

Landsat-8: Lunar Calibrations

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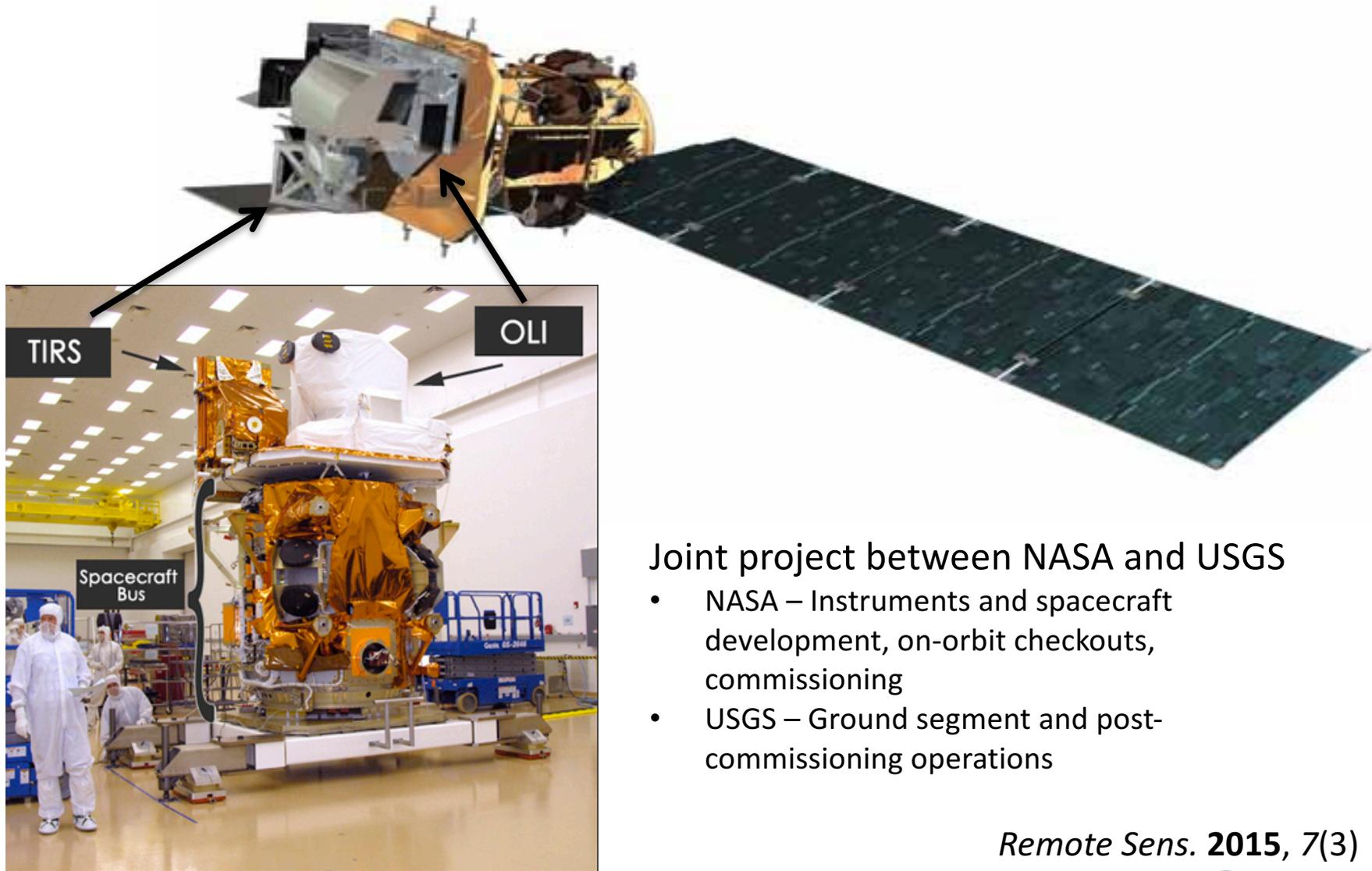




Topics

- Landsat-8 Mission Overview and Status
 - OLI and TIRS on-orbit performance
- Landsat-8 Lunar Calibrations
- Application in OLI Radiometric Stability Performance
- Current Model Improvement Effort
- Other uses for Lunar Observations
 - TIRS Straylight Correction
- Summary

Landsat-8 Overview



Joint project between NASA and USGS

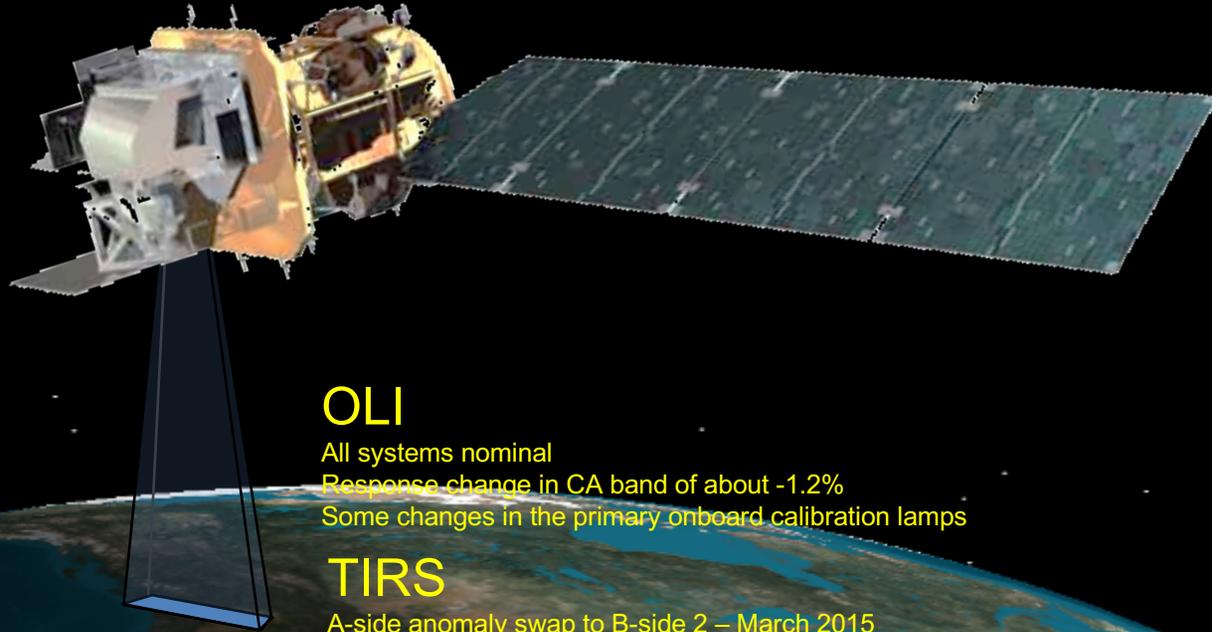
- NASA – Instruments and spacecraft development, on-orbit checkouts, commissioning
- USGS – Ground segment and post-commissioning operations

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L8 Spacecraft Status

All spacecraft subsystems are nominal

- ✓ ACS
- ✓ FSW
- ✓ CDH
- ✓ EPS
- ✓ TCS
- ✓ PROP
- ✓ TTC



OLI

All systems nominal
Response change in CA band of about -1.2%
Some changes in the primary onboard calibration lamps

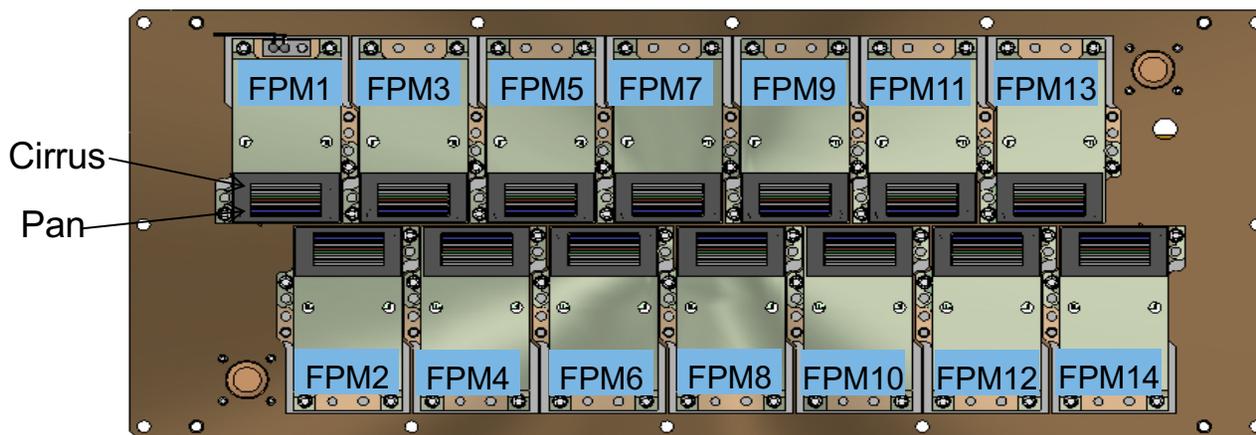
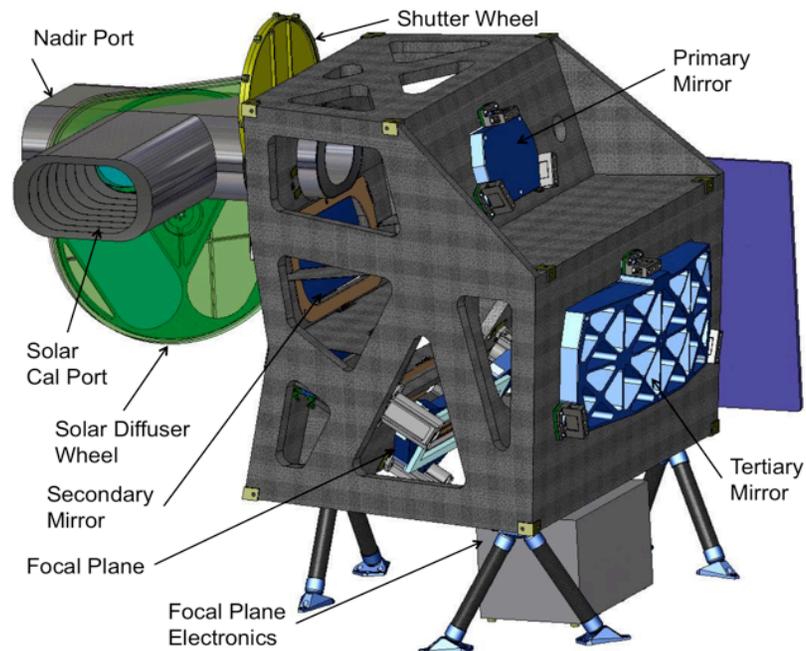
TIRS

A-side anomaly swap to B-side 2 – March 2015
Reflections from the internal TIRS telescope structure near the third lens caused out-of-field response at about 15° off axis (outside TIRS nominal field of view)
– correction routine implemented for products

OLI Overview

- Pushbroom Radiometer, 15° FOV
- Eight 30 m multispectral bands
- One 15 m panchromatic band

Band #	Band	Center Wavelength (nm)	Bandwidth (nm)	Lower Band Edge (nm)	Upper Band Edge (nm)
1	Coastal/Aerosol	443.0	16.0	435.0	451.0
2	Blue	482.0	60.0	452.0	512.1
3	Green	561.4	57.3	532.7	590.1
4	Red	654.6	37.5	635.9	673.3
5	NIR	864.7	28.3	850.5	878.8
6	SWIR 1	1608.9	84.7	1566.5	1651.2
7	SWIR 2	2200.7	186.7	2107.4	2294.1
8	Panchromatic	589.5	172.4	503.3	675.7
9	Cirrus	1373.4	20.4	1363.2	1383.6



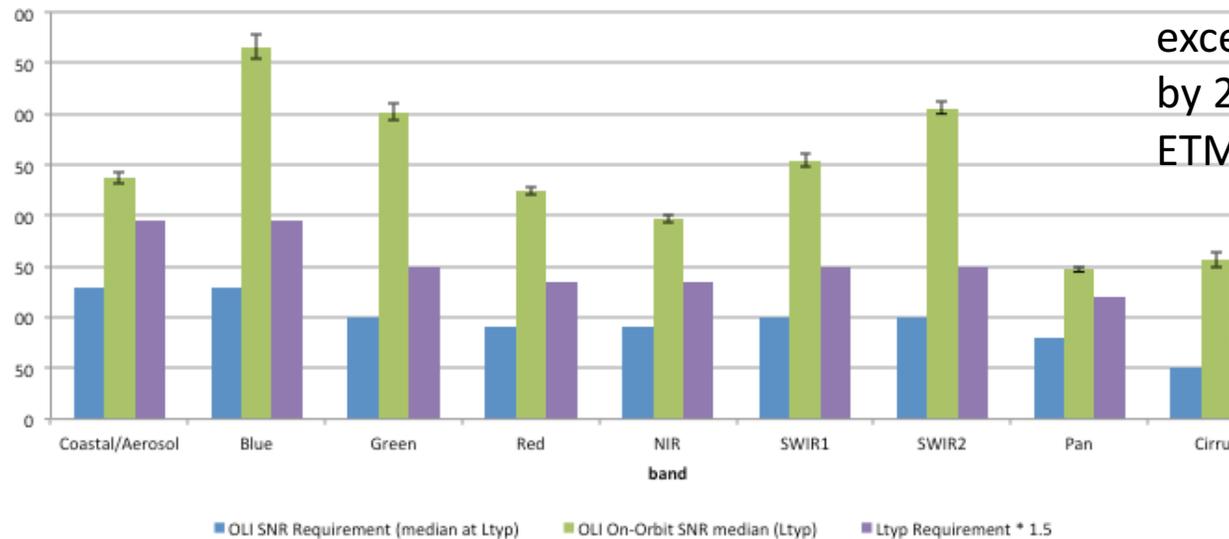
Calibration Devices

- On-board lamps
- Solar diffuser
- Lunar

~7000 Detectors per band in 14 Focal Plane Modules (FPM)

OLI Performance

OLI Signal-to-Noise Performance at Ltypical
Aug-2015

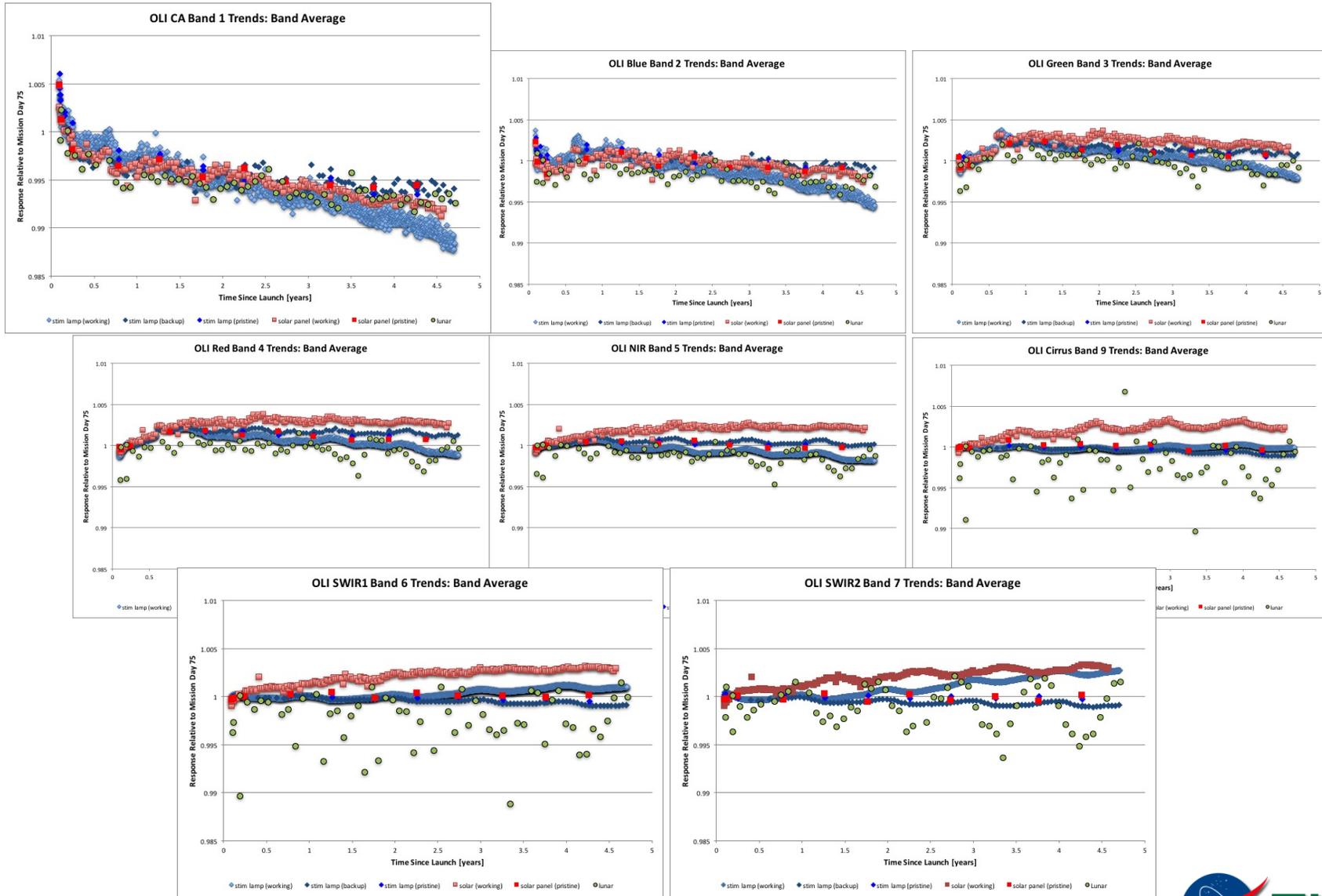


SNR continues to exceed requirements by 2-3 times; Landsat-7 ETM+ by 8-10 times

Precision of Calibrator Data (approximate range)

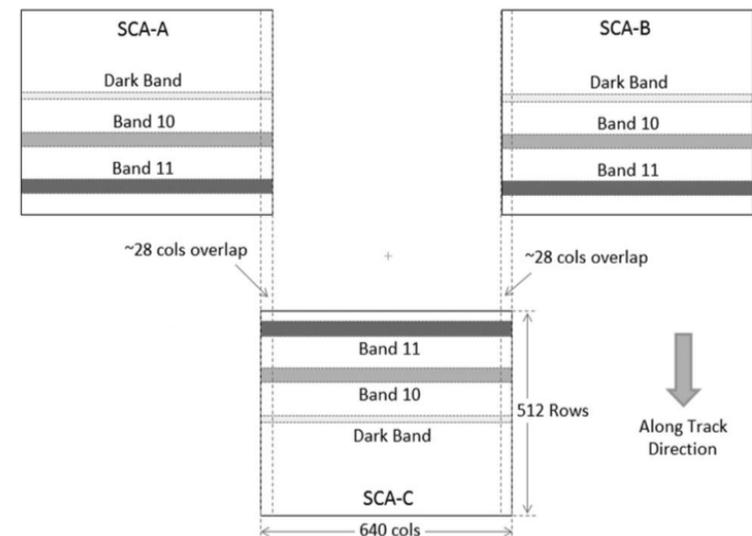
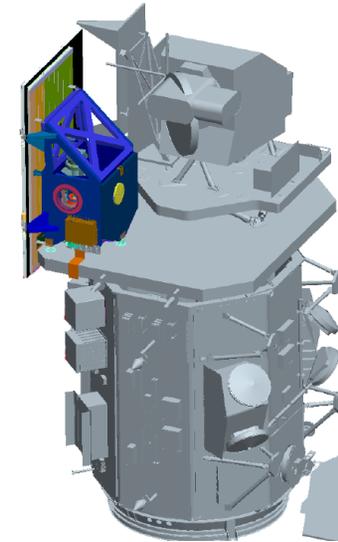
Calibrator	Coastal Aerosol	Red	NIR	SWIR-1	SWIR-2
Lamp	±0.15%	±0.02%	±0.01%	±0.01%	±0.01%
Solar	±0.10%	±0.05%	±0.05%	±0.05%	±0.05%
Lunar	±0.10%	±0.10%	±0.10%	±0.50%	±0.30%

OLI Calibration Stability



TIRS Instrument Overview

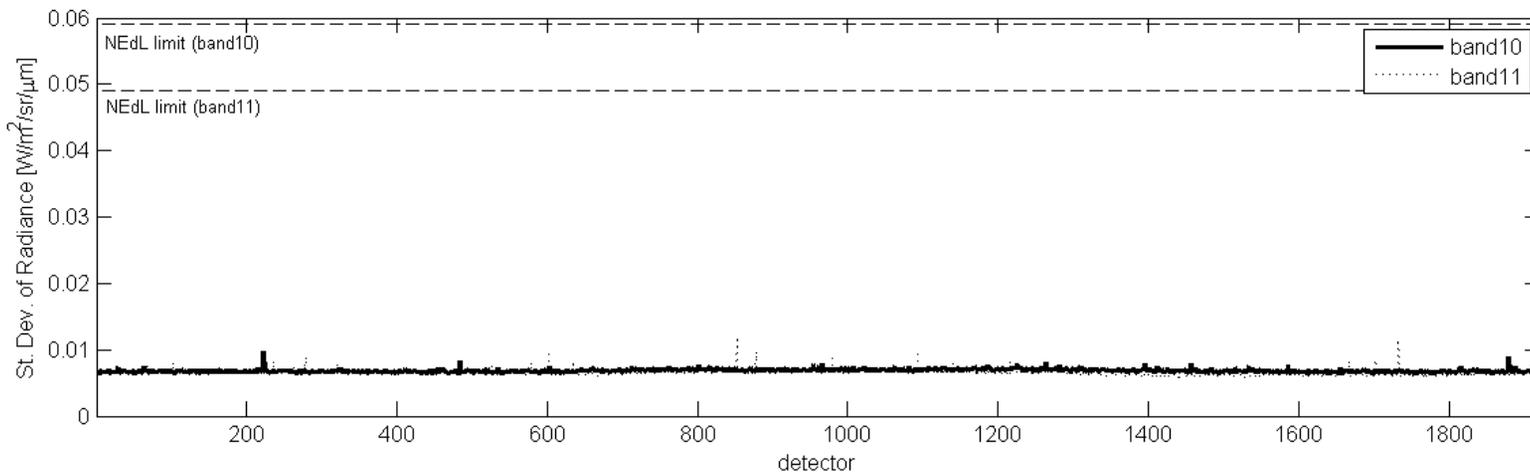
- 4 optical element refracting telescope
- Focal plane consists of 3 staggered QWIP arrays
- Two spectral channels:
 - 10.6 μm - 11.2 μm known as “Landsat 8 band 10”
 - 11.5 μm - 12.5 μm known as “Landsat 8 band 11”
- Dark band to monitor focal plane drift
- Push-broom configuration: ~1850 detectors across-track per band
- 185 km ground swath (15 degree); 100 meter pixel size on ground;
 - resampled to 30 meter pixels in final product
- For calibration purposes, a Scene Select Mechanism (SSM) can switch instrument view between:
 - Nadir – Deep Space Port – Blackbody Calibrator (OBC)



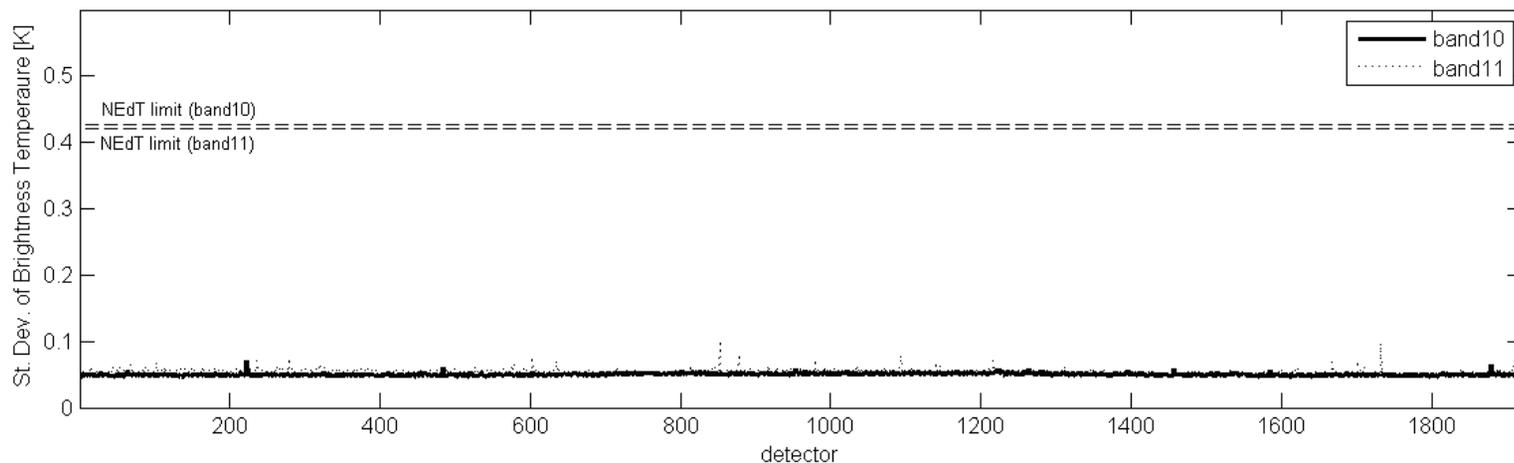
TIRS Noise

- Noise characterization based on collects of OBC

NEdL @ Source temperature of 295K



NEdT @ Source temperature of 295K



* Actual NEdL & NEdT exceed requirements

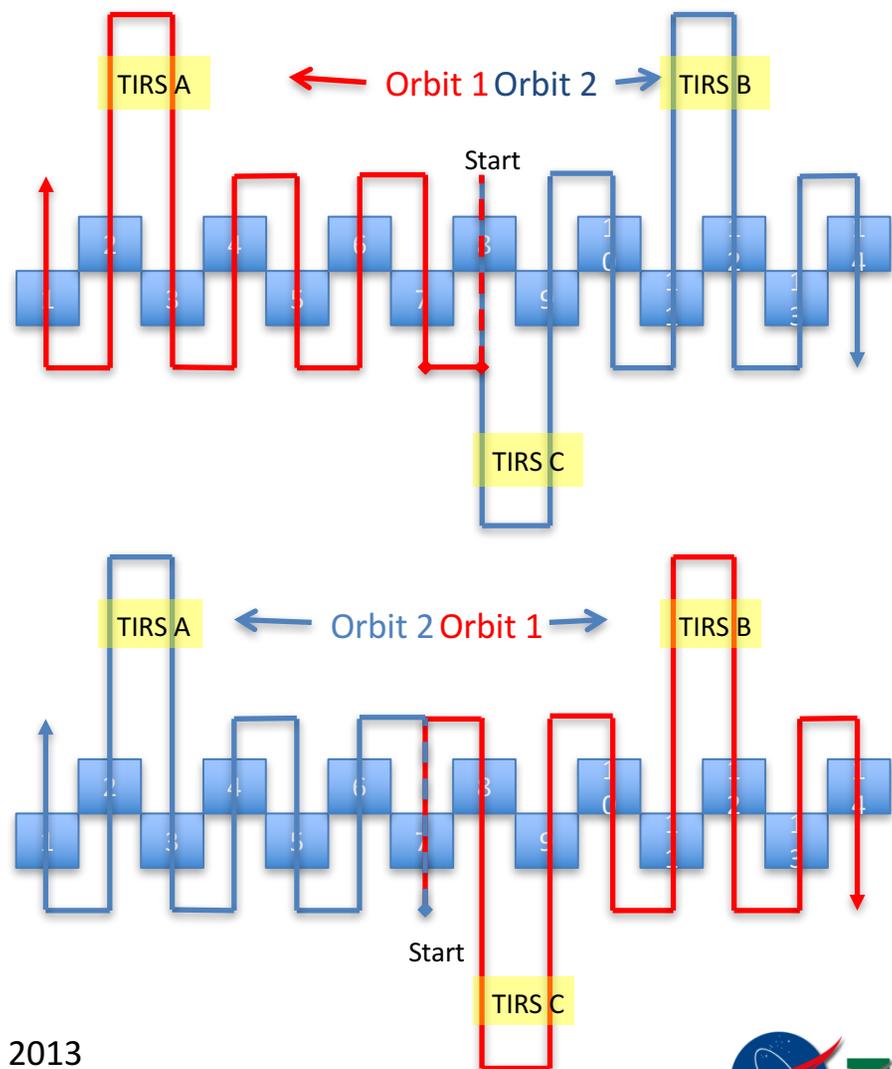
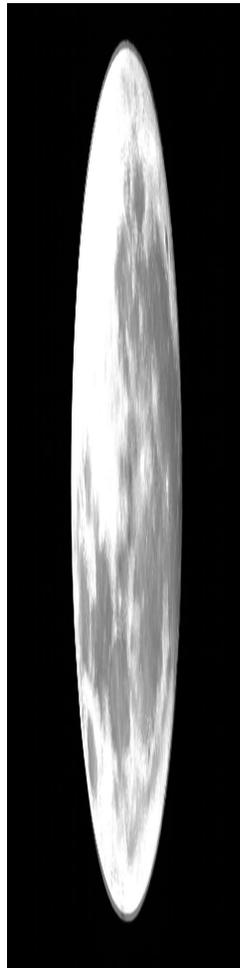
Landsat-8 Status Summary

- Landsat-8 has been exceeding expectations in terms of data quantity and quality
 - currently acquires up to 740 images per day — requirements are 400 per day.
- OLI has been extremely stable on-orbit
 - At most 1% change is band average response in Band 1, Coastal Aerosol (CA)
 - variation between the calibration sources is ~0.2%
 - All calibration techniques working and consistent
 - Increase in “brightness” of working diffuser relative to other calibrators
 - Larger scatter in lunar response in SWIR bands, particularly SWIR-1 and Cirrus
 - OLI reflectance absolute calibration generally consistent to 3% with vicarious techniques
 - Small detector to detector variations (generally sub 0.1%) that are well corrected
 - SNR performance 2-3 times requirements
 - 100% detector operability
- TIRS has been extremely stable on-orbit
 - At most 0.5% change in band average response
 - Noise ~8 times better than requirements
 - 100% detector operability
 - Stray light compromises image uniformity and absolute calibration; adequately corrected in band 10 for many applications with simple bias factor

Landsat-8 Lunar Calibrations

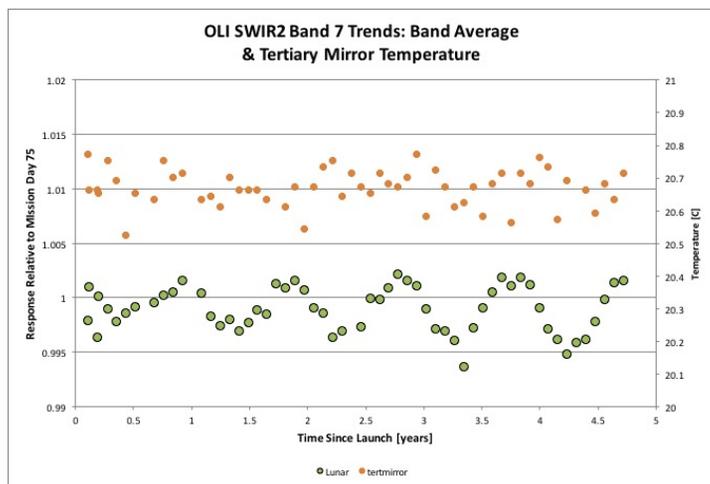
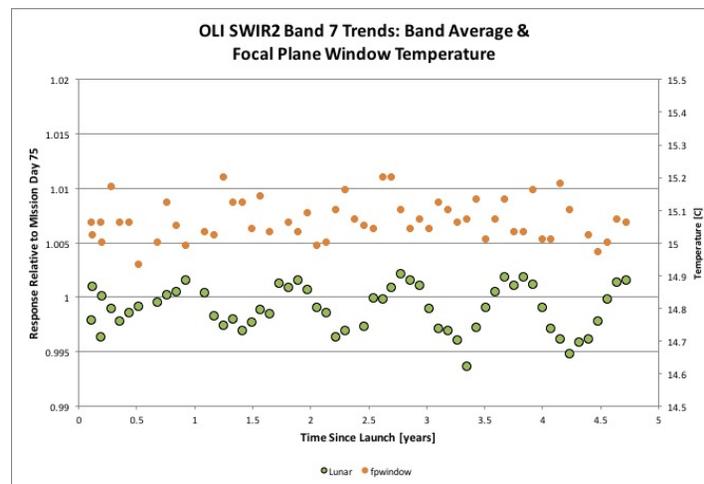
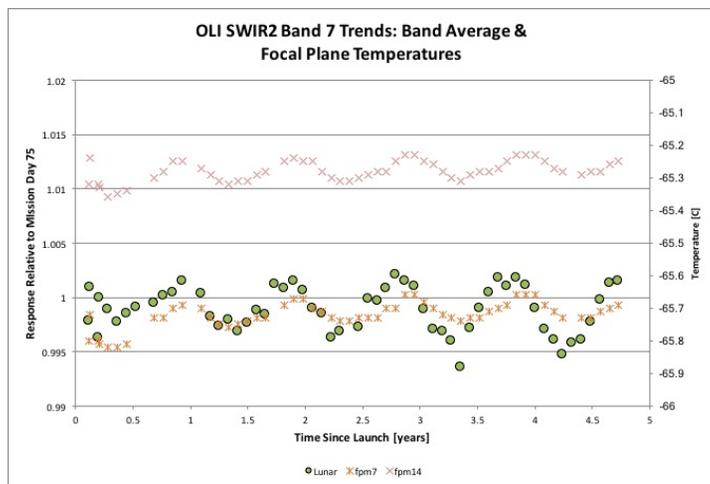
Based on experience on EO-1 (ALI & Hyperion instruments) since 2001*

- Lunar Cals are performed monthly between 5 and 9 deg lunar phase angle
 - The moon is imaged by a spacecraft pitch motion.
 - The pitch rate is constant and well controlled during the imaging interval.
 - Roll and Yaw rates are negligible.
 - Orientation of the scan is such that the bright limbs are at the top and bottom of the image. This provides better estimates of the lunar y-size
- Irradiance values of the lunar image are integrated and compared to the Rolo model.
 - Image is filtered to remove stars and other artifacts
 - No further background correction beyond those in the L1R process.



*Calcon Workshop on Lunar calibrations 2006;
IEEE JSTARS EO-1 Special Issues June 2003 & April 2013

Higher uncertainties in the SWIR Bands



The observed quasi-seasonal variations in SWIR2 does not appear to be correlated to temperature effects

Development of SLIM Lunar Irradiance Model



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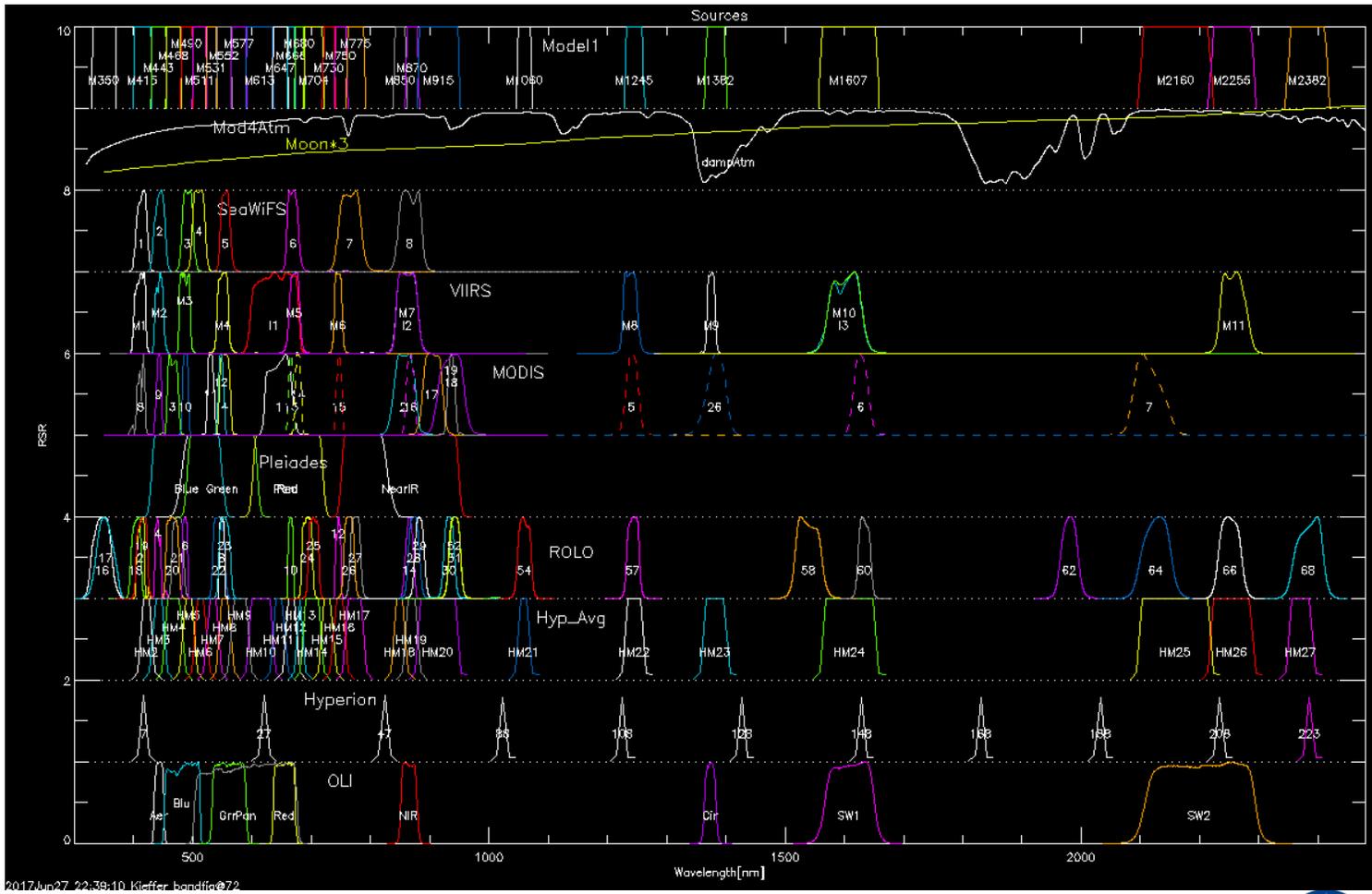
- Spacecraft and Earth-based Lunar Irradiance Model, SLIM
- Support any bands in the 330-2500 nm region
- Based on as many spacecraft as possible
- Follow many of the concepts used by be ROLO
- But, treat ROLO data as just another instrument (current effort uses version 3)
- Use a structure that can readily incorporate additional instruments

There is only one Moon
We need to develop our best estimate of what it is

On-going model improvement effort

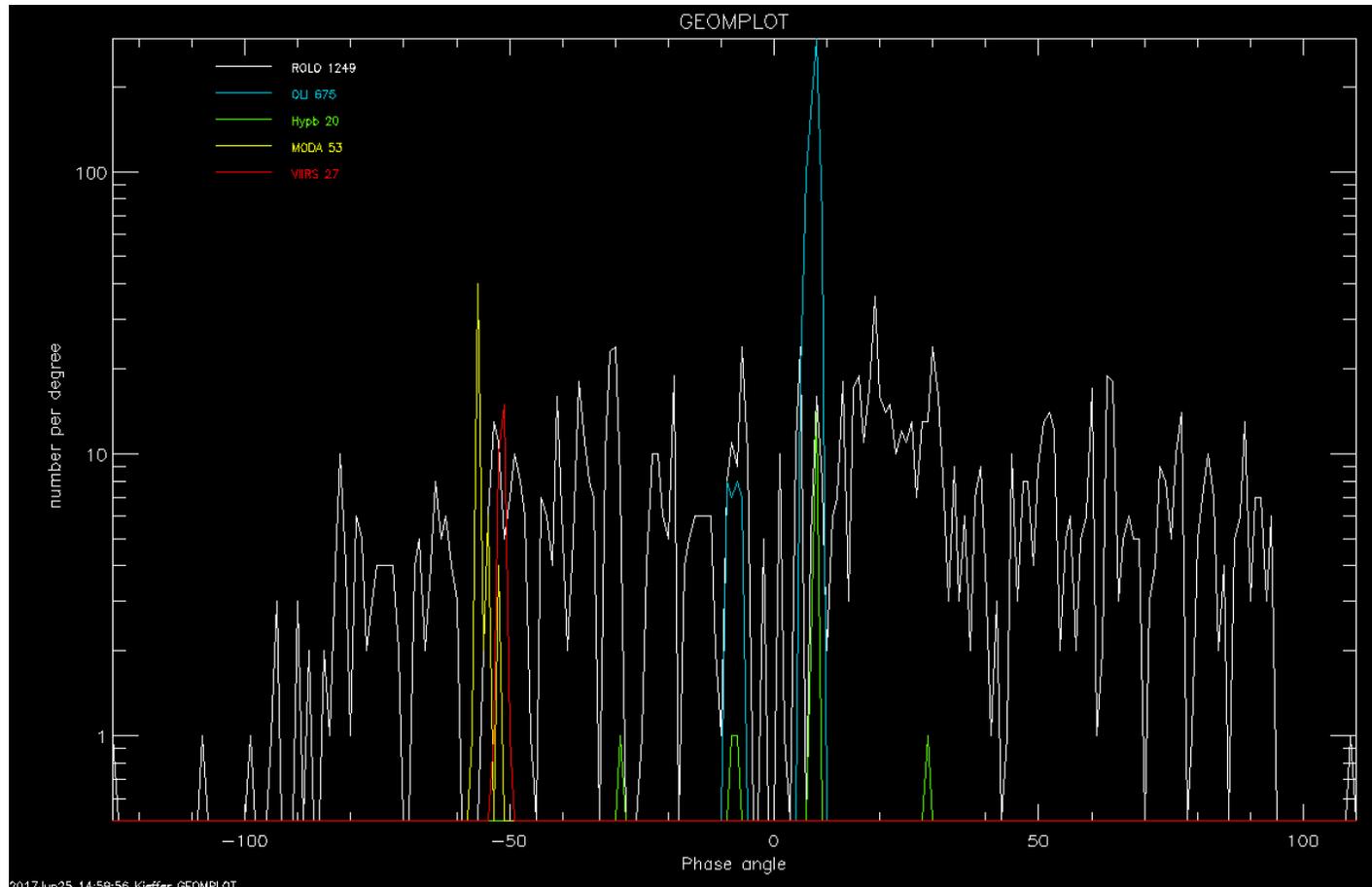
Modeling considerations -

1. Spectral coverage of model input data



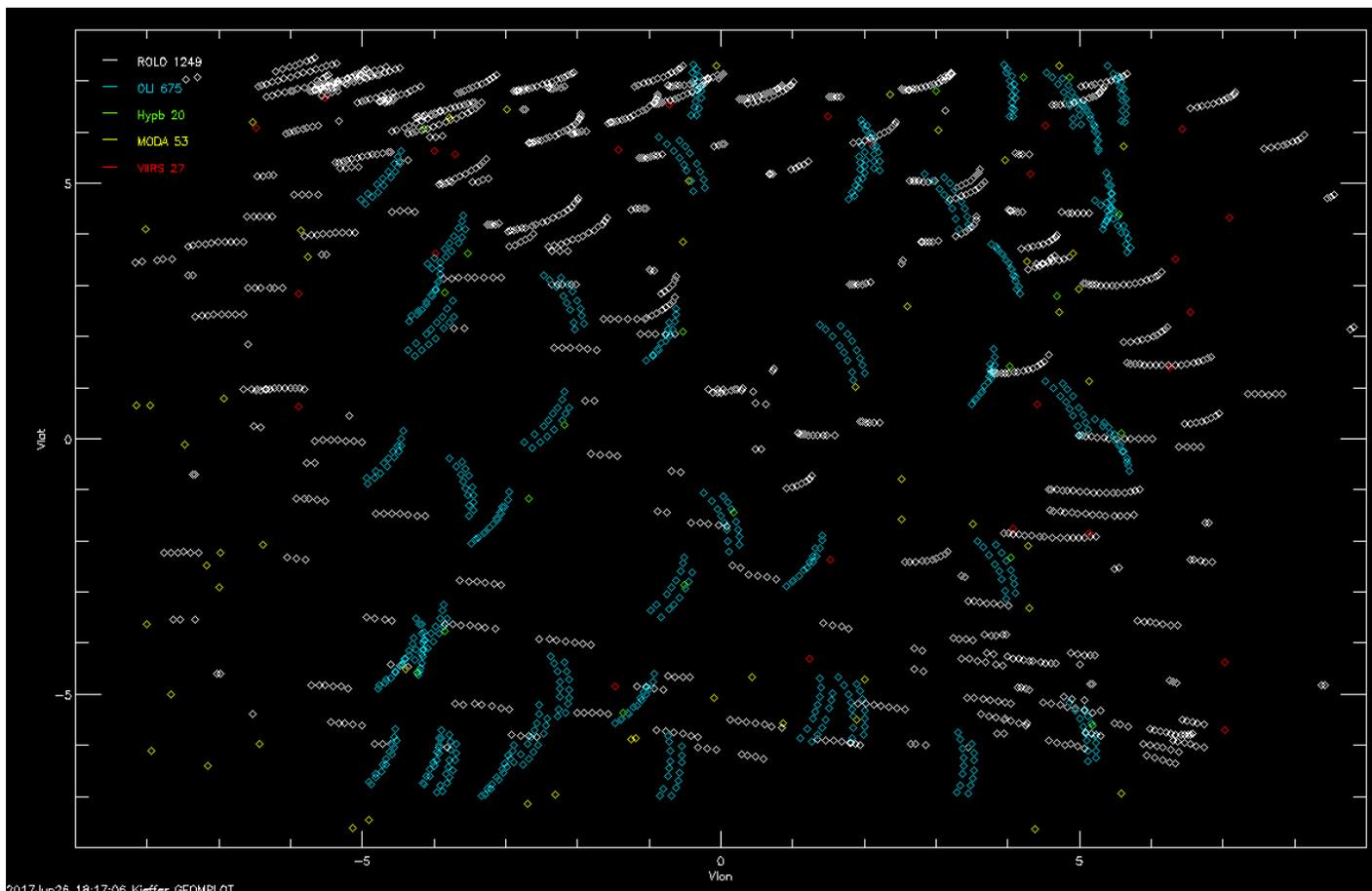
Model Considerations - continued

Phase angle coverage



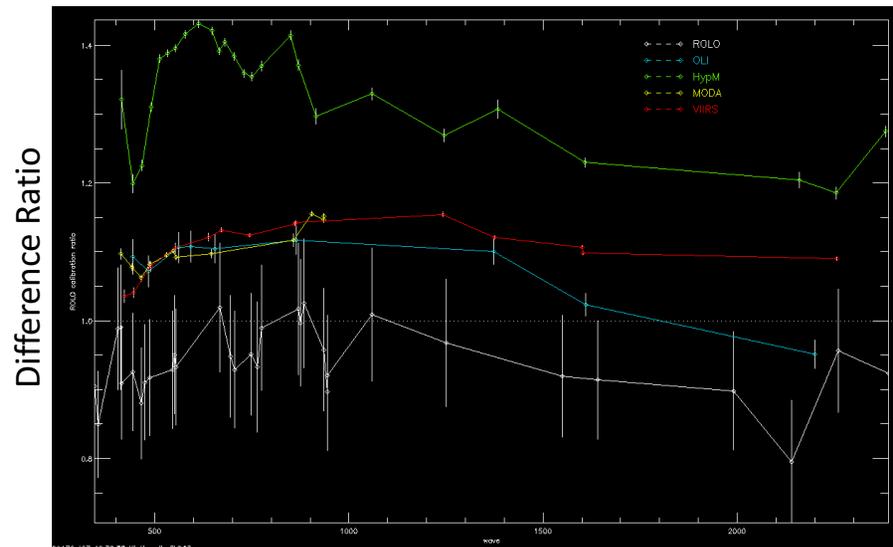
Model considerations- continued

Libration coverage

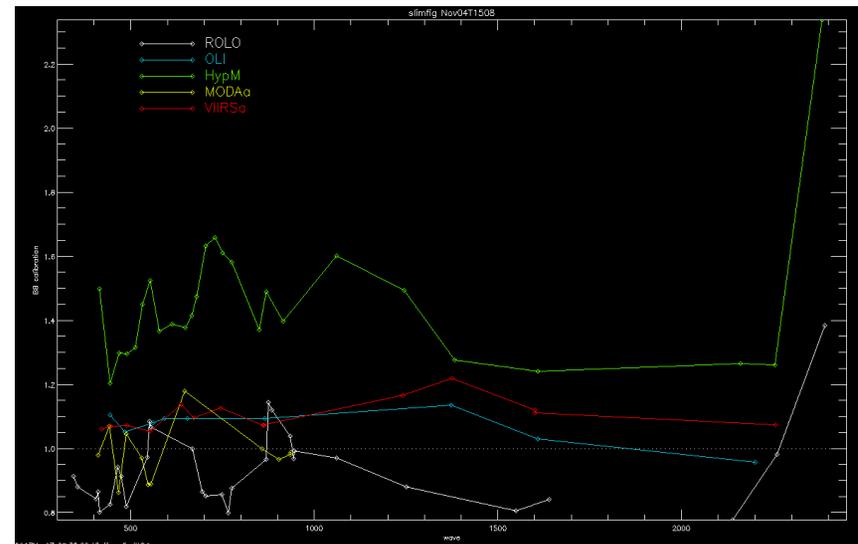


Very preliminary results

Current Rolo model



Using only OLI, Hyperion, MODIS and VIIRS
Does not include non-linear terms, eg the phase angles,
residuals for solar longitude, etc.



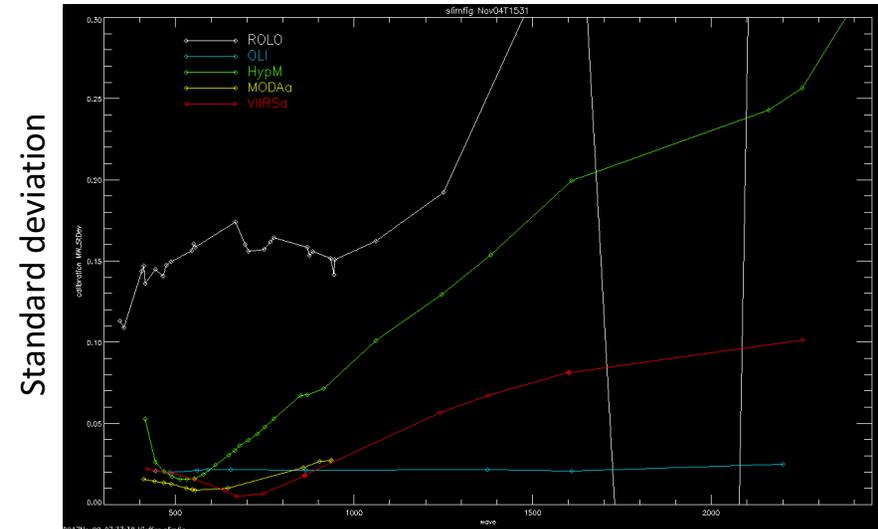
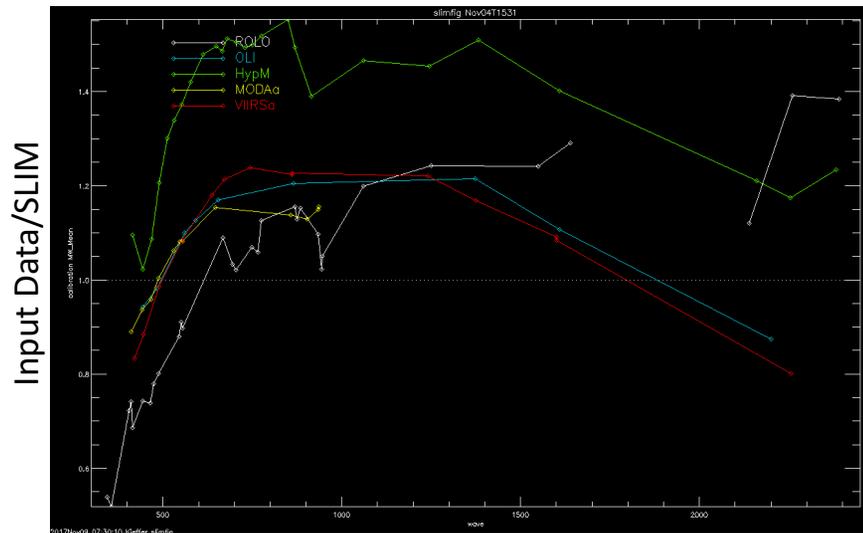
Wavelength [nm]

Very preliminary SLIM results

Using only OLI, Hyperion, MODIS and VIIRS

Does not include non-linear terms, eg the phase angles, residuals for solar longitude, etc.

Continuous wavelength coefficients



Philosophic Issues/Future work

- How to adjust for large differences in the number of data points for an instrument,
 - ROLO: 1239, 32 bands each
 - OLI: 675, 9 bands
 - Hyperion: 20, 196 bands reduced to 26
 - MODIS-Aqua: 53, 12 bands provided
 - VIIRS: 27, 14 bands
- How to account for the different uncertainties among the datasets
 - Use calibration residual level to refine the uncertainty for next iteration.
- How to join the band-by-band results spectrally in a plausible manner.
 - Lab measurements of the Lunar photometric properties are smooth across wavelengths
 - The first attempt yielded promising results
- Incorporate other datasets including those from GOES, Pleiades, and others who would like to contribute to the effort.

Other uses for Lunar Observations

Landsat 8 Thermal Infrared Sensor (TIRS)

Stray Light Correction

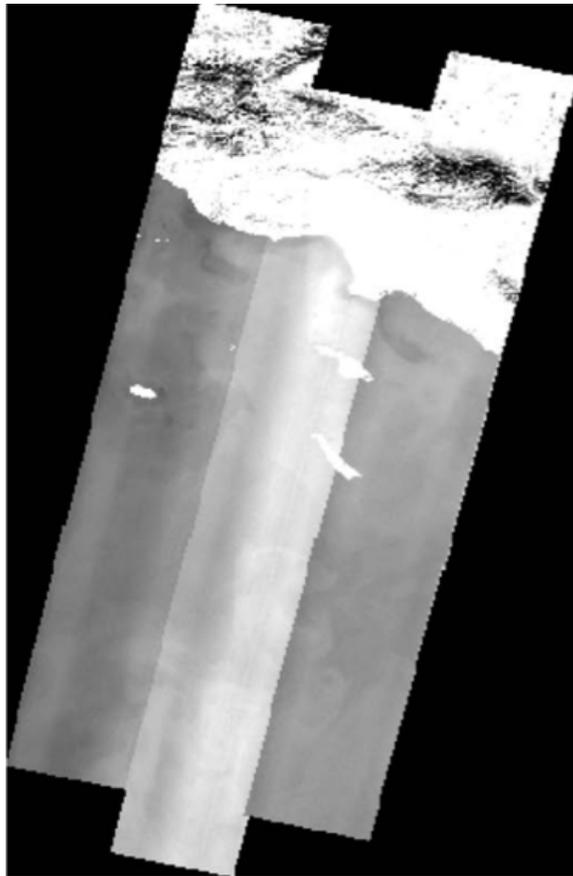
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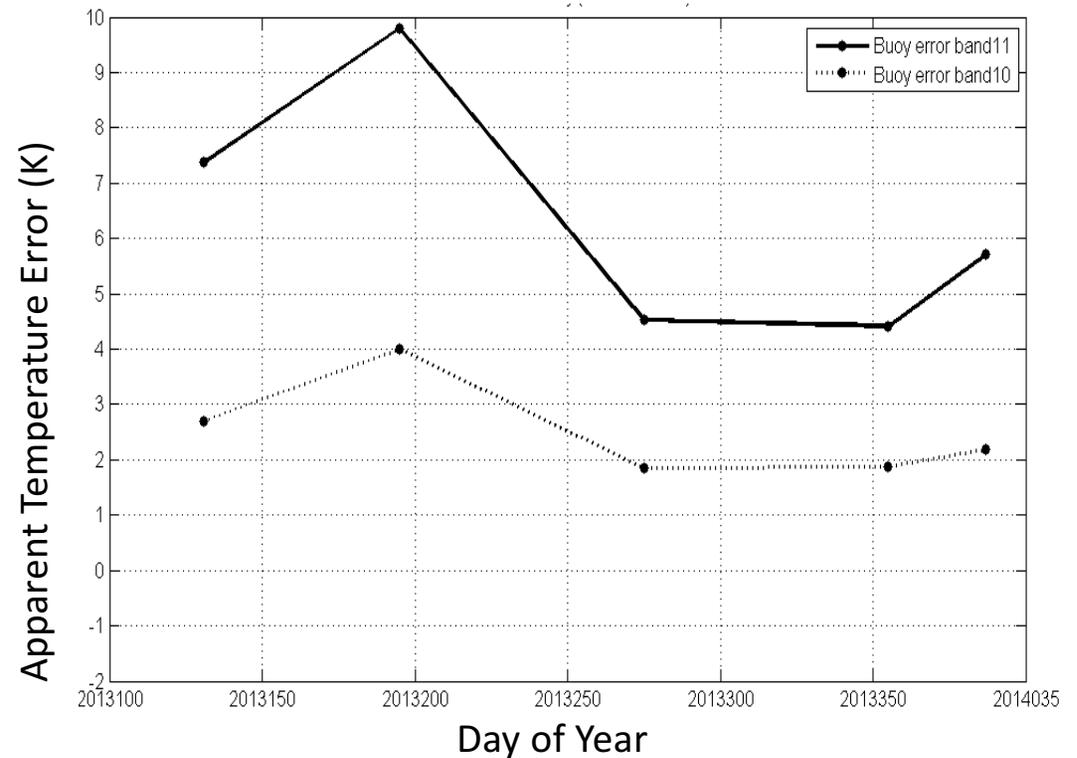
Image artifacts indicate straylight issue

Two major artifacts:

1. Non-Uniform Banding

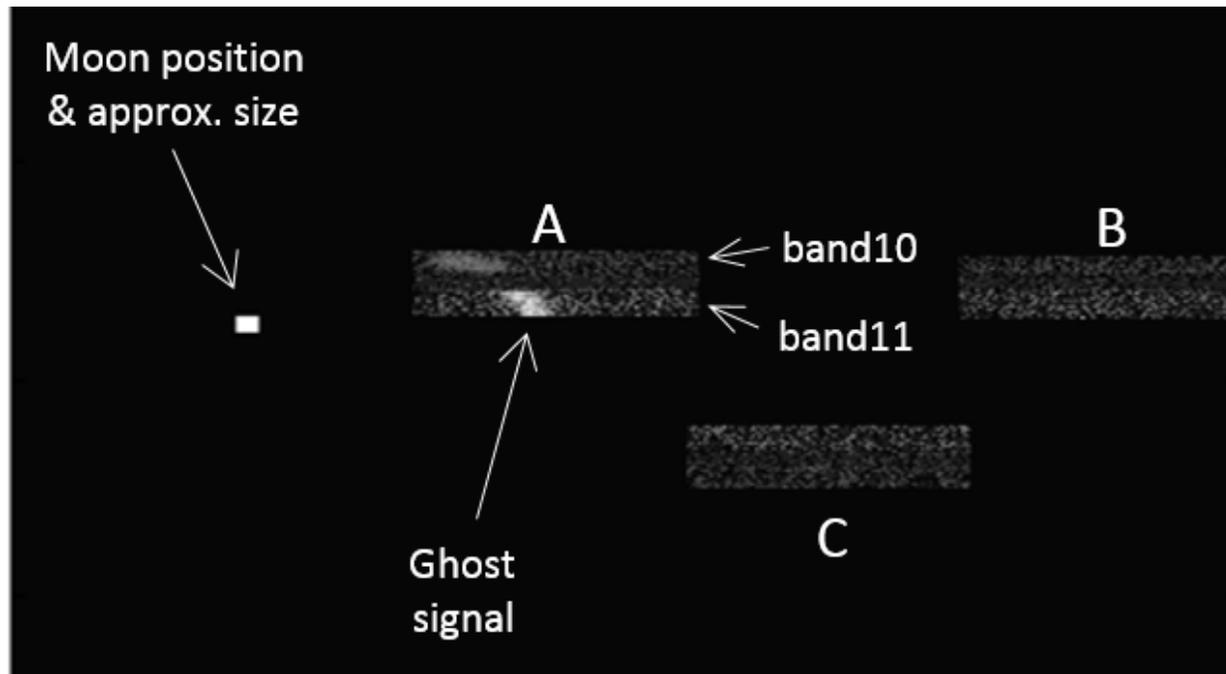
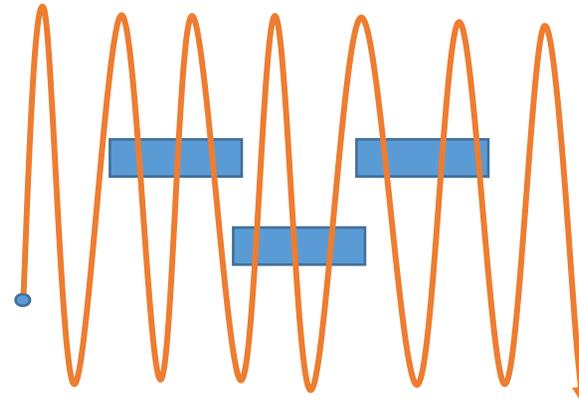


2. Absolute Calibration Error



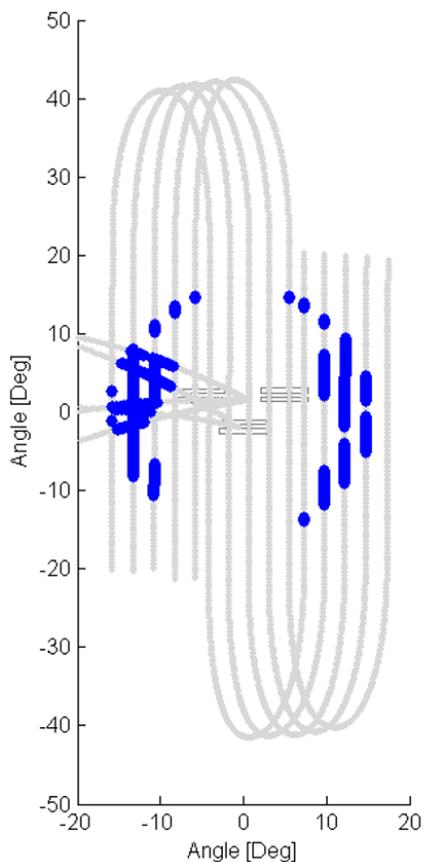
Lunar raster scan definitively showed stray light

- Raster-scan the moon around the out-of-field
- Should see “nothing” when moon is outside field-of-view

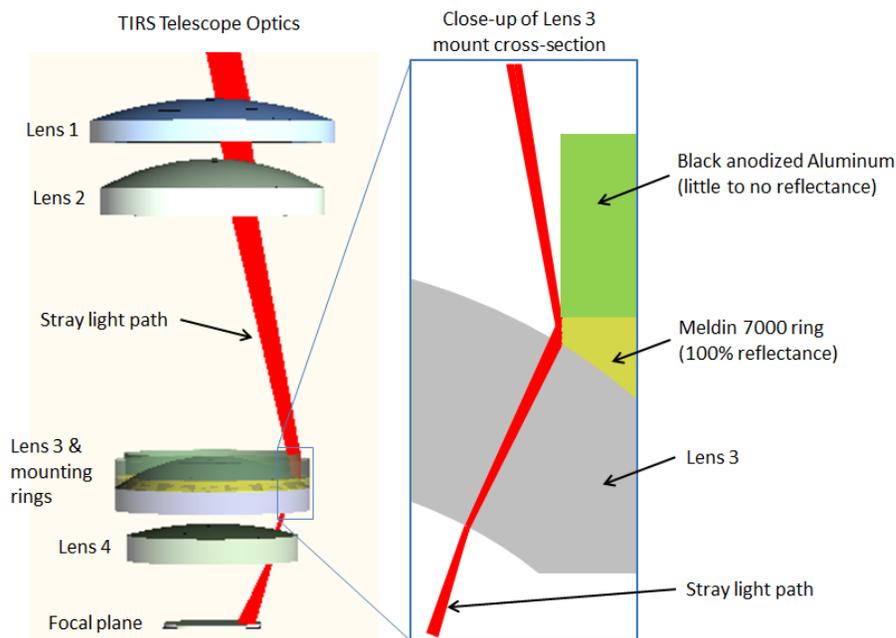
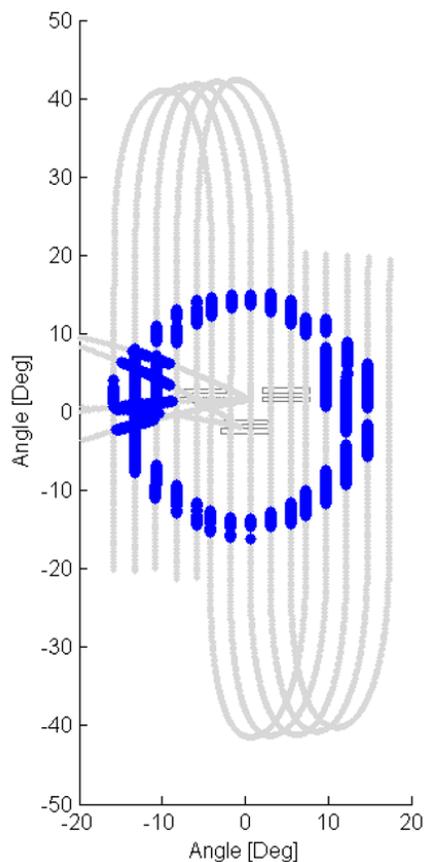


Map of stray light locations from lunar positions

Band 10



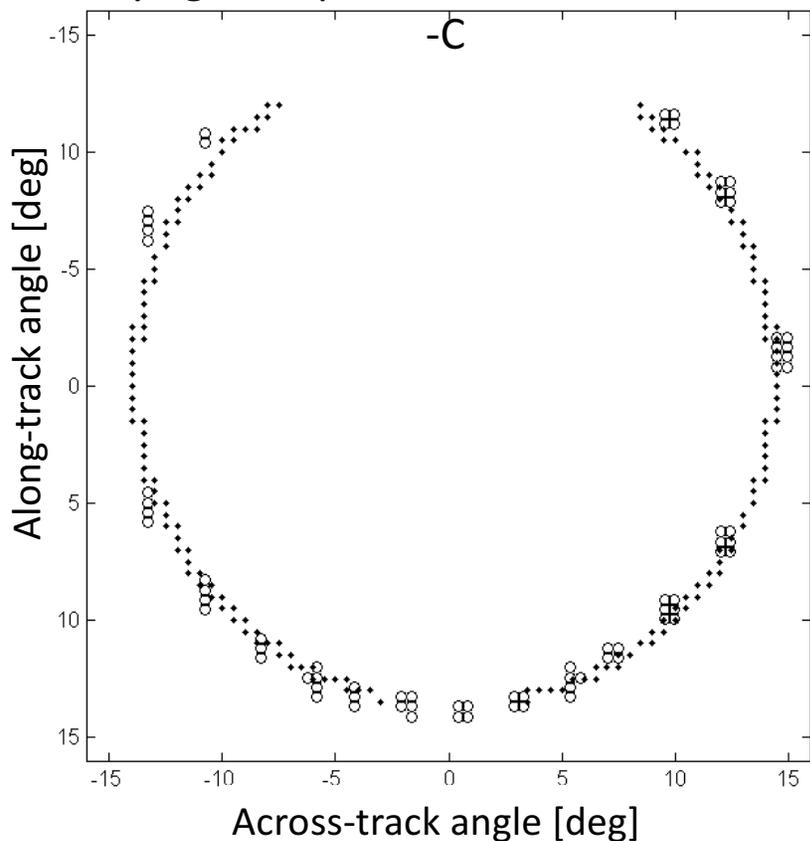
Band 11



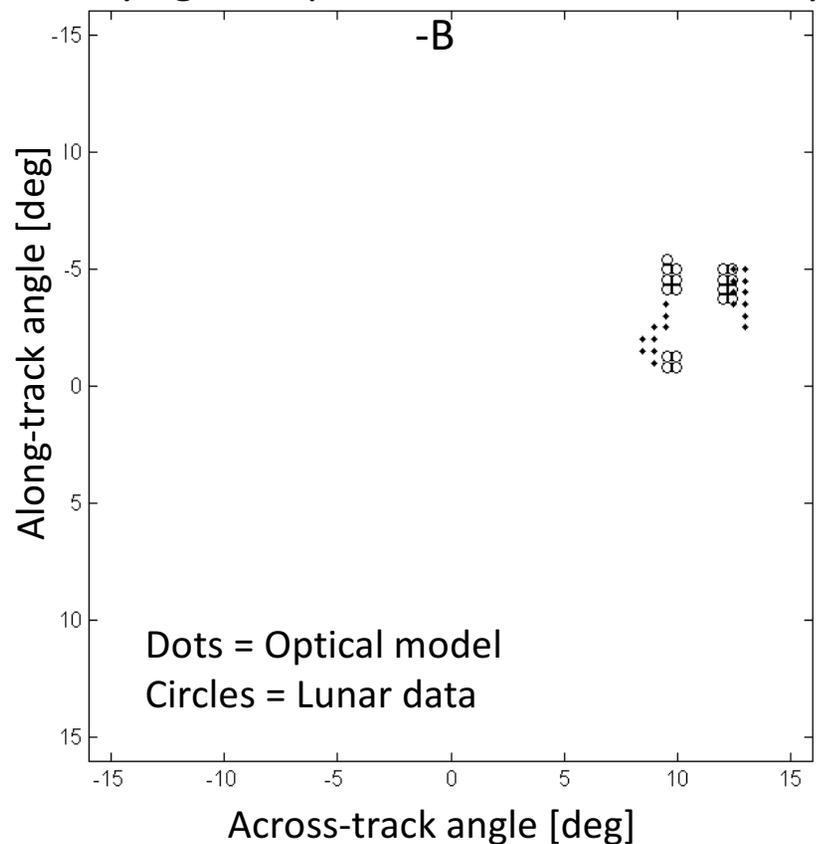
Lunar locations (blue) in which a stray light signal appeared anywhere on the detectors

Reverse ray trace produces stray light map for each detector

Stray light map for one detector on array -C

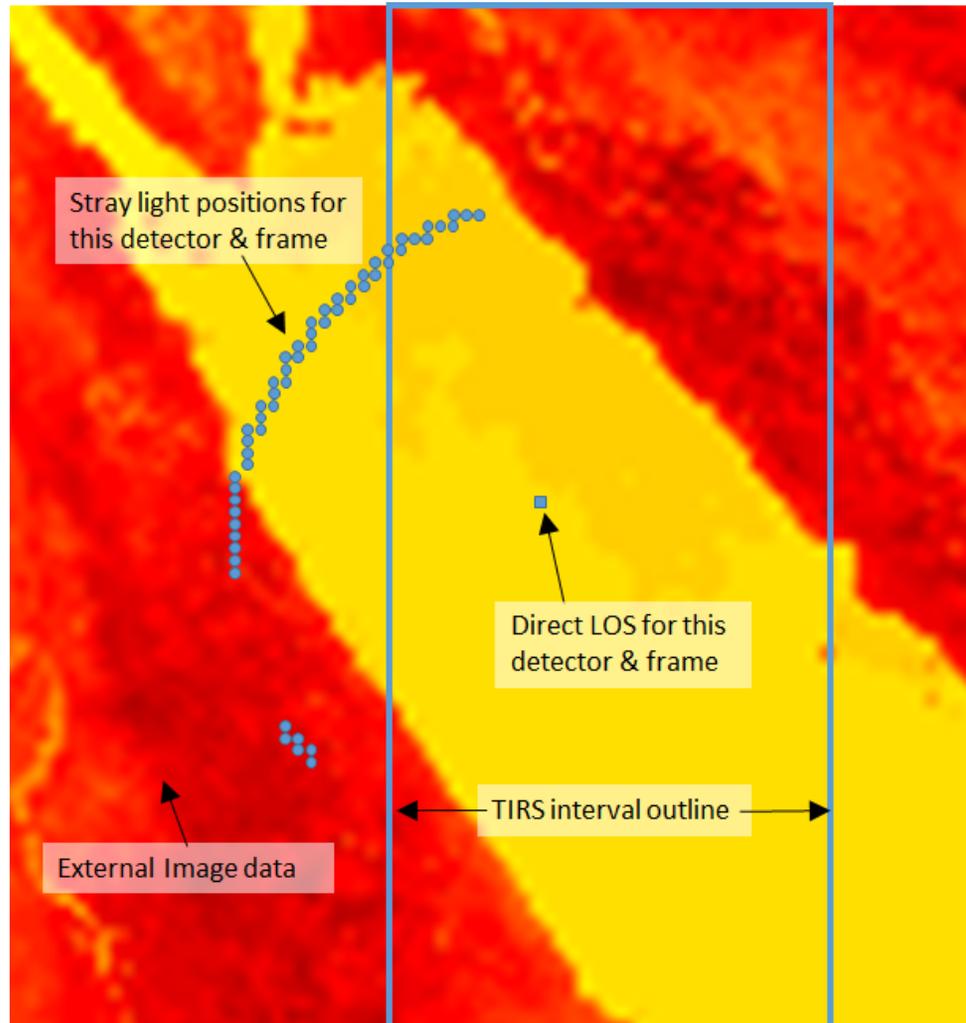


Stray light map for one detector on array -B



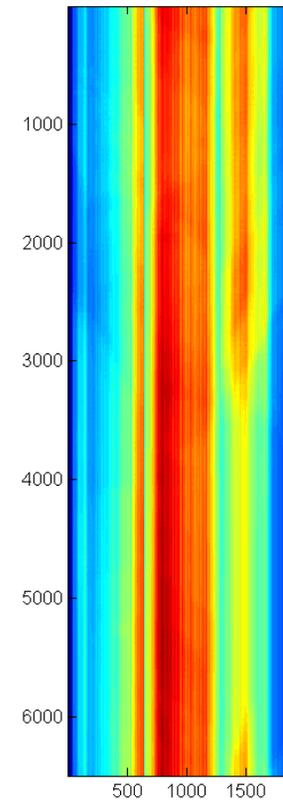
* Unique PSF for each detector (i.e.- different stray light signal for every detector)

Stray light removal algorithm: Optical model with out-of-field data

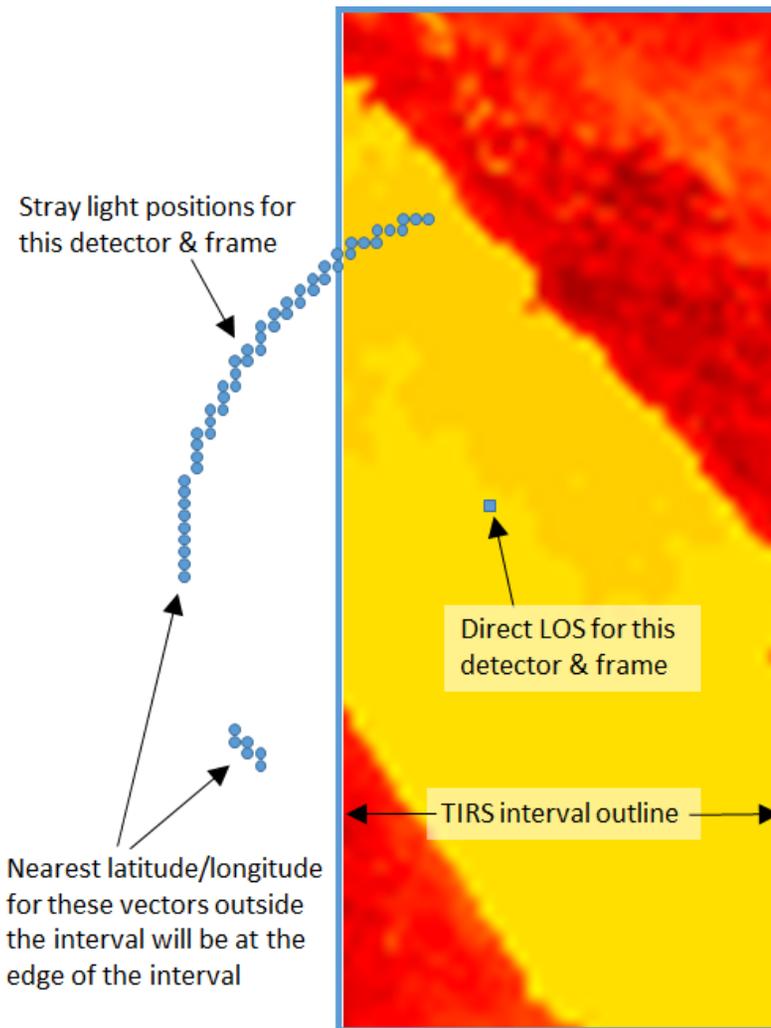


$$\begin{aligned} \text{StrayLight} &= a \cdot (\text{Ext.Sampled}) + b \\ &= a \cdot \left(\sum L_{\text{ext}_i} \cdot w_i \right) + b \end{aligned}$$

Calculated signal to remove from TIRS interval

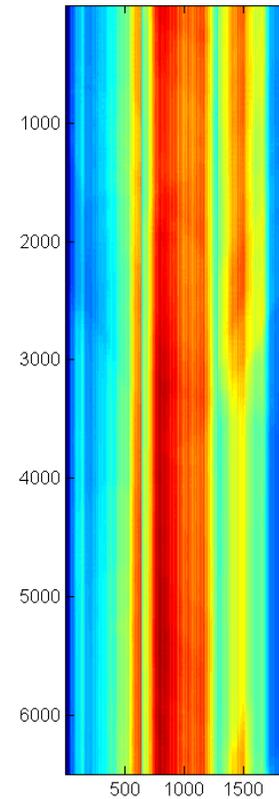


Stray light removal algorithm: Optical model with TIRS data only

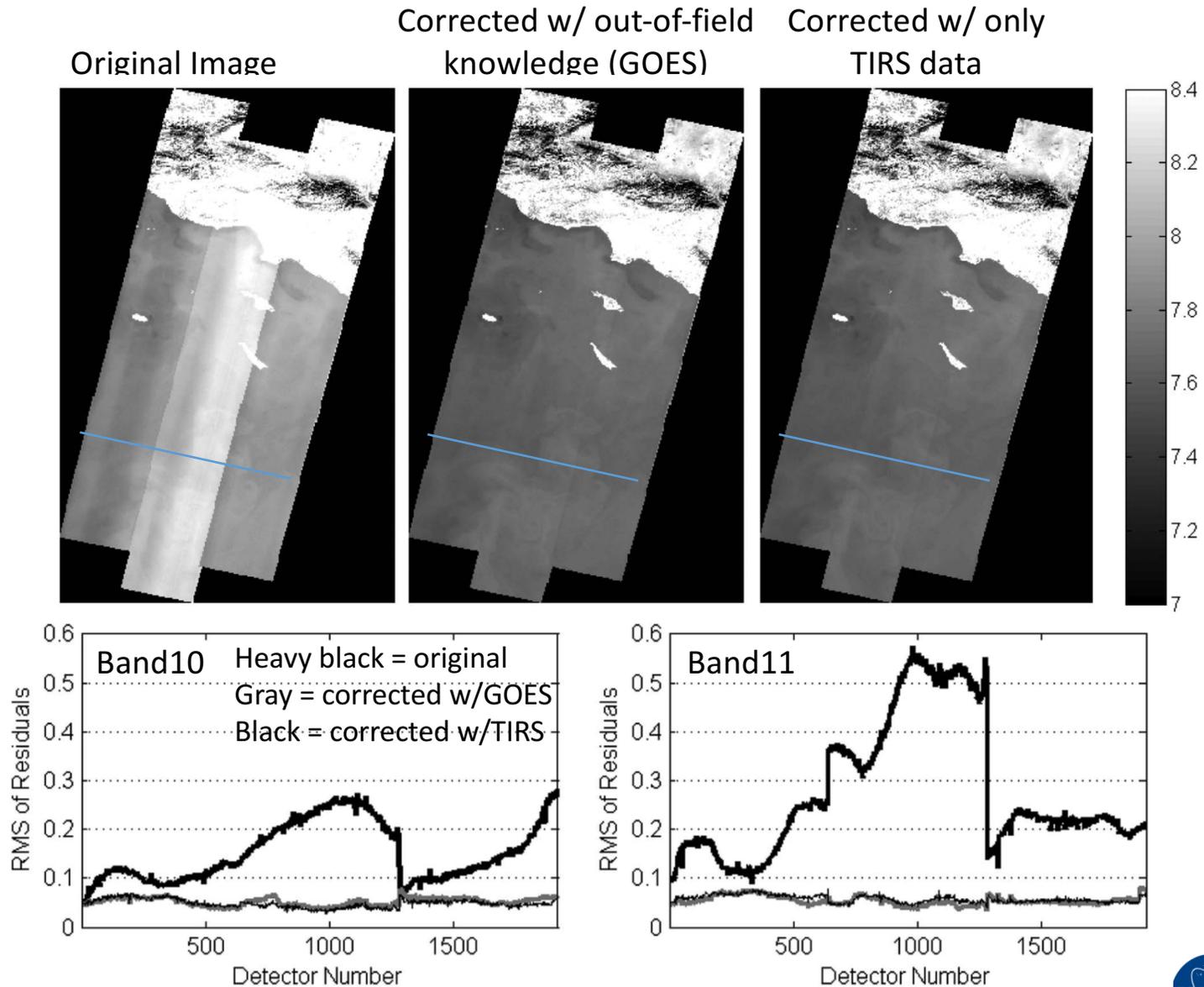


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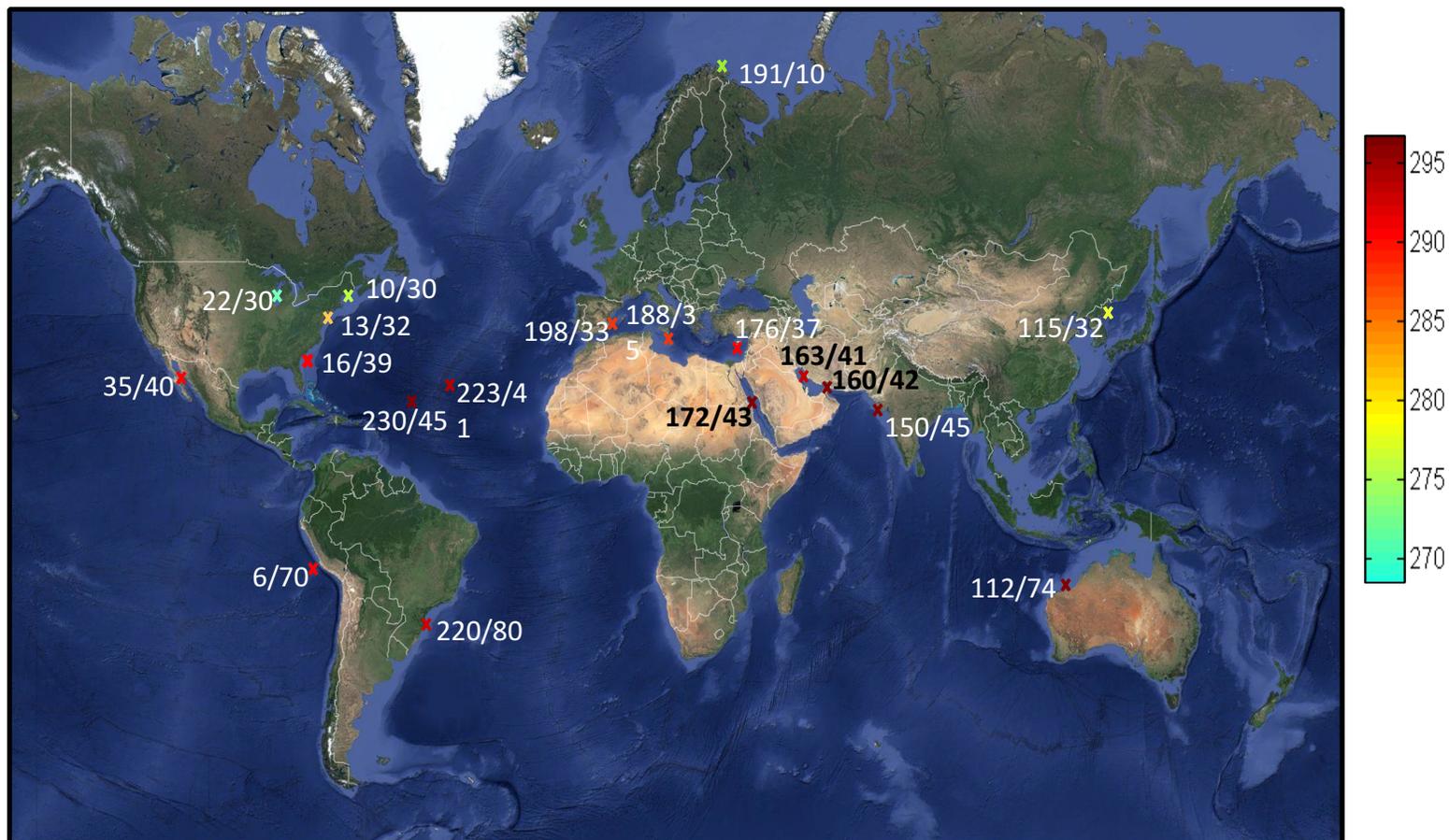


Stray light correction with and without out-of-field knowledge



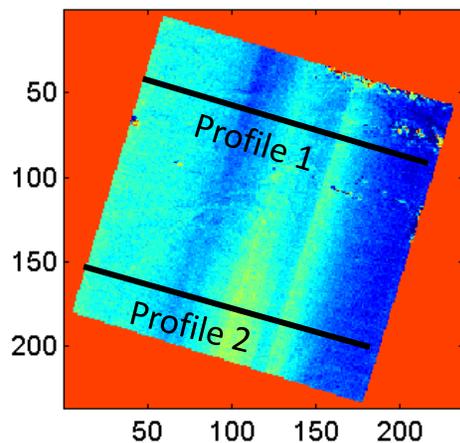
Full Scene Correction Validation

- During L8/Terra underfly period, TIRS centered on MODIS field-of-view
- Compare TIRS current product and corrected product to Terra/MODIS for all of the following locations:

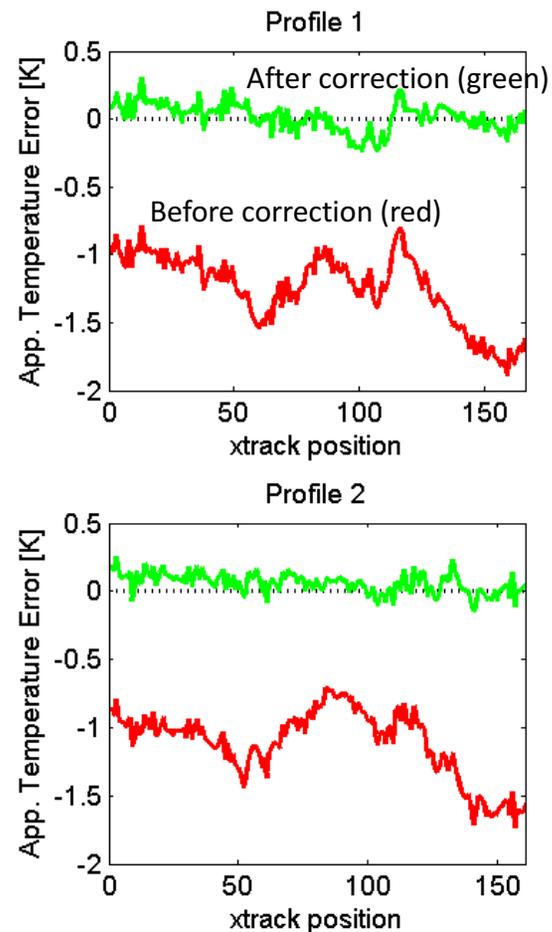
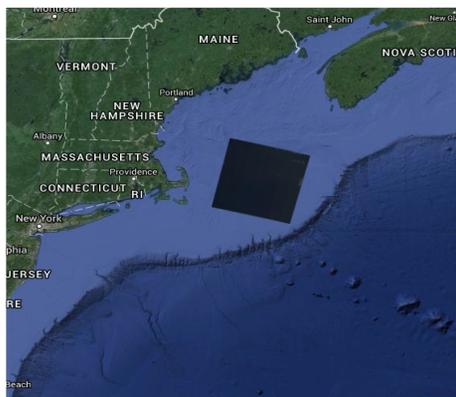
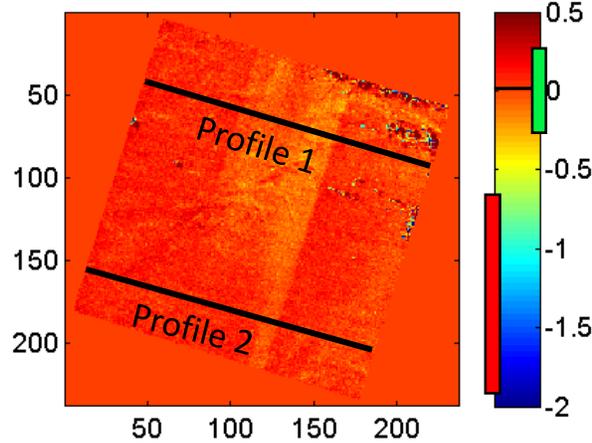


Example validation data using Path 010, Row 030: Band 10

B10 (Earth Explorer - MODIS)



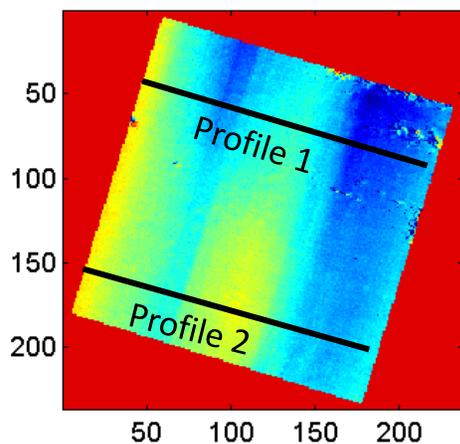
B10 (Stray light corrected - MODIS)



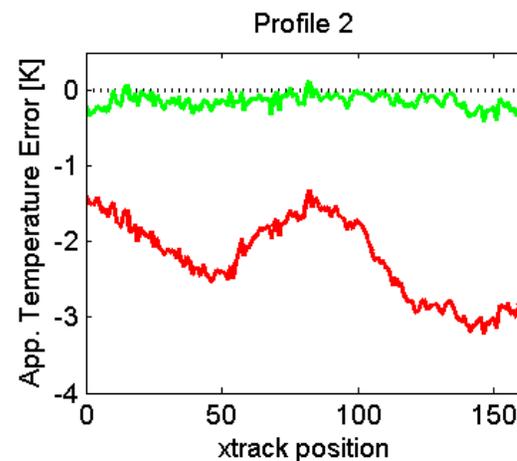
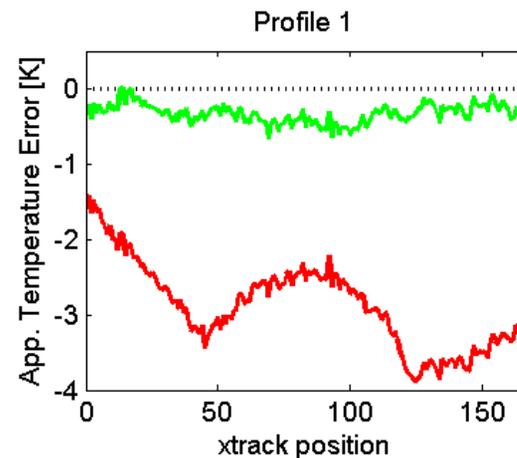
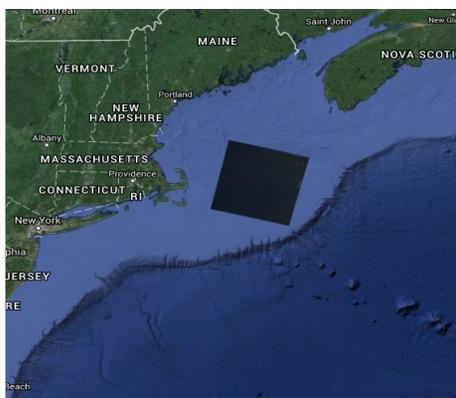
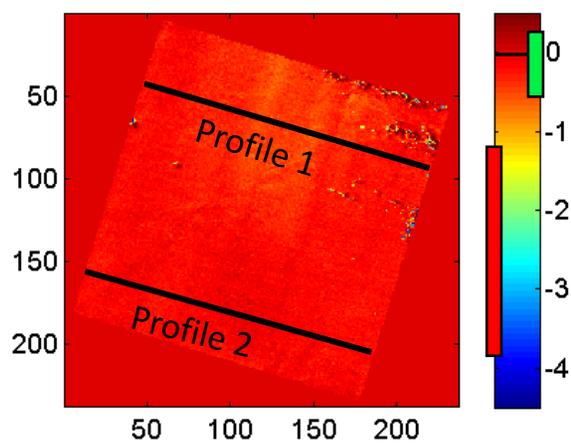
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Example validation data using Path 010, Row 030: Band 11

B11 (Earth Explorer - MODIS)



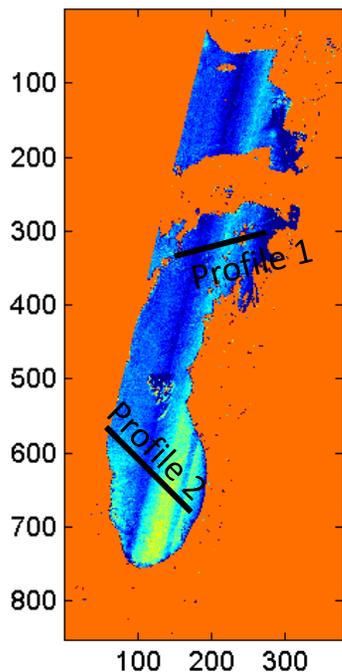
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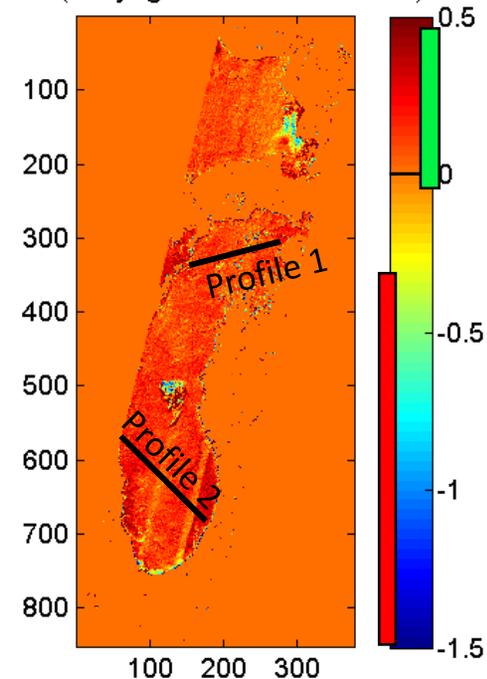
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Profile 1	0.573	0.127	2.935	0.357	-2.879	-0.334
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Example validation data using Path 022, Row 030: Band 10

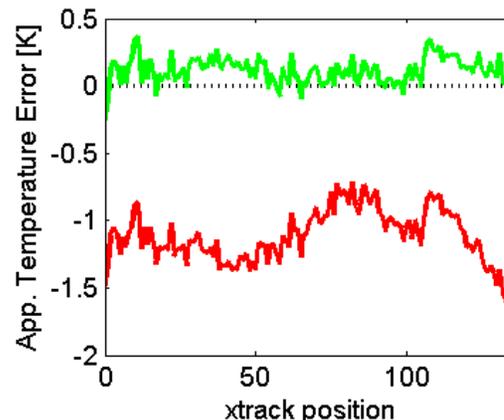
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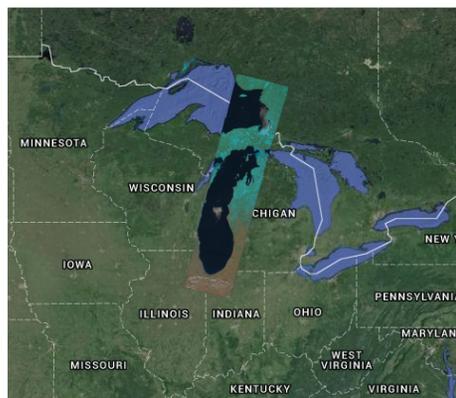
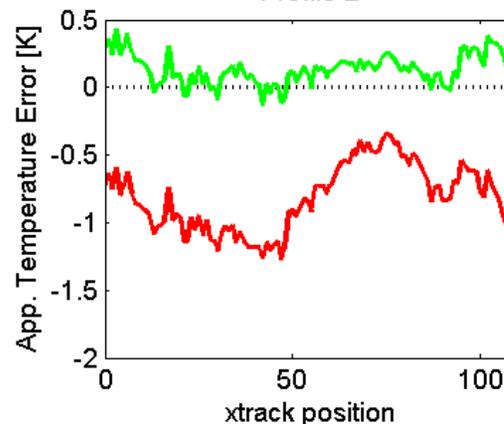
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Profile 1



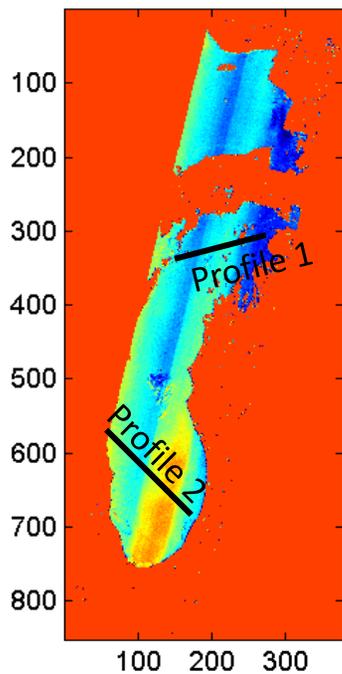
Profile 2



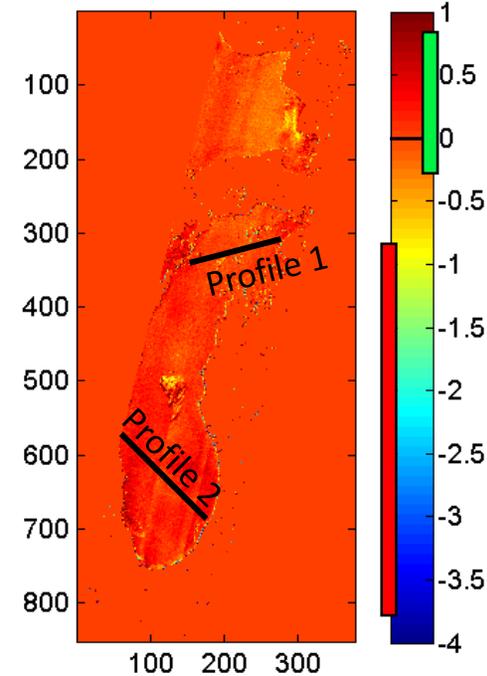
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Profile 1	0.201	0.101	1.141	0.151	-1.123	0.113
Profile 2	0.246	0.114	0.856	0.176	-0.820	0.135

Example validation data using Path 022, Row 030: Band 11

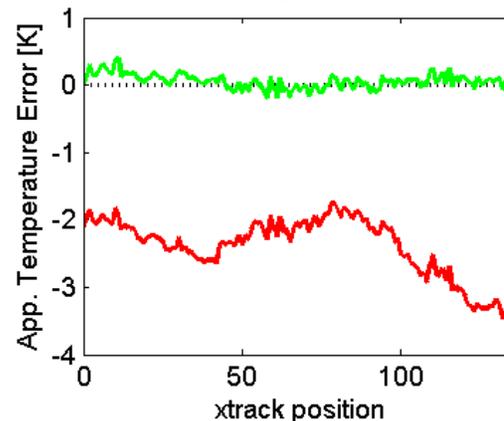
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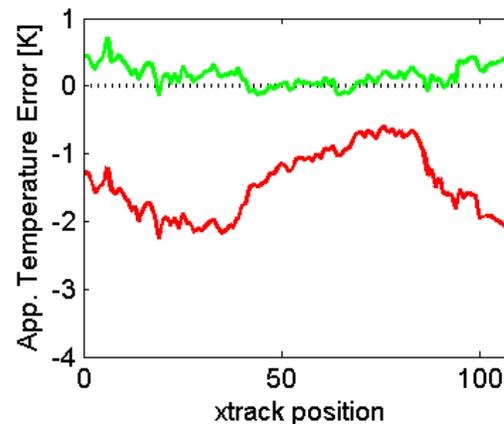
B11 (Stray light corrected - MODIS)



Profile 1



Profile 2



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Profile 1	0.451	0.113	2.448	0.124	-2.406	0.054
Profile 2	0.494	0.163	1.552	0.227	-1.472	0.158

RMSE summary (“absolute calibration”):

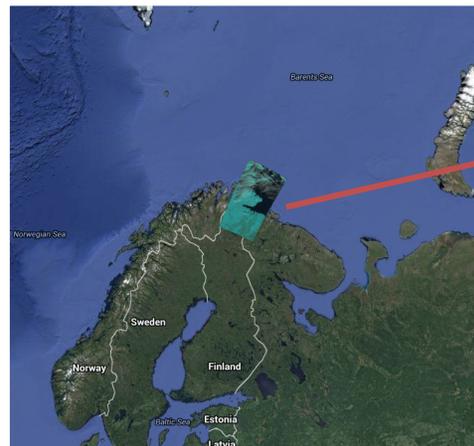
In terms of Percent Radiance error with Terra/MODIS

Large difference between TIRS and MODIS due to the Earth changing between the two overflight times

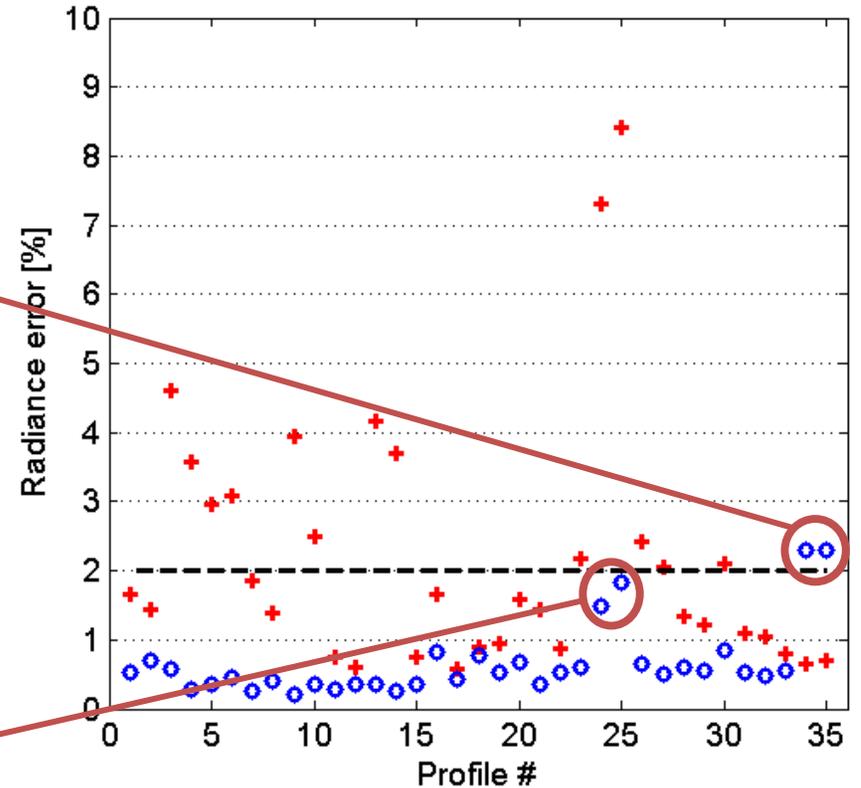
Path 198 desert



Path 191 clouds



Band 11



- + Current Product
- Stray Light Corrected

Correction Algorithm Summary

- Algorithm uses only TIRS interval data (no other sensor data) with optical model
- Able to be run in “real time” (i.e.- no significant processing lag) to produce corrected TIRS scenes
- Significant issues with external sensor (e.g. - GOES) data limit its utility:
 - Band shape
 - View angle
 - cross-cal between sensors required for global coverage
- TIRS-on-TIRS was implemented into USGS ground processing system. Products available through “Landsat 8 Collection 1” data archive.
- Validated correction using Terra/MODIS data during the Terra/Landsat 8 under-flight period following launch.

TIRS Stray light references

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Summary

- Landsat-8 approaching 5 years of service
- OLI-2 is stable
 - Good agreement among all calibration devices
 - Higher uncertainty for the SWIR bands in the lunar data
- On-going effort to improve the model for both relative and absolute radiometry
 - Developing algorithms to incorporate differences among the instruments/data sources.
- Lunar observations was useful to examine and diagnose image artifacts in both the OLI and, especially for the TIRS
 - Straylight correction routine for successfully incorporated in the Landsat-8 TIRS image products.

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