



# Remote Sensing of the San Francisco Bay and Delta

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# Outline

## Introduction

Water products from high spatial resolution land sensors:

Landsat-8 (every 16 days, ~ 30 m) – open data

Sentinel-2 (a, b, c, d ...) (every 5 days, ~ 10 m) -- open data

## Examples

Franks Tract

Blooms

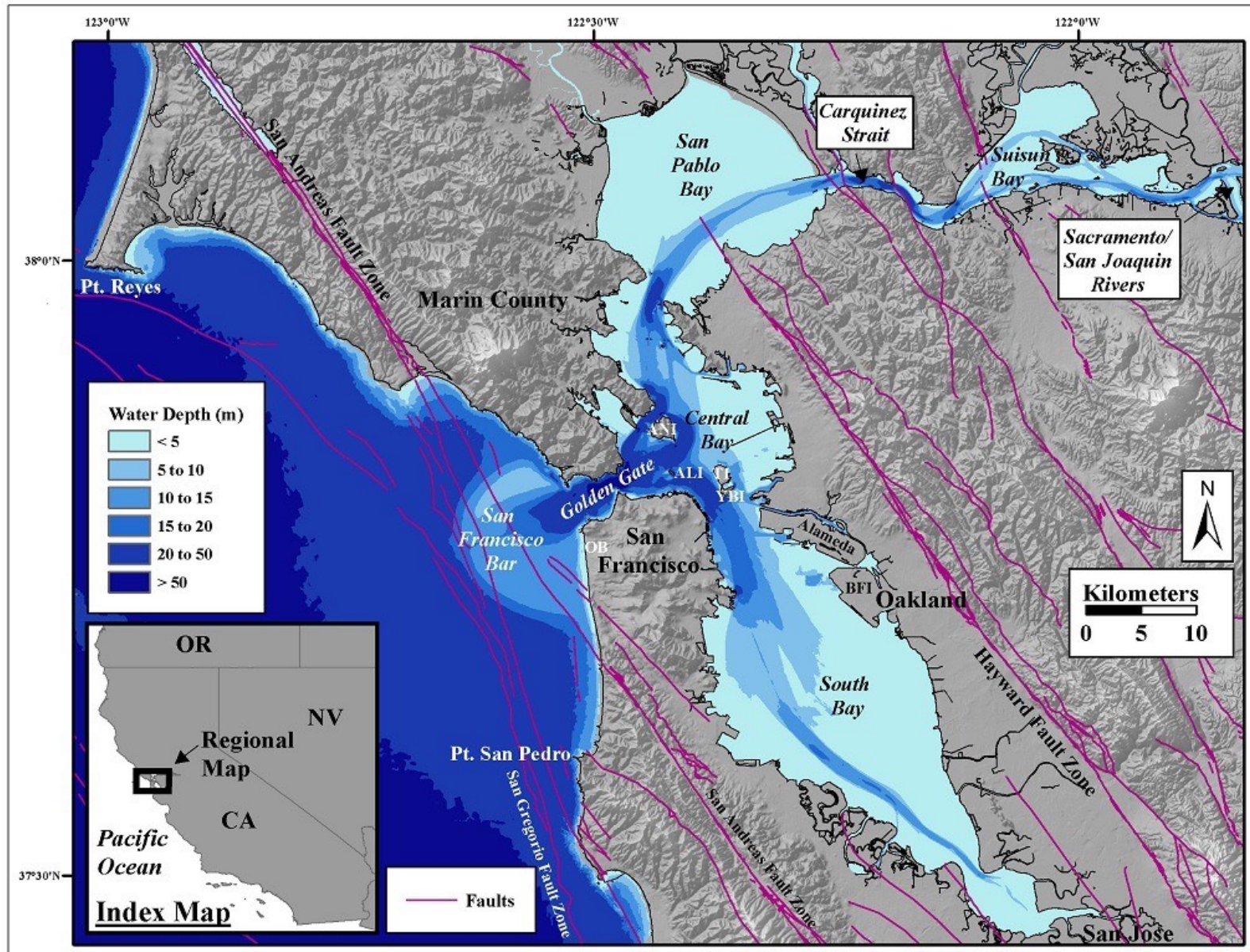
## Future

Land-water, Wetlands, Airborne

Operational Products



# Landsat-8 and Sentinel-2 images of the North Bay





22 September 2016













# Landsat-8



# Landsat 8 OLI Characteristics

**Landsat 8  
Operational  
Land Imager  
(OLI)**

**Launched  
February 11,  
2013**

<b>Bands</b>	<b>Wavelength (micrometers)</b>	<b>Resolution (meters)</b>
<b>Band 1 - Coastal aerosol</b>	<b>0.43 - 0.45</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Band 2 - Blue</b>	<b>0.45 - 0.51</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Band 3 - Green</b>	<b>0.53 - 0.59</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Band 4 - Red</b>	<b>0.64 - 0.67</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Band 5 - Near Infrared (NIR)</b>	<b>0.85 - 0.88</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Band 6 - SWIR 1</b>	<b>1.57 - 1.65</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Band 7 - SWIR 2</b>	<b>2.11 - 2.29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Band 8 - Panchromatic</b>	<b>0.50 - 0.68</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Band 9 - Cirrus</b>	<b>1.36 - 1.38</b>	<b>30</b>

**Landsat bands are optimized for land products and  
here we adapt them for coastal ocean products.**



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**Images are sharpened using the 15 m Panchromatic band.**

# Landsat-OLI image from 28 May 2014

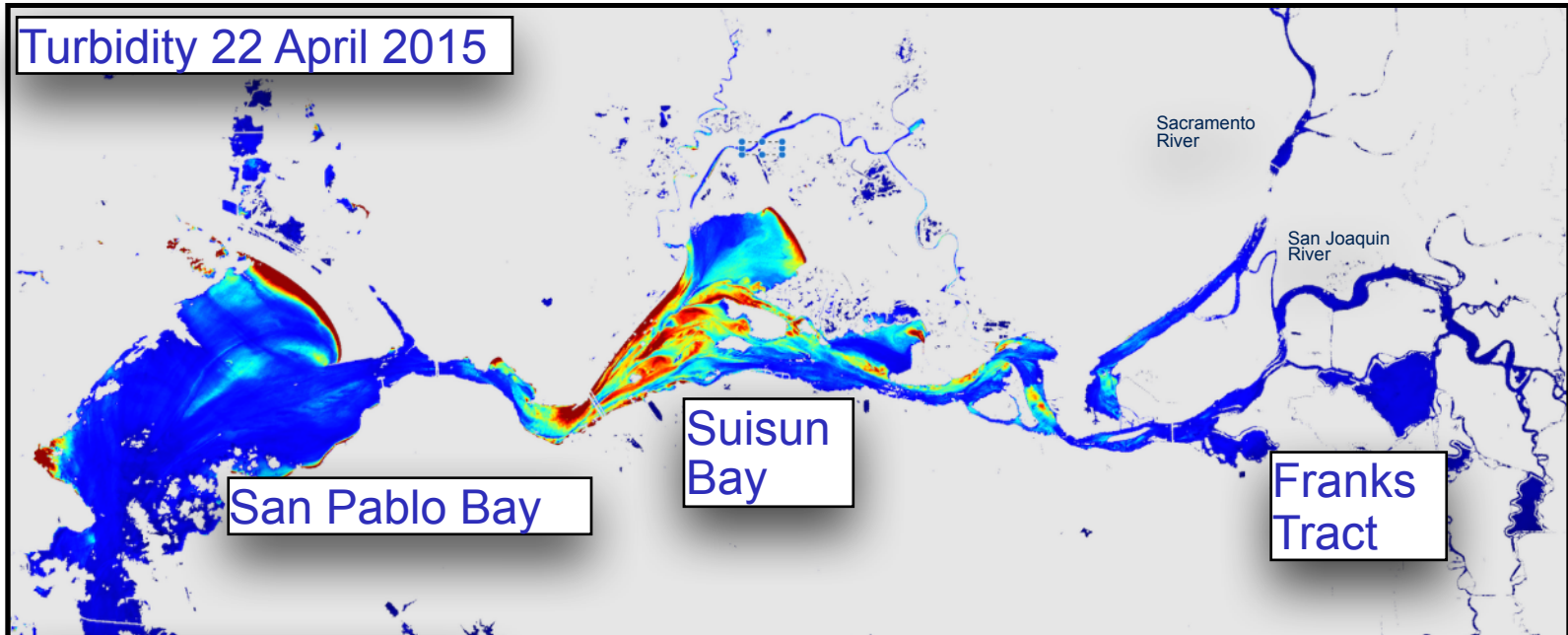


- Landsat provides 30 m GSD, 16 day revisit, land bands and moderate SNR.
- 15 m Panchromatic band for image sharpening
- Especially good for the delta and adjacent land areas.
- Challenge to make good ocean products due to limited band set and low SNR for ocean scenes.

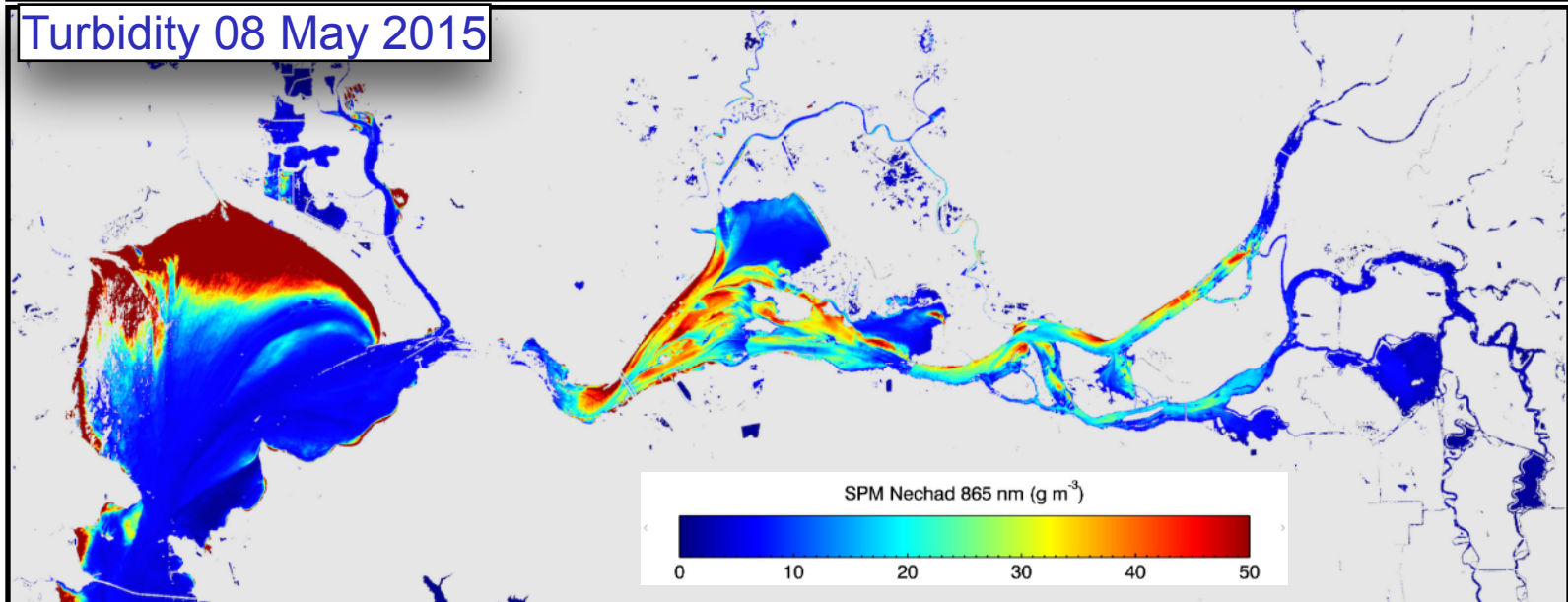


# SPM Maps from L-8 OLI data

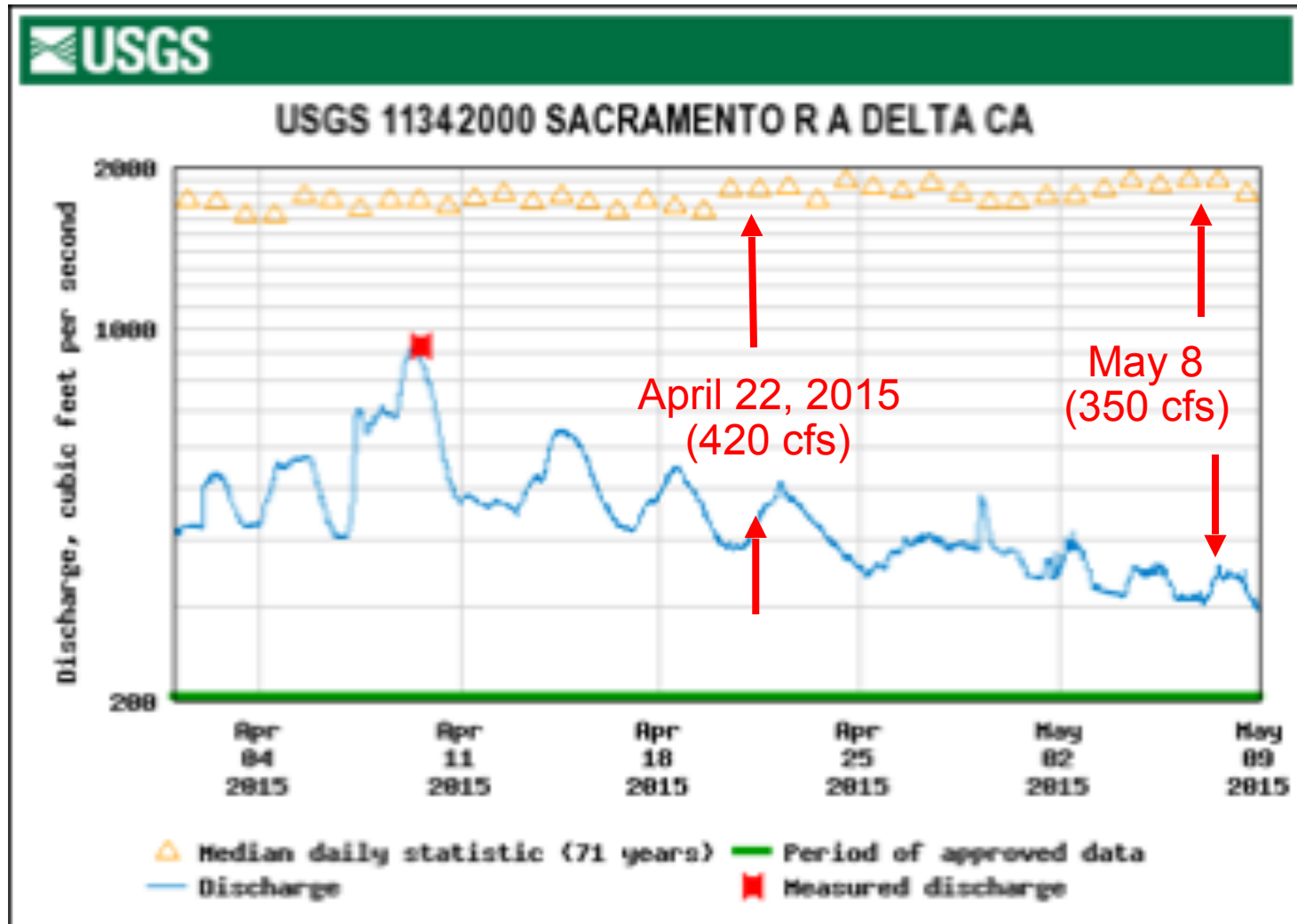
Turbidity 22 April 2015



Turbidity 08 May 2015



# Sacramento River Flows during the Drought

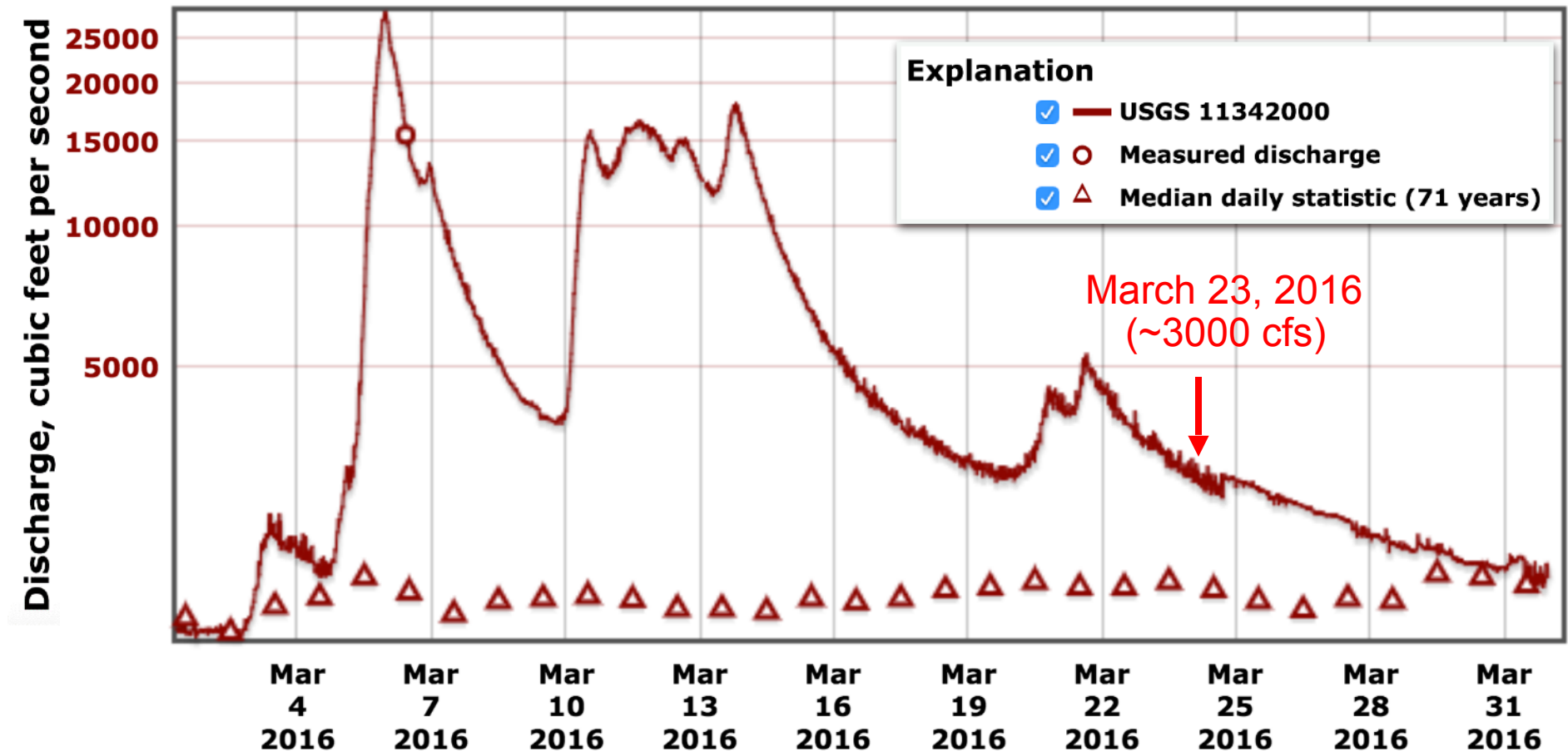




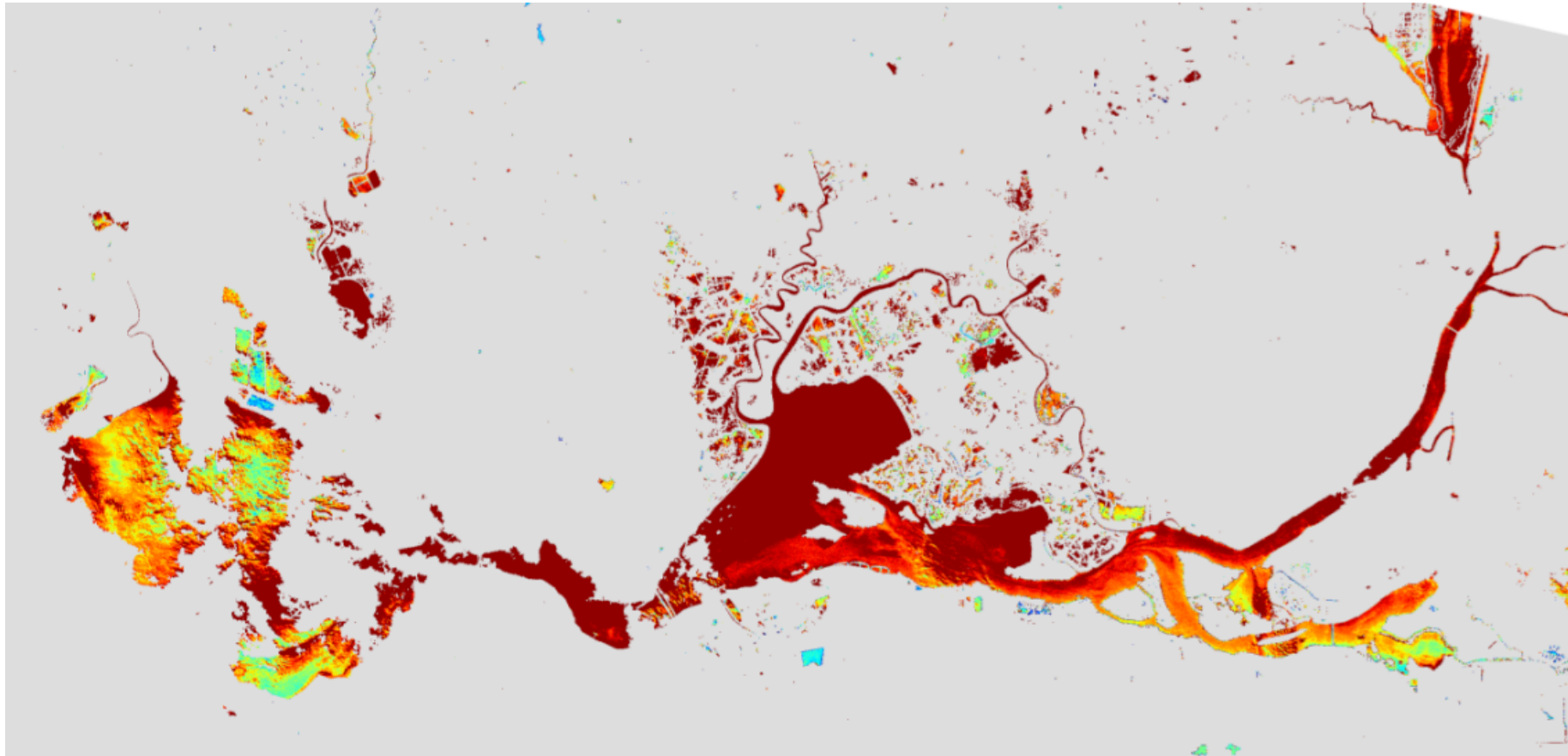
# The Miracle in March

## USGS 11342000 SACRAMENTO R A DELTA CA

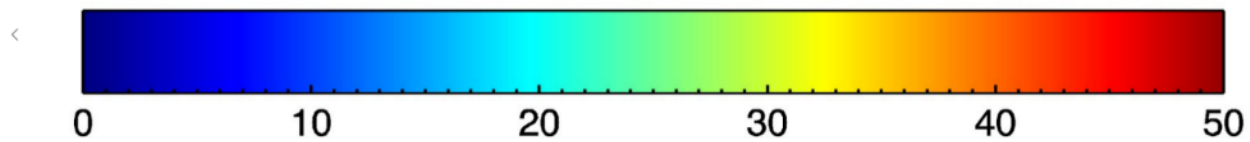
Zoom period plot



# March 23, 2016 SPM



SPM Nechad 865 nm ( $\text{g m}^{-3}$ )

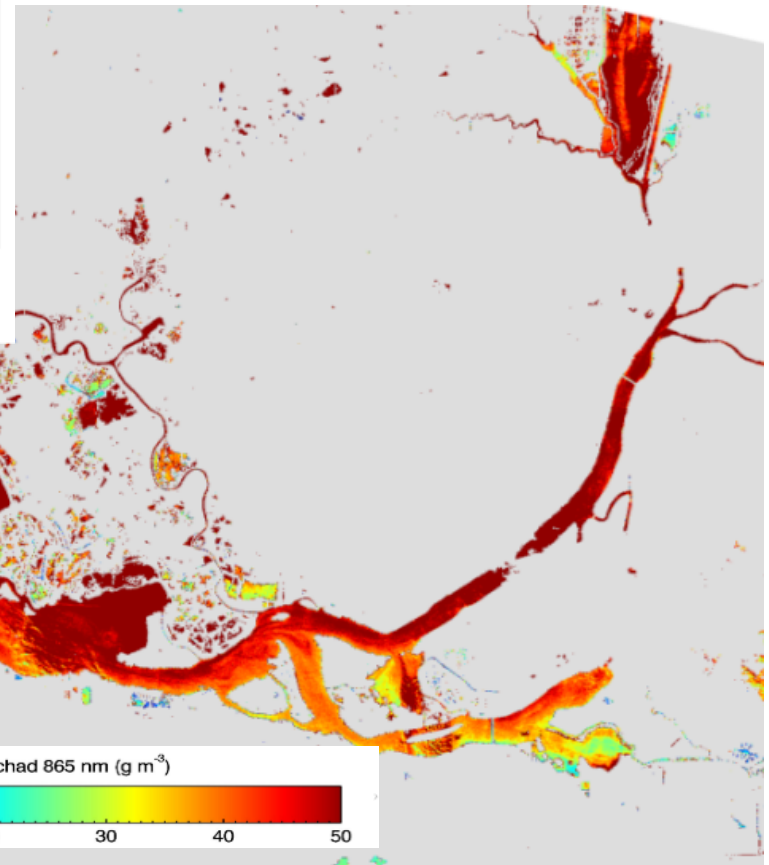
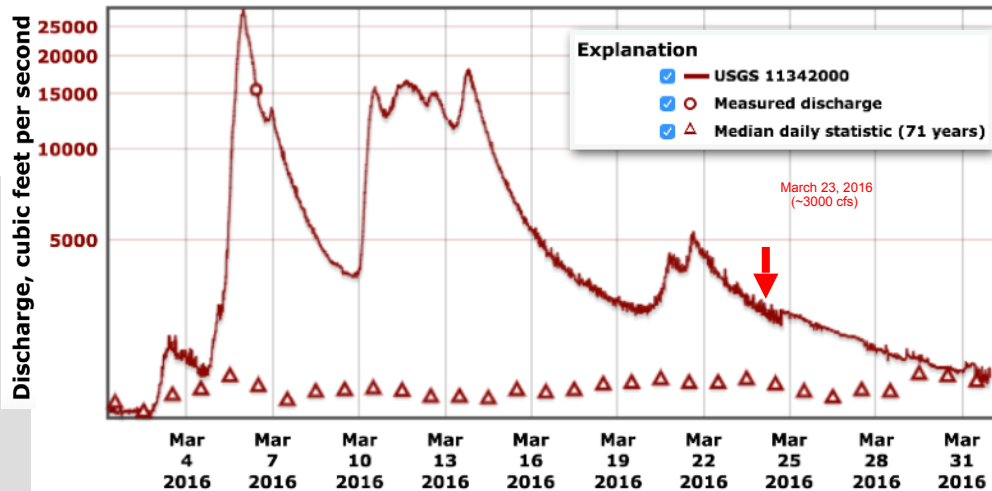




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# Sentinel-2 (a)

# Sentinel 2 Bands — Even Better for Water

Sentinel-2 Bands	Central Wavelength ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Resolution (m)
Band 1 - Coastal aerosol	0.443	60
Band 2 - Blue	0.490	10
Band 3 - Green	0.560	10
Band 4 - Red	0.665	10
Band 5 - Vegetation Red Edge	0.705	20
Band 6 - Vegetation Red Edge	0.740	20
Band 7 - Vegetation Red Edge	0.783	20
Band 8 - NIR	0.842	10
Band 8A - Vegetation Red Edge	0.865	20
Band 9 - Water vapour	0.945	60
Band 10 - SWIR - Cirrus	1.375	60
Band 11 - SWIR	1.610	20
Band 12 - SWIR	2.190	20

Spatial  
10  
Meters

Spectral -  
Maximum  
Chlorophyll  
Index



# Suisun Slough Merges into Suisun Bay

## Sentinel-2: 30 March 2016





# Franks Tract



# Following the Franks Tract Salinity Barrier

Suisun Bay to Franks Tract  
Landsat 8 OLI 8 May 2015  
SWIR Atmospheric Correction  
for highly turbid waters  
(Vanhellemont and Ruddick  
2014) Pan Enhancement  
(15m)

22 April 2015



8 May 2015





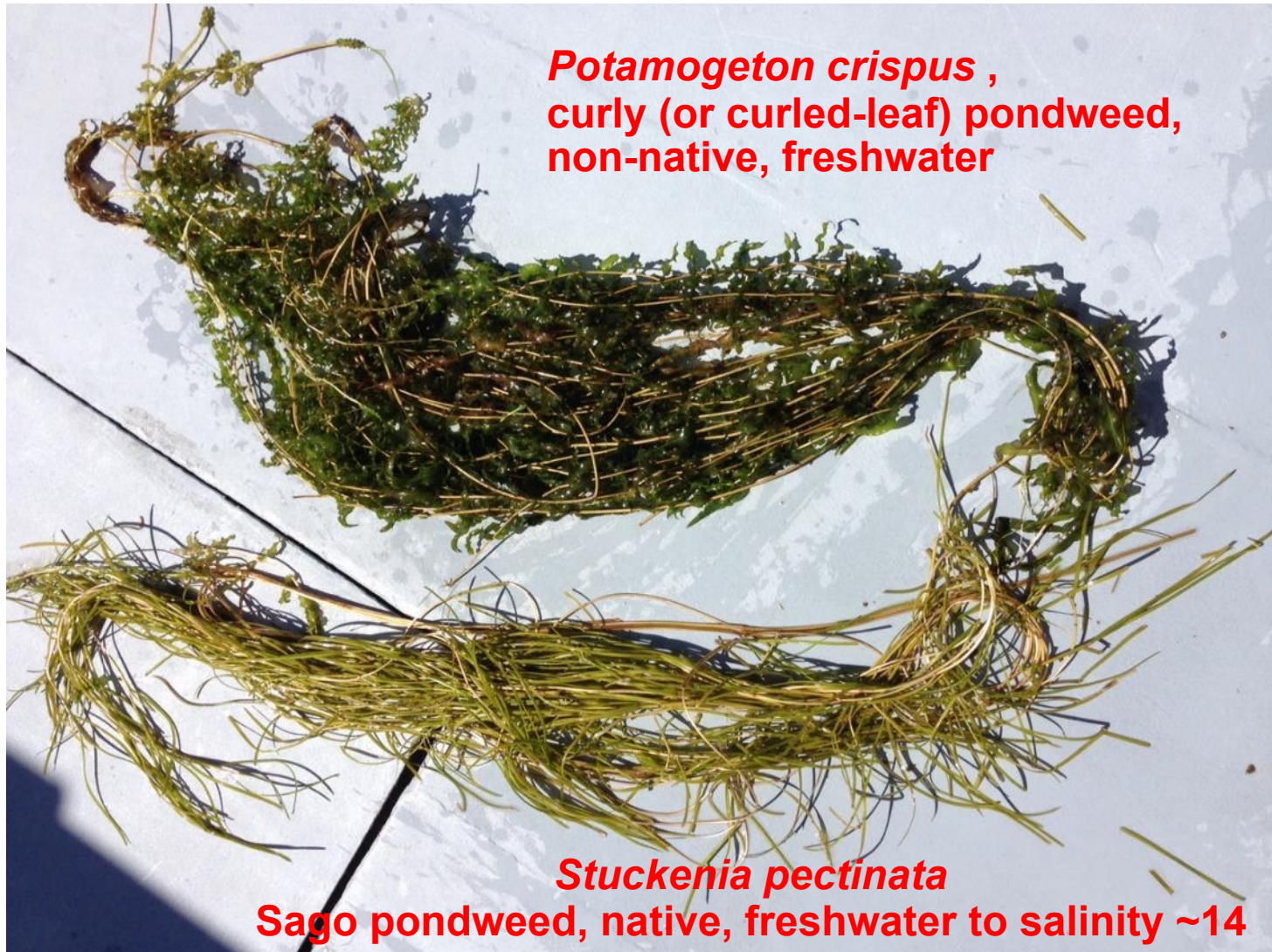
# LS-8 OLI Franks Tract Aug 12, 2015

Macro Algae filling Franks Tract





# Sept 4. 2015 Franks Tract ship samples



***Potamogeton crispus* ,  
curly (or curled-leaf) pondweed,  
non-native, freshwater**

***Stuckenia pectinata*  
Sago pondweed, native, freshwater to salinity ~14**

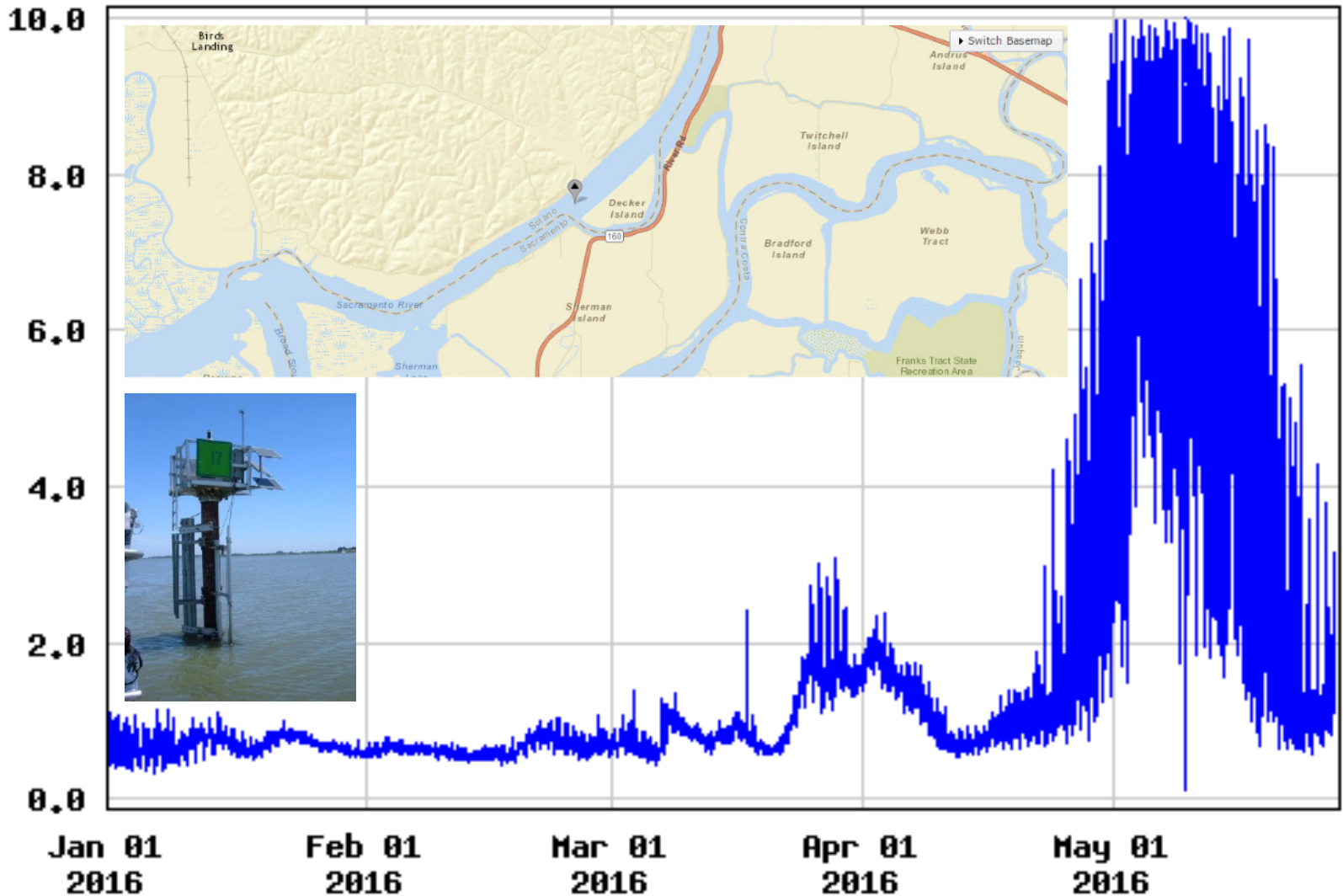
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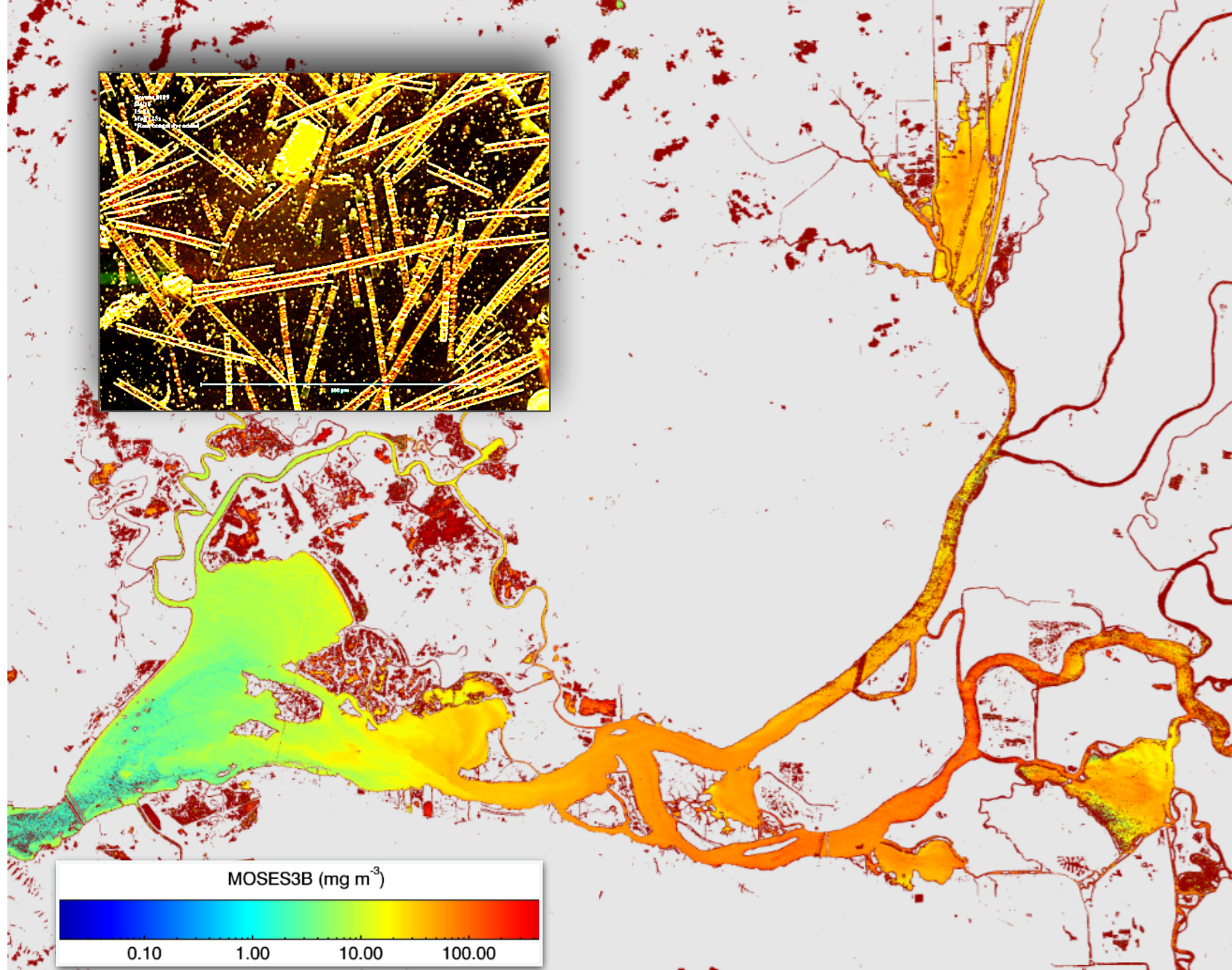
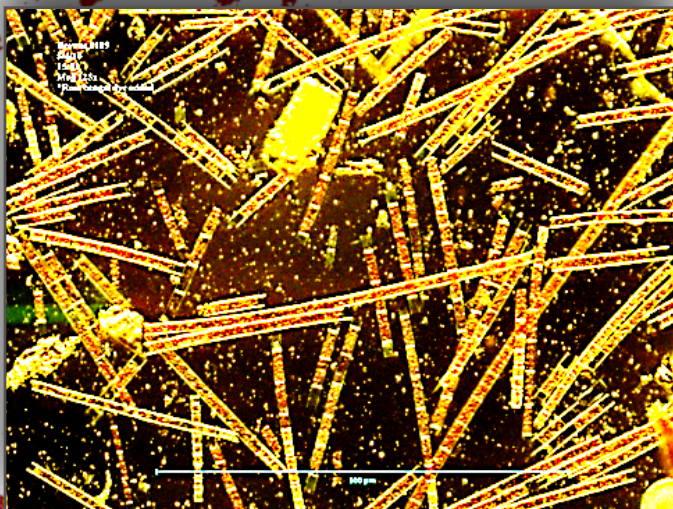
# Blooms

# USGS 11455478 SACRAMENTO R A DECKER ISLAND NR RIO VISTA CA

Chlorophyll a, estimated, water,  
in-situ, in-vivo fluorescence (IVF),  
relative fluorescence units (RFU), <BGC  
EX0>



----- Provisional Data Subject to Revision -----

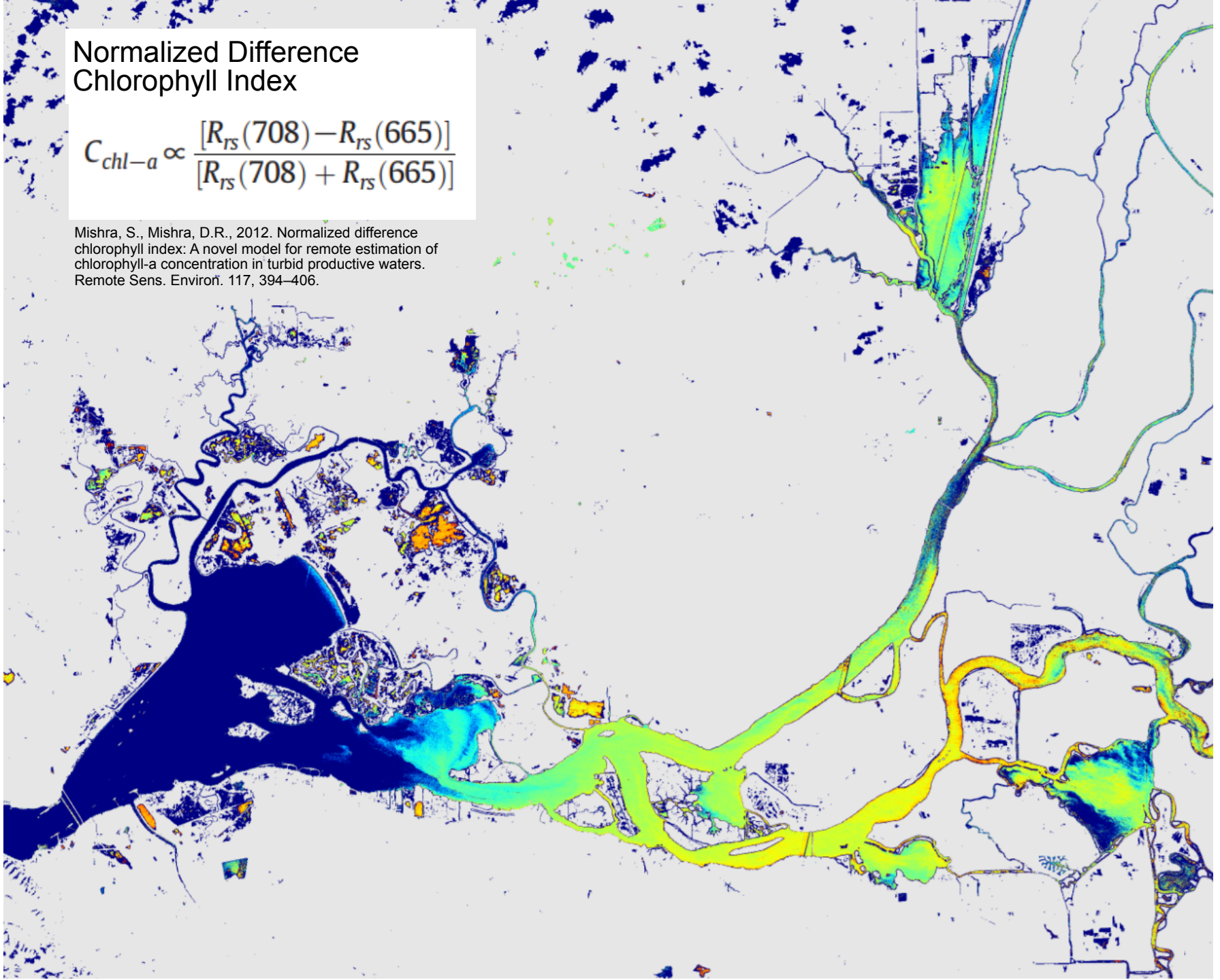




## Normalized Difference Chlorophyll Index

$$C_{chl-a} \propto \frac{[R_{rs}(708) - R_{rs}(665)]}{[R_{rs}(708) + R_{rs}(665)]}$$

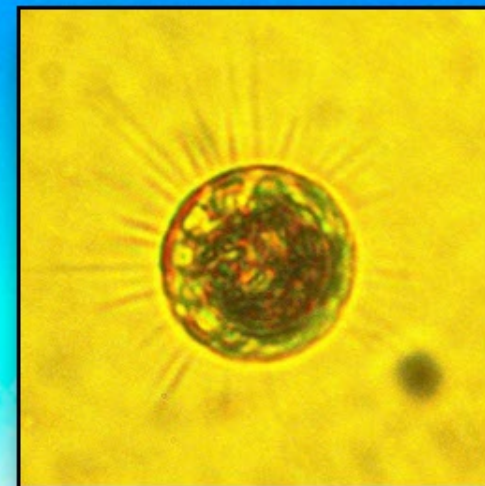
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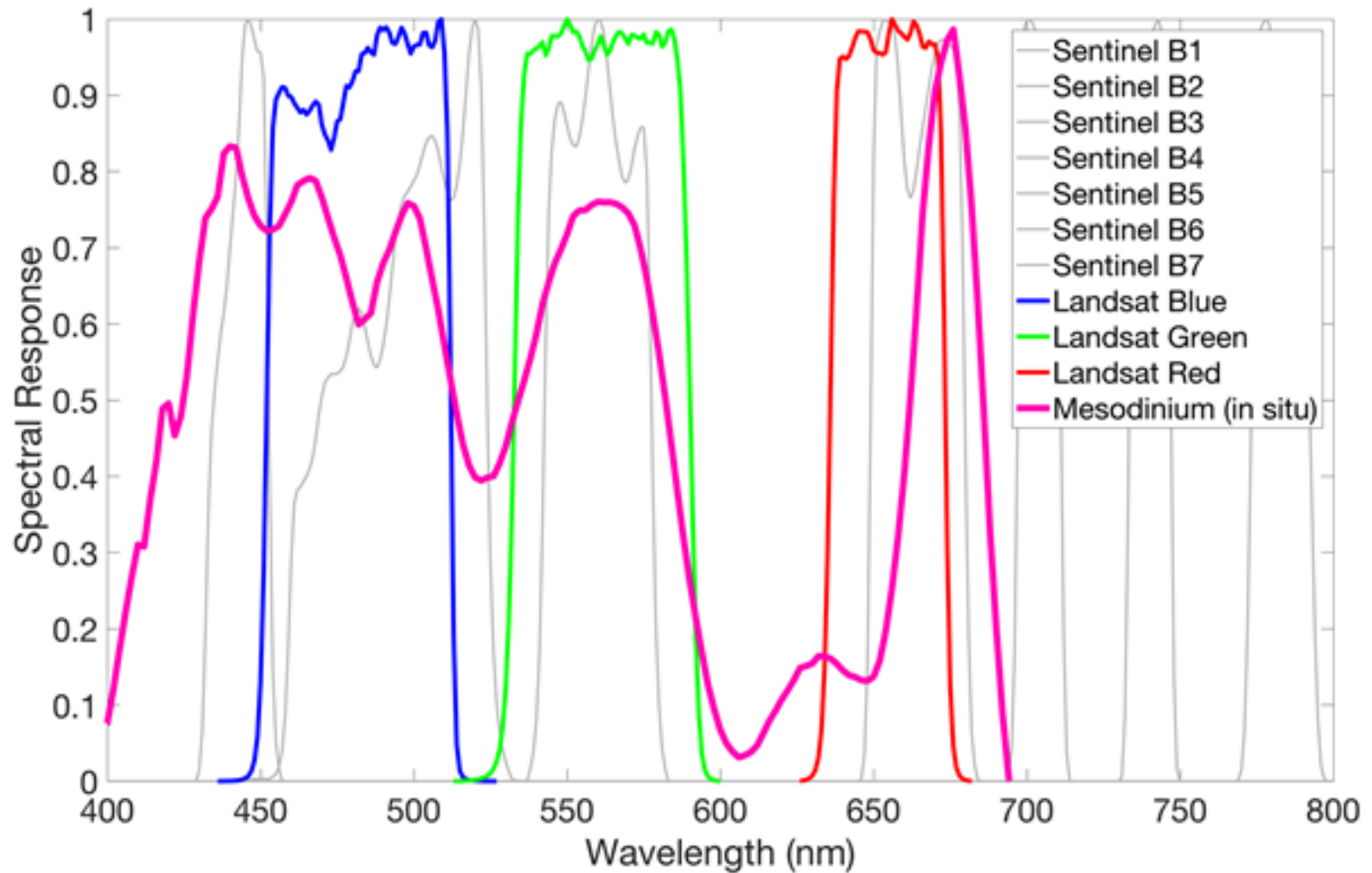




Mesodinium Rubrum (red tide) observed from the R/V Questuary in the San Francisco Bay on 31 March 2016.



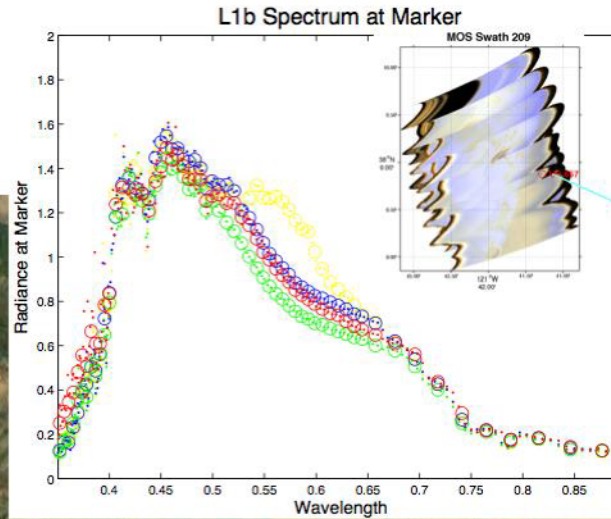
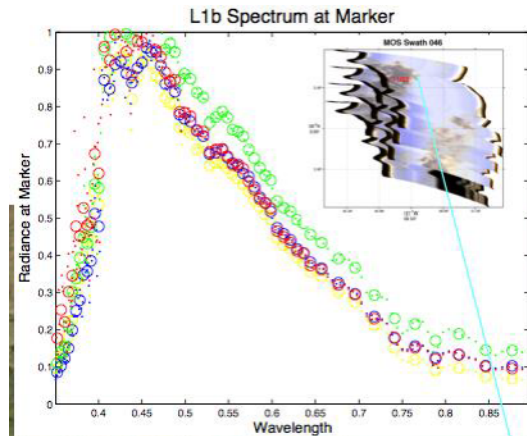
# Mesodinium Rubrum Spectra and Sensor Bands



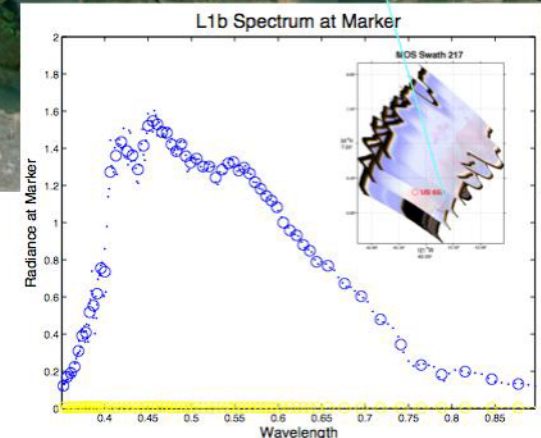
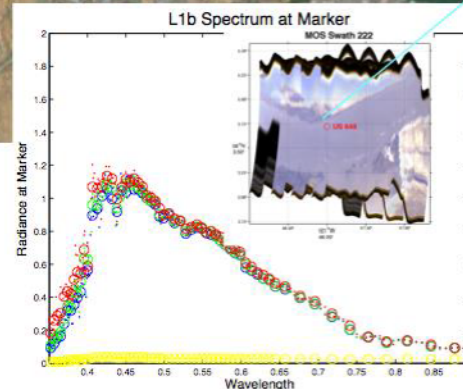
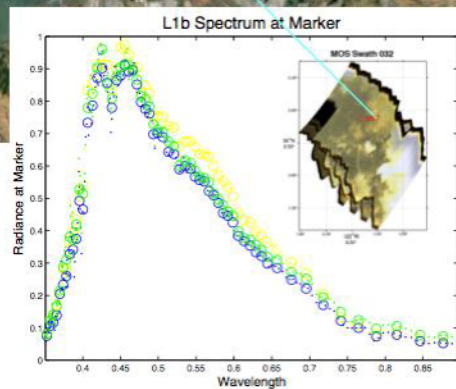
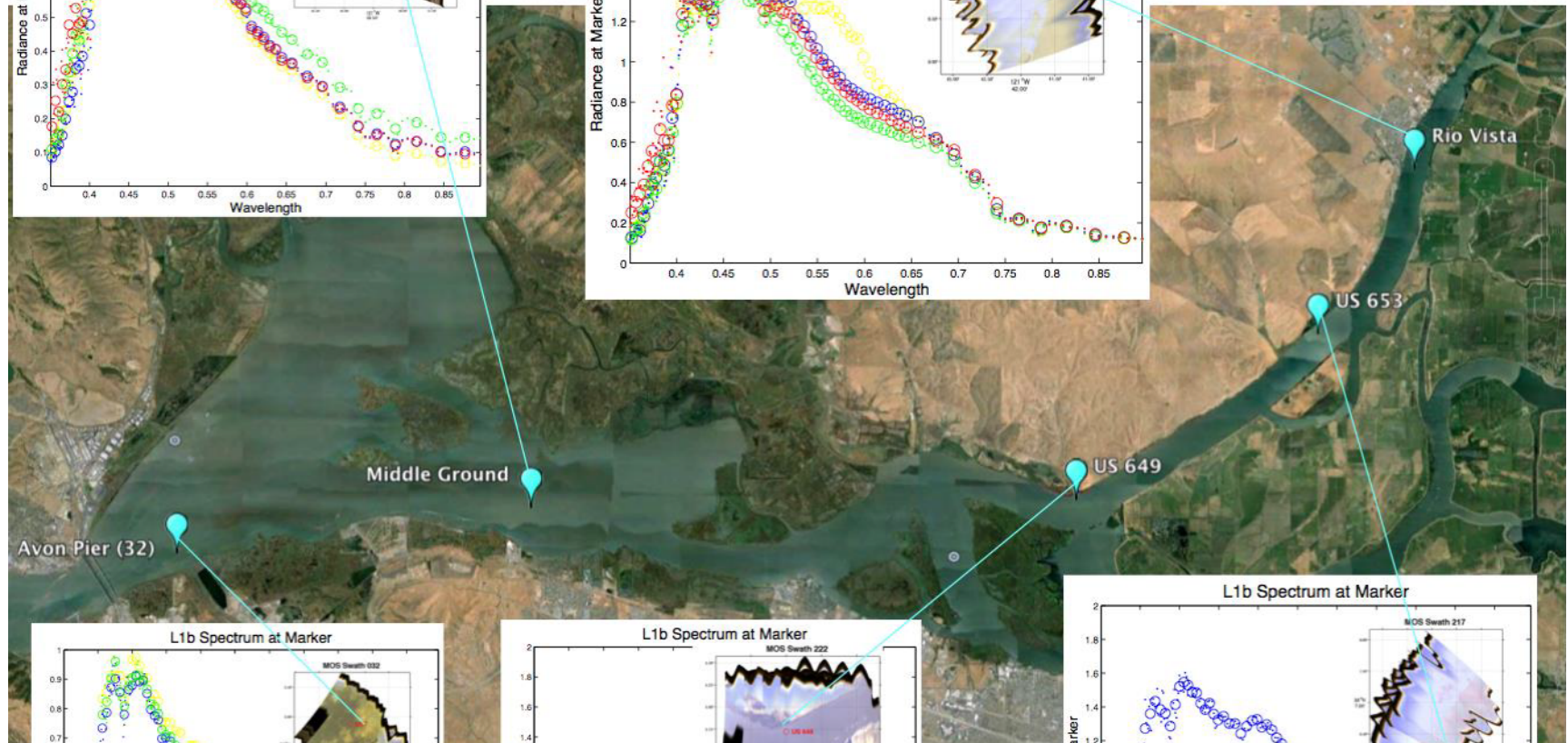


# Next Steps

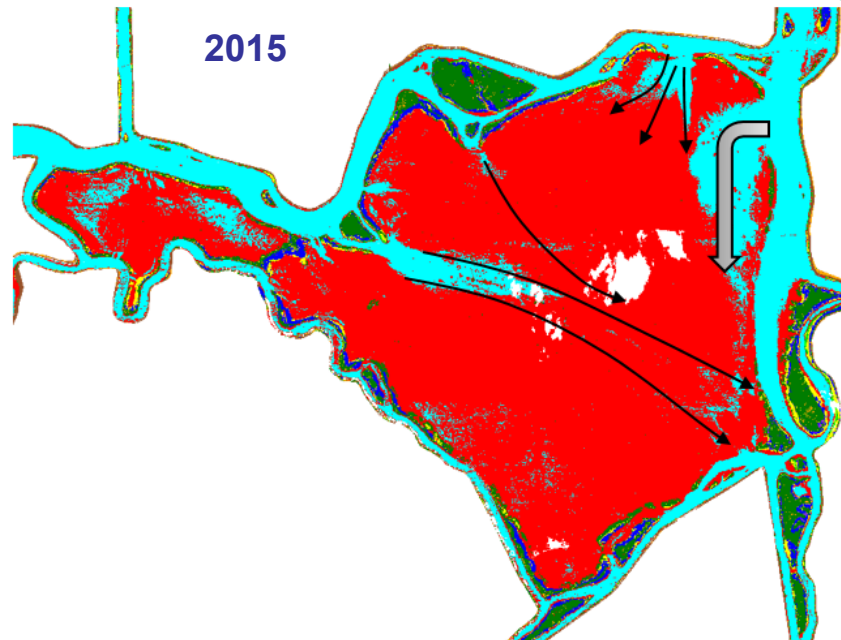
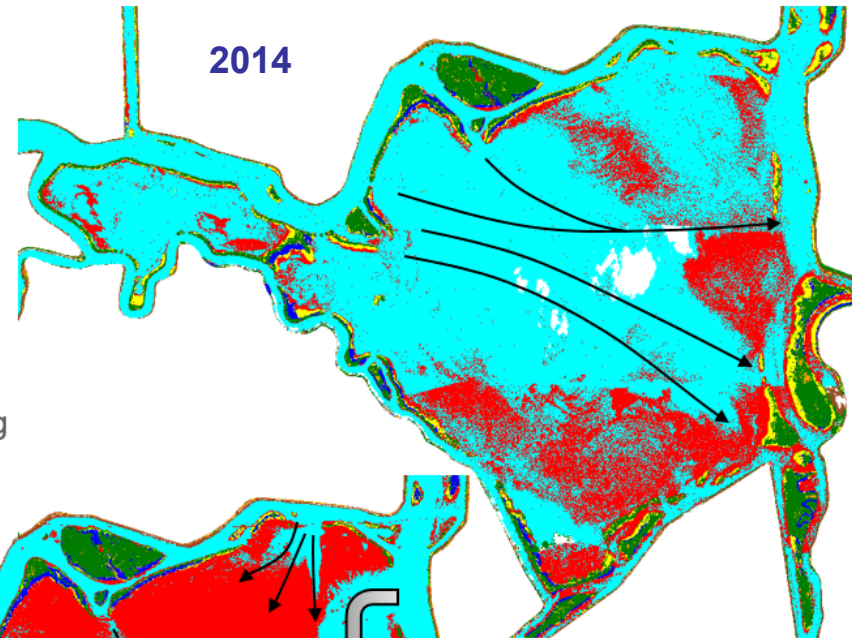
# Use of NASA Airborne Sensors (PRISM, AVIRIS-NG, MOS)



## Upper Bay Matches



# Frank's Tract Vegetation classification



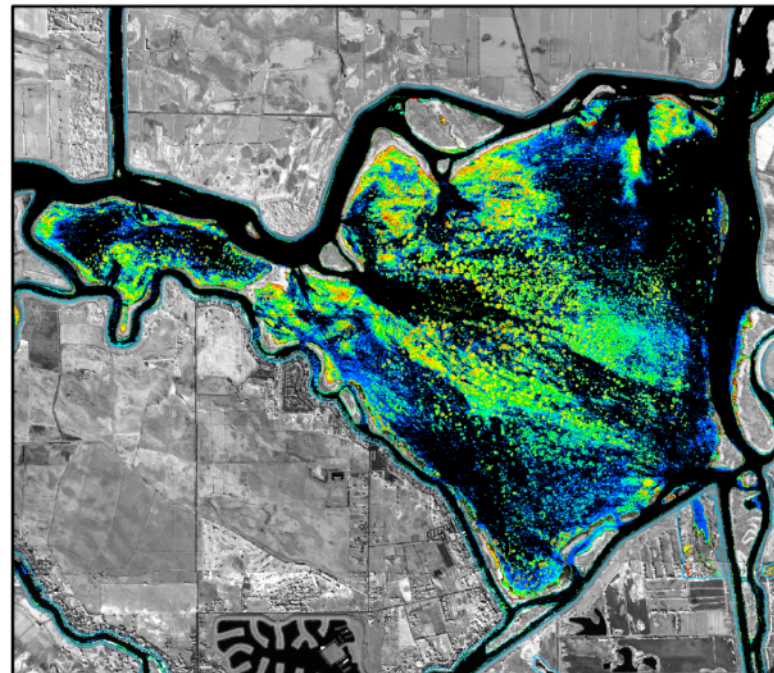
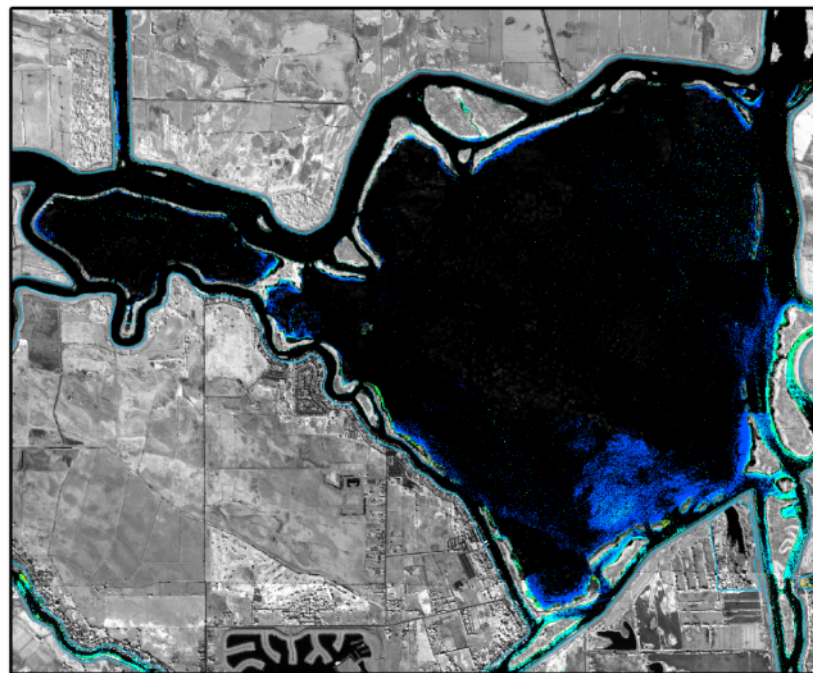


# SAV Mat density from Landsat

November 2014

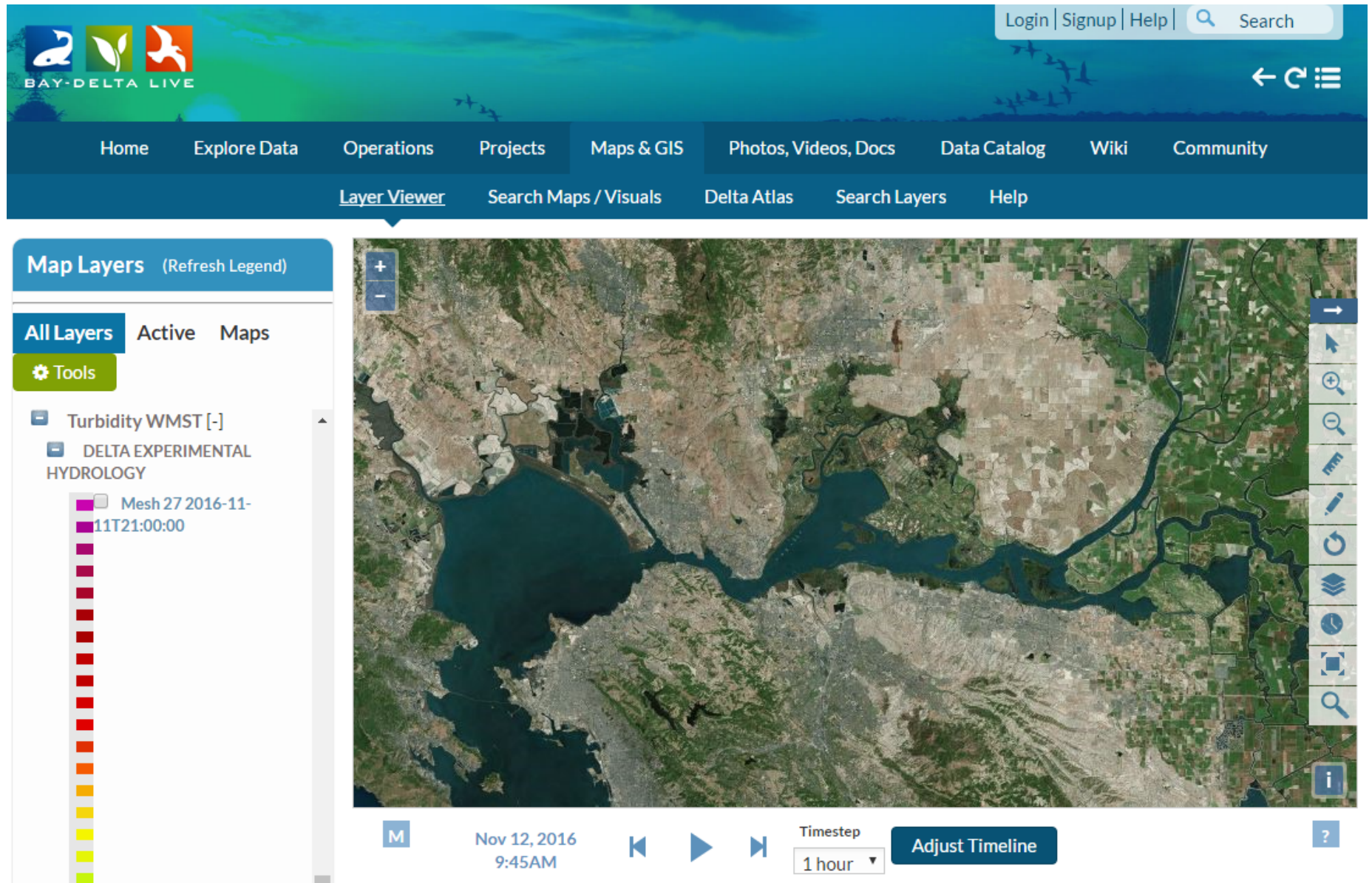
Frank's Tract: SAV mat density

September 2015



0 0.75 1.5 3 Km

# Operational Products



Questions?