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EO-1 Hyperion data was used to classify three distinct forest species during 3 seasons (monsoon, winter, summer) and the best classification accuracies were achieved using kernel principal component analysis through maximum likelihood classifier (kPCA-ML) for the monsoon season with overall accuracies of 83 to 100 percent for single species, 74 to 81 percent for two species, and 72 percent for three species respectively.

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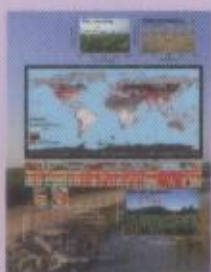
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Introducing the software HyperCor for automated preprocessing and calculation of correlation matrices from hyperspectral field spectrometry and the multi-correlation matrix strategy for the retrieval of hyperspectral vegetation indices to estimate rice biomass in the tillering, stem elongation, heading, and across all growth stages.

797 Automated Class Labeling Of Classified Landsat Tm Imagery Using a Hyperion-Generated Hyperspectral Library

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A new method for the automatic labeling of classified imagery using Z-Score distance is for class label assignment of Landsat-5 TM imagery using Hyperion hyperspectral data.



"Hyperspectral Hyperion images and Spectral Libraries of Agricultural Crops" is the theme of this month's special issue. Global Image on the cover page shows the location of ~64,000 Hyperion sensor (onboard Earth Observing-1 or EO-1, <http://eo1.usgs.gov/satellite>) acquired

images during years 2000-2013. Each image is 7.5 km by 180 km, 242 bands, and 10 nm narrow bandwidth acquiring data in 400-2500 nm spectral range. Images are freely available at: <http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/> Cover page also shows a sample Hyperion image data cubes for an area within the Krishna river basin, India. Typical crop spectra derived from Hyperion images for some of the leading world crops, at certain phenological growth stages, are depicted in bottom left. Hyperspectral signatures of crops shown with photos in the background are gathered using a handheld spectroradiometer. For details read the Highlight article in this issue.

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