

SENSOR DEVELOPMENT & CAL/VAL ACTIVITIES @ DLR-OS

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Geometric calibration and static / dynamic MTF (UV, VIS, NIR, SWIR)



Static MTF measurement and geometric calibration in UV / VIS / NIR / TIR

Dynamic MTF measurement for TDI sensors

Adjustment / Measurement of cameras, spectrometer, star cameras

Spectrometer spectral and spatial resolution measurement

- Clean room class ISO8
- Temperature stabilised (± 1.0 °C)
- Gimbal-Mount (2 rotations, 3 translations, 100 kg)
- Mirror and Lens collimator F/#8, 1200mm
- Combined with monochromator und halogen radiation source
- Monochromator UV / VIS / NIR
 - Spectral range: $\lambda \in 0.25 - 2.5$ μm , spectral resolution 0.1 – 2 nm
- Calibrated detectors
 - Si-Diode ($\lambda \in 0.4 - 1.05$ μm)
 - PbS-detector ($\lambda \in 0.75 - 3.0$ μm)
 - Spectral line lamps, LEDs, fiber coupled ...



Radiometric calibration (UV, VIS, NIR, SWIR, TIR)

- Clean room class ISO8 (ISO5 tent for open detectors), ESD protection
- NIST and PTB- traceable integrating spheres
- Absolute calibration (radiance, irradiance), linearity, PRNU, SNR, PTC for cameras,
- focal planes, single detectors, spectrometer ...
- LED combined sphere available
- Different calibrated black bodies für SWIR and TIR , Avantes spectrometer VIS and SWIR
- Microscopes for inspection, test benches, TV chamber
- LED measurement set-up



Successful projects and projects in preparation



- BIRD, FireBIRD (TET, BIROS): LWIR, MWIR, VIS cameras
- MERTIS IR spectrometer for Bepi Colombo

- KOMPSAT 3 focal planes
- KOMPSAT 7 focal planes
- DESIS VIS spectrometer on ISS
- EnMAP VNIR focal plane

- MACS Aerial camera systems
- RAX Raman spectrometer for MMX-Mission

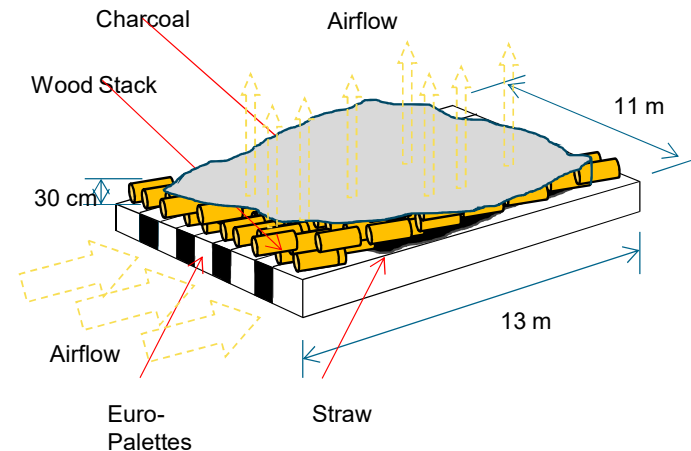
On-going activities:

- PLATO Fine Guidance System
- VEM for VERITAS Mission
- COSIS for CO2Image

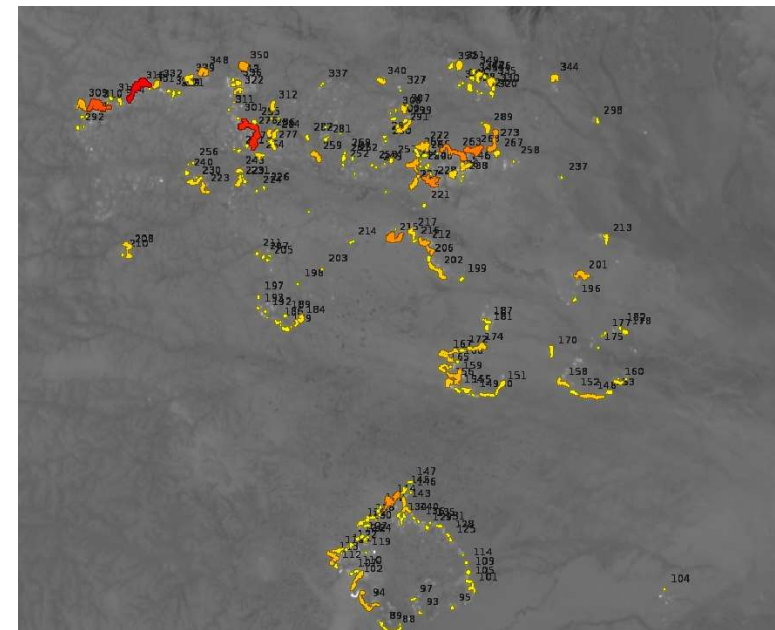
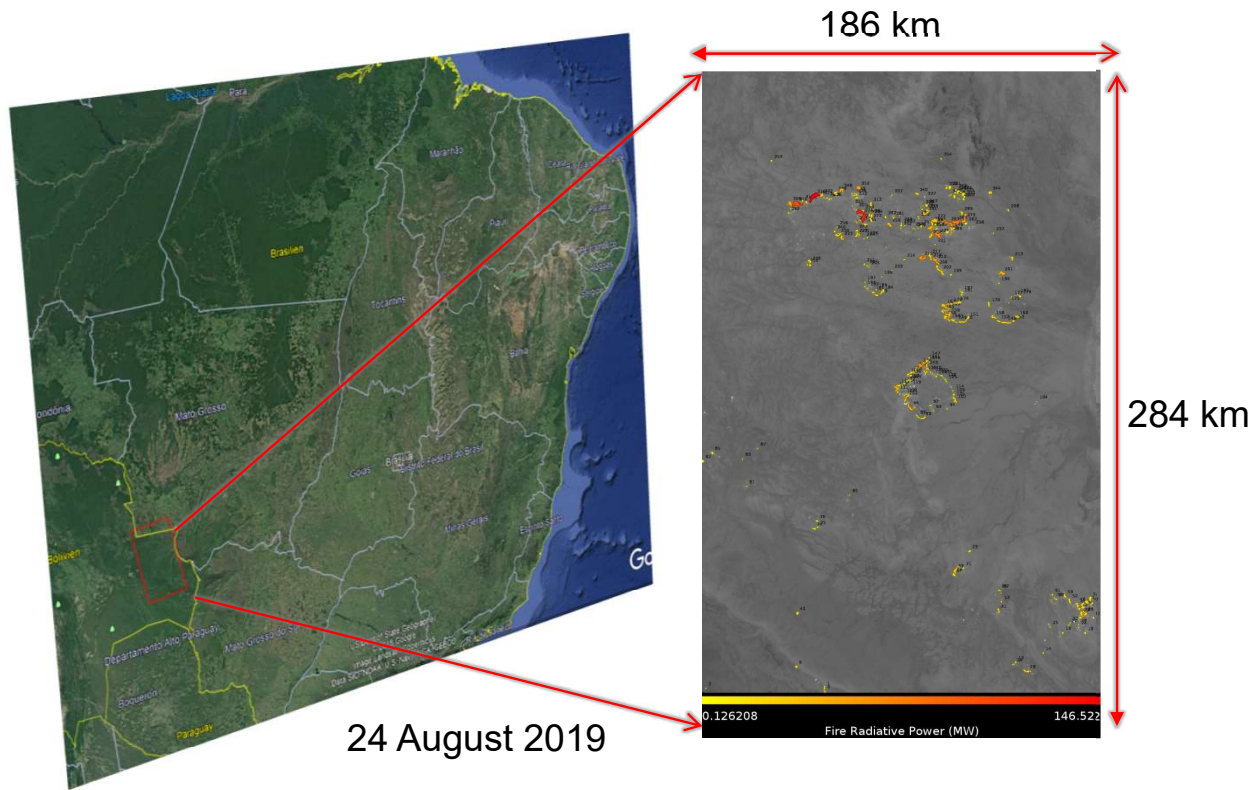


FireBIRD - Field Experiments

- On-ground measurements:
 - Fire temperature for calculating FRP
- On-ground measurements:
(@BAM: Federal Inst. for Materials Research and Testing)
 - Analyse flame characteristics.
 - Compare IR images with measured potential influencing variables, such as gas flow.
- Aerial surveys:
 - Validate on-ground results with imagery from aerial surveys (closer to satellite's perspective).
 - Analyse the effects of the flight height (i.e. rough "atm. correction").



FireBIRD - Forest Fires in Bolivia 2019



detected cluster: 357

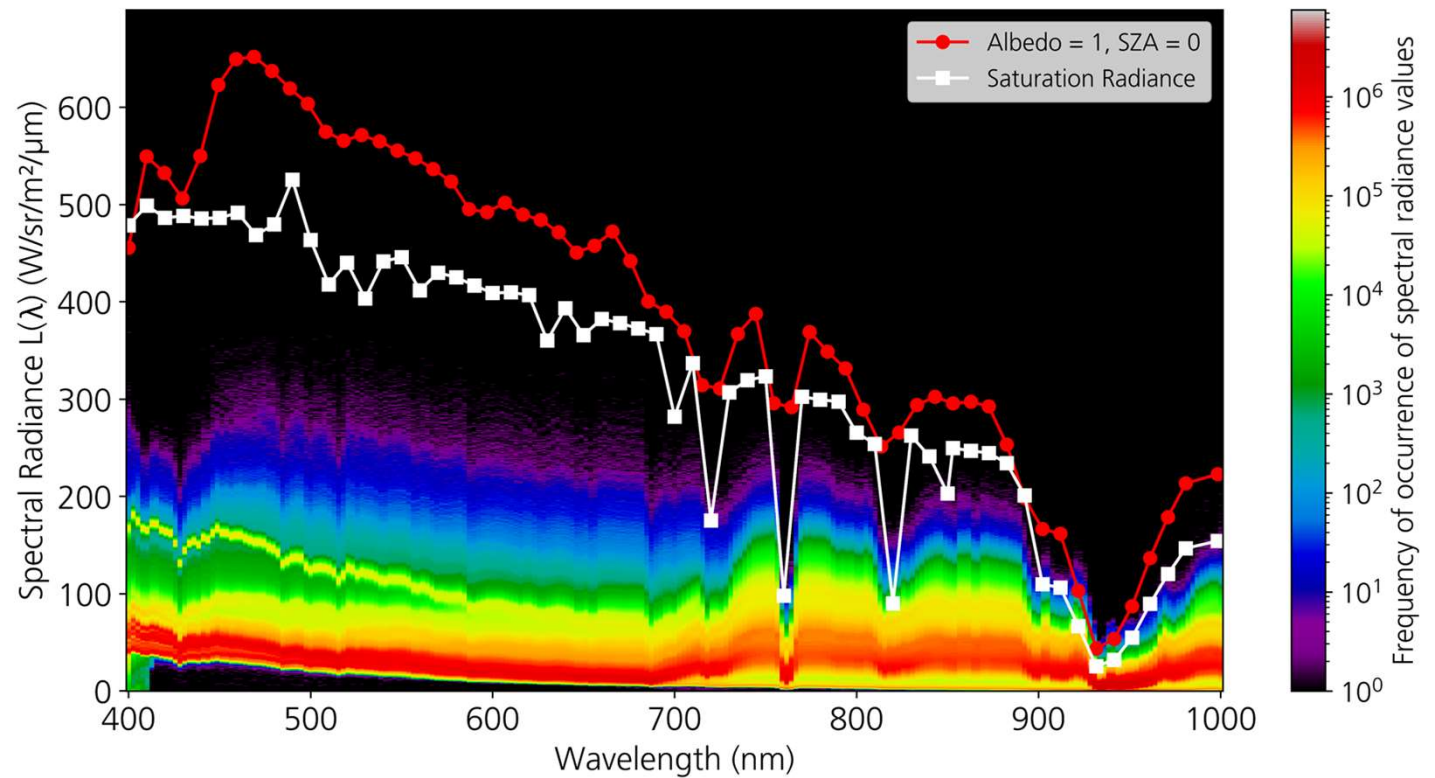
size: ~ 223 km²

FRP: ~3 GW

DESI- Radiance Data Analysis



- ~ 600 scenes from 2018 - 2023
- Analysis of land cover types
- Consideration of sun sensor geometry & characterization of image phenomena
- Statistical analysis of outliers



DESIS - Vicarious Assessment of Geometric Quality



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Corpus Christi
(Nueces Bay Causeway)

- The use of bridges or similar allows an estimation of the PSF from a gauss fit.
- To improve the accuracy one can use a similar method as slanted edge.
- This gives an improvement of the information on intermediate or sub-pixel positions.
- To determine the sensor PSF, one have to consider the width of the test structure used. In addition, smearing effects, caused by motion have be taken into account.
- This is taken into account here by the additive properties of sigma (PSF) of the individual components.

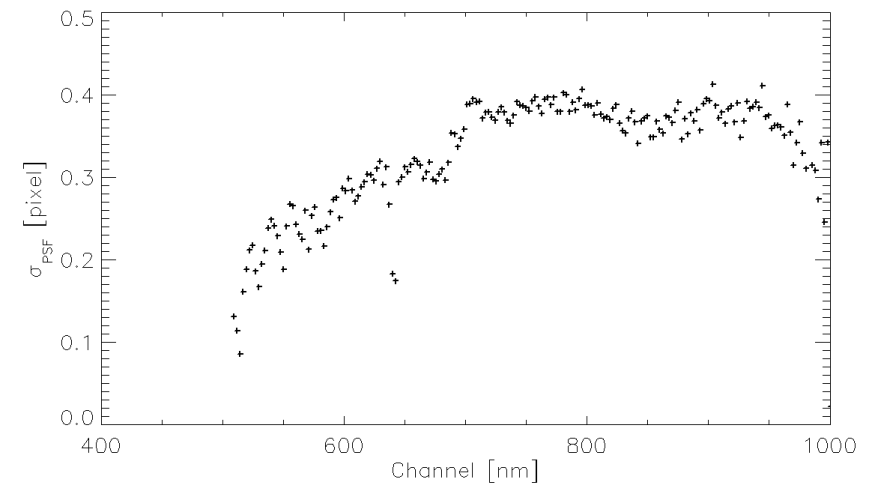
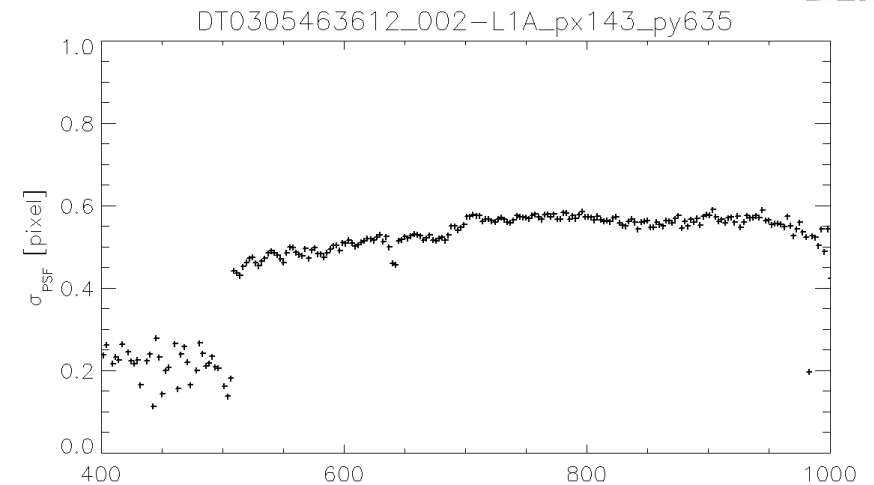
Vicarious Assessment – σ PSF



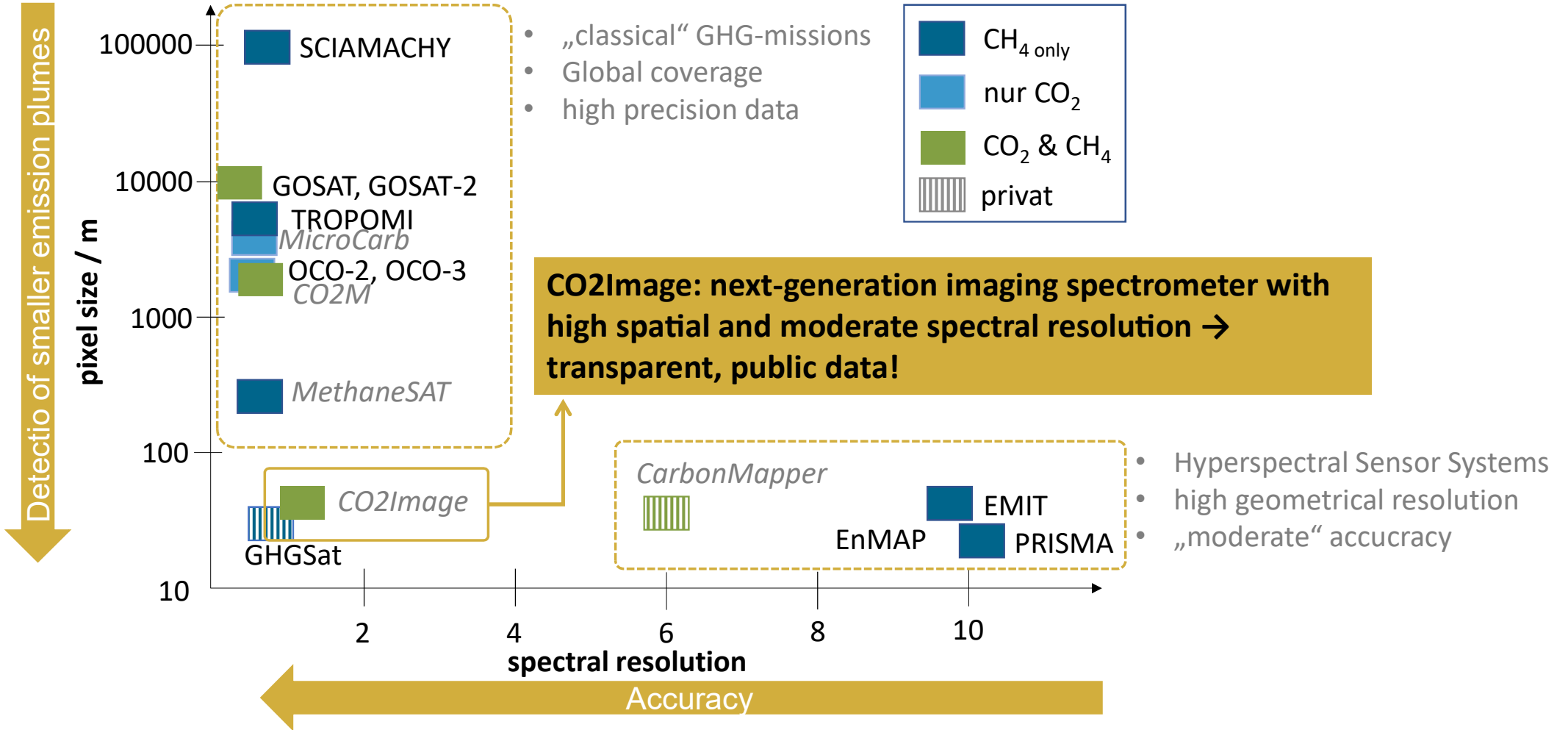
Sigma PSF L1A data: calculations for taking the edge of the bridge as a test object, in flight direction => grey stripes

upper right: calculation along-track: changes up to 60% (inverted modular transfer function MTF), due to smearing effects caused by motion.

lower right: cross-track: sigma is clearly smaller, but variability is clearly visible.



CO2Image: Innovation in comparison to other Missions

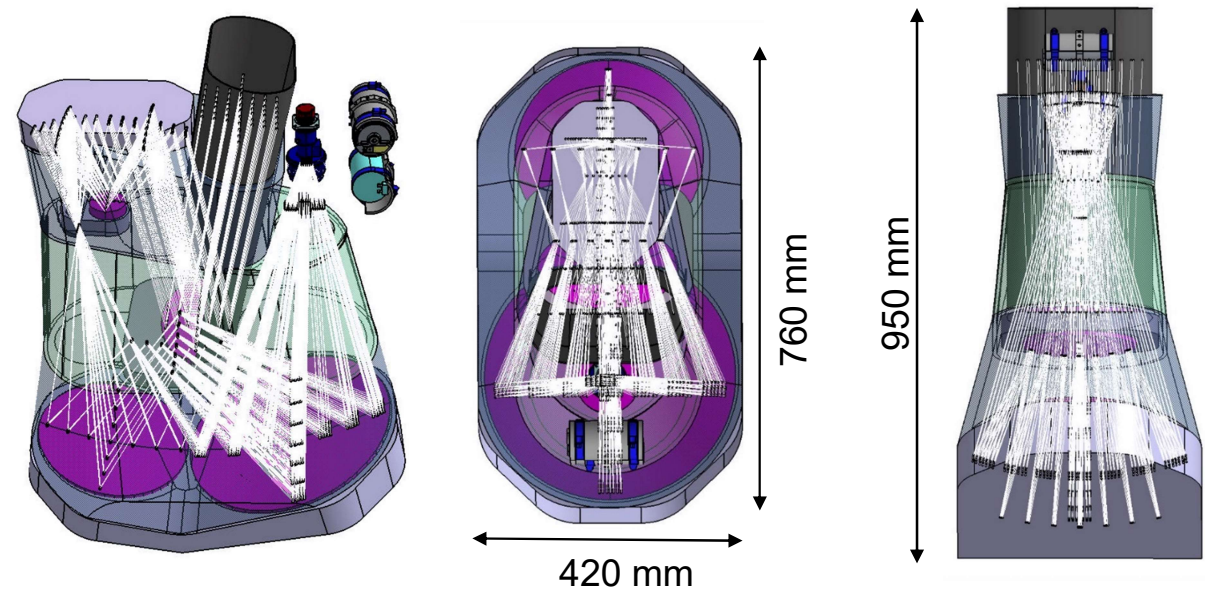


CO2Image: COSIS Instrument



Mass	110 kg
Swath	50 km
Spatial resolution	50 m x 50 m
Spectral range	1972-2400 nm
FWHM (2.5 pix)	1.3 nm
Resolving power	1600
Aperture diameter	15.0 cm
f number	2.0
Optical efficiency (η)	0.48
Integration time	70 ms
Detector pixel area	900 μm^2
Quantum efficiency (Qe)	0.8 $e^- \text{ photon}^{-1}$
Dark current	1.6 $\text{fA pix}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
Readout noise	100 e^-
Quantization noise	40 e^-

- Single-Pass TMA Spectrometer
- Design by DLR-OS, optics manufactured by Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Optics and Precision Engineering, Jena
- Detector: AIM AGD, 1280 x 1024 pixel



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