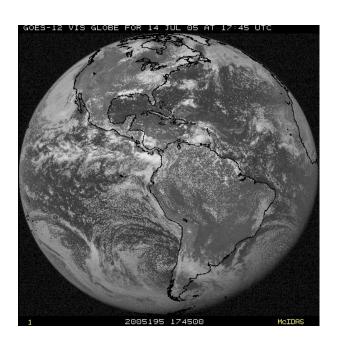
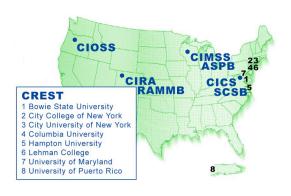
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#### **Executive Summary**

The 2nd NOAA NOAA/NESDIS Cooperative Research Program (CoRP) Second Annual Science Symposium was held July 13-14, 2005 in Madison, Wisconsin. The topic was calibration and validation, both of radiances and higher-level products. There were more than 60 total participants from the government and academia, associated with the various NOAA/NESDIS Cooperative Institutes (CI). The CIs represented include CIMSS, CIRA, CICS, COISS, and CREST. Several participants came from as far away as Puerto Rico.

All the goals of the meeting were fulfilled, although only minimal time was spent discussing future plans and field experiments. The symposium goals were to:

- foster student/young scientist interaction,
- survey current satellite cal/val activities,
- educate students regarding satellite cal/val,
- search for synergy in on-going activities at the cooperative institutes and NOAA, and
- discuss future plans for cal/val, including field experiments.

Presentations were given on a wide range of topics showing the breath and depth of the calibration and validation activities at the CIs. The presentations are on-line at <a href="http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/corp">http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/corp</a>.



The workshop was hosted by NOAA National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) Office of Research and Applications (ORA) Advanced Satellite Products Team Branch (ASPB) at the Space Science and Engineering Center (SSEC), University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW) and by the Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies (CIMSS). The meeting was held at the Pyle Center on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus.

#### Recommendation

The main recommendation from the workshop was to continue this symposium series, as it allows for positive interaction between many levels within the government and the cooperative institutes.

#### **Meeting Summary**

This section includes summary notes from the presentations. It is not intended to be a comprehensive summary of the presentations and posters.

#### Introduction

**Al Powell,** NOAA NESDIS ORA gave a summary of the NOAA NESDIS cooperative institutes and their role in NESDIS, along with the many recent changes. For example:

- Science into Operations
- Improved processes
- •Cooperative Institutes
- Changing Landscape
- NAO, Ops Manual, Competitive Process
- •Coordinating Scientific Research
- Setting Priorities
- Focus on the Future
- •Changing Infrastructure
- IT Working Group
- Plan for the Future
- •Many Good Things Are Happening!!!
- -AWG and the GOES-R Risk Reduction



**W. P. Menzel**, NOAA NESDIS ORA gave a summary as to the "big picture" of calibration and validation. He noted the four "building blocks" of a calibration/validation system:

(1) on-board calibration devices (e.g. black bodies, solar diffusers),

- (2) in situ measurements of the state of the surface and atmosphere (e.g. DOE Cloud and Radiation Testbed (CART) site, aircraft instruments with NIST calibrations),
- (3) radiative transfer models that enable comparison of calculated and observed radiances, and
- (4) assimilation systems that merge all measurements into a cohesive consistent depiction of the earth-atmosphere system.

Other topics discussed include: Observations from all vantage points, Integrated Earth Observing System and Climate Monitoring Principles.



A representative from each of the CI gave an overview of calibration and validation activities. The range of activities cover the atmosphere, ocean, land, while the spectral ranges from the visible, near-infrared, infrared and microwave.

#### Radiance Calibration and Validation

There were presentations on a host of applications of radiance calibration and validation. Only select points are summarized here; more information was given during each presentation. See the online presentations for more information.

"AVHRR Visible Band Calibration/Intercalibration" was presented by **Andy Heidinger**, NOA/NESDIS/ORA ASPB. Among other conclusions, he showed that SNO's (Simultaneous Nadir Observations) coupled with a new MODIS-based vicarious desert calibration target appear to have produced an AVHRR reflectance calibration that is consistent for all AVHRR's (and is consistent with MODIS).

"MODIS Radiance Calibration" was described by **Chris Moeller**, CIMSS. He summarized that: cal/val of MODIS L1B is viable, even necessary, from high altitude aircraft; MODIS meets specification in almost all bands, detector striping is corroborated by cal/val; and finally that MODIS radiometric biases can be cautiously applied to Level 2 products, e.g. CO2 cloud heights.

**Dave Tobin** and Mat **Gunshor**, CIMSS spoke on "Using AIRS to Calibrate MODIS Radiances" and "Using High-Spectral Resolution IR Measurements to Intercalibrate Broad-Band Channels", respectively. They showed the power of using high spectral resolution data to calibrate broadband radiometers

**Bill Tahnk**, CIOSS spoke on "Using Sun Glint and Antarctic Ice Sheets to Calibrate MODIS and AVHRR Observations of Reflected Sunlight". In part, he summarized that the Antarctic ice sheets and ocean glint areas were used to check the calibration of solar reflectance channels on Terra and Aqua MODIS and NOAA16 and NOAA17 AVHRR and that Terra and Aqua MODIS observations at 0.64, 0.84, and 1.6 *u*m are consistent with each other and internally consistent through the period analyzed.

#### Poster Session

There were 20 posters presented on a number of calibration and validation activities. The list of posters were:

 Use of Tide Gauges in Altimeter Calibration and Validation: Estimating Altimeter Drift to Estimate Long-Term Sea Level Rise
 Ted Str

Ted Strub, CIOSS

- 2. Improved SST retrieval in tropical regions using GOES-R ABI Leona Charles, CREST
- 3. Validation of Satellite-Based NESDIS Rainfall Products CREST/CUNY

Walid Harrouch,

4. Vegetation Effect on Soil Moisture Retrieval from Active Microwave Data

Tarendra Lakhankar, CUNY

5. Capabilities and limitations of neural networks in snow cover mapping from passive microwave data

Juan Arevalo, REST/CUNY

6. Validation of Satellite-derived Polar Clouds

Xuanji Wang, CIMSS

7. Accuracy of Satellite-derived Temperature Inversions

Yinghui Liu, CIMSS

8. Validation of Coastwatch ocean color products

Sathyadev Ramachandran, NOAA

9. Cloud Detection: Optical Depth Thresholds and FOV Considerations

Steve Ackerman, CIMSS

10. Calibration of Radar Remote Sensing as Applied to Soil

Moisture and Vegetation Health Determination

Mairim Ramos, CREST/UPRM

11. Calibration and Validation Fundamentals

Vazjier Rosario, CREST/UPRM

12. Validation of Hydro-Estimator Algorithm for Puerto Rico

Region

Beatrice Cruz, CREST/UPRM

13. Validation of Cloud Top Height Retrieval by MODIS and MISR Instruments

Ana Picon, CREST/UPRM

14. Seawifs Validation in Coastal Waters of Western Puerto Rico Patrick Reyes, CREST/UPRM

15. The effect of Calibration Uncertainties on Cloud Height Retrievals from HIRS

Min Min Oo, CREST

16. A Comparison of High Spectral Resolution Infrared Cloud Top Pressure Algorithms Using S-HIS Measurements

Bob Holz, CIMSS

17. Windsat Vector Wind Accuracy from Buoy and QuikSCAT Comparisons

Mike Freilich, CIOSS

18. Visibility Analysis of Class I Areas Using Multiple Satellite
Products and In Situ Ground Based Measurements
Nikisa Jordan, CREST/UMBC

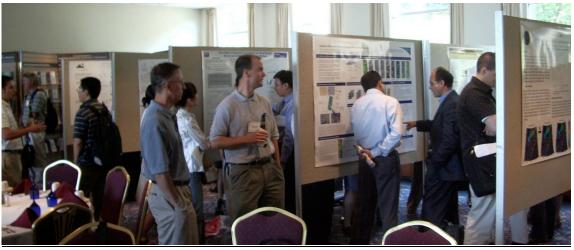
19. GASP Optical Depth Animations and Optical Depth Comparison with an Elastic Lidar

Ray Rogers, CREST/UMBC

20. Windsat Observations of Ocean-Atmosphere Interaction in the Eastern Tropical Pacific

Dudley Chelton, CIOSS





#### Ocean and Land Applications

**Joe Santanello of** CICS showed that while MODIS and AIRS retrievals are poorly resolved in the lower troposphere, but do contain significant information on the general structure and evolution of the PBL that can be used to infer surface conditions.

SST and physical radiance bias correction by **Andy Harris**, CICS. His path is to pursue physically-based methodologies to provide (in part): an improved SST retrieval capability (including the diurnal signature).

"Ocean color products: the challenge of going from stocks to rates" by **Sam Laney**, CIOSS stated that to improve remote sensing via Fluorescence Line Height (FLH), need to know its diurnal dynamics.

**Peter Strutton**, CIOSS, summarized "Coastal carbon fluxes from satellite ocean color, SST and winds." He pointed out that in many areas we don't even know the sign of the CO<sub>2</sub> flux.



"Ocean Vector Wind Workshops and the Role of Cal/Val in Preparing for Future Satellite Wind Sensors" was presented by **Dudley Chelton**, CIOSS. **Paul Chang**, NOAA/CIOSS in his talk "Satellite Vector Winds and Extreme Events in an Operational Environment at NOAA/NESDIS" reminded us that operational or scientific applications may require different approaches toward cal/val and product development.

Retrieval of water properties in shallow water using the GOES-R Coastal Imager was presented by **Marco Vargas**, CREST/CCNY.

Retrieval of ocean properties using multispectral methods was presented by **Sam Ahmed**, CREST. Some very significant results were shown from simulations. In general, most of the derived parameters were approximately fives (or more) times better than would be derived from only multiple spectral data. Hyperspectral channels are very important for

shallow water retrieval. Preliminary tests compared multispectral vs hyperspectral sensing schemes based on Hydrolight Radiative transfer derived bio-optical model.

#### Atmosphere Applications

"Validation of CIRA Tropical Cyclone Algorithms" was given by **Julie DeMuth**, CIRA and focused on AMSU intensity and wind radii estimation.

**Matt Nielsen**, CIRA spoke on "Use of GPS for validation of microwave moisture retrievals over land" and showed that antenna pattern correction fixed a consistent ~3 K bias from observed brightness temperatures.

SGP CART Site: Temperature and Humidity Profile Validation by **Wayne Feltz**, CIMSS. He noted that there are several types of Facilities: Permanent Continuous Site, Field Experiment, Non-traditional (other than traditional WMO radiosonde launches) and validation data types: Satellite, Aircraft, Surface and in situ, remotely sensed.

3-Dimensional Validation of Satellite AOD Products and the Numerical Aerosol Forecast Models that Use Them by **Ray Hoff**, CREST/UMBC concluded, in part, Lidar profiles provide PBL and Mixing layer heights than can be used to validate models/forecasts and that information on the vertical distribution of aerosol loading is essential to forecasting aerosol transport.

**Barry Gross**, CREST/CCNY spoke on Aerosol Retrieval and ground albedo in urban areas using V/NIR and MIR Hyperion Channels and showed that Spatial Regression over urban areas using high spatial resolution sensors can isolate aerosol Path Radiance directly and help decouple ground albedo from atmosphere.

Improving correlation of AOD and surface PM2.5 using Lidar Data, Implications for CALIPSO **Fred Moshary**, CREST. He concluded that, Lidar profiles provide PBL (Planetary Boundary Layer) and Mixing layer heights than can be used to validate models/forecasts and information on the vertical distribution of aerosol loading is essential to forecasting aerosol transport.

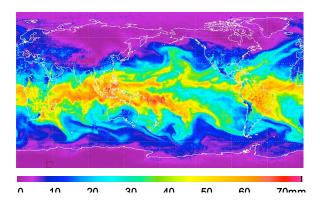


Calibration/Validation Efforts at UPRM (University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez) by **Hamed Parsiani** discussed a wide range of calibration/validation efforts.

#### Climate Applications

Using fluctuations in hyperspectral satellite observations to estimate climate sensitivity by **Daniel Kirk-Davidoff**, CICS.

"On the validation and intercomparison of global water vapor Climate Data Records from satellites" by **John Forsythe**, CIRA concluded that the blended NVAP global TPW anomalies have no significant trend from 1988 – 1999, the operational TOVS record is discontinuous and has a downward trend and finally SSM/I and radiosonde show upwards global trends in TPW.



Inter-satellite calibration of HIRS OLR time series by **Hai-Tien Lee**, CICS. He concluded that some large OLR differences that might point to the limb correction and/or modeling for extreme conditions and called for revision of the Operational algorithms.

Using GLAS to Characterize Errors in Passive Satellite Cloud Climatologies by **Mike Pavolonis**, CIMSS, concluded, that a more complete error analysis can be performed when CloudSat/CALIPSO are launched. *Aqua* MODIS data can be used to simulate various cloud masks and cloud properties. This is the best way to tie together past and future data records (e.g. AVHRR/VIIRS) and to understand the differences between climatologies and help in the development of an "optimal" multi-sensor long-term cloud climatology (e.g. AVHRR/HIRS).

#### **Concluding Remarks**

In summary, this workshop was a productive one. It improved the lines of communication between those doing calibration and validation activities in the CI communities. Each of the presenters, poster presenters and attendees are to be thanked.

Progress was made on each of the symposium goals:

- Foster student/young scientist interaction
- survey current satellite cal/val activities
- educate students regarding satellite cal/val
- search for synergy between on-going activities at the cooperative institutes and NOAA
- discuss future plans for cal/val, including field experiments

#### **Appendix 1: Organization List**

ASPB (Advanced Satellite Products Branch) Madison, WI

CICS (Cooperative Institute for Climate Studies) University of Maryland

CIOSS (Cooperative Institute for Oceanographic Satellite Studies) Oregon State University

CIMSS (Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies) University of Wisconsin-Madison

**CIRA** (Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere) Colorado State University

**Cooperative Remote Sensing Science and Technology Center (CREST)** 

A consortium of the City College of the City University of New York (CCUNY) With:

Bronx Community College Bowie State University Columbia University Hampton University Lehman College University of Maryland, Baltimore University of Puerto Rico

#### **Appendix 2: Participant list – roster of attendees**

## **CoRP Calibration and Validation Symposium**

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Paul Chang NOAA/NESDIS/ORA/ORAD, Camp Springs, MD

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Seoul, South Korea

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Daniel Kirk-Davidoff University of Maryland, Takoma Park, MD

Tarendra Lakhankar NOAA-CREST, CUNY, New York, Corona, NY

Sam Laney Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

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#### Appendix 3: Agenda

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### Wednesday Afternoon 13 July 2005

Introduction		Chair: Jeff Key, NOAA
1300	Introductory Remarks/Logistics/Agenda	Jeff Key, NOAA
1310	Welcome	Steve Ackerman, SSEC
1320	The Cooperative Institutes and NESDIS	Al Powell, NOAA
1335	The Big Picture of Cal/Val	Paul Menzel, NOAA
1400	Overview of CI Cal/Val Activities	
	Cal/val for Oceanographic Satellite Sensors	Ted Strub, CIOSS
	Cal/val activities at CIMSS	Steve Ackerman, CIMSS
	Cal/val activities at CIRA	Don Hillger, NOAA/CIRA
	Cal/val activities at CICS	Andy Harris, CICS
	Cal/val activities at CREST	Reza Khanbilvardi, CREST
1500	Break	
Radiance Calibration and Validation		Chair: Tim Schmit, NOAA
1515	AVHRR Visible Band Calibration/Intercalibration	Andy Heidinger, NOAA
1530	MODIS Radiance Calibration	Chris Moeller, CIMSS
1545	Using AIRS to Calibrate MODIS Radiances	Dave Tobin, CIMSS
1600	Using High-Spectral Resolution IR Measurements to	
	Intercalibrate Broad-Band Channels	Mat Gunshor, CIMSS
1615	Using Sun Glint and Antarctic Ice Sheets to Calibrate	Bill Tahnk, CIOSS

MODIS and AVHRR Observations of Reflected Sunlight

1630 1645	Poster Introductions Poster Session	Poster authors Poster authors
1800-	Banquet – Pyle Center Faculty Lounge	
Thurs	sday 14 July 2005	
0825	Intro/Logistics	Jeff Key, NOAA
Ocean	and Land Applications	Chair: Ted Strub, CIOSS
0830 0845 0900 0915	Using satellite-derived PBL properties to infer land surface fluxes SST and physical radiance bias correction Ocean color products: the challenge of going from stocks to rates Coastal carbon fluxes from satellite ocean color,	Joe Santanello, CICS Andy Harris, CICS Sam Laney, CIOSS
0913 0930 0945	SST and winds Ocean Vector Wind Workshops and the Role of Cal/Val in Preparing for Future Satellite Wind Sensors Vector winds and severe storm detection	Peter Strutton, CIOSS  Dudley Chelton, CIOSS Paul Chang, NOAA/CIOSS
1000	Break	
1015	Retrieval of water properties in shallow water using the GOES-R Coastal Imager	Marco Vargas, CREST/CCNY
<ul><li>1030</li><li>1045</li></ul>	In situ validation of Ocean Color products in Case II waters Discussion	Sam Ahmed, CREST
Atmos	sphere Applications	Chair: Bob Aune, NOAA
1115 1130 1145	Validation of CIRA Tropical Cyclone Algorithms Use of GPS for validation of microwave moisture retrievals over land SGP CART Site: Temperature and Humidity Profile Validation	Julie DeMuth, CIRA Matt Nielsen, CIRA Wayne Feltz, CIMSS
1200	Lunch – Pyle Center	
1330 1345	3-Dimensional Validation of Satellite the Numerical Aerosol Forecast Models that Use Them Aerosol Retrieval and ground albedo in urban areas using V/NIR and MIR Hyperion Channels.	AOD Products and Ray Hoff, CREST/UMBC
1400	using V/NIR and MIR Hyperion Channels Improving correlation of AOD and surface PM2.5 using	Barry Gross, CREST/CCNY

1645	End of workshop	
1615	Discussion and closing	wine i avoioms, Chviso
1600	Cloud Climatology Validation	Mike Pavolonis, CIMSS
1545	vapor Climate Data Records from satellites Inter-satellite calibration of HIRS OLR time series	John Forsythe, CIRA Hai-Tien Lee, CICS
1530	On the validation and intercomparison of global water	
1500	Break	
1445	Using fluctuations in hyperspectral satellite observations to estimate climate sensitivity	Daniel Kirk-Davidoff, CICS
	te Applications	Chair: Don Hillger, NOAA/CIRA
Clima	to Applications	Chaine Dan Hillgan
1415	Lidar Data, Implications for CALIPSO Overview of Cal/Val at UPRM	Fred Moshary, CREST Hamed Parsiani, UPRM



