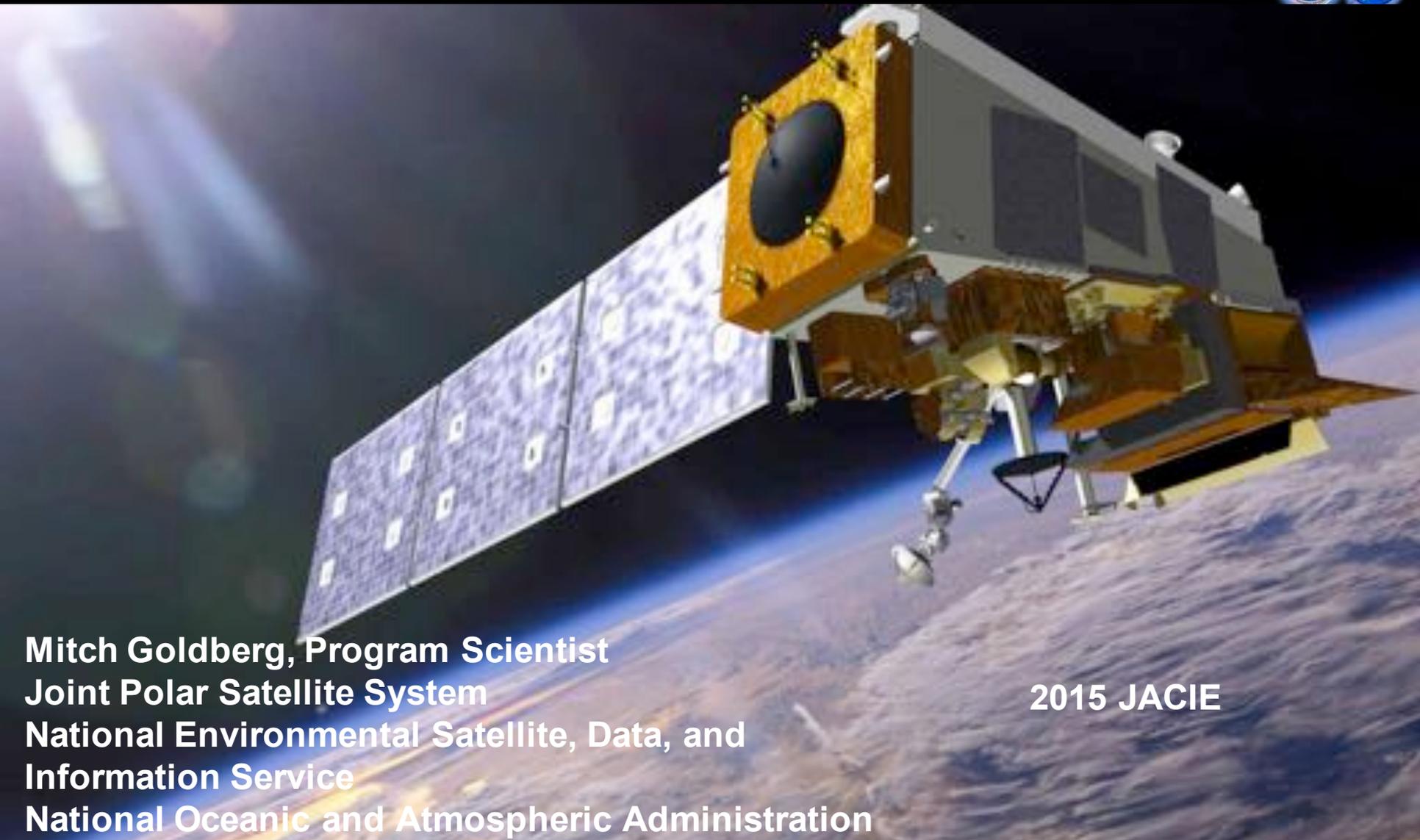


The Use of VIIRS for Environmental Intelligence



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2015 JACIE



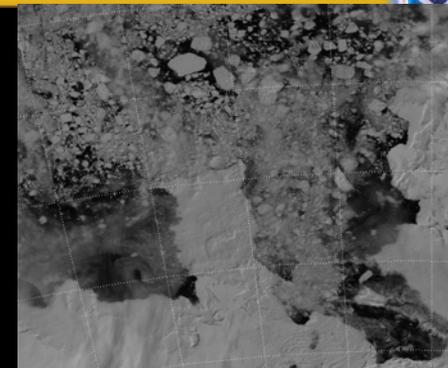
Why is NOAA interested in JACIE?



Why JACIE?

Quality image data is crucial to the Federal Government to aid in decision-making for global problems, such as climate change, food supply monitoring, and deforestation, and specific problems, such as the management of federal lands, defense and homeland security.

NOAA regularly uses NOAA provided imagery for environmental intelligence, and for significant events high spatial resolution and other technologies will be helpful.



Ice Monitoring



March 2012 – Harmful Algal Blooms Lake Erie



Fire detection



Upcoming Opportunities for Collaboration



- More countries are joining the remote-sensing community
- Big Data / Cooperative Research And Development Agreement (CRADA)
 - DOC's big data project with Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud Platform, IBM, Microsoft Corp and the Open Cloud Consortium will explore ways of bringing the DOC closer to its goal of unleashing its vast resources of environmental data— transforming DOC data capabilities and supporting a data-driven economy.



JPSS is NOAA's next generation polar-orbiting satellite - JPSS-1 launch in March 2017



JPSS Instrument		Measurement
	ATMS - Advanced Technology Microwave Sounder	ATMS and CrIS together provide high vertical resolution temperature and water vapor information needed to maintain and improve forecast skill out to 5 to 7 days in advance for extreme weather events, including hurricanes and severe weather outbreaks
	CrIS - Cross-track Infrared Sounder	
	VIIRS - Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite	VIIRS provides many critical imagery products including snow/ice cover, clouds, fog, aerosols, fire, smoke plumes, vegetation health, phytoplankton abundance/chlorophyll
	OMPS - Ozone Mapping and Profiler Suite	Ozone spectrometers for monitoring ozone hole and recovery of stratospheric ozone and for UV index forecasts
	CERES - Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System	Scanning radiometer which supports studies of Earth Radiation Budget

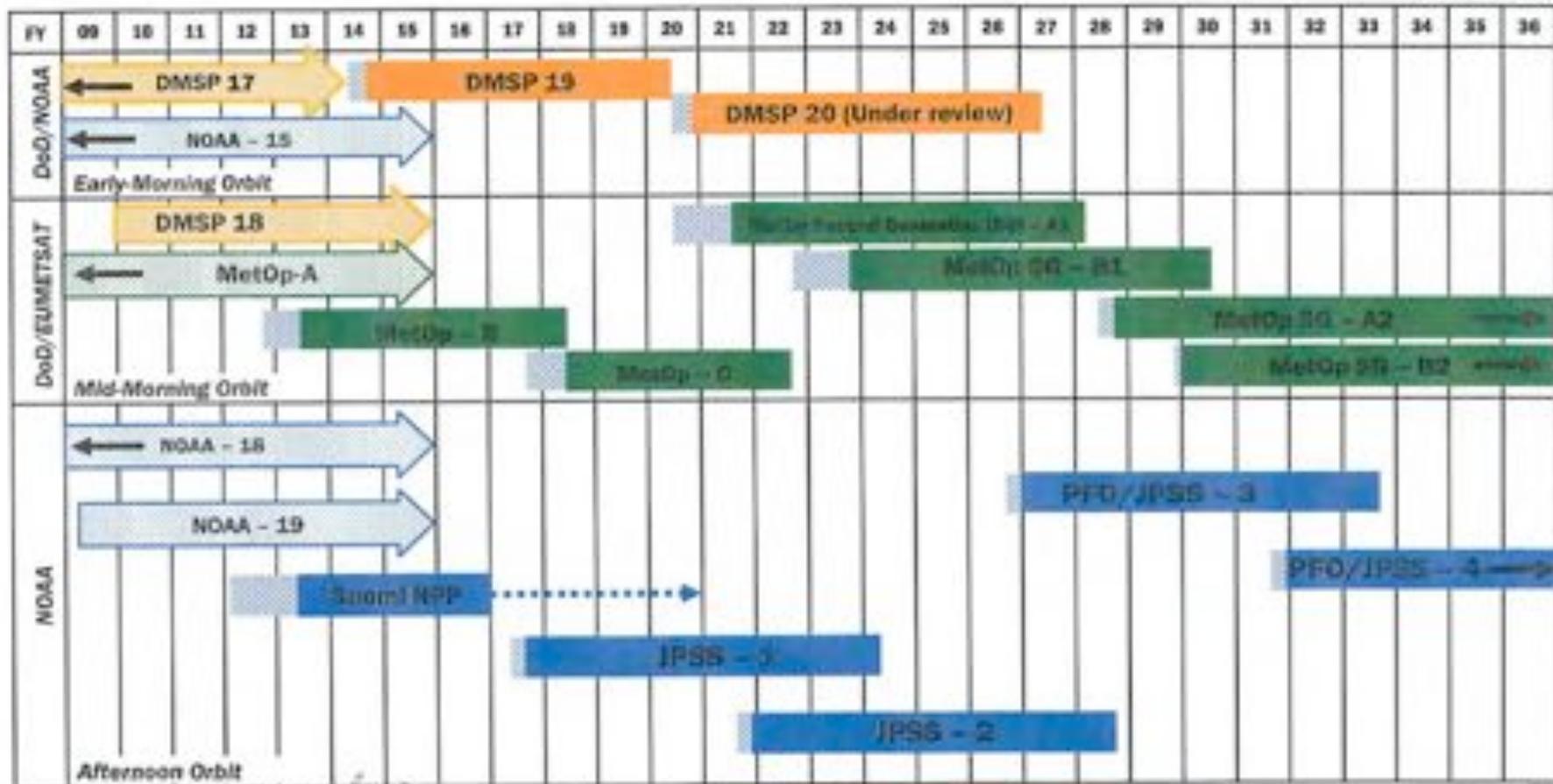


NOAA & Partner Polar Weather Satellite Programs

Continuity of Weather Observations



As of April 2015



Approved:

Mark S. Parise

Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services

Note: Extended operations are reflected through the current FY, based on current operating health.

DMSP: Defense Meteorological Satellite Program
 JPSS: Joint Polar Satellite System Program
 Suomi NPP: Suomi National Polar-orbiting Partnership

Note: DoD and EUMETSAT data provided for reference only

- Post Launch Test
- Operational based on design life
- Secondary
- Operational beyond FY 2036
- Extended mission life
- Launched before Oct 2008



VIIRS: Next Gen Operational Polar Orbiting Imaging Radiometer



- **22 spectral bands**
 - Visible to LWIR
 - Spatially registered
- **Better spatial resolution**
 - Reduced variation over scan
 - Higher resolution imaging bands
- **High radiometric accuracy**
 - NIST-traceable
 - Supported by on-board calibrators

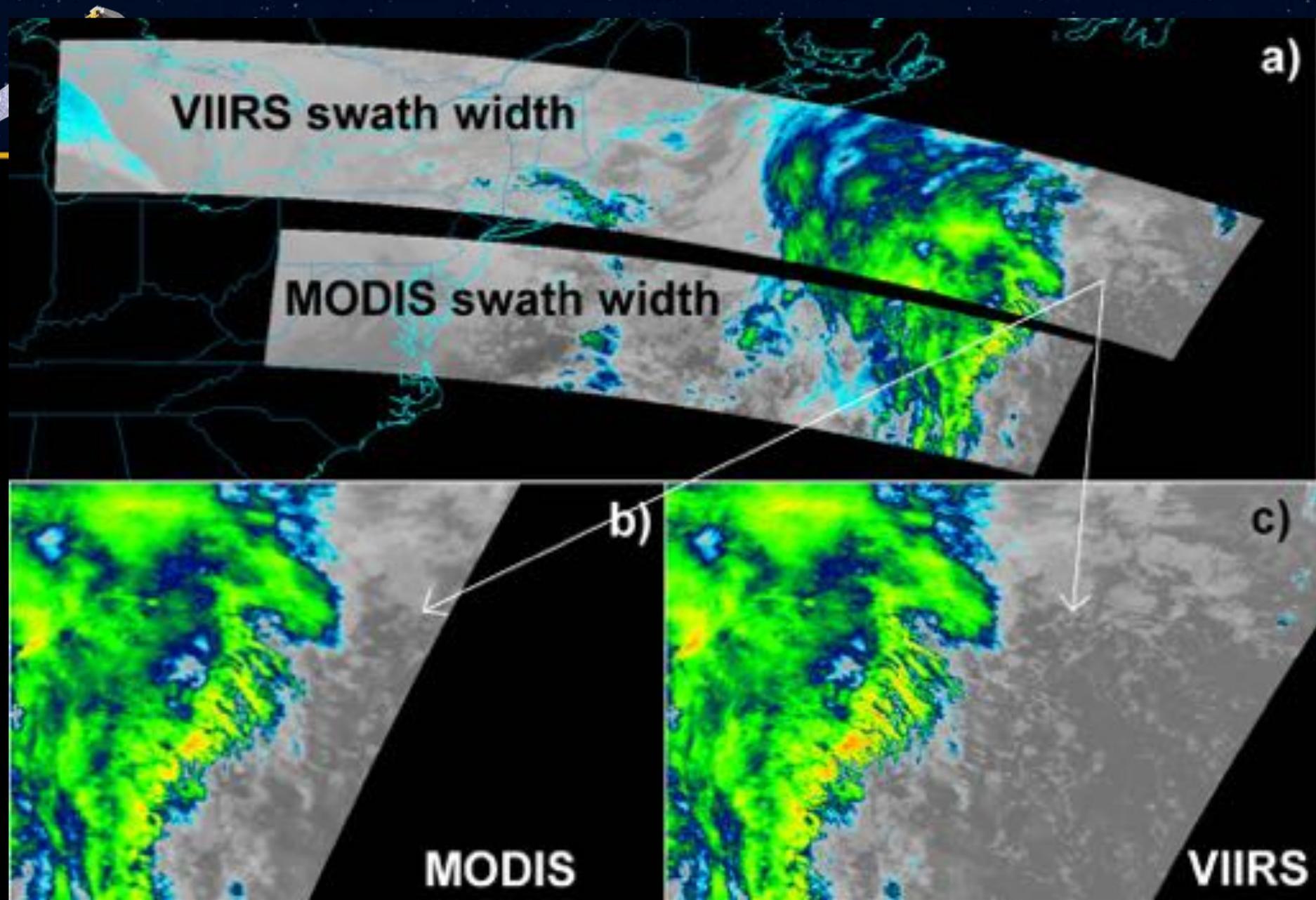
	Band No.	Wave-length (μm)	Horiz Sample Interval (km Downtrack x Crosstrack)		Driving EDRs
			Nadir	End of Scan	
VIS/NIR FPA Silicon PIN Diodes	M1	0.412	0.742 x 0.259	1.60 x 1.58	Ocean Color Aerosols
	M2	0.445	0.742 x 0.259	1.60 x 1.58	Ocean Color Aerosols
	M3	0.488	0.742 x 0.259	1.60 x 1.58	Ocean Color Aerosols
	M4	0.555	0.742 x 0.259	1.60 x 1.58	Ocean Color Aerosols
	I1	0.640	0.371 x 0.387	0.80 x 0.789	Imagery
	M5	0.672	0.742 x 0.259	1.60 x 1.58	Ocean Color Aerosols
	M6	0.746	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	Atmospheric Corr'n NDVI
	I2	0.865	0.371 x 0.387	0.80 x 0.789	Imagery
	M7	0.865	0.742 x 0.259	1.60 x 1.58	Ocean Color Aerosols
CCD	DNB	0.7	0.742 x 0.742	0.742 x 0.742	Imagery
S/MWIR PV HgCdTe (HCT)	M8	1.24	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	Cloud Particle Size
	M9	1.378	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	Cirrus/Cloud Cover
	I3	1.61	0.371 x 0.387	0.80 x 0.789	Binary Snow Map
	M10	1.61	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	Snow Fraction
	M11	2.25	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	Clouds
	I4	3.74	0.371 x 0.387	0.80 x 0.789	Imagery Clouds
	M12	3.70	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	SST
	M13	4.05	0.742 x 0.259	1.60 x 1.58	SST Fires
LWIR PV HCT	M14	8.55	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	Cloud Top Properties
	M15	10.763	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	SST
	I5	11.450	0.371 x 0.387	0.80 x 0.789	Cloud Imagery
	M16	12.013	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	SST

VIIRS Improvements From AVHRR:

AVHRR does not have the spectral bands for: low light, ocean color, aerosol over land, discrimination of clouds from snow, sensitivity to thin cirrus, fire radiative power (intensity), and does not meet current user requirements

Greater spectral coverage with increased radiometric quality

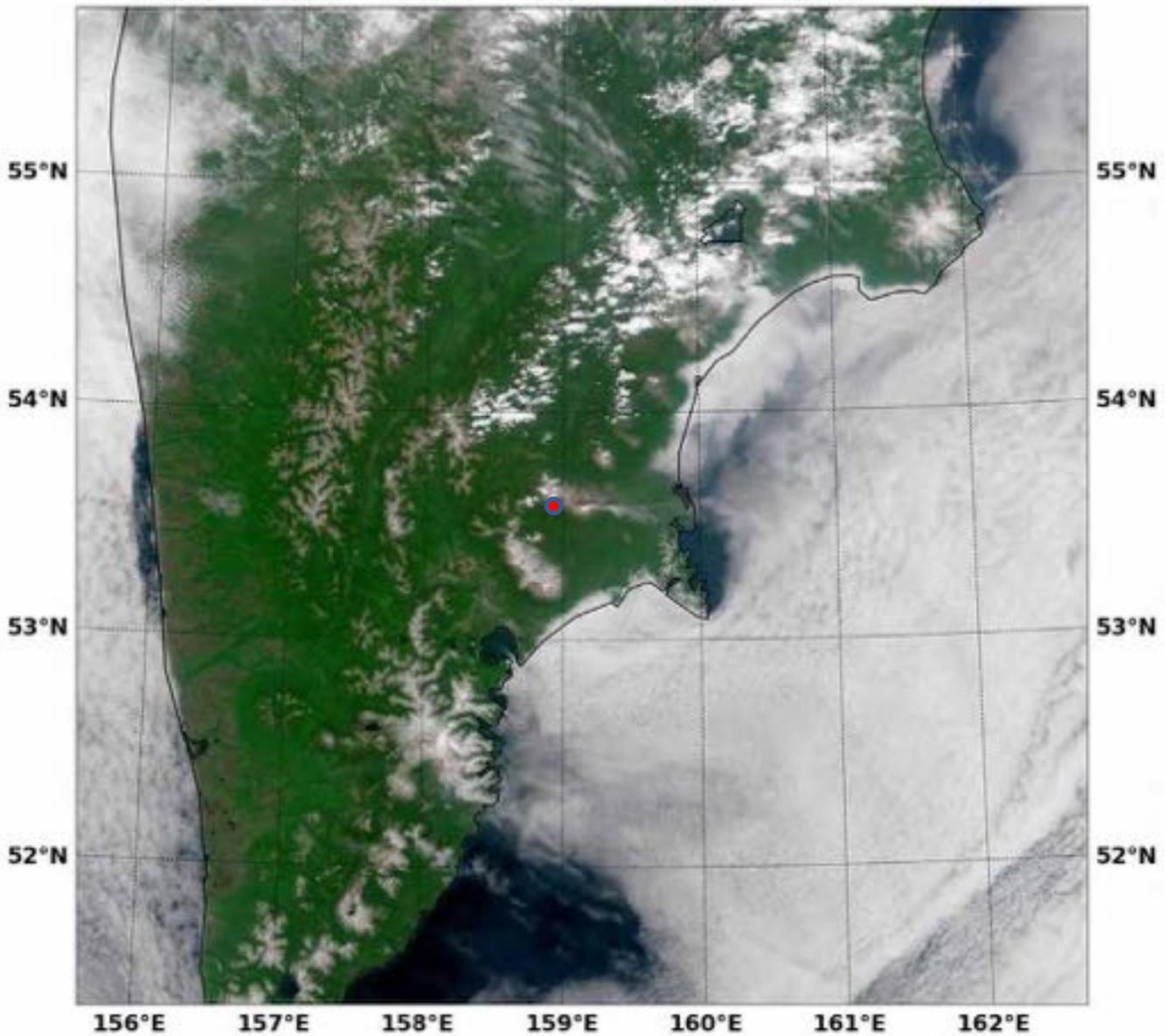
VIIRS			MODIS Equivalent			AVHRR-3 Equivalent			OLS Equivalent		
Band	Range (um)	HSR (m)	Band	Range	HSR	Band	Range	HSR	Band	Range	HSR
DNB	0.500 - 0.900	750				Low light capabilities			HRD	0.580 - 0.910	550 2700
M1	0.402 - 0.422	750	8	0.405 - 0.420	1000	Ocean Color, Aerosol			PMT	0.510 - 0.860	
M2	0.436 - 0.454	750	9	0.438 - 0.448	1000						
M3	0.478 - 0.498	750	3	0.459 - 0.479	500 1000						
M4	0.545 - 0.565	750	10	0.483 - 0.493	500 1000						
			4	0.545 - 0.565	500 1000						
			12	0.546 - 0.556	500 1000						
I1	0.600 - 0.680	375	1	0.620 - 0.670	250	1	0.572 - 0.703	1100			
M5	0.662 - 0.682	750	13	0.662 - 0.672	1000 1000	1	0.572 - 0.703	1100			
			14	0.673 - 0.683	1000 1000						
M6	0.739 - 0.754	750	15	0.743 - 0.753	1000	Atm Correction					
I2	0.846 - 0.885	375	2	0.841 - 0.876	250	2	0.720 - 1.000	1100			
M7	0.846 - 0.885	750	16	0.862 - 0.877	1000	2	0.720 - 1.000	1100			
M8	1.230 - 1.250	750	5	SAME	500	Cloud Particle Size					
M9	1.371 - 1.386	750	26	1.360 - 1.390	1000	Thin Cirrus					
I3	1.580 - 1.640	375	6	1.628 - 1.652	500	Snow Map					
M10	1.580 - 1.640	750	6	1.628 - 1.652	500	3a	SAME	1100			
M11	2.225 - 2.275	750	7	2.105 - 2.155	500	Cloud					
I4	3.550 - 3.930	375	20	3.660 - 3.840	1000	3b	SAME	1100			
M12	3.660 - 3.840	750	20	SAME	1000	3b	3.550 - 3.930	1100			
M13	3.973 - 4.128	750	21	3.929 - 3.989	1000 1000	SST, Fire					
			22	3.929 - 3.989	1000 1000						
			23	4.020 - 4.080	1000						
M14	8.400 - 8.700	750	29	SAME	1000	Cloud Top Properties					
M15	10.263 - 11.263	750	31	10.780 - 11.280	1000	4	10.300 - 11.300	1100			
I5	10.500 - 12.400	375	31	10.780 - 11.280	1000 1000	4	10.300 - 11.300	1100	HRD	10.300 - 12.900	550
			32	11.770 - 12.270	1000 1000	5	11.500 - 12.500	1100			
M16	11.538 - 12.488	750	32	11.770 - 12.270	1000	5	11.500 - 12.500	1100			





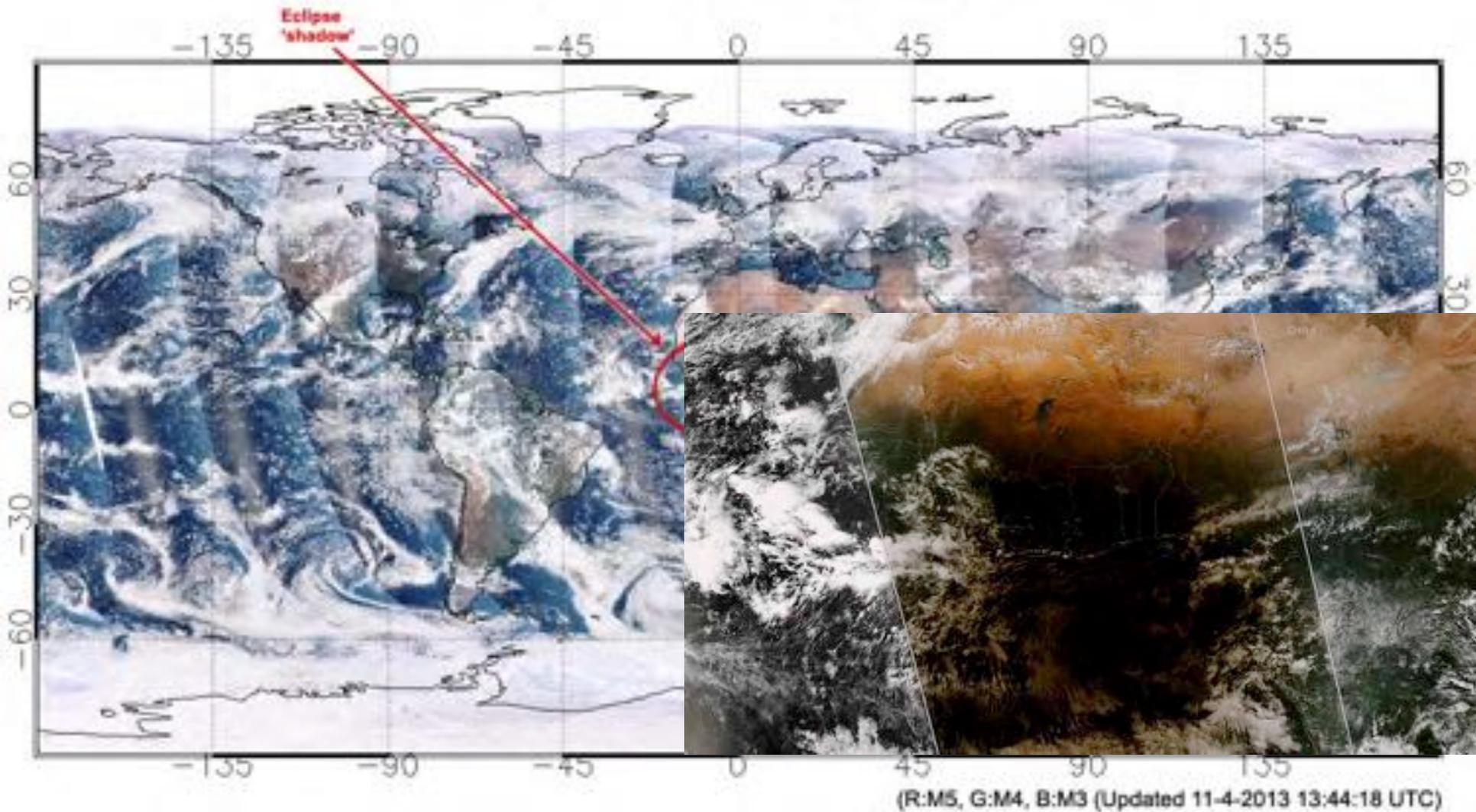
Comparing MODIS (250m) to VIIRS (375m) Edge of Scan

NPP VIIRS True-Color 2014/07/10 02:25:41Z NRL-Monterey
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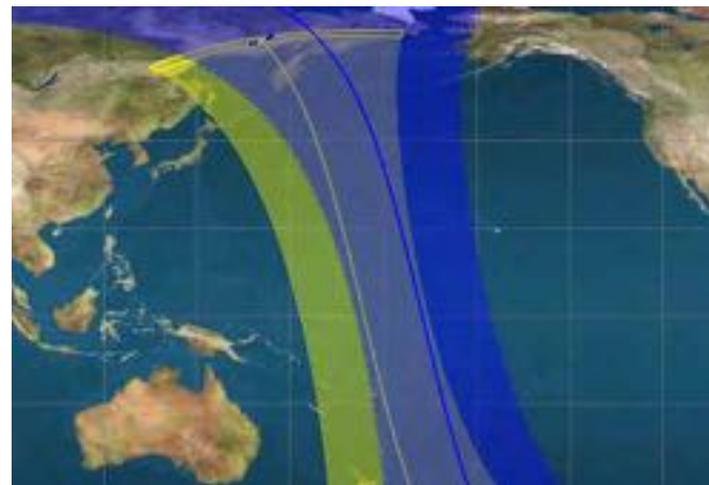
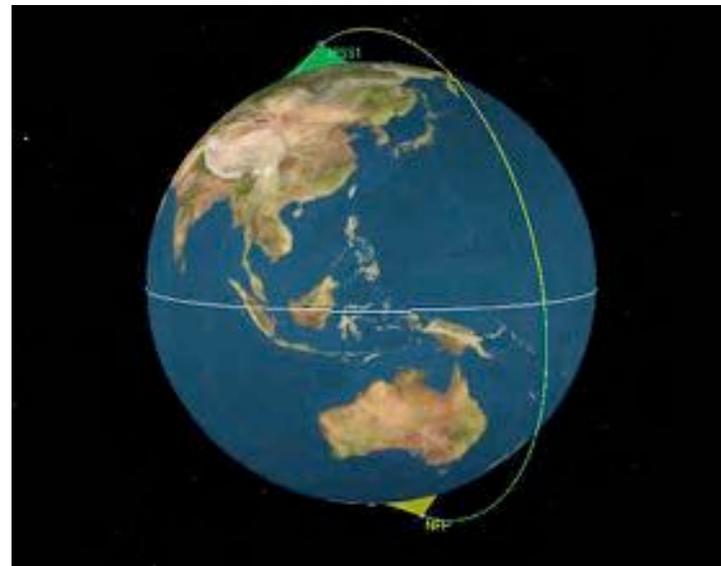
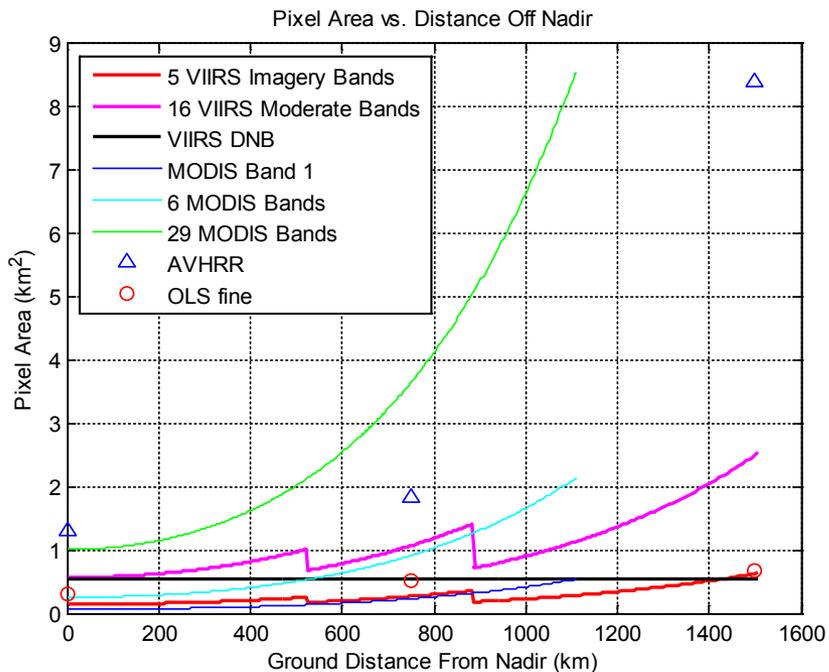


S-NPP VIIRS Global True Color Image - November 3, 2013

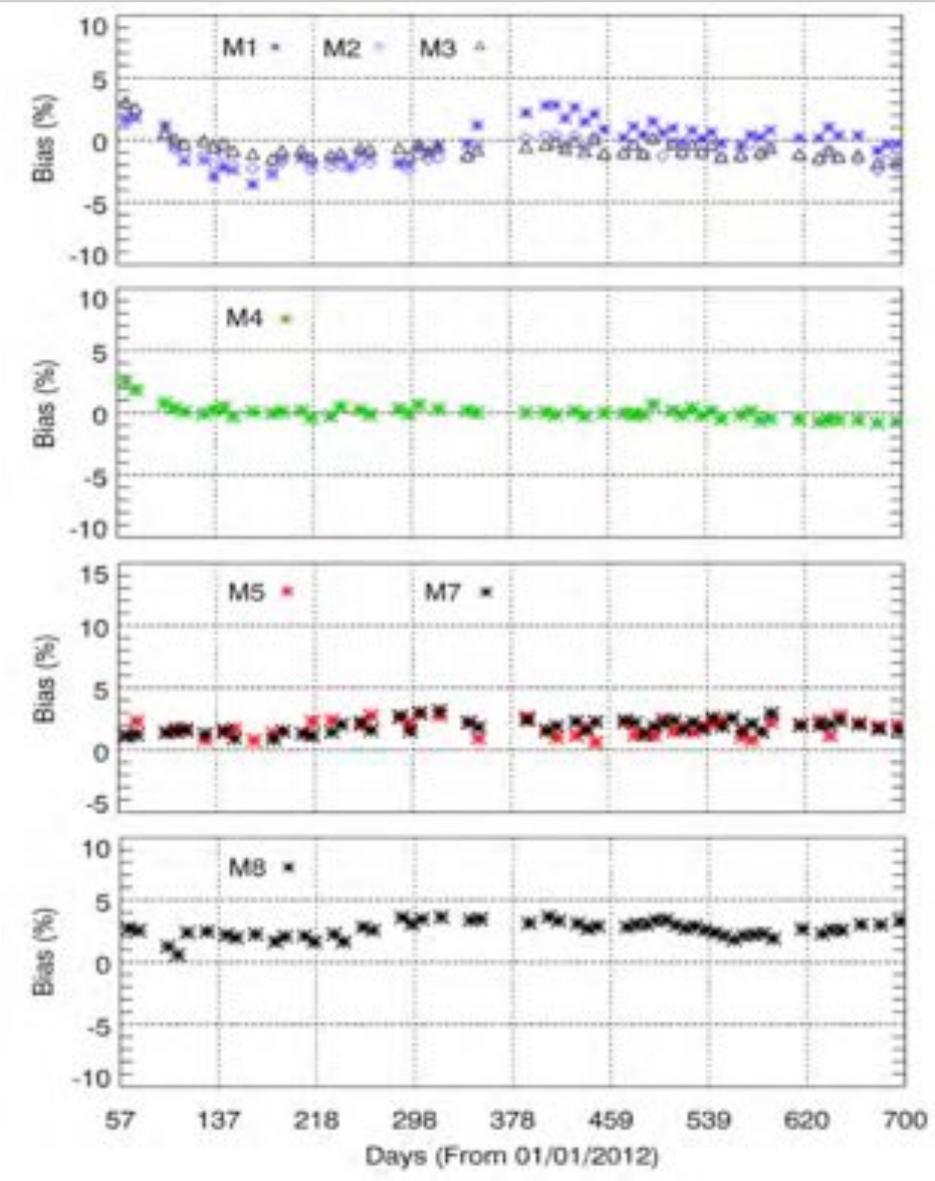




JPSS-1 satellites 50 minutes ahead of SNPP

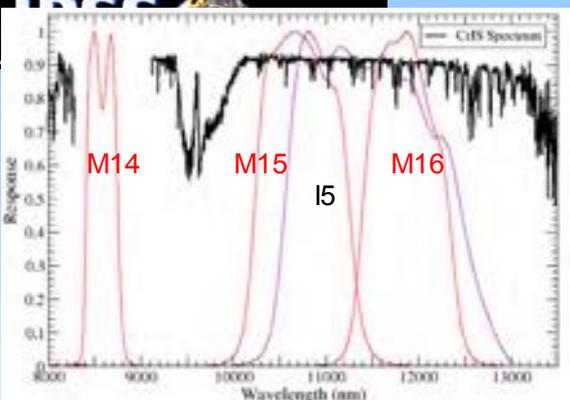


VIIRS and MODISRSB Inter-comparison at SNO-x (over desert)

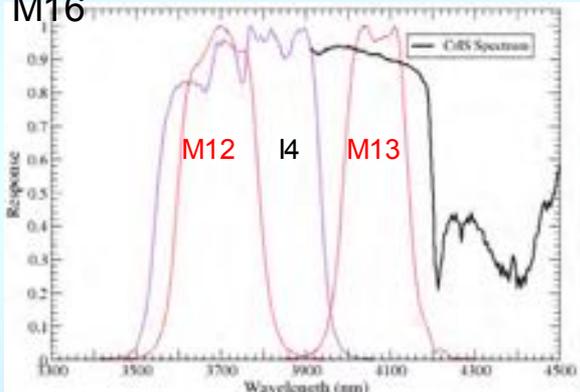


VIIRS-CrIS SDR Comparisons

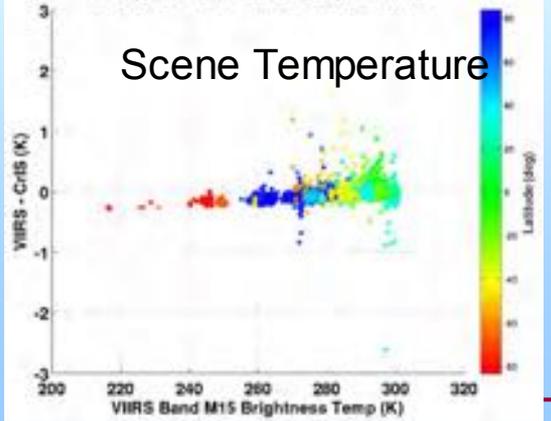
- VIIRS SDR accuracy/stability plus RVS performance
- Global; 2.9 million matchups daily from SNPP platform
- CrIS radiances anticipating Mx8.1
- In-band spectral radiance for M13, M15, M16 and I5
- Long term high quality data record to assess stability



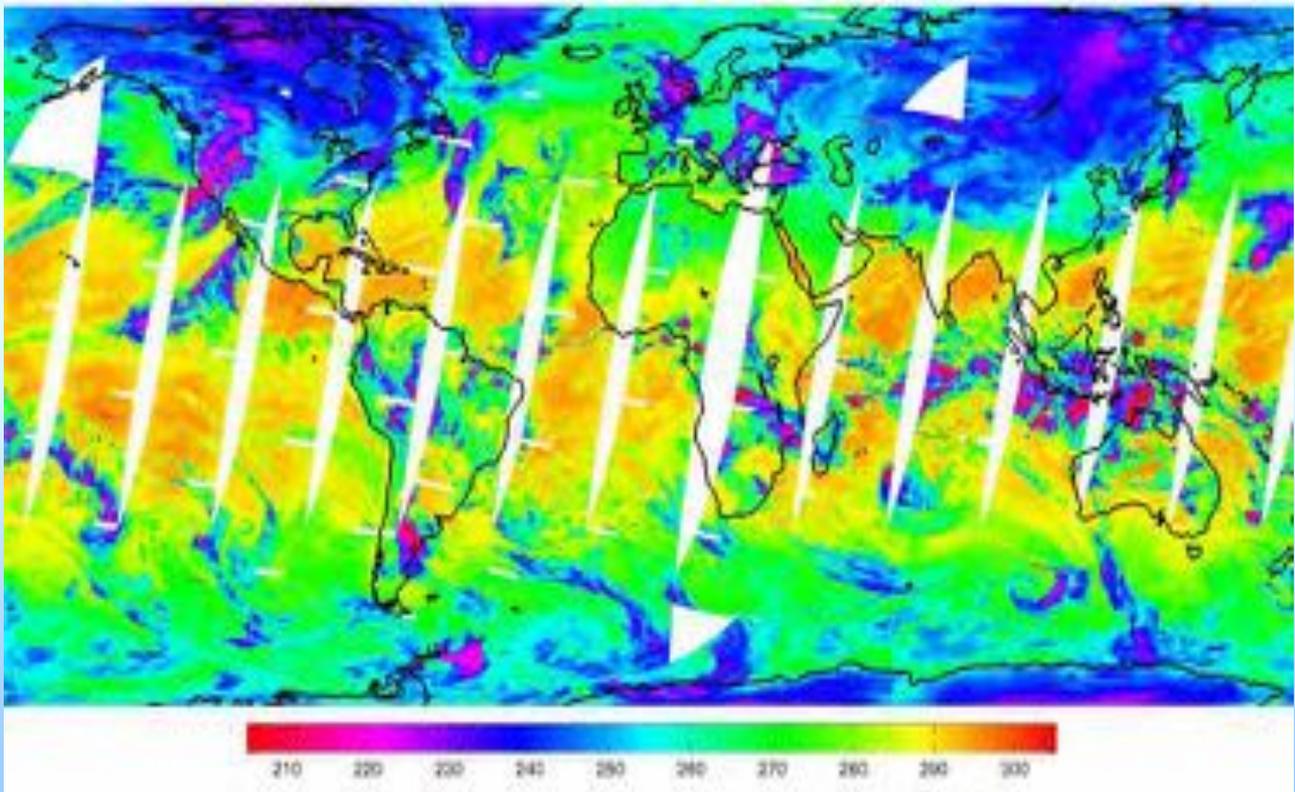
CrIS spectrum covers VIIRS M13, M15, M16, and I5 but does not include OOB response in M15 and M16



Jul 01, 2013 : SNPP VIIRS - CrIS; Band M15

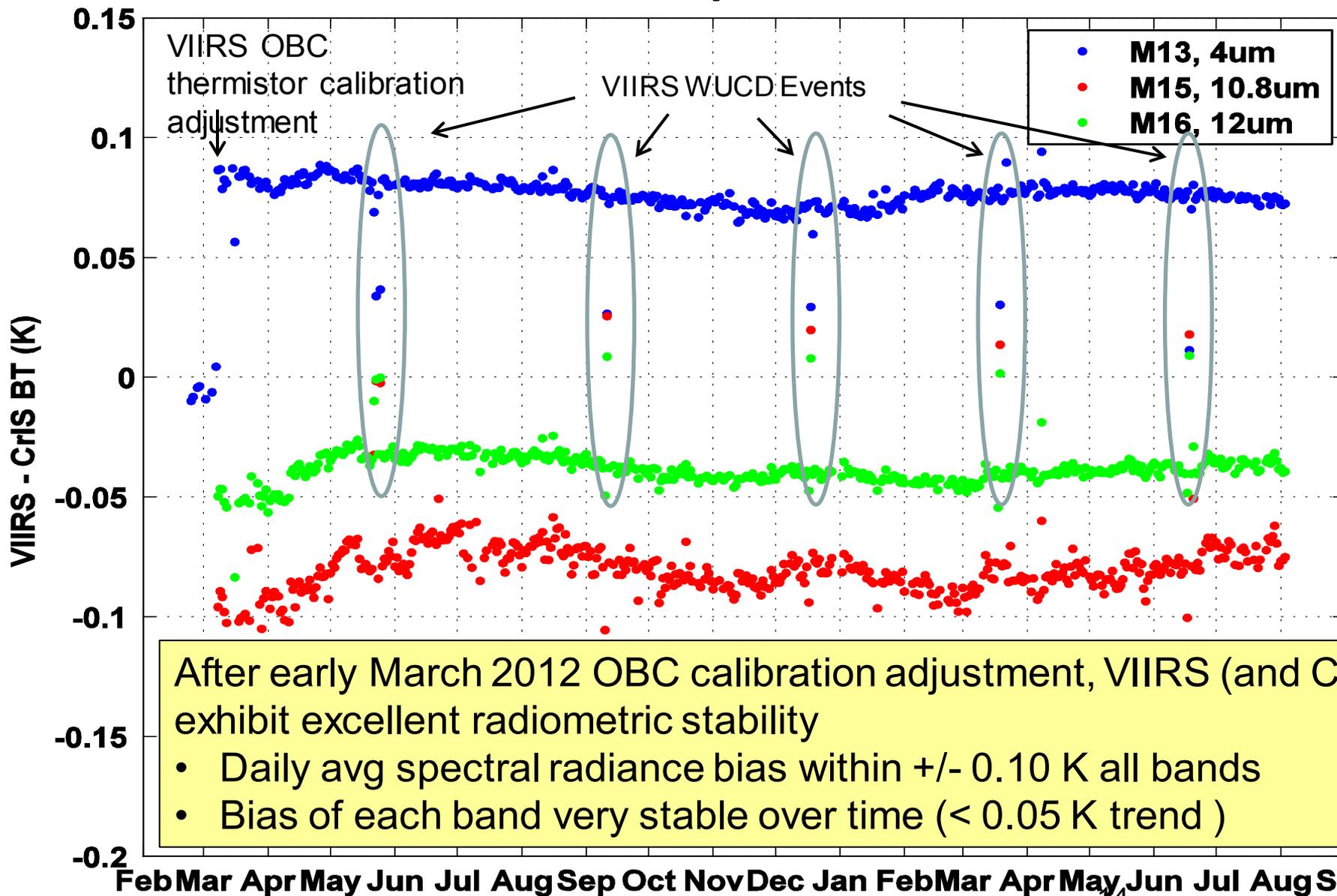


CrIS convolved with VIIRS SRF VIIRS mean within CrIS FOVs



VIIRS-CrIS SDR Comparisons

CrIS/VIIRS Daily Mean Differences



After early March 2012 OBC calibration adjustment, VIIRS (and CrIS) exhibit excellent radiometric stability

- Daily avg spectral radiance bias within +/- 0.10 K all bands
- Bias of each band very stable over time (< 0.05 K trend)



NOAA operational forecasts/warnings competency drives the need of global imagery

VIIRS	Environmental Parameters	NOAA Operational Assessments and Forecasts/Warnings	Impacted Sectors
<p>Provides daily high-resolution imagery and radiometry across the visible to long-wave infrared spectrum for a multitude of environmental assessments</p> <p>Provides significant improvements over AVHRR, much better spatial resolution and more spectral information (22 vs. 6 channels)</p> <p>New Day-Night-Band provides critical ice monitoring capabilities especially during the polar night and most accurate fog detection of any satellite sensor</p> <p>Provides the only continuity for NOAA AVHRR and NASA MODIS imagers,</p> <p>Only source of imagery with both high spatial resolution (~ 500 m) and large geographic coverage (3000 km wide) which provides global coverage with no gaps.</p> <p>Only source for Arctic regions (Alaska) where geostationary satellites are out of range.</p> <p>Only source of operational ocean color data</p>	Cloud properties Fog	<p>Cloud and fog data provide warnings needed for safe transport and commerce (land, ocean and air). Volcanic ash provides data for critical alerts needed for aviation safety. Fire and smoke information are critical for fire fighters and property owners. Smoke, dust, aerosols critical for air quality warnings</p>	<p>Public and Commercial Aviation, Insurance, Health, Home Owners, Energy, Tourism</p>
	Volcanic Ash		
	Fire and Smoke		
	Dust and Aerosols		
	Vegetation properties and Land Surface Temperature	<p>Vegetation properties and land surface temperature are used in agricultural, drought, fire risk assessments and provide data need to predict prolong periods of drought. Critical data for planners – water resources, food security.</p>	<p>Agriculture, Energy, Health, Water Management Tourism</p>
	Snow and Ice Cover and Thickness	<p>Snow pack information used in avalanche, water resources, river flood, transportation warnings. Ice data for Arctic Ocean navigation and winter maritime regions with ice conditions</p>	<p>Commerce, Water Management, Tourism</p>
	Sea Surface Temperature (SST)	<p>SST primary source of data for seasonal forecasts (El Nino, La Nina oscillations) and for predicting tropical storm intensification</p>	<p>Agriculture, Construction, Energy, Insurance</p>
Ocean Color - Phytoplankton Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)	<p>Phytoplankton concentration for monitoring health of aquatic life. Critical for fishing industry and conservation efforts. HAB data for monitoring health of coast ecosystems, alerting local community on poor water quality and to quarantine regions due to potential contamination of seafood</p>	<p>Fishing Industry, Local Coastal Economies, Health</p>	



Day Night Band May 20, 2012





The Not-So-Dark Night...



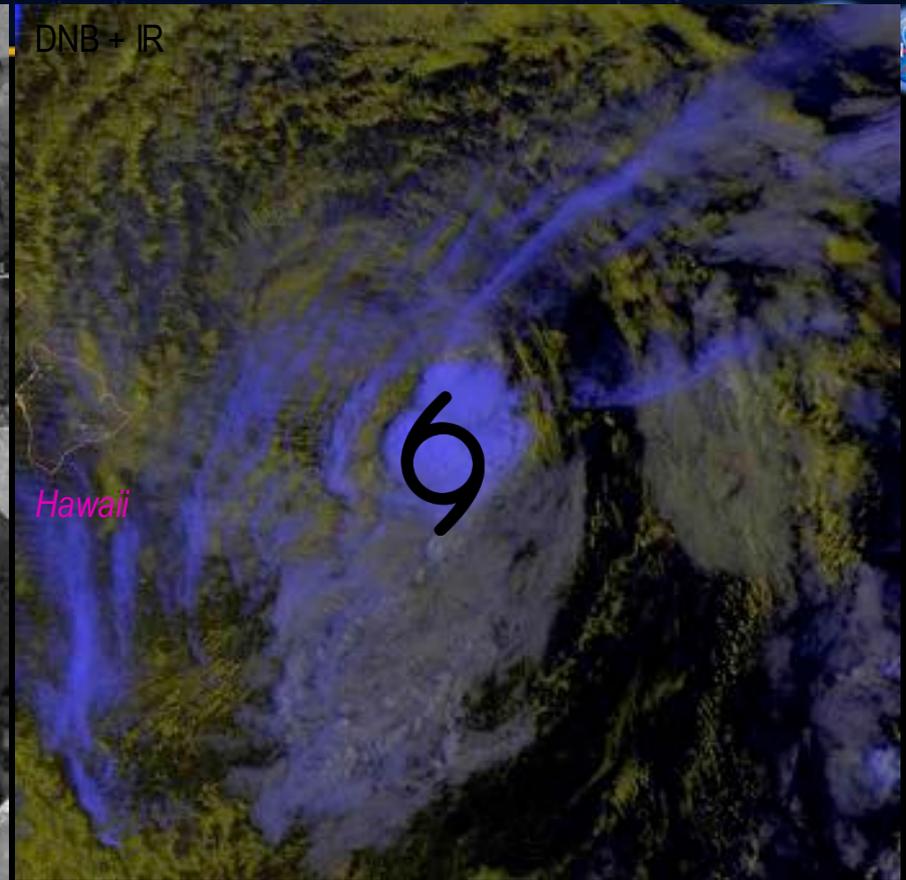
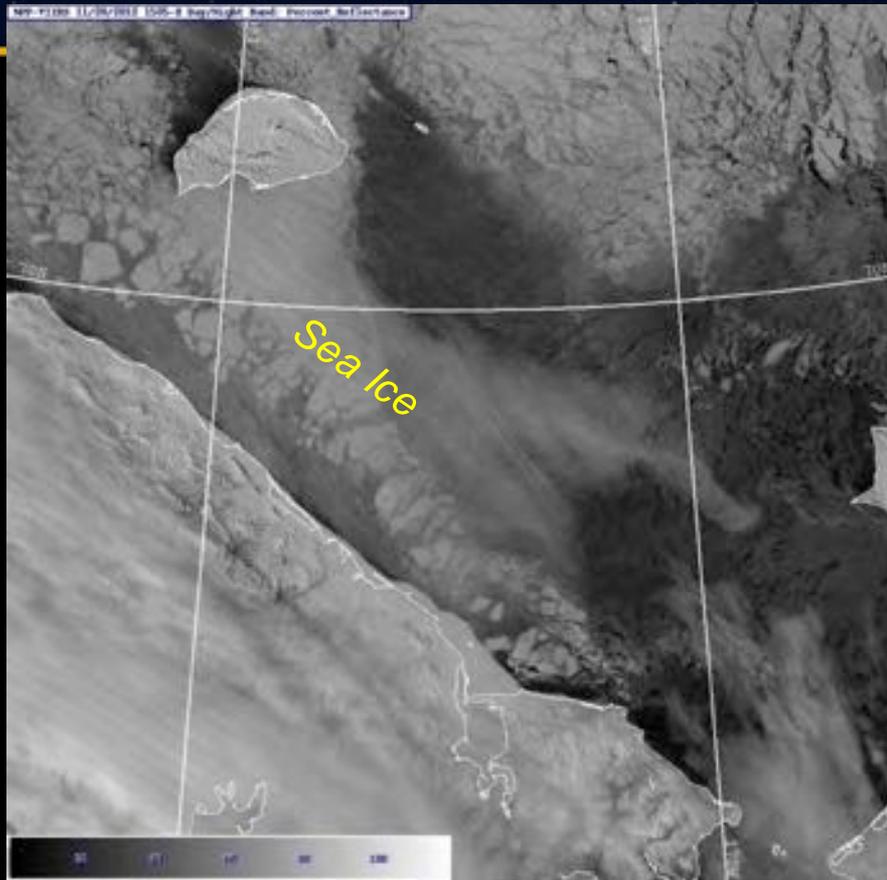
Miller et al., *Remote Sens.* 2013, 5, 6717-6766; doi:10.3390/rs5126717

Day/Night Band (DNB) Attributes

- Spatial Resolution: 742 m (constant across swath via 64 aggregation modes)
- Sensitivity: $3.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ W m}^{-2} \mu\text{m}^{-1}$ (L_{\min} ; signal to noise ratio ~ 10)
- Radiometric Calibration Accuracy $\sim 13\%$ (High Gain Stage)



The Benefits of Scattering



The ability of visible light to scatter through optically thin clouds (that are opaque at thermal infrared bands) enables the DNB to capture information

VIIRS Day Night Band Observation of the Power Outage – Washington DC/Baltimore Metro Area June 2012 Derecho



Nov 9, 2012

Super Storm Sandy



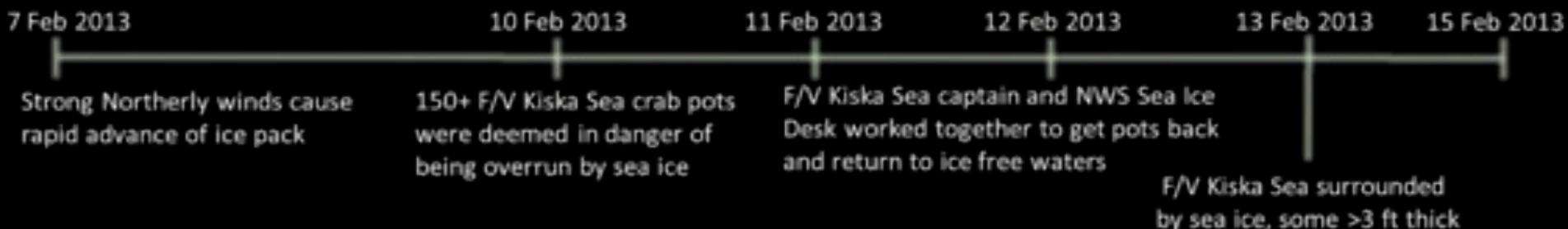


F/V Kiska Sea assist February 2013

DNB Images from the previous night clearly showed the lights from F/V Kiska Sea and the ice pack around the vessel.

NWS Sea Ice personnel were able to assist the captain plot a track out of the ice pack, avoiding areas of thicker and higher concentration sea ice.

The timeliness of the DNB images provided an essential tool for this vessel assist.



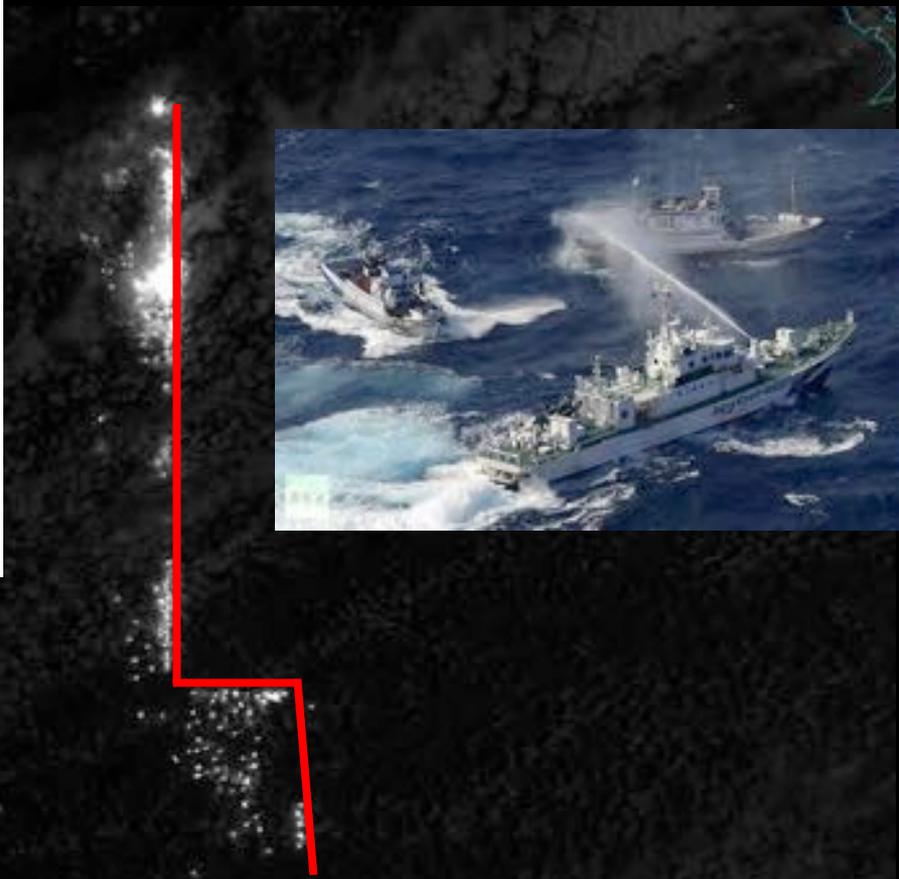
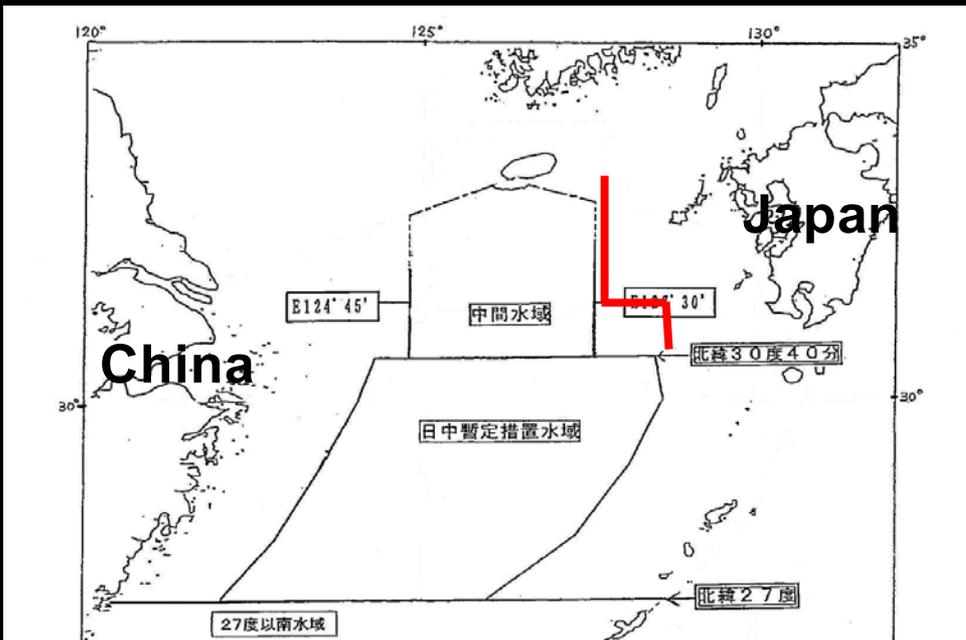


Fishing Example...





Fishing Example...



VIIRS 2012-11-05 17:29:00 UTC - Image Display



Courtesy: W. Straka, UW-CIMSS



Detection of Combustion Sources Basra, Iraq Region at Night



At night the VIIRS collects data in three daytime imaging bands: M7, M8, and M10.
The nighttime M10 data have an remarkable ability to detect combustion sources!

M10

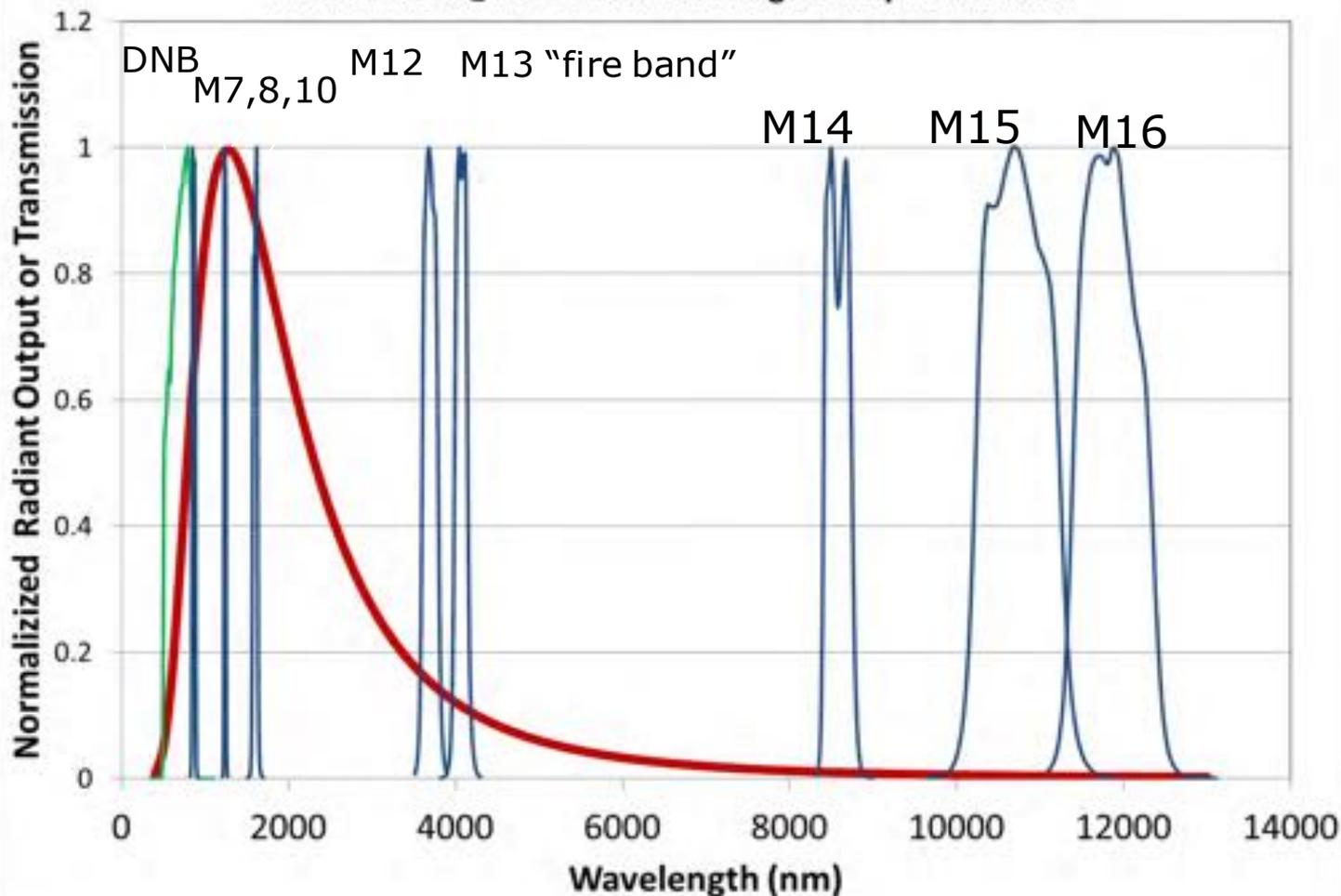




What makes nighttime VIIRS data so great for gas flares?



Planck Curve @ 2000C and VIIRS night-on spectral bands



The M7,8,10 spectral bands are well placed to record the peak radiant emissions from flares. During daylight hours the signal is overwhelmed by sunlight. At night combustion sources stand out clearly against the noise background.



Combustion parameters:

Source ID=SVI110_npp_d20130911_t2226433_e2232237_IR_source_232

Lat=30.747845 Lon=48.279762 deg

Temperature=1666 deg. K

Radiant heat intensity=84.57 W/m²

Radiant heat=51.13 MW

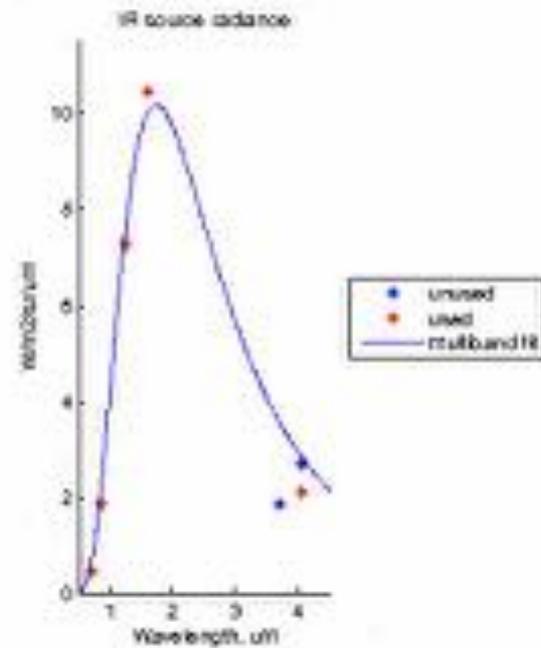
Source footprint=117.01 m²

Methane equivalent=1.381 m³/s

CO₂ equivalent=2528.750 g/s

Cloud state=clear

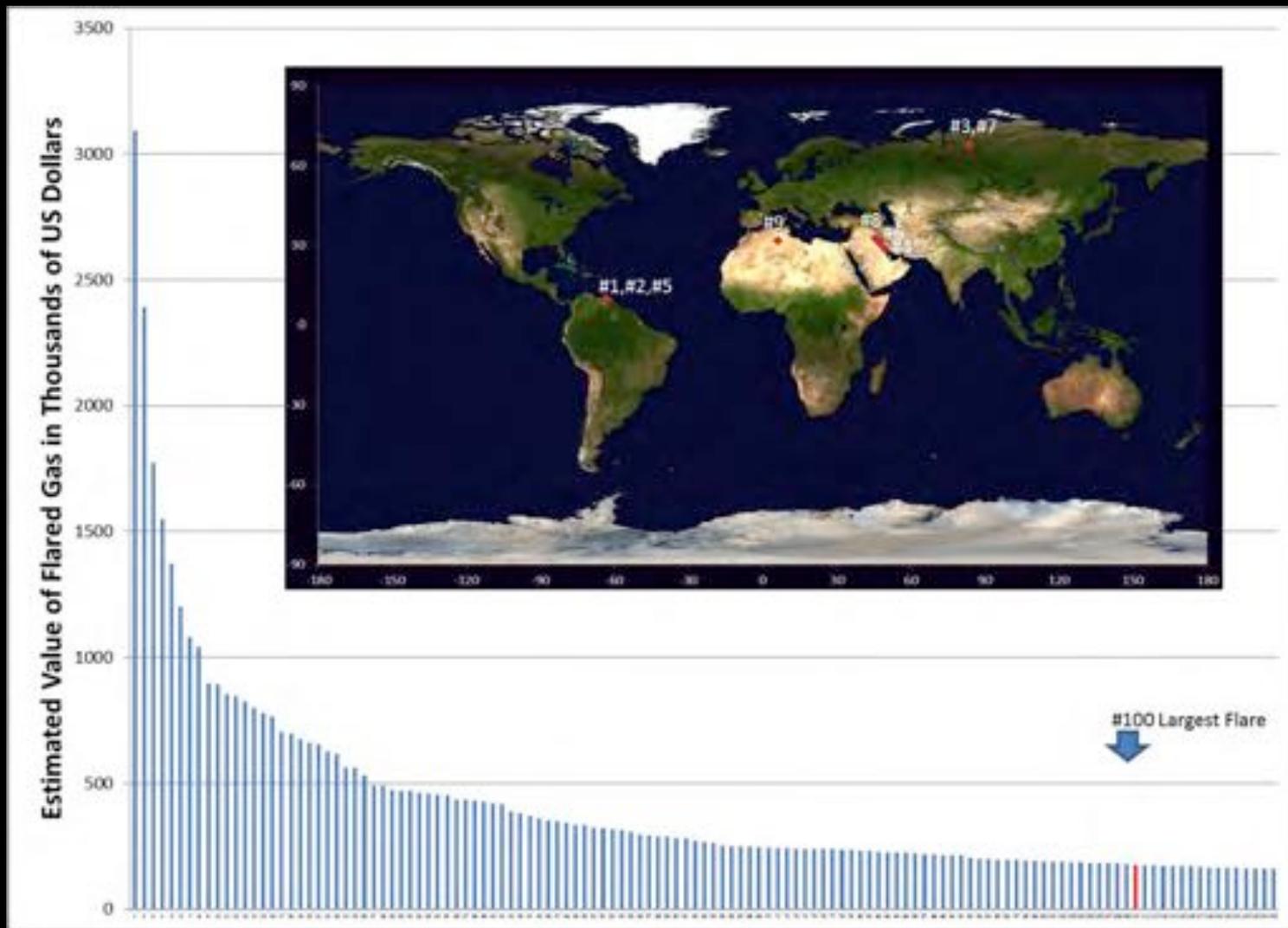
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Iraq gas flare
detection from
September 11, 2013



Top 100 Gas Flares From January 2013

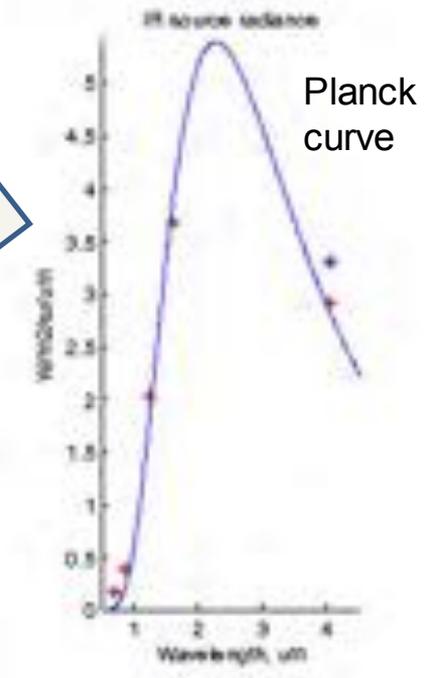




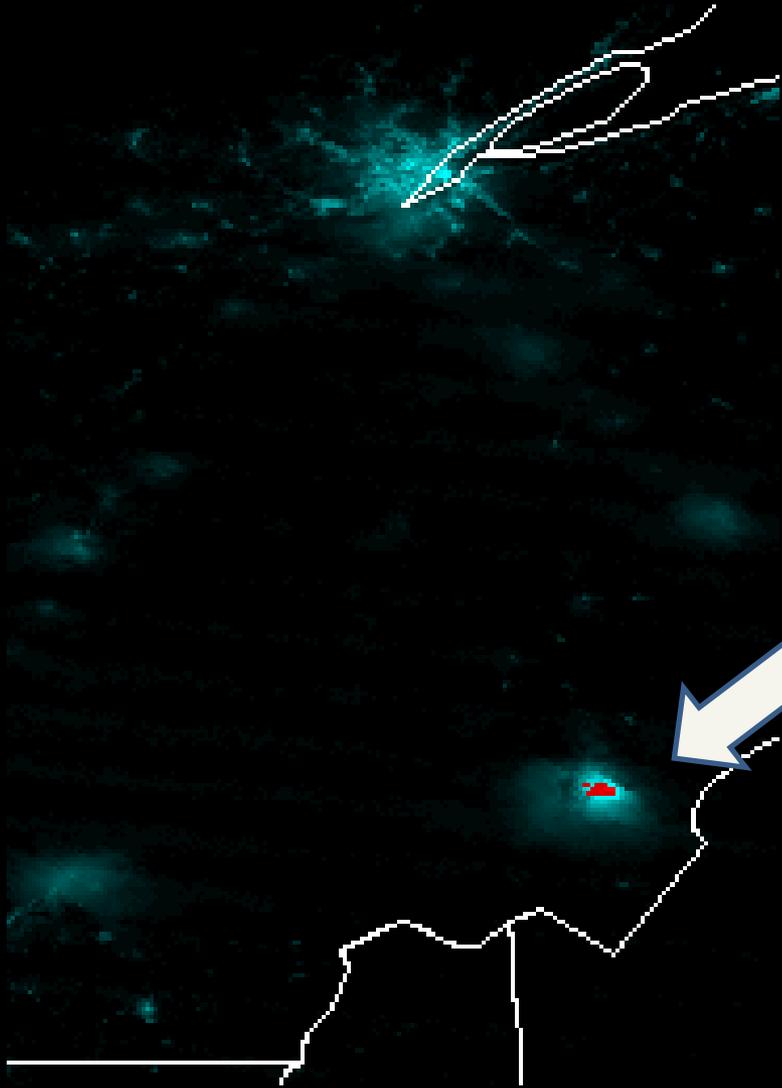
Lac-Megantic, Quebec Explosion Detected by VIIRS at Night



Combustion parameters:
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Lat=45.575085 Lon=-70.879578 deg
Temperature=1274 deg. K
Radiant heat intensity=58.84 W/m²
Radiant heat=47.19 MW
Source footprint=315.91 m²
Cloud state=clear
Time=05-Jul-2013 06:24:48

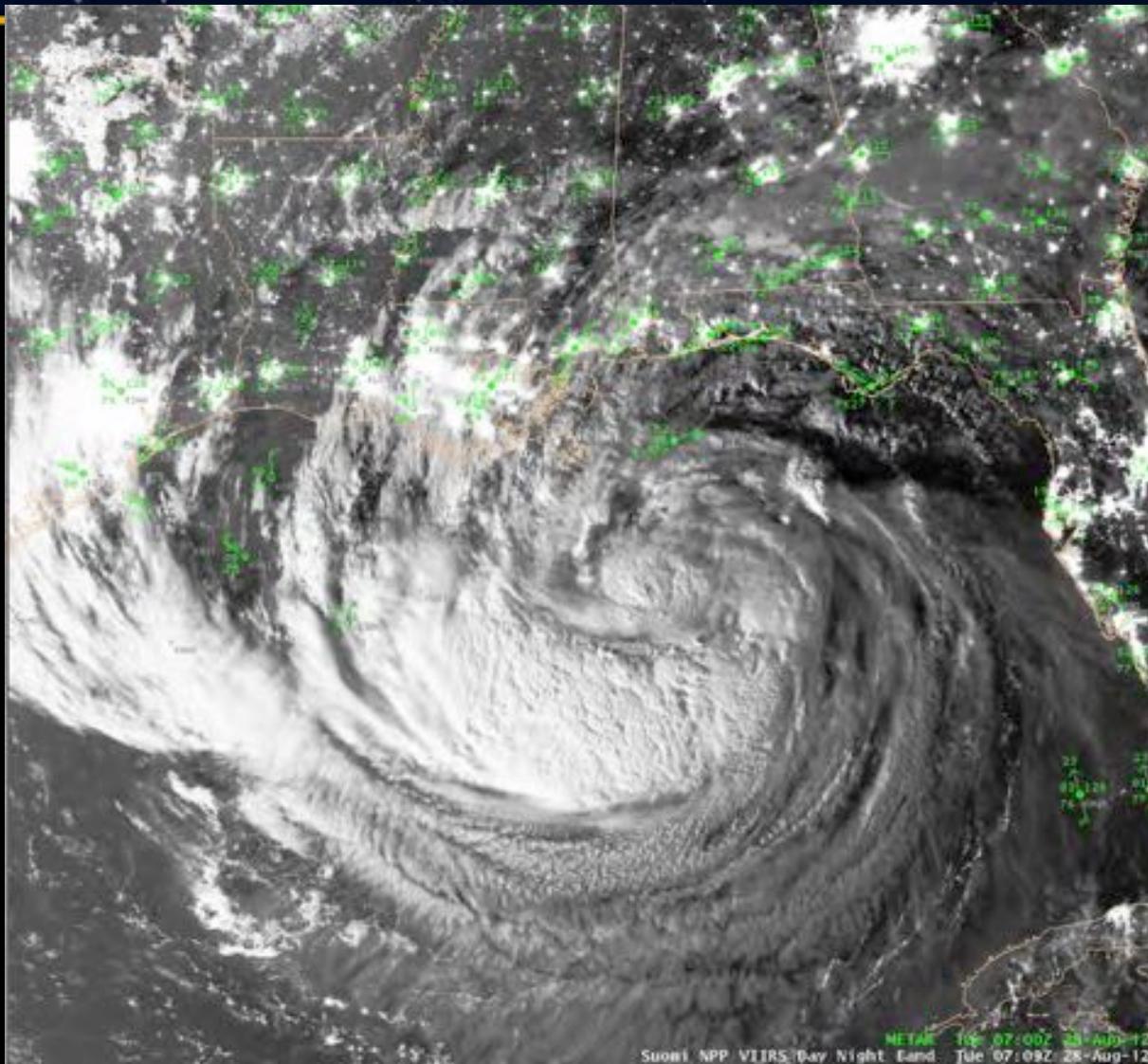


NGDC's VIIRS Nightfire product provides temperature, source size and radiant heat worldwide on a nightly basis



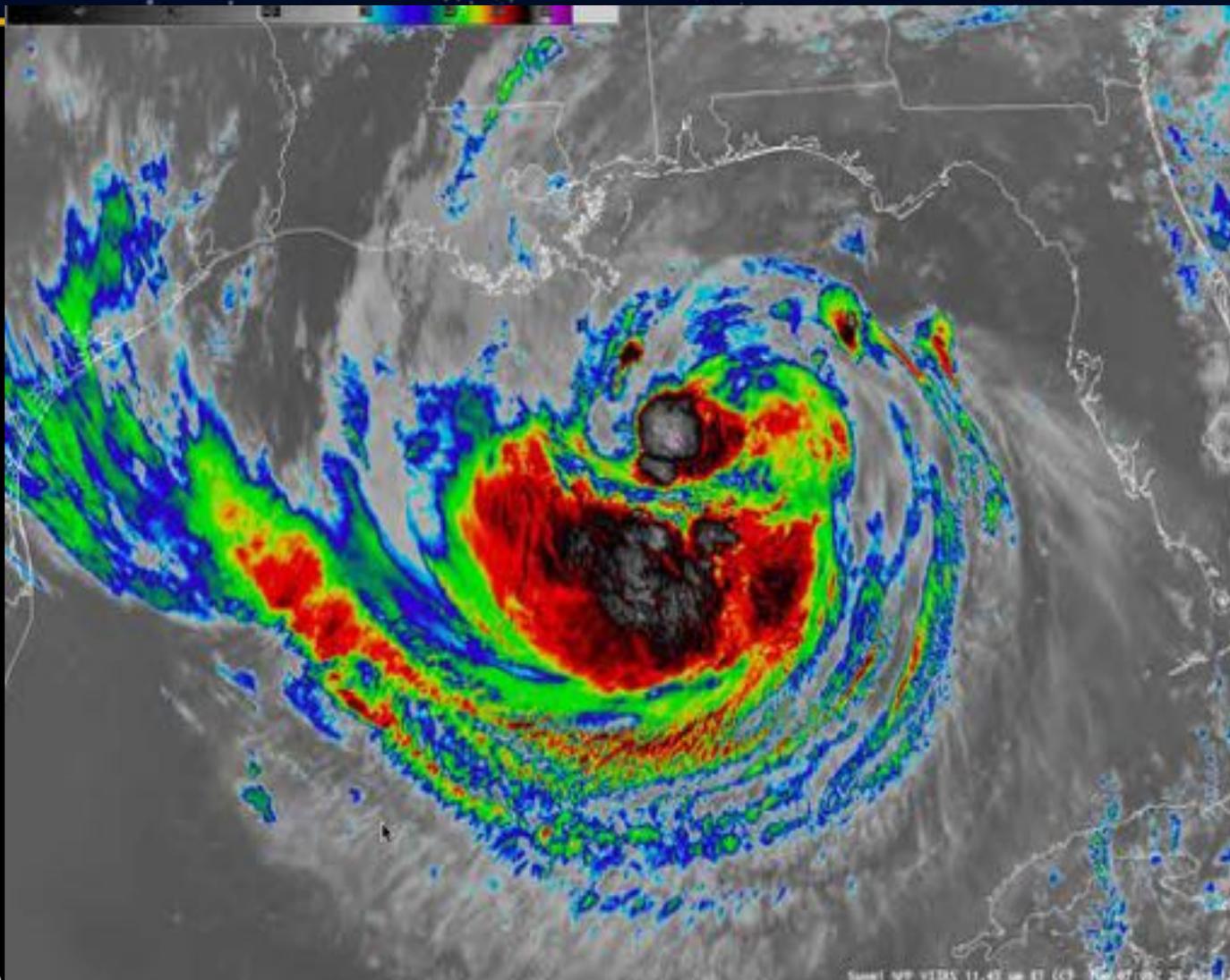


September 2012 VIIRS Day/Night Band Tropical Storm Isaac in AWIPS





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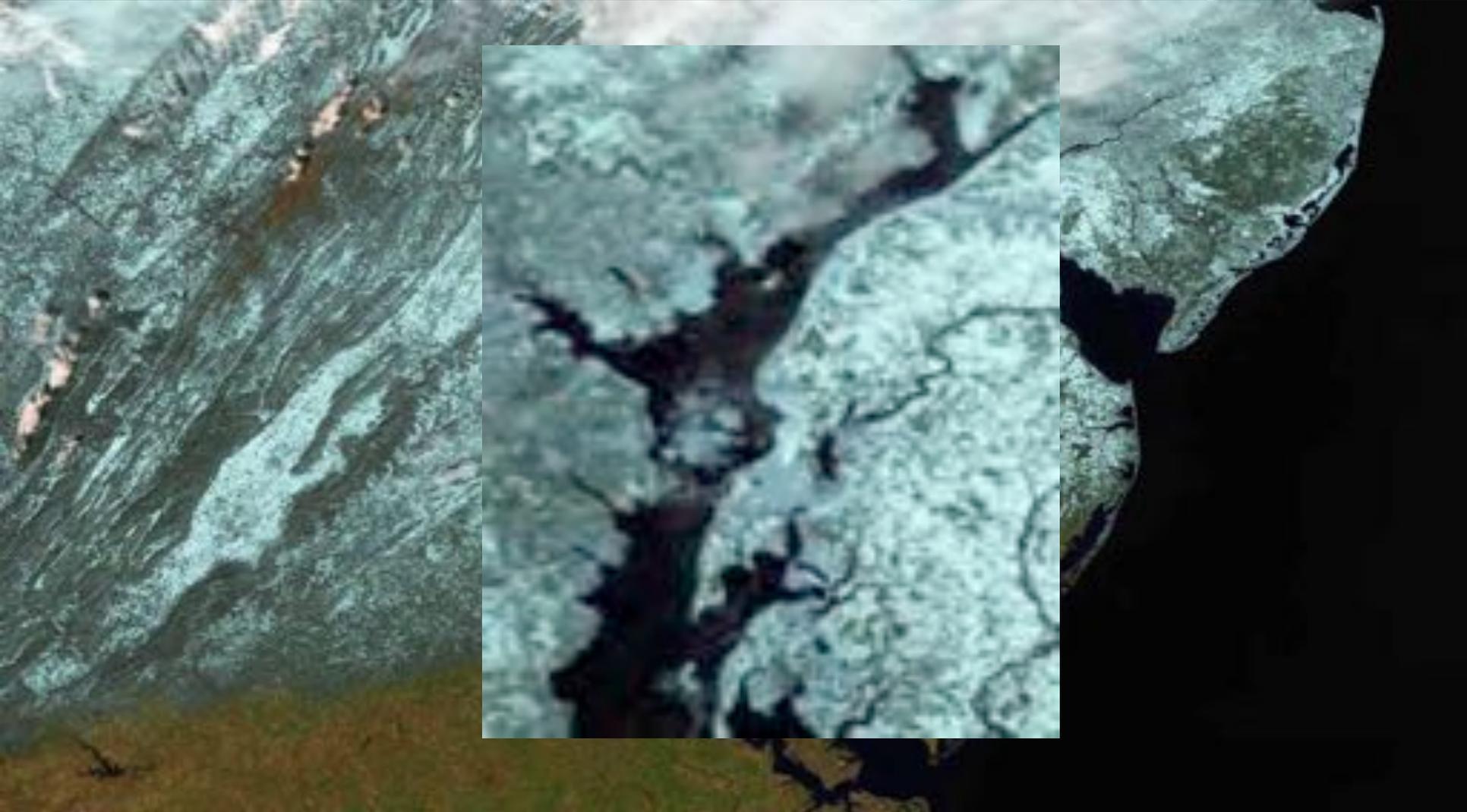




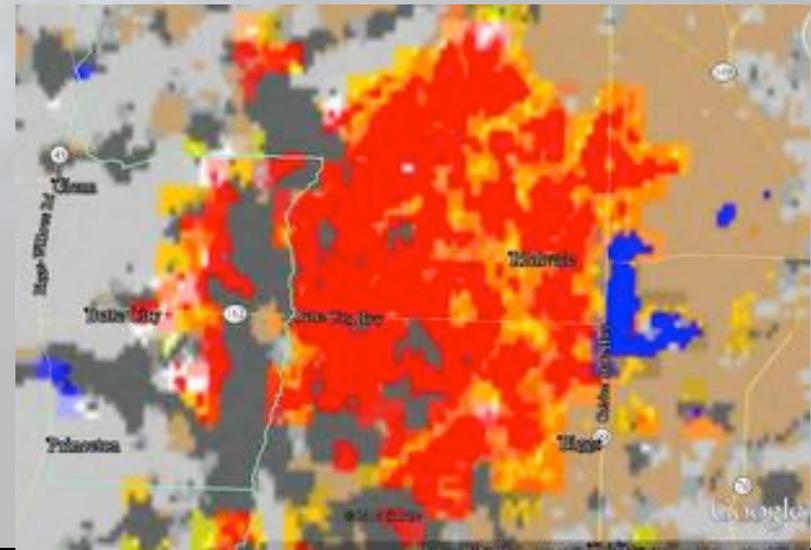
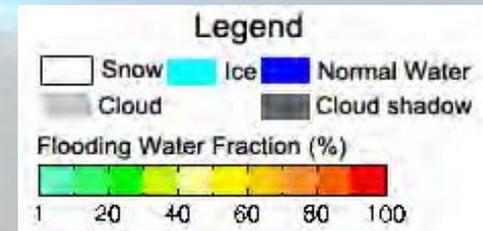
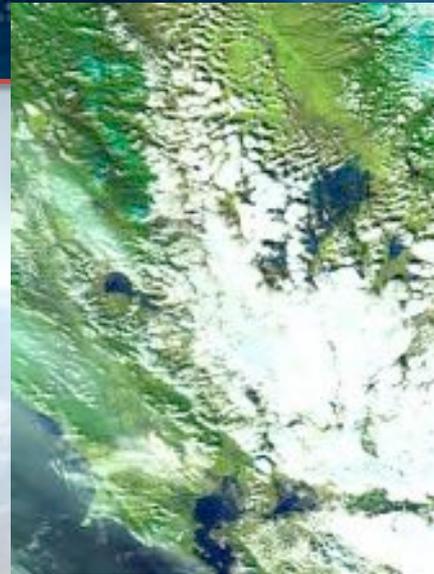
Great lakes ice imagery



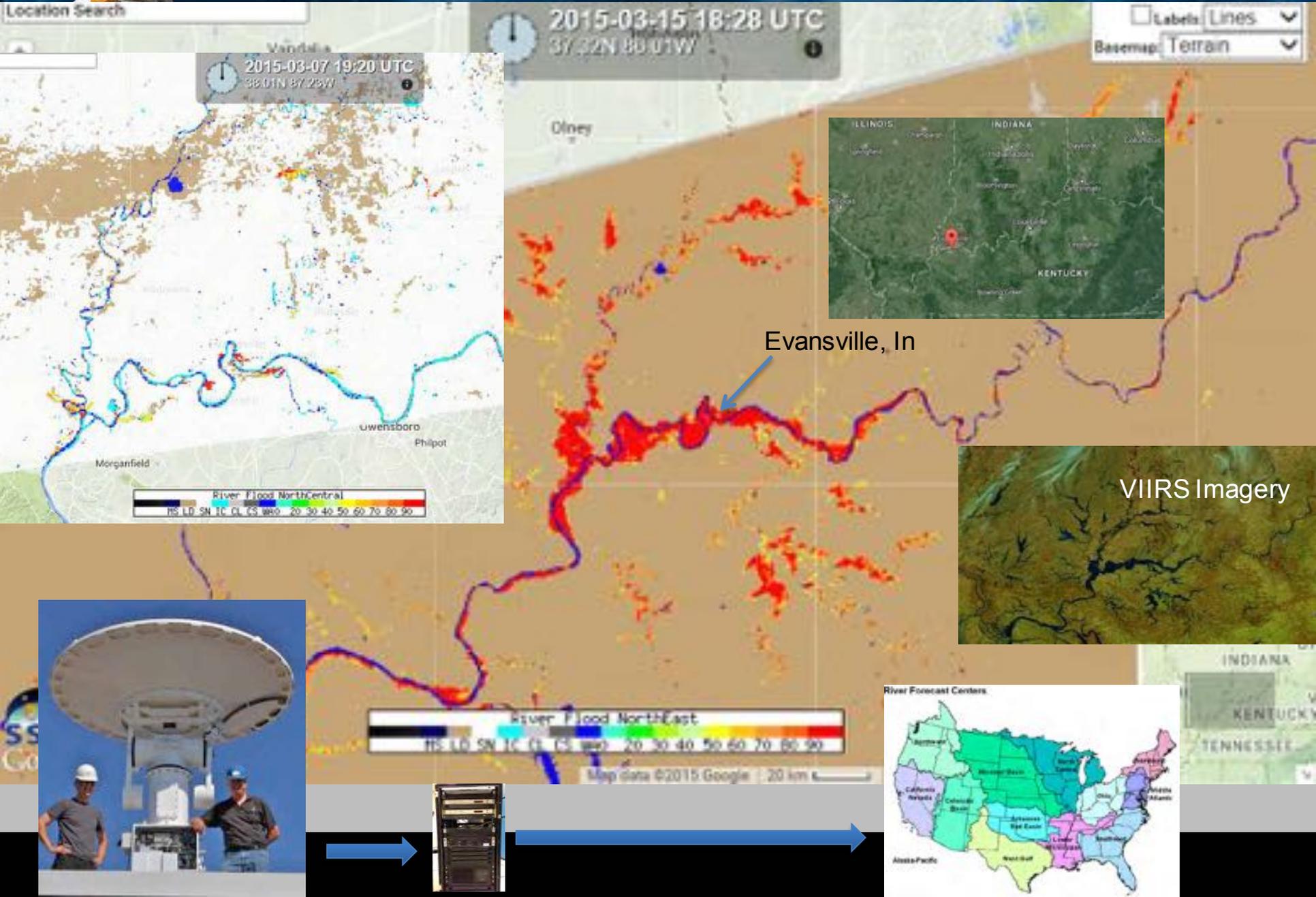
March 7, 2014 - last snow of the season
and ice in the Chesapeake Bay



California Floods: Dec. 11-13, 2014



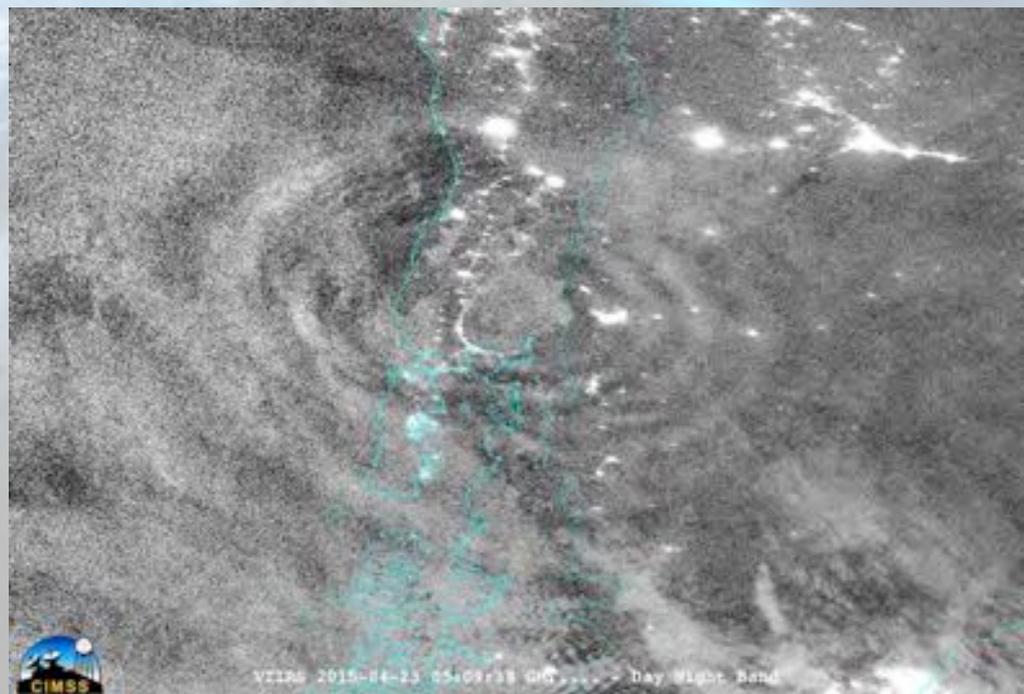
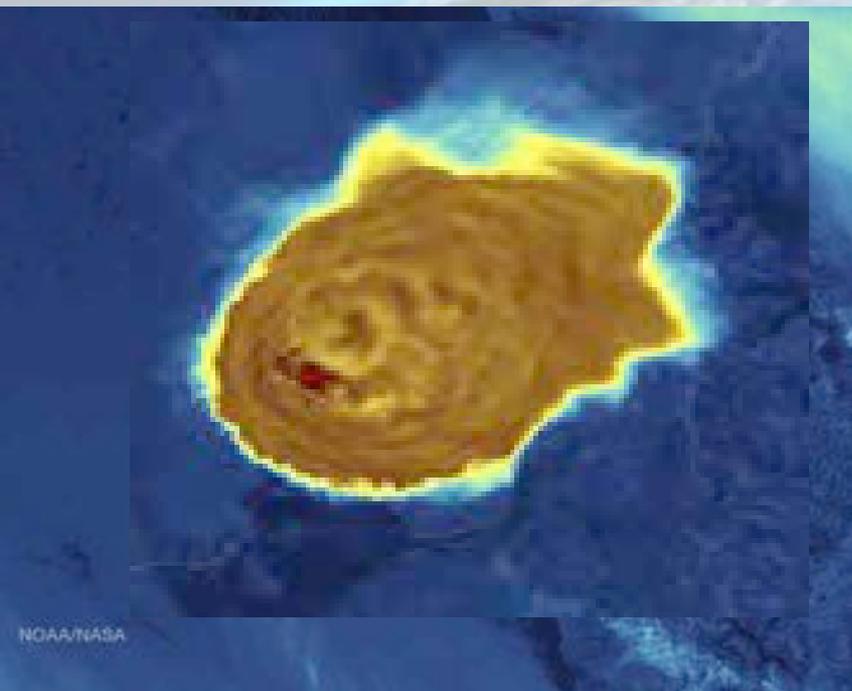
JPSS Proving Ground Delivering Experimental River Ice and Flood Products to NWS River Forecast Centers



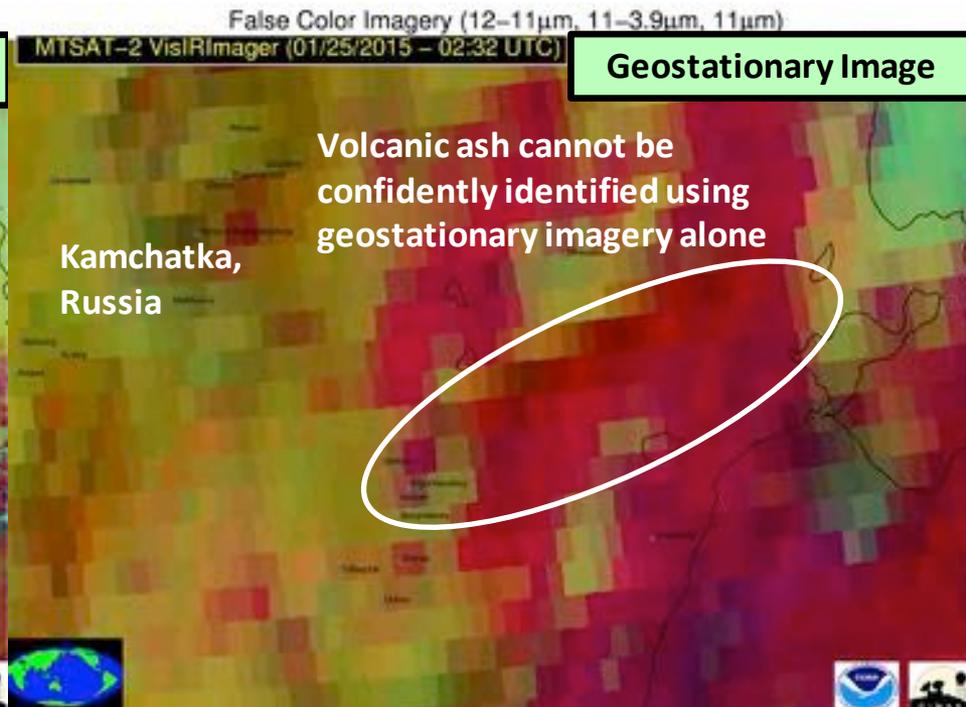
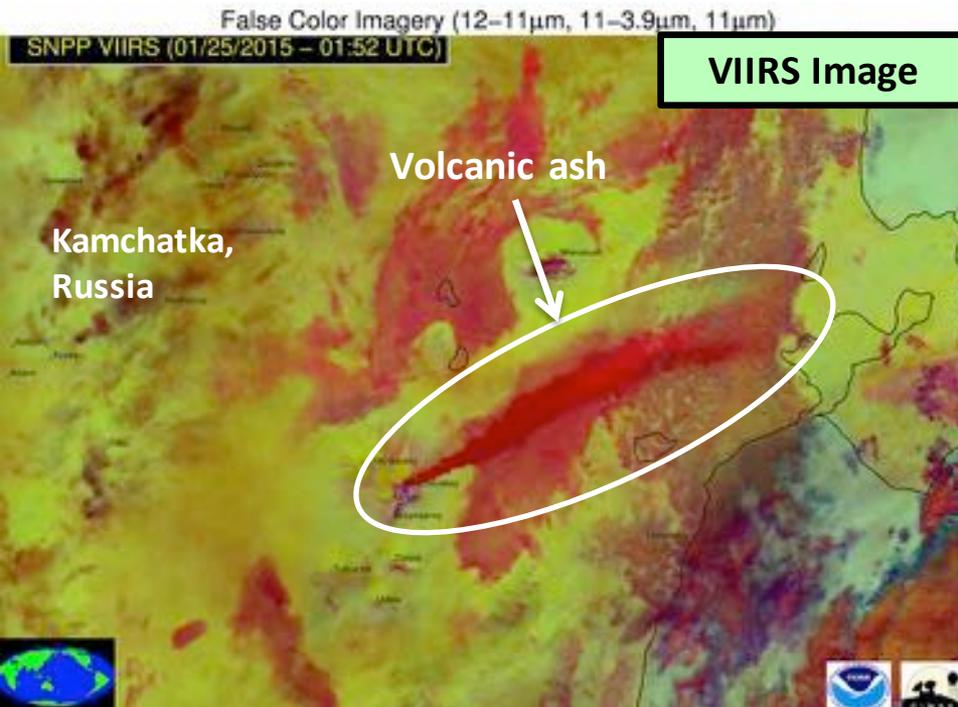


Calbuco Volcano

Calbuco Volcano in southern Chile has erupted for the first time since 1972, with the last major eruption occurring in 1961 that sent ash columns 12-15 kilometers high. This image was taken by the Suomi NPP satellite's VIIRS instrument color enhanced infrared and the Day Night Band at 0515Z on April 23, 2015



VIIRS is Critical for Mitigating Volcanic Related Aviation Hazards: Direct and indirect benefits



Direct Benefit: Nearly everyday VIIRS identifies volcanic activity that is not unambiguously identifiable using any other meteorological satellite sensor.

Indirect Benefit: The VIIRS images are used to identify subtle volcanic ash cloud features from geostationary imagery, thereby allowing the clouds to be tracked in time.



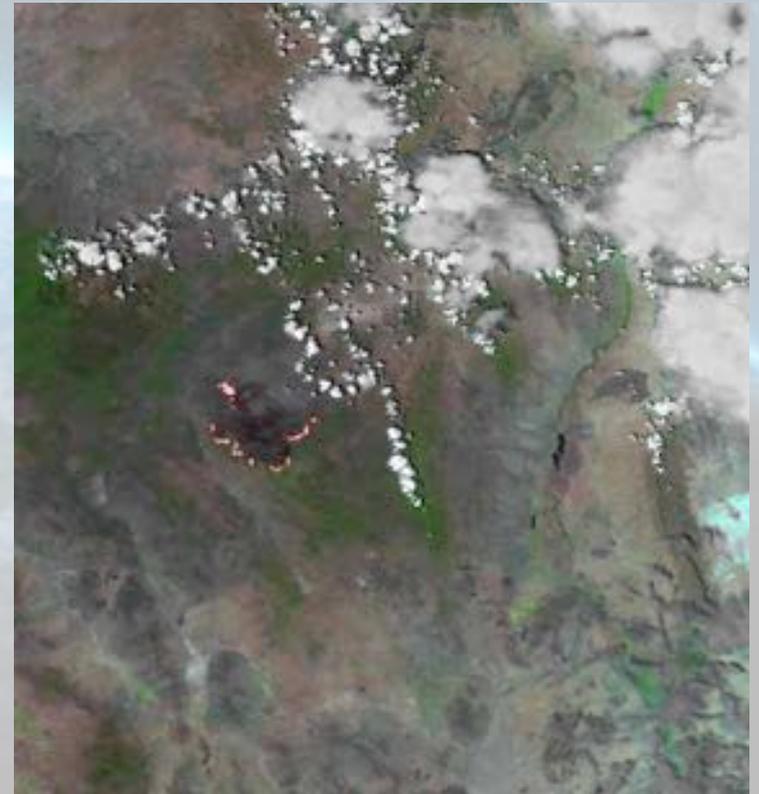
Recently, VIIRS was the first space sensor to detect renewed activity at Sangay Volcano in Ecuador (lava and ash emissions)



VIIRS Fire Imagery



2012 Pacific NW fires



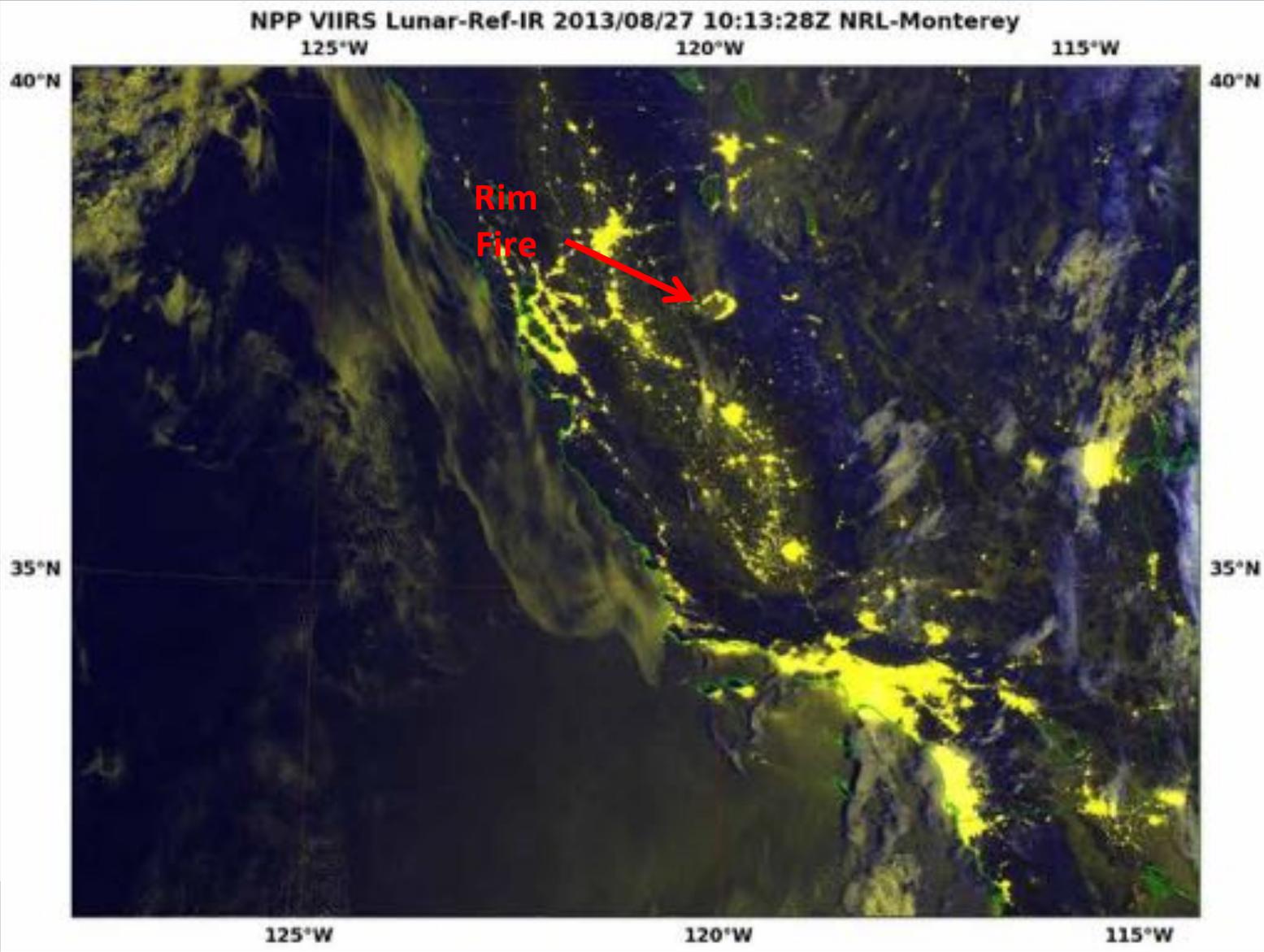
Whitewater-Baldy
Complex fire, New Mexico
is up to 259,025 acres
burned. June 4, 2012.



Tracking the Rim Fire at Night

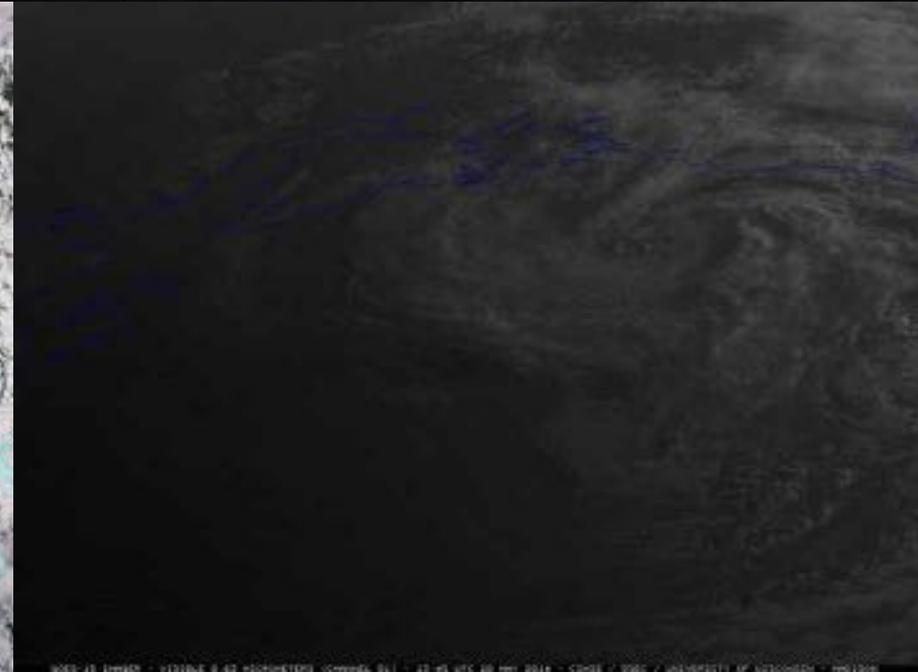
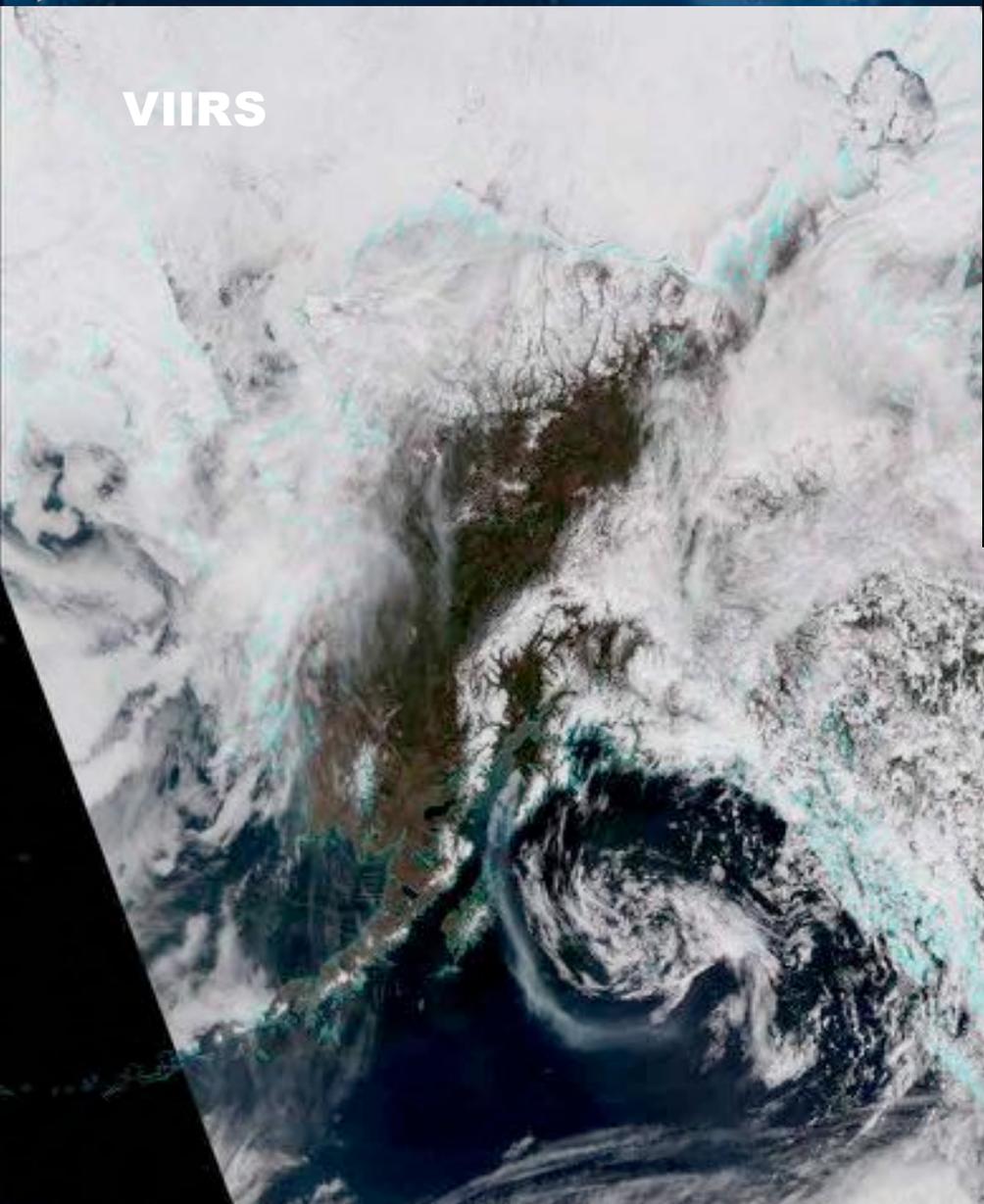
VIIRS DNB + IR enhanced with Lunar Irradiance Model

18 – 27 August



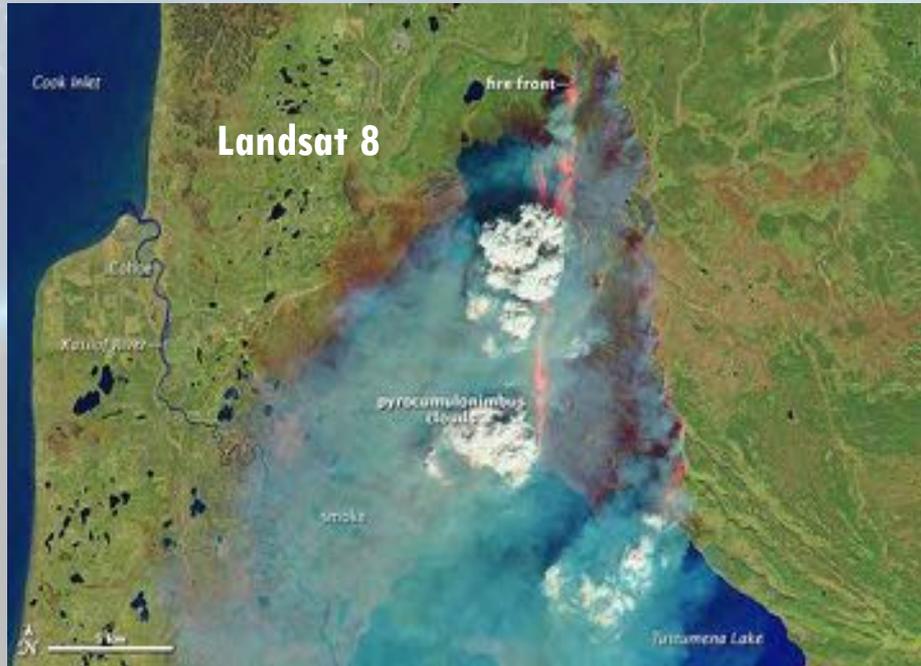
Integrating various satellite data is well recognized and emphasized

Funny River Fire – Alaska - May 20, 2014





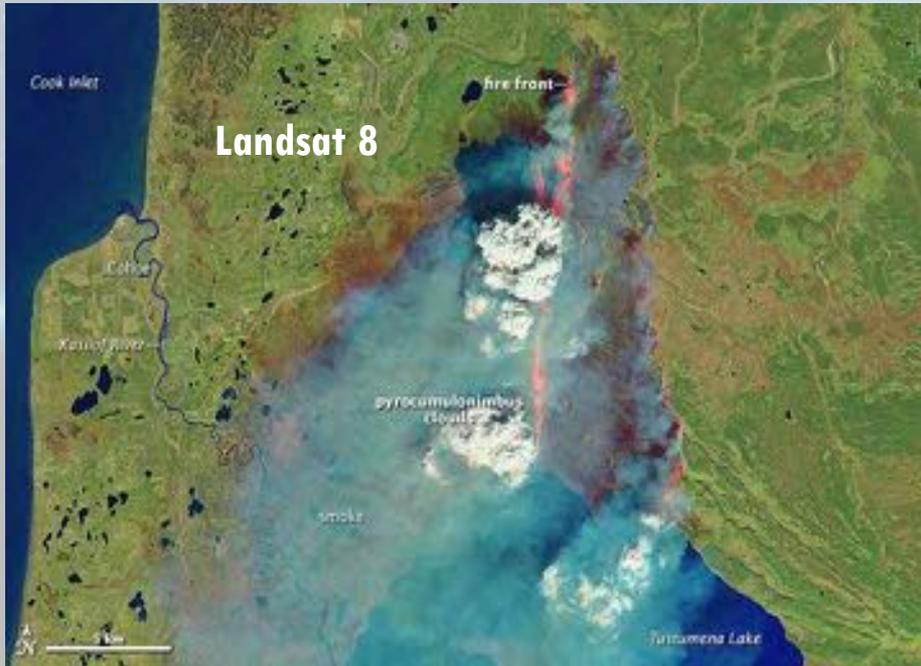
LANDSAT 8 (30 meter resolution vs VIIRS 375 meter resolution)



**But Landsat has a 16 day repeat cycle –
it will not observe this location for another 16 days**

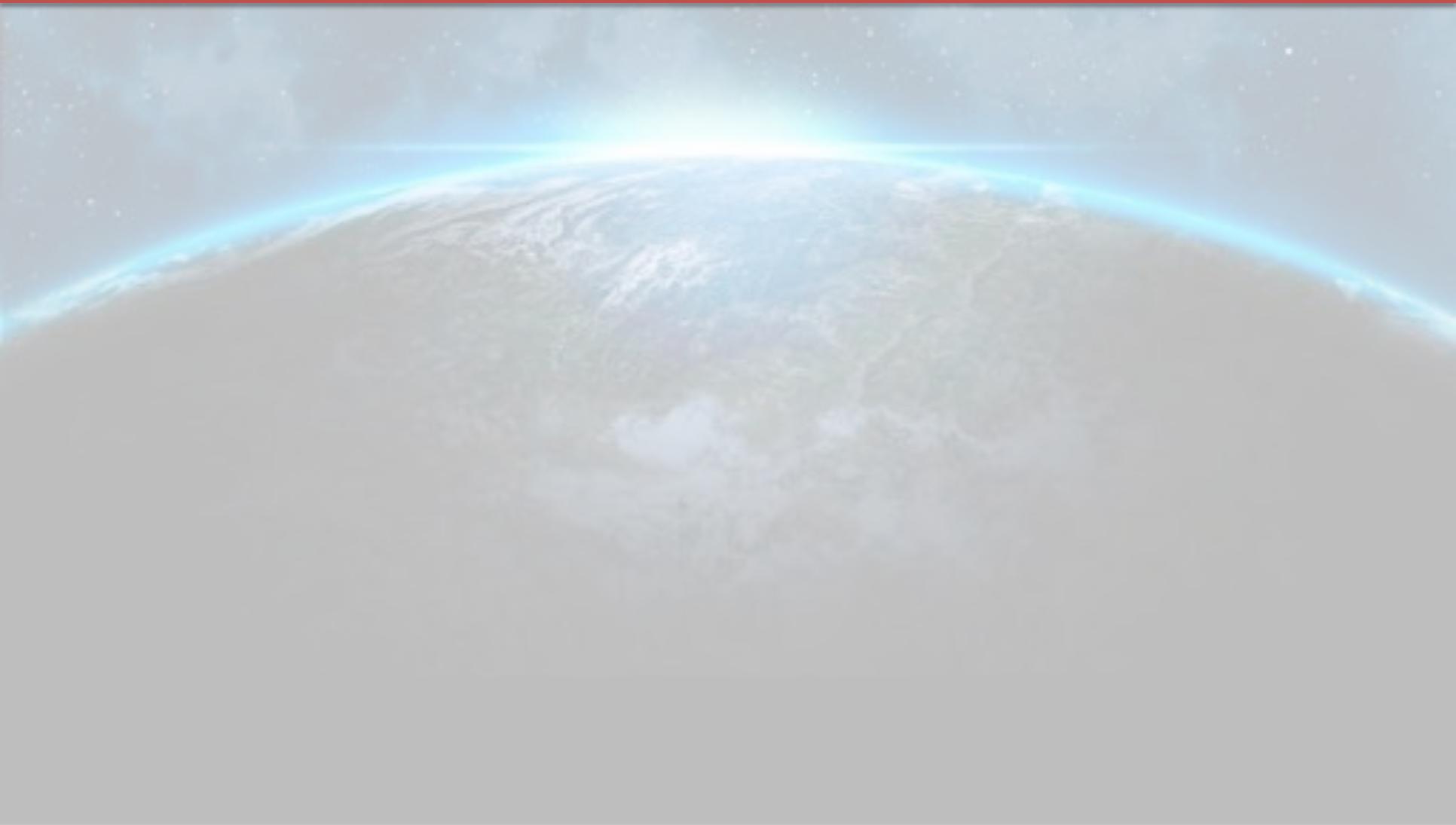


LANDSAT 8 (30 meter resolution vs VIIRS (375 meter resolution)



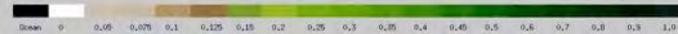


Annual cycle of vegetation





Vegetation (August 2012 vs 2014)



VIIRS GVF difference (15 Aug 2012 minus 15 Aug 2014)

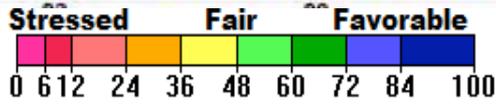
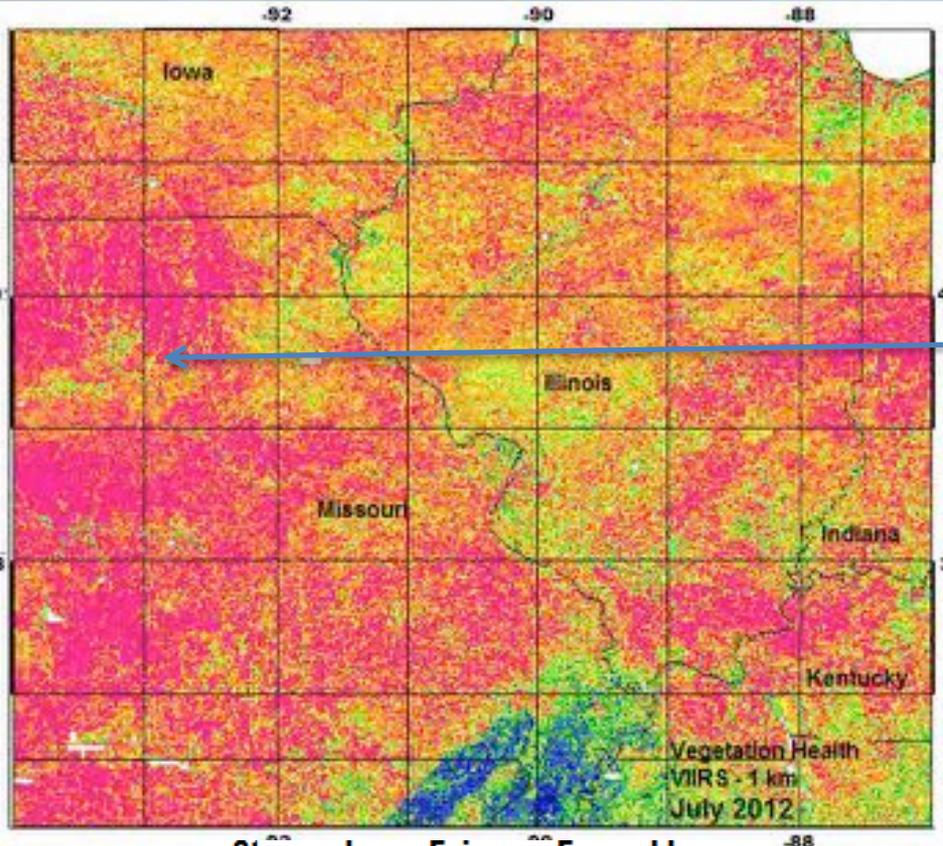
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In 2014 - 629 million bushels vs 467 in 2004**

Deep red has 30% less vegetation in 2012



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Detail imagery of ocean nutrients and sea surface temperature



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Sea surface temperature gradients south of Cape Cod





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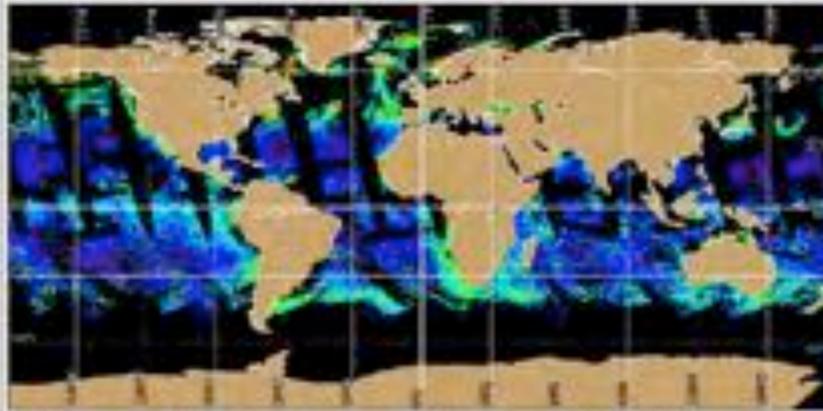
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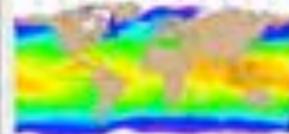
Global 4km chlorophyll-a (single file) and 750m (24 sector files) and CONUS (CoastWatch regions) are produced daily. Both CONUS and GLOBAL 750m (L2L3) products are available through the CoastWatch THREDDS Server.

Level-2 granules can be browsed by using the CoastWatch Granule Selector. The selector allows visualization of a granule's geographic coverage with quick access to the Level-2 dataset.

Sentinel-3

NOAA OceanWatch and other US partners are in discussions with EUMETSAT to develop pre-operational support for Sentinel-3 data and products. [\[more\]](#)

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Global daily 5km SST product is now available. [More Information](#)

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GOES SST elevations have changed to be consistent with other geostationary products. Files now include the satellite in the filename: `sat3h_goes.v02at01mg1_YYYMMDD` (DEC 2014)

MODIS ~250m True Color and GOES SST products are now available on ftp.coastwatch.noaa.gov (FEB 2014)



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Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

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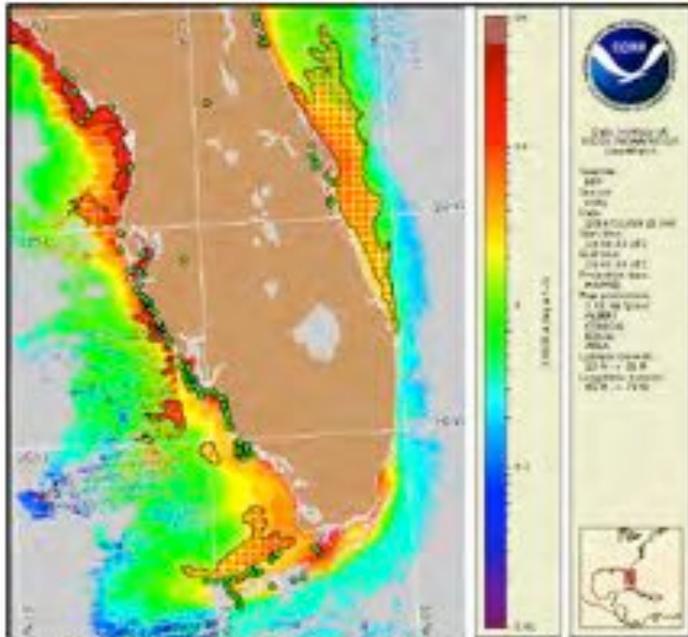
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s), when applicable. Points represent cell concentration sampling data from December 2 to 11: red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low h), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). Cell count data are provided by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. For a list of sample providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OP's bulletin guide:

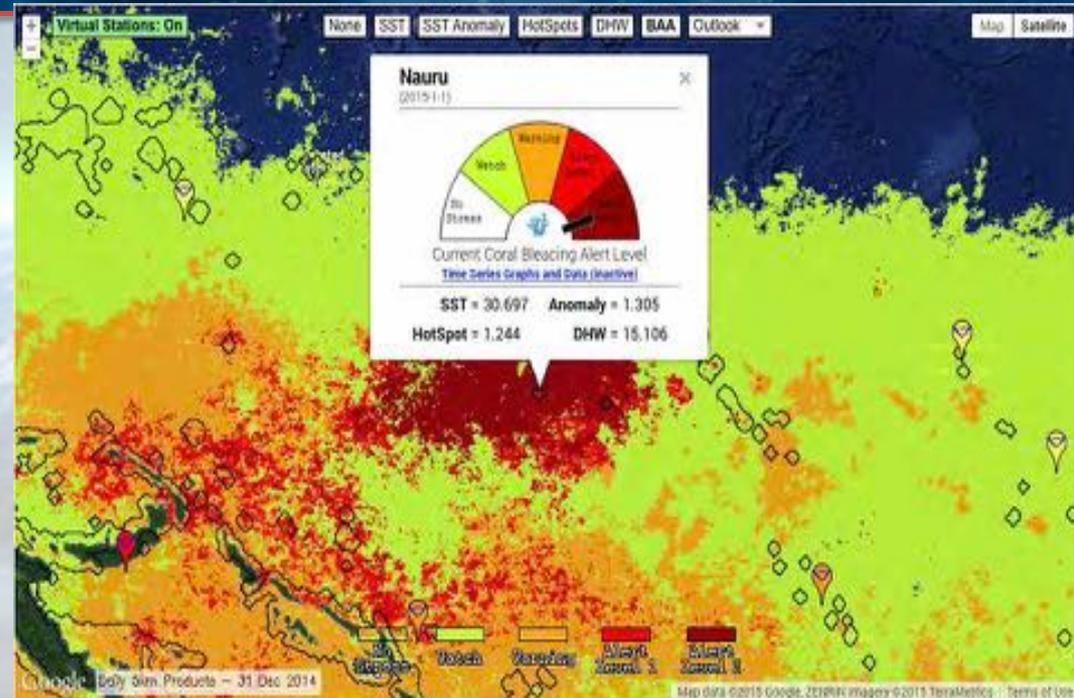
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Detailed sample information can be obtained through FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute at:

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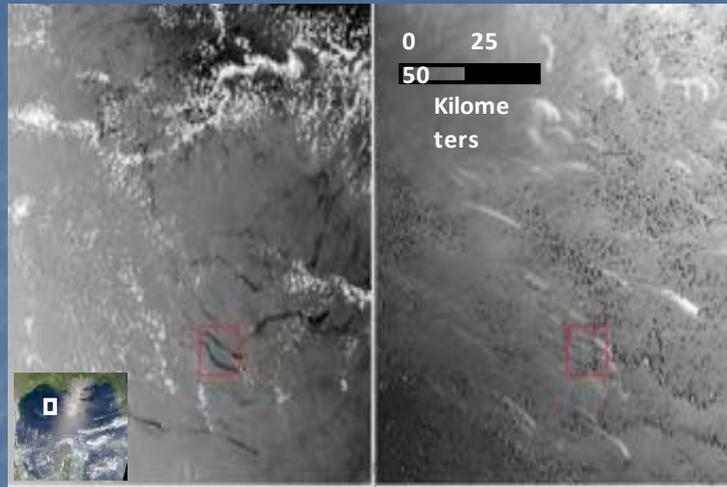


Fig. 2. VIIRS 865-nm images (imaging band #2) on (left) 15 and (right) 21 June 2013 from the same location in the northwest Gulf of Mexico (location shown in the inset figure) showing surface oil slicks due to natural seeps. Depending on the relative solar/viewing geometry (and therefore sun glint strength), the slicks can appear as both dark features (left) and bright features (right). Figure adapted from Hu et al. (2015, in press).

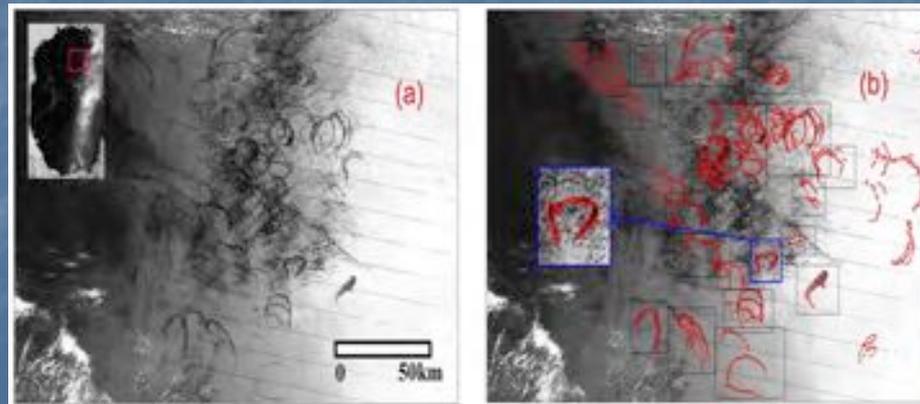


Fig. 4. Preliminary results of oil slick delineation from MODIS sun glint imagery on 2 June 2005. The parameters in the algorithm need to be fine tuned with VIIRS.

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Attention CORS users (06/23/14):

Starting January 1, 2014, the National Geodetic Survey's CORS data archived at CLASS now includes GPS+GLONASS data for stations with GNSS-capable equipment. The GLONASS broadcast navigation file (BRDC) is also available for users at the same starting date. (GLO navigation file name example: brdc1680.14g.gz)

CORS data collections include RINEX since 1994 and raw GPS from selected CORS sites since 2004. The original at-sampling rate was retained except where there was only the 30-second decimated rate data. For more info see the CORS CLASS search page.

Attention Suomi NPP Users:

The most recent global NPP operational products are now available in daily tar files for quick and easy downloads at: [ftp://ftp-npp.class.ngdc.noaa.gov/](http://ftp-npp.class.ngdc.noaa.gov/). Please see the [NPP help page](#) for instructions. Up to the most recent 85 days of data will be available for direct online access.

Suomi NPP data access status (11/25/14):

The majority of S-NPP products are now available and can be ordered through CLASS. The ones available to the public will show the begin dates after the product name on the search page. Also, a "quick look" of which products are at which maturity stages can be easily viewed at the [STAR Algorithm Product Maturity Matrix](#) website. Details of high priority issues related to the data quality are contained in the Readme files provided by the S-NPP Project Scientist. Many of these have recently been updated. Please read these before ordering and using the data.

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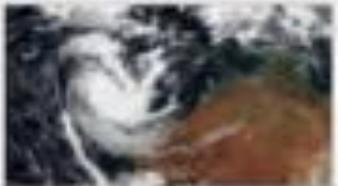
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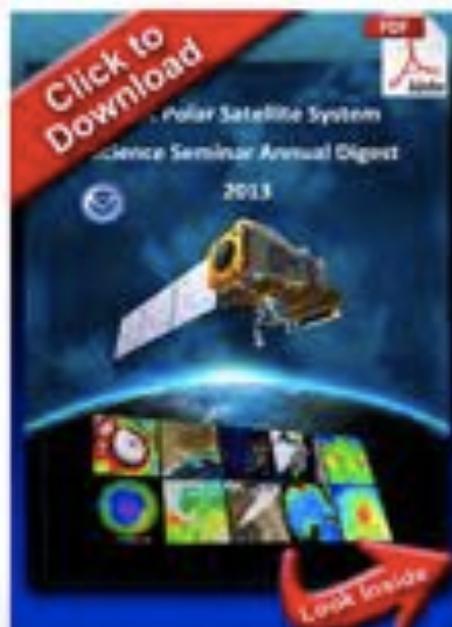
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