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Posted by [Mort Canty](#) on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 11:37:57 GMT

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From the filename, I believe that you are looking at an ASTER image from 2003 processed to Level 1B: registered radiance at the sensor. See

http://lpdaac.usgs.gov/aster/ast_l1b.asp

That means that the float data are in units of
watts/meter²/steradian/micrometer

In order to get ground reflectance you would either have to apply atmospheric correction yourself (e.g. with ENVI's FLAASH Addon) or order the corresponding product from LPDAAC.

-Mort

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Posted by [Jeff N.](#) on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 14:25:06 GMT

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Posted by [James Kuyper](#) on Mon, 27 Aug 2007 14:51:51 GMT

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MODIS L1B reflectances are also scaled. However, even after the appropriate scale and offset are applied, the reflectances can still be both greater than 1.0 or less than 0.0. They can be greater than 1.0 due to specular reflection like sunglint on the oceans being analyzed as if it were diffuse reflection. They can be less than 0.0 due to background subtraction and statistical fluctuations in the detected photon counts in very dim scenes - in such scenes, you should include the negative values in averages over larger regions; otherwise the average will be biased to the high side.
