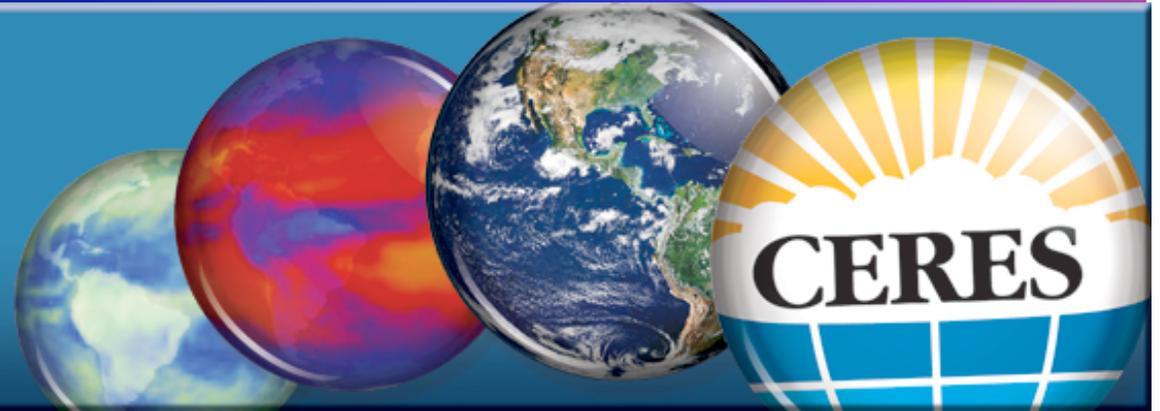




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CERES FM1-FM6 Instrument Status Report

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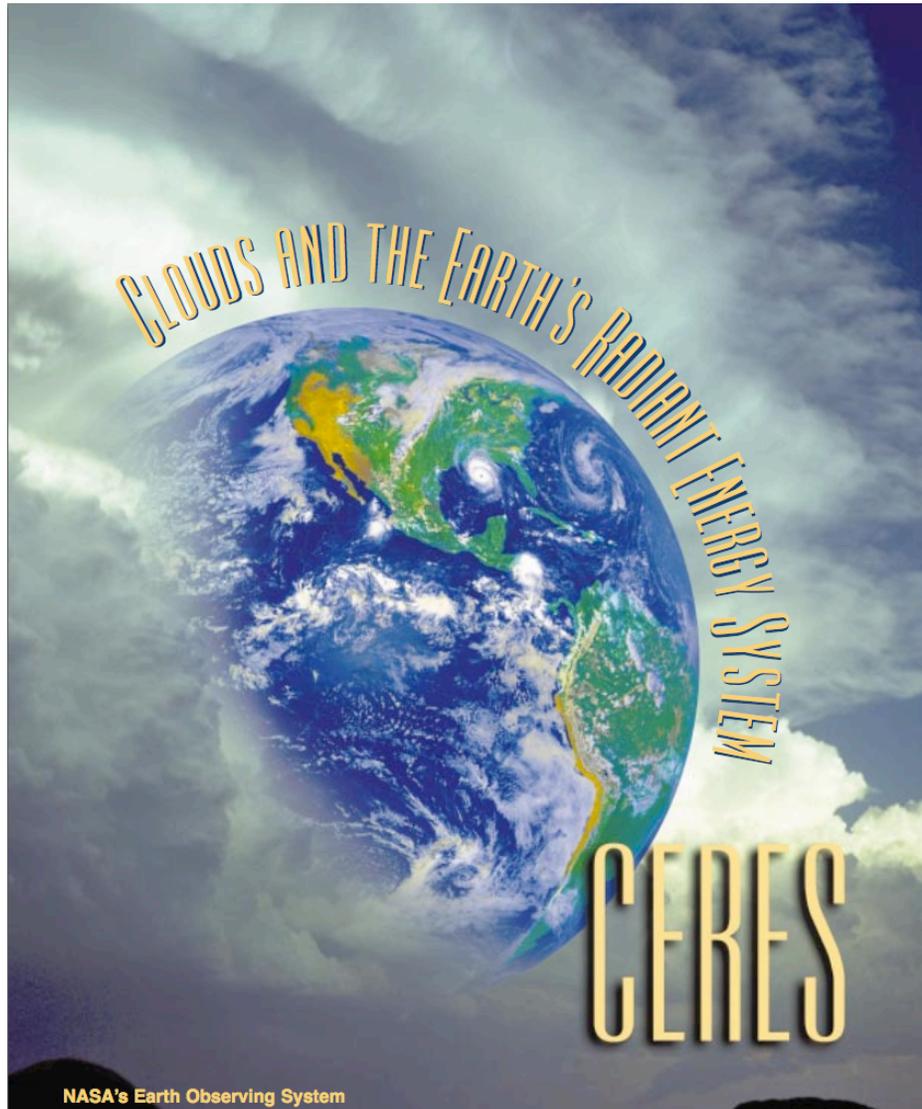
Significant increases have been necessary to implement new FM5 and FM6 work



Discussion Topics



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- **CERES Overview**
 - Measurement objectives
 - Instrument description
 - Flight history/future
- **Instrument Status**
 - EOS
 - FM-5 on NPP
 - FM-6 on JPSS-1
- **Radiometry**
 - Performance Requirements
- **Summary**



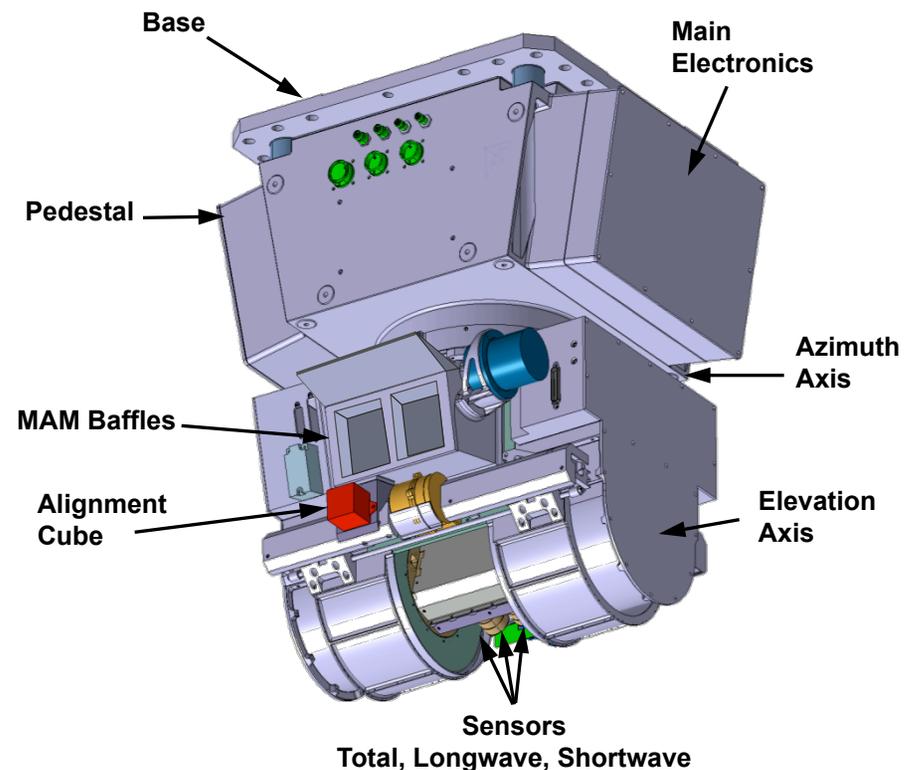
CERES Instrument



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- Designed, manufactured and tested by TRW, Redondo Beach, CA (currently Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems)
- Contains three sensor assemblies with cassegrain optics and thermistor bolometer detectors
- Sensors measure thermal radiation in the near-visible through far-infrared spectral region
- Sensor channels are coaligned and mounted on a spindle that rotates about the elevation axis
- Hemispherical sampling obtained with an azimuthal axis drive system

Orbits	705 km altitude, 10:30 a.m. descending node (Terra) or 1:30 p.m. ascending node (PM-1), sun-synchronous, near-polar; 350 km altitude, 35° inclination (TRMM)
Spectral Channels	Solar Reflected Radiation (Shortwave): 0.3 - 5.0 μm Window: 8 - 12 μm Total: 0.3 to > 100 μm
Swath Dimensions	Limb to limb
Angular Sampling	Cross-track scan and 360° azimuth biaxial scan
Spatial Resolution	20 km at nadir (10 km for TRMM)
Mass	45 kg
Duty Cycle	100%
Power	45 W
Data Rate	10 kbps
Size	60 x 60 x 70 cm (deployed)
Design Life	6 years



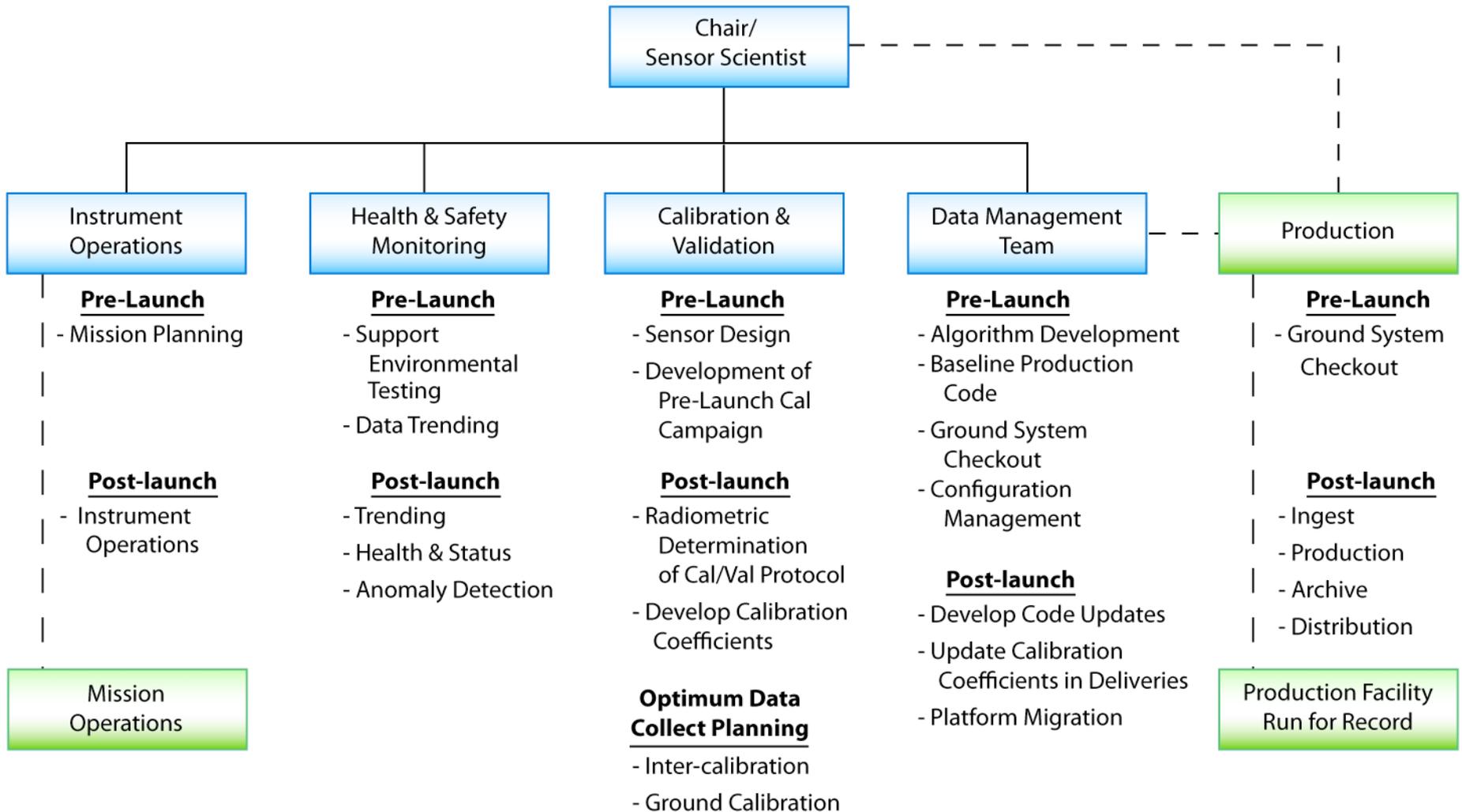


CERES Instrument Working Group



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— Authority
 - - Coordination





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CERES Flight Schedule

Spacecraft	Instruments	Launch	Science Initiation	Collected Data (Months)
TRMM	PFM	11/97	1/98	9
Terra	FM1, FM2	12/99	3/00	139 +
Aqua	FM3, FM4	5/02	6/02	111 +
<i>NPP</i>	<i>FM5</i>	<i>9/11</i>	-	-
<i>JPSS - 1</i>	<i>FM6</i>	<i>2016 (TBR)</i>	-	-
<i>JPSS - 2</i>	<i>ERBS</i>	<i>2021 (TBR)</i>	-	-

42 + Instrument Years of Data



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Agency Roles and Responsibilities

Mission	Instruments	Responsible Agency (\$\$ in budget)		Implementation	
		Hardware	Science, Data Processing	Hardware	Science, Data Processing
EOS	PFM-FM4	NASA	NASA	NASA Procurement	NASA Science Team
NPP	FM5	NASA/ NOAA	NASA	NASA Procurement	NASA Science Team
JPSS-1	FM6	NOAA	NOAA	NASA Procurement	TBR
JPSS-2	CERES follow-on	NOAA	NOAA	NASA Procurement	TBR

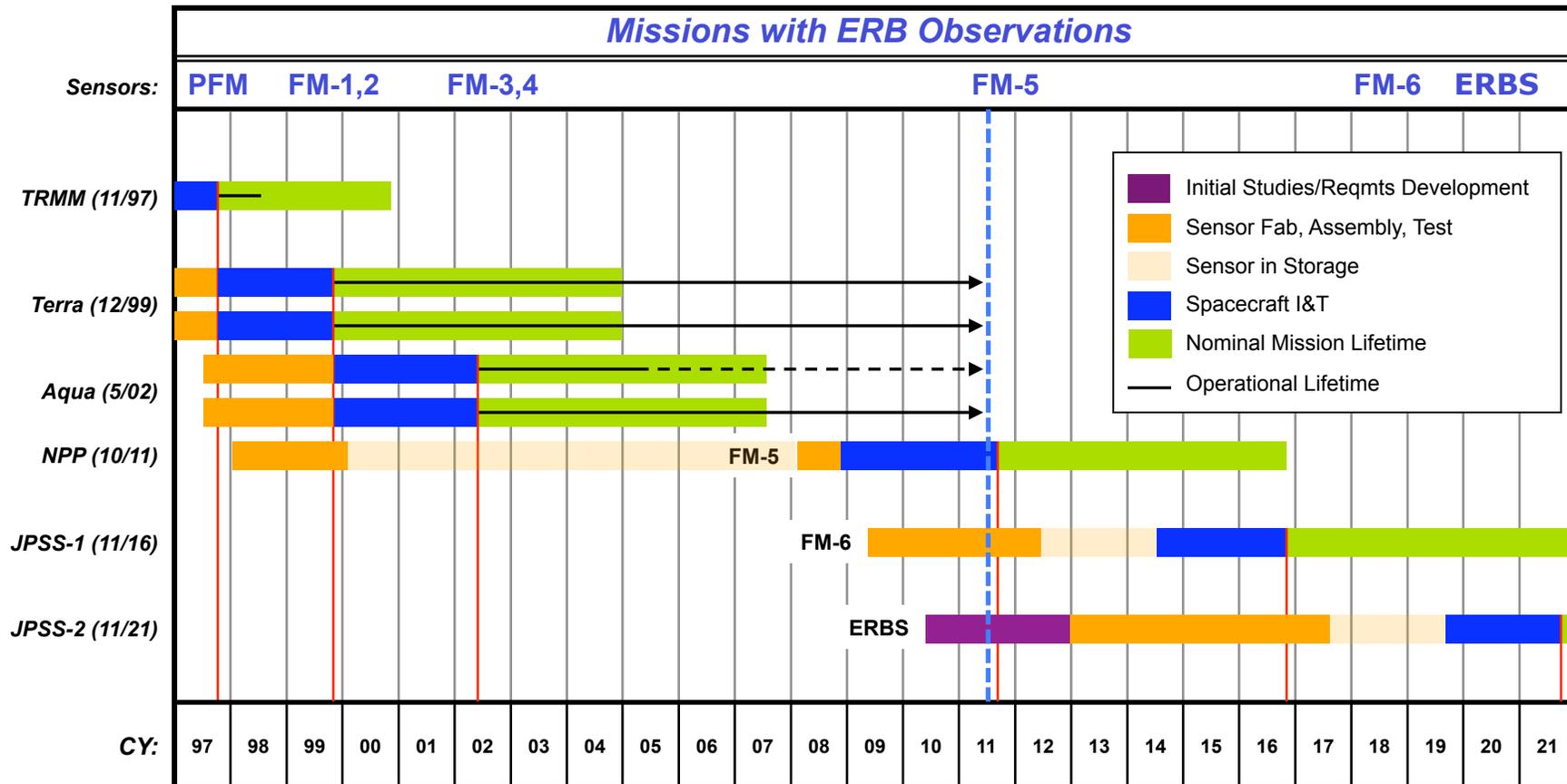


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CERES Flight Schedule





EOS Status



Terra/Aqua Instrument and ERBE-Like Availability



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Spacecraft	Product	Version	Available	Months Processed
TRMM	BDS	Edition1	Yes	1/98 - 8/98 , 3/00
	ERBE-Like	Edition1	Yes	1/98 - 8/98 , 3/00
		Edition2	Yes	1/98 - 8/98 , 3/00
Terra	BDS	Edition1CV	Yes	2/00 - present
		Edition2	Yes	2/00 - 6/10
		Editon3	ASDC Testing	2/00 - 5/11
	ERBE-like	Edition1CV	Yes	3/00 - present
		Edition2	Yes	2/00 - 6/10
		Editon3	ASDC Testing	3/00 - 5/11
Aqua	BDS	Edition1CV	Yes	6/02 - present
		Edition2	Yes	6/02 - 6/10
		Editon3	ASDC Testing	2/00 - 5/11
	ERBE-like	Edition1CV	Yes	7/02 - present
		Edition2	Yes	7/02 - 6/10
		Editon3	ASDC Testing	7/02 - 5/11

Note: Red cells indicate datasets that are no longer in production.



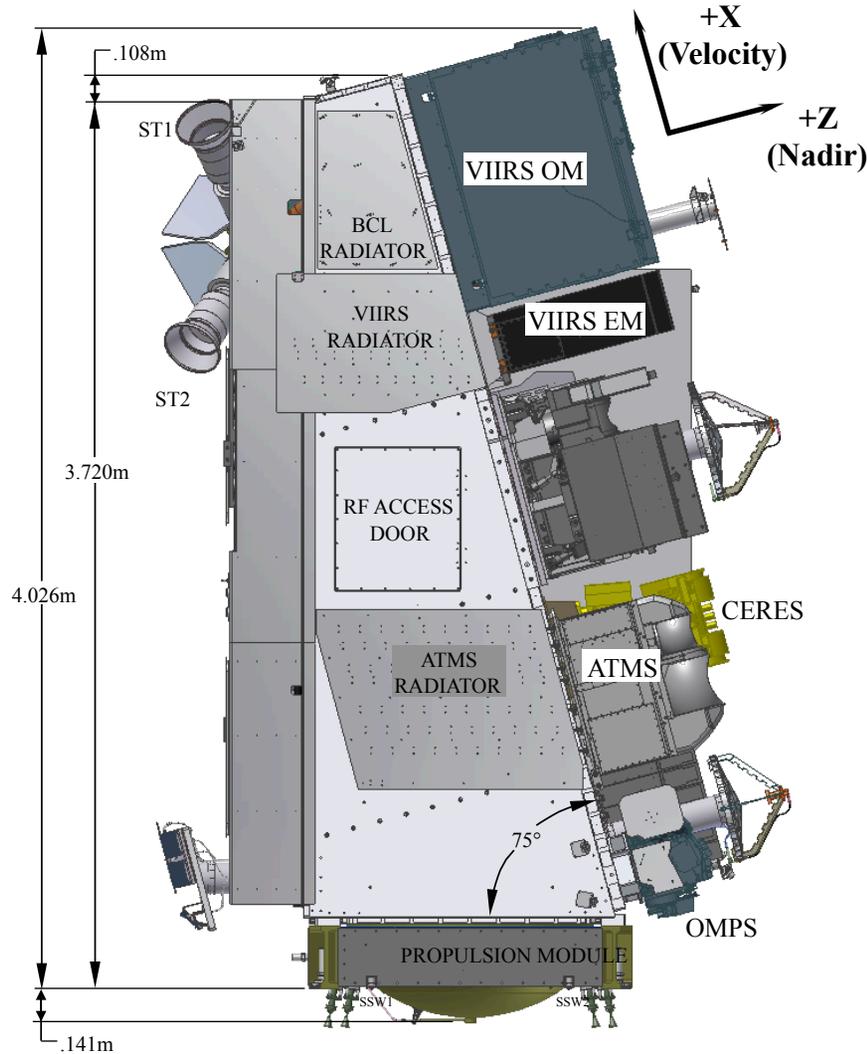
FM-5 on NPP Status



CERES Compatibility with NPP Spacecraft



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Observatory Information

- Launch Readiness October, 2011
- Location - Vandenberg AFB
- Launch Vehicle - Delta II
- Altitude - 824 Km
 - CERES FOV increases to ~ 24Km
- Inclination - Sun-Synch, 98.7-deg
- Crossing Time - 1:30pm, Ascending
- Payload -
 - CERES
 - VIIRS
 - OMPS
 - CRIS
 - ATMS



CERES FM-5 on NPP



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- **FM-5 is a NASA sensor manufactured by TRW (Currently Northrop Grumman), and provided to NPP by NASA and NOAA.**
- **Final instrument integration and test conducted from January to November, 2008.**
- **Observatory Level TVAC testing completed in April, 2011**
- **The Earth Radiation Budget Climate Analysis and Research System (ERB CARS) at LaRC is responsible for CERES instrument operation, data processing, and science analysis.**
- **ERB CARS is an element of the NPP Science Data Segment, and receives NPP data from the Land Product Evaluation and Test Element (PEATE) at GSFC.**



Radiometric Performance Requirements

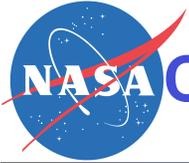


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CERES is defined as a class 'B' Mission 5-year design Lifetime

Spectral Region	Solar		Terrestrial		Atmospheric Window
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Scene Levels	<100 w ² /sr	>100 w ² /sr	<100 w ² /sr	>100 w ² /sr	All Levels
Accuracy Requirements	0.8 w/m ² -sr	1.0 %	0.8 w/m ² -sr	0.5 %	0.3 w/m ² -sr
SOW Stability Requirements		0.14 %/yr		0.07 %/yr	
FM5 Accuracy Capability		1.7 %		0.7 %	
FM5 Stability Capability		0.32 %/yr		0.12 %/yr	
Climate Stability Goals		< 0.6 w/m ² /dec < 0.03 %/yr		< 0.2 w/m ² /dec < 0.02%/yr	

- Requirements for CERES are more stringent than ERBE's by a factor of 2
- Requirements per Ohring et. al. are more stringent than CERES by a factor of 3-5
- FM5 Capability is significantly less than Requirement



CERES FM5 Hardware Status & Near-Term Activities



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- ◆ **Fabrication, Assembly and Test Program is complete**
 - Ground Calibration was most extensive to date in the CERES Program
- ◆ **System Acceptance Review 10/30 at NGST**
- ◆ **Shipped to BATC on 11/2/09**
- ◆ **Mechanical/Electrical Integration to NPP spacecraft completed 11/11/08**
- ◆ **Observatory Pre-environmental Test Readiness Review 9/20-21/10**
- ◆ **Spacecraft Environmental Campaign 11/10-4/11**
- ◆ **Operational Readiness Review 6/20-24/11**
- ◆ **Satellite Pre-Ship Review 8/2/11**
- ◆ **Mission Readiness Review (L-75) 9/6/11**
- ◆ **LaRC Science Operational Readiness Review 9/16/11**
- ◆ **Flight Readiness Review (L-4) 10/21/11**
- ◆ ***Launch Readiness Review (L-1) 10/24/11***
- ◆ ***NPP 'Official' Launch Readiness Date is currently - October 25, 2011***
- ◆ ***Operations Handover Review - January 2012***
- ◆ ***Mission Transfer Review – April 2012***



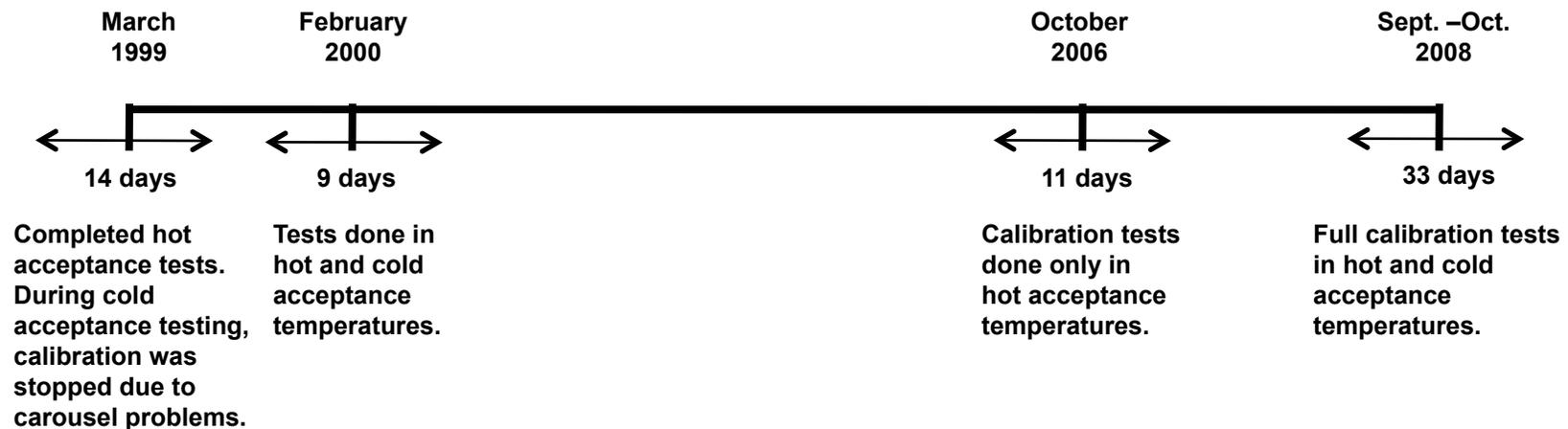
CERES FM-5 Pre-Launch Calibration



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Pre-launch Calibrations were performed with TRW's Radiometric Calibration Facility (RCF).

Four separate pre-launch calibration campaigns have been performed on the CERES FM5 instrument since it was fabricated.

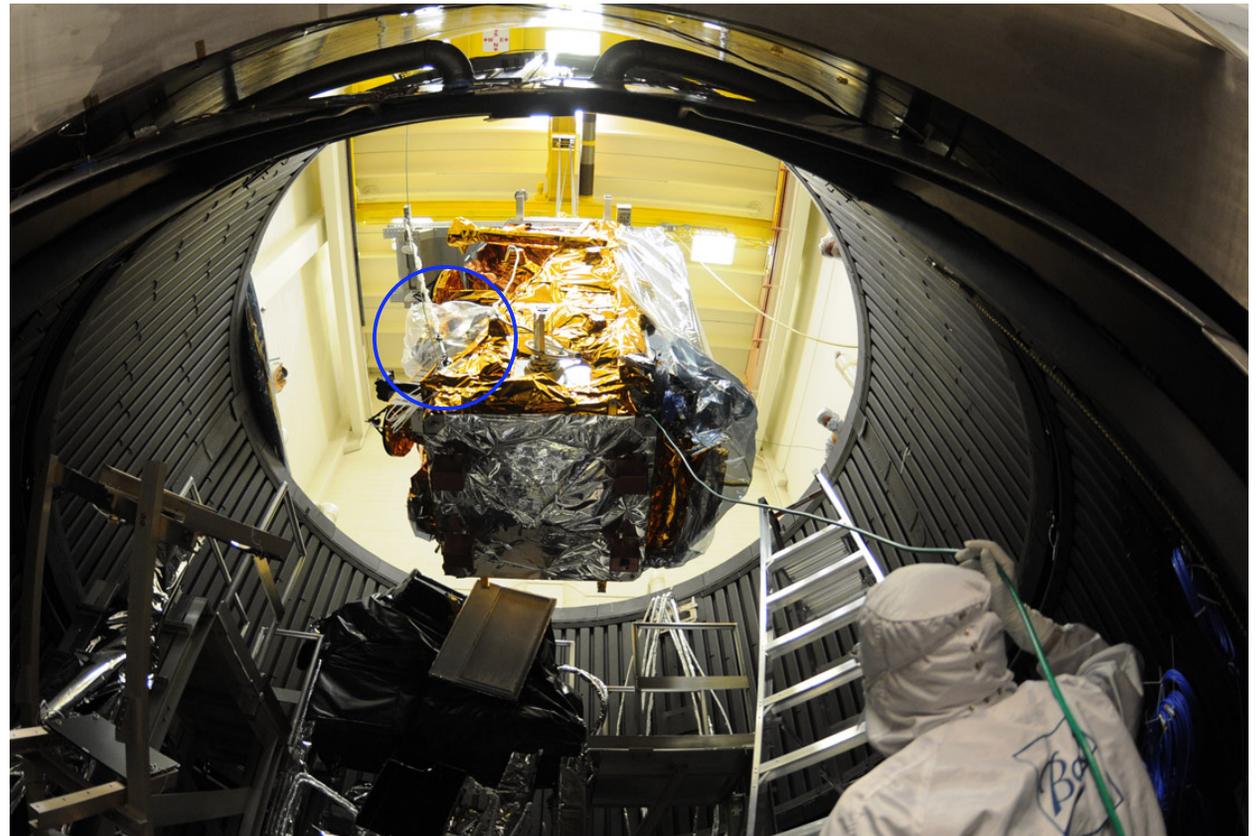




Observatory TVAC Testing Complete



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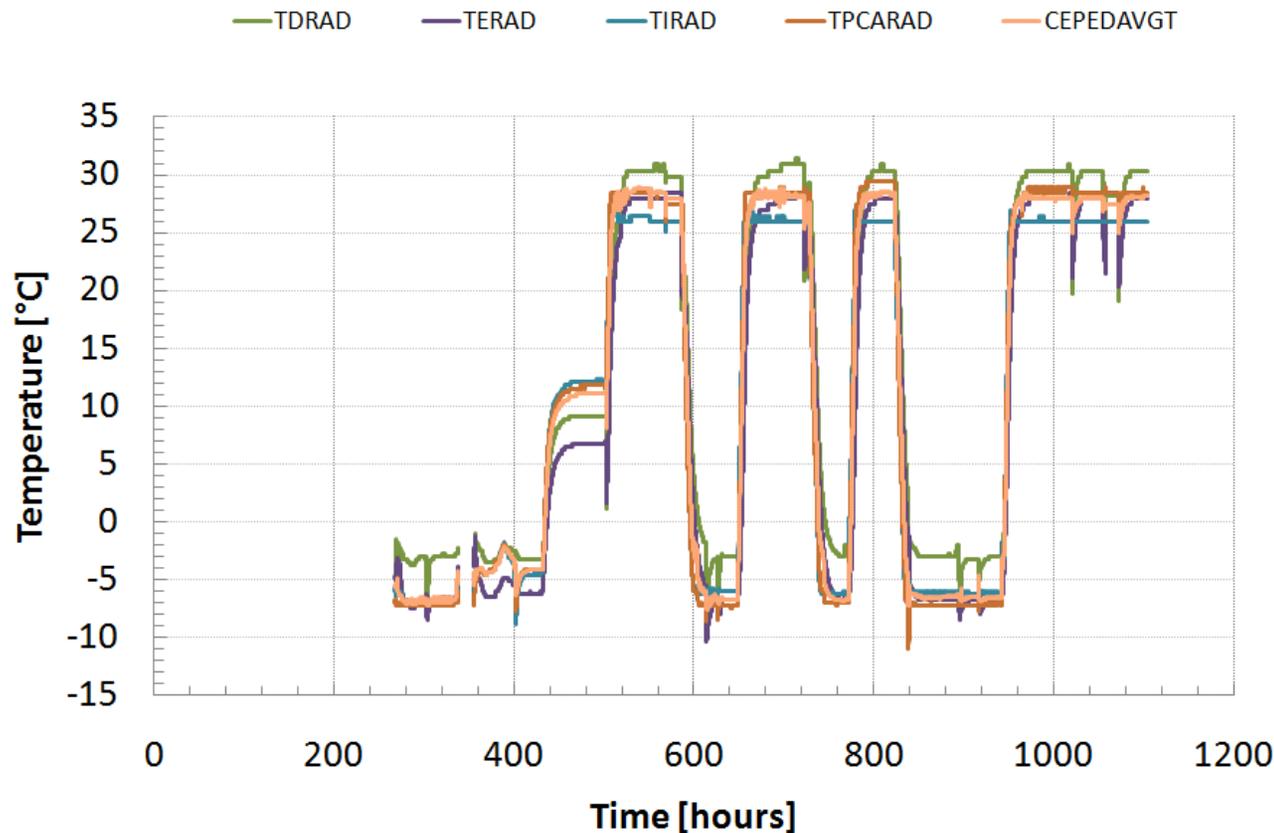


NPP Thermal Vacuum Summary



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- **CERES successfully completed Observatory level thermal vacuum testing**
 - All plateau temperature goals were achieved
 - Cold & Hot balance thermal predicts within 1 & 5.5 deg. C respectively
 - All calibrations within $\pm 0.25\%$ of instrument level testing (within expectations)
 - All functional testing, including cover operations were nominal



CERES goal temperatures over the duration of the test



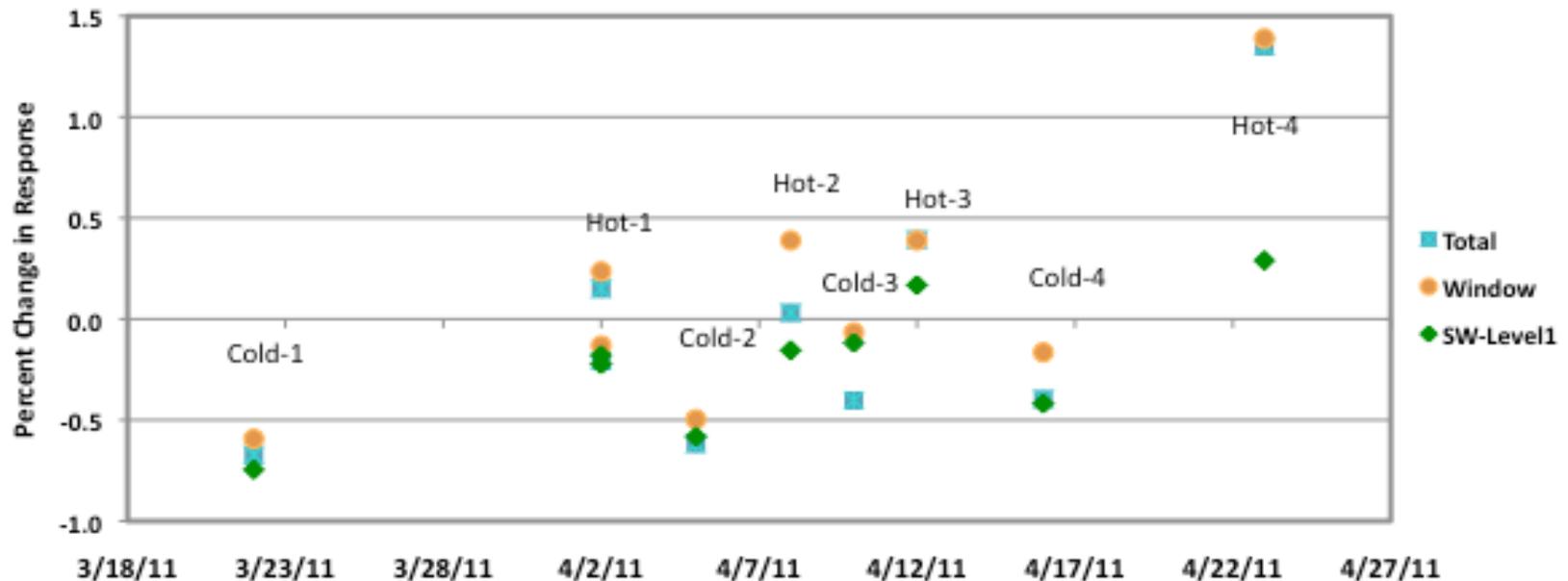
Calibration Results from TVAC Testing



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- Calibrations performed at each thermal plateau using On-board sources
- Detector Gains varied -0.8 to +1.4 percent in comparison with instrument level tests.
- Apparent large deviations are due to test environment and lack of external reference.
 - Approximate 2-week settling time for detectors in vacuum environment, eliminate 1st
 - Final Hot Plateau results skewed due to cooling reference source, eliminate last.
 - Thermal Plateaus at Qual levels, significantly different from Flight, increased variability

Correcting for environment demonstrates traceability at +/- 0.25% level
CERES FM-5 Observatory TVAC Internal Calibration Test Results





CERES Integrated Mission Timeline



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- **L+11 Days**
 - Operational Power Applied to CERES instrument
 - Commence Functional Checkout
 - [Begin routine science data processing](#)
- **L+12 Days**
 - First internal Calibration executed
- **L+17 Days**
 - Regular internal Calibrations begin
- **L+43 Days**
 - Intensive Cal Val period initiates
 - Main & Solar Diffuser Cover's open
 - [Science Operations Commence \(SOC\)](#)
 - Daily internal calibrations initiated
 - Bi-Weekly Solar calibrations initiated
- **SOC+6 Months**
 - Intensive Cal Val period complete
 - Spacecraft Calibration Maneuvers Complete
 - Commencement of Long Term Radiometric Validation Activities



◆ Primary comparison - Aqua and NPP:

- Ascending 1330 orbits, inclination angles differ by about 0.5°
 - Simultaneous (within 6.6s)
 - Groundtrack difference for lat < 0.25 deg; lon < 2 deg
 - Each opportunity lasting 1 minute
 - Matched sites (within 0.25 deg)
 - Time differential < 5 min.
 - Groundtrack difference for lat < 0.25 deg.; lon < 0.25 deg
 - Varying duration of each opportunity from 1 to 5 minutes

◆ Secondary comparison - Terra and NPP:

- Descending 0930 and Ascending 1330 orbits
 - Matched sites (within 0.25 deg)
 - Time differential < 5 min.
 - Groundtrack difference for lat < 1.0 deg.; lon < 1.0 deg
 - Duration of each opportunity ~ 20 seconds



Instrument and ERBE-Like Data Product Release Strategy



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At_Launch - Static Algorithms and Pre-Launch coefficients - baseline product used during intensive Cal Val Period (Launch to SOC+8 Months)

Edition1_CV - Static Algorithms and coefficients - baseline product used in cal/val protocol (SOC+7.5 Months, continuous over mission)

Edition2 - Utilizes temporally varying coefficients to correct for traceable radiometric drift. All spectral changes are broadband and 'gray'. (L+1 yrs to ~5 yrs)

Edition3 - Will incorporate temporally varying spectral artifacts in the SW measurements. A complete re-analysis of Ground Calibration with additional component characterization measurements. (L+5 yrs)

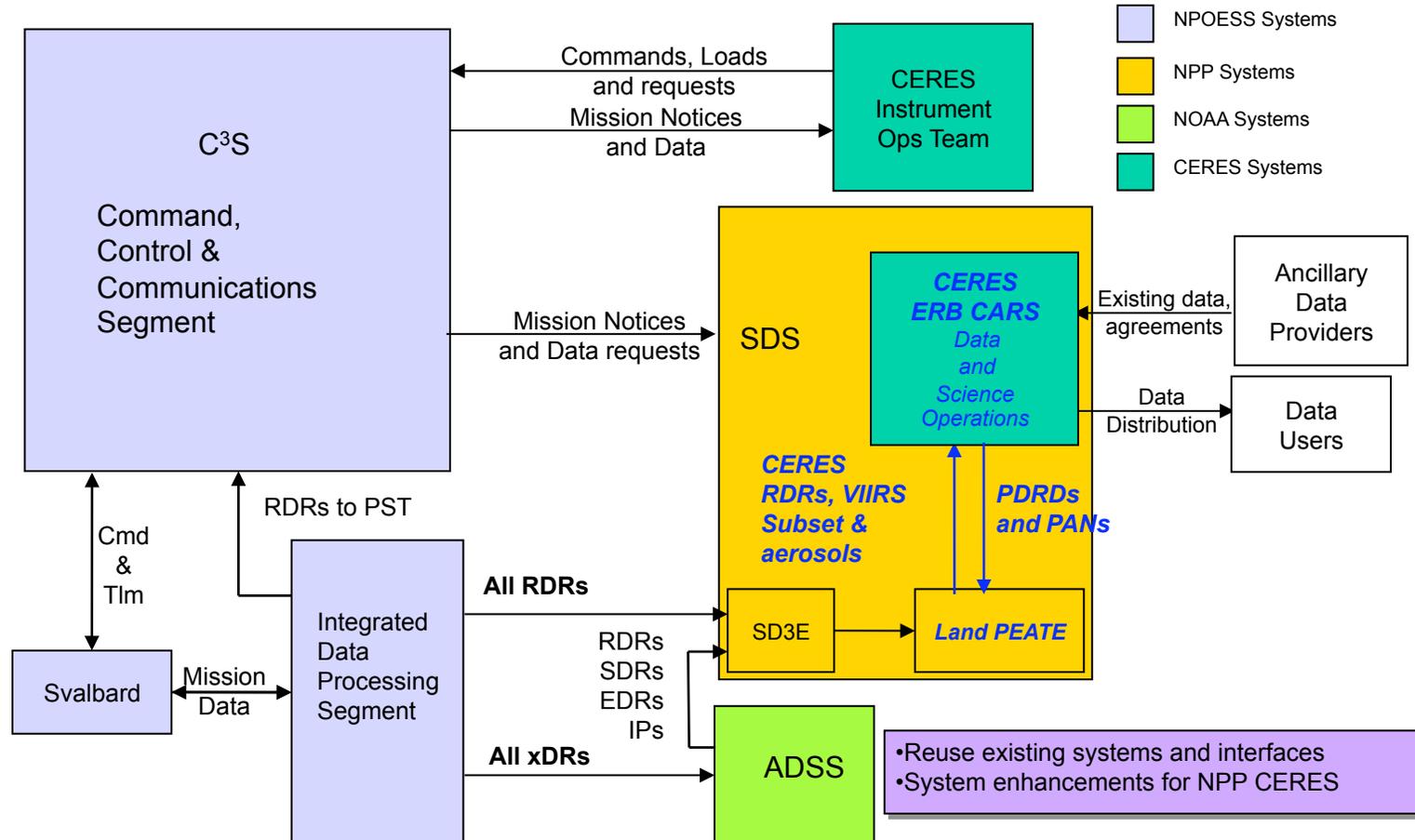
Edition2 products lag Edition1_CV by a minimum of 6 months



NPP CERES Operational Data Flow



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FM-6 on JPSS-1 Status



CERES FM6 Status & Near-Term Activities



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- ◆ **Project received ~\$5M for FM6 in CY08**
- ◆ **Allowed for enhanced study phase only, start 11/08**
- ◆ **Long Lead item procurements authorized 3/09**
- ◆ **Contract negotiations completed 4/23/09**
- ◆ **Key Milestone Dates (Preliminary)**
 - **Authority To Proceed – 5/1/09**
 - **Systems Readiness Review – 9/22/09**
 - **Delta Preliminary Design Review – January 2010**
 - **Delta Critical Design Review – September 28, 2010**
 - **All major subassemblies delivered to NG, currently in sensor I&T**
 - ***Radiometric Calibration Facility Upgrades Complete – January 2012***
 - ***Pre-Environmental Readiness Review - February 2012***
 - ***Ground Calibration Campaign – Spring 2012***
 - ***Delivery to storage – Summer/Fall 2012***
 - ***Launch Date of Oct. 2016 (TBR)***



Radiometric Performance Requirements



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Current efforts are focused on improving traceability within the reflected solar bands (Short-Wave and Total channels) by enhancing the ground calibration in the short-wave region for FM-6.

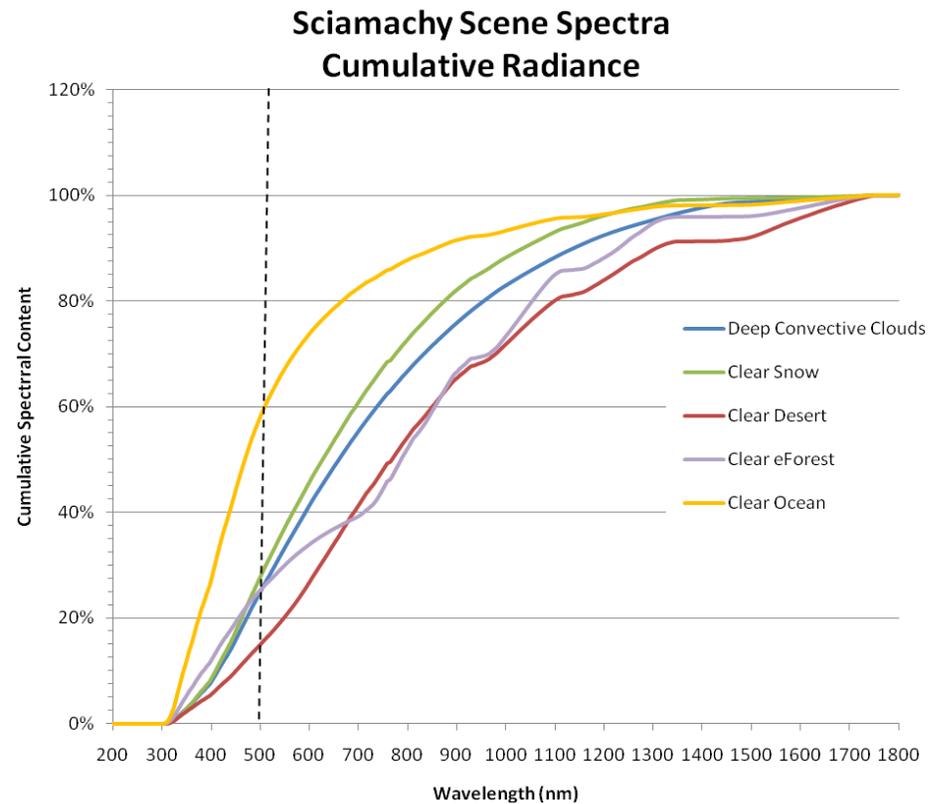
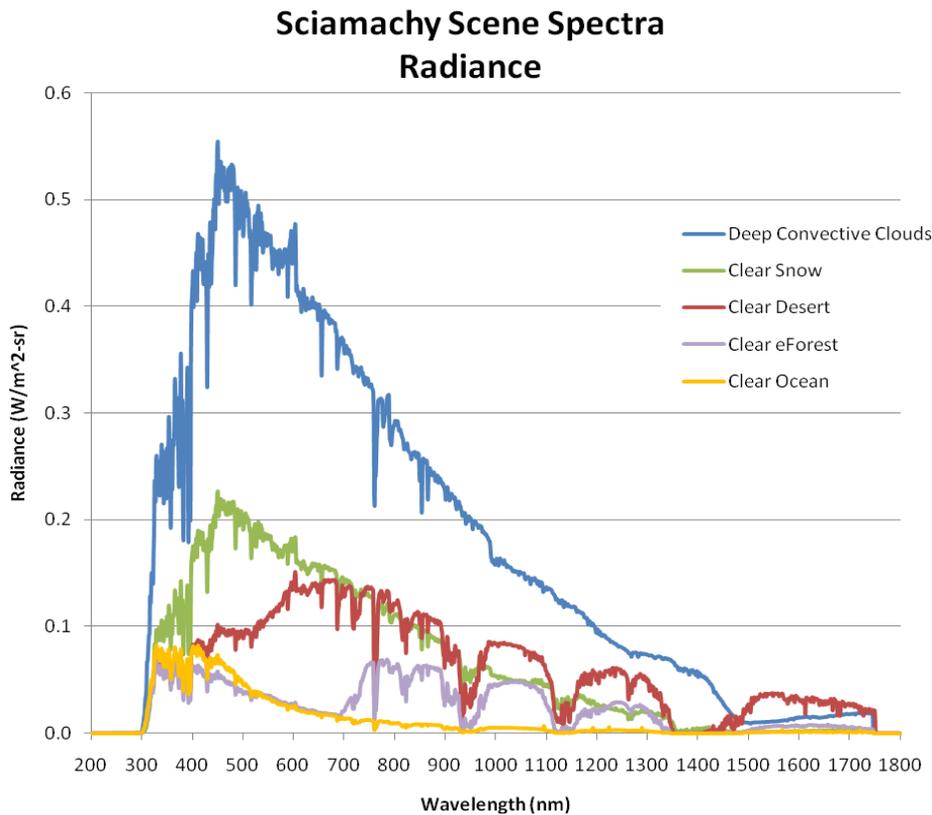


Reference Reflected Solar Scene Spectra



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Historically, the contribution of short wavelength radiance in reflected solar spectra has been underappreciated in the CERES calibration program



The globally averaged All Sky composite scene contains as much as 30% of its reflected solar radiance below 500nm



CERES Ground Calibration



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Radiometric Calibration Facility

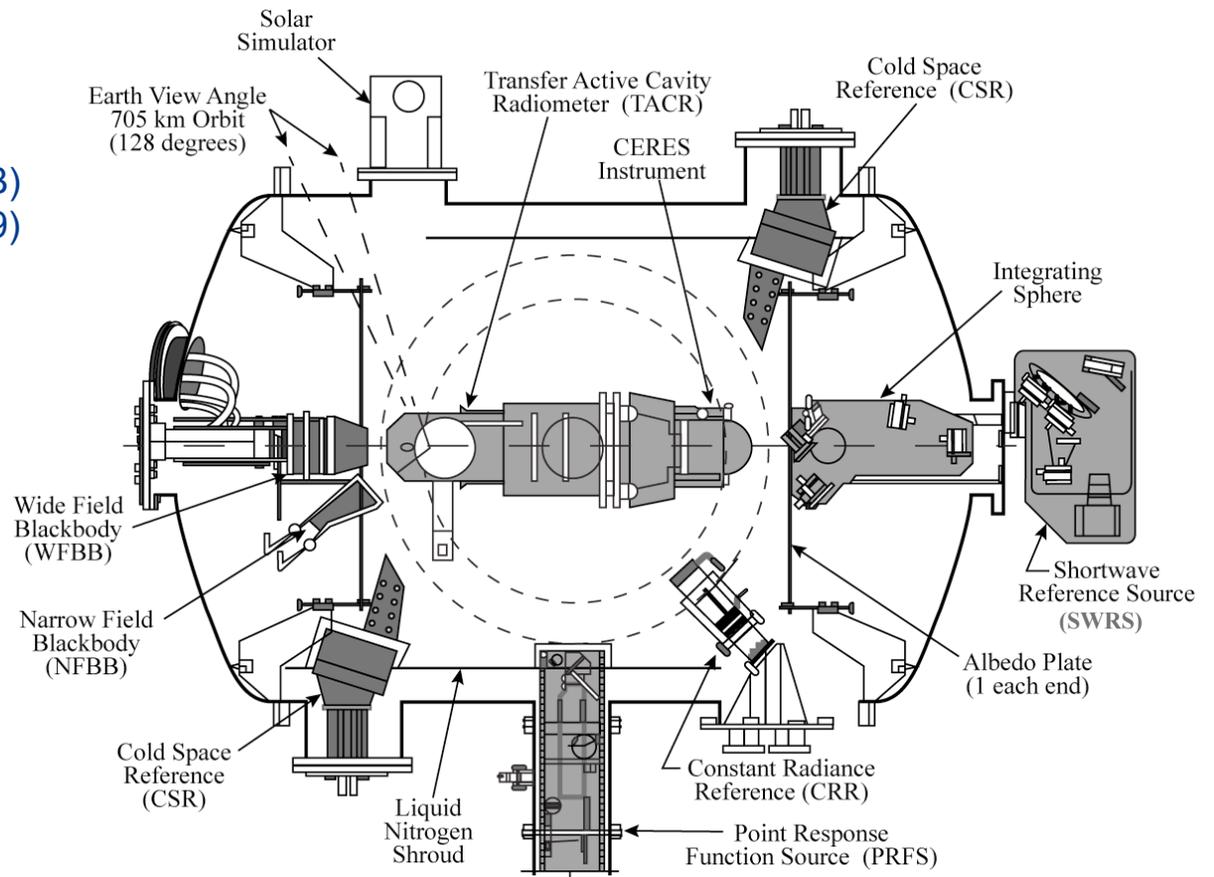
- ◆ Heritage ERBE calibration facility
- ◆ Revamped for CERES in 90's

Thermal IR Bands

- Narrow Field of View Blackbody (NFBB) is primary standard (emissivity >0.9999)
- 12.5 cm Wide Field of View Blackbody (WFBB)
- Cold Space Reference (CSR) blackbodies

Reflected Solar Bands

- SW reference source (SWRS) with minimum LW variations and spectral characterization capability
 - 13 discrete bands between 420 and 1960 nm
 - 5 cm integrating sphere with associated optics
- Cryogenically cooled Transfer Active Cavity Radiometer (TACR)



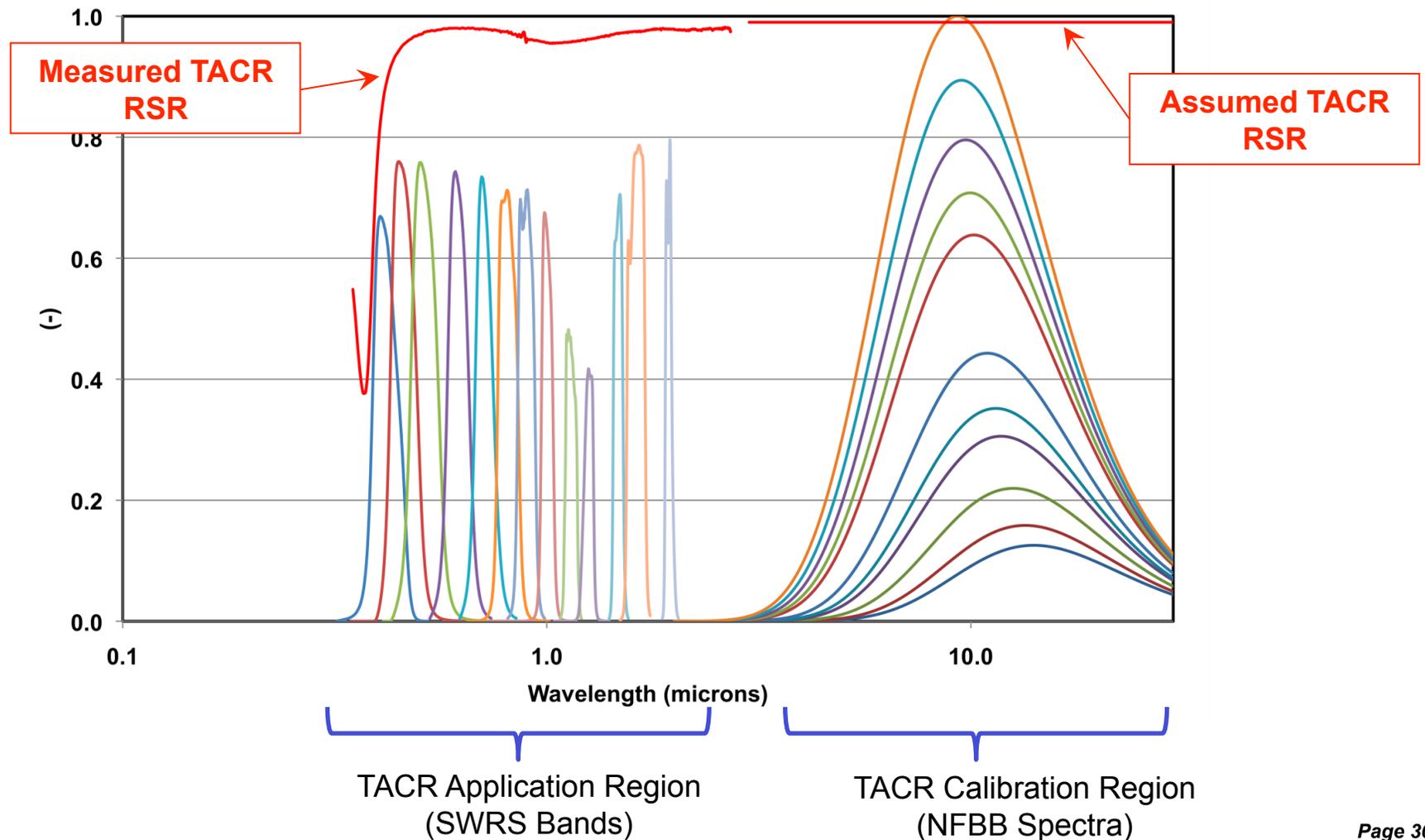


CERES Traceability



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- ◆ NFBB is used for long-wave calibration at temperatures between 205 K to 318K
- ◆ Short-wave calibration is achieved by transfer of NFBB standard to SWRS via TACR





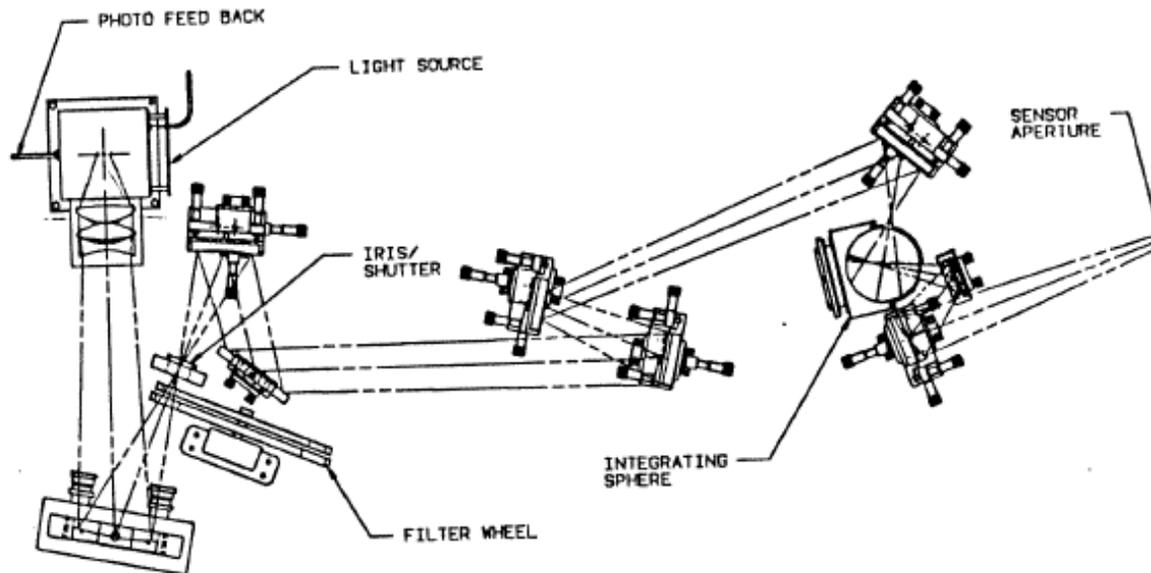
RCF Shortwave Reference Source (SWRS)



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The SWRS consists of a stabilized Halogen lamp fed into the RCF via optical train

- 8 mirrors, 1 triplet lens set, 13 filters in a filter wheel, an iris aperture, a vacuum window and an integrating sphere



- 250-watt QTH lamp source @ ~3100K
- Precision power supply with <0.4% rms radiance ripple
- Photofeedback system using a thermally-stabilized silicon photodiode

PARAMETER	VALUE
Filters used for CERES Calibration (center wavelengths in μm)	0.42, 0.46, 0.51, 0.62, 0.71, 0.81, 0.90, 1.00, 1.15, 1.25, 1.35, 1.63, 1.94
Broadband Radiance Range ($\text{W}/\text{m}^2/\text{sr}$)	13 to 2500
Exit Port Angular Subtense (degrees): cross-scan; in-scan	3.5; 7.8
Radiance Uniformity (peak to valley): aperture; field angle	$\pm 0.5\%$; $\pm 1.5\%$
Radiance Fluctuation (0.01 sec. to hours)	$< \pm 0.1\%$ (1-sigma)
Thermal Stability and Uniformity (Kelvin)	± 0.5
Sphere Operating Temperature (Kelvin)	< 85

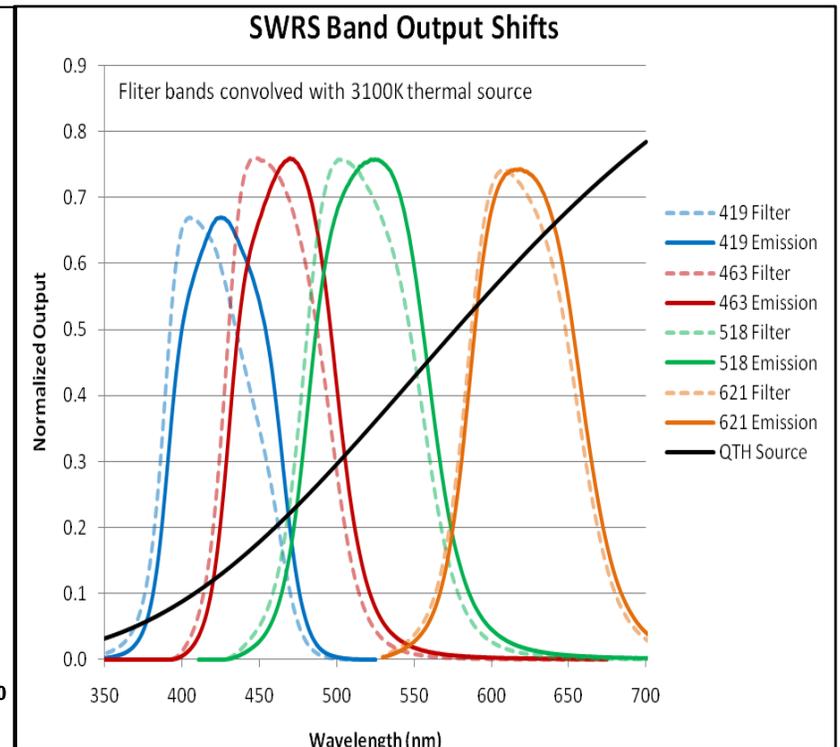
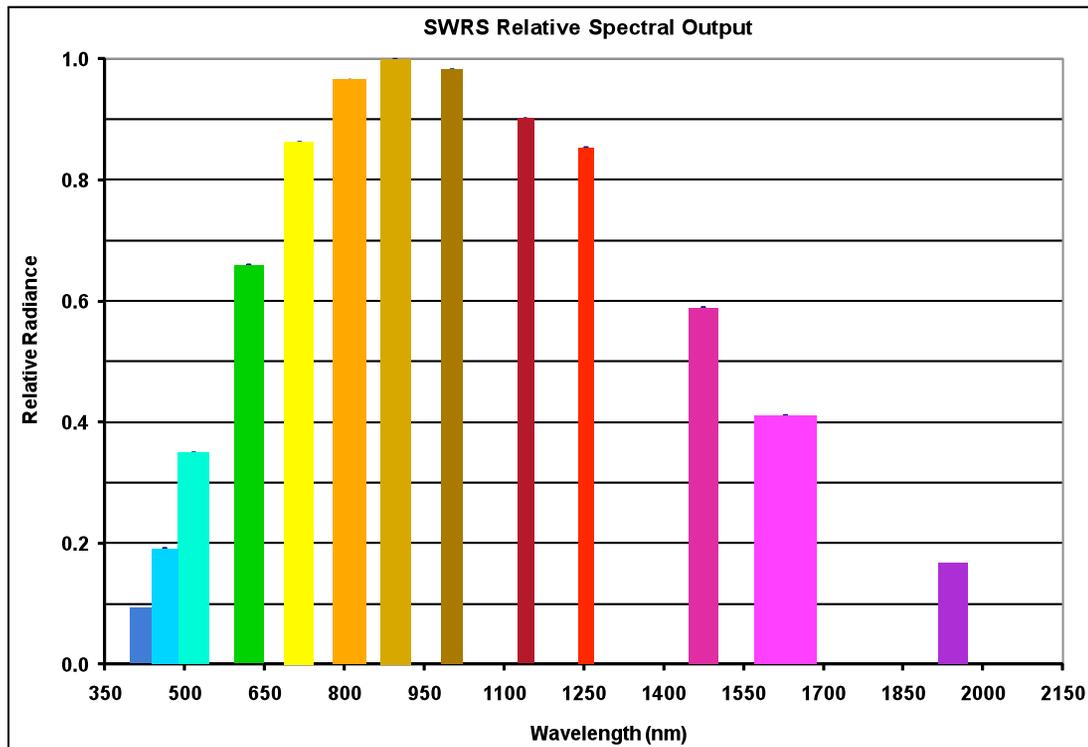


Existing SWRS Limitations



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- ◆ Intra-band knowledge assumes spectral shapes of filters and source only and does not include the optical train spectral profile
- ◆ Characterization of legacy SWRS throughput has demonstrated marked change in filter bands (Helmlinger 2010) – Most probable cause is degradation of silver coated mirrors
- ◆ Spectral content in the UV-blue region is limited, which impacts calibration for this region
- ◆ No filter bands below 420nm, where there is known reflected solar radiation collected by the CERES sensor





Response Functions & Extrapolation Issue

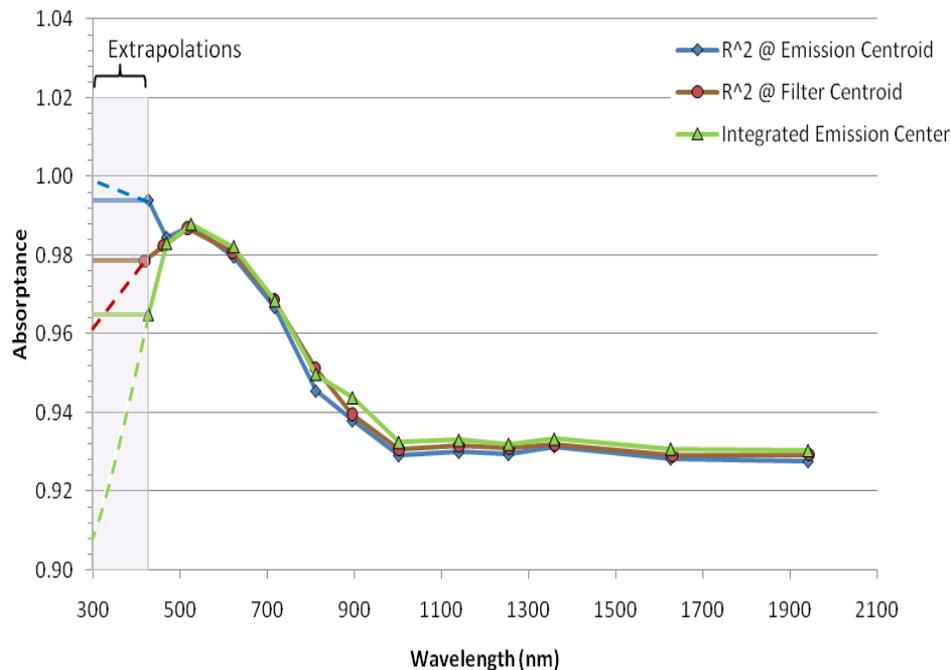


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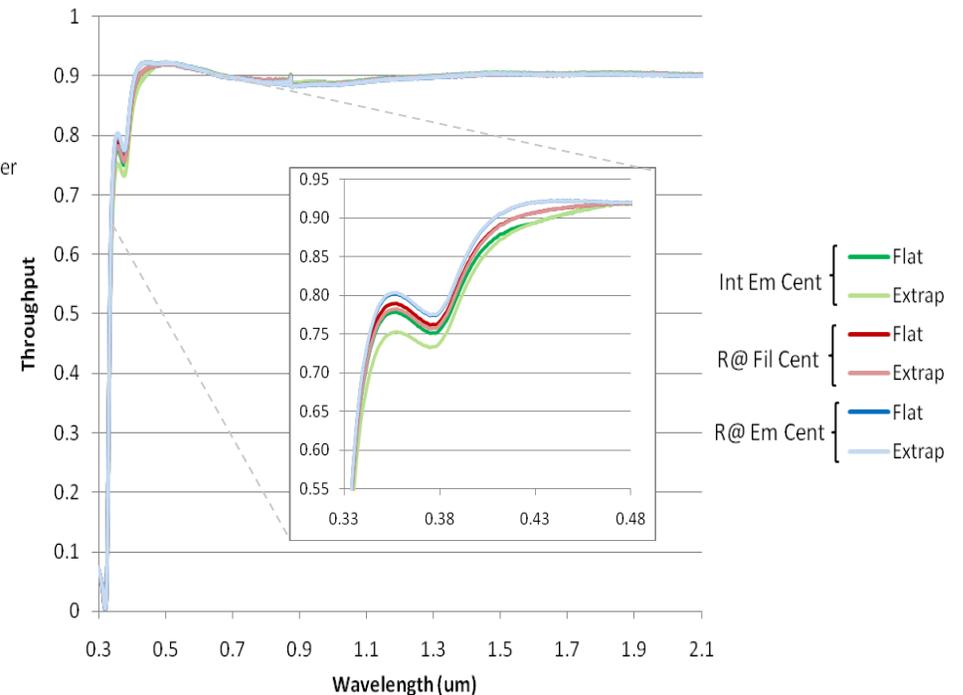
Uncertainty in short wavelength bands coupled with extrapolation of flake absorptance at sensor limits, yields variability in expected response of the CERES sensor.

Predominant impact is in the blue-visible region, where there are no filter bands

Flake Absorptance vs. Wavelength



Throughput vs. Wavelength



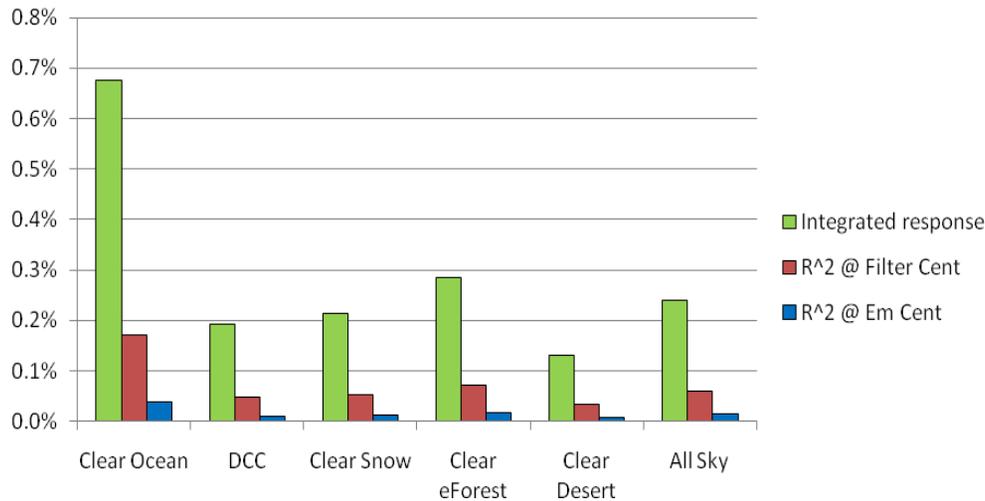


Limitations in Traceability



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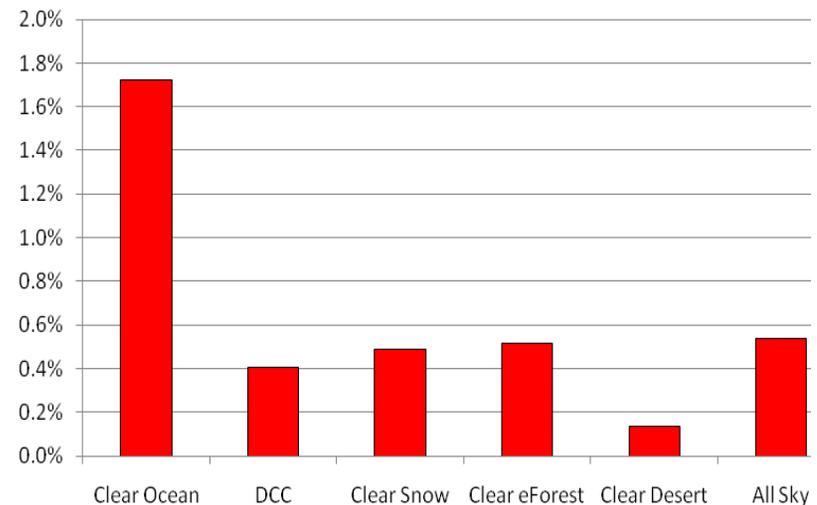
Differences Between Fixed and Polynomial Short Wavelength Extrapolations



The issue is that this region is unknown and there is no choice but to extrapolate.

Taking the largest difference yields a potential, worst case systematic error of > 0.5% for All Sky

Potential Errors Resulting from Short Wavelength Extrapolations



Improvement in traceability requires calibration in the UV-blue region

- ◆ Brighter, stable sources in the UV-blue
- ◆ More throughput to TACR in the UV-blue



FM 6 Ground Calibration Improvements



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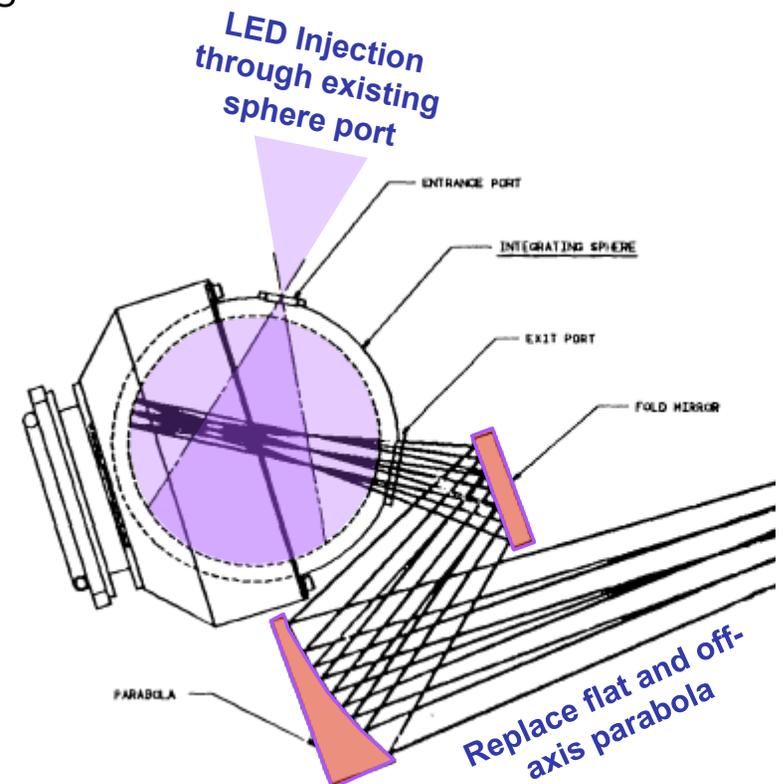
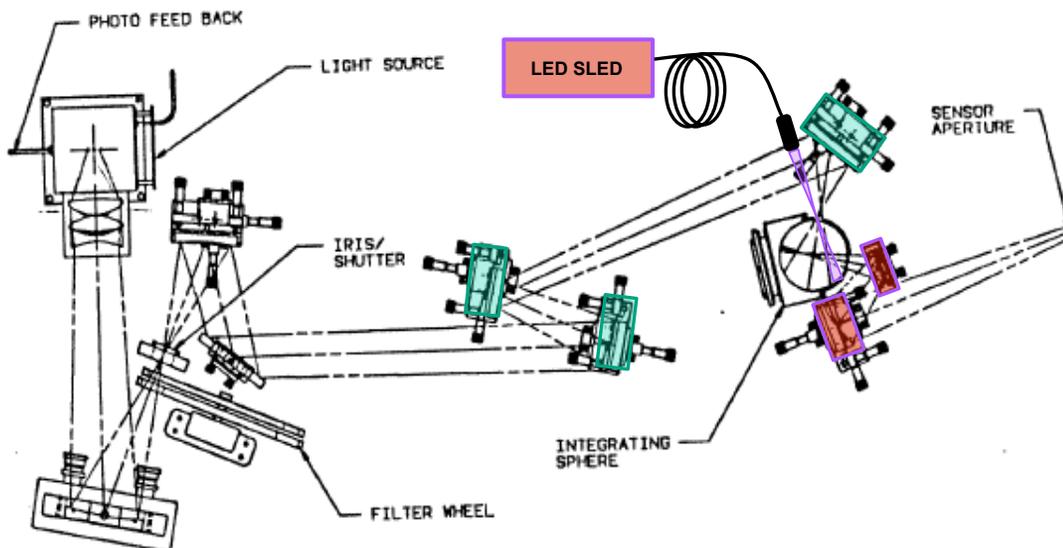
SWRS Improvements

◆ Improve SWRS optics

- NASA has contracted mirror replacement – enhanced aluminum coatings on mirrors following sphere
- Option to replace additional mirrors in SWRS optical train to improve throughput

◆ Supplement SWRS for increased radiance at the shorter wavelengths

- NASA has contracted LED augmentation to existing SWRS
- Discrete LED sources at 365nm, 385nm and 405nm
- Option for additional LED coverage up to 970nm
- Option for future coupling of coherent sources





RCF Transfer Active Cavity Radiometer



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TACR

◆ Cryogenic receiver cavity

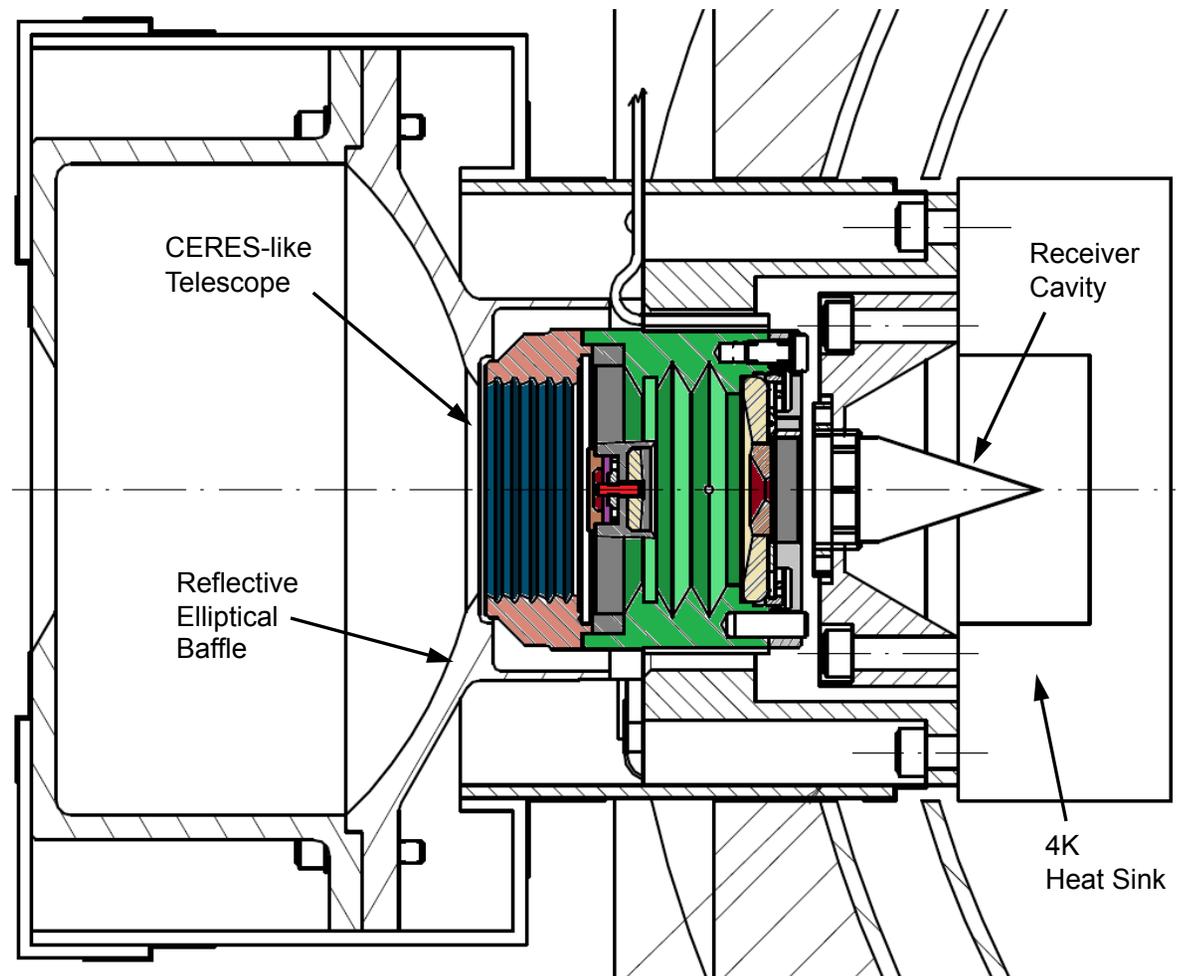
- Black copper cone, thermally sunk to a liquid He dewar
- Absorptance >0.999 from visible to IR

◆ TACR telescope

- CERES-like fore optics
- Telescope housing and baffle are optically identical to flight configuration
- Nickel mirrors with flight optical prescription

◆ Elliptical reflective baffle

- Replaces sensor forward baffle
- Provides radiance heat rejection
- Increases thermal stability



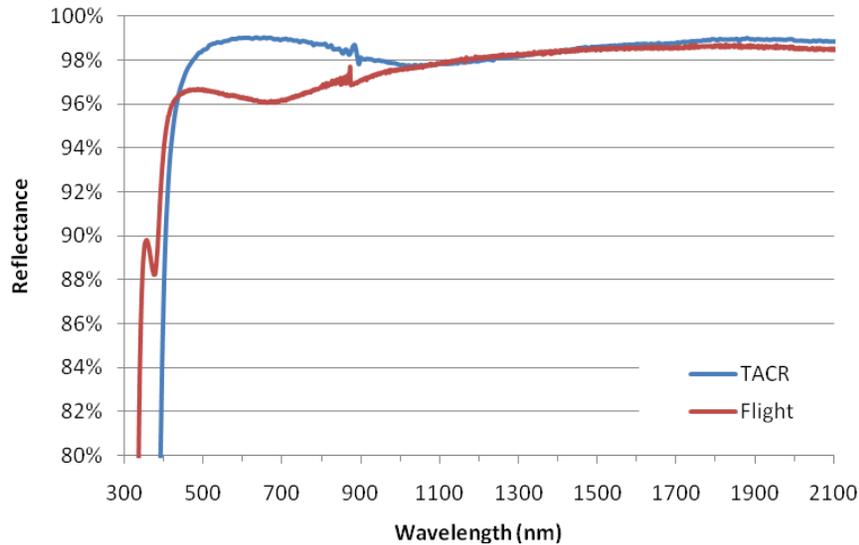


Existing TACR Limitations



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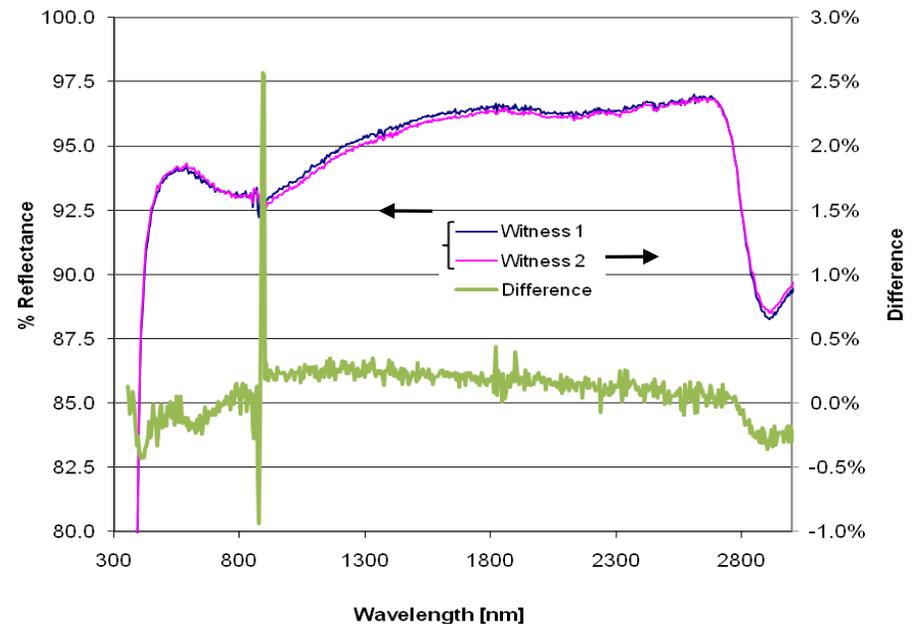
Silver Mirror Reflectance Data



- TACR mirror coating run did not meet reflectance specifications near 350nm, and is not identical to the sensor mirrors, which met spec
- Acceptance of TACR mirrors was based on accepted understanding of reflected solar content in the UV-blue spectrum in the early 90's, which was assumed to introduce minimal systematic error

- TACR mirror reflectance determined from witness sample measurements – no direct characterization was made
- IR response of TACR telescope assumed to be 99.0% based on composite data from FTS and manufacturer test reports

2 TACR witness samples
Two Surface Reflection





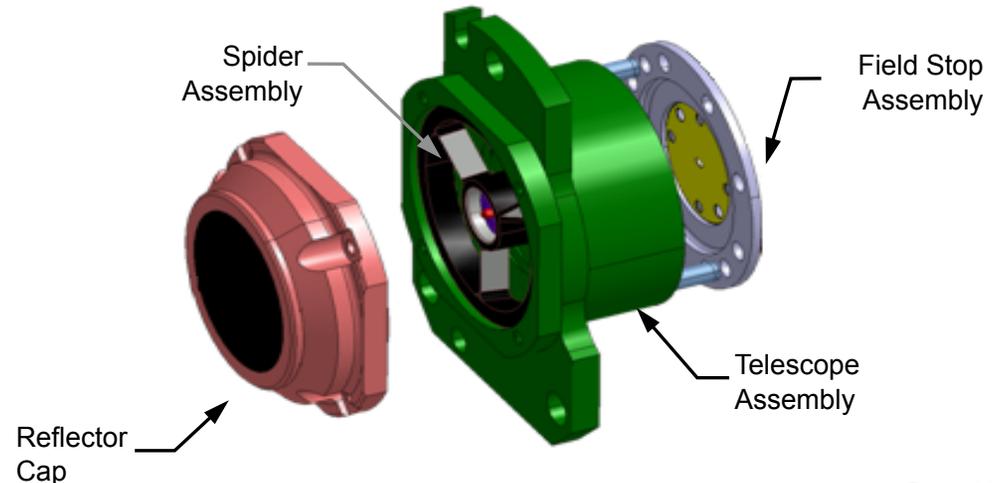
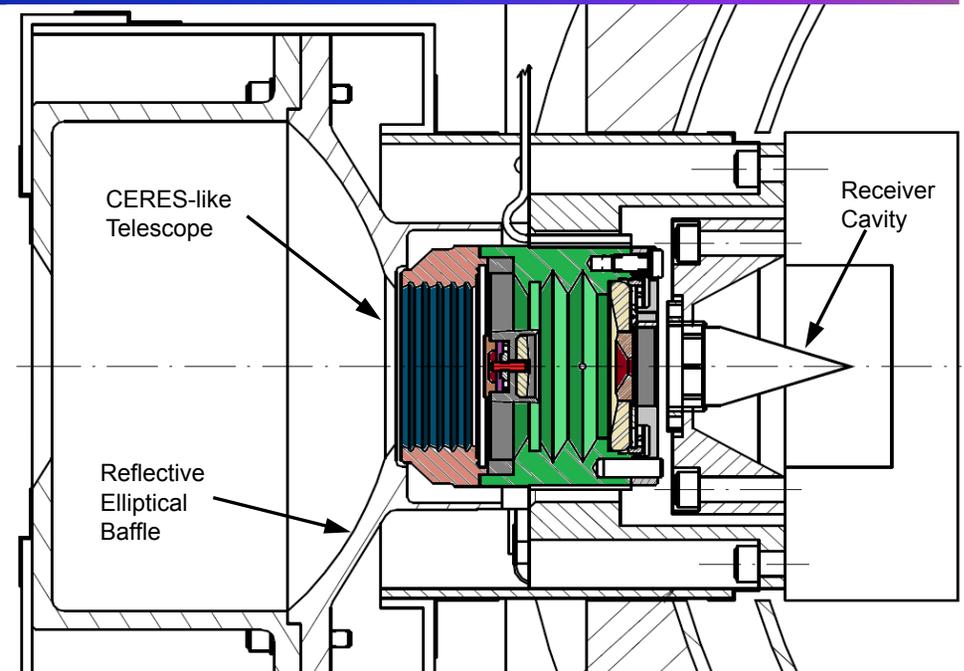
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TACR Improvements

- ◆ Install new CERES-like front end with aluminum telescope mirrors
 - Replacing silvered mirrors with aluminum mirrors
 - Telescope geometry and optical prescription remains identical to flight
 - Ambient and cryogenic reflectance measurements from 0.3 to 100 μm on witness samples
 - Telescope throughput measurements from 0.3 to 100 μm
 - Baseline gain, out-of-field contribution and linearity tests to be run in calibration chamber
- ◆ Remove and characterize legacy TACR telescope
 - Determine total throughput to better than 0.15% from 0.3 to 100 μm
 - Compare with heritage reflectance measurements





Traceability Improvements

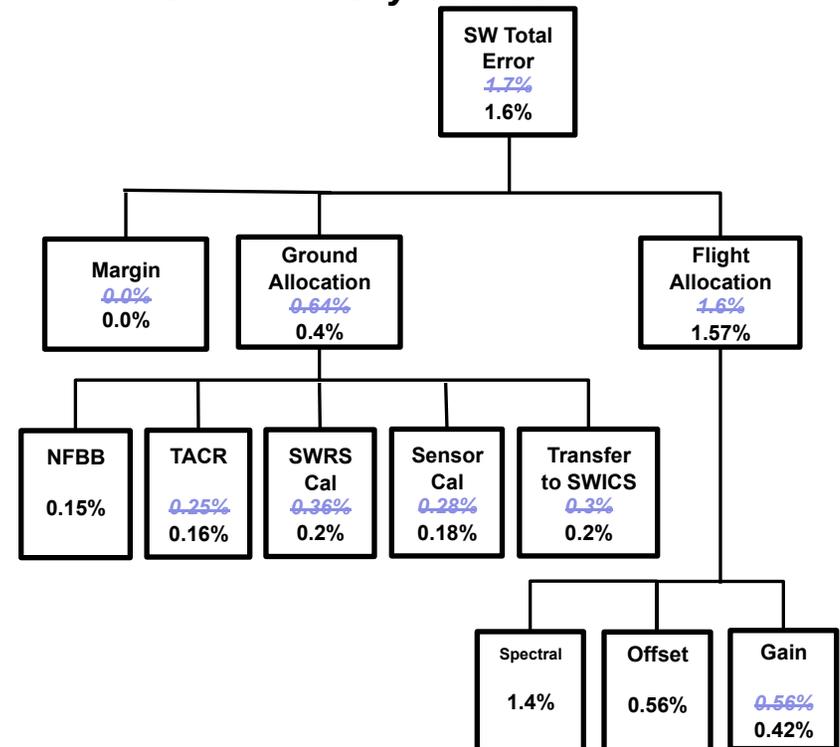


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FM-6

Short-wave Channel Error Allocation Global All-Sky Scenes

- ◆ SW Ground Calibration error allocation is 0.6%
 - ◆ The proposed improvements will provide capability of 0.4% ground accuracy or better through
 - ◆ TACR spectral reflectance
 - ◆ SWRS Calibration
 - ◆ Sensor Calibration
 - ◆ Transfer to SWICS
 - ◆ Spectral response uncertainty below 500nm can be reduced from 3% to less than 0.25%
 - ◆ Additional sources to measure SW spectral response
 - ◆ Larger throughput to TACR receiver cone – improved signal-to-noise performance in SW bands
 - ◆ Bypassing optical filters improves spectral stability in SW bands
- ◆ SW Flight Calibration error allocation is 1.6%
 - ◆ With improvements in the SWICS photodiode in-flight SW calibration error is reduced
 - ◆ Predicted reduction in error to 1.5% accuracy
- ◆ Expected improvement in traceability – better than 1.6% total accuracy for SW for FM6
- ◆ Legacy traceability improvements to be assessed following existing TACR telescope removal and re-characterization

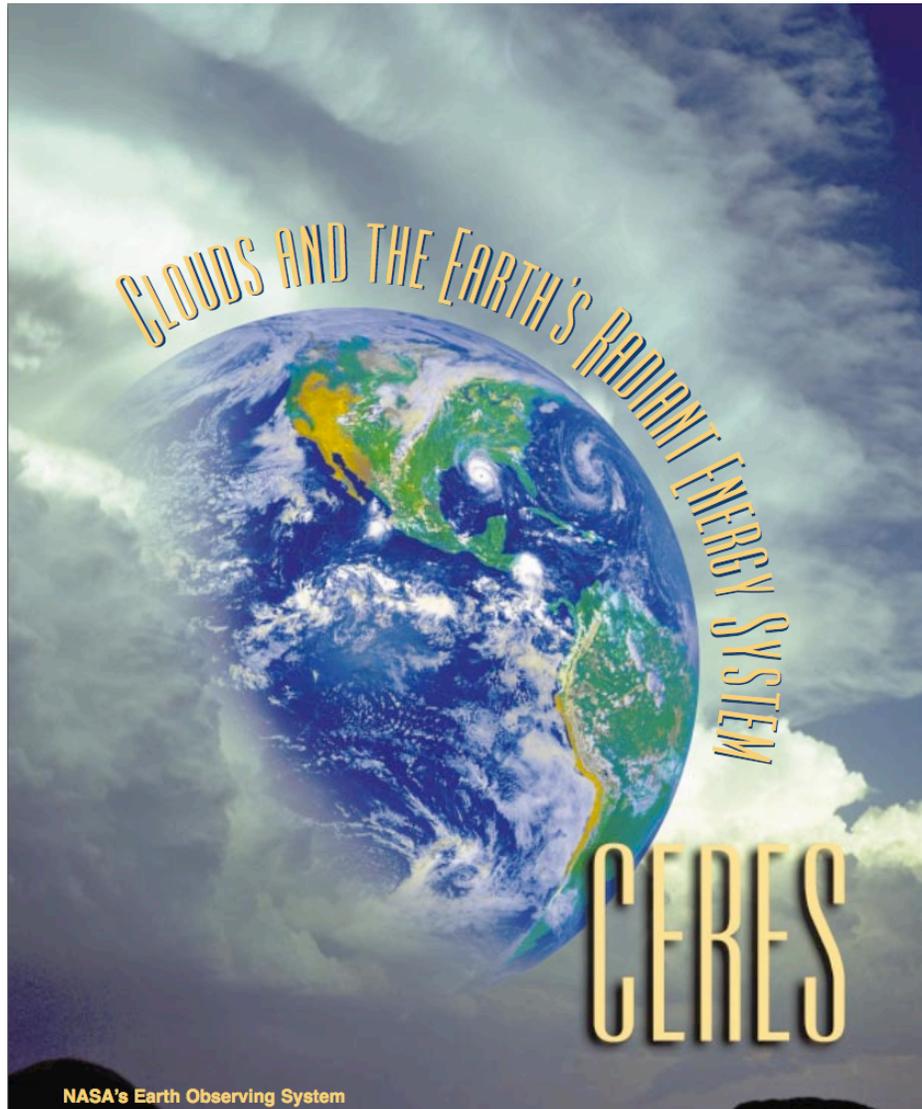




Summary



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- **CERES Team is fully prepared**
 - Heritage Team members
 - 6th CERES sensor to fly (FM-5)
- **Radiometry**
 - Most highly characterized CERES instruments to date.
 - Significant concern as budgets did not allow known design weaknesses to be addressed in cal subsystems
- **Cal/Val Implementation**
 - Protocol is mature and proven