Characterization of EO-1 Hyperion in Pseudo Invariant Calibration Sites (PICS)

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Hyperion (red) overlay on ALI Image (green), Oct 2012 Baltimore, MD

Introduction

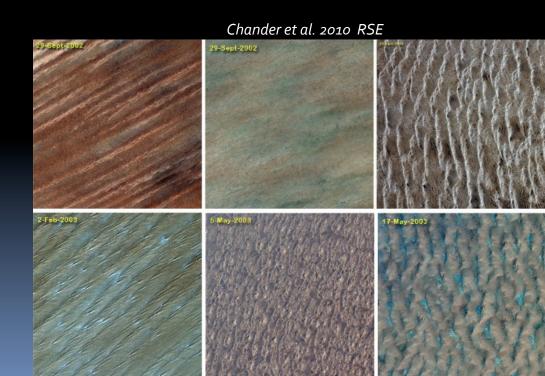
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Objectives/Questions

- 1. Can high-resolution commercial data be used to understand sub 30m pixel variability in Hyperion data?
- 2. How stable is Hyperion through time: a) with atmospherically corrected land surface reflectance from 3 correction approaches; and with b) TOA for the full time series?
- 3. Can Hyperion be used to cross calibrate a virtual constellation for land surface imaging?

Study Area

- CEOS core validation sites
 - Hyperion data has been routinely collected in the Libyan desert (Libya-4)
 - Other studies have used this site to monitor sensor degradation and cross-calibrate measurements
 - Landsat ETM+, MSS, SRTM, MODIS, EO-1





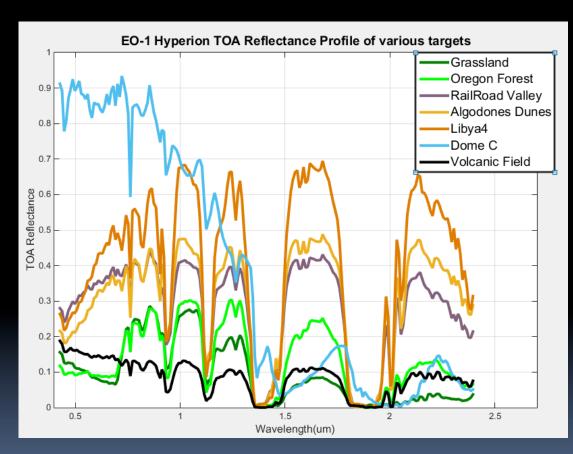
Why PICS?



From:

On-orbit calibration: Use of psuedo invariant calibraiton sites (PICS), vicarious campaigns, and global averaging

- Hyperion acquisitions over different land cover types have been collected and evaluated.
 - Bright Deserts PICS (Libya 4, Algodones Dunes)
 - Medium Bright Playa PICS (RVPN)
 - Vegetation (Oregon Forest, SDSU test vegetation site)
 - Snow (Dome C)
 - Dark PICS (Volcanic field in Libya)



Prior Moderate Resolution Studies of Libya-4 PICS

Chander et al. 2010 RSE

- TOA reflectance from MODIS 2000-2008 (161 scenes) and Landsat 7 1999-2008 (86 scenes) both < 0.479% yr⁻¹ from all bands
- MODIS within image standard deviation < 1.4%, Landsat 7 < 2.2%

Choi et al. 2013 JARS

- Hyperion within Libya-4 study area TOA reflectance < 5%
- Hyperion spectrally stable TOA reflectance < 0.625% yr⁻¹ from all bands 2004 2012

Prior studies have not a) investigated co-registered and atmospherically corrected Hyperion data for a long-time series in Libya-4 CEOS validation site; and b) investigated the full TOA time-series with precession.

Does more information exist about the quality of Hyperion data?

Part 1

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Part 2

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Part 3

TOA time-series

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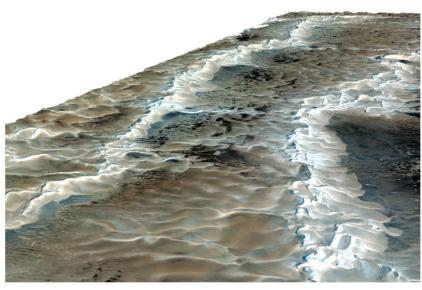
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Example in true color of a 3-D subset of WorldView-2 with a linear stretch applied and with a vertical 2× exaggeration factor.

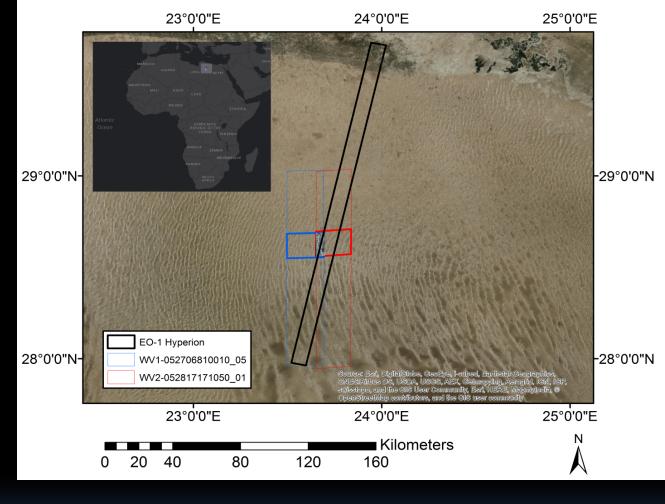
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Methods: Part 1 & 2

Data Overlap

Path 181 row 40 WRS2



High Resolution (temporally sparse): WorldView-1 42 cm pan WorldView-2 46 cm pan 1.8 m MSI

Moderate Resolution (temporally dense): Landsat-8 30 m(FLAASH) Hyperion 30 m (FLAASH) Issues not accounted for or not completely mediated:

- 1. Resampling
- 2. BRDF, seasonal & off nadir viewing
- 3. Co-registration sub 30 m pixel
- 4. Instrument spectral degradation Among others...

Longitudinal Dunes in Calanscio Sand Sea (Libya-4)



28° 0' 49.68" N 23° 46' 27.89" E

http://www.panoramio.com/photo/59315749

138 m elevation

Methods: Hyperion Image Processing

Data Selection

- May Sept
- < 10° Off Nadir
- 400+ images filtered to 35
- 2004 2015

Atmospheric Correction

- Fast Line-of-sight Atmospheric Analysis of Spectral Hypercubes (FLAASH) no polishing
- Atmospheric REMoval program (ATREM)
- Atmospheric CORection Now (ACORN)

Co-Registration

- •>20 tie points per image < 0.6 RMSE to Landsat 8 L1T
- Cloudy images and bad pixels removed with Coef . Var. > 0.5
- Subset to 159 x 458 pixels
 - Center lower portion of strip within Libya-4 (Chander et al. 2010 RSE) CEOS core validation site.
 - Corresponds to WV-1 and WV-2 overlapping area.

Convolution

- 8-Bands
- Co-registered to WV-2

Methods: WorldView Image Processing

Data Selection

- Nearest coincident date to the Hyperion time-series with WorldView-1 and WorldView-2
- Hyperion 8/9/2012
- WorldView-1 and WorldView-2 both 8/12/2012

Atmospheric Correction

- WV-2 8 Band FLAASH
- Viewing geometry included
- No water vapor or aerosol correction

Digital Terrain Model

- ENVI DEM extraction module
- WorldView-1 and WorldView-2 Pan Bands 50 cm (cross track stereo)
- > 50 tie points, no ground control points
- RMSE < 3.5 m relative to RPCs
- 2 m resolution

3D Surface View of Subset Area

Hyperion True Color Convolved 8/09/12

Red 630-690 nm Green 510-580 nm Blue 450-510 nm Cubic Convolution 2m

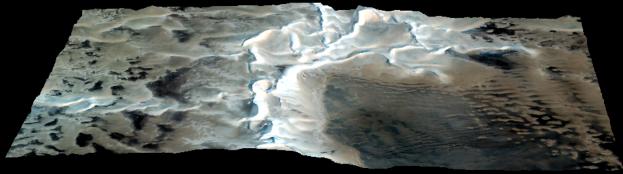


WorldView-2 True Color 8/12/12

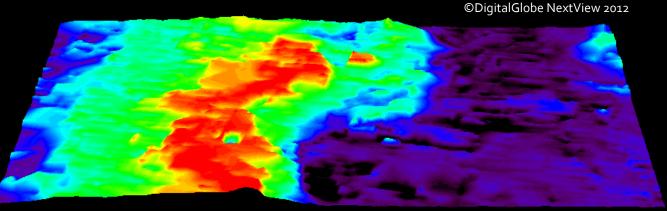
Red Band 5 630-690nm Green Band 3 510-580nm

Blue Band 2 450-510 nm

 2 m



WorldView-2 — WorldView-1 Digital Terrain Model 2m



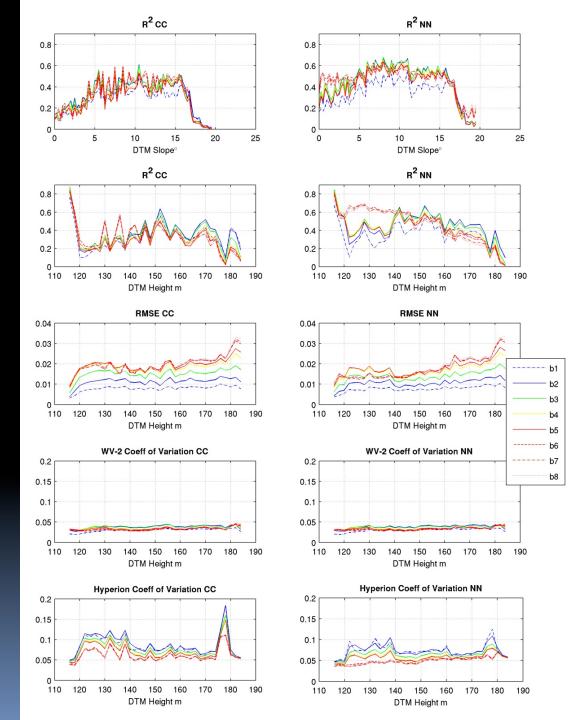
Results Part 1: Sub 30m Cross Calibration

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Results Part 1:

Terrain Impacts Cross Calibration in Libya-4 at sub 30m resolution

- Elevation and slope have a strong influence on WV-2 band agreement with Hyperion data, ranging from low agreement at dune tops (R² < 0.05) to higher agreement in sand flats (R² > 0.6,P < 0.001). RMSEs increase with height as well.
- WV-2 observations at 2 m are more homogenous (Coefficient of Variation (CV) = standard deviation/mean CV < 5%) compared to convolved 2-m NN Hyperion (CV < 15%).
- 3. Good agreement exists between Hyperion data convolved to WV-2 bands when resampled with the NN method within specific subportions of the Libya-4 PICS (R² > 0.7).



Results Part 2: Hyperion Median Trends

2. How stable is Hyperion through time with atmospherically corrected land surface reflectance from 3 correction approaches?

Atmospheric Correction Models

All models follow the same radiative transfer model (Gao and Goetz, 1990), though each model uses a slightly different version and FLAASH adds a term to account for adjacency effects (Adler-Golden et al., 1999).

FLAASH (Fast Line-of-sight Atmospheric Analysis of Spectral Hypercubes)

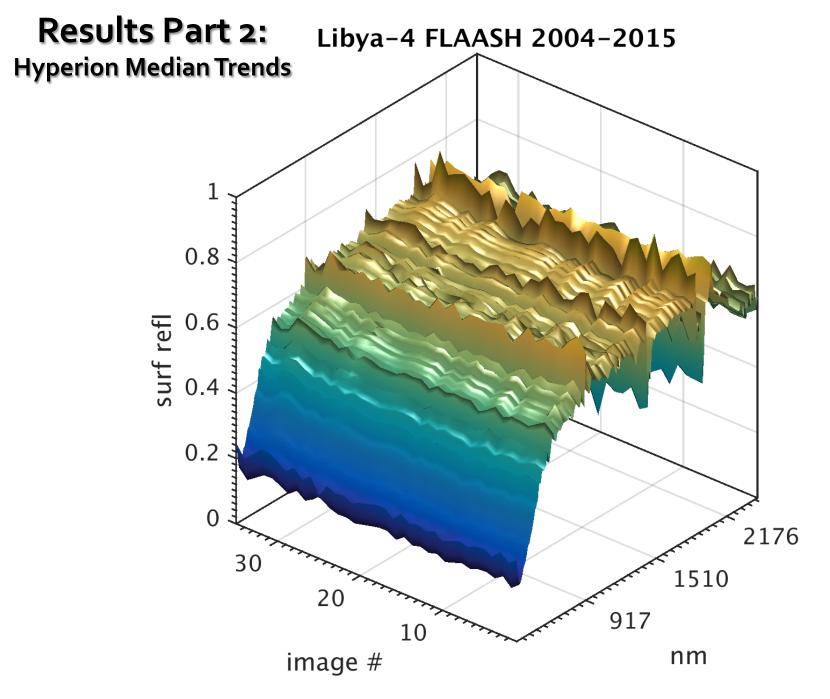
FLAASH is a MODTRAN4-based atmospheric correction software package developed by the Air Force Phillips Laboratory, Hanscom AFB and Spectral Sciences, Inc (SSI) (Adler-Golden et al., 1999). It provides accurate, physics-based derivation of apparent surface reflectance through derivation of atmospheric properties such as surface albedo, surface altitude, water vapor column, aerosol and cloud optical depths, surface and atmospheric temperatures

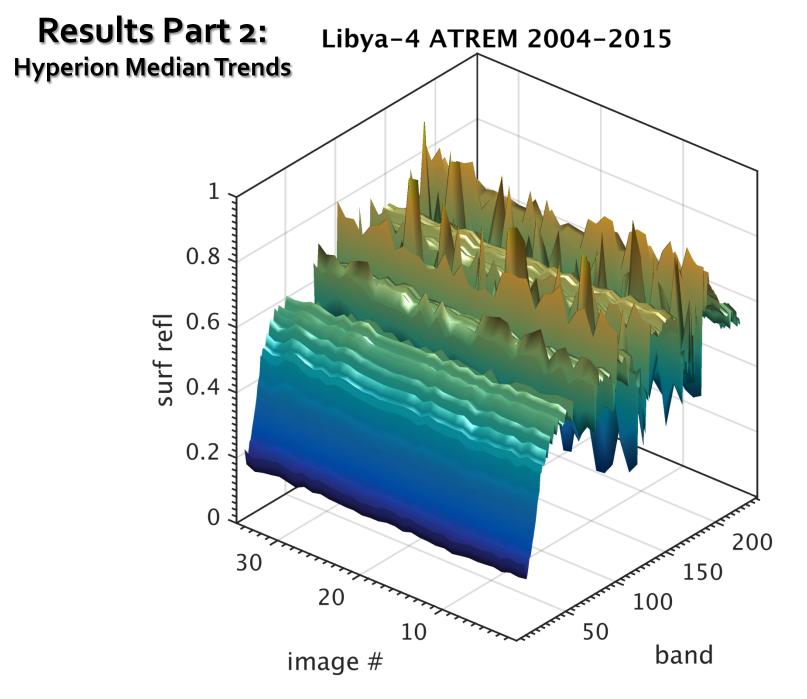
ATREM (Atmosphere Removal Program)

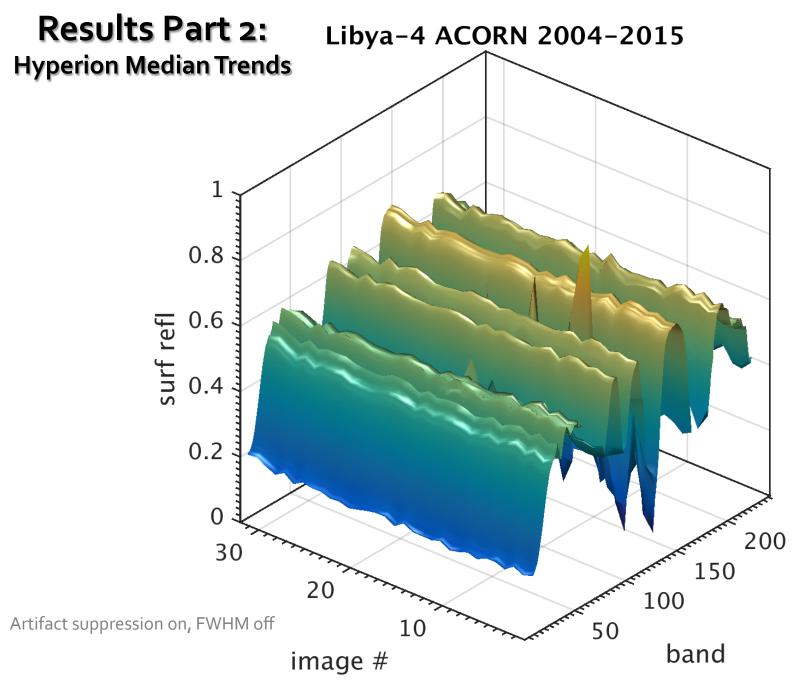
ATREM retrieves scaled surface reflectance from hyperspectral data using a radiative transfer model (Gao and Goetz, 1990; Gao et al., 1993; CSES, 1999). First the solar zenith angle is derived based on the acquisition time, date, and geographic location. Atmospheric transmittance spectra are derived for each of seven atmospheric gases. A water vapor "lookup table" is created by generating modeled spectra for various water vapor concentrations, again using the Malkmus narrow band model and estimating the 0.94 and/or 1.13 micrometer water vapor band depths for each spectrum. Band depths are determined using a ratio of the band center to the two band shoulders. Water vapor is then estimated for each pixel by determining the band depth and comparing to the modeled band depths in the lookup table. The output of this procedure is an image showing the spatial distribution of various water vapor concentrations for each pixel. Atmospheric scattering is modeled using the "6S" radiative transfer code (Tanre et al., 1986).

ACORN (Atmospheric CORrection Now)

ACORN is a commercially-available, enhanced atmospheric model-based software that uses licensed MODTRAN4 technology (Berk et al, 1999) to produce high quality surface reflectance without ground measurements. ACORN uses look-up-tables calculated with the MODTRAN4 radiative transfer code to model atmospheric gas absorption as well as molecular and aerosol scattering effects, converting the calibrated sensor radiance measurements to apparent surface reflectance (AIG, 2001).

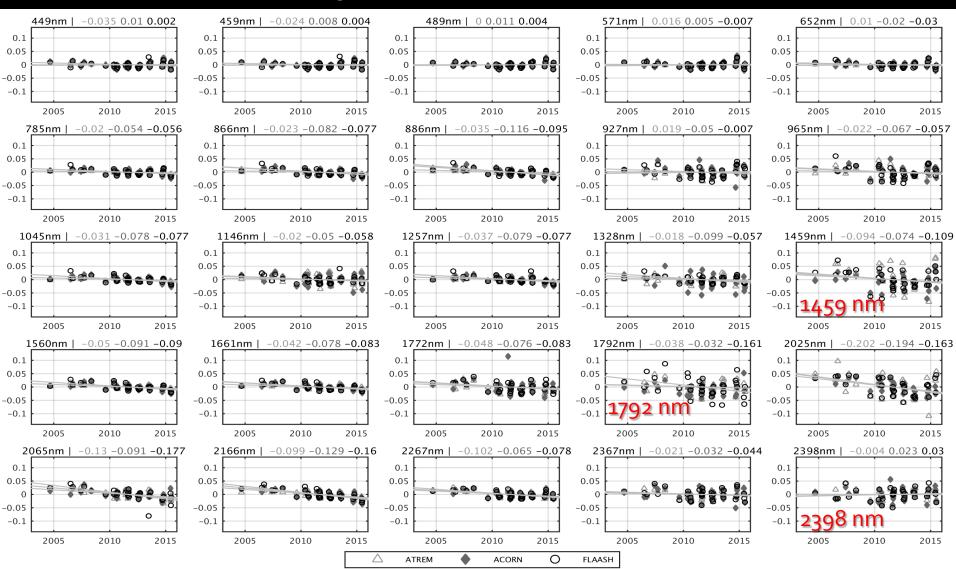




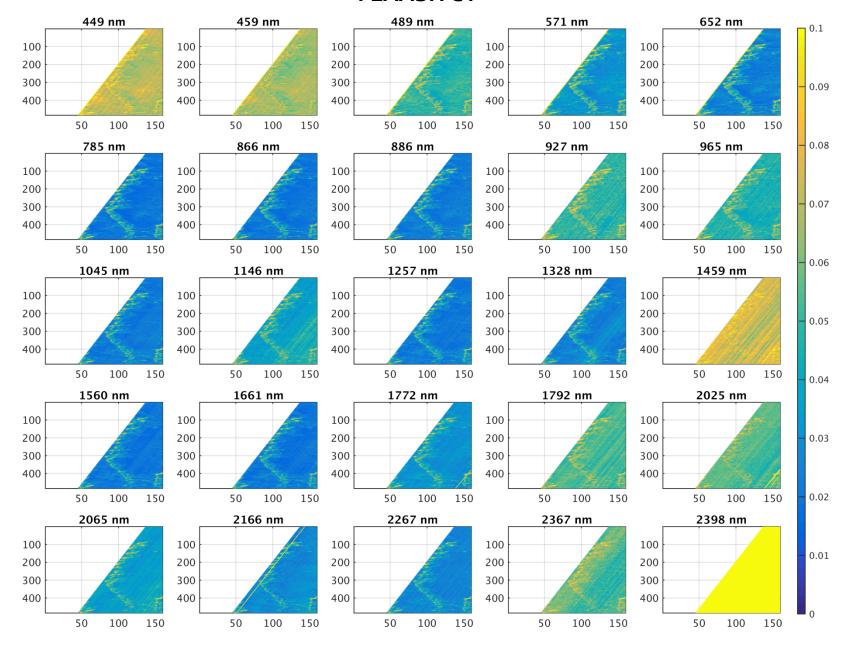


Results Part 2: Hyperion Median Trends (25 Bands)

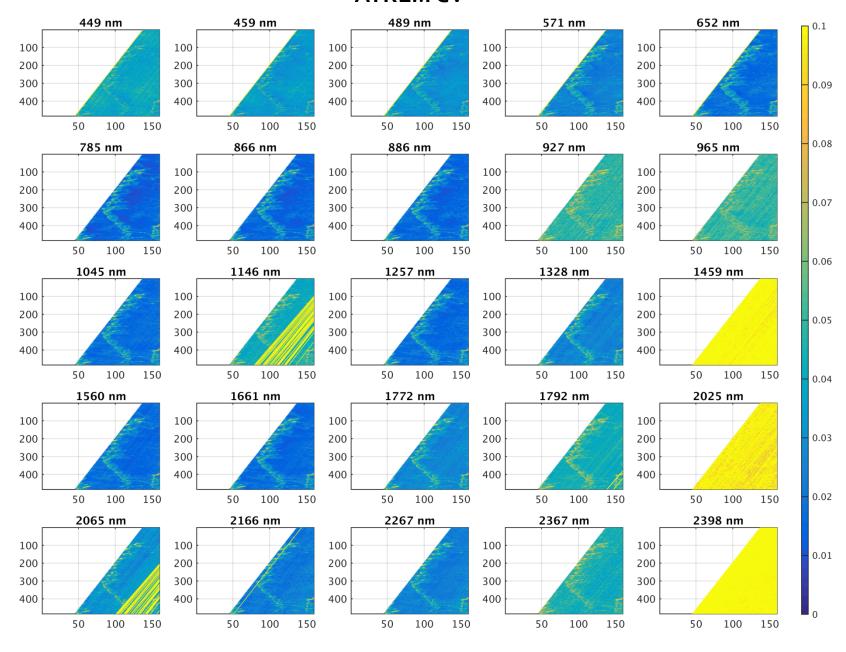
From 2004-2015 maximum change for specific models: Visible < 5.3%, NIR < 7.6%, SWIR < 8.9%



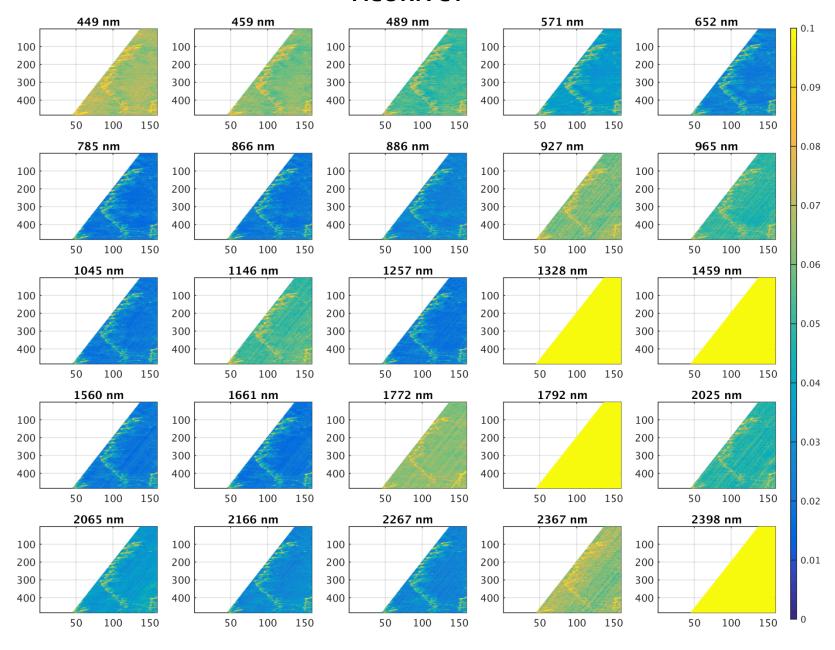
FLAASH CV



ATREM CV



ACORN CV



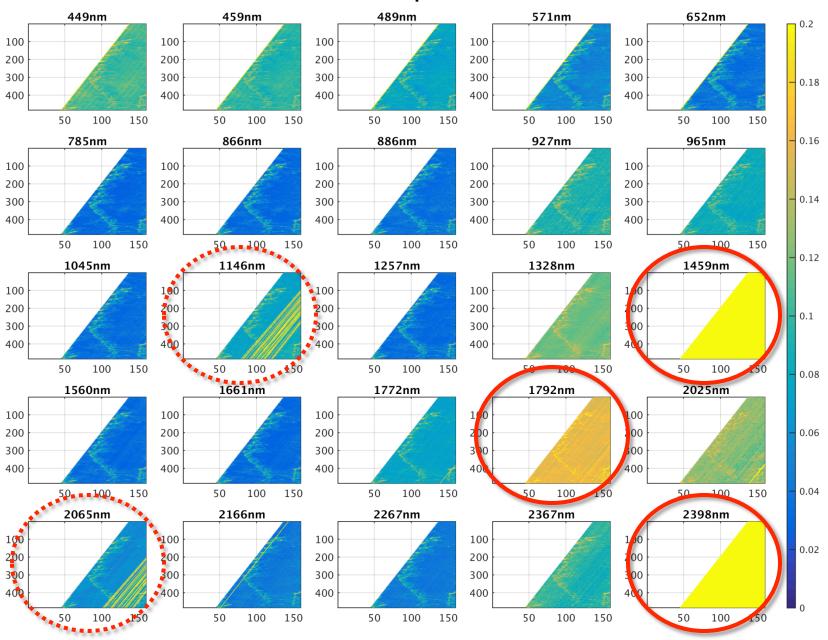
Results Part 2: Hyperion Surface Reflectance Uncertainty

Do the dunes increase uncertainty between atmospheric correction models?

Temporal uncertainty by pixel calculated as: Coefficient of Variation (CV) = standard deviation/mean

Combined Uncertainty =
$$\sqrt{FLAASH_{CV}^2 + ATREM_{CV}^2 + ACORN_{CV}^2}$$

Combined CV Maps (FLAASH, ATREM & ACORN)

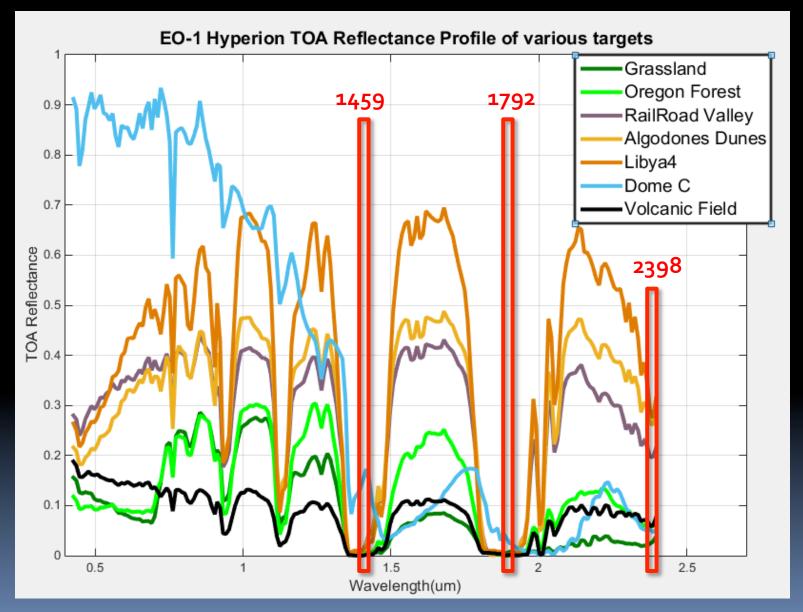


Combined CV > 20%

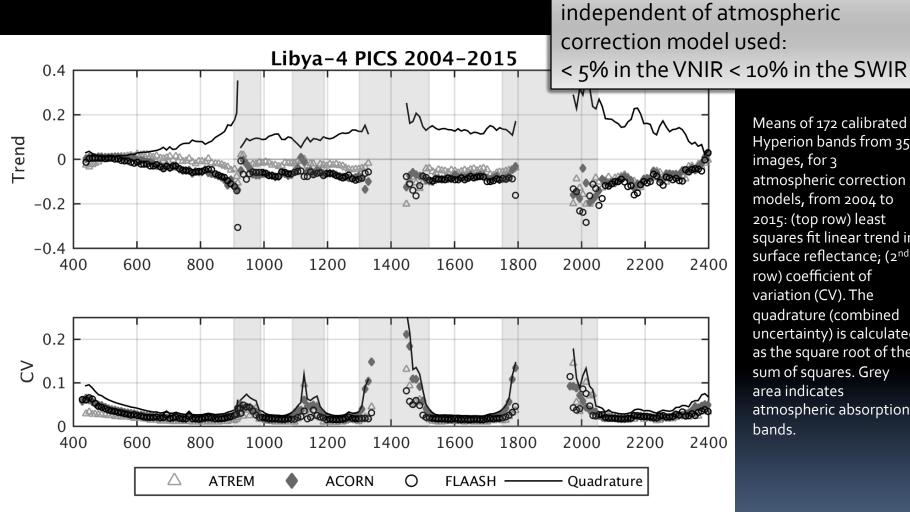


Spectral Signature Impact on Cross Calibration





Trends and CV for 172 Bands

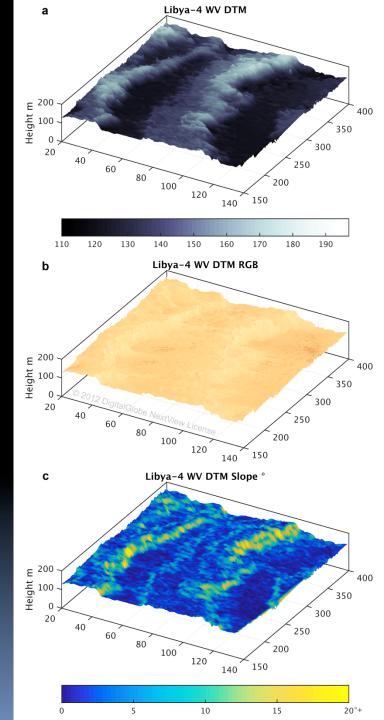


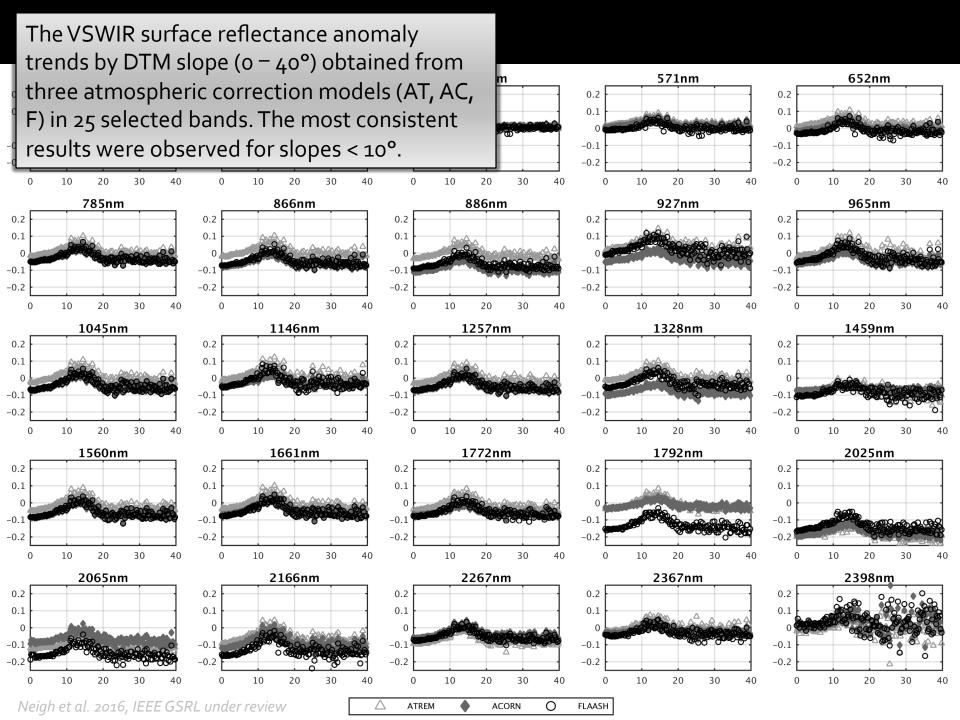
Means of 172 calibrated Hyperion bands from 35 images, for 3 atmospheric correction models, from 2004 to 2015: (top row) least squares fit linear trend in surface reflectance; (2nd row) coefficient of variation (CV). The quadrature (combined uncertainty) is calculated as the square root of the sum of squares. Grey area indicates atmospheric absorption bands.

Hyperion is stable in most bands,

3D subsets of the study area

- (a) WorldView-1 and 2 derived digital terrain model (DTM);
- (b) WorldView-2 true color red, green and blue image linear stretched and draped on the DTM © 2012 DigitalGlobe NextView License.;
- (c) Slope estimates from DTM draped on DTM.



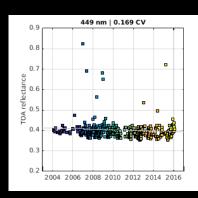


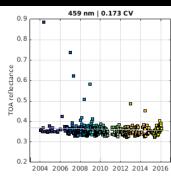
Preliminary Results Part 3: Hyperion TOA PICS Trends

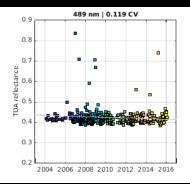
3. How stable is Hyperion through time in L1GST TOA reflectance with all image acquisitions?

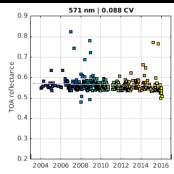
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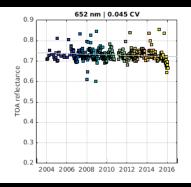
Libya-4 394 images - median value of overlapping area



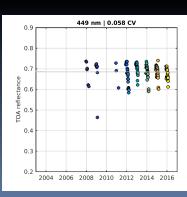


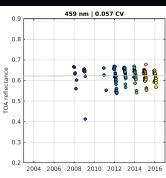


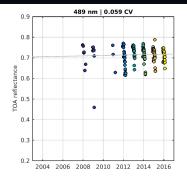


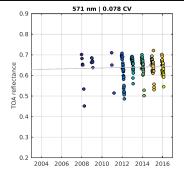


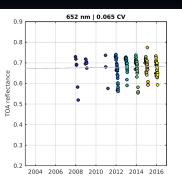
Dome C 190 images - median value of overlapping area











Summary



- Hyperion is very stable through time.
 - In most Vis bands < 0.24% yr⁻¹, most other bands < 0.4% yr⁻¹ compared to other TOA reflectance studies > 0.675% yr⁻¹
- FLAASH vs. ATREM vs. ACORN
 - Consistent in Vis and variable in NIR and SWIR
 - Bands impacted more by atmospheric absorption have more variance between approaches
- Libya-4 CEOS site exhibits variability from 30m to 2m that can be quantified with a high resolution digital terrain model
 - Variation in dune topography impacts BRDF and observed reflectance
 - Difficult to distinguish between sensor/product differences and actual resolution differences
- Is a virtual constellation possible with spaceborne spectrometer measurements?
 - We provide enhanced estimates of instrument stability useful for cross calibration studies from 30-m to 2-m resolution. FLAASH reflectance between convolved Hyperion and WorldView-2 are reasonably good in homogenous areas (CV <2%).</p>

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(R2 > 0.64-0.77, p-val < 0.001)
Low correlation heterogeneous areas (CV 5-7%).
(R2 < 0.19-0.24, p-val < 0.001)
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- Libya-4 heterogeneity should be considered when convolving and or cross-calibrating data at high resolution or efforts should be made to minimize site conditions that introduce errors.
- Future work
 - TOA analysis for the entire time-series L1GST for Libya-4 & Dome C analyzing impacts of orbital precession.

Thank You

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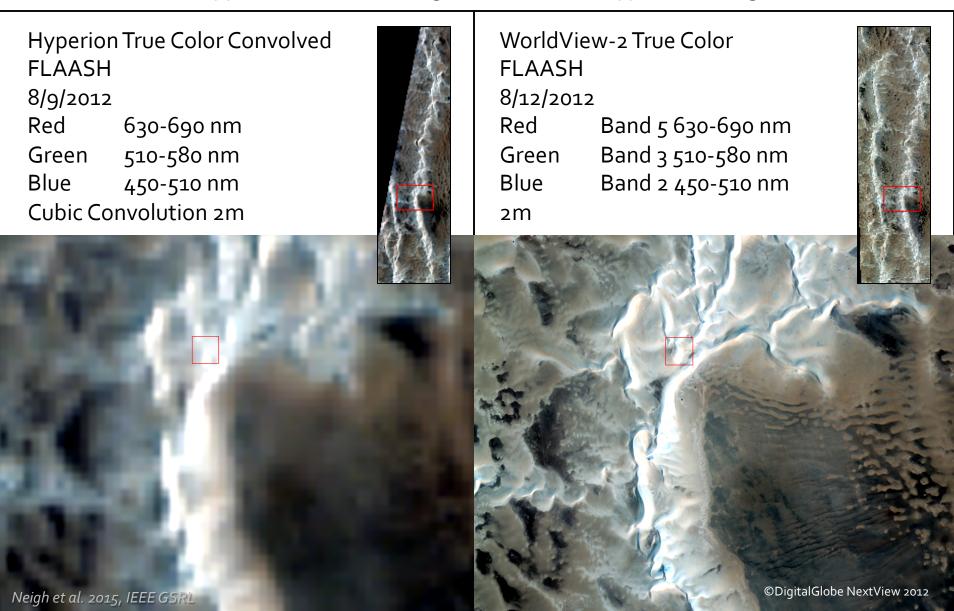
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Subset example of Hyperion vs. WorldView-2

Linear stretch applied to enhance image visualization, Hyperion co-registered to WV-2

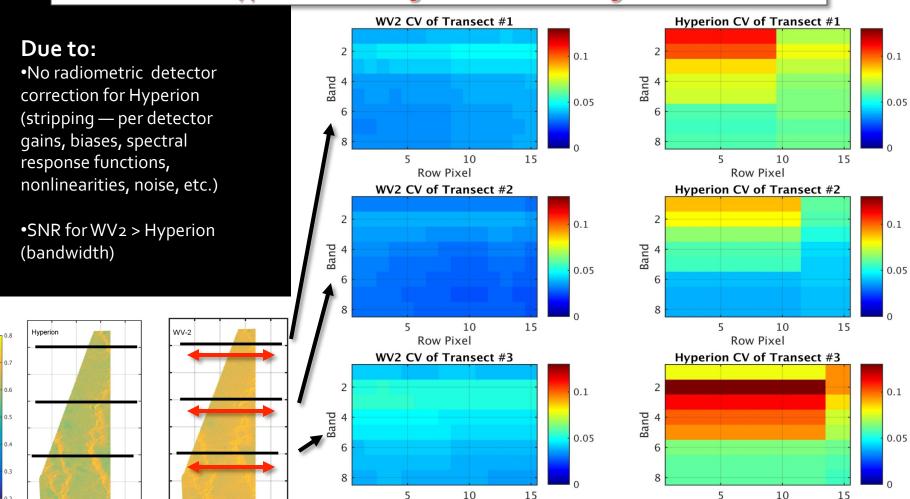


Why is Hyperion Reflectance CV Greater than WV2?

3 Transects (30 m wide) Across the Study Area CV length of the 3 transects, 8 bands 15 pixels (30 m)

Spatial resolution vs. Radiometric / Detector Precision

In most cases Hyperion has a higher CV on the length of the transect



Row Pixel

Row Pixel

Why is Hyperion Reflectance CV Greater than WV2?

3 Transects (30 m wide) Across the Study Area Band 8 example

Spatial resolution vs. Radiometric / Detector Precision

In most cases WorldView-2 has a higher CV on the width of the transect

