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PROBA-V Vicarious Calibration :

Investigation into the impact of in-orbit temperature variation

**LIME (Lunar Irradiance Model ESA) model**

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# LIME Model

- LIME = Lunar Irradiance Model of ESA
- Developed under ESA contract from 2017-2019
  - NPL (UK), UVa (ES) and VITO(BE)
- CIMEL instrument at 6 different wavelengths at 440,500,675,870,1020,1640 [nm]
- The LIME model is derived from +/-300 (automated) irradiance measurements of the moon at Pico Teide (Tenerife)
- The model simulates the exo-atmospheric total irradiance to be observed by any sensor within the 400nm – 2500nm wavelength range
- Input to the model :
  - Timestamp, location -> observations between 2 and 90 degrees are accepted (both sides)
  - Sensor spectral response
- The approach to derive the model is highly similar to the USGS ROLO model (Kieffer and Stone, 2005) : the C parameter set was made band specific.
- The model is capable of providing the Degree of Linear Polarization (DoLP) as an output.
- The uncertainty at reflectance level is max 2%



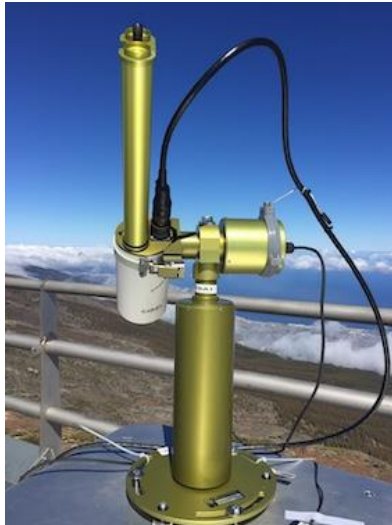
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# LIME Model : consortium



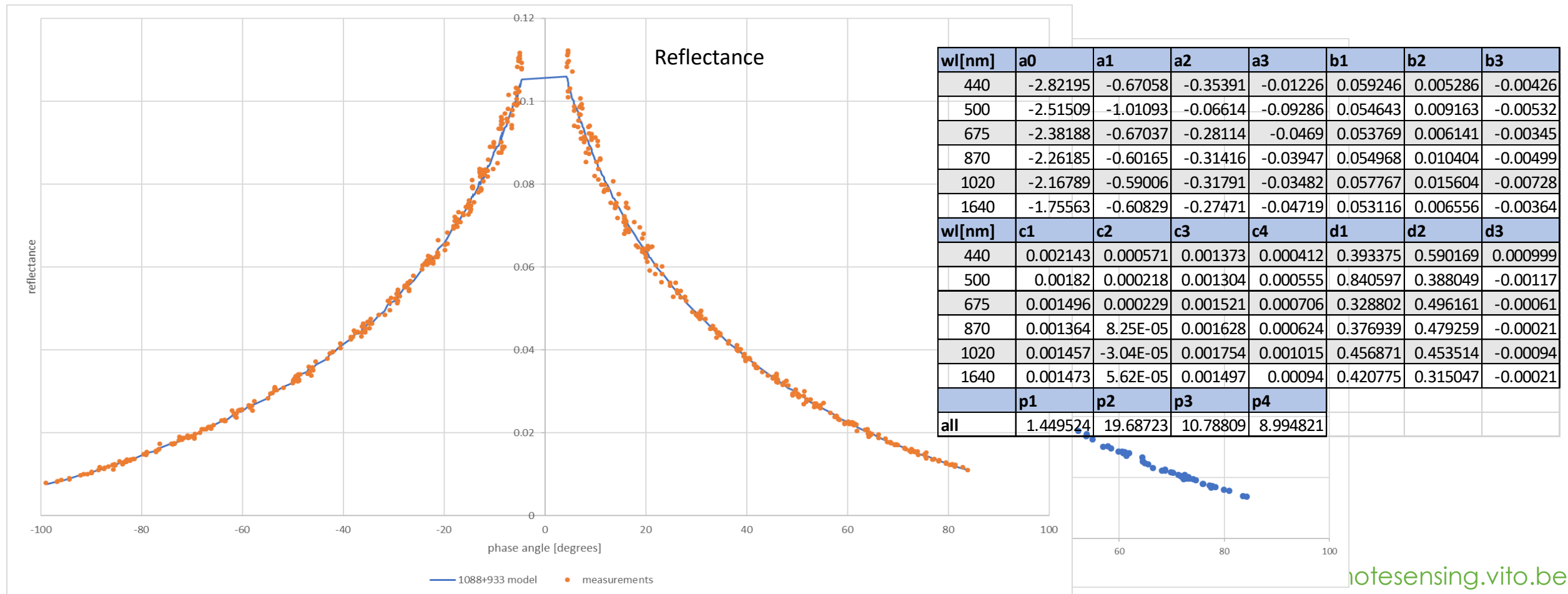
- NPL : calibration of the instrument and uncertainty (both measurement and model)
- UVa : instrument automated operation @Tenerife (incl. database) and performing Langley estimations
- VITO : model derivation and uncertainties





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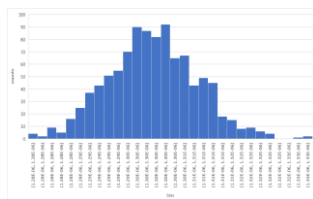
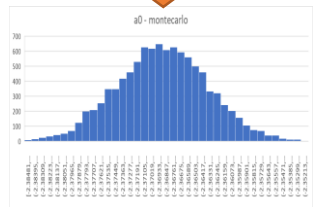
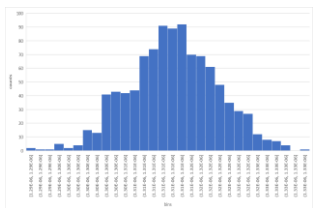
## ➤ Lunar Irradiance Measurements CIMEL 440nm (@Tenerife)





# LIME Model : uncertainty

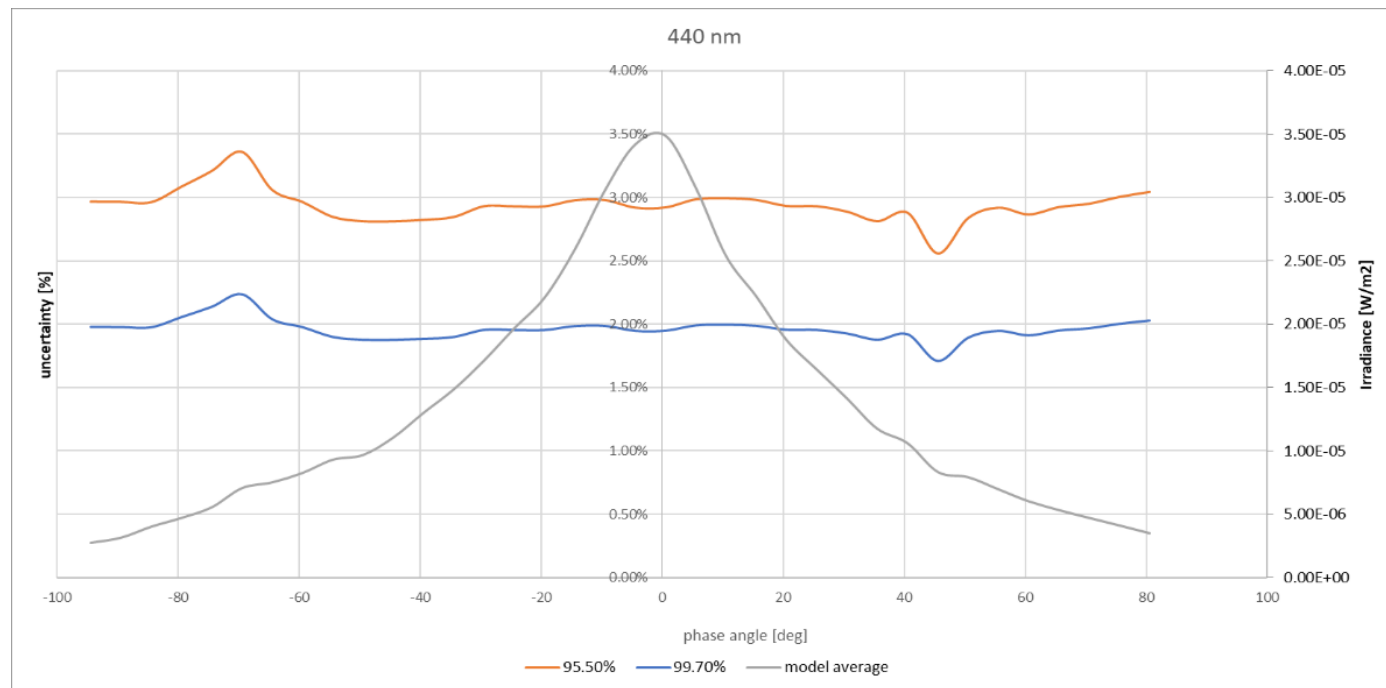
- The uncertainty at model wavelengths is derived using Monte Carlo analysis : every input measurement to the model has been perturbed 1000 times



Input irrad perturbed  
1000x based upon meas.  
uncertainty

Results : 1000 models

1000 model results per  
observation



Uncertainty is established at 2% (2 sigma)



# LIME Model : comparison

## ➤ Comparisons with sensors and other models :

- PROBA-V : large time series, fixed phase angle ( $\pm 7^\circ$ )
- Pleiades-B : small dataset, full phase angle coverage
- GIRO (model) : detailed time-series

Project reports on a dedicated cal-val portal CEOS

<http://calvalportal.ceos.org/lime>

- Sentinel-3B : limited comparison

Published : Nemenan M. et al, *"Use of Moon Observations for Characterization of Sentinel-3B Ocean and Land Color Instrument"*, 2020

## ➤ Ongoing :

- AIR-LUSI data comparison to LIME : possibility to look at spectral performance of the model.

- In general agreements are quite good between sensor and model. More comparisons are needed to reveal model weak points (like phase dependency)



# LIME Model : future

- The model development is ongoing ('maintenance')
  - Extra measurements for geometry
  - 'improvements' to the model are planned : non-linear part of the model, solar irradiance, ...
- The uncertainties defined do not cover the complete model process
  - Lunar reflectance spectrum interpolation
  - Application of spectral response function
- Possible phase angle dependency needs to be addressed
  - PROVA-V experimental phase supports this action
- More in depth comparison between LIME AIR-LUSI is ongoing : evaluation spectral performance,...



# LIME Model : conclusion

- ESA has succeeded to build a new Lunar irradiance model in about 2 years (2017-2019). Maintenance is assured for the next 4 years.
- The model has been applied operationally to calibrate PROBA-V
- Improvements to the model are planned in the next 2 years