

Re-calibrated Infrared and Water Vapor channels' Measurements from JMA and EUMETSAT Historical Geostationary Meteorological Satellites

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40+ Years of Meteosat (EUMETSAT)



EUMETSAT

40+ Years of Himawari (JMA)





JMA, NOAA/NESDIS, CSU/CIRA

Motivation



Background

- Geostationary meteorological satellites have observed the earth for 40+ years.
 - Initial purpose was weather monitoring.: Qualitative use
 - Wide coverage / frequent observation: useful for climate study
- Climate analysis requires high quality data.: Quantitative use
 - High accuracy (~0.1K) / time stability (No artificial trend) / homogeneity

Goal of this study

- Re-calibration of Infrared and Water Vapor channels of imagers on EUMETSAT and JMA historical geostationary satellites
 - Common methods are applied to all historical satellites.
 - Re-calibration of Visible (VIS) channel is the next challenge.
 - Have already done for MFG/MVIRI.

Five Steps for Re-calibration (1/2)



LEO

(reference)

Compared data

(1) Collocated GEO and LEO measurements, considering FOV size



Averaged GEO measurements were compared with

collocated LEO measurements.

FOV of GEO

(2) Applied "Spectral Band Adjustment Factor (SBAF)" to LEO measurements

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{converted} \\ LEO^{OBS} \longrightarrow LEO^{GEO} \end{array}$

Observed LEO measurements

Pseudo-GEO measurements from observed LEO measurements

Instrument	Satellite	Period
MVIRI / SEVIRI	Meteosat series	1977–
VISSR / JAMI / IMAGER	Himawari series	1978–
HIRS2	TIROS-N NOAA-6–NOAA-14	1978– 2006
AIRS	Aqua	2002–
IASI	Metop-A/-B/-C	2007–

GEO

Five Steps for Re-calibration (2/2)

- (3) Filtered collocations
- $\begin{cases} \text{Small time difference} \\ \text{Small zenith angle difference} \\ \text{Latitude} \le 35^{\circ} \end{cases}$
- (4) Computed re-calibration coefficients *LEO*^{GEO} Pseudo-GEO
 - Each plot has uncertainty in x and y axis.



 GEO^{OBS} Observed GEO measurements

To derive a certain day's coefficients, utilized collocated data from the day and from within 2 days ($D_0 \pm 2$ days)

measurements from observed LFO

measurements

(5) Adjusted inter-bias of reference measurements

- Considered Metop-A/IASI as prime reference
- Estimated and filled difference between measurements of prime reference and those of other reference (LEO)

Adjustment using a prime reference (Concept)

Estimate the bias between references by the Double Difference method







Results (MFG(METEOSAT-7/MVIRI) – MSG(METEOSAT-8/SEVIRI)







Average of Uncertainties





Summary



Infrared and Water Vapor channels of historical GEO imagers were re-calibrated.

- The method was jointly developed by EUMETSAT and JMA.
 - Reference: IASI, AIRS, HIRS Prime reference: Metop-A/IASI
- Old GEO imagers exhibit rather large biases (~3K) compared to new more accurate instruments such as on MTSAT-1R and 2 as wells as MSG
- The recalibration exercise has significantly reduced such biases and makes the data useful for climate studies
- In such studies one needs to be aware that the uncertainty of the recalibrated radiance significantly increases the further away in time the measurement is from the prime reference.
- Re-calibration coefficients are planned to be published.

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Backup slides

Outline



- Geostationary (GEO) meteorological satellites have been observing the earth for more than 40 years. Initially, these satellites were built for weather monitoring. In recent years, climate analysis requires even higher-quality satellite measurements.
- In this study, measurements of historical low earth orbit (LEO) meteorological satellites were used as references for re-calibration of GEO satellite measurements. Inter-bias among reference satellite measurements were also considered.
- Re-calibrated coefficients improved the qualities of historical GEO satellite measurements.





Adjustment using a prime reference (Actual)



Radiance unit (not Tbb unit) was used.

The linear regression was introduced for the adjustment.
SBAFs between two GEO instruments were also considered.



Average of Uncertainties

Before adjusting inter-bias of reference measurements



Path to the Prime Reference (Metop-A/IASI)

