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This Atlas provides color plates of solar radiation intensity as it falls across the State of Florida

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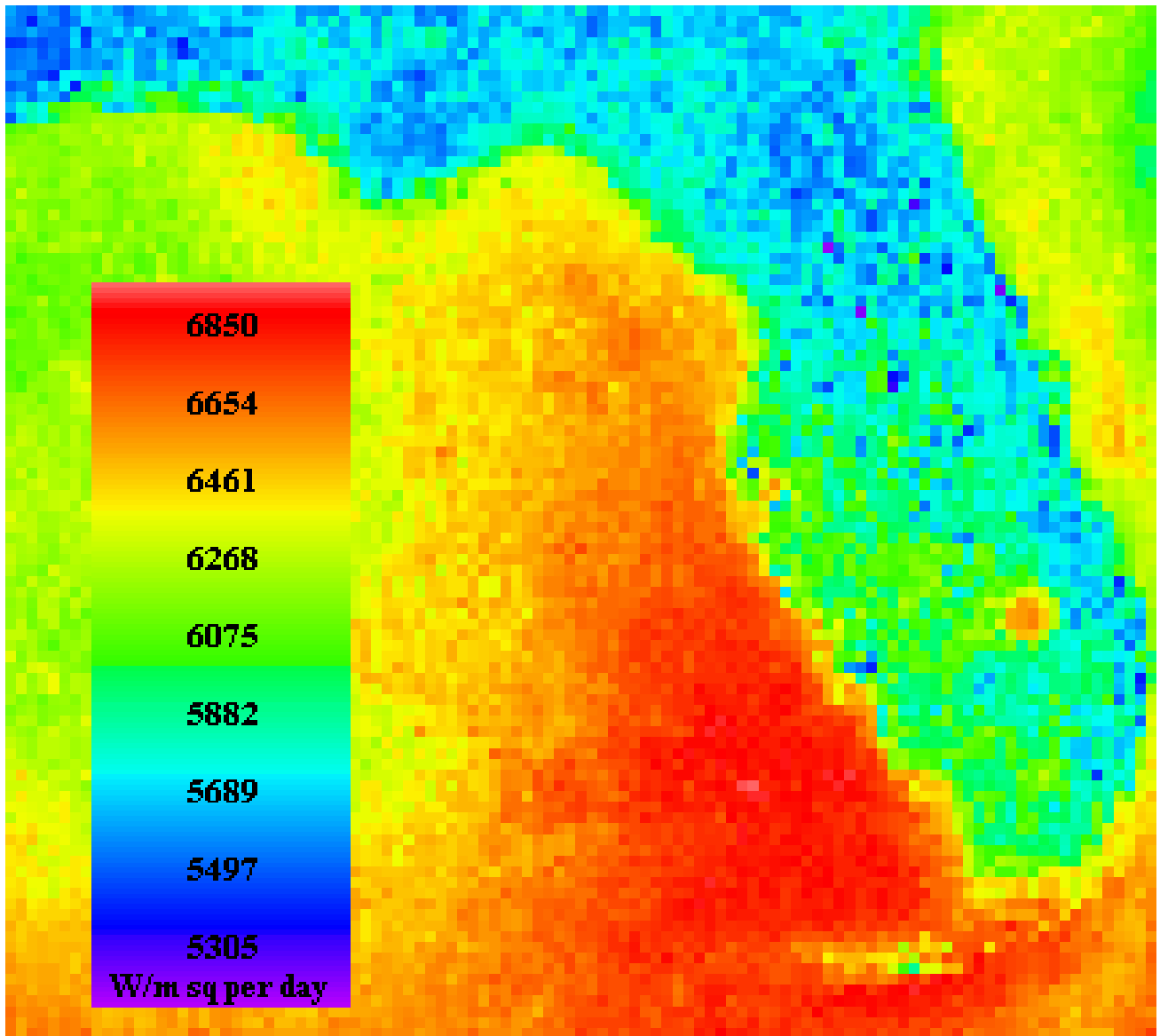
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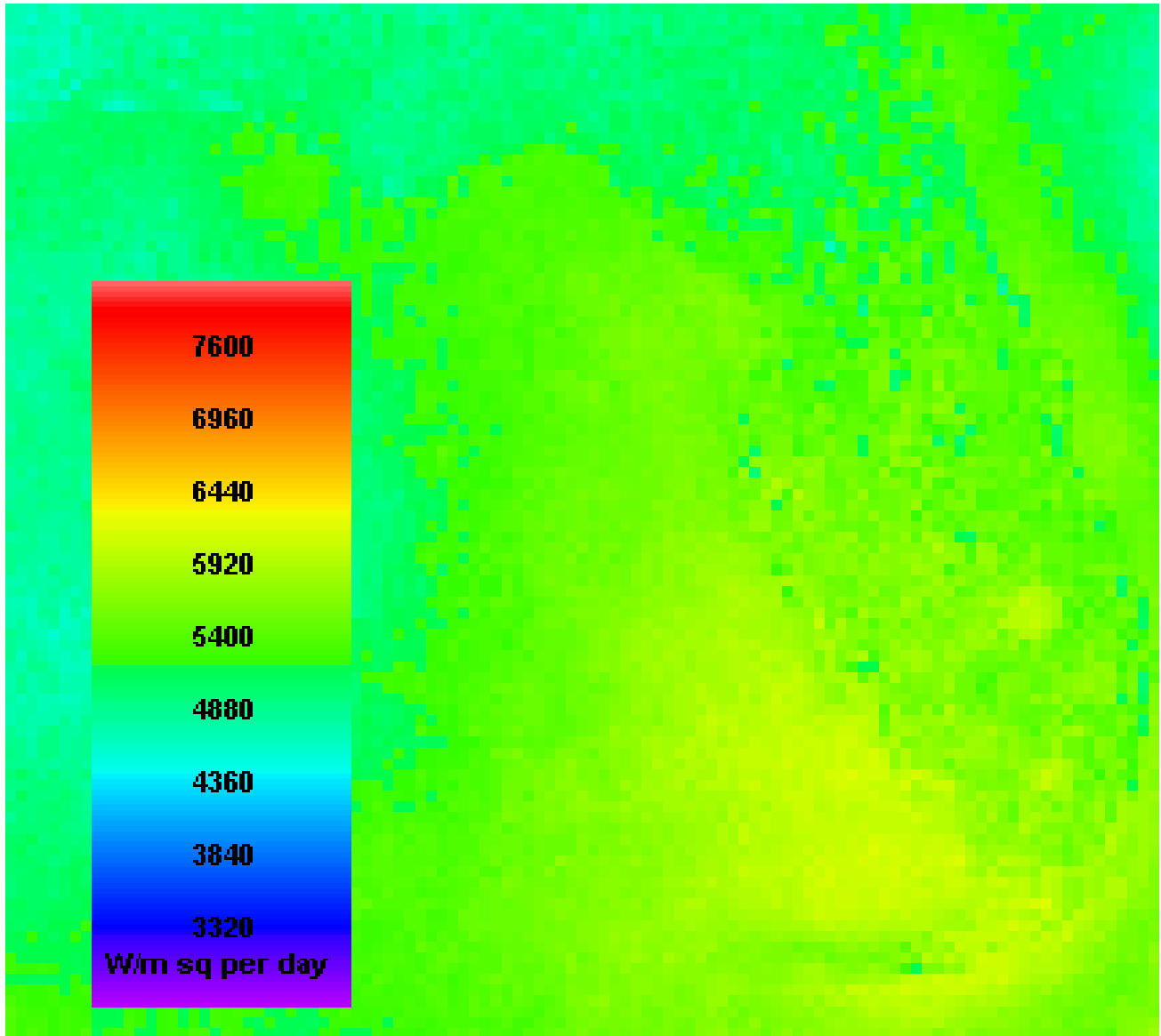
NOMENCLATURE

DIRECT BEAM: This is the solar energy that is available by the sunlight coming directly from the sun disk. The beams of light are parallel to each other. To receive such sunlight, a collector must have a means of tracking the sun as it moves across the sky. Concentrating collectors that focus the sun's rays in some way cannot use diffuse sunlight, they must have direct beam energy. This is the resource used by dish or trough concentrating collectors.

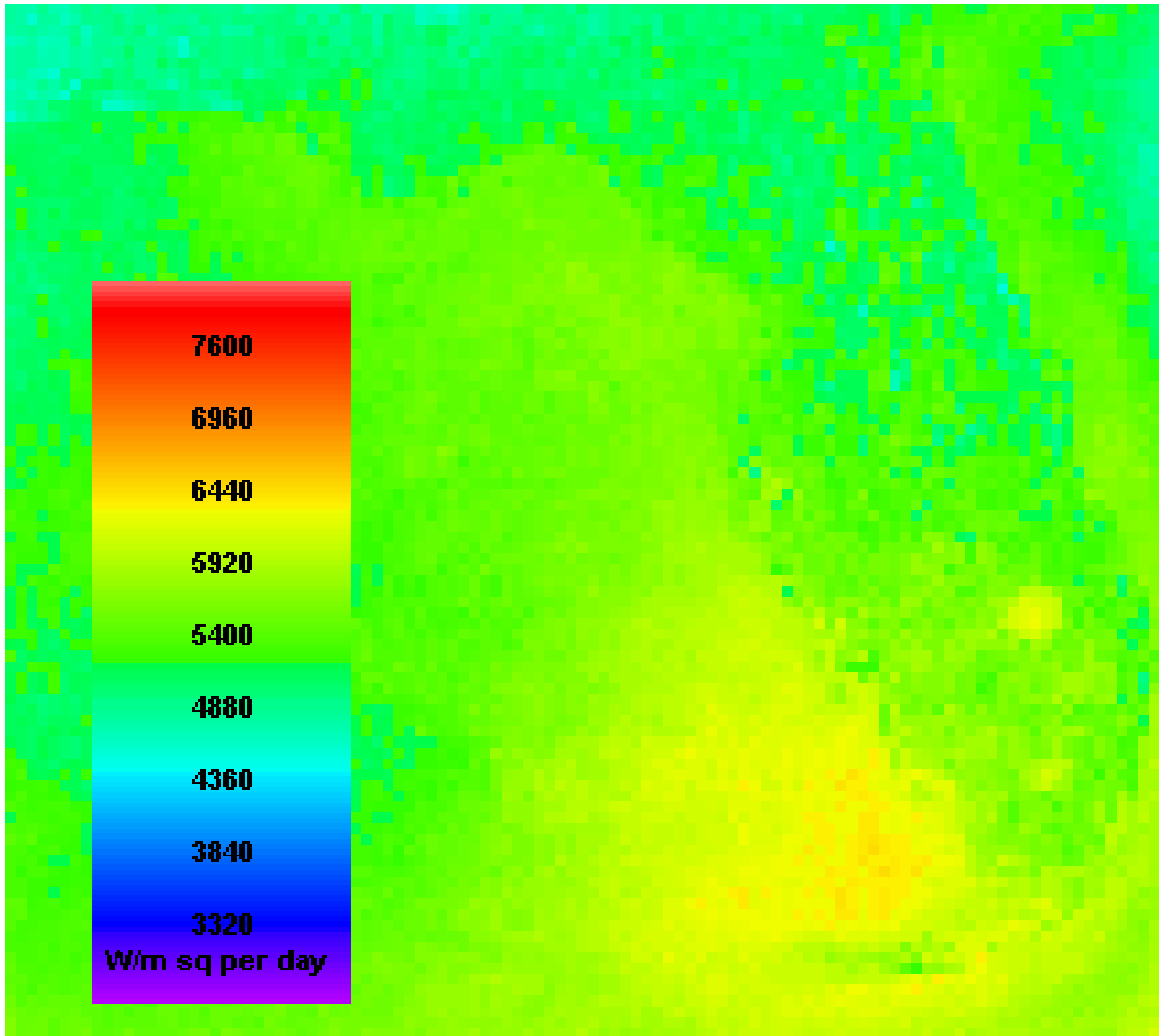
GLOBAL DIRECT: This is the solar energy that is available to a flat plate collector that tracks the sun path. This resource is always more than the Direct Beam energy because a tracking flat plate receives both the Direct Beam energy and the available diffuse (scattered) sunlight energy. In Florida, a fixed collector at latitude tilt typically receives about 23% less energy than a flat plate tracking collector.



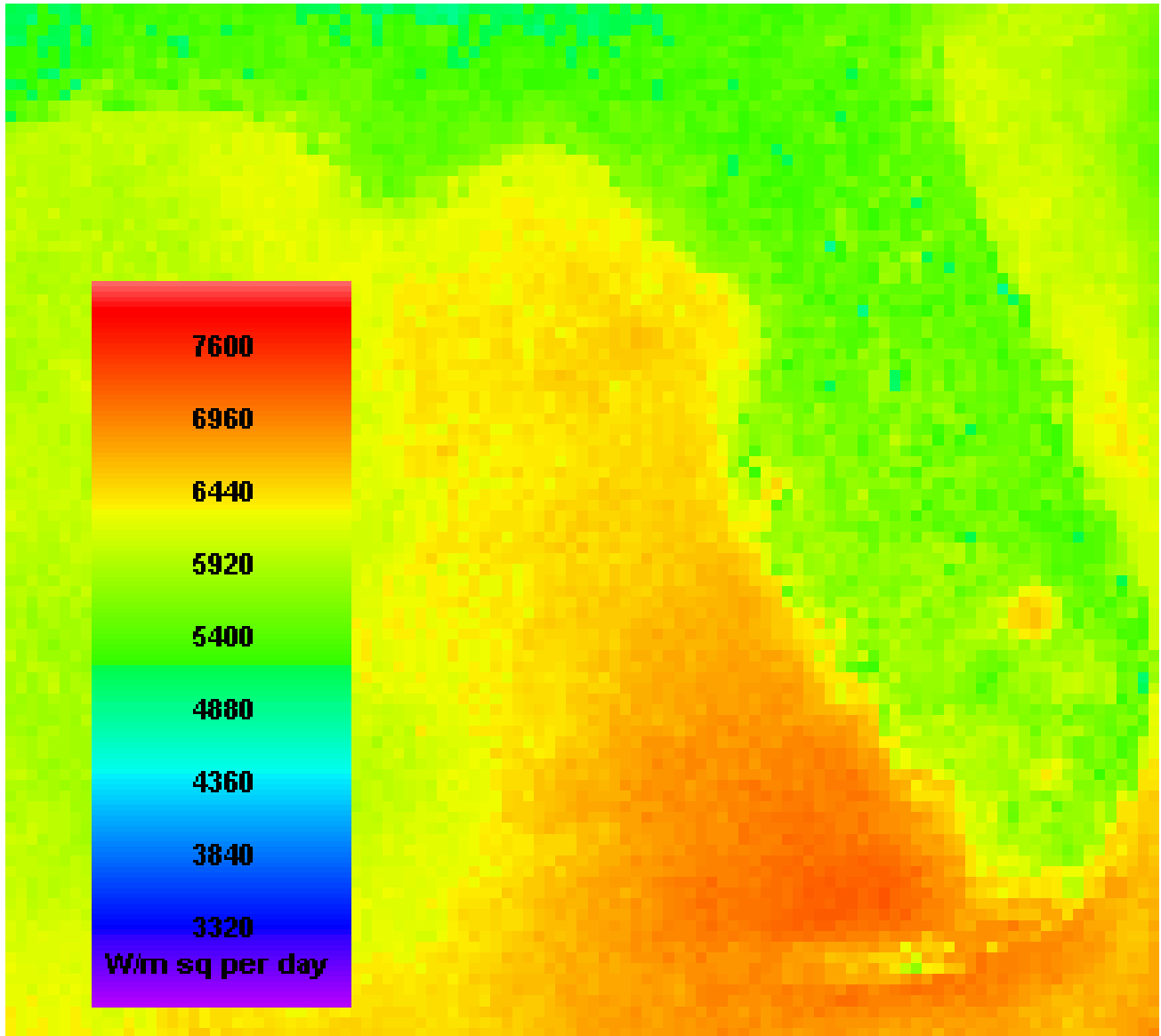
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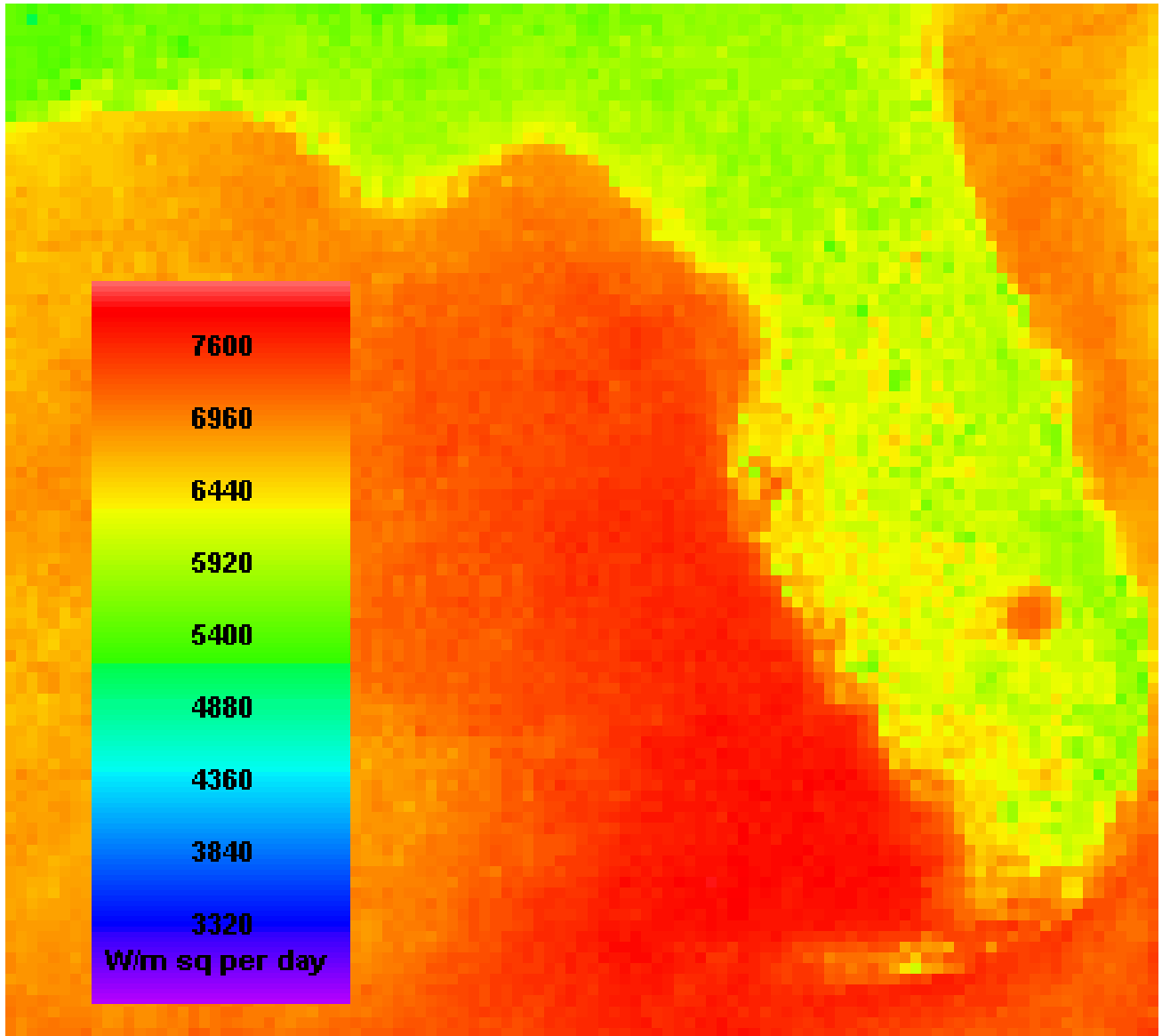
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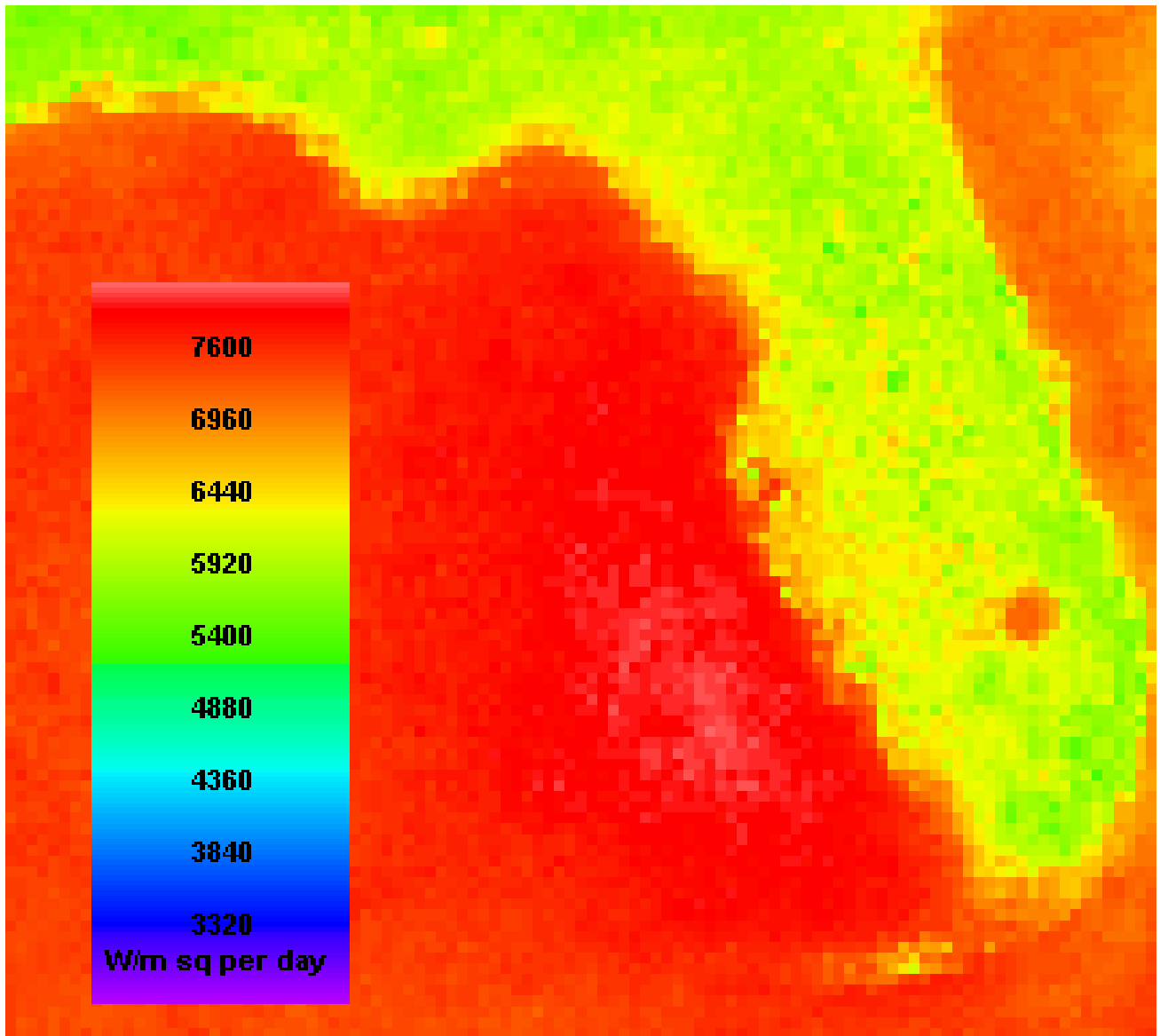
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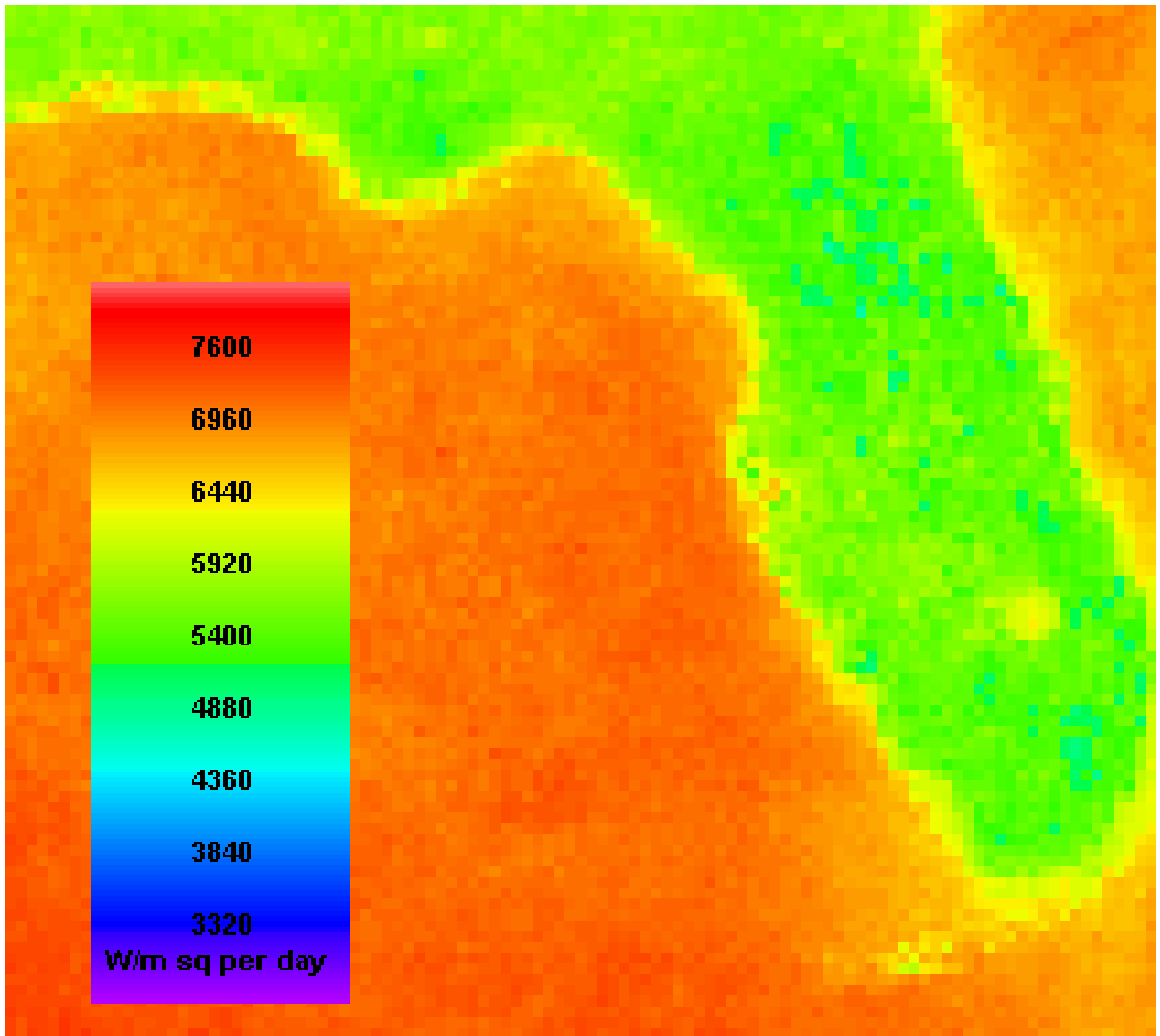
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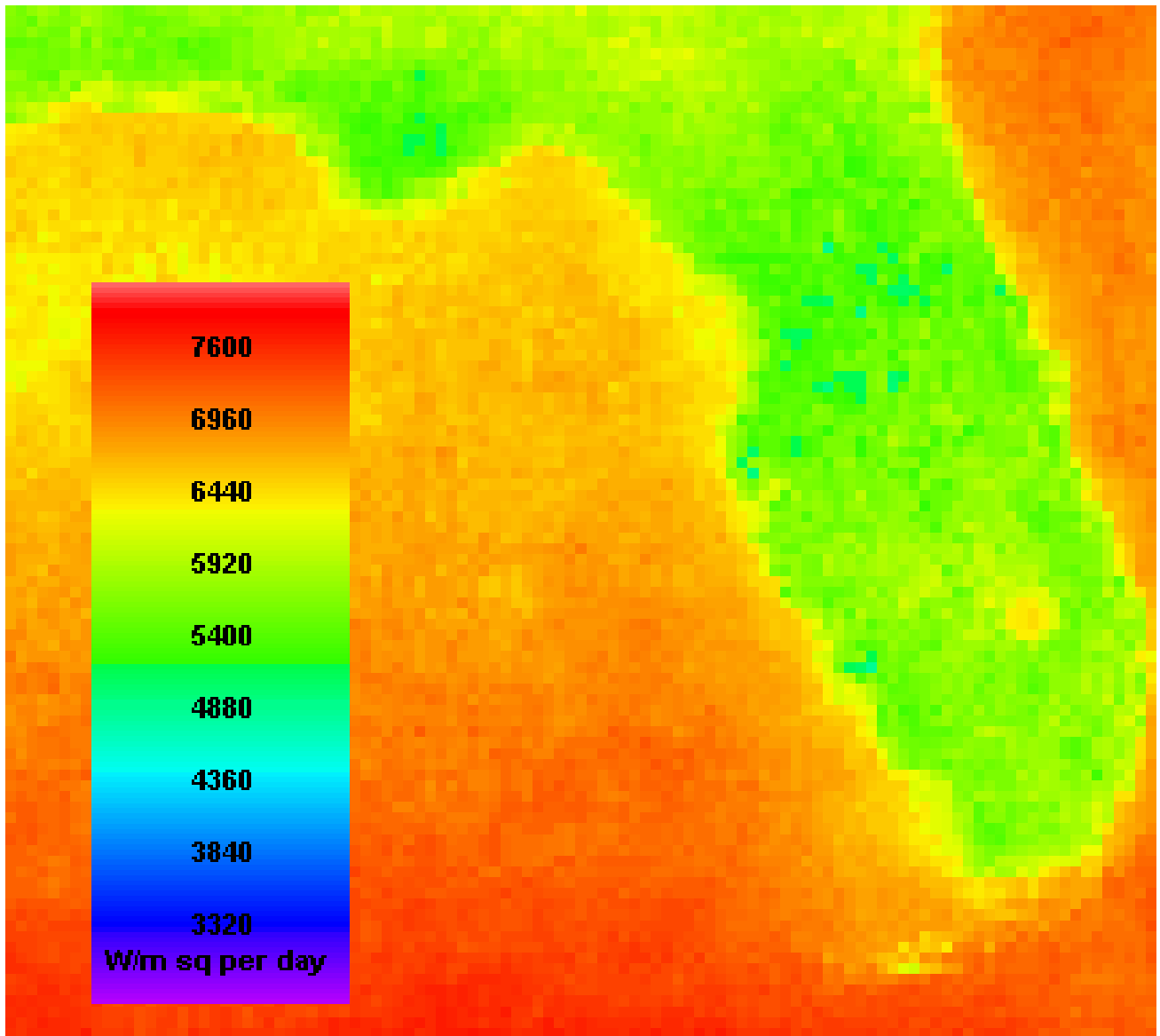
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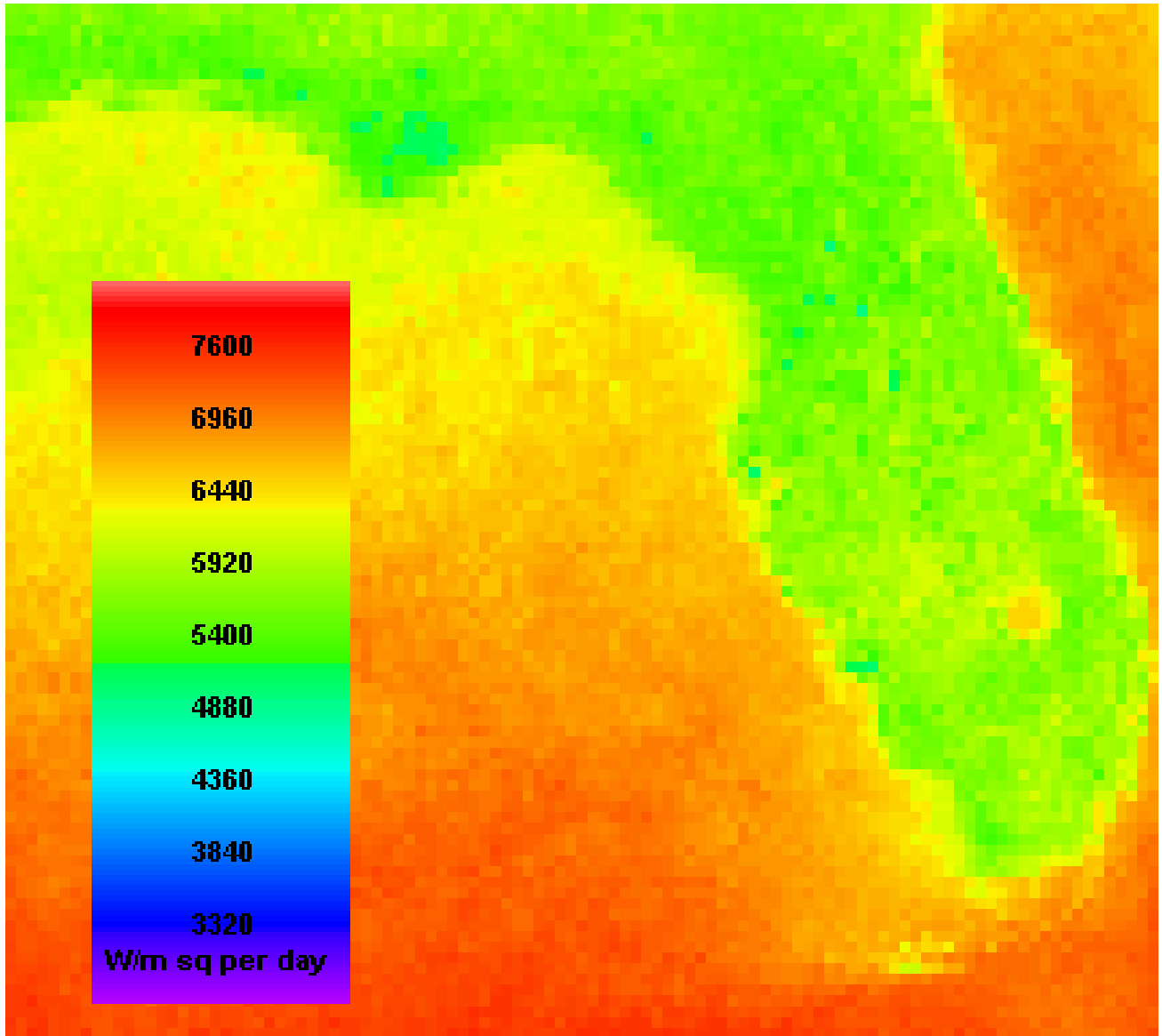
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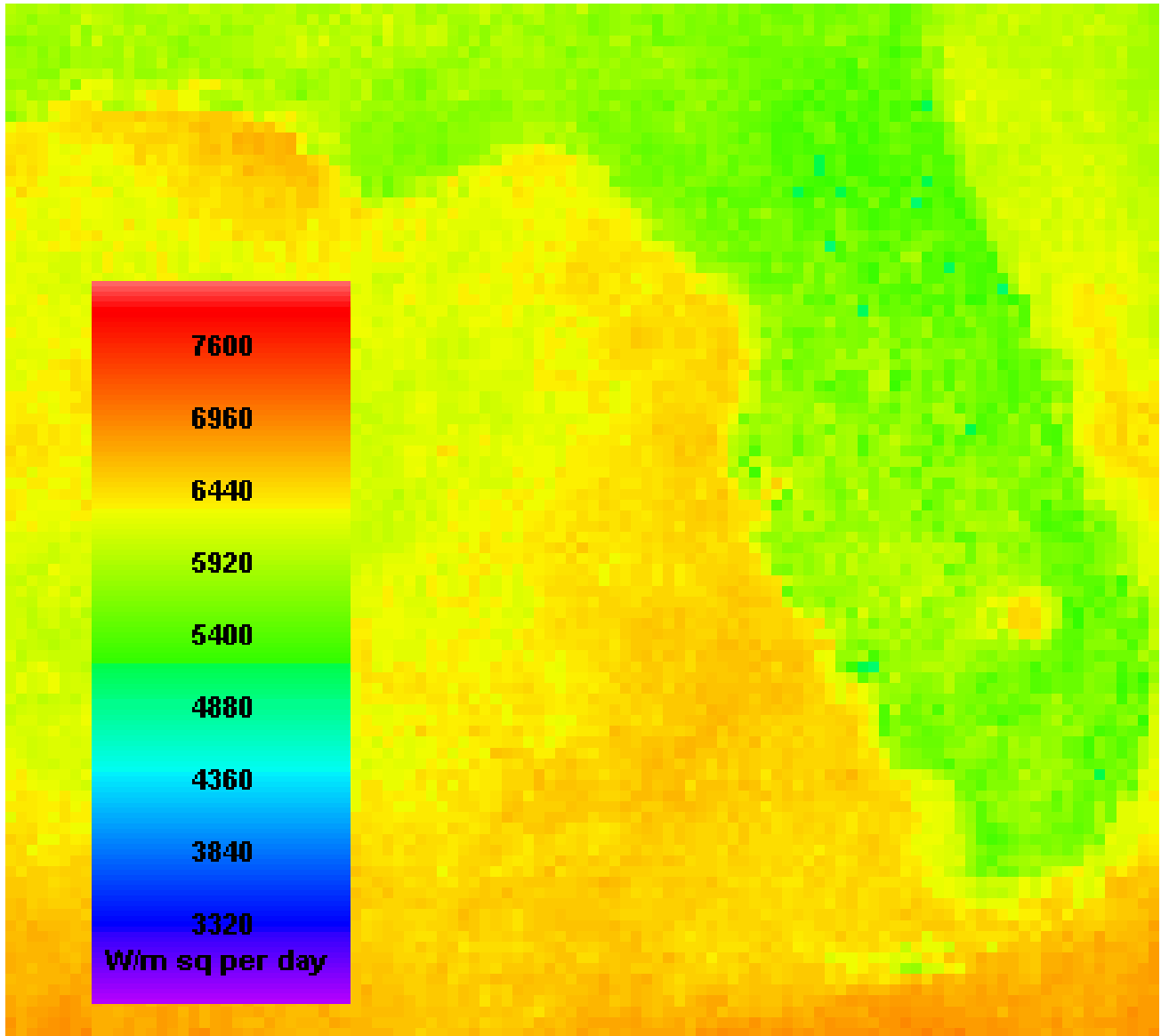
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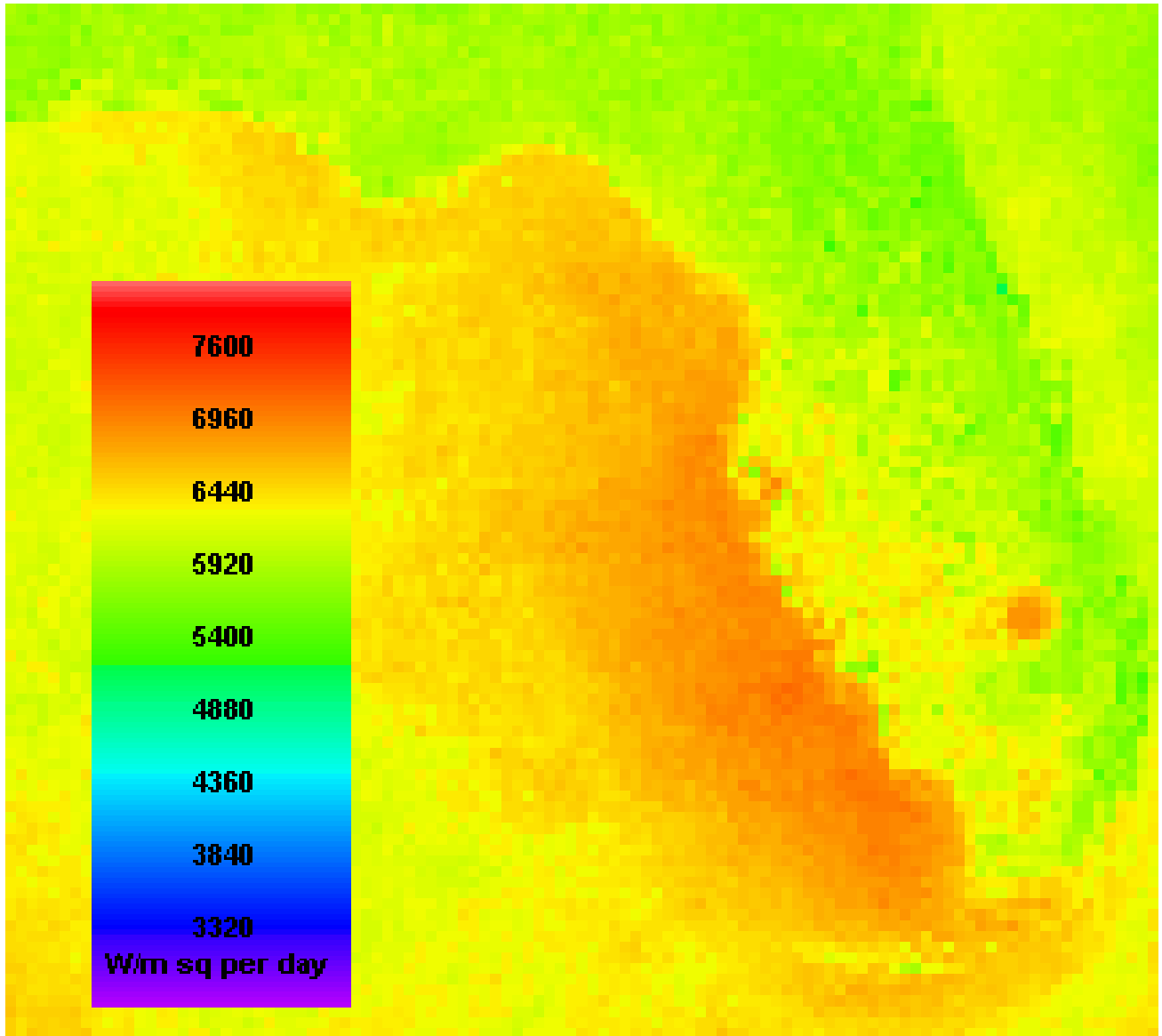
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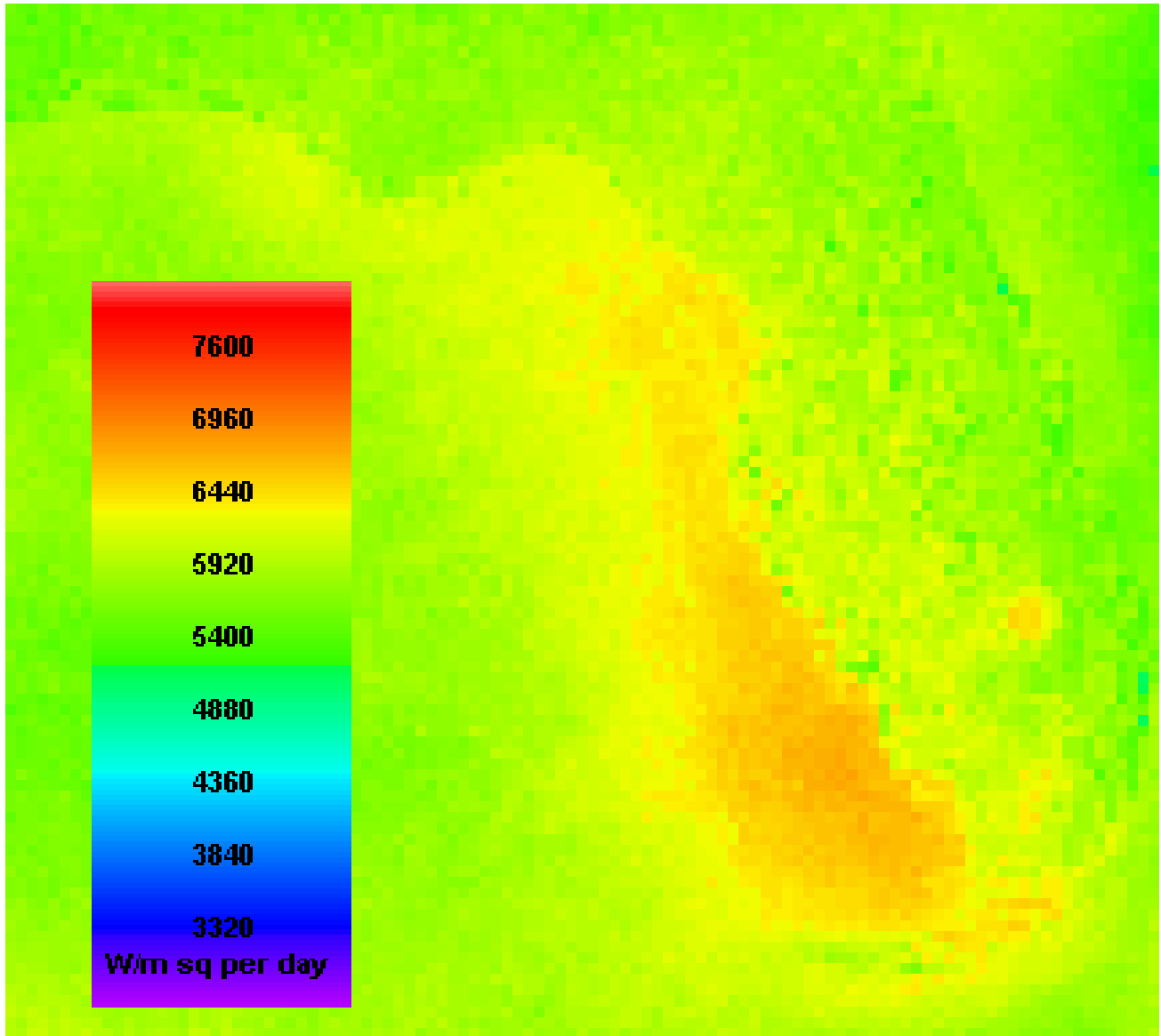
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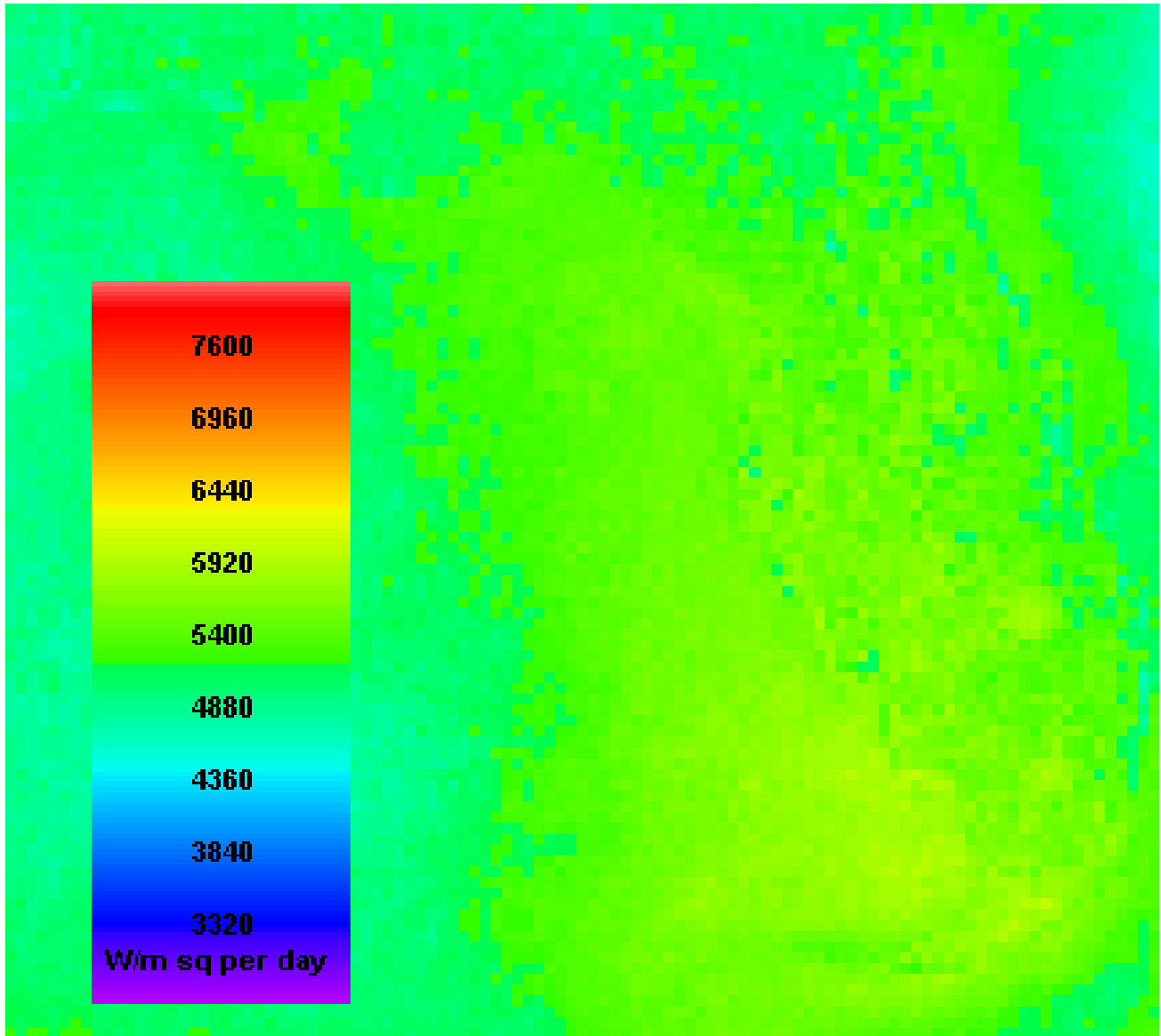
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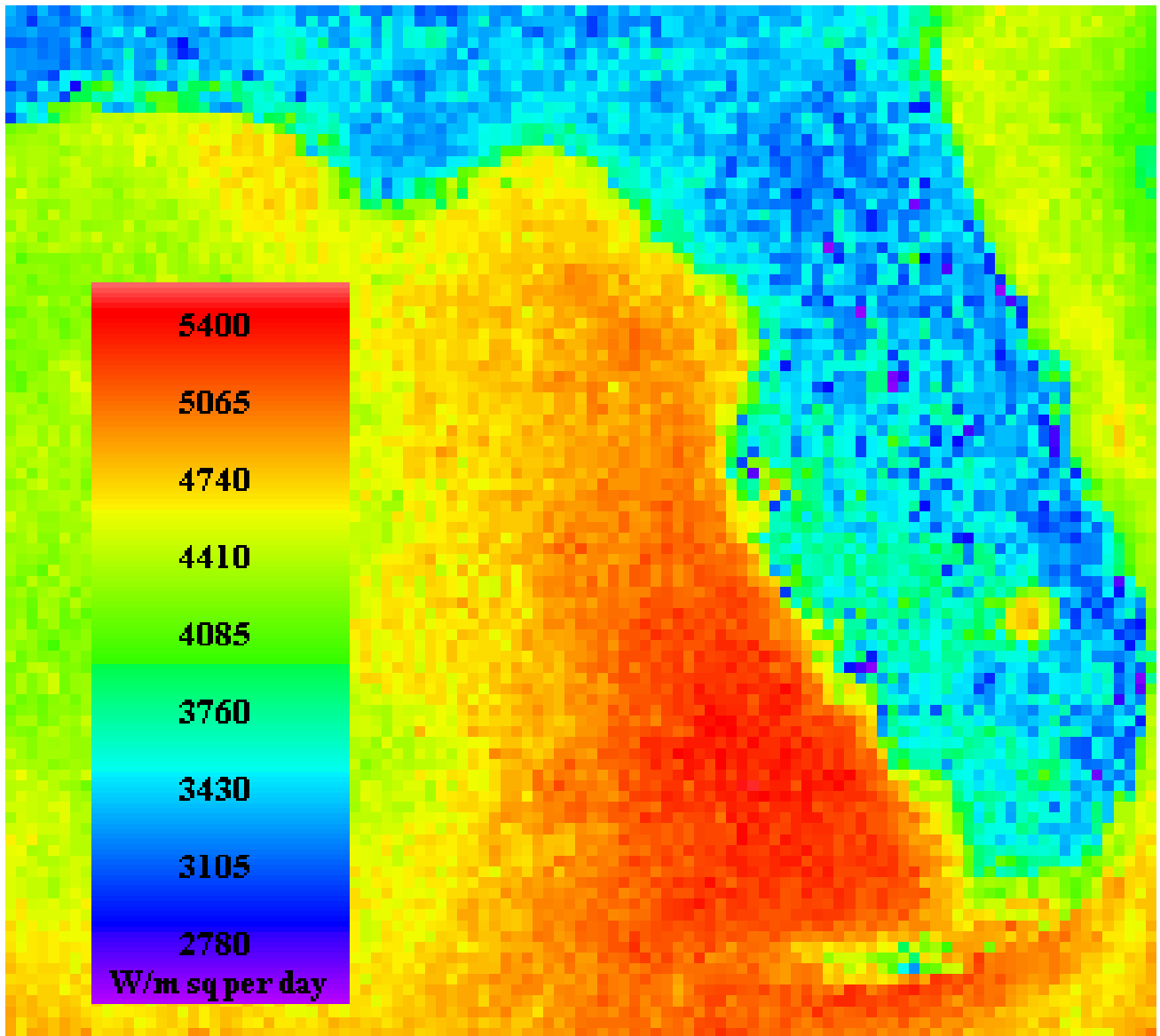
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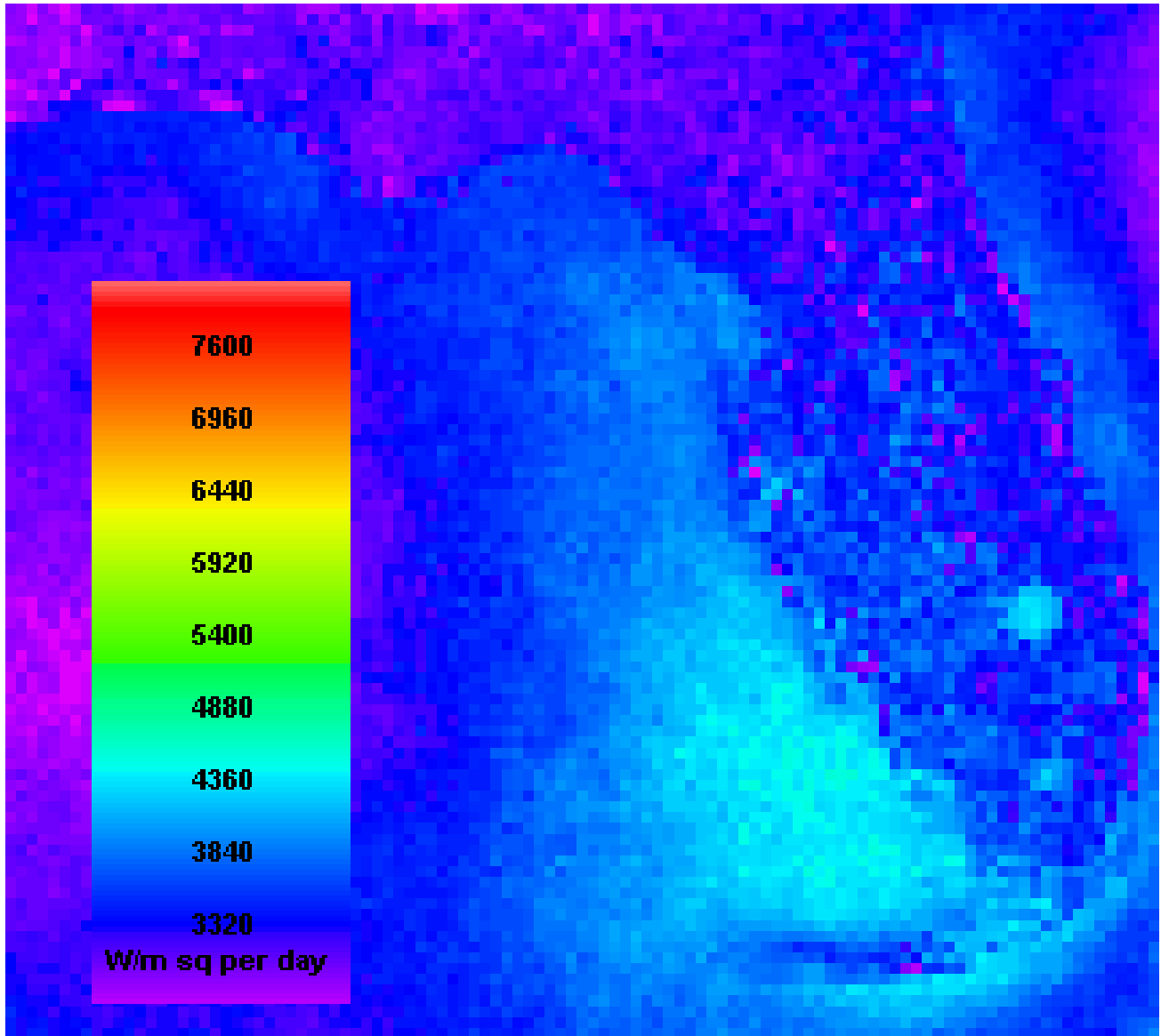
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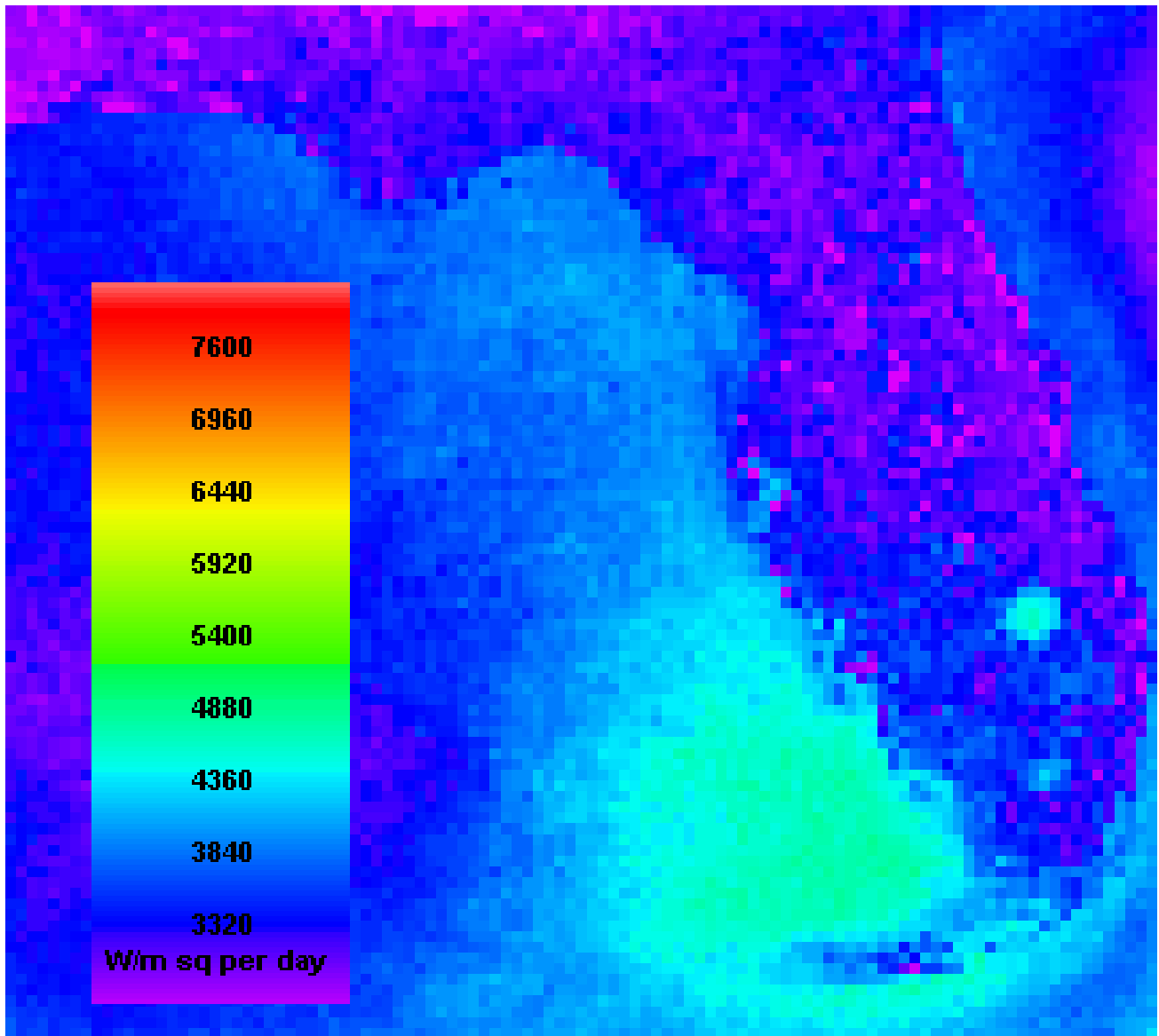
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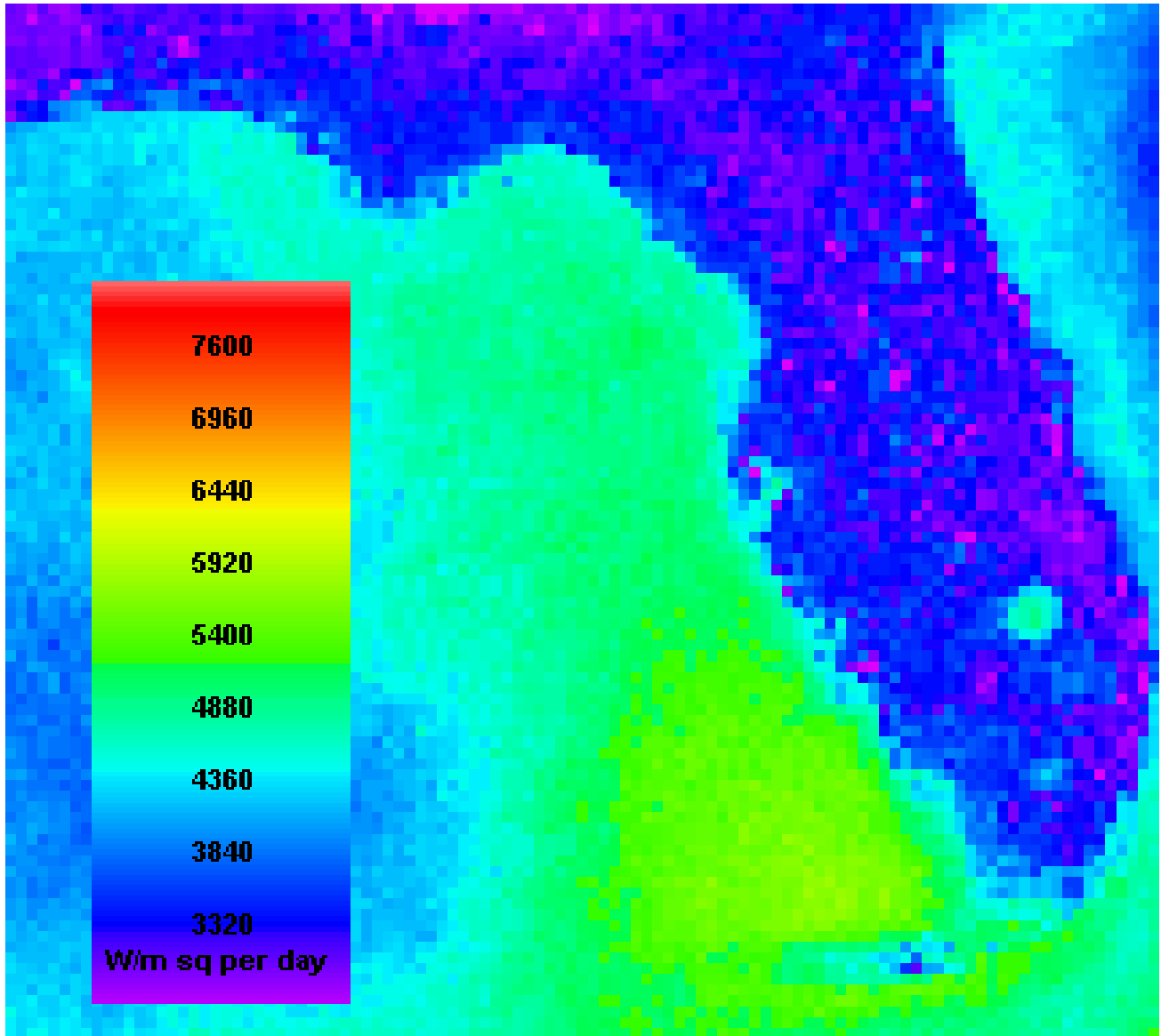
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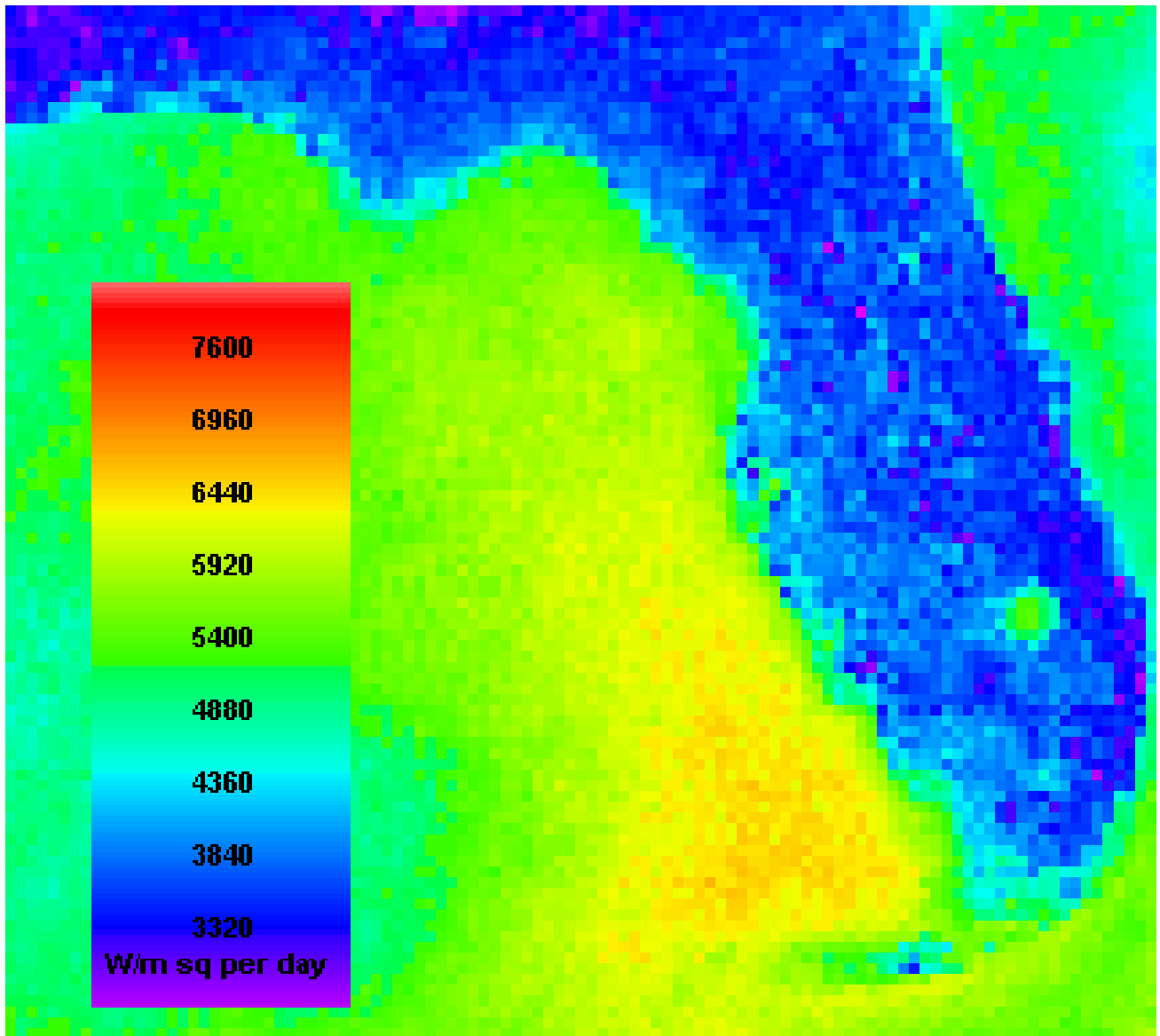
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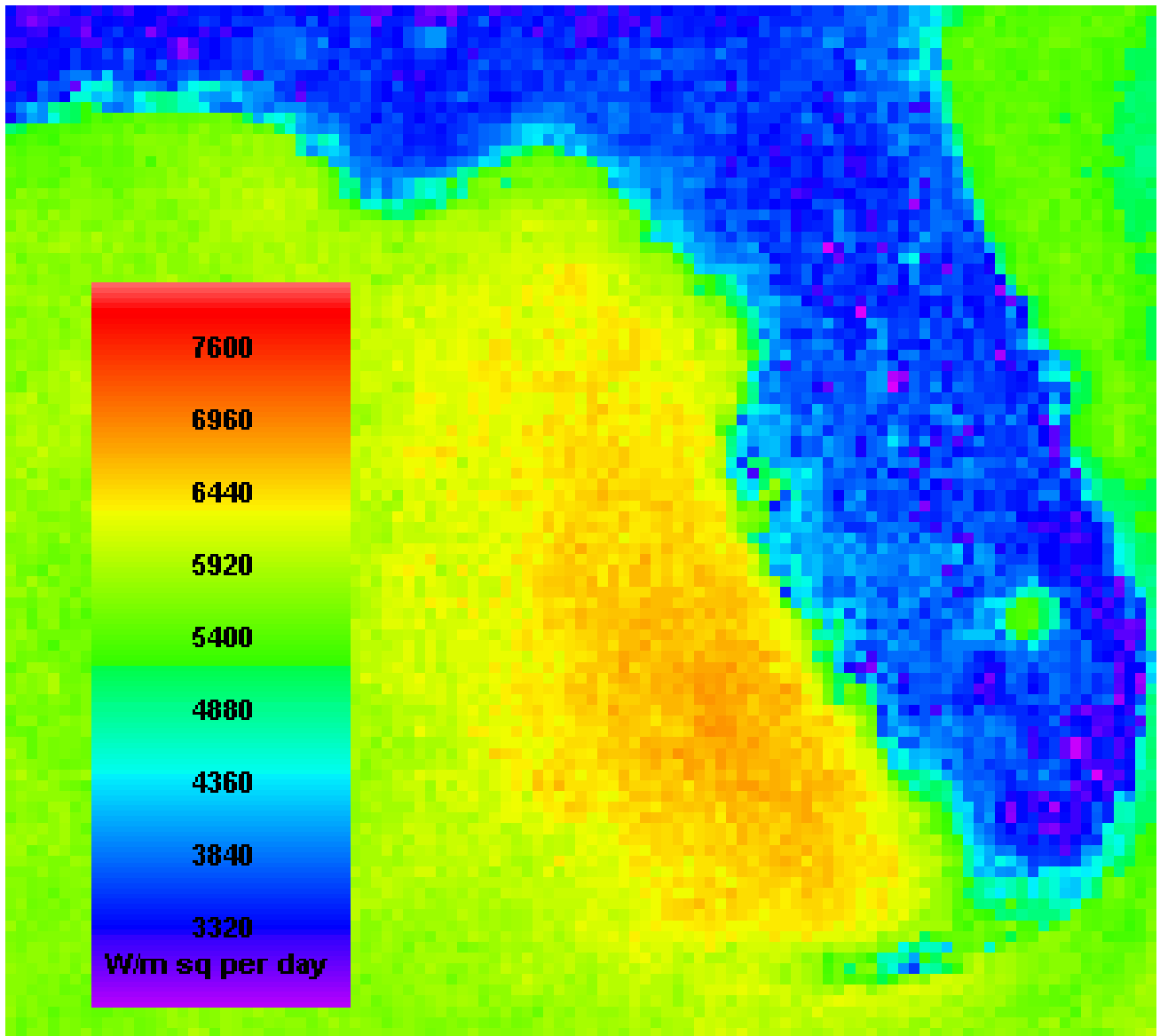
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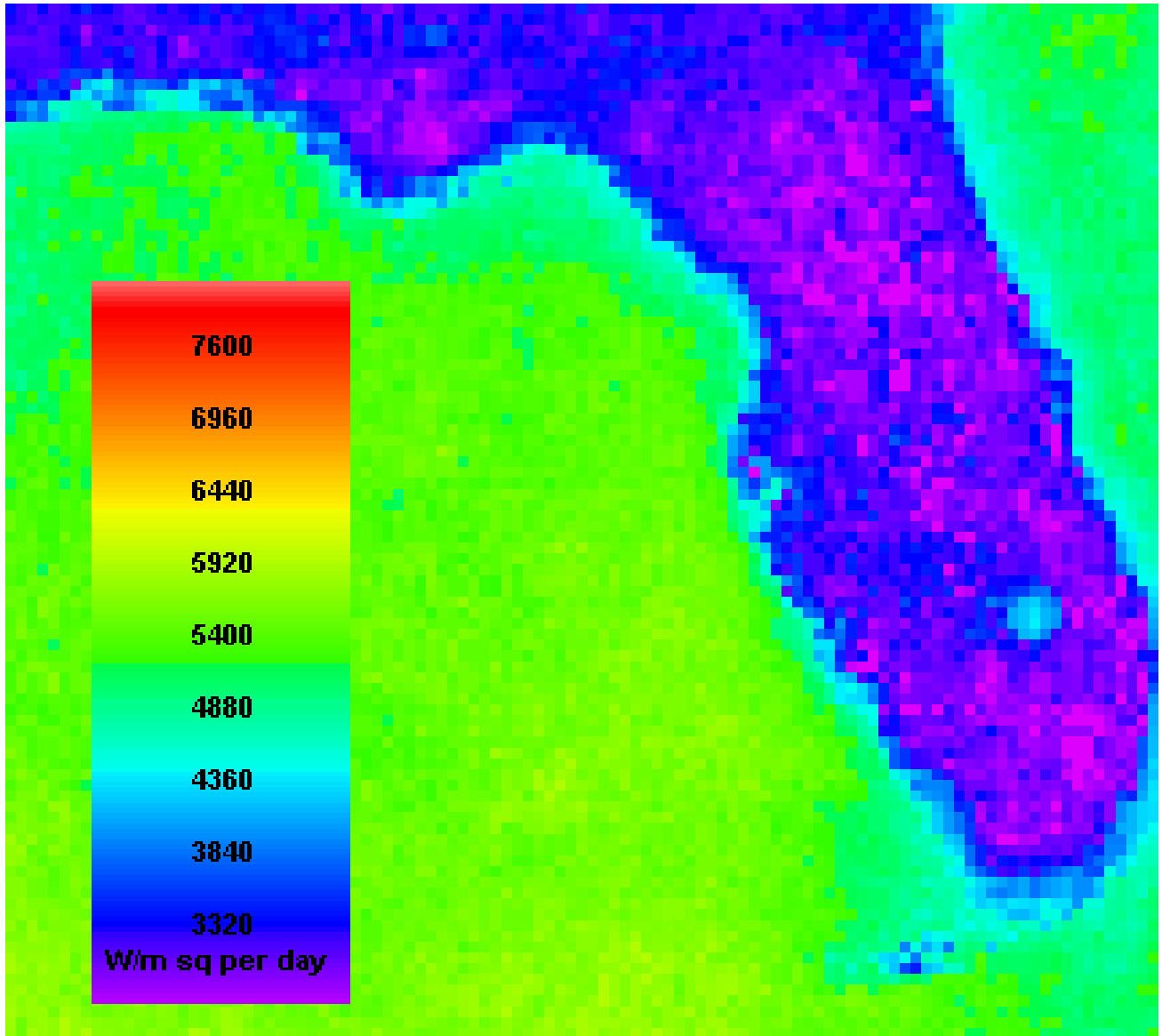
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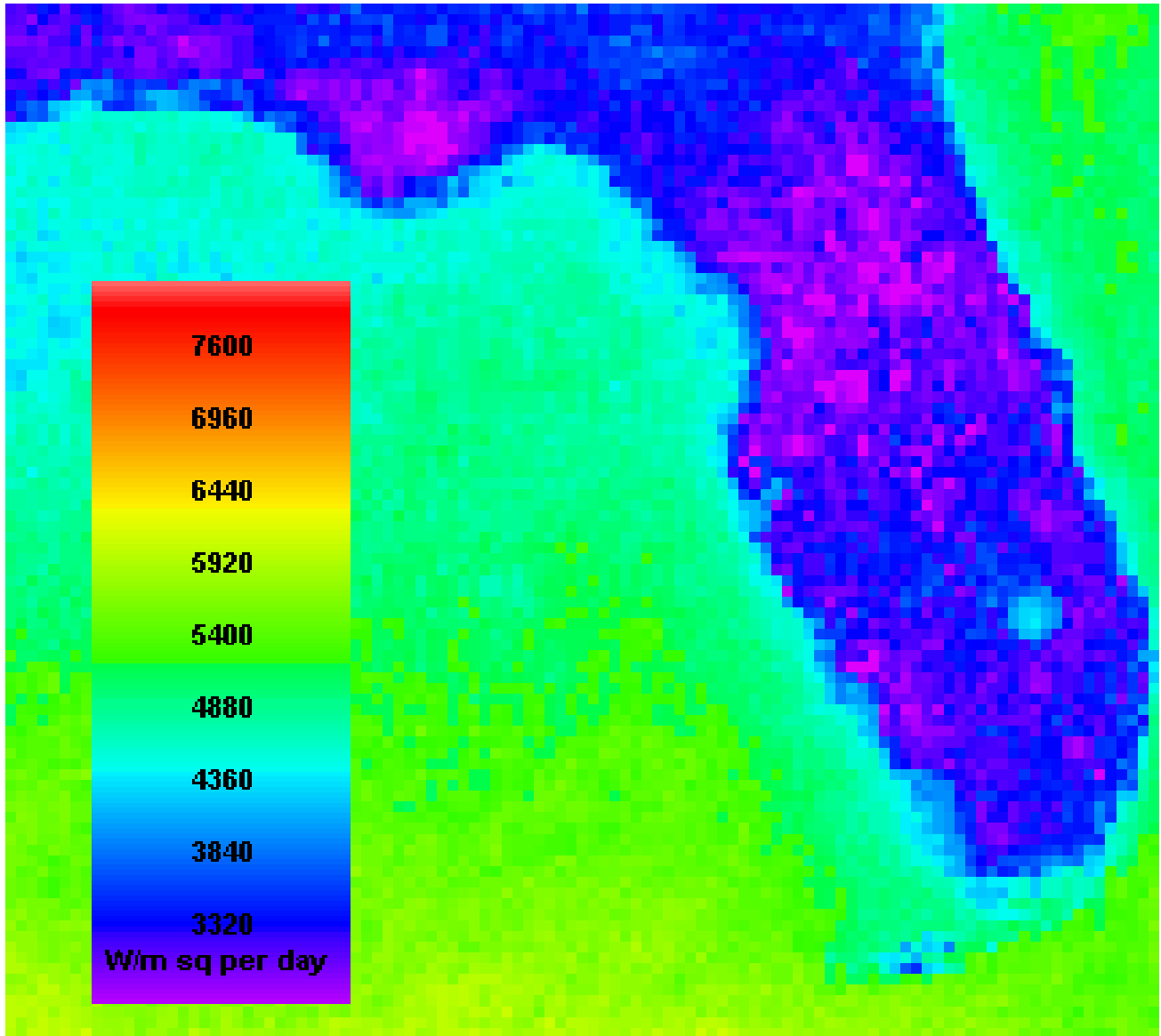
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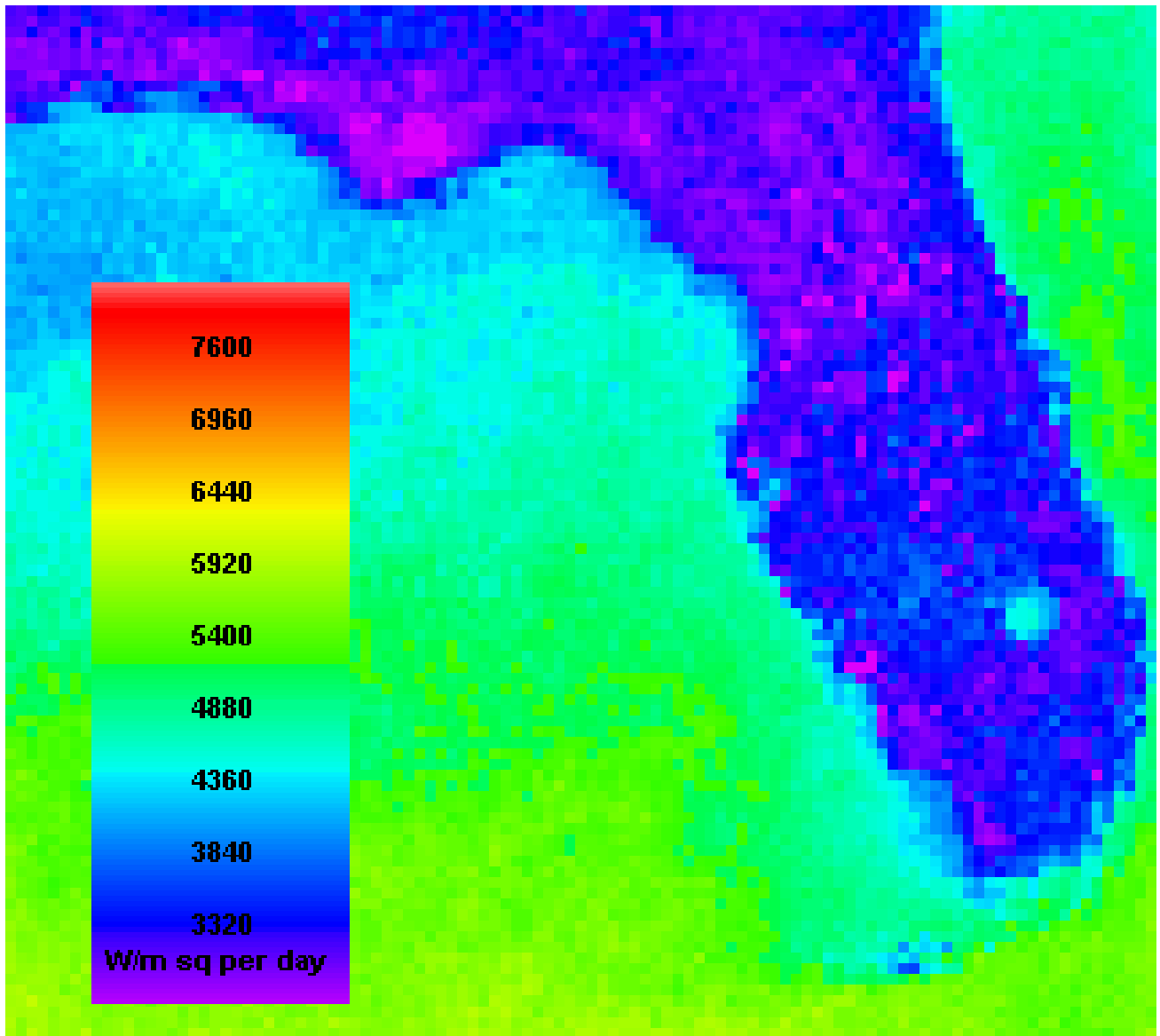
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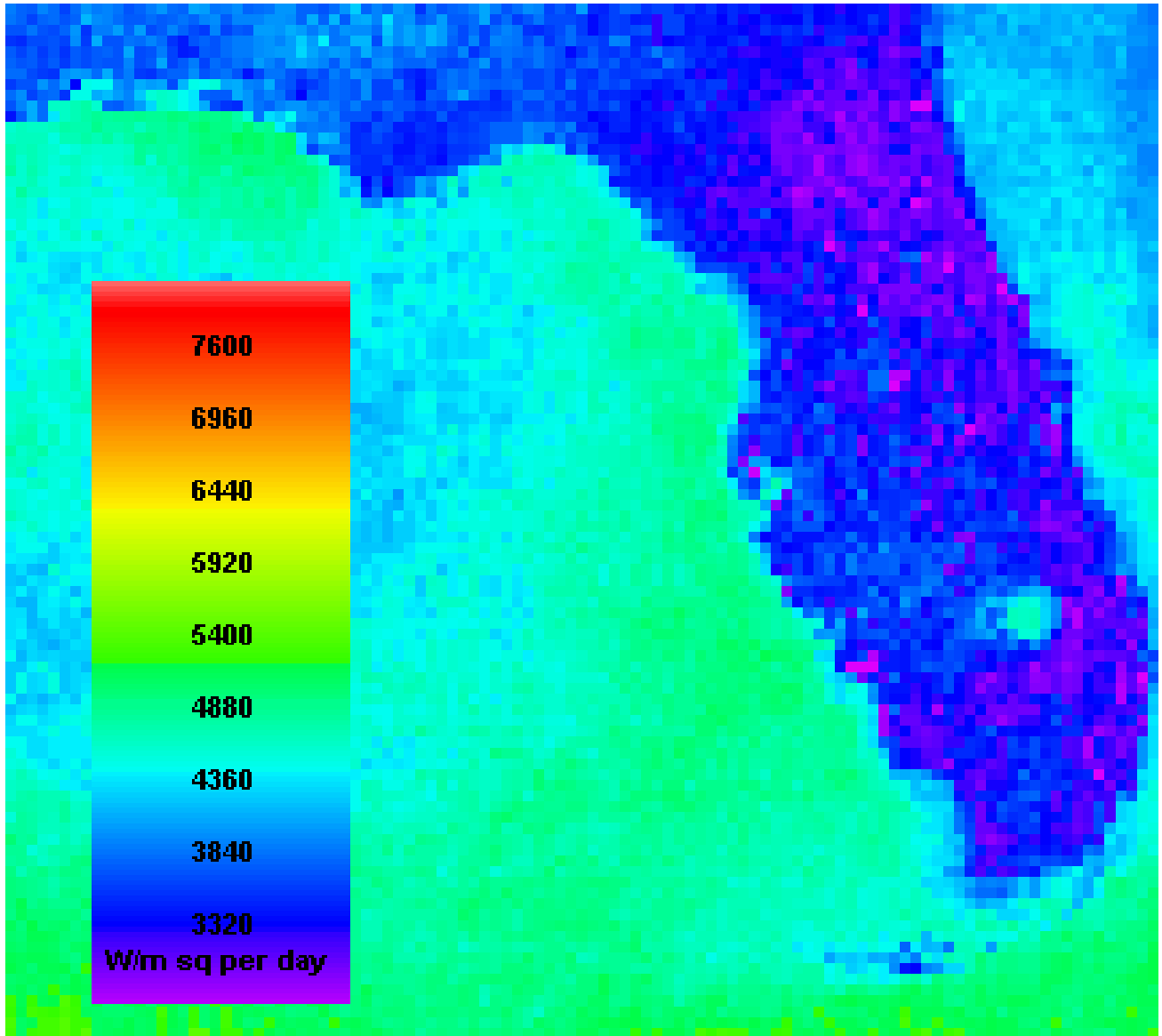
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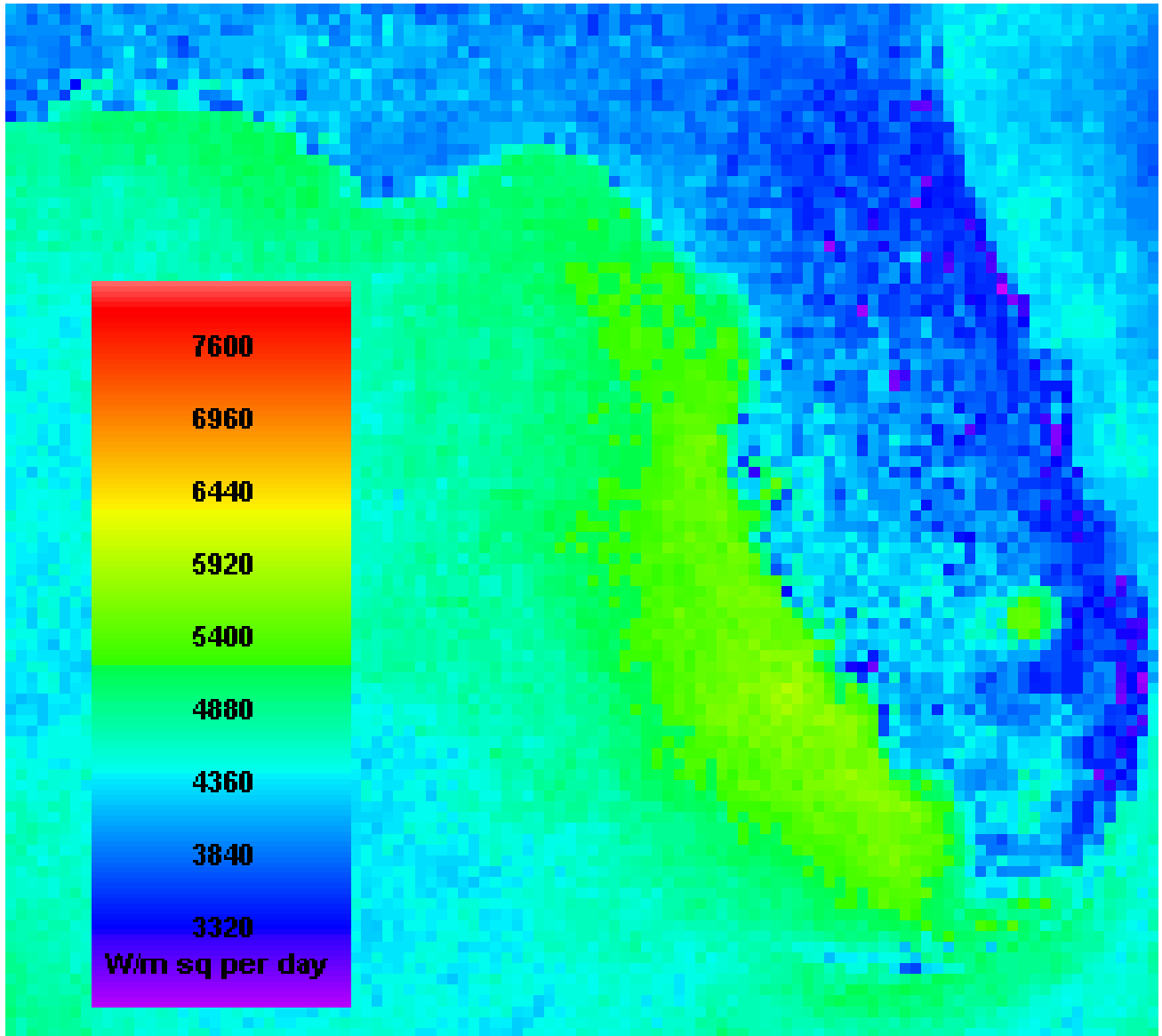
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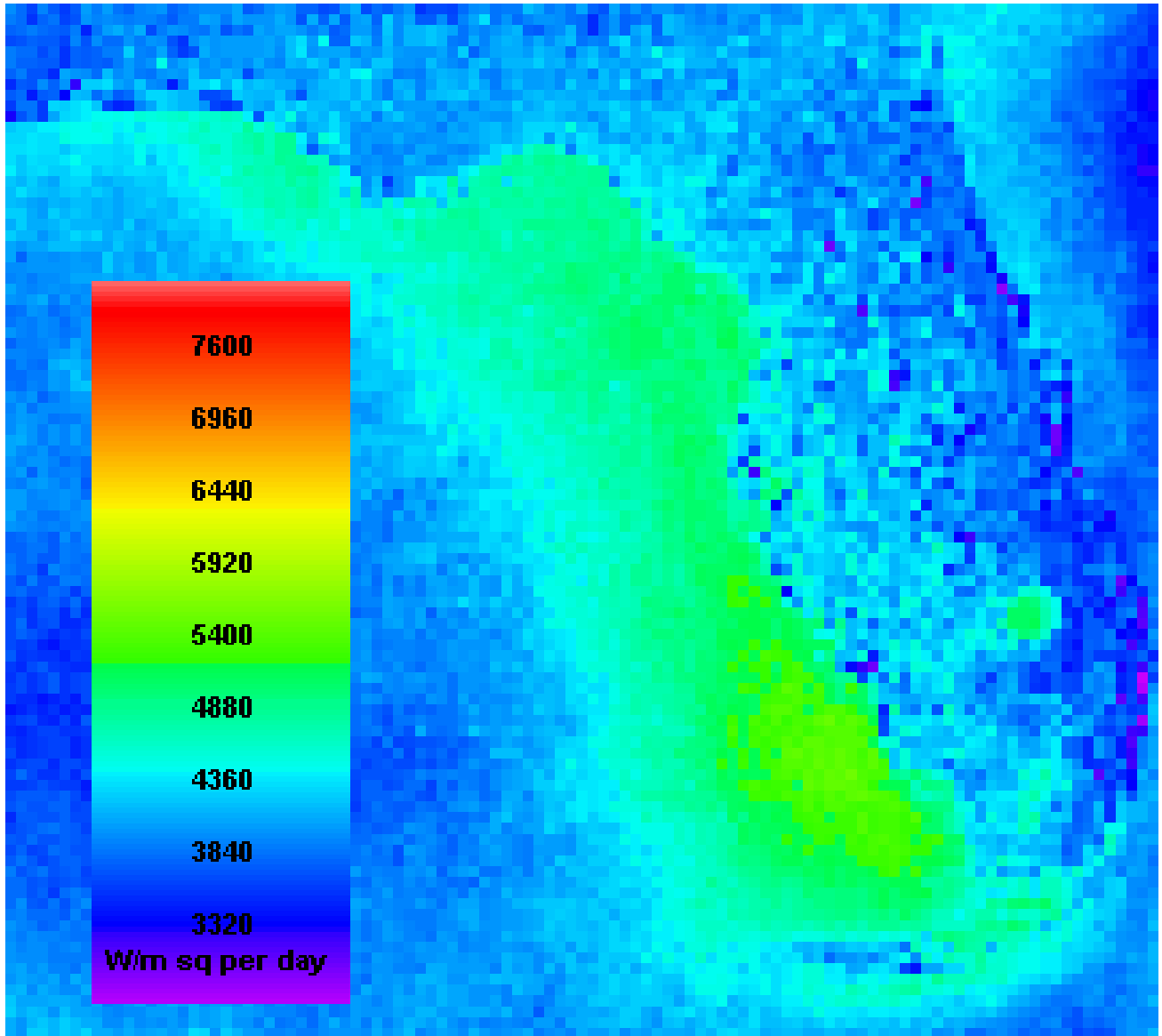
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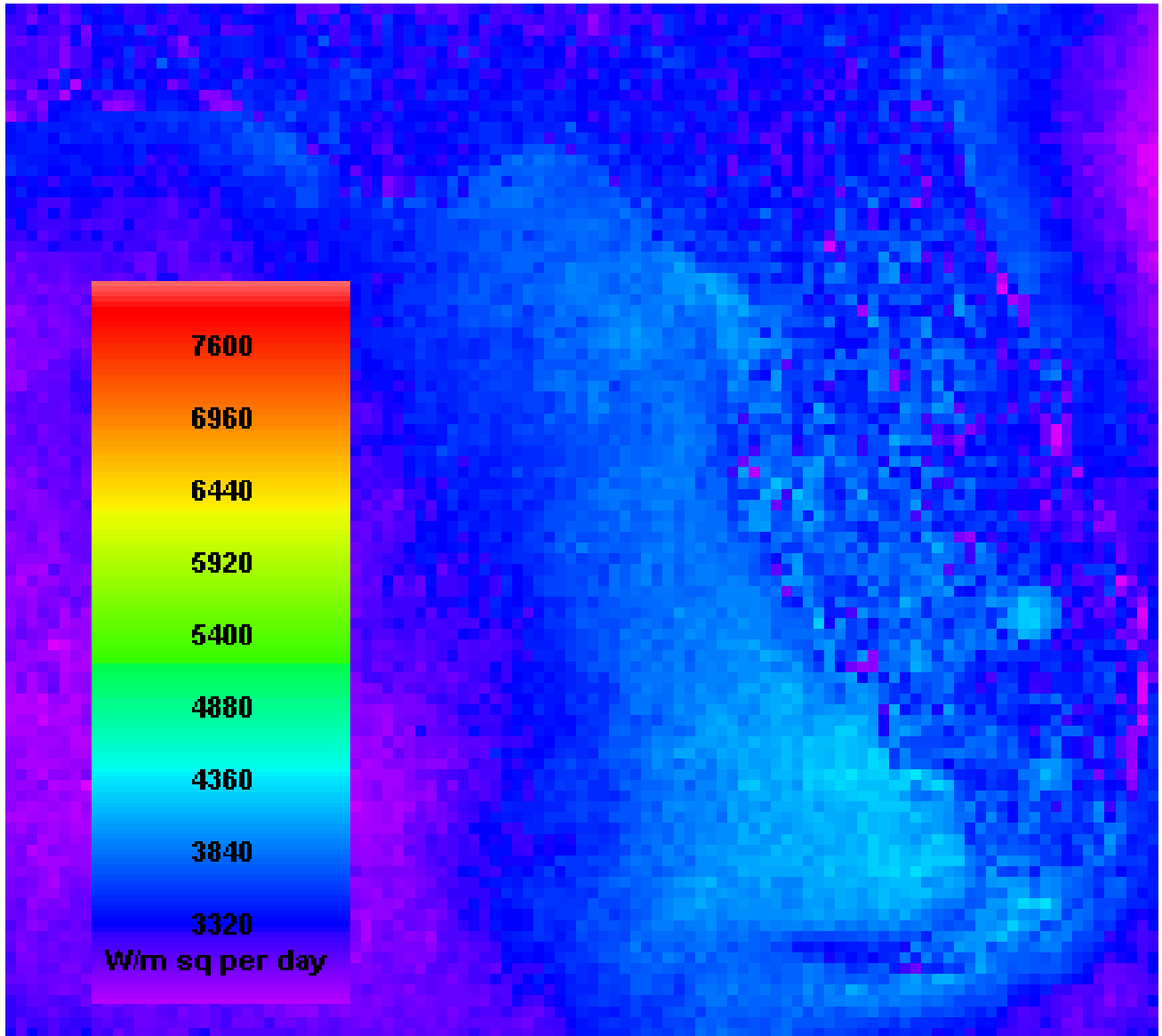
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