

Calibration approaches: Post-launch

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• TRUTHS

- Interoperability
- Decadal Stability
 - Absolute radiometric accuracy

Rigorous uncertainty analysis Documented traceability Formal comparisons



RadCalNetPICS

TRUTHS (Traceable Radiometry Underpinning Terrestrial and Helio- Studies)



www.npl.co.uk/truths

Takes terrestrial SI-traceability chain into orbit (320 nm – 2400 nm)

Climate Observatory (Uncertainties, k = 2) Total Solar Irradiance 0.02 % Solar Spectral Irradiance 0.3 % Earth Spectral Radiance 0.3 %

Calibration Laboratory Calibration of Earth reference sites (0.3 %) Calibration of Lunar spectral irradiance (0.3 %)

Calibration System Prototype NPL







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CEOI funding to prepare EE9 bid and to reach TRL 6

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Priority sites for crosscomparison of L1





Spectral response function

TOA reflectance

Atmospheric transfer

Angles of illumination and observation

Spectral BRDF of ground Spatial homogeneity

Sensor drift since launch



Drift of MVIRI Vis band since launch as determined from desert (red) and ocean (blue) test sites. Figure from:

https://scienceblog.eumetsat.int/2016/11/improving-climate-data-records-with-fiduceo/





RadCalNet: www.radcalnet.org



RadCalNet prototype sites





What is RadCalNet: individual sites CESS responsible for QA and processed through RadCalNet common processing chain from NASA



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Spectral dimension





Sentinel 2 – TRUTHS comparison

Maximum error introduced by spectral interpolation (red and blue lines depend on starting wavelength)

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Spatial dimension



0.0002 0.0004 0.0006 0.0008 0.0010 0.0012 0.0014 0.0016 0.0018 0.0020 Offset degrees



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Temporal dimension



Effect of changes in water vapour, aerosols, surface BRF, SZA

Atmosphere dominant (443 nm) Surface dominant (865 nm) 0.4 1.4 Day173 @ 865 nm Summer solstice 0.2 30 min. 1.2 0.0 TOA reflectance error [%] 1.0 Normalised probability -0.2 0.8 -0.4 Vinter Solstice 0.3 % 0.6 -0.6 0.4 -0.80.2%Day 355 @ 443 nm (6SV1) 0.2 0.6 % Day 173 @ 443 nm (6SV1) -1.0Day 355 @ 443 nm (MODTRAN) 0.0 Day 173 @ 443 nm (MODTRAN) -0.50.5 1.5 2.0 0.0 1.0 -1.2Surface reflectance error [%] 200 0 400 600 800 1000 1200 1400 1600 1800 seconds from 08:55:21

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Uncertainty budget for **NPL** TRUTHS – satellite comparisons



(single overpass - reduces for multiple overpasses)

Uncertainty	Best S2 bands	Worst S2 bands
Spectral resolution TRUTHS	0.1 %	0.6 %
Spectral accuracy TRUTHS	0.1 %	0.2 %
Spatial co-alignment mismatch	0.1 % (Libya) 0.12 % (La Crau)	0.1 % (Libya) 0.5 % (La Crau)
30 minute time difference (atmospheric effects)	0.1 % (if corrected) 0.3 % (if atmosphere not known)	0.1 % (if corrected) 2 % (if atmosphere not known)
30 minute time difference (surface BRF)	0.2 %	0.4 %
Combined with reasonable corrections	0.4 % - 0.5 %	0.7 %





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