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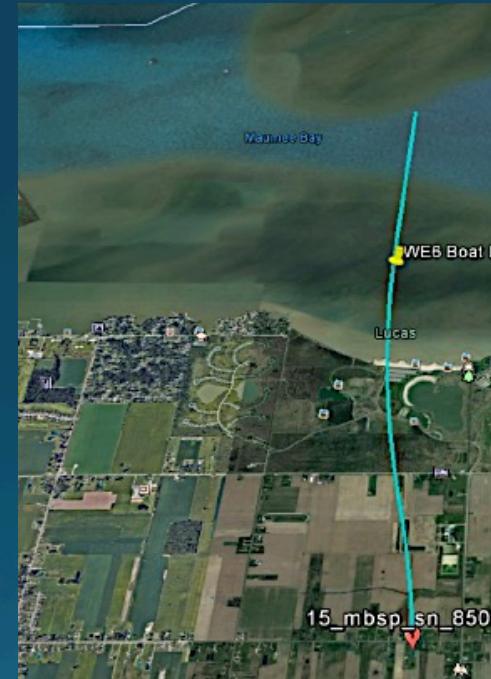
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Intercomparison of Approaches to the Empirical Line Method for Vicarious Hyperspectral Reflectance Calibration

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Analysis of visible remote sensing data research requires removing atmospheric effects by conversion from radiance to at-surface reflectance. This conversion can be achieved through theoretical radiative transfer models, which yield good results when well-constrained by field observations, although these measurements are often lacking. Additionally, radiative transfer models often perform poorly in marine or lacustrine settings or when complex air masses with variable aerosols are present. The empirical line method (ELM) measures reference targets of known reflectance in the scene. ELM methods require minimal environmental observations and are conceptually simple. However, calibration coefficients are unique to the image containing the reflectance reference. Here we compare the conversion of hyperspectral radiance observations obtained with the NASA Glenn Research Center Hyperspectral Imager to at-surface reflectance factor using two reflectance reference targets. The first target employs spherical convex mirrors, deployed on the water surface to reflect ambient direct solar and hemispherical sky irradiance to the sensor. We calculate the mirror gain using near concurrent at-sensor reflectance, integrated mirror radiance, and *in situ* water reflectance. The second target is the Lambertian-like blacktop surface at Maumee Bay State Park, Oregon, OH, where reflectance was measured concurrently by a downward looking spectroradiometer on the ground, the aerial hyperspectral imager and an upward looking spectroradiometer on the aircraft. These methods allow us to produce an independently calibrated at-surface water reflectance spectrum, when atmospheric conditions are consistent. We compare the mirror and blacktop-corrected spectra to the *in situ* water reflectance, and find good agreement between methods. The blacktop method can be applied to all scenes, while the mirror calibration method, based on direct observation of the light illuminating the scene validates the results. The two methods are complementary and a powerful evaluation of the quality of atmospheric correction over extended areas. We decompose the resulting spectra using varimax-rotated, principal component analysis, yielding information about the underlying color producing agents that contribute to the

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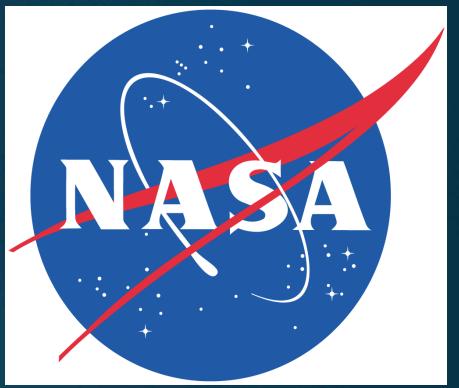
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Water Quality Monitoring by Remote Sensing?

The problem...

- Remote sensing of lake color gives information on plant biomass, but...
- Lake water is a complex “organic soup”
 - Various types of algae and cyanobacteria
 - Colored dissolved organic matter
 - Suspended sediment
- Collect Hyperspectral swaths in Western basin of Lake Erie using NASA Glenn HSI2
- Apply KSU Spectral decomposition method
 - Varimax-rotated, Principal Component Analysis
 - Eigenvector-eigenvalue decomposition
 - Soft unsupervised classification method



We apply 4 different variations on the Empirical Line Method (ELM) method to reflectance :

ELMo method uses two instruments (HSI₂ and ASD HH₂) along with mirrors. Ratio HSI₂ water pixels to mirror pixels to remove the atm. Then rescale using ASD HH₂ data.

ELM₂ method uses two instruments (HSI₂ and ASD HH₂) surface measurements of reflectance, diffuse to global ratio, and radiative transfer theory to get slope and intercept for water surface and mirror surface pair to go from radiance to reflectance.

The **ELM₁** method is **ELM₂** with the intercept term removed to test sensitivity of the VPCA to path radiance impact

The **MTRI** (Michigan Technological Research Institute) correction method uses three instruments (HSI₂, upward looking ASD HH₂, and downward looking HH₂) The HSI₂ and upward looking ASDHH₂ provide at-sensor reflectance and then the downward looking HH₂ uses a blacktop reference spectra to reshape the at-sensor reflectance to at-surface reflectance

Because the Varimax-rotated, Principal Component Analysis (VPCA) method is based on spectral shapes, it should be relatively insensitive to the quality of the atmospheric correction

ELM method Reflectance and VPCA

- Apply 4 variations of the Empirical Line Method for Atm correction
- How sensitive is the VPCA method to differences in atmospheric correction?

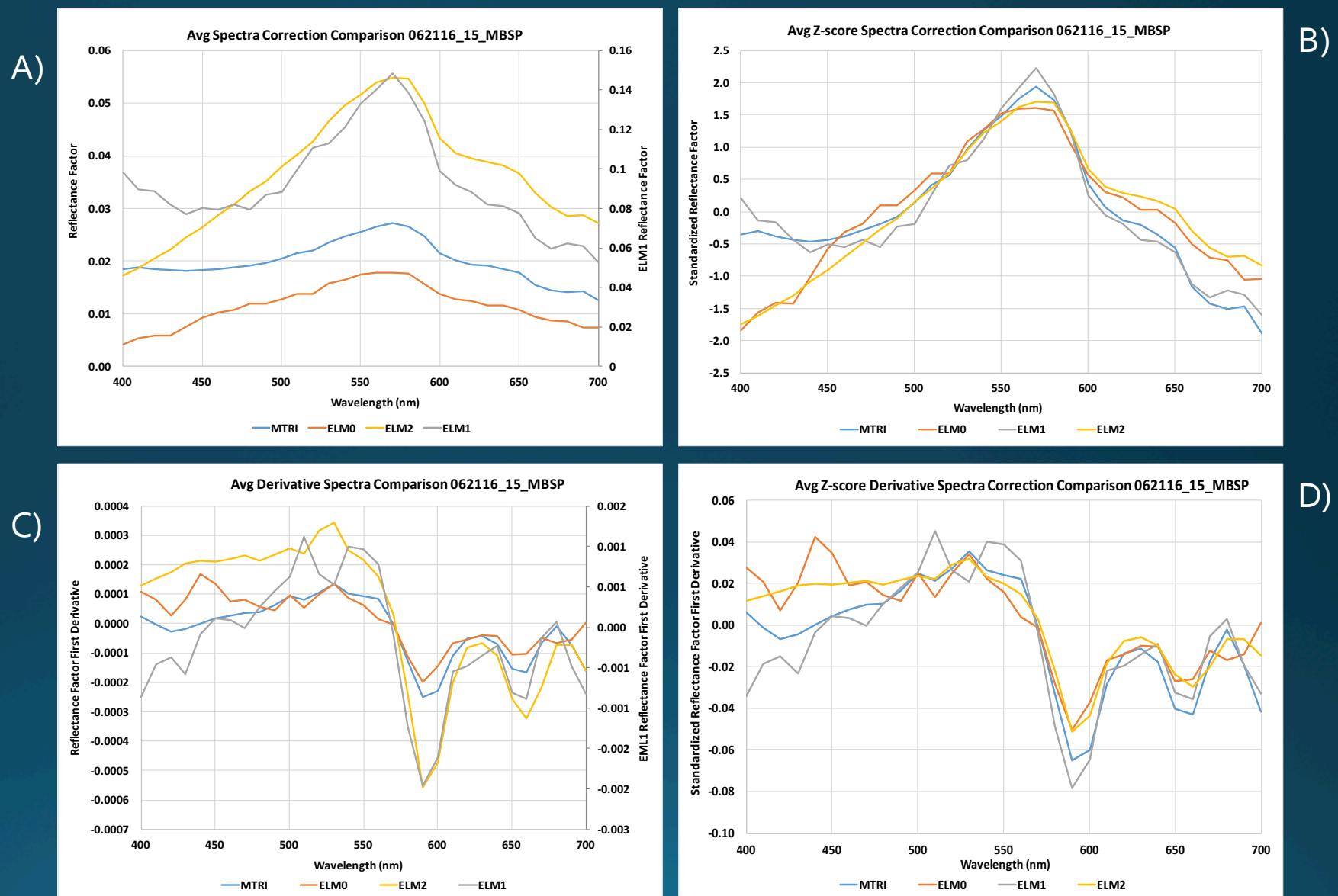
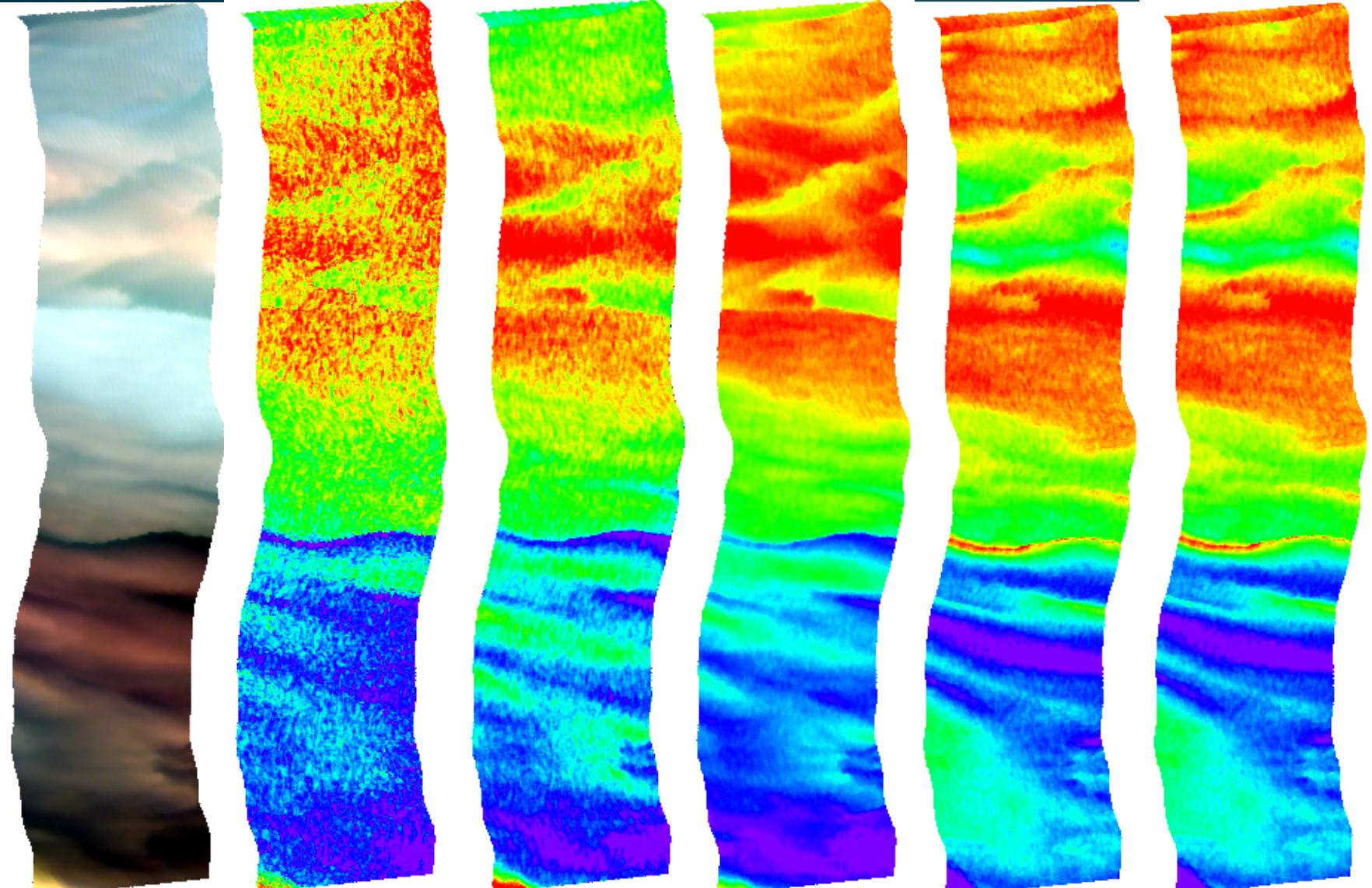


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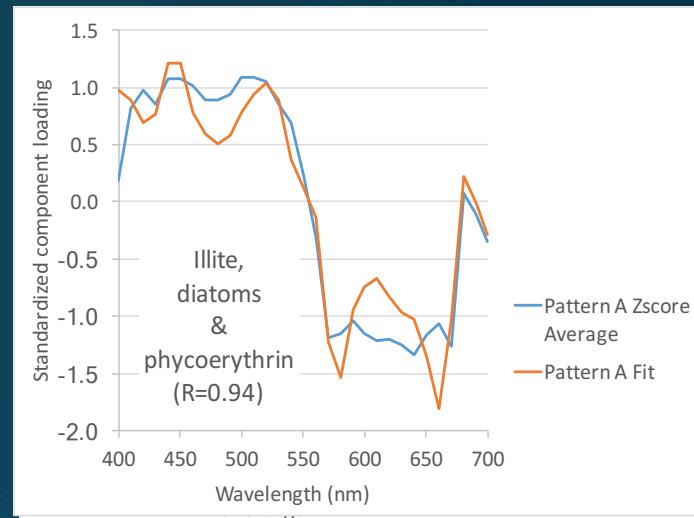
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062116 15_MBSP (10nm, SPEARo, smooth9, various reflectance transform, georef) VPCA Pattern A

A) Uncorrected RGB B) NOAA CI C) MTRI 6VPCA 1: 56% D) ELMo 5VPCA 1: 67.1% E) ELM₁ 4VPCA -1: 36.9% F) ELM₂ 4VPCA -1: 36.9%



G) Pattern A Loadings

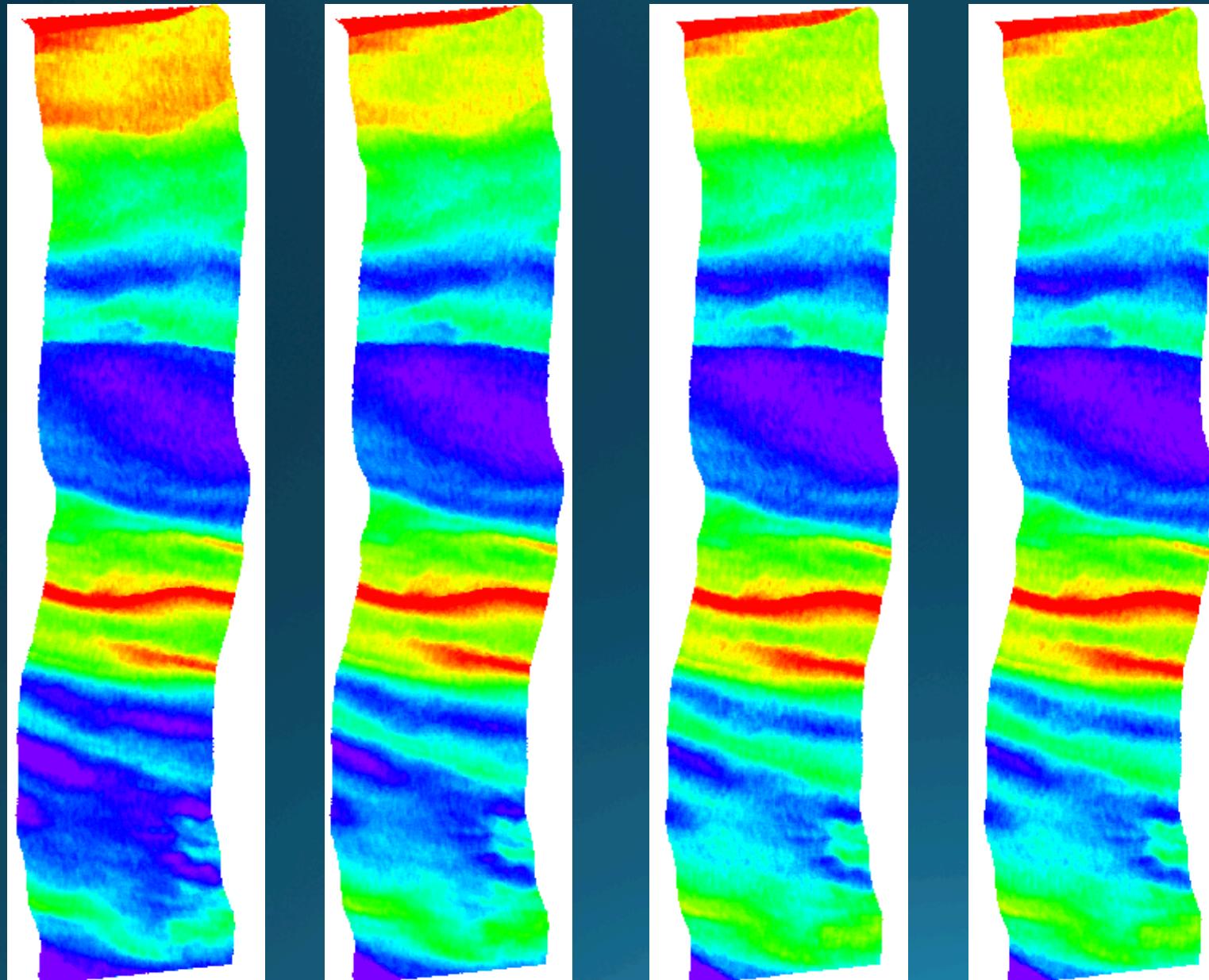


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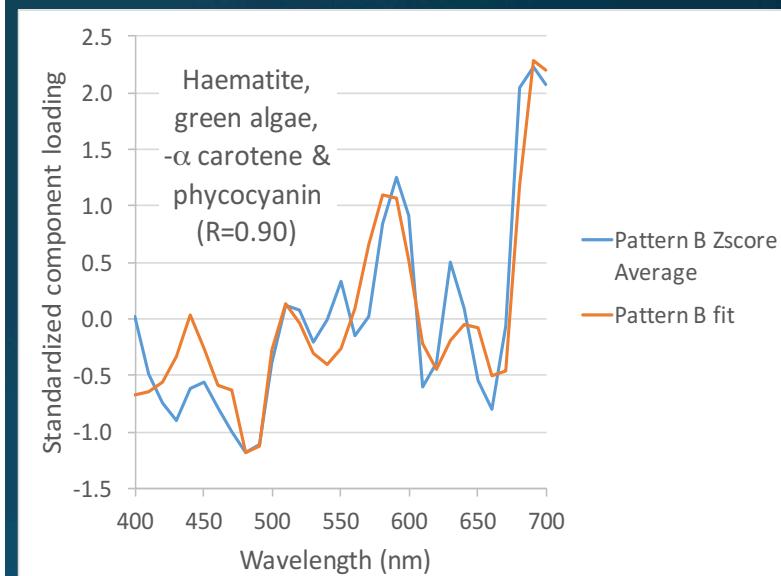
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062116 HSI₂ Swath 15_MBSP: Pattern B

- A) MTRI 6VPCA 2: 16.4% B) ELMo 5VPCA 2: 15.5% C) ELM1 4VPCA 3: 26.3% D) ELM2 4VPCA 3: 26.3%



E) Pattern B Loadings



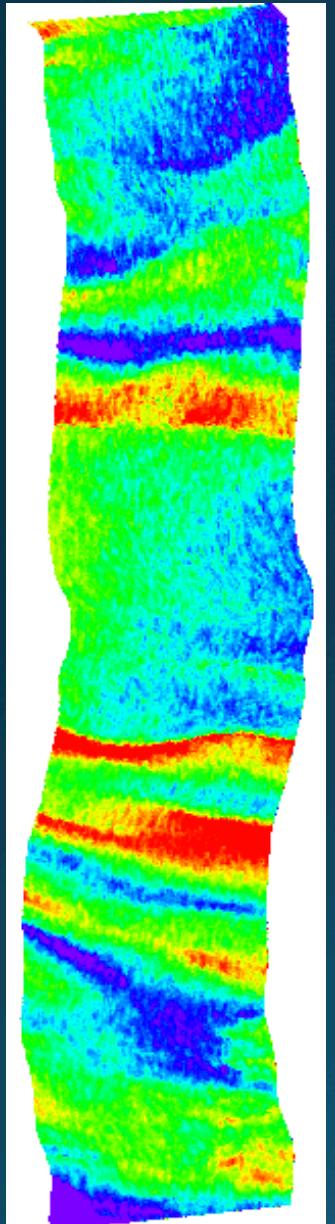
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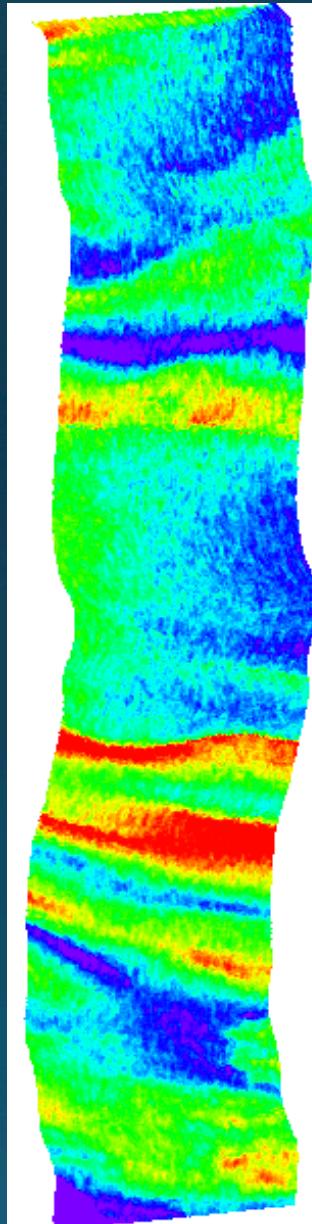
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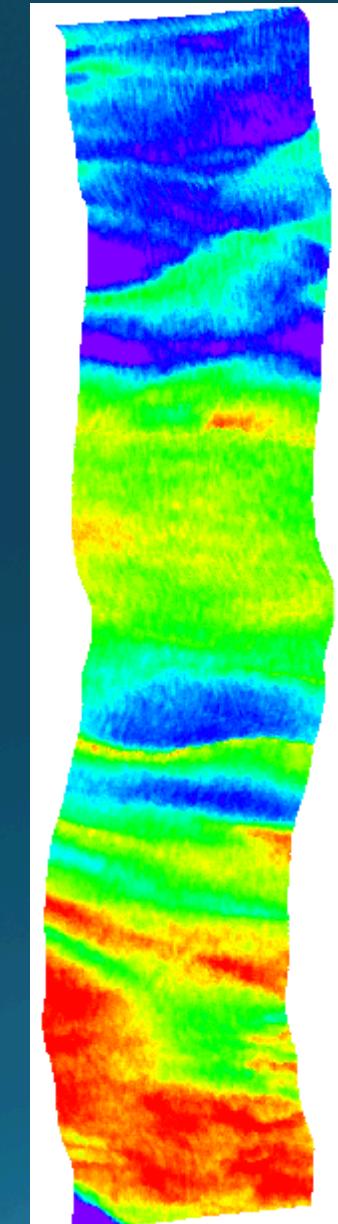
A) MTRI 6VPCA -3: 10%



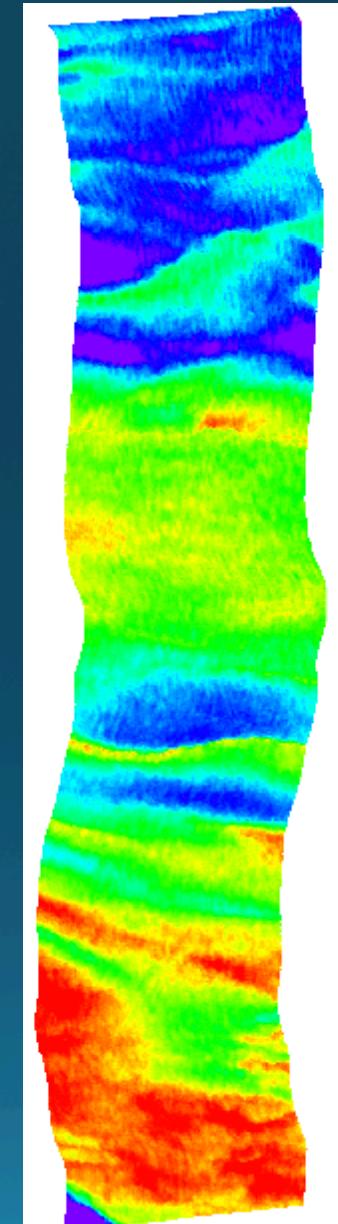
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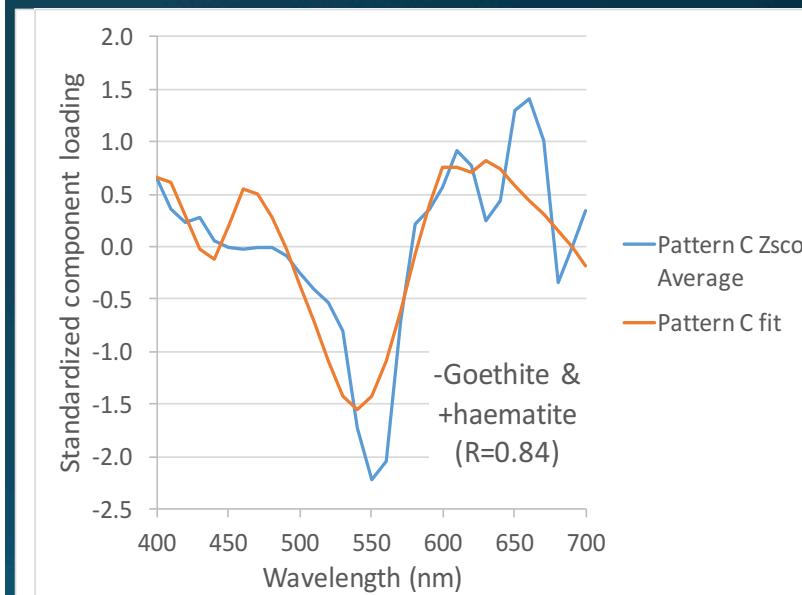
C) ELM1 4VPCA 2: 26.5%



D) ELM2 4VPCA 2: 26.5%



E) Pattern C Loadings



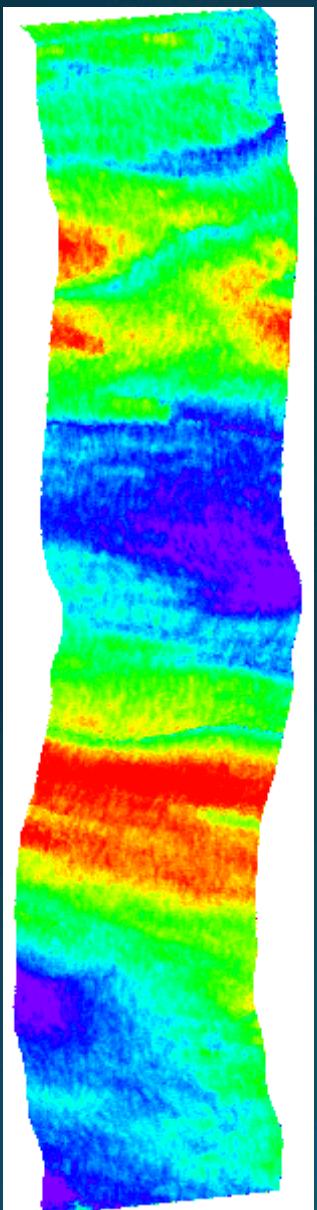
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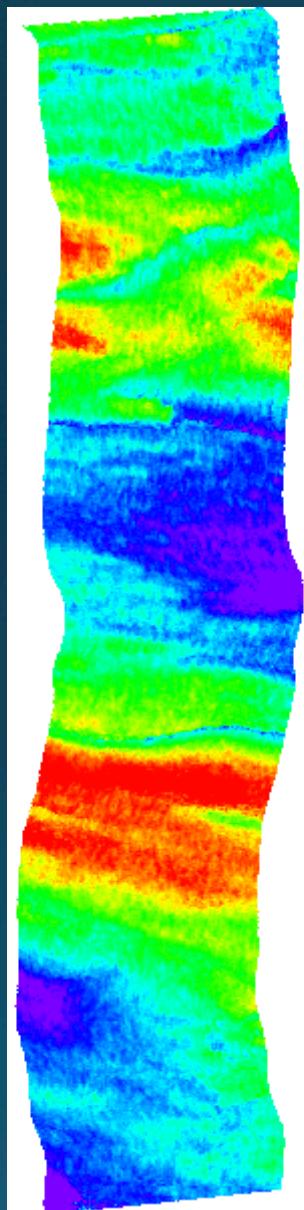
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A) MTRI 6VPCA -4: 7.8%



B) ELMo 5VPCA 4: 6.4%



C) ELM1 4VPCA



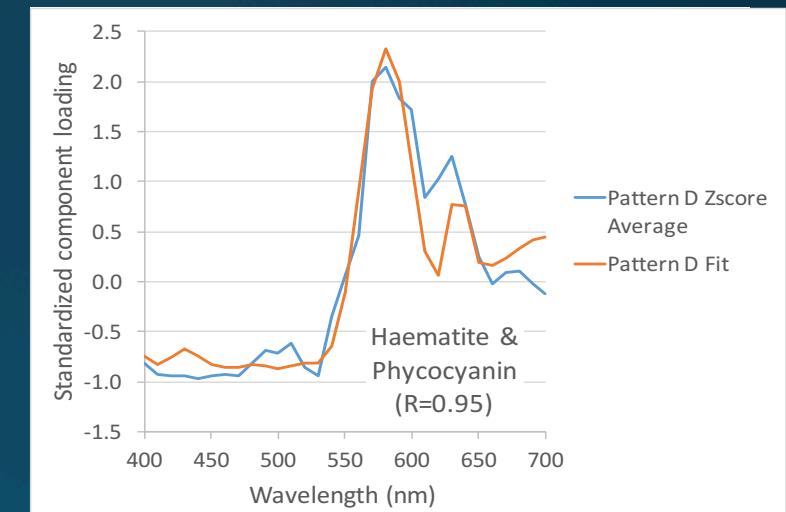
D) ELM2 4VPCA



NO
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E) Pattern D Loadings



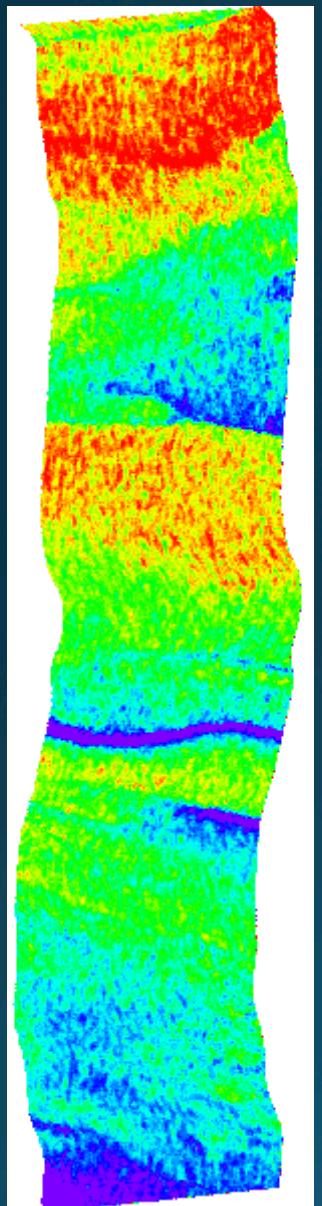
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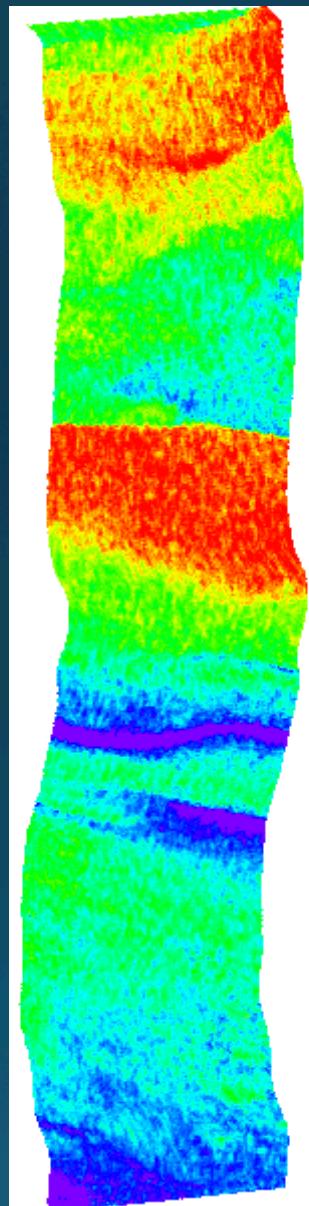
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B) ELMo 5VPCA 5: 1%



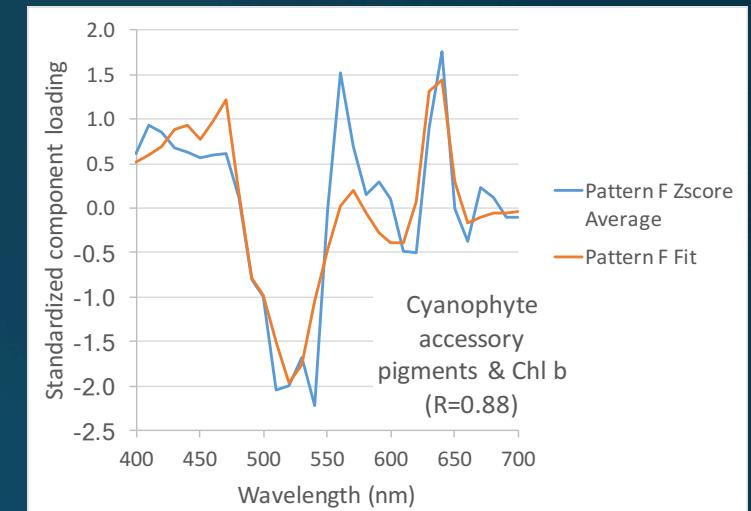
C) ELM1 4VPCA



D) ELM2 4VPCA



E) Pattern F Loadings



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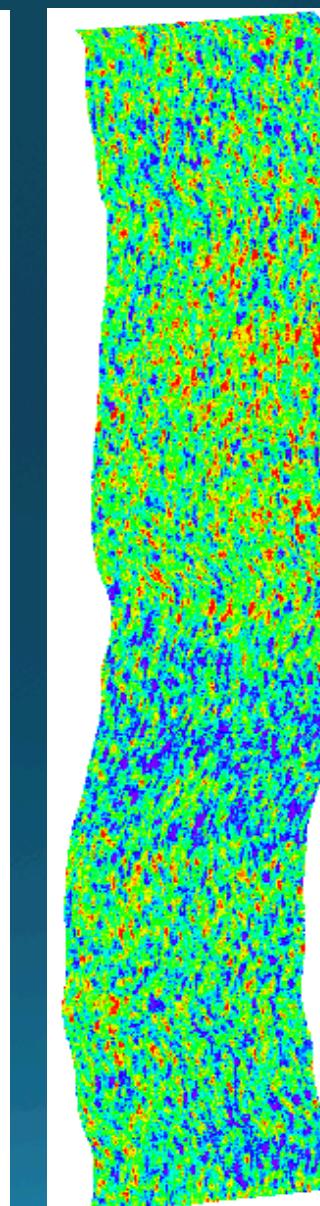
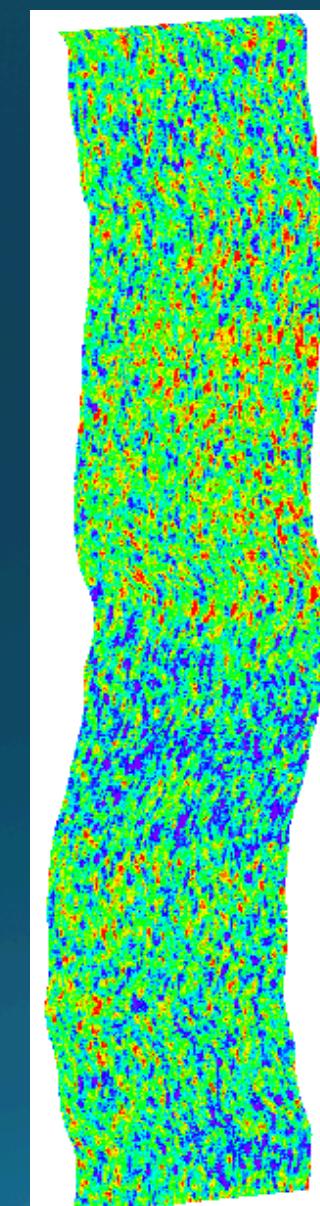
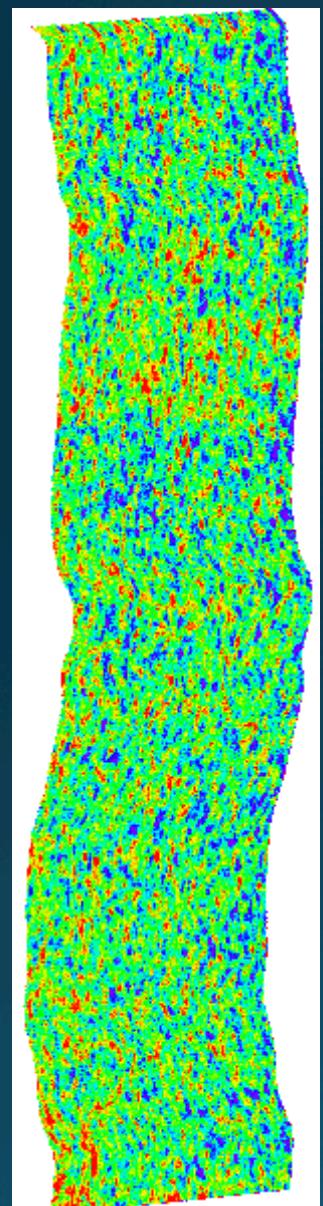
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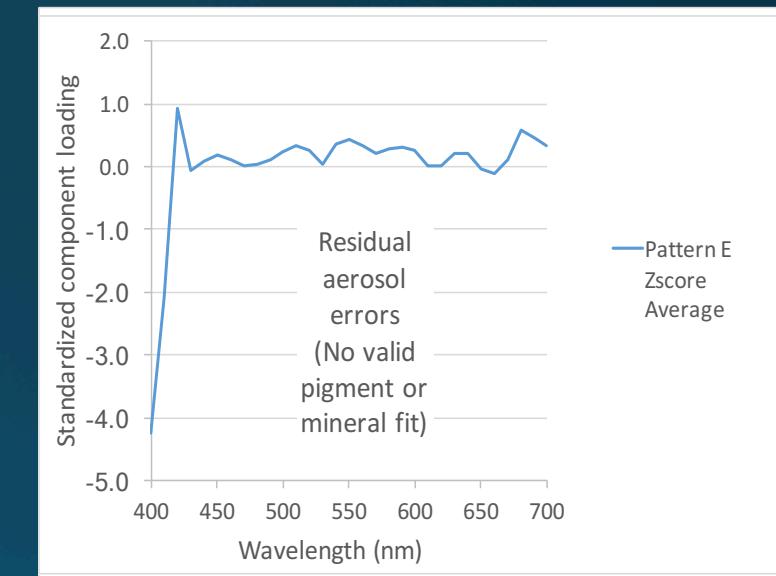
B) ELMo 5VPCA

C) ELM1 4VPCA -4: 4.2%

D) ELM2 4VPCA -4: 4.2%



E) Pattern E Loadings



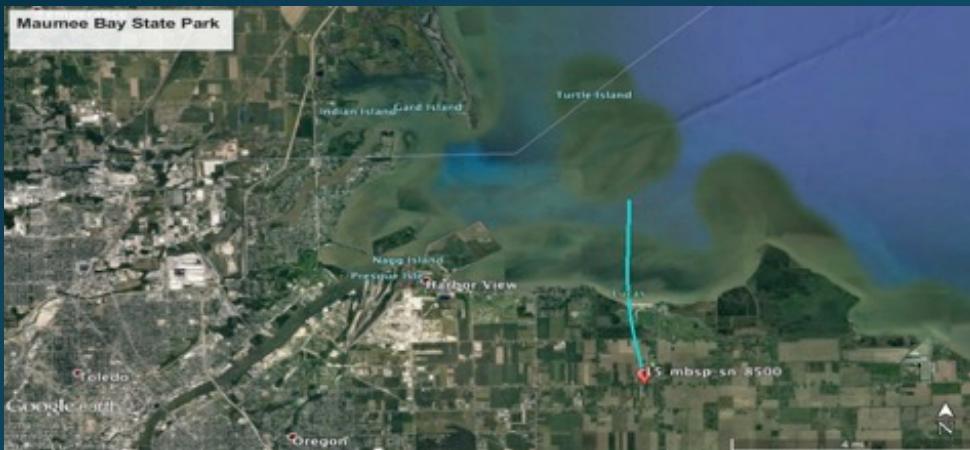
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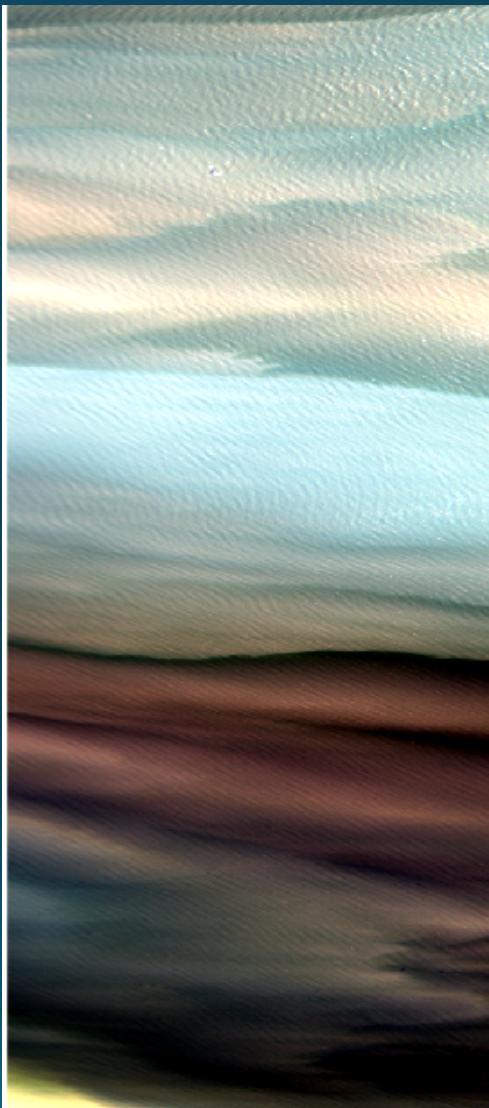
Dealing with Mixed Pixels

Q: How does the amount of information we can extract from Landsat 8 compare with Hyperspectral data sets?

A: Test w/ KSU Spectral decomposition method



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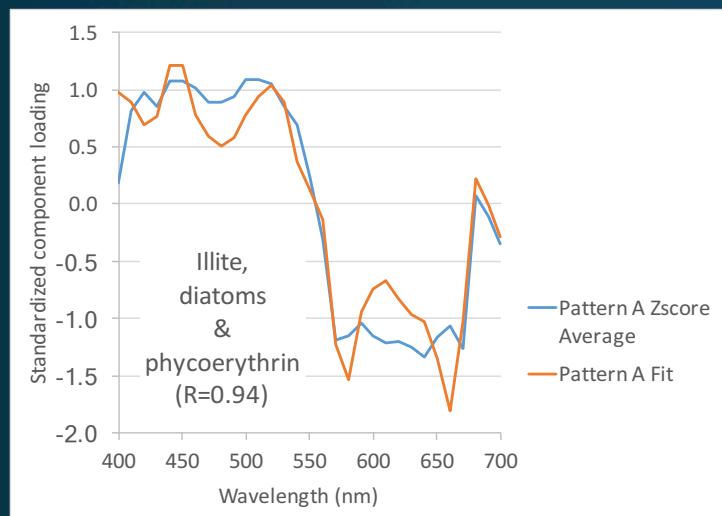
HSI2 Swath 15_MBSP at Landsat 8 band resolution, HSI2 ground resolution (3m). RGB



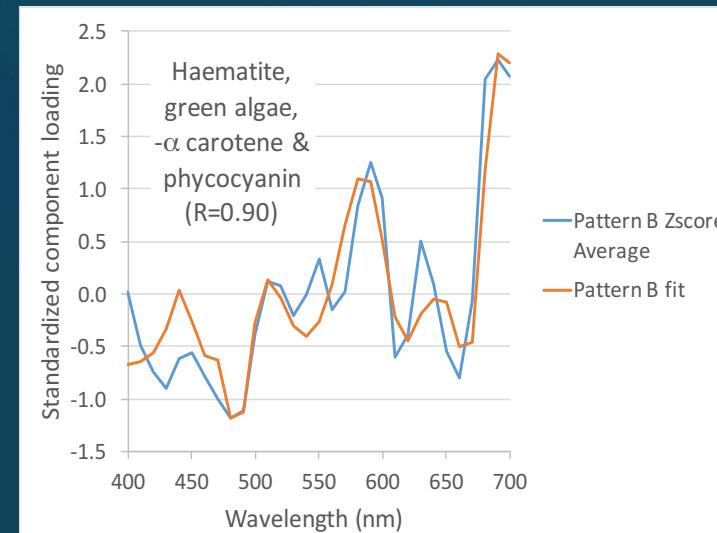
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HSI2 Swath 15_MBSP at Landsat 8 band and ground (30m) resolution. RGB of resampled data

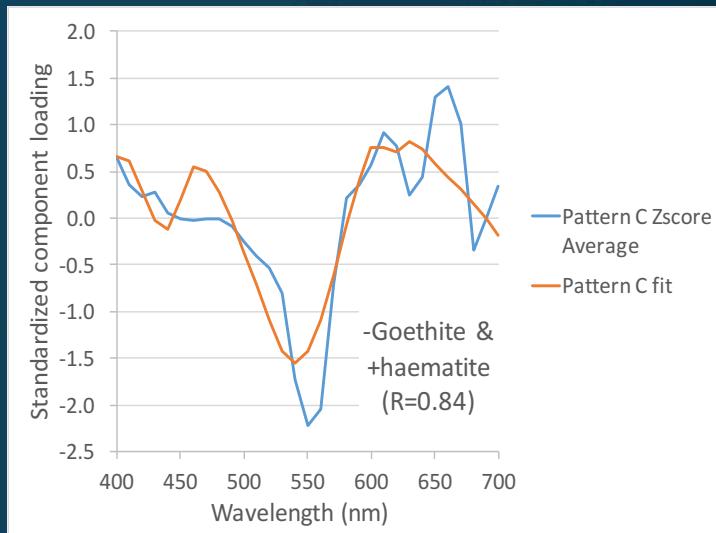
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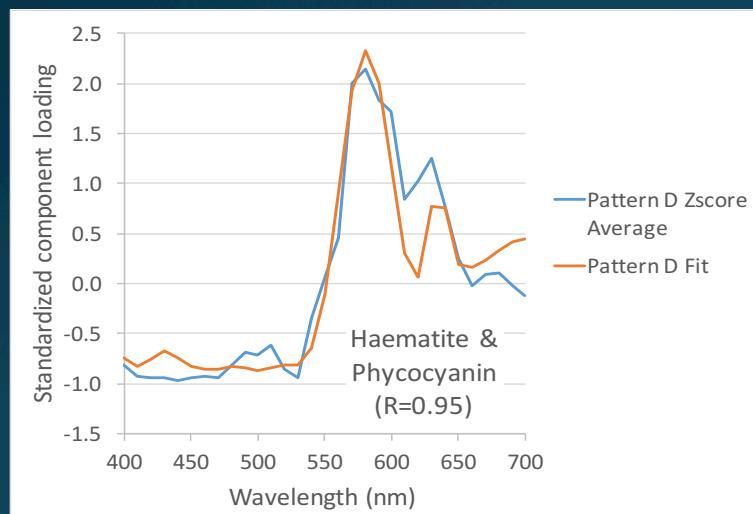
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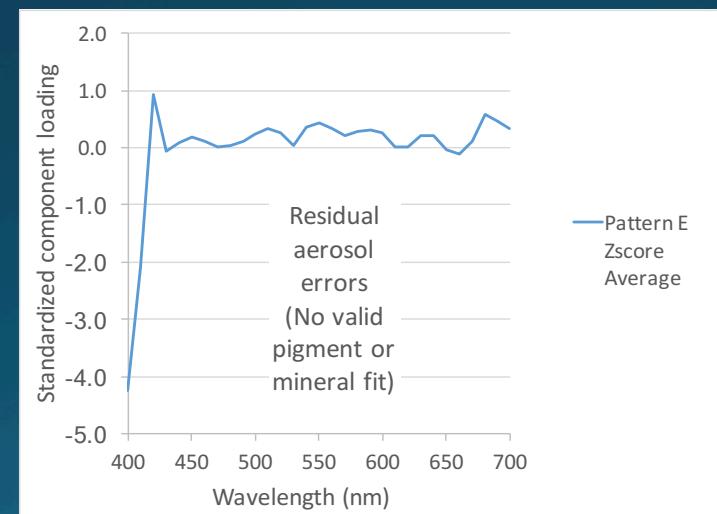
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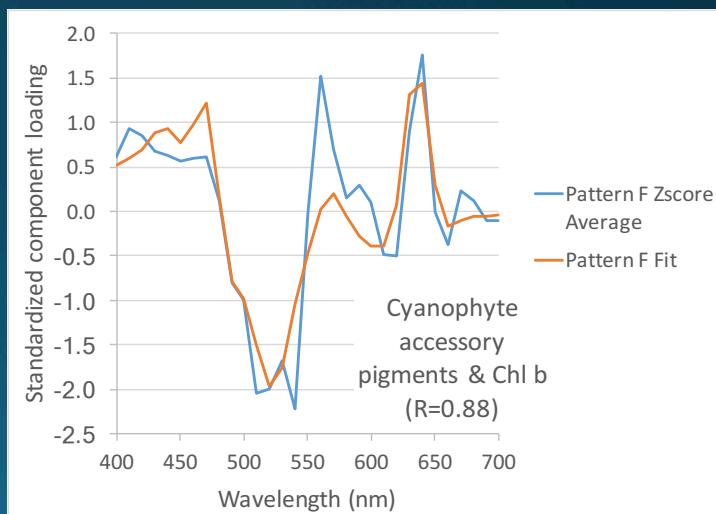


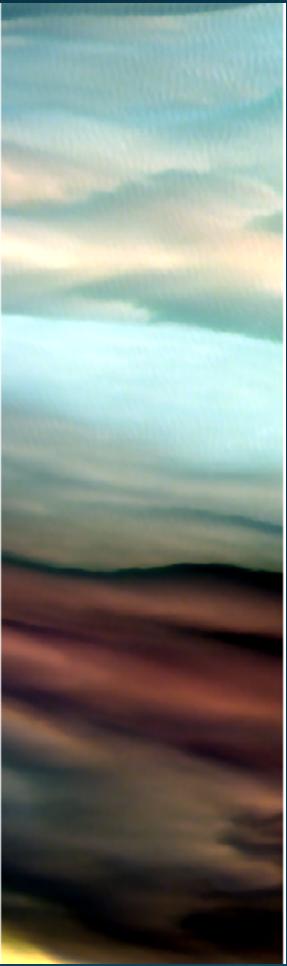
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KSU Spectral Unmixing Experimental Design

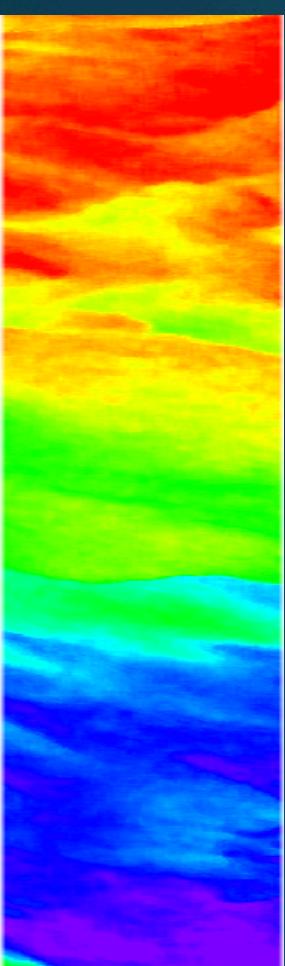
Spectral Placement and Resolution	Spatial Resolution	
Landsat 8: Four bands: 440, 480, 560, 655 @ 20, 60, 60 and 30 nm resolution	30 m (simulated)	3 m (simulated)
NASA HSI2: 31 Bands 400-700 nm @ 10nm resolution	30 m (simulated)	3 m

062116 HS12 swath 15: SPEARo; MTRIcorr; 10nm; 3m – smoothing pixels: 5VPCA

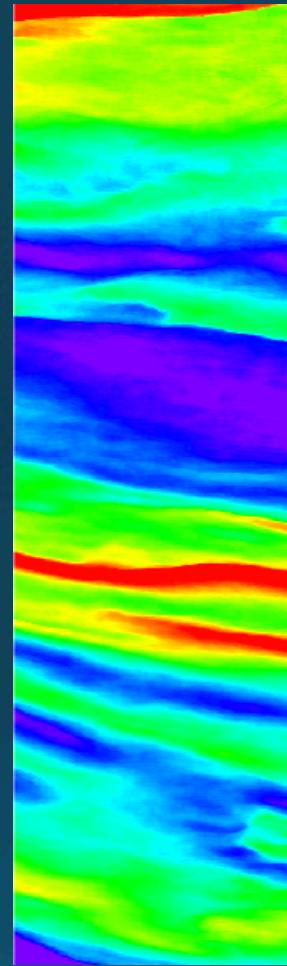
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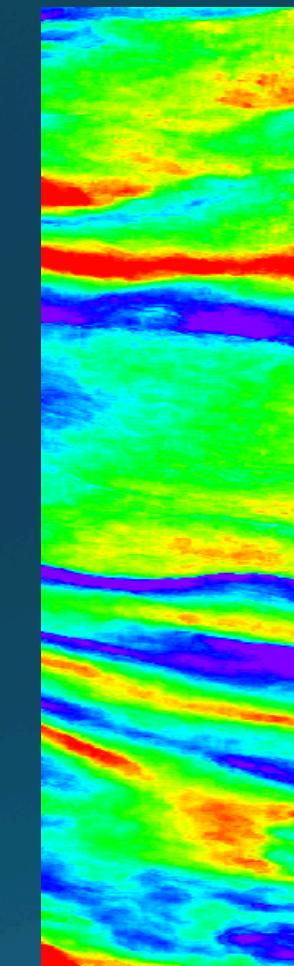
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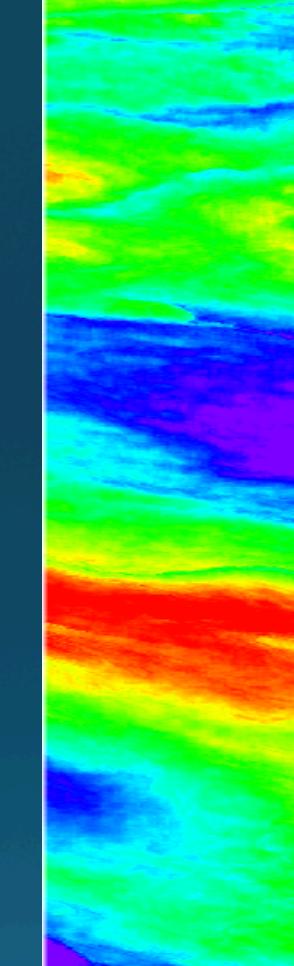
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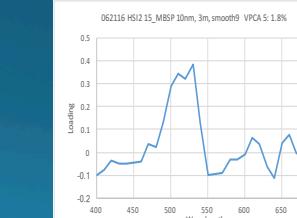
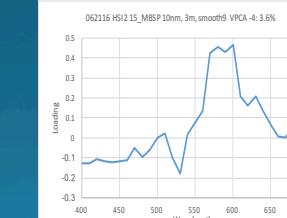
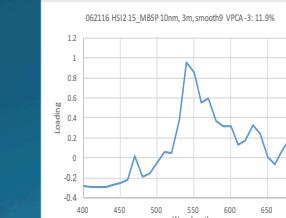
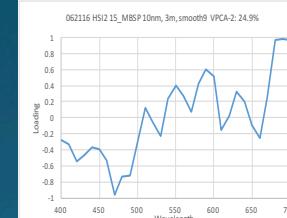
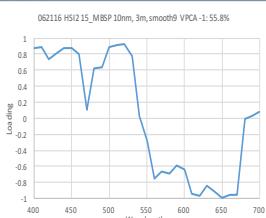
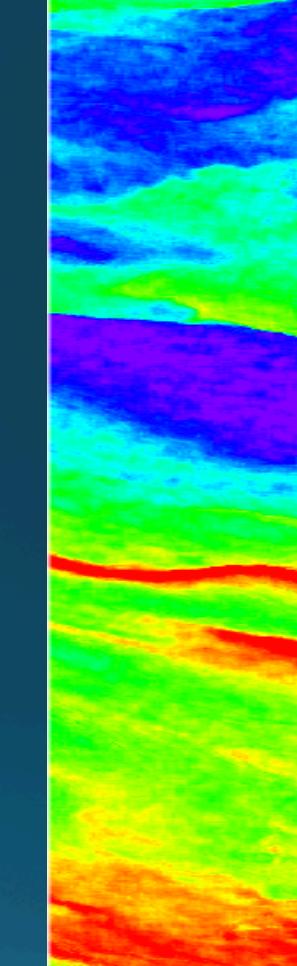
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E) MTRI 6VPCA 4:
3.6%



F) MTRI 6VPCA 5:
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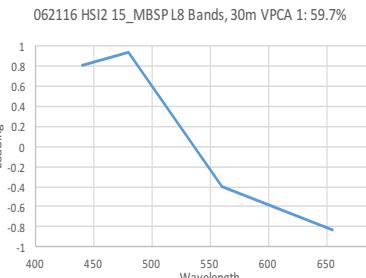
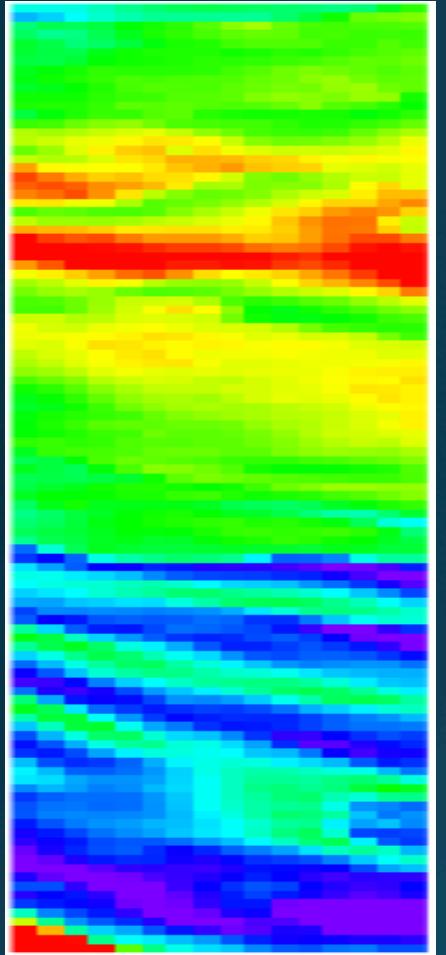


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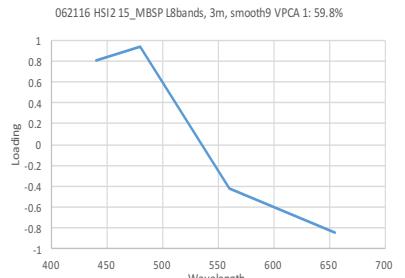
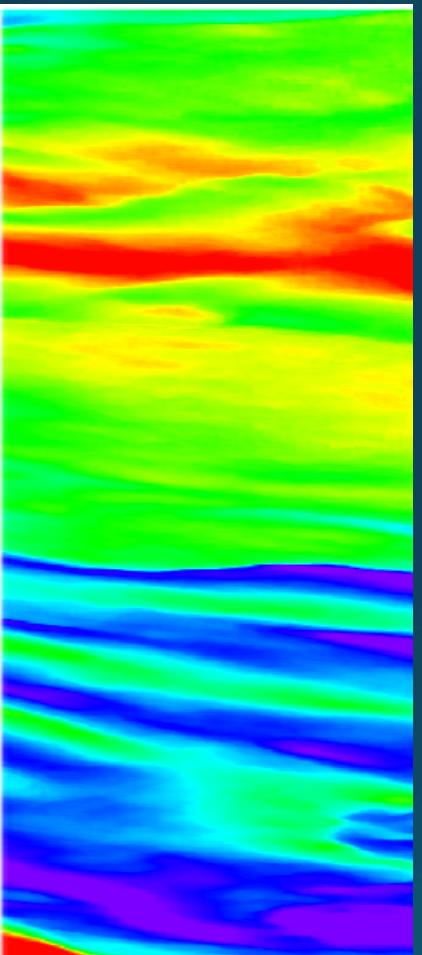
KSU Spectral Unmixing Experimental Outcome

Spectral Placement and Resolution	Number of Components extracted	
Landsat 8: Four bands: 440, 480, 560, 655 @ 20, 60, 60 and 30 nm resolution	30m	3m
	3	3
NASA HSI2: 31 Bands 400-700 nm @10nm resolution	5	5

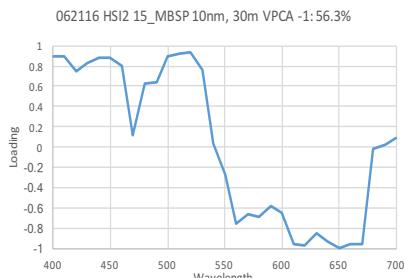
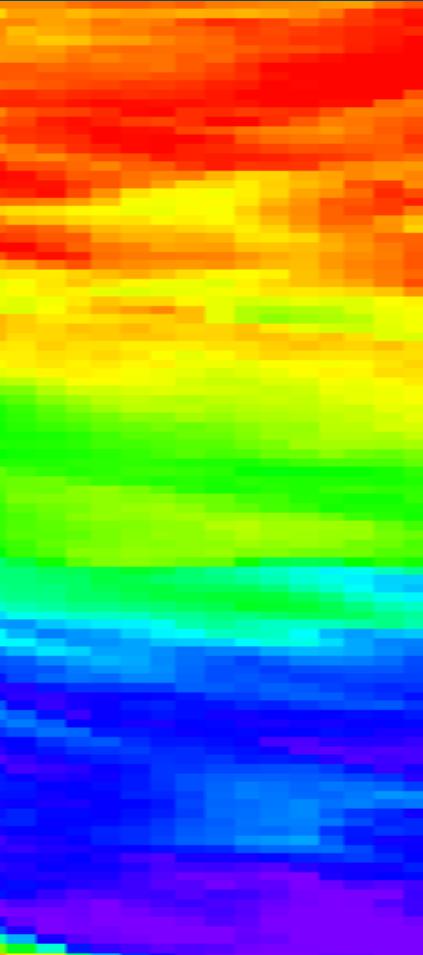
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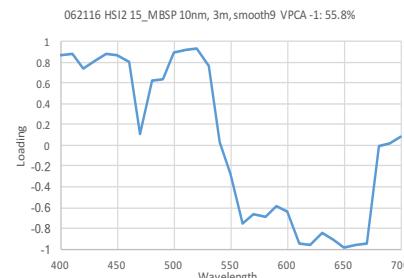
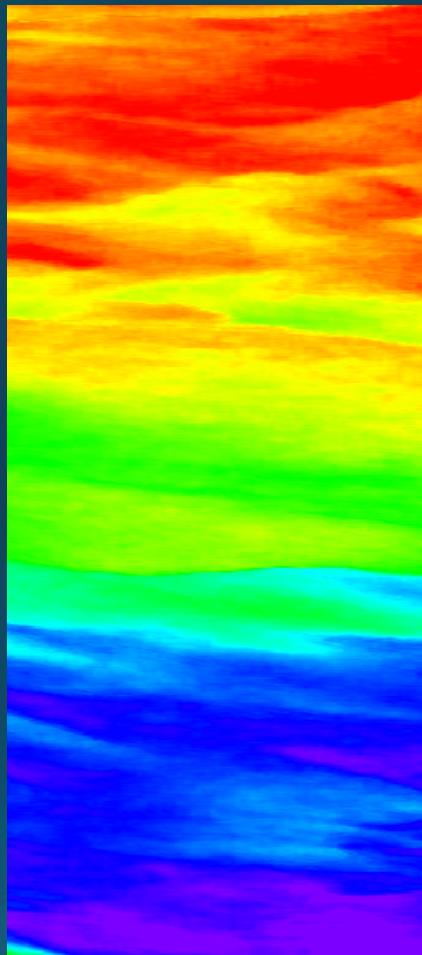
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bands, 3m, Smooth 9x9



VPCA -1 HSI2
10nm, 30 m



VPCA1 HSI2 10nm,
3 m, Smooth 9x9

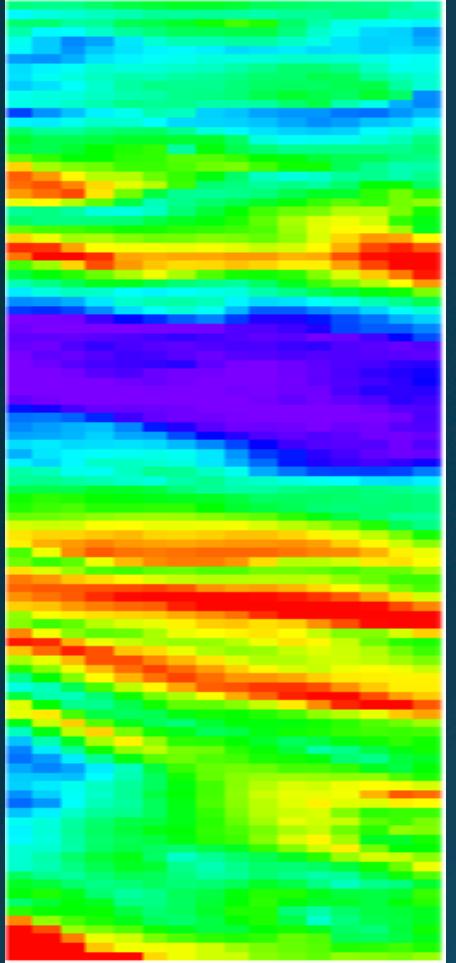


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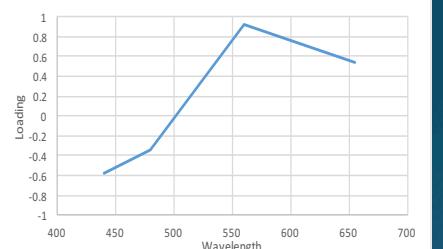
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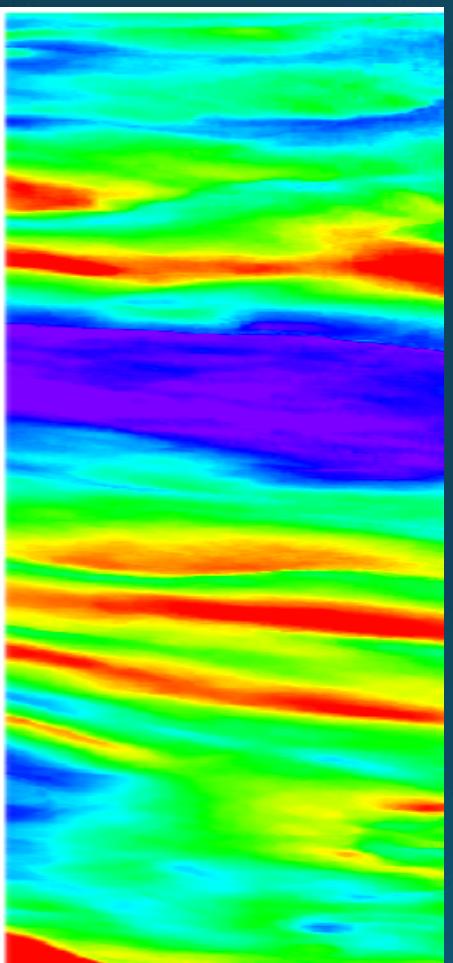
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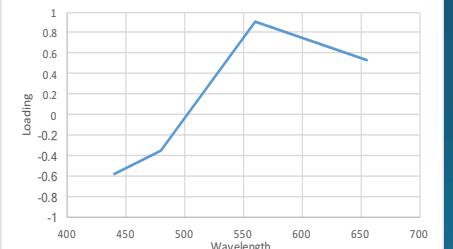
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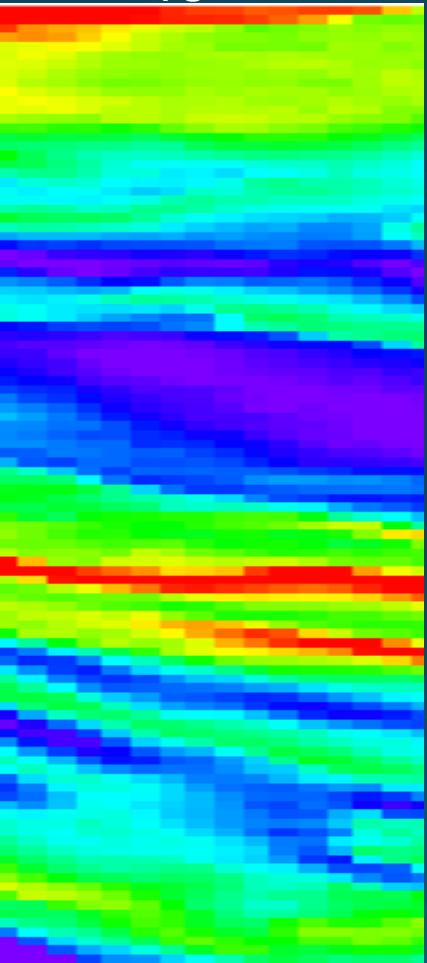
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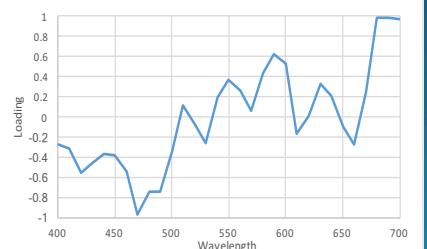
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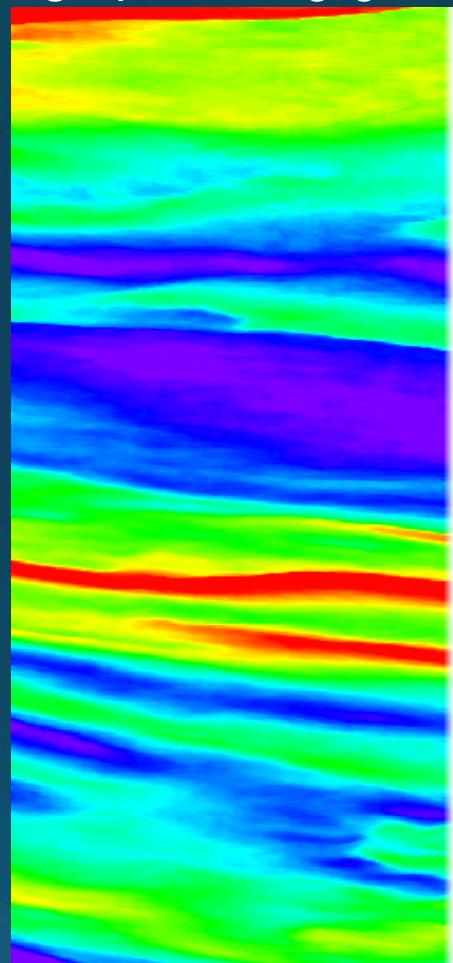
VPCA 2 HSI2
10nm, 30 m



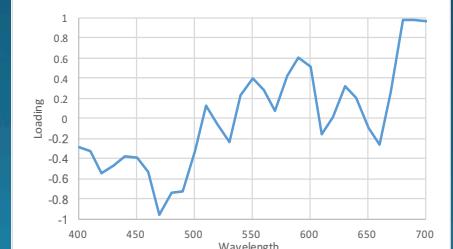
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VPCA 2 HSI2 10nm,
3 m, Smooth 9x9



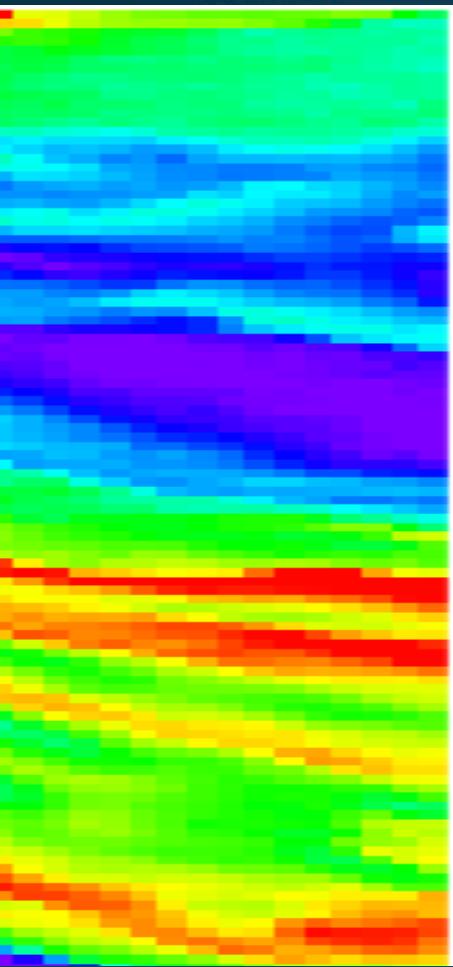
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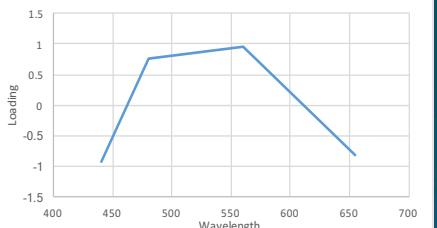
Composition:
Haematite,
Green algae,
 $\text{-}\alpha$ carotene
and
phycocyanin
($R=0.90$)



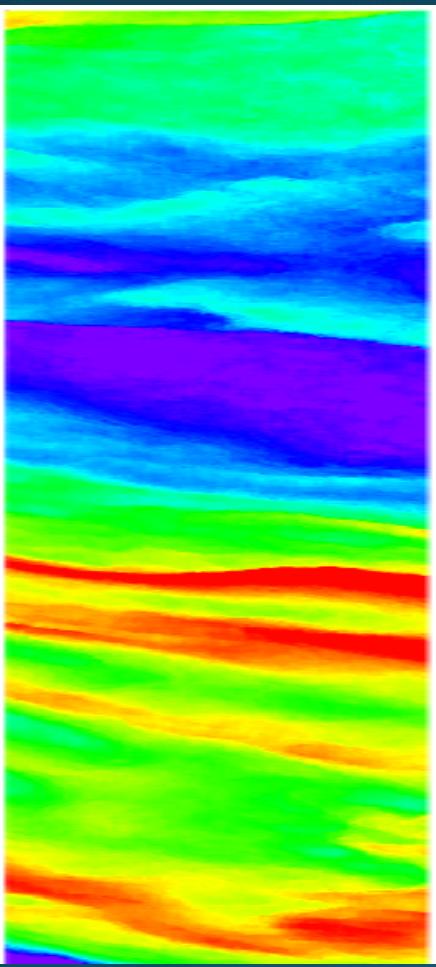
VPCA 3 Simulated L8 bands, 30m



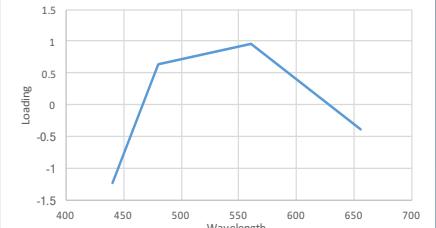
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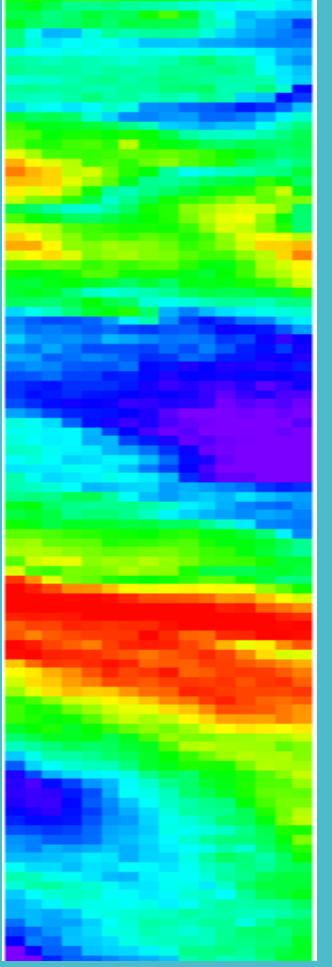
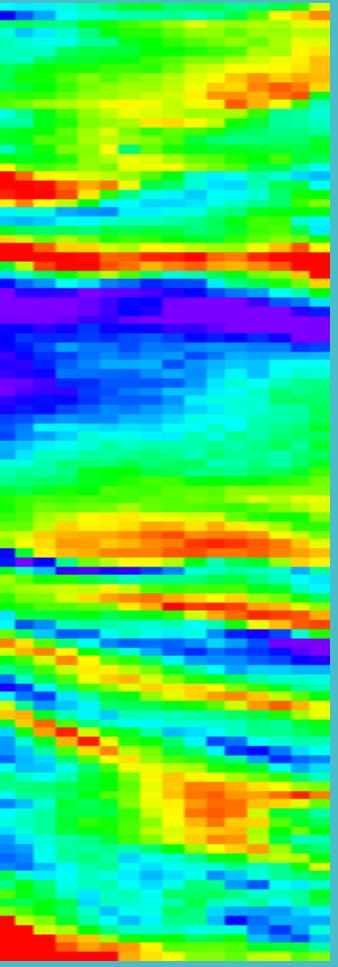
VPCA 3 Simulated L8 bands, 3m, smooth 9x9



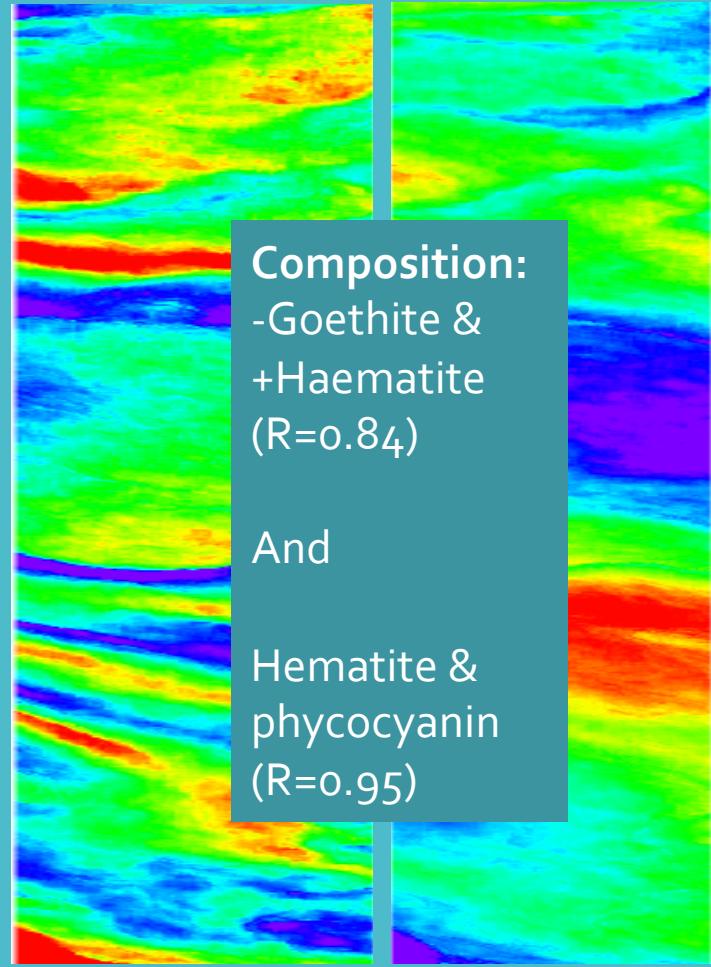
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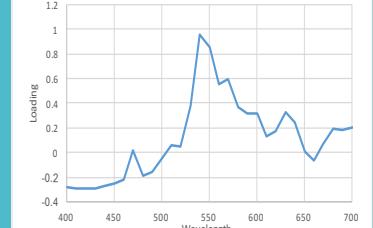
062116 15_MBSP 10nm, 30m, VPCA 3
062116 15_MBSP 10nm, 30m, VPCA 4



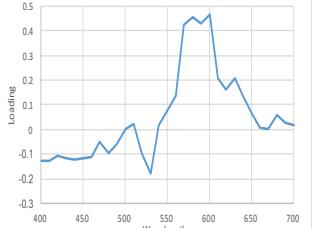
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062116 15_MBSP 10nm, 3m, SM9, VPCA 4



062116 HSI2 15_MBSP 10nm, 3m, smooth9 VPCA -3: 11.9%



062116 HSI2 15_MBSP 10nm, 3m, smooth9 VPCA -4: 3.6%



Composition:
-Goethite &
+Haematite
($R=0.84$)

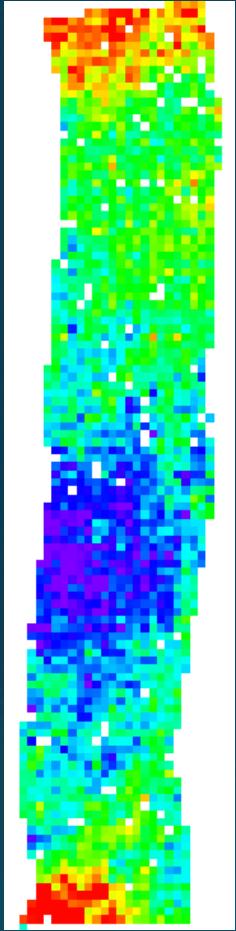
And

Hematite &
phycocyanin
($R=0.95$)

Actual L8 Image Decomposition

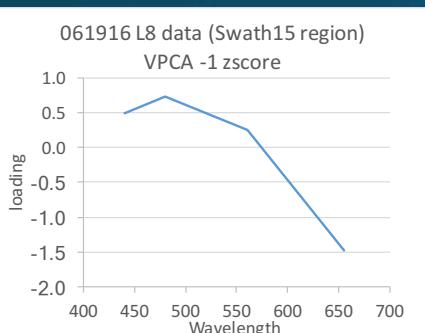
061916 L8 swath 15 subset VPCA 1FLIP

RGB

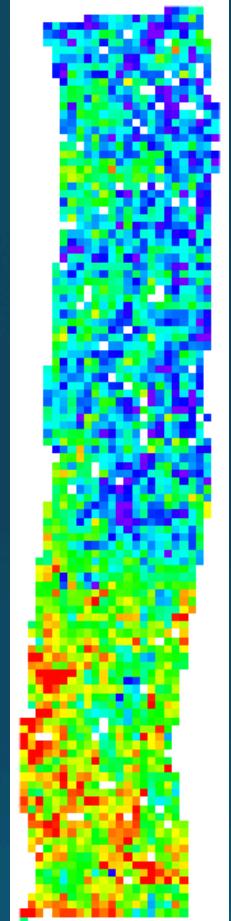


Composition:
Diatoms
($R=0.996$)

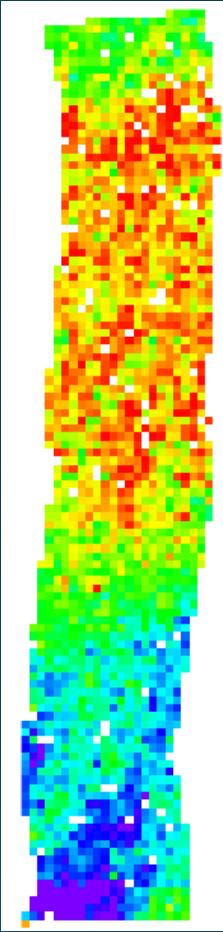
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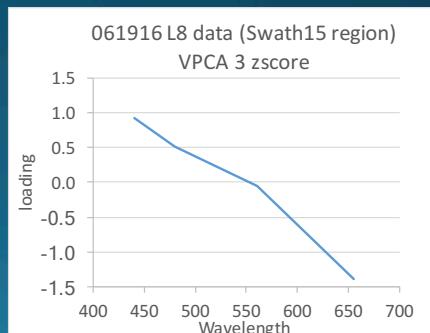
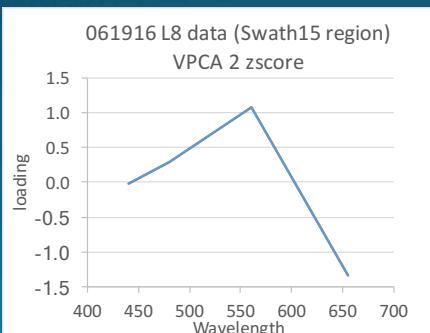
061916 L8 (surface reflectance product), swath15 subset: VPCA decomposition



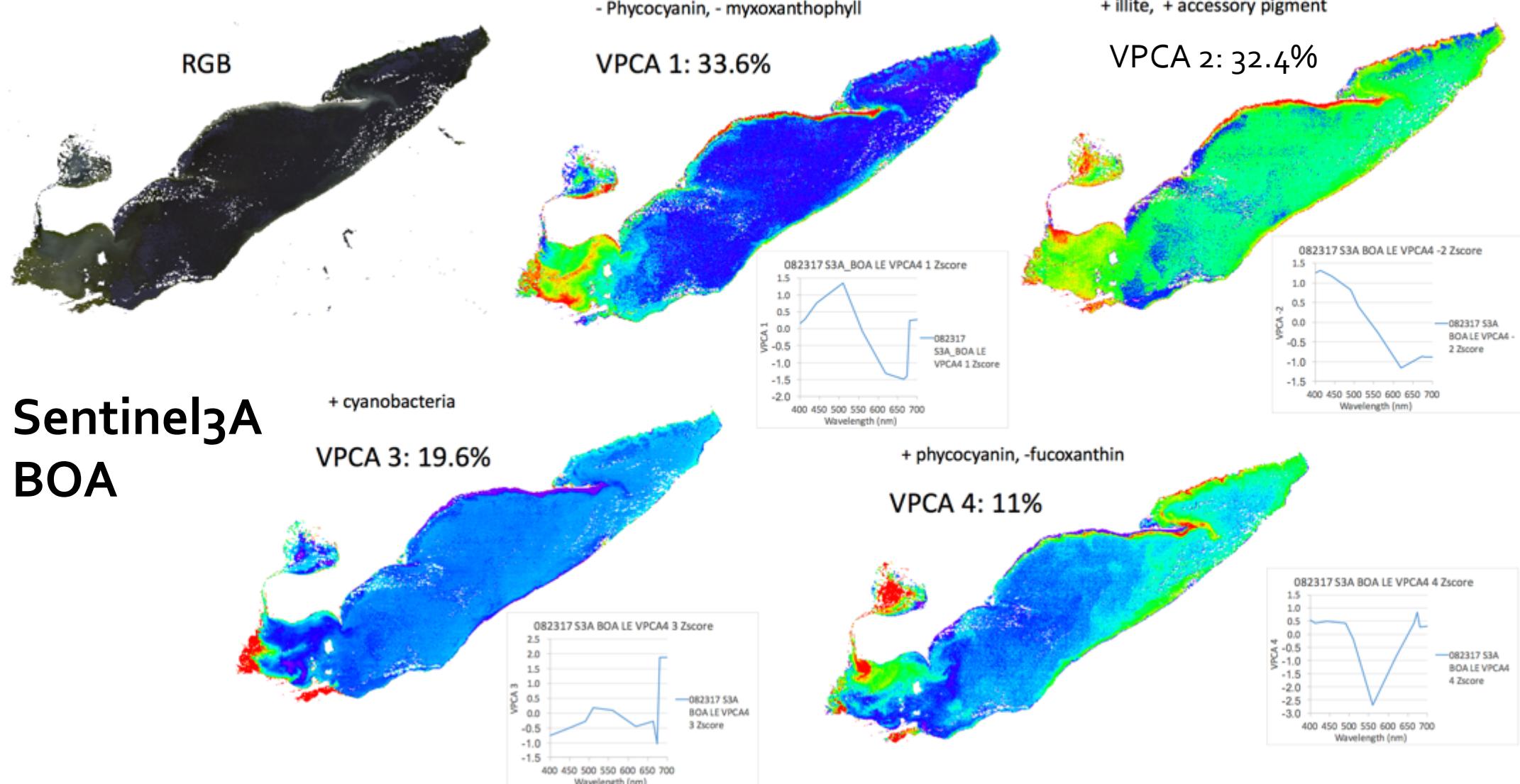
Composition:
Phycocyanin
($R=0.993$)



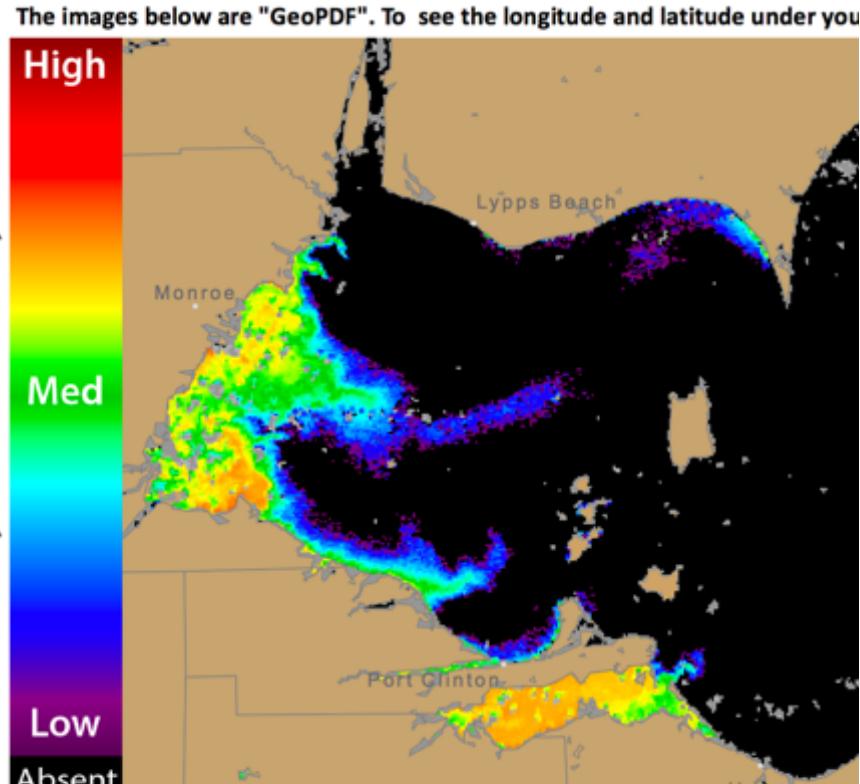
Composition:
Chl a &
carotenoids
($R=0.996$)



Kent State Univ. Spectral Unmixing: 082317 S3A L2 Lake Erie VPCA Scores (J. Ortiz and D. Avouris)



Sentinel3A Comparison of VPCA to NOAA CI



+ cyanobacteria

VPCA 3: 19.6%

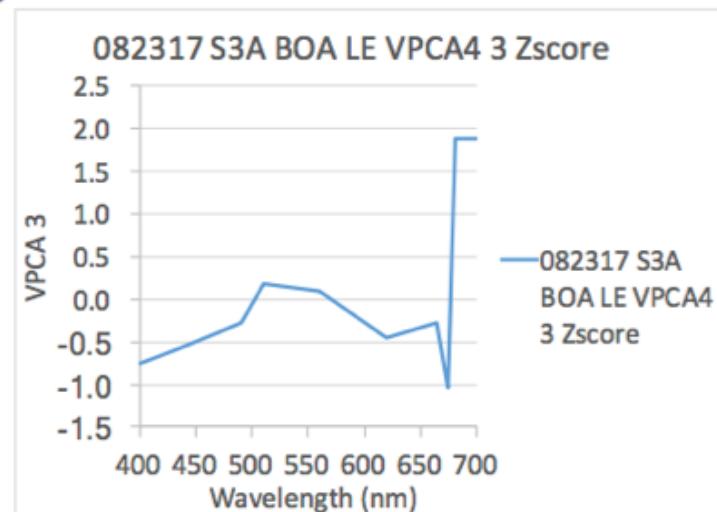
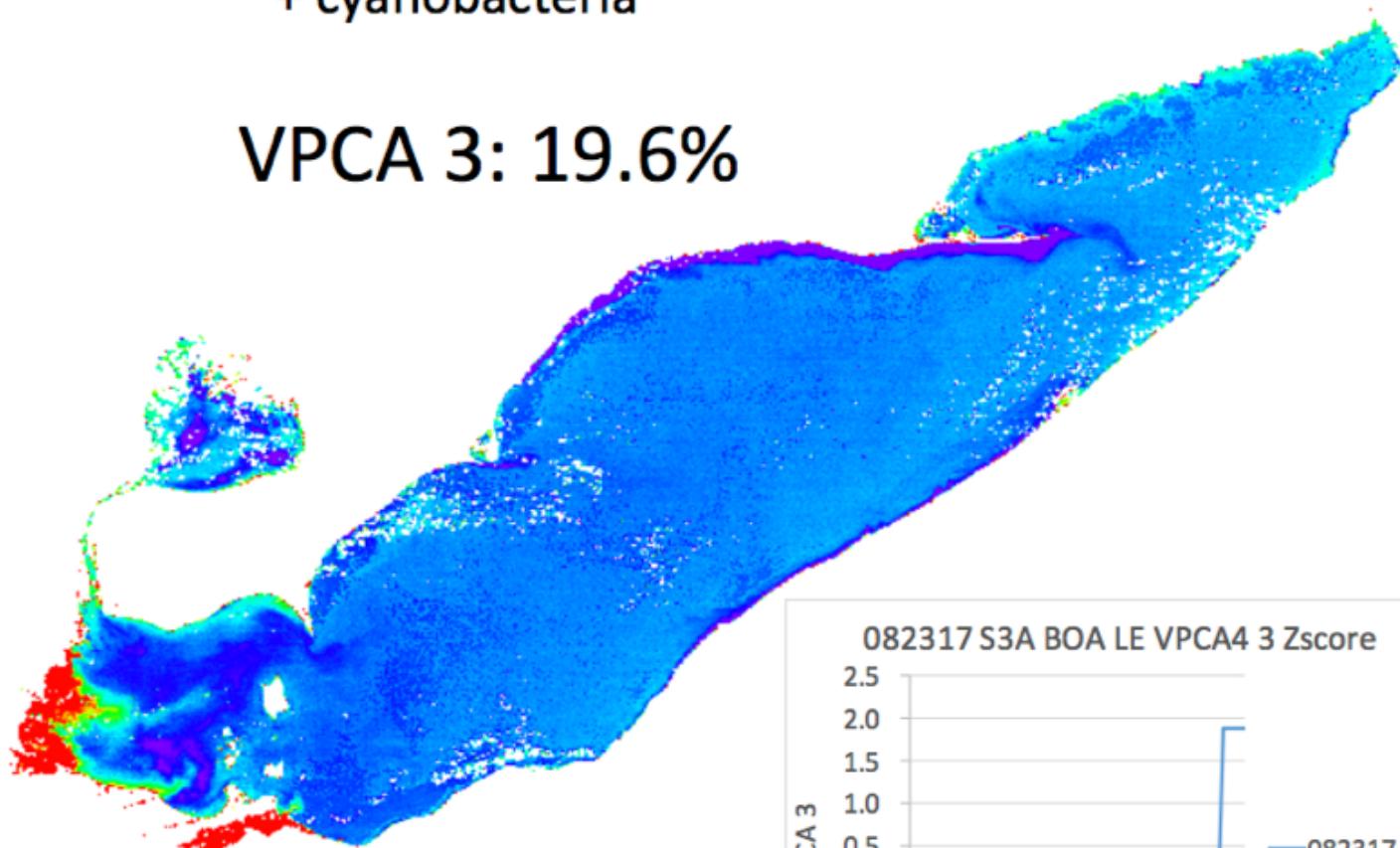


Figure 1. Cyanobacterial Index from modified Copernicus Sentinel 3 data collection. The plot shows missing data. The estimated threshold for cyanobacteria detection is 20,000 cell

Conclusions

1. VPCA ties optical assemblages to minerals, phytoplankton and cyanophyte phyla
2. KSU VPCA decomposition method can be applied successfully to Landsat, MODIS, HICO, NASA Glenn HSI₂
3. VPCA is well suited for application to Sentinel-3, HyspIRI, PACE: Makes use of all information present in hyperspectral data
4. The NASA HSI₂ (31 visible bands @ 10nm resolution) collects about twice as many components from a simulated L8 scene (with 4 bands in the visible)
5. Spectral decomposition of an actual L8 image collected within two days of the NASA HSI₂ swath is consistent with the simulated results
6. Increasing spectral resolution doubles the information that can be partitioned in a scene in terms of the number of extractable components
7. Increasing spatial resolution provides more detailed images, but does not help to extract additional spectral components using this method

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