In-Flight Validation of Mid and Thermal Infrared Remotely Sensed Data from MODIS (Terra and Aqua) Using the Lake Tahoe and Salton Sea Automated Validation Sites

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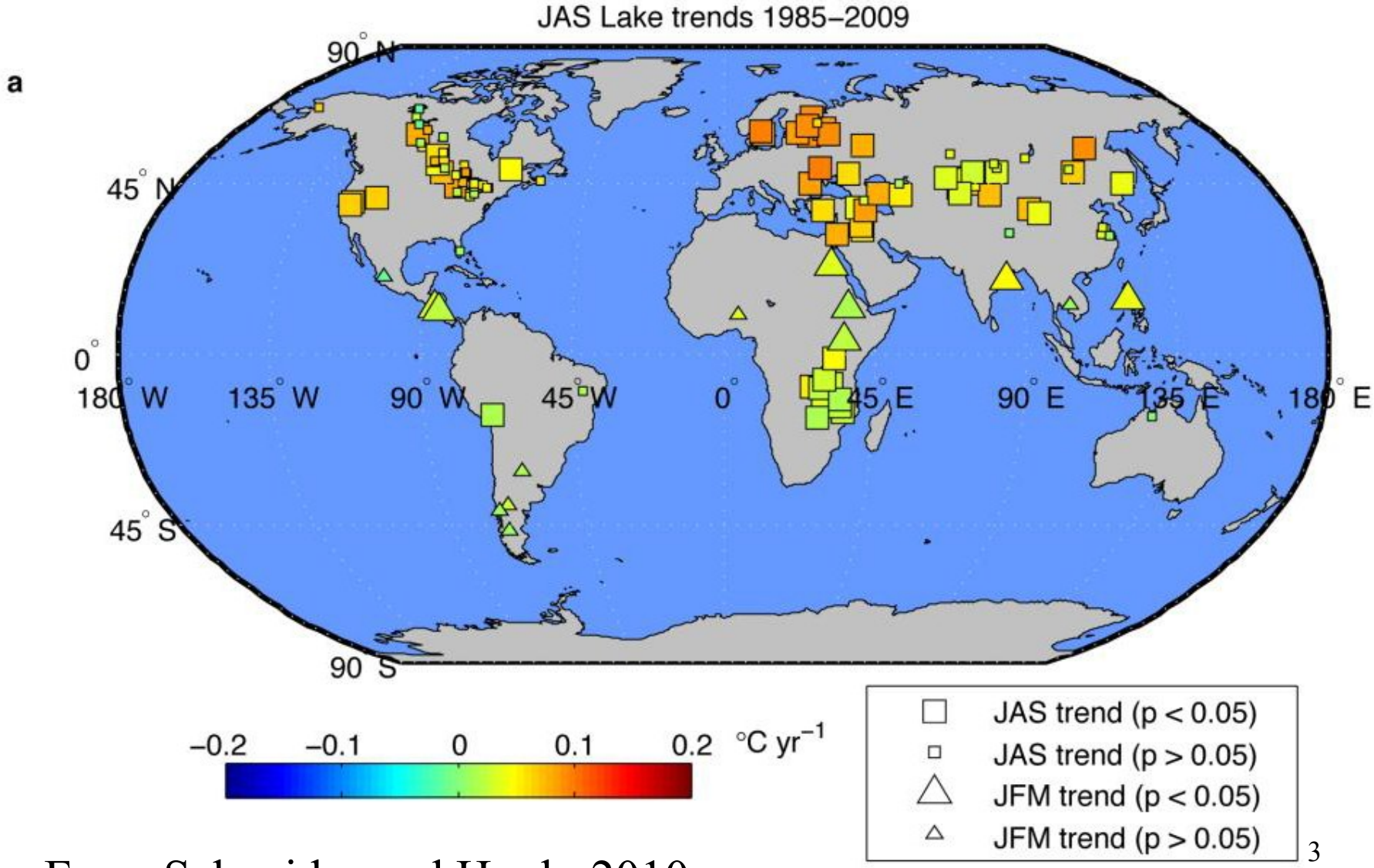
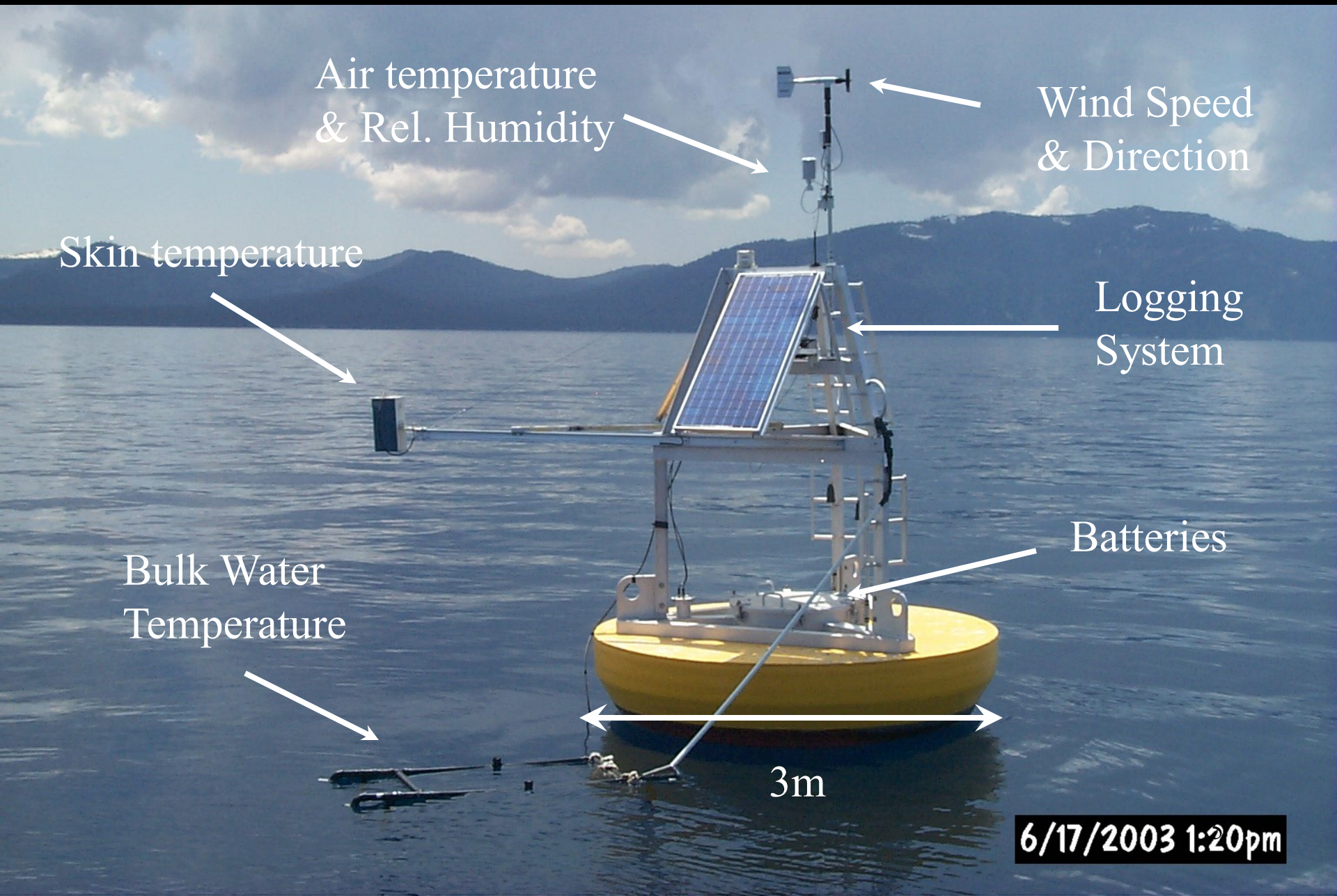
Global satellite-derived seasonal (July, August, September (JAS) and January, February, March (JFM)) nighttime lake surface temperature trends between 1985 and 2009

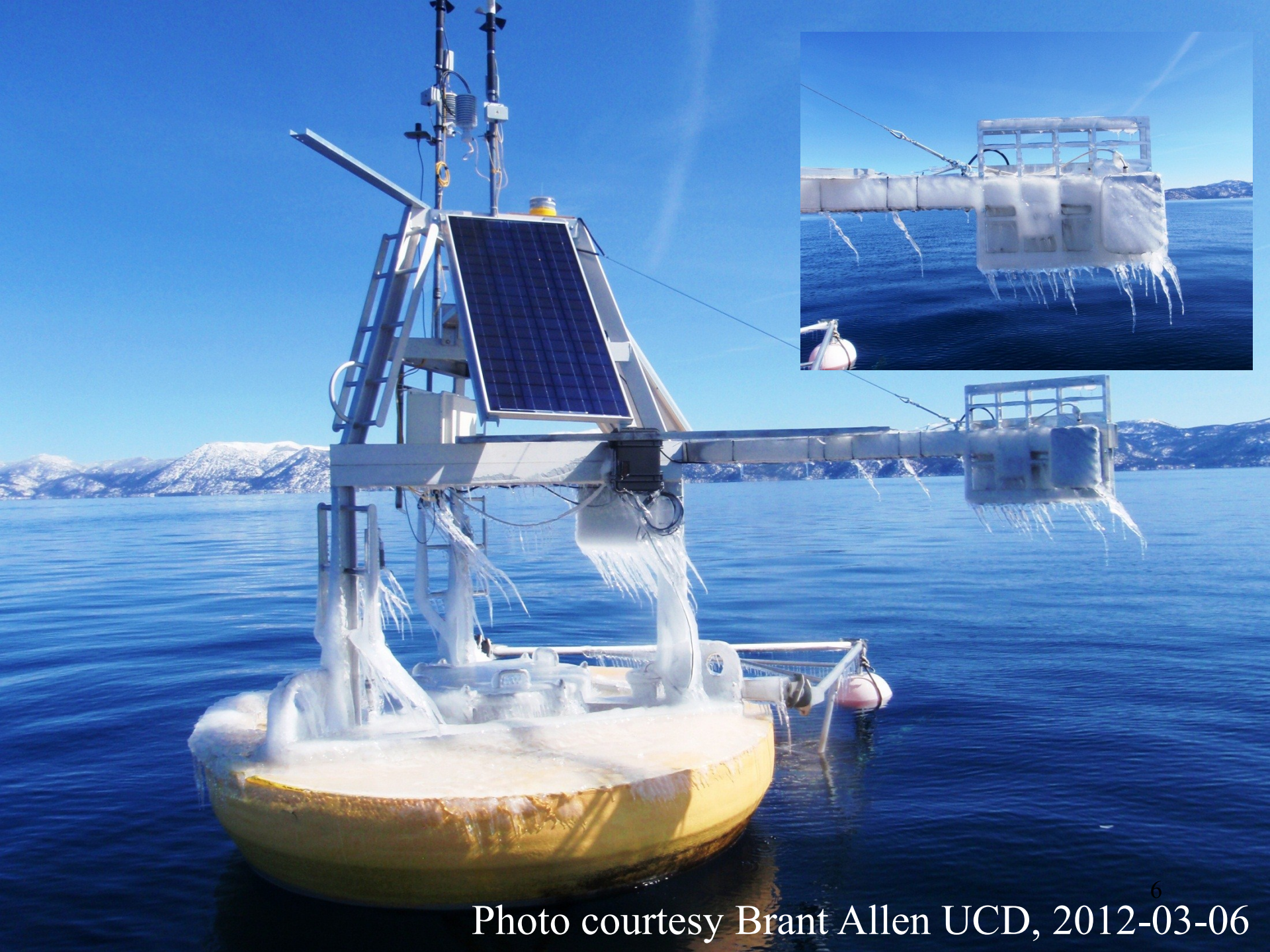


From Schneider and Hook, 2010

- Large 35 km x 16 km
- High 2 km
- Available year round (does not freeze in winter).
- Homogenous compared with land.
- Large annual temperature range 5-25 C.
- Freshwater (kind to instruments!)
- Good infrastructure and easy access.

TB3 Installed 11-04-2002





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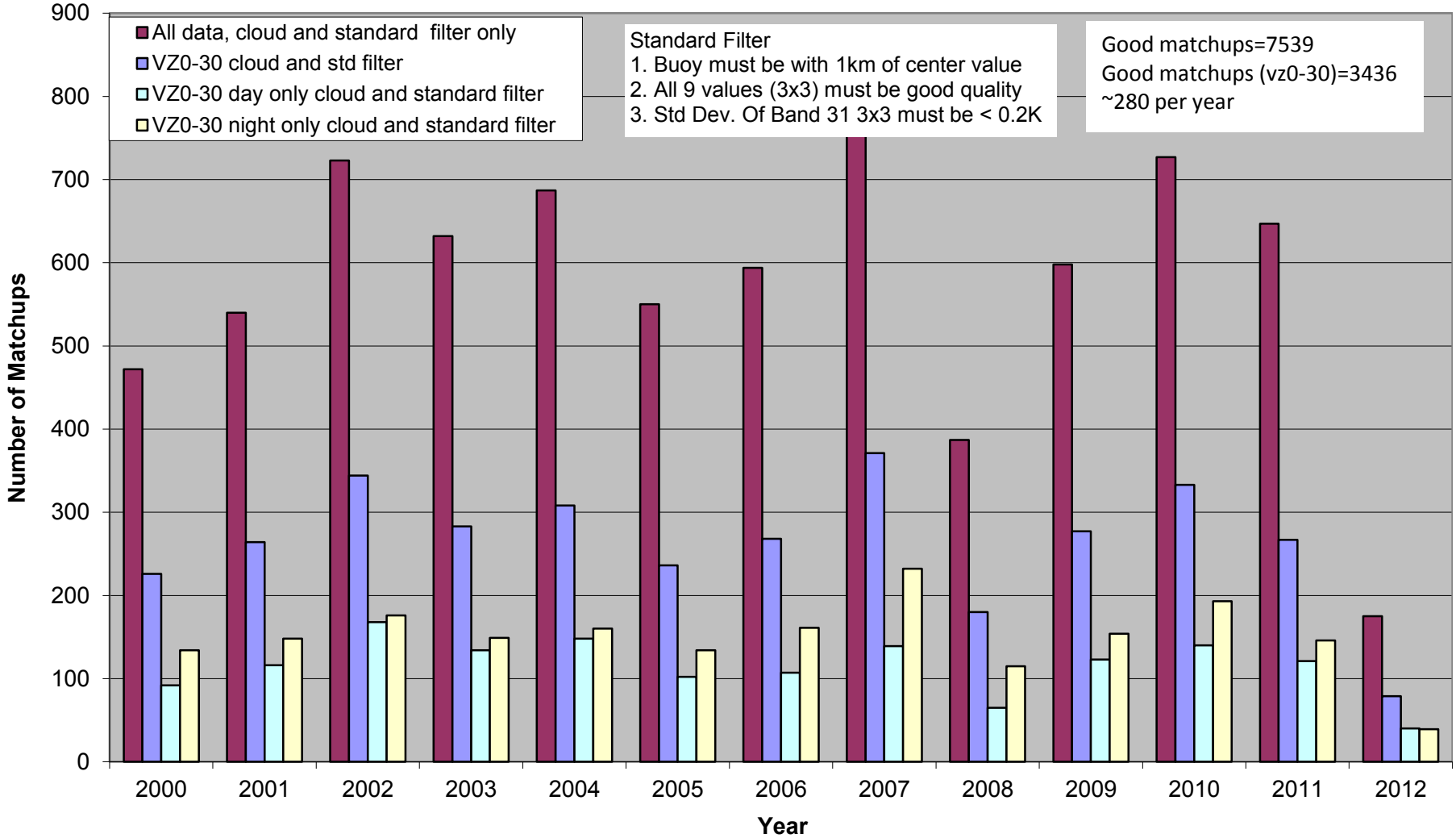
MODERATE RESOLUTION IMAGING SPECTRORADIOMETER

Orbit: 705 km, 10:30 a.m. descending node (AM-1) or 1:30 p.m. ascending node (PM-1), sun-synchronous, near-polar, circular. Swath dimensions: 2330 km (cross track) by 10 km (along track at nadir). Spatial Resolution 250 m (bands 1-2), 500 m (bands 3-7) 1000 m (bands 8-36).

Application	Band	Bandwidth (nm)	SNR
Land/Cloud	1	620-670	128
Boundaries	2	841-876	201
Land/Cloud	3	459-479	243
Properties	4	545-565	228
	5	1230-1250	74
	6	1628-1652	275
	7	2105-2155	110
Ocean Color/	8	405-420	880
Phytoplankton/	9	438-448	838
Biogeochemistry	10	483-493	802
	11	526-536	754
	12	546-556	750
	13	662-672	910
	14	673-683	1087
	15	743-753	586
	16	862-877	516
Atmospheric	17	890-920	167
Water Vapor	18	931-941	57
	19	915-965	250

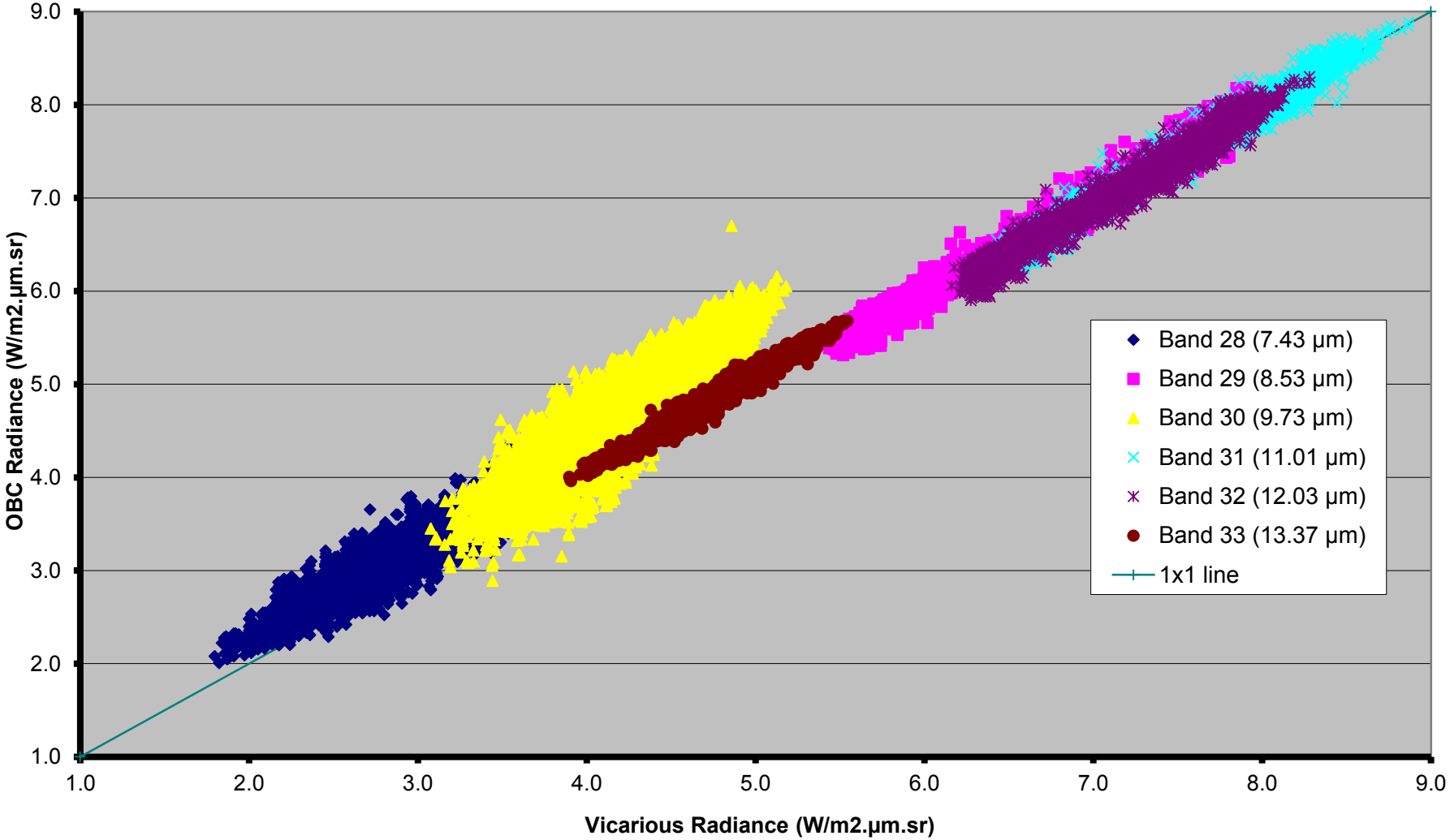
Application	Band	Bandwith (um)	NEdT
Surface/Cloud			0.05
Temperature	21	3.929-3.989	2.00
			0.07
			0.07
Atmospheric	24	4.433-4.498	0.25
Temperature	25	4.482-4.549	0.25
Cirrus Clouds	26	1.360-1.390	150 (SNR)
Water Vapor	27	6.535-6.895	0.25
			0.25
			0.25
Ozone			0.25
Surface/Cloud			0.25
Temperature			0.25
Cloud Top			0.25
Altitude	34	13.485-13.785	0.25
	35	13.785-14.085	0.25
	36	14.085-14.385	0.35

Matchup Count for MODIS Terra at Lake Tahoe
CY2000-2012 v5.x



Now have large numbers of matchups – can restrict to optimum view angles

MODIS Terra Vicarious and OBC Thermal Infrared Derived Radiances at Lake Tahoe CY2000-2012, v5.x



IR Window bands align nicely with 1x1 line.

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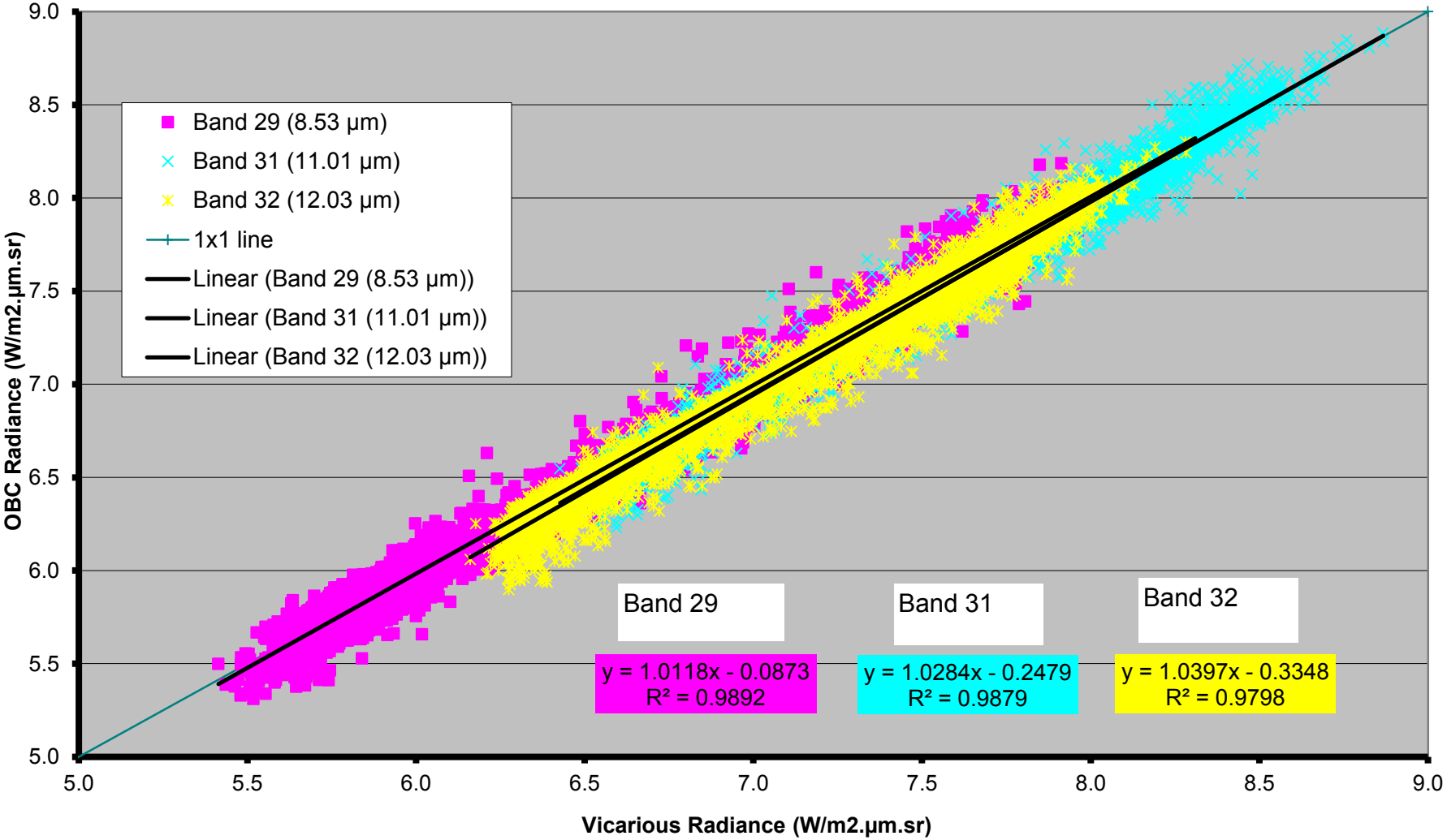
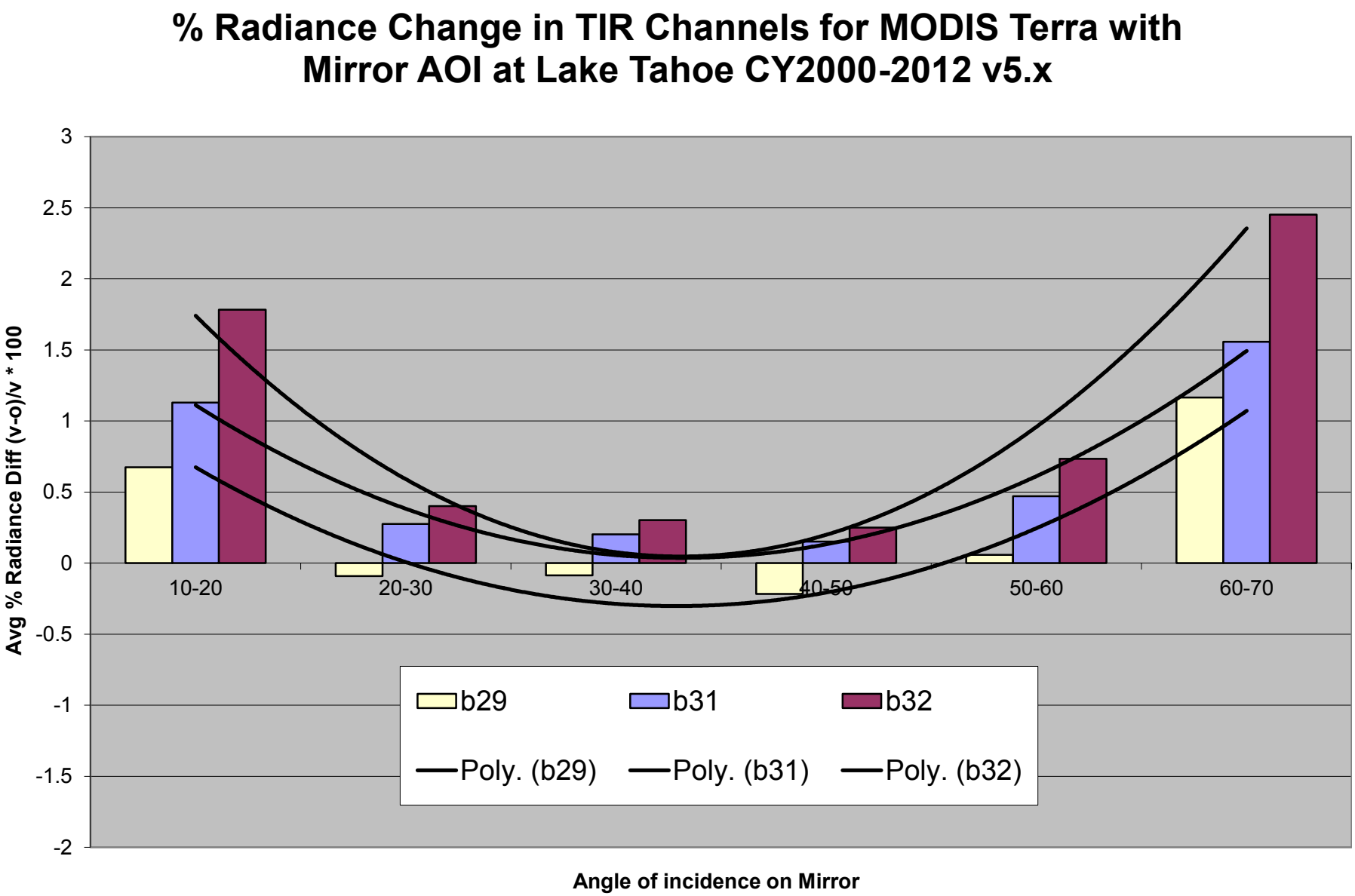
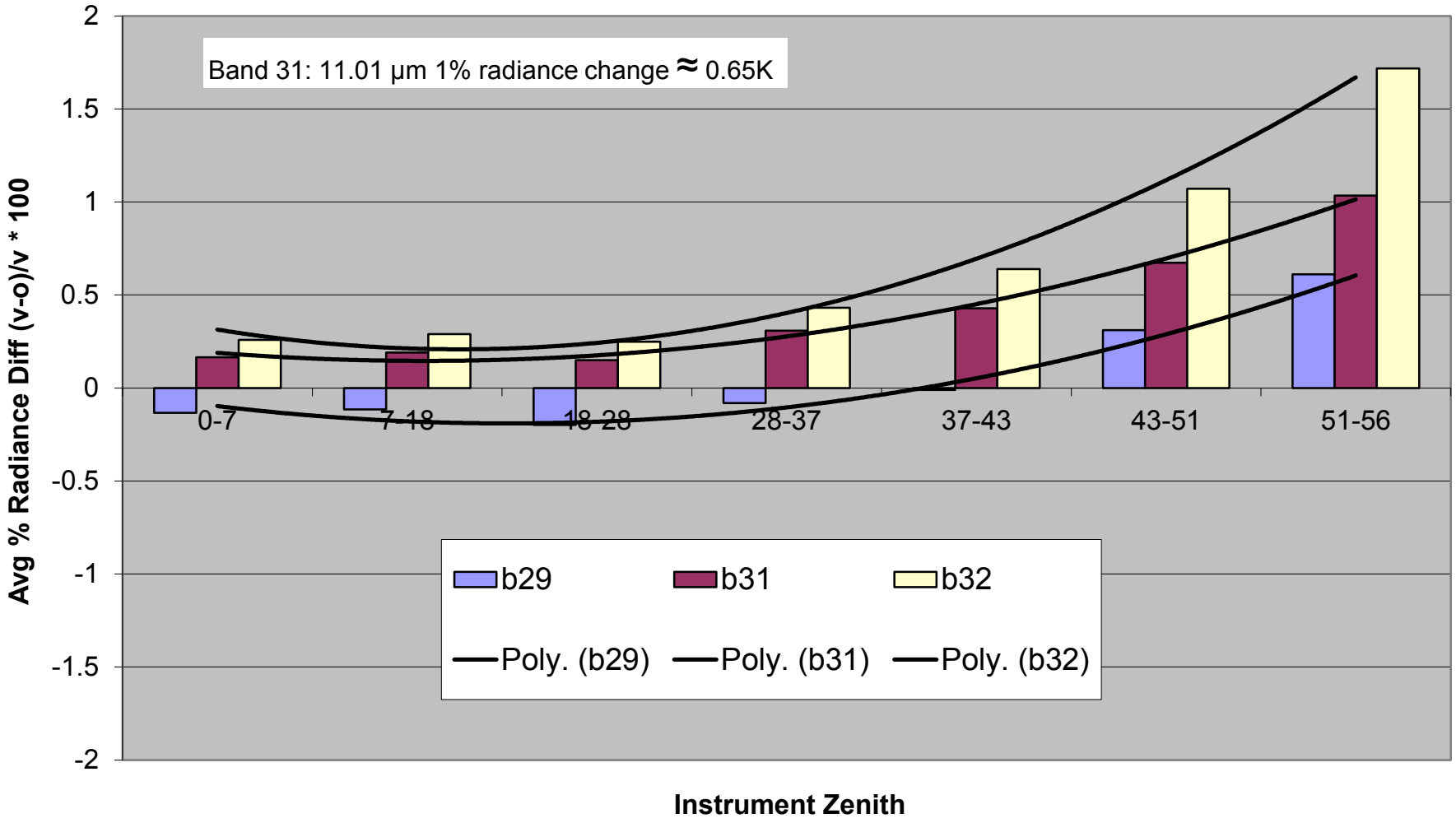


Looking at window bands closely follow 1 to 1 line



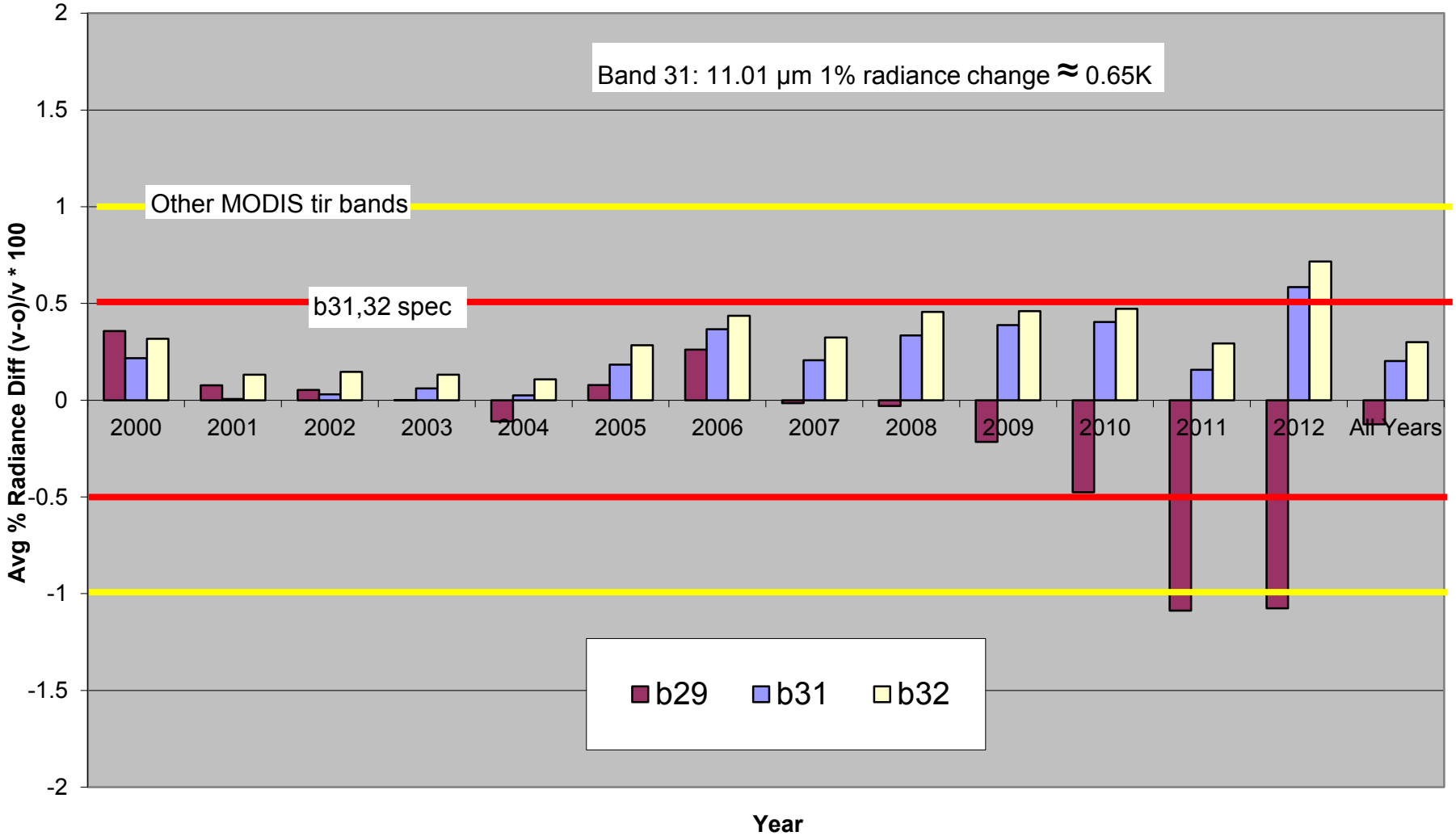
AOI relates to viewing geometry, more oblique views worse validation as expected

% Radiance Change in TIR Channels for MODIS Terra with Instrument Zenith at Lake Tahoe CY2000-2012, v5.x



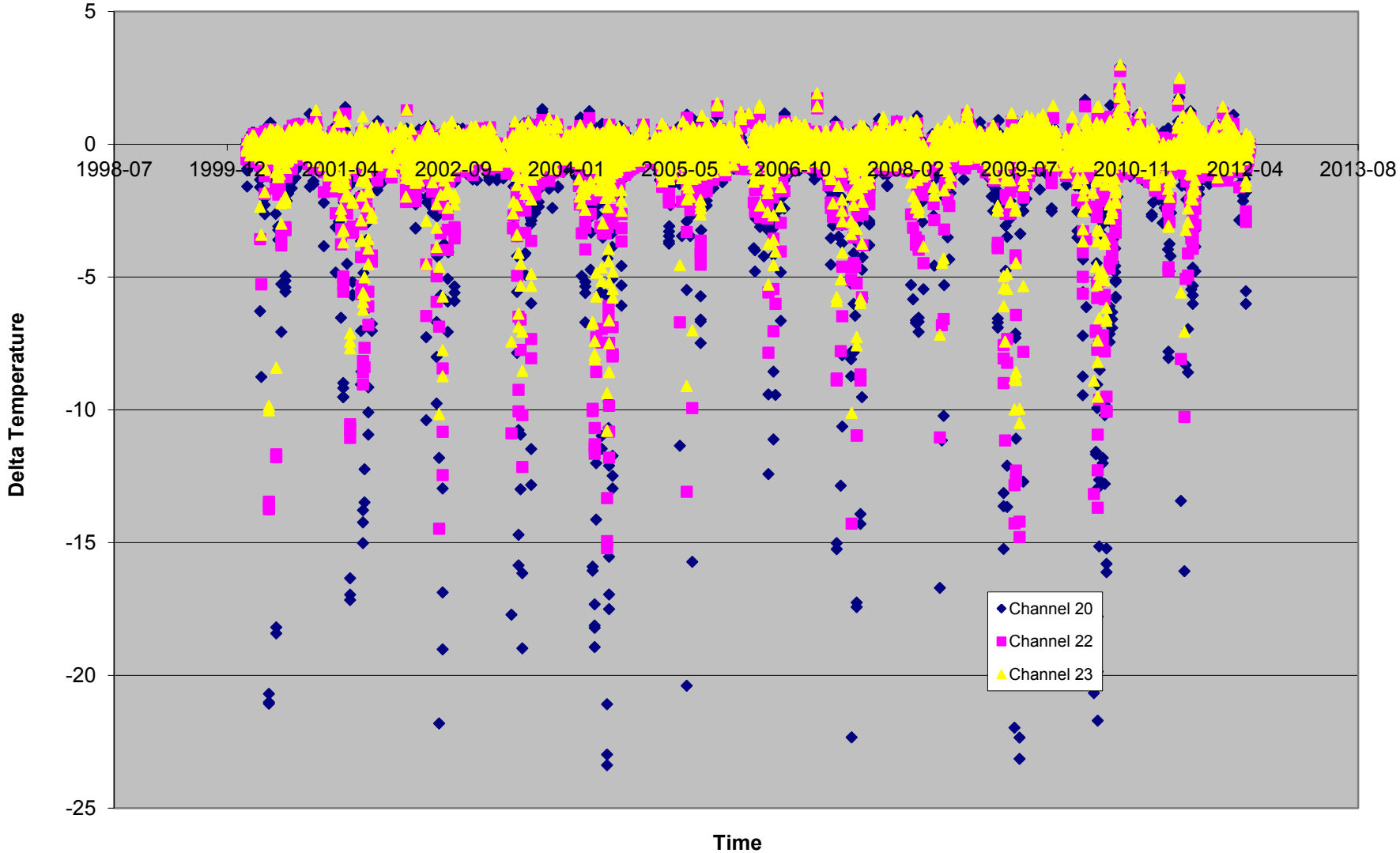
Results indicate get excellent results with in situ out to about 30 degrees

% Radiance Change in TIR Channels for MODIS Terra at Lake Tahoe CY2000-2012, vz0-30 v5.x



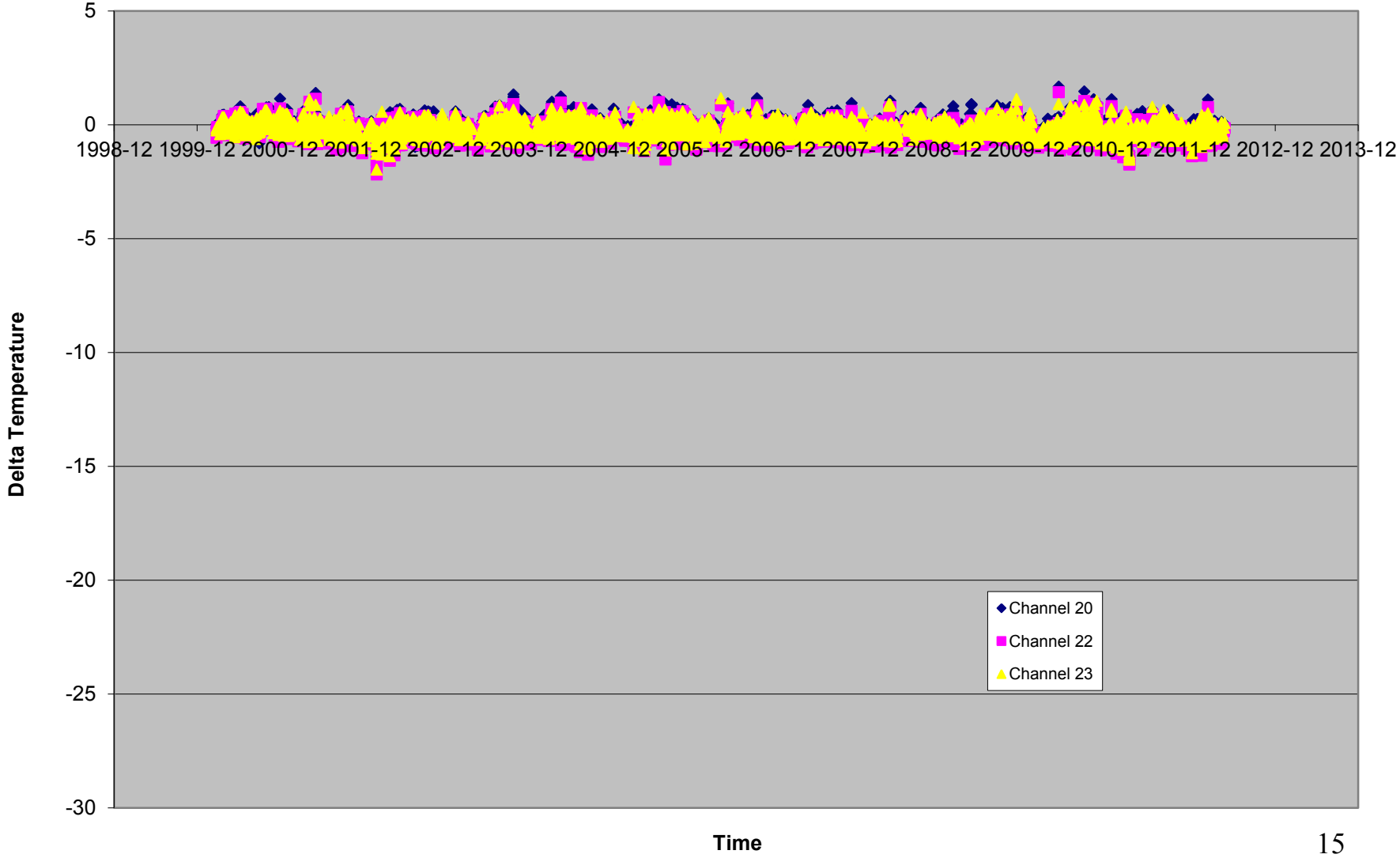
Excellent calibration until 2009. Since 2009 channel 29 calibration started to degrade

MODIS Terra Mid Infrared Channels Delta Temperature between Vicarious and OBC BT's at Lake Tahoe, 2000-2012 - DAY AND NIGHT



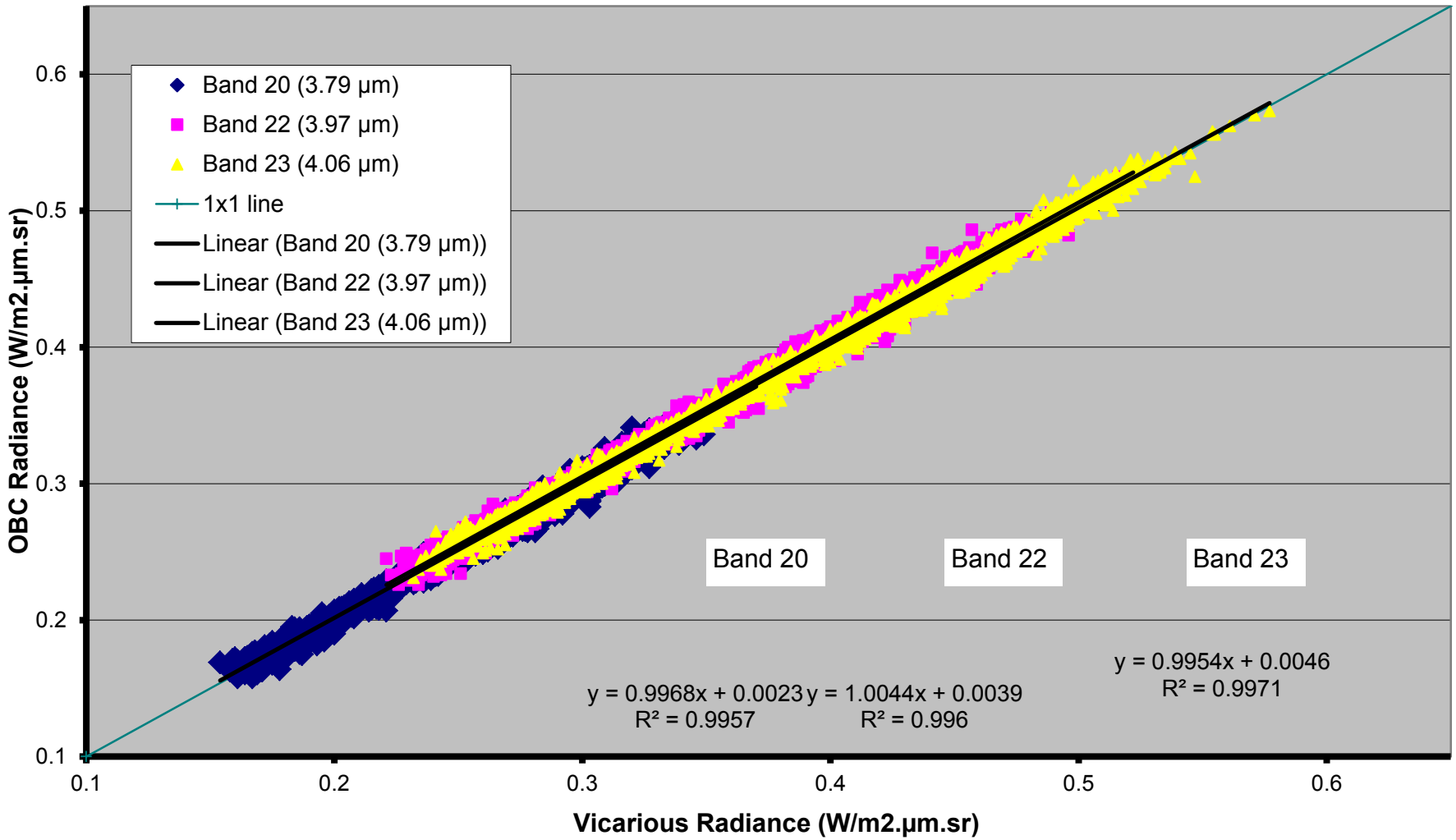
Can also use buoy data to validate MIR channels but cannot use daytime values since affected by reflected solar (as illustrated above). Since buoys operate 24x7 use just nighttime data (see next slide)

MODIS Terra Mid Infrared Channels Delta Temperature between Vicarious and OBC BT's at Lake Tahoe, 2000-2012 - NIGHT ONLY



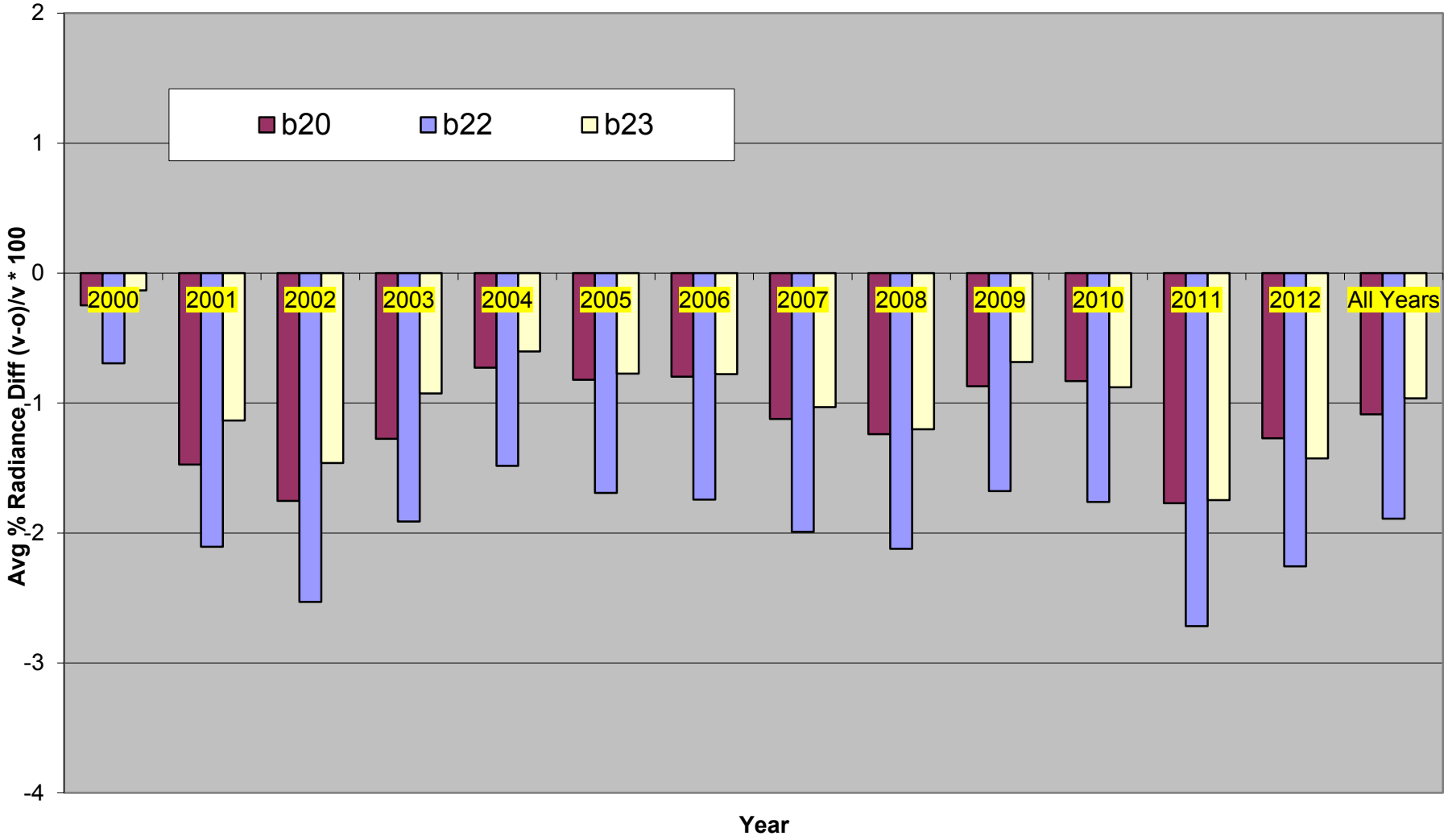
Nighttime only – no problems with reflected solar

MODIS Terra Night Only Vicarious and OBC Mid Infrared Derived Radiances at Lake Tahoe CY2000-2012, v5.x

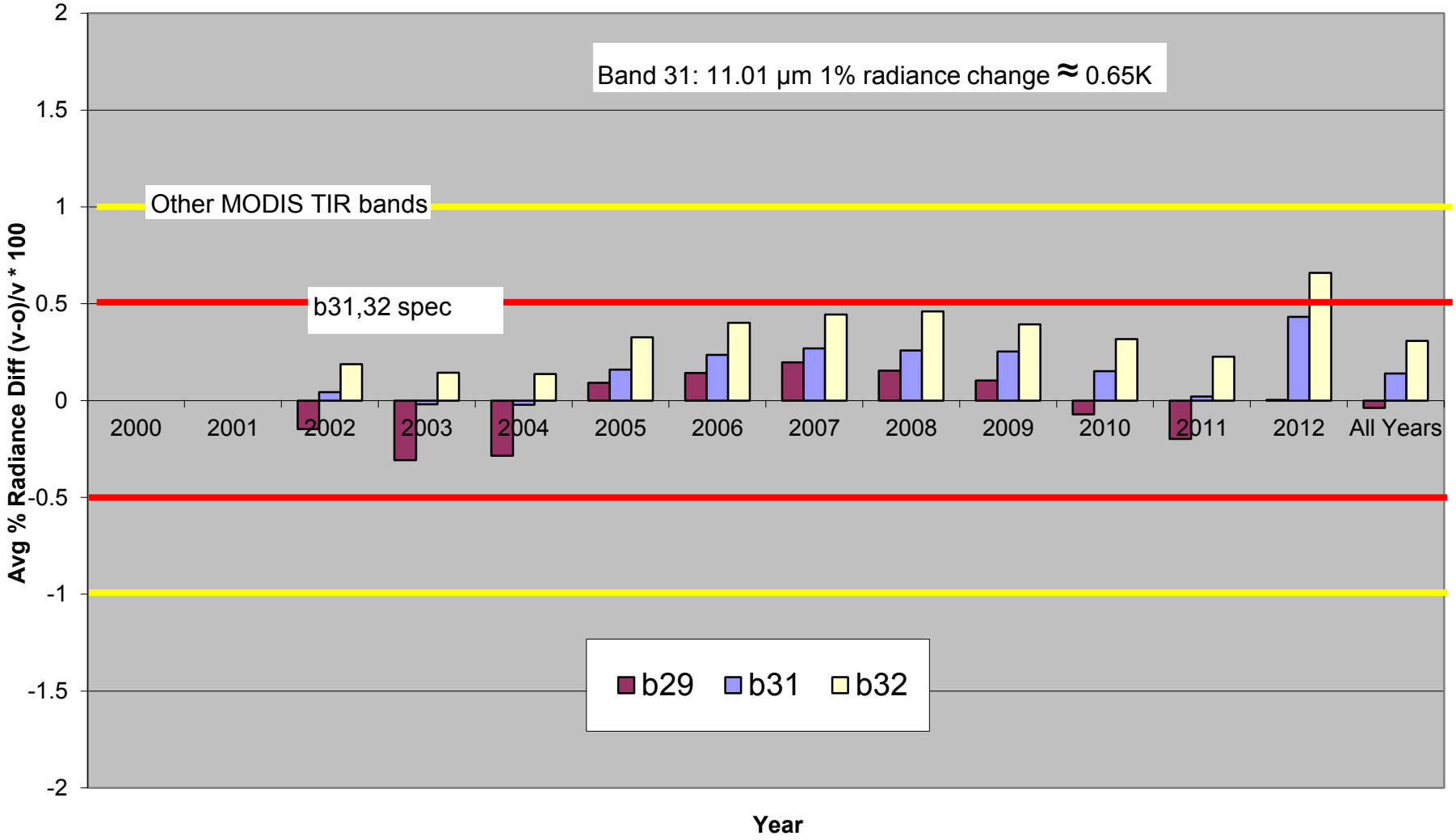


MIR also follow 1 x 1 line

% Radiance Change in MIR Channels for MODIS Terra at Lake Tahoe CY2000-2012, vz0-30, v5.x

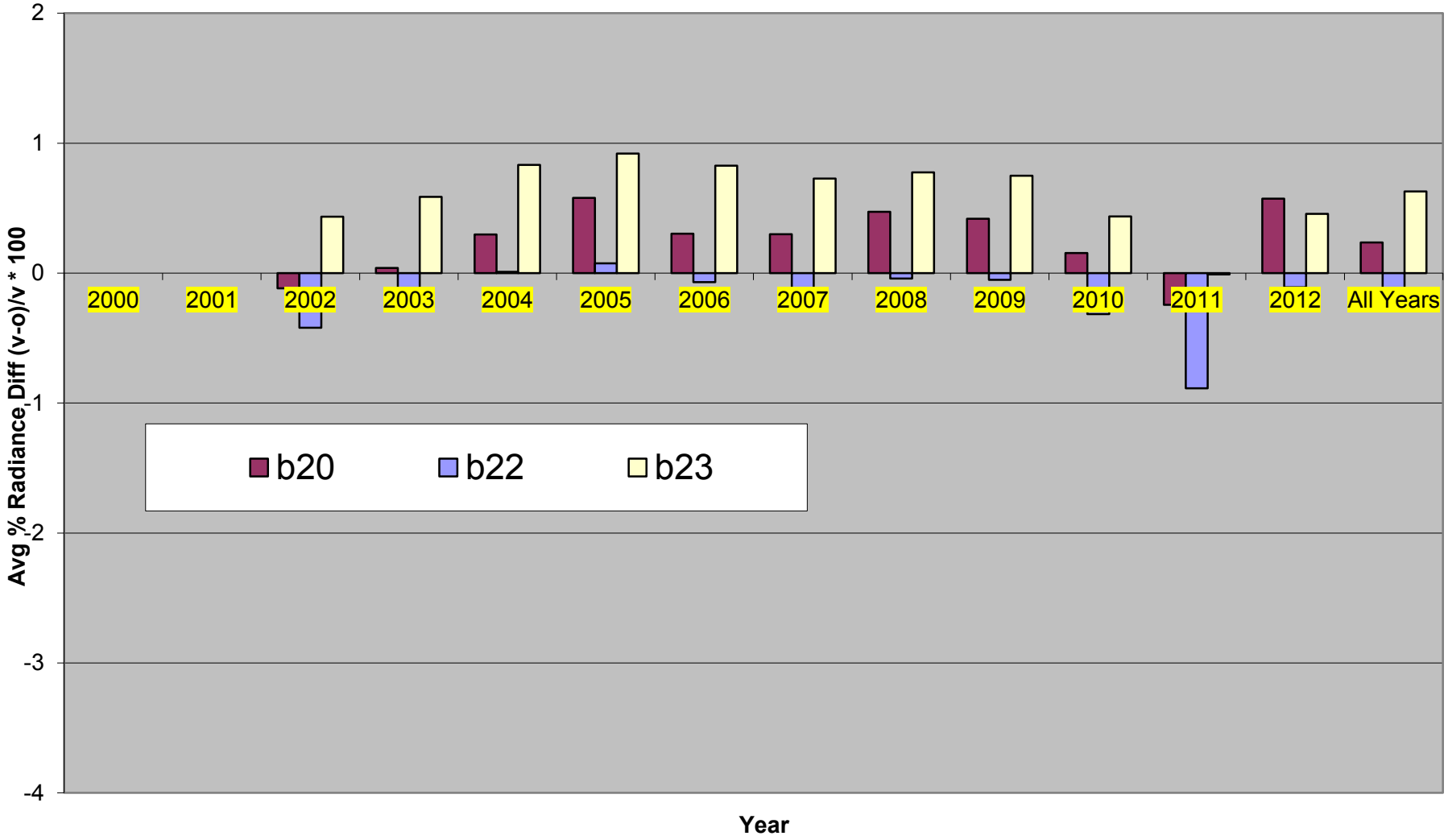


% Radiance Change in TIR Channels for MODIS Aqua at Lake Tahoe CY2000-2012, vz0-30 v5.x



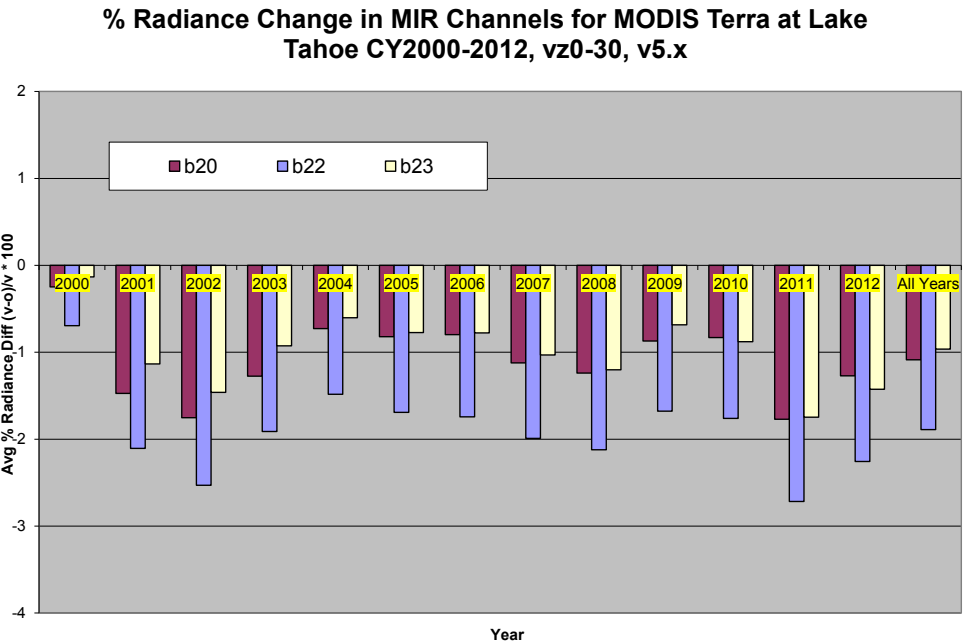
No sign of problems in channel 29 on Aqua-MODIS

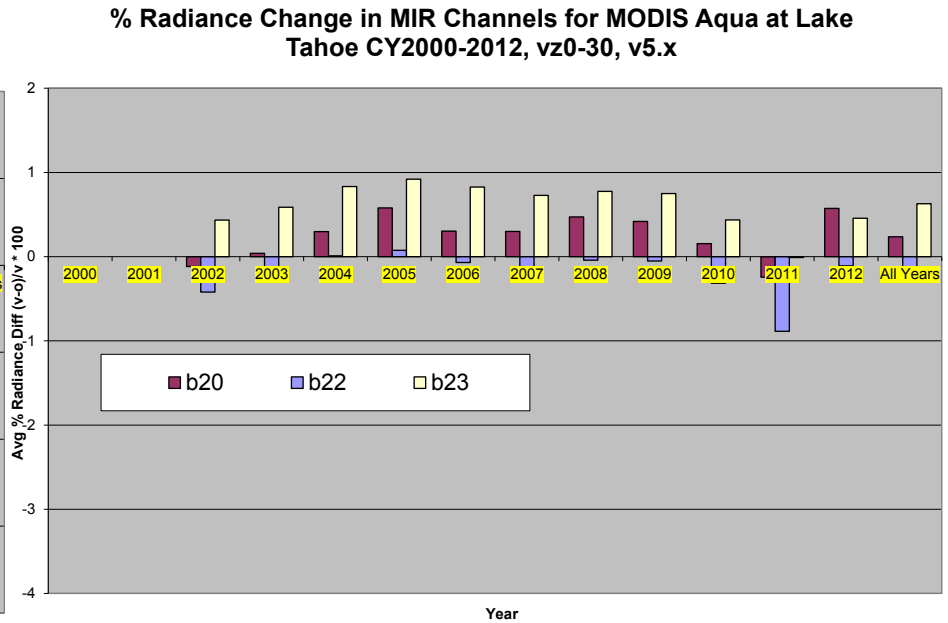
% Radiance Change in MIR Channels for MODIS Aqua at Lake Tahoe CY2000-2012, vz0-30, v5.x



No sign of small bias in MIR channels in Aqua

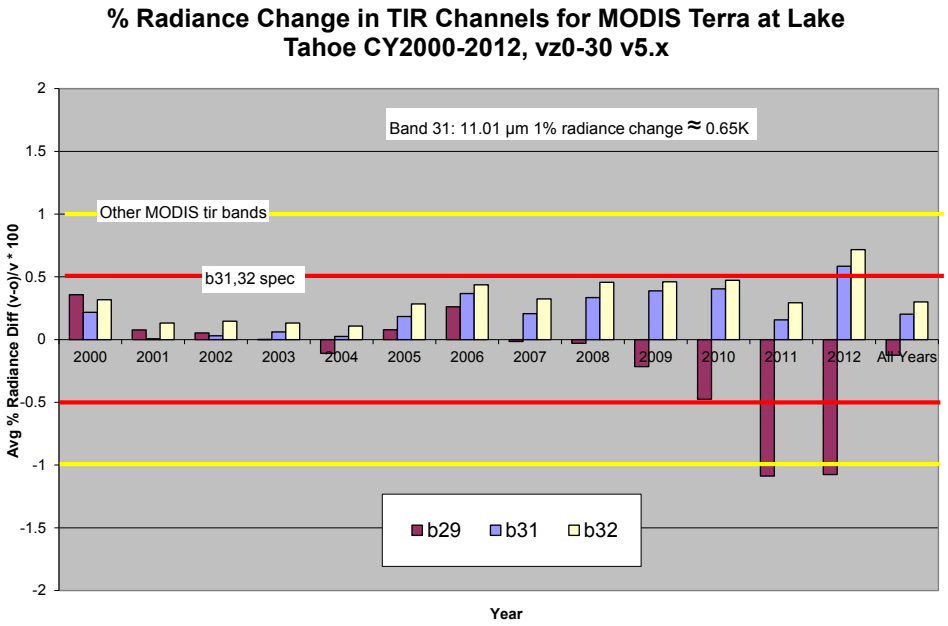
Difference in MIR bands for Terra and Aqua

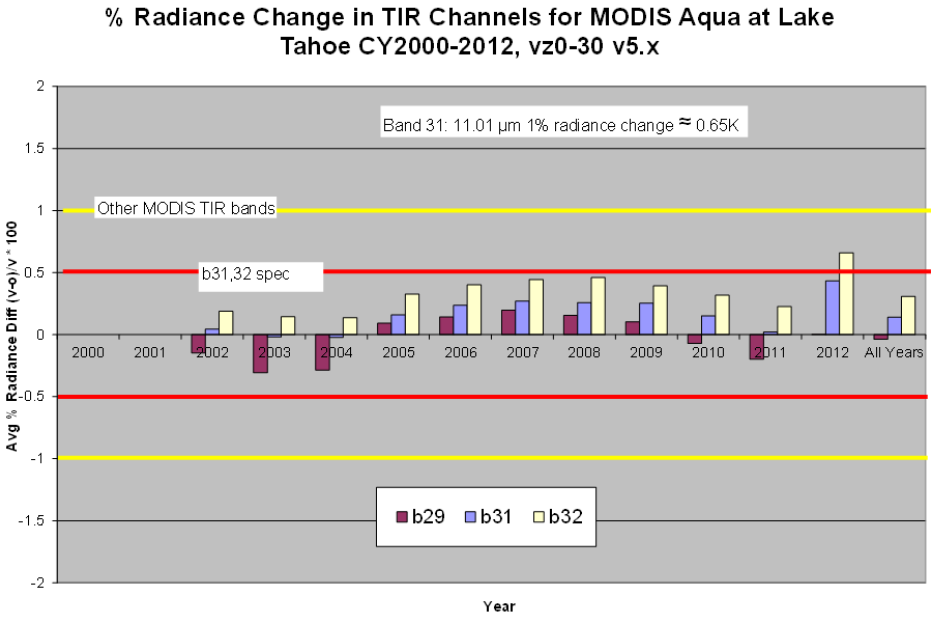




Terra MIR bands have small bias, not seen in Aqua MIR bands

Difference in TIR bands for Terra and Aqua





Terra-MODIS band 29 had problem starting in 2009. Not seen in Aqua-MODIS
Terra-MODIS slightly noisier than Aqua-MODIS

Summary and Conclusions

- Established an automated site for validating thermal infrared data at Lake Tahoe CA/NV. Site has been operating since 1999.
- Measurements made at the site include skin- bulk- air- temperature, wind speed, wind direction and net radiation at multiple locations every 2 minutes. Multiple locations (4 buoys) allow validation of several points within a scene.
- Second site added at Salton Sea in 2008 to enable validation at high water temperatures (~35 C).
- Validated data from multiple instruments including, AATSR, ASTER, MODIS (Terra, Aqua), Landsat 5 and Landsat ETM+, MTI.
- Results so far indicate
  - MODIS-Terra at-sensor radiance: TIR, no bias, abs. acc. ± 0.3K
    - Gain change in band 29 starting in 2009
  - MODIS-Aqua at-sensor radiance: TIR, no bias, abs. acc. ± 0.2K
  - MODIS-Terra at-sensor radiance: MIR, small bias
  - MODIS-Aqua at-sensor radiance: MIR, no bias, abs. acc. ± 0.2K

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- MODIS/ASTER Airborne Simulator (MASTER)

These activities include the validation of the absolute radiometric calibration of the systems and surface geophysical products derived from the sensor data such as reflectance, temperature and emissivity. The goal is for all the measurements acquired at the validation sites to be made autonomously with the data regularly telemetered back to JPL and made available over the WWW. Currently there are two sites located at:

Lake Tahoe CA/NV (http://laketahoe.jpl.nasa.gov)

Salton Sea CA (http://saltonsea.jpl.nasa.gov)

The sites have been selected to provide a range of conditions. Together the Lake Tahoe and Salton Sea sites provide water temperatures ranging from 4C-35C.

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