High-Res Landsat-8 satellite images for human density prediction

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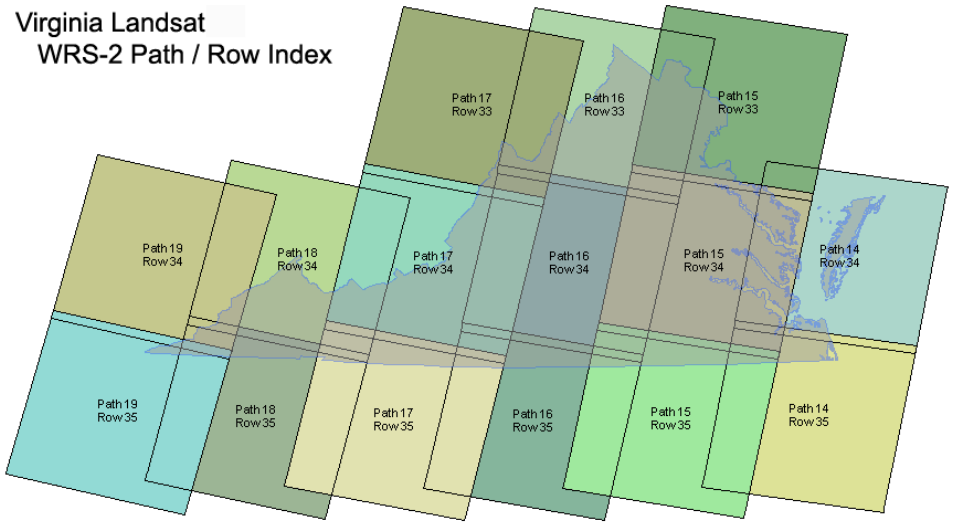
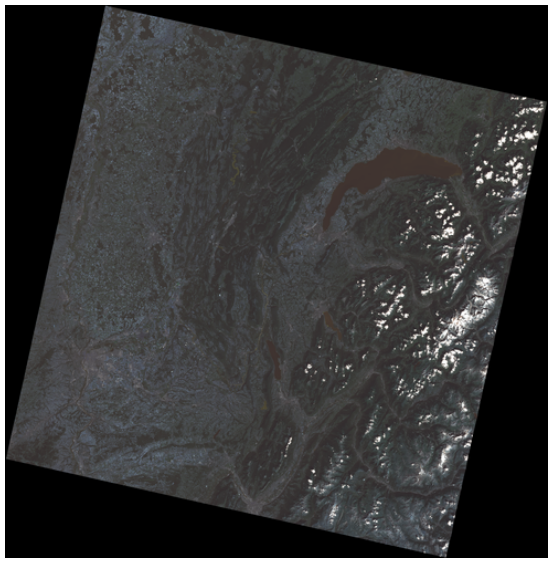
- Population census is expensive using conventional methods
  - 180 millions euros in France (officials,1999)
- How High-resolution satellites images could explain human density ?
- How to transform HR satellite images to explain human density ?

- Total earth covering defined by path,row grid pattern and achieved every 16 days



Landsat-8 grid covering (path,row) for Virginia (*USA*)

- Landsat-8 images are georeferenced which means each pixel has (x,y) meter coordinates in a certain Projection Coordinates System (*ex : UTM, Lambert IV, Lambert 93, Web Mercator,...*)

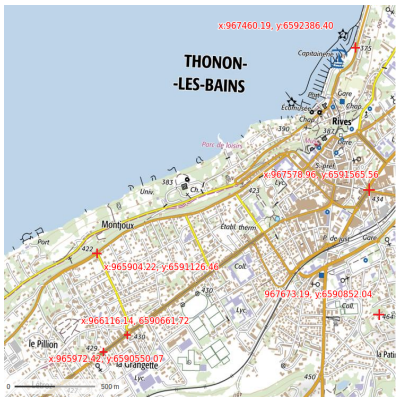


Landsat-8 Eastern-France image
path=196,row=028
georeferenced in *UTM* system
(image containing city
Thonon-les-Bains)

UTM corner coordinates

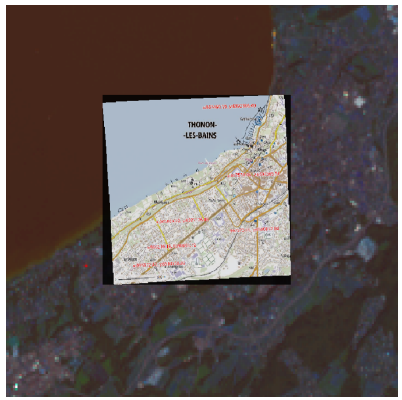
- upper-left (,)
- upper-right (,)
- bottom-right (,)
- bottom-left (,)
- center (,)

- Landast-8 georeferencing can be checked comparing with another georeferenced source like *IGN* using a *SIG* (open source *QGIS*).



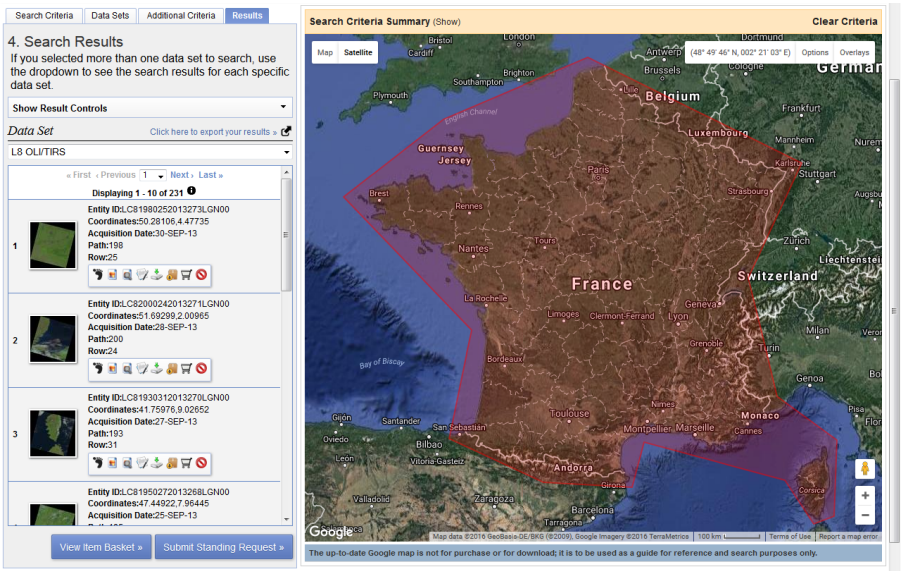
IGN image georeferenced in *Lambert* 93 system

Then IGN image is tranformed to be georeferenced in *UTM* system

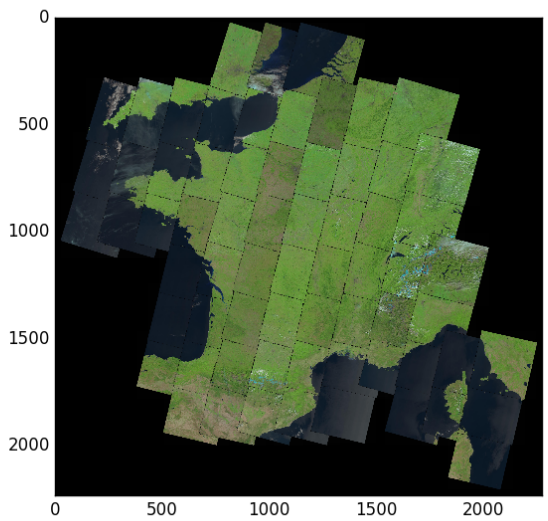


Superposition of IGN and Landsat-8 images both georeferenced in *UTM* system

- Query images from *U.S geological Survey* website
  - cloud covering $\leq 20\%$
  - day acquisition
  - between May, 2013 and September, 2013

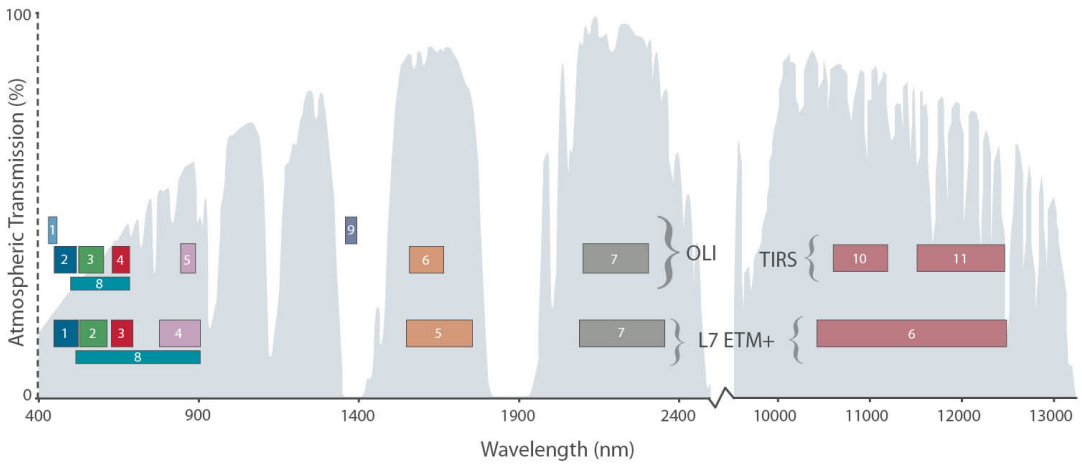


Polygon selection on *USGS* website



68 resulting datasets georeferenced in *UTM* system

- Landsat-8 dataset is composed of
  - 11 bands (OLI/TRS sensors) + 1 quality band (cloudyness of each pixel)
  - Possible combinaison of bands to extract information (bands 4 and 5 for vegetation presence)



Landsat-8 bands (OLI/TIRS sensors)

- Take cities surfaces and densities from 2013 official census (INSEE)
- Take cities latitude and longitude from Google geolocator (Python API)

name	latitude (degrees)	longitude (degrees)	surface (km^2)	density ($habs/km^2$)
Ozan	46.391534	4.915265	6.6	98.3
Cormoranche-sur-Saône	46.240532	4.830863	9	118.9
Paris	48.856614	2.352222	105.4	21153.9
Lyon	45.764043	4.835659	47.87	10459.8
Tours	47.394144	0.68484	34.67	3888.2
Besancon	47.237829	6.024054	65.05	1797.9
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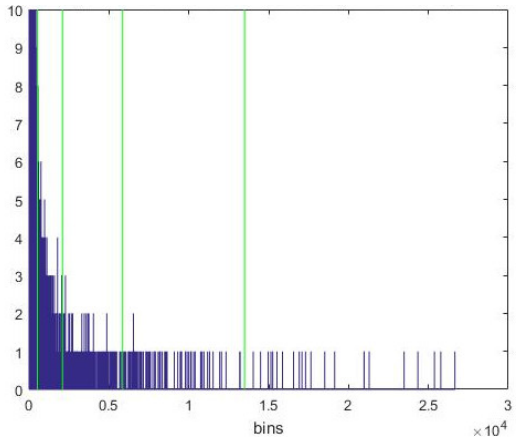
34190 cities (instances)

- Categorize densities applying clustering (Otsu mutli-thresholding)



Density histogram (habs/km^2)

catégory 1 : density between 0 and 500
catégory 2 : density between 500 and 2000
catégory 3 : density between 2000 and 5000
catégory 4 : density between 5000 and 10000
catégory 5 : density between 10000 and 13000
catégory 6 : density greater than 13000

name	latitude (degrees)	longitude (degrees)	surface (km^2)	density (habs/km^2)	density (category)
Ozan	46.391534	4.915265	6.6	98.3	1
Cormoranche-sur-saone	46.240532	4.830863	9	118.9	1
Paris	48.856614	2.352222	105.4	21153.9	6
Lyon	45.764043	4.835659	47.87	10459.8	5
Tours	47.394144	0.68484	34.67	3888.2	3
Besancon	47.237829	6.024054	65.05	1797.9	1
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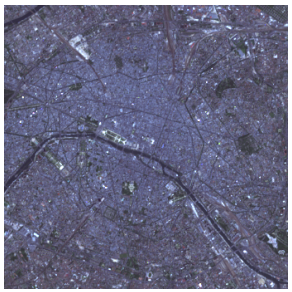
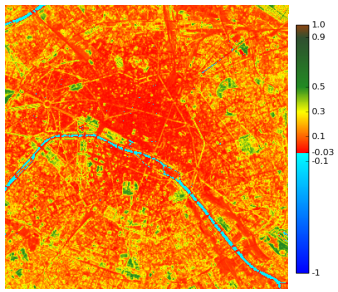
- Compute Normalized Difference Vegetation Indice using bands 4 (Red) and 5 (Near-Infra-Red) for each dataset :
- Values between -1 and 1
- ≤ 0 for water, snow and cloud
- 0 for ground without vegetation
- ≥ 0 ground vegetation

$$NDVI = \frac{NIR - R}{NIR + R}$$



RGB (Paris,May 2013)



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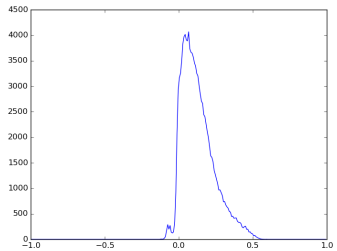
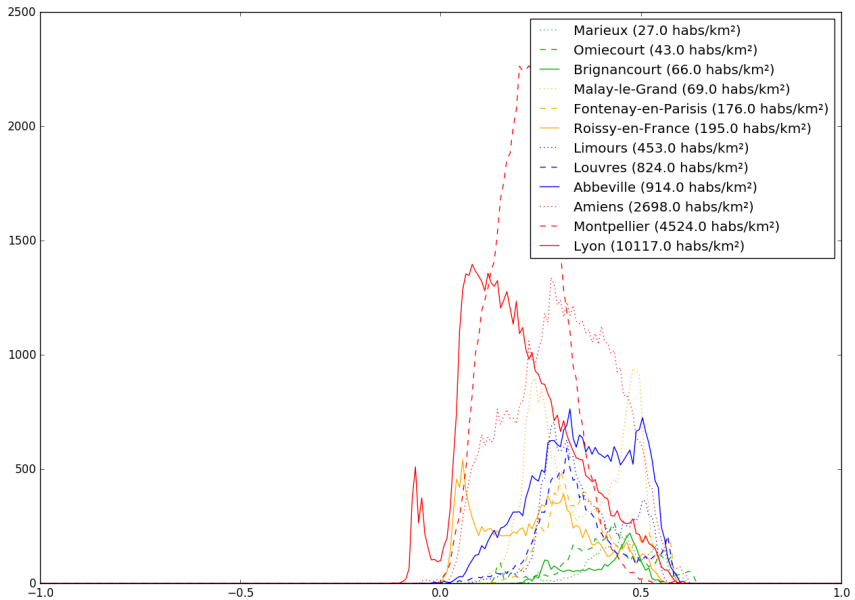


NDVI (1024 bins)-histogram (Paris,May 2013)

- NDVI histogram could explain human density
  - low ndvi mode for high density (poor vegetation)
  - high ndvi mode for low density (rich vegetation)

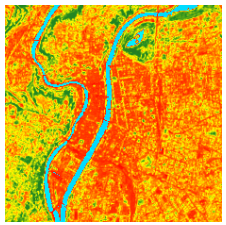


NDVI (1024 bins)-histograms (French cities, July 2013)

NDVI (Brignancourt,July 2013)

NDVI (Louvres,July 2013)

NDVI (Abbeville,July 2013)



NDVI (Lyon,July 2013)

- Explanatory variables : NDVI (1024 bins)-histograms of the 34190 cities
- Predictable variable : density of the 34190 cities for regresion
- Predictable variable : density category of the 34190 cities for classification

nom	bin-1	bin-2	...	bin-511	bin-512	...	bin-1023	bin-1024	densité (habs/km^2)	density (category)
Ozan	0	0	...	1	5	...	0	0	93.0	1
Cormoranche-sur-Saône	0	0	...	1	4	...	0	0	107.0	1
Paris	0	0	...	1953	1815	...	0	0	21288.0	6
Lyon	0	0	...	1099	1032	...	0	0	460.0	5
Tours	0	0	...	268	238	...	0	0	3888.0	3
Besancon	0	0	...	97	122	...	0	0	1797.0	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Very imbalanced data for classification !

category	number of samples
1	32533
2	1252
3	288
4	78
5	15
6	24