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Introduction

Accurately calibrated multi-, hyper-, and ultra-spectral remote sensing measurement systems are rapidly becoming the instruments of choice for observing a wide variety of geophysical variables from ground-, aircraft-, and satellite-based platforms. New data processing and analysis techniques are emerging for the optimum interpretation of resultant radiance measurements obtained by these spectrometer systems, covering a spectral range from the visible to the far infrared, to enable a wide range of research and operational applications; geophysical applications include, for example, surface and cloud property characterizations along with retrievals of atmospheric state, dynamics, and composition, all at high spatial resolution while simultaneously covering large areas. Geophysical remote sensing data products from multi- to ultra-spectral remote sensing systems promise to accelerate scientific research on environmental processes, enable efficient monitoring of environmental variables, and lead to improved predictive capability for such parameters and how they respond to natural and anthropogenic external forcings. New and improved technologies and techniques promise smaller and lighter next-generation sensor systems for enhancing current and enabling new future measurement capabilities.

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