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Shortwave reflected energy from the Earth Polychromatic Imaging Camera compared with NISTAR

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Road Map

Use spectral information from AVIRS aircraft observations to fill in EPIC spectral gaps.

- 1 For each EPIC pixel choose a high resolution AVIRS spectrum based on earth surface type
- 2 Construct a composite high resolution spectrum that fits the 6 EPIC channels.
Mixture of spectra from solid cloud and spectra from earth surface
- 3 Spectrally integrate to produce SW energy from composite spectra for each EPIC pixel

Comparison

- 1 Pixel level comparison EPIC SW energy with CERES Single Scanner Foot print product
up to 30 minutes time difference
- 2 Compare area integrated EPIC SW energy with NISTAR Band B 4-hour time averages

High Spectral Resolution information from SCIAMACHY versus AVIRIS

SCIAMACHY: 275nm – 2micron
parts of spectra sampled at different geographic locations



365nm – 2.5micron
Full complete Spectra at single geographic location

Merge UV part of SCIAMACHY with visible near-IR part of AVIRIS

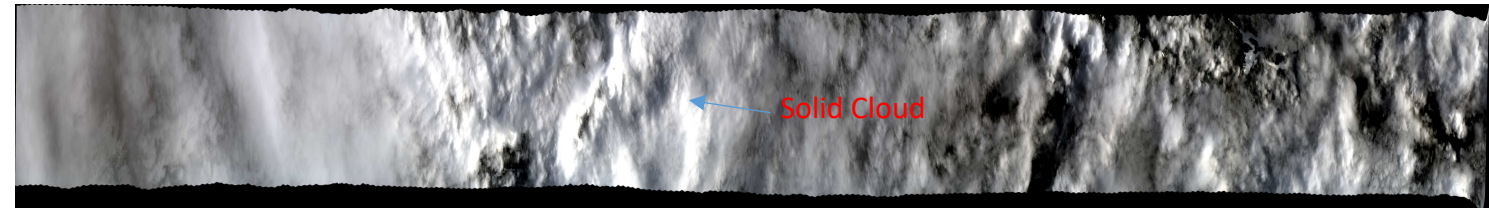
Cloud over Ocean

SCIAMACHY



between .275 to .365 microns

224 channels between .365 and 2.5 microns



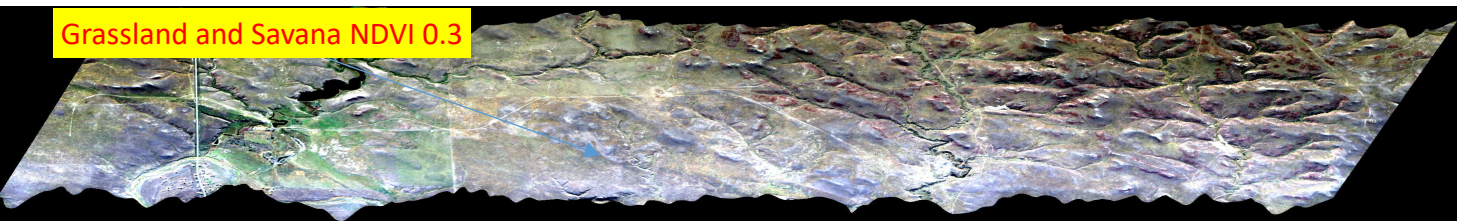
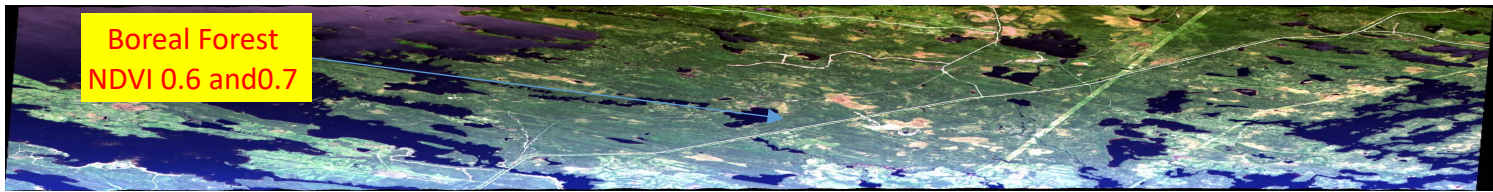
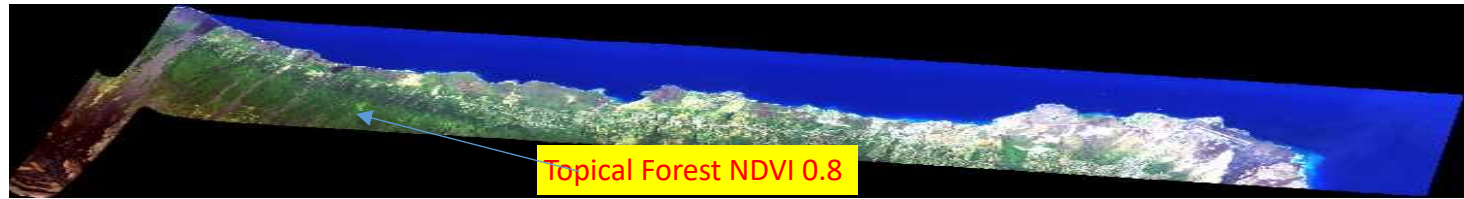
Composite Spectra = Open_Ocean_spectra * **cld_fraction** + Cloud_spectra * (1 - **cld_fraction**)

cld_fraction adjusted to fit shape of 6 EPIC radiances

Cloud over Land



Possible Land surfaces



EPIC radiance $\text{Wm}^{-2} \text{str}^{-1} \text{nm}^{-1}$

$$I_{\lambda} = \text{EPIC counts} * K_{\lambda} (\text{calib factor}) * S_{\lambda} (\text{solar flux}) / \pi \quad \lambda = 340, 388, 443, 551, 680, 780 \text{ (nm)}$$

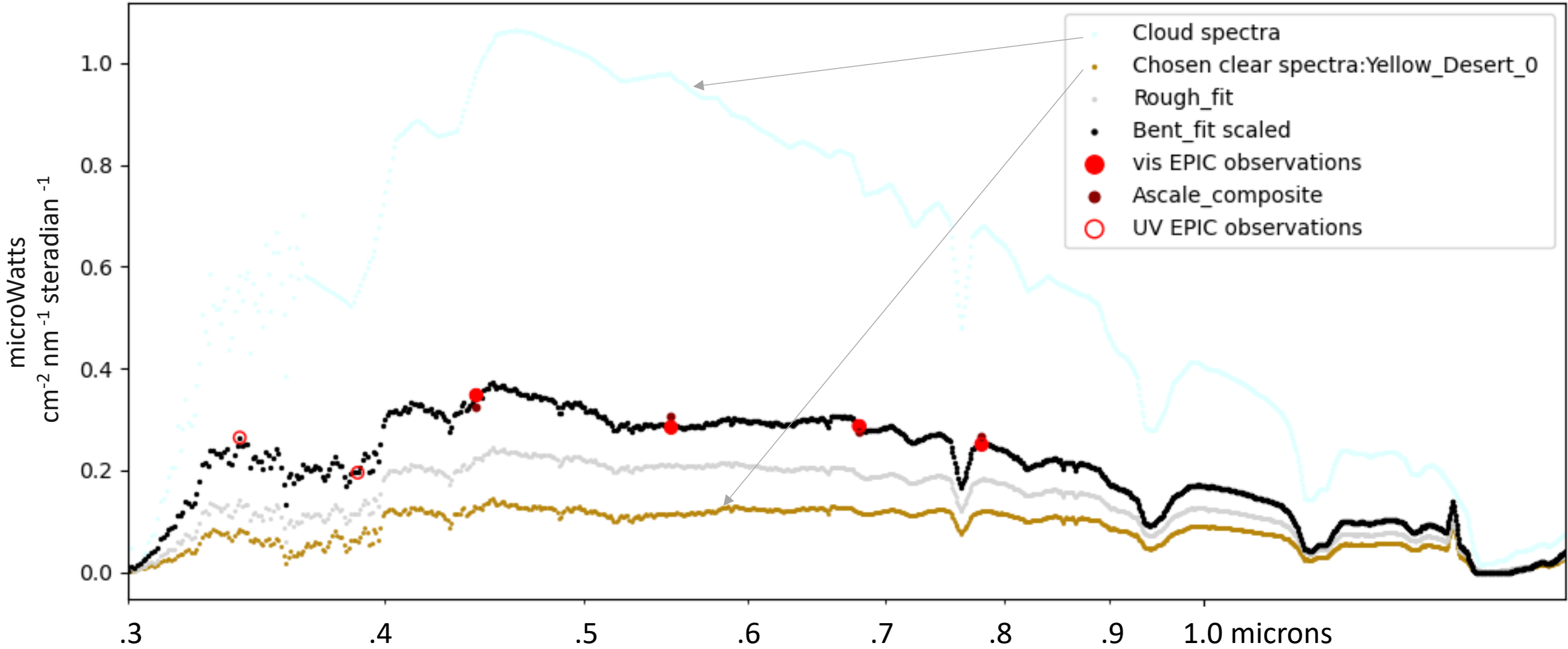
VLIDORT (Vector Linearized Discrete Ordinate Radiative Transfer package) used to account for differences in viewing and illumination geometry

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Yellow_Desert_0 Surftyp:16

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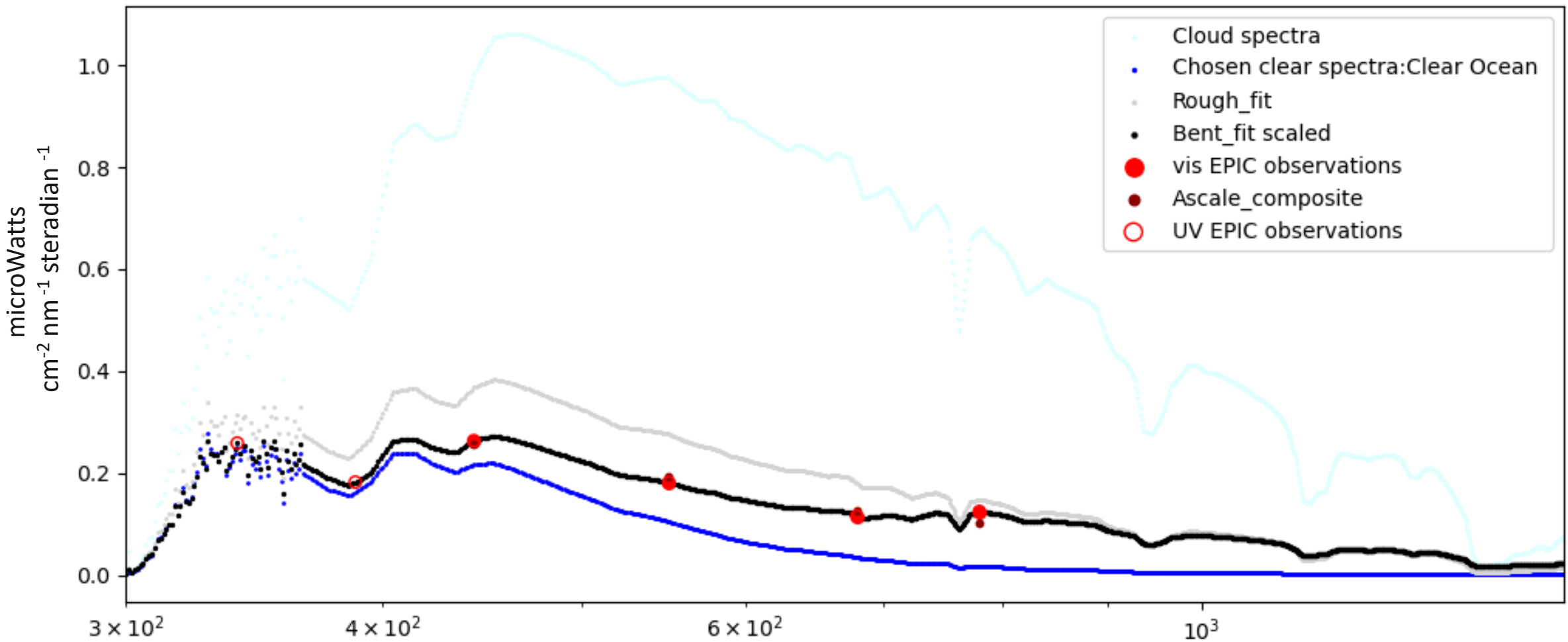


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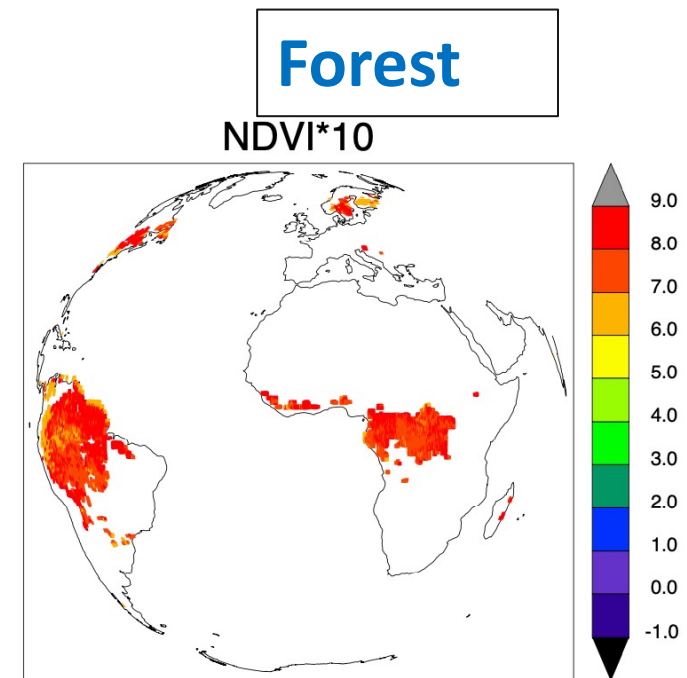
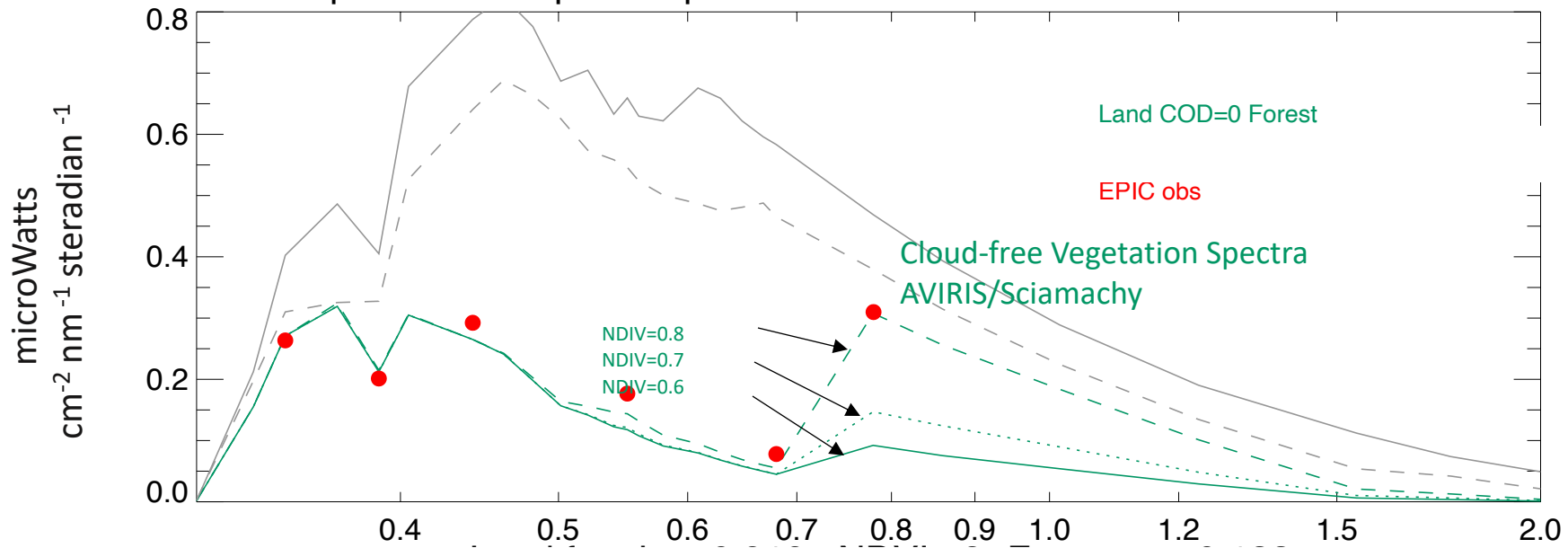
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Clear Ocean Surftyp:16

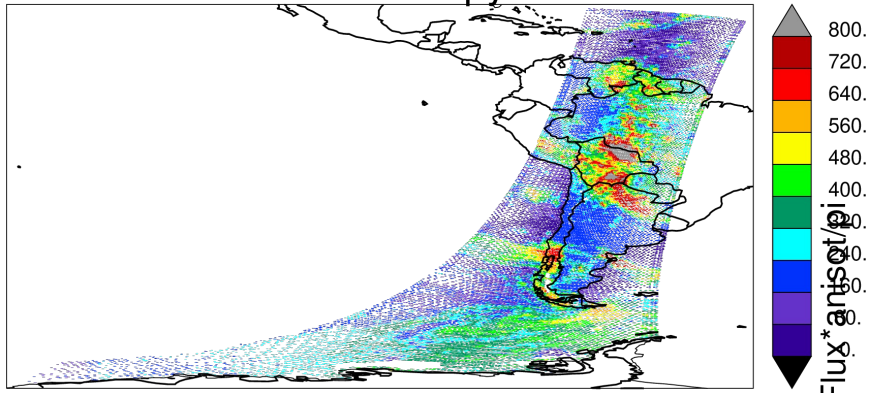
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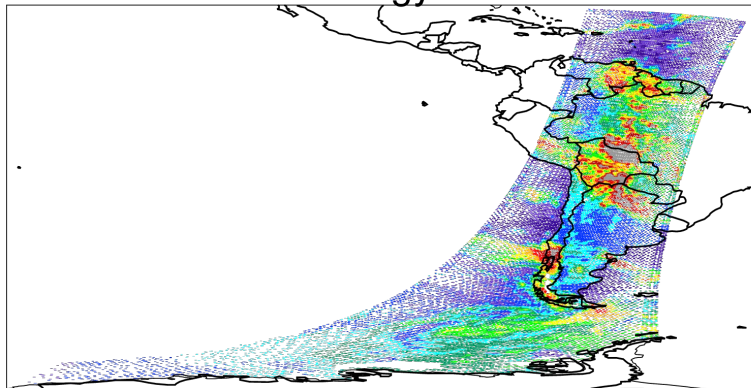
AVIRIS spectra Watts per m2 per nano meter SZA= 59.6 Lat= 3.4 Lon= -57.3



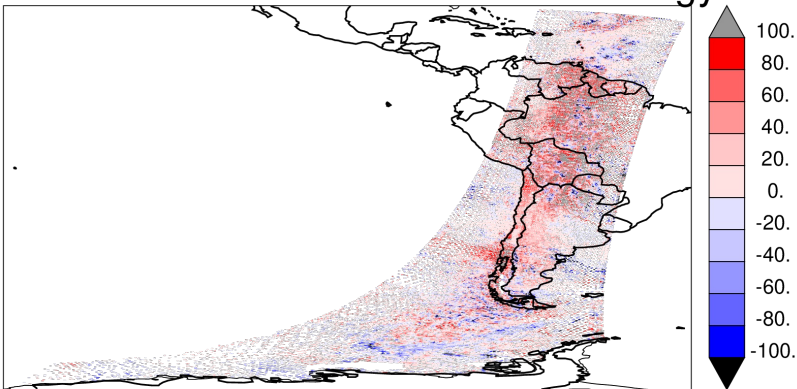
CERES SSF Flux*Anisotropy Mean= 309.9



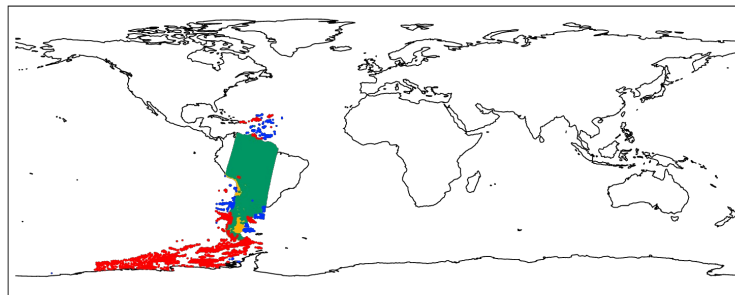
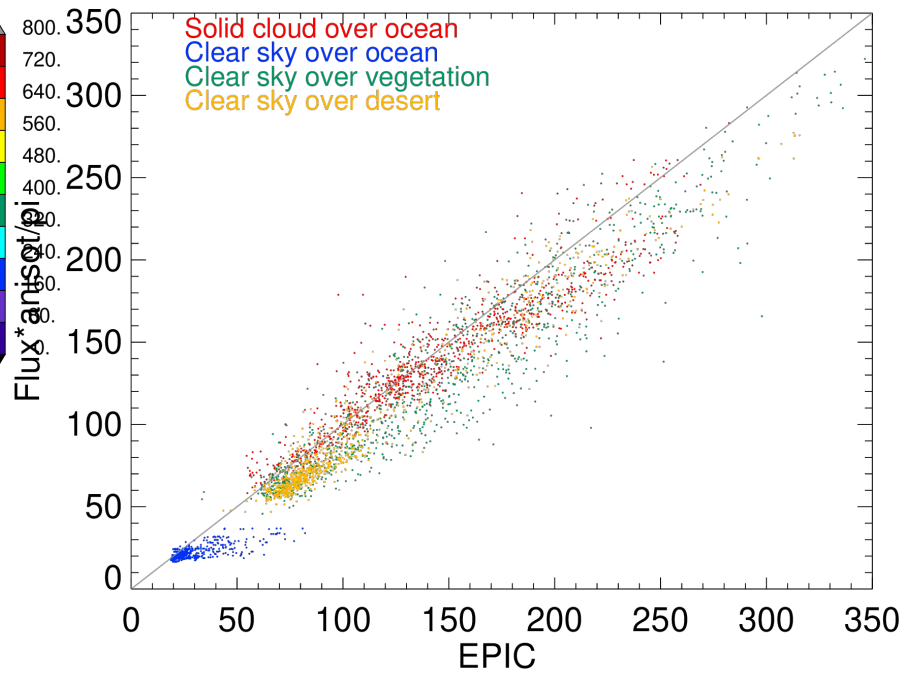
EPIC AVIRIS Energy Mean= 340.1



EPIC AVIRIS minus CERES SSF Energy

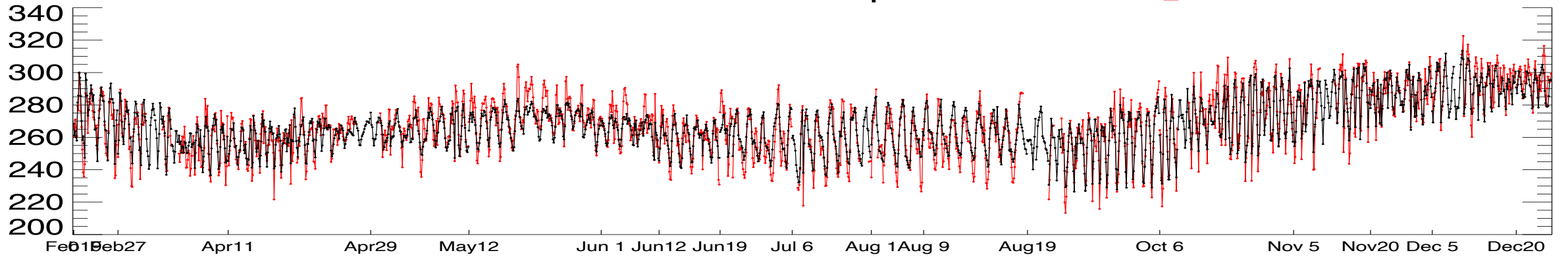


Correlation 0.96



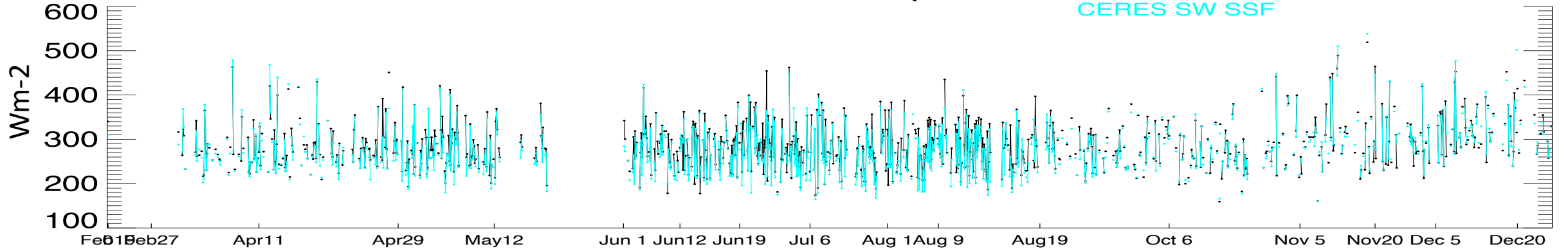
Full Disc comparison

EPIC SW
NISTAR_Bfiltered SW



Partial Disc comparison

EPIC SW on SSF
CERES SW SSF



mean(EPIC SW minus NISTAR_Bfiltered SW) = -0.33

