

Fig. 6. Illustration of error due to parallax. The adjusted visible albedo image from the GOES-W visible channel, background clear-sky index estimate made with the UASIBS algorithm, analysis after performing OI, and analysis after shifting the satellite image are shown. The green circles are the sensors used for OI, the blue squares are the sensors used for error analysis, and the black circle in the center is the calibrated NREL MIDC sensor. We see that at sensor locations near the edge of clouds in the background, the sensors and background disagree about whether it is cloudy. This causes the OI to fail as it tries to rectify this discrepancy. If we shift the image slightly to the SW and redo the OI, we see that the sensors and background now better agree about whether the area is cloudy so that the analysis after shifting looks more reasonable.

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