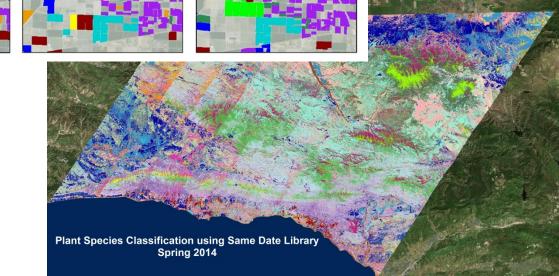


Combined VSWIR-TIR analysis of vegetation in natural, urban and agricultural settings from the HyspIRI airborne campaign

2015

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### **Broad Research Questions**

- What are the synergies between the VSWIR and TIR for vegetation analysis?
  - What is the potential of VSWIR fractions combined with LST?
- Can we map plant species over large areas over multiple years and seasons using imaging spectrometry?
  - What is the potential of developing a global spectral library?

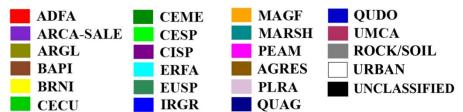
#### **Outline**

- Developing a VSWIR-TIR model
  - Roberts et al., 2015 (RSE/ESA)
- Applying a VSWIR-TIR model
  - Agricultural Settings: Shivers et al. (in prep)
  - Urban Settings: Wetherley et al. (2018)
- Mapping plant species over large areas and multiple seasons and years
  - Santa Barbara Flight Box: Meerdink et al. (in prep)
- Thoughts and conclusions

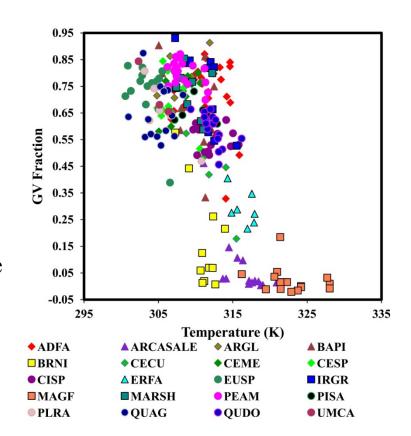
### Developing the Model







- An inverse relationship exists between GV fraction and LST
- Plant species cluster uniquely in the GV-LST space

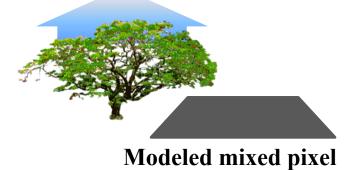


Roberts et al., 2015 (RSE)

## Subpixel Temperature Modeling



Pure oak endmember (303 K)



Pure road endmember (323 K)

Modeled mixed pixel (309 K)

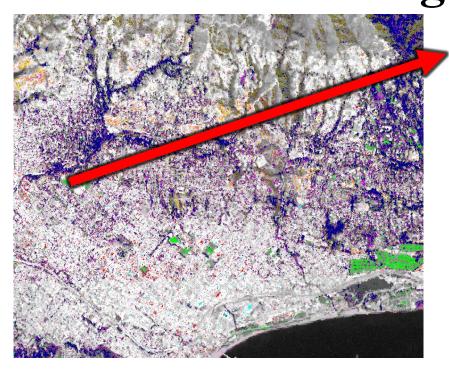
Residual =  $LST_{measured} - LST_{modeled} > 1$ 

Measured mixed pixel (314 K)

- Oak suffering heat stress?
- Lower albedo/hotter road?
- Non-linearity?

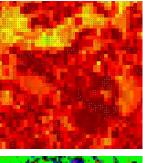
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# Subpixel Temperature Modelling

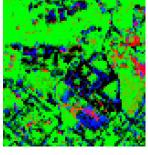




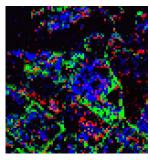
- VSWIR Fractions from AVIRIS
- LST from MASTER
  - Isolated for each thermal class
  - Limited to 100% cover



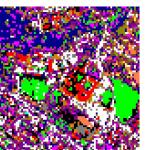






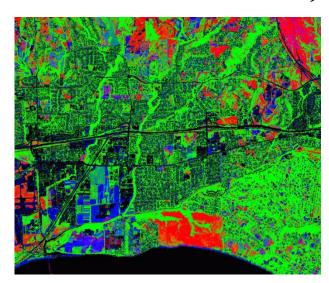


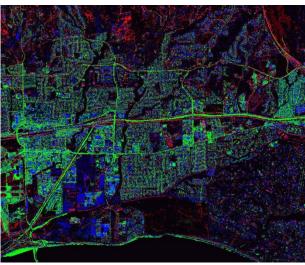
 $f_{rock}*LST_{rock}+ \\ f_{paved}*LST_{paved}+ \\ f_{roof}*LST_{roof}$ 



LST (thermal class)

#### Roads, Mustard and Orchards



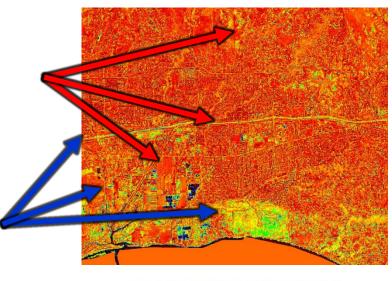


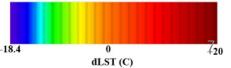


Senesced Mustard is cool (<-6 C)
East-west large roads are cool (<-5 C)
Concrete is cool (<-3 C)

Citrus and Avocado are warm (> 5 C) North-south large roads are warm (> 2 C)

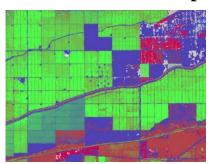






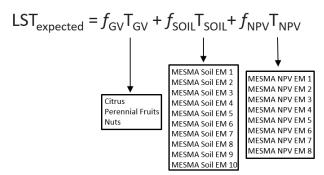
#### **Agricultural Applications: Sarah Shivers**

- Developed a VSWIR-LST model for the Soda Straw analyzed changes in crops 2013-2015
- Used MESMA to map fractions of GV, NPV and Soil



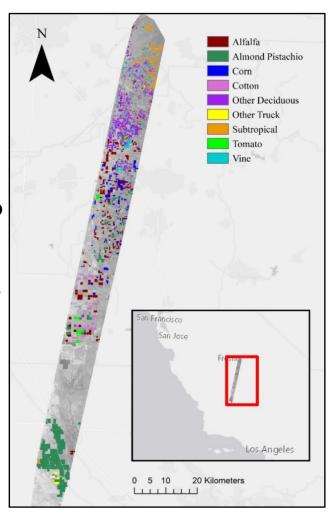
Red: NPV Green: GV Blue: Soil

- Used MESMA results and crop species information to divide GV, NPV, and soil into subclasses expected to have similar thermal properties
- Modeled expected temperature using fractional cover and thermal endmembers



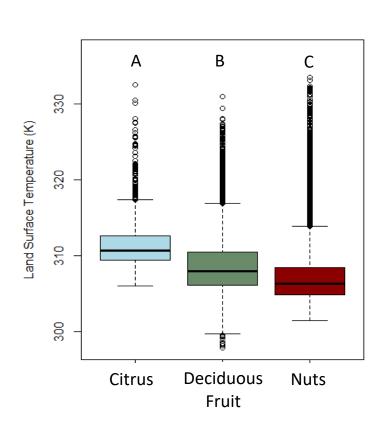
Calculated a temperature residual

Residual = 
$$LST_{MASTER}$$
 -  $LST_{expected}$ 

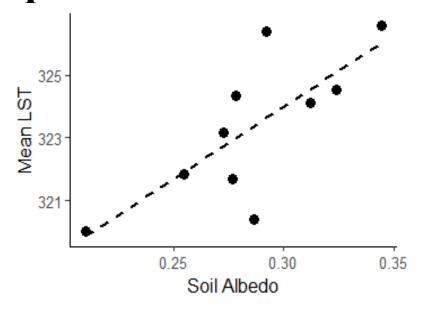


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## Crop groups and MESMA thermal classes are unique



Crop groups show distinct LST distributions

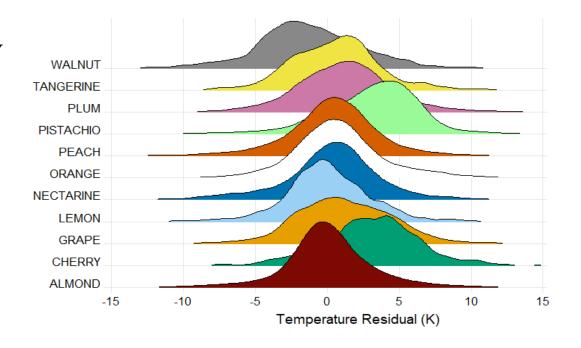


MESMA endmember groups are suitable as thermal classes and show sensitivity to soil moisture

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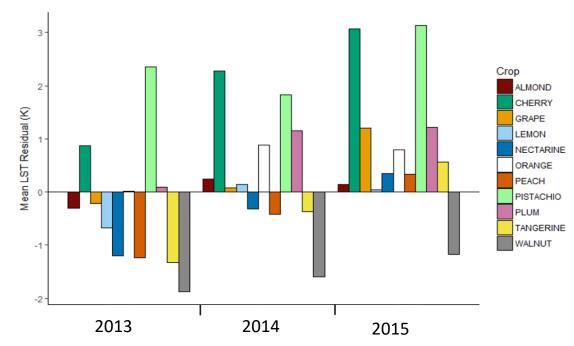
## Residuals vary by Crop

Of 11 crops, 7 showed unique LST residual distributions



Residuals increased as the drought progressed

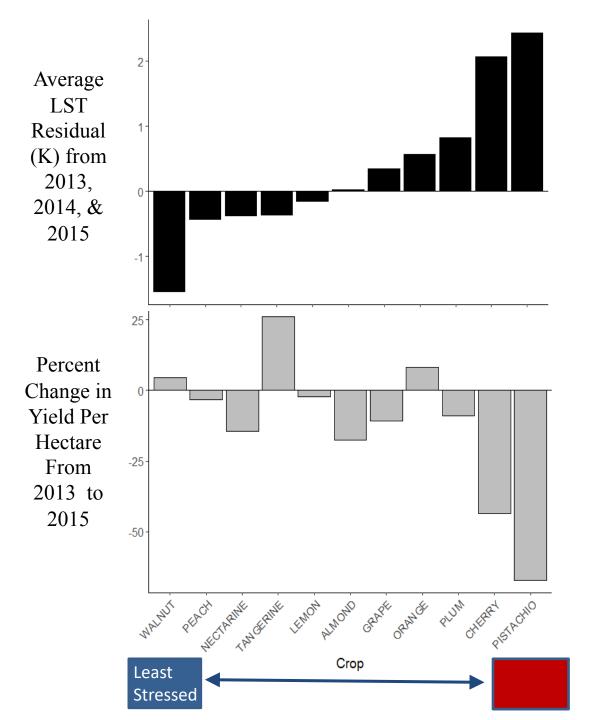
Mean LST residual (K)



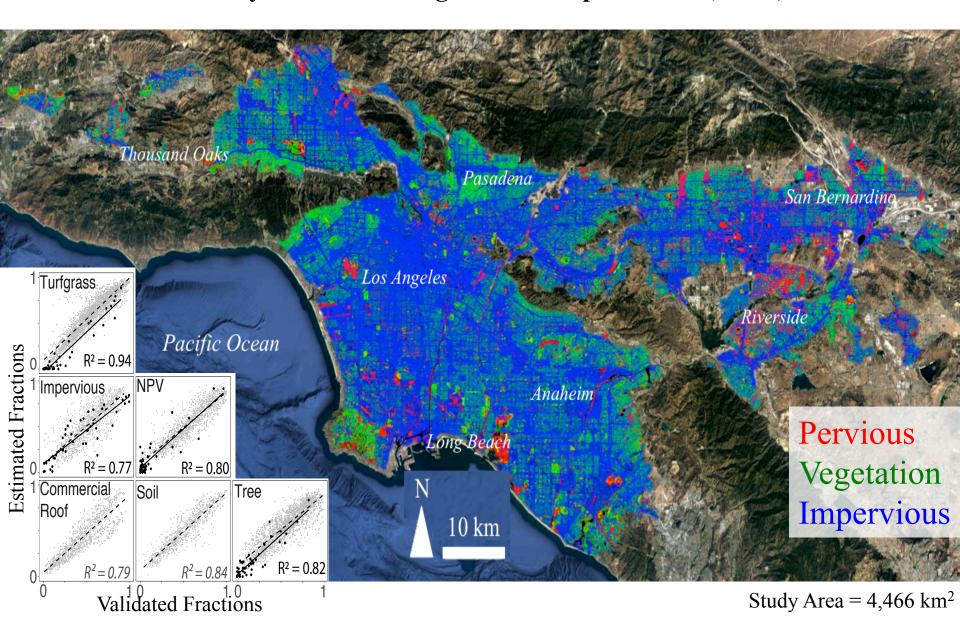
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# LST Residuals reflect crop yield

Crops with the highest positive temperature residuals, also had the largest reductions in yield during the study period

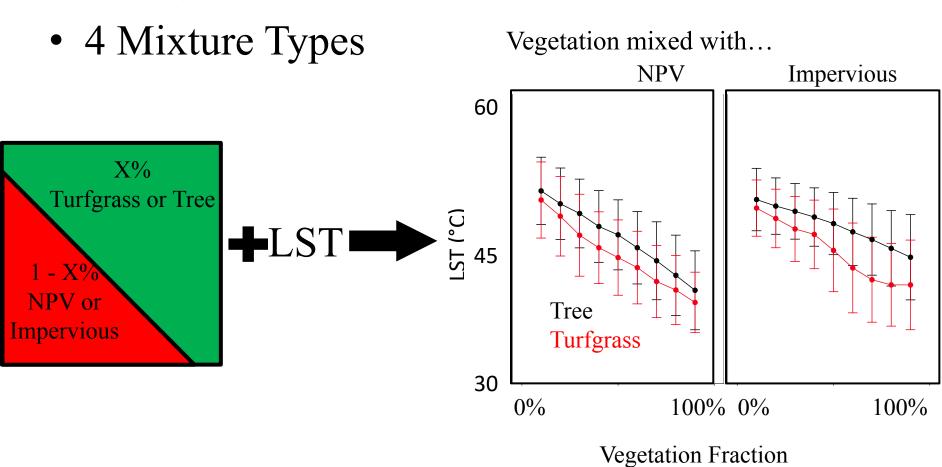


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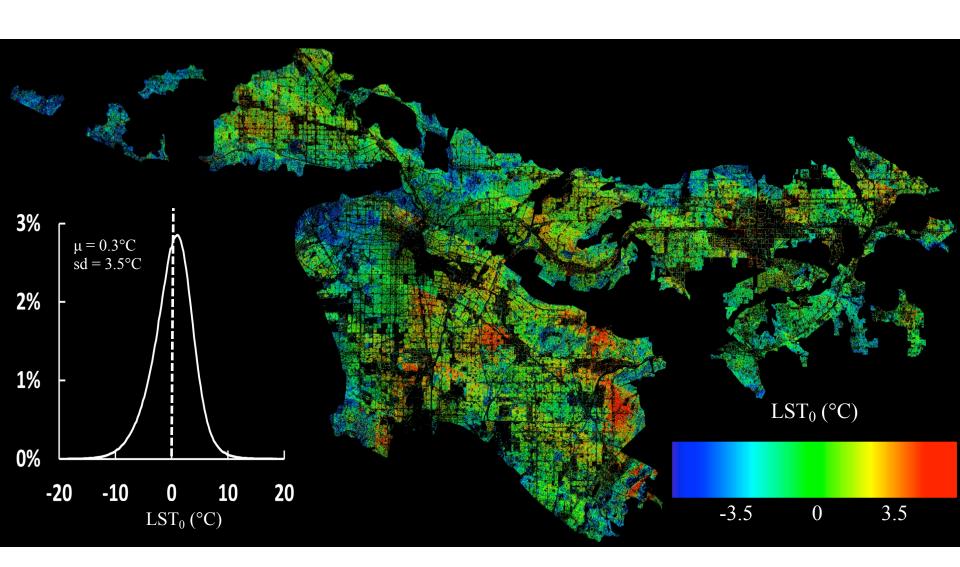


## Modeling LST by Plant Type & Material

• 1,756,302 Mixed Pixels

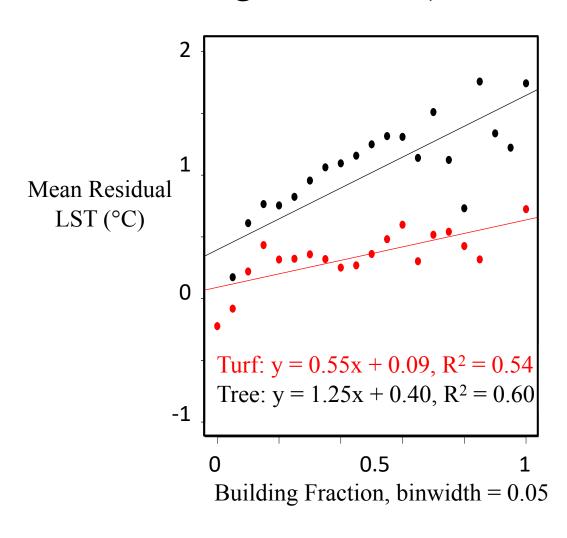


# Subtracting modeled from measured vegetation LST reveals ~15°C of variability independent of fraction & plant type.



# Examining other sources of temperature variability across LA, including...

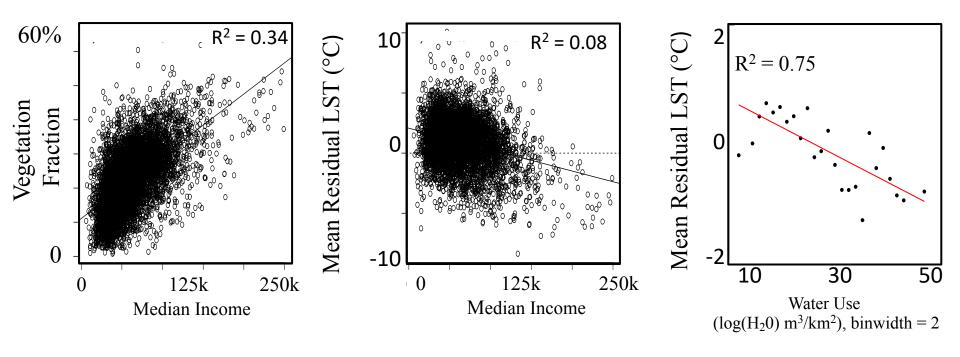
#### Building Fraction (LA County GIS)



Building Fraction has a 3x greater effect on measured tree LST compared to turfgrass LST.

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#### **Vegetation Management**



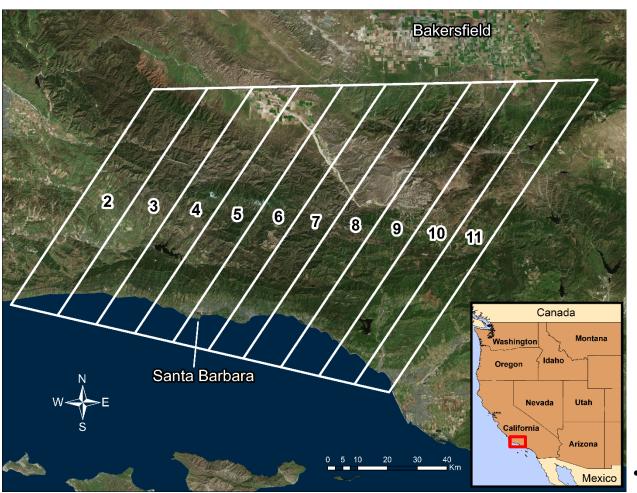
Wealthier areas in L.A. have more vegetation.

For each \$10,000 increase in median income, vegetation LST decreased by 0.23°C.

Areas with more outdoor water use are cooler!

#### Classifying California plant species across seasons

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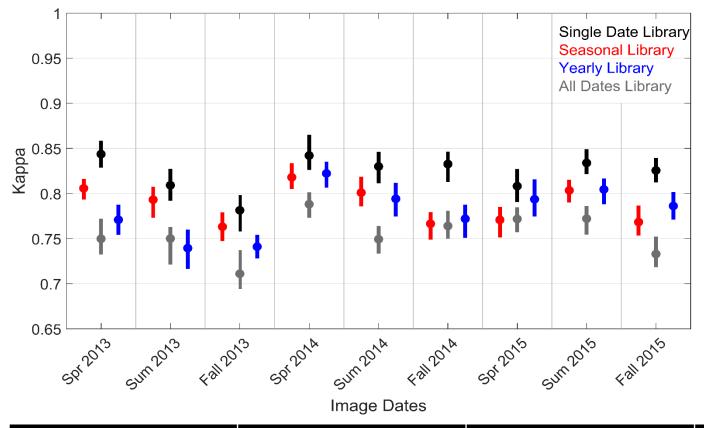


Imagery				
2013 Spring	04/11/13			
2013 Summer	06/06/13			
2013 Fall	11/25/13			
2014 Spring	04/16/14			
2014 Summer	06/06/14			
2014 Fall	08/29/14			
2015 Spring	04/16/15			
2015 Summer	06/02/15			
2015 Fall	08/24/15			

Total of 88 Images

- Approach:
- Spectral libraries from reference
- polygons
- Mapping using CDA/LDA

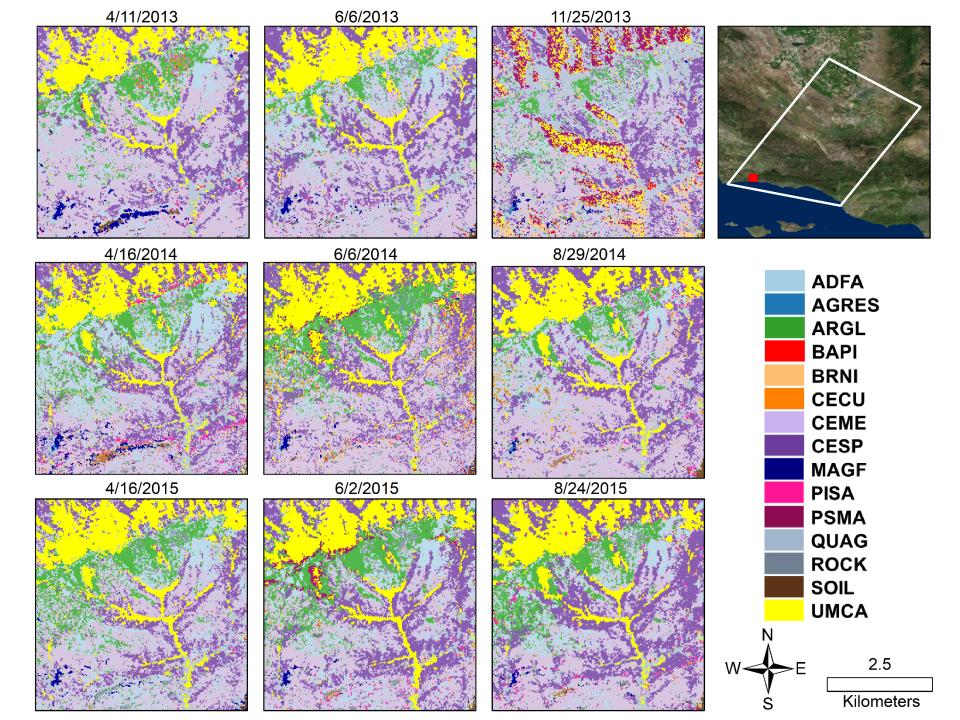
#### Single Date Libraries Outperform all Other Libraries

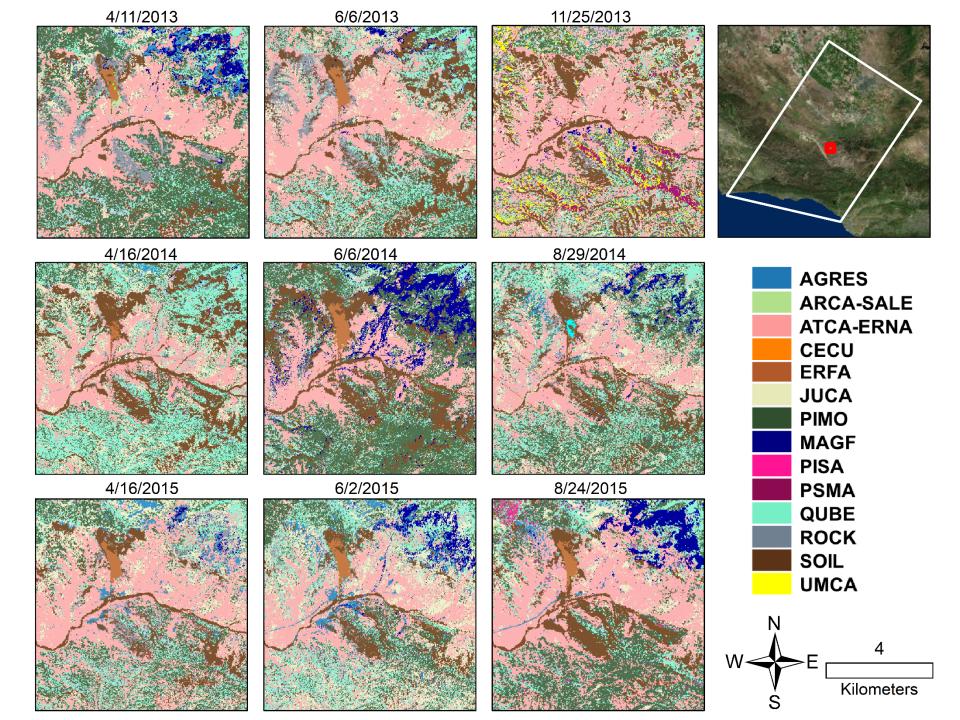


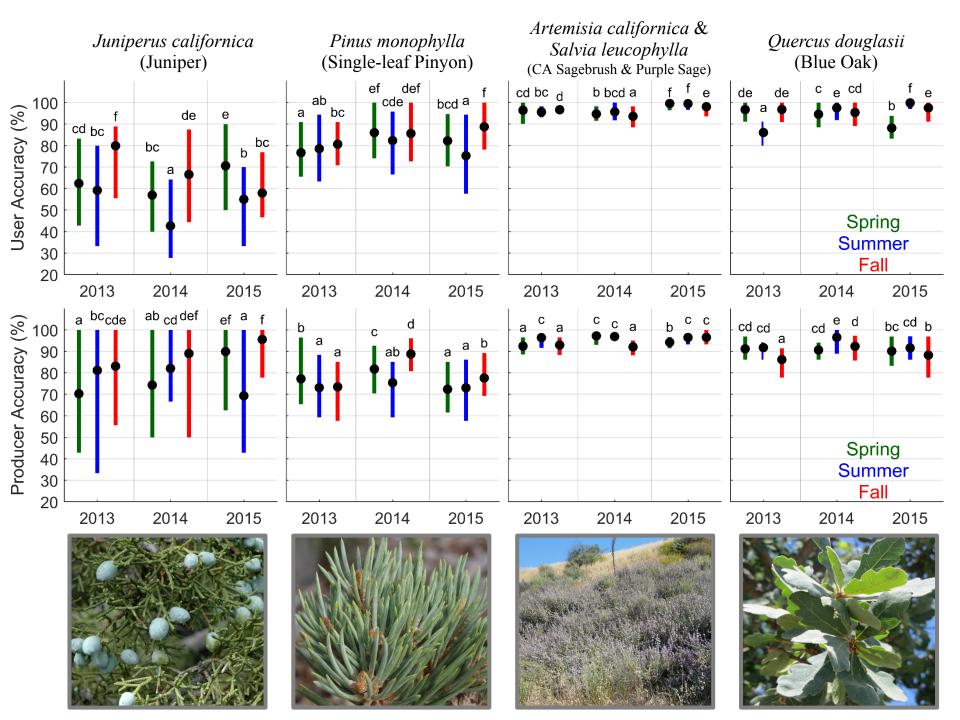
Example of classifying Fall 2015 imagery:

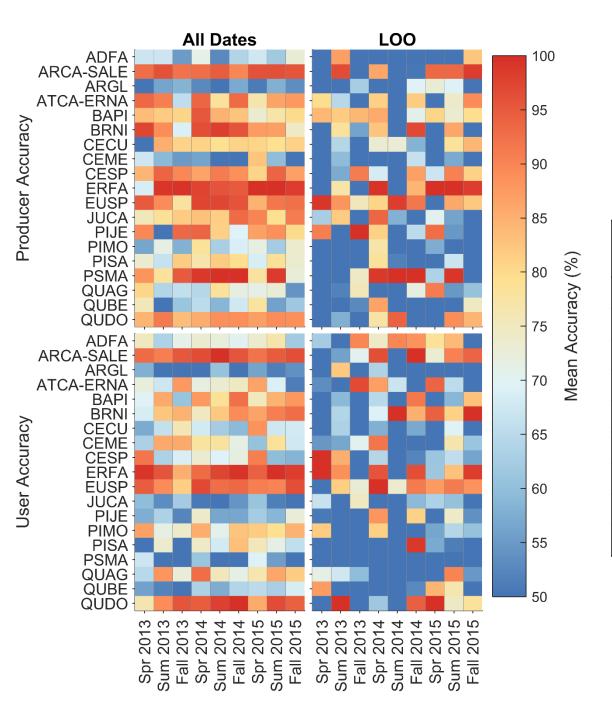
Fall 2015
Seasonal Library:
Fall '13/ '14/ '15
Yearly Library:
Spr./Sum./Fall '15
All Dates Library:
All 9 Image Dates

Single Date Library	Seasonal Library	Yearly Library	All Dates Library
0.78 – 0.84 mean kappa	0.76 – 0.82 mean kappa	0.74 – 0.82 mean kappa	0.71 – 0.79 mean kappa
Spring 2013 & 2014 highest accuracy	Kappa loss ranging 0.02 - 0.07	Kappa loss ranging $0.01-0.08$	Kappa loss ranging $0.03 - 0.10$









#### Libraries perform poorest when Applied to data sets excluded From training

Overall Kappa Classification Accuracy

Ima	ge Date	All Dates	Leave One Date Out
2013	Spring	0.75	0.44
2013	Summer	0.75	0.58
2013	Fall	0.71	0.42
2014	Spring	0.79	0.62
2014	Summer	0.75	0.31
2014	Fall	0.76	0.58
2015	Spring	0.77	0.56
2015	Summer	0.77	0.70
2015	Fall	0.73	0.57

## **Conclusions and Thoughts**

- The hyperspectral VSWIR-LST residual model has considerable promise
  - Does not require simultaneous observations
  - Broad applications in multiple ecosystems
- Plant species can be mapped over large areas and multiple dates
  - Highest accuracies were achieved when image dates and libraries were the same
  - Seasonal libraries outperformed yearly, multi-year libraries
  - Existing spectral libraries may not be transferable across dates
    - Develop geodatabase of reference species locations
  - A spaceborne system will likely outperform airborne data
    - Improved sun-sensor geometry
    - Fewer cross track/cross flight line artifacts

Identify within-field stress

