Narrowband to broadband conversions of land surface albedo I Algorithms

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- High resolution, narrowband observation
- Broadband Albedo
 - Used to be estimated from broadband sensors
 - Accurate determination requires multispectral sensors (narrowband observation)



- The derivation of surface broadband albedos from narrowband observations requires:
 - A. Atmospheric correction
 - B. Angular model: directional reflectance to spectral albedo
 - C. Narrowband to broadband conversion



Broadband albedo

- Not only measure surface reflective properties
- But also, depend on atmospheric conditions
 - Downward distribution at the bottom of atmosphere is the weighting function for converting spectral albedos to broadband albedos



Objective

- Providing simple formulae for compute broadband albedos from narrowband sensors
 - Total shortwave albedo
 - Total visible
 - Direct visible
 - Diffuse visible
 - Total Near-IR
 - Direct Near-IR
 - Diffuse Near–IR



Methods

Simulation: MODTRAN, SBDART

$$F = F_0 + \frac{r_s}{1 - r_s \overline{r}} \pi \mu_i E_0 \gamma(\mu_i) \overline{r}$$
⁽²⁾

$$\alpha(\theta_i; \Lambda) = \frac{F_{\mathrm{u}}(\theta_i; \Lambda)}{F_{\mathrm{d}}(\theta_i; \Lambda)} = \frac{\int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} F_{\mathrm{u}}(\theta_i; \lambda) d\lambda}{\int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} F_{\mathrm{d}}(\theta_i; \lambda) d\lambda},$$
(3)

- Narrowband albedo: downward flux and sensor spectral reflectance
- Broadband albedo: ratio of upwelling flux to the downward flux
- Regression analyses to generate conversion formulae



Sensors	Spectral bands and their wavelength ranges (µm)								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ASTER	0.52-0.6	0.63-0.69	0.78-0.86	1.6-1.7	2.15-2.18	2.18-2.22	2.23-2.28	2.29-2.36	2.36-2.43
AVHRR-14	0.57-0.71	0.72 - 1.01	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
GOES-8	0.52 - 0.72	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
ETM +	0.45-0.51	0.52 - 0.6	0.63-0.69	0.75-0.9	1.55 - 1.75	-	2.09 - 2.35	_	_
MISR	0.42 - 0.45	0.54-0.55	0.66-0.67	0.85 - 0.87	_	_	_	_	_
MODIS	0.62-0.67	0.84 - 0.87	0.46 - 0.48	0.54-0.56	1.23 - 1.25	1.63 - 1.65	2.11 - 2.15	_	_
POLDER	0.43-0.46	0.66-0.68	0.74-0.79	0.84 - 0.88	_	_	_	_	_
VEGETATION	0.43-0.47	0.61-0.68	0.78-0.89	1.58 - 1.75	_	-	-	-	-

Table 1 Spectral bands of the narrowband sensors



Conversion formulae_ASTER

$$\begin{split} \alpha_{short} &= 0.484 \alpha_1 + 0.335 \alpha_3 - 0.324 \alpha_5 + 0.551 \alpha_6 \\ &+ 0.305 \alpha_8 - 0.367 \alpha_9 - 0.0015 \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \alpha_{visible} &= 0.820 \alpha_1 + 0.183 \alpha_2 - 0.034 \alpha_3 - 0.085 \alpha_4 \\ &\quad -0.298 \alpha_5 + 0.352 \alpha_6 + 0.239 \alpha_7 - 0.240 \alpha_9 \\ &\quad -0.001 \end{split}$$



$$\alpha_{\text{diffuse-visible}} = 0.911 \alpha_1 + 0.089 \alpha_2 - 0.040 \alpha_3 - 0.109 \alpha_4$$
$$- 0.388 \alpha_5 + 0.441 \alpha_6 + 0.316 \alpha_7$$
$$- 0.303 \alpha_9 - 0.002$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{\text{direct-visible}} &= 0.781 \alpha_1 + 0.224 \alpha_2 - 0.032 \alpha_3 - 0.070 \alpha_4 \\ &\quad -0.257 \alpha_5 + 0.308 \alpha_6 + 0.200 \alpha_7 - 0.208 \alpha_9 \\ &\quad -0.001 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_{\rm NIR} = 0.654\alpha_3 + 0.262\alpha_4 - 0.391\alpha_5 + 0.500\alpha_6 - 0.002$$

$$\alpha_{\text{diffuse-NIR}} = 0.835\alpha_3 + 0.033\alpha_4 - 0.191\alpha_5 + 0.352\alpha_6 \\ - 0.002$$

$$\alpha_{\text{direct-NIR}} = 0.629\alpha_3 + 0.295\alpha_4 - 0.418\alpha_5 + 0.517\alpha_6 - 0.001.$$
(4)



Conversion Formulae_AVHRR

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{\text{short}} &= -0.3376\alpha_1^2 - 0.2707\alpha_2^2 + 0.7074\alpha_1\alpha_2 \\ &+ 0.2915\alpha_1 + 0.5256\alpha_2 + 0.0035. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{visible}} &= 0.0074 + 0.5975\alpha_1 + 0.4410\alpha_1^2 \\ \alpha_{\text{diffuse-visible}} &= 0.0093 + 0.5190\alpha_1 + 0.5257\alpha_1^2 \\ \alpha_{\text{direct-visible}} &= 0.0051 + 0.6685\alpha_1 + 0.3648\alpha_1^2 \\ \alpha_{\text{NIR}} &= -1.4759\alpha_1^2 - 0.6536\alpha_2^2 + 1.8591\alpha_1\alpha_2 + 1.063\alpha_2 \\ \alpha_{\text{diffuse-NIR}} &= -0.628\alpha_1^2 - 0.3047\alpha_2^2 + 0.8476\alpha_1\alpha_2 \\ &+ 1.0113\alpha_2 + 0.002 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{direct-NIR}} &= -1.5696\alpha_1^2 - 0.6961\alpha_2^2 + 1.9679\alpha_1\alpha_2 \\ &+ 1.0708\alpha_2. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Conversion Formulae_GOES

 $\alpha_{\rm short} = 0.0759 + 0.7712\alpha.$

For visible albedos, a 2nd-order polynomial function can produce good fits (Eq. (10)):

(9)

 $\alpha_{\text{visible}} = -0.0084 + 0.689\alpha + 0.3604\alpha^2$

 $\alpha_{\text{diffuse-visible}} = -0.006 + 0.6119\alpha + 0.443\alpha^2$

 $\alpha_{\text{direct-visible}} = -0.0111 + 0.7586\alpha + 0.2862\alpha^2.$ (10)



Conversion Formulae_Landsat TM/ ETM+

$$\begin{split} \alpha_{short} &= 0.356 \alpha_1 + 0.130 \alpha_3 + 0.373 \alpha_4 + 0.085 \alpha_5 \\ &+ 0.072 \alpha_7 - 0.0018 \end{split}$$

 $\alpha_{visible} = 0.443\alpha_1 + 0.317\alpha_2 + 0.240\alpha_3$

 $\alpha_{diffuse-visible} = 0.556\alpha_1 + 0.281\alpha_2 + 0.163\alpha_3 - 0.0014$

 $\alpha_{\text{direct-visible}} = 0.390\alpha_1 + 0.337\alpha_2 + 0.274\alpha_3$ $\alpha_{\text{NIR}} = 0.693\alpha_4 + 0.212\alpha_5 + 0.116\alpha_7 - 0.003$ $\alpha_{\text{diffuse-NIR}} = 0.864\alpha_4 + 0.158\alpha_7 - 0.0043$ $\alpha_{\text{direct-NIR}} = 0.659\alpha_4 + 0.342\alpha_5 - 0.0033.$ (11)

Conversion Formulae_MISR

 $\alpha_{\text{short}} = 0.126\alpha_2 + 0.343\alpha_3 + 0.415\alpha_4 + 0.0037$

 $\alpha_{\text{visible}} = 0.381\alpha_1 + 0.334\alpha_2 + 0.287\alpha_3$

 $\alpha_{\text{diffuse-visible}} = 0.478\alpha_1 + 0.306\alpha_2 + 0.219\alpha_3 - 0.001$

 $\alpha_{\text{direct-visible}} = 0.335 \alpha_1 + 0.349 \alpha_2 + 0.317 \alpha_3$

$$\begin{split} \alpha_{\text{NIR}} &= -0.387 \alpha_1 - 0.196 \alpha_2 + 0.504 \alpha_3 + 0.830 \alpha_4 \\ &+ 0.011 \end{split}$$

 $\alpha_{\text{diffuse-NIR}} = -0.240\alpha_1 + 0.269\alpha_3 + 0.866\alpha_4 + 0.003$

 $\alpha_{\text{direct}-\text{NIR}} = -0.407\alpha_1 - 0.226\alpha_2 + 0.536\alpha_3$ $+ 0.826\alpha_4 + 0.012.$ (14)

Conversion Formulae_MODIS

$$\begin{split} \alpha_{short} &= 0.160 \alpha_1 + 0.291 \alpha_2 + 0.243 \alpha_3 + 0.116 \alpha_4 \\ &+ 0.112 \alpha_5 + 0.081 \alpha_7 - 0.0015 \end{split}$$

 $\alpha_{\text{visible}} = 0.331 \alpha_1 + 0.424 \alpha_3 + 0.246 \alpha_4$

 $\alpha_{diffuse-visible} = 0.246\alpha_1 + 0.528\alpha_3 + 0.226\alpha_4 - 0.0013$

 $\alpha_{direct-visible} = 0.369\alpha_1 + 0.374\alpha_3 + 0.257\alpha_4$

$$\begin{split} \alpha_{\text{NIR}} &= 0.039 \alpha_1 + 0.504 \alpha_2 - 0.071 \alpha_3 + 0.105 \alpha_4 \\ &+ 0.252 \alpha_5 + 0.069 \alpha_6 + 0.101 \alpha_7 \end{split}$$



$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{\text{diffuse-NIR}} &= 0.085 \alpha_1 + 0.693 \alpha_2 - 0.146 \alpha_3 + 0.176 \alpha_4 \\ &+ 0.146 \alpha_5 + 0.043 \alpha_7 - 0.0021 \end{aligned}$ $\alpha_{\text{direct-NIR}} &= 0.037 \alpha_1 + 0.479 \alpha_2 - 0.068 \alpha_3 \\ &+ 0.0976 \alpha_4 + 0.266 \alpha_5 + 0.0757 \alpha_6 \\ &+ 0.107 \alpha_7. \end{aligned}$ (15)



Conversion Formulae_POLDER

$$\begin{split} \alpha_{short} &= 0.112 \alpha_1 + 0.388 \alpha_2 - 0.266 \alpha_3 + 0.668 \alpha_4 \\ &+ 0.0019 \end{split}$$

 $\begin{aligned} \alpha_{\text{visible}} &= 0.533\,\alpha_1 + 0.412\alpha_2 + 0.215\alpha_3 - 0.168\alpha_4 \\ &+ 0.0046 \end{aligned}$

 $\begin{array}{l} \alpha_{\text{diffuse-visible}} = 0.615\alpha_1 + 0.335\alpha_2 + 0.196\alpha_3 - 0.153\alpha_4 \\ + 0.0036 \end{array}$

$$\begin{split} \alpha_{\text{direct-visible}} &= 0.495 \alpha_1 + 0.447 \alpha_2 + 0.223 \alpha_3 - 0.175 \alpha_4 \\ \alpha_{\text{NIR}} &= -0.397 \alpha_1 + 0.451 \alpha_2 - 0.756 \alpha_3 + 1.498 \alpha_4 \\ &+ 0.0013 \end{split}$$

 $\alpha_{\text{diffuse-NIR}} = -0.209\alpha_1 + 0.279\alpha_2 - 0.210\alpha_3 + 1.045\alpha_4$

$$\alpha_{\text{direct}-\text{NIR}} = -0.425\alpha_1 + 0.474\alpha_2 - 0.825\alpha_3 + 1.554\alpha_4 + 0.0018.$$
(16)

Conversion Formulae_VEGETATION

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{short} &= -0.0022 + 0.3512 \alpha_1 + 0.1629 \alpha_2 + 0.3415 \alpha_3 \\ &+ 0.1651 \alpha_4 \end{aligned}$$

 $\alpha_{\text{visible}} = 0.0033 + 0.5717\alpha_1 + 0.4277\alpha_2$

 $\alpha_{\text{diffuse-visible}} = 0.0029 + 0.6601\alpha_1 + 0.3391\alpha_2$

 $\alpha_{\text{direct-visible}} = 0.0034 + 0.5310\alpha_1 + 0.4684\alpha_2$

 $\alpha_{NIR} = -0.0038 + 0.6799\alpha_3 + 0.3157\alpha_4$

 $\alpha_{\text{diffuse-NIR}} = -0.0040 + 0.8495\alpha_3 + 0.1350\alpha_4$

$$\alpha_{\text{direct}-\text{NIR}} = -0.0033 + 0.6567\alpha_3 + 0.3382\alpha_4.$$
(17)