ACSSPO SST Products from GOES-16 and Himawari-8

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Thanks to P. Dash (SQUAM) and F. Xu (iQuam)
1. New Era of Geo SST
   • GOES-R (GOES-16) launched in Nov 2016
   • Forms a natural constellation with Himawari-8 (ABI/AHI are twin Sensors)

2. ACSPO Algorithms
   • ACSPO Clear-Sky Mask
   • “Global Regression”: “Sub-skin SST”
   • Sub-skin minus SSES Bias: “Depth SST”

3. ABI/AHI SST Performance
   • Geo SST Imagery (vs. VIIRS)
   • Long-Term Validation vs. iQuam \textit{in situ} SSTs
   • Diurnal Cycle (vs. NOAA heritage SST products)

4. ACSPO Algorithms Improvements
   • Temporal Consistency for Improved Clear-Sky Mask
   • SST and SSES Algorithms – next presentation by Boris Petrenko
New Generation US GOES-R (G16) with Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI) onboard

- 19 Nov 2016: GOES-R launched from Cape Canaveral, FL
- 30 Nov 2016: GOES-R renamed GOES-16
- 15 Jan 2017: First ABI imagery sent to Earth
- 28 Feb 2017: ABI L1b declared “Beta Mature”
- 24 May 2017: ABI L2 SST declared “Beta Mature”

Users are welcome to start exploring G16 L1b and L2 SST data, with the following disclaimer “NOAA’s G16 satellite has not been declared operational and its data are preliminary and undergoing testing”

- Sep 2017: SST Provisional Maturity
- Nov 2017: G16 moved to GOES-East Position
  - Dec 2017: SST Validated Maturity
  - Jan 2018: G16 SST Operational
- 2018: Launch of GOES-S
  - 2020s-2030s: Launches of GOES-T and GOES-U
Himawari-8 and GOES-R SST Constellation

- Oct 2014: H8 launched
- Jan 2015: NOAA accesses AHI L1b via HimawariCloud
- Apr 2015: Pre-op ACSPO L2P SST generated
- Jul 2015: H8 declared operational by JMA. ASCPO L2P routinely produced & assimilated in geo-polar blend L4 SST
- H9 launched in Nov 2016 (in testing/storage mode now)

GOES-R & H-8/9 form a new-gen geo SST constellation

G16 & H8 carry twin sensors – Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI) & Advanced Himawari Imager (AHI)

The ABI/AHI replace the heritage imagers onboard GOES and H7/MTSAT2 and significantly improve SST capability
Current New-Gen Configuration (2017)
G16 (between G13/G15) and H8

GEO New Gen. Coverage Averaged over Night (G16/H08; Sat.Zen. ≤ 65°) 30 min.

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ACSP0 G16/H8 SST
Future New-Gen Configuration (~2019-2021)
G16 (current position: between G13/G15), G17 & H8

GEO New Generation Coverage (G16/G17/H8; Sat. Zenith Angle ≤ 65°)
### SST Bands / Used for SST
And Spatial/Temporal Resolution

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<tr>
<th>ABI/AHI¹</th>
<th>G13/G15</th>
<th>H7/MTSAT2</th>
<th>VIIRS</th>
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<td>FD: ABI/15 &amp; AHI/10 min</td>
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<td>Global: Twice daily</td>
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- ABI/AHI Spatial/Temporal Resolution: At least ×2 better than GOES/H7
- ABI/AHI SST bands are positioned better, with improved NEDTs

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ACSPO G16/H8 SST

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¹ ABI/AHI: Advanced Baseline Imager/Aqua/Advanced Himatograph Imager
ACSPO
ABI/AHI Algorithms
Current ACSPO
ABI/AHI Clear-Sky Mask

- Outcomes of all tests are binary
  - 1 – 3: “Clear” or “Cloudy”
  - 4 – 5: “Clear” or “Probably Cloudy”
  - 3 & 5: Applied during Day-time only

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<th>ACSM Test</th>
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<td>1. Static SST (provides 1st guess for test 2)</td>
<td>$\Delta T_S = T_{SAT} - T_{CMC}$</td>
<td>Mark $\Delta T_S$ colder than static threshold “cloud”</td>
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<td>• Under certain conditions, mark warm $\Delta T_S$ (caused by warm stratus clouds) as “cloud”</td>
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<td>2. Adaptive SST</td>
<td>$\Delta T_S = T_{SAT} - T_{CMC}$</td>
<td>Refine results of Test 1 by iterative analyses of $\Delta T_S$ for “clear/cloudy” pixels in a local window</td>
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<td>3. Reflectance</td>
<td>$R_{0.86}$</td>
<td>Mark bright $R_{0.86}$ as “cloud” (day only)</td>
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<td>4. Spatial Uniformity</td>
<td>Spatial SD of $T_{SAT} - \text{med}(T_{SAT})$</td>
<td>Classify pixel into clear/probably-cloudy (using variability of $T_{SAT}$ in a local window)</td>
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<td>5. SST/Reflectance Cross-correlation</td>
<td>Correlate $\Delta T_S$ vs. $R_{0.86}$</td>
<td>Classify pixel into clear/probably-cloudy (by analyzing correlation in a local window) (day only)</td>
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- Comparison with reference SST may result in false alarms and cloud leakages, especially in dynamic & coastal areas, and in presence of diurnal warming
- Work is underway to improve geo mask using analysis of diurnal cycle in the vicinity of each individual pixel – discussed later in this talk
Sub-skin SST:

\[ T_S = a_0 + a_1 T_{11} + a_2(T_{11} - T_8) + a_3(T_{11} - T_{10}) + a_4(T_{11} - T_{12}) + \]
\[ + [a_5 + a_6 T_{11} + a_7(T_{11} - T_8) + a_8(T_{11} - T_{10}) + a_9(T_{11} - T_{12})] \theta + \]
\[ + [a_{10}(T_{11} - T_8) + a_{11}(T_{11} - T_{10}) + a_{12}(T_{11} - T_{12})] T_S^0 \]

\( T_8, T_{10}, T_{11} \) and \( T_{12} \) are BTs observed in ABI/AHI bands centered 8.6, 10.4, 11.2, and 12.4μm

\( \theta = \frac{1}{\cos(\vartheta)} - 1 \)

\( \vartheta \) is satellite view zenith angle

\( T_S^0 \) is the first guess SST in °C (currently obtained from 0.1° L4/CMC)

- One single equation is used to minimize the possible day-night discontinuities
- Four longwave bands are used for SST
- Band centered at 3.9μm is not used, to minimize day/night discontinuities

Depth SST:

Obtained by piece-wise regression vs. \textit{in situ} SSTs as a function of the Fisher distance (calculated in space of regressors). Fits accurately \textit{in situ} data, does not control sensitivity to “true sub-skin” SST

\textit{See presentation by Petrenko et al. for more info}
ABI SST Imagery
Vs. SNPP VIIRS
SNPP VIIRS L2P SST (Mapped to 1km Mercator)
Chesapeake Bay 15 May 2017 17:20UTC – All Sky

www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/sod/sst/arms/

Data courtesy of: NOAA ACSP0 2.41
Satellite: NPP
Sensor: VIIRS-L2P
Date: 2017/05/15 JD 135
Time: 17:20:01 UTC
Scans time: DAY
Projection type: MAPPED
Map projection: 1 km/pixel MERCATOR
Latitude bounds: 35 N -> 41 N
Longitude bounds: 76 W -> 72 W

Ding et al, ARMS, Poster #4
NOAA's G16 satellite has not been declared operational and its data are preliminary and undergoing testing.
SNPP VIIRS L2P SST (Mapped to 1km Mercator)
Chesapeake Bay 15 May 2017 17:20UTC – Clear Sky

Data courtesy of: NOAA ACSPO 2.41

Satellite: NPP
Sensor: VIIRS-L2P
Date: 2017/05/15 JD 135
Time: 17:20:01 UTC
12:20:01 - 0500
Scene time: DAY
Projection type: MAPPED
Map projection: 1 km/pixel MERCATOR
Latitude bounds: 35 N -> 41 N
Longitude bounds: 78 W -> 72 W

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AHI SST Imagery
Vs. SNPP VIIRS
SNPP VIIRS L2P SST (Mapped to 1.5km Mercator) Australia GBR, 15 May 2017 14:50UTC – All Sky

Data courtesy of: NOAA ACSPo 2.41
Satellite: NPP
Sensor: VIIRS-L2P
Date: 2017/05/15 JD 135
Time: 14:50:00 UTC
Scene time: NIGHT
Projection type: MAPPED
Map projection: 1.5 km/pixel MERCATOR
Latitude bounds: 27 S -> 19 S
Longitude bounds: 148 E -> 156 E

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ACSPo G16/H8 SST

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H8 AHI L2P SST (Mapped to 1.5km Mercator)
Australia GBR, 15 May 2017 14:50UTC – Clear Sky

Data courtesy of: NOAA ACSPG 2.41
Satellite: H8
Sensor: AHI
Date: 2017/05/15 JD 135
Time: 14:50:00 UTC
Scene time: NIGHT
Projection type: MAPPED
Map projection: 1.5 km/pixel MERCATOR
Latitude bounds: 27°S -> 19°S
Longitude bounds: 148°E -> 156°E

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G16/ABI and H8/AHI SSTs vs. iQuam *in situ* SSTs
G16 and H8 Global Bias vs. Drifters + Trop. Moor. Sub-Skin SST (No SSES Bias Correction)

Specs: ±0.2K

- ACSPO H8 SST produced from 15 Apr 2015 – on
- ACSPO G16 SST produced from 15 Jan 2017 – on
- Both products are close to meeting NOAA accuracy specs ±0.2K

NOAA's G16 satellite has not been declared operational and its data are preliminary and undergoing testing

Zhou et al, iQuam2, Poster #22
He et al, SQUAM2, Poster #8
G16/ABI & H8/AHI Global Bias vs. Drifters + Trop. Moor.
Depth SST (with SSES Bias Correction)

Specs: ±0.2K

- ACSPO “depth SST” (obtained by subtracting SSES bias from the “global regression” sub-skin SST) is more tight & stable in time wrt. *in situ* SST
- Both products meet NOAA accuracy specs of ±0.2K

NOAA's G16 satellite has not been declared operational and its data are preliminary and undergoing testing

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ACSPO G16/H8 SST

Zhou et al, iQuam2, Poster #22

He et al, SQUAM2, Poster #8
Both G16 and H8 SSTs are close to meeting NOAA precision specs 0.6K

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6 June 2017  ACSPG G16/H8 SST  Zhou et al, iQuam2, Poster #22
He et al, SQUAM2, Poster #8
• “Depth SST” (“Sub-skin” minus SSES bias) is more tight & stable in time
• Both G16 and H8 products are close to meeting NOAA precision specs ~0.6K (except for the 1st month of G16, when initial LUTs/Coefficients were used)
• Work is underway to reprocess G16 and H8 SSTs & make available to users

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Diurnal Cycle in ABI/AHI SSTs
Vs. Heritage Geo Products
• G16/H8 DCs are close to CMC at night. During the day, show diurnal warming
• Sub-Skin SST: Min occurs at ~4-5am, Max ~2pm LT; Amplitude ~0.5 K (sensitivity to true SST not controlled to be ~1; see Petrenko’s presentation)
• Depth SST: Min/Max lag later in the day by 1-2hrs; Smaller amplitude ~0.2K
NOAA heritage SSTs are generated from G13, G15 and MSG3. H7 (MTSAT2) SST was also generated until Dec 2015.

DC more noisy compared to G16/H8, and less consistent across satellites.
- OSI SAF SSTs from MSG3 has been widely used for DC analyses. Min ~6am, Max~3pm, Amplitude ~0.5K
- OSI SAF G13 SST only produced at low sun (when 3.7 µm can be used). Generally, it follows the MSG DC, by biased low by ~-0.3K
G16 and H8 SSTs validate against *in situ* SST nearly uniformly across the DC.

- Typical Std. Dev. is ~0.4K for the “sub-skin” and ~0.25K for the “depth SST”
• G13G15 SSTs validate against *in situ* SST ~0.35K/night and ~0.45 K/daytime
• (In 2015) H7 validated at ~0.45K at night and ~0.7K during the daytime
• MSG SDs range from 0.5-0.6 K
OSI SAF SST G13/MSG3 Apr 2017
Std. Dev ($T_{sat} - T_{insitu}$)

- MSG SST validates against in situ SST with ~0.5K across the full DC
- The G13 is comparable at night but shows smaller SD towards daytime
Work is underway to generate the ACSPO “collated” 1hr product
ACSM is also subject to cloud leakages

A new hourly “collated” L2P ACSPO geo product is under development

The experimental 1hr collated product

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One pixel in the FD

ACSM Leakages

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ACSPO G16/H8 SST
Conclusion and Ongoing Work

• **H8 & G16 1hr L2P will be available to users by Aug’17 on CW**
  – H8: Apr’15 – pr (8GB/day; ~3TB/yr)
  – G16: Mar’17 – pr (8GB/day; ~3TB/yr)
  – Please drop a line to alex.ignatov@noaa.gov for data access

• **Imagery, VAL vs. *in situ* & diurnal cycle look as expected**
  – H8 is more mature due to longer time in orbit
  – **G16 is not operational (“NOAA disclaimer”) – Feedback welcome**

• **Ongoing improvements**
  – SST sub-skin/depth SST and SSES Algorithms – Boris’s presentation
  – Explore temporal information: Generate 1hr collated with improved coverage, reduced cloud leakages, and reduced SST noise

**NOAA will work with users to meet their expectations & needs**

Thank You!