

HyspIRI Level-2 TIR Products and Validation: Surface Radiance, Land Surface Temperature, Land Surface Emissivity



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HyspIRI - ASTER - MODIS

TIR Product Characteristics

	HyspIRI	Terra ASTER	Terra MODIS
Sensor Calibration:	0.1-0.2 K	< 0.3 K	< 0.2 K
Cloud Contamination:	Cloud Detection	Cloud Detection	Cloud Detection
Retrieval Type:	TES + WVS	TES	Day/Night (V4) Split-Window(V5)
Temporal Sampling:	11:00 AM, PM 5 days	10:30 AM, PM 16 days	10:30 AM, PM Twice daily
Spatial Resolution:	60 m	90 m	1 km
Swath Width	600 km	60 km	2300 km
View angle:	± 25°	± 8.55°	± 55°
MTIR Bands:	8 bands	5 bands	7 bands

HyspIRI Response Functions



Note: ASTER Spectral Library has been convolved to these response functions and will be available soon on HyspIRI website

HyspIRITIR Level-2 Products

1. Cloud Mask

- a. Approach
- b. ASTER examples

2. Surface Radiance

- a. Infrared Radiative Transfer
- b. Atmospheric Correction
- c. Validation
- 3. Land/Ocean Surface Temperature and Surface Emissivity (LST&E)
 - a. Algorithm Development
 - b. TES examples
 - c. Validation

1. Cloud Mask

- Accurate, reliable and automatic cloud detection is critical
- Use same approach as the New ASTER Cloud Mask Algorithm (NACMA)
- Hybrid algorithm, clear-sky conservative:
 - Landsat-7 two pass approach
 - MODIS shadow test
 - AVHRR thin cirrus test
- HyspIRI VSWIR repeat is 19 days, but TIR is 5 days
- Propose using VIIRS for visible data (250 m) when VSWIR not available

** Hulley G.C., S.J. Hook, 2008, A New Methodology for Cloud Detection and Classification with Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection (ASTER) Data , *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 35, L16812, doi:10.1029/2008GL034644

ASTER Cloud Spectral Tests

Table 1. Pass-1 Filters and Threshold Tests Using Reflectance, r_i and Temperature, T_{sat} , Values From Equations (1) and (2)

Filter	Threshold Test	Function
1 Brightness Threshold	$r_2 > 0.08$	Eliminates low reflectance, dark pixels
2 Snow Threshold	$NDSI = (r_1 - r_4)/(r_1 + r_4) < 0.7$	Eliminates snow
3 Temperature Threshold	$T_{sat} < 300$	Eliminates warm surface features
4 Band 4/5 Composite	$(1 - r_4)T_{sat} < 240 \Rightarrow$ snow present	Eliminates cold surfaces - snow, tundra
	$(1 - r_4)T_{sat} < 250 \Rightarrow$ snow absent	
5 Growing vegetation	$\frac{r_3}{r_3} < 2$	Eliminates reflective growing vegetation
6 Senescing vegetation	$\frac{r_2}{r_3} < 2.3$	Eliminates reflective senescing vegetation
7 Rocks and Sand	$\frac{r_3}{r_4} > 0.83$	Eliminates reflective rocks and sand
8 Warm/Cold Cloud	$(1 - r_4)T_{sat} > 235 \Rightarrow$ warm cloud	Warm and cold cloud classificiation
Cloud Shadow	$(1 - r_4)I_{sat} < 235 \Rightarrow \text{cold cloud}$ $r_3 < 0.05 \text{ and } \frac{r_3}{r_1} > 1.1$	Detects cloud shadows

Table 2.	Brightness	Temperature	Thresholds	for	the	Thin	Cloud/
Cirrus T	est						

	BT _{10.6-11.3} (K)			
BT _{10.6} (K)	Snow > 50%	Snow < 50%		
260	0.55	0.50		
270	1.00	0.51		
280	1.20	0.53		
290	1.30	1.00		
300	1.50	2.00		
310	3.00	3.00		
320	4.00	4.00		
330	5.00	5.00		

Thin cloud/cirrus test

Cumulus + thin cirrus example

ASTER visible image

ASTER Cloud Mask + Fill





Shadow – Cyan Cloud – Gold Clear – Black

ASTER Visible image



Emissivity (R=10, G=12, B=14)



Jet Contrails Sub-visible cirrus

Cloud Mask



2. Surface Radiance

- Surface radiation is combination of direct surface emission and reflected radiance from sky and surrounding
- Atmospheric corrections necessary to isolate surface features, which are obscured by atmospheric attenuation
- Approach
 - 1. Choose a radiative transfer model to estimate magnitude of atmospheric emission, absorption and scattering
 - eg. MODTRAN 4, 5.3 (beta), CRTM JCSDA
 - 2. Acquisition of atmospheric profiles (eg. Temperature, water vapor, ozone, aerosol) at time and location of observation
 - VIIRS (MODIS follow-on) or CrIS (AIRS follow-on) on NPP/NPOESS
 - NCEP GDAS as backup (currently used for ASTER)
 - OMI (ozone)

Infrared Radiative Transfer



Atmospheric Correction



> Atmospheric Parameters: $\tau_i(\theta)$, $L_i^{\uparrow}(\theta)$, $L_i^{\downarrow}(\theta)$

Estimated using radiative transfer code such as MODTRAN with Atmospheric profiles and elevation data

Derivation of e_i and T_s is an undetermined problem
 The number of parameters (T_s, e_i in N channels) is always greater than the number of simultaneous equations needed to solve the problem (N)
 =>Additional, independent constraint is needed

Radiative Transfer Model

- MODTRAN 5.3 (beta)
 - Finer spectroscopy: resolution down to 0.1 cm⁻¹
 - DISORT multiple scattering speed and accuracy improved
 - Option for including auxiliary molecules
 - Several tape5 input files can be processed with single execution
- Maintain close communication with developers on updates and improvements (Gail Anderson)
- Other radiative transfer models will be explored, eg.
 Community Radiative Transfer MODEL (CRTM) open source through JCSDA

Radiative Transfer Model



** Sky Radiance will be regressed from path radiance results to limit number of MODTRAN runs and minimize computational time

eg.
$$L_i^{\downarrow} = a_i + b_i \cdot L_i^{\uparrow}(\theta) + c_i \cdot L_i^{\uparrow}(\theta)^2$$

Water-Vapor Scaling Method

Tonooka, H., (2005), Accurate Atmospheric Correction of ASTER Thermal Infrared Imagery Using the WVS Method, *IEEE Trans. Geos. Remote Sens.*, *43* (12)

EMC/WVD equation

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{g,i} &= \alpha_{i,o} + \sum_{k=1}^{n} \alpha_{i,k} T_{k} \quad \text{Global simulation database} \\
(\text{NCEP and radiosondes})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_{i,k} &= p_{i,k} + q_{i,k} W + r_{i,k} W^{2} (k = 0, 1, ..., n)$$

$$\frac{\ln \left[\frac{\tau_{i}(\gamma_{2})^{\gamma_{1}^{a_{i}}}}{\tau_{i}(\gamma_{1})^{\gamma_{2}^{a_{i}}}} \cdot \left(\frac{B_{i}(T_{g,i}) - L_{i}^{\uparrow}(\gamma_{1})/(1 - \tau_{i}(\gamma_{1}))}{L_{i} - L_{i}^{\uparrow}(\gamma_{1})/(1 - \tau_{i}(\gamma_{1}))} \right)^{\gamma_{1}^{a_{i}} - \gamma_{2}^{a_{i}}} \right]}{\ln \left(\frac{\tau_{i}(\gamma_{2})}{\tau_{i}(\gamma_{1})} \right)}$$

 γ usually ranges from [0.8 1.6] and reduces error in water vapor profiles over graybodies (water, vegetation) used for atmospheric correction

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 γ is then horizontally interpolated and smoothed over scene, and atmospheric correction terms are updated:

Transmittance:
$$\tau_i(\gamma) = \tau_i(\gamma_1)^{(\gamma^{a_i} - \gamma_2^{a_i} / \gamma_1^{a_i} - \gamma_2^{a_i})} \cdot \tau_i(\gamma_2)^{(\gamma_1^{a_i} - \gamma^{a_i} / \gamma_1^{a_i} - \gamma_2^{a_i})}$$

Path Radiance: $L_i^{\uparrow}(\gamma) = L_i^{\uparrow}(\gamma_1) \cdot \frac{1 - \tau_i(\gamma)}{1 - \tau_i(\gamma_1)}$
Sky Radiance: $L_i^{\downarrow}(\gamma) = a_i + b_i \cdot L_i^{\uparrow}(\gamma) + c_i \cdot L_i^{\uparrow}(\gamma)^2$

WVS example Over Tokyo Bay with ASTER data

Tonooka, (2005)



Fig. 20. Emissivity maps of band 12 retrieved from the daytime and nighttime scenes by each method.

Surface Radiance: Validation

- > Water Surface Targets:
 - 1. Lake Tahoe automatic Cal/Val facility (Cool, o 25° C)
 - 2. Salton Sea (Hot, >30° C!)
- Land Surface Targets:
 - 1. DOME-Argus, Antarctica (high, and cold, <-60° C)
 - 2. Valencia site (>30 km²), homogenous rice fields (cool)
 - 3. Sand dune sites in southwestern USA (hot)
 - Emissivity measured and well characterized
 - Multiple balloon launches to control temperature and water vapor
 - Sun photometer for aerosol optical depth and column water
- Airborne Instruments
 - HyTES, MASTER

TB3 Installed 11-04-2002



ASTER Vicarious and OBC Thermal Infrared Derived Radiances at Lake Tahoe and Salton Sea CY2000-2008, v3.0x



Excellent best fit lines obtained in all bands Rsquared is typically 0.99 Data clearly follow 1x1 line

3. Land Surface Temperature and Emissivity (LST&E)

- Key Earth System Data Records (ESDR) in climate change studies
 - Climate modeling, estimating heat radiation budgets
 - Surface-atmosphere interactions
 - Cryospheric studies and hydrology
 - Earth surface composition and change
- Emissivity is critical for determining LST (1.5% = 1 K error)

Goals:

- Estimate accurate and precise LST (<1 K)
- Recover accurate emissivity for mineral exploration and geologic mapping (<1%)
- 3. Produce seamless products, with no artificial discontinuities, which exist in split-window, land class approach.

LST&E Retrieval Algorithms

Split-Window/Land Class (MODIS, MOD11_L2)
 Atmospheric effects reduced by combining radiances measured in two clear channels (eg. 11 and 12 µm) as in SST retrievals

➢ PROS:

- Easy and fast application once coefficients are determined
- Accurate and stable over graybody surfaces (eg. dense vegetation)

> CONS:

- Uncertainty in emissivity results in significant error (0.5% = 0.7 K error)
- Emissivity is not retrieved, but assigned using Land Class
- Does not account for changes in soil moisture
- Unstable over arid and semi-arid areas, due to unknown emissivity

LST&E Retrieval Algorithms

Day/Night Algorithm (MODIS, MOD11B1)

Additional constraint from assuming emissivity remains constant during day and nighttime observation, while LST changes.

➢ PROS:

- LST and emissivity physically determined
- Emissivity retrieved in seven bands

> CONS:

- Pair of clear day/night scenes necessary
- Misregistration between day/night scenes
- Cloud effects (night scenes)
- Real emissivity differences between day/night scenes

LST&E Retrieval Algorithms

 Temperature Emissivity Separation (TES, ASTER) Relies on empirical relationship between spectral contrast and minimum emissivity, determined independently from laboratory measurements

➢ PROS:

- LST and emissivity in all bands are physically determined
- High accuracy over low emissivity, high contrast areas (eg. Deserts)
- Validated with ground truth using sand dune sites to 1.6%
- > CONS:
 - Atmospheric profiles are required for atmospheric correction
 - Accuracy is dependent on atmospheric correction
 - Accuracy degraded over graybody surfaces as a result, since errors in atmospheric correction resulted in larger 'apparent' contrast

Temperature Emissivity Separation (TES)

- Inversion of T and ε are underdetermined
- Additional constraint arises from minimum emissivity vs spectral contrast
- > Three error sources:
 - Reliance on empirical function
 - Atmospheric corrections
 - Radiometric calibration errors
- Reported accuracy for ASTER:
 - LST is 1.5 K
 - ε is 0.015 (1.5 %)



 $\epsilon_{min} = 0.994 - 0.687^* MMD^{0.74}$



TES underestimates vegetation from 1.5-2% in emissivity FVC curve reduces this down to <1% (\sim 0.7 K)

NAALSED Mean Summer (Jul-Sep) Emissivity: Band 12 (8.6 µm): 2000-2008: 50,075 scenes http://emissivity.jpl.nasa.gov



** Gaps plan to be filled during Jul-Sep 2009 ASTER acquisition

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TES applied to MODIS data (MOD021KM)



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Emissivity Validation

- HyTES Hyperspectral Thermal Emission Spectrometer
 - 256 TIR bands
 - Simulation and algorithm development for HyspIRI
 - Expected 2011 debut
- NAALSED intercomparisons
 - ASTER emissivity database of North America
 - 100 m resolution
- Ground Truth Measurements
 - 9 pseudo-invariant sand dune sites covering broad range of emissivity in TIR (0.6 – 0.96)
 - Emissivity of samples measured in the laboratory using Nicolet spectrometer and integrating sphere (high accuracy – 0.02%)

Sand samples collected in field



Reflectance measured using Nicolet 520 FTIR spectrometer





spectral range: 2.5 – 15 μm spectral resolution: 4 cm⁻¹ 1000 scans in 10 minutes







Pseudo-Invariant Sand Dune Sites

Table 1

Summary of the major characteristics of each dune site including locality, elevation, surface area, dune height, grain size, sand source and bulk mineralogy.

Dune site	Locality	Surface area (km²)	Elevation/max dune height (m)	Grain size	Sand source	Mineralogy (XRD)
Algodones (32.95° N, 115.07° W)	Southeast CA, Eastern margin of the Salton Trough	720	94/80	Medium to coarse sand	Beach sand from Lake Cahuilla	Major: quartz
Coral Pink (37.04° N, 112.72° W)	Sand Valley, just north of UT–AZ border, west Kanab	13.6	1780/10	Medium sand	Navajo, Page and Estrada Jurassic sandstones of the Vermillion Cliffs	Major: quartz
Great Sands (37.77° N, 105.54° W)	San Luis Valley, CO, adjacent to Sangre de Cristo, NE of Alamosa	104	2560/230	Medium to coarse sand	Quartz and volcanic fragments derived from Santa Fe and Alamosa formations, recent fluvial (Rio Grande) deposits	Major: quartz Minor: potassium feldspar
Kelso (34.91° N 115.73° W)	Mojave Desert, CA, southeast of Baker	115	800/195	Medium sand	Derived from sedimentary, metamorphic, igneous terrains from Mojave River alluvial apron	Major: quartz Minor: potassium feldspar Trace: magnetite
Killpecker (41.98° N 109.10° W)	Southwest WY, from Eden across Rock Springs into Red Desert	550	2000/45	Medium sand	Sandstone and siltstone of the Laney member of the Green River Formation	Major: quartz Trace: magnetite Minor: plagioclase feldspar, epidote
Little Sahara/Lynndyl (39.7° N 112.39° W)	West-central UT, Sevier River drainage basin, west of Lynndyl	575	1560/200	Fine sand	Deltaic and shoreline sediments from the Provo shoreline of Lake Bonneville	Major: quartz Minor: plagioclase feldspar, pyroxene, carbonate, magnetite
Stovepipe Wells (36.62° N, 117.11° W)	Central Death Valley, CA, near Stovepipe Wells	7.7	- 12/40	Medium sand	Mixed lithic fragments and quartz from Emigrant Pass to the west and Furnace Wash to the east	Major: quartz Minor: plagioclase feldspar, potassium feldspar
Moses Lake (47.05° N, 119.31° W)	Quincy Basin in central WA	40	345/18	Fine sand	Basaltic sand from the east bank of the Columbia River	Major: quartz, albite
White Sands (32.89° N, 106.33° W)	South-central NM, Tularosa Valley	704	1216/10	Fine sand	Paleo-lake Otero, present playa Lake Lucero to the southwest	Major: gypsum

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Sand dunes sites: Emissivity range



NAALSED validation with pseudo-invariant sand dune sites

	ASTER MINUS LAB EMISSIVITY (%)						
Dune site	Band 10	Band 11	Band 12	Band 13	Band 14	Mean	
Algodones	0.68	0.60	0.13	0.02	1.40	0.57	
Stovepipe Wells	0.17	0.77	1.02	0.34	0.37	0.53	
White Sands	0.34	2.76	0.16	0.92	1.08	1.05	
Kelso Dunes	1.57	1.04	1.33	1.91	0.81	1.33	
Great Sands	1.44	0.97	1.42	1.64	0.69	1.23	
Moses Lake	0.69	0.52	0.42	0.61	1.01	0.65	
Sand Mountain	7.74	6.47	9.01	1.82	1.10	5.23	
Coral Pink	7.48	6.44	7.32	2.50	1.70	4.90	
Little Sahara	3.55	2.39	2.60	0.96	0.19	1.94	
Killpecker	2.34	1.99	2.26	1.33	0.81	1.75	

< 1.6% (1 K)

GREAT SANDS, Colorado

Major: Quartz Minor: Feldspar, magnetite





Validation of North American ASTER Emissivity Database (NAALSED)





LSTValidation

- Notoriously difficult due to large spatial heterogeneity
- In-Situ ground measurements concurrent with overpass
 - Lake Tahoe and Salton Sea automatic Cal/Val facility (since 2000)
 - Rice field validation site in Valencia, Spain (full cover)
 - DOME-A site, Antarctica
 - Automated radiometer towers at sand dune sites?
- Radiance-based LST validation (MODIS)
 - Atmospheric profiles concurrent with overpass and an accurate measured emissivity are needed
 - TOA radiance estimated for two LST values close to retrieved value.
 'True' LST is found by interpolating these values to observed radiance.

Lake Tahoe

ASTER and In Situ (Vicarious) Surface Kinetic Temperatures at Lake Tahoe and Salton Sea CY2000-2008 VZ 0-7 v4-5.x



Valencia Rice Site

AATSR LST validation



When correct biome is classified (broadleaf shrub), AATSR LST show excellent agreement with in-situ measurements (<0.5°C)

NAALSED LST at 100 m – ASTER Emissivity Database





Rice crop spatially well resolved, as well as temperature differences between them

Conclusions

- Identified core L-2 Products
 - Surface Radiance
 - Land/Ocean Surface Temperature
 - Land Surface Temperature
- Identified atmospheric correction scheme
 - MODTRAN 5*
 - Water-Vapor Scaling Atmospheric Correction
- Identified LST&E algorithm
 - Temperature Emissivity Separation (TES)
 - Investigate different calibration curves and atmospheric correction techniques (WVS)
- Identified core validation sites
 - Antarctica, Valencia, Sand dunes, Tahoe/Salton Sea

Advances in Atmospheric Correction Methods

- Accuracy of atmospheric profiles are improving:
 - AIRS: 1 K/km temperature, 10% humidity
 - MODIS: ~2K temperature, 5-10% PWV, improved emissivity model using baseline-fit, Future ozone profiles, not just TOZ
- Accuracy of radiative transfer is improving, eg. MODTRAN 5 (new water molecular band model, higher spectral resolution)
- Method for improving accuracy of atmospheric correction parameters:
 - Water Vapor Scaling Method (WVS) proposed by Tonooka (2005)
 - Coefficients available for ASTER and MODIS bands (<30 deg viewing angle)