SIMULATED HYSPIRI DATA FOR MEASURING VOLCANIC THERMAL FEATURES

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HyspIRI Science Questions

1) How can we help predict and mitigate volcanic hazards through detection of transient thermal phenomena? (TQ1)

 How do volcanoes signal impending eruptions through changes in surface temperature and thermal flux? (CQ3)



Outline

 Simulated HyspIRI data over two different thermal targets with differing temperatures:

 the 2004 Mount St. Helens dome, and
 hot springs in the Yellowstone geothermal area.

2) Analysis of the dynamic range of HyspIRI TIR (MIR and LWIR) channels.

Mount St. Helens dome eruption – Oct. 2004



HyspIRI-sim 60 m pixels



MASTER 5 m pixels



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9.1 um	Min	Max	Mean	Min	Max	Mean
Radiance (W/m²/um/sr)	7	119	12.5	8	47	14
Temp (C) ε = 0.9	10	305	47	20	164	55
Thermal Flux (MW)			<u>SUM</u> 31			<u>SUM</u> 34
4.0 um	Min	Max	Mean	Min	Max	Mean
Radiance (W/m²/um/sr)	0.3	504	8.8	0.9	142	14
Temp (C) ε = 0.9	4	400	108	33	270	129
Thermal Flux (MW)			<u>SUM</u> 62			<u>SUM</u> 77



Yellowstone Geothermal Area

The Challenge of Thermal Monitoring

Over 10,000 individual thermal features, including fumaroles, mud pots, and the famous hot spring pools and geysers.

Most of these are clustered into about 80 unique thermal areas (thermal barrens).























Yellowstone Geothermal Area

Midway Geyser Basin Grand Prismatic Spring & Excelsior Geyser Crater







<u>September 2007 – Day – 10.7 um</u>



10.7 um	Max Temp (C)	Mean Temp (C)	Thermal Flux (MW)
MASTER 45-m	57	22	143
MASTER 60-m	56	21	142
ASTER 90-m	35	22	142

ROI area: 340,000 m² ASTER TIR radiance 90 m pixels

Mostly cloud-free Night time Mosaic Thermal areas in blue

Total Geothermal Heat Flux

From Cl⁻ flux measurements: 4.5 to 6.0 GW

From MODIS night time data: 1.7 to 2.2 GW

From ASTER night time data: 3.1 to 5.2 GW

From HyspIRI nighttime data: I can't wait ...





<u>Thermally Homogenous</u> 100% of pixel is a hot target. Obviously, in this case the saturation temperature will be the predefined maximum temperature.

If we set the max temperature of a certain TIR channel to a certain temperature, say 500 K, then if the total pixel integrated radiance corresponds to a temperature that exceeds this, you will have a saturated pixel.



Thermally Mixed

if only a fraction of the pixel is hot target, and the rest is cooler background, then the saturation threshold will change.

Saturation Thresholds

For a range of hot target temps (with $T_{background}$ =273 K) and target fractional areas, radiance values were calculated (ϵ =0.96) for each wavelength channel of interest.

For each Delta T $(T_{targ} - T_{bg})$, the % target area that resulted in a spectral radiance value corresponding to the saturation temperature for that channel defines the threshold curve.



Saturation Thresholds HyspIRI compared to ASTER

Trade-off between smaller pixels and higher saturation temperature

Overall improvement for HyspIRI

Less likely for HyspIRI to saturate over the same hot target than ASTER



Saturation Thresholds The MIR 4- um channel

At what temperature should the saturation be set?

If it's too high (higher than any possible or expected temp / area conditions), then dynamic range is being wasted. If it's too low, then we will get saturated pixels over some very hot volcanic or fire targets, and the purpose of the 4-um channel is to characterize very hot targets, so saturation is to be avoided.



Saturation Thresholds The MIR 4- um channel

At what temperature should the saturation be set?

Is a 1000-K saturation temperature good enough to cover the hottest likely volcanic features?

Some Concluding Thoughts

Pixel Size

The larger the pixels the less spatial information and the more subpixel thermal mixing. HyspIRI TIR data are comparable to ASTER TIR data, slightly better, but regardless of pixel size, you can model high temperature sub-pixel components very well with the wide wavelength separation of channels at the same spatial resolution.

Observation Frequency

Time series HyspIRI TIR data for continuous monitoring will be more like MODIS than ASTER, but with the sensitivity of ASTER – an important improvement.

Saturation

Compared to ASTER, HyspIRI TIR should be less likely to saturate over any given hot target. Having the 4-um channel with a saturation temperature of at least 1000 K to 1100K, a critical advantage.

Some Concluding Thoughts

1) How can we help predict and mitigate volcanic hazards through detection of transient thermal phenomena? (TQ1)

>> By the accurate characterization of transient thermal phenomenon (including spatial, temporal and thermal characteristics), which leads to hazard forecasting.

2) How do volcanoes signal impending eruptions through changes in surface temperature and thermal flux? (CQ3)

>> By exhibiting changes in surface temperature and thermal flux. And if we can measure these changes accurately in space, time, and magnitude, then we can use this information to help forecast volcanic hazards.



