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Observing Terrestrial Thermal Emission Radiometer (OTTER)

Level-2 Surface Temperature, Emissivity, and Cloud Mask

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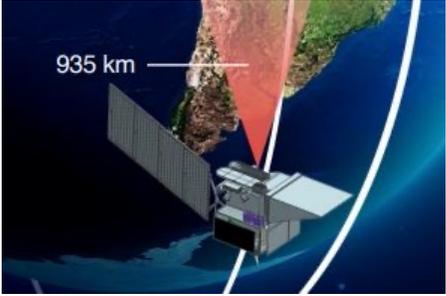
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NASA Surface Temperature and Emissivity Algorithm Heritage

	ASTER (2000)	MODIS (2000/2002) VIIRS (2011/2017/2022)	ECOSTRESS (2018)	HyTES (2013)	Surface Biology Geology OTTER (2027)
					
Platform	Terra	Aqua, Terra, S-NPP, NOAA-20, NOAA-21	International Space Station	Twin Otter/ER2	OTTER
TIR bands	5	3	5	256	6 (+2 MIR)
Algorithm	TES	TES	TES	TES	TES: land surfaces Split-window: water surfaces
Temporal	16 day	Twice Daily (1:30am/pm)	3-5 days	Campaigns	3 days
Spatial	90 m	1000 m	70 m	1- 10 m	60 m

TES = Temperature Emissivity Separation (TES) algorithm [Gillespie et al. 1998]





SBG OTTER Level-2 product data layers

SBG OTTER LEVEL-2 ATBD

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Level 2 Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD)

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1=water 0=land
1=cloud 0=clear
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Taking the Temperature of the Earth

Steps Towards Integrated Understanding of Variability and Change



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LAND SURFACE TEMPERATURE

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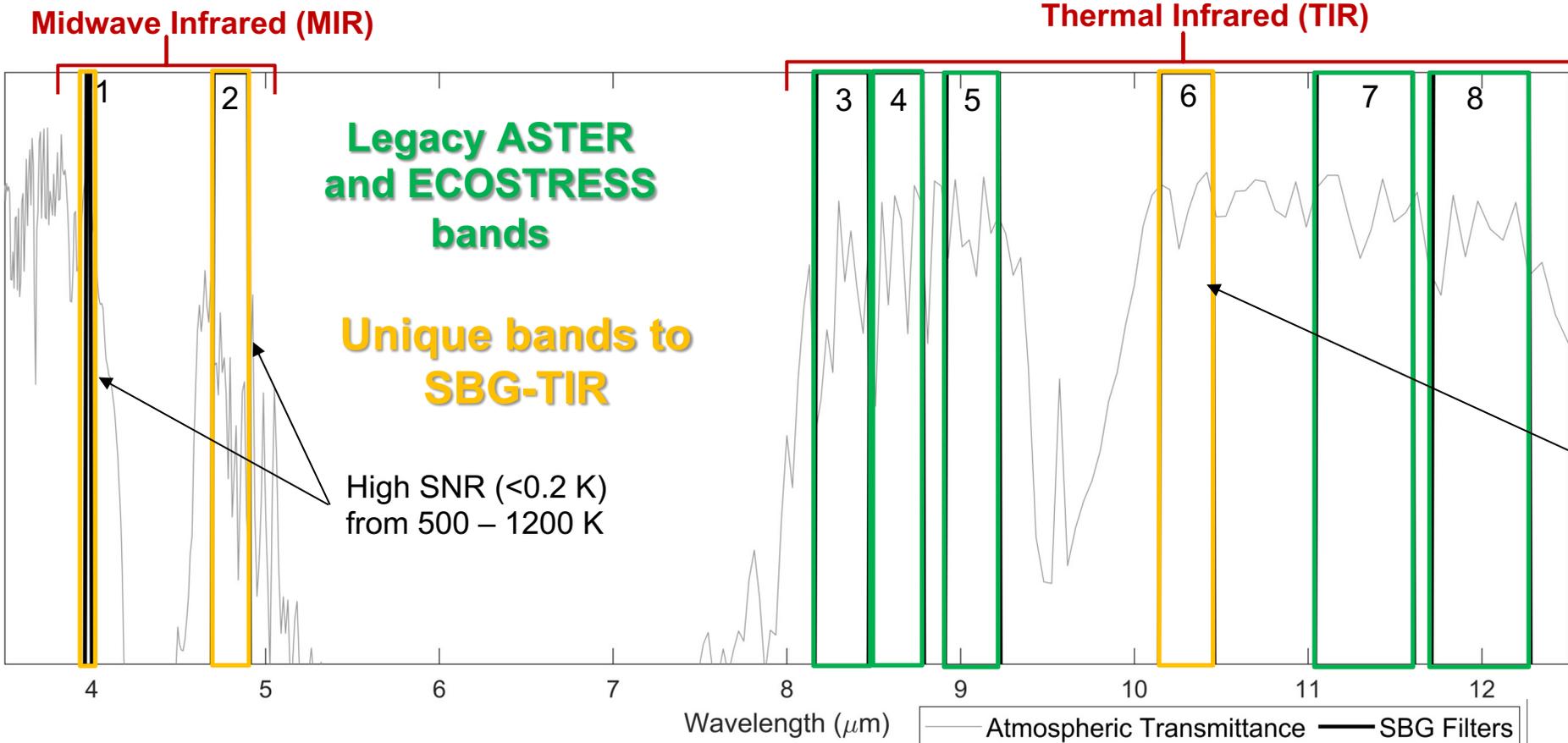
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SBG OTTER bands and science uses

- Band uses
- Surface temperature/emissivity: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
 - Evapotranspiration: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
 - Volcanic activity: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
 - Surface composition: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
 - Elevated Temperature Features: 1, 2, 7, 8



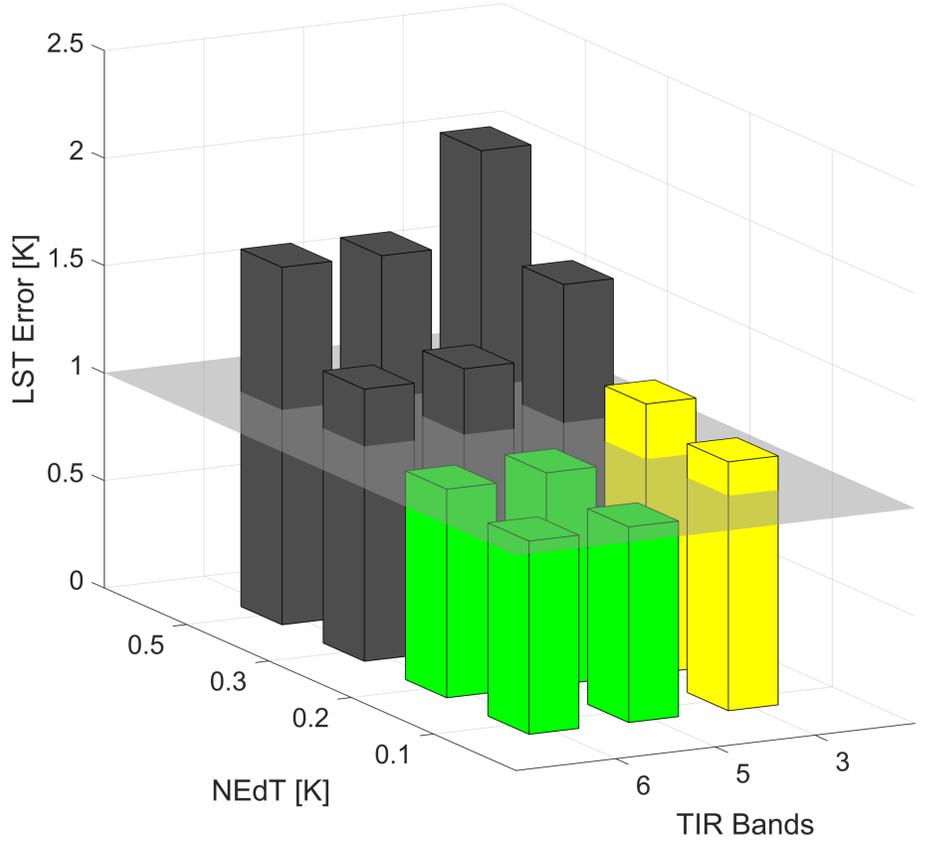
- Surface mineral composition
- Volcanic plume composition



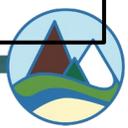
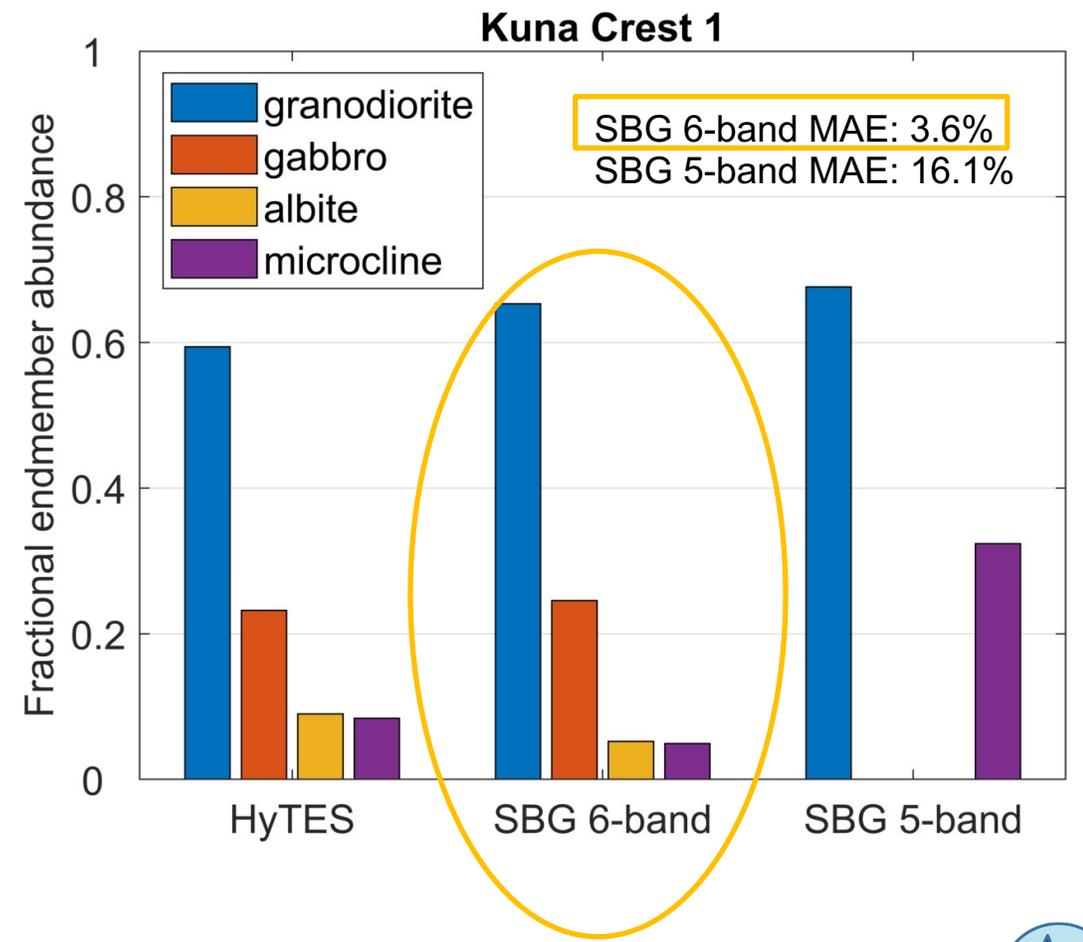
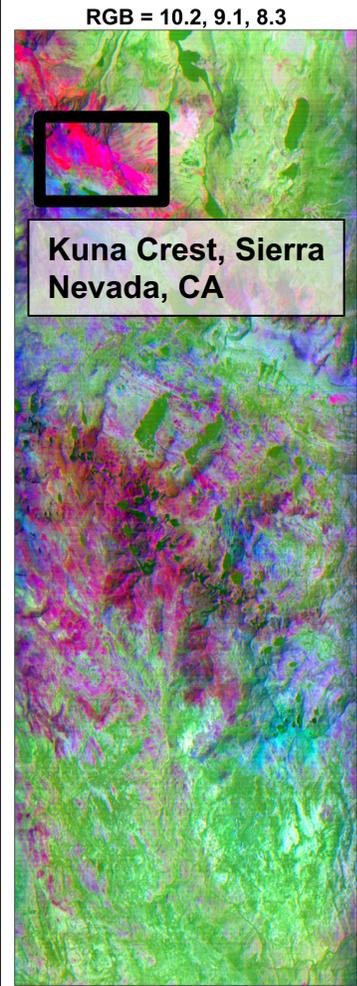


Demonstrated need for more TIR bands

Improved LST accuracy <1 K



Improved surface composition mapping

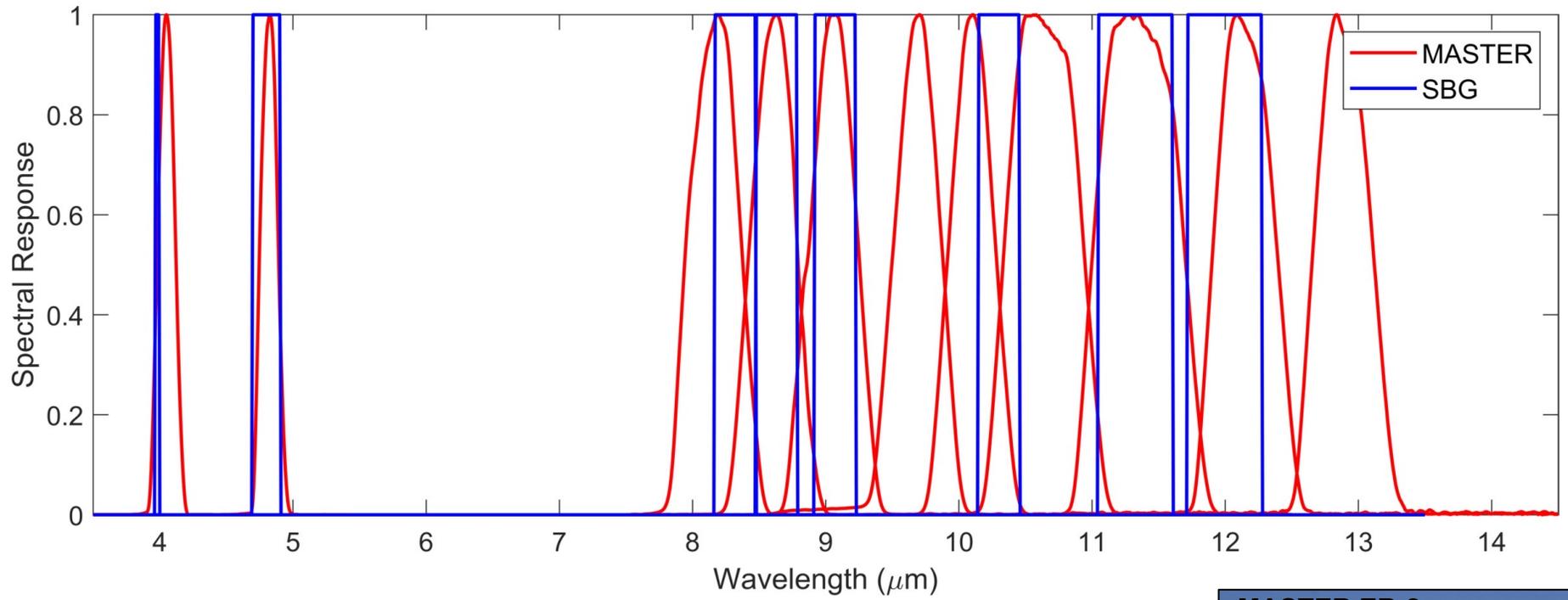




Simulated SBG TIR data from MASTER airborne

MASTER IR bands

Band	Wavelength (micron)
32	4.05
37	4.82
42	8.15
43	8.59
44	9.02
45	9.64
46	10.1
47	10.6
48	11.32
49	12.14
50	12.85



Example regression for two bands:

$$\epsilon_{SBG\ 1} = c1 \epsilon_{MASTER\ 32} + c2$$

$$\epsilon_{SBG\ 6} = b1 \epsilon_{MASTER\ 46} + b2 \epsilon_{MASTER\ 47} + b3$$

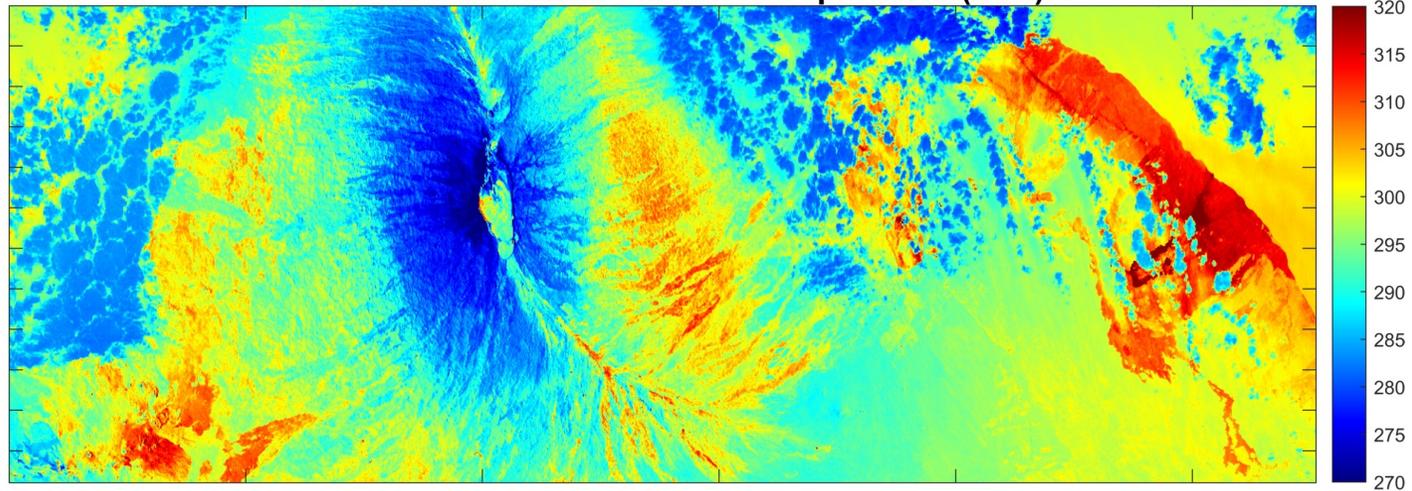




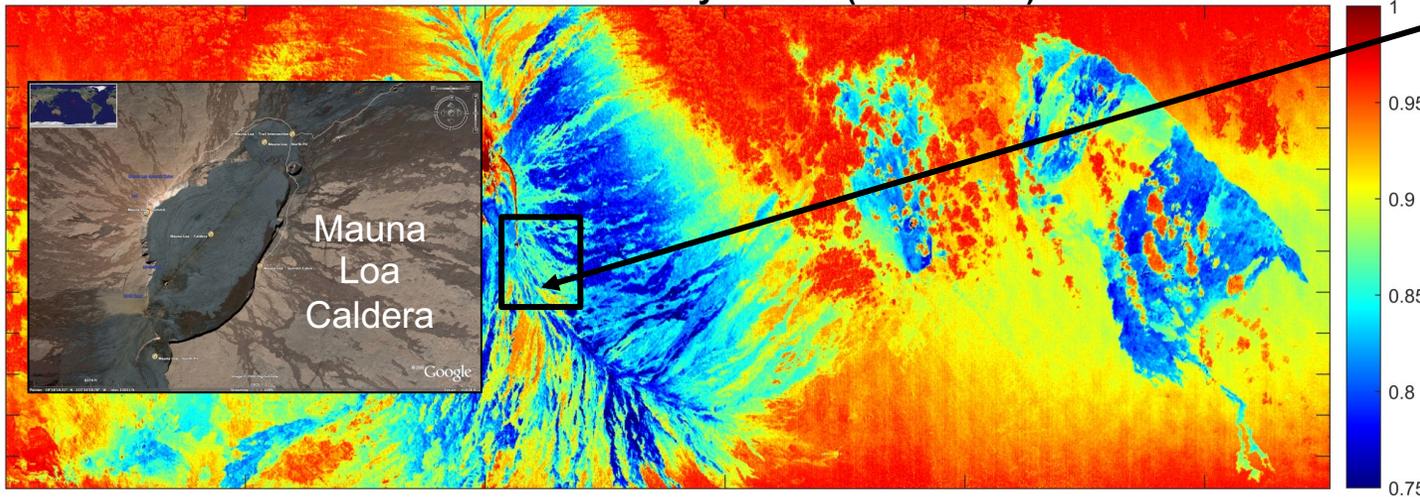
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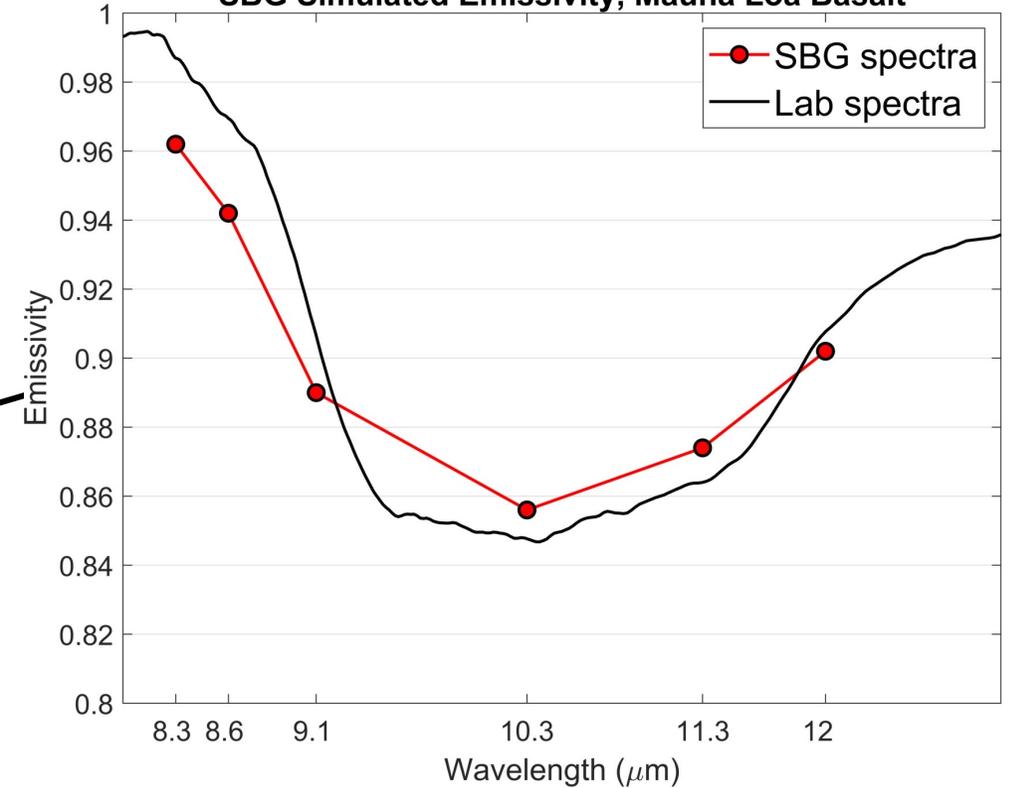
SBG simulated Land Surface Temperature (LST)



SBG simulated Emissivity band 6 (9.1 micron)

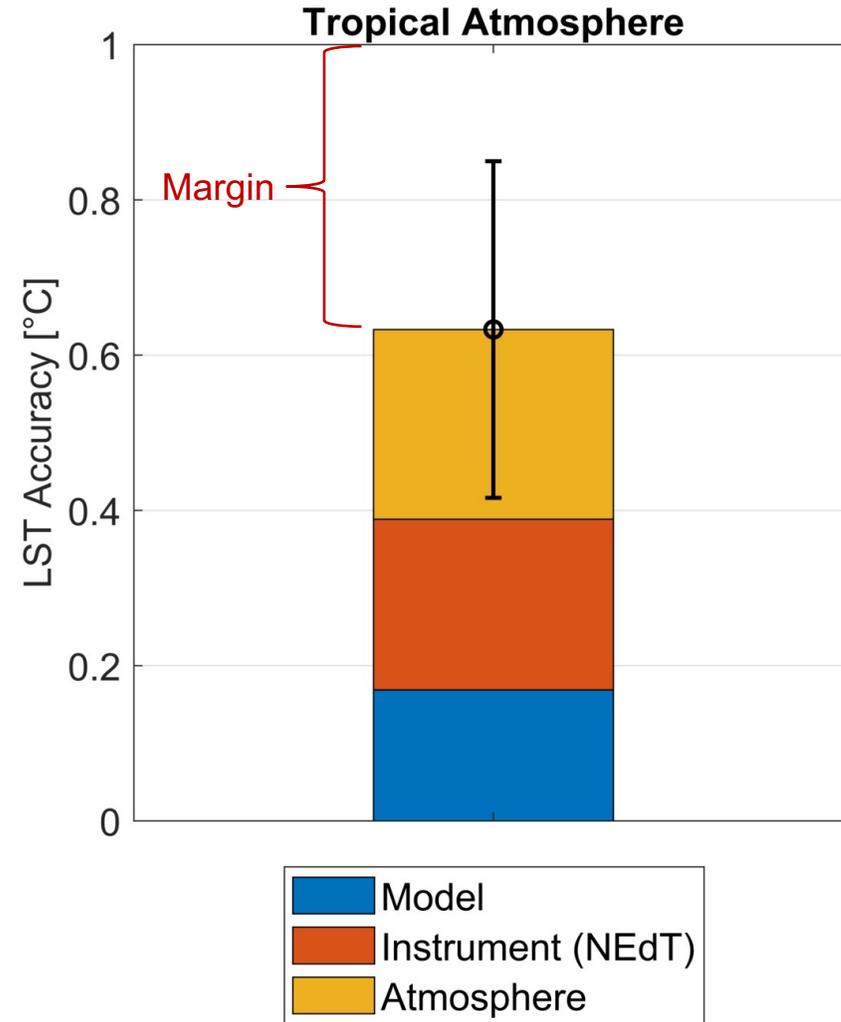
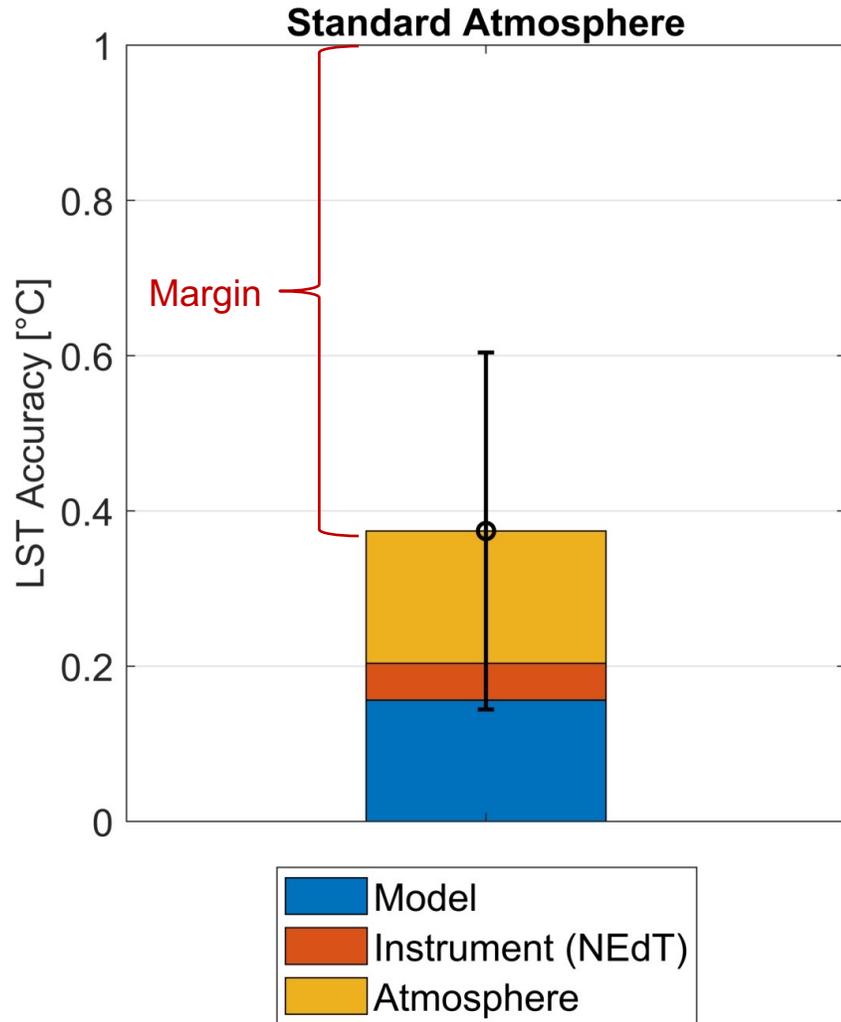


SBG Simulated Emissivity, Mauna Loa Basalt





LST&E Uncertainty Quantification



Simulation run details:

150 rocks, soils, sands, vegetation spectra from ECOSTRESS spectral library
10,000 Monte Carlo simulations with 10% and 1 K random error on humidity and air temperature, respectively.
NEdT = 0.2 K per band (instrument noise)

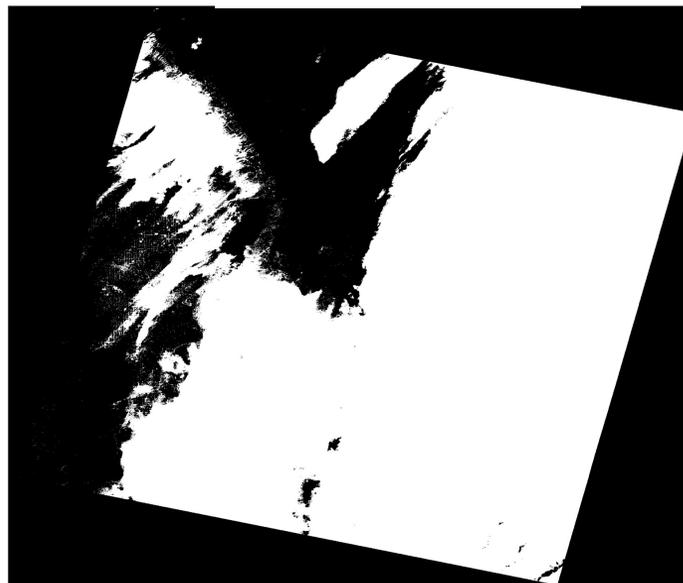
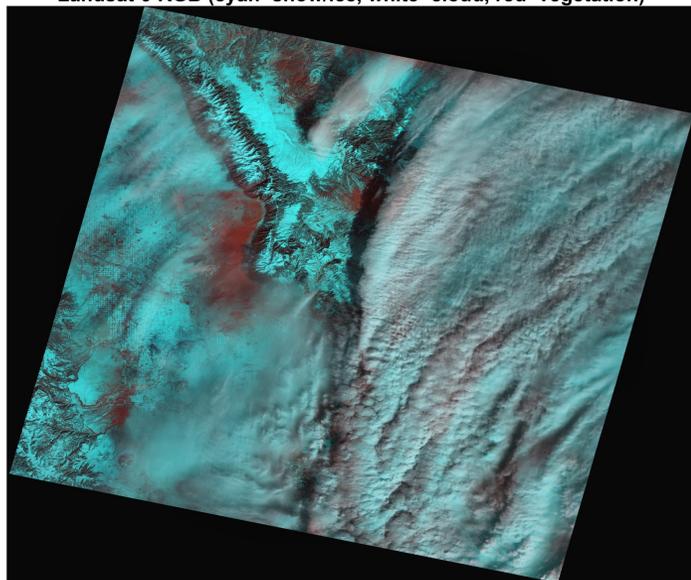
See details in *Hulley et al., (2023) SBG L2 ATBD, Temperature Emissivity Uncertainty Simulator (TEUSim)*





SBG OTTER Cloud Mask

Landsat-9 RGB (cyan=snow/ice, white=cloud, red=vegetation)



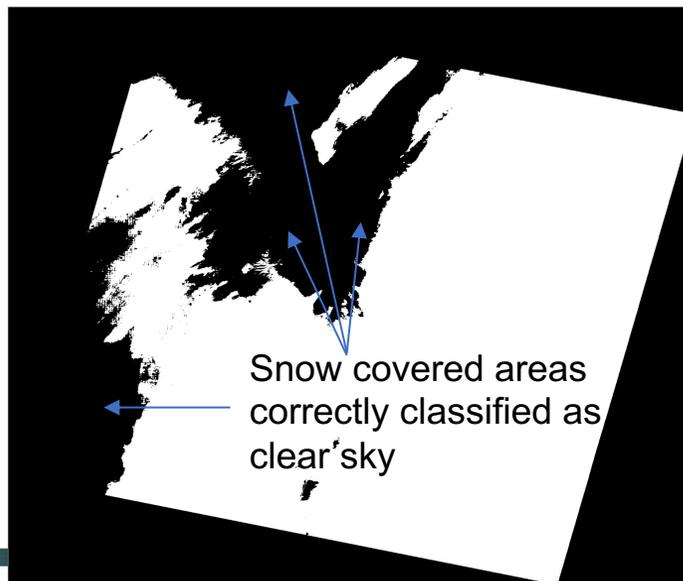
Landsat-9 FMask

VSWIR+TIR bands
Threshold based approach



	Landsat Fmask ('truth')	ECOCLOUD
Percent cloud	71.4%	72.1%
Commission error	0%	5.7%
Omission error	0%	4.8%

Negligible differences at the Landsat Fmask uncertainty level (~5%)



Snow covered areas correctly classified as clear sky

SBGCLOUD

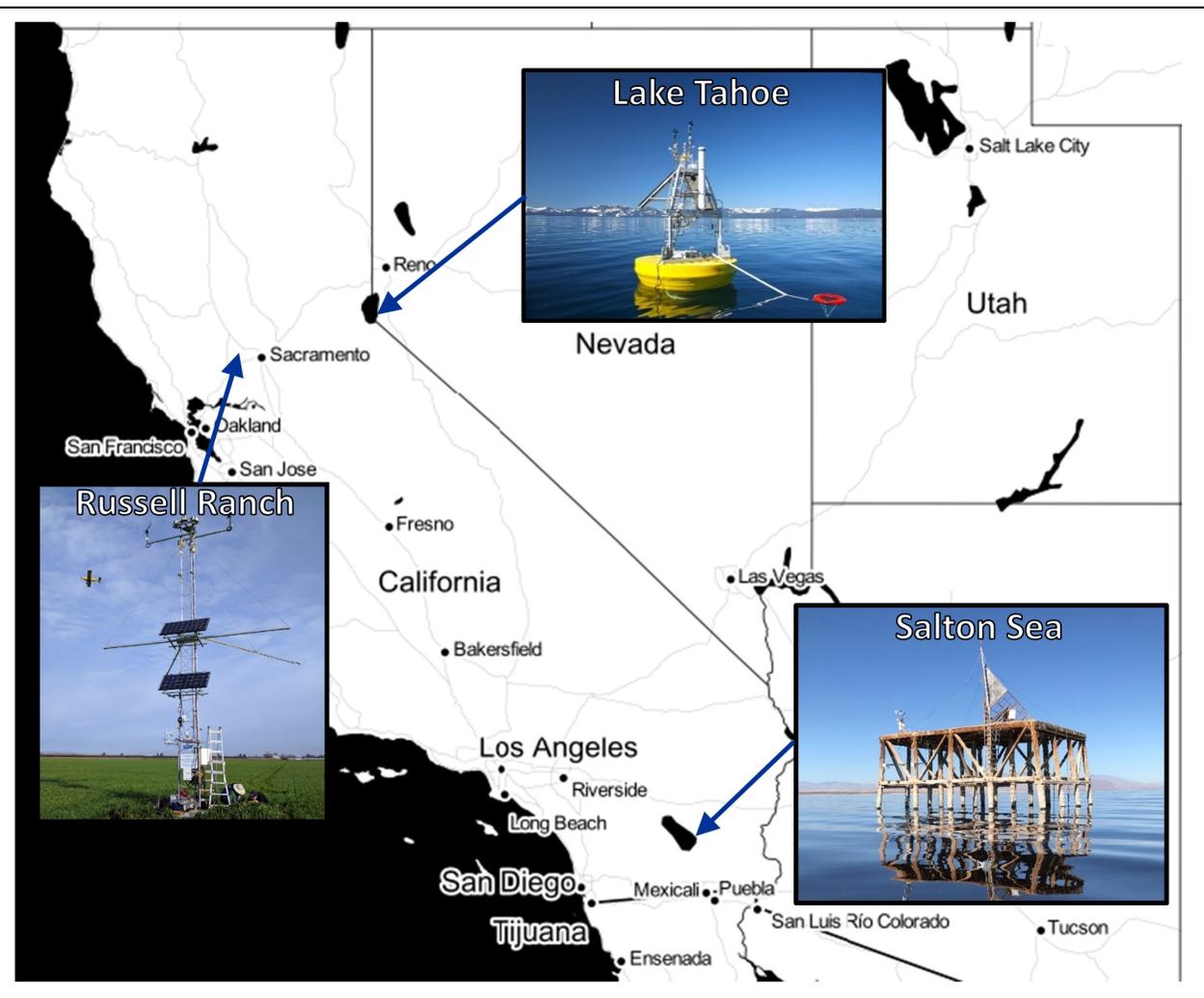
2 VNIR + 2 TIR bands
ML approach
(Random forest)



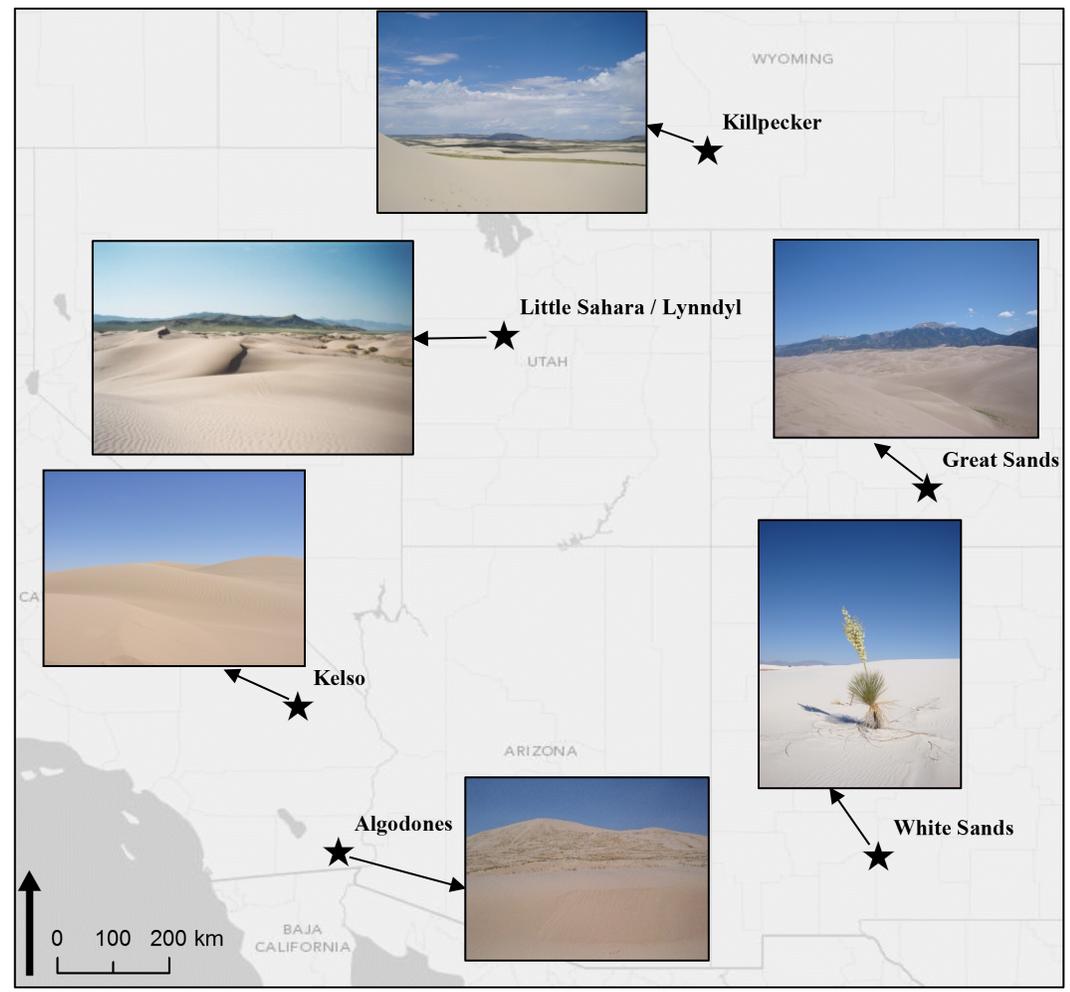


SBG LST&E Validation

JPL automated cal/val sites



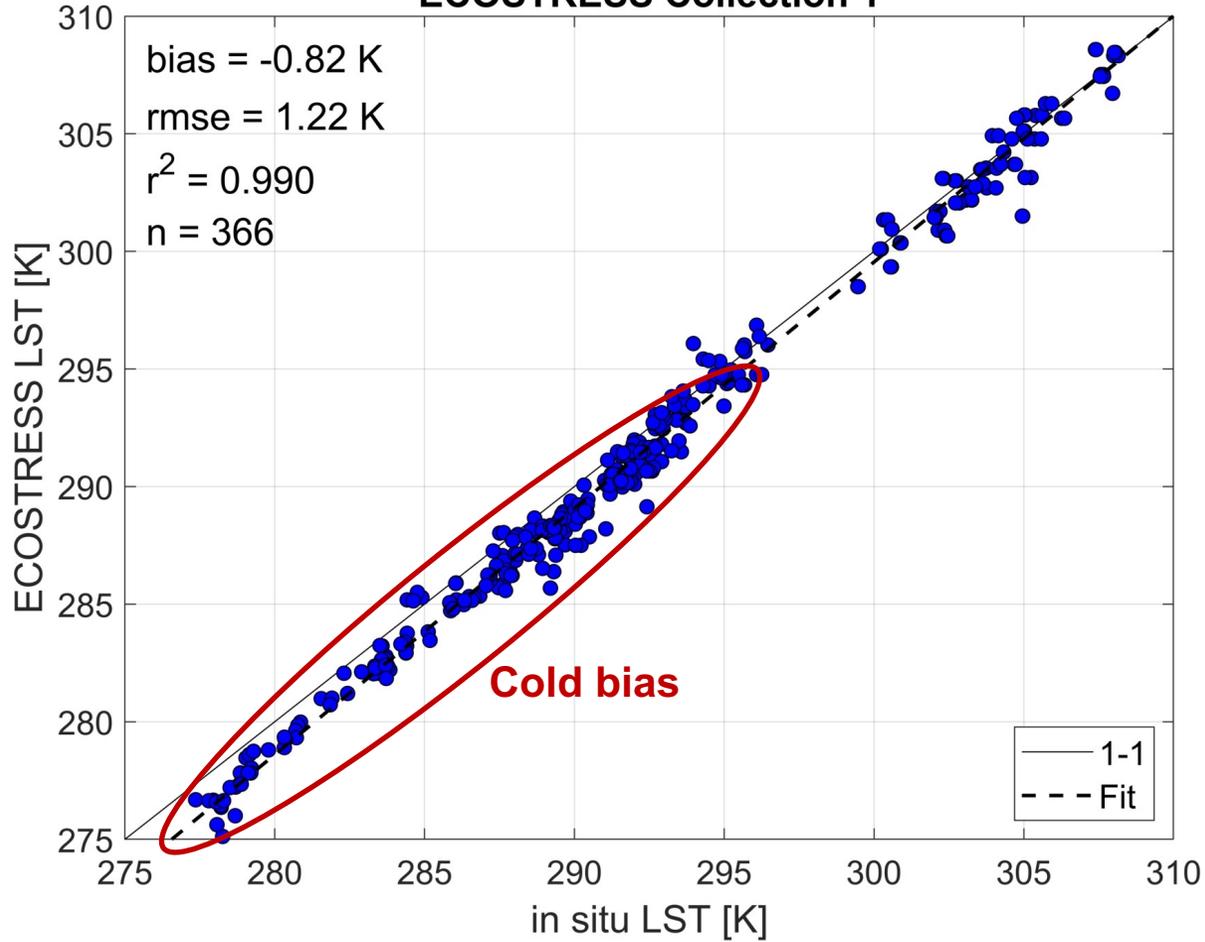
Pseudo-invariant sand dune sites



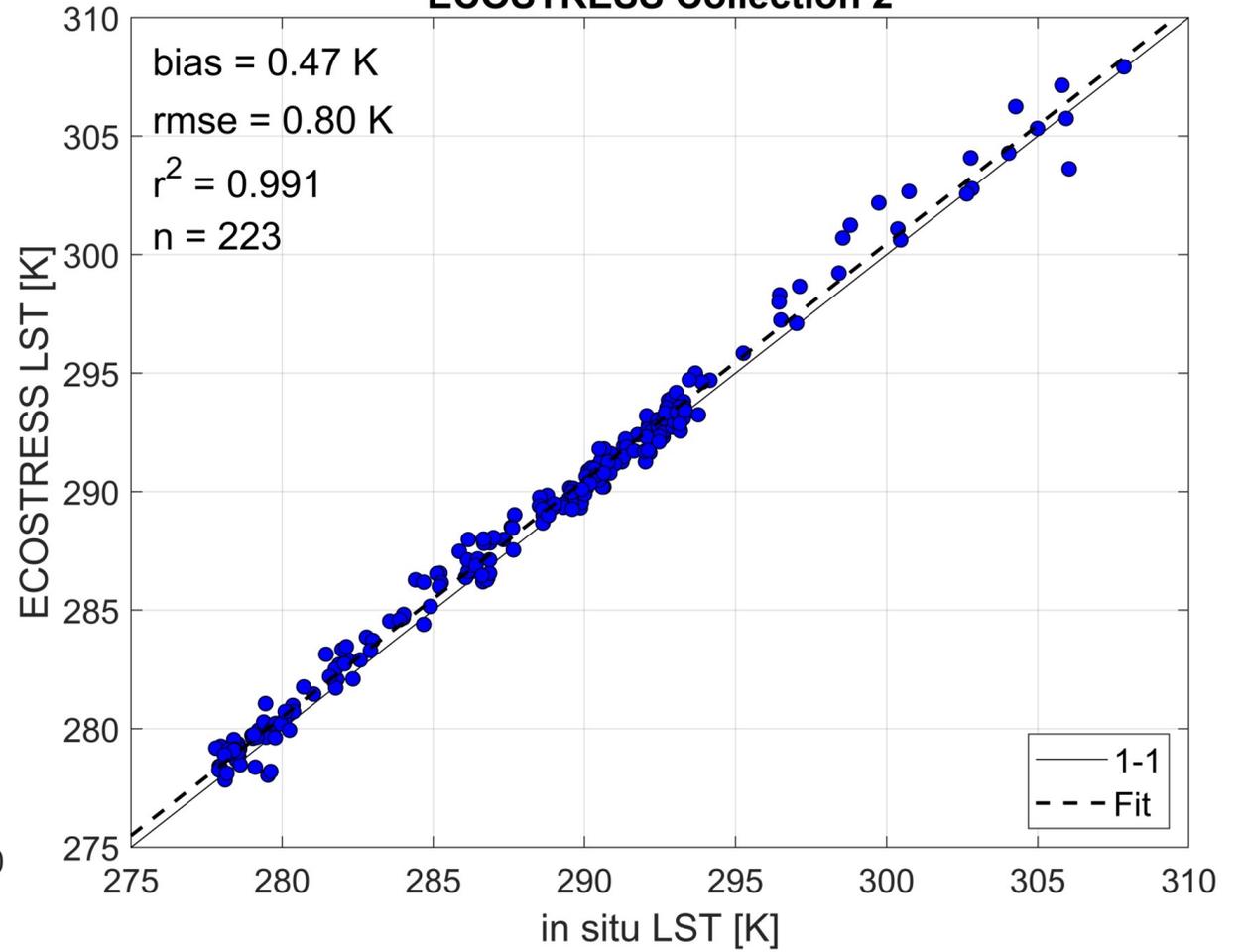


SBG LST&E Validation

ECOSTRESS Collection 1



ECOSTRESS Collection 2

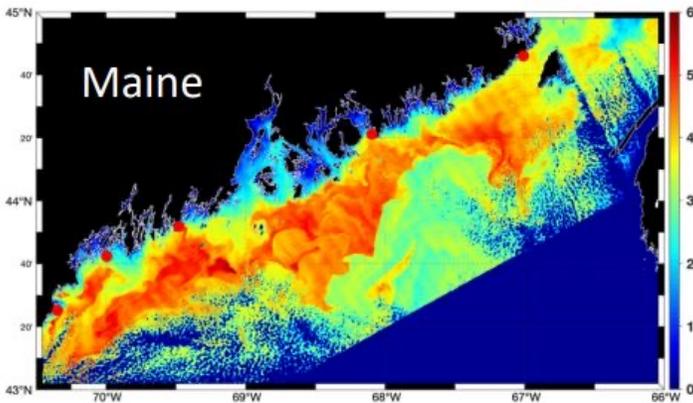
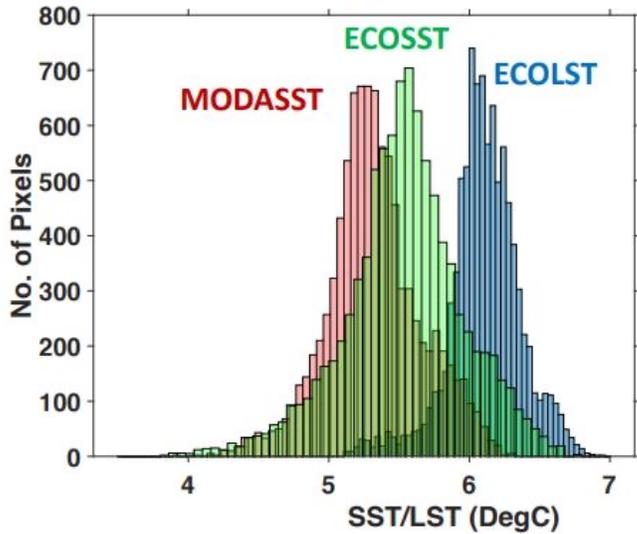




LST&E Algorithm Improvements for SBG

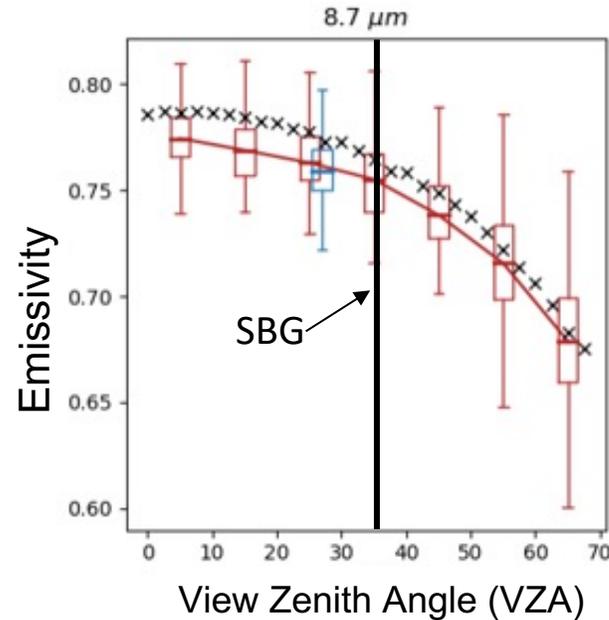
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Otis and Hulley, 2021



(2) Emissivity anisotropy

Ermida and Hulley, 2020

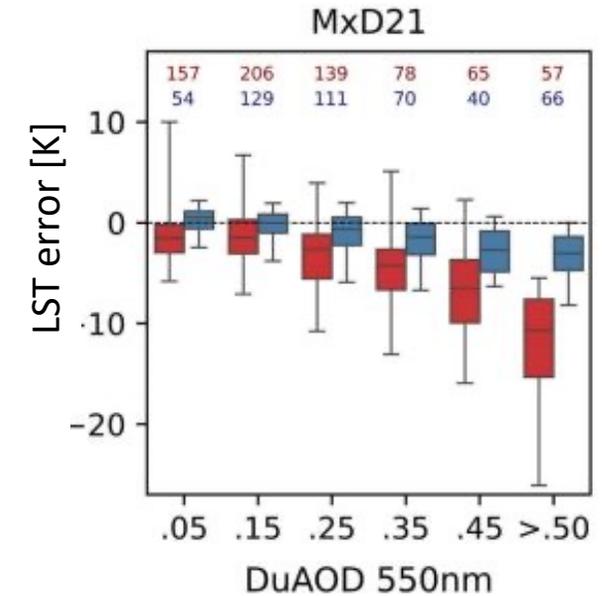


VZA-dependent TES calibration curve:

$$\epsilon_{min} = a_1 + a_2 MMD^{a_3 + b_2} VZA^{b_3}$$

(3) High aerosol dust loading

Stante et al. 2023



Improve atmospheric correction:

- RTTOV radiative transfer model
- AOD information (models, satellite)
- Uni. of Lisbon collaboration

