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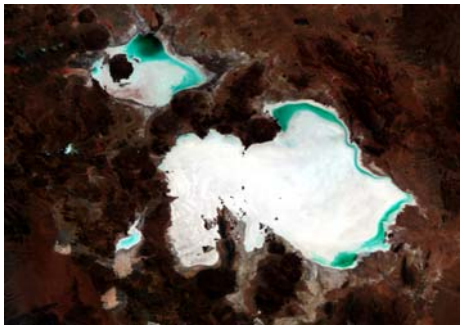
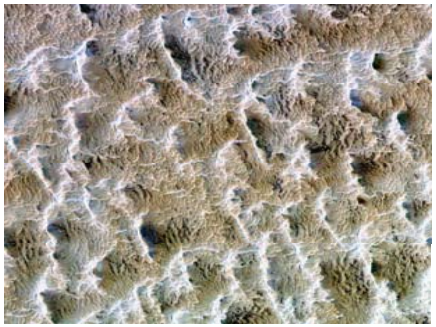


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What is DIMITRI?

A database of remote sensing data hosted at ESA/ESTEC:

- Sensors: AATSR, A-MODIS, MERIS and POLDER-3
- 3 sites : Libyan desert (Libya), Salar Uyuni (Bolivia) and Dome-C (Antarctica)
- Temporal coverage: 2002 to 2010

What can be done with DIMITRI?

1. Two methodologies for radiometric intercomparisons:
    a. Methodology 1: Temporal and angular matching of observations between 2 sensors
    b. Methodology 2: TOA BRDF reconstruction using ‘super sensor’ observations
        – Using a), recalibration of a sensor i, j, k to sensor ref to create super sensor time series over a given site.
        – 5-day TOA BRDF model fitting using super sensor observations.
        – TOA signal prediction for any time, any geometry and any band (after spectral interpolation)
2. A methodology for radiometric equalisation of MERIS over Dome C (not presented here)

Methodology 1: temporal and angular matching

Methodology:

- Cloud screening
- Direct comparison of near simultaneous (+/-1 day) and nearly identical geometries of observations (+/- ~5 degree VZA, SZA and +/- 10 degrees RAA)
- Bands from sensors with similar RSR are compared

Assumption: symmetry of TOA BRDF across the principal plane and principle of reciprocity

Methodology 1: temporal and angular matching

Approaches sharing methodological similarities with DIMITRI's approach

	Temporal matching	Geometrical matching	Atmospheric correction / TOA signal simulation	Remark
Bouvet et al. (2006)	Near simultaneous (+/- 1 day)	Nearly identical geometries (~few degrees)	NO	
Cabot et al. (1999)	Non simultaneous	Nearly identical geometries (~few degrees)	YES	Pseudo invariant sites
Cao et al. (2004)	Simultaneous (+/- ~seconds)	Identical geometries	NO	Restricted to nadir observations and polar sites
Smith et al. (2008)	No geometrical matching	Normalised geometry with BRDF=f(scatt. angle)	NO	Long term drift monitoring No direct sensor-to-sensor comparison

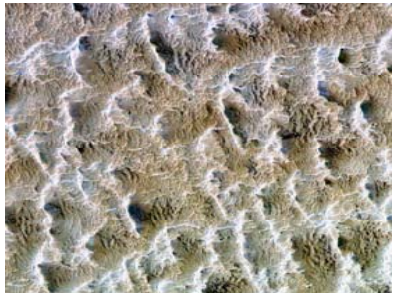
•Bouvet M. 2006. Intercomparison of imaging spectrometers over the Salar de Uyuni (Bolivia), *Proceedings of the MERIS AATSR Validation Team workshop 2006*

•Cabot F., O. Hagolle, C. Ruffel, and P. Henry . 1999. Remote sensing data repository for in-flight calibration of optical sensors over terrestrial targets, in *Earth Observing Systems IV, Proc. SPIE 3750*, pp. 514–523

•Cao, C., M. Weinreb, and H. Xu. 2004. Predicting Simultaneous Nadir Overpasses among Polar-orbiting Meteorological Satellites for the Intersatellite Calibration of Radiometers, *Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology*, Vol. 21, pp. 537-542

•Smith D., Poulsen C., Latter, B. 2008. Calibration Status of AATSR and MERIS Reflectance Channels, *proceedings of the MERIS AATSR Validation Team Workshop 2008*

Methodology 1: Libyan desert



Sensor: AATSR, A-MODIS, MERIS, POLDER-3

Bands: 490, 560, 670 and 865 nm

Methodology systematic uncertainty: < 3 %

Methodology random uncertainty: ~3 % (3-sigma)

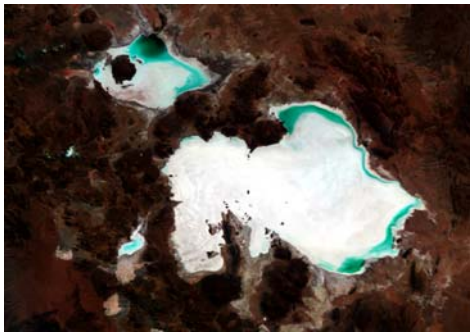
Temporal coverage: 2006

Conclusion: MERIS and MODIS show a very good agreement. MERIS and AATSR in line within the methodology uncertainty. POLDER-3 and AATSR calibration has been updated since last publish results

Reference:

Bouvet M.(2007), Intercomparison of multispectral imagers over natural targets, Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium, 2007. IGARSS 2007. IEEE International, p. 2653 - 2664

Methodology 1: Salar de Uyuni



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Conclusion: all sensors in line within methodology uncertainties

Reference:

Bouvet M. (2006), INTERCOMPARISON OF IMAGING SPECTROMETERS OVER THE SALAR DE UYUNI (BOLIVIA), MERIS/AATSR workshop proceedings

Methodology 1: Dome C

Sensor: AATSR, A-MODIS, MERIS

Bands: 560, 670 and 865 nm

Methodology systematic uncertainty: < 3 %

Methodology random uncertainty: ~3 % (3-sigma)

Temporal coverage: 2002 – 2009

Conclusion: all sensors in line within methodology uncertainties besides AATSR vs. MERIS and AATSR vs. MODIS at 865 nm (+4 % difference)

Reference:

Bouvet M., Ramoino F., Radiometric Intercomparison of AATSR, MERIS and Aqua MODIS over Dome Concordia (Antarctica), Canadian Journal of Remote Sensing (accepted)

Methodology 2: TOA BRDF reconstruction using ‘super sensor’ measurements

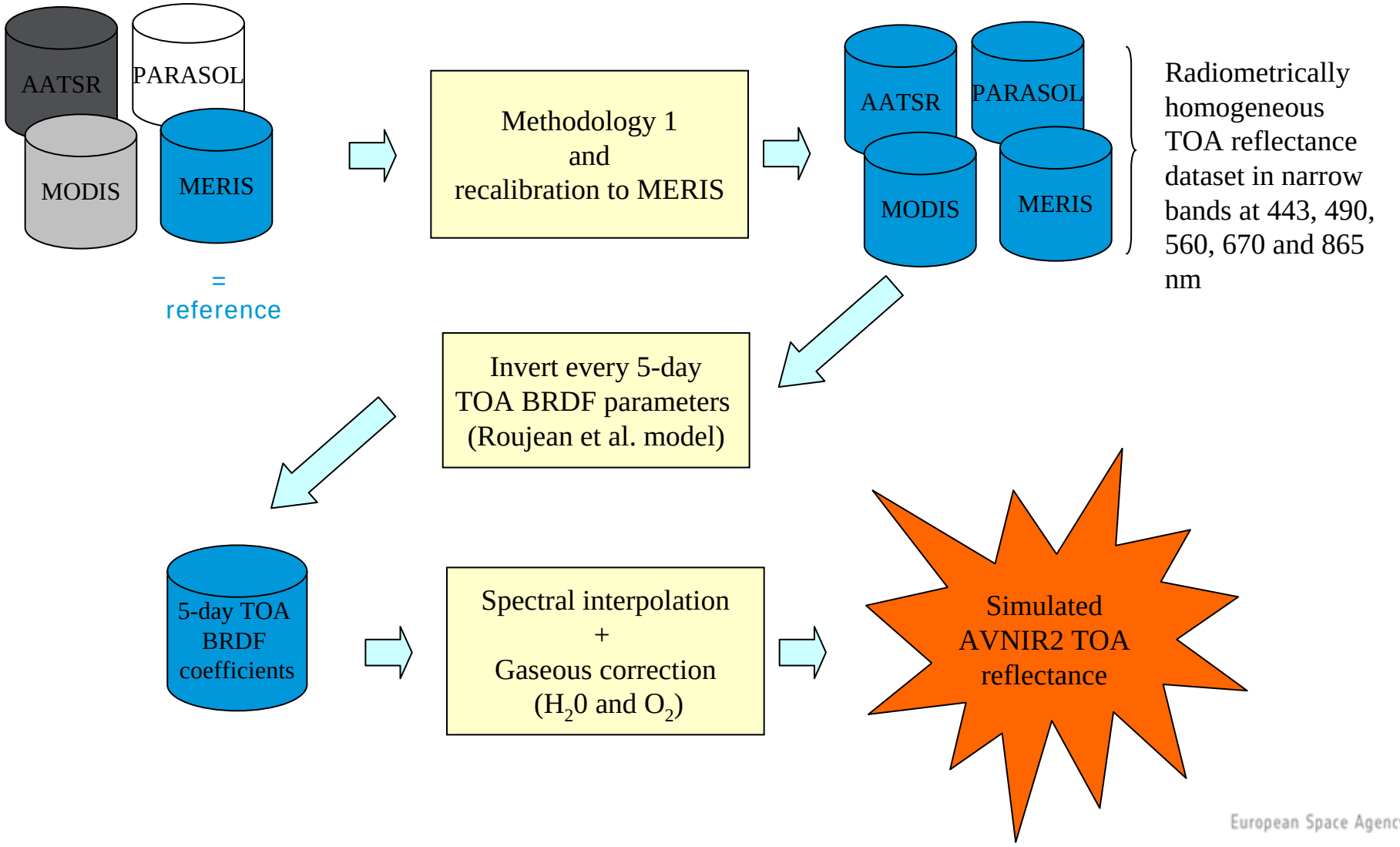
Methodology: TOA BRDF reconstruction using ‘super sensor’ observations

a. Using methodology 1, we recalibrate sensors i, j, k to a reference sensor to create super sensor time series of measurements over a given site.
b. A 5-day TOA spectral BRDF model (Roujean et al.) is fitted using the super sensor observations.
c. The TOA signal can be predicted for any time, any geometry and any band (after spectral interpolation)

Assumptions: 5-day invariance of TOA BRDF

Application to AVNIR-2, using AATSR, MERIS, A-MODIS and POLDER-3 data over the Libyan desert

Methodology 2: application to AVNIR-2 support to commissioning phase



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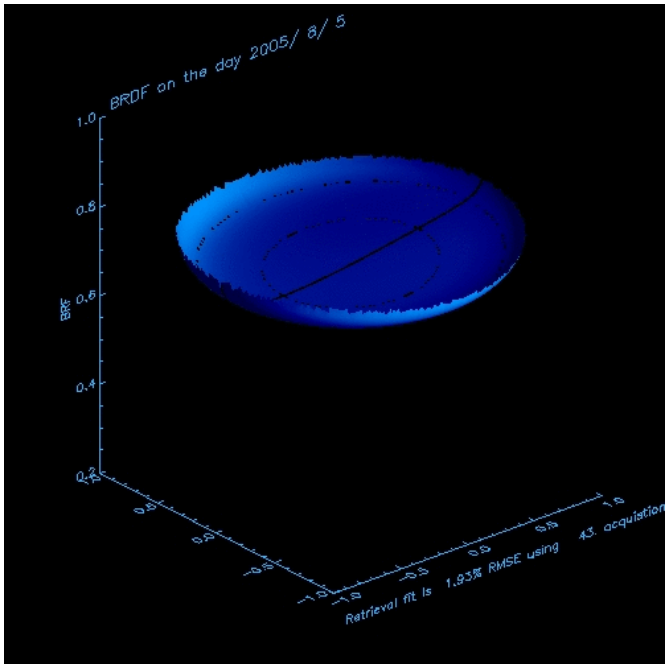
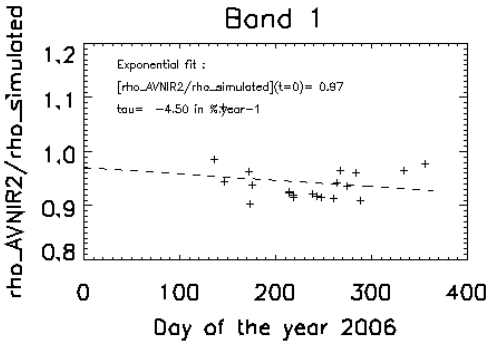
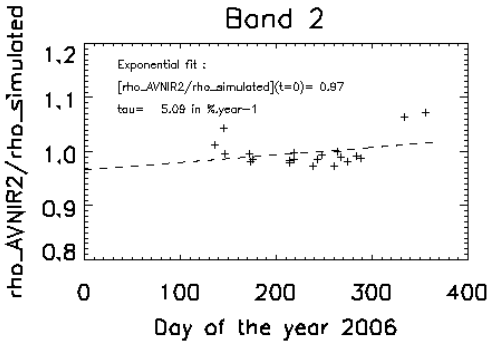
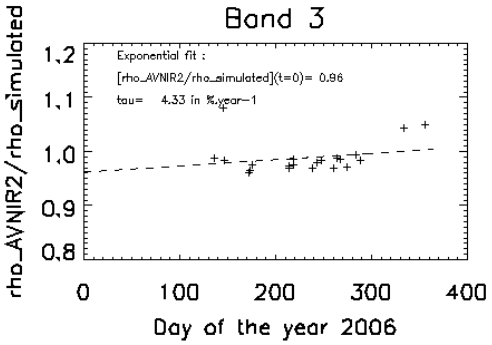
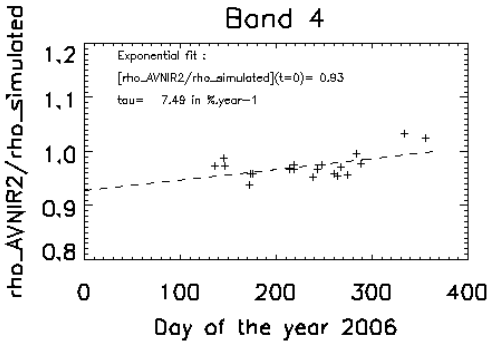


BRF derived from recalibrated A-MODIS, AATSR, POLDER-3 and MERIS over Libyan desert at 443 nm for sun at nadir

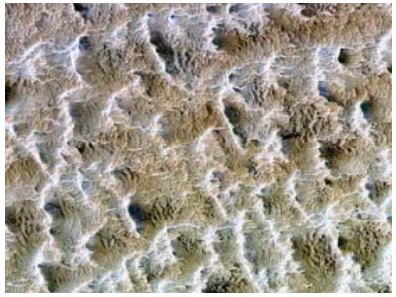








Methodology 2: TOA signal simulation



Sensor: AVNIR-2 (vs. using AATSR, A-MODIS and POLDER-3 recalibrated on MERIS)

Bands: 460 , 560, 650 and 830 nm

Methodology systematic uncertainty: < 5 %

Methodology random uncertainty: ~5% ?

Temporal coverage: 2006

Conclusion: AVNIR-2 calibration appeared in line with the MERIS calibration to within the methodology uncertainty (~ 5% wrt MERIS radiometric scale). In line with JAXA's results.

Reference:

Bouvet, M., Goryl P., Chander G., Santer R., Saunier S. (2007): Preliminary radiometric calibration assessment of ALOS AVNIR-2, Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium, 2007. IGARSS 2007. IEEE International, p. 2673 - 2676

Future developments of DIMITRI

Tasks:

- **Additional sensors:** ATSR-2, VEGETATION
- **Additional sites:** BOUSSOLE, South Indian Ocean, South Pacific Ocean, Amazonia, Tuz Golu
- **Software improvement** (readability, robustness, etc…)
- **Documented intercomparisons for all sensors and all sites**
- **Duration:** 2 years

Thank you