

Maîtrise de la calibration radiométrique absolue des moyens sols optiques entre 0.4 et 2.5 μ m

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CONTEXT

/// OGSE Radiometric calibration purpose

/// Use case : MOTA for MTG-FCI



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OGSE RADIOMETRIC CALIBRATION PURPOSE

/// Final need : Flight instrument calibrated and fully operational

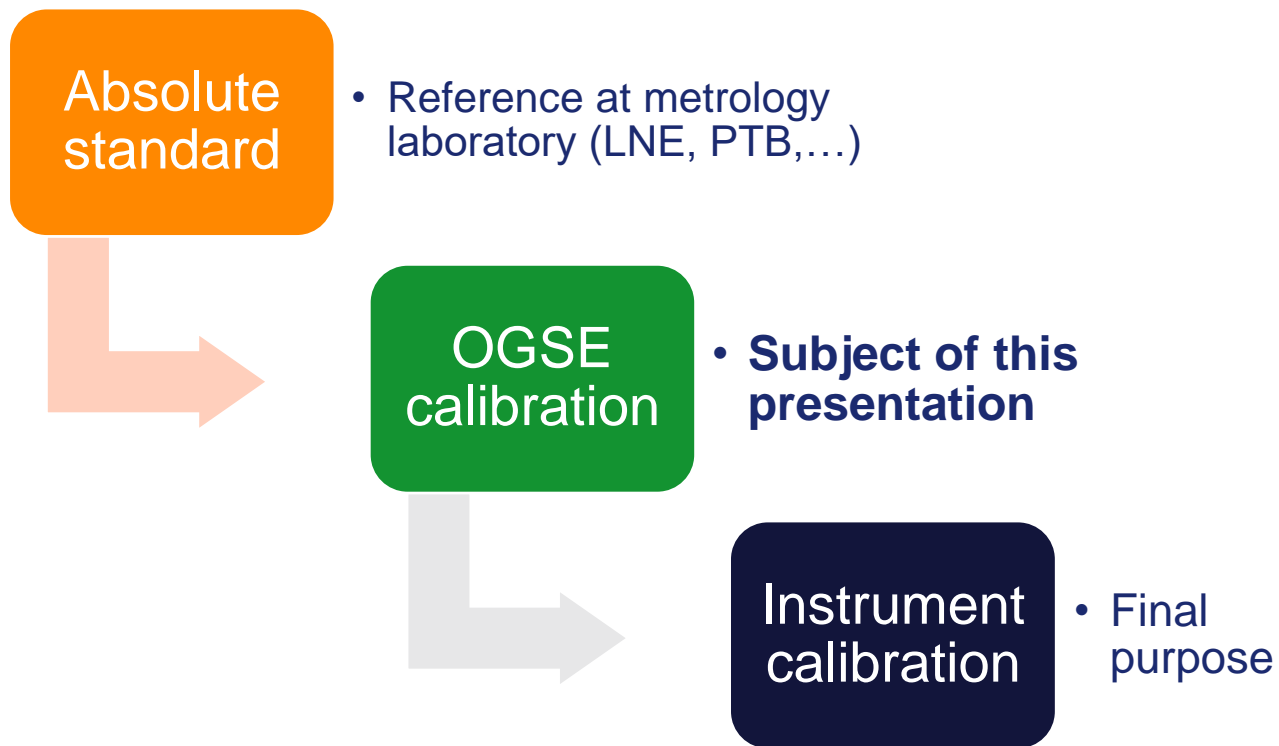
/// On ground calibration required (in addition to in-flight calibration) :

- To validate the performances before launch
- To feed the calibration database

/// On ground calibration of instrument needs :

- Environment representative conditions
- To rely on calibrated OGSE

OGSE RADIOMETRIC CALIBRATION PURPOSE



USE CASE : MOTA FOR MTG-FCI

OGSE: Optical ground Support
Equipment

MTG-I: Meteosat Third
Generation Imager

FCI: Flexible Combined Imager

MOTA : Multi Optical Test
Assembly

/// Main instrument for MTG-I is FCI : Imager and Radiometer Instrument

/// Absolute radiometric calibration on-ground requirement :

- 3%
- Over full radiance dynamic
- Over full spectral range

Channel name	central wavelength (nm)	Spectral bandwidth (nm)	Min radiance (W/m ² .sr.μm)	Max radiance (W/m ² .sr.μm)
VIS0.4	444	60	5.9	719
VIS0.5	510	40	6.0	722
VIS0.6	640	50	5.2	624
VIS0.8	865	50	3.1	377
VIS0.9	914	20	2.8	220
NIR1.3	1 380	30	1.2	93
NIR1.6	1 610	50	0.8	78
NIR2.2	2 250	50	0.2	22

USE CASE : MOTA FOR MTG-FCI

OGSE: Optical ground Support Equipment

MTG-I: Meteosat Third Generation Imager

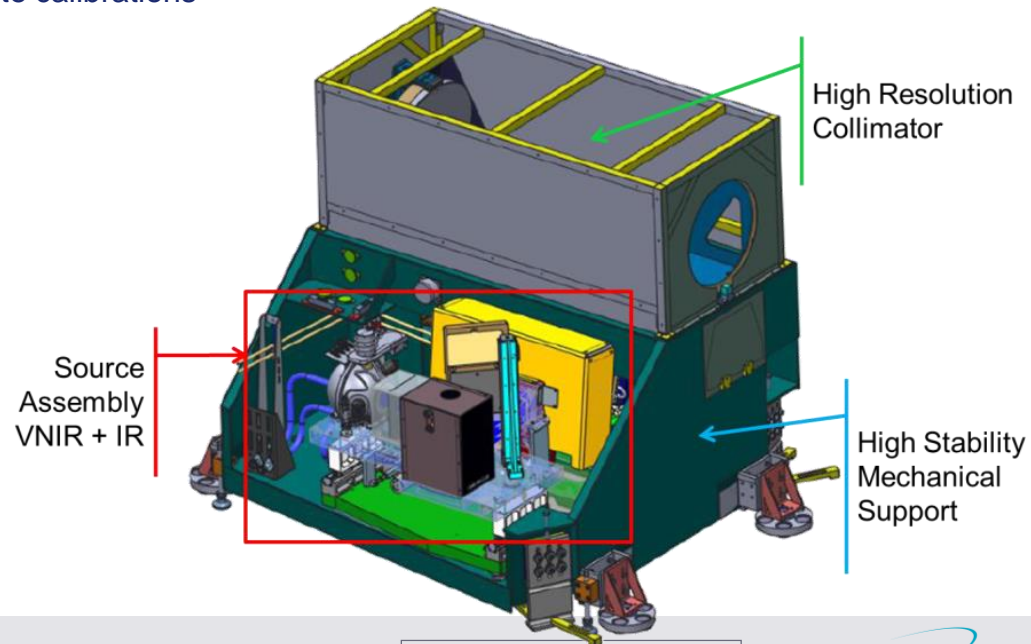
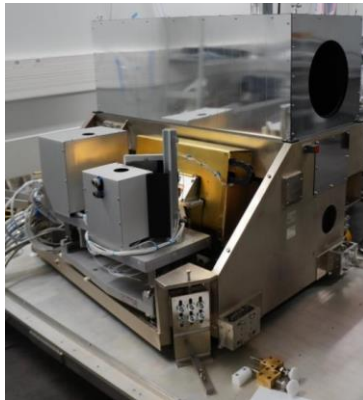
FCI: Flexible Combined Imager

MTF: Modulation Transfer Function

/// MOTA : Multi Optical Test Assembly

/// OGSE dedicated to FCI tests and calibration:

- 440nm – 14.1 μ m : optical adjustment, MTF characterisation, co-registration, straylight
- 440nm – 2250nm : radiometric relative and absolute calibrations
- Air and vacuum environments
- Large radiance dynamics (2 orders of magnitude)
- High spectral resolution (few nm)



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MANAGEMENT OF MEASUREMENT METHOD

/// Traditional method vs. Transfer method

/// Implementation of spectro-radiometric monitoring



TRADITIONAL METHOD VS. TRANSFER METHOD

/// Direct calibration (traditional method)

Primary standard

- Metrological laboratory absolute reference

- Secondary standard absolute calibration 5% to 6% (3σ)

Secondary standard

- Reference detector = **spectro-radiometer**
- Sent to calibration periodically (1 or 2 years)

- ✓ Traditional method

- ✓ Direct and easy

OGSE

- Calibrated wrt. Secondary standard spectro-radiometer

- ✗ Performance limitation for reference detector absolute spectro-radiometric calibration

Monitoring

- OGSE radiance monitored during all Instrument calibration sequence

TRADITIONAL METHOD VS. TRANSFER METHOD

/// Transfer Method

Primary standard

- Metrological laboratory absolute reference

- Secondary standard absolute calibration 1.5% to 2.5% (3σ)

Secondary standard

- Portable source = **integrating sphere**
- Sent to calibration periodically (50h or 6 months)

- ✓ Spectro-radiometer only contributor: repeatability

OGSE

- Calibration transferred from secondary standard to OGSE with spectro-radiometer

- ✗ More hardware needed: secondary standard source + spectro-radiometer

Monitoring

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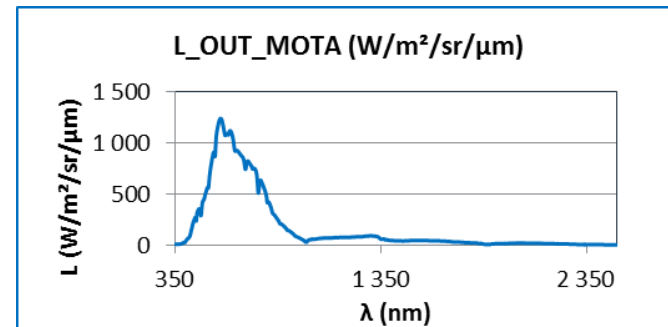
/// MTG-FCI requirements apply on each narrow spectral channel (20 to 60nm)

/// Usual monitoring: photodiode

- Advantage: stability and easy to implement
- Issue: 1 value of integrated radiance over full spectrum → do not detect colour temperature drifts or local spectral variations

/// Implemented new solution: spectro-radiometric monitoring

- Monitoring is now a full spectral radiance curve with high spectral resolution



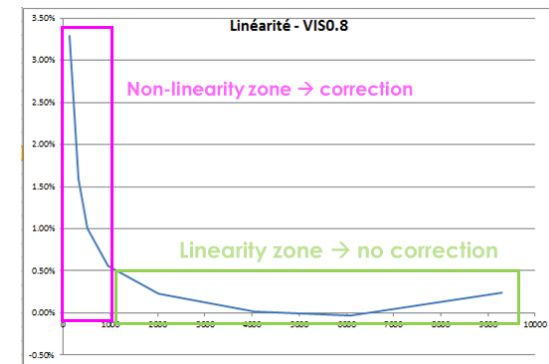
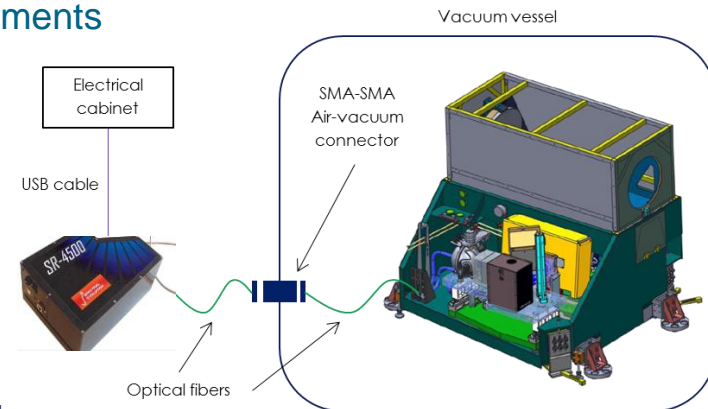
SPECTRO-RADIOMETRIC MONITORING

/// Fibered configuration compatible with air and vacuum environments

/// Spectro-radiometer is SR4500 from Spectral Evolution:

- 3 high performances cooled linear detectors :
 - VIS (350-1000 nm) – 3,5 nm resolution
 - NIR1 (1000-1900nm) – 10 nm resolution
 - NIR2 (1900-2500nm) – 7 nm resolution
- Stability <0.3% on 400-2500nm spectral range and during several months
- Low straylight and high sensitivity: covering whole dynamic

/// In order to reach the performance, non-linearity vs. dynamics has been calibrated for each spectral band



LIMITATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

/// Hardware management

/// Environment management:

/// air and vacuum

/// straylight



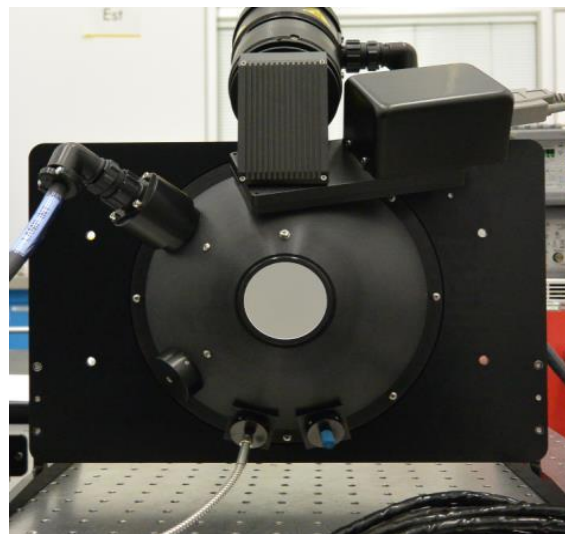
HARDWARE MANAGEMENT

/// Requirements for secondary standard source:

- /// ISO5 Cleanroom compatibility
- /// Robust to frequent transports for re-calibrations
- /// Reproducibility of the configuration of use
- /// Dimensions and power corresponding to the use case
- /// Uniformity and stability performances

/// Retained solution :

- /// Integrating sphere
- /// Lamp with variable attenuator
- /// Spectro-radiometric monitoring to follow from metrology to operational use

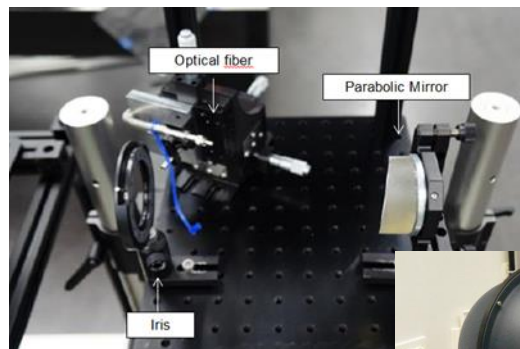


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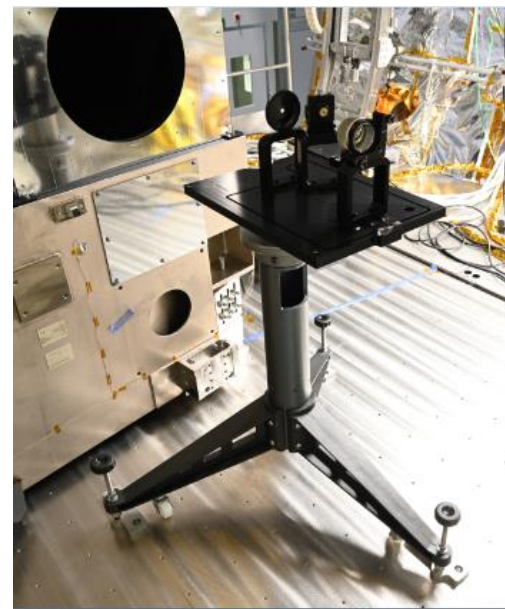
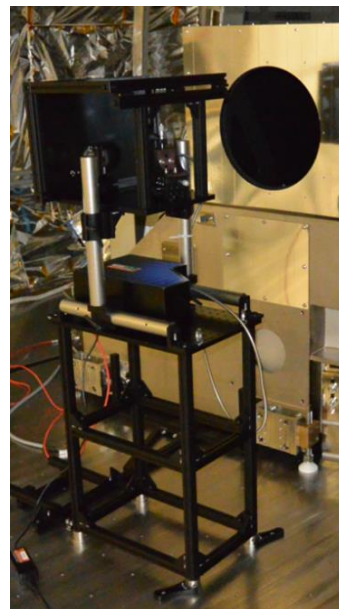
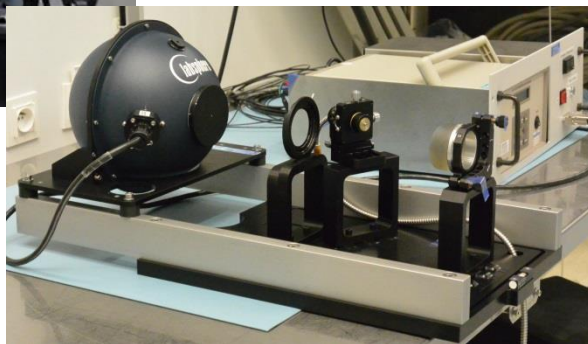
/// Absolute calibration accuracy performance is ensured with high quality hardware: robustness, reproducibility, repeatability

/// Management of hardware and configuration is key skill of AIT team

/// Iterative configuration improvements



Radiance head
& 2nd standard



Radiometric calibration bench

ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT: AIR AND VACUUM

OGSE: Optical ground Support
Equipment

HR%: Relative Hygrometry

/// Instrument is calibrated under flight-representative environment

➔ OGSE needs to be vacuum compatible but first steps of transfer method has to be run under air environment:

- Primary standard working at ambient
- Spectro-radiometer non vacuum compatible and requires to be close to the sources

/// Air ⇔ vacuum main impact: water vapour absorption in some channels

- / HR% measured during secondary standard calibration at metrological laboratory
- / HR% measured during transfer measurement between secondary standard and OGSE at Thales Alenia Space
- / Deduced correction factor implemented in calibration post-processing

Primary
standard

Secondary
standard

OGSE

Monitoring

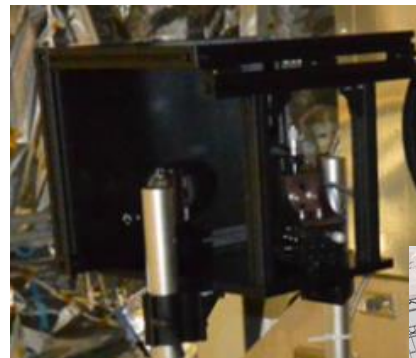
ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT: STRAYLIGHT

/// Absolute radiometric calibration requires precise management of straylight in the configuration, especially for low radiance levels

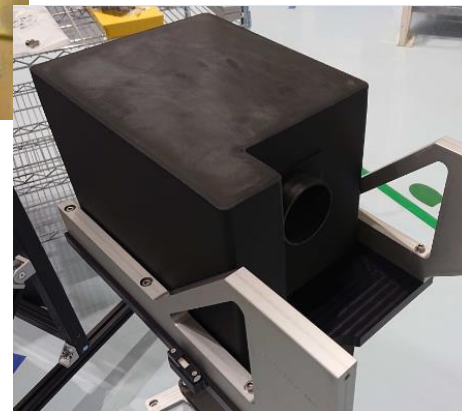
/// Baffles are implemented and optimised for each configuration



MOTA source assembly



Radiance head



ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT: CONFIGURATION OPTIMISATION

/// MOTA calibration configuration ensures:

- /// ISO5 compatibility
- /// Reproducibility
- /// Compactness
- /// Ease of use



CONCLUSION AND WAY-FORWARD

/// An innovative radiometric calibration method has been developed for MTG OGSE:

- / Theoretical steps of the transfer method precisely defined
- / Spectro-radiometric monitoring during the whole test sequence
- / Hardware carefully chosen and improved
- / Environments (air & vacuum) properly taken into account
- / Configuration iteratively optimised for straylight, repeatability and robustness

➔ Unprecedented level of accuracy reached and confirmed after flight calibration

➔ Industrialisation of the method that can be reused by new teams and adapted for new programs

