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Artificial Intelligence Radiometric Calibration and Digital Twin of Remote Sensing Sensors

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1.1 Radiometric Calibration and stable temperature conditions

▶ The Working Group on Calibration and Validation (WGCV) of the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) define “Calibration” :

The process of quantitatively defining the system response to **known, controlled signal inputs**.

——Belward, A. S. International co-operation in satellite sensor calibration; the role of the CEOS Working Group on Calibration and Validation. Adv. Space Res. 23, 1443–1448 (1999).

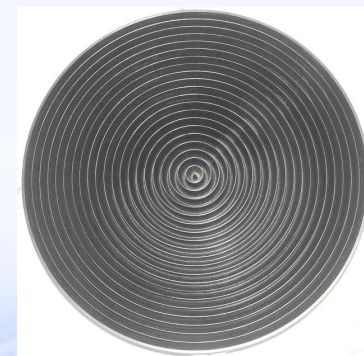
$$R = \sum_{k=0}^K a_k DN^k \text{ ----> } R = \text{gains} \times DN + \text{offset}$$

$$a_k = \text{fitting}(R_i, DN_i); i = 0, 1, \dots, N-1; k = 0, 1, \dots, K-1$$

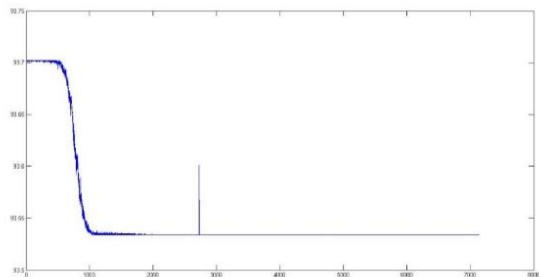
a_k The k th Calibration Coefficient

(R_i, DN_i) The i th Pair of **known, controlled radiometric source** and **its response**

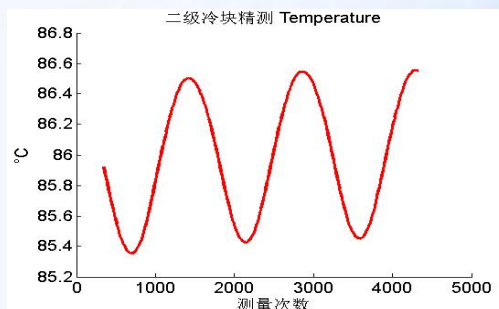
fitting (R_i, DN_i) To calculate a_k while $K \leq N$



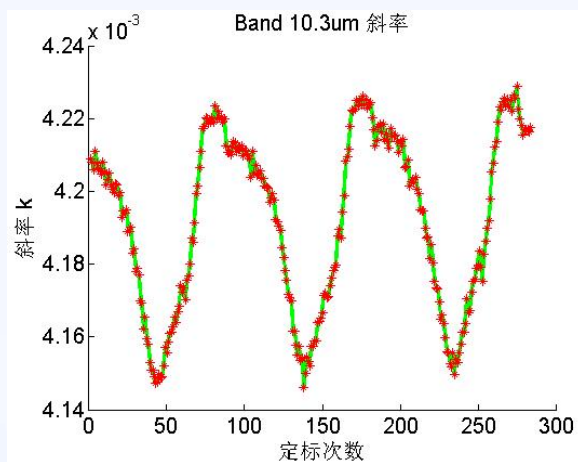
1.2 Unstable temperature of Radiant Cooler of AGRI on FY-4A



The temperatures of Radiant Cooler of FY-2 (Stable)



Similar !
But Not
The Same



The slope of Channel 10.3 um
of FY-4A/AGRI

➤ Analyse the unstable temperatures
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1.3 Radiometric Calibration-Net for the relation between RC coefficients and temperatures

Calibration Equation:

$$I_{obs} = \sum_{k=0}^K a_k DN^k$$

More details: (Boyang Chen, et al) IEEE TGRS, vol. 63, pp. 1-16, 2025

Radiometric Calibration using Artificial Intelligence: Constituting Uniform Observing System for Infrared Satellites

Download : <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/10855605>

Infrared sensor Equation:

$$I_{obs} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^N z_j DN^j}{V_{noise}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{A_d \Delta f}}{D^*} \cdot \frac{1}{\Omega A_d}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} I_{obs}^{PC} = \sum_{j=0}^N \left[z_j \left(\frac{E_g t}{\Omega \eta \tau V_b} n_0 + \frac{E_g}{\Omega V_b} \phi_B \right) DR^j \right] \\ I_{obs}^{PV} = \sum_{j=0}^N \frac{z_j h c n_0 DR^j}{\Omega A_d [n_0 (\sigma_0 + \sigma_1) - \alpha \sigma_1 w_0 \phi_B] \lambda q IMP_L} \end{array} \right.$$

PC: photoconductance-type sensors

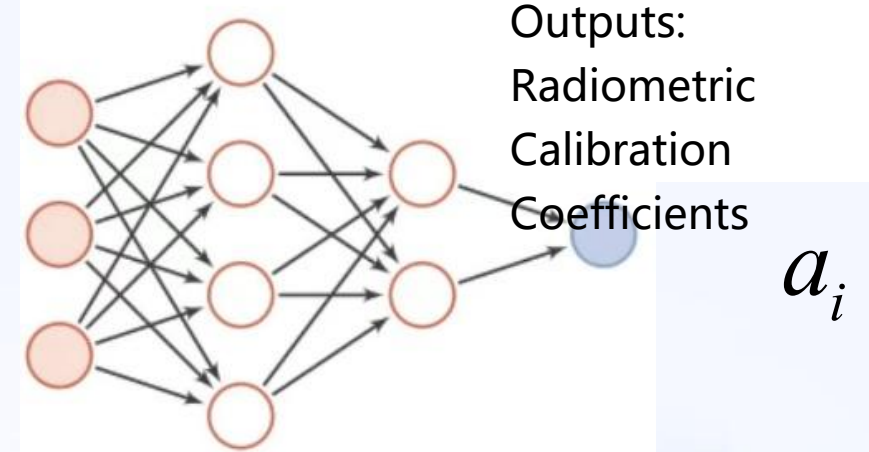
PV: photovoltaic-type sensors

$$\begin{aligned} a_j^{PC} &= \mathbb{F}_j^{PC}(h, c, \lambda, \Omega, A_d, n_0, E_g, t, \eta, \tau, V_b, SRF_s, l_s, T_s, k, z_j), \\ a_j^{PV} &= \mathbb{F}_j^{PV}(h, c, \lambda, q, \Omega, A_d, n_0, IMP_L, \sigma_0, \sigma_1, \alpha, w_0, SRF_s, \\ &\quad l_s, T_s, k, z_j), \forall j \in [0, N]. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

For more concise annotation, in the following we both use a_j to represent a_j^{PC} , a_j^{PV} , and $\mathbb{F}_j$ to represent $\mathbb{F}_j^{PC}$, $\mathbb{F}_j^{PV}$. According to Equation 4, $\mathbb{F}_j$, or $\mathbb{F}$, is intrinsically complicated and varied conditions according to different sensors, e.g., for traditional SBRC methods, a_j is calculated by repetitively observing radiometric source over time, which is computationally expensive.

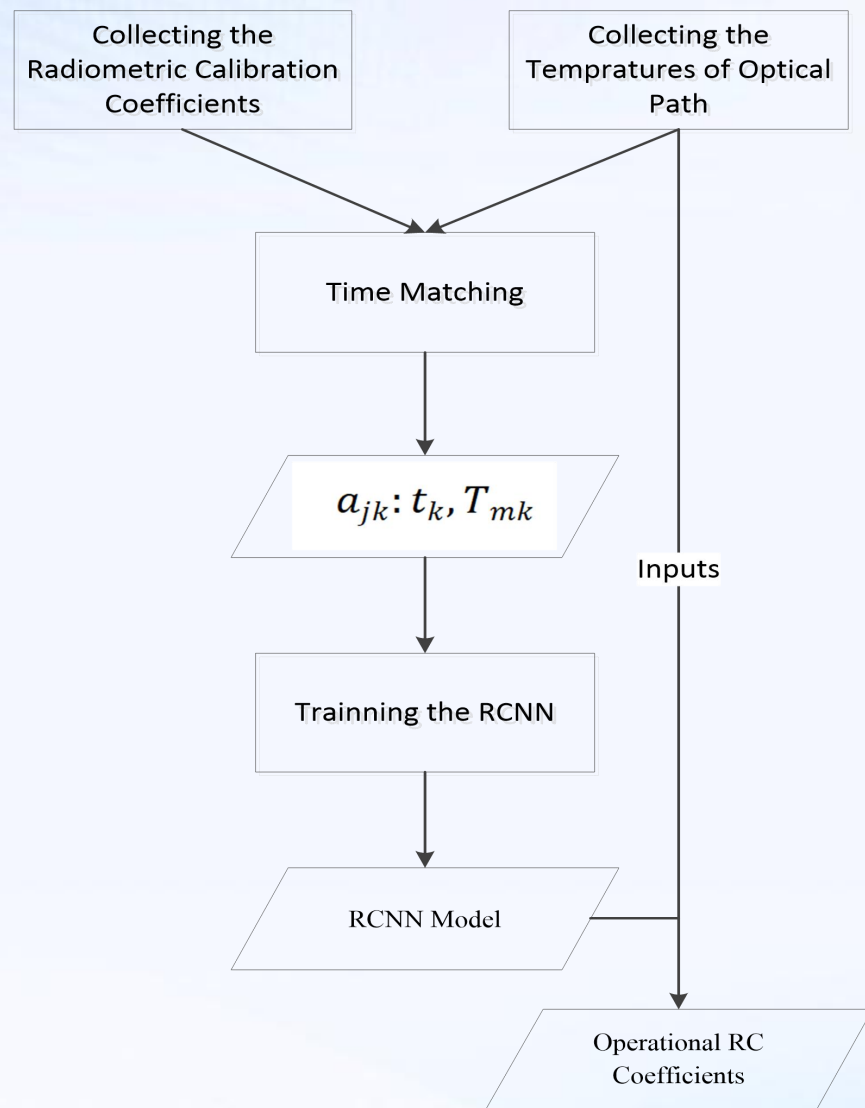
Inputs:
Temperatures from all the components in the optical path of the sensor

T_s



Radiometric Calibration Neural Network (RCNN)

1.4 Workflow of AIRC



1. Collecting the RC coefficients and the temperatures of optical path
2. Time matching and get training dataset:
 a_j RC coefficients
 t Time of calibrating
 T_m Temperatures of optical components
3. Train the RCNN
4. Operational RC using RCNN by inputting temperatures



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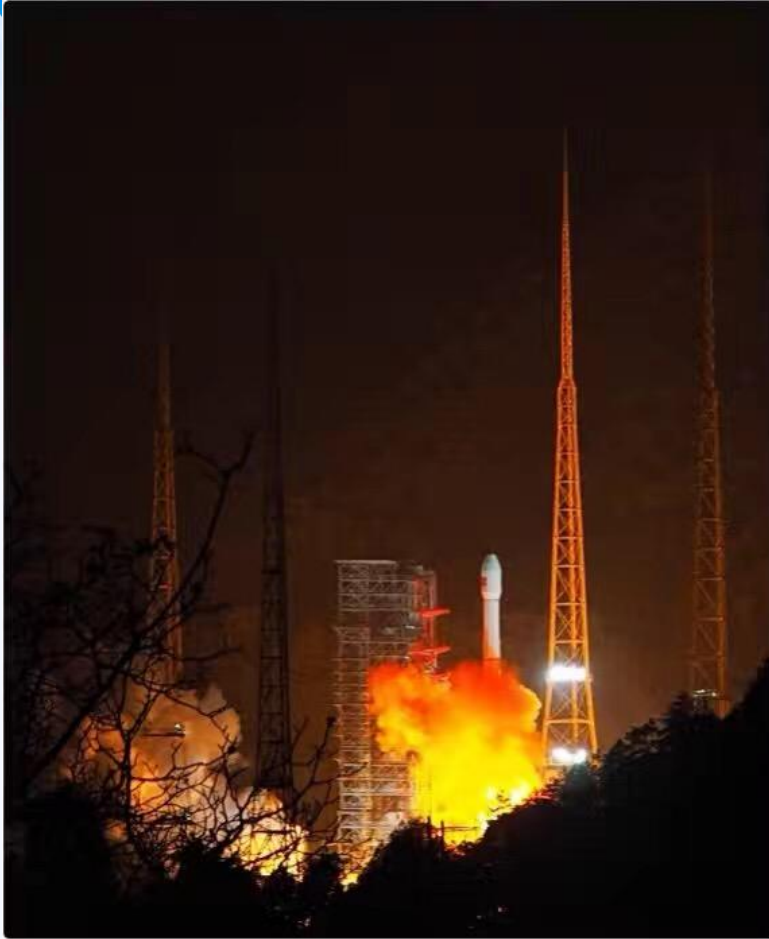
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AIRC performance

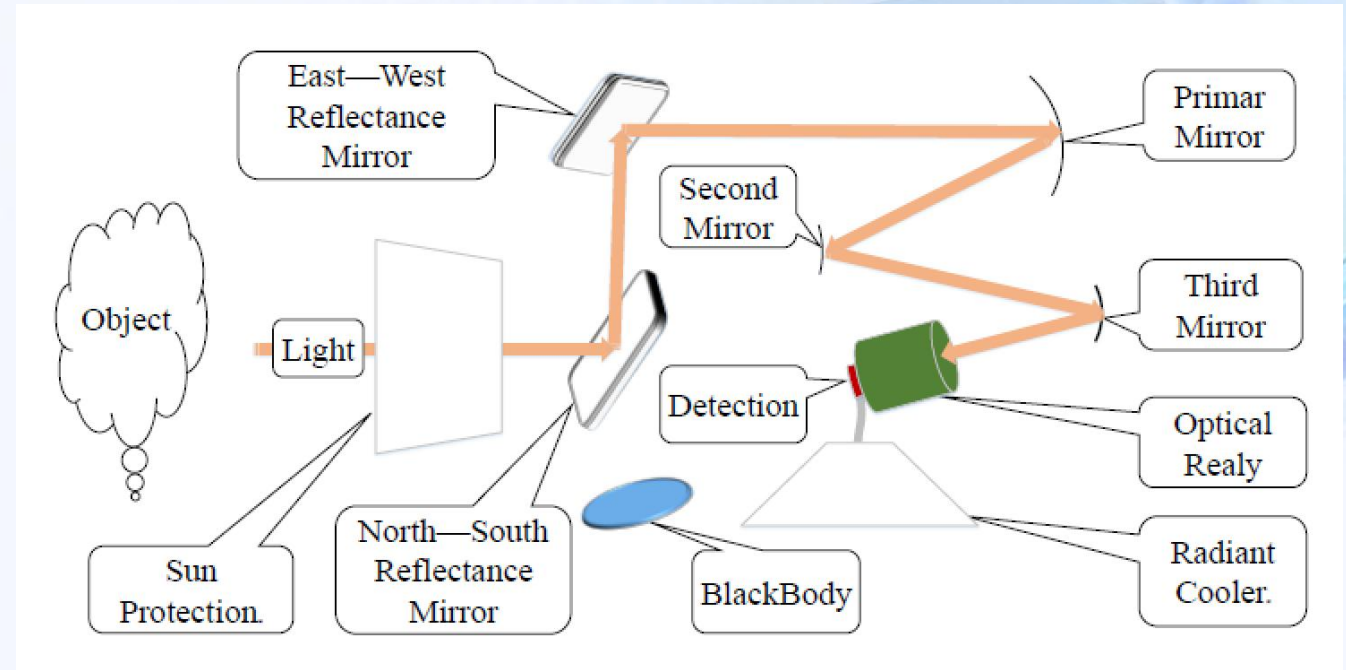
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Conclusion and Discussion

2.1 FY-4A AGRI ---- AIRC experiment in infrared band



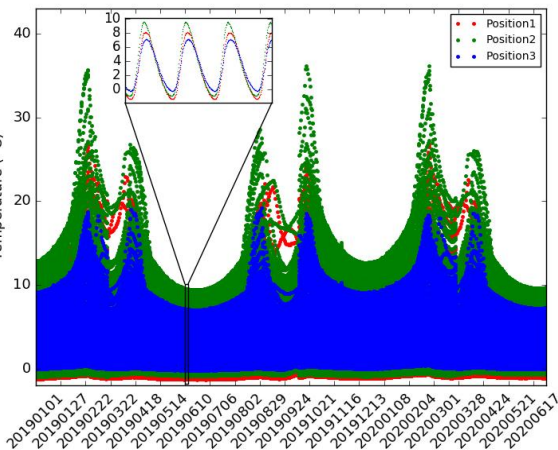
**AGRI on FY-4A was launched on
11 Dec., 2016**



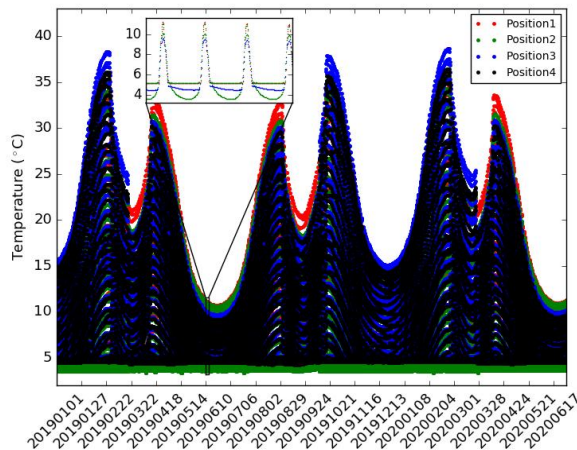
Optical Path of AGRI

- With an on-orbit blackbody
 - On-orbit Radiometric Calibration performance per 15 minutes
- The temperatures measurement to 8 components
 - Total 18 temperatures, some of components are more than 1 temperature measurement

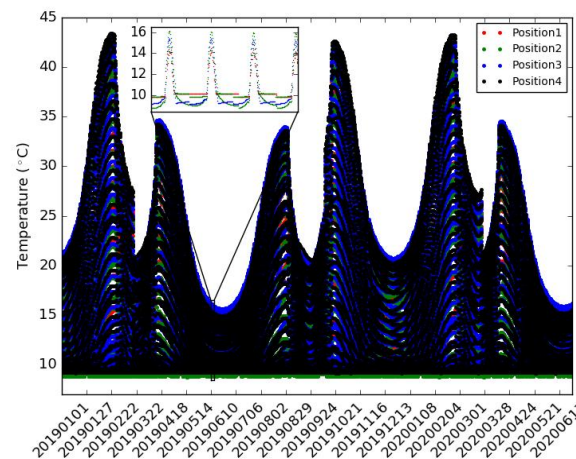
2.11 The temperatures of 8 components ---- Inputs of RCNN



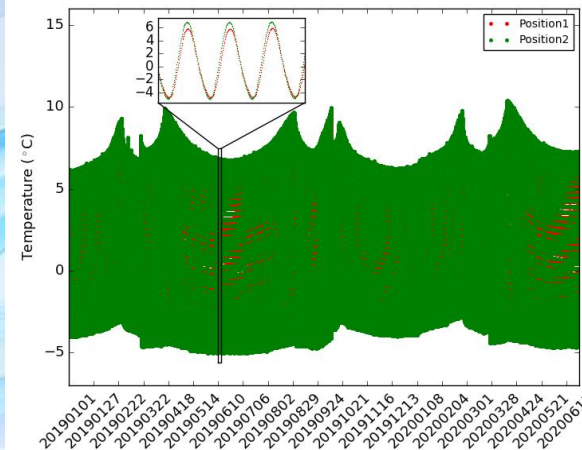
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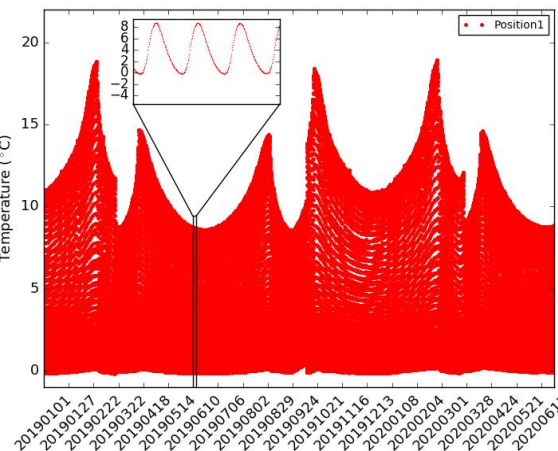
North-South
Reflectance Mirror



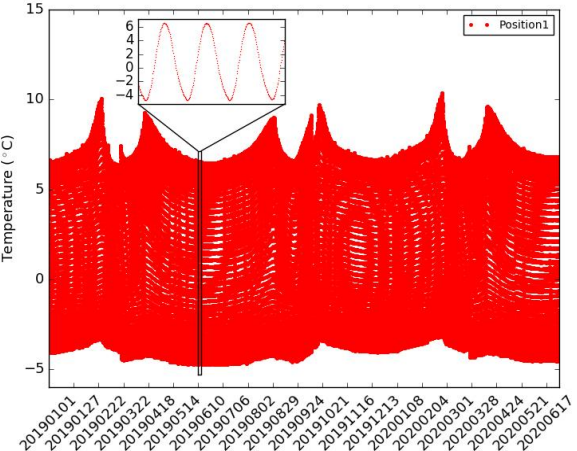
East-West
Reflectance Mirror



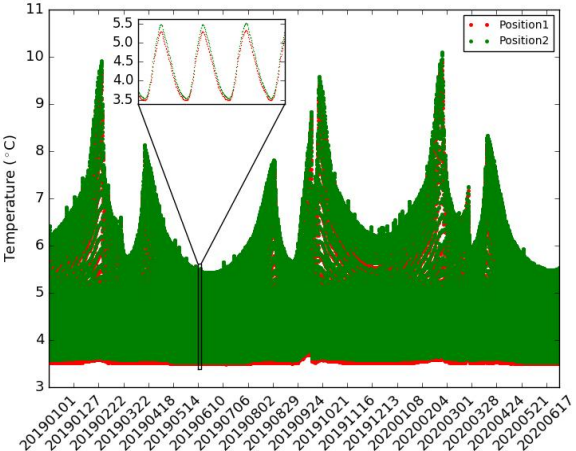
Primary Mirror



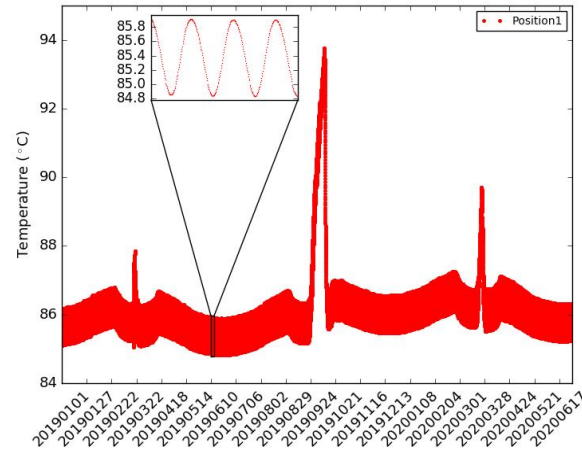
Second Mirror



Third Mirror

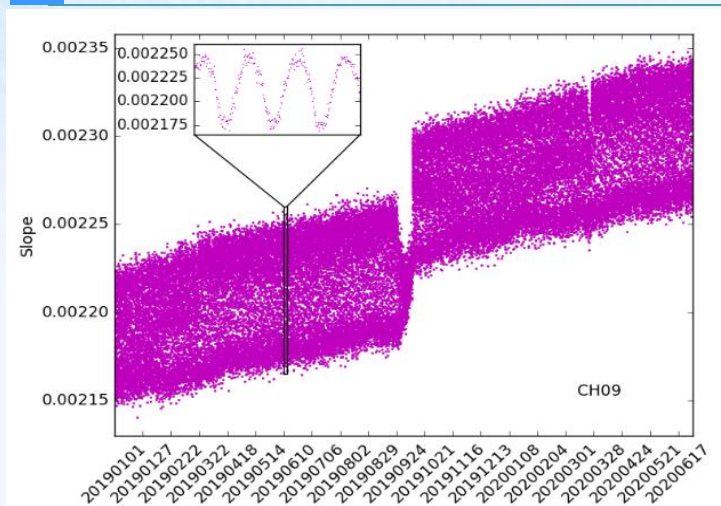


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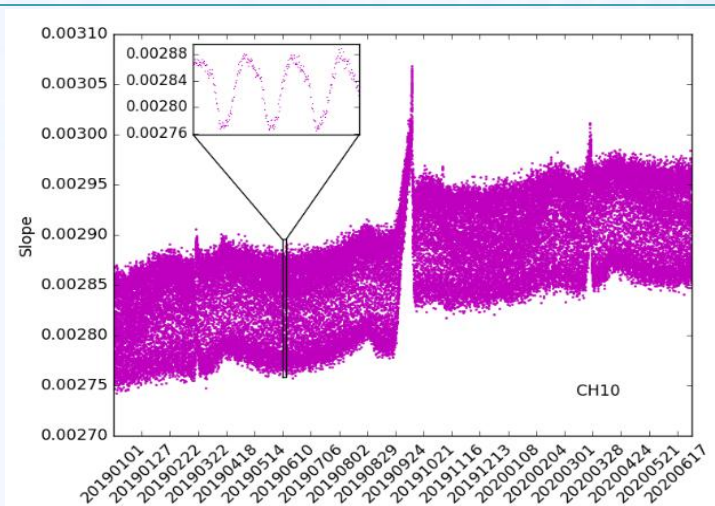


Radiant Cooler

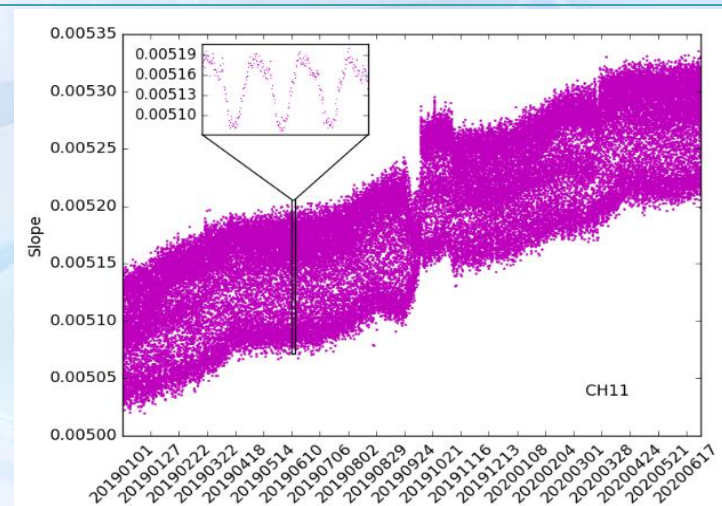
2.12 Radiometric Coefficients: Gains ---- Labels of RCNN



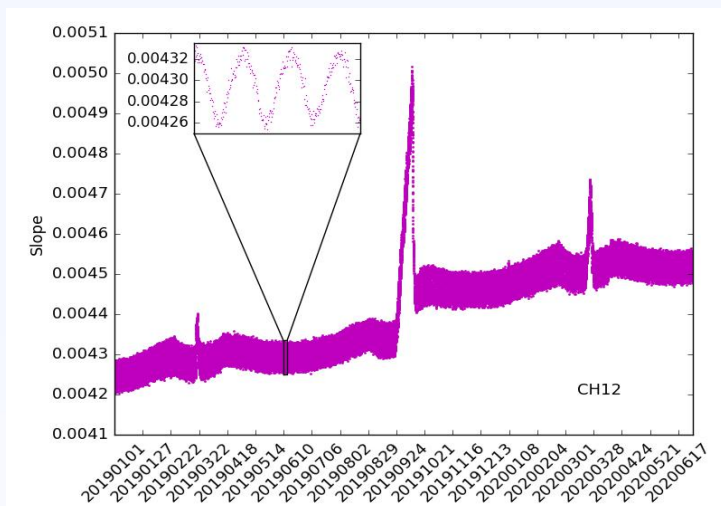
5.8-6.7 μm



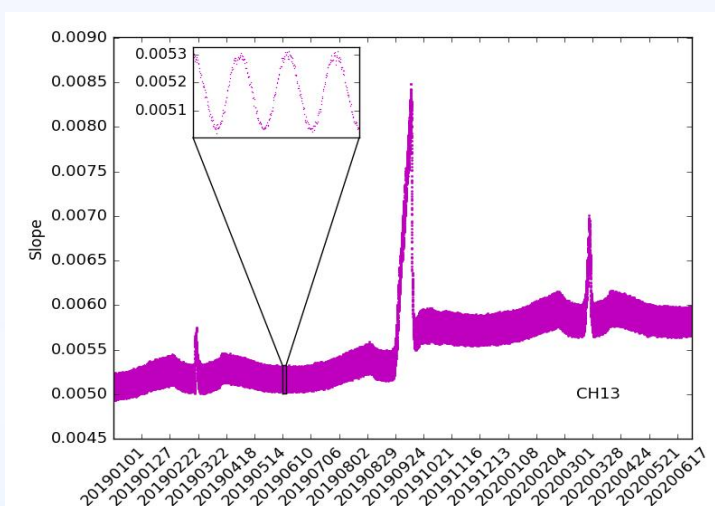
6.9-7.3 μm



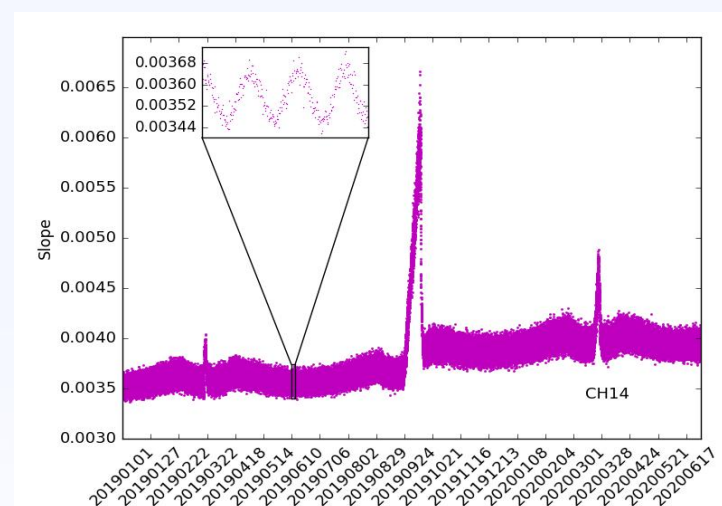
8.0-9.0 μm



10.3-11.3 μm

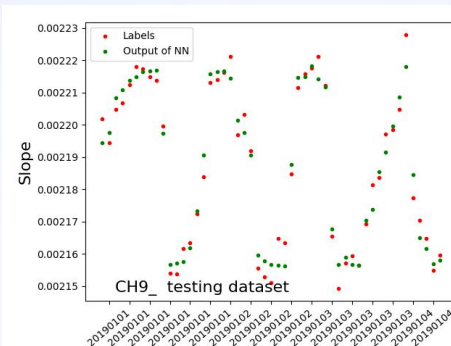
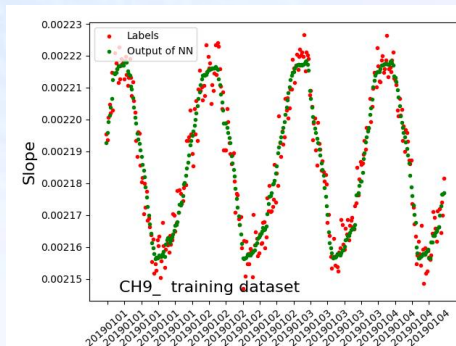


11.5-12.5 μm

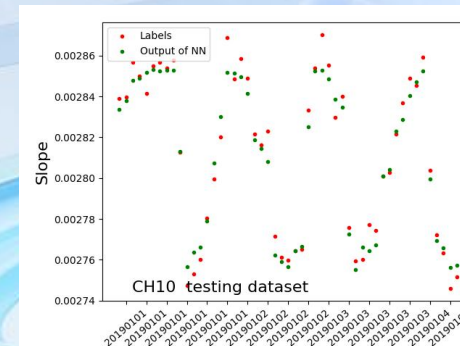
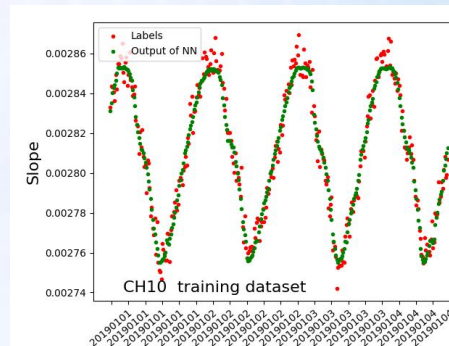


13.2-13.8 μm

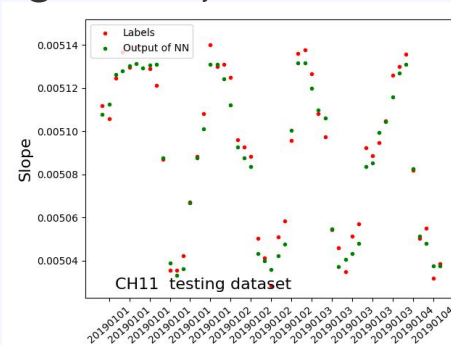
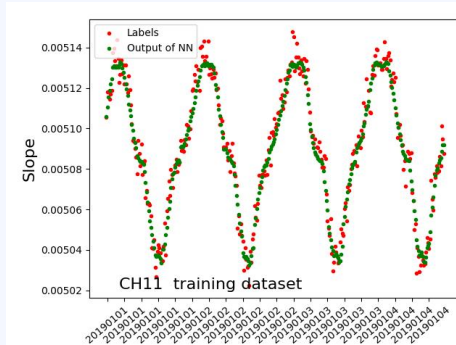
2.13 The results of AIRC----Comparisons of labels and outputs of RCNN



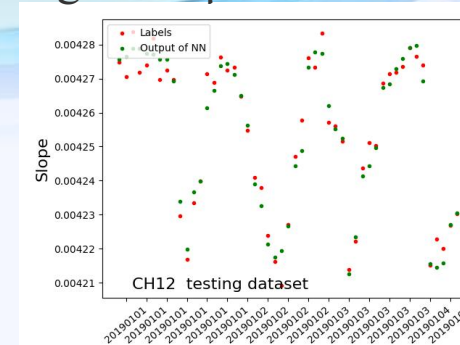
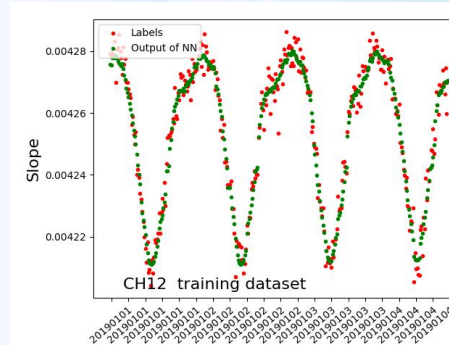
center wavelength: 6.25 μm



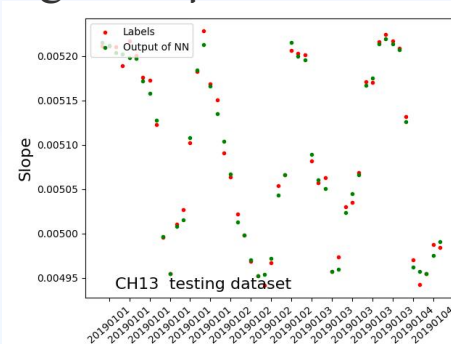
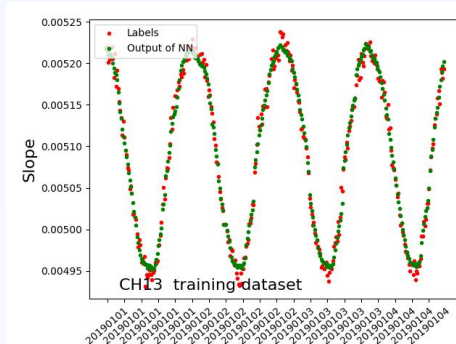
center wavelength: 7.1 μm



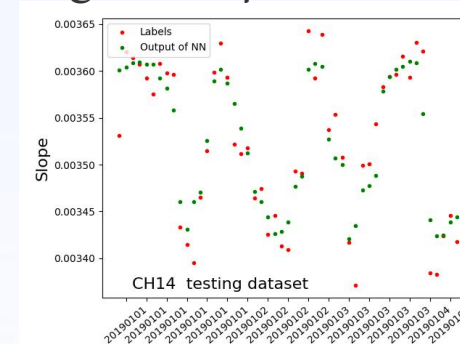
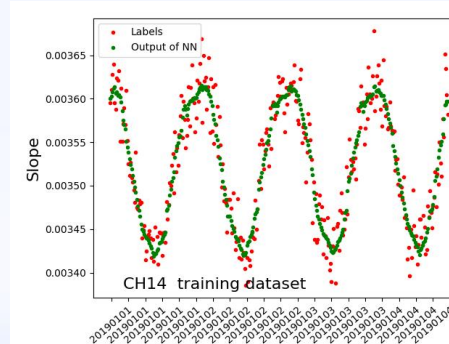
center wavelength: 8.5 μm



center wavelength: 10.7 μm

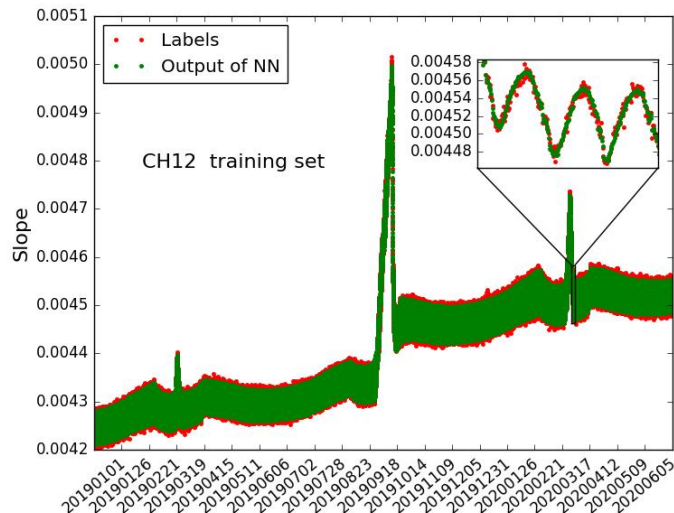


center wavelength: 12 μm

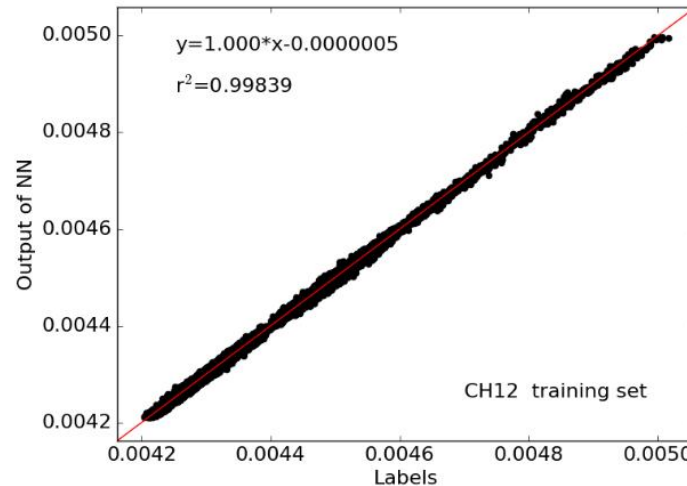


center wavelength: 13.5 μm

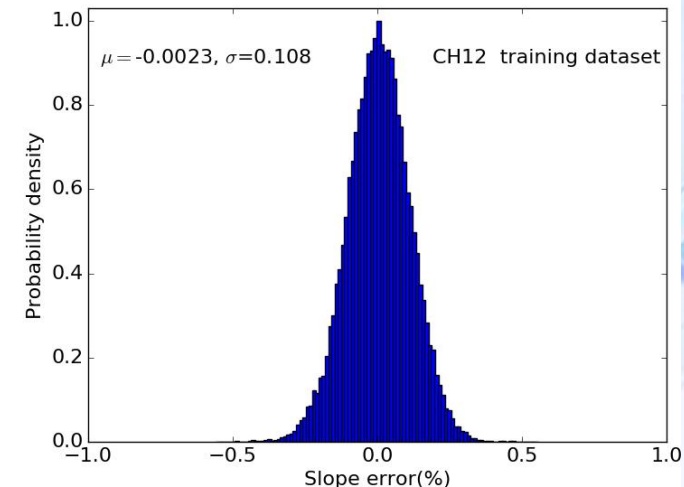
2.14 The results of AIRC----Comparisons between the outputs of RCNN and labels



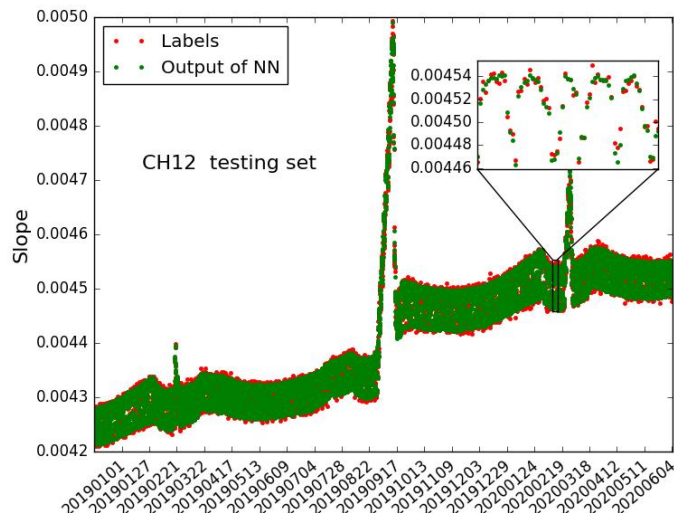
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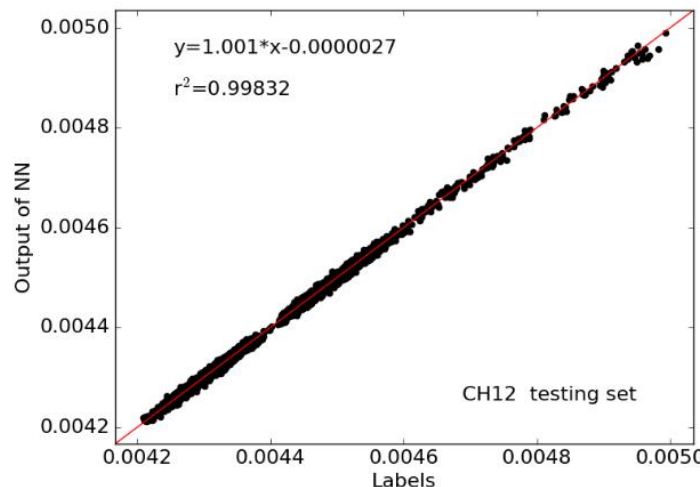
Scatter-training dataset



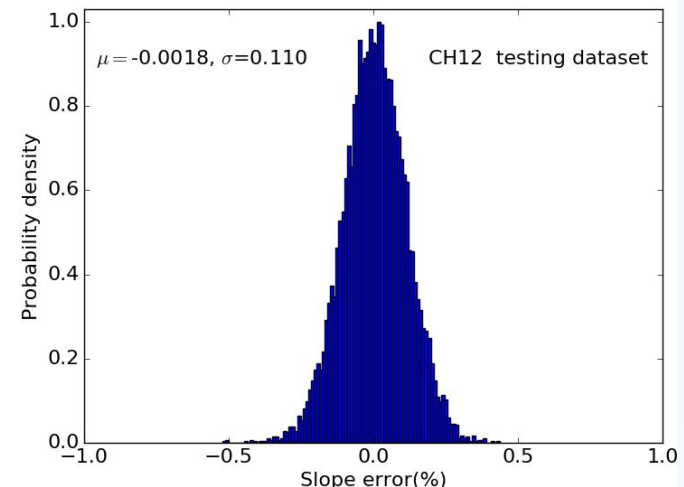
Statistics Analysis-training dataset



Data sequence-testing dataset



Scatt-testing dataset



Statistics Analysis-testing dataset

2.15 The evaluation of AIRC ---- for all the channels: gains error and BT erros.

TABLE III

ANALYSIS OF PREDICTION ERROR WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPORTIONAL DIFFERENCE OF ERROR IN SLOPE (%) AND BRIGHTNESS TEMPERATURE ERROR (K)

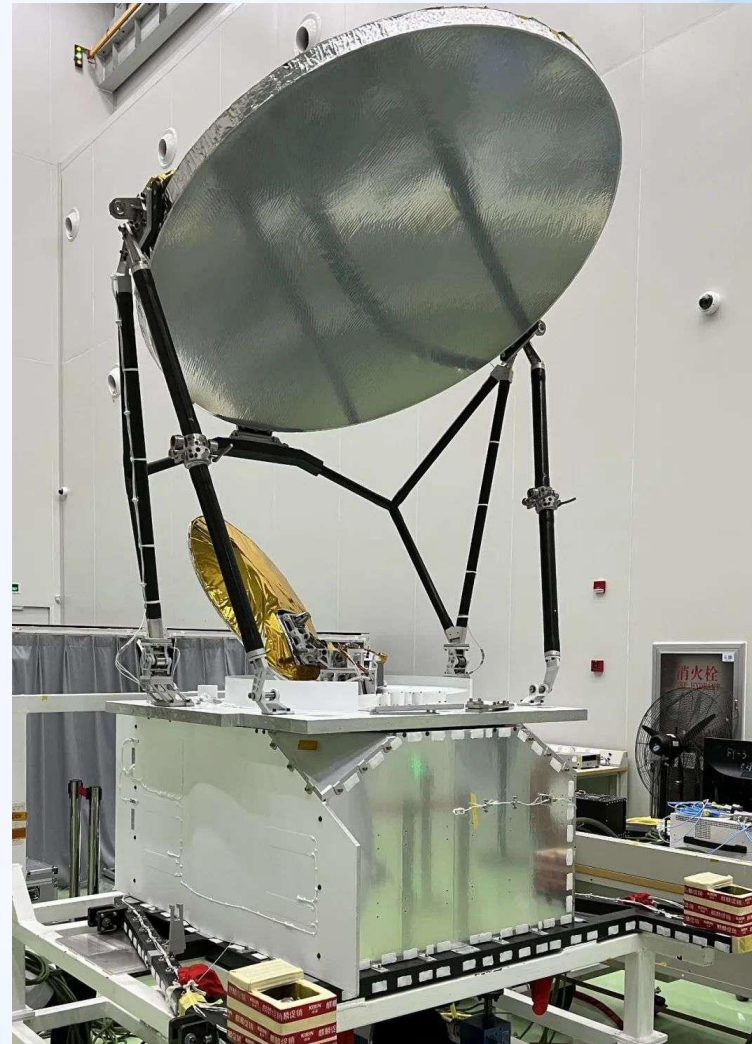
Channel	$\mu(\Delta)(\%)$		$\sigma(\Delta)(\%)$		Bright temperature error (K)	
	Training	Testing	Training	Testing	Mean Value	Standard Deviation
09	0.0060	0.0090	0.223	0.230	0.0027K@260K	0.068K@260K
10	0.0014	0.0026	0.222	0.228	0.00087K@260K	0.076K@260K
11	-0.0035	-0.0023	0.140	0.142	-0.0018K@290K	0.073K@290K
12	-0.0023	-0.0018	0.108	0.110	-0.0014K@290K	0.069K@290K
13	-0.0076	-0.0070	0.201	0.205	-0.0053K@290K	0.140K@290K
14	0.0236	0.0320	0.868	0.896	0.0200K@260K	0.890K@260K

The maximum mean error of all the channels is less than 0.02K@260K

2.2 FY-3D MWRI ---- AIRC experiment in microwave band



MWRI on FY-3D was launched
on 15, Nov.11, 2017



MWRI

NO.	Input
1	antenna temperature
3	feed horn temperature
4	receiver temperature
5	receiver-control voltage
6	number of days since launch

NO.	Output
1	gains
2	offset

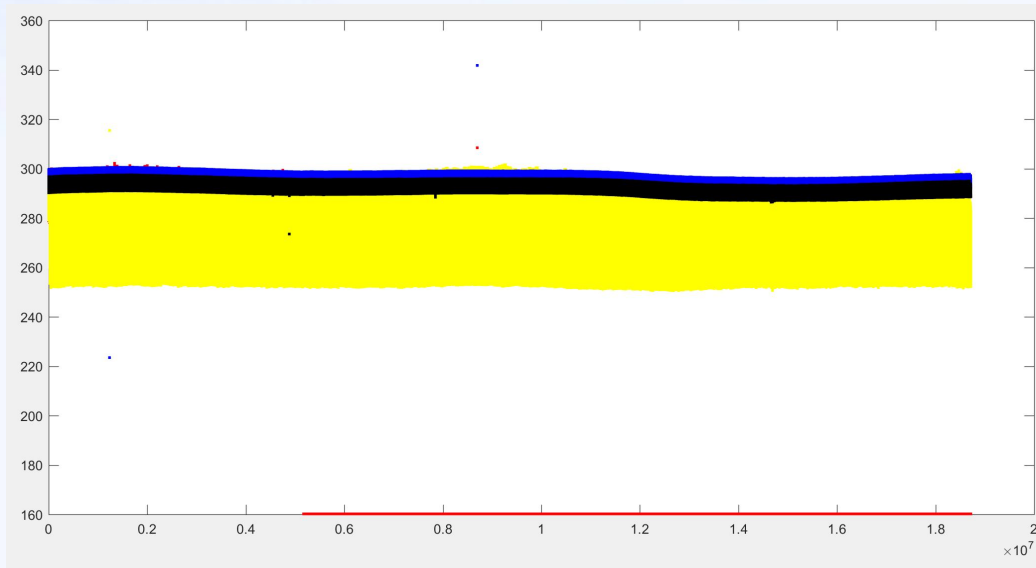
Problem:

The temperature measurement of hot mirror lost function

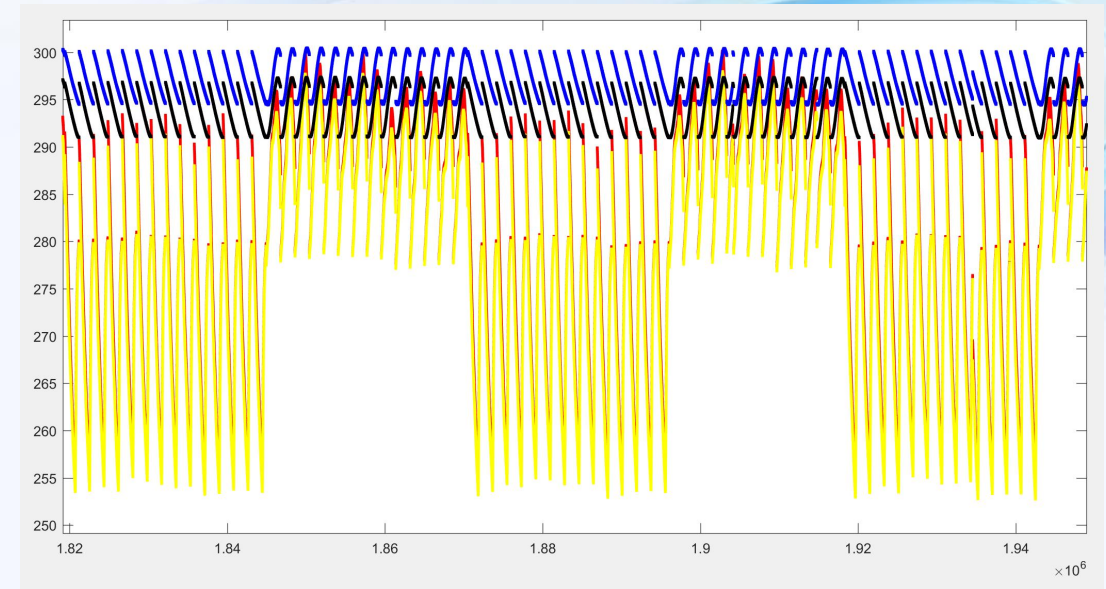
$\{k,b\}=f(T_{\text{hot mirror}})$

$T_{\text{hot mirror}}$ ✗

3.21 The AIRC results of FY-3D MWRI---- Microwave Band

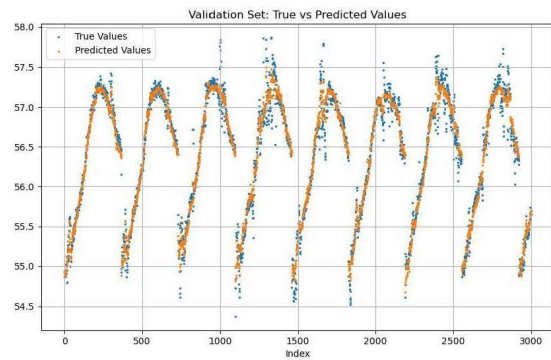
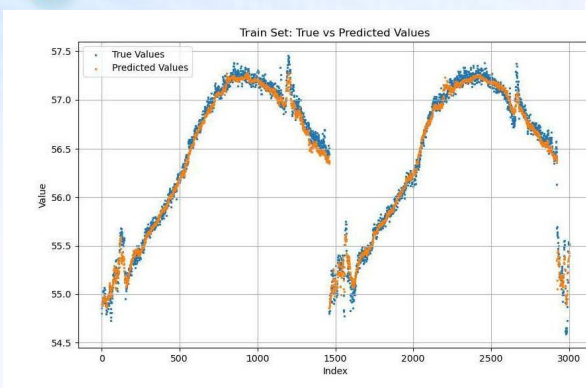


Temperatures of antenna and receiver

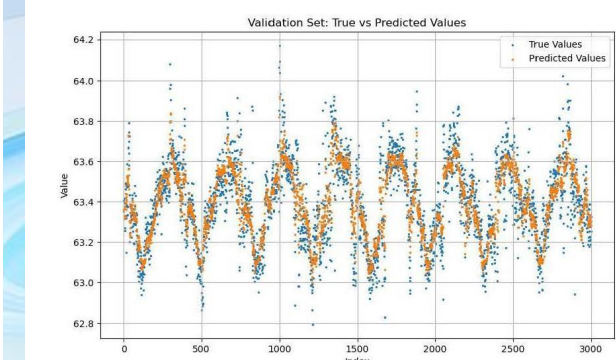
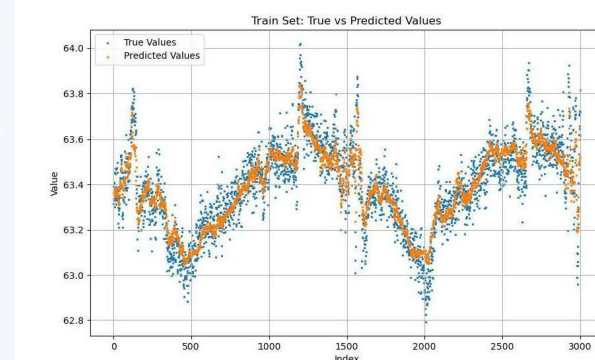


**Magnified view of left fig
Short-term: noticeable fluctuations**

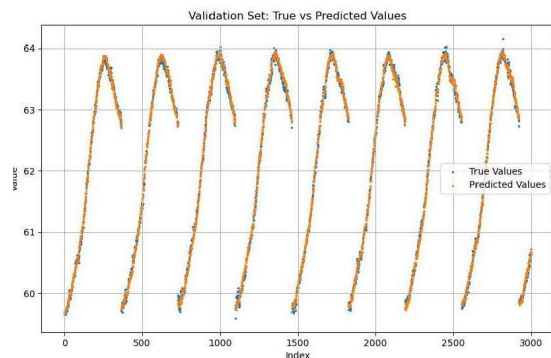
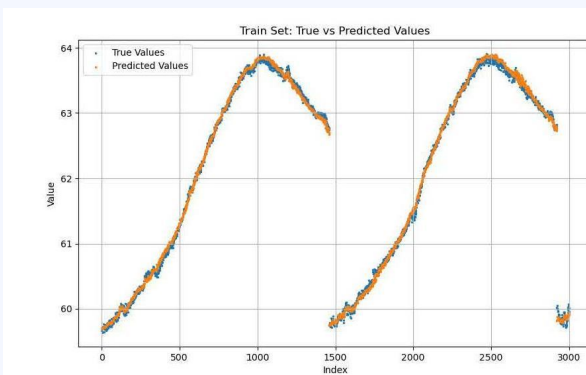
3.22 The results of MWRI----Comparisons of labels and outputs of RCNN



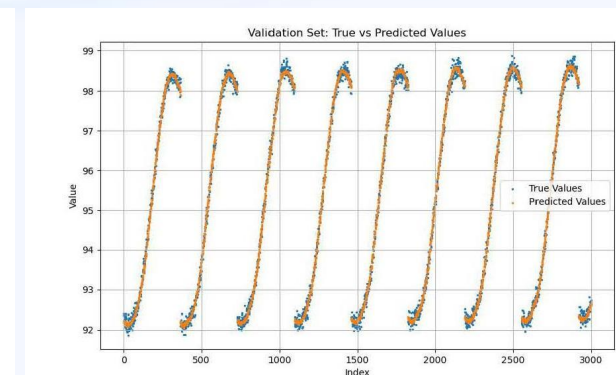
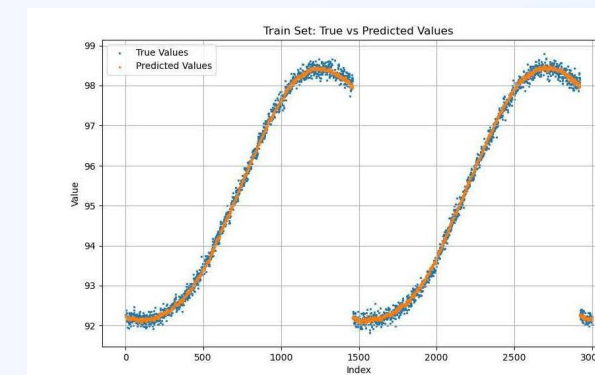
10GHz Labels and predictions of RCNN



18GHz Labels and predictions of RCNN



37GHz Labels and predictions of RCNN



89GHz Labels and predictions of RCNN

The maximum mean error of all the channels is less than 0.5K@300K



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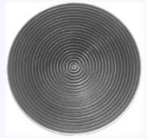
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3.1 Work Model 1—— Train RC-Net before launch, application after launch



Source-Based Radiometric Calibration SBRC

BlackBody



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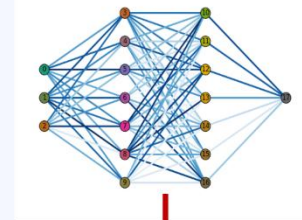
Sensor



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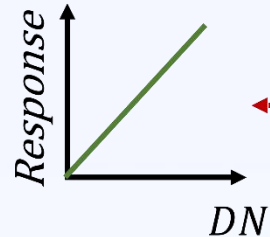
Artificial Intelligence Radiometric Calibration AIRC

Radiometric Calibration Neural Network (RCNN)



$$DN_{OBS} = \frac{R_{BlackBody}}{DN_{BlackBody} - DN_{Space}}$$

$$Offset = -Slope \cdot DN_{Space}$$



$$Temperature_{INS} = RCNN.out(Temperature_{INS})$$



外壳温度 (°C)	太阳屏温度 (°C)	辐射板温度 (°C)	一级温度 (K)	二级温度 (K)	二级制冷余量 (mW)	辐冷筒温度 (°C)
-107.04	-109.93	-112.55	109.25	80.17	20 探测器通电	-18.56
-107.14	-109.93	-112.67	108.98	78.22	0 探测器通电	-18.93
-100.89	-104.11	-108.45	112.19	83.45	40 探测器通电	-10.07
-99.60	-102.84	-107.53	113.17	88.30	92 探测器通电	-4.74
-99.68	-102.92	-107.53	113.22	88.29	100 探测器未通电	-4.08

RC-Net: The relation between RC coefficients and work station

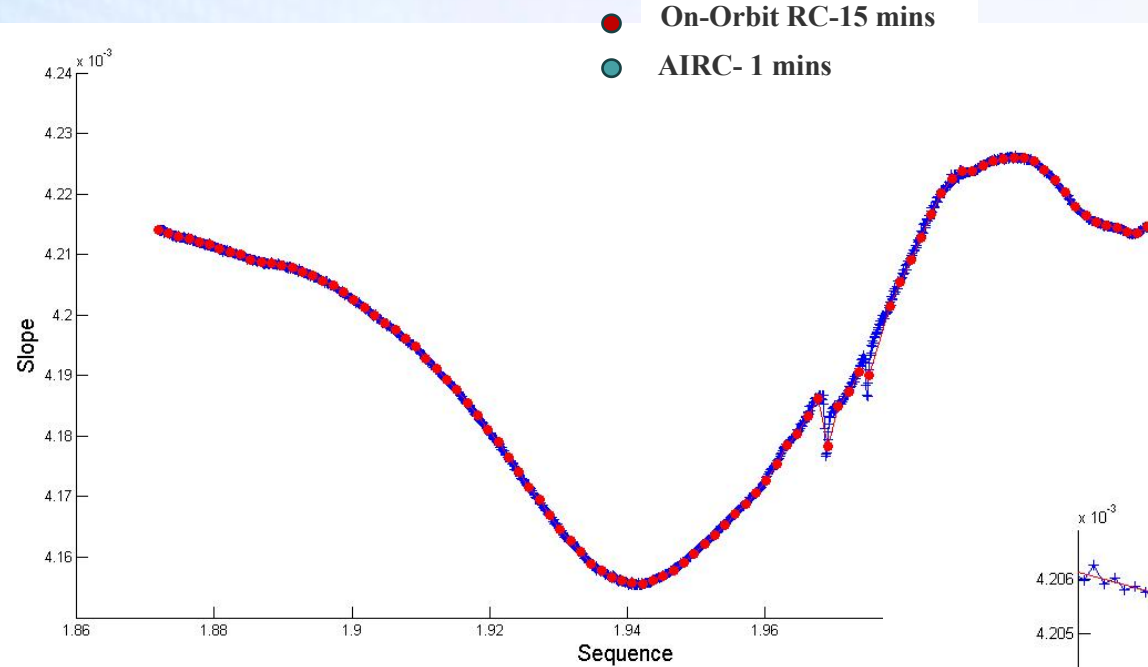


Typical work mode:

Using pre-launch Calibration Result To train the RCNN



3.2 Work Model 2—— Together with on-board blackbody calibration

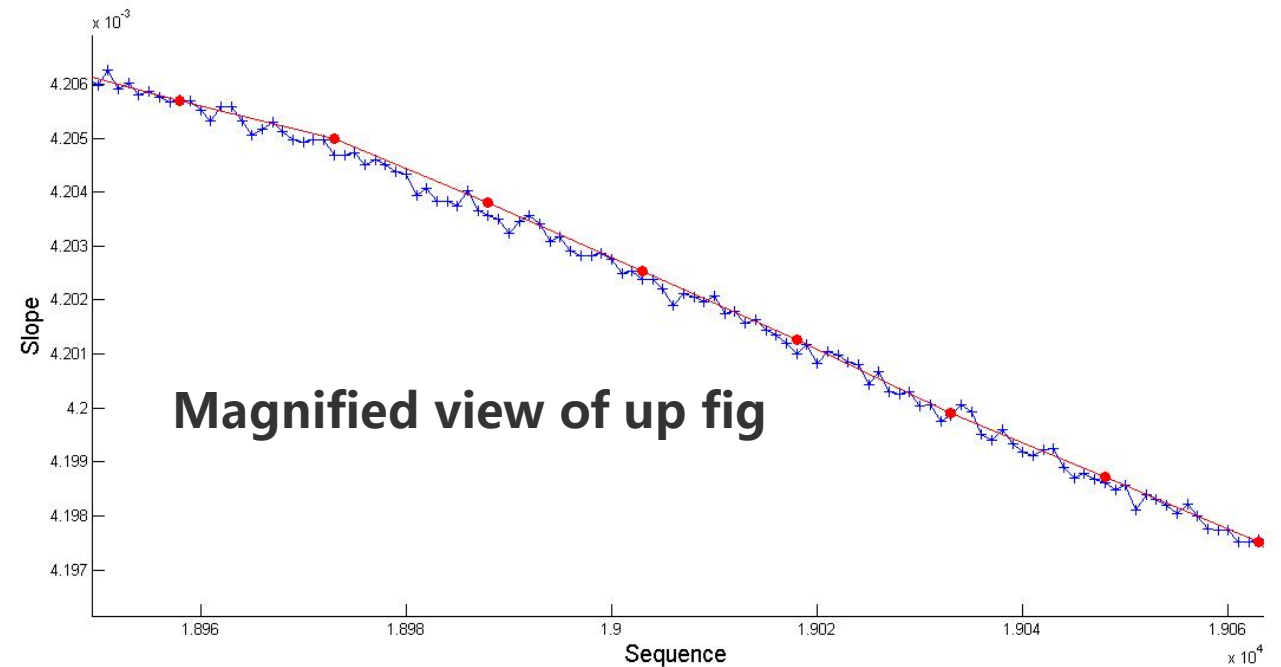


Red points: RC gains from blackbody every 15minutes

Blue points: RC gains from RCNN every 1 minutes

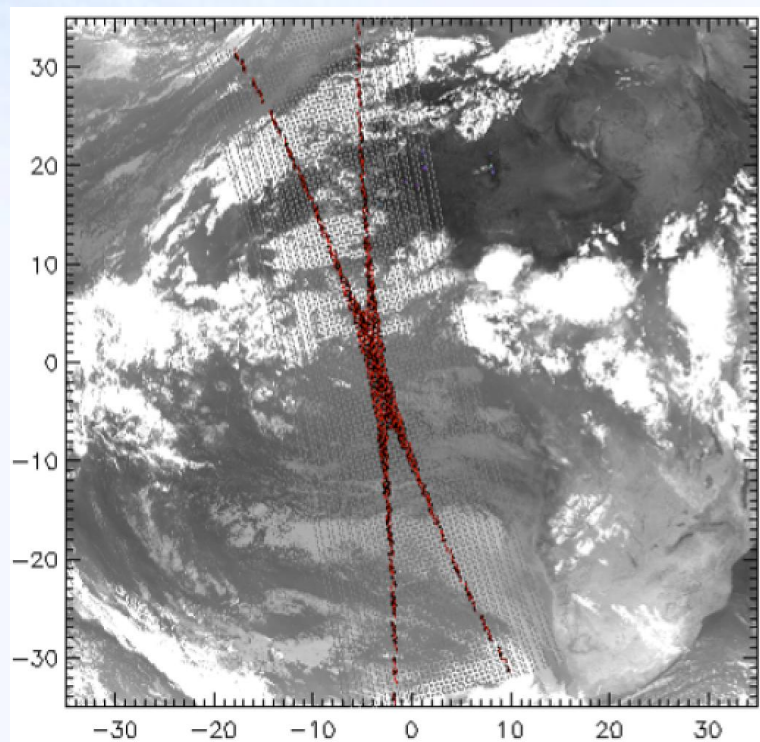
On-Board RC && AIRC

Adjust the RC coefficients along with the variations of temperatures of sensors

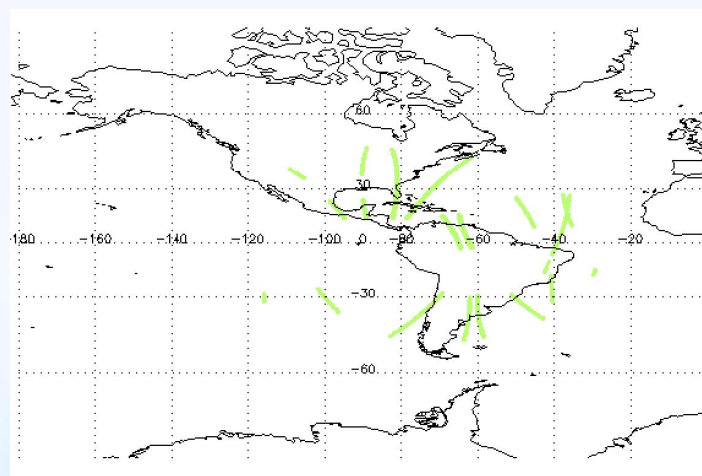
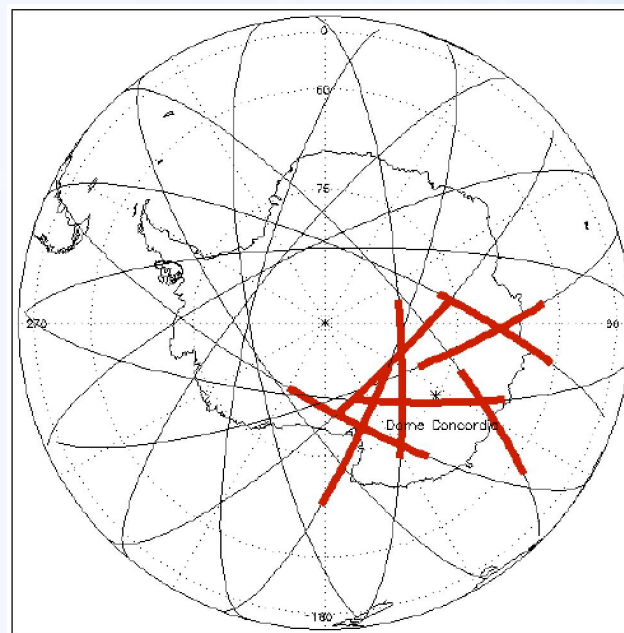


Magnified view of up fig

3.3 Work Model 3—— Together with GSICS



GSICS & AIRC



GSICS: Train RC-Net while SNO

AIRC: RCNN generates the operational RC coefficients

Especially: large-aperture sensors and small satellite

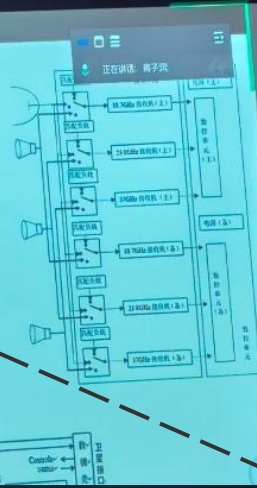
without on-board blackbody

3.4 Work Model 4—— Train the RC-Net for partial-path RC while full-path RC

NSSE

微波辐射计定标的内容

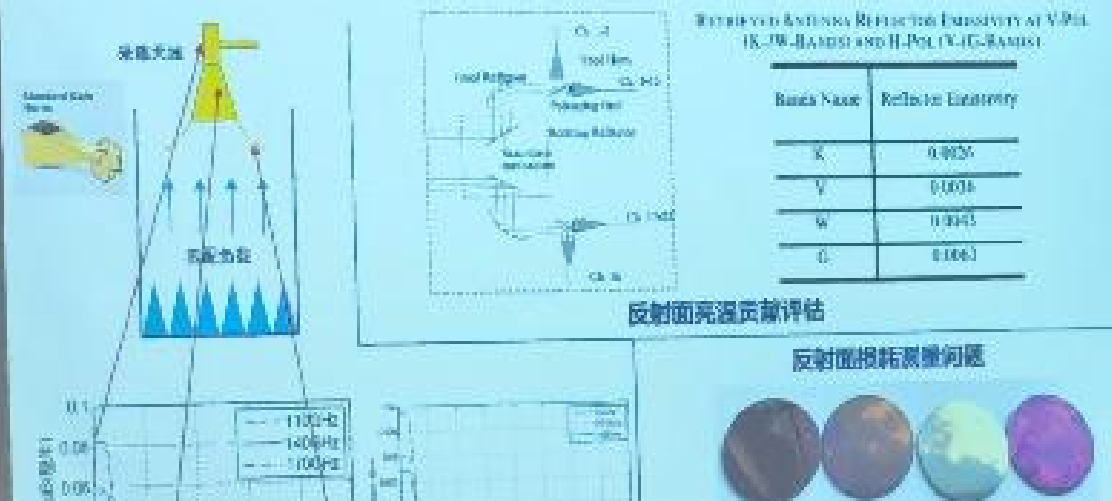
- 接收机定标: 噪声温度、稳定性、灵敏度、定标精度、非线性; BRf; 传输路径参数
- 天线定标: 波束效率、旁瓣的影响、空间溢出因子等; 交叉极化、极化旋转、入射角、法拉第旋转等
- 接收机+天线一体化定标: 系统定标、稳定性&偏差



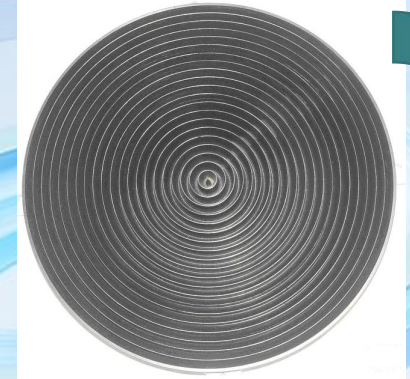
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研究背景汇报

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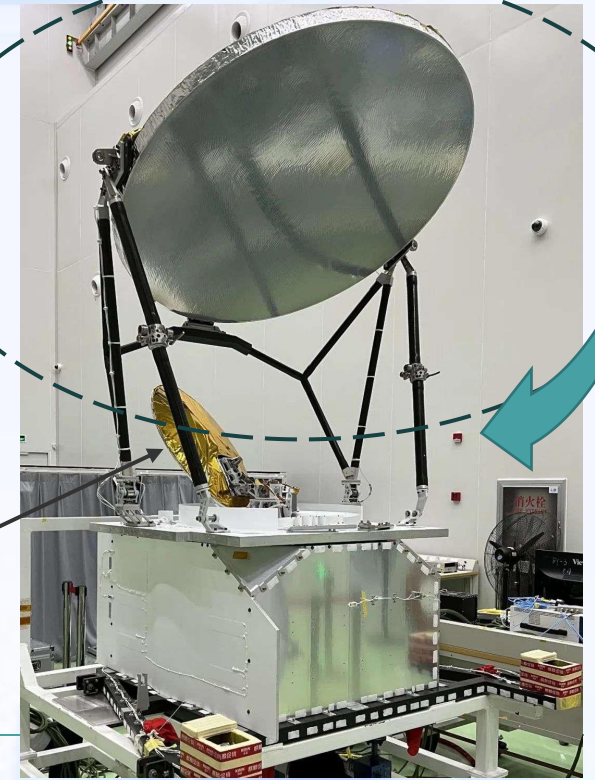
full-path RC



RCNN

The temperatures

partial-path RC





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Conclusion and Discussion

4.1 Advantage of AIRC

1. Improve the operational RC accuracy
 - Any high accuracy calibration result could be used to train RCNN for generating high accuracy operational RC coefficients, and the RCNN accuracy could be less than 0.01K.
2. Make the operational calibration a greater timeliness
 - RCNN runs not only on ground-segment, but also on the satellite.
3. Save the weight and space for accommodating the on-board blackbody
 - Especially for the large-aperture sensors and small satellite.
4. Save the launch cost for reducing the weight of blackbody

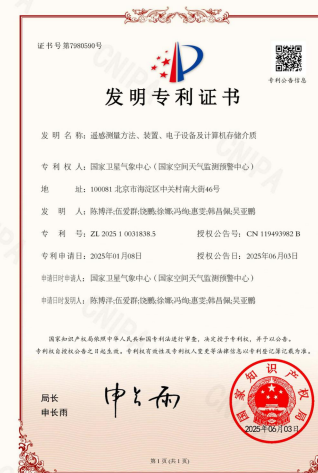
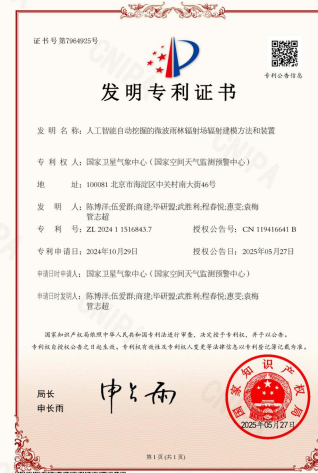
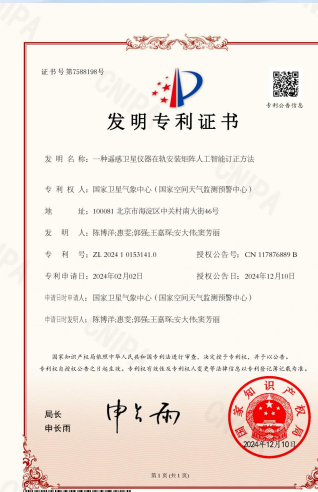
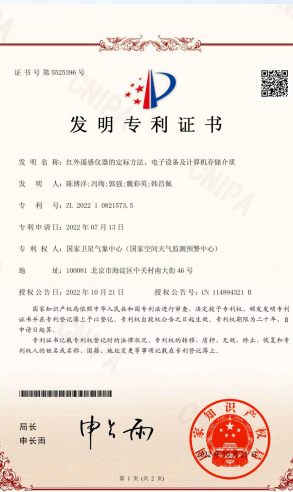
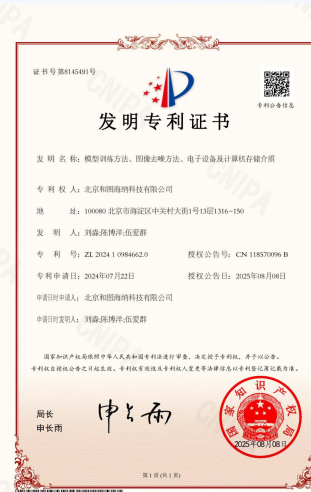
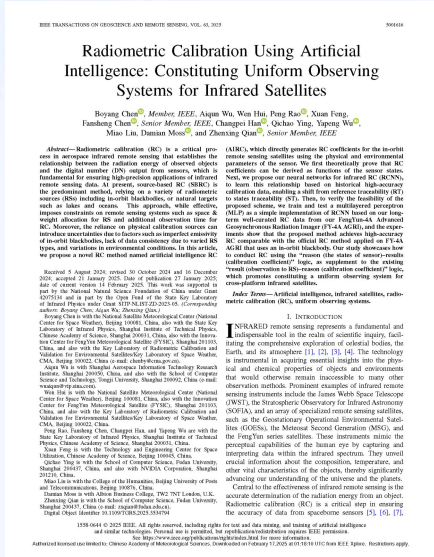
4.2 Progress, Article and Patent —Chinese) and Next Plan:



Infrared

- RC
- Navigation
- Digital Twin

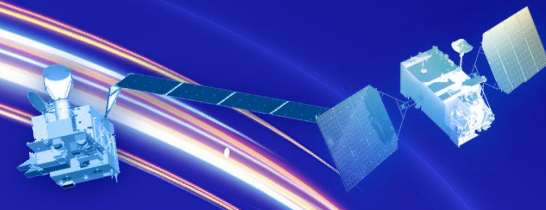
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