



## Monitoring Surface Type Changes Toward a Daily Surface Type Product

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- Needs for satellite surface type data products
- Current satellite surface type data products
- S-NPP VIIRS Surface Type EDR Status
- Monitoring Surface Type Changes toward a VIIRS Daily Surface Type Change product
- Summary

### Land Prediction in Weather & Climate Models: NOAA's Operational Numerical Guidance Suite





### **Surface Type Impacts on NWP Performance**





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### **Old Satellite Surface Type Data Products**



#### EDC IGBP 1km Global Classification



Open Shr Woody Sa Savannas Grassland Permaner Croplands UMD 1km Global Classification

Based on 1992-1993 AVHRR Data





### **MODIS Surface Type Data Products**





#### MODIS Collection 5 Land Cover Product





- Surface Type products include Surface Type EDR (ST EDR) and Global Annual Surface Type Maps (AST)
- Global Annual Surface Type Maps provide static labels for each 1km land grid for NWP models and other users
- Surface Type EDR is to provide current day surface type status for LST EDR in IDPS and other users including NWP
- AST is generated using Decision Tree or Support Vector Machine algorithm based on global training polygons database and dozens of classification metrics that are computed from daily surface reflectance and brightness temperature observations from VIIRS



### **VIIRS Annual Surface Type Products**



#### VIIRS Gridded Annual Surface Type (AST) map using 2016 VIIRS data was delivered in 2016





Oil drilling land in TX, US in 2016 map

While the overall classification accuracy (~78%) of the new map is similar to 2015 delivery, some accuracy improvements are observed, such as urban/built-up lands. The images shown left demonstrate an examples of the newly labeled oil drilling land in Texas, US, which is considered built-up lands, where the old version presented wrong type labels. Google images verified the mapping results.



### **VIIRS Biome Classification Types**



#### New global surface type map in **biome** classification types to support LAI/FPAR and other studies







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The biome scheme surface type map was generated using a IGBP-biome LUT plus a second SVM classification to further separate cereal crops and broadleaf crops. Validation in progress. The two images shown left is an example of crop mapping result in IGBP and biome legends. Cereal and broadleaf croplands are further separated in biome ST map.



### **VIIRS Annual Surface Type Production**







		Reference																			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total (%)	User's accuracy (%)	Producer's accuracy (%)
Мар	1	0.0188	0	0.0006	0.0004	0.0028	0.0001	0	0.0021	0.0002	0.0004	0.0001	0	0	0.0001	0	0	0.0002	0.0259	72.53±2.93	72±3.48
	2	0	0.0856	0	0.0008	0.0009	0	0	0.0041	0.0011	0.0003	0	0.0003	0	0.0006	0	0	0	0.0938	91.3±1.15	93.02±1.08
	3	0.0007	0	0.01	0	0.001	0	0.0002	0.001	0	0.0001	0.0005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0135	74.17±4.01	66.96±4.75
	4	0	0	0.0001	0.0078	0.0004	0	0.0001	0.0009	0.0002	0	0	0	0	0.0001	0	0	0	0.0095	82.32±2.99	36.07±3.18
	5	0.0016	0.0011	0.0029	0.0074	0.0362	0.0002	0	0.0064	0.0011	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0033	0	0	0.0002	0.061	59.25±2.55	77.32±2.53
	6	0	0	0	0	0	0.0004	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0006	72.41±5.92	2.74±0.58
	7	0.002	0	0.0002	0.0005	0.0022	0.0066	0.1191	0.0051	0.0032	0.0137	0.0015	0.0037	0	0.0017	0	0.0056	0.0002	0.1653	72.04±1.73	84.29±1.77
	8	0.0027	0.0018	0.0005	0.003	0.0014	0.0007	0.0022	0.0505	0.006	0.0009	0.0006	0.0007	0.0001	0.0037	0	0	0.0002	0.0751	67.24±1.86	58.12±2.18
	9	0	0.0021	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.004	0.0032	0.0097	0.0469	0.0024	0.0003	0.0021	0	0.004	0	0	0	0.0757	62.06±2.89	68.64±2.64
	10	0.0001	0	0.0002	0.0002	0.0006	0.0026	0.0069	0.0022	0.0028	0.0632	0	0.0066	0.0001	0.0023	0	0.002	0	0.09	70.26±1.69	68.81±2.44
	11	0.0001	0.0002	0	0	0.0001	0	0.0006	0.0004	0.0006	0.0002	0.005	0.0002	0	0	0	0	0	0.0076	65.57±6.13	61.45±7.46
	12	0.0001	0.0001	0	0.0001	0.0003	0.0002	0.0008	0.0005	0.002	0.0042	0.0001	0.069	0.0006	0.0058	0	0	0.0002	0.0841	82.11±1.24	78.47±1.66
	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0001	0.0003	0	0.0001	0	0.0007	0.0052	0.0004	0	0	0	0.0069	75±3.62	82.46±4.75
	14	0	0.001	0.0002	0.0011	0.0006	0.0001	0.0007	0.0037	0.0041	0.0018	0	0.004	0.0001	0.0278	0	0.0001	0	0.0451	61.61±2.08	54.62±2.68
	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0017	0	0	0.0017	0	0	0	0	0.1006	0	0	0.104	96.72±2.3	100±0
	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0057	0	0	0.0022	0	0.0004	0	0.0009	0	0.1216	0	0.1308	92.98±1.48	94.03±0.98
	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0002	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0111	0.0113	98.33±1.67	91.41±3.14
	Total	0.0261	0.092	0.015	0.0216	0.0468	0.0148	0.1413	0.0868	0.0684	0.0919	0.0081	0.088	0.0063	0.0508	0.1006	0.1293	0.0121	100		

Error matrix of estimated area proportions (in percentage). Overall accuracy is  $77.9 \pm 0.6\%$ .



Note: the error matrix was created using area proportion of each class in the classification map, which could avoid estimation bias observed in simple pixel count based error matrices, in which the estimated overall classification accuracy is 74.5% By incorporating new urban mask, the producer's accuracy (omission) for urban/built-up increased approximately 23.5%.

### Current IDPS Surface Type EDR Monitor



#### <u>http://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/jpss/EDRs/products\_surfacetype.php</u>



Suomi NPP VIIRS Global Surface Type Composite (ST-EDR)

Suomi NPP VIIRS Global Snow/Ice Composite (ST-EDR)





Suomi NPP VIIRS Global Active Fire Composite (ST-EDR) 5 Aug 2016



Suomi NPP VIIRS Global Vegetation Fraction (ST-EDR) 5 Aug 2016







#### After IDPS is transitioned to NOAA NDE system:

- VIIRS Annual Surface Type (AST) is generated offline by NESDIS STAR and UMD
- Surface Type EDR should/could be replaced as a Daily Surface
  Type product that contains current day information on burned areas and flooded areas in addition to active fire and snow cover to meet user needs
- Generation of the Daily Surface Type product would need an algorithm for detecting surface type changes

### Surface Type Change Detection Algorithm



- Typical change vectors in the brightness– greenness space.
- The small circles show the typical signatures at Time 1 (T1) and Time 2 (T2) respectively.

Change Vector Algorithm (Zhan et al, IJRS, 2000)



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#### Burned Areas of Rocky Creek, CA Fires in July 2016



Burned areas of the Rocky fires in July 2015 detected with the change vector method using S-NPP VIIRS images shown in the left figure and verified with MTBS data (right)

Spectral signatures of the burned areas in VIIRS M11-M7 space before (green) and after (red) the Rocky Creek, CA wildfires from July 29th to August 14th, 2015.



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#### Flooded Areas by Severe Storms in Arkansas in late April of 2017



Flooded areas (in blue color) detected with Suomi-NPP VIIRS images acquired before and after the severe storms over Arkansas in late April of 2017 Spectral signatures of the flooded areas in VIIRS I1-I3 space before (green) and after (blue) the Arkansas flooding event.

VIIRS 13

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#### Flooded Areas in Hungary by Record Flood in Early June 2013



Flooded areas detected with rule-based classification of change vectors between May 19 and June 18, 2013 for the record flood in Hungary





- Rapid surface changes can be caused by many events:
  - Flooding, severe drought, snow storm, fire, large scale deforestation
- These changes cannot be captured by the annual GST product
- A suite of daily products or change indicator products are needed to capture such rapid changes
  - Can build on the original ST-EDR concept
  - Where available, use existing VIIRS products (e.g., Snow, Fire, vegetation cover)
    - Better temporal consistency needed to allow change detection
    - For fire, post fire surface type information needs to be derived
  - Some changes require new products, e.g.:
    - Daily surface inundation needed to capture surface changes due to flooding and flood receding
    - Sub-annual tree cover data needed to capture deforestation





- Global Annual Surface Type map from JPSS has been generated offline at STAR for users annually
- Daily surface type changes with fire and snow information was provided by Surface Type EDR in granule files
- After JPSS land data product generation is transitioned to NOAA NDE environment, a global gridded daily surface type product is needed to provide dynamic daily surface type information
- Using change vector algorithm, flooded or burned areas could be effectively detected for the daily surface type product in addition to the active fire and snow covered areas already available from other VIIRS data products





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