



Space-based Imaging Spectroscopy and Thermal pathfinderER (SISTER): Maturing SBG Algorithms

Objectives: Reduce Risk for SBG Mission

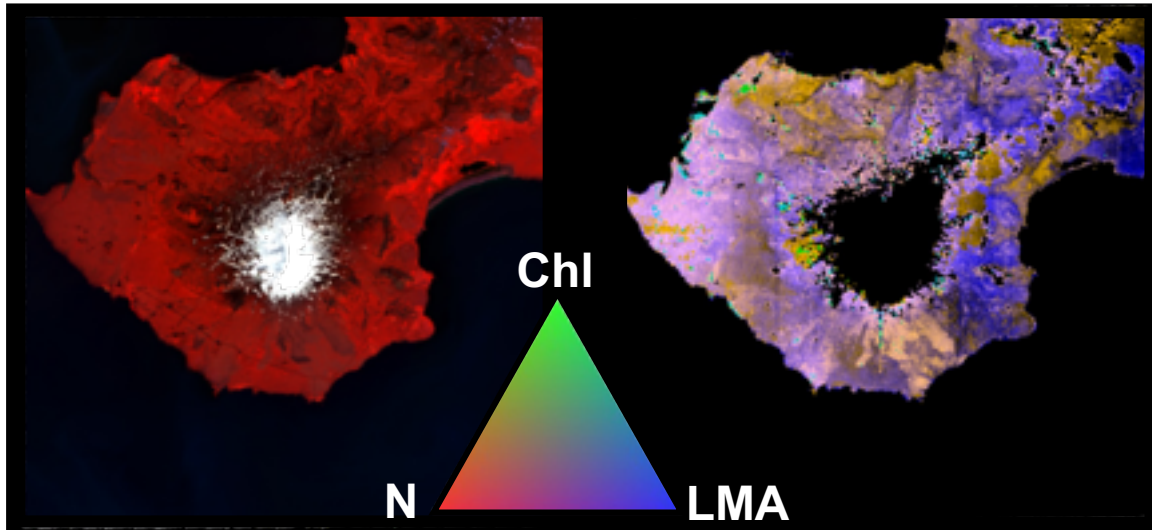
- Prototype architectures and workflows to generate prototype high-dimensional, high-value SBG data
- Mature algorithms for global application
- Distribute prototype SBG data for community evaluation and training

Period of Performance: Five (5) years from inception (i.e., through FY25)

ORNL and LP.DAAC have been designated as the official DAAC(s) for SISTER products

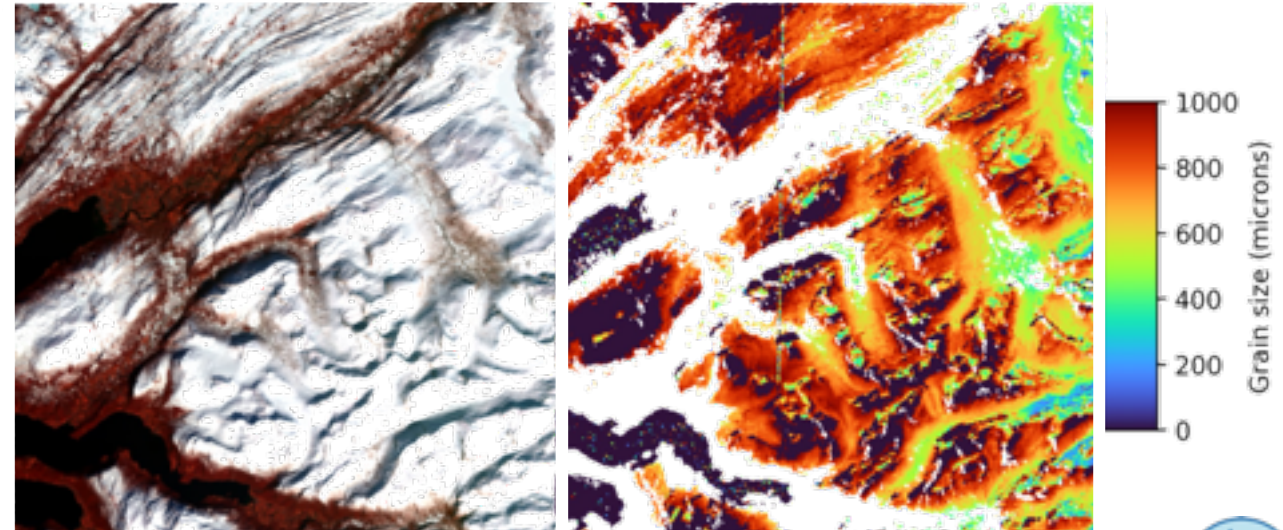
Vegetation Biochemistry

PRISMA Snæfellsjökull, Iceland July 2, 2020



Snow grain size

PRISMA Surnadal, Norway April 21, 2020



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Primary Objectives & Timeline

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FY21 (Oct 2020 – Sept 2021)

FY22-23 (Oct 2021 – Sept 2023)

FY24-25 (Oct 2023 – Sept 2025)

Prototype workflows & system components

Implement select prototype L2B+ algorithms

Adapt workflows based on emerging SBG ATBDs

Deliverable: Distribute land & water reflectance for community evaluation / feedback

Deliverable: Distribute prototype L2B+ products for community evaluation / feedback

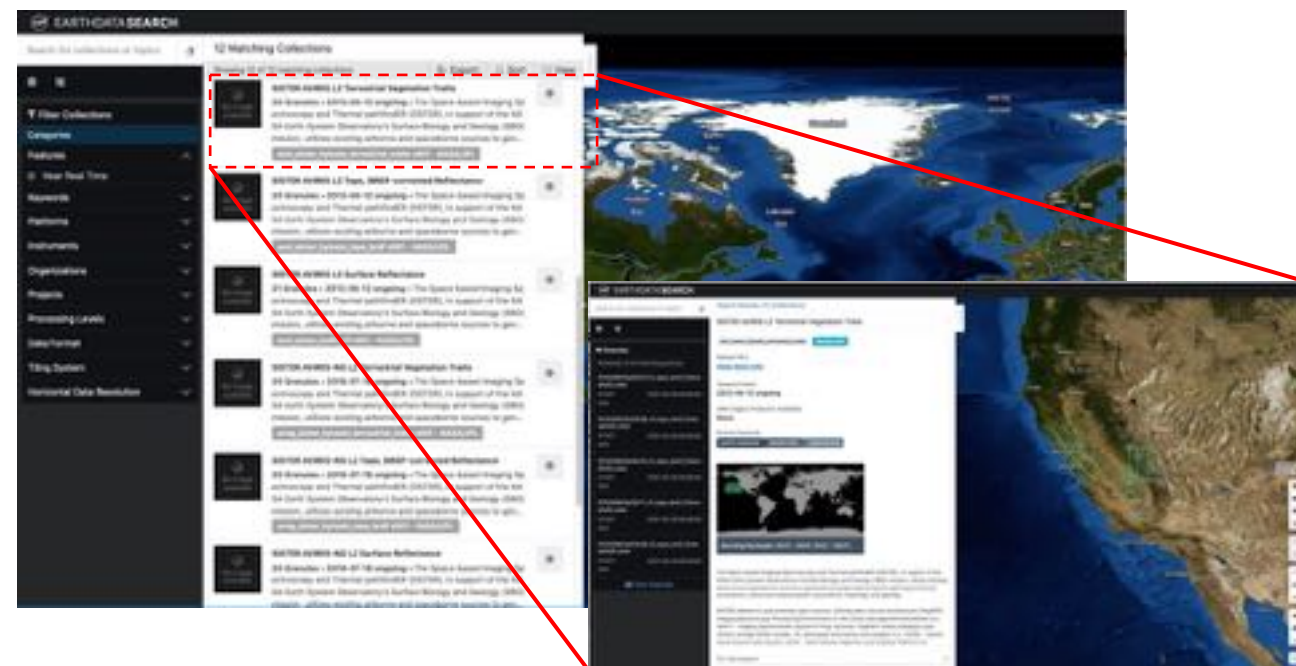
Deliverable: Refine and redistribute prototype SBG products for community evaluation / feedback

- Provide guidance on continued algorithm development, including cal/val needs

Prototype Data Available To-Date

- *NASA Ames Research Center*
 - Global Hyperspectral Synthetic Data (AGHSD) is available at <https://data.nas.nasa.gov/aghSD/data.php>
 - Hyperion L1 radiance **complete**
 - Hyperion L2 reflectance using ISOFIT **in process**
- *NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory*
 - Select* AVIRIS-Classic, AVIRIS-Next Generation, DESIS and PRISMA scenes for surface reflectance and uncertainties; topo, BRDF-corrected reflectances; select L2+ algorithms

*More scenes, data streams, and workflows (e.g., aquatic, snow/ice, geology) will continuously be incorporated – bringing data from EMIT and EnMAP into workflows



SISTER: Prototype SBG Algorithms & Products



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SBG Algorithm Class	SBG Algorithm Products (examples)
CORE Algorithms	
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VSWIR Reflectance	Land and Water Reflectances, BRDF Corrections, Albedo
Cover Classifications	Cloud, Water, Land Cover, Plant Functional Types, etc.
PRODUCT Algorithms	
Terrestrial Ecosystems	
Vegetation Traits	Nitrogen, LMA, Chlorophyll, Canopy water
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Volcanic Gases and Plumes	SO ₂ , Volcanic ash
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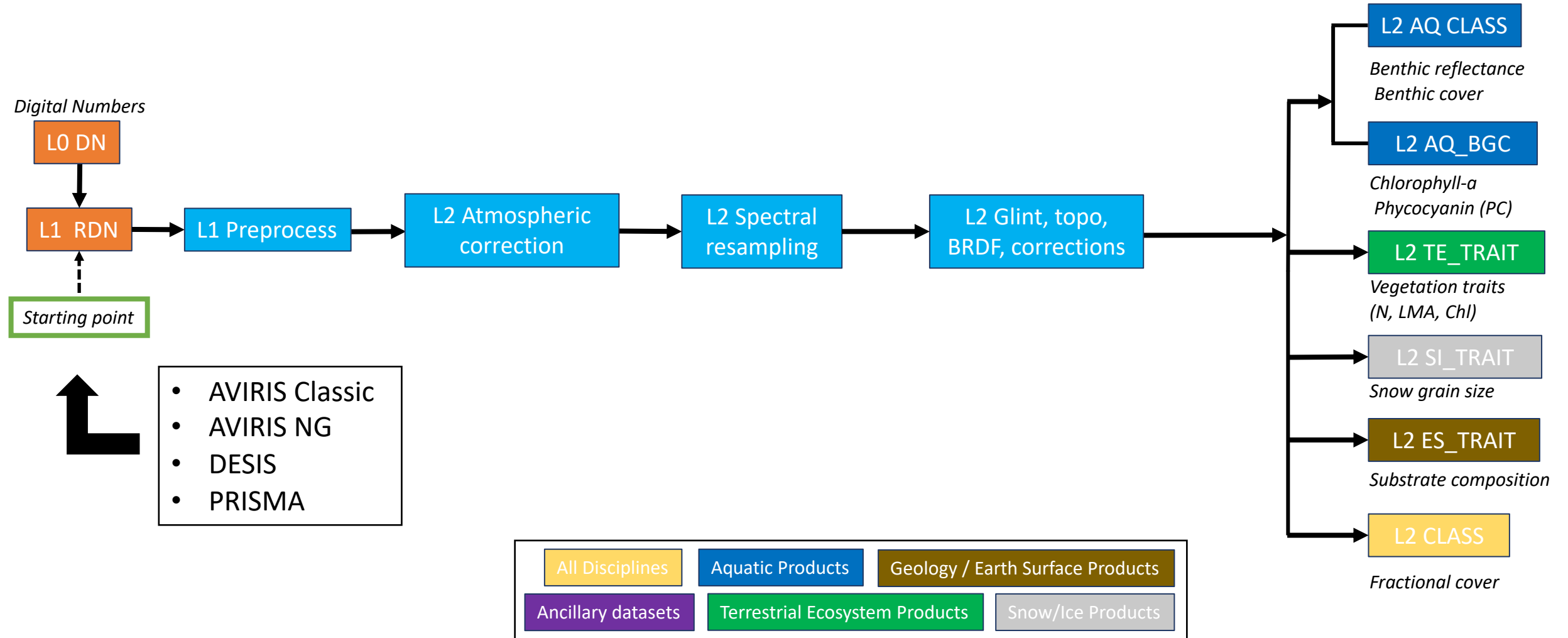
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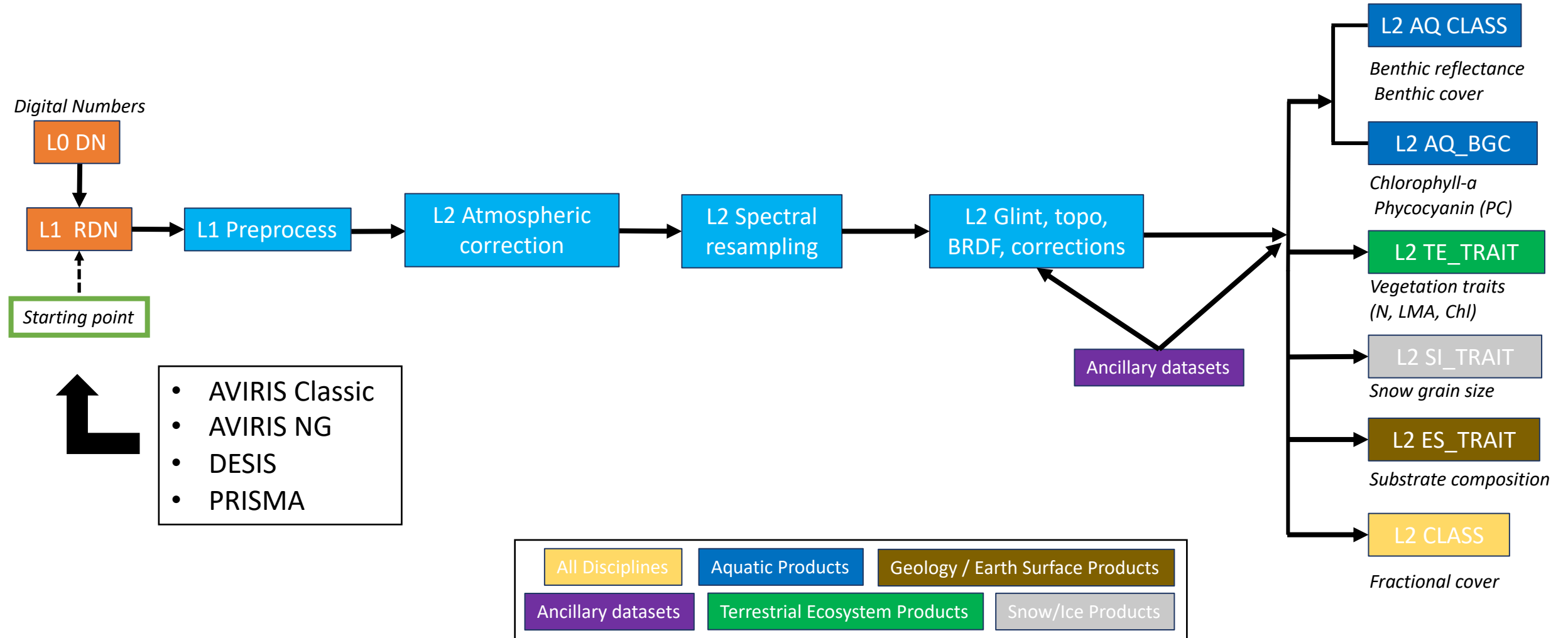
Additional Products

- Wildfires
- Greenhouse gases
- Biodiversity (α , β)
- Vegetation species composition

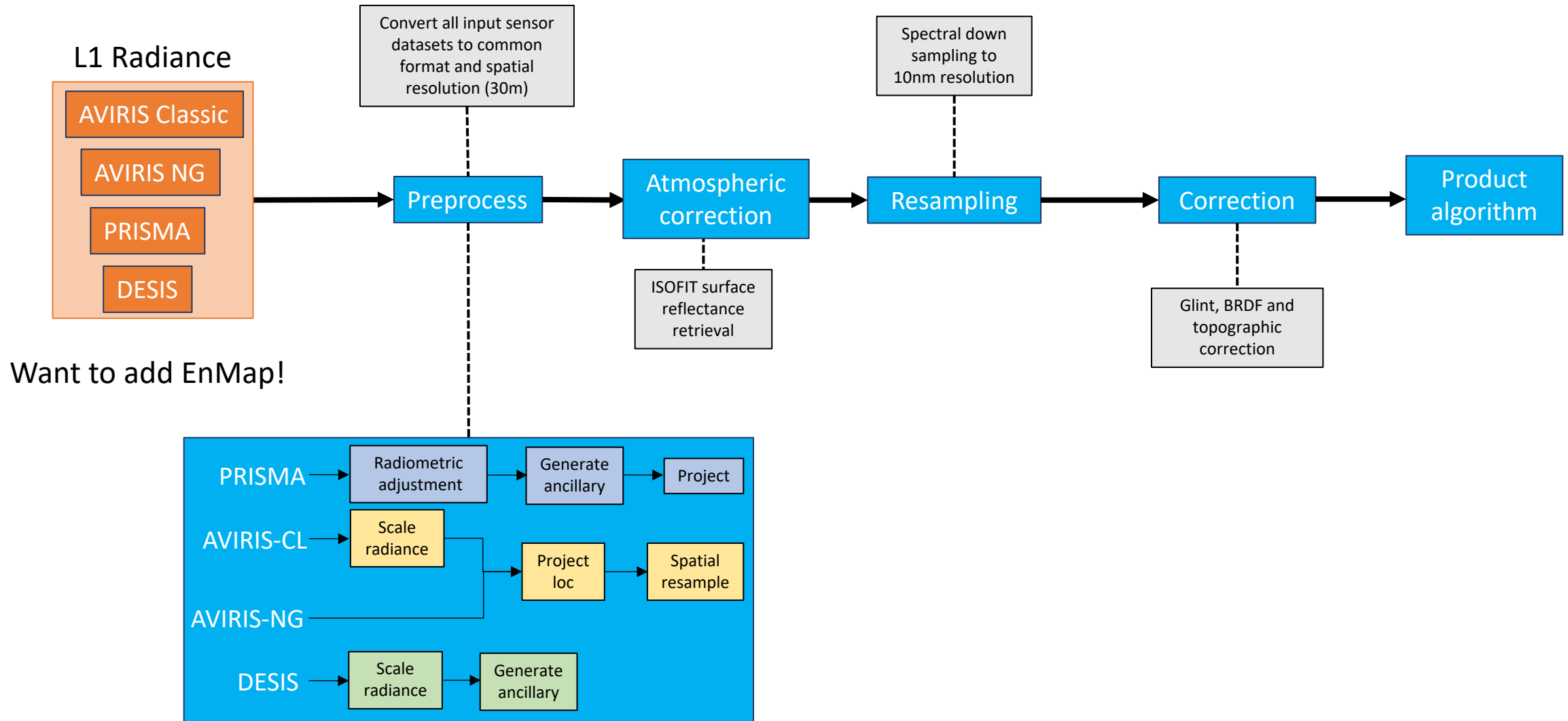
SISTER VSWIR Prototyping Workflow



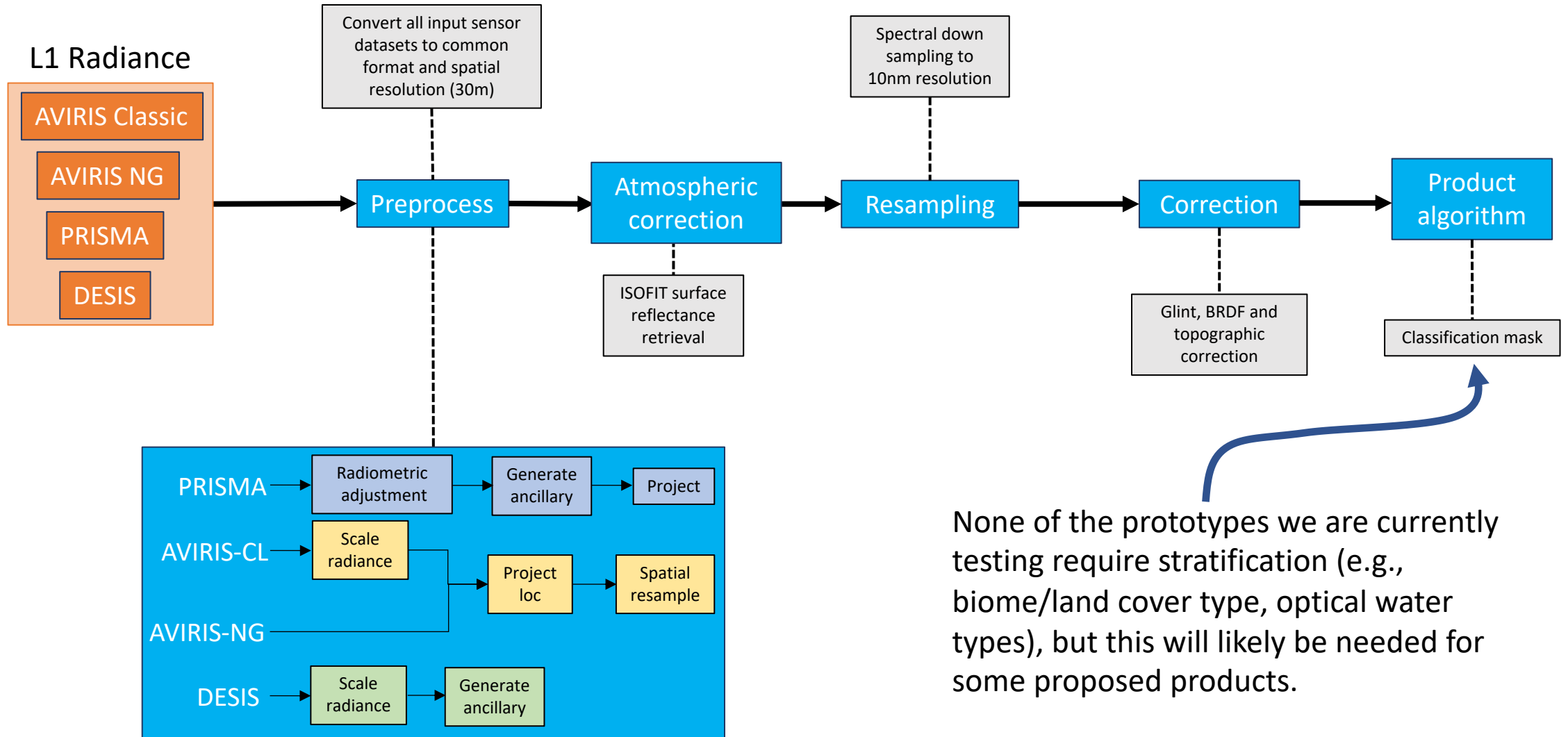
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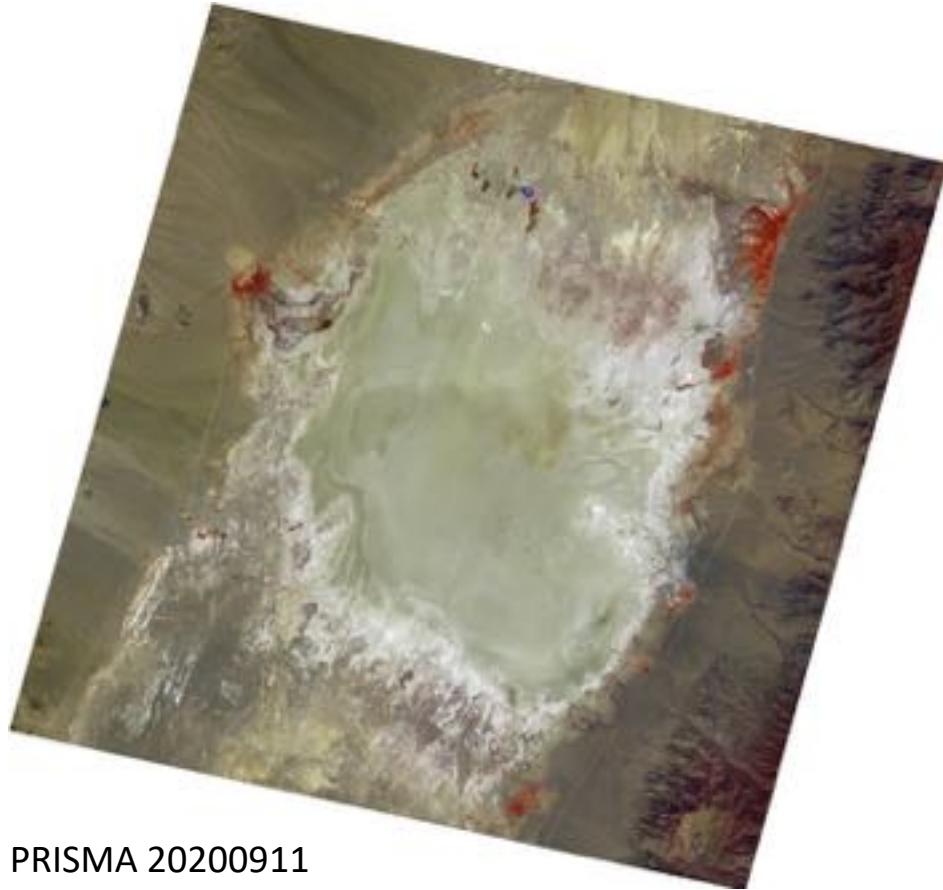
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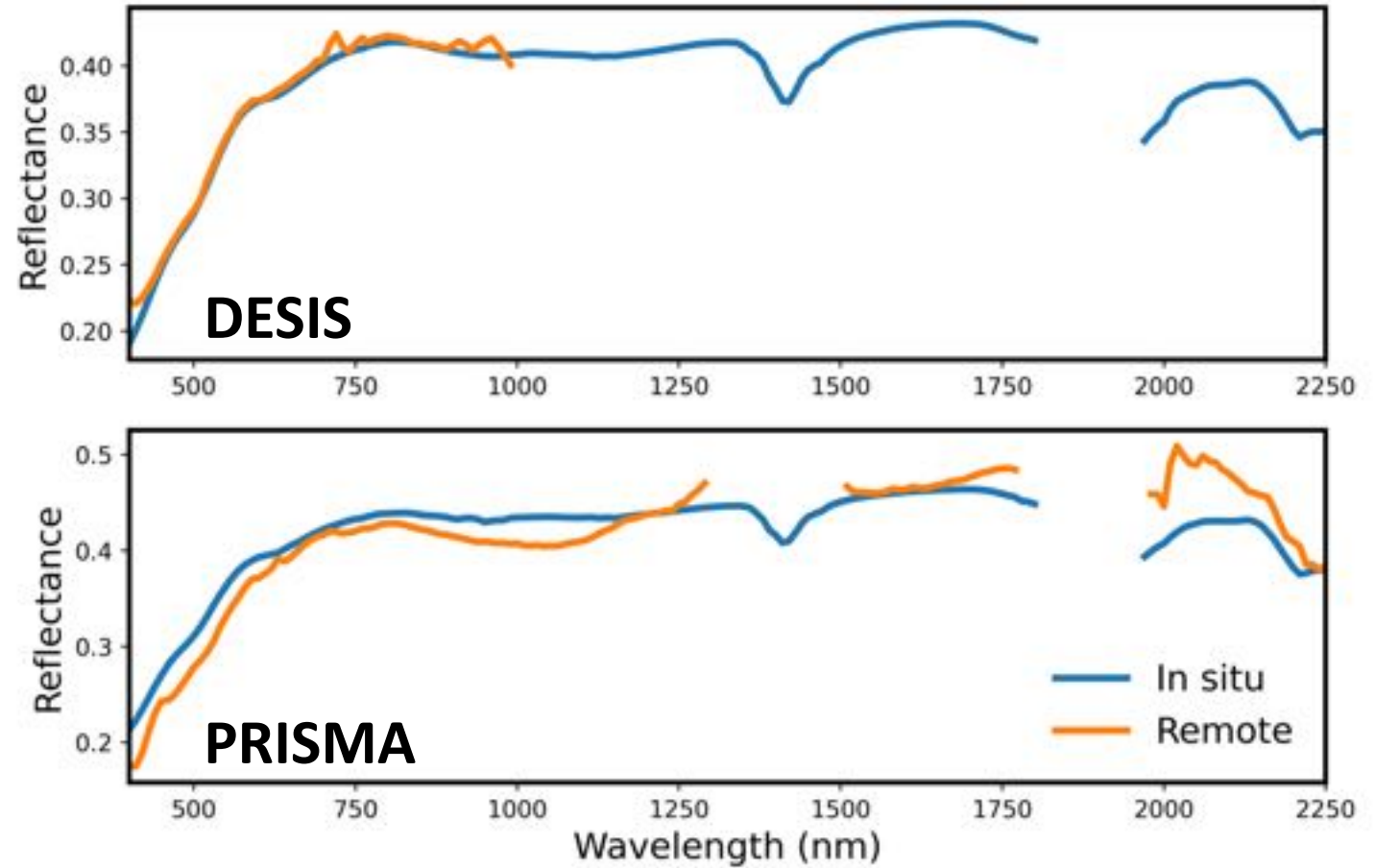
None of the prototypes we are currently testing require stratification (e.g., biome/land cover type, optical water types), but this will likely be needed for some proposed products.

SISTER Preliminary Validation

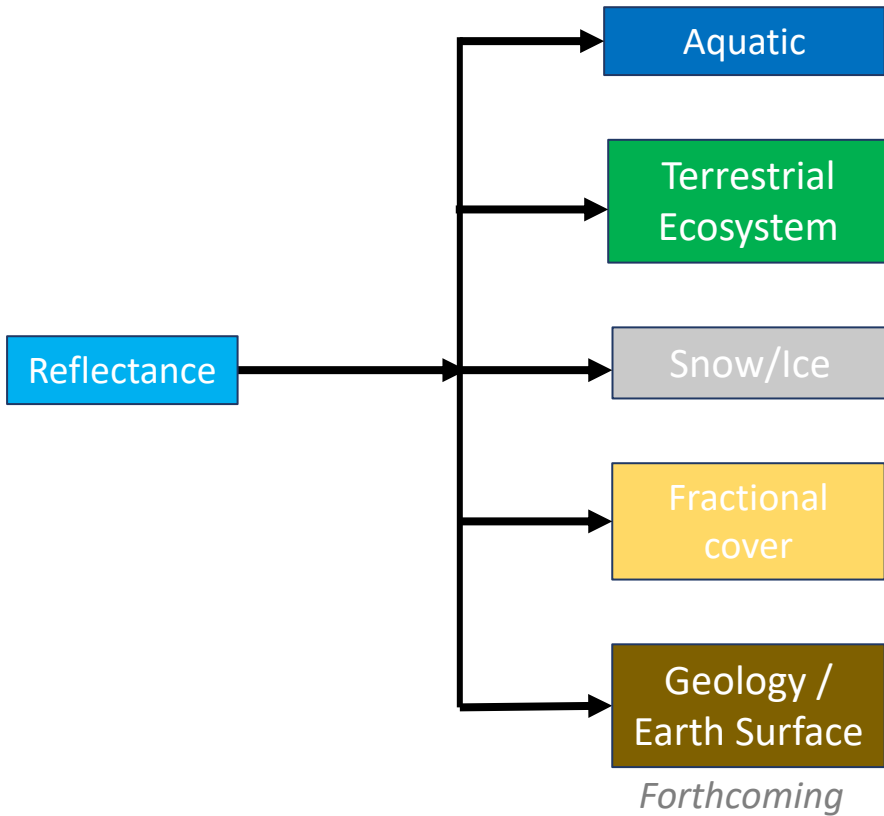
RadCalNet
Railroad Valley, NV



PRISMA 20200911



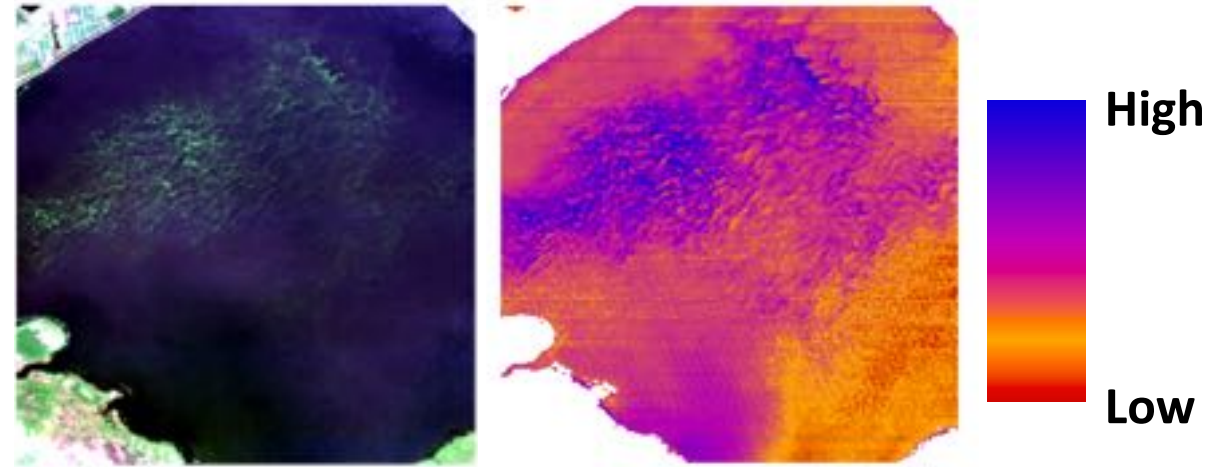
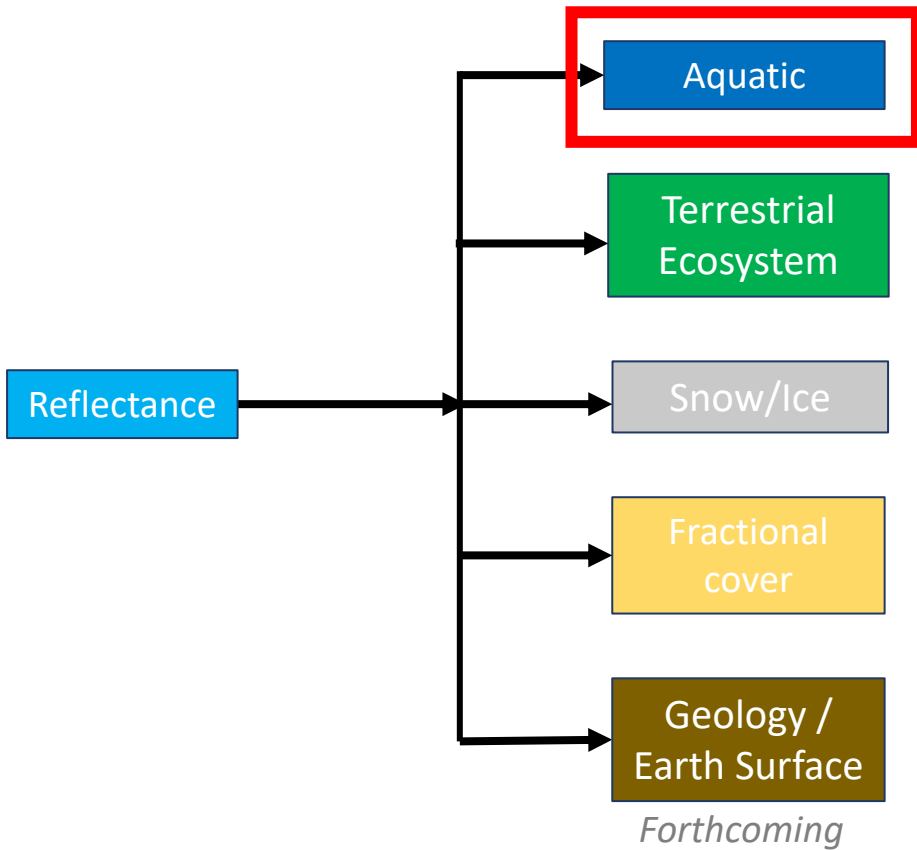
SISTER VSWIR Prototype L2B Workflow



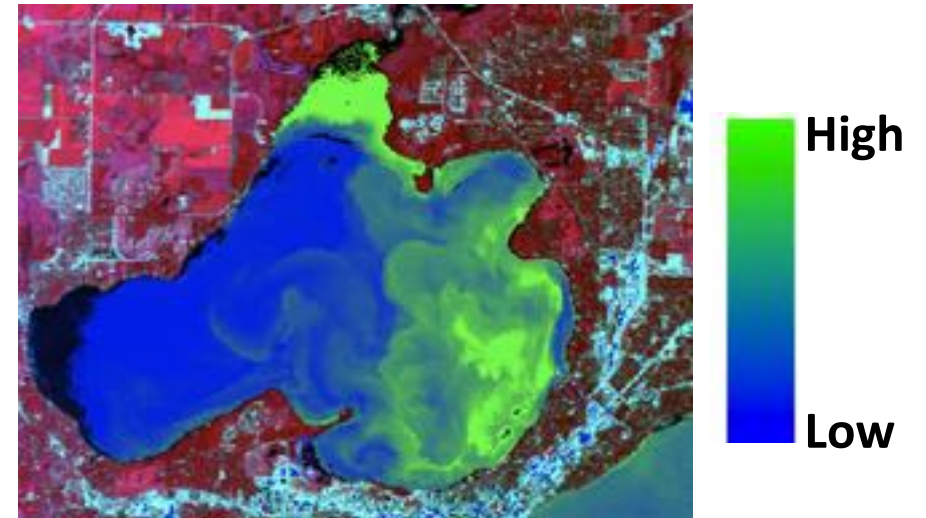
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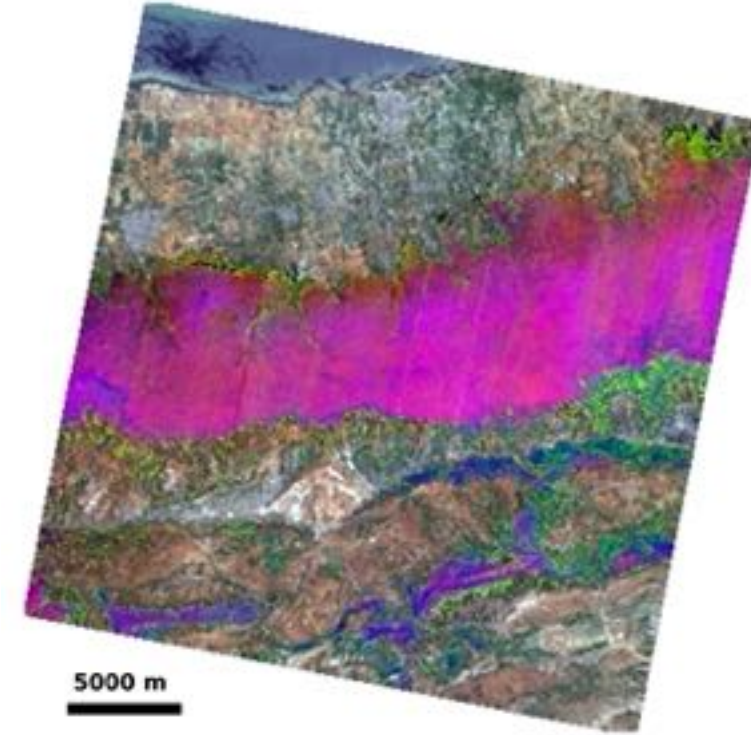
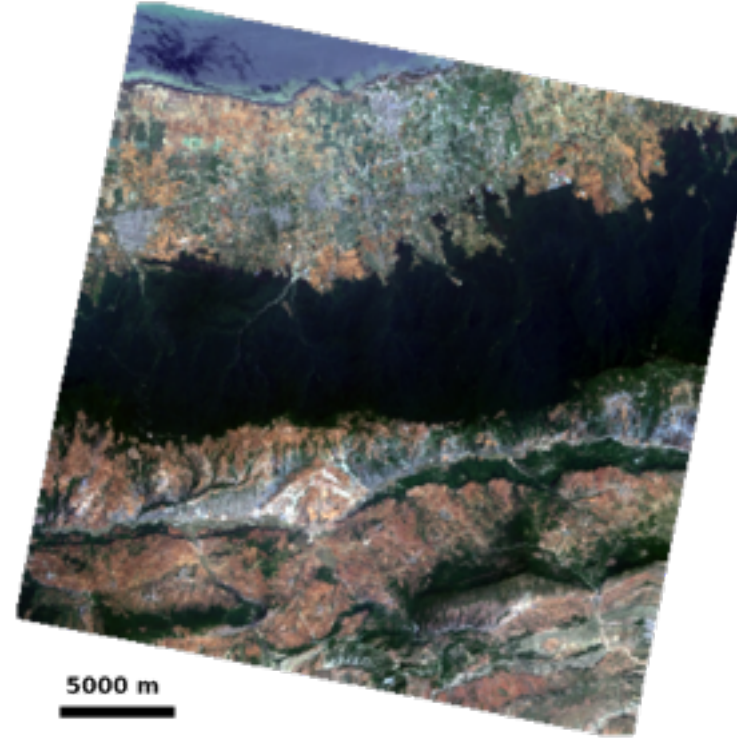
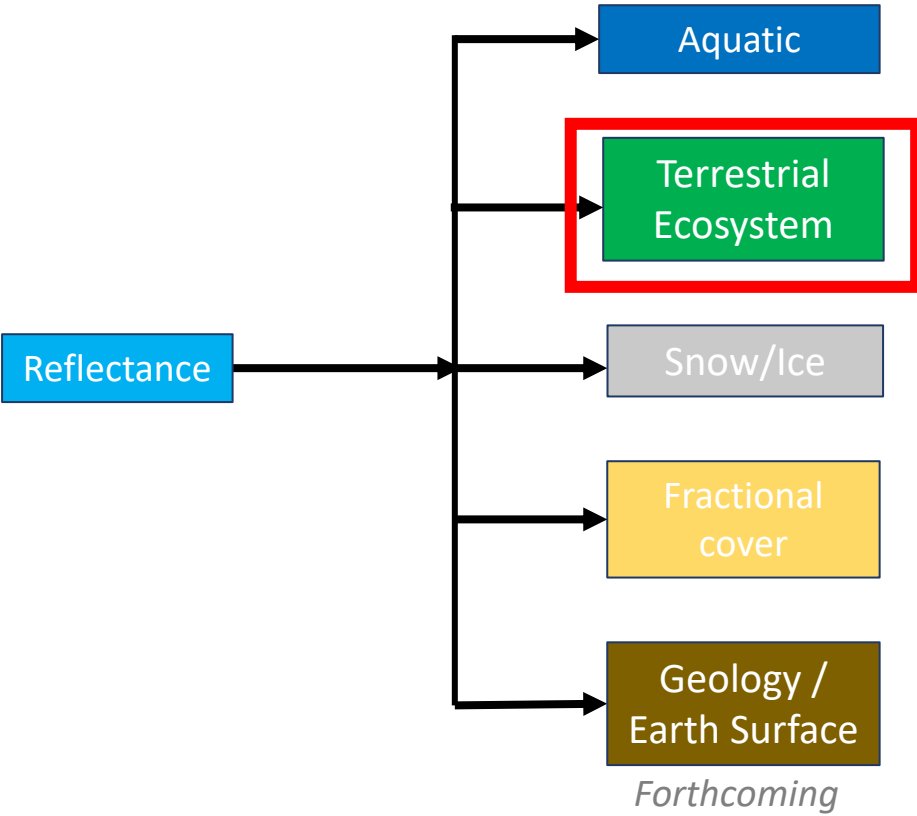
Phycocyanin (O'Shea et al. 2021)
PRISMA, Lake Okeechobee, Florida



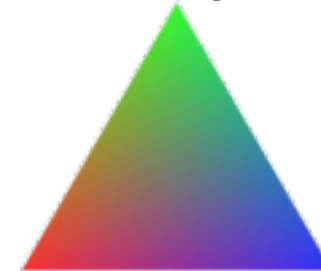
Chlorophyll A (Pahlevan et al. 2021)
AVIRIS Classic, Lake Mendota, Wisconsin

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PRISMA Caspian Hyrcanian Forest, Iran



Leaf mass per area

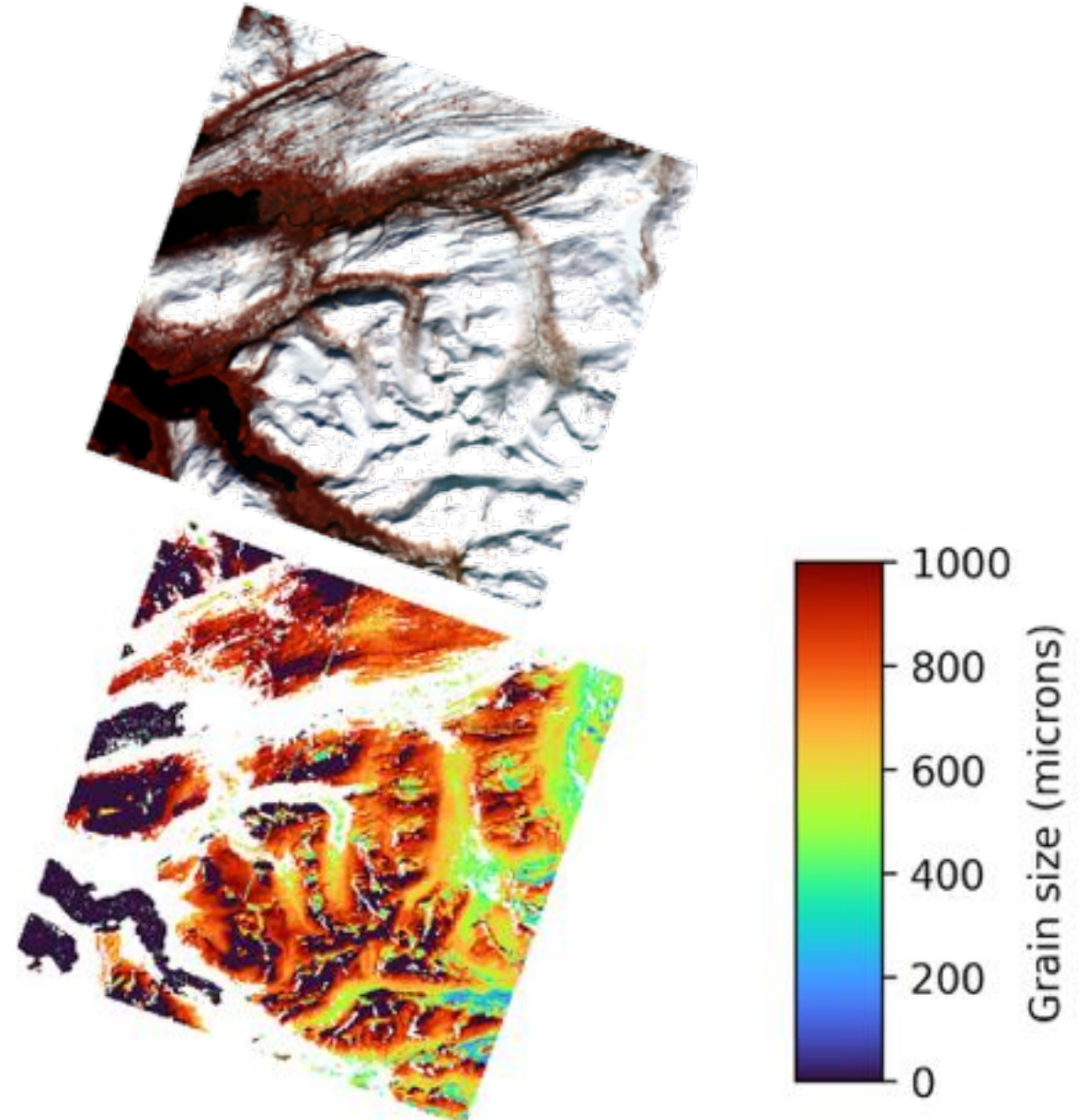
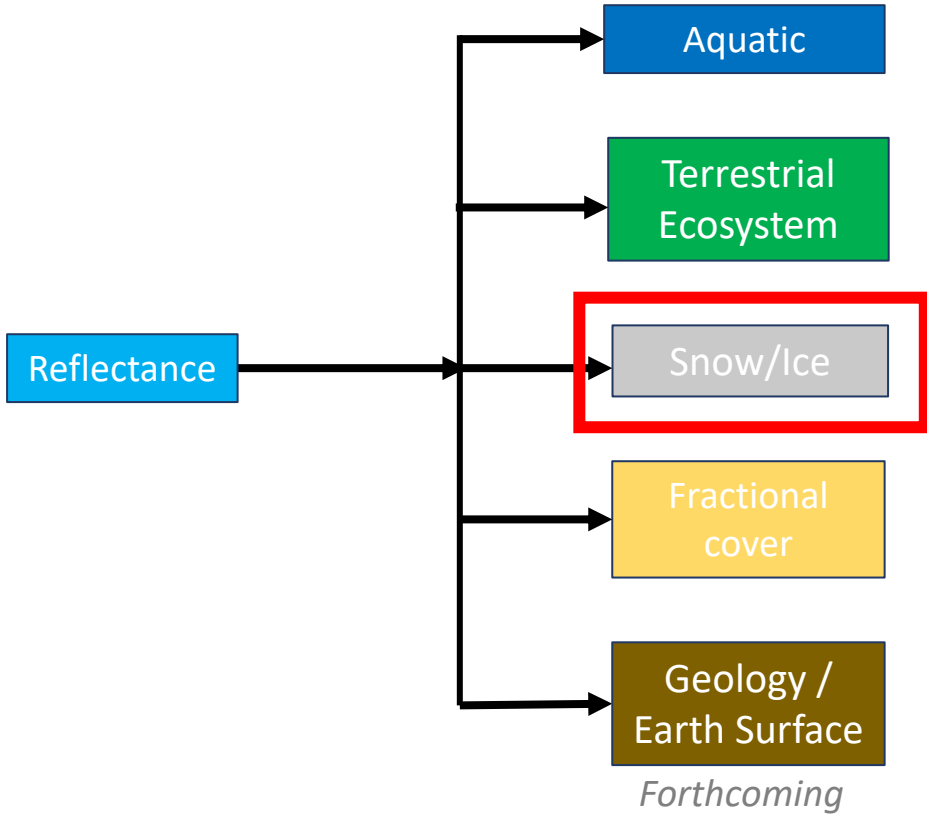


Chlorophyll A+B

Nitrogen

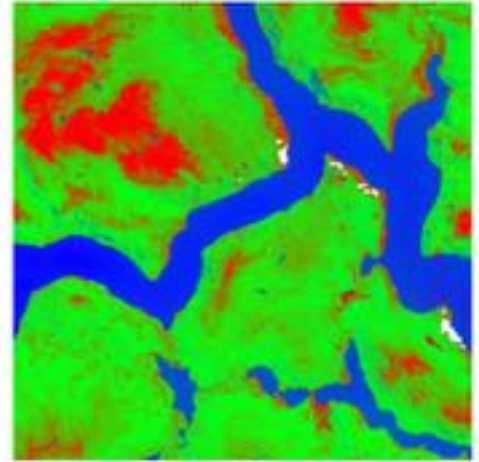
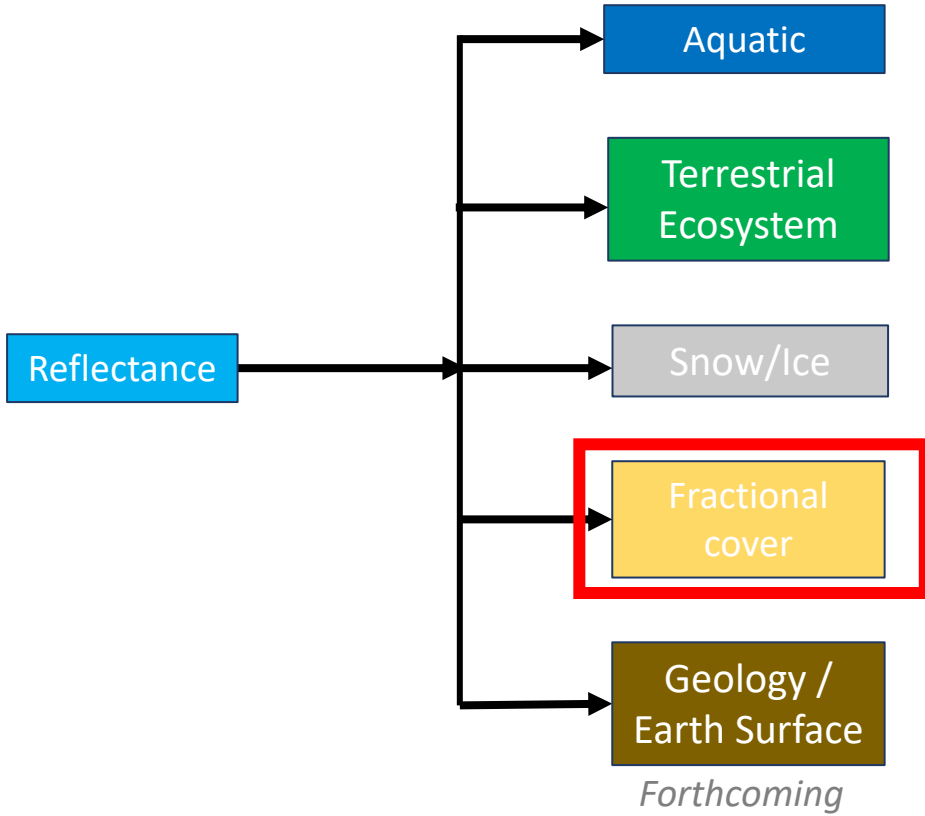


SISTER VSWIR Prototype L2B Workflow – Snow/ice



Snow grain size (Nolin and Dozier 2000)

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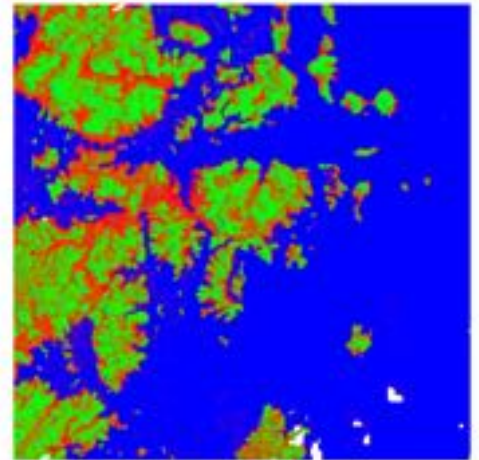


PRISMA Luster Allmenning, Norway

Soil

Vegetation

Water



PRISMA Geoje, South Korea

Fractional Cover (EMIT Science Team)





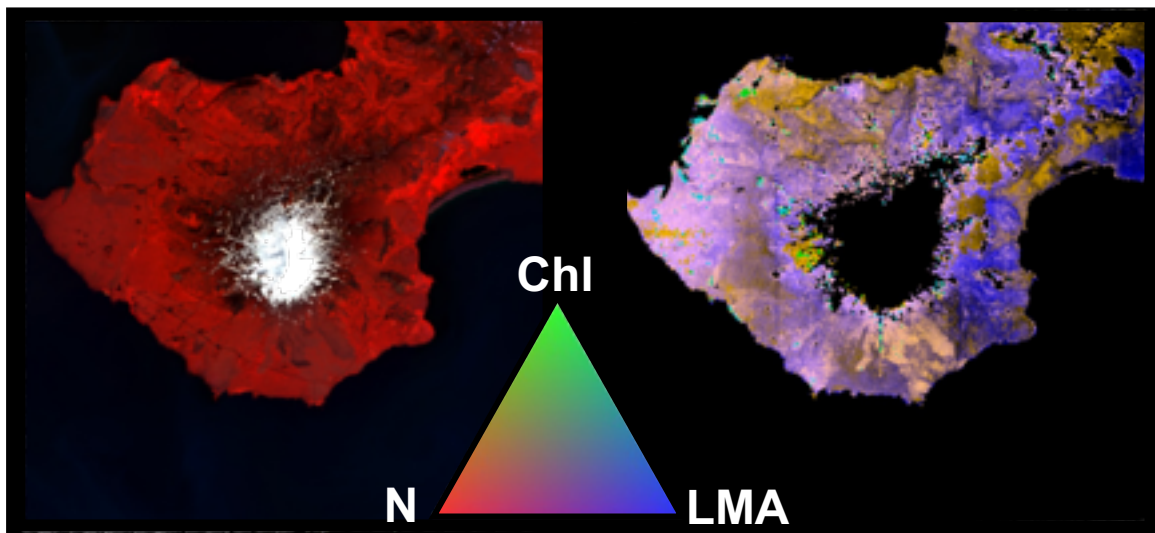
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Next Steps

- First production run using the on-demand system was last week (performed on a selection of images from PRISMA, DESIS, AVIRIS-NG, AVIRIS-Classic) across multiple project areas including SHIFT, ABoVE, etc.
- Set up distribution mechanism with ORNL and LP.DAAC
- Implement prototype geology products based on EMIT algorithms

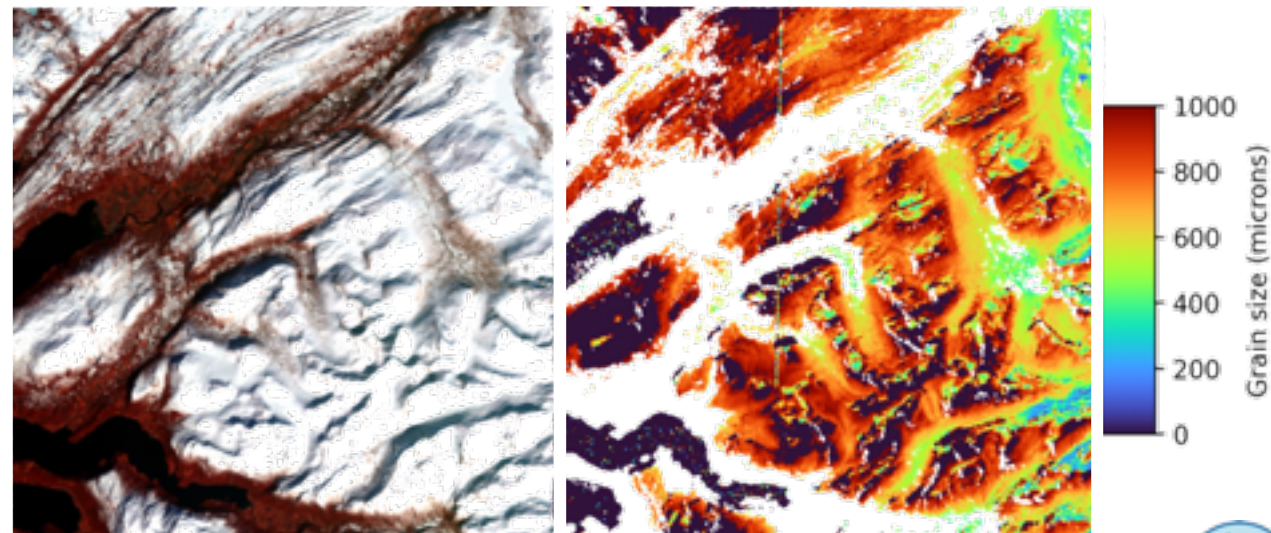
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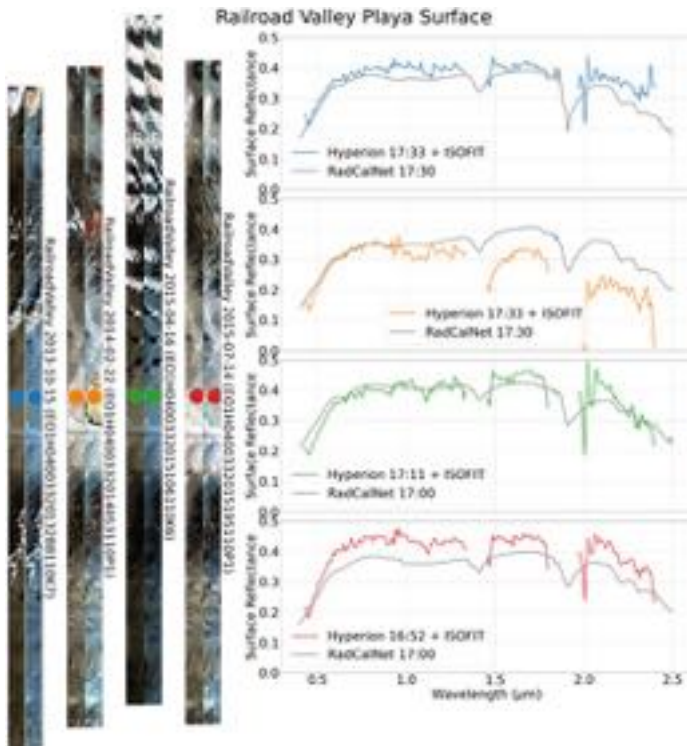


Figure 1. Comparison of RadCalNet measurements with Hyperion surface reflectance retrievals for scenes observed in Railroad Valley.

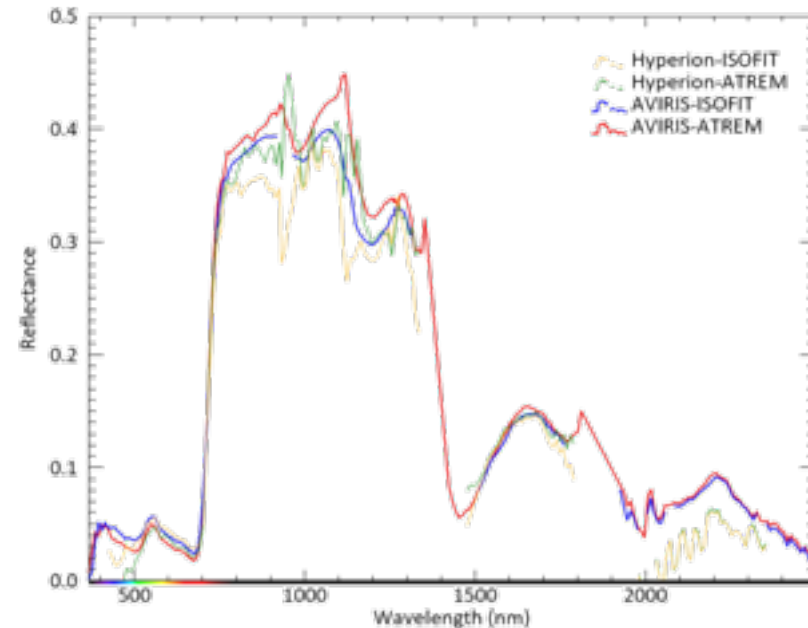


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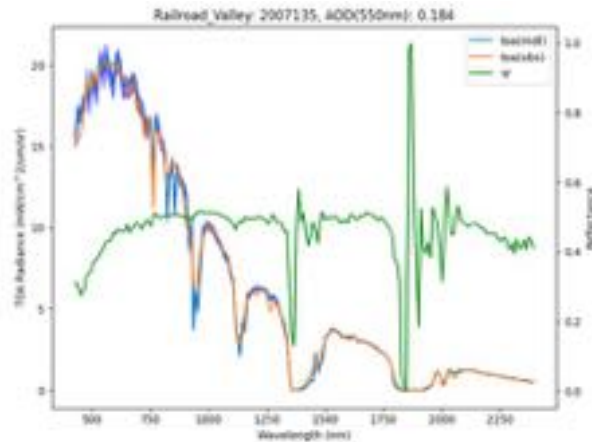


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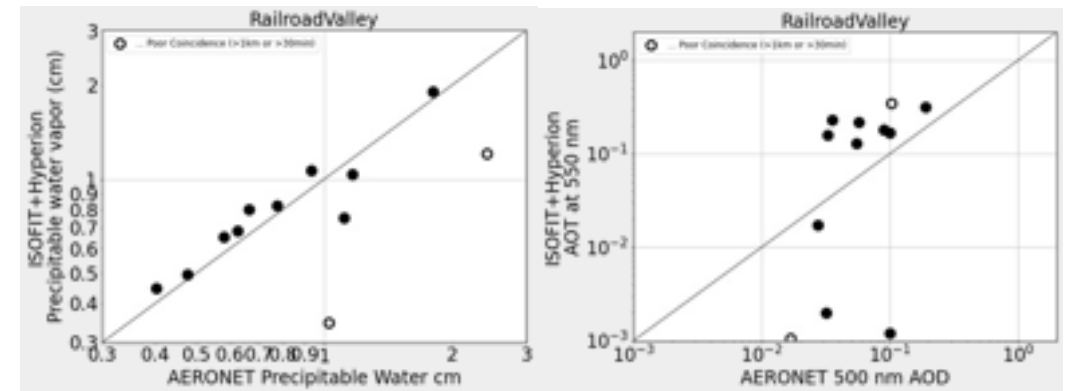


Figure 4. Comparison of Hyperion ISOFIT atmospheric products (left: water vapor, right: aerosol optical depth) with AERONET observations at Railroad Valley.



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