

The spectral and radiometric quality of the DESIS data products and the influences on higher-level processing

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Knowledge for Tomorrow

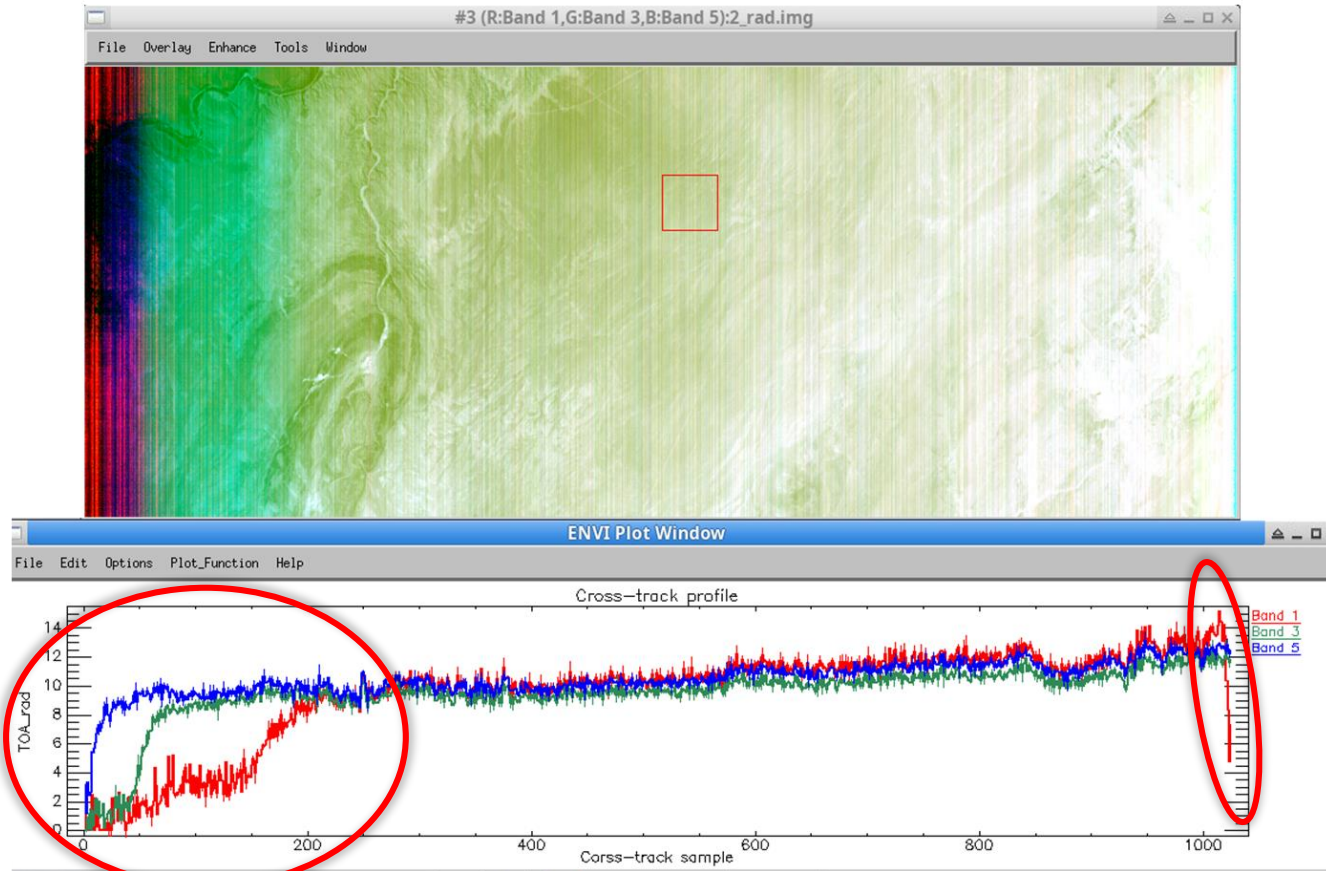


Objectives of this talk:

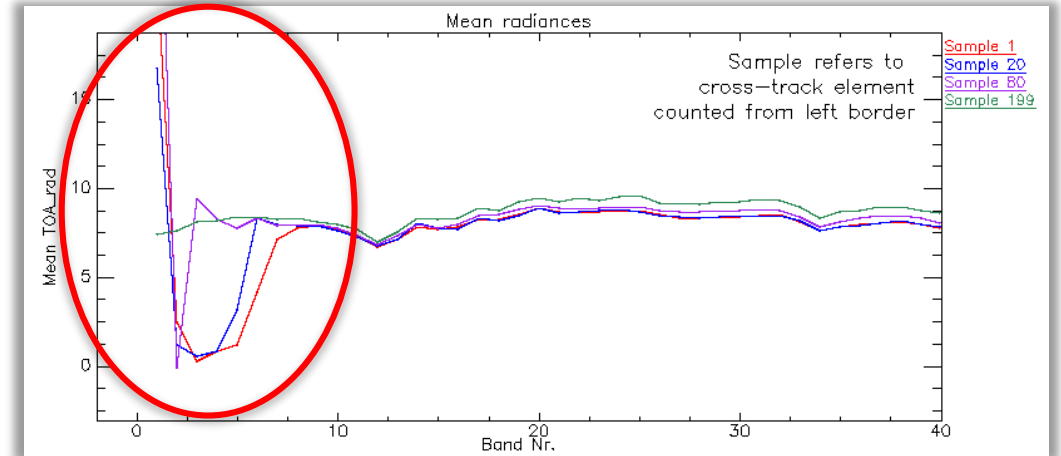
- Make (new) users aware of the specific properties of DESIS data
- Show examples of how the results on spectral and radiometric calibration (previous talk by K. Alonso)
as well as the L2A processing (previous talk by R. de los Reyes)
can affect the DESIS data products and the higher-level processing



Issues with first bands at cross-track borders...



spatial (cross-track)...

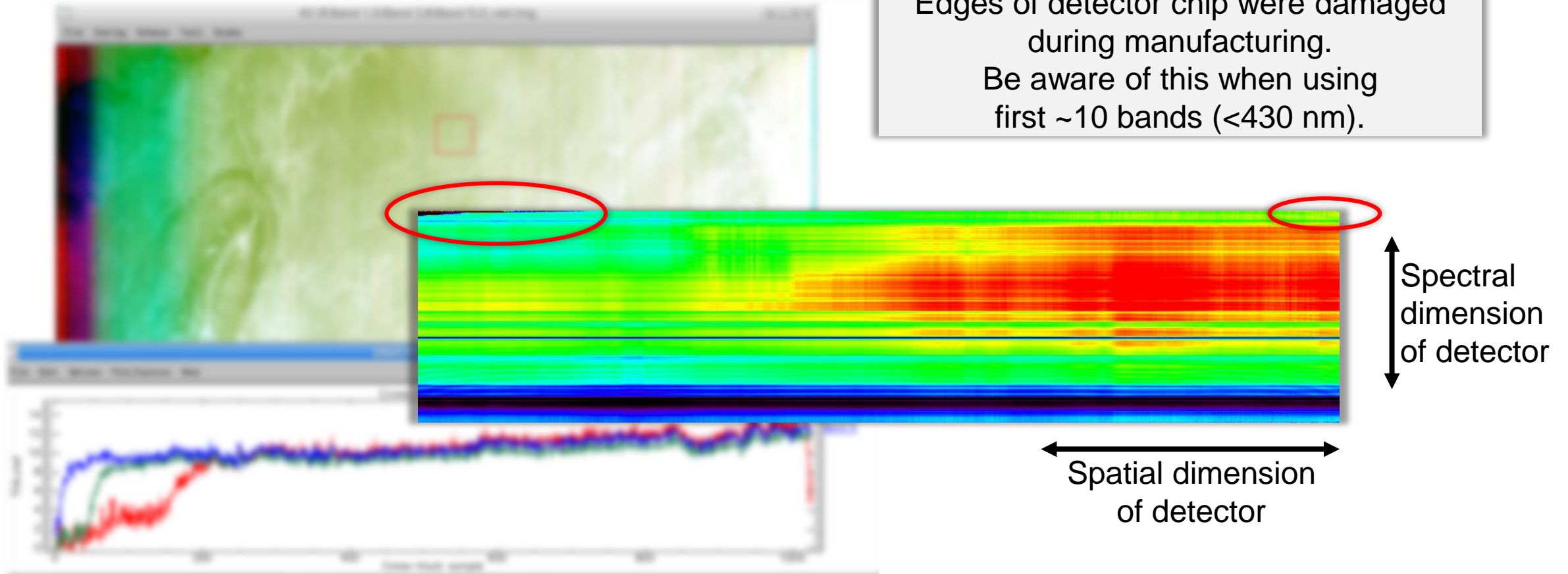


... and spectral



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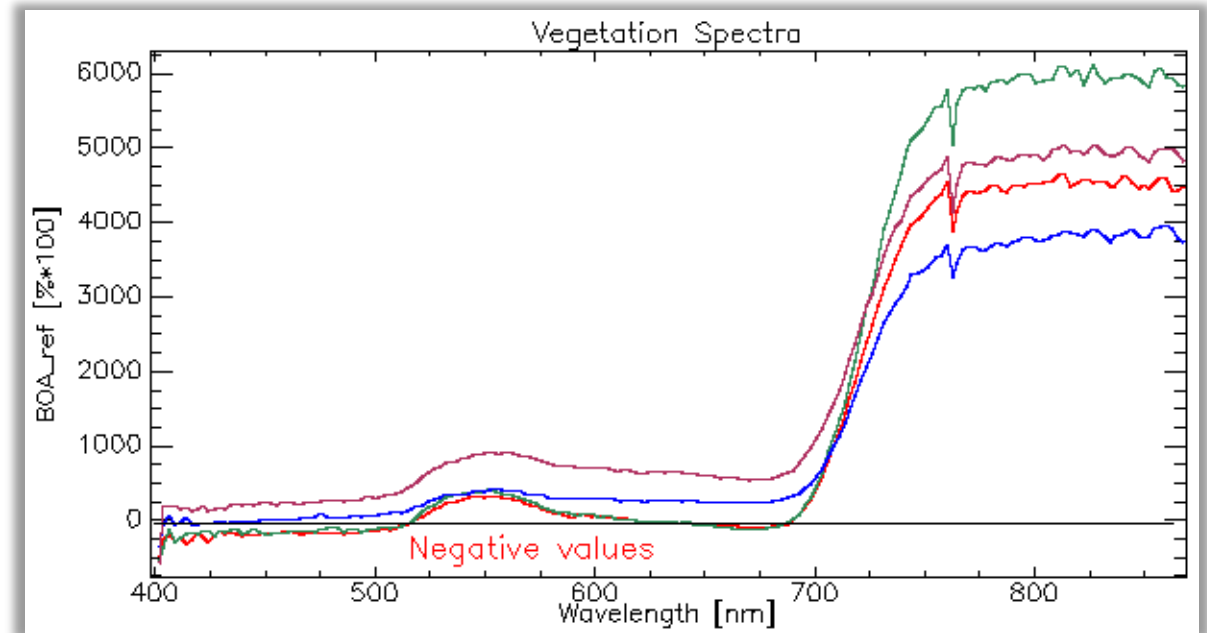
Edges of detector chip were damaged during manufacturing.
Be aware of this when using first ~10 bands (<430 nm).



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Negative reflectances in the VIS...

- occur only for very dark targets at short wavelengths (e.g., deep water, irrigated vegetation)
- caused by uncertainty in aerosol retrieval / correction in combination with challenging vicarious radiometric calibration in the „blue“
- were requested by water application community, will be implemented in the upcoming S2 processing



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Negative reflectances in the L2A data (e.g., for vegetation)

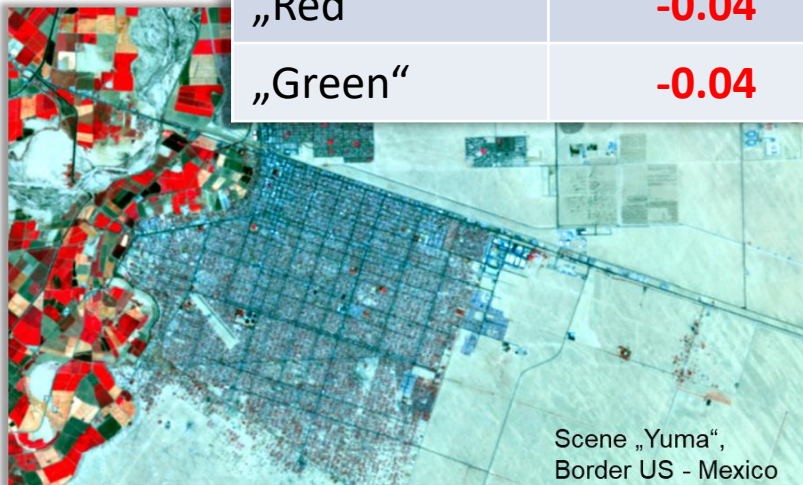
- occur only for very dark pixels
- caused by uncertainty in the data in combination with changes in the data
- were requested by water users

Might have implications on data analysis !

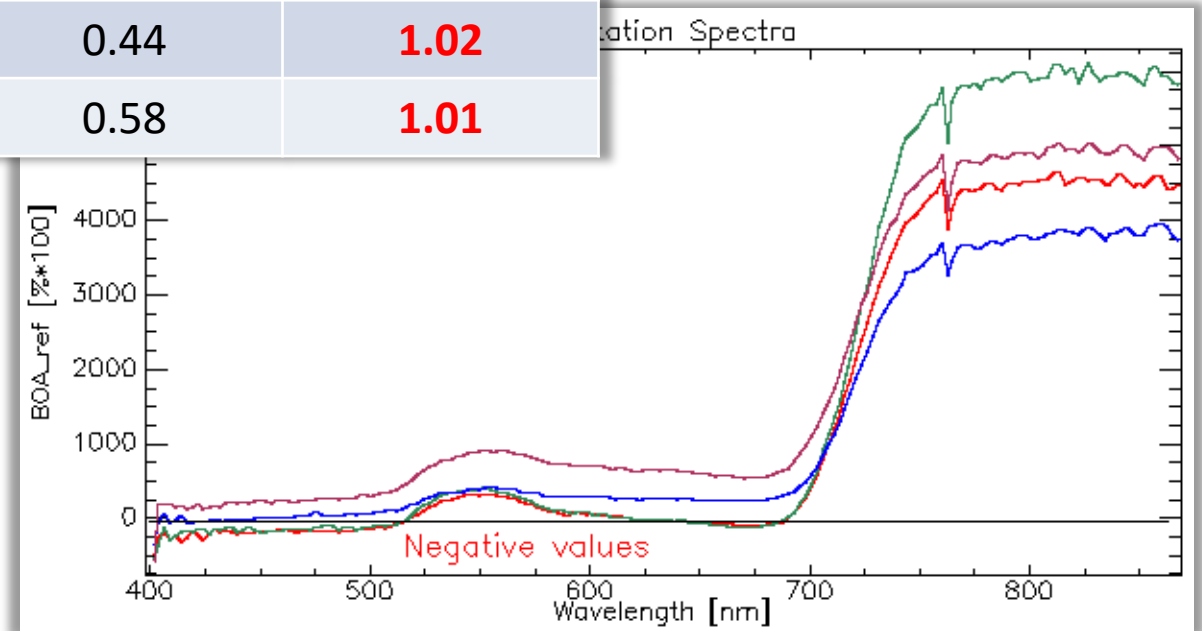
	Red (650 nm)	NIR (780 nm)	NDVI
„Brown“	0.62	0.48	0.77
„Blue“	0.26	0.37	0.87
„Red“	-0.04	0.44	1.02
„Green“	-0.04	0.58	1.01



650 nm
Negative reflectances in yellow



Scene „Yuma“,
Border US - Mexico



The DESIS L2A product...



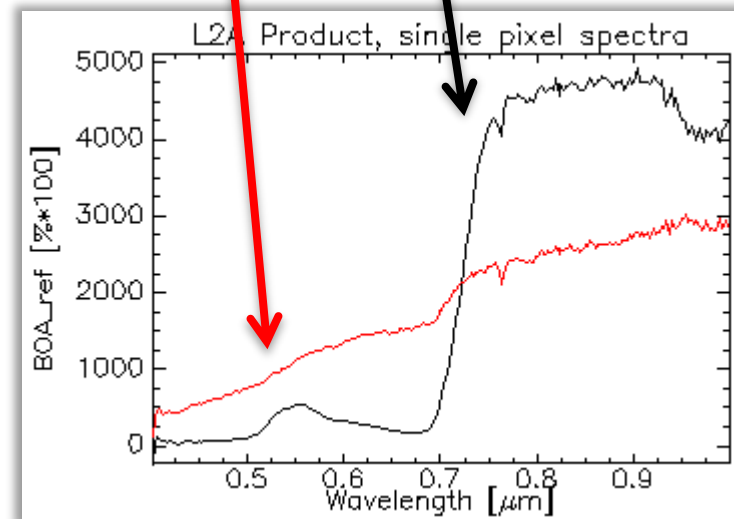
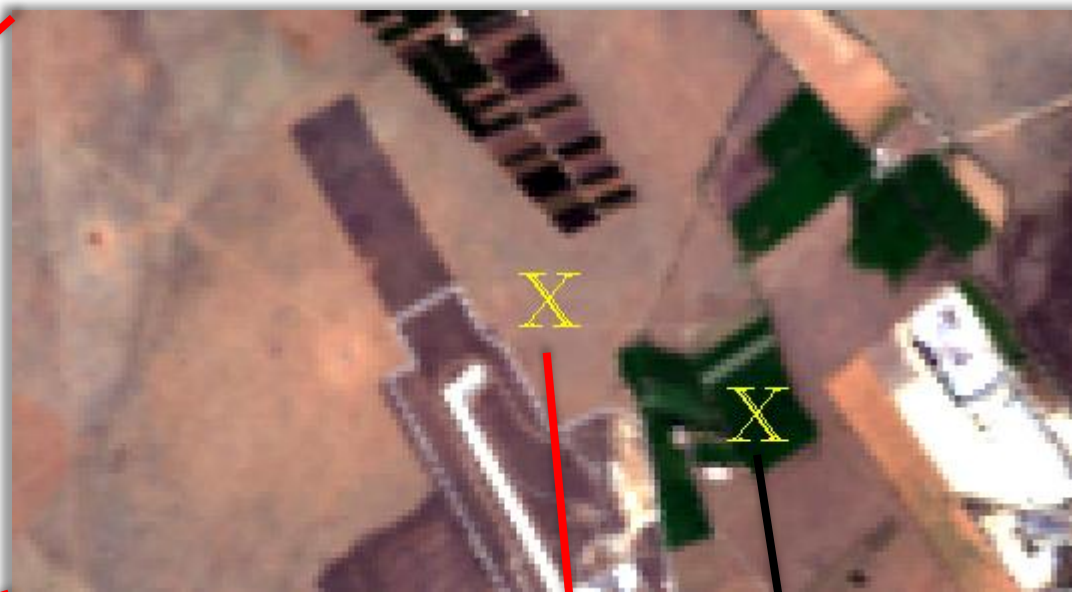
DESIS Scene „La Crau“ (RadCalNet site LCFR)



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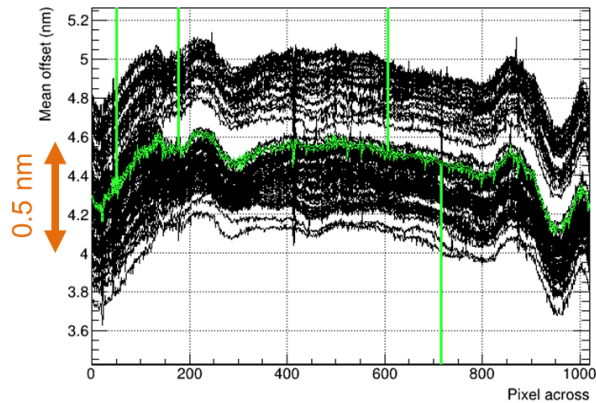
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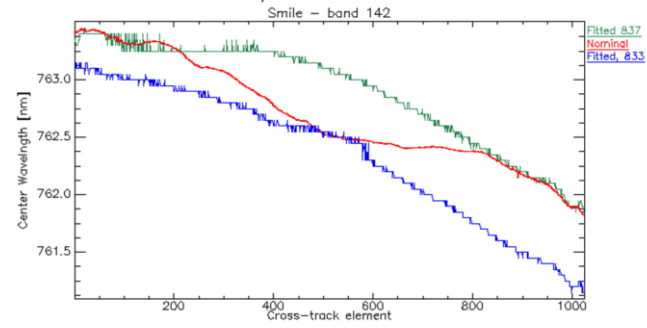
The L2A product... now adding spectral uncertainties @ L1B

Slight spectral shifting due to temperature gradient

LED 775nm



Earth datatakes, L1B without smile correction



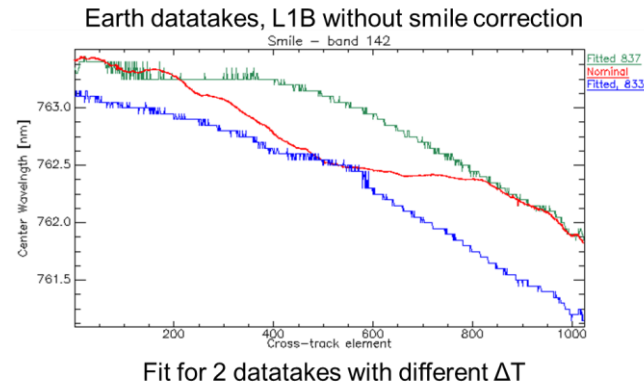
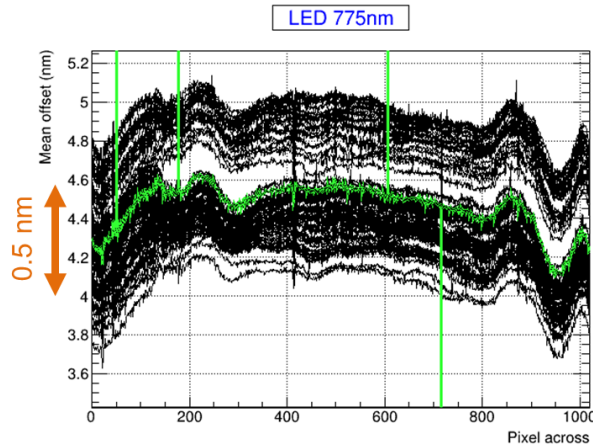
Fit for 2 datatakes with different ΔT

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



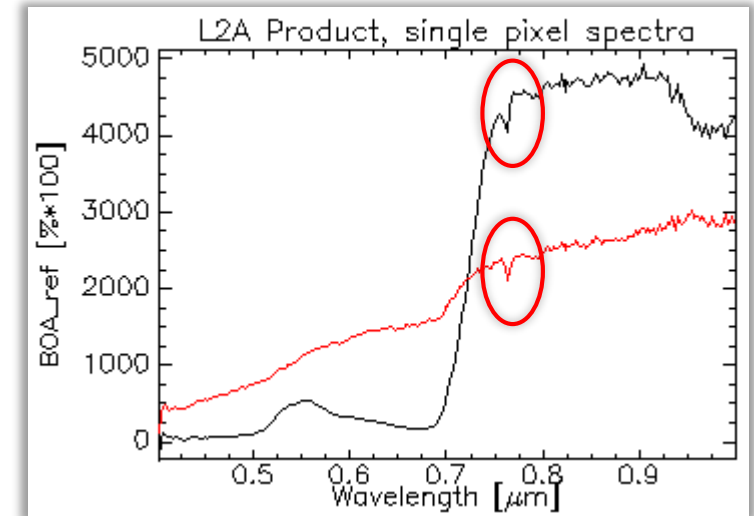
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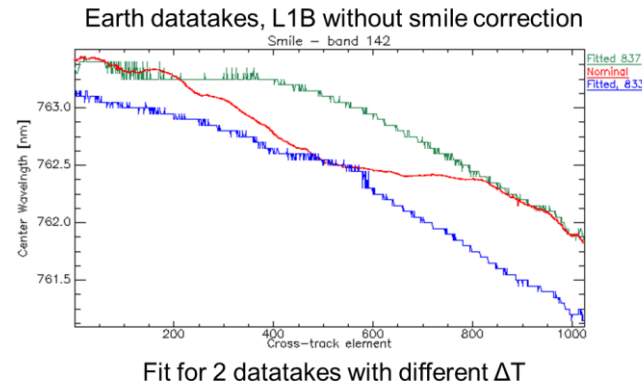
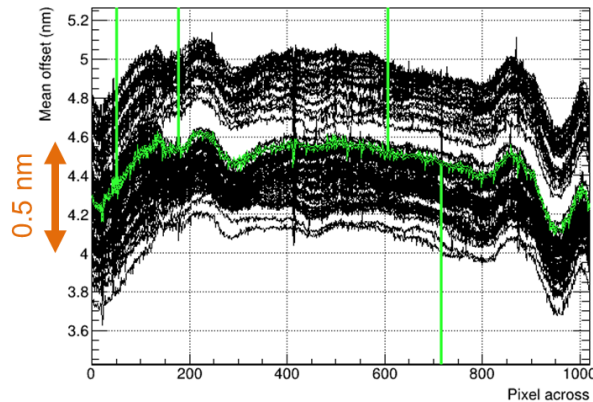
Oxygen absorption at 760 nm



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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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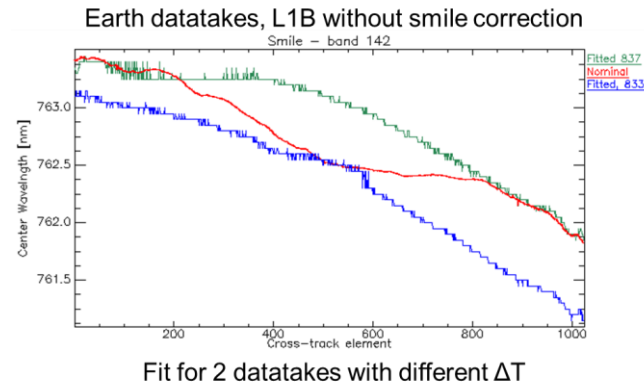
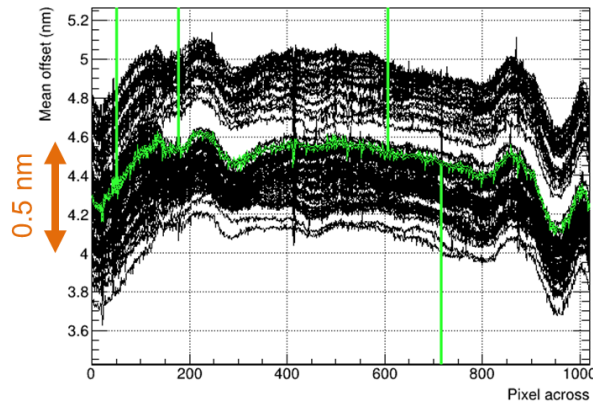
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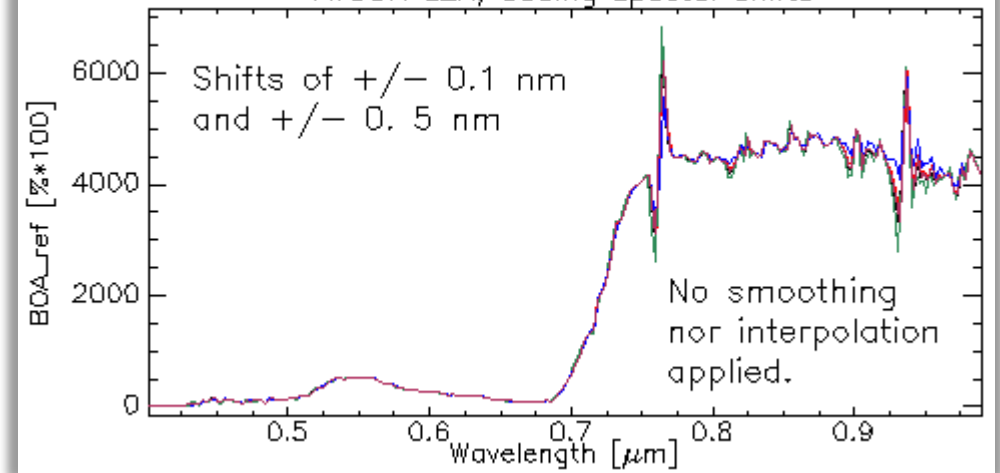
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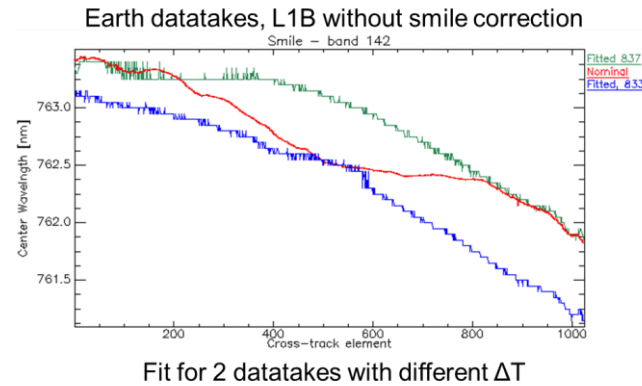
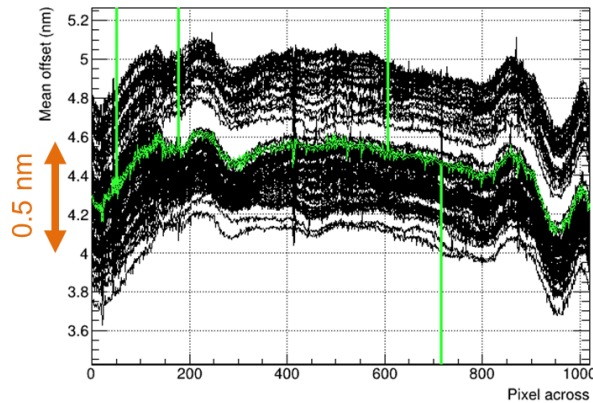
ATCOR L2A, adding spectral shifts



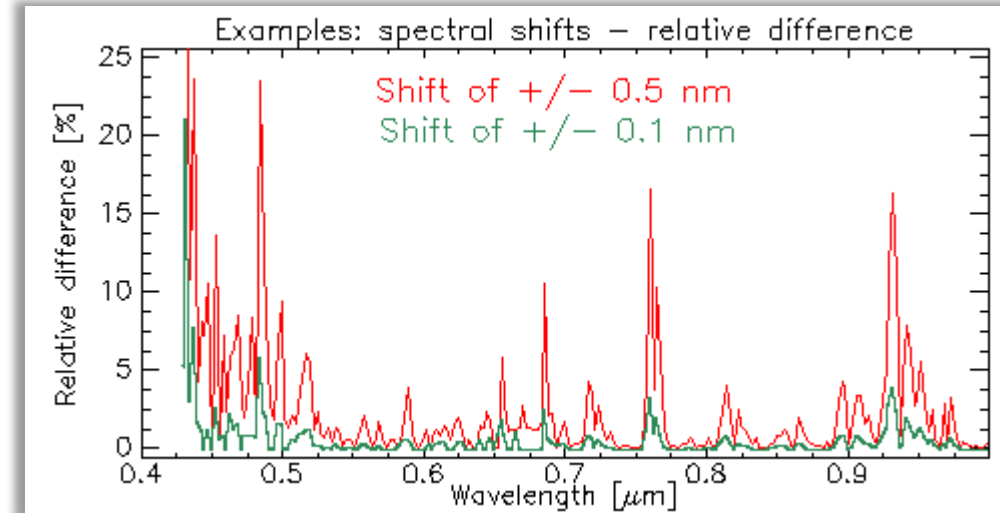
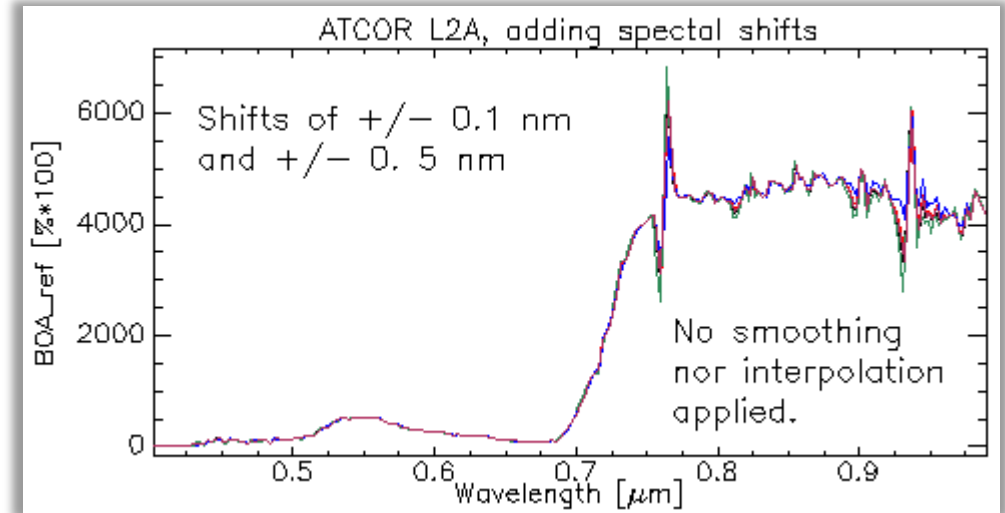
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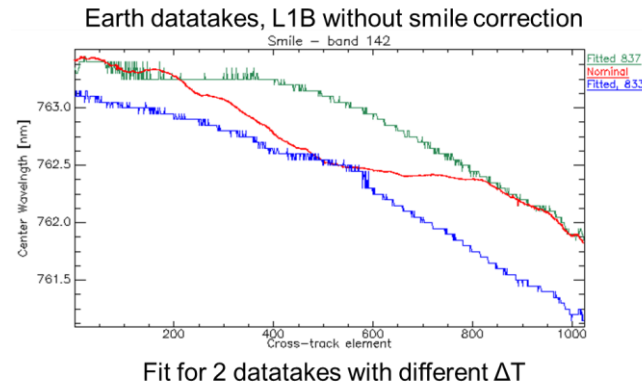
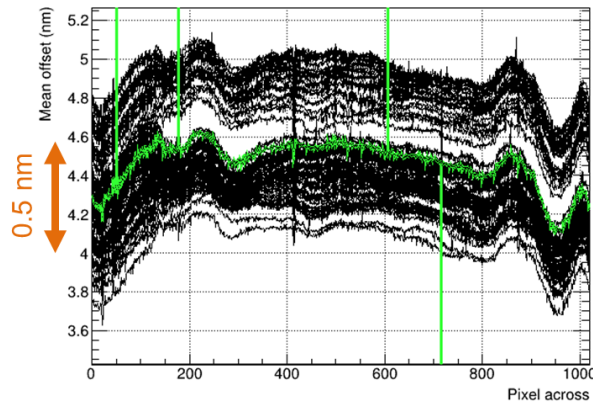
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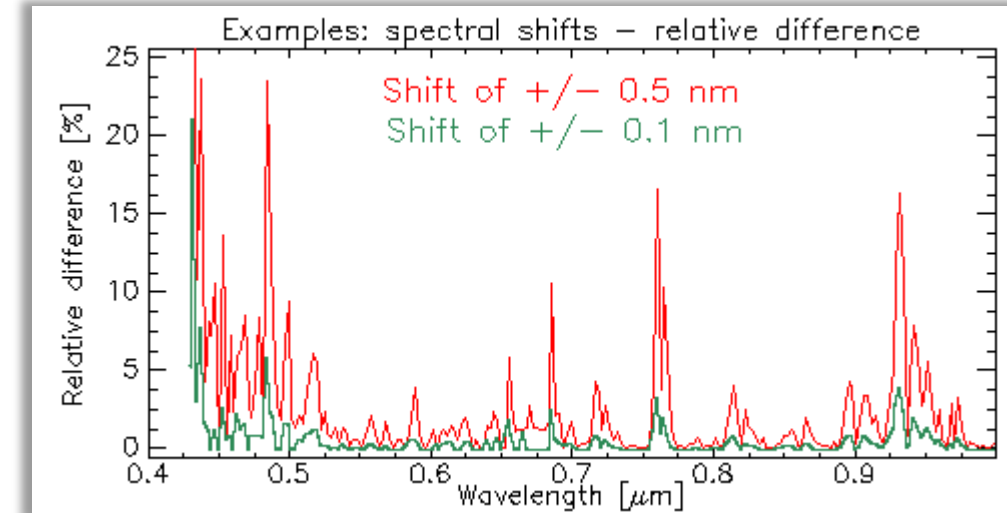
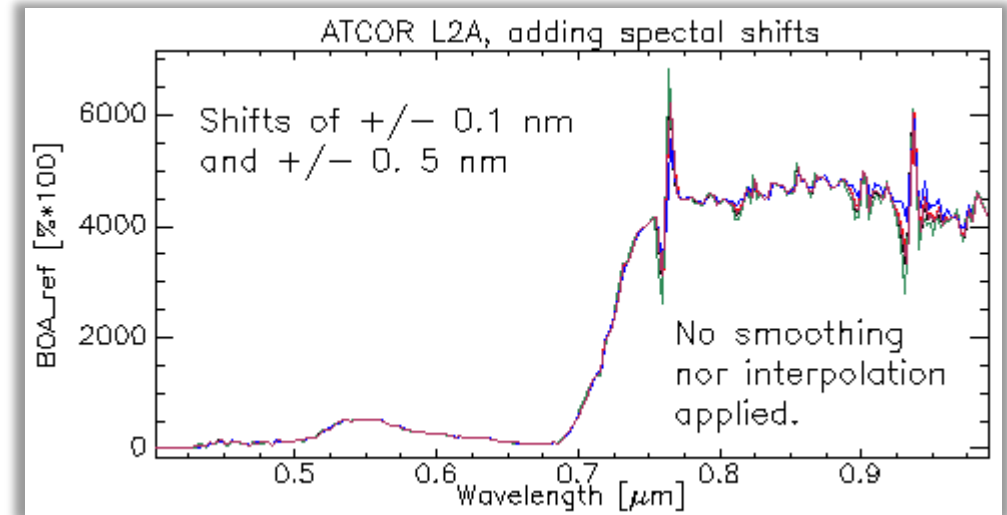


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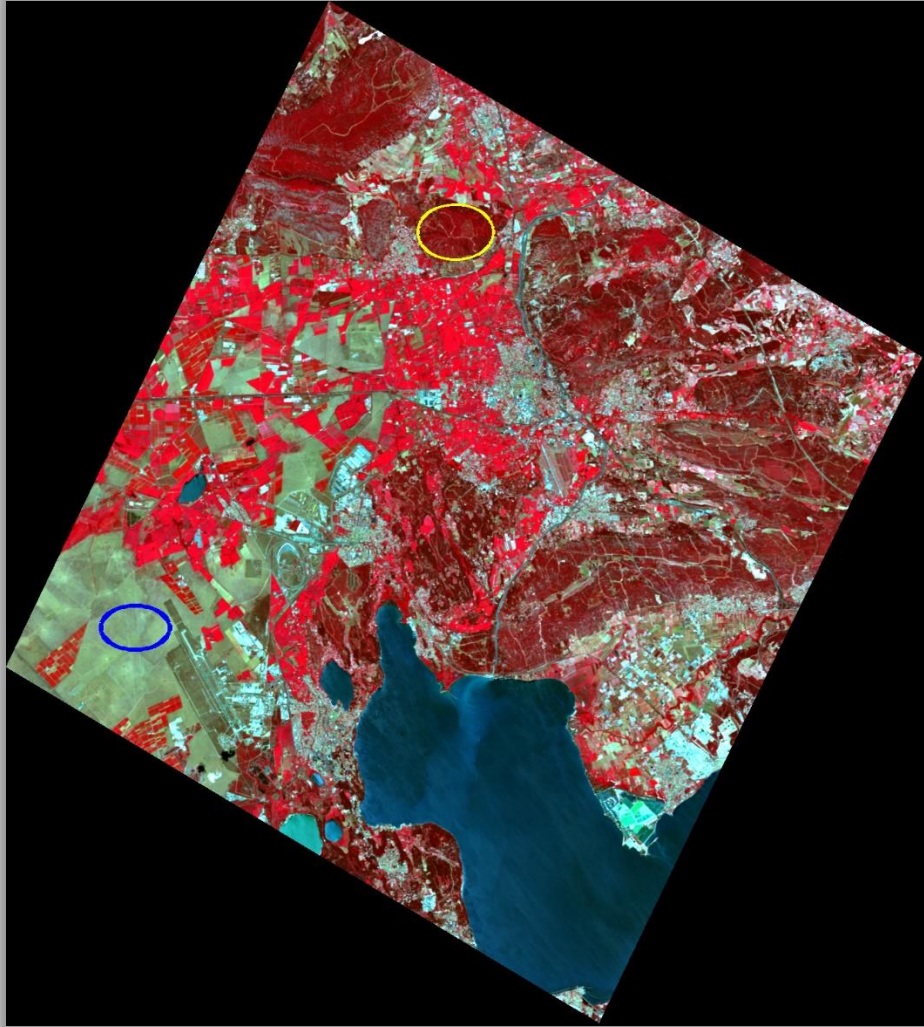
Sidenote:

WV retrieval influenced by 2% (± 0.1 nm) resp. 7% (± 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)
- Homogeneous dry grassland area (blue circle)

Notes:

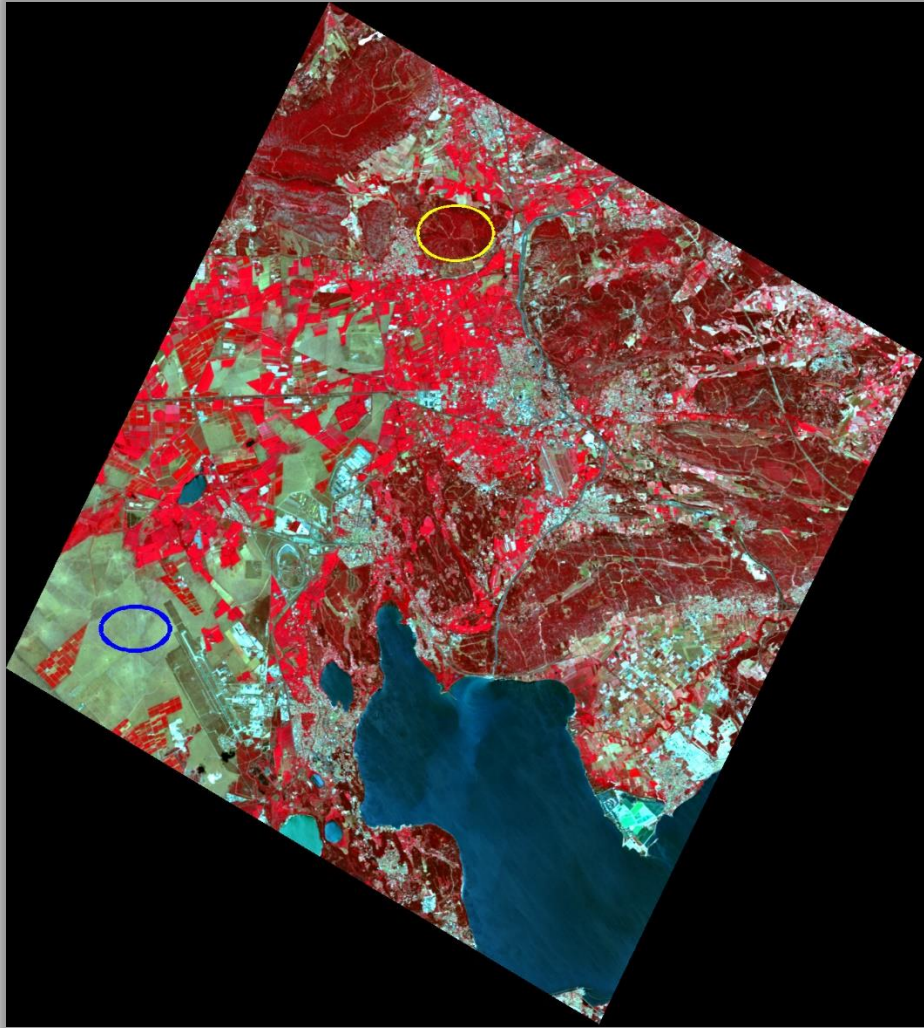
Vegetation indices were calculated using ENVI „Vegetation Analysis“ tools *without* any band optimization (out-of-the-box)

Next, the **typical relative differences** are given to show the possible magnitude of the uncertainty.

Per-pixel values might differ, as do the values for different vegetation types, different scenes etc.



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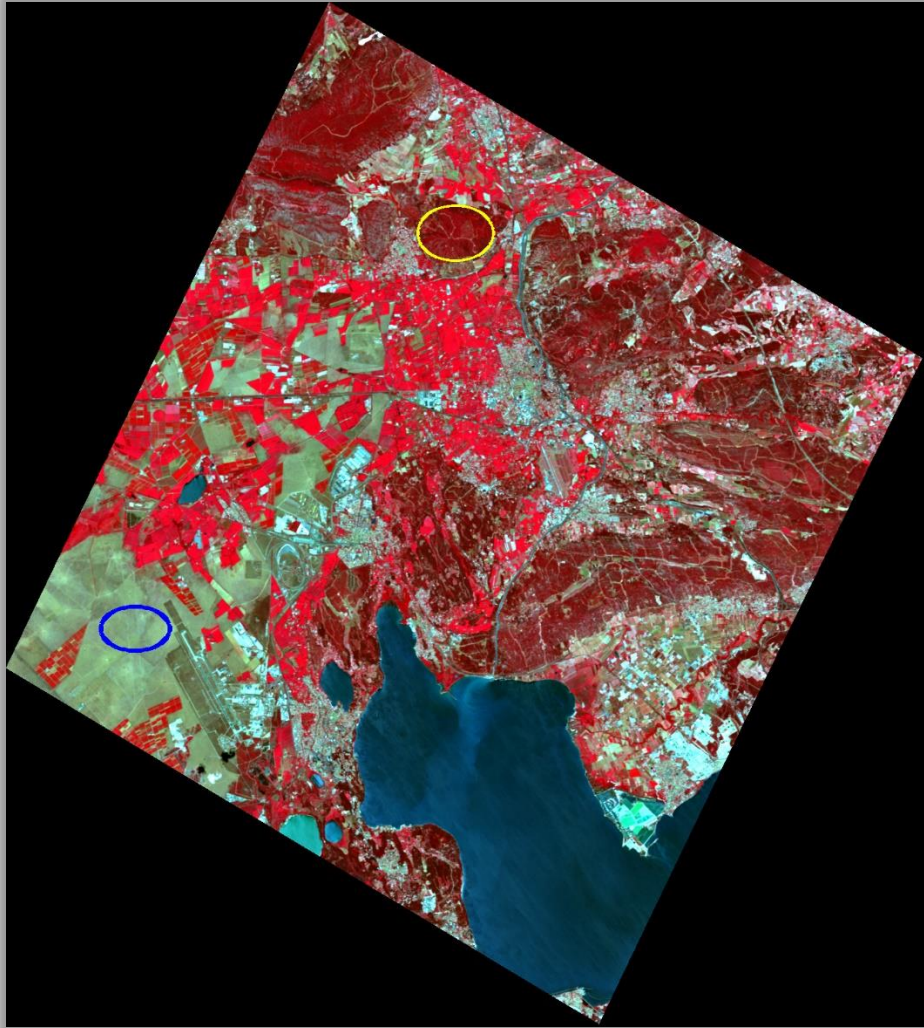
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RedEdge (Vogelmann)	<1%	~1.7%
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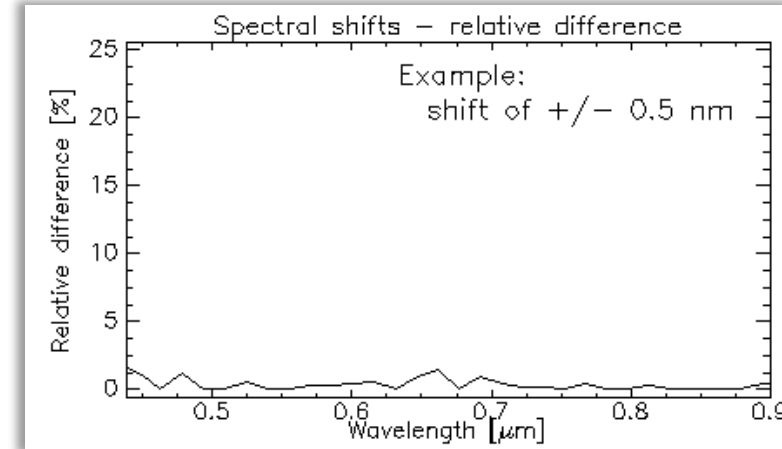
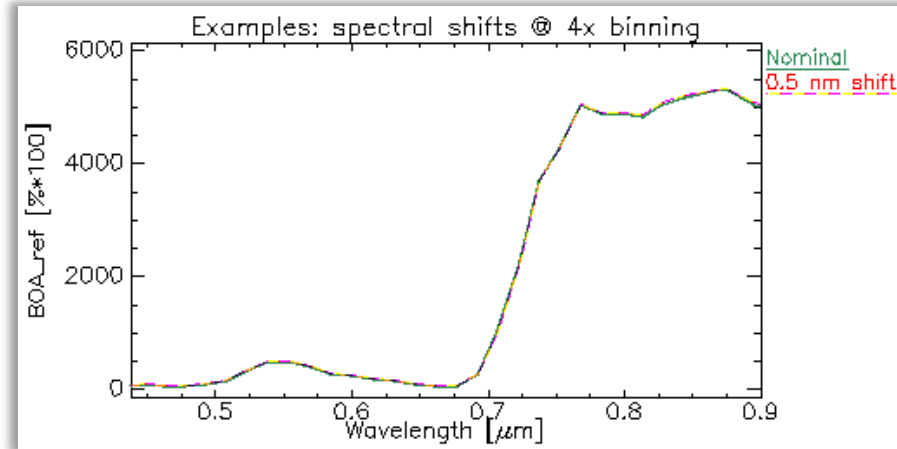
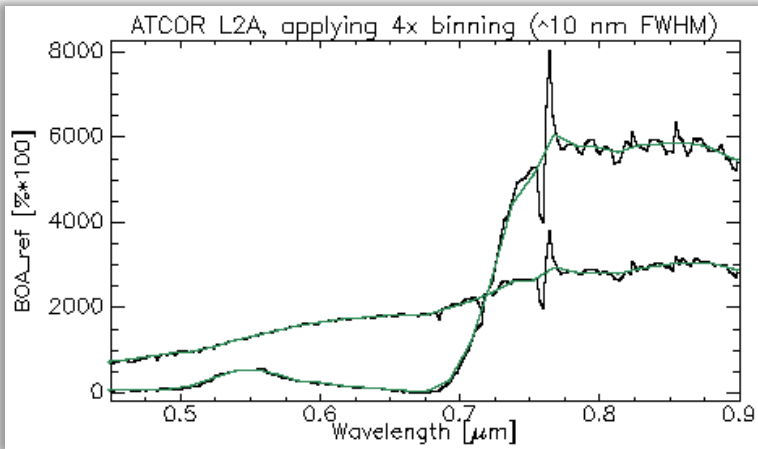
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... and now for 4x binning (~10 nm FWHM):

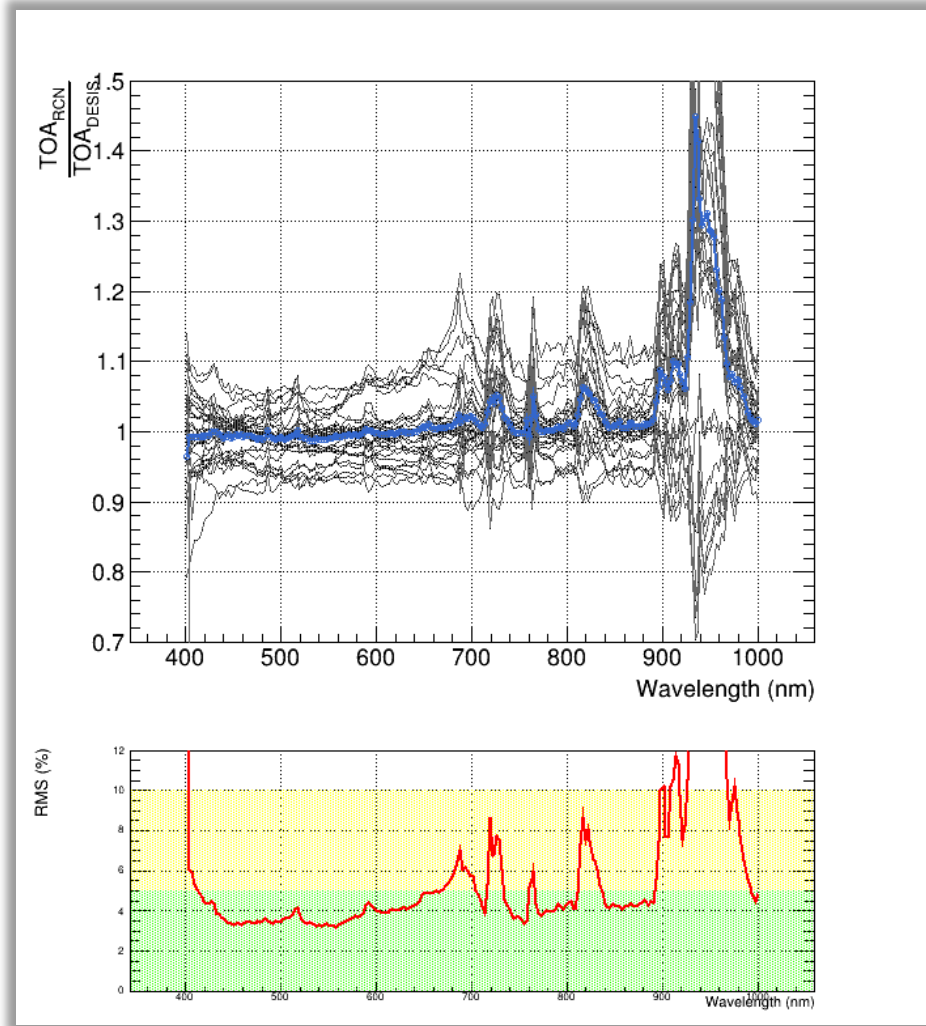


... and the typical relative difference
(at max. 0.5 nm shifts):

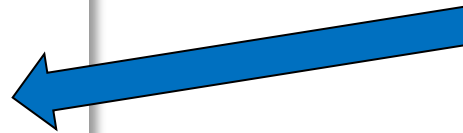
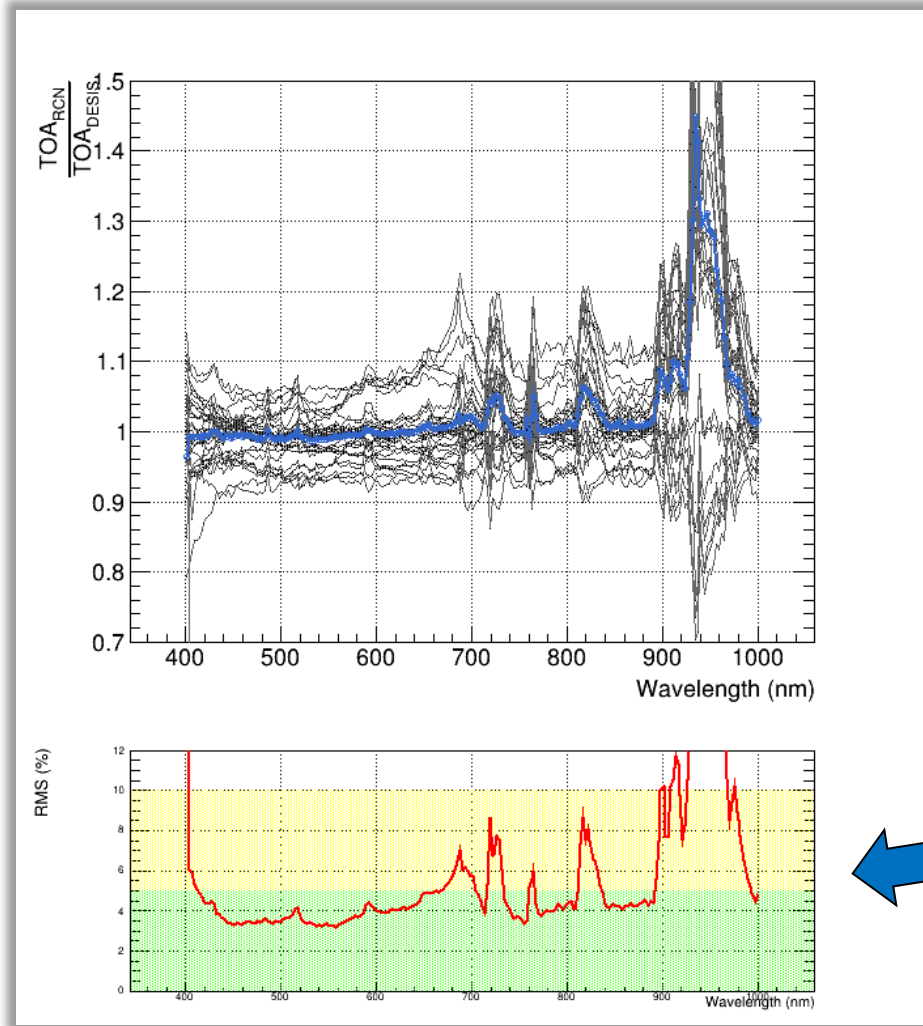
	Shift of +/- 0.5 nm
Broadband (NDVI, SAVI, EVI)	<< 1%
RedEdge (Vogelmann)	<< 1%
Photochem. index (PRI)	~4%
Carotenoid index	<< 1%
Anthocyanin index	~ 1%



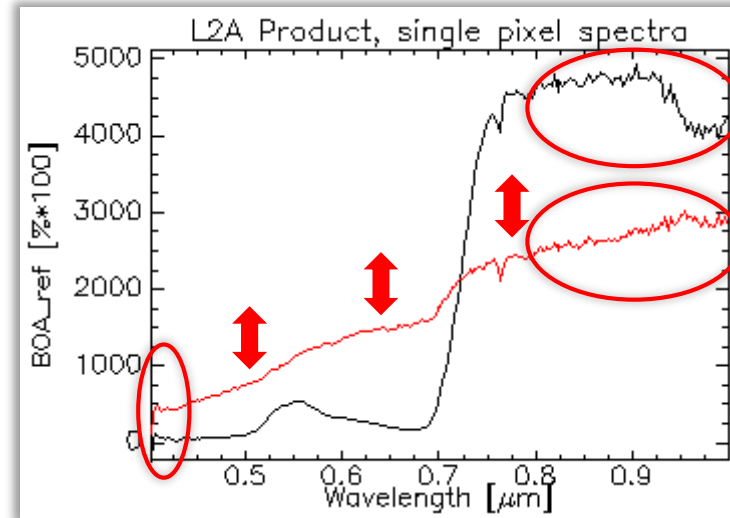
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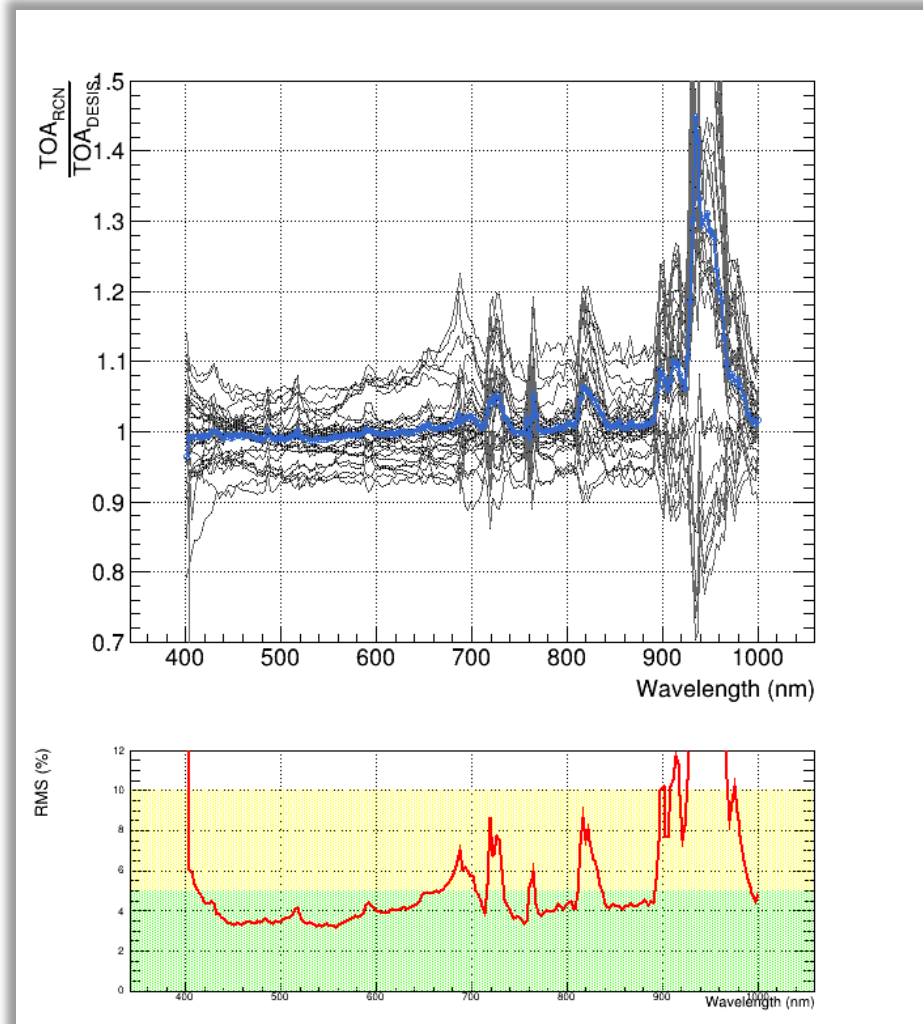
DESI L2A Product



- Global bias („shift“) of spectrum
- Band-to-band radiometric „noise“
- Fringing (etaloning) above ~ 850 nm
- Degradation below ~ 450 nm



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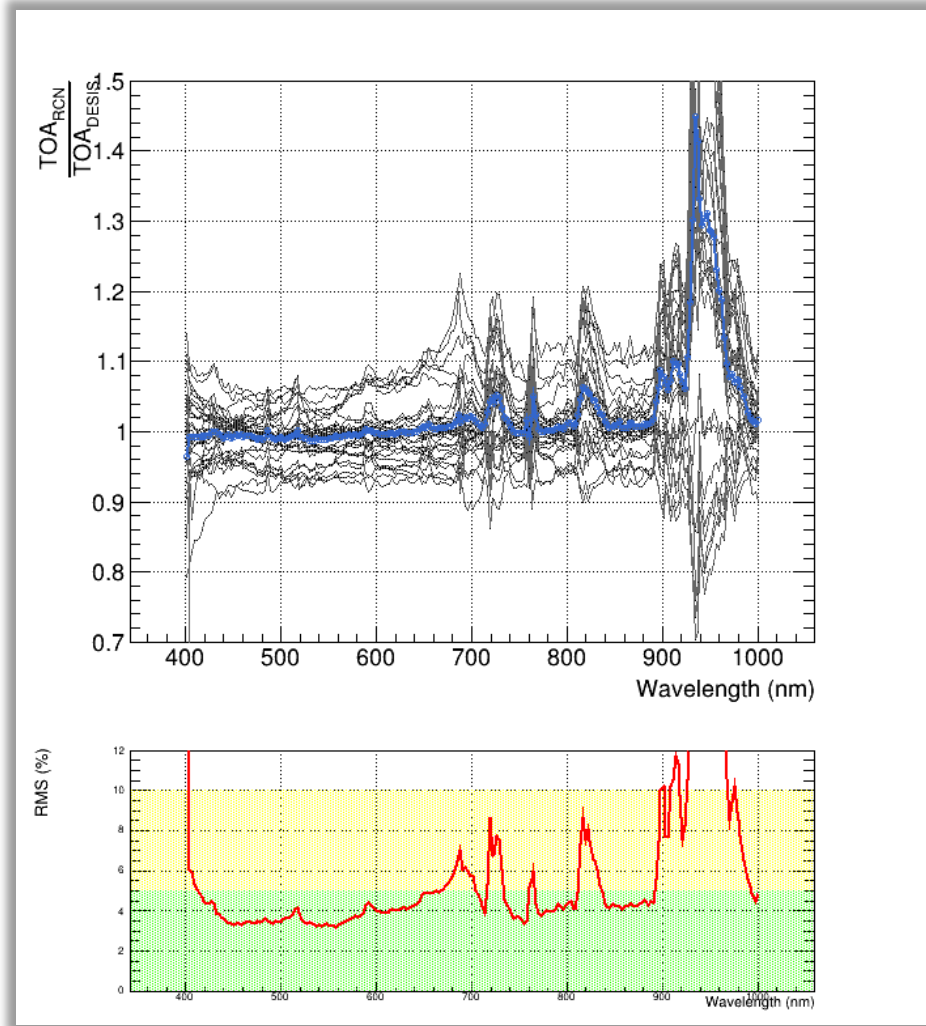


... long story cut short:

- Bias reduced within calibration approach (using many RadCalNet sites and scenes)
- Systematic radiometric „noise“ (de-calibrated detector elements) accounted for during de-stripping step
- **Fringing residuals** might affect analysis & WV retrieval
 - included in the L2A uncertainty budget, see previous presentation
- **Degradation** < 450nm affects AOT retrieval
 - also incl. in L2A uncertainty budget

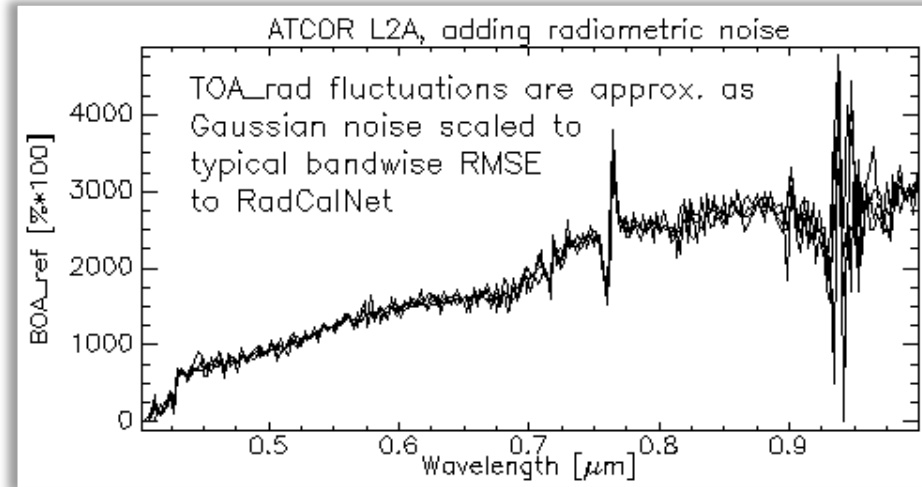


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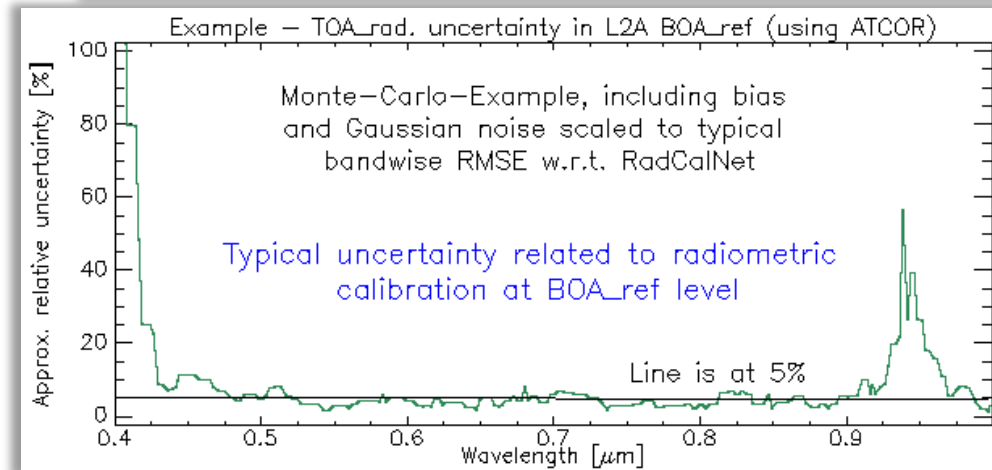


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Simulated
„worst-case“
BOA_ref spectra:



Resulting uncertainty
@ BOA_ref:



Conclusions

- DESIS is well-calibrated to RadCalNet (for most bands < 5% @ TOA) and cross-checked to S2 / L8
 - **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
- Expect the possibility of **negative reflectances** in L2A
 - If calculating indices, better set all negative values to small positive number or zero

