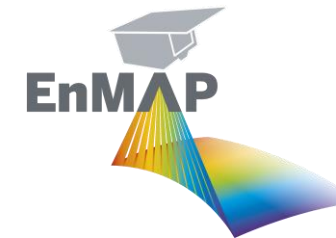




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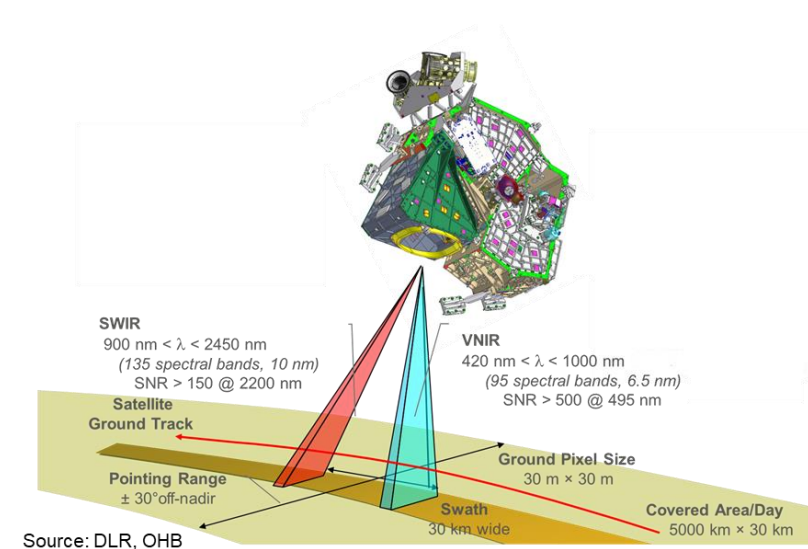
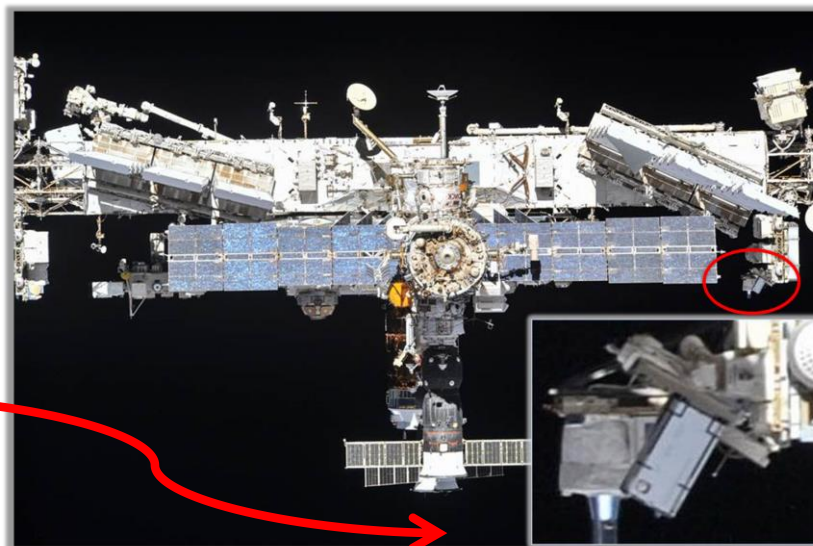
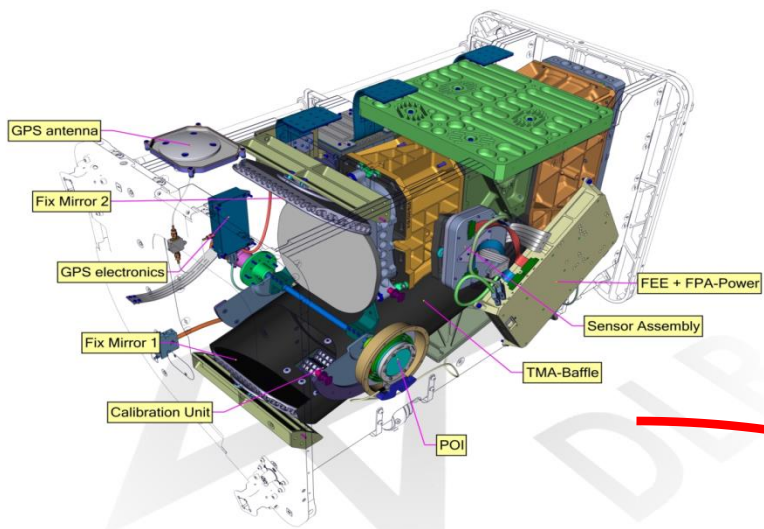
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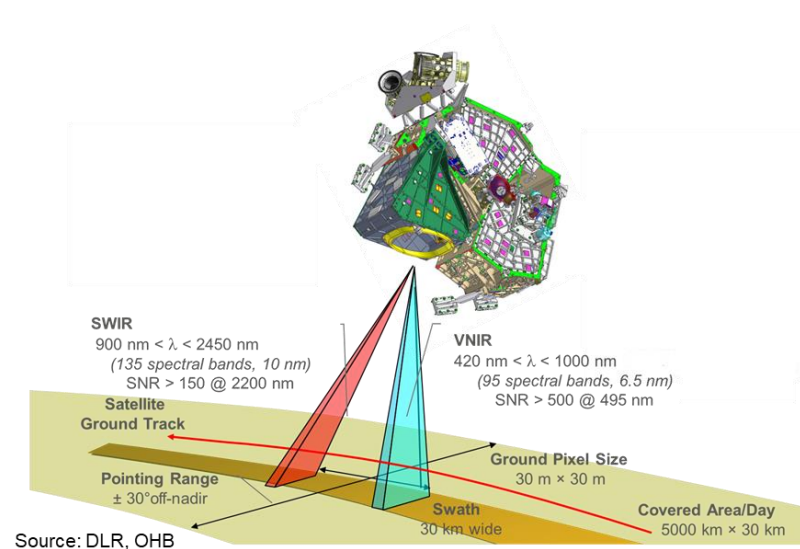
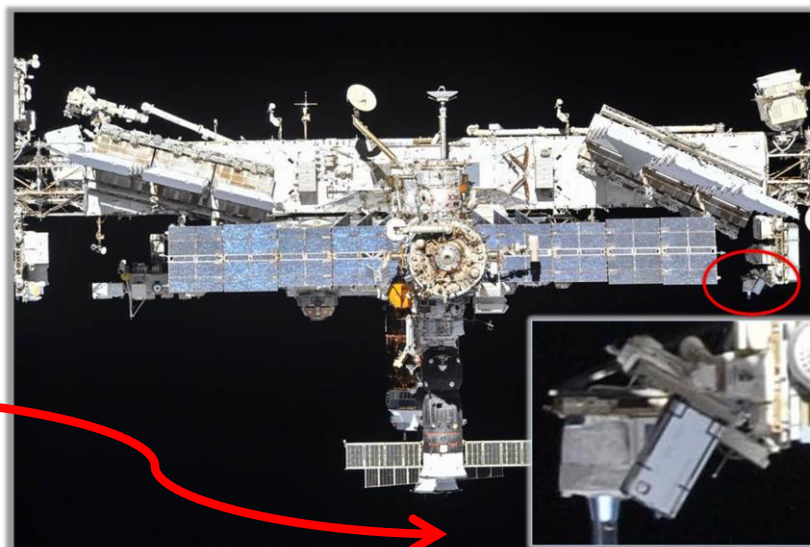
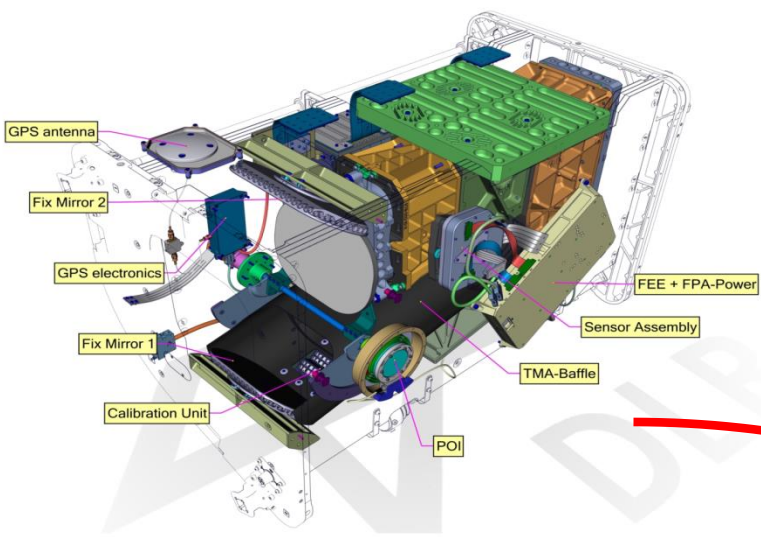
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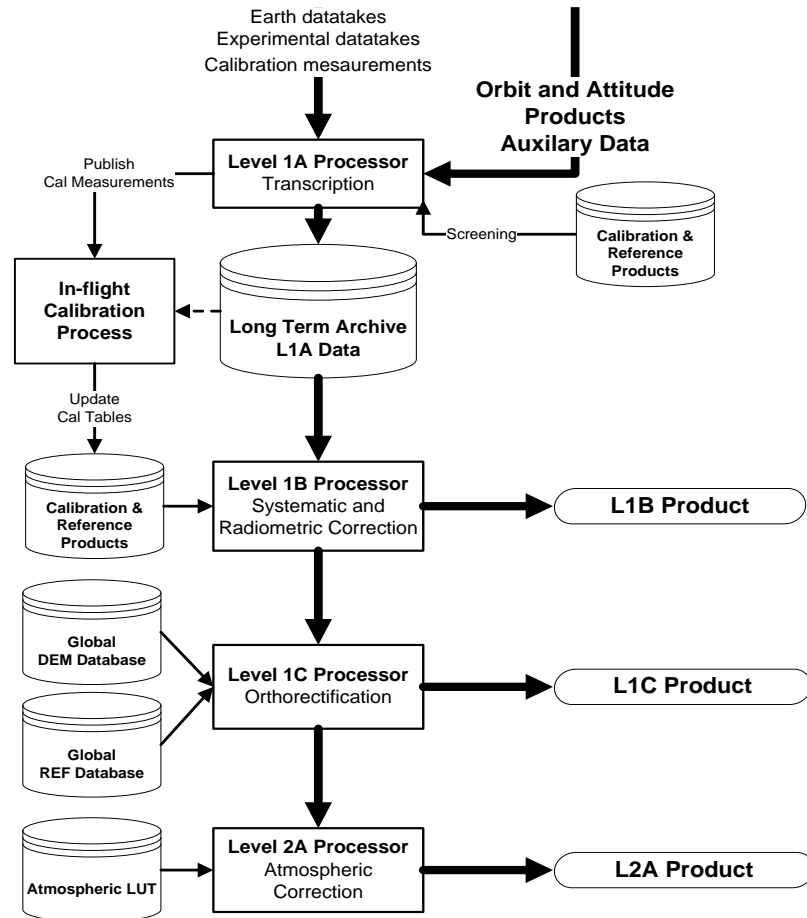


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Orbit (type, local time at equator, inclination, height, repeat cycle)	not Sun-synchronous, various, 51.6°, 320 km to 430 km, no repeat cycle	Sun-synchronous, 11:00, 98.0°, 653 km, 398 revolutions in 27 days
Coverage	55° N to 52° S	74° N to 74° S
Revisit frequency	3 to 5 days (average)	≤ 4 days, ≤ 27 days (±5° tilting)



# Ground Segment Processors



## Processors at the Ground Segments

- Fully automated
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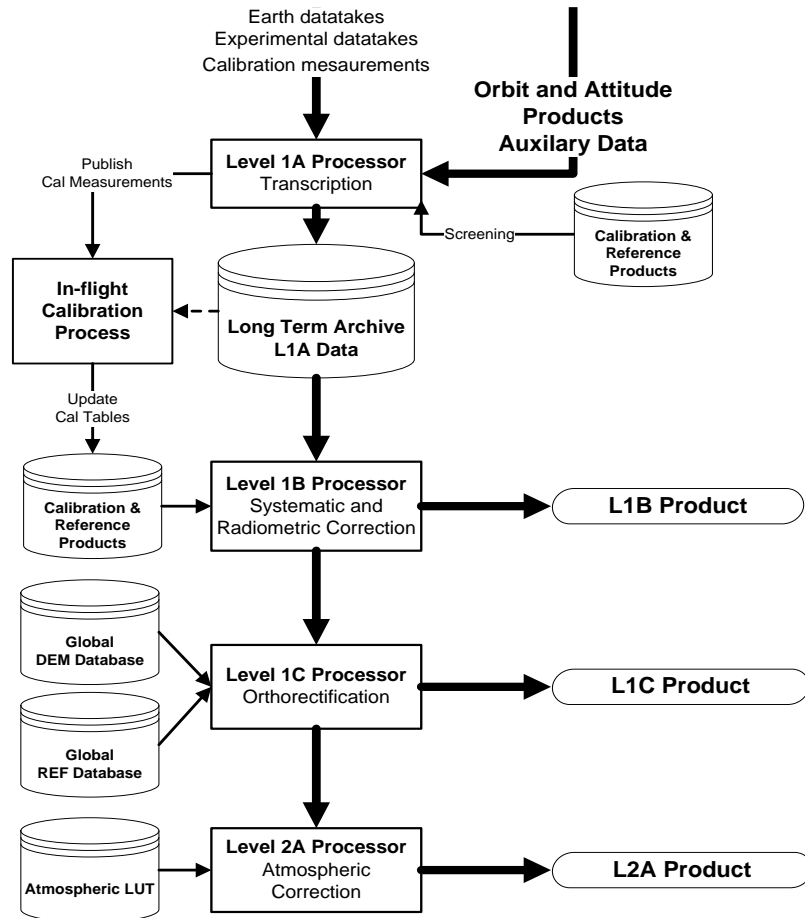
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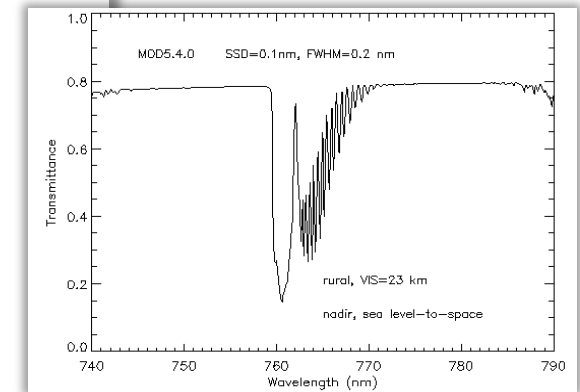
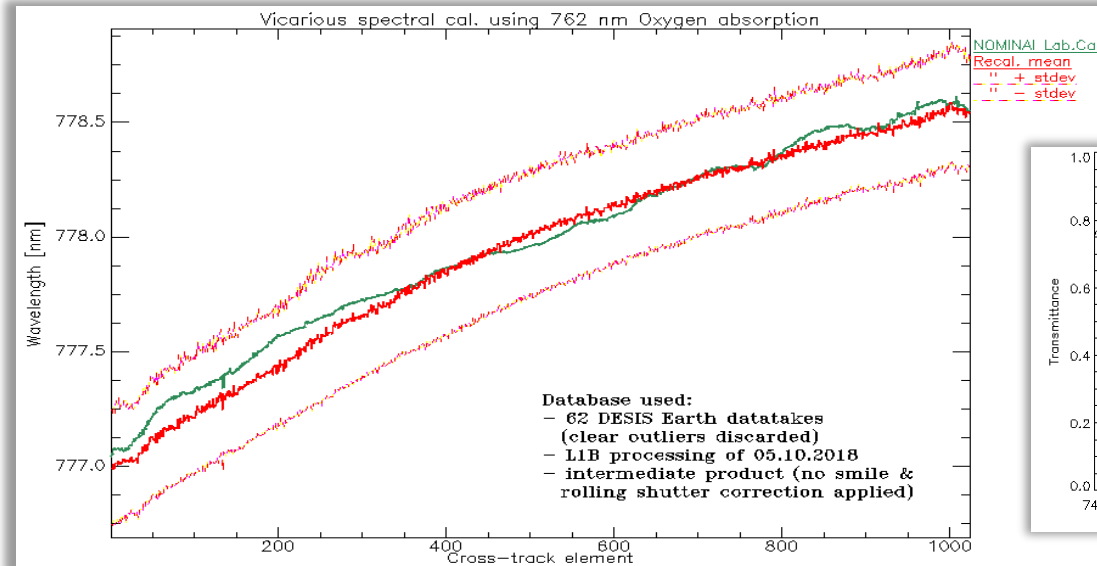
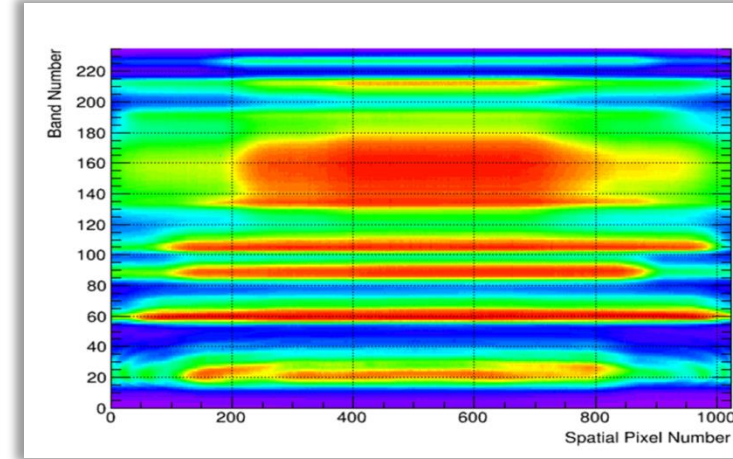
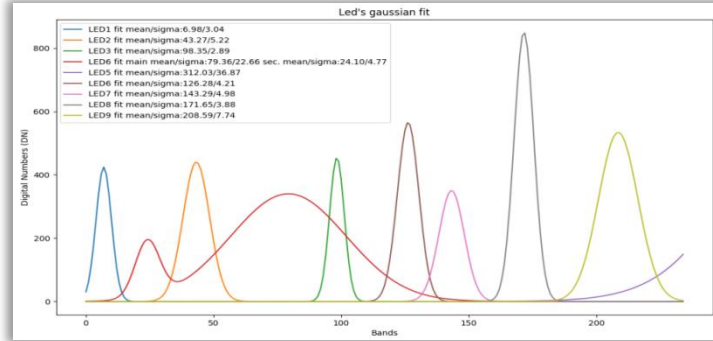
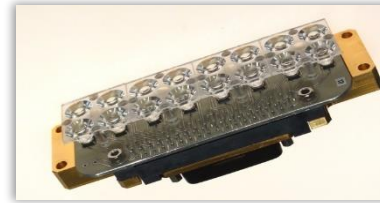
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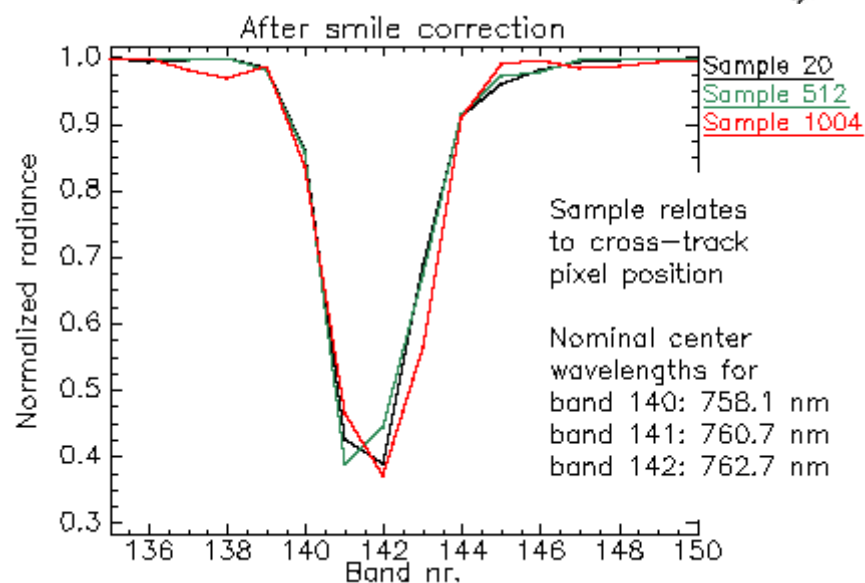
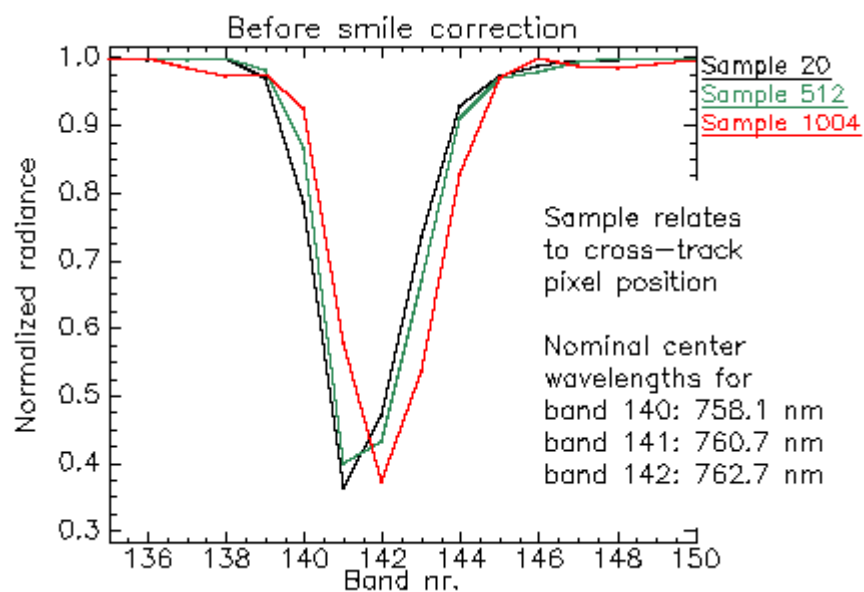
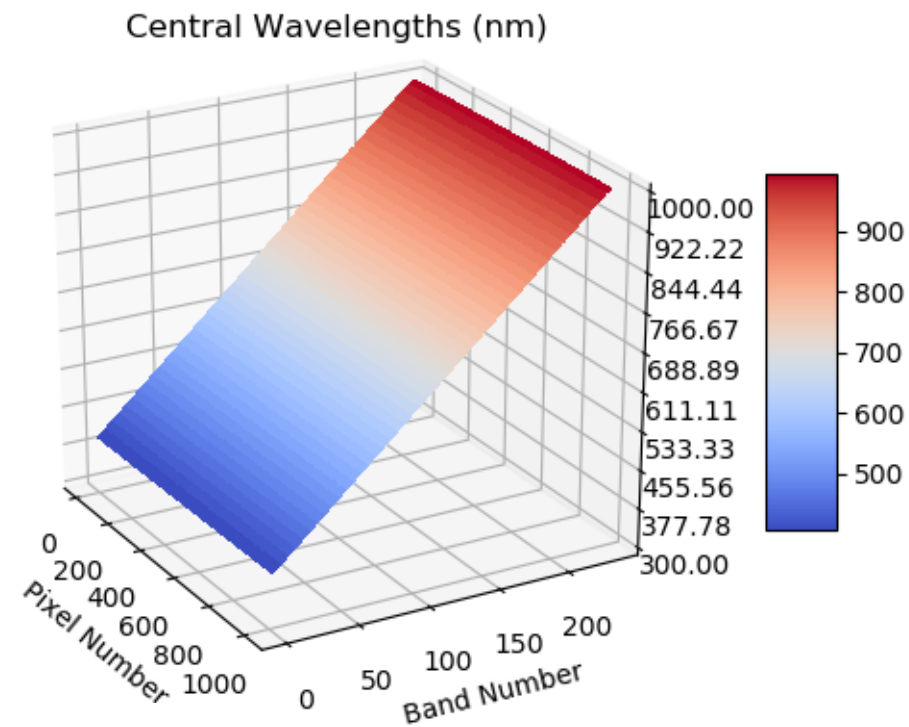
# DESIS: In-Orbit Spectral Characterization

- Using on-board calibration sources (LEDs)
  - ✓ • Pre- and post-launch characteristics
  - Incl. temperature stability & other HK / telemetry data
- Using atmospheric absorption features
  - ✓ • Smile pre- and post-launch



# DESIS: Smile Correction / Spectral Monitoring

- Bicubic interpolation to the central pixel wavelength.
- Assessments, performed on DESIS data, around Oxygen absorption band.



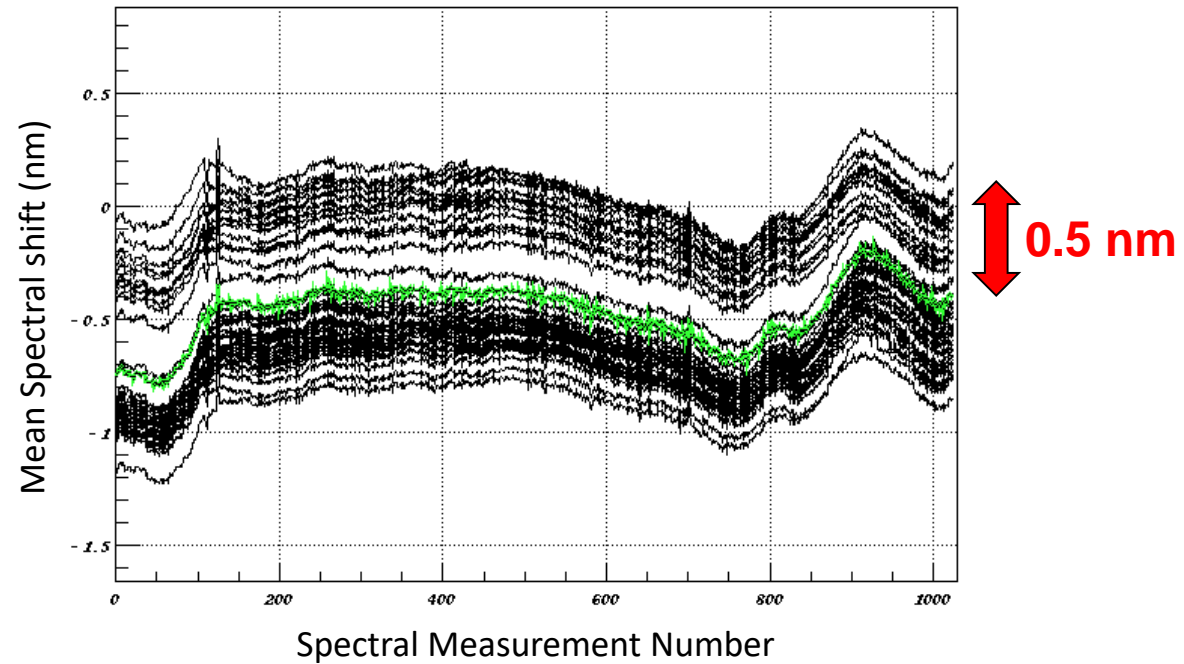


# DESIS: Influences on Spectral Stability

DESIS  
Temperature gradient in housing  
(see talk by E.Carmona)

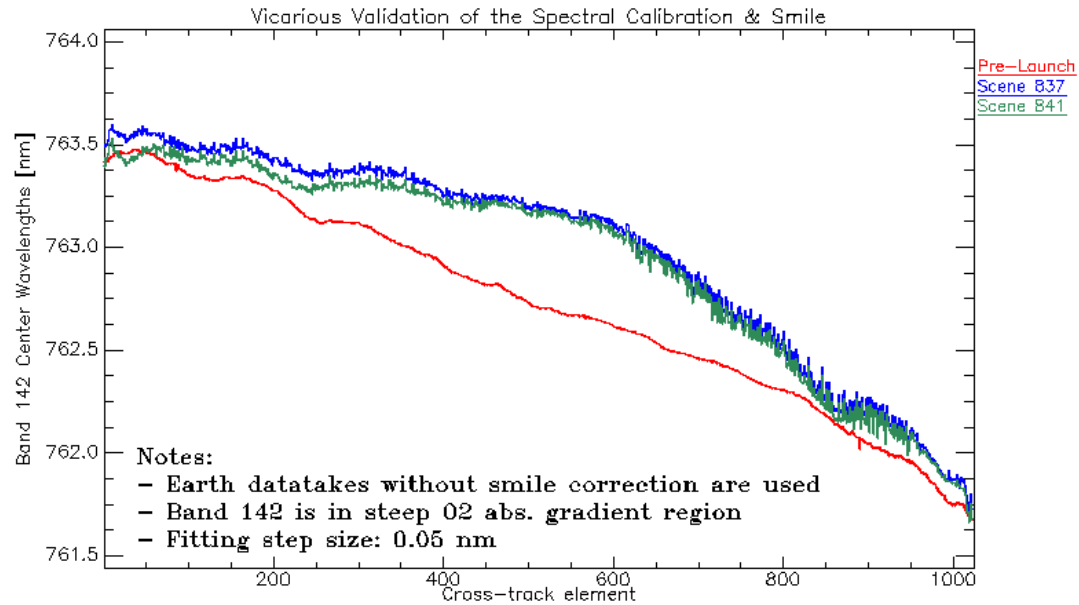
Note: FPA stabilized to 0.1k

LED @ 660 nm

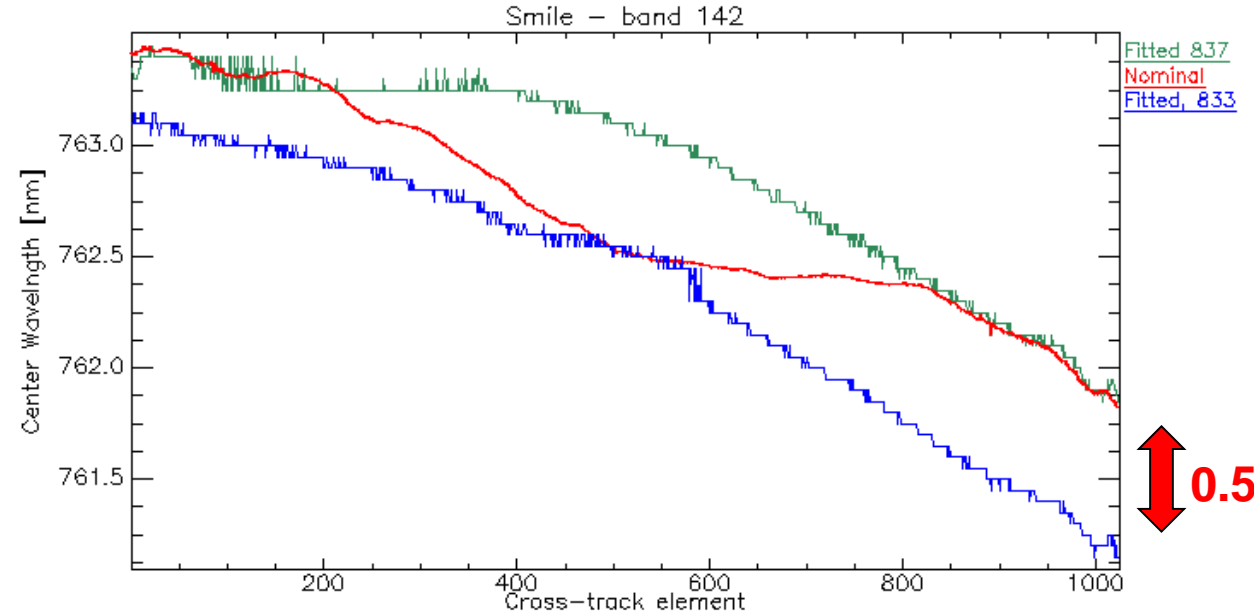


# DESIS: Influences on Spectral Stability

- Vicariously performed on DESIS Earth datatakes, L1B processing, no smile correction applied
- Shift confirmed for Oxygen absorption region (762 nm) & other wavelengths (483, 524 & 819 nm)



Left: fit for 2 datatakes with same  $\Delta T$



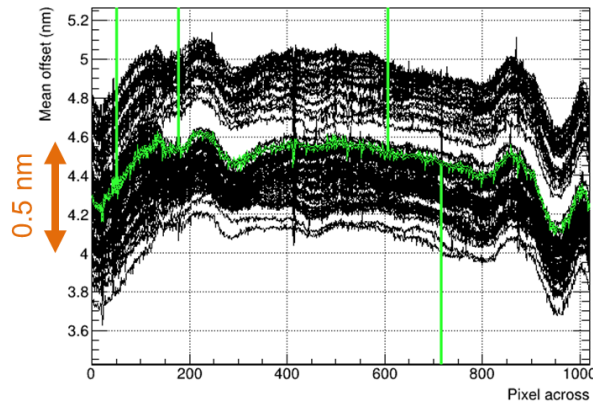
Right: fit for 2 datatakes with different  $\Delta T$



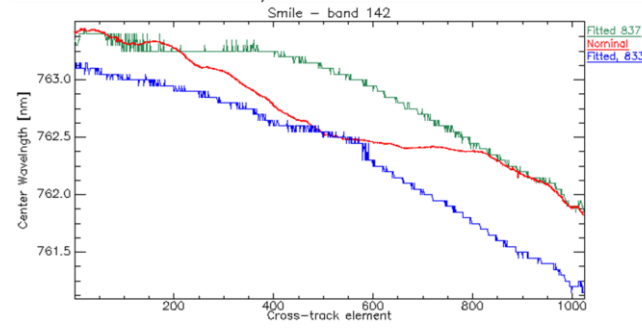
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Slight spectral shifting due to temperature gradient

LED 775nm



Earth datatakes, L1B without smile correction



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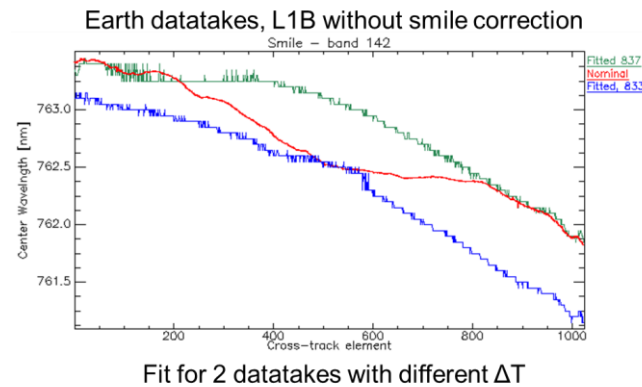
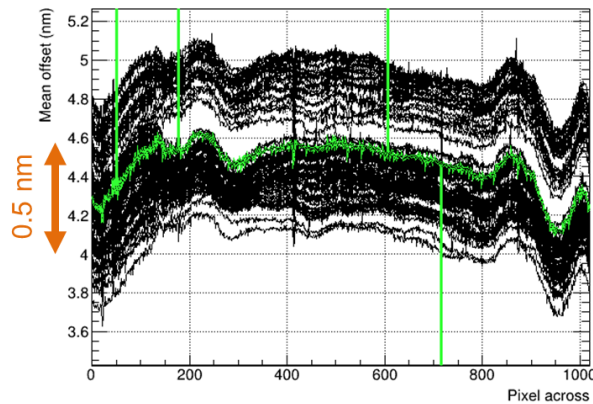
Correction possible based on housekeeping data, implemented in L1B processing



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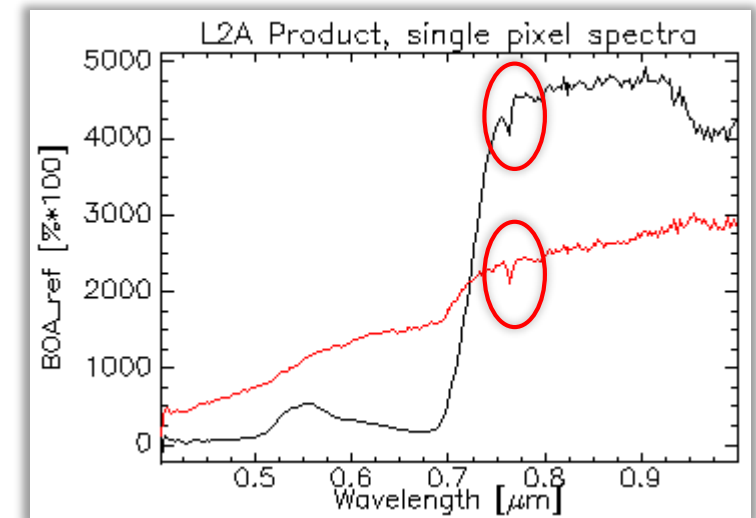
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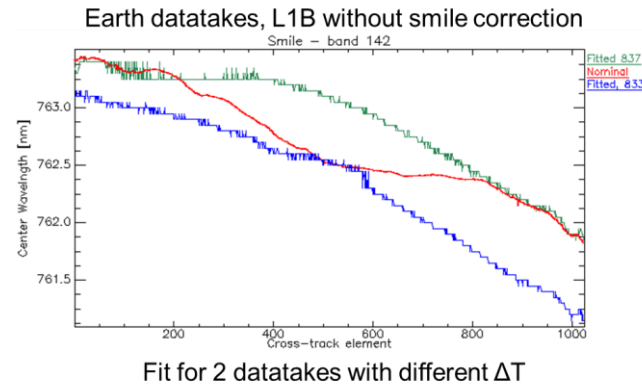
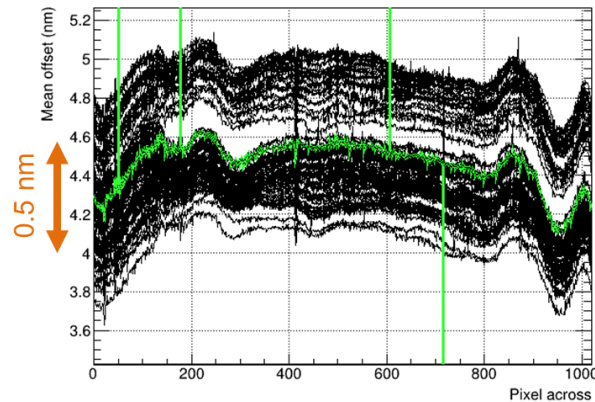
Oxygen absorption at 760 nm



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## Approach:

- Shifting the center wavelengths at TOA\_RAD
  - by +/- 0.1 nm (nominal corrected case)
  - by +/- 0.5 nm (uncorrected case)
- Process to BOA\_ref using ATCOR
  - Interactive, but using same settings as DESIS L2A (PACO)
  - No smoothing nor interpolation

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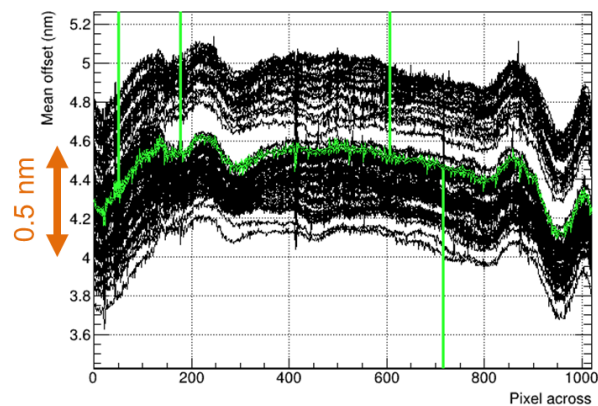
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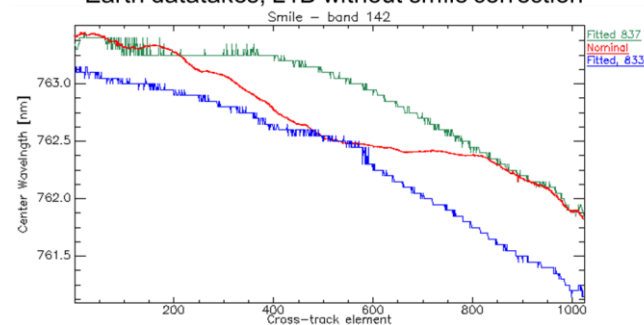
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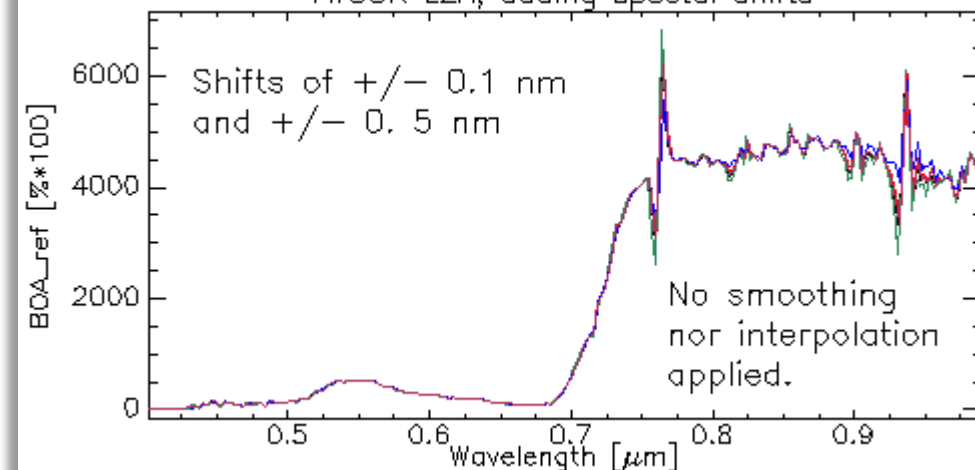
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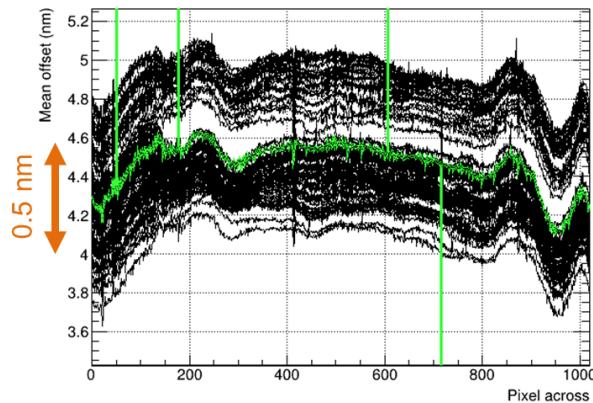
ATCOR L2A, adding spectral shifts



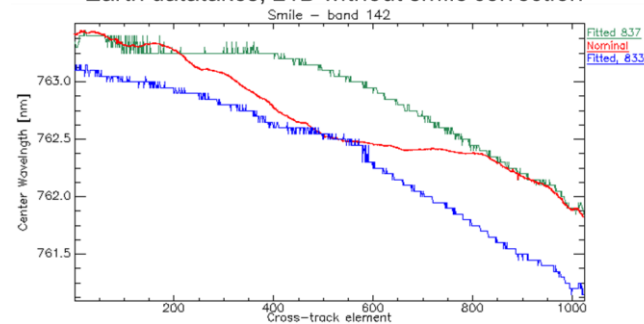
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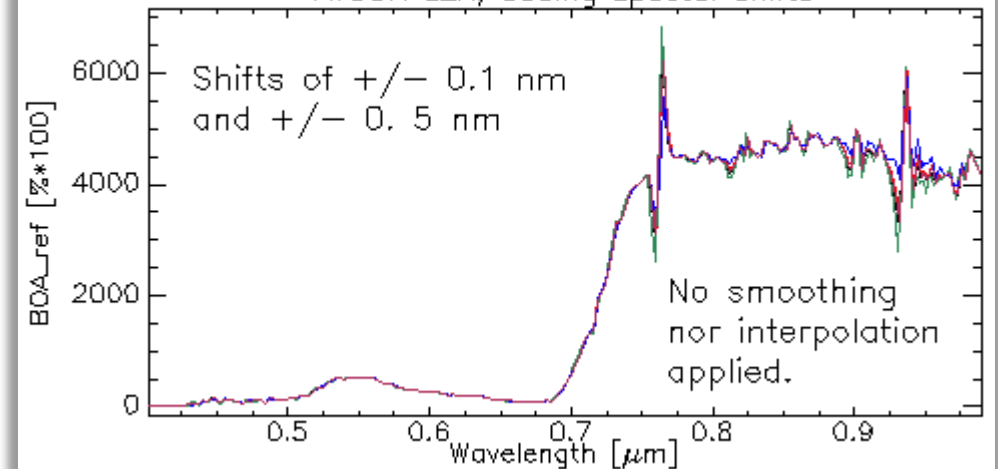
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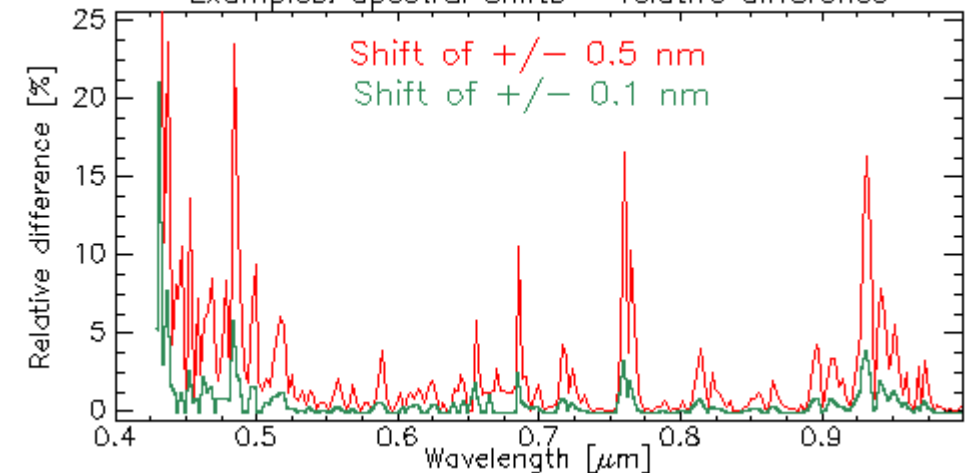
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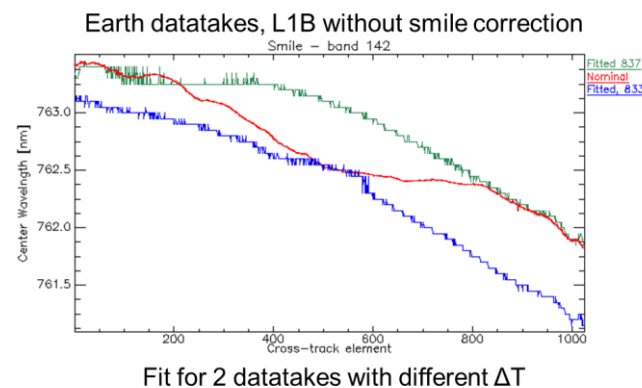
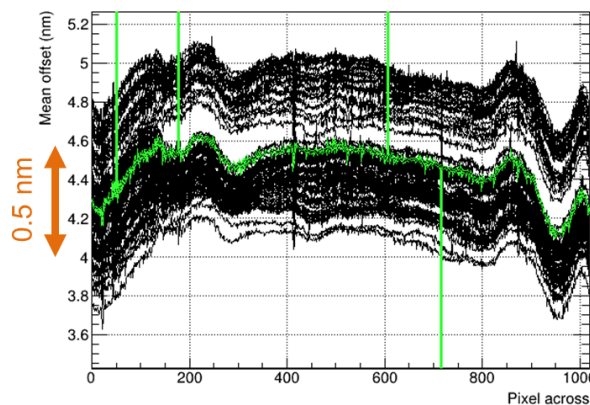
Examples: spectral shifts – relative difference



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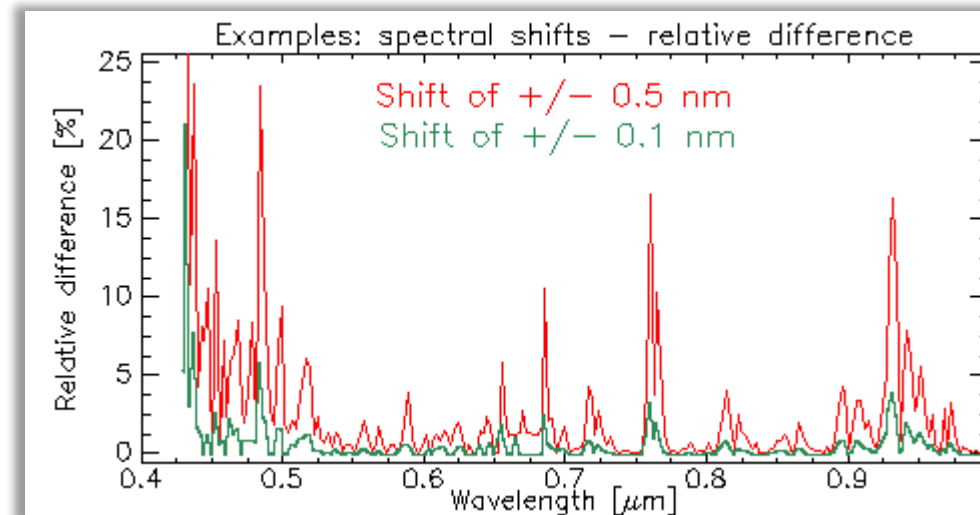
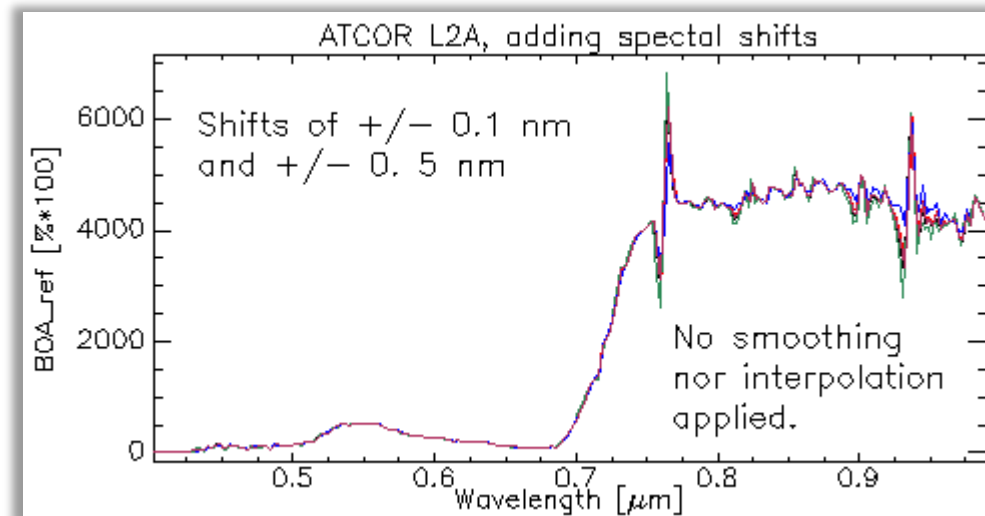


Corrected in L1B processor, remaining RMS ~0.1 nm ( @ ~ 2.55 nm SSI)

Sidenote:

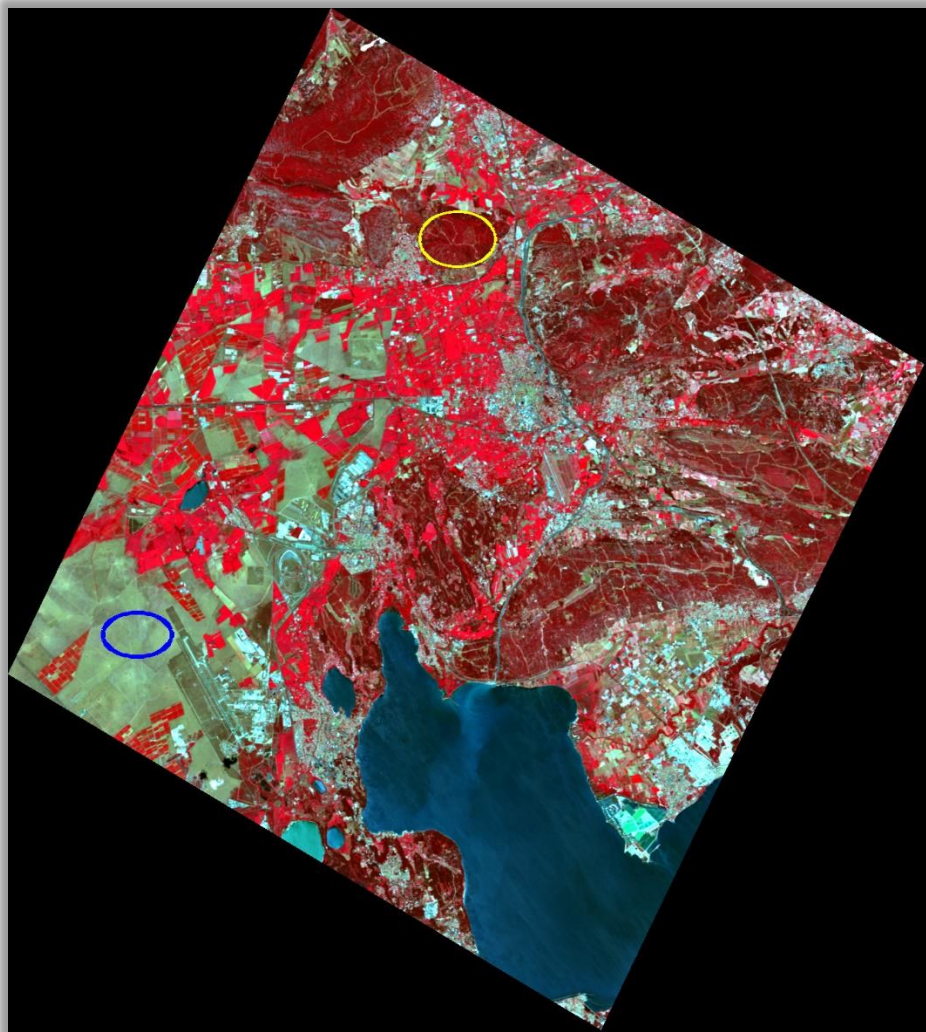
WV retrieval influenced by 2% ( $\pm 0.1$ nm) resp. 7% ( $\pm 0.5$ nm)

AOT retrieval not significantly influenced in this example.





# Influence on vegetation products



Examples using

- Heterogeneous vital green forest / shrub area (yellow circle)

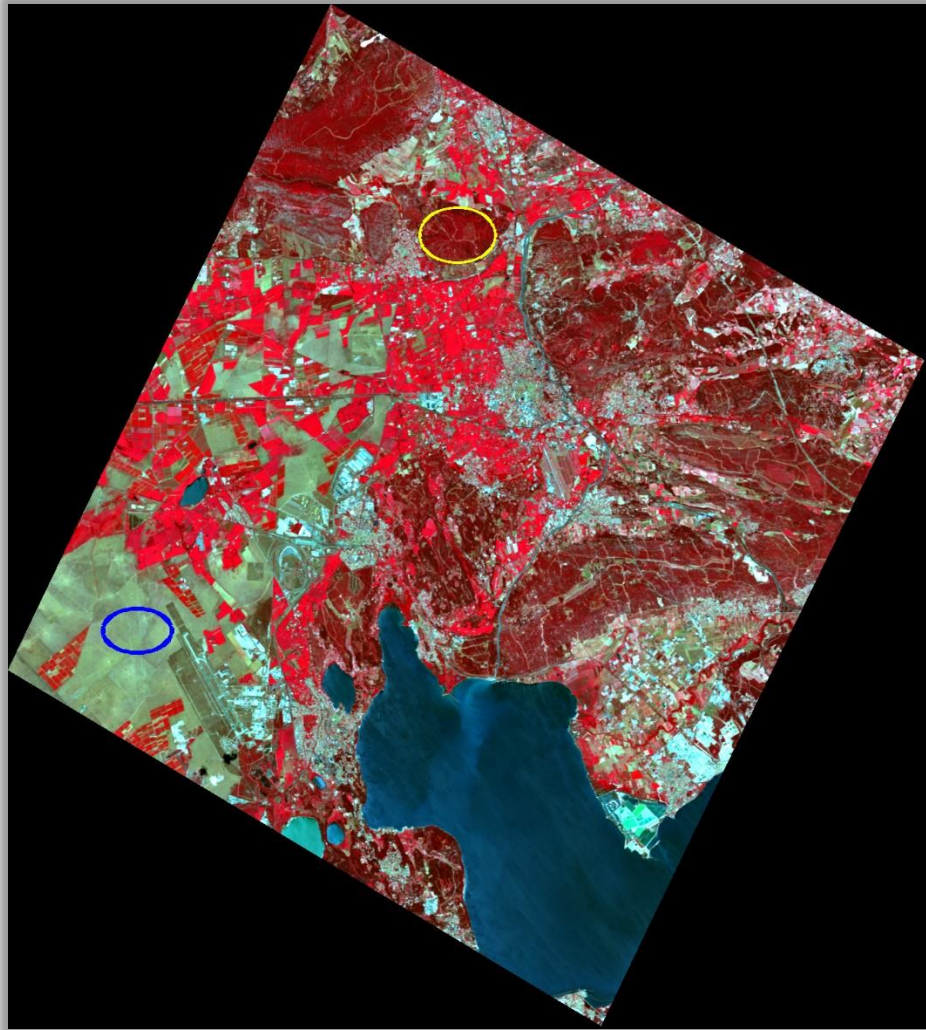
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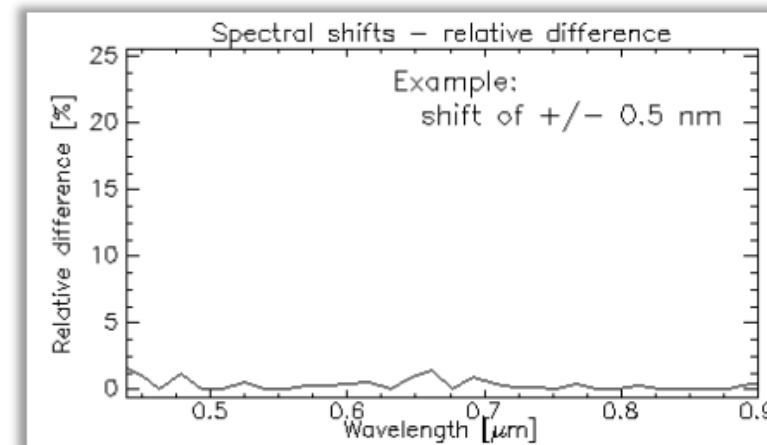
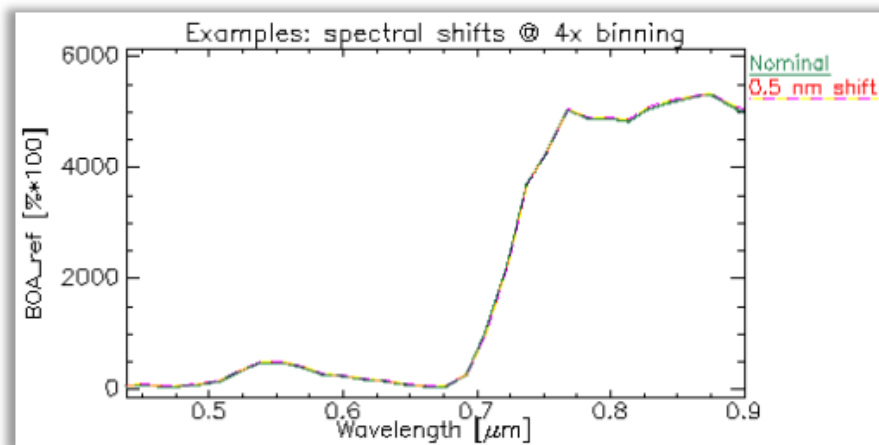
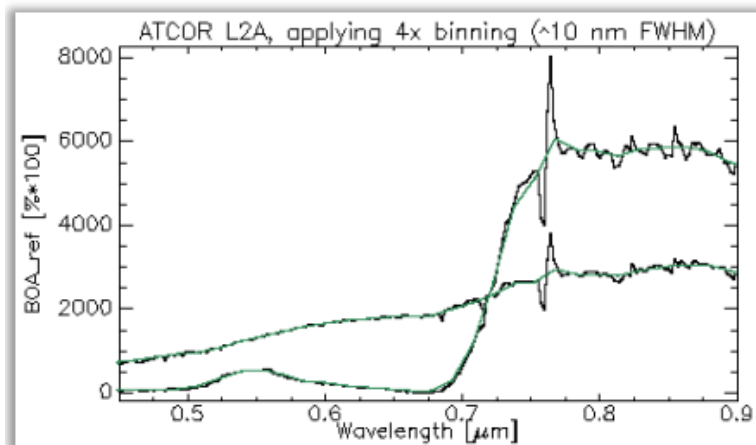
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## ... and now for 4x binning (~10 nm FWHM):



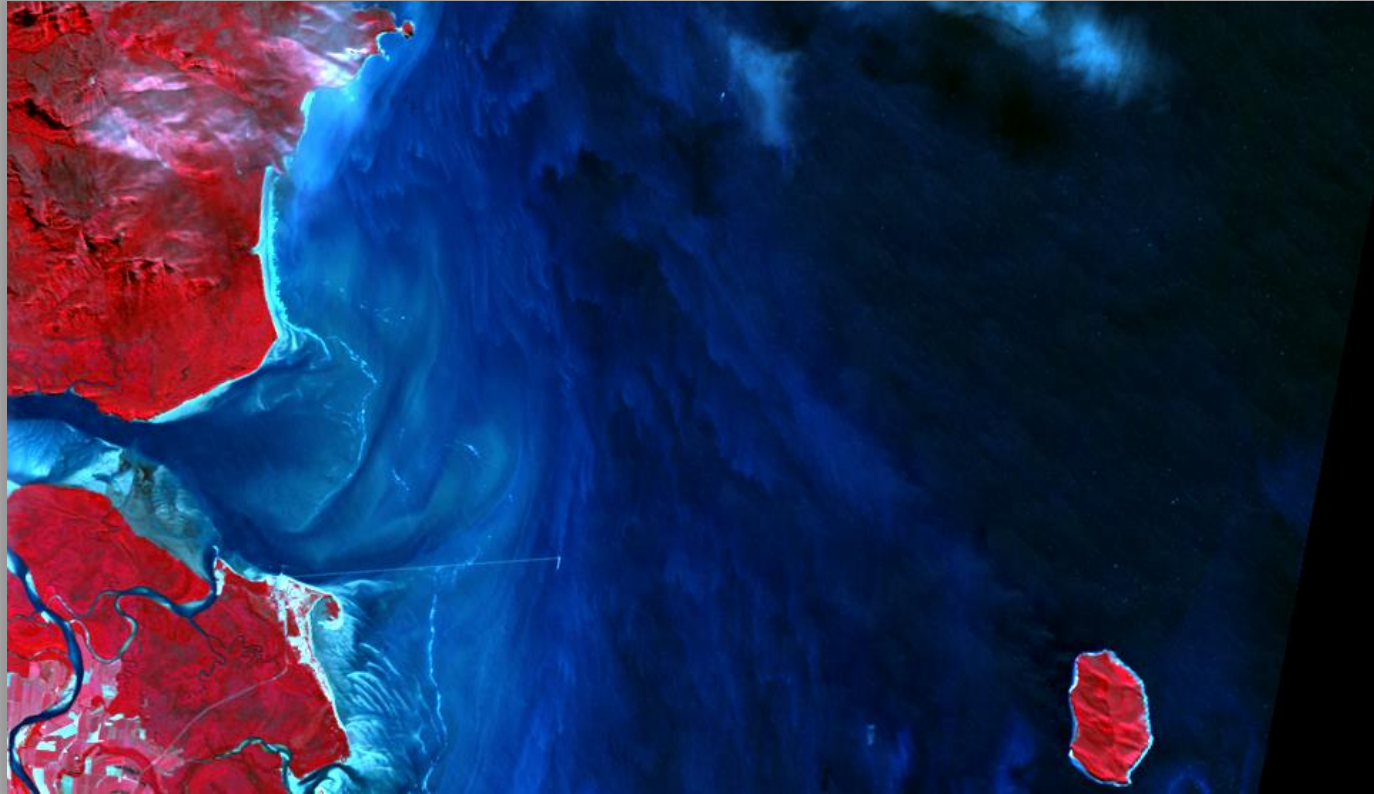
... and the typical relative difference  
(at max. 0.5 nm shifts):

	Shift of +/- 0.5 nm
Broadband (NDVI, SAVI, EVI)	<< 1%
RedEdge (Vogelmann)	<< 1%
Photochem. index (PRI)	~4%
Carotenoid index	<< 1%
Anthocyanin index	~ 1%

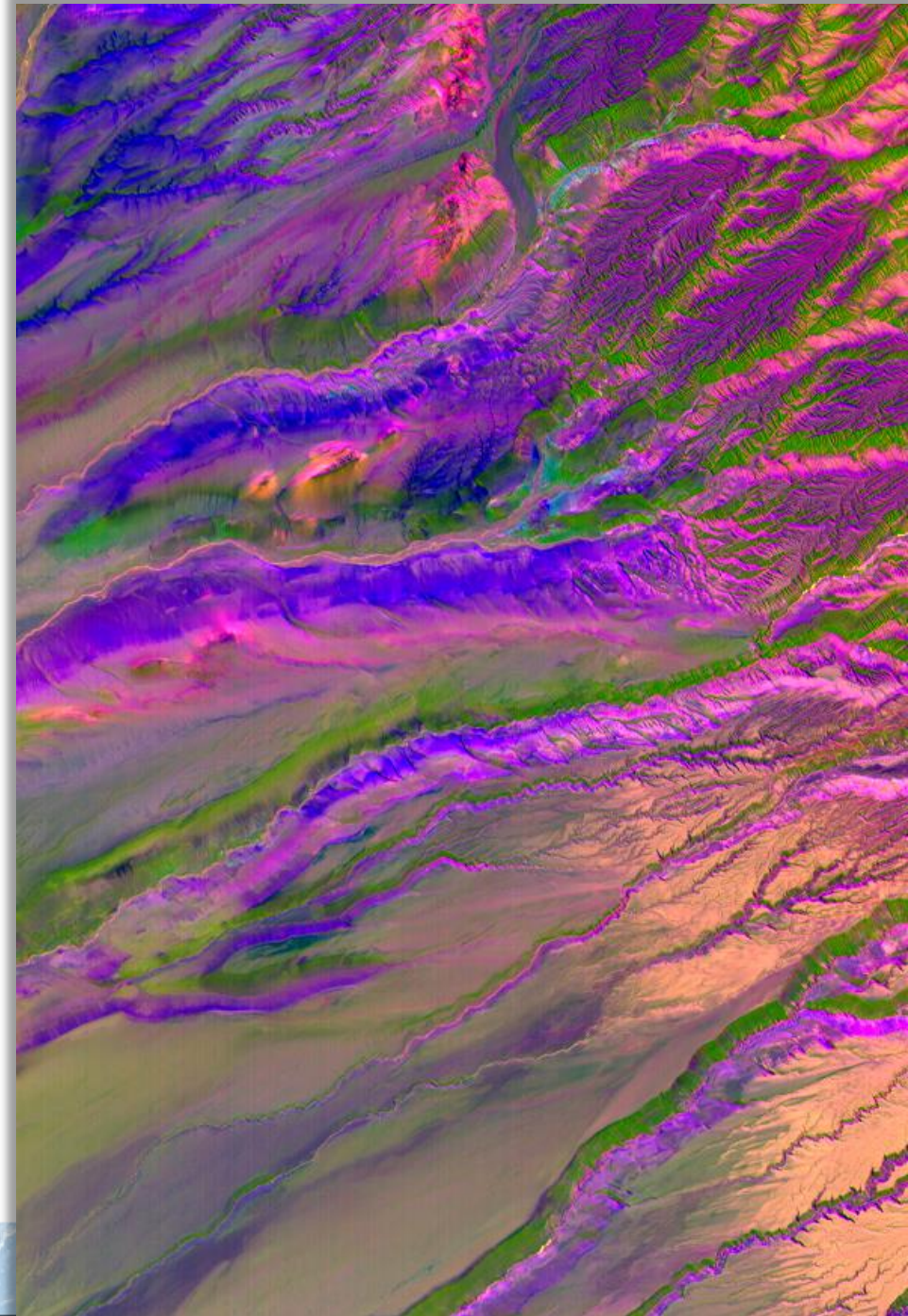
... even for large shifts minimal influence!



# EnMAP – Focus on Vicarious Validation using Earth Datatakes



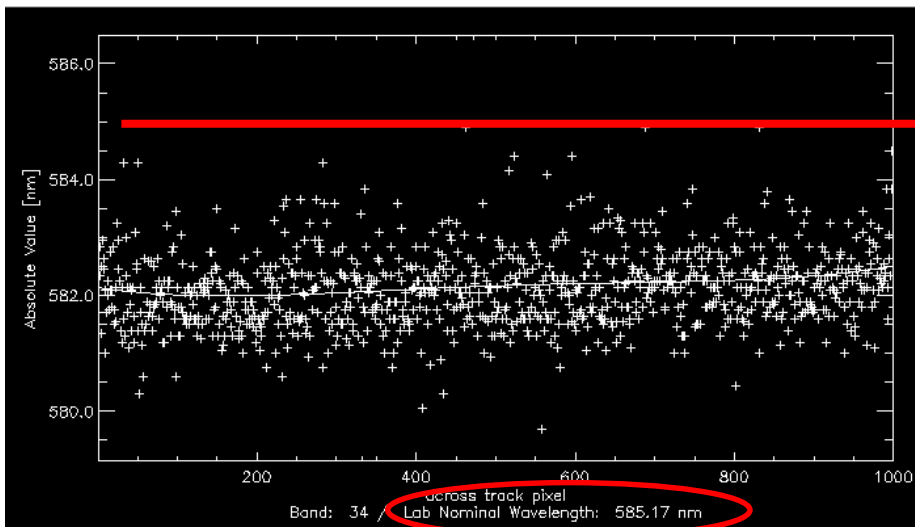
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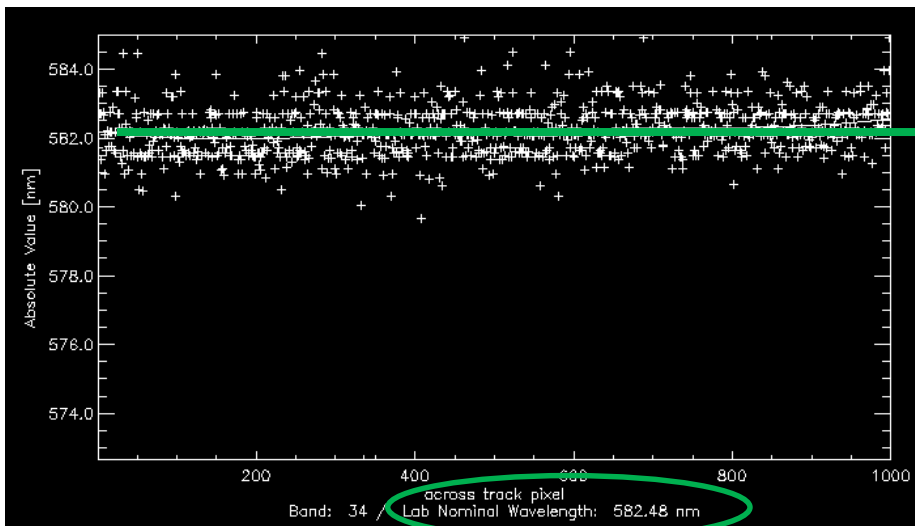
Desert Playa, Peru  
(SWIR, PC-Transfo.)

# EnMAP – Pre- to Post-Launch Changes

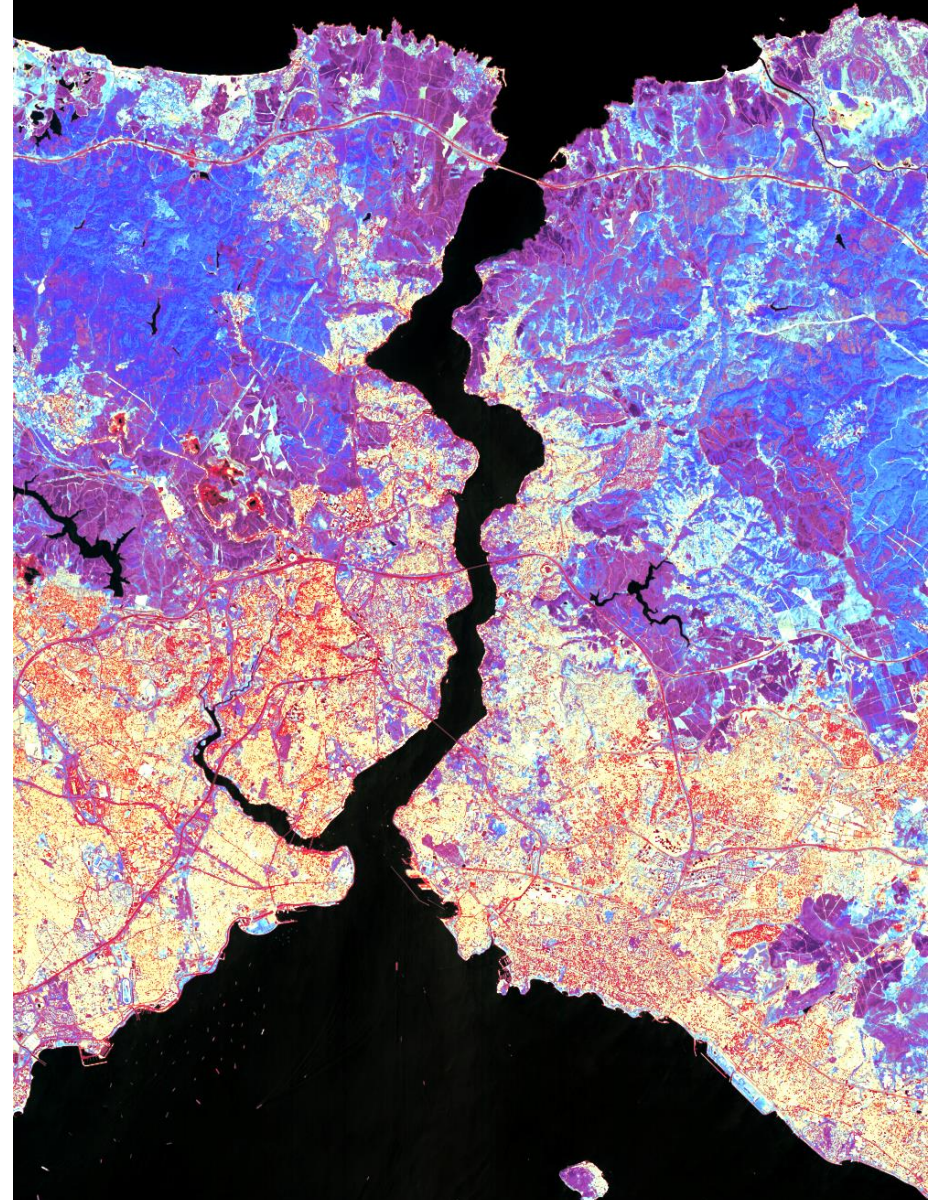
Results from spectral validation for pre- to 1st post-launch calibration tables



Nominal CW, pre-launch Cal. table



Nominal CW, updated Cal. table ✓



1<sup>st</sup> datatake "Istanbul"  
Color composite for SWIR : red: 2176 nm, green: 1633 nm, blue: 1213 nm

# ENMAP – Spectral Stability Estimation using all Earth Datatakes

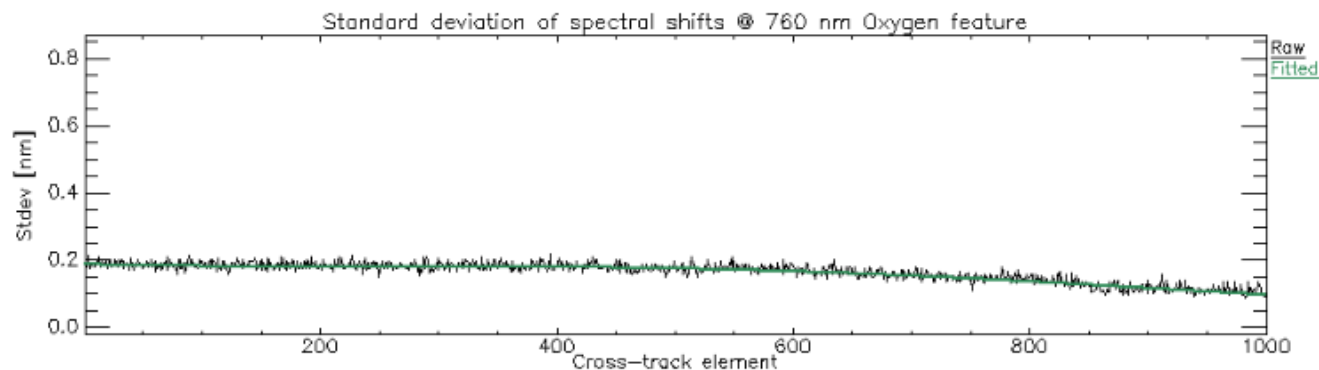
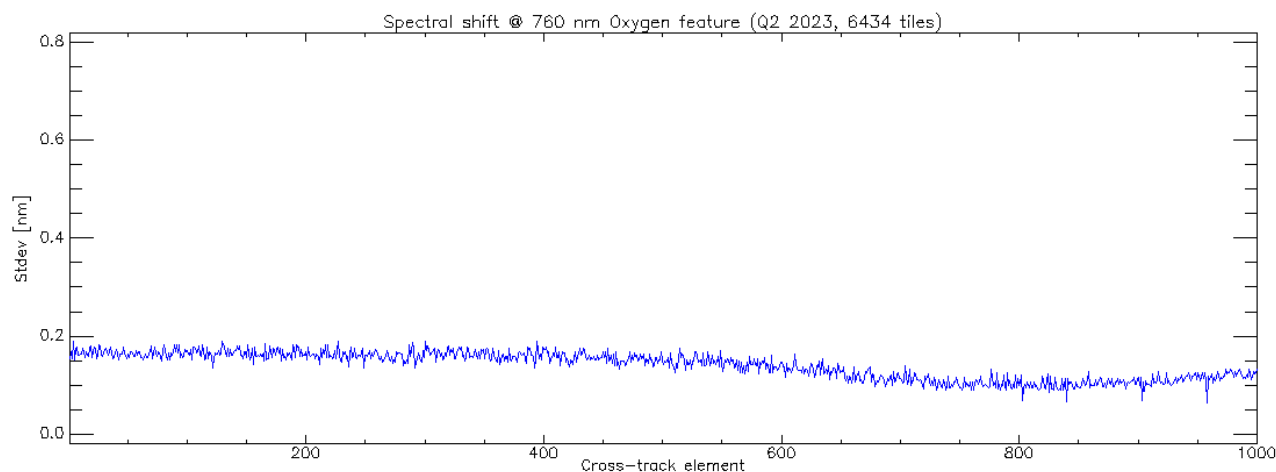


Figure 6-13 Spectral stability VNIR at 760 nm, expressed at 1 sigma; 2770 tiles



Approach:

fit of normalized TOA\_rad to range of simulated spectrally shifted atm. absorption features of O<sub>2</sub> @760 nm, CO<sub>2</sub> @ 2060 nm

Result:

Overall good agreement with OBCA and interactive analysis

Figures:

Examples for EnMAP VNIR @ 760 nm expressed as stdev @ 1 sigma

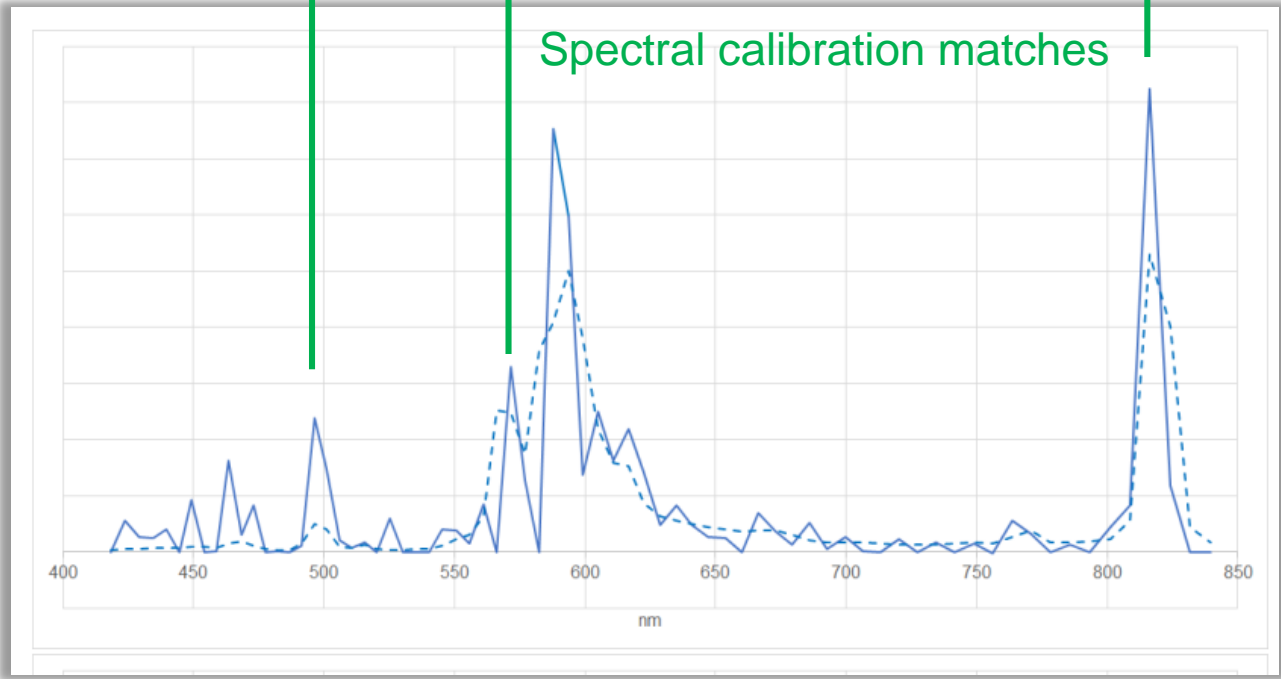
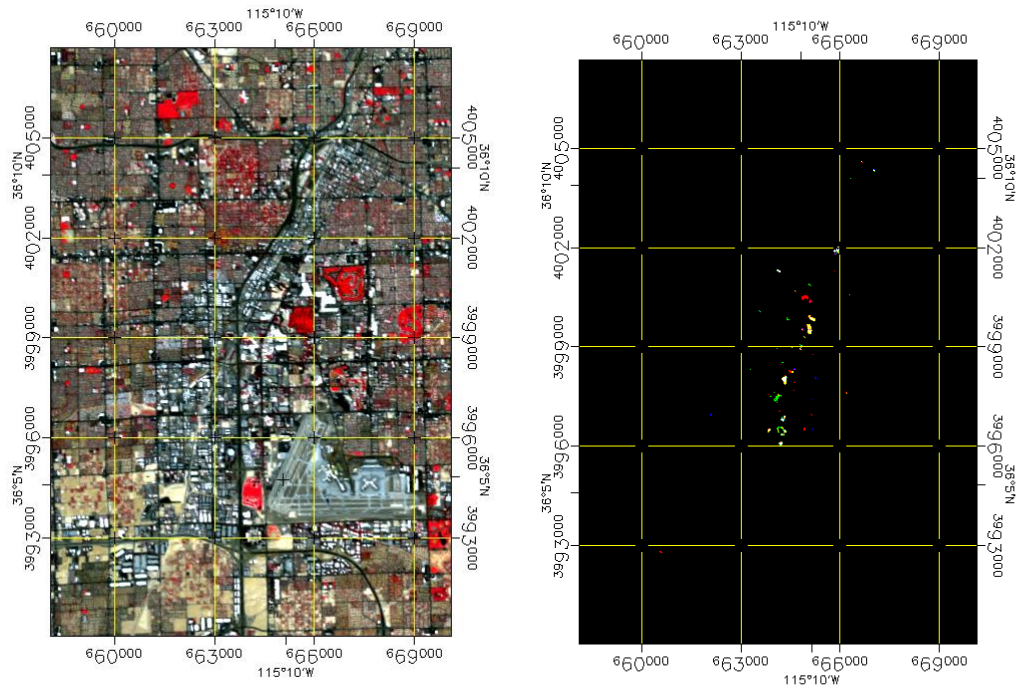
Top: Q4 2022, 2770 image tiles

Bottom: Q2 2023, 6434 image tiles

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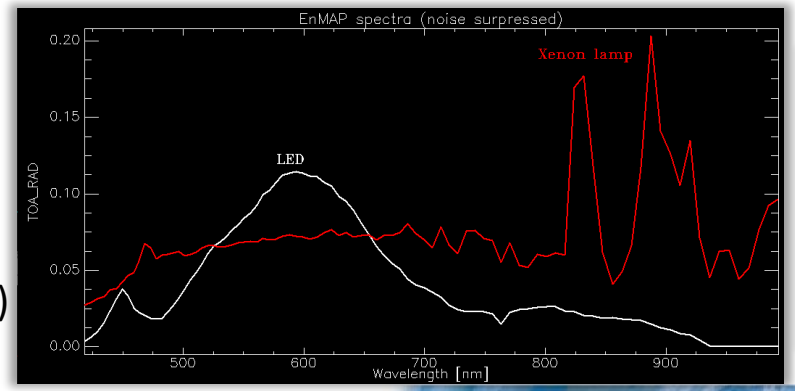


# EnMAP – Las Vegas Lights at Night



Actual TOA\_rad EnMAP (solid) Vs. SpecLib by C. Elvidge  
Example: HPS – high pressure sodium lamp

EnMAP  
 top-left: CIR day  
 top-right: broad-band  
 RGB night  
 right: night-time image  
 spectra (noise-surpressed)



**First Nighttime Light Spectra by Satellite—By EnMAP**

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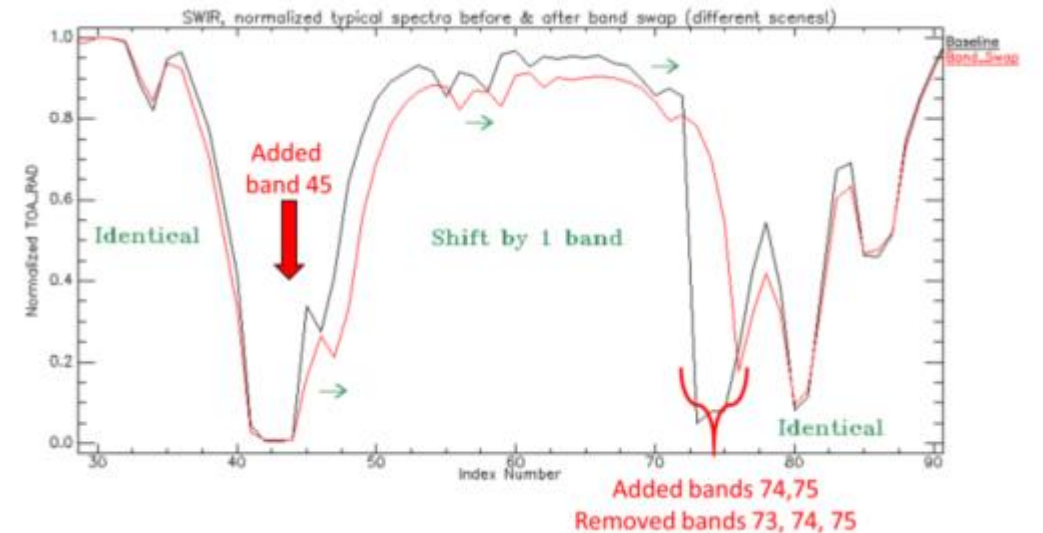
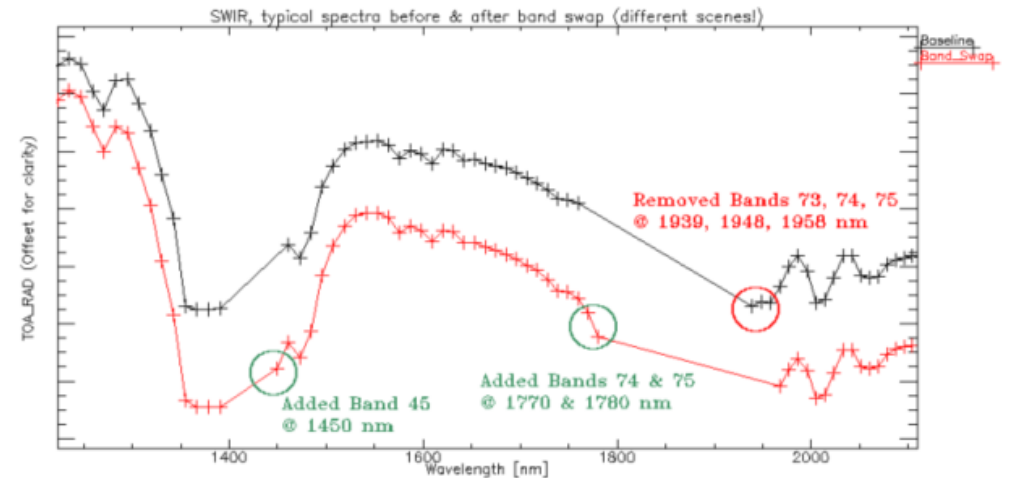
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# EnMAP – Changes in Instrument & Data Products

- SWIR band configuration changed on July 5, 2023, as requested by users & EnSAG
- **Important:** when addressing by band number (and not by wavelengths), then SWIR bands #45 to #75 (full cube bands #136 to #167) are shifted by one band between periods before / after 05.07.2023

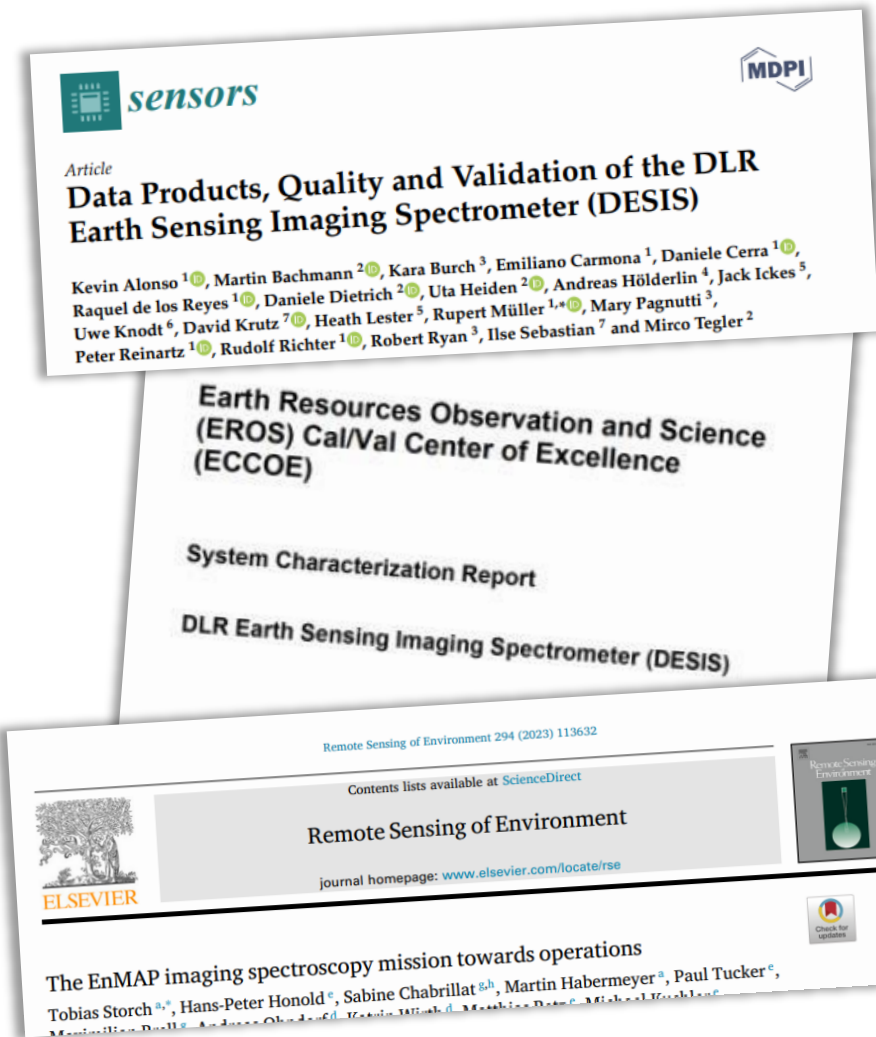




# Conclusions

- DESIS is well-calibrated to RadCalNet (for most bands < 5% @ TOA) and cross-checked to S2 / 8
  - **Aging** is tracked within calibration updates, less accurate for shorter wavelengths (< 450 nm)
  - **Fringing** remains a problem to some degree (> 850 nm)
  - **Spectral shifts** are handled within processor
  - Be cautious when analyzing the **first 10 bands**, as these contain **defects**
- Data products (L1B, L1C, L2A) are validated (internally and externally)
  - **Striping**, spectral **smile** and rolling shutter corrections in place
  - **Geolocation** is typically in subpixel range (RMSE with respect to Landsat 8 OLI: x and y << 25m; N=177 scenes)
  - But: if no GCPs found, could be off by 15-30 pixels => check metadata entry!
- Remaining **uncertainty of radiometric and spectral calibration** is relatively small
  - Further **improves when binning / spectral resampling** is applied

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