

Cyanobacteria Chlorophyll-a NDCI L1C

Evalscript

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// CyanoLakes Chlorophyll-a L1C
// Jeremy Kravitz & Mark Matthews (2020)

// Water body detection - credit Mohor Gartner
var MNDWI_threshold=0.42; //testing shows recommended 0.42 for Sentinel-2 and Landsat 8. For the scene 1
var NDWI_threshold=0.4; //testing shows recommended 0.4 for Sentinel-2 and Landsat 8. For the scene 1
var filter_UABS=true;
var filter_SSI=false;
function wbi(r,g,b,nir,swir1,swir2) {
    //water surface
    let ws=0;
    //try as it might fail for some pixel
    try {
        //calc indices
        //[4][5][1][8][2][3]
        var ndvi=(nir-r)/(nir+r),mndwi=(g-swir1)/(g+swir1),ndwi=(g-nir)/(g+nir),ndwi_leaves=(nir-swir1)/(nir+swir1),
        //[[10][11][12]
        var dbsi=((swir1-g)/(swir1+g))-ndvi,wii=Math.pow(nir,2)/r,wri=(g+r)/(nir+swir1),puwi=5.83*g-6.13*nir;
        //DEFINE WB
        if (mndwi>MNDWI_threshold||ndwi>NDWI_threshold||aweinsh>0.1879||aweish>0.1112||ndvi<-0.2||ndvi>0.2){
            //filter urban areas [3] and bare soil [10]
            if (filter_UABS && ws==1) {
                if ((aweinsh<=-0.03)||((dbsi>0))){ws=0;}
            }
        }catch(err){ws=0;}
        return ws;
    }
}

let water = wbi(B04,B03,B02,B08,B11,B12);

// Floating vegetation
function FAI (a,b,c) {return (b-a-(c-a)*(783-665)/(865-665))};
let FAIv = FAI(B04,B07,B8A);
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// Chlorophyll-a
function NDCI (a,b) {return (b-a)/(b+a)};
let NDCIv = NDCI(B04,B05);
let chl = 826.57 * NDCIv**3 - 176.43 * NDCIv**2 + 19 * NDCIv + 4.071; // From simulated data

// True colour
let trueColor = [3*B04,3*B03,3*B02];

// Render colour map
if (water==0) {
    return trueColor;
} else if (FAIv>0.08){
    return [233/255,72/255,21/255];
} else if (chl<0.5){
    return [0,0,1.0];
} else if (chl<1){
    return [0,0,1.0];
} else if (chl<2.5){
    return [0,59/255,1];
} else if (chl<3.5){
    return [0,98/255,1];
} else if (chl<5){
    return [15/255,113/255,141/255];
} else if (chl<7){
    return [14/255,141/255,120/255];
} else if (chl<8){
    return [13/255,141/255,103/255];
} else if (chl<10){
    return [30/255,226/255,28/255];
} else if (chl<14){
    return [42/255,226/255,28/255];
} else if (chl<18){
    return [68/255,226/255,28/255];
} else if (chl<20){
    return [68/255,226/255,28/255];
} else if (chl<24){
    return [134/255,247/255,0];
} else if (chl<28){
    return [140/255,247/255,0];
} else if (chl<30){
    return [205/255,237/255,0];
} else if (chl<38){

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    return [208/255,240/255,0];
} else if (chl<45){
    return [208/255,240/255,0];
} else if (chl<50){
    return [251/255,210/255,3/255];
} else if (chl<75){
    return [248/255,207/255,2/255];
} else if (chl<90){
    return [134/255,247/255,0];
} else if (chl<100){
    return [245/255,164/255,9/255];
} else if (chl<150){
    return [240/255,159/255,8/255];
} else if (chl<250){
    return [237/255,157/255,7/255];
} else if (chl<300){
    return [239/255,118/255,15/255];
} else if (chl<350){
    return [239/255,101/255,15/255];
} else if (chl<450){
    return [239/255,100/255,14/255];
} else if (chl<500){
    return [233/255,72/255,21/255];
} else return [233/255,72/255,21/255];

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Evaluate and Visualize

- [Copernicus Browser](#)
- [EO Browser](#)

General description of the script

Provides an estimate of chlorophyll-a for cyanobacteria blooms for surface waterbodies using the [Normalised Difference Chlorophyll Index](#) for use with L1C Sentinel-2 data.

The chlorophyll-a estimation is based on simulated dataset for cyanobacteria *Microcystis Aeruginosa* using methods that can be found in Kravitz et al., (2021).

Also uses the Floating Algal Index (Hu, 2009) to detect surface blooms and floating vegetation.

Uses the [water bodies mapping](#) technique of Mohor Gartner.



Visualises land using a simple RGB approach.

Technical details

A chl-a retrieval model was calibrated using a novel, high quality synthetic dataset of coincident S2-MSI remote sensing reflectance (Rrs) and pigment concentrations (figure below). The parameterization of the dataset was informed by the LIMNADES dataset [Lake Bio-optical Measurements and Matchup Data for Remote Sensing](#) and compiled using the Hydrolight radiative transfer software (version 5.2, Sequoia Scientific, USA; Mobley, 1994). The unique dataset accounts for the optical complexity of mixed cyanobacteria phytoplankton assemblages, and immense optical variability typically found in global inland water bodies.

In order to produce a fast and robust chl-a estimate from S2, the normalized difference chlorophyll index (NDCI) was used to establish an empirically derived chl-a model (Mishra and Mishra, 2012). The NDCI model utilizes MSI spectral bands located at 665 nm and 705 nm, which are maximally sensitive to chl-a absorption, and backscattering induced reflectance, respectively. NDCI is calculated by taking the spectral difference of these two bands, and normalizing by their sums, as follows:

$$\text{NDCI} = [\text{Rrs}(705) - \text{Rrs}(665)] / [\text{Rrs}(705) + \text{Rrs}(665)] \quad (1)$$





The index was trained on synthetic data with the following restrictions to limit uncertainty due to extreme cases:

- 1 Concentration of non-algal particles (Cnap) < 10 ug/L
- 2 Absorption due to coloured dissolved organic matter (CDOM) < 3 m⁻¹
- 3 Chl-a concentrations less than 500 ug/L
- 4 Only cyanobacteria *M. aeruginosa* used in training.

This resulting in 9836 samples, which were separated into a training dataset of 7868 samples (80%) and a dataset to test the predictive capability of the model of 1968 samples (20%). An exponential model resulted in the best fit on the training data (eq. 2) based on Pearson correlation coefficient (R²=0.52), with predictive statistics shown in the figure below.

$$\text{Chl-a} = 17.441e(4.7038*\text{NDCI}) \quad (2)$$



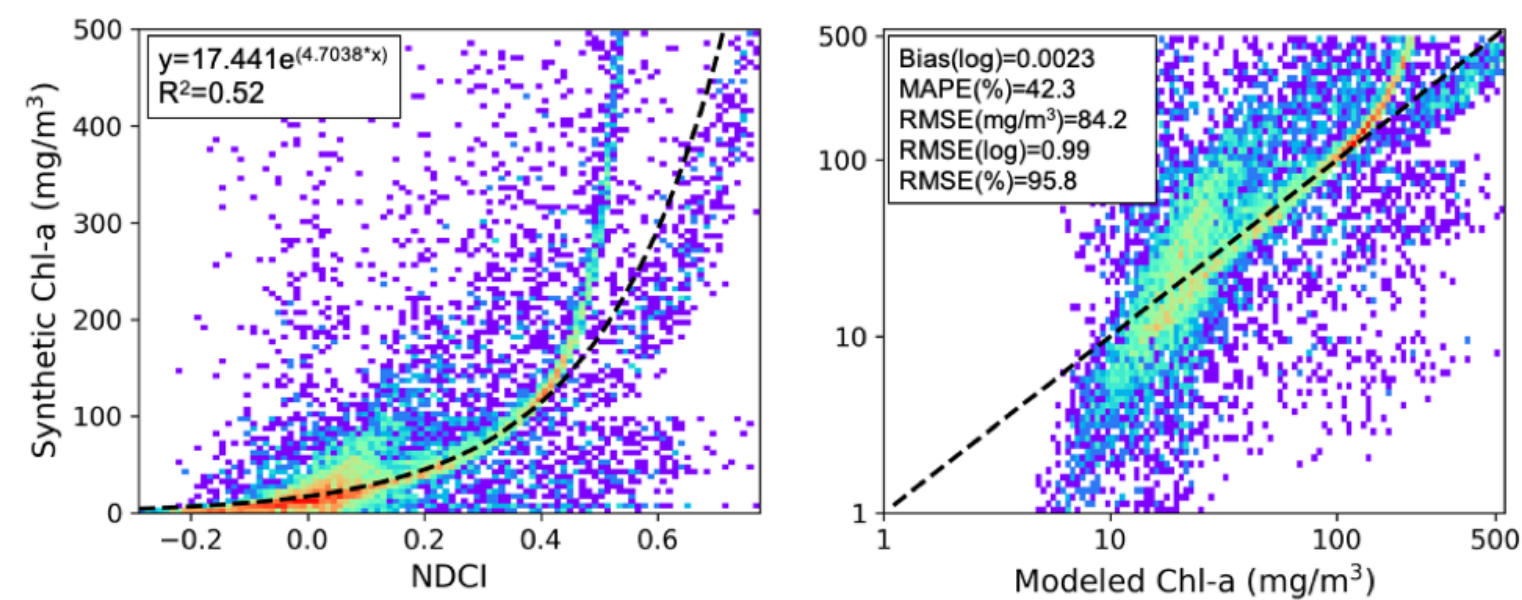
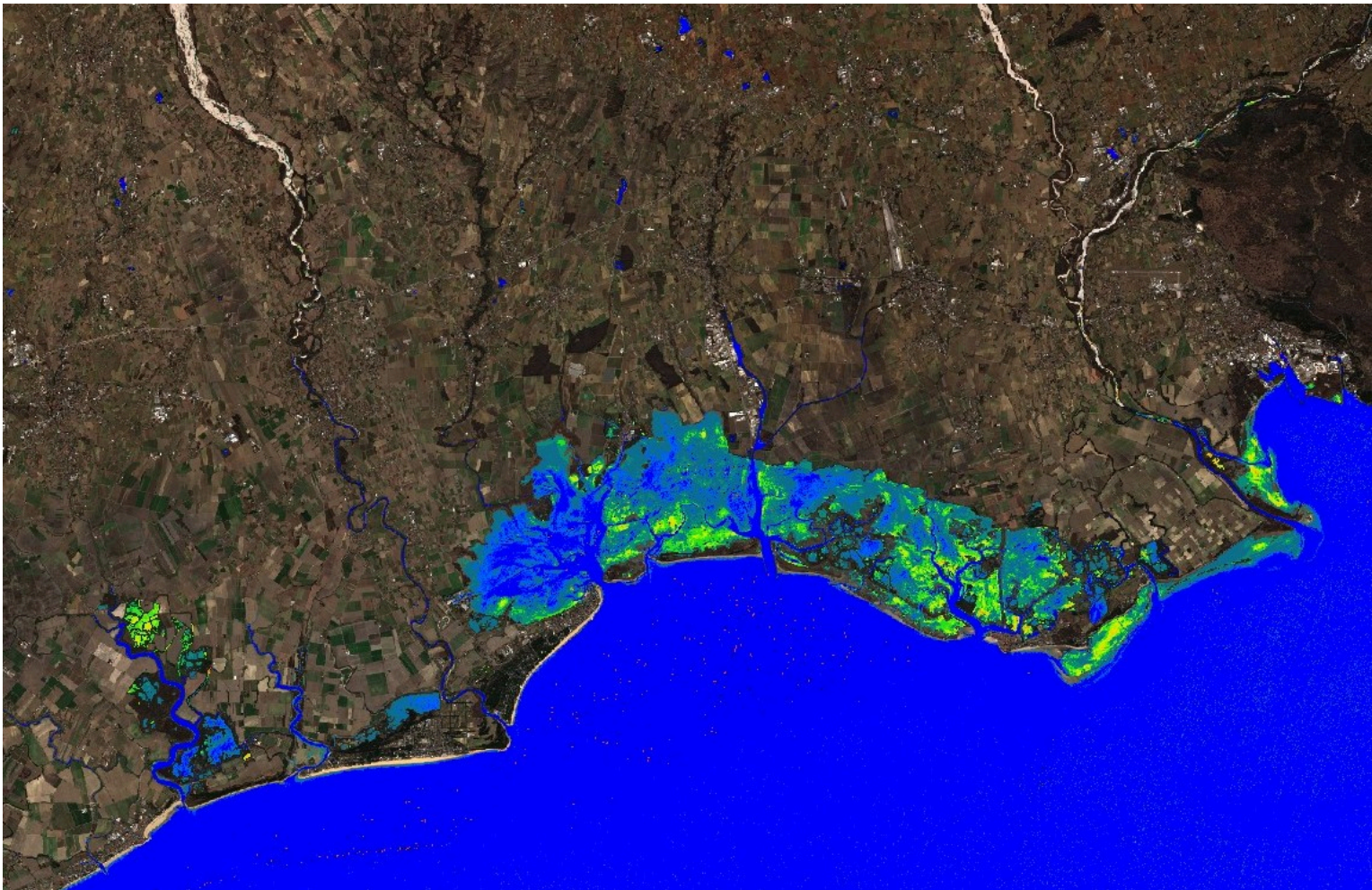


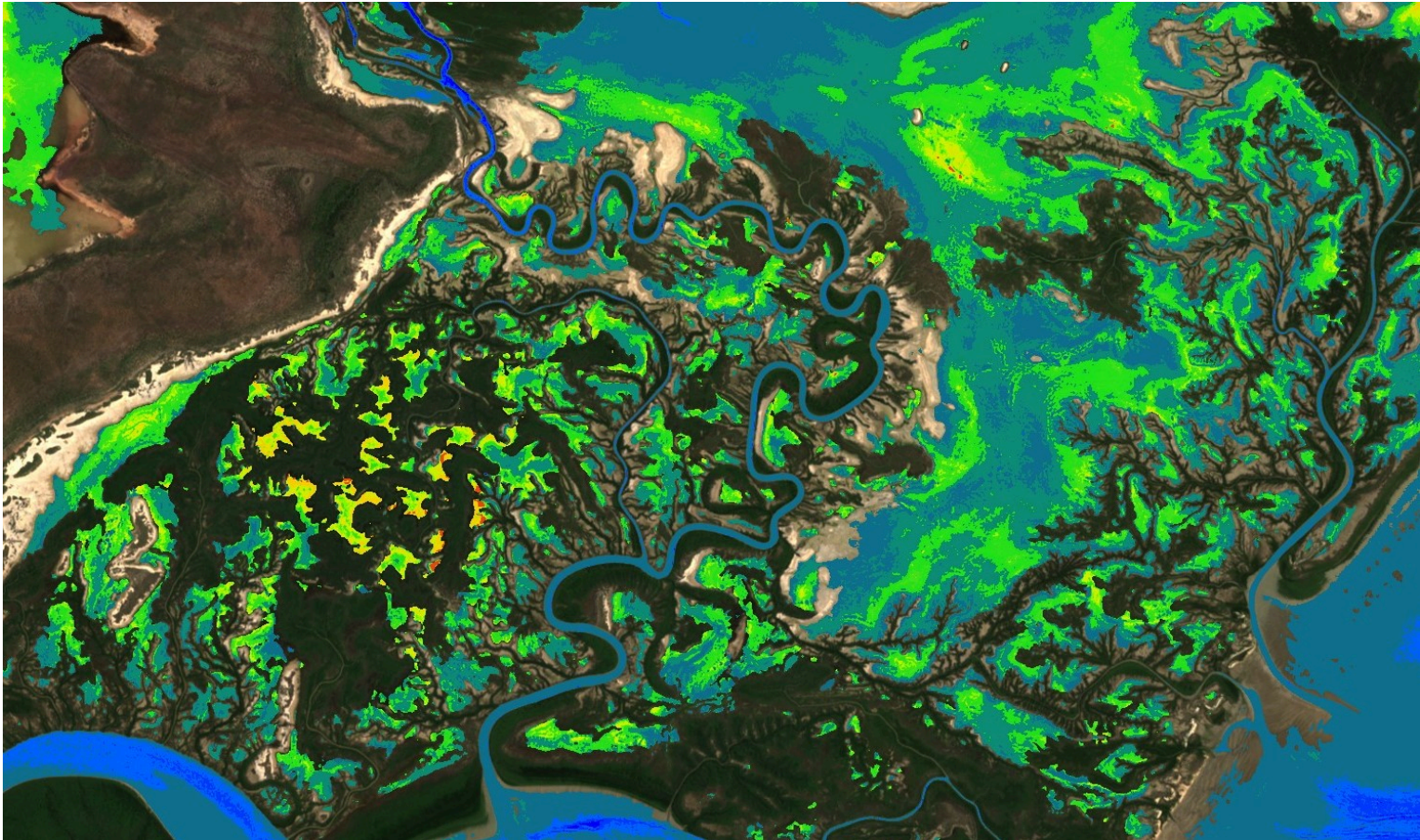
Table 1: Predictive capability of calibrated NDCI model

Log Bias	MAPE (%)	RMSE (mg/m3)	Log RMSE	Relative RMSE (%)
0.0023	42.3	84.2	0.99	95.8

Representative Images

Cyanobacteria Chlorophyll-a NDCI L1C applied to lagoons of Northeastern Italy. Image acquired on 2022-02-12.





Citation

If making use of this algorithm, please cite as follows:

Kravitz, J & Matthews M., 2020. Chlorophyll-a for cyanobacteria blooms from Sentinel-2. CyanoLakes.

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