


# Atmospheric correction of very high spatial resolution images using multispectral satellite images

...the first six months of my PhD

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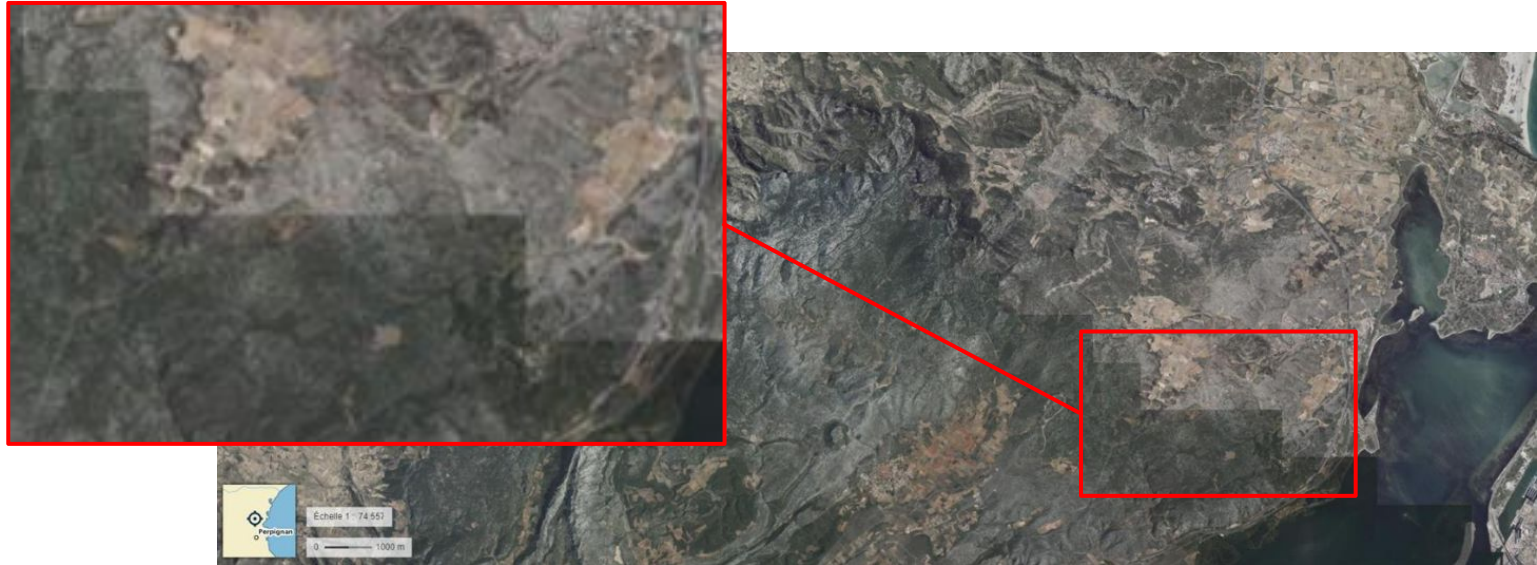
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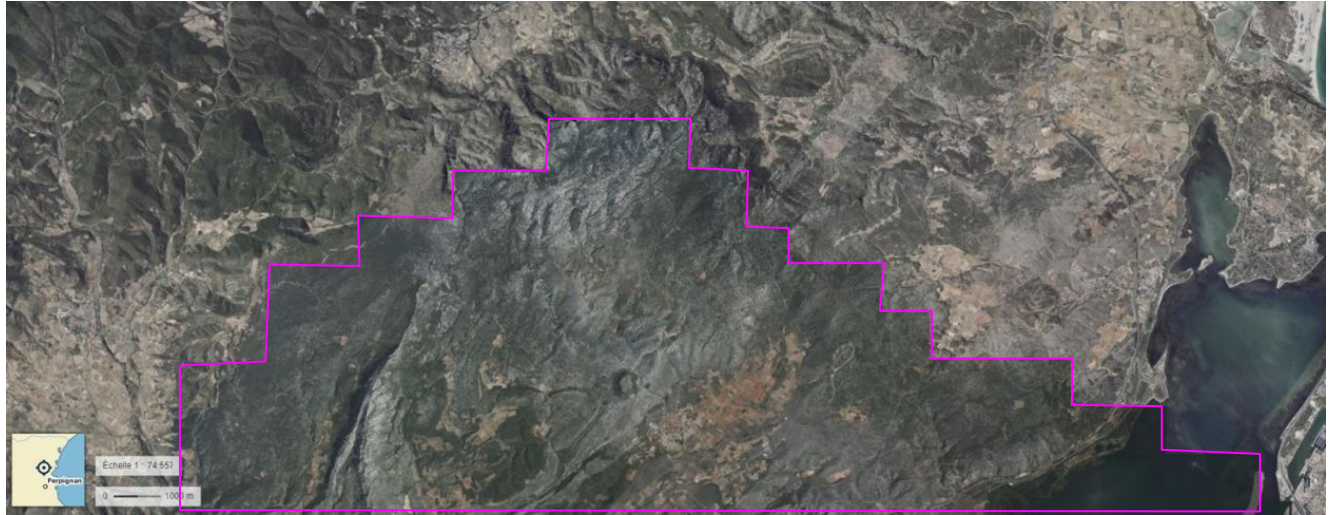
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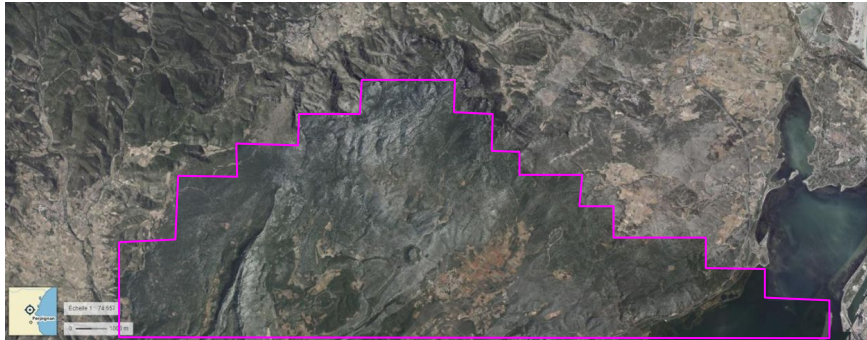
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Several blocks of acquisition :

- Currently relative radiometric equalizations (one per block)
- No absolute atmospheric corrections done

Pb : acquisition conditions changes (atmospheric conditions changes), sensor calibration is also relative to a block



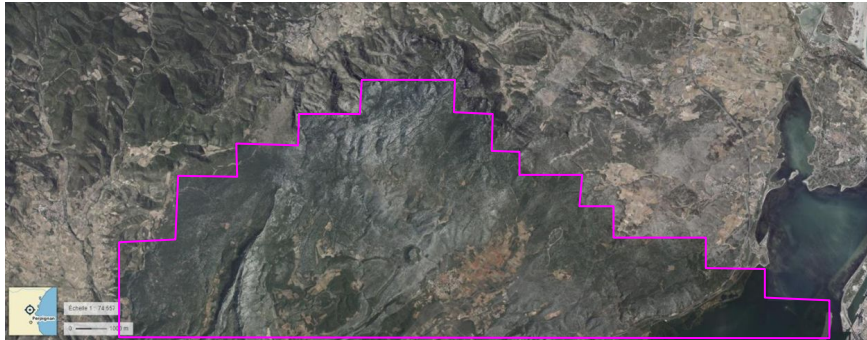


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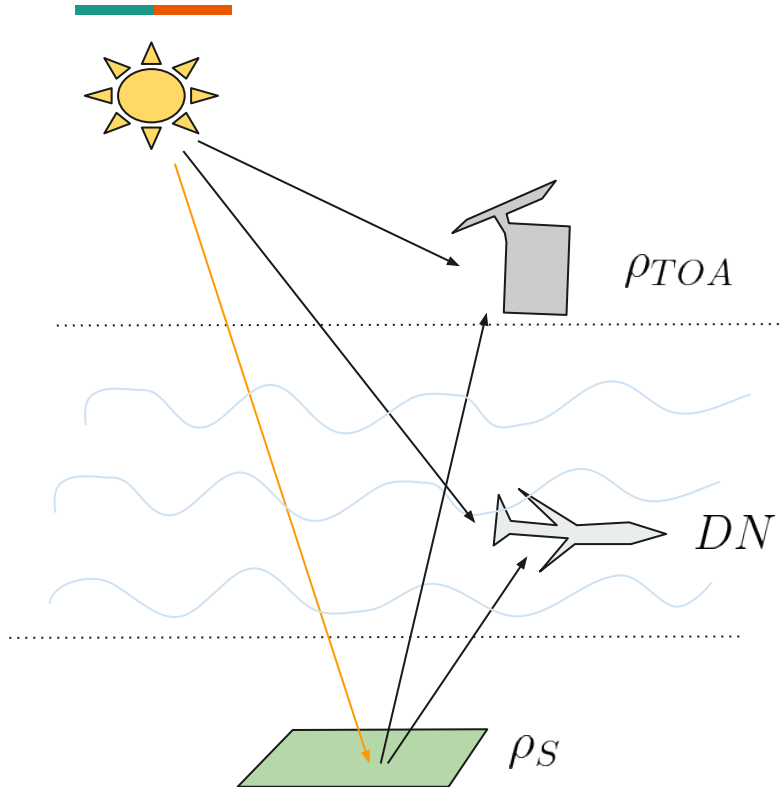
Notations :

Aerial images UltraCam  $\Leftrightarrow$  UC

Satellite images Sentinel-2 L2A  $\Leftrightarrow$  S2

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Physical approach



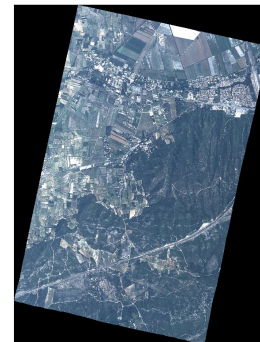
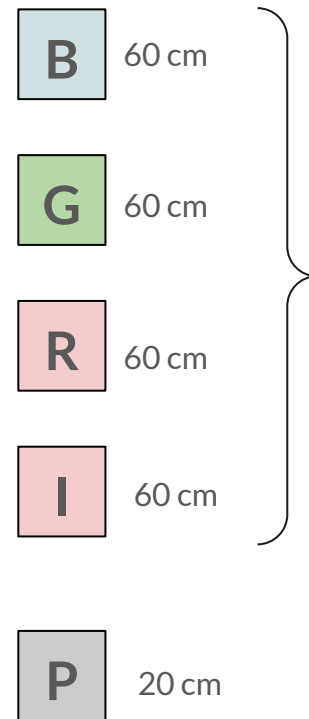
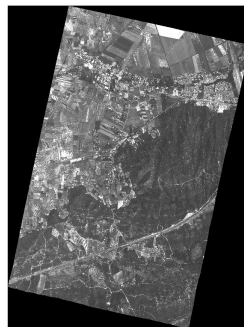
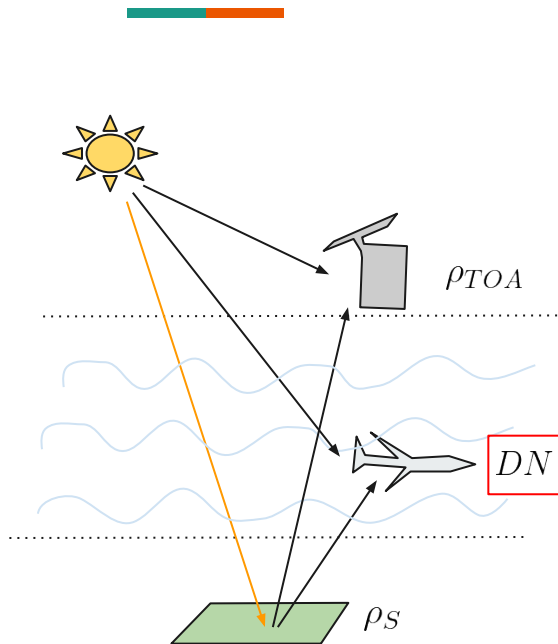
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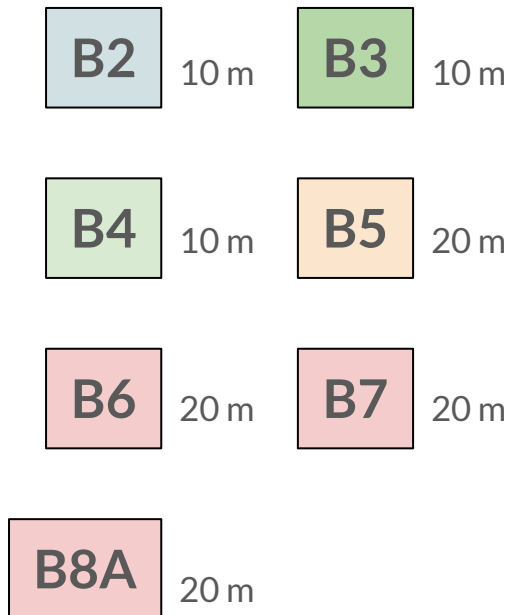
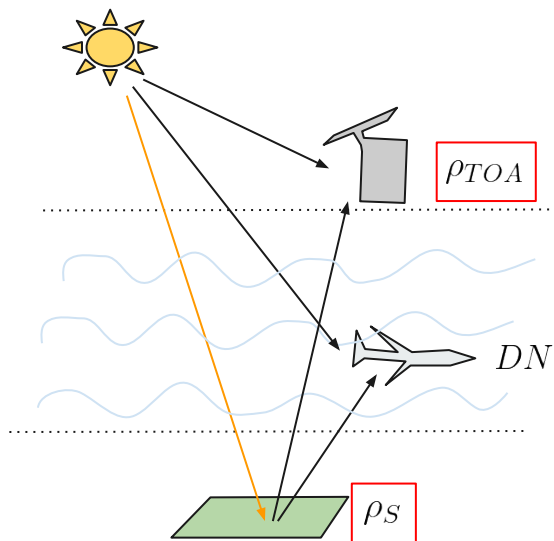
## 2. Data presentation

### Aerial images - UltraCam (IGN)

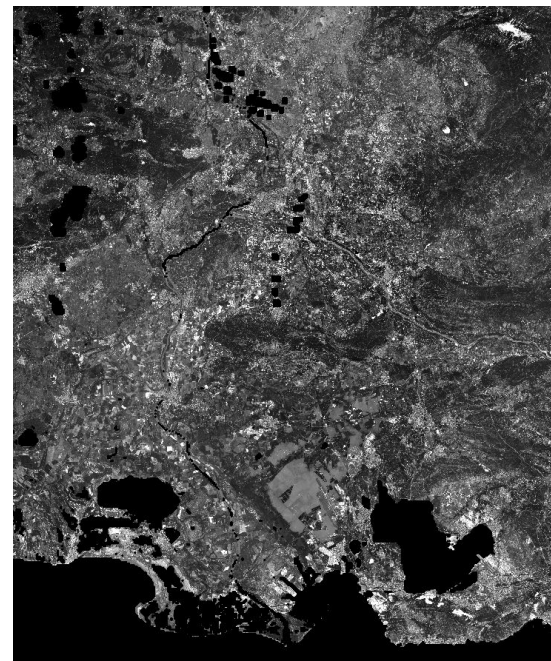


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### Sentinel-2 Images

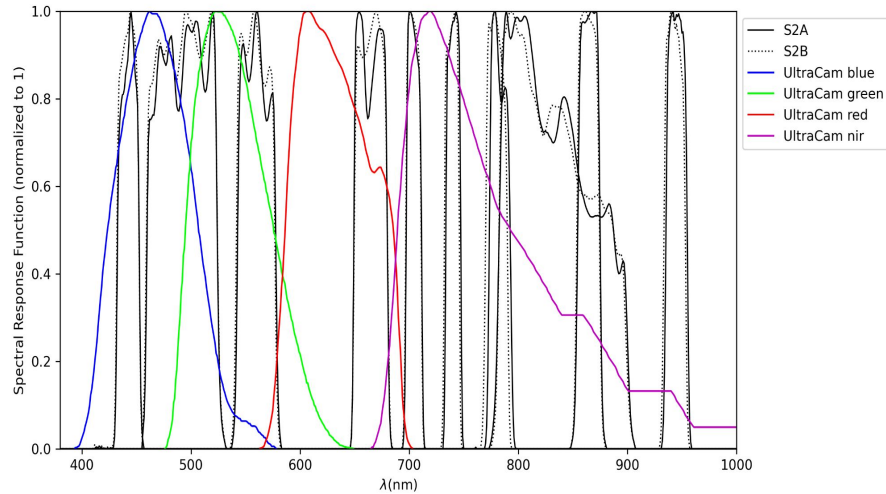


Band	Band	Central wavelength (nm)	Bandwidth (nm)	Spatial resolution (m)	Objective
B1	VNIR	443	20	60	Aerosol Correction
B2		490	65	10	Aerosol Correction, Land Measurement Band
B3		560	35	10	Land Measurement Band
B4		665	30	10	Land Measurement Band
B5		705	15	20	Land Measurement Band
B6		740	15	20	Land Measurement Band
B7		783	20	20	Land Measurement Band
B8		842	115	10	Water Vapor Correction, Land Measurement Band
B8a		865	20	20	Water Vapor Correction, Land Measurement Band
B9	SWIR	945	20	60	Water Vapor Correction
B10		1380	20	60	Cirrus Detection
B11		1610	90	20	Land Measurement Band
B12		2190	180	20	Aerosol Correction, Land Measurement Band



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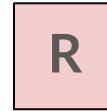
Radiometric difference



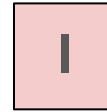
60 cm



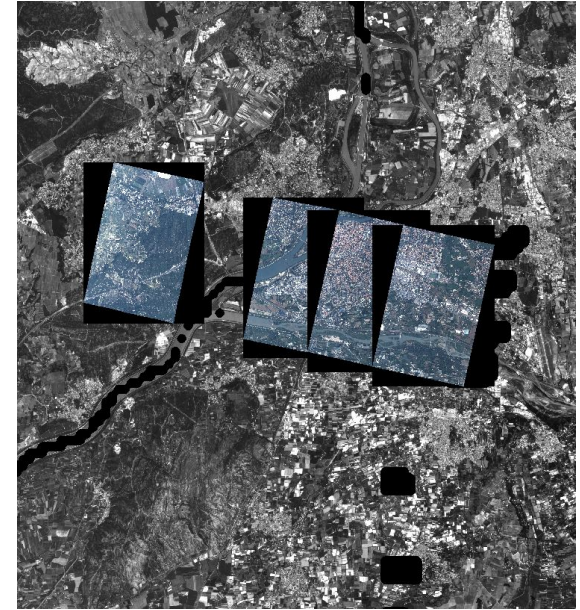
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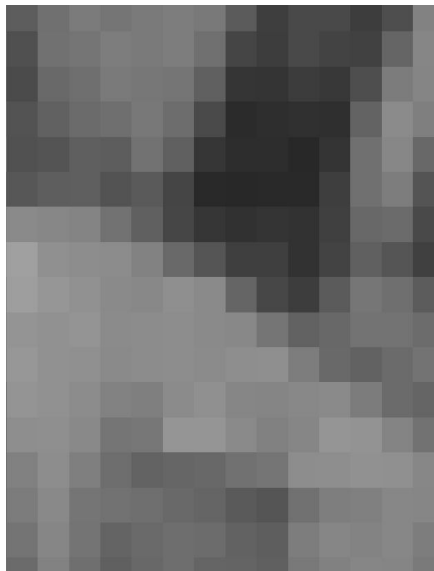


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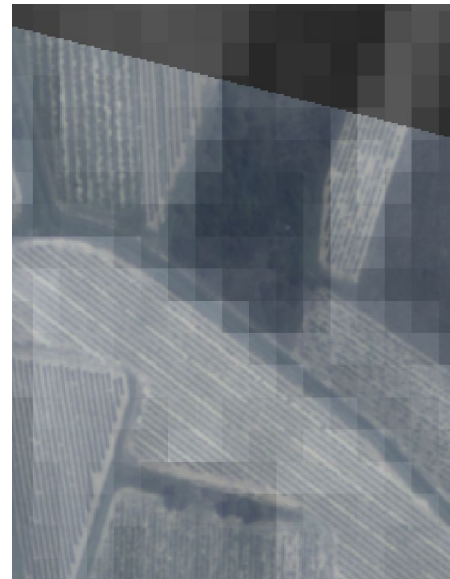
Geometric difference



aerial image (60 cm)

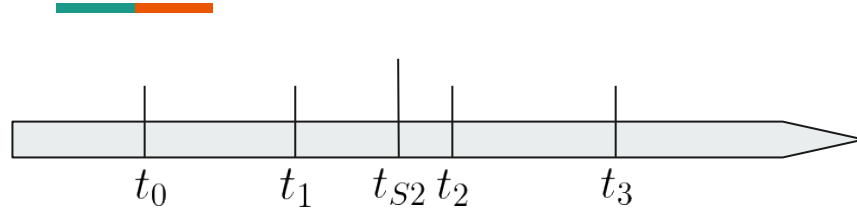


satellite image (10 m)



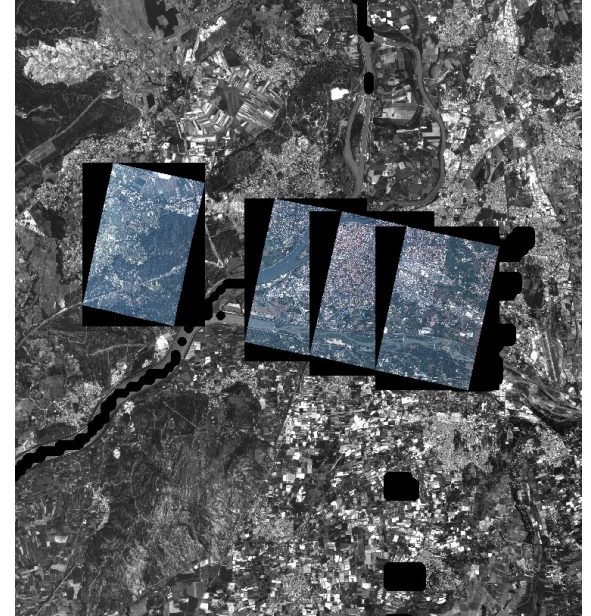
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Acquisition differences



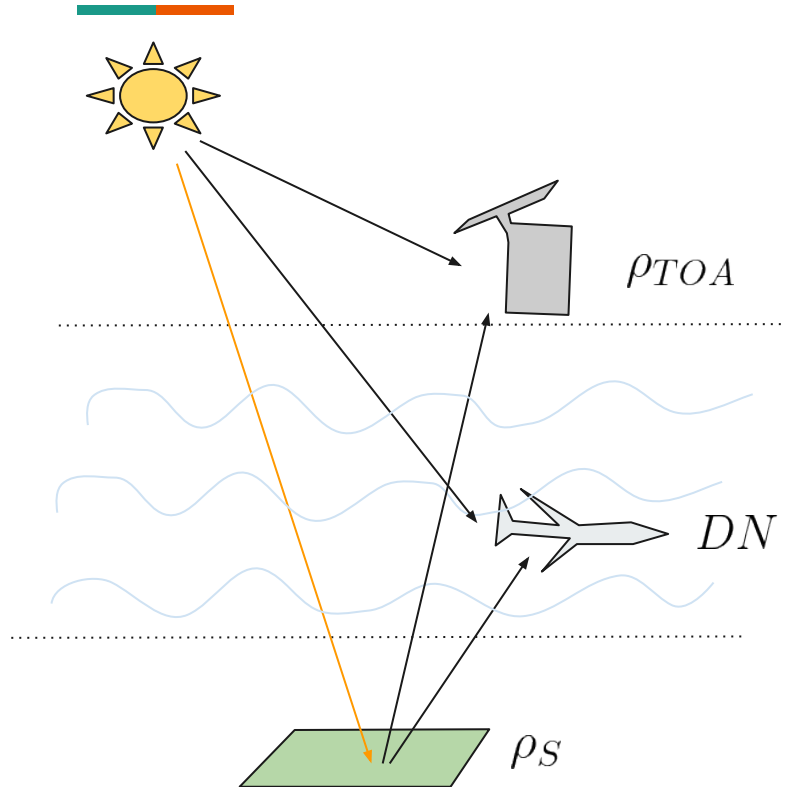
$t_0$   $t_1$   $t_2$   $t_3$  : time of acquisition of aerial images

$t_{S2}$  : time of acquisition of satellite image



### 3. First pipeline - sensor calibration

What are we looking for ?



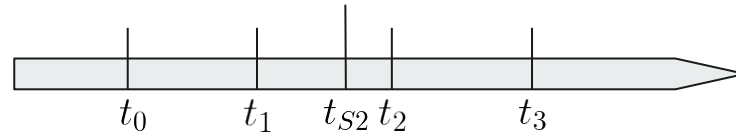
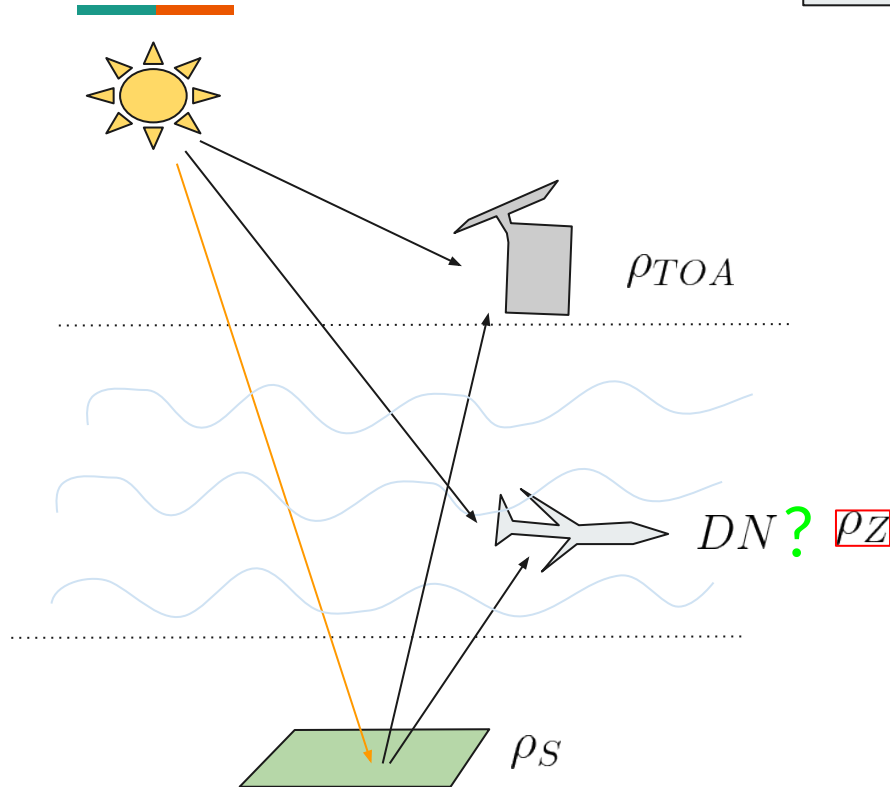
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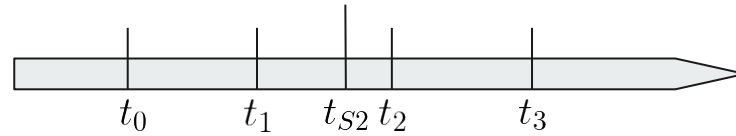
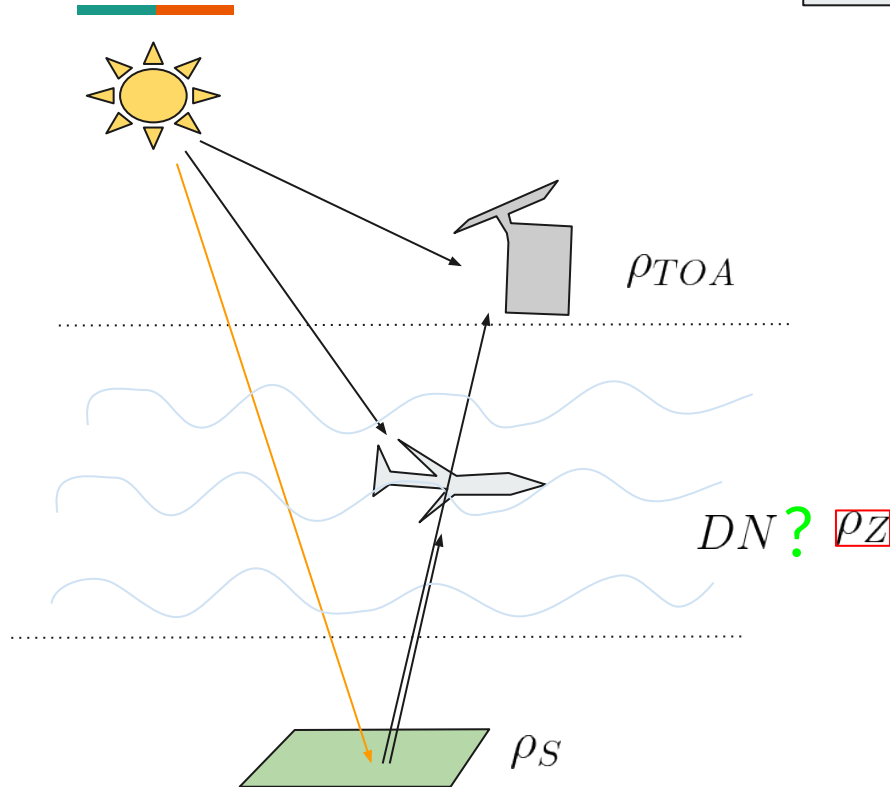
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Pipeline summary



1. Finding aerial images at the same angular conditions than satellite images
2. Simulate aerial images at the satellite spatial resolution (60cm -> 10m)
3. For the entire satellite acquisition continuous spectrum, simulate atmospheric parameters
4. Simulate the reflectance at the airplane sensor level for every satellite acquisition bande
5. Convert the reflectance at the aerial spectral resolution (to RGB NIR)
6. Calibrate the sensor



### 3. First pipeline - sensor calibration



Hypothesis :

- the sensor is stable and his response is invariant within an acquisition mission
- atmospheric parameters are invariant within a day
- work only on a flat field first

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#### 1. Finding aerial images



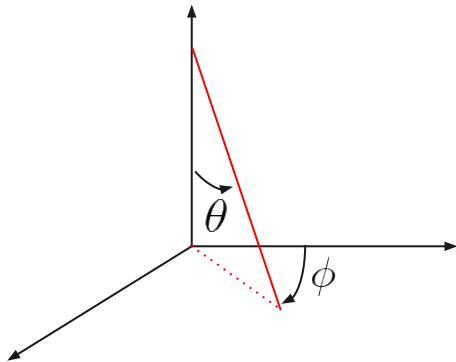
Satellite images acquired at the angular conditions  $(\theta_{S2}, \phi_{S2})$

Aerial images acquired at the angular conditions  $(\theta_{UC}, \phi_{UC})$

**We choose :**  $t_{UC} = t_{S2} \pm 10 \text{ minutes}$

$$\delta = \cos^{-1}(\cos(\theta_{S2})\cos(\theta_{UC}) + \sin(\theta_{S2})\sin(\theta_{UC})\cos(|\phi_{S2} - \phi_{UC}|))$$

$$\delta \leq 5^\circ$$



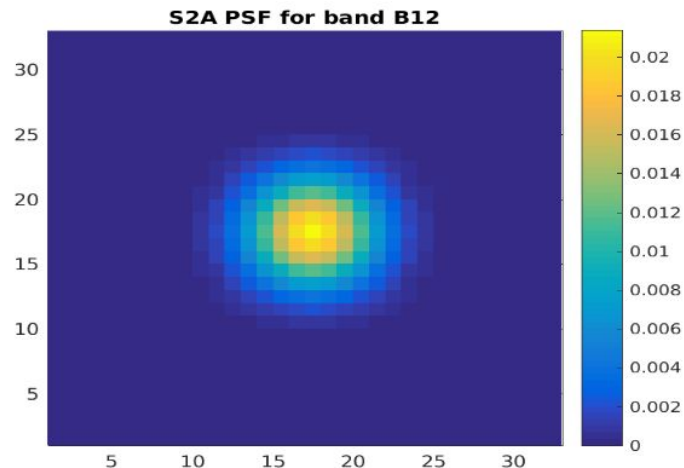
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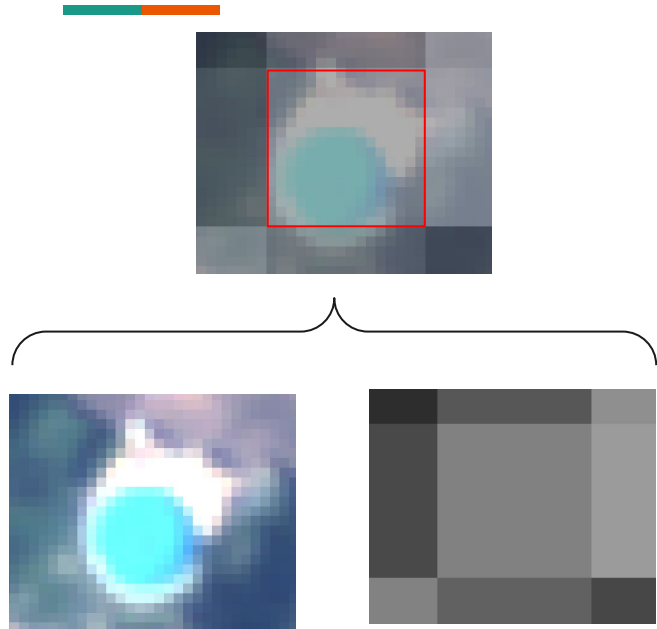
Conversion : ground pixel from 60cm -> 10m et 20m

- Resample UC at 65cm
- for each UC pixels at the S2 resolution, apply PSF

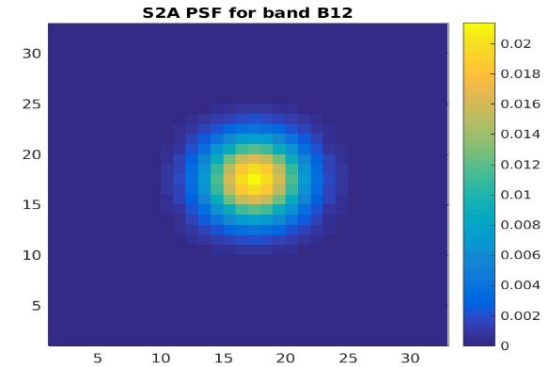


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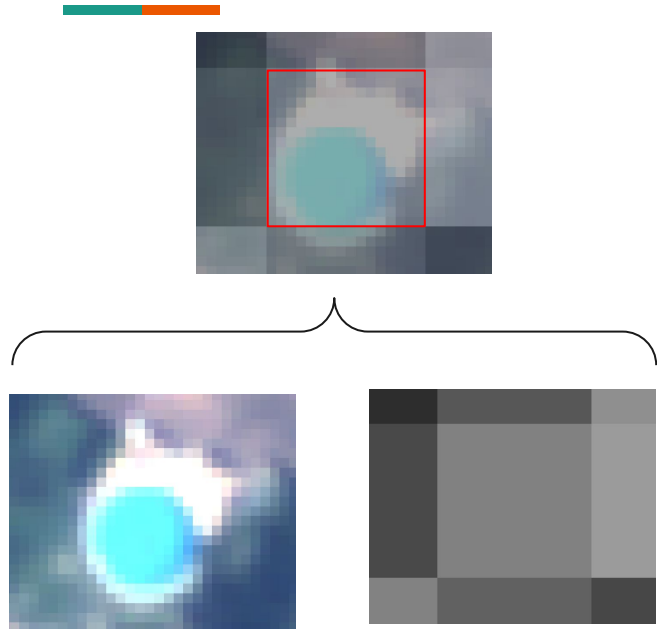


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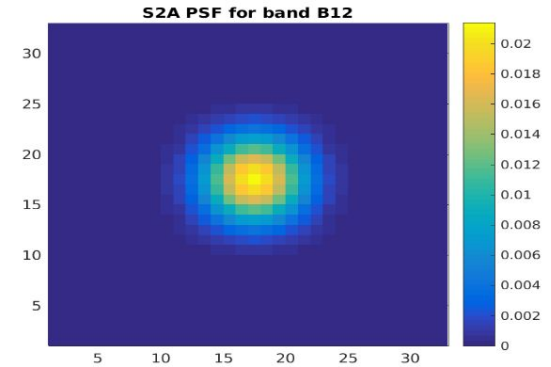
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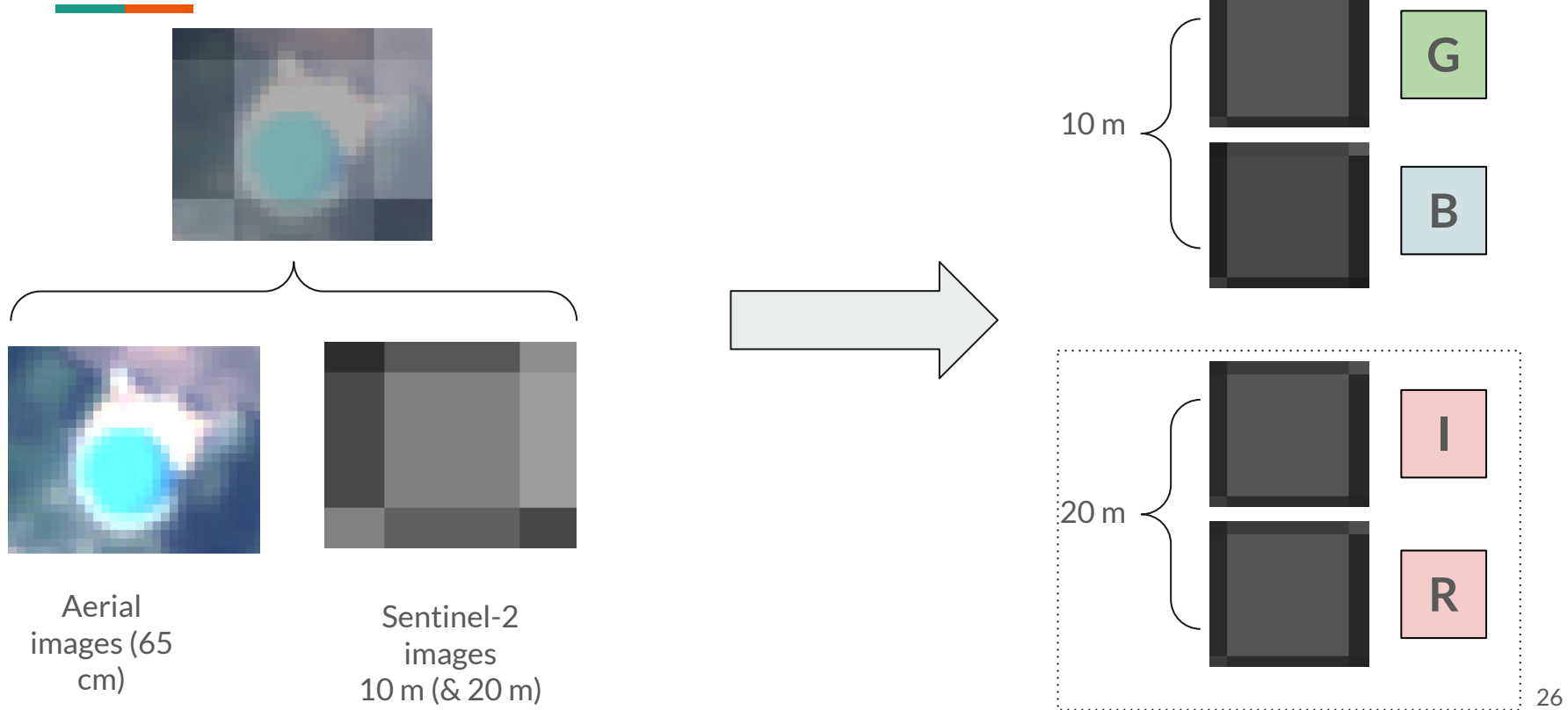
Simulate the PSF for the aerial spectral bands !

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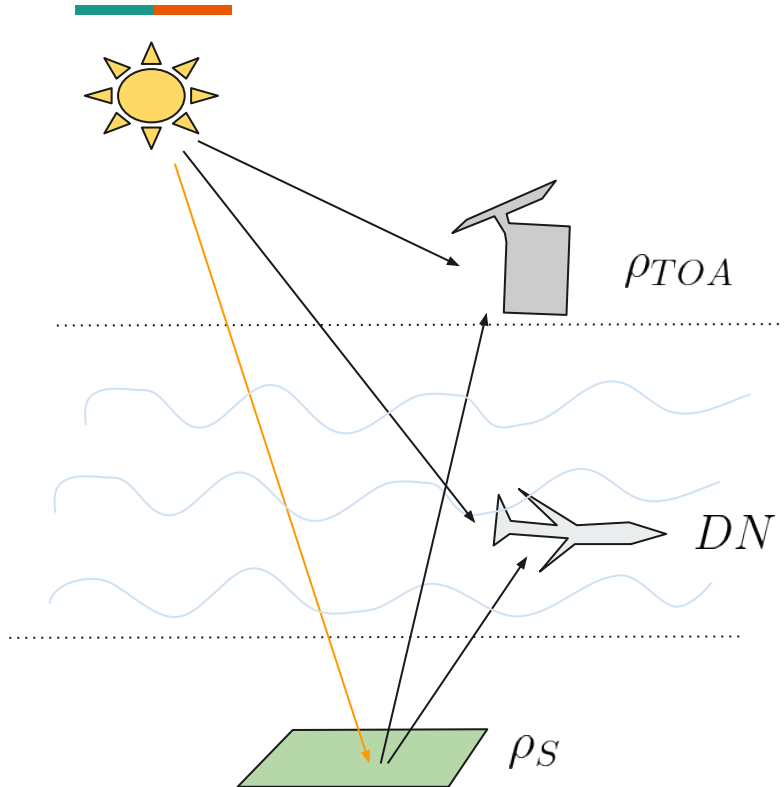
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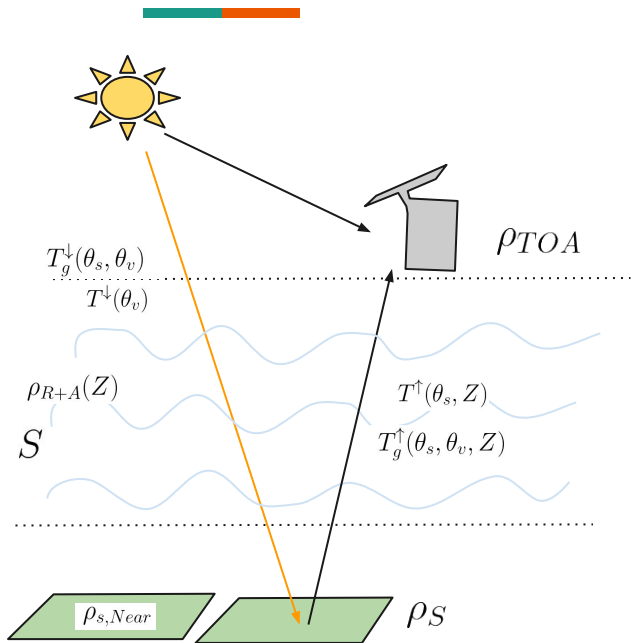
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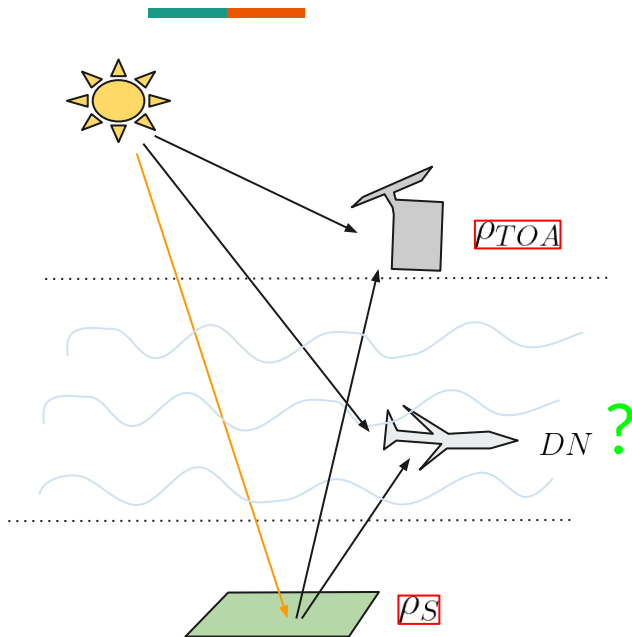
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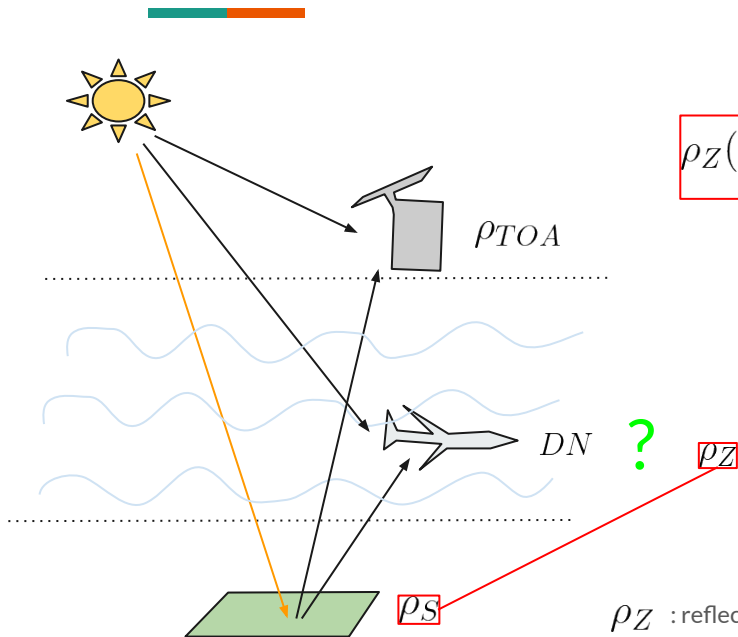
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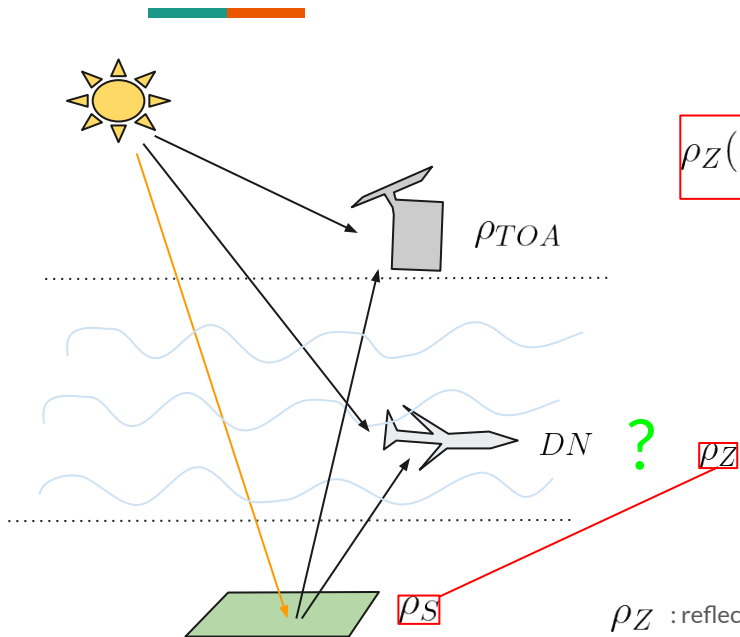
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#### 4. Simulate Top Of Atmosphere reflectance for each S2 band

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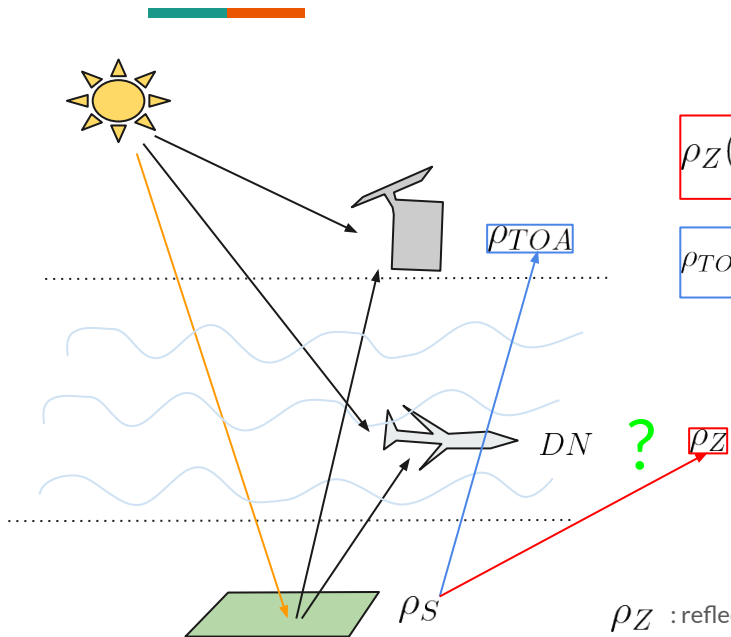
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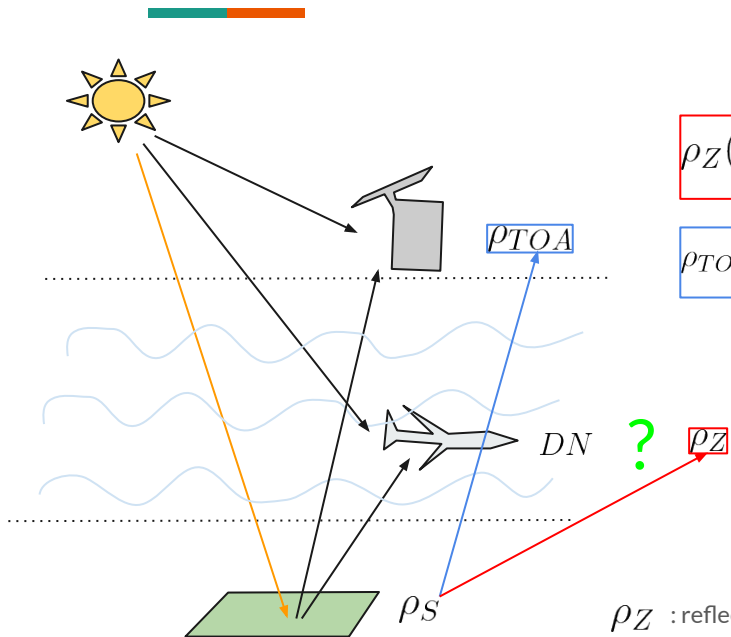


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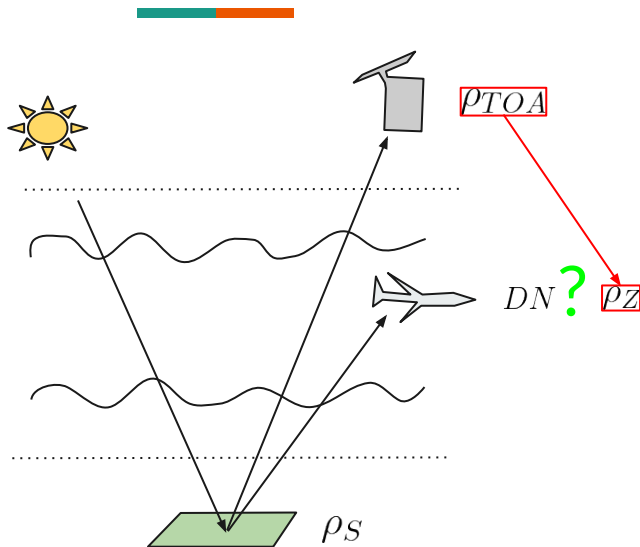
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## 3. Simulate atmospheric parameters



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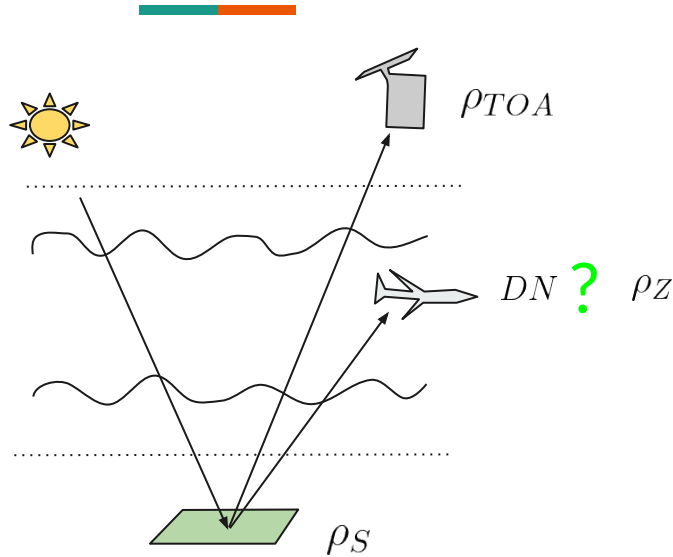
$$\rho_Z = T_{g,Z}^{\uparrow} T_{g,Z}^{\downarrow} \left( \rho_{R+A,Z} - \frac{T_Z^{\uparrow} T_Z^{\downarrow}}{T_{TOA}^{\uparrow} T_{TOA}^{\downarrow}} \rho_{R+A,Z} \right) + \frac{T_{g,Z}^{\uparrow} T_{g,Z}^{\downarrow} T_Z^{\uparrow} T_Z^{\downarrow}}{T_{g,TOA}^{\uparrow} T_{g,TOA}^{\downarrow} T_{TOA}^{\uparrow} T_{TOA}^{\downarrow}} \rho_{TOA}$$

$$\rho_Z \approx A * \rho_{TOA} + B$$

-> Simulate (with 6S tool) all the atmospheric parameters ( $T_z$ ,  $T_{g,z}$ ...) for  $Z$ =airplane altitude and  $Z$ =satellite altitude

### 3. First pipeline - sensor calibration

4. Simulate reflectance for each S2 band at the airplane altitude



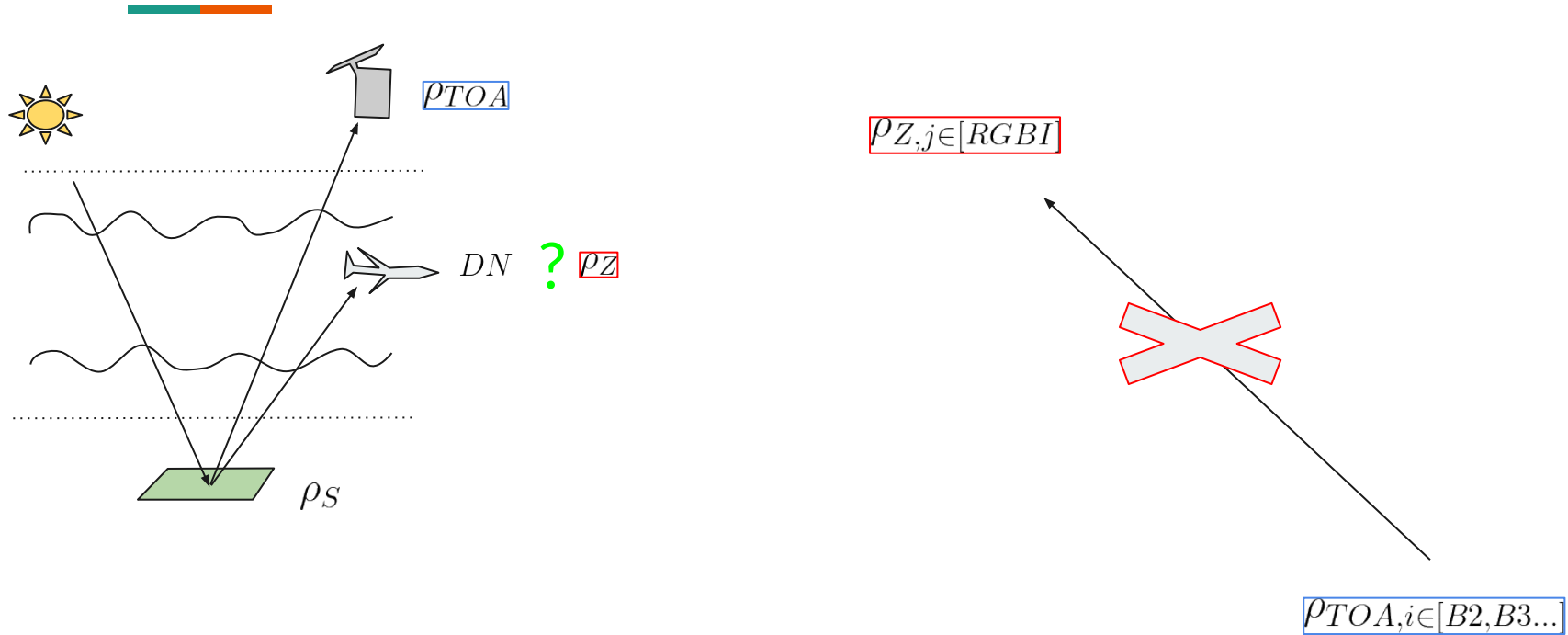
Quick reminder :

We try to compare the DN from airplane with reflectance at the airplane altitude, to calibrate the sensor.

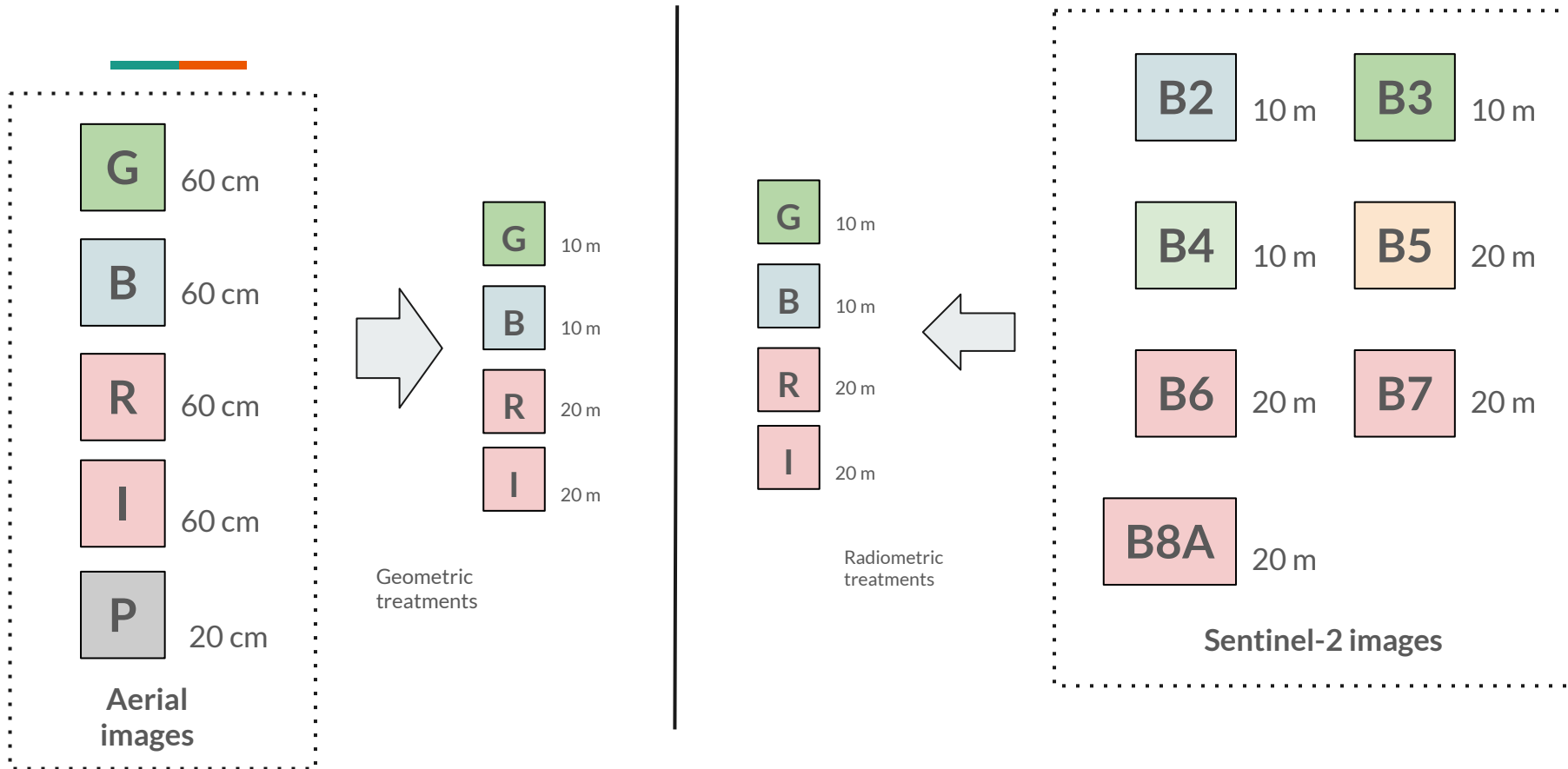
But we have a reflectance for the satellite spectral bands : impossible to compare with the DN number (4 spectral bands)

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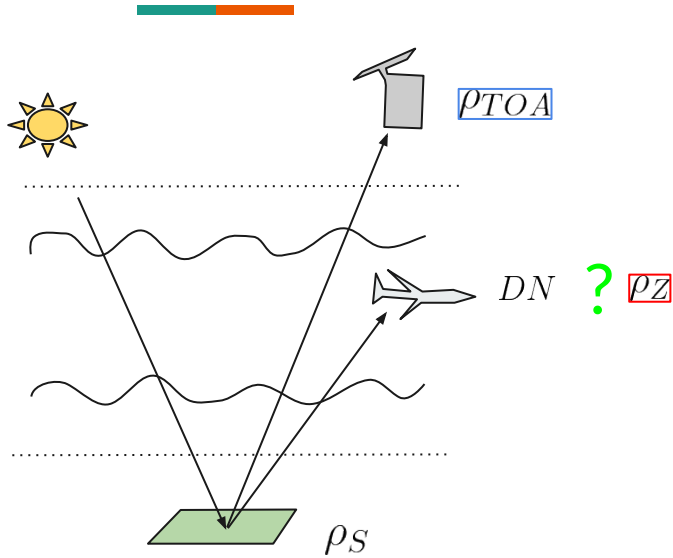


## 2. Data presentation - fitting together



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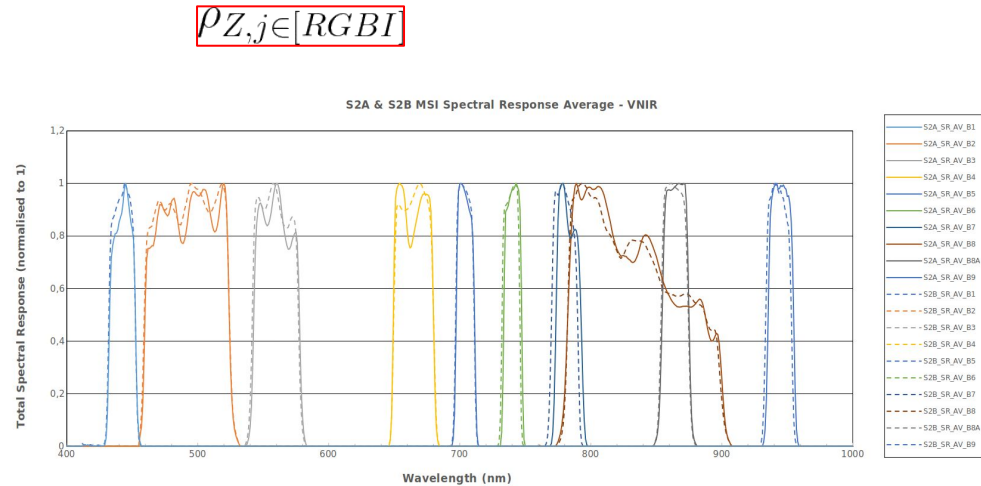
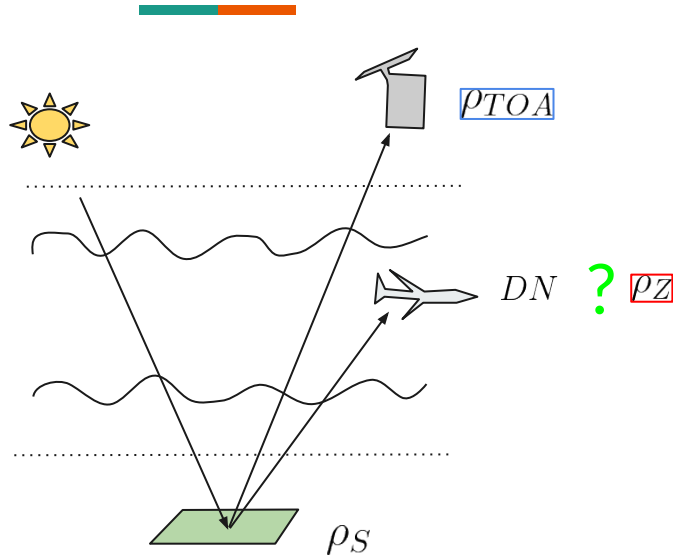


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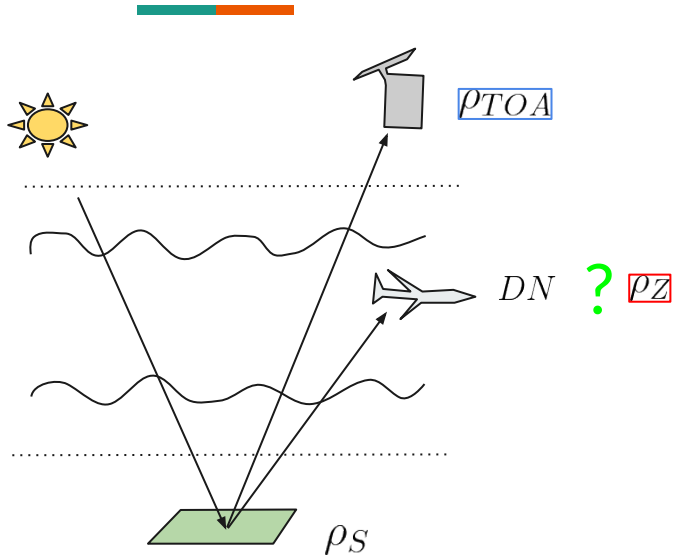
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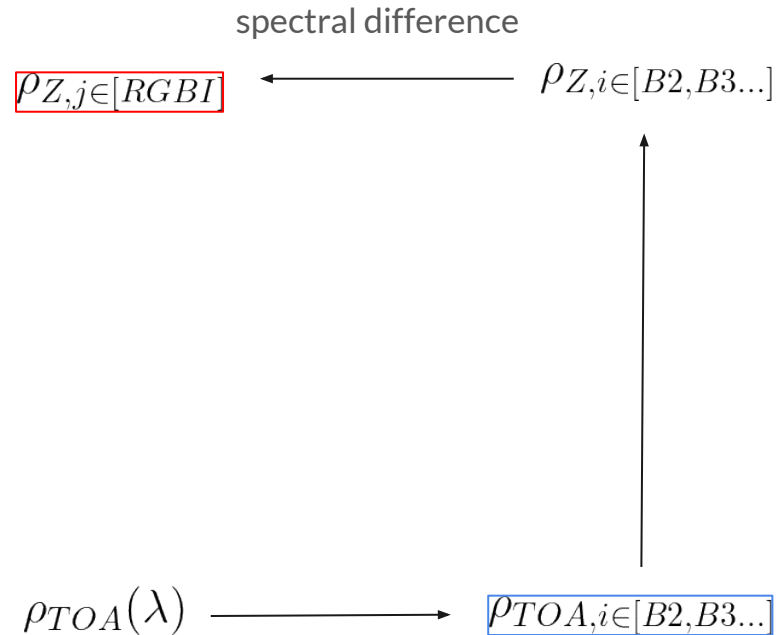
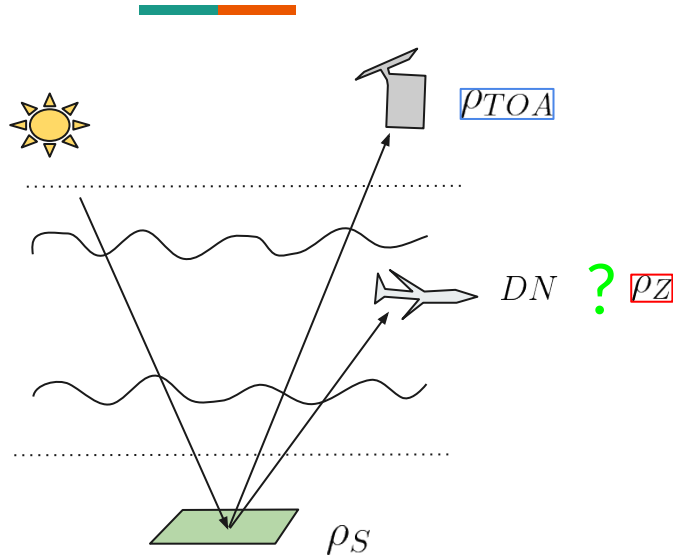
$$\rho_Z = A * \rho_{TOA} + B$$

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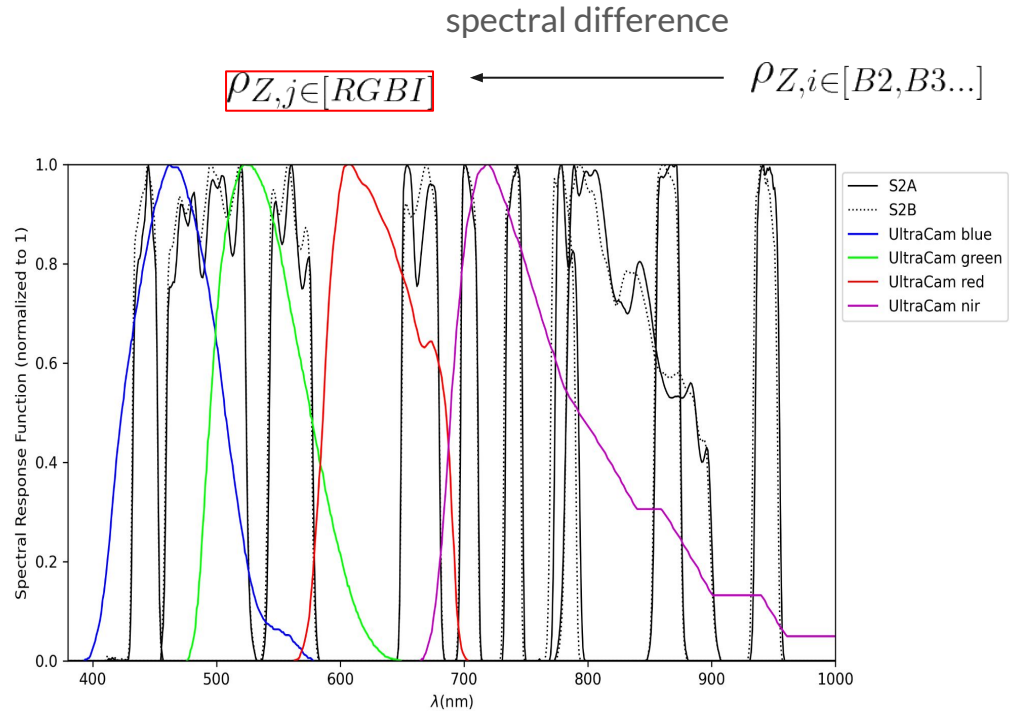
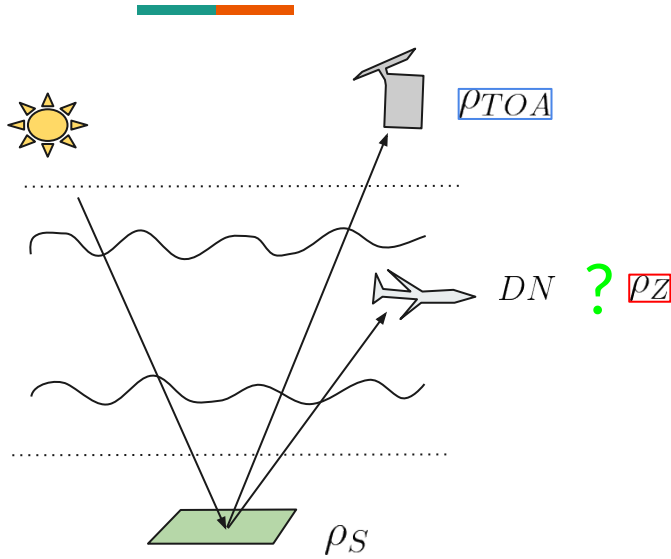
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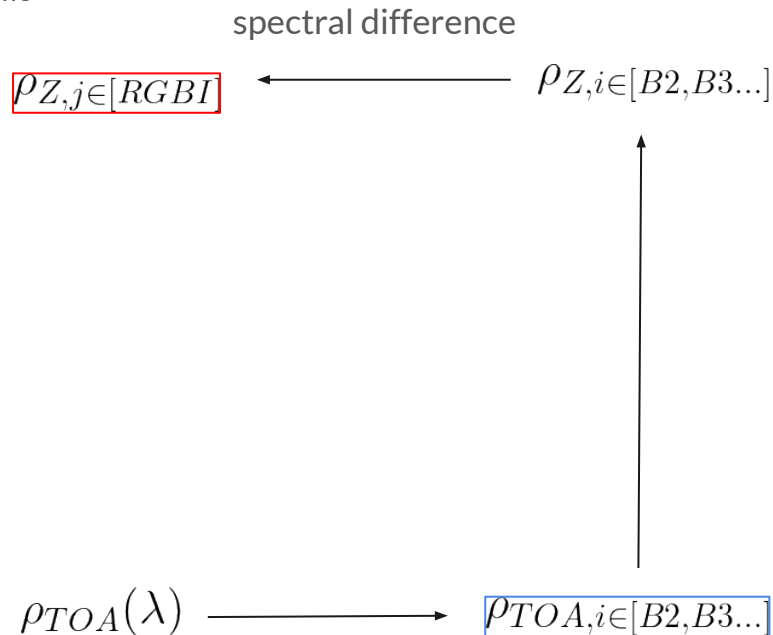
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To calibrate the UC sensor, we need the S2 reflectance map to be at the same resolution :

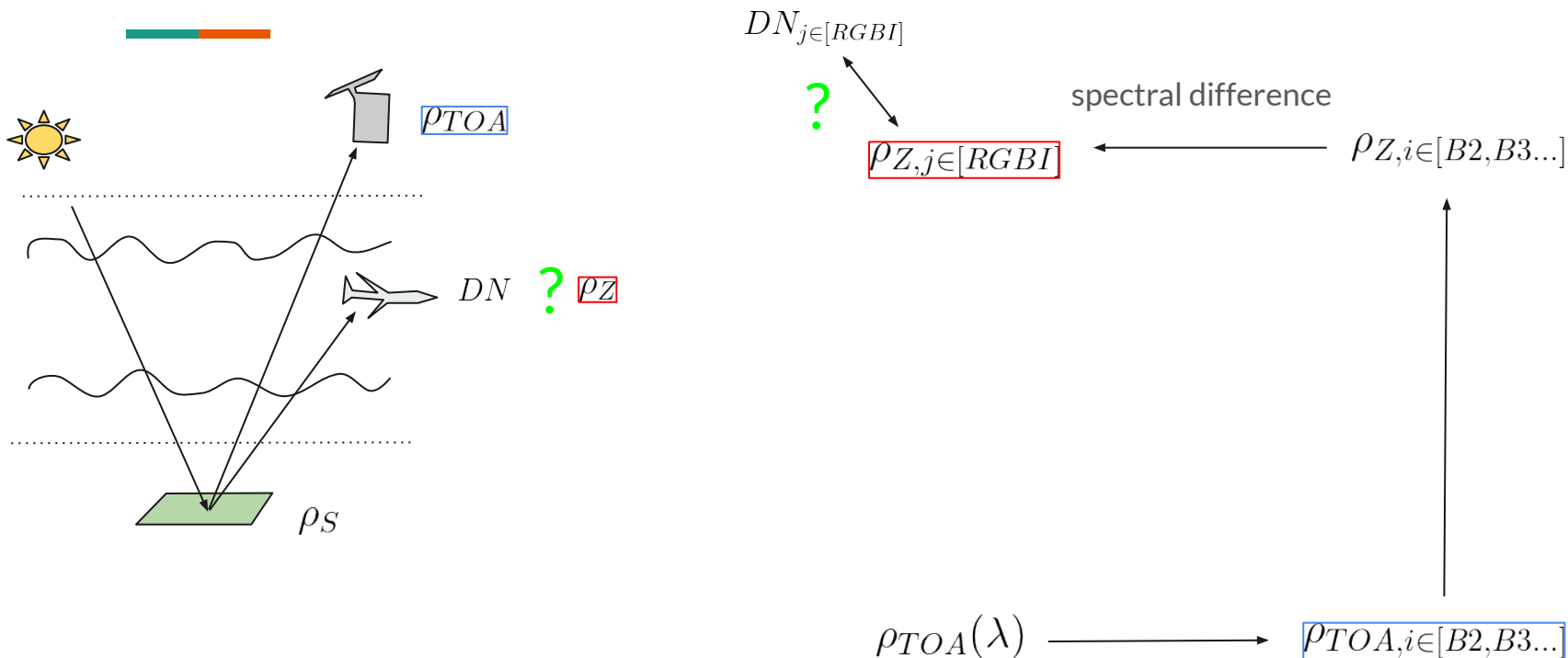
-> We simulate the S2 reflectance at the 4 spectral bands resolution

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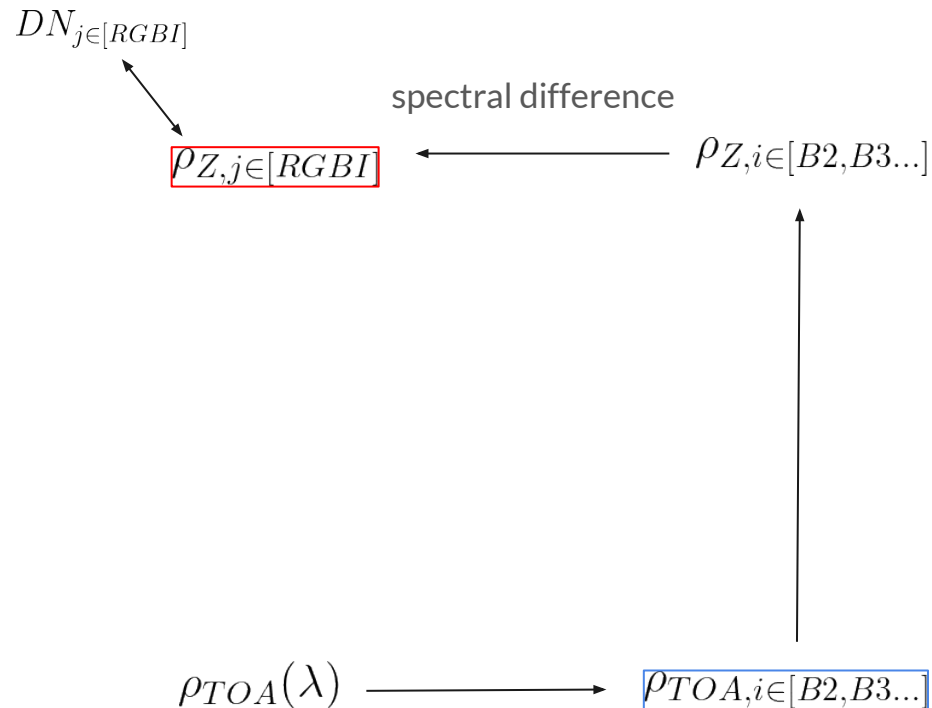
#### 6. Sensor calibration

We suppose

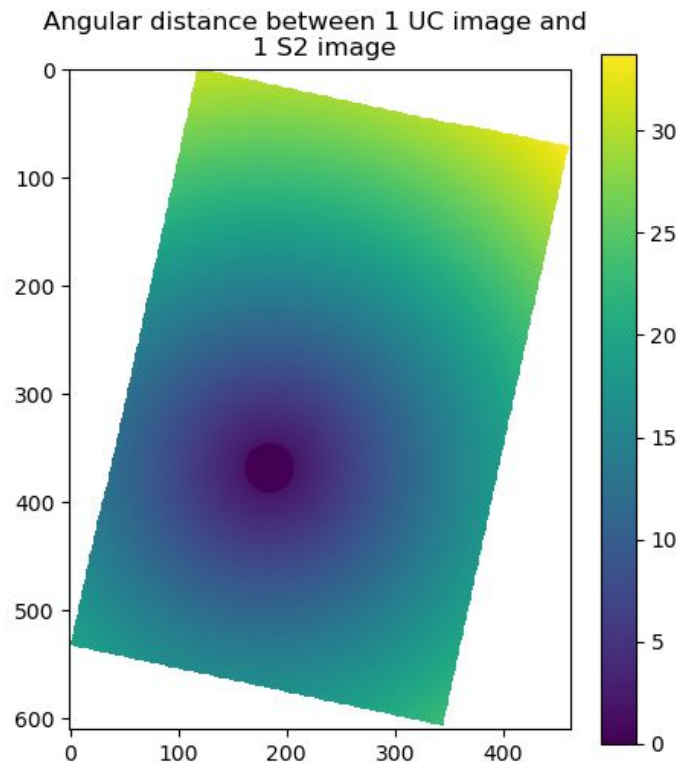
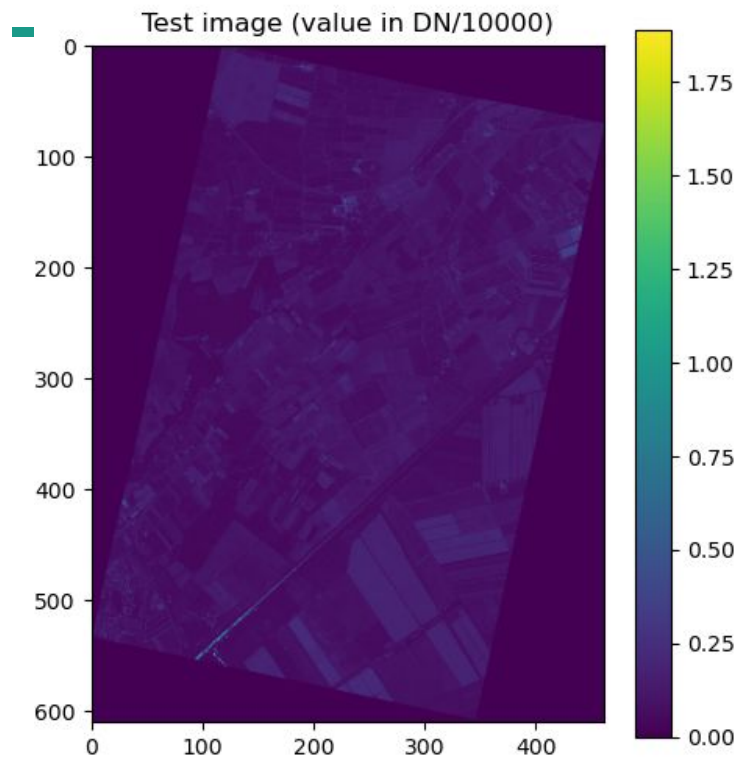
$$\forall j \in [B, G, R, I], \exists (C_j, B_j, A_j) \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$DN_j = C_j \cdot \rho_{Z,j} + B_j$$

$$DN_j = C_j \cdot \rho_{Z,j}^2 + B_j \cdot \rho_{Z,j} + A_j$$

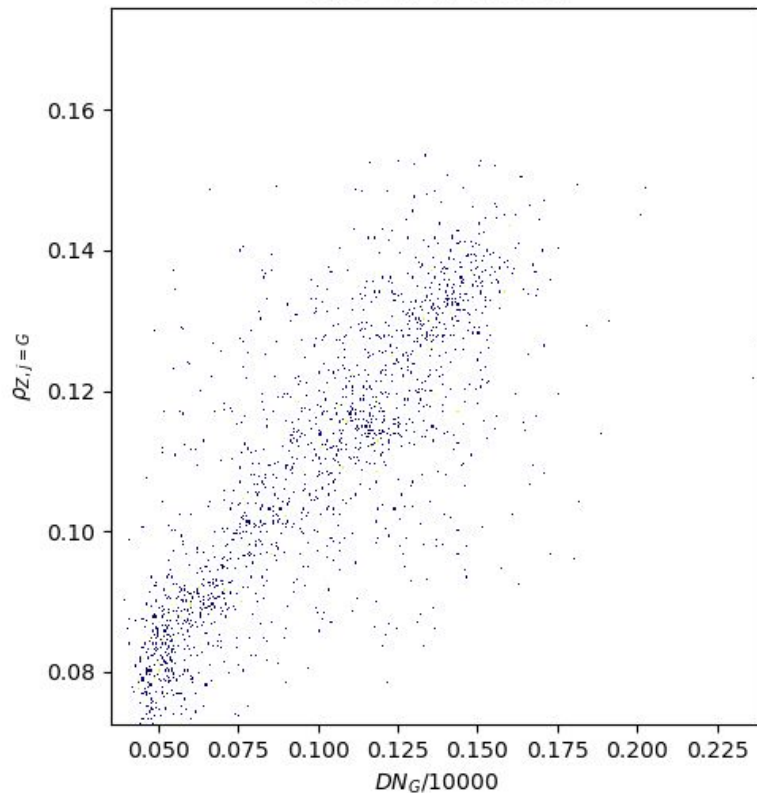


## 4. Results

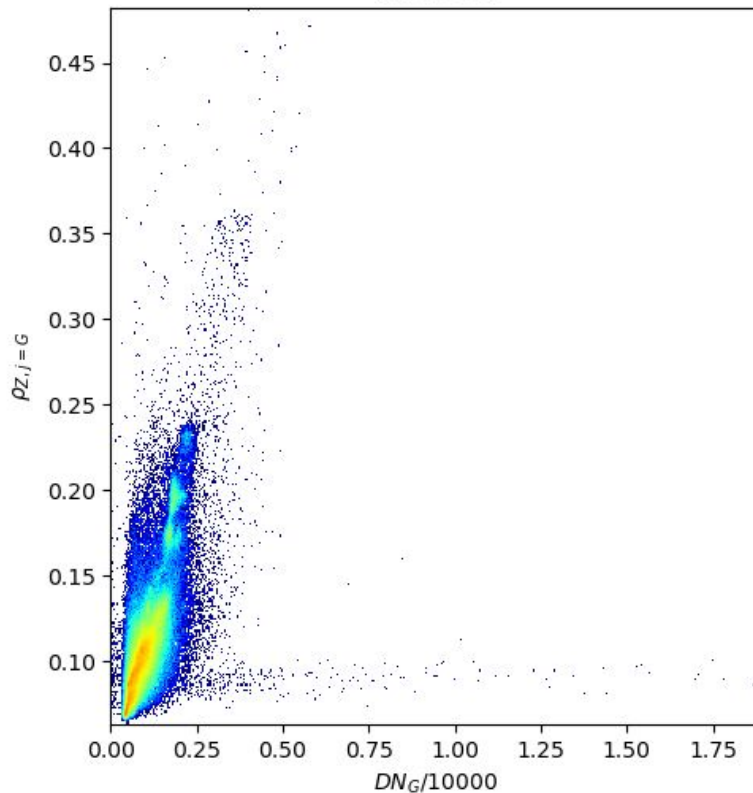


## 4. Results

Scatter plot of  $\rho_{Z,j=G}$  function of  $DN_G/10000$   
for  $\delta < 2^\circ$  in one OPI



Scatter plot of  $\rho_{Z,j=G}$  function of  $DN_G/10000$   
for 1 OPI



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**thank you for listening :)**



### 3. First pipeline - sensor calibration

What's the link between reflectance, equalization, satellite and aerial images ?!



(+) Airplane Images depends on the atmospheric conditions, ground reflectance, viewing conditions...

-> ... (-) *but the atmosphere conditions changes each day*

(+) Satellite data provides us ground reflectance images and Top Of Atmosphere images

-> ... (-) *but this ground reflectance is in a **very particular condition** (viewing angle, time, atmospheric conditions, solar radiance...)*

If we simulate this “very particular condition” for airplane images, we could compare the data !

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$M_{i \rightarrow j}$  : pass matrix from S2 spectral bands to aerial bands

$\rho_{Z,j}$  : reflectance at Z altitude for aerial spectral bands (RGB-NIR)

$\rho_{Z,i}$  : reflectance at Z altitude for satellite spectral bands

$f_i(\lambda)$  : spectral response function of the satellite sensors bands

$f_j(\lambda)$  : spectral response function of UC sensors for reflectance

