

# Progress on Moving Multi-Source Land Imaging of Africa area burned to production

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**GOFC-GOLD**

GLOBAL OBSERVATION OF FOREST  
AND LAND COVER DYNAMICS



Deadliest fires in  
CA history

Camp Fire

MODIS satellite image  
November 9 2018

Woolsey Fire



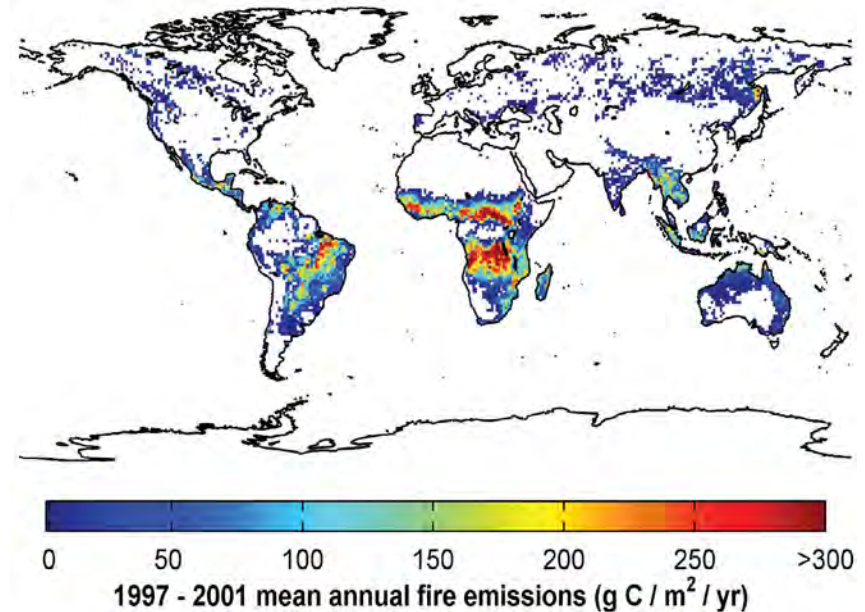
# Fire and Climate

Wildfires cause ~35% of all global carbon emissions

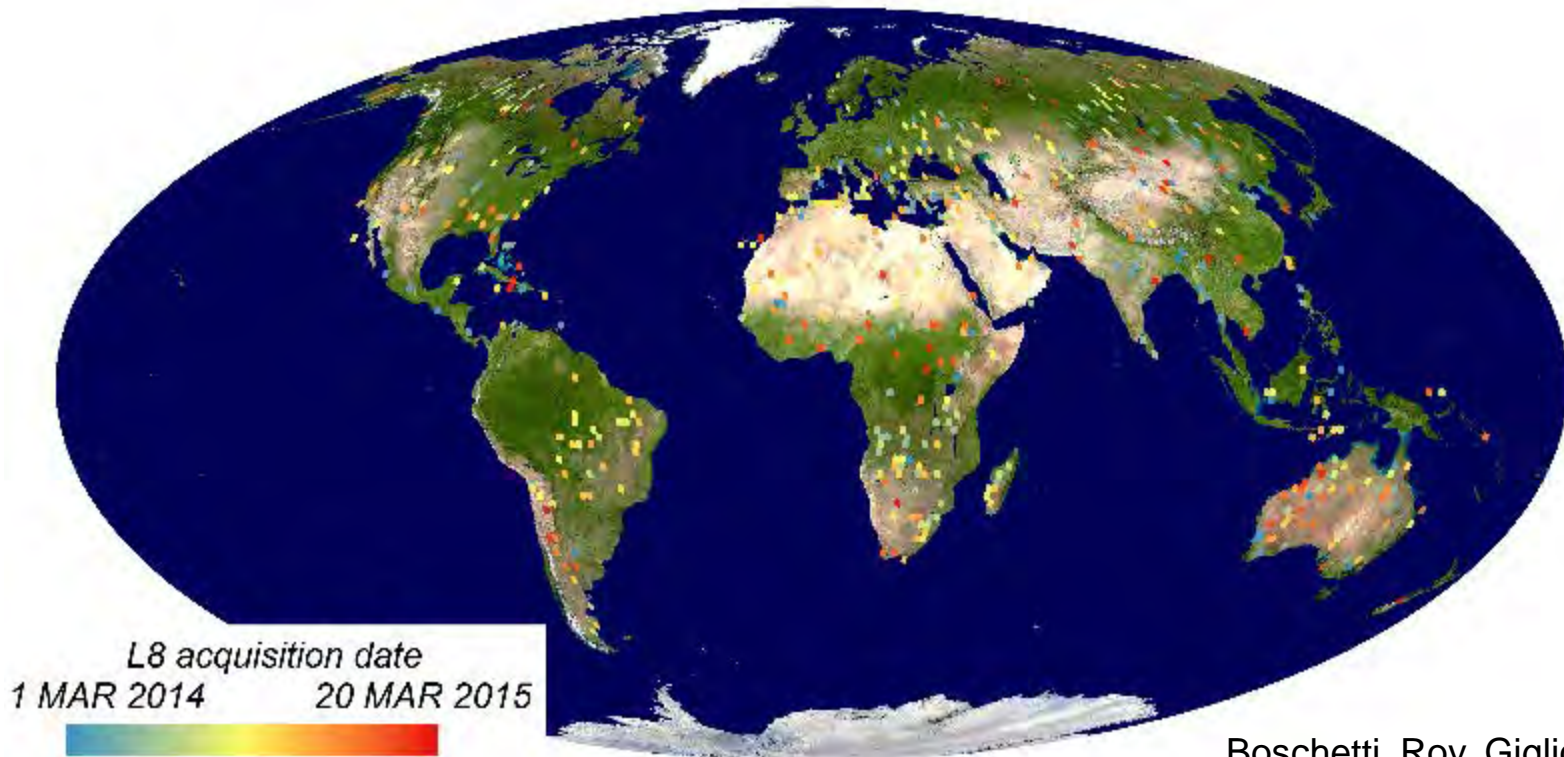
Inter-annual variability in emissions linked primarily to rainfall variability

Estimated from the MODIS burned area product

	Fire emissions ( $10^{15}$ g C yr <sup>-1</sup> )
Central and northern South America	0.27
Southern South America	0.80
<b>Northern Africa</b>	<b>0.80</b>
<b>Southern Africa</b>	<b>1.02</b>
Southeast Asia	0.37
Boreal (north of 38°N)	0.14
Other	0.13
Global	3.53



# MODIS Collection 6 500 m Burned Area Product Stage 3 Global Validation



Locations of 558 Landsat two-date image pairs  
interpreted into burned, unburned, and unmapped classes

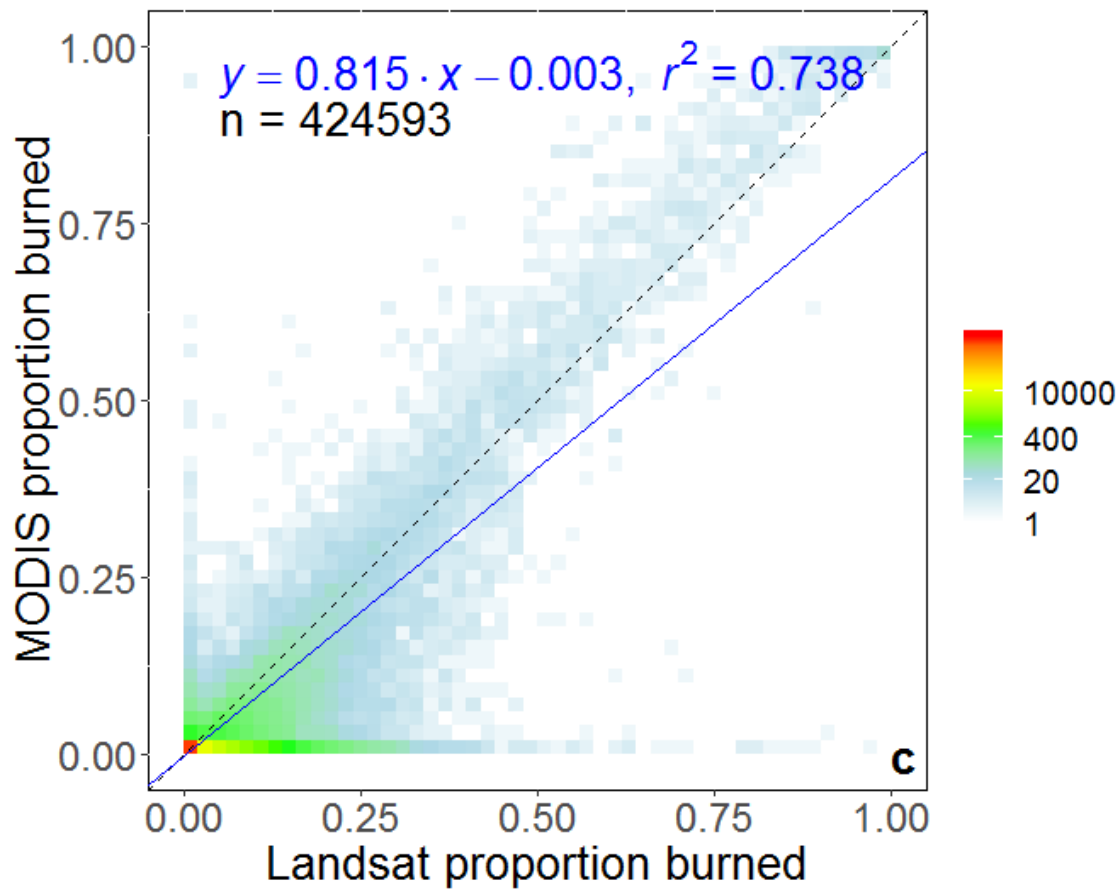
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*Global Validation of the  
Collection 6 MODIS Burned  
Area Product*

*RSE, 2019, In Review.*

# MODIS Collection 6 500 m Burned Area Product Stage 3 Global Validation

Regression **slope 0.815**, intercept -0.003 ( $r^2 = 0.82$ )



5km<sup>2</sup> cells

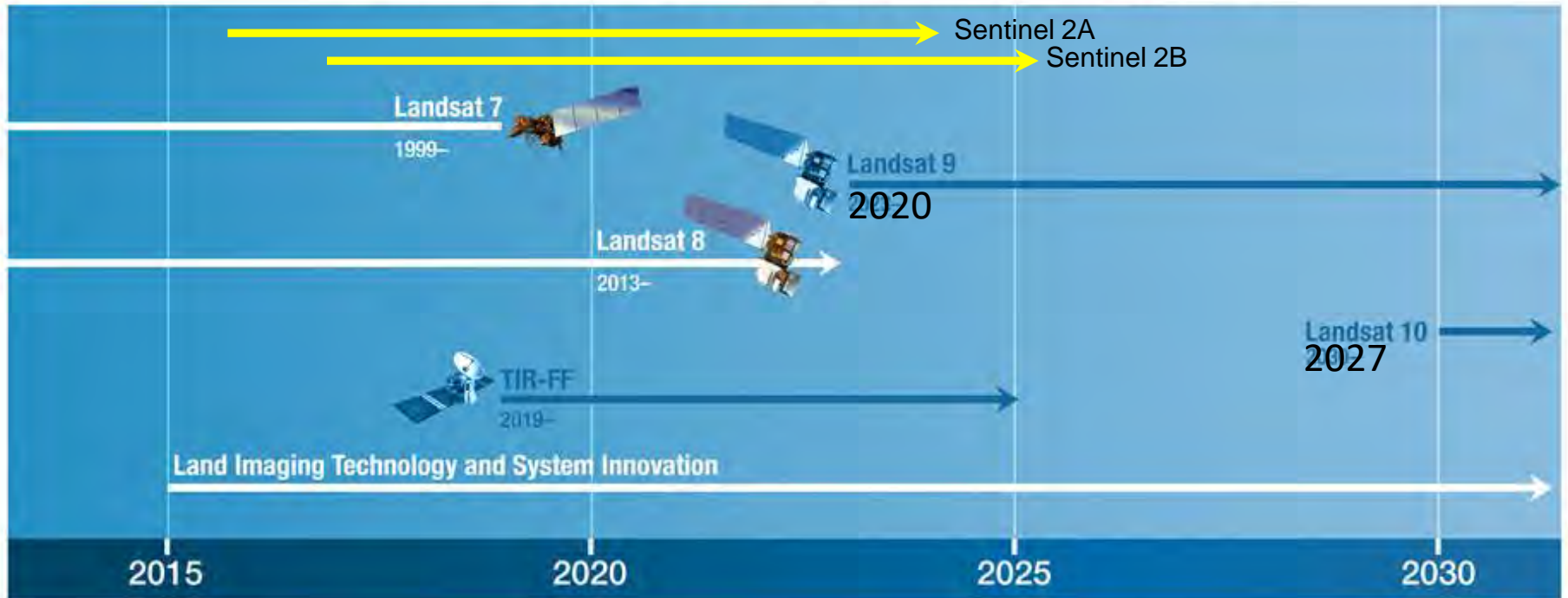
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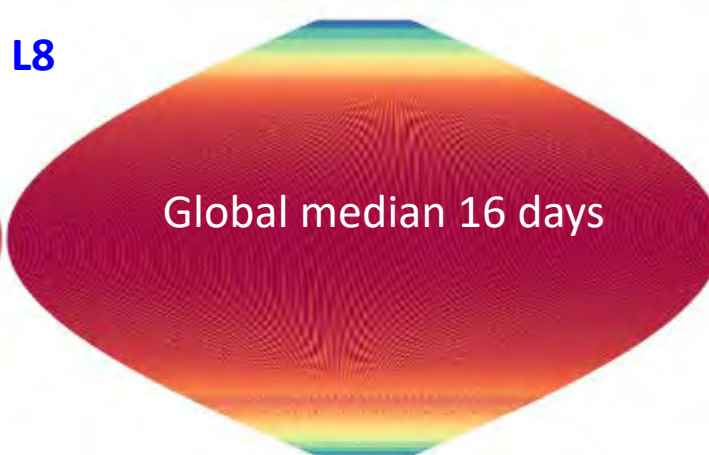
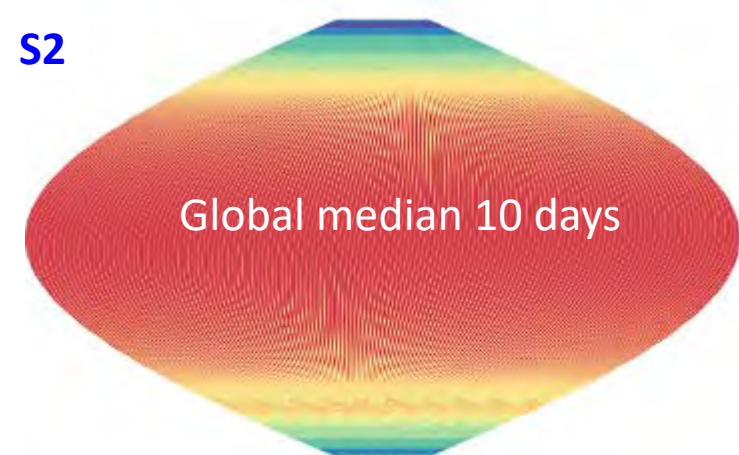
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# New Global moderate resolution era

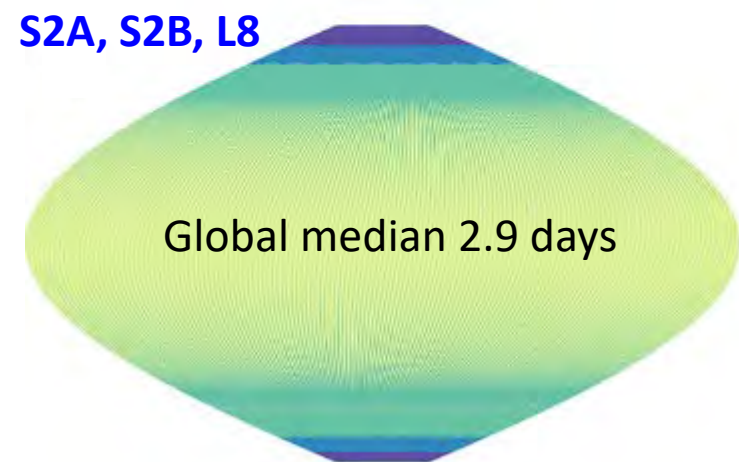
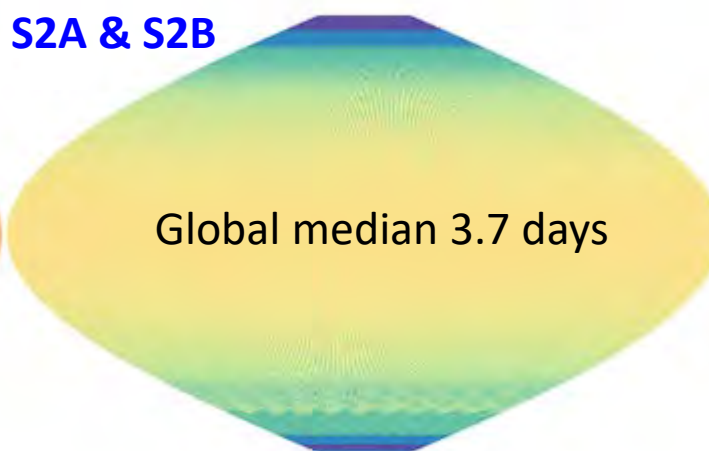
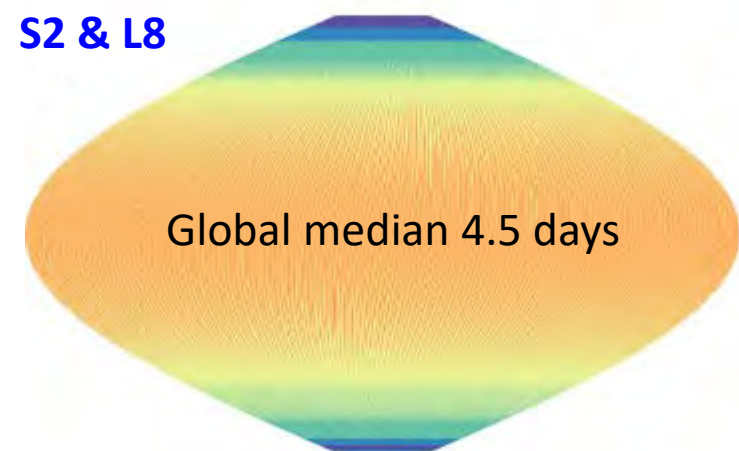
## Landsat 8, 9, 10



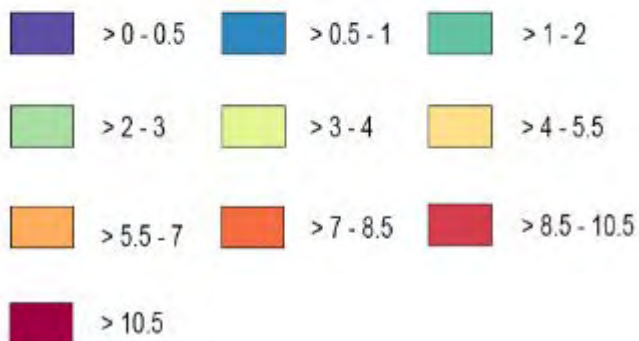
ESA Sentinel 2A & 2B



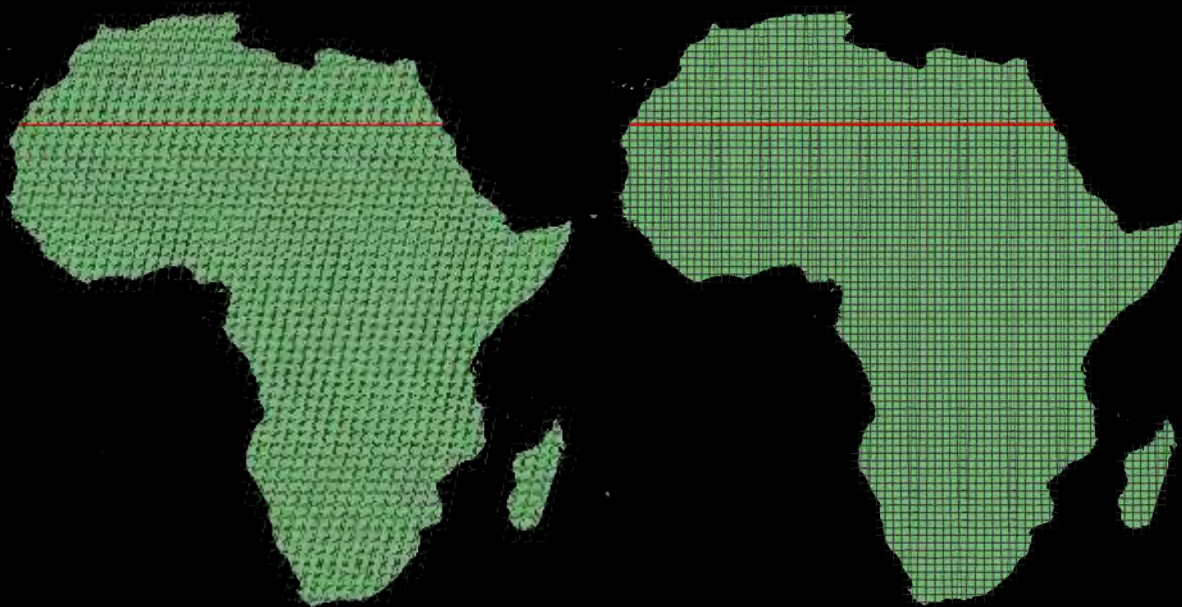
Li, J. and Roy, D.P. 2017  
 A global analysis of  
 Sentinel-2A,  
 Sentinel-2B  
 and  
 Landsat-8  
 data revisit intervals  
 and implications  
 for terrestrial  
 monitoring,  
*Remote Sensing*, 9, 902.



**Average satellite revisit interval (days)**

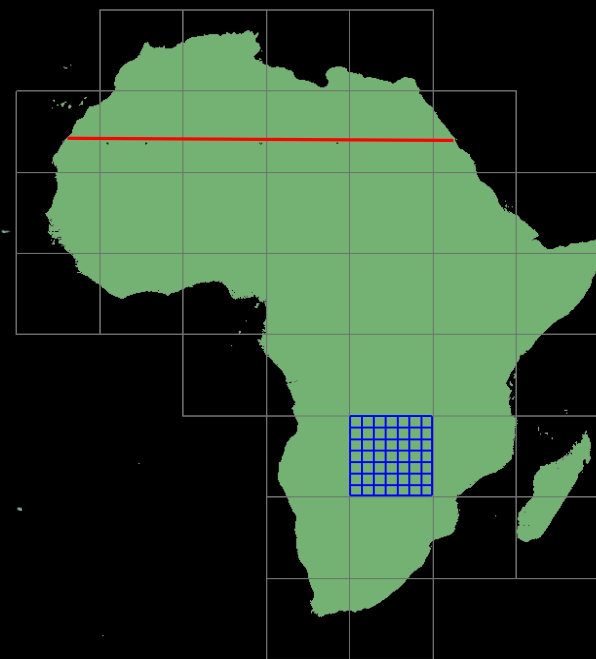


# Planned Production - all of Africa, including Madagascar, south of the Tropic of Cancer (23.44° N) for 2017 / 2018 / 2019 process on NASA funded AWS



1041  
Landsat-8 Collection 1  
WRS-2 path/rows (UTM)

2829  
Sentinel-2  
L1C tiles (UTM)



33  
MODIS  
Tiles (sinusoidal)

1255  
WELD  
tiles





# Harmonized Landsat Sentinel-2

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Landsat 8



Sentinel-2

True color

Surface  
reflectance

FILO

Composite

7 S2 L1C tiles

5295 x 5295 30m pixels



Sentinel-2

True color

Surface

NBAR

FILO

Composite

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# NBAR c-factor method

$$\text{NBAR}_\lambda ( \theta_{\text{nadir}}, \theta_{\text{fixed}} ) = \mathbf{c} \rho_\lambda ( \theta_{\text{obs}}, \phi_{\text{obs}}, \theta_{\text{sun}}, \phi_{\text{sun}} )$$

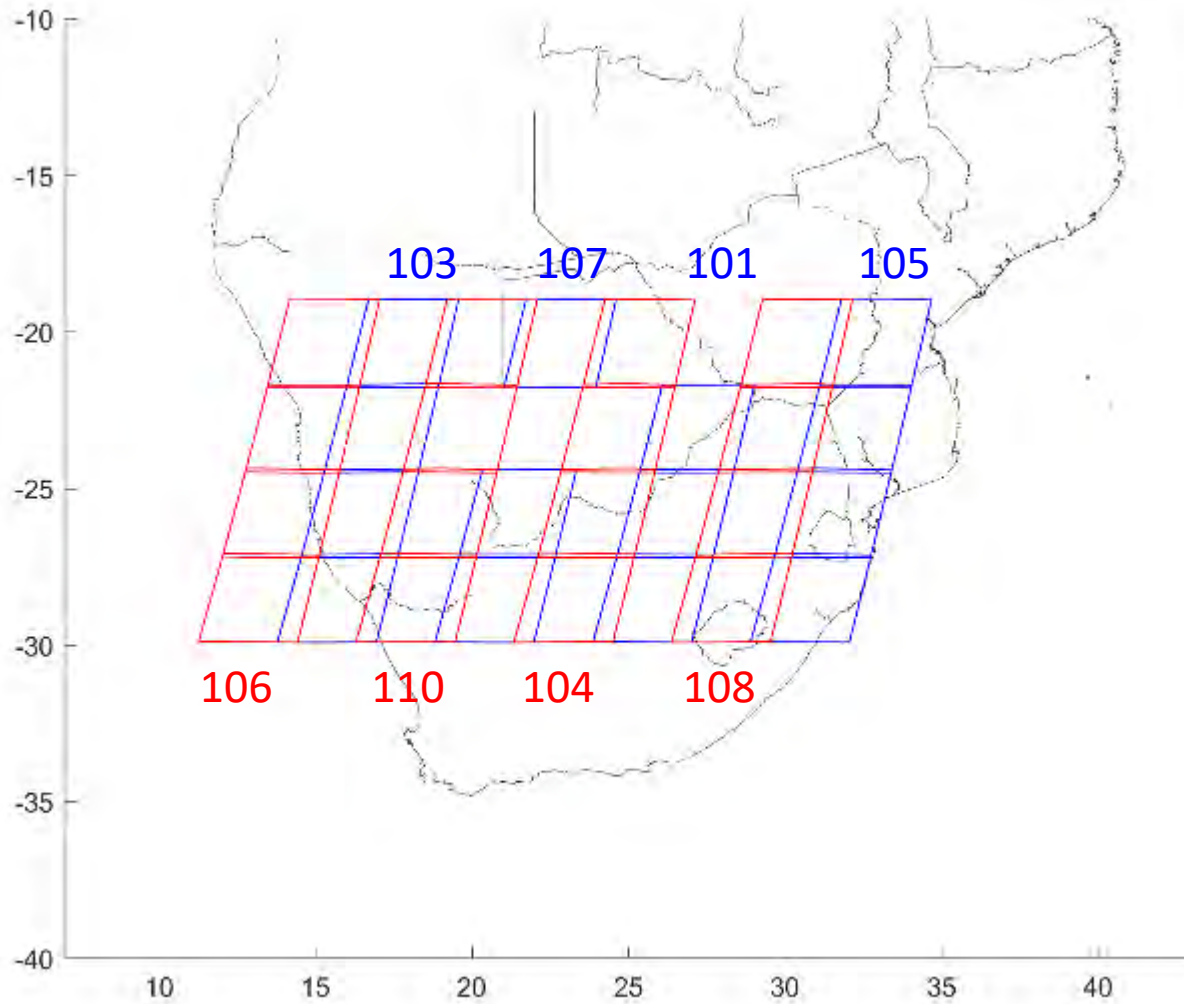
$$\mathbf{c} = \frac{\hat{\rho}_\lambda ( \theta_{\text{nadir}}, \theta_{\text{fixed}} )}{\hat{\rho}_\lambda ( \theta_{\text{obs}}, \phi_{\text{obs}}, \theta_{\text{sun}}, \phi_{\text{sun}} )}$$

$\hat{\rho}_\lambda$  computed from fixed global average MODIS BRDF/Albedo product (MCD43) spectral BRDF model parameters

Roy, D.P., Zhang, H. K., Ju, J., Gomez-Dans, J. L., Lewis, P.E., Schaaf C.B., Sun, Q., Li, J., Huang, H., Kovalskyy, V., 2016, A general method to normalize Landsat reflectance data to nadir BRDF adjusted reflectance, Remote Sensing of Environment, 176, 255-271.

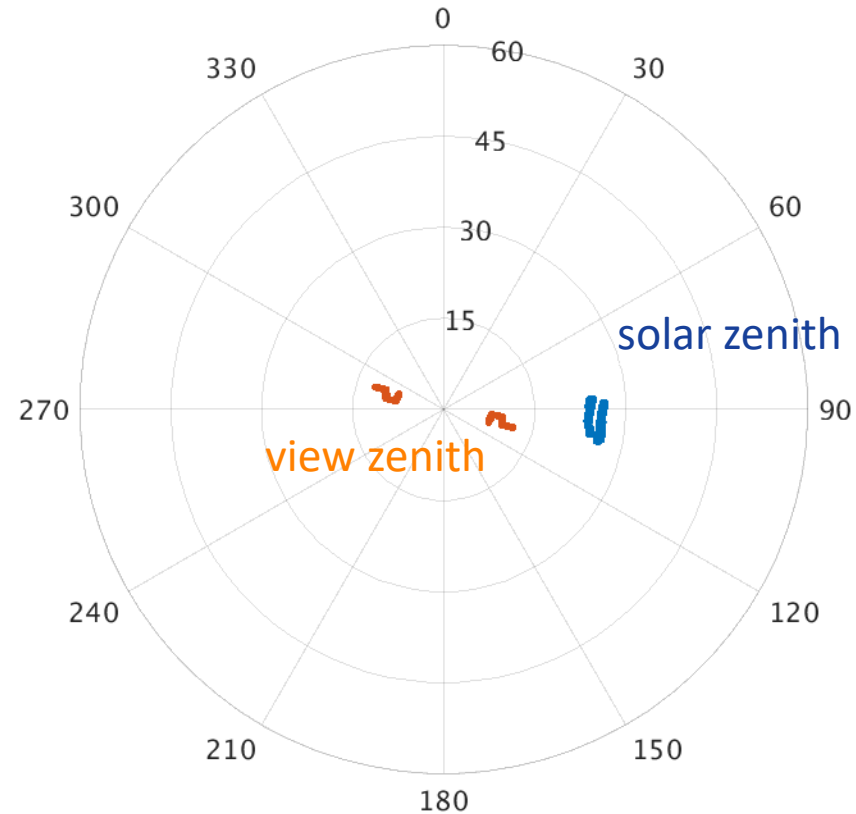
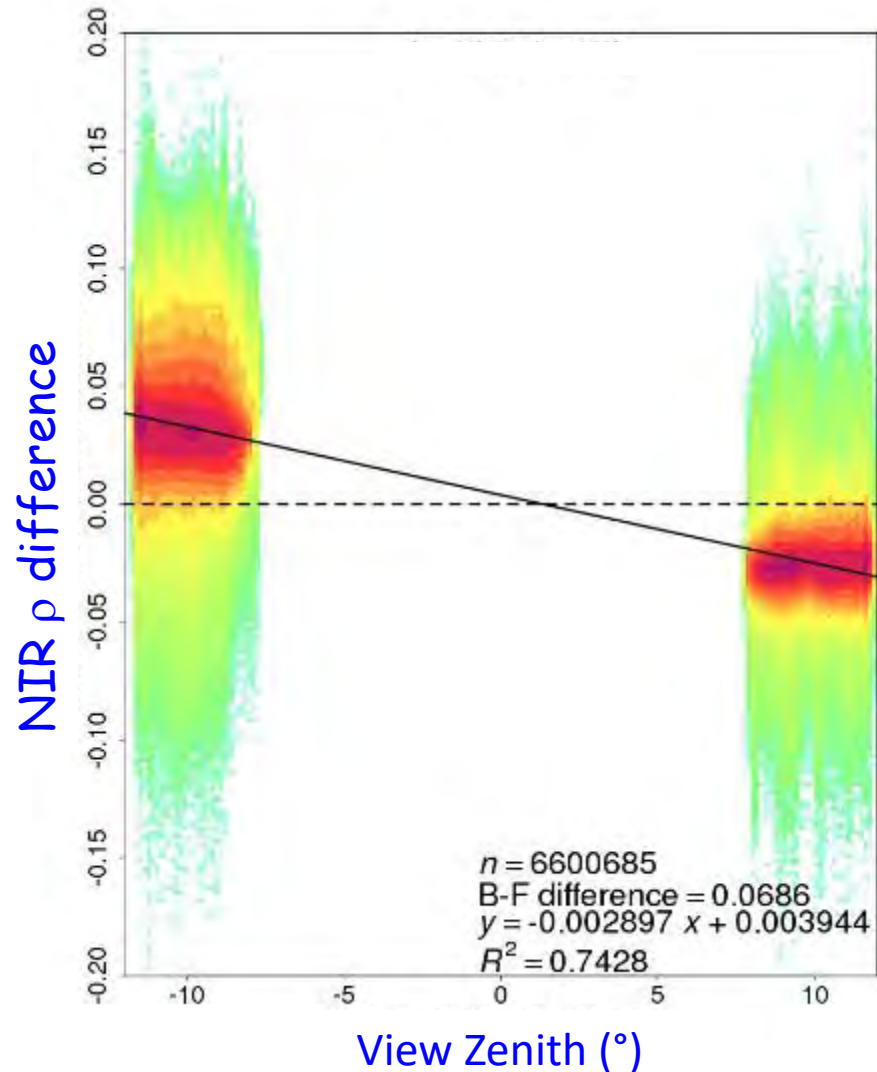
Roy, D.P, Li, J., Zhang, H.K., Yan, L., Huang, H., 2017, Examination of Sentinel-2A multi-spectral instrument (MSI) reflectance anisotropy and the suitability of a general method to normalize MSI reflectance to nadir BRDF adjusted reflectance, Remote Sensing of Environment. 199, 25-38.

# Sentinel-2A 10 days 2016



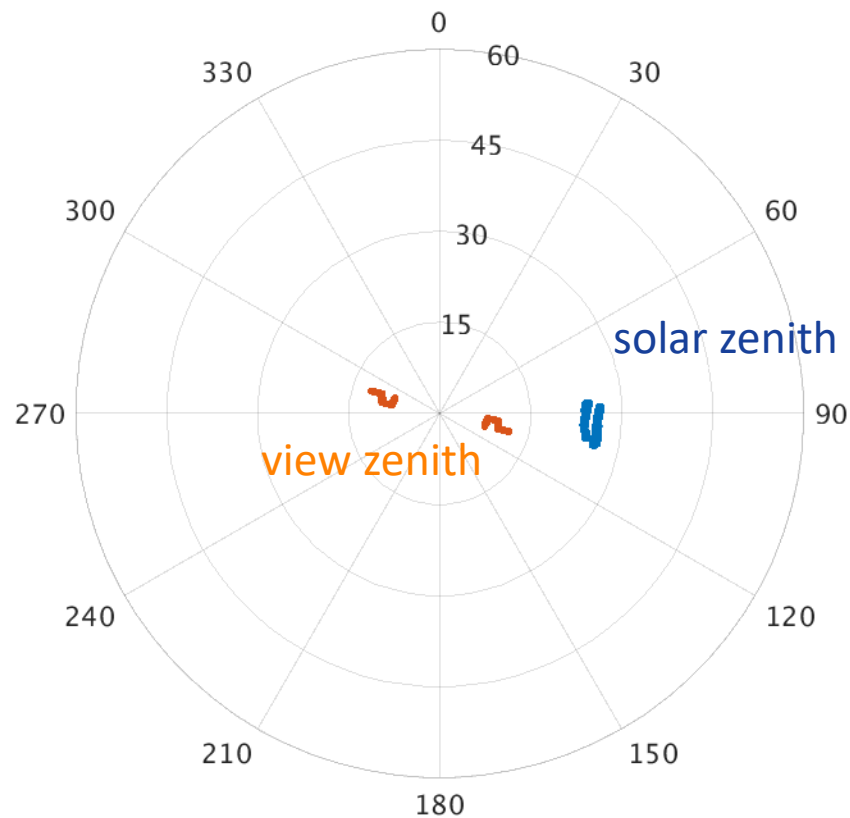
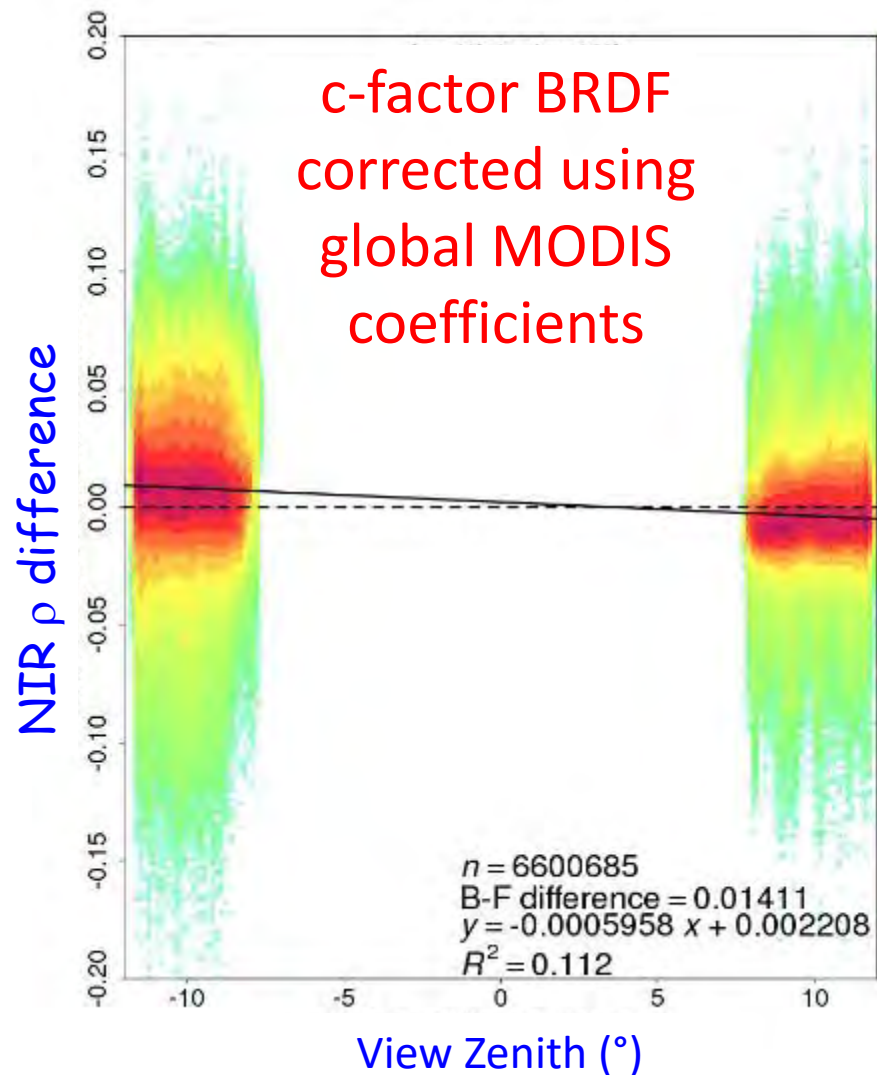
# Sentinel-2A 10 days January 2016 (Solar Principal Plane)

## Swath overlap NIR $\rho$ difference V view zenith



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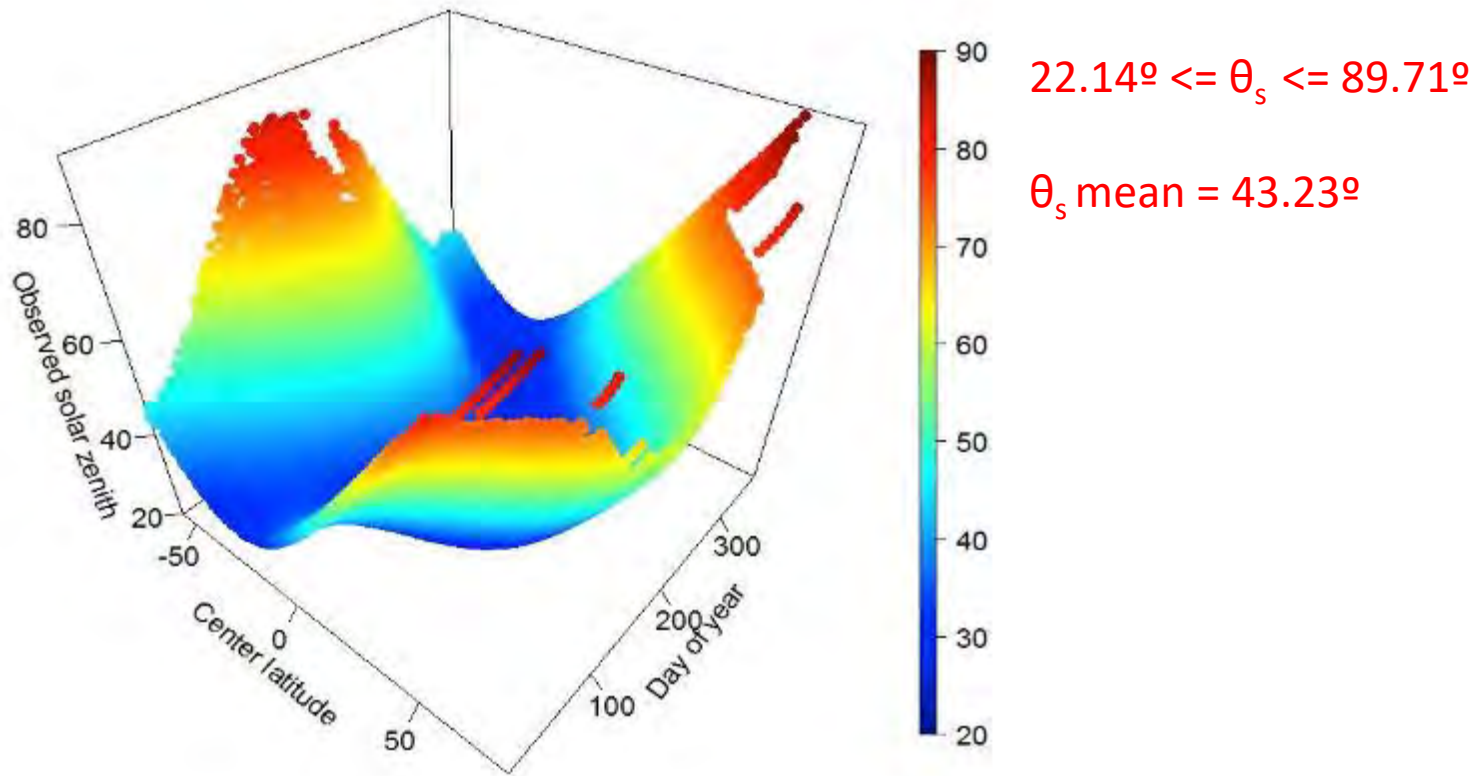
Radiance/reflectance measured by a sensor  
also changes with the sun's position



(Susan Ustin)



# 12 months of global Landsat solar zenith ( $\theta_s$ ) plotted as a function of scene center latitude & day of year

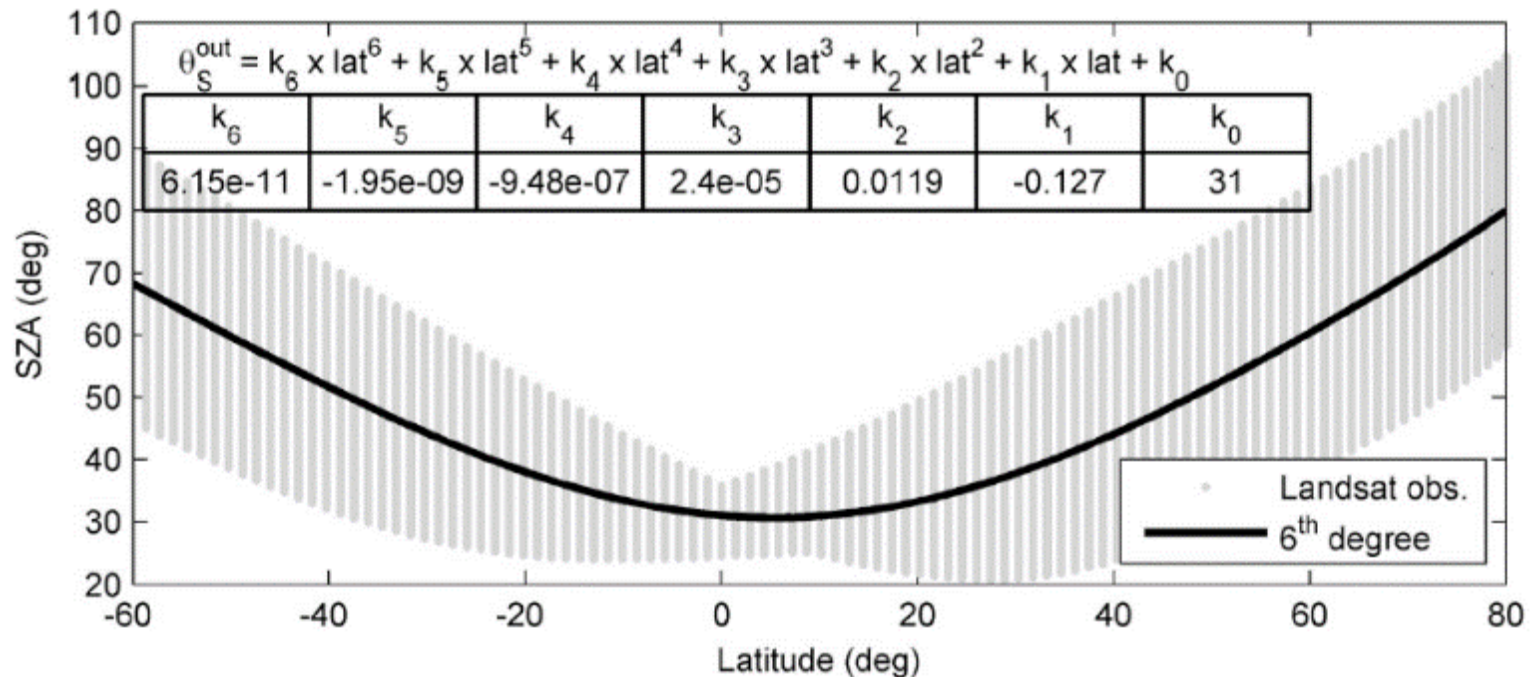


Zhang, H. K., Roy, D.P., Kovalsky, V., 2016, Optimal solar geometry definition for global long term Landsat time series bi-directional reflectance normalization, *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*. 54(3), 1410-1418.

# HLS V1.4 modelled solar zenith function of latitude only

Claverie, M., Ju, J., Masek, J. G., Dungan, J. L., Vermote, E. F., Roger, J. C., ... & Justice, C. (2018). The Harmonized Landsat and Sentinel-2 surface reflectance data set. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 219, 145-161.

Derived using a six degree polynomial function of latitude:



# Li modelled solar zenith function of latitude & day of year

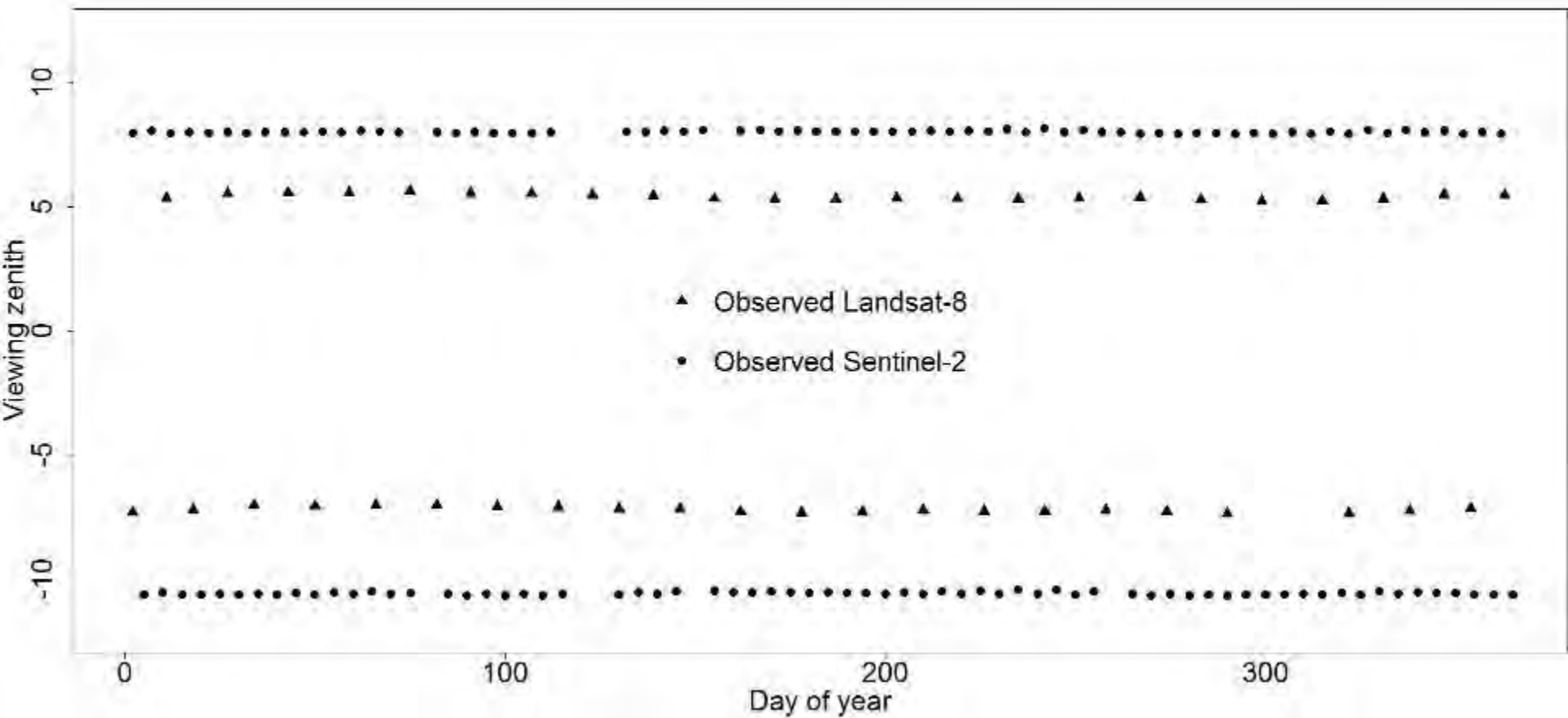
Li, Z., Zhang, H.K., Roy, D.P., 2019, Investigation of Sentinel-2 bidirectional reflectance hot-spot sensing conditions. *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*. DOI: 10.1109/TGRS.2018.2885967

Derived using sensor overpass time model (& astronomical model):

$$\text{local\_time}_{\text{nadir}} = \begin{cases} 10.5 - \frac{\arcsin\left(\frac{\tan(\varphi_{\text{nadir}})}{\tan(i)}\right)}{15}, & \text{in the descending orbit} \\ 22.5 + \frac{\arcsin\left(\frac{\tan(\varphi_{\text{nadir}})}{\tan(i)}\right)}{15}, & \text{in the ascending orbit} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where 10.5 (10:30 am) is the Sentinel-2 Local Time at Descending Node (for Landsat 10:11 am),  $\varphi_{\text{nadir}}$  is the nadir latitude,  $i$  is the satellite inclination angle (Sentinel-2 98.62°; Landsat-8 98.2°)

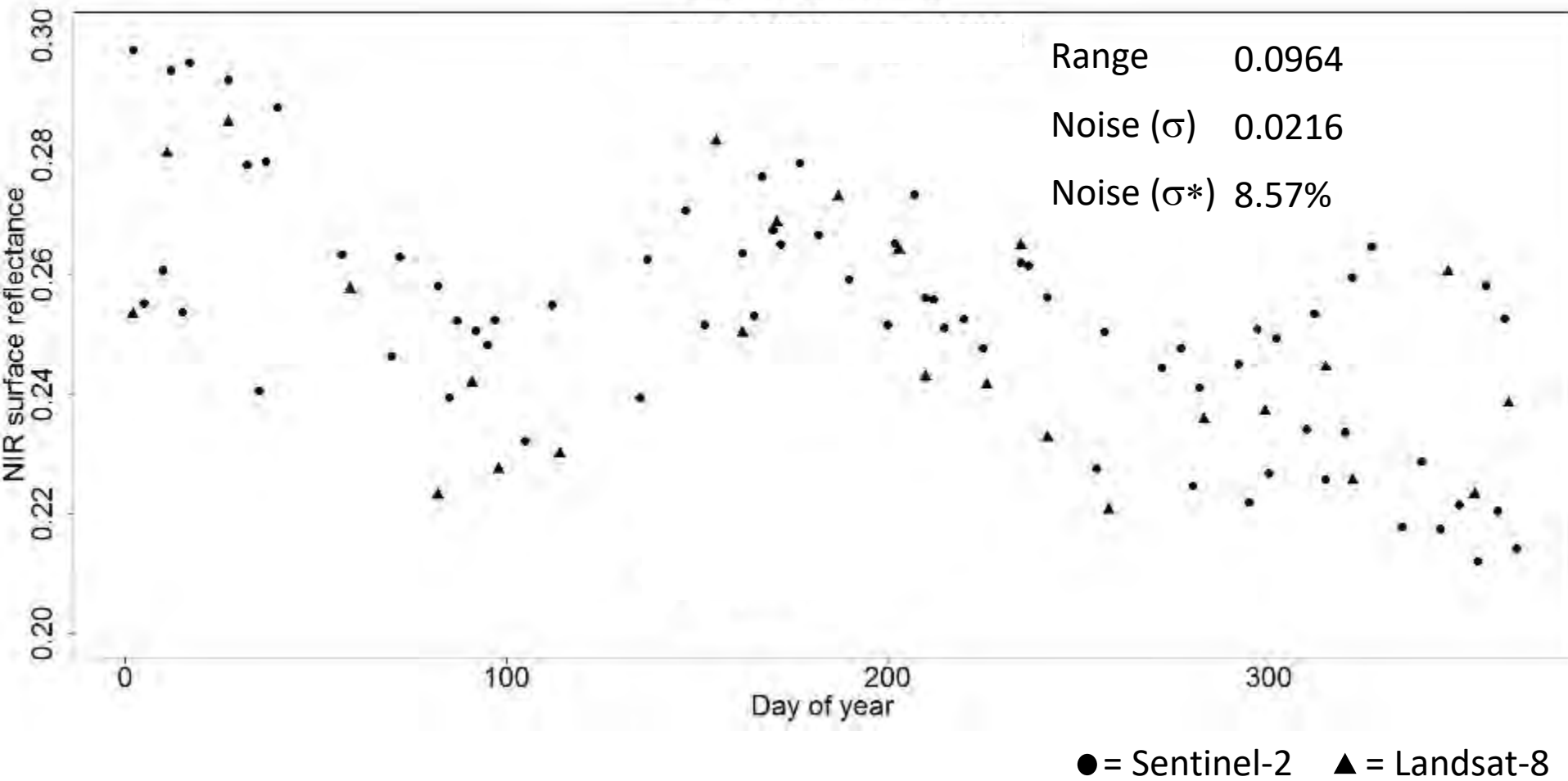
# A year of view zenith angles (for a single pixel in South Africa)



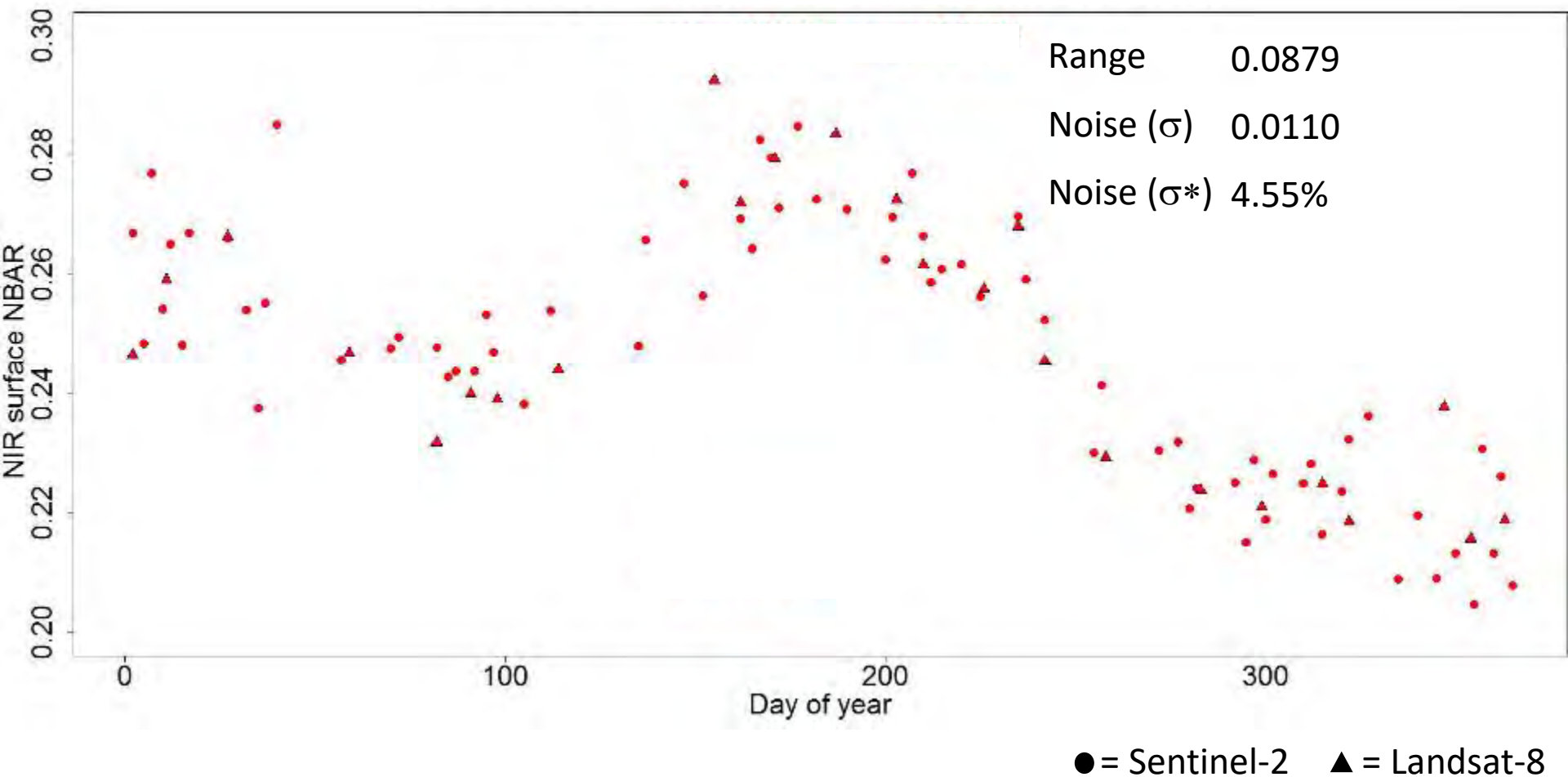


# NIR reflectance

(for a single pixel in South Africa)



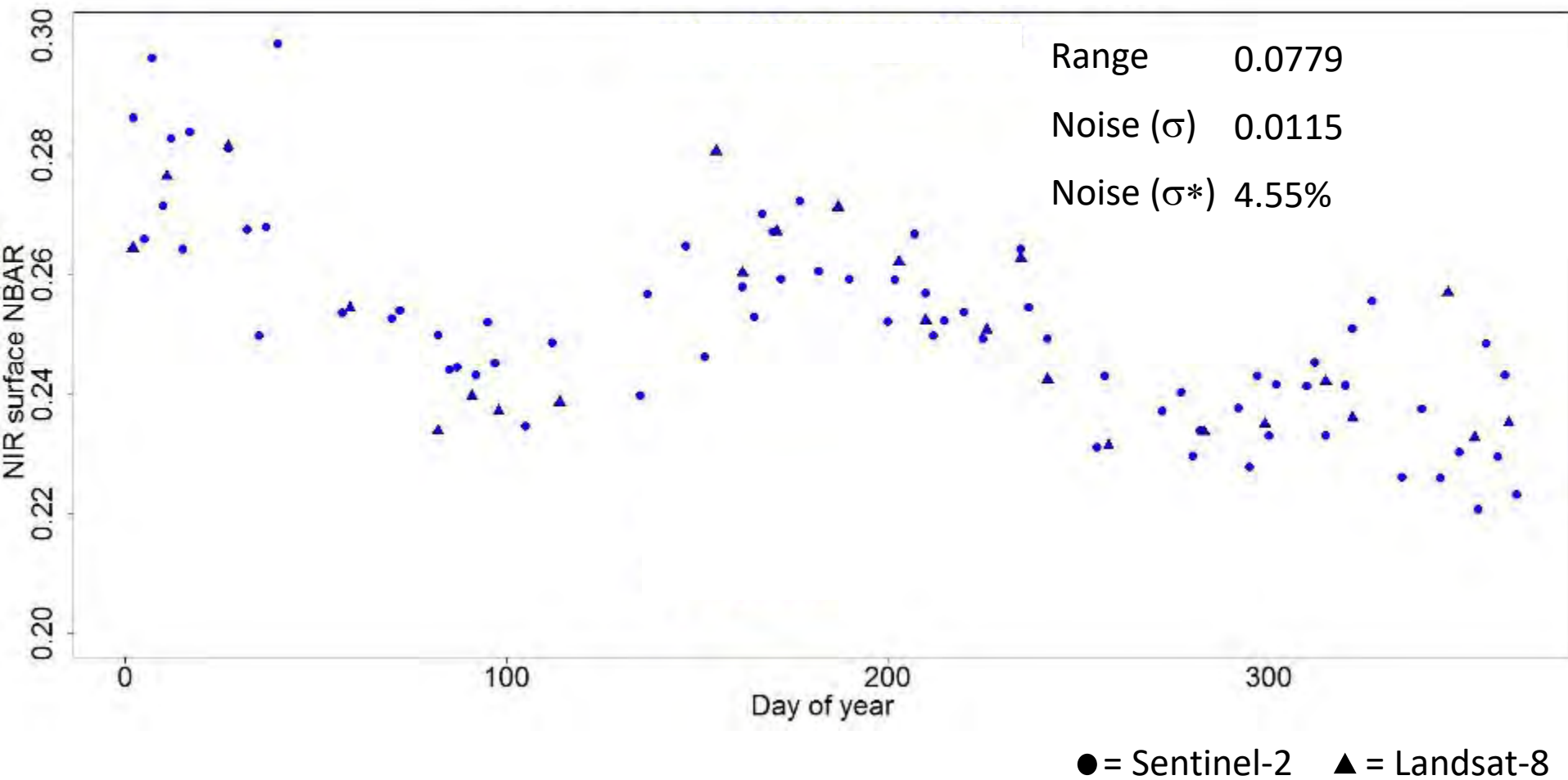
# NIR NBAR - fixed HLS 1.4 solar zenith (for a single pixel in South Africa)



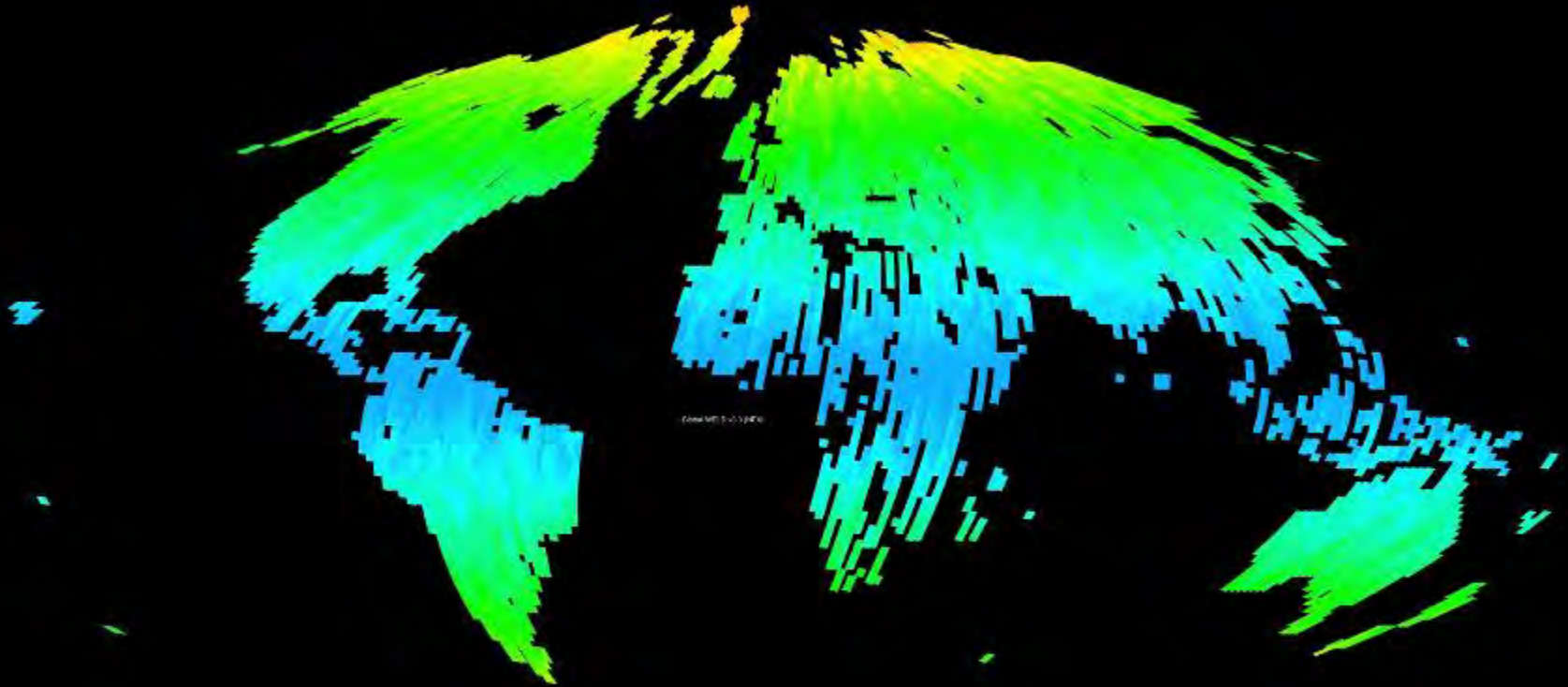




# NIR NBAR – local modelled solar zenith (for a single pixel in South Africa)



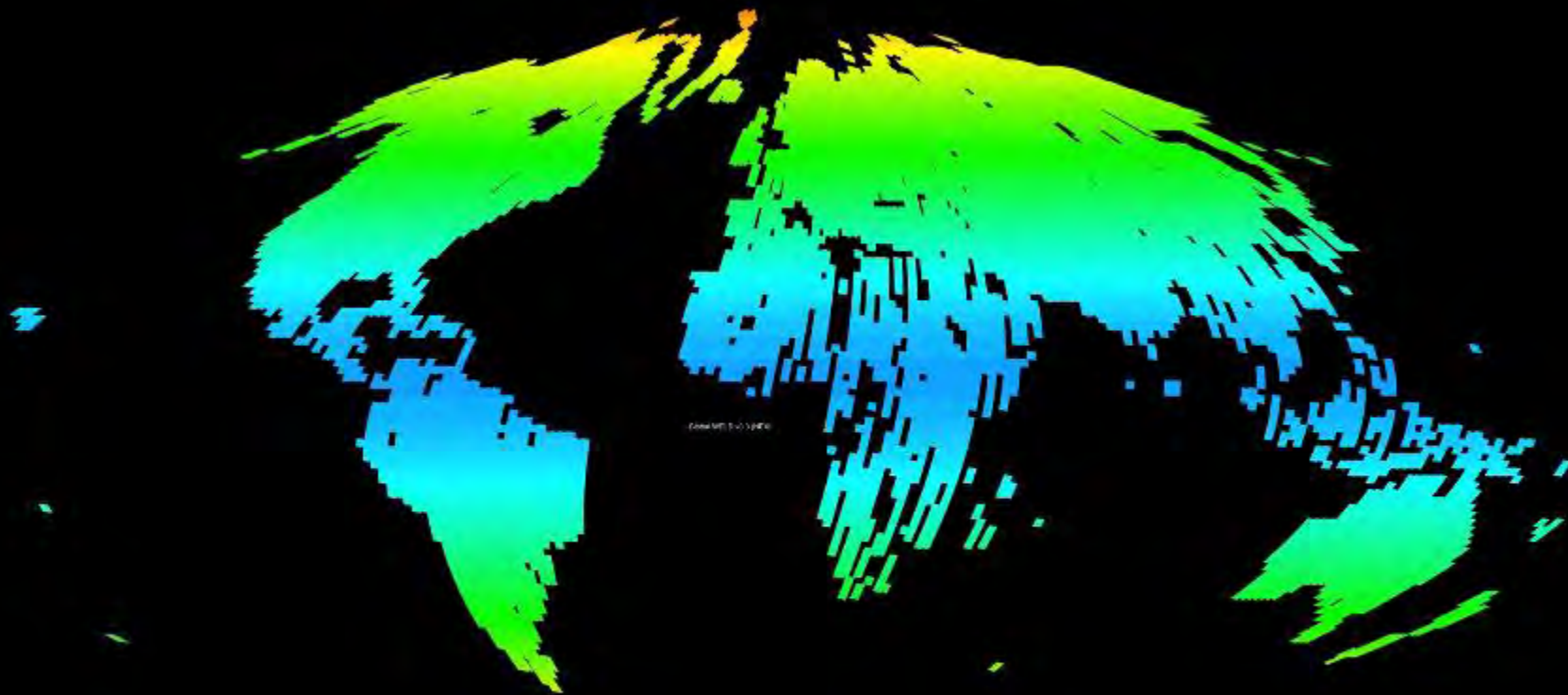
# WELD Landsat 5 & 7 observed Solar Zenith



Global WELD NEX Version 3.0 September 2009 30m product  
from 15,058 L1T scenes (7,328 Landsat 5 & 7,730 Landsat 7)

Sinusoidal Equal Area Projection

# WELD Landsat 5 & 7 modeled Solar Zenith used to derive WELD NBAR



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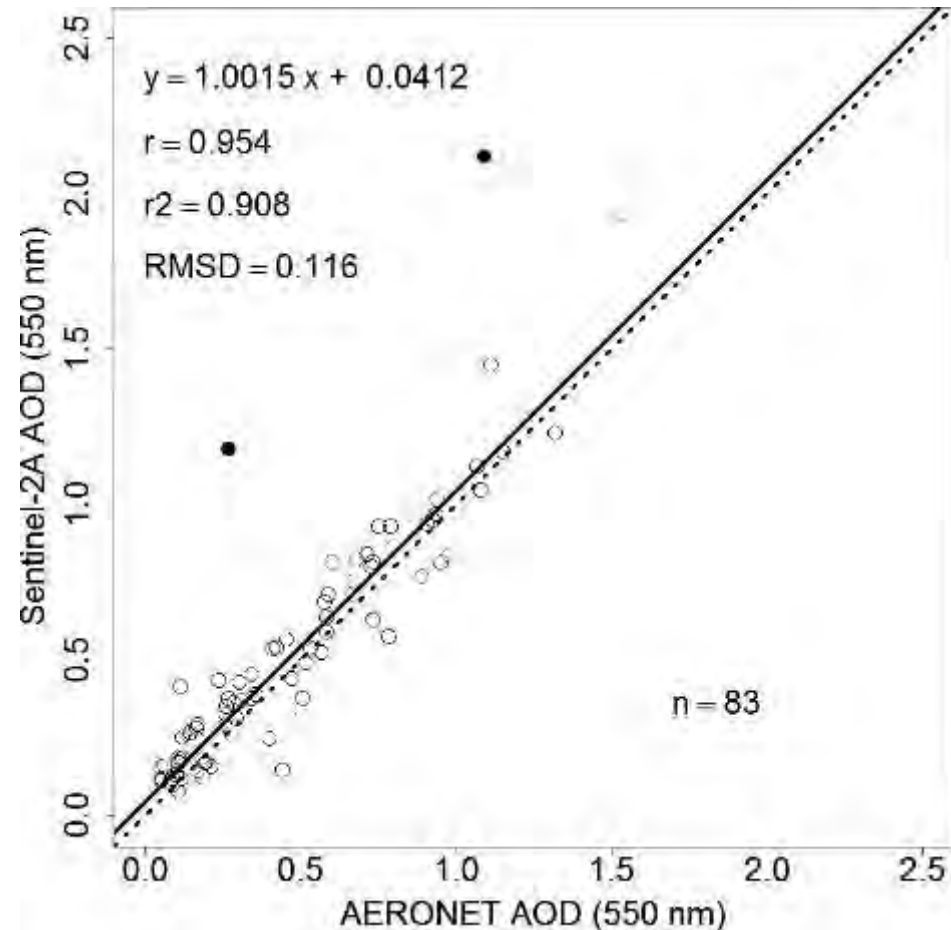
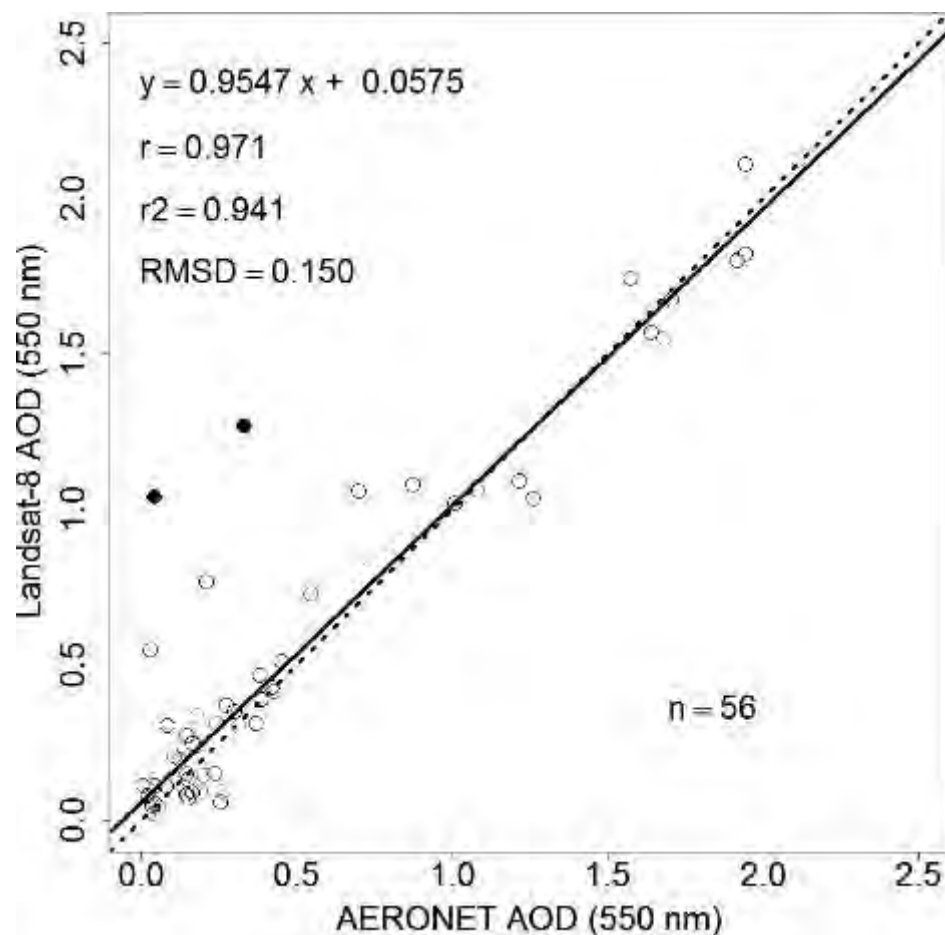
# Sentinel-2 Landsat-8 Pre-Processing

- Global WELD processing framework
  - Tiling into MODIS sinusoidal grid
  - Sentinel-2A to Landsat-8 registration
  - Sentinel-2A to Sentinel-2A registration
- Atmospheric correction (LaSRC)
- Nadir BRDF-adjusted reflectance (NBAR) (MODIS c-factor)
- Masking
  - cloud (Landsat 8 Collection 1 & Sen2Cor masks)
  - no masking of shadow

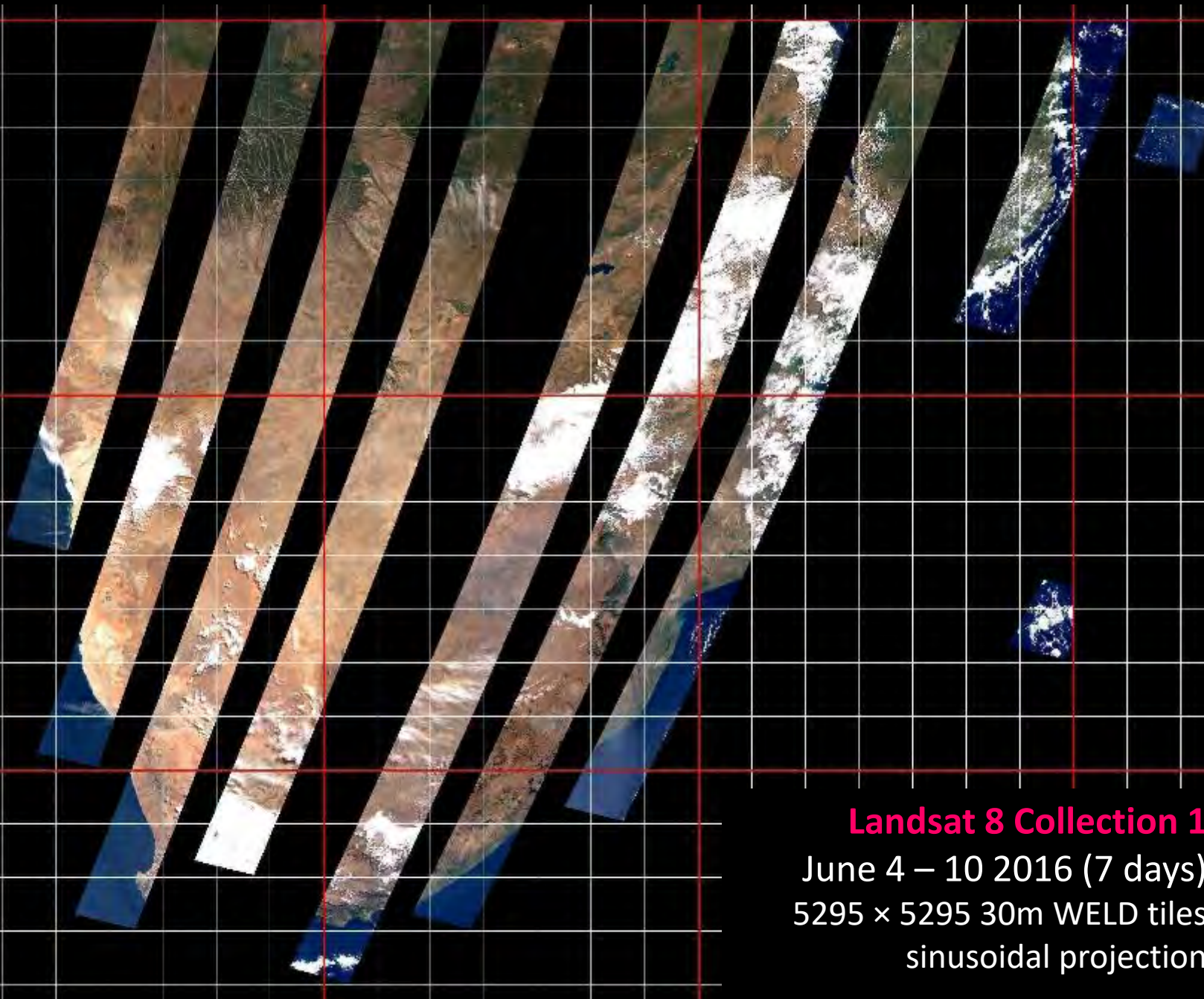
Evaluation of **Landsat-8** and **Sentinel-2A** aerosol optical depth retrievals across Chinese cities and implications for medium spatial resolution urban aerosol monitoring, Li, Z., Roy, D.P., Zhang, H.K., Vermote, E.F., Huang, H., 2019, Remote Sensing. 11(2), 122.

### V3.5.5 LaSRC AOD retrieval

All urban AERONET sites in China,  
+/- 10 minute overpass, Level 2 AERONET



# Southern Africa



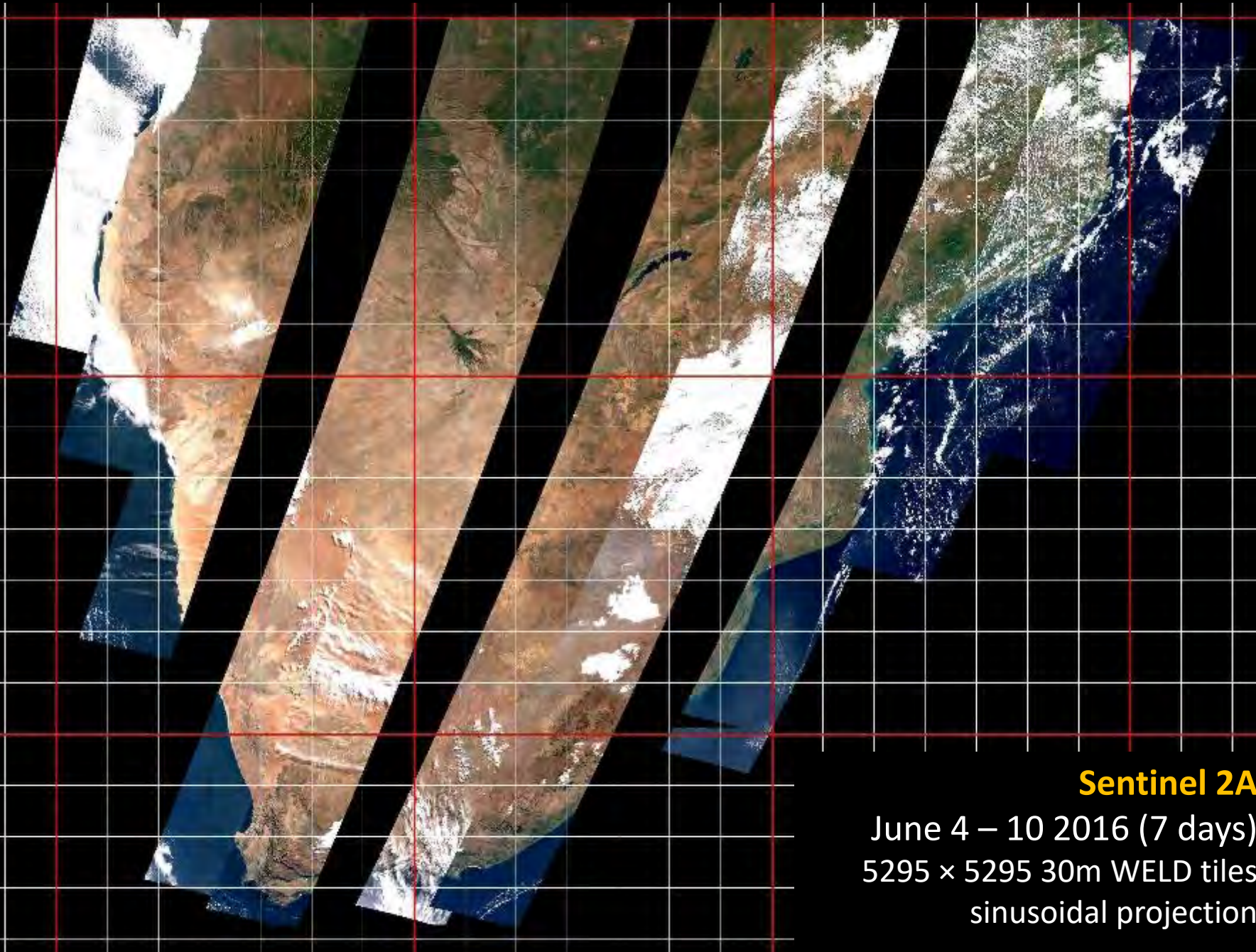
## Landsat 8 Collection 1

June 4 – 10 2016 (7 days)

5295 × 5295 30m WELD tiles

sinusoidal projection

# Southern Africa

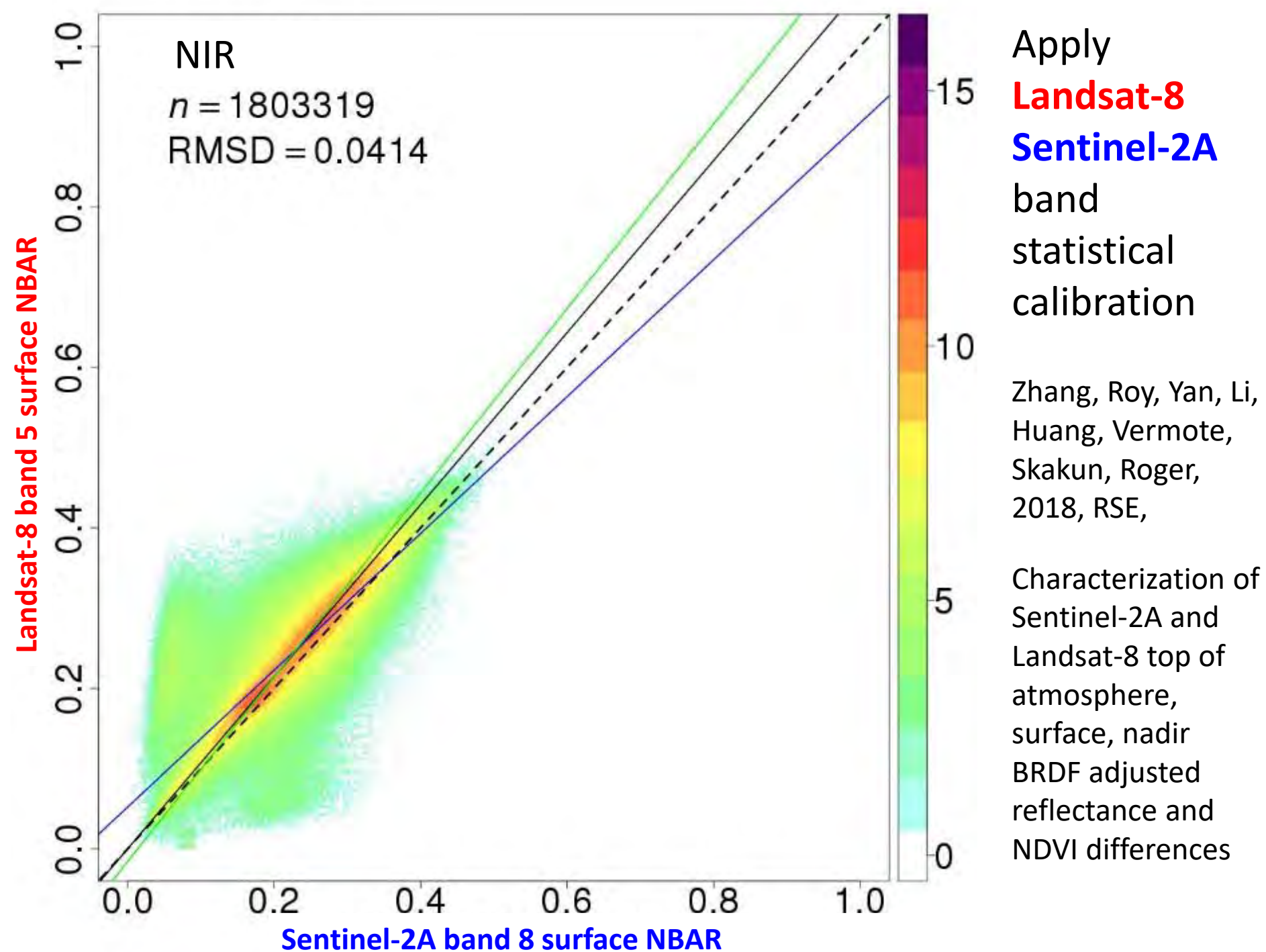


**Sentinel 2A**

June 4 – 10 2016 (7 days)

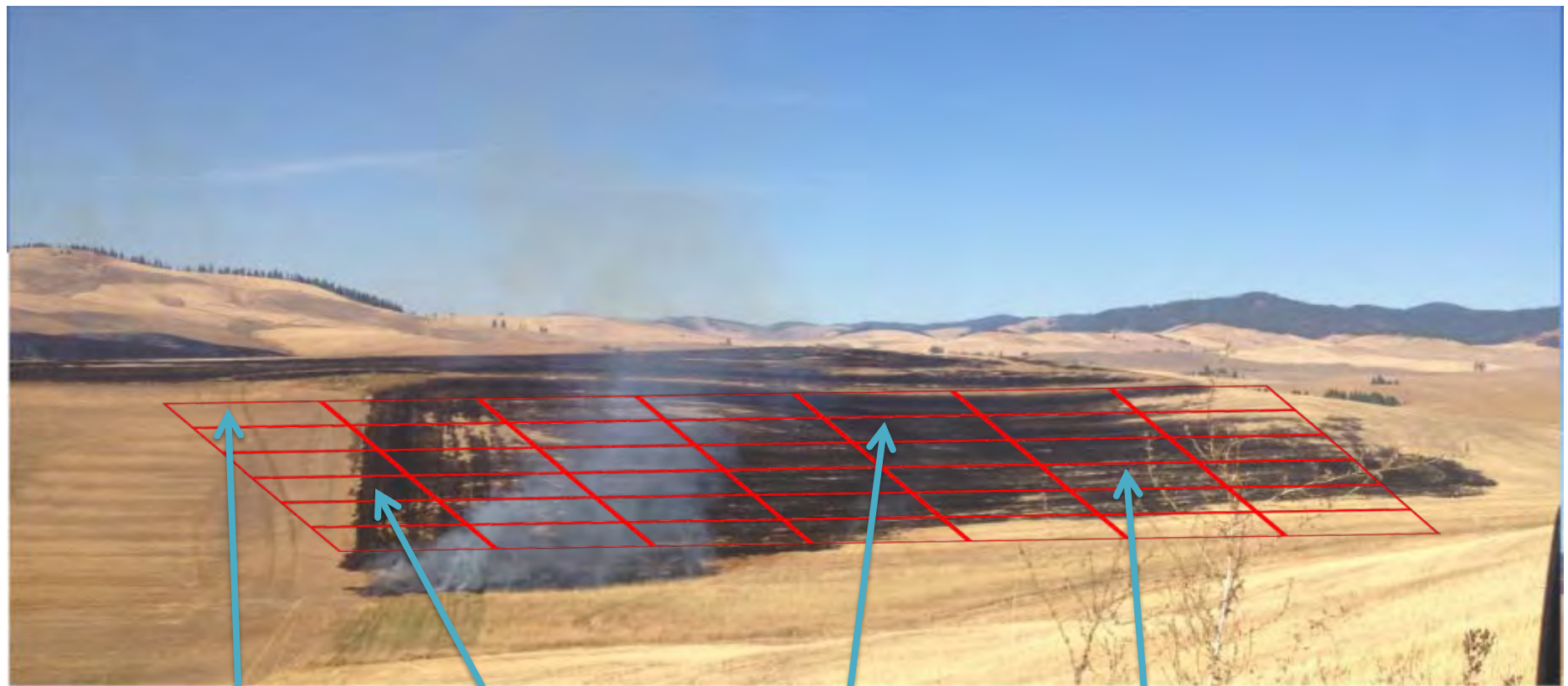
5295 × 5295 30m WELD tiles

sinusoidal projection





To first order the change in reflectance due to burning is dependent on the fraction of area burned  $f$  and combustion completeness  $cc$



**UNBURNED**

**MIXED PIXEL**

**BURNED**

**INCOMPLETE  
COMBUSTION**

**Landsat 8**

Kafue  
National park,  
Zambia

**Day 155** 2016

false color surface  
NBAR

2000 x 2000 30m pixels



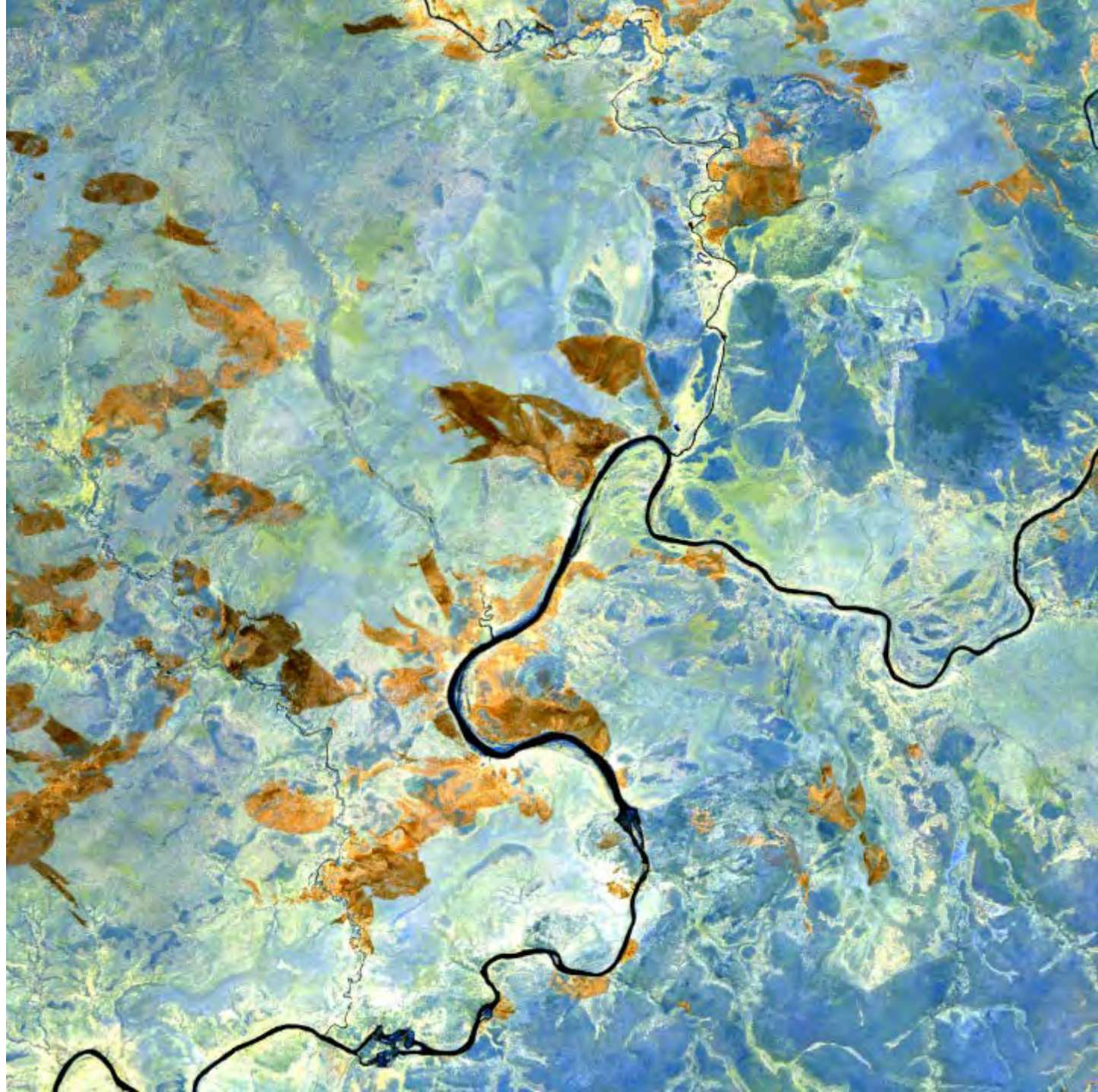
**Sentinel 2A**

Kafue  
National park,  
Zambia

**Day 164** 2016

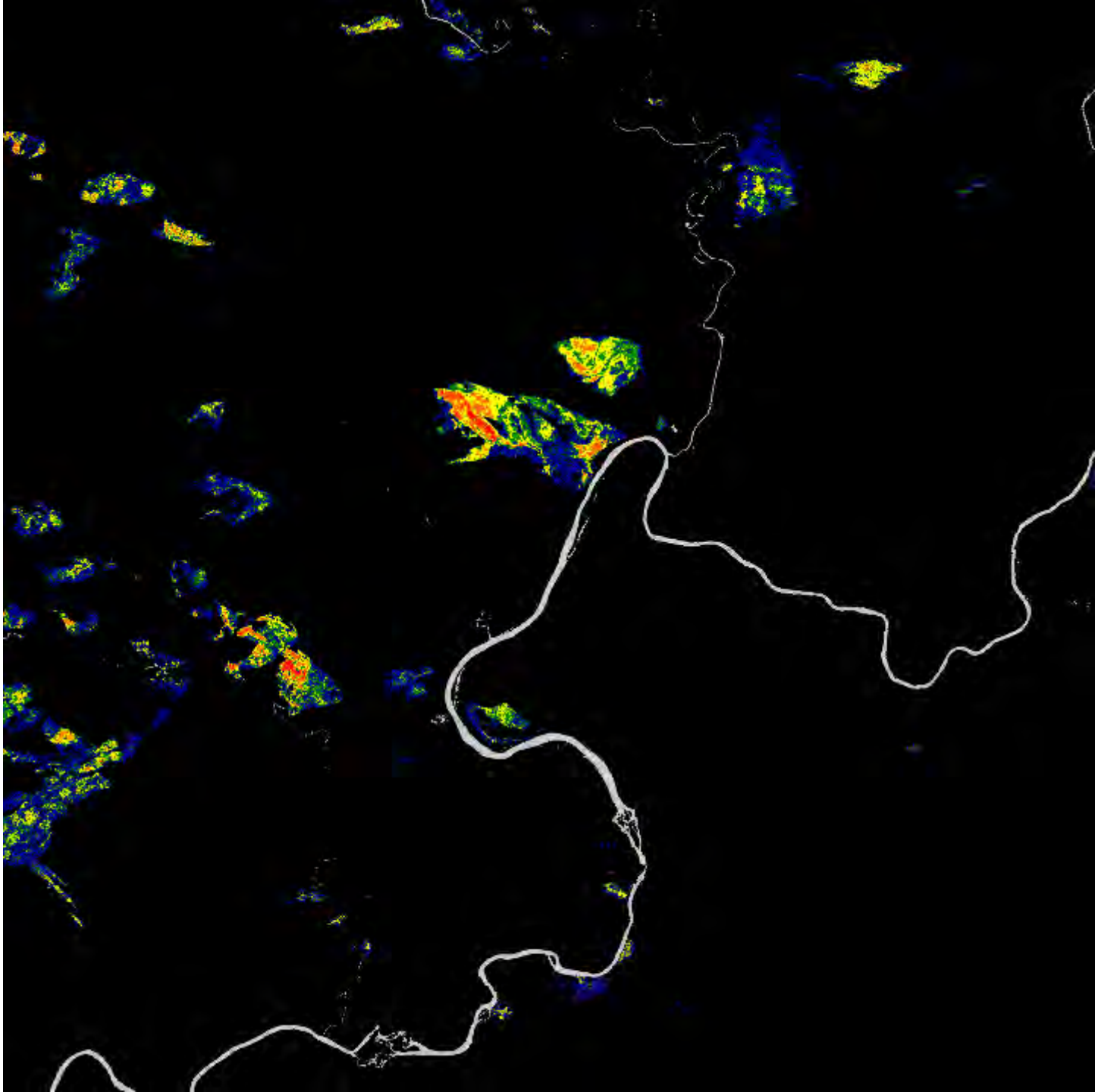
false color surface  
NBAR

2000 x 2000 30m pixels



$f \times cc$

day 155 -> 164



2000 x 2000 30m pixels

# Example results

July 19th 2016

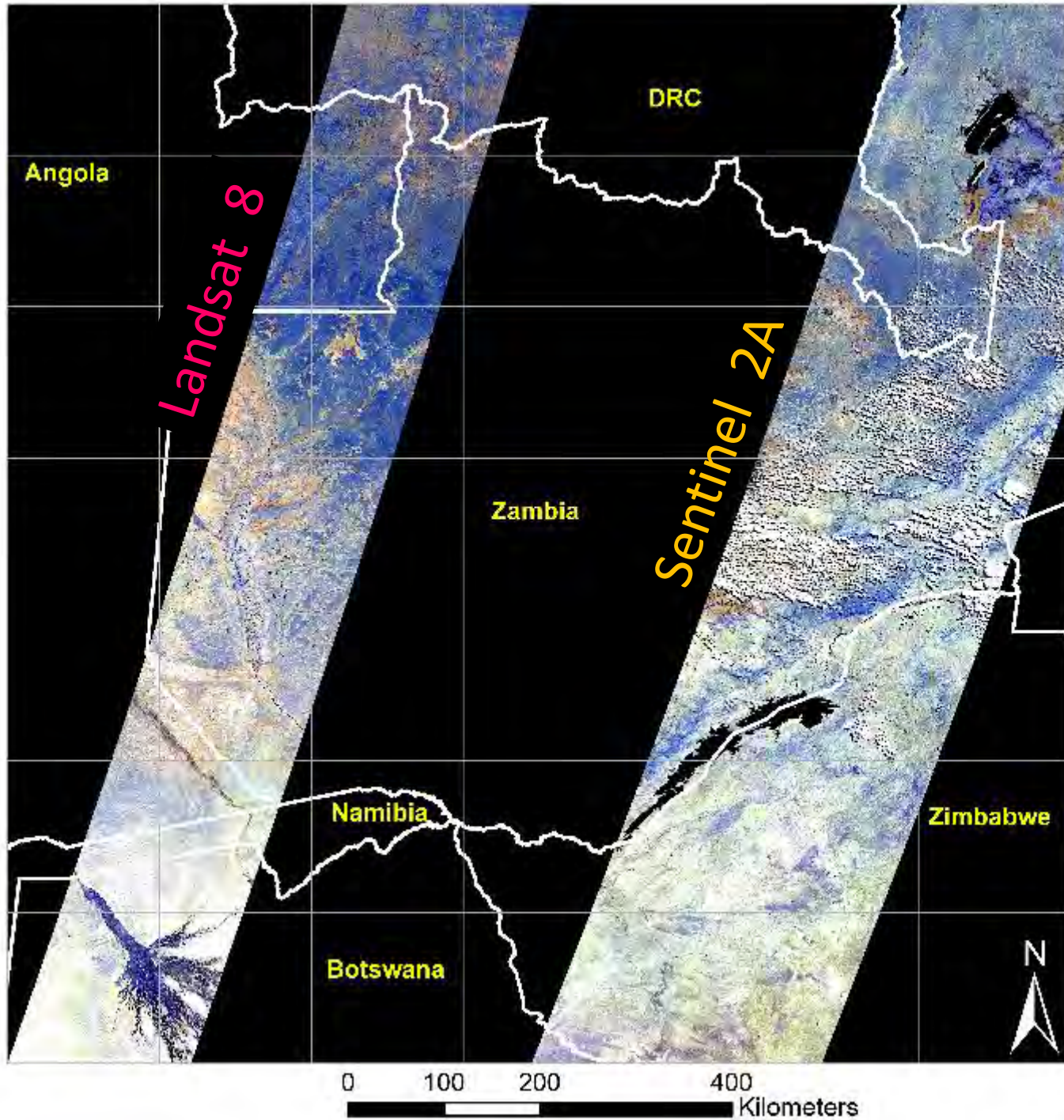
~2200 nm

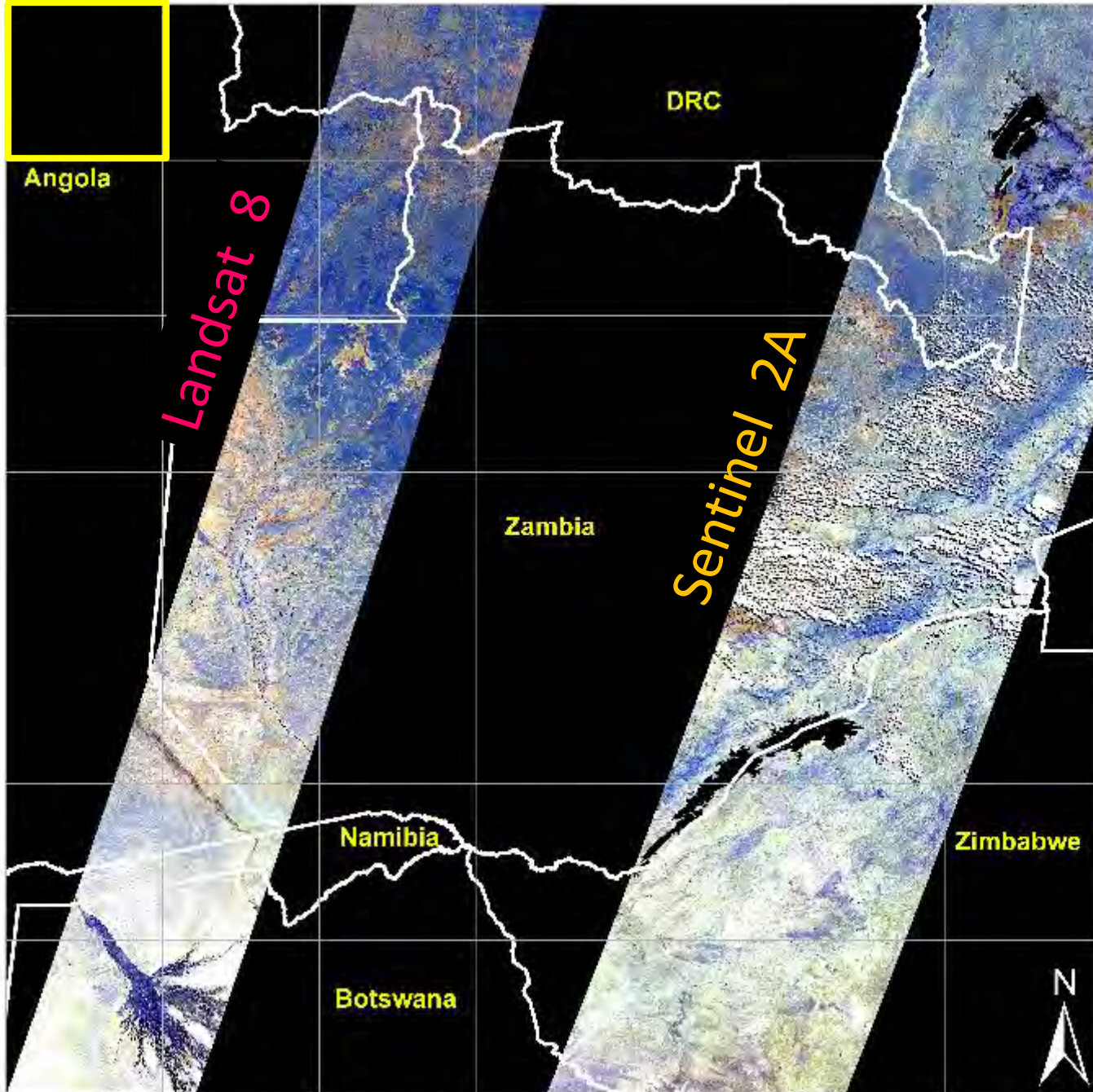
1600 nm

865 nm

MODIS tile h20v10

7 x 7 WELD tiles





July 19th 2016

~2200 nm  
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MODIS tile h20v10

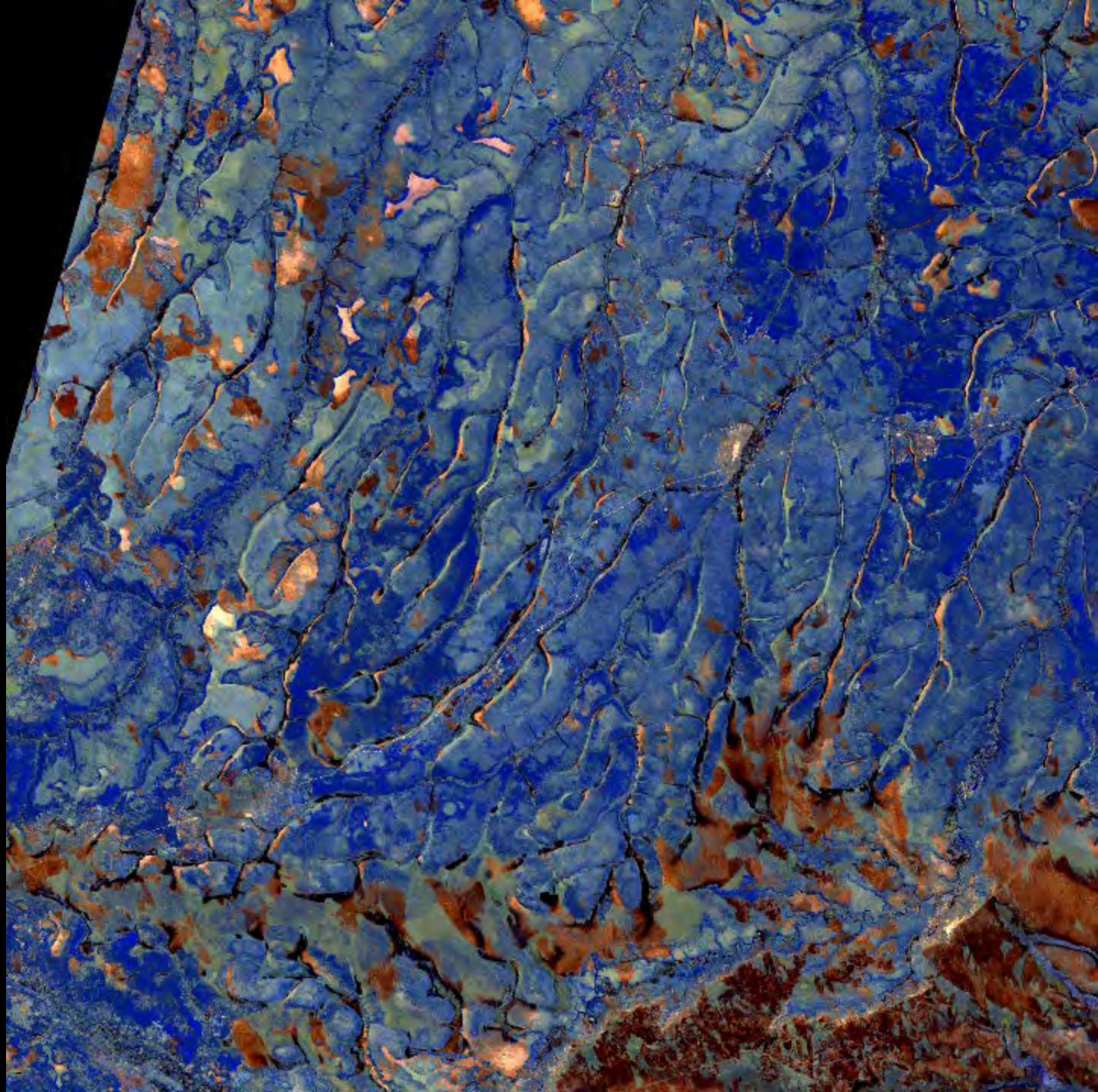
7 x 7 WELD tiles

0 100 200 400 Kilometers

Landsat 8

Day 183 2016  
July 1st

2200 nm  
1600 nm  
865 nm



Angola,  
Lunda Sul  
Province

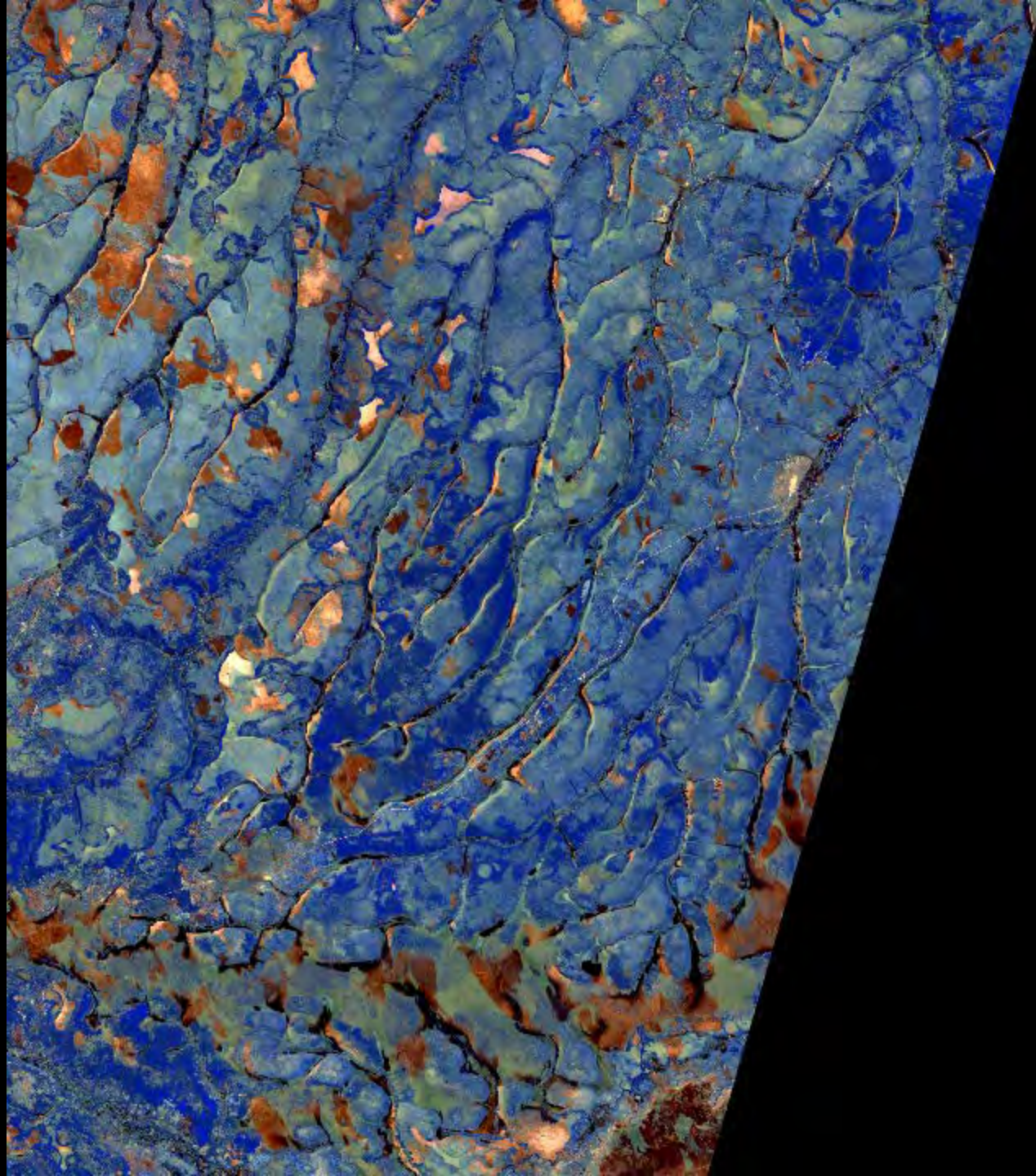
159 x 159 km  
5295 x 5295 30m pixels



Sentinel 2A

Day 183 2016  
July 1st

2190 nm  
1610 nm  
865 nm



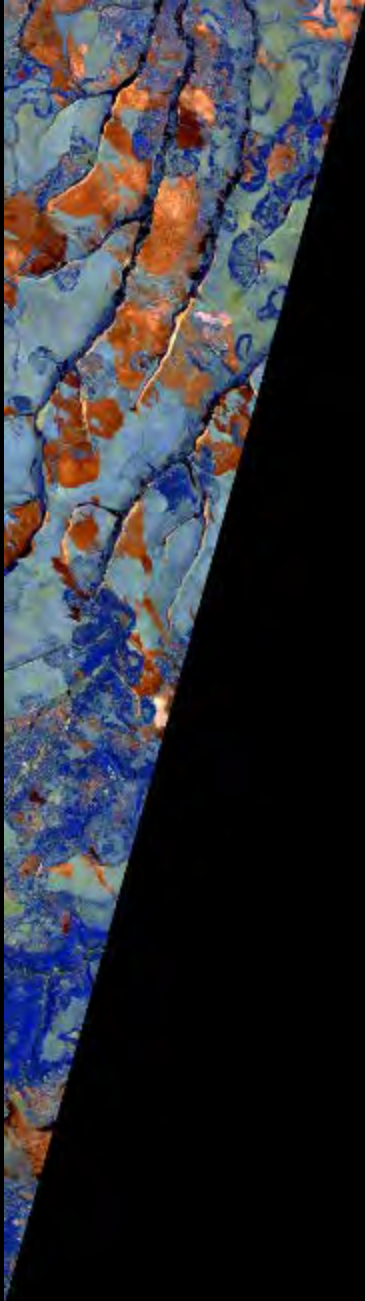
Angola,  
Lunda Sul  
Province

159 x 159 km  
5295 x 5295 30m pixels

# Landsat 8

Day 190 2016  
July 8<sup>th</sup>

2200 nm  
1600 nm  
865 nm



Angola,  
Lunda Sul  
Province

159 x 159 km  
5295 x 5295 30m pixels

Sentinel 2A

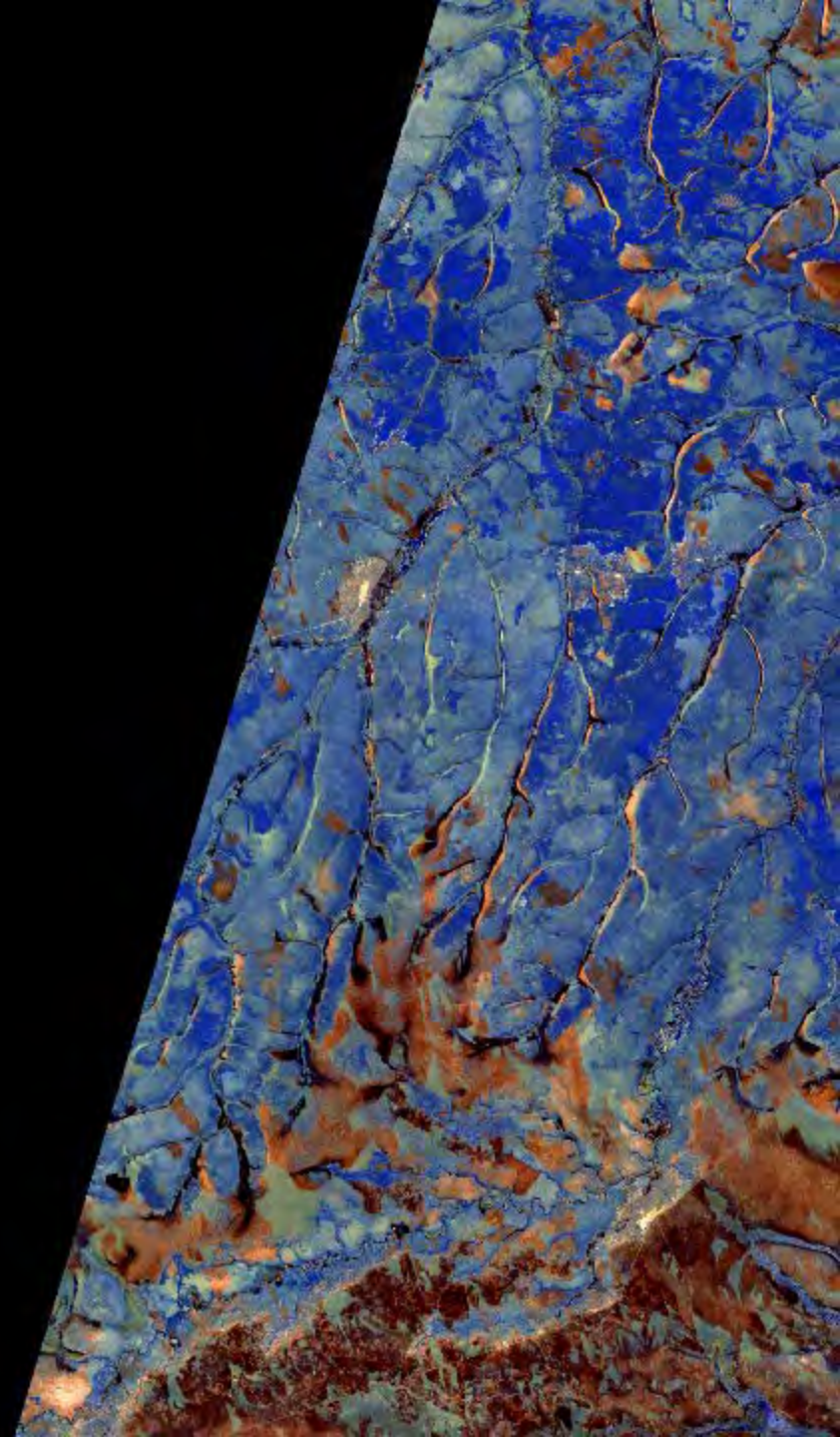
Day 190 2016

July 8<sup>th</sup>

2190 nm

1610 nm

865 nm



Angola,  
Lunda Sul  
Province

159 x 159 km

5295 x 5295 30m pixels

# Landsat 8

Day 192 2016

July 10<sup>th</sup>

2200 nm

1600 nm

865 nm

Angola,  
Lunda Sul  
Province

159 x 159 km

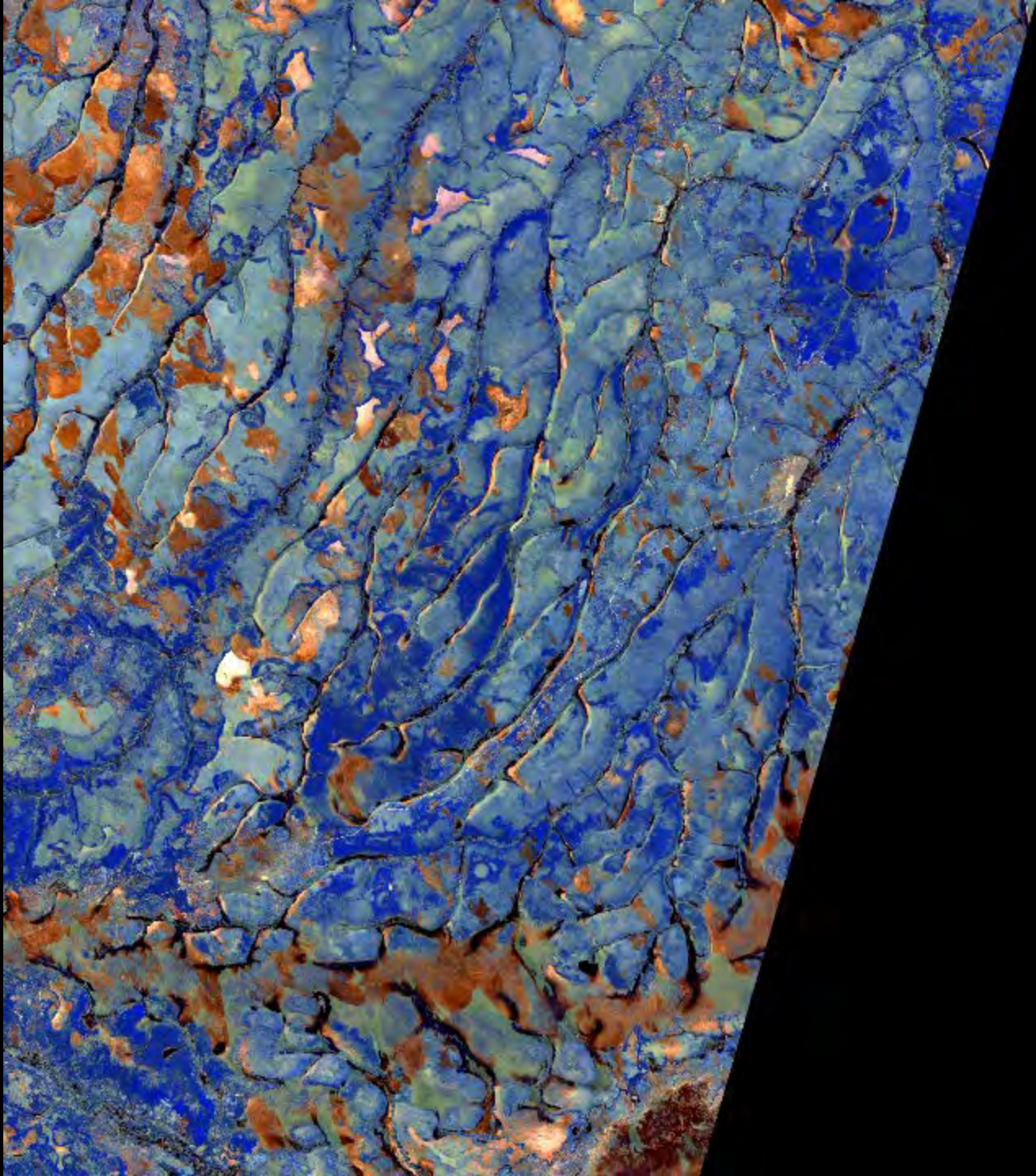
5295 x 5295 30m pixels



Sentinel 2A

Day 193 2016  
July 11<sup>th</sup>

2190 nm  
1610 nm  
865 nm



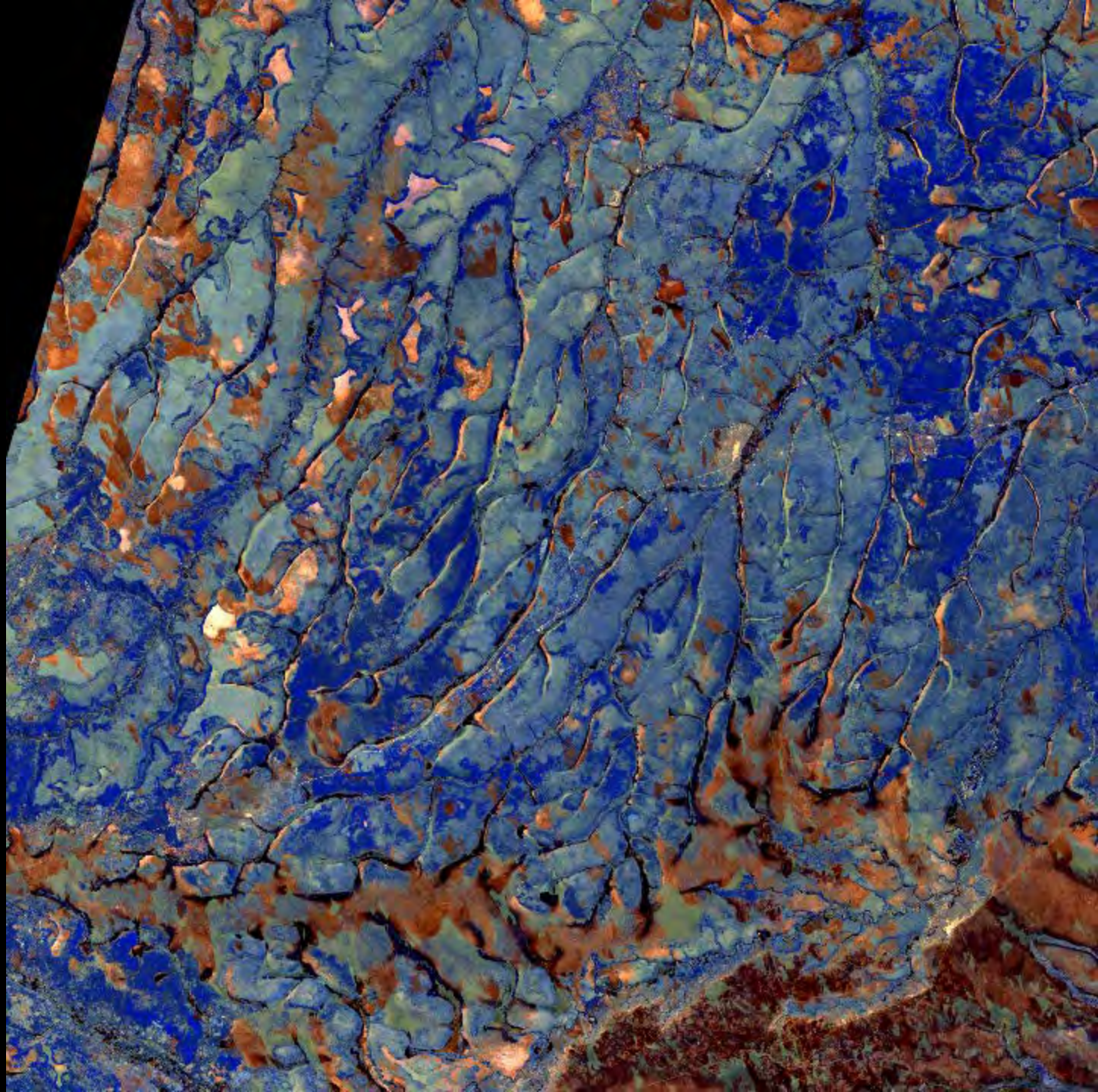
Angola,  
Lunda Sul  
Province

159 x 159 km  
5295 x 5295 30m pixels

Landsat 8

Day 199 2016  
July 17<sup>th</sup>

2200 nm  
1600 nm  
865 nm



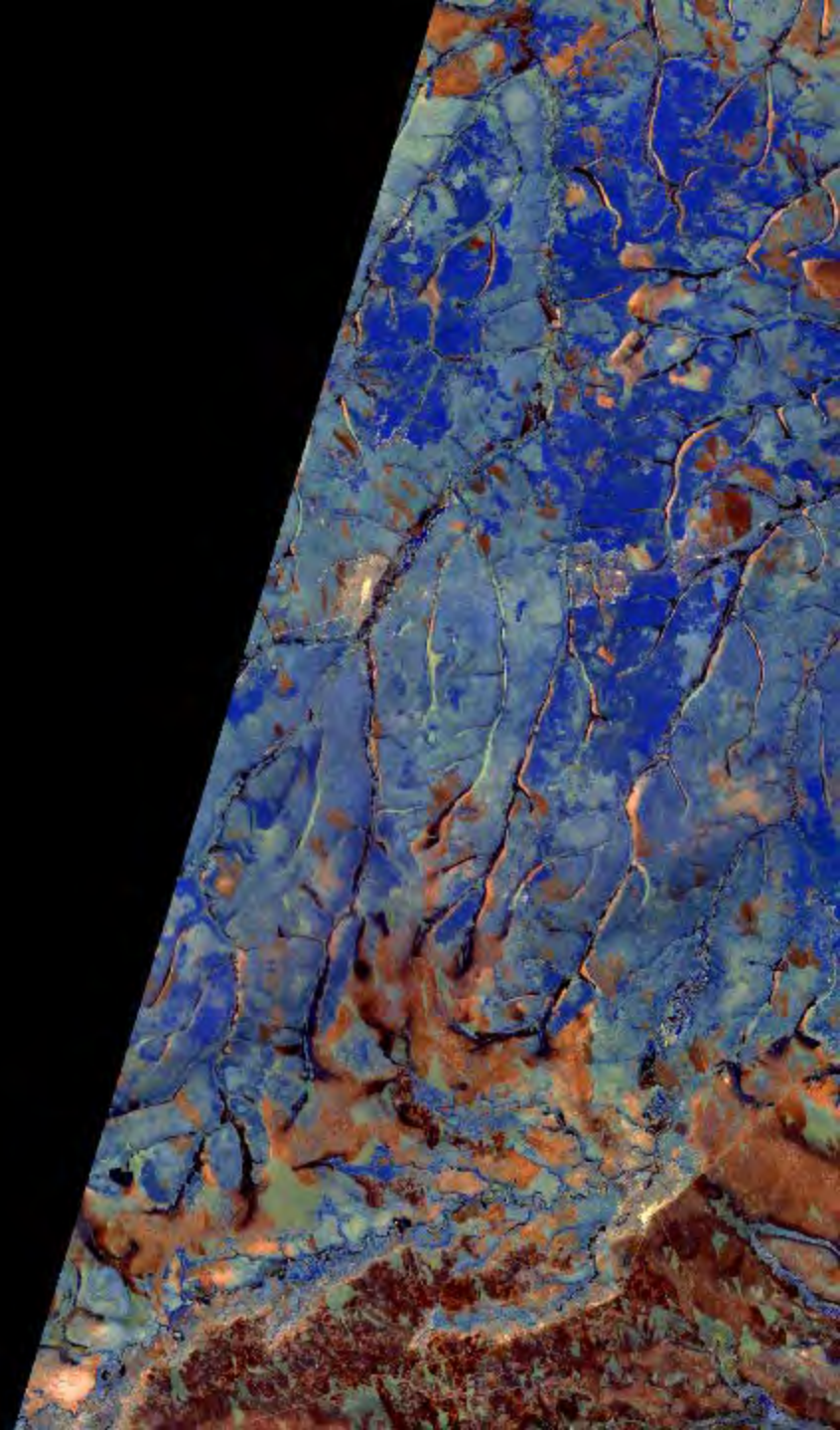
Angola,  
Lunda Sul  
Province

159 x 159 km  
5295 x 5295 30m pixels

# Sentinel 2A

Day 200 2016  
July 18<sup>th</sup>

2190 nm  
1610 nm  
865 nm



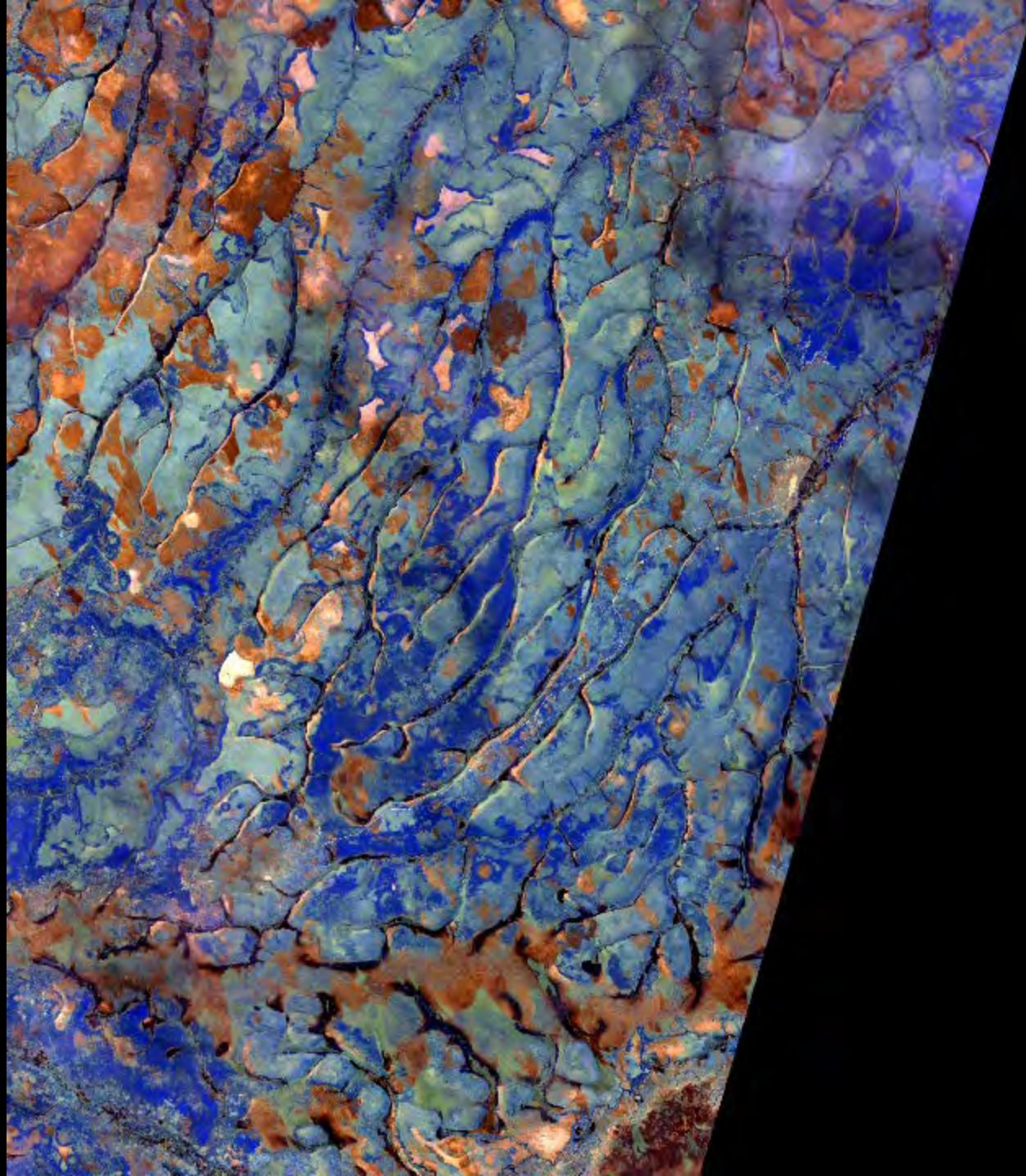
Angola,  
Lunda Sul  
Province

159 x 159 km  
5295 x 5295 30m pixels

Sentinel 2A

Day 203 2016  
July 21<sup>st</sup>

2190 nm  
1610 nm  
865 nm



Angola,  
Lunda Sul  
Province

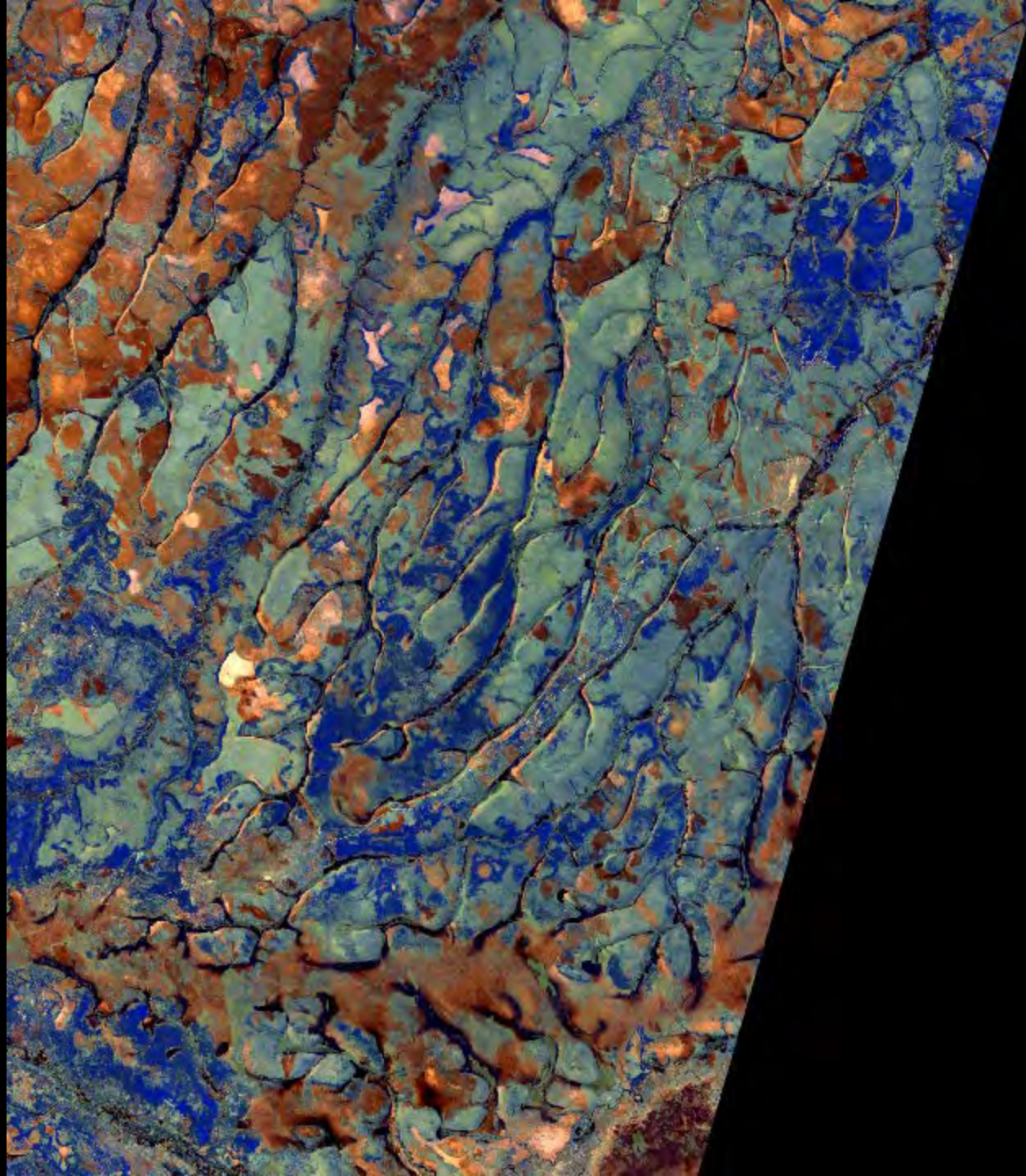
159 x 159 km  
5295 x 5295 30m pixels



Sentinel 2A

Day 213 2016  
July 31<sup>st</sup>

2190 nm  
1610 nm  
865 nm



Angola,  
Lunda Sul  
Province

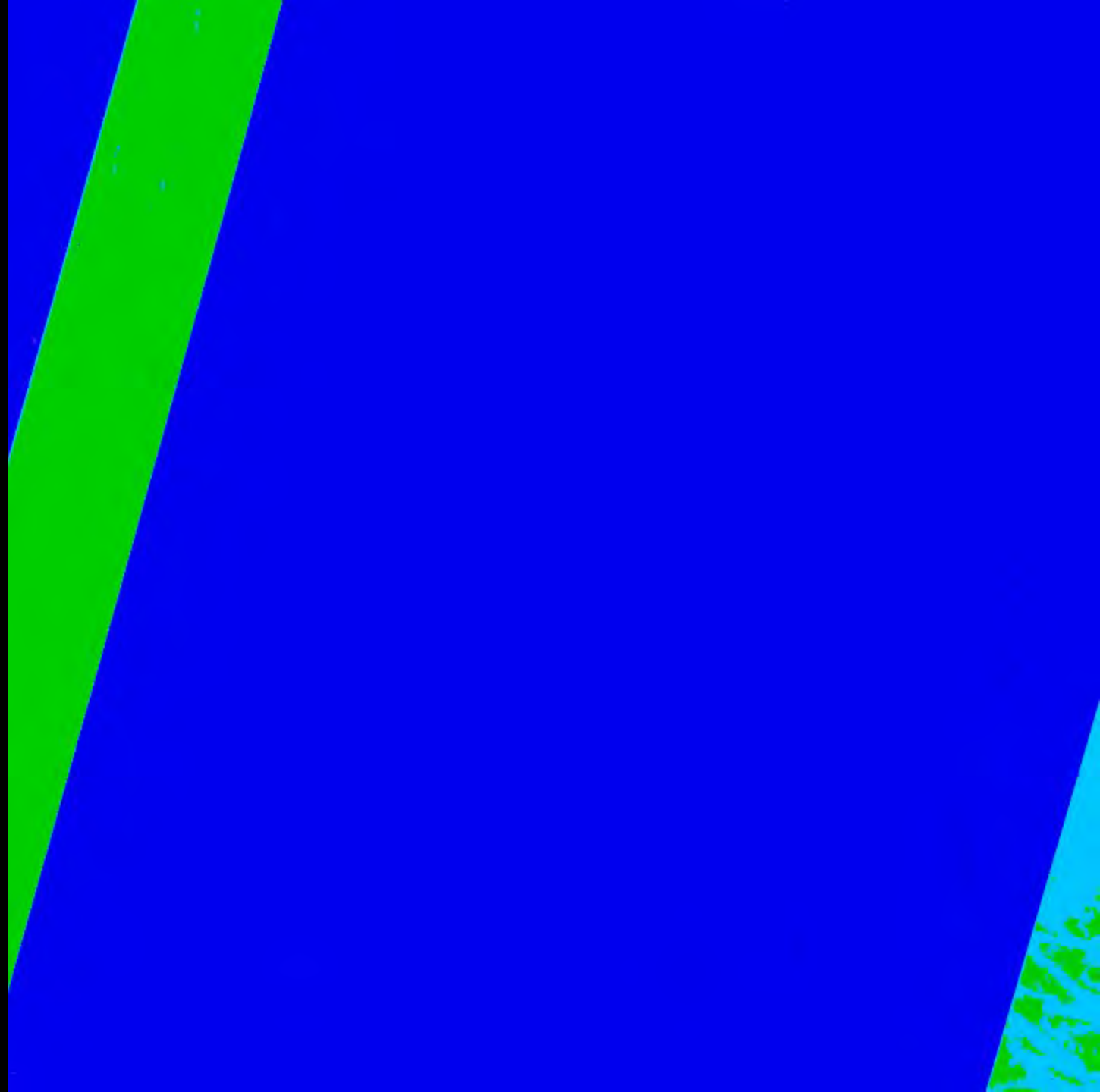
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Number of  
cloud-free  
observations  
**July 2016**  
Landsat 8

- median 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- ≥7

Angola,  
Lunda Sul  
Province

159 x 159 km  
5295 x 5295 30m pixels



Number of  
cloud-free  
observations  
**July 2016**  
Sentinel-2A

2

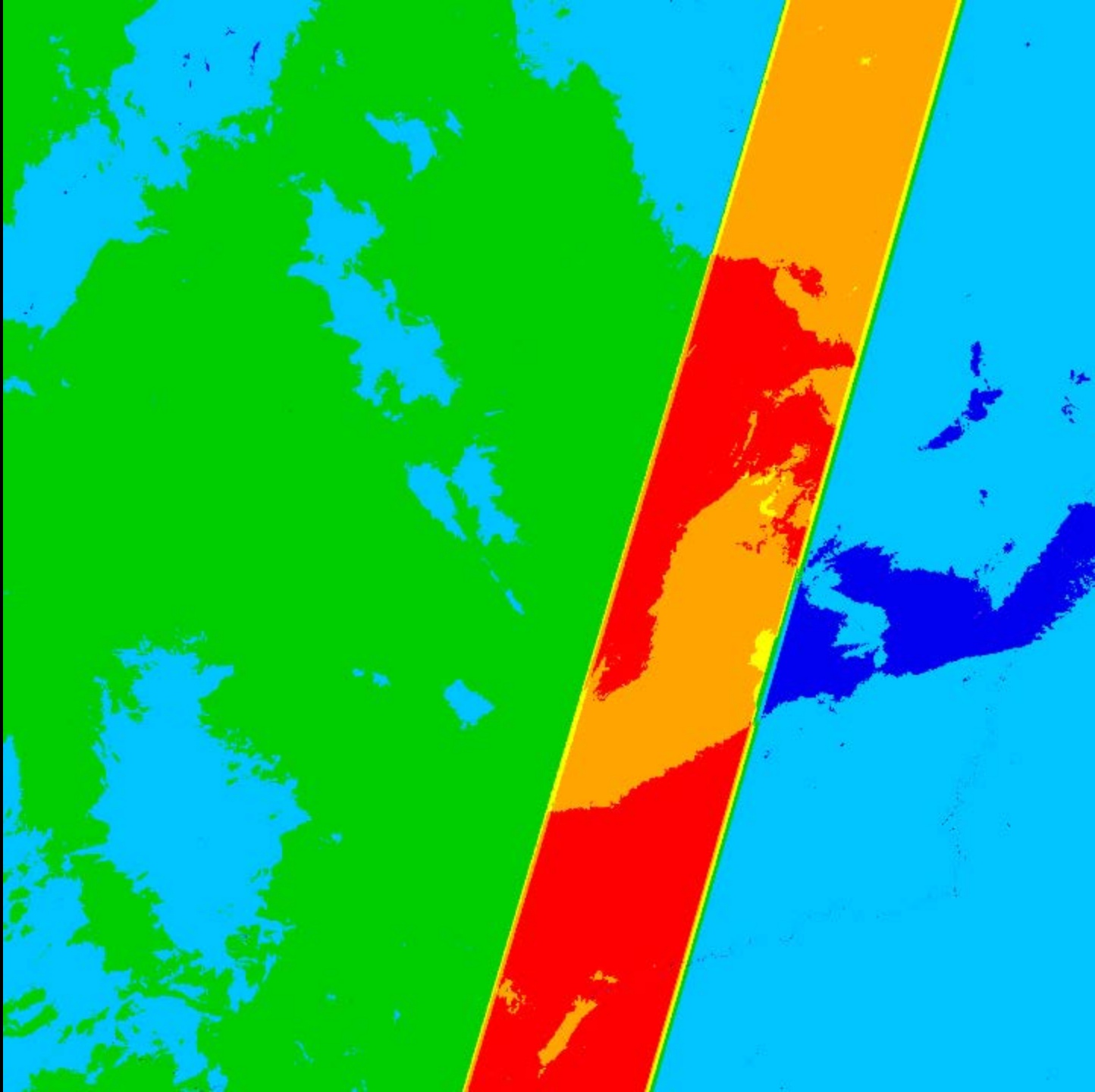
3

median 4

5

6

$\geq 7$



Angola,  
Lunda Sul  
Province

159 x 159 km  
5295 x 5295 30m pixels

Number of  
cloud-free  
observations

**July 2016**

Landsat-8

Sentinel-2A

2

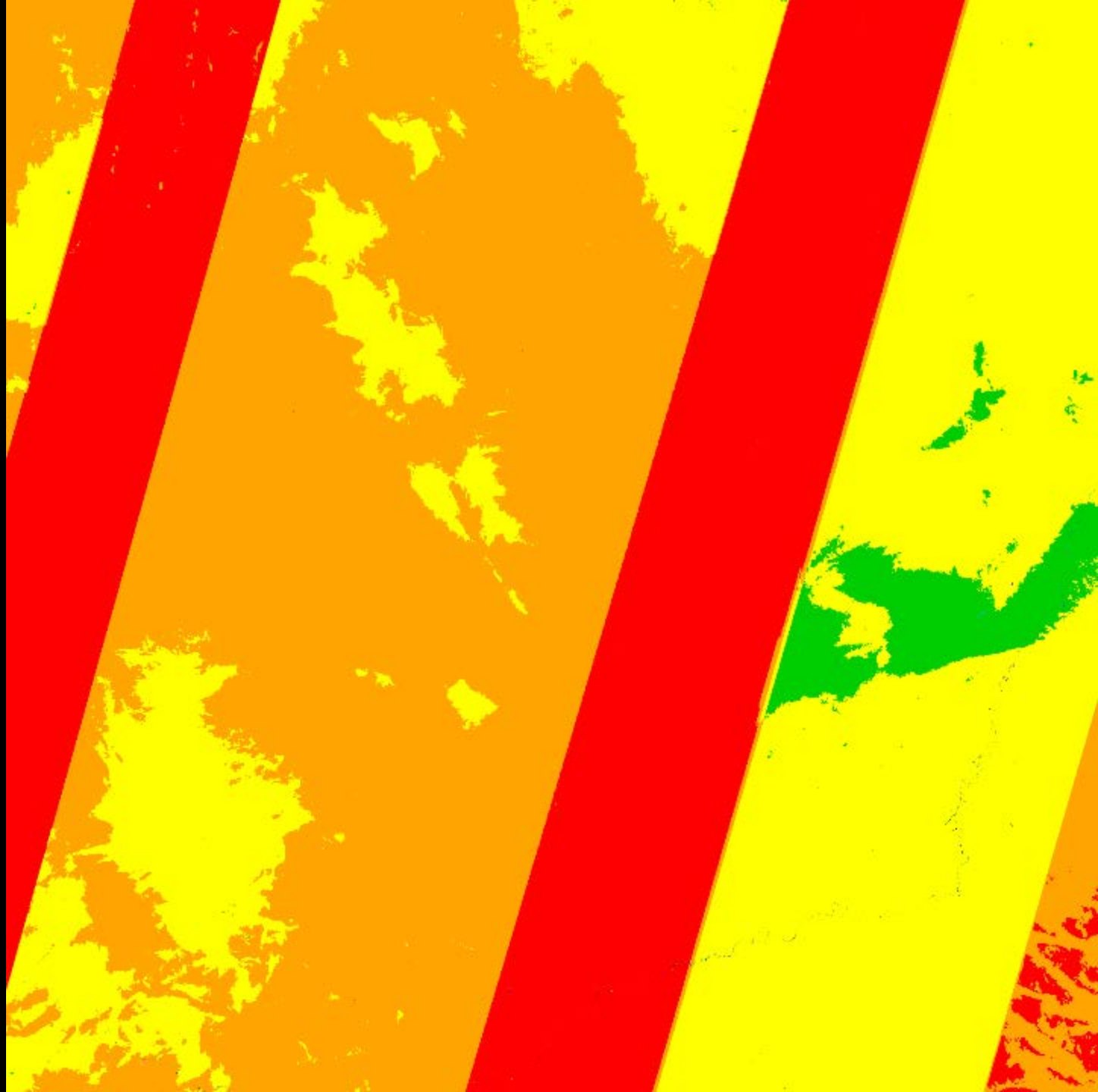
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4

5

median 6

≥7

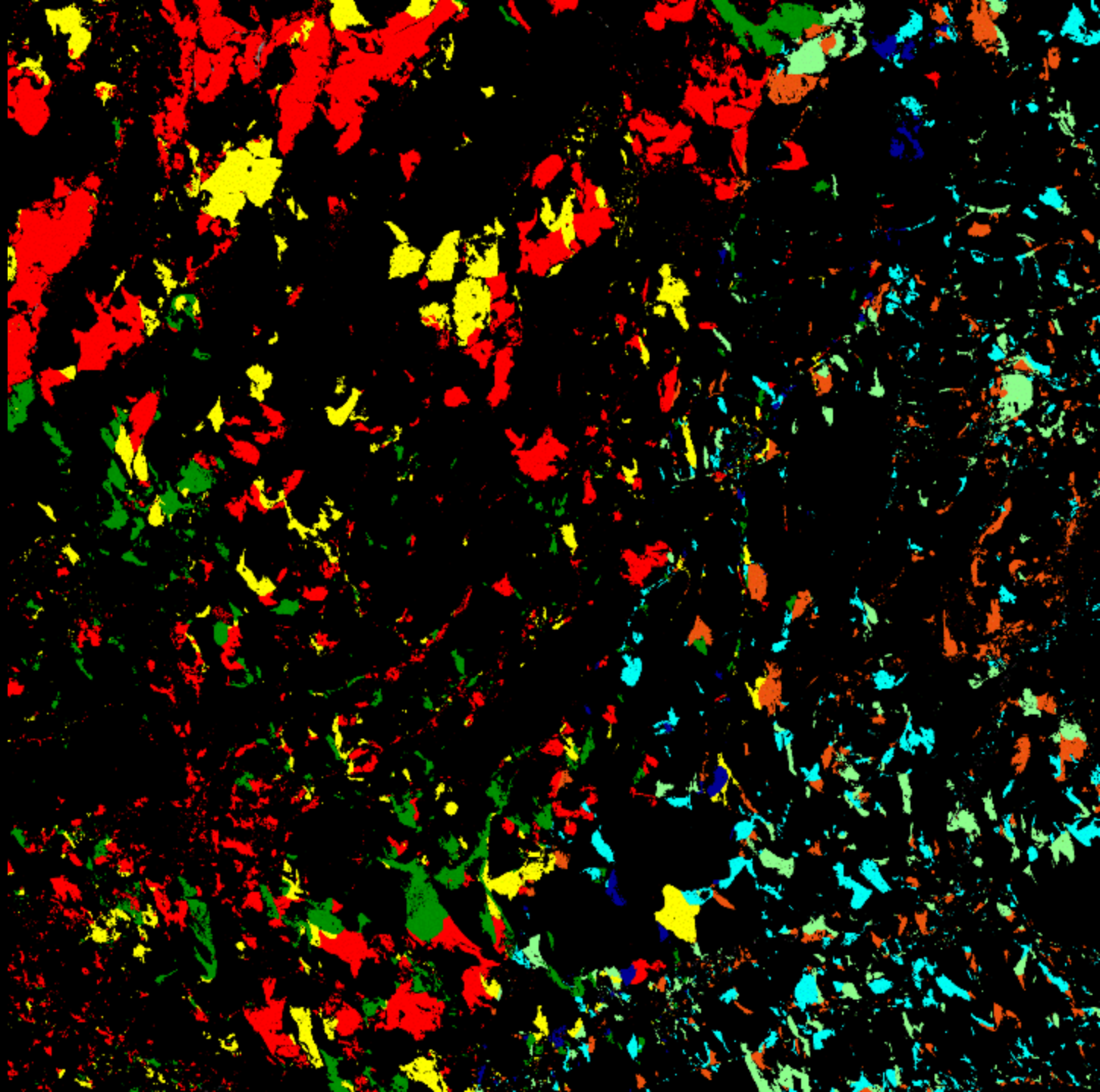


Angola,  
Lunda Sul  
Province

159 x 159 km  
5295 x 5295 30m pixels

Day of burning  
July 2016  
Sentinel-2A

- 0-2
- 3-5
- 6-8
- 9-11
- 12-14
- 15-17
- 18-20
- 21-23
- 24-27
- 28-31



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Lunda Sul  
Province

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Day of burning

July 2016

Sentinel-2A

Landsat-8

0-2

3-5

6-8

9-11

12-14

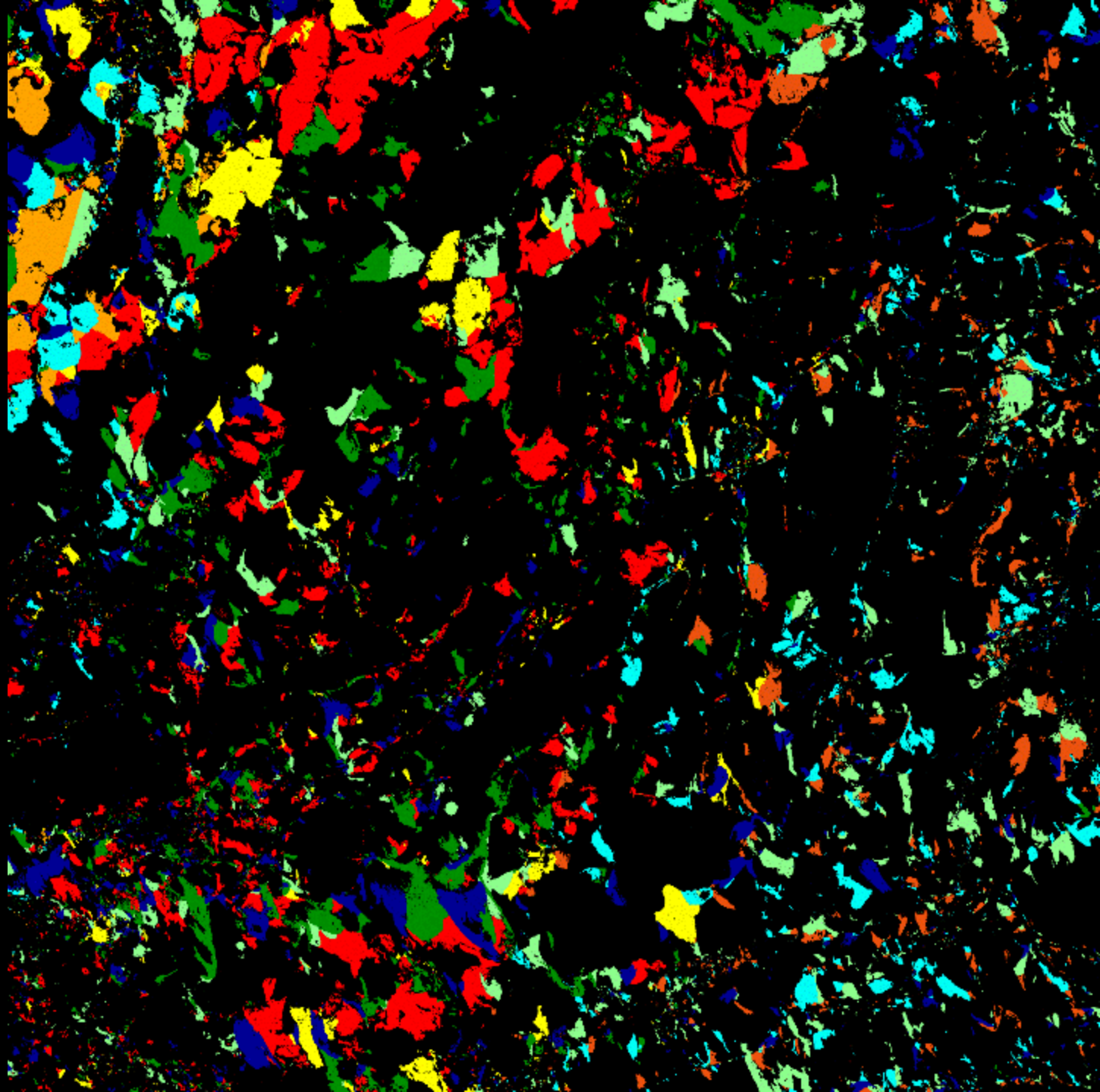
15-17

18-20

21-23

24-27

28-31



Angola,  
Lunda Sul  
Province

159 x 159 km  
5295 x 5295 30m pixels

f x cc

July 2016

Sentinel-2A

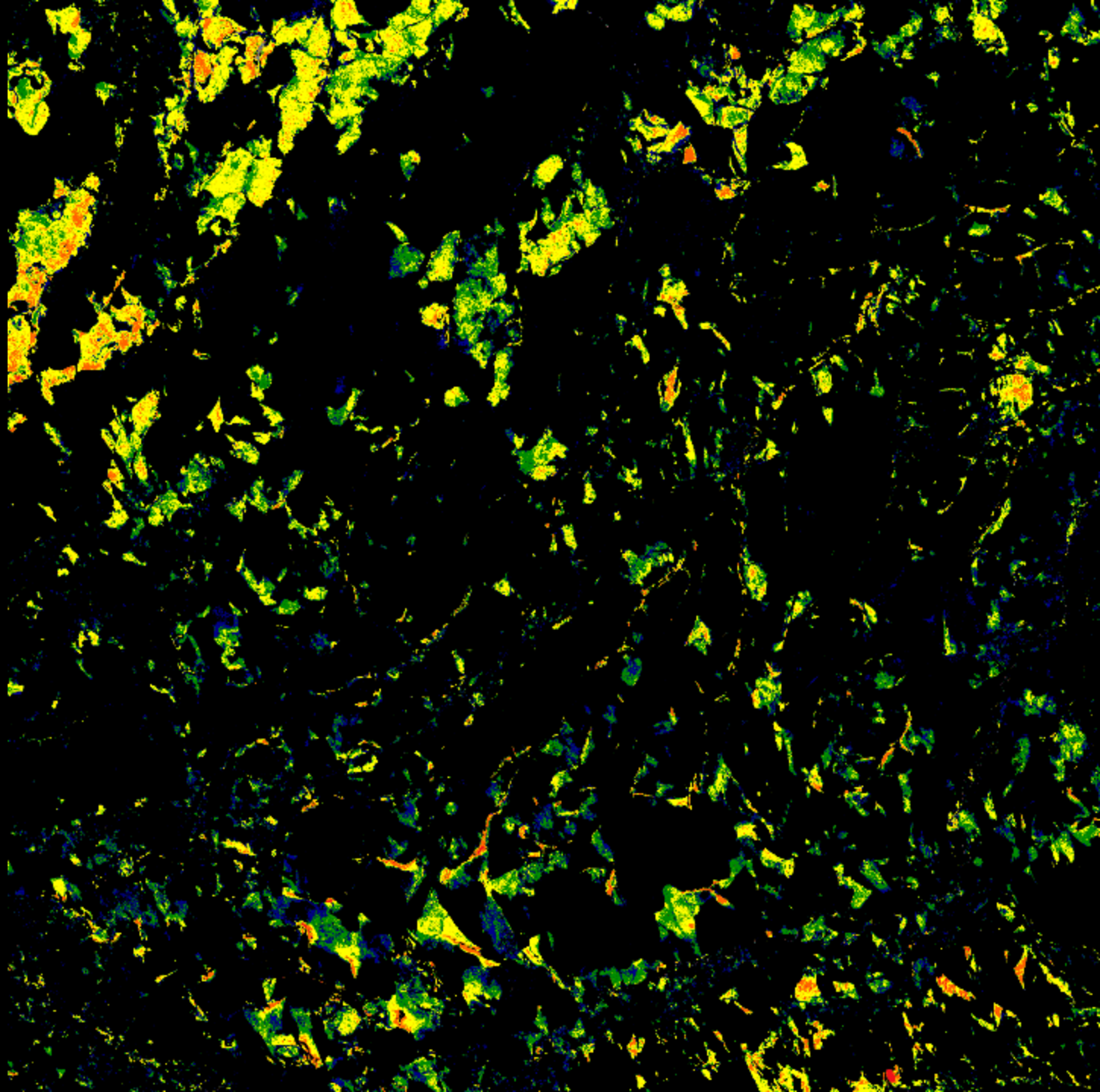
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$0.4 \leq f.cc < 0.6$

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$0.8 \leq f.cc < 0.9$

$0.9 \leq f.cc \leq 1.0$



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July 2016

Sentinel-2A

Landsat-8

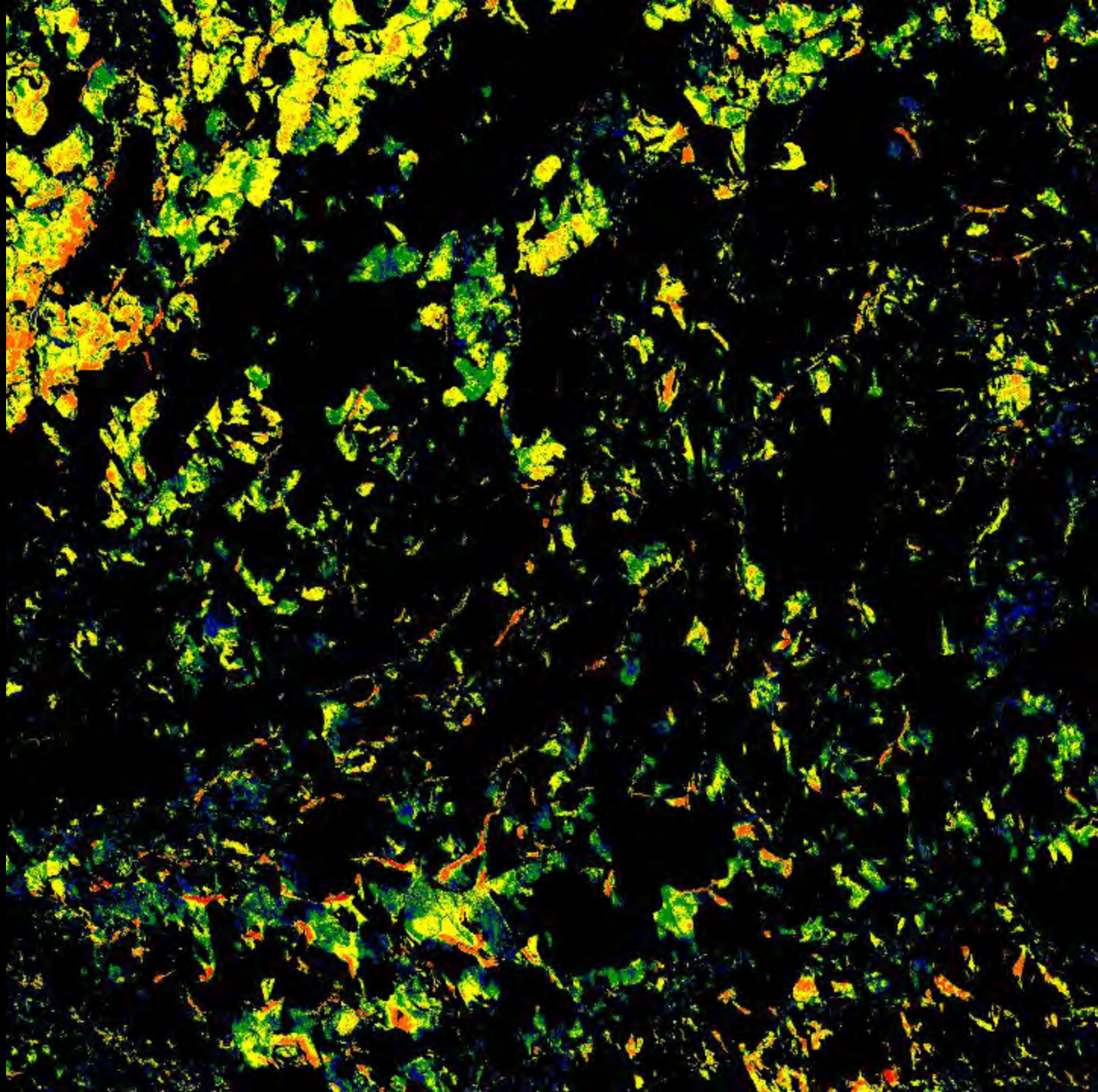
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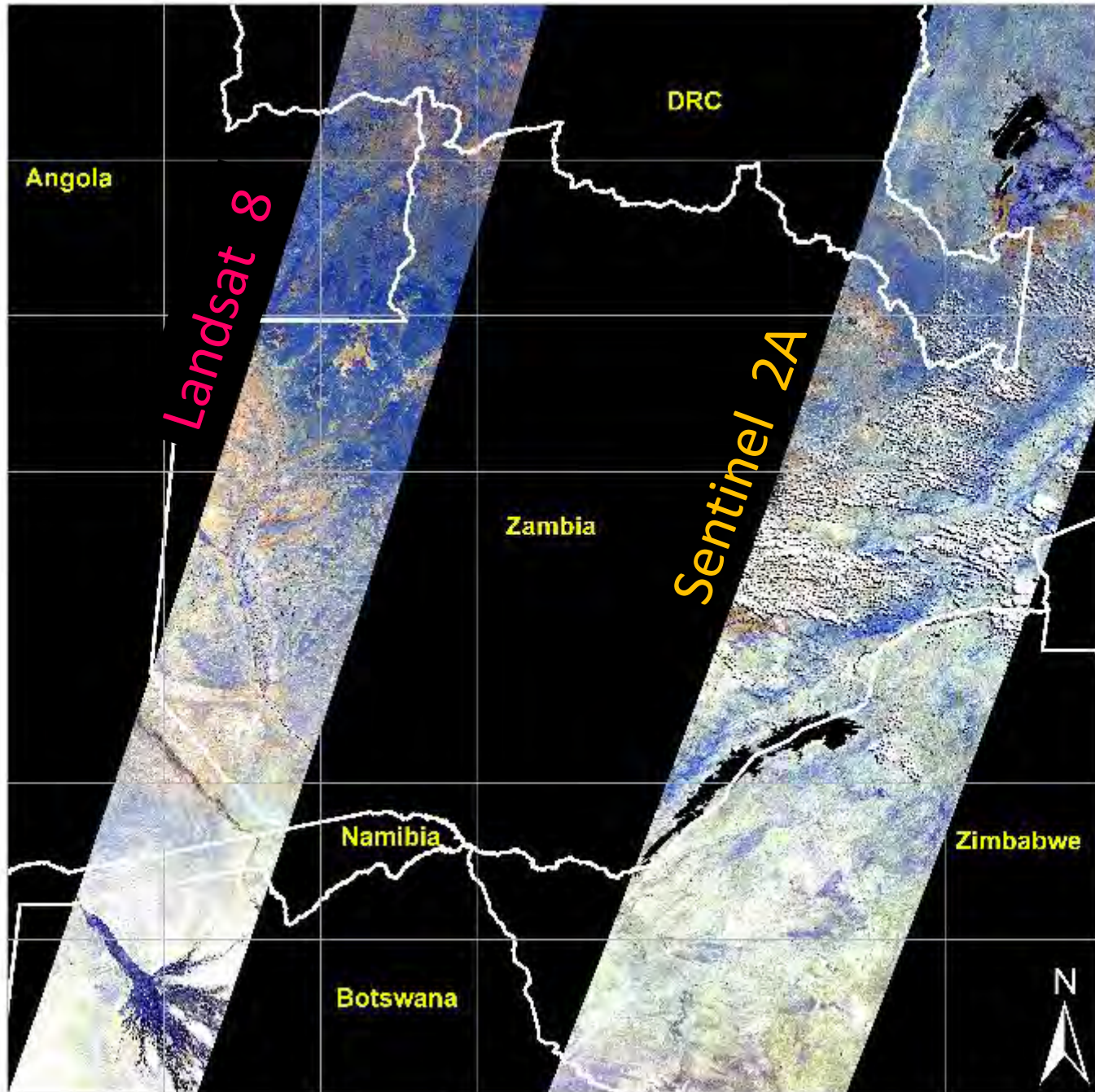
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MODIS tile h20v10

7 x 7 WELD tiles

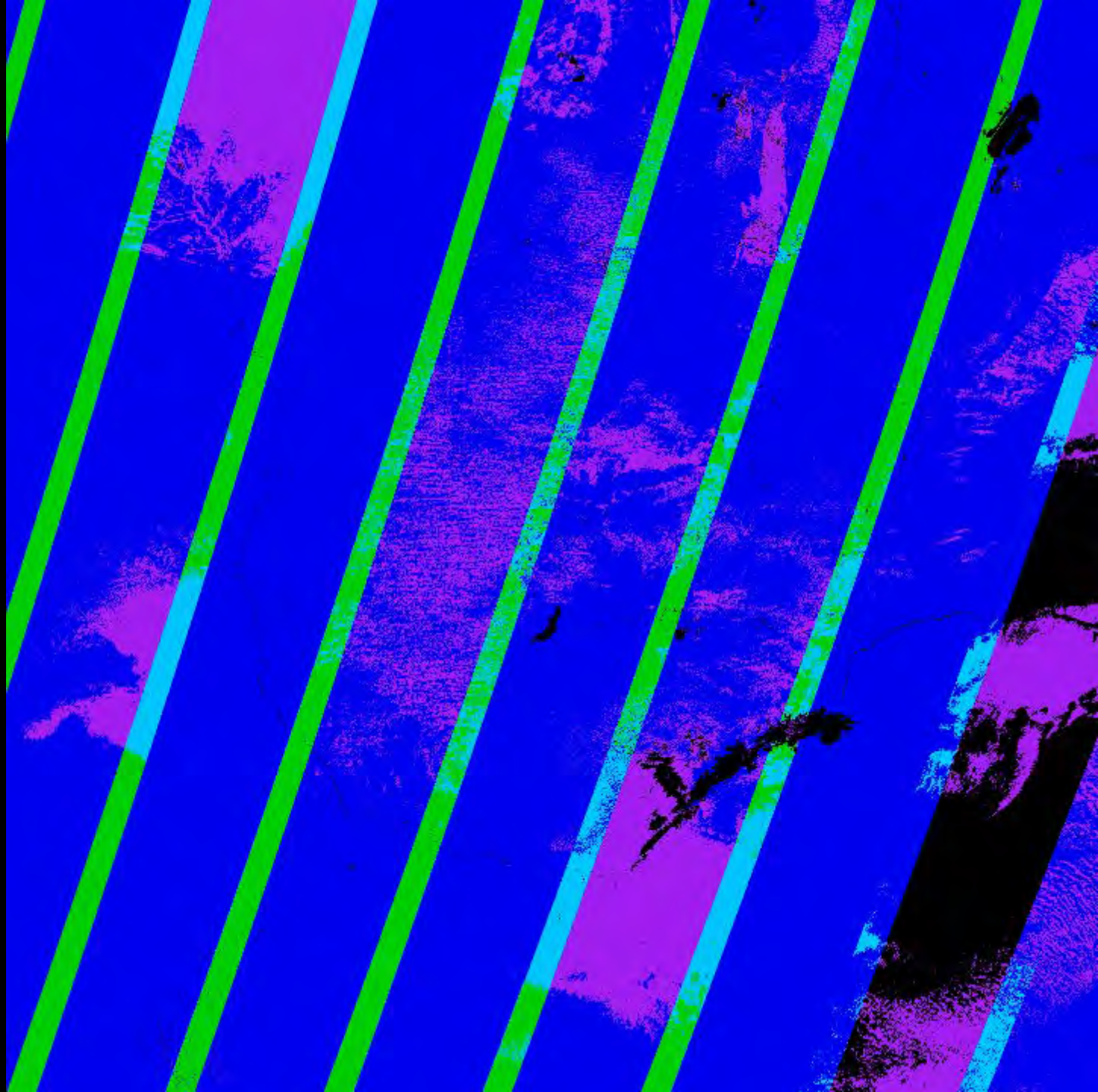
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Kilometers

Number of  
cloud-free  
observations  
July 2016  
Landsat 8

- 1
- median 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- $\geq 7$

1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile h20v10

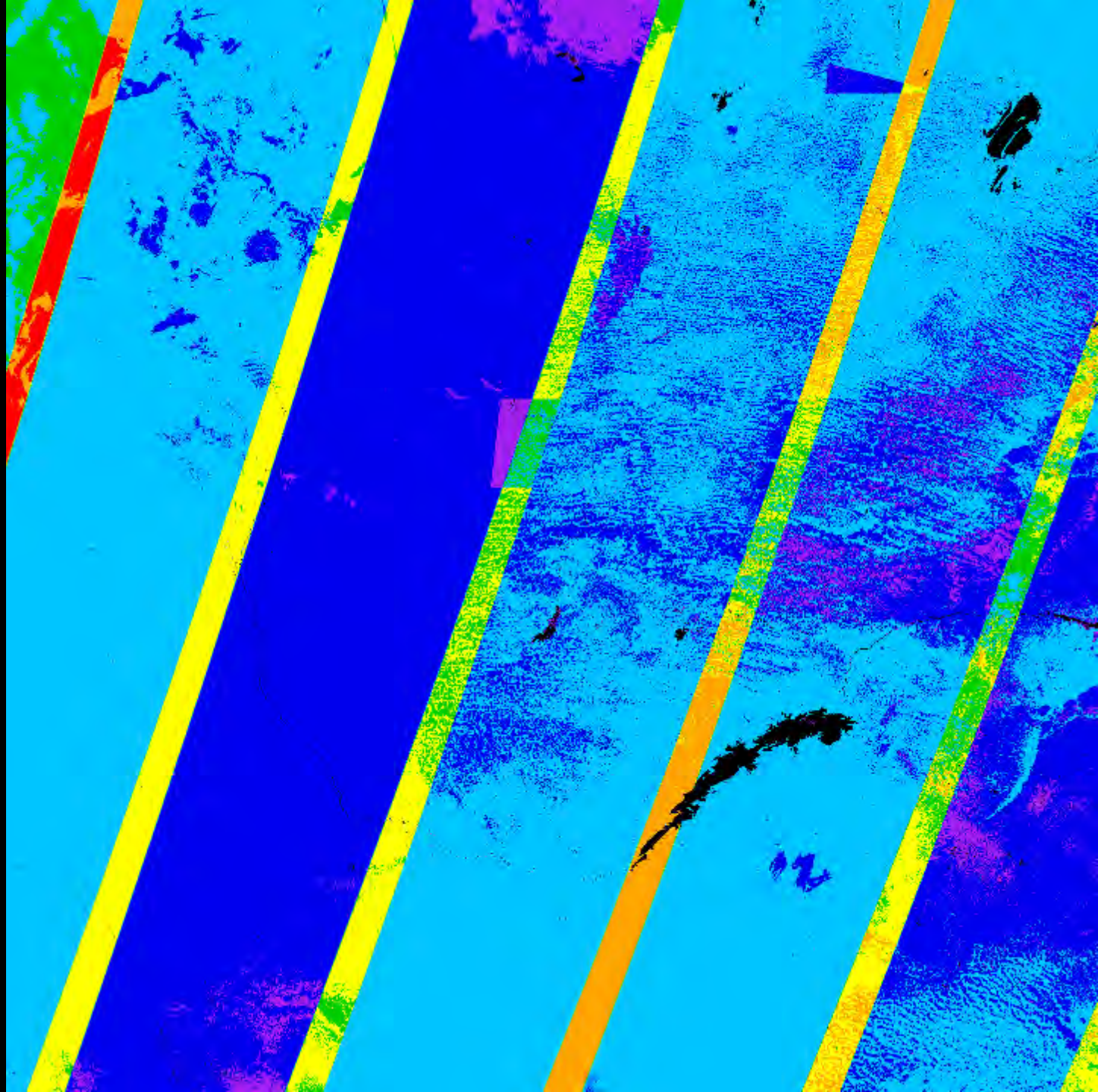


Number of  
cloud-free  
observations  
July 2016  
Sentinel-2A

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1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile h20v10



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July 2016

Landsat 8

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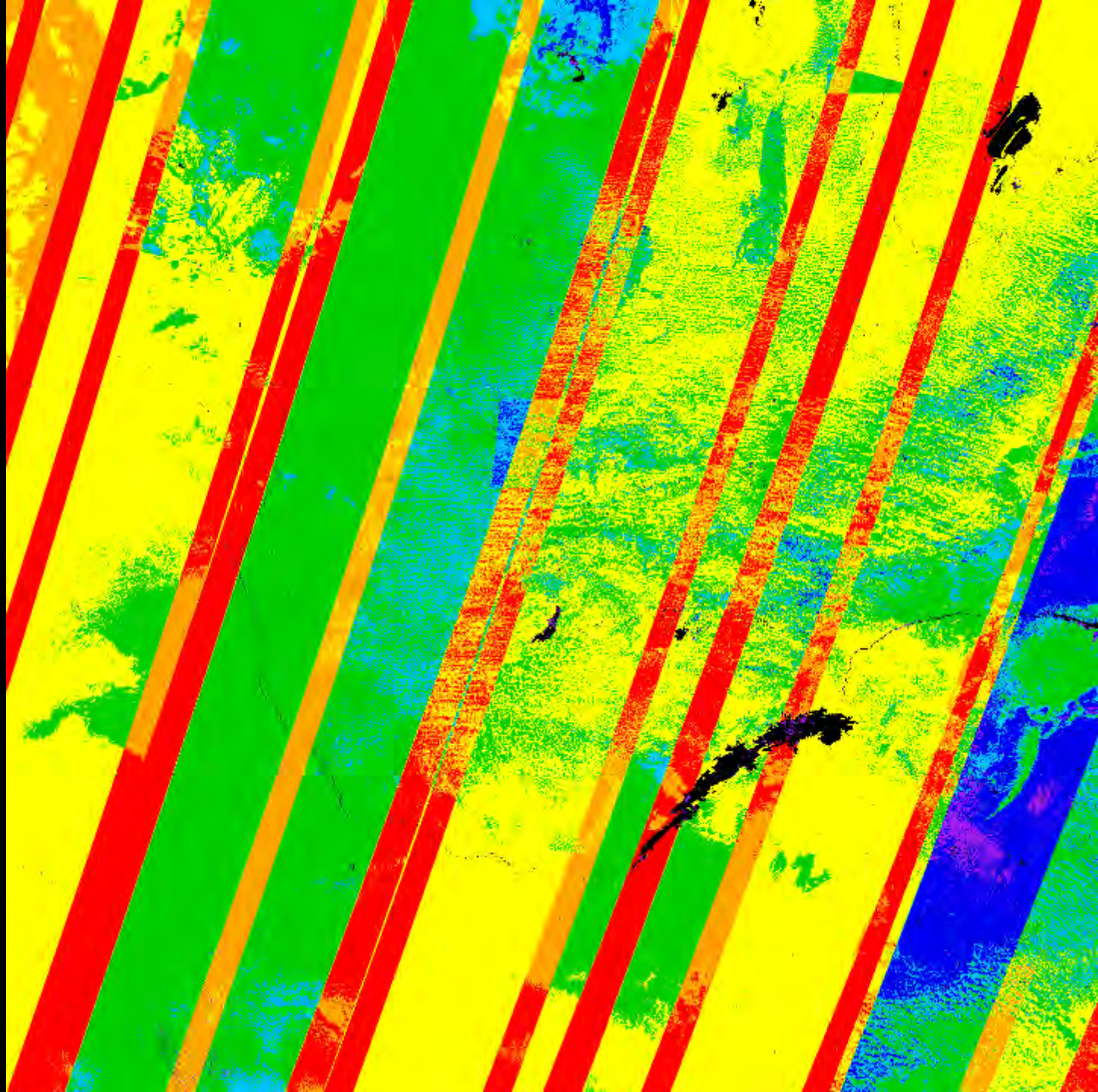
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6

$\geq 7$

1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile h20v10

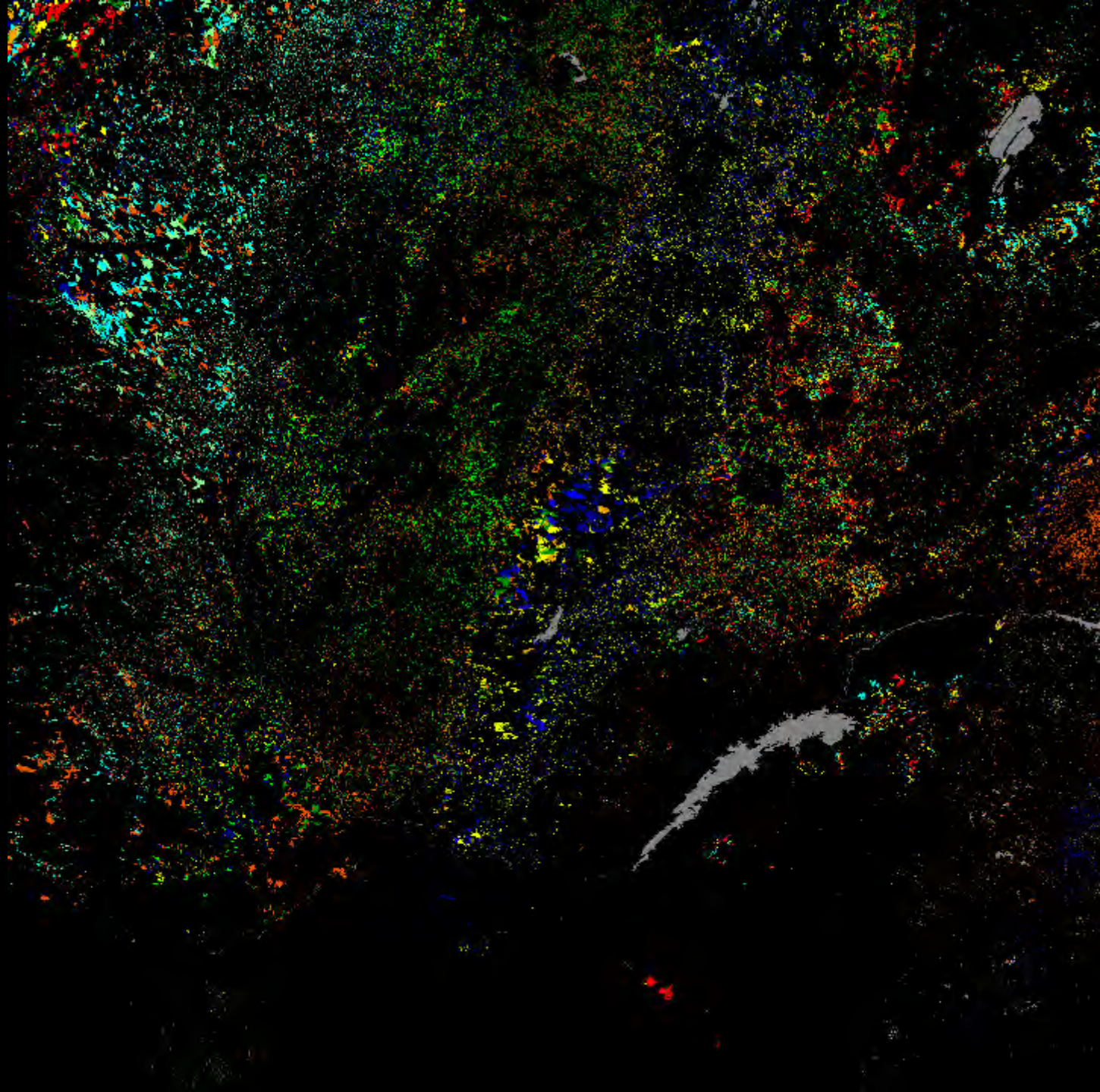


Day of burning  
Sentinel-2A  
Landsat-8  
July 2016

- 0-2
- 3-5
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1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile h20v10

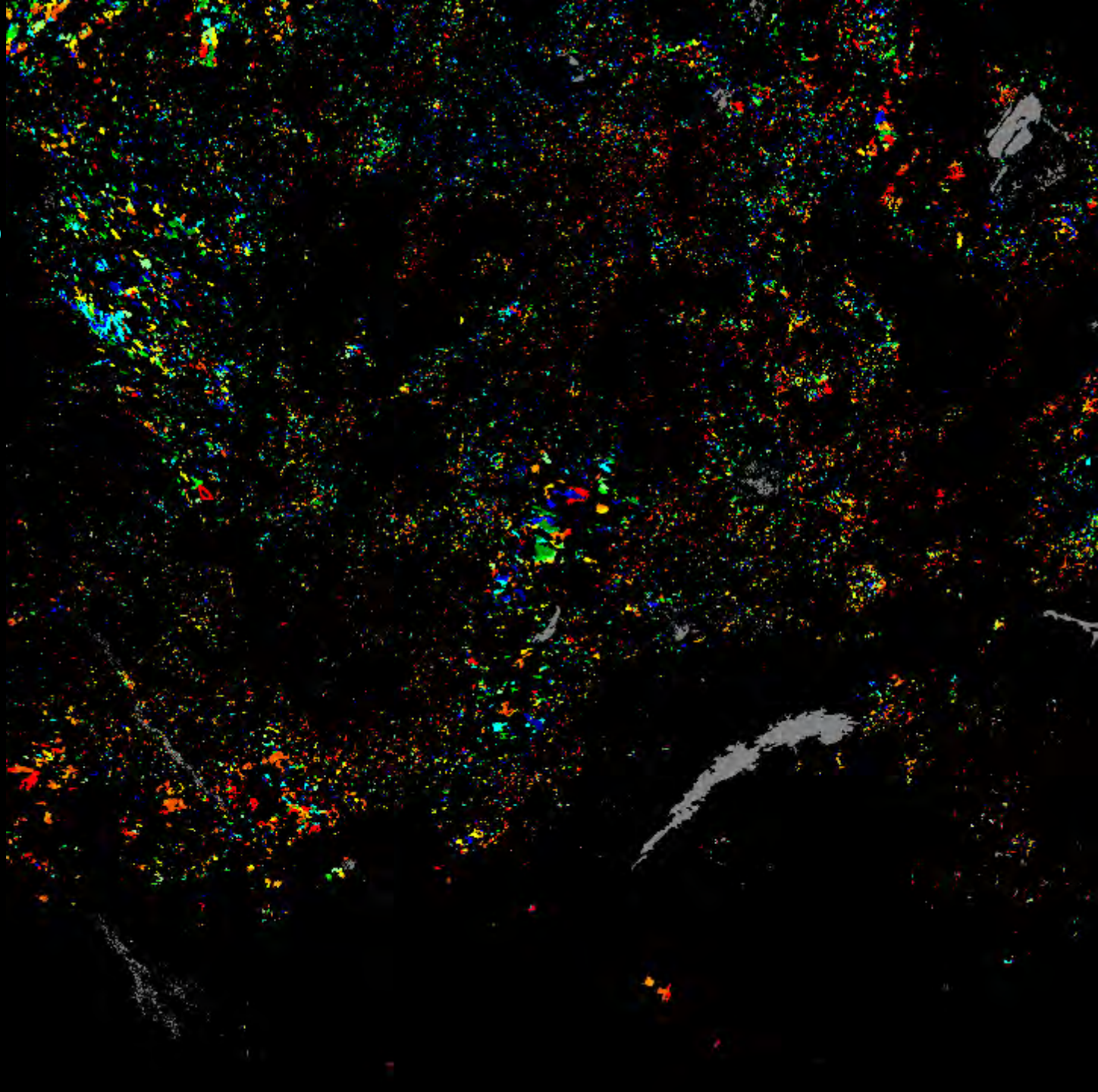


Day of burning  
MODIS  
500m MCD64 C6  
July 2016

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- 3-5
- 6-8
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- 24-27
- 28-31

1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile h20v10



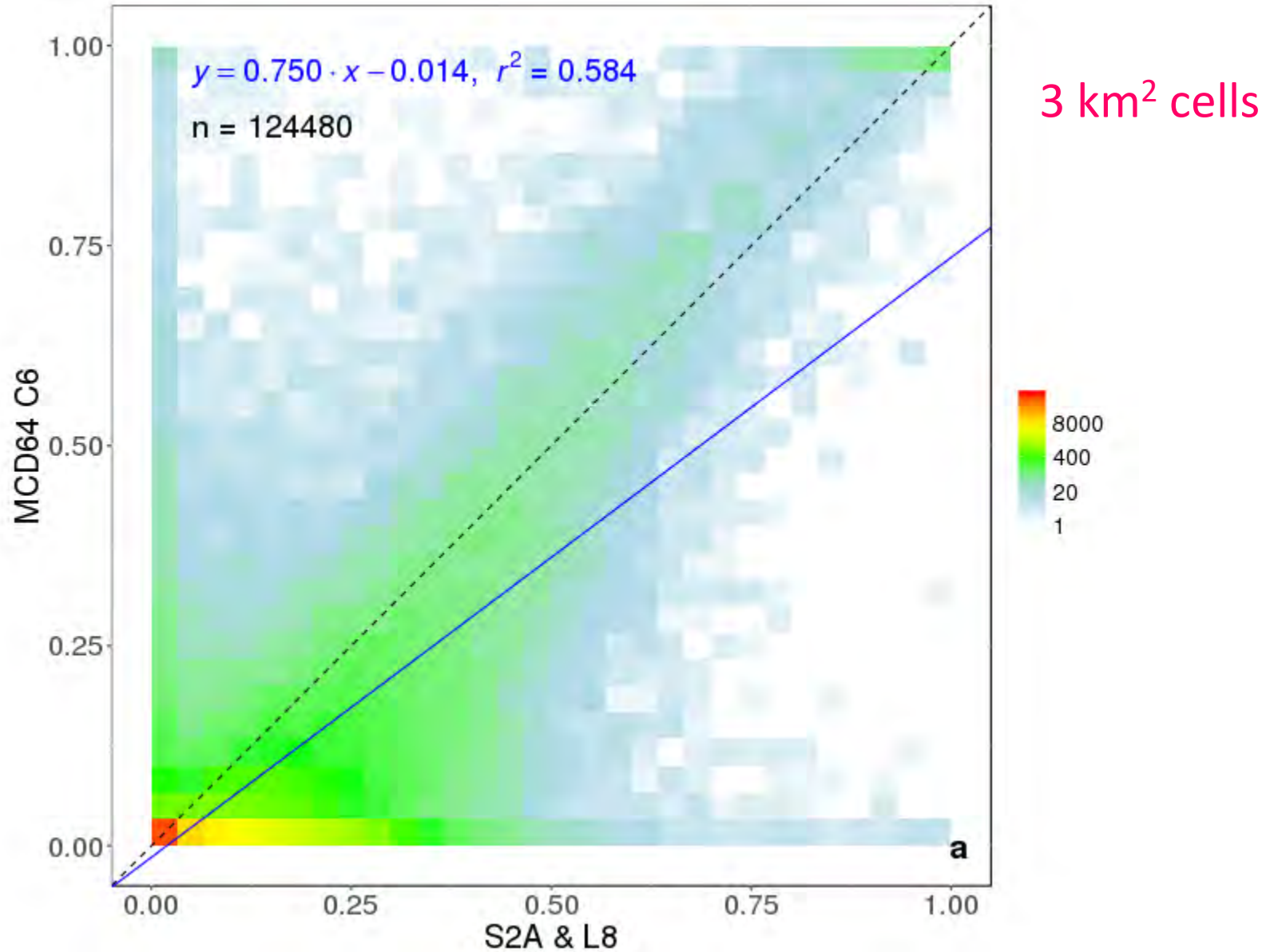
# Confusion matrix for July 2016 results

		MODIS MCD64 C6 (assumed to be truth)			Row total km <sup>2</sup>
		Burned km <sup>2</sup>	Unburned km <sup>2</sup>	Unmapped km <sup>2</sup>	
Landsat-8/ Sentinel-2A	Burned km <sup>2</sup>	3,9871 (3.2%)	72,428 (5.9%)	154 (<0.1%)	112,454 (9.1%)
	Unburned km <sup>2</sup>	25,283 (2.0%)	1,086,069 (87.8%)	2,620 (0.2%)	1,113,972 (90.1%)
	Unmapped km <sup>2</sup>	15 (<0.01%)	2,430 (0.2%)	7,561 (0.6%)	10,006 (0.8%)
Column total [km <sup>2</sup>		65,170 (5.3%)	1,160,926 (93.9%)	10,336 (0.8%)	1,236,433 (100.0%)

Omission Error (0-1) = 0.64; Commission Error (0-1) = 0.39; Relative Bias [%] = - 41.9%

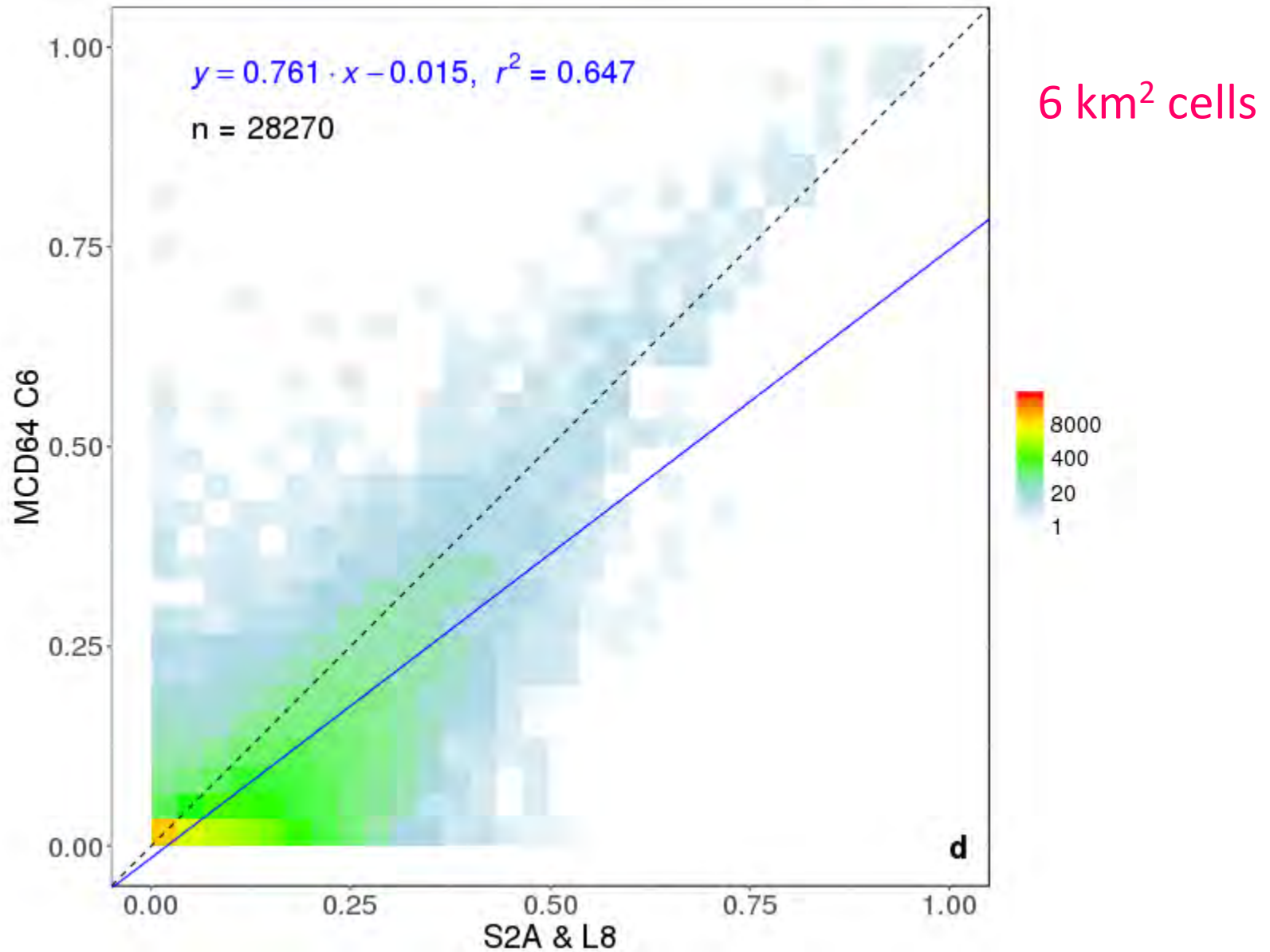
User's Accuracy (0-1) = 0.61; Producer's Accuracy (0-1) = 0.36; Overall Accuracy (0-1) = 0.91

# Comparison of July 2016 burned proportions mapped by MODIS and Landsat-8 & Sentinel-2



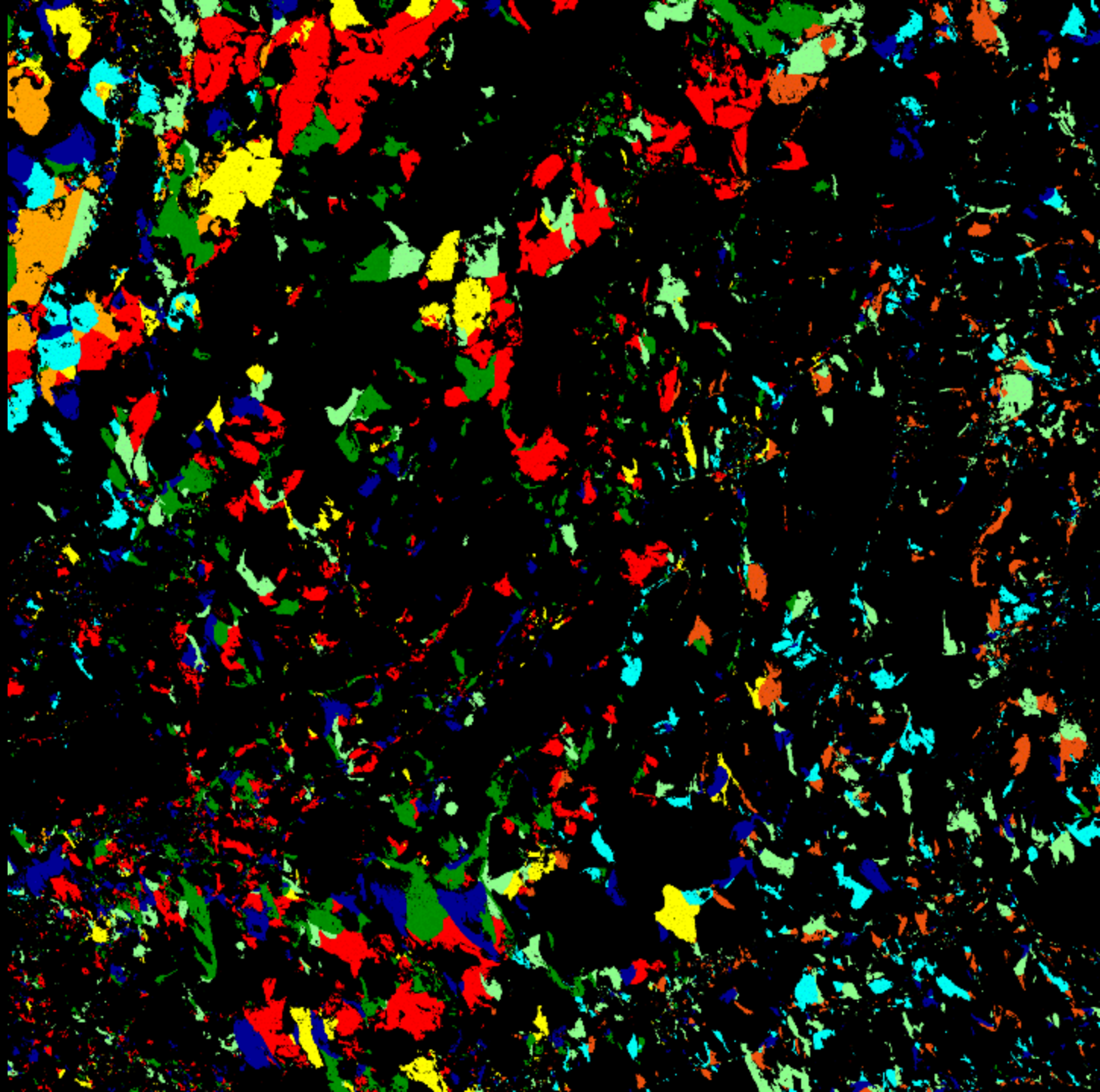


# Comparison of July 2016 burned proportions mapped by MODIS and Landsat-8 & Sentinel-2



Day of burning  
Sentinel-2A  
Landsat-8  
July 2016

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- 6-8
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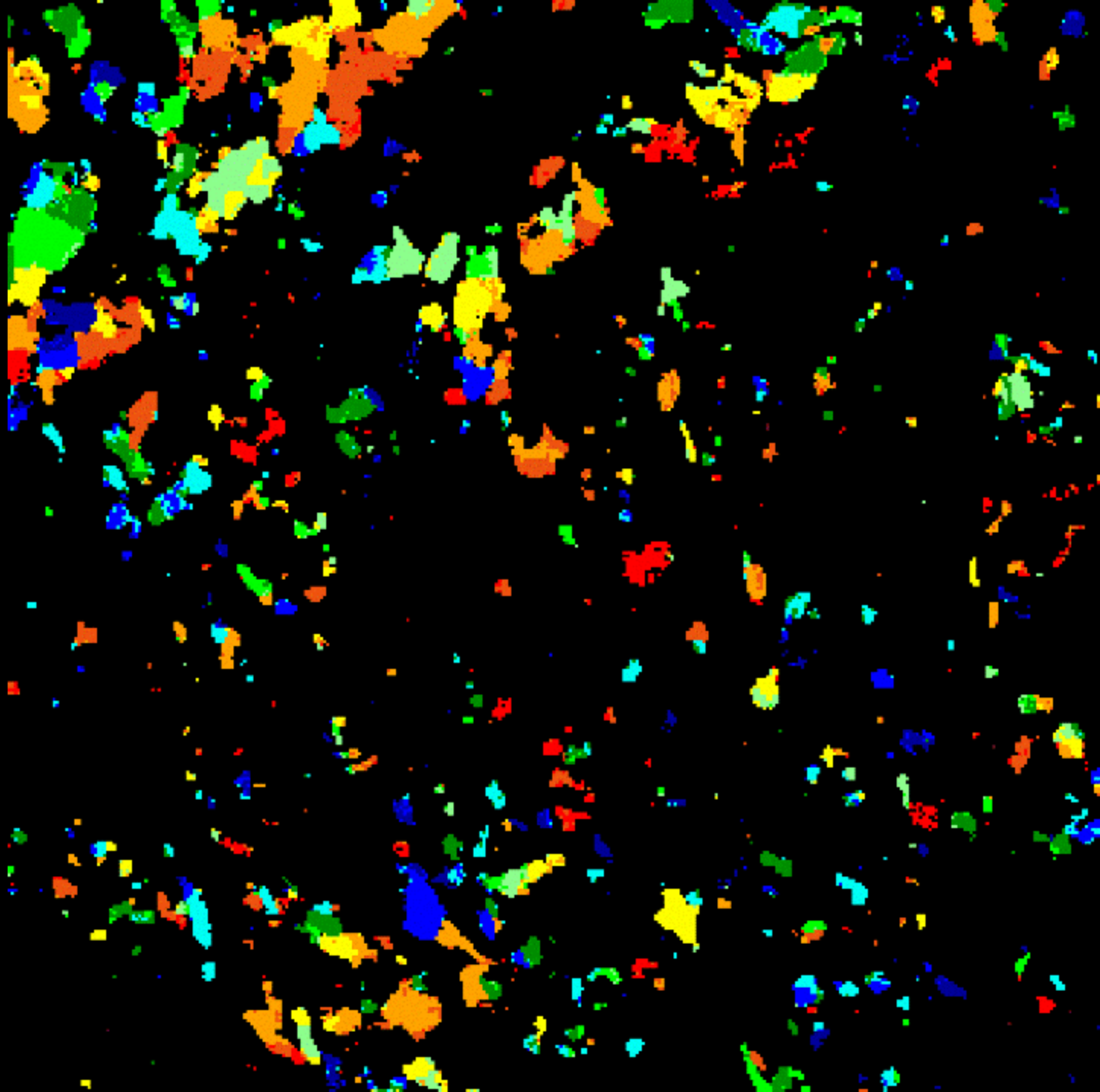


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Province

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Day of burning  
MODIS  
500m MCD64  
July 2016

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Lunda Sul  
Province

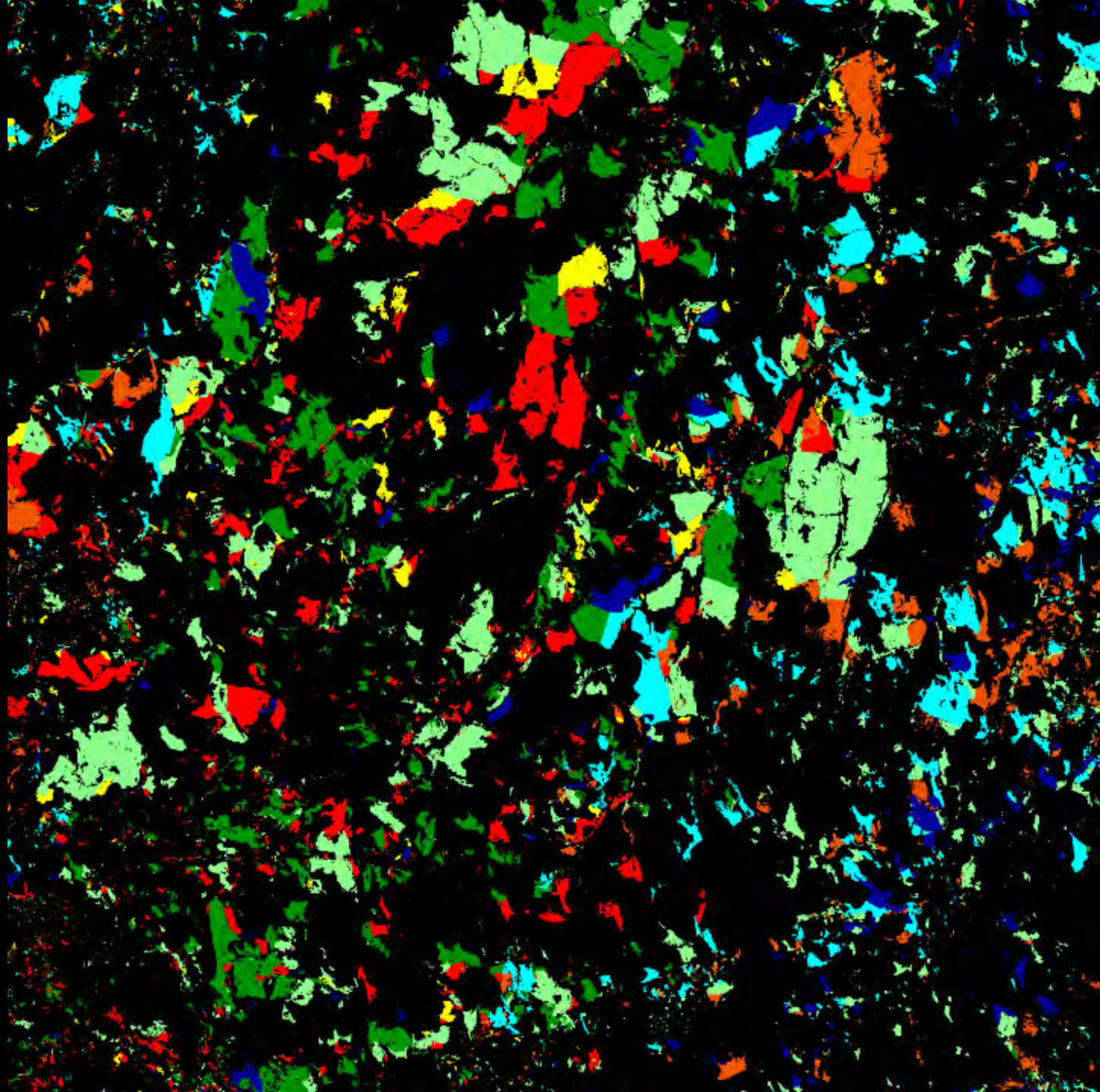
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Day of burning  
Sentinel-2A  
Landsat-8  
August 2016

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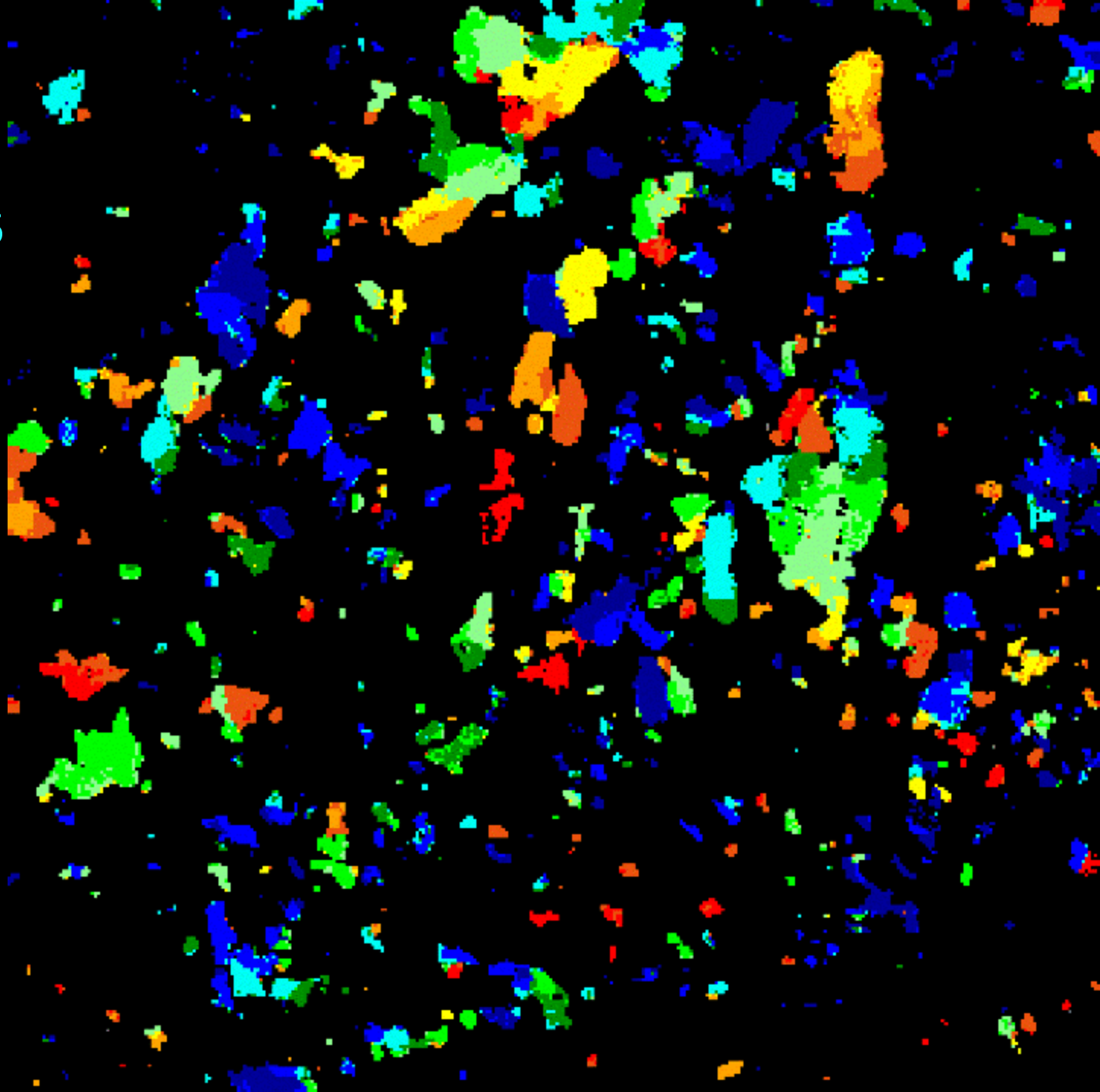
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Day of burning  
MODIS  
500m MCD64 C6  
August 2016

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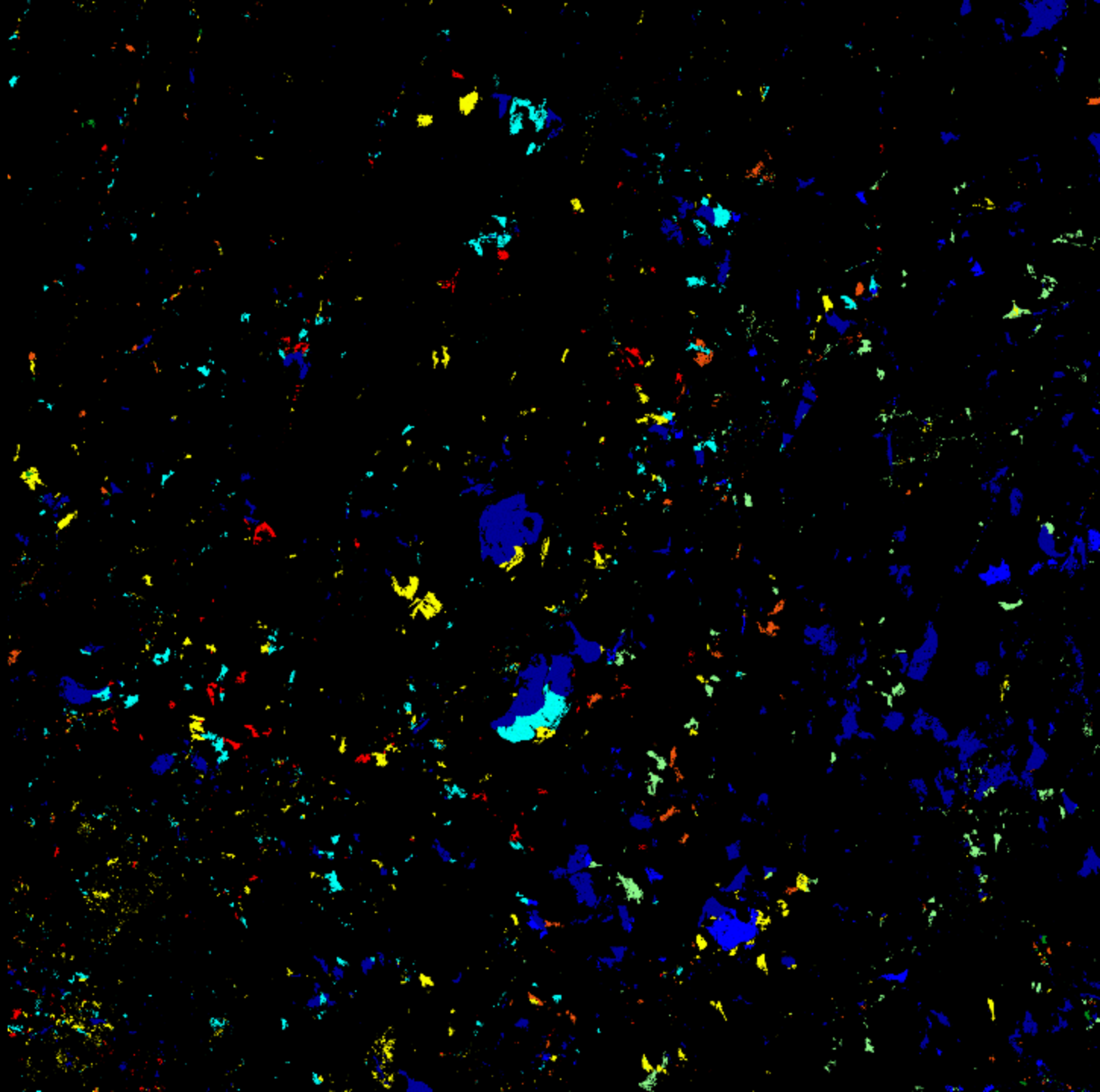
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Day of burning  
Sentinel-2A  
Landsat-8  
Sept. 2016

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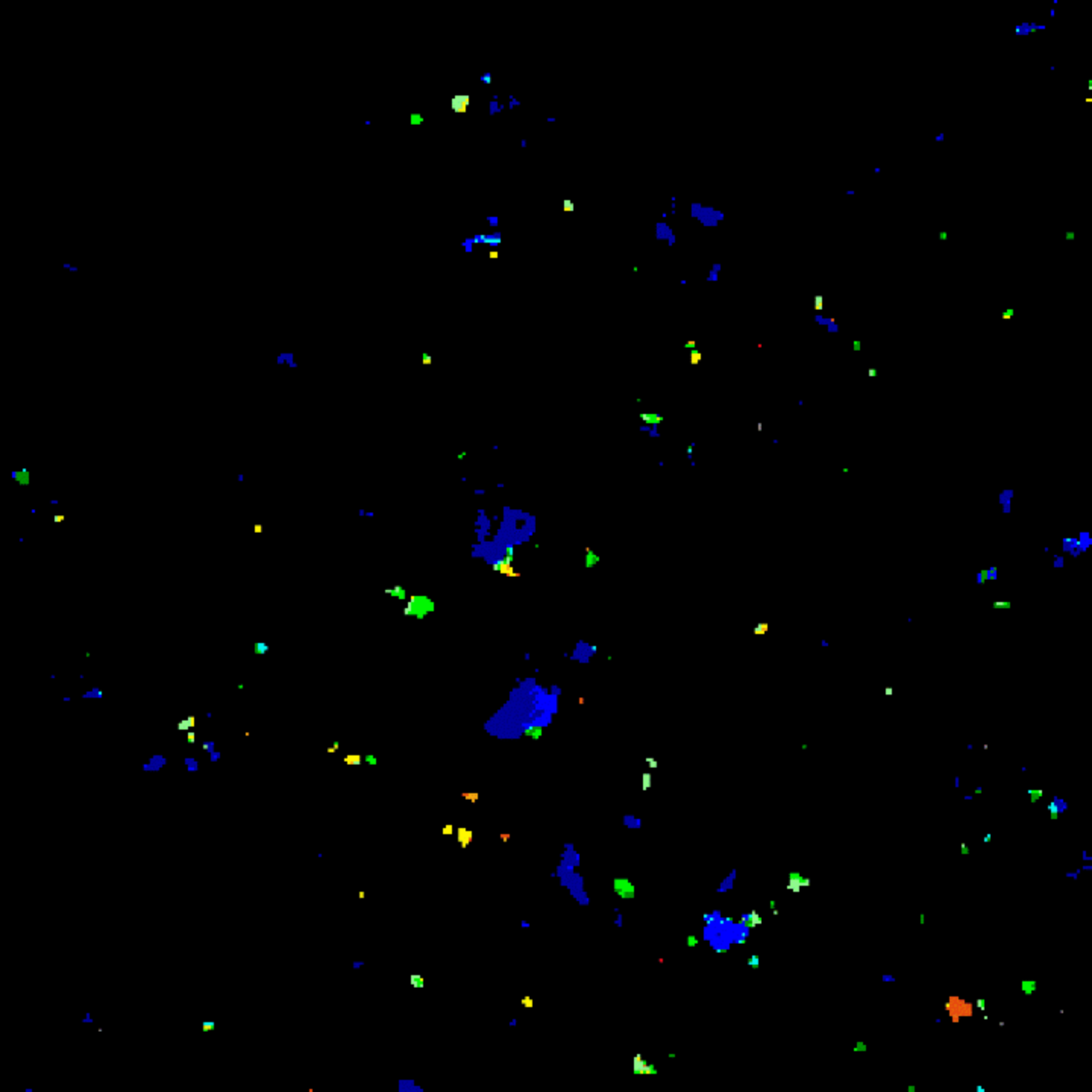
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Sept. 2016

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Day of burning

Sentinel-2A

Landsat-8

Oct. 2016

0-2

3-5

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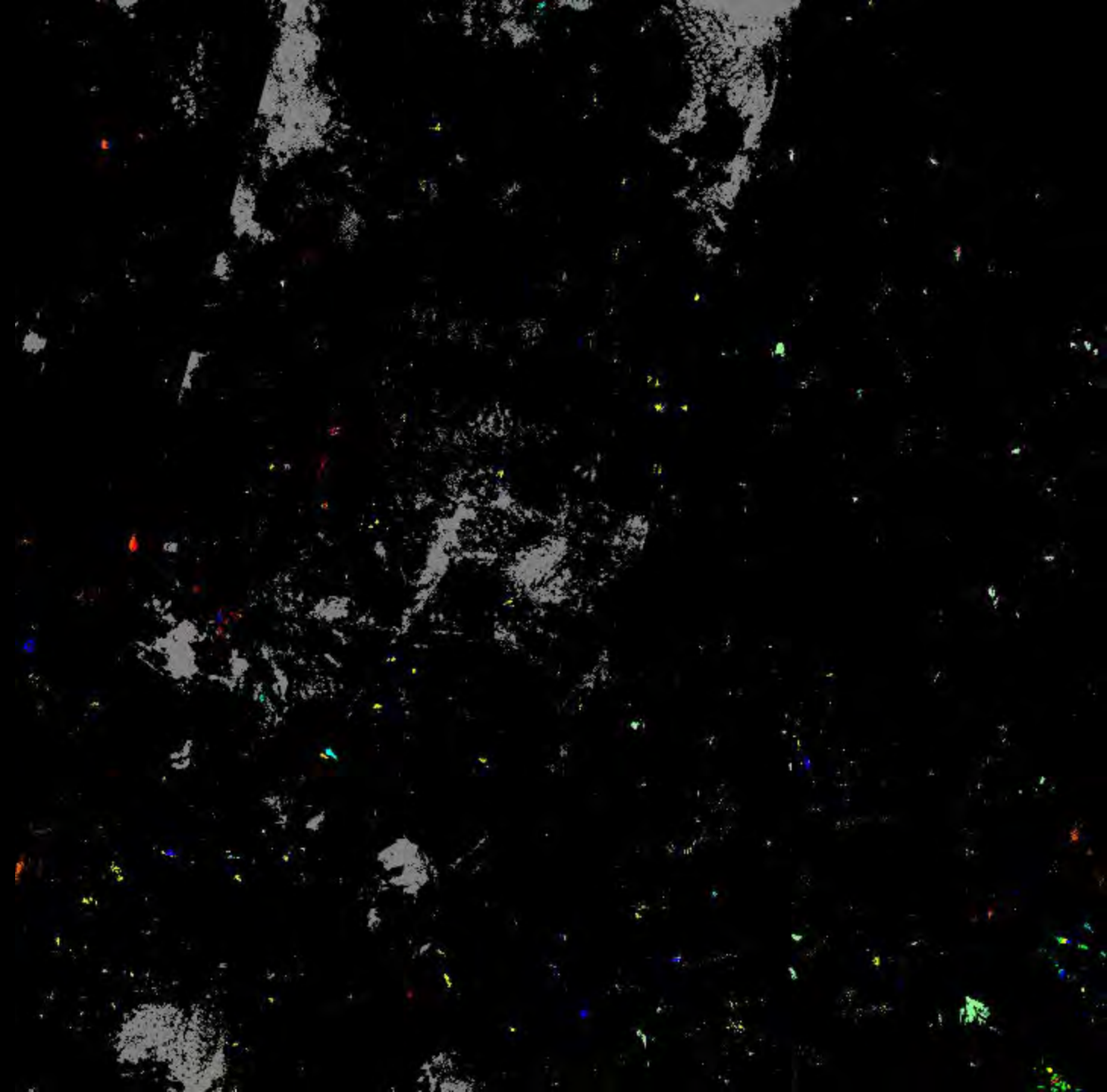
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Day of burning  
MODIS  
500m MCD64 C6  
Oct. 2016

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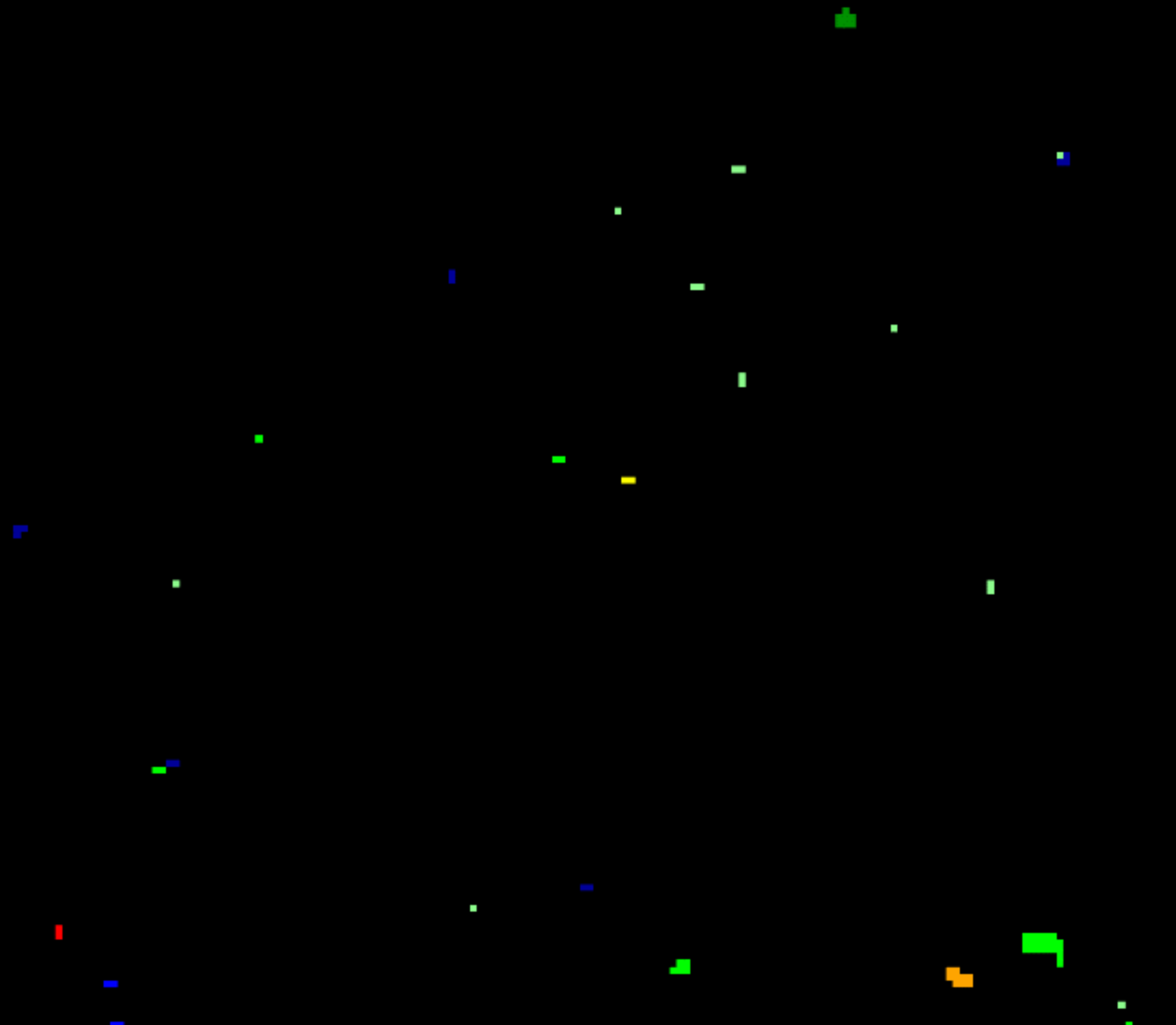


Day of burning  
MODIS  
1km active fires  
Oct. 2016

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- 3-5
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- 28-31

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Day of burning

Sentinel-2A

Landsat-8

Oct. 2016

0-2

3-5

6-8

9-11

12-14

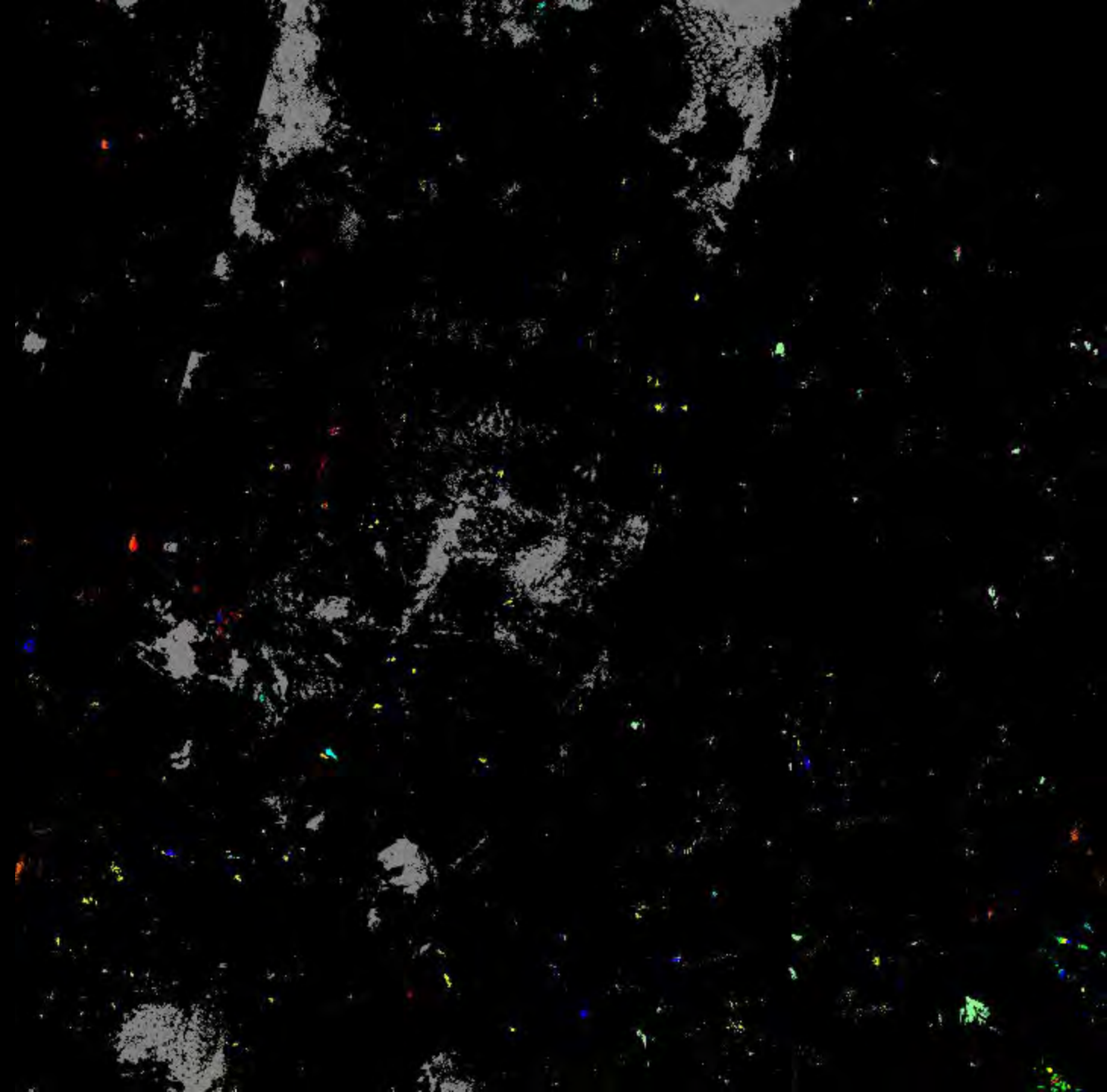
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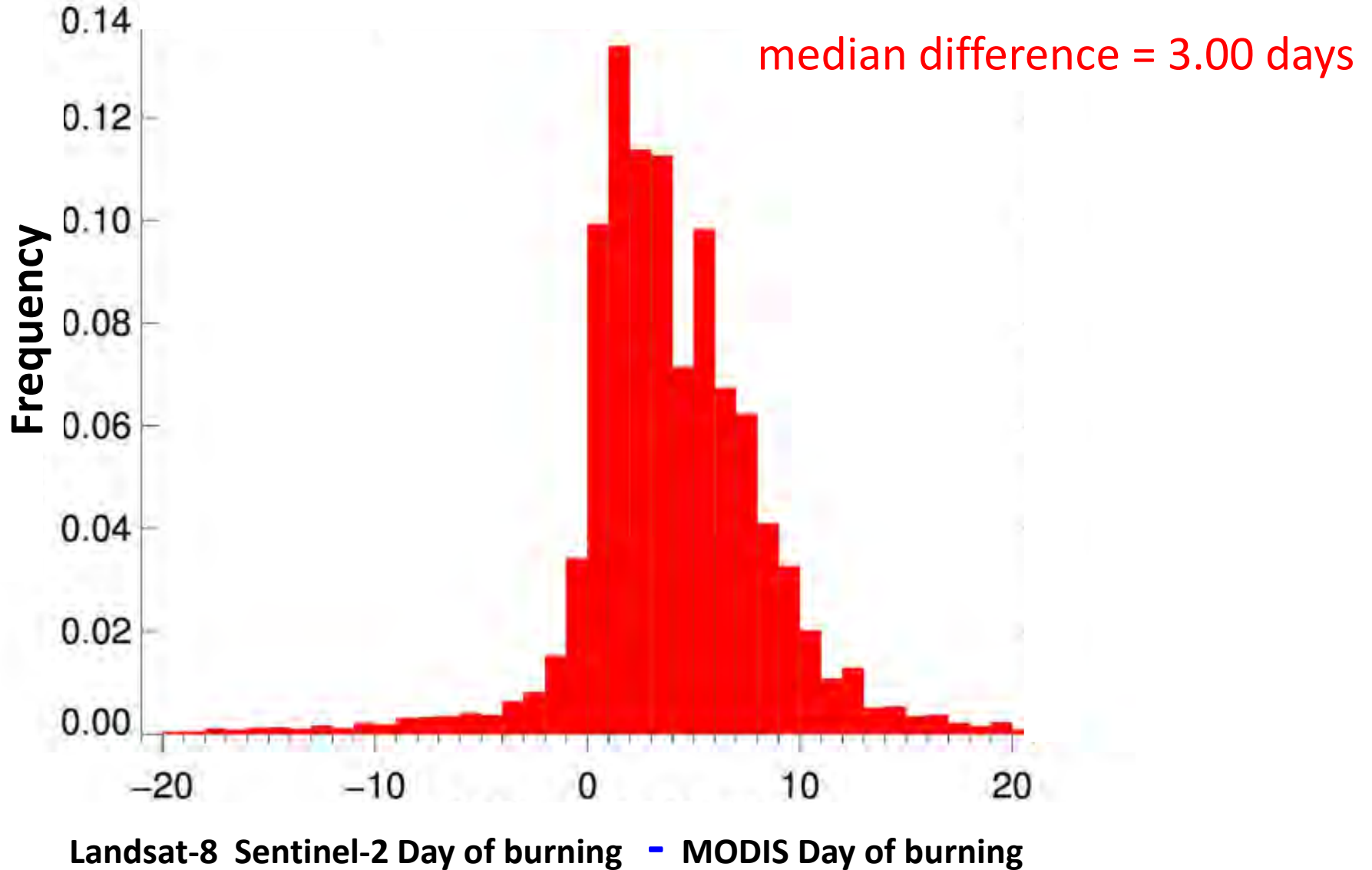
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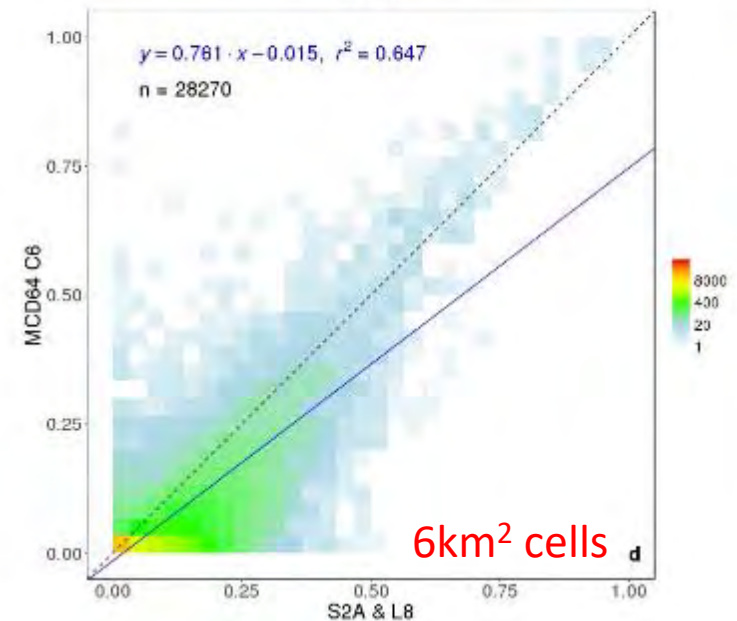
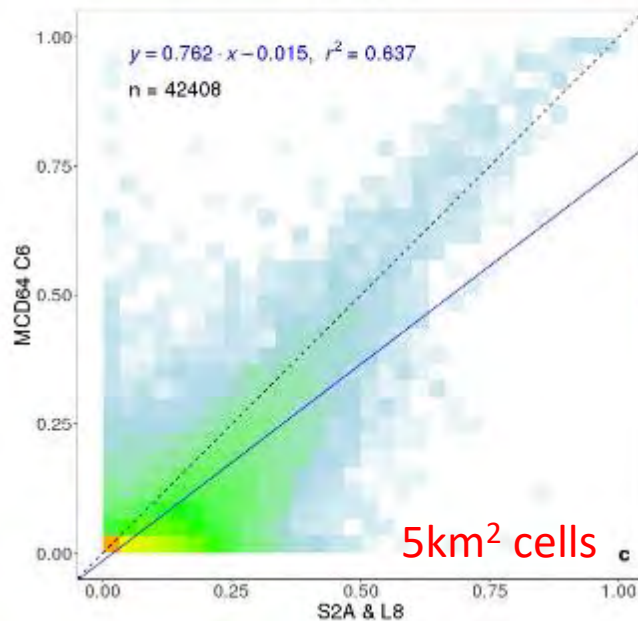
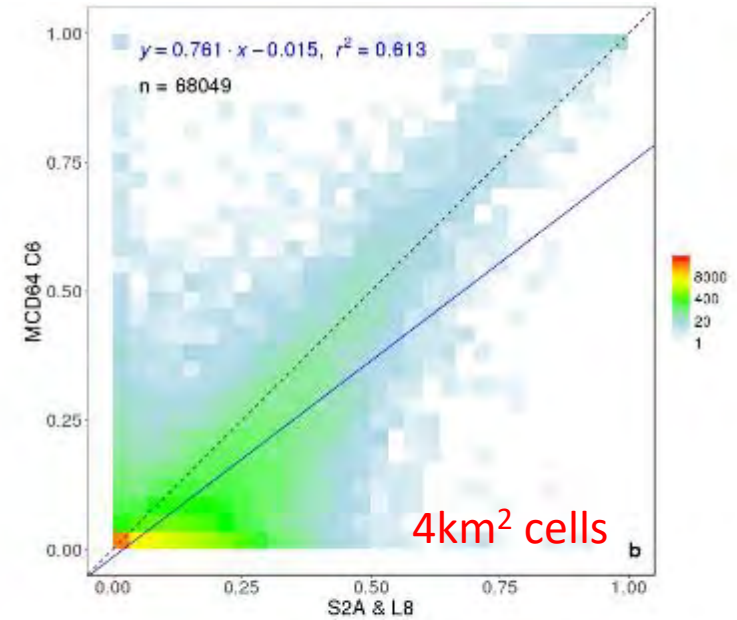
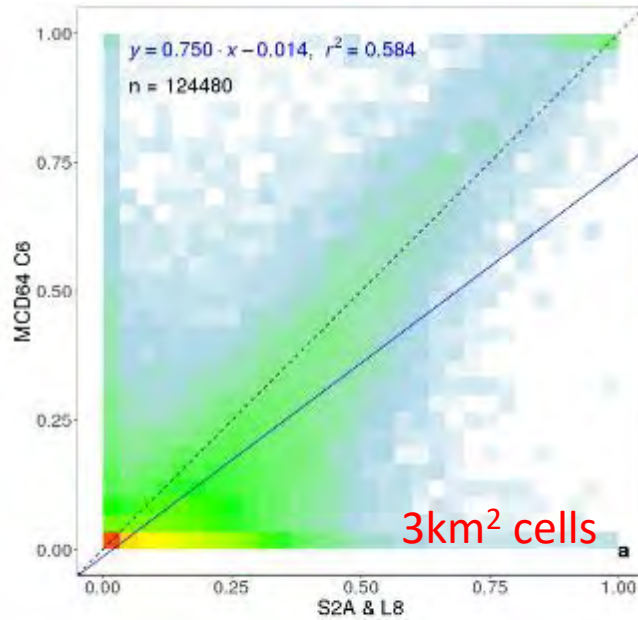
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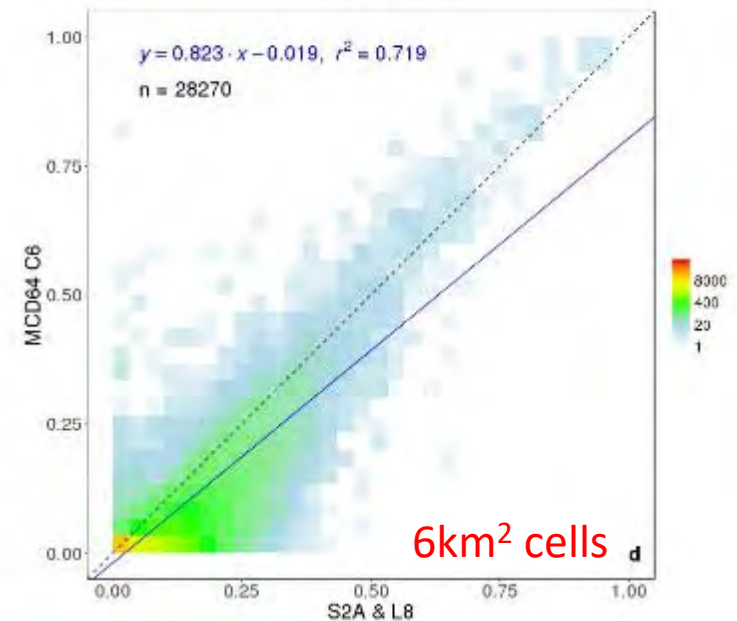
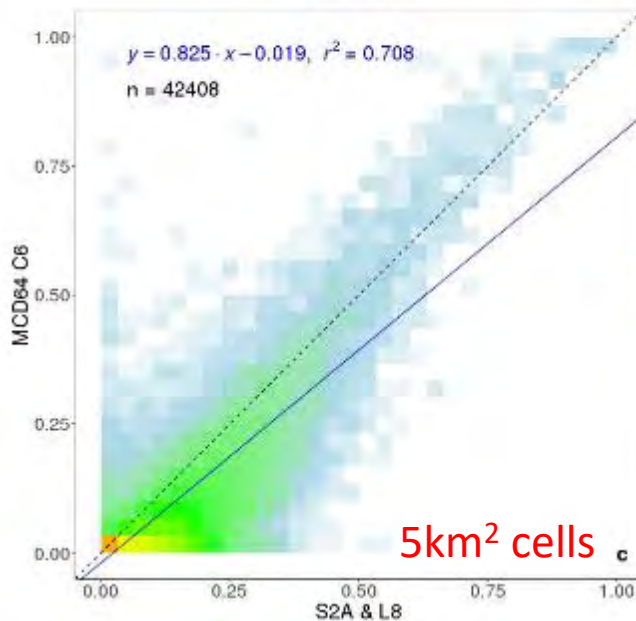
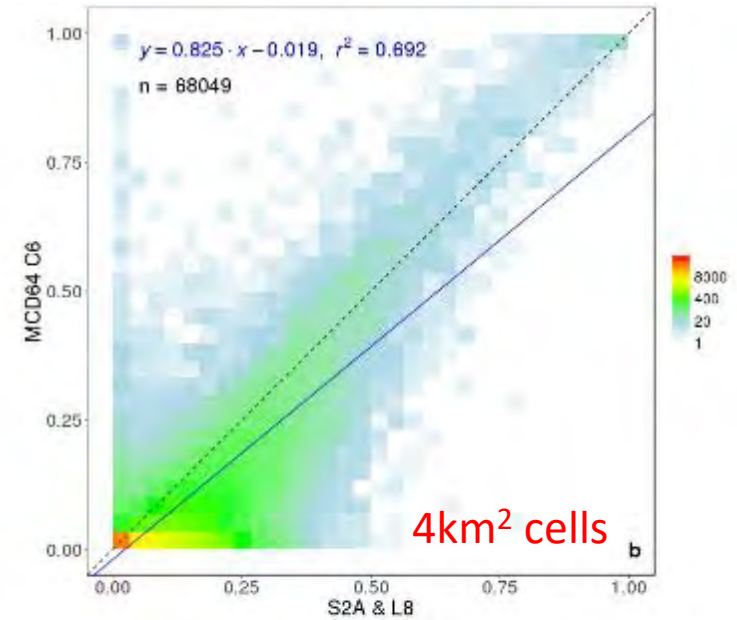
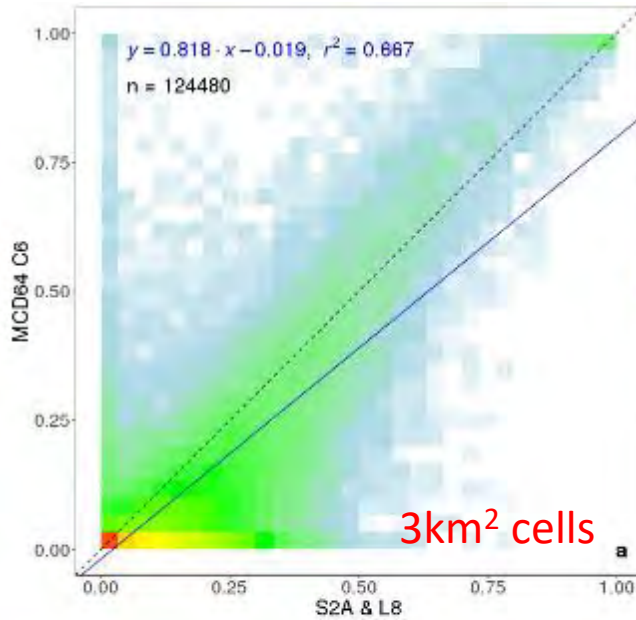
# July temporal product reporting difference (days)



# Comparison of July 2016 burned proportions mapped by MODIS and Landsat-8 & Sentinel-2



# Comparison of July 2016 burned proportions mapped by MODIS and Landsat-8 & Sentinel-2 with 3-day adjustment

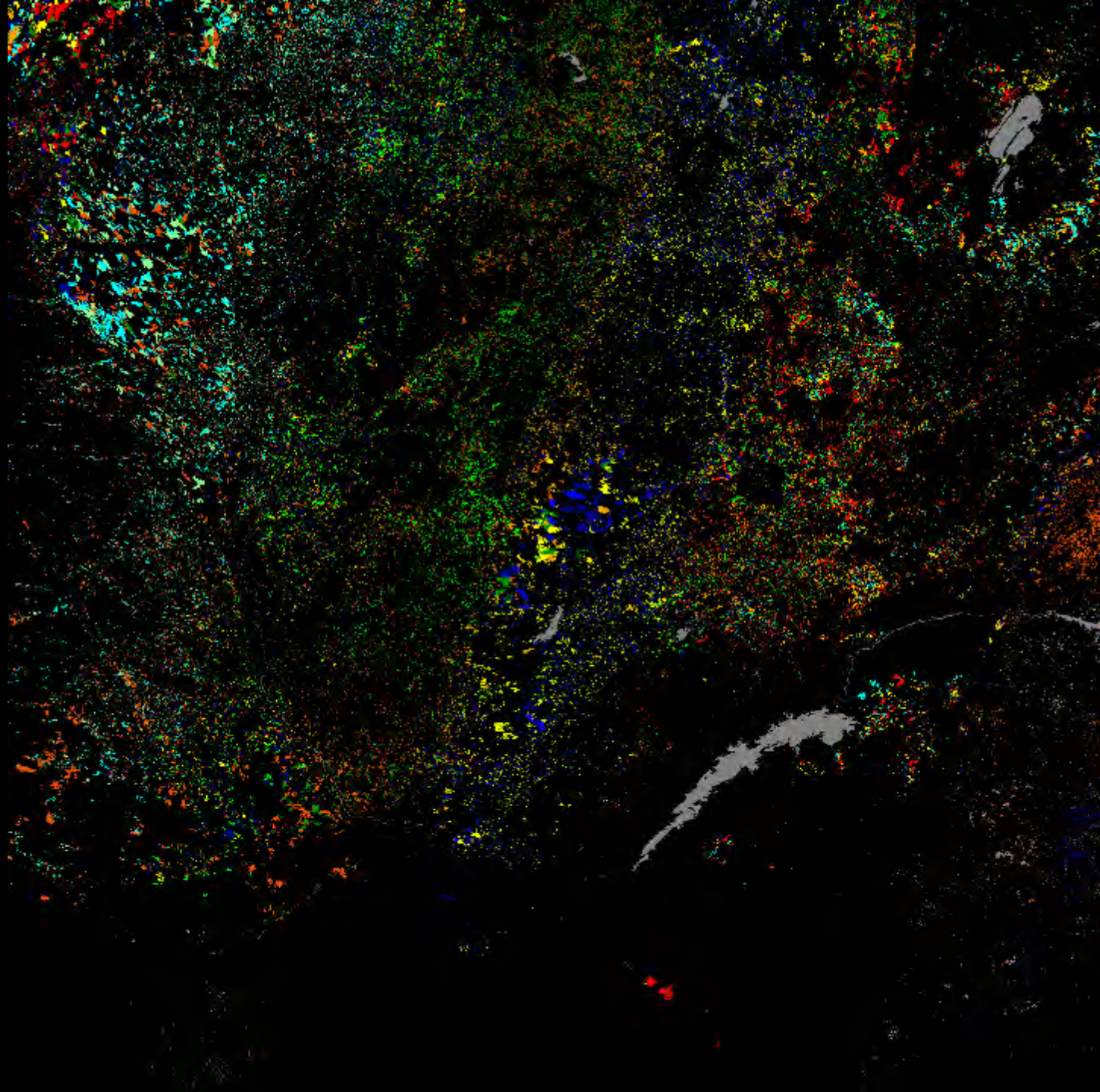


Day of burning  
Sentinel-2A  
Landsat-8  
July 2016

- 0-2
- 3-5
- 6-8
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- 28-31

1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile h20v10

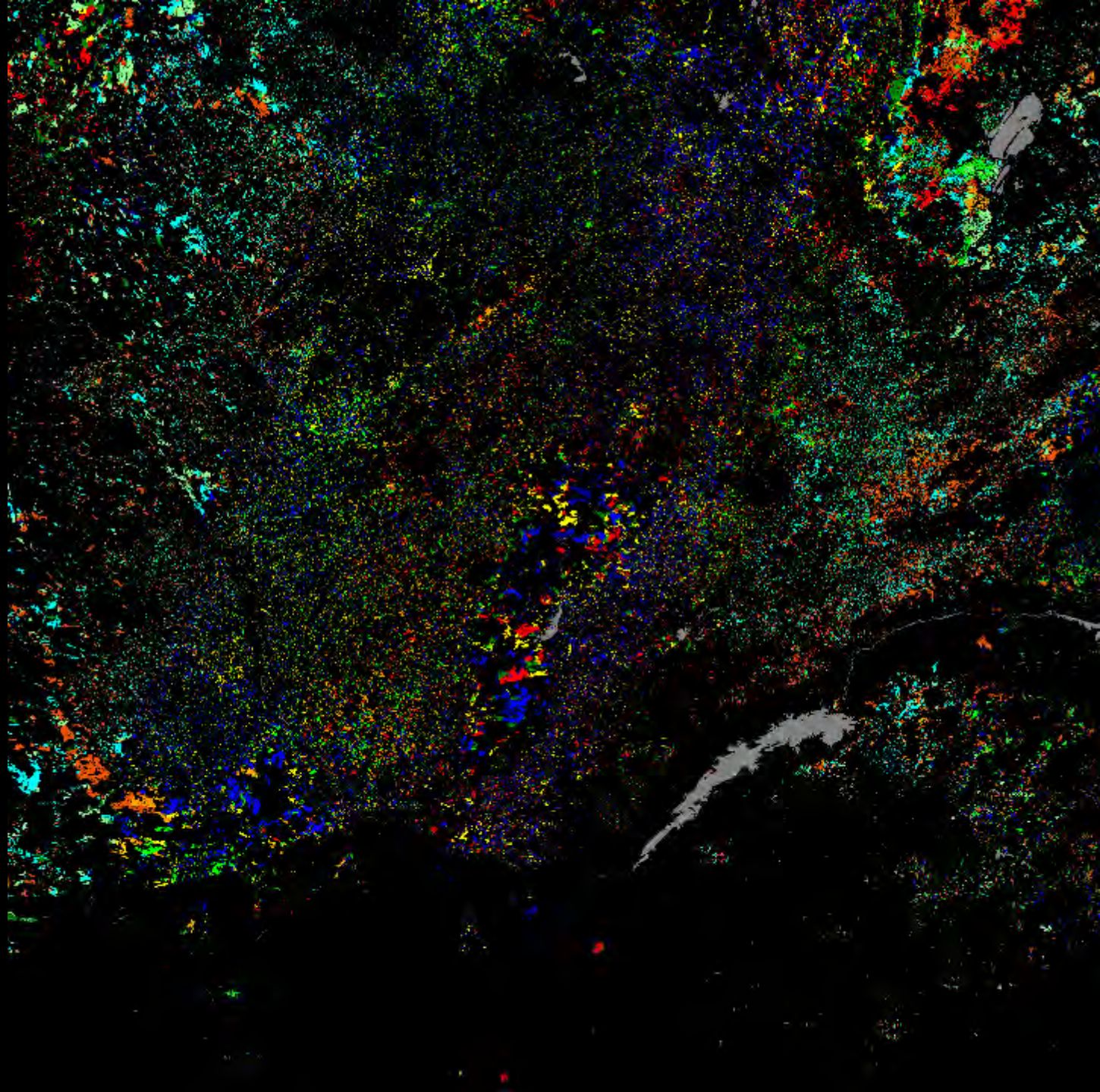


Day of burning  
Sentinel-2A  
Landsat-8  
August 2016

- 0-2
- 3-5
- 6-8
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1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile h20v10



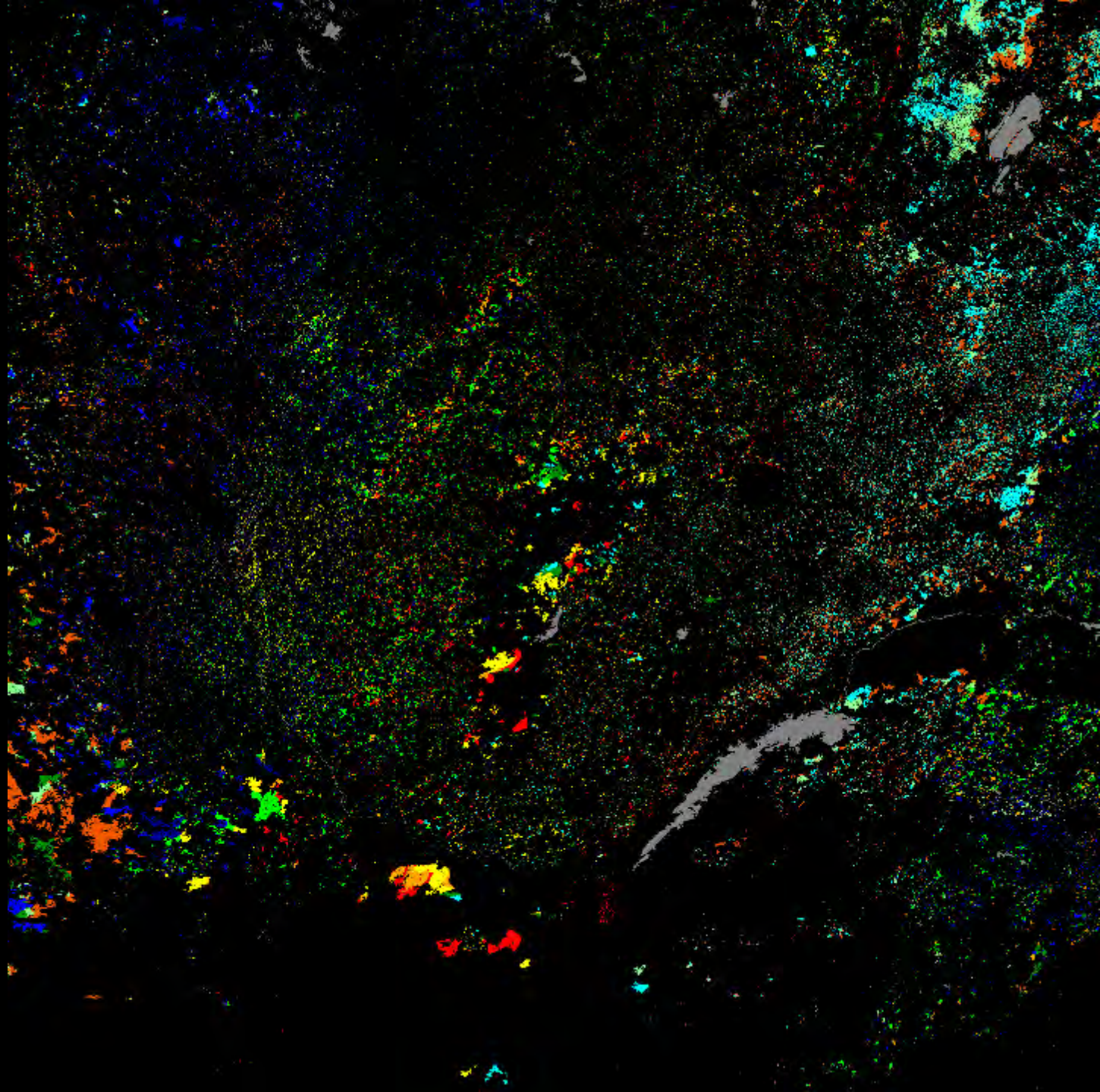


Day of burning  
Sentinel-2A  
Landsat-8  
Sept. 2016

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1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile h20v10

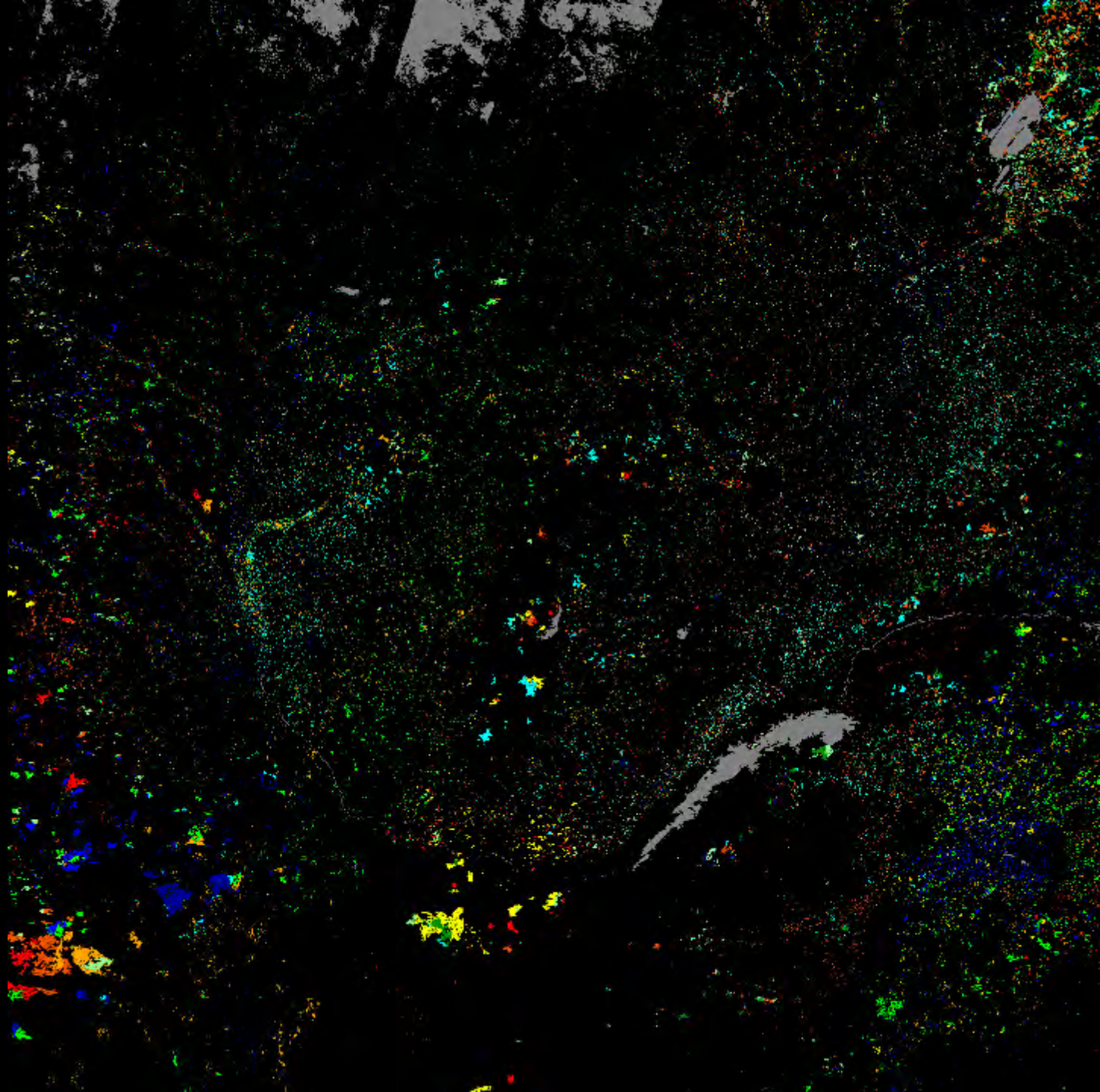


Day of burning  
Sentinel-2A  
Landsat-8  
Oct. 2016

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1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile h20v10

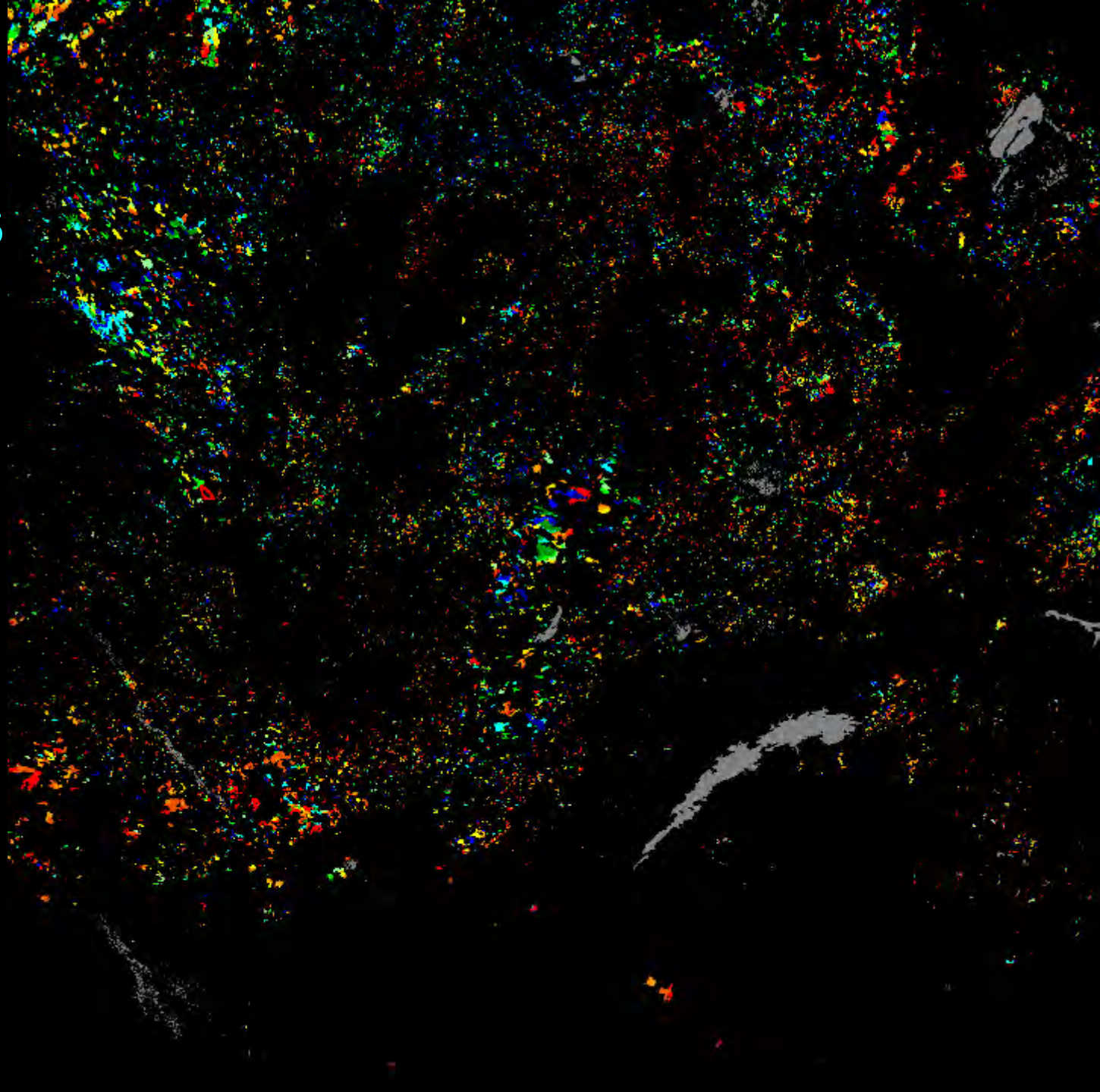


Day of burning  
MODIS  
500m MCD64 C6  
July 2016

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1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile h20v10

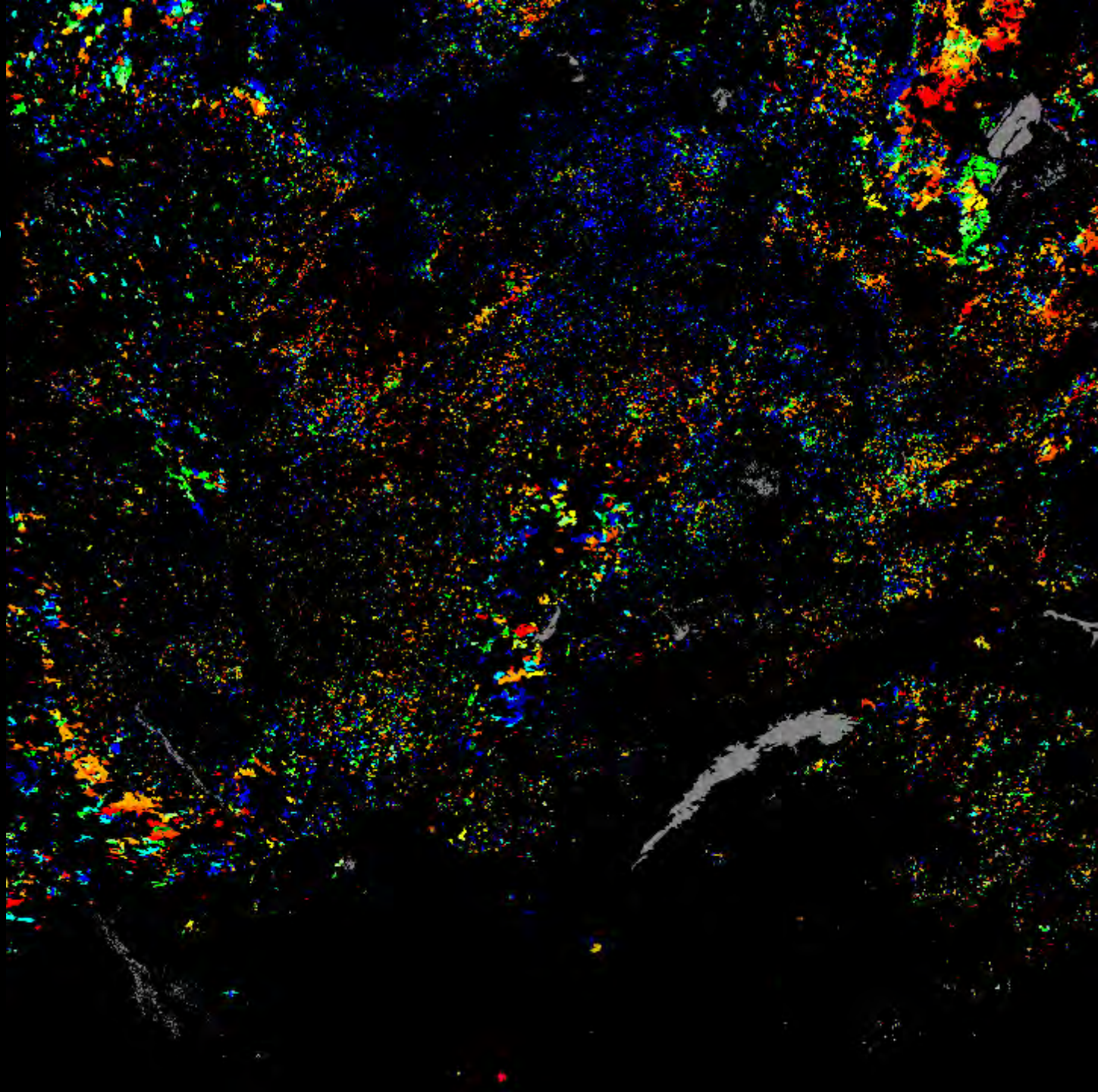


Day of burning  
MODIS  
500m MCD64 C6  
August 2016

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1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile h20v10

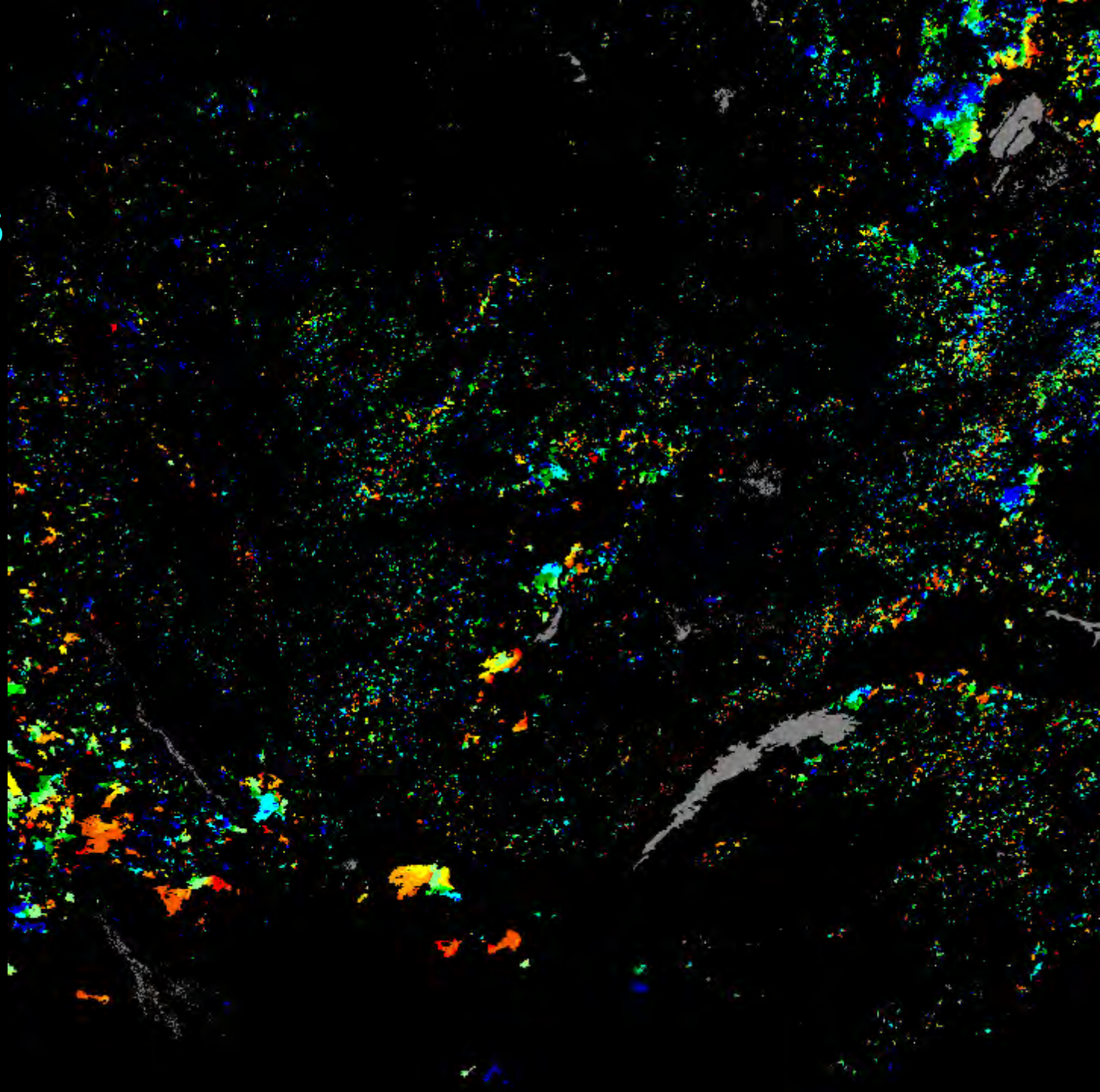


Day of burning  
MODIS  
500m MCD64 C6  
Sept 2016

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1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile h20v10





# Validation

July 2016

August 2016

Sentinel-2A  
Landsat-8  
30 m

$0.2 \leq f.cc < 0.4$

$0.4 \leq f.cc < 0.6$

$0.6 \leq f.cc < 0.8$

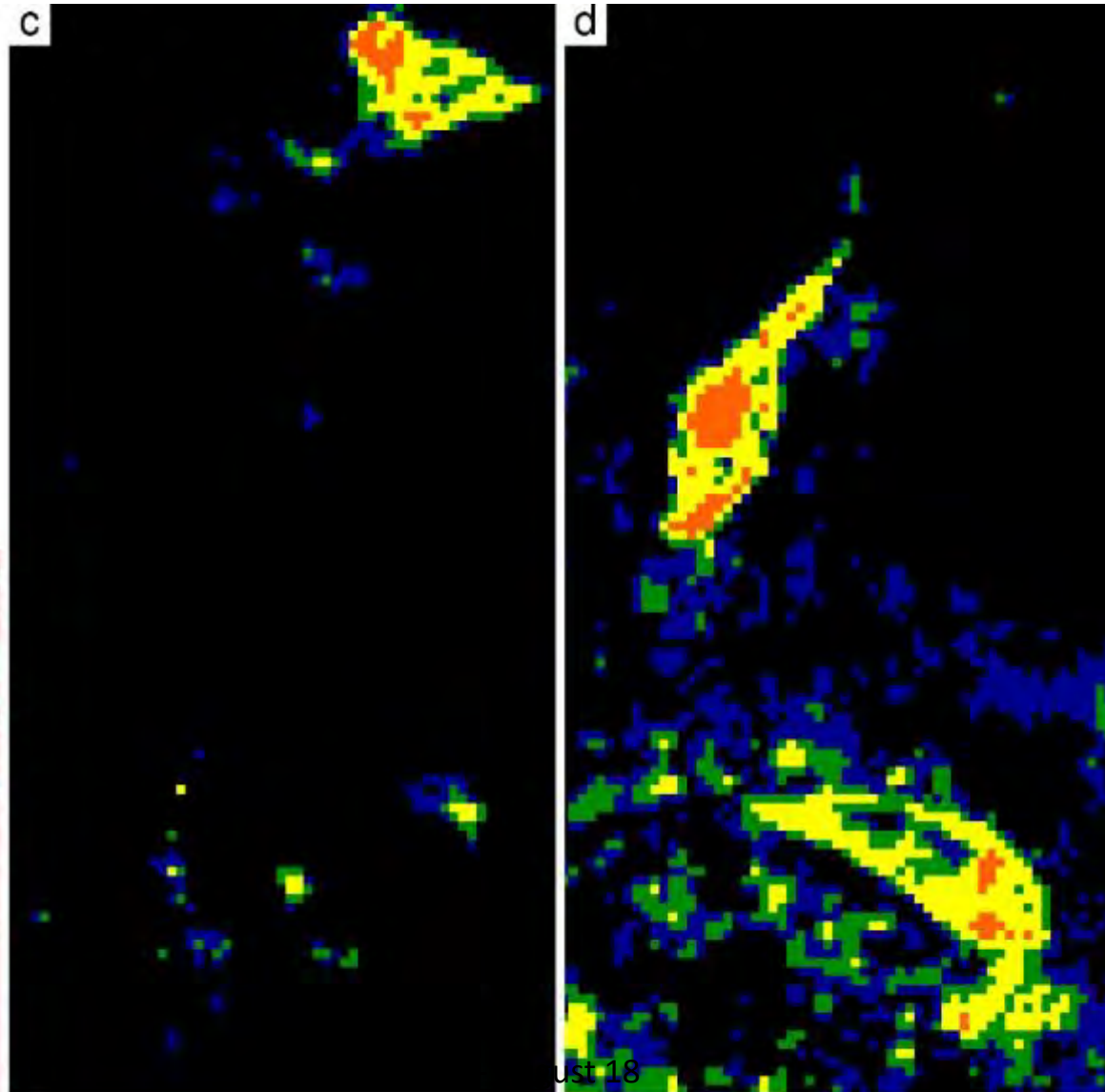
$0.8 \leq f.cc < 0.9$

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Zambia

1.8 km × 3.6 km

60 × 120 30 m pixels

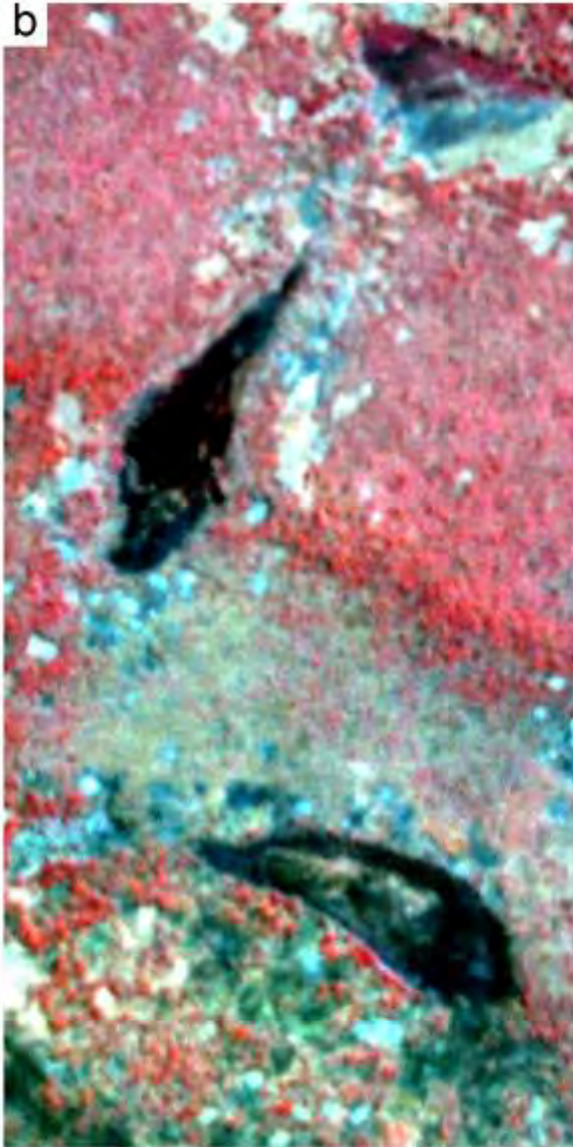






July 18

August 18



3 m false color  
(0.82, 0.63, 0.54  $\mu\text{m}$ )

Zambia

1.8 km  $\times$  3.6 km


600  $\times$  1200 3 m pixels


July 2016

August 2016

Sentinel-2A  
Landsat-8  
30 m

Mapped:

 < July 18

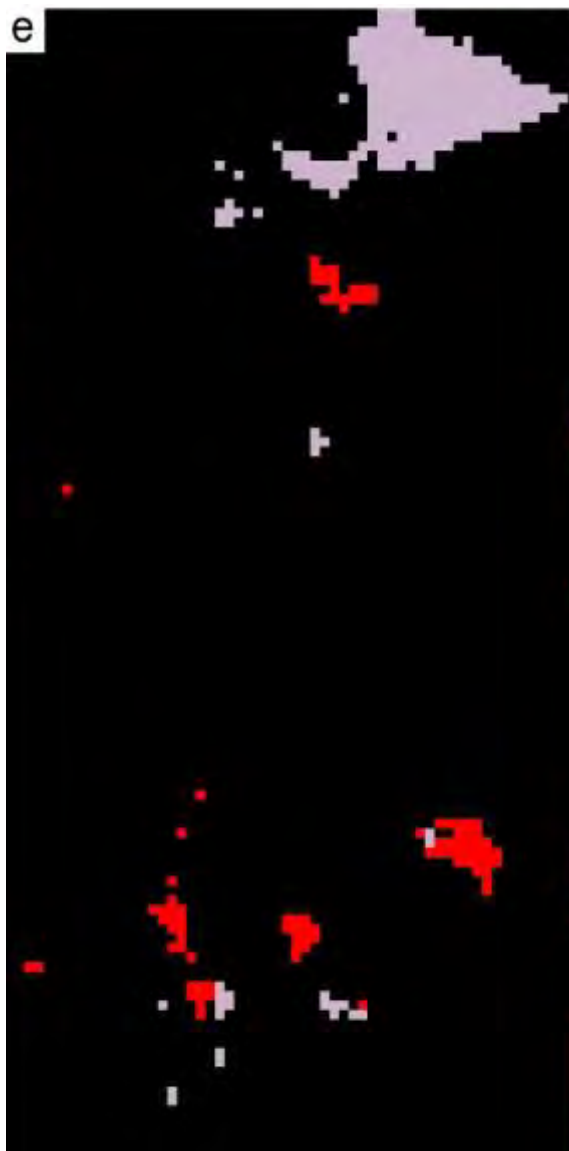
 July 18 - August 18

 > August 18

Zambia

1.8 km × 3.6 km

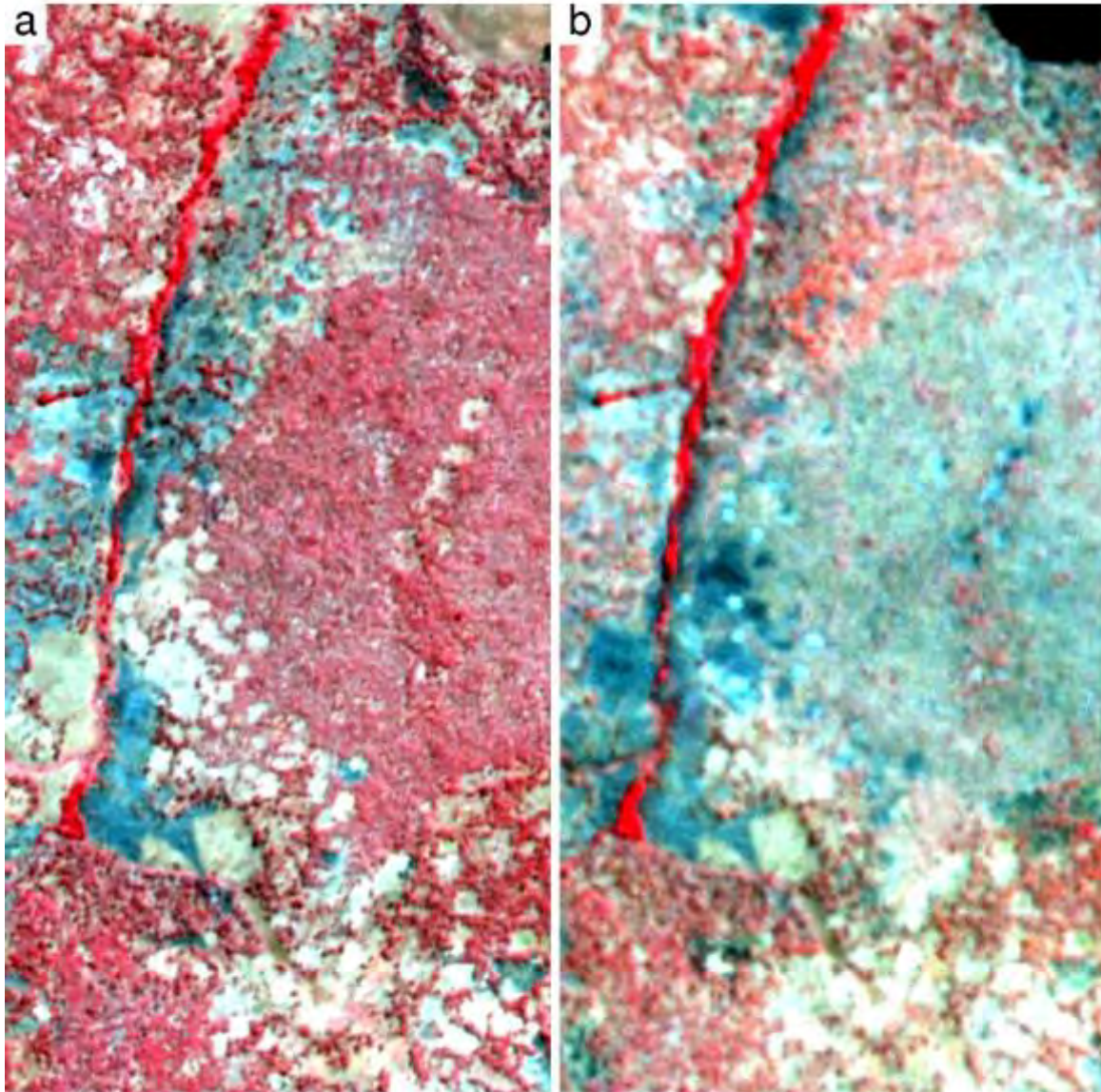
60 × 120 30 m pixels





July 18

August 18



3 m false color  
(0.82, 0.63, 0.54  $\mu\text{m}$ )

Zambia

1.8 km  $\times$  3.6 km

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July 2016

August 2016

Sentinel-2A  
Landsat-8  
30 m

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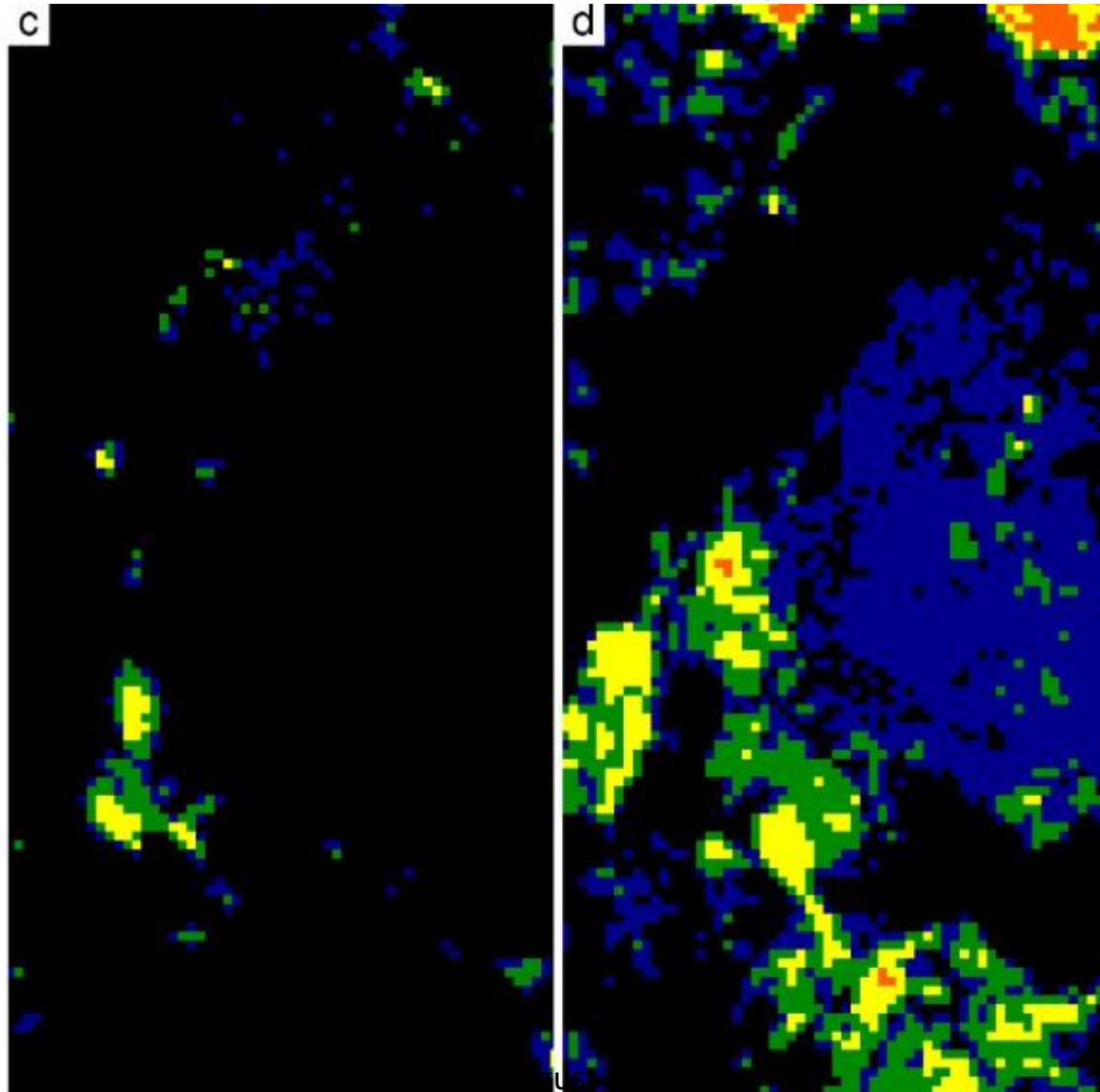
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July 2016

August 2016

Sentinel-2A  
Landsat-8  
30 m

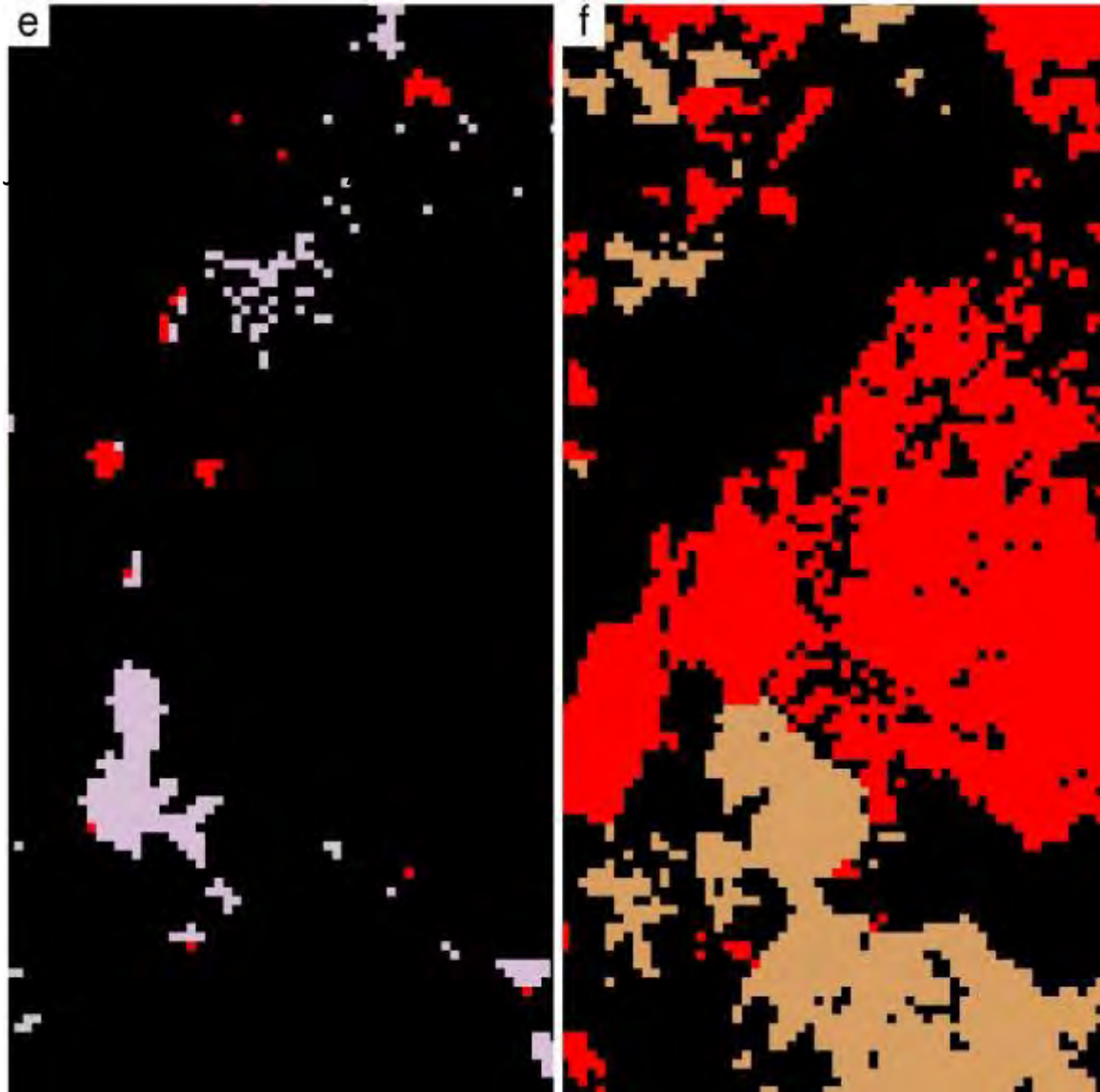
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-  July 18 - August 18
-  > August 18

Zambia

1.8 km × 3.6 km

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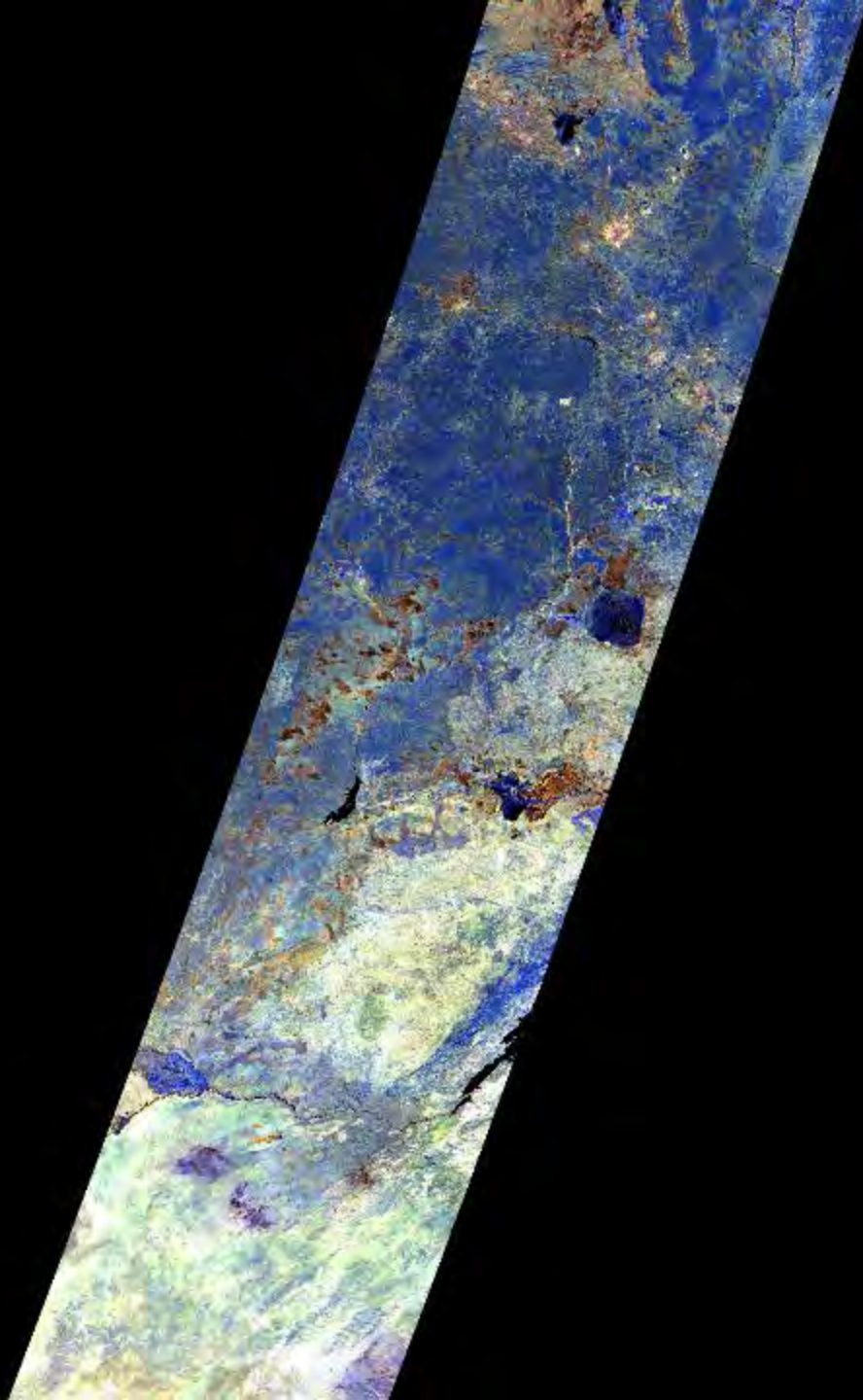


Sentinel-2A false  
color

surface NBAR  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016  
swath

1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile h20v10



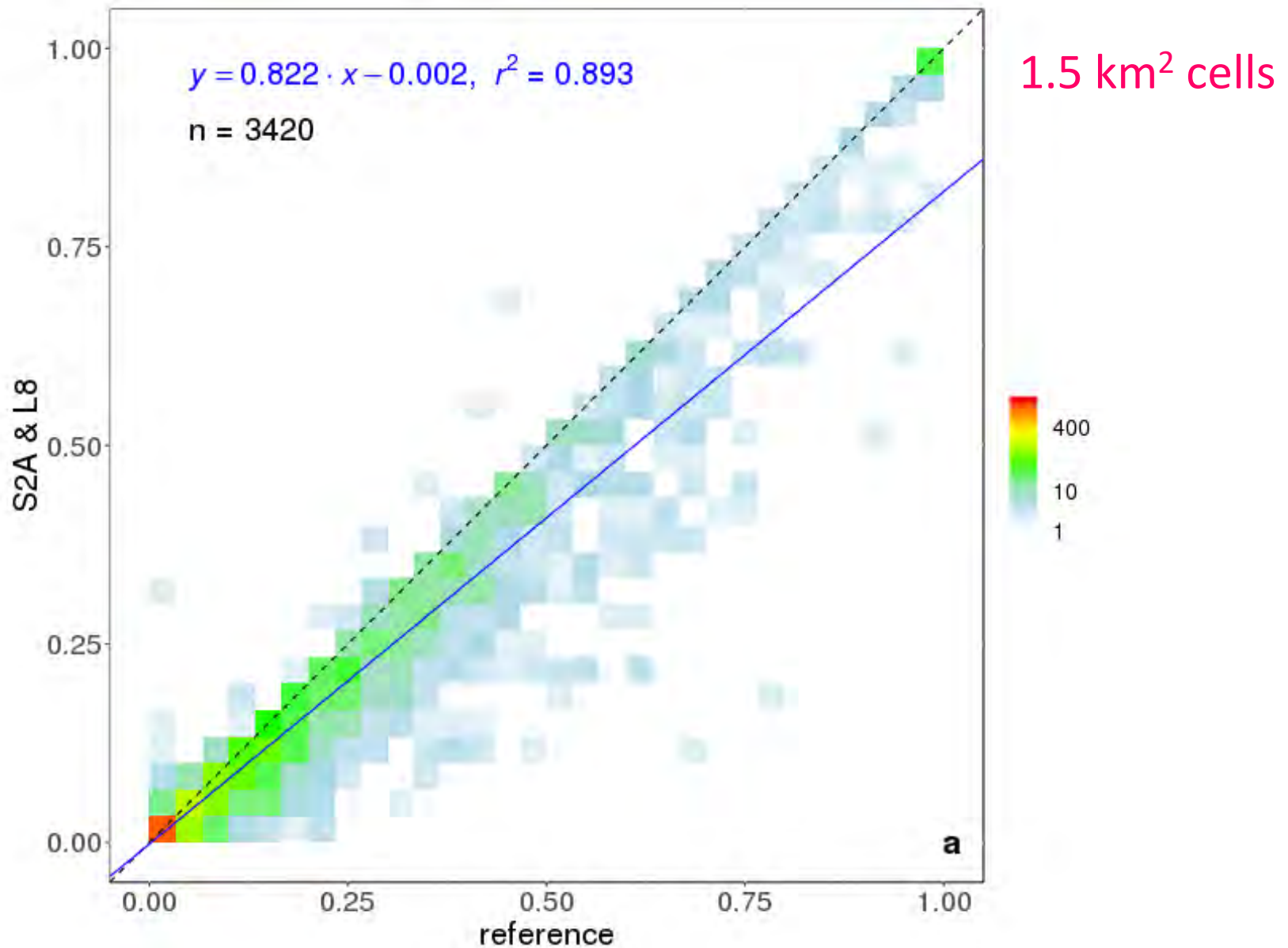


		<b>Landsat-8/Sentinel-2A</b>			
		<b>Burned</b> [km <sup>2</sup> ]	<b>Unburned</b> [km <sup>2</sup> ]	<b>Unmapped</b> [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Row total [km <sup>2</sup> ]
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Burned</b> [km <sup>2</sup> ]	1203.94 <b>(11.13%)</b>	378.03 <b>(3.50%)</b>	0.00 <b>(&lt;0.01%)</b>	1581.97 <b>(14.63%)</b>
	<b>Unburned</b> [km <sup>2</sup> ]	73.39 <b>(0.01%)</b>	9152.43 <b>(84.68%)</b>	0.05 <b>(&lt;0.01%)</b>	9225.87 <b>(84.69%)</b>
	<b>Unmapped</b> [km <sup>2</sup> ]	0.00 <b>(0.00%)</b>	0.01 <b>(&lt;0.01%)</b>	0.00 <b>(0.00%)</b>	0.01 <b>(&lt;0.01%)</b>
	Column total [km <sup>2</sup> ]	1277.33 <b>(11.14%)</b>	9530.47 <b>(88.18%)</b>	0.05 <b>(&lt;0.01%)</b>	10807.80

**Omission Error (0-1) = 0.24    Commission Error (0-1) = 0.06    Relative Bias [%] = -0.19**  
**User's Accuracy (0-1) = 0.94    Producer's Accuracy (0-1) = 0.76    Overall Accuracy (0-1) = 0.96**



# Comparison of July 2016 burned proportions mapped by reference and Landsat-8 & Sentinel-2



# Validate **cc** in field with international collaborators ?



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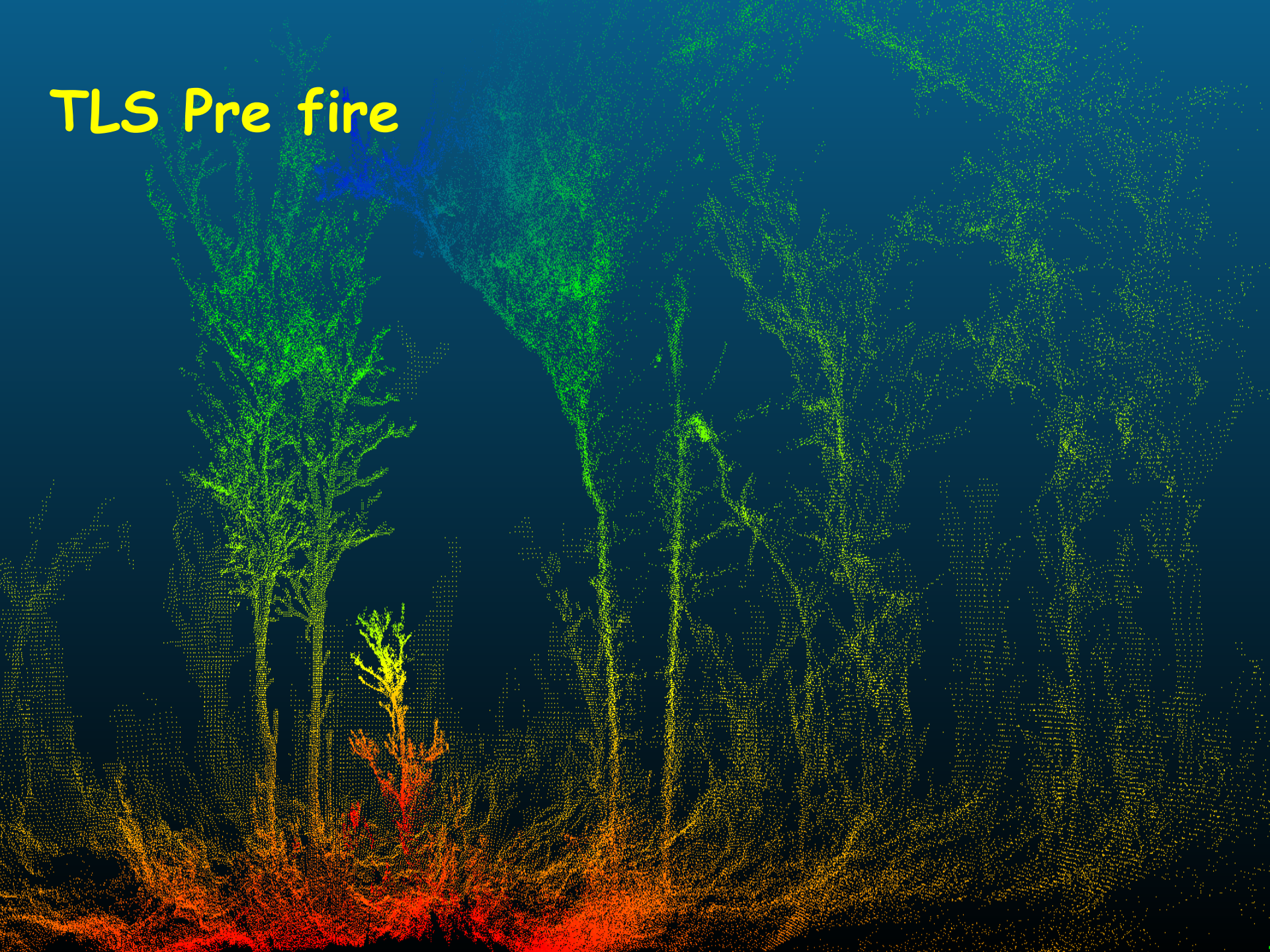
**Too green to burn !**



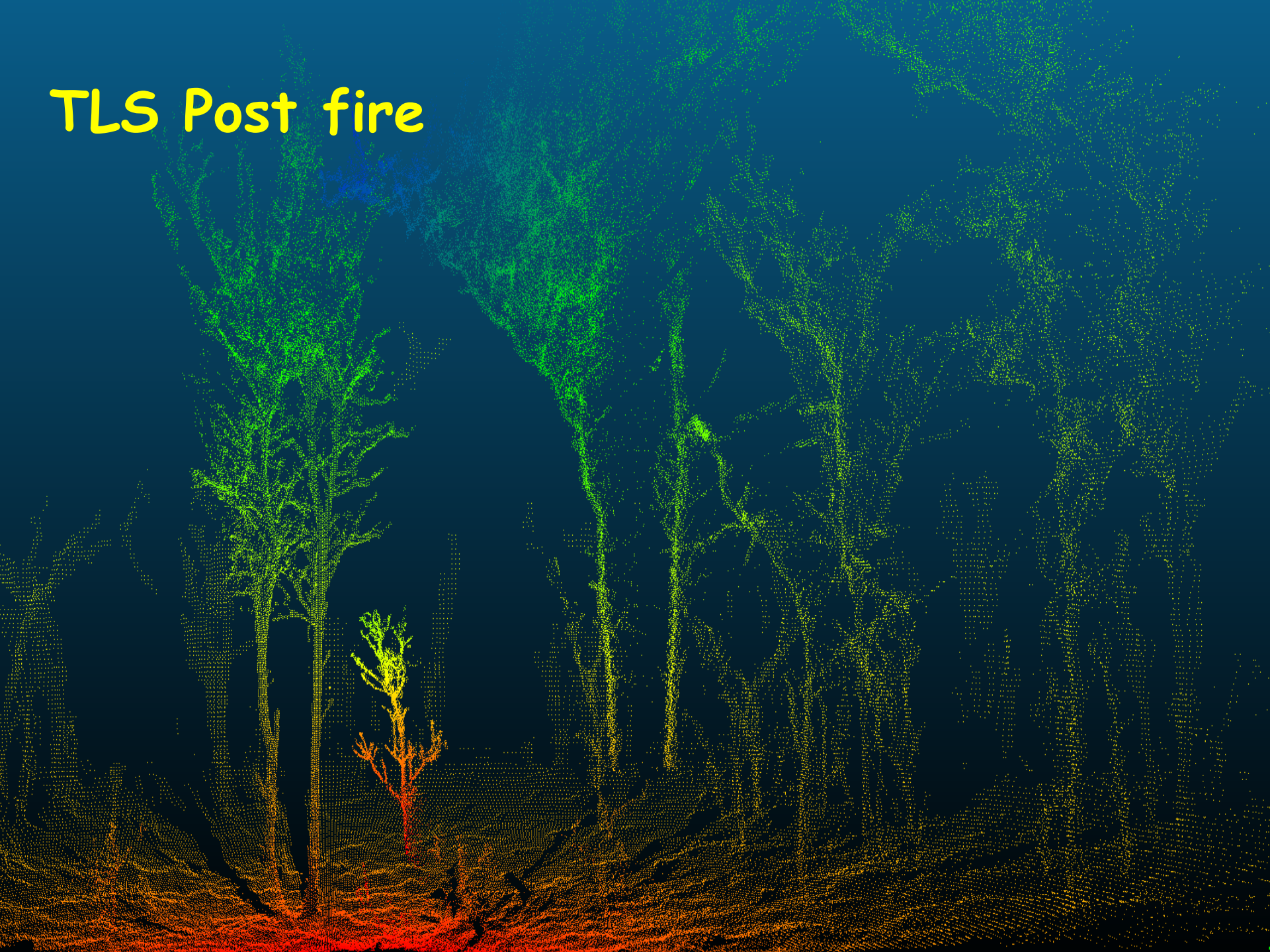
# Kruger National Park, South Africa, October 2018 – drier !



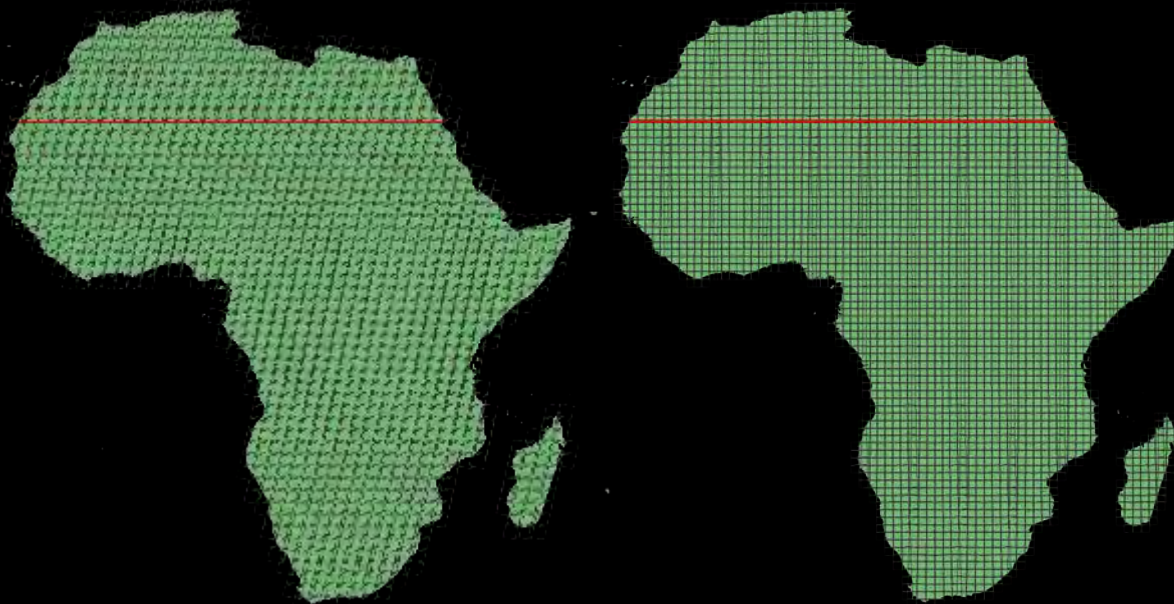
TLS Pre fire



# TLS Post fire

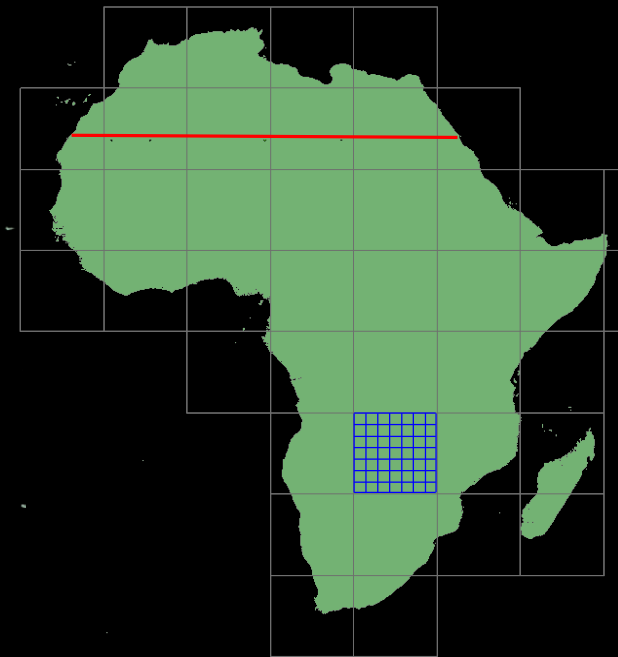


# Planned Production - all of Africa, including Madagascar, south of the Tropic of Cancer (23.44° N) for 2017 / 2018 / 2019 process on NASA funded AWS



1041  
Landsat-8 Collection 1  
WRS-2 path/rows (UTM)

2829  
Sentinel-2  
L1C tiles (UTM)



33  
MODIS  
Tiles (sinusoidal)

1255  
WELD  
tiles

# Summary

- **New moderate resolution data will provide global burned area mapping capability**
  - Exciting
  - Improved reporting of small and spatially fragmented burned areas
  - Need S2A and L8 for reliable burned area mapping, L8 alone insufficient
  - S2A, S2B & L8 will be optimal
- **Major R&D effort on Sentinel-2 and Landsat-8 pre-processing**
  - will use HLS V1.5 this Fall (improved cloud mask, correct c-factor implementation)
- **Automated burned area algorithm protoyped**
  - applied to NBAR surface reflectance gridded WELD tile time series
  - only 2 parameters
  - map 30m burned area + sub-pixel fraction (f) x combustion completeness (cc)
  - *Remote Sensing of Environment*, paper currently in review (round 3 !)
- **Planned production**
  - all of Africa, including Madagascar, south of the Tropic of Cancer
  - 2017 (S2A & L8), 2018 (S2A, S2B, L8), 2018 (S2A, SB, L8)
- **Validation**
  - Commercial data (burned area, f) & perhaps *in situ* Terrestrial Laser Scanner (cc)