

# Reflected Light Science, LLC

# Emerging Remote Sensing Technologies for Detecting, Monitoring, and Mitigating Oil Spills.

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# How Good is Good Enough?

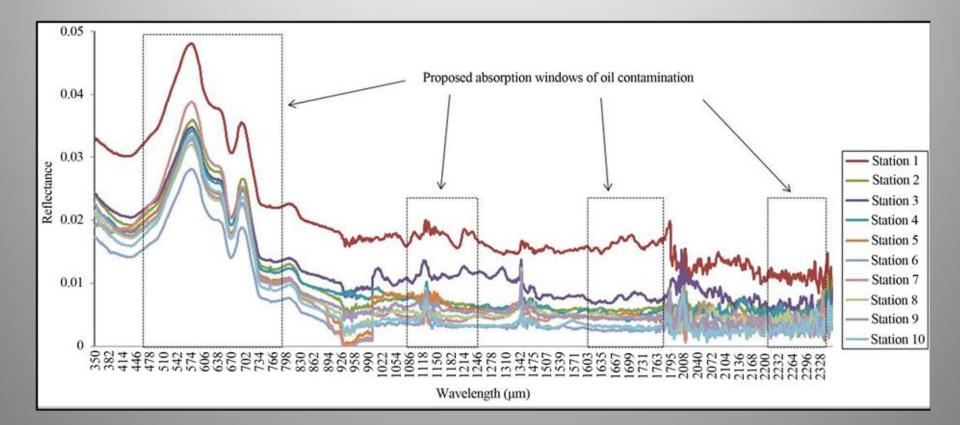
Technology for Monitoring of Areas at Risk of an Oil Spill; Spills in Progress; and Mitigation Operations

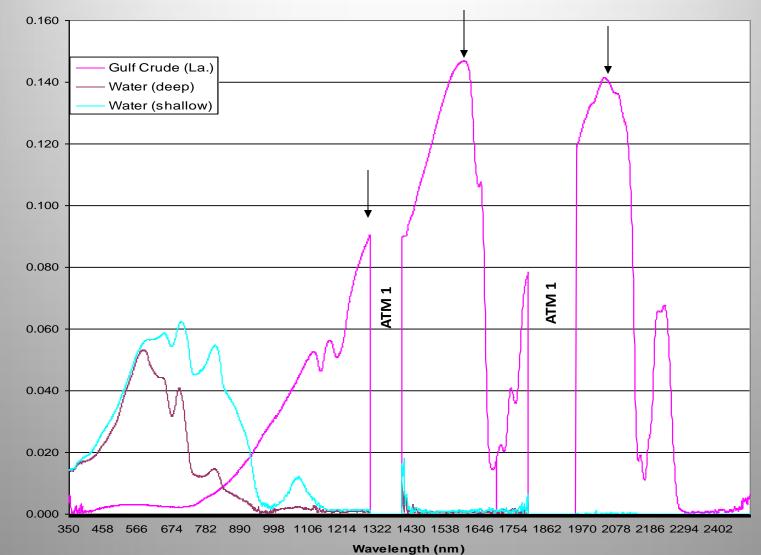
- Persistent Monitoring of Areas of Interest
- Ability to Differentiate between Oil and Water, Oil and Vegetation, Oil and Substrate on the Fly
- Share Information for Decision Making and Reporting

# Airborne and Satellite Mapping Technologies

- Multispectral
- Hyperspectral
- LiDAR, Terrestrial and Benthic
- SAR
- Combination of all of the above

# **Oil Spill Detection and Monitoring**





USACE Spectroscopy - Gulf Oil and Potomac River Water Test June 2010

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# Swanson Creek Oil Spill with Fusion of Multiple Data Sources

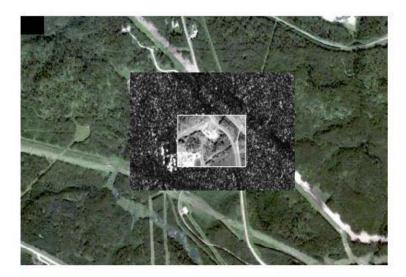
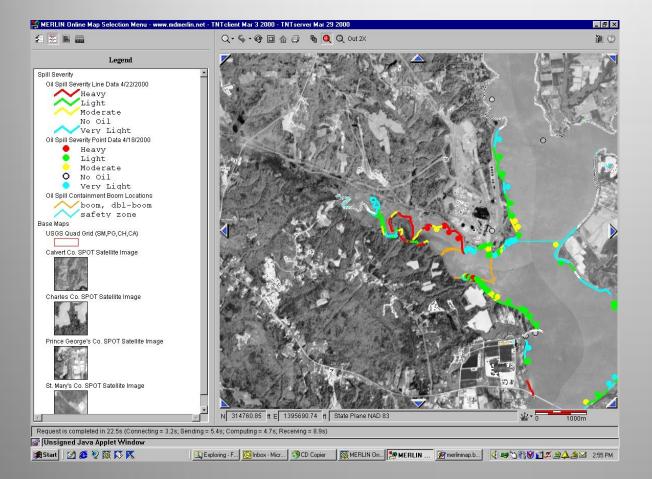


Figure 1: Multi-Sensor data fusion example for pipeline monitoring



#### Separability of Oil, Water, and Vegetation



Oil Spill in Tidal Wetlands

 Analyzed for ability to detect hydrocarbons in the water and wetlands from hyperspectral data

# Post Mortem Analysis

- Phase II operations also include a Site Characterization Study for the Swanson Creek and Marsh, Patuxent River and Tributaries, Pipeline Excavation Plan and Long Term Monitoring Plan.
- Statistics:
- 126,000 gallons of oil released (estimated)
- 49,748 gallons of net oil recovered
- 7,204,652 pounds of solid waste including oil-contaminated booms, sorbent pads, PPE and other response materials disposed of off-site.
- # Wildlife captured/released 175
- # Wildlife captured/died -27
- # Wildlife found dead 804

# How Good Is Good Enough?

- Technology that Allows Monitoring and Detection of Oil on Land or Water
- Rapid Processing of Mapped Images and Ability to Share the Information
- Ability to Provide Locations and Volumes at the Surface
- Cost Effective Management Solutions

### FalconScan Multispectral Camera





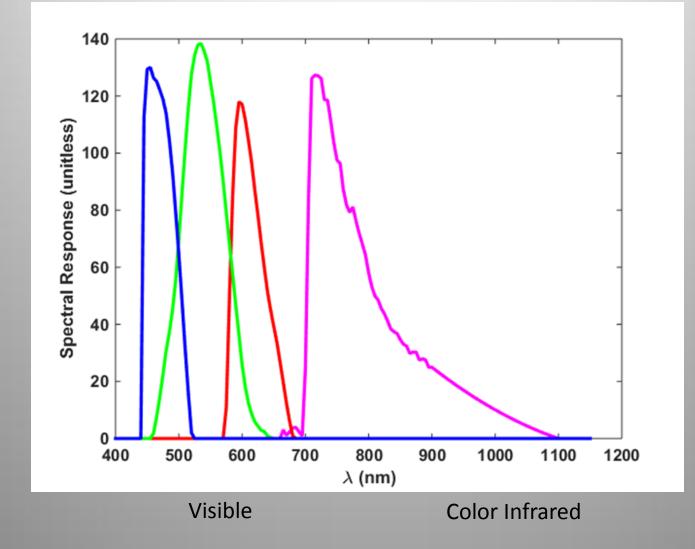
# Camera In Aircraft



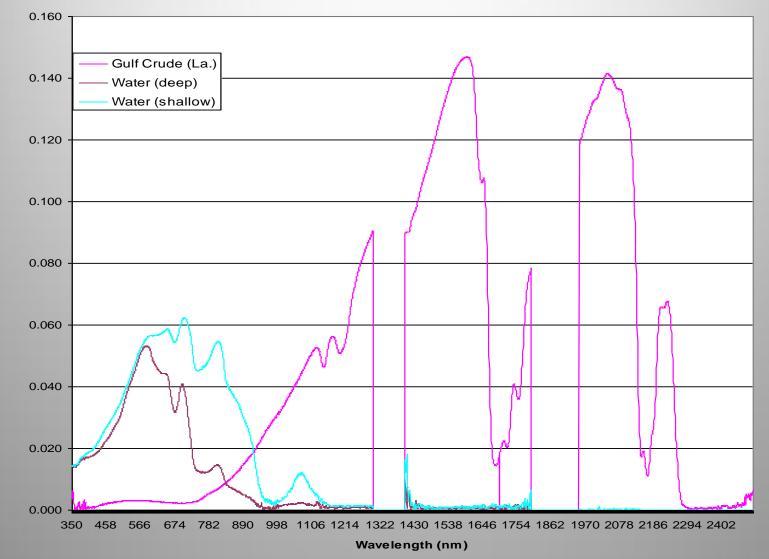
# System Description

- Compact Enough to Fit in all Manned and Many UAVs and is Very Cost Effective
- Extended Spectral Range for Vegetation Detection and Monitoring
- Automated
  - Flight Line Generation,
  - Camera Trigger,
  - Cloud Processing and Mosaic of Geolocated Image,
  - Rapid Delivery of 2 or 3 D Product for Further Analysis

## Spectral Response Of FalconScan



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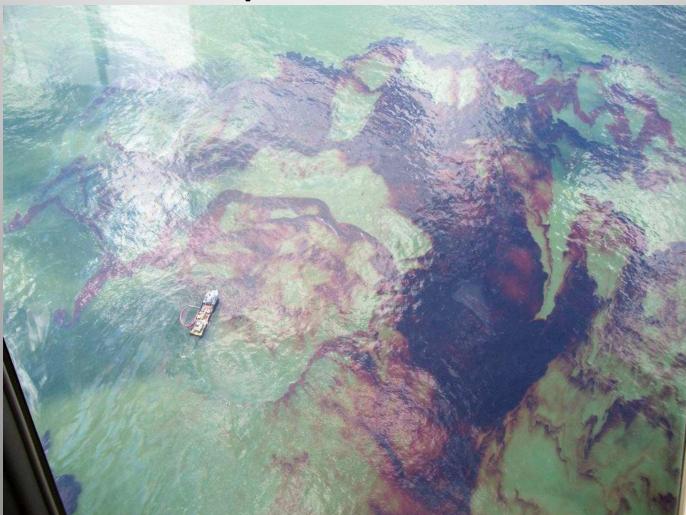


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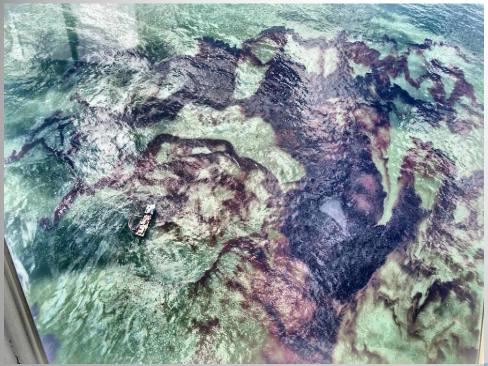
Additional Processing of Digital Images on the Fly

- Original Image is unchanged
- Progressive and gradual application of processing formula allows end users to see everything in the image
- Enhances dark images
- Differentiates Oil from Water, Land or Vegetation
- Reduces haze and smoke
- Change Detection over time for Measurements

# Original Multispectral Photo of an Oil Spill from Aircraft



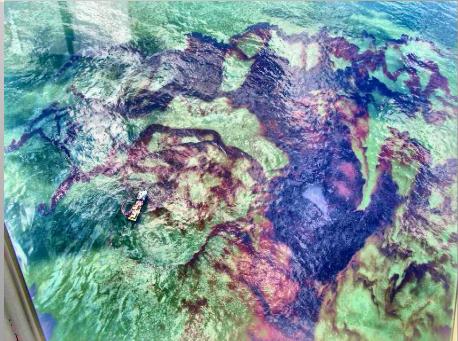




No Color Enhancement

### **Digital Enhancement**

#### With Color Enhancement



# Benefits of Multispectral Images for Oil Spill Detection and Monitoring

- Automated and Cost Effective Camera Systems for Collection of Images from Almost any Aircraft,
- Faster Computers to Process Data, and
- Transmission Technologies that Allow almost Immediate Sharing of the Results
- Additional On the Fly Processing of Multispectral Images Provides Rapid Answers to Questions

# Thanks

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