



POLO Pleiades Orbital Lunar Observations

Intensive Study of the Moon and Comparison to ROLO Model

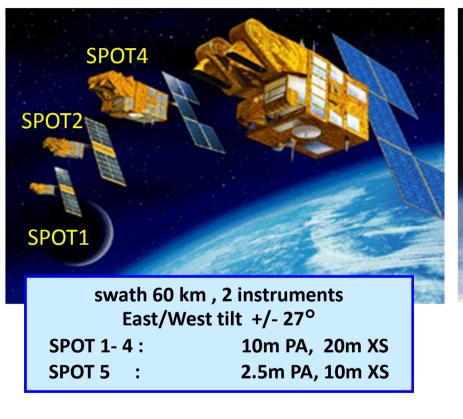
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from SPOT to PLEIADES

SPOT5



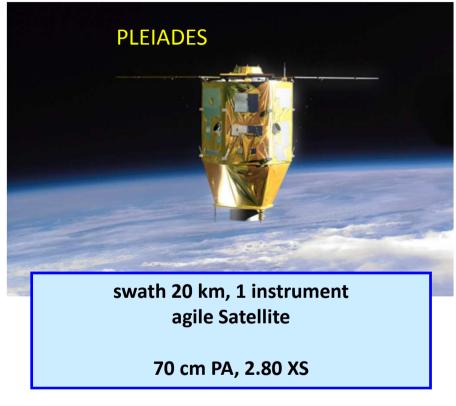


SPOT3

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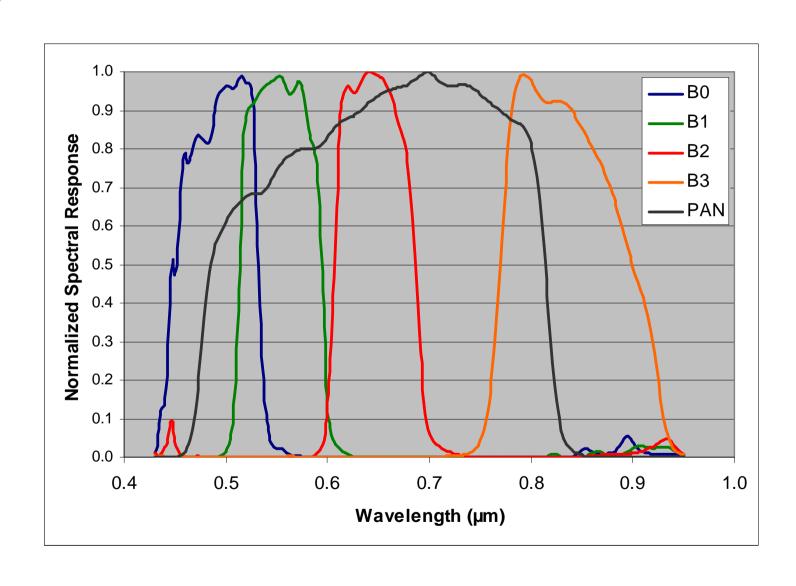
SPOT2



PLEIADES

The PLEIADES system (spectral bands)



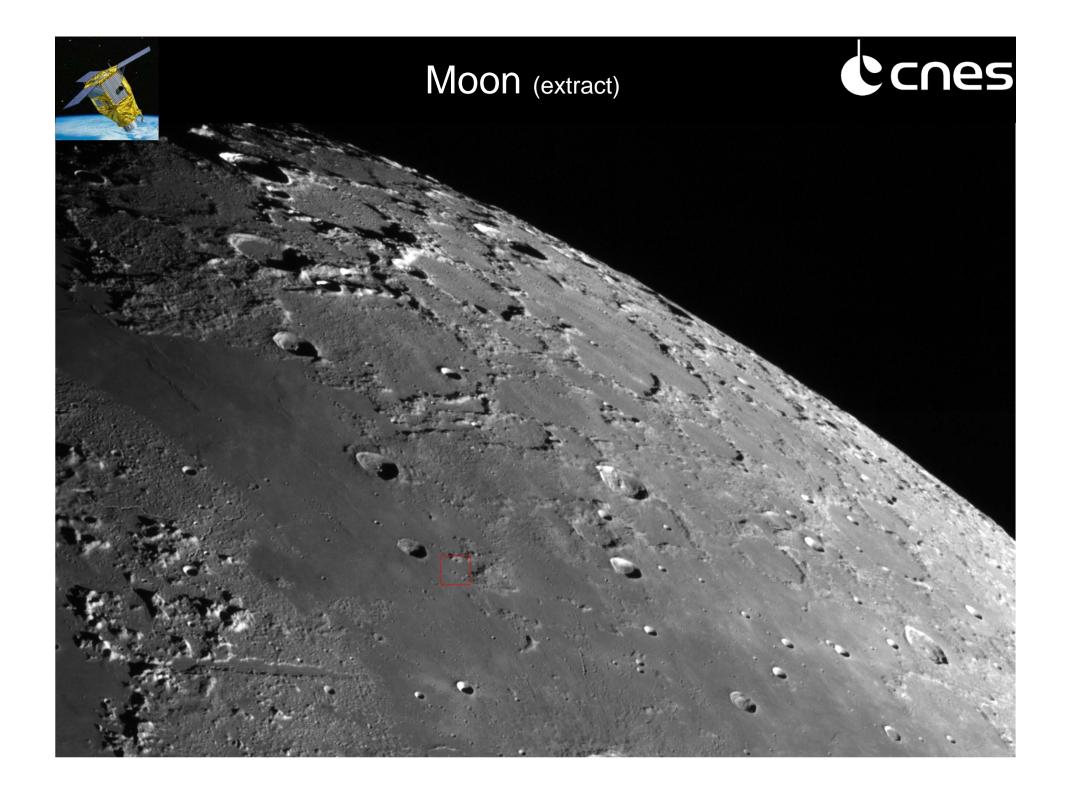




Moon (spatial resolution: 380m)







cnes Moon (extract)

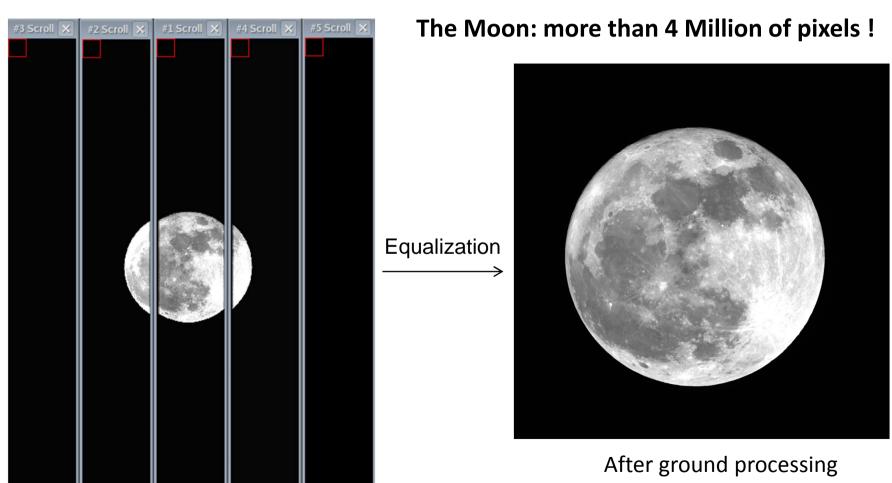


The Moon seen by PLEIADES



What does the Moon seen by PLEIADES look like?

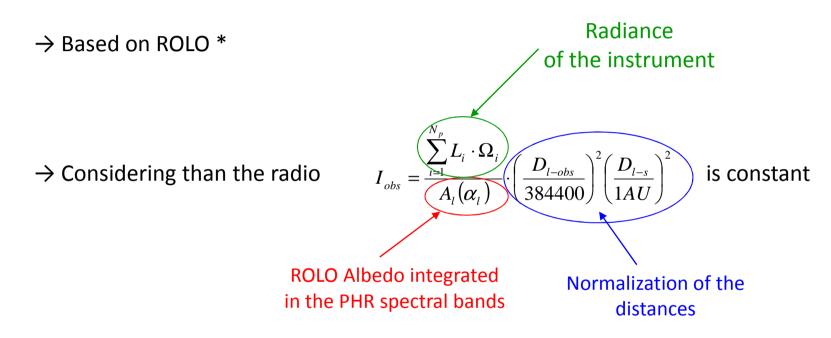
Before ground processing







Lunar calibration is a multi-temporal calibration method



→ Regular acquisition of the moon – fixed phase of ±40° every month

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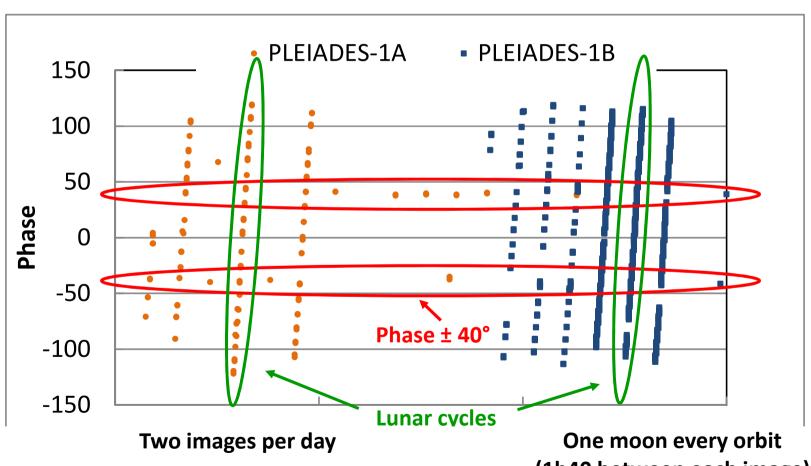
^{*} H.H. Kieffer, T.C. Stone, R.A. Barnes, S. Bender, R.E. Eplee, J. Mendenhall, L. Ong On-orbit radiometric calibration over time and between spacecraft using the moon SPIE 4881, pp. 287-298, 2003.



The Moon seen by PLEIADES



- → 153 images acquired by PLEIADES1A since its launch (12/2011)
- → 832 images acquired by PLEIADES1B since its launch (12/2012)



(1h40 between each image)

→ 246 images in 17 days!



The Moon seen by PLEIADES



Overview of the images:

(the yaw angle is not constraint during lunar acquisitions)















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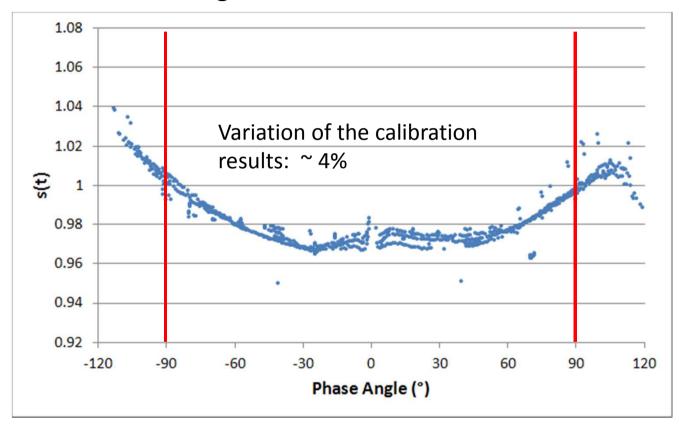
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Dense lunar cycles acquired with PLEIADES 1B (one image every 1h40) → more than 700 images in 3 months!



Calibration results obtained for the red band:

Very few dispersion of the measurements but

→ important dependency of results to the lunar phase!

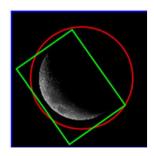




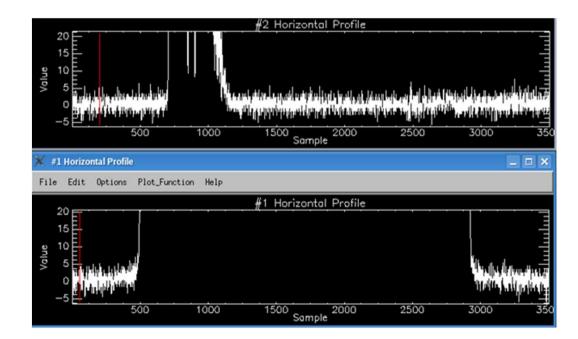
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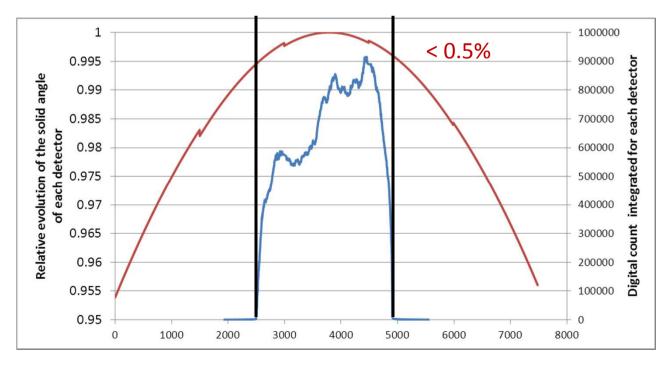




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- are the observed effects due to ancillary variables

< 0.07% (body-fixed coordinates)?

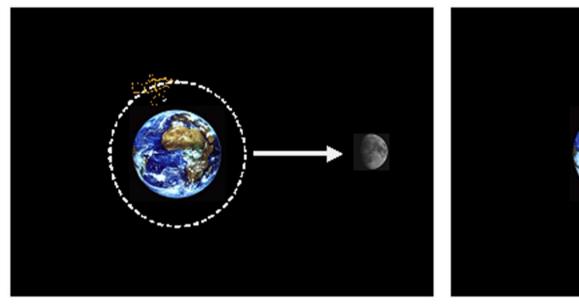
? - due to ROLO?

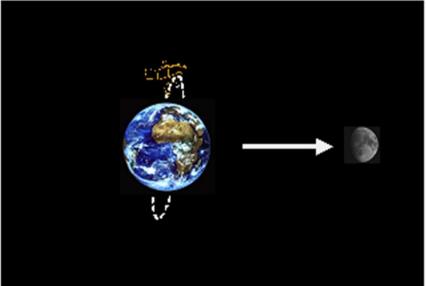


Lunar calibration – New experiments



Check if the calibration results are sensitive to the position of the sensor on its orbit





Acquisition of 1 « Moon » every 2.5s in two different configurations

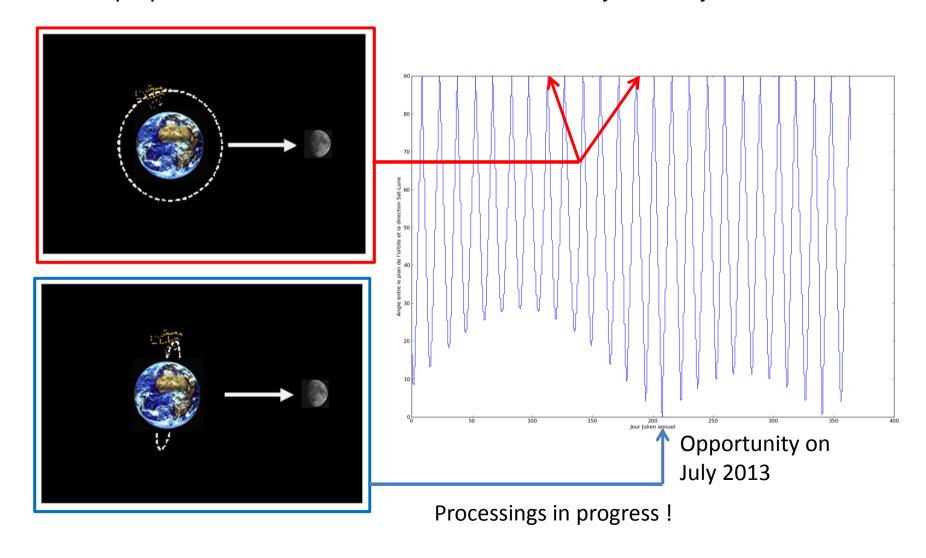
- -> orbit parallel to the direction Earth-Moon
- -> orbit perpendicular to the direction Earth-Moon



Lunar calibration



- -> orbit parallel to the direction Earth-Moon: every 14 days
- -> orbit perpendicular to the direction Earth-Moon: only once a year



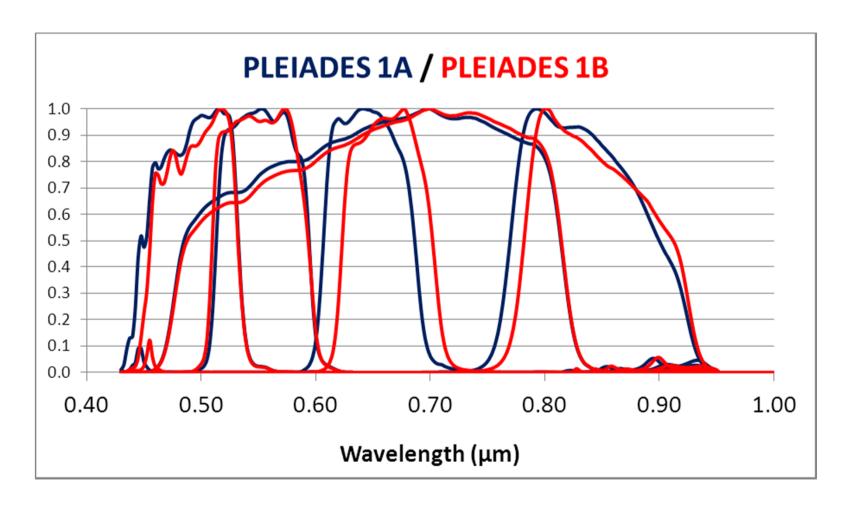


Cross-calibration on the Moon



Two important elements involved in the cross-calibration:

- difference of the spectral responses to be cross-calibrated
- spectral knowledge of the Moon response (given by ROLO)

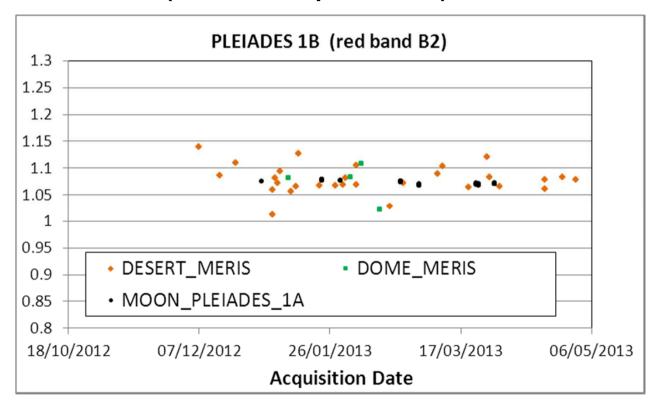




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First results for the cross calibration between PLEIADES 1A and PLEIADES 1B (limitation to phase 40):



Reference: PLEIADES 1A images acquired in december 2012 (phase 40)

→ Very good agreement with the other calibration methods
This method seems to be very efficient with very few dispersion!



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CONCLUSIONS:

The commissioning phase of PLEIADES-1A and PLEIADES-1B

- → opportunity to acquire a unique dataset of Moon images with a very high spatial resolution (~300m)
- → more than 800 images of the Moon in only 6 months (guaranty of the stability of the instrument over this time slot).
- → lot of analysis performed to determine the sensitivity of the method to the different parameters: precision better than 0.5%

Next step: The use of this POLO dataset to improve the ROLO model?



Where to get some PLEIADES images?



- http://smsc.cnes.fr/PLEIADES/premieres_images.htm
- http://image-cnes.fr/tag/pleiades/
- http://www.flickr.com/photos/pkpro/sets/72157628743311535/
- http://www.astrium-geo.com/en/19-gallery?search=gallery&type=&sensor=1371

