Evaluation of the Daytime corrected AVHRR Land Surface Temperature Time Series

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The TIMELINE Project – Geophysical Products over Europe from ~40 Years of AVHRR Data



- Sensors: AVHRR-1 (4 Channels), AVHRR-2 (5 Channels) & AVHRR-3 (6 Channels) onboard NOAA 7 19 [integrated] and MetOp-A, -B, & -C [being integrated]
- **Resolution:** 1 km (LAC + HRTP data)
- Coverage: Europe and North Africa

TIMELINE LST Product Generation Overview





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Generation of Daily Minimum and Maximum LST





AVHRR observation times over Europe

Fusion of SEVIRI continuous LST with AVHRR LST



Available Area for diurnal LST cycles from SEVIRI

- LST model parameters derived from Seviri LST by Sismanidis et al (2021)
- 1 km resolution Dataset containing the annual LST cycle parameters (ACPs) on a pixel level for every 30 min interval of the day

→ Can be used to calculate gap free LST in 30 min resolution

 $\Delta LST_{1} = LSTS_{EVIRI} (13h, doy) - LST_{SEVIRI} (t_{1}, doy)$ $\Delta LST_{2} = LSTSE_{VIRI} (13h, doy) - LSTS_{EVIRI} (t_{2}, doy)$ $\Delta LST = \Delta LST_{1} + (t - t_{1}) * \frac{\Delta LST_{2} - \Delta LST_{1}}{t_{2} - t_{1}}$ $LST_{AVHRR} (13h) = LSTAV_{HRR} (t) + 0.75 * \Delta LST$

 $LST_{AVHRR}(t)$: AVHRR LST at observation time $LST_{AVHRR}(13h)$: AVHRR LST at 13h $LST_{SEVIRI}(t_1, t_2)$: Modelled SEVIRI LST at nearest times to t $LST_{SEVIRI}(13h)$: SEVIRI LST at 13h doy = day of the year





Validation Strategy

Cross Validation with "Same Day Observations" from different platforms

Time Series Comparison with Daily CCI LST (1996-2018) Time Series Comparison with EUSTACE Air Temperature Data (1982-2018)

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Validation Areas





V01 (Hungarian Plain)

V02 (Spain)







V03 (Germany)



Validation Areas – Air Temperature Measurement Stations



V03 (Germany)



V01 (Hungarian Plain)

V02 (Spain)









Cross Validation with "Same Day Observations"





- Direct comparison of observations from the same day but from different platforms
- Assumption: Differences only occur because of the different daytime of the observations and should be eliminated through the Orbit Drift correction







Before Correction



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Time Series Comparison with Daily CCI LST (1996-2018)





- CCI L3S LST: Harmonized LST dataset derived from ATSR-2, AATSR, Sentinel 3A, and MODIS Data
- Dataset corresponds to 10:30h local time
- Daytime normalization should remove trends in the differences between TIMELINE and CCI LST







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	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018			
	Platf	orm		Bi	as	М	AD	Trend
	NOA	A-14		-2	.62	3.	.61	-1.467
	NOA	A-16		-0	.25	2.	.29	-0.414

-2.9

-0.68

-0.32

Before Correction

3.21

2.18

2.07

-0.156

0.03

-0.095

After Correction



Platform	Bias	MAD	Trend
NOAA-14	-0.79	2.42	0.009
NOAA-16	-0.01	2.25	-0.296
NOAA-17	-0.96	2.03	-0.073
NOAA-18	-0.48	2.23	0.03
NOAA-19	0.16	2.01	0.086

NOAA-17

NOAA-18

NOAA-19



Before Correction

Results for the Cross Validation for V02







After Correction





Time Series Comparison with EUSTACE Air Temperature Data (1982-2018)





- Comparison between monthly LST and air temperature anomalies at 300 measurement stations
- Correlation between the anomalies and comparison between LST and air temperature trends

Correlation between Orbit Drift corrected Land Surface Temperature and Air Temperature





Time Series Comparison with Air Temperature







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Conclusions



Fusion with SEVIRI LST enables daytime normalization of the AVHRR LST

- Daytime Normalization reduces biases between the LSTs of different NOAA platforms
- > Daytime Normalization reduces spurious trends in the comparison with CCI LST
- Daily maximum AVHRR LST anomalies show high correlation with air temperature anomalies
- Therefore, this time series can be used to map global and climate change in Europe in 1 km resolution

In preparation of publication (2024):

Fusing AVHRR LST with geostationary SEVIRI LST to create a long-term daily Maximum LST Time Series over Europe

Thank you for your Attention ③

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Results for the Cross Validation for V02

After Correction



Platform	Bias	MAD	Trend
NOAA-14	-0.29	2.79	-0.286
NOAA-16	0.85	2.68	0.554
NOAA-17	-1.09	2.41	-0.122
NOAA-18	0.35	2.36	0.167
NOAA-19	0.02	2.41	-0.135

NOAA-14	-2.9	4.09	-1.557
NOAA-16	-0.09	2.44	0.206
NOAA-17	-3	3.44	-0.328
NOAA-18	0.02	2.29	0.102
NOAA-19	-0.8	2.56	-0.499



Before Correction

Results for the Cross Validation for V02







After Correction





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Spatial Distribution of significant LST and Air Temperature Trends

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South Germany shows a cluster of high LST and air temperature trends.





Platform	Bias	MAD	Trend
NOAA-14	-1.11	2.41	-1.146
NOAA-16	0.03	2.15	-0.273
NOAA-17	-2.44	2.75	-0.161
NOAA-18	-0.69	1.89	0.115
NOAA-19	-0.26	1.9	-0.138

Before Correction

Results for the Cross Validation for V03

After Correction



Platform	Bias	MAD	Trend
NOAA-14	0.16	2.09	0.123
NOAA-16	0.35	2.2	-0.258
NOAA-17	-0.82	1.79	-0.142
NOAA-18	-0.49	1.89	0.059
NOAA-19	0.24	1.89	0.066



Before Correction

Results for the Cross Validation for V03







After Correction



