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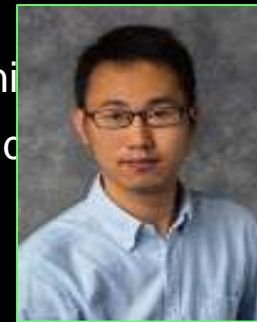
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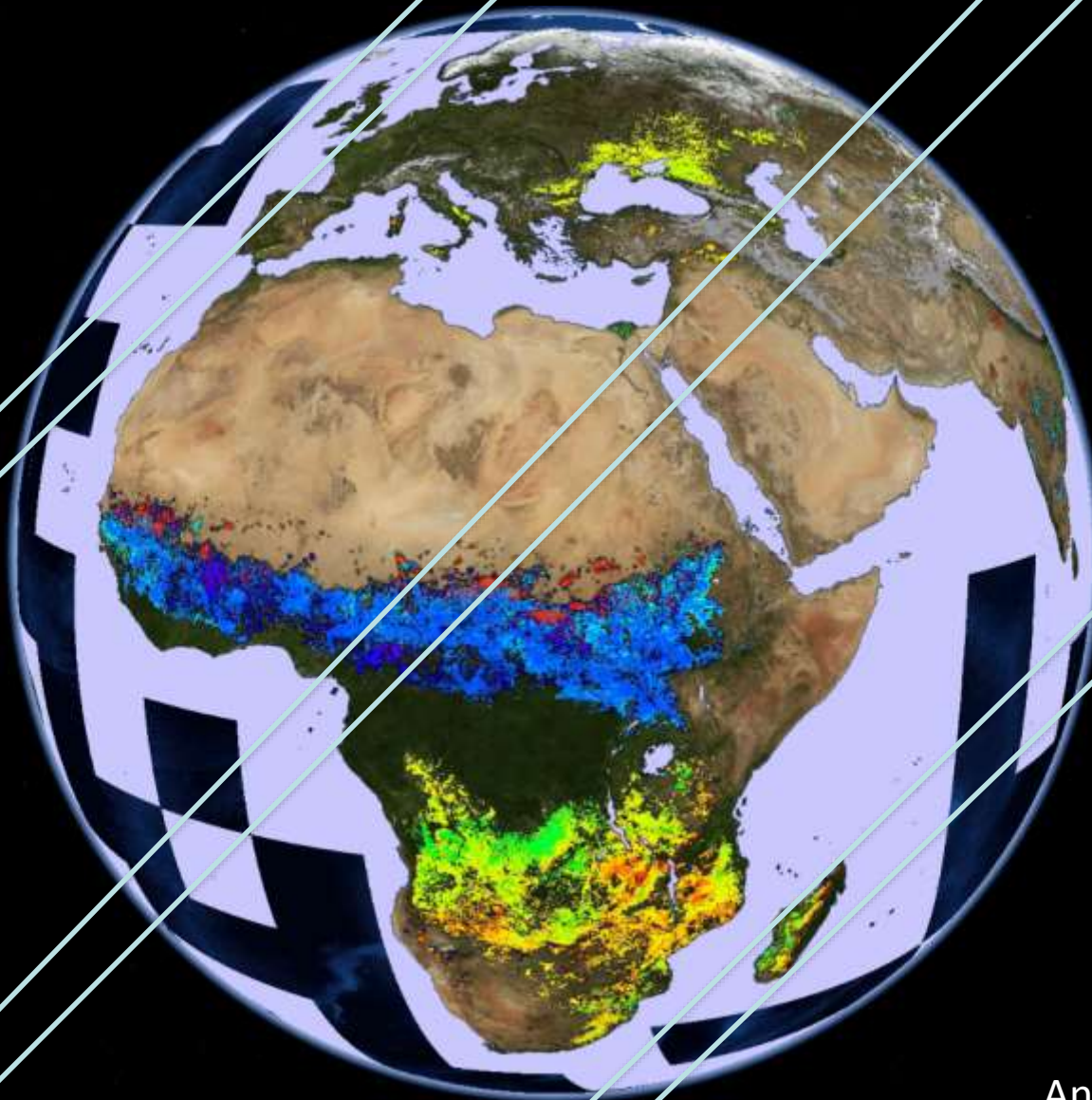
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## Overview

- Product rationale
- Pre-Processing
- Burned area mapping algorithm
- Example 30 m burned area results
- Production plans

18 years of NASA systematically generated  
global MODIS 500 m burned area product

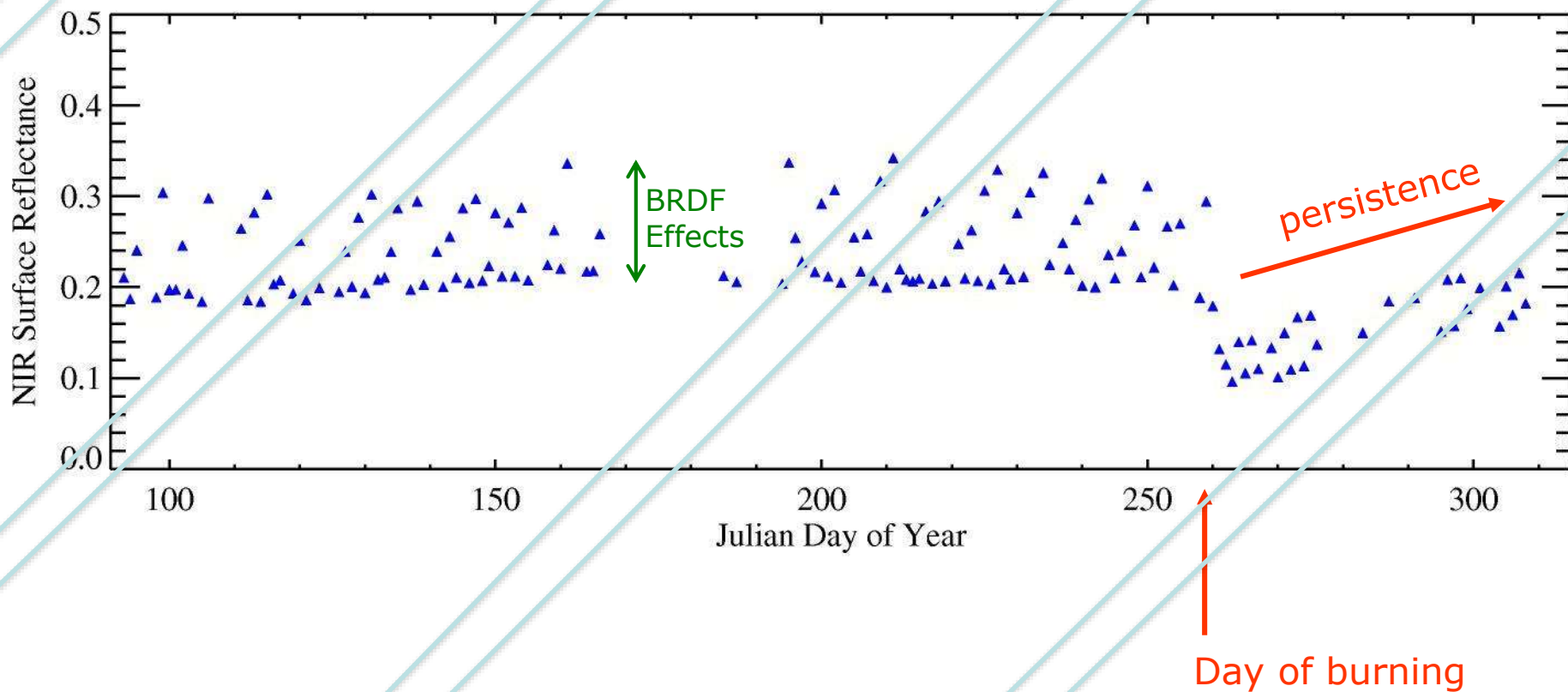


Annual 2001



# MODIS burned area product algorithms based on moving window change detection

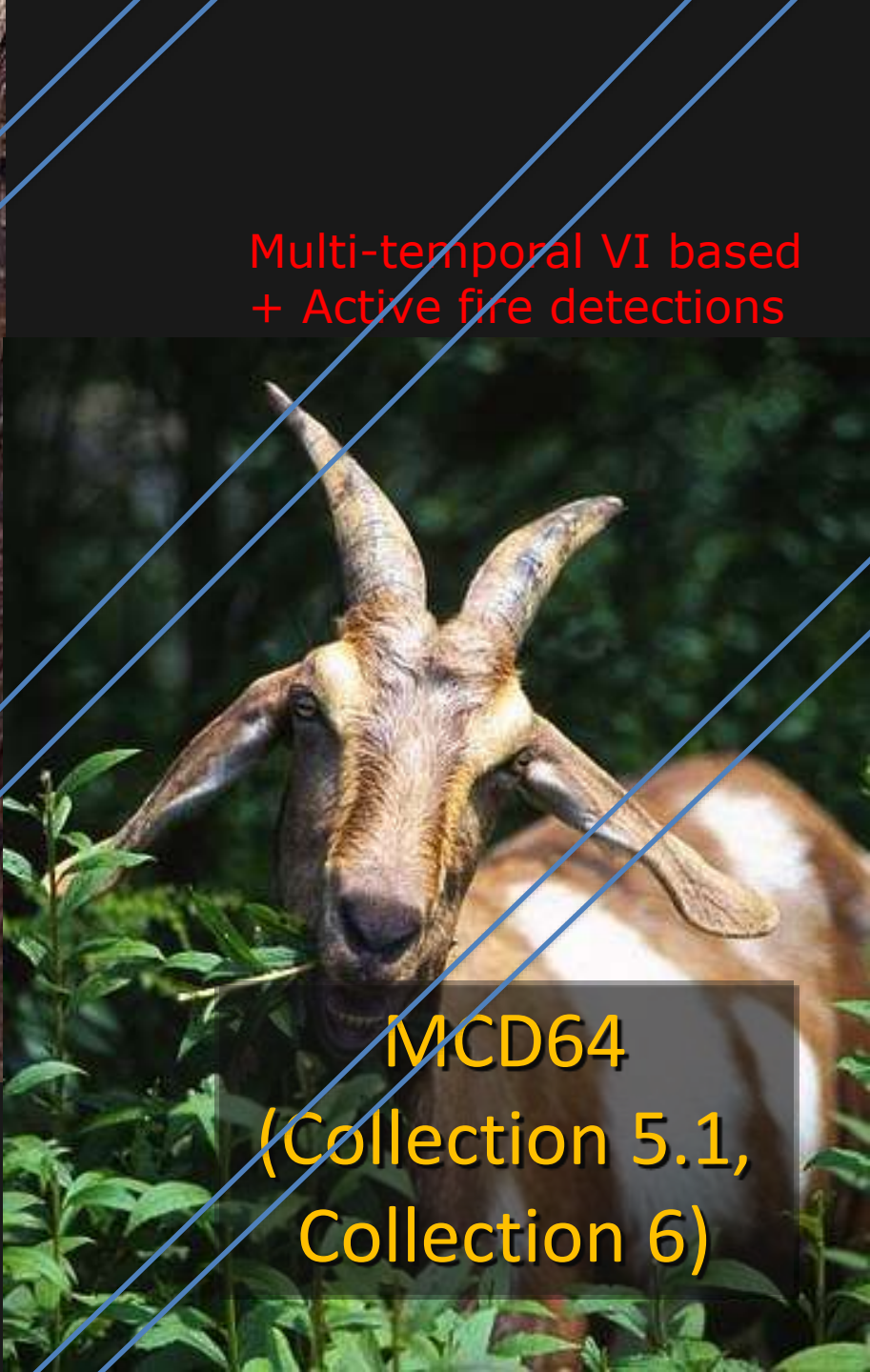
Example single pixel 500m NIR surface reflectance time series





**MCD45**  
**(Collection 5.1)**

Multi-temporal BRDF based



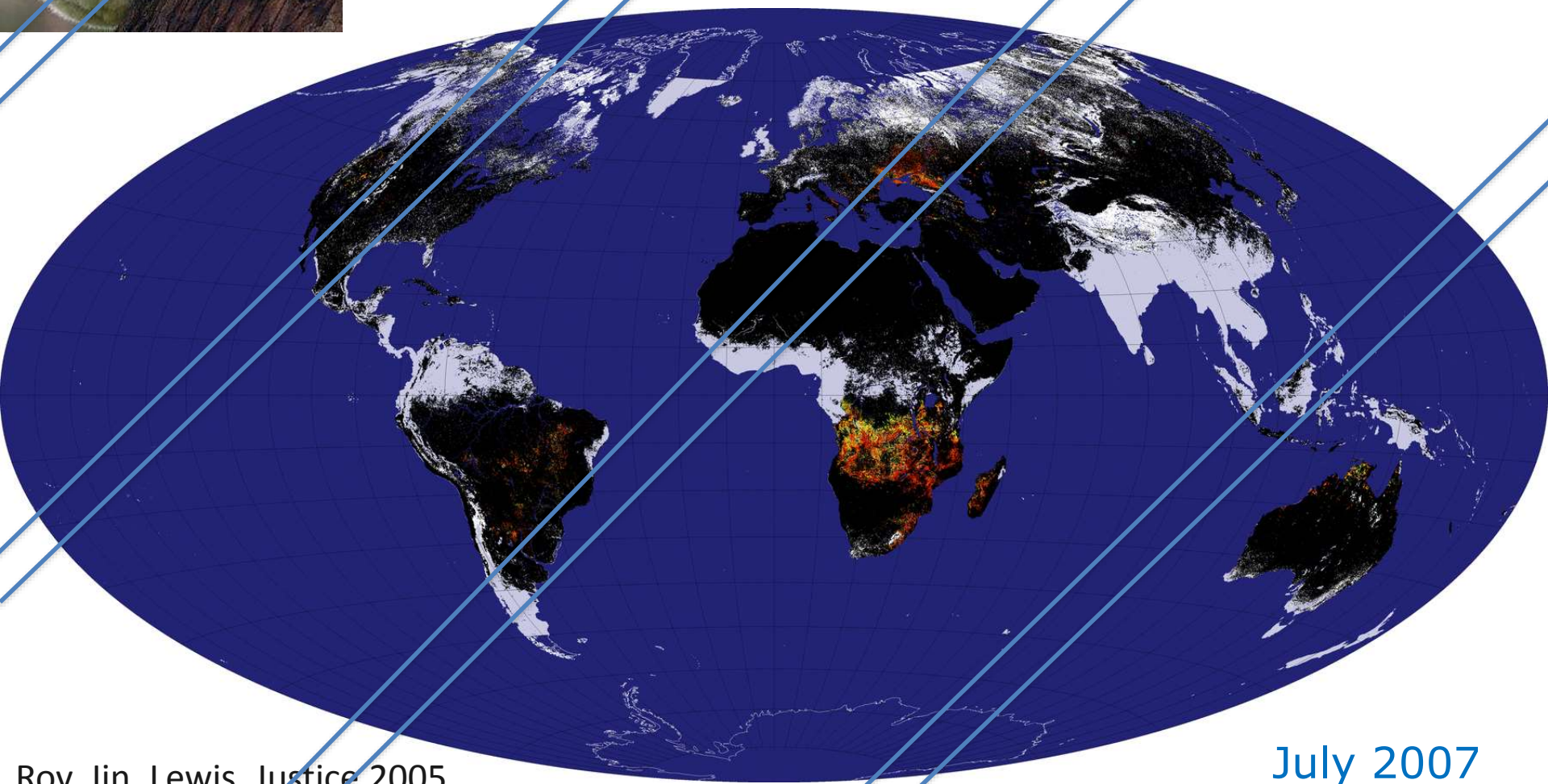
Multi-temporal VI based  
+ Active fire detections

**MCD64**  
**(Collection 5.1,**  
**Collection 6)**



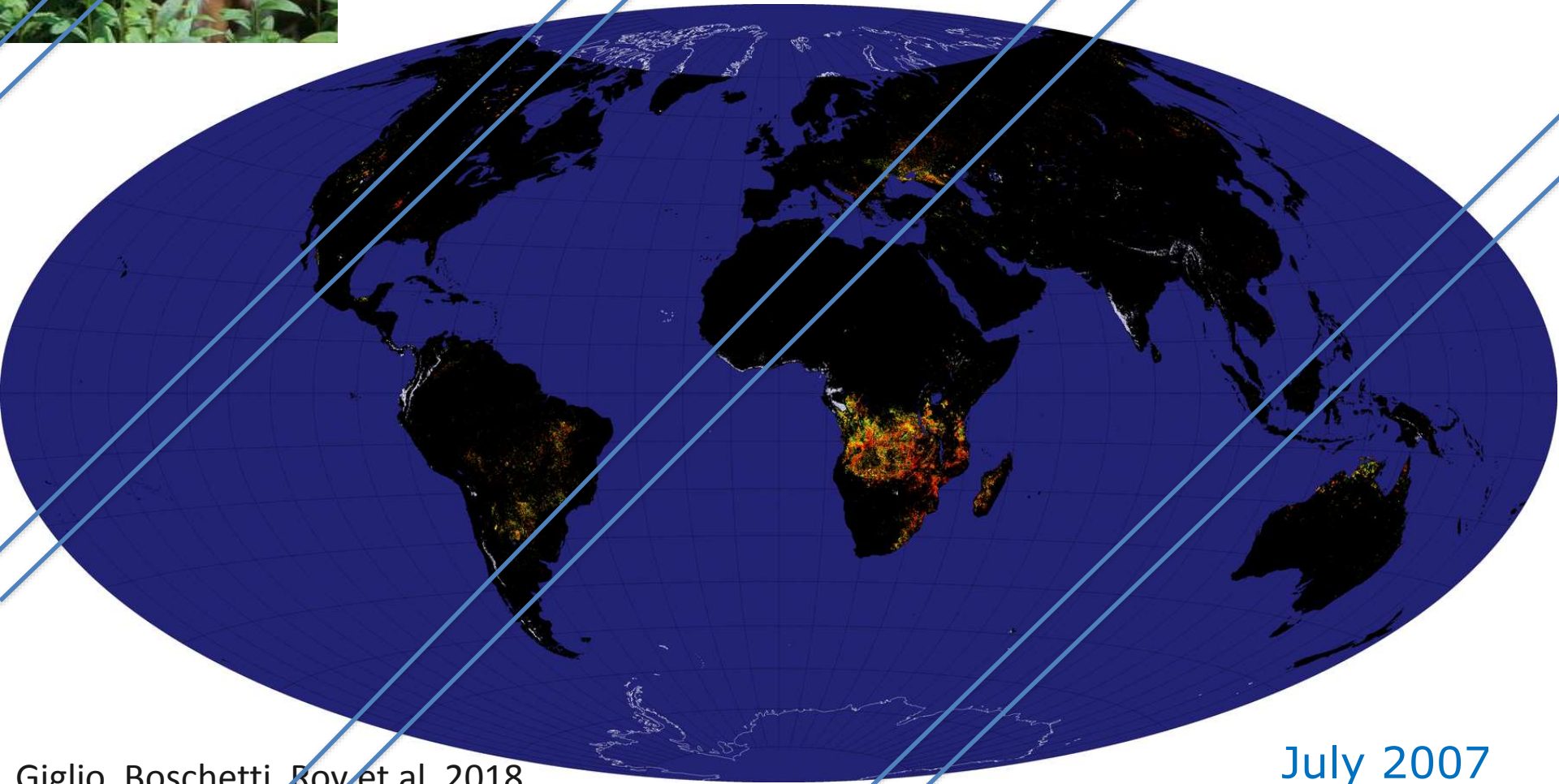


# MODIS 500m burned area C5 MCD45A1 (BRDF "Koala")





# MODIS 500m burned area C6 MCD64A1 ("Goat")

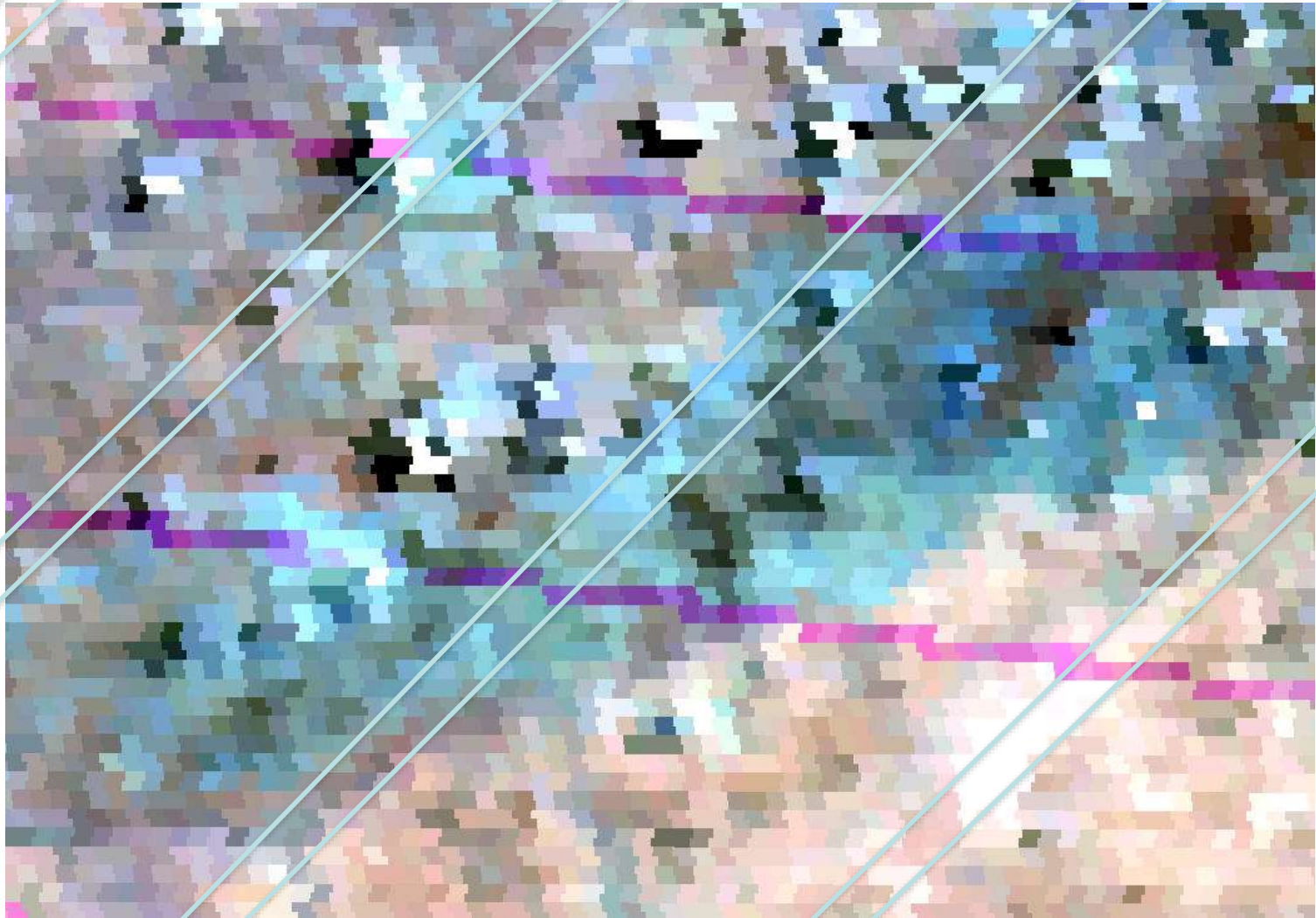




# MODIS 500 m pixels

bands 6 (1.65  $\mu\text{m}$ ), 5 (1.24  $\mu\text{m}$ ), 2 (0.86  $\mu\text{m}$ )

September 26<sup>th</sup> 2001



31km x 23km

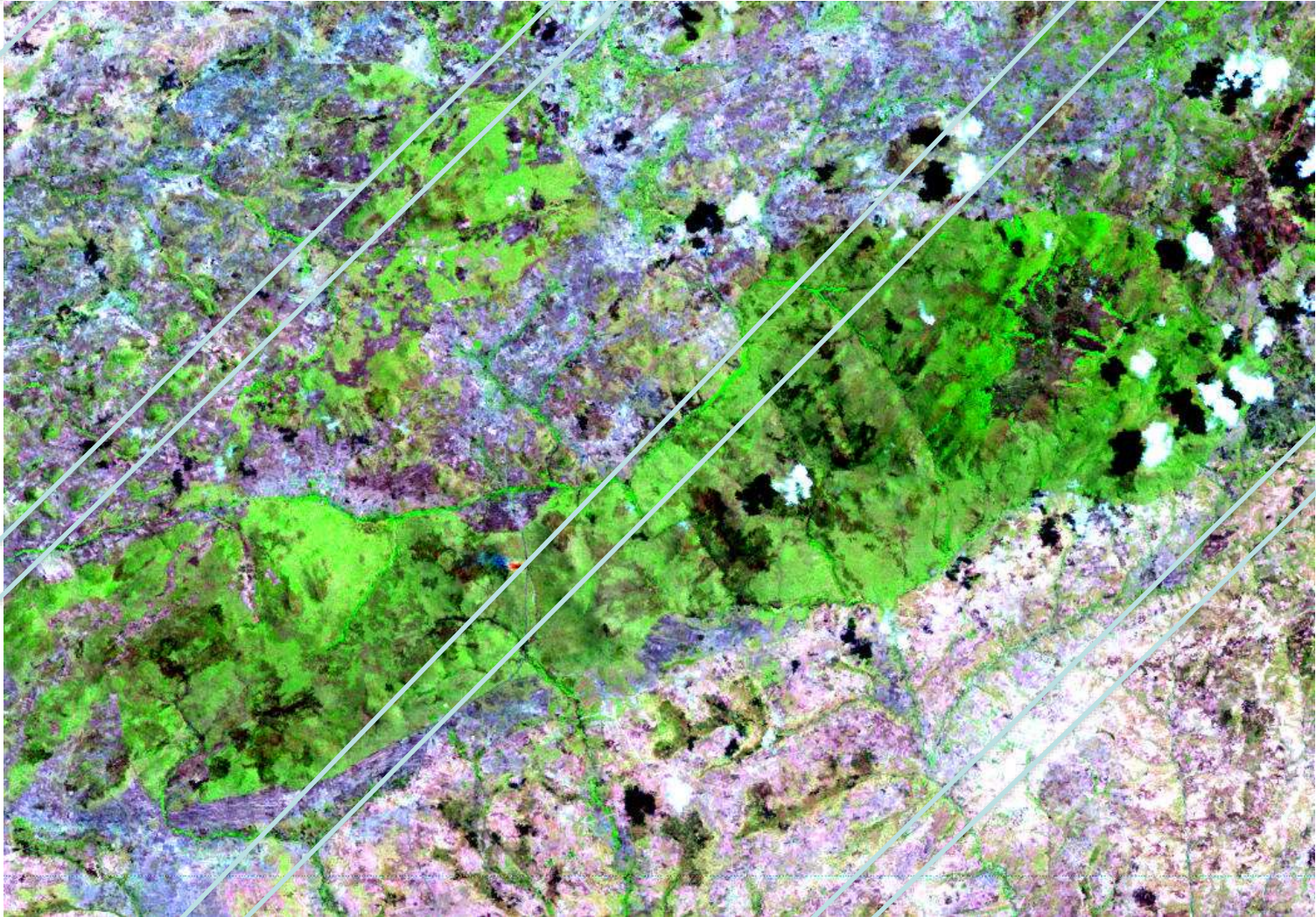
Chimaliro forest reserve, Malawi



# Landsat 30m pixels

bands 5 (1.65  $\mu\text{m}$ ), 4 (0.82  $\mu\text{m}$ ), 3 (0.66  $\mu\text{m}$ )

September 26<sup>th</sup> 2001



31km x 23km

Chimaliro forest reserve, Malawi

# Global burned area and biomass burning emissions from small fires

J. T. Randerson [✉](#), Y. Chen, G. R. van der Werf, B. M. Rogers, D. C. Morton

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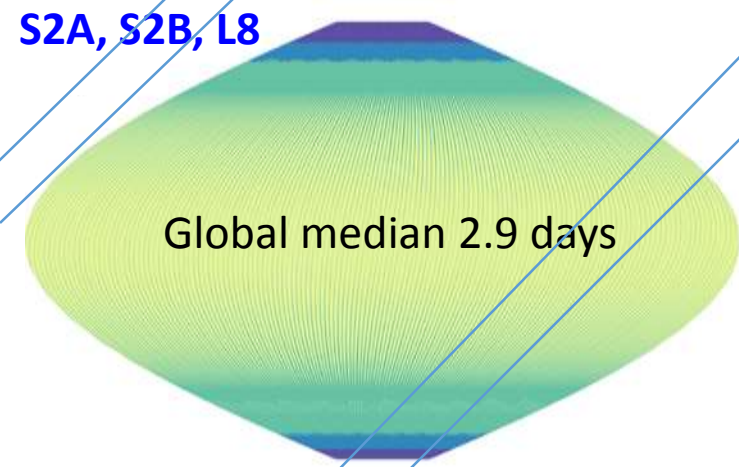
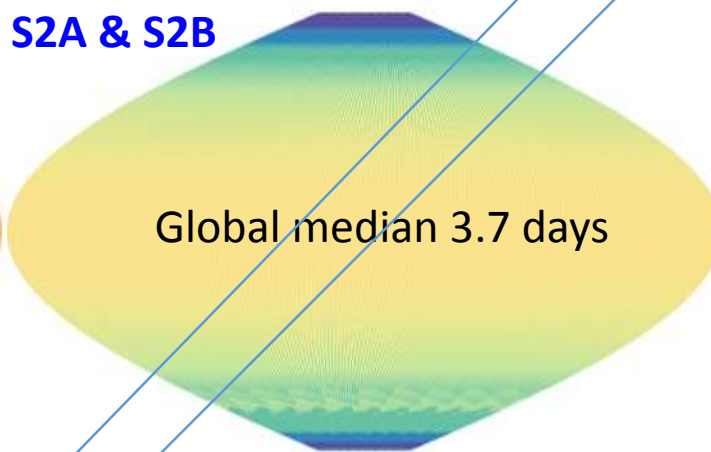
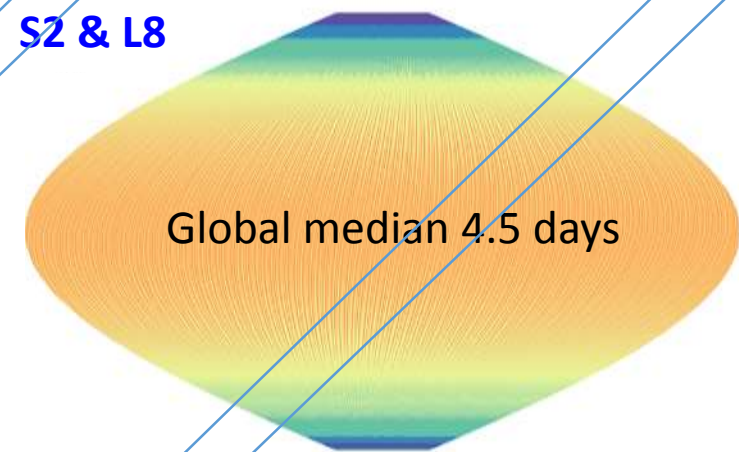
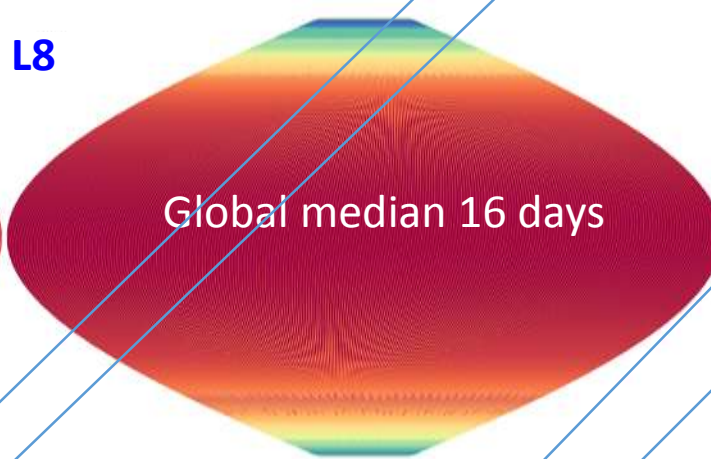
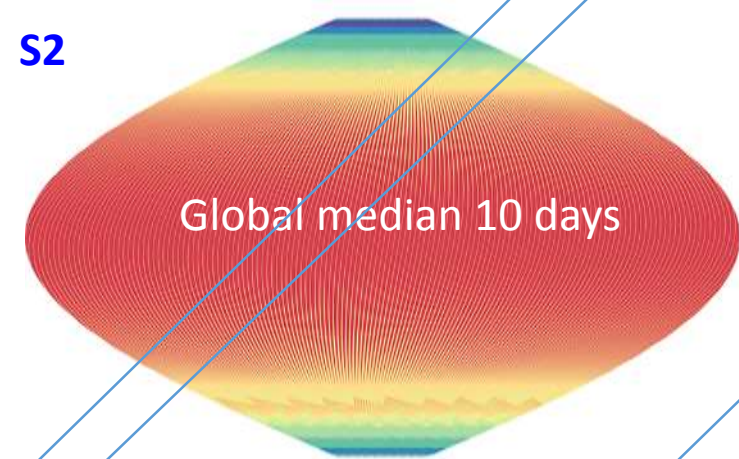
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Accounting for small fires increased total global burned area by **~35%**, from 345 Mha/yr to 464 Mha/yr

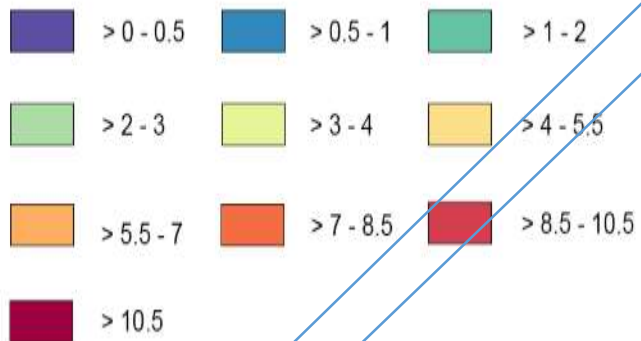
“A formal quantification of uncertainties was not possible ...”



Li, J and Roy, D.P. 2017  
A global analysis of  
Sentinel-2A,  
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Landsat-8  
data revisit intervals  
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for terrestrial  
monitoring,  
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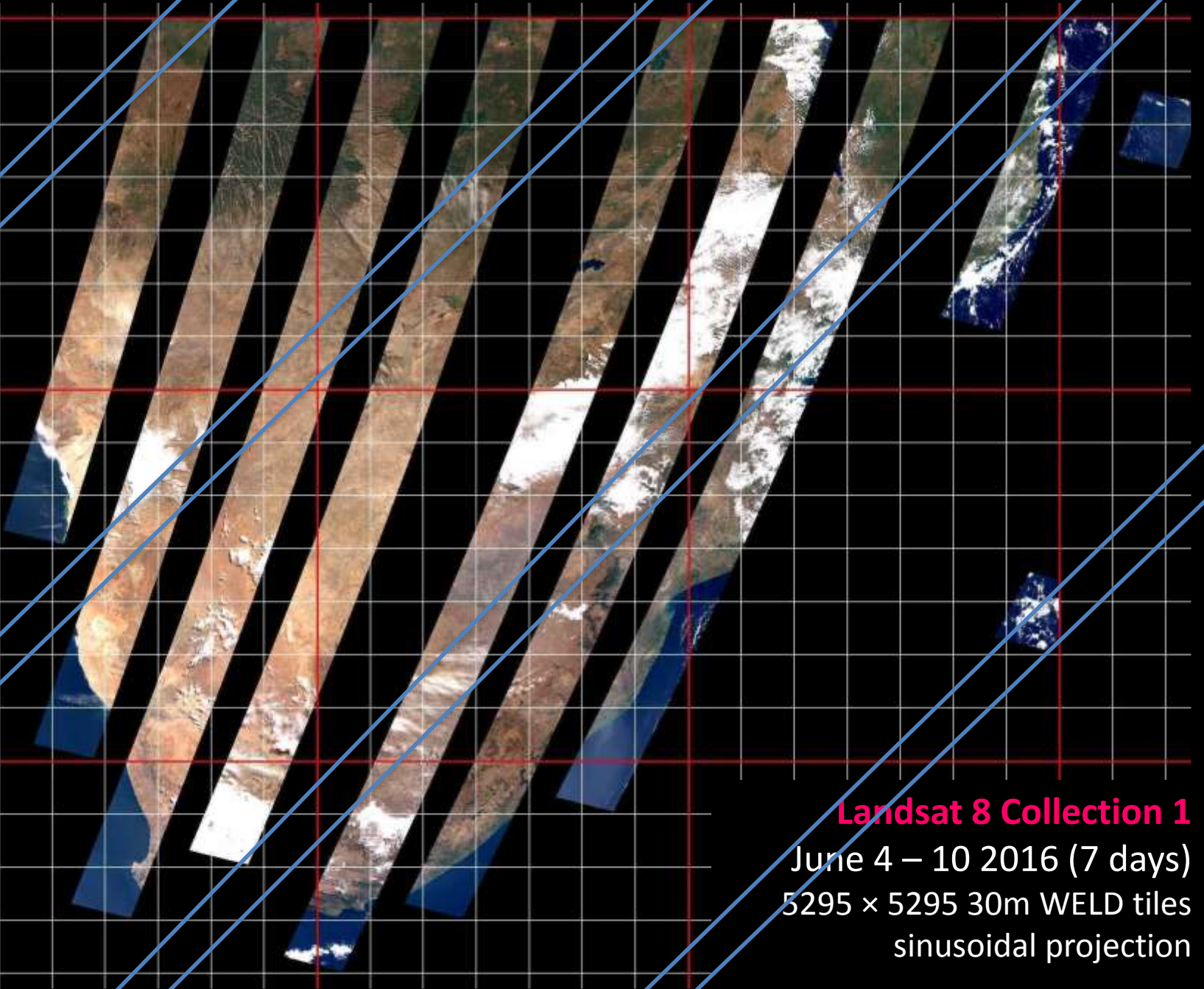
**Average satellite revisit interval (days)**



# 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)
  - no masking of shadow (!)
  - ephemeral water masking issues

Southern Africa



**Landsat 8 Collection 1**

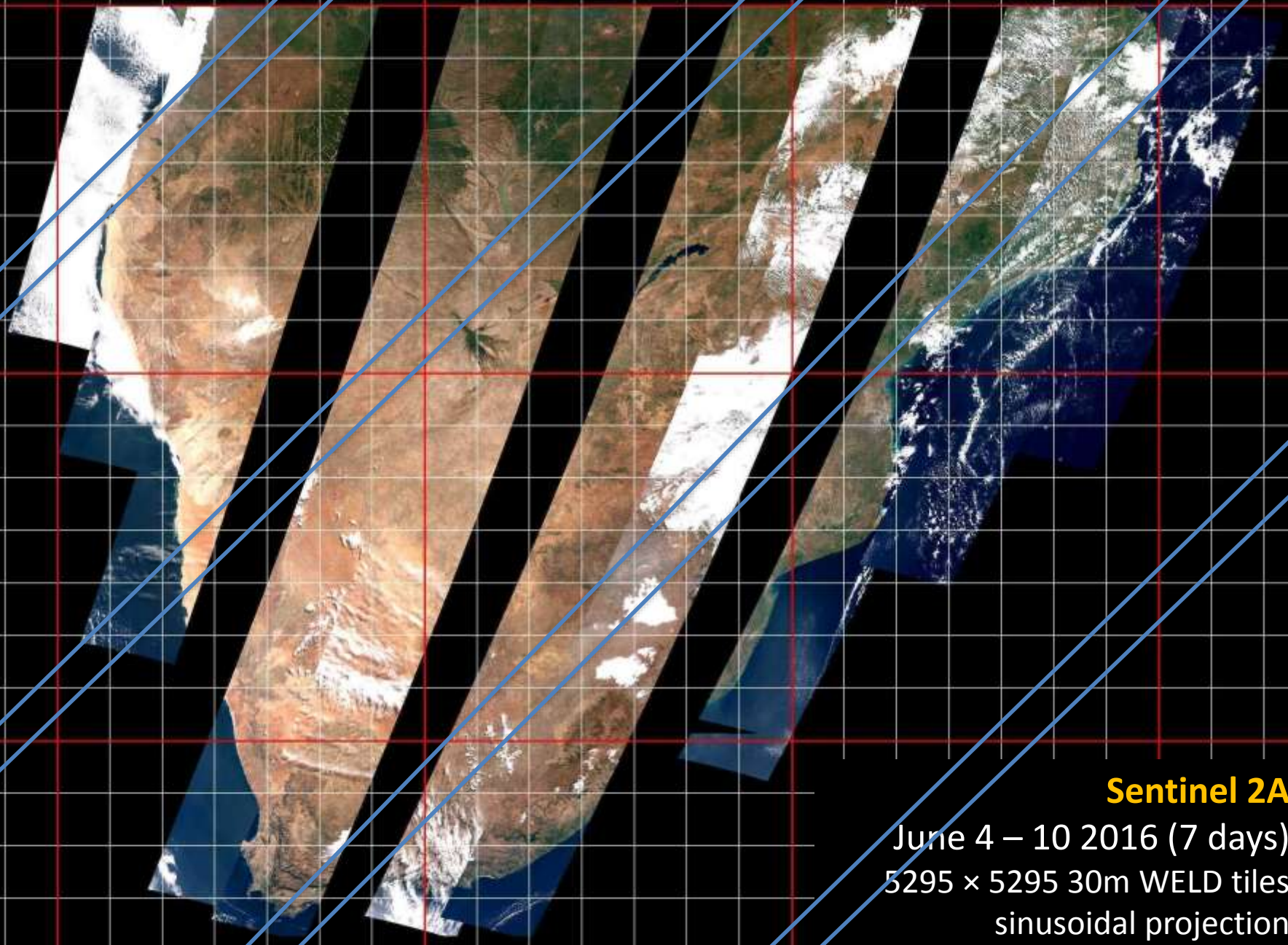
June 4 – 10 2016 (7 days)

5295 × 5295 30m WELD tiles

sinusoidal projection



# Southern Africa



**Sentinel 2A**

June 4 – 10 2016 (7 days)

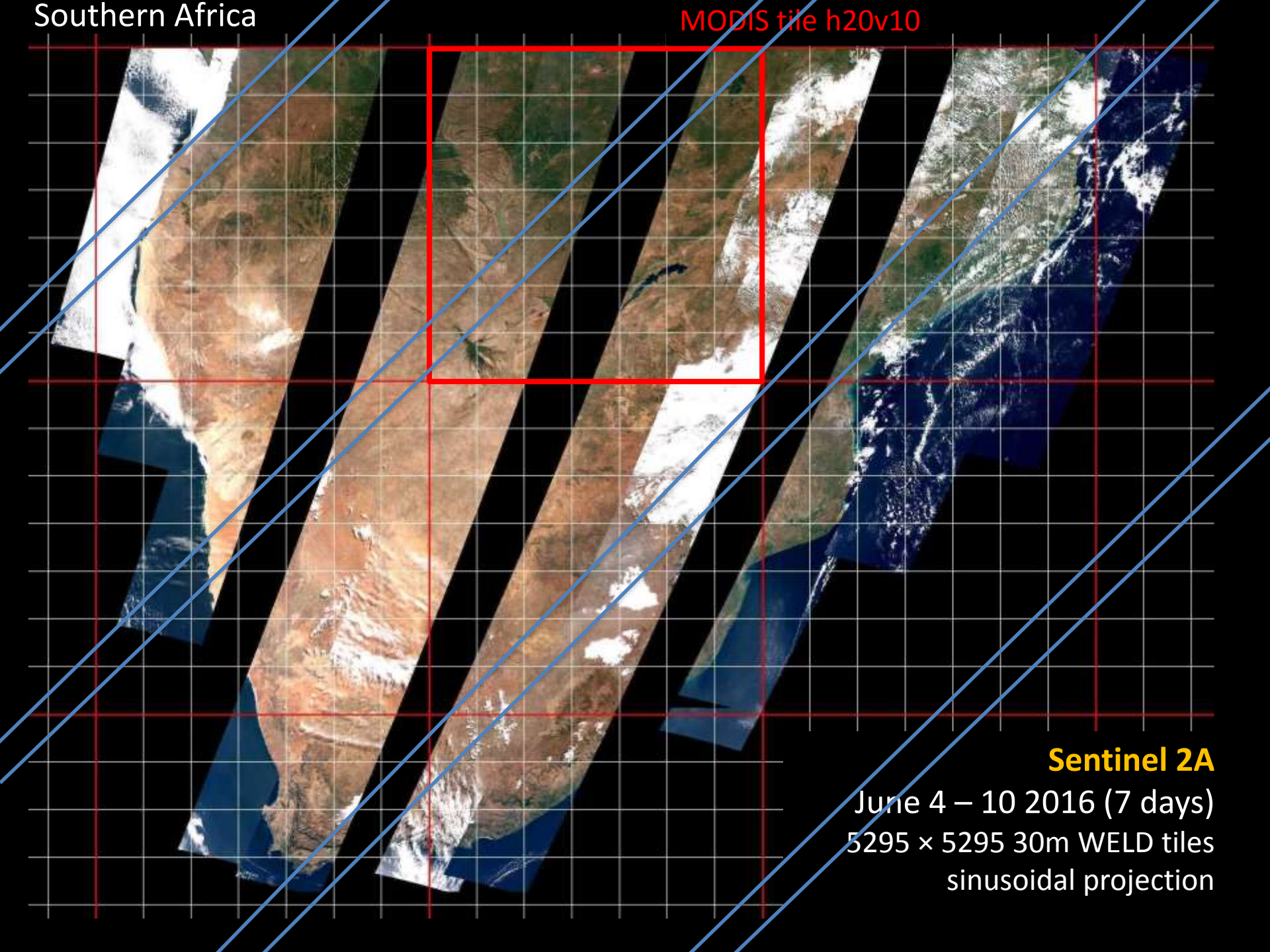
5295 × 5295 30m WELD tiles

sinusoidal projection



Southern Africa

MODIS tile h20v10

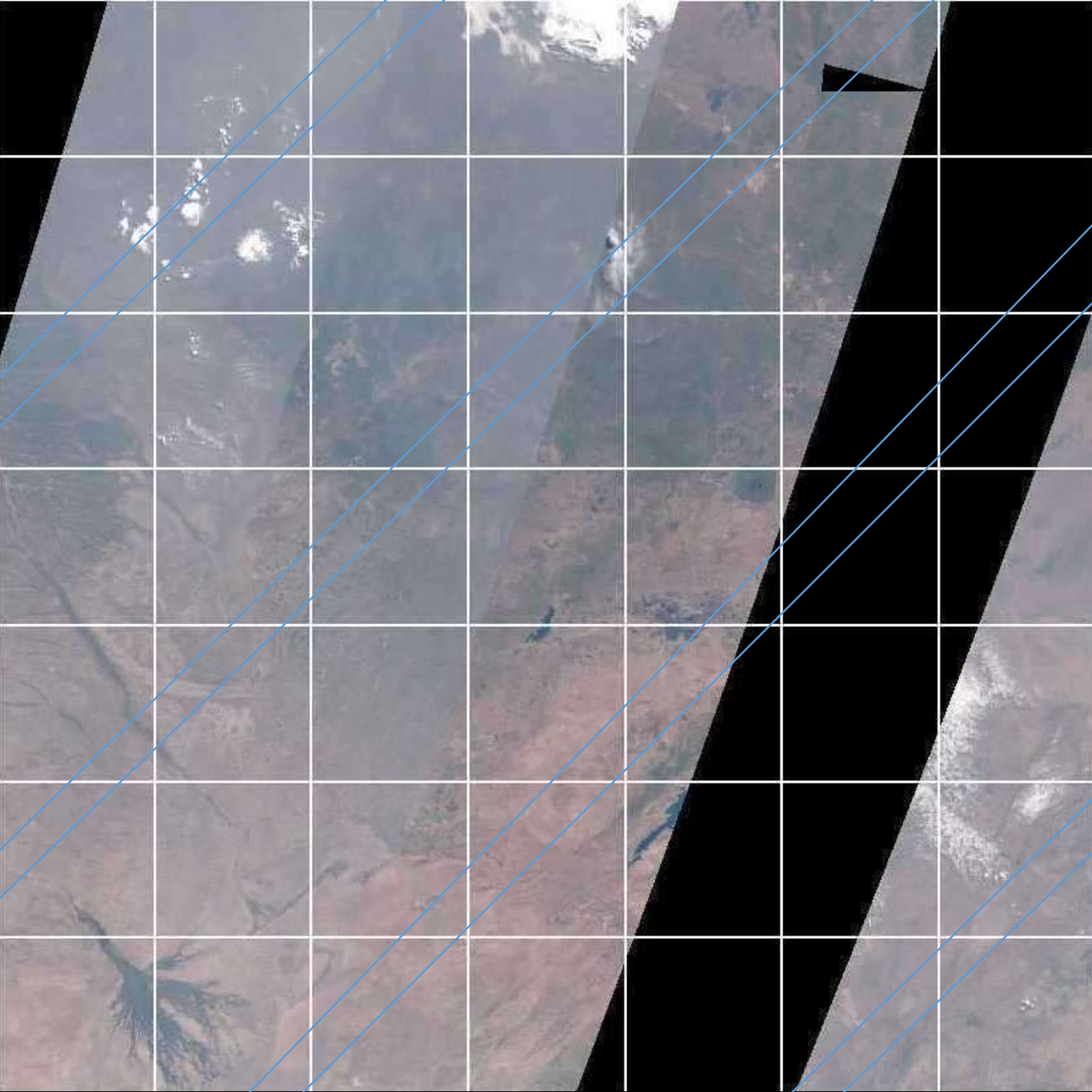


**Sentinel 2A**

June 4 – 10 2016 (7 days)

5295 × 5295 30m WELD tiles

sinusoidal projection



Sentinel 2A  
TOA  
reflectance

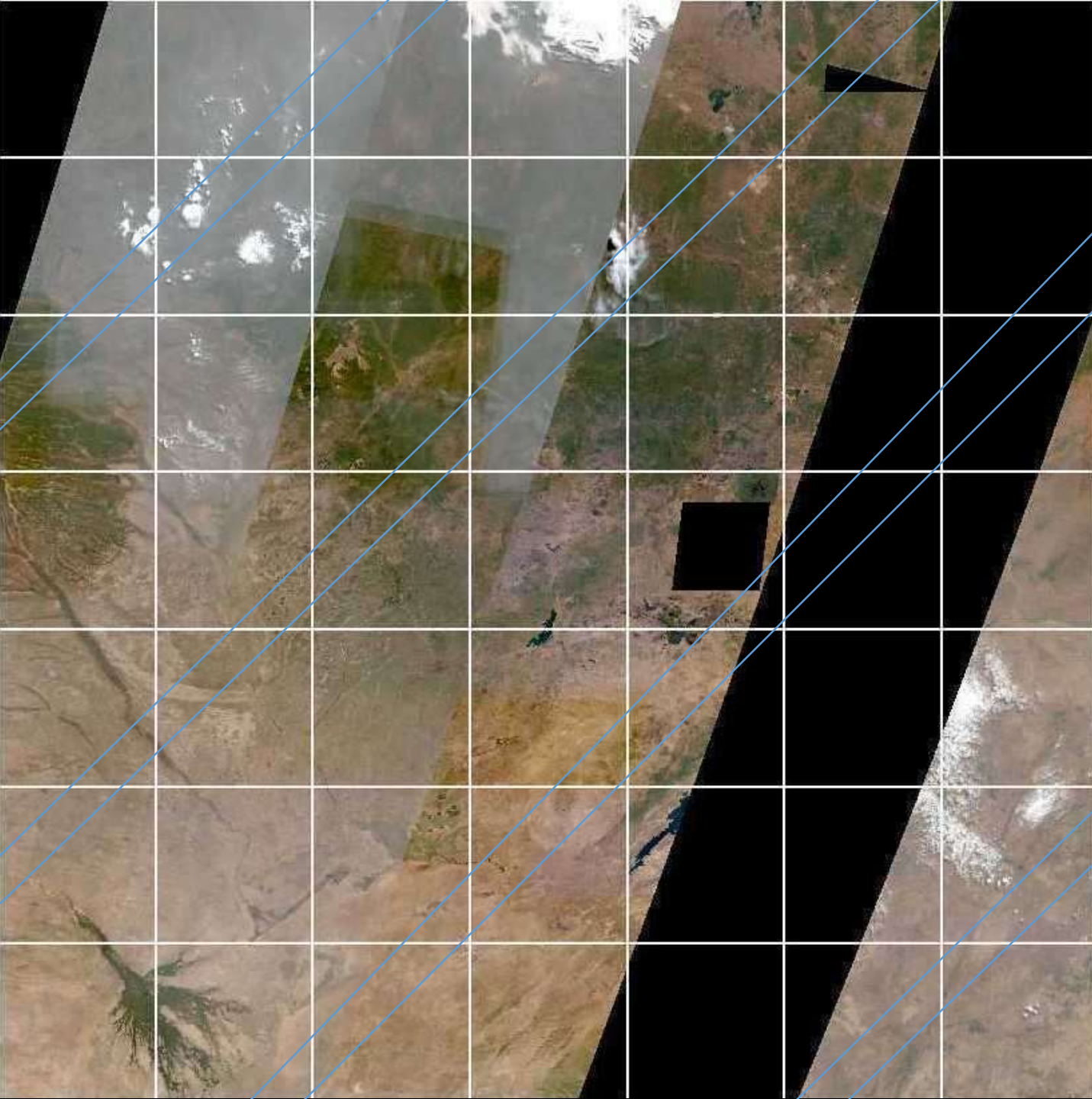
week 30  
Jul. 22-28 2016

7 x 7 WELD tiles

1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile  
h20v10





Sentinel 2A

V2.3.1

Sen2Cor

surface  
reflectance

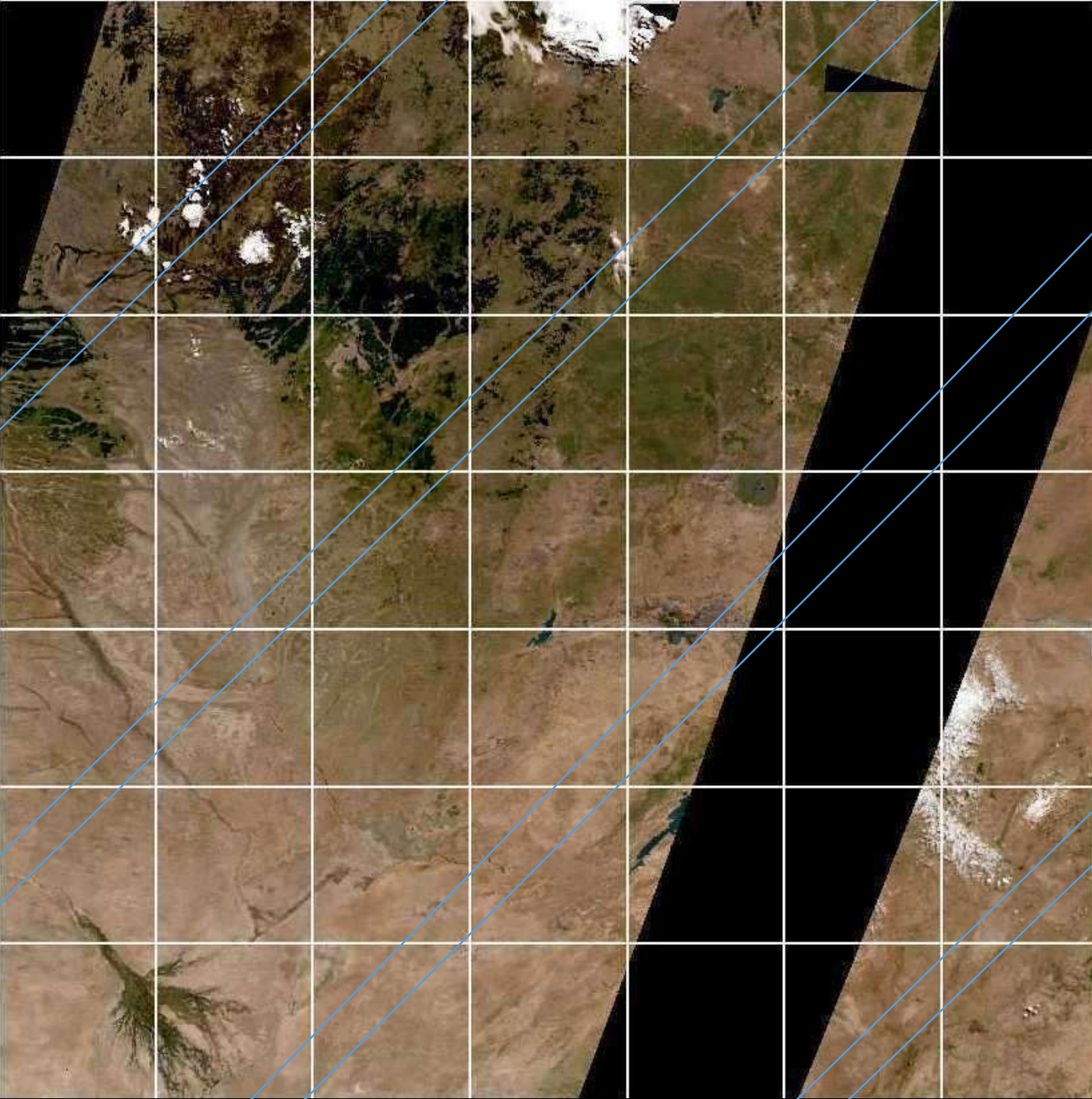
week 30

Jul. 22-28 2016

7 x 7 WELD tiles

1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile  
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Sentinel 2A

V3.5.3

LaSRC

surface  
reflectance

week 30

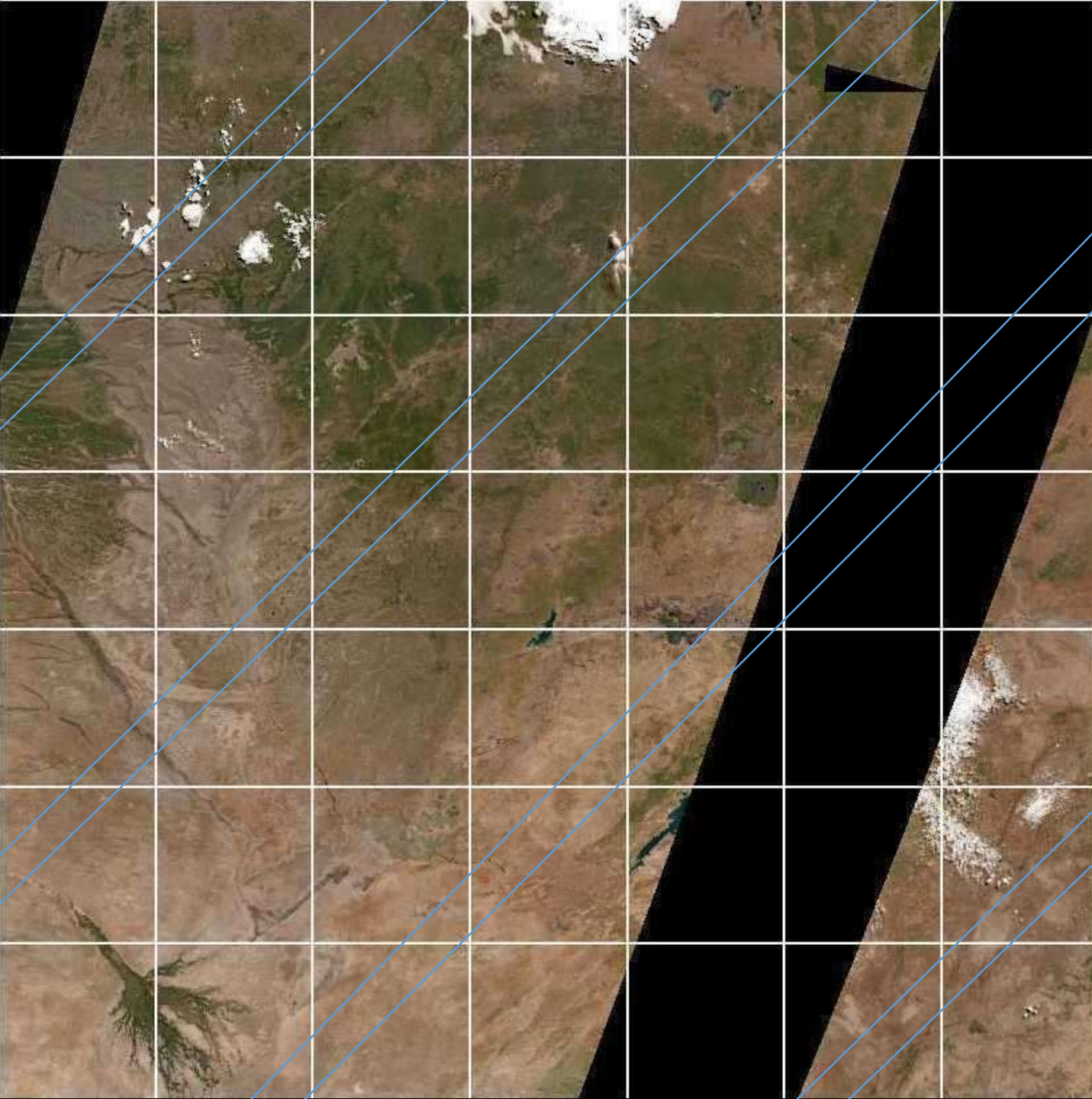
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7 x 7 WELD tiles

1112 x 1112 km

MODIS tile  
h20v10





Sentinel 2A

V3.5.5

LaSRC

surface  
reflectance

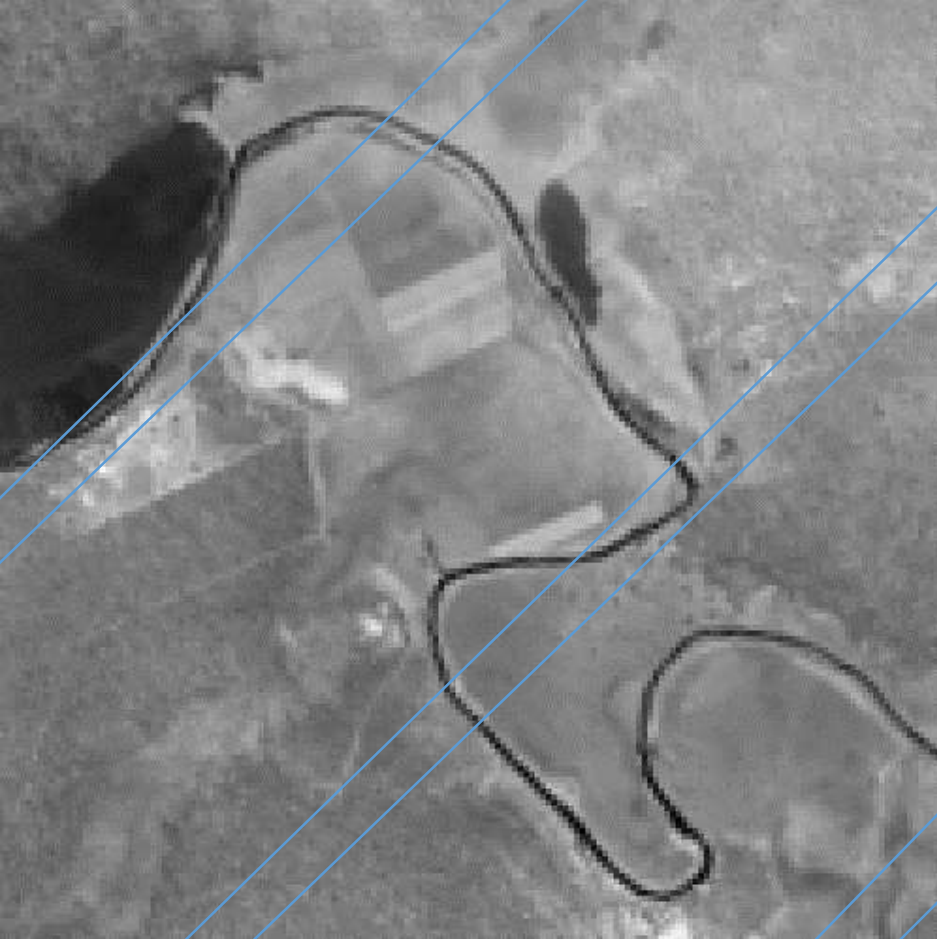
week 30

Jul. 22-28 2016

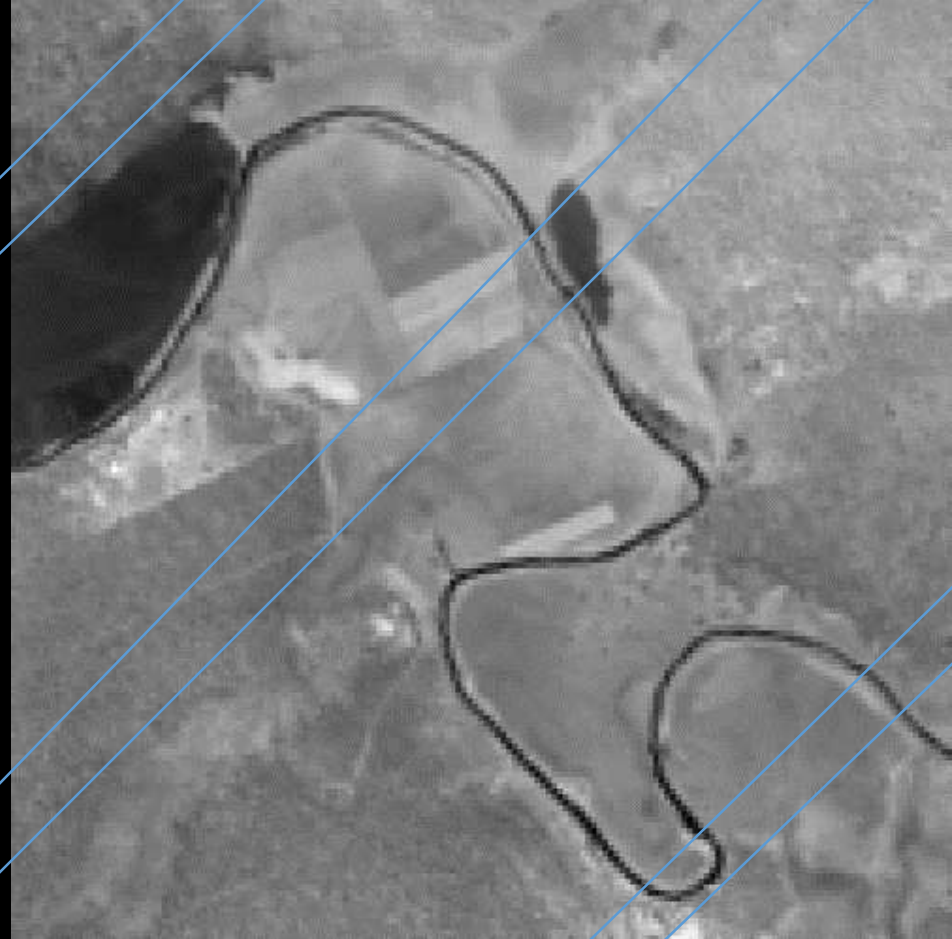
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Original



Registered

Landsat 8 Collection 1  
July 21 2016

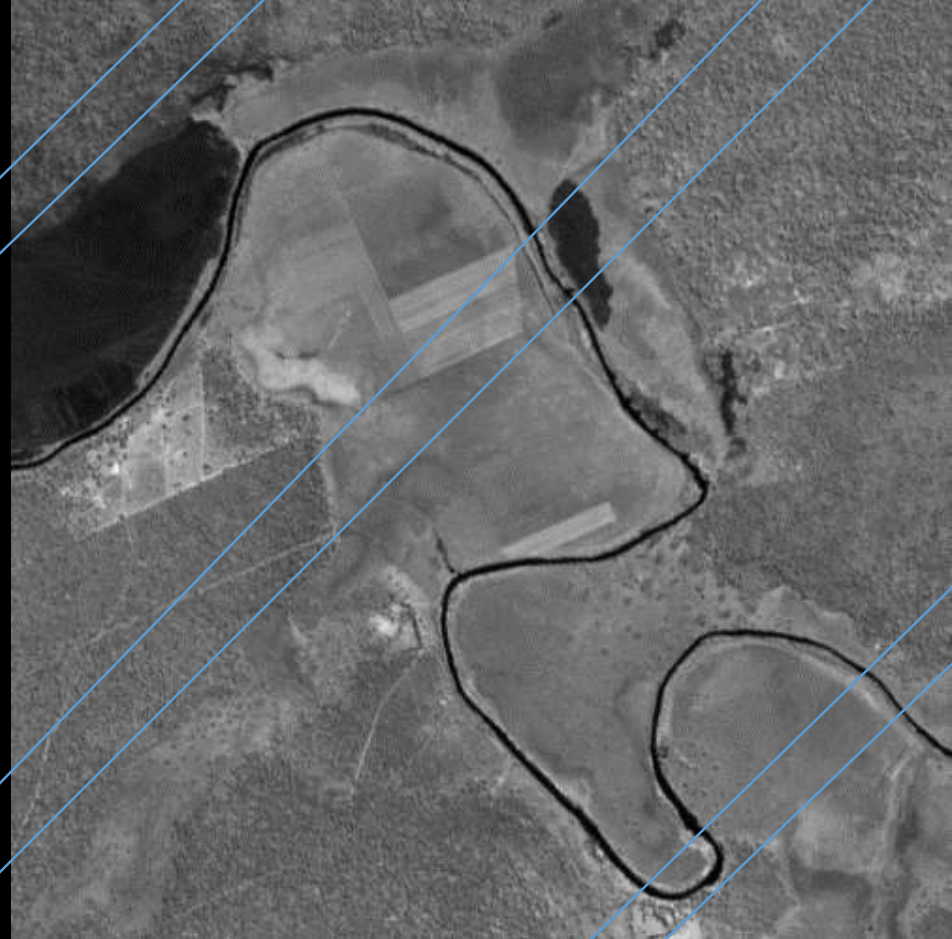
Copperbelt Province, Zambia

500 × 500 10 m pixels, NIR





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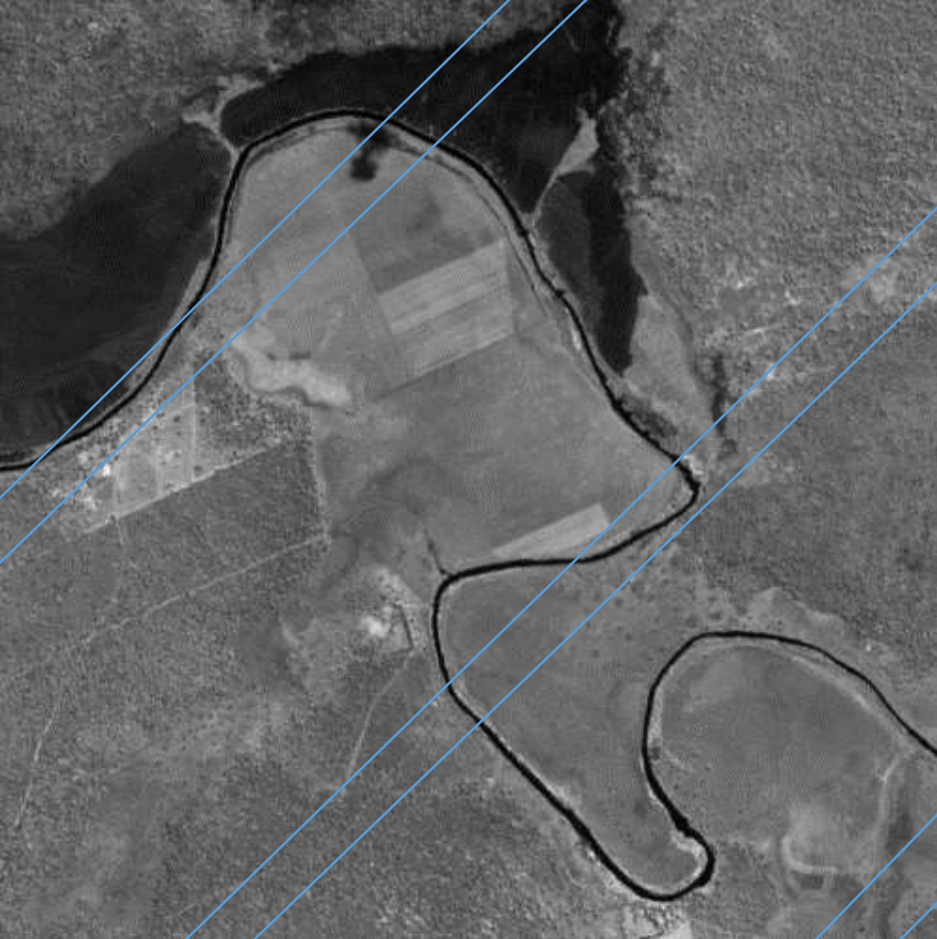


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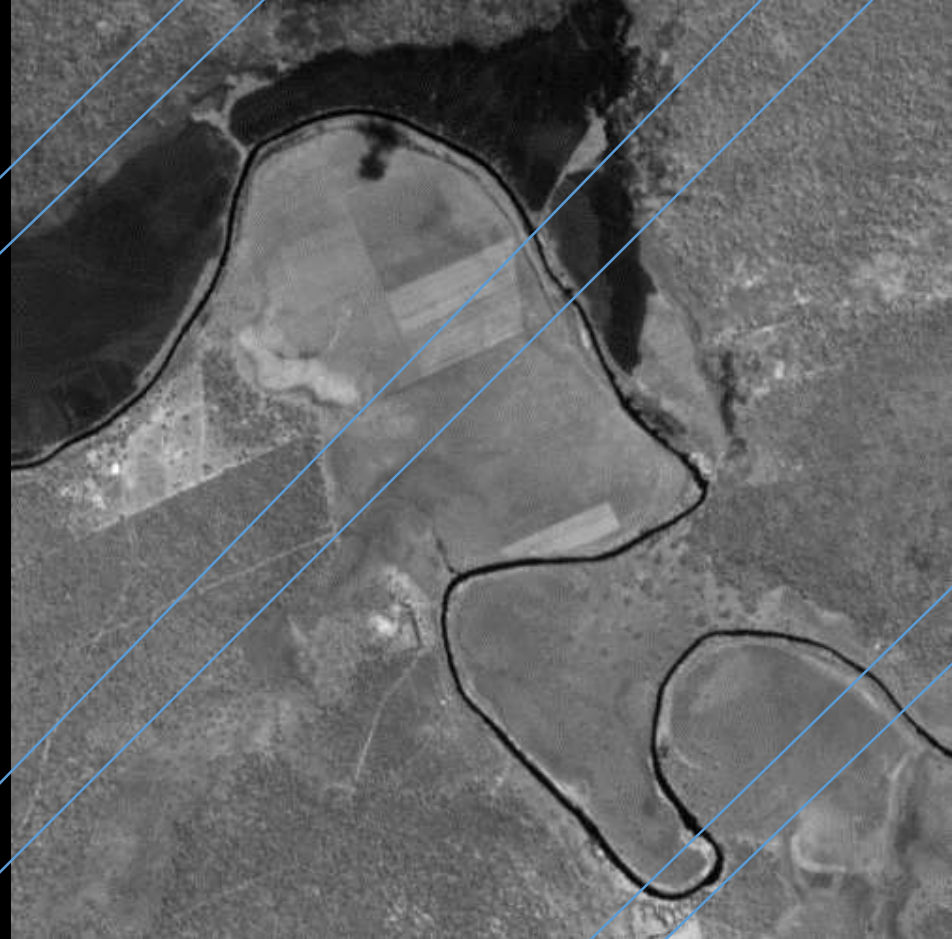
Sentinel 2A  
July 22 2016

Copperbelt Province, Zambia

500 × 500 10 m pixels, NIR



Original



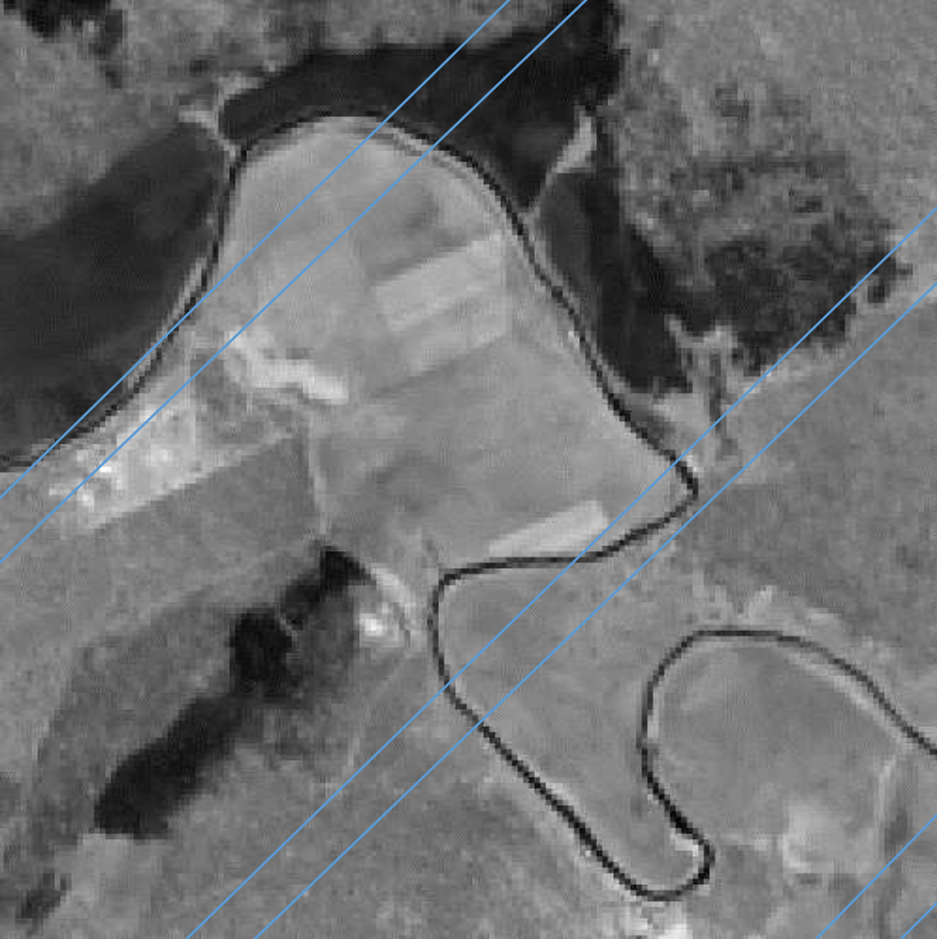
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**Sentinel 2A**  
August 1 2016

**Copperbelt Province, Zambia**

**500 × 500 10 m pixels, NIR**





Original



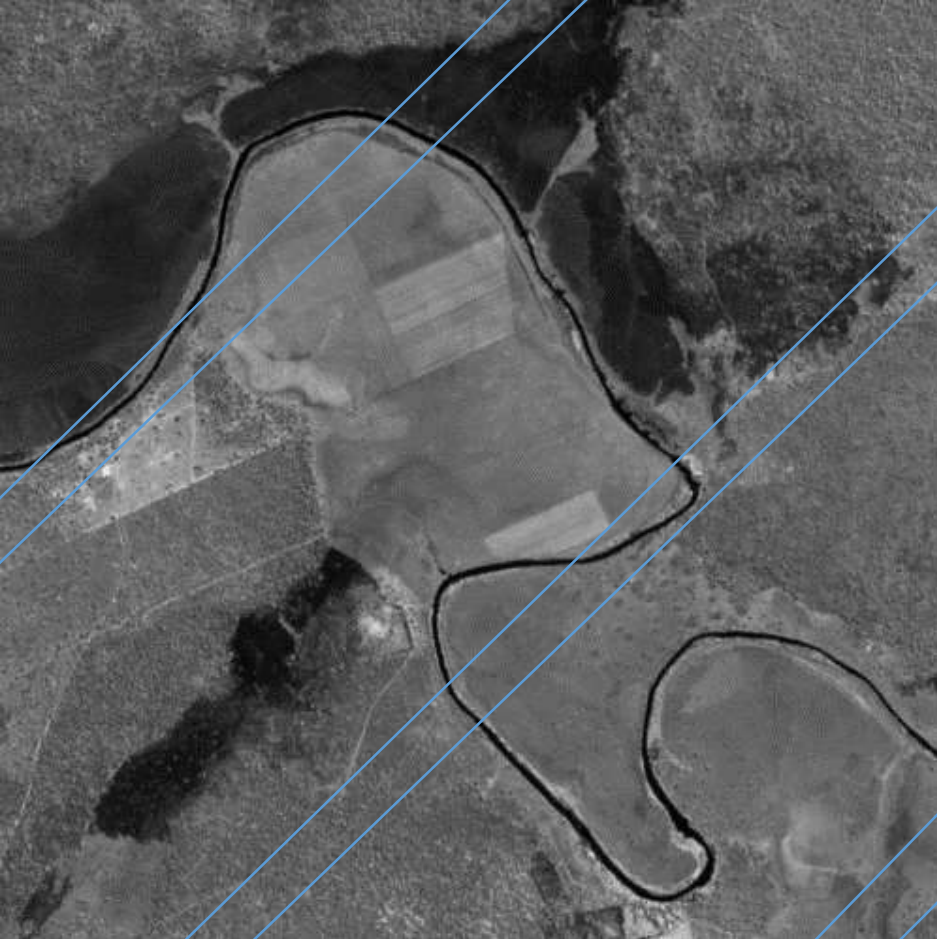
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Landsat 8 Collection 1  
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Copperbelt Province, Zambia

500 × 500 10 m pixels, NIR





Original

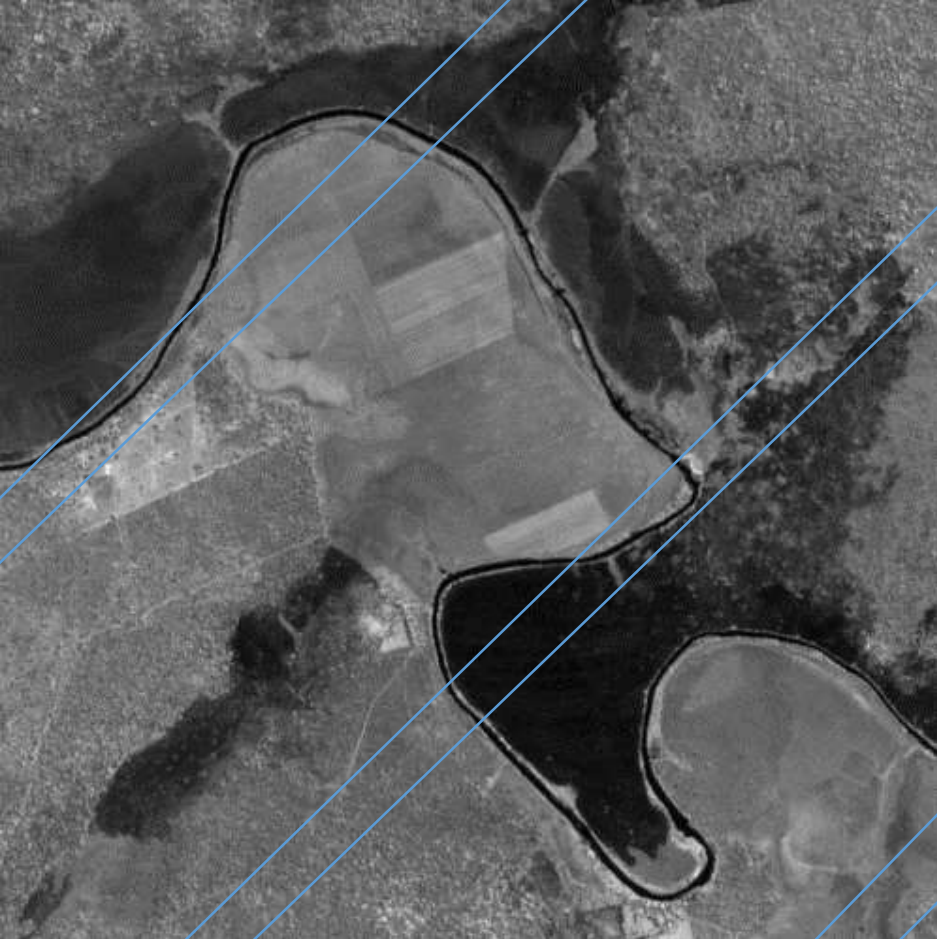


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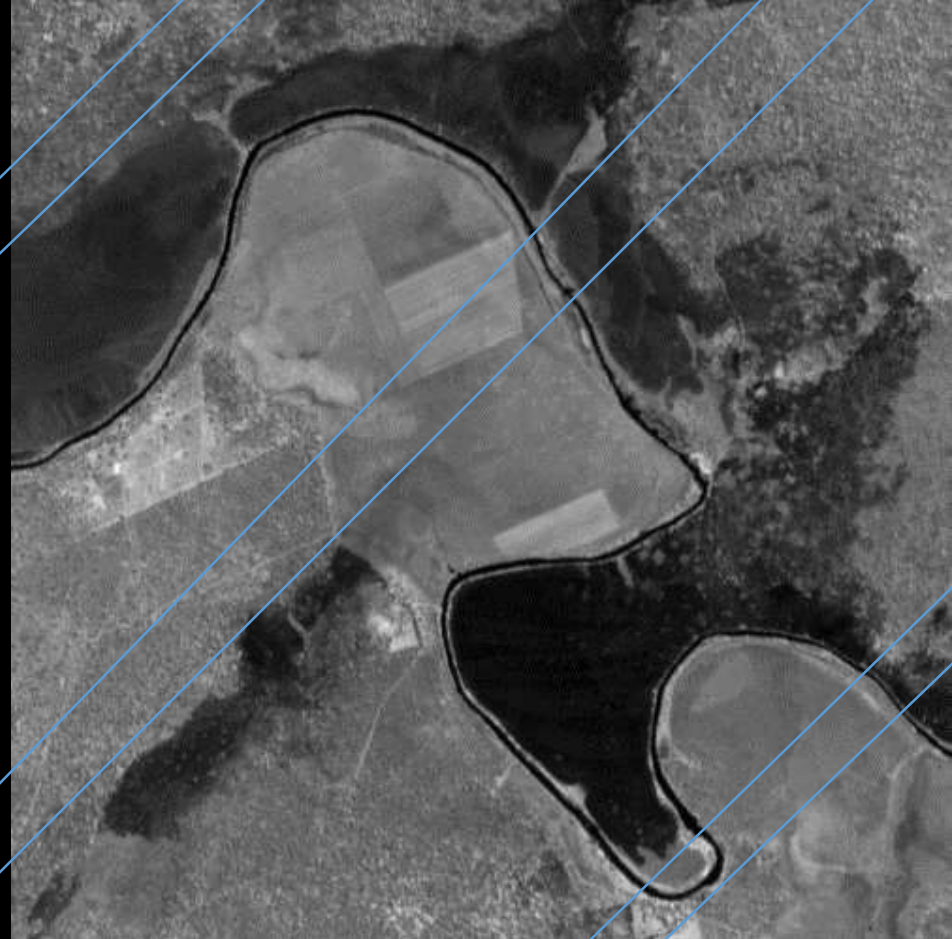
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**Copperbelt Province, Zambia**

**500 × 500 10 m pixels, NIR**



Original



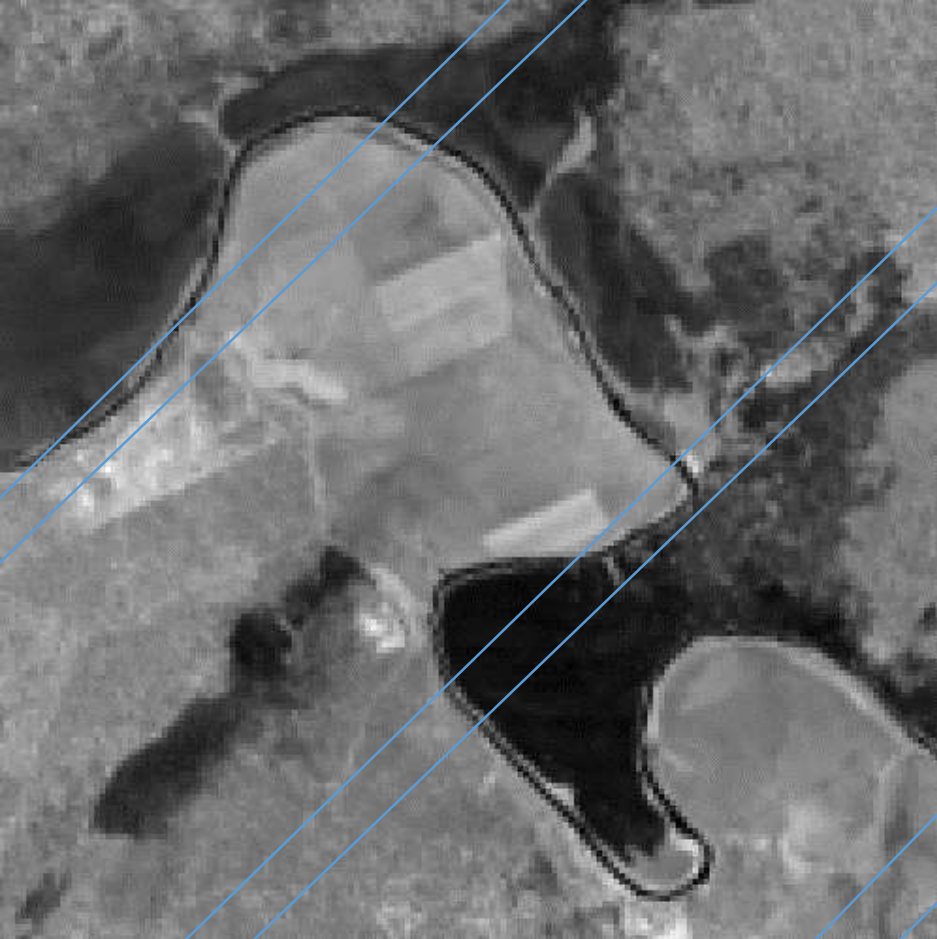
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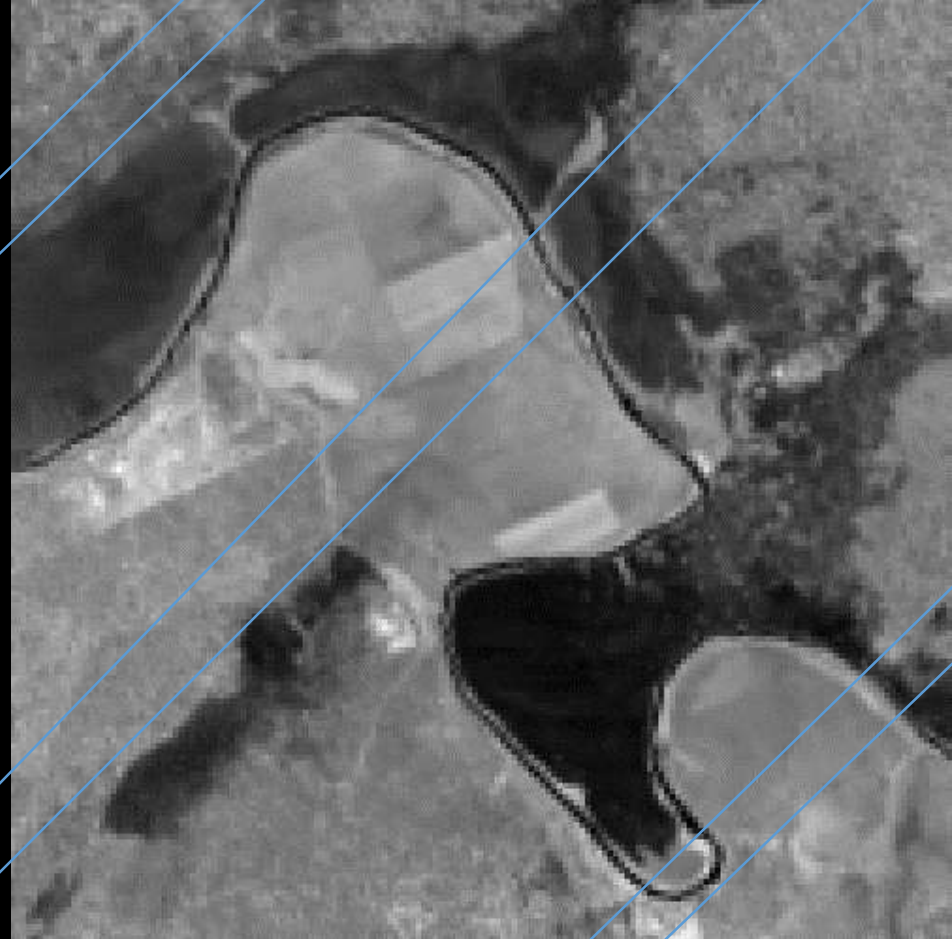
**Copperbelt Province, Zambia**

**500 × 500 10 m pixels, NIR**





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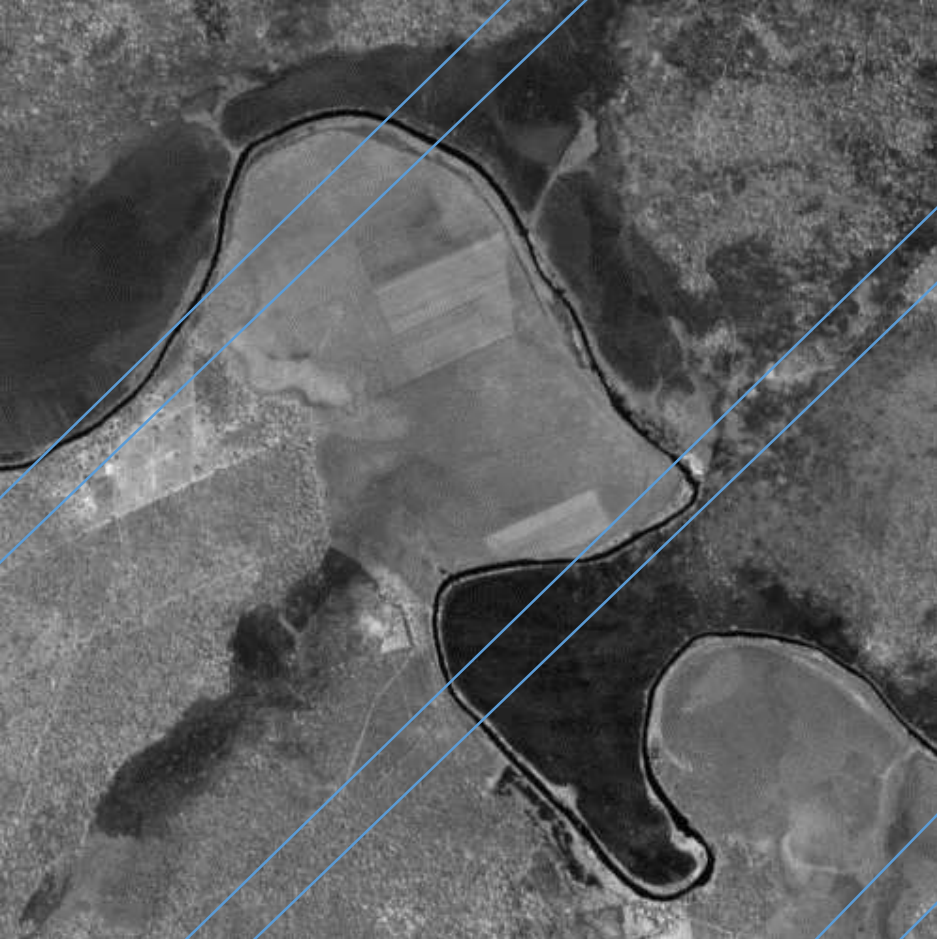


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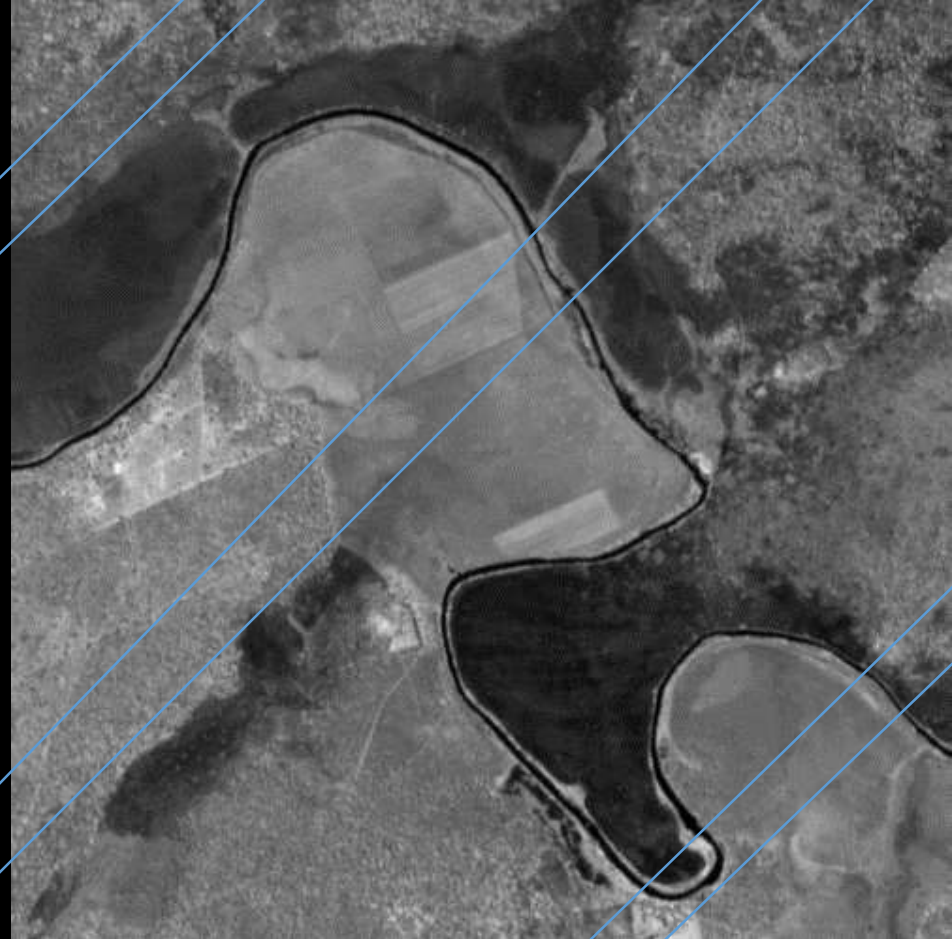
Landsat 8 Collection 1  
August 22 2016

Copperbelt Province, Zambia

500 × 500 10 m pixels, NIR



Original



Registered

**Sentinel 2A**  
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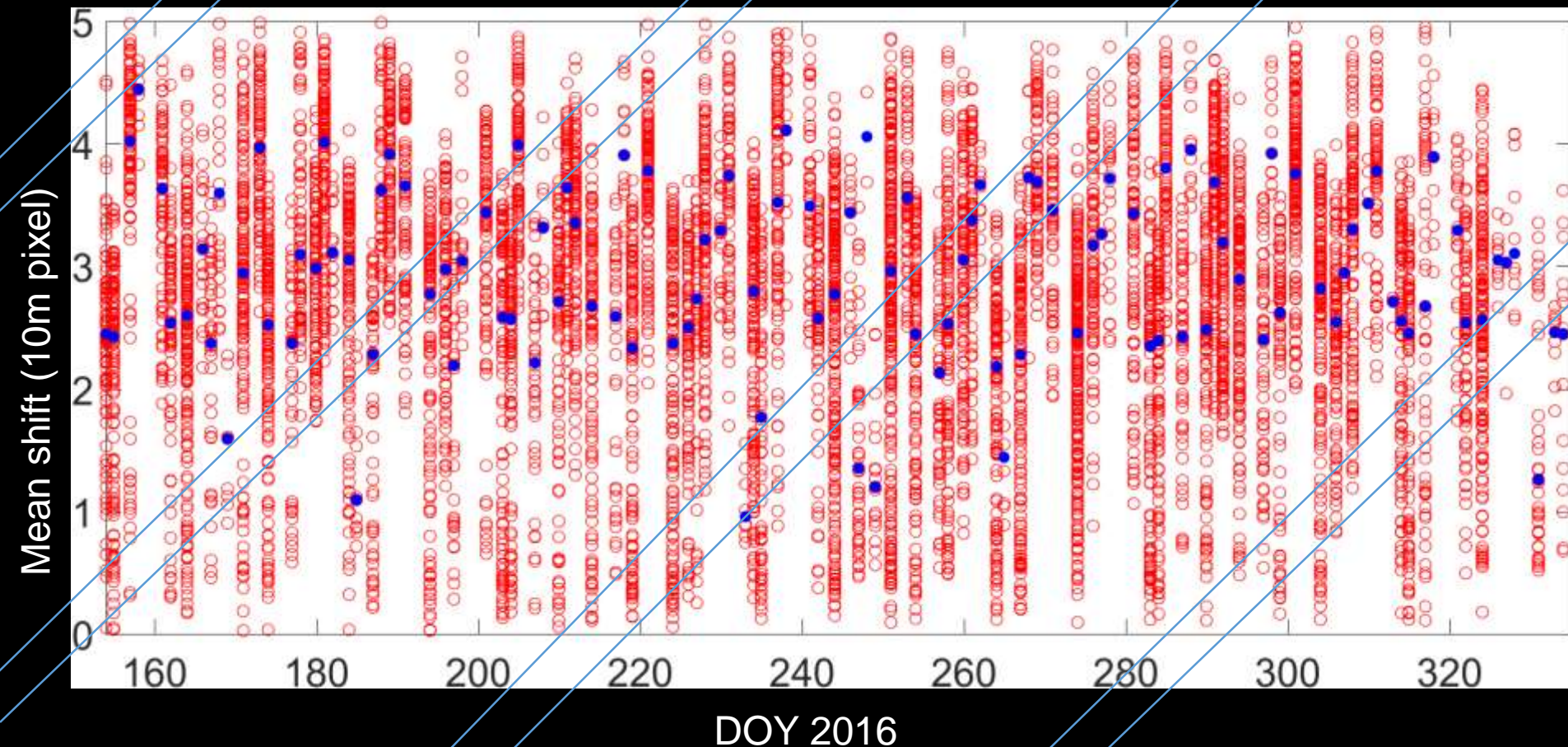
**Copperbelt Province, Zambia**

**500 × 500 10 m pixels, NIR**



# Landsat 8 <-> Sentinel 2

## misregistration characterization (10m), UTM 35

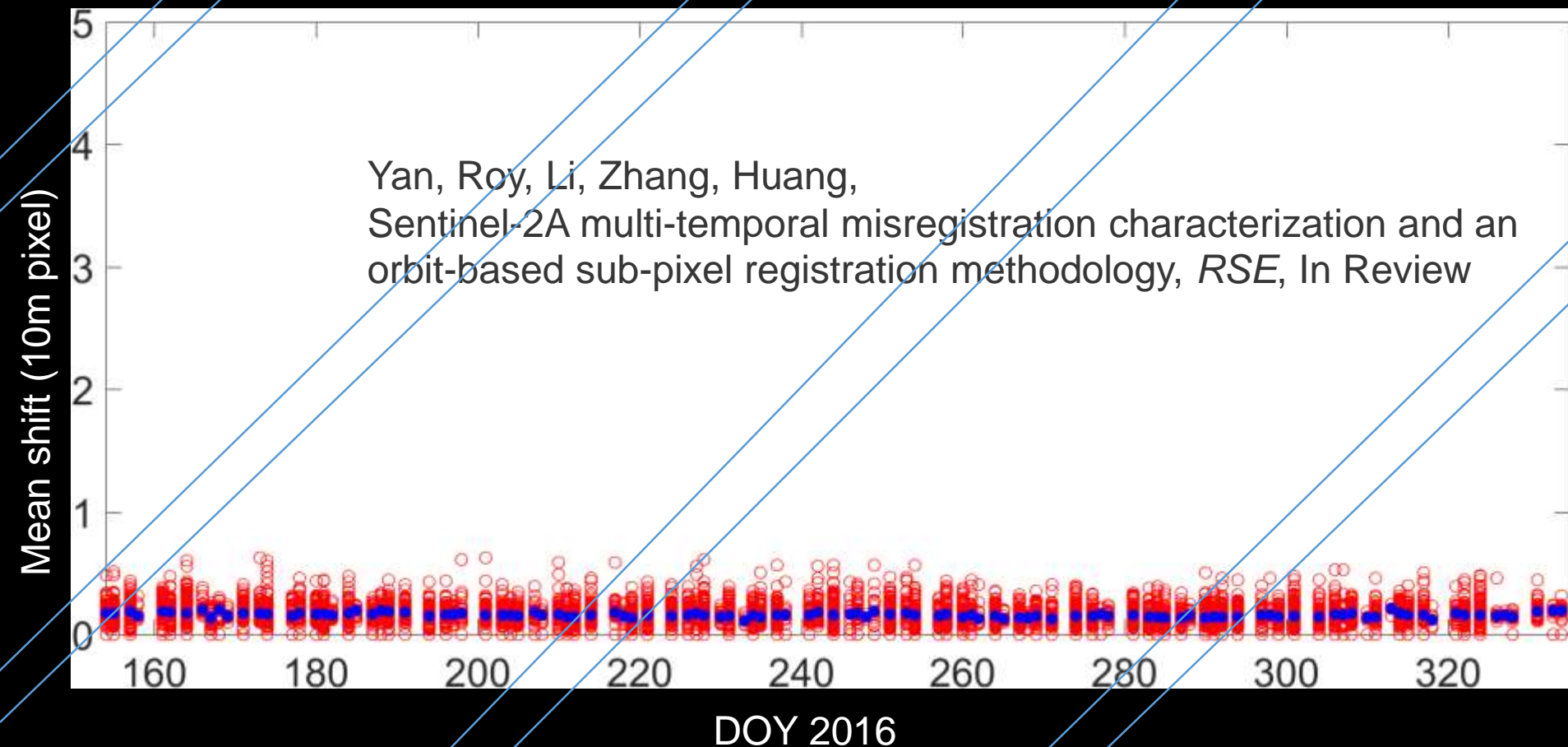


DOY 2016

$\mu = 2.761$ ,  $\sigma = 1.075$ , max = 4.990 (10m pixels) (4,574 matched image pairs)

# Landsat 8 <-> Sentinel 2

misregistration characterization (10m), UTM 35  
after partial-orbit based registration

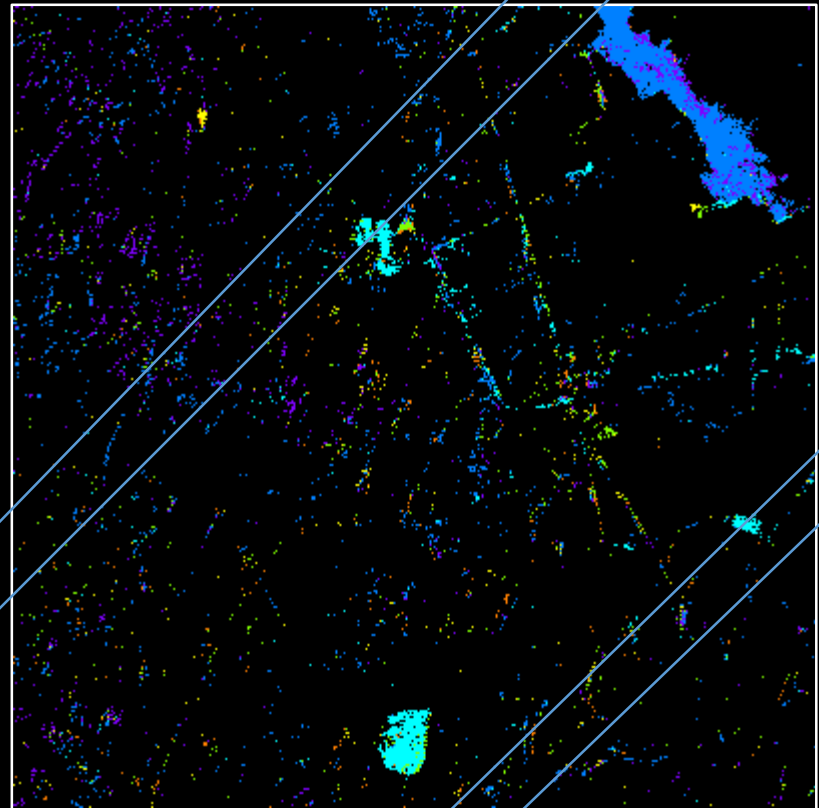


$\mu = 0.161$ ,  $\sigma = 0.076$ , max = 0.624 (10m pixels) (4,574 matched image pairs)



# Example burned areas & date of burning

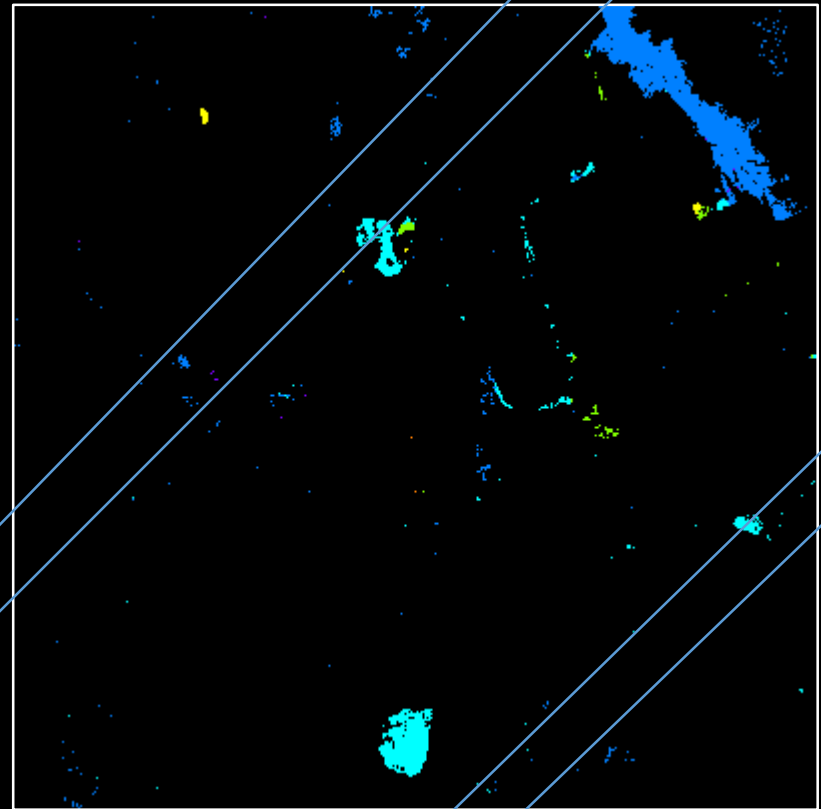
Derived from  
**tile-based**  
registered data



400 x 400 30 m pixels  
Zimbabwe

# Example burned areas & date of burning

Derived from  
partial-orbit based  
registered data



400 x 400 30 m pixels  
Zimbabwe



Landsat-8 Sentinel-2 global 30 m burned area  
product generation algorithm

Then some Example Results

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



**UNBURNED**

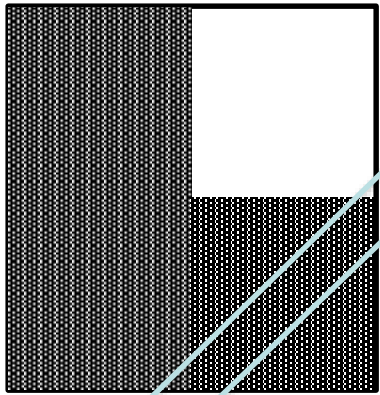
**MIXED PIXEL**

**BURNED**

**INCOMPLETE  
COMBUSTION**



# Linear Spectral Mixture Model

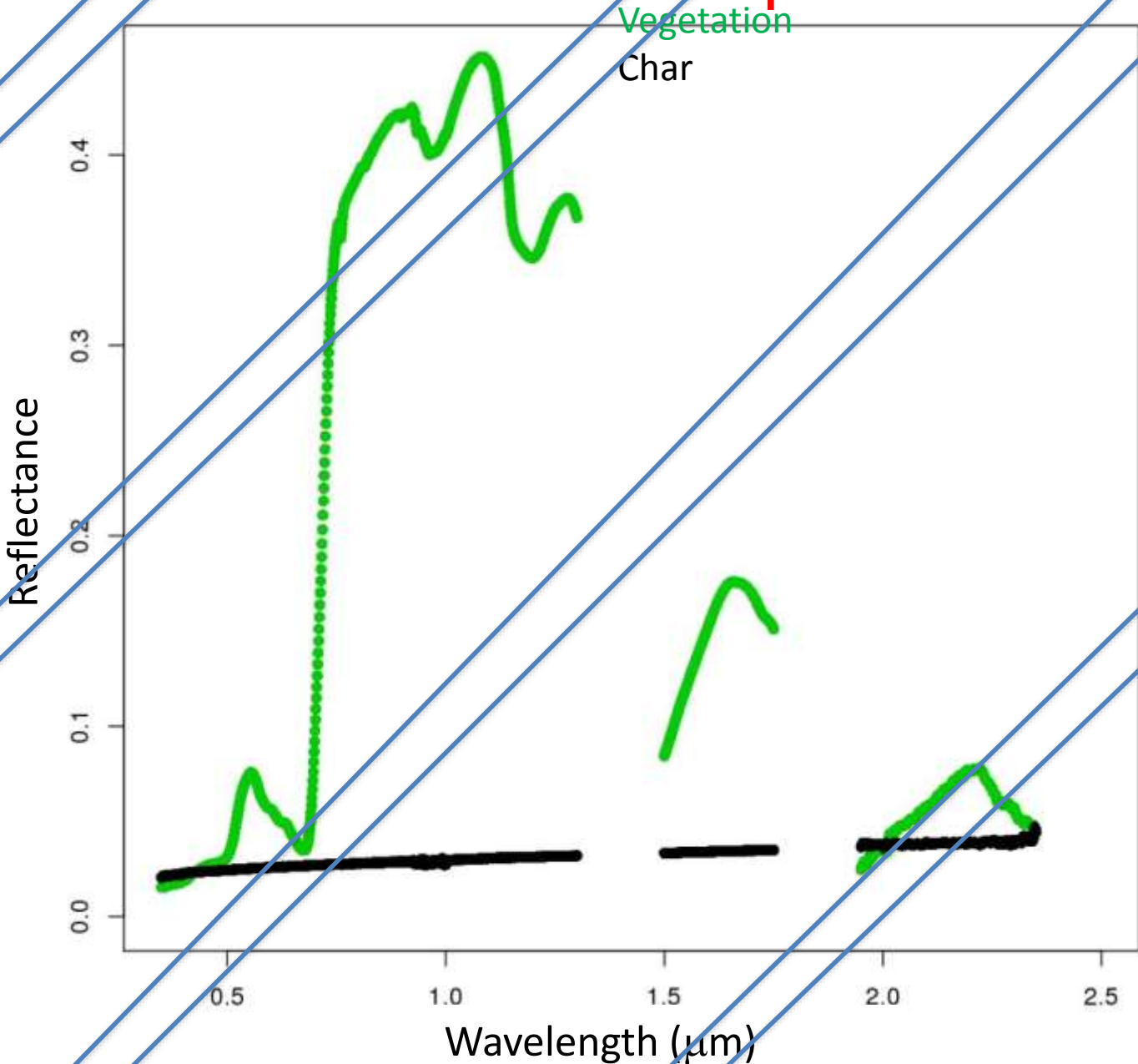


$f = 0.75$   
 $cc = 0.3$

*Reflectance of a pixel with  
fraction of area burned  $f$   
combustion completeness  $cc$*

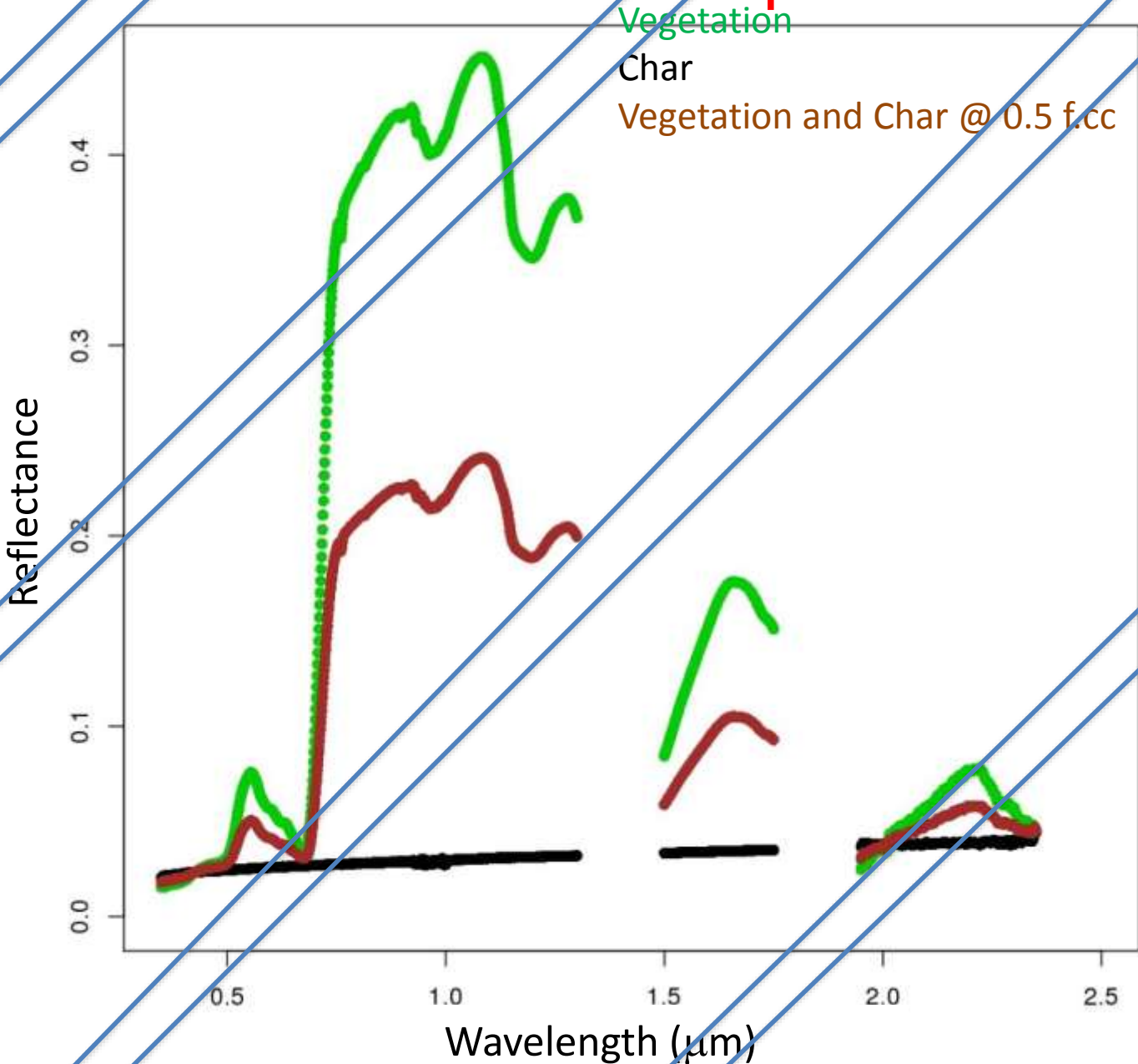
$$\rho = (1 - f \, cc) \rho_{\text{unburned}} + f \, cc \rho_{\text{burned}}$$

# Derive synthetic training data using $f \times cc$ model & spectra

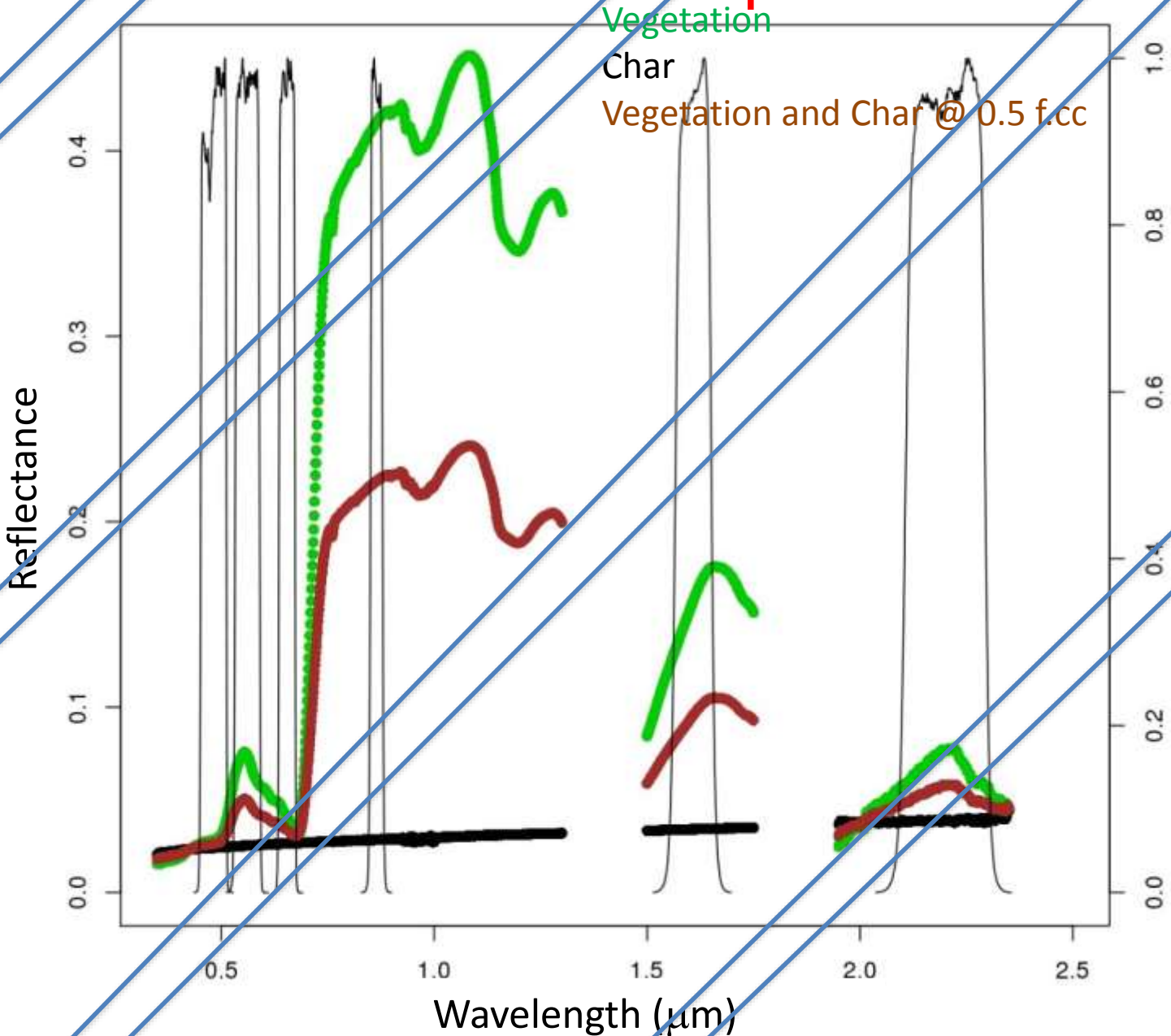




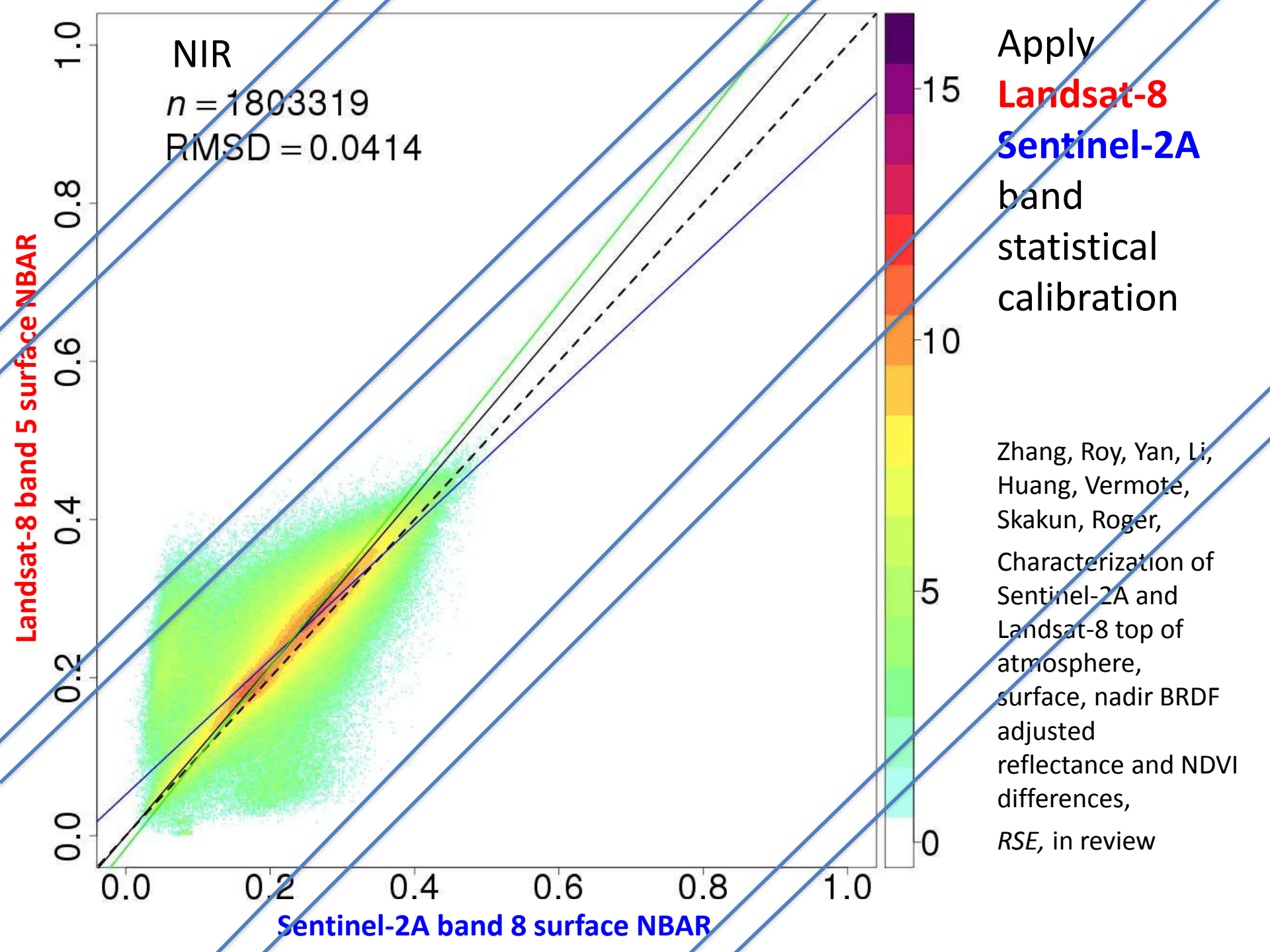
# Derive synthetic training data using $f \times cc$ model & spectra



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**Synthetic training data**  
spectral library  
f. cc model

$f \times cc, \rho^{\text{pre-fire}}_{\lambda}, \rho^{\text{post-fire}}_{\lambda}$

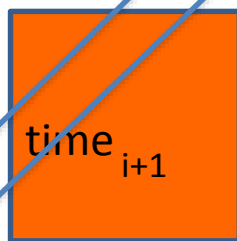
**Landsat-8 & Sentinel-2**  
Spectral Response Functions

$f \times cc, \rho^{\text{pre-fire}}_{\text{sensor band}}, \rho^{\text{post-fire}}_{\text{sensor band}}$

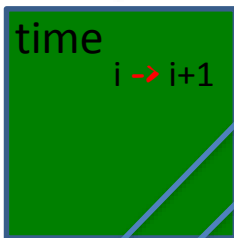
5295 × 5295 30m registered WELD tiles

L-8 30m tiles

S-2 30m tiles



**Random Forest Classification**



30m  $f \times cc$



**Landsat 8**

Kafue  
National park,  
Zambia

**Day 155 2016**

false color surface  
NBAR

2000 x 2000 30m pixels





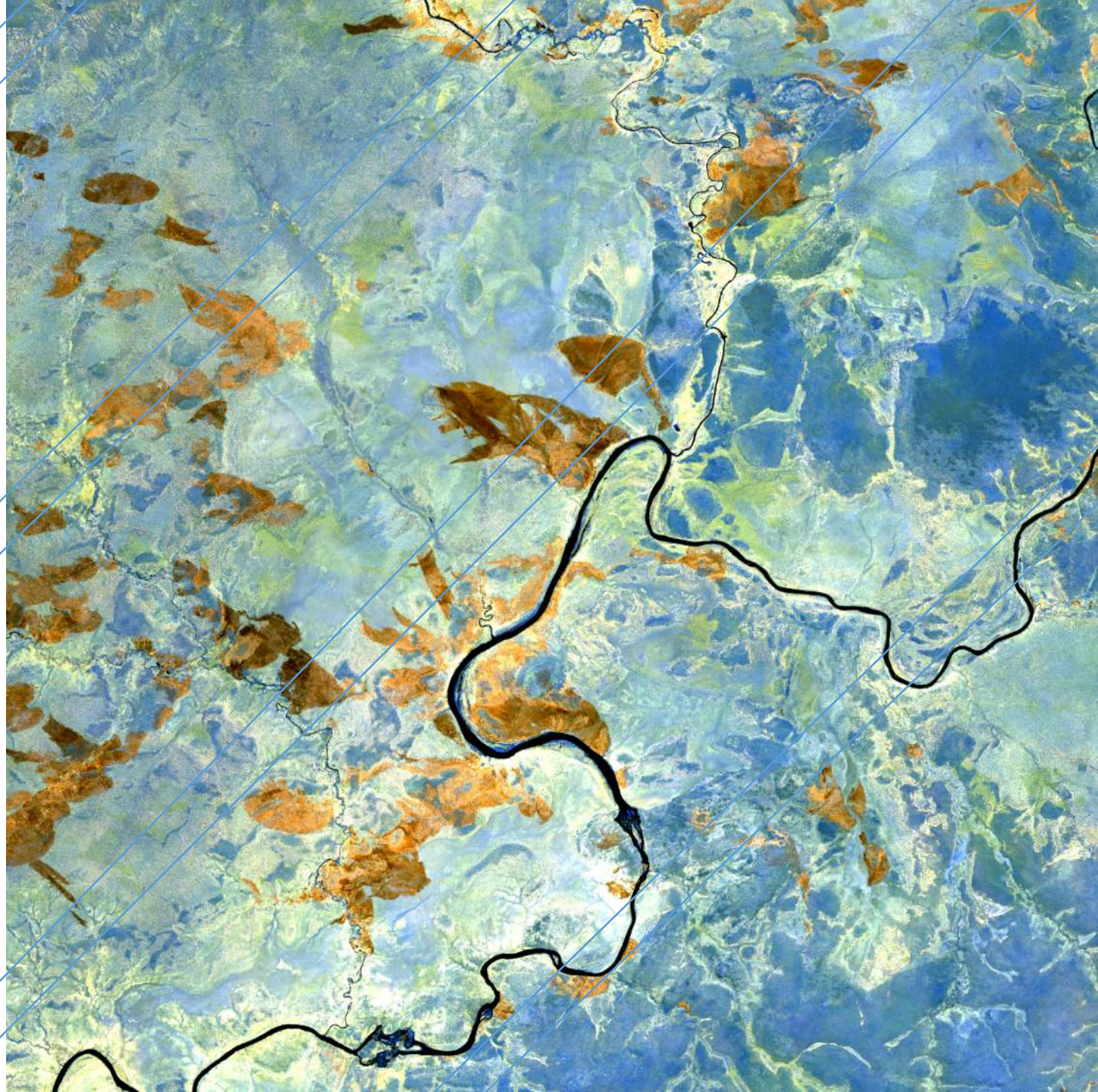
**Sentinel 2A**

Kafue  
National park,  
Zambia

**Day 164 2016**

false color surface  
NBAR

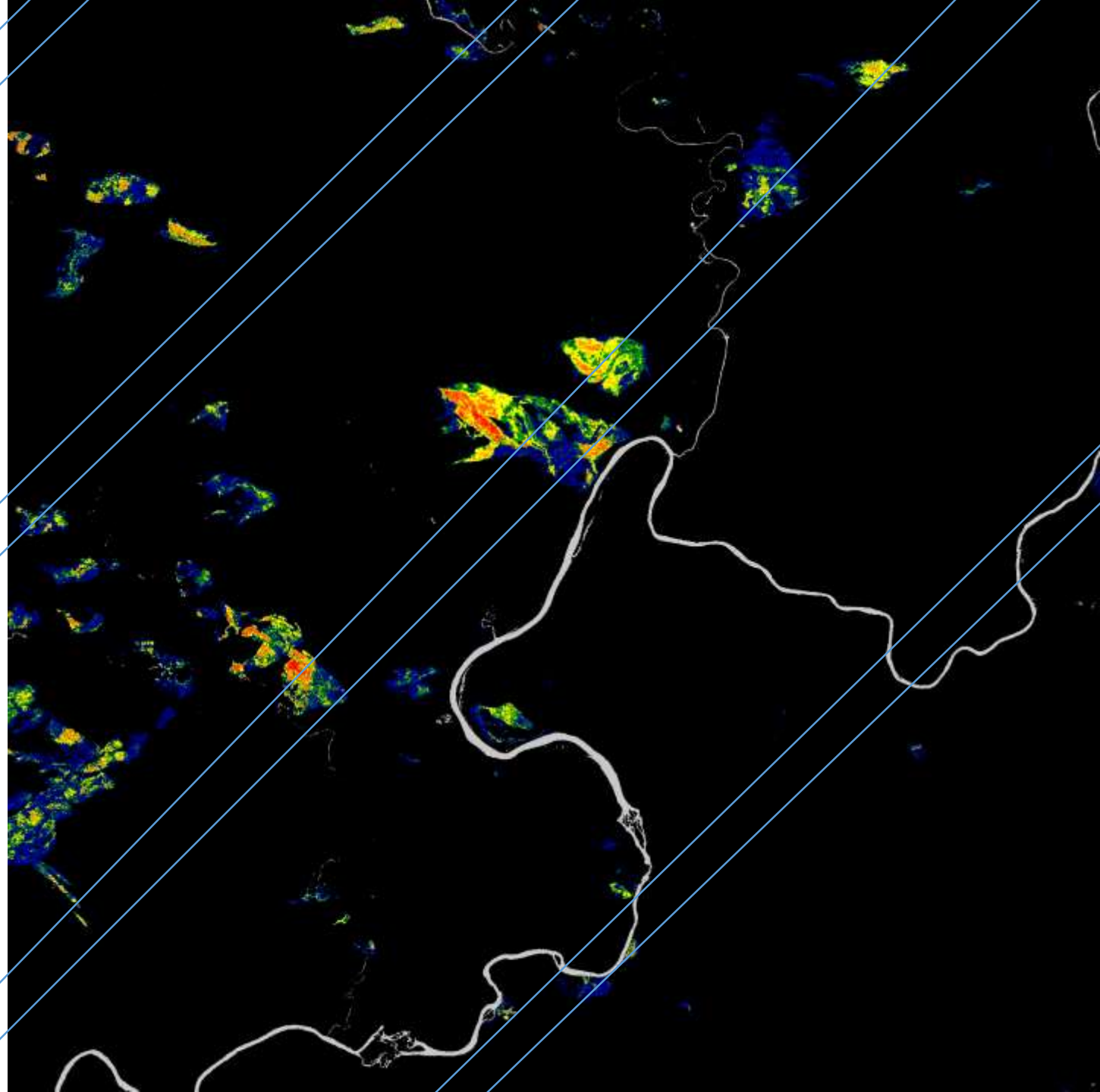
2000 x 2000 30m pixels





**f x cc**

**day 155 -> 164**



2000 x 2000 30m pixels



**Synthetic training data**  
spectral library  
f. cc model

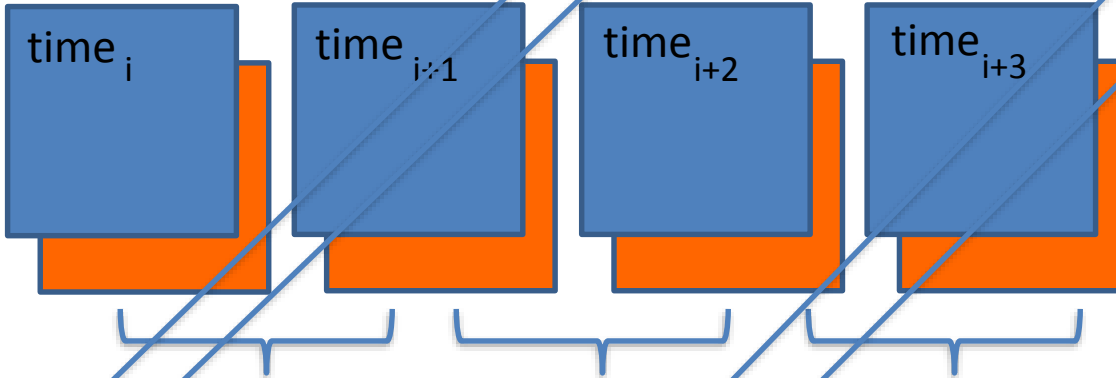
$f \times cc, \rho^{\text{pre-fire}}_{\lambda}, \rho^{\text{post-fire}}_{\lambda}$

**Landsat-8 & Sentinel-2**  
Spectral Response Functions

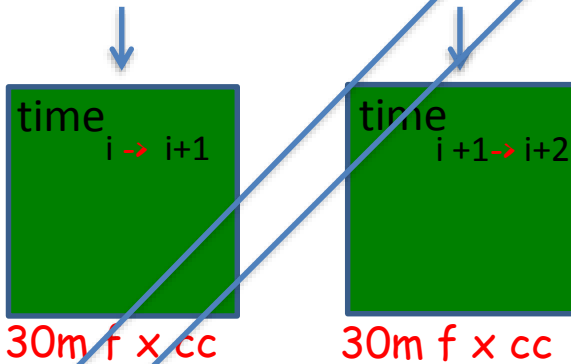
$f \times cc, \rho^{\text{pre-fire}}_{\text{sensor band}}, \rho^{\text{post-fire}}_{\text{sensor band}}$

L-8 30m tiles

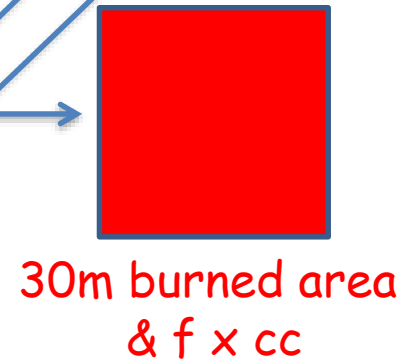
S-2 30m tiles



**Random Forest Classification**  
to 30m  $f \times cc$



**Temporal Consistency Wedge**  
approach  
based on  
MODIS C5  
(koala)  
approach



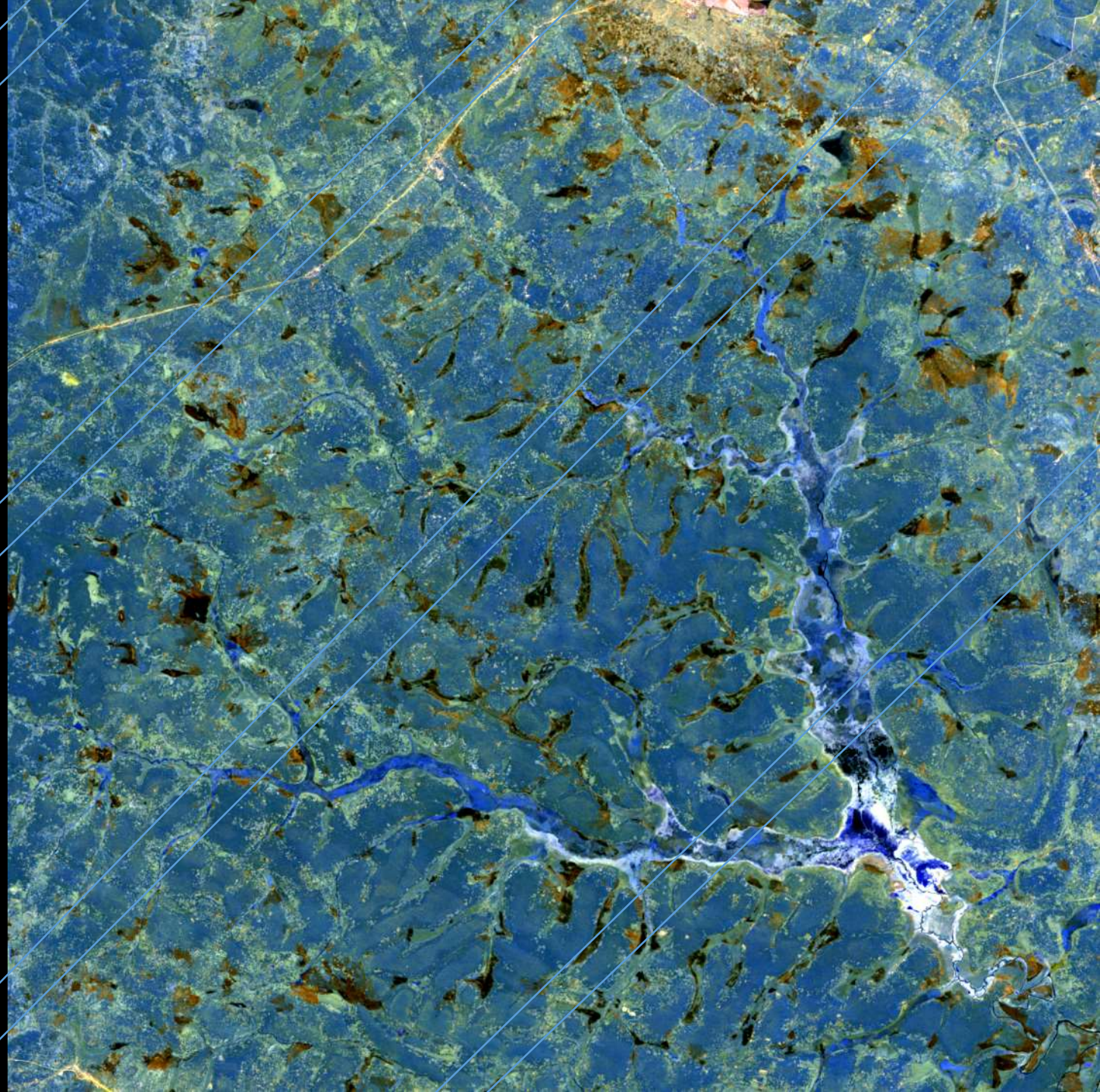
**Current algorithm requires only 2 parameters**



Landsat 8  
collection 1

Day 171 2016

2200 nm  
1600 nm  
865 nm



Zambia,  
Copperbelt  
Province

2000 x 2000 30 m pixels



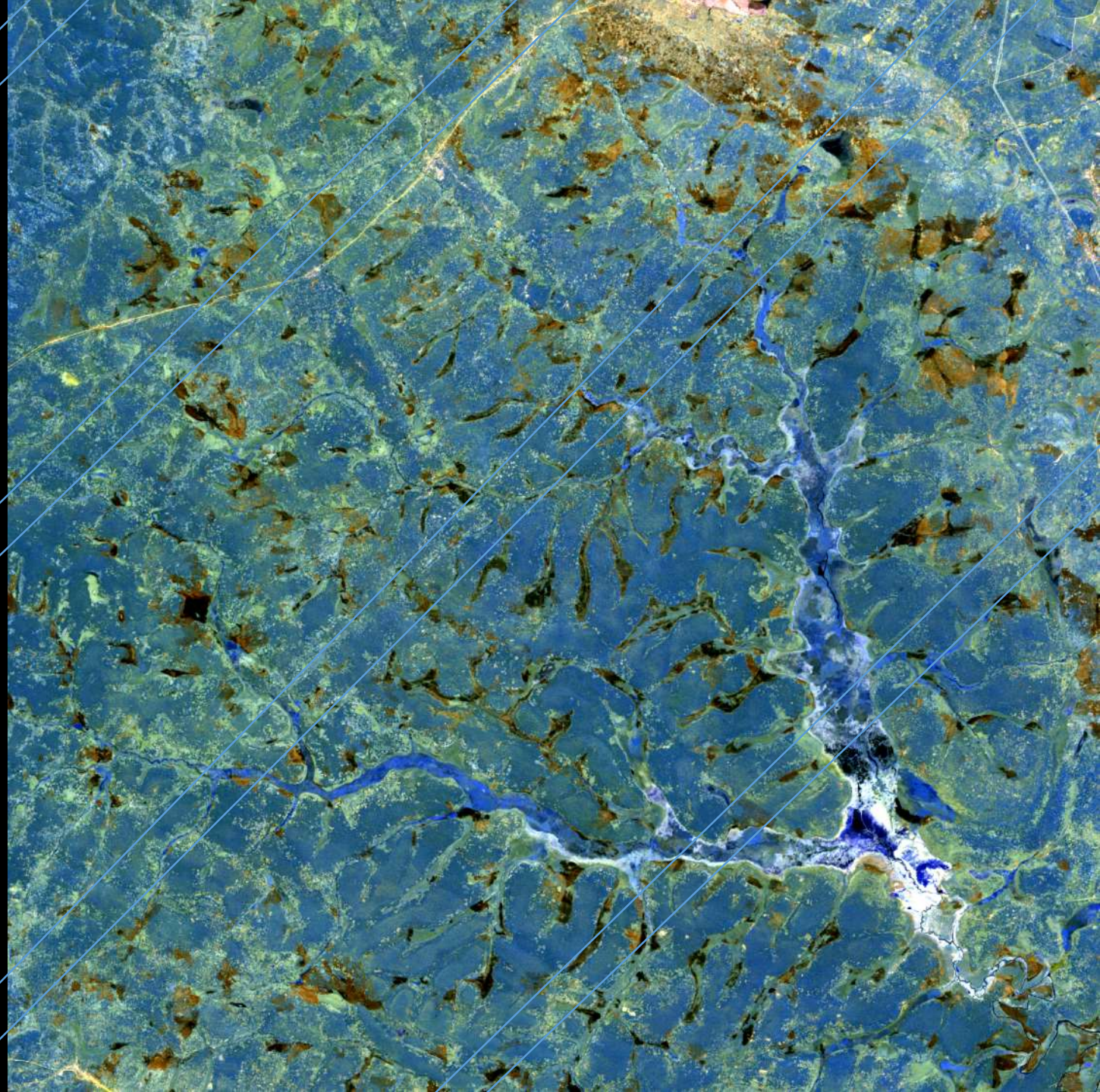
Sentinel 2A

Day 174 2016

2190 nm

1610 nm

865 nm



Zambia,  
Copperbelt  
Province

2000 x 2000 30 m pixels



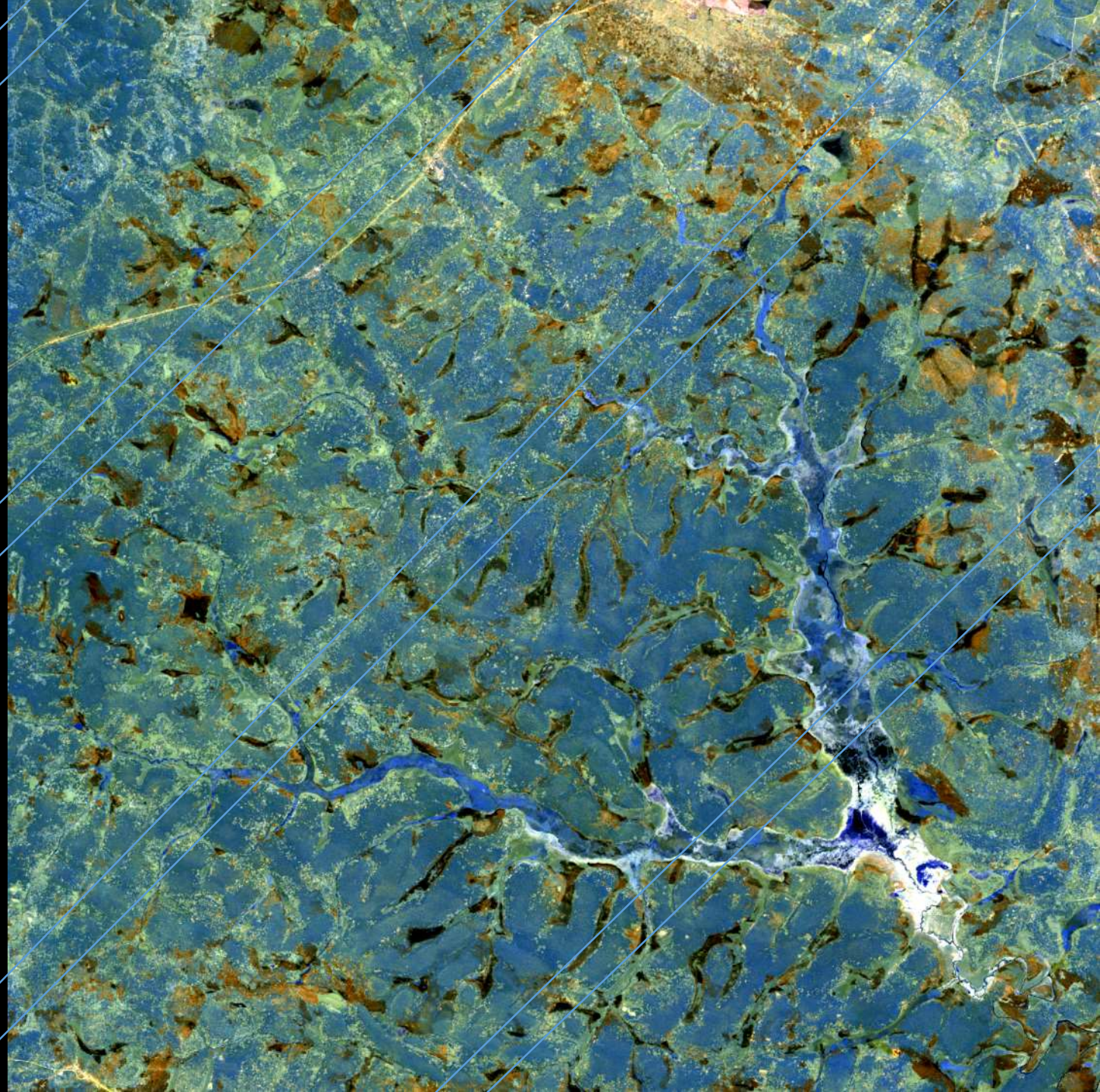
Sentinel 2A

Day 184 2016

2190 nm

1610 nm

865 nm



Zambia,  
Copperbelt  
Province

2000 x 2000 30 m pixels



Landsat 8

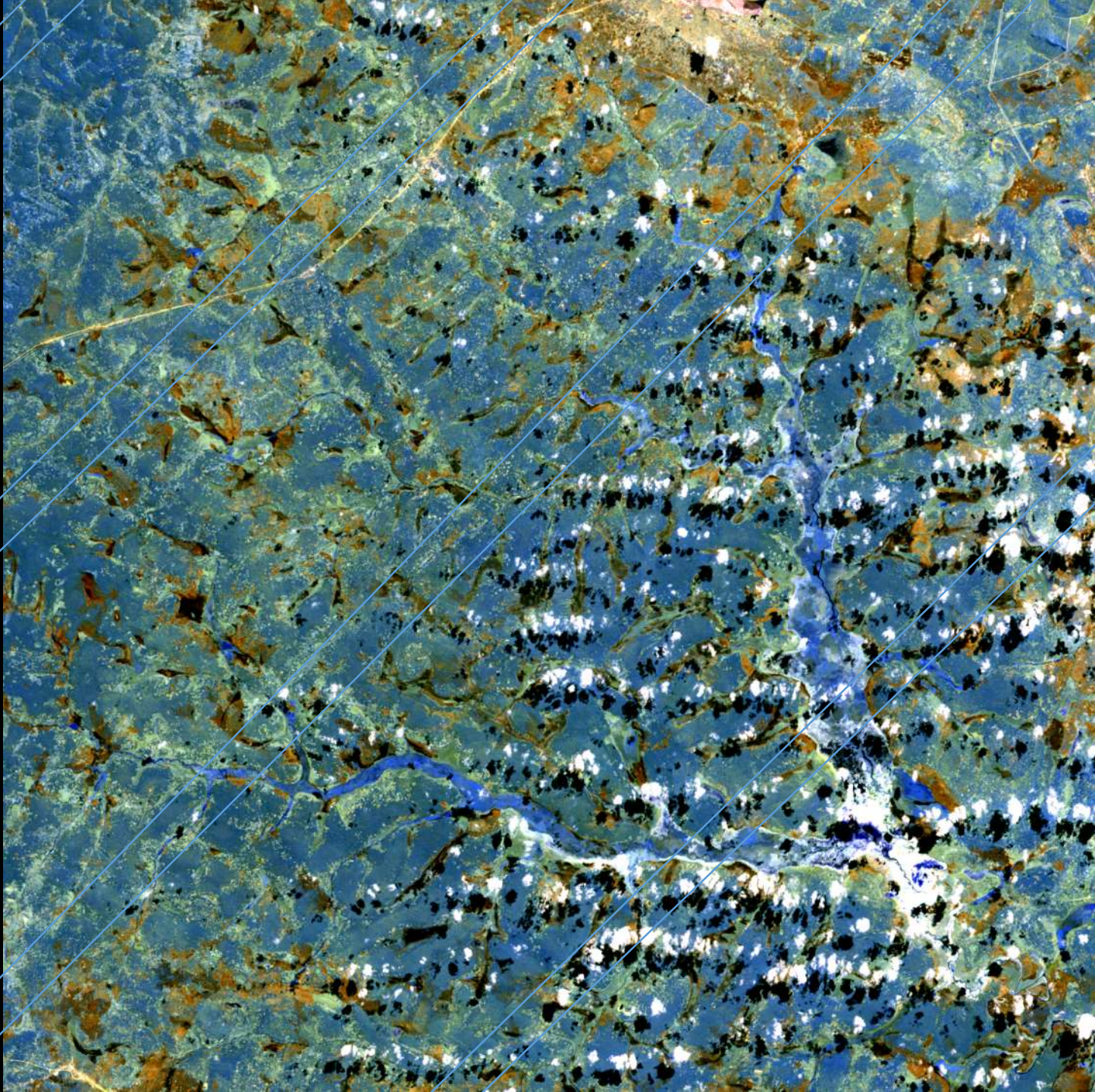
collection 1

Day 187 2016

2200 nm

1600 nm

865 nm



Zambia,  
Copperbelt  
Province

2000 x 2000 30 m pixels



Sentinel 2A

Day 194 2016

2190 nm

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Zambia,  
Copperbelt  
Province

2000 x 2000 30 m pixels



Landsat 8

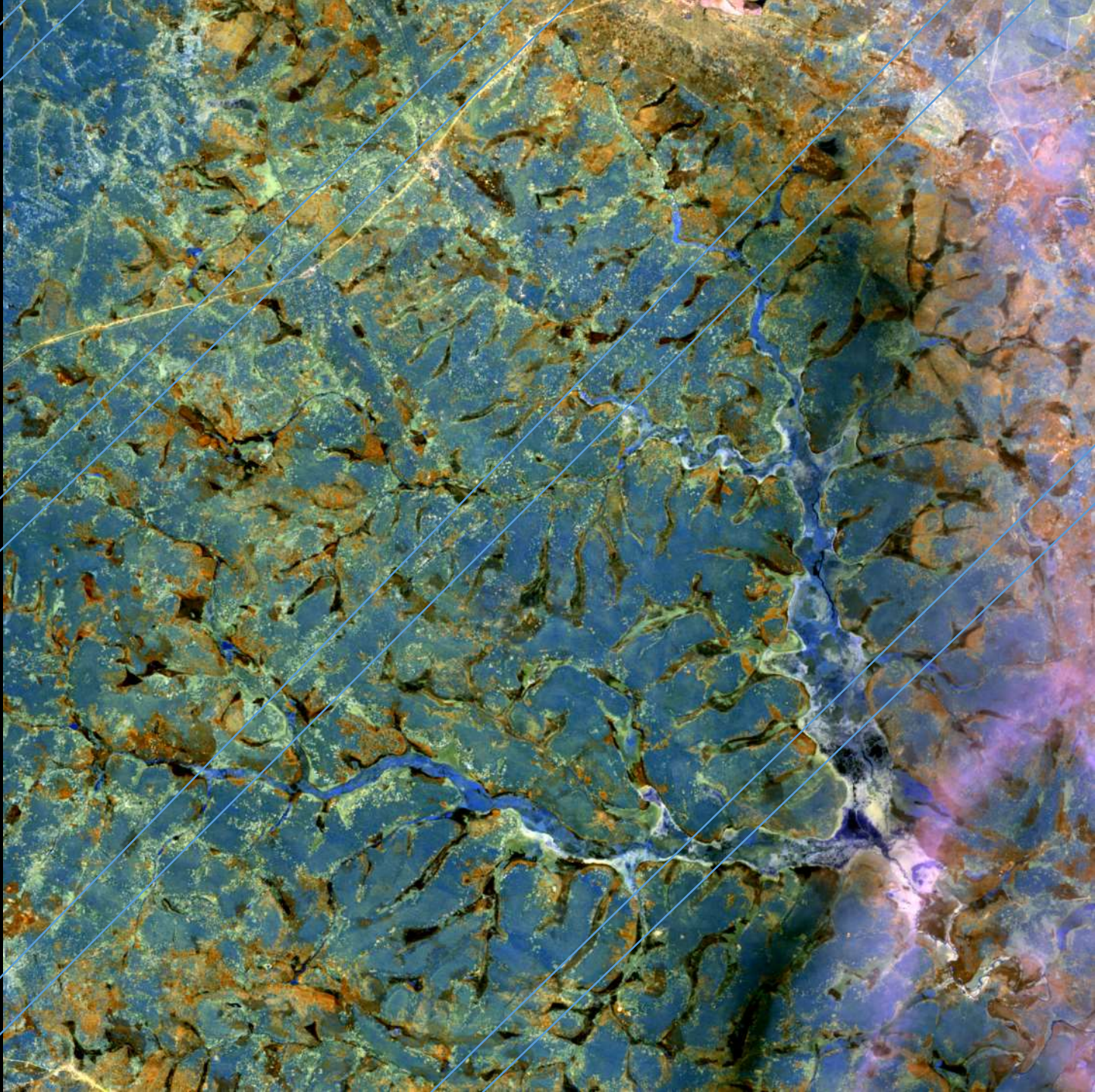
collection 1

Day 203 2016

2200 nm

1600 nm

865 nm



Zambia,  
Copperbelt  
Province

2000 x 2000 30 m pixels



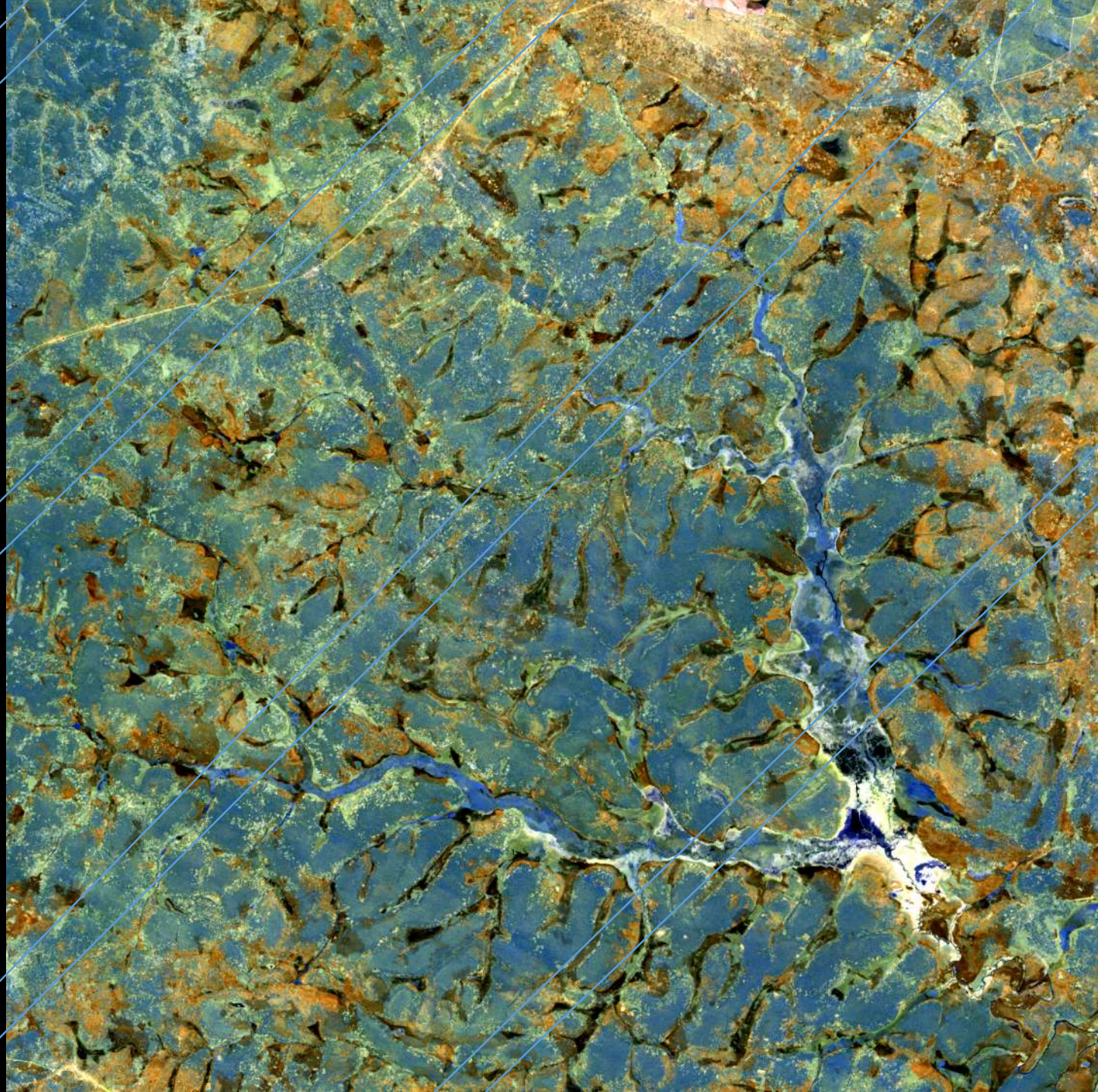
Sentinel 2A

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1610 nm

865 nm



Zambia,  
Copperbelt  
Province

2000 x 2000 30 m pixels



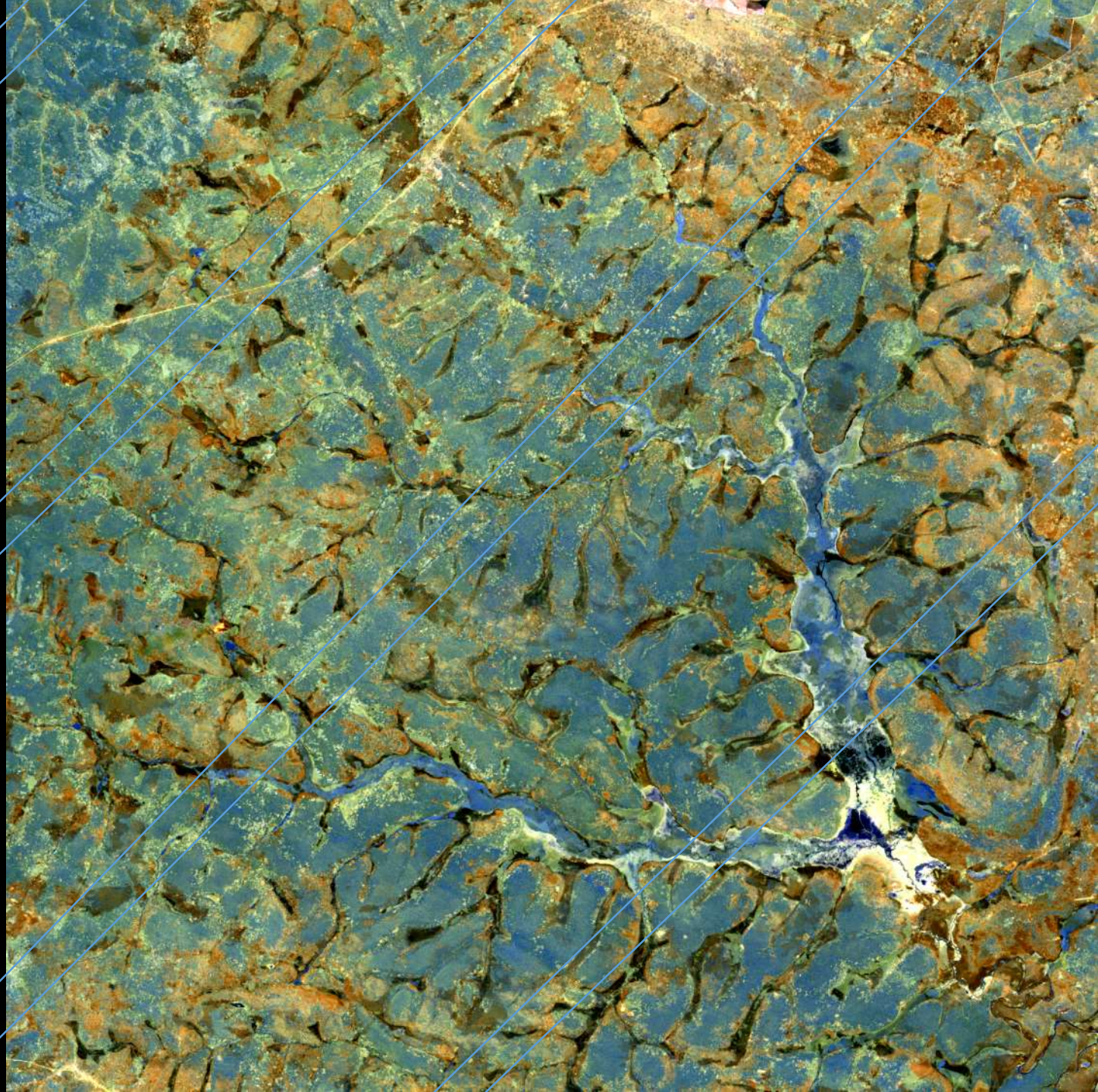
Sentinel-2A

Day 214 2016

2190 nm

1610 nm

865 nm



Zambia,  
Copperbelt  
Province

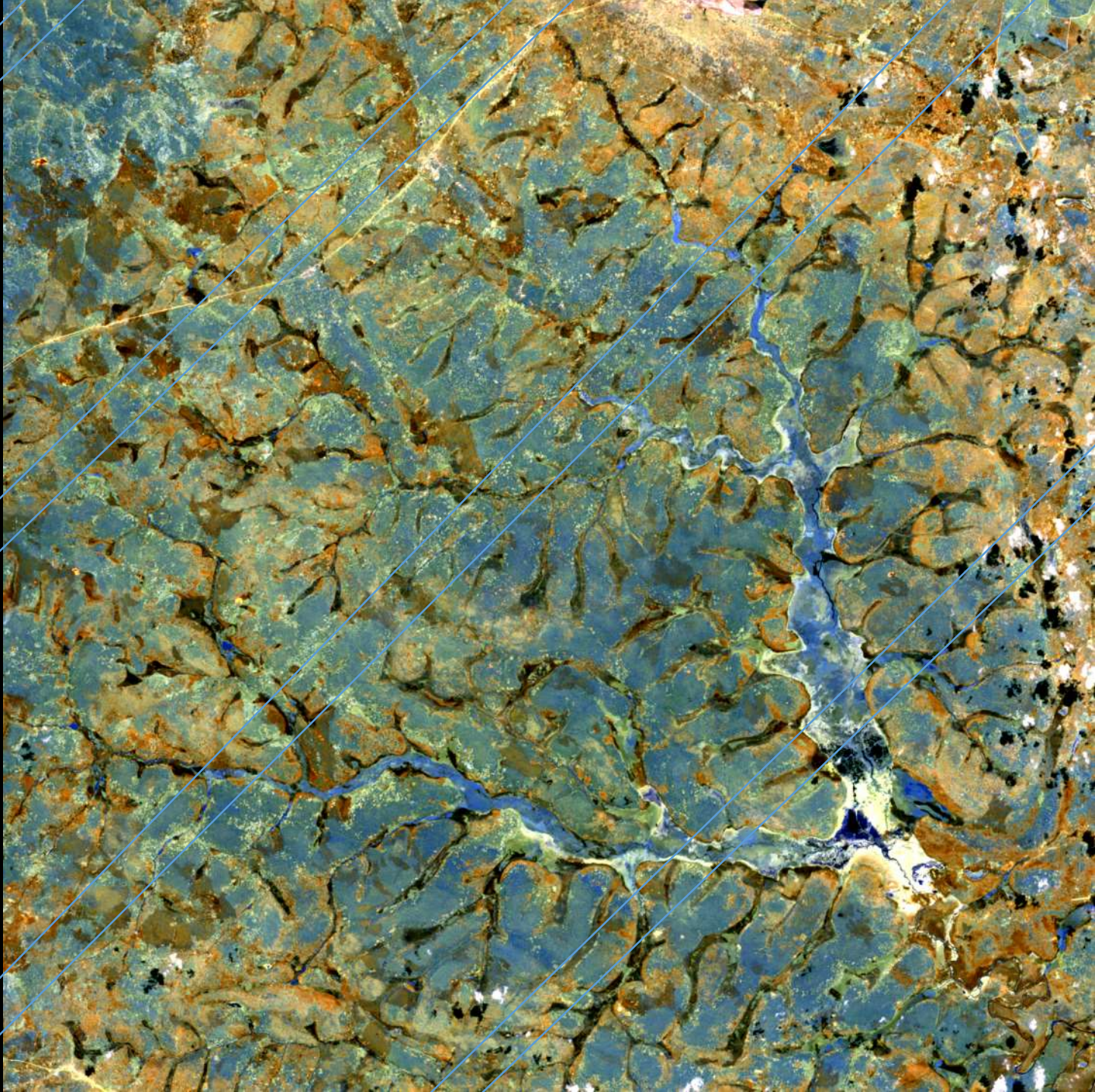
2000 x 2000 30 m pixels



Landsat 8  
collection 1

Day 219 2016

2200 nm  
1600 nm  
865 nm



Zambia,  
Copperbelt  
Province

2000 x 2000 30 m pixels



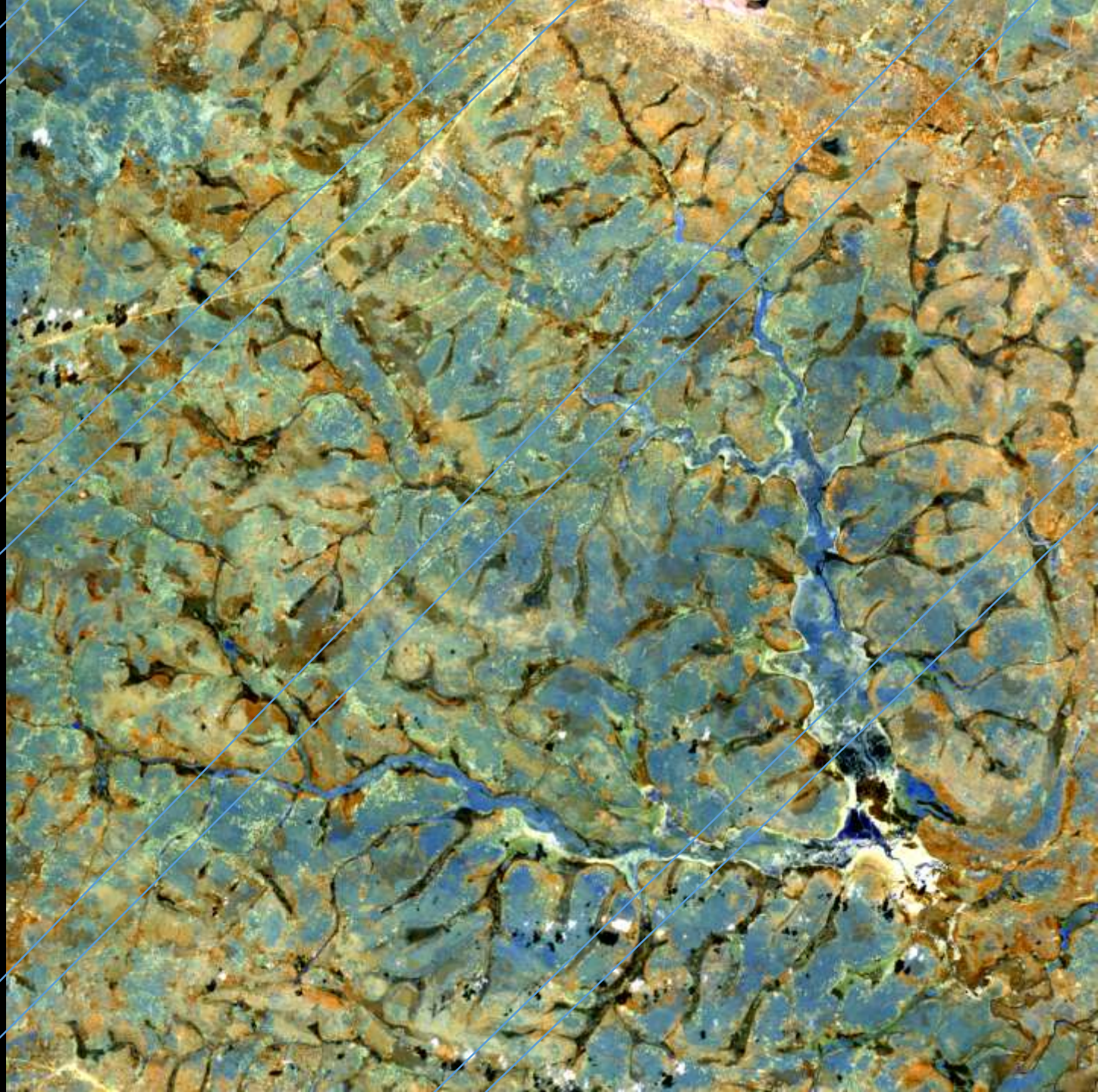
Sentinel 2A

Day 224 2016

2190 nm

1610 nm

865 nm



Zambia,  
Copperbelt  
Province

2000 x 2000 30 m pixels



Sentinel 2A

Day 234 2016

2190 nm  
1610 nm  
865 nm

Zambia,  
Copperbelt  
Province

2000 x 2000 30 m pixels





Landsat 8 Sentinel 2A

Burned area

$0 \leq f \times cc < 0.2$

$0.2 \leq f \times cc < 0.4$

$0.4 \leq f \times cc < 0.6$

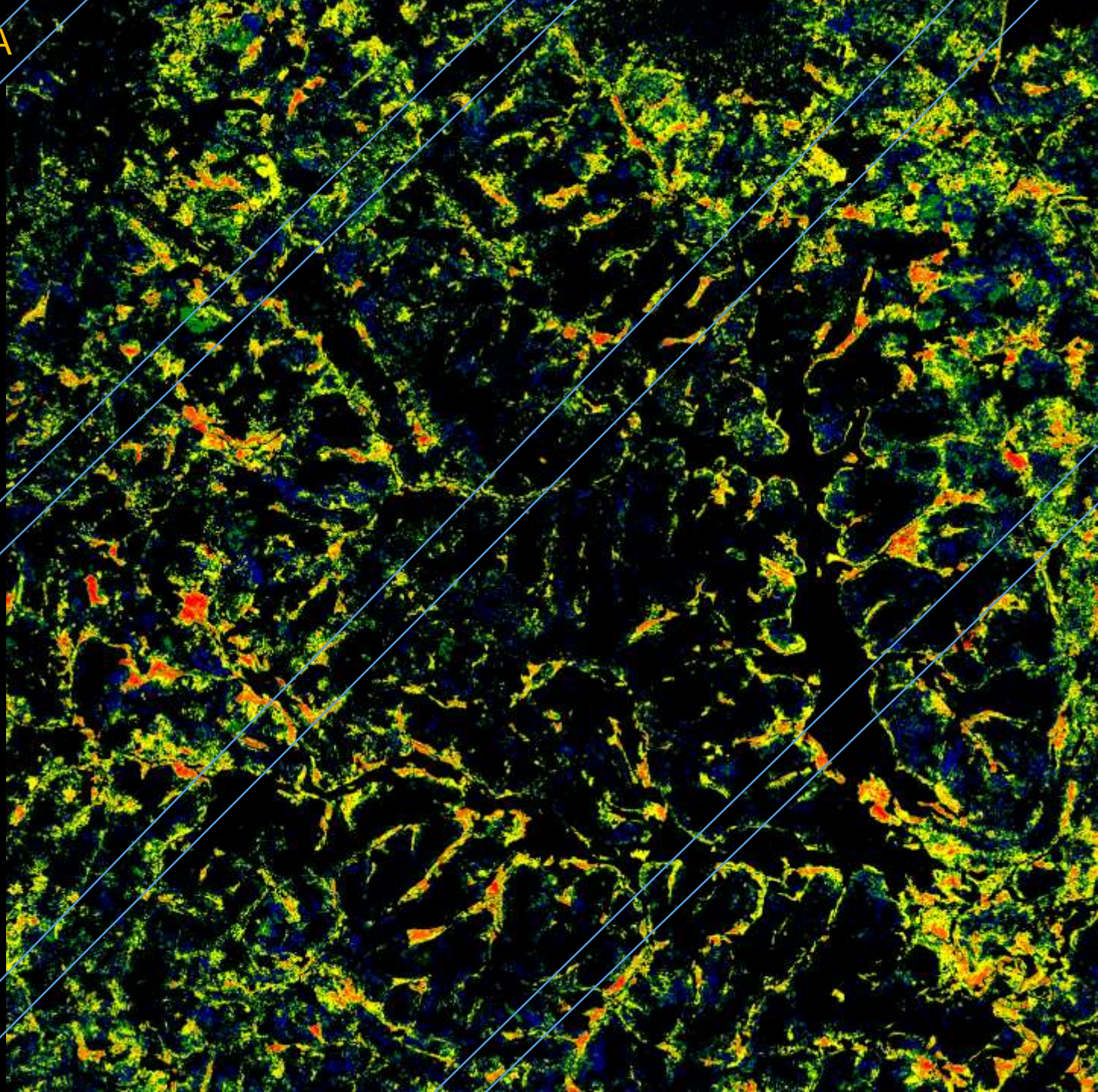
$0.6 \leq f \times cc < 0.8$

$0.8 \leq f \times cc < 0.9$

$0.9 \leq f \times cc < 1.0$

Days 167-234

2000 x 2000 30 m pixels





Landsat 8 Sentinel 2A

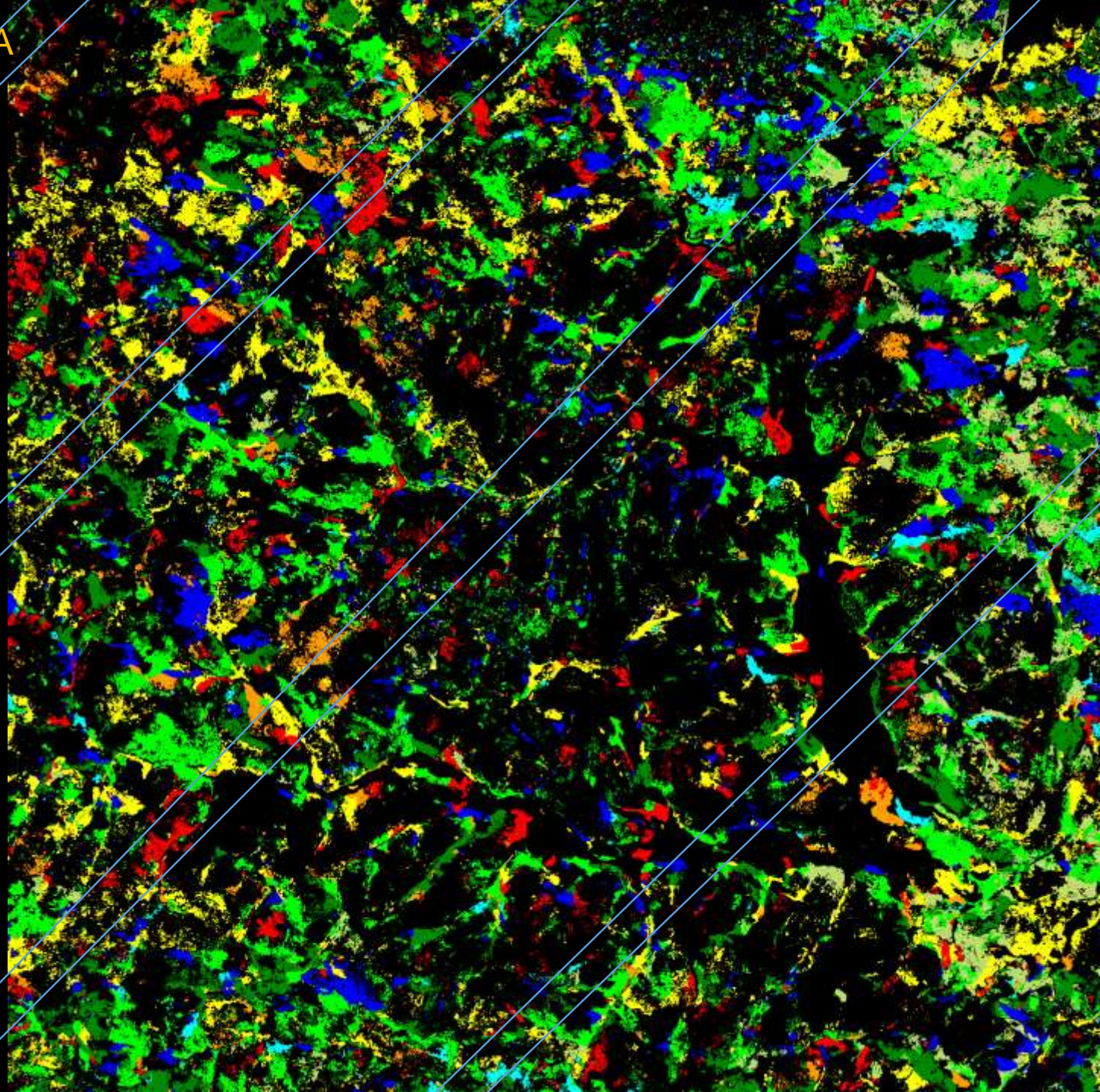
Burned area

Day of burning  
(minus 167)

$0 \leq \text{days} < 10$   
 $10 \leq \text{days} < 20$   
 $20 \leq \text{days} < 30$   
 $30 \leq \text{days} < 40$   
 $40 \leq \text{days} < 50$   
 $50 \leq \text{days} < 60$   
 $60 \leq \text{days} < 70$   
 $70 \leq \text{days} < 80$   
 $80 \leq \text{days} < 90$   
 $90 \leq \text{days} < 100$

Days 167-234

2000 x 2000 30 m pixels





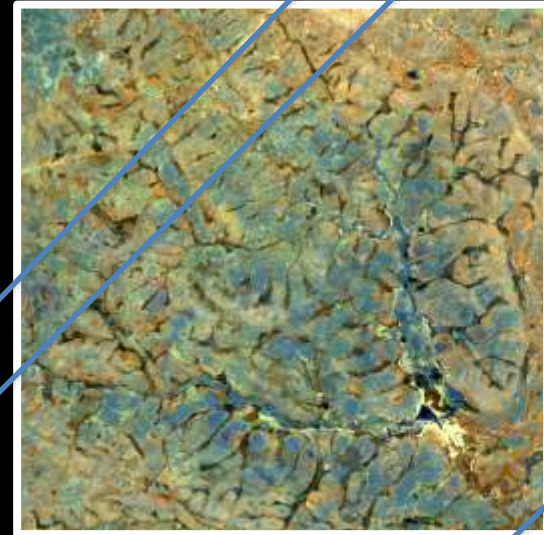
Sentinel-2A

Day 234 2016

2190 nm

1610 nm

865 nm



60 x 60 km

2000 x 2000 30 m pixels

Zambia,  
Copperbelt  
Province

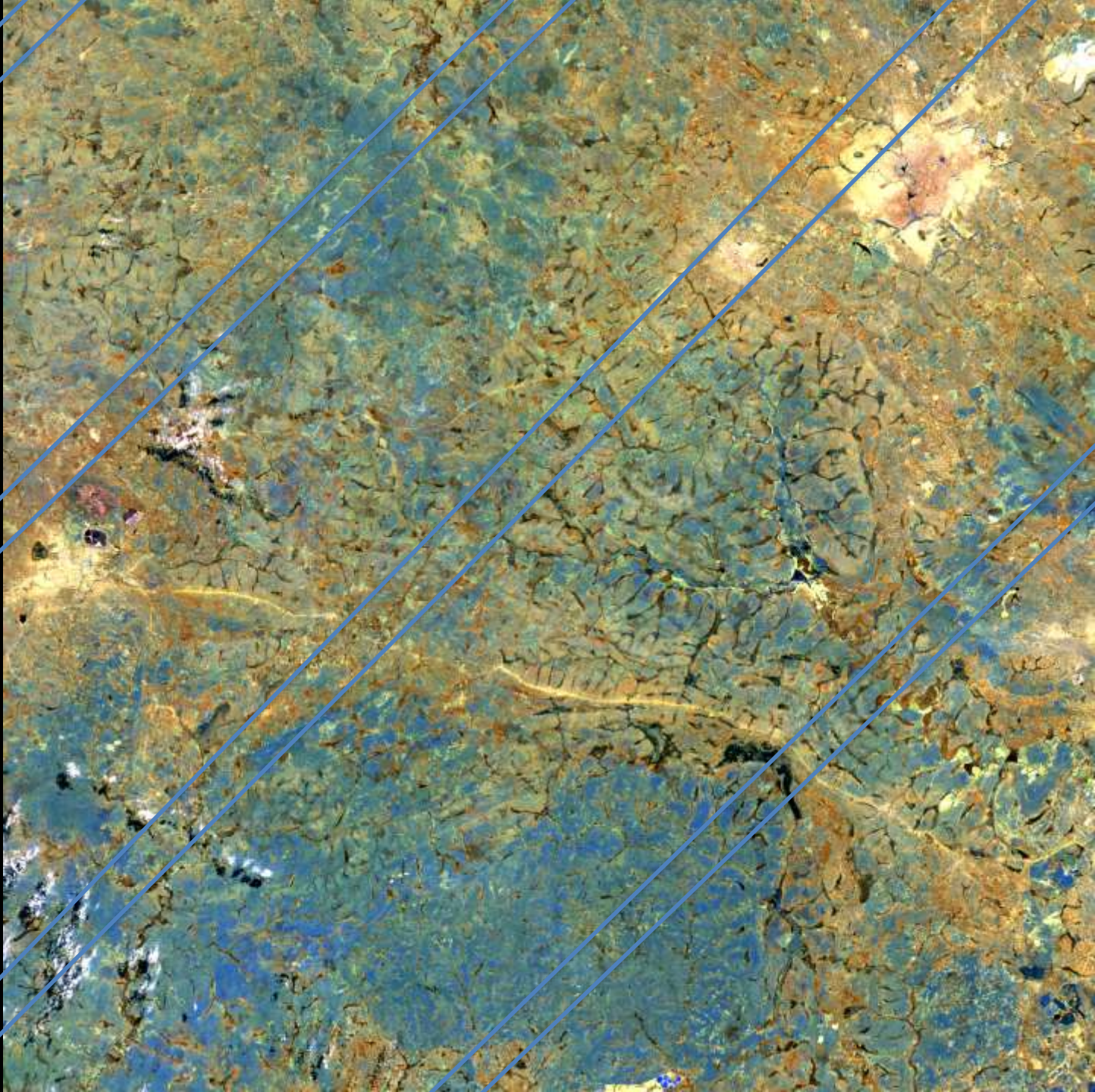
Sentinel-2A

Day 234 2016

2190 nm

1610 nm

865 nm



Zambia,  
Copperbelt  
Province

159 x 159 km  
5295 x 5295 30 m pixels



Landsat 8 Sentinel 2A

Burned area

$0 \leq f \times cc < 0.2$

$0.2 \leq f \times cc < 0.4$

$0.4 \leq f \times cc < 0.6$

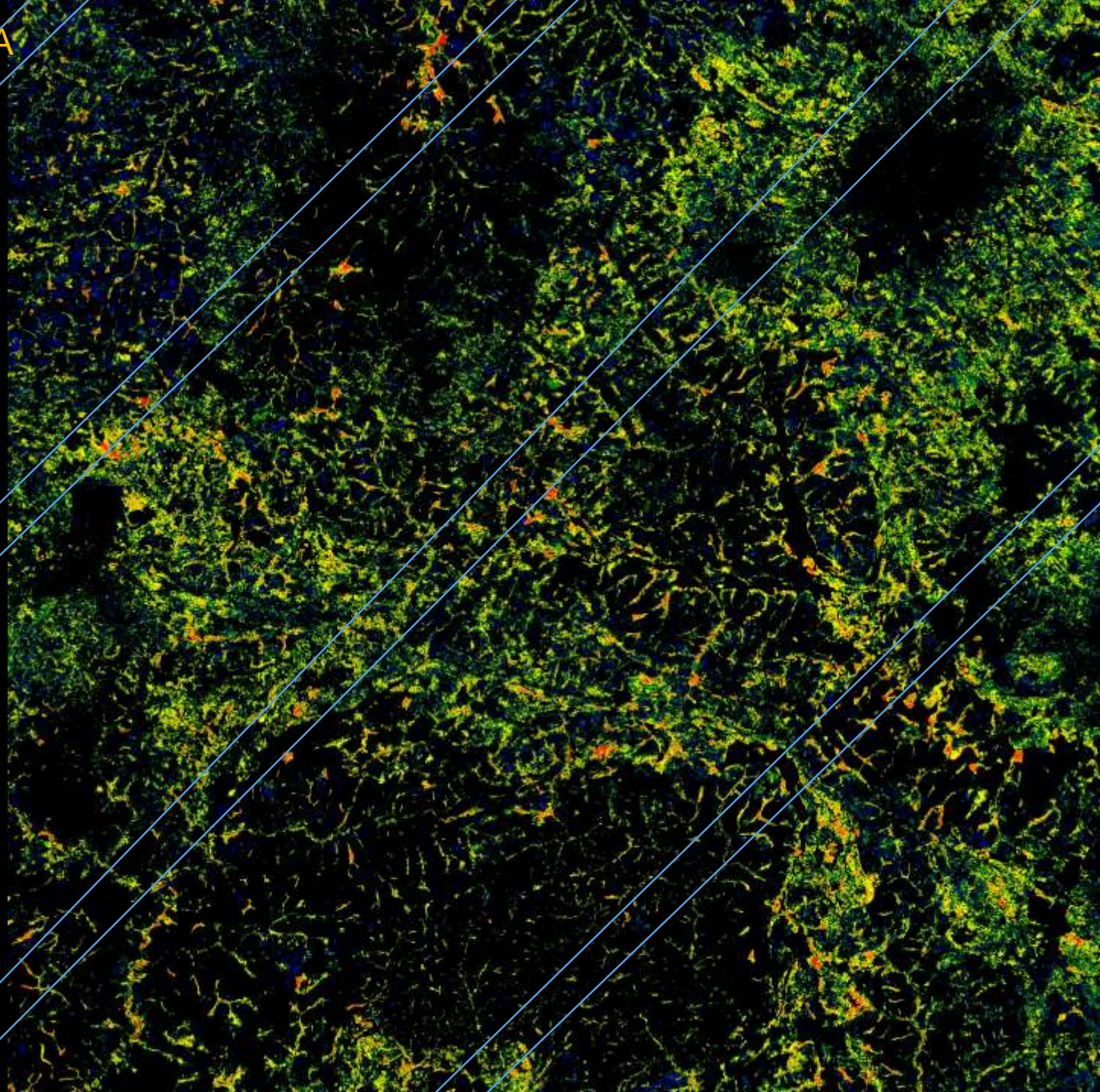
$0.6 \leq f \times cc < 0.8$

$0.8 \leq f \times cc < 0.9$

$0.9 \leq f \times cc < 1.0$

Days 167-234

5295 x 5295 30 m pixels





Landsat 8 Sentinel 2A

Burned area

Day of burning  
(minus 167)

$0 \leq \text{days} < 10$

$10 \leq \text{days} < 20$

$20 \leq \text{days} < 30$

$30 \leq \text{days} < 40$

$40 \leq \text{days} < 50$

$50 \leq \text{days} < 60$

$60 \leq \text{days} < 70$

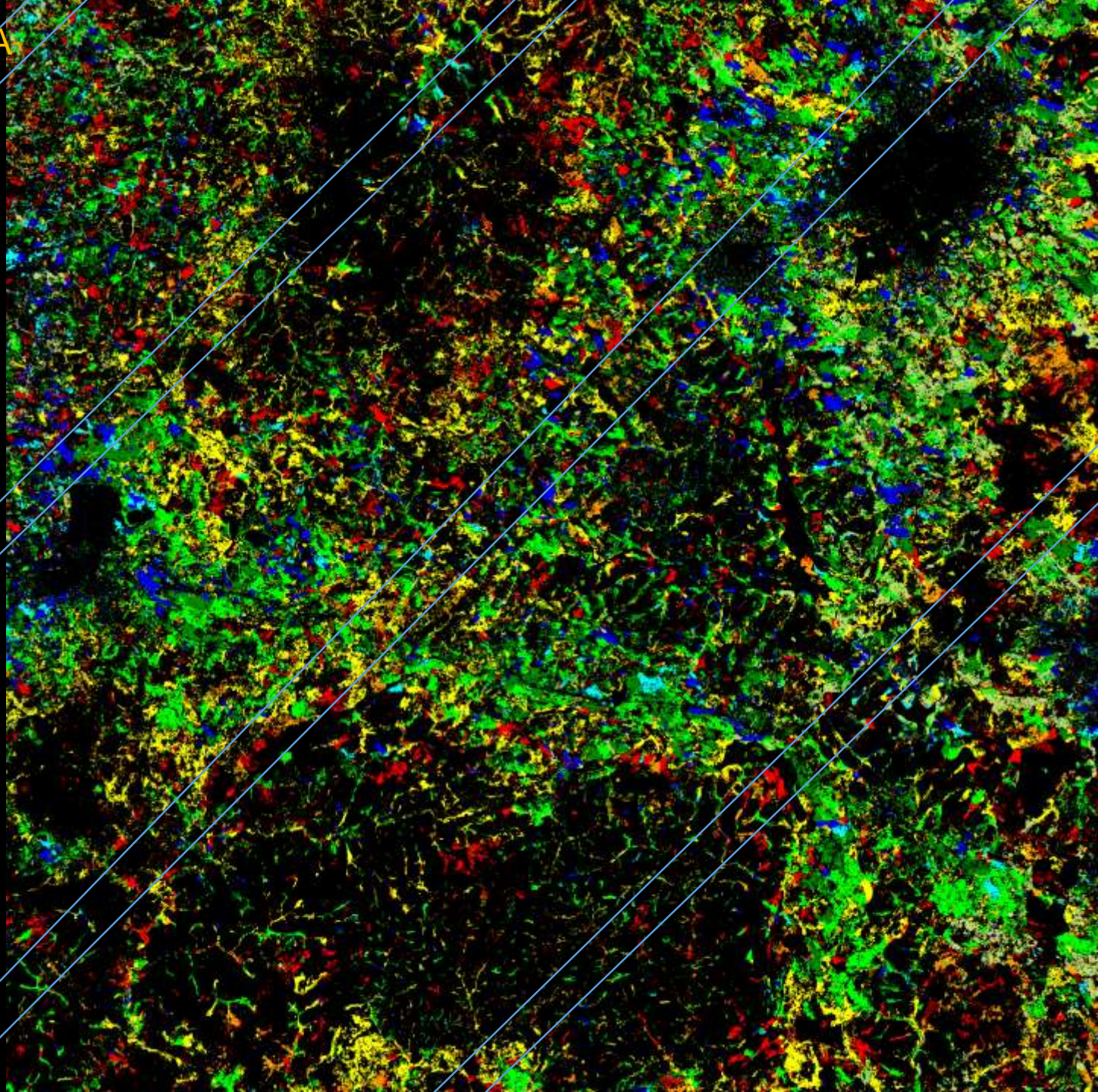
$70 \leq \text{days} < 80$

$80 \leq \text{days} < 90$

$90 \leq \text{days} < 100$

Days 167-234

5295 x 5295 30 m pixels





MODIS 500 m

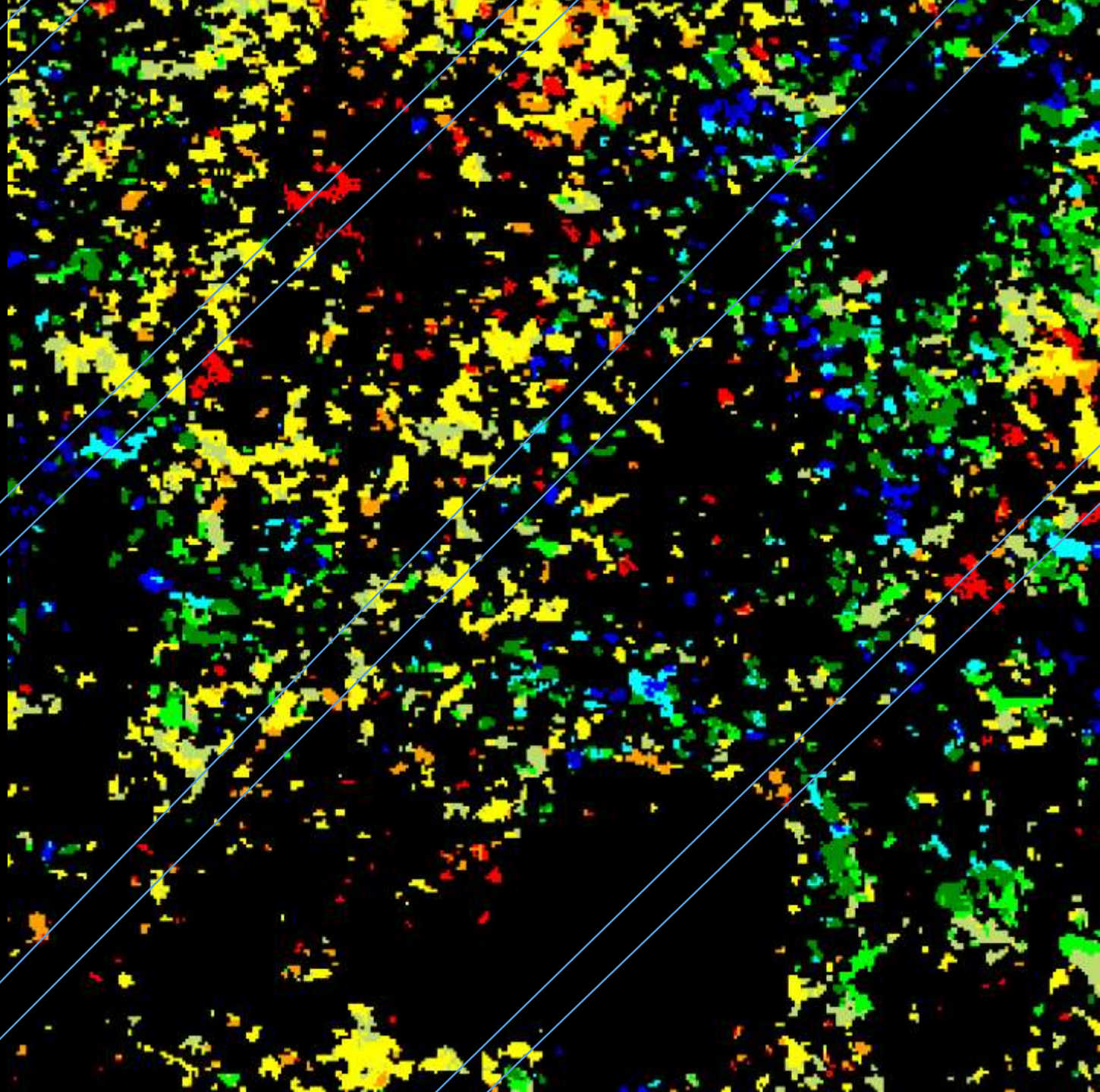
Burned area  
(MCD64 C6)

Day of burning  
(minus 167)

$0 \leq \text{days} < 10$   
 $10 \leq \text{days} < 20$   
 $20 \leq \text{days} < 30$   
 $30 \leq \text{days} < 40$   
 $40 \leq \text{days} < 50$   
 $50 \leq \text{days} < 60$   
 $60 \leq \text{days} < 70$   
 $70 \leq \text{days} < 80$   
 $80 \leq \text{days} < 90$   
 $90 \leq \text{days} < 100$

Days 167-234

318 x 318 500 m pixels



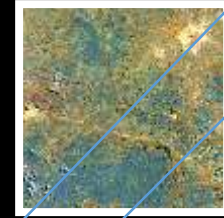
Sentinel 2A

Day 234 2016

2190 nm

1610 nm

865 nm



159 x 159 km



Sentinel 2A

Day 234 2016

2190 nm

1610 nm

865 nm



MODIS tile h20v10

37065 x 37065 30 m pixels

Landsat 8 Sentinel 2A

Burned area

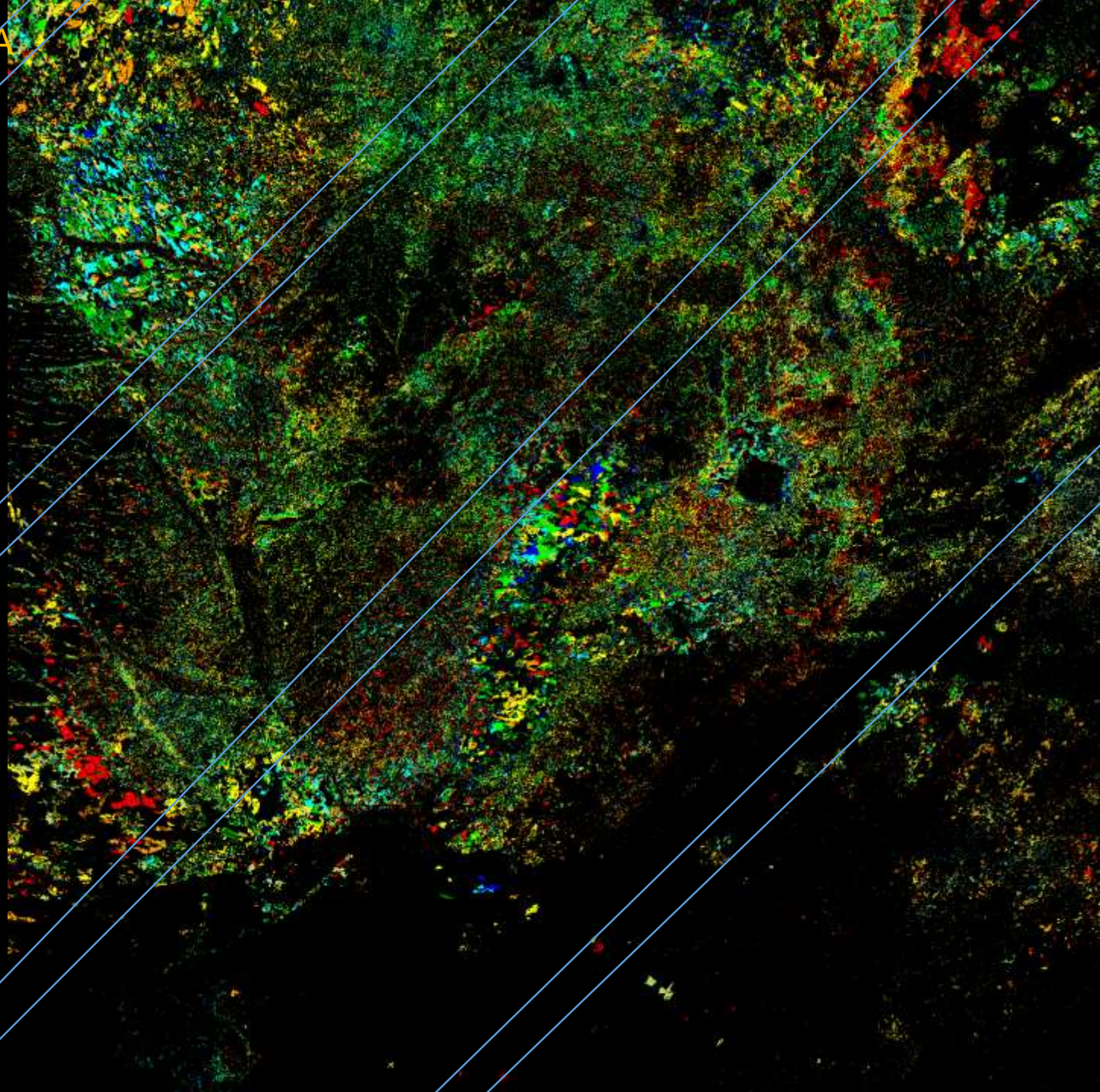
Day of burning  
(minus 167)

- 0 ≤ days < 10
- 10 ≤ days < 20
- 20 ≤ days < 30
- 30 ≤ days < 40
- 40 ≤ days < 50
- 50 ≤ days < 60
- 60 ≤ days < 70
- 70 ≤ days < 80
- 80 ≤ days < 90
- 90 ≤ days < 100

Days 167-234

MODIS tile h20v10

37065 x 37065 30 m pixels





MODIS 500 m

Burned area  
(MCD64 C6)

Day of burning  
(minus 167)

$0 \leq \text{days} < 10$

$10 \leq \text{days} < 20$

$20 \leq \text{days} < 30$

$30 \leq \text{days} < 40$

$40 \leq \text{days} < 50$

$50 \leq \text{days} < 60$

$60 \leq \text{days} < 70$

$70 \leq \text{days} < 80$

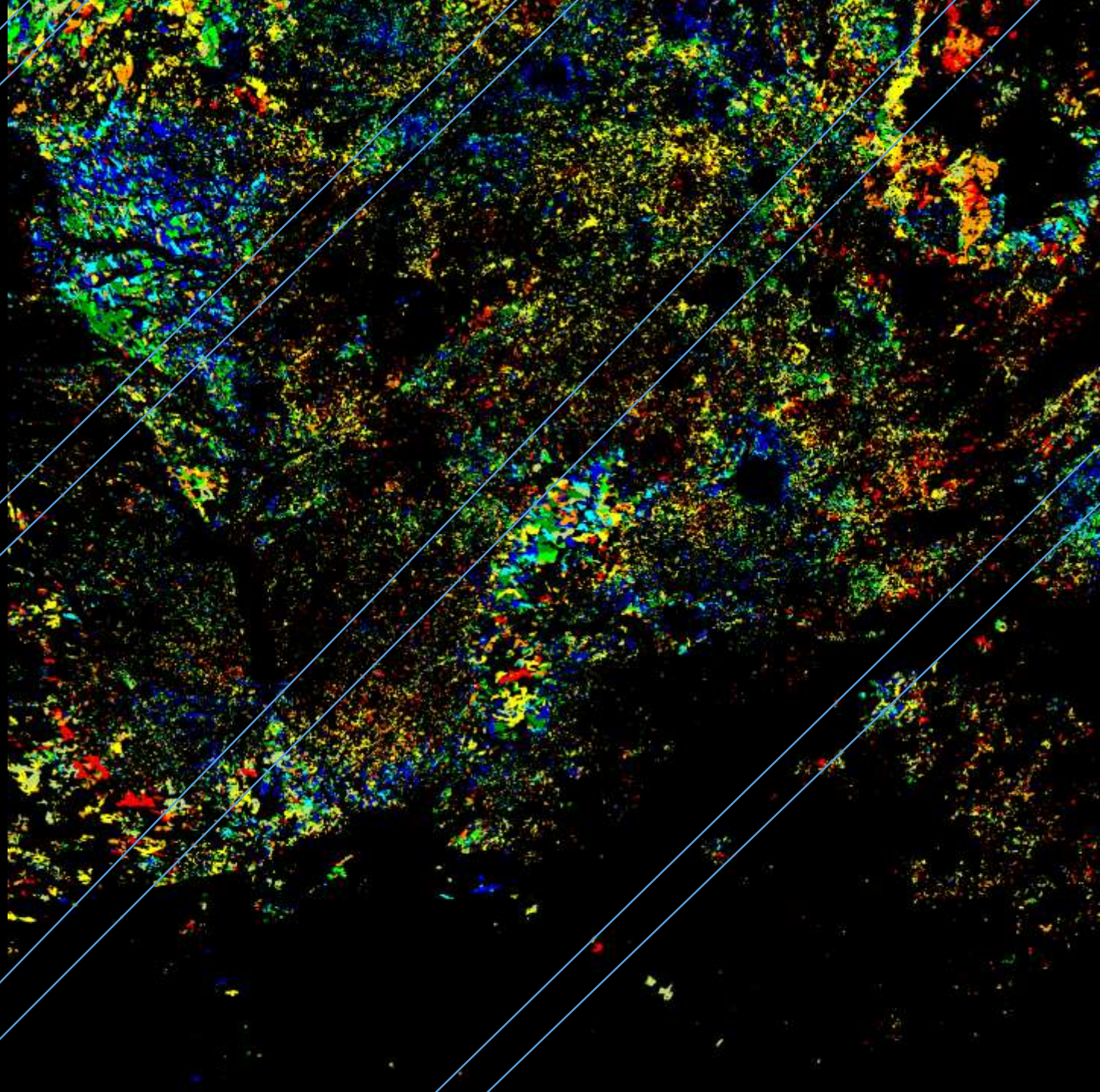
$80 \leq \text{days} < 90$

$90 \leq \text{days} < 100$

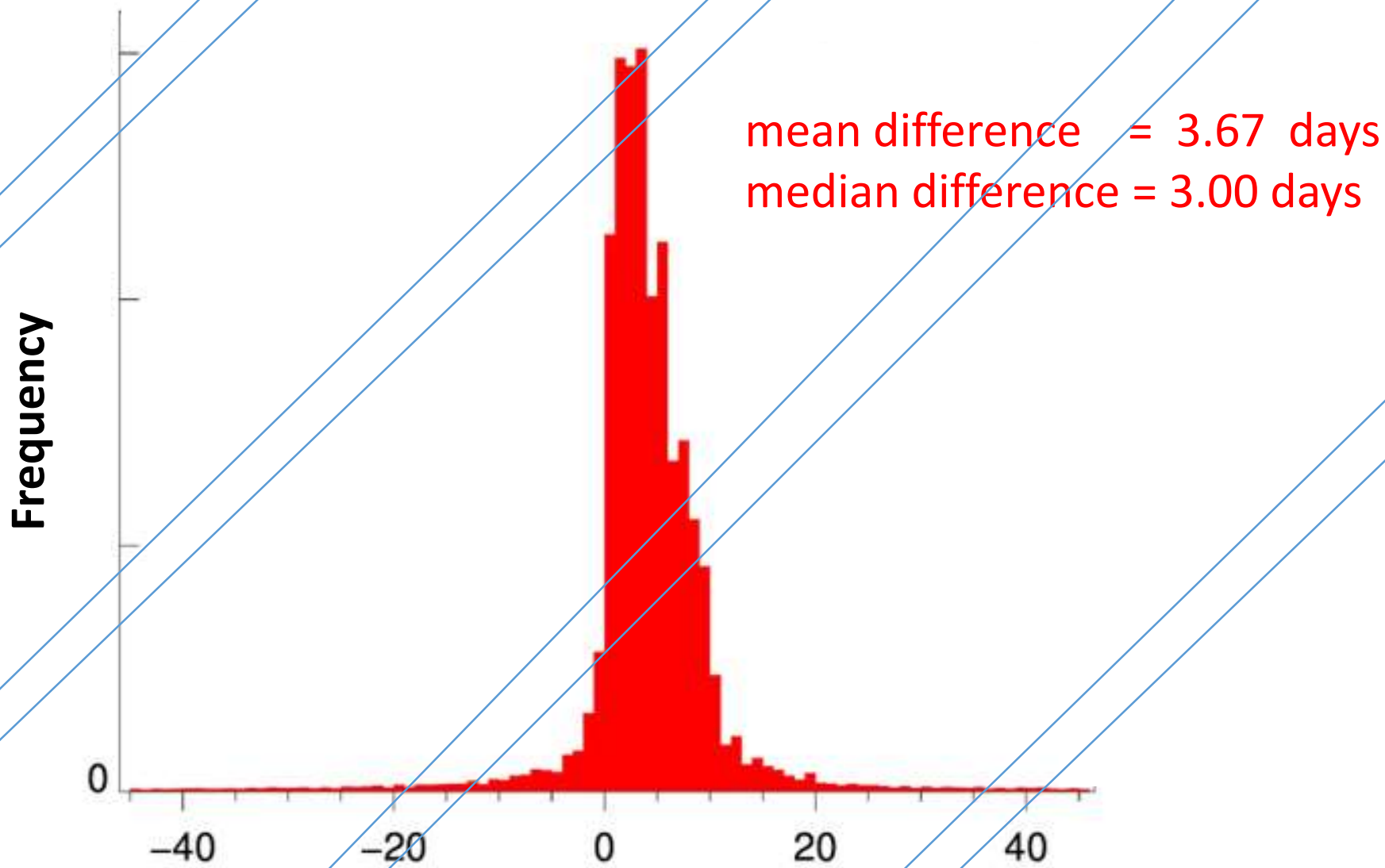
Days 167-234

MODIS tile h20v10

2224 x 2224 500 m pixels



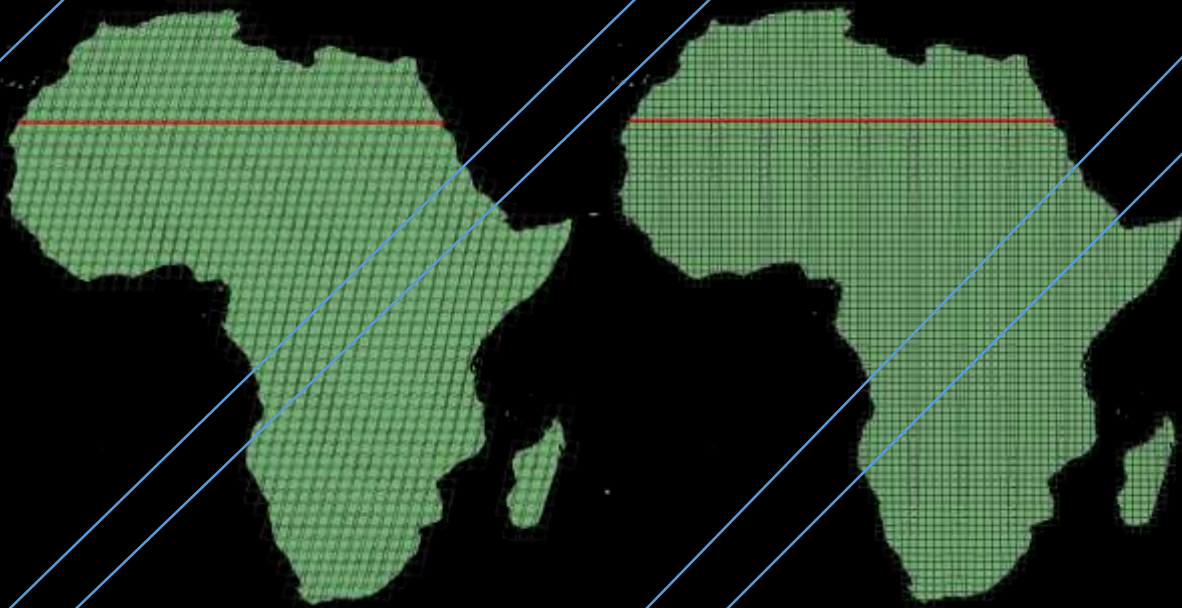
# Temporal product reporting difference (days)



Landsat 8 Sentinel 2 Day of burning - MODIS Day of burning (MCD64)

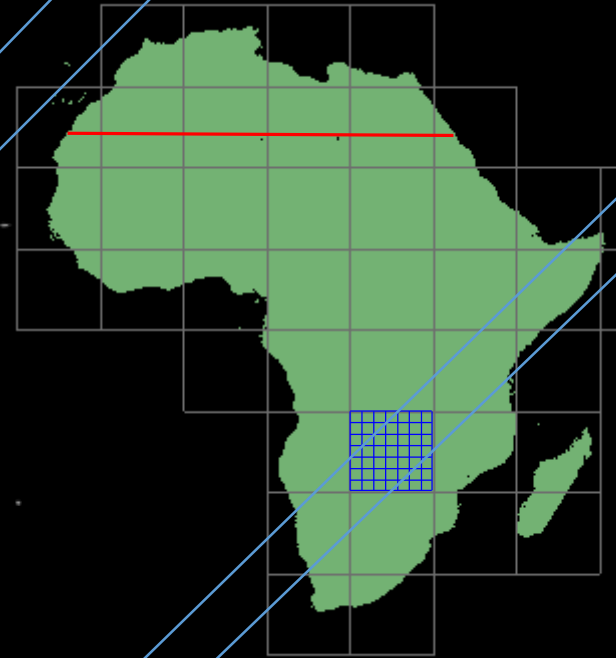


# Planned Production - all of Africa, including Madagascar, south of the Tropic of Cancer ( $23.44^{\circ}$ N)



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

2829  
Sentinel-2  
L1C tiles (UTM)



33  
MODIS  
Tiles (sinusoidal)

1255  
WELD  
tiles

# Planned Production – 3 years

Input number files (volume)

	2017	2018	2019	3-year total
Landsat-8 Collection 1	23,747 (21.8 TB)	23,747 (21.8 TB)	23,747 (21.8 TB)	71,241 (65.4 TB)
Sentinel-2A L1C	103,258 (46.5 TB)	103,258 (46.5 TB)	103,258 (46.5 TB)	309,774 (139.5 TB)
Sentinel-2B L1C		103,258 (46.5 TB)	103,258 (46.5 TB)	206,516 (93.0 TB)
	127,005 (68.3 TB)	230,263 (114.8 TB)	230,263 (114.8 TB)	<b>587,531 (297.9 TB)</b>

298 TB

Input Landsat 8 Sentinel 2 data



# Planned Production – 3 years

## Output number files (volume)

Output	2017	2018	2019	3-year total
Annual total	15,060 (3.19 TB)	15,060 (3.19 TB)	15,060 (3.19 TB)	45,180 (9.57 TB)

10 TB

output 30 m burned area product

## Output per-pixel

- (i) pre-change date (day of year, or 0 if no detection) [2 Bytes]
- (ii) post-change date (number of days since pre-change date, or 0) [1 Byte]
- (iii)  $f \times cc$  [0, 1 ... 100], or water [200], unobserved [201], permanently cloudy [202], etc. [1 Byte]
- (iv) number of valid (non-cloudy, observed) Landsat-8 observations [1 Byte]
- (v) number of valid Sentinel-2A and -2B observations [1 Byte]
- (vi) internal algorithm QA pathway code [1 Byte]

# Planned Production

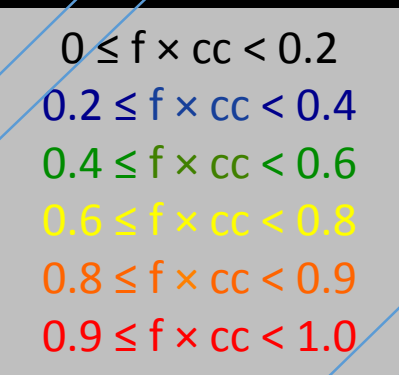
Quality Assessment

Validation



Landsat 8 Sentinel 2A

Burned area



MODIS tile h20v10

37065 x 37065 30 m pixels



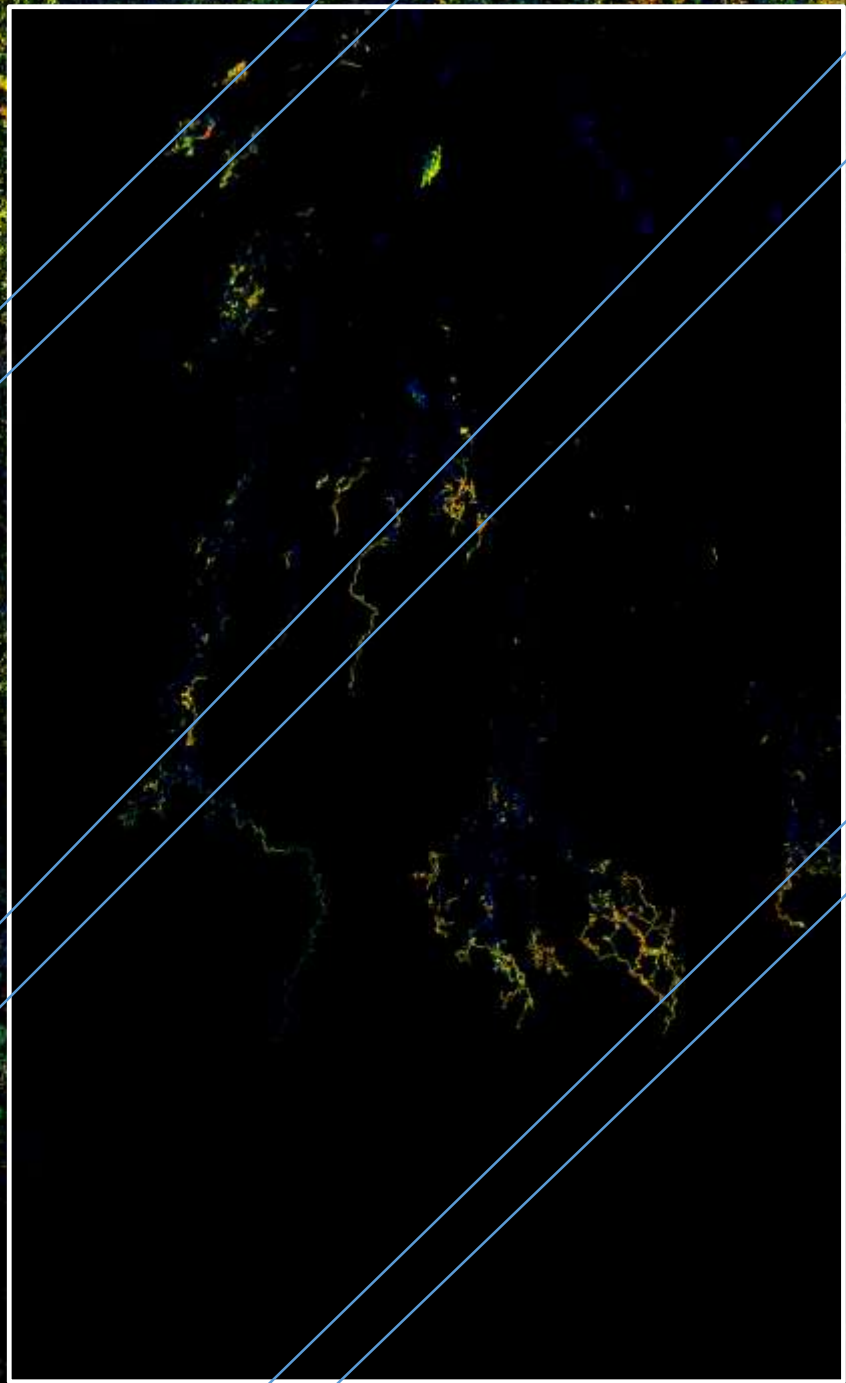
Landsat 8 Sentinel 2A

Burned area

- $0 \leq f \times cc < 0.2$
- $0.2 \leq f \times cc < 0.4$
- $0.4 \leq f \times cc < 0.6$
- $0.6 \leq f \times cc < 0.8$
- $0.8 \leq f \times cc < 0.9$
- $0.9 \leq f \times cc < 1.0$

Quality  
assessment  
ongoing

MODIS tile h20v10  
37065 x 37065 30 m pixels

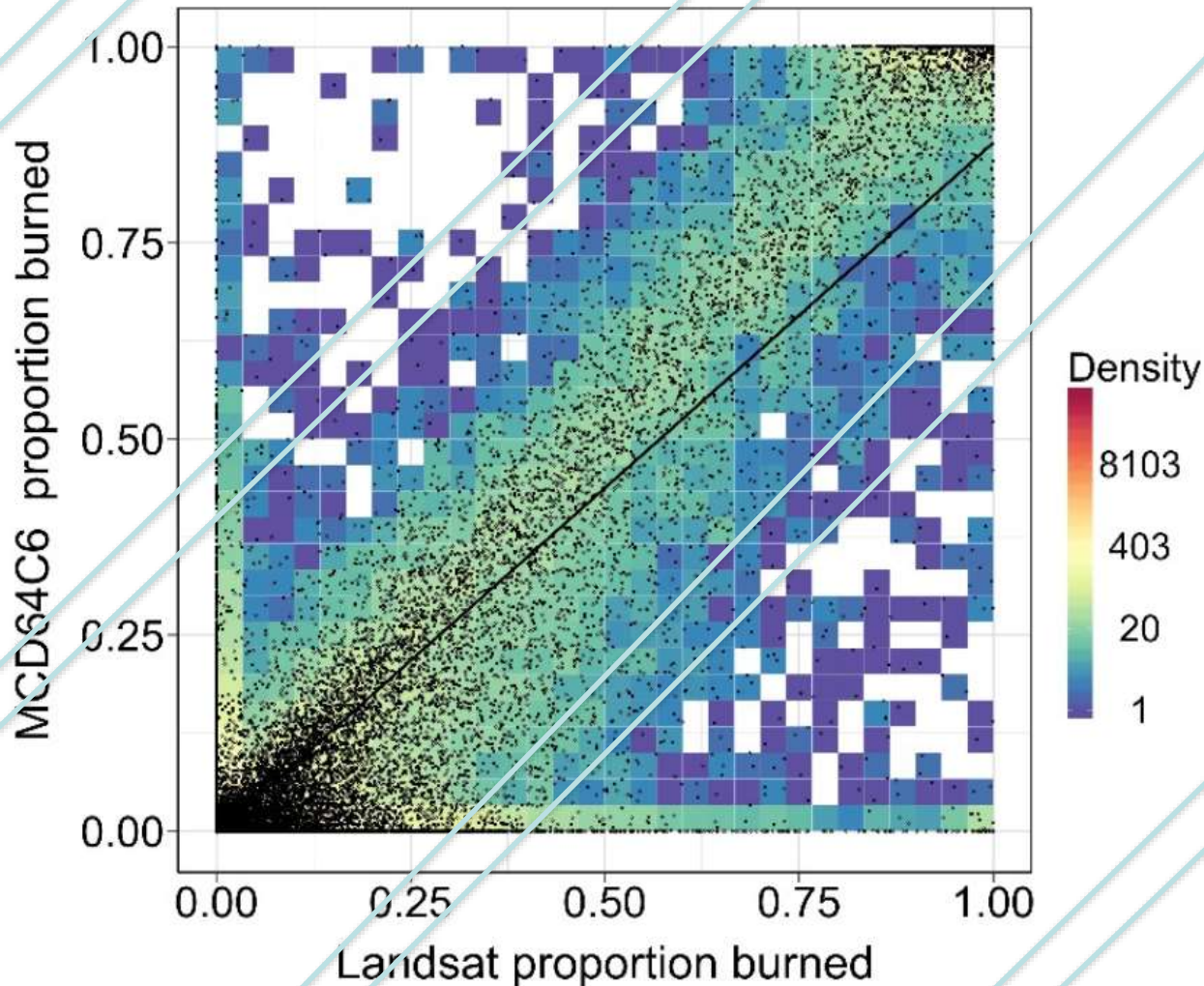




# Validation

Previously MODIS 500 m burned area validation by comparison with 2-date 30 m Landsat interpreted burned maps

Stage 2: slope 0.88, intercept -0.003,  $r^2 = 0.82$



Giglio, Boschetti, Roy,  
Humber, Justice

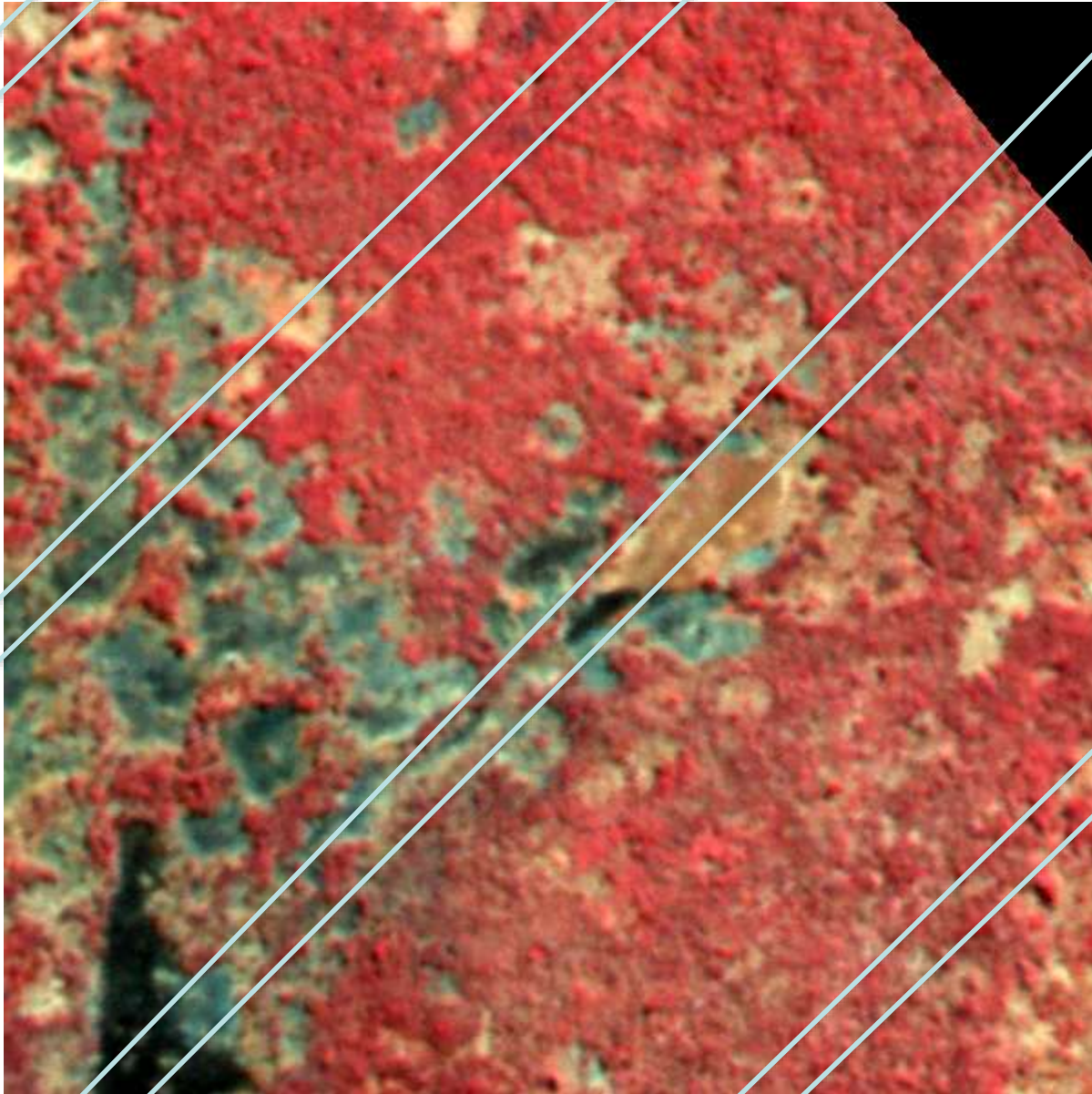
The Collection 6 MODIS  
Burned Area Mapping  
Algorithm and Product,

*RSE, In review*





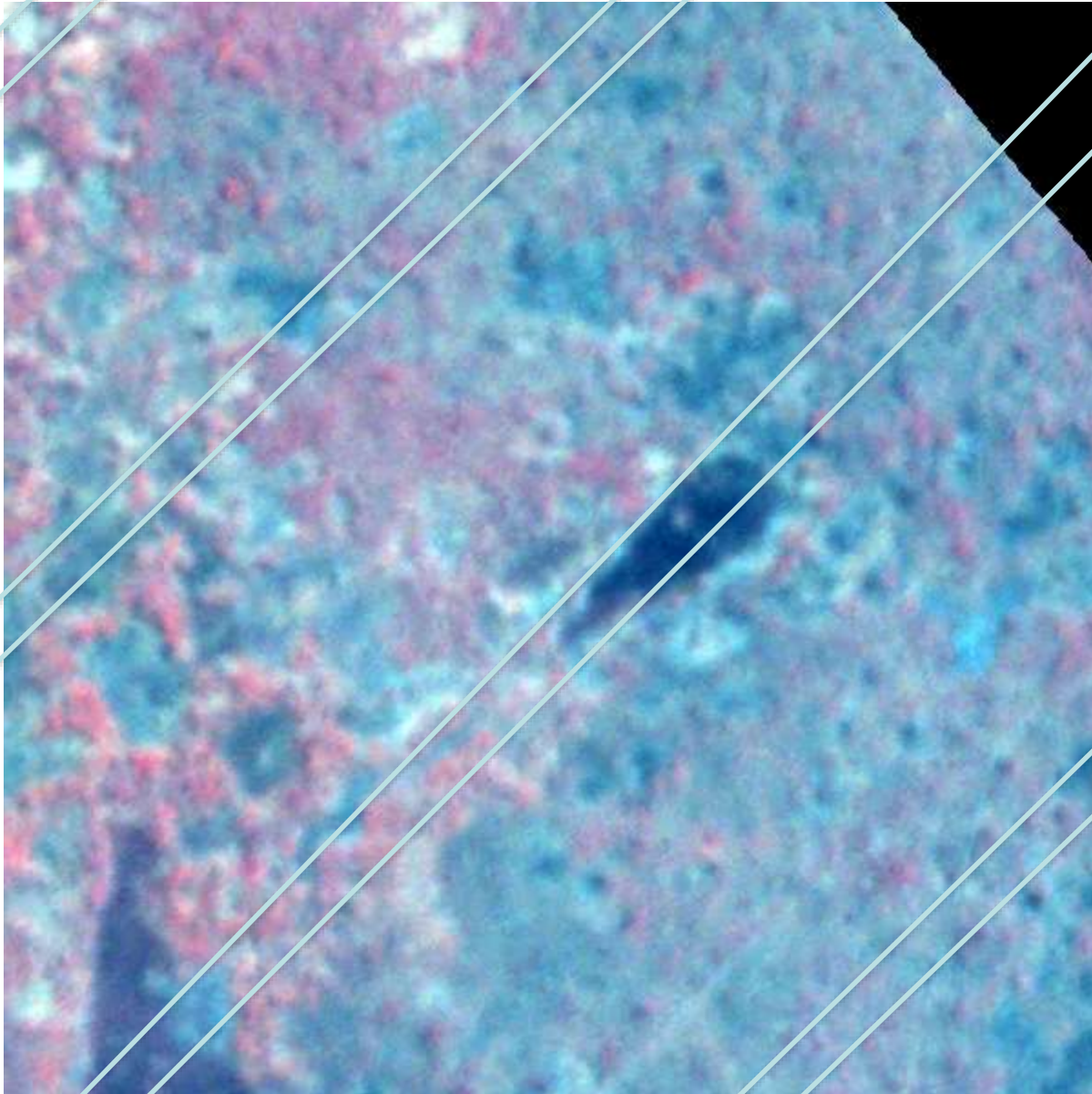
600 × 600 3 m pixels (1.8 km × 1.8 km)



Somewhere in Zambia

July 18<sup>th</sup> 2016

600 × 600 3 m pixels (1.8 km × 1.8 km)



Somewhere in Zambia

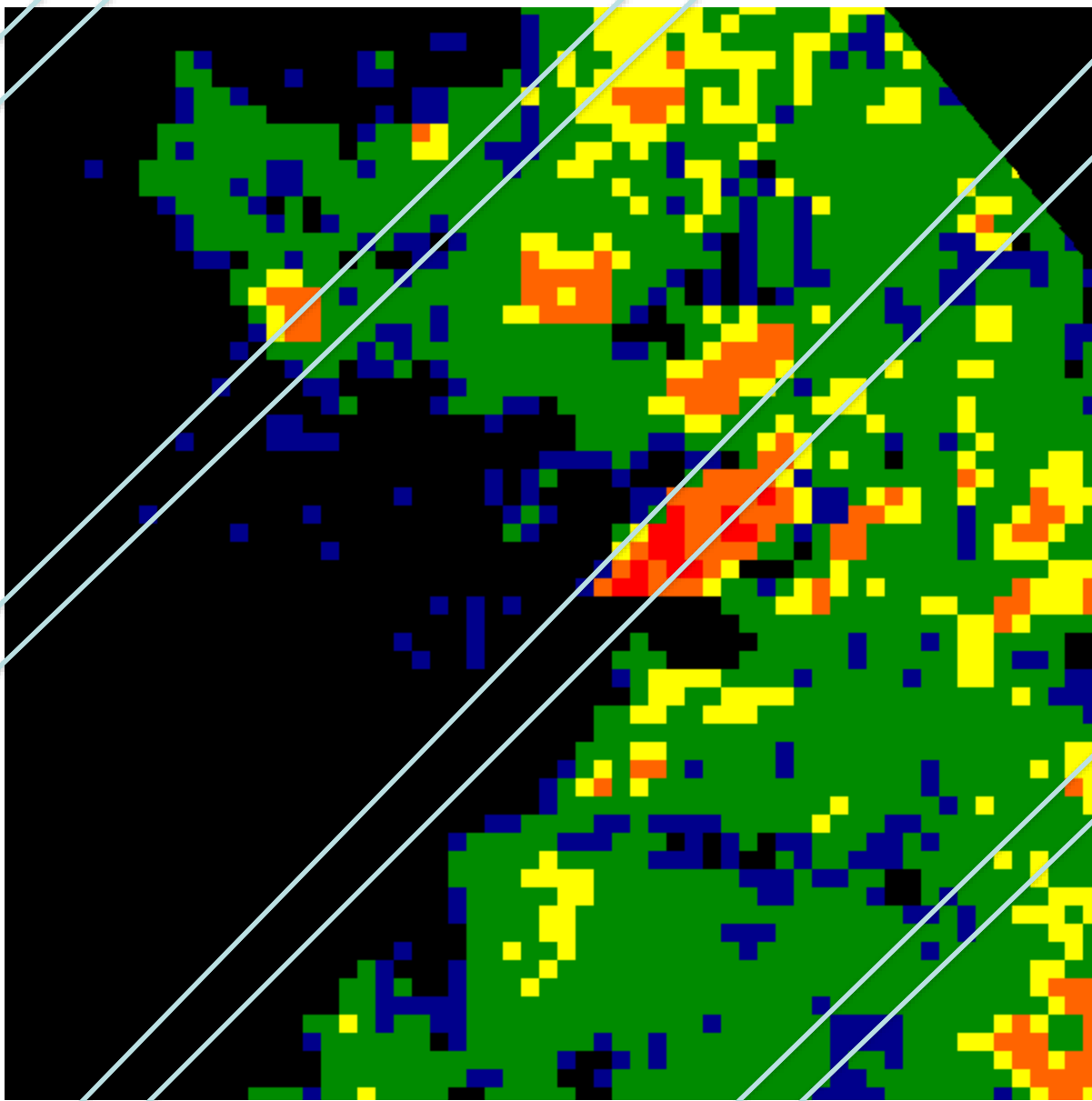
August 18<sup>th</sup> 2016



60 × 60 30 m pixels (1.8 km × 1.8 km)

S2A/L8

f x cc



Somewhere in Zambia

July – August 18<sup>th</sup> 2016

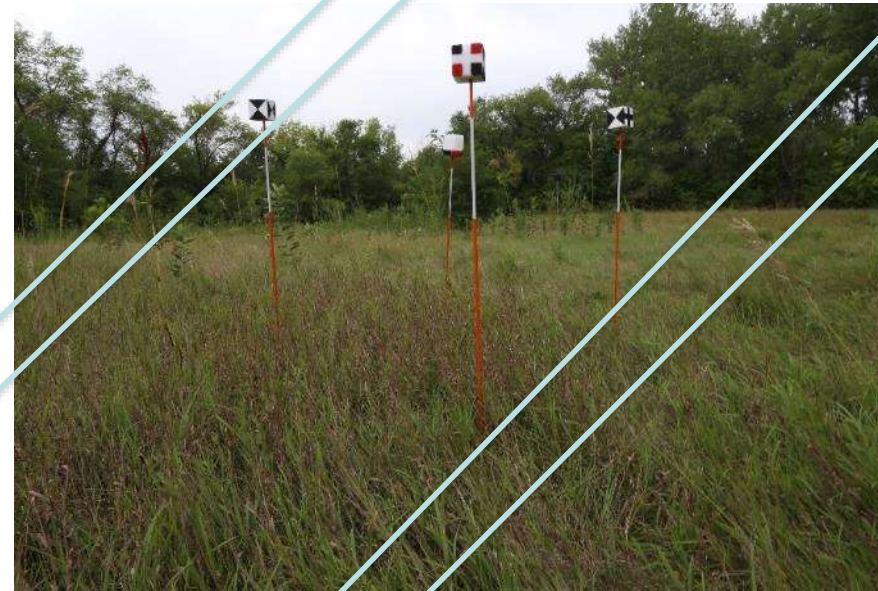


# CC estimation by *in situ* biomass measurement pre and post fire very time consuming





# Validate cc using high speed, low-cost, highly portable Terrestrial Laser Scanner



Cooper, Roy, Schaaf, Paynter, 2017. Examination of the potential of Terrestrial Laser Scanning and Structure-from-Motion photogrammetry for rapid nondestructive field measurement of grass biomass, *Remote Sensing*. 9 (6), 531.

# Field work next week with international collaborators



## **10<sup>th</sup> Southern African Fire Network (SAFNet) Meeting 17th - 19th April 2018**

*Venue: Kruger National Park, Skukuza, South Africa*

**Collaborative fire information, resource sharing, training and research in support of  
Integrated Fire Management in Southern African countries**



# Summary

- **New moderate resolution data will provide global burned area mapping capability**
  - Exciting
  - Improved reporting of small and spatially fragmented burned areas
- **Major R&D effort on Sentinel-2 and Landsat-8 pre-processing**
  - Many papers from group please see <http://globalmonitoring.sdstate.edu/faculty/roy/roy.html>
- **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 ( $cc$ )
- **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 ( $cc$ )