

# New capabilities, opportunities, and challenges using GOES-17 in Alaska

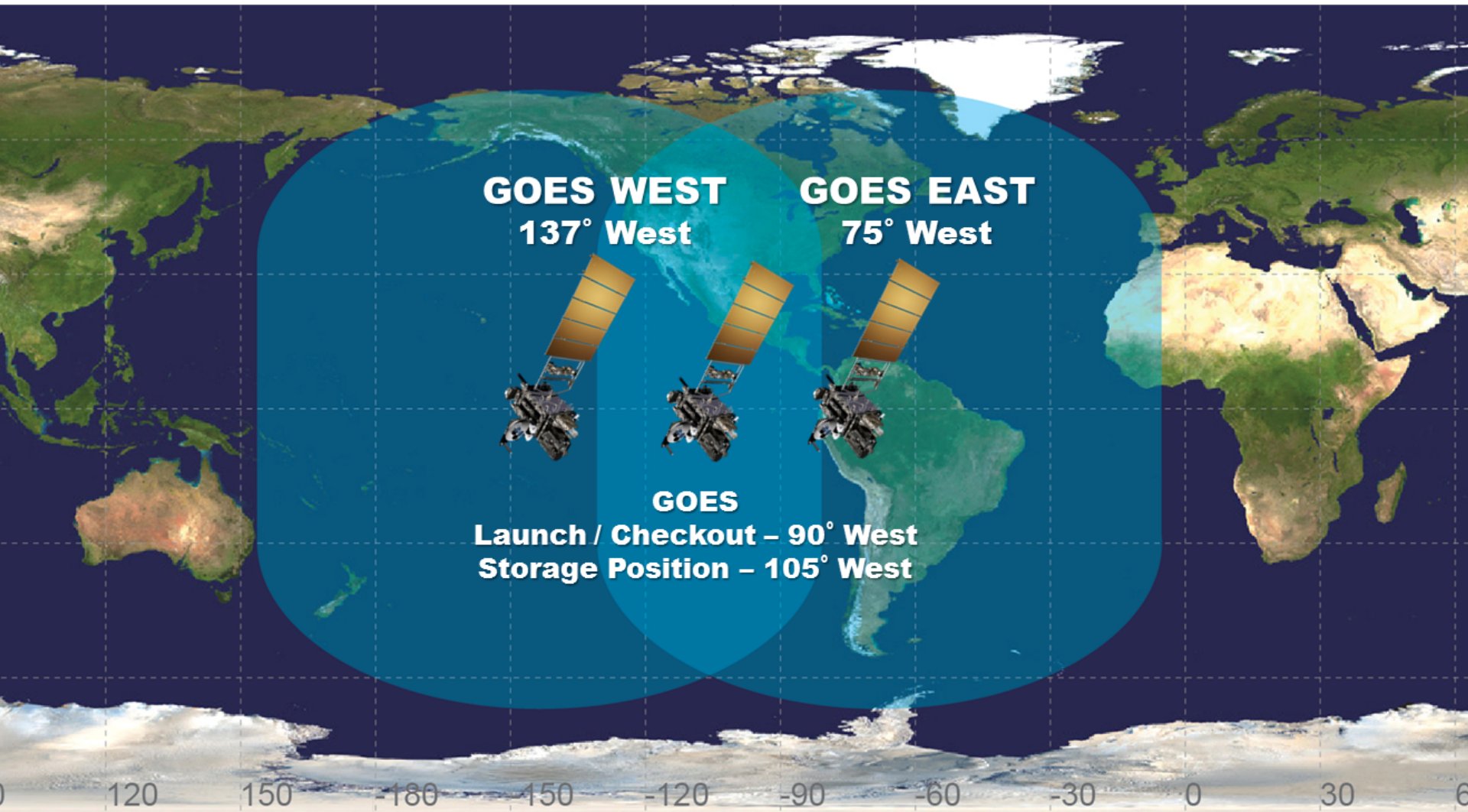
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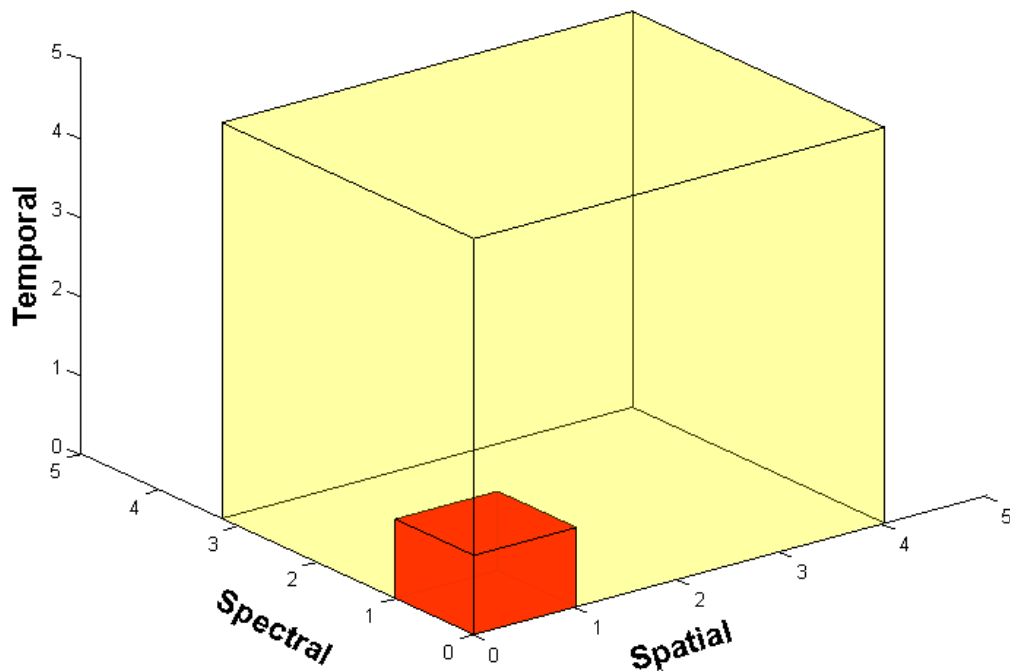
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# Future GOES-R/S constellation



# Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI)



NOAA/NESDIS ASPB

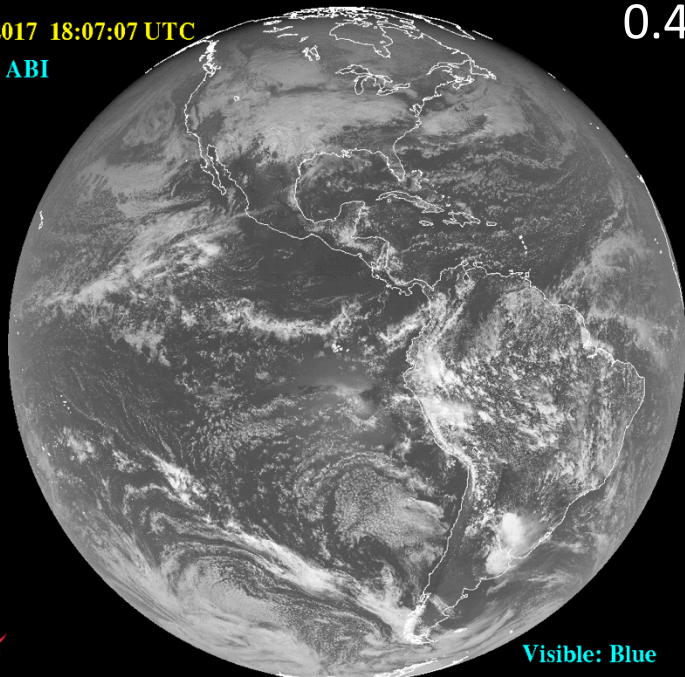
**5x** Faster scanning  
(5-minute full disk  
vs. 25-minute)

**4x** Improved spatial  
resolution (2 km IR  
vs. 4 km)

**3x** More spectral bands  
(16 on ABI vs. 5)

15-Jan-2017 18:07:07 UTC  
GOES-16 ABI

0.47  $\mu\text{m}$

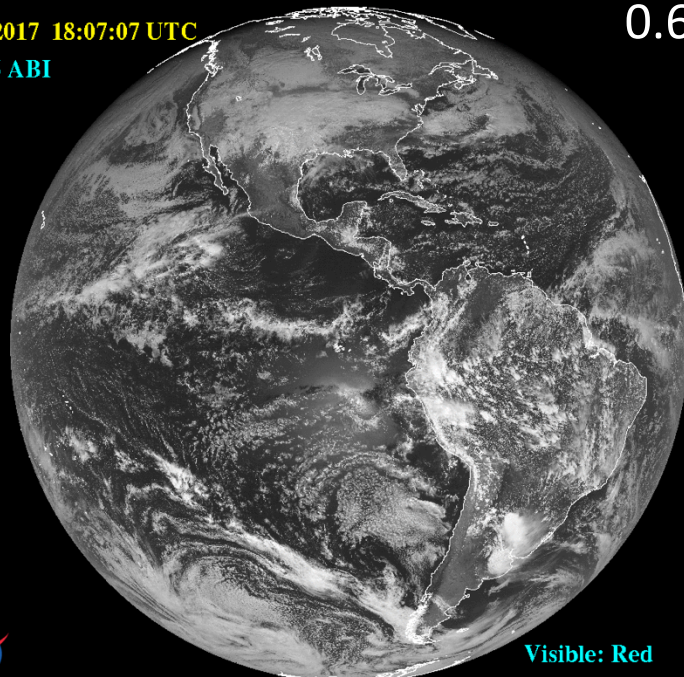


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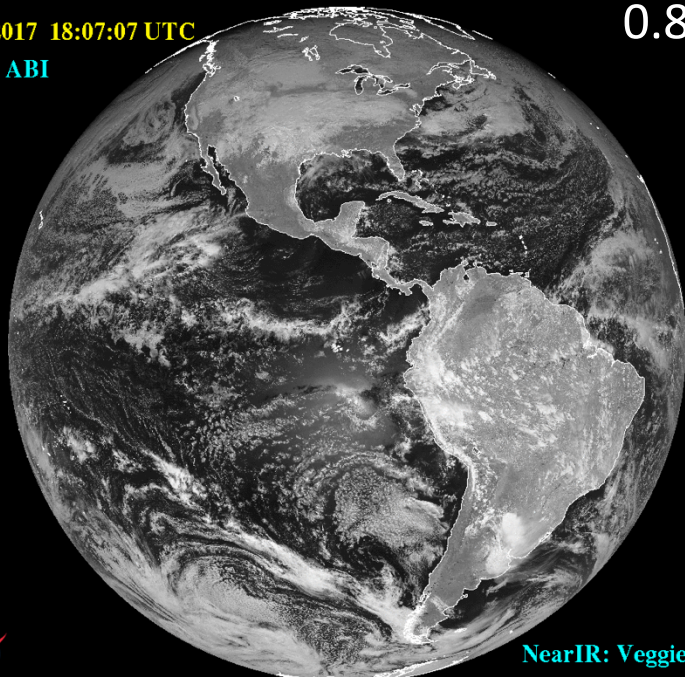


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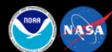
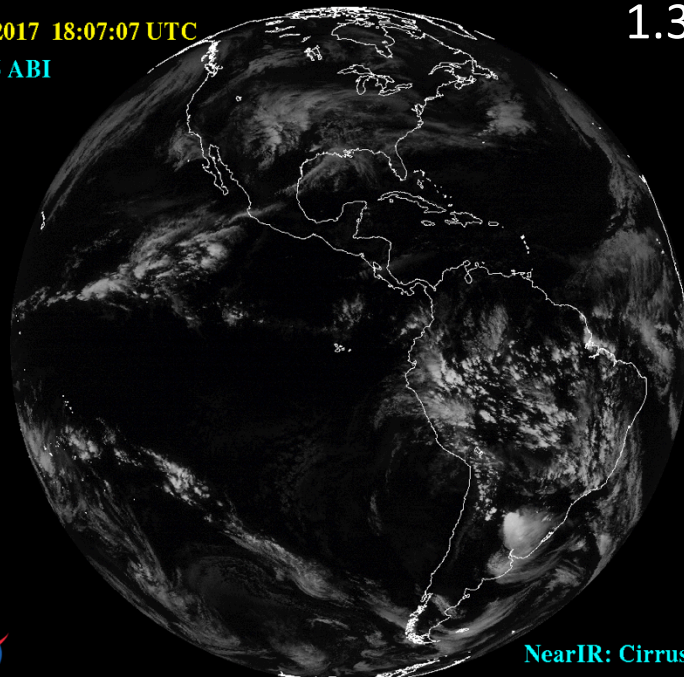


NearIR: Veggie

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1.37  $\mu\text{m}$

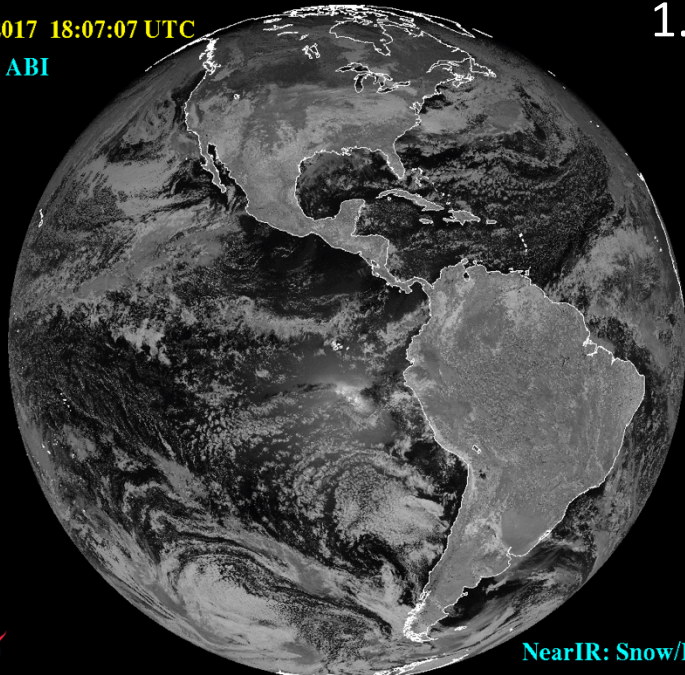


NearIR: Cirrus

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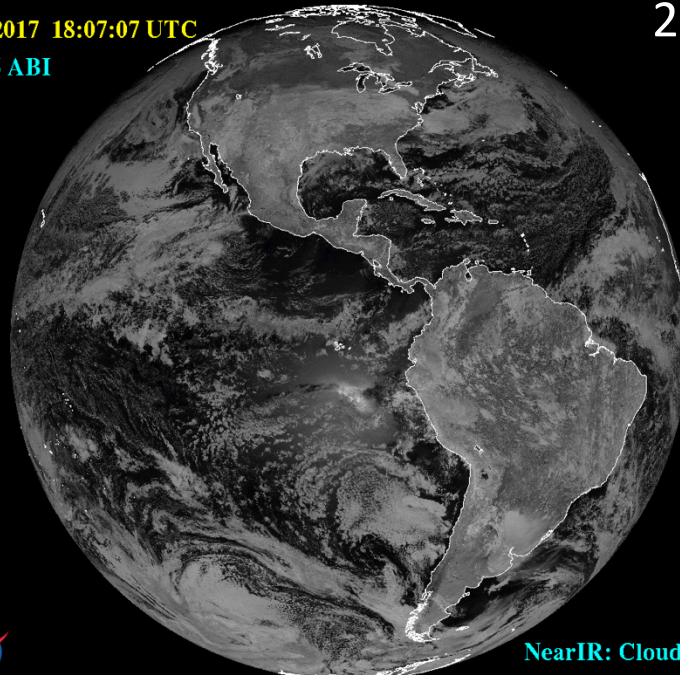


NearIR: Snow/Ice

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2.2  $\mu\text{m}$

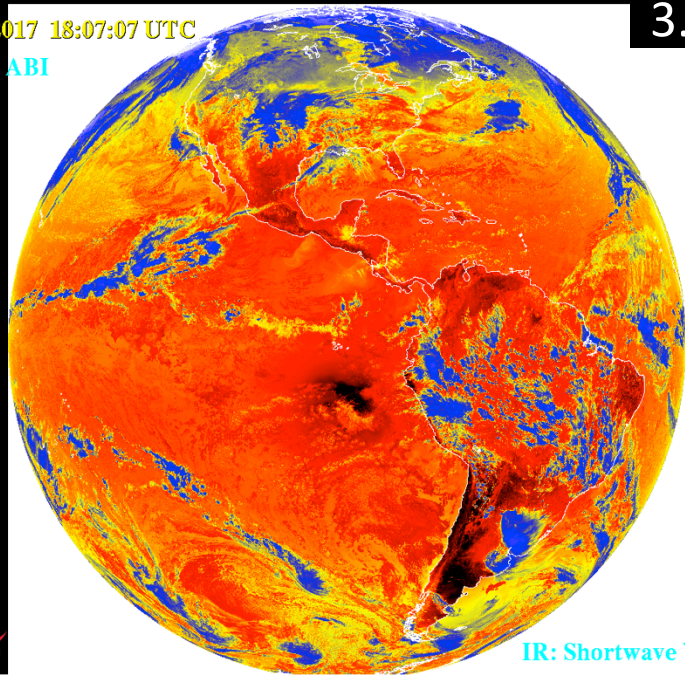


NearIR: Cloud Particle Size

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3.9  $\mu\text{m}$

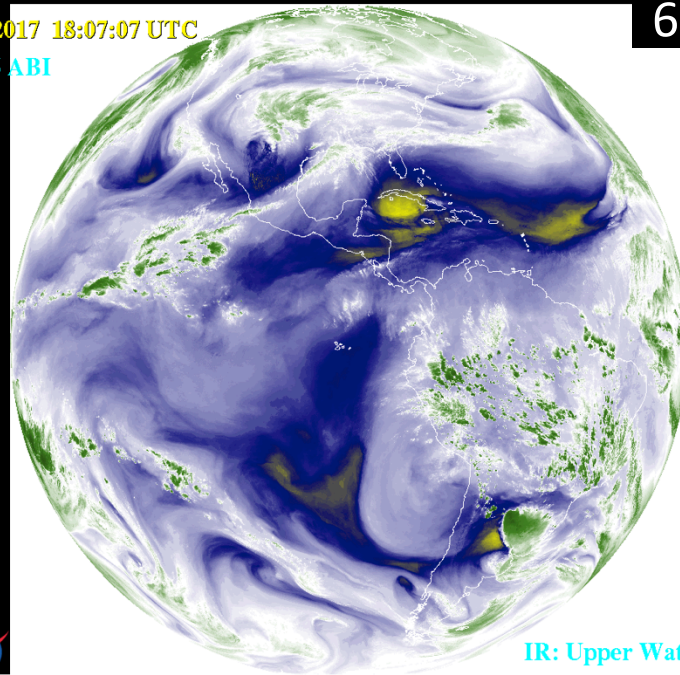


IR: Shortwave Window

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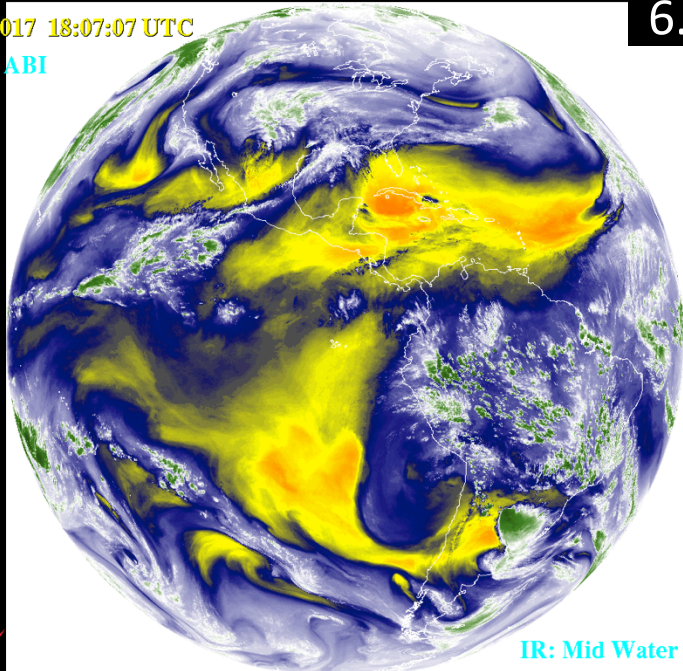


IR: Upper Water Vapor

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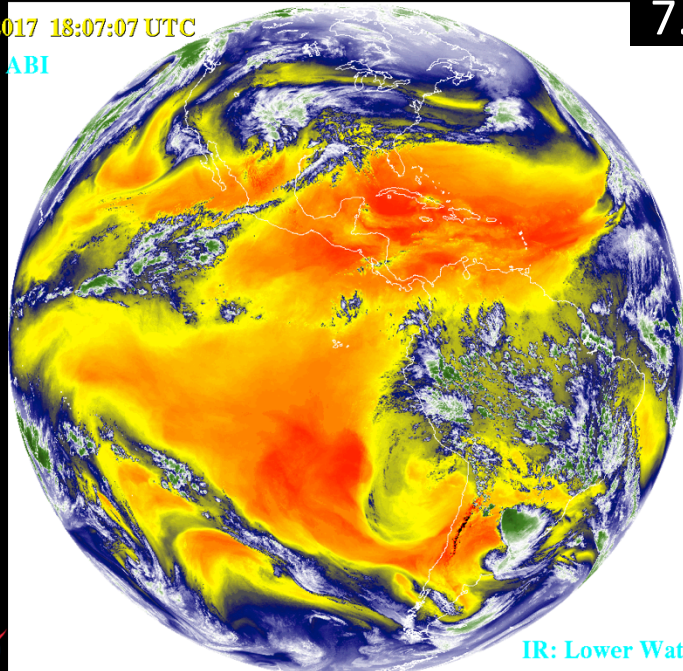


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7.3  $\mu\text{m}$

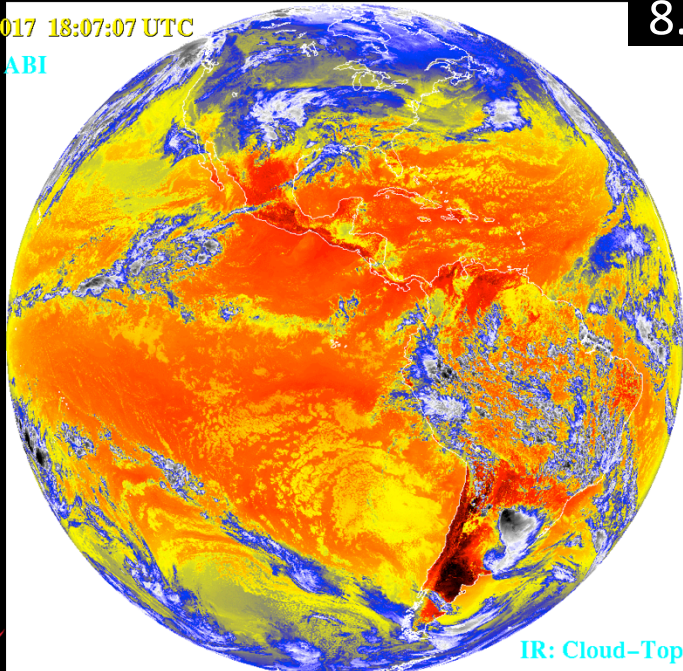


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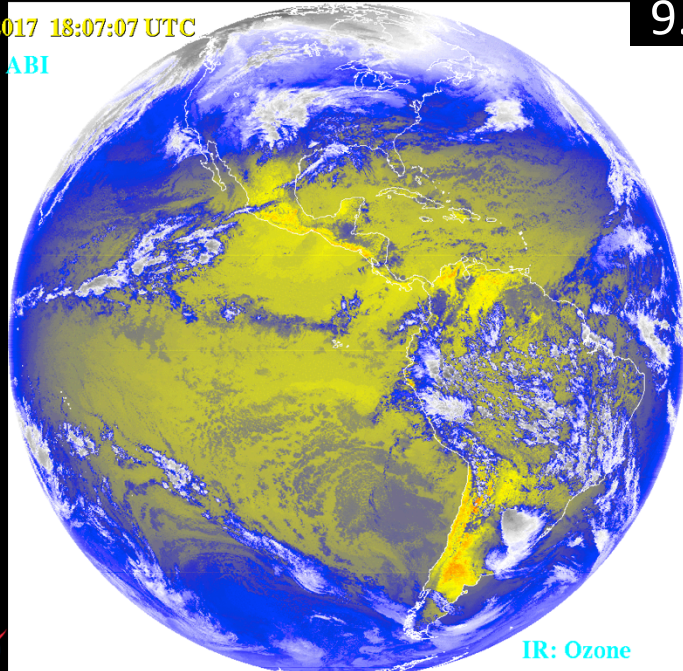


IR: Cloud-Top Phase

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GOES-16 ABI

9.6  $\mu\text{m}$

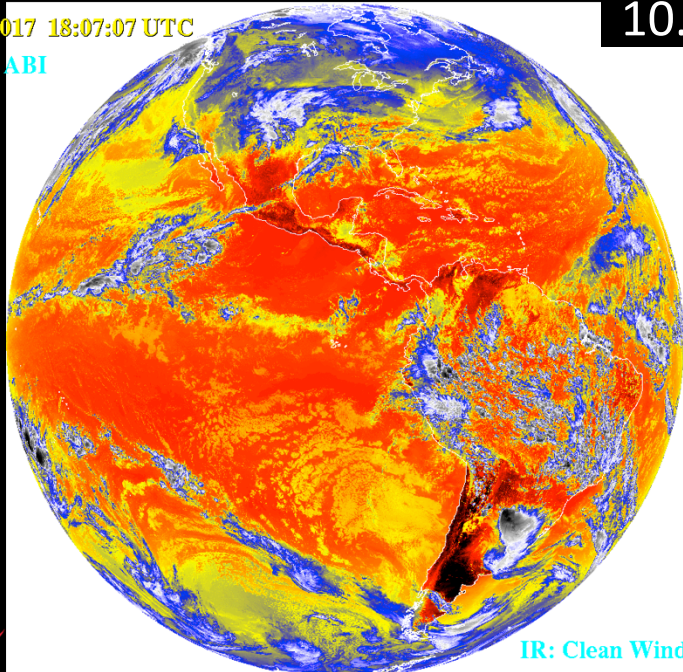


IR: Ozone

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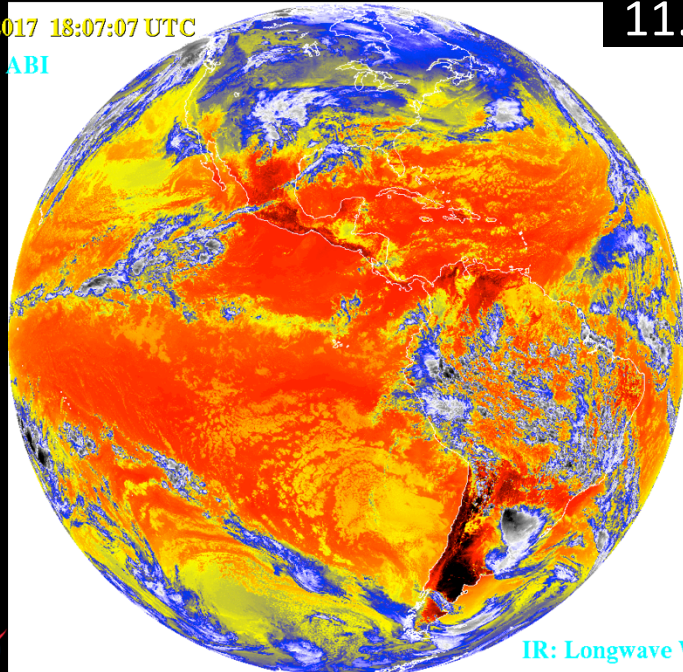
IR: Clean Window

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11.2  $\mu\text{m}$



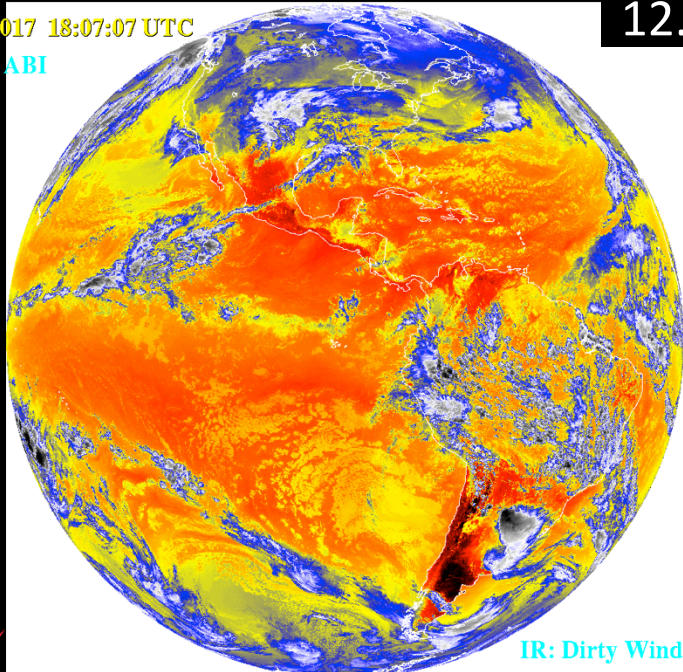
IR: Longwave Window

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12.3  $\mu\text{m}$



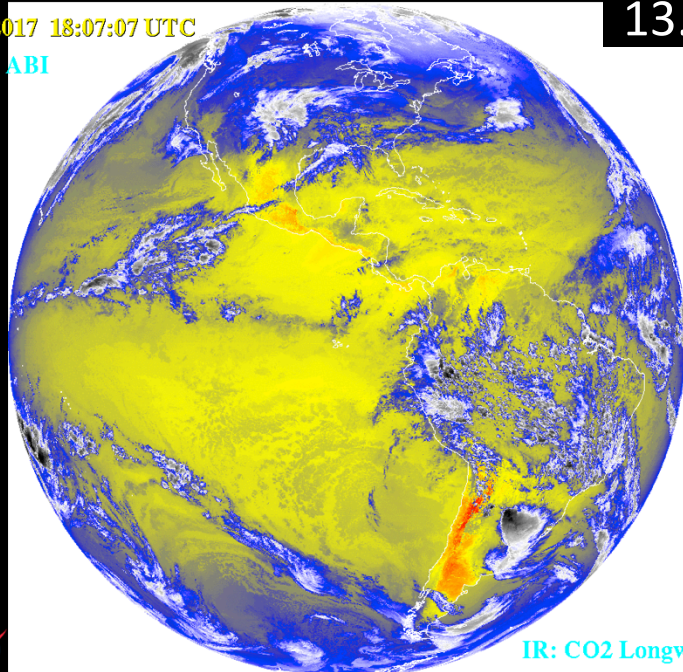
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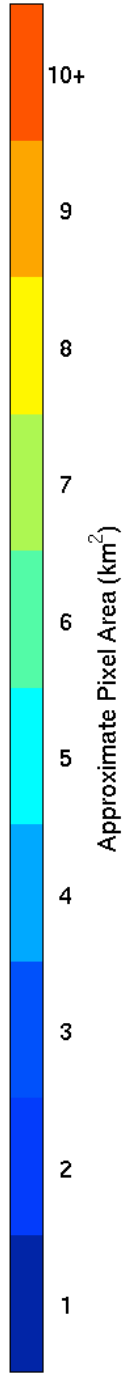
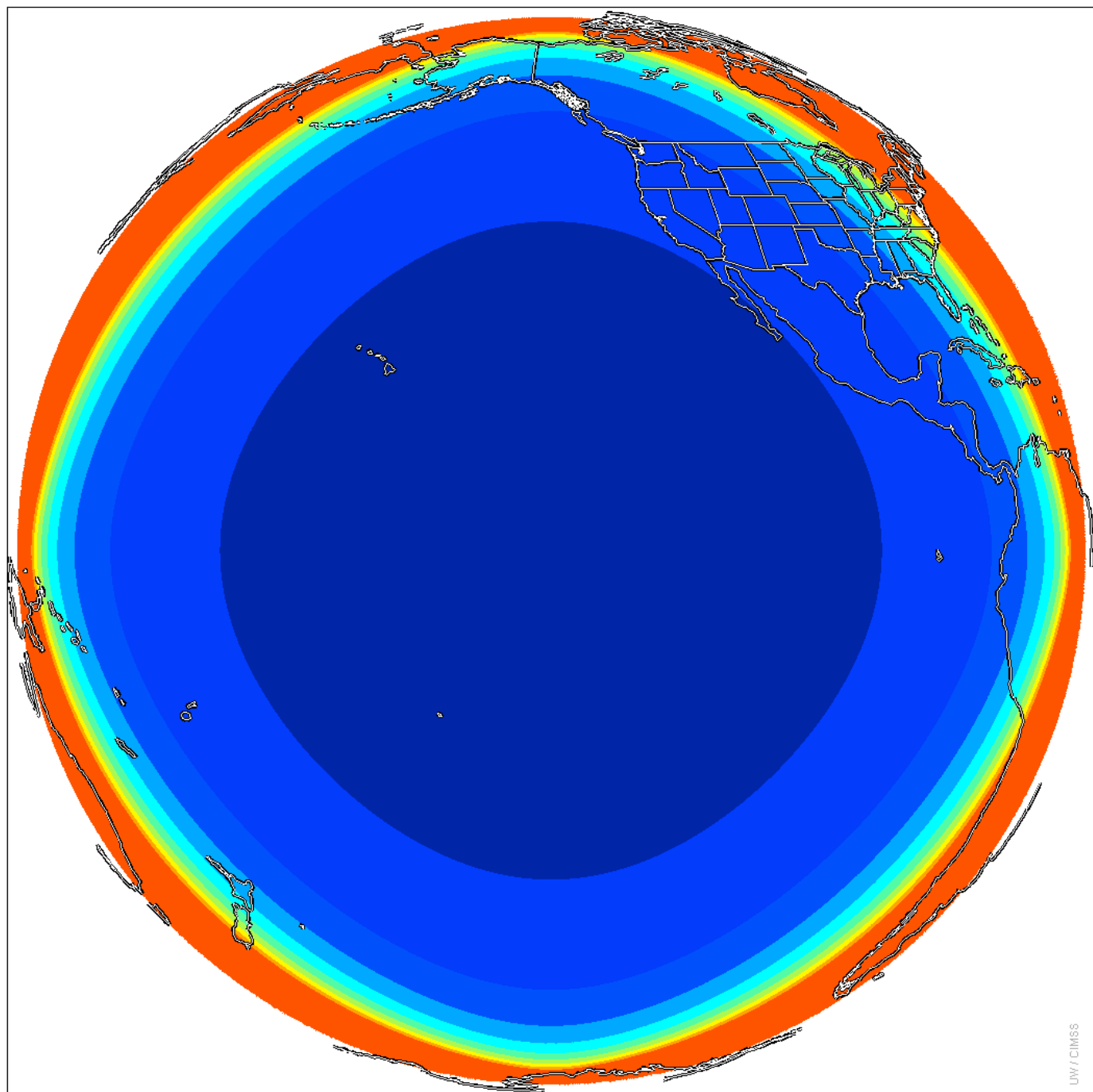
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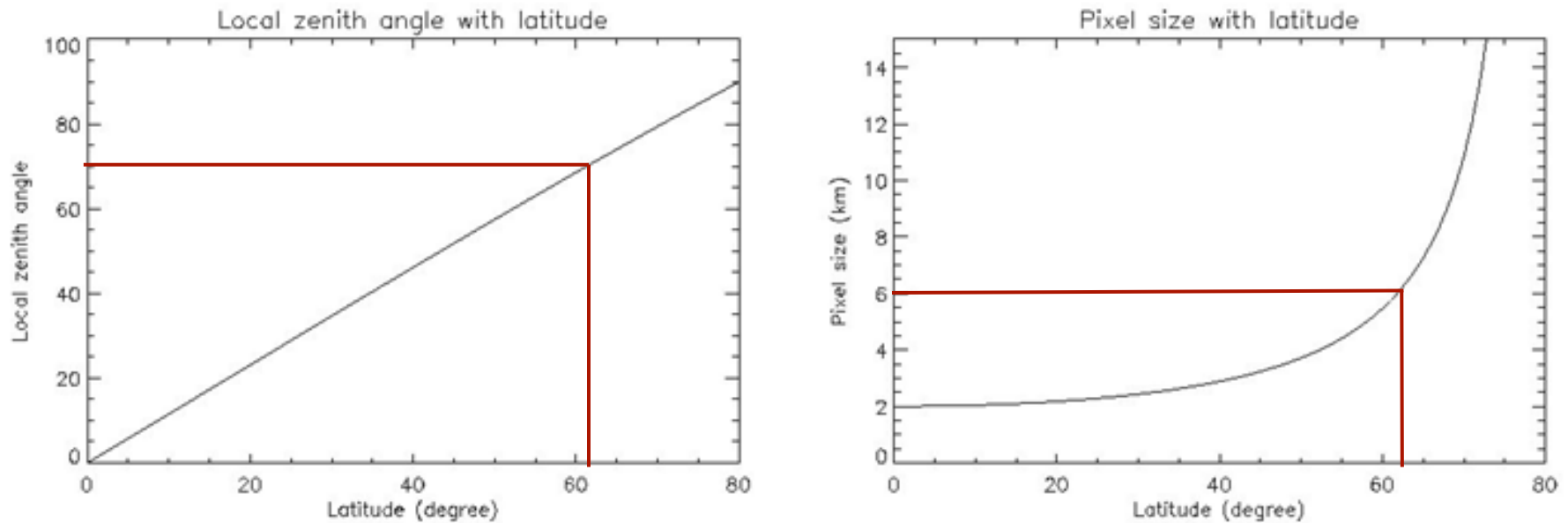
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Approximate Pixel Area (Nominally 1km at Nadir) from -137.0 West

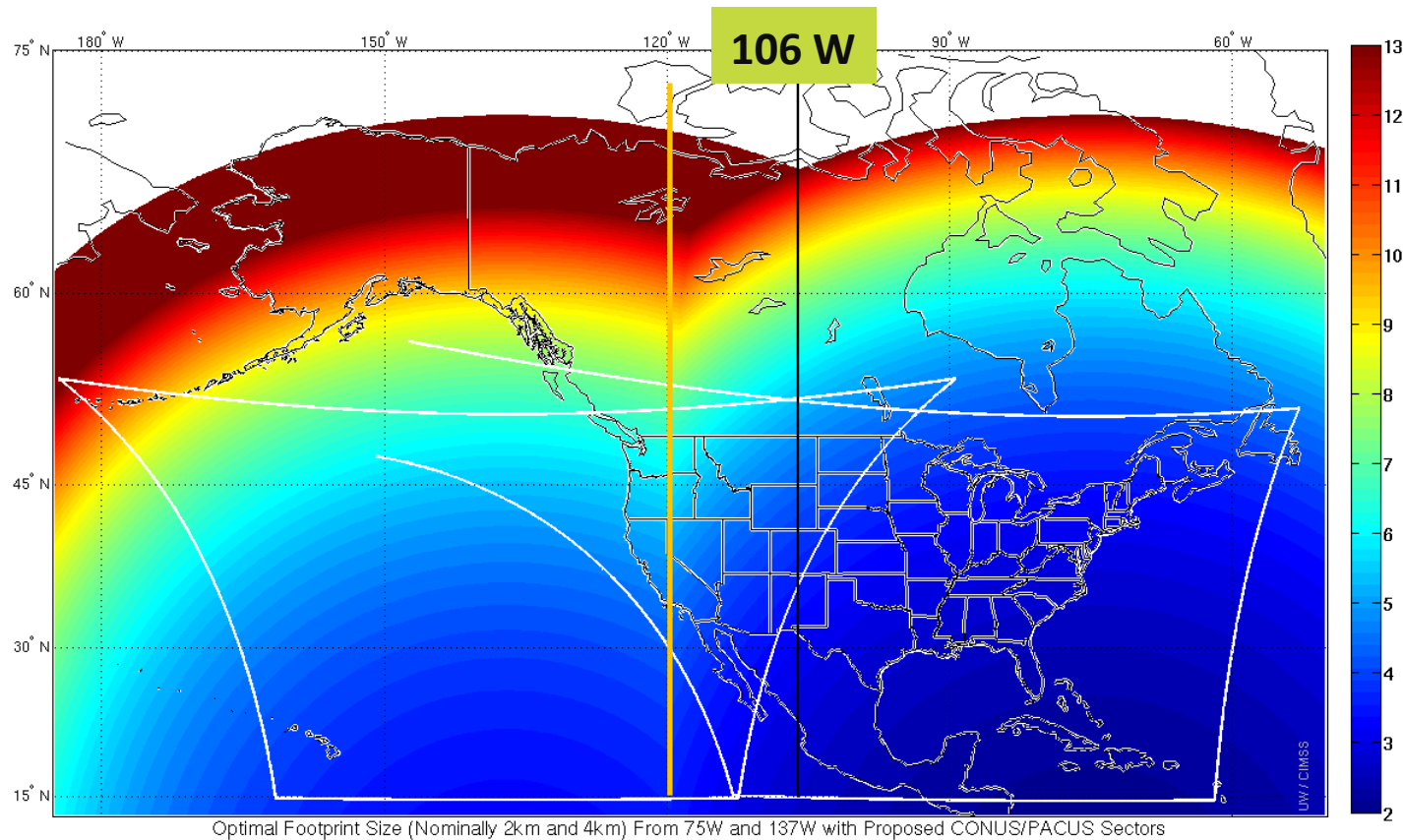




**Fig. 3.** Left: LZA by latitude. Right: pixel size by latitude along the longitude line of satellite nadir.

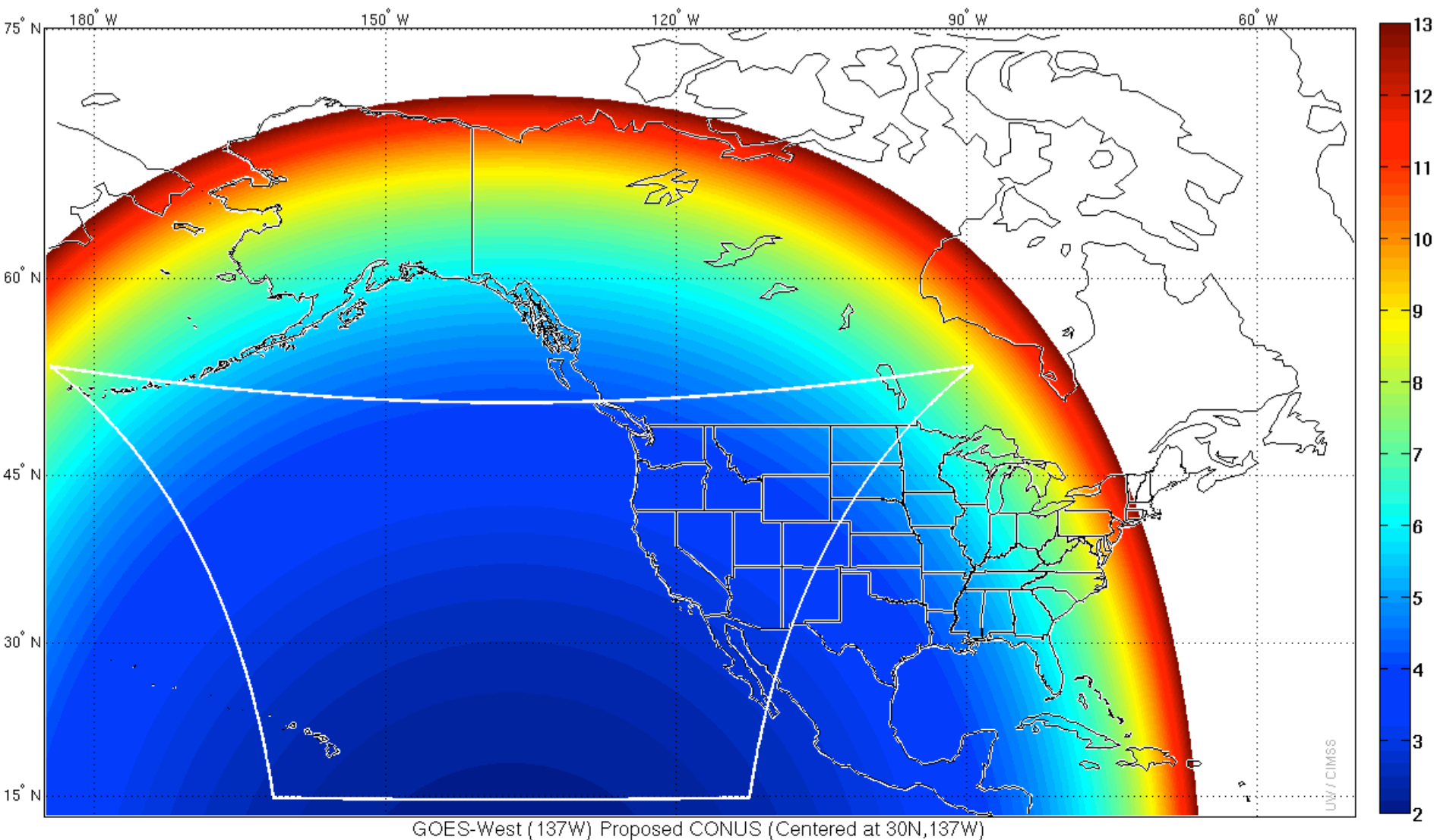
	Approximate 0.64 $\mu\text{m}$ Resolution	Approximate 10.3 $\mu\text{m}$ Resolution
<b>Anchorage, AK</b>	2 km	7 km
<b>Fairbanks, AK</b>	2 km	8 km
<b>Juneau, AK</b>	1.5 km	5 km

# GOES-R (16) as GOES-East GOES-15 as GOES-West



The spatial resolution from the GOES-R ABI is better than current GOES for Puerto Rico and the eastern contiguous United States to 120 degrees West.

# GOES-S (17) as GOES-West



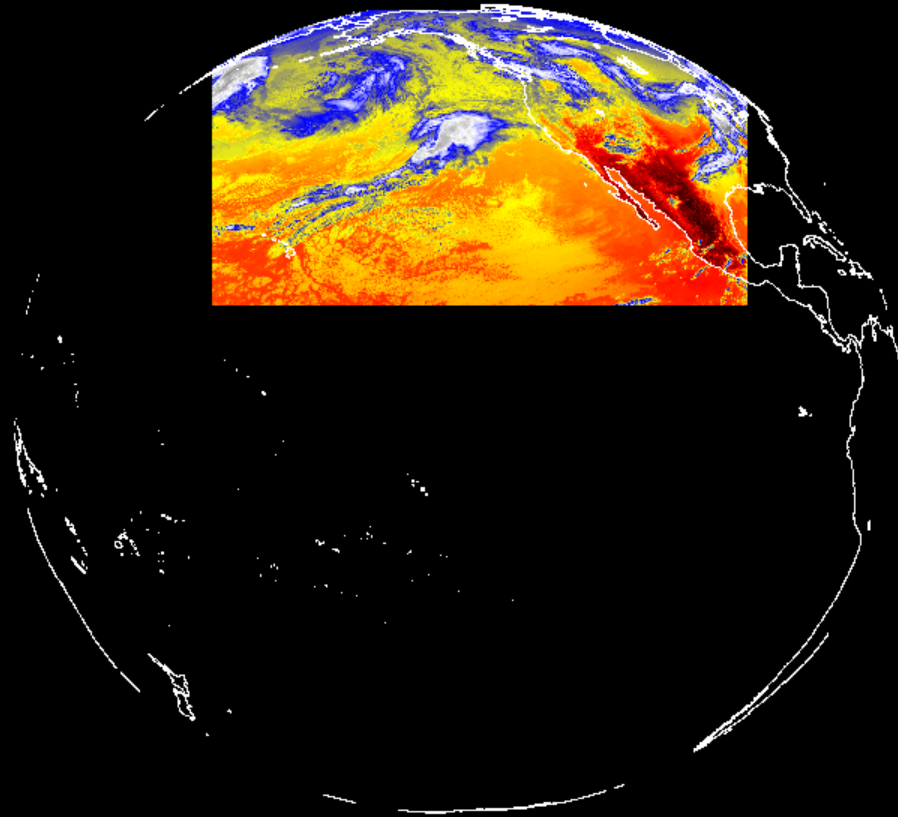
# Alaska Benefits of GOES-17

- Higher spatial resolution compared to legacy GOES (GOES-15)
- More spectral bands (from 5 to 16)
- Consistent fifteen-minute full disk ABI imagery (at least) will include Alaska and adjacent areas
- Potential for one-minute imagery with configurable mesoscale sectors (generally NWS only)
- Position of satellite at 137 W is ideal for Alaska

10-Apr-2017 17:15:00 UTC

GOES-15 Imager

Infrared Window



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GOES-16 ABI

Infrared Window

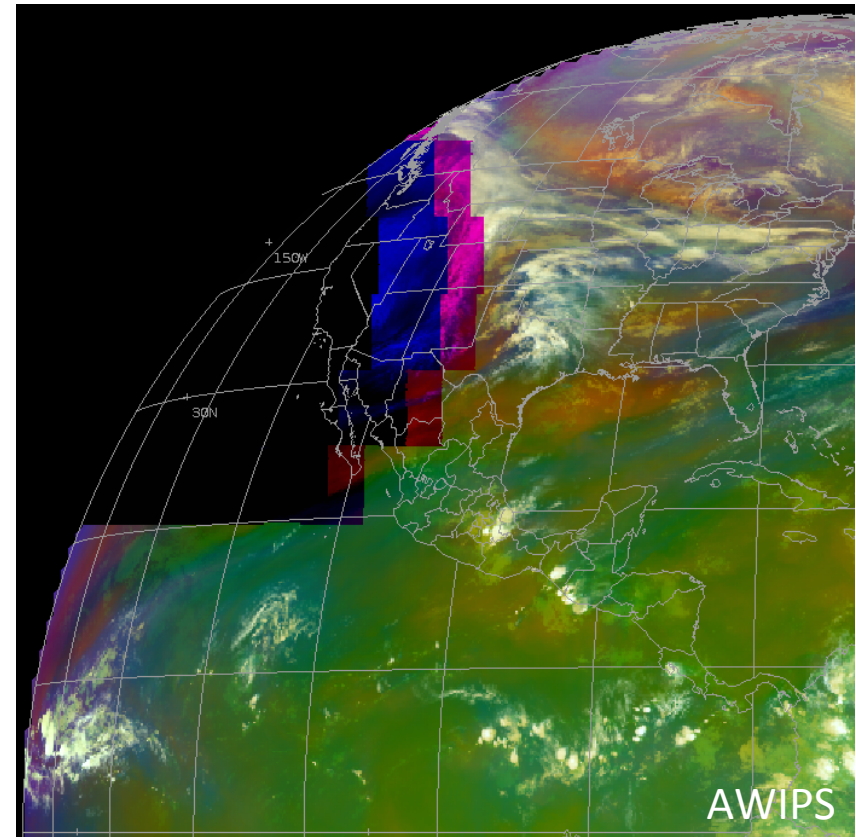


# Alaska Challenges for GOES-17

- Significant parallax, high zenith angles
- No Geostationary Lightning Mapper (GLM) coverage of Alaska (south of 52 N only)
- No five-minute “CONUS” coverage from ABI
- Solar avoidance zones
- Limited coverage from most ABI derived products
- Limited use of visible and near-infrared bands during winter months due to solar illumination

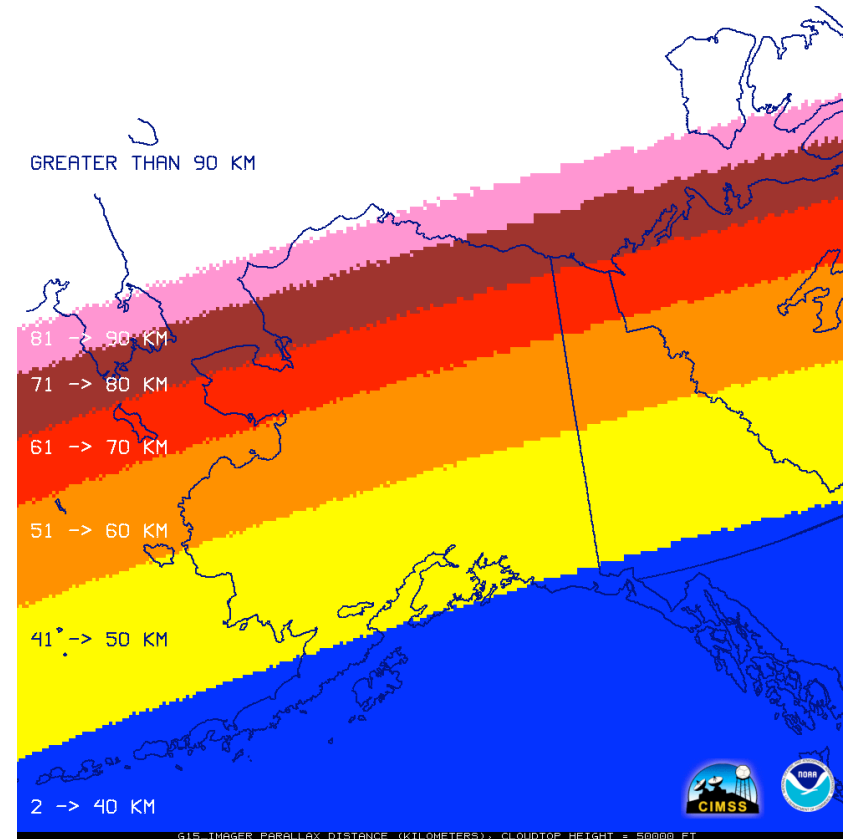
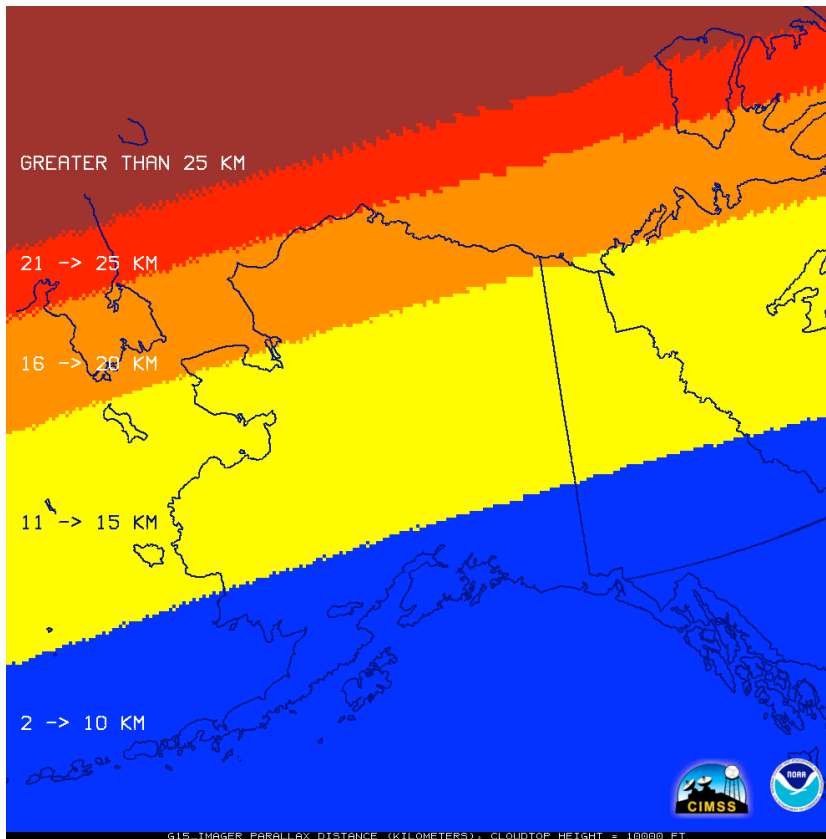
# Solar Avoidance Zone

- Lost imagery due to solar contamination.
- Previously known as “Keep Out Zone”, occurs when satellite is in Earth’s shadow.
- Current ABI processing causes downstream users to see unusual imagery artifacts when data from one or more spectral bands are missing.





# Parallax in Alaska



Parallax distance of 10000-foot clouds

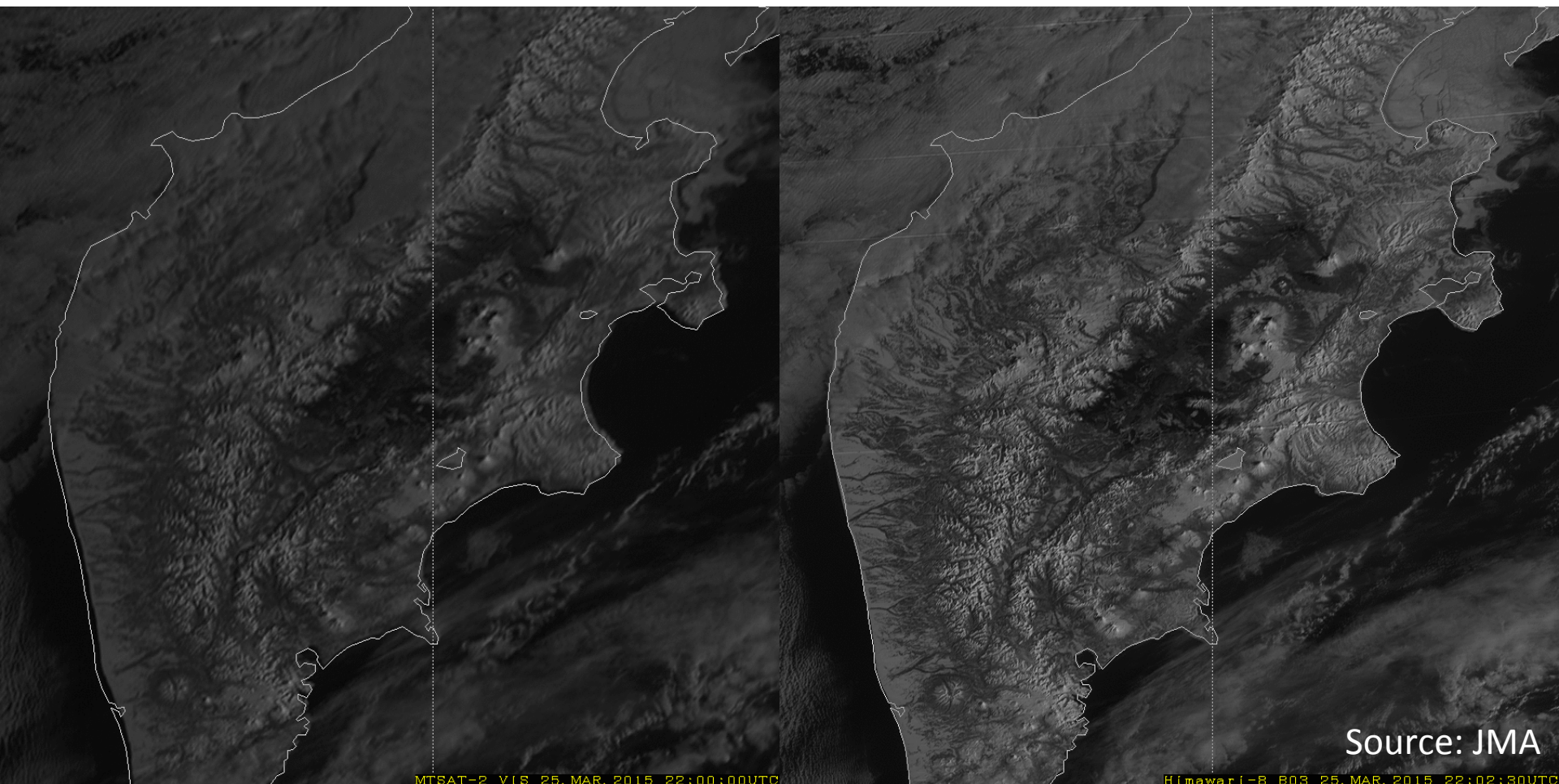
Parallax distance of 50000-foot clouds

Correspondence between colors and distance is different between the two images



# MTSAT vs. Himawari-8 Visible

30-minute refresh vs. 2.5-minute refresh over Kamchatka Peninsula, 25 March 2015

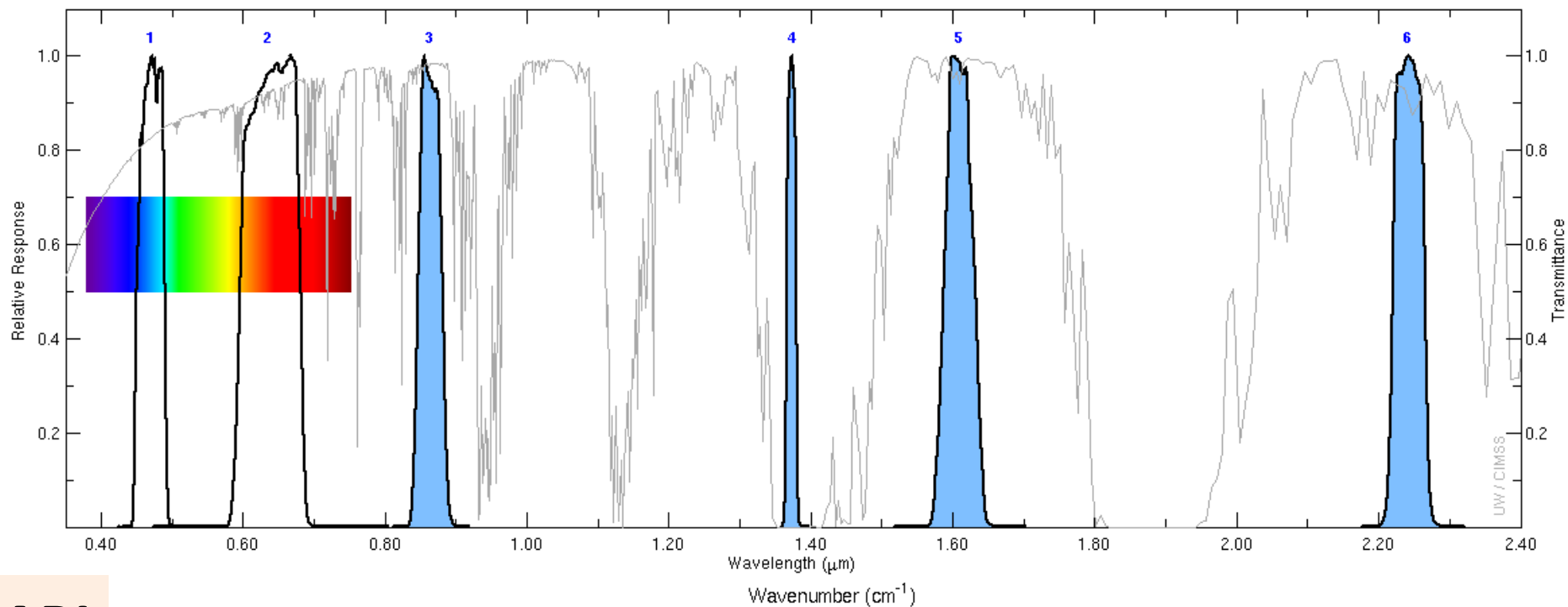


# Advanced Baseline Imager Spectral Bands

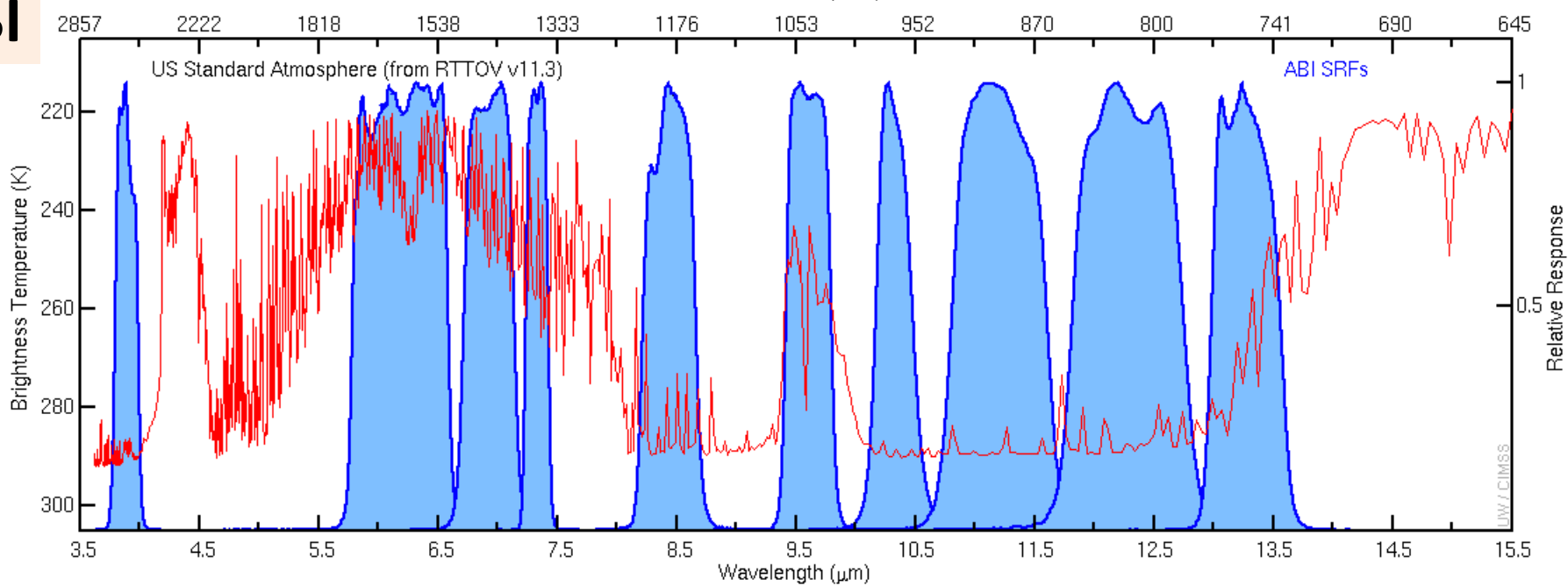
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0.47	1	Visible	Blue	1	0	1.3	12	2.4x10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.0010
<b>0.64</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Visible</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.4x10<sup>-4</sup></b>	<b>0.0022</b>
0.86	3	Near-Infrared	Veggie	1	0	1.3	12	2.4x10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.0015
1.4	4	Near-Infrared	Cirrus	2	0	0.5/1.3	12	2.4x10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.0010
1.6	5	Near-Infrared	Snow/Ice	1	0	1.3	12	2.4x10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.0017
2.2	6	Near-Infrared	Cloud Particle Size	2	0	1.3	12	2.4x10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.0009
<b>3.9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Infrared</b>	<b>Shortwave Window</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-100 °C</b>	127 °C/138 °C	<b>14</b>	<b>0.0138</b>	<b>0.064</b>
<b>6.2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Infrared</b>	<b>Upper-level Water Vapor</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-100 °C</b>	<b>61/38 °C</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0.0393</b>	<b>0.016</b>
6.9	9	Infrared	Mid-level Water Vapor	2	-100 °C	61/38 °C	12	0.0393	0.015
7.3	10	Infrared	Lower-level Water Vapor	2	-100 °C	61/58 °C	12	0.0393	0.023
8.4	11	Infrared	Cloud-Top Phase	2	-100 °C	61/68 °C	12	0.0393	0.022
9.6	12	Infrared	Ozone	2	-100 °C	61/38 °C	12	0.0393	0.021
10.3	13	Infrared	“Clean” Longwave Window	2	-100 °C	61/68 °C	12	0.0393	0.032
<b>11.2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Infrared</b>	<b>Longwave Window</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-100 °C</b>	<b>61/68 °C</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0.0393</b>	<b>0.022</b>
12.3	15	Infrared	“Dirty” Longwave Window	2	-100 °C	61/68 °C	12	0.0393	0.031
<b>13.3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Infrared</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub> Longwave</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-100 °C</b>	<b>61/45 °C</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0.0393</b>	<b>0.068</b>

Rows in bold are similar bands to current GOES

ABI FM1 v2 (Jan2014) Visible SRFs & Atmospheric Transmittance



**ABI**



# ABI Visible Bands

- Current GOES imager: one band at 1 km resolution
- GOES-R ABI: one band at 0.5 km resolution, one band at 1 km resolution
- Benefits to the operational meteorologist:
  - Better resolution of cloud features and cloud-enhanced boundaries
  - Easier monitoring of smoke and aerosols
  - Ability to produce pseudo-true color imagery

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ABI Visible band

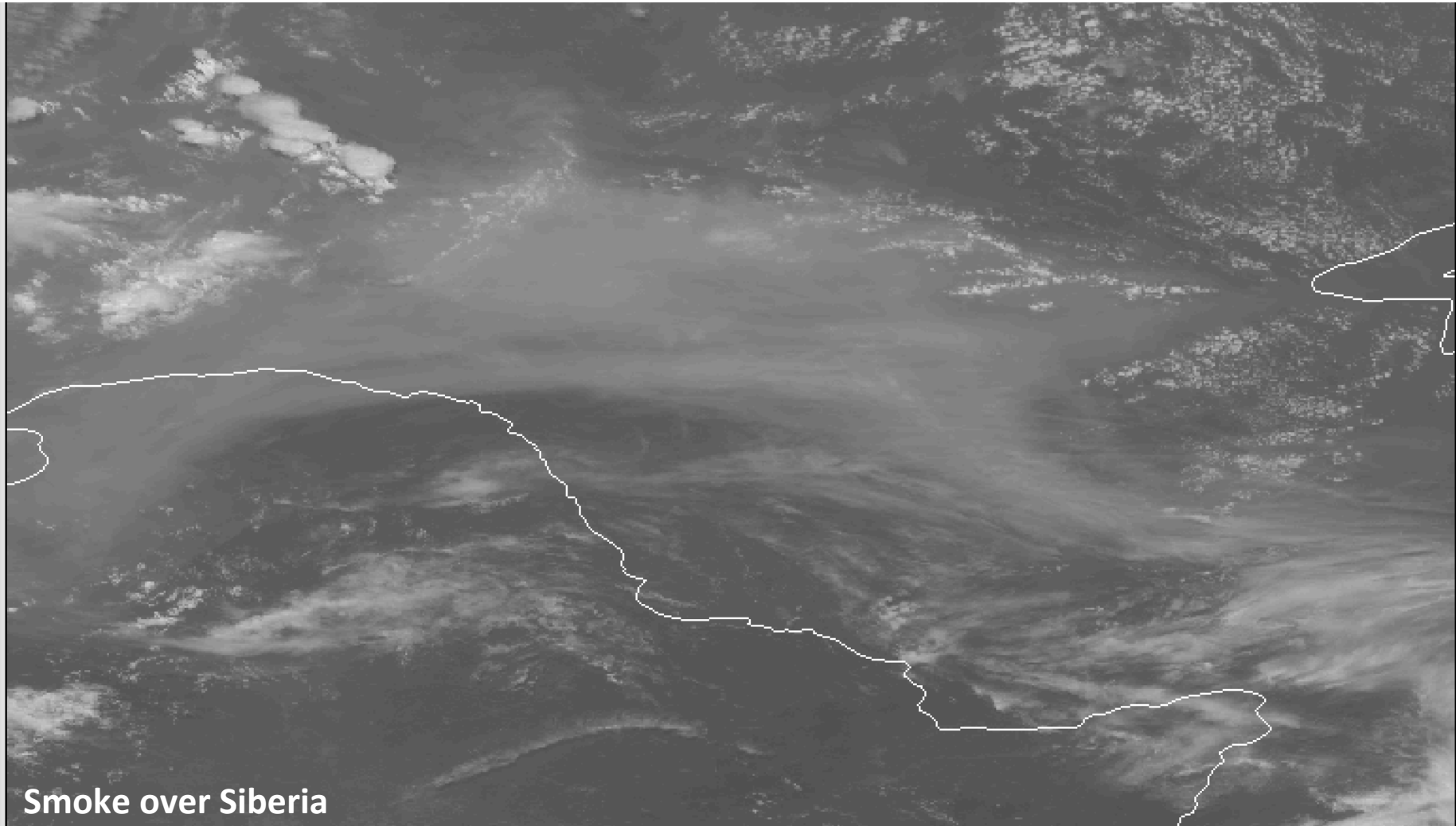


GOES-16: BAND=2 0.64 UM - 12:00:41 UTC - 09-APR-2018 NOAA ASPB

**Antarctica, Local Zenith Angle  $\approx$  75 degrees, similar to interior Alaska from GOES-17**

# ABI/AHI Band 1 ( $0.47 \mu\text{m}$ )

Example from the Advanced Himawari Imager

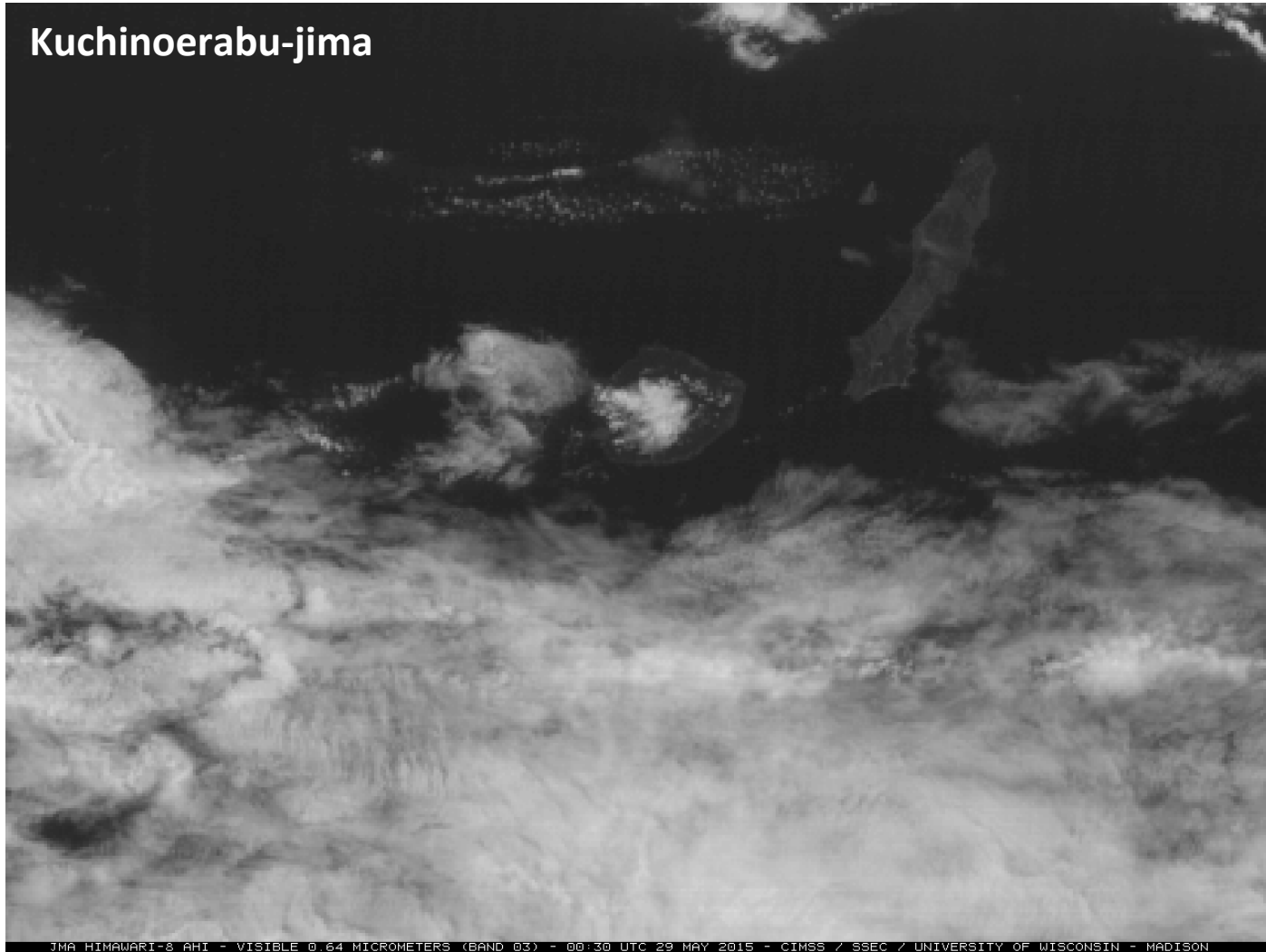


Smoke over Siberia

# ABI Band 2 (0.64 $\mu\text{m}$ )

Example from the Advanced Himawari Imager (AHI)

Kuchinoerabu-jima

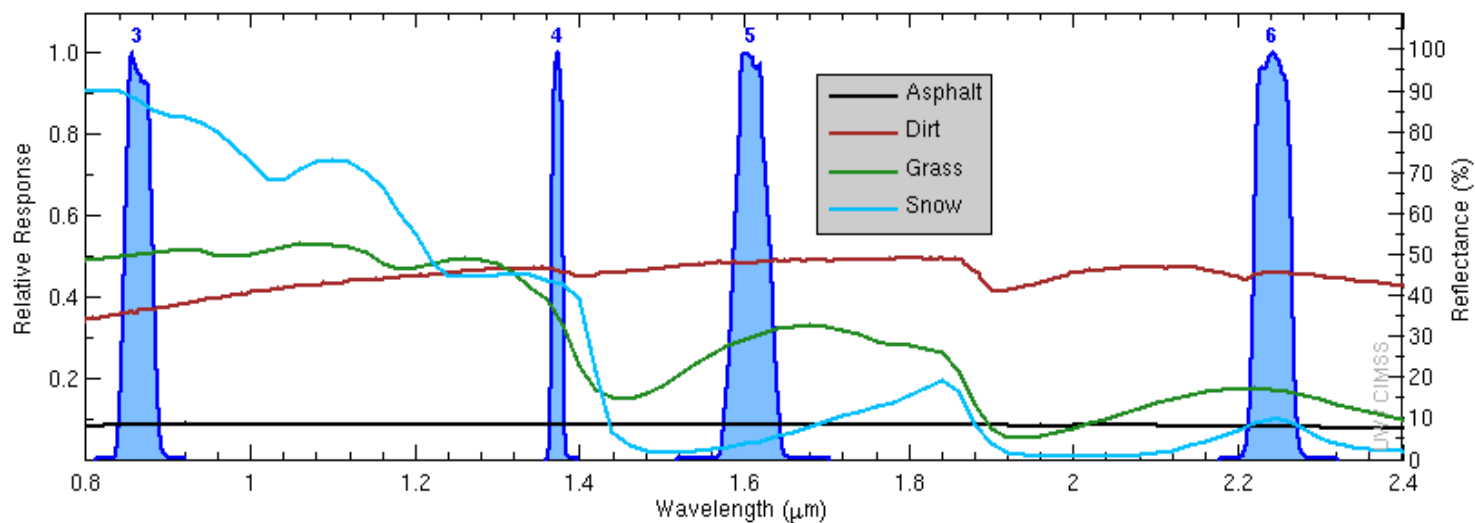
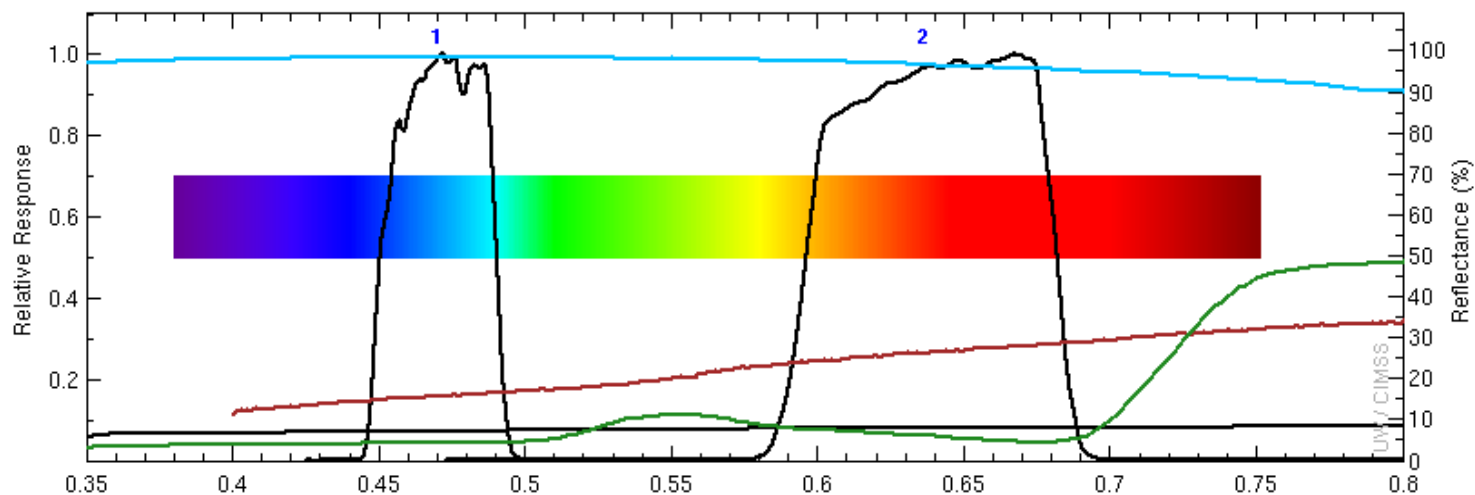


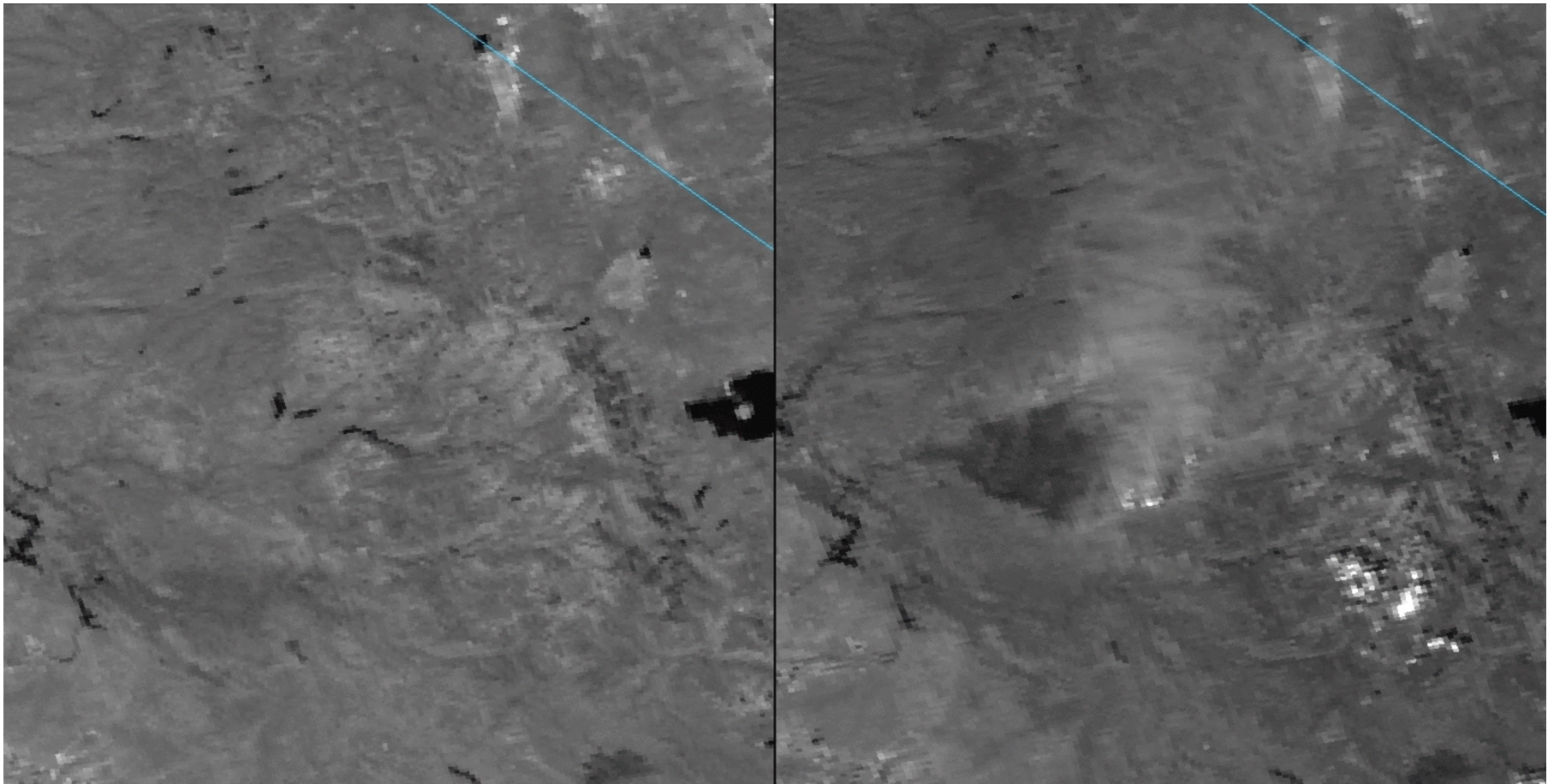


# ABI Near-Infrared Bands

- Current GOES imager: No near-infrared bands
- GOES-R ABI: Four near-infrared bands, two at 1 km resolution, two at 2 km resolution
- Benefits to the operational meteorologist:
  - Depiction of vegetation health/coverage
  - Sharper coastlines and easier detection of inland river flooding
  - Easier cirrus cloud and cloud-phase discrimination
  - Nocturnal fire detection

ABI FM1 v2 (Jan2014) Visible SRFs &amp; Various ASTER Reflectance Spectra



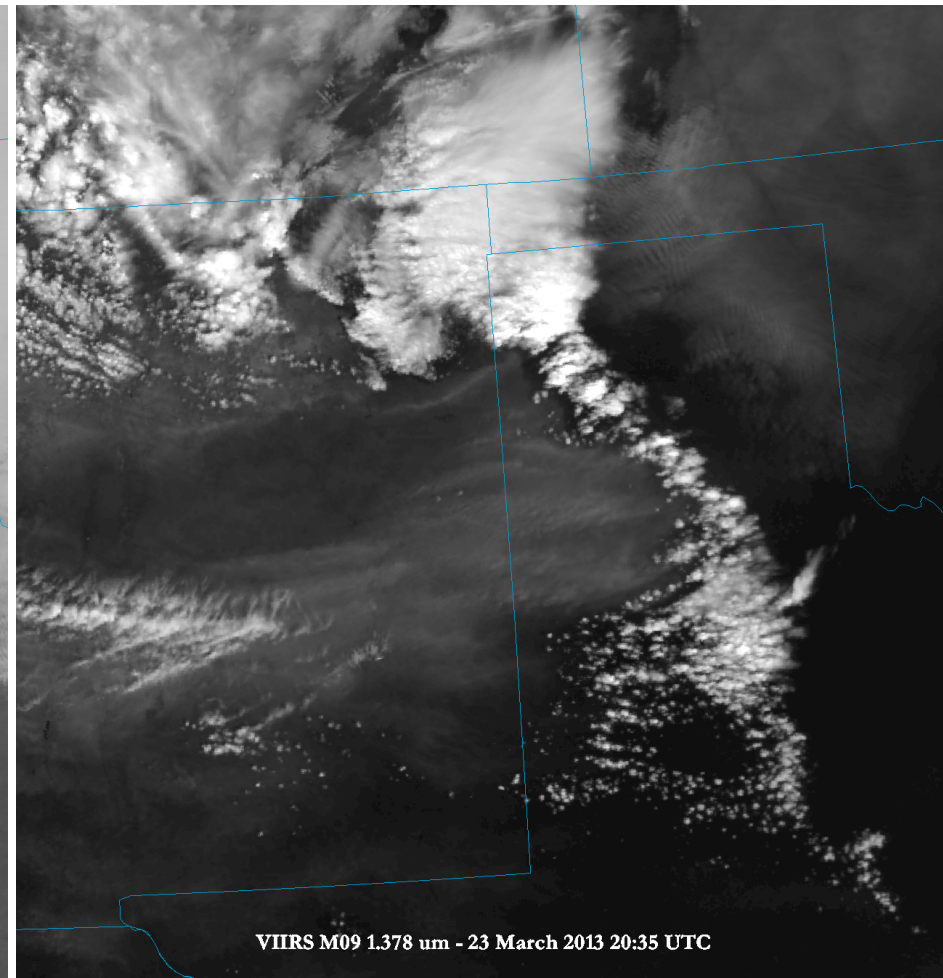
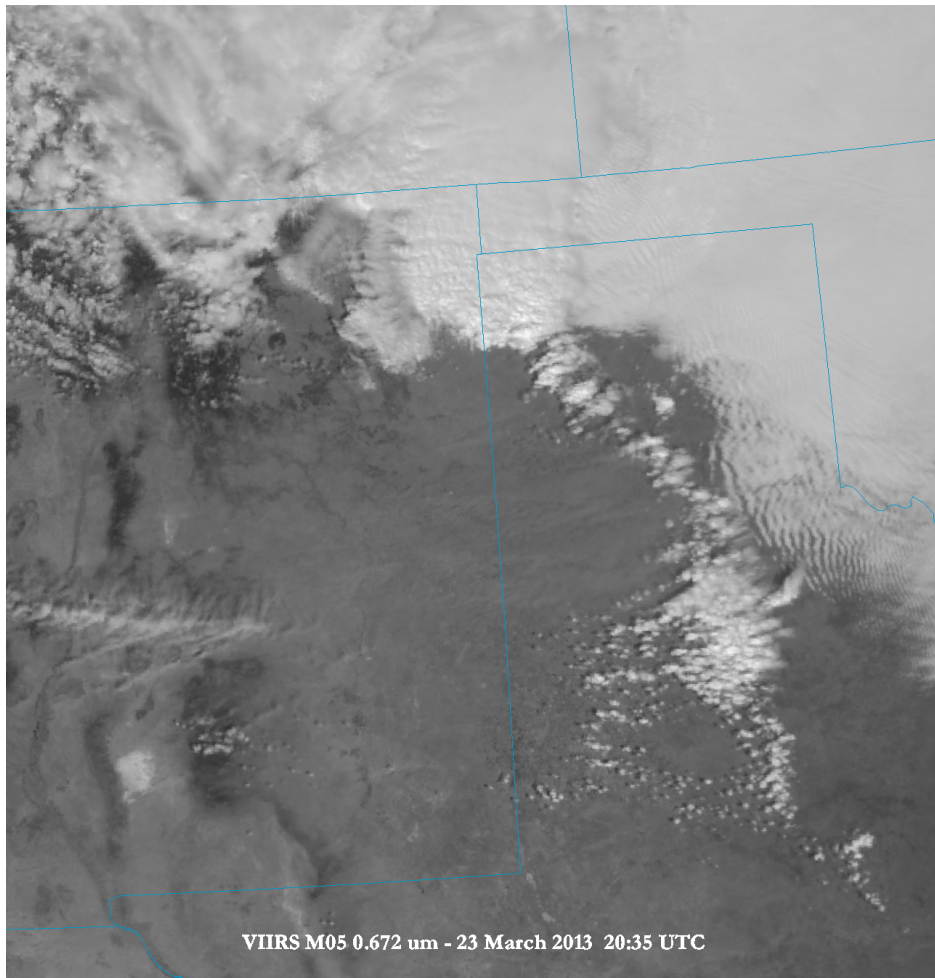


## California Rim Fire

VIIRS M7 band ( $0.865 \mu\text{m}$ ) on 13 August 2013 (left) compared to 30 August 2013 (right)  
Similar imagery will be provided from ABI Band 3 ( $0.86 \mu\text{m}$ )

# ABI Band 4 (1.4 $\mu\text{m}$ )

Example from the Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS)

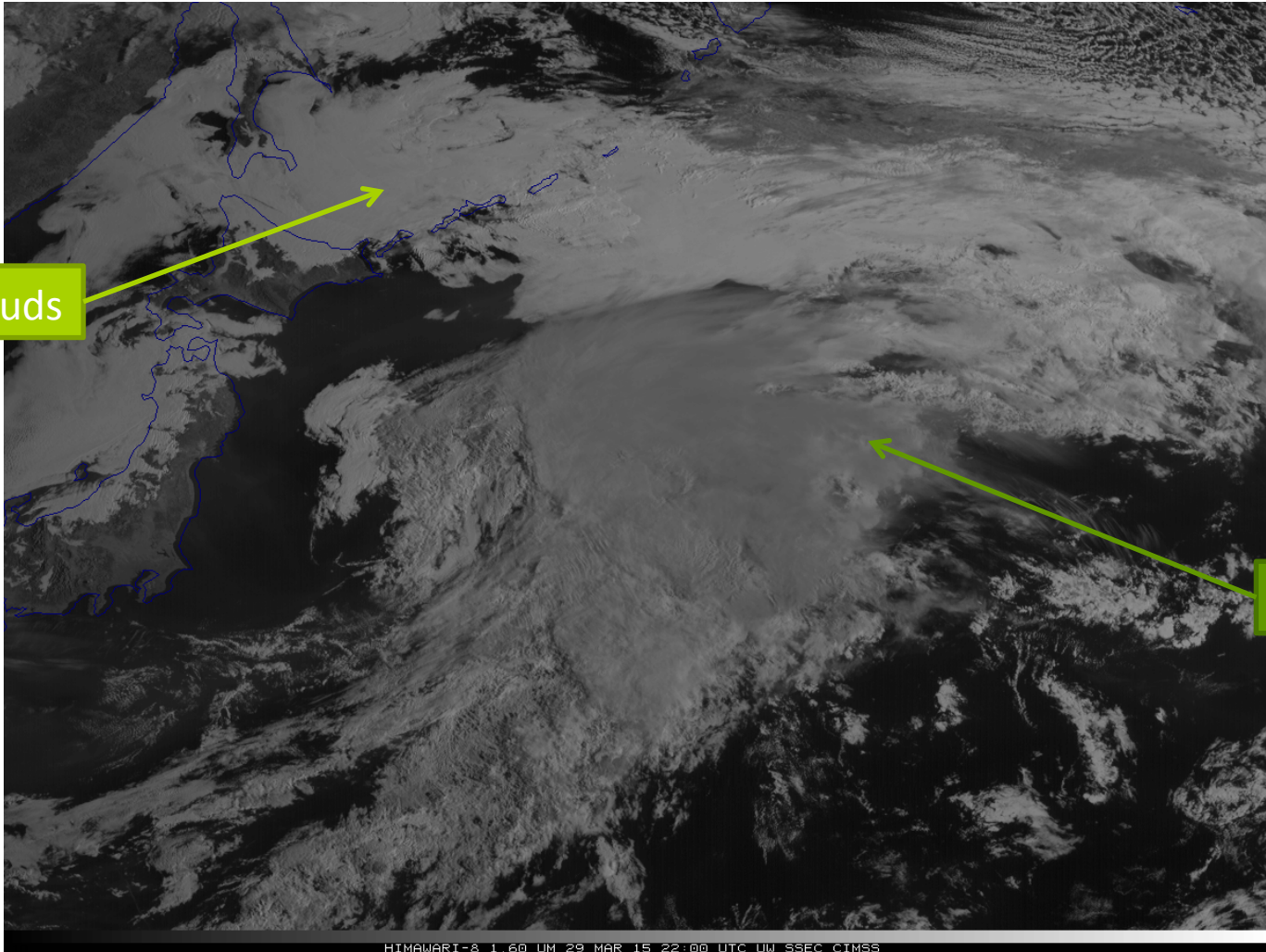


**In dry environments, the ABI Band 4 is useful for identifying areas of dust, compared to traditional visible imagery.**

# ABI/AHI Band 5 (1.6 $\mu\text{m}$ )

Example from the Advanced Himawari Imager

Water clouds



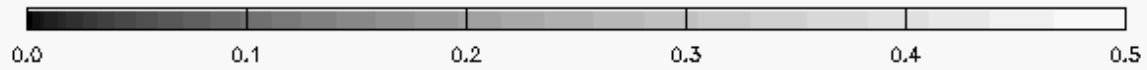
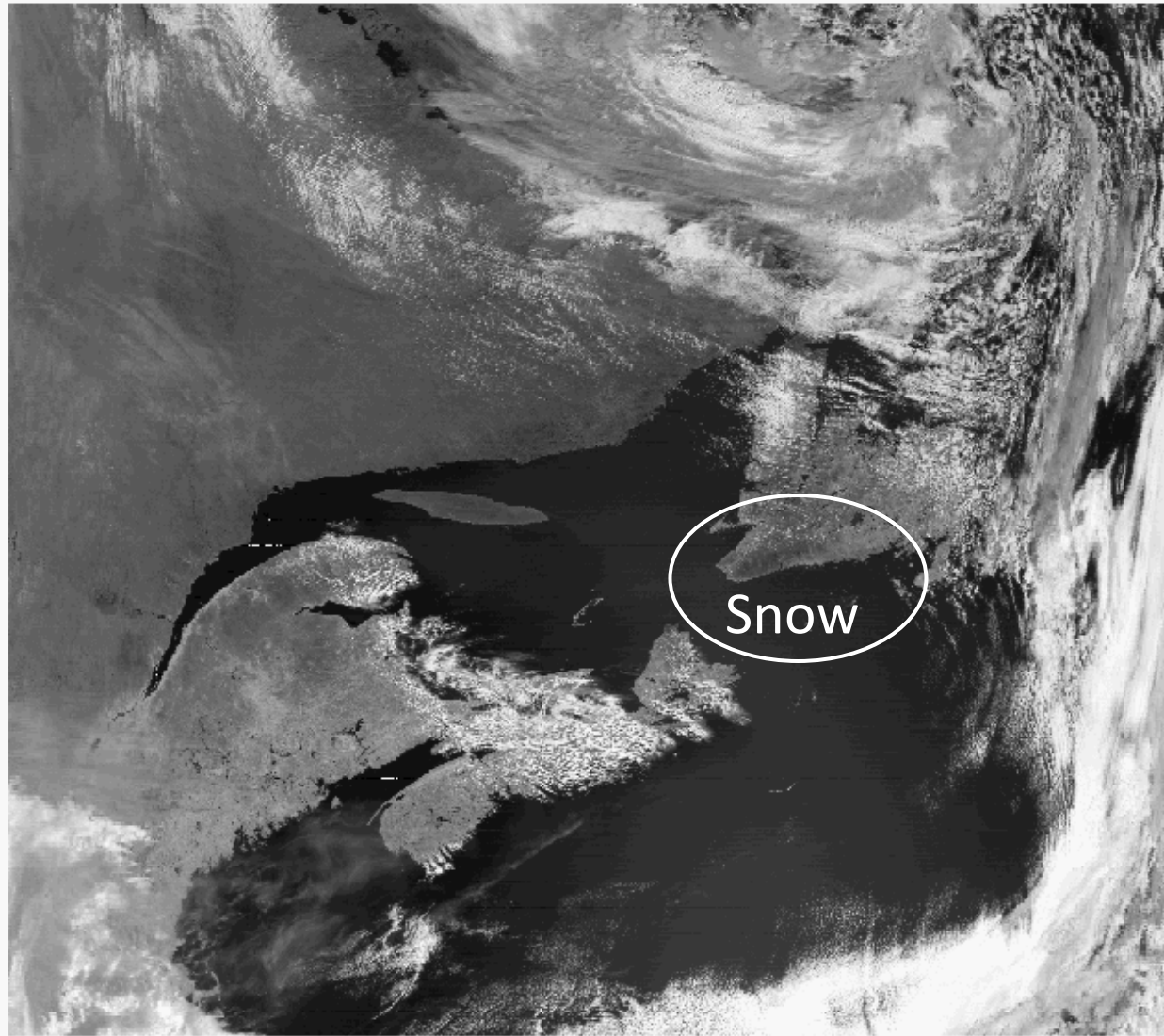
Ice clouds

MODIS  
0.65  $\mu\text{m}$



Figure from A. Heidinger, ASPB

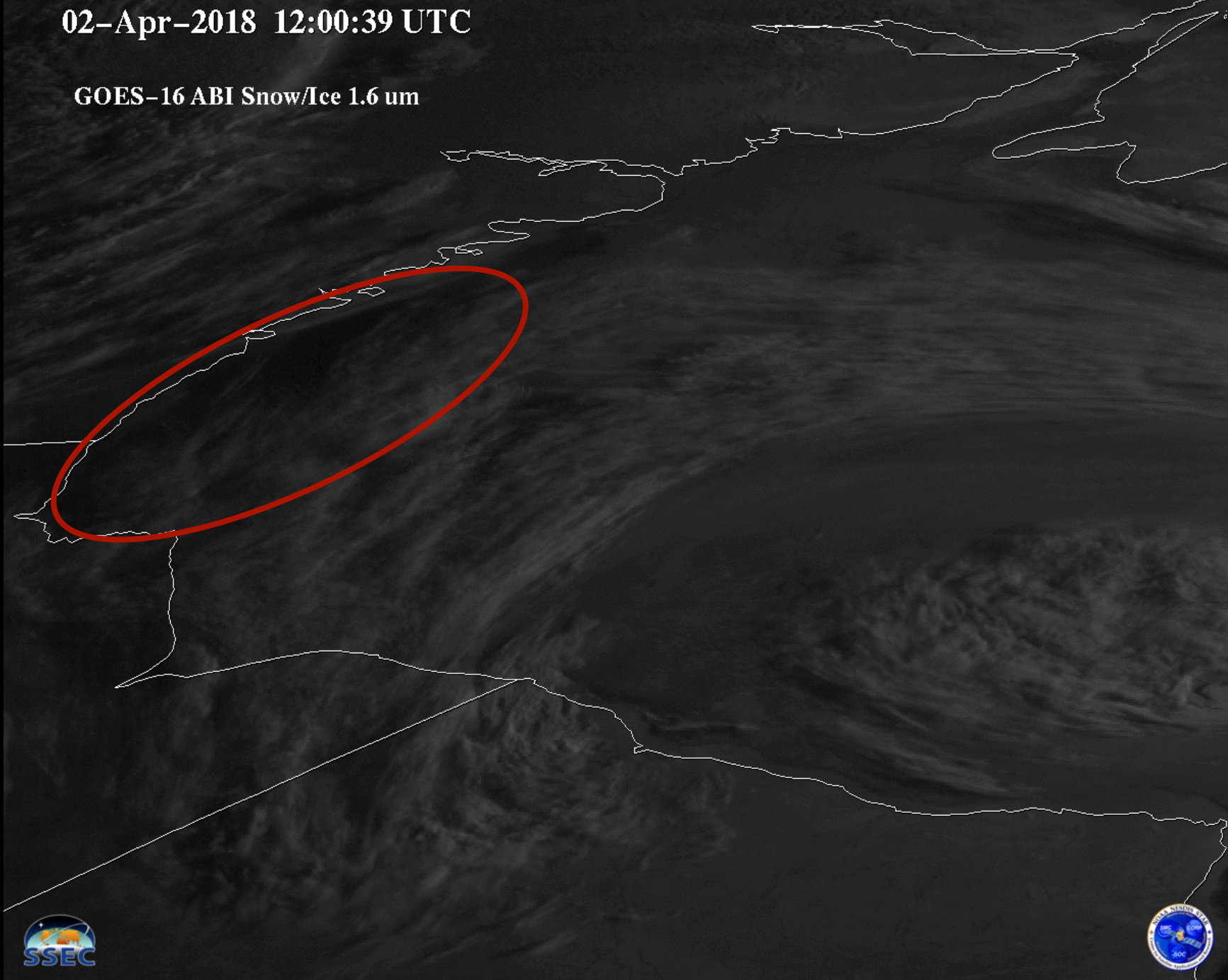
MODIS  
1.6  $\mu\text{m}$



1.6 micron reflectance

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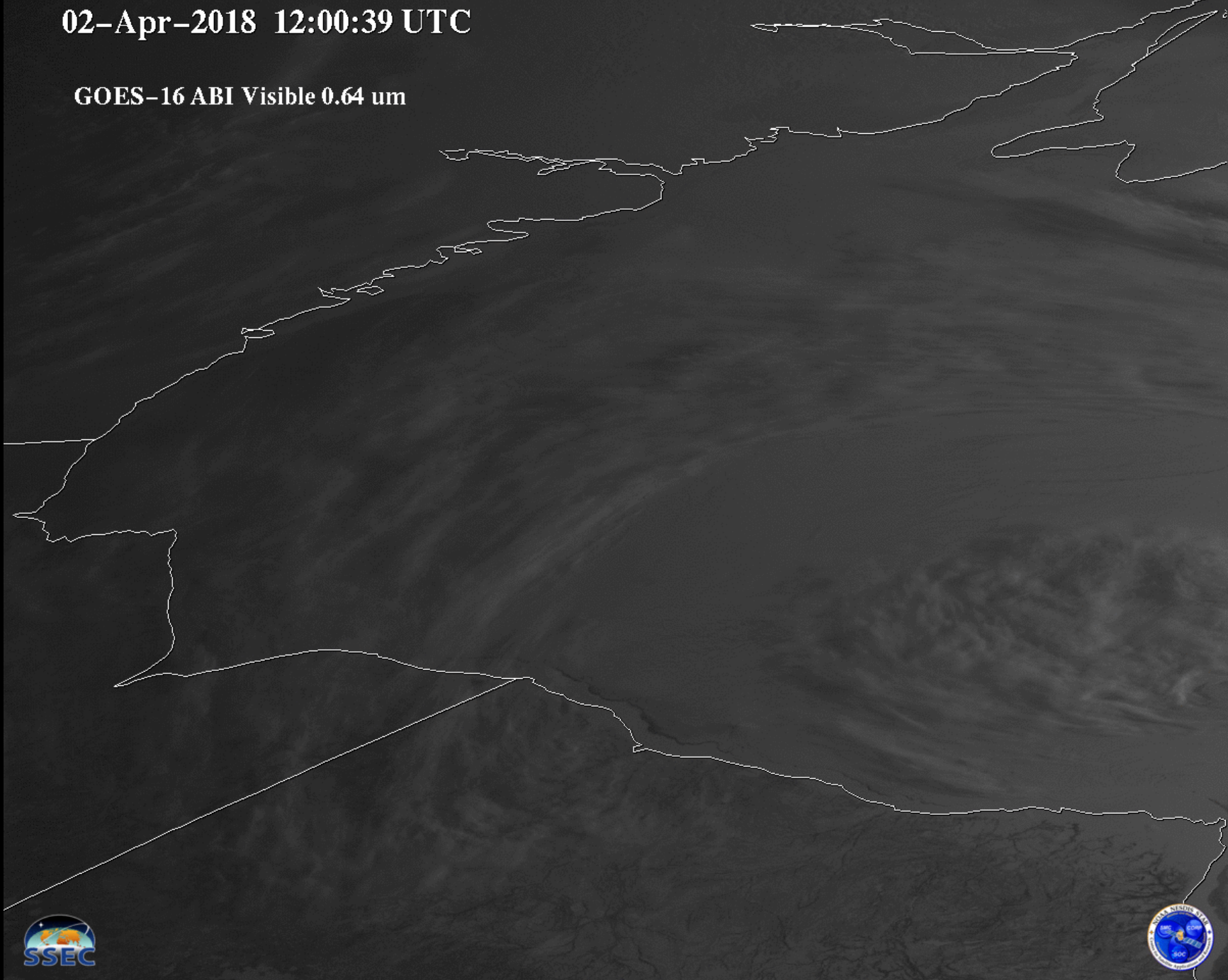
GOES-16 ABI Snow/Ice 1.6 um

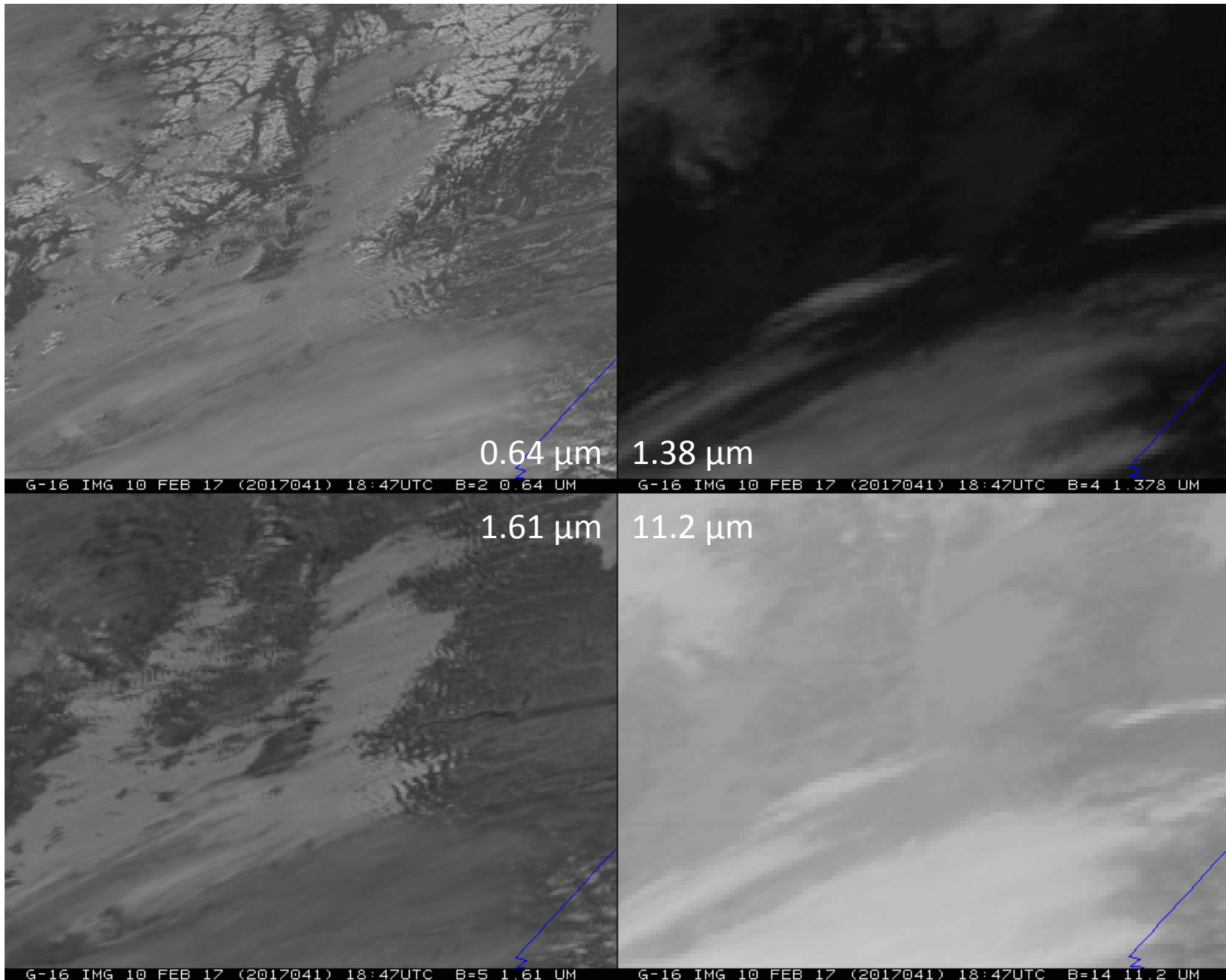




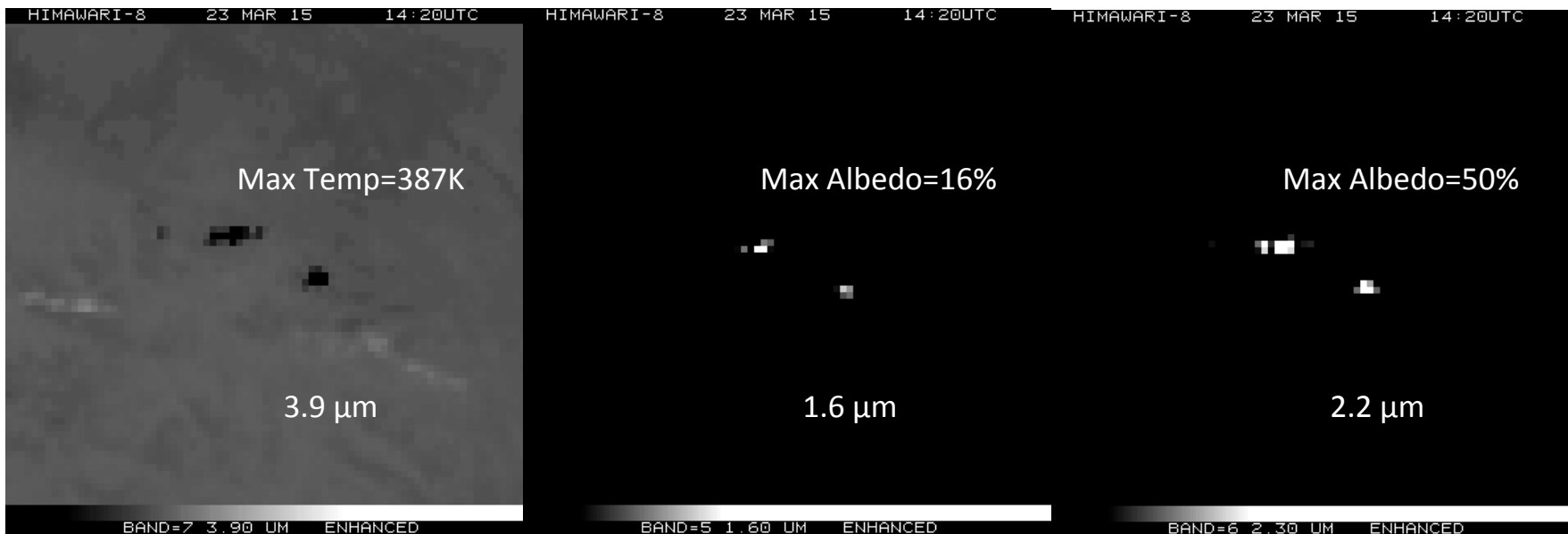
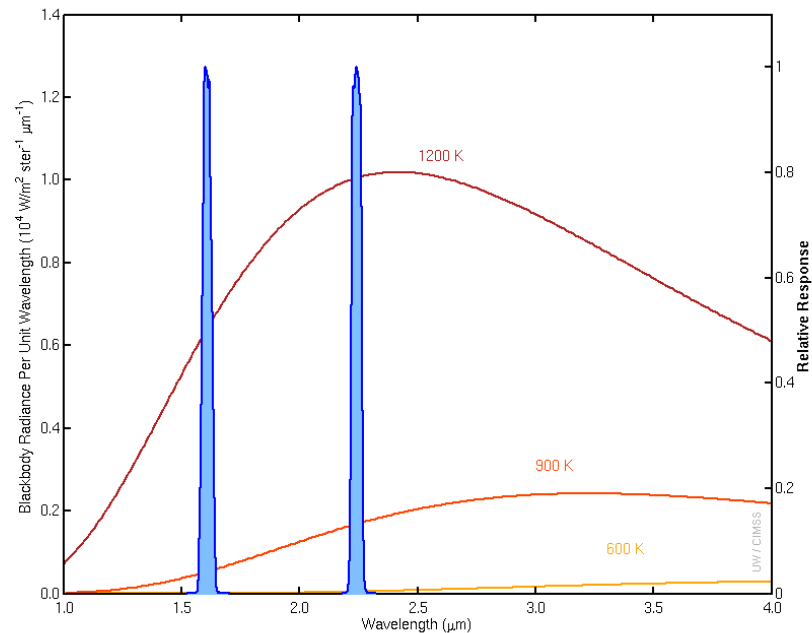
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GOES-16 ABI Visible 0.64 um





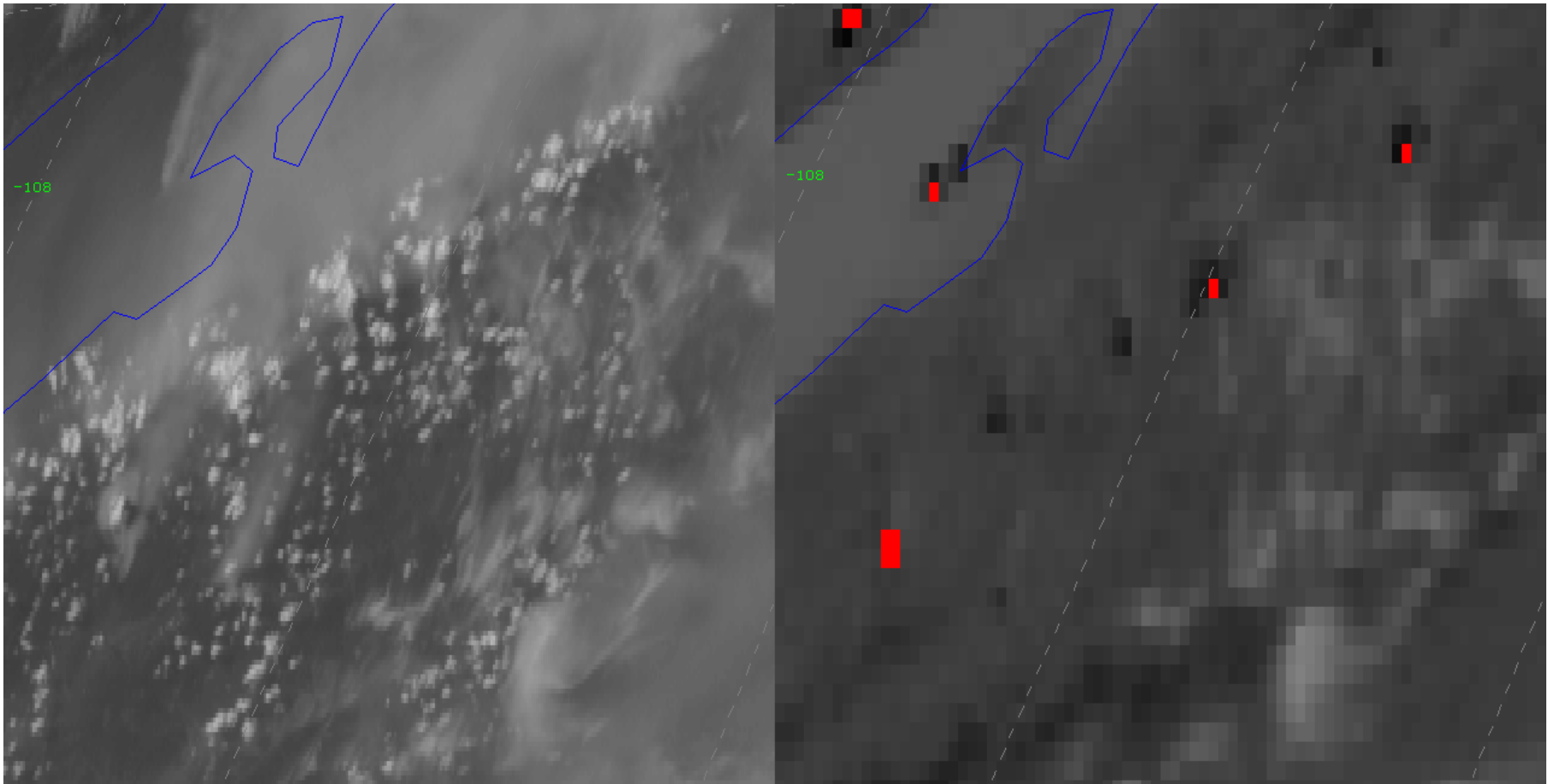
## Why can we observe hot fires in the near-infrared bands?



Himawari images over Australia on 23 March 2015 of bands 3.9  $\mu\text{m}$ , 1.6  $\mu\text{m}$ , and 2.2  $\mu\text{m}$  depict “hot spot” fires. **The AH1 1.6  $\mu\text{m}$  is nominally 2 km, while that ABI band is 1 km.**

# ABI Infrared Bands

- Current GOES imager: four bands at 4 km resolution
- GOES-R ABI: ten bands at 2 km resolution
- Benefits to the operational meteorologist:
  - Fire detection with better thermal signal
  - Resolution of middle and upper tropospheric water vapor features
  - Detection of sulfur dioxide and upper-atmosphere ozone
  - Several window channels for discerning low-level water vapor gradients

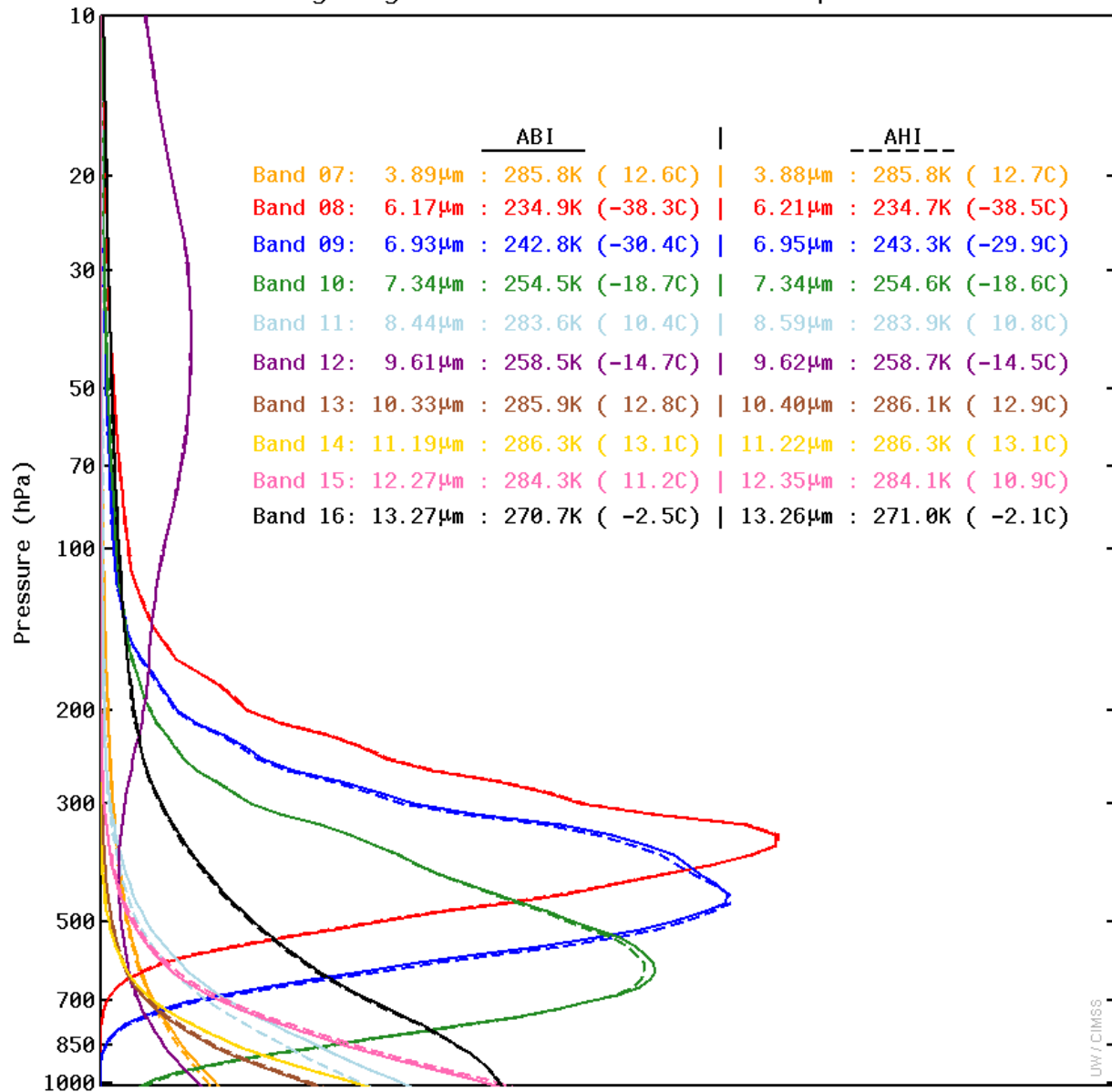


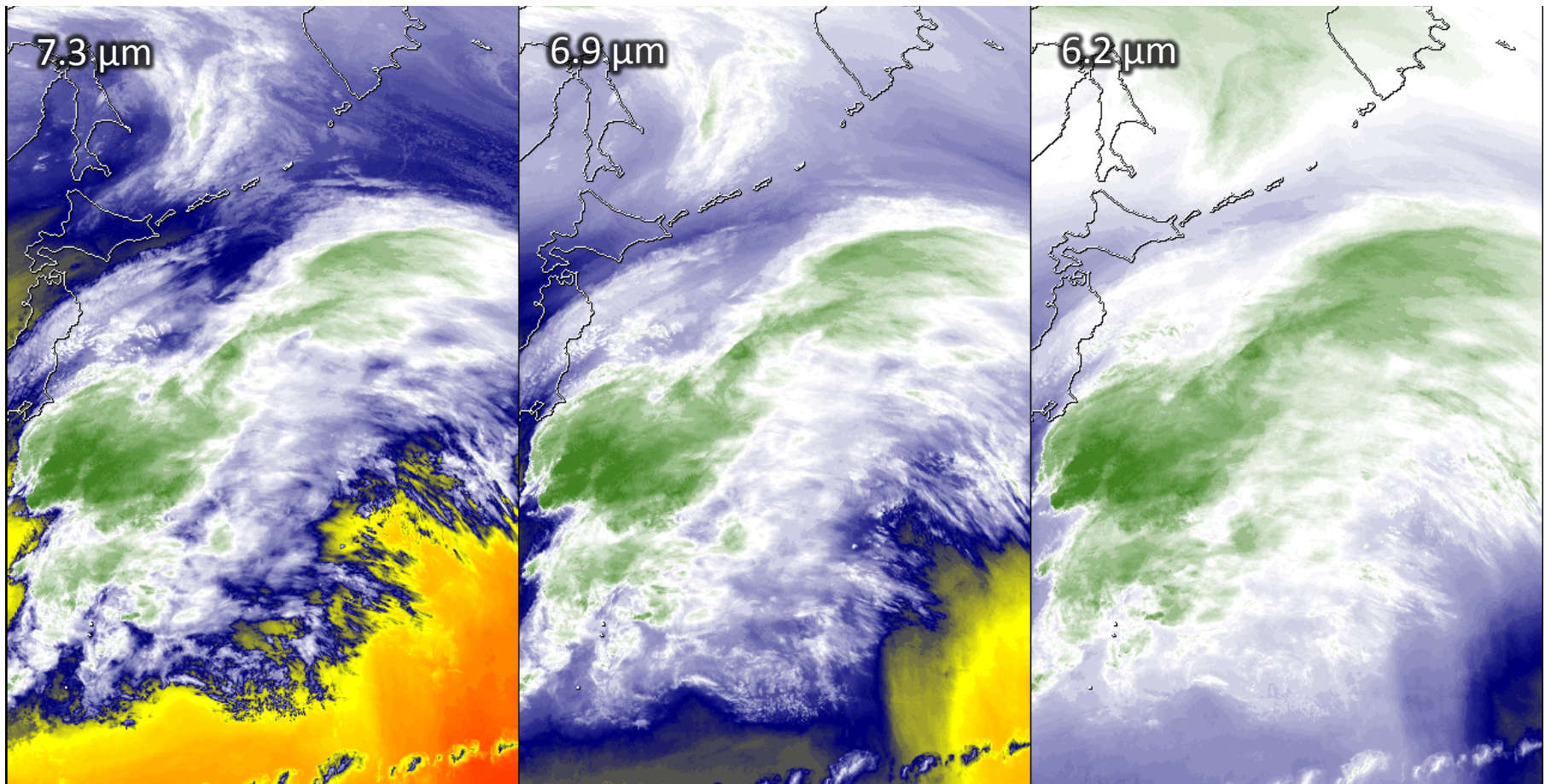
## Pyrocumulonimbus near Lake Baikal (southern Russia)

15 July 2015

Local zenith angle  $\cong$  70 degrees from Himawari-8/9, similar to southern Alaska from GOES-17

## ABI &amp; AHI Weighting Functions: US Standard Atmosphere / Nadir View

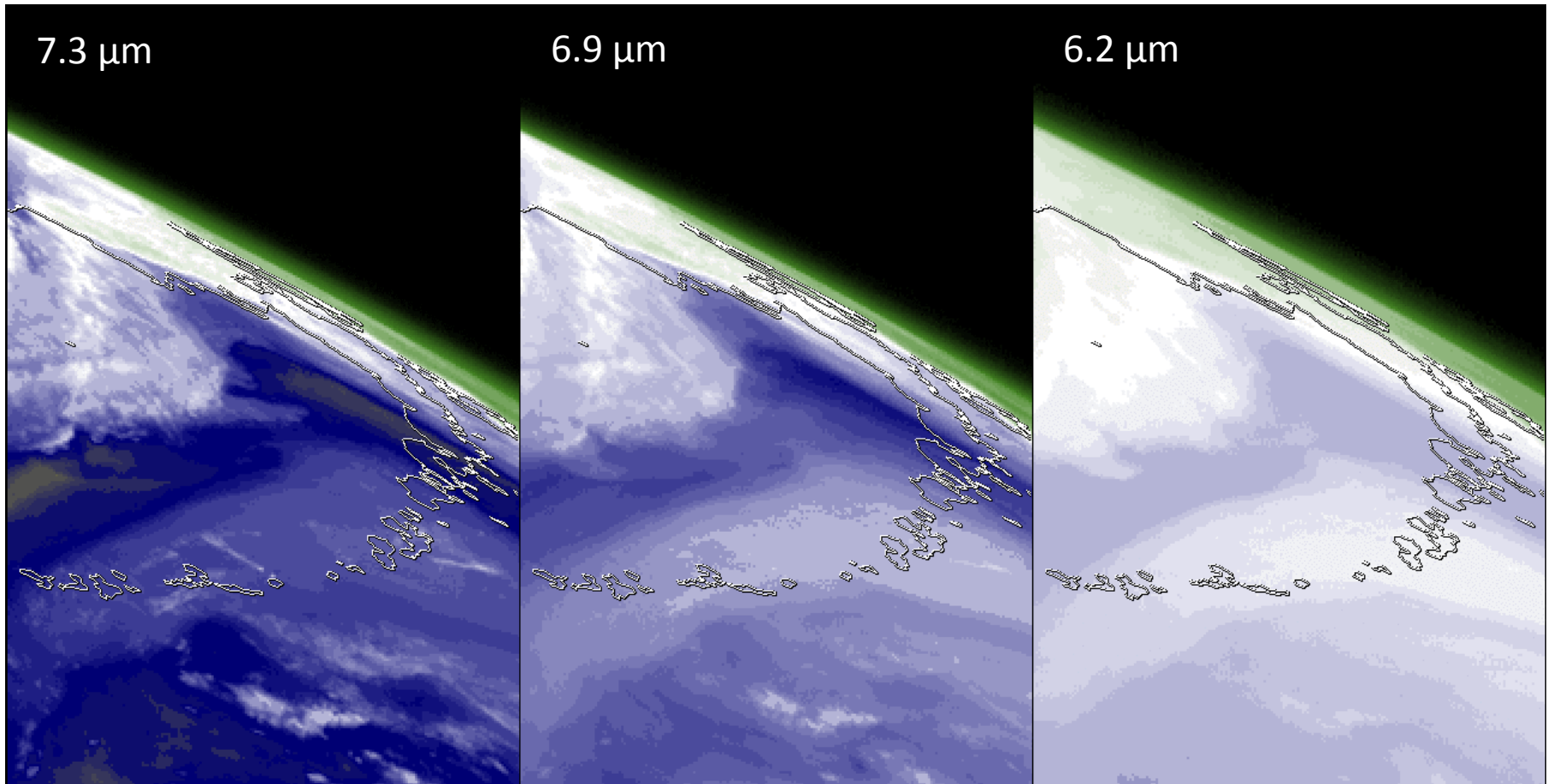




# Himawari-8 view of transiting mid-latitude cyclones

East of Japan, 14 March 2016, Starting 12:00 UTC

Source: CIMSS Satellite Blog (<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/blog/>)



## Himawari-8 view of Mount Pavlof eruption

Alaska Peninsula, 28 March 2016, Starting 0:00 UTC

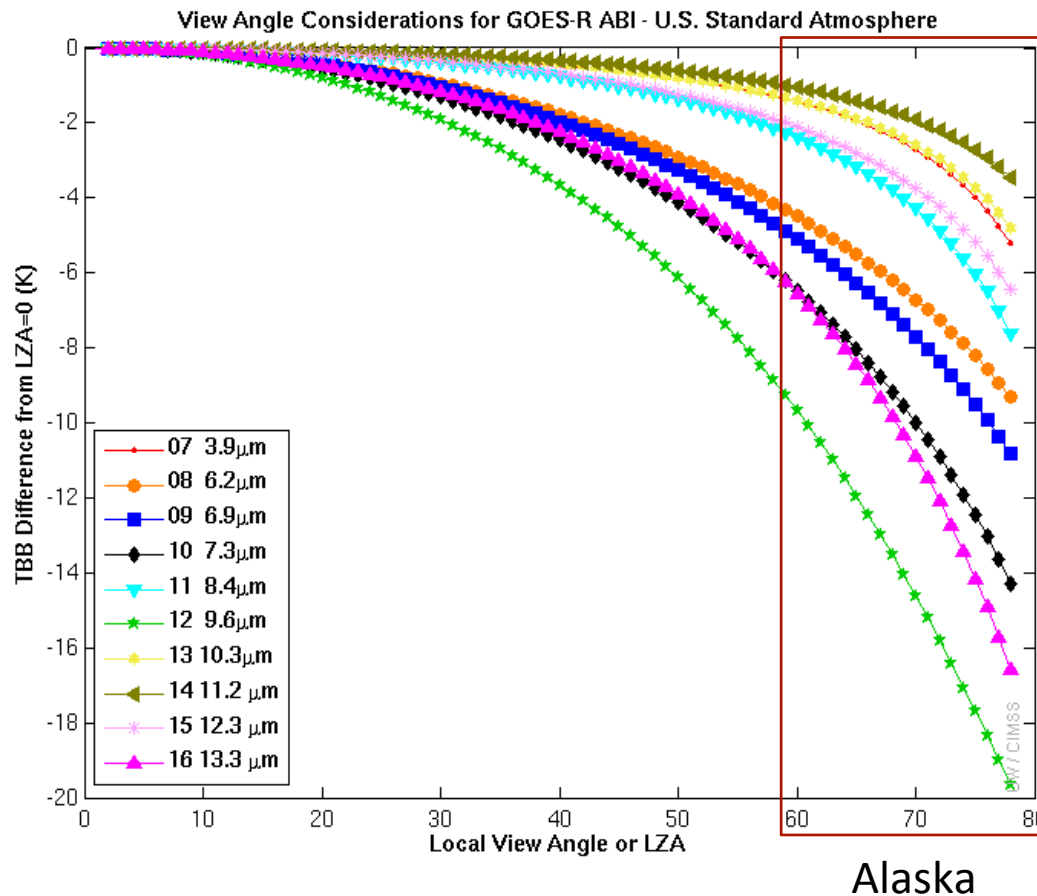
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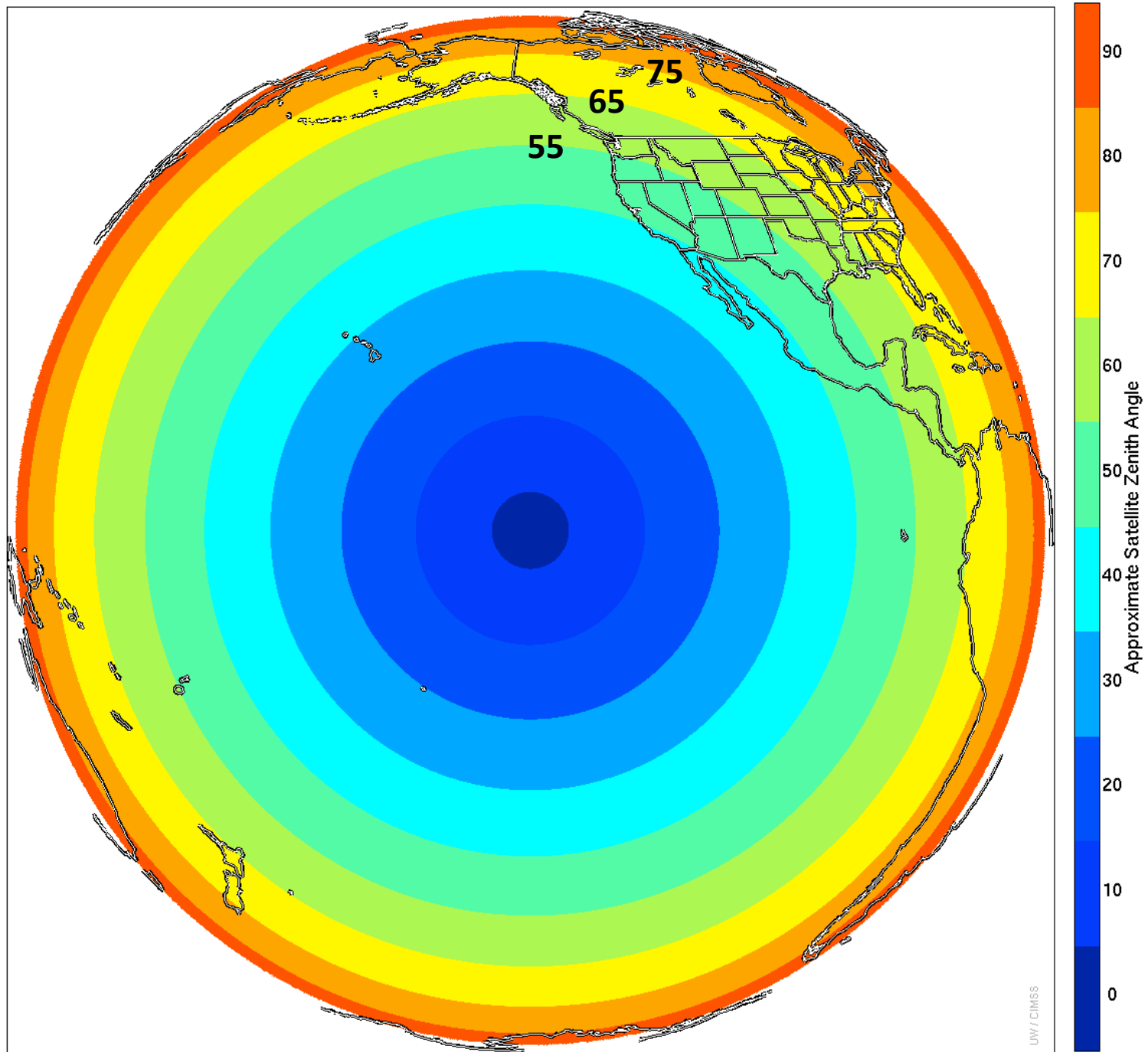




# View Angle Considerations

Depends on the absorptive molecular species in each band

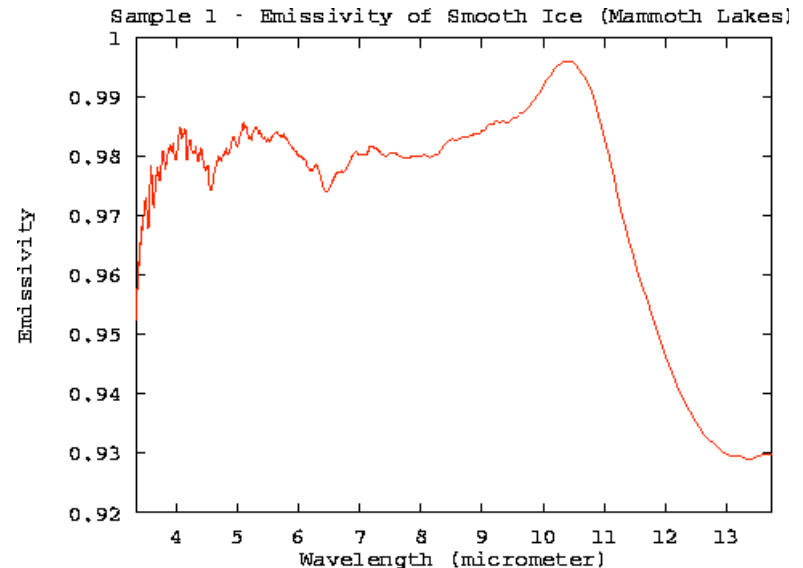




# ABI Bands of Interest to Marine and Arctic Weather Community

- Reflectance:  
ABI Bands 2 (0.64  $\mu\text{m}$ ), 3 (0.86  $\mu\text{m}$ ), and 5 (1.6  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Brightness Temperature:  
ABI Bands 13 (10.3  $\mu\text{m}$ ), 14 (11.2  $\mu\text{m}$ ), and 15 (12.3  $\mu\text{m}$ )

New ABI bands collectively enable better discrimination between land, sea, ice, water cloud, and ice cloud.



# Advanced Baseline Imager Spectral Bands

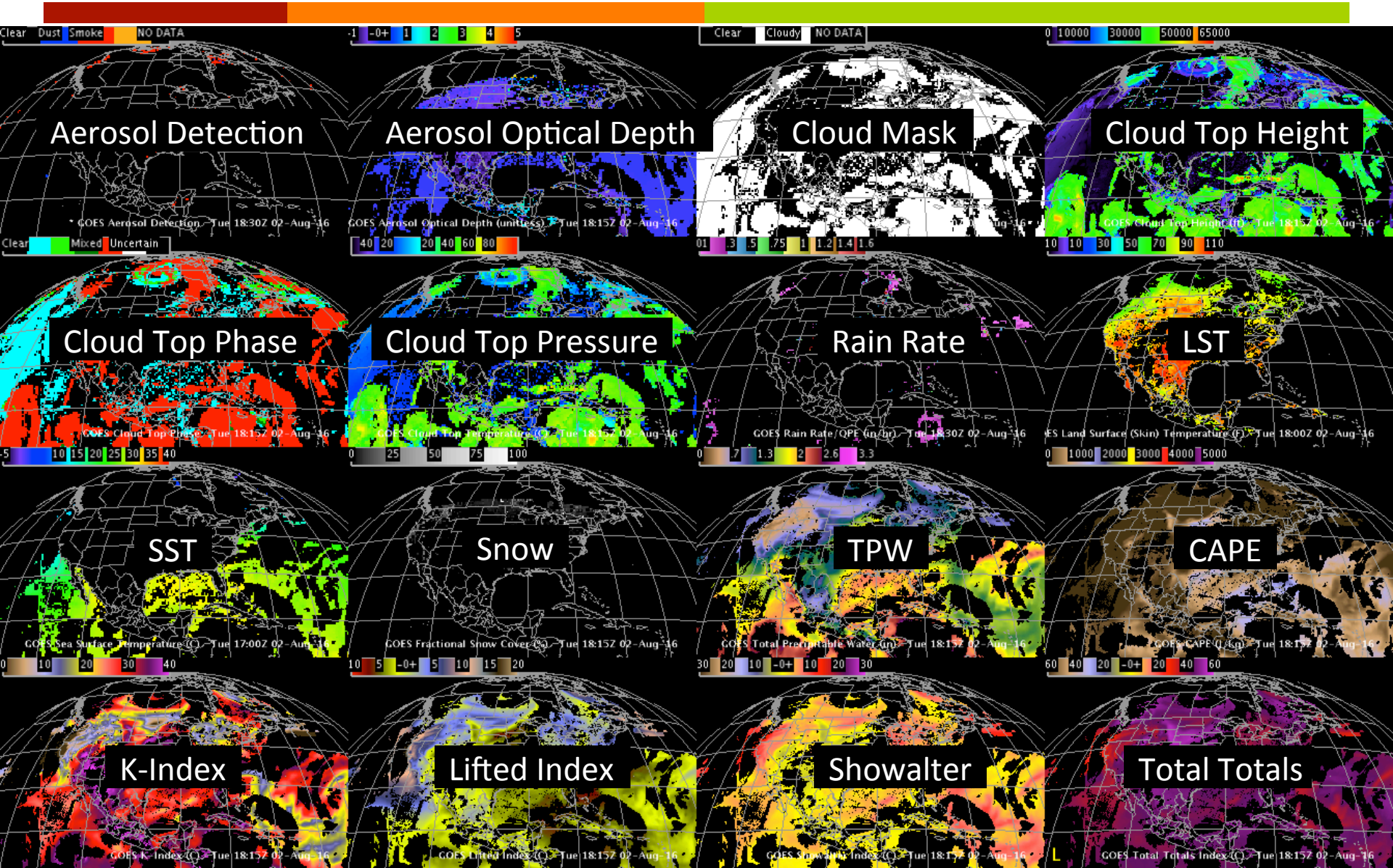
AHI Band	AHI Approximate Central Wavelength (μm)	ABI Approximate Central Wavelength (μm)	ABI Band	Type	Nickname
1	0.47	0.47	1	Visible	Blue
2	0.51			Visible	Green
<b>3</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Visible</b>	<b>Red</b>
4	0.86	0.86	3	Near-Infrared	Veggie
		1.4	4	Near-Infrared	Cirrus
5	1.6	1.6	5	Near-Infrared	Snow/Ice
6	2.3	2.2	6	Near-Infrared	Cloud Particle Size
<b>7</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Infrared</b>	<b>Shortwave Window</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Infrared</b>	<b>Upper-level Water Vapor</b>
9	6.9	6.9	9	Infrared	Mid-level Water Vapor
10	7.3	7.3	10	Infrared	Lower-level Water Vapor
11	8.6	8.4	11	Infrared	Cloud-Top Phase
12	9.6	9.6	12	Infrared	Ozone
13	10.4	10.3	13	Infrared	“Clean” Longwave Window
<b>14</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Infrared</b>	<b>Longwave Window</b>
15	12.4	12.3	15	Infrared	“Dirty” Longwave Window
<b>16</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Infrared</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub> Longwave</b>

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Rows in bold are similar bands to current GOES

# Imagery Bit Depths

- Bit depth establishes the precision of the data. The higher the bit depth, the higher the precision.
- Previously, all imagery was displayed in AWIPS as eight bits ( $2^8 = 256$  discrete values).
- New imagery is primarily 12 bits:
  - 14 bits (16,384 discrete values)
    - Band 7 (for fires, greater range)
  - 12 bits (4,096 discrete values)
    - All other bands
- Be aware of observable minimum and maximum values.



DOE-4 Simulated ABI Derived/Baseline Products in AWIPS II  
 Only certain baseline products are shown. This is not the complete set. Credit: CIMSS/ASPB

# Defined Extent of Derived Products

## No Alaska Coverage (Max LZA < 65 degrees only)

- Aerosol Detection
- Aerosol Optical Depth
- Volcanic Ash: Detection and Height
- Cloud Top Height
- Cloud Top Pressure
- Atmospheric Profiles
- Derived Stability Indices
- Total Precipitable Water
- Derived Motion Winds
- Snow Cover

## Portion of southeastern Alaska Only ( $65 \leq \text{Max LZA} < 70$ degrees)

- Cloud Optical Depth
- Cloud Particle Size Distribution
- Cloud Top Phase
- Cloud Top Temperature
- Fire / Hot Spot Characterization
- Sea Surface Temperature

## Southeastern Alaska and Partial Aleutian Arc (Max LZA = 70 degrees)

- Rainfall Rate/QPE
- Clear Sky Masks
- Land Surface Temperature

# Probable Extent of Derived Products

## Portion of southeastern Alaska Only (Max LZA < 70 degrees)

- Cloud Optical Depth
- Cloud Particle Size Distribution
- Sea Surface Temperature

## Southeastern Alaska and Partial Aleutian Arc (Max LZA = 70 degrees)

- Cloud Top Height
- Cloud Top Pressure
- Cloud Top Temperature
- Clear Sky Masks
- Rainfall Rate / QPE
- Land Surface Temperature
- Derived Stability Indices
- Total Precipitable Water

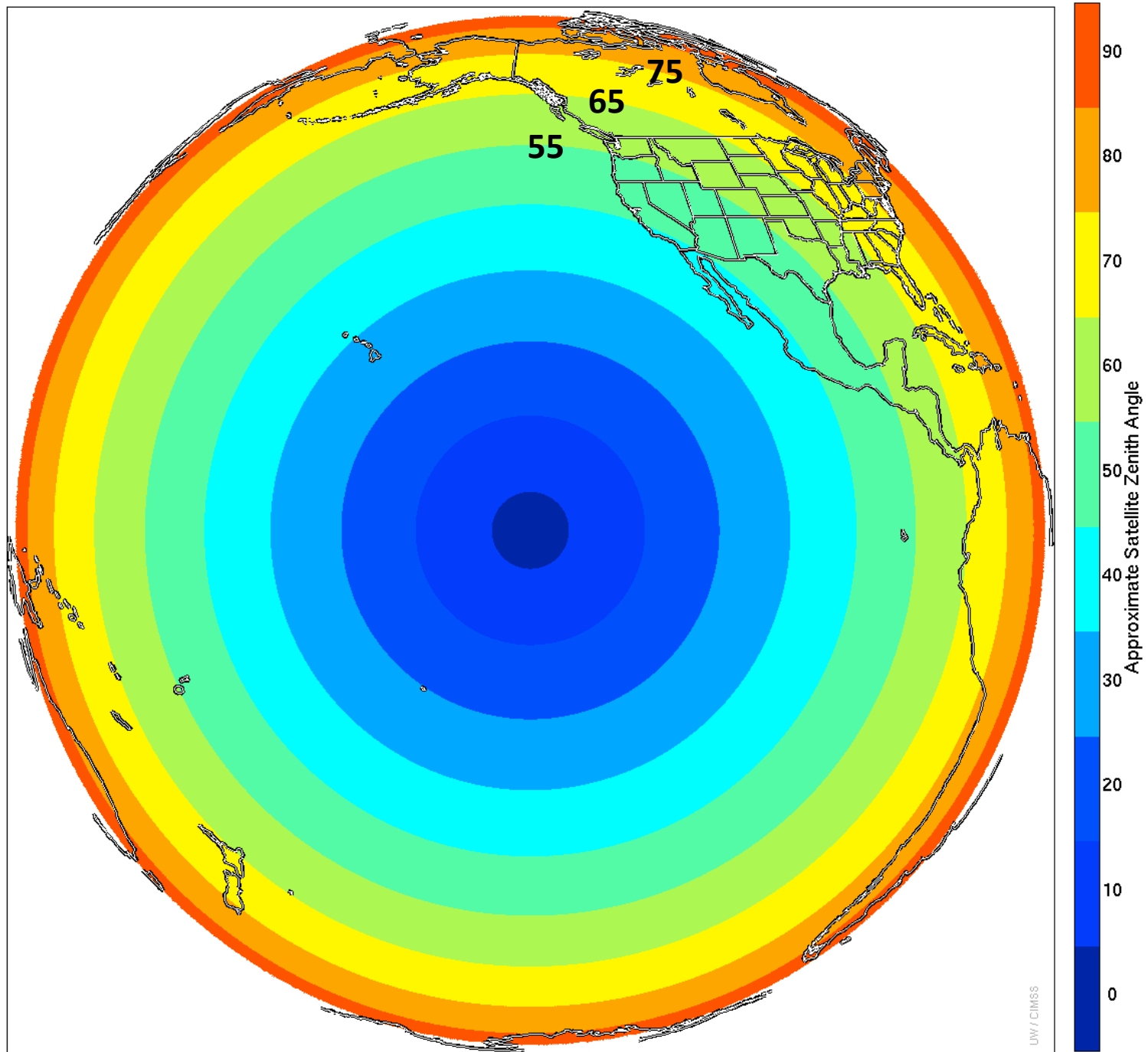
## Most of Alaska (Max LZA = 80 degrees)

- Aerosol Detection
- Volcanic Ash: Detection and Height
- Cloud Top Phase
- Fire / Hot Spot Characterization (Fire Power only)

**No Alaska Coverage (Max LZA < 65 degrees only):** Aerosol Optical Depth

**Unknown:** Atmospheric Profiles, Derived Motion Winds, Snow Cover





# ABI Quick Reference Guides



Also available on AWIPS

**GOES-R ABI Fact Sheet Band 6 ("Cloud Particle Size" near-infrared)**  
The "need to know" Advanced Baseline Imager reference guide for the NWS forecaster

There are three mid-level water vapor bands... This water vapor band is similar to a band on the current GOES sounders, although those bands are spectrally narrower. The heritage GOES Imager water vapor band falls "between" this band and the 6.2 μm. Source: *Schmit et al., 2005 in BAMS, and the ABI Weather Event Simulator (WES) Guide by CIMSS.*

The 2.2 μm band, in conjunction with other bands, will enable cloud particle size estimation. Cloud particle growth is an indication of cloud development and intensity of that development. Other applications of the 2.2 μm band include: use in a multispectral approach for aerosol particle size estimation (by characterizing the aerosol-free background over land), cloud screening, hot-spot detection, and snow detection. The MODIS and VIIRS cloud mask algorithms use a similar band. Source: *Schmit et al., 2005 in BAMS, and the ABI Weather Event Simulator (WES) Guide by CIMSS.*

**In a nutshell**  
GOES-R ABI Band 6 (approximately 2.24 μm central, 2.22 μm to 2.27 μm)

Also similar Suomi NPP VIIRS Band M11, MODIS Band 7, Landsat Band 7, AHI Band 6

New for GOES-R series, not available on current GOES

**Nickname:** "Cloud particle size" near-infrared band

**Availability:** Daytime for snow and cloud applications; nighttime for fire applications

**Primary purpose:** Cloud particle size; snow; cloud phase

**Uses similar to:** 1.6 μm for fire detection and cloud properties

**GOES-R ABI Fact Sheet Band 8 ("Upper-level water vapor")**  
The "need to know" Advanced Baseline Imager reference guide for the NWS forecaster

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The 7.3 μm band is one of three mid-tropospheric water vapor bands on the ABI. It reveals information about lower mid-level atmospheric flow (depending on the amount of moisture in the upper troposphere) and can help identify jet streaks. It has been proven to be useful, under certain conditions, in identifying and tracking volcanic plumes due to upper-level sulfur dioxide absorption. Vertical moisture information can be gained from comparison of measurements in all three ABI water vapor bands as is done with current GOES sounder bands. This water vapor band is similar to a band on the current GOES sounders, although those bands are spectrally narrower. The heritage GOES Imager water vapor band falls "between" this band and the 6.2 μm. Source: *Schmit et al., 2005 in BAMS, and the ABI Weather Event Simulator (WES) Guide by CIMSS.*

**In a nutshell**  
GOES-R ABI Band 8 (approximately 7.3 μm central, 7.2 μm to 7.4 μm)

Similar to MODIS Band 28, SEVIRI Band 6, AHI Band 6

**GOES-R ABI Fact Sheet Band 10 ("lower-level water vapor" infrared band)**  
The "need to know" Advanced Baseline Imager reference guide for the NWS forecaster

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**In a nutshell**  
GOES-R ABI Band 10 (approximately 7.3 μm central, 7.2 μm to 7.4 μm)

Similar to MODIS Band 28, SEVIRI Band 6, AHI Band 6

**The University of Wisconsin and NOAA have developed a quick reference guide for each one of the ABI bands with forecaster-pertinent information.**

<http://www.goes-r.gov/>



# Satellite Information Familiarization Tool (SIFT)

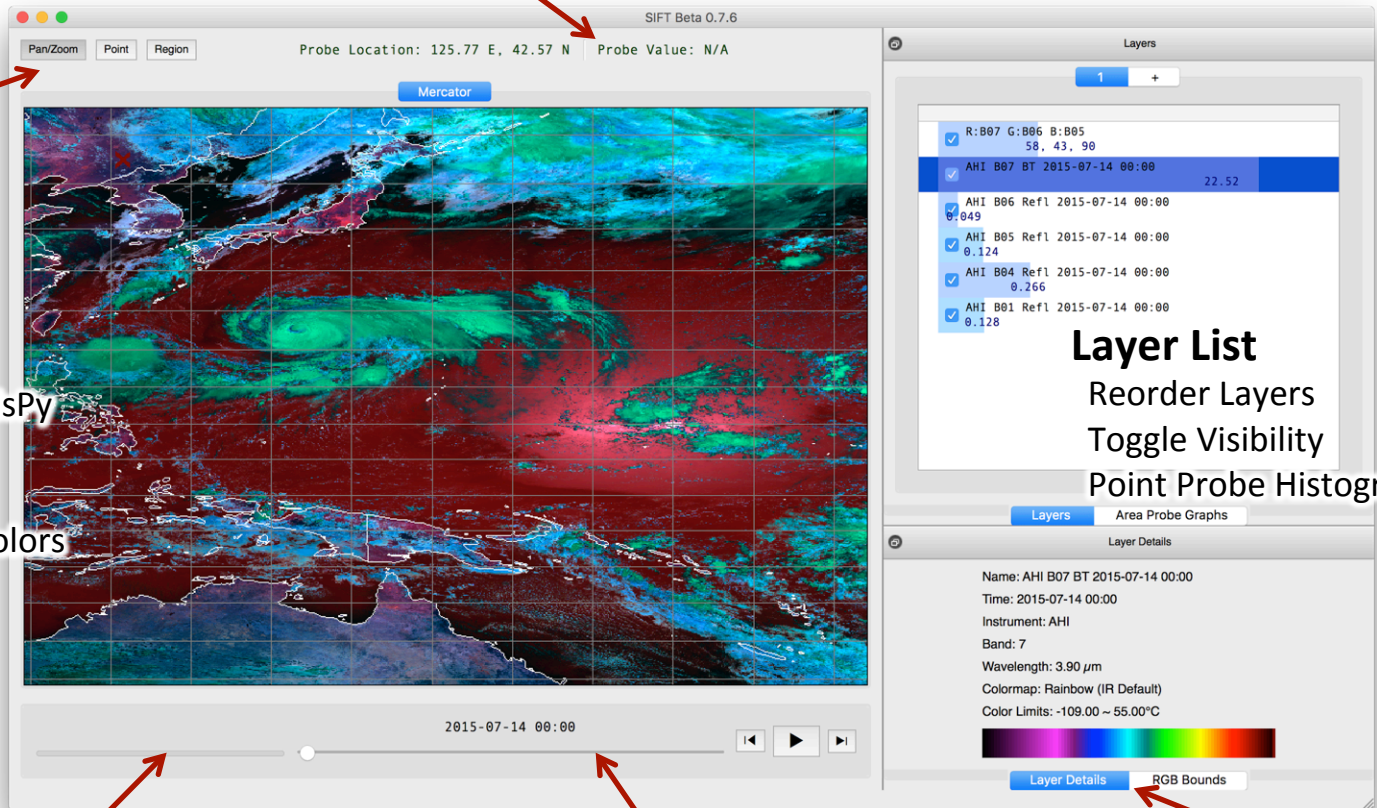
Open Source Software from the Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies

- Free downloads and installers available for Windows, Mac, and Linux operating systems
- Can display imagery from ABI (downloadable from CLASS) and AHI
- Creates differences and RGBs
- Supports training for the NWS currently, with increasing international interest
- Accolades from early users
- <https://sift.ssec.wisc.edu/>



# SIFT Features and Functions

## Point Probe Results



### Tools

- Pan/Zoom
- Point Probe
- Area Selector

### Map Display

- Powered by OpenGL/VisPy
- Panning and Zooming
- Dynamic Resolution
- Configurable Outline Colors

### Layer List

- Reorder Layers
- Toggle Visibility
- Point Probe Histogram

### Background Task Status

### Animation Control

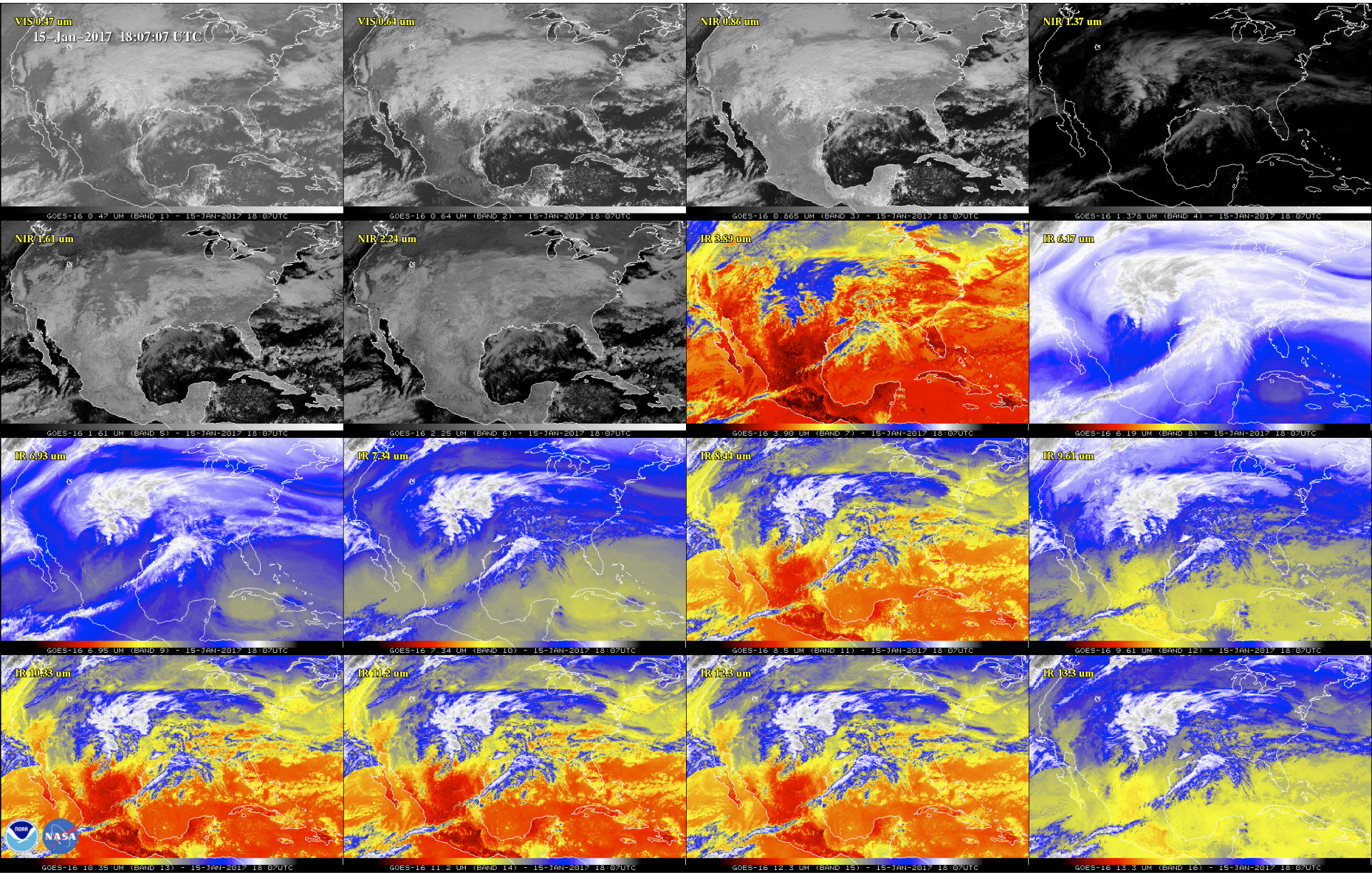
- Step-through or Autoplay
- Adjustable Speed Control

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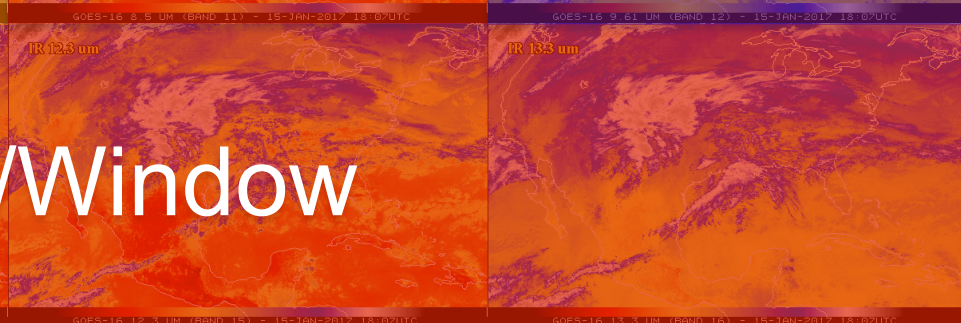
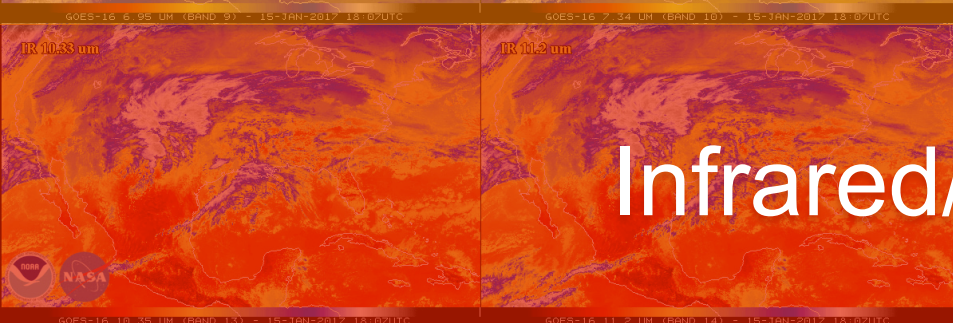
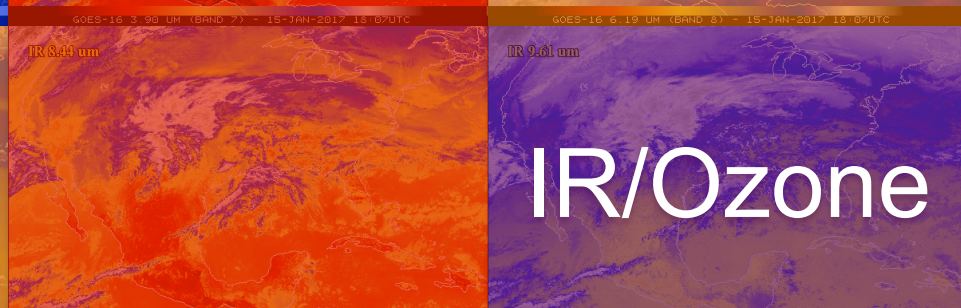
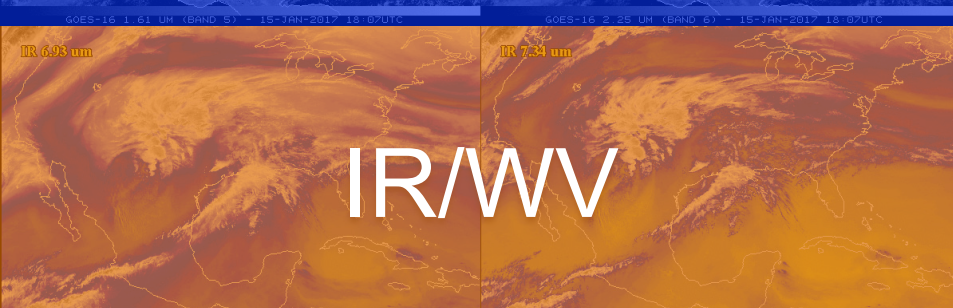
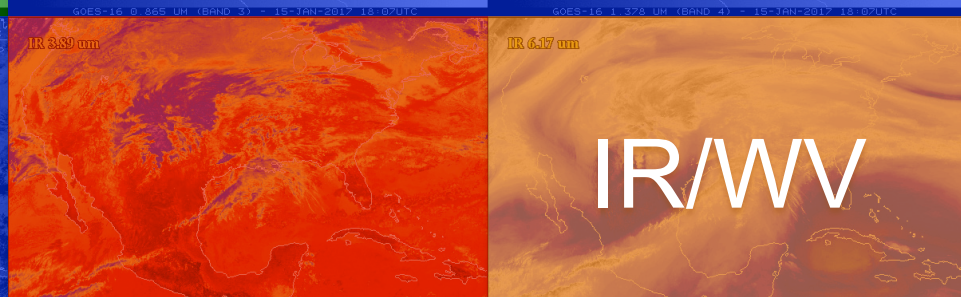
- Band Information
- Color Bar and Limits

# Concluding Remarks

- GOES-17 should reach “West” position by November 2018. Length of the transition period is unknown.
- **Beginning:** Improvements to imagery are only the start.
- **Continuity:** The same visible and infrared window imagery that has been a staple of the short-term weather analysis will remain predominant in use.
- **Opportunity:** Use specialized knowledge to apply the remaining bands in an as-needed basis based on local analysis/forecast challenges and decision support needs.
  - Fires, ice, and volcanoes

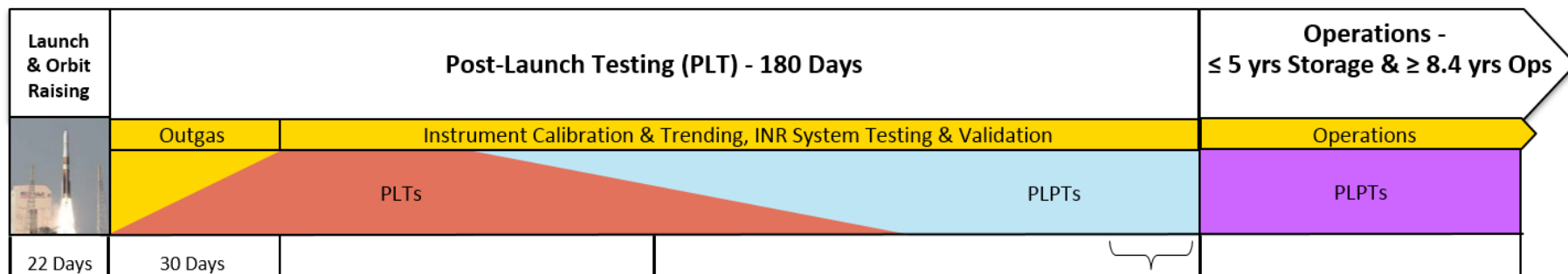


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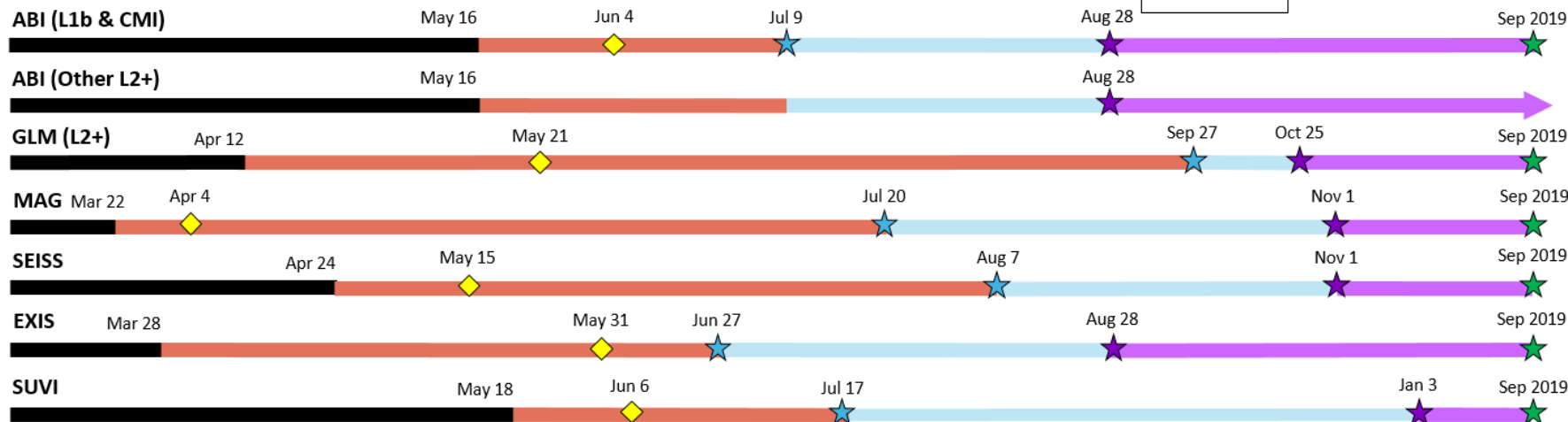
# GOES-17 Post-Launch Science Product Validation Schedule



Peer-Stakeholder Product Validation Reviews (**PS-PVRs**) begin, **GRB populated with data** (one day after an instrument reaches Beta validation)

Post-Launch Assessment Review (**PLAR**), Handover Readiness Review (**HRR**), **Ops & Product Handover to OSPO**

Drift Start to West Assignment **Oct 2018**



## LEGEND

- Science Products Not Flowing
- Internal product flow begins
- Beta Validated Products
- External product flow begins
- Provisionally Validated Products
- Fully Validated Products
- First public imagery media outreach
- Beta PS-PVR
- Provisional PS-PVR
- Full Validation PS-PVR

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Note: All dates are coordinated with Flight/MOST PLT SOE group and are subject to change.

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