



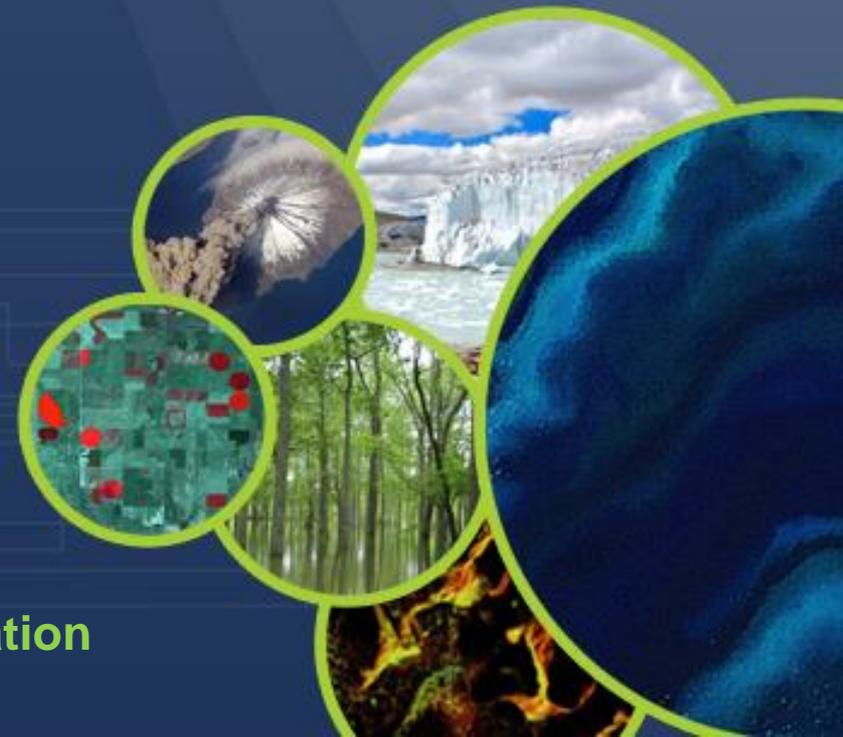
# Working Group on Calibration and Validation (WGCV): 42

## Infrared Visible and Optical Sensors (IVOS) subgroup: report

Nigel Fox

NPL (with UKSA support)

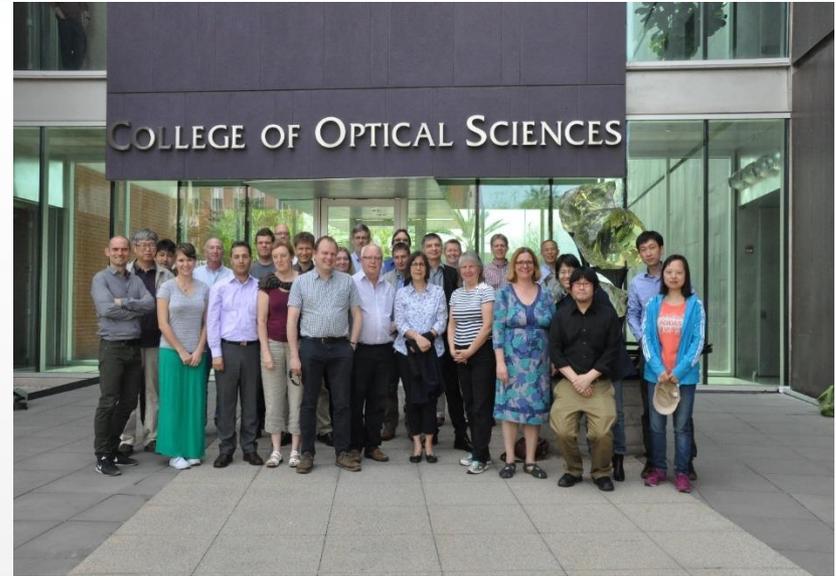
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Working Group on Calibration and Validation



- IVOS 29 @ Tucson, Arizona, USA hosted by Uni of Arizona Mar 2017
  - 26 agency/orgs represented
  - 30 attendees + 10 remote
  - All themes and topics (work-plan discussed or summarised)
  - **3 joint (GSICS) webex on solar irradiance**
  - **3 rd MTF workshop (Mar 2017)**
  - **2 PICSCAR webex (Joint GSICS)**
    - **1<sup>st</sup> Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> inc pre-cursors)**
- IVOS 30 ESA Estec Holland Q1-2 2018**



## Special Projects:

- **RadCalNet team met Mar 2017 @Tucson**
- **Beta testing results workshop**
- **SST/LST comparison (under sponsorship from ESA) took place @NPL (June-July 2016)**
- **O-colour vicarious Cal comparisons started April 2017**

**Working Group on Calibration and Validation**



- Promote international and national collaboration in the calibration and validation of all IVOS member sensors.**
- Address all sensors (ground based, airborne, and satellite) for which there is a direct link to the calibration and validation of satellite sensors;**
- Identify and agree on calibration and validation requirements and standard specifications for IVOS members;**
- Identify test sites and encourage continuing observations and inter-comparison of data from these sites;**
- Encourage the preservation, unencumbered and timely release of data relating to calibration and validation activities including details of pre-launch and in flight parameters.**
- In the context of calibration and validation encourage the full consideration of “traceability” in all activities involved in the end-to-end development of an EO product including appropriate models and algorithms.**

*To facilitate the provision of 'fit for purpose' information through enabling data interoperability and performance assessment through an 'operational' CEOS coordinated & internationally harmonised Cal/Val infrastructure consistent with QA4EO principles.*

- *Pre-flight characterisation & calibration*
- *Test – sites*
- *Comparisons*
- *Agreed methodologies*
- *Community Good Practises*
- *Interchangeable/readable formats*
- *Results/metadata - databases*

**Key Infrastructure to be established and maintained independent of sensor specific projects and/or agencies**

# Work plan



CEOS



Structured into themes and led by 'champions' (effectively vice chairs for CEOS WGCV constitution) (Plus specific projects)

- Look to develop good practises
- Organise comparisons
- Shared learning (research activities)
- Shared infrastructure / tools / Methods
- Recommendations as needed

Land surface reflectance	- Czapler Myers (U of Arizona USA)
Ocean colour (link to IOCCG, VC-OCR etc)	- Zibordi (JRC, EU) & Murakami (JAXA JPN)
Surface Temperature (link to VC-SST, GHRSSST)	- Corlett (U of Leicester, UK)
Geo spatial image quality	- Helder (SDSU, USA) & Viallefont (ONERA F)
Atmospheric Correction (Link to AC subgroup)	- Thome (NASA, USA)
RT codes (context of IVOS use in calibration)	- ?

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- **RadCALNet** - Bouvet (ESA)
- **PICSCAR (with GSICS)** - Henry (CNES, F)
- **SST/LST cross-comparison (+ VC-SST & LPV (instrument Cal for LST))** - Fox (NPL, UK)
- **O-Colour Vicarious Cal comparisons** - Fox (NPL, UK)
- **Others in progress/development/related**
  - **Establishing a CEOS Reference and method of use for L1 radiometric interoperability (with GSICS) (including potential tools/databases)**
  - **Good practise for convolving spectral data sets (solar/surface/sensor bandwidth) Selection of Reference Solar irradiance spectrum(CEOS WGCV (sub-groups) & GSICS)**
  - **Comparison of Rayleigh and Sun-Glint methods**
  - **Vocabulary**



- **Summary of workshops, MTF, RadCalNet, PICSCAR**
- **OC Rad validation comparison**
- **Sat surf Temp measurements- Comparison results, GHRSSST, SST-VC**
- **Terminology**
- **Sensor to sensor interoperability (support for CEOS initiative)**
- **Sensor Pre- and In- flight Cal and Uc assessment**
  - **Inc Moon, Stars, Mirrors**
- **New Sensors**
- **CEOS Ref solar irradiance spectrum**
- **Collaborations/interactions – WGCV, GSICS, VCs, Climate, Carbon ....**
- **Metrology and Uc evaluation....**



## Geo/Spatial Quality Sub-Committee

### Report to IVOS

CEOS-WGCV-IVOS

March 16, 2017

Dennis Helder and Francoise Viallefont



South Dakota State University  
Image Processing Lab

ONERA

# Establish good practise and community references



## Proposed Framework

- Definition and Importance (short introductory section)
- Measurement (background and basic theory)
- Pre-Flight Estimation (to be developed later)
- On-Orbit Estimation (substantial portion of document)
- Recommendations for Determining Geo/Spatial Quality (final effort)

## Proposed Framework

### On-orbit Estimation (substantial portion of document)

- **Field Methods Survey** ← Outcome was current Test Site Catalog
  - Targets
    - Artificial/Man-made
      - Points
      - Lines
      - Edges
      - Pulses
    - Image feature-based
      - Linear ('Rich') features
      - Bridges
      - Moon
    - Matrix of Targets
      - Type vs. GSD
      - Availability/Maintenance
      - Point of Contact
      - Recommended for operational acquisition
    - Database of Reference Imagery for PSF/MTF estimation
  - Data Analysis, PSF/MTF Estimation
    - Image data format
    - Models
    - Parametric/Nonparametric Methods
    - Database of Reference estimation methods
- Current status: suite of edge images
- Last meeting's major activity

## Current Website Status



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Catalogue to be migrated to CalVal Portal  
 IVOS seeks approval of CEOS WGCV to assign CEOS recommendation label to aid community & interoperability following assessment of maintenance



## Reference dataset

### Objectives

Objective 1: share images and begin to understand the MTF differences for each kind of method and target (repeatability and precision)

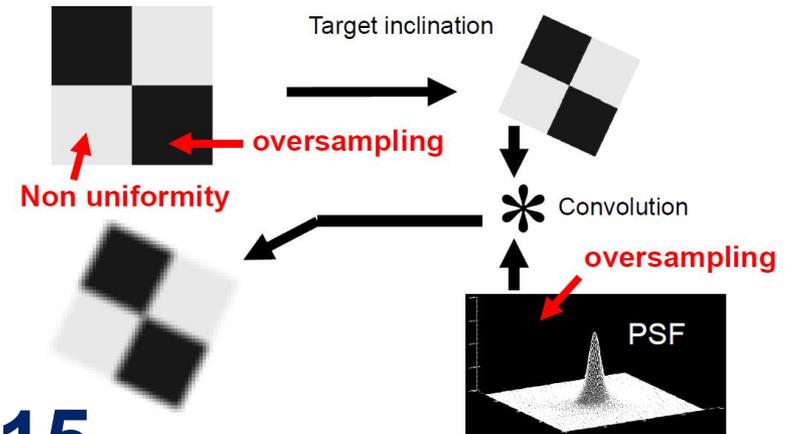
Objective 2: share images with known parameters (i.e. MTF, SNR ) for quantitative comparison (accuracy)

→ A need exists for creation of a reference dataset containing:

Actual images: in the coming slides

Synthetic images: initial effort

## Exemple of synthetic image generation



# NOV 2015

## Current dataset

20 edge or draughtboard images

14 actual images: Worldview3 (DIGITALGLOBE),  
S6 and S7 (AIRBUS\_DS)

6 synthetic images: 2 standard systems (AIRBUS\_DS),  
4 analytic MTF (CSIR)

Thanks to all data providers !

- Discussion of Results
  - Some Reprocessing
  - Leading to Good consistency for most
  - Comparison did its job
- identified errors in processing

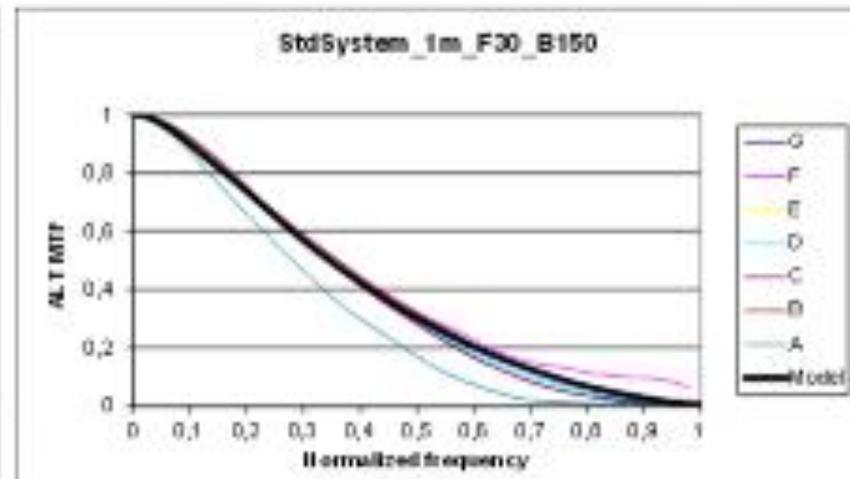
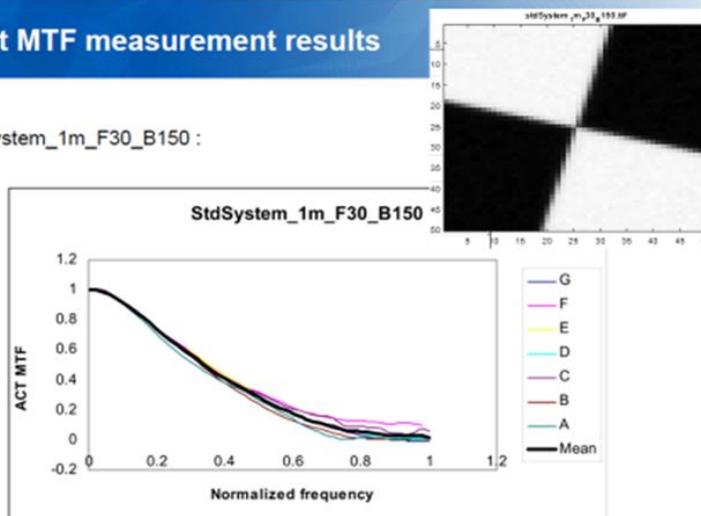
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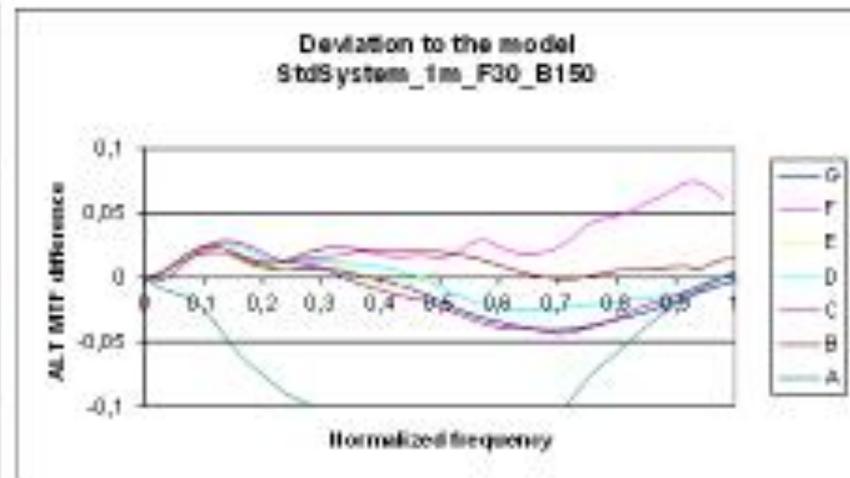
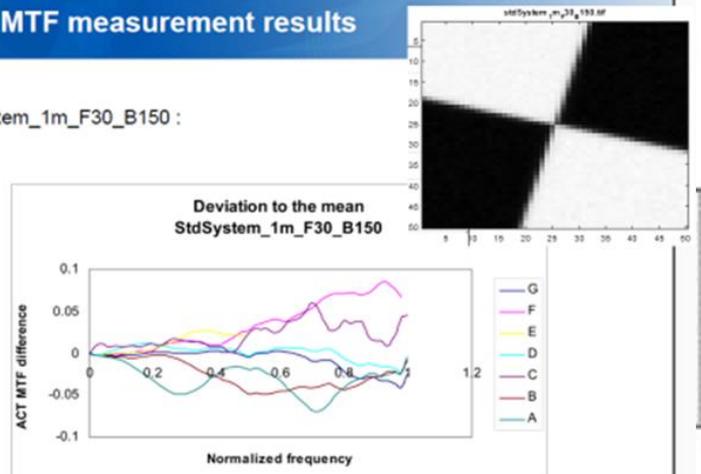
## First MTF measurement results

StdSystem\_1m\_F30\_B150 :



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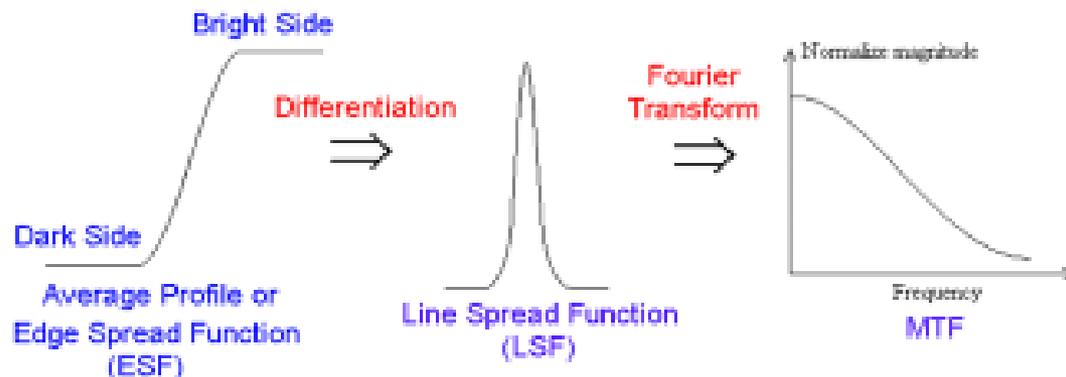
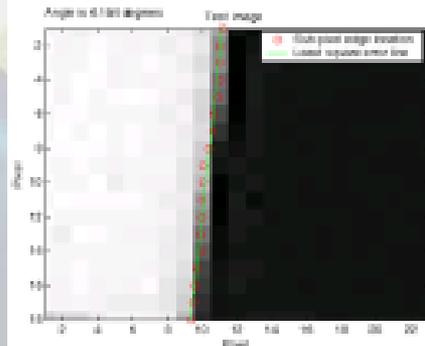
StdSystem\_1m\_F30\_B150 :





## SDSU Edge Method Example

- Edge Method Steps
  1. Sub-pixel edge locations were found by Fermi function fit.
  2. A least-square error line was calculated through the edge locations.
  3. Modified Savitzky-Golay filtering was applied on each line.
  4. The filtered profile was differentiated to obtain LSF
  5. MTF calculated by applying Fourier transform to LSF.





- **First objective: a journal paper including all participants**
  - Serves as a reference paper for this effort
  - Content: Methods, Estimates generated from 'High Priority Data', Discussion, Conclusions
  - Mention of existing standards? (such as ISO 122233)
- **Second objective: creation of a first 'CEOS reference dataset' based on six 'High Priority Data' images**
  - Create a directory in the CalVal Portal with free access to selected data
  - Define the corresponding reference MTF result for each test image as the mean (with outlier rejection) of the submitted estimates when actual model is not available
  - Ask users to submit their « blind test results » before accessing the reference results in order to improve the reference MTF dataset
- **Future activities**
  - Create additional targets for testing
  - Consider 'figures of merit': FWHM, Edge slope, RER etc
  - Assignment of uncertainty and traceability issues



**R.2017-3**

**IVOS recommends that the test sites in the MTF catalogue should be made available as CEOS recommended sites.**

**R.2017-4**

**IVOS recommends that a CEOS-recommended reference dataset is provided for the community to test their MTF estimation methodologies**



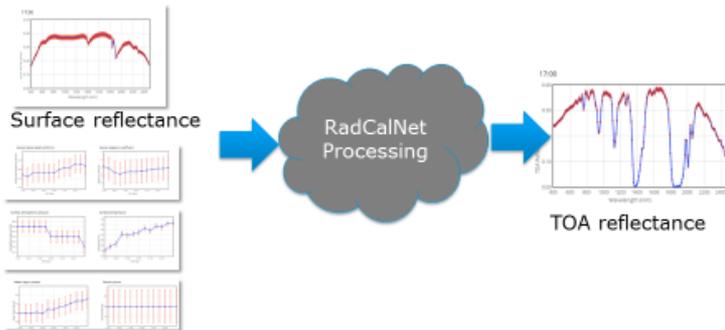
## RadCalNet Status



M. Bouvet on behalf of the RadCalNet WG

## The RadCalNet processing

- MODTRAN 5
- On-going work by K. Thome / B. Wenny to **propagate the surface / atmosphere uncertainties to TOA uncertainties** via pre-computed LUT from Montecarlo MODTRAN runs



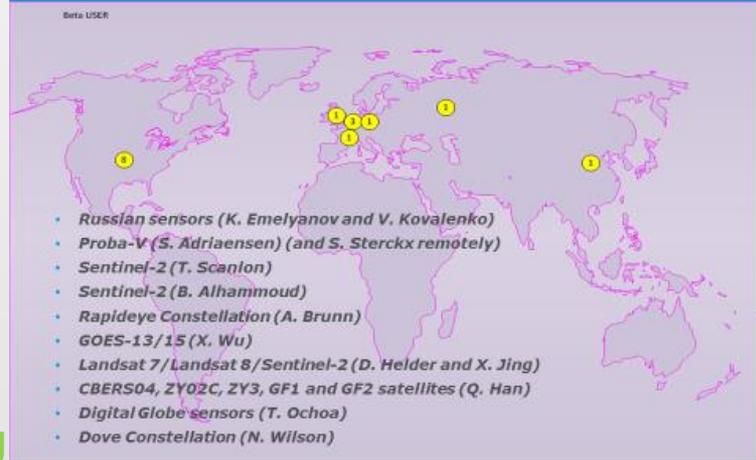
Atmospheric measurements

## The sites

- Since have been efforts dedicated to:
  - ✓ Operationally running the sites
  - ✓ Feeding surface and atmosphere data to the RadCalNet processing 'system'
  - ✓ Defining measurement uncertainties



## Current beta users



Working

**R.2017-1**

**Following the successful Beta Testing of RadCalNet, IVOS is looking for CEOS-WGCV endorsement for opening as an operational network (once the remaining tasks listed in the RadCalNet WG minutes are complete). IVOS asks WGCV to set up the necessary governance structure to approve RadCalNet sites.**

**Following full operational access: IVOS requests agencies/site owners to consider enhancing RadCalNet through contributing new sites**

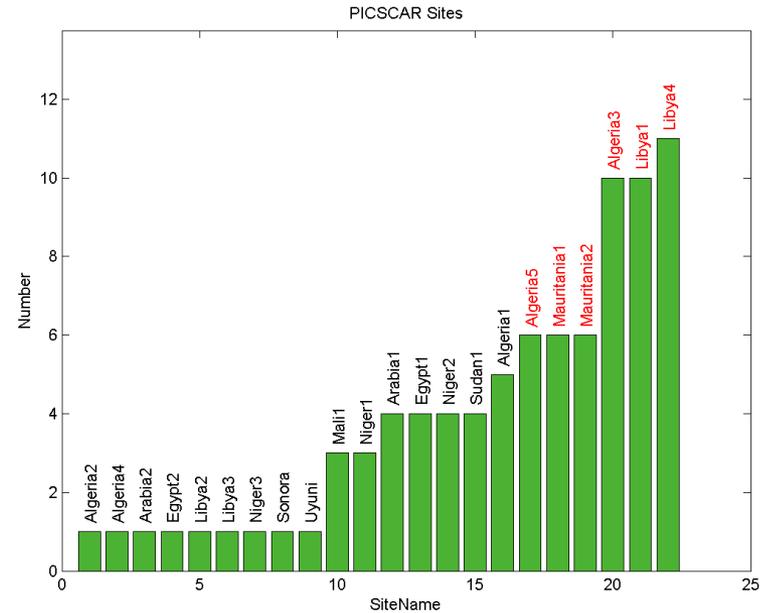


## **Pseudo invariant sites used for Rad L1 Cal/comparison/monitoring**

- Questionnaire sent to ~180 people (CEOS contacts) (Sep 2016)
  - 15 Replies
  - Seek to identify useage, priorities of PICS
- Seek to collect observational data from heritage priority site, Libya 4
  - Standardised format and location
  - 6 teams formally submitted independent data sets (2002 -2017)
- Some initial processing of one data set (FY3) using a common BRDF model
- Two telecons to discuss preliminary inputs and priorities
- Workshop held aligned to IVOS 29 to define a project plan/roadmap  
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- 30 sites identified as being used by 33 sensors
- Top 6 as already identified by CEOS

Low/Medium spatial resolution Sensor	Reference Number	High resolution spatial Sensor	Reference Number
ASTR, ATSR2, AATSR	1	ASTER	30
AVHRR	2	CBERS	31
MERIS	3	Formosat	32
MSG/METEOSAT	4	FY -2	33
MISR	5	Hyperion	34
MODIS TERRA/AQUA	6	KOMPSAT 1/2	35
OLCI	7	LANDSAT 5 TM	36
PARASOL	8	LANDSAT 7 ETM	37
POLDER 1/2	9	LANDSAT 8 OLI	38
Proba V	10	Pléiades PHR1A/1B	39
SLSTR	11	Sentinel2/MSI	40
VEGETATION1/ 2	12	SPOT 1,2,3,4,5	41
VIIRS	13	SPOT 6,7	42
SeaWiFS	14	Worldview	43
GOME-2	15	Thaichote (THEOS)	44
FY-3	16	DMC	45
GOES	17	LANDSAT 5 MSS	46
OCO2	18		
GOSAT	19		



Identifiant	Organisation	Nom
1	Rayference	Yves Govaerts
2	DLR	Martin Bachmann
3	NOAA Federal	Xiangqian Wu
4	ONERA	Françoise Viallefont
5	SDSU	Dennis Helder
6	AIST	Hirokazu Yamamoto
7	ARGANS	Bahjat Alhammoud
8	NOAA-NESDIS-STAR	Sirish Uprety
9	VITO	Sindy Sterckx
10	ESA	Marc Bouvet
11	CNES	Aimé Meygret
12	CMA	Hu Xiuqing
13	EoSense	Stephen Mackin
14	TPZ	Sébastien Saunier
15	JPL	Carol Bruegge

# Information needed and where from



Temporal stability	BRDF	Spectral characterisation	Spatial homogeneity	Atmospheric and cloud properties	Other
15	15	15	13	15	

**Data** : Acquired by production center

**Extracts** made available at the centers or by software (SADE or DIMITRI for instance).

**Meteorological** data : reanalysis ECMWF, NCEP EPTOMS, ou MODIS (CMA), archive US for SDSU

**DEM** : SRTM or tandem (DLR)

**Others** : GOME2 (spectre/CNES) + BRDF Polder/parasol (CNES), BRDF (VITO), sand sample (ONERA)

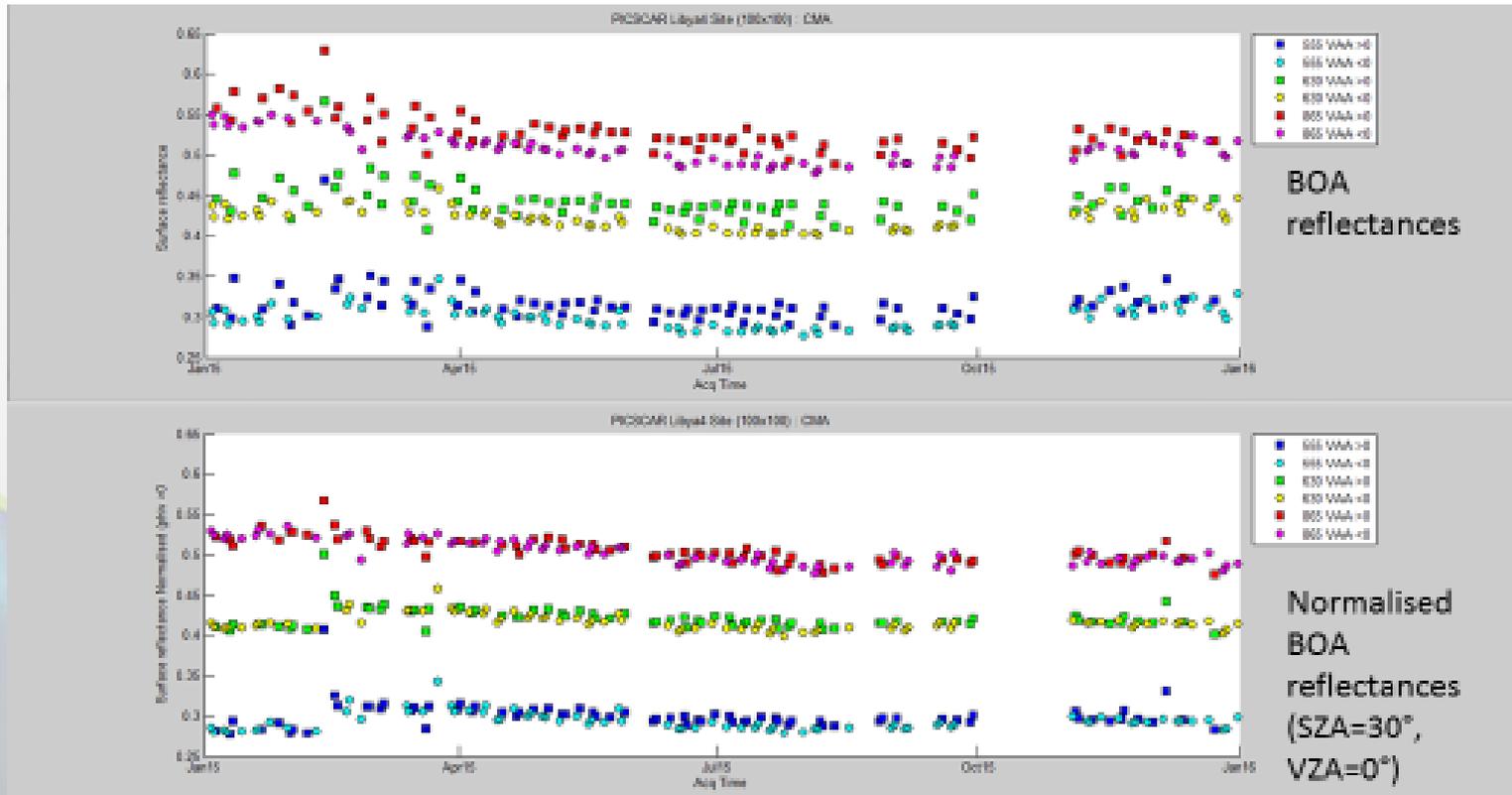
**Aerosol**: climatology (MODIS/CNES) + VITO, aeronet

- **Look to focus on perhaps 5 to 10 sites**
- **Community keen and willing to work together**

# See to use all available data to assess site stability : Harmonise!



A test case for the normalisation of the BRDF on FY-3





## Directional characterisation

- Referencing existing BRDF models
  - CNES, ESA, VITO/Rayference (availability?), MODIS std products, MISR std products, Parasol std products, other?
  - How to extend the model to the full spectral range (SWIR, blue?)
  - Is it possible to generate a 'generic' BRDF model using MODIS or MISR std products?
- How to compare BRDF modelling?
  - Direct model comparison: what does it mean?
  - Efficiency of the correction: which criteria? which test dataset?
- Who can do that?
  - Need to find a prior consensus on the methodology
  - Task sharing?

## Atmospheric characterisation

- Defining atmospheric correction
  - Need for an atmospheric correction protocol?
  - Which meteo data?
    - could be a problem for past data (ERA Interim from 1979!)
    - what about ozone content?
  - Main (unknown...) contributor: aerosols
- Referencing existing aerosol climatologies
  - CNES, ESA, VITO/Rayference (availability?), other?
  - Which characteristics: optical thickness, aerosol model...
  - How to assess the efficiency of aerosol correction?
- Who can do that?
  - Task sharing?

## Spectral characterisation

- Referencing existing studies
  - ESA, CNES, USD, other?
- Need for a reference
  - Based on sand samples laboratory measurements (which ones?)
  - Establishing a physical model based on mineralogy properties
  - Using a reference sensor:
    - which one? - very good spectral bands knowledge and accurate inter-bands calibration
    - multiple sensors? - accurate sensors inter-calibration
    - reference geometry to be defined (need for a directional normalization?)
  - Merging lab measurement, physics and multiple sensors fit...
- Who can do that?
  - Need to find a prior consensus on the methodology
    - comparison of ESA and CNES methodology?
  - Task sharing?

## Others

- Temporal Stability
  - identified as the first priority at IVOS 28 meeting
  - Need for combining multi sensors and multi sites results
    - How to proceed?
- Combining multiple sites calibration results
  - How to weight the measurements?
  - Is it necessary to find a common agreement? And to determine a set of common sites (based on QST answers)
- Revisiting the sites
  - Making a synthesis of the studies already performed
  - New sites can be added in a second step

- **Bi-monthly community Telecons/webex to discuss methods and how to establish/compare (BRDF, Atmosphere, surface spectral reflectance)**
- **CNES to establish draft web ‘portal’**
  - **Hosted on/via CalVal portal**
  - **Good practises on how to use**
  - **Repository of observations**
  - **Repository of comparison results**
  - **Characteristics of PICS and tools for users**
- **NPL & CNES to consider how to evaluate Uc**
- **Goal to establish a TOA ‘Radiance simulator’**



# FRM4STS: Fiducial Reference measurements for validation of Surface Temperature from Satellites

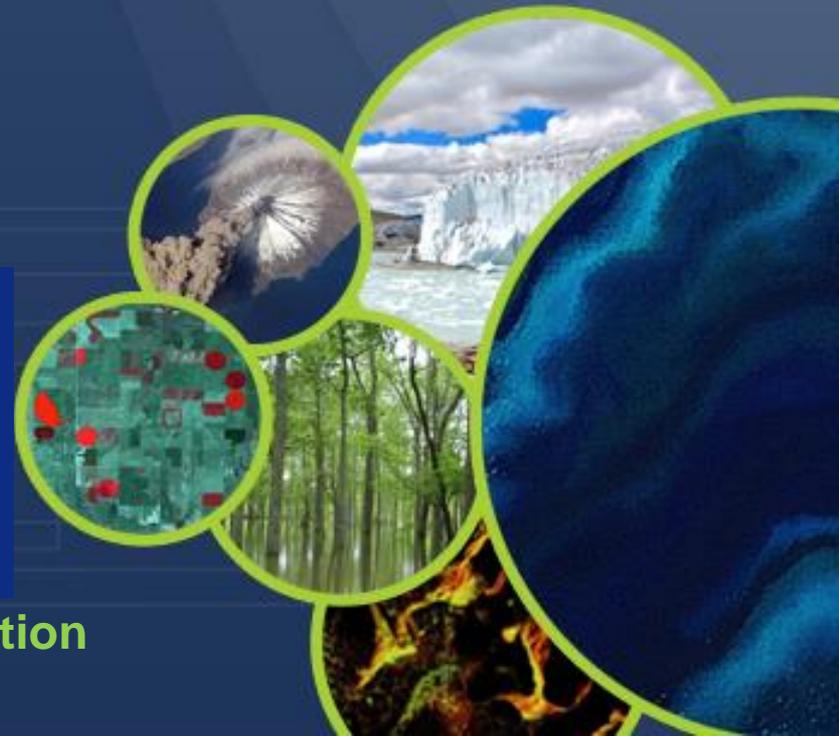
[www.FRM4STS.org](http://www.FRM4STS.org)

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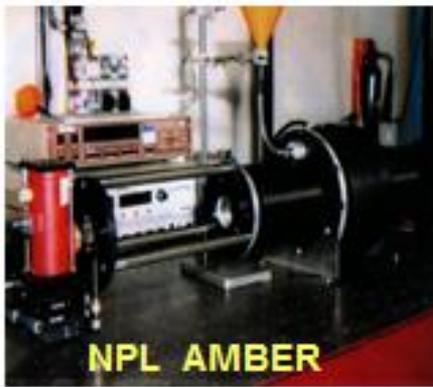


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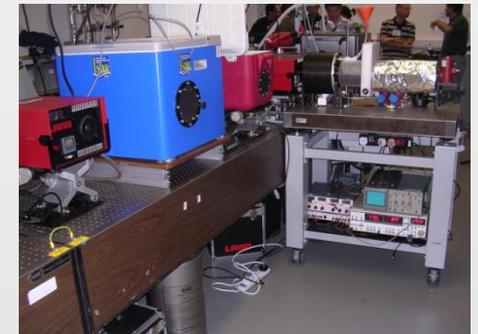
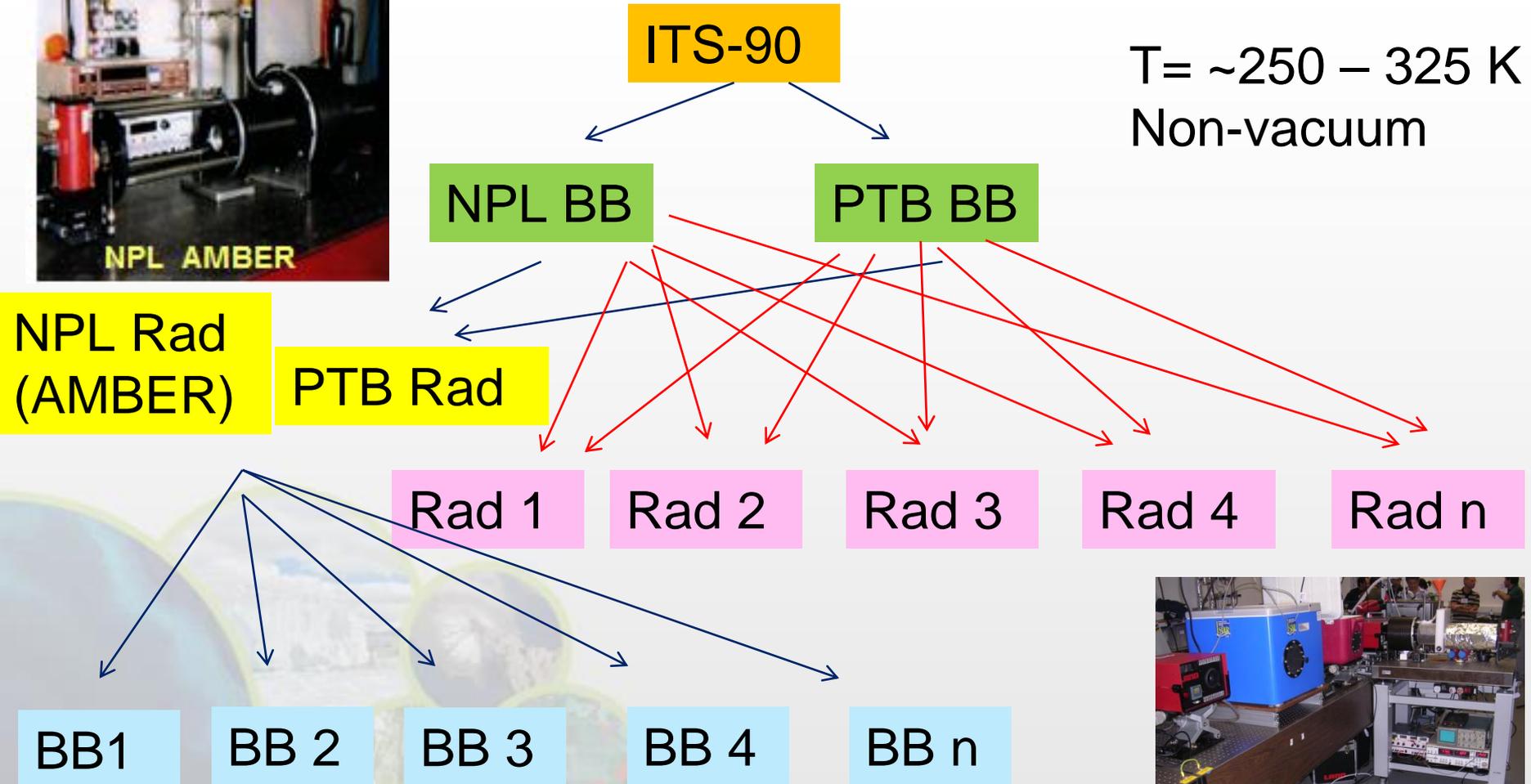
# SI traceability: LCE (June 2016)

Necessary for all participants to assess biases to SI under Laboratory conditions



NPL AMBER

T = ~250 – 325 K  
Non-vacuum



Room Environment with variable T

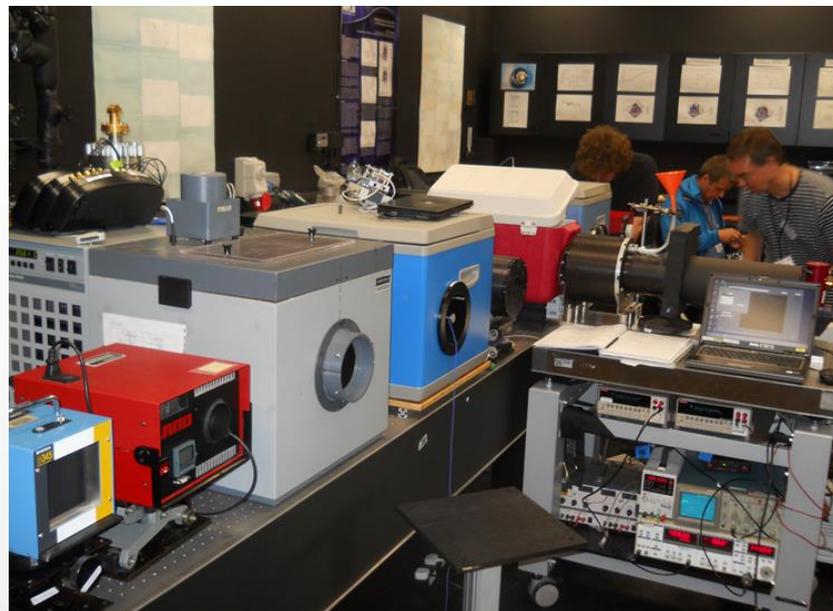
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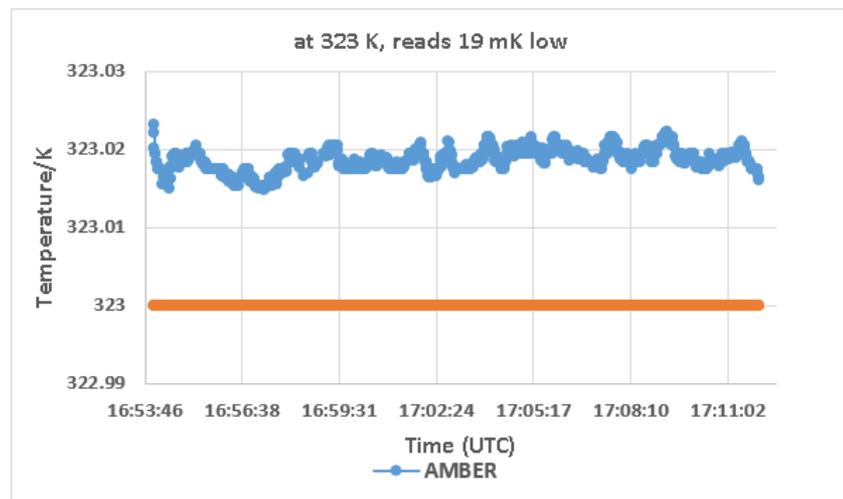
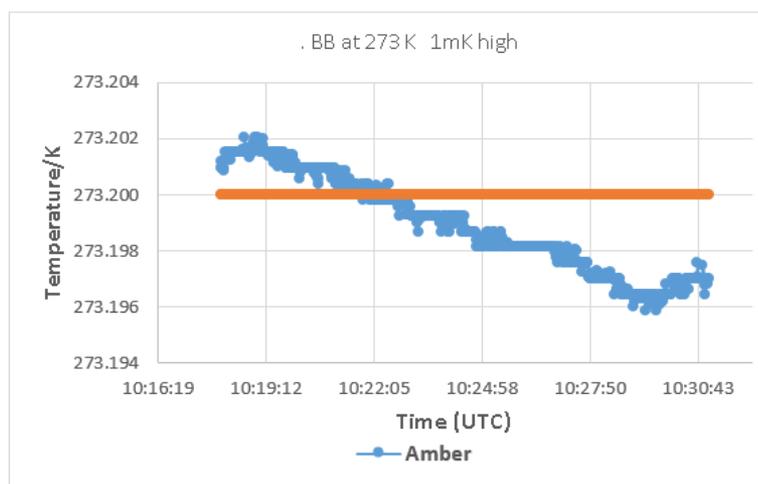
# BB comparison (June 2016)



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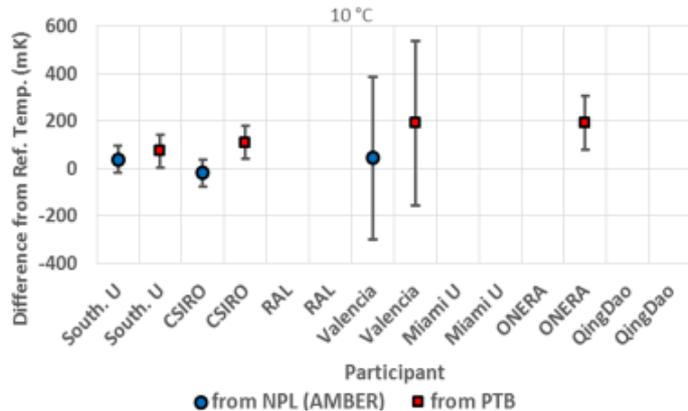
273 K to 323 K (0 to 50 °C)



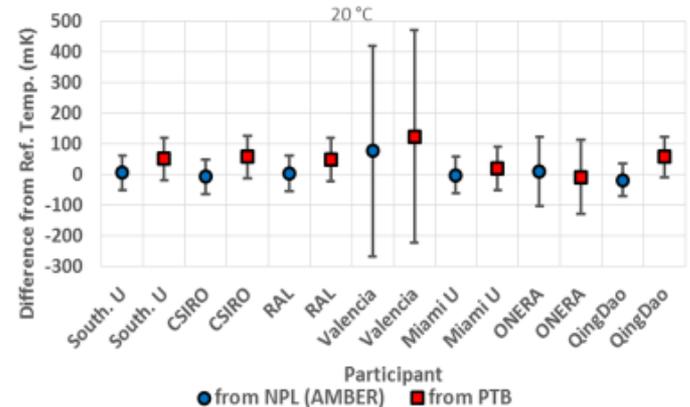
# Selection of Results of BB comparison to SI



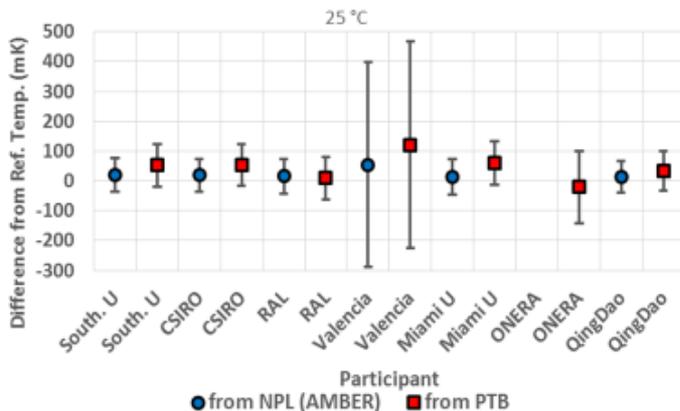
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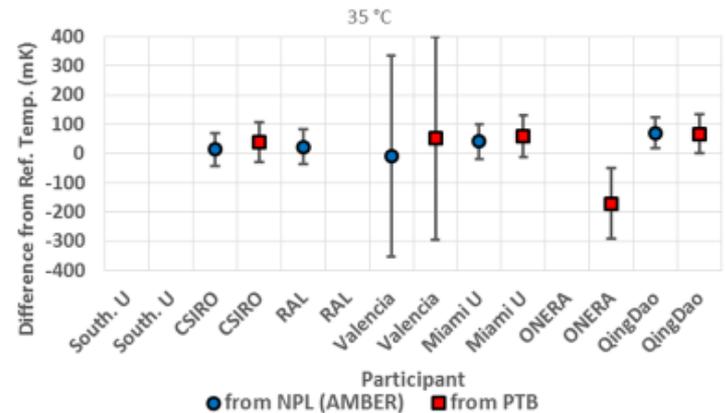
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240 K to 318 K



MAERI (UofM) viewing NPL ammonia Heat pipe

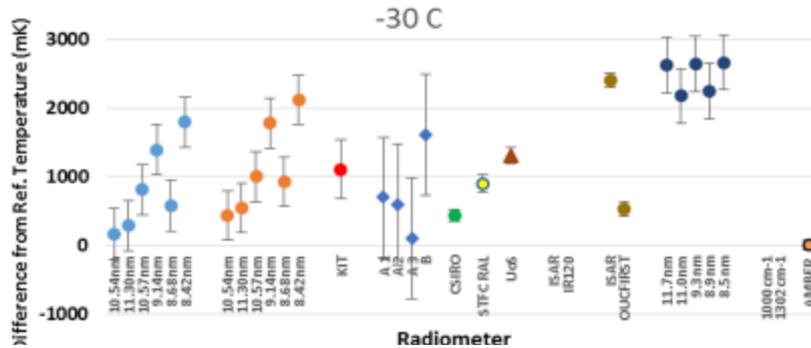


SISTER (RAL) viewing NPL ammonia Heat pipe

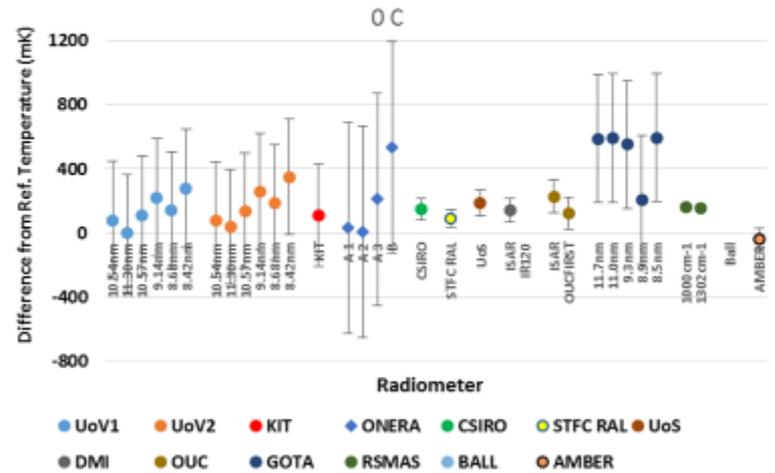
# Selection of Results of Lab Radiometer comparison to SI



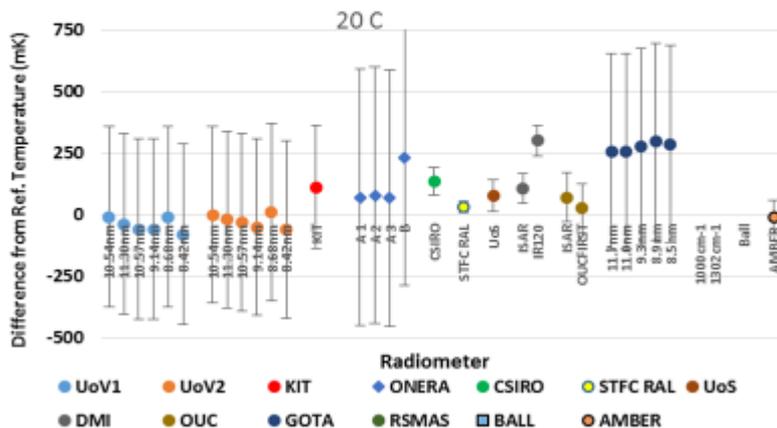
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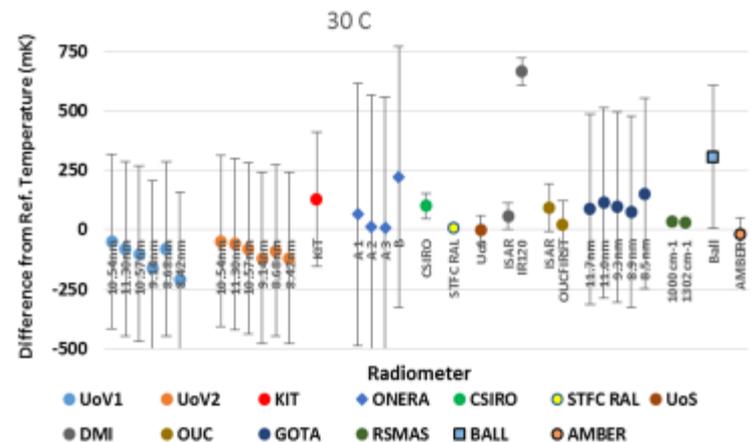
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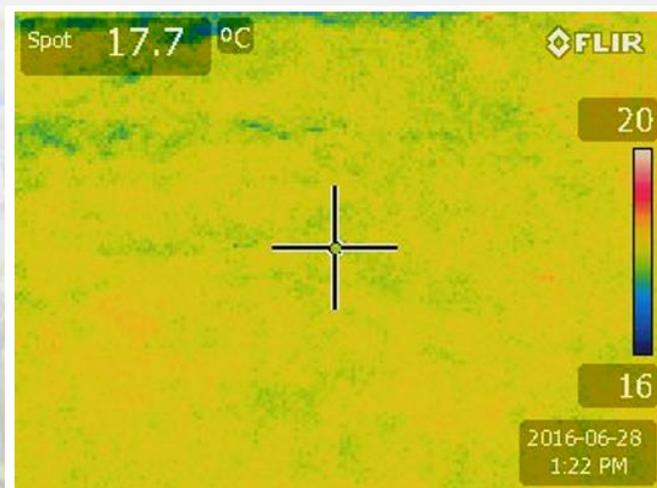


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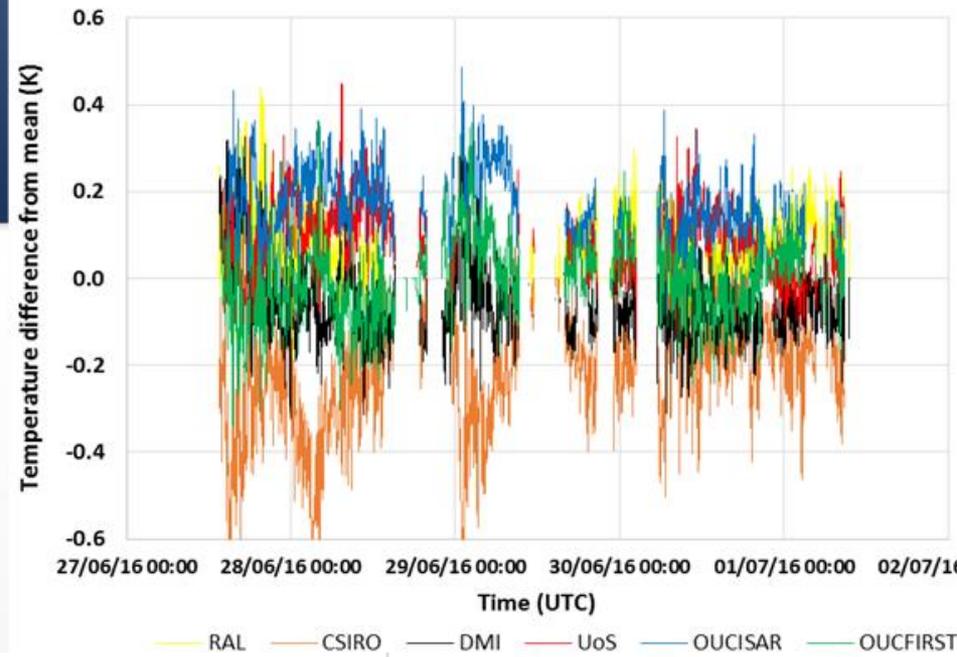


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# Difference from mean for SST designed radiometers only



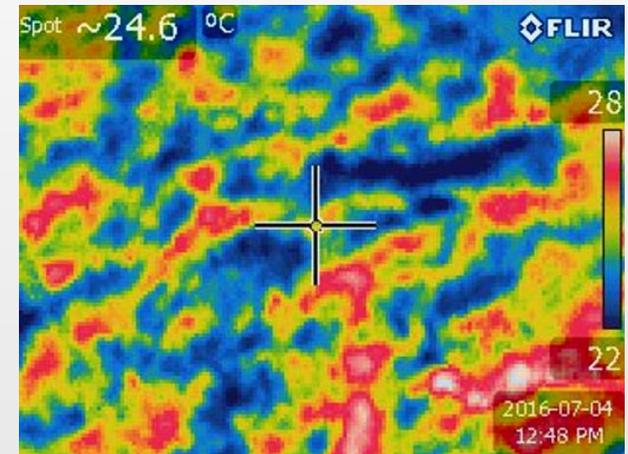
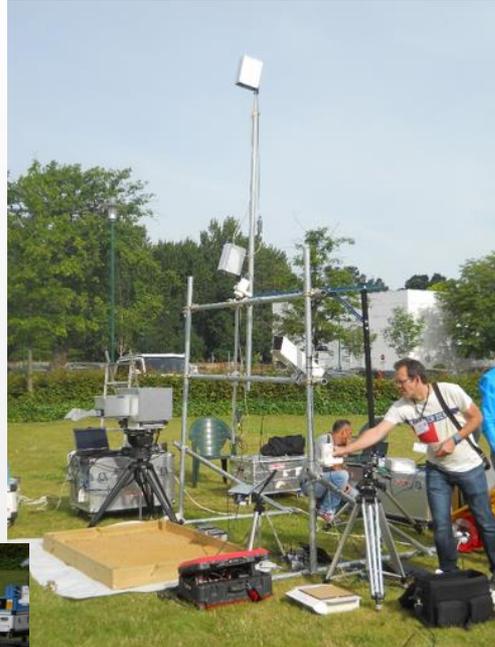
## mean difference from mean (°C)

Radiometer	All radiometers Included °C	SST-Measuring Radiometers Only °C	SST-Measuring Radiometers excl. CSIRO °C
RAL	0.123	0.084	0.037
KIT	-0.159		
CSIRO	-0.189	-0.228	
DMI	-0.020	-0.053	-0.106
UoV	0.117		
UoS	0.125	0.090	0.044
OUCFIRST	0.033	-0.002	-0.054
OUC-ISAR	0.206	0.174	0.119
GOTA	0.593		
JPL	-0.109		

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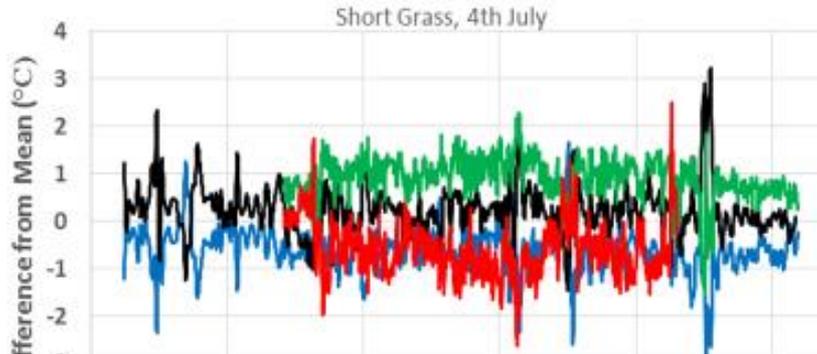
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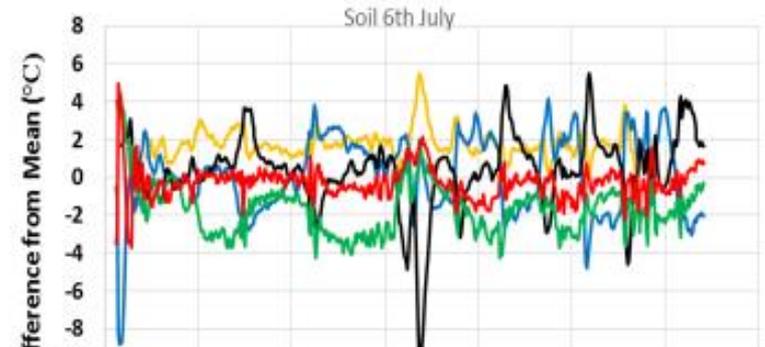
**Emissivity**

# Selection of Results of Radiometer comparison to LST

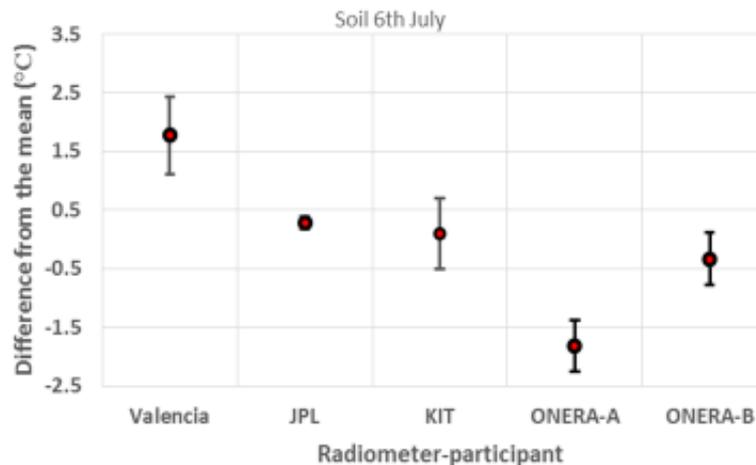
Difference of the measurements of measuring radiometers on the short grass sample from their mean. This Figure shows that the difference is within  $\pm 2$  throughout the monitoring period (mostly within  $\pm 2$  °C).



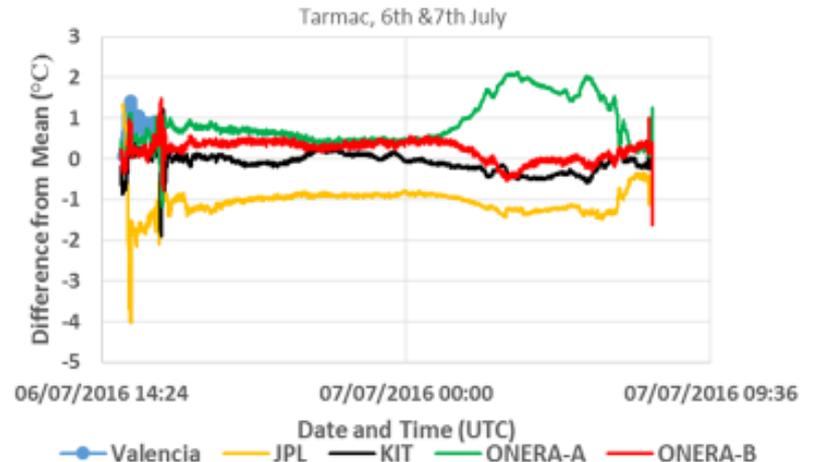
Difference of the measurements of the five measuring radiometers made on the 6<sup>th</sup> July on the dark soil sample from their mean.



Difference of the mean surface temperature of the dark soil sample measured by participants from the mean of the measurements of the participants.



Difference of the measurements of the five measuring radiometers made on the 6<sup>th</sup> July on the tarmac sample from their mean. The bulk of the difference of all five radiometers from their mean is within  $\pm 2$  °C throughout the monitoring period





### D-130 FICE-IP for LST



### Implementation plan for the FRM4-CEOS field Inter-comparison Experiments (FICE) in Namibia

ESA Contract No. 4000113848\_15I-LG

Prepared by Folke Olesen (KIT)



Gobabeb 'station dune'

30 m high 'Wind Tower' in the Namib





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16 – 18 October 2017

FRM4STS International  
Workshop at NPL, UK

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### International Workshop on fiducial reference measurements for satellite-derived surface temperature

The objective of this ESA sponsored workshop is to bring together the world's expertise in Earth surface (Land, Water, Ice) temperature measurements under the auspices of Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) to review the current state of the art in measurement accuracy for satellite validation. The workshop will consider the needs of current and future satellite missions and their applications together with the outputs and results from the recent CEOS comparison of fiducial reference measurements/instruments and will look to conclude with the development of an internationally coordinated strategy to ensure that the global reference measurement infrastructure is adequate to meet the future needs and aspirations of all users.

The workshop takes place at NPL, Teddington in the United Kingdom and is free to attend. It will consist of both oral and poster presentations and facilitated discussion structured into six half day sessions:

- **Session 1:** Science requirements for LST, IST and SST applications: Climate, Meteorology and Oceanography
- **Session 2:** The space based element: current and future sensors capabilities and challenges
- **Session 3:** Metrological framework: Traceability and uncertainty, sampling and scaling, representativeness
- **Session 4:** Post-launch validation: performance, traceability and uncertainty of field/aircraft deployed radiometers
- **Session 5:** Post-launch validation: non-returnable measurement systems
- **Session 6:** Establishing a sustainable framework of measurements to ensure fit for purpose data to meet the needs of society.

The Workshop is free to attend, but registration is essential. To register, please [follow this link](#). If you would like to submit a short abstract (~300 words) for consideration by the international scientific committee please contact: [events@npl.co.uk](mailto:events@npl.co.uk) **by 15 June 2017**

- Session 1: Science requirements
- Session 2: The space based element
- Session 3: Metrological framework:
- Session 4: Post-launch validation: deployed radiometers
- Session 5: Post-launch validation: non-returnable systems
- Session 6: Establishing a sustainable framework



- To help address IOCCG white paper
- Run comparisons of validation instruments
  - Lab
  - Ocean
  - Ref standards
- Ensure SI traceability and Uc to SI
- Draft protocols for how to establish/maintain traceability
- Review requirements for future infrastructure



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## FRM4SOC International Workshop on Options and Approaches to the Long-term Vicarious Adjustment of Sentinel- OLCI & MSI A/B/C and D Instruments

- Took place at ESA-ESRIN, Frascati, Italy, 21-23 Feb, 2017
- 30+ participants from Europe, USA, Canada, Australia & S.Korea
- Included many of the world's leading experts in the field





## Laboratory Calibration Exercise 1 (LCE-1) Update: Reference Irradiance and Radiance Sources



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- Taking place 03-07 April 2017 at NPL.
- NPL (UK pilot) with 11 participants from around the world, including:
  - Tartu (Estonia)
  - JRC (EC)
  - NOAA (USA)
  - Satlantic (Canada)
  - CSIRO & IMO (Australia)
  - NIVA (Norway)
  - NERC (UK)
  - LOV & Cimet (France)
  - DLR (Germany)
- LCE-1 is aimed at verifying the performance of irradiance and radiance sources used to calibrate ocean colour radiometers (OCRs)
- Participants will be supplying their irradiance sources to NPL for comparison with the primary standards using the NPL Spectral Radiance and Irradiance Primary Scales (SRIPS) facility & Reference Spectroradiometer System (RefSpec)..
- Transfer radiometers will be sent back and forth to each participant lab between April and December 2017 for radiance source measurements and to compare the participant's in-house radiance sources with the NPL derived radiance scale.



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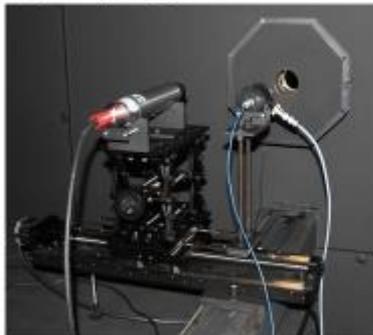


## Laboratory Calibration Exercise 2 (LCE-2): Ocean Colour Radiometers (OCRs) 8 – 13 May 2017 at TO, Tõravere, Estonia

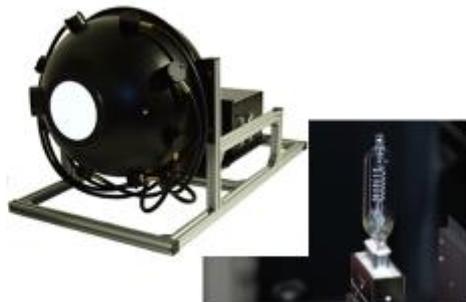
### Main objective:

Establish and document protocols and best practice to practically verify the performance of FRM OCRs through

1. TO calibrates all participating radiometers



2. Participants measure the targets under controlled laboratory conditions

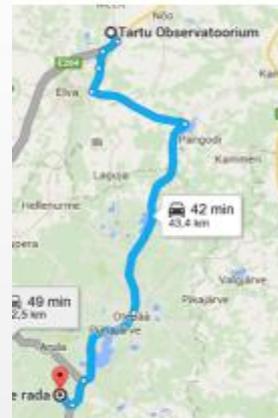


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## LCE-2 outdoor intercomparison - Lake Kääriku, 08-13 May 2017

- Controlled outdoor environment near Tartu Observatory, Estonia



Uncertainty analysis with support

Ocean platforms and ship transects

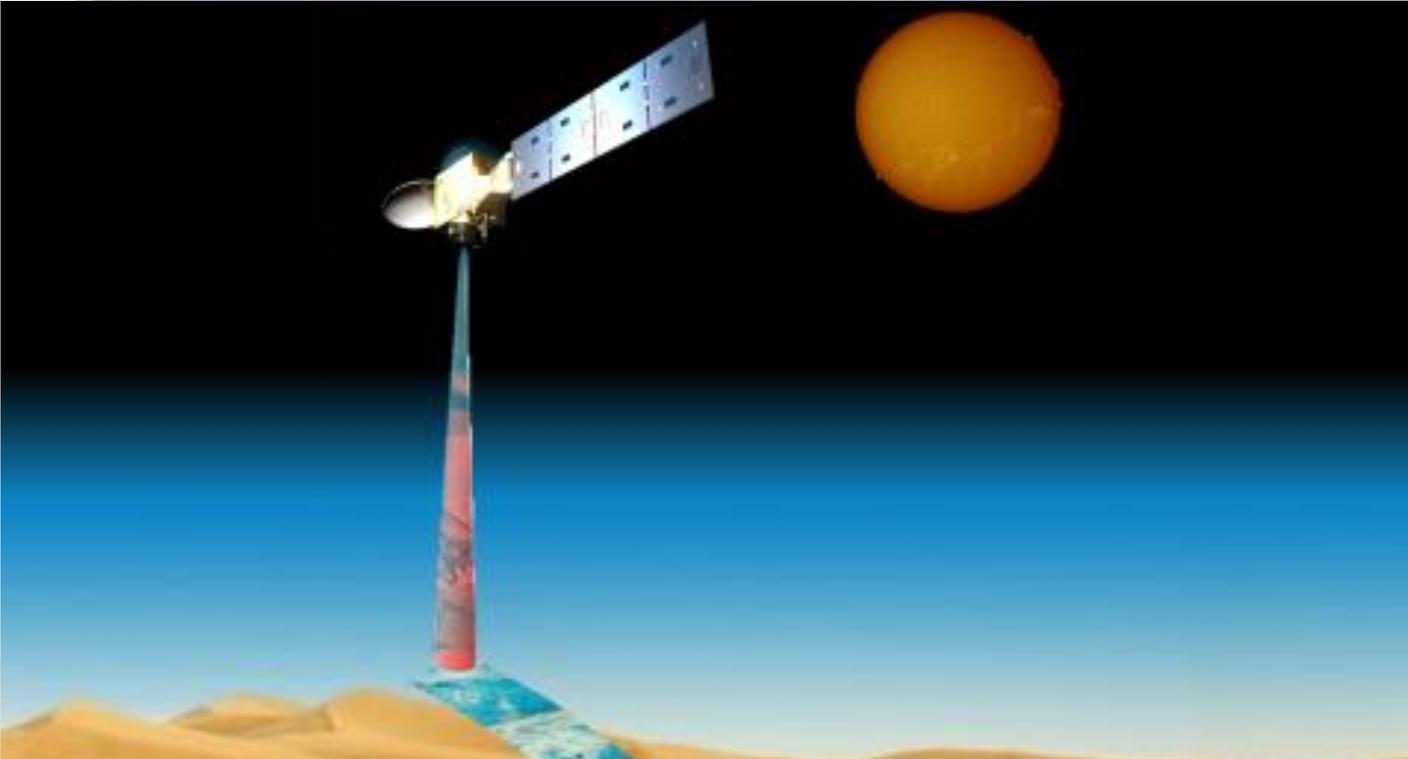
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# Uncertainty IS NOT the same as Error

But also many terms have different interpretations e.g.  
Harmonisation, Levels 1A,1B, 1C ....., Ancillary data .....

**IVOS Activity:** Also to support wider CEOS WGCV initiative NPL to create and administer 'Wikki' web page (via cal/val portal) to discuss/define terminology and establish 'thesauras' of definitions as necessary also with simple graphic/videos to make clear concepts.

Small international task group in process of being established



IVOS recommends the selection of a high spectral resolution solar spectrum to become a reference spectrum that is based on the SOLID approach linking the 20 sensor composite inc Thuillier and COSI spectra giving both an extension into the IR and providing higher spectral resolution (target 0.005 nm), along with a technical note on how to interpret and use this model. **THIS is AGREED with GSICS as a pragmatic interim solution to update current CEOS recommendation  $>\sim 380$  nm spectral range**

- **IVOS active team expanding (good global coverage- agency and industry)**
- **Thematic projects working effectively with motivated champions:  
Number sometimes make logistics an issue**
- **New activity on ‘CEOS L1 reference and method for interoperability’ to be  
launched at IVOS 30 (IVOS 29 too busy)**
- **Several recommendations to WGCV for endorsement/action**
- **Keen to revitalise and use Cal/Val portal as the community interface**
  - **Minutes and presentations of plenary meetings on portal**
- **GSICS/CEOS 3<sup>rd</sup> Lunar workshop Nov 2017, Xi’An China**
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