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LAND COVER CONTEXTUAL CLASSIFICATION USING SPACE IMAGERY FOR WETLAND AND FOREST MONITORING

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Purpose

to develop a land cover classification using space imagery that consider forest and wetland spatial distribution in local environmental context



Approach

Environmental conditions are driving force of plant communities differentiation in space.

Main contextual features

Forests

Temperature

Humidity

Solar irradiation

Hight above the sea level

Wetlands

Humidity



Algorithm

Examples of Classification Systems Land Cover Types

Global

IGBP Land Cover
UMD Land Cover
Global Land Cover 2000

Regional

CORINE LCC
GSE-Land
PELCOME

Space Imagery

EOS/MODIS
Envisat/MERIS

- Low spatial resolution

Medium spatial resolution -

Landsat/ETM+
EOS/ASTER



Algorithm

Environment variables

Land Surface Temperature (*LST*)

Surface Solar Irradiation (*SSI*)

Normalized Water Index (*NWI*)

Height above the Sea Level (*DTED*)

$$T_0 = \frac{c}{\ln\left(\frac{k}{E_{TIR}} + 1\right)}$$

Land Surface Temperature (*LST*) T_0

where **c** and **k** are sensor dependent constants, **E_{TIR}** is a spectral density of emittance in thermal infrared range

$$w_0(NWI, T) = a \ln\left(\frac{NWI}{T_0} + 1\right) + b$$

Soil Water Content (*SWC*) w_0

where **a** and **b** is regression coefficients estimated for each scene on the basis ground truth data with ground control points (GCP)

$$M(\varphi, \alpha, A) = \frac{\sin(h_0 - \alpha \cos A)}{\sin h_0} M_0 \exp(-m_0 \varphi^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_0 &= 90^\circ - \varphi + \delta_0 & m_0 &= 0.1293 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ deg}^{-1} \\ \delta_0 &= 23.45^\circ & M_0 &= 270 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ per day} \end{aligned}$$

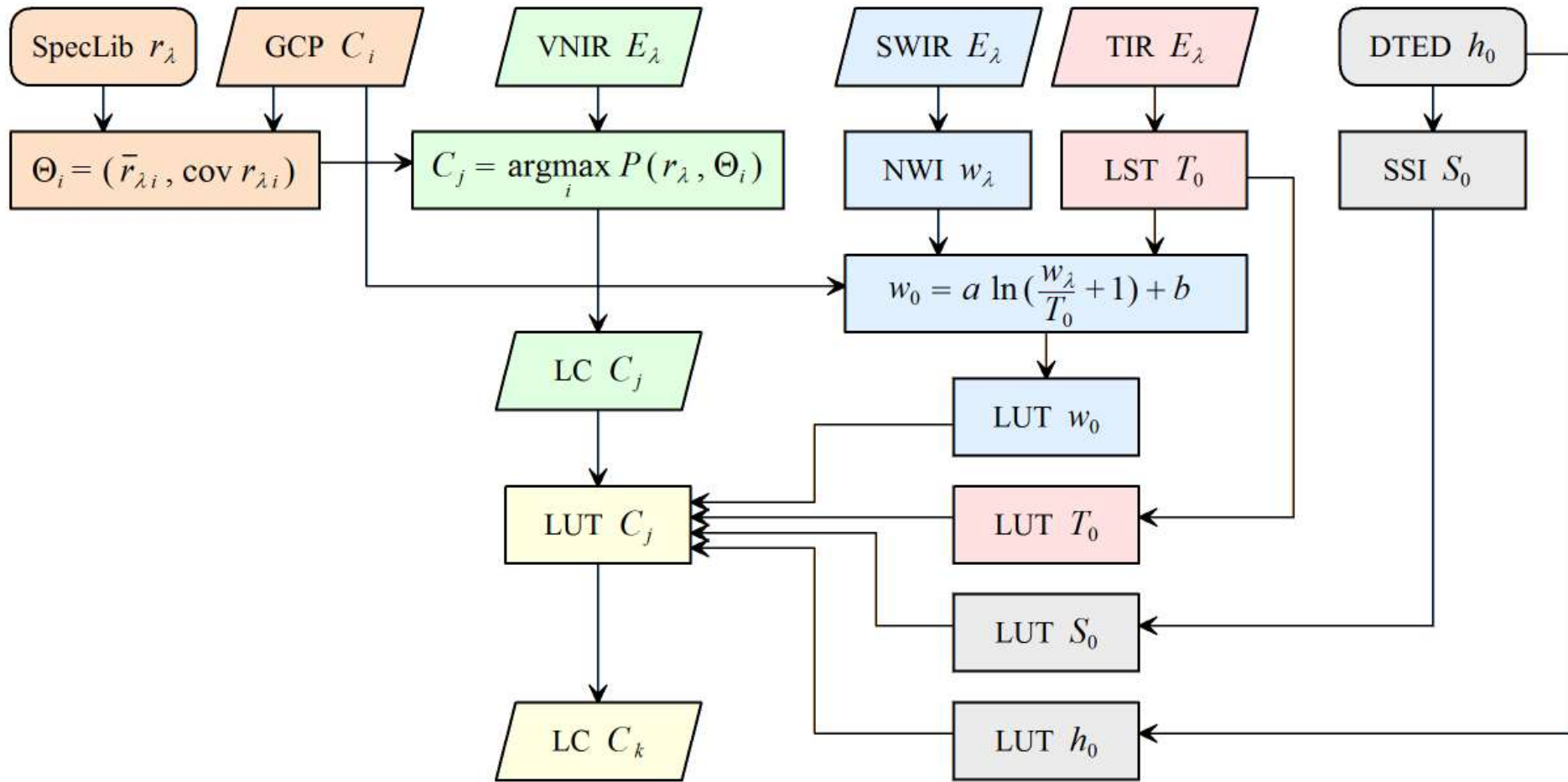
Surface Solar Irradiation (*SSI*) M

SRTM3 v2.0

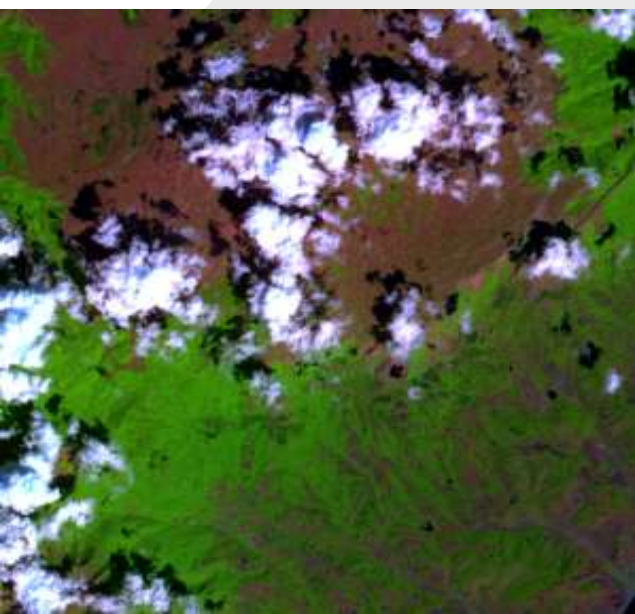
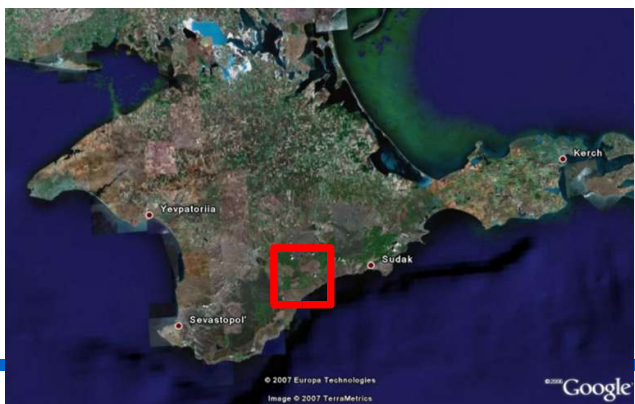
Digital Terrain Elevations Data (*DTED*)



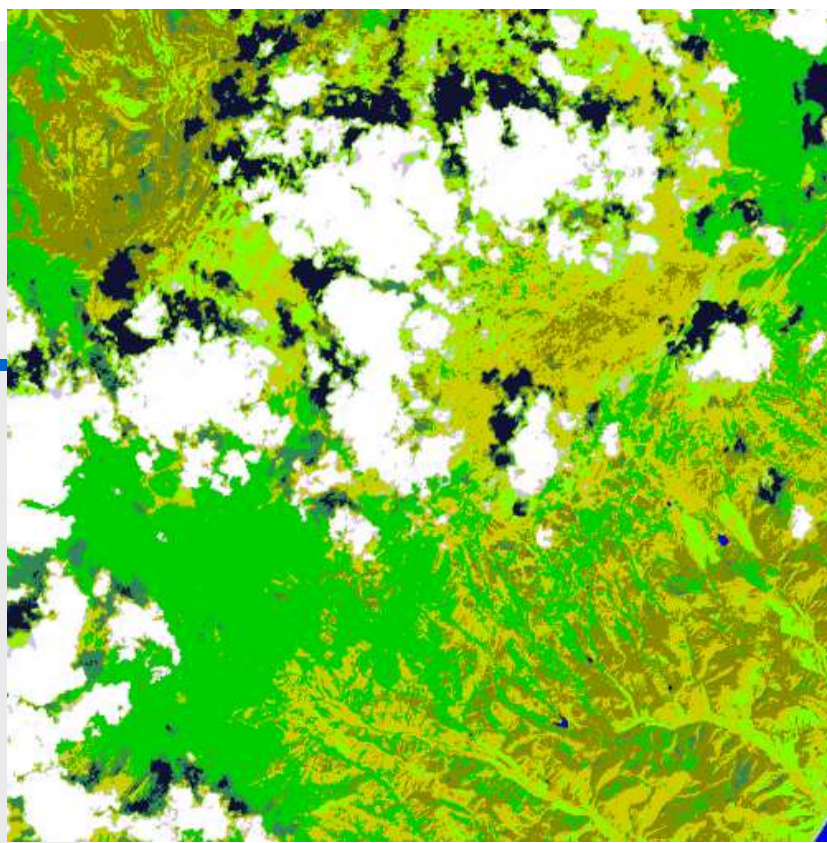
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




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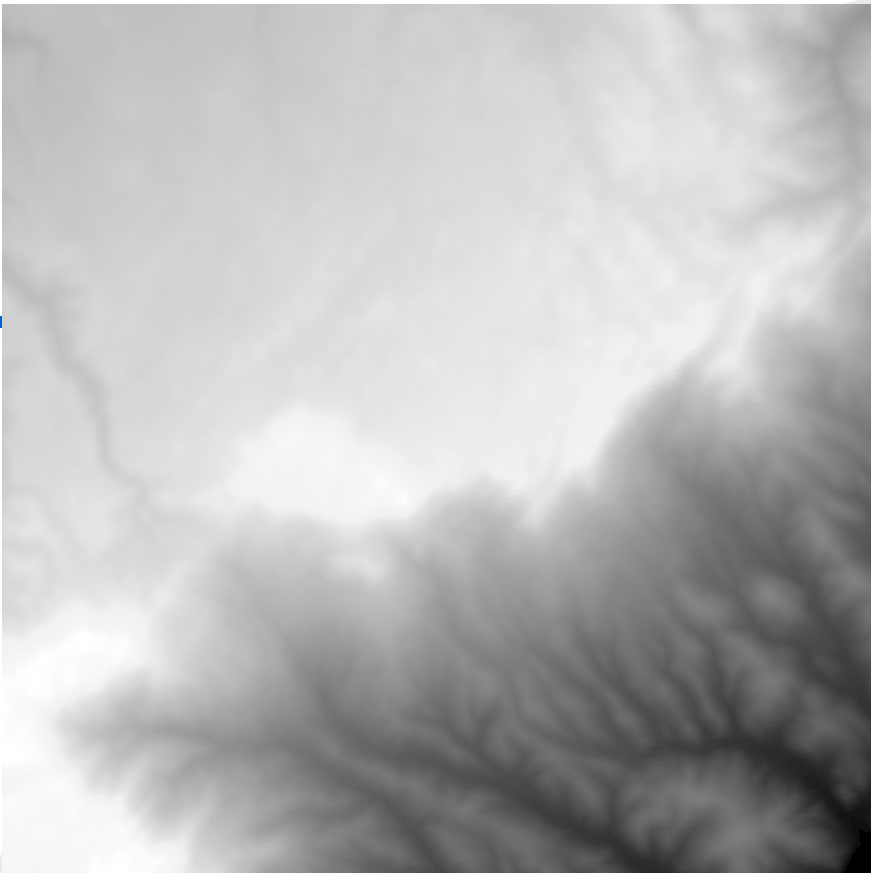
ASTER multispectral space image
 2005/08/12; Spatial resolution: 15 m
 Bands 4,3,2



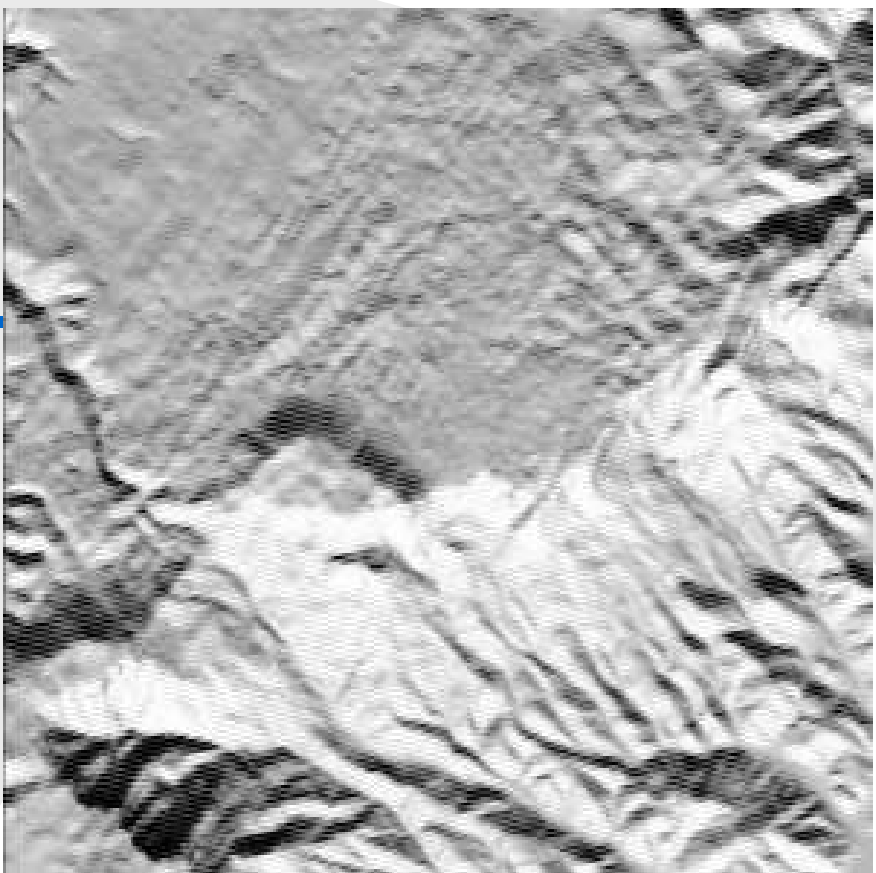
Results of Initial vegetation classification (UMd)

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|  Evergreen Needleleaf Forests |  Barren |
|  Deciduous Broadleaf Forests |  Shadows |
|  Wooded Grasslands/Shrublands |  Water bodies |
|  Shrublands |  Barren |
|  Grasslands | |

Input data

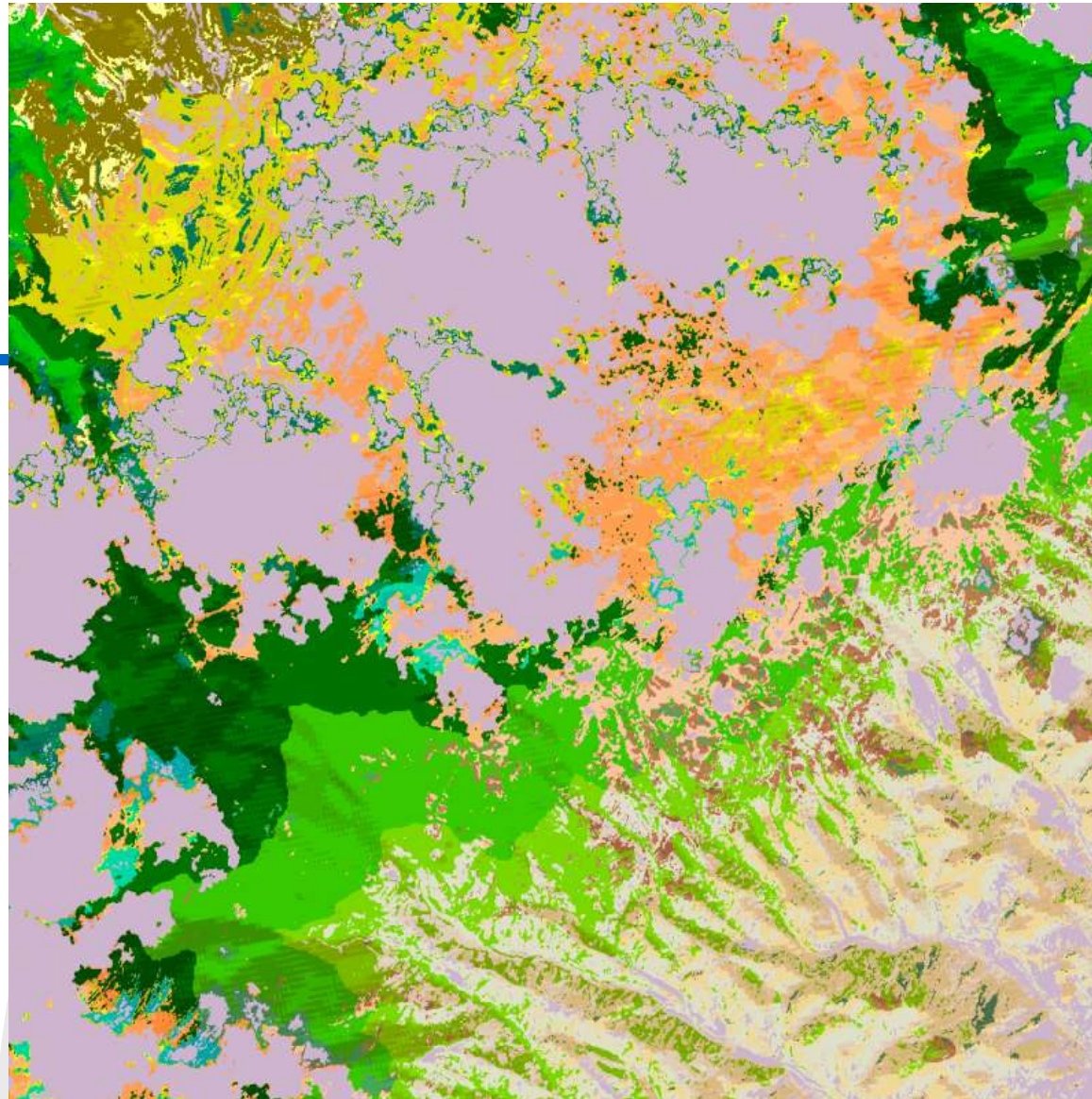


SRTM3 v2.0, Height above the sea level



Spatial distribution of Surface Solar Irradiation



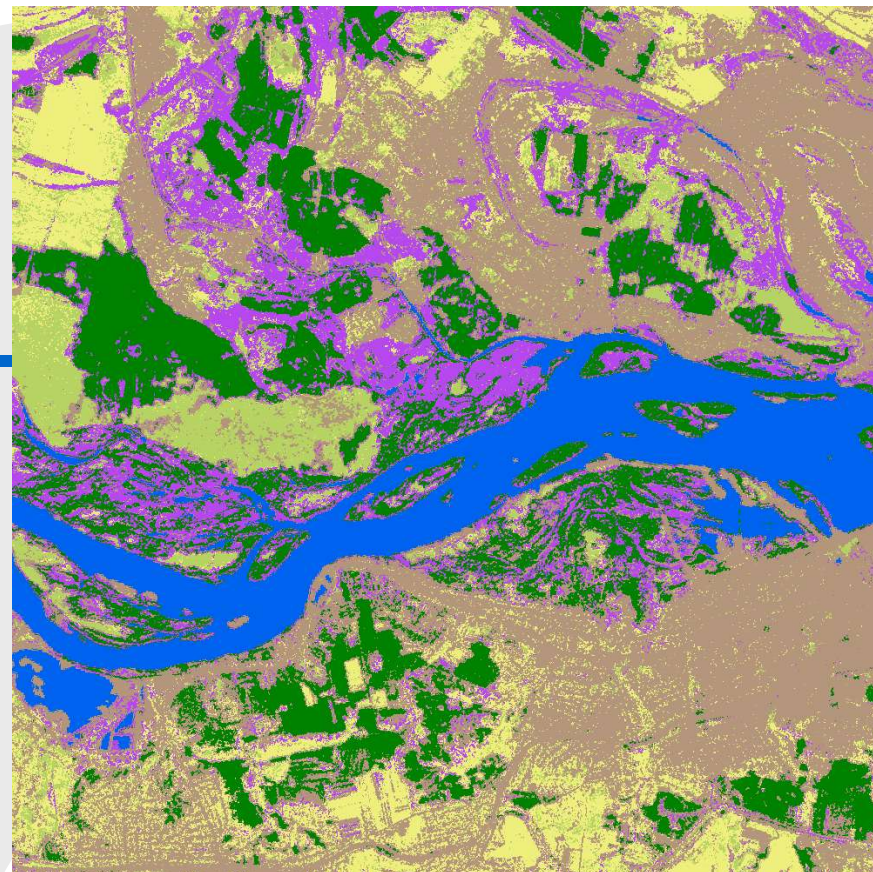


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ASTER multispectral space image

2004/06/04; Spatial resolution: 15 m, Bands: 2,3,1
Banks of the Dnieper river nearby
Dneprodzerzhinsk town



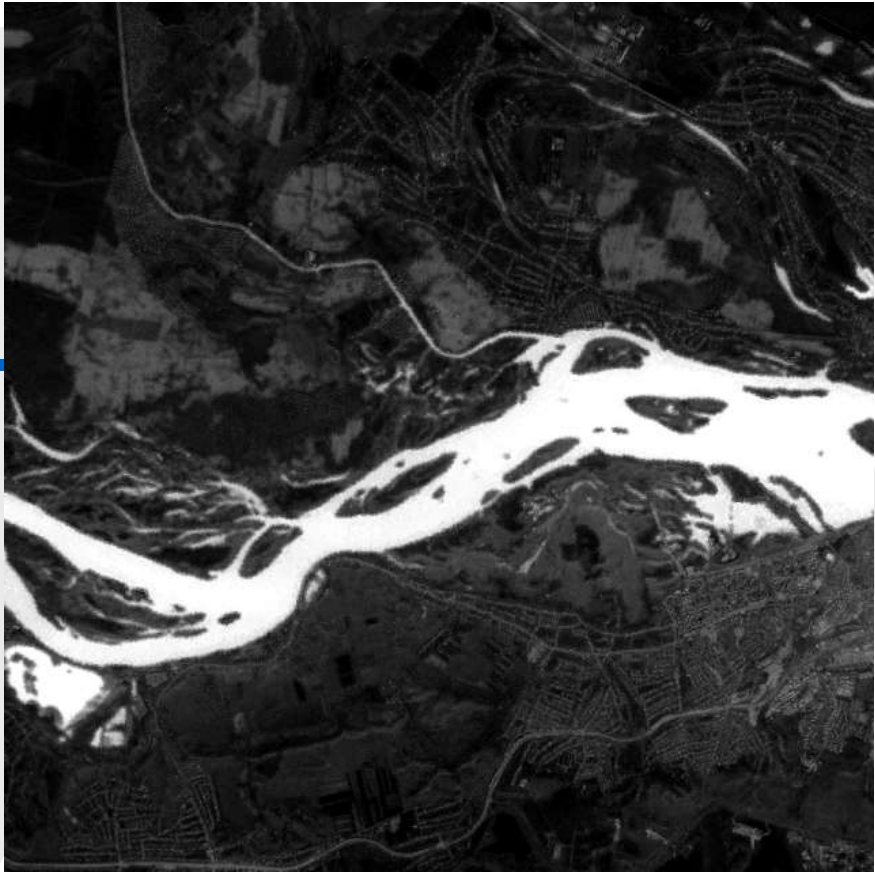
Results of initial land cover classification (CORINE)

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|  | Water bodies |  | Forests |
|  | Artificial surfaces |  | Wetlands |
|  | Agricultural areas | | |
|  | Land principally occupied by agriculture, with significant areas of natural vegetation | | |

Input data



Spatial distribution of Land Surface Temperature












Spatial distribution of Normalized Water Index





Legend

-  Water bodies
-  Artificial surfaces
-  Agricultural areas
-  Land principally occupied by agriculture
-  Forests

- Wetlands of different soil water content
 -  *Highest*
 -  *High*
 -  *Medium*
 -  *Low*



Conclusions

1. Local environment condition considering allows to adjust land cover classification according to thematic tasks.
2. Resulting land cover maps provide detailed spatial information for wetland and forest monitoring and could be useful for analysis of changes caused by human activity.
3. Proposed algorithm of land cover contextual classification using multispectral space imagery could be recommended as one of the remote sensing modern technique for wetland and forest monitoring.

Future work

validation of the land cover contextual classification by multiple ground-truth points and output classification improvement by time series processing for LST, SSI and NWI spatial distribution during vegetation season



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