

Libera and EEI Science

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- ASR time evolution in NIR & VIS (SYN)
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Libera goals and objectives

NASA's first *Earth Venture Continuity* Mission

Overarching Science Goals



OG1: Provide radiances for seamless continuity of the Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System (CERES) ERB Climate data record

- TOTAL (0.3->100 μm), SW (0.3-5 μm) and LW (0.5-50 μm) radiance over 24km nadir footprint
- On JPSS-3 with VIIRS imager, launch 2027, 5-year mission
- [Electrical Substitution Radiometer using VACNT detectors](#)

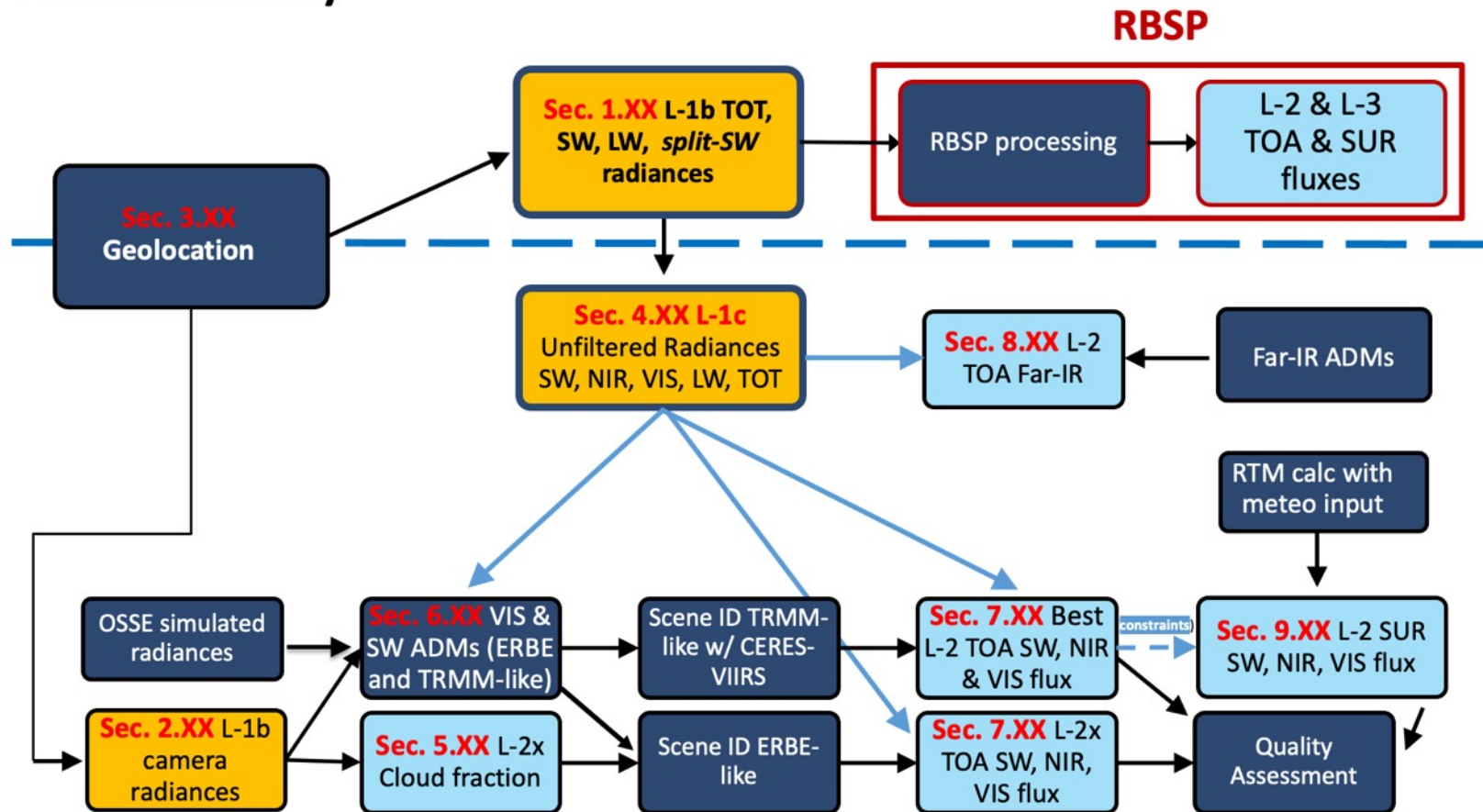
OG2: Advance the development of a self-contained, innovative & affordable observing system.

- [Wide field-of-view camera](#) to accelerate split-SW ADM development and aid in scene identification (cloud fraction)

OG3: Provide new and enhanced capabilities that support extending ERB science goals.

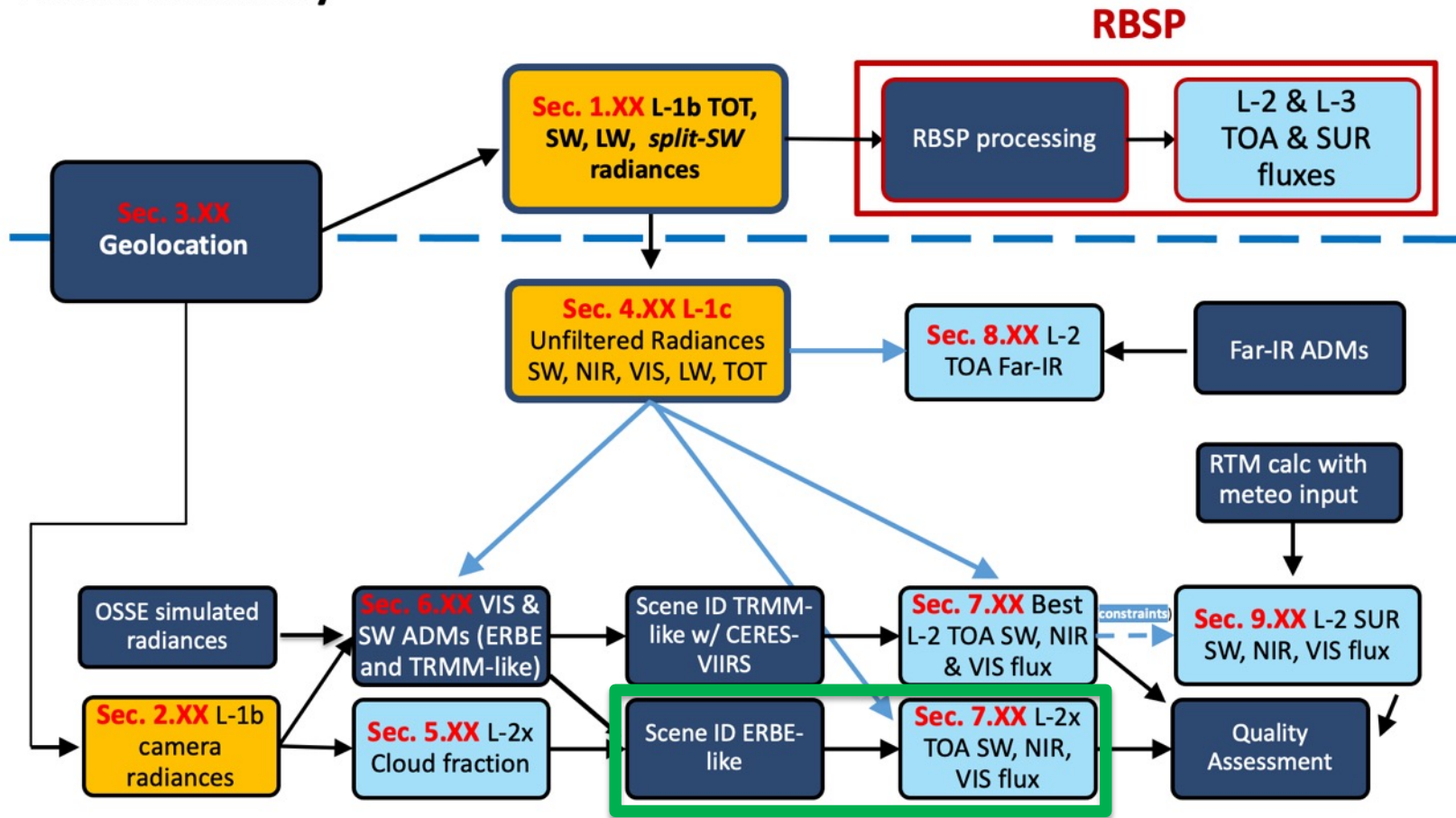
- Additional [split-SW channel](#) (near-IR: 0.7-5 μm) to derive shortwave near-IR and visible irradiance.
- Improved understanding of solar energy deposition in climate system

Libera continuity



Libera beyond L-1b

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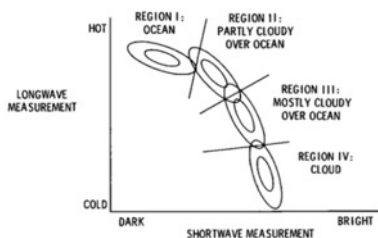
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- 12 ERBE-scene types + conversion table from IGBP
- 12 SZA, 8 RAA, 7 VZA bins
- ERBE ADMs were generated from Nimbus VII ERB scanner observations (90x90km at nadir): coarse scene types; cloud fraction derived from TOMS and THIR
- CF from SSF clear-sky fraction while ERBE-Like approach derive cloudy scene from SW and LW radiances



- Libera SW and VIS ADMs for ERBE scenes do not exist yet – apply Suttles’ ERBE ADMs as is...
- Compare “ERBE-like” results to SSF irradiance

Scene ID number	Cloud fraction	Surface type
1	Cloud-free (0–5%)	Ocean
2	Cloud-free (0–5%)	Land
3	Cloud-free (0–5%)	Snow
4	Cloud-free (0–5%)	Desert
5	Cloud-free (0–5%)	Land-ocean mix
6	Partly cloudy (5–50%)	Ocean
7	Partly cloudy (5–50%)	Land or desert
8	Partly cloudy (5–50%)	Land-ocean mix
9	Mostly cloudy (50–95%)	Ocean
10	Mostly cloudy (50–95%)	Land or desert
11	Mostly cloudy (50–95%)	Land-ocean mix
12	Overcast	All

IGBP index	IGBP surface type	ERBE surface type
1	Evergreen needle-leaf forest	Land
2	Evergreen broad-leaf forest	Land
3	Deciduous needle-leaf forest	Land
4	Deciduous broad-leaf forest	Land
5	Mixed forest	Land
6	Closed shrubland	Land
7	Open shrubland (desert)	Desert
8	Woody savanna	Land
9	Savanna	Land
10	Grassland	Land
11	Permanent wetland	Land
12	Cropland	Land
13	Urban and built-up	Land
14	Cropland/natural vegetation mosaics	Land
15	Permanent snow and ice	Snow
16	Barren (desert)	Desert
17	Water	Ocean
N/A (NSIDC)	Tundra	Land
N/A (NSIDC)	Fresh snow	Snow
N/A (NSIDC)	Sea ice	Snow

ERBE-like vs CERES-TRMM – known differences

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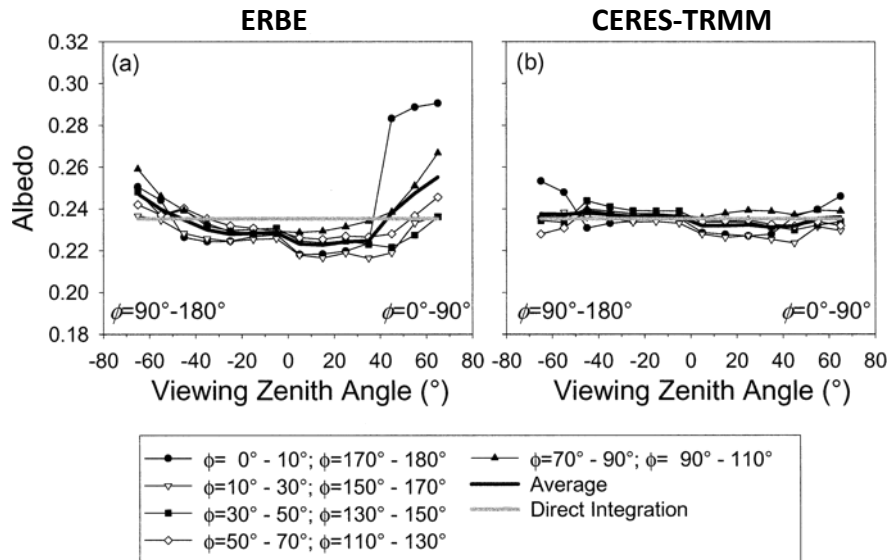
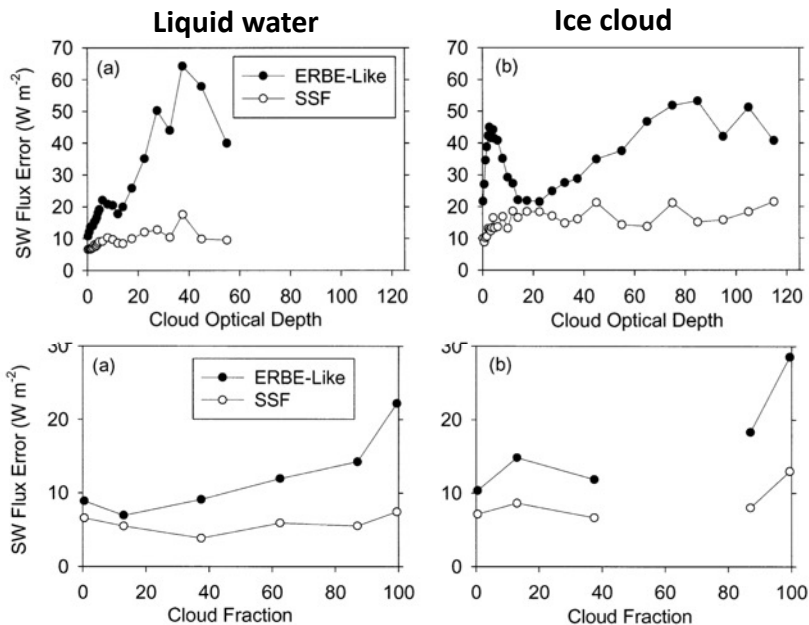
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Angular Distribution Models for Top-of-Atmosphere Radiative Flux Estimation from the Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System Instrument on the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission Satellite. Part II: Validation

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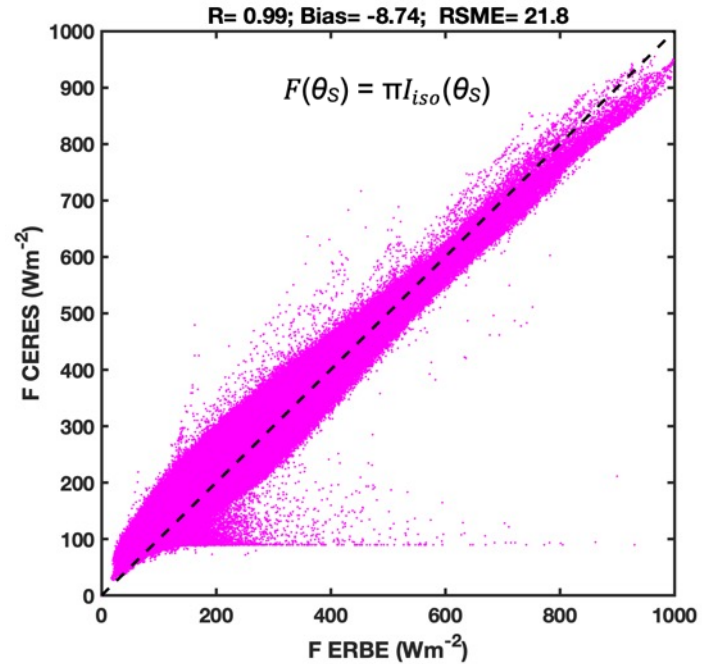
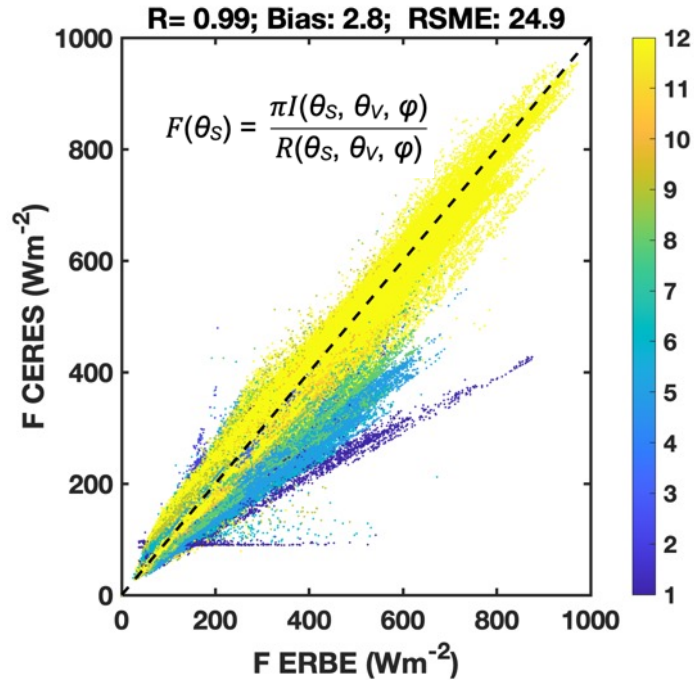


Spurious VZA dependence in albedo

TOA albedos are underestimated close to nadir and overestimated at large viewing zenith angles.

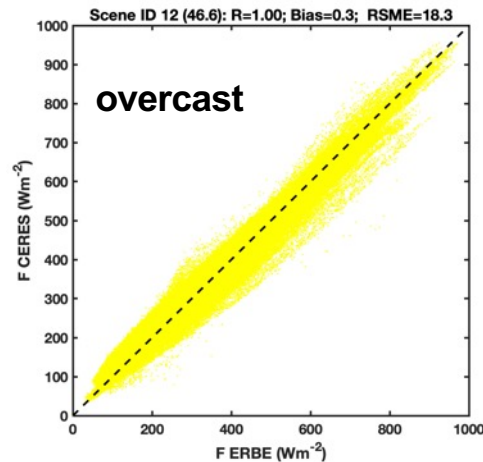
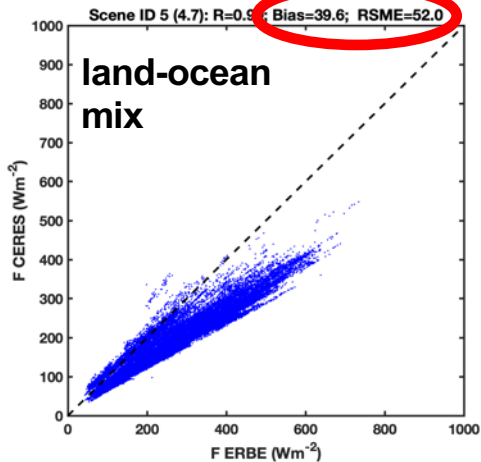
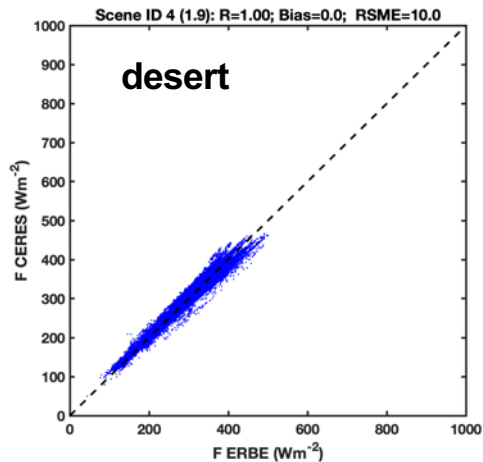
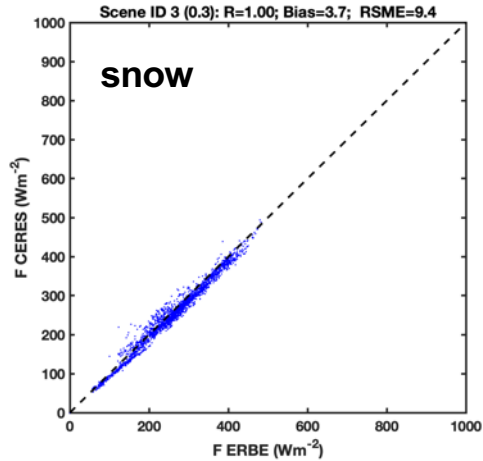
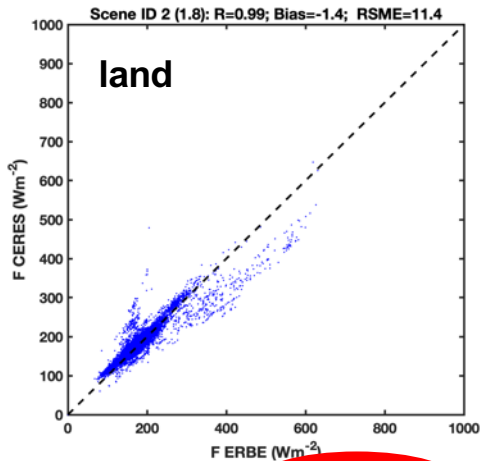
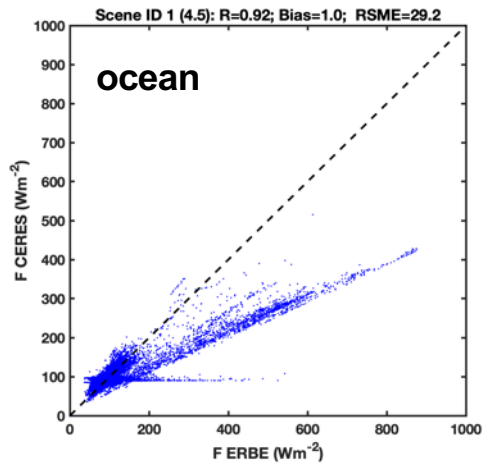
“ERBE-like” SW irradiances comparison to SSF

All scenes irradiances compared to SSF: “ERBE-like” is slightly brighter than SSF



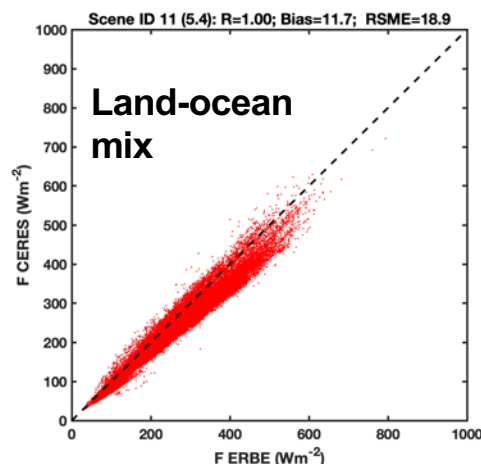
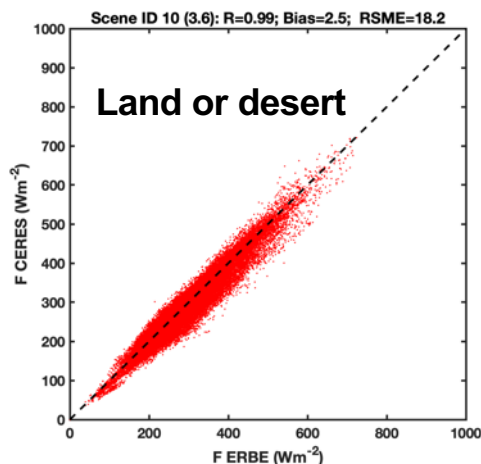
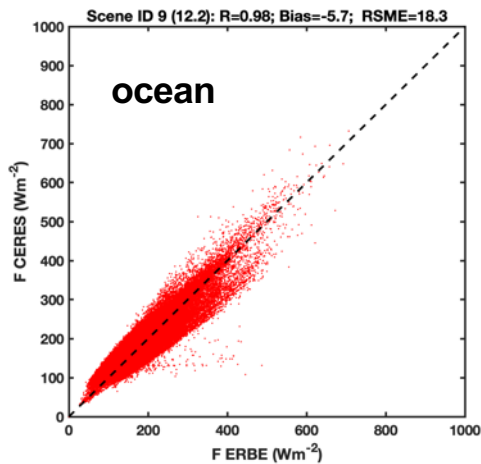
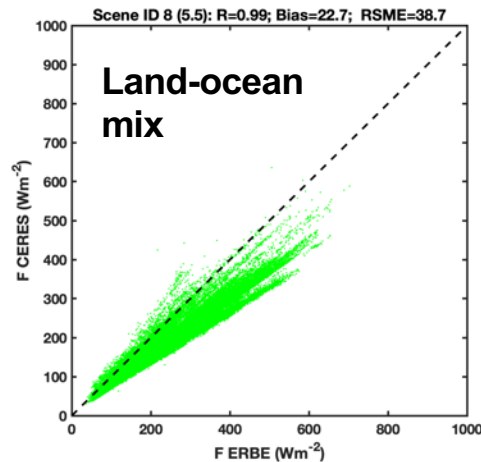
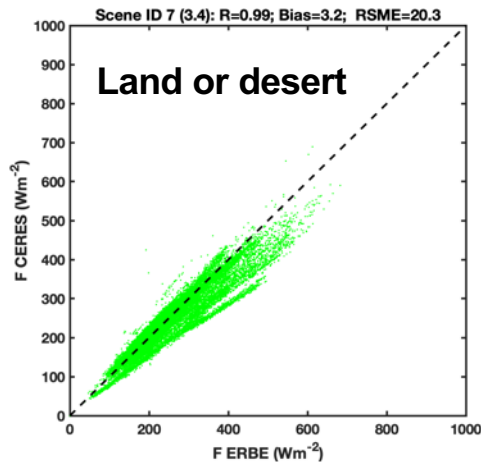
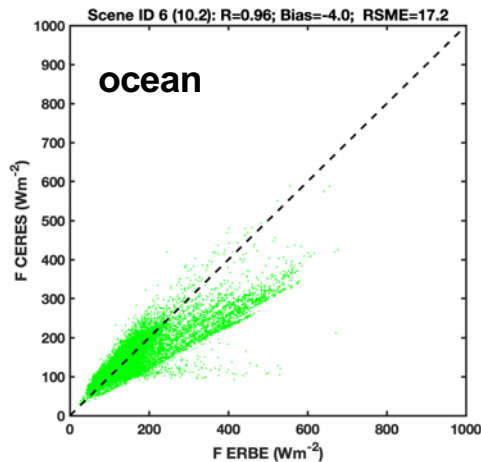
ERBE-like conversion reduces bias, but enhances RMSE slightly compared to isotropic radiance assumption.

Conversion by scene type: clear sky



- Overcast dominates the sample at almost 50%
- Errors dominated by land-ocean mix
- Misclassification, angular errors, ignoring stratification by cloud properties...

Conversion by scene type: cloudy



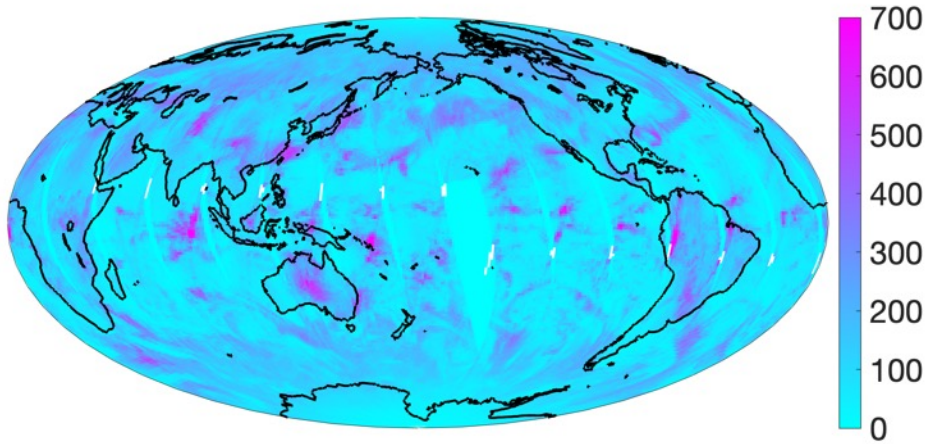
Partly cloudy

- Over ocean, “ERBE-like” is darker, otherwise brighter
- Errors dominated by land-ocean mix

Mostly cloudy

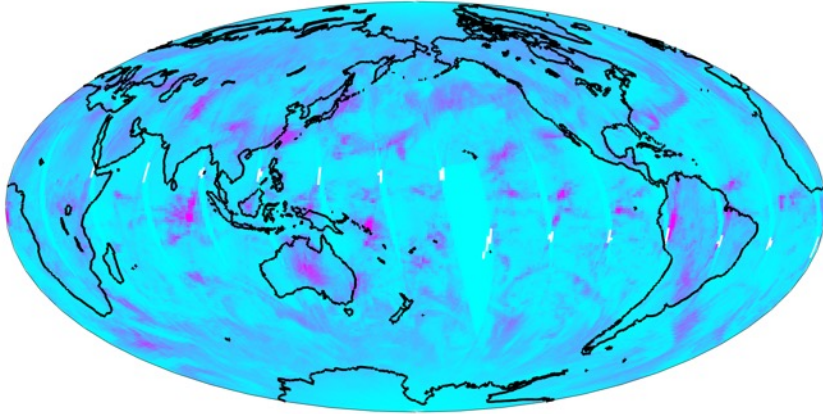
Regional differences (1deg averaging)

“ERBE-like” SW flux

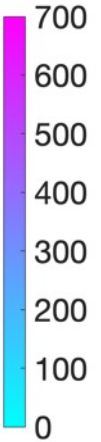
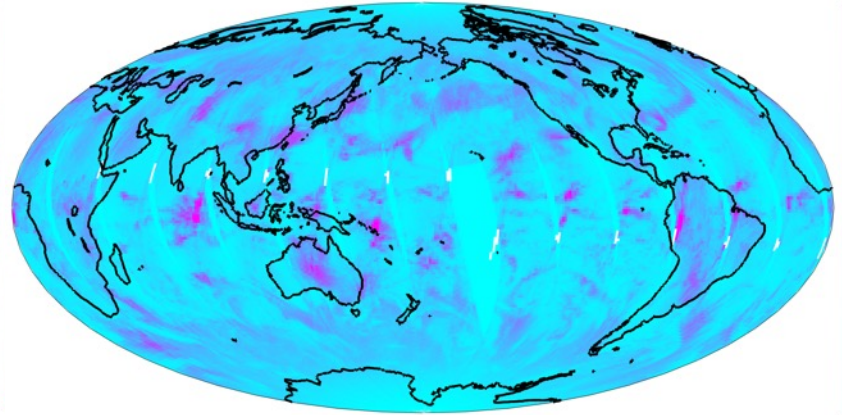


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SSF

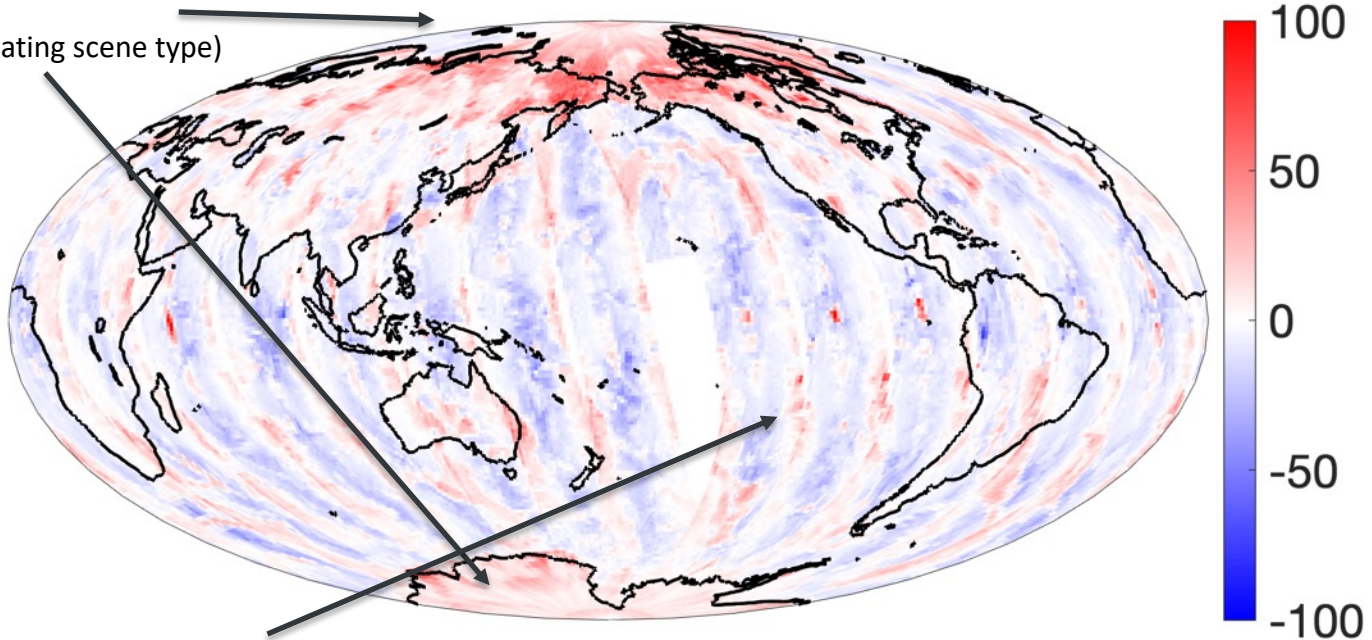


Qualitatively look the same!

Regional differences (1deg averaging)

“ERBE-like” – SSF SW flux

“snow” scene comparison seemed fine?
Misclassification?
(need map of dominating scene type)



Systematic striping: Spurious VZA dependence in albedo?

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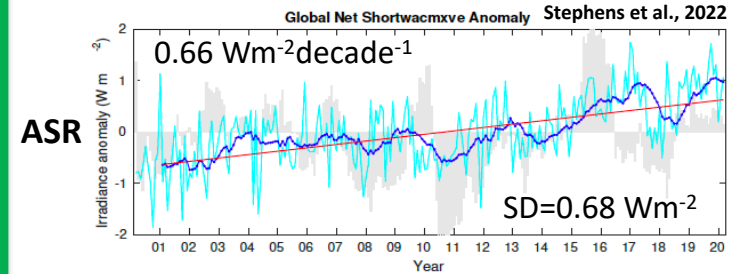
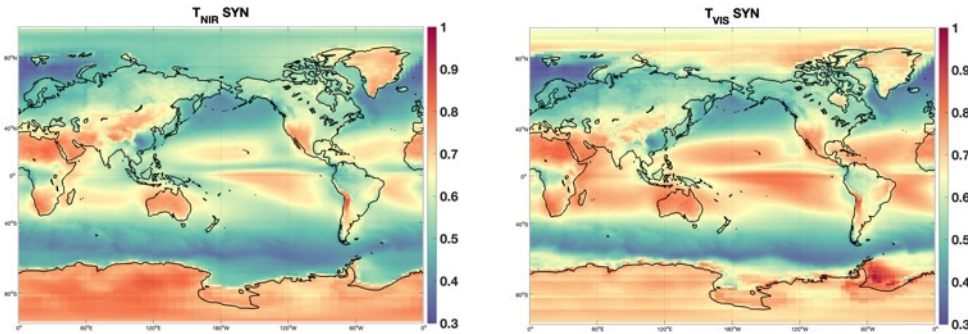
Next steps:

- Work on weighted land-ocean mix
- Understand regional differences better (by scene type)
- Derive SW ADMs for ERBE-like scenes using SSF (or do they exist?)
- Derive SW ADMs for ERBE-like scenes using OSSE output (consistent with VIS ADM)
- Implement TRMM-like conversion (refined ADMs by cloud properties)
- Implement conversion for VIS ADMs from OSSE output
- ...

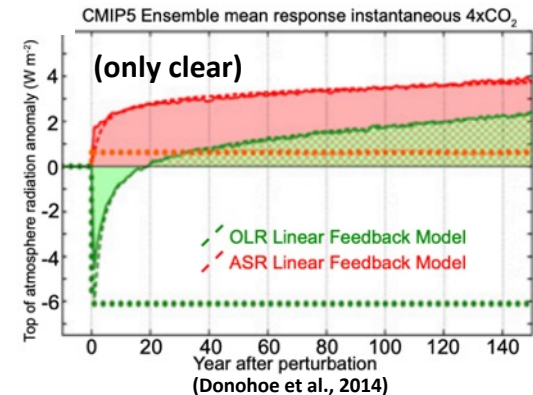
Climate from Libera's "spectral" lens

Libera's fourth channel measures NIR (0.7-5 μm) and total SW (0.3-5 μm) radiances:

- NIR & VIS signatures of processes that control the absorption of solar radiation & SW climate response.
- Better understand the hemispheric symmetry of planetary albedo and model biases.
- Explore Nimbus-7, ESM, RTM, SCIAMACHY

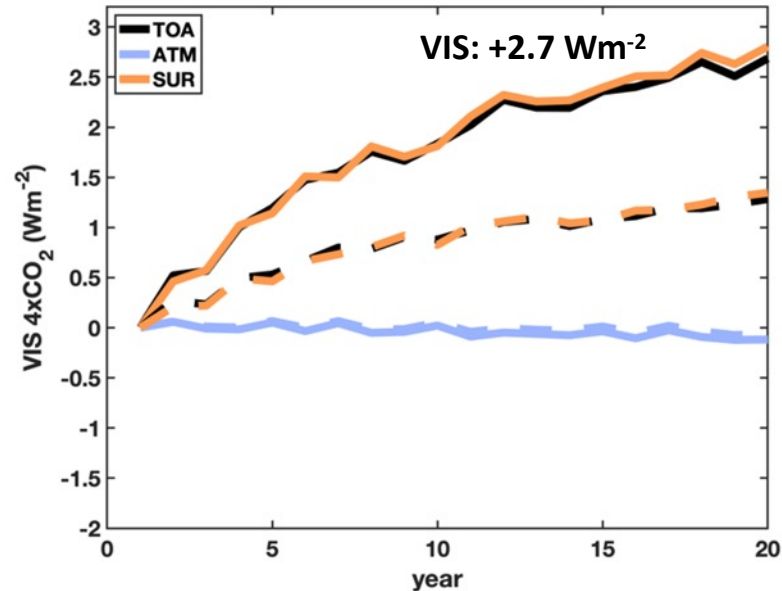
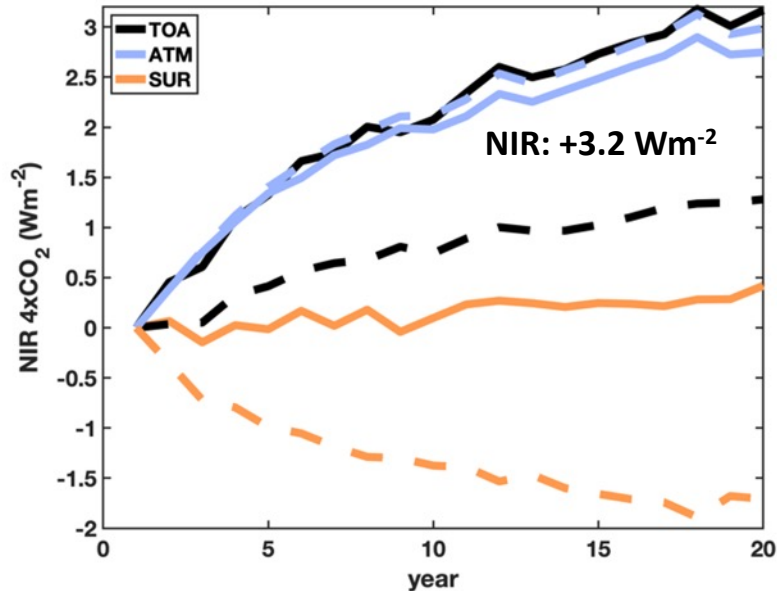
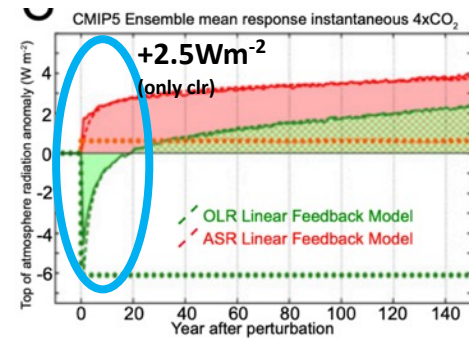


Climate model simulations and observations suggest global warming is sustained by shortwave absorption (positive climate feedbacks).



SW absorption change in UKESM1 (4xCO₂)

- Clear-sky absorption: $\sim 2.5 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ (in line with Donohoe et al., 2014)
- (All-sky: $\sim 6 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$)
- SUR/ATM & NIR/ VIS $\sim 50\%$ (3 Wm^{-2})



Present-day temporal evolution in ASR: CERES SYN1deg adjusted all-sky spectral SW fluxes integrated over 4 bands

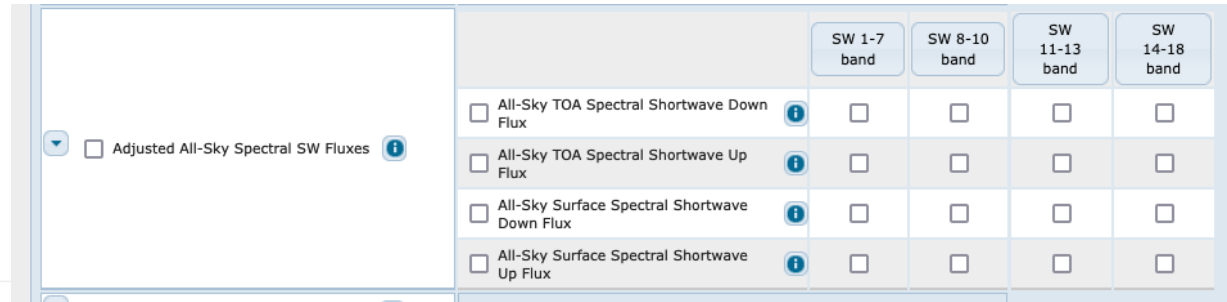


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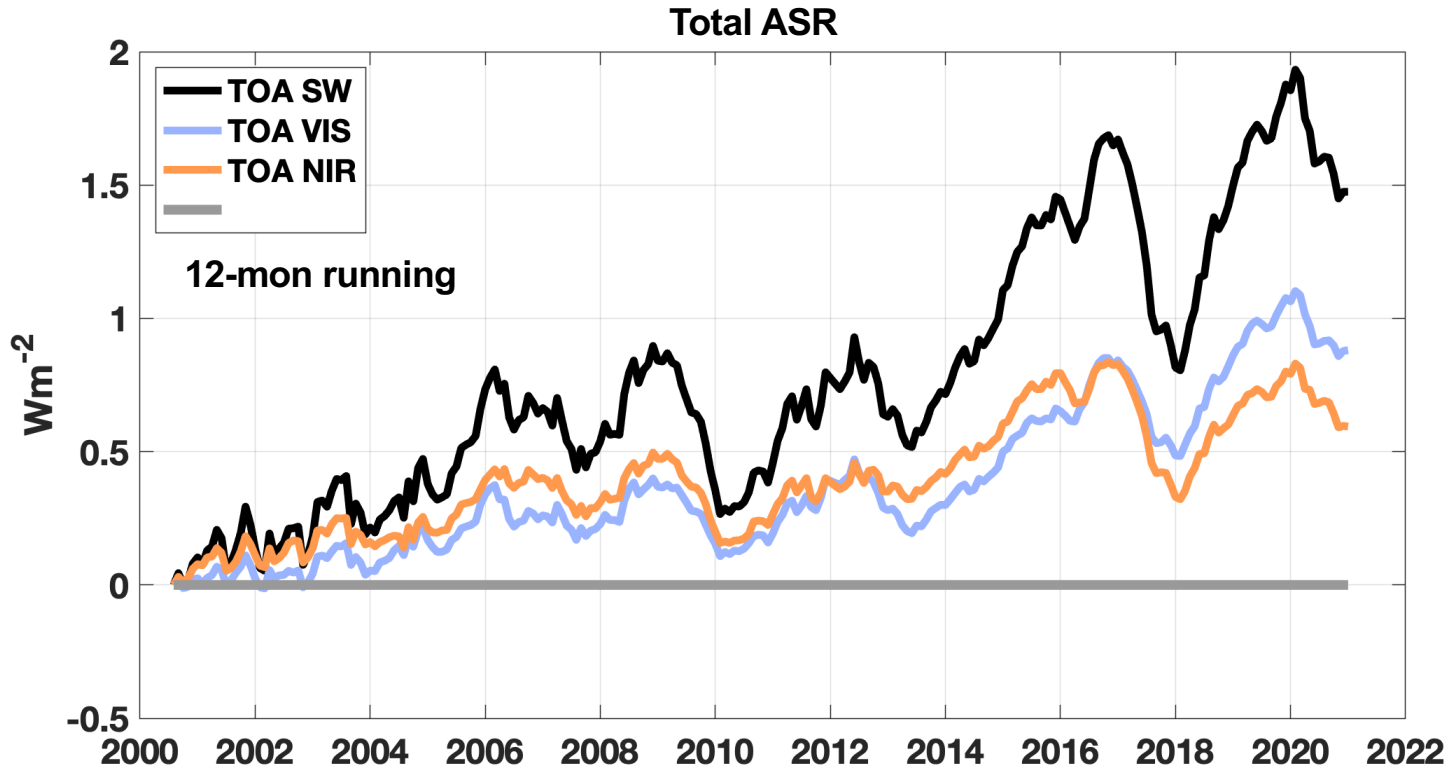
Shortwave spectral bands for Langley Fu and Liou model used in this work.

Band	No. of subbands	Wavelength (μm)		Wavelength (cm^{-1})		Gases treated
1	1	0.1754	0.2247	57 000	44 500	O ₃
2	1	0.2247	0.2439	44 500	41 000	O ₃
3	1	0.2439	0.2857	41 000	35 000	O ₃
4	1	0.2857	0.2985	35 000	33 500	O ₃
5	1	0.2985	0.3225	33 500	31 008	O ₃
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7	1	0.3575	0.4375	27 972	22 857	O ₃
8	1	0.4375	0.4975	22 857	20 101	O ₃ , H ₂ O
9	1	0.4975	0.5950	20 101	16 807	O ₃ , H ₂ O
10	1	0.5950	0.6900	16 807	14 500	O ₃ , H ₂ O
11	8	0.6900	0.7940	14 500	12 600	O ₃ , H ₂ O, O ₂
12	6	0.7940	0.8890	12 600	11 250	H ₂ O
13	8	0.8890	1.0420	11 250	9600	H ₂ O
14	7	1.0420	1.4100	9600	7090	H ₂ O
15	8	1.4100	1.9048	7090	5250	H ₂ O, CO ₂
16	7	1.9048	2.5000	5250	4000	H ₂ O, CO ₂ , CH ₄
17	8	2.5000	3.5000	4000	2850	H ₂ O, CO ₂ , CH ₄ , O ₃
18	7	3.5000	4.0000	2850	2500	H ₂ O, CO ₂ , CH ₄

Visible Band 1-10: **0.18-0.689**
microns (Libera: **0.3-0.7**)

Near-IR: Band 11-18 (**0.690-4**
microns)
(Libera: **0.7-5**)

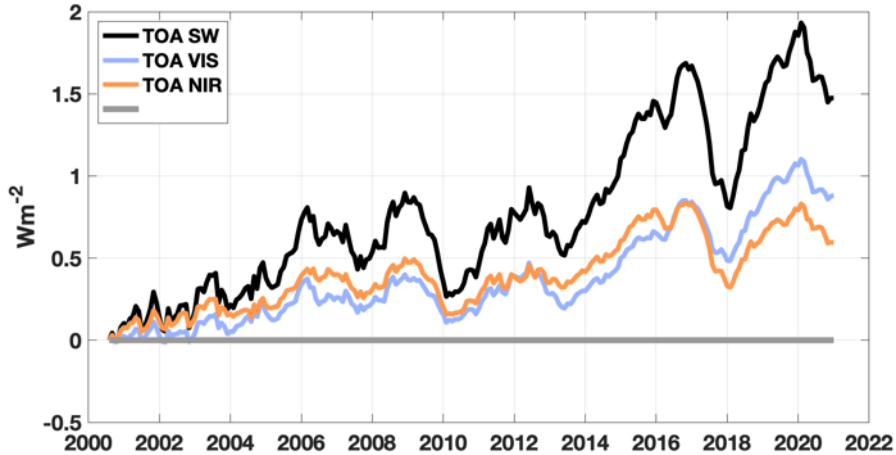
CERES SYN – NIR, VIS, SW time evolution in absorption



- VIS and NIR contribute to SW change at similar magnitude
- NIR dominates until 2016, then drops while VIS increases
- NIR & VIS exhibit similar interannual variability

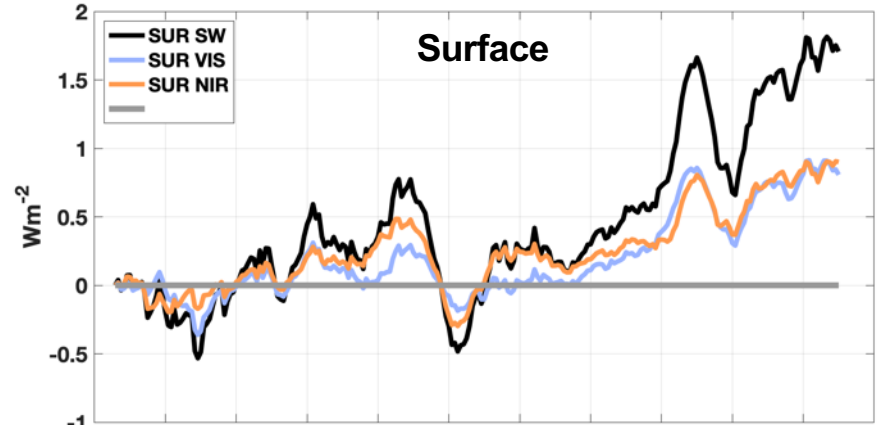
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Total ASR

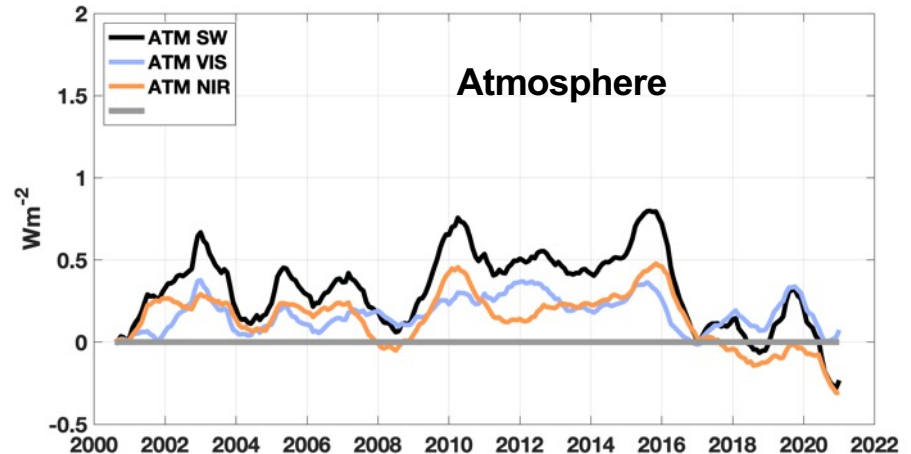


- Change and var in Surface absorption dominates; NIR more dominant
- Atmospheric absorption:
 - contributes significantly to TOA (2010-2016); NIR dominates var in ATM
 - Drop below 2000 levels after 2017 explains drop in total ASR

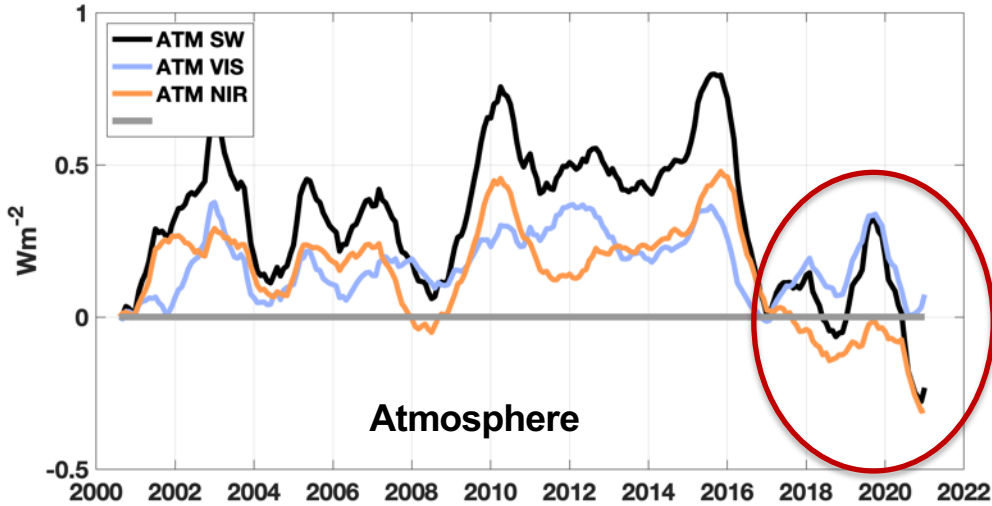
Surface



Atmosphere



CERES SYN – NIR, VIS, SW time evolution in absorption



- NIR tracks water vapor changes ($R=0.6$) – until 2017
- VIS tracks AOD ($R=0.8$)
- CF increase since 2017 inhibits WV absorption in NIR?



CCS workshop on *Earth's Energy Imbalance*



- Motivated by insight gained during and since
- Since then: “EEI from the ocean perspective”, accelerometry concept for direct measurement – “Space Balls”, participation in Libera.
- Why a workshop at JPL?
 - Planned to occur 2 years ago
 - Inform JPL on the various aspects of EEI research and identify existing and future EEI related research across disciplines.
 - Vast ocean community at JPL (ECCO, altimetry, gravimetry).
 - **Raise awareness that EEI research ought to be an area of focus for JPL/NASA.**

CCS workshop on Earth's Energy Imbalance & Planetary Heat Uptake

Organizers: [Maria Hakuba](#) & [Felix Landerer](#)

JPL 180-101, February 14 - 15, 2023

Motivation

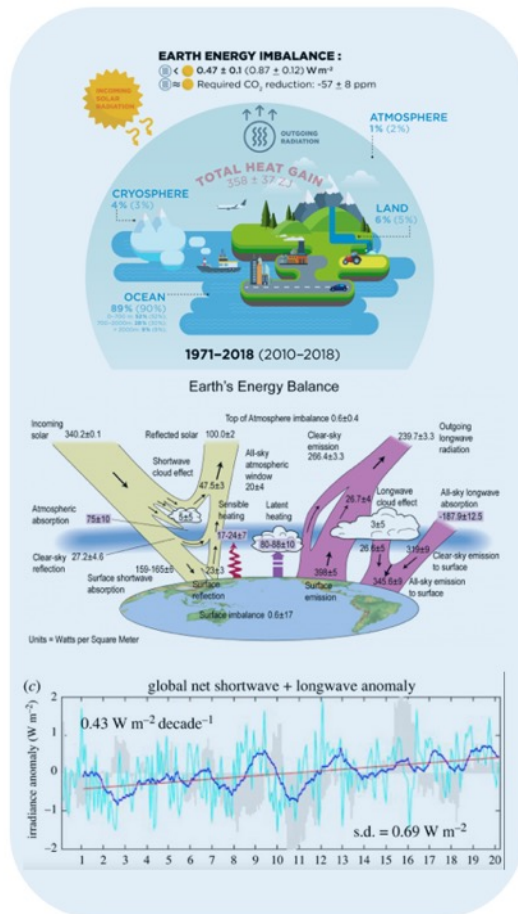
- 1) EEI is robust and comprehensive measure of global heating rate; indispensable for **informing public and decision-makers**.
- 2) EEI research and observation not a **core competence** of JPL.
- 3) Critical scientific & observational **gaps** can be addressed **from space**.

Objectives

- 1) **Convey** urgent need for Earth Energy imbalance (EEI) monitoring, assessment and understanding.
- 2) **Strengthen** JPL's **contribution** to EEI assessments.
- 3) **Identify** assets to advance the quantification, monitoring, and understanding of EEI.
- 4) Foster discussions on **research and mission opportunities**, including DS ESAS.
- 5) Contribute toward comprehensive **NASA climate communication**.
- 6) Foster **collaboration** across JPL and the national and international communities.

Participants

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Topics covered

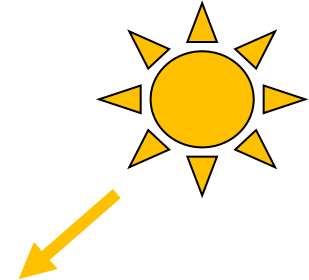
- Importance of **EEI in model prediction**
- Space **radiometric challenge** of measuring EEI
- **Future** EEI mission concepts
- Variability and forced **change** in EEI
- **Spectral** radiation budget missions
- EEI estimates via **heat inventory** method across Earth system components:
 - Land and sea ice melt
 - Ocean heat from in-situ, satellite & models
 - Continental heat storage
 - Atmospheric heat content & divergence
- Carbon and water cycle overviews to spur discussion on **cycle interaction** investigations.

Preliminary Recommendations

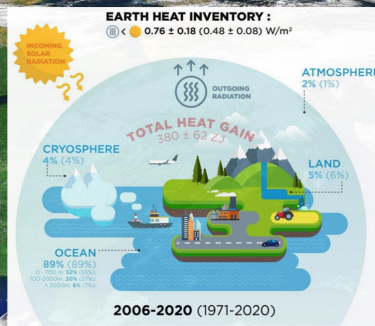
- **Integrated EEI & energy flux assessments** across climate system components and **across scales** to quantify EEI globally and understand processes regionally/temporally.
- **Direct EEI measurement from space** is radiometrically impossible at required accuracy? Future concepts (e.g., accelerometry) needed to fill this critical gap.
- **Interpreting change** in EEI requires integration of observation, modeling and spectral fingerprinting.
- **Emerging misfits** across systems (e.g., sea level budget closure; radiation in models vs. observations) & **emerging accelerations** in change (e.g., ocean heat, sea ice melt, water storage) need to be addressed.
- JPL's (indirect) **contributions** (as predominantly data provider) to heat inventory assessments are various, but need to be **streamlined & strengthened**.

Earth's Energy Imbalance (EEI)

Earth's current heating rate = $+0.6 - 1 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$



Implications: EEI manifests as heat content change in ocean (89%), land (5%), ice melt (4%) and atmospheric heating (2%).



Causes: forcings + feedbacks
 aerosol clouds
 GHG water vapor ...
 land use albedo

CCS workshop

February 14+15, 2023

Motivation:

1. **Urgency** for EEI monitoring to inform the public and decision-makers.
2. **Critical gaps** exist & fillable from space.
3. EEI is not (yet) a **core competence** of JPL

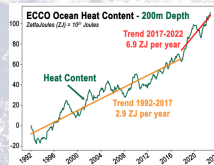
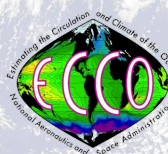
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EEI assessments at JPL



Ocean heat content change \approx
 Total sea level – ocean mass change



Radiation Budget missions



Will seamlessly continue the CERES record & contribute to understanding change in Earth's radiation budget.



Improve understanding of the role of mineral dust in radiative forcing.

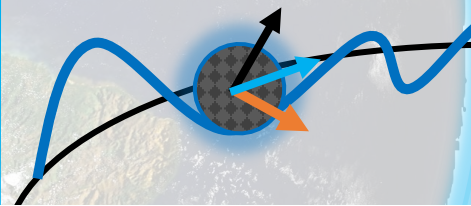


Will document, for the first time, variability in Far-infrared radiation on multiple timescales.

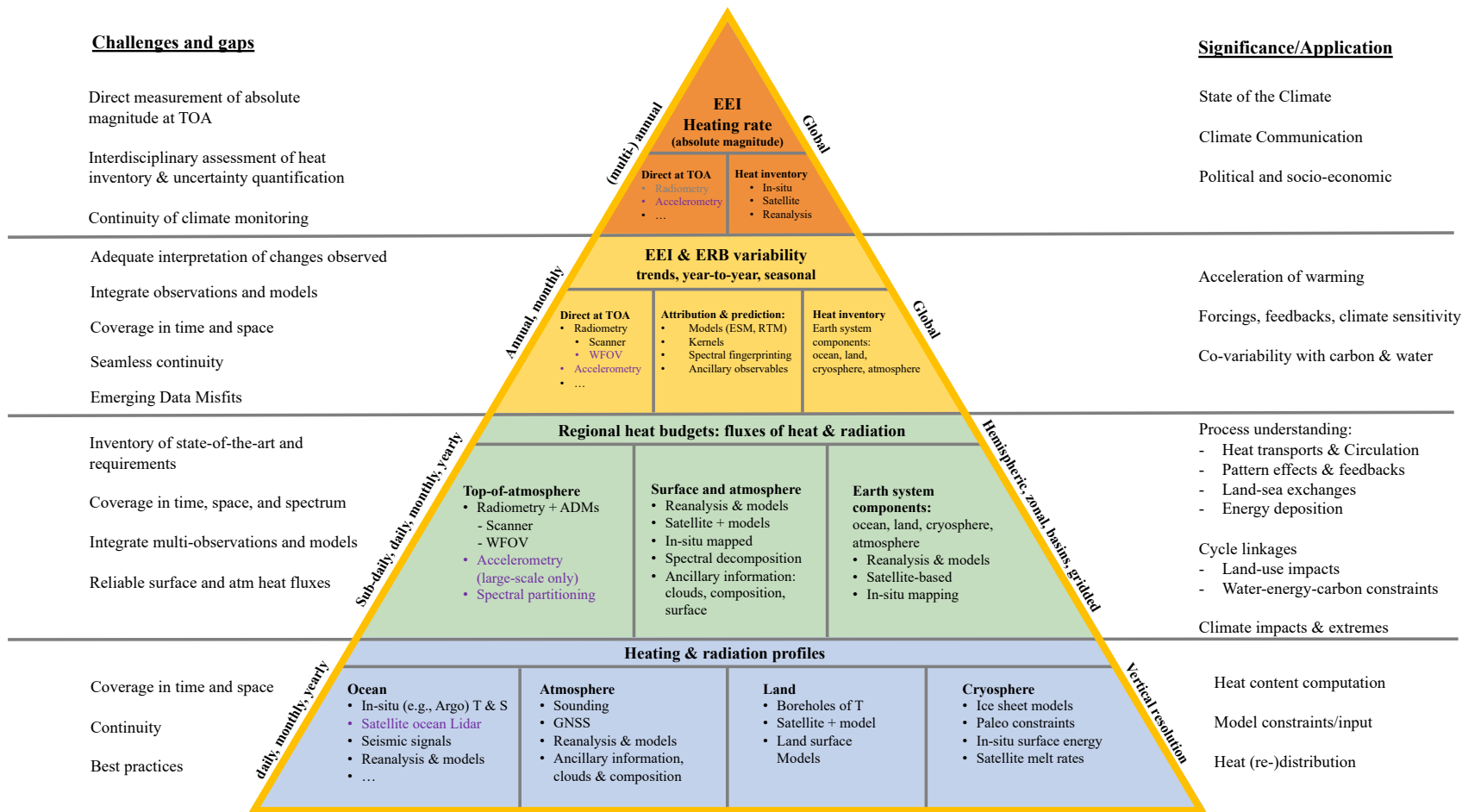
Novel mission concept

Filling a critical observation gap: *Ancient-novel* mission concept to measure EEI directly from space via radiation pressure accelerations.

- A near-spherical low-drag S/C that is highly sensitive to radiation pressure from both Sun and Earth (*Space Balls*).



Hitchhiker's pyramid to Earth's Energy System



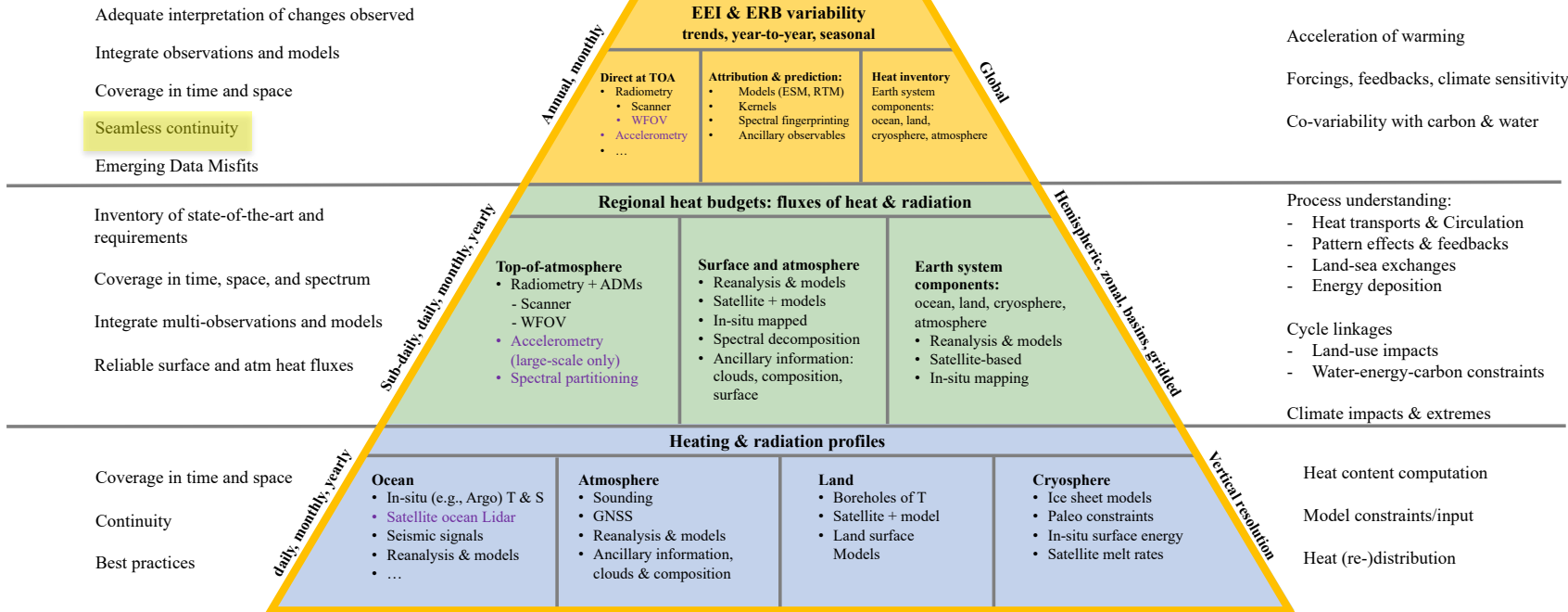
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Challenges and gaps

- Direct measurement of absolute magnitude at TOA
- Interdisciplinary assessment of heat inventory & uncertainty quantification
- Continuity of climate monitoring

Significance/Application

- State of the Climate
- Climate Communication
- Political and socio-economic



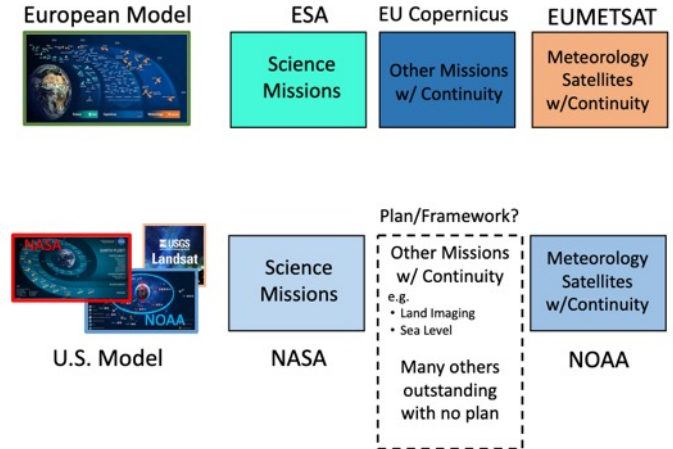
Climate obs. Continuity in the U.S.

Ensure continuity of ERB observations through sustained commitment



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Considerations & Approaches for Sustained Satellite Observing Systems to Support Climate Science & Societal Resilience



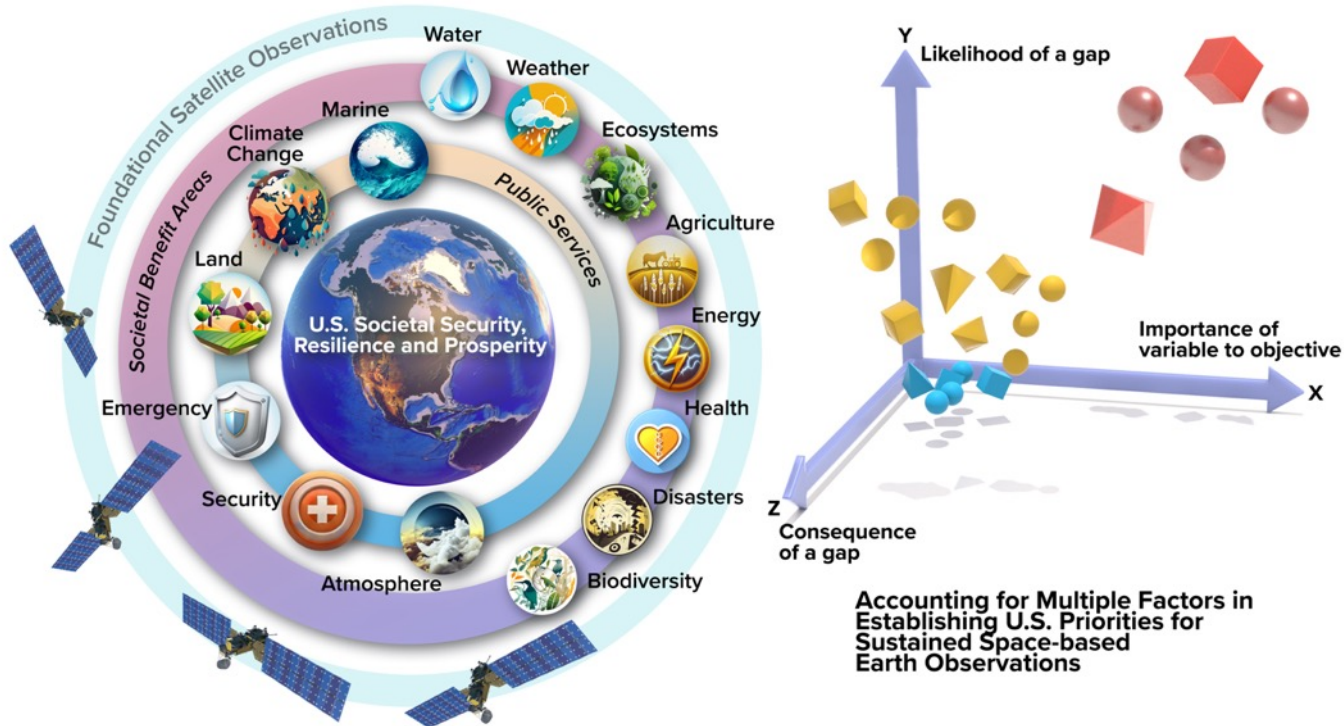
Finding 1.4: The U.S. does not have a systematic, overarching plan or framework for identifying, prioritizing, funding, and implementing additional sustained Earth observations that are critical to supporting our nation's science, policy, and societal resilience goals.

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Angular Sampling of a Monochromatic, Wide-Field-of-View Camera to Augment Next-Generation Earth Radiation Budget Satellite Observations

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Abstract. Earth radiation budget (ERB) satellite observations require conversion of the measured radiance, which is a remotely-

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Short summary

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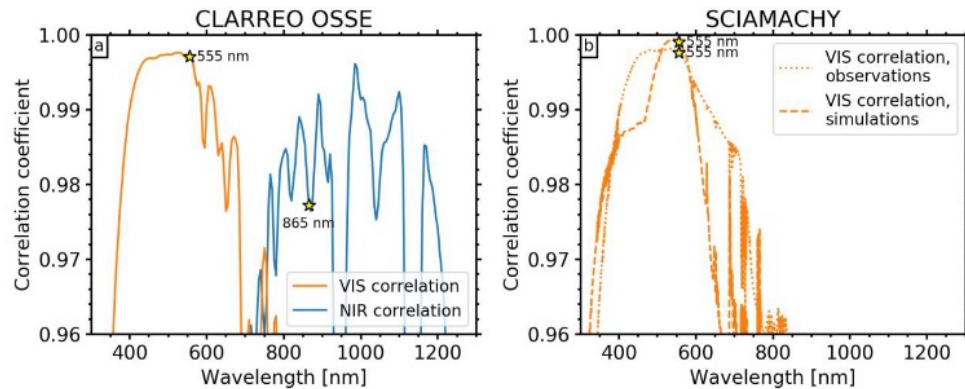


Figure 5. Pearson correlation coefficient between TOA spectral radiances and the VIS (orange) and NIR (blue) sub-band radiances for (a) all scenes in the CLARREO OSSE and (b) SCIAMACHY observations and SCIAMACHY-like simulations. Star symbols highlight the wavelengths of focus: 555 nm and 865 nm. Correlations extend beyond the given vertical axis range, but only the highest correlations are shown. Note that the NIR sub-band correlation is not shown for SCIAMACHY because of spectrally-incomplete data in the NIR.

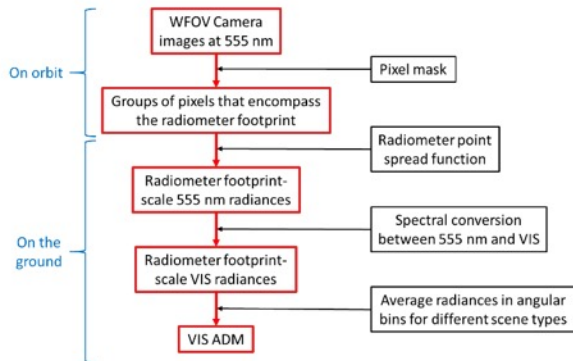
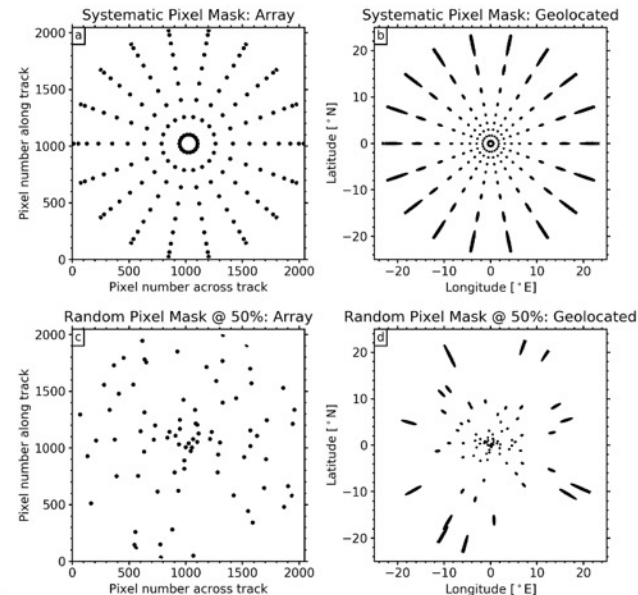


Figure 1. Flow diagram providing a broad overview of the processing steps required to go from WFOV camera images at a single mid-visible wavelength to a VIS sub-band ADM.

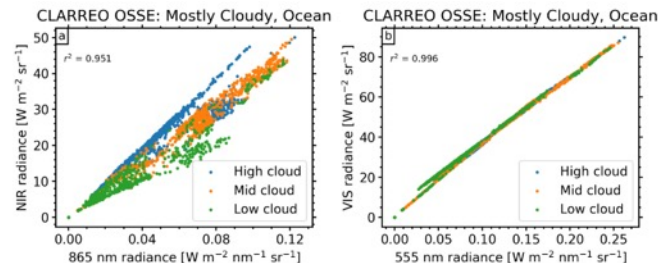


Figure 7. Relationship between nadir radiance at (a) 865 nm and the NIR sub-band, and (b) 555 nm and the VIS sub-band for mostly cloudy over ocean scenes in the CLARREO OSSE. Data points are colored as high cloud (blue), mid-level cloud (orange), or low cloud (green), defined using the International Satellite Cloud Climatology Project (ISCCP) cloud top pressure boundaries.