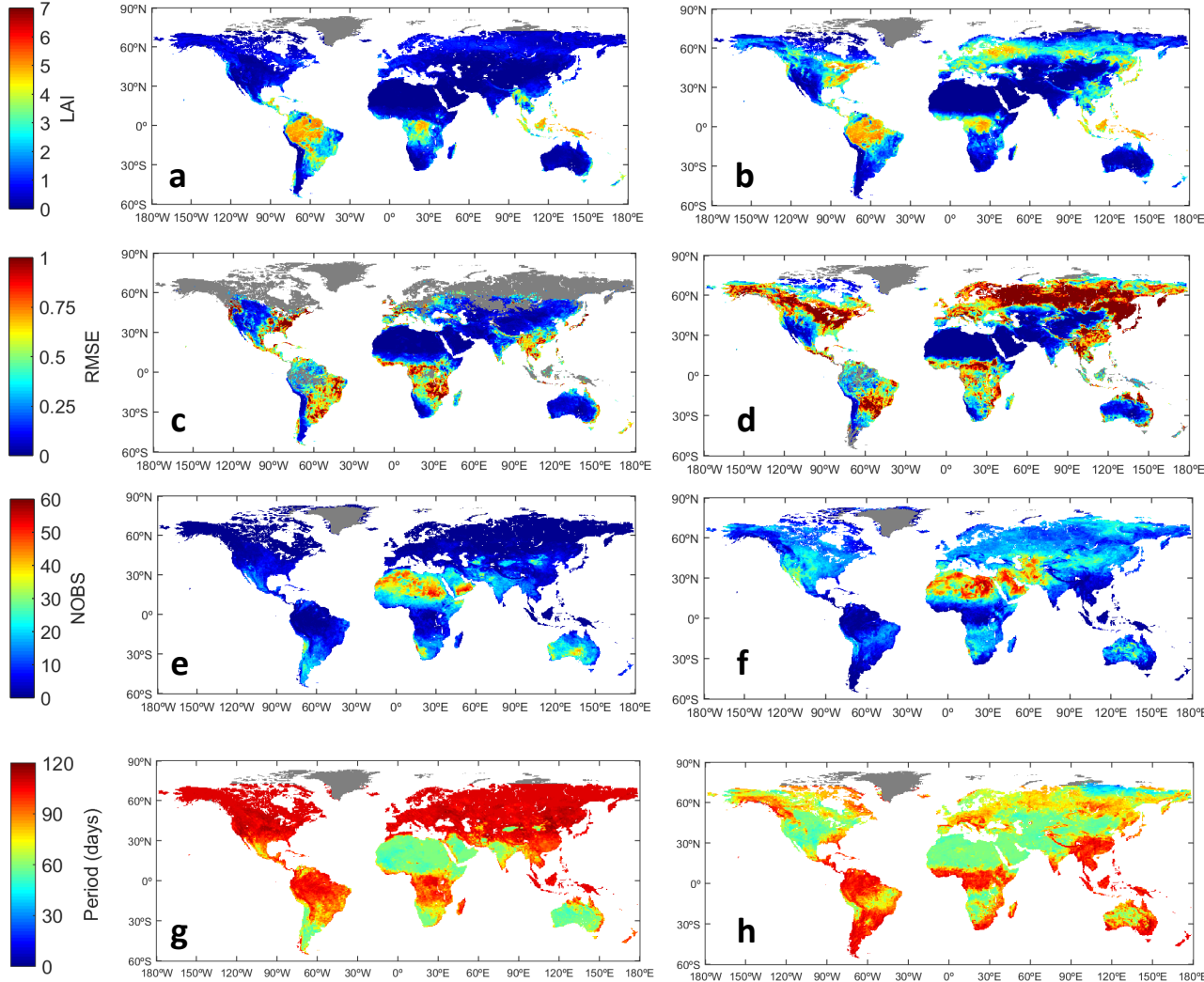
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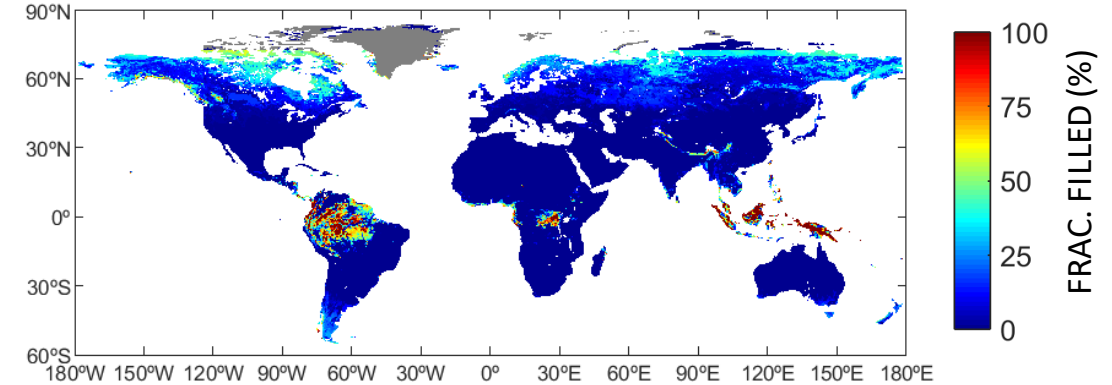
# Quality flags and quality indicators

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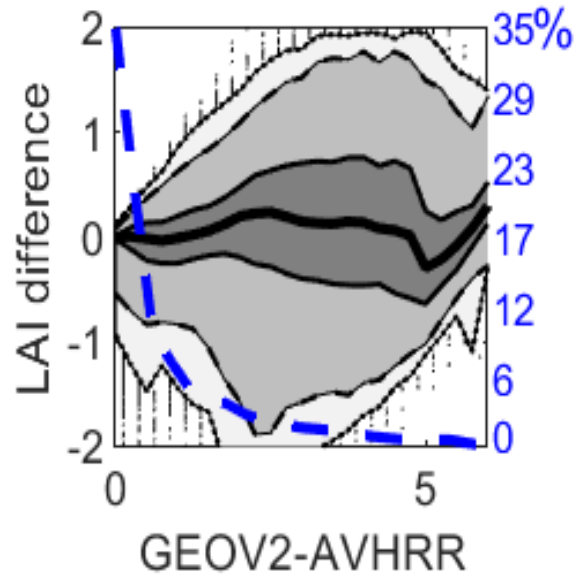


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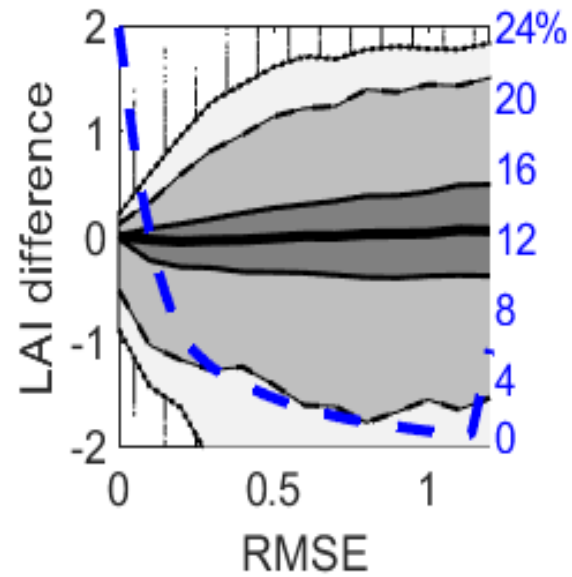


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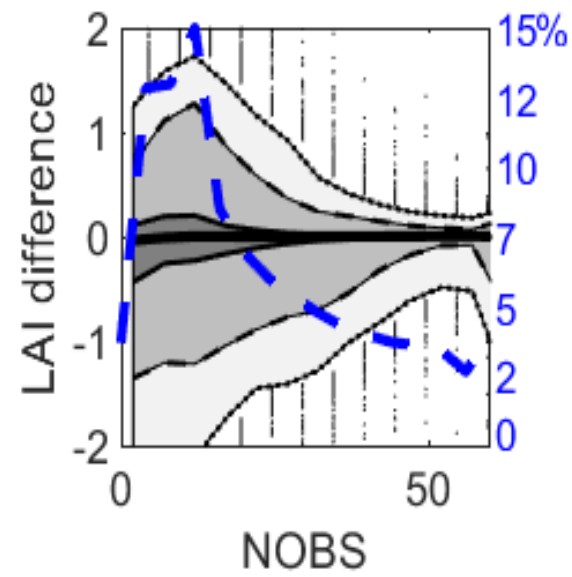
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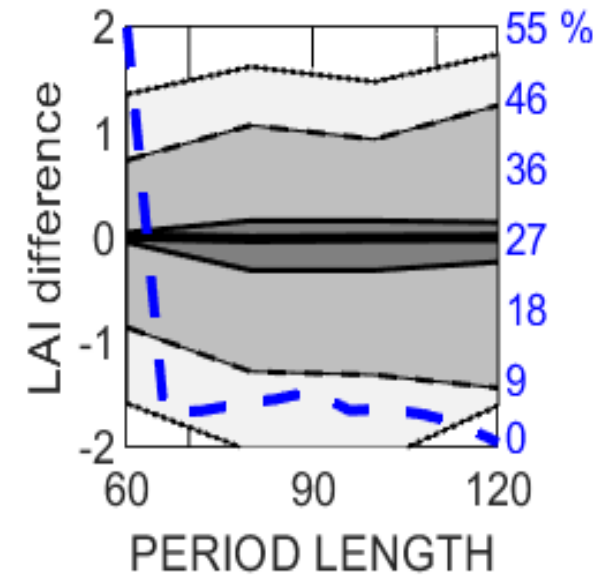
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(b)



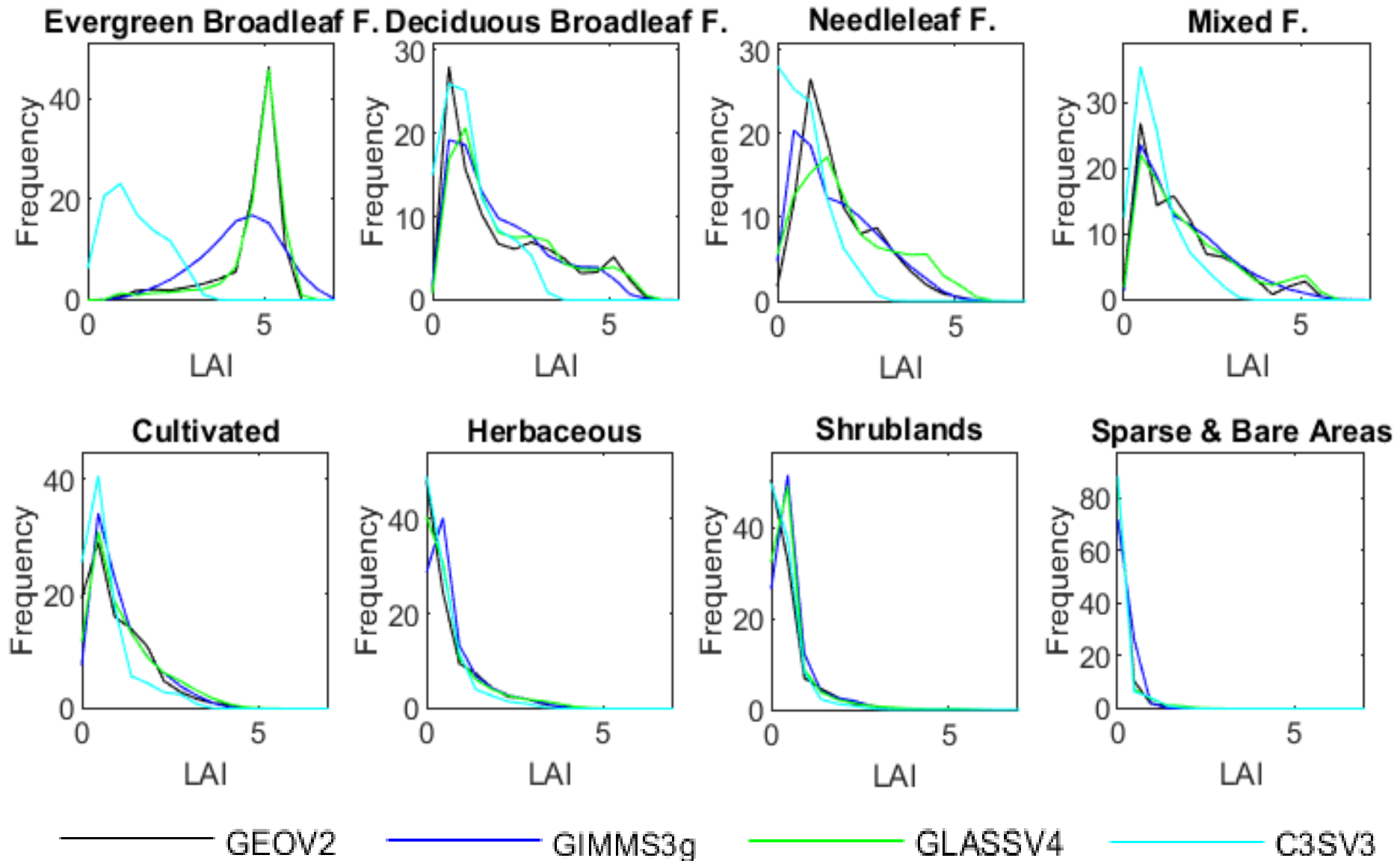
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(d)

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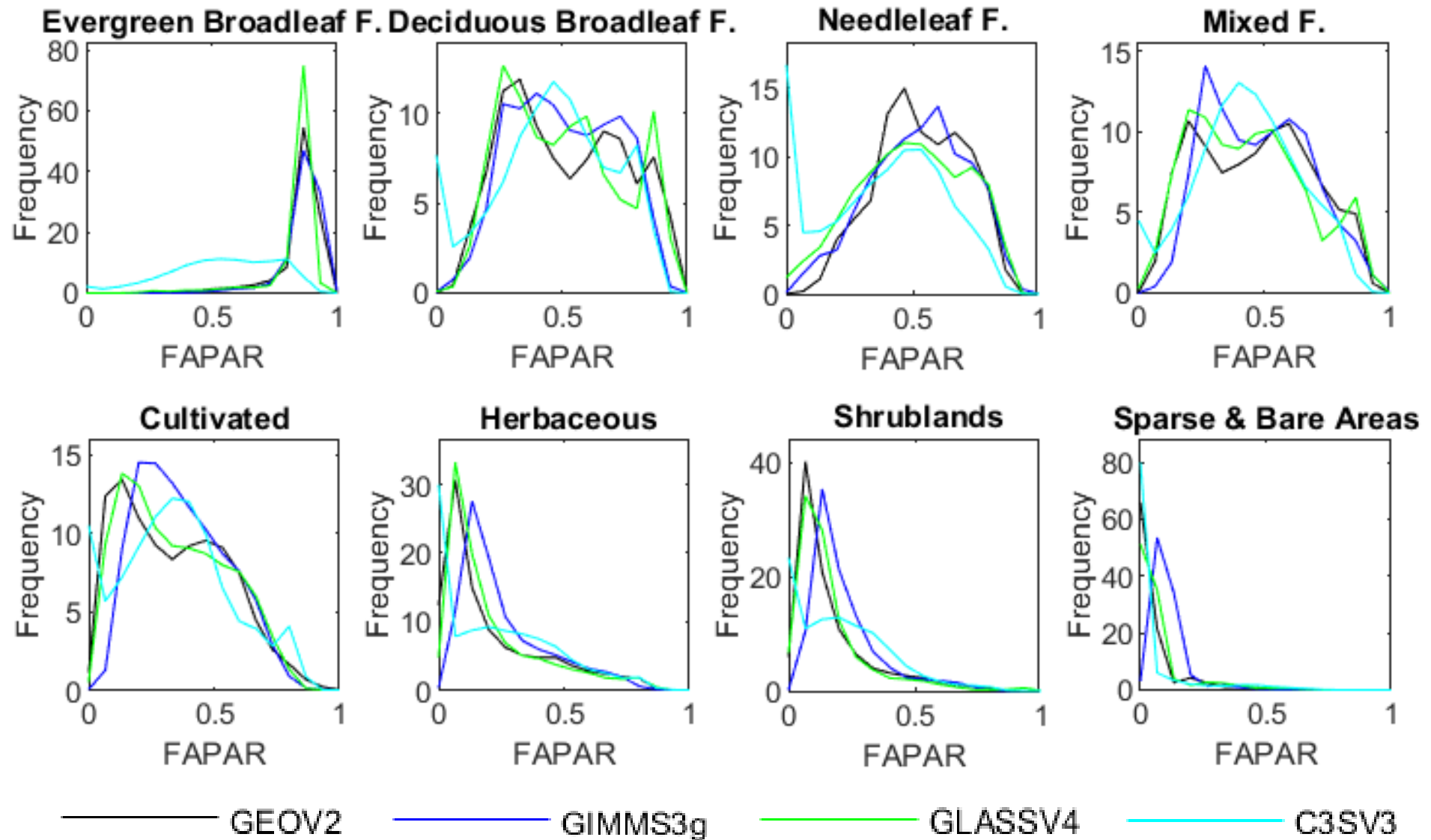
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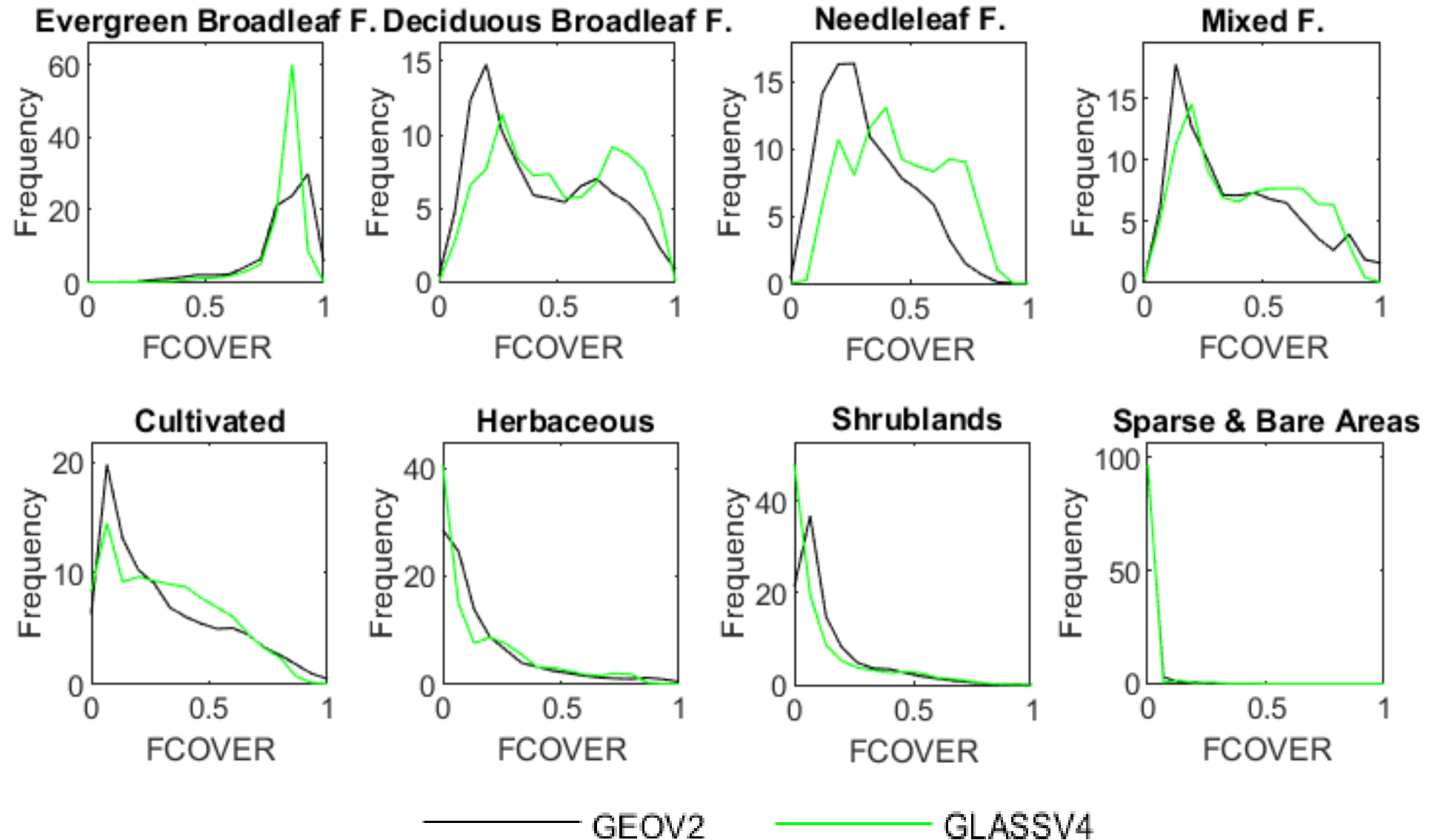
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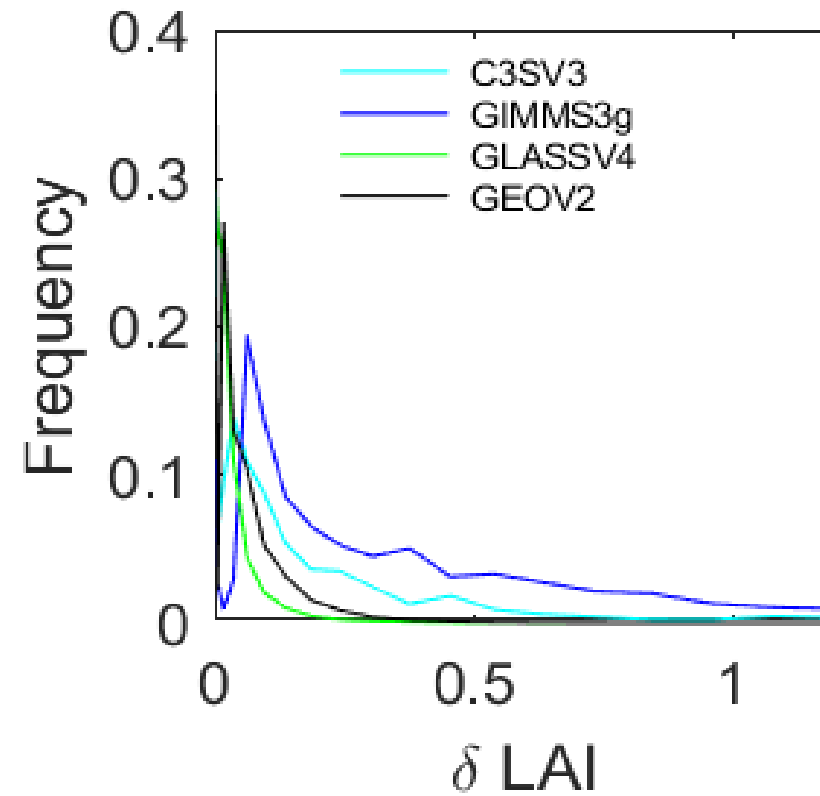


# Statistical analysis

# FCover



# Temporal smoothness



# FAPAR-FCover consistency

