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Recent Progress of Earth Observation Satellites and CAL/VAL Activities in China

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Outline

- I. Recent Progresses of EO Satellites Missions in China
- II. CAL/VAL activities of Satellite Sensors

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I. Recent Progresses of EO Satellites Missions in China

Recent progress of China's earth observation programs

FY-3
FY-4
HY-2
HJ-1 A/B/C





FY-3

- China's new generation polar-orbit meteorological satellite.
- FY-3A was successfully launched on May 27, 2008 from Taiyuan Launch Site in northern China.
- In-orbit payload test and performance validation undergoing.







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Payloads onboard on FY-3A

Abbreviation	Instrument Full Name
VIRR	Visible and InfraRed Radiometer
IRAS	InfraRed Atmospheric Sounder
MWTS	MicroWave Temperature Sounder
MWHS	MicroWave Humidity Sounder
MERSI	MEdium Resolution Spectral Imager
SBUS	Solar Backscatter Ultraviolet Sounder
TOU	Total Ozone Unit
MWRI	Microwave Radiation Imager
SIM	Solar Irradiation Monitor
ERM	Earth Radiation Measurement
SEM	Space Environment Monitor





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Specifications of FY-3 Payloads

Name of Instrument	Number of Channels	Spectral range	Field of Views /line	Spatial Resoluation at Sub point (km)
VIRR	10	0.43 – 12.5 µ m	2048	1.1
IRAS	26	0.69 – 15.5 µm	56	17
MWTS	4	50 – 57 GHz	15	50/75
MWHS	5	150 – 183 GHz	90	15
MERSI	20	0.41 – 12.5 µm	2048/8192	1.1/250
SBUS	12	252 – 380 nm	240	70/10
TOU	6	309 – 361 nm	31	50
MWRI	6	10.65 – 150 GHz	240	15-70





Microwave Sensors of FY-3A

Instrument	No of Channels	Frequency Range	Pixels per scan	Nadir Resolution (km)	Purpose
MWTS	4	50 – 57 GHz	15	50-75	Atmospheric Temperature Contour
MWHS	5	150 – 183 GHz	98	15	Vapor contour, surface properties
MWRI	12	10.65 – 150 GHz	240	15-70	Rain rate, cloud water content, vapor volume, etc











FY-4

- China's new generation geostationary orbit meteorological satellite.
- FY-4 will have the optical version (FY-4O) and microwave (FY-4M) satellite.
- Development of sensors for FY-4M started.
 - Microwave sensor with real aperture antenna;
 - Microwave sensor with synthetic aperture technique.







Microwave Sensor with

Real Aperture Antenna



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Main specifications

	100101	Frequency (GHz)	Bandwidth (MHz)	Sensitivity (K)	Antenna Aperture (m)	Nadir Spatial Resolution (km)	
	Temperature	$118.750 \pm 0.2, 0.4, 0.7, 1.1,$ 1.5, 2.1, 3.0, 5.0	4, 0.7, 1.1, 100~2000			37	
1	Sounding	$424.763 \pm 0.15, 0.3, 0.6,$ 1.0, 1.5, 4.0	100~1000			10	
	Water Vapour	$183.310 \pm 0.3, 0.9, 1.65, \\3.0, 5.0, 7.0, 17.0$	300~4000	<1	3	24	
	Sounding	380.197±0.4, 1.5, 4.0, 9.0, 18.0	200~2000	.00~2000			12
HHH	空间中心	150GHz	1000			29	
	Window	220GHz	2000			20	
	sounding	340GHz	1000			13	





Synthetic aperture microwave sensor

- Prototype of synthetic aperture microwave sensor begin to be developed by supporting from China's High-Tech R & D Program (863 program). (to be completed by 2010)
- A clock scanning scheme is developed to reduce the number of receiving elements for required visiblity function (u-v) coverage.

Specifications:

- Frequency: 50~60GHz;
- No. of Channels: 8-12;
- Calibration Accuracy: 1.5K
 - Surface resolution: 50km Imaging Interval: 5min Coverage: 3000 x 3000km Mass: 280kg





- Main payload are microwave sensors:
 - Dual frequency (Ku, C) radar altimeter and 3-channel nadirlooking microwave radiometer for atmospheric correction;
 - Ku-band radar scatterometer;
 - Multi-frequency microwave imager (6.6GHz-37GHz)
- Engineering model started to build in 2008;
- Expected to be launched around 2010;
- Returned Signal simulator is being developed for prelaunch calibration;
- After launch CAL/VAL campaign is being planned and prepared.

HY-2 Ocean Dynamic Environment Measurement Satellite





HJ Series Environment and Disaster Monitoring Constellation (EDMC)

Phase 1: HJ-1A/B/C

- ♦ 3 satellites constellation
- 2 optical + 1 SAR
- HJ-1A also contributes to the Asia Pacific Multilateral Small Satellite Program.
- Phase 2
 - 8 satellites constellation
 - 4 optical + 4 SAR









	Sat.	Payload	Band No.	Spectrum (µm)	Resolution (m)	Swath Width (km)	Repeat Cycle (day)
			1	0.43-0.52	30		
		CCD Camera	2	0.52-0.60	30	720	4
	E	CCD Camera	3	0.63-0.69	30	120	т
	<u> </u>		4	0.76-0.9	30		
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		hyper-spectral	-	(110-128	100	50	(Side-looking
		Image		bands)			$\pm 30^{\circ}$)
			1	0.43-0.52	30		4
		CCD Camera	2	0.52-0.60	30	720	
			3	0.63-0.69	30		
			4	0.76-0.9	30		
10	E		5	0.75-1.10			
	-		6	1.55-1.75	150 (NIR)		
	в		7	3.50-3.90			
		IRMSS	8	10. 5-12. 5	300 (10.5-12.5 μm)	720	4
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Payloads of HJ-1A/B/C







Wide Swath Multi-Spectral CCD Camera

Fourier Transform Hyper-spectral Imager







HJ-1-B卫星红外相机头部





HJ-1-B卫星红外相机信息箱、制冷机控制箱

Infrared Camera



S-Band SAR of HJ-1C





- HY-1A/B are successfully launched by a single launcher from Taiyuan Launch Site on September 06, 2008.
- In-orbit payload test and performance validation just began.
- HY-1C is planned to be launched in 2009.
- **Data will be distributed by CRESDA.**
- Data application center belongs to the Chinese Ministry of Environment Protection and the National Commission of Disaster Reduction.









1st image of hyper-spectral Imager of HY-1A





II. CAL/VAL Activities for Satellite Sensors

Before launch calibration
FY-3
CE-1
HY-2

After launch CAL/VAL

HY-1B
FY-3A
CRSS-1





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Before Launch Calibration





FY-3

Before launch airborne campaign had completed to validate the instrument performance;

Dunhuang

Comparison with optical emissions

Qinghai Lake

> To validate the sensor performance

Pu'er (Simao), Yuan Province

> To validate the possibility for after launch validation





Images of Qinghai Lake by MWHS and MERSI







中分辨率成像光谱仪图像(用于对比)





Images of Dunhuang by MWHS and MERSI



微波湿度计图像



中分辨率成像光谱仪图像(用于对比)





The CE-1 Microwave Sounder





The System Specifications

Frequency (GHz)	3.0	7.8	19.35	37
Bandwidth (MHz)	100	200	500	500
Integration (ms)	200	200	200	200
Sensitivity (K)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Linearity	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
Space Resolution (km)	56.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
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T/V CAL Experiment













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Performance Achieved

Frequency (GHz)	3.0	7.8	19.35	37
Sensitivity (K)	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2
Linearity	0.9999	0.9995	0.9998	0.9997
T _A Accuracy (K)	0.9K	0.9K	1.2K	1 .3K

















Tb of Lunar Pole



South pole 37GHz



North pole 37GHz



South pole 19GHz



North pole 19GHz



South pole 7GHz



North pole 7GHz



South pole 3GHz



North pole 3GHz

Latitude >80 deg (South) or > 80 deg (North) Including all data in day and night







Within 70S Night

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37GHz	19GHz
7GHz	3GHz





The Microwave radiometry 178.6 data is overlayed on Clementine uncontroled masaic image. 68.5 The data is acquired during 2007.12.4-12.30. Only night data are used. No data area is drawn as blank area in the

map.







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HY-2

Full-wave simulator is being built for before launch calibration and performance assessments;

- After launch CAL/VAL has been planned (cf. Dr. Tang's presentation):
 - In-situ instruments started to build and the platform-based system will be integrated by the end of 2008;

C\X\Ku band radar scatterometer;

C~Ka band microwave radiometer;



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After Launch CAL/VAL or Test





Calibration of HY-1B

- The HY-1B satellite, launched on April 11, 2007, is the 2nd ocean observation satellite of China, for Ocean Color and Temperature sensing.
- HY-1B two optical sensors: COCTS & CZI.
 - COCTS is 1km ocean color and temperature sensor;
 - **CZI** is 250m ocean color sensor with fluorescence ability.





HY-1A CZI bands & detecting objectives

Band (micro m	Main detecting object		
0.4220.50	Ocean color, pollutant, sea ice		
0.52-0.60	Sediment, Pollutant, sea ice		
0.61-0.69	Sediment, Vegetation, Soil		
0.76-0.89	Soil, Vegetation, Atmospheric correction, land/ocean/cloud boundary		

Resolution: 240m

Pixels per line: 2048

HY-1B CZI bands

Band	Detecting objects		
443±10nm	Chl-a, pollutant		
565±10nm	Sediment, Chl-a, Pollutant		
665±10nm	Flouroscence, Sediment		
685±10nm	Flouroscence, Sediment		



inter-calibration of COCTS and MERIS over Dunhuang desert





Corrected for the BRDF effect of Dunhuang calibration site





longterm degradation trend of COCTS sensor by inter-calibration with MERIS



Note: the big variation is due to the stray-light problem of COCTS, caused by bright targets, such as cloud patches.



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COCTS Inter-calibration with SeaWiFS

	Inter-cal. Coef.	Vicarious-cal. Ceof.	Relative Error
CH1	0.012053	0.013245	0.0942
CH2	0.012117	0.013440	0.1035
CH3	0.011135	0.012457	0.1121
CH4	0.011899	0.013336	0.1139
CH5	0.010632	0.011899	0.1125
CH6	0.010116	0.014779	0.3746
CH7	0.006363	0.005046	-0.2308
CH8	0.002887	0.002589	-0.1090





CZI inter-calibration with SeaWiFS

U100101	Inter-cal. Coef.	Vicarious-cal. Ceof.	Relative Error	
CH1	0.938427	1.088483	-0.14806	
CH2	0.930297	1.146134	-0.20789	
CH3	0.801431	0.852915	-0.06224	
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CH4	0.844641	0.918589	-0.08388	
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System Calibration with Optic Buoy data.

Date:2007.08.14-27;

Location: 114017.3777'N, 22003.7558'

	band(nm)	412	443	490	520	565	670
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L	MOBY	0.318719	0.251036	0.313416	0.387057	0.671167	0.164646
	COCTS	0.325797	0.250704	0.320979	0.391884	0.678944	0.163003
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	SysCal.Coef.	0.879002	0.881002	0.927001	0.994	0.943001	1.126999
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Vicarious Calibration over Land and Ocean

Dunhuang Site, twice after launch.South China Sea, East China Sea.





IR calibration over Qinghai Lake Date : 2008-09-01~09-12,

- Buoy and cruising bulk temperature and skin temperature with CE312 radiometers.
 - Atmospheric profiles with GPS balloon.
 - Data processing is under way.





Preliminary Results of FY-3A

On-board calibration methdology of FY-3A payloads

- MERSI, VIRR, IRAS, are with the capability of in-orbit real-time two-point calibration;
- MWHS, MWTS and MWRI has the capability of real-time calibration by looking of on-board blackbody and the cold-sky alternatively;
- **SBUS/TOU, ERM/SIM also have capability of on-board calibration.**
- Preliminary after launch calibration and inter-comparison had been done;
 - Further calibration and performance evaluation are ongoing.





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ERM/SIM







TOU/FY-3A vs OMI total Ozone (2008.07.17)

OMI Total Ozone Jul 17, 2008 NIVR-FMI-NASA-KNMI GSFC 25 75 88 82 65 75 88 75 88 Dobson Units 150 200 175 225 100 DMIDark Gray < 100 and $> 500 \, \mathrm{DU}$

FY-3/TOU Total Ozone (DU),20080717)



100 125 150 175 200 225 250 275 300 325 350 375 400 425 450 475 500none



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MWTS









MWHS/FY-3A image of Typhoon Fung-Wong (2008.07.25, 9:45am)



MWHS









MWHS/FY-3A Tracking Typhoon Sinlake



2008.9.09 21:00pm

2008.9.12 21:00pm

2008.9.13 21:00pm







Global TB by MWRI (2008.09.10)





MWRI Monitoring of Typhoon Sinlake





台风"森拉克"23h通道亮温

台风"森拉克"23v通道亮温

台风"森拉克"36h通道亮温

台风"森拉克"36v通道亮温

台风"森拉克"89h通道亮温

台风"森拉克"89v通道亮温





Basic parameters of L-SAR of CRSS-1

Radar Parameters	
Frequency	L-band
Swath width	50、100Km
Maximum Swath by scanning	≥575km
Data rate	266.67Mbps
Antenna Dimension	8.94m×3.4m





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Calibration sites

Site 1

Area 1:

- ◆ Center (W64° 17'24'', S4° 48'6'')
- Left Upper (W64° 47'24'', S4° 18'06'')
- Right Upper (W63° 47'24", S4° 18'06")
- ◆ Left Lower (W64° 47'24'', S5° 18'06'')
- Right Lower (W63° 47'24", S5° 18'06 ")
 Area 2:
- ◆ Center (W64° 35'6'', S4° 17'24'')
- ◆ Left Upper (W65° 05'06'', S3° 47'24'')
- ◆ Right Upper (W64° 05'06'', S3° 47'24'')
- ◆ Left Lower (W65° 05'06'', S4° 47'24'')
- Right Lower (W64° 05'06", S4° 47'24")
 Area 3:
- ◆ Center (W64° 58'54'', S3° 36'18'')
- ◆ Left Upper (W65° 28'54'', S3° 06'18'')
- Right Upper (W64° 28'54", S3° 06'18")
- ◆ Left Lower (W65° 28'54'', S4° 06'18'')
- Right Lower (W64° 28'54'', S4° 06'18'')

Site 2:

- Center (W68° 54'48'', N3° 22')
- Left Upper (W69° 24'48'', N3° 52')
- Right Upper (W68° 24'48'', N3° 52')
- Left Lower (W69° 24'48'', N2° 52')
- Right Lower (W68° 24'48'', N2° 52') Site 3 (JAXA site) :
- Center (W71° 34'42'', S8° 52'05'')
- Left Upper (W72° 06'00'', S7° 04'05'')
- Right Upper (W70° 15'54'', S7° 10'55'')
 - Left Lower (W72° 53'31'', S10° 40'05'')
 - Right Lower (W71° 03'04", S10° 47'10")

Site 4 (CEOS standard site) :

- Center (W67° 39'18'', S7° 04'30'')
- Left Upper (W69° 38'24'', S5° 01'48'')
- **Right Upper (W65° 40'12'', S5° 01'48'')**
- Left Lower (W69° 38'24'', S9° 07'12'')
- Right Lower (W65° 40'12'', S9° 07'12''



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Calibration results

Main objectives:

- Evaluate of the antenna parameters.
- Using an additional area (W78° S5° ~W73° S10°) with bigger dynamic range (>30dB) to evaluate the system dynamic range.
- Antenna pattern accuracy: <0.3dB(3σ);
- Beam alignment accuracy: <0.1° (3σ);</p>
- -3dB beam width accuracy:
 <0.2° (3σ);
- System noise and SNR accuracy:
 <0.3dB(3σ);
- System dynamic range: >30dB;
- Beam alignment precision: <0.1° (3σ)。



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