

Sensitivity study for aquatic ecosystem monitoring with the DESIS hyperspectral sensor

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Outline

- Aquatic ecosystem monitoring
- DLR Earth Sensing Imaging Spectrometer (DESIS)
- Sensitivity analysis for determination of water parameters
- Comparison of simulated spectra and real DESIS data.
- Conclusion





Aquatic ecosystem monitoring - global relevance



Coastal regions with water depth < 50 m

Inland wetlands, lakes, rivers

Global distribution of coastal and inland aquatic ecosystems (UNEP- WCMC, 2015)





Aquatic ecosystem monitoring

- Key parameters
 - Concentrations: phytoplankton pigments, suspended matter, dissolved organic matter (CDOM)
 - Optical properties: phytoplankton fluorescence, absorption, backscattering, transparency
 - Others: water depth, bottom substrate type and coverage
- Sensor requirements
 - Spectral
 - Radiometric
 - Geometric
 - Temporal coverage

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Feasibility Study for an Aquatic Ecosystem Earth Observing System

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DLR Earth Sensing Imaging Spectrometer (DESIS)



Orbit: I	SS (~400 km)	
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Coverage: 55° N to 52° S

Tilting: -45° to +5° (cross track) -40° to +40° (along track) Spectral range: 420 to 1000 nm **Spatial:** 30 m x 30 m Swath: 30 km @400 km





Flow chart forward simulations



Sensitivity analysis for determination of water parameters Variability of remote sensing reflectance (sr^-1)





Scenario	Deep water	Shallow water
θ_{sun} [deg]	30, 60	30, 60
VIS [km]	100, 10	100, 10
TSM [mg/l]	1 (0.1-10)	1
CHL [µg /l]	2 (0.2-20)	2
a _{cDOM} [1/m]	0.5 (0.2-2)	0.5
S _{CDOM} [nm ⁻¹]	0.014	0.014
zB [m]	1000	1 (0-10)

No sunglint, but skyglint included





Sensitivity analysis for determination of water parameters Range of upwelling radiance at top of atmosphere and bottom of atmosphere







Sensitivity analysis for determination of water parameters Range of transmitted BOA radiance to TOA radiance



Only a small fraction of upwelling radiance at top of atmosphere comes from water !

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Solution Sensitivity analysis for determination of water parameters SNR at bottom of atmosphere (BOA) and top of atmosphere (TOA)



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Sensitivity analysis for determination of water parameters Simulation of noisy reflectance spectra



Chl a 2 [µg /l], TSM 1 [mg /l], a CDOM 0.5 [1/m]





Noise simulated DESIS spectra



Chl a 5 [µg /l], TSM 3 [mg /l], a CDOM 0.5 [1/m]











30

100

3 (0.1-10)

5 (0.2-20)

0.5 (0.2-2)

0.014

1





Chl a 5 [µg /l], TSM 3 [mg /l], a CDOM 0.5 [1/m]

Errors are given in %: error = 100*(inv/fwd-1)









Chl a 5 [µg /l], TSM 3 [mg /l], a CDOM 0.5 [1/m]





[%]

13.45

4.99

5.26

9.13

5.32

6.86

4.26

3.67

2.45

4.51

Inversion of water parameters from real DESIS spectra







Tennesse River, Alabama (USA) 4th Sept. 2018





Inversion of water parameters from DESIS



Alabama (USA)

DLR

Inversion of water parameters from DESIS (not validated)



Tennessee River Alabama (USA)



Inversion of water parameters from DESIS (not validated)



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Inversion of water parameters from DESIS (not validated)



Summary

- Simulated retrieval of water constituents was tested on different water constituents concentration and different atmospheric conditions.
- Retrieval worked well within the range of error for CDOM, CHL, TSM and bathymetry
- First inversion results of water parameters from DESIS for TSM and CDOM are very promising





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