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# Examining Split Window algorithm to Landsat 8 for mapping Sea Surface Temperature

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#### ❖ What is SST?

The infrared emission from the ocean originates from the uppermost <1mm of the ocean – the skin layer.

The atmosphere is in contact with the top of the skin layer.

Ocean-to-atmosphere heat flow through the skin layer is by molecular conduction: this causes, and results from, a temperature gradient through the skin layer.

Conventional measurements of SST are from submerged thermometers "bulk" temperature.

Tdepth below the influence of diurnal heating is the "foundation"

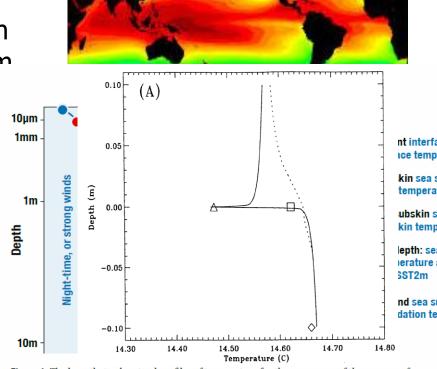


Figure 1: The hypothetical vertical profiles of temperature for the upper 10m of the ocean surface in high wind speed conditions or during the night (red) and for low wind speed during the day (blac

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The Essential Climate Variables (ECVs; ) are required to support the work of the UNFCCC and the IPCC. All ECVs are technically and economically feasible for systematic observation. It is these variables for which international exchange is required for both current and historical observations. Additional variables required for research purposes are not included in this table. It is emphasized that the ordering within the table is simply for convenience and is not an indicator of relative priority. Currently, there are 44 ECVs plus soil moisture recognized as an emerging ECV.

Domain	Essential Clim	Essential Climate Variables		
	Surface:	Air temperature, Precipitation, Air pressure, Surface radiation budget, Wind speed and direction, Water vapour.		
Atmospheric (over land, sea and ice)	Upper-air:	Earth radiation budget (including solar irradiance), Upper-air temperature (including MSU radiances), Wind speed and direction, Water vapour, Cloud properties.		
	Composition:	Carbon dioxide, Methane, Ozone, Other long-lived greenhouse gases[1], Aerosol properties.		
Oceanic	Surface:	Sea-surface temperature, Sea-surface salinity, Sea level, Sea state, Sea ice, Current, Ocean colour (for biological activity), Carbon dioxide partial pressure.		
	Sub-surface:	Temperature, Salinity, Current, Nutrients, Carbon, Ocean tracers, Phytoplankton.		
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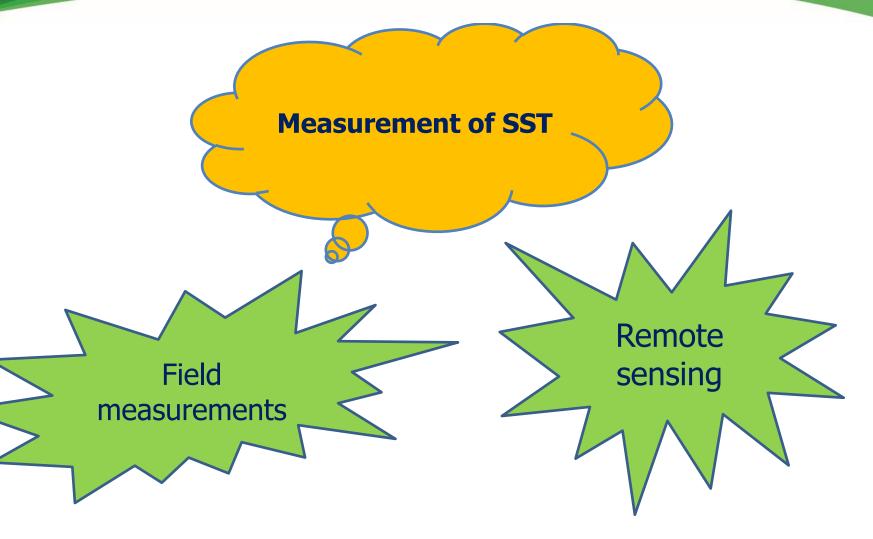
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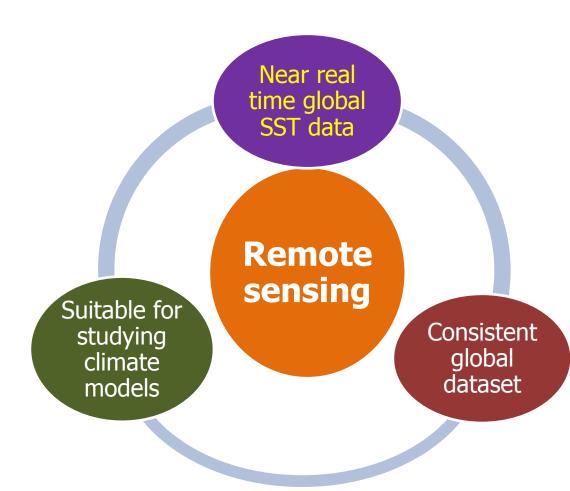
Field measurements

Scarcity of observations

Different measurement methods







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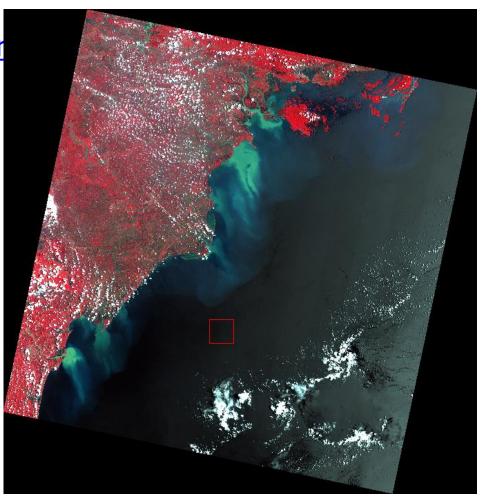
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#### > Data

- Landsat 8 (<a href="https://earthexplorg">https://earthexplorg</a>

ID of Data	LC81260462016
	204LGN00
Path	126
Row	046
Accquisition	23/07/2016
date	
Cloud	6.72%
coverage	





Spectral Bands	Wavelength(µm)	Spatial Res.(m)
Band 1- Coastal aerosol	0.43- 0.45	30
Band 2- Blue	0.45- 0.51	30
Band 3- Green	1	
Band 4- Red	0.8-	
Band 5- Near Infrared	Relative Spectral Response	
Band 6- SWIR 1	Spect Spect	TIRS Band 10
Band 7- SWIR 2	0.2-	TIRS Band 11
Band 8- Panchromatic	- Re	X\
Band 9: Cirrus	10 10.5 11 Way	11.5 12 12.5 13 relength (μm)
Band 10- Thermal Infrared	10.6- 11.19	100
Band 11- Thermal Infrared	11.50- 12.51	100

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LST \_ MODIS product by NASA freely download:

https://ladsweb.nascom.nasa.gov.

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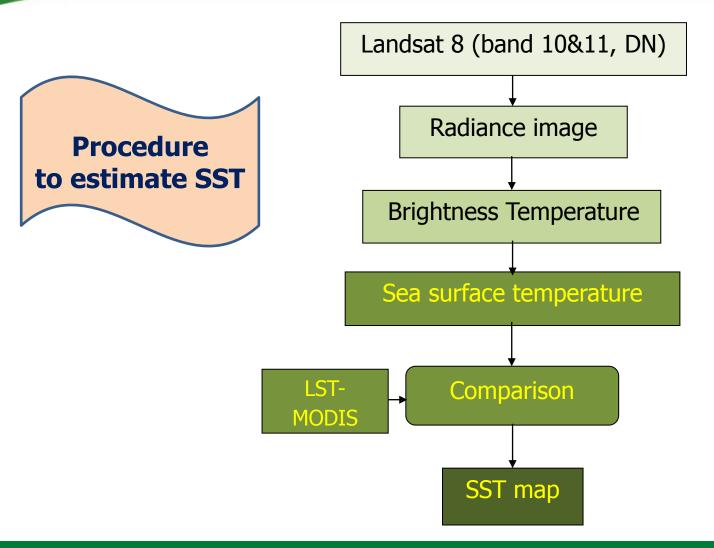


## > Algorithms

Algorithms	Wave length (µm)	Usage
Dual Window	3,7 and 11	Day
Split Window	11 and 12	Day & Night
Triple Window	3.7, 11 and 12	Day

$$MCSST = a_0 + a_1T_i + a_2(T_i - T_j)$$

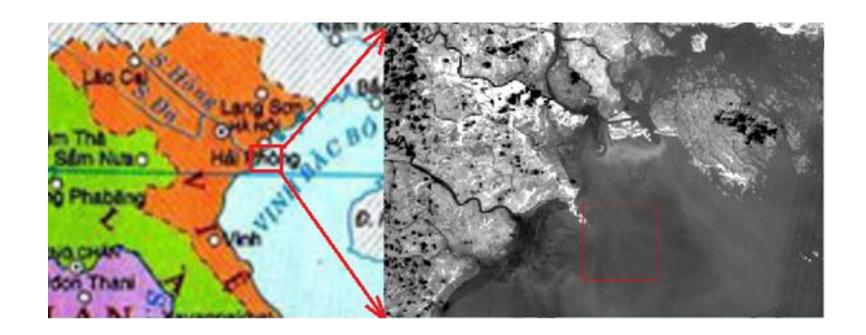




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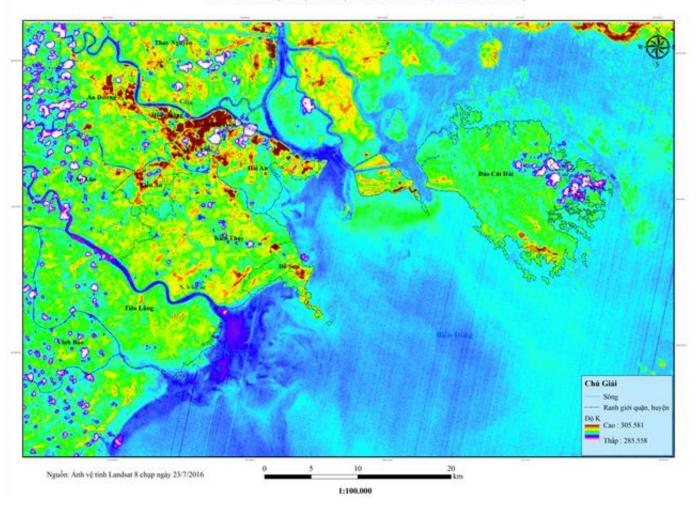




**Location of area interested** 



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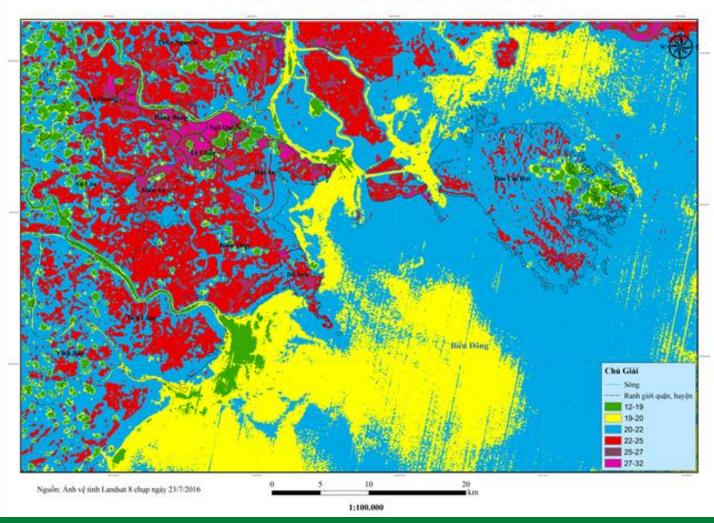


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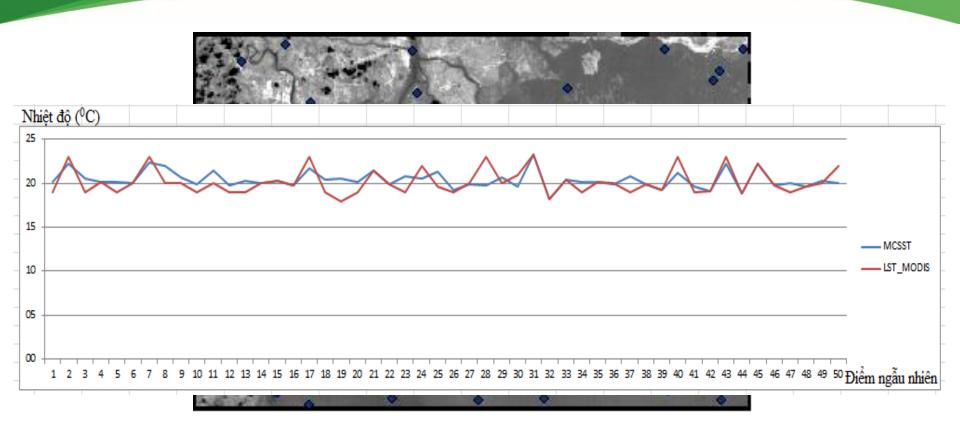
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50 random points for comparision

Comparision SST-Landsat 8 to LST MODIS



#### **CONCLUSIONS**

The study produced SST map by employing Split Window algorithm to band 10 and band 11 of Landsat 8. As shown on the map, the farer coastal, the lower value of SST.

Comparision SST-Landsat and LST-MODIS showed that differences are around 0-3.2 °C and average difference is 0.73 °C. This suggests that Split Window algorithm have quite good fit to estimate SST from Landsat 8 data in the study area.



#### **CONCLUSIONS**

- ✓ Landsat 8 imagery can be used to study SST at a higher scale than previous satellite generations: NOAA and MODIS, etc. but Landsat 8 has lower temporal resolution.
- ✓ Further studies could utilize Landsat 8 to monitor STT change.

Limitation: The study lacked of in situ data to validate the results.



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