# Sentinel-2/Landsat-8 Characterization and Cross - Cal

#### Markham

 Support for analysis of MSI performance data; coordination of Cal Team; Pre-launch Cross calibrations

#### Helder/Leigh

 Improved use of PICS sites including BRDF modeling & characterization; Improved use of vegetated calibration sites; Relative gain estimation via lifetime averaging

#### Czapla-Myers

 BRDF measurements of Sentinel-2 MSI Diffuser Samples; BRDF measurements of US PICS/calibration sites; Vicarious Calibrations

#### Schott/Gerace

 DIRSIG simulations of Sentinel-2 + Landsat time series, including BRDF variability; testing BRDF corrections

### Sentinel-2 MSI Comparison to Landsat-8 OLI: Data Characteristics and Radiometric Calibration



- Exchanged mission and data quality information between USGS/NASA calibration team and ESA Sentinel-2 team members in meeting in November (in conjunction with PECORA conference)
- Working with CNES (Lacherade, Meygret) to enter Landsat-8 OLI data into SADE and perform cross calibrations with MODIS and MERIS (Barsi)
  - Also CNES working cross calibrations with Pleaides 1B via moon (Ong)
- Evaluated near-simultaneous acquisition opportunities between MSI and OLI based on ESA provided planned orbit and USGS Landsat-8 Flight Dynamics Group calculations (Barsi)
- Completed measurements of MSI diffuser witness samples (in Code 618 Diffuser Lab; Butler, Georgiev); coordinating comparison of GSFC, University of Arizona (Biggar), and ESA reflectance measurement comparisons (Ong)

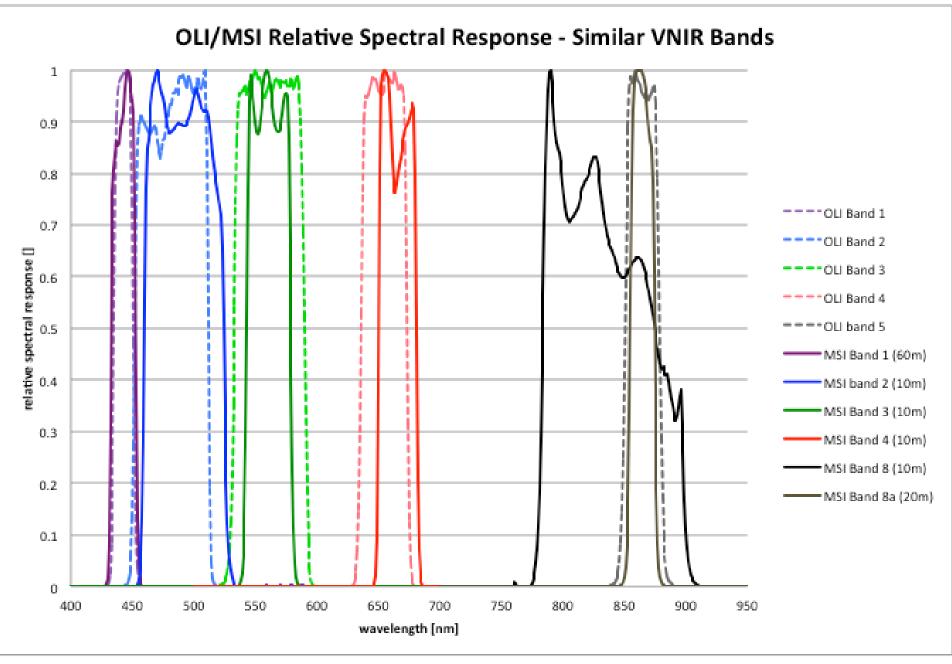
# ESA-NASA-USGS Sentinel-2 and Landsat Bilateral Meeting: ESA Presentations



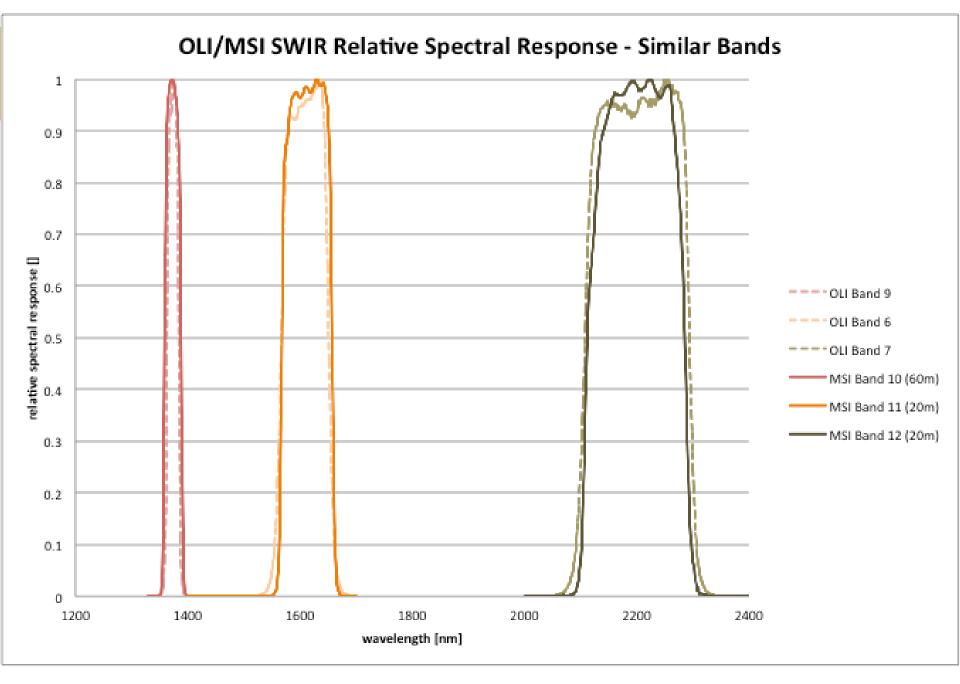
- Sentinel-2: heading towards launch [mission overview and status], Francois Spoto (S2 Project Manager) & Bianca Hoersch (S2 Mission Manager)
- Sentinel-2 MSI Pre-launch performance characterization and calibration, Valérie Fernandez (S2 MSI System Engineer)
  - SNR, RSR, MTF data provided
- Sentinel-2 Calibration/Validation during In-Orbit Commissioning and Operational Phases, Philippe Martimort (S2 Mission Engineering & Payload Manager), Ferran Gascon (S2 Data Quality Manager)

### Sentinel-2 MSI; Landsat-8 OLI Comparison

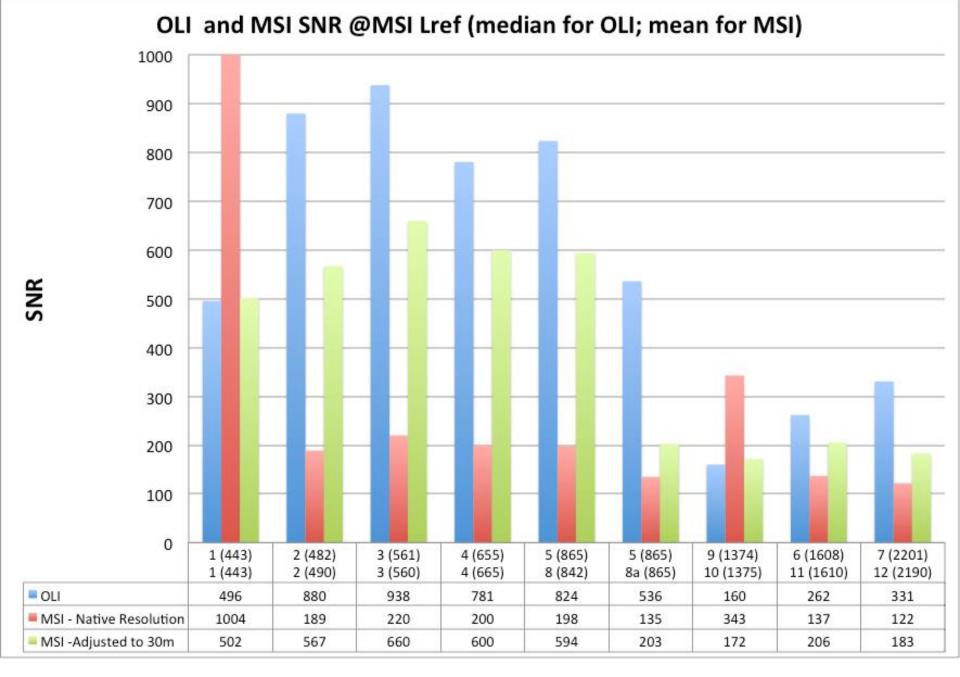
Parameter	MSI	OLI
Swath	290	185
Repeat Cycle	10 (5)	16 (8)
Field of View	20.6°	15°
<b>Equatorial Crossing</b>	10:30 AM	10:13 AM
Spectral Coverage	440-2300 nm	440-2300 nm
Spectral Bands	13	9
IFOV	4 VNIR Bands @ 10 m 6 Bands @ 20 m 3 Atmospheric Bands @ 60 m	8 Bands @ 30 m 1 Pan Band @ 15 m
Data Quantization	12 bits	12 bits
Saturation Radiances	~100% diffuse solar	~100% diffuse solar



OLI data – instrument level data (as published); MSI – FPA level data (as published) – to be updated



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OLI On-Orbit performance; MSI performance predicted from FPA measurements (Chorvalli et al, 2013) – to be updated

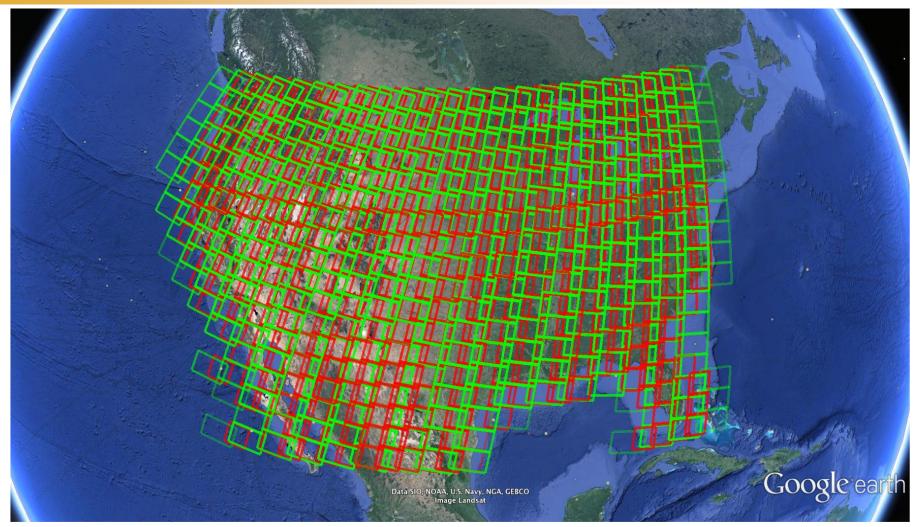
# Cross-Calibration Opportunities: Orbit Analysis



- 10 day repeat of Sentinel-2 and 16 day repeat of Landsat-8 provide 80 day joint repeat cycle
- Some paths provide near simultaneous (~20 minutes) with similar view angles; other path similar view angle passes may be a day apart; pattern repeats longitudinally (location of good paths may change with final orbit, but pattern should be the same)

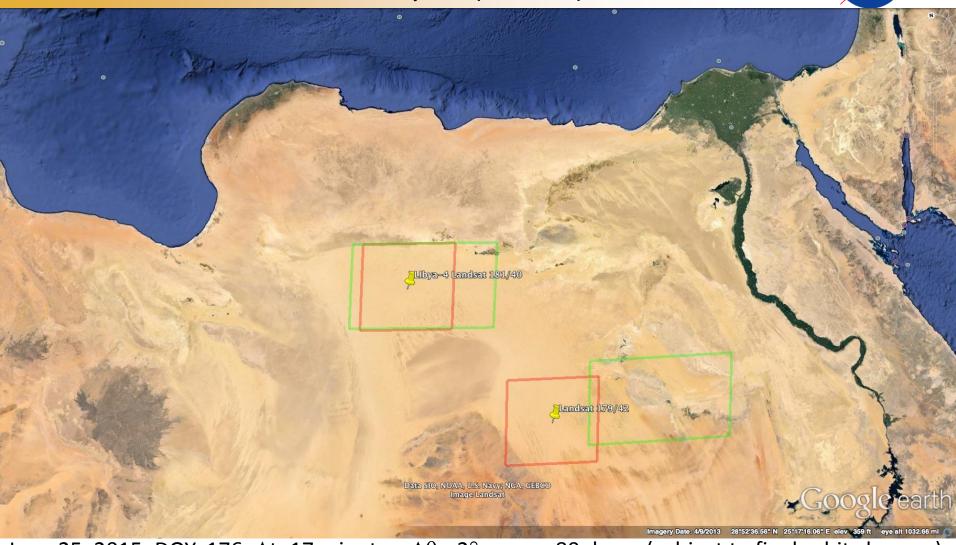
### Continental USA Sentinel-2 Paths (green) and Landsat WRS-2 Paths (red)





Based on predicted orbit from 11/14 data from ESA; Sentinel-2 Ground Track moves 3 paths to East each day on the descending side.

### Example Predicted Near-Simultaneous S2a/L8 Passes over Libya-4 (181/40)



June 25, 2015; DOY: 176;  $\Delta t$ : 17 minutes;  $\Delta \theta_v$ : 2°; every 80 days. (subject to final orbit changes) Some good paths for near simultaneous data, e.g., Path 181; some bad, e.g., Path 179, though good overlap one day apart (Path 179 data shown for July 29, 2015)

# Comparative measurements of MSI solar diffuser witness sample



- Objective is to support the synergistic use of Landsat and Sentinel-2 data and to facilitate calibration compatibility between the OLI and the MSI.
- MSI radiometric calibration based on solar diffuser as is OLI's reflectance calibration
- Measurements were conducted on a witness samples and an ESA reference diffuser at US and ESA calibration facilities:
  - Measurements were performed at pre-defined geometries provided by ESA.
  - US measurements are traceable to NIST.
- US facilities
  - GSFC Code 618 Diffuser calibration facility for the VNIR wavelengths from December 2013 to March 2014.
  - University of Arizona Optics Laboratory which focused primarily in the SWIR spectral ranges from March to July 2014.
    - U of A Lab measured OLI flight diffusers (basis for OLI reflectance calibration)
- ESA facilities
  - Physikalisch Technische Budenanstalt, Germany
  - Centre Spatial de Liège at the University of Liège, Belgium
- Data Analysis and comparative studies are continuing with quasi-regularly scheduled teleconferences.