

# USING MCIDAS TO PREPARE USERS FOR THE ABI

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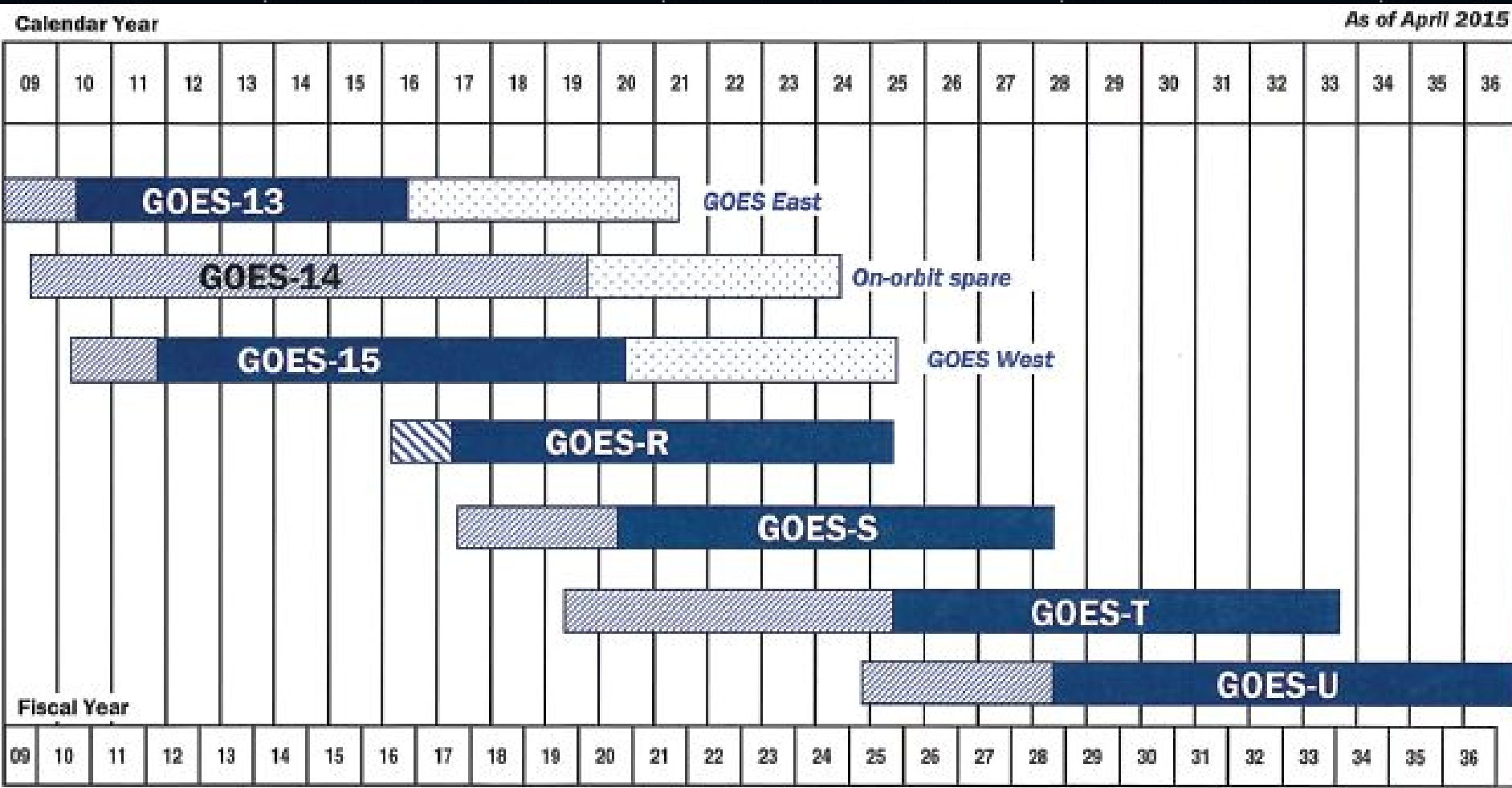
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# Overview

- GOES-R ABI represents a major shift in geostationary environmental satellite capability.
- We have developed some ABI “Webapps” - tools that anyone can use to educate users and students on a host of topics.
  - Spatial, Spectral, & Temporal Improvements of ABI.
  - RGB Generation
  - Uses of GOES data and Products.
    - Fires, hurricanes, convection, fog, winds, etc.
- We are prolific McIDAS users both “operationally” but also for image generation going into educational applications and as a hands-on tool.

# GOES Flyout Chart



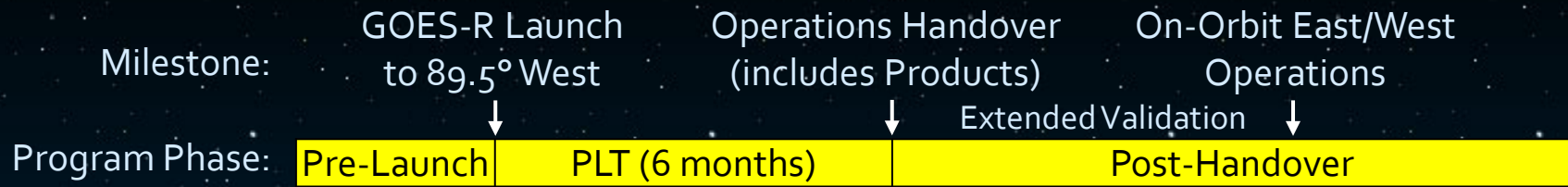
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**GOES: Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite**

- On-orbit Storage
- Test & Checkout
- Operational
- Fuel-Limited Lifetime



# Validation and Availability for GOES-R Baseline Products

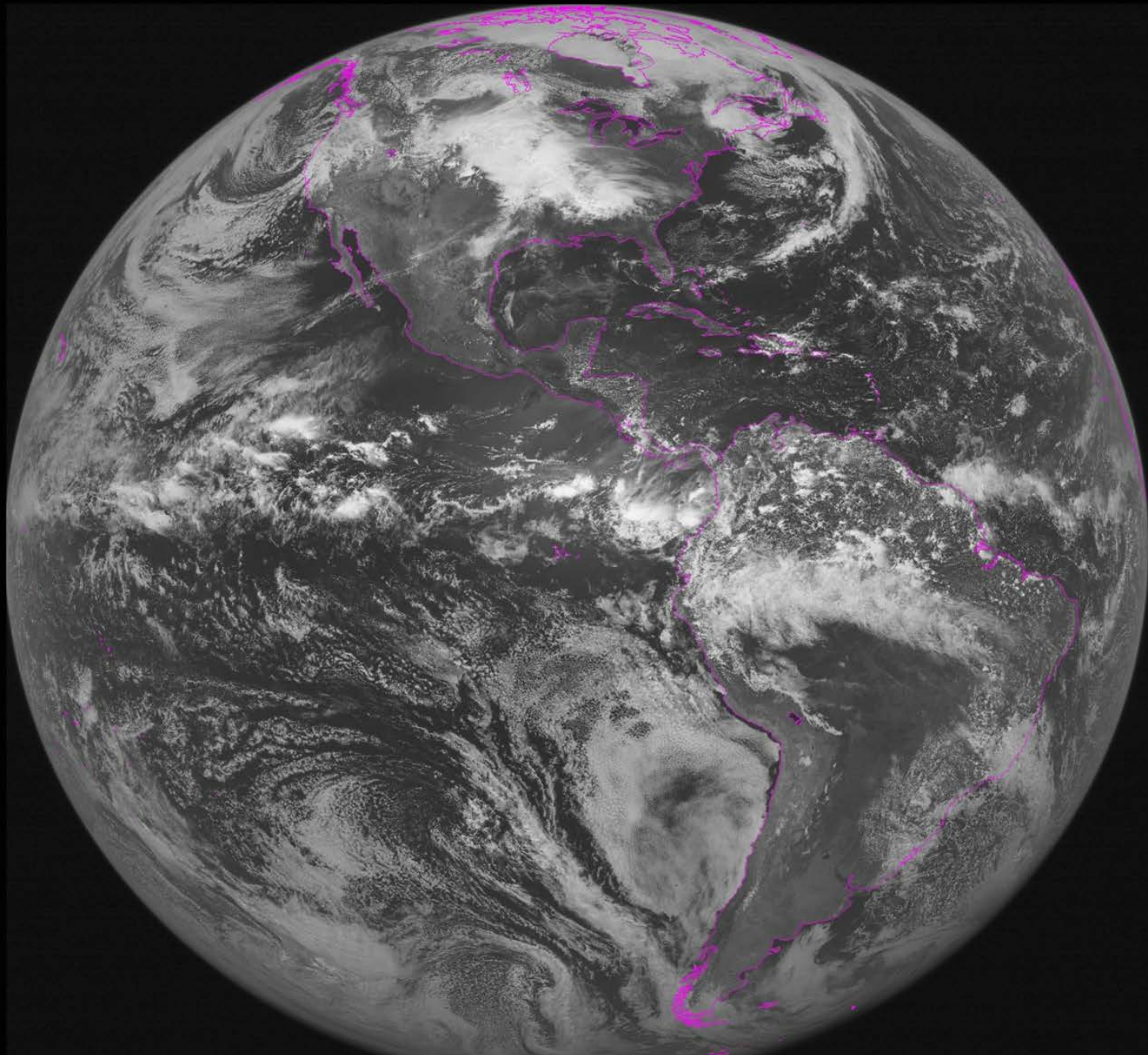


## L1b Product Activities

- L1b Validation - Products recertified against pre-launch instrument performance
- 'First Light' Data captures shared from Instruments
- Insertion of L1b products into GRB service is controlled by ground system and will occur as products are certified

- (Figure from Matt Seybold from NOAA Satellite Conference)



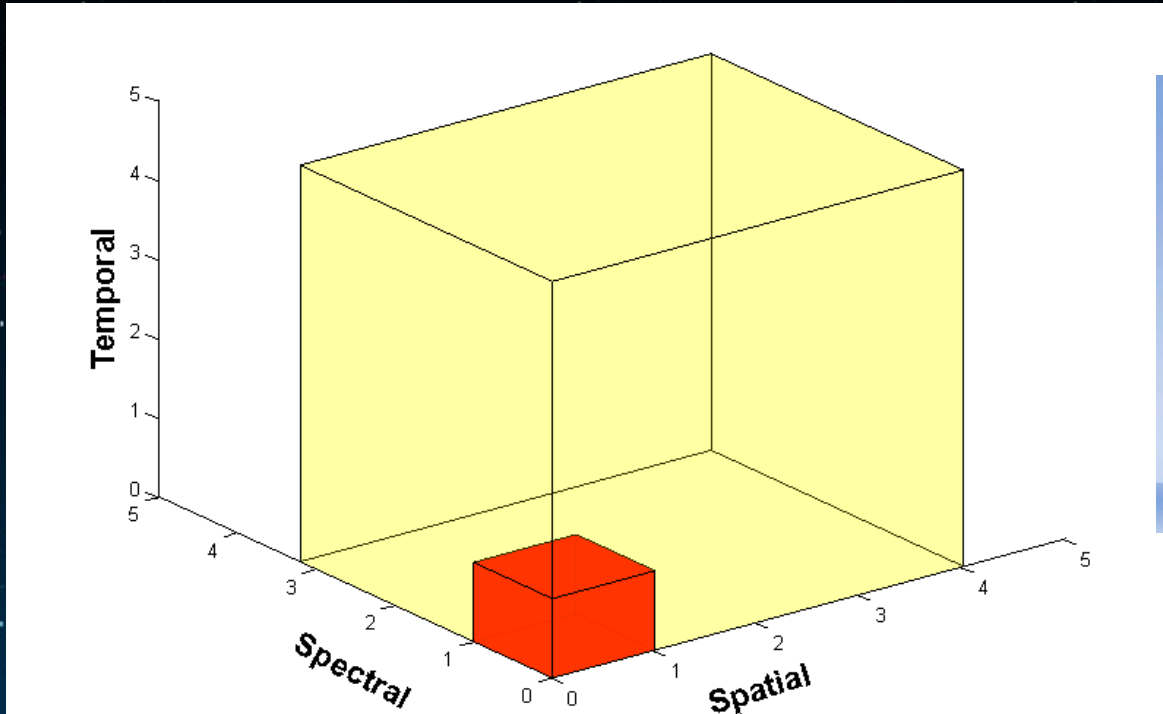


~90W (Approximate location of GOES-R during check-out)

# The Advanced Baseline Imager:

	<b>ABI</b>	<b>Current</b>
<b>Spectral Coverage</b>		
	16 bands 6 VIS/NIR & 10 IR	5 bands 1 VIS & 4 IR
<b>Spatial Resolution</b>		
0.64 $\mu\text{m}$ Visible	0.5 km	Approx. 1 km
Other Visible/near-IR	1.0 km	n/a
Bands ( $>2 \mu\text{m}$ )	2 km	Approx. 4 km
<b>Spatial/Temporal Coverage</b>		
Full disk	Every 15 min	Scheduled (3 hrly)
CONUS	Every 5 min	~4 per hour
Mesoscale	Every 30 sec	n/a
<b>Visible (reflective bands)</b>		
On-orbit calibration	Yes	No

# Advanced Baseline Imager



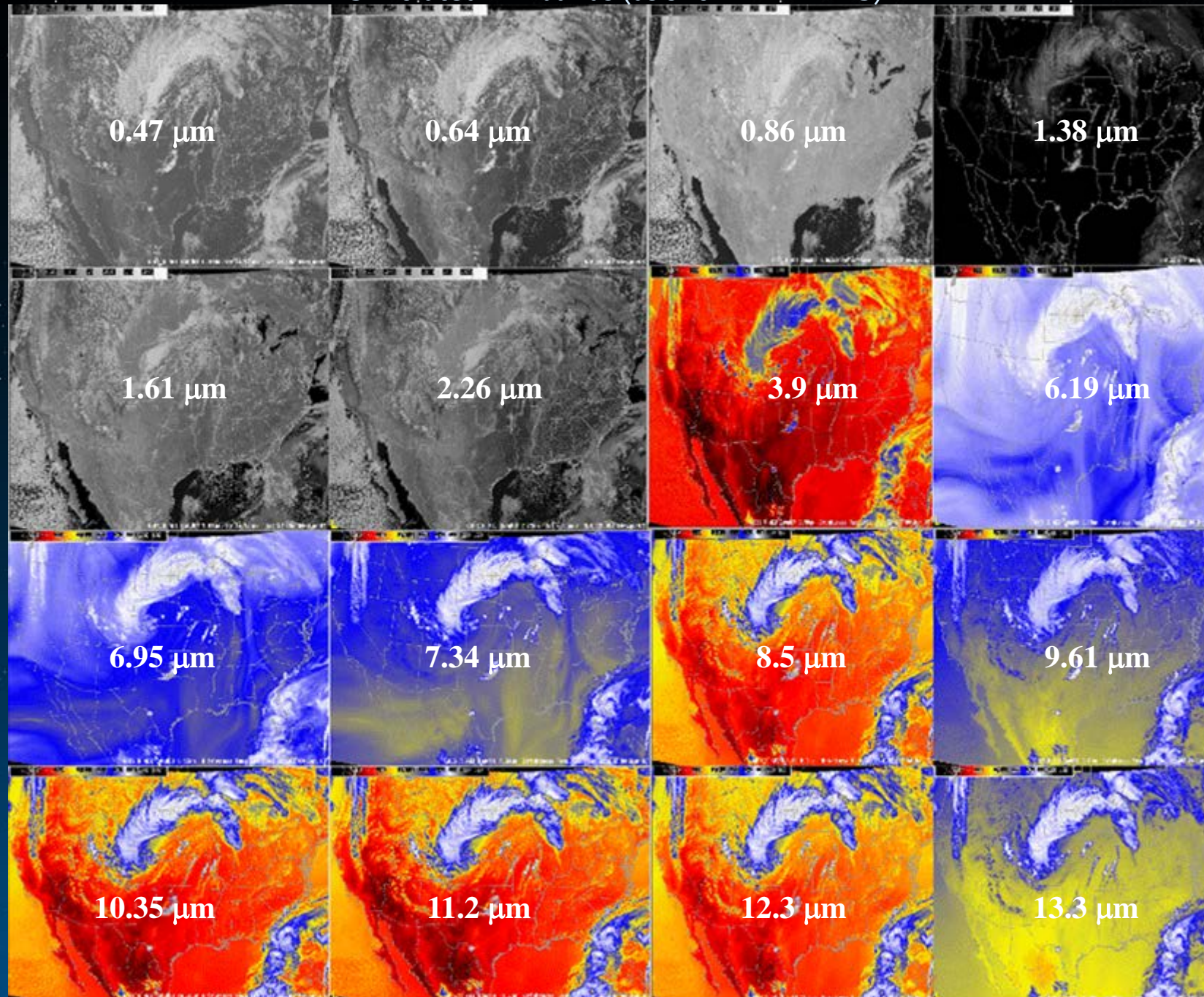
**5<sup>x</sup>**  
Faster coverage  
(5-minute full disk  
vs. 25-minute)

**4<sup>x</sup>**  
Improved spatial  
resolution  
(2 km IR vs. 4 km)

**3<sup>x</sup>**  
More spectral bands  
(16 on ABI vs. 5 on  
the current imager)

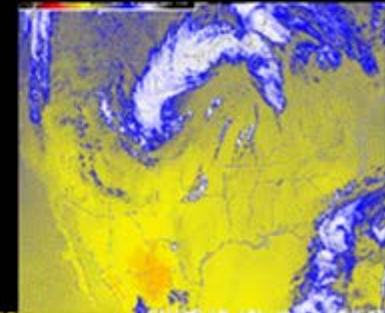
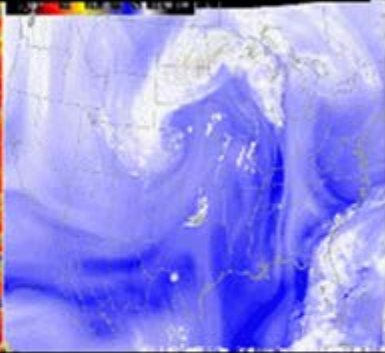
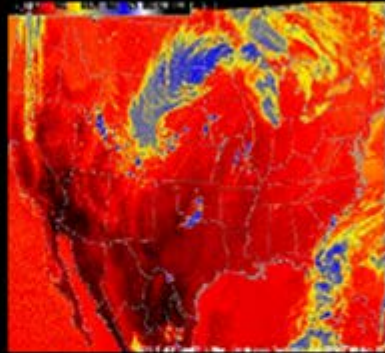
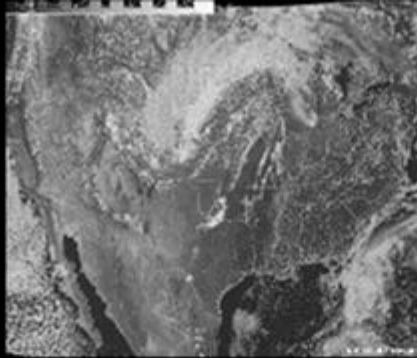


Simulated ABI bands (as shown in AWIPS)





# Current GOES Imager band selection



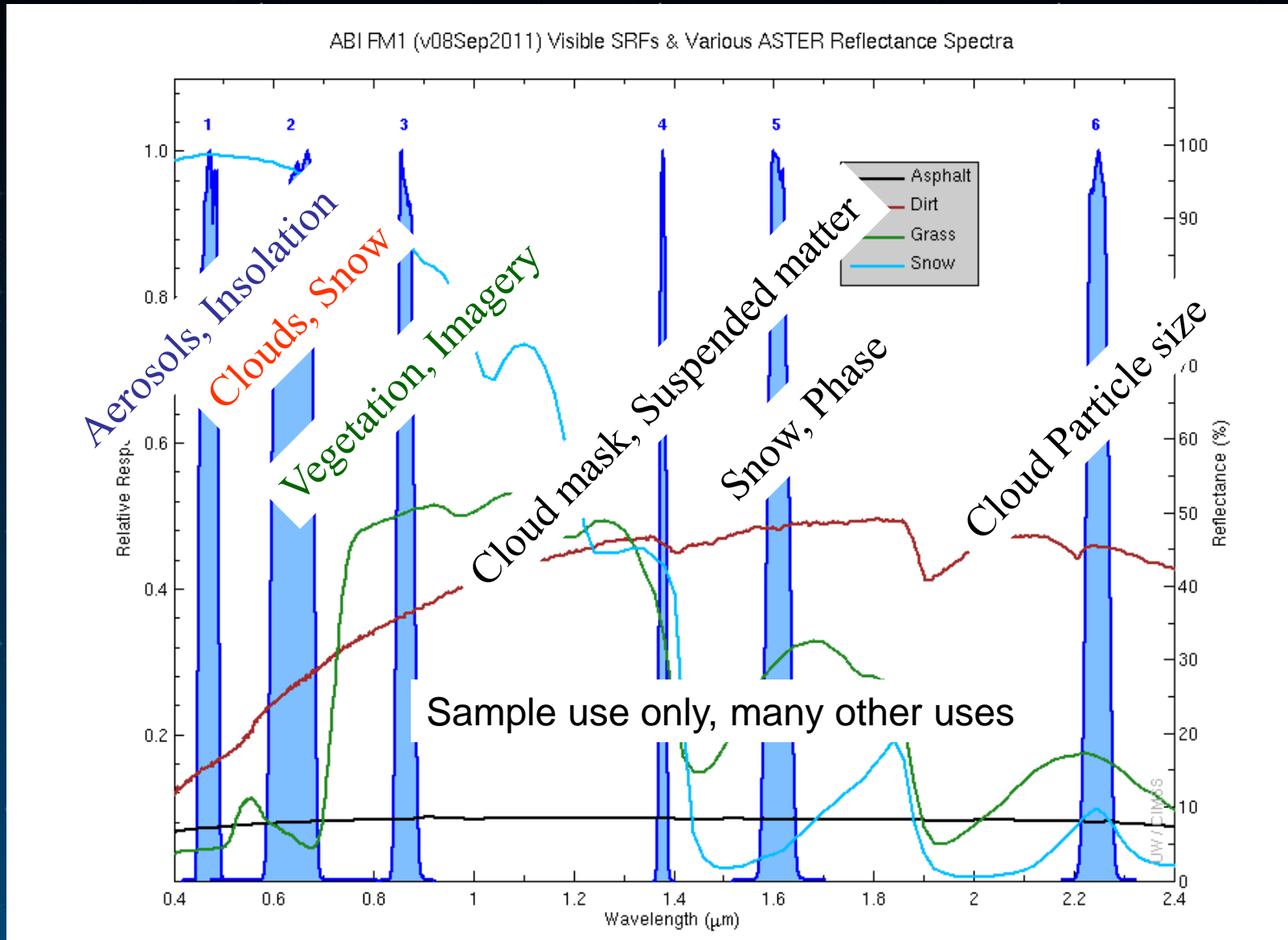
# ABI bands 1-6

Approximate:

Future GOES imager (ABI) band	Wavelength range ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Central wavelength ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Nominal subsatellite IGFOV (km)	Sample use	Heritage instrument(s)
1	0.45–0.49	0.47	1	Daytime aerosol over land, coastal water mapping	MODIS
2	0.59–0.69	0.64	0.5	Daytime clouds fog, insolation, winds	Current GOES imager/sounder
3	0.846–0.885	0.865	1	Daytime vegetation/burn scar and aerosol over water, winds	VIIRS, spectrally modified AVHRR
4	1.371–1.386	1.378	2	Daytime cirrus cloud	VIIRS, MODIS
5	1.58–1.64	1.61	1	Daytime cloud-top phase and particle size, snow	VIIRS, spectrally modified AVHRR
6	2.225–2.275	2.25	2	Daytime land/cloud properties, particle size, vegetation, snow	VIIRS, similar to MODIS

**2 visible bands and 4 near infrared bands on the ABI, compared to only one on today's imager**

# Visible and near-IR channels on the ABI



The ABI visible and near-IR bands have many uses.



# ABI bands 7-16

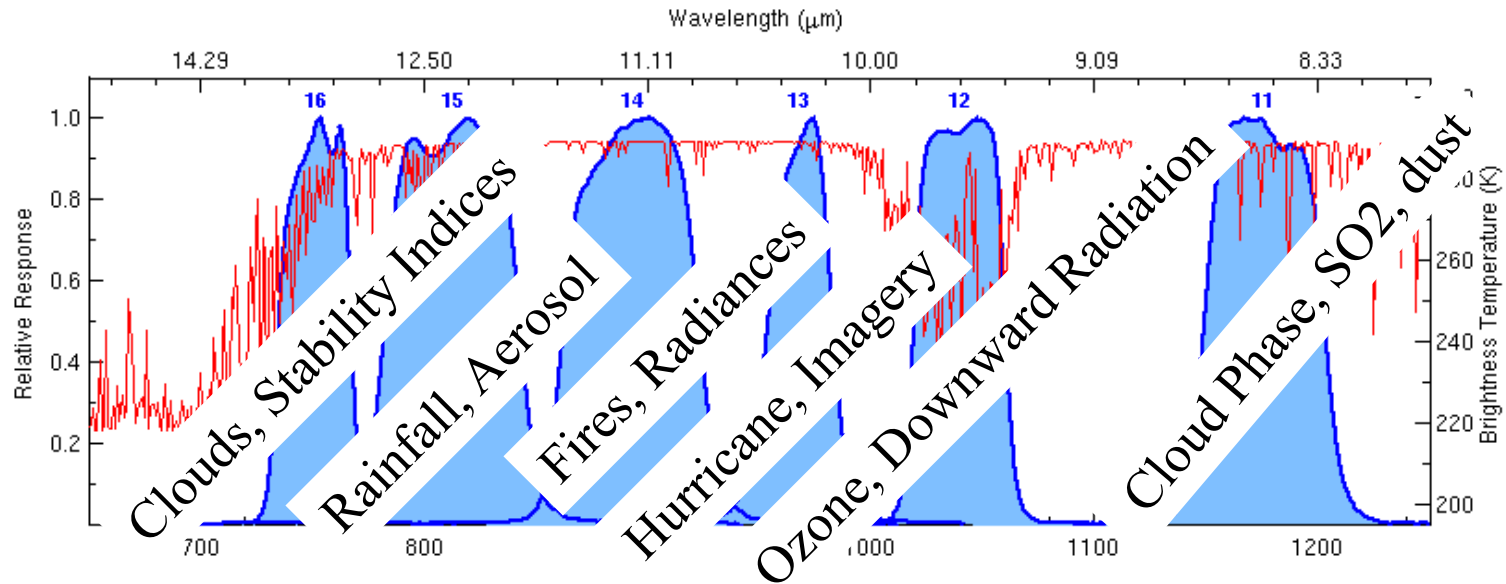
7	3.80–4.00	3.90	2	Surface and cloud, fog at night, fire, winds	Current GOES imager
8	5.77–6.6	6.19	2	High-level atmospheric water vapor, winds, rainfall	Current GOES imager
9	6.75–7.15	6.95	2	Midlevel atmospheric water vapor, winds, rainfall	Current GOES sounder
10	7.24–7.44	7.34	2	Lower-level water vapor, winds, and SO <sub>2</sub>	Spectrally modified current GOES sounder
11	8.3–8.7	8.5	2	Total water for stability, cloud phase, dust, SO <sub>2</sub> rainfall	MAS
12	9.42–9.8	9.61	2	Total ozone, turbulence, and winds	Spectrally modified current sounder
13	10.1–10.6	10.35	2	Surface and cloud	MAS
14	10.8–11.6	11.2	2	Imagery, SST, clouds, rainfall	Current GOES sounder
15	11.8–12.8	12.3	2	Total water, ash, and SST	Current GOES sounder
16	13.0–13.6	13.3	2	Air temperature, cloud heights and amounts	Current GOES sounder/ GOES-12+ imager
<b>Future GOES imager (ABI) band</b>	<b>Wavelength range (μm)</b>	<b>Central wavelength (μm)</b>	<b>Nominal subsatellite IGFOV (km)</b>	<b>Sample use</b>	<b>Heritage instrument(s)</b>

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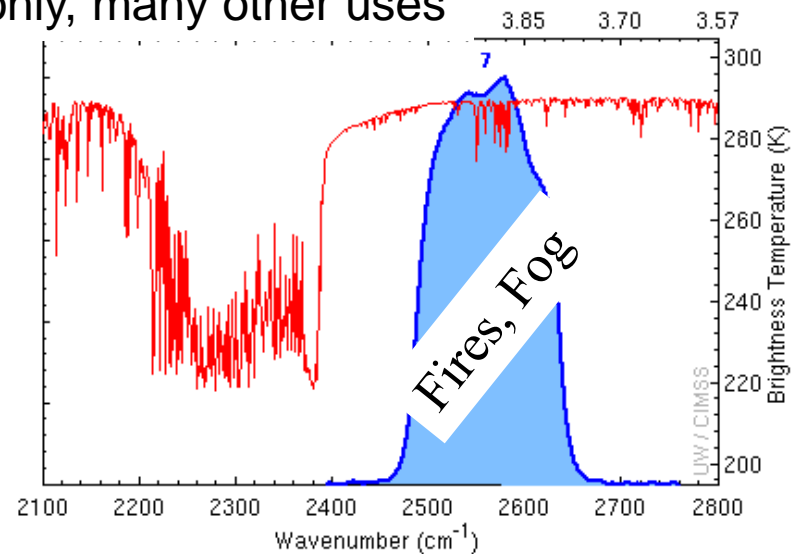
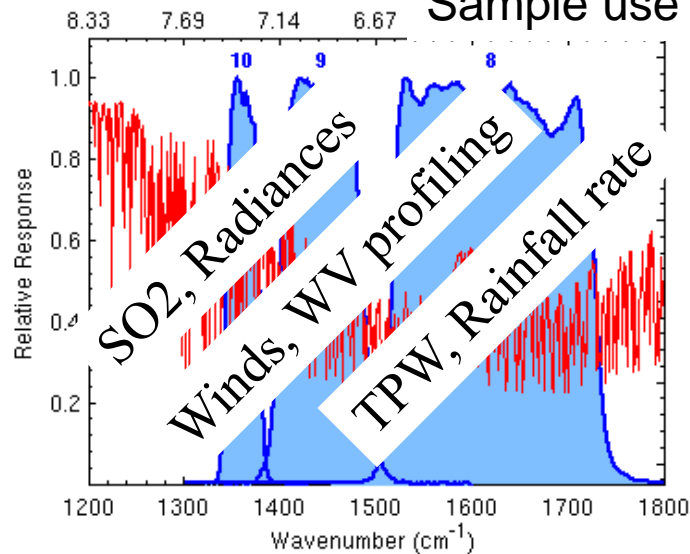
**10 infrared bands on the ABI, compared to four on today's imager**

# The IR channels on the ABI

ABI FM1 (v08Sep2011) SRFs & US Std Atms Brightness Temperature Spectrum

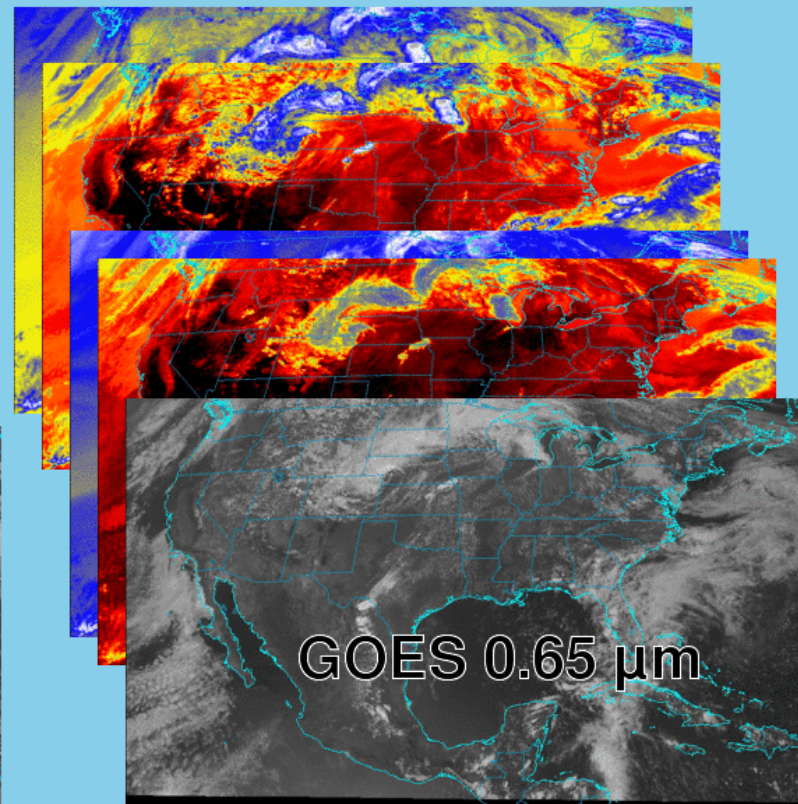
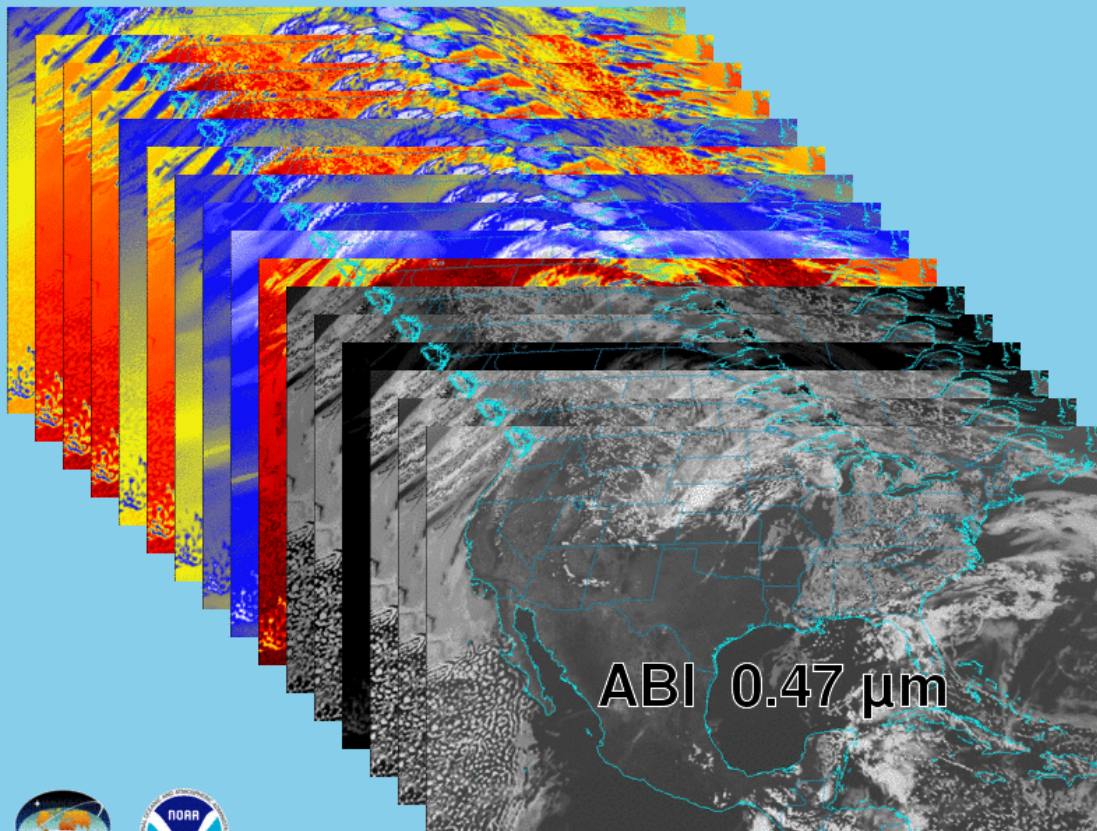


Sample use only, many other uses



ABI has many more bands than the current operational GOES imagers.

# Future vs. Current Spectral Bands



**Future (Simulated)**

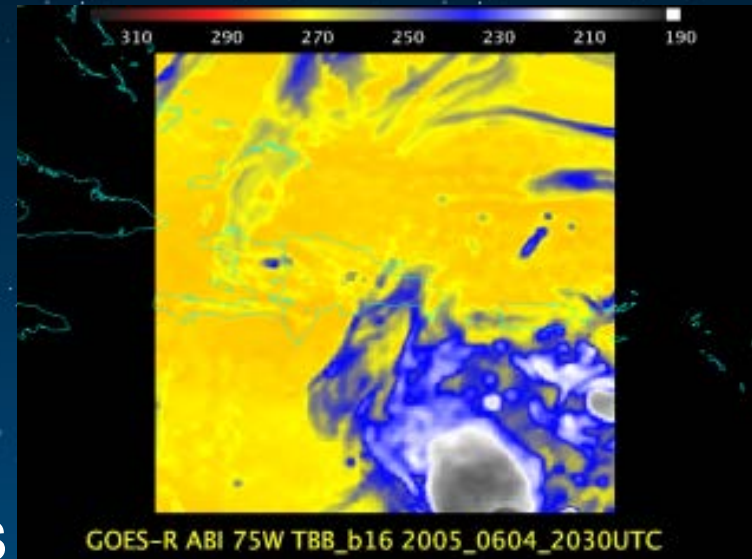
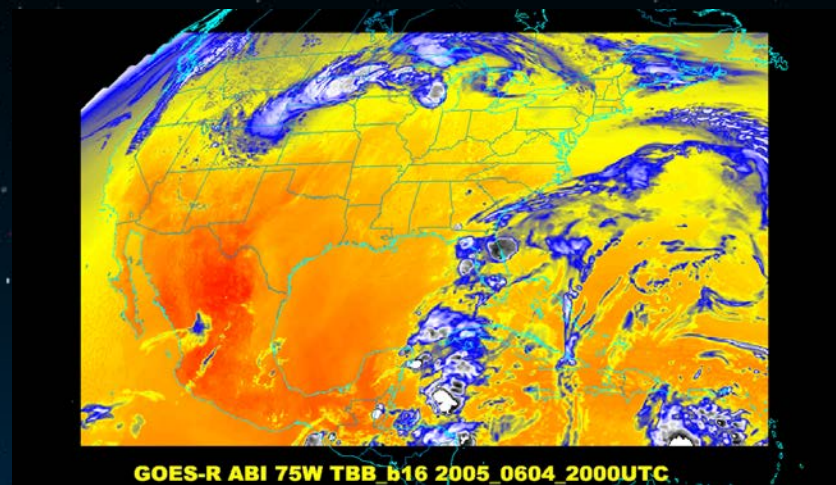
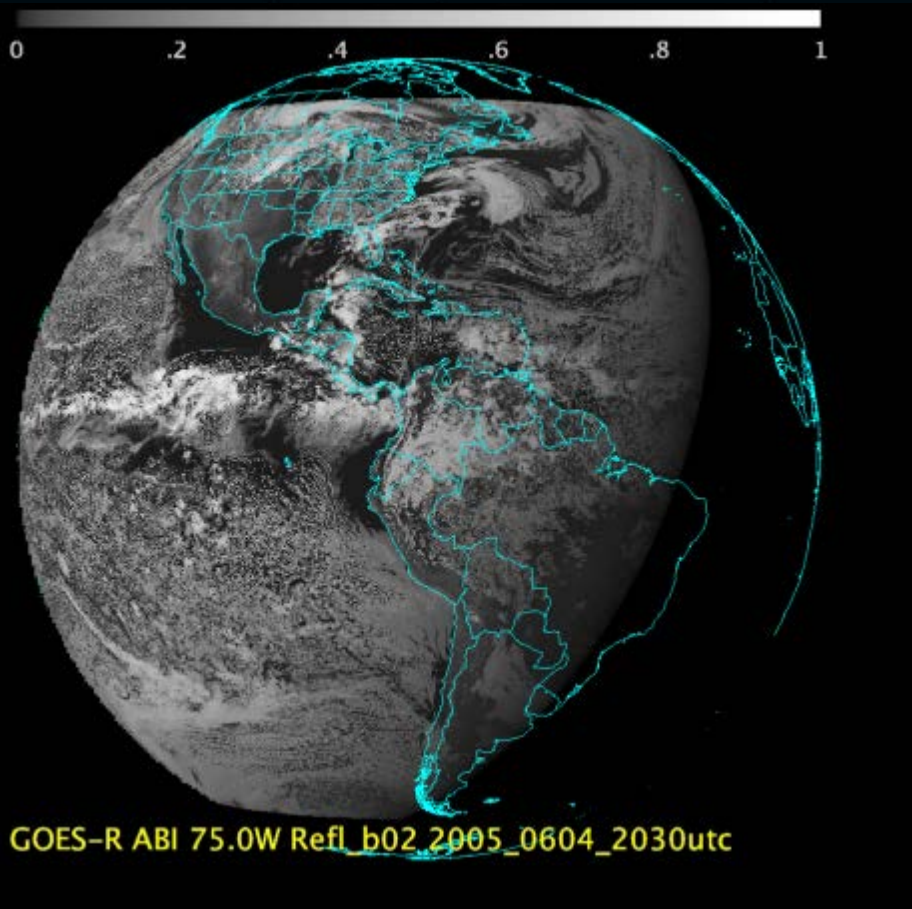
**Current (Observed)**

The current GOES (right) has 5 spectral bands, while the GOES-R series ABI (left) will have 16 spectral bands.





# Baseline ABI Scan Modes

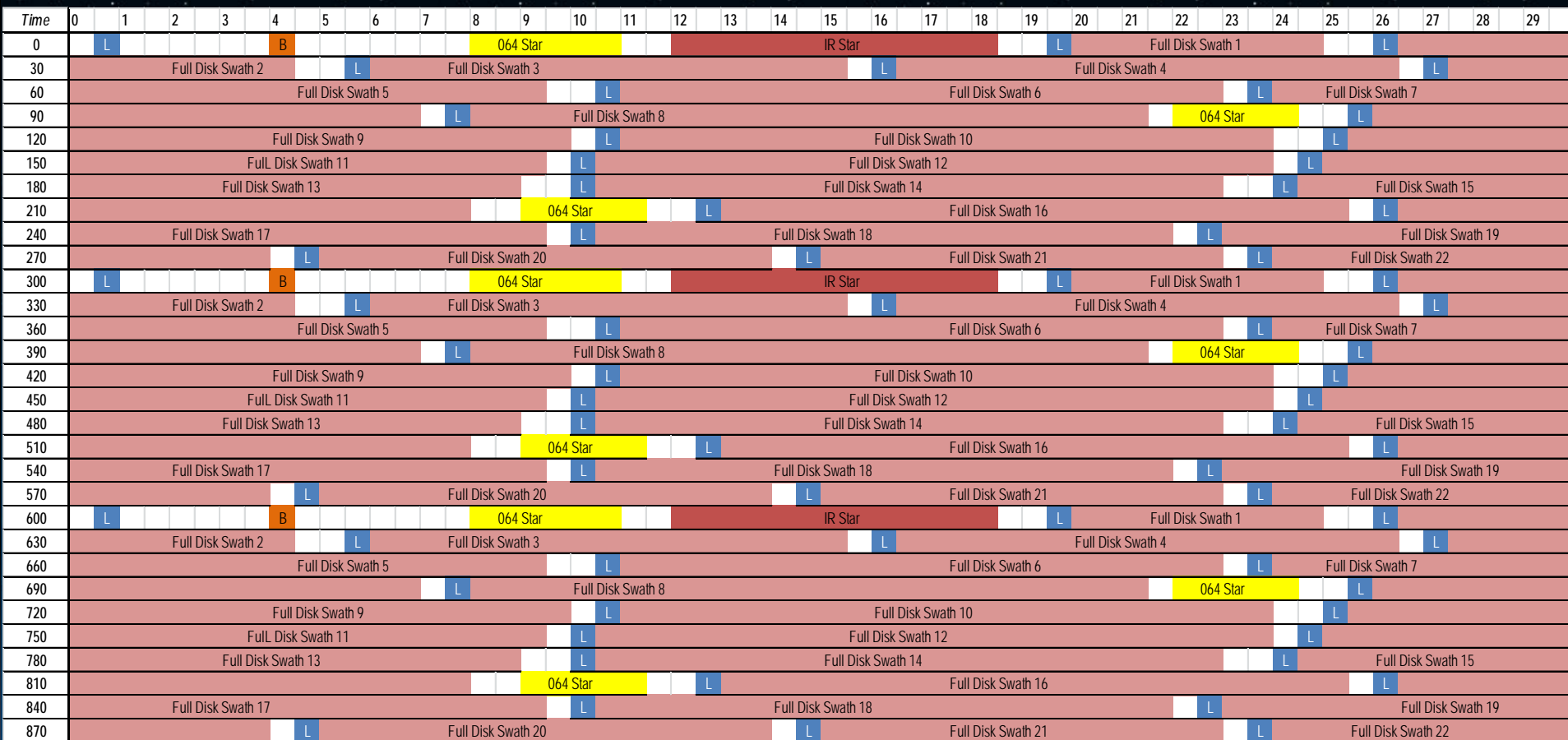


Scan mode (3) or 'flex mode' for the ABI:  
- Full disk every 15 minutes + 5 min CONUS  
+ 1-min mesoscales (2 locations).

[Scan mode (4) or 'Continuous Full Disk' (CFD) is a full disk every 5 min]



# Baseline Time-Time Mode 4 (Continuous Full Disk)

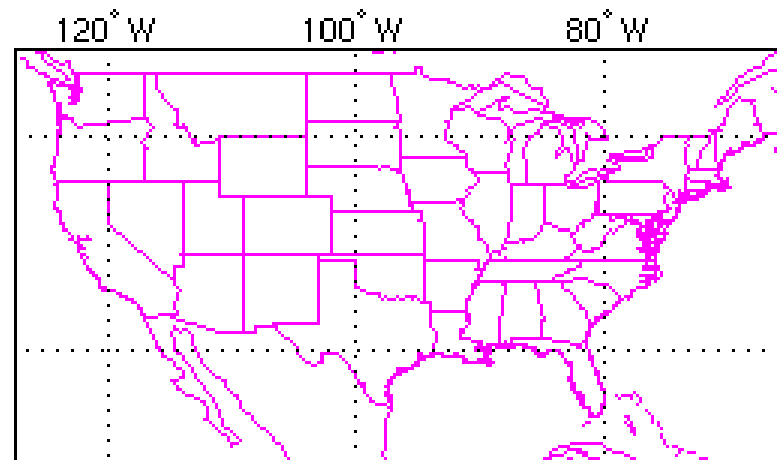
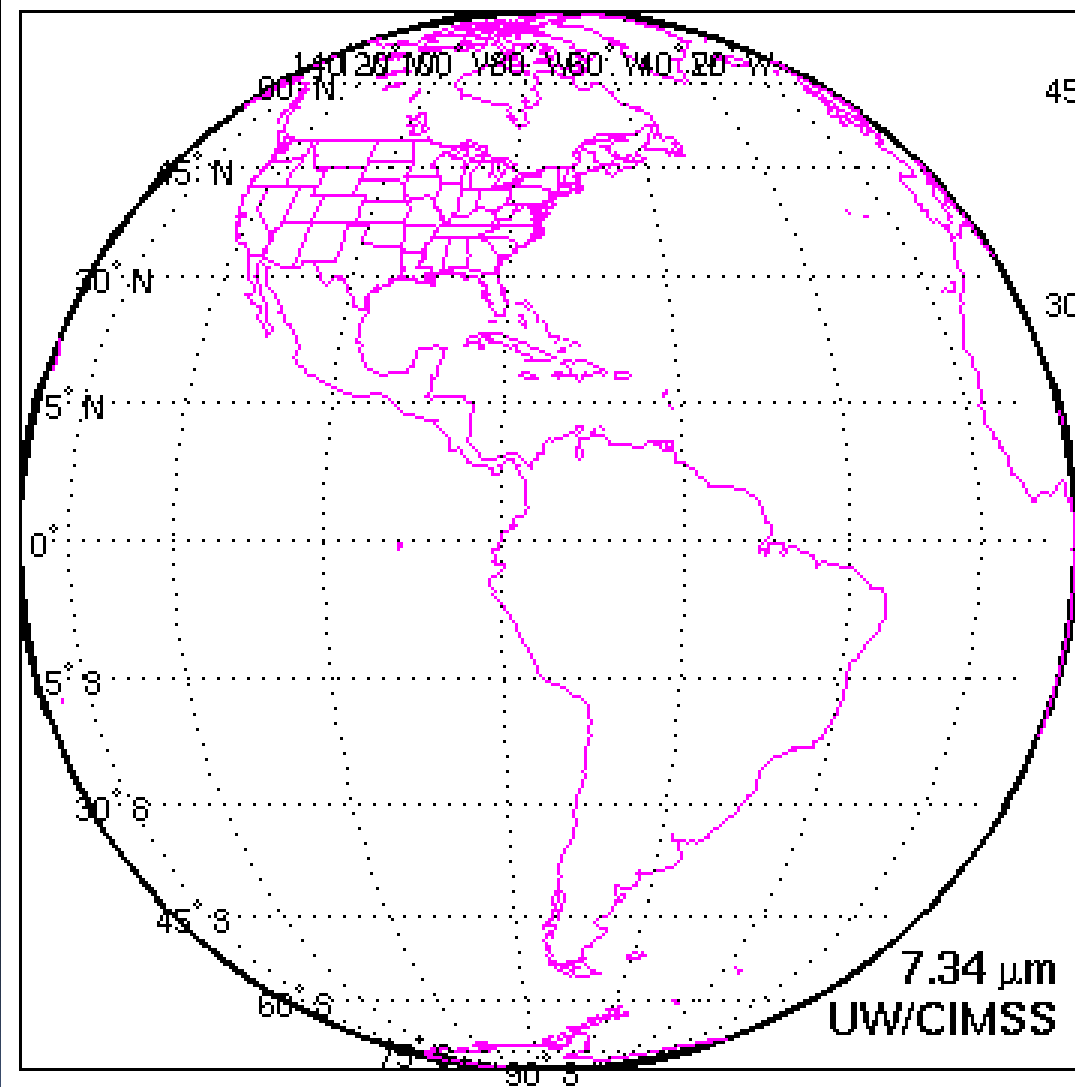


This is the Continuous Full Disk (every 5 min) mode

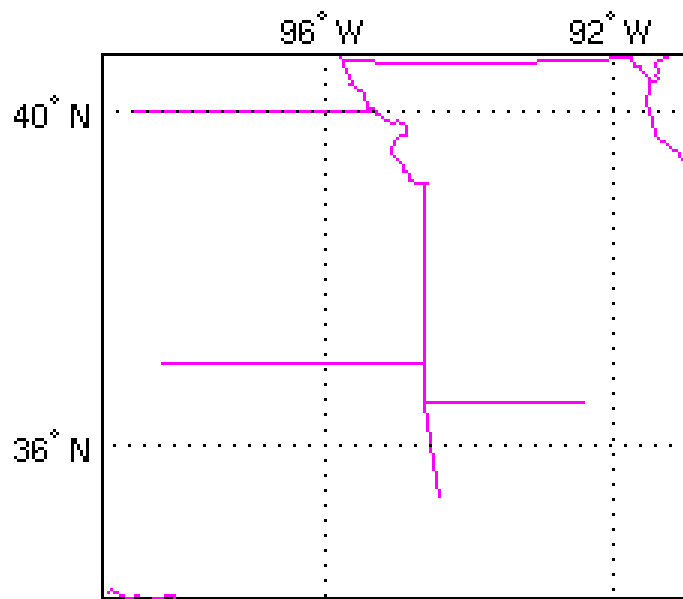
This is the highest data rate.



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23:00:00.000 UTC



CONUS



MESOSCALE

# Draft Scan Mode "6" with 10-min FD

- In **10-min**:
  - 1 Full Disk +
  - 2 CONUS +
  - 20 Meso-scale
- The 10-min Full Disk would offer synergy with other geos and improved AMVs outside of CONUS, plus still allow for meso-scale observations.
- This draft mode 6 ideally could be tested during PLPT (Post Launch Products Test).
- This mode should be easier to implement at the Ground System, sense the scan sectors are the same size/locations as in mode 3.



# GOES-14 Super Rapid Scan Operations to Prepare for GOES-R (SRSOR)

SRSOR for 2015 include May 18-June 12, and August 10-22:

[http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor2015/GOES-14\\_SRSOR.html](http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor2015/GOES-14_SRSOR.html)

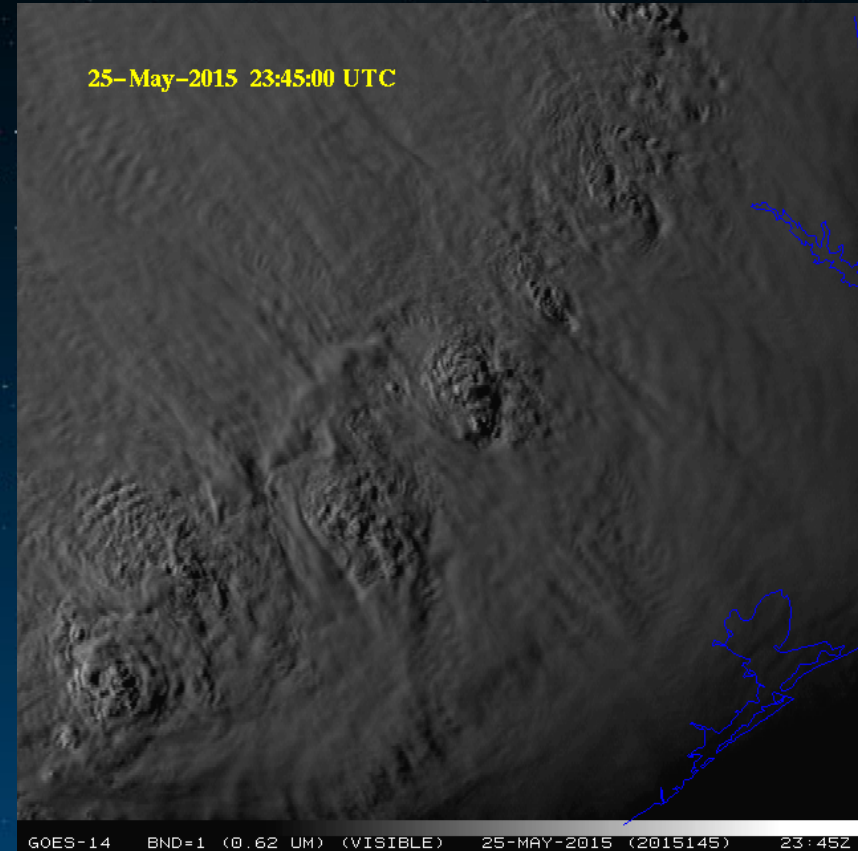
Data during parts of 2012 (Hurricane Sandy, convection), 2013 (CA Rim Fire, convection) and 2014 (Hurricane Marie, convection):

[http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor/GOES-14\\_SRSOR.html](http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor/GOES-14_SRSOR.html)

[http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor2013/GOES-14\\_SRSOR.html](http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor2013/GOES-14_SRSOR.html)

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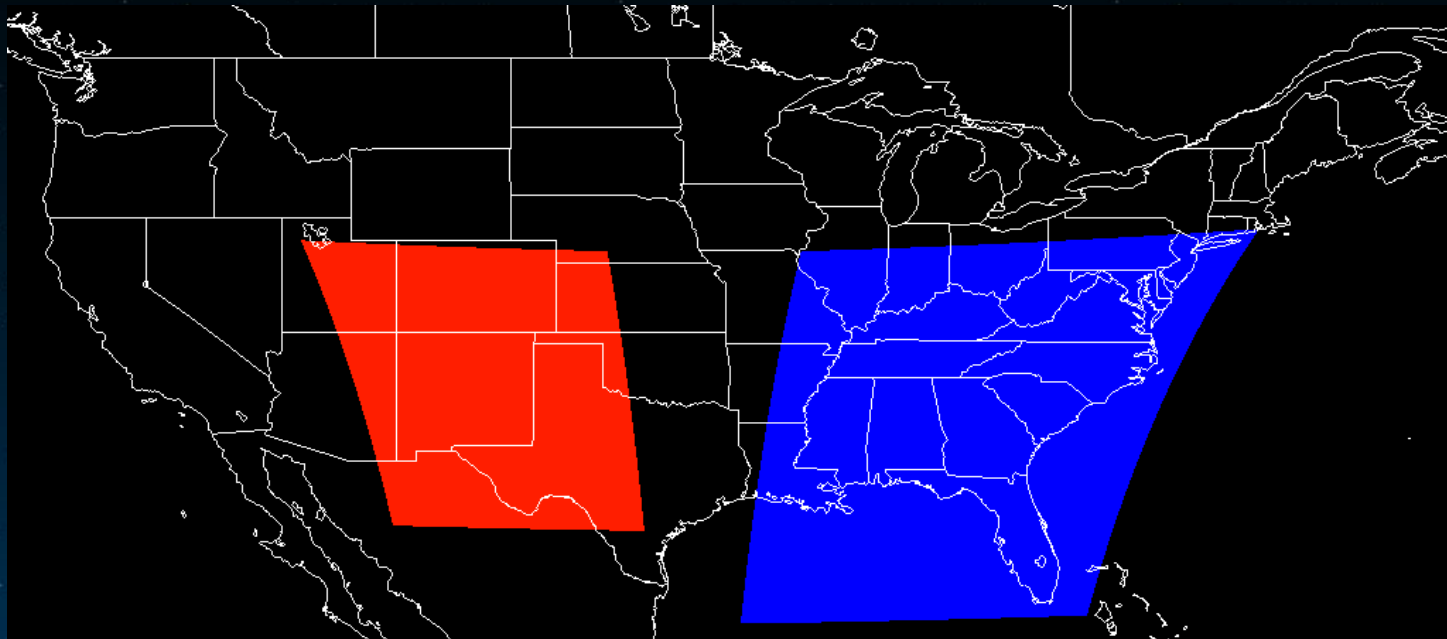
GOES-14 provided very unique data and offered a glimpse into the possibilities that will be provided by the ABI on GOES-R in one minute mesoscale imagery



GOES-14 visible image showing rapid convection (loops over just half an hour)



# SRSOR vs Meso



GOES-R ABI (Meso)  
1 per minute for 2 locations  
Operational  
(with FD + CONUS)

GOES (SRSOR)  
~1 per minute  
Experimental  
(no other imagery)

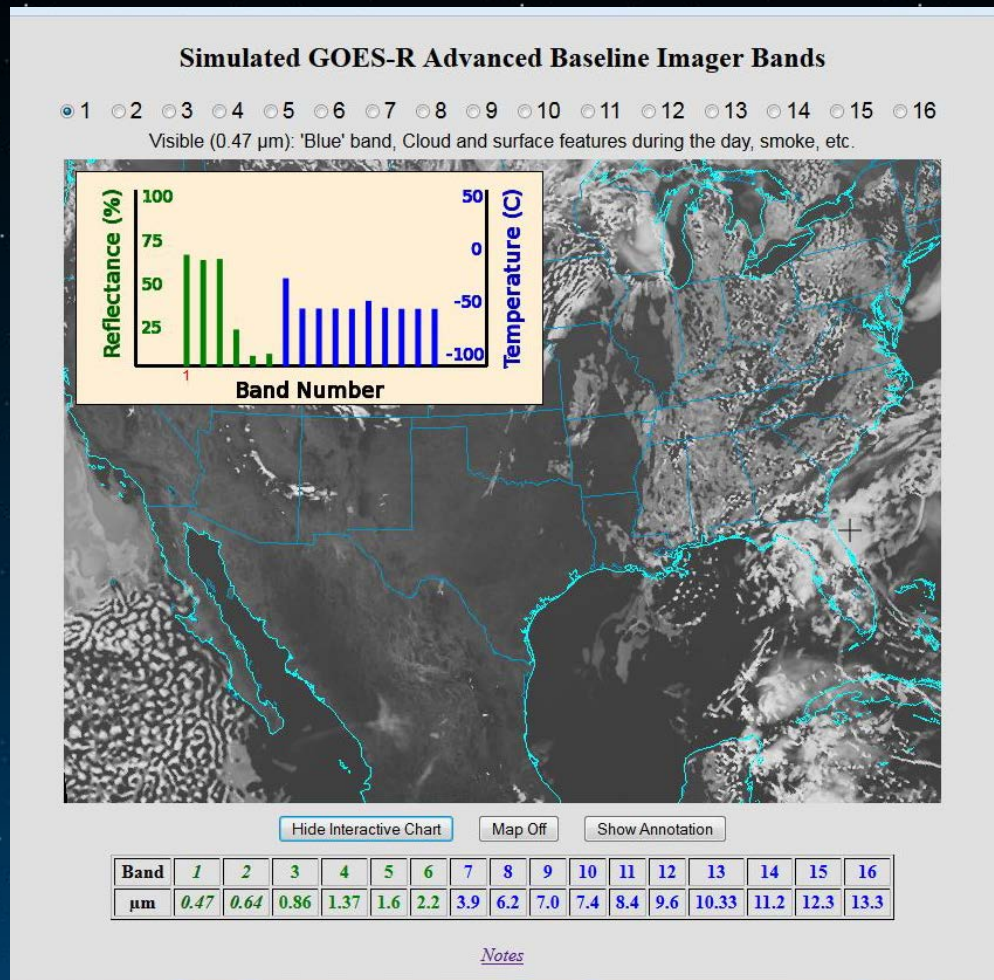
# Educational Webapps Developed

NOAA NESDIS ASPB teamed up with CIMSS researchers to develop three educational WebApps to explore space, time and spectral resolutions of satellite imagery.

- Part of the GOES-R Educational Proving Ground at CIMSS:

- <http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/education/goesr>

- Teacher feedback:  
*"... Wow!! This is awesome!! This is impressive. Thank you for sharing. This is great. Thanks for all your hard work and help!!!! We are honored and will use it next week ... Earth SySTEM Teacher Academy"*



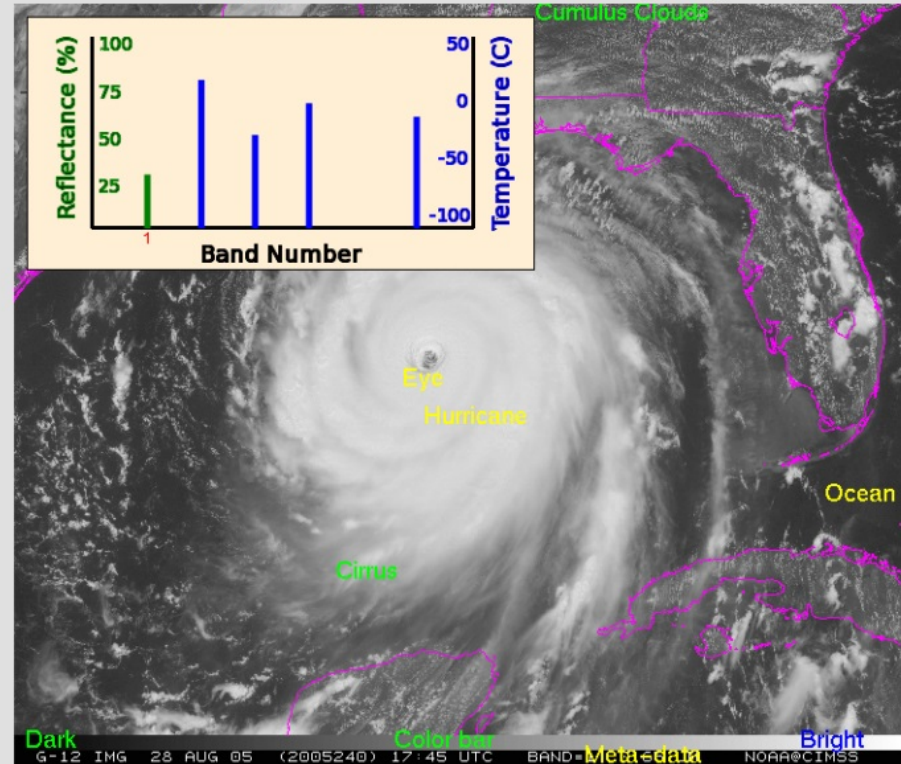
Sample interactive "Bandapp" educational webapp using simulated ABI images:  
<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/webapps/bandapp/>

There are also several case studies using current GOES imagery (5 spectral bands) with the option to add descriptive annotations, or add map outlines.

## GOES Imager Bands

1  2  3  4  6

Visible band (0.63  $\mu\text{m}$ ): Cloud cover and surface features during the day, smoke, etc.



Hide Interactive Chart Map Off Hide Annotation

Band	1	2	3	4	5	6
$\mu\text{m}$	0.63	3.9	6.5	10.7	N/A	13.3

[Notes](#)

### Controls:

- To step through the **bands** click on the image, click one of the radio buttons, or use the arrow keys
- To **activate** the Interactive Chart: click the show button
- To **move** the Interactive Chart: drag to other positions within or touching the main image

Band=val at x=15, y=70 1=138/29 2=92/11 3=152/-34 4=130/-8 6=152/-19

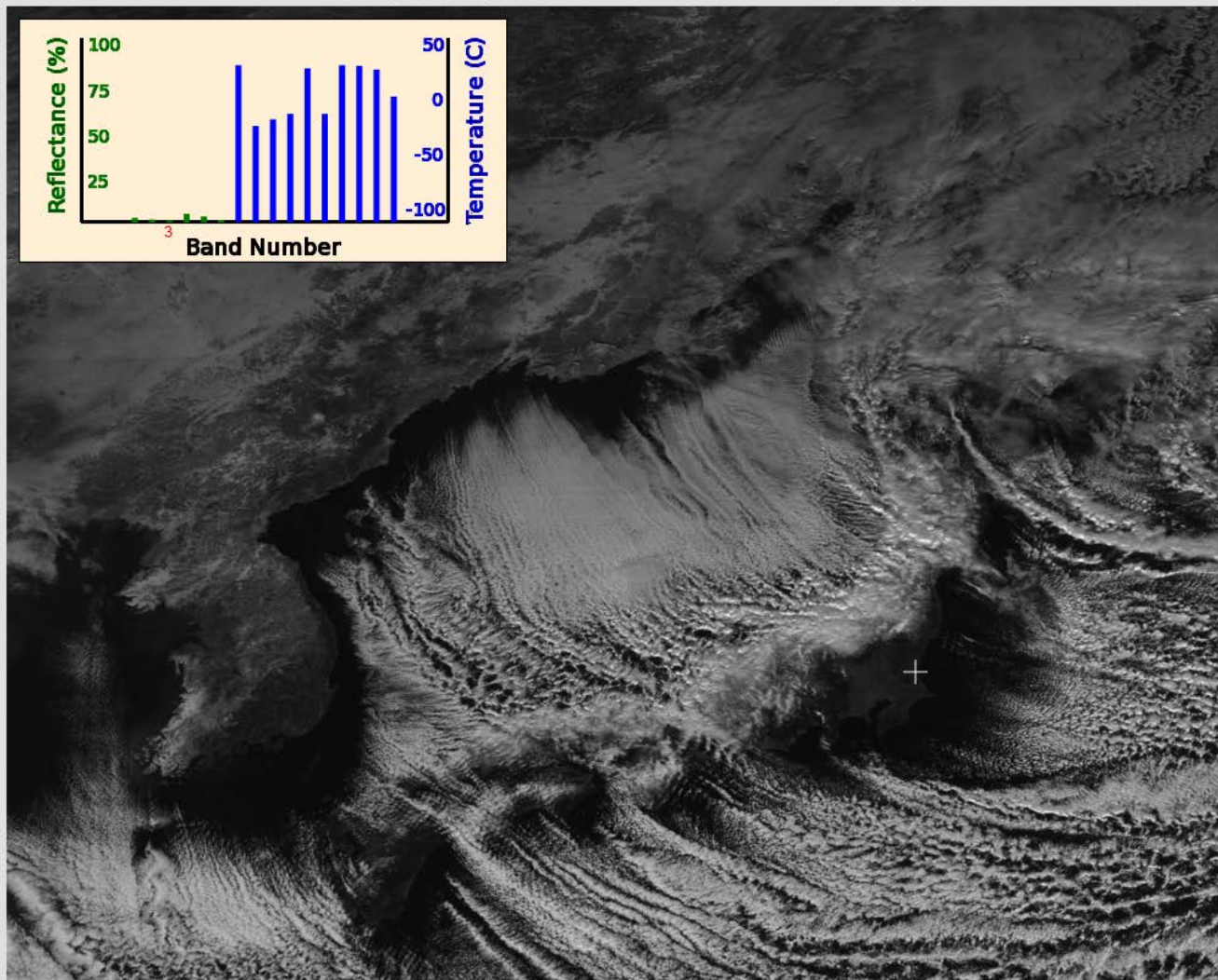
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## First Light: JMA's AHI

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Visible (0.64  $\mu\text{m}$ ): 'Red', band, Cloud and surface features during the day, etc.



Band	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
$\mu\text{m}$	0.47	0.52	0.64	0.86	1.6	2.3	3.9	6.2	6.9	7.3	8.6	9.6	10.4	11.2	12.4	13.3

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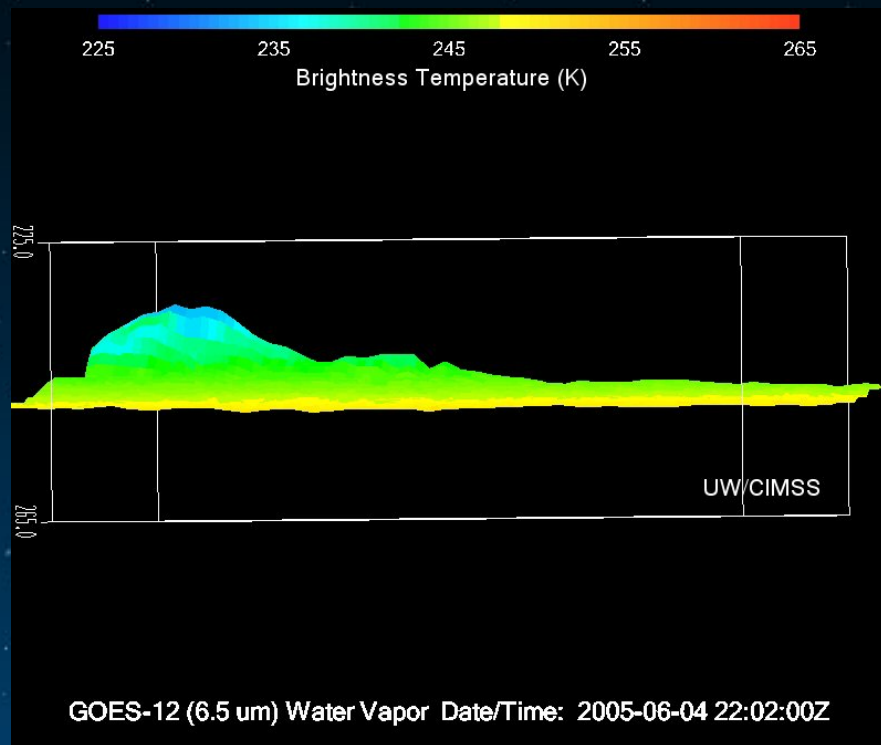
Mouse over  
 anywhere in the  
 image to get an  
 interactive pop-up  
 chart that provides  
 data (reflectance  
 & temperature)  
 for each band at  
 that location.



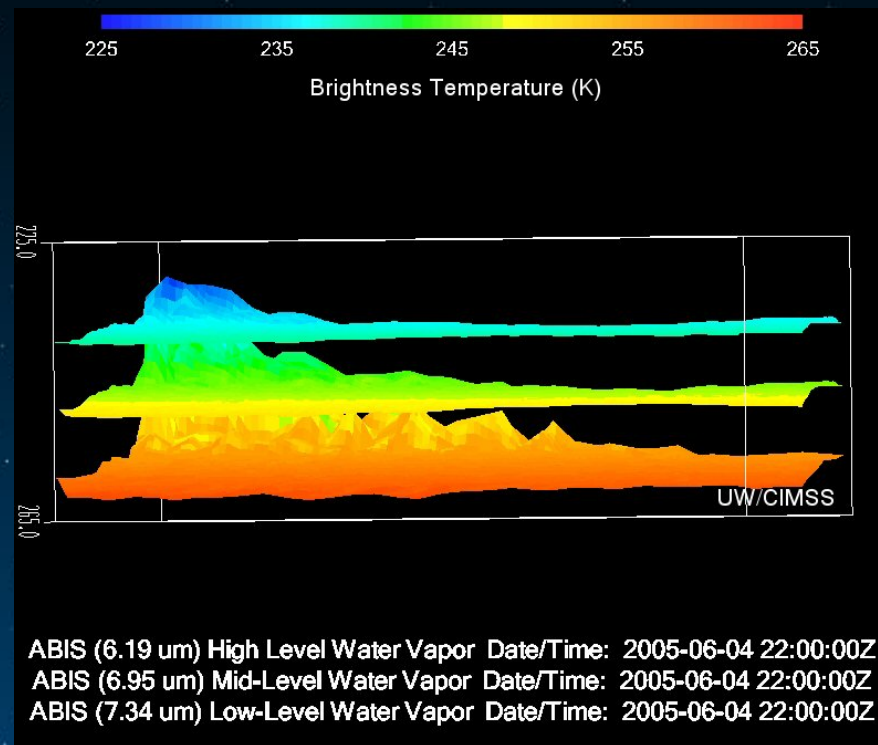
# Hands-on...Spectral

- Step through the ABI spectral bands (and turn on the interactive chart)
  - One of the simulated cases
  - [http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/education/apps/bandapp/overview\\_goes-r.html](http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/education/apps/bandapp/overview_goes-r.html)
  - or
  - <http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/webapps/bandapp/>
  
- Or step through the AHI spectral bands (and turn on the interactive chart)
  - One of the observed cases
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# Three ABI water vapor bands



Current GOES



Future GOES

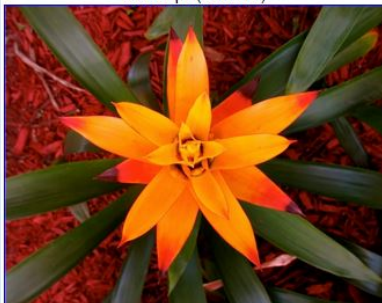
Images from J. Feltz

## Satellite RGB Webapp

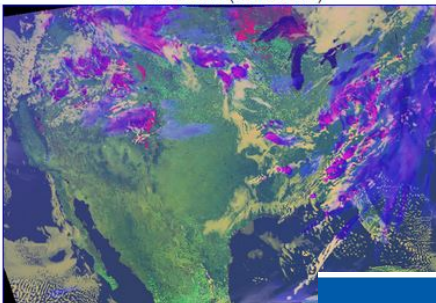
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These are also "touch-friendly" and should run on mobile devices.

Combine components to build a RGB image

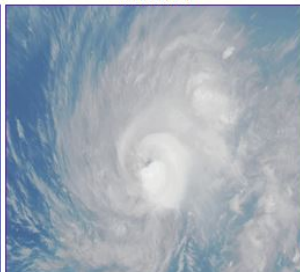
Concept (flowers)



GOES-R ABI (Simulated)



JMA/AHI



## AHI Satellite RGB Webapp

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Combine images from JMA's AHI to make an RGB

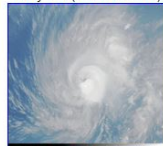
This webapp allows one to explore, via an interactive tool, how combining images may look.

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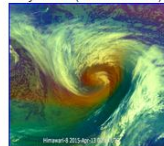
Other [Realtime](#)  
Other free softwa  
CIMSS!

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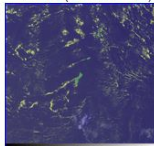
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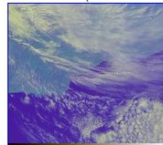
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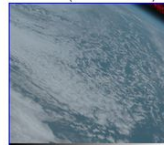
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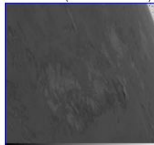
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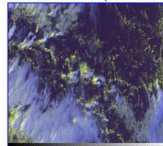
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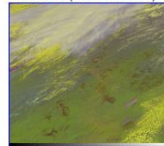
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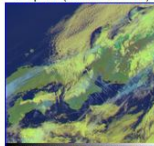
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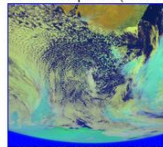
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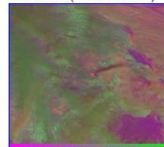
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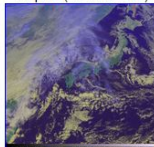
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True Color (25JAN2015)



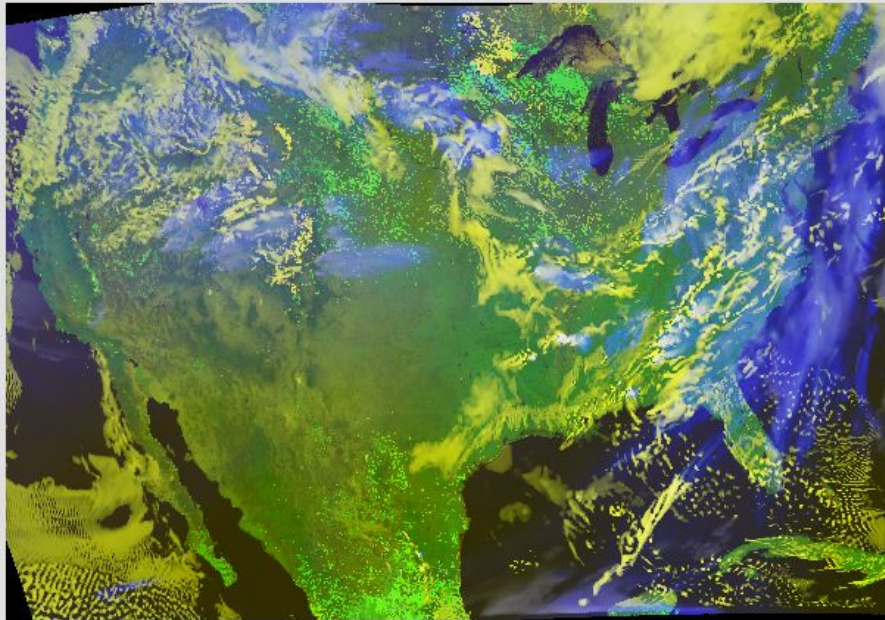
# RGB WEB APP





# Sat RGB

## Combine Three Images into One Red-Green-Blue (Simulated ABI) Image



Select images: 0.64  $\mu\text{m}$  0.86  $\mu\text{m}$  7.3  $\mu\text{m}$

Set Scale Factor: 1.0 1.0 1.0

Invert Image  Invert Image  Invert Image

Show overlay

Notes

Instructions

- Select an input (file) for each color component, then click "Combine Channels" button
- Modify the scale factors (Brightness), values between 0.0 and 1.0
- Not making an image selection is equivalent to a Scale Factor of 0.0
- Enjoy!

- Select an input for each band
- Click "Combine Channels"

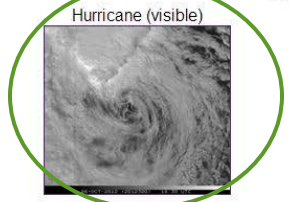


# Hands-on....Red-Green-Blue

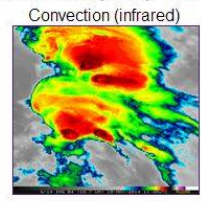
- Combine the bands to bring out a feature of interest
  - <http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/webapps/satrgb/overview.html>
  - One of the simulated ABI cases
  - [http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/education/apps/bandapp/overview\\_goes-r.html](http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/education/apps/bandapp/overview_goes-r.html)
  - One of the observed AHI cases
  - [http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/webapps/satrgb/overview\\_ahi.html](http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/webapps/satrgb/overview_ahi.html)

## Satellite Activities to explore the effects that *time and spatial resolutions* can have when interpreting satellite images

Please note that all the applets on these pages use HTML5 and require an up-to-date browser!  
These are also "touch-friendly" and should run on mobile devices.



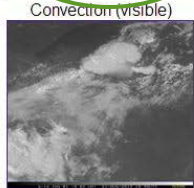
Hurricane (visible)



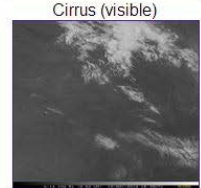
Convection (infrared)



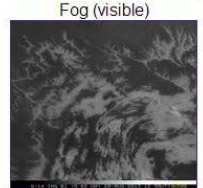
Fires (shortwave window)



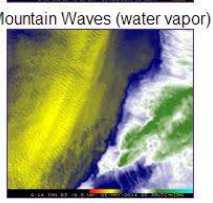
Convection (visible)



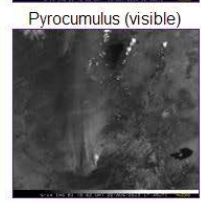
Cirrus (visible)



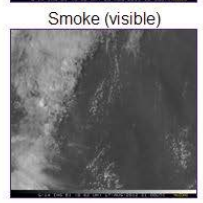
Fog (visible)



Mountain Waves (water vapor)



Pyrocumulus (visible)



Smoke (visible)

These cases each allow one to change the temporal spacing as well as the spatial resolution for a series of satellite images.

### Other Sites

- Many weather related [applets](#)
- [GOES-R web page](#)
- Other [Rapid Scan imagery](#) from GOES-14
- CIMSS [Satellite blog](#) from GOES-14

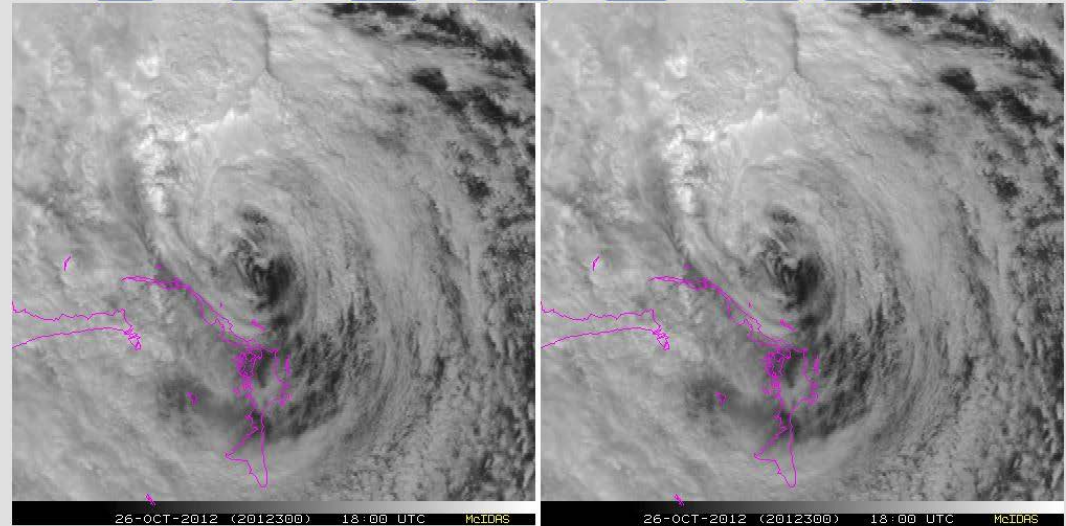
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<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/applets/overview.html>

### Hurricane *Sandy* Visible GOES Imagery

Explore the effects that time and spatial resolutions can have when interpreting satellite images

**- Res** 1:1 **+ Res** **- Time** 4 **+ Time** **Reset** **Loop** **< Step** **Step >**



Changeable imagery

GOES-R like (temporal) imagery

Can you get the hurricane to appear to rotate the other way ([anticyclonic](#))? (Hint: use the + Time button)

#### Controls:

- - Res decreases the resolution; that is, fewer pixels cover the same geographic region, providing less detail.
- + Res increases the resolution; that is, more pixels cover the same geographic region, providing more detail.
- - Time decreases the time interval between images, in effect providing images more often.
- + Time increases the time interval between images, thus providing images less often.
- Reset resets the resolution and time increments to the default values.
- Pause/Loop will stop and start the animation (looping).
- < Step steps one time step backward (this will stop the animation if it is running)
- > Step steps one time step forward (stopping the animation if it is running)



Main GOES-14 1-minute SRSOR 'explore the effects of time and space' [web page](#)

Special GOES-14 1-minute SRSOR Web Pages from [2012](#) and [2013](#) and [2014](#)

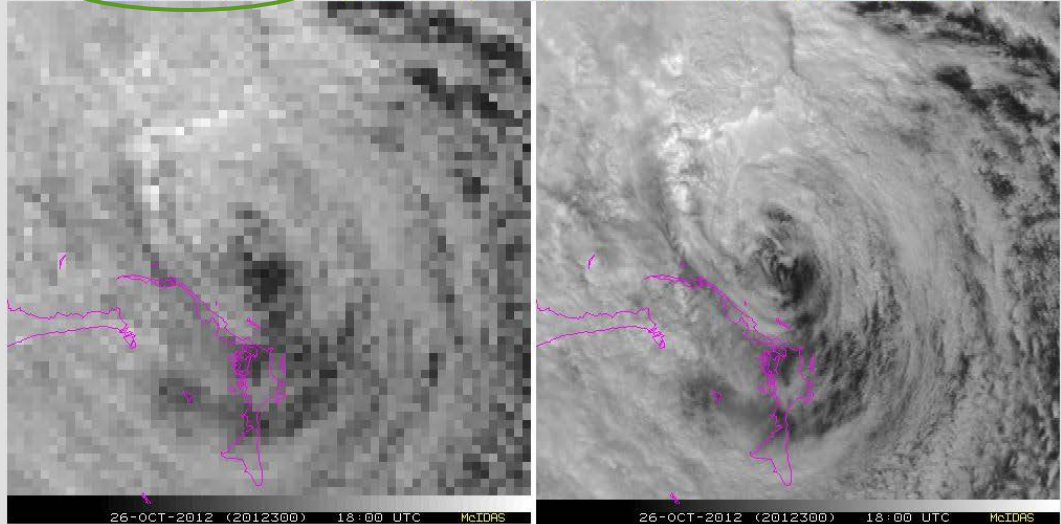
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## Hurricane *Sandy* Visible GOES Imagery

Explore the effects that time and spatial resolutions can have when interpreting satellite images

**- Res** 1:8 **+ Res** **- Time** 4 **+ Time** **Reset** **Loop** **< Step** **Step >**



Changeable imagery

GOES-R like (temporal) imagery

Can you get the hurricane to appear to rotate the other way ([anticyclonic](#))? (Hint: use the + Time button)

### Controls:

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# Hands-on....Temporal/Spatial

- Choose a case to example the temporal and/or spatial resolutions:
  - <http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/applets/overview.html>
  - or
  - <http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/education/apps/abi/>
- Via temporal sampling, can you get Hurricane Sandy to appear to rotate backwards?
- Can you observe an enhanced v signature in the IR case over MN?

# Summary

- GOES-R ABI represents a major shift in capability that users need to be preparing for.
  - Currently focused on Broadcast Meteorologists
  - Tim Schmit, Scott Lindstrom, Chris Schmidt and others are in Raleigh, NC at the AMS Broadcaster's Conference giving an all-day Short Course.
- ABI "Webapps" are terrific "hands-on" tools that anyone can use to educate users and students on a host of topics.
  - Spatial, Spectral, & Temporal Improvements of ABI.
  - RGB
  - Uses of GOES data and Products.
    - Fires, hurricanes, convection, fog, winds, etc.
  - Educational imagery produced with McIDAS-X and -V.