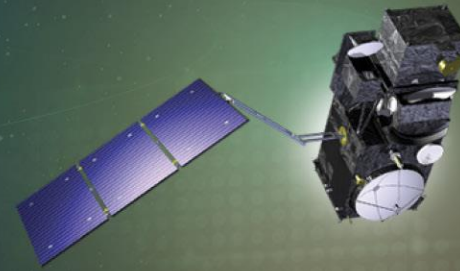




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Calibration monitoring of SLSTR IR channels based on comparisons with IASI

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LEO-LEO IR Inter-Calibration Algorithm



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Direct Comparisons with Reference Instrument

- Tie to contemporary reference instrument
- with very small uncertainty
- Algorithm based on GSICS GEO-LEO IR

Collocate in Space, Time, Angle

- Extended Simultaneous Nadir Overpasses (SNOs)
- Match Viewing Zenith Angle – within 1% path difference
- Match Observation Time – within 200 s
- Average all SLSTR pixels within each IASI iFoV

Hyperspectral Reference (IASI)

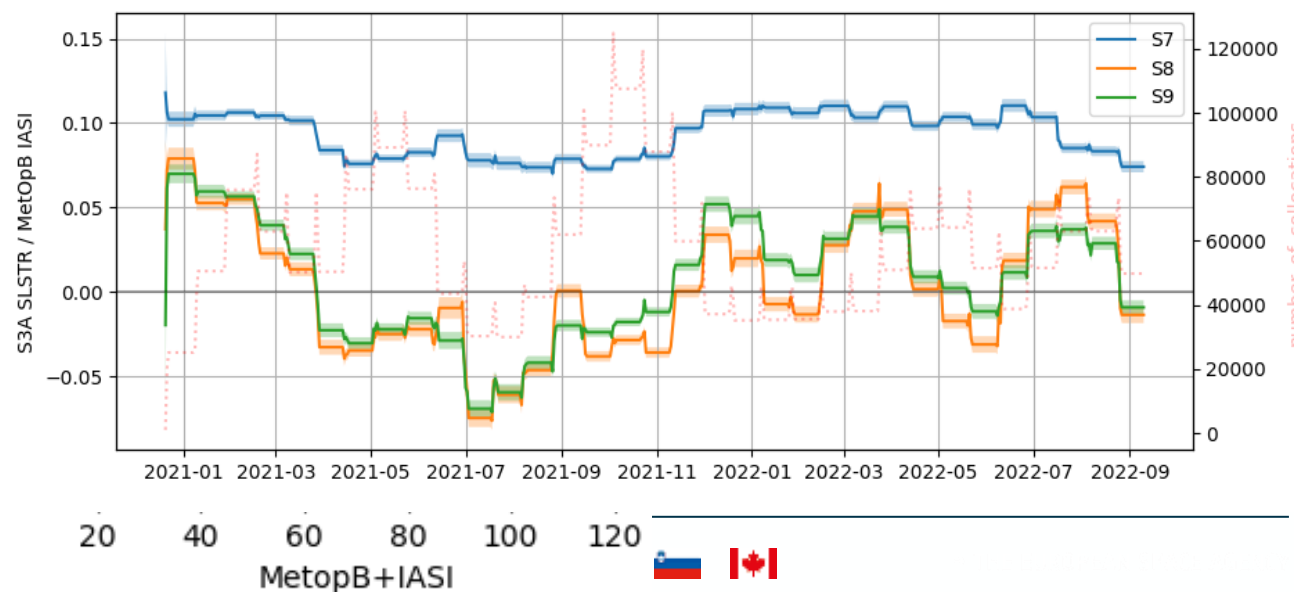
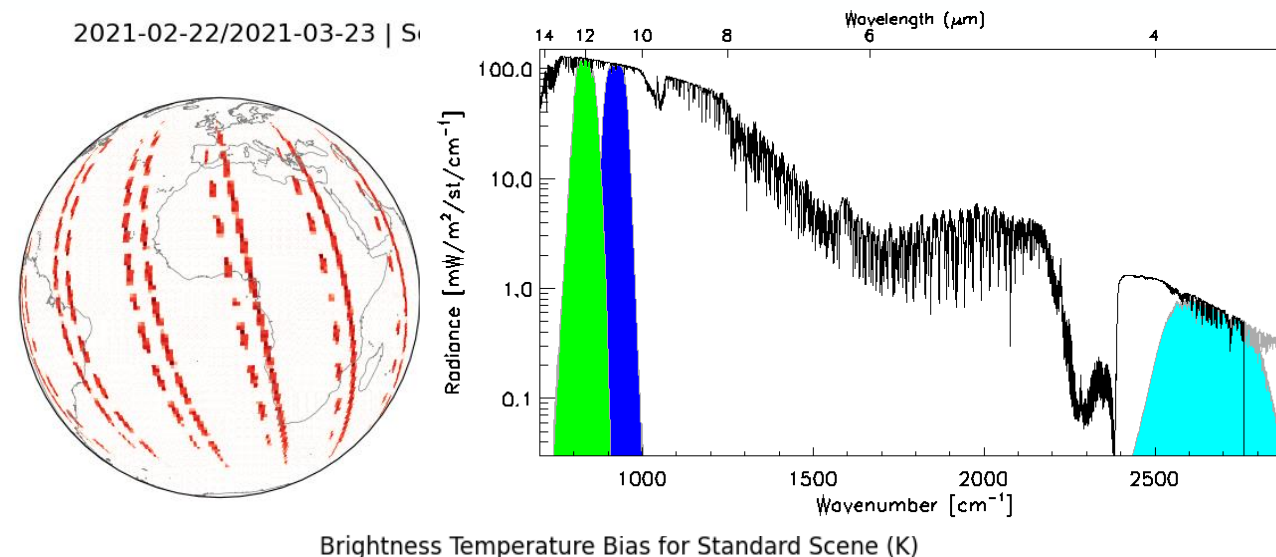
- Gap-filling to extend IASI to cover full S7 band
- Convolve IASI spectrum with SLSTR Spectral Responses
- Could diagnose SRF errors

Compare

- Apply weighted regression to collocated radiances
- Evaluate uncertainties

Evaluate & Monitor Bias

- Check long-term stability & Decontamination



Implementation in MICMICS



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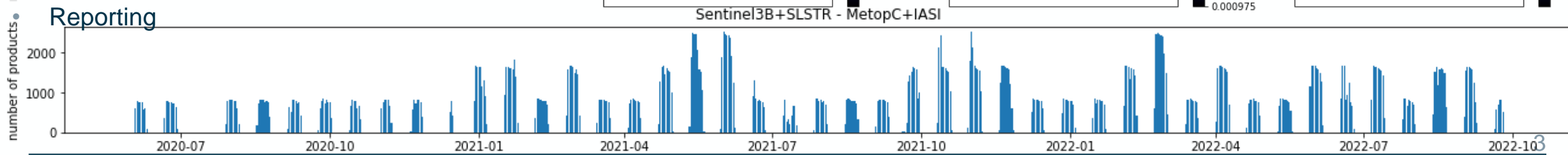
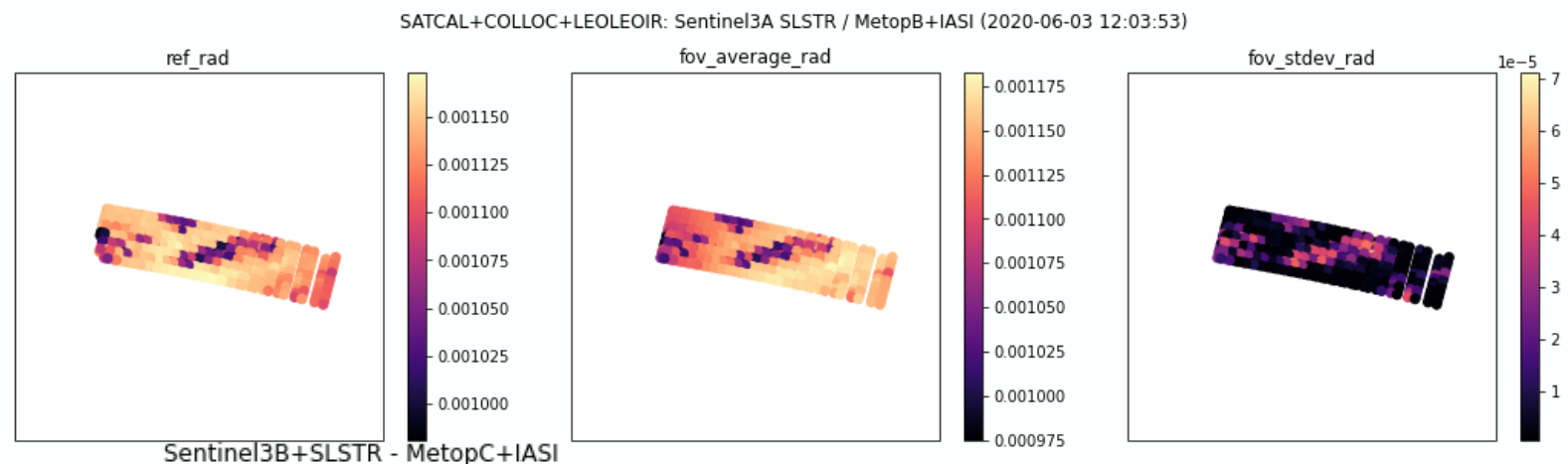
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- Routine daily processing
- Pre-Collocation
 - Select granules with >10% overlap
 - Time difference <1200s
 - Average SLSTR pixels to IASI iFOV
 - Spectral Convolution
 - Generate collocation files
- Filtering
 - Apply collocation criteria
 - $|d(\sec\theta)/\sec\theta| < 0.01$, $|dt| < 200s$
- Analysis
 - Weighted linear regression
 - Calculate biases
 - Store results in database

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Mission Integrated Calibration Monitoring & Inter-Calibration System



Results – Nadir Views



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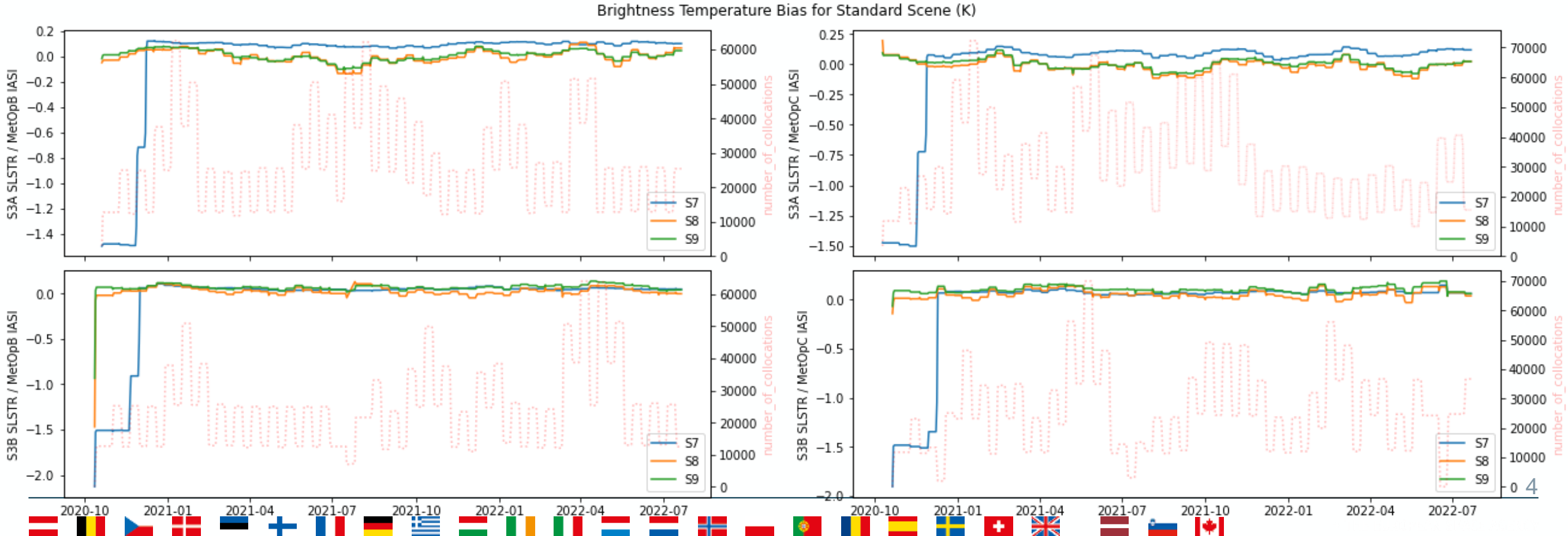


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- Bias for Standard Scenes
 - small biases in all channels: S7 $\sim +0.1\text{K}$, others $\sim 0.0\text{K}$
- Stable for all channels – since new gap-filling correction 2020-11
 - For both SLSTR-A and –B – with both IASI-B and –C (and –A)



Results – Oblique Views



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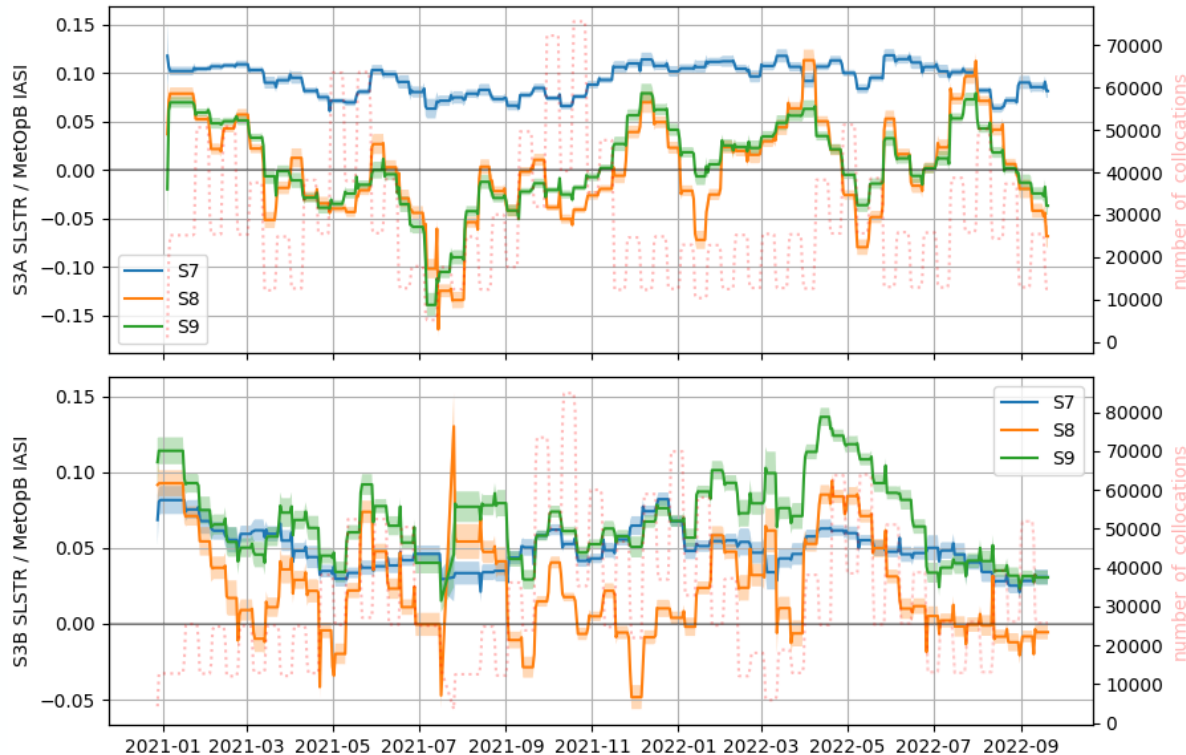


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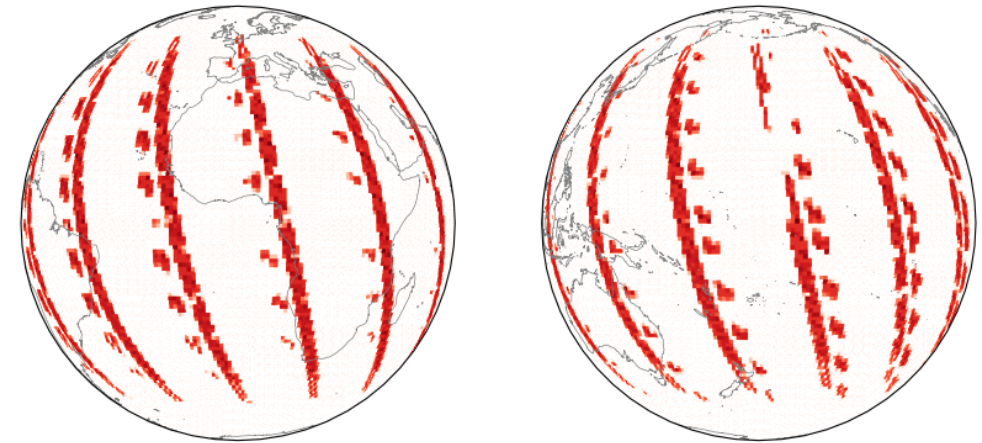
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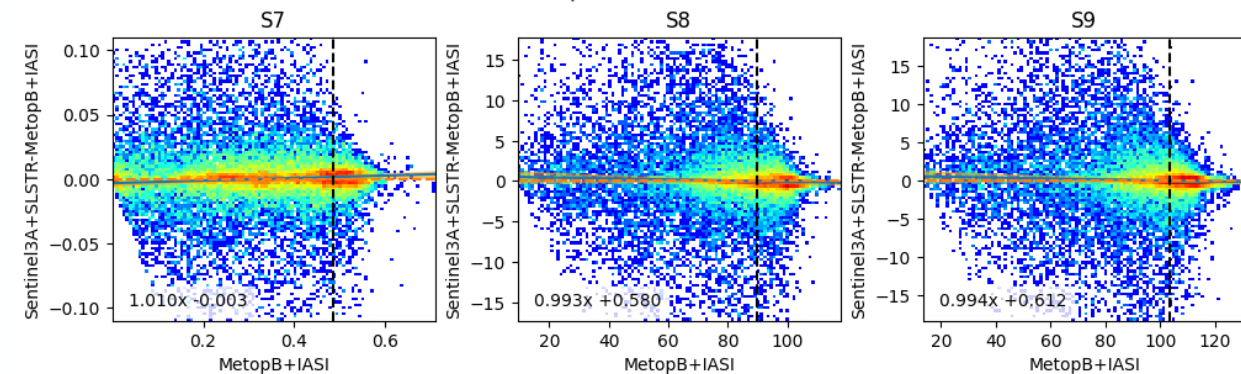
- Bias for Standard Scenes
 - small bias in S7 $\sim +0.1K$, others $\sim 0.0K$
- Stable for all channels
 - For SLSTR-A (above) and -B (below)



2021-08-13/2021-09-11 | Sentinel3A+SLSTR-MetopB+IASI



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Results – Oblique Views: IASI-A/B



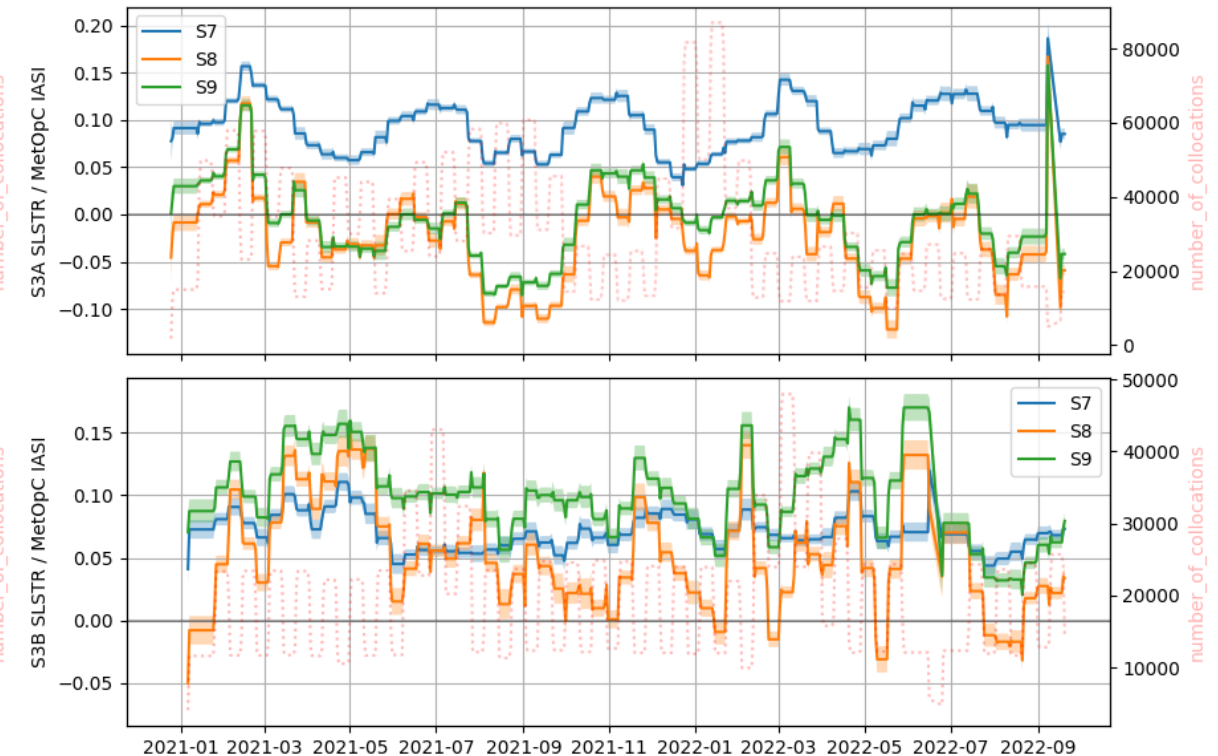
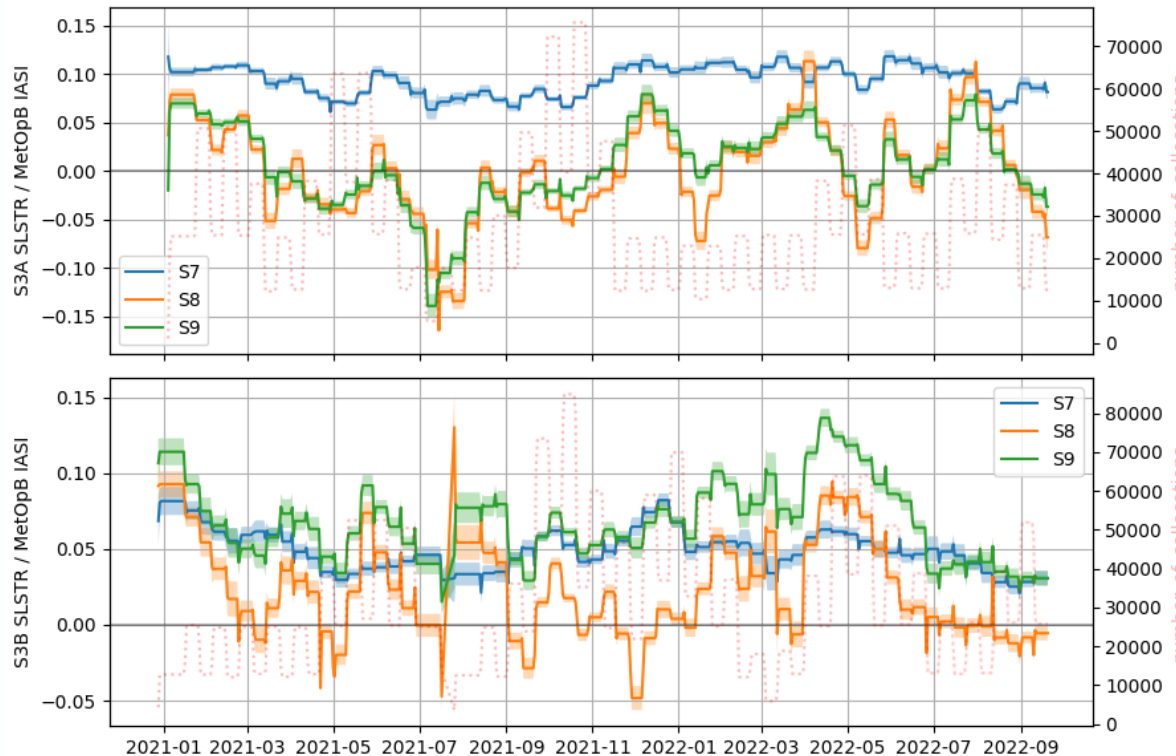
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- Bias for Standard Scenes
 - For SLSTR-A (above) and –B (below)
 - Based on inter-calibration with IASI-B (left) and IASI-C (right)
 - No correlation in time series variations → SLSTR calibration is stable



Bias at Standard Scenes 2021-2022



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Bias at Standard Scene

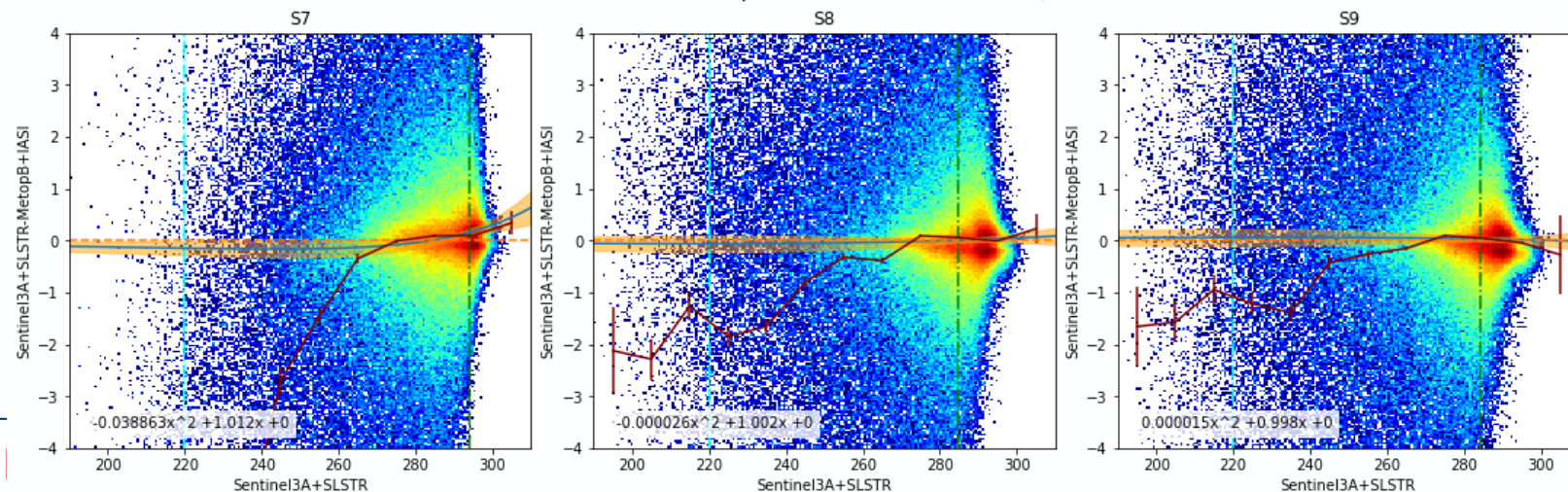
- Tb ~285K
- 2020-12-01 to 2022-10-15
- Small bias in S7 (S3A+B)
 - Gap-filling?
- Small bias in S3B S9
- Nadir and Oblique very similar

Sentinel-3 SLSTR/Ch	Std Bias [K] at Nadir wrt IASI-B+C	Std Bias [K] Oblique wrt IASI-B+C	Random Uncertainty (k=2) [K]	Gap-Filling RMSE [K]
S3A/S7	+0.09	+0.09	0.01	0.08
S3A/S8	-0.00	-0.01	0.02	0
S3A/S9	+0.01	+0.00	0.02	0
S3B/S7	+0.06	+0.06	0.01	0.08
S3B/S8	+0.05	+0.04	0.02	0
S3B/S9	+0.09	+0.08	0.02	0

Radiance-dependent Bias

- Small Biases 270-300K:
 - <0.1K in all channels
- Larger biases in cold scenes
- Hot land excluded
- Analysis ongoing
- Full uncertainty analysis needed

2022-01-01/2022-10-01 | Sentinel3A+SLSTR-MetopB+IASI



Conclusions



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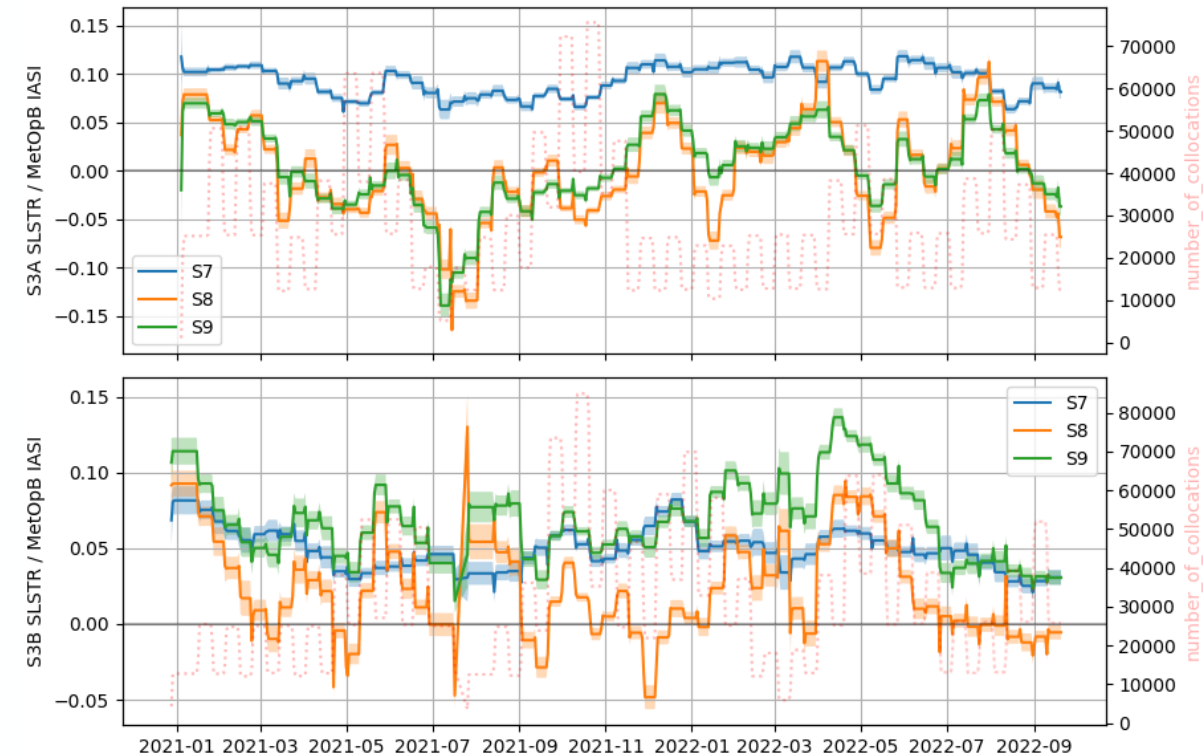


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- Extension of previous work by Igor Tomazic to include:
- Routine monitoring of SLSTR IR channel calibration at EUMETSAT
 - Since 2020-12-01
 - Based on inter-comparison with IASI-B and -C
 - For Sentinel-3A and -3B, S7, S8 + S9, Nadir + Oblique
 - Public access to reports from 2024
- Results so far
 - Confirmed good calibration for warm scenes (SST)
 - $<0.1\text{K}$ Bias in all channels 270-300K
 - Possible biases for colder scenes
 - Stable over 2021-2022
- Algorithm Development
 - Ongoing tuning
 - Issue over hot land surfaces
 - night-time results so far – extend dynamic range
 - Potential application to Fire Channels





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