GCC Director Report

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GSICS LEO-LEO Inter-Calibration

In the past few years, estimation of post-launch inter-satellite calibration-related radiance biases between similar low-earth orbiting (LEO) satellite instruments has been improved substantially with the development of the Simultaneous Nadir Overpass/Simultaneous Conical Overpass (SNO/SCO) method (e.g., Cao and Heidinger 2002; Cao et al. 2004 and 2005). The essence of the SNO/SCO method is that similar space-borne radiometers flown on different LEO satellites periodically observe the same earth scene at the same time, which eliminates bias uncertainties related to meteorological evolution within the scene. The SNO/SCO method has been applied operationally to visible/near-infrared, infrared, and microwave radiometers on NOAA POES, EUMETSAT MetOp-A and NASA EOS Aqua satellites with excellent results, and is identified as an essential component of GSICS. In Figure 1, the SNO/SCO analysis is shown to be comprised of the following processes: SNO/SCO prediction; data access, subsetting, and collocation; and data analysis and plotting.

Since it is cumbersome to examine all data granules for SNO/SCO events, the Simplified General Perturbation Model Four (SGP4) and available satellite orbit ephemeris data are used to predict these events. From these predictions, it is found that the frequency of SNO/SCO events depends on the criteria of simultaneity and the nature of the orbital geometries and altitudes of a given pair of LEO satellites. Currently, a SNO/SCO is considered to occur if observations of a given scene by two satellite instruments on different polar-orbiting satellites are taken less than 30/60 seconds apart.

At the GSICS Coordination Center (GCC), access to operational satellite data is accomplished through a NOAA collaborative data environment, while research data sets are obtained through the host organization and stored locally on GCC computers for later use. Once the raw datasets are in place, data subsetting and collocation is an important next step in the process of SNO/SCO methodology.

For each SNO/SCO event, the data is subsetted near the point where the nadir tracks of the two spacecraft intersect. For the cross-track scanning instruments, data at SNO events are then collocated using either nearest-neighbor or bilinear interpolation collocation methods. The SCO observations are collocated using a new technique developed by Iacovazzi and Cao (2007) to reduce the effect of inhomogeneous surface properties on SCO observations at window channels.

After subsetting and collocation, individual SNO/SCO data analyses proceeds very quickly by finding the reflectance or brightness temperature bias between each pair of collocated data at an SNO/SCO, and then averaging these biases over the SNO/SCO region. Over time, as the population of SNO events from the two satellites increases, it becomes possible to compute SNO-ensemble average measurement biases and uncertainties, as well as other bias statistics. Currently, these statistics can be found in the "Science Pages" of the GSICS web site.

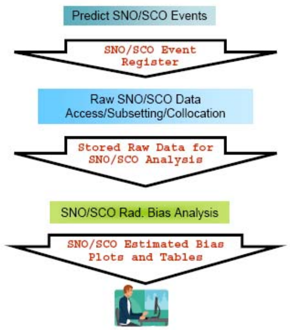

Figure 1: Process of estimating inter-satellite calibration biases using the SNO/SCO method.

Acknowledgements: GSICS LEO-LEO SNO/SCO satellite data inter-comparisons have been made possible with the help of Drs. Changyong Cao, Pubu Ciren, Sunwook Hong, Robert Iacovazzi, Jr., Yaping Li, Haibing Sun, Ninghai Sun, Likun Wang, Fuzhong Weng, and Banghua Yan.

- Three informative issues since June
- Articles include GSCIS organization and project overviews, science, meeting summaries, personnel, etc.
- Contributions from Germany, Japan, and US
- We need your GSICS–related articles …
  - Organization and Project Overviews
  - New Science
  - Meetings and Awards
  - Personnel
  - Classifieds

News/Data

Web Site Updates

- LEO-LEO results linked to “SCIENCE PAGES”
- GSICS Quarterly newsletters available
- Expanded list of publications
- Have any personnel changes, seminars, meetings, publications, links, data, opportunities … let us know.

News/Data

GSICS Meetings

- GSICS Executive Panel III, November 2007, Cocoa Beach, FL, USA

GSICS at Meetings

- IGARSS – July 2007, Barcelona, Spain
- SPIE Optics and Photonics – August 2007, San Diego, CA, USA
- AMS Sat. Met. & Ocn. Conf – September 2007, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Calcon - October 2007, Logan, UT, USA
- 1st International IASI Conference, November 2007, Anglet, France.

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- LEO-LEO results linked to web site.
- Automated AIRS/IASI simultaneous nadir overpass (SNO) inter-comparisons *{Software now implemented at EUMETSAT}*
- Other IASI inter-comparisons
- N16 AMSU-A Ch 4 anomaly detection
- SSM/I and SSM/IS simultaneous conical overpass (SCO) inter-comparisons

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LEO-LEO results linked to web site

- Consists of graphs, tables, and documentation regarding SNO/SCO analysis.
- AIRS, AMSU-A, AVHRR, HIRS, IASI, MODIS, SSM/IS
- Most current & some historical instruments
- Working toward a uniform analysis product and more thorough documentation
- We want your feedback

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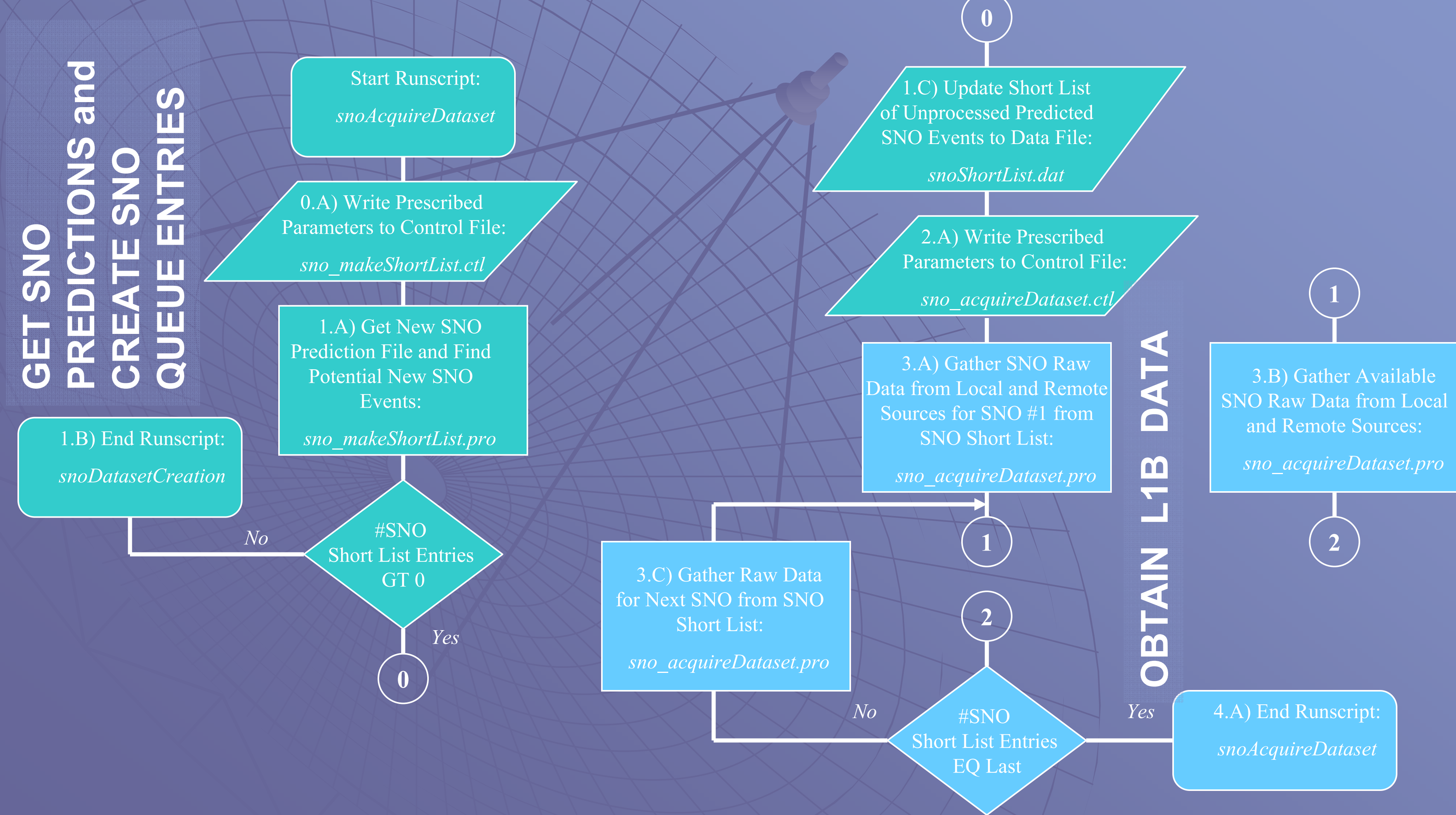
POES and MetOP-A Instrument SNO/SCO Analysis

SNO Raw Data Acquisition Software: General Architecture



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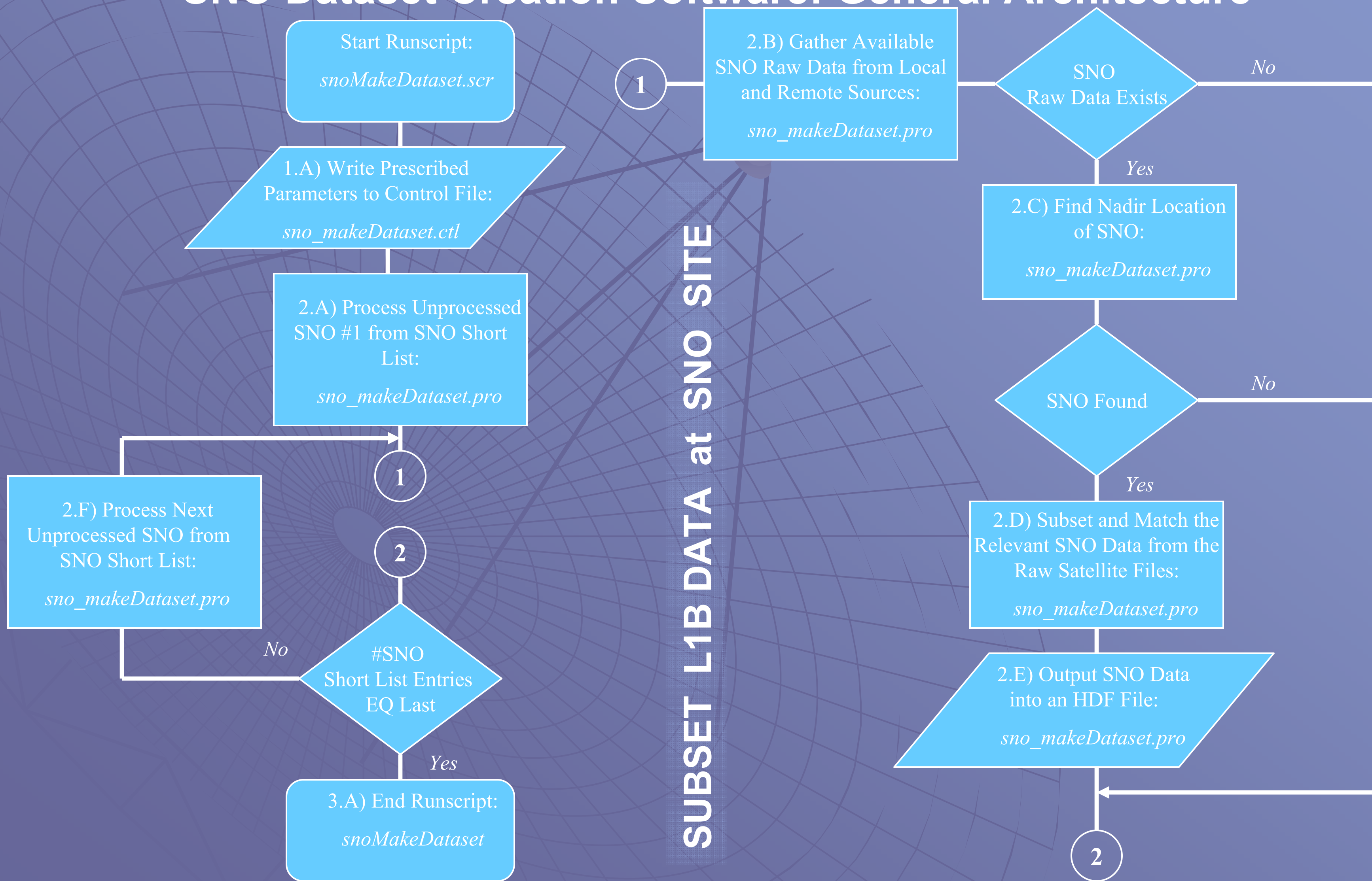
POES and MetOP-A Instrument SNO/SCO Analysis

SNO Dataset Creation Software: General Architecture



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POES and MetOP-A Instrument SNO Bias Analysis

SNO Dataset Analysis Software: General Architecture

PREPROCESSING

Start Runscript: *snoAnalyze*

0.A) Write Prescribed Parameters to Control File: *sno_analyze.dataInfo.ctl* *sno_analyze.plotInfo.ctl*

1.A) Read in Data from Control Files *sno_analyze.dataInfo.ctl, sno_analyze.plotInfo.ctl* and *SNO_InstrSpecs/(instrName).ctl, sno_analyze.pro*

1.B) Read in Data from SNO Master List *snoMasterList.dat* and Determine the Number of SNOs Within Time/Space Bounds *sno_analyze.pro*

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SINGLE SNO STATS

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SNOs to Analyze? (Yes / No)

1.D) Resize Relevant Variables and Structures *sno_analyze.pro*

1.E) Read in *snoMasterList.dat* Header *sno_analyze.pro*

EOF of Master List Reached? (Yes / No)

1.F) Read in a Record from SNO Master List *snoMasterList.dat* *sno_analyze.pro*

The SNO is Within Space/ Time Bounds? (Yes / No)

1.G) Read in Data Associated with the SNO *sno_analyze.pro*

1.H) Compute and Compile Individual SNO Statistics: *sno_analyze.pro*

ENSEMBLE SNO STATS & PLOTS

1.C) End Program and Runscript: *sno_analyze.pro and snoAnalyze*

#SNOs Analyzed GT 0 (Yes / No)

1.I) Compute and Compile Ensemble SNO Statistics: *sno_analyze.pro*

1.J) Make Tables and Plots of Statistics: *sno_analyze.pro*

1.K) Output Tables and Plots *sno_analyze.pro*

1.L) End Program and Runscript: *sno_analyze.pro and snoAnalyze*

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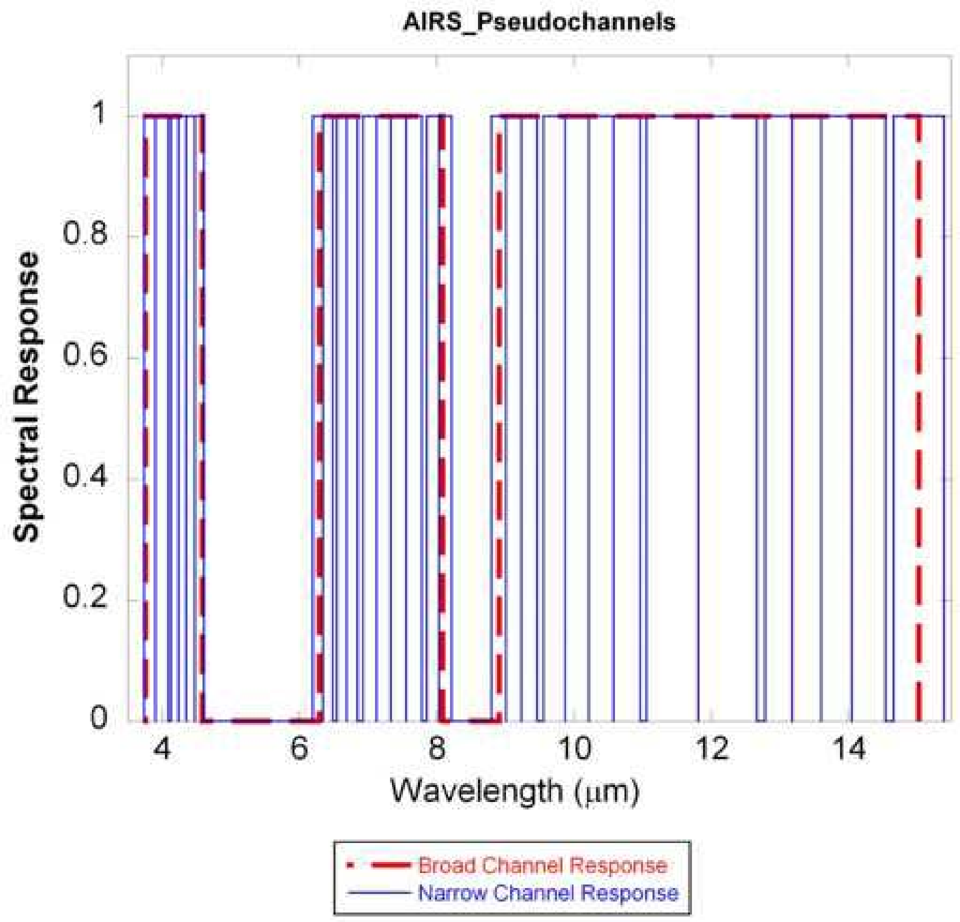
AIRS/IASI SNO Inter-comparison for 33 Boxcar Pseudochannels



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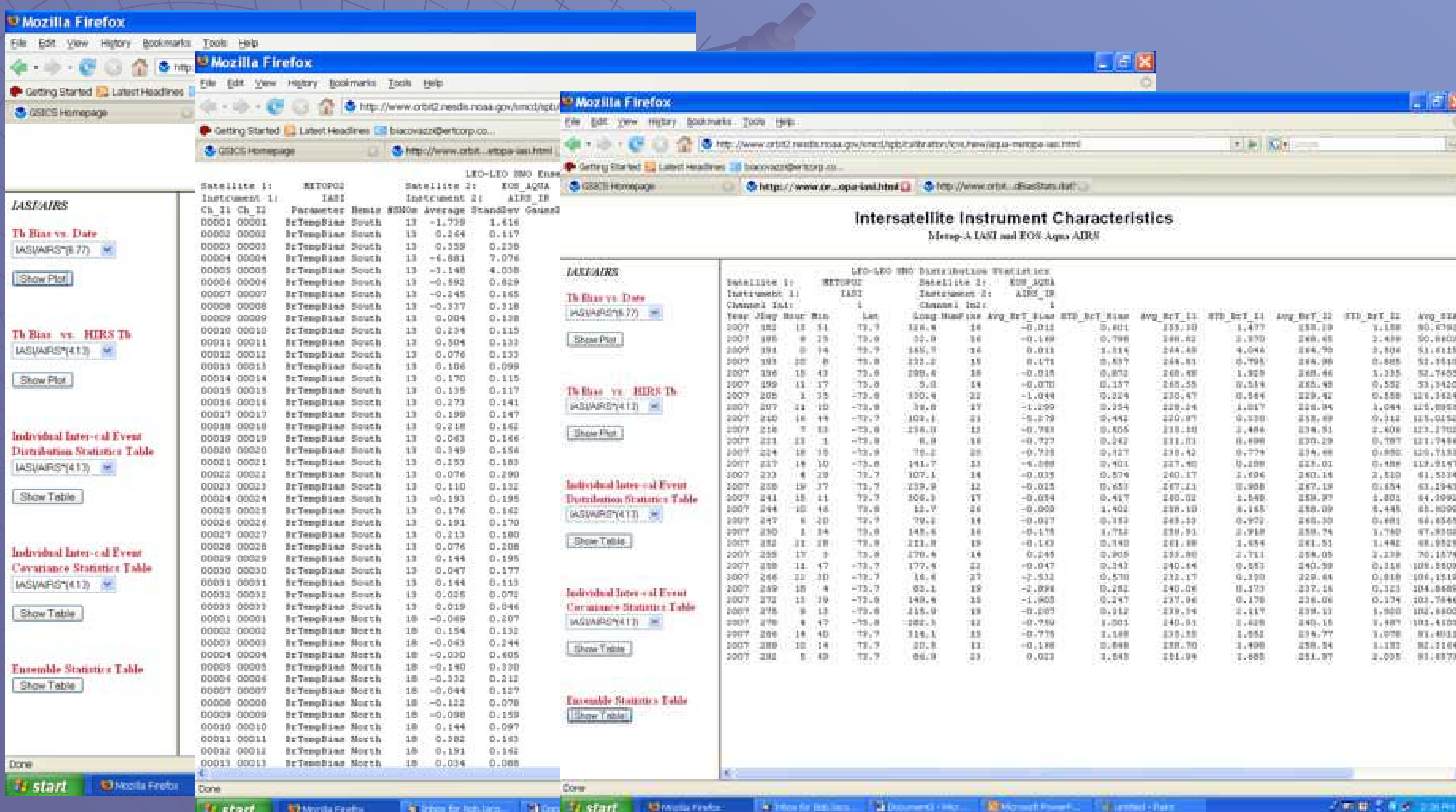

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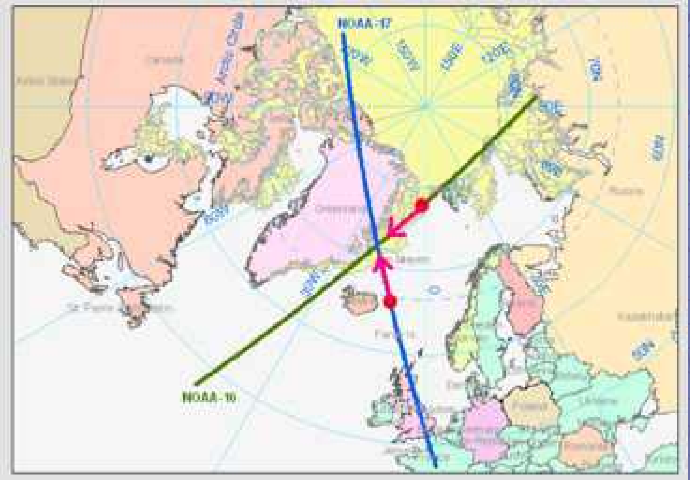
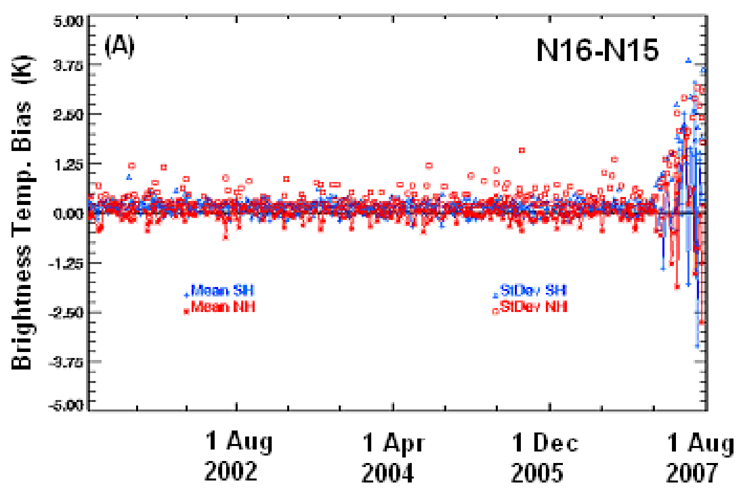
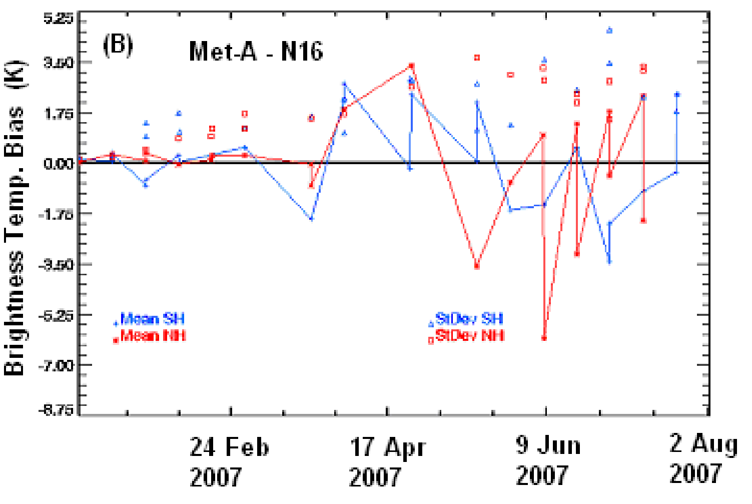
N16 AMSU-A Ch 4 Anomaly Detection

Automate Analysis of Simultaneous Nadir Overpasses between N16 and N15 AMSU-A and N16 and METOP-A AMSU-A





Time series of NOAA16 – NOAA15 AMSU-A Channel 4 T_b bias.



Time series of MetOp-A – NOAA16 AMSU-A Channel 4 T_b bias.

Please report significant anomalies of your instruments to GCC. They can be posted in GSICS Quarterly and/or our web site.

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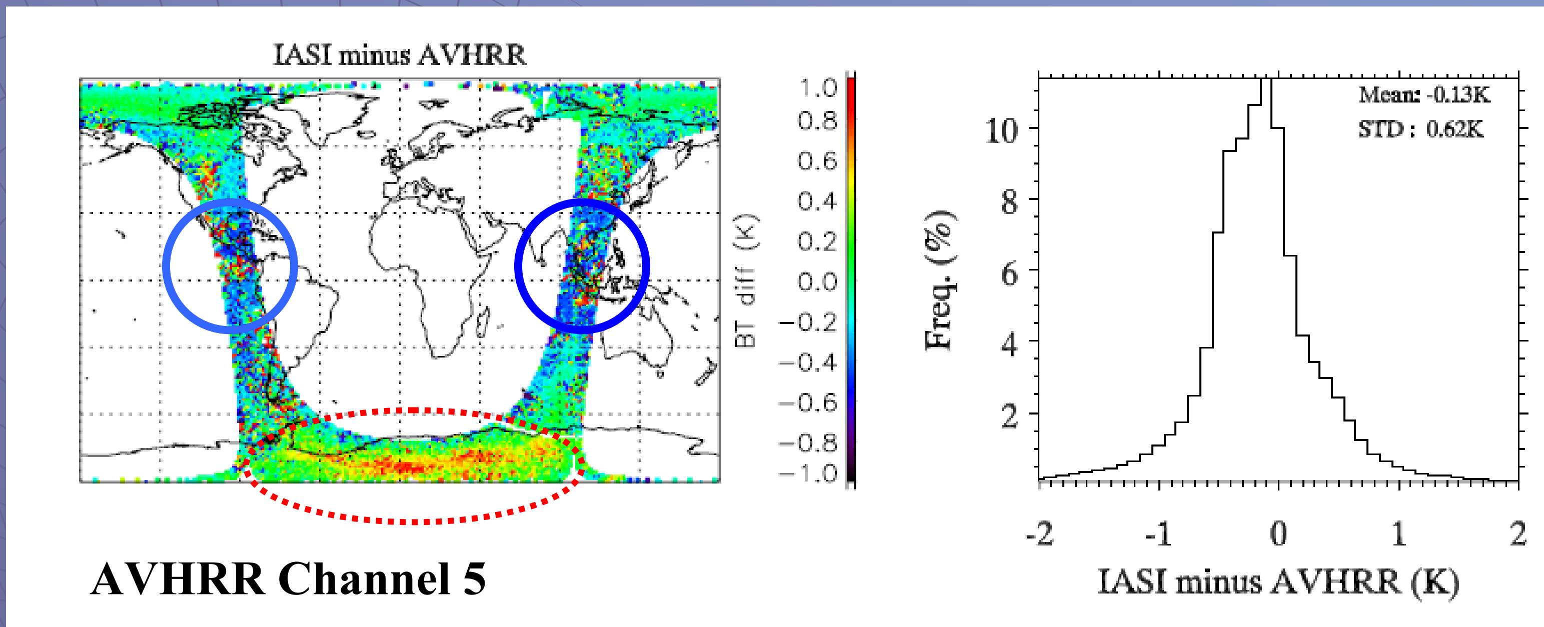
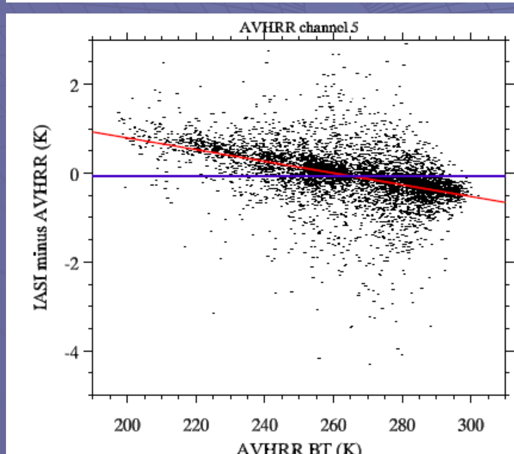
Difference between IASI and AVHRR





- Temperature observed from AVHRR channels 4 and 5 is slightly warmer than IASI.
- The bias distribution has spatial patterns, which is related to scene temperature.

(*Wang and Cao, 2007*)

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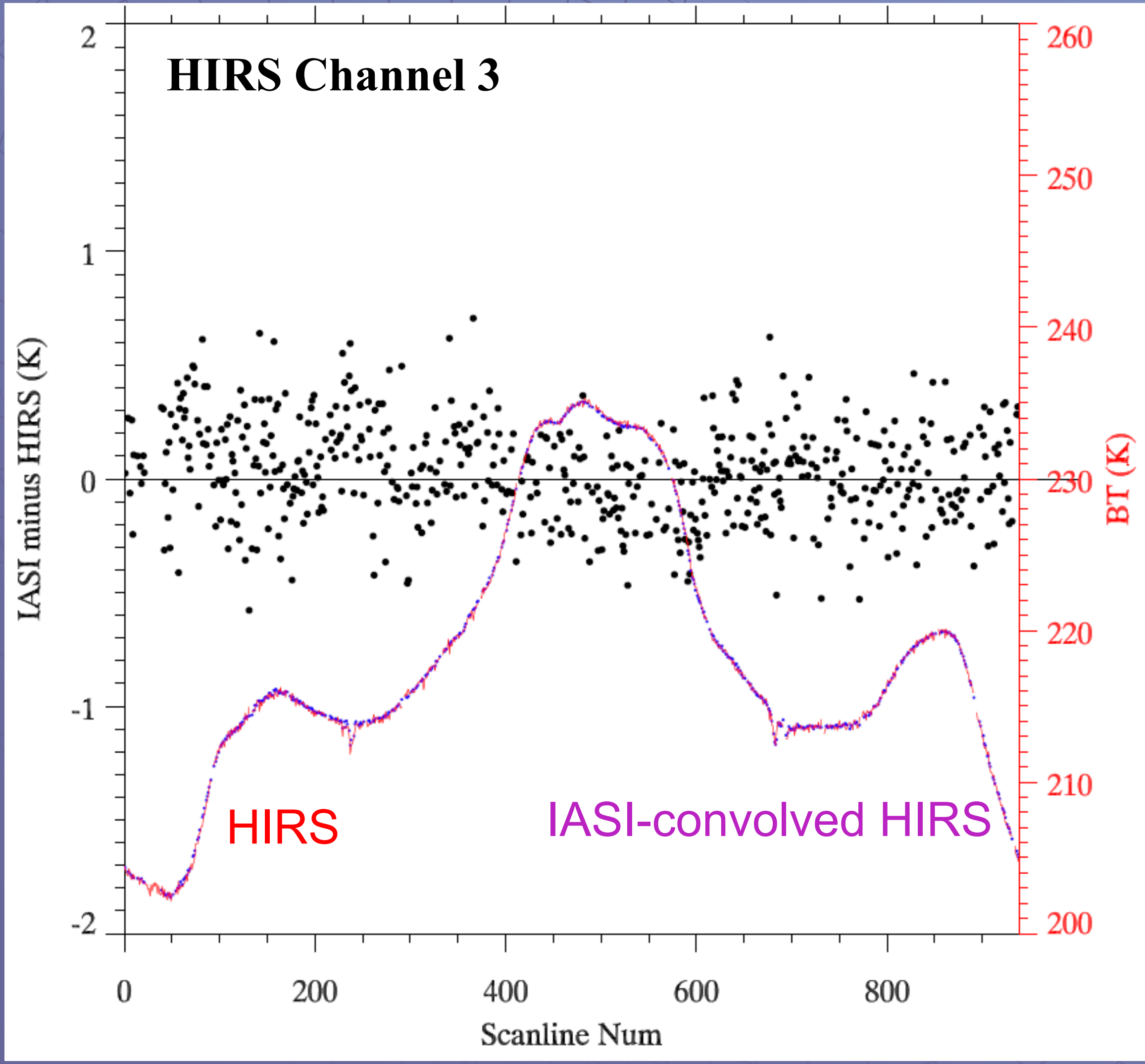
Difference between IASI and HIRS



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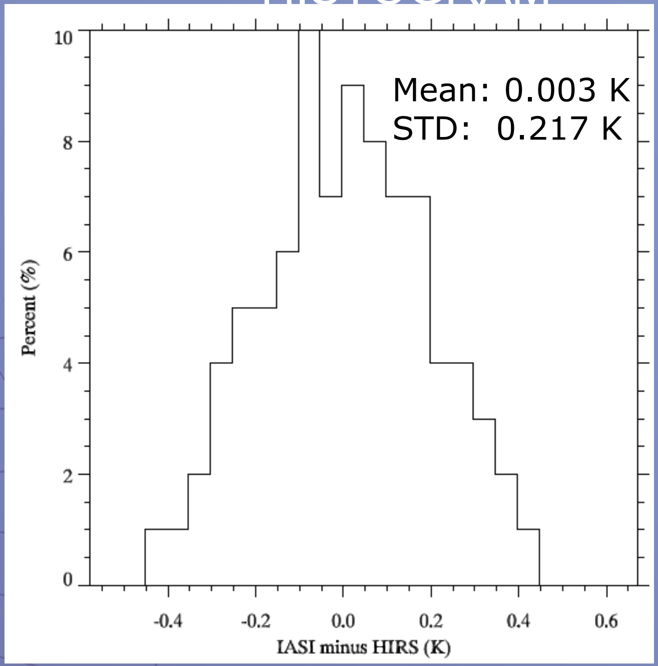

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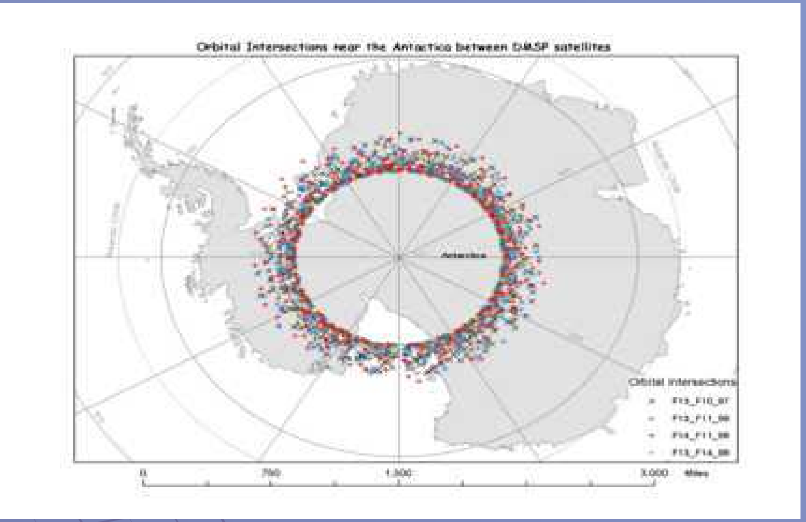
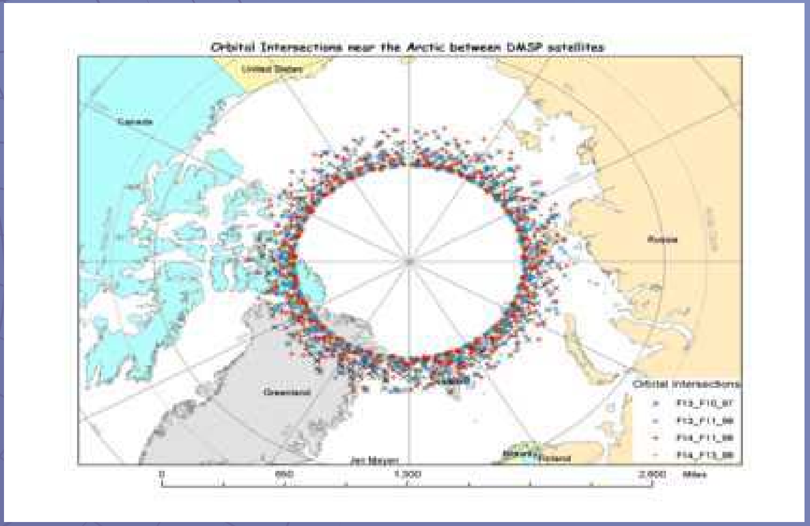
Specific Considerations in SSM/I SCO Processing

- SCO – every pair of polar-orbiting satellites with different altitudes pass their orbital intersections within a few seconds regularly in the polar regions
- Conical instruments produce more chances in matching than scanners due to their constant viewing angle
- Strong emissivity variation at high latitudes requires stringent check in surface homogeneity - sigma tests
- Time constraints are significant for microwave sensors





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F13 and F14 SCO Bias vs. Quality Control

Channel & Polarization			19V	19H	22V	37V	37H	89V	89H
Bias	Land	QC1	2.55	3.56	2.42	1.41	2.28	1.07	1.62
		QC2	1.74	2.23	1.74	0.95	1.32	1.00	1.29
	Ice	QC1	0.29	0.78	0.39	-0.09	0.40	0.40	0.70
		QC2	0.05	0.84	0.10	-0.25	0.48	0.29	0.65
	Water	QC1	-0.02	0.21	0.14	-0.26	0.17	0.51	0.72
		QC2	-0.17	-0.03	-0.04	-0.38	0.06	0.44	0.62
Standard Deviation	Land	QC1	9.61	16.75	8.29	7.32	13.09	6.82	9.54
		QC2	7.55	12.88	6.76	6.08	10.18	5.88	7.82
	Ice	QC1	2.04	3.74	1.87	1.49	2.54	2.98	2.98
		QC2	1.49	1.97	1.57	1.58	1.89	2.87	2.96
	Water	QC1	3.96	6.88	3.31	2.90	5.48	2.71	3.66
		QC2	4.29	7.16	3.50	2.83	5.33	2.54	3.42
Quality Control Criteria			QC1: $\Delta d \le 12.5$ km, $\Delta t \le$ 60 seconds QC2: $\Delta d \le 12.5$ km, $\Delta t \le$ 10 seconds						

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		QC2	0.28	0.59	0.31	-0.32	0.26	0.12	0.20
	Ice	QC1	0.05	0.84	0.10	-0.25	0.48	0.29	0.65
		QC2	0.16	0.46	0.32	-0.28	0.13	0.64	0.67
	Water	QC1	-0.17	-0.03	-0.04	-0.38	0.06	0.44	0.62
		QC2	-0.16	0.28	0.22	-0.43	0.22	0.15	0.65
Standard Deviation	Land	QC1	7.55	12.88	6.76	6.08	10.18	5.88	7.82
		QC2	1.66	1.45	1.80	1.54	1.45	1.17	1.09
	Ice	QC1	1.49	1.97	1.57	1.58	1.89	2.87	2.96
		QC2	0.58	0.88	0.99	0.46	0.58	0.86	0.79
	Water	QC1	4.29	7.16	3.50	2.83	5.33	2.54	3.42
		QC2	0.63	0.57	0.88	0.69	0.86	0.94	1.15
Quality Control Criteria			QC1: $\Delta d \le 12.5$ km, $\Delta t \le$ 60 seconds QC2: $\Delta d \le 12.5$ km, $\Delta t \le$ 10 seconds Plus $\sigma \le 2K$						

(*Weng, 2007*)

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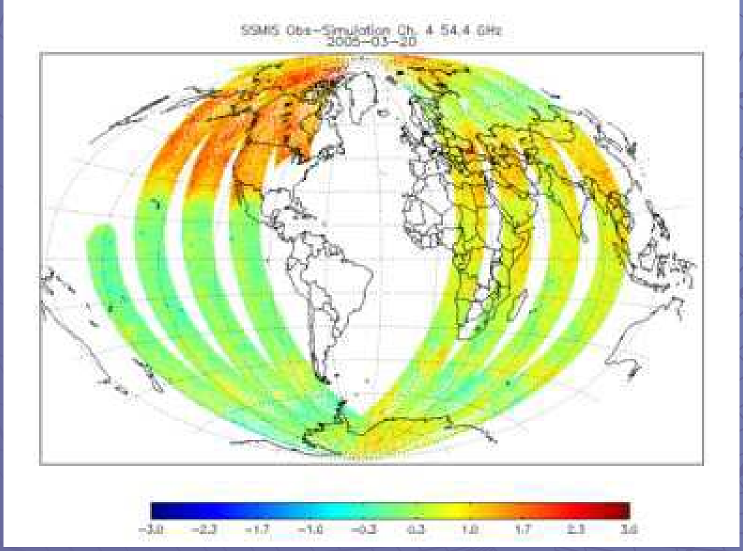
DMSP Special Sensor Microwave Imager and Sounder (SSMIS) Calibration

SSMIS: First conical microwave sounder. Precursor to NPOESS CMIS.

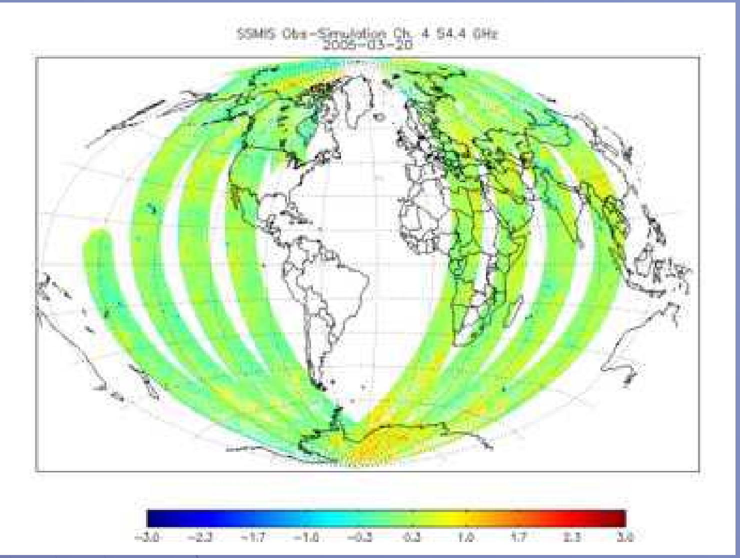
Before NOAA Calibration



Plots of difference between simulated and observed SSMIS 54.4 GHz.

(*Weng, 2007*)

After NOAA Calibration



The calibration of this instrument remains unresolved after 2 years of the lunch of DMSP F16. The outstanding anomalies have been identified from three processes: 1) antenna emission after satellite out of the earth eclipse which contaminates the measurements in ascending node and small part in descending node, 2) solar heating to the warm calibration target and 3) solar reflection from canister tip, both of which affect most of parts of descending node.

Correcting unintended instrument contamination is part of the cal/val process to provide accurate data for use in computerized weather forecast models

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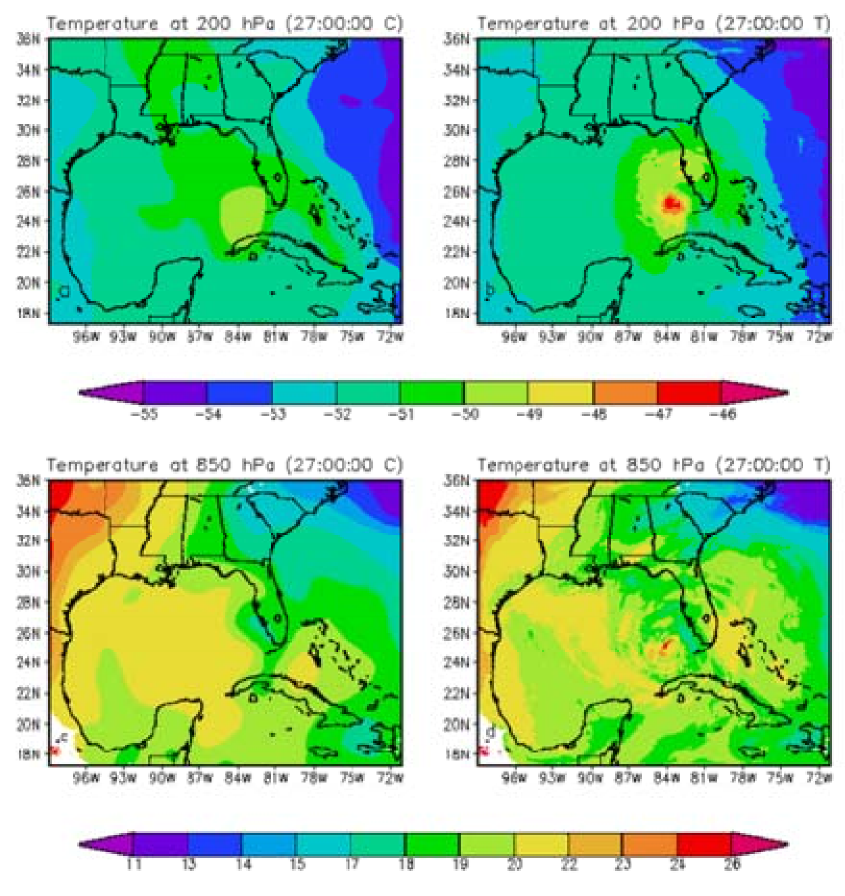
Direct SSMIS Cloudy Radiance Assimilation

DMSP F-16 SSMIS radiances are now assimilated using NCEP 3Dvar data analysis. Figures at the right show how SSMIS data assimilation improve the analysis of surface minimum pressure and temperature fields for Hurricane Katrina. Also, Hurricane 48-hour forecast of hurricane minimum pressure and maximum wind speed was significantly improved from WRF model.

Significance:* *Direct assimilation of satellite radiances under all weather conditions is a central task for Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation (JCSDA) and other NWP centers. With the newly released JCSDA Community Radiative Transfer Model (CRTM), the JCSDA and their partners will be benefited for assimilating more satellite radiances in global and mesoscale forecasting systems and can improve the severe storm forecasts in the next decade



The initial temperature field from control run (left panels) w/o uses of SSMIS rain-affected radiances and test run (right panels) using SSMIS rain-affected radiances

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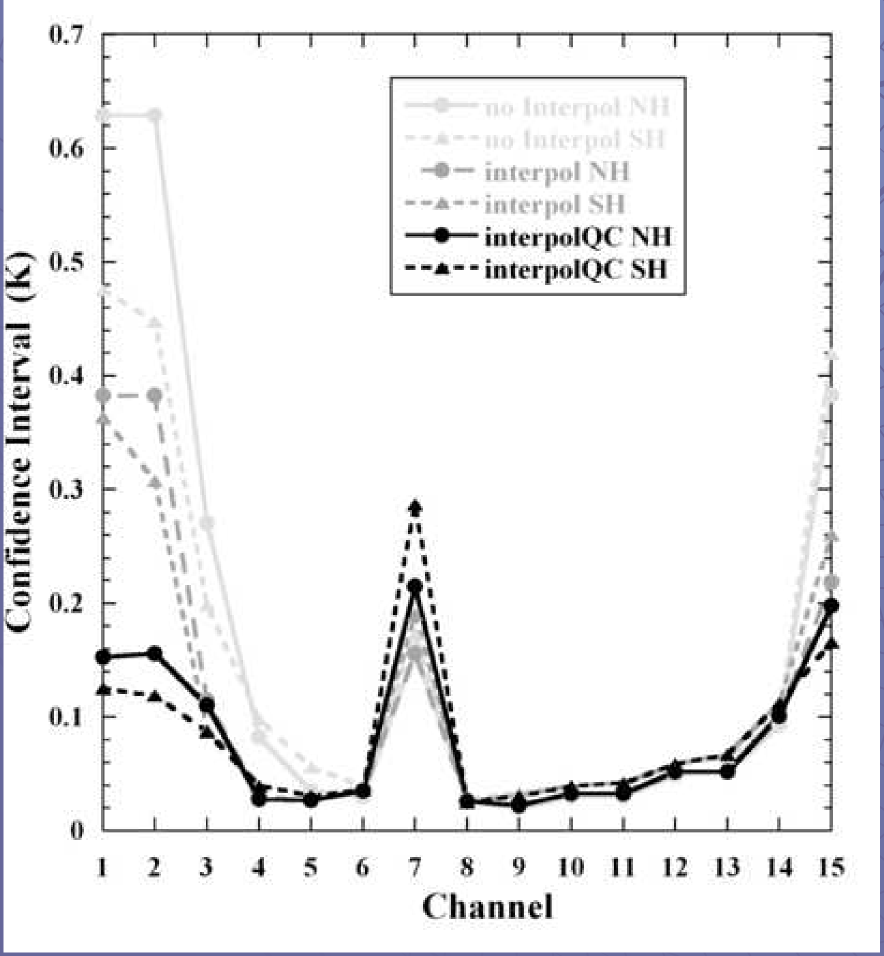
Reducing SNO Bias Estimation Uncertainties for AMSU-A Surface Channels



SNO-ensemble mean Tb bias 99 % confidence interval versus AMSU-A channel for the Northern (solid line/circles) and Southern (dashed line/triangles) Hemispheres. The SNO method was performed between N18 and Aqua AMSU-A satellite instruments using the

- **pixel-matching (light-gray),**
- **bilinear interpolation (gray), and**
- **bilinear interpolation with quality control (black)**

data collocation techniques.

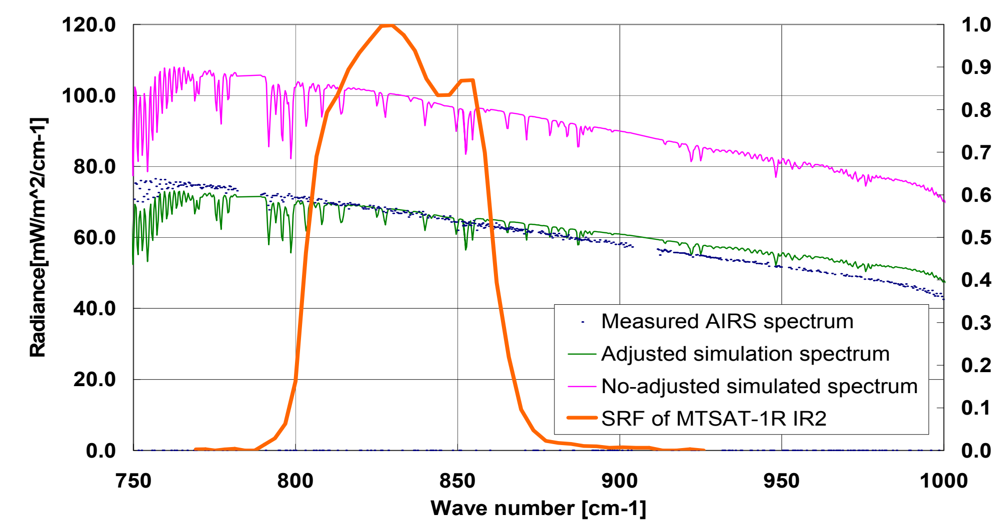
(Iacovazzi, Jr. and Cao, 2007)

GEO2LEO

- Dissemination of GEO-LEO analysis software
- AIRS/MTSAT, AIRS/GOES, IASI/SEVIRI and IASI/GOES Inter-comparisons
- Updates to GEO-LEO analysis software.

GEO2LEO

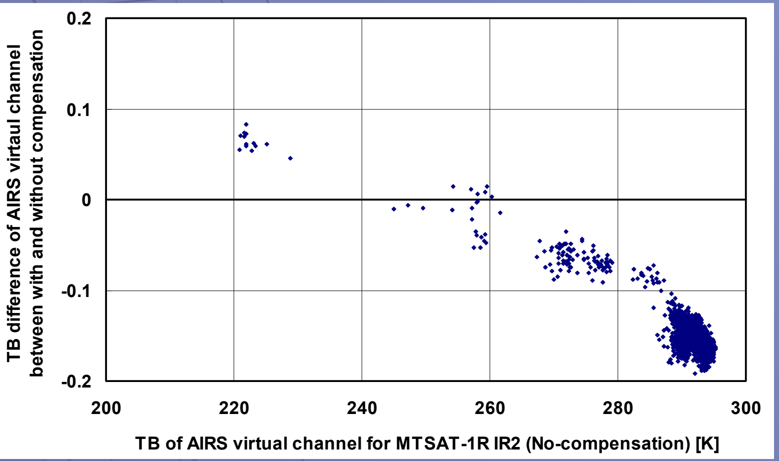
AIRS Gap Filling Technique



Method:

- Prepare line-by-line RTM simulated radiances with respect to a particular atmospheric model profile.
- Adjust the radiances to observed hyperspectral radiances.
- Adjustment is averaged ratio between observed hyperspectral radiances and corresponding simulated radiances computed from the line-by-line simulation.

Brightness temperature differences of the AIRS virtual channel computed with and without applying the proposed spectral gap filling method.



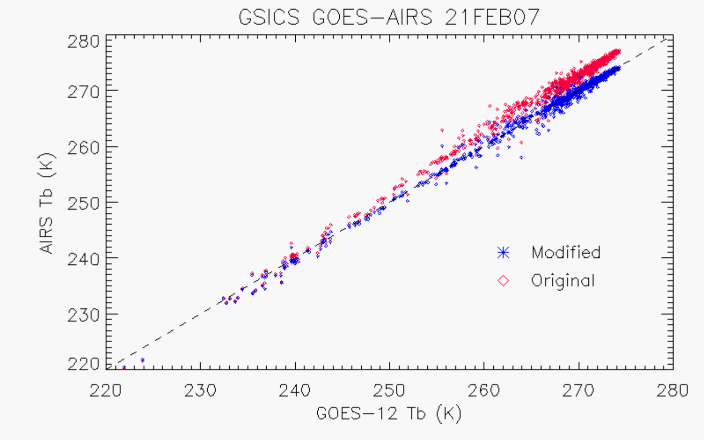
(Kato, 2007)

GEO2LEO

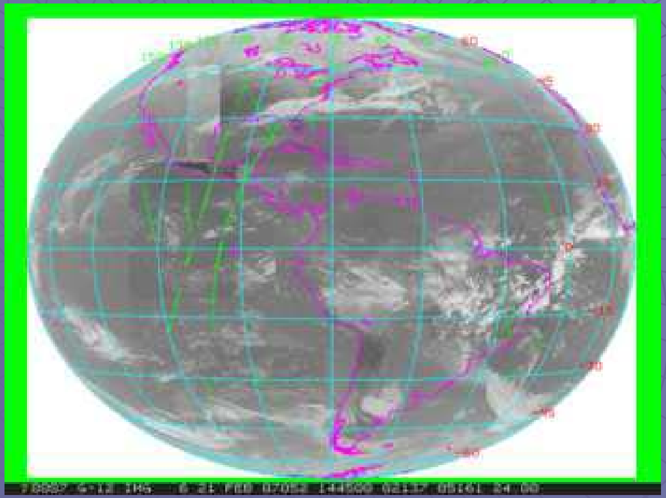
AIRS/GOES-12 Inter-Comparisons

Features:

- **Off-nadir GEO-LEO inter-comparisons that allow expanded coverage of diurnal cycle.**
- **FOV resolution allows instrument bias estimates to be made as functions of scene radiance or *Tb*.**
- **GSICS partners have come together to establish algorithm specifications and to develop code.**



Plot of AIRS-convolved *Tb* as a function of GOES-12 Imager *Tb* for the 13.3 μm band. Red circles indicate AIRS data convolved with measured SRF. Blue asterisks represent AIRS data convolved with shifted SRF.
(Wu, 2007)



Green dots depict locations of AIRS-convolved and GOES-12 Imager 13.3 μm band inter-comparison data on 21 February 2002. *(Wu, 2007)*

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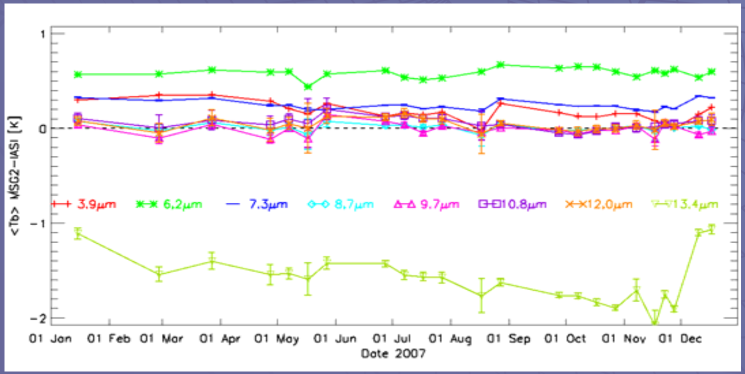
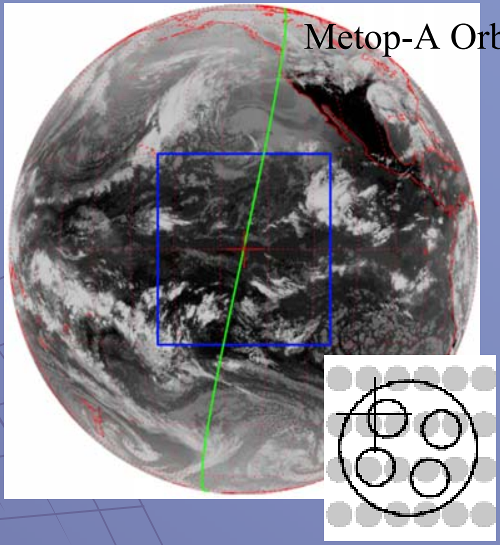
IASI/METEOSAT-SEVIRI Inter-Comparisons

Ch (µm)	Clear-sky Ref Scene T_{bref} (K)	Mean Bias MSG2-IASI at T_{bref} (K)	Standard Deviation (K)
3.9¶	290	0.17¶	0.10
6.2	240	0.61	0.05
7.3	260	0.25	0.04
8.7	290	0.02	0.04
9.7	270	0.00	0.07
10.8	290	0.03	0.06
12.0	290	0.05	0.06
13.4	270	-1.63	0.26



(Hewison, 2007)

IASI/GOES-Imager Inter-Comparisons

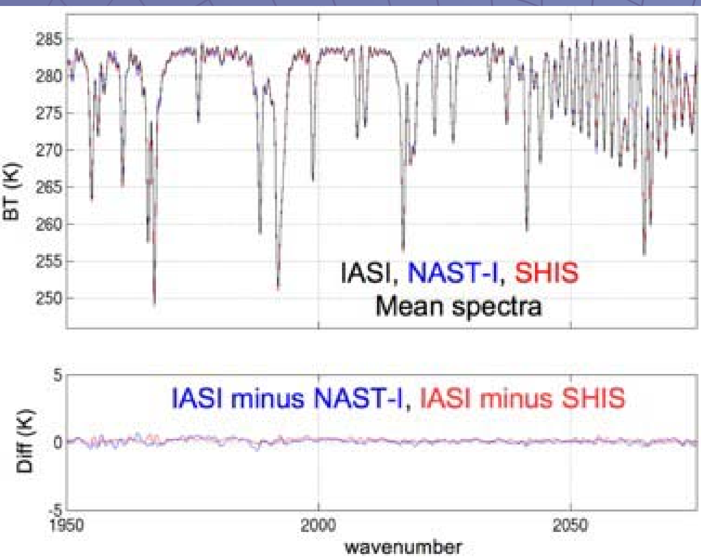


	Samples	Max(BT) -Min(BT) (K)	Mean BT (K)
IASI	4	0.509	294.006
GOES	17	0.719	294.061

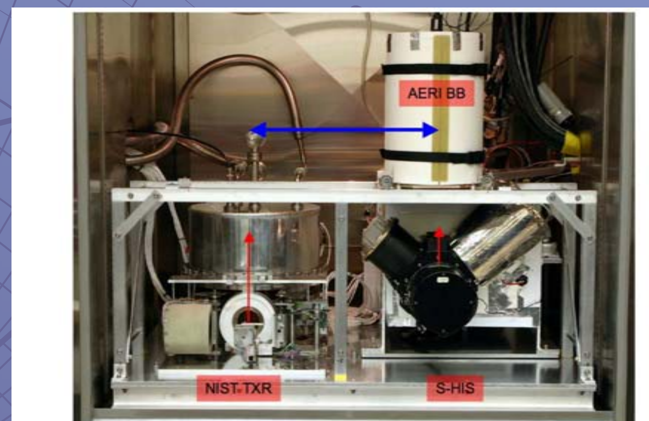
(Wang and Cao, 2007)

Calibration Support

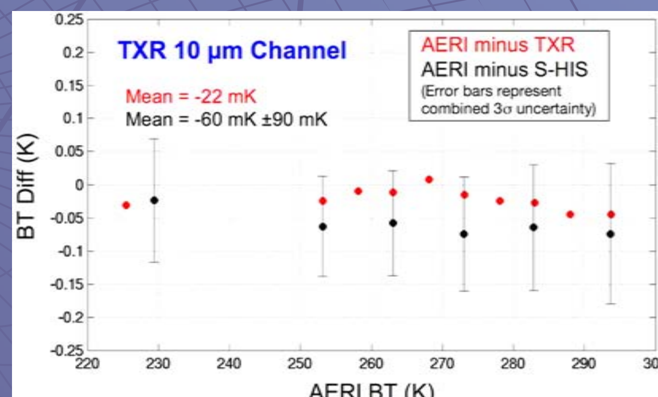
High-Altitude Aircraft Observations Providing SI-Traceable Benchmark Infrared Observations for GSICS



Validation of IASI spectral radiance observations using S-HIS and NAST-I data collected on 19 April 2007 over the Oklahoma ARM site.



Top: A photograph of the S-HIS / NIST TXR test setup.



Bottom: The difference between predicted AERI blackbody radiance and the measured S-HIS radiance and the predicted AERI blackbody radiance minus the measured TXR radiance for the 10 μm TXR channel.

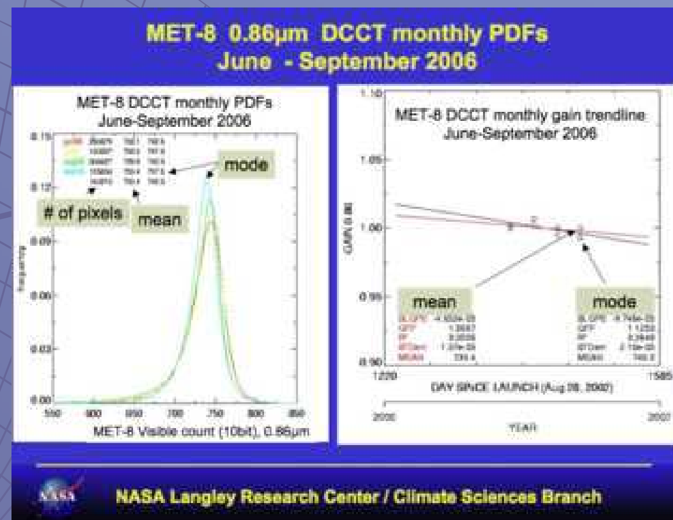
(Tobin, 2007)

Calibration Support

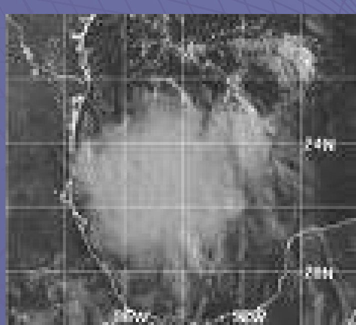
Deep Convective Cloud (DCC) Calibration

Features:

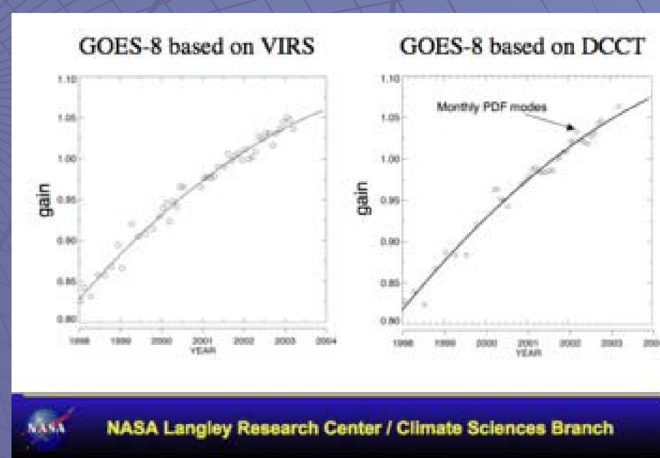
- DCCs are cold and bright tropopause targets in the tropics.
- DCCs provide maximum earth-view radiances in the solar reflective bands
- DCCs have with a nearly constant albedo at the top of the atmosphere.
- No apriori atmospheric profile or surface information is required to calibrate with DCCs.



Top: (left) Monthly PDF of pixel counts converted to overhead sun; and **(right)** normalized mode and mean of PDF over time. Note each month uses more than 100,000 DCC pixels. Also, the middle month in the time series is used to normalize the mean or mode radiances.



DCC Image from the tropics.



Bottom: GOES-8 five-year calibration trend based on **(left)** VIRS and **(right)** DCC matched gridded radiances.

(Doelling, 2007)

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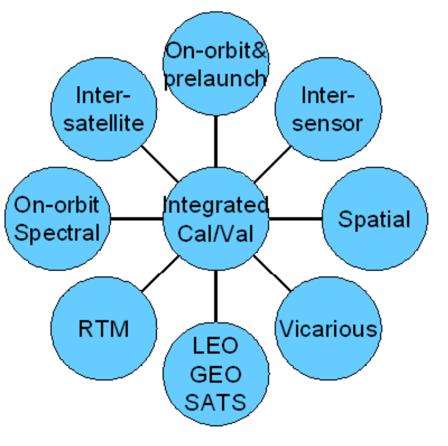


Integrated Satellite Instrument Calibration/Validation System

- **Independent assessment of pre-launch calibration data.**
- **On-line performance monitoring using an instrument parameter trending system.**
- **Independent radiance verification using SNO/SCO and GEO-LEO inter-satellite calibration bias estimation methods.**
- **Inter-sensor calibration - including inter-comparison between imager and sounder channels, and inter-channel calibration - to monitor the radiometric and spectral calibration stability in the long-term.**
- **Vicarious calibration using the Moon, stars, and desert sites for visible/near-infrared channels, and using the mid and upper atmosphere to check for scan asymmetry of sounding channels.**
- **SI-traceable satellite underflights by aircraft radiometers such as S-HIS, NAST-I, and NAST-M**
- **State-of-the-science radiative transfer models to resolve spectral induced biases, and perform regular validations at selected sites, such as the ARM sites.**
- **Geographic feature analysis of geolocation accuracy**
- **Cal/Val web interface accessible by data users.**

Five-year Calibration/Validation Priority Plan

- **Documents product specifications and quality assessment methods from design phase to end of life.**
- **Improvement of institutional memory.**

GCC Goals

GSICS Virtual Library

Expand the storage and dissemination of GSICS data and information.

Components include
- Membership-limited Access;
- Fully-interactive group seminar, private discussion, and bulletin board facilities;
- Collaborative work area to create and edit documents, software, and project plans;
- Data archive portal;
- Program archive of official documents, presentations, meeting minutes, and newsletters;
- List of program-relevant journal articles and web links; and
- E-mail addresses and paging facilities to contact other members.

See http://www.decvar.org/ and http://scilands.wordpress.com/

Summary

Significant GCC progress attributed to all groups.

- NOAA contributing key LEO2LEO calibration capability
- GSICS partners collaborating to achieve optimal GEO2LEO calibration
- GSICS partners expanding competencies in regard to SI –traceability and long-term instrument monitoring
- GCC publishing informative GSICS Quarterly
- GCC expanding inter-calibration results and information on the GSICS web site

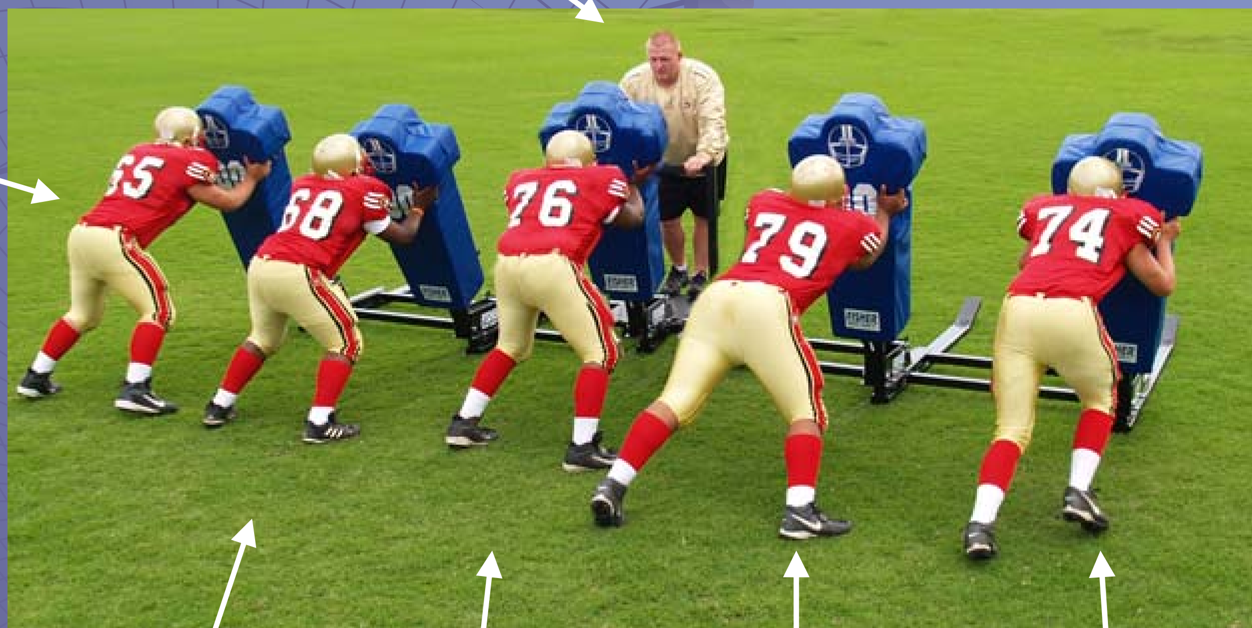
Summary

GSICS Exective Panel,
GRWG and GDWG Chairs,
and GCC Director

GCC Goals:

- ◆ICVS
- ◆GSICS Virtual Library
- ◆Five-Year Strategic Plan

News Group



LEO2LEO Group

GEO2LEO Group

Data Group

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