

Sensors cross calibration over desert sites using SADE database

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Desert sites in CNES : a long story... (1)

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Desert sites in CNES : a long story... (2)

Initial objectives

- In orbit vicarious calibration to assess :
 - On-board calibration validation
 - Multiangular calibration of large field of view optical sensors : detectors normalization in the f.o.v.
 - In time calibration monitoring
 - Intercalibration of optical sensors

Main characteristics of the requested sites

- Stable in time : no vegetation, no water...
- Easy to access : clear sky, good atmospheric conditions
- High reflectance to reduce the impact of atmospheric effects
- Large enough to reduce the environmental effects
- Homogeneous enough for reduced f.o.v. instrument
- Low directional effects

\Rightarrow choice : desert sites



Desert sites in CNES : a long story... (3)

Sites selection

- Spatial uniformity
 - Better than 2% for 100x100 km² area
 - Statistics using Meteosat 4 acquisitions
- Stability over time (seasonal effect)
 - Stability better than 20% (after atmospheric effect filtering)
 - 1 year of Meteosat data (1 per day)
- Low directional effect
 - Directional effects less than 15%
 - 1 month of AVHRR data completed with Meteosat data

Sites characterization

- Ground truth measurements : field campaign in Algeria (1993)
- No other opportunity to perform ground or atmospheric characterization



Desert sites in CNES : a long story... (4)



20 sites selected over North Africa and Arabia



Desert sites in CNES : a long story... (5)

Libya 3 site as seen by Parasol/POLDER with fixed viewing conditions ($\theta_v \approx 30$)





SADE – Calibration Data Repository (1)

Systematic collect of satellite acquisitions over the 20 sites

- POLDER 1 (oct. 1996- june 1997) POLDER 2 (2003)
- Since 1990 : SPOT high resolution
- Since 1998 : VEGETATION 1 & 2
- Since 2001 : ENVISAT/MERIS, AQUA/MODIS
 - + SeaWiFs, AVHRR
 - + MISR, ATSR2, AATSR...
 - + Formosat 2, Kompsat 2, Theos
 - + Landsat7/ETM+, Terra/MODIS
 - + Meteo data (NCEP + EPTOMS)

■ Storage in a data base

- ORACLE data base
- Easy data management (SQL requests)
- Link between satellite measurements and calibration results (traceability)

<u>Note</u> : SADE also includes measurements over ocean, sun glint, clouds and snowy sites (soon to come : moon)



SADE – Calibration Data Repository (2)

Stored data (more than 300.000 multispectral measurements over deserts)

- Mean ToA reflectance over the site (and associated standard deviation)
- Viewing date
- Geometric acquisition conditions : viewing angles, sun angles
- Atmospheric conditions : pressure, water vapor, ozone, aerosol optical depth
- Product reference
- \Rightarrow Only clear sky data are selected

Calibration results are also stored in the data base

- Elementary calibration results associated to each satellite acquisition
- Enhanced calibration results computed after modeling, filtering, statistics, comparisons...

SADE = "Structure d'Accueil de Données d'Etalonnage"



SADE – Calibration Data Repository (3)



Direct ToA reflectance comparison



SADE – Calibration Data Repository (4)

SPOT5/Vegetation2 non calibrated ToA reflectances – Libye 1





SADE – Calibration Data Repository (4)

SPOT5/Vegetation2 non calibrated ToA reflectances – Libye 1





Calibration over desert sites : method (1)

General description of the method

- Comparison measured reflectance versus modelled reflectance (calibration reference)
- Modelled reference obtained through reference sensor measurements (cross calibration)
- Main hypothesis : the sites are supposed to be stable in time
- Intersensor calibration and/or multitemporal calibration

Operating procedure

- One sensor taken as reference (POLDER preferred because of spectral and angular coverage)
- Comparison for close geometric conditions (limitation of site BRDF effect), no date restriction
- Atmospheric corrections
- Elementary calibration site by site, date by date
- Merge all results (over the 20 sites)

Accuracy

- Multitemporal calibration : 1 to 2%
- Sensors cross calibration : 2 to 3%
- Operationality
 - Operational use for VEGETATION, Parasol, SPOT/HRV, MERIS and other sensors according to opportunities : Formosat-2, SeaWiFS, MODIS, AVHRR ...



Calibration over desert sites : method (2)





Calibration over desert sites : method (3)

Directional effects :

Direct comparison of measurements in the same geometry $(\theta_s, \theta_v, \Delta \Phi)$:

• $\theta_{sref.} \pm 2^{\circ}$; $\theta_{vref.} \pm 2^{\circ}$; $\Delta \Phi_{ref.} \pm 5^{\circ}$

Possibility to use of reciprocity principle to extend field of matching geometry



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Calibration over desert sites : method (4)

Atmospheric effects :

- Atmospheric correction performed using SMAC model and meteo data :
 - Rayleigh scattering correction using atmospheric pression (NCEP)
 - Water vapour (NCEP)
 - Ozone (TOMS)
 - Other contributors : CO2, CO, NO2, CH4 (climatology or constant values)
- Problem : aerosol correction...
 - Aerosol optical thickness τ =0.2 (desert aerosol model)
 - Statistically solved through the use of a lot of data : no significant bias, but dispersion for short wavelengths
- Comparison performed at ToA level
 - Reference sensor ToA data are corrected to obtain ground reflectances
 - ToA Sensor 2 reflectances are simulated using these ground reflectances and meteo data at the date of Sensor 2 acquisition



Calibration over desert sites : method (5)

Spectral resampling :

- After atmospheric correction
- Reference sensor measurements to fit an empirical spectral model (using spline functions)







Calibration over desert sites : results (1)

Parasol/Polder 670nm band cross calibration with different sensors



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Calibration over desert sites : results (2)



Calibration over desert sites : results (3)



MERIS vs AQUA_MODIS used as reference



MERIS vs PARASOL_POLDER used as reference

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Calibration over desert sites : results (4)

Intercalibration MERIS/MODIS (MODIS as reference)

Bande	RA _k avg	σ (%)
412 nm	1.001	3.5
442 nm	1.003	3.7
490 nm 🦯	1.084	4.1
510 nm	1.065	3.6
560 nm	1.027	2.7
620 nm	1.041	2.3
665 nm	0.999	1.8
681 nm	0.993	1.9
708 nm	0.979	2.3
753 nm	1.006	2.3
778 nm	1.009	2.3
865 nm	1.010	1.9
885 nm	1.007	1.9



Good intercalibration for most of the spectral bands



Calibration over desert sites : results (5)

Intercalibration MODIS/MERIS (MERIS as reference)

Bande	RAk avg	σ (%)
412 nm	0.973	3.5
443 nm	0.999	3.7
469 nm (0.928	3.4
555 nm	0.974	2.6
645 nm	0.987	1.9
858 nm	0.991	1.8



Good consistancy MODIS/MERIS and MERIS/MODIS

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Calibration over desert sites : results (6)



No MODIS band close to MERIS bands 490nm and 510nm

No MERIS band close to MODIS band 469 nm



Calibration over desert sites : results (7)

Végétation 2 on-board calibration misfunctioning



Végétation 2 red band calibration over deserts using different references (*POLDER 2*, *Parasol*, *Végétation 1*) compared to calibration monitored with the on-board lamp



Calibration over desert sites : results (8)

Végétation 2 calibration monitoring over deserts



Végétation 2 red band "official" calibration using desert calibration monthly results



Calibration over desert sites : results (9)

VGT2 desert calibration validation over Dôme C



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Calibration over desert sites : results (10)

Calibration results plots against many different parameters

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Calibration results plots against many different parameters

- Top 10 of desert sites submitted to CEOS based on their long term behaviour
- **5** sites selected by the CEOS/WGCV/IVOS group taking into account :
 - Landsat accessibility : complete site included in a scene
 - Historical archive of data on the site (SPOT, Formosat, Kompsat...)
- ■CEOS sites :
 - Algeria 3
 - Algeria 5
 - + Libya 1
 - + Libya 4
 - Mauritania 2

CEOS selected sites (2)

5 selected sites : Algeria 3 & 5, Libya 1 & 4, Mauritania 2

CEOS selected sites (3)

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CEOS selected sites (4)

Mauritania 2

Objective : Use of SADE data to characterize the desert sites behavior

- First step : spectral characterization
- Second step : directional characterization
- Finally : spectral and directional model

Recent studies : sites characterization (2)

Problem :

 Characterization of the desert reflectance using a large number of satellite data coming from different instruments (and spectral bands)

■<u>Method</u>:

- Initial assumptions :
 - Atmospheric parameters are known (SADE)
 - Sensors are inter-calibrated
- Determination/choice of a spectral or directional model
- Development of an adjustment algorithm able to deal with data of various origins (reflectance integrated in the spectral bands)

Determination of an ad-hoc spectral model of sandy desert from desert samples characterized with ONERA devices

Typical spectral behaviour of desert sand

Recent studies : spectral characterization (2)

Fit of the model with a satellite data set over Libya 1: => use of POLDER, VGT, SPOT and AVHRR data

Adjustment: the simulated TOA data using the adjusted ground model are compared to original data

the adjusted model is transferred at TOA and is compared to a GOME acquisition

Establishing a method for directional ground reflectance characterization

- Improvement of atmospheric correction
- Study of several BRDF models
- Definition of an iterative filtering method (to get rid of data affected by atmospheric problem)
- Focusing on the 5 CEOS selected sites
 - Computation of directional characterization for 5 spectral bands : $\rho(\theta_s, \theta_v, \Delta \phi)$
- Main conclusions
 - Very good results except in the 'blue' range
 - Proof of existing models limitation
 - Definition of a range of geometrical conditions acceptable for accurate cross calibration process

Recent studies : BRDF characterization (2)

Recent studies : BRDF characterization (3)

Recent studies : BRDF characterization (4)

Libya 1 site – 565 nm band (Snyder model)

Recent studies : BRDF characterization (5)

Recent studies : BRDF characterization (6)

Libya 1 site - 565 nm band

model - measure discrepancies after filtering

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Opening the SADE database (1)

Database content : 3 levels

- Measurements (Visible and NIR)
 - Sensors : Polder1, Polder2, Parasol, SPOTs, SeaWiFS, VEGETATION 1&2, AVHRR, MERIS, MODIS, ...
 - Targets : Deserts, Ocean, Sun Glint, Clouds (DCC) and Snowy sites
 - Associated Meteo Data
- Elementary Calibration Results
- Vicarious Calibration Results

Only desert measurements are used for intercalibration

- CNES proposes to provide access to desert data to GSICS and CEOS/IVOS members via WEB interface
- Simple data format (ASCII)

Opening the SADE database (2)

Export measurements available on Desert sites (possibly Dôme-C) Existing SADE export format

	Field Name	Unit
	Area size	—
	Latitude	deg
	Longitude	deg
	Solar azimuth angle	deg
	Solar Zenith angle	deg
	Water Vapour content	g.cm-2
common	Ozone content	cm.atm
to all	Surface Pressure	mbar
bands	Surface Wind Speed	m.s-1
	Aerosols	
	NO2	
	CHP1	
	CHP2	
	Date/time of the measurement	
	Product Reference	

	Field Name	Unit
	Band Id	
	Measurement Id	
Band 1	Measurement value = average	
Danu	Measurement std.dev.	
	Viewing azimuth angle	deg
	Viewing Zenith angle	deg
	Band Id	
	Measurement Id	
Band 2	Measurement value = average	
Danu Z	Measurement std.dev.	
	Viewing azimuth angle	deg
	Viewing Zenith angle	deg
	Band Id	
	Measurement Id	
	Measurement value = average	
	Measurement std.dev.	
	Viewing azimuth angle	deg
	Viewing Zenith angle	deg

+ Bands Characteristics

- SADE data systematically exported on a server
 - Hierarchical organization of the files : Sensor / Year / Site
 - Updated every 6 months
 - 1 file = 6 months of measurements over 1 site for all bands of 1 sensor
- Hosted web site : smsc.fr (Site des Missions Scientifiques du CNES)
 - Limited access to "registered" GSICS and CEOS agencies
 - CNES contact for first registration : Denis Blumstein
- Access to SADE data base will be soon opened to a few β -testers

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SPOT-4 Satellite

For SPOT-4 satellite, two sensors are available: HRVIR 1 and VEGETATION

For <u>HRVIR 1</u> sensor, 20 sites are available, for each site, one or several date are available:

- Algeria 1
- Algeria 2
- Algeria 3
- Algeria 4
- Algeria 5
- Arabia 1
- Arabia 2
- Arabia 3
 Egypt 1
- Libya 1
- Libya 1
- Libya 3
- Libya 4
- Mali 1
- Mauritania 1
- Mauritania 2
- Niger 1
- Niger 2
- Niger 3
- Sudan 1

For VEGETATION sensor, 20 sites are available, for each site, one or several date are available:

- Algeria 1
- Algeria 2
- Algeria 3
- Algeria 4
- Algeria 5
- Arabia 1
- Arabia 2
- Arabia 3
- Eqypt 1
- Libya 1
- Libya 2
- Libya 3
- Libya 4
- Mali 1
- Mauritania 1
 Mauritania 2
- Mauricarita
 Niger 1
- Niger 2
- Niger 3
- Sudan 1

Download the Sade Desert data for each site for HRVIR 1 sensor on board SPOT-4 satellite, by clicking on the name of the site.

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SPOT-4 Satellite

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