



JAXA GCOM-C research and applications

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1. Introduction: JAXA Earth observation satellite missions



1. Introduction: GCOM-C science mission schedule



- In the extension phase, the application researches will be more focused (monitoring of the earth system change, practical application, and connection to the operational uses)
- ✓ Product development/evaluation supporting the applications will be continued

1. Introduction: GCOM-C/SGLI

Global Change Observation Mission – Climate, "SHIKISAI"



✓ SGLI has 250-m spatial resolution with 1150-1400 km swath and 19 channels in 0.38-12 µm wavelengths including 2 polarization channels



	GCOM-C characteristics									
Laund	Launch Date 23 Dec. 2017 (data available since 1 Jan 2018)									
Orbit Sun-synchronous (descending local time: 10:30am), Altitude: 798km, Inclination: 98.6deg										
	SGLI channel specification									
swath		λ	Δλ	L _{std}	L _{max}	SNR@L _{std}	IFOV			
km	СН	nı	n	W/m K: I	²/sr/µm Kelvin	- Κ: ΝΕΔΤ	m			
	VN01	380.0	10.6	60	240-241	624-675	250 /1000			
Ê	VN02	412.5	10.3	75	305-318	786-826	250 /1000			
sca	VN03	443.2	10.1	64	457-467	487-531	250 /1000			
iric	VN04	489.8	10.3	53	147-150	858-870	250 /1000			
lect	VN05	529.6	19.1	41	361-364	457-522	250 /1000			
E G	VN06	566.2	19.8	33	95-96	1027-1064	250 /1000			
50k	VN07	672.0	22.0	23	69-70	988-1088	250 /1000			
-brd	VN08	672.1	21.9	25	213-217	537-564	250 /1000			
lsh-	VN09	763.1	11.4	40	351-359	1592-1746*	250 /1000*			
br	VN10	866.8	20.9	8	37-38	470-510	250 /1000			
NR:	VN11	867.1	20.8	30	305-306	471-511	250 /1000			
S	PL01	671.9	20.6	25	293	609	1000@nadir			
	PL02	866.2	20.3	30	396	646	1000@nadir			
Ê	SW01	1055	21.1	57	289.2	951.8	1000			
	SW02	1385	20.1	8	118.9	347.3	1000			
okn k-b	SW03	1635	195.0	3	50.6	100.5	250 /1000			
40(/his	SW04	2209	50.4	1.9	21.7	378.7	1000			
S: v	TI01	10793	756	300K	340K	0.08K	250/ 500 /1000			
(IR	TI02	11956	759	300K	340K	0.13K	250/ 500 /1000			

https://suzaku.eorc.jaxa.jp/GCOM_C/data/prelaunch/index.html

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1. Introduction: GCOM-C Ver. 3 products

- ✓ Ver.3 standard products (Level-1, 2, and 3 HDF5 format) have been open to the public via JAXA data portal, G-Portal (search and direct SFTP)
- ✓ Reprocessing status: <u>https://shikisai.jaxa.jp/status_v3_en.html</u>
- ✓ Some products are available via JAXA multi-sensor data site, JASMES (binary or NetCDF)
- ✓ Validation by in-situ observations and other satellites <u>https://suzaku.eorc.jaxa.jp/GCOM_C/data/validation.html</u>



https://gportal.jaxa.jp/gpr/

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Information	COLL Standard Date / IASMES Sympthysize released
2019.01.18	SCI Near-Reatine Data and mission
2018.08.08	Our Web, FTP service will be temporarily unavailable due to maintenance during the following period: 0320-04-00/UFCI, Aug. 21
2017.11.14	Our Web, FTP service will be temporarily unavailable due to maintenance during the following period: 01:00-08:30(UTC), Nov. 15
2017.10.19	The License has revised (free for commercial use).
2016.03.02	Tema MODIS was transitioned to science mode on Feb 24, 2016 (day 655) after being in safe mode sinc Feb 19, 2016 (day 049). Due to an abnormal operating temperature for the SWIR and U/WIR FAA, produ- fere and 055 056 mode and the added in the methods. See the state of the SWIR and U/WIR FAA, produ- fere and 055 056 mode and the added in the methods.

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Examples of GCOM-C global monthly map (Level-3) April 2022

2. Calibration: SGLI radiometric calibration system

- ✓ Level-1 radiometric calibration is based on the sensor model constructed by the pre-launch characterization
- ✓ Temporal change is corrected by the <u>on-board calibration</u> results updated every 6 months in the L1 processing
- ✓ <u>Vicarious</u> and <u>cross calibration</u> will be used for confirmation of the onboard calibration, and more accurate calibration (adjustment) required for the L2 algorithms



2. Calibration: Key revisions of post-launch SGLI calibration



2. Calibration: Vicarious calibration

- SGLI vicarious calibration uses in-situ reflectance measurements over various surfaces, MOBY, BOUSSOLE, RadCalNet, Ice sheet, etc., (after the temporal change correction in L1B processing)
- The results are confirmed by cross calibration with MODIS R_{rs} over the ocean, and PICSCAR over the desert
- ✓ Spectral shapes of the coefficients were roughly consistent among the results over the various surfaces (<5% except for absorption channels)
- Coefficients by MOBY+BOUSSOLE have applied to the ocean color processing



λ(nm)(channel)	380 (VN01)	412 (VN02)	443 (VN03)	490 (VN04)	530 (VN05)	566 (VN06)	672 (VN07)	672 (VN08)	763 (VN09)	867 (VN10)	867 (VN11)	1055 (SW01)	1385 (SW02)	1635 (SW03)	2209 (SW04)	672 (PI01)	866 (PI02)
kv0(MOBY+BOUSSOLE N=83)	0.992	1.037	1.011	1.026	1.062	1.040	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.991 * ²	0.979 * ²
kv0(MOBY N=69)	0.996	1.041	1.015	1.030	1.066	1.043	1.0	0.994	0.948	1.0	0.994						
kv0(BOUSSOLE N=14)	0.971	1.013	0.989	1.007	1.043	1.028	1.0	0.992	0.954	1.0	0.979						
kv0(Aqua Rrs N=43621501)	0.985	1.024	1.006	1.010	1.060	1.038	1.0	1.007	0.979	1.0	0.988						
kv0(RadCALNet N=226)	0.967	1.009	0.979	0.994	1.015			0.994	1.054		0.991	1.033		1.005	1.037		
kv0(PICSCAR Libya4 N=443)	0.977	0.995	0.969	1.010	1.005			1.011			0.983	1.010		0.977		1.0201	0.9851
kv0(EGRIP N=3)	0.976	1.030	1.001		1.047				0.963		1.003	1.015		0.930	0.954		

*2 They are derived by comparison of TOA reflectance of the POL nadir path (RSP034) in 2020

https://suzaku.eorc.jaxa.jp/GCOM_C/data/prelaunch/index_cal.html

3. Validation: Ver.3 OC products



Validation

Validation activities aim to evaluate the accuracy of geophysical products by comparing in-situ measurements and/or other satellite products with SGLI estimates. These activities will be implemented by effectively using the operational in-situ observations in cooperation with the worldwide meteorological/oceanographical organizations, and by conducting dedicated field observations for particular geophysical variables like chlorophyll-a concentration.

The validation results for each product are the following.

Validation Results of SGLI Standard Products (Level-2)

Version 3.0

③ SGLI L2 Product Summary △ (Eng., PDF 1.2MB)

③ SGLI L2 Land Products ▷ (Eng., PDF 5.6MB)

③ SGLI L2 Atmosphere Products ☑ (Eng., PDF 3.6MB)

③ SGLI L2 Ocean Products ☑ (Eng., PDF 2.7MB)

③ SGLI L2 Cryosphere Products 🖄 (Eng., PDF 1.2MB)

All-in-one package file: SGLI L2 Summary and Results of All Products
(Eng., PDF 12.6MB) The in-situ data has been provided by GCOM-C ocean group PIs and Japan Fisheries Research and Education Agency

✓ JAXA partially support the observations (e.g., instrument, consumables, travel, ..)

https://suzaku.eorc.jaxa.jp/GCOM_C/data/validation.html



- NWLR(490nm, 565nm) achieved the target accuracies, NWLR(380-443nm, 530nm, 673.5nm) achieved the standard accuracies.
- Increased number of valid pixels [Version 2]: 117-616 points → [Version3]: 133-693 points

Validation Result	Release Accuracy	Standard Accuracy	Target Accuracy
[Ver. 2] 21-42%→[Ver. 3] 23-46%	60%(443-565 nm)	$50\% (\leq 600 \mathrm{nm})$	$30\% (\leq 600 \mathrm{nm})$
[Ver. 2]0.61 →[Ver. 3] 0.499W/m ² /sr/um	N/A	0.5W/m2/sr/um (>600 nm)	0.25W/m2/sr/um (>600 nm)



Validation Result	Release Accuracy	Standard Accuracy	Target Accuracy
[Ver. 2] -55~121% →[Ver. 2] -58~137%	-60%~+150%(offshore)	-60%~+150%	-35%~+50%(offshore) -50%~+100%(coastal)

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3. Validation: Aeronet-OC/Ariake-Tower replacement

Considering the operation termination of the Saga Univ. Ariake observation tower mounting the Aeronet-OC system, we have moved the sensor to the Ariake Hayatsue-gawa tower of Saga Prefectural Ariake Fisheries Research and Development Center

ARIAKE_TOWER (33.104N, 130.272E; Feb 2018-Mar 2023) operated by Saga University. It is about 5 km from the coast of Saga city in Ariake Sea

ARIAKE_TOWER_2 (33.114N, 130.298E; 23 Sep. 2023-) operated by JAXA on Ariake Hayatsue-gawa tower of Saga Prefectural Ariake Fisheries Research and Development Center in Ariake Sea, Japan. It is about 3.6 km south from the coast of Saga city in Ariake Sea.



3. Validation: Comparison to BioGeoChemical (BGC) Argo



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4. SGLI observation: Five years SGLI observation of Earth environment GCOM-C

- (1) Floating algae has captured by 250-m OC in the East China Sea every year
- (2) Large <u>suspended sediment (SS) plumes</u> and land flooding areas could be seen by 250-m resolution after the heavy rain every year
- (3) Heavy <u>aerosol events from wildfires</u> were captured by SGLI polarimetry (POL) and SGLI near-ultraviolet (NUV) channel in every year
- (4) Continuous <u>Kuroshio large meander</u> since the GCOM-C launch; the ocean surface current from short time change between SGLI and OLCI
- (5) Year to year difference of the vegetation phenology in the northeast Asia
- (6) <u>coccolithophore bloom</u> in the Sagami Bay in May 2020
- (7) Anomalous ocean color around Nishinoshima volcano in July 2020
- (8) Significant <u>decrease of shortwave radiation</u> by the long-continued rain band over the East Asia in July 2020
- (9) Upwelling of SS by typhoons in the East China Sea in summer 2020
- (10) Kosa events captured by SGLI NUV channel in March-May 2021 and 2023
- (11) Unusual high sea-surface temperature in the Japan Sea in summer 2021
- (12) Large scale red tide in the east coast of Hokkaido, Sep.-Nov. 2021
- (13) <u>Pumice rafts</u> from Fukutoku-Oka-no-Ba after 14 Aug. 2021
- (14) <u>Aerosol from Tonga volcano in Jan. 2022</u>





4. SGLI observation: Various red tide spectra around Japan by SGLI 250m





Note: they are not the spectra of the target materials but the ones of the SGLI pixels including the target materials

4. SGLI observation: SGLI Resent 5-year monthly anomaly

- As a first step, we made SGLI climatology data by the simple way using 2000-2019 average of MODIS product (2002-2019 for CHLA) and SGLI-MODIS difference in the overlap period, 2018-2022
- Anomaly images and monthly climatology files are available: <u>https://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/JASMES/SGLI_STD/</u>

- ✓ The first half (~2020/04) tended to El Niño and positive PDO
- ✓ The latter part tended to La Niña (2020/06-2021/04 and 2021/09-2023/1) and negative PDO



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5. Summary

- ✓ GCOM-C/SGLI has been operated continuously and accumulated global data for about 6 years since Jan 2018; the operation phase has been <u>transitioned to the extension phase since 2023</u>
- Temporal change of radiometric calibration has been corrected in L1B processing based on the lunar calibration by GIRO
- ✓ VNR dark signal (offset) is monitored and reflected to the calibration tables every 6 months
- \checkmark Vicarious calibration by using MOBY and BOUSSOLE has been reflected to the OC processing
- ✓ SGLI OC products have been validated by in-situ measurements provided by PIs and collaborative institutes
- ✓ SGLI has observed various environmental events in the five years including red tide, pumice rafts, floating algae, coastal sediment by the multi channels with 250-m resolution
- ✓ We have started timeseries analysis of SST, Chl-*a*, SWR, NDVI, LST, AOT.. by combined use of multiple sensors, however, more precise consistency of the datasets, algorithms and calibration is essential for reliable time series analysis for the climate researches
- ✓ In the extension phase, we will more focus on application researches (monitoring/prediction of the earth system change (SENTAN, ArCS II) and bridging to the operational uses) in addition to the product development/evaluation required by the applications



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2. Calibration: Vicarious calibration

- SGLI vicarious calibration is based on in-situ water-leaving radiance (L_{wn}) observation of MOBY (Clark et al., 2003) and BOUSSOLE (Antoine et al., 2006) with BRDF correction by Morel and Maritorena 2001
- For each in-situ observation (clear sky and out of the sun-glint area), the aerosol reflectance and transmittance are estimated by SGLI observations at VN07 and VN10 as same as the ocean-color atmospheric correction except for using in-situ L_{wn} at VN07 band



2. Calibration: SGLI Lunar CAL by GIRO

- <u>GCOM-C SGLI lunar calibration is regularly updated by the monthly (phase angle ~7°)</u> <u>lunar observation operations (by the pitch maneuver; 69 times in 2018-2023) with GIRO</u>
- All SGLI lunar observation data (GIRO input/output files) have been submitted to GLOD

 \checkmark The temporal change, b_{ch} is estimated by the multiple regression with the lunar phase angle, g_n

 $f_{ch,n} = a_{ch} \times g_n + b_{ch} \times d_n + c_{ch}$ (d: days from launch, ch: SGLI channels)





2. Calibration: Comparison among on-board calibrations

- ✓ The lunar CAL is operated by each lunar period (29 days), the solar CAL and internal-lamp CAL by every 8 days
- ✓ The lunar model is used to evaluate the temporal change because it can include bias error
- ✓ The solar calibration can include estimation error from temporal change of the diffuser reflectance; the internal lamp calibration can include errors from temporal changes of internal-lamp illuminance and the diffuser reflectance



Temporal change of the lunar, solar, and internal lamp calibrations from 2018 to 2022 (results of VN0, VN0, VN11 and SW03 are shown)

2. Calibration: Vicarious calibration of SGLI Polarimetry

- SGLI polarimetry (two wavelengths, 670nm and 865nm with 45-deg slant-view telescopes) is evaluated by the polarization reflectance simulated by the radiative transfer code (Pstar4*) using SGLI non-polarization observation (nadir-view telescopes)
- Method:
 - 1. <u>Aerosol properties (AOT and aerosol-type models) are estimated by the non-polarization nadir-view channels</u> (VN08, VN11)
 - 2. <u>Sunglint reflectance</u> of polarization slant-view channels are estimated <u>by the observed I component</u> and the estimated aerosol properties
 - 3. <u>TOA polarization reflectance</u> at 670nm and 865nm (RP01 and RP02 respectively) are simulated by <u>Pstar4</u> using the sunglint reflectance and the aerosol properties in the clear sky areas of AOT<0.1
- ✓ RP01/Pstar4=1.01 (RMSD=0.007), RP02/Pstar4=1.02 (RMSD=0.007) as the average of 2018-2022



Examples of SGLI observed and Pstar4 simulated polarization reflectance in Sep. 2022



Examples of comparison between SGLI and Pstar4 simulated RP in Sep. 2022

* Ota Y, Higurashi A, Nakajima T, Yokota T (2010) Matrix formulations of radiative transfer including the polarization effect in a coupled atmosphere-ocean system. J Quant Spectrosc Radiat Transfer 111:878–894. <u>https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jqsrt.2009.11.021</u>.

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4. SGLI observation: Time series analysis

✓ As a first step, the SGLI climatology data were simply made by using 2000-2019 average of MODIS product (2002-2019 for CHLA) and SGLI-MODIS difference in the overlap period, 2018-2022









Datasets in the climatology file (netCDF): *tag_*climatology: synthesized climatology for SGLI (offset corrected) *tag_*MODIS_average: MODIS average (can be used for MODIS) *tag_*SGLI_STD: Standard deviation of SGLI in the overlap period *tag_*MODIS_STD: Standard deviation of MODIS in the overlap period *tag_*NUM: Match- up sample number in the overlap period

Target variables	tag	SGLI (2018-)	MODIS (2000-)
Land surface temperature	LST	SGLI v3	NASA MOD21C3, day/night-time separately
Normalized Difference Vegetation Index	NDVI	SGLI v3	NASA MOD13C2, MOD13Q1 (around Japan)
Sea surface temperature	SST	SGLI v3	Terra NASA OBPG MODIS, day/night-time
Chlorophyll-a concentration	CHLA	SGLI v3 + QC	NASA OBPG Aqua MODIS (chlor_a)
Daily mean of shortwave radiation	SWR	SGLI v3	JASMES Terra+Aqua MODIS
Aerosol Optical thickness	AROT	SGLI v3 + QC	NRL C3 and NASA MCDAODHD AOD

✓ Anomaly images and monthly climatology files are available: <u>https://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/JASMES/SGLI_STD/</u>

information about GCOM-C/SGLI



3. GCOM-C timeseries analysis: JASMES homepage

Атеа

Global (Skm

Ascending

Daily

Land



✓ The anomaly images (and the climatology data for SGLI monthly data) will be open from JAXA/EORC homepage (JASMES)

GCOM-C research targets

Extension phase

- ✓ Application researches about monitoring & prediction of the earth system change (SENTAN, ArCS II), and bridging to the operational uses will be more focused
- Product development/evaluation supporting the applications will be continued
- $\checkmark\,$ Focus on timeseries
 - timeseries and anomaly map by synthesizing with other satellite data (currently SST, LST, SWR, albedo, NDVI, LAI, CHLA, NUV, POL,..)
 - We will make longer own timeseries with effective use of the SGLI characteristics including polarimetry, near-UV, and 250-m resolution

Target researches about the earth system

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