Monitoring satellite solar reflectance gain changes through the use of cross-calibration and deep convective cloud targets

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System to Transfer & Monitor Solar Channel Calibrations

- Establish a well-calibrated reference instrument
 - MODIS on Terra or Aqua

(Minnis et al.,2008)

- Transfer calibration from reference to target satellite
 - Determine spectral relationship between reference & target channels
 - Cross-calibrate reference & target channels (e.g., GOES-8)
 - Establish primary target sensor as new reference for transfer to satellites in other time periods (e.g., GOES-8 to NOAA-14)
- Determine degradation in primary & 2nd, 3rd,... order target gains,
 - Continued cross-calibrations (degradation relative to other satellites)
 - Deep Convective Calibration (degradation relative to "known" target)
- Transfer reference calibration to 2nd, 3rd, order targets
 - Calibrates the relative gains



LEO-to-GEO/LEO or GEO-to GEO/LEO Cross-Calibration

Nearly Simultaneous Ray-matched Technique (NSRT)

• Match data & compute average radiance *L*, brightness temperature *T*, or Count *C* within a 0.5° region using constraints

- Δ SZA < 5°, Δ VZA < 10°, Δ RAA < 15°, Δ t < 15 min, no sunglint

- Normalize\allesolar chanheister dommon_solar constants
- Normalize each radiance to a common SZA
- Perform linear regression

 $X_{ref} = a Y_{sat} + b$

X = L or T; Y = L, T, or C

• Compute trends in a(t) and b(t) from sets of coefficients

 $a = c_0 + c_1 DSR + c_2 DSR^2;$ $b = d_0 + d_1 DSR + d_2 DSR^2$

DSR = days since reference date Minnis et al., JTech, 200



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Examples of LEO-to-GEO Normalizations



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AVHRR N18/N17 Visible standard error (%)



G11/G12/Terra-MODIS 3-Way Validation - Secondary Reference



Extending a Reference in Time

Monitor changes in gain against an invariant target

- surface site (desert, ice cap, etc.)
- deep convective cloud (DCC) albedo

• Transfer reference during overlap periods

- apply gain changes to adjust the new reference

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Deep Convective Cloud (DCC) calibration

- DCC: cold, bright, stable, tropopause level, and nearly-isotropic targets located near equator
 - observed by all GEO & LEO satellites
- DCC easily identified by a simple IR threshold
 - IR sensor calibrations well known
 - VIS & IR co-registration needed, good navigation not required
- Collective of identified DCC analyzed for degradation
 - $\sim 0.5\%$ of all tropical pixels identified as DCC
- DCC calibration monitors stability or degradation over time
 - Does not provide absolute calibration
- DCC are invariant geographically and inter-annually
 - ozone and water vapor absorption impact is small
- Volcanic stratospheric aerosols: a big unknown in DCC stability
 - affect broadband albedo; narrowband albedo?



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DCC Calibration Procedure

- Identify DCC GAC pixels, ~ 0.5% of all tropical pixels
 T(11µm) < 205° K
 - $-1(11\mu m) < 205 K$
 - $-\pm20^{\circ}$ latitude, all longitudes
- Convert DCC pixel radiances to overhead sun irradiance
 - Use CERES ADM and directional models
 - Limit VZA < 40° $\,$ and SZA < 40° $\,$, no sun glint
- Construct monthly PDFs over lifetime of satellite – Use the $\sigma(0.65 \ \mu m)$ and $\sigma(11 \ \mu m)$ to sharpen the PDF
- Plot modes & means of the monthly DCC irradiances
 Normalize the radiances and multiply by given gain factors
- Validate DCC degradation
 - Use SNO or NSRM, Ch1/Ch2 ratios
 - NOAA15 to MetOp-A only high gain counts are DCC calibrated



DCC RTM & CERES ADMs and Directional models

- Modtran (broadband & narrowband)
 - Cloud optical depth = 125, Cloud top height = 15km, ice particle diameter= 60µm, McClatchy Tropical Profile
- Hu Model (broadband only)
 - Modtran absorption & DISORT scattering, Cloud opt depth = 120
- CERES-TRMM Model (broadband only)
 - Angular binned CERES radiances, Cloud opt depth = 50, Overcast ice bin, TRMM orbit ensures all SZA
- ADMs (χ) & DRMs (δ) convert radiances to overhead sun
 - $M(SZA) = \pi L(SZA) / \chi(SZA)$
 - M(SZA = 0°) = M(SZA) / δ (SZA)
 - L(SZA = 0°) = M(SZA = 0°) / π





DCC ADMs (χ) Comparison



- DCC ADM is relatively Lambertian for SZA < 40° & VZA < 40°
- DCC ADMs similar for SZA < 40°

Comparison of DCC NB/BB ADM (χ) ratios



- DCC NB/BB ratio is very close to unity for VZA <40 $^{\circ}$
- Mainly a view angle adjustment between narrowband and broadband DCC ADM models
 - greater ratio range for near-IR than for the VIS (ch 1)
- To account for 3-D effects in the theoretical NB model, compute ratios of CERES/ModBB as function of angles, then apply ratios to Mod_NB values





Solar-zenith angle dependence of DCC albedo



- VIRS: 0.65-µm model based on TRMM 46-day precessionary cycle, cross-track mode
- CERES: BB model based on azimuthal bi-axial scan mode on TRMM
- N16_2 & BB_mod are Modtran RTM-based results
- All models similar for SZA < 40 $^\circ\,$; VIRS not as smooth, uses CERES BB ADM, views fewer angles than CERES

NOAA-16, 0.65 µm, DCC PDFs



- Slight dependency of peak and shape on 11-µm temperature threshold
- $\sigma(0.65)$ and $\sigma(11.0)$ sharpen the PDF

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NOAA-16, 0.65 µm, DCC PDFs



- CERES ADM is very good except for VZA at high SZA
- Similar results for 0.85-µm channel (not shown)





NOAA-16, 0.65 µm, DCC PDFs



- No dependency with longitude or day of month
 - can use same approach for GEOs at any longitude



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Comparison of GOES-12 visible gain degradation





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Comparison of MET8 visible gain degradation



* MET8/Terra1.29e-5 ° DCC mode 1.25e-5 ° DCC mean 1.09e-5

• MET8/Terra and DCC mode trends are in best agreement (0.3% over 3.5 years)

 mode may be most robust parameter for DCC





Comparison of FY-2C visible gain degradation





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Spectral Corrections: Theoretical or Empirical

- Spectral filter functions vary from imager to imager
 - Atmospheric scatter & absorption vary with wavelength
 - Surface & cloud reflectance, emissivity vary with wavelength
 - Need to correct intercalibrated radiances
- Approach
 - Use radiative transfer models or spectral observations to compute $L_{sat}[L_{ref}(K)]$, K =sfc type

Compute L_x for range of atmospheres, clouds, & aerosols for all imagers x $L_{sat}(K) = f(L_{ref}(K))$

- Given normalized value of L'_{sat} from intercalibration, compute final value as

 $L_{sat}(K) = f(L'_{sat}(K))$





Visible Channel Spectral Response Functions



Similar variations seen in other channels!



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Examples of Spectral Corrections, MODIS to GOES

0.65 µm



Ocean and sand are very similar, vegetation brighter for GOES



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Theoretical Spectral Corrections to *Terra* MODIS Ocean + Clouds

Satellite	a	b
GOES	0.9584	0.0056
Meteosat-7	$A(\mu_o)$	$B(\mu_o)$
Meteosat-8	0.9741	0.0036
MTSAT-1R	$C(\mu_0)$	$D(\mu_o)$
VIRS	0.9540	0.0109
N14	0.9484	0.0030

Broader bands have SZA dependence

SEVIRI closest to MODIS

Nguyen et al., JTech, 2009





SCIAMACHY Spectra

- SCIAMACHY SCanning Imaging Absorption SpectroMeter for Atmospheric CHartographY
 - Spatial Resolution: 32 x 215 km
 - Spectral resolution: varies between 0.24-2.38 μm (7 sensors)
 - Radiometric accuracy: 4%
 - Envisat Orbit: sun-synchronous, 794 km, 98.55° inclination, 10:00 AM local solar time descending node
- Footprint scene Identification taken from nearest MODIS swath (10:30AM)
 - Could also use AATSR or other satellite (GEO or LEO)
- Collected footprints during July 2003

For DCC & stratus spectra, SZA < 40°, VZA < 10°, LAT <±30°, ~130 footprints, average L_x / cos(SZA)



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SCIAMACHY spectra



- Minimal water vapor absorption in near-IR for DCCs
- Both stratus (z < 4km) & DCC have very small reflectance Std Devs
- Std Dev miniscule for irradiance

* Spectra courtesy of SCIAMACHY

NOAA-16 AVHRR & SCIAMACHY DCC spectra

Reflectance

Radiance

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- Solar constant ratio between 0.63 & 0.85-µm channels similar to DCC ratio
- DCC 0.63 & 0.85-µm reflectances differ by 0.02

* Spectra courtesy of SCIAMACHY



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North Pole MODIS

South Pole MODIS

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Current LaRC Calibration Page

 Provides latest GEO VIS channel calibration from NSRT applied to Terra MODIS

 References relevant to the results

• Just a start, more coming...

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Experimental Web Page: Scatterplot example of intercalibration NOAA-9 & 10 AVHRR

Scatterplots for all relevant channels

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Experimental Web Page: Example of intercalibration GOES-10 vs other satellites

• select reference satellite

select plot type







Experimental Web Page: Example of intercalibration GOES-10 vs Terra

select multiple plots - e.g., offset & gain

DCC plots & overlays will be made available also

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Conclusions and Future Work

- Anchor GEO/LEO calibrations to MODIS
 - Use LEO/MODIS NSRM transfers, establish secondary references
 - Estimate uncertainties using 3-way transfers
 - Examine quirks in Terra (Aqua appears to be best behaved)
- Perform DCC calibration for all NOAA AVHRRs & GEOs
 - Compare DCC calibrations with MODIS NMST primary & secondary transfers
 - Examine best DCC parameter: mode, mean, or highest percentile?
 - Tie 0.63 & 0.85-µm calibrations using DCC & secondary references
 - Test use of DCC as absolute calibration resource
 - DCC assumes invariant albedo, measure with MODIS, apply to targets?
- Develop solar-channel spectral correction functions, $f(L'_{sat}(K))$
 - Compute spectral albedos from SCIAMACHY spectra



Future Work Continued

Transfer calibration MODIS calibrations back/fwd in time

- DCC, GEO or LEO during lifetime of satellite
- NSRT, GEO or LEO to transfer between AM/PM
- Other published & CEOS/GSICS calibrations: e.g., desert, Antarctica
- Assess uncertainties
 - multiple methods (e.g., DCC, 3-way, variability along trend)
 - examine trends in retrieved parameters (e.g., LWP, COD)
- Continue development of web page
 - finish the various links
 - coordinate with GSICS
 - document



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