



# Trans-disciplinarity The 'TransCube' Model

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Transition: Coping with new challenges

+ Transation: Innovating beyond benches & bedsides

+ Transformation: Re-inventing Health Policies & Management



Crisis = Hazards



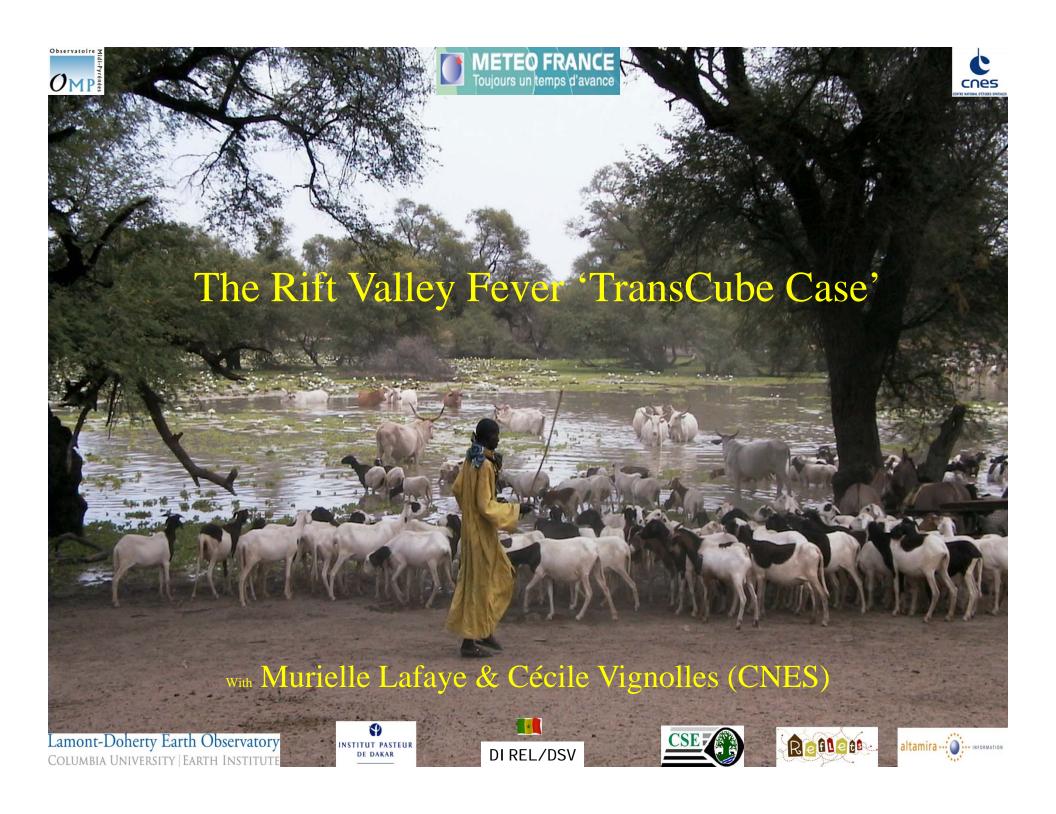
Tipping point

### frans-disciplinarity **Transition** New Challenges and Crisis • Rapid Population Increase & Abrupt Climate Change (ACC) Population movement/displacement • Water Availability & Global Food Security •Hygienic & Nosocomial issues Associated Vector-Borne Diseases Case Vectors circulation •Reservoirs circulation New and Re-emerging Public Health Concerns •WNV, Chikungunya, Avian Flu, RVF, Malaria, Dengue...



## Trans-disciplinarity **Transformation** Re-inventing Public Health Policies Agency & Health Institution Networking: National & International Levels •New HIS Public Awareness (K & I; FAQ) Management New Guidelines and TOR •Implementing Early Warning Systems (EWS) within Societal Benefit Areas/GEOSS Effective Real-time Risk Mapping

## Transition European Winter Temperatures during the 20th Century Anomalous winter temperature, Europe 1900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 1900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010



### Fully Integrated Conceptual Approach Weather and Climate In-Situ Measurements Entomology Hydrology High Res. Remote Sensing K Serology **TRMM** (4-5 km) M Optical: Spot-5 Image (10 m) Raising Cattle Radar: TerraSarX (3 m) Quickbird (60 cm) EWS

#### **Translation: Thinking out of the box (1)**

#### The Brand-new Normalized Difference Pond Index

#### **NDPI**

NDPI from MIR (1.58-1.75 µm) and Green (0.50-0.59µm) channels. using SPOT-5 digital counts (DCs or reflectance proxies)

NDPI = (DC4-DC1) / (DC4 + DC1)

Where DC4 = digital count from MIR channel and DC1 = digital count from Green channel

DC4 is a function of water content
DC1 is a function of biological structures of the target itself.
DCs include radiometric and geometric corrections

#### **Translation: Thinking out of the box (2)**

#### The Brand-new Normalized Difference Turbidity Index

(Aedes vs. Culex)

#### **NDTI**

Clean water has a specific radiometric response (weak for green wavelength and weaker for red wavelength), thus:

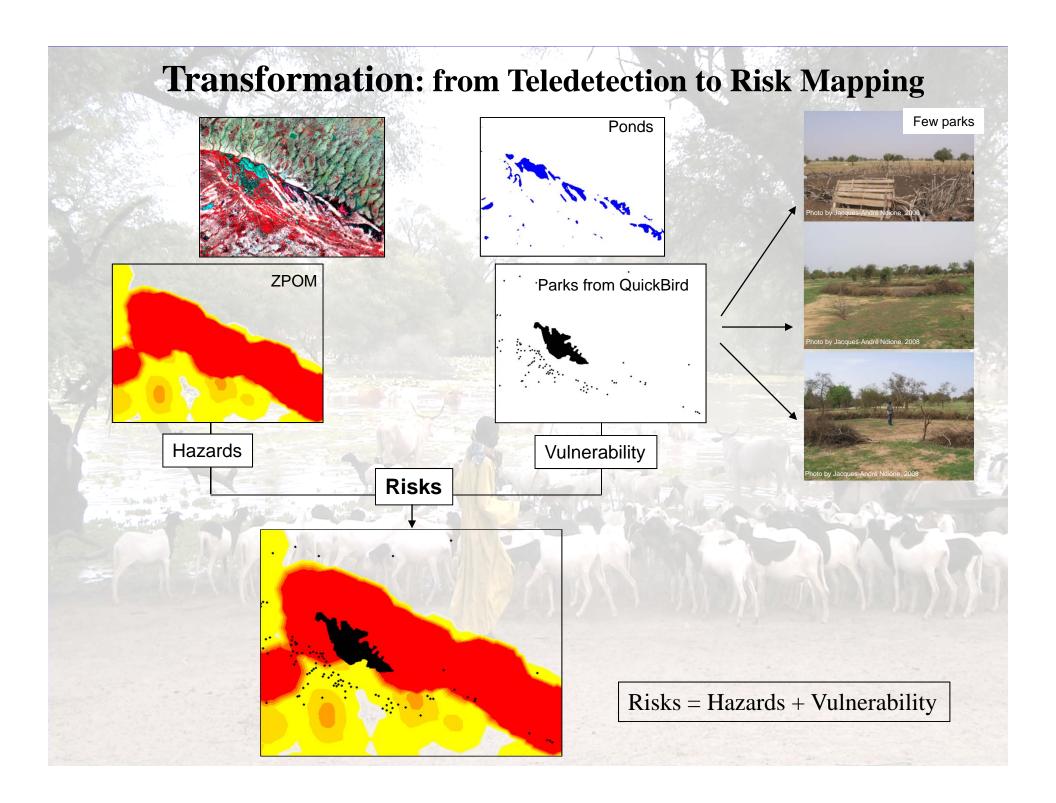
NDTI is defined from Red (0.61-0.68 µm) and Green (0.5-0.59 µm) channels. using SPOT-5 DCs

NDTI = (DC2-DC1) / (DC2 + DC1)

DC2 = Red channel and DC1 = Green channel

Turbid water High NDTI values





#### Transformation: New Products

#### Dynamical ZPOM and associated risks

