Downscaling LST data to estimate field-scale evapotranspiration using images from the SPOT-5 Take-5 experiment







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I. Introduction (motivation)

Time series of high spatial and temporal resolution images are key inputs in numerous studies, e.g water resources management.

There is a limitation in the existing satellites since those with high revisit cycles do not offer high spatial resolution (HR), and those offering HR have low temporal resolution.

This is especially remarkable when using thermal infrared (TIR) bands because they have lower spatial resolution than the visible and near infrared (VNIR) bands onboard the same sensor



I. Introduction (necessity)

There are HR sensors provided with VNIR bands (no TIR band) that might be helpful at this point. SPOT series is an example.



In our research we are interested in providing LST at high spatial and temporal resolutions to fulfill the requirements in the estimation of surface energy fluxes and evapotranspiration



Sentinel-2 will be offering 5-day temporal resolution and 10-20 m spatial resolution in the VNIR bands, whereas no TIR information is provided.

The combination of Sentinel-2 and Sentinel-3 could offer the desired solution of spatial and temporal resolution. The relationship between TIR and VNIR bands could be extracted from Sentinel-3 and then applied to Sentinel-2.

I. Introduction (Objective)

SPOT-5 Take 5 ESA experiment:

- Place Spot-5 in a 5-day orbit
- Support the preparation for the Sentinel-2 mission

Comparison between SPOT and Sentinel-2, VNIR band features

	SPOT 5	Sentinel-2
Launch Date – End	05/04/2002 -	06/23/2015 -
mission	03/31/2015*	
Revisit time (days)	1-3	5
Swath (km)	60	290
Multispectral bands	4	10
Spatial Resolution	10 m	4(10m)
		4(20m)
		2(60m)

The aim of this work is to the use disaggregated temperatures from two different satellites, in order to obtain surface energy fluxes from sensors without thermal bands (e.g. Sentinel 2) in agricultural areas.

Spot-5 and MODIS imagery are used in this work because they have similar characteristics to Sentinel 2 and 3, respectively.

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II. Methods

<u>(Study site)</u>

- Barrax, Central Spain (39° 03' 35'' N, 2° 06' W)
- Flat area, average altitude 700 m
- ESA test site
- Variety of land uses and croplands



False color Spot-5 image (R: NIR, G: red, B: green) for date 06/29/2015





II. Methods (Study site)



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Two agricultural fields with ground data (LST and surface energy fluxes):

Vineyard: Eddy-covariance with sensible heat flux and evapotranspiration, net radiometer, and ground heat flux plates

•Grass field: lysimeter (evapotranspiration) and net radiometer.





Eddy-covariance



Lysimeter

II. Methods (Disaggregation techniques)



Bisquert, M.; Sánchez, J. M.; Caselles, V. (2016). Evaluation of Disaggregation Methods for Downscaling Modis Land Surface Temperature to Landsat Spatial Resolution in Barrax Test Site. *IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing*, 9(4), 1430-1438.

II. Methods (Evapotranspiration)

 Evapotranspiration estimation from remote sensing based on the energy balance equation (EBE)



II. Methods (STSEB)

Simplified two-source energy balance model



Sánchez, J. M.; Kustas, W.P.; Caselles, V; Anderson, M.C. Modelling surface energy fluxes over maize using a two-source patch model and radiometric soil and canopy temperature observations. *Remote Sensing of Environment, 2008*, 112, 1130-1143.

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III. Results (LST disaggregation assessment)

May

July

III. Results (LST disaggregation assessment)

MODIS – Spot disaggregation

Disaggregated LST (10 m)

MODIS LST (1 km)

309

299

304

314 K

III. Results (LST disaggregation assessment)

MODIS – Spot disaggregation

Disaggregated LST (10 m)

MODIS LST (1 km)

Excluding irrigated fields

III. Results

(Surface energy fluxes assessment)

Vineyard

➤Grass:

Weighting lysimeter(evapotranspiration)

□Net radiometer

➢Vineyard

Eddy-covariance system : sensible heat flux and evapotranspiration (installed in June),

□ Net radiometer

Soil heat flux plates

III. Results (Field scale assessment - Spot)

Daily assessment

BIAS: -0.5 mm d⁻¹ RMSE: ± 1.2 mm d⁻¹ MADP: 19%

III. Results (Field scale assessment - Spot)

Instant.	BIAS	RMSE	MAD	MADP
LST (°C)	0.2	2.4	2.0	5 %
Rn (W/m²)	6	26	21	3 %
LE (W/m ²)	14	80	70	25 %

Daily	BIAS	RMSE	MAD	MADP
Rn (W/m²)	2	7	6	3 %
LE (mm d ⁻¹)	-0.5	1.2	0.9	19 %

III. Results (Image scale assessment - Spot) MODIS Spot disaggregated Landsat 310 320 330 K 294 300

Example of LST images corresponding to DOY 141. A Spot image subset (upper row), and a zoom to the experimental area (bottom row) are shown.

III. Results (Image scale assessment - Spot)

□ Maps of daily ET (mm d⁻¹) corresponding to DOY 237 obtained from:

Statistics of the differences between the surface energy fluxes obtained from the Spot disaggregated and the Landsat 7 images

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IV. Conclusions

A disaggregation method was applied to MODIS and Spot-5 imagery in a heterogeneous area of central Spain.

Disaggregated LSTs at 10 m spatial resolution were used, together with the Spot-5 VNIR bands, for the evapotranspiration estimation from the STSEB model.

Ground measurements of LST and surface energy fluxes in a variety of crops fields and from different dates were used in **a local assessment**.

□ Results obtained are encouraging, showing errors of ±2.4 °C in LST, and lower than 20% in terms of daily evapotranspiration.

□ These findings reinforce the application of disaggregation procedures to sensors provided with no thermal bands.

The application to Sentinel-2, with a high revisit cycle, could provide the time series of disaggregated LSTs and surface energy fluxes at high temporal and spatial resolution required for studies related to hydrology, climatology or agriculture.

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