Infrared sounders on the geostationary Hyper-spectral Environmental Suite (HES)

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Future GOES



Future GOES will address all four key remote sensing areas

* spatial resolution – what picture element size is required to identify feature of interest and to capture its spatial variability;
* spectral coverage and resolution – what part of EM spectrum at each spatial element should be measured, and with what spectral resolution, to analyze an atmospheric or surface parameter;
* temporal resolution – how often does feature of interest need to be observed; and
* radiometric resolution – what signal to noise is required and how accurate does an observation need to be.



Goal - Transition from Individual Systems to "System of Systems" Architecture



HES

- The Hyperspectral Environmental Suite (HES) will be located on a geostationary platform.
 - 2013
 - NOAA operational
 - Currently in formation phase
- HES is an outgrowth of earlier ABS efforts
 - HES includes the functionality of the old Advanced Baseline Sounder (ABS)
 - HES has been expanded to include other capabilities for environmental monitoring employing the improved temporal resolution from GEO.
 - Coastal Ocean
 - Open Ocean
 - Land

HES Tasks

- HES Disk Sounding (HES-DS)
 - Formerly ABS -- Threshold Task
- HES Severe Weather / Mesoscale (HES-SW/M)
 - Threshold Task
- HES Coastal Waters (HES-CW)
 - Threshold Task
- HES Ocean Waters (HES-OO)
 Goal Task
- HES Land (HES-L)
 - Goal Task

Not covered in this talk

HES Tasks

- HES Disk Sounding (HES-DS)
 - Provide vertical moisture and temperature information, and other environmental data that will be used by NOAA and other public and private agencies to produce routine meteorological analyses and forecasts
 - Provide data that may be used to extend knowledge and understanding of the atmosphere and its processes in order to improve short/long-term weather forecasts.
- HES Severe Weather / Mesoscale (HES-SW/M)
 - Provide environmental data that can be used to expand knowledge of mesoscale and synoptic scale storm development and provide data that may be used to help in forecasting severe weather events.
 - Backup mode in the event of a GOES-R ABI failure (both).

HES-Disk Sounding (HES-DS) task

- Spatial Resolution
 - IR: Threshold=10 km, Goal=2 km,
 - Vis: Threshold=1.0 km, Goal= 0.5 km
- Coverage rate (Threshold)
 - 62 degree LZA / hour at 10 km resolution
 - Coverage area must be flexible and selectable.



HES-Disk Sounding (HES-DS) task

- Spectral Coverage
 - Three specific examples of coverage have been defined
 - Essentially: 15 um CO_2 band for temperature, clear windows from 13 um and extending past the ozone band at 9.6 um to 8.3 um, and either side of the 6 um H₂O band. More temperature: Coverage of 4.7 um to 4.4 um and goal coverage of 4.7 um to 3.7 um. Visible: 0.52-0.7 um
- Spectral resolution:
 - 15 um CO₂ band: 0.6 cm⁻¹, Windows: 0.6-1.0 cm⁻¹,
 Ozone: 1 cm⁻¹, H₂O: 1-2 cm⁻¹, near 4 um: 2.5 cm⁻¹,
 Visible: 0.18 um

IR Spectral Coverage (DS or SW/M)



Table 3.2.1 Sounding sensor(s) THRESHOLD bands.

| Band | HES Band Number | Spectral Range (cm ⁻¹) | Spectral Range (microns) | Band Continuity |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| LWIR | 1 | 650 - 1200 | 15.38 - 8.33 | Contiguous |
| MWIR (option 1) | 2 | 1650 - 2150 | 6.06 - 4.65 | Contiguous |
| MWIR (option 2) | 2 | 1210 - 1740 | 8.26 - 5.74 | Contiguous |
| SWIR | 3 | 2150 - 2250 | 4.65 - 4.44 | Contiguous |
| VIS | 4 | NA | 0.52 - 0.70 | Contiguous |

As a GOAL, the sounding task sensor(s) SWIR contiguous spectral range (HES band 3) should be 2150 - 2720 cm⁻¹ (4.65 - 3.68 microns).

The following is under review by the HES PORD Team

| Band | HES Band Number | Spectral Resolution (cm ⁻¹) | Spectral Resolution (microns) |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| LWIR | 1 | 0.625 | TBS |
| MWIR (option 1) | 2 | 1.25 | TBS |
| MWIR (option 2) | 2 | 1.25 | TBS |
| SWIR | 3 | 2.5 | TBS |
| VIS | 4 | NA | 0.18 |

Table 3.2.4 Sounding sensor(s) THRESHOLD spectral resolution.

Table 3.2.5 Sounding sensor(s) GOAL spectral resolution

| Band | HES Band Number | Spectral Resolution (cm ⁻¹) | Spectral Resolution (microns) |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| LWIR | 1 | 0.625 | TBS |
| MWIR (option 1) | 2 | 0.625 | TBS |
| MWIR (option 2) | 2 | 0.625 | TBS |
| SWIR | 3 | 0.625 | TBS |

Abstracted list of NEDN points

| Wavenumber (cm ⁻¹) | Resolution element | NEDN (mW/m ² sr cm ⁻¹) | NEdT at 250 K(K) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| 650 | 0.625 | < / = 1.265 | < / = 1.036 |
| 670 | 0.625 | < / = 0.40 | =0.31</td |
| 700 | 0.625 | = 0.212</td <td>< / = 0.175</td> | < / = 0.175 |
| 750 | 0.625 | < / = 0.176 | =0.147</td |
| 800 | 0.625 | < / =0.166 | < / = 0.146 |
| 950 | 0.625 or <0.75 | < / = 0.182 or <0.17 | < / = 0.191 or <0.18 |
| 1150 | 0.625 or <0.90 | < / = 0.310 or <0.26 | < / = 0.483 or <0.40 |
| 1200 | 0.625 or <0.94 | < / = 0.529 or <0.43 | < / = 0.918 (goal) or <0.75 |
| 1258 or 1923 or 1258 | 1.25 or 0.625 or 1.25 | \leq 0.066 or \leq 0.050 or \leq 0.066 | ≤ 0.135 or ≤0.853 or < 0.135 |
| 1650 or 1644 or 1650 | 1.25 or 0.625 or 1.25 | \leq 0.092 or \leq 0.077 or $<$ 0.092 (using 0.05 for the third column meets all point across the band, as shown in Fig. 4) | \leq 0.605 or \leq 0.504 or < 0.605 (using 0.33 for the third column meets all points across the band, shown Fig.4) |
| 2150 or 2141 or 2150 | 2.50 or 0.625 or 2.50 | \leq 0.01 or \leq 0.061or < 0.01 | \leq 0.416 or \leq 2.383 or < 0.416 |
| 2350 or xx or 2350 | 2.50 or xx or < 2.50 | ≤ 0.011 or xx or < 0.01 | ≤ 0.966 or xx or < 0.966 |
| 2513 or xx or 2513 | 2.50 or xx or < 2.50 | ≤ 0.011 or xx or < 0.011 | ≤ 1.981 or xx or < 1.981 |

HES-DS Noise (Abstracted NEDN)



Channel **Outer Limit Outer Limit** (THRESHOLD) (GOAL) Emitted IR bands (650-2720 cm⁻¹) 10° (TBR) 5° (TBR) Reflected Solar (0.4-3.0 um) 10° (TBR) 5° (TBR) Low light 10° (TBR) 5° (TBR) 10° .3° Sur Sun Earth Earth Table 3.1.2 THRESHOLD and GOAL Restricted Zones B. A. Channel **Outer Limit Outer Limit** (THRESHOLD) (GOAL) Emitted IR bands (650-2720 cm⁻¹) 3° (TBR) 2° (TBR) Reflected Solar (0.4-3.0 um) 3° (TBR) 2° (TBR) 3° (TBR) 2° (TBR) Low light (visible)

Table 3.1.1 THRESHOLD and GOAL Operational Zones

HES-Severe Weather/Mesoscale task

- Spatial Resolution
 - IR: Threshold=4 km, Goal=2 km,
 - Vis: Threshold=1.0 km, Goal= 0.5 km
- Coverage rate
 - 1000 km x 1000 km (locations vary) in 4.4 minutes
 - Coverage area must be flexible and selectable.
- Spectral coverage:
 - Specific examples are cited in the MRD, same as HES-DS
- Spectral resolution:
 - 15 um CO₂ band: 0.6 cm⁻¹, Windows: 0.6-1.0 cm⁻¹, Ozone: 1 cm⁻¹, H_2O : 1-2 cm⁻¹, near 4 um: 2.5 cm⁻¹, Visible: 0.18 um











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Targeted observations -- look where we need the information

| Coverage Region | Coverage Area (km ²) | GSR (Hz) | GSD (km) | Within Frame Scan Efficiency | Coverage Time |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Full Disk | 1.00E+08 | 300 | 10 | 0.6 | 1 hr 32.6 min |
| 62-degree LZA | 7.00E+07 | 300 | 10 | 0.65 | 0 hr 59.8 min |
| CONUS | 1.50E+07 | 300 | 10 | 0.9 | 0 hr 9.3 min |
| Mesoscale | 1.00E+06 | 300 | 10 | 0.8 | 0 hr 0.7 min |
| Coastal Waters | 2.40E+06 | 300 | 10 | 0.95 | 0 hr 1.4 min |

Table 3.2.33 Expected scan times for the DS task sensor emissive bands (HES bands 1-3).

Table 3.2.34 Expected scan times for the SW/M task sensor emissive bands (HES bands 1-3).

| Coverage Region | Coverage Area (km ²) | GSR (Hz) | GSD (km) | Within Frame Scan Efficiency | Coverage Time |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Full Disk | 1.00E+08 | 300 | 4 | 0.6 | 9 hr 38.7 min |
| 62-degree LZA | 7.60E+07 | 300 | 4 | 0.65 | 6 hr 46.0 min |
| CONUS | 1.50E+07 | 300 | 4 | 0.9 | 0 hr 57.9 min |
| Mesoscale | 1.00E+06 | 300 | 4 | 0.8 | 0 hr 4.3 min |
| Coastal Waters | 2.40E+06 | 300 | 4 | 0.95 | 0 hr 8.8 min |

Notional HES

- Features:
 - HES-IR Full Disk, SW/M (Severe Weather/Mesoscale) tasks
 - HES-Vis/nIR CW (Costal Waters) task
- Mass: 280 kg (combined)
- Power: 550 W (combined); 100% duty cycle
- Volume:
 - 1.80m (EW) x 1.50m (NS) x 1.60m (Nadir)
- Data Rate: 65 Mbps

Sounder Comparison (GOES-Current to HES-Req)

| | <u>Current</u> | Requirement |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Coverage Rate | CONUS/hr | Sounding Disk/hr |
| Horizontal Resolution | | |
| - Sampling Distance | 10 km | 10 km |
| - Individual Sounding | 30-50 km | 10 km |
| Vertical resolution | ~3 km | 1 km |
| Accuracy | | |
| Temperature | 2 deg. K | 1 deg. K |
| Relative Humidity | 20% | 10% |



Moisture Weighting Functions

High spectral resolution advanced sounder will have more and sharper weighting functions compared to current GOES sounder. Retrievals will have better vertical resolution. These water vapor weighting functions reflect the radiance sensitivity of the specific channels to a water vapor % change at a specific level (equivalent to dR/dlnq scaled by dlnp).



The advanced sounder has more and sharper weighting functions

Simulations of Low vs High Spectral Resolution Retrievals Geo-I gets <1 K rms for 1 km T(p) and <10% rms for 2 km RH(p)



Strategy is (1) use all channels in a regression first guess and then (2) use sub-set of channels for physical retrieval



The 1km vertical temperature retrieval RMSE (left panel) and 2km vertical water vapor (RH) retrieval RMSE (right panel) from HES LW only, SMW only, LW + SMW, and current GOES sounder. 463 independent profiles distributed globally are included in the retrieval statistics; TRD noise is used in the simulation.

Detection of Temperature Inversions Possible with Interferometer



Detection of inversions is critical for severe weather forecasting. Combined with improved low-level moisture depiction, key ingredients for night-time severe storm development can be monitored.

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| HES Band Number | Band/Tas k | Spectral Operability THRESHOL D | Spectral Operabilit y GOAL |
|--------------------|-------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 1 | LWIR- Sounding | 50% | 100% |
| 2 | MWIR- Sounding | 50% | 100% |
| 3 | SWIR- Sounding | 50% | 100% |
| 4 | VIS- Sounding | 100% | NA |

Table 3.2.8 THRESHOLD and GOAL spectral operability requirements

| HES Band Number | Band/Task | Operability THRESHOL D | Outages THRESHOL D |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | LWIR-Sounding | 87 % | 4% |
| 2 | MWIR-Sounding | 97 % | 1% |
| 3 | SWIR-Sounding | 99% (TBR) | 0% (TBR) |
| 4* | VIS-DS | 99.9% | 0% (TBR) |
| 4* | VIS-SW/M | 99.9% (TBR) | 0% (TBR) |

Table 3.2.32 HES THRESHOLD and GOAL pixel operability and outage requirements

 Table 3.2.37 - HES Navigation Requirements

| HES Task | Threshold | Eclipse Threshold | Goal |
|----------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| DS | 0.5 IR GSA | 0.75 IR GSA | 0.25 IR GSA |
| SW/M | 0.5 IR GSA | 0.75 IR GSA | 0.25 IR GSA |
| CW | 56 urad | 84 urad | 28 urad |

HES balance of temporal (30 min), spectral (0.5 cm-1), spatial (2-10 km), and radiometric (0.1 K) capabilities will

* depict water vapor as never before by identifying small scale features of moisture vertically and horizontally in the atmosphere

* track atmospheric motions much better by discriminating more levels of motion and assigning heights more accurately

* characterize life cycle of clouds (cradle to grave) and distinguish between ice and water cloud

* measure surface temperatures (land and sea) by accounting for emissivity effects

* distinguish atmospheric constituents with improved certainty; these include volcanic ash, ozone, and possibly others trace gases.

More information...

NASA's (draft) HES PORD (PERFORMANCE AND OPERATION REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT): http://goes2.gsfc.nasa.gov/HEShome.htm

Industry Day briefings: http://goes2.gsfc.nasa.gov/goesr_industry.htm

CIMSS page: http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/abs/

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