

PROBA-V Vicarious Calibration :

Investigation into the impact of in-orbit temperature variation

LIME (Lunar Irradiance Model ESA) model

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- No on-board calibration devices
- > Design complexity
 - > 3 Cameras
 - > 2 focal planes:
 - VNIR with 3 bands
 - SWIR with 1 band but staggered strips

SWIR







*Sterckx et al. RS, 2017, Sterckx et al. IJRS, 2014; Sterckx et al., TGARS, 2013; Govaerts et al., RSL, 2013



Long term trending VNIR BLUE, RED, NIR





VITO remote sensing

[Govaerts et al., RSL, 2013]













RIGHT BLUE

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OSCAR Deep convective clouds calibration

- LibRadtran LUT
- Ice clouds optical properties (Baum et al. 2005)
- Fixed effective ice cloud radius
- Strict procedure to automatically select DCC
- Not for SWIR band
- INTER-BAND CAL. APPROACH























DCC NIR LEFT

DCC LEFT BLUE

1.005

1.01

1.005

DCC interband

0.985

0.98

1



DCC NIR CENTER



DCC RIGHT NIR





- Observation of the moon :
 - Twice a month at phase angle +/- 7°

• LIME (Lunar Irradiance Model ESA) model

ONLY CENTER CAMERA







VITO remote sensing



remote sensing





Long term trending SWIR























Pre-flight Ak (absolute cal coef.) -20°C -7°C +30°C

SWIR





Pre-flight **Spectral** Response curves -20°C -10°C +20°C (measured on the spare SI)





- PROBA-V instruments relatively stable over time
- Vicarious calibration results show impact of temperature change over the mission, but impact temperature CAMERA and BAND dependent
 - > For VNIR:

Largest impact for NIR band:

Temperature increase correlates with observed increase in calibration results. Pre-flight calibration data "confirms" this behavior.

> For SWIR: degrading trend counterbalanced by temperature increase





- Calibration updates PROBA-V Collection 2:
 - 2nd degree polynomial model in function of date for each camera/band to correct for long term temperature change (but not abrupt temperature changes)



