

An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline, showing a sandy beach, turquoise water, and lush green vegetation. The image is slightly blurred and has a soft, ethereal quality.

# **Surface Characterization**

**3rd Annual Workshop on  
Hyperspectral Meteorological Science of UW MURI  
And Beyond**

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# Hawaii Contributions To Wisconsin MURI Project

MURI Research Components	University of Hawaii Contributions		
	IR Spectral Phenomenology	Hyperspectral Data Collection	Hyperspectral Data Compression Methodologies
Mathematical Quantification of Hyperspectral Information		<b>Provide test data sets</b>	Leverage other-funded UH research to reduce data volume
Radiative Transfer Modeling	Contribute experience with measurement and modeling of surfaces		
Mathematical Retrieval Algorithm Development		Contribute ground-truthed data sets	
Product Research	Integrate modeling/data collection/information extraction		

## Surface Emissivity Simulation

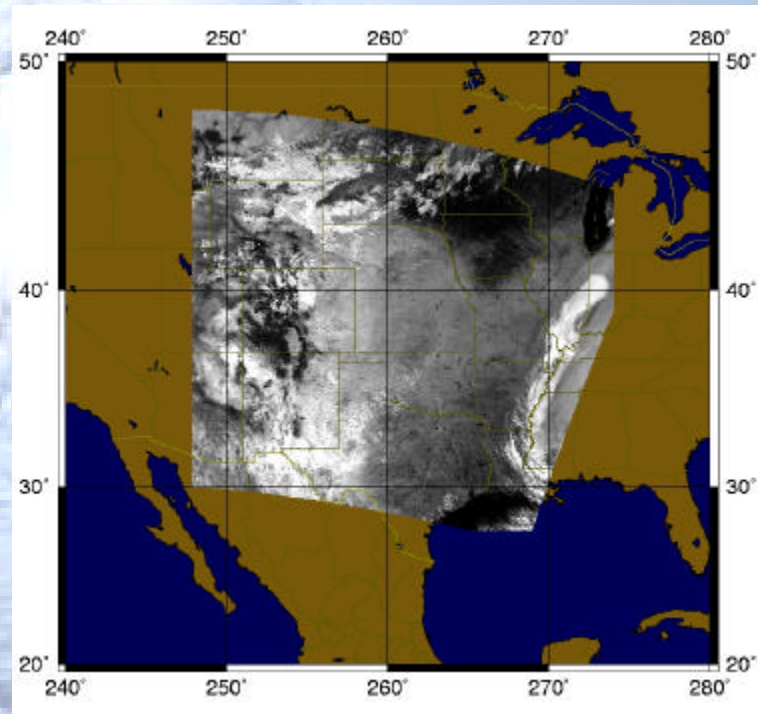
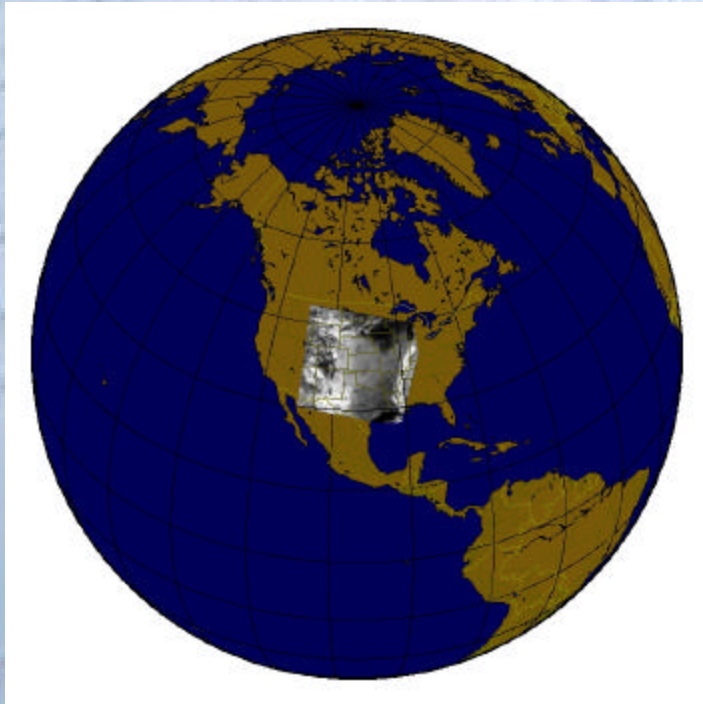
- **Use multispectral infrared satellite data as base map**
- **Fit infrared multispectral data with hyperspectral library data**
- **Produce continuous sampled spectrum at each pixel**

An aerial photograph of a city, likely New York City, showing a dense grid of streets and a large body of water (likely the Hudson River or New York Harbor) on the right side. The image is slightly blurred and has a blueish tint.

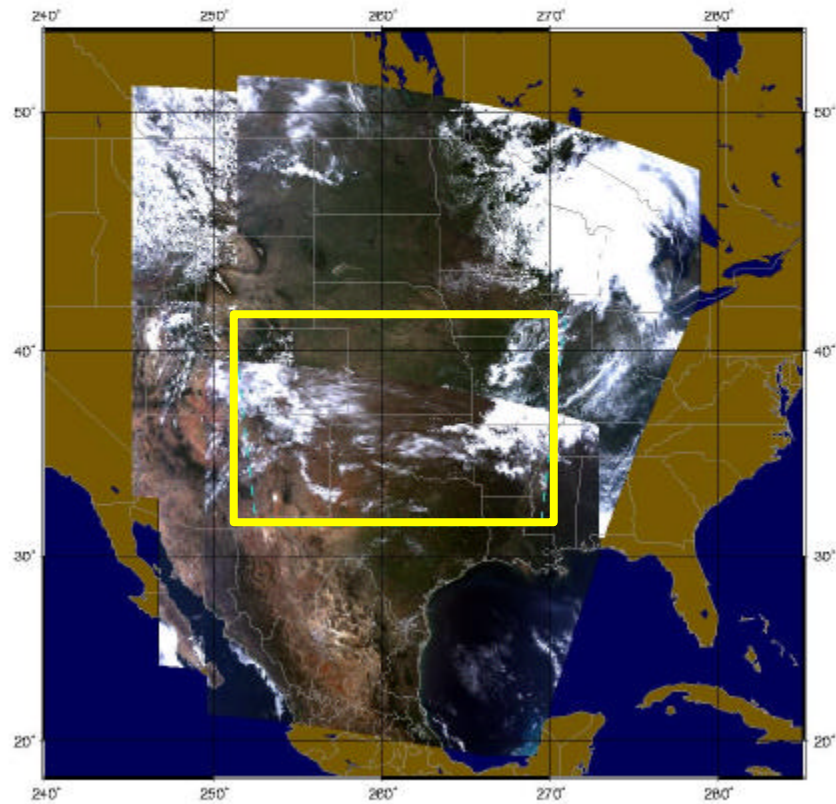
## Base Map

- **Data from MODIS**
- **Convert to emissivity**
- **Detect and eliminate clouds**
- **Produce mosaic of simulation area**

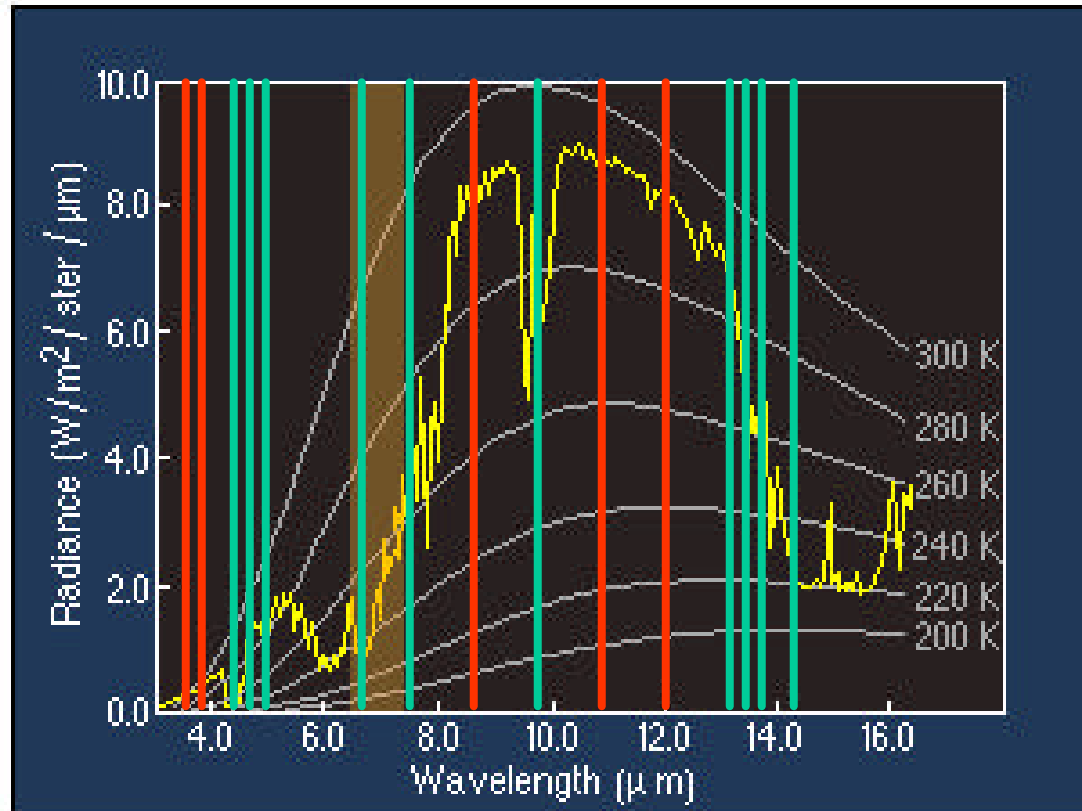
# MODIS Base Map



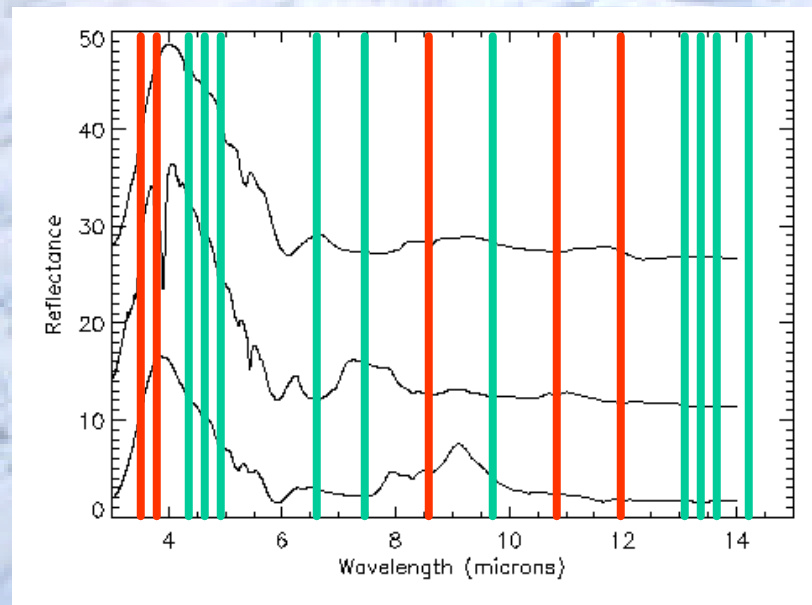
# MODIS Base Map Mosaic



**MODIS features several bands with weak atmospheric extinction appropriate for surface characterization**



## MODIS “surface” bands constrain surface compositional types





## **Estimate of MODIS surface emissivity**

**MODTRAN coupled with aerosonde measurements provides atmospheric transmission, up and downwelling radiance.**

**Assume no multiple scattering**

$$L_{\text{sat}} = L_{\text{atm\_upwelling}} + [B(T)e + L_{\text{atm\_downwelling}} * (1 - e)] * t_{\text{atm}}$$

**At 11 microns assume  $e=1$  to establish surface temperature**

**Solve for  $e$  at all wavelengths**

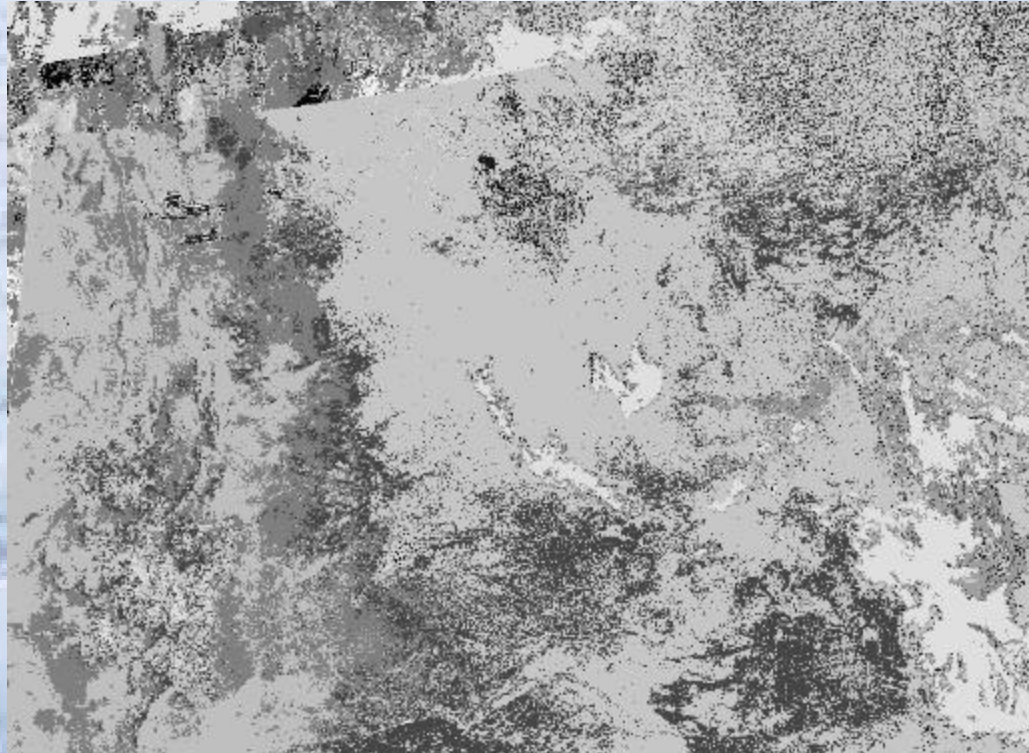
## Cloud Detection and Removal

- High visible radiance
- Low infrared radiance
- Change detection
- Mask detections, average emissivities of non-cloudy areas
- Residual clouds set to blackbody radiances at mean surface temperature

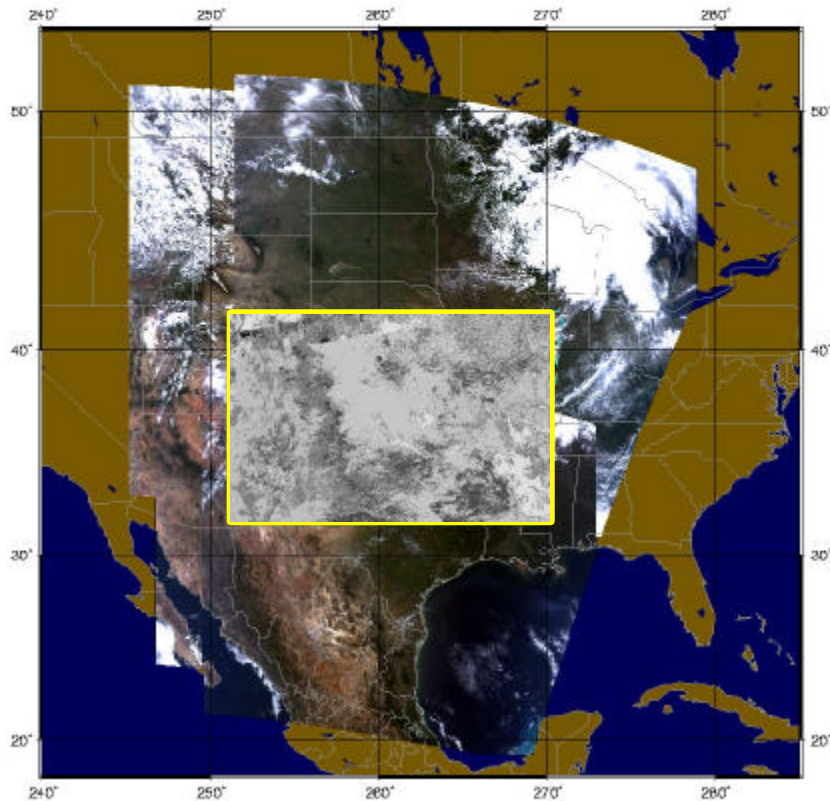
## Emissivity assignment

- Extract soil emissivities at MODIS wavelengths (assume Kirchoff's Law) from ASTER spectrum library (41 soils)
- Treat ASTER soils as lookup table
- Compare each MODIS spectrum to lookup table and return soil sample# for closest fit (by RMS differences)
- Insert full resolution ASTER spectrum at each location

# Emissivity assignment



## MODIS Emissivity Type Map



Spatial resolution:  
1km

Wavelength range:  
 $685-2250 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Wavelength sampling:  
 $2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Spectral channels:  
801

## Simulation Improvements for Following Year

- Dynamic emissivity
  - Vegetation senescence
  - Surface moisture
- “Ground truth” using data from ASTER