



Upstream Environmental Project Review



**Remote Sensing for Environmental
Baselining and Monitoring
Oak Ridge National Laboratory
U. S. Geological Survey
Agricultural Research Service**



Outline



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Background



Hyperspectral remote sensing can be used to rapidly assess present conditions and monitor environmental change at low cost.

Alternatives are: slow, expensive, and not comprehensive.

Field monitoring: \$20,000/acre.

Hyperspectral remote sensing: \$1/acre.



Objective



Develop hyperspectral remote sensing methods to identify areas impacted by oil production.

- **Collect airborne hyperspectral imagery.**
- **Identify distinct groups of similar spectra.**
- **Prepare geobotanical maps.**
- **Perform field validation.**



Approach



Paper: “A New Clustering Algorithm for Unsupervised Classification” submitted to IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing.

Number of Pixels	
● Jornada field measurements:	211
● USGS Site B	12,740
● Zink Site 127	36,960
● TGP Site 122	49,020
● Bluestem Site 134	104,160



Osage County, OK



**Osage Indian Reservation.
38,500 oil wells since 1896.**

1,480 (of 2,260) square miles are within a quarter mile of an oil well.

Many brine scars or weathered oil pits.

Tallgrass Prairie, USGS, John Zink Ranch, and Bluestem Ranch.



HyVista



On Oct. 12, HyVista imaged three regions with overlapping strips of 126 band hyperspectral data.

Tall Grass Prairie	18 km²
Bluestem	61 km²
USGS + Zink	106 km²

On Oct. 27 & 28, Field measurements by team.

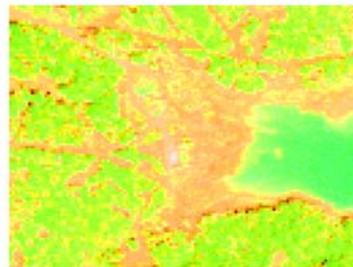
On Nov. 10, 5 DVD with 14.4 Gigabytes of data.



USGS Site B



Site B. RGB. Bright pixel.



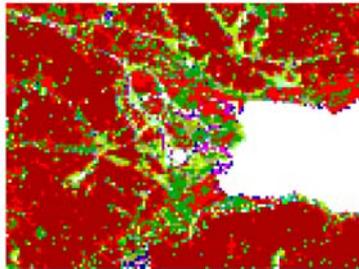
Site 127 & Site B



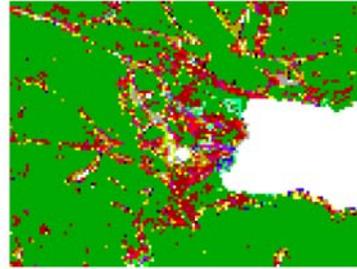
USGS Site B



Site B. Big Clusters (members > 4)



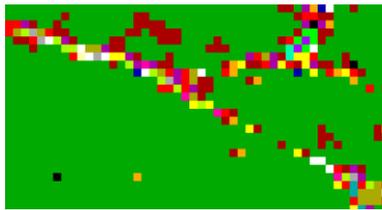
Site B. All Clusters (members > 2)



38 Clusters



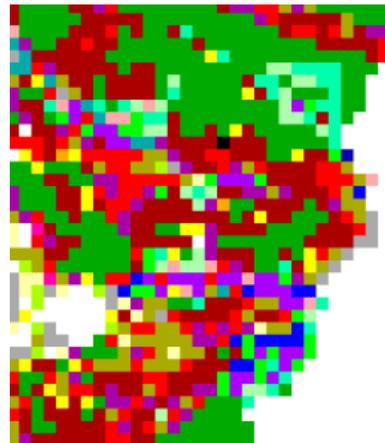
USGS Site B



Road: 2.

Both: 7.

Site B: 9.



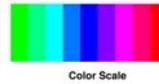
Road different than brine scar.



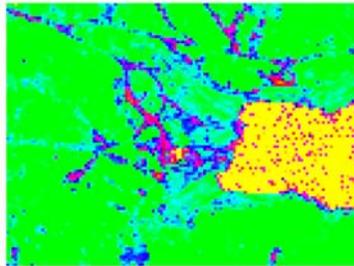
USGS Site B



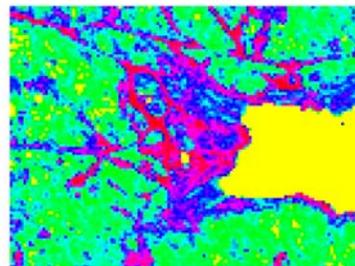
Correlation with Root Vectors



Site B. CC Row 0. Cut 0.40 Jan 9



Site B. CC Row 22. Cut 0.35 Jan 9



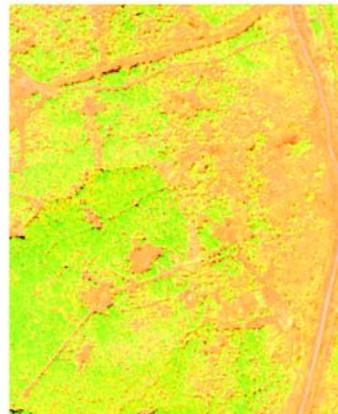
Zink Site 131



Zink 131. RGB. Bright pixel.



Zink Site 131



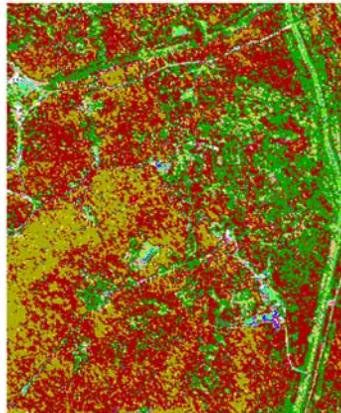


Zink Site 131

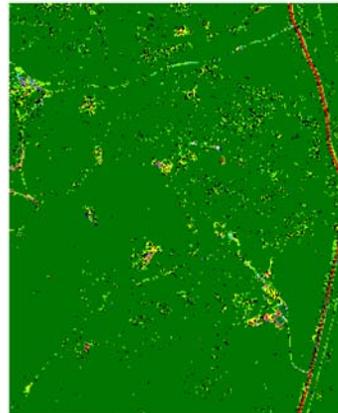


Zink 131. Big Clusters (members > 18)

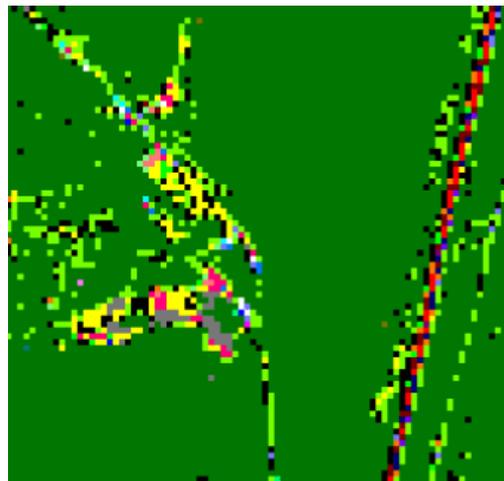
Zink 131. All Brown Clusters (members > 2)



49
Clusters



Zink Site 131



**Production: Magenta,
Peach, Grey.**

**Road: Brown, Red,
Orange, Blue.**

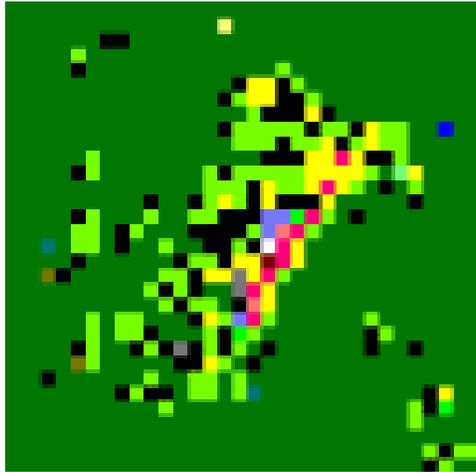
**Both: Green, Black,
Yellow.**

Production

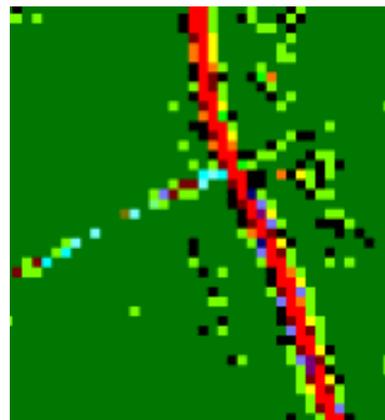
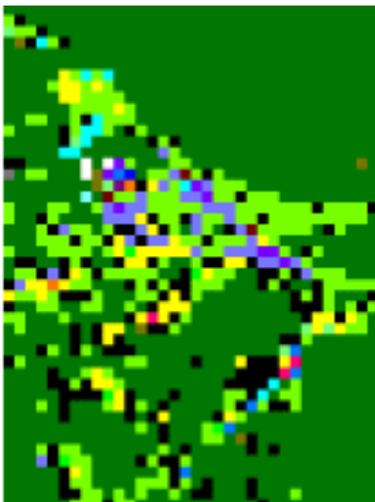
Road



Zink Site 131



Zink Site 131



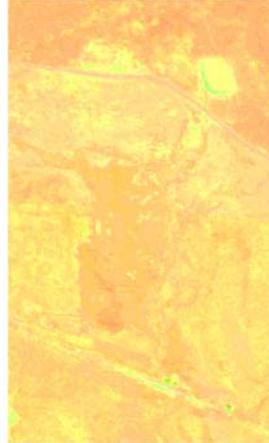


TGP Site 122



Site 122 & 120

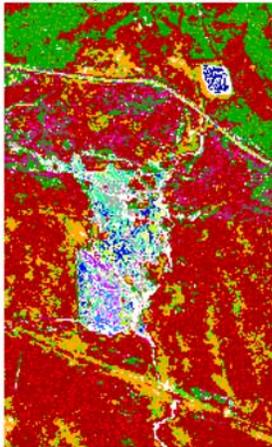
TGP 122. RGB. Bright pixel.



TGP Site 122

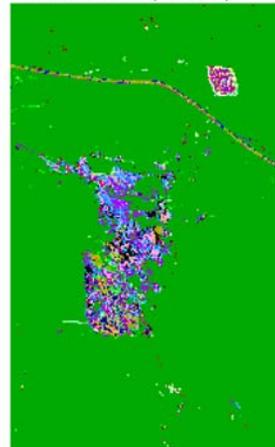


TGP 122. Big Clusters (members > 24)



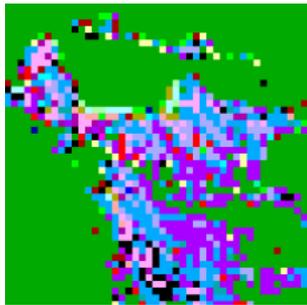
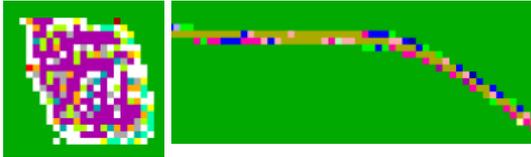
74 Clusters

TGP 122. All Clusters (members > 2)





TGP Site 122



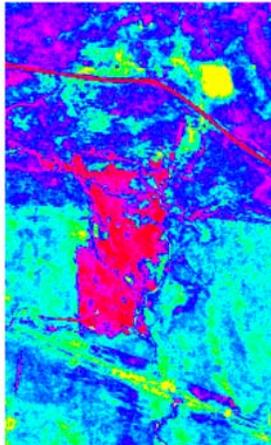
Pond
Road
Scar NW
Scar SW



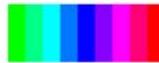
TGP Site 122



TGP 122. CC Row 12. Cut 0.40

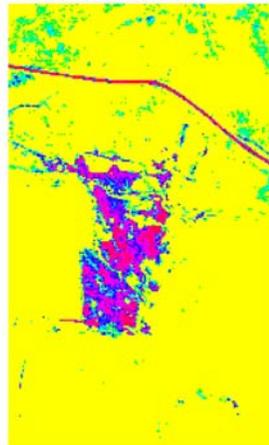


CC Row 12
Cut 0.40
Cut 0.80



Color Scale

TGP 122. CC Row 12. Cut 0.80

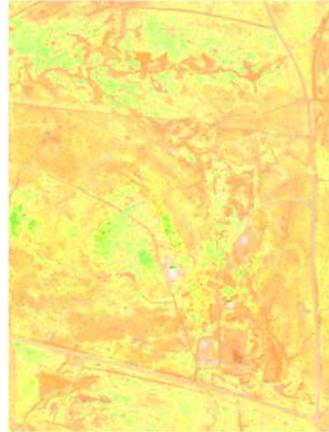




Bluestem 134



Bluestem 134. RGB. Bright pixel.



Bluestem 134

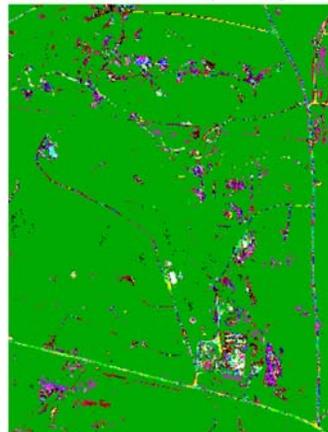


Bluestem 134. Big Clusters (members > 80)



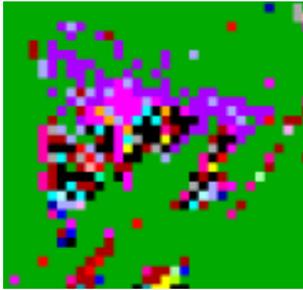
124
Clusters

Bluestem 134. All Brown Clusters (members > 2)

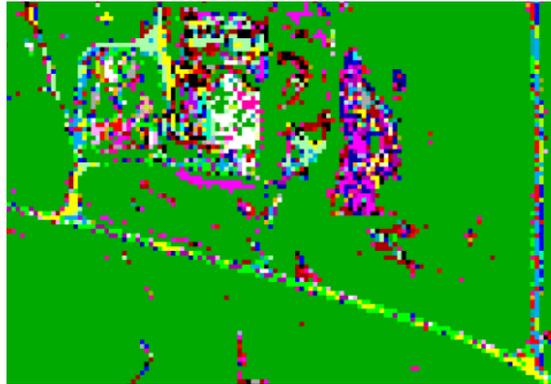




BlueStem 134



Site 133



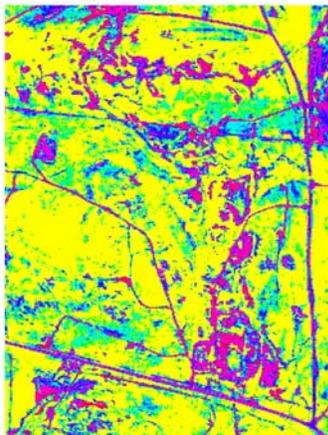
Site 134 Pit



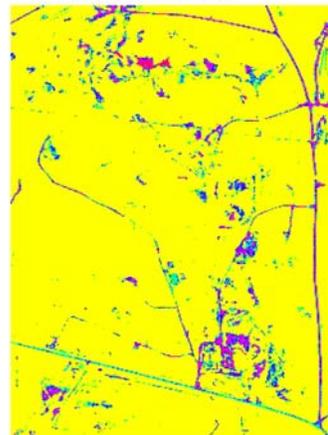
Bluestem 134



Bluestem 134. CC Row 3. Cut 0.80



Bluestem 134. CC Row 30. Cut 0.80





Conclusions



- **Collected airborne hyperspectral imagery.**
- **Identified distinct groups of similar spectra.**
- **Prepared geobotanical maps.**
- **Can distinguish brine scars from roads.**
- **Next: Perform field validation.**