



# Recent results from the development and evaluation of active fire products from Suomi NPP VIIRS

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• The VIIRS active fire product suite and product status

 Evaluation of the input VIIRS Sensor Data Record product

• Validation examples

• Conclusions

# VIIRS Heritage: MODIS and AVHRR

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# **Requirements: L1RD Supplement**



Active Fires								
ATTRIBUTE	THRESHOLD	OBJECTIVE						
a. Horizontal Cell Size								
1. Nadir	0.80 km	0.25 km						
2. Worst case	1.6 km							
b. Horizontal Reporting Interval	HCS							
c. Horizontal Coverage	Global	Global						
d. Mapping Uncertainty, 3 sigma	1.5 km	0.75 km						
e. Measurement Range								
1. Fire Radiative Rower (FRP)	1.0 to 5.0 (10) <sup>3</sup> MW	1.0 to 1.0 (10) <sup>4</sup> MW						
2. Sub-pixel Average Temperature of Active Fire	N/A	N/A						
3. Sub-pixel Area of Active Fire	N/A	N/A						
f. Measurement Uncertainty								
1. Fire Radiative Rower (FRP)	50%	20%						
2. Sub-pixel Average Temperature of Active Fire	N/A	N/A						
3. Sub-pixel Area of Active Fire	N/A	N/A						
g. Refresh	At least 90% coverage of the globe every 12 hours (monthly average)	N/A						

#### : Not required for S-NPP

Current IDP product was designed to meet heritage NPOESS requirements., which have been baselined according to L1RDS S-NPP Performance Exclusions (Appendix D). Spatially explicit fire mask and fire characterization are "uppers" in the JPSS L1RD for J1 and beyond.



# Background of VIIRS NOAA Operational Active Fire Product



- Represents <u>continuity</u> with NASA EOS <u>MODIS</u> and NOAA POES <u>AVHRR</u> fire detection (and also international missions such as (A)ATSR
- VIIRS <u>design allows for radiometric measurements</u> to detect and characterize active fires over a wide range of observing and environmental conditions
- Product is expected to be used by <u>real-time resource and disaster management; air</u> <u>quality monitoring; ecosystem monitoring; climate studies</u> etc.



NW Canada 07 July 2013 20:14:55-20:20:34 UTC



# **VIIRS Fire Product and User Outreach**



- The operational SNPP VIIRS Active Fire product is a sparse array containing <u>locations of</u> <u>pixels</u> flagged as "fire" by the detection algorithm
- The science team is developing a suite of improved products, including <u>fire radiative</u> <u>power to characterize</u> <u>the fire intensity</u>
- End users are engaged through <u>Proving Ground</u> and User Readiness <u>efforts</u>



Fire detections from the operational Suomi NPP VIIRS Active Fire product in NW US on July 24, 2014. Data in various user-friendly formats are available from the product evaluation portal at viirsfire.geog.umd.edu.

### http://viirsfire.geog.umd.edu/



### VIIRS Fire in the NOAA Hazard Mapping System (HMS)



- <u>VIIRS Active Fire is incorporated</u> with detected fires from numerous other satellite sources (GOES, POES and MODIS) and undergoes <u>additional manual quality control</u> before being merged into a unified daily fire analysis product for North America.
- The AFP also provides an additional <u>data source as input for initializing the daily</u> <u>National Weather Service Air Quality smoke forecast</u>.

#### VIIRS AFP from 13 August 0850Z and 1030Z images over VIIRS M13 SDR 1030Z image



McIDAS display of 13 August 1030Z M13 SDR image in native satellite projection





### VIIRS Fire in STAR Smoke Analysis system (IDEA)

- IDEA (Infusing satellite Data into Environmental Applications) system and ASDA (Automated Smoke Detection and tracking Algorithm) have been using <u>VIIRS</u> <u>hot spots</u> generated from DB data since March 2013. NDE products will also be used when available operationally.
- GBBEPx (Global Biomass Burning Emissions Product – Extended) will also use the product when <u>FRP</u> becomes available along with fire detection
- Air quality forecasters use the IDEA system in their daily forecasting. *This website gets more than one million hits each year.*
- NWS Alaska and Western regions will use ASDA smoke plumes for incident monitoring and containment activities. Through new fire and smoke initiative
- GBBEPx using fire detection and FRP will generate emissions that will be used by NCEP's global aerosol model



http://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/smcd/spb/aq/

# VIIRS active fire product development

# **development**

# NOAA: real-time NOAA operational applications

- Operational M-band product generated by IDPS (Interface Data Processing Segment)
- Part of integrated processing chain
- Low latency
- Detections only
- Locations only (no fire mask)

**VIIRS Fire Team** 

#### Algorithm updates



Upstream processing updates

### • Experimental M-band MODIS continuity product at Land PEATE

(Product Evaluation and Test Element)

- Detections, Fire Mask and Fire Radiative Power, CMG
- Spatially explicit fire mask
- Spatial and temporal aggregates heritage deliver systems (RR, FIRMS)
- Experimental I-band product

### NOAA Proving Ground NASA Applied Science

algorithm synchronization, end user feedback



#### DIRECT READOUT

- Can run IDPS, NASA or locally developed code
- Stand-alone

West Fork Complex: 6/14 - 7/4/2013 Landsat-8 background: July 31, 2013

VIIRS IDPS hotspots

Papoose

Pagosa Springs



Windy Pass

Creede



Miles

West Fork Complex: 6/14 - 7/4/2013 Landsat-8 background: July 31, 2013

Papoose

VIIRS replacement hotspots

Pagosa Springs



Wagon Wheel Gap



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West Fork Complex: 6/14 - 7/4/2013 Landsat-8 background: July 31, 2013



Creede



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### IDPS vs. JPSS "replacement" code





#### March 10, 2014 10:36-10:40

IDPS operational run Unpacked from HDF5: AVAFO\* (AF EDR) IICMO\* (CM IP) Plotted with IDL from binaries: VIIRS-AF-EDR VIIRS-CM-IP

The JPSS 1 "replacement" code has been delivered NOAA STAR Algorithm Implementation Team (AIT) for integration into NOAA operations. A CDR is scheduled for October 2014.

Output from replacement code Plotted with hdfview from HDF4 "fire mask" field

See next slide for comparison of fire pixels

### IDPS vs. JPSS "replacement" code





#### **Replacement code**

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**IDPS** 



# **Global fires from VIIRS I-band data**





VIIRS 375 m fire algorithm output showing the accumulated daytime nominal confidence fire pixels (upper left), low confidence daytime pixels (upper right), nighttime fire pixels (purple; lower left), and SAMA-related low confidence nighttime pixels (dark blue; lower right) during 1–30 August 2013.

Wilfrid Schroeder, Patricia Oliva, Louis Giglio, Ivan A. Csiszar, The New VIIRS 375 m active fire detection data product: Algorithm description and initial assessment, Remote Sensing of Environment, Volume 143, 5 March 2014, Pages 85-96, ISSN 0034-4257, http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2013.12.008.



#### Aqua/MODIS 1 km Spotty detection pixels and coverage gap at low latitudes



S-NPP/VIIRS 750 m Spotty detection pixels S-NPP/VIIRS 375 m Improved fire line mapping

#### Issues of VIIRS fire detection:

- •Anomalous behavior at sensor saturation
- Inconsistent quality flags
- •Unknown saturation of native resolution pixels prior to aggregation (single-gain bands)
- •South Atlantic Magnetic Anomaly

W. Schroeder, UMD



**Global Observation of Forest and Land Cover Dynamics Fire Implementation Team Meeting** 





NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction, College Park, MD, July 29-31 201 $4^7$ 





- Estimates of commission / omission errors and <u>comparison with MODIS</u>
  - The product performs well in comparison to MODIS and AVHRR
  - Increased resolution and VIIRS mapping geometry improves product quality for off nadir observations and increases spatial coverage
- <u>VIIRS sensor and Send Data Record (SDR)</u>
  <u>performance and quality flagging</u> (near the high end of the dynamic range) and the <u>ability to filter bad</u>
  <u>input data</u> without compromising detection of valid fire pixels
  - The majority of the work has been analysis of VIIRS SDR quality and work with the SDR team to implement fixes and changes
  - The frequency of the SDR-related detection errors decreased over time as SDR code changes were implemented in IDPS

# Comparison with Aqua MODIS





The <u>overall features</u> of the Aqua MODIS and S-NPP functional dependence on scan angle <u>remained the same a year later</u> and over a longer time period



# Primary quality issue: bad scan lines





July 15 2014 14:33:19 UTC

NPP\_VAFIP\_L2(Active Fire IP) on 2014196, LPEATE (AS3001)

#### IDPS / STAR AIT: AF-EDR Granule Version A1M





#### *Effectivity date for Provisional Maturity: October 16, 2012* (first full day after the implementation of IDPS Mx6.3 on October 15)

Csiszar, I., W. Schroeder, L. Giglio, E. Ellicott, K. P. Vadrevu, C. O. Justice, B. Wind, 2014: Active fires from the Suomi NPP Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite: Product status and first evaluation results, *J Geophys Res Atmos*, 119, doi:10.1002/2013JD020453.

#### Suomi NPP product quality and maturity has been driven by input VIIRS SDR performance



The fire team is performing verification by analyzing known granules and cumulative statistics.

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These results are based on Mx7.2 processing within LandPEATE.





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# March 12, 2014: Mx8.2 (IDPS)



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- IDPS operational data stream
  - 4/28/14 onward
    - Mx8.4 TTO 5/22/2014 14:40 UTC
    - Mx8.5 TTO 8/13/2014 15:25 UTC
- Mx8.5 Factory Bench Test data from Raytheon
  - 7/2/2014
- Mx8.5 Integration and Testing data from Raytheon
  7/30/2014 8/1/2014; 8/4/2014 8/14/2014
- STAR AIT processing using Mx8.5 for select granules
   7/15/2014

# IDPS Mx8.3 and Mx8.4performance

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IDPS AVAFO granules from STAR SCDR were processed for April 30 – September 02 2014. Only July 2014 is shown here. No other spurious detections were found out of the total of 14037 data granules processed.



Nmax: maximum number of active fire detections within a single scan line within a granule

Spurious detections: July 02, 2014 13:36:18 – 13:41:59 (Nmax: 329) July 15, 2014 14:33:19 – 14:34:41 (Nmax: 1112)



### Mx8.4: July 2, 2014 case



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### July 15 case: Mx8.4 vs. Mx8.5



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IDPS Mx8.5 code run by STAR AIT





#### Prescribed Fire Combustion and Atmospheric Dynamics Research (RxCadre) experiment at Eglin Air Force Base/FL 1-15 Nov 2012























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View from remotecontrolled helicopter

#### Kilometers

Subset of VIIRS 375 m pixel grid (fire detection in red)

Surface-leaving FRP (VIIRS): 4.4±0.2MW @ 13:24:26 h local time



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Landsat-8

Length of active (back) fire front at time of VIIRS overpass: 200 m

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Built on proven ASTER/Landsat (5&7) fire algorithms [Giglio *et al.*, 2008; Schroeder *et al.*, 2008] Day & nighttime detections 16/8-day revisit (day/&night) Spatial resolution providing detailed fire perimeter information (plus area estimate)





# Conclusion



- The Suomi NPP Active Fire product has reached Validated 1 maturity status with an effectivity date of <u>August 13, 2014</u>.
  - The effectivity date corresponds to the Transition to Operations of IDPS Mx8.5, which includes the implementation SDR changes to address VIIRS Quality Flag and Calibration issues
  - Additional prior SDR changes also improved data quality
  - The team will continue systematic monitoring of product quality and will report any issues found immediately.
- The <u>Suomi NPP Active Fire ARP was declared</u>
  <u>Operational</u> by the NESDIS Satellite Products and Services Review Board (SPSRB)
  - Primary use in NOAA'S Hazard Mapping System





- An automated <u>long-term monitoring system</u> is being set up at STAR for quality monitoring and reactive maintenance of the Suomi NPP Active Fire product
- A processing code is available to generate a product that meets the <u>JPSS 1 requirements</u> is available
  - Developed as part of a NASA Science Team effort
  - Implemented at STAR
  - NOAA implementation details are being worked on
  - CDR is planned for October 2014
- Continuing efforts towards rigorous <u>validation</u> using <u>independent reference data</u>



# **For more information**



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