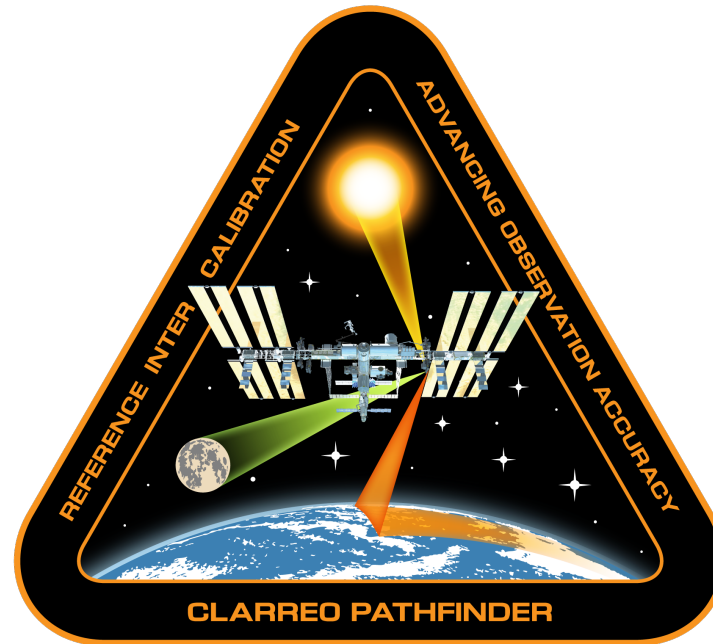




CLARREO Pathfinder Overview

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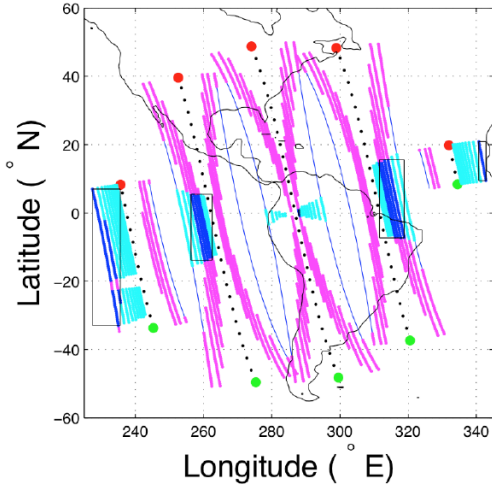


CLARREO Pathfinder Overview: Presentation Outline

- ✧ **Inter-calibration of sensors: background**
- ✧ **Mission Requirements & Success Criteria**
- ✧ **On-orbit pointing approach for inter-calibration**
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Inter-Calibration of Sensors in RS: Current

Aqua vs. GOES 13. Jan 1, 2011



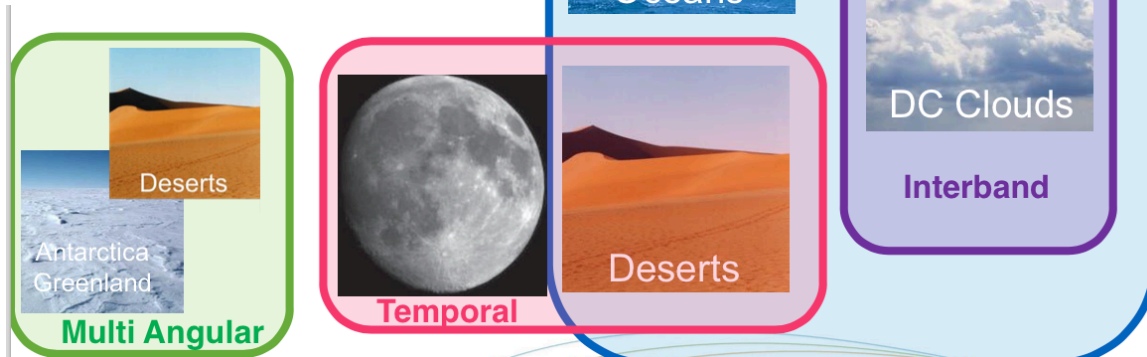
Results from C. Roithmayr

Temporal matching: 30 minutes

• • • Aqua ground track

Aqua swath

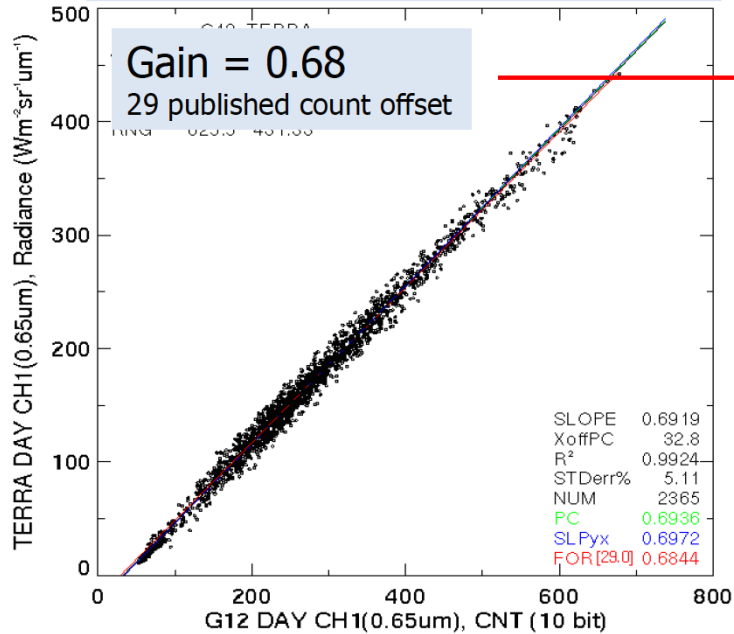
- $|\Delta VZA| \leq 10^\circ$
- $|\Delta RAZ| \leq 20^\circ$
- $|\Delta VZA| \leq 10^\circ$ and $|\Delta RAZ| \leq 20^\circ$



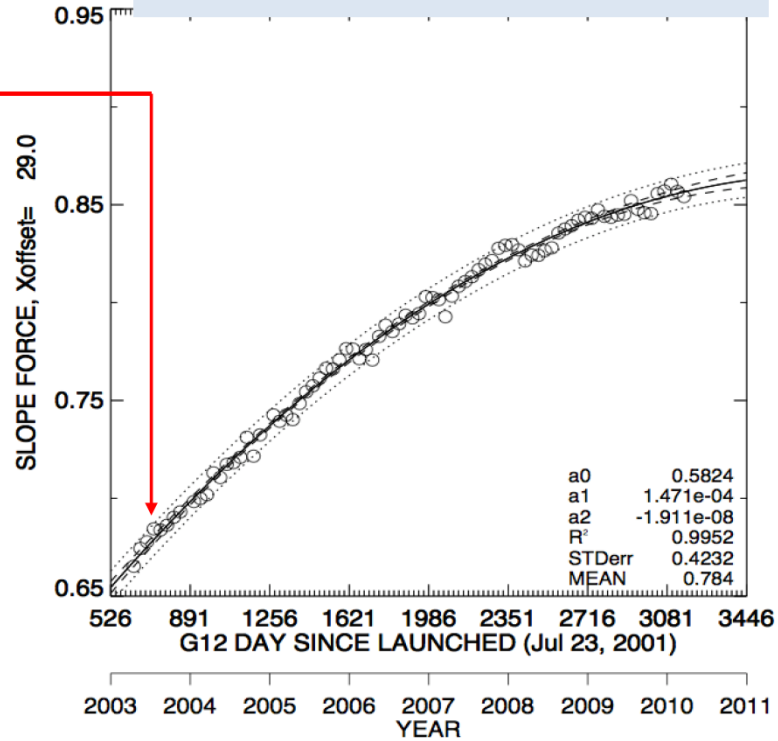
- ✧ LEO and GEO data matching when available (e.g. MODIS and GOES-13).
- ✧ Uniform and stable surface sites.
- ✧ Instrument stability by observing the Moon (e.g. SeaWIFS).
- ✧ Deep Convective Clouds, clear ocean & deserts: involve RT modeling.

Inter-Calibration of Sensors in RS: Current

GOES-12/Terra-MODIS
July 2003



GOES-12 gain
based on Terra-MODIS



Results from the GSICS

Inter-calibration of gain:

- ✧ Type A uncertainty (random) is 5.11% (k=1): due to data matching.
- ✧ Type B uncertainty (not random) is defined by the MODIS accuracy of **2% (k=1)** [pre-launch].
- ✧ Spectral Type B uncertainty: due to difference in spectral response.

Fundamental limitation of current approach





CLARREO Pathfinder Project Overview

- ✧ CLARREO Pathfinder is a directed mission through the NASA Science Mission Directorate – Earth Science Division
 - NASA Langley has overall project management responsibility*
- ✧ CLARREO Pathfinder is a risk reduction mission for a potential future full CLARREO Mission
 - Two primary mission objectives:*
 1. Demonstrate on orbit, high accuracy, SI-Traceable calibration
 2. Demonstrate ability to transfer this calibration to other on-orbit assets
- ✧ Project scope consists of formulation, implementation, launch, operation, and analysis of measurements from a Reflected Solar (RS) Spectrometer, launched to the International Space Station (ISS)
- ✧ Category 3 (NPR 7120.5E) / Class D Mission (NPR 8705.4), nominal 1-year mission life + 1 year science data analysis
- ✧ Targeted for launch in late CY2020 – early CY2021
- ✧ Authority to Proceed received April 11, 2016



Inter-Calibration Requirements & Objectives

CERES / RBI and VIIRS are the **required** instruments for demonstrating inter-calibration capability:

- ❖ *CERES / RBI Short Wave Channel*
- ❖ *VIIRS Reflectance Bands*
- ❖ *Inter-Calibration possibilities include CERES / VIIRS on Suomi NPP and JPSS-1, and RBI / VIIRS on JPSS-2*

CLARREO Pathfinder project **objective** is to have the capability to acquire the data necessary to demonstrate inter-calibration with other Earth-observing instruments:

- ❖ *The objective is intended to get as much scientific value out of this risk reduction mission as possible within the available budget and schedule*
- ❖ **Acquisition of data** for demonstrating inter-calibration with instruments other than CERES/RBI and VIIRS will be as events of opportunity
- ❖ **Processing the data** for demonstrating inter-calibration with instruments other than CERES/RBI and VIIRS is not within current CLARREO Pathfinder project scope / budget

We welcome the opportunity to work with other projects to arrange / advocate for the necessary funding



Draft Level-1 Requirement Summary

Demonstration Parameter	Measurement Uncertainty	
	Baseline Objective*	Threshold Requirement**
Spectrally-Resolved Earth Reflectance (350 – 2300 nm): SI-Traceable, referenced to spectral solar irradiance	≤ 0.3% (k = 1)	≤ 0.6% (k = 1)
Spectrally-Integrated Earth Reflectance (350 – 2300 nm): SI-traceable broadband (350 - 2300 nm) spectrally-integrated Earth reflectance with spectral accuracy weighted using global average Earth spectrally reflected energy	≤ 0.3% (k = 1)	≤ 0.6% (k = 1)
On-Orbit Inter-Calibration***: Demonstrate the ability to Inter-Calibrate with CERES/RBI short wave channel and VIIRS reflectance bands	≤ 0.3% (k = 1)	≤ 0.6% (k = 1)

* *Baseline Objective is within a factor of 2 of full CLARREO Tier-1 Decadal Survey Mission Requirements*

** *Threshold requirement is a factor of 2 (CERES) to 4 (VIIRS) better than current capabilities.*

*** *Inter-calibration uncertainty are contributions from data matching noise.*



CLARREO Pathfinder Project Status

CLARREO Pathfinder is currently in Formulation Phase A:

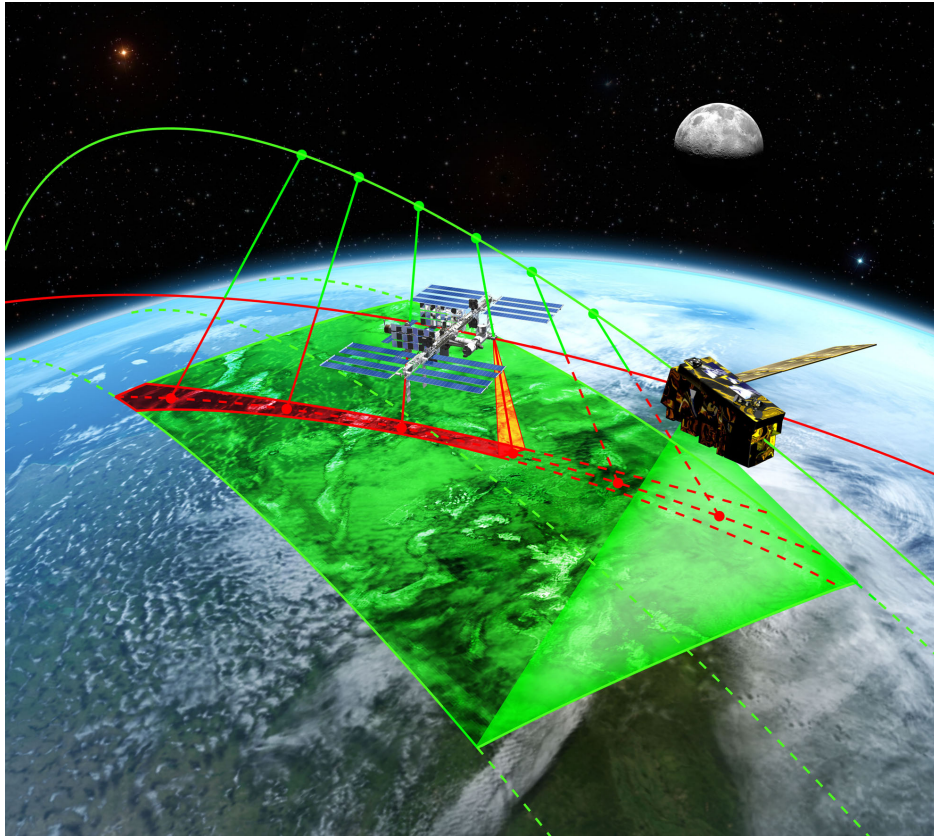
- ✧ *Successful Mission Concept Review on August 24-26, 2016*
- ✧ *Key Decision Point-A (KDP-A) gate review passed on January 12, 2017*

CLARREO Pathfinder is a recognized International Space Station (ISS) payload and is listed on the MiPROM (MiPROM = ISS payload schedule planning tool):

- ✧ *Instrument payload is planned to be accommodated on the ISS at Express Logistics Carrier #1 (ELC-1) Site #3*
- ✧ *ISS has planned for an 18-month occupancy for the CLARREO Pathfinder payload (October 2020 through March 2022)*
- ✧ *Includes 2-month commissioning period + 12 months prime mission operations*

Project is currently performing the necessary work to establish contracts and partnerships during the Formulation phase of the project.

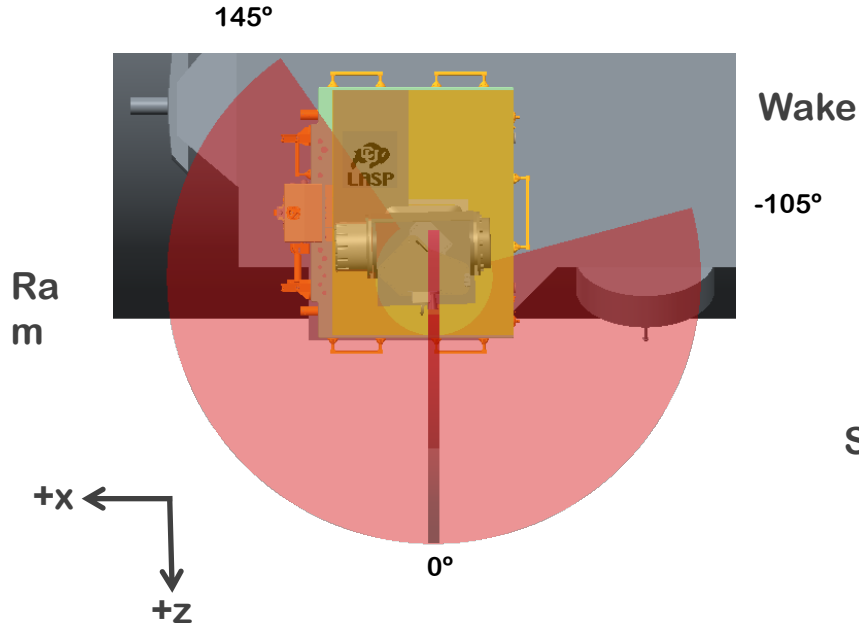
Inter-Calibration Concept: CERES & VIIRS



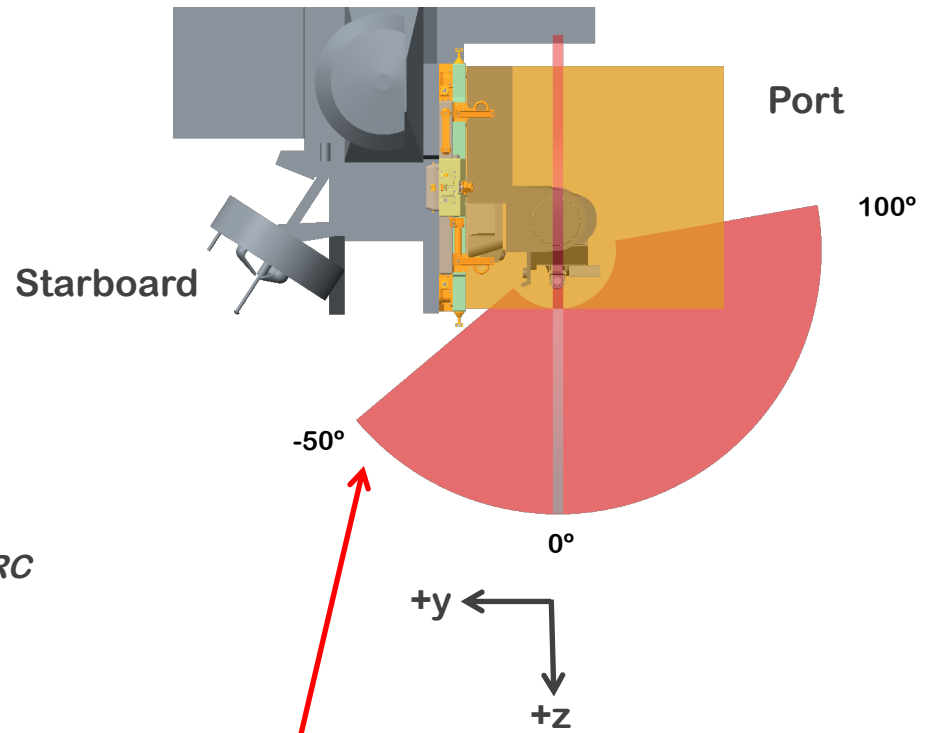
- ✧ CLARREO Pathfinder Instrument provides high-accuracy reference on orbit.
- ✧ CLARREO Pathfinder Instrument has 2D pointing ability for real-time data matching.
- ✧ CLARREO Pathfinder data matching with CERES and VIIRS on JPSS:
temporal matching within 10 minutes, on-orbit angular/spacial matching.
- ✧ CLARREO Pathfinder location on ISS: ELC-1 Site 3.

RS Instrument Field-of-Regard

Pitch



Roll



Accommodation studies by the NASA LaRC

- ✧ Gimbal configuration: pitch - roll
- ✧ Approximate gimbal range of motion at ISS ELC-1 Site 3.
- ✧ Not all pointing angles are available due to ISS accommodation.
- ✧ Refine analysis for ISS components affecting RS instrument view in Phase-A.



Inter-Calibration Event Prediction

- ✧ **Approach: Inter-calibration by real-time pointing off-nadir !**
- ✧ **Inter-calibration on-orbit operations are planned ahead of time !**

(1) Inter-calibration of Sensors:

- ✧ Prediction by orbital modeling
- ✧ Filter out events with instrument FOV obscured by ISS fixed and rotating structures
- ✧ Assess the value for every event by modeling
- ✧ Deliver event parameters to instrument operations team

(2) Calibration of Lunar Spectral Reflectance:

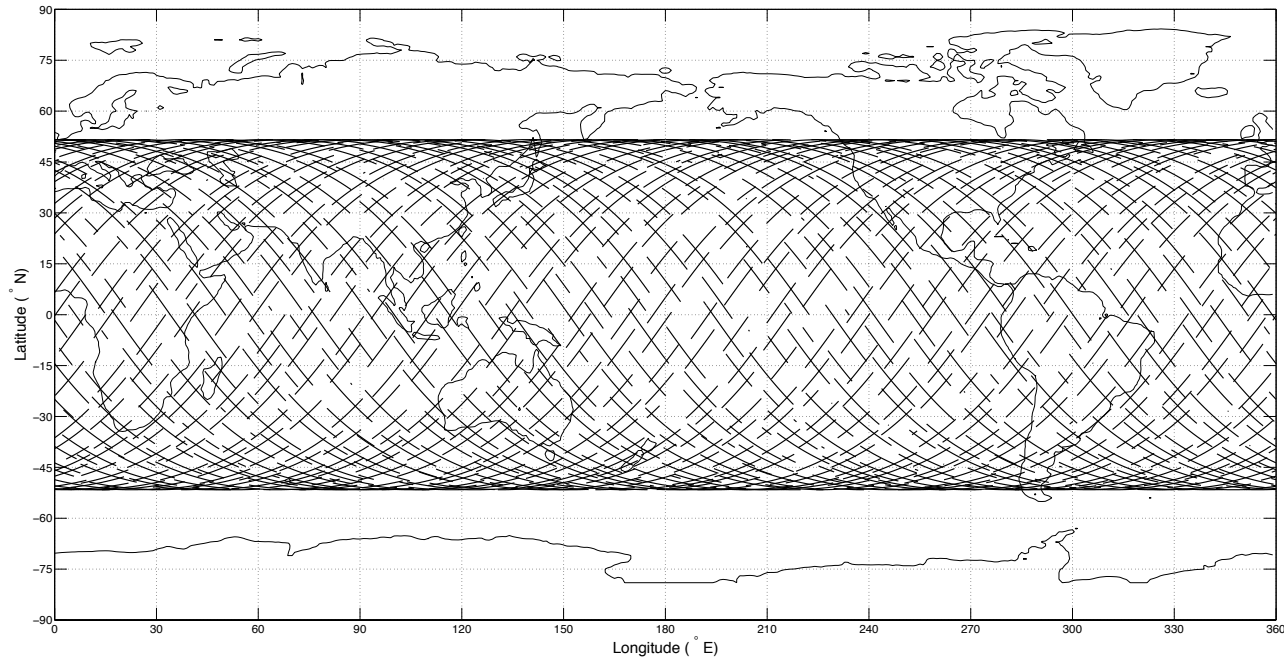
- ✧ Prediction of Moon viewing by orbital modeling
- ✧ Filter out events with instrument FOV obscured by ISS fixed and rotating structures
- ✧ Assess the value for every lunar geometry by modeling
- ✧ Coordinate with the instrument calibration team
- ✧ Deliver event parameters to instrument operations team

(3) Characterization of Surface Sites:

- ✧ Prediction by orbital modeling
- ✧ Filter out events with instrument FOV obscured by ISS fixed and rotating structures
- ✧ Assess the value for every event by modeling
- ✧ Deliver event parameters to instrument operations team

Inter-Calibration Events: Geolocation

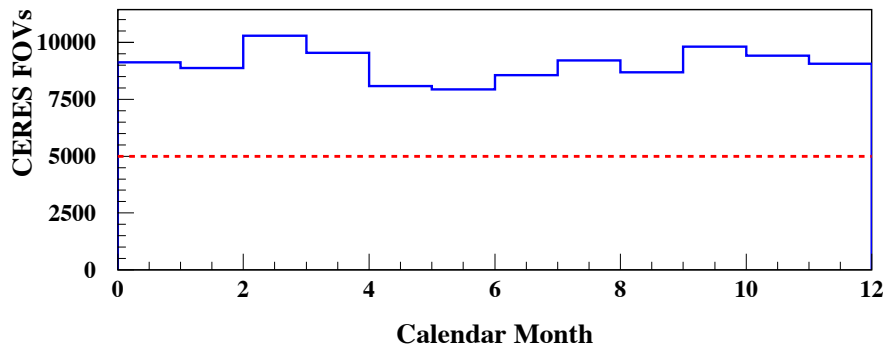
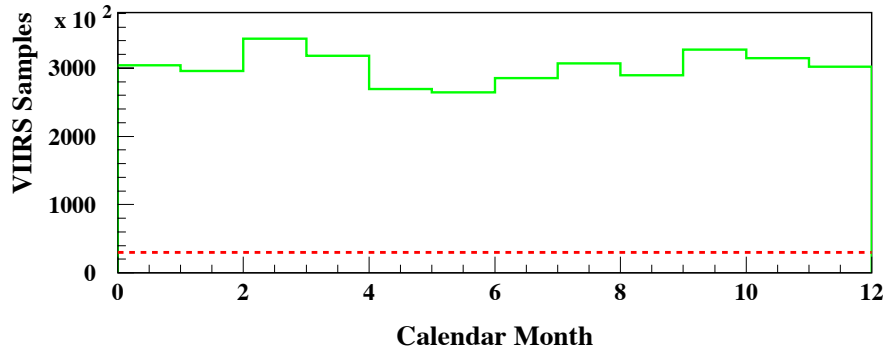
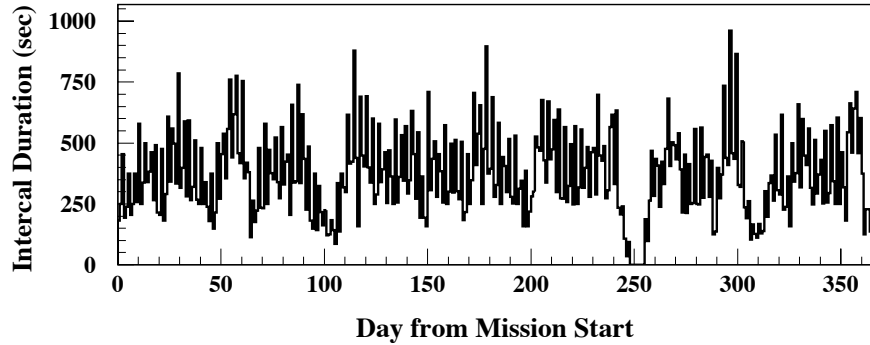
Results from C. Roithmayr



Geolocation of the ISS ground track during each opportunity to take measurements for inter-calibrating JPSS cross-track sensors (CERES and VIIRS).

- ✧ Instrument FOV = 10°
- ✧ Time matching +/- 10 minutes
- ✧ 1308 inter-calibration opportunities over 1 year

Inter-Calibration: Sampling & Margin



Simulation ISS ELC-1 Site 3:

- ✧ 10 minutes time matching
- ✧ Instrument field-of-regard
- ✧ Instrument FOV = 10°
- ✧ Instrument FOV obscuration = 0%
- ✧ Event duration > 30 seconds
- ✧ SZA < 75°
- ✧ N good events = 1163

VIIRS:

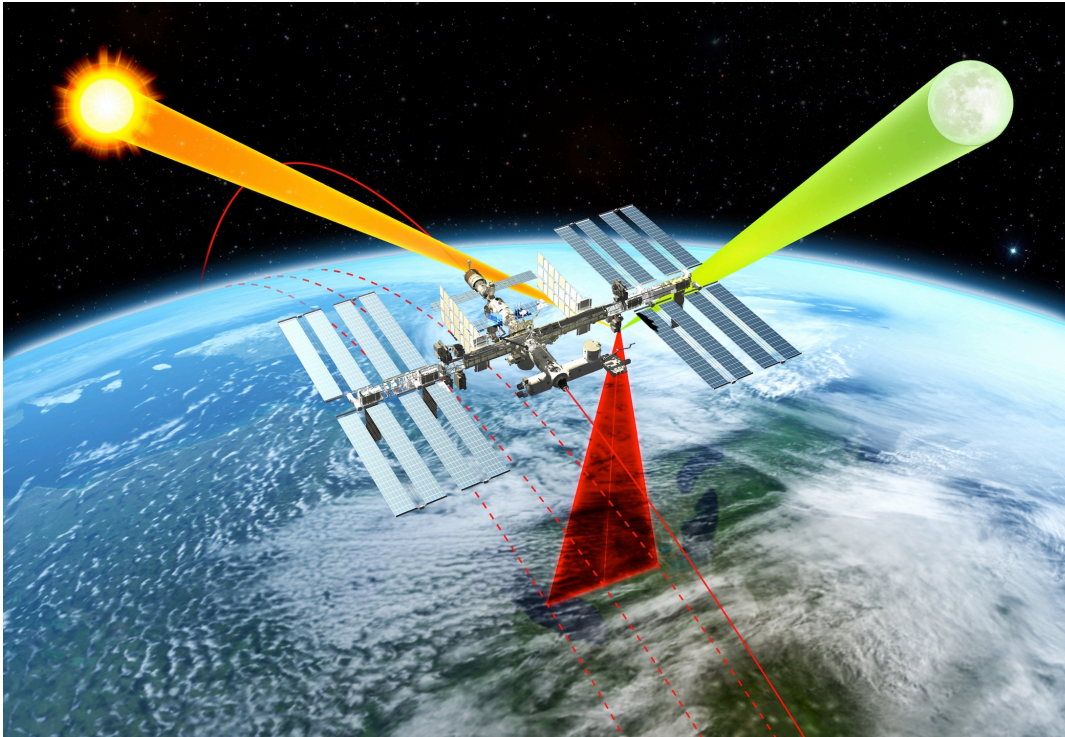
100 samples every 5 seconds
(imager re-sampling)

CERES:

3 FOVs every 5 seconds
(large FOV)

**Margin at 44% for operations
not-available on average !**

Other Inter-Calibration Opportunities



SENSORS:

- ✧ GEO imagers:
NOAA ABI on GOES-16
EUMETSAT
ESA GERB
- ✧ Land imagers:
USGS Landsat
ESA Sentinel-2A/B

CALIBRATION TARGETS:

- ✧ Instrumented and not-instrumented Surface Sites (deserts)
- ✧ Moon: improve accuracy of lunar spectral reflectance



Inter-Calibration Data Products

Product	Contents	Resolution	Granule
Level-1 Products for VIIRS CERES GEO (NOAA, ESA, etc.) Landsat (USGS) Surface Sites Moon	Calibrated and geo-located CPF observations.	Full spectral and spatial resolution of the CPF RS Instrument.	Each granule contains single CPF inter-calibration event.
Level-4 Products for VIIRS CERES	Collections of CPF (Level-1), VIIRS, and CERES matched data (Level-1 & Level-2).	CLARREO (Level-11) and VIIRS (Level-1 & Level-2, Clouds and Aerosols) data spatially convolved over IC sample. CLARREO Spectral re-sampling. CLARREO (Level-1) spatially convolved over CERES FOV's PSF. CLARREO conversion to broadband reflectance. Scene ID from the CERES SSF.	Data processed by the CPF inter-calibration events.
Level-4 Products for VIIRS CERES	Inter-calibration results: Constraints on effective offset, gain, non-linearity, sensitivity to polarization, and spectral degradation.	N/A	N/A

❖ Additional data analysis – by a separately funded science team



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