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Foreword

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ISO 19159 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Geographic information — Calibration* and validation of remote sensing imagery sensors:

— Part 1: Optical sensors

Part 2 is planned to cover laser scanning, also known as light detection and ranging (LIDAR), SAR/InSAR (RADAR) and SONAR (sound). Parts 3 and 4 are planned to cover RADAR (radio detection and ranging) with the subtopics SAR (synthetic aperture radar) and InSAR (interferometric SAR) as well as SONAR (sound detection and ranging) that is applied in hydrography

Introduction

Imaging sensors are one of the major data sources for geographic information. Typical spatial outcomes of the production process are vector maps, Digital Elevation Models, and three-dimensional city models. There are typically two streams of spectral data analysis, that is, the statistical method, which includes image segmentation, and the physics-based method, which relies on characterization of specific spectral absorption features.

In each of the cases, the quality of the end products fully depends on the quality of the measuring instruments that has originally sensed the data. The quality of measuring instruments is determined and documented by calibration.

A calibration is often a costly and time-consuming process. Therefore, a number of different strategies are used that combine longer time intervals between subsequent calibrations with simplified intermediate calibration procedures that bridge the time gap and still guarantee a traceable level of quality. Those intermediate calibrations are called validations in this part of ISO 19159.

This part of ISO 19159 standardizes the calibration of remote sensing imagery sensors and the validation of the calibration information and procedures. It does not address the validation of the data and the derived products.

Many types of imagery sensors exist for remote sensing tasks. Apart from the different technologies, the need for a standardization of the various sensor types has different levels of priority. In order to meet those requirements, ISO 19159 has been split into more than one part. Part 1 covers optical sensors, i.e. airborne photogrammetric cameras and spaceborne optical sensors. Part 2 is intended to cover laser scanning, also known as LIDAR (Light detection and ranging).

Parts 3 and 4 are planned to cover RADAR (radio detection and ranging) with the subtopics SAR (synthetic aperture radar) and InSAR (interferometric SAR) as well as SONAR (sound detection and ranging) that is applied in hydrography.