











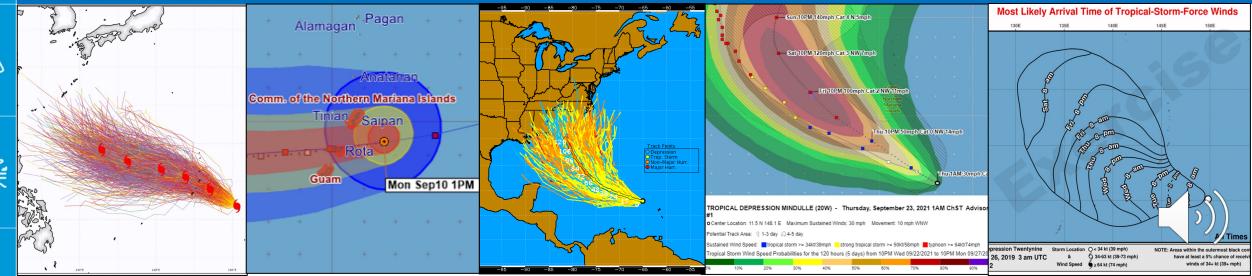


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Direct Broadcast Satellite Applications in the US National Weather Service (NWS) Pacific Region

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Satellite Capability and Monitoring Across the NWS Pacific Region



WFOs & WSOs of the NWS Pacific Region **WFO Guam AOR** HAWAII GUAM AND NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS MARSHALL **ISLANDS WFO Guam** PR HQ, WFO Honolulu **FEDERATED Central Pac. Hurricane Ctr.** STATES OF MICRONESIA REPUBLIC Pac. Tsunami Warning Ctr. OF PALAU Int'l Tsunami Info. Ctr. **WSO Yap WSO Chuuk WSO Palau WSO Majuro WSO Pohnpei** Equator **AMERICAN** SAMOA **WSO Pago Pago**





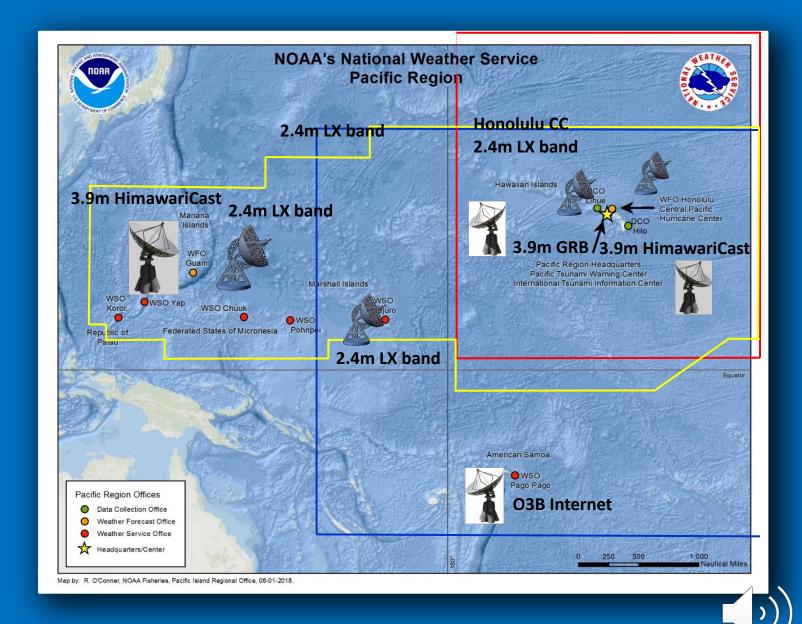








Satellite systems in the Pacific Region



Pacific Region Satellite Ground Stations: Hawaii















Pacific Region Satellite Ground Stations: Guam







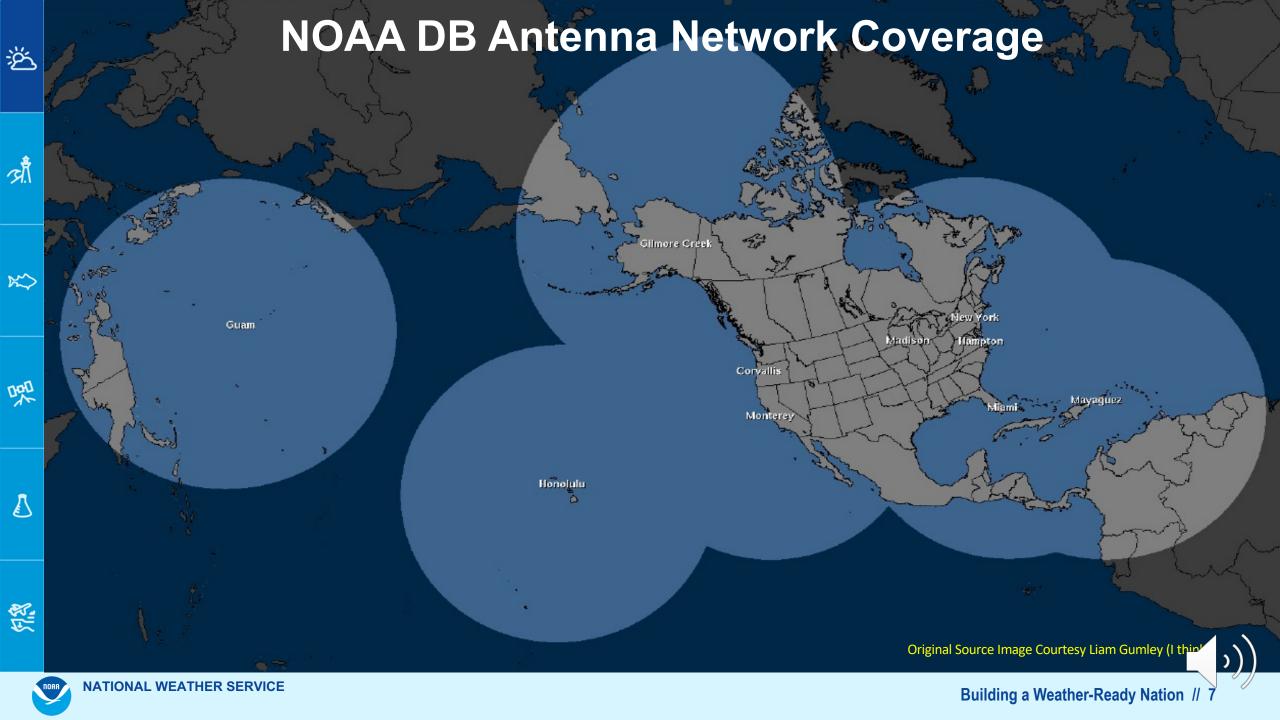














Supported Satellites

- > NOAA-20 and Suomi NPP data from these satellites are priority
- Terra and Aqua (NASA)
- Metop-B (EUMETSAT)
- ➤ GCOM-WI (JAXA)

Supported Sensors

- Multispectral Imagers
 - VIIRS x 2
 - MODIS x 2
 - AVHRR x 4
- > Infrared Sounders
 - CrIS x 2
 - IASI x 2
 - AIRS
 - HIRS x 4
- Microwave Sounders
 - ATMS x 2
 - AMSU x 4
 - MHS x 4



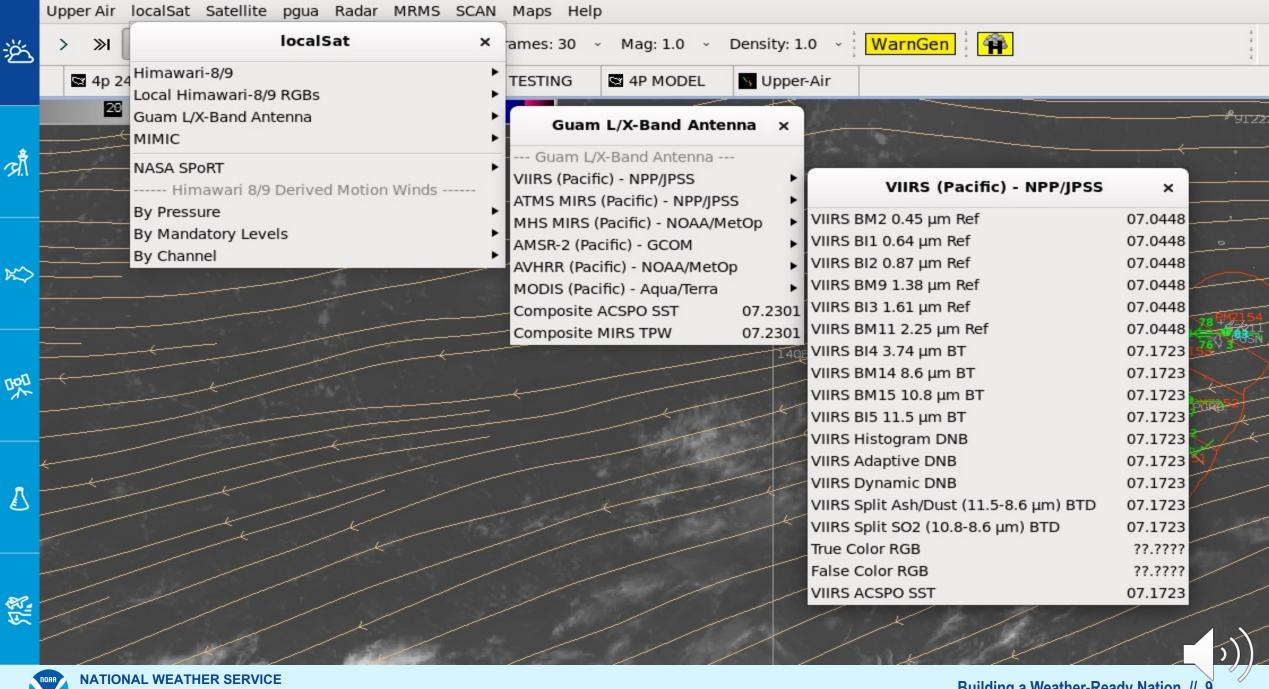






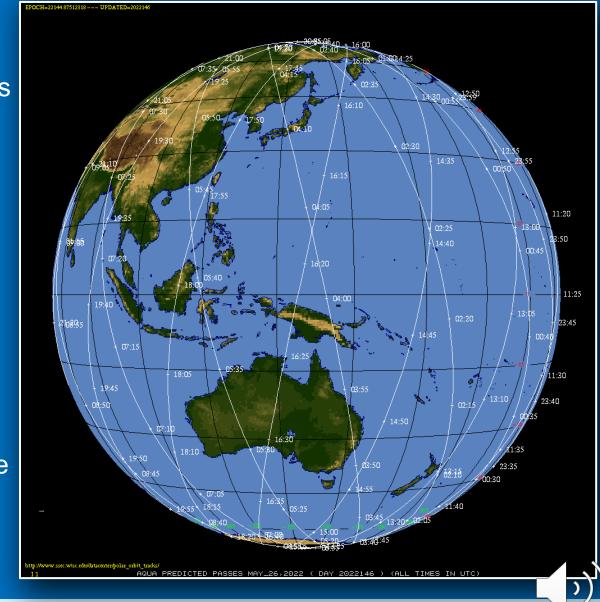






Benefits to the NWS

- > Spatial resolution: Thermal infrared at 375m; visible & near-IR at 375m with 4 satellites providing 250m resolution.
- ➤ Geophysical products: SST, Clouds, Rain Rate, Aerosols, Temperature, Moisture
- Day/Night imaging: 2 satellites with nighttime optical imaging
- Microwave sounding & imaging
- Lowered latency: Image products available within 10-15 min



















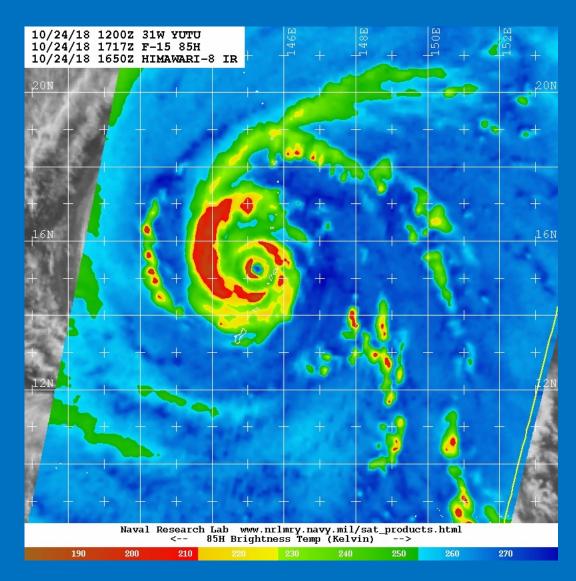
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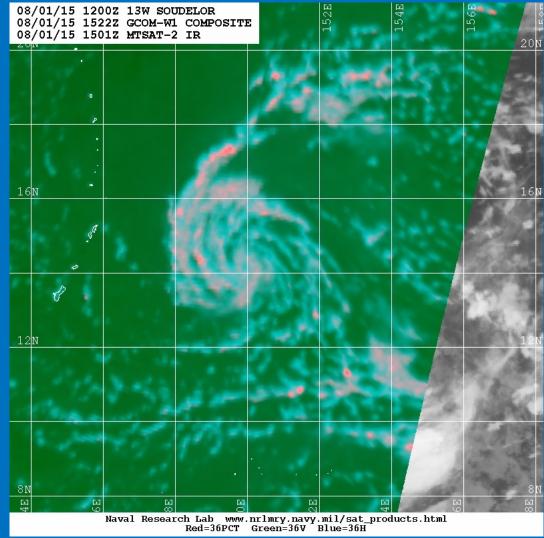
Tropical Cyclones



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Microwave Imagery

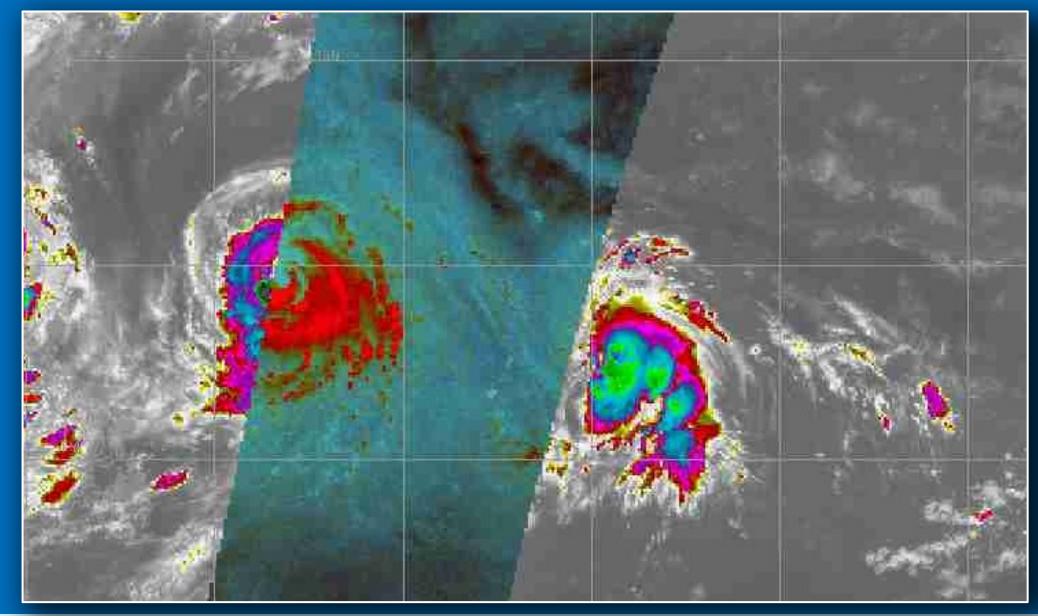






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Improved Center 'Fixing' and Identification of Rain Bands









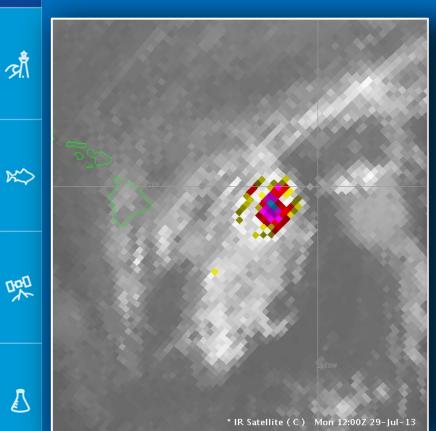


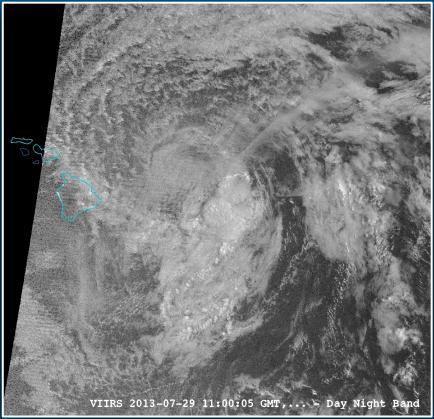


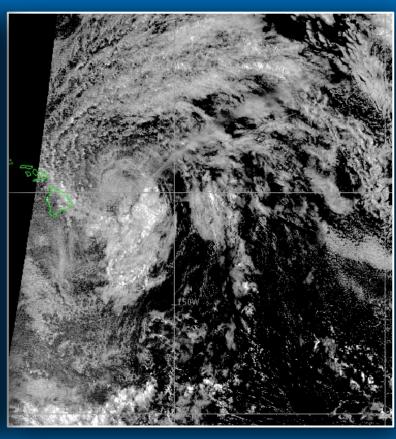




VIIRS Day Night Band







Hawaii's Tropical Storm Flossie (40 kt) 29 July 2013

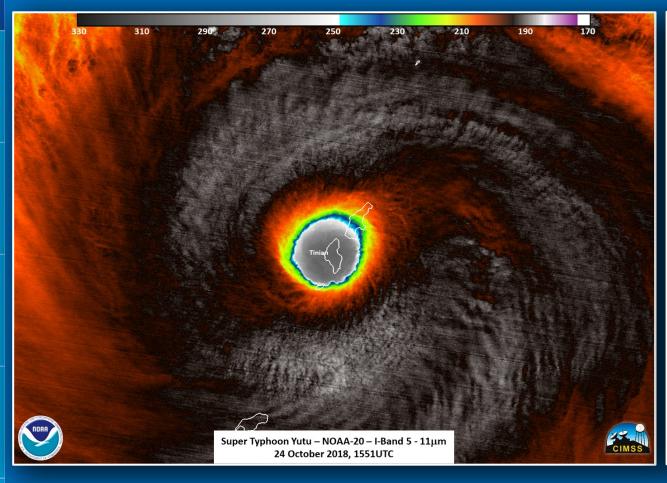




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VIIRS from NOAA-20











VIIRS DNB: Before & After 2018's TY Mangkhut







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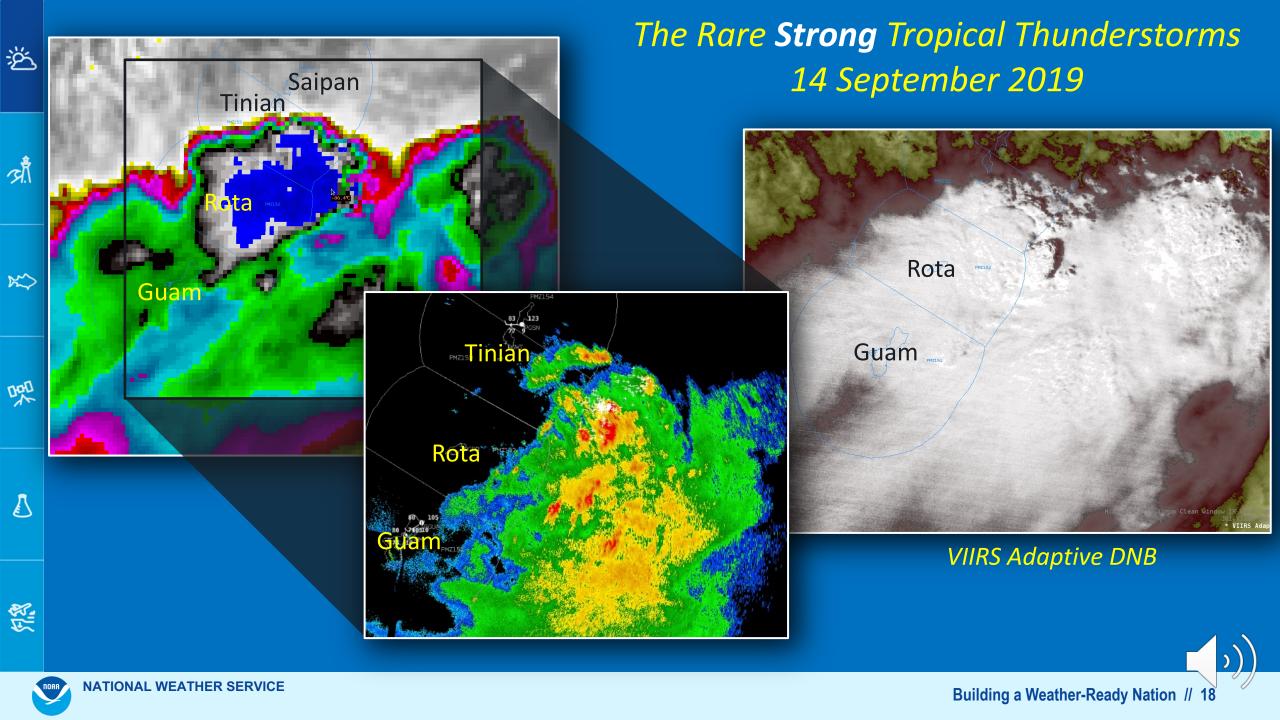


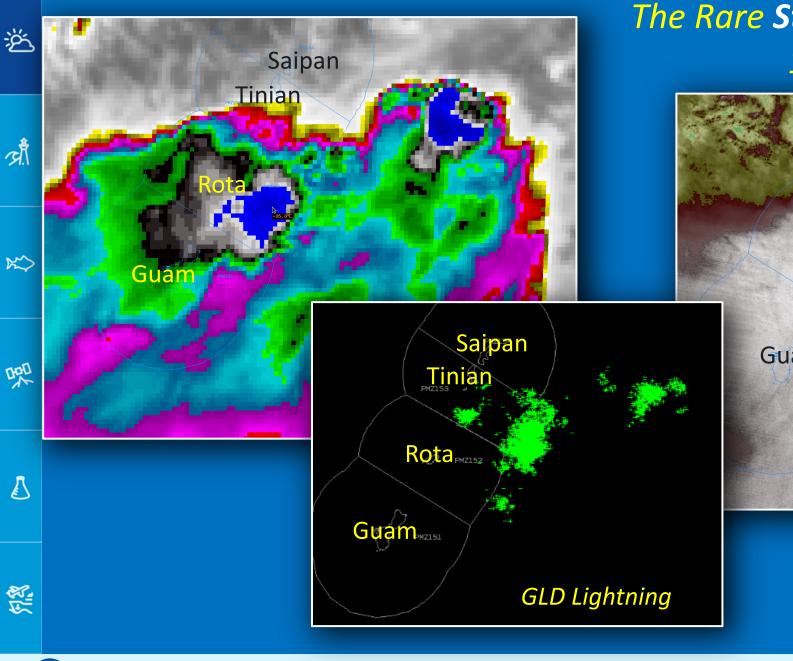


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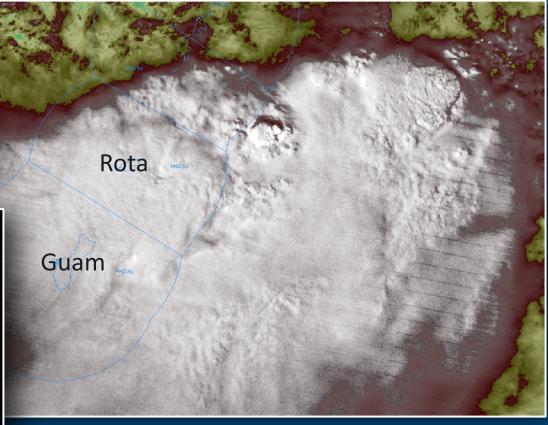
Strong / Severe Convection







The Rare **Strong** Tropical Thunderstorms 14 September 2019



VIIRS Adaptive DNB













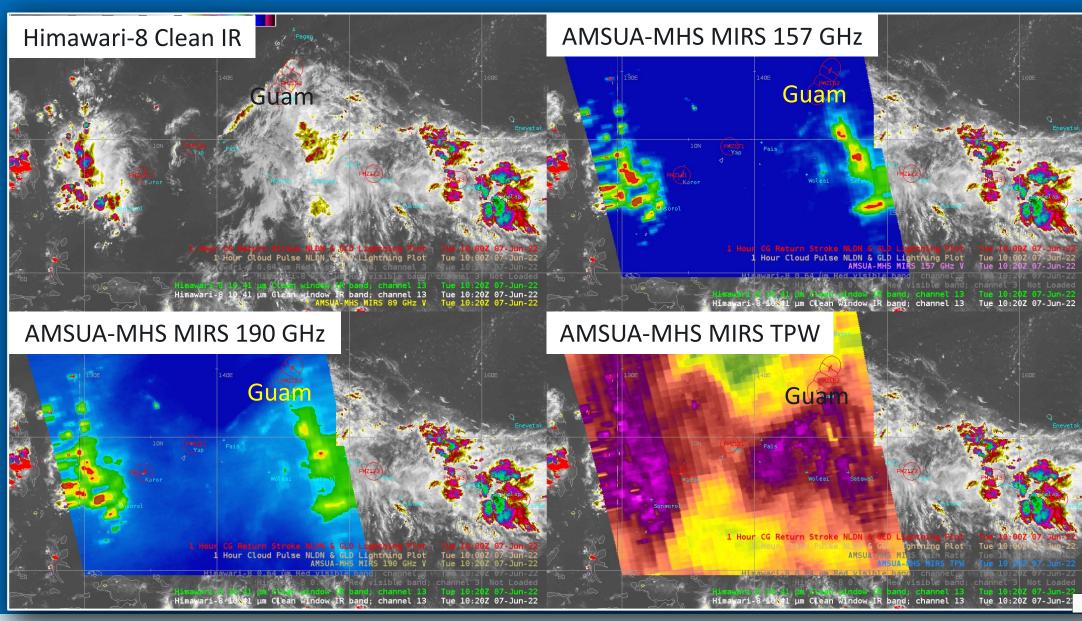
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Heavy Rainfall / Rain Rates



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Microwave Imagery & Atmospheric Precipitable Water







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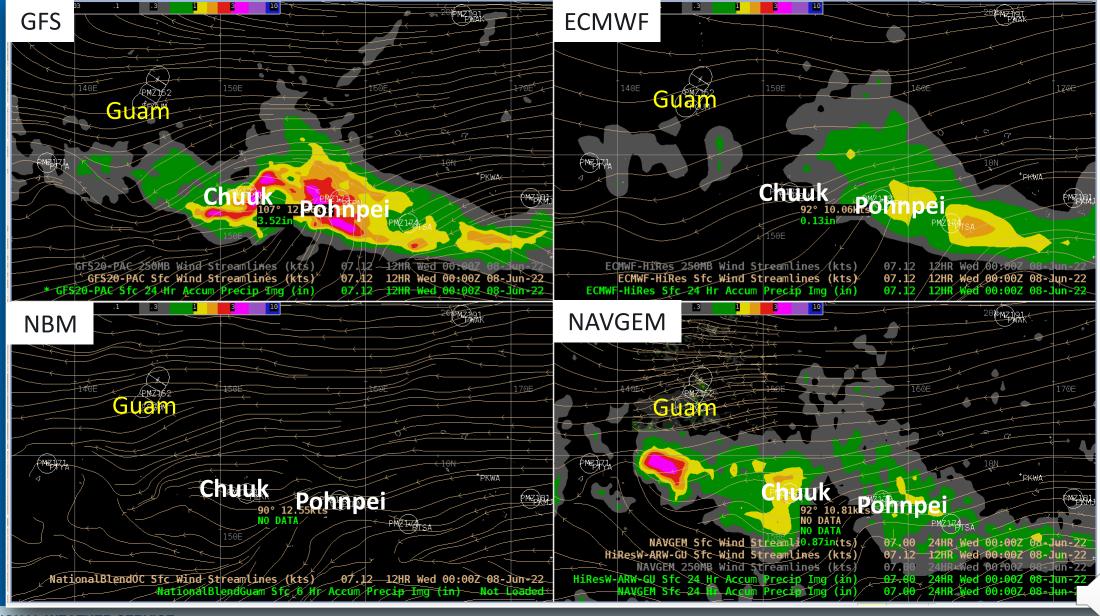






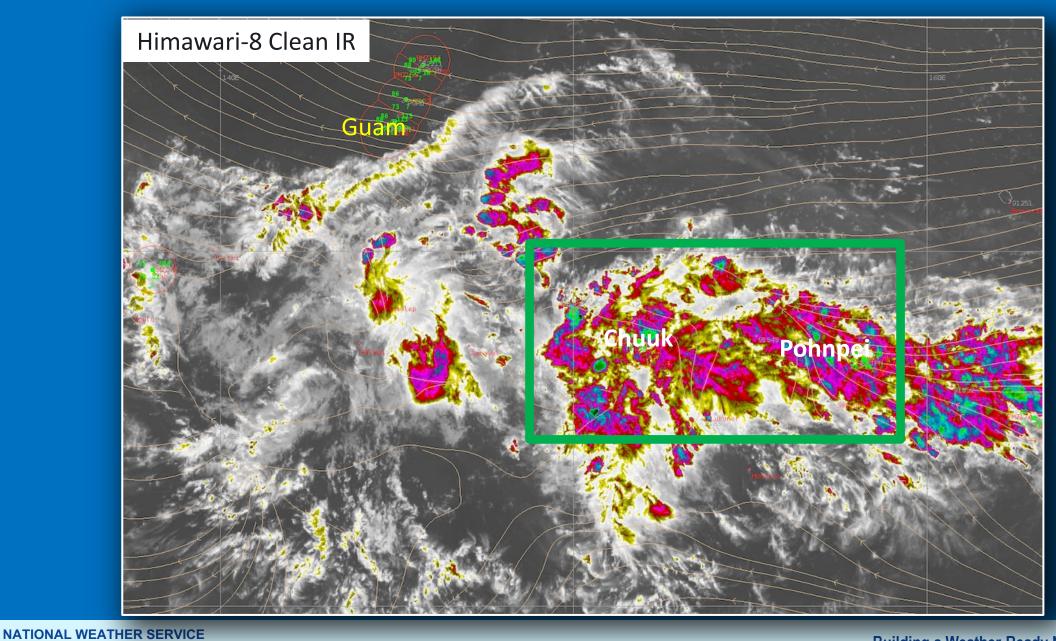


Convective Rains: What the Models are Suggesting





Convective Rains: Where's the Heaviest Rain?

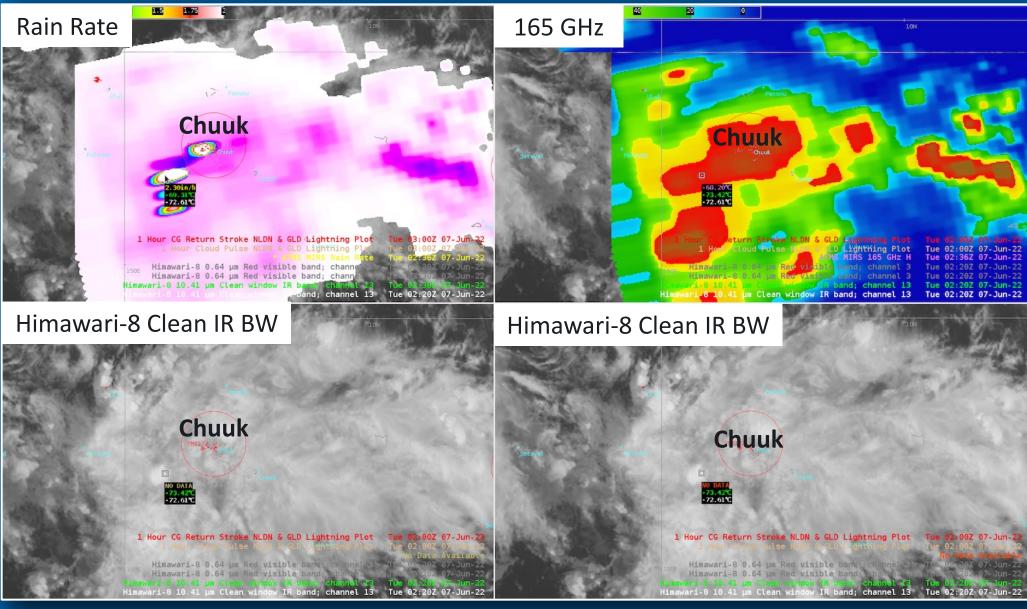




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Heavy Convective Rains: ATMS MIRS

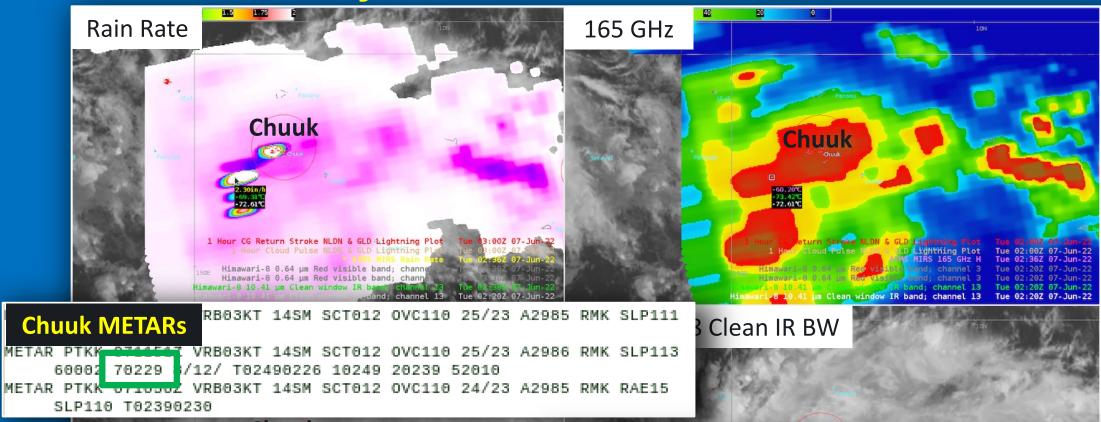




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Heavy Convective Rains: ATMS MIRS





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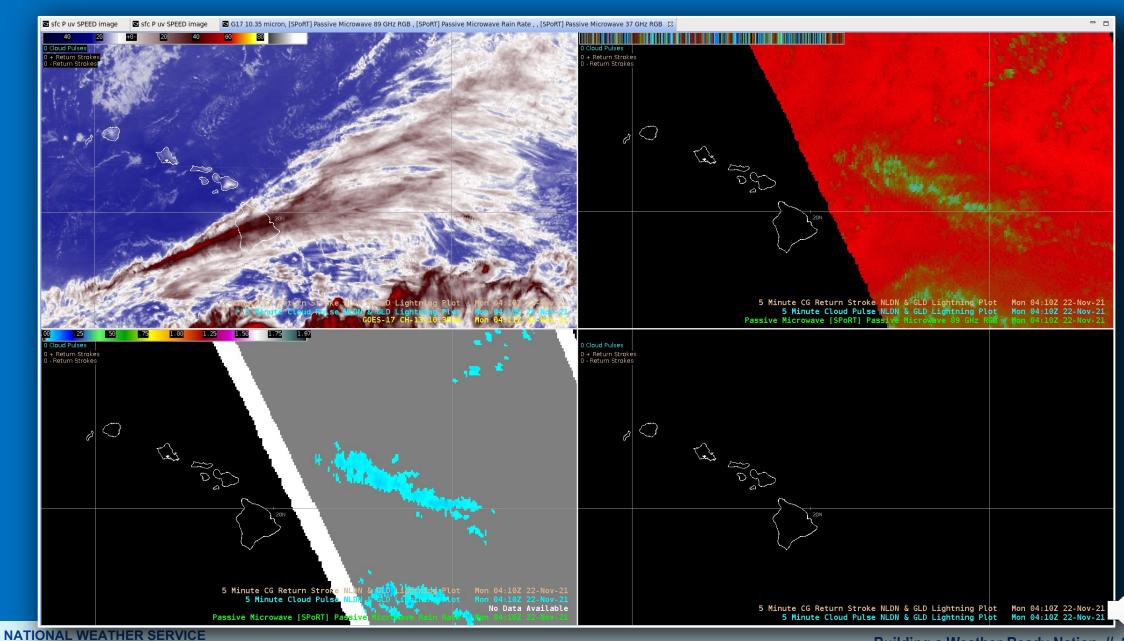
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Himawari-8 0.64 µm Red visible band





Hidden Hawaiian Rains





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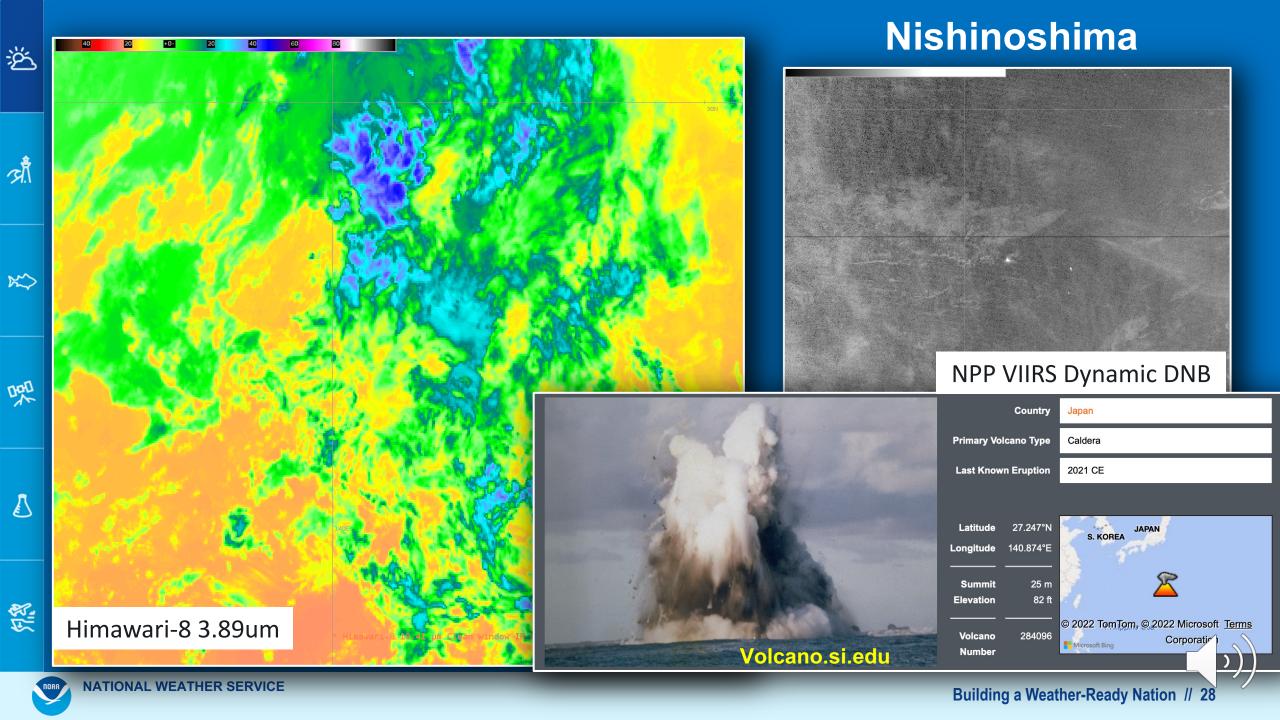


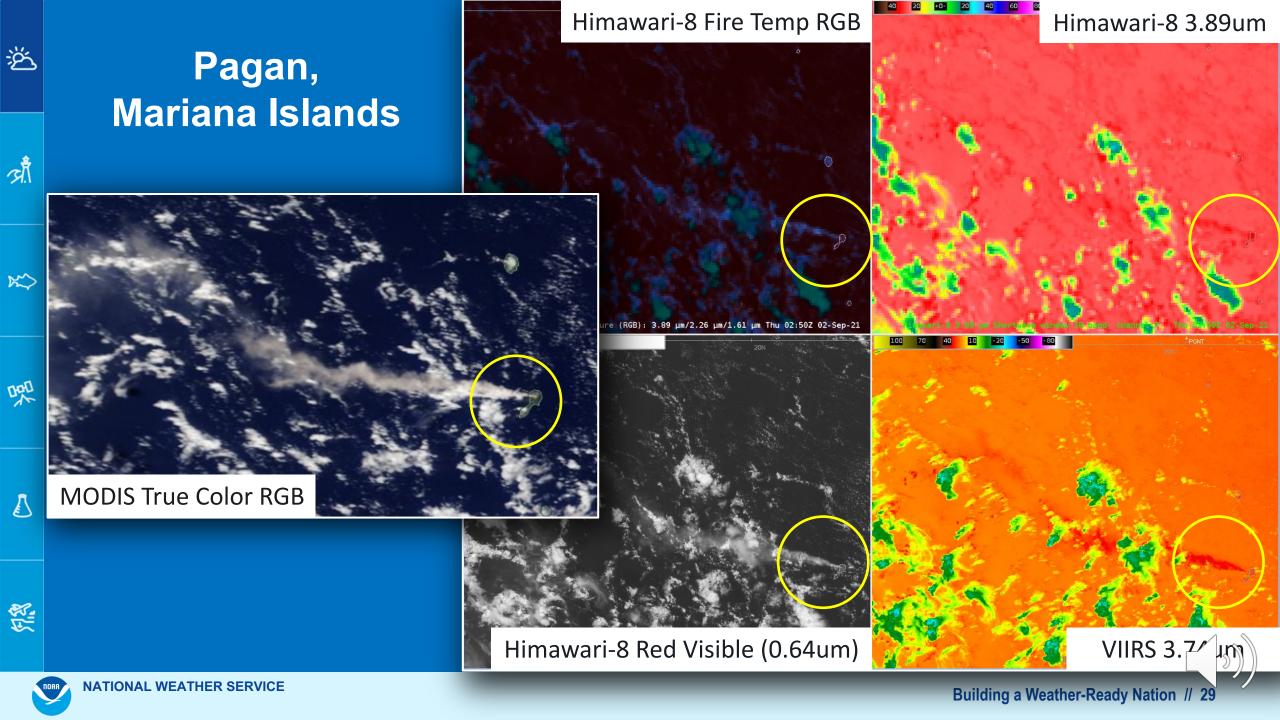


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Volcanoes / Hotspots / Wildfires







Guam Wildfires VIIRS 3.74um (Shortwave IR)

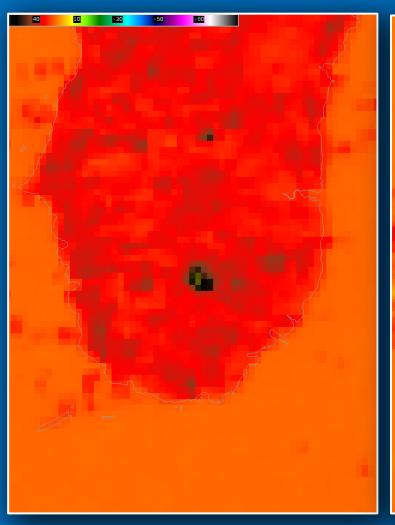


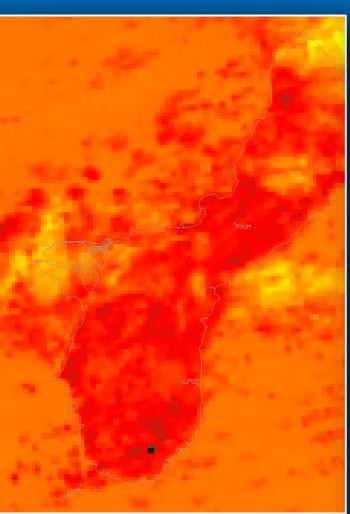


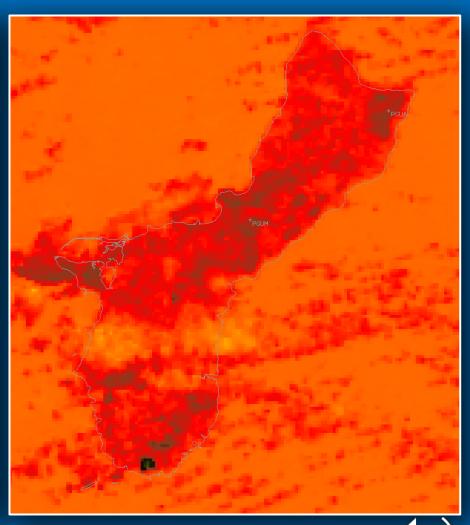










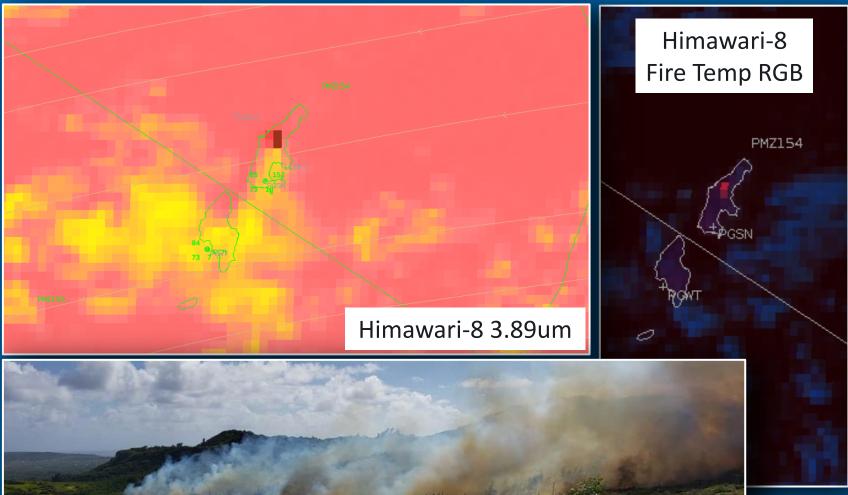


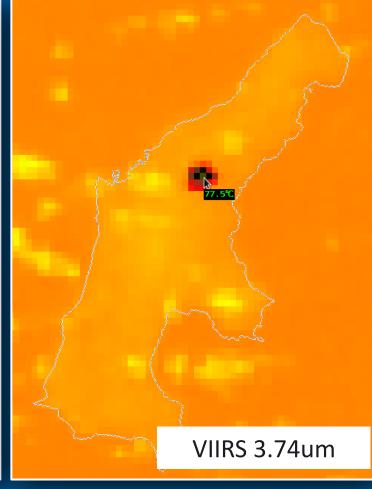


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Saipan Wildfires





















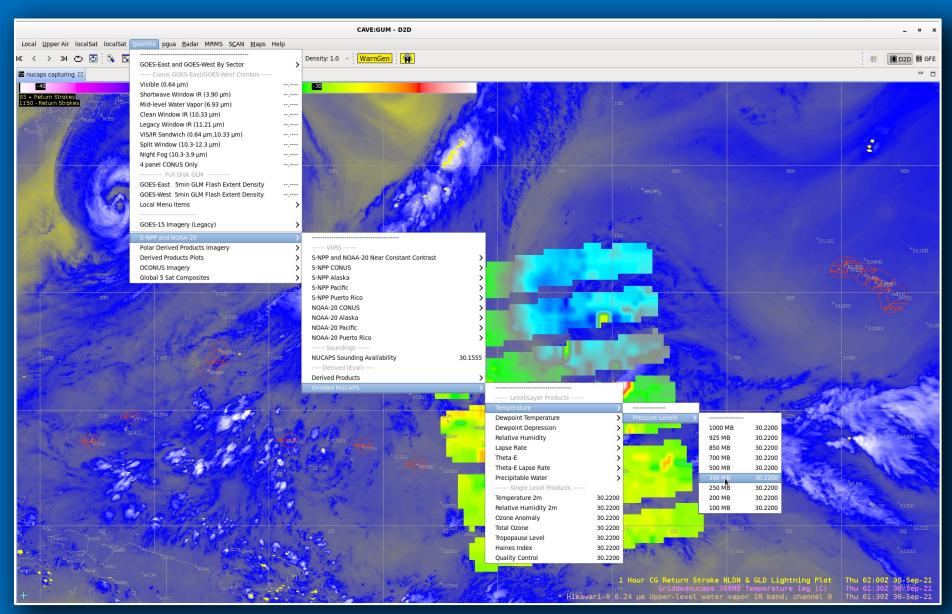


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NUCAPS Profiles



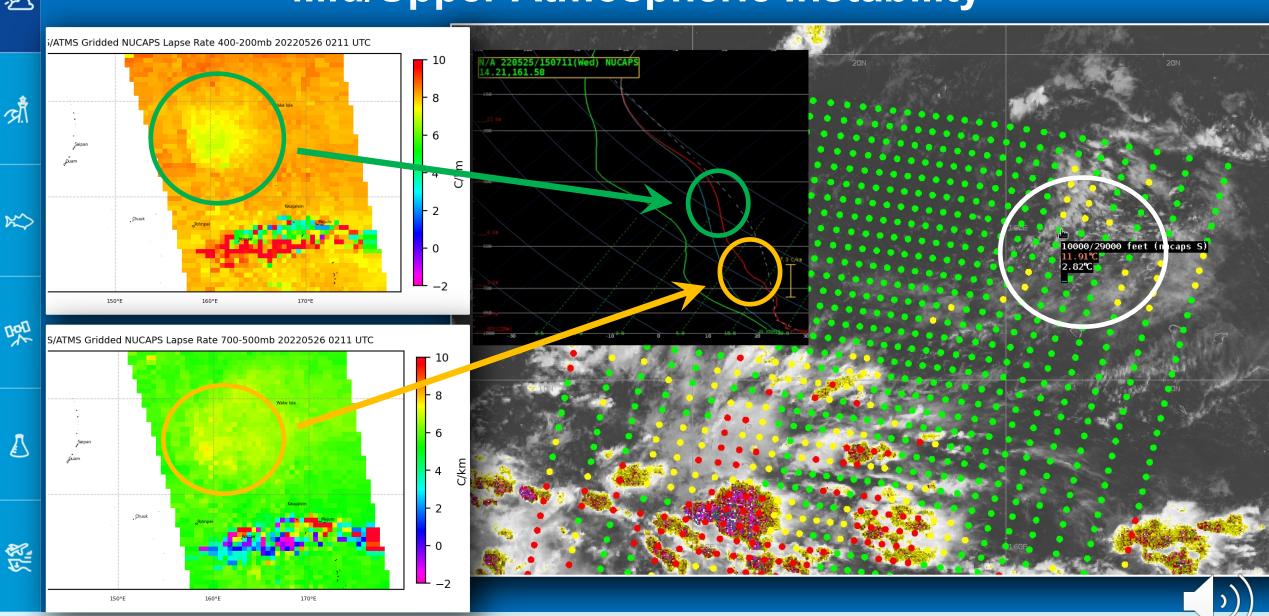
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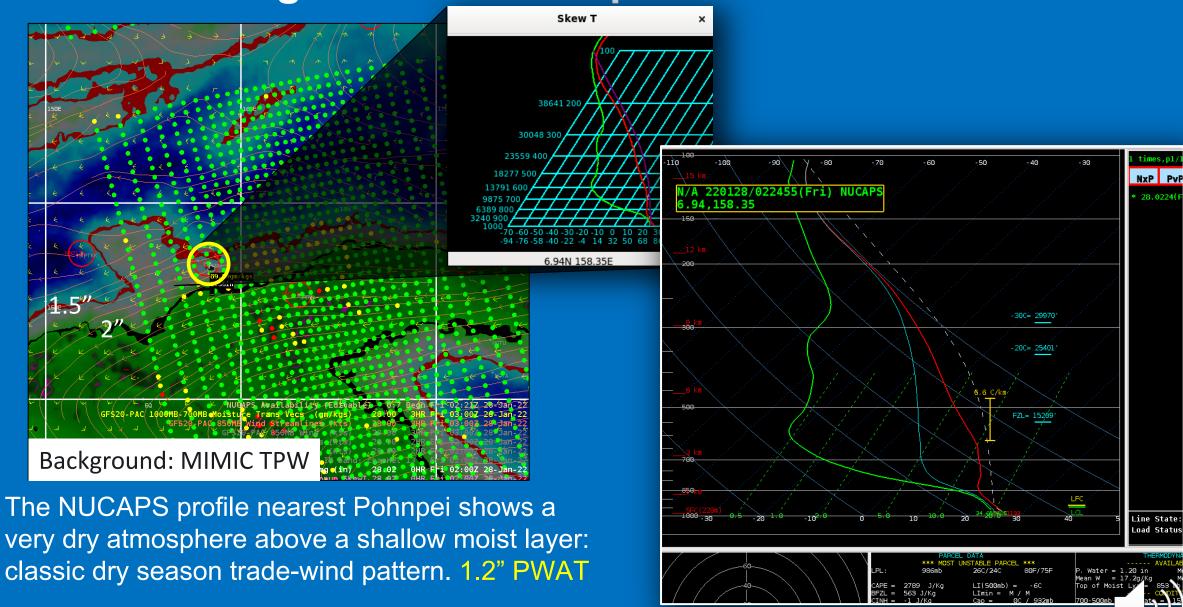


Mid/Upper Atmospheric Instability





Diagnosis of Atmospheric Moisture







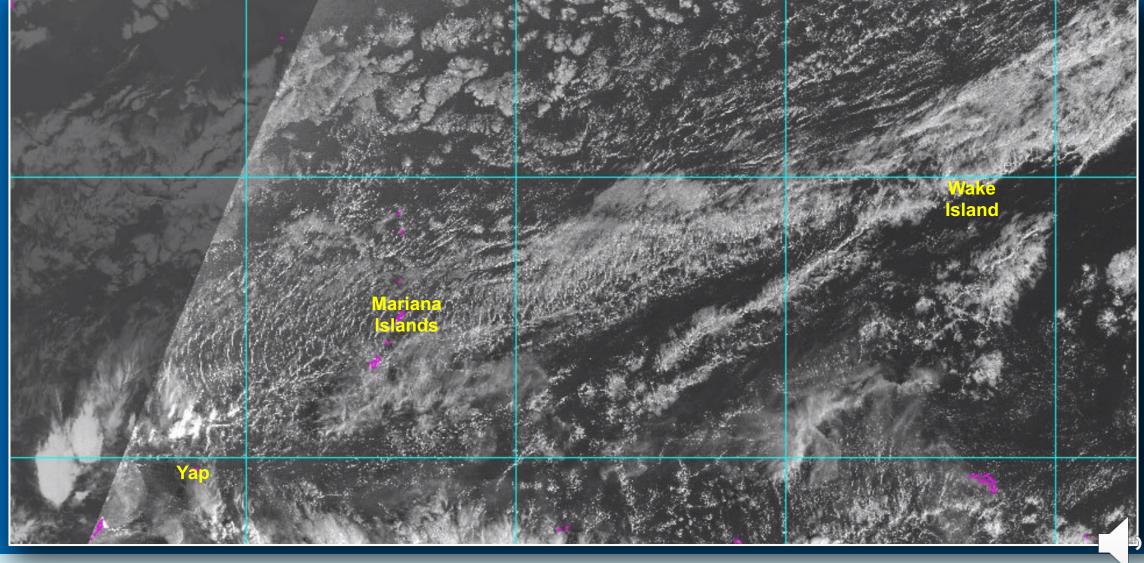




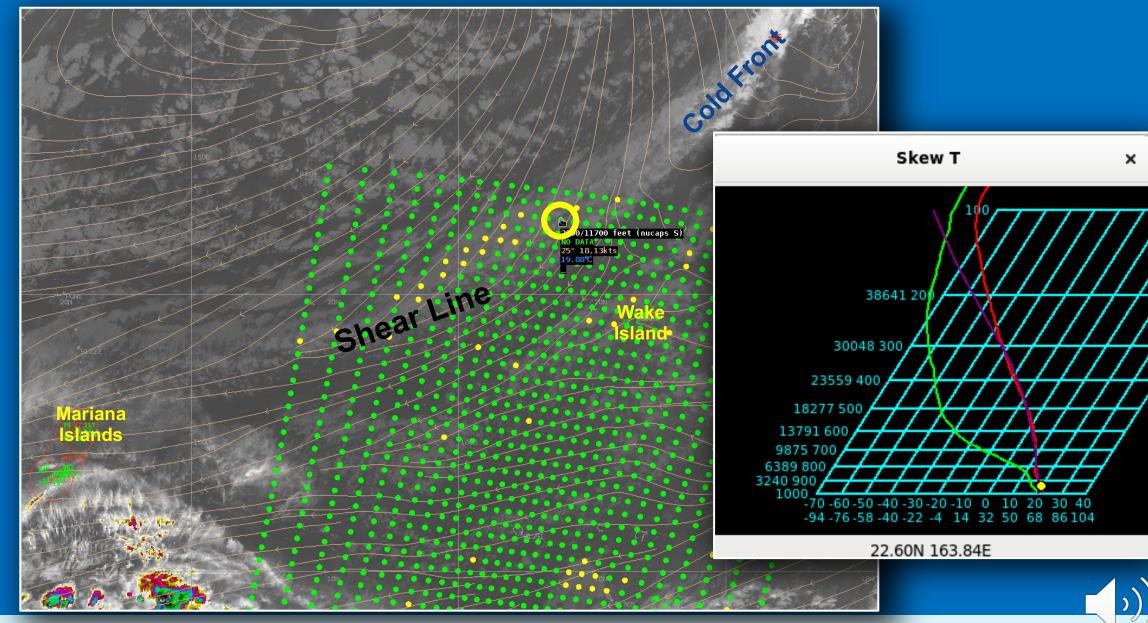




Dry Season Shear Lines: Himawari-8 Red Visible (0.64um)



NUCAPS Profile Assessment





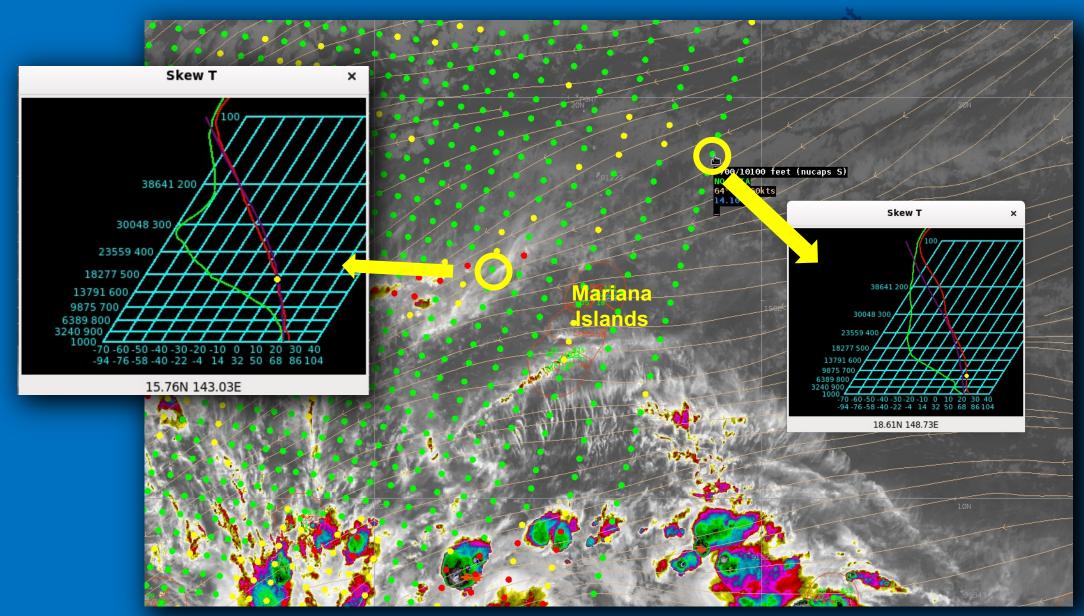
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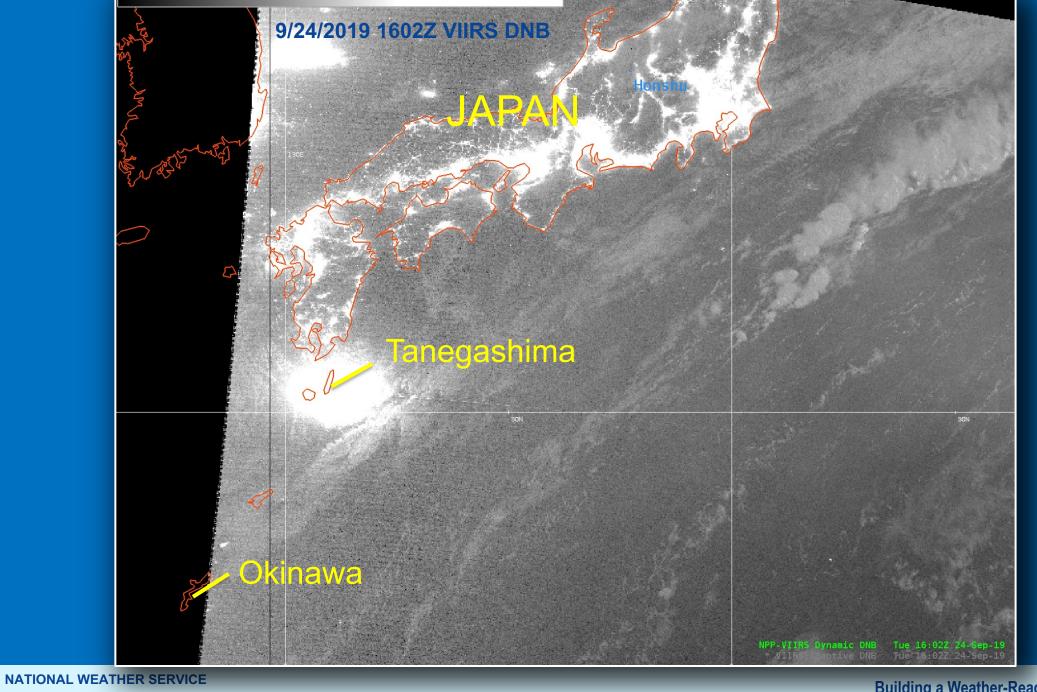




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Other Interesting & Sometimes Puzzling Features







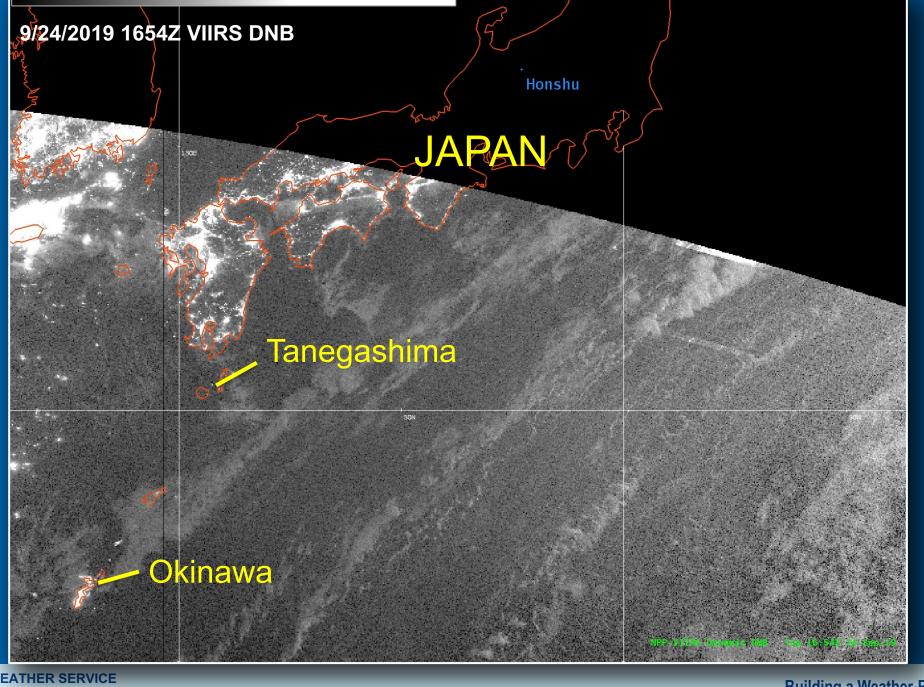
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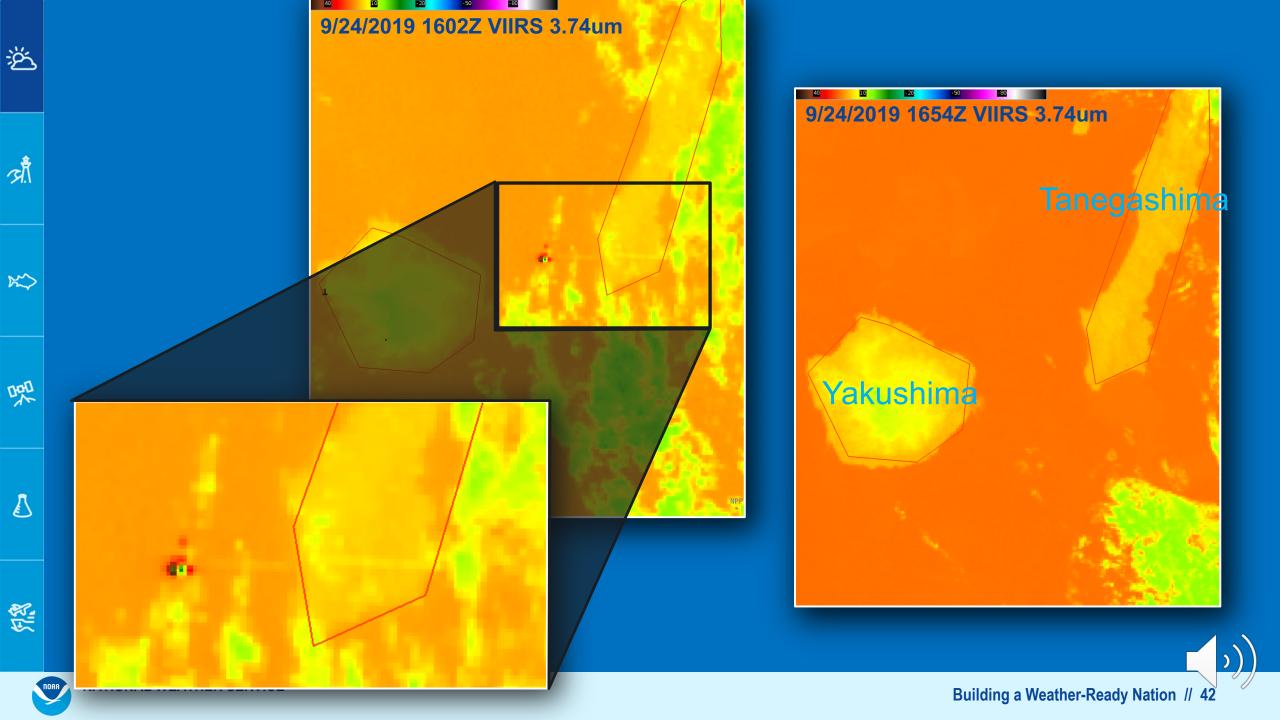
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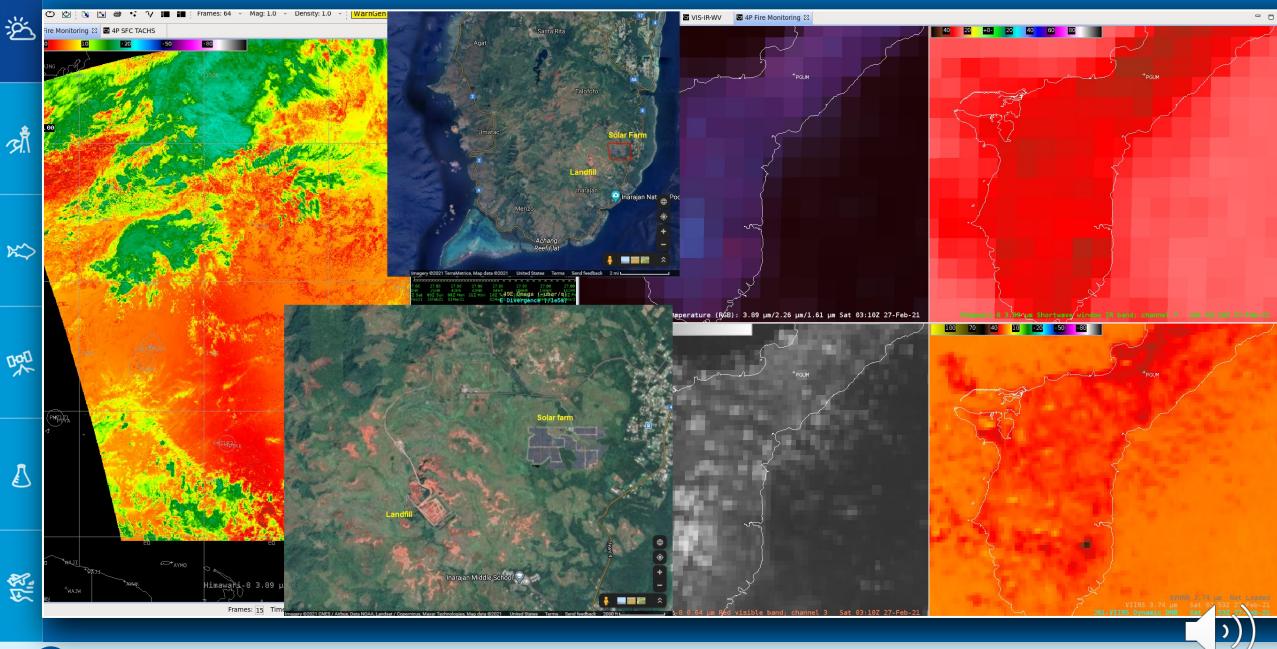
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Questions?



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