MODIS-N CALIBRATION HANDBOOK

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1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

This document is intended as an introduction to the results of the radiometric, geometric, and spectral calibration/characterization of the MODIS-N instrument scheduled for launch on the EOS-A platform in 1998. Readers of the document are expected to be those in the EOS program who are concerned with calibration, but not concerned primarily with the MODIS-N calibration efforts. This document provides these readers with sufficient information so they will have a clear picture of MODIS-N calibration/characterization plans. Every attempt will be made to make this handbook succinct yet complete. It is the intent to maintain and up-date this document as part of the information mode available to both EOS and non-EOS scientists through the EOSDIS's (EOS Data and Information Systems) DADS (Data Analysis and Distribution System).

MODIS-N is an imaging scanning spectro-radiometer. It views the Earth from an orbit of 705 km. and continually scans through the nadir to ±55°. The instrument measures the at-satellite radiance in 36 bands from 0.408 mm to 14.385 mm. The footprint of the detectors varies from 0.25 km. (2 bands) to 0.5 km. (5 bands) to 1 km. (29 bands). Some properties of the bands are summarized in Section 7.5.

The spectro-radiometer itself is a 2-mirror off-axis Gregorian design. Radiation from the Earth passes through a dichroic beamsplitter which separates the light into four major bands. Discrete interference filters provide the higher spectral resolution.

Calibration sources include views of the Sun through a diffusing plate, the moon, deep space, a blackbody, and a spectro-radiometric calibration assembly which provides a measure of the wavelength stability of the instrument.

1.2 Science Calibration/Characterization Objectives

The MODIS-N specifications call for a radiometric calibration accurate to 5% below 3 mm and 1% above 3 mm. Stray light must be less than 1% and co-registration of different detector elements must be to within 0.1 pixel. Polarization sensitivity must be less than 2% at all wavelengths from 0.43 to 2.2 mm.

1.3 Organizations and Responsibilities

The MODIS Characterization Support Team (MCST) provides the overall planning and coordination of the MODIS-N calibration efforts under the direction of the MODIS Science Team. Hughes/SBRC, the instrument contractor, does the ground calibration and characterization and demonstrates that the specifications are met.

2. Pre-Launch Calibration/Characterization

2.1 Objectives/Rationale

Before launch, tests will be conducted to characterize the properties of MODIS-N. These plans call for the testing of the following radiometric properties: Gain, offset, signal versus radiance, linearity, signal-to-noise ratio, on-board calibrator performance, spectral matching, coherent noise, scan modulation, and band-to-band stability. The Modulation Transfer Function (MTF) will be measured along-track and across-track. Spectral band shapes and out-of-band radiation levels will be measured. The transient response including rise time and overshoot or undershoot will be tested. Polarization sensitivity will be measured. The spectral band registration along-track and cross-track will be measured. Most of these tests will be made under ambient conditions and under vacuum conditions. A total of 29 different types of characterization tests are planned.
As part of EOS calibration planning, MODIS-N and all EOS-A platform instruments will be cross-calibrated using a common known source and/or using a traveling standard radiometer. These activities are in early planning stages and will be summarized when they become public.

The results summarized in this section come from two sources. The primary input comes from the MODIS-N contractor, Santa Barbara Research Center (SBRC), in Santa Barbara, CA. A parallel calibration and characterization effort has been provided by the MODIS Characterization Support Team (MCST) at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD. Initial drafts of this document carry requirements prior to the availability of results.

2.2 Radiometric Calibration

Before launch, the MODIS-N Calibrator will be used to provide a series of checks on the instrument. These checks include a radiometric sensitivity check and measurements of band-to-band registration, coherent noise, MTF, IFOV, transient response, optical alignment, scene simulation, and coherent noise.

2.2.1 Absolute Calibration

A minimum absolute radiometric calibration accuracy of ± 5% is required in the visible and near-infrared and ± 1% in the thermal infrared is required.

2.2.2 Relative Calibration

A ± 2% accuracy relative to the Sun is required. Over two weeks, a ± 0.5% stability is required. Section 3 is devoted to in-orbit calibrations.

2.3 Geometric Calibration

The pointing accuracy of MODIS-N will be sufficient to locate any pixel on the Earth's surface to within ± 0.5 times the length or width of the pixel. Registration of pixels to ± 0.1 pixel or better will be made, but a pointing knowledge of 30 arc seconds and alignment changes of 60 arc seconds will reduce the overall pointing knowledge to ± 0.5 pixels. Section 4 is devoted to in-orbit geometric calibrations.

2.4 Spectral Calibration

The spectral response of MODIS-N as a function of time must either be stable or measured with sufficient accuracy so that the overall radiometric calibration goals are reached. MODIS-N has a Spectro-radiometric Calibration Assembly (SRCA) which allows the spectral response of the scanning radiometer to be monitored over time. Section 5 is devoted to in-orbit spectral calibrations.

3. In-Orbit Radiometric Calibration/Characterization

3.1 Objectives/Rationale

The characterization efforts before launch and the use of known radiation sources in orbit will allow the initial in-orbit calibration to be measured and maintained within specifications during the mission life. Multiple calibration techniques and sources will be used to obtain the necessary calibration accuracy. Sections 3.2 through 3.5 describe different calibration techniques. The approach to synthesizing the multiple approaches into a single official calibration algorithm is discussed in Section 6.

3.2 Instrument-Based Calibration Methods

Radiometric calibration of MODIS-N will be made through the use of known sources to establish the instrument's response. These known sources include the Sun, the
3.2.1 Spectro-Radiometric Calibration Assembly (SRCA)

A single blackbody operating at the ambient temperature will be used to calibrate the MODIS-N thermal channels. The blackbody will be viewed once per scan and calibrate channels 20 through 36. The blackbody itself is aluminum with v-groove cuts of 25°. Its effective emissivity is 0.992 or greater.

The Spectro-Radiometric Calibration Assembly (SRCA) can be used for radiometric checks in the visible and near infrared since it has an incandescent source. It can be used at any time during the orbit. The SRCA is also used in spectral calibration and spatial registration studies.

3.2.2 Solar Diffuser Stability Monitor (SDSM)

A solar diffuser plate is a part of the MODIS-N design. It can be used to calibrate channels 1 to 7 and 17 to 19 once each orbit. The properties of the diffuser plate are monitored, in turn, by the Solar Diffuser Stability Monitor (SDSM) which alternately views the sun and the diffuser.

This method of calibration is a primary method of calibration since the entire optical path of the instrument is monitored.

3.2.3 External Lunar

MODIS-N can view the moon, once per month in the spring and autumn, when deep space is viewed. For 4 to 6 times per year, for periods lasting about one day, the moon is visible in the deep space scans. The moon is an extremely stable radiation source, which potentially allows it to be used for calibration. The intensity of the lunar disk will vary during the year as the Earth-Sun distance changes and will also vary with the lunar libration angle and phase angle. The MODIS-N design only allows the moon to be observed when it is in a gibbous phase about 22.5° beyond the half-moon phase. Given the precise illumination and observation geometry, a high spatial resolution model of the spectral radiances from the moon will be calculated. This radiometric image will then be transformed to match the resolution and orientation of MODIS-N. Periodically then, MODIS-N will be exposed to a stable radiometric source, allowing the long-term stability of the instrument to be monitored. Hugh Kieffer of the USGS-Flagstaff is the principal investigator for lunar calibration; Dr. Kieffer is a Team Member of both the ASTER and HIRIS Facility Teams.

This method of calibration is a primary method of calibration since the entire optical path of the instrument is monitored.

3.3 Instrument Cross-Comparison Methods

3.3.1 Cross-Sensor/Within Platform

Several passive remote sensors using visible radiation are planned for the EOS-A platform. Each instrument will be independently calibrated. After corrections for differences in footprint size, spectral resolution, and pointspread functions are made, the radiances measured by the separate should agree to within their stated accuracies. If they do agree, it tells us that any biases, whether the bias is zero or not, are the same. The more instruments that agree, the more confidence we can have that correct measurements are being made. Potential comparison instrument include MODIS-N (am) to MODIS-N (pm), MODIS-T, AIRS, ASTER, EOSP, and MISR. Several of these potential configurations are discussed below.

AIRS (Atmospheric Infrared Sounder) has a 13.5 km. nadir footprint with five channels in the visible region from 0.4 to 1.1 microns. Inter-comparison to MODIS-N will consist of combining many MODIS pixels, weighted by the AIRS
Both AIRS and MODIS-N also make thermal infrared measurements which allow comparisons to be made. At each thermal wavelength, contributions are coming from all layers of the atmosphere and the surface usually expressed through atmospheric weighting functions. If the two instruments do not have similar bandpasses, the comparison is made difficult since the same layers of the atmosphere are not sampled equally. It is likely that radiances in the thermal bands for these two instruments will not be compared directly, but a derived geophysical parameter such as sea surface temperature will be used for the inter-comparison. The thermal cross-calibration technique for this pair of instruments and for other pairs of instruments is a topic requiring further study.

ASTER (Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection) has a 30 meter nadir footprint and one near infrared band from 850 to 920 nm. Since MODIS-N has bands centered at 865 and 905 nm an inter-comparison is possible using appropriate weights or filter factors for the two instruments. Spatially the MODIS-N pixel can be simulated by summing up the ASTER pixels using the MODIS-N pointspread function as the weighting function. Inter-comparisons in the thermal infrared are also possible for these two instruments.

EOSP (Earth Observing Scanning Polarimeter) has a 10 km nadir footprint and several spectral bands in the visible region. MODIS-N radiances can be spatially re-mapped, using the EOSP pointspread function, and spectrally re-mapped, using the EOSP filter transmission functions, to match the EOSP radiance observations.

MISR (Multi-angle Imaging Spectro-radiometer) has four viewing angles which can be duplicated by MODIS-N. Four other MISR viewing angles cannot be matched by MODIS-N. MISR has spectral bands centered at 440 and 860 nm which are closely matched by MODIS-N bands at 443 and 865 nm. The wavelength resolution for MISR is not available, but probably is less than MODIS-N. By spectrally re-mapping MODIS-N and spatially re-mapping MISR, a matching image for the two instruments appears possible which will allow them to be inter-compared.

The University of Arizona, under the direction of Dr. Philip Slater, plans to perform cross-calibration comparisons of the type described in this section. They have extensive experience with AVHRR-SPOT comparisons and NOAA-9, NOAA-10, and Landsat TM comparisons.

3.3.2 Cross-Platform In-Orbit

Using sensors on other satellites for inter-comparison proceeds much like the inter-comparisons described above. The major difficulty and drawback in comparisons between two satellites is that seldom are both satellites over the same region at the same time so matching satellite and solar geometries can be obtained. Without the geometry and temporal match, the inter-comparison become considerably more involved. Some potential comparison instruments are AVHRR, SPOT, and Landsat as discussed below. Other potential comparisons with MERIS, SeaWiFs, GOES, and other satellites are also possible.

AVHRR (Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer) has a 1.1 km nadir footprint, which is close to the 1 km nadir footprint for some MODIS-N channels. AVHRR has a lower spectral resolution than MODIS-N. AVHRR's channel 1 measures in the range of about 550 to 700 nm and channel 2 covers about 720 to 970 nm. Weighting the MODIS-N bands centered at 531, 565, 653, 681, 750, 865, 905, 936, and 940 nm by the filter transmission of the AVHRR interference filters should allow an AVHRR type scene to be constructed from the MODIS-N observations. The initial pre-flight filter transmissions for AVHRR are known, but because filters of this type
change their properties in flight, it is not clear that using the pre-flight
transmission functions will give correct results. Another drawback with the
AVHRR/MODIS-N inter-comparison is that the AVHRR sensors are not well calibrated.
It is also not clear if the present AVHRR design will be flying in the MODIS-N
era. Finally comparison between the two sensors will be limited to those times
when both are crossing the same scene within as yet to be defined window of time.

SPOT has a 10 meter nadir footprint and several visible bands which offer
opportunities for inter-comparison with MODIS-N. SPOT images can be spatially re-
mapped and MODIS-N images can be spectrally re-mapped to achieve synthetic images
which can be inter-compared.

Landsat has a 30 meter nadir footprint and visible bands covering 450-520, 520-
600, 630-690, and 760-900 nm which offer opportunities for inter-comparison with
MODIS-N. Landsat images can be spatially re-mapped and MODIS-N images can be
spectrally re-mapped to achieve synthetic images which can be inter-compared.

The University of Arizona plans to perform cross-calibration comparisons of the
type described in this section. They have extensive calibration experience with AVHRR-SPOT
comparisons.

3.3.3 Target Related/Aircraft

MODIS-N radiances will be compared to the radiances measured from high flying
aircraft such as NASA's ER-2 aircraft using an Optronix model 740A
spectroradiometer. Except for small corrections of the order of less than 5% for
the path radiance caused by atmospheric scattering above the aircraft, co-located
radiances from these two sensors should be nearly the same. The technique assumes
the spectral response of the satellite radiometers remains unchanged over time and
measured changes in response are gain changes only. Co-location of the aircraft
and satellite observations can be done by fine-tuning the navigation of the
satellite such that the maximum correlation between the two sets of measurements
is achieved. Since the aircraft radiometer can be re-calibrated in the laboratory
with traceability to NIST standards, the technique allows the MODIS-N observations
at much the mobile scan. When a significant
stratospheric aerosols are present such as those from El Chicon or Mt. Pinatubo.

3.4 Target-Based Calibration Methods

3.4.1 Target Related/Ground Reflectance

In-situ observations of radiance from the ground or from aircraft can be compared
to satellite radiance observations by using radiative transfer models. These in-
situ radiance measurements, in effect, become known sources suitable for
calibration. The following sub-sections describe these techniques. Buoy
observations of pigment concentration can also be compared to MODIS-N derived
values for the same pigment concentration. A difference in the two determinations
can indicate a calibration problem exists, which can be corrected by altering the
calibration until the two pigment concentrations exists. This technique may not
calibrate the spectrometer so much as tune the spectrometer-radiative transfer-
 pigment concentration algorithm combination.

MODIS-N radiances can also compared to ground observations provided a good
radiative transfer model is available and the composition and vertical structure
of the atmosphere are well measured. Co-located ground and satellite measurements
then allow the calibration of the satellite sensor to be checked much as is done
using high flying aircraft.

Characterizing atmospheric composition requires measurements of total precipitable
water, total ozone amount, and aerosol optical depth as a function of wavelength.
Atmospheric water vapor can be measured using radiosondes, or total precipitable
water vapor meters using either solar or microwave radiation. Dobson spectrometers can provide total ozone amounts. Aerosol properties can be measured using lidar, sunphotometers, aureole meters, combined pyranometers and pyrheliometers giving the diffuse-direct ratio, or pyrheliometers equipped with Schott glass filters. The combination and choice of instruments has not yet been made.

3.4.2 Bio-Optical Oceans

Water leaving radiances over the many ocean locations at wavelengths greater than about 700 nm are thought to be close to zero. An accurate radiative transfer model allows the path radiance to the satellite radiance to be determined. This path radiance therefore provides a known source which allows MODIS-N to be calibrated. This technique makes the instrument calibration and the radiative transfer model self-consistent.

Buoys measurements of pigment concentration can be compared with MODIS-N determined pigment concentrations. A discrepancy between the two may be solved by altering the calibration of the satellite. This technique is called bio-geochemical normalization.

3.5 Image Related

3.5.1 External Image Related Radiometric Rectification

Certain regions on Earth contain areas which are radiometrically stable. For example, exposures of bedrock may have a relative stable reflectance over long periods of time. These radiometrically stable areas within images can be used to correct other portions of an image so that they are internally self-consistent with the stable portions of the image. The technique is referred to as "within image radiometric rectification" and is generally applied to high resolution images such as those produced by Landsat or SPOT. The applicability of the technique to MODIS-N images will be researched and applied.

3.5.2 Class-specific Scene Equalization

A generalization of the within image radiometric rectification technique in which multiple scenes are used will also be employed for monitoring the MODIS-N stability.

4. In-Orbit Geometric Calibration

The SRCA will provide in-orbit spatial registration measurements. The assembly consists of an incandescent lamp source which illuminates a double pass grating spectrometer that provides a light source of known wavelength to the scanning spectro-radiometer. When a recticle pattern is deployed in front of the SRCA exit slit, the alignment of spectro-radiometer can be measured and compared to previous measurements.

5. In-Orbit Spectral Calibration

The SRCA will provide in-orbit spectral calibration. The assembly consists of an incandescent lamp source which illuminates a double pass grating spectrometer that provides a light source of known wavelength to the scanning spectro-radiometer.

6 Official MODIS-N/MCST Calibration Algorithms/Models

6.1 Objectives/Rationale

During routine processing, one calibration algorithm will be used to determined the Level-1B radiances. This official algorithm may be one technique, but it is more likely to be a combination of methods. MCST has the responsibility of
supplying this algorithm to convert the raw Level-1A quantized value to Level-1B radiances.

6.2 Algorithm Sensitivity/Simulation Studies

7. Definitions, References, and Tables

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7.2 Data Dictionary/Glossary

7.3 Acronyms

A
AIRS  Atmospheric Infrared Sounder
ASTER Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Reflection
AVHRR Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer

E
EOS  Earth Observing System
EOSP  Earth Observing Scanning Polarimeter

G
GOES Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite

I
IFOV  Instrument field of view

M
MCST - MODIS Characterization Support Team
MERIS - Medium Resolution Imaging Spectrometer
MISR - Multi-angle Imaging Spectro-radiometer
MODIS-N - Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectrometer - Nadir
MODIS-T - Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectrometer - Tilt
MTF - Modulation transfer function

NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration
SeaWiFS - Sea Viewing, Wide-Field-of-View Sensor
SBRC - Santa Barbara Research Center
SDSM - Solar Diffuser Stability Monitor
SRCA - Spectro-radiometric Calibration Assembly

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MODIS-N CALIBRATION PLAN

MODIS-N CALIBRATION MANAGEMENT PLAN BLOCK DIAGRAM COVERING PREFLIGHT AND ON-ORBIT ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MATH MODEL INDEX
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Appendix
for
MODIS Calibration Status Report
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Reflected Solar Working Group A
at the
5th Meeting
of the
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EOS Investigator Working Group (IWG)
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MCST (MODIS Characterization Support Team)

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The Broker Inn, Boulder, CO
Outline for
MODIS Calibration/Characterization Plan

1 Introduction
   1.1 MCST Calibration/Characterization Plan Objectives
   1.2 Document Overview
   1.3 Applicable Documents
   1.4 Overview of Instrument Design
   1.5 Single Official Calibration Algorithm
   1.6 Multiple Parallel Approaches
   1.7 Mathematical Model Development
   1.8 Comprehensive Documentation Trail

2 Pre-Launch Calibration/Characterization Methodology
   2.1 Objectives/Rationale
   2.2 Radiometric Calibration
     2.2.1 Absolute Calibration
     2.2.2 Relative Calibration
   2.3 Geometric Characterization
   2.4 Spectral Characterization

3 Instrument Cross-Calibration
   3.1 Pre-Launch Cross-Calibration
     3.1.1 Cross-Calibration Among MODIS Instruments
     3.1.2 Cross-Calibration Between MODIS and Other Instruments
   3.2 In-Orbit Cross-Calibration
     3.2.1 Cross-Sensor/Within Platform
     3.2.2 Cross-Platform/Among Sensors
     3.2.3 Target Related/Aircraft

4 Transfer of Calibration/Characterization from Pre-Launch to In-Orbit using On-Board Calibrators
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   4.4 Spectral Characterization
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         5.2.1.2 Blackbody
         5.2.1.3 Solar Diffuser Panel and Solar Diffuser Stability Monitor (SDSM)
      5.2.2 External Solar
      5.2.3 External Lunar
   5.3 Target-Based Calibration
      5.3.1 Target Related/Ground Reflectance
      5.3.2 Bio-Optical Oceans
   5.4 Image-Related
      5.4.1 External Image-Related Radiometric Rectification
      5.4.2 Class-Specific Scene Equalization

6 In-Orbit Geometric Characterization

7 In-Orbit Spectral Characterization

8 Official MODIS/MCST Calibration Algorithm
   8.1 Objectives/Rationale
   8.2 Minimization of Instrument Systematic Noise Sources
   8.3 MCST Calibration Flow

9 MODIS/MCST Calibration Algorithm Validation and Upgrade
   9.1 Algorithm Correction for Systematic Errors
   9.2 Inclusion of In-Orbit Calibration Information
   9.3 Creation of Calibration Error Images

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   1.3 Organizations and Responsibilities
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Goddard Space Flight Center
Building 22, Room 365
Monday, April 13, 1992

0830  Phil Slater  Introductions and Introductory Remarks
0845  John Barker  MODIS Characterization Support Team (MCST) Report
0930  Bruce Guenther  MODIS-Related EOS Cal/Val Panel Issues
0945  BREAK
1000  Jim Young  MODIS-N Instrument Cal/Val Plans Status
1100  John Barker  MODIS Science Calibration Plans
1115  Stuart Biggar  Cross-Calibration Progress, Plans and Concerns
1125  Brian Markham  Simulated MODIS Imagery from TM
1135  Jan-Peter Muller  Modeling of MODIS Sensors
1145  Ken Brown  MODIS Aircraft Simulator (MAS)
1155  Peter Abel  NASA Aircraft-Satellite Instrument Calibration
1205  Bill Barnes  SeaWiFS Instrument Calibration
1215  Phil Slater  Identify Calibration-Related Issues/Action Items
1300  ADJOURN
AGENDA

MODIS Science Team Calibration Working Group
Goddard Space Flight Center
Building 8, Auditorium
Tuesday, April 14, 1992

1515   Phil Slater  Review Agenda for Meeting
1530   Jim Young   SBRC Proposed Cross-Track Calibrator
1615   Peter Abel  Aircraft/Satellite Cross-Track Calibration
1630   Joann Harnden Alternatives for Cross-Track Calibration
           Multi-Year Scene Statistics
           90-Degree Observatory Rotation ("MISR" mode)
1645   Phil Slater  Recommendation on Cross-Track Calibration
                   for MODIS Science Team
1715   ADJOURN
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MODIS Science Team Calibration Working Group
Goddard Space Flight Center
Building 8, Auditorium
Wednesday, April 15, 1992

0800 Phil Slater
   Review Agenda for Meeting
   Prioritize Calibration Issues

0815 Jim Young
   Discussion of Instrument-Related Calib. Issues
   - Thermal Bands Calibration Accuracy
   - Lunar Calibration Options
   - Solar Panel/Door Modification
   - SRCA Changes and Options
   - Imbedded Detector Data in
     Housekeeping Telemetry
   - Radiometric Math Model
   - Band-Pass Options

0945 Phil Slater
   Identify any Proposed Changes in Requirements
1000 BREAK
1015 John Barker
   Proposed Schedule of Reviews
   Plans, Instruments, and Calib. Algorithms

1030 Phil Slater
   Develop Recommendations for Science Team
   Proposed MODIS Calibration Peer Review Panel
   Develop Action Items for MCST, Working Group, etc.

1200 ADJOURN
AGENDA

MODIS Science Team Calibration Working Group
Goddard Space Flight Center
Building 8, Auditorium
Thursday, April 16, 1992

0800 Phil Slater  Review Agenda for Meeting
0810 John Barker  Plans and Options for Cross-Calibration
0820 Stuart Biggar  Pre-Launch Cross-Calibration Options
                   In-Orbit Ground Validation Experiments
0825 Peter Abel  NASA Aircraft-Satellite Instrument Calibration
0830 Phil Slater  Prioritize Cross-Calibration Issues
0845 Panel Discussion on Cross-Calibration of MODIS with other Sensors

   EOSPM/AIRS    Larry Strow    UMBC
   EOSAM/ASTER   Hugh Keiffer   USGS
                 Akira Ono    JPL
                 Phil Slater  U. AZ

   NOAA/AVHRR    Phil Slater  U. AZ
   SPOT           Phil Slater  U. AZ
   CERES          Mike King    GSFC/913
                  Bruce Wylicki  LaRC
   Landsat TM     Les Thompson GSFC/925
   EOSAM/MISR    Carol Bruegge JPL

1000  BREAK

1015 Phil Slater  Review Calibration-Related Issues/Action Items
                   Action Items for MCST and Individuals
                   Recommendations to MODIS Science Team (MST)
                   Agenda for Fall Cal Discipline WG Meeting
                   Input to EOS Cal Meeting October 1992

1130  ADJOURN
MODIS/MCST Feedback Sheet
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