

Providing Quality Information in Sentinel-3 Level-1 Data Products

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ATSR Series



1991-2000 ATSR-1



1995-2008 ATSR-2



2002-2012- AATSR



SLSTR



2016 – Sentinel 3A





2018 – Sentinel 3B





- 2023 Sentinel 3C
 - Spectral Calibration complete
 - Instrument Reduced
 Calibration Autumn
 2019
 - Full Calibration 2021/22
 - > 2024 Sentinel-3D
 - Spectral Response
 Calibration Summer
 2019
 - Full Calibration TBD

Launched 16-Feb-2016 C Launched 25-Apr-2018 C

SLSTR instrument

Nadir swath

Dual view swath

Two telescopes

Spectral bands

Spatial Resolution

Radiometric quality

Radiometric accuracy

>74° (1400km swath)

(750 km)

49°

 $\Phi 110$ mm / 800mm focal length

TIR : 3.74μm, 10.85μm, 12μm SWIR : 1.38μm, 1.61μm, 2.25 μm VIS: 555nm, 659nm, 859nm

1km at nadir for TIR, 0.5km for VIS/SWIR

NEΔT 30 mK (LWIR) – 50mK (MWIR) SNR 20 for VIS - SWIR

0.2K for IR channels2% for Solar channels relative toSun





Sentinel-3A SLSTR Sea Surface Temperature – August 2016



"Measuring the small changes associated with long-term global climate change from space is a daunting task. For example, the satellite instruments must be capable of observing atmospheric and surface temperature trends as small as 0.1C decade⁻¹, ozone changes as little as 1% decade⁻¹, and variations in the sun's output as tiny as 0.1% decade⁻¹."

Ohring, G.B., B. A. Wielicki, R. Spencer, B. Emery, and R. Datla, 2005: Satellite instrument calibration for measuring global climate change: Report on a workshop. Bull. Amer. Meteor. Soc., 86, 1303–1313





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January-July Temperature Anomalies

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Calibration of IR instruments



To ensure the interoperability of satellite datasets it is a requirement for their measurements to be calibrated against standards that are traceable to SI units

For temperature this is the International Temperature Scale of 1990

For IR instruments such as SLSTR the traceability is achieved via internal BB sources



SLSTR L1 Processing



Processing specification defined by

ATBD -> DPM L0 and L1 Product Specifications

Each spectral band (5 thermal bands) and detector element (2x2) for each for each earth view (separate for nadir and oblique) has unique set of calibration calibration coefficients

= 40 for IR channels alone

Contained in Satellite Characterisation and Calibration Database Document (S-CCDB) Configuration controlled by MPC





 $(uL_E)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(\frac{\partial L_E}{\partial x_i} ux_i\right)^2 + 2\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{N} \frac{\partial L_E}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial L_E}{\partial x_j} ux_i ux_j v(x_i, x_j)$

We obtain calibration coefficients via reference to known calibration sources









Primary Sources of Uncertainty in TIR calibration

- Black-Body Temperatures
 - PRT calibration at subsystem level traced to SPRT (ITS-90) NPL/NIST
 - Blackbody gradients, thermal analysis RAL
- Black-Body Cavity Emissivity
 - Spectral Reflectance of Black Coating NIST/NPL
 - Cavity Model STEEP323 or SMART3D (ABSL model)
- Spectral Response
 - FPA measurements RAL reports [S3-RP-RAL-SL-102 (S3A), S3-RP-RAL-SL-114 (S3B)]
- Non-Linearity
 - Instrument level calibration tests RAL reports
- Detector Noise
 - Instrument level calibration tests, on-board BB sources

Effects Table



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Table descriptor						
Name of effect		Calibration of	Noise on Thermometer	Temperature		
ACC		Thermometer		Gradients		
Affected term in meas	urement function	I PRT,i	I _{PRT,i}	I _{Av}		
Instruments in the seri	es affected	All	All	All		
Correlation type and	Pixel-to-pixel [pixels]	Rectangular Absolute	Rectangular Absolute	Rectangular Absolute		
form	from scanline to scanline [scanlines]	Rectangular Absolute	Rectangular Absolute	Rectangular Absolute		
	between images [images]	Rectangular Absolute	Rectangular Absolute	Rectangular Absolute		
	Between orbits [orbit]	Rectangular Absolute	Rectangular Absolute	Rectangular Absolute		
	Over time [time]	Rectangular Absolute	Rectangular Absolute	Rectangular Absolute		
Correlation scale	Pixel-to-pixel [pixels]	-∞,+∞	<i>-∞,+∞</i>	-∞,+∞		
	from scanline to scanline [scanlines]	-∞,+∞	-∞,+∞	-∞,+∞		
	between images [images]	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	Between orbits [orbit]	<i>-∞,</i> +∞	-∞,+∞	-∞,+∞		
	Over time [time]	-∞,+∞	<i>-∞,</i> +∞	-∞,+∞		
Channels/bands	List of channels / bands affected	All	All	All		
	Error correlation coefficient matrix	Matrix of 1's	Matrix of 1's	Matrix of 1's		
Uncertainty	PDF shape	Gaussian	Gaussian	Gaussian		
	units	Kelvin	Kelvin	Kelvin		
	magnitude	BB Calibration Report	BB Calibration Report	Flight Measurements		
Sensitivity coefficient		$\frac{\partial L_E}{\partial L_{BB}} \frac{\partial L_{BB}}{\partial T_{av}} \frac{\partial L_{av}}{\partial T_i}$	$\frac{\partial L_E}{\partial L_{BB}} \frac{\partial L_{BB}}{\partial T_{av}} \frac{\partial L_{av}}{\partial T_i}$	$\frac{\partial L_E}{\partial L_{BB}} \frac{\partial L_{BB}}{\partial T_{av}}$		

Note – Heated and Cold BB thermometers are independent systems



Correlated Combined Uncertainties vs. Temperature from pre-launch are included in L1 products

Current State of SLSTR L1 Uncertainty Estimates



Pre-Launch reports contains most information Write up as reviewed papers in progress Includes uncertainty estimates of measurements

L1 Products

Random effects - detector noise expressed as NEDT (TIR channels) and NEDL (VIS/SWIR channels) for each scan line

Correlated effects - radiometric calibration are included in the quality annotation datasets as a table of uncertainty vs. temperature type-B (apriori) estimates based on the pre-launch calibration and calibration model (see later slides)

Per pixel estimation of the radiometric uncertainty for either random or correlated (systematic) effects has not been implemented Significant impact on product size and processing time Poorly defined user requirements during definition of GPP/IPF

Providing Uncertainty Estimates in SLSTR RAL Space SL1 – Random Effects (Noise)

Random 'Noise' estimates are currently provided in quality ADS as per scan 'Noise'

Provided at the two calibration points

Per pixel 'Noise' estimates can be derived from per scan estimates Algorithm to provide per-pixel noise estimates as function of scene temperature/radiance is available.

Could be done as a post-processing step

Prototype code has been developed (see next slides)

Modification to IPF would be needed to apply noise model to all scene temperatures/radiances

Product specification needs to be updated to include separate fields for random and correlated effects

Significant increase in product size

Could be limited if noise estimates saved as bytes

Providing Uncertainty Estimates in SLSTR RAL Space

Correlated uncertainties in radiometric calibration are provided per product Derived from the pre-launch calibration parameters Derived for fixed internal BB temperatures

Correlated uncertainties can be mapped to all pixels by interpolation Prototype tool has been developed (see next slides) Could be done as a post-processing step

Modification to IPF would be needed to compute uncertainties for each product Current scheme does not account for in-flight configuration Instrument temperatures contribute to uncertainty budget which vary with orbit and drift with time.

See later slides

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EUMETSAT Study



- To develop a prototype tool to provide per-pixel uncertainty estimates from L1 products.
 - Python code
 - ATBD
 - IODD
 - DPM
 - User manual (draft)

Provided to EUMETSAT

Final meeting 19-Sep-2019

• Paper describing calibration model is in preparation

Python Tool



MapnoiS3 is a prototype Python code developed to allow the addition of per-pixel uncertainty information to existing SLSTR Level-1 products based on the information contained in the datasets.

The tool can deal with several SLSTR Level-1 products in one go, and with as many channels and scan views as the user requires.

MapnoiS3 code will be available via EUMETSAT and provided as a *tarball* mapnoiS3.tar.gz

Outputs from code are saved as separate netcdf files following the S3 product format style.

Algorithm

- From L1 product quality datasets we extract per scan random noise and correlated radiometric uncertainty tables.
- Correlated uncertainties are interpolated for each pixel BT/Radiance in L1 image
- For random noise NE∆T and NE∆L, we scale the radiometric noise model to the measured per-scan/detector values and interpolate for each pixel BT/Radiance in L1 image



Example Output



20180531T073043 20180531T073343 20180531T093806 0179 031 377 2520 MAR O NR 003.SEN3 S3A SL 1 RBT

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On-Orbit Performance



Establishing absolute radiometric calibration of TIR sensors using terrestrial sites is restricted by:

- Knowledge of surface emissivity
- Surface non-uniformity
- Temporal variations over short time (effect of surface winds, cloud shadow, solar elevation)
- Contribution of Atmosphere to the measured signal

Hence limited to:

- Monitoring of instrument parameters
- Satellite inter-comparisons
- Validation of L2 data products



To monitor SLSTR instrument performance, we need to look at raw Level-0 data, for example to:

Check for gaps in packet stream Monitor all HK parameters (i.e. temperatures, cooler status, etc.) Monitor detector counts for all targets Analyse scanner positions/jitter Perform independent checks of L1 calibration parameters



SLSTR L0 Monitoring at RAL



The RAL monitoring system consists of:

- Level-0 reader and housekeeping data conversion
- Extraction and processing tools
- Control script to process individual orbits
 - Plot functions for each parameter over a single orbit
 - Output CSV files on ISP timescales
 - VISCAL processing
 - Orbital averages added to long term trend files
- Control script to process long term trends
 - Cycle-by-cycle trend plots
 - Yearly trend plots
 - Overall mission plots
 - Cycle-by-cycle parameter summary

	Baff temp	BB temp	OME temp	Detector temp	
Temperatures					
	Noise (Nadir BB1)	Noise (Nadir BB2)	Noise (Obl BB1)	Noise (Obl BB2)	NEDT
Noise					
	Scanner mean jitter histograms	Scanner stddev jitter histograms	Scanner max- min jitter histograms	Scanner Jitter (Nad view)	Scanner Jitter (Obl view)
Scanner					
	IPE VSY	IPE VSY	IPE VSY (ON	IPE VSY (ON	

• Web pages to display plots and output parameters

SLSTR L0 Monitoring at RAL



Plots produced of trends within each orbit, each cycle, each year & whole mission

 \rightarrow gives a reference library of plots to use when investigating issues

- Calibration parameters independently calculated from L0
- Summary files produced with orbital average parameters
- Summary tables of SNR & NEDT for each cycle
- Refers back to the Cal/Val plan

Date (Cycle_24)	Orbi	Orbit Number (relative)														
01-Nov-2017	<u>60</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>62</u>													
31-Oct-2017	<u>45</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>59</u>	
30-Oct-2017	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>43</u>	44		
29-Oct-2017	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>		
28-Oct-2017	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>		

Orbit Number 62

01-Nov-2017 05:01:22 - 06:43:17

Description	Plots
Counts Histogram	
Swath Average	
Count Trend	
Counts Image	
Black Body Temperatures	
Noise Trend	

	Baff temp	BB temp	OME temp	Detector	
Temperatures					
	Noise (Nadir BB1)	Noise (Nadir BB2)	Noise (Obl BB1)	Noise (Obl BB2)	NEDT
Noise					
	Scanner mean jitter histograms	Scanner stddev jitter histograms	Scanner max- min jitter histograms	Scanner Jitter (Nad view)	Scanner Jitter (Obl view)
Scanner					
	IPE VSY	IPE VSY	IPE VSY (ON	IPE VSY (ON	

Summary of NEDT per cycle for +YBB (hot) averaged over detectors, integrators and views

	CTU	LE_0	UTULE_/	UTULE_8	CTULE_9	CTULE_10	CTULE_11	CTULE_12	CTULE_13	CTULE_14	CTULE_1	CTULE_10	CTULE_1/	CTULE_18	CTULE_19	CTULE_20	CTULE_21	CTULE_22	CTULE_23	CTULE_24
S	7 1	7.5	17.7	17.5	17.3	17.2	16.9	16.9	16.8	16.9	17.2	17.2	17.2	18.1	17.2	17.2	17.1	17.2	16.9	16.7
S	8 1	1.2	11.7	11.8	11.3	10.9	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.0	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.1	11.0	11.1	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.8
S	9 1	7.5	19.2	19.5	18.1	17.1	17.4	17.7	17.9	17.6	17.0	17.0	17.2	17.5	17.4	17.5	16.7	16.9	17.0	17.0
F	1 27	72.7	274.0	273.7	268.6	264.9	260.1	259.7	260.3	260.3	267.6	268.3	271.0	297.3	276.3	276.4	269.0	269.9	265.3	263.5
F	2 2	27.6	28.5	28.3	27.7	27.5	27.7	28.0	28.0	27.9	27.6	27.6	27.8	27.8	27.8	27.8	27.4	27.6	27.7	27.8

Summary of NEDT per cycle for -YBB (cold) averaged over detectors, integrators and vie

					v		· ·												
	CYCLE_	6 CYCLE_7	CYCLE_8	CYCLE_	CYCLE_	10 CYCLE_11	CYCLE_	12 CYCLE_13	CYCLE_14	CYCLE_1	5 CYCLE_1	6 CYCLE_17	CYCLE_1	18 CYCLE_1	9 CYCLE_2	0 CYCLE_2	CYCLE_22	CYCLE_23	CYCLE_2
S	50.7	51.3	51.1	49.3	48.1	47.2	46.6	46.8	47.9	48.7	49.0	48.8	46.9	49.2	49.4	49.4	49.0	47.6	48.2
S	8 14.5	15.3	15.3	14.7	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.4	14.4	14.2	14.2	14.3	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.2	14.1	14.2	14.9
S	22.1	24.4	24.7	22.7	21.5	21.8	22.2	22.4	22.1	21.3	21.4	21.6	21.6	22.0	22.0	21.1	21.3	21.4	21.4
F	1278.8	1226.2	1229.6	1220.1	1209.0	1162.1	1122.6	1129.8	1177.5	1221.6	1190.9	1198.7	1162.8	1231.2	1233.0	1212.4	1201.6	1161.2	1166.1
F	2 29.8	31.5	31.8	30.2	29.3	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.2	29.3	29.3	29.4	29.6	29.7	29.2	29.2	29.3	29.7

SLSTR L0 Reader



Each scan cycle of the instrument contains 122 packets

Separate packets for each channel and view/target



SLSTR L0 Reader



- The IDL L0 Reader sorts through the packet stream to fill a scan-aligned data structure:
 - Detector counts for each channel/view/target
 - Scan/Flip encoder positions for each view/target
 - Housekeeping header information
 - Raw housekeeping data (binary data)
 - Pointers are used to reference the data for each scan cycle
- Housekeeping conversion, and averaging over each view/target is performed in a second step:
 - Statistics (average/max/min/stddev) for each channel/view/target
 - Converted housekeeping data (BBEU, TAEO, FEE, SUE)

EUMETSAT Study



- Short project updating & improving RAL monitoring tools
 - Now installed and running internally at EUMETSAT
 - Allows outputs from L0 to be plotted in EUM interactive system
 - Improved output formats for consistency
 - More flexible configuration
 - Code extracted into standalone library (separate from ground calibration functions)
 - Alerts for each parameter (threshold tests)
 - Tool for mapping L0 to L1 image grid

L0/L1 Comparison



S7 Level-1 image

- A tool was written to extract L0 data in format that can be directly compared to L1 data
 - Needed for FIDUCEO analysis

S7 Level-0 image

 Outputs a NetCDF file with L0 data and indices needed to map to L1 image grid

Monitoring Alerts



- Monitoring alerts are used to
 - Give a quick overview of orbits with problems in each cycle (e.g. data gap)
 - Search for/identify problem orbits
 - Give an idea of the frequency of events
 - Highlight warnings/flags that should be investigated at L1– e.g. pointing
- Not intended to provide exhaustive check of instrument/product anomalies
 - Only checks Level-0 product status based on the existing monitoring plot functions
 - Does not replace MPC Operator checks

Monitoring Alerts



- Alerts are raised for three types of test:
 - Completeness of input data (partial orbit covered, gaps, missing packets)
 - Parameter out of range (e.g. temperature, scanner jitter etc)
 - Calibration problem (noise spike, VISCAL signal jump)
- Four levels of alert severity (defined in config file)
 - Alert: red
 - Warn: orange
 - Noise: grey
 - Incomplete: magenta
- Alerts and severity configured by xml file (i.e. can be changed without updating code)

Key to alerts:	ey to alerts:																		
ALERT WARN NOISE					IN	INCOMPLETE					ONE								
Date (Cycle_27	27) Orbit Number (relative)																L3 (VIS)	L3 (S8 TIR)	L3 (cloud)
04-Jul-2019		<u>145</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>152</u>										
03-Jul-2019		131	<u>132</u>	133	<u>134</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>136</u>	137	<u>138</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>143</u>	144				
02-Jul-2019		117	<u>118</u>	119	<u>120</u>	<u>121</u>	122	123	124	<u>125</u>	<u>126</u>	127	<u>128</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>130</u>				
01-Jul-2019		<u>102</u>	<u>103</u>	104	<u>105</u>	106	<u>107</u>	108	<u>109</u>	<u>110</u>	111	112	<u>113</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>116</u>			
30-Jun-2019		<u>88</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>101</u>				
29-Jun-2019		74	<u>75</u>	<u>76</u>	77	<u>78</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>87</u>				
28-Jun-2019		<u>60</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>65</u>	66	<u>67</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>73</u>				
27-Jun-2019		45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59			



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Monitoring Alerts Examples



Uses of Monitoring Tools



Output of the monitoring tool:

- Library of static plots
- Summary text files
 - File for each orbit containing instrument temperatures
 - Files for each orbit containing VISCAL and BB signals
 - Long term trend files containing orbit averages
- The output text files are available for interactive plotting with existing EUMETSAT monitoring system
- Can be used in further ad hoc analysis
- Can be used for uncertainty calculations

Uses of Monitoring Tools



The monitoring page allowed searching previous S3A data as part of and investigation into S3B VISCAL signals

 S3A signal jumps for channel S3 were not considered significant before, but are more interesting in light of S3B signal jumps



small jumps - started in June 2016

New plots were added for each orbit to show the VISCAL peak values





Uses of Monitoring Tools



S3A compressor amplitude demand since Feb 2017 (from monitoring page)



Replotted to show amplitude increase following each decontamination



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Next Steps



L0 Monitoring and L1 Uncertainty tool delivered to Eumetsat Uncertainty tool could be made available to L2 users

Adapt ATBD and IODD to IPF

Can provide per pixel uncertainties but with increase in product size Updates to L1 product specification to include tables of noise vs. temperature, additional parameters in Quality datasets

Generate L1 uncertainties from L0 (or L1) data

Will need ATBD to implement calibration model (see next slides)

If we adopt 'lite' approach – implementation is not a huge processing.

Ideally done as a modification to the IPF to derive uncertainties directly from LO

I.e. has advantage that the re-gridding process is performed at the same time

Could be done as a post processing based on content of L1 products but will need modification to the L1 product content (additional fields) – change to L1 IPF needed 46



L1 Uncertainties Example Orbit – Typical





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L1 Uncertainties - Example Orbit - BB Cross Over







S7 Nadir Uncertainties



 X)
 1.5
 Iscene = 240K

 1.0
 Iscene = 210K

 0.5
 Iscene = 210K

 0.9
 20
 09:40

 10:00
 10:20
 10:40
 11:20

 Time (UTC)
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Thank you!