



**Analysis Ready Data
For Land**

**Product Family
Specification
Aquatic Reflectance
(CARD4L-AR)**

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Description

Product Family Title: **Aquatic Reflectance (CARD4L-AR)**

Applies to: Data collected with multispectral and hyperspectral sensors operating in the VIS/NIR/SWIR wavelengths over water bodies. These typically operate with ground sample distance and resolution in the order of 10-1000 m; however, the specification is not inherently limited to this resolution.

Definitions

AR	Aquatic Reflectance
Ancillary Data	Data other than instrument measurements, originating in the instrument itself or from the satellite, required to perform processing of the data. They include orbit data, attitude data, time information, spacecraft engineering data, calibration data, data quality information, and data from other instruments.
Auxiliary Data	The data required for instrument processing, which does not originate in the instrument itself or from the satellite. Some auxiliary data will be generated in the ground segment, whilst other data will be provided from external sources.
Metadata	Structured information that describes other information or information services. With well-defined metadata, users should be able to get basic information about data, without the need to have knowledge about its entire content.
MTF	Modulation Transfer Function
Spectral Resolution	Defines the narrowest spectral feature that can be resolved by a spectrometer.
Spatial Resolution	The highest magnification of the sensor at the ground surface.
Spectral Sampling Distance	Spectral sampling is the interval, in wavelength units, between discrete data points in the measured spectrum.
Spatial Sampling Distance	Spatial sampling distance is the barycentre-to-barycentre distance between adjacent spatial samples on the Earth's surface.

Requirements

General Metadata

These are metadata records describing a distributed collection of pixels. The collection of pixels referred to must be contiguous in space and time. General metadata should allow the user to assess the overall suitability of the dataset, and must meet the following requirements:

#	Item	Threshold (Minimum) Requirements	Target (Desired) Requirements	Threshold Self-Assessment	Target Self-Assessment	Self-Assessment Explanation/Justification	Recommended Requirement Modification
1.1	Traceability	Not required.	Data must be traceable to SI reference standard. <i>Note 1: Relationship to 3.2. Traceability requires an estimate of measurement uncertainty.</i> <i>Note 2: Information on traceability should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.</i>				
1.2	Metadata Machine Readability	Metadata is provided in a structure that enables a computer algorithm to be used consistently and to automatically identify and extract each component part for further use.	As threshold, but metadata should be provided in a community endorsed standard that facilitates machine-readability, such as ISO 19115-2.				
1.3	Data Collection Time	The data collection time is identified in the metadata, expressed in date/time, to the second, with the time offset from UTC unambiguously identified.	Acquisition time for each pixel is identified (or can be reliably determined) in the metadata, expressed in date/time at UTC, to the second.				
1.4	Geographical Area	The surface location to which the data relates is identified, typically as a series of four corner points, expressed in an accepted	The geographic area covered by the observations is identified specifically, such as through a set of coordinates of a closely bounding polygon.				

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		coordinate reference system (e.g., WGS84).	The location to which each pixel refers is identified (or can be reliably determined) with the projection system (if any) and reference datum provided.				
1.5	Coordinate Reference System	The metadata lists the coordinate reference system that has been used.	As threshold.				
1.6	Map Projection	The metadata lists the map projection that has been used and any relevant parameters required in relation to use of data in that map projection.	As threshold.				
1.7	Geometric Correction Methods	Not required. The user is not explicitly advised of the geometric correction source and methods.	Information on geometric correction methods should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page, including reference database and auxiliary data such as elevation model(s) and reference chip-sets.				
1.8	Geometric Accuracy of the Data	Not required. The user is not provided with results of geometric accuracy assessments pertaining to the dataset.	The metadata includes metrics describing the assessed geodetic accuracy of the data, expressed units of the coordinate system of the data. Accuracy is assessed by independent verification (as well as internal model-fit where applicable). Uncertainties are expressed quantitatively, for example, as root mean square error				

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			(RMSE) or Circular Error Probability (CEP90, CEP95), etc. <i>Note 1: Information on geometric accuracy of the data should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.</i>				
1.9	Instrument	The instrument used to collect the data is identified in the metadata.	As threshold, but information should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page with references to the relevant CEOS Missions, Instruments, and Measurements Database record.				
1.10	Spectral Bands	The central wavelength and full width at half maximum for each spectral band for which data is included is identified in the metadata, expressed in SI units.	As threshold, with instrument spectral response details (e.g., full spectral response function) also included or directly accessible using details in the metadata. <i>Note 1: Information on spectral bands should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.</i>				
1.11	Sensor Calibration	Not required. The general metadata does not include sensor calibration details.	Sensor calibration parameters are identified in the metadata or can be accessed using details included in the metadata. Ideally this would support machine-to-machine access. <i>Note 1: Information on sensor calibration should be available</i>				

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			<i>in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.</i>				
1.12	Radiometric Accuracy	The metadata provides the number of bits required (e.g., 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, etc.).	The metadata includes metrics describing the assessed absolute radiometric uncertainty of the version of the data or product, expressed as absolute radiometric uncertainty relative to appropriate, known reference sites and standards (for example, pseudo-invariant calibration sites, rigorously collected field spectra, PICS, Rayleigh, DCC, etc.) <i>Note 1: Information on radiometric accuracy should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.</i>				
1.13	Algorithms	All algorithms, and the sequence in which they were applied in the generation process, are identified in the metadata. For example, these may be available through Algorithm Theoretical Basis documents. <i>Note 1: Information on algorithms should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.</i>	As threshold, but only algorithms that have been published in a peer-reviewed journal. <i>Note 1: It is possible that high-quality corrections are applied through non-disclosed processes. CARD4L does not per-se require full and open data and methods.</i> <i>Note 2: Information on algorithms should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.</i>				

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1.14	Auxiliary Data	The metadata identifies the sources of auxiliary data used in the generation process, ideally expressed as a single DOI landing page. <i>Note 1: Auxiliary data includes DEMs, aerosols, land mask, bathymetry, NO₂, etc. data sources.</i>	As threshold, but information on auxiliary data should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page and is also available for free online download, contemporaneously with the product or through a link to the source.				
1.15	Processing Chain Provenance	Not required.	Information on processing chain provenance should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page containing detailed description of the processing steps used to generate the product, including the versions of software used, giving full transparency to the users.				
1.16	Data Access	Information on data access should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page. <i>Note 1: Manual and offline interaction action (e.g., login) may be required.</i>	As threshold.				
1.17	Overall Data Quality	Machine-readable metrics describing the overall quality of the data are included in the metadata, at minimum the cloud cover extent, i.e.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proportion of observations over 	As threshold.				

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		land and over water affected by non-target phenomena, e.g., cloud and cloud shadows.					

Per-Pixel Metadata

The following minimum metadata specifications apply to each pixel. Whether the metadata are provided in a single record relevant to all pixels, or separately for each pixel, is at the discretion of the data provider. Per-pixel metadata should allow users to discriminate between (choose) observations on the basis of their individual suitability for application.

#	Item	Threshold (Minimum) Requirements	Target (Desired) Requirements	Threshold Self-Assessment	Target Self-Assessment	Self-Assessment Explanation/Justification	Recommended Requirement Modification
2.1	Metadata Machine Readability	Metadata is provided in a structure that enables a computer algorithm to be used to consistently and automatically identify and extract each component part for further use.	As threshold.				
2.2	No Data	Pixels that do not correspond to an observation (e.g., 'empty pixels/invalid observation/below noise floor') are flagged.	As threshold.				
2.3	Per-pixel Assessment	The metadata identifies pixels for which the per-pixel tests (below) have not all been successfully completed. <i>Note 1: This may be the result of missing ancillary data for a subset of the pixels.</i>	The metadata identifies which tests have, and have not, been successfully completed for each pixel.				
2.4	Saturation	Metadata indicates where one or more spectral bands are saturated.	Metadata indicates which pixels are saturated for each spectral band.				
2.5	Cloud	Metadata indicates whether a pixel is assessed as being cloud.	As threshold, information on cloud detection should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page along				

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			with the confidence in this assessment. Clouds and cirrus clouds are differentiated.				
2.6	Cloud Shadow	Metadata indicates whether a pixel is assessed as being cloud shadow.	As threshold, but information on cloud shadow detection should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.				
2.7	Land/Water Mask	The metadata indicates whether a pixel is assessed as being land or water. Information on land/water mask should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.	As threshold.				
2.8	Sea/Lake/River Ice Mask	The metadata indicates whether a pixel is assessed as being sea/lake/river ice or not. Information on sea/lake/river ice mask should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.	As threshold.				
2.9	Sun Glint	The metadata indicates whether a pixel is assessed as absent or correctable (moderate), or uncorrectable (severe) Sun glint. <i>Note 1: Sun glint is deemed uncorrectable if the upper limit of the dynamic range of a sensor is reached (i.e., saturation occurs).</i>	The metadata indicates the amount of Sun glint for each pixel and band.				

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2.10	Sky Glint	Not required.	The metadata indicates the amount of sky glint for each pixel and band.				
2.11	Whitecap/ Foam Mask	The metadata indicates whether a pixel is assessed as affected by whitecaps or foam as a function of the wind speed or other.	As threshold.				
2.12	Solar and Viewing Geometry	The metadata provides average solar and sensor viewing azimuth and zenith angles.	As threshold.				
2.13	Adjacency Effects	Not required.	The metadata provides the risk of per-pixel adjacency effects contamination, through flagging to denote per-pixel minimum, medium or high adjacency effects contamination. <i>Note 1: This effect often occurs in increased turbid or optically shallow waters near shorelines that may confuse this assessment.</i>				
2.14	Floating Vegetation/ Surface Scum Mask	The metadata indicates whether a pixel is assessed as affected by floating vegetation/surface scum.	As threshold.				
2.15	Aerosol Optical Depth Parameters	The metadata indicates either per-pixel spectral Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD), or per-pixel AOD (550nm) and Angstrom exponent.	As threshold.				

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2.16	Deep/ Shallow Water	Not required.	The metadata indicates where available: the bottom depth referenced to the mean sea level for the oceans and referenced to mean levels for lakes. Information on bathymetry should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.				
2.17	Optically Deep or Optically Shallow Assessment	The metadata indicates, based on likelihood (bathymetry maps and average K_d (preferred) or based on turbidity or Secchi disk transparency), whether water pixels may be optically deep or optically shallow. This will most likely be bathymetry map contour based.	Based on an assessment from an inversion algorithm that estimates the optically deep or optically shallow per-pixel status.				
2.18	Turbid Water Flag	The metadata indicates whether a pixel is assessed as being turbid or not. Information on turbid water mask should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.	As threshold.				
2.19	Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function Applied	Not required.	Metadata indicates which pixels are corrected for BRDF effects.				
2.20	Altitude (ASL)	The metadata indicates approximate altitude (ASL) of water body pixels is	As threshold.				

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		required for atmospheric correction (range = -430 to ~6500m)					

Radiometric and Atmospheric Corrections

The following requirements must be met for all pixels in a collection. The requirements indicate both the necessary outcomes (3.1-3.3) and the minimum steps necessary to be deemed to have achieved those outcomes (3.4 onwards). Radiometric corrections must lead to a valid measurement of aquatic reflectance.

#	Item	Threshold (Minimum) Requirements	Target (Desired) Requirements	Threshold Self-Assessment	Target Self-Assessment	Self-Assessment Explanation/Justification	Recommended Requirement Modification
3.1	Measurement	Pixel values are expressed as a measurement of the Aquatic Reflectance ($AR = \pi * R_{rs}$) or the Remote Sensing Reflectance (sr^{-1}) of the water bodies. This is a dimensionless value.	Aquatic Reflectance or Remote Sensing Reflectance measurements are SI traceable (see also 1.1).				
3.2	Measurement Uncertainty	Not required. <i>Note 1: In current practice, users determine fitness for purpose based on knowledge of the lineage of the data, rather than on a specific estimate of measurement uncertainty.</i>	An estimate of the uncertainty of the values is provided in measurement units. Following Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (GUM). <i>Note 1: This is a requirement for SI traceability. See also 1.1.</i> <i>Note 2: Information on measurement uncertainty should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.</i>				
3.3	Measurement Normalisation	Not required.	Measurements are normalised for solar and viewing conditions, including BRDF correction (see also 3.14). <i>Note 1: Information on measurement normalisation should be available in the</i>				

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			<i>metadata as single DOI landing page.</i>				
3.4	Atmospheric Reflectance Correction	<p>Metadata indicates corrections are applied for molecular (Rayleigh) scattering and aerosol scattering and absorption. Metadata contains a single DOI landing page with references to a citable peer-reviewed algorithm, technical documentation regarding the implementation of that algorithm and the sources of ancillary data used to make corrections.</p> <p><i>Note 1: Examples of technical documentation include an Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document, product user guide, etc.</i></p>	As threshold.				
3.5	Water Vapour Corrections	<p>Corrections are applied for water vapour if spectral bands are affected. Metadata contains a single DOI landing page with references to a citable peer-reviewed algorithm, technical documentation regarding the implementation of that algorithm.</p>	As threshold.				

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		<p><i>Note 1: Examples of technical documentation include an Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document, product user guide, etc.</i></p>					
3.6	<p>Ozone Corrections</p>	<p>Data is corrected for ozone if spectral bands are affected. Relevant metadata must be provided under 1.8 and 1.9. Metadata contains a single DOI landing page with references to a citable peer-reviewed algorithm, technical documentation regarding the implementation of the ozone correction algorithm.</p>	<p>As threshold.</p>				
3.7	<p>Other Trace Gaseous Absorption Corrections</p>	<p>Data is corrected for other trace gaseous absorption if spectral bands are affected. Relevant metadata must be provided under 1.8 and 1.9. Metadata contains a single DOI landing page with references to a citable peer-reviewed algorithm, technical documentation regarding the implementation of the</p>	<p>As threshold.</p>				

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		other trace gaseous absorption correction algorithm.					
3.8	Sun Glint Correction	Not required.	The metadata indicates the surface contributions from Sun glint removed from the data if a pixel is assessed as being of correctable (moderate) Sun glint.				
3.9	Sky Glint Correction	Sky glint is implicitly corrected for in the atmospheric correction procedure.	Sky glint is separately assessed and corrected for in the data processing. The metadata indicates the surface contributions from sky glint are removed from the data.				
3.10	Whitecap/ Foam Correction	The water-leaving reflectance or radiance is corrected for the contribution from surface whitecaps and foam if a pixel is assessed as affected by whitecaps or foam.	As threshold.				
3.11	Adjacency Effects Correction	Not required.	Information on adjacency effects correction (for example, citable peer-reviewed algorithm approach, technical documentation of				

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			the implementation, sources of ancillary data) should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.				
3.12	Floating Vegetation/ Surface Scum Correction	The metadata indicates whether a pixel has been corrected for floating vegetation/surface scum or not. In that case information on floating vegetation/surface scum water mask should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.	As threshold.				
3.13	Turbid Water Correction	The metadata indicates whether the atmospheric correction accounted for a pixel being turbid or not. In that case information on turbid water mask should be available in the metadata as a single DOI landing page.	As threshold.				
3.14	Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function Correction	Not required.	Data is corrected for BRDF effects (see also 3.3.).				

Geometric Corrections

Geometric corrections must place the measurement accurately on the surface of the Earth (that is, geolocate the measurement) allowing measurements taken through time to be compared.

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4.1	Geometric Correction	<p>Sub-pixel accuracy is achieved in <u>relative</u> geolocation, that is, the pixels from the same instrument and platform are consistently located, and are thus comparable, through time.</p> <p>Sub-pixel accuracy is taken to be less than or equal to 0.5-pixel radial root mean square error (rRMSE) or equivalent in Circular Error Probability (CEP) relative to a defined reference image.</p> <p>A consistent gridding/sampling frame is used, including common cell size, origin, and nominal sample point location within the cell (centre, ll, ur).</p> <p>Relevant metadata must be provided under 1.8 and 1.9. <i>Note 1: The threshold level will not necessarily enable interoperability between data from <u>different</u> sources</i></p>	<p>Sub-pixel accuracy is achieved relative to an identified absolute independent terrestrial referencing system (such as a national map grid).</p> <p>A consistent gridding/sampling frame is necessary to meet this requirement.</p> <p>Relevant metadata must be provided under 1.8 and 1.9. <i>Note 1: This requirement is intended to enable interoperability between imagery from different platforms that meet this level of correction and with non-image spatial data such as GIS layers and terrain models.</i></p>				

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		<i>as the geometric corrections for each of the sources may differ.</i>					

Summary Self-Assessment Table

	Threshold	Target
1. General Metadata		
1.1 Traceability	Not Required	
1.2 Metadata Machine Readability		
1.3 Data Collection Time		
1.4 Geographical Area		
1.5 Coordinate Reference System		
1.6 Map Projection		
1.7 Geometric Correction Methods	Not Required	
1.8 Geometric Accuracy of the Data	Not Required	
1.9 Instrument		
1.10 Spectral Bands		
1.11 Sensor Calibration	Not Required	
1.12 Radiometric Accuracy		
1.13 Algorithms		
1.14 Auxiliary Data		
1.15 Processing Chain Provenance	Not Required	
1.16 Data Access		
1.17 Overall Data Quality		
2. Per-Pixel Metadata		
2.1 Metadata Machine Readability		
2.2 No Data		
2.3 Per-pixel Assessment		
2.4 Saturation		
2.5 Cloud		
2.6 Cloud Shadow		
2.7 Land/Water Mask		
2.8 Sea/Lake/River Ice Mask		
2.9 Sun Glint		
2.10 Sky Glint	Not Required	
2.11 Whitecap/Foam Mask		
2.12 Solar and Viewing Geometry		
2.13 Adjacency Effects	Not Required	
2.14 Floating Vegetation/Surface Scum Mask		
2.15 Aerosol Optical Depth Parameters		
2.16 Deep/Shallow Water	Not Required	
2.17 Optically Deep or Optically Shallow Assessment		
2.18 Turbid Water Flag		
2.19 Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function Applied	Not Required	
2.20 Altitude (ASL)		
3. Radiometric and Atmospheric Corrections		
3.1 Measurement		
3.2 Measurement Uncertainty	Not Required	

3.3 Measurement Normalisation	Not Required	
3.4 Atmospheric Reflectance Correction		
3.5 Water Vapour Corrections		
3.6 Ozone Corrections		
3.7 Other Trace Gaseous Absorption Corrections		
3.8 Sun Glint Correction	Not Required	
3.9 Sky Glint Correction		
3.10 Whitecap/Foam Correction		
3.11 Adjacency Effects Correction	Not Required	
3.12 Floating Vegetation/Surface Scum Correction		
3.13 Turbid Water Correction		
3.14 Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function Correction	Not Required	
4. Geometric Corrections		
4.1 Geometric Correction		

Guidance

This section aims to provide background and specific information on the processing steps that can be used to achieve analysis ready data. This Guidance material does not replace or over-ride the specifications.

Introduction to CARD4L

What is CEOS Analysis Ready Data for Land (CARD4L) products?

CARD4L products have been processed to a minimum set of requirements and organized into a form that allows immediate analysis with a minimum of additional user effort. These products would be resampled onto a common geometric grid (for a given product) and would provide baseline data for further interoperability both through time and with other datasets.

CARD4L products are intended to be flexible and accessible products suitable for a wide range of users for a wide variety of applications, including particularly time series analysis and multi-sensor application development. They are also intended to support rapid ingestion and exploitation via high-performance computing, cloud computing and other future data architectures. They may not be suitable for all purposes and are not intended as a 'replacement' for other types of satellite products.

When can a product be called CARD4L?

The CARD4L branding is applied to a particular product once:

- that product has been assessed as meeting CARD4L requirements by the agency responsible for production and distribution of the product, and
- that assessment has been peer reviewed by the CEOS Land Surface Imaging Virtual Constellation in consultation with other CEOS working groups as appropriate, including the CEOS Working Group on Calibration and Validation.

Agencies or other entities considering undertaking an assessment process should contact the [Land Surface Imaging Virtual Constellation](#).

A product can continue to use CARD4L branding as long as its generation and distribution remain consistent with the peer-reviewed assessment.

What is the difference between Threshold and Target?

Products that meet all threshold requirements should be immediately useful for scientific analysis or decision-making.

Products that meet target requirements will reduce the overall product uncertainties and enhance broad-scale applications. For example, the products may enhance interoperability or provide increased accuracy through additional corrections that are not reasonable at the *threshold* level.

Target requirements anticipate continuous improvement of methods and evolution of community expectations, which are both normal and inevitable in a developing field. Over time, *target* specifications may (and subject to due process) become accepted as *threshold* requirements.

Procedural Examples

Processes to produce Threshold Aquatic Reflectance CARD4L:

The following correction processes would typically be applied to produce CARD4L-AR Threshold:

- *No example processes are provided at this time.*

The following additional processes could be applied to produce CARD4L-AR Target:

- *No example processes are provided at this time.*

Specific Examples

Processes to produce Threshold Aquatic Reflectance CARD4L.

- *No example processes are provided at this time.*

Reference Papers

The following papers provide scientific and technical guidance:

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Bourg, L., 2014. Sentinel-3 OLCI Level-0 and Level-1B ATBD. Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document S3-ACR-TN-007, Issue 5.0, ACRI, 10 December 2014. (*Supports requirement 2.9*)

Brando, V.E., Anstee, J.M., Wettle, M., Dekker, A.G., Phinn, S.R., & Roelfsema, C., 2009. A physics based retrieval and quality assessment of bathymetry from suboptimal hyperspectral data. *Remote Sens. Environ.* 113(4), 755-770, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rse.2008.12.003>. (*Supports requirement 2.17*)

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Brockmann, C., Kirches, G., Militzer, J., & Stelzer, K., 2015. SENTINEL 3 – LAND-WATER MASK, Version 1.2. Technical Note S3_LandWaterMask_v1_2.docx, Brockmann Consult GmbH, 14.08.2015. (*Supports requirement 2.7*)

Bulgarelli, B. & Zibordi, G., 2018a. On the detectability of adjacency effects in ocean color remote sensing of mid-latitude coastal environments by SeaWiFS, MODIS-A, MERIS, OLCI, OLI and MSI.

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