



# ECOSTRESS

## Level-2 Algorithm Status, Simulated Data, and Cloud Detection

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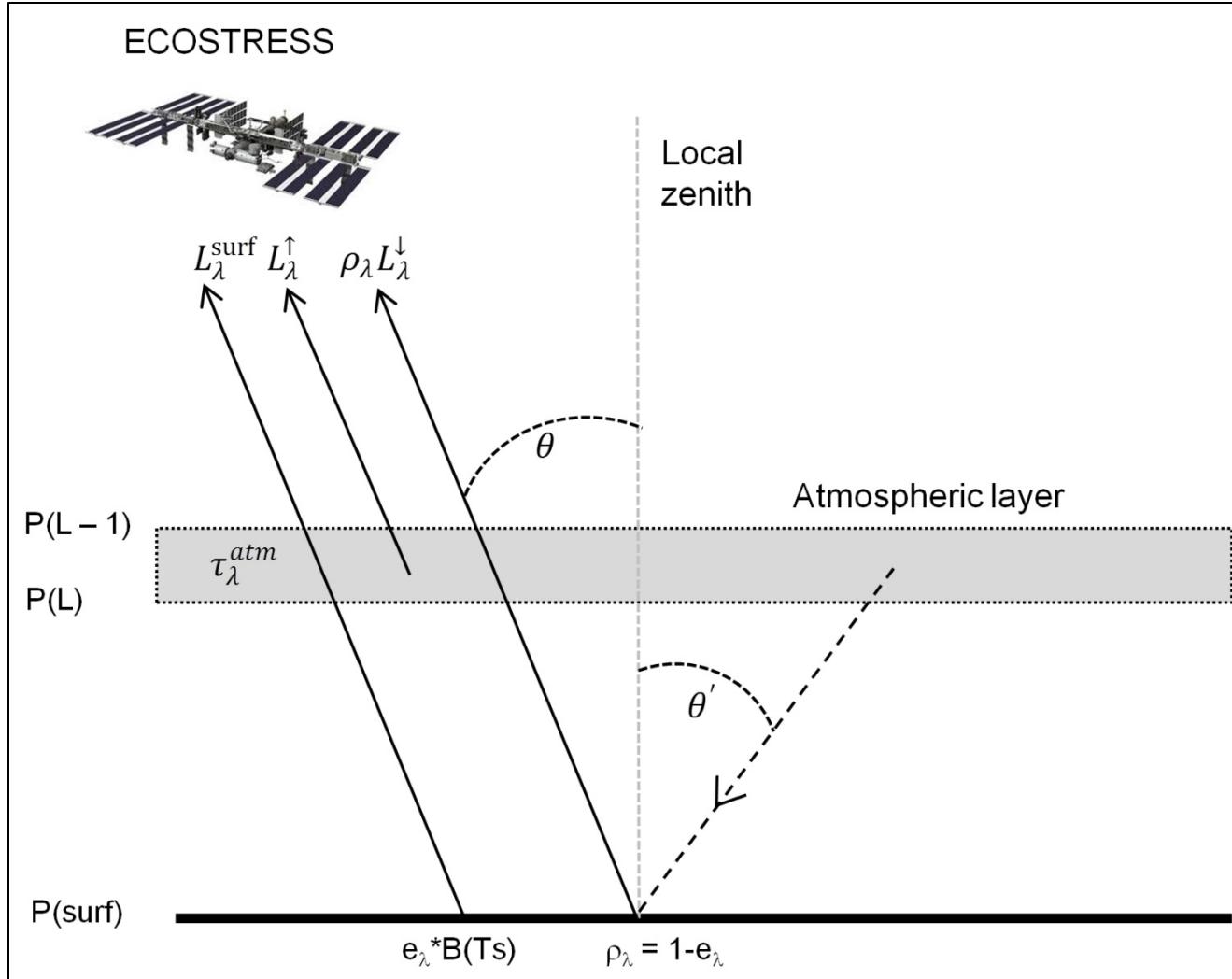
# Outline

1. Level-2 algorithm status
2. Products
3. Simulated data
4. Cloud detection evaluation

Iteratively solve for surface radiance + Temperature/Emissivity

$$L_\lambda(\theta) = \boxed{\tau_\lambda(\theta)} \left[ L_\lambda^{surf} + (1 - \varepsilon_\lambda) \boxed{\bar{L}_\lambda^{\downarrow}} \right] + \boxed{L_\lambda^{\uparrow}}$$

$$L_\lambda^{surf} = \varepsilon_\lambda B(T_s)$$



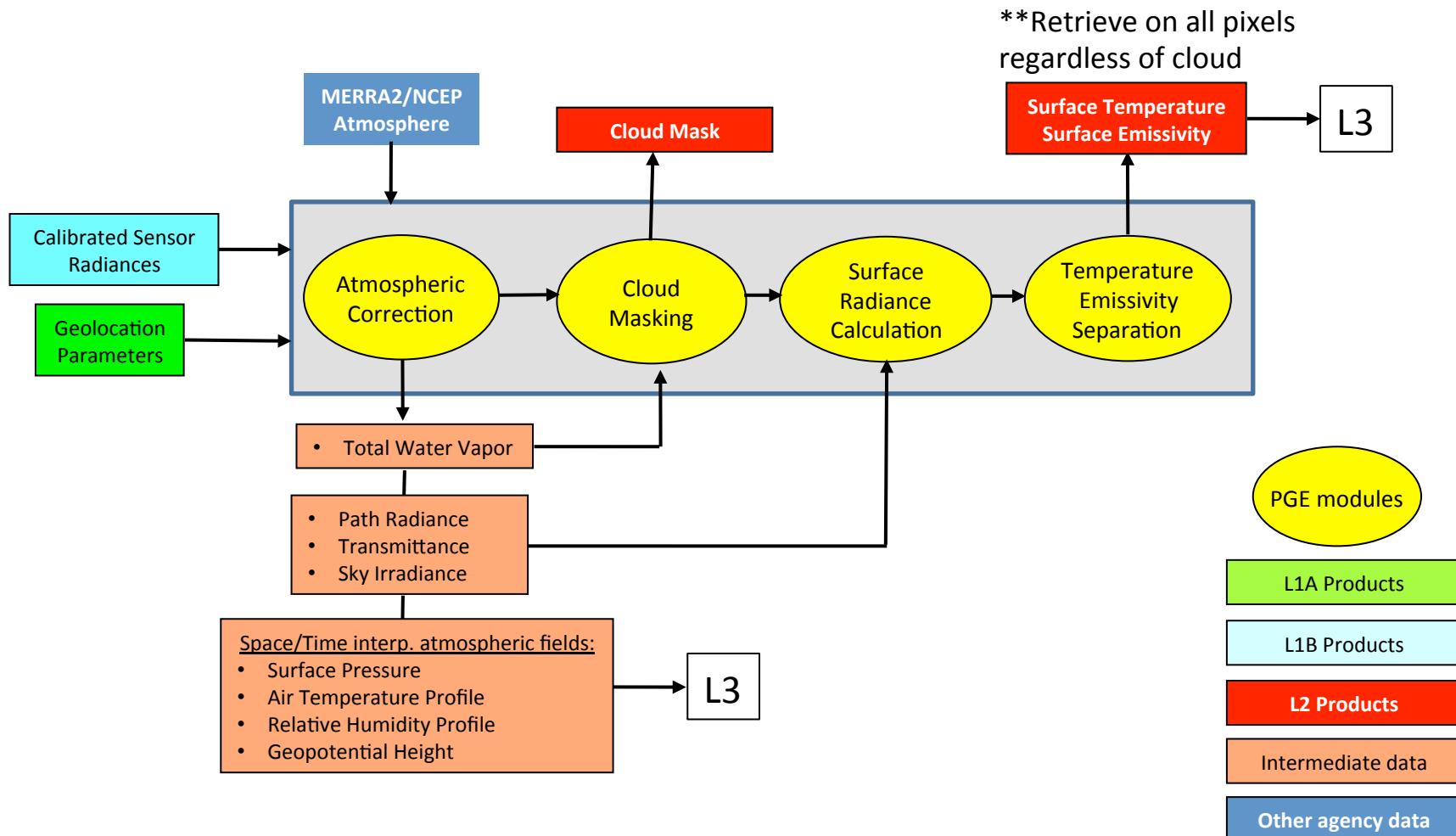
# LST Uncertainty Analysis

Hulley et al. 2012 (Uncertainty Analysis Study)			LST Uncertainty (K)	
Surface types	Samples	MODTRAN Simulations	3-band TES	5-band TES
Dense vegetation, Water, Ice, Snow	8	660,096	2.19	1.63
Rocks	48	3,960,576	1.44	1.45
Soils	45	3,713,040	0.89	0.91
Sands	10	825,120	1.12	0.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>9,158,832</b>	<b>1.49 K</b>	<b>1.13 K</b>

L2 error contributions = algorithm + measurement + atmosphere

TES 5-band approach meets ~1 K accuracy capability for **ECOSTRESS**  
(Requirement is 2 K)

# Level-2 Flow Schematic



Code: C++ Unix system

End-to-end timing: ~3.5 minutes for one ECOSTRESS granule (~25 million pixels)

Runconfig: Multiple runtime options (cloud thresholds, atmospheric data, WVS model)

# ECOSTRESS Level-2 TES Product

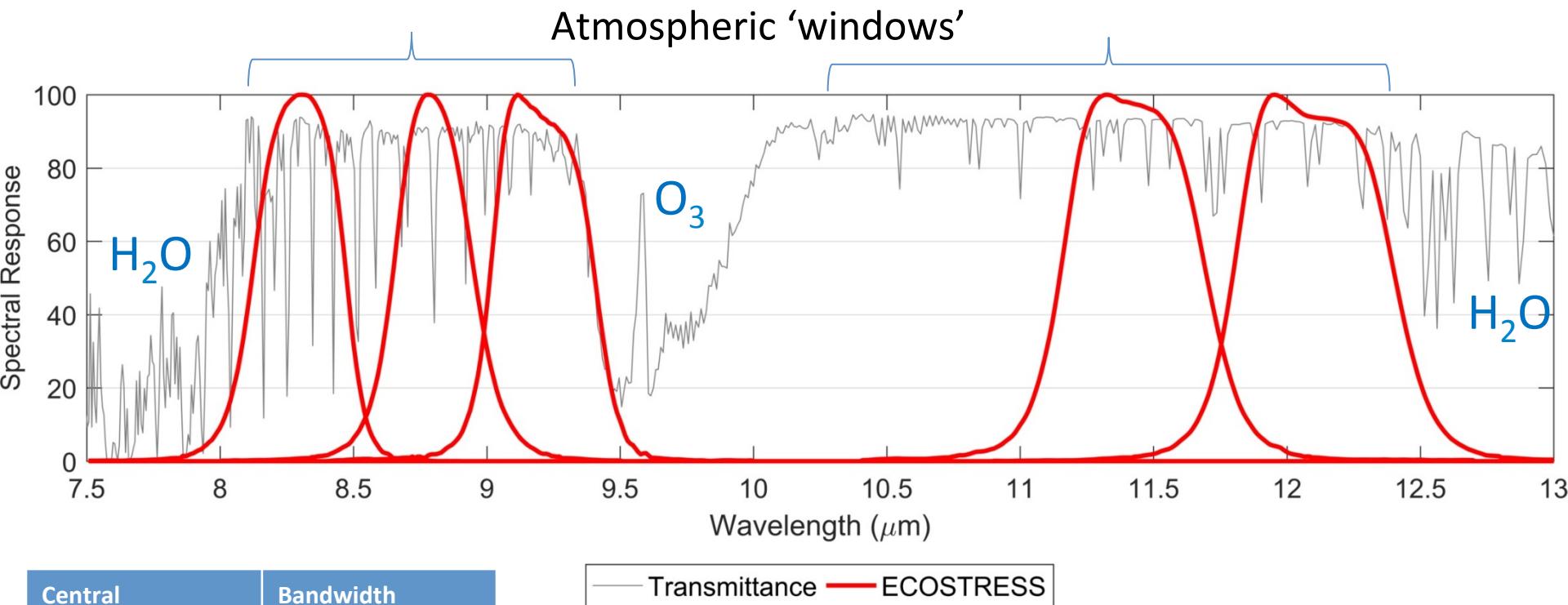
SDS	Long Name	Units
LST	Land Surface Temperature	K
Emissivity	Emissivity (bands 1 -5)	n/a
PWV	Precipitable Water Vapor (MERRA-2)	cm
QC	Quality Control	n/a
LSTerr	LST Uncertainty	K
Emis_err	Emissivity Uncertainty (bands 1 – 5)	n/a
Emis_bb	Broadband Emissivity	n/a

# L2 Algorithm Status

LEVEL-2 TASK	Completion
<del>Simulate L1/L2 Products (VIIRS, ASTER)</del>	<del>01-31-2016</del>
<del>L2 Documentation (ATBD, PSD)</del>	<del>02-23-2016</del>
<del>L2 Code conversion to C++</del>	<del>07-22-2016</del>
<del>Installation of necessary libraries, radiative transfer models, Ancillary data (ASTER)</del>	<del>07-25-2016</del>
<del>Metadata, uncertainties, cloud mask, error logs</del>	<del>07-29-2016</del>
<del>L2 code testing on simulated data</del>	<del>08-15-2016</del>
<del>Baseline L2 PGE with Process Control System (PCS)</del>	<del>09-30-2016</del>
Incorporate NCEP atmospheric data (backup for MERRA2), ECMWF?	Ongoing
Implement Water Vapor Scaling (WVS) Model	Ongoing
Documentation (Cloud ATBD, ASD's)	Ongoing
Cloud Mask evaluation/refinement	Ongoing

# Spectral Response Functions

(best estimate as of 8.25.2016)



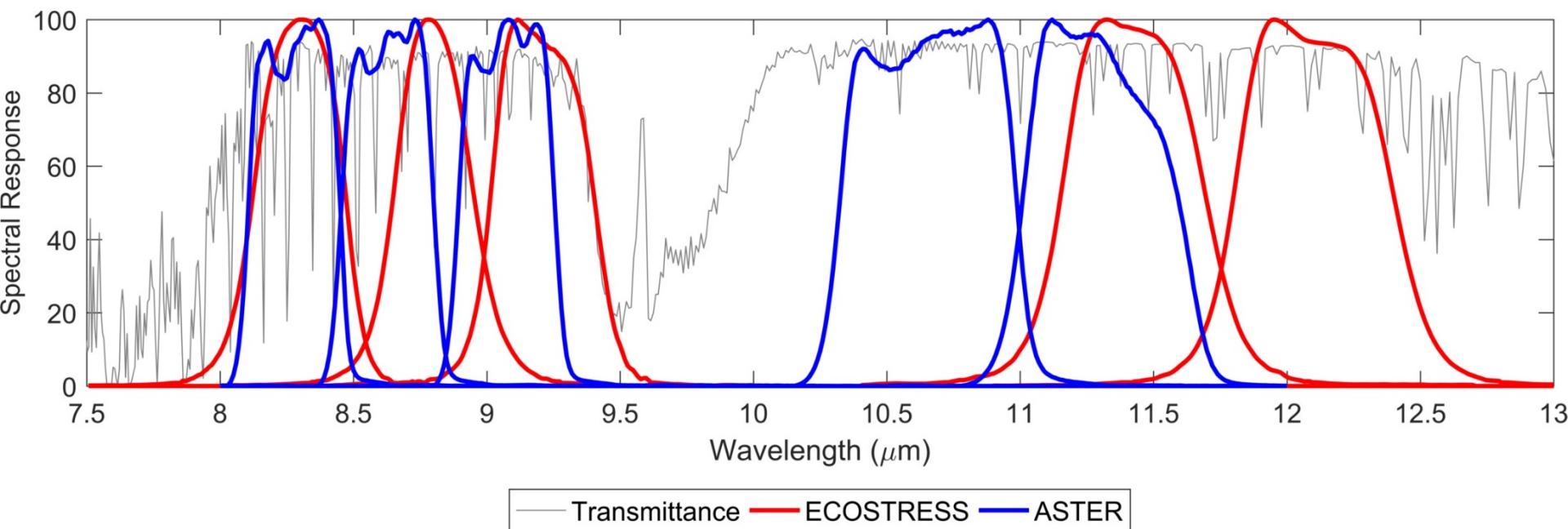
Central Wavelength ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Bandwidth ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
8.29	0.355
8.80	0.309
9.20	0.395
11.41	0.553
12.09	0.610

## SRF dependencies:

- Emissivity calibration curve
- Brightness temperature LUT's
- Radiance conversion LUT's
- RTTOV coefficient files
- Uncertainty estimates

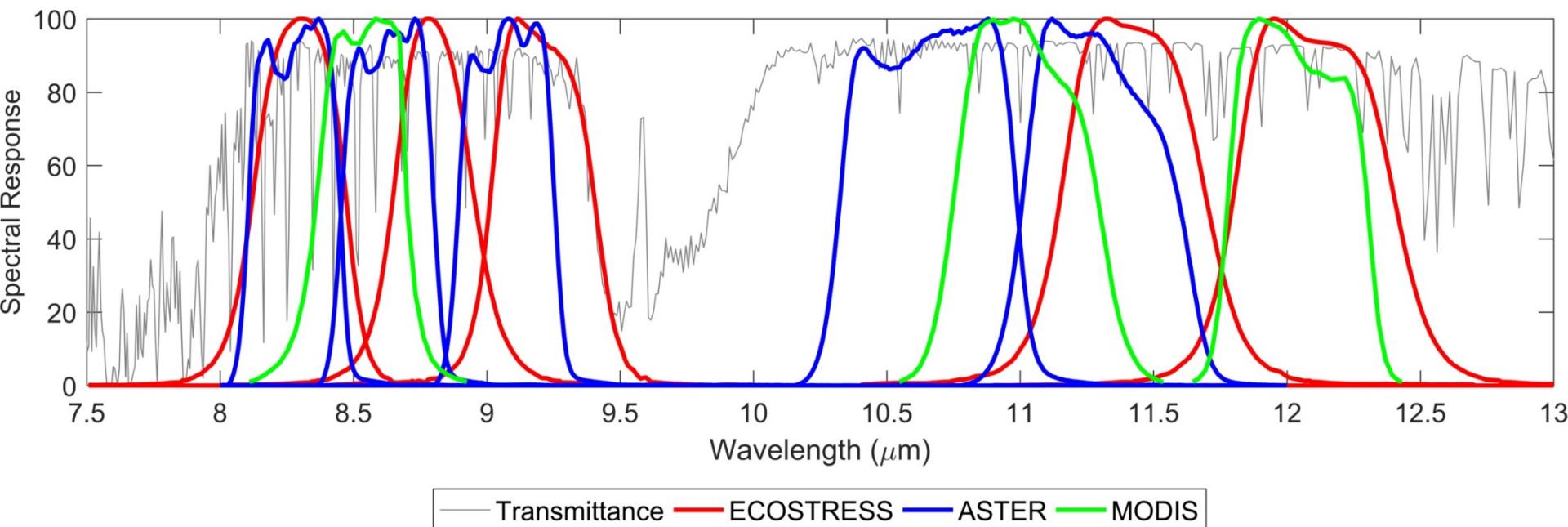
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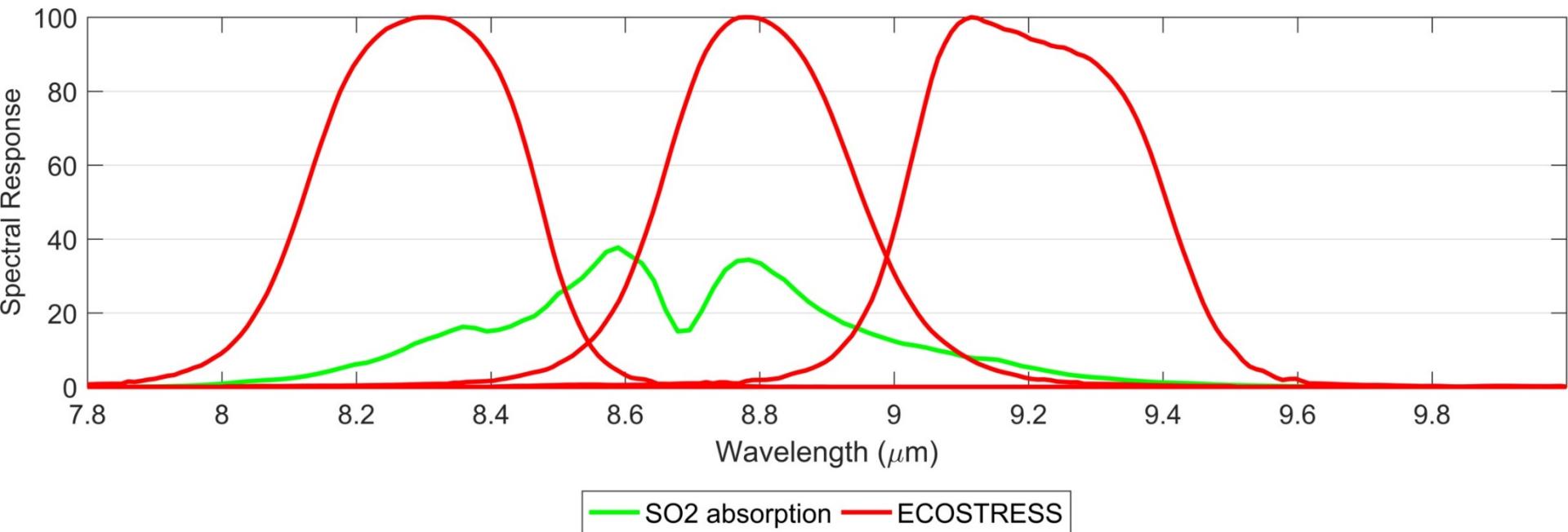


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# SO<sub>2</sub> Detection



# ECOSTRESS L2 Simulated Data

- Simulate L2 products at native ECOSTRESS resolution (~400x400 km swath, 70 m)
- VIIRS (375m) and ASTER (100m) thermal data
- L2 Simulated Data Workshop, July 2016
- Uses:
  - Forward calculate observed radiances (L1B)
  - Test production algorithms, timings, memory usage
  - Early adopters, e.g. NASA DEVELOP, Earth Uni, Costa Rica, UC Davis

VIIRS I5 Thermal Radiance (11  $\mu\text{m}$ )  
• 375 m  
• 6144 x 6400 (2,300 x 2,400 km)  
• ~1:30 AM/PM

ASTER GED Emissivity  
• 5 TIR bands (8-12  $\mu\text{m}$ )  
• 100 m  
• Climatology

Atmospheric correction  
• MERRA-2  
• RTTOV

Grid and geolocate to VIIRS swath

Emissivity Correction

Regression to get VIIRS I5 emissivity:  
 $\text{emisI5} = a_0 + a_1 \text{ASTER13} + a_2 \text{ASTER14}$

LST Calculation (Planck inversion)  
(375 m)

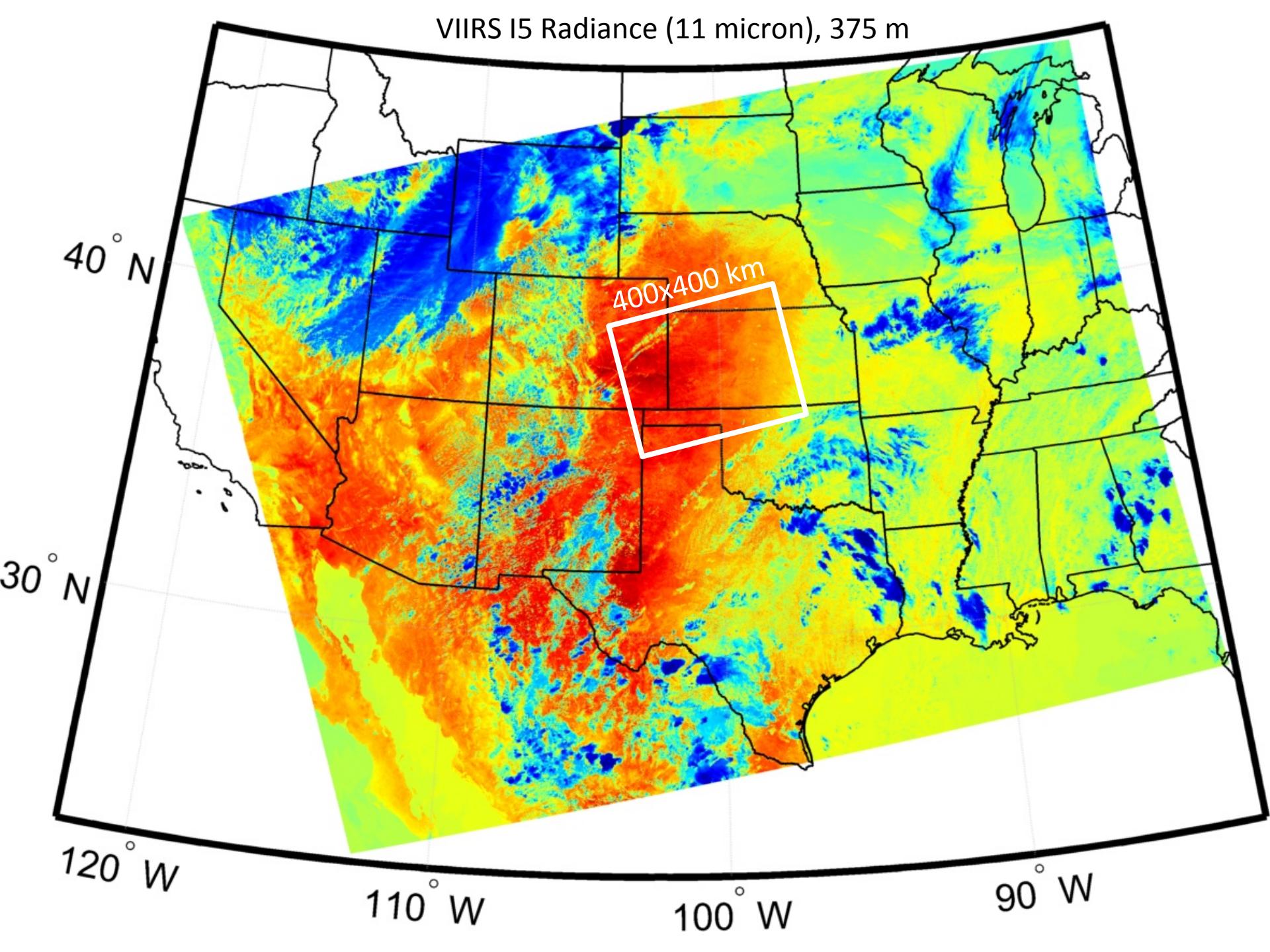
DisTrad (*Kustas et al. 2003*)  
LST ‘Sharpening’

ECOSTRESS L2 LST  
70 m  
5325 x 5325 (400 x 400 km)

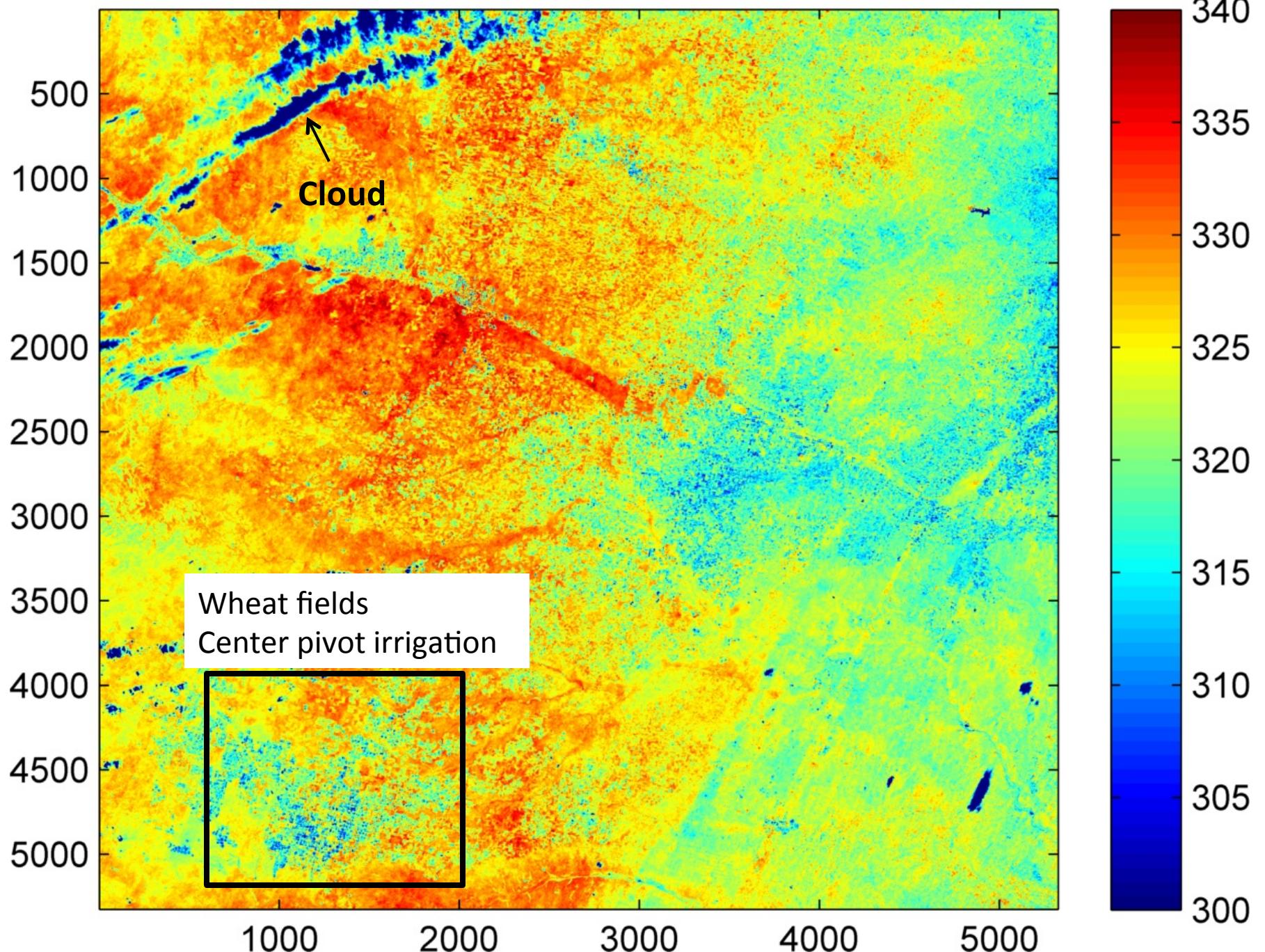
ASTER GED NDVI (100 m)  
VIIRS NDVI (375 m)

Requires Matlab, RTTOV radiative transfer model

# VIIRS I5 Radiance (11 micron), 375 m

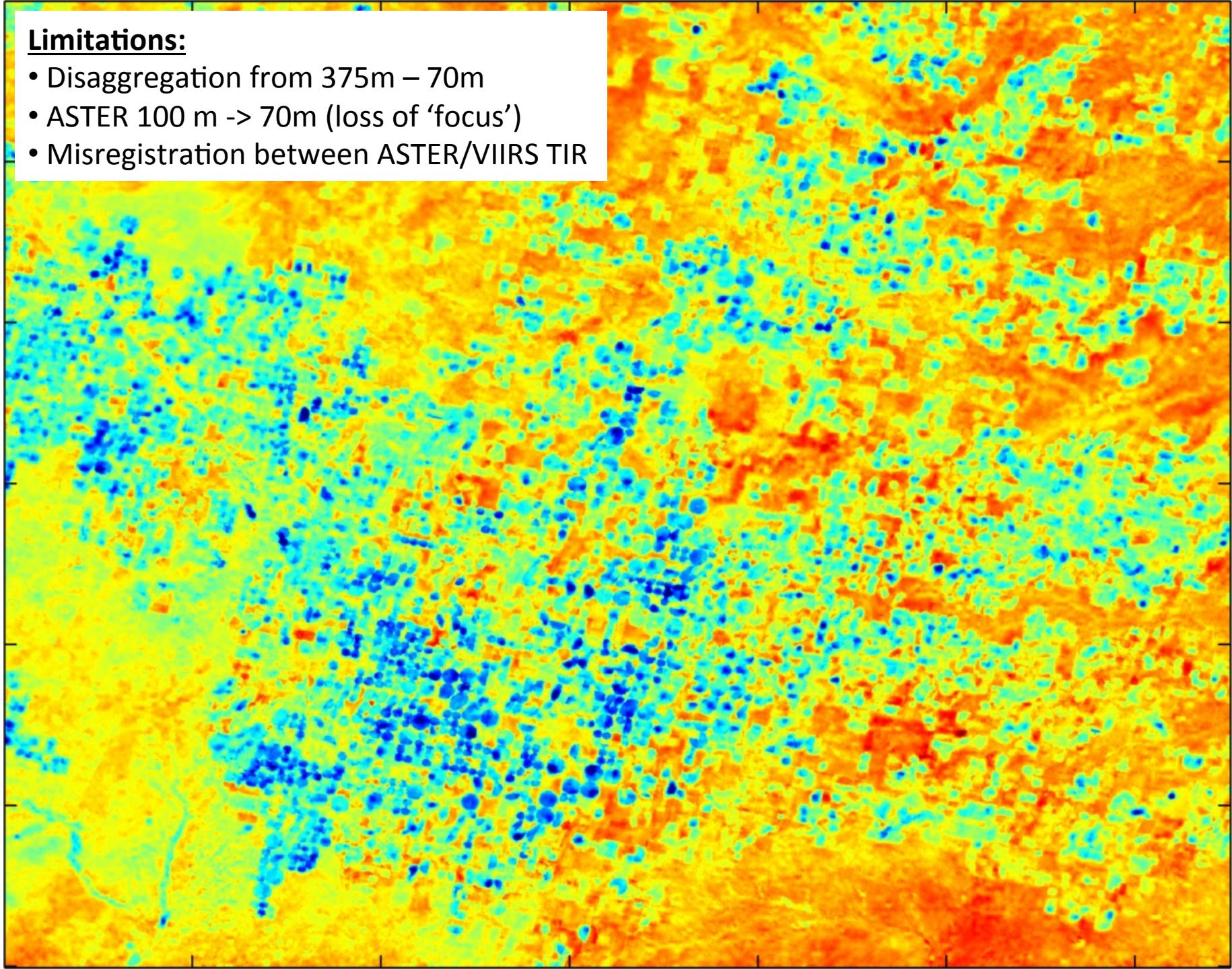


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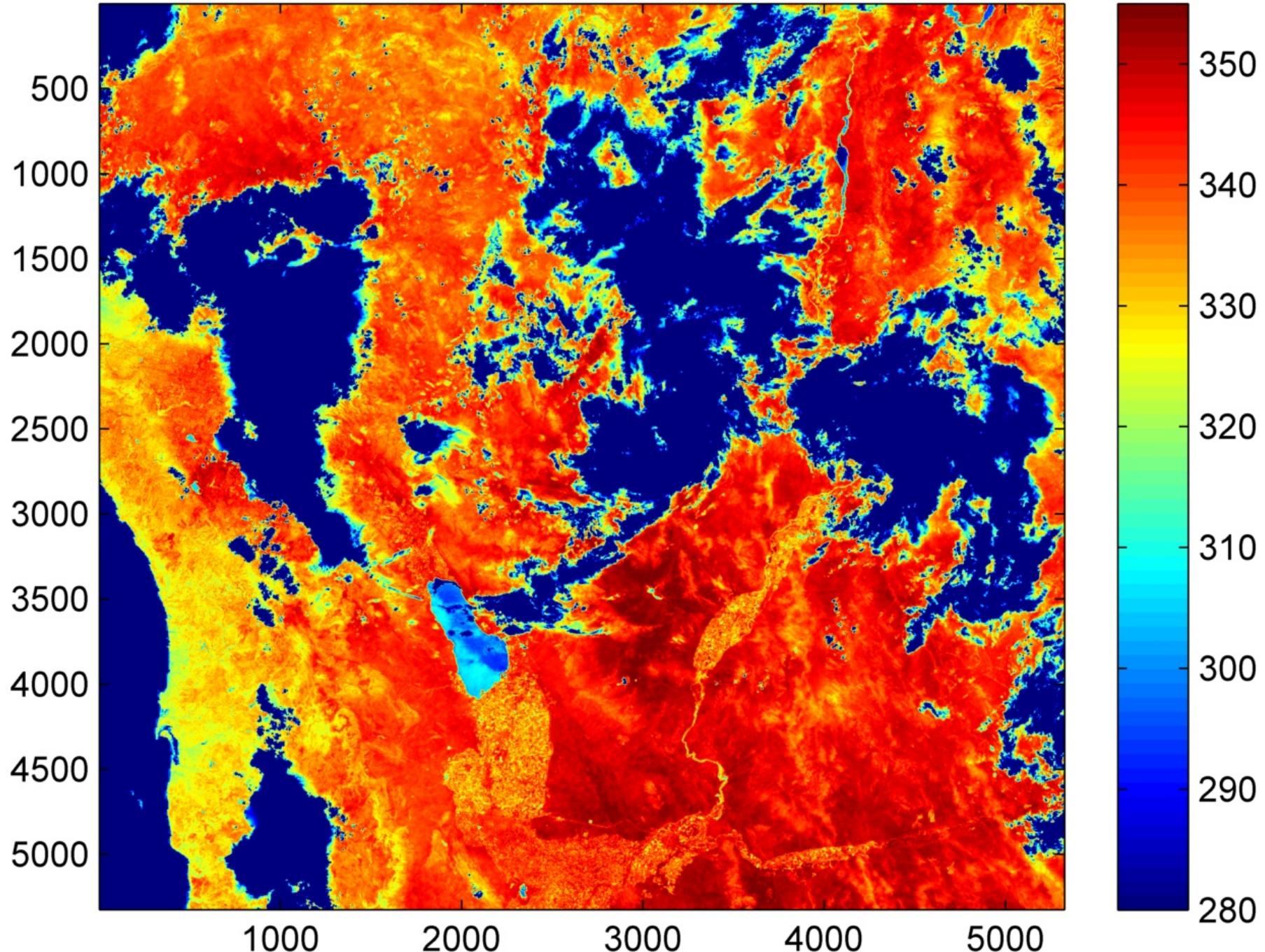


## Limitations:

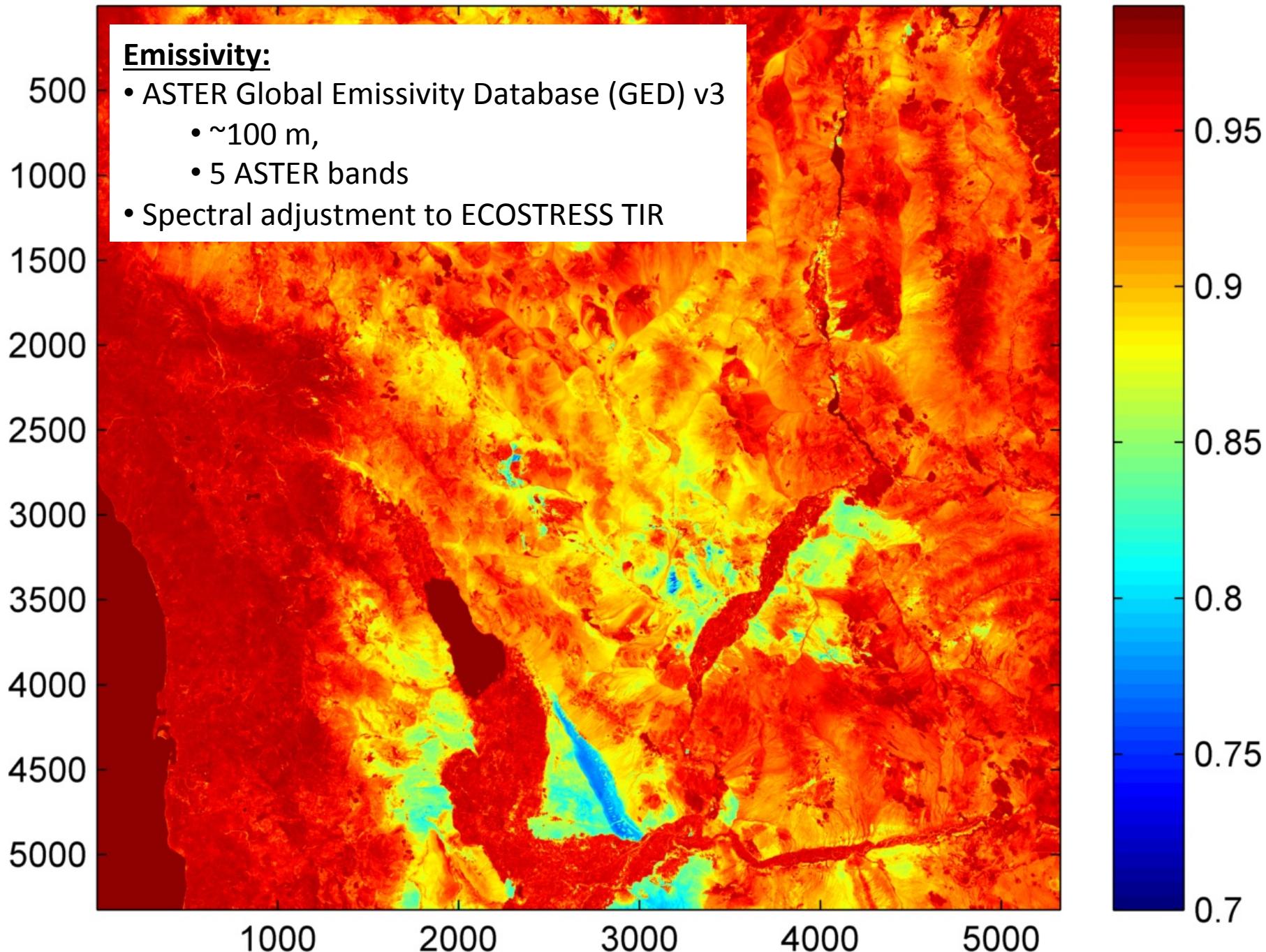
- Disaggregation from 375m – 70m
- ASTER 100 m -> 70m (loss of ‘focus’)
- Misregistration between ASTER/VIIRS TIR



# ECOSTRESS Land Surface Temperature [K]



# ECOSTRESS Emissivity Band 1 (8.3 $\mu\text{m}$ )





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## NASA DEVELOP Project - Costa Rica Agriculture Summer 2016

**Objective:** To utilize simulated ECOSTRESS data products to estimate the changes in water stress in crops over a daily cycle using the Priestly-Taylor-JPL model and to evaluate the utility of future ECOSTRESS data streams for supporting agricultural water resources management.



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## Upcoming Events

2016 HyspIRI Science and Applications Workshop

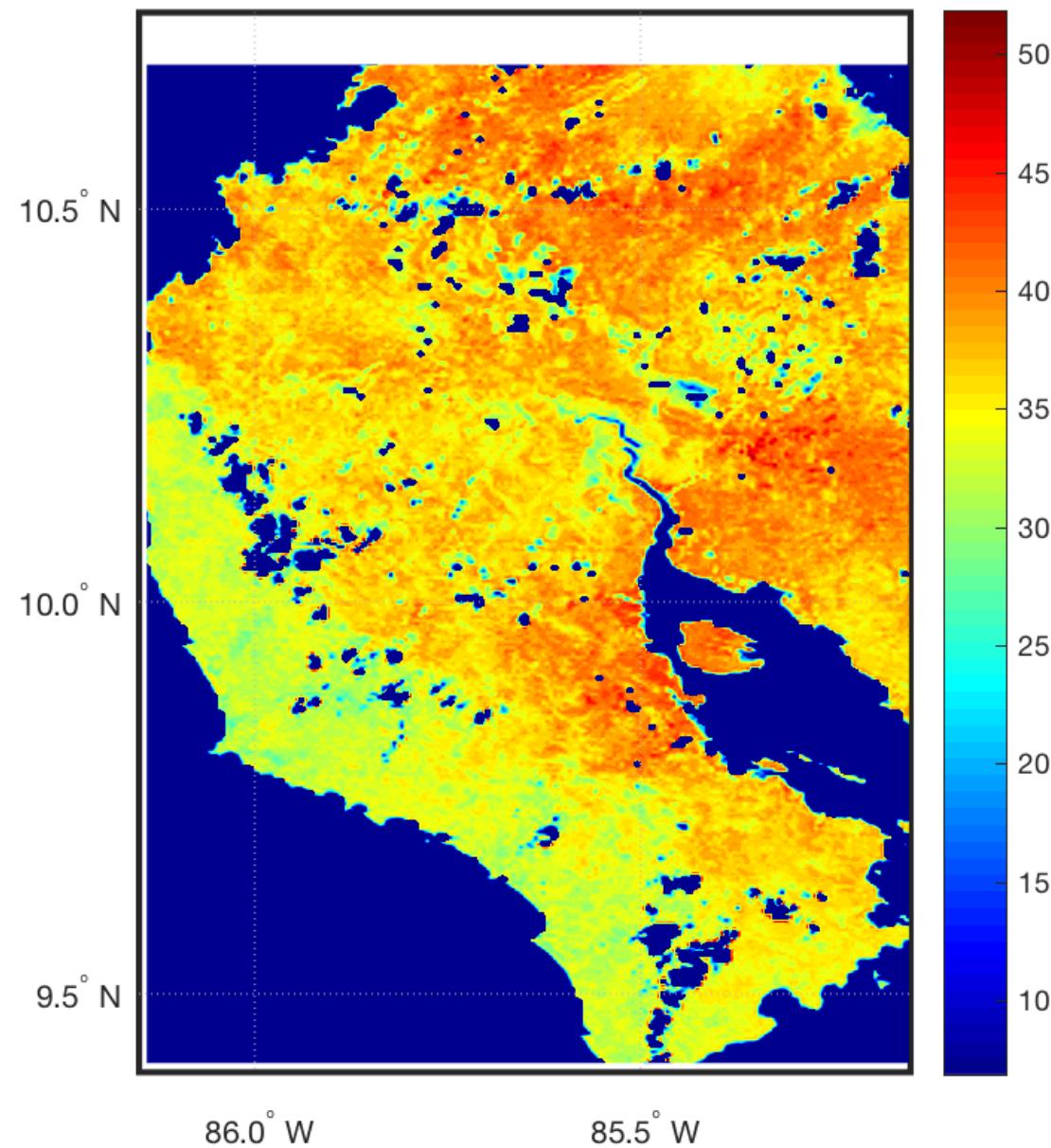
Oct 18, 2016 - Oct 20, 2016 — Pasadena, CA

ECOSTRESS Science and Applications Team Meeting

Dec 06, 2016 - Dec 07, 2016

[Upcoming events...](#)

ECOSTRESS L2 Land Surface Temperature Simulated Image – Costa Rica  
Generated by Steven Pestana



# ECOSTRESS Cloud Mask Evaluation

Roel Rodriguez (Caltech, SURF)

- Evaluation over all conditions using MODIS
- Compare to MOD35 standard
- Identify issues
- Optimize thresholds
- Update ATBD

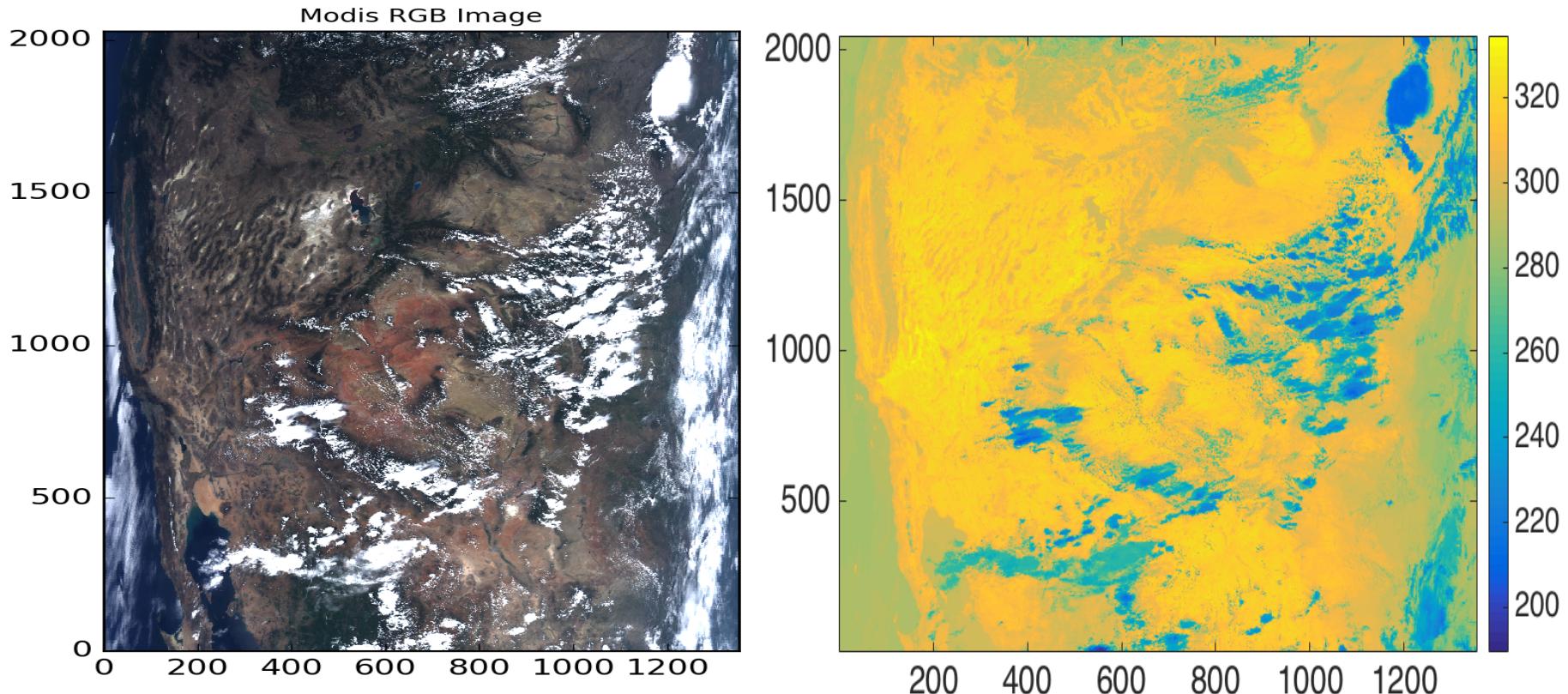
# ECOSTRESS cloud mask

- Based on MODIS cloud detection heritage
- Group I: Thick high clouds;  
**(BT11, BT13.9, and BT6.7)**      **BT11** = Brightness Temperature at 11 micron
- Group II: Thin clouds;  
**(BT11-BT12, BT8.6-BT11, BT11-BT3.9, and BT11-BT6.7)**
- Group III: Low clouds – VSWIR reflectance tests (**r<sub>\*</sub>**)
- Group IV: High thin clouds;  
**(r<sub>1.38</sub>, BT11-BT12, BT12-BT4, and BT13.7-BT13.9)**

## ECOSTRESS cloud tests

# Cloud Test 1

- If **BT11** > threshold (land, ocean, day, night)



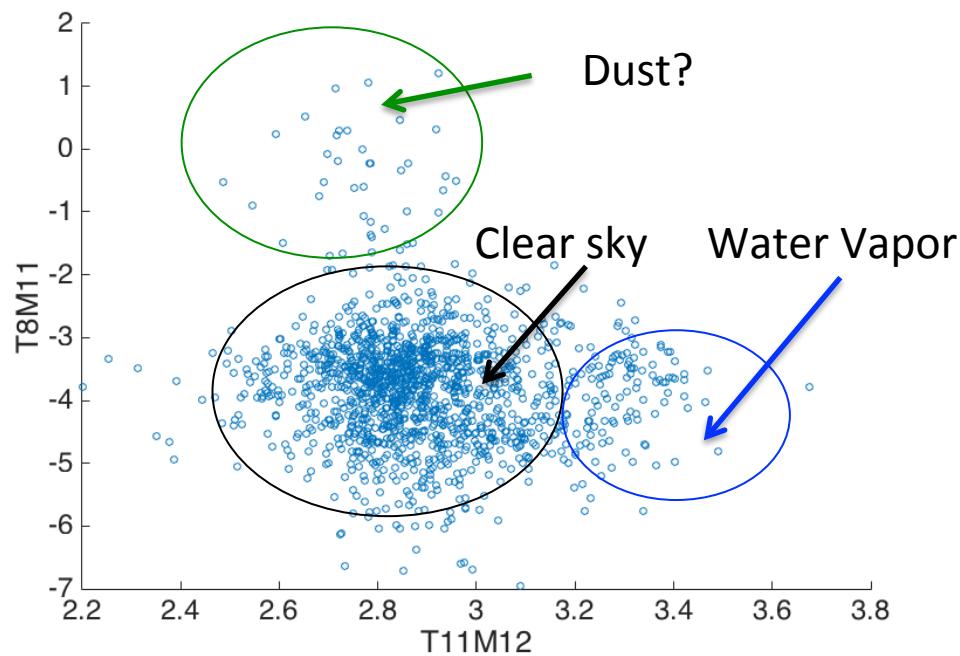
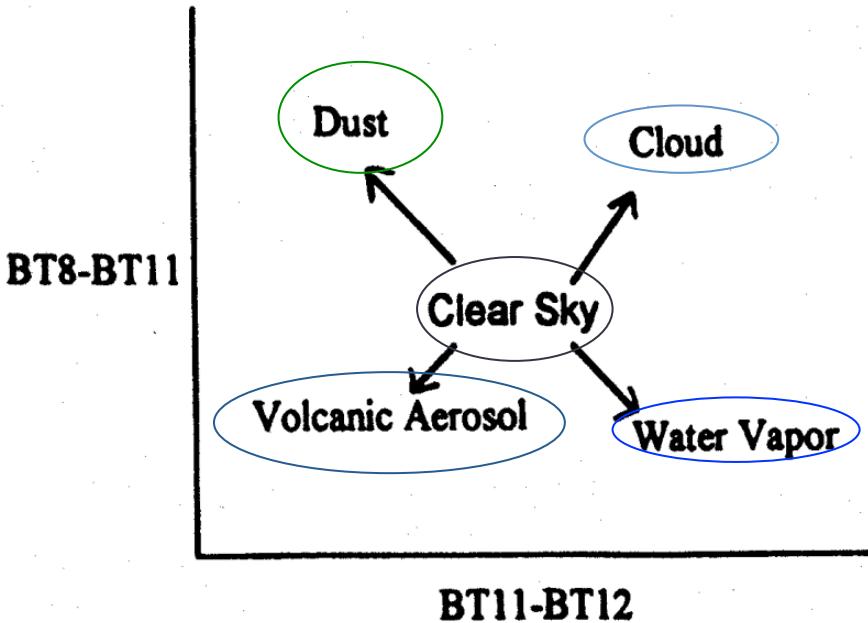
**Figure 1.** MODIS visible image (left) and 11  $\mu\text{m}$  band brightness temperature (right) using MODIS data on 7 August 2004.

# Cloud Test 2

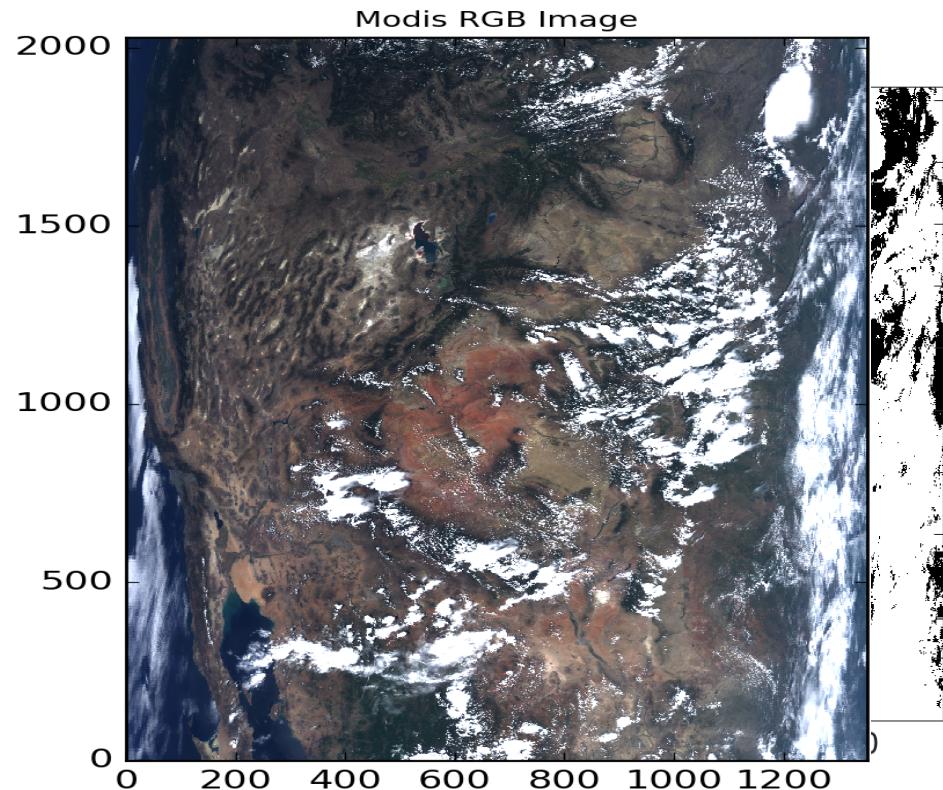
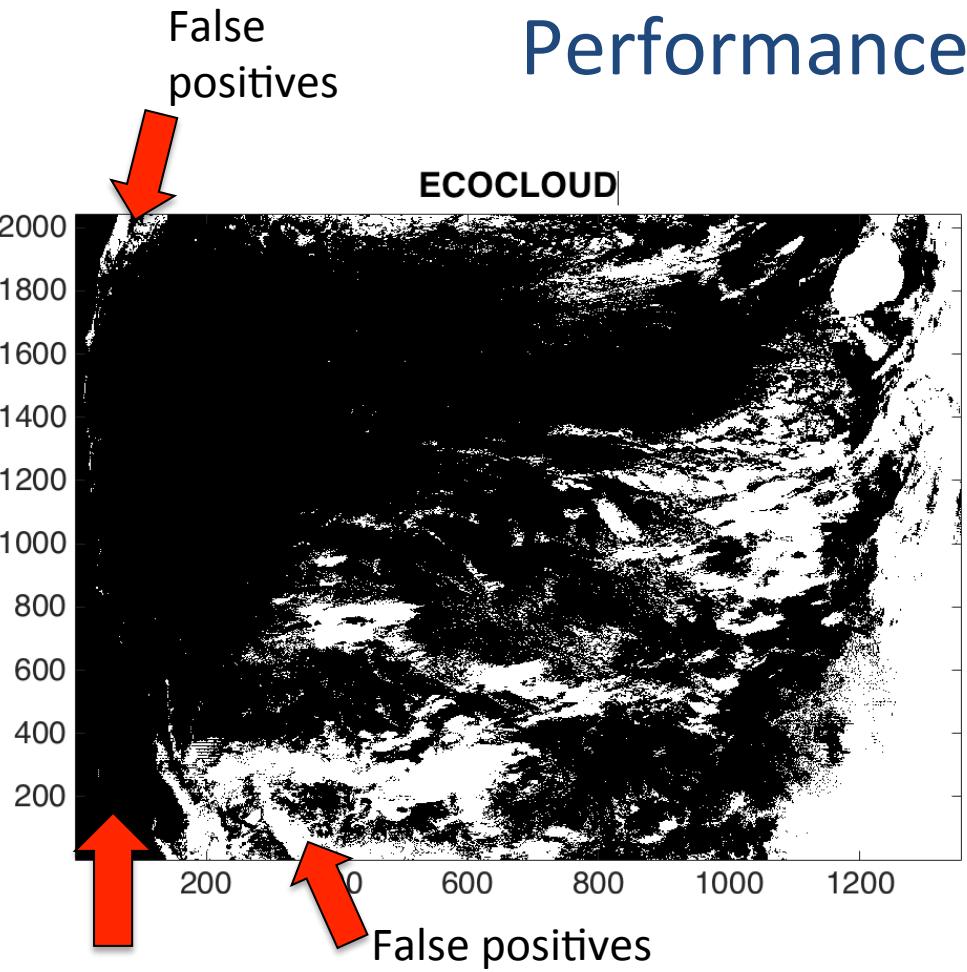
- Tri-spectral combination of 8.6, 11, and 12 micron bands suggested by *Ackerman et al. (1990)*

$$T8M11 = c1 + c2 \cdot \log(PW)$$

$$T11M12 = d1 + d2 \cdot (PW)$$



# Performance versus MODIS



Low cloud over  
ocean missed

% Cloud Overestimated (Compared to MODIS)	% Cloud Missed (Compared to MODIS)
8.6%	9.9%

# Cloud Mask Output

- 8-bit product

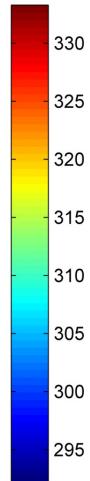
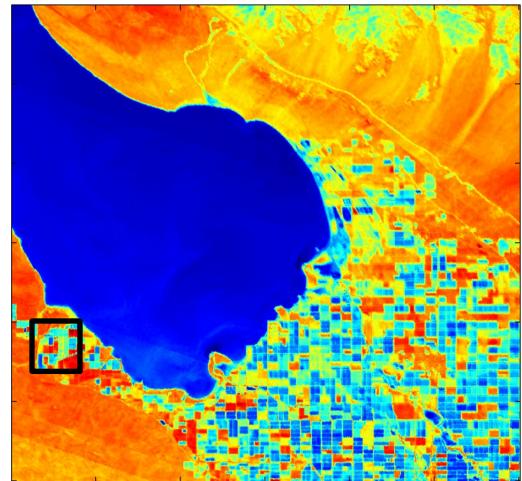
Bits	Long Name	Description
0	Cloud mask flag	0 = determined 1 = not determined
1	Cloud	0 = no 1 = yes
2	Cloud extended	0 = no 1 = yes
3	BTdiff test	0 = no     Careful consideration of land surface emissivity required 1 = yes
4	VSWIR test 	0 = no     Uncalibrated band – dynamic threshold required per scene 1 = yes
5	BT11 test	0 = no     May overestimate over most land surfaces 1 = yes
6	spare	
7	spare	

**Table 3.** 8 bit Level 2 Cloud Mask Product.

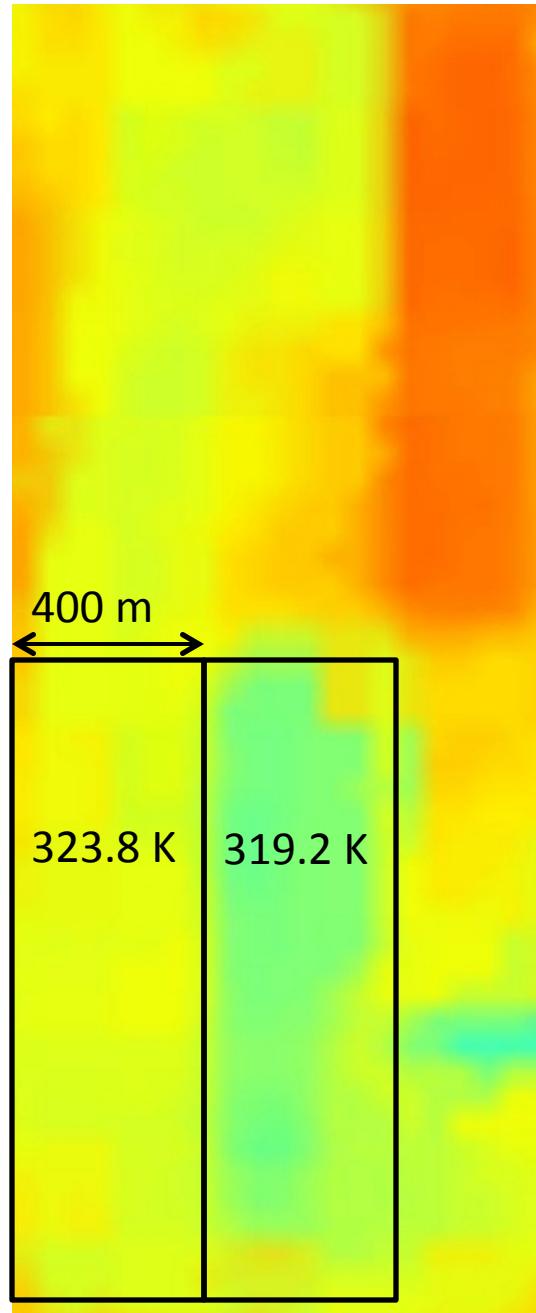
# Summary

- ECOSTRESS L2 Products:
  - Land Surface Temperature (LST)
  - Spectral Emissivity (5 bands)
  - Broadband Emissivity
  - Cloud Mask
- Well defined and strong algorithm heritage (ASTER/MODIS/VIIRS)
- L2 Code tested and baselined in SDS
- Simulated ECOSTRESS L2 Products
- Cloud mask evaluation and optimization

ECOSTRESS Simulated LST - 67m



MASTER LST: 08/26/2014



Google Earth: 08/28/14



- 1. Signatures of vegetation stress are manifested in the LST signal before any visible deterioration of vegetation cover occurs.**
- 2. The surface moisture state can be deduced directly from the remotely sensed LST.**

# Theoretical Basis: Surface Temperature

## Radiometric ('Brightness') Temperature

$$T_\lambda(\theta) = B_\lambda^{-1}(L_\lambda(\theta))$$

## Land Surface ('Skin') Temperature (LST)

$$T_s = B_\lambda^{-1} \left( \frac{L_\lambda(\theta) - \rho_\lambda L^\downarrow}{\varepsilon_\lambda} \right)$$

where :

$B_\lambda$  = blackbody spectral radiance

$\lambda$  = wavelength

$T_s$  = Surface Temperature

$T_\lambda(\theta)$  = Surface Brightness Temperature

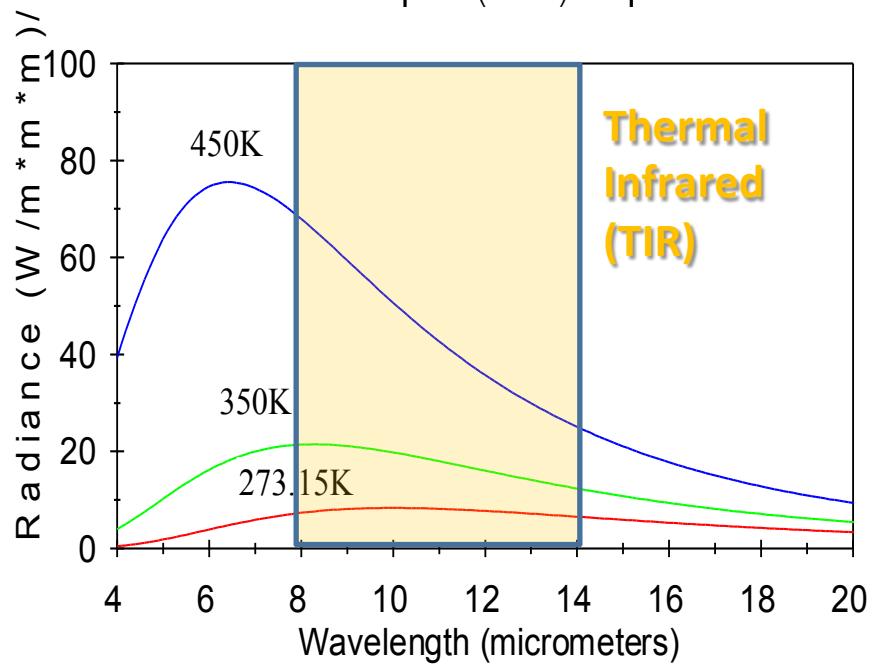
$\rho_\lambda$  = Surface Reflection

$L^\downarrow$  = Downwelling Sky Irradiance

$\varepsilon_\lambda$  = Emissivity

## Planck Function

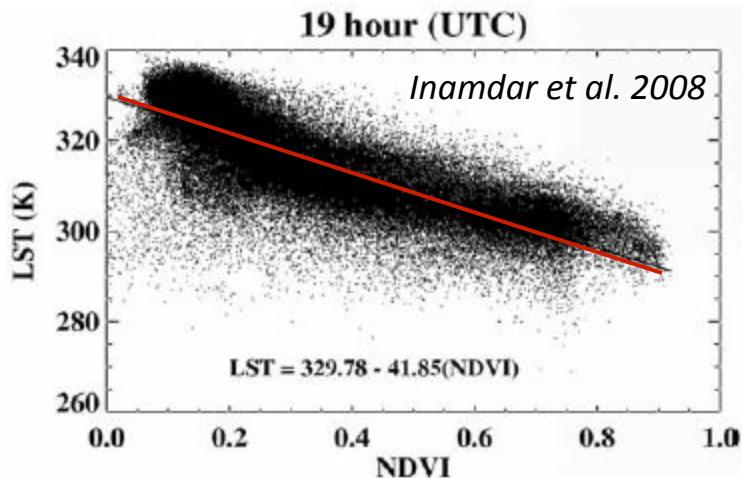
$$B_\lambda = \frac{C_1}{\lambda^5 \left[ \exp\left(\frac{C_2}{\lambda T_s}\right) - 1 \right]}$$



in the Planck function shifts to shorter and shorter wavelengths

# LST Disaggregation Approach (375 m $\rightarrow$ 70 m)

- Disaggregation procedure for radiometric surface temperature (DisTrad), *Kustas et al. 2003*
- Based on assumed relationship between vegetation ‘greeness’ and temperature

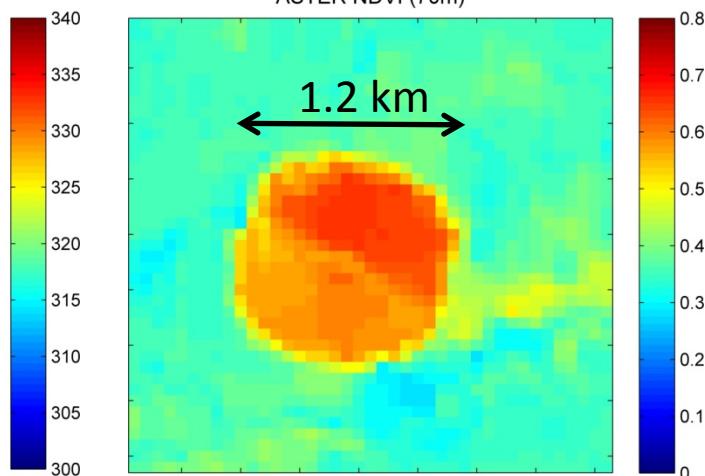


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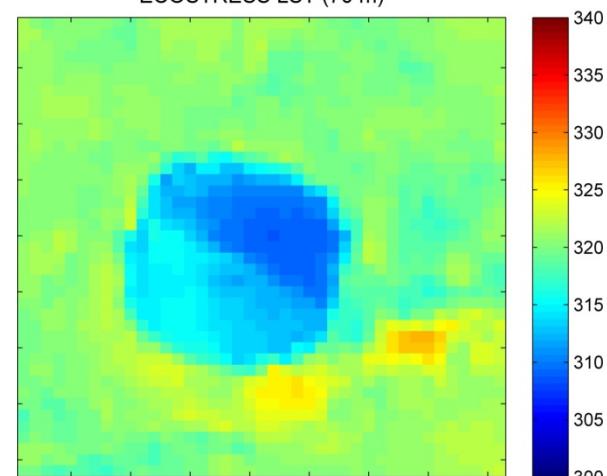
LST at 375 m	(VIIRS)
NDVI at 375 m	(VIIRS)
NDVI at ~70 m	(ASTER)

Corn field

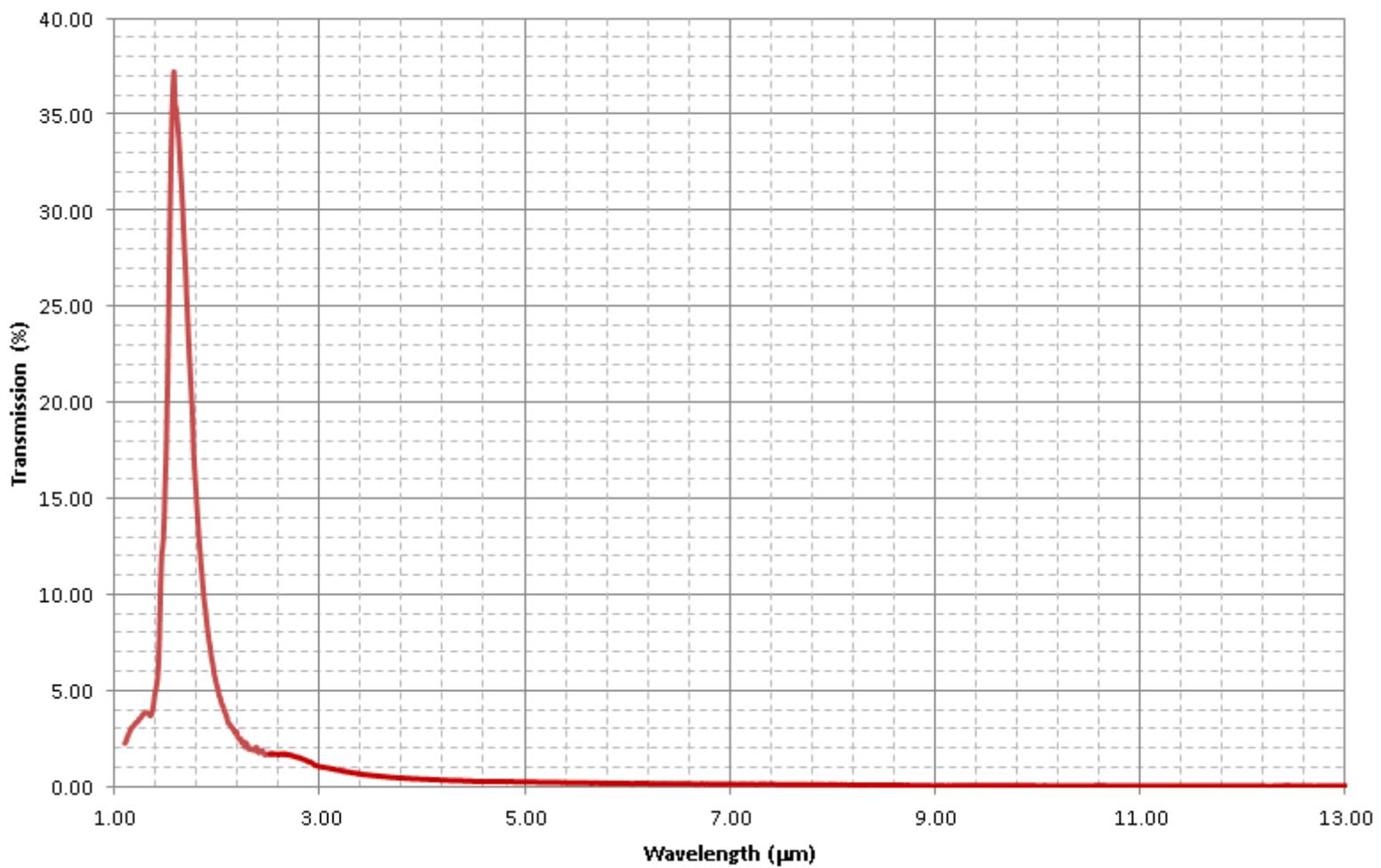
VIIRS LST (375 m)



ECOSTRESS LST (70 m)



## ECOSTRESS SWIR BAND SRF V1



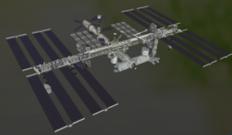
1.6 micron band used for geolocation (uncalibrated)



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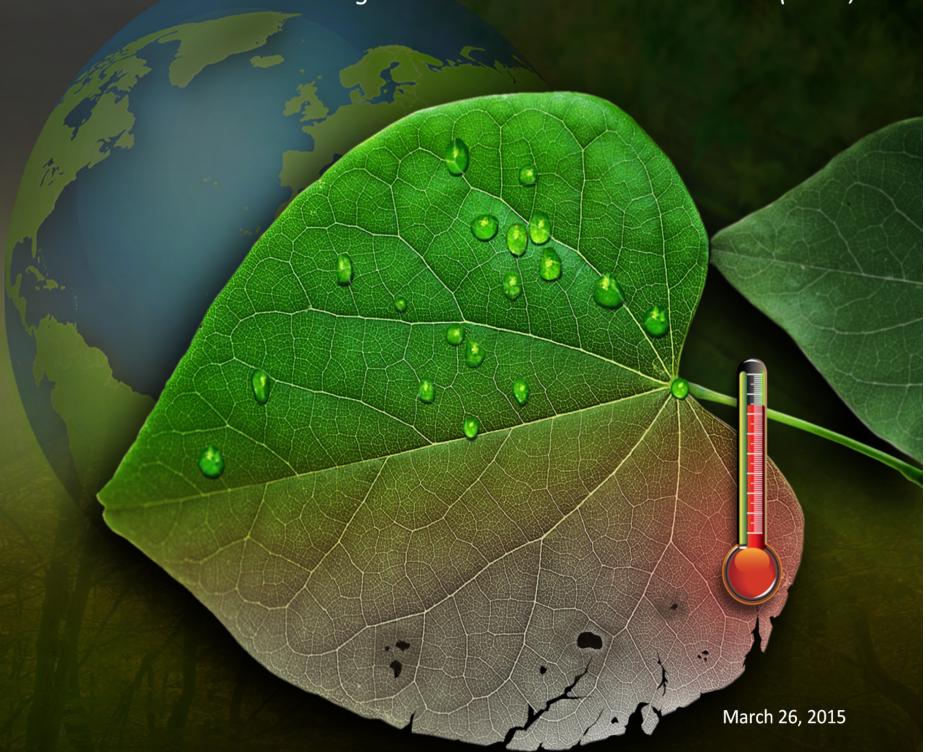


# ECOSTRESS



ECOsystem Spaceborne Thermal  
Radiometer Experiment  
on Space Station

*Level-2 Land Surface Temperature and Emissivity  
Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD)*



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# ECOSTRESS

# L-2 and Cloud Mask

# Algorithm

# Theoretical Basis

# Document (ATBD)

# Temperature Emissivity Separation (TES) Algorithm 'ASTER approach'

T-E separation is under-determined:

If have N measurements, always have N+1 unknowns:

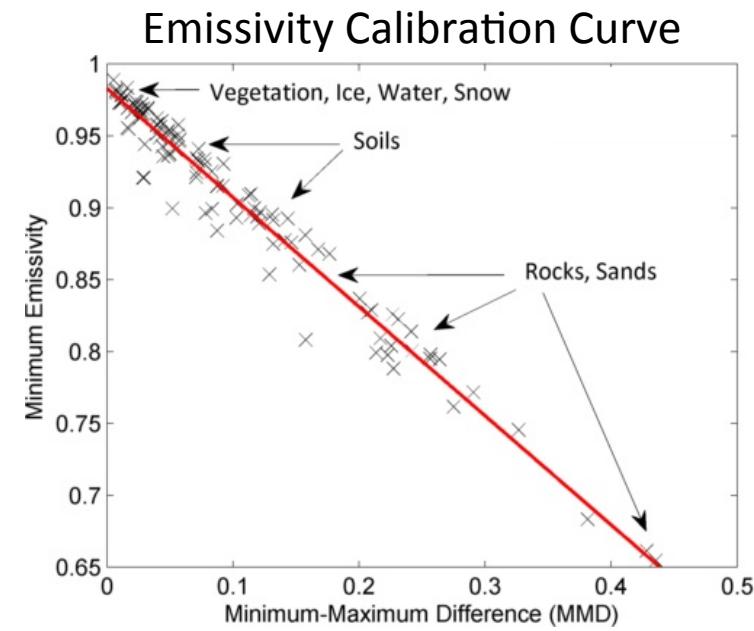
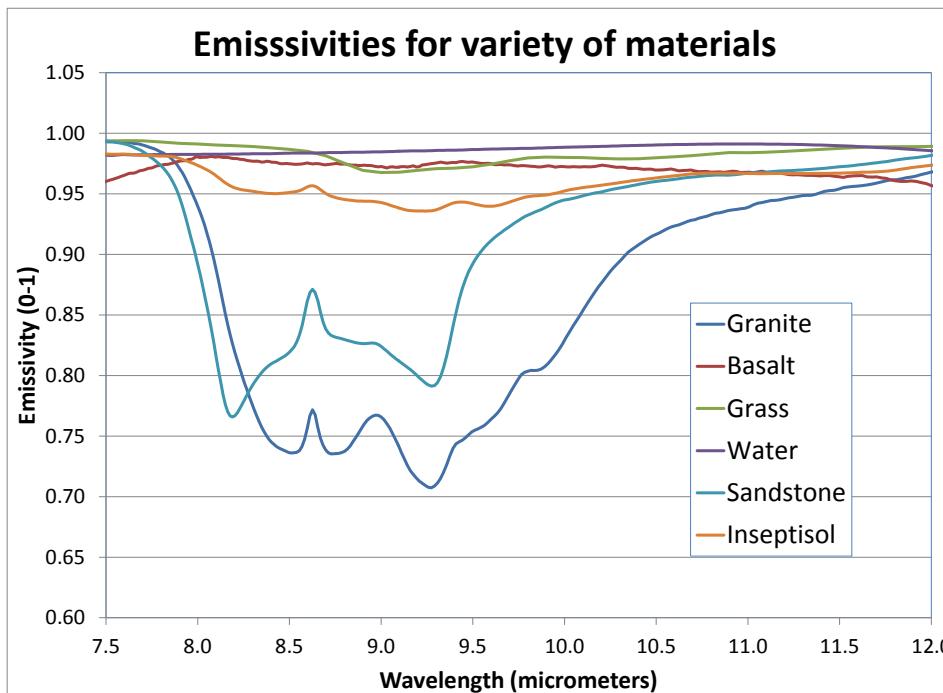
$$\text{Radiance Band 1} = T + \text{emissivity}_1$$

$$\text{Radiance Band 2} = T + \text{emissivity}_2$$

$$\text{Radiance Band 3} = T + \text{emissivity}_3$$

$$\text{Radiance Band 4} = T + \text{emissivity}_4$$

$$\text{Radiance Band 5} = T + \text{emissivity}_5$$



# Carbonate mapping

