Subject: Re: Reprojecting an image file derived from Level 1B MODIS HDF Posted by David Fanning on Mon, 03 Jan 2011 01:42:28 GMT

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Kasia writes:

- > I have an image file that I created using IDL from a Level 1B MODIS
- > HDF file. I now need to reproject this image file to display in Google
- > Earth, but I'm having a hard time figuring out how to do this. The
- > code that generated the image file also outputs a lat/lon for each
- > value so I thought that would help since there is geographic
- > information contained in the image file. But, that hasn't helped me.

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- > I've tried applying the header information from the original HDF file
- > to the new image file using ENVI because I know it can read these
- > MODIS files, but that hasn't worked too well. ENVI can reproject the
- > MODIS HDF file beautifully but I also need it to do the same for the
- > new image file.

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- > All of the projection and lat/lon information in the new image file is
- > identical to that of the original MODIS HDF file that I can easily
- > reproject in ENVI. I just can't figure out how to add that information
- > to the image file so ENVI can do the same sort of magic on the new
- > file.

Google Earth wants everything in a simple cylindrical projection with a WGS84 datum. I would just use Map_Proj_Image to warp your image, in its native projection, to a Cylindrical projection.

Here is an article that describes how this can be done:

http://www.dfanning.com/map_tips/warpimage.html

Cheers,

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: http://www.dfanning.com/
Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")