Status of NOAA Satellite Operations & McIDAS at ESPC

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Super Typhoon Noul on 5/9/15: Himawari-8

McIDAS Users Group (MUG) Meeting

Madison, WI June 8 – 11, 2015



Wolf Volcano Eruption on 5/25/15: GOES-13



ESPC Coordination for MUG Talk

NESDIS / OSPO / SPSD @ NCWCP

- Matt Seybold, GOES-R Data Ops Manager
- Natalia Donoho, User Services Coordinator
- Clay Davenport, Senior Product Programmer
- Robert Glassberg, Senior Product Programmer
- Tom Renkevens, SPSD Division Chief
- Shuang Qiu, Suomi NPP PAL
- John Paquette, Physical Scientist

NESDIS / OSPO / SPSD / SAB @ NCWCP

- Mark Ruminski, Fire Team Lead & All Desks
- Davida Street, Branch Chief

NESDIS / OSPO / MOD @ NSOF

- Bonnie Morgan, GOES Product Area Lead
- Donna McNamara, Data Access Manager



National Center for Weather & Climate Prediction (NCWCP)



NOAA Satellite Operations Facility (NSOF)



Presentation Overview

- Overview of the Office of Satellite and Product Operations (OSPO)
- Satellite Status and Updates
 - GOES, POES, Suomi NPP
- Data Access and Distribution
- McIDAS at ESPC
 - McIDAS at Satellite Analysis Branch's Tony Salemi
- GOES-R McIDAS Data for Users
- Himawari-8 Project Status and Update
- Q&A





NESDIS Office of Satellite and Product Operations (OSPO)

- Operates the Nation's 15 environmental satellites:
 - 3 Geostationary (GOES) by NOAA
 - 4 Polar-Orbiting (POES) by NOAA
 - 6 Defense Meteorological Satellite program (DMSP) operated by NOAA
 - 1 OSTM Jason-2 (Ocean Surface Topography Mission) Joint NOAA, NASA, CNES, EUMETSAT effort
 - 1 Suomi National Polar-orbiting Partnership (NPP) by NOAA & NASA



NESDIS Office of Satellite and Product Operations (OSPO)

- OSPO has locations at four major facilities housing around 700 people.
- NOAA Satellite Operations Facility (NSOF) in Suitland, Maryland
 - Mission Operations Division (MOD)
- NOAA Center for Weather & Climate Prediction (NCWCP) in College Park, Maryland.
 - Satellite Product and Services Division (SPSD)
- Command and Data Acquisition Stations in Alaska and Virginia.





Fairbanks CDAS





Wallops CDAS



OSPO's Key Roles

- Ground System Command & Control, Ingest, Generation, and Distribution
- Pre-Launch and Post-Launch Testing
- Operational Testing, Validation, and Verification
- User Readiness for Broadcast Services and Product Delivery
- Long-Term Continuity of Products and Services







Satellite Operations, Processing and Distribution





Products (Derived & Interpretive)

Atmospheric Chemistry Atmospheric Temperature Fire and Smoke Hurricane Intensity and Position Imagery (e.g. Visible, IR, WV) Land Cover – Ice, Snow, Vegetation **Ocean Color** Satellite Derived Winds (WS,WD,H) Sea Surface Height & Temperature Sounder Profiles and Imagery Space Weather Volcanic Ash and many more...





Direct Service Operations

Emergency Managers Weather Information Network (EMWIN):

 NOAA satellites relay critical information to users across the country. <u>http://www.weather.gov/emwin/index.htm</u>

Low Resolution Image Transmission (LRIT):

 NOAA satellites are used to relay satellite and weather products to users in remote locations, that do not have landlines or internet connections.

http://www.noaasis.noaa.gov/LRIT/

Data Collection:

 NOAA satellites are used to collect and relay scientific data from around the globe. <u>http://www.noaasis.noaa.gov/DCS/</u> <u>http://www.noaasis.noaa.gov/ARGOS/</u>

Search and Rescue Satellite Aid Tracking (SARSAT):

 NOAA satellites are used to relay distress alerts from aviators, mariners and land-based users (75 rescued through May 22, 2015).

http://www.sarsat.noaa.gov/

Geonetcast Americas:

• Data from NOAA for diverse societal benefits - agriculture, energy, health, climate, weather, disaster mitigation, biodiversity, water resources, and ecosystems.

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http://www.geonetcastamericas.noaa.gov/index.html













GOES Status

| Service | GOES-15 (West) | GOES-14 (Standby) | GOES-13 (East) |
|---------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| LRIT | Operational | Standby | Operational |
| EMWIN | Operational | Standby | Operational |
| SARSAT | Operational | Standby | Operational |
| DCS | Operational | Standby | Operational |
| GVAR | Operational | Standby | Operational |





See summary of GVAR Instrument Factory Coefficients and Detector Offsets by Block: <u>http://www.osd.noaa.gov/GVAR_Downloads/gvar_downloads.html</u>



GOES Status (May 4, 2015)

| Payload Instrument | GOES-13 (East) Launch: May 06 Activation: Apr 10 | GOES-14 (Standby) Launch: Jun 09 Activation: | GOES-15 (West) Launch: Mar 10 Activation: Dec 11 | Kov |
|--|---|---|---|-------------|
| Imager | G | G | G | <u>Key</u> |
| Sounder | Y (1) | G | Y (5) | Operational |
| Energetic Particle Sensor (EPS) | G | G | G | G |
| Magnetometers | G | G | G | 6 |
| High Energy Proton and Alpha Detector (HEPAD) | G | G | G | Issues, but |
| X-Ray Sensor (XRS) | Y (2) | G | G | Impacts |
| Solar X-Ray Imager (SXI) | Y (3) | G | S/C (6) | S/C |
| Spacecraft Subsystems | | | | |
| Telemetry, Command & Control | G | G | G | Operational |
| Attitude and Orbit Control | G | G | Y (8) | with |
| Inclination Control | G | G | G | |
| Propulsion | S/C (4) | G | G | |
| Mechanisms | G | G | G | Nez |
| Electrical Power | G | G | G | Operational |
| Thermal Control | G | G | G | R |
| Communications Payloads | G | G | S/C (7) | |

http://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Operations/GOES/status.html



GOES-13 (East)



Launch: May 2006 | Operational: April 2010

Issue #1:

Sounder filter wheel anomaly. Sounder frame sync losses.

Impact: Sounder pixel dropouts (minimal). Issue #2: CRS capacitor short.

Impact:

XRS X-ray measurements can potentially invert unexpectedly.



Issue #3:

SXI detector damage due to flare.

Impact: Nine rows currently affected out of 512 total.



GOES-14 (Standby)

Launch: June 2009 | Operational: N/A







GOES-15 (West)





Issue #1:

Star Tracker1 (ST1) and Star Tracker2 (ST2) failure. **Operations with ST3 only.**

Impact: **Degraded INR performance in** both E/W and N/S directions.

Issue #2:

Sounder temperature control blanket is raised. To maintain patch temperature control, a yaw flip at Equinox to keep Sun angle below cooler plane.

Impact:

1 hour data outage and degraded products during each yaw flip maneuver and 28 hours of INR (Image Navigation & Registration) recovery period.



GOES-East Optimized Schedule

Increased the coverage from the GOES-13 imager (May 2014). The size and/or start time of certain sectors was changed. More information is available at <u>http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/blog/archives/15068</u>



Optimized CONUS sector (after)

Comparison of the size of the Continental U.S. sector (before, left) and the extended coverage (after, right).



South America RSO Frames Created

GOES-13 (East) Rapid Scan Operations (RSO) South America Frames were created to drastically improve coverage



South America South (SAS)



New GOES-West RSO Sectors

- Requested by the NWS Alaska and Pacific Regions NESDIS developed three additional operational GOES- West RSO sectors for GVAR and AWIPS broadcast; Alaska SITKA and Alaska TPARC, and Hawaii
 - RSO sectors are available for NOAA user call-up, 24x7 operations
 - Still working out requirements/code changes for American Samoa.

http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/blog/archives/16856 http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/blog/archives/17027



GOES-13 Sounder Dropped Data

A correction that re-claims previously missing Sounder data was developed by OSPO, working with Exelis and others. These re-claimed data were provided, and then qualitatively and quantitatively analyzed at CIMSS. This correction is now operational (March 2014).



GOES-13 Sounder water vapor band (11) showing the missing data with the current image (left), along with the corrected and re-processed image (right) with a test version of the SPS (Sensor Processing System). While one band is shown, all GOES-13 Sounder bands are affected.



GOES-14 Super Rapid Scan Operations (SRSOR)

- 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
- Past GOES-14 SRSOR schedule
 - Jun 12-14, Aug 19-28, 2013
 - May 8–22, Aug 14–28, 2014

http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor2015/GOES-14 SRSOR.html

<u>http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor/GOES-</u> 14 SRSOR.html

http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor2013/GOES-14_SRSOR.html

http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor2014/GOES-14 SRSOR.html

 SRSOR provided May 18-Jun 12, 2015, planned for Aug 10-22, 2015

> http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor2015/GOES-14_SRSOR.html



GOES-14 visible image showing rapid convective development



GOES-13 Imager Co-Registration

Currently testing an updated GOES Imager co-registration correction. More information is available at: http://fusedfog.ssec.wisc.edu/?p=910#Update17November and http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/blog/archives/17705





After co-registration correction



Improved product with latest (Feb 2015) imager co-registration correction



GOES Flyout Schedule





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GOES: Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite
On-orbit Storage
Test & Checkout
Operational
Fuel-Limited Lifetime

http://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/flyout_schedules.html

http://www.goes-r.gov



POES Status (April 24, 2015)

http://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Operations/POES/status.html

| Operational | G |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Spacecraft Issue but no User Impact | S/C |
| Operational with Limitation | Y |
| Non-Operational | R |
| Not Applicable | N/A |

| | МЕТОР-А | МЕТОР-В | NOAA-19 | NOAA-18 | NOAA-15 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Launch Date | Oct 2006 | Sept 2012 | Feb 2009 | May 2005 | May 1998 |
| Operational Date | May 2007 | April 2013 | Jun 2009 | Aug 2005 | Dec 1998 |
| Mission Data Category | Secondary (AM) | Primary (AM) | Prime Services Mission (PM) | Secondary (PM) | Secondary (AM) |
| Payload Instruments | | | | | |
| AVHRR | G | G | G | G | Y(20) |
| HIRS | G | Y (33) | Y (32) | Y (3) | R (6) |
| AMSU-A1 | G | G | G | G | Y(21) |
| AMSU-A2 | G | G | G | G | |
| AMSU-B | N/A | | N/A | N/A | R (12) |
| MHS | G | G | Y (8) | G | N/A |
| SEM | G | G | G | G | G |
| SBUV | N/A | | S/C (9) | R(29) | N/A |
| Spacecraft Subsystems | | | | | |
| Telemetry, Command & Control | G | G | G | G | G |
| ADACS | G | G | G | Y (7) | Y(10) |
| EPS | G | G | G | G | G |
| Thermal Control | G | G | G | G | Y(22) |
| Communications | Y (1) | G | G | G | Y(23) |
| APT/LRPT | R (2) | G | G | G | G |
| DCS | N/A | N/A | N/A | G | G |
| ADCS | G | Y(31) | G | N/A | N/A |
| SAR | G | Y(31) | G | G | Y(24) |



Suomi NPP – Milestones

Launched in October, 2011



| Date | Activity |
|----------|---|
| 1/2014 | ATMS/CrIS SDR to JMA, CMC, India-NCMWRF |
| 2/2014 | MiRS to NCO |
| 6 / 2014 | VIIRS Polar Winds to NCO, EUMETSAT, JMA, CMC NDE PE2 System Readiness Review |
| 7/2014 | NDE PE2 handover |
| 8 / 2014 | OMPS NP/TC Ozone to JMA |
| 2 / 2015 | Green Vegetation Fraction to NCO & CLASS |
| 5 / 2015 | ACSPO SST L3 product to EUMETSAT |
| 6 / 2015 | Microwave Tropical Cyclone Products to JTWC & NCO |



LEO Flyout Schedule - April 2015





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http://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/flyout_schedules.html

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Data Access Services



- Current Access Services (in addition to Direct Broadcast)
 - Data Distribution Service (DDS) (s)FTP push/pull from secure accounts *
 - NWS Telecommunications Gateway
 - GINI (GOES Ingest and NOAAPORT Interface) / NOAAPORT for Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) display
 - GEODIST GOES, POES, and Derived Products; McIDAS *
 - Shared Processing DAPE Gateway for military partners *
 - MODIS server subset of products made by NASA *
 - Websites http://www.ospo.noaa.gov/

* Require Data Access Request

- Archival
 - NODC, NGDC, and NCDC archive data products using CLASS



McIDAS Data Delivery Summary McDAS



GEODIST –

Geostationary satellite data is ingested on a SSEC Data Ingestor (SDI), converted to McIDAS format and placed on a server.

In addition, some foreign geostationary data, polar data, model data and derived products are converted into McIDAS.

This data is served via McIDAS ADDE:

| — | <u>Data</u> | NSOF Server | ADDE Name |
|---|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| — | Derived Products | GEODIST1e | DPD |
| — | GOES-E | GEODIST2e | GER |
| — | GOES-W | GEODIST3e | GWR |
| — | Polar | GEODIST4e | PLR |
| — | Model data | GEODIST5 | MOD |
| — | Global Mosaic 5 Sat. Comp. | GEODIST6 | MOS |
| — | MSG/MET | GEODIST6e | MSG / MET |
| — | MTSAT | GEODIST7e | MTS |
| — | Select requested data | SATEPSANONE | PUB (not operational) |
| — | Surface/Ship Buoy/RAOBs | FOS2 | FOS (Family of Services |
| | | | |



Data Access & Distribution Policy

- Full policy and forms at http://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Organization/About/access.html
- Security requirement to know and document all users accessing operational data servers and what products they are receiving
 - Users request data using a Data Access Request (DAR) form.
- Ever increasing data volume requires prioritization of users to effectively manage distribution resources and ensure effective system performance
- Higher priority access will be given to organizations with:
 - Mission and statutory authority
 - Signed NESDIS cooperative agreements or legislative authorities
 - A demonstrated timeliness requirement for near-real time data to support operational user applications
- If available and sufficient, users will be directed to sources of data external to NESDIS (e.g. CIMSS). Also recommend alternatives for denied users

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Cloud Top Pressure



Near Future Data Access & Distribution

- New enterprise system Product Distribution and Access (PDA) is coming in summer 2016
- Will be used for legacy GOES/POES, NPP/JPSS, and GOES-R data access
- Operational Readiness Review (ORR) for December 2015
- McIDAS ADDE access will remain on GEODIST



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Backup for PDA is to serve NPP/JPSS only at CBU (Fairmont, WV). GOES-R & Legacy are not yet planned.



ESPC Notifications, Status, and Contacts

| 24/7 Help Desk | ESPCOperations@noaa.gov |
|----------------------|---|
| ESPC Messages | http://www.ssd.noaa.gov/PS/SATS/messages.html |
| WMO GTS Bulletins | Urgent: <u>http://www.weather.gov/view/validProds.php?prod=ADM&node=KNES</u> Routine: <u>http://www.weather.gov/view/validProds.php?prod=ADA&node=KNES</u> |
| User Services | SPSD.UserServices@noaa.gov |
| Data Access | NESDIS.Data.Access@noaa.gov |
| Webmaster | SSDWebmaster@noaa.gov |
| Facebook | www.facebook.com/NOAANESDIS |
| Twitter | www.twitter.com/noaasatellites |
| Satellite Ops Status | http://www.oso.noaa.gov/daily-news/index.asp |
| Press releases | http://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/news_archives/ |
| Web | www.ospo.noaa.gov |



McIDAS & ESPC Applications

- Over 50 applications in ESPC use McIDAS, McIDAS libraries, input & serve McIDAS AREA Files, MD point files, GRID (McIDAS GRID Format), and Text via ADDE
- ADT, ABBA, CSBT, HMS, others...





Ad hoc McIDAS Usage at ESPC

- Heavy usage of the local GINI server in McIDAS format for validation checks (image previews) for conversion of GOES-13 and GOES-15 data to NWS AWIPS
- Great reliance on GINIs during GOES-13 anomalies to confirm the output images quickly and efficiently (Generated mock AWIPS files to confirm changes to use GOES-14).
- GINIs, remappers, and Level 2 products that utilize McIDAS were all used for
 - The GOES-13 rapid schedule (to compensate for GOES-12 decom)
 - The GOES-13 optimized routine schedule



McIDAS Systems at ESPC

- Over 20 SDIs at NSOF and Wallops OBF
 - Several are dedicated...
 - GOES-East, -West, -14, Remappers
 - MTSAT Remapper
 - GOES Ingest and NOAAPORT Interface (GINI)
- Over 20 Workstations in SAB
 - -X for realtime analysis, product generation, and QA/QC
 - RHEL 6 Linux on Intel x86_64
 - Many "home grown" programs in Fortran, .PGM, BATCH
- Advantage The ADDE protocol allows for many users accessing single systems with one port (112)



Global Hydro-Estimator 1 Day Total

- ESPC Product Generation/Distribution
 - IBM P6 Series with Linux Partitions
 - Many other Linux systems (gp*)
 - GINI running on Linux





McIDAS at ESPC



- ESPC has a standing, annual contract with SSEC for McIDAS Support and ongoing development
- ESPC representatives on the McIDAS Advisory Committee (MAC)
 - Bonnie Morgan (GOES Product Area Lead)
 - Jason Taylor (User Services Coordinator)
 - Tony Salemi (Satellite Imagery Analyst)



SAB Use of McIDAS

- SAB is 24x7 operation of 5 disaster mitigation desks (Heavy Precipitation, Volcanic Ash, Fire/Smoke/Dust, Marine Pollution, Tropical Cyclones) All desk use Mc-X in some capacity, except Marine which is ArcGIS
- McIDAS-X Usage: ~10 operational Linux systems with 24 GB RAM each and multiple monitor visualization setup
- A persistent daemon (image loop refresh) "SPIDER" uses ADDE protocol to display ~100 imagery loops
- Use Fnc keys to switch loops and pan entire globe through SPIDER loaded frames (e.g. NW Pacific IR, Shift+F1 - NW Pacific Vis, F2 - Central US IR) and still use command line (grudgingly)
- Lots of batch commands and everything is scripted by business work flow
- Uses McIDAS AREA files for web site as do NWS offices across country, namely NHC, AWC, NWS Western Region







McIDAS Advantages in SAB

- Institutional knowledge SAB Analysts have great familiarity with McIDAS
- Ability to have near-global coverage at multiple domain scales and resolution (~980 frames) of quickly and routinely loaded (SPIDER) imagery at the tap of a button (TU Hotkeys) to perform interrogation, manipulation and value-added analysis when every second counts for time sensitive and rapidly evolving natural and man-made hazards; such as volcanic eruptions, flash flooding, fires, etc.
 - This cannot be done presently with NAWIPS or HMS. In fact, depending on the area of concern up to 20 minutes is lost waiting for imagery to show up on these other systems vs McIDAS
 - HOWEVER, since the NWS is the primary user of many SAB products (e.g. volcanic ash and heavy precipitation), there are benefits for SAB to conduct PG on NAWIPS like, <u>quick</u> <u>overlays</u> and seamless <u>in-tool distribution</u>. Fire uses HMS for analysis.







McIDAS Challenges in SAB

- Maintaining efficient access to servers for operations (SPIDER is inhouse stop-gap measure).
- Additional customer requirements for advanced data formats (GIS, KMZ)... writing own local code for NPP VIIRS, Windsat, others to convert them to AREA files as there are no local servers
- Learning Curve with commands
- Color Tables only 8 bit challenge with upcoming GOES-R



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SPider

<u>Satellite</u> Product Information Distribution Envi<u>R</u>onment

Expands on concepts of Core Mcidas commands concepts ADDE, DATALOC, DSSERVE, PT/GRD/IMGLIST, PT/GRD/IMGDISP, PT/GRD/IMGCOPY, SKL, etc.

Consists of two programs: Spider Server (SPS) and Spider Client (SPC)

Benefits:

- -- Automatic loading without duplication of images
- -- Reduces task loading of server/workstations
 - Numerous pings to server but fewer downloads
- -- Run from command line environment (typically SKL) on all platforms
 - Leads to distribution system effectiveness
- -- Timely, based on user needed requirements (set to any refresh rate)



Two Types of SPider

- Spider Client (SPC)
- User
 - Resides on Workstation
 - Keeps Request File of user defined loop(s) specifications and polls it against the Server Availability File
 - Pulls "area" files from server and loads it into predetermined frame

- Spider Server (SPS)
- Host
 - Resides on Server
 - Integrated into "Area generator" that creates products on the server
 - Keeps and up to date Availability List of these products





Washington Volcanic Ash Advisory Center (VAAC)





Tropical Cyclone Position and Intensity Estimates





Fire, Smoke and Dust Identification





Fire, Smoke and Dust Identification





Fire, Smoke and Dust Identification





Satellite Interpreted Precipitation Estimates





Marine Pollution Surveillance





Future SAB Use of McIDAS

- NAWIPS, McIDAS-X, & ENVI/IDL currently used
- Transition to AWIPS2 and an enhanced Hazard Mapping System (HMS) within ENVI/IDL in one year.
- Imagery file formats needed (HDF, geoTIFF, netCDF)
- McIDAS-V to be used for intense image interrogation, manipulation and value-added analysis.







GOES-R McIDAS Data for Users

- Recent concerns:
 - Current GEODIST McIDAS ADDE servers not sized to handle GOES-R (nor Himiwari-8) data.
 - No funds currently programmed for GOES-R (nor Himawari-8) distribution.
 - Limited set of NCEP remote centers, which have not yet made plans to accommodate their GOES-13/14/15 data operations.
- User impacts:
 - NCEP Remote National Centers (AWC, SPC, NHC) rely on ADDE protocol for post-processing and web production of their products.
 - AWIPS NCP will also utilize GRB (no McIDAS data are included) as a means of receiving GOES-R data, so only some of their essential specialized products (sectorized, filtered, stretched, blended, channel-selected, generated to web) are impacted.
 - The NCEP centers located in College Park, MD (NCO, CPC, WPC, OPC) as well as SWPC in Boulder, CO do <u>not</u> have this ADDE need.



GOES-R McIDAS Data for Users

- Recent Status:
 - NWS is looking into the employment of ADDE servers on-site at the three remote centers.
 - The GOES-R SSEC Data Ingestor (SDI) solution was previously advertised for delivery in April, 2015.
 - Status report indicates development work progressing.
 Looking forward to delivery.
 - Concern regarding the status of GOES-R data read and translate (NetCDF to McIDAS Area) capability in the client-side McIDAS software.



Himawari-8 Project Status & Plans

Interim Demonstration Capability (IDC)

- Beginning on July 7, 2015, JMA will declare Himawari-8 operational.
 - STAR currently is committed to hosting the IDC for 12 months (data processing & product generation) from July 2015 to July 2016.
 - Support by STAR is provided during normal working hours during the IDC period.
 - NESDIS/STAR will make available radiances and AMVs in BUFR for user testing
- JMA will terminate MTSAT-2 service in November 2015 (users notified).
- H-8 is planned to transition to <u>full</u> operational capability at the NSOF in July 2016 and/or after PDA is declared operational.
 - The operational Data Ingest and Distribution functional areas will be provided by the Product Distribution and Access (PDA) subsystem, currently in development and test.
 - The requirement for PDA delays implementation at the NSOF, resulting in a need for an Interim Demonstration Capability until 2016.



Himawari-8 Project Status & Plans

- Recent Events & Accomplishments:
 - Began testing receipt of data from Japan Meteorological Agency HimawariCloud on 16 March 2015; operational testing began in April 2015.
 - NESDIS/STAR receiving H-8 HSD level 1b file via JMA's HimawariCloud during IDC.
 - NWS NCEP is pulling test data to generate segmented files for AWIPS2 in NetCDF4 format.
 - NESDIS is analyzing data transmissions including reliability and data latency
 - Reduced to 5 minutes from initial 8 minutes observed.



First test images from Himawari-8 (Image credit: 18 December 2014, Japan Meteorological Agency)



Himawari-8 Spacecraft (Image Credit: Mitsubishi Electric Corporation)



Current Himawari-8 Images

Image Loops from Colorado State University
 – Himawari-8 Band 13 (10.4 μm) - Sector 6



Click image for live data image loop (live internet required)



Himawari Project Plans and Status

- Recent Customer Inquiries:
 - Ensure SSEC/CIMSS plans to provide H-8 McIDAS ADDE server for users.
 - Request for SSEC to enable user access (e.g.
 ADDE) to H-8 McIDAS area files from their site.



Thank You SSEC! We appreciate you!

Questions?

