



- Regridding / Projection

- Compositing

for Sentinel-2 & Landsat 8 merged products

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# Regridding/Projection/Compositing

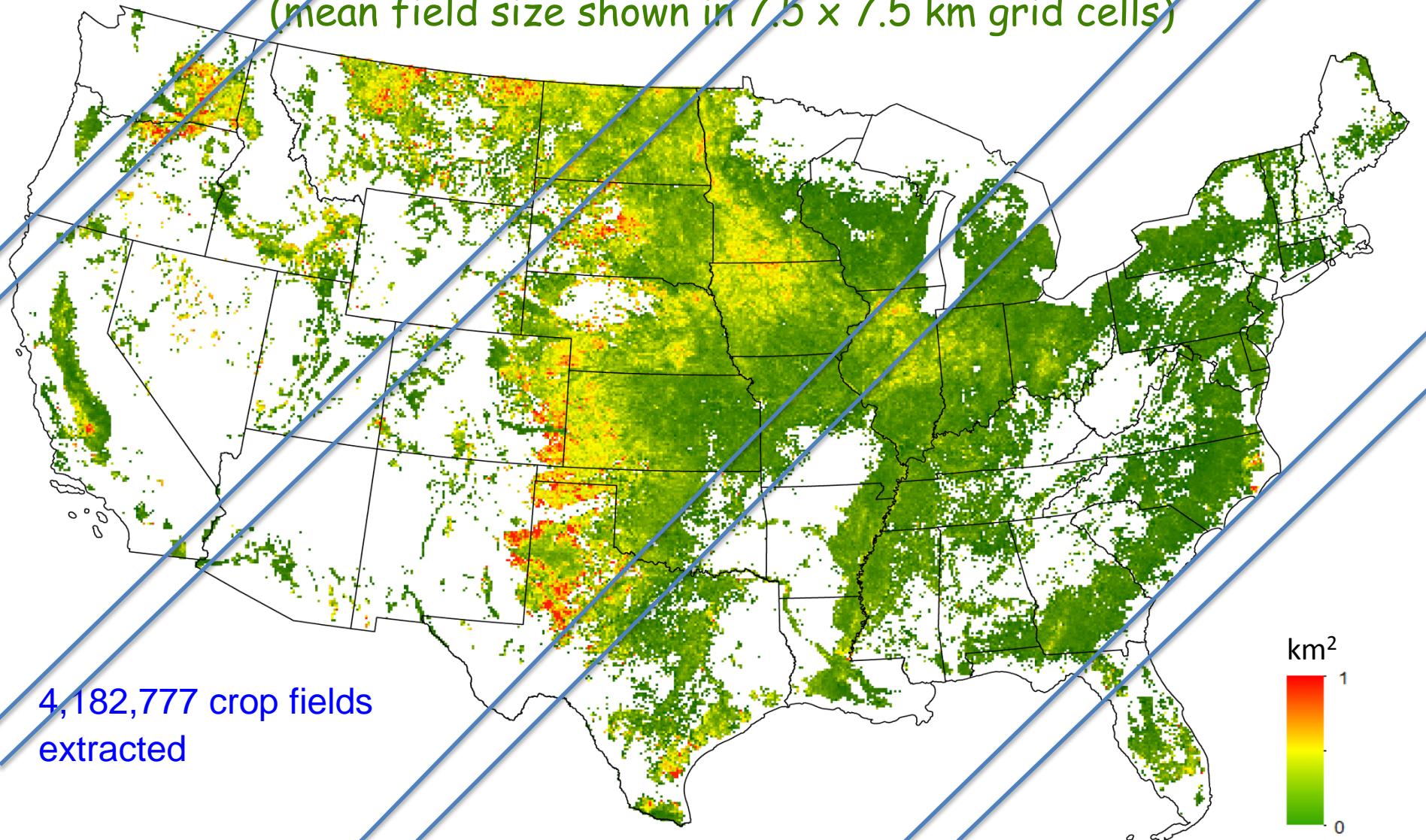
## Sentinel-2 & Landsat 8

Prerequisite for

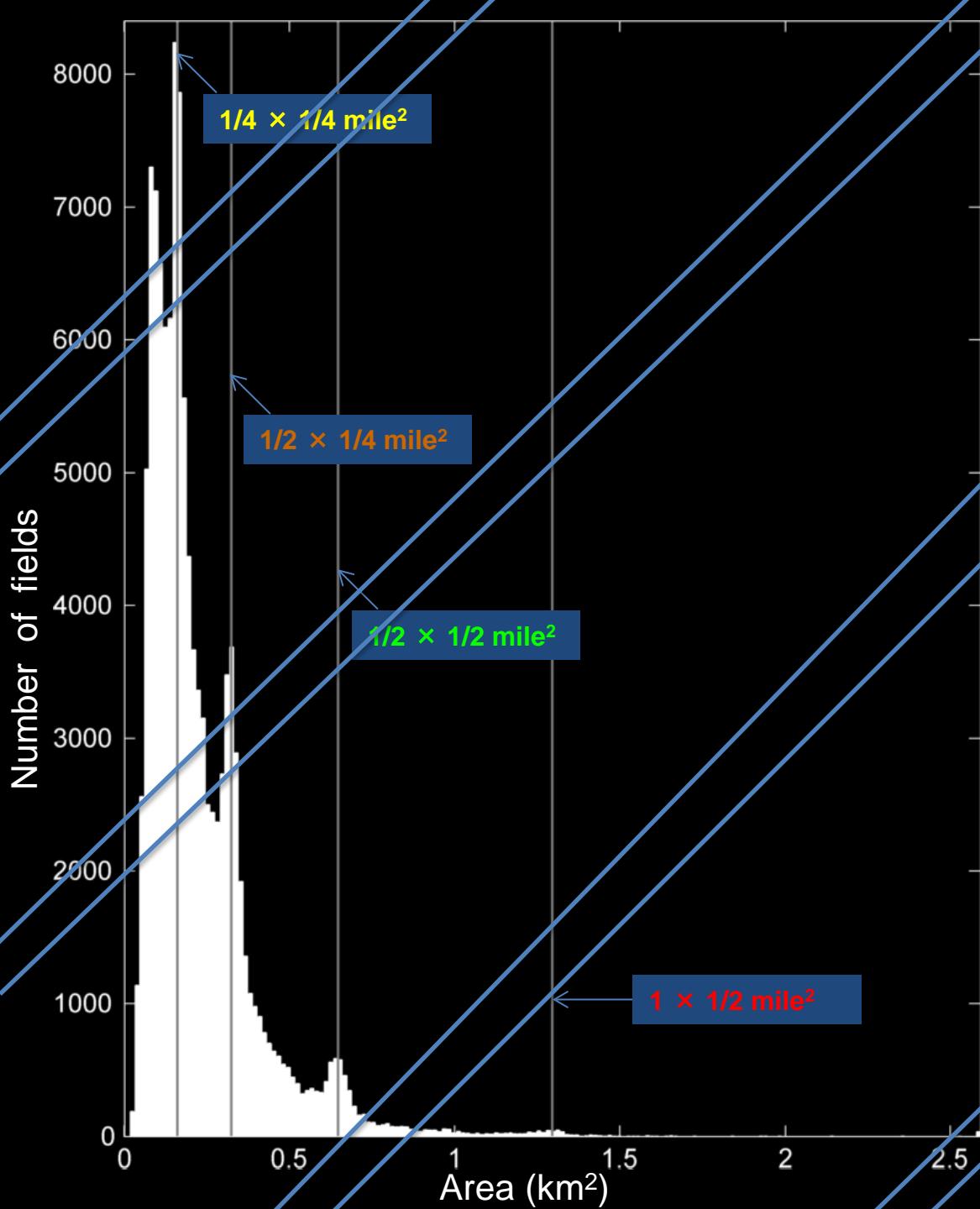
- combined use of different sensor data
- developing algorithms
- prototyping products
- to advance the virtual constellation paradigm for mid-resolution land imaging

# 2010 CONUS crop field size map

(mean field size shown in  $7.5 \times 7.5$  km grid cells)

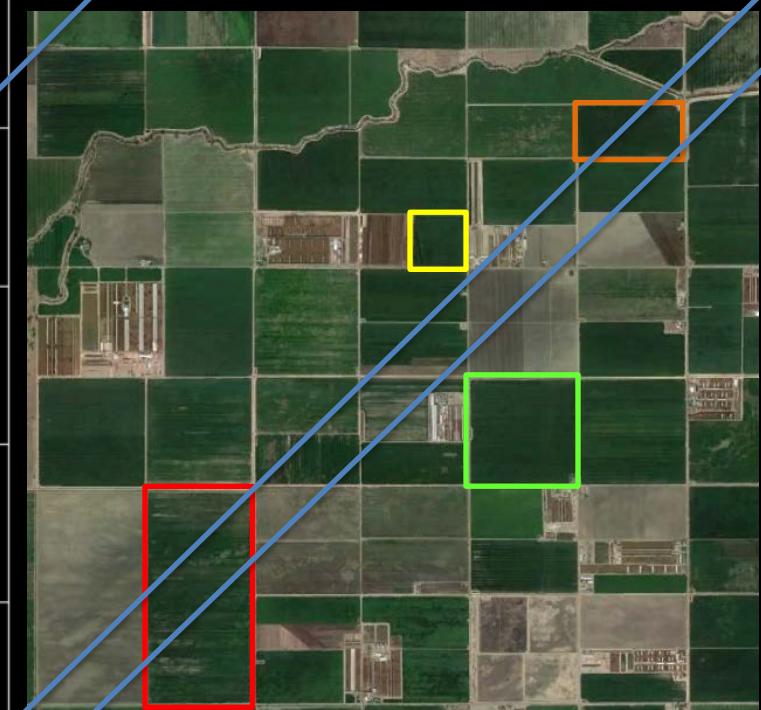


derived from all 13,666 WELD processed Landsat 5 and 7 scenes  
available in the U.S. Landsat archive for 12 months

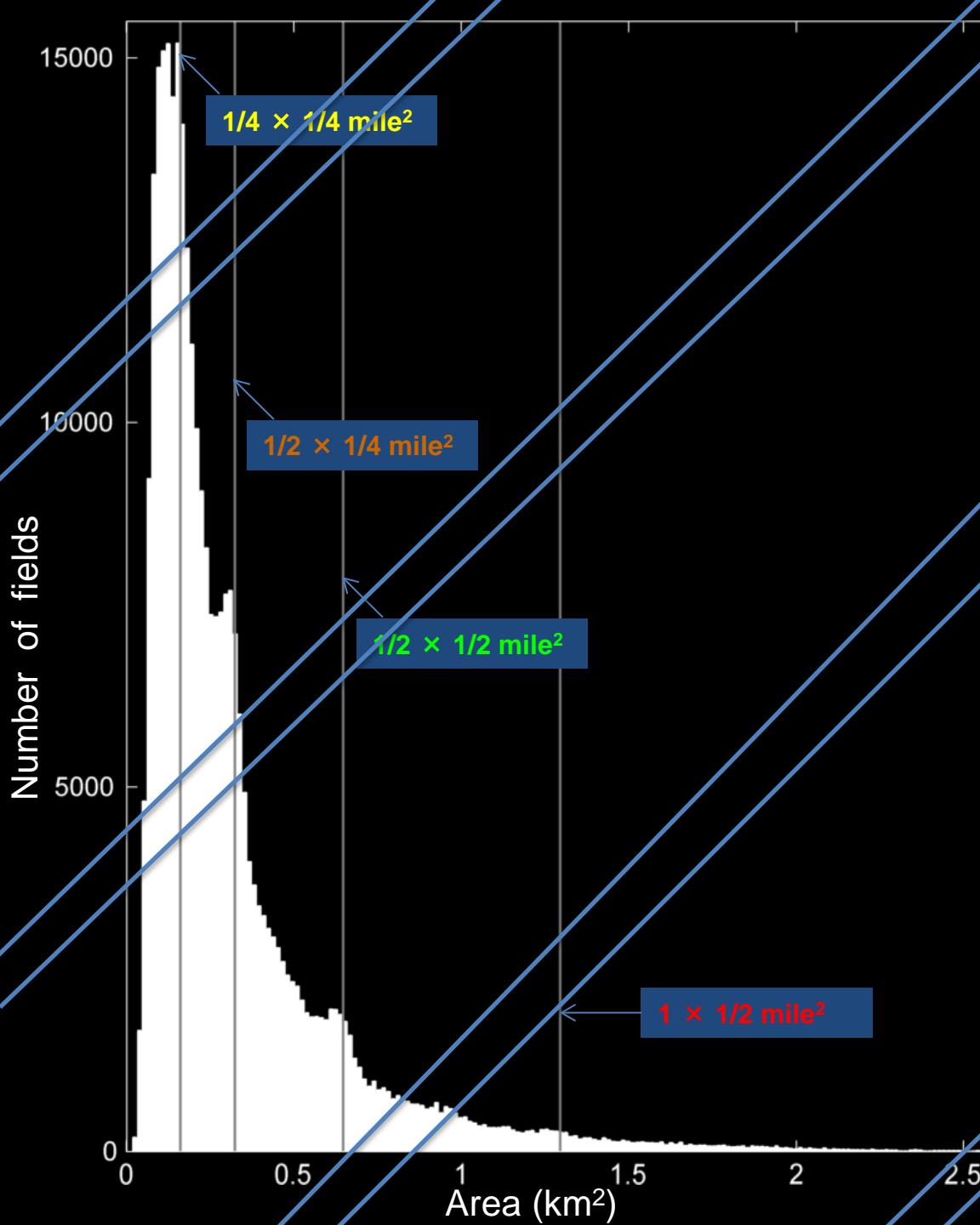


California 2010  
WELD derived  
crop field size histogram

116,888 fields extracted

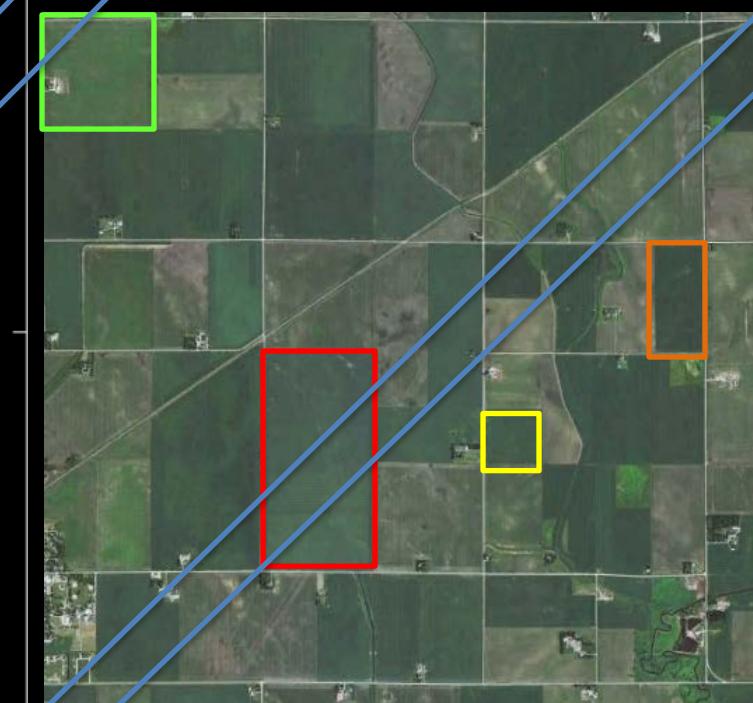


Google-Earth image. ~5.5 x 5 km  
subset in California near Corcoran.

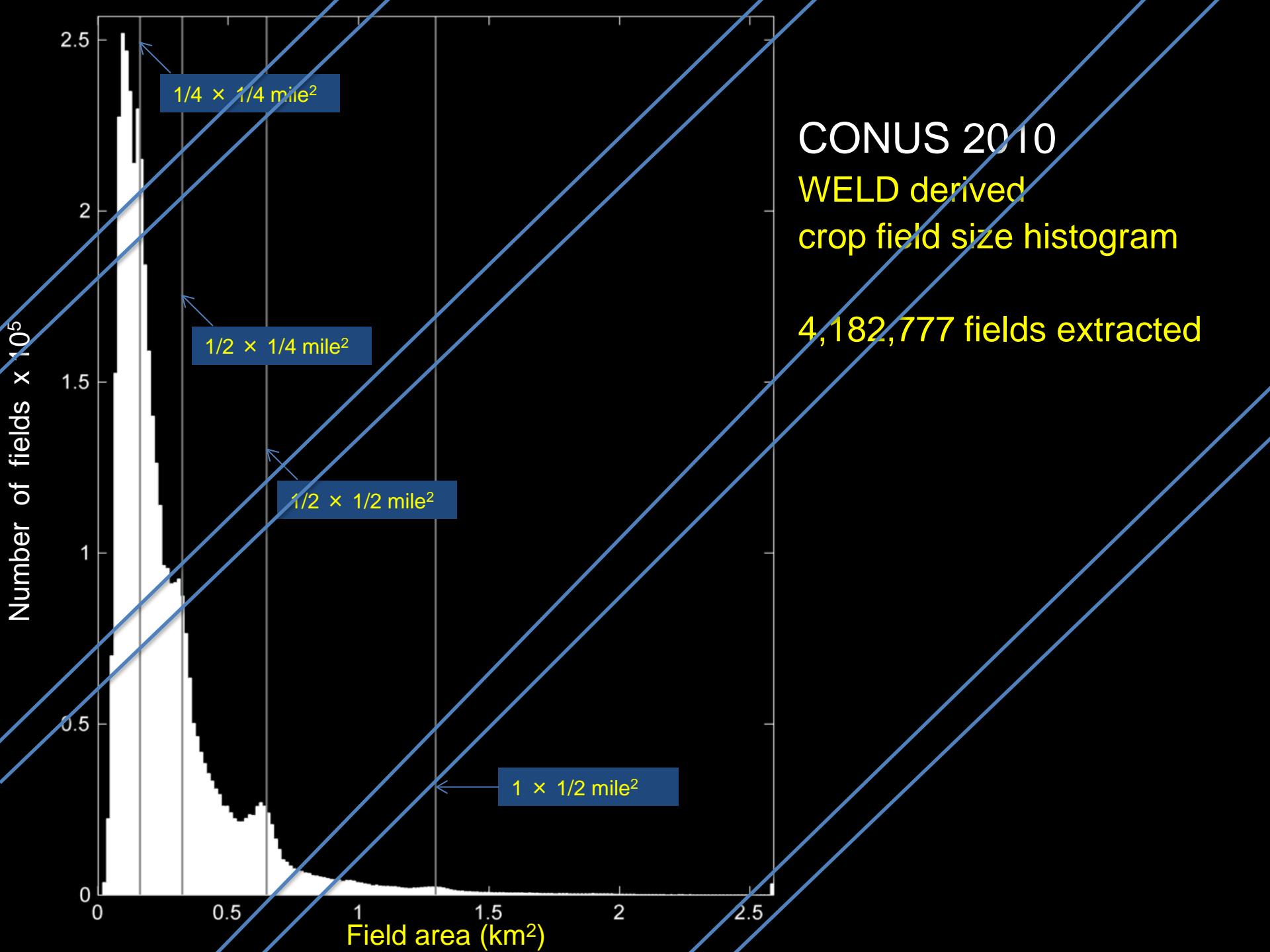


Iowa 2010  
WELD derived  
crop field size histogram

308,917 fields extracted

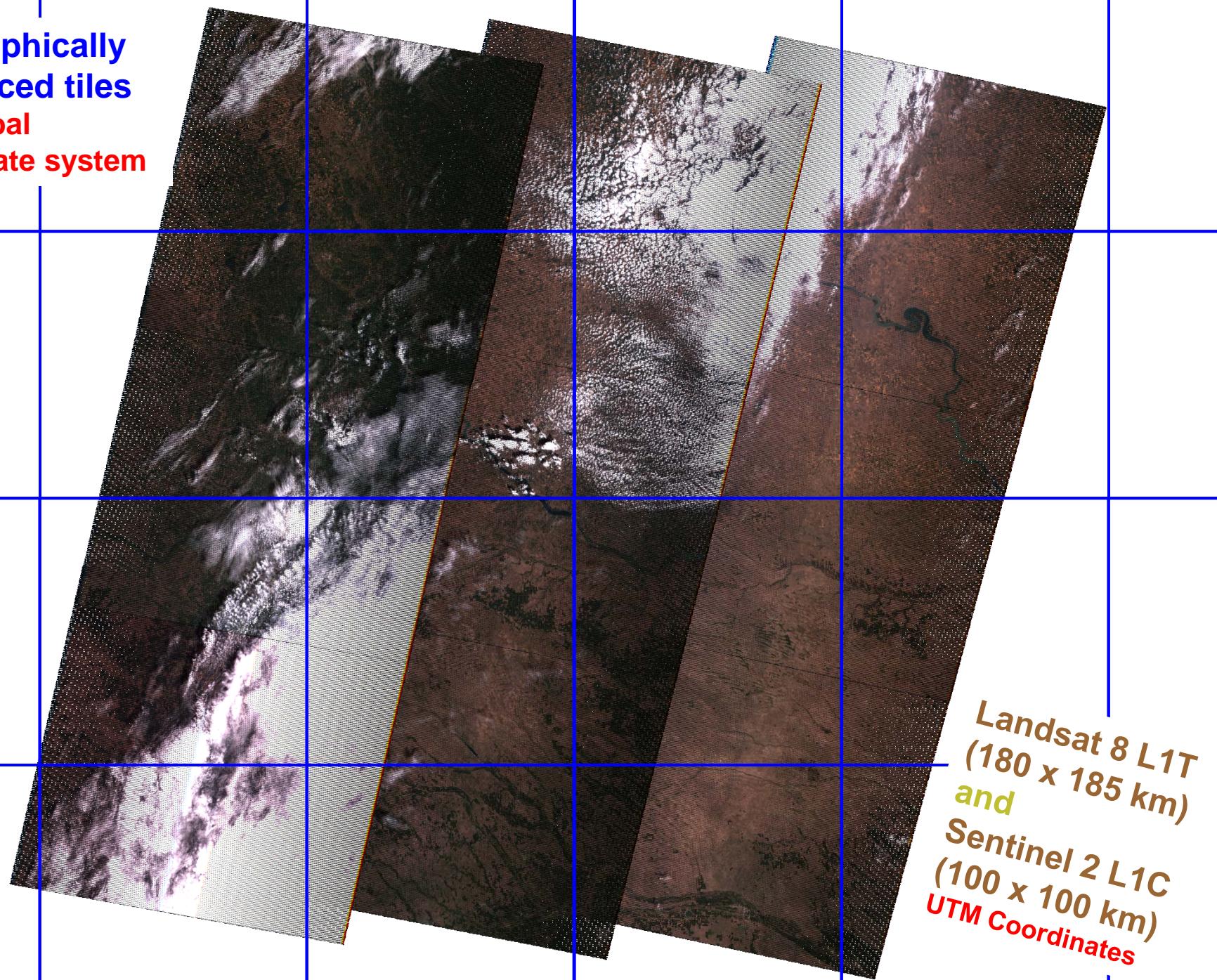


Google-Earth image. ~5.5 x 5 km  
subset in Iowa near Eagle Grove.

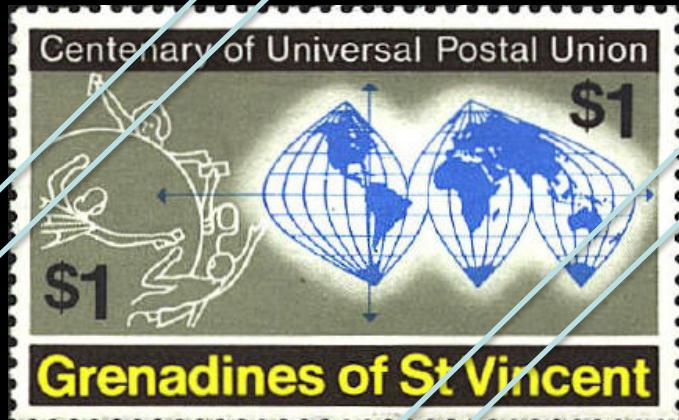


# Regridding/Projection approach for Sentinel-2 & Landsat 8

Geographically  
referenced tiles  
in a global  
coordinate system



# Project Landsat 8 L1T & Sentinel 2 L1C UTM data to the same Global Projection - which ?



Interrupted projections too complex for users



Uninterrupted projections easier



Also, polar uninterrupted projection needed for cryospheric research ?

# Project Landsat 8 L1T & Sentinel 2 1LC UTM data to the same Global Projection - which ?

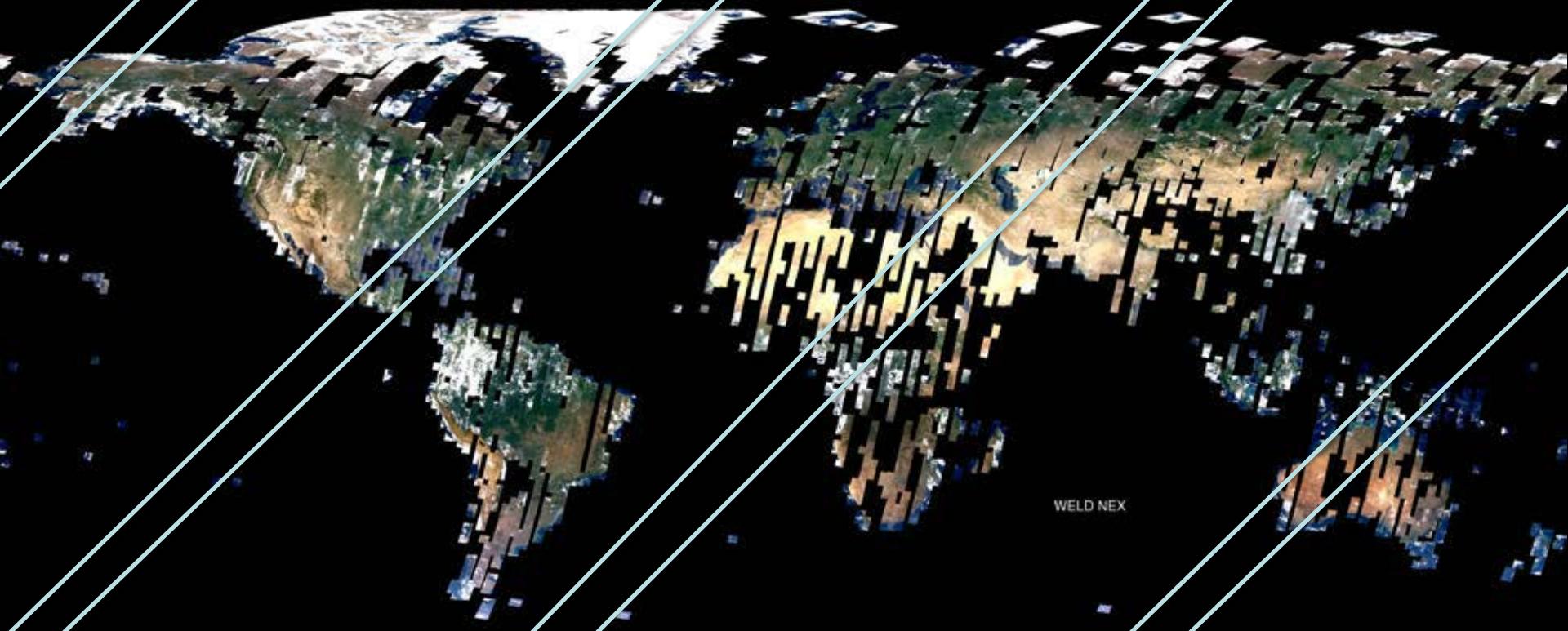
Should be

- equal area & uninterrupted
  - supported by publically available transformation software (GCTP, GDAL)
  - have closed-form inverse mapping (otherwise computing inverse expensive)
  - familiar to users
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- Mercator Projection
    - developed 1569 for nautical navigation
    - used by Google Maps
    - But, not equal area
  - Winkel Tripel Projection
    - minimizes distortion in area, direction and distance
    - used by the National Geographic Society
    - But, closed-form inverse mapping does not exist
  - Sinusoidal Equal Area Projection
    - satisfies criteria, developed for global change community, MODIS land products!



# Early prototype Global monthly WELD product

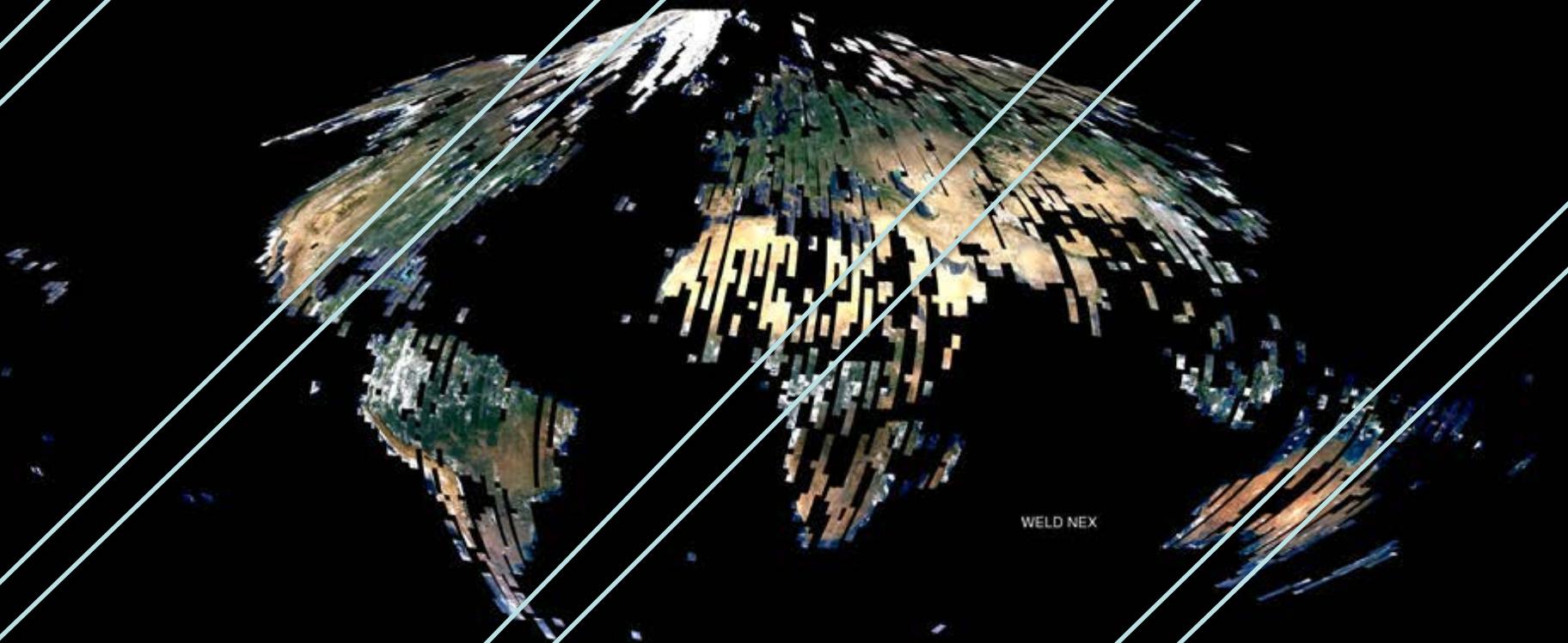
## Geographic Lat./Long. projection



Each 1.35km true color browse pixel  
generated from 45 x 45 30m Landsat 7 ETM+ pixels

# Early prototype Global monthly WELD product

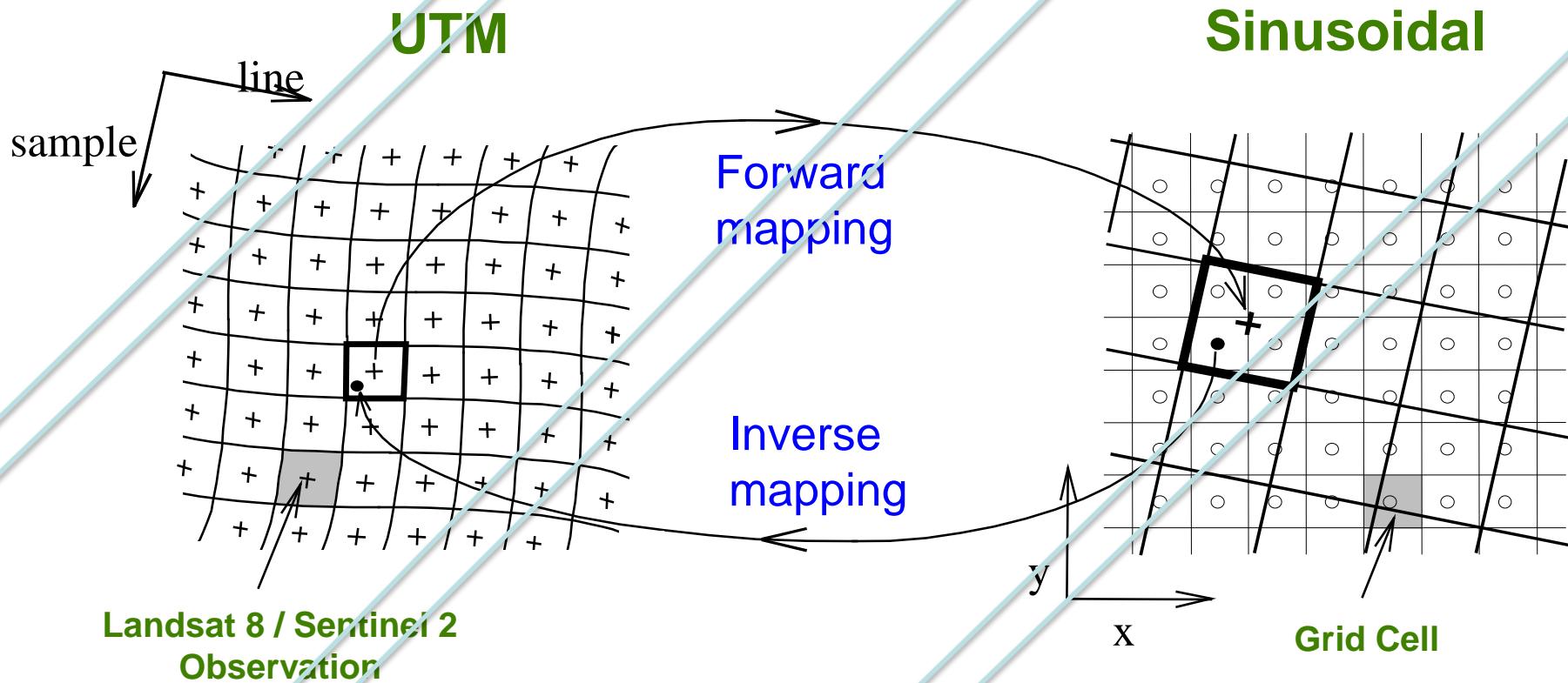
## Equal area sinusoidal projection

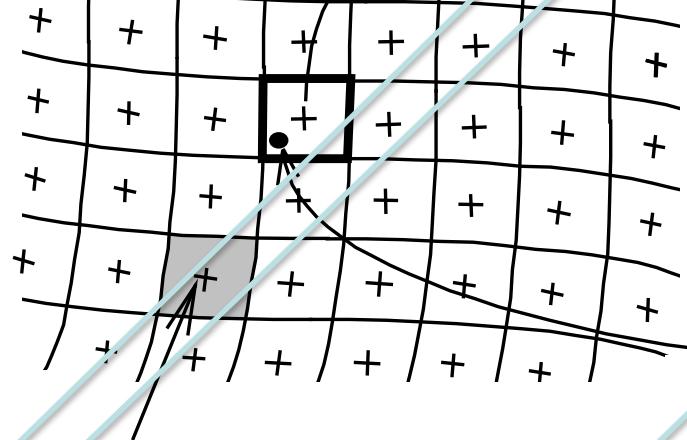


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# Reprojection UTM <-> Sinusoidal which mapping approach ?

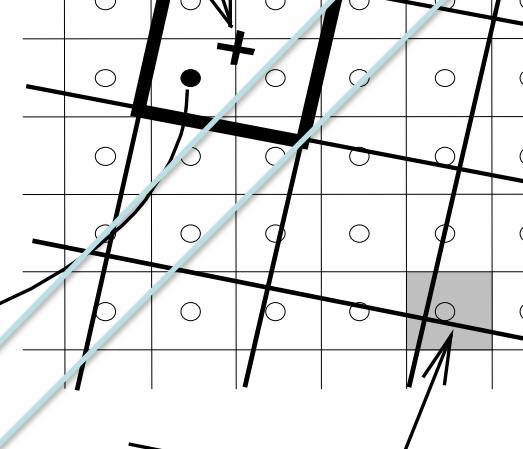
Use inverse mapping as computationally least expensive, each global pixel location only addressed once, no gaps in output.





# Resampler ?

Inverse  
Mapping



Landsat 8 / Sentinel 2  
Observation

Grid Cell

**Nearest Neighbor**

$$r(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } |x| = \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Bilinear**

$$r(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - |x| & \text{for } |x| = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Cubic convolution**

$$r(x) = r_0(x) + \alpha \cdot r_1(x) \quad \alpha \approx -0.5$$

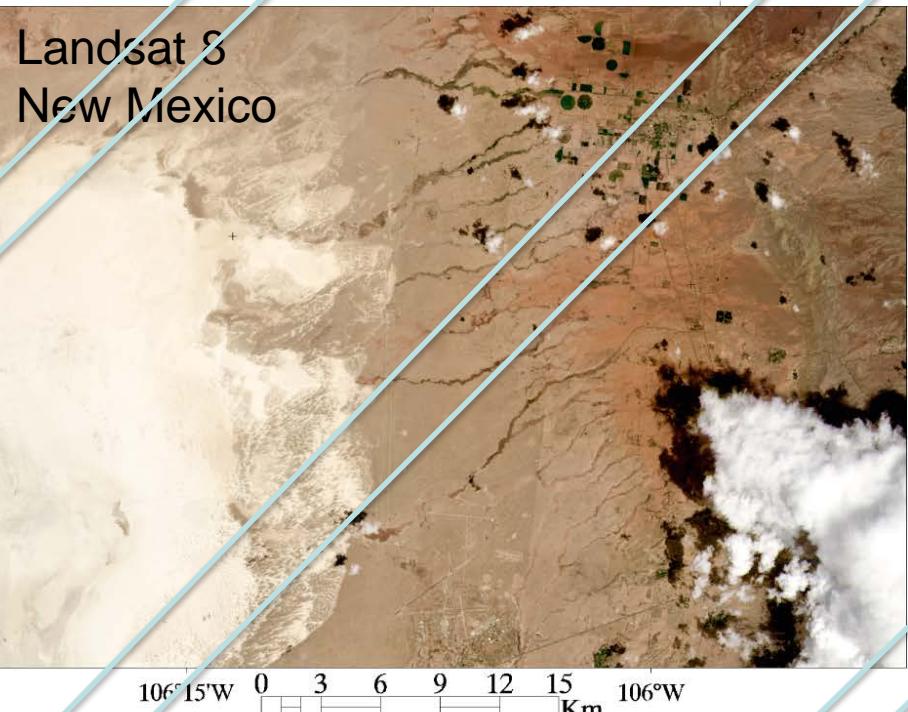
$$r_0(x) = \begin{cases} (2|x|+1)(|x|-1)^2 & \text{for } |x| < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$r_1(x) = \begin{cases} |x|^2(|x|-1) & \text{for } |x| < 1 \\ (|x|-1)(|x|-2)^2 & \text{for } 1 \leq |x| \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

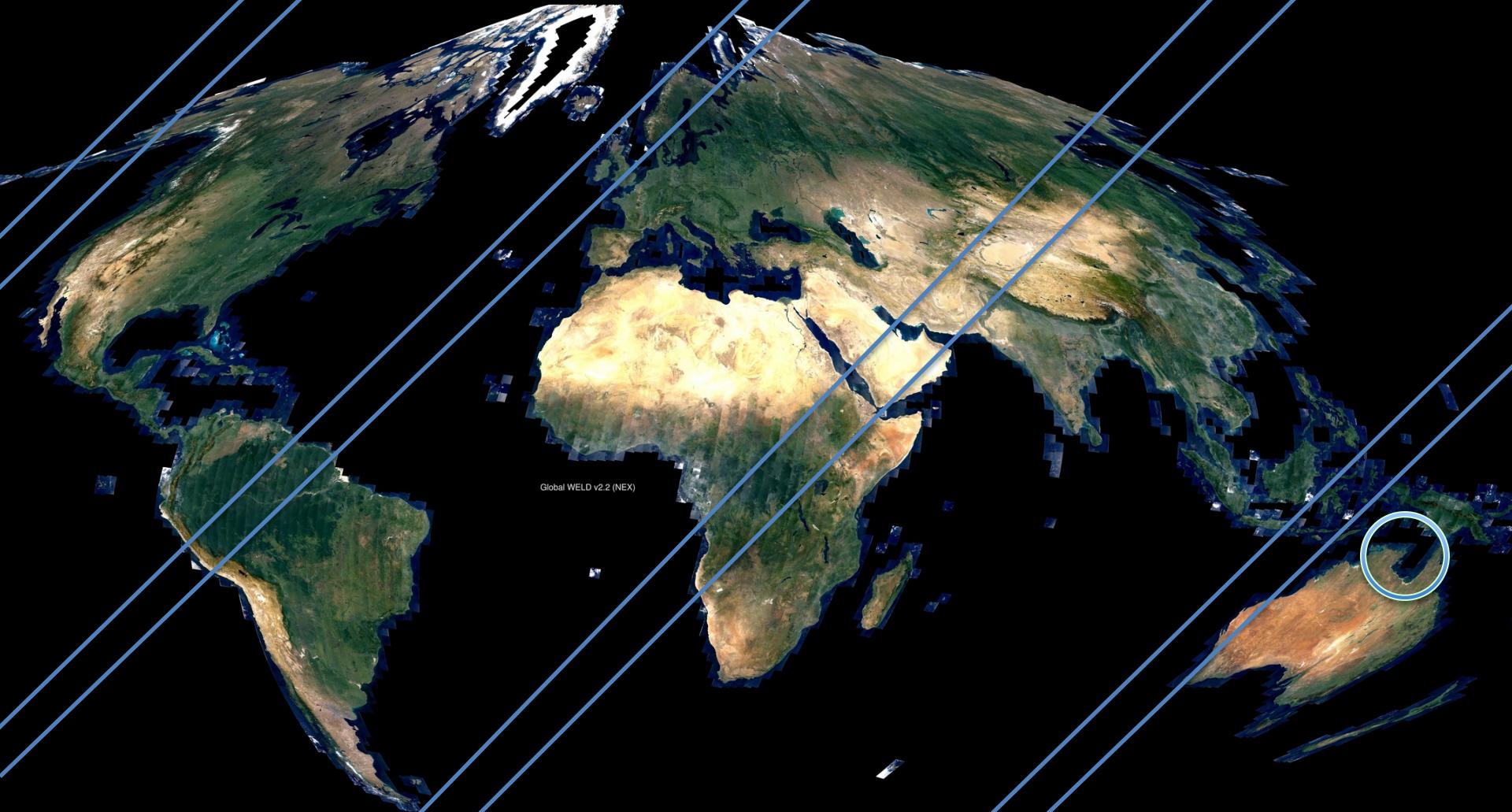
Use nearest neighbor resampling to preserve categorical & ordinal per-pixel QA information after reprojection

Kovalskyy, V. and Roy, D.P., 2015  
A one year Landsat 8 conterminous United States study of cirrus and non-cirrus clouds,  
*Remote Sensing*, 7, 564-578

high confidence clouds  
medium confidence clouds  
low confidence clouds



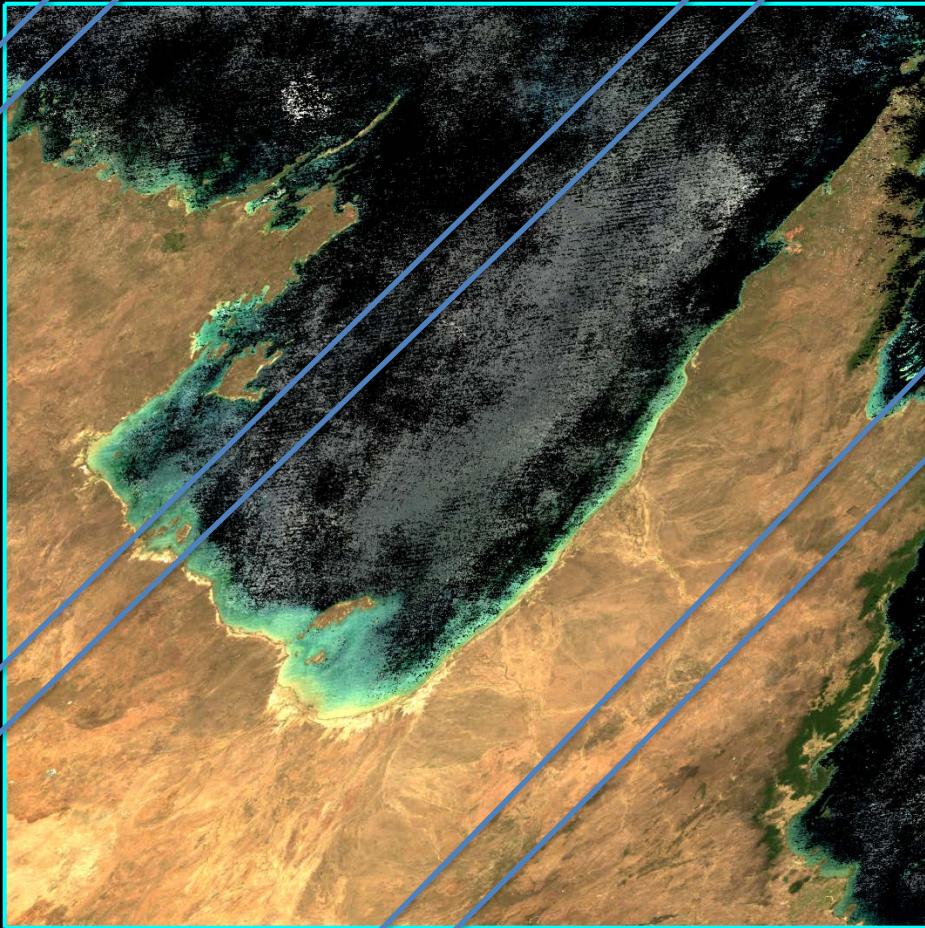
# Tiling scheme ?



Global WELD NEX Annual 2010 30m product  
124,433 L1T scenes (45,711 Landsat 5 & 78,722 Landsat 7)

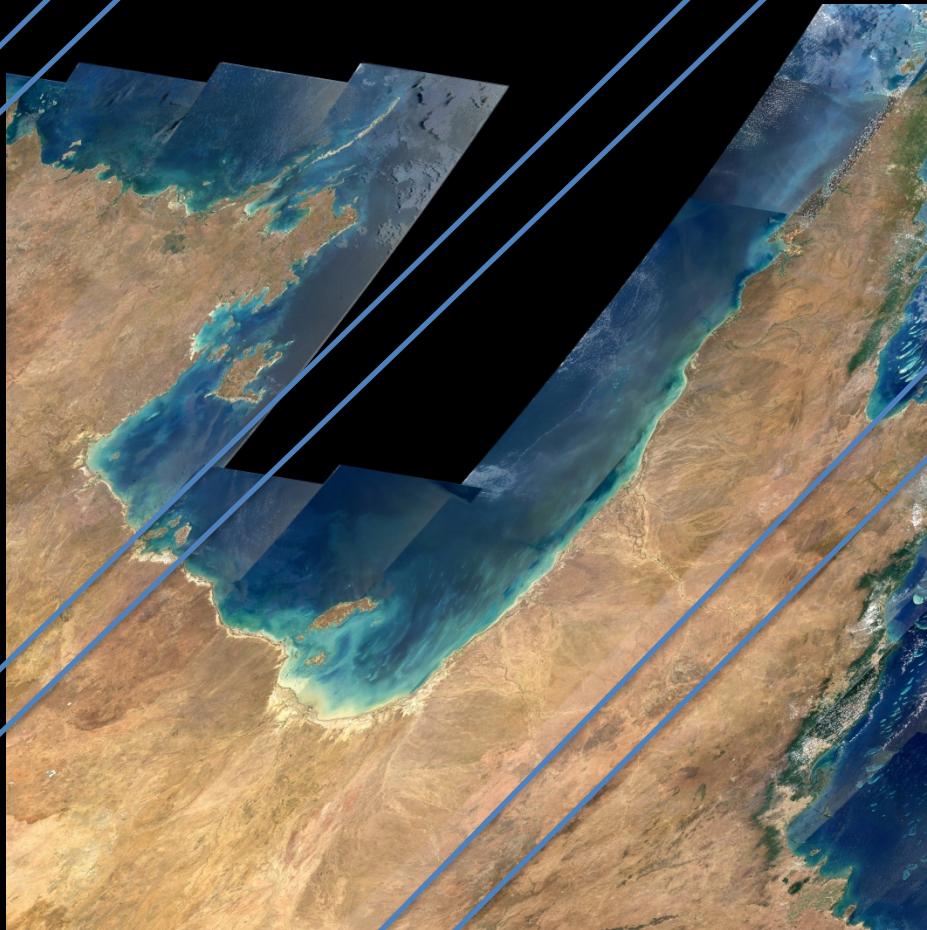
MODIS sinusoidal projection  
29,652 x 14,826 1.35km browse pixels

# MODIS Land Tile scheme ( $10^\circ \times 10^\circ$ at Equator, $1200 \times 1200$ 1km pixels)



- MODIS Land tile h31v10
- MODIS nadir view BRDF-adjusted 500m true color reflectance
- Terra and Aqua daily surface reflectance for October 2009

Gulf of Carpentaria, Australia

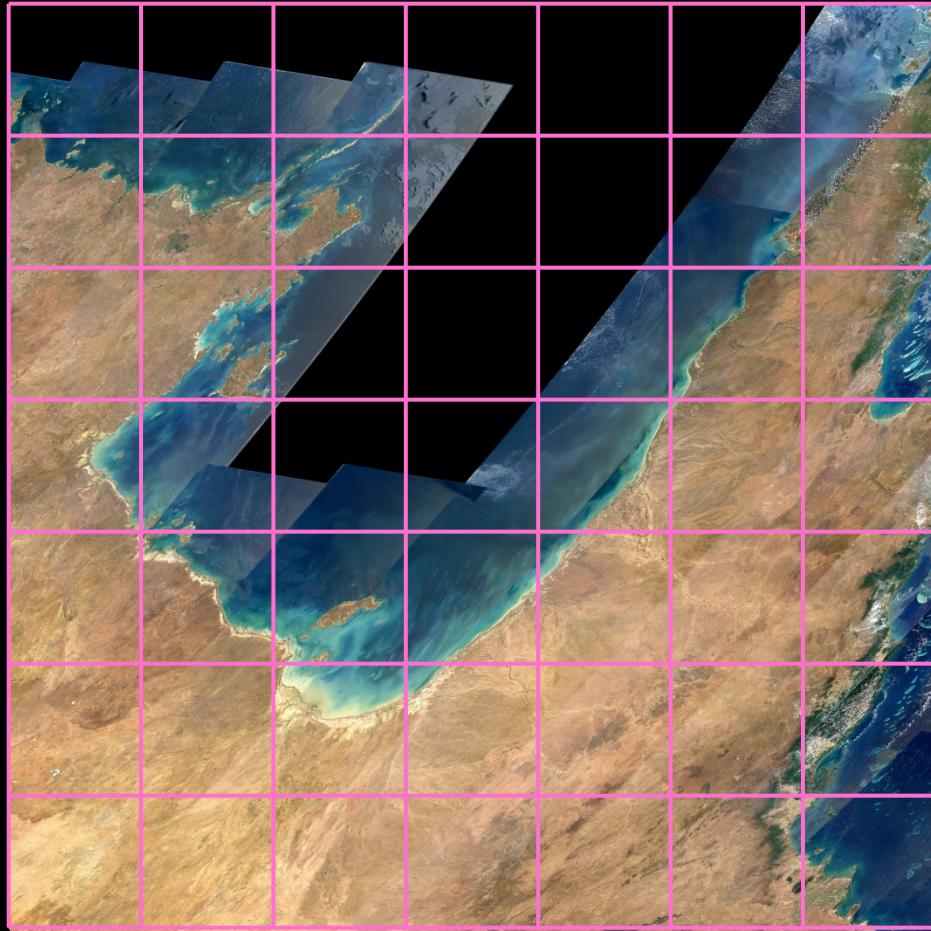


Gulf of Carpentaria, Australia

- Landsat 7 ETM+ & Landsat 5 TOA true color 30m reflectance composite
- Global WELD Version 2.2 monthly product
- October 2009

# Landsat WELD tiling

(49 158 × 158 km tiles nested in each MODIS tiles)



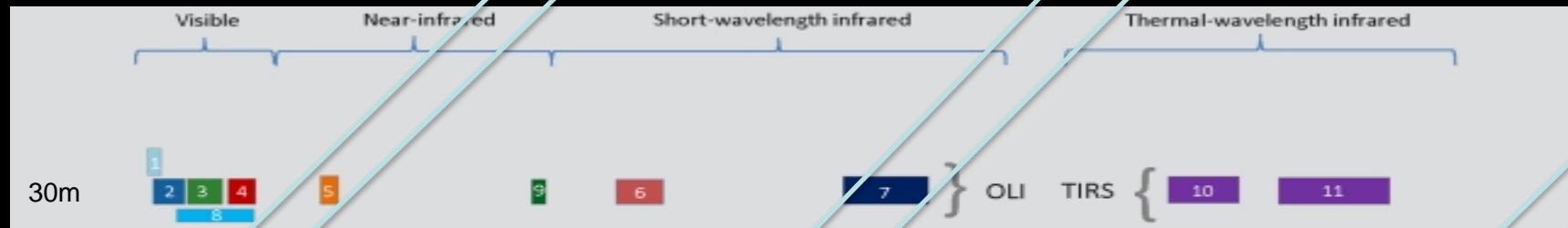
- Landsat 7 ETM+ & Landsat 5 TOA true color 30m reflectance composite
- Global WELD Version 2.2 monthly product
- October 2009
- 7 x 7 WELD tiles nested within a single MODIS tile
- each 5295 x 5295 30m pixels (158 x 158 km)

e.g., L57.Globe.month09.2009.hh31vv10.h1v7.doy248to273.v2.2.hdf

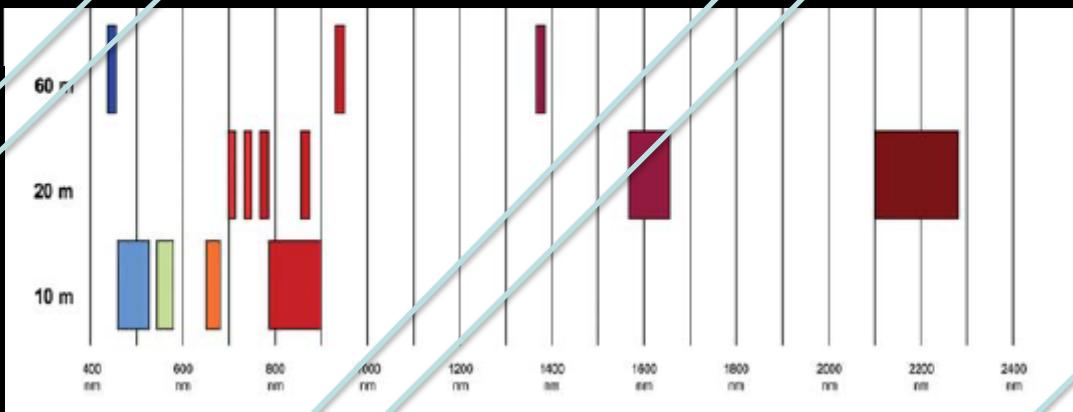
# Compositing approach for Sentinel-2 & Landsat 8

# Best pixel selection compositing over reporting period

- L8 and S2 bands separately (some users want this)
- L8-S2 surface NBAR fused (others users want this)

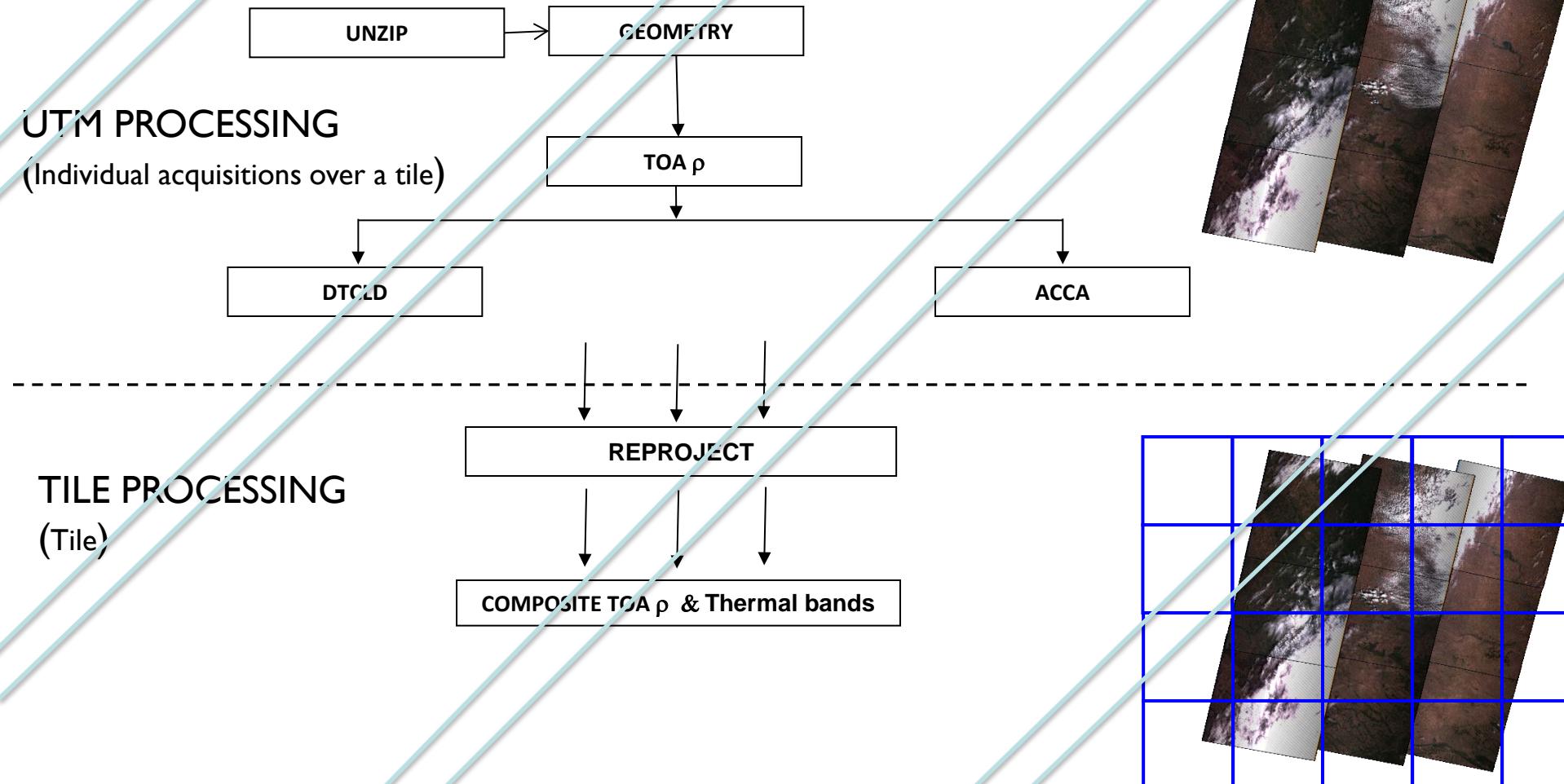


S2



Landsat 8 (L8) and  
Sentinel 2 (S2)  
different  
spectral & spatial  
resolutions

# Overview of Global Version 2.2 WELD Processing Sequence



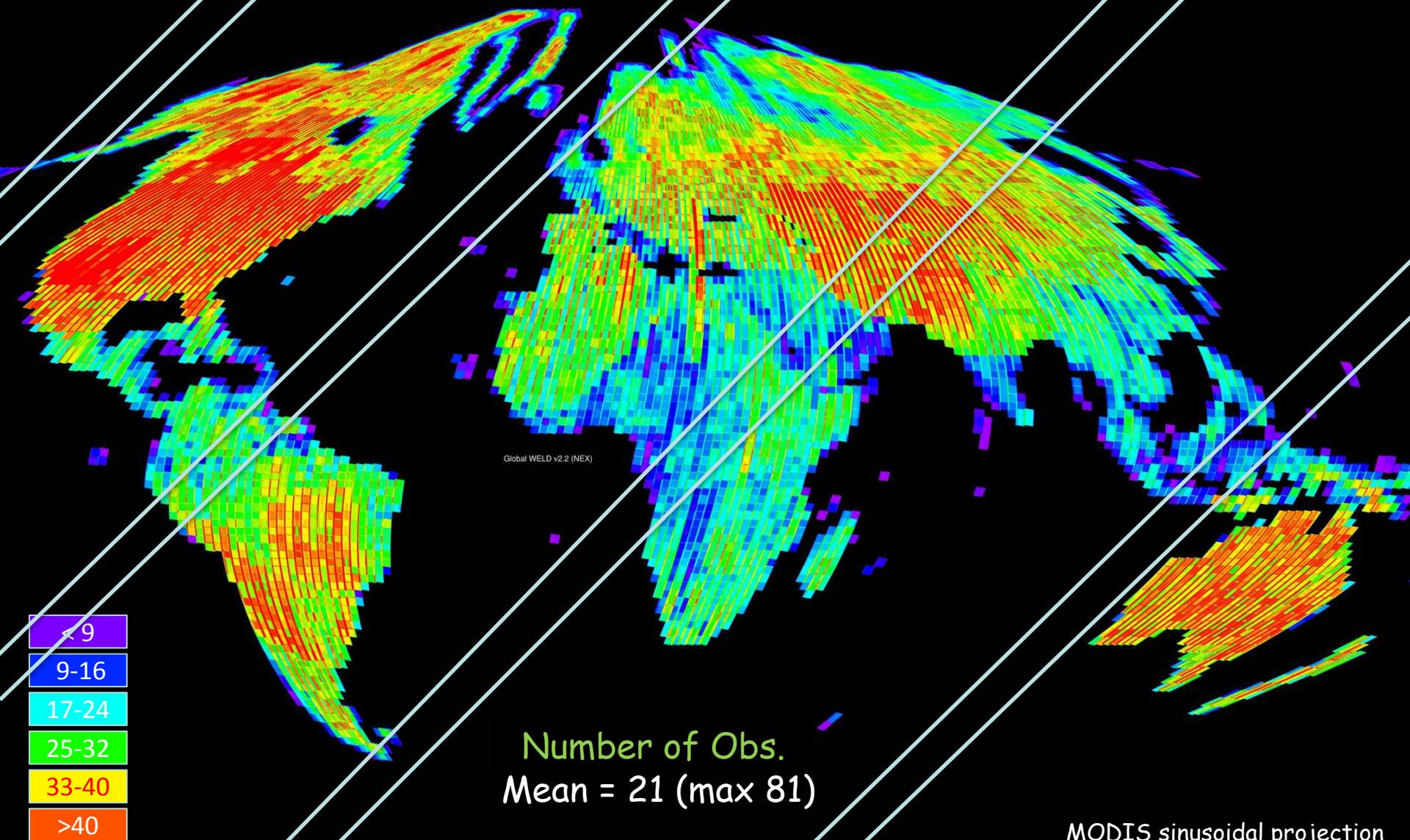
# WELD compositing applied to Top of Atmosphere (TOA) reflectance because Landsat atmospheric correction is imperfect

Derived from

- 122 10x10km ETM+ subsets atmospherically corrected using 6SV and AERONET atmospheric characterization
- at 31 AERONET sites across U.S.

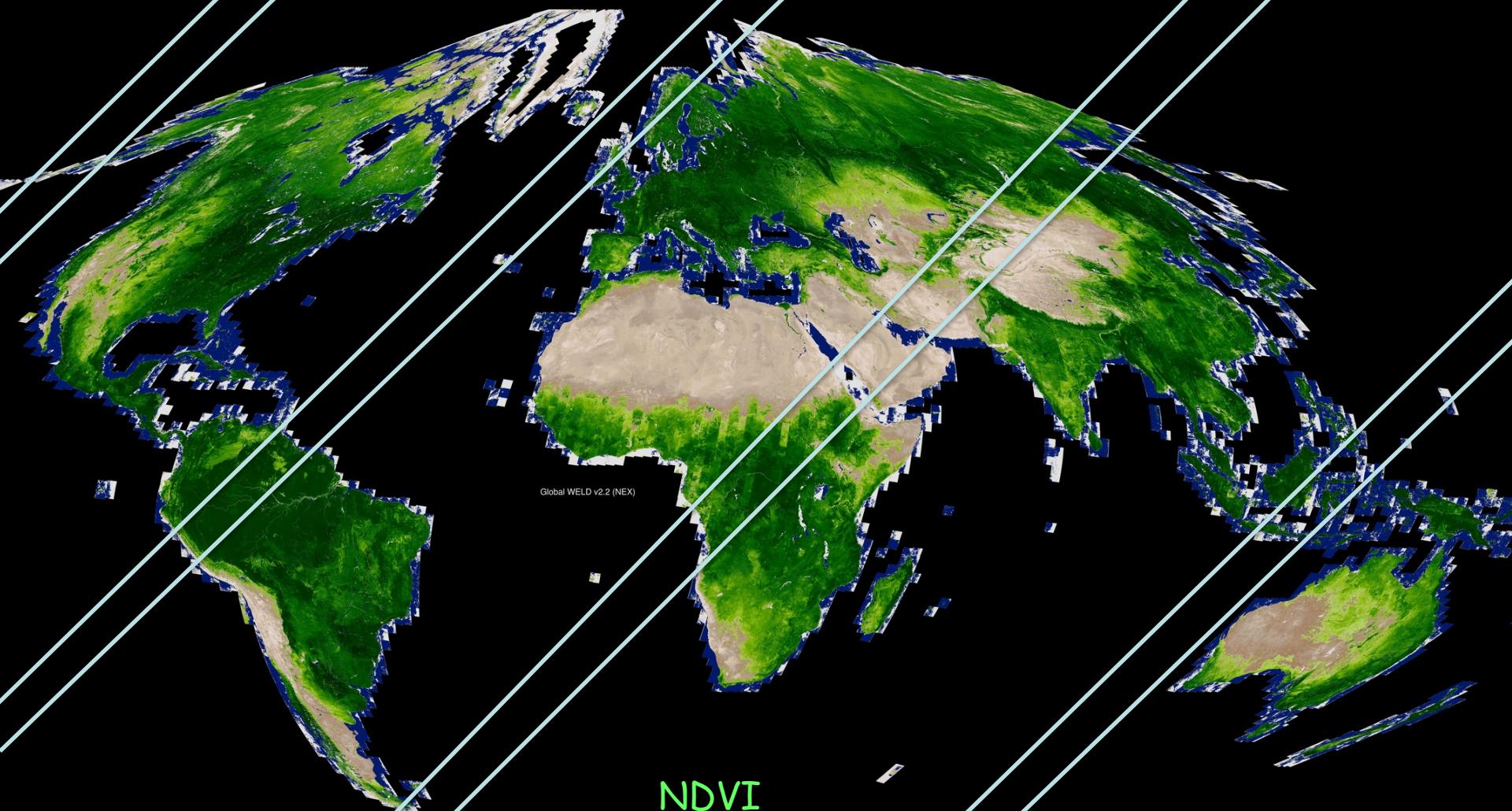
Landsat 7 Band	Mean normalized residual
1 (blue)	11.8%
2 (green)	5.7%
3 (red)	5.9%
4 (NIR)	4.8%
5 (MIR)	3.6%
7 (MIR)	5.2%
NDVI	6.3%

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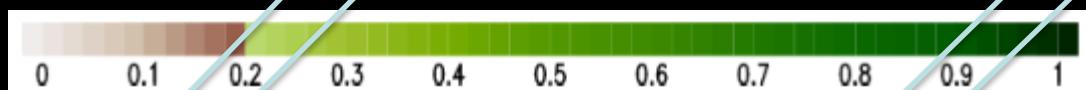
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NDVI

Mean = 0.3 (max 0.88)



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# Version 1.5 WELD compositing algorithm

## Cloud QA & Max. NDVI & Max. BT heritage

Priority	Criteria	Selection	
1	<b>IF</b> only one none-fill	non-fill	
2	<b>IF</b> only one unsaturated	unsaturated	
3	<b>IF</b> both unsaturated	Maximum (brightness temperature)	
4	<b>IF</b> only one none-cloudy	none-cloudy	
5	<b>IF</b> one cloudy and one uncertain cloud	select uncertain cloud if it has greater brightness temperature or greater NDVI, else select cloudy	
6	<b>IF</b> one non-cloudy and one uncertain cloud	select non-cloud if it has greater brightness temperature or greater NDVI, else select uncertain cloud	
7	<b>IF</b> either below NDVI 0.09	select the one with greatest brightness temperature	"unvegetated"
8	ELSE	Maximum (NDVI)	vegetated

Roy, D.P., Ju, J., Kline, K., Scaramuzza, P.L., Kovalsky, V., Hansen, M.C., Loveland, T.R., Vermote, E.F., Zhang, C., 2010, Web-enabled Landsat Data (WELD): Landsat ETM+ Composited Mosaics of the Conterminous United States, *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 114: 35-49.

Landsat 7 (L1T) scene projected into the  
WELD Albers grid



Day 74

true color  
TOA  
reflectance

Florida

500 x 400  
30m pixels

# Landsat 7 (L1T) scene projected into the WELD Albers grid



# WELD Version 1.5 monthly Composite



March

true color  
TOA  
reflectance

Florida

500 x 400  
30m pixels

# WELD Version 1.5 monthly Composite



March

true color  
TOA  
reflectance

Florida

500 x 400  
30m pixels

Shadow & cloud edge issues over vegetation !

Landsat 7 (L1T) scene projected into the  
WELD Albers grid



Day 124

true color  
TOA  
reflectance

South  
Dakota

500 x 400  
30m pixels

Landsat 7 (L1T) scene projected into the  
WELD Albers grid



Day 140

true color  
TOA  
reflectance

South  
Dakota

500 x 400  
30m pixels

# WELD Version 1.5 monthly Composite



May

true color  
TOA  
reflectance

South  
Dakota

500 x 400  
30m pixels

# WELD Version 1.5 monthly Composite



May

true color  
TOA  
reflectance

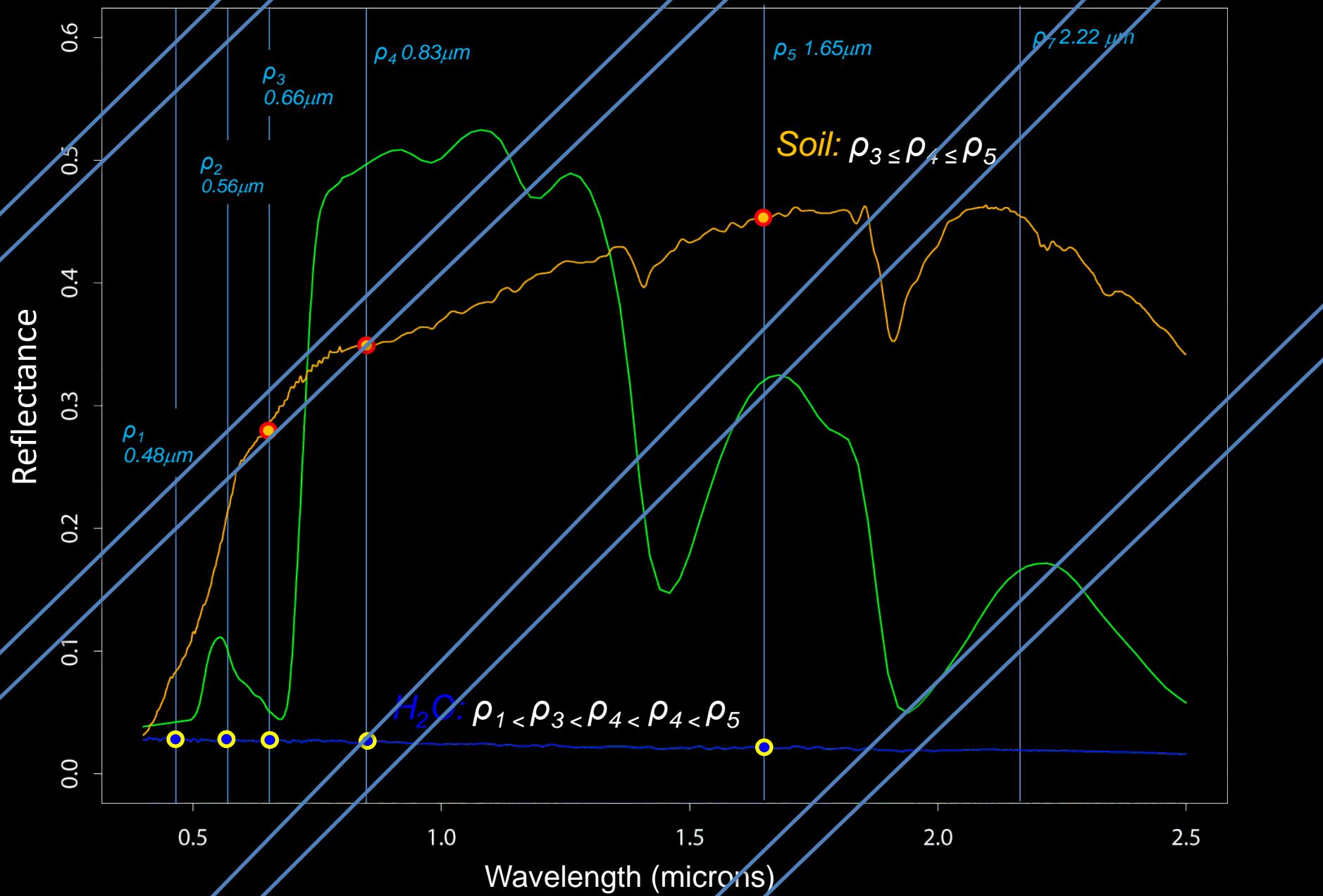
South  
Dakota

500 x 400  
30m pixels

Shadow & atmospheric contamination issues over soil !

Version 2.2 compositing algorithm

# Use threshold free Soil & also Water Tests



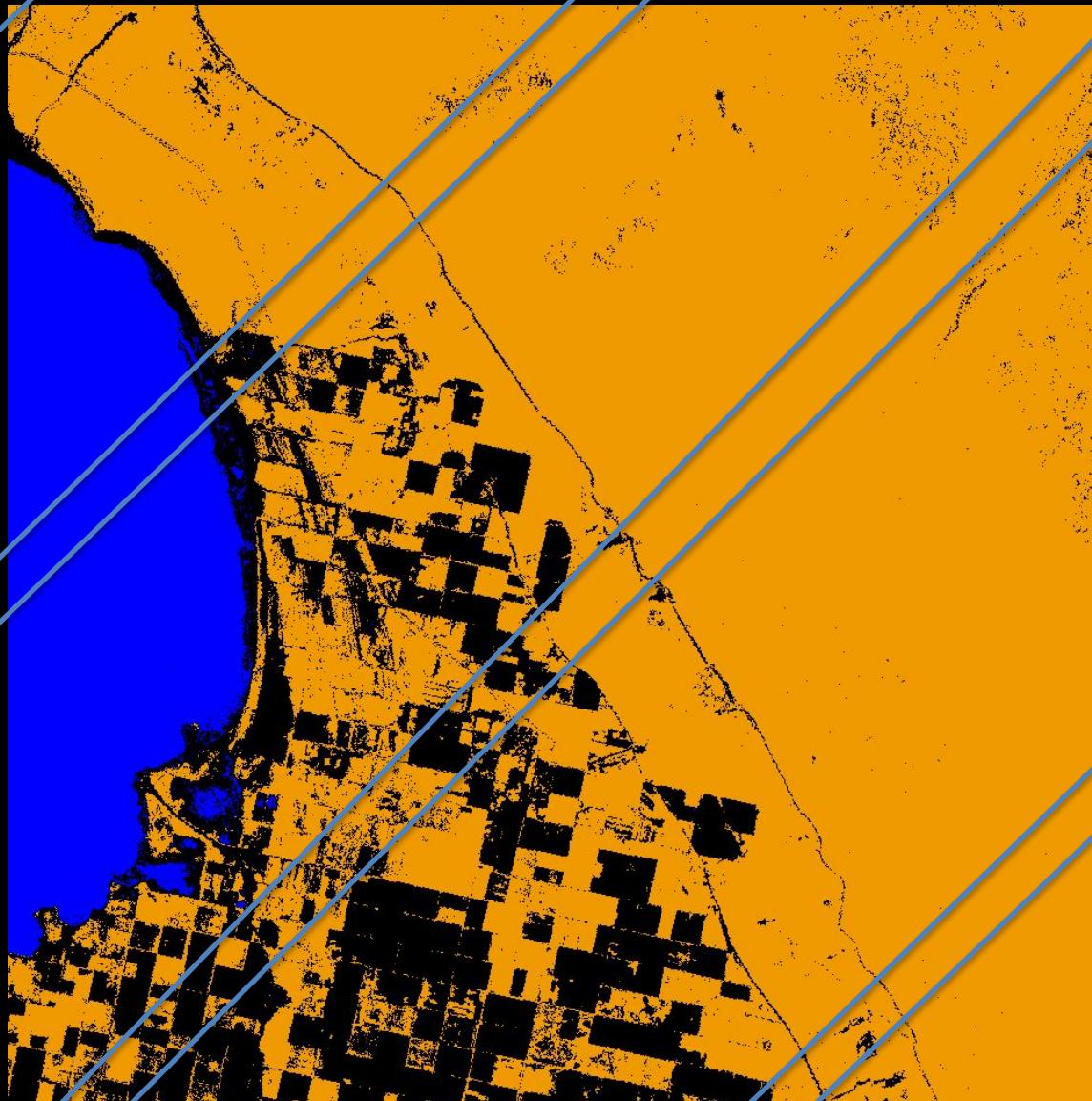


April  
2008  
true color  
TOA  
reflectance

California

500 x 400  
30m pixels

# soil and water test results



April  
2008  
true color  
TOA  
reflectance

California

500 x 400  
30m pixels

# WELD Version 1.5 monthly Composite



May  
2008  
true color  
TOA  
reflectance

South  
Dakota

500 x 400  
30m pixels

# WELD Version 2.2 monthly Composite



May  
2008  
true color  
TOA  
reflectance

South  
Dakota

500 x 400  
30m pixels

# WELD Version 1.5 monthly Composite



March  
2008  
true color  
TOA  
reflectance

Florida  
 $500 \times 400$   
30m pixels

# WELD Version 2.2 monthly Composite



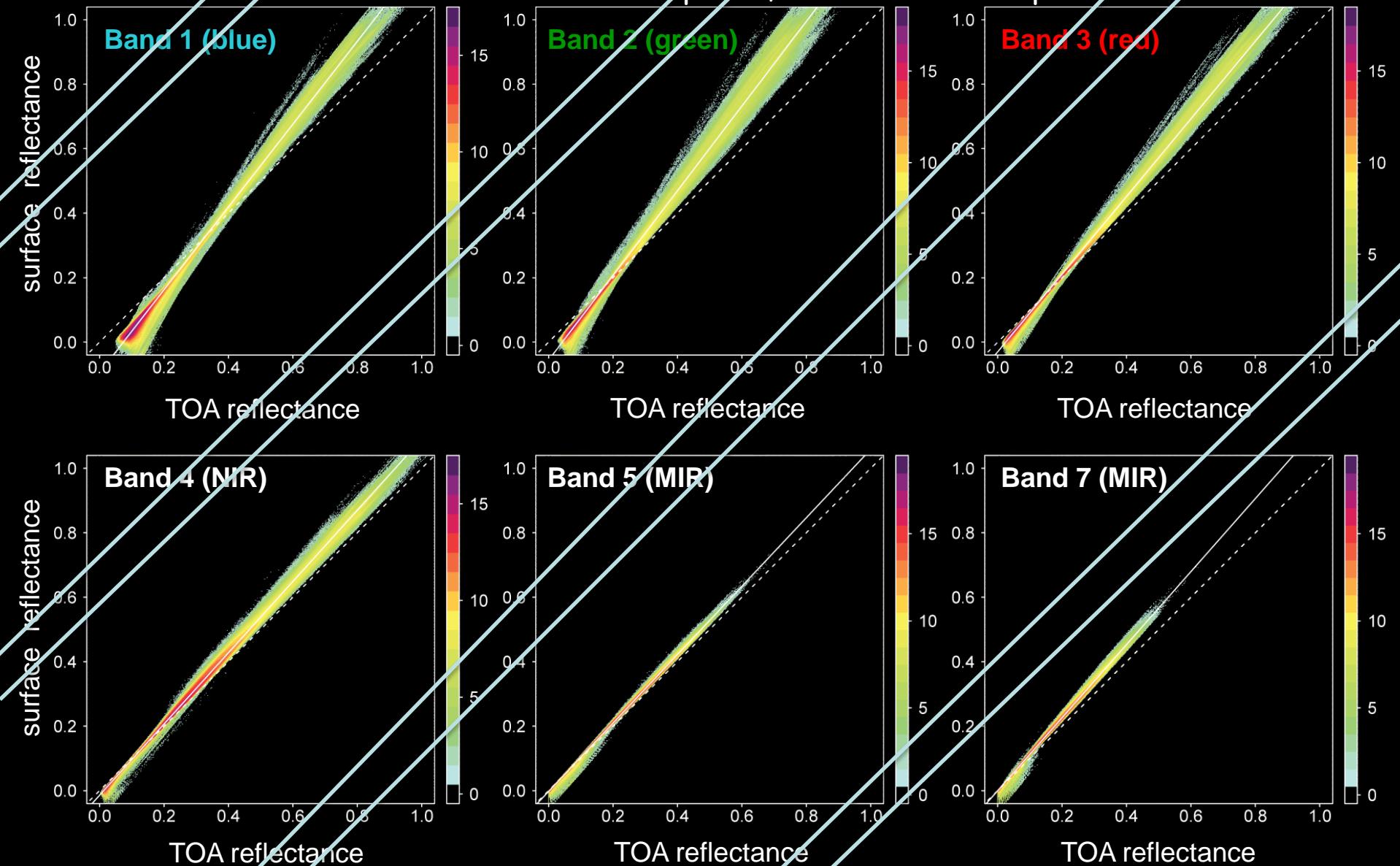
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true color  
TOA  
reflectance

Florida  
 $500 \times 400$   
30m pixels

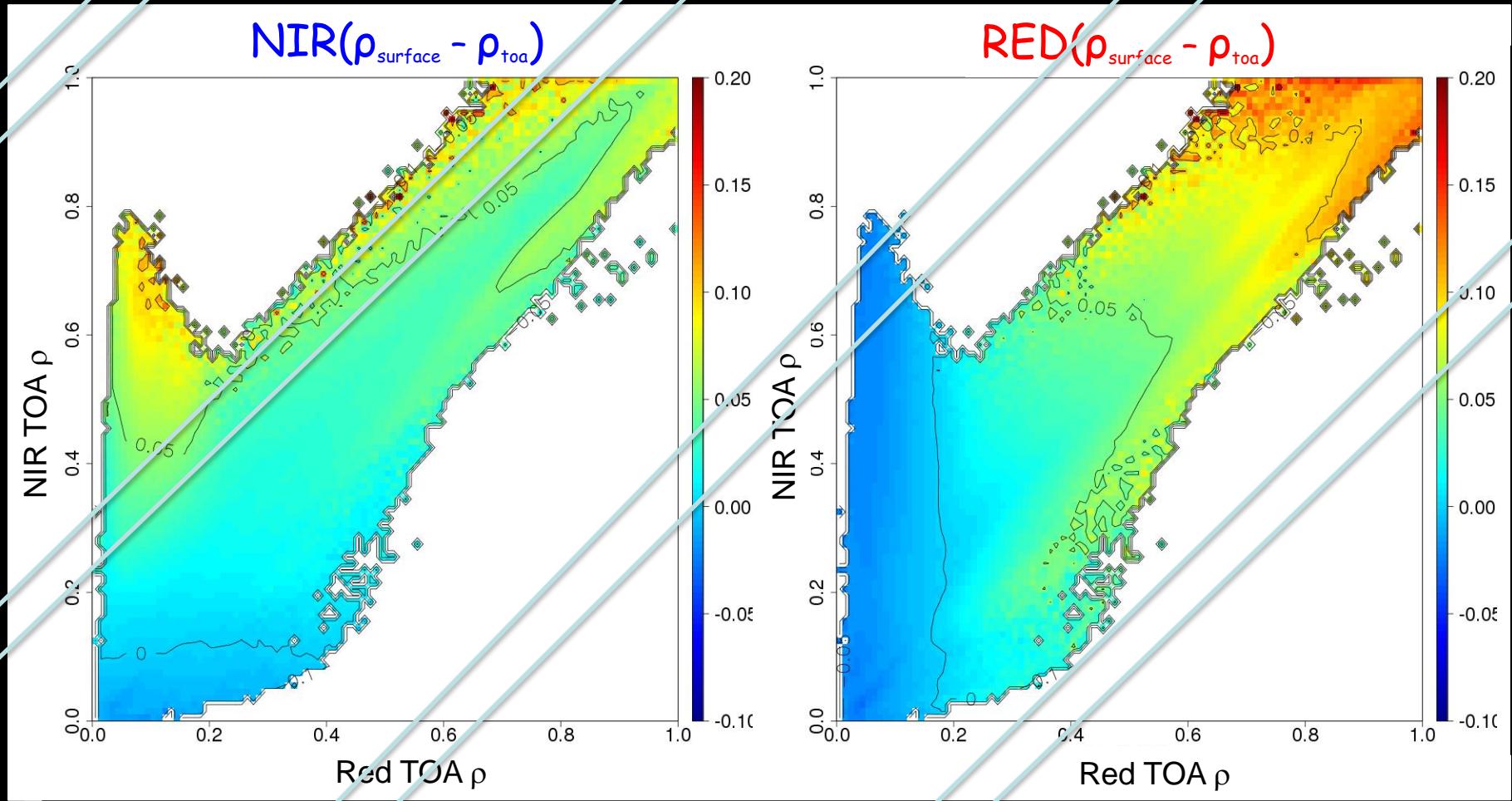
Version 3.0 compositing algorithm

# V3.0 compositing algorithm informed by analysis of impact of atmosphere on WELD TOA reflectance

Pixels sampled every 40 pixels across CONUS from 12 monthly WELD composites, ignoring cloud and saturated WELD pixels, ~ 53 million 30m pixels



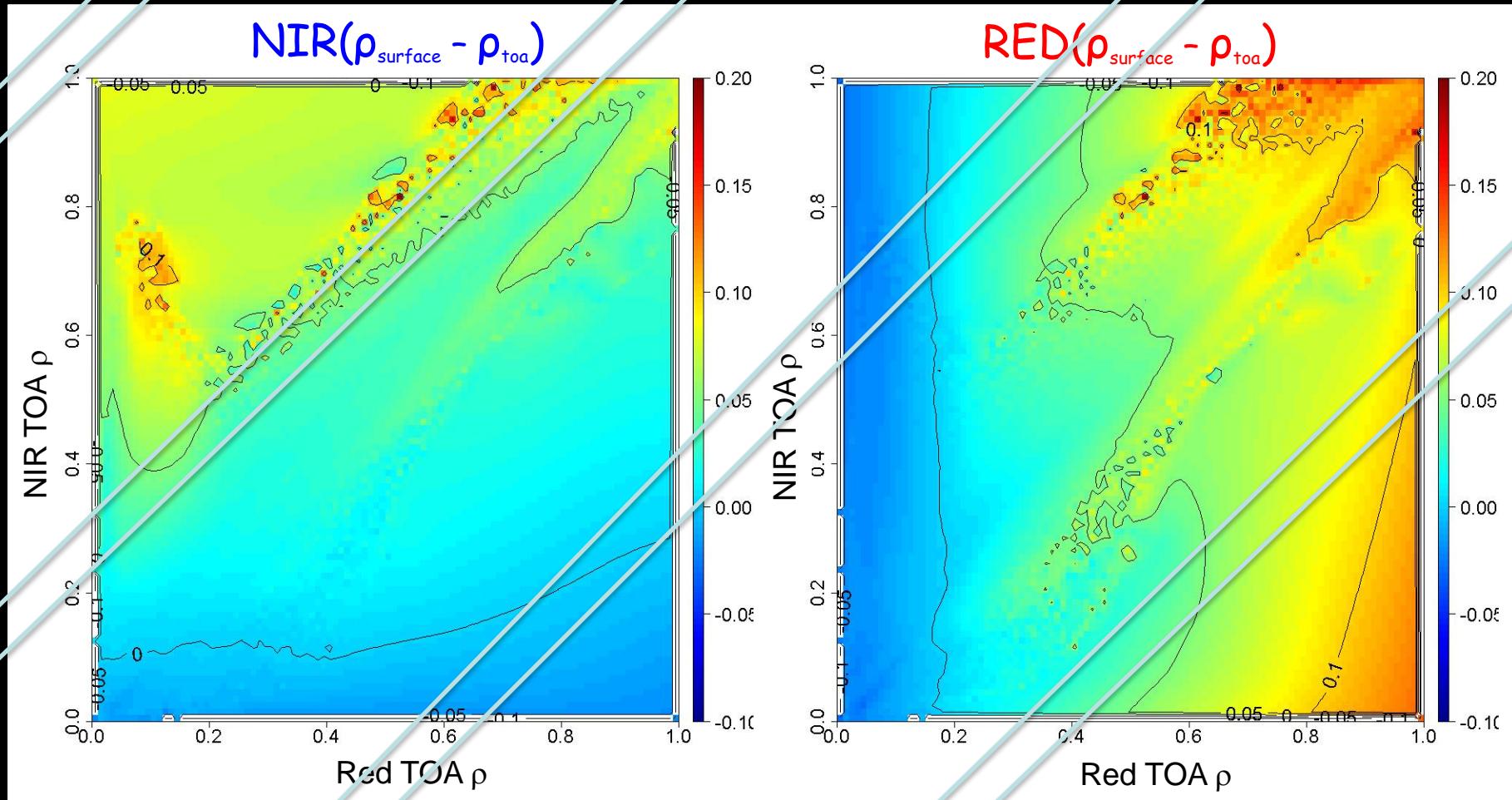
# Spectral Lookup table of $\rho_{\text{surface}} - \rho_{\text{toa}}$ differences for red and NIR Landsat bands



generated from 90,542,838 30m CONUS pixel comparisons

# Spectral Lookup table of $\rho_{\text{surface}} - \rho_{\text{toa}}$ differences for red and NIR Landsat bands

Natural neighbor interpolated to 0-1 reflectance range



generated from 90,542,838 30m CONUS pixel comparisons

# Global WELD June 2010 month composite TOA $\rho$ version 2.2 algorithm

Columbia River Valley, Grant  
Country International Airport



Central Florida Wetlands,  
Lake Okeechobee

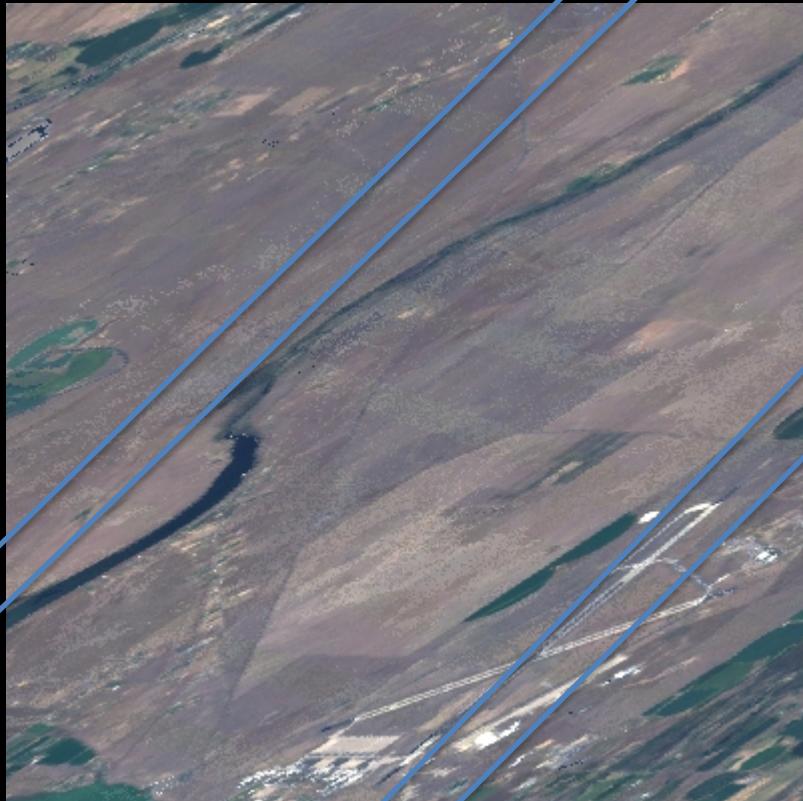


Generated from 3 Landsat 5 & 3 Landsat 7

Generated from 1 Landsat 5 & 2 Landsat 7

# Global WELD June 2010 month composite TOA $\rho$ version 3.0 algorithm

Columbia River Valley, Grant  
Country International Airport



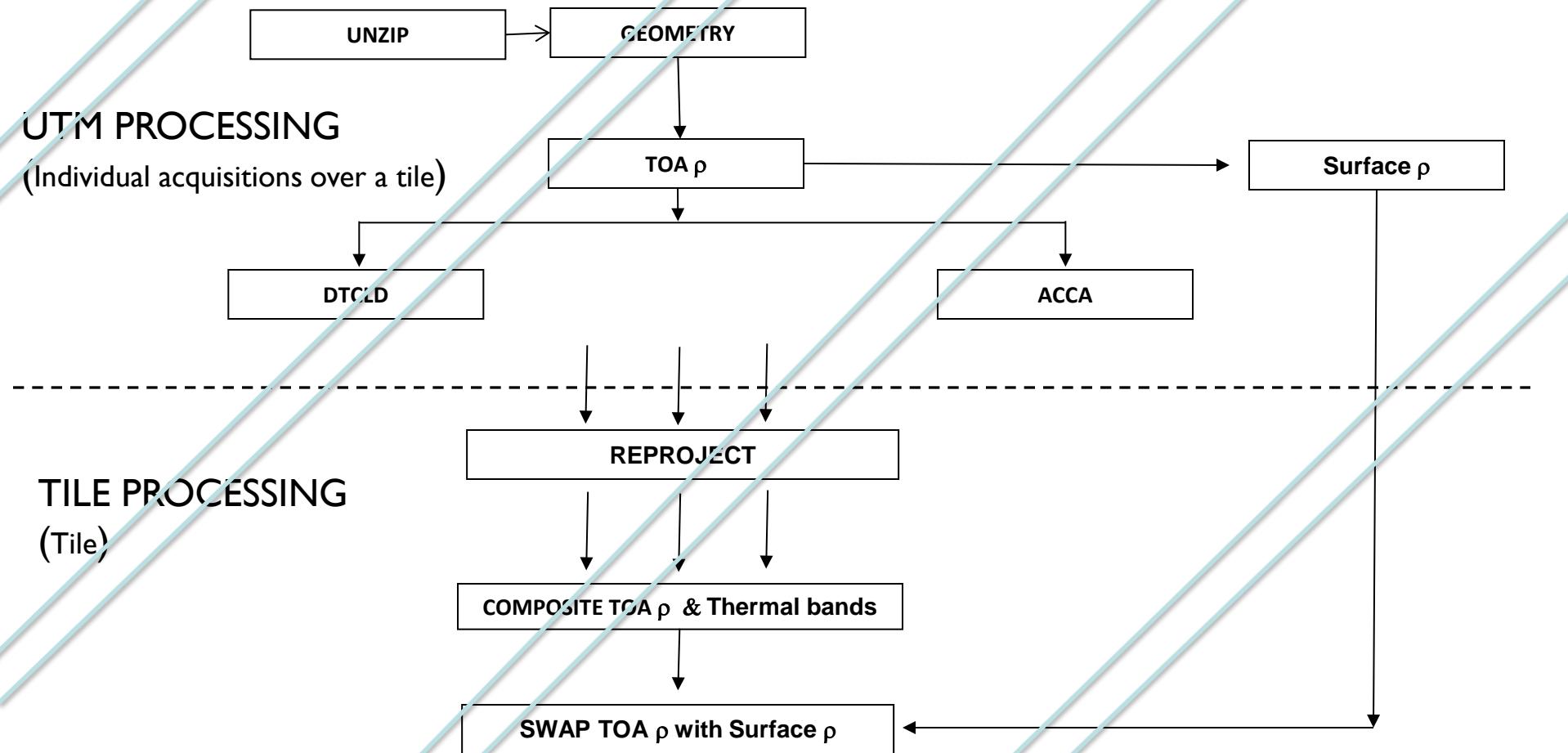
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Generated from 1 Landsat 5 & 2 Landsat 7

# Overview of Global Version 3.0 WELD Processing Sequence



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Generated from 1 Landsat 5 & 2 Landsat 7

# Global WELD June 2010 month composite surface $\rho$ version 3.0 algorithm

Columbia River Valley, Grant  
Country International Airport



Generated from 3 Landsat 5 & 3 Landsat 7

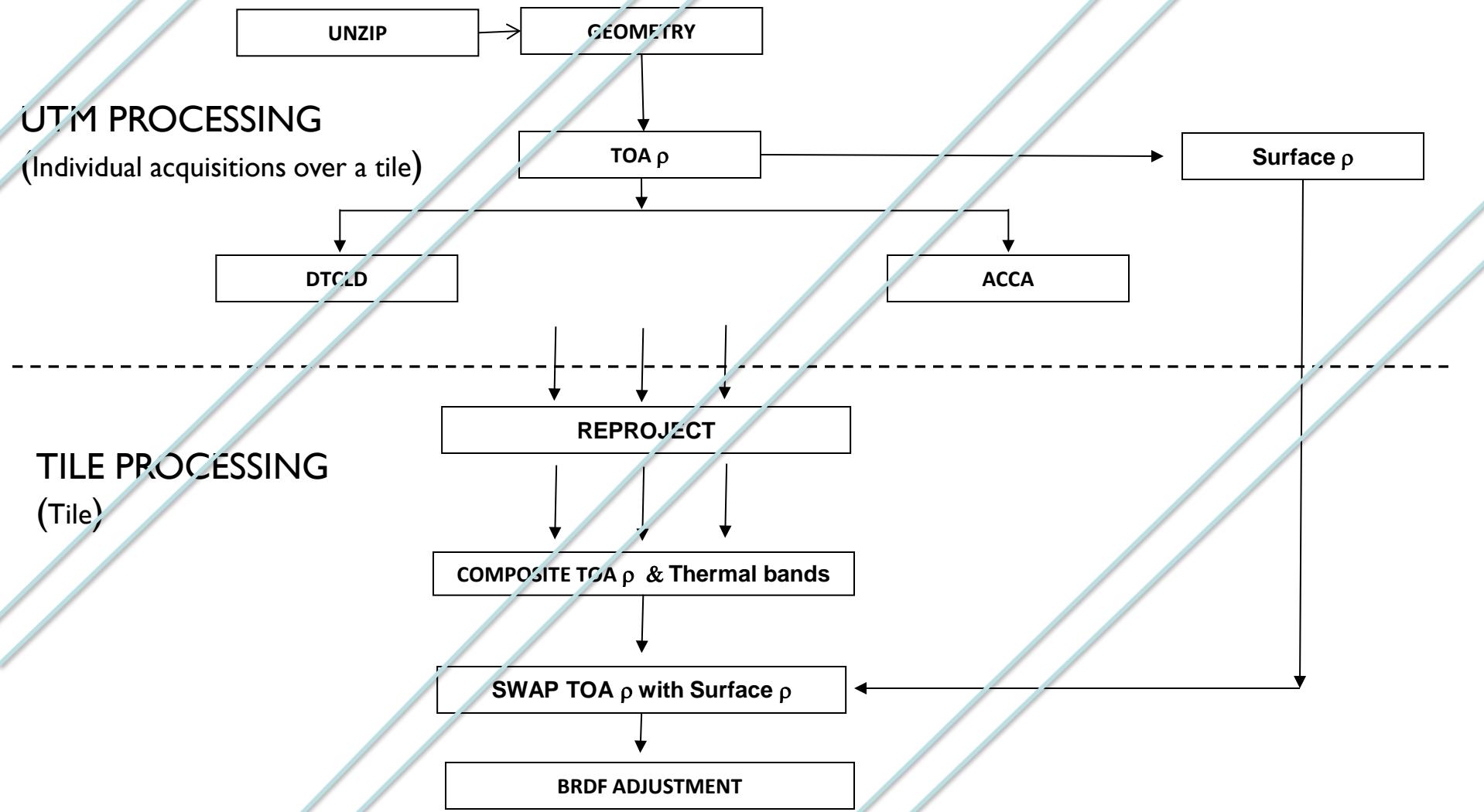
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Generated from 1 Landsat 5 & 2 Landsat 7

LEDAPS atmospheric correction

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# Landsat MODIS-based BRDF Adjustment c-factor method

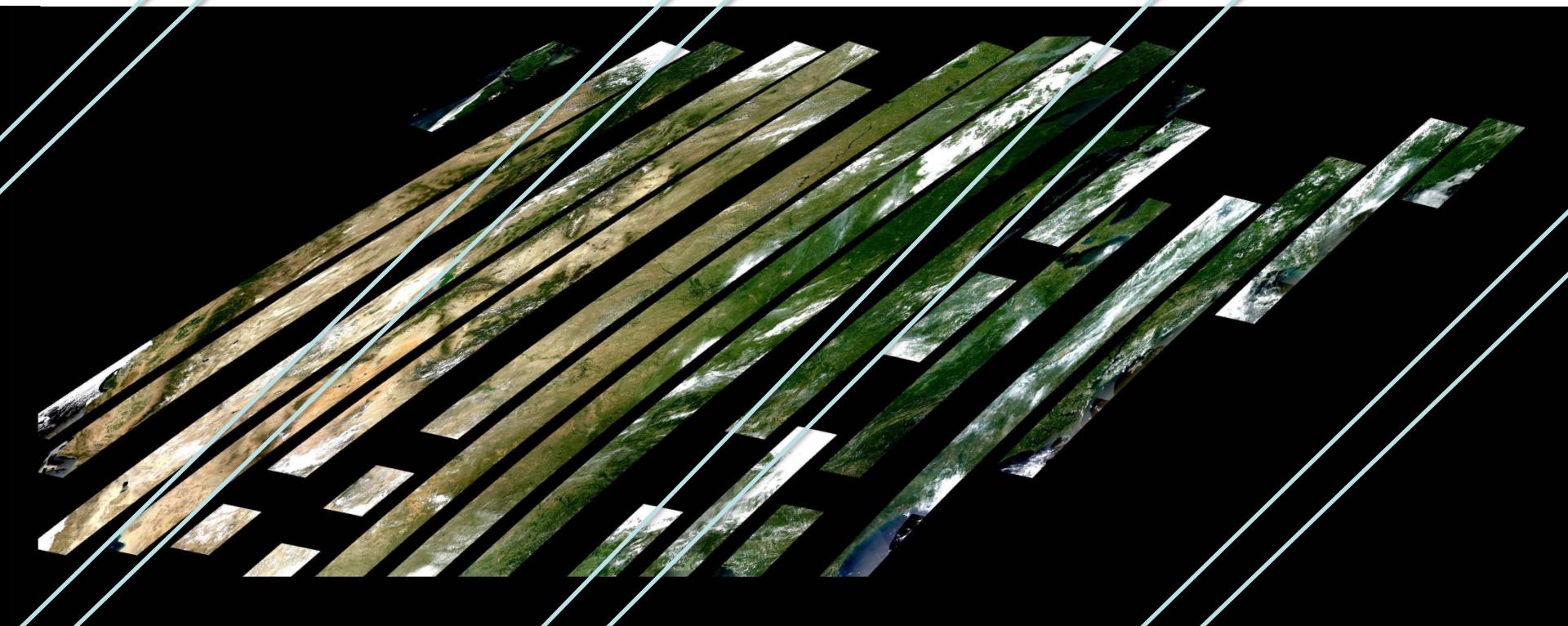
$$\hat{\rho}_{ETM+,t1}(\lambda_{ETM+}, \Omega_{nadir}, \Omega'_{solar\ noon}) = c \times \rho_{ETM+,t1}(\lambda_{ETM+}, \Omega_{observed}, \Omega'_{observed})$$

$$c = \frac{\hat{\rho}_{MODIS,t1}(\lambda_{MCDIS}, \Omega_{nadir}, \Omega'_{solar\ noon})}{\hat{\rho}_{MODIS,t1}(\lambda_{MODIS}, \Omega_{observed}, \Omega'_{observed})}$$

$\hat{\rho}_{MODIS}$  computed from the MODIS 16-day 500m BRDF/Albedo product (MCD43) spectral BRDF model parameters

Roy, D.P., Ju, J., Lewis, P., Schaaf, C., Gao, F., Hansen, M., Lindquist, E., 2008. Multi-temporal MODIS-Landsat data fusion for relative radiometric normalization, gap filling, and prediction of Landsat data. *Remote Sensing of Environment* 112 (6), 3112-3130.

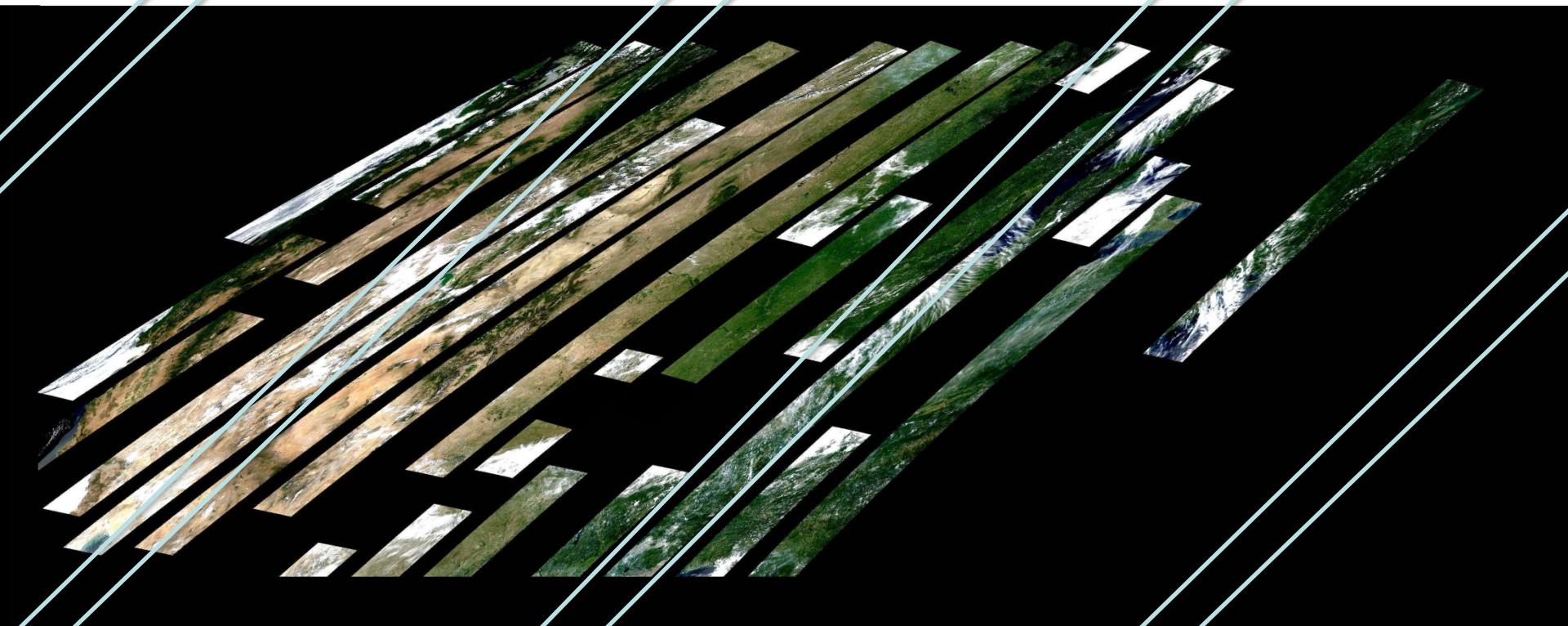
# Conterminous United States (CONUS) Landsat 5 true color surface reflectance (week 27, 2010)



MODIS sinusoidal projection

Atmospherically corrected with LEDAPS code

# Conterminous United States (CONUS) Landsat 7 true color surface reflectance (week 27, 2010)

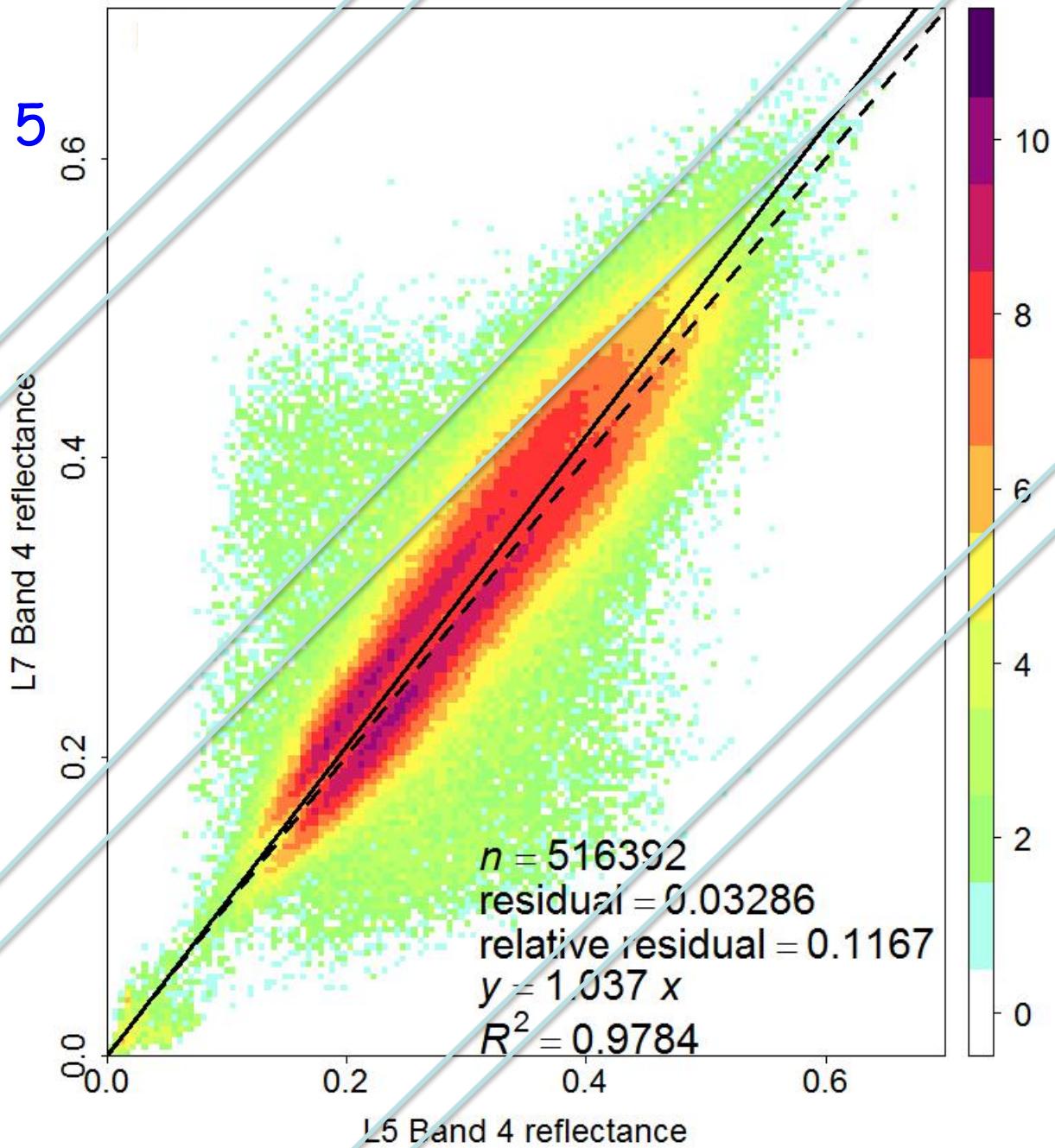


MODIS sinusoidal projection

Atmospherically corrected with LEDAPS code

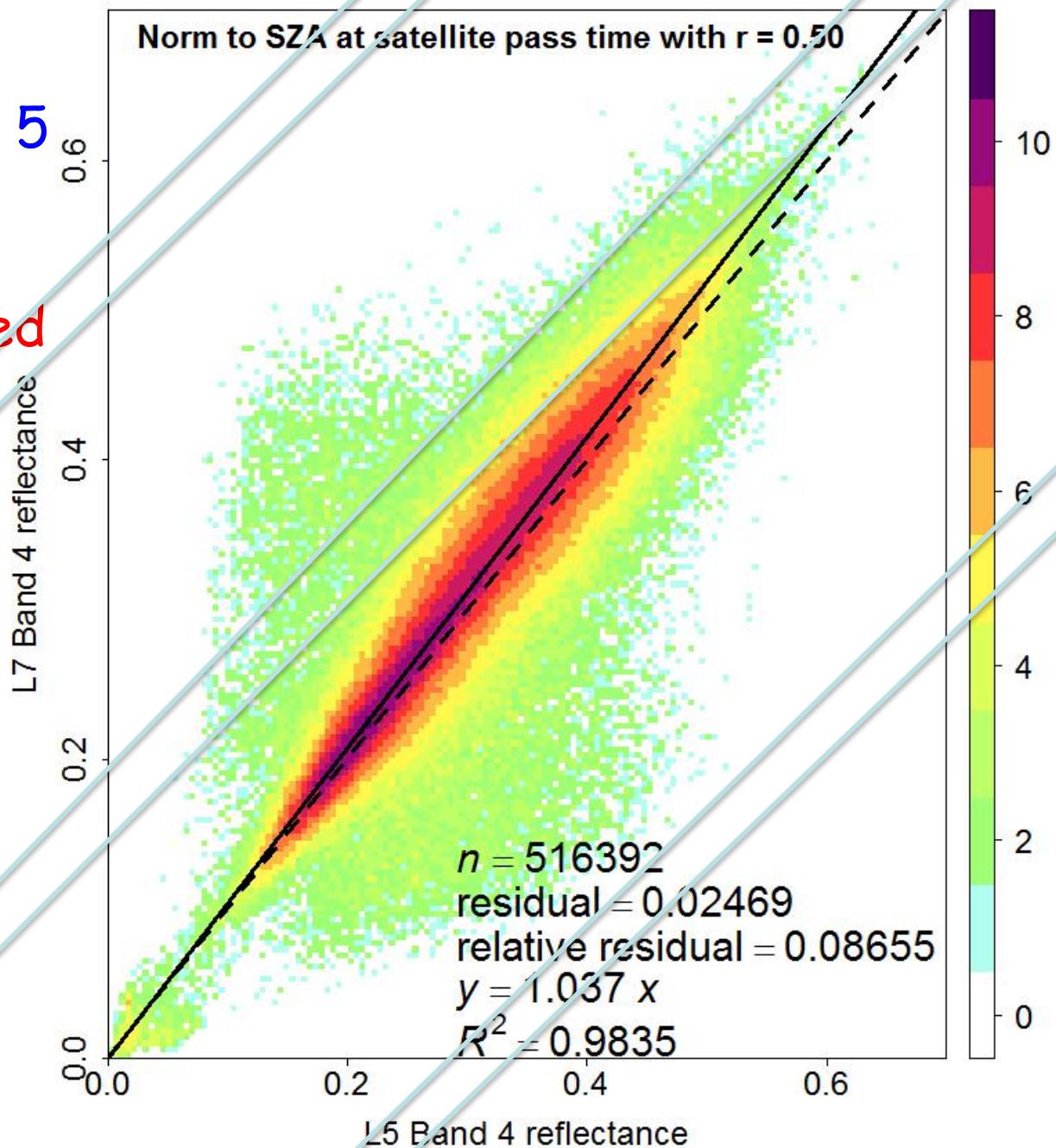
# Scatterplot of Landsat 7 vs Landsat 5 NIR surface reflectance

516,392 overlapping  
Landsat 5 & 7 pixels  
(found by considering  
every 40<sup>th</sup> WELD tile  
non-cloudy pixel  
across the CONUS)



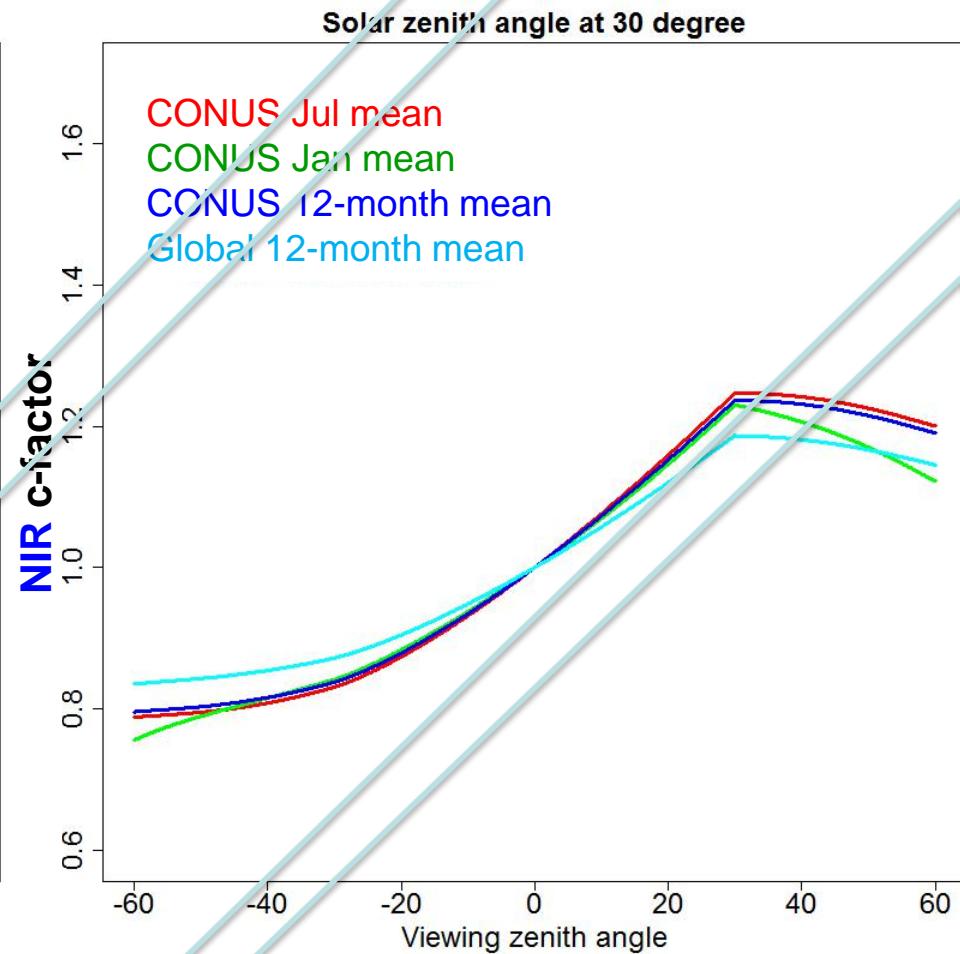
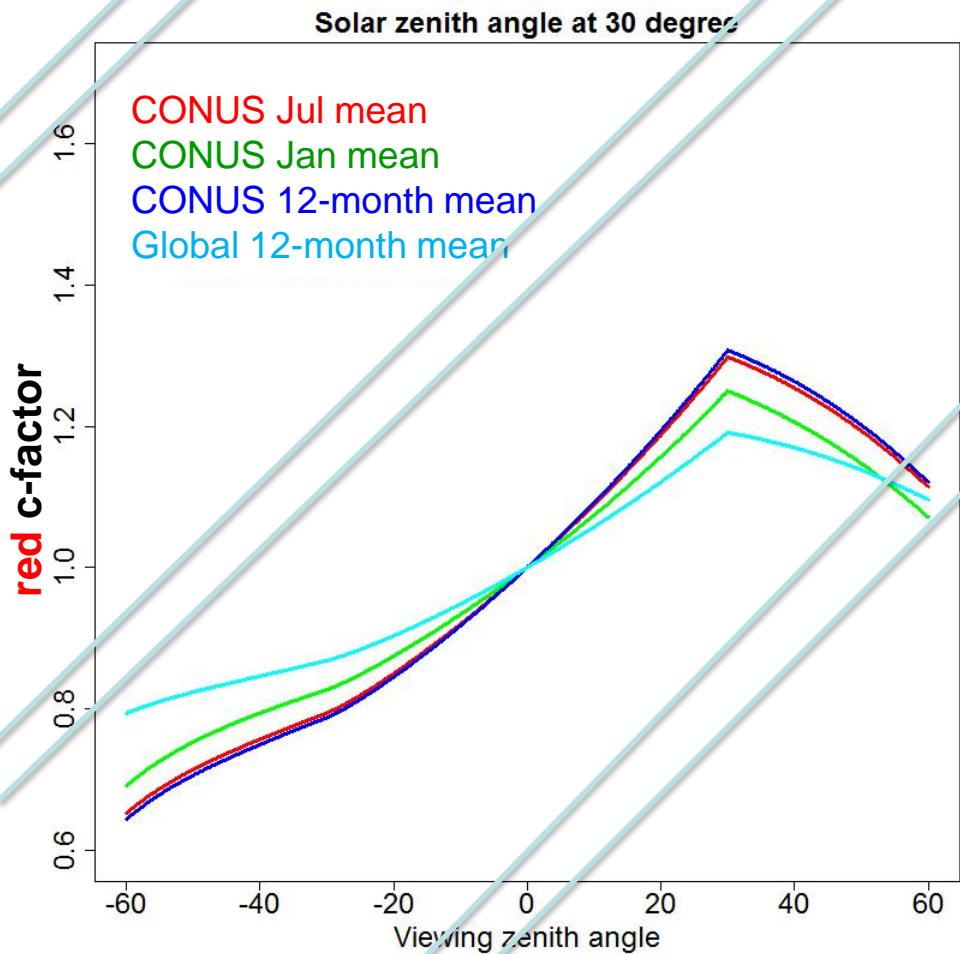
Scatterplot of  
Landsat 7 vs Landsat 5  
MODIS MCD43  
BRDF parameter  
climatology normalized  
to nadir &  
satellite overpass  
solar zenith  
NIR surface  
reflectance

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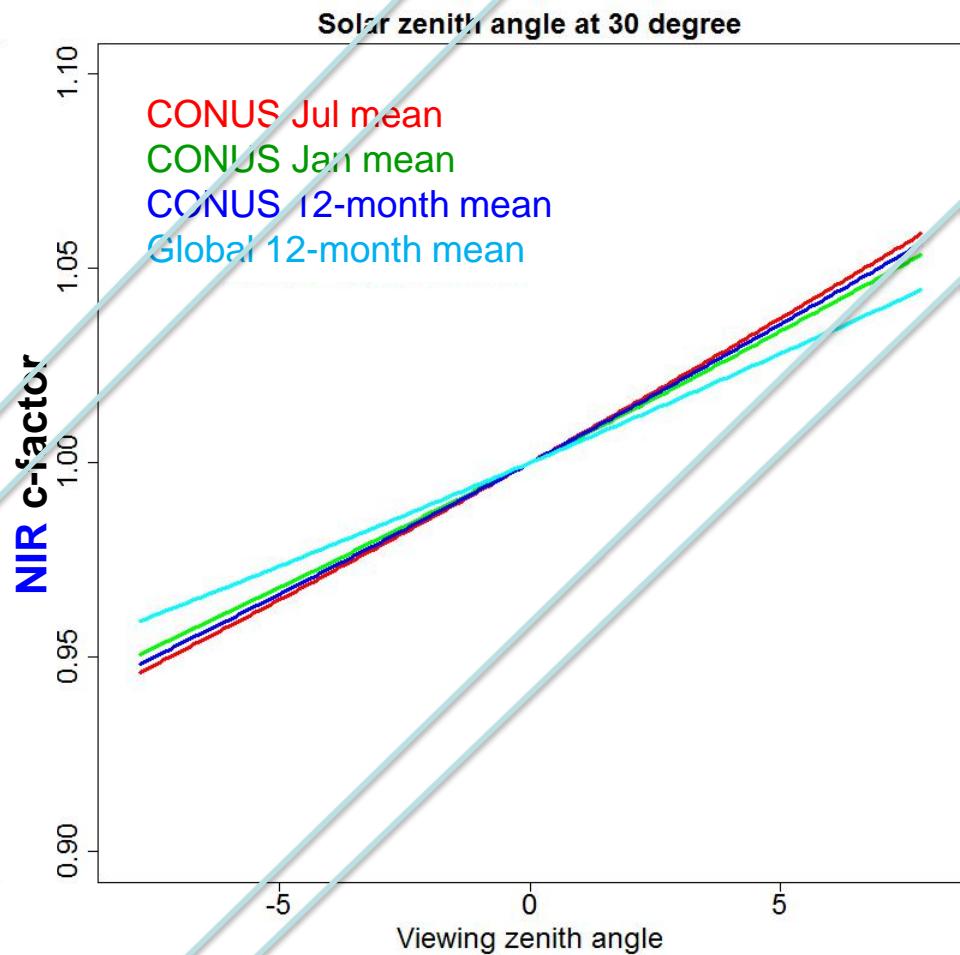
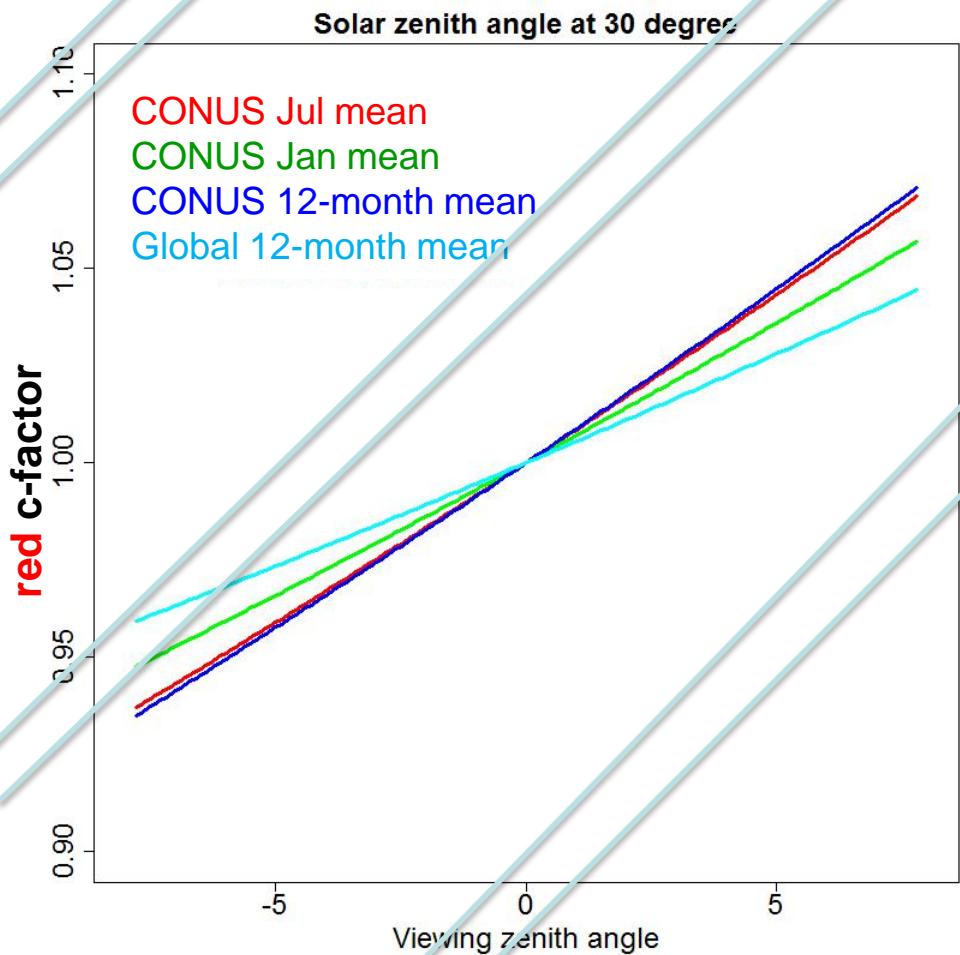
# c-factors over MODIS 110° FOV

$$\rho(\lambda, \Omega, \Omega') = f_{iso}(\lambda) + f_{vol}(\lambda)k_{vol}(\Omega, \Omega') + f_{geo}(\lambda)k_{geo}(\Omega, \Omega')$$



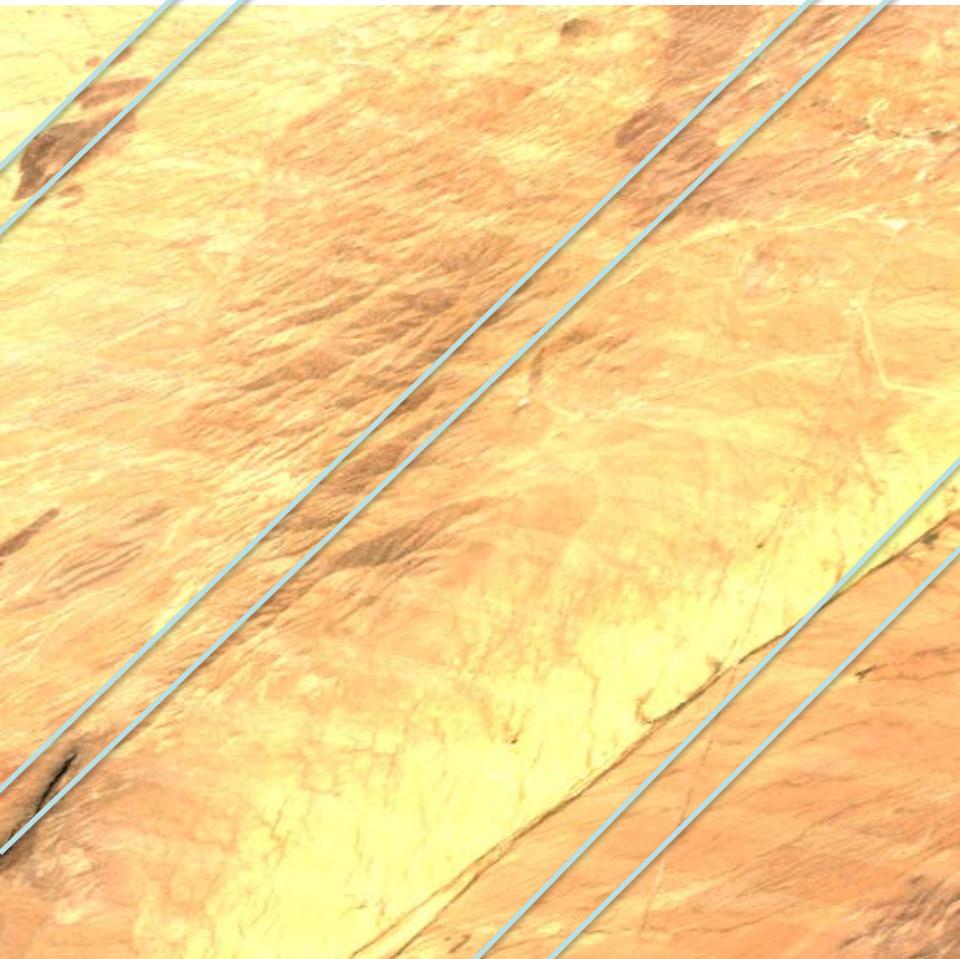
# c-factors over Landsat 15° FOV

(similar over Sentinel-2 20.6° FOV)

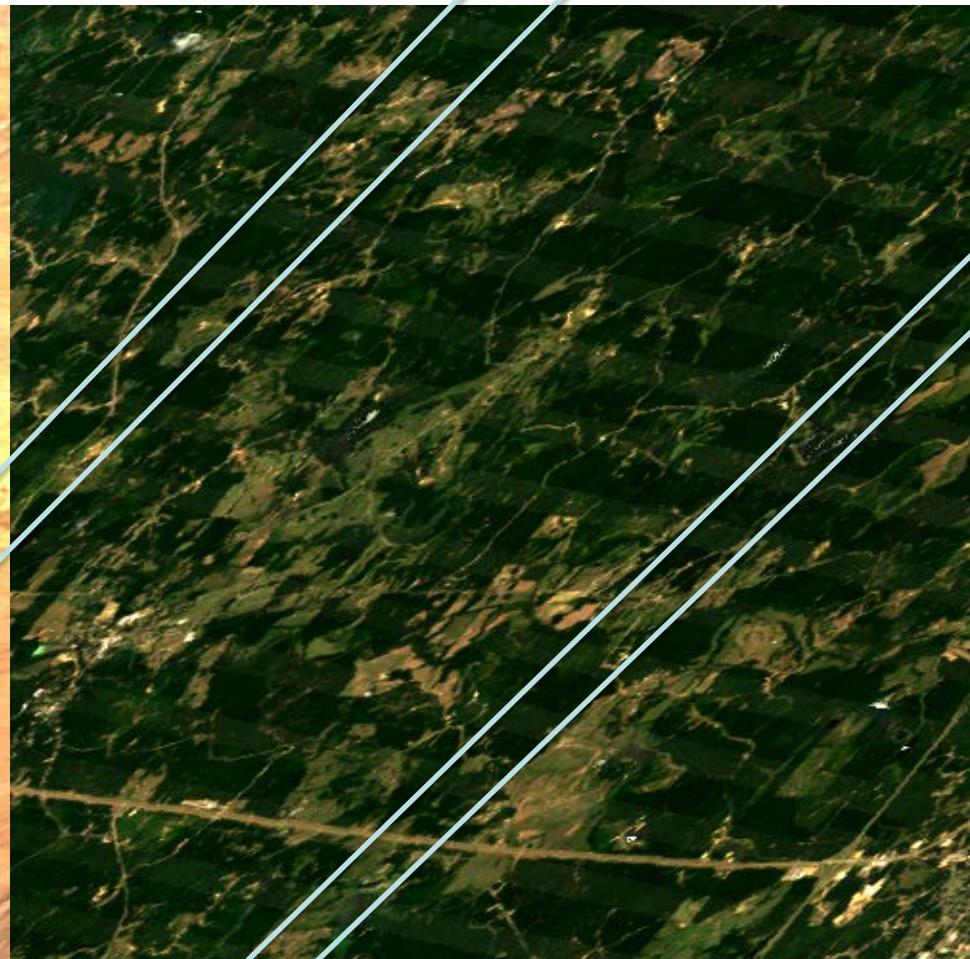


# WELD Landsat 5 & 7 surface reflectance

## Version 3.0 one week composite



Arizona  
500 x 500 30m pixels

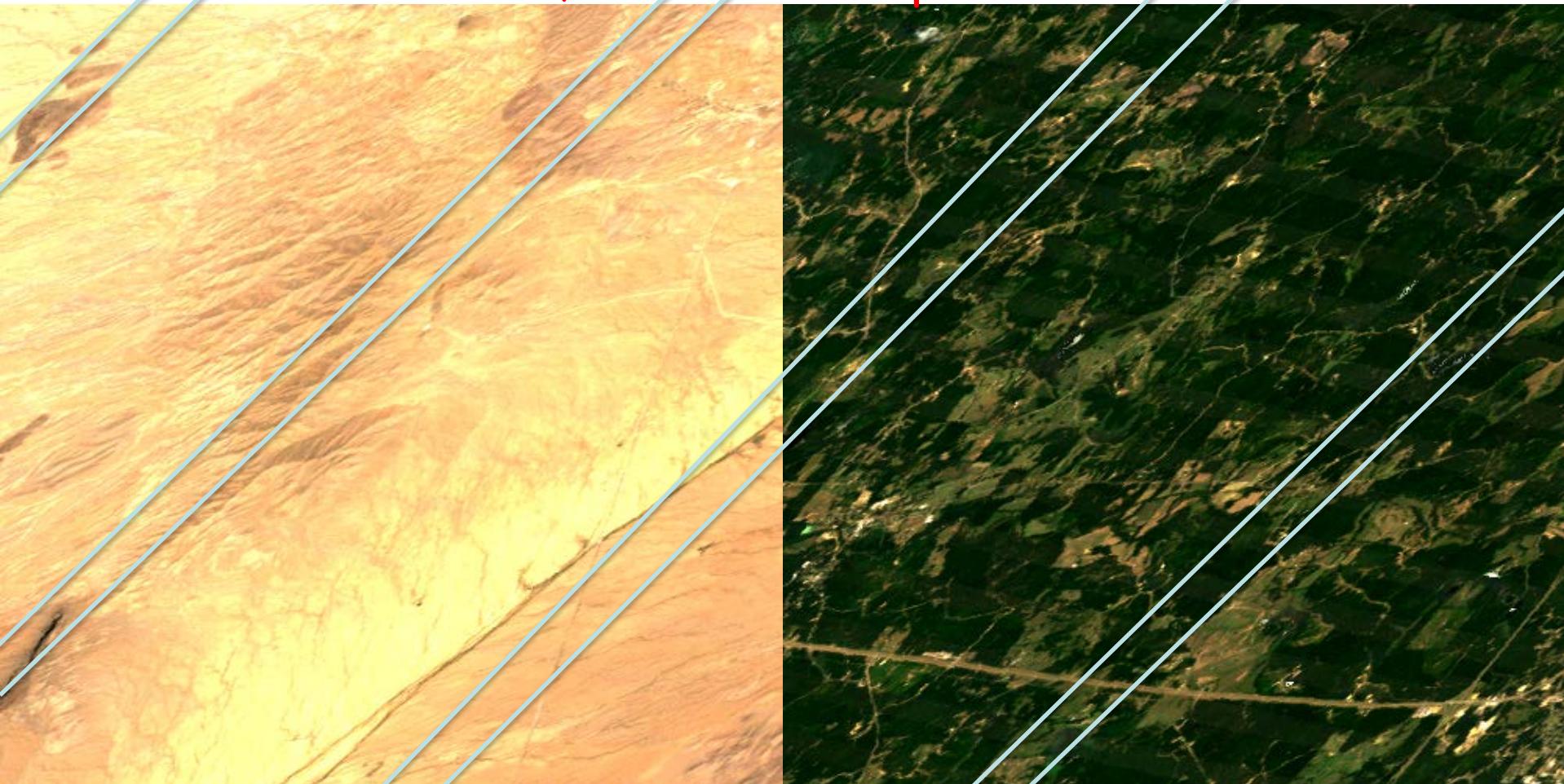


Mississippi

# WELD Landsat 5 & 7 surface reflectance

## Version 3.0 one week composite

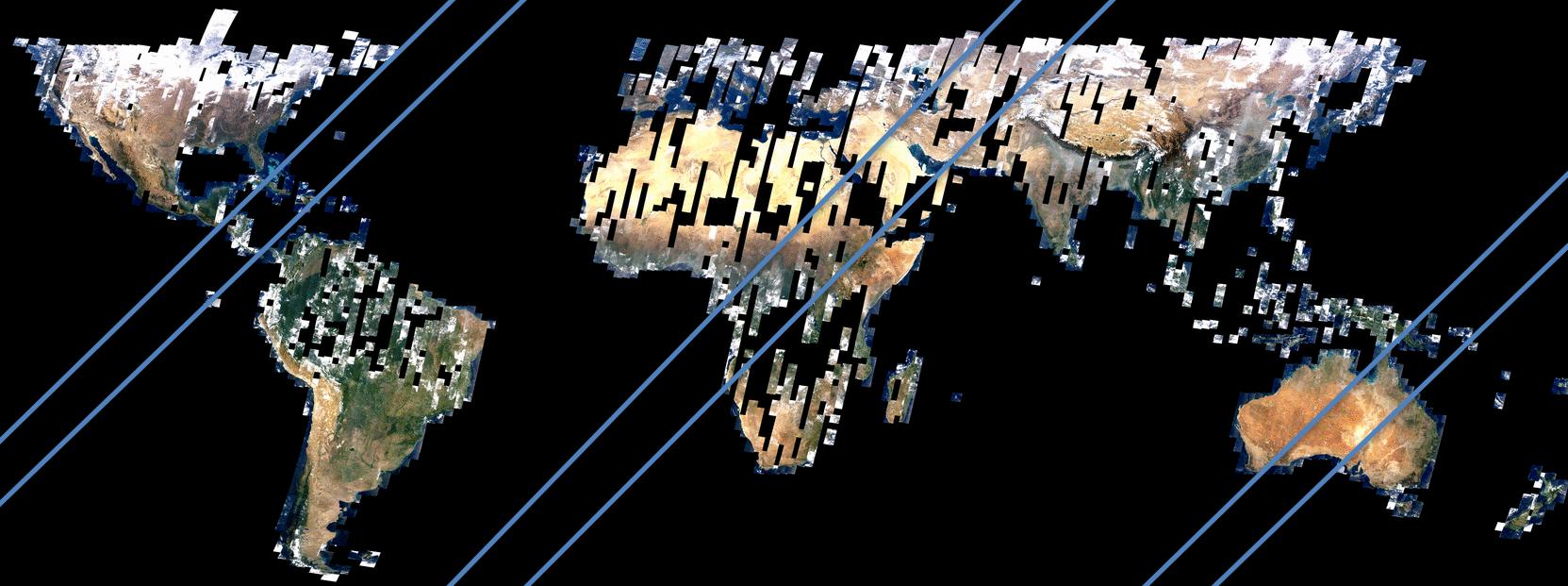
NBAR (global 12-month 3 mean MDC43 model parameters)  
nadir view zenith , satellite overpass time solar zenith



Arizona  
500 x 500 30m pixels

Mississippi

# 3 Years global 30m monthly & annual WELD Version 2.2 products now available



30m Global WELD NEX

Month 12 2008

Reprocessed Version 3.0  
will be available  
this Summer

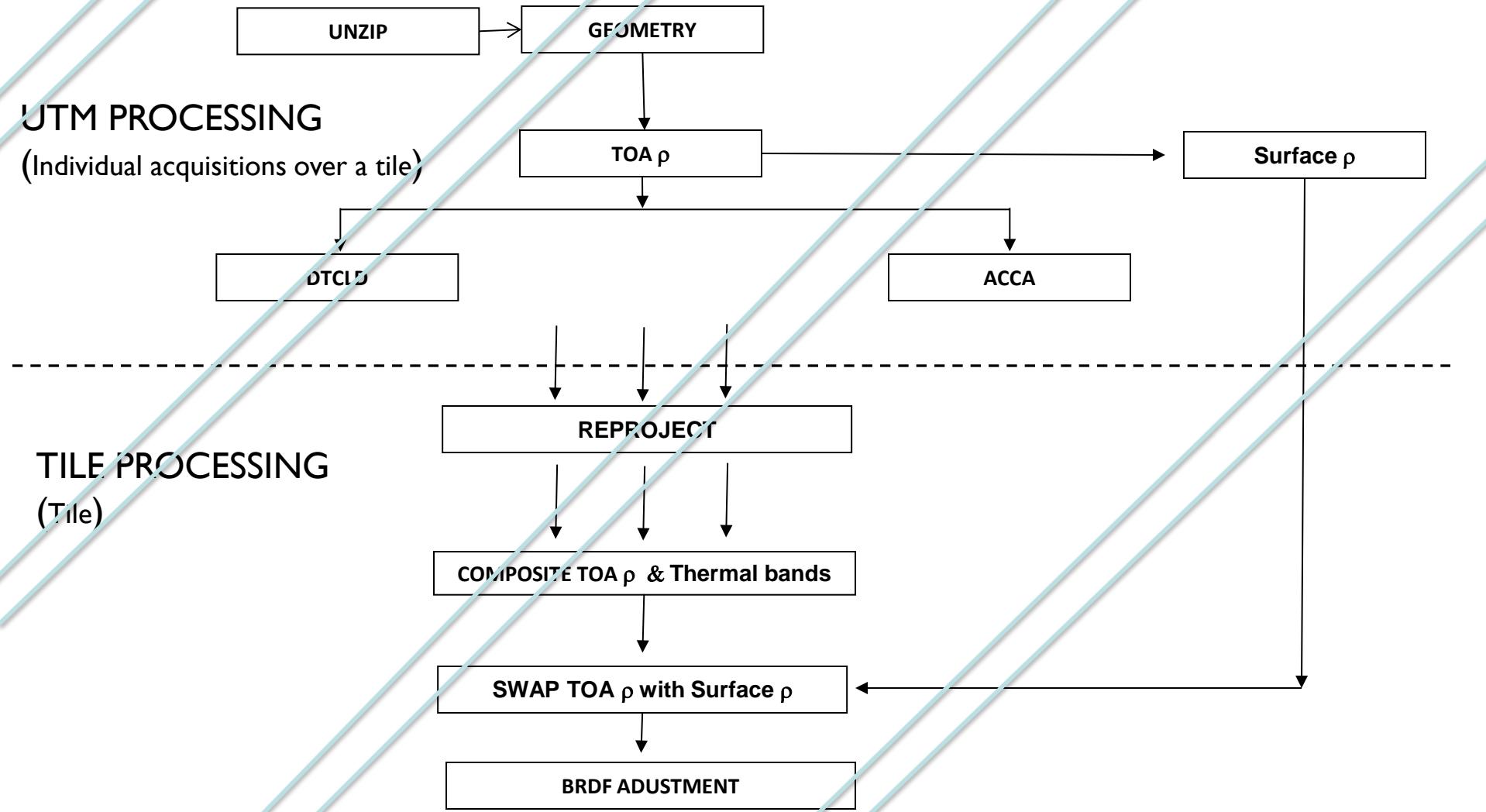
GeoTiff format products: <http://globalweld.cr.usgs.gov>

HDF format products: <http://globalweld.cr.usgs.gov/collections>

# Global Version 3.0 WELD processing sequence

Will work to generate

- similar but separate L8 and S2 gridded products
- combined L8-S2 gridded products ( more research needed )



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- Abstract submission deadline : 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Notification of abstract acceptance : 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Submission of full paper (maximum 4 pages) : 1<sup>st</sup> September
- Early bird registration deadline : 1<sup>st</sup> July
- Final registration deadline : 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- Workshop proposal deadline : 1<sup>st</sup> May

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