HyspIRI

TIR Science Measurement
Baseline and Instrument Concept

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Visible ShortWave InfraRed (VSWIR) Imaging Spectrometer + Multispectral Thermal InfraRed (TIR) Scanner

VSWIR: Plant Physiology and Function Types (PPFT)

Map of dominant tree species, Bartlett Forest, NH

Red tide algal bloom in Monterey Bay, CA
HyspIRI Thermal Infrared Multispectral (TIR) Science Measurements

Science Questions:

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– How does urbanization affect the local, regional and global environment? Can we characterize this effect to help mitigate its impact on human health and welfare?

TQ5. Earth surface composition and change, (AP, JC)
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Andean volcano heats up

Urbanization

Volcanoes

Water Use and Availability

Schedule: 4 year phase A-D, 3 years operations

High Heritage

Multispectral Scanner

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TIR Overarching Science Questions

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“Likewise, the Tier 2 **Hyperspectral Infrared Imager (HyspIRI)** mission would include measurements over a range of optical and infrared wavelengths useful for detecting volcanic eruptions, determining the ash content of volcanic plumes, and identifying the occurrence and effects of associated landslides.”

Source: Dr Jack Kaye, Presented to  
Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics  
Committee on Science and Technology  
United States House of Representatives,  
May 5, 2010
Eyjafjallajökull
Iceland Volcano
Eruption
April 19 2010 MODIS image of ash plume.
Characterizing and Understanding Volcanic Eruptions

ASTER Observations of the Eyjafjallajökull Eruption
19 April 2010 - 12:51 UTC

Visible - Near Infrared

0 kilometers

Thermal Infrared

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Vent

Opaque Ash Plume

SO₂ Plume

Ash
Wildfires

• How are global fire regimes changing in response to, and driven by, changing climate, vegetation, and land use practices? [DS 198]

• Is regional and local scale fire frequency changing? [DS 196]

• What is the role of fire in global biogeochemical cycling, particularly trace gas emissions? [DS 195]

• Are there regional feedbacks between fire and climate change?
Global error in carbon budget exists due to poor knowledge of Carbon release from fires.

Global CO2 budget for 1990-2000 (blue) and 2000-2008 (red) (GtC per year). Emissions from fossil-fuel and land-use change are based on economic and deforestation statistics. Atmospheric CO2 growth is measured directly. The land and ocean CO2 sinks are estimated using observations for 1990-2000 (Denman et al. IPCC 2007). For 2000-2008, the ocean CO2 sink is estimated using an average of several models, while the land CO2 sink is estimated from the balance of the other terms.
Measuring global fire emission is necessary for reducing the uncertainty in carbon emissions from biomass burning.

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*Van der Werf et al., 2010*

Fires occur worldwide need a GLOBAL Mapping Mission, emissions vary regionally
HyspIRI-TIR will measure Radiative Energy that has been shown to yield precise estimates of Biomass Combusted

- Historically calculated using Seiler & Crutzen (1980) approach:
  \[ \text{Biomass combusted} = \text{Area Burnt} \times \text{Fuel Load} \times \text{Combustion Efficiency} \]

- More recently Fire Radiative Energy approach
  \[ \text{Biomass combusted} = \text{Radiative energy or heat yield} \]

  (Since the heat yield \((kJ/kg)\) of vegetation fuel is \(~\) constant, measuring the energy released on burning and knowing the heat yield allows the amount of biomass burned to be calculated.)

- For both methods:

  \[ \text{Biomass combusted} \times \text{Emission factor} = \text{Carbon released} \]

Emission factors are obtained for given cover type e.g. forest vs peat
HyspIRI-TIR Provides Orders of Magnitude Improvement in Measurement Capability

- HyspIRI-TIR measures very small fires as well as large fires. Small fires have a disproportionately large carbon contribution.
- Global carbon contribution from peat, agricultural and deforestation fires unknown because cannot be measured with current sensors but see a large discrepancy between 1km MODIS and 4km GOES.
Measuring carbon fire emissions requires measurements in the Mid and Thermal Infrared

- Greater sensitivity due to shift in emission peak with temperature
- Measure radiance rather than temperature and avoid mixed pixel problem

Thermal emission peaks in the MIR (3-5 µm) region for fire temperatures ranging from ~ 650 K (weak smouldering) to ~ 1400 K (strong flaming). MIR is far more sensitive to hot targets than TIR.

MODIS only detects white boxes (1kmX1km) does not provide information on the fire front or smouldering part of fire

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Water Use and Availability

• How is climate variability (and ENSO) impacting the evaporative component of the global water cycle over natural and managed landscapes? [DS 166, 196, 203, 257, 368]

• What are relationships between spatial and temporal variation in evapotranspiration and land-use/land-cover and freshwater resource management? [DS 196, 203, 368]

• Can we improve early detection, mitigation, and impact assessment of droughts at local to regional scales anywhere on the globe? [DS 166, 196, 203, 368]; How does the partitioning of Precipitation into ET, surface runoff and groundwater recharge change during drought?

• What areas of Earth have water consumption by irrigated agriculture that is out of balance with sustainable water availability? [DS 196, 368]

• Can we increase food production in water-scarce agricultural regions while improving or sustaining quality and quantity of water for ecosystem function and other human uses? [DS 196, 368]
High Spatial and Temporal Resolution Required to Accurately Measure Evapotranspiration (ET)

High spatial resolution: access to the local scale (field, urban district…)

High revisit: rapid response to surface forcing (water status, meteorological conditions…)

1 km data does not capture field scale variation

ET is very dynamic compared with LAI

5-day revisit minimizes error on ET Estimation

Courtesy Jean-Pierre Lagouarde, INRA, France
Evapotranspiration and Water Use and Availability

Measuring Weekly-Monthly Evapotranspiration (ET)

HyspIRI-TIR provides ET data every 5 days, allows weekly-monthly measurement and expectation for a cloud-free scene (typically 1 in every 3 data takes)
Mission Concept and Instrument Operational Scenario

• Following arrival at science orbit, the baseline data acquisition plan is established. Collect data for entire land surface excluding sea ice (Arctic and Antarctic) every 5 days at 60 m spatial resolution in 8 spectral bands.

• Data are downlinked and transferred to the science data processing center where calibration and baseline processing algorithms are applied.

• Level 1, 2 products are delivered to the scientific community and general users to pursue the science questions.
  – With appropriate cloud screening, compositing, spatial, and temporal subsetting.
Annual TIR imaging opportunities in a 5-day near-repeating orbit, 1 yr. simulation

Nominal orbit: average alt. 626.8 km, inclination 97.8°. TIR imager FOV: +/- 25.46° (60 m pixel GSD at nadir, 9272 cross-track pixels).

Oceans average to 1 km

Total number of views (day + night) each 5 days

- 2-3
- 3-4
- 4-5
- 5-6
- 6+

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# Science Measurements

## Summary Measurement Characteristics

### Spectral
- **Bands (8) µm**: 3.98 µm, 7.35 µm, 8.28 µm, 8.63 µm, 9.07 µm, 10.53 µm, 11.33 µm, 12.05 µm
- **Bandwidth**: 0.084 µm, 0.32 µm, 0.34 µm, 0.35 µm, 0.36 µm, 0.54 µm, 0.54 µm, 0.52 µm
- **Accuracy**: <0.01 µm

### Radiometric
- **Range**: Bands 2-8= 200K – 500K; Band 1= 1200K
- **Resolution**: < 0.05 K, Linear Quantization to 14 bits
- **Accuracy**: < 0.5 K 3-sigma at 250K
- **Precision (NEdT)**: < 0.2K
- **Linearity**: >99% characterized to 0.1%

### Spatial
- **IFOV**: 60 m
- **MTF**: >0.65 at FNy
- **Scan Type**: Push-Whisk
- **Swath Width**: 600 km (±25.5° at 623 km altitude)
- **Cross-Track Samples**: 10,000
- **Swath Length**: 15.4 km (+/- 0.7-degrees at 623km altitude)
- **Down-Track Samples**: 256
- **Band-to-Band Co-registration**: 0.2 pixels (12 m)
- **Pointing Knowledge**: 1.5 arcsec (0.1 pixels)
Science Measurements
Characteristics Continued

Temporal
Orbit Crossing 10:30 am sun synchronous descending
Global Land Repeat 5 days at equator

OnOrbit Calibration
Lunar View 1 per month {radiometric}
Blackbody Views 1 per scan {radiometric}
Deep Space Views 1 per scan {radiometric}
Surface Cal Experiments 2 (d/n) every 5 days {radiometric}
Spectral Surface Cal Experiments 1 per year

Data Collection
Time Coverage Day and Night
Land Coverage Land surface above sea level
Water Coverage Coastal zone -50 m and shallower
Open Ocean Averaged to 1km spatial sampling
Compression 2:1 lossless
TIR Instrument Concept

Scanning and Data Rate

- 60 m Pixel Footprint
- Time-Averaged Science Data Rate 0.024 Gbps
- Assuming 14 bits, 2:1 Compression
- Scan Mirror Rotation Rate 13 RPM
- Pixel Dwell Time 32 microseconds

Mass and Power (JPL Team X)

- Mass CBE 60 kg
- Power CBE 109 W

Spectral Bands

Fire Detection
Atmospheric Transmission
Ground Temperature
Mission Concept
TIR Overview

- Duration: 4 years development, 3 years science
- Coverage: Global land every 5 days
- Day and Night imaging (1 day and night image at a given location obtained every 5 days)
- Data download using dual-polarization X-band at high-latitude stations
- Spacecraft: LEO RSDO bus (SA-200HP)
- Launch: Taurus-class launch vehicle
Technology Readiness

Hyperspectral Thermal Emission Spectrometer (HyTES)

Prototype HyspIRI Thermal Infrared Radiometer (PHyTIR)
Elevator Speech

• Quantify carbon and other emissions from fires to balance carbon budget

• Determine if heat, gas and lava emissions from volcanoes can be used to understand their future behavior

• Quantify evaporative loss from vegetated regions to balance water budget
Summary

We have developed a sets of science questions that are well aligned with the HyspIRI Mission called for in the NASA Earth Science and Applications Decadal Survey. The mission has strong relevance to both climate and society.

We have reviewed and refined these questions that relate to both science and applications objectives and developed traceability to a set of science measurements.

We have established a high heritage and low risk approach for acquiring the HyspIRI VSWIR and TIR science measurements.
Backup
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