

Thermal Infrared Sensor - 2 • Landsat 9

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Landsat History





TIRS-2 Science Objectives



- Monitoring of evapotranspiration, water use on a regional and field-by-field basis in the U.S. and internationally
- Mapping urban heat fluxes for air quality modeling
- Volcanic hazard assessment, monitoring, and recovery
- Cloud detection, screening to process OLI-2 image data
- Mapping waterway thermal plumes from power plants
- Burnt area mapping / Wildfire risk assessment
- Identifying mosquito breeding areas, vector-borne illness potential
- Forestry and land use management



Evapotranspiration and Surface Temperature





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Typical TIRS Evapotranspiration Data Product – Darker Green shows Fields with more Irrigation



- Active fires

– Interstate 15

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San Bernardino





TIRS-2 Sensor Unit Design Overview







TIRS-2 Hardware





Front of Flight Detector with Filter segments installed, showing the 3 arrays with 2 channels each



TIRS-2 Hardware





Flight MEB 1



Flight Detector Installed behind Telescope



Flight Scene Select Mechanism



Flight Cyocooler Control Electronics, Redundancy Switch Electronics, and Thermal Mechanical Unit at GSFC



TIRS-2 Hardware





Flight Structure with Thermal Hardware Installed and Earth Shield Hinges and Strong Back



Flight Radiators on Structure with Earth Shield Deployed with Wing Blankets





- The scattering from 13 degree annular feature seen on TIRS has been reduced by more than an order of magnitude on TIRS-2
 - A scene dependent correction for this effect was developed for TIRS which allows the observations to meet requirements
- The 22 degree annular feature observed in TIRS-2 TIPCE testing was not initially observed on TIRS and is not used in the correction
 - After the TIPCE results, the TIRS lunar data were analyzed again and the feature was seen in the extended approach scans at a much lower intensity than the 13 degree feature
 - TIPCE results indicate the 22 degree feature on TIRS-2 is lower than that on TIRS
- Effects of stray light have been reduced enough that TIRS-2 can meet absolute radiometric requirements without a scene-dependent correction like the one needed for TIRS
- Forward work
 - Continue to process the measured stray light results along with the optical model to determine the variance of the stray light effects from the 22 degree feature
 - Update assessments of performance relative to other requirements (e.g. NEdT) based on the higher fidelity results
- Final performance will be evaluated in flight and possible correction schemes using methodologies in place at USGS will be determined in conjunction with the Landsat cal/val and Science teams



TIRS-2 Overall Status







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Back Up





Gallo Vineyards, Lodi CA





Semmens, K.A., et al.(2015). Monitoring daily evapotranspiration over two California vineyards using Landsat 8 in a multi-sensor data fusion approach. Remote Sens. Environ., doi:10.1016/j.rse.2015.1010.1025

Landsat 8 - 2013

-USDA/GEOGLAM Workshop, May 2016



Water Management Using Surface Energy Balance





- OLI required to calculate the SWup (short wave albedo)
- TIRS data required to calculate the LWup from surface temperature



At the Other End of the Spectrum (in More Ways Than 1) – The Coldest Spot on the Earth





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Ultra-low surface temperatures (90°C and lower) occur in local topographic lows (pockets) just south of a long ice ridge. These areas routinely surpass the record temperature of the previous lowest temperature on record, at Vostok Station, Antarctica.



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