

Hyperspectral In situ Support for PACE

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HyperInSPACE is designed to provide hyperspectral in situ support for the [PACE mission](#) by processing automated, above-water, hyperspectral ocean color radiometry data using state-of-the-art methods and protocols for quality assurance, uncertainty estimation/propagation, sky/sunglint correction, convolution to satellite wavebands, and ocean color product retrieval. Data output are formatted to text files for submission to the SeaBASS database and saved as comprehensive HDF5 records with automated processing reports. The package is designed to facilitate rigorous, flexible, and transparent data processing for the ocean color remote sensing community, particularly PIs funded by NASA to submit such radiometric data to SeaBASS. Radiometry processed in HyperInSPACE are used for water optical characterization, ocean color product retrieval algorithm development, and orbital platform validation.

Currently, HyperInSPACE supports [Sea-Bird Scientific](#) HyperSAS packages with and without SolarTracker or pySAS platforms. If you are interested in integrating support for your platform, contact us at the email address below the copyright.

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Requirements and Installation

Clone this repository (branch: "master") to a convenient directory on your computer. When HyperInSPACE/Main.py is launched for the first time, sub-directories will be created and databases downloaded and moved into them as described below. No system files will be changed.

HyperInSPACE requires Python 3.X installed on a Linux, MacOS, or Windows computer. The [Anaconda](#) distribution is encouraged. (If you are unfamiliar with Anaconda, a nice walkthrough can be found here: <https://youtu.be/YJC6ldI3hWk>).

All of the package dependencies are listed in the environment.yaml file included with the package. To make sure you have all of the necessary dependencies, navigate to the HyperInSPACE directory and type

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prompt$ conda env create -f environment.yaml
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and follow the prompts to install the additional package dependencies on your machine within the new virtual environment. When completed you should be in the virtual environment and ready to run the package. To return to the environment later before launching the program, type

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prompt$ conda activate HyperInSPACE_env
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and the prompt should reflect the shift:

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(HyperInSPACE_env) prompt$
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Launching

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HyperInSPACE is a Main-View-Controller Python package with a GUI that can be launched in several ways, such as by navigating to the project folder on the command line and typing

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(HyperInSPACE) prompt$ python Main.py
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However you launch the GUI, *watch for important feedback at the command line terminal* in addition to informational GUI windows.

The following sub-directories will be created automatically (if not present) when you first run the program:

- Config - Configuration and instrument files (by subdirectory - auto-created), SeaBASS header configuration files, Main view configuration file
- Logs - Most command line output messages generated during processing are captured for later reference in .log text files here
- Plots - A variety of optional plotting routines are included which create name-appropriate sub-directories (i.e. 'L1C_Anoms', 'L1D', 'L1E', 'L2', 'L2_Products', 'L2_Spectral_Filter'). As with the Data, this path for outputting plots is optional and will be overwritten by choosing an alternate Data/Plots parent directory (see below).
- Data - This directory now comes unpacked in the distribution. By default, it contains only files for seawater absorption properties, Thuillier solar irradiance, satellite sensor spectral response functions, banner images for the GUI, and the Zhang glint correction database. This is also the optional fallback location for input and/or output radiometry data, though using separate locations for field data is recommended (see below).
- Source - This directory (which comes unpacked with the distribution) holds the majority of the Python source code.

Database download

When you first launch the software, it will need to download a large (2.3 GB) database (Zhang_rho_db.mat) for use in glint correction. If this database is not found in Data, a dialog window will appear before the Main.py GUI with guidance on how to proceed. If this download should fail for any reason, further instructions will be given at the command line terminal where Main.py was launched.

Guide

Quick Start Overview

1. Identify the research cruise, relevant calibration files, and ancillary data files to be used in processing
2. Launch HyperInSPACE and set up the Main window for data directories and the ancillary file
3. Create a new Configuration (or edit and existing Configuration)
4. Add and enable only *relevant* calibration and instrument files to the Configuration; there is no such thing as a standard instrument package
5. Choose appropriate processing parameters for L1A-L2 (do not depend on software defaults; there is no such thing as a standard data collection)
6. HDF files will be produced at each level of processing, plus optional SeaBASS text files for radiometry at L1E and L2. Plots can be produced at L1D, L1E, and L2. Processing logs and plots are aggregated into PDF Reports at L2 (covering all processing from RAW to L2) written to a dedicated Reports directory in the selected Output directory.

Main Window

The Main window appears once Main.py is launched. It has options to specify a configuration file, input/output directories, ancillary input files (i.e. environmental conditions and relevant geometries in a SeaBASS file format), single-level processing, and multi-level processing. For batch processing, pop-up windows from "failed" (no output due to either corrupt raw binary data or stringent quality control filtering) files can be suppressed. Producing no output file at a given processing level is often a normal result of quality control filtering, so this option allows batches to continue uninterrupted.

The 'New' button allows creation of a new configuration file. 'Edit' allows editing the currently selected configuration file. 'Delete' is used to delete the currently selected configuration file *and* corresponding auto-created calibration directories (see Configuration). After creating a new configuration file, select it from the drop-down menu, and select 'Edit' to launch the Configuration module and GUI.

The 'Input...' and 'Output Data/Plots Parent Directory' buttons are self explanatory and allow optional selection of data and directories from any mounted/mapped drive. Note that output data and plot sub-directories (e.g. for processing levels) are also auto-created during processing as described below. The parent directory is the directory containing the sub-directories for processing levels (e.g. "/L1A", "/L1B", etc.) If no input or output data directories are selected, '/Data' and '/Plots' under the HyperInSPACE directory structure will be used by default as the parent directories.

Ancillary data files for environmental conditions and relevant geometries used in L2 processing must be text files in SeaBASS format with columns for date, time, lat, and lon. See <https://seabass.gsfc.nasa.gov/> for a description of SeaBASS format. Optional data fields include station number, ship heading, relative sensor azimuth, aerosol optical depth, cloud cover, salinity, water temperature, and wind speed. An example ancillary file is included for use as a template. It is recommended that ancillary files are checked with the 'FCHECK' utility as described on the SeaBASS website. They will be interpreted using the included SB_support.py module from NASA/OBPG.

In case environmental conditions were not logged in the field, or for filling in gaps in logged data, they will be retrieved from GMAO models as described below. The ancillary data file is optional (though strongly advised for adding wind speed at a minimum) provided the sensor suite is equipped with a SolarTracker or equivalent to supply the relevant sensor/solar geometries. If no SolarTracker-type instrument is present to report the relative sensor/solar geometries, the ancillary file must be provided with at least the ship heading and relative angle between the bow of the ship and the sensor azimuth as a function of time.

Configuration

Launch the configuration module and GUI (ConfigWindow.py) from the Main window by selecting/editing a configuration file or creating a new one. This file will be instrument-suite-specific, and is also deployment-specific according to which factory calibration files are needed, as well as how the instrument was configured on the platform or ship. Some cruises (e.g. moving between significantly different water types) may also require multiple configurations to obtain the highest quality ocean color products at Level 2. Sharp gradients in environmental conditions could also warrant multiple configurations for the same cruise (e.g. sharp changes in temperature may effect how data deglitching is parameterized, as described below).

Calibration & Instrument Files:

NOTE: IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELECTING AND ACTIVATING CALIBRATION AND INSTRUMENT FILES ARE FOLLOWED CAREFULLY OR PROCESSING WILL FAIL

Note: You do not need to move/copy/paste your calibration and instrument files; HyperInSPACE will take care of that for you.

In the 'Configuration' window, click 'Add Calibration Files' to add the *relevant* calibration or instrument files (date-specific HyperOCR factory calibrations or ancillary

instrument Telemetry Definition Files; i.e. the '.cal' and '.tdf' files). *Only add and enable those calibration and instrument files that are relevant to the cruise/package you wish to process (see below).* Each instrument you add here – be it a radiometer or an external data instrument such as a tilt-heading sensor – requires at least one .cal or .tdf file for raw binary data to be interpreted. Two .cal files are required in the case of radiometers calibrated separately for shutter open (light) and shutter closed (dark) calibrations, as is typical with Satlantic/Seabird HyperOCRs. Instruments with no calibrations (e.g. GPS, SolarTracker, etc.) still require a Telemetry Definition File (.tdf) to be properly interpreted.

Adding new .cal and .tdf files will automatically copy these files from the directory you identify on your machine into the HyperInSPACE directory structure once the Configuration is saved.

The calibration or instrument file can now be selected using the drop-down menu. Enable (in the neighboring checkbox) only the files that correspond to the data you want to process with this configuration. You will need to know which .cal/.tdf files correspond to each sensor/instrument, and which represent light and dark shutter measurements. For example:

- SATMSG.tdf > SAS Solar Tracker status message string (Frame Type: Not Required)
- SATTHSUUUUA.tdf > Tilt-heading sensor (Frame Type: Not Required) (Note: Use of built-in flux-gate compass is extremely inadvisable on a steel ship or platform. Best practice is to use externally supplied heading data from the ship's NMEA datastream or from a separate, external dual antenna GPS incorporated into the SolarTracker. DO NOT USE COURSE DATA FROM SINGLE GPS SYSTEMS.)
- SATNAVxxxA.tdf > SeaBird Solar Tracker (Frame Type: Not Required)
- UMTWR_v0.tdf > UMaine Solar Tracker (Frame Type: Not Required)
- GPRMC_NMEAxxx.tdf > GPS (Frame Type: Not Required)
- SATPYR.tdf > Pyrometer (Frame Type: Not Required)
- HEDxxxAcal > Es (Frame Type: Dark)
- HSExxxA.cal > Es (Frame Type: Light)
- HLDxxxA.cal > Li (Frame Type: Dark)
- HSLxxxA.cal > Li (Frame Type: Light)
- HLDxxxA.cal > Lt (Frame Type: Dark)
- HSLxxxA.cal > Lt (Frame Type: Light)

where xxx is the serial number of the SeaBird instrument, followed (where appropriate) by factory calibration codes (usually A, B, C, etc. associated with the date of calibration) ***Be sure to choose the factory calibration files appropriate to the date of data collection.***

Selections:

-Add Calibration Files - Allows loading calibration/instrument files (.cal/.tdf) into HyperInSPACE. Once loaded the drop-down box can be used to select the file to enable the instrument and set the frame type. -Enabled checkbox - Used to enable/disable loading the file in HyperInSPACE. -Frame Type - ShutterLight/ShutterDark/Not Required can be selected. This is used to specify shutter frame type (ShutterLight/ShutterDark) for dark correction.

For each calibration file:

Click 'Enable' to enable the calibration file. Select the frame type used for dark data correction, light data, or 'Not Required' for navigational and ancillary data. in version 1.0.4 (which only fully supports Satlantic/Seabird HyperSAS) each radiometer will require two calibration files (light and dark). Data from the GPS and SATNAV instruments, etc. are interpreted using the corresponding Telemetry Definition Files ('.tdf').

Once you have created your new Configuration, CAL/TDF files are copied from their chosen locations into the /Config directory HyperInSPACE directory structure within an automatically created sub-directory named for the Configuration (i.e. a configuration named "KORUS" creates a KORUS.cfg configuration file in /Config and creates the /Config/KORUS_Calibration/directory with the chosen calibration & TDF files.

Level 1A through Level 2 processing configurations are adjusted in the Configuration window. If you are reading this for the first time, the Configuration Window is a good reference to accompany the discussion below regarding processing. *The values set in the configuration file should be considered carefully. They will depend on your viewing geometry and desired quality control thresholds. Do not use default values without consideration.* Level 1d includes a module that can be launched from the Configuration window to assist with data deglitching parameter selection ('Anomaly Analysis'). Spectral filters are also plotted in L2 to help with filter parameterization factors. More details with citations and default setting descriptions are given below. A separate module to assist in the creation of SeaBASS output files is launched in Level 1E processing, and applied to L1E and L2 SeaBASS output as described below.

Click 'Save/Close' or 'Save As' to save the configuration file. As of version 1.0.4, SeaBASS headers will be updated automatically to reflect your selection in the Configuration window. The configuration file is saved to the /Config directory under the HyperInSPACE main directory with a .cfg extension.

Processing Overview

It will be helpful to set your 'Input Data Parent' and 'Output Data Parent' directories from the Main window. As an example, one could use a cruise directory containing RAW HyperSAS data as the Input Parent Directory, and then create another directory to use as the Output Parent Directory when processing from L0 (raw binary). Files will be automatically sorted by processing level in the automatically created sub-directories (i.e. the software automatically creates and looks for L1A, L1B, L1C, L1D, L1E, and L2 directories under the parent directory). If not selected, the Input/Output parent directories will default to the /Data directory within HyperInSPACE. Your Main window set-up (including configuration file, Input/Output directories, and Ancillary File) will be saved in Config/main.config using the Save button or upon closing the Main window, and reopened the next time you launch Main.py.

Process the data by clicking on one of the buttons for single-level or multi-level processing. A file selection dialogue will appear. Multiple data files can be processed together (successively) by selecting them together in the GUI (e.g. Shift- or Ctrl- click, or Ctrl-A for all, depending on your platform). Input files will be checked for match to expected input level (e.g. L1A file input for for L1B processing). Multi-level processing works the same as single-level by processing each input raw file through all levels before moving on to the next raw file. However, it will only continue with a given file if the preceding level was created immediately (within 1 minute) prior. In other words, if – due to changes in QA/QC parameterization – a file is entirely discarded at a given level, but an old file of the same name still exists in that directory, it will be ignored, and processing for that file will be terminated for higher levels.

Bug: Very rarely, when running the program for the first time, the first RAW binary data file opened for processing is not read in properly. Processing will fail with the error message: [filename] does not match expected input level for outputting L2. The file will process properly if run a second time (assuming it is a healthy file). Cause unknown.

Level 1A - Preprocessing

Process data from raw binary (Satlantic HyperSAS '.RAW' collections) to L1A (Hierarchical Data Format 5 '.hdf'). Calibration files and the RawFileReader.py script

allow for interpretation of raw data fields, which are read into HDF objects.

Solar Zenith Angle Filter: prescreens data for high SZA (low solar elevation) to exclude files which may have been collected post-dusk or pre-dawn from further processing. *Triggering the SZA threshold will skip the entire file, not just samples within the file, so do not be overly conservative with this selection, particularly for files collected over a long period.* Further screening for SZA min/max at a sample level is available in L2 processing. This option is currently only applied when using Satlantic SolarTracker (SATNAV) raw data; it is available again for all platforms at L2. **Default: 60 degrees (e.g. Brewin et al., 2016)**

Level 1B

Process data from L1A to L1B. Factory calibrations are applied and data arranged in a standard HDF5 format.

L1B Format: *Data being processed from non-HyperSAS SOLARTRACKER systems should be formatted in HDF5 to match L1B in order to be successfully processed to L2 in HyperInSPACE. HyperSAS data with no SolarTracker can be processed from raw data, provided the relative geometries are included in the ancillary data file as described above and below.* An example of an L1B HDF file is provided in /Data for reference. Datasets are grouped by instrument and contain their data in an array referenced '.data'. For example, latitude data is stored in the group 'GPS' under 'LATPOS.data'. Data should also contain 'dtype', a list of column headers strings (e.g. the wavelength of sample '304.37', or for many instruments simply 'NONE' if the data is already well described in the group name; see example file). The following datasets and attributes and groups are generally required:

Root level attributes:

- 'CAL_FILE_NAMES' - list of TDF and CAL file names
- 'ES'/ 'LI'/ 'LT_UNITS' - calibrated data units for Es, Li, and Lt
- 'FILE_CREATION_TIME' - DD-MMM-YYYY HH:MM:SS in UTC
- 'PROCESSING_LEVEL' - '1b'
- 'WAVELENGTH UNITS' - 'nm'

Group id: 'GPS', attributes: 'CalFileName' (TDF file), 'Frametag' ('\$GPRMC' or '\$GPGGA'), 'InstrumentType' ('GPS')

datasets: (where y is the number of samples in the file)

- 'LATPOS' - y-length vector of latitude, DDMM.MM (D-Degree(positive), M-Decimal minute)
- 'LATHEMI' - y-length vector of latitude hemisphere 'N' or 'S'
- 'LONPOS' - y-length vector of longitude, DDDMM.MM (D-Degree(positive) , M-Decimal minute)
- 'LONHEMI' - y-length vector of longitude hemisphere 'W' or 'E'
- 'UTCPOS' - y-length vector of UTC, HHMMSS.SS (no leading zeroes, e.g. 12:01:00AM is 100.0)
- Several optional datasets including, 'COURSE', 'SPEED', etc.

Group id: 'ES_DARK', attributes: 'CalFileName' (CAL file), 'Frametag' ('SAT'+instrument code+serial number), 'FrameType' ('ShutterDark'), 'InstrumentType' ('Reference')

datasets:

- 'DATETAG*' - Vector of length y, YYYYDOY.0, where DOY is the UTC sequential day of the year
- 'TIMETAG2*' - Vector of length y, HHMMSSUUU UTC (hour, minute, second, millisecond)
- 'ES' - Array x by y, where x is waveband, y is series. Calibrated Es dark shutter data

*Note that HDF5 does not support Python datetime, so datetime is calculated for use at each level using Datetag and Timetag2.

Group id: 'ES_LIGHT', attributes: 'CalFileName' (CAL file), 'Frametag' ('SAT'+instrument code+serial number), 'FrameType' ('ShutterLight'), 'InstrumentType' ('Reference')

datasets:

- 'DATETAG' - Vector of length y, YYYYDOY.0, where DOY is the UTC sequential day of the year
- 'TIMETAG2' - Vector of length y, HHMMSSUUU UTC (hour, minute, second, millisecond)
- 'ES' - Array x by y, where x is waveband, y is series. Calibrated Es light shutter data

Group id: 'LI_DARK', attributes: 'CalFileName' (CAL file), 'Frametag' ('SAT'+instrument code+serial number), 'FrameType' ('ShutterDark'), 'InstrumentType' ('SAS')

datasets:

- 'DATETAG' - Vector of length y, YYYYDOY.0, where DOY is the UTC sequential day of the year
- 'TIMETAG2' - Vector of length y, HHMMSSUUU UTC (hour, minute, second, millisecond)
- 'LI' - Array x by y, where x is waveband, y is series. Calibrated Li dark shutter data

Group id: 'LI_LIGHT', attributes: 'CalFileName' (CAL file), 'Frametag' ('SAT'+instrument code+serial number), 'FrameType' ('ShutterLight'), 'InstrumentType' ('SAS')

datasets:

- 'DATETAG' - Vector of length y, YYYYDOY.0, where DOY is the UTC sequential day of the year
- 'TIMETAG2' - Vector of length y, HHMMSSUUU UTC (hour, minute, second, millisecond)
- 'LI' - Array x by y, where x is waveband, y is series. Calibrated Li light shutter data

Group id: 'LT_DARK', attributes: 'CalFileName' (CAL file), 'Frametag' ('SAT'+instrument code+serial number), 'FrameType' ('ShutterDark'), 'InstrumentType' ('SAS')

datasets:

- 'DATETAG' - Vector of length y, YYYYDOY.0, where DOY is the UTC sequential day of the year
- 'TIMETAG2' - Vector of length y, HHMMSSUUU UTC (hour, minute, second, millisecond)
- 'LT' - Array x by y, where x is waveband, y is series. Calibrated Lt dark shutter data

Group id: 'LT_LIGHT', attributes: 'CalFileName' (CAL file), 'Frametag' ('SAT'+instrument code+serial number), 'FrameType' ('ShutterLight'), 'InstrumentType' ('SAS')

datasets:

- 'DATETAG' - Vector of length y, YYYYDOY.0, where DOY is the UTC sequential day of the year
- 'TIMETAG2' - Vector of length y, HHMMSSUUU UTC (hour, minute, second, millisecond)
- 'LT' - Array x by y, where x is waveband, y is series. Calibrated Lt light shutter data

Group id: 'SOLARTRACKER', attributes: 'CalFileName' (CAL file), 'Frametag' ('SATNAV'+instrument code+serial number), 'FrameType' ('SATNAVNNNN'), 'InstrumentType' ('SAS')

datasets:

- 'DATETAG' - Vector of length y, YYYYDOY.0, where DOY is the UTC sequential day of the year
- 'TIMETAG2' - Vector of length y, HHMMSSUUU UTC (hour, minute, second, millisecond)
- 'AZIMUTH' - Vector of length y, Solar Azimuth Angle (dtype 'SUN')
- 'ELEVATION' - Vector of length y, Solar Elevation (dtype 'SUN')
- 'HEADING' - Array 2 by y, True Sensor Azimuth (dtype 'SAS_TRUE'), Ship Heading (dtype 'SHIP_TRUE', optional)
- 'PITCH' - Vector of length y, Ship pitch
- 'ROLL' - Vector of length y, Ship roll

Level 1C

Process data from L1B to L1C. Data are filtered for vessel attitude (pitch, roll, and yaw when available), viewing and solar geometry. *It should be noted that viewing geometry should conform to total radiance (Lt) measured at about 40 degrees from nadir, and sky radiance (Li) at about 40 degrees from zenith (Mobley 1999, Mueller et al. 2003 (NASA Protocols)).* Unlike other approaches, HyperInSPACE eliminates data flagged for problematic pitch/roll, yaw, and solar/sensor geometries prior to deglitching the time series (L1D), thus increasing the relative sensitivity of deglitching for the removal of non-environmental anomalies.

SolarTracker: Select when using the Satlantic SolarTracker package. In this case sensor and solar geometry data will come from the SolarTracker (i.e. SATNAV**.tdf). If deselected, solar geometries will be calculated from GPS time and position with Pysolar, while sensor azimuth (i.e. ship heading and sensor offset) must either be provided in the ancillary data or (eventually) from other data inputs. Currently, if SolarTracker is unchecked, the Ancillary file chosen in the Main Window will be read in, subset for the relevant dates/times, held in the ANCILLARY_NOTRACKER group object, and carried forward to subsequent levels (i.e. the file will not need to be read in again at L2). If the ancillary data file is very large (e.g. for a whole cruise at high temporal resolution), this process of reading in the text file and subsetting it to the radiometry file can be slow.

Rotator Home Angle Offset: Generally 0. This is the offset between the neutral position of the radiometer suite and the bow of the ship. This *should* be zero if the SAS Home Direction was set at the time of data collection in the SolarTracker as per Satlantic SAT-DN-635. If no SolarTracker was used, the offset can be set here if stable (e.g. pointing angle on a fixed tower), or in the ancillary data file if changeable in time. Without SolarTracker, L1C processing will require at a minimum ship heading data in the ancillary file. Then the offset can be given in the ancillary file (dynamic) or set here in the GUI (static). *Note: as SeaBASS does not have a field for this angle between the instrument and the bow of the ship, the field "relaz" (normally reserved for the relative azimuth between the instrument and the sun) is utilized for the angle between the ship heading (NOT COG) and the sensor.*

Rotator Delay: Seconds of data discarded after a SolarTracker rotation is detected. Set to 0 to ignore. Not an option without SolarTracker. **Default: 60 seconds (Vandenberg 2017)**

Pitch & Roll Filter (optional): Data outside these thresholds are discarded if this is enabled in the checkbox. Not currently an option without SolarTracker. *{To Do: see what other accelerometer data are being collected and accommodate.}* **Default: 5 degrees (IOCCG Draft Protocols; Zibordi et al. 2019; 2 deg "ideal" to 5 deg "upper limit")**

Absolute Rotator Angle Filter (optional): Angles relative to the SolarTracker neutral angle beyond which data will be excluded due to obstructions blocking the field of view. These are generally set in the SolarTracker software when initialized for a given platform. Not an option without SolarTracker. **Default: -40 to +40 (arbitrary)**

Relative Solar Azimuth Filter (optional): Relative azimuth angle in degrees between the viewing Li/Lt and the sun.

Default: 90-135 deg (Mobley 1999, Zhang et al. 2017); 135 deg (Mueller 2003 (NASA Protocols)); 90 deg unless certain of platform shadow (Zibordi et al. 2009, IOCCG Draft Protocols)

Level 1D

Process data from L1C to L1D. Light and dark data are screened for electronic noise ("deglitched" - see Anomaly Analysis), which is then removed from the data (optional, but strongly advised). Shutter dark samples are then subtracted from shutter light frames after dark data have been interpolated in time to match light data. (e.g. Brewin et al. 2016, Sea-Bird/Satlantic 2017)

Resulting dark-corrected spectra for Es, Li, and Lt can optionally be plotted, and will be carried forward into the PDF processing report produced at L2.

{To Do: Allow provisions for above water radiometer set-ups that do not have a dark shutter correction.} Currently, spectra with anomalies in any band are deleted in their entirety, but this might be overkill – certainly it is very conservative. It may be sufficient to set the anomalous values to NaNs, and only delete the entire spectrum if more than, say, 25% of wavebands are anomalous. TBD.

Anomaly Analysis (optional)

Deglitching the data (which must follow after L1C processing, as it is evaluated on L1C files) is highly sensitive to the deglitching parameters described below, as well as some environmental conditions not controlled for in L1C and the variability of the radiometric data itself. Therefore, a separate module was developed to tune these parameters for individual files, instruments, and/or field campaigns and conditions. A sharp temperature change, shutter malfunction, or heavy vibration, for example, could impact "glitchy-ness" and change the optimal deglitching parameterization.

Due to high HyperOCR noise in the NIR, deglitching is currently hard-coded to only perform deglitching between 350 - 850 nm. Deglitching is conservative: i.e. if a value in any waveband within a timeseries is flagged, all data for that timestamp are removed.

The tool is launched pressing the Anomaly Analysis button in the Configuration Window. A dialog will appear to select an L1C file for deglitching, after which a GUI will display timeseries plots of the light (shutter open) and dark (shutter closed) data for a given waveband. Metadata including date, time, wind, cloud, waves, solar and sensor geometry are shown in the top of the window. In addition, the software allows the user to define the file naming scheme of photographs collected in the field, presuming they are named with date and time. The software will look in a directory called /Photos in the designated input directory structure and match all photos within 90 minutes of the mean collection time for the file. Matched photos can be scanned using the button on the right to launch the viewer. The slider below the metadata allows for adjustment of the wavelength to be screened (the Update button will update the figures for any changes in sensor or parameterization), and radio buttons allow selection between Es, Li, or Lt sensors. Sensors can be parameterized independently of each other, and separately for the light and dark signals. Plots are interactive and can be explored in higher detail by panning with the left mouse button or zooming with the right mouse button (a small "A" box in the bottom left of the plot restores it to all data, or right-click for more options).

For each waveband of each sensor, and for both light and dark shutter measurements, the time series of radiometric data are low-pass filtered with a moving average over time using discrete linear convolution of two one dimensional sequences with adjustable window sizes (number of samples in the window). For darks, a *STATIONARY** standard deviation anomaly (from the moving average in time) is used to assess whether data are within an adjustable "sigma factor" multiplier within the window. For lights, a *MOVING standard deviation anomaly (from the moving average of separately adjustable window size) is used to assess whether data are within a separately adjustable sigma.* The low-band filter is passed over the data twice. First and last data points for light and dark data cannot be accurately filtered with this method, and are discarded.

Adjust the window size and sigma parameters for each instrument and hit Update (or keyboard Enter) to see which data (black circles) are retained or discarded (red 'x' or '+' for first and second pass, respectively). Move the slider and hit update to see how these factors impact data in various portions of the spectrum. The field '% Loss (all bands)' shows how application of the current parameterization decimates the entire spectral/temporal dataset for the given sensor.

In addition to the low-pass filters, light and dark data from each sensor can be filtered with a high and low value threshold. These are chosen by selecting the desired

band (and hit Set Band) independently for light and dark data, and choosing a minimum and/or maximum threshold value in the appropriate boxes. Leave value as "None" if a particular threshold should be ignored. For example, to filter only Li data on thresholds only for a high threshold for dark data based on 555 nm, select the Threshold checkbox, select the Li Radio button, move the slider to 555 nm, and hit Update. Now, you can enter a value (e.g. 1.0) into the lefthand "Max" textbox and hit "Update" (or keyboard Enter). The filtered data should show in blue. Keep in mind, they will only show in the waveband for which they were set, but like the low-pass filter, if they fall outside the thresholds in that band, that timestamp will be deleted for all bands.

Currently, to threshold data from any of the three instruments, Threshold must be left checked, but leaving the min/max values as None in the other sensors will still work to ignore thresholding those sensors.

To see the results plotting when reviewing the threshold parameters on a file, make sure the waveband slider is on the appropriate waveband (and hit Update).

Once the parameters have been adjusted for each sensor, they can be saved (Save Sensor Params button) to the current software configuration and to a backup configuration file for later use. This means that once you have 'tuned' these parameters for a given file, the software will be able to load the file (from the Config directory) to reference those parameters. This is useful for reprocessing; *you should only need to tune these once for each file*. If you find that a given set of deglitching parameterizations is working sufficiently well for all your L1C files for a given cruise, simply save them once, save the Configuration from the Configuration Window, and the software configuration will reuse them for all files (i.e. it only applies alternate values for files that were specifically saved). Saved file-specific parameterization can be viewed/edited in the CSV file named after the Configuration in the Config directory (e.g. "KORUS_anoms.csv" for the "KORUS.cfg").

For record keeping and the PDF processing report, plots of the delitching (similar to those shown in realtime) can be saved to disk. Select the waveband interval at which to save plots (e.g. at 3.3 nm resolution and 20 interval, plots are produced every 66 nm, or 48 PNG files for a typical HyperSAS system), and click Save Anomaly Plots. Results of the anomaly detection are saved to [output_directory]/Plots/L1C_Anoms. Data flagged for removal given the parameterizations chosen in the Configuration window are shown for the filter first pass (red box) and second pass (blue star) and thresholds (red circles only shown in the band for which they were chosen).

For convenience a shortcut to processing the currently active L1C file to L1D is provided (Process to L1D).

To save the current values from the Anomaly Analysis tool as the defaults for the given cruise, Save Sensor Params > Close > Save/Close the Configuration Window.

- KNOWN BUG: the pyqtgraph GUI interface does not always update as expected on macOS Catalina. Hitting Update again or switching the sensor radio button generally resolves the issue.

Defaults: TBD; experimental (Abe et al. 2006, Chandola et al. 2009)

(API Reference: <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy/reference/generated/numpy.convolve.html>)

- A problem with instrument sensitivity to integration time was recently revealed, and a patch to adjust the response to the integration time is under development. This may be applied here, or alternatively in L1B.
- ATTENTION! Do your SeaBird HyperOCR dark-shutter data often look like a stepped response, like this:

LT Dark

If so, please contact me to learn more about this issue if you are willing/able to share your data.

Level 1E

Process data from L1D to L1E. Interpolates radiometric data to common timestamps and wavebands, optionally generates temporal plots of Li, Lt, and Es, and ancillary data to show how data were interpolated. L1E also optionally outputs text files (see 'SeaBASS File and Header' below) containing the data and metadata for submission to the SeaWiFS Bio-optical Archive and Storage System (SeaBASS; <https://seabass.gsfc.nasa.gov/>)

Each HyperOCR collects data at unique time intervals and requires interpolation for inter-instrument comparison. Satlantic ProSoft 7.7 software interpolates radiometric data between radiometers using the OCR with the fastest sampling rate (Sea-Bird 2017), but here we use the timestamp of the slowest-sampling radiometer (typically Lt) to minimize perturbations in interpolated data (i.e. interpolated data in HyperInSPACE are always closer in time to actual sampled data) (Brewin et al. 2016, Vandenberg 2017).

Each HyperOCR radiometer collects data in a unique set of wavebands nominally at 3.3 nm resolution. For merging, they must be interpolated to common wavebands. Interpolating to a different (i.e. lower) spectral resolution is also an option. No extrapolation is calculated (i.e. interpolation is between the global minimum and maximum spectral range for all HyperOCRs). Spectral interpolation is linear by default, but has an option for univariate spline with a smoothing factor of 3 (see ProcessL1e.interpolateL1e in ProcessL1e.py). (API: <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.interpolate.UnivariateSpline.html>)

Note: only the datasets specified in ProcessL1e.py in each group will be interpolated and carried forward. For radiometers, this means that ancillary instrument data such as SPEC_TEMP and THERMAL_RESP will be dropped at L1E and beyond. See ProcessL1e.py at Perform Time Intepolation comment.

Optional plots of Es, Li, and Lt of L1E data can be generated which show the temporal interpolation for each parameter and each waveband to the slowest sampling radiometer timestamp. They are saved in [output_directory]/Plots/L1E. Plotting is time and memory intensive, and so may not be adviseable for processing an entire cruise.

{To Do: Allow provision for above water radiometers that operate simultaneously and/or in the exact same wavebands.}

SeaBASS File and Header

To output SeaBASS formatted text files, check the box. A SeaBASS subfolder within the L1E directory will be created, and separate files generated for Li, Lt, and Es hyperspectral data.

An eponymous, linked module allows the user to collect information from the data and the processing configuration (as defined in the Configuration window) into the SeaBASS files and their headers. The module is launched by selecting the 'Edit SeaBASS Header' button in the Configuration window. A SeaBASS header configuration file is automatically stored in the /Config directory with the name of the Configuration and a .hdr extension. Instructions are given at the top of the SeaBASS Header window. Within the SeaBASS Header window, the left column allows the user to input the fields required by SeaBASS. Calibration files (if they have been added at the time of creation) are auto-populated. In the right hand column, the HyperInSPACE parameterizations defined in the Configurations window is shown in the 'Config Comments' box, and can be edited (though this should rarely ever be necessary). Additional comments can be added in the second comments field, and the lower fields are autopopulated from each data file as it is processed. To override auto-population of the lower fields in the right column, enter the desired value here in the SeaBASS Header window.

{To Do: Populate the left column using values in the Ancillary file, if present.}

Level 2

Process L1E to L2. Further quality control filters are applied to data, and data are then averaged within optional time interval ensembles prior to calculating the remote sensing reflectance within each ensemble. A typical field collection file for the HyperSAS SolarTracker is one hour, and the optimal ensemble periods within that hour will depend on how rapidly conditions and water-types are changing, as well as the instrument sampling rate. While the use of ensembles is optional (set to 0 to avoid

averaging), it is highly recommended, as it allows for the statistical analysis required for Percent Lt calculation (radiance acceptance fraction; see below) within each ensemble, rather than %Lt across an entire (e.g. one hour) collection, and it also improves radiometric uncertainty estimation.

Prior to ensemble binning, individual spectra may be filtered out for: **Lt(NIR)>Lt(UV)** Spectra with Lt higher in the UV (average from 780-850) than the UV (350-400) are eliminated. *{Unable to find citation for the Lt(NIR)> Lt(UV) filter...}*

Maximum Wind Speed.

Default 7 m/s (IOCCG Draft Protocols 2019; D'Alimonte pers.comm 2019); 10 m/s Mueller et al. 2003 (NASA Protocols); 15 m/s (Zibordi et al. 2009);

Solar Zenith Angle may be filtered for minimum and maximum values.

Default Min: 20 deg (Zhang et al 2017); Default Max: 60 deg (Brewin et al. 2016)

Spectral Outlier Filter may be applied to remove noisy data prior to binning. This simple filter examines only the spectra of Es, Li, and Lt from 400 - 700 nm, above which the data are noisy in the HyperOCRs. Using the standard deviation of the normalized spectra for the entire sample ensemble, together with a multiplier to establish an "envelope" of acceptable values, spectra with data outside the envelope in any band are rejected. Currently, the arbitrary filter factors are 5.0 for Es, 8.0 for Li, and 3.0 for Lt. Results of spectral filtering are saved as spectral plots in [output_directory]/Plots/L2_Spectral_Filter. The filter can be optimized by studying these plots for various parameterizations of the filter.

Meteorological flags based on (Ruddick et al. 2006, Mobley, 1999, Wernand et al. 2002, Garaba et al. 2012, Vandenberg 2017) can be optionally applied to screen for undesirable data. Specifically, data are filtered for cloud cover, unusually low downwelling irradiance at **480 nm < default 2.0 uW cm⁻² nm⁻¹** for data likely to have been collected near dawn or dusk, or (**Es(470)/Es(680) < 1.0**), and for data likely to have high relative humidity or rain (**Es(720)/Es(370) < 1.095**). Cloud screening (**Li(750)/Es(750) >= 0.05**) is optional and not well parameterized. Clear skies are approximately 0.02 (Mobley 1999) and fully overcast are of order 0.3 (Ruddick et al. 2006). However, the Ruddick skylight correction (below) can partially compensate for clear versus cloudy skies, so to avoid eliminating non-clear skies prior to glint correction, set this high (e.g. 1.0). Further investigation with automated sky photography for cloud cover is warranted.

Ensembles Extract Cruise Stations can be selected if station information is provided in the ancillary data file identified in the Main window. If selected, only data collected on station will be processed, and the output data/plot files will have the station number appended to their names. At current writing, stations must be numeric, not string-type. If this option is deselected, all automated data (underway and on station) will be included in the ensemble processing.

Ensemble Interval can be set to the user's requirements depending on sampling conditions and instrument rate (**default 300 sec**). Setting this to zero avoids temporal bin-averaging, preserving the common timestamps established in L1E. Processing the data without ensemble averages can be very slow, as the reflectances are calculated for each spectrum collected (i.e. nominally every 3.3 seconds of data for HyperSAS). The ensemble period is used to process the spectra within the lowest percentile of Lt(780) as defined/set below. The ensemble average spectra for Es, Li, and Lt is calculated, as well as variability in spectra within the ensemble, which is used to help estimate sample uncertainty.

Percent Lt Calculation Data are optionally limited to the darkest percentile of Lt data at 780 nm within the sampling interval (if binning is performed; otherwise across the entire file) to minimize the effects of surface glitter from capillary waves. The percentile chosen is sensitive to the sampling rate. The 5% default recommended in Hooker et al. 2002 was devised for a multispectral system with rapid sampling rate. **Default: 5 % (Hooker et al. 2002, Zibordi et al. 2002, Hooker and Morel 2003); <10% (IOCCG Draft Protocols).**

Skyglint/Sunglint Correction (rho) Use of the Ruddick et al. 2006 and the Zhang et al. 2017 glint corrections require wind data, and Zhang (2017) also requires aerosol optical depth, salinity, and sea surface temperature. Since most field collections of above water radiometry are missing some or all of these ancillary parameters, an embedded function allows the user to download model data from the NASA EARTHDATA server. These data are generated by the NASA Global Modeling and Assimilation Office (GMAO) as hourly, global 'MERRA2' HDF files at 0.5 deg (latitude) by 0.625 deg (longitude) resolution (<https://gmao.gsfc.nasa.gov/reanalysis/MERRA-2/>). Two files will be downloaded for each hour of data processed (total ~8.3 MB for one hour of field data) and stored in /Data/Anc. Global ancillary data files from GMAO will be reused, so it is not recommended to clear this directory unless updated models are being released by GMAO. Details for how these data are applied to above water radiometry are given below.

As of January 2020, access to these data requires a user login and password, which can be obtained here (<https://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/registration>). A link to register is also provided in the Configuration window. When the user selects 'Download Ancillary Models', pop-up windows will allow the user to enter a login and password. Once this has been done once, canceling the login pop-up dialog will force the program to use the current configuration (i.e. it is only necessary to re-enter the password if it has changed.)

The default value for sea-surface reflectance (**Rho_sky**, sometimes called the Fresnel factor) is set by default to 0.0256 based on (Mobley 1999, Mueller et al. 2003 (NASA Protocols)), which can be optionally adjusted for wind speed and cloud cover using the relationship found in (Ruddick et al. 2006) (i.e. $Li(750)/Es(750) < 0.05$ for clear skies, $Rho_sky = 0.0256 + 0.00039 * U + 0.000034 * U^2$, else $Rho_sky = 0.0256$). The default wind speed (U) should be set by the user depending on in situ conditions, for instances when the ancillary data and models are not available (more information is given below on how ancillary wind data are applied). This correction does not account for the spectral dependence (Lee et al. 2010, Gilerson et al. 2018) or polarization sensitivity (Harmel et al. 2012, Mobley 2015, Hieronymi 2016, D'Alimonte and Kajiyama 2016, Foster and Gilerson 2016, Gilerson et al. 2018) in Rho_sky. Uncertainty in Rho_sky (Rho_sky_Delta) is estimated from Ruddick et al. 2006 at +/- 0.003.

The third option provided for glint correction is based on Zhang et al. 2017. This model explicitly accounts for spectral dependence in rho, separates the glint contribution from the sky and the sun, and accounts for polarization in the skylight term. This approach requires knowledge of environmental conditions during sampling including: wind speed, aerosol optical depth, solar and sensor azimuth and zenith angles, water temperature and salinity. To accommodate these parameters, HyperInSPACE uses either the ancillary data file provided in the main window, GMAO models, or the default values set in the Configuration window as follows: field data ancillary files are screened for wind, water temperature, and salinity. These are each associated with the nearest timestamps of the radiometer suite to within one hour. Radiometer timestamps still lacking wind and aerosol data will extract it from the GMAO models, if available. Otherwise, the default values set in the Configuration window will be used as a last resort.

{To Do: Work to optimize the processing of Zhang rho. Currently, this proceeds far more slowly in Python than Matlab. See notes in ZhangRho.py for gen_vec_quad and prob_reflection near L165} {To Do: Include additional skylight/skyglint corrections, such as Groetsch et al. 2017/2020} {To Do: Include a bidirectional correction to Lw based on, e.g. Lee 2011, Zibordi 2009 (for starters; ultimately the BRDF will need to be better parameterized for all conditions and water types.)} {To Do: Improve uncertainty estimates (e.g. Zibordi et al. 2009). The uncertainty in rho within the Zhang model is not well constrained.}

Remote sensing reflectance is calculated as $Rrs = (Lt - rho_sky * Li) / Es$ (e.g. (Mobley 1999, Mueller et al. 2003, Ruddick et al. 2006)). Normalized water leaving radiance (nLw) is calculated as $Rrs * F0$, where F0 is the top of atmosphere incident radiation adjusted for the Earth-Sun distance on the day sampled.

Uncertainties in Li, Lt, and Es are estimated using the standard deviation of spectra within each ensemble (e.g. Li_sd) or full-file average if no ensembles are extracted. For the Mobley 1999 (M99) glint correction, uncertainty in Rho_sky (Rho_sky_Delta) is estimated as +/- 0.01 based on the range of model estimates for Rho_sky cited in M99 for the range of likely conditions for which it is held constant. Uncertainty in Rho_sky is otherwise estimated as +/- 0.003 from Ruddick et al. 2006 Appendix 2; intended for clear skies, though in the future variation in Rho_sky_Delta as a mutable function of sky and sea surface conditions should be better constrained when possible (i.e. further research is required). Uncertainty in Rrs (i.e. Rrs_unc) and nLw are estimated using sum of squares propagation of from Li_sd, Lt_sd, Es_sd, and Rho_sky_Delta assuming random, uncorrelated error. So, e.g.: $Rrs_unc = Rrs * ((Li_sd/Li)^2 + (Rho_sky_Delta/Rho_sky)^2 + (Lt_sd/Lt)^2 + (Es_sd/Es)^2)^{0.5}$

Additional glint may be removed from the Rrs and nLw by subtracting the value in the NIR from the entire spectrum (Mueller et al. 2003 (NASA Protocols)). This approach, however, assumes negligible water-leaving radiance in the 750-800 nm range (not true of turbid waters), and ignores the spectral dependence in sky glint, and **should therefore only be used in the clearest waters and with caution**. Here, a minimum in Rrs(750-800) or nLw(750-800) is found and subtracted from the entire spectrum.

An alternate NIR residual correction can be applied based on Ruddick et al. 2005, Ruddick et al. 2006. This utilizes the spectral shape in water leaving reflectances in

the NIR to estimate the residual glint correction for turbid waters with NIR reflectances from about 0.0001 to 0.03

Negative reflectances can be removed as follows: any spectrum with any negative reflectances between 380 nm and 700 nm is removed from the record entirely. Negative reflectances outside of this range (e.g. noisy data deeper in the NIR) are set to 0.

Spectral wavebands for a few satellite ocean color sensors can be optionally calculated using their spectral weighting functions. These will be included with the hyperspectral output in the L2 HDF files. Spectral response functions are applied to convolve the (ir)radiance prior to calculating reflectances. (Burgghoff et al. 2020).

Plots of processed L2 data from each radiometer and calculated reflectances can be created and stored in [output_directory]/Plots/L2. Uncertainties are shown for each spectrum as shaded regions, and satellite bands (if selected) are superimposed on the hyperspectral data.

Select the "Derived L2 Ocean Color Products" button to choose, calculate, and plot derived biochemical and inherent optical properties using a variety of ocean color algorithms. Algorithms largely mirror those available in SeaDAS with a few additions. They include OC3M, PIC, POC, Kd490, iPAR, GIOP, QAA, and the Average Visible Wavelength (Vandermeulen et al. 2020) and GOCAD-based CDOM/Sg/DOC algorithms (Aurin et al. 2018), as well as the Rrs spectral QA score (Wei et al 2016).

To output SeaBASS formatted text files, check the box. A subfolder within the L2 directory will be created, and separate text files will be made for Li, Lt, Es, and Rrs hyperspectral data and satellite bands, if selected. Set-up for the SeaBASS header is managed with the 'Edit/Update SeaBASS Header' in the L1E configuration.

PDF Reports

Upon completion of L2 processing for each file (or lower level if that is the terminal processing level), a PDF summary report will be produced and saved in [output_directory]/Reports. This contains metadata, processing parameters, processing logs, and plots of QA analysis, radiometry, and derived ocean color products. These reports should be used to evaluate the choices made in the configuration and adjust them if necessary.

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