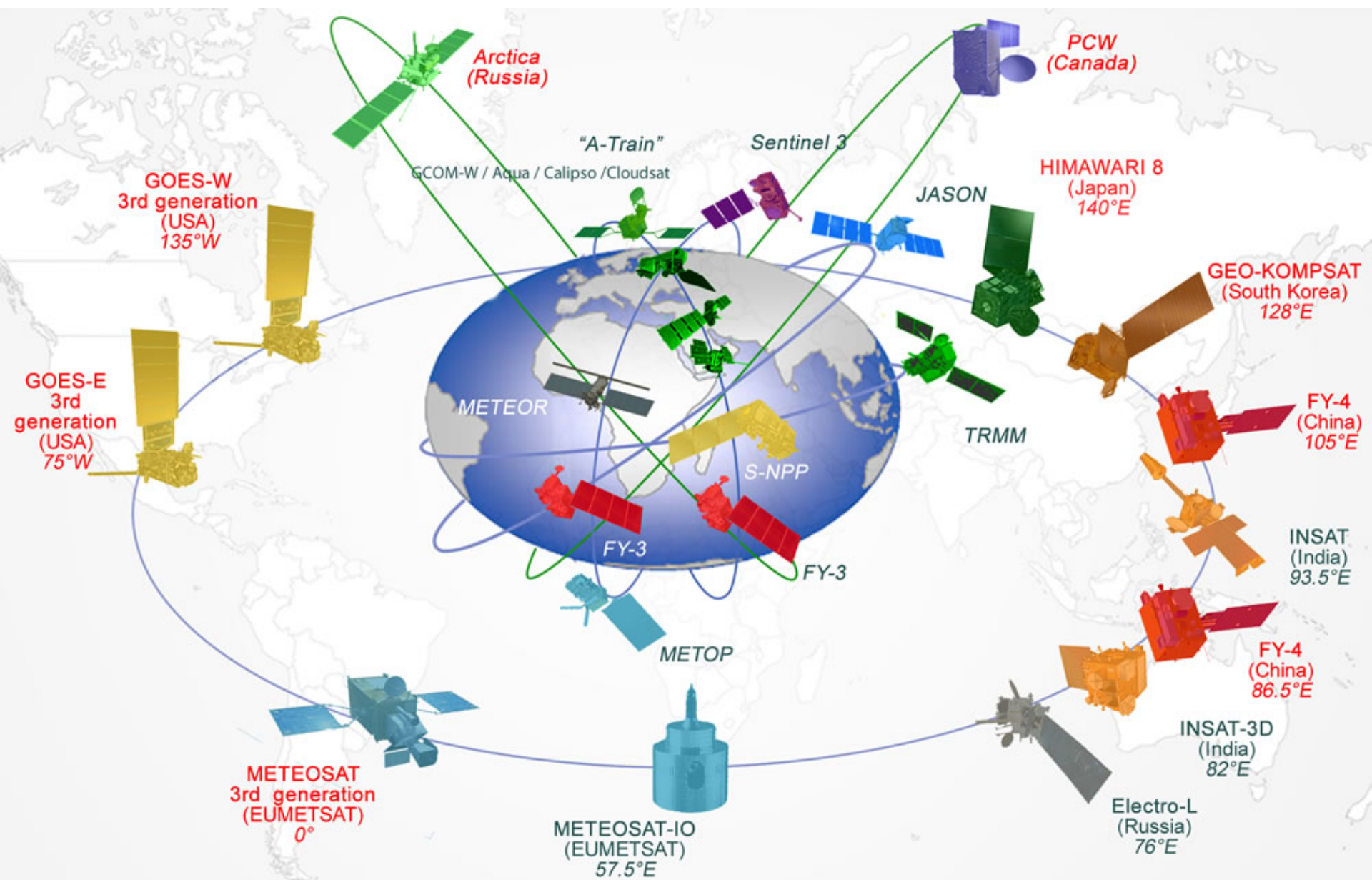


# **Prospects and expectation towards the era when the next generation geostationary meteorological satellites' global array will be in operation**

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Chair, AOMSUC International Conference Steering  
Committee

20 minutes training, 15 minutes AOMSUC with questions



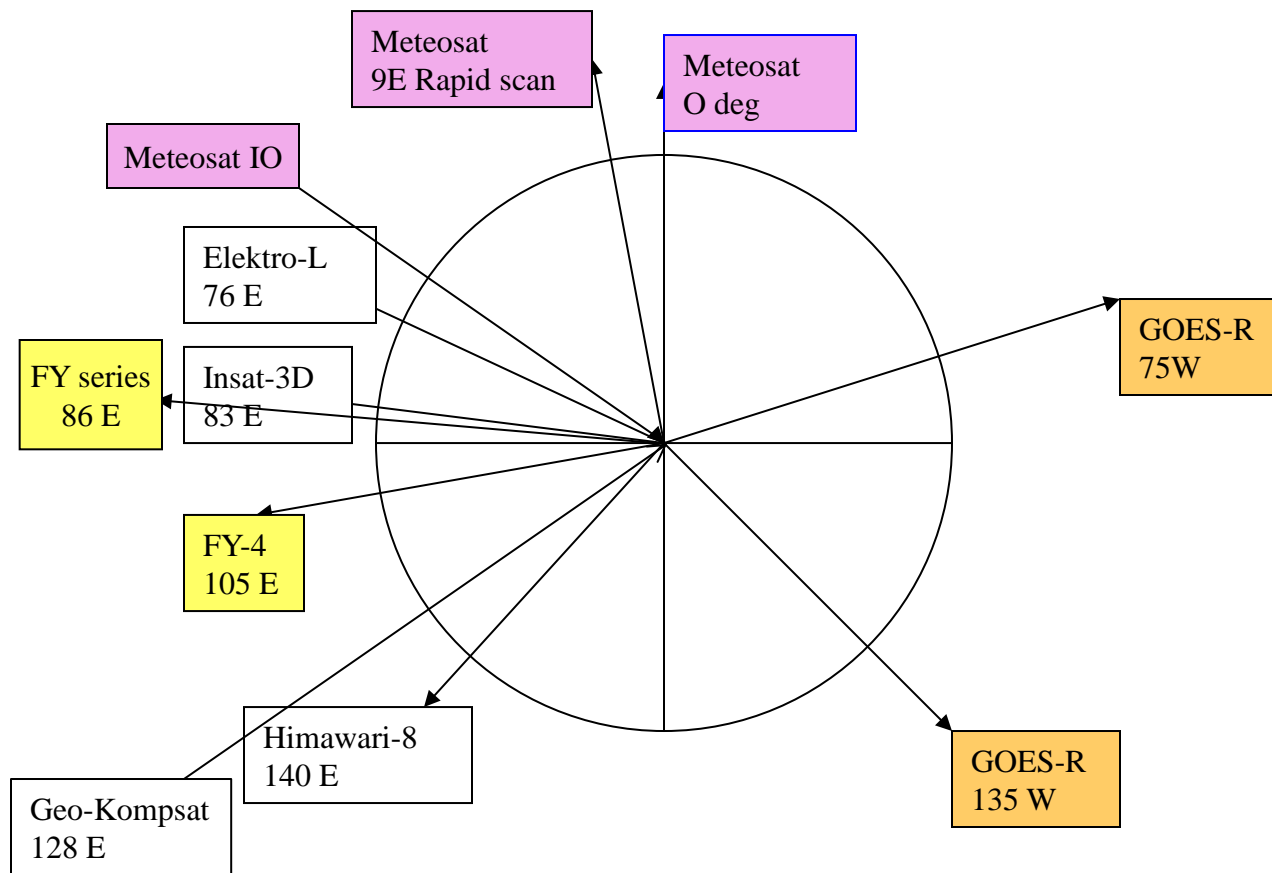
**Prospect  
the emergence of  
a global  
satellite**



**towards  
operational  
global  
coverage**

**The space agencies are meeting the  
challenge of providing a rich and  
vibrant geostationary satellite  
constellation**

# Geostationary constellation of satellites anticipated in 2015-2020



**Monitoring Weather, Climate and the Environment**

By 2020 we should have experience at geostationary orbit with **multi-spectral rapid scan imagery**, **hyper-spectral sounding**, **lightning mappers**, **Solar Environmental Monitoring**, and be on the threshold of **passive microwave**



# Next Generation of Geostationary imagers and sounders\*

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<a href="#">FY-4B</a>	CMA	2019	105E	<a href="#">AGRI</a>	15	0.5-2km	15min

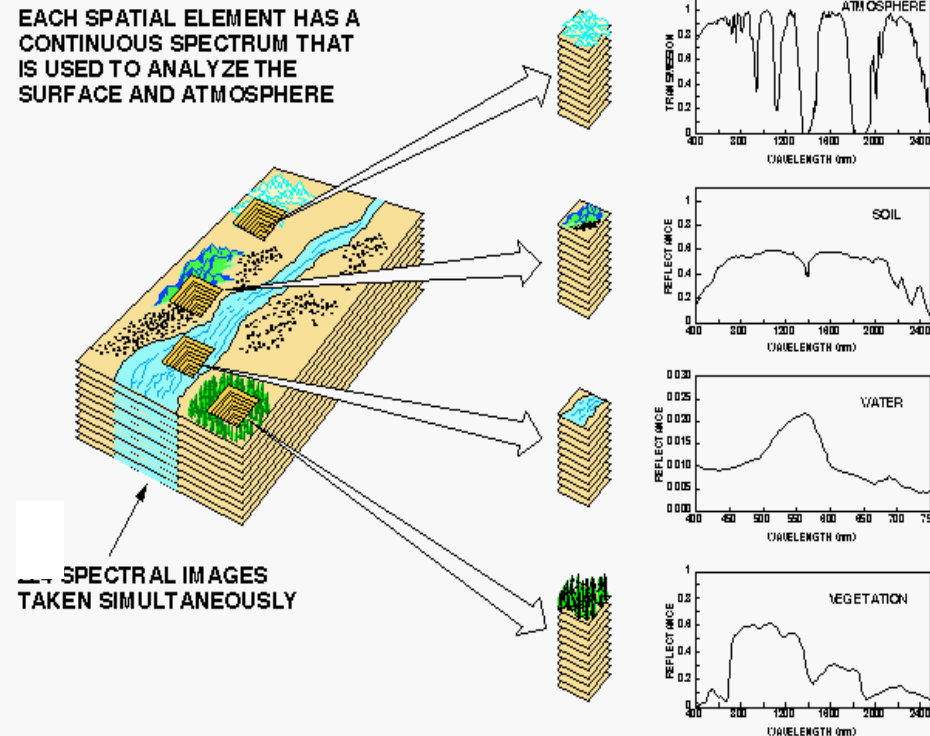
FY-4A/B/C	CMA	hyperspectral sounder				16/16/8	1 hr or 3min
FY-4B	CMA	rapid scan imager	250 meter vis/1.6/2.2 & 2 km IR				1 minute or less
FY-4C	CMA	2020	tbd	AGRI	16	0.5-2km	tbd

**\* All capable of sampling limited areas in correspondingly shorter time intervals**

Recall that in satellite remote sensing, four basic parameters need to be addressed: all deal with resolution. The new generation geostationary satellites are a giant step forward in all four!!!

- temporal (how often)
- spatial (what size)
- spectral (what wavelengths and their width)
- radiometric (signal-to-noise)

EACH SPATIAL ELEMENT HAS A CONTINUOUS SPECTRUM THAT IS USED TO ANALYZE THE SURFACE AND ATMOSPHERE



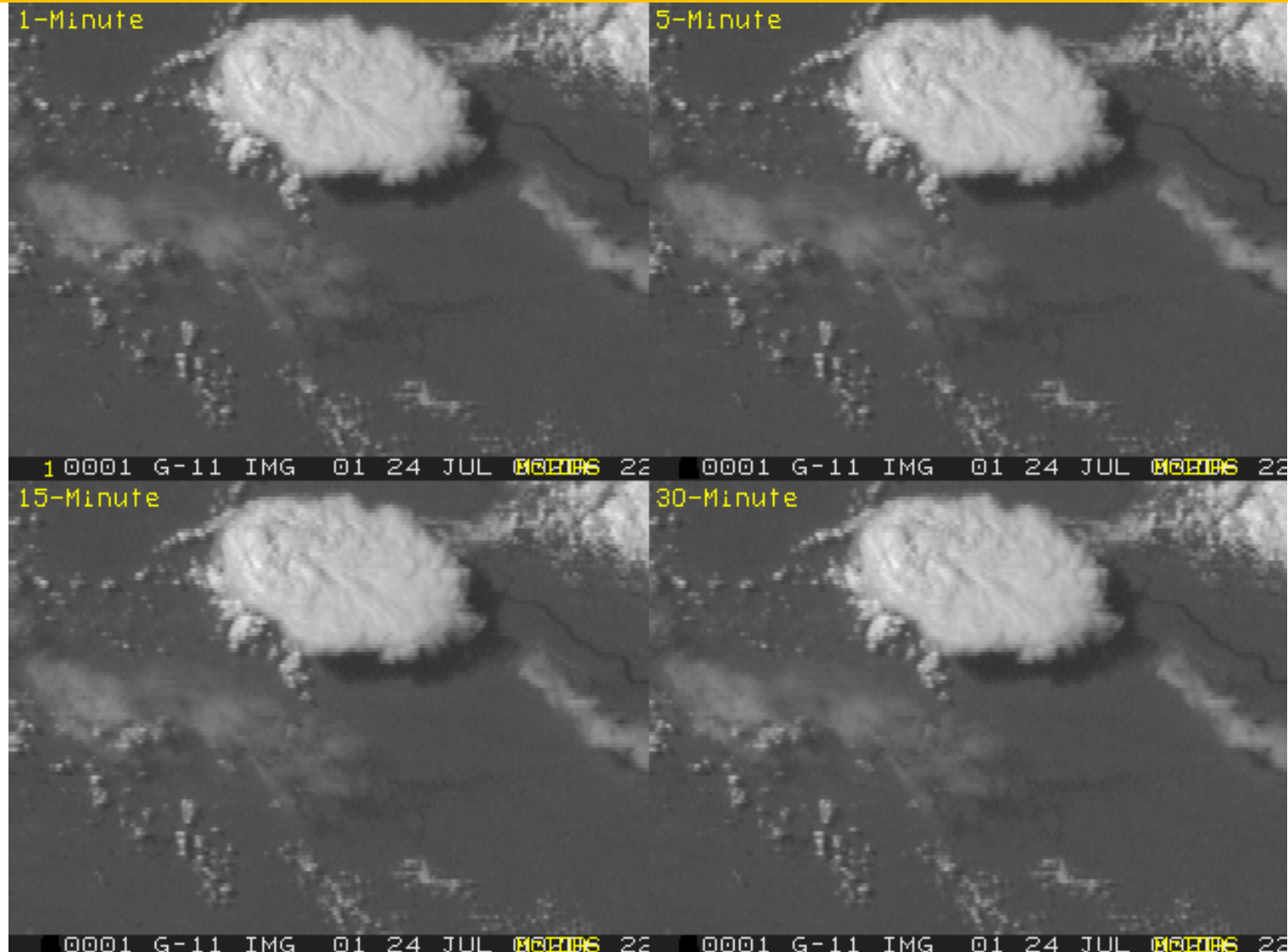
The spatial and temporal domains of the phenomena being observed drive the satellite systems' spectral needs as a function of space, time, and signal to noise.

**Each spatial element has a continuous spectrum that may be used to analyze the surface and atmosphere**

## Temporal (2010 era)

Comparison of animation sequences of severe thunderstorm over western Kansas.

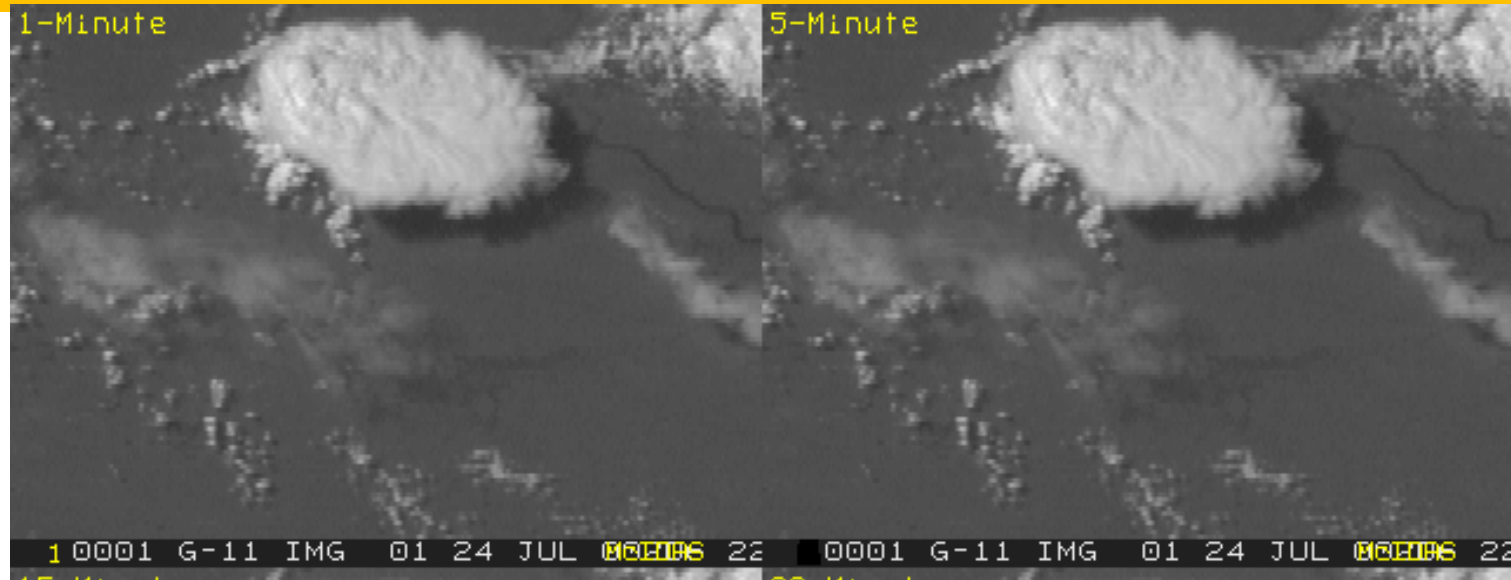
Movies at 30, 15, 5 and 1 minute intervals. While 5 minute interval imaging is routine for 2015s, special imaging like this is possible at 1 minute intervals or less.



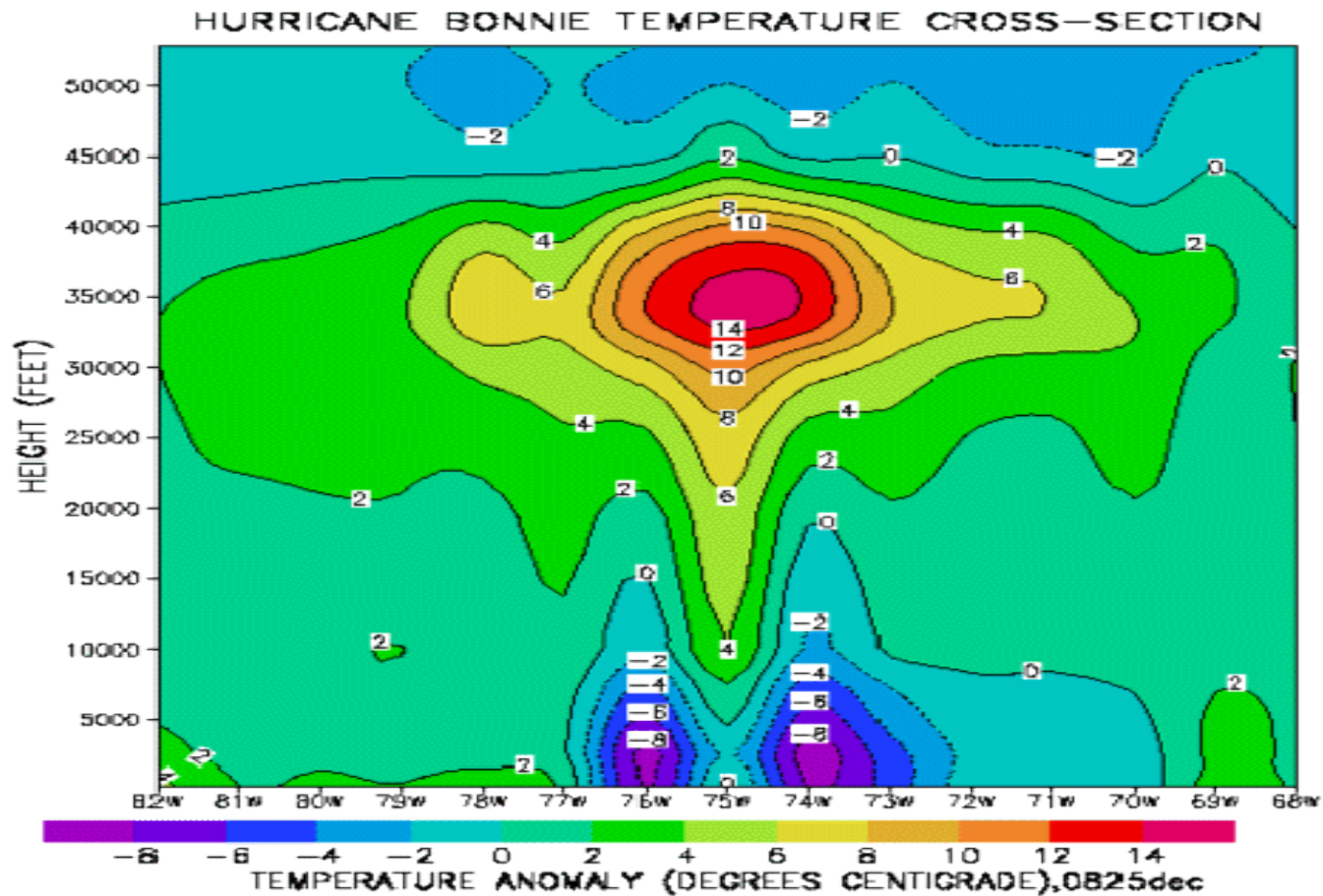
## Temporal (2015 – 2020 era)

**While 5-10 minute interval imaging is routine for 2015s, special imaging is possible at 1-3 minute intervals or less!!**

**\*\*\*Some may separate routine imaging and rapid scan. A 15 channel “routine” full disk imager with rapid scan from a 2000 x 2000 focal plane array with 250 meter resolution in the visible, 1.6 and 2.2 micron bands imaging at somewhere around every 6-12 seconds and a 2km IR every minute: a monumental move in the observing and analysis of convective development and evolution during the daylight hours. There is also the potential of fires at night using the 2.2 micron band.**



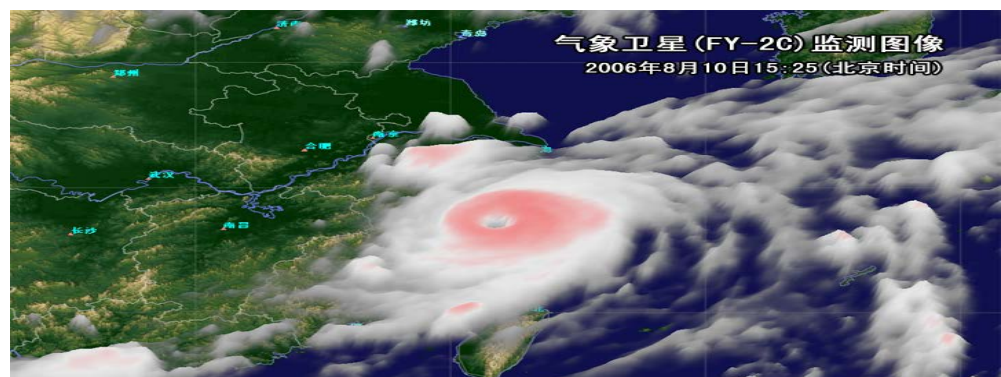
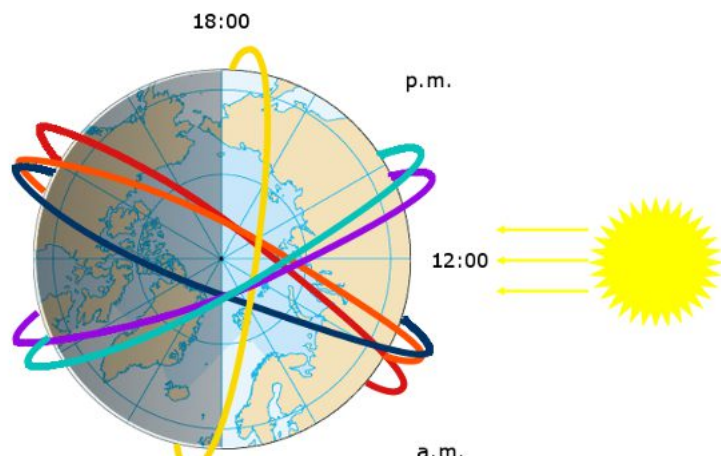
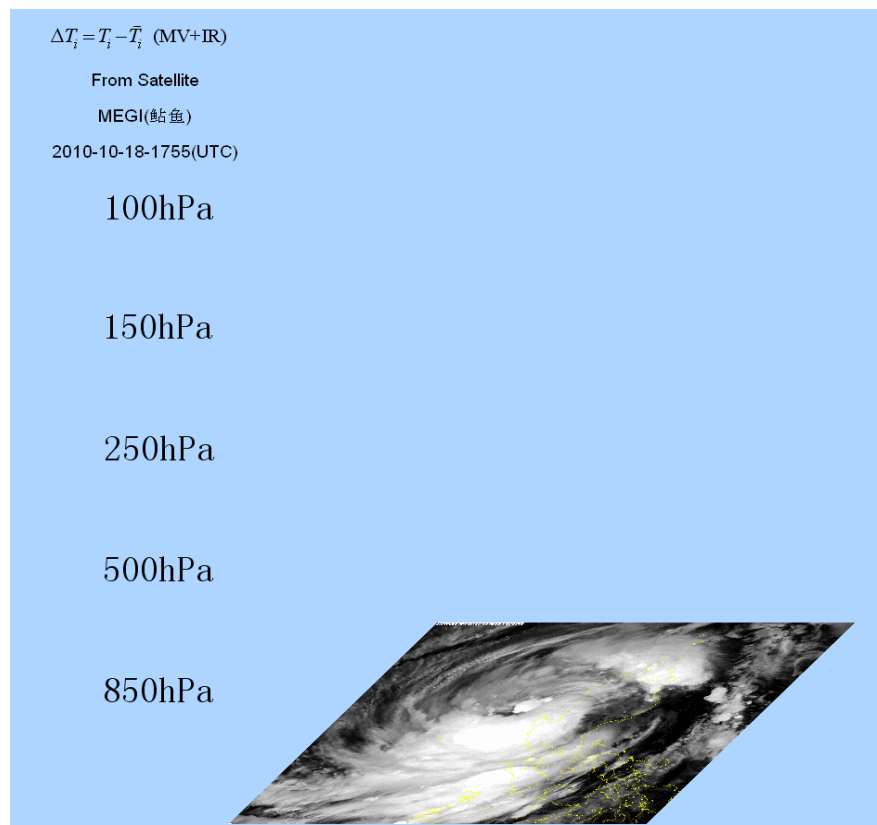
We utilize a composite satellite system:  
geostationary, polar and other



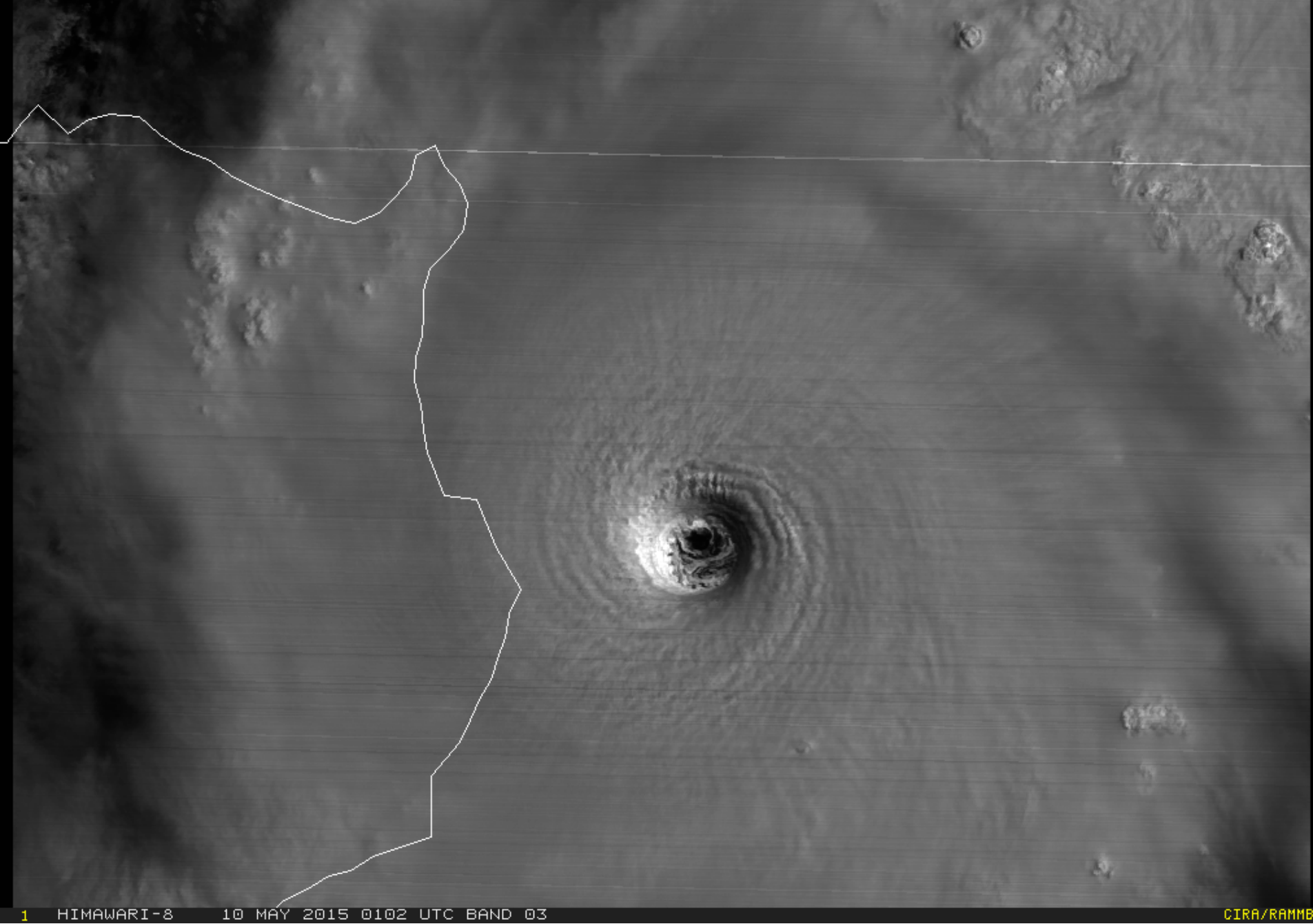


# TC monitoring and warning Challenges

- **Biggest forecast challenge is rapid intensity change**
- Limited skill at even analyzing TC structure
- Frequent Monitoring the intensity change is Critical to timing and placement of watches/warnings
- Can we anticipate by 2040 GEO or fleet LEO Microwave instruments



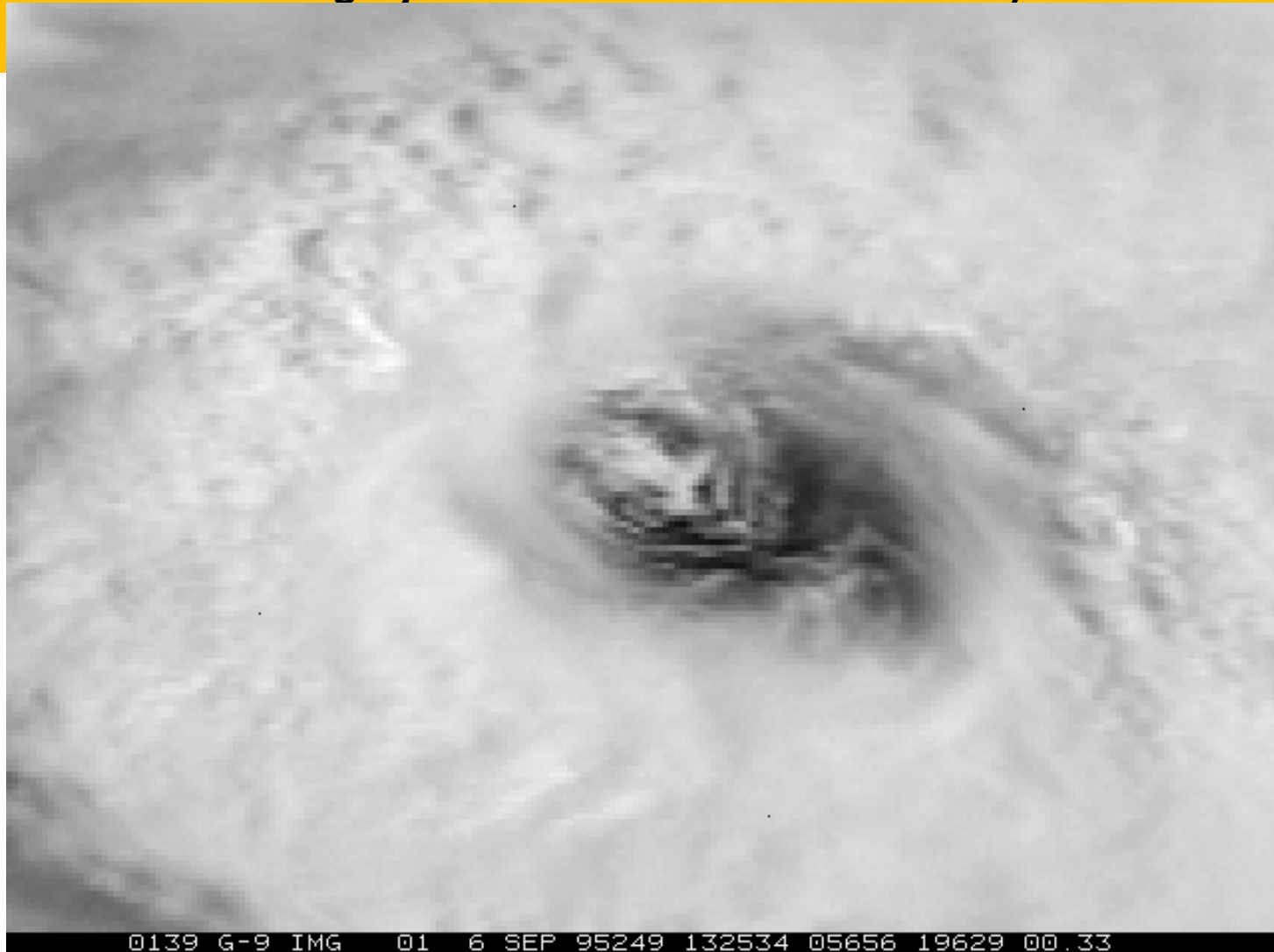




For the first time, we have 500 m VIS every 2.5 minutes

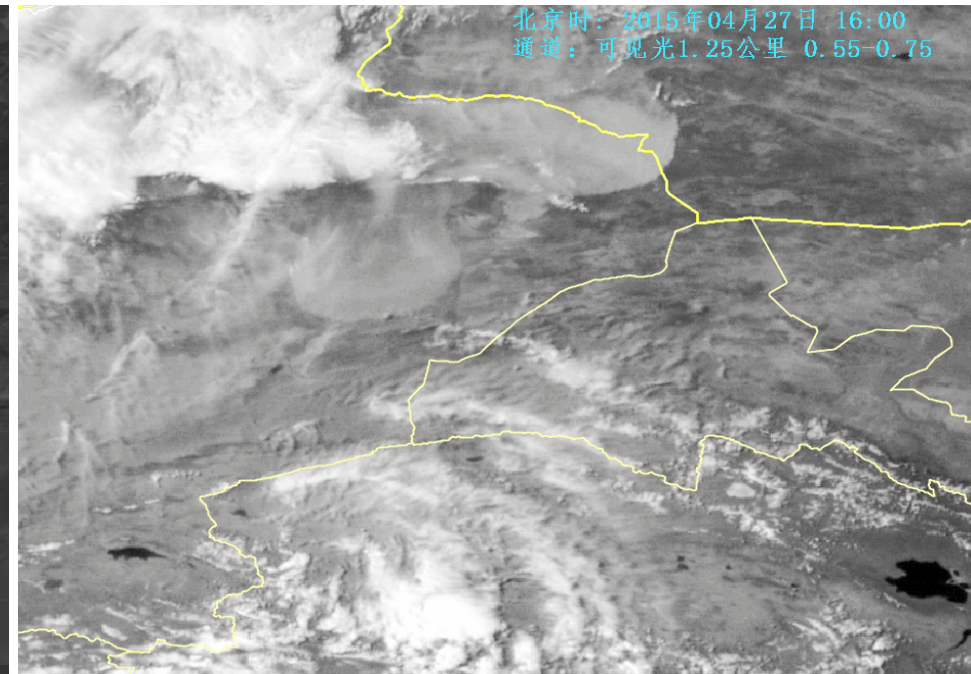
## Temporal

The eye of hurricane Luis at one minute intervals (actual 1 km resolution visible imagery zoomed to 0.33 km resolution)



## Temporal (2015 – 2020 era)

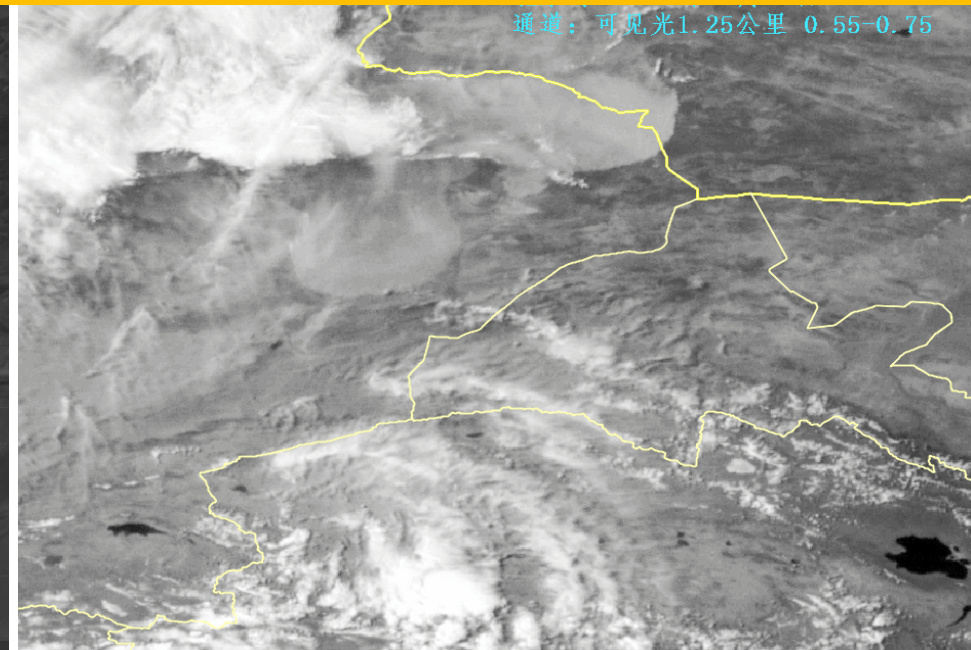
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**Can you see the difference in viewing angles between Himawari and FY-2? This has advantages when viewing clouds and doing cloud motion vectors. Over Asia/Oceania great opportunities!!**



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## **Update on Accurate Cloud Motion and Heights Using Time Adjusted Stereo**

**G. Garrett Campbell 2, James F.W. Purdom 1,2 and Carol E. Vaughn 2**

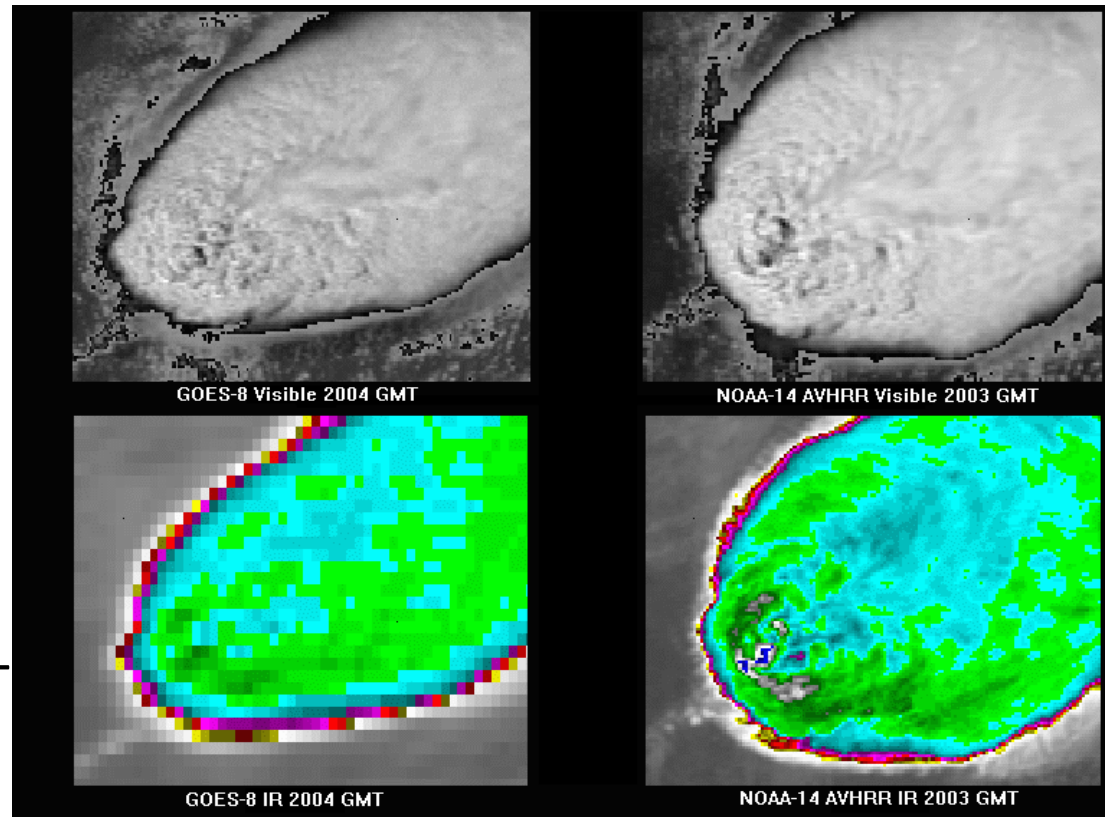
**Third International Wind Workshop, June 1996**

- Asynchronous stereo and motion analysis
  - Uses stereographic techniques, but does not require time synchronization between the different satellites (may also include polar orbiters).
  - The inclusion of many measurements improves the accuracy of the height and the motion.
  - Cloud optical properties like emissivity may also be derived given the geometric height of the cloud.



With satellite remote sensing, there are four basic questions that need to be addressed

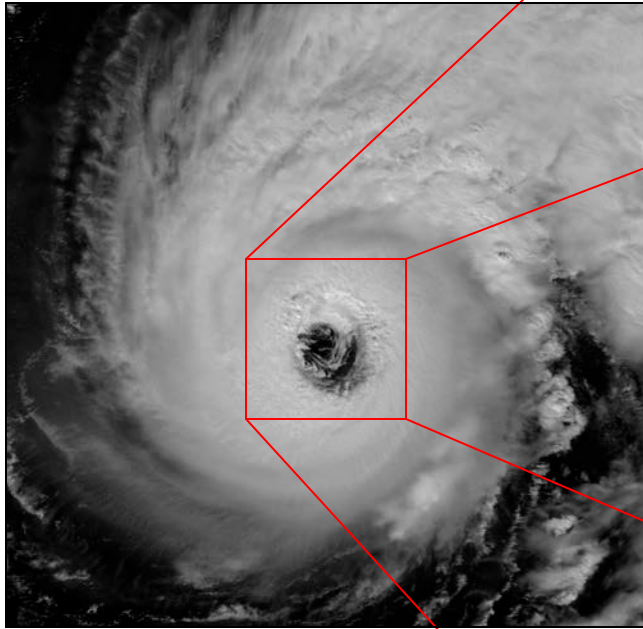
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  - **spatial (what size)**
  - spectral (what wavelengths and their width)
  - radiometric (signal-to-noise)



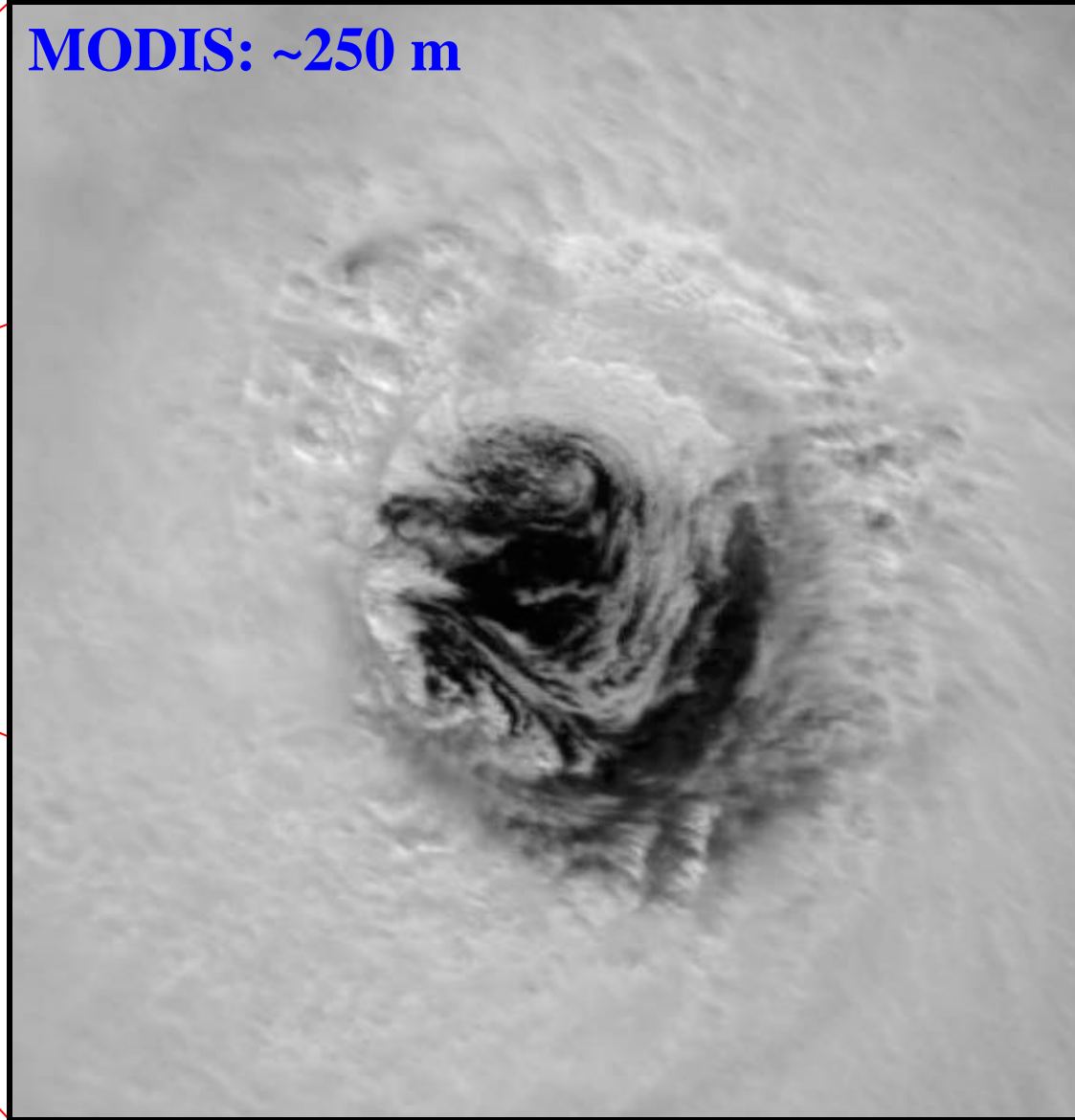
**GOES and AVHRR 1 km Vis (top)**  
**GOES 4 km IR, AVHRR 1 km IR (bottom)**

1 Km to 250 m

**Hurricane Erin**  
**09/09/01 ~1530 Z**

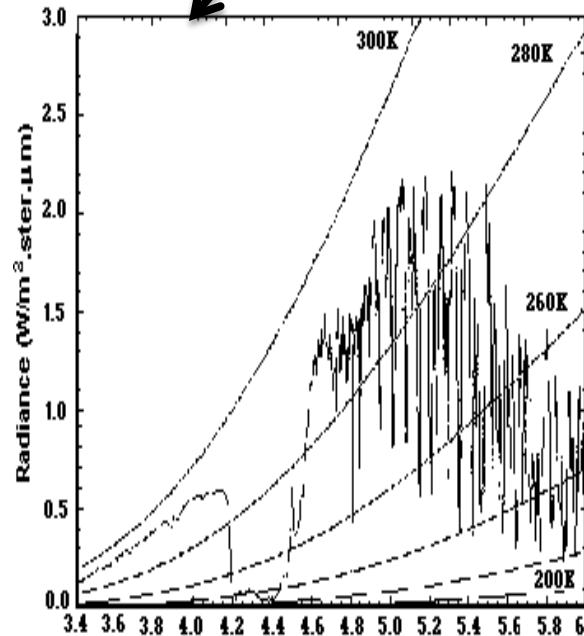
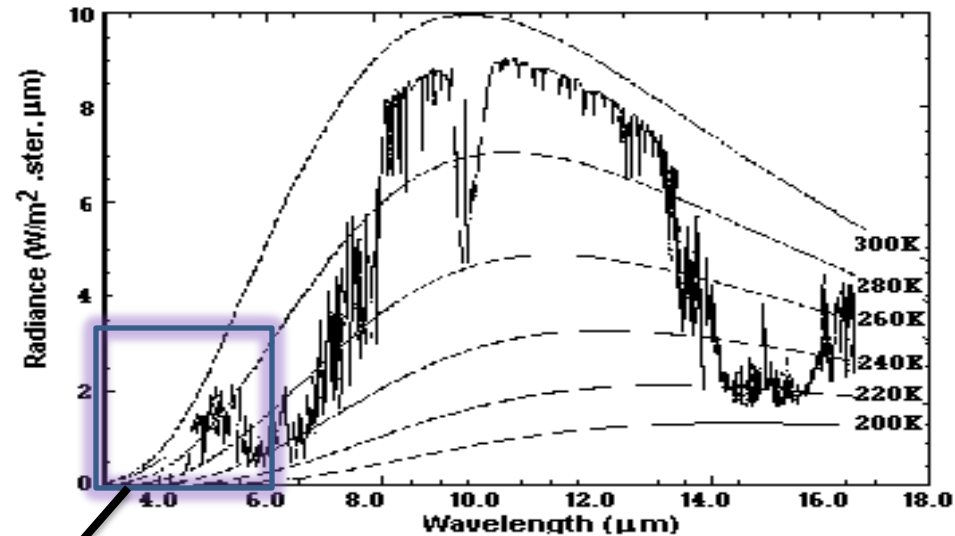


**MODIS: ~250 m**



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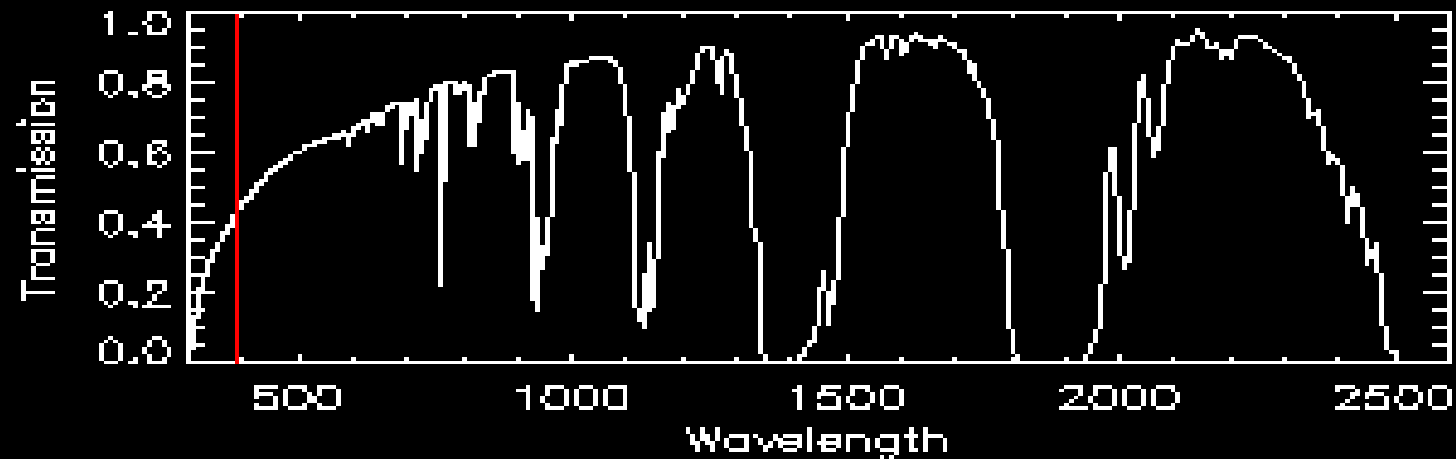


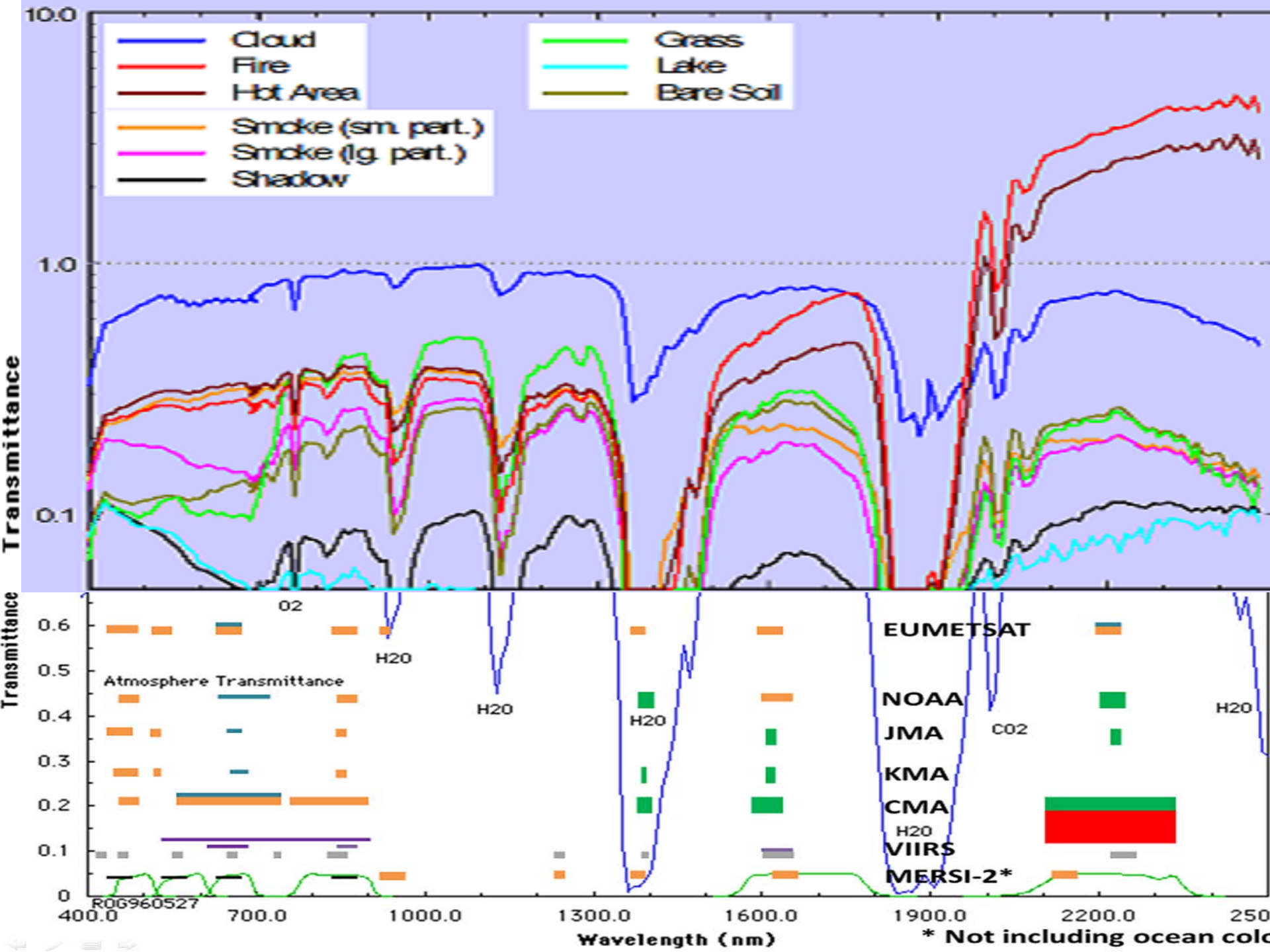
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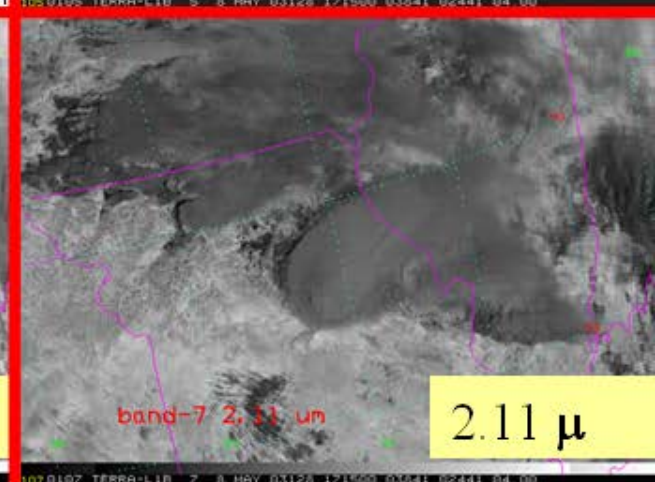
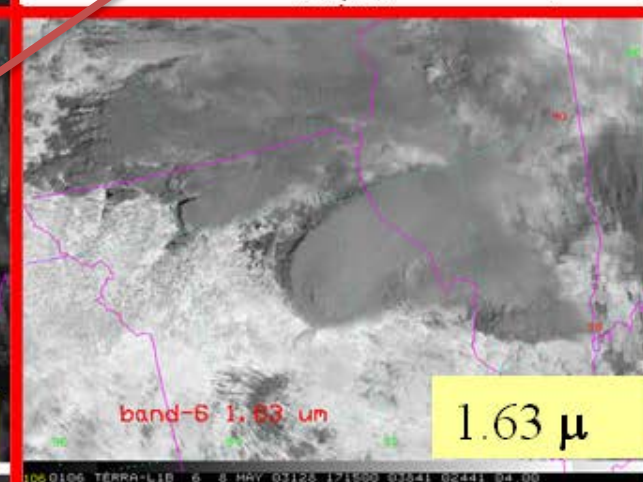
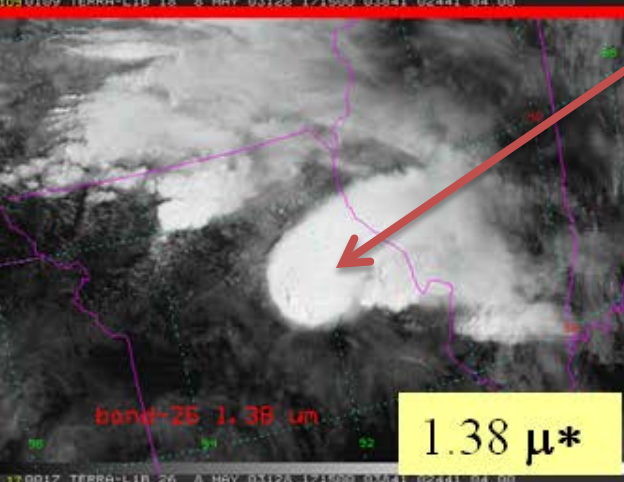
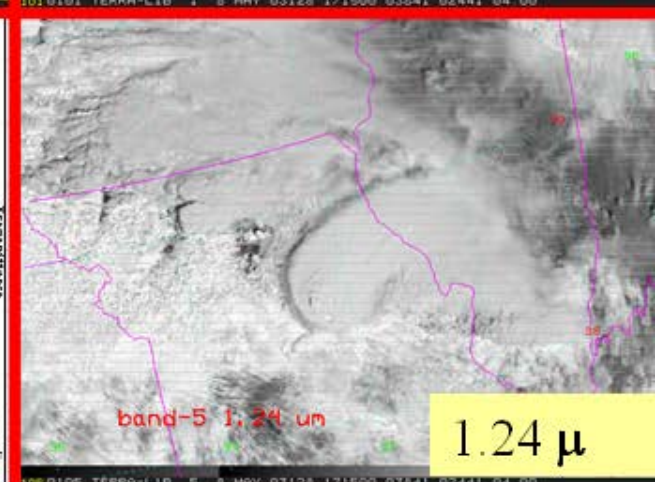
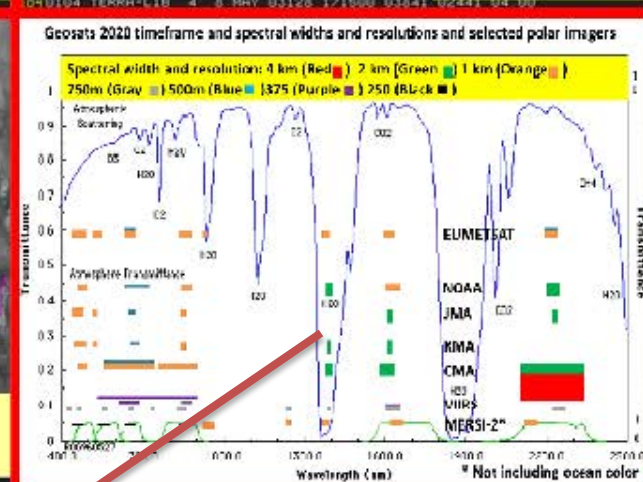
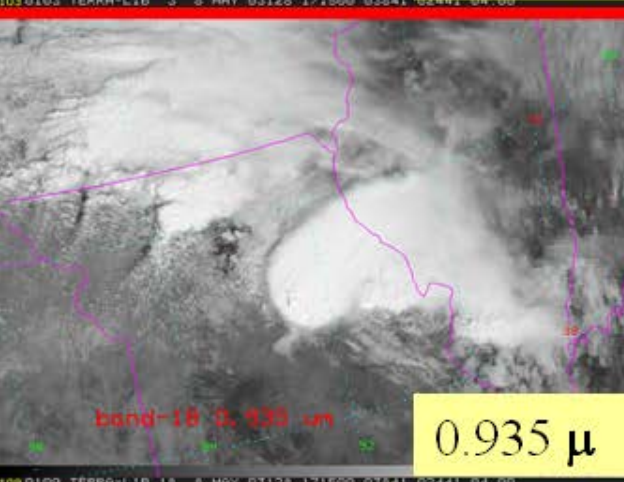
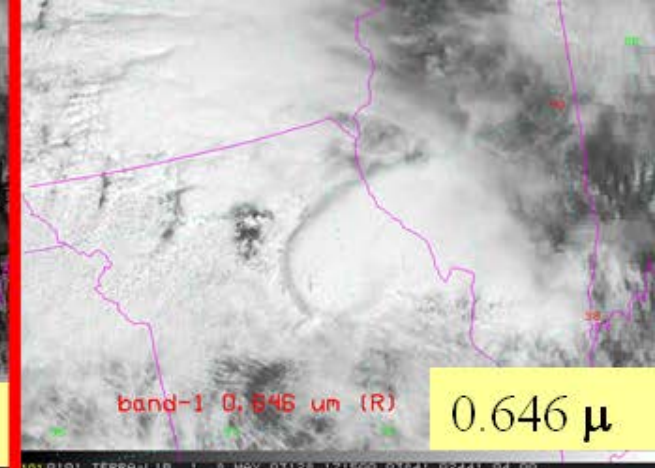
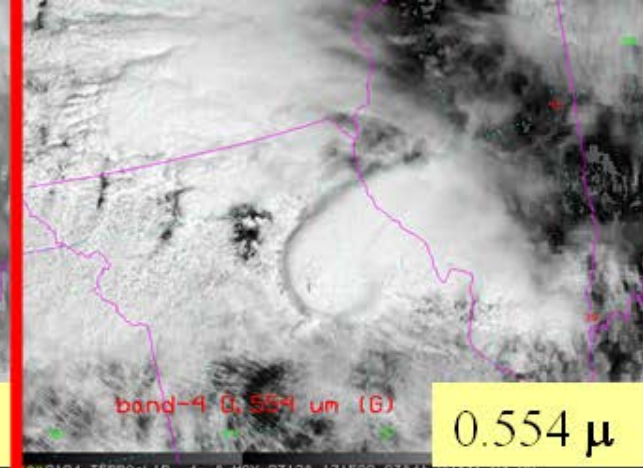
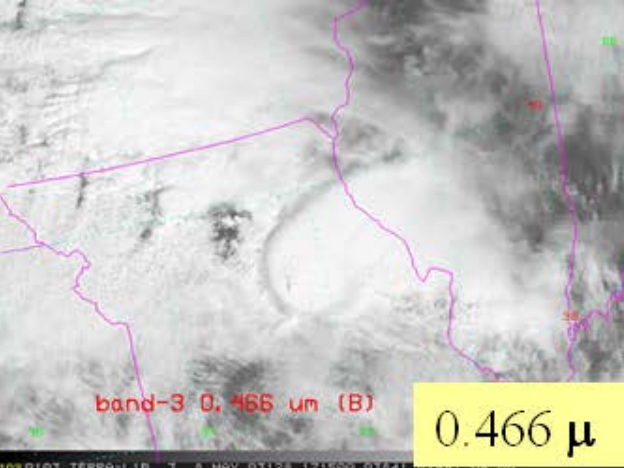
390 nm

Animation of the spectrum from 0.4  $\mu\text{m}$  to 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$ . Notice how as we move to longer wavelengths the cloud becomes more distinct, the fire becomes apparent and the haze and smoke go away. Also note H<sub>2</sub>O's absorption effect.

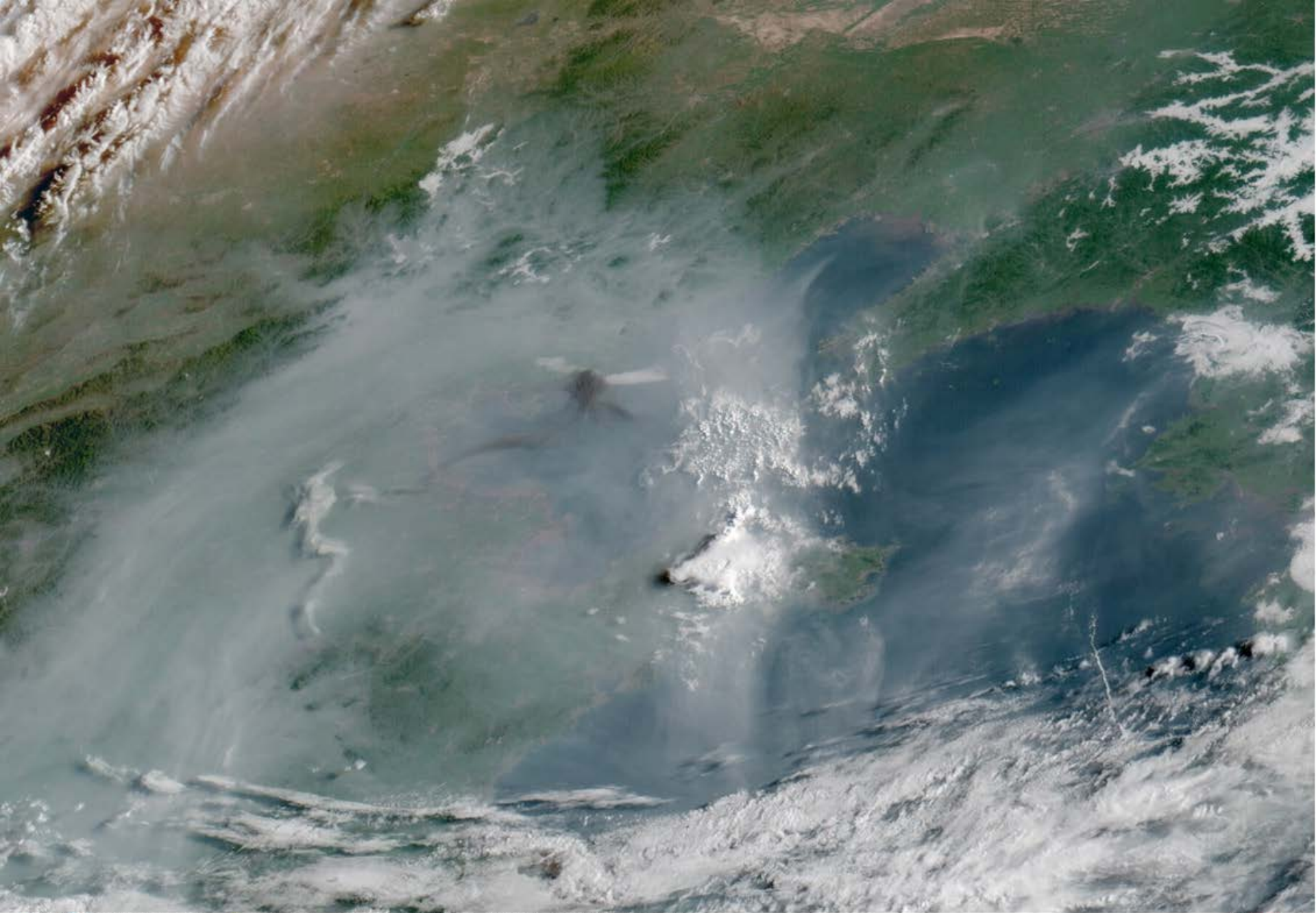








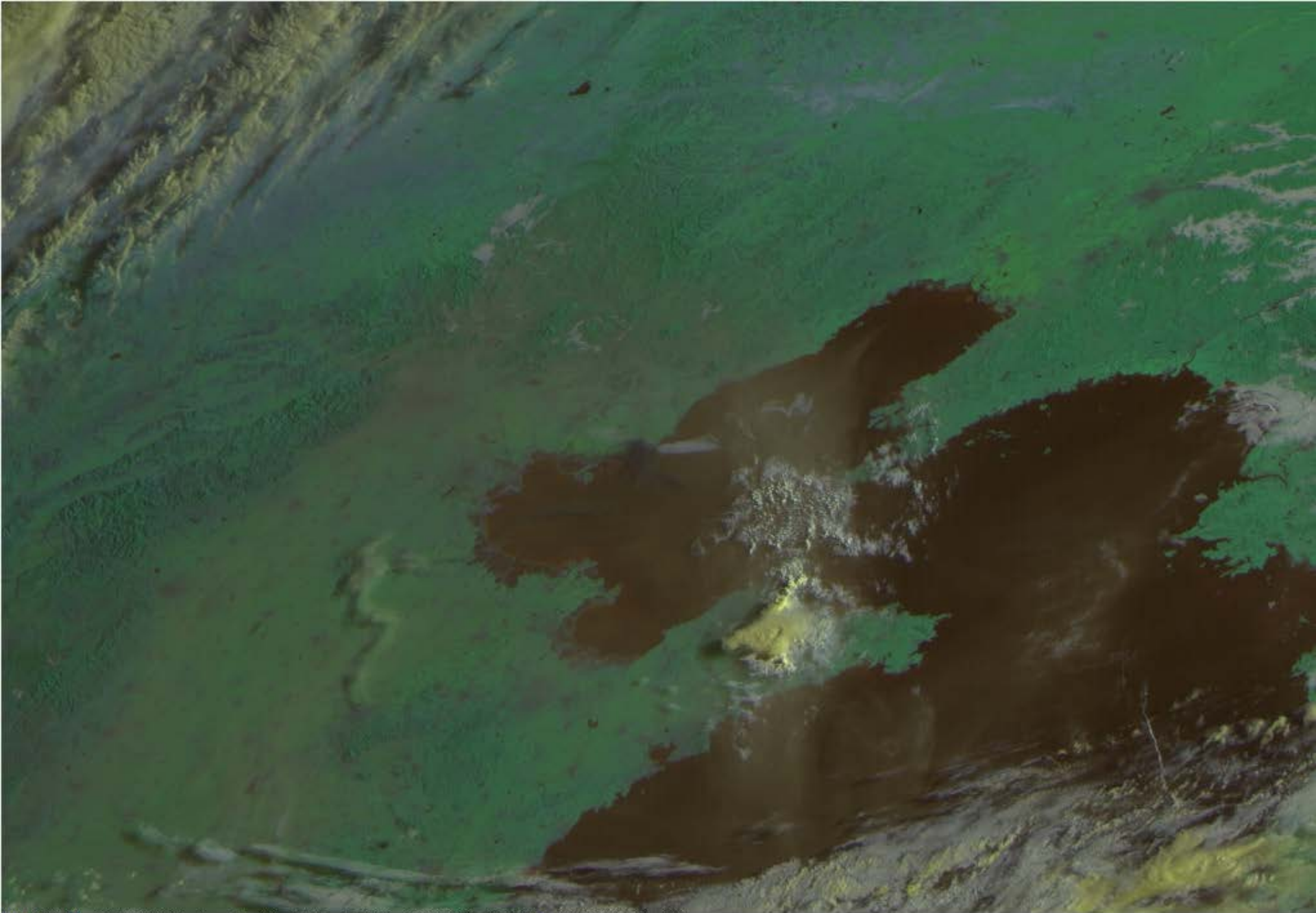




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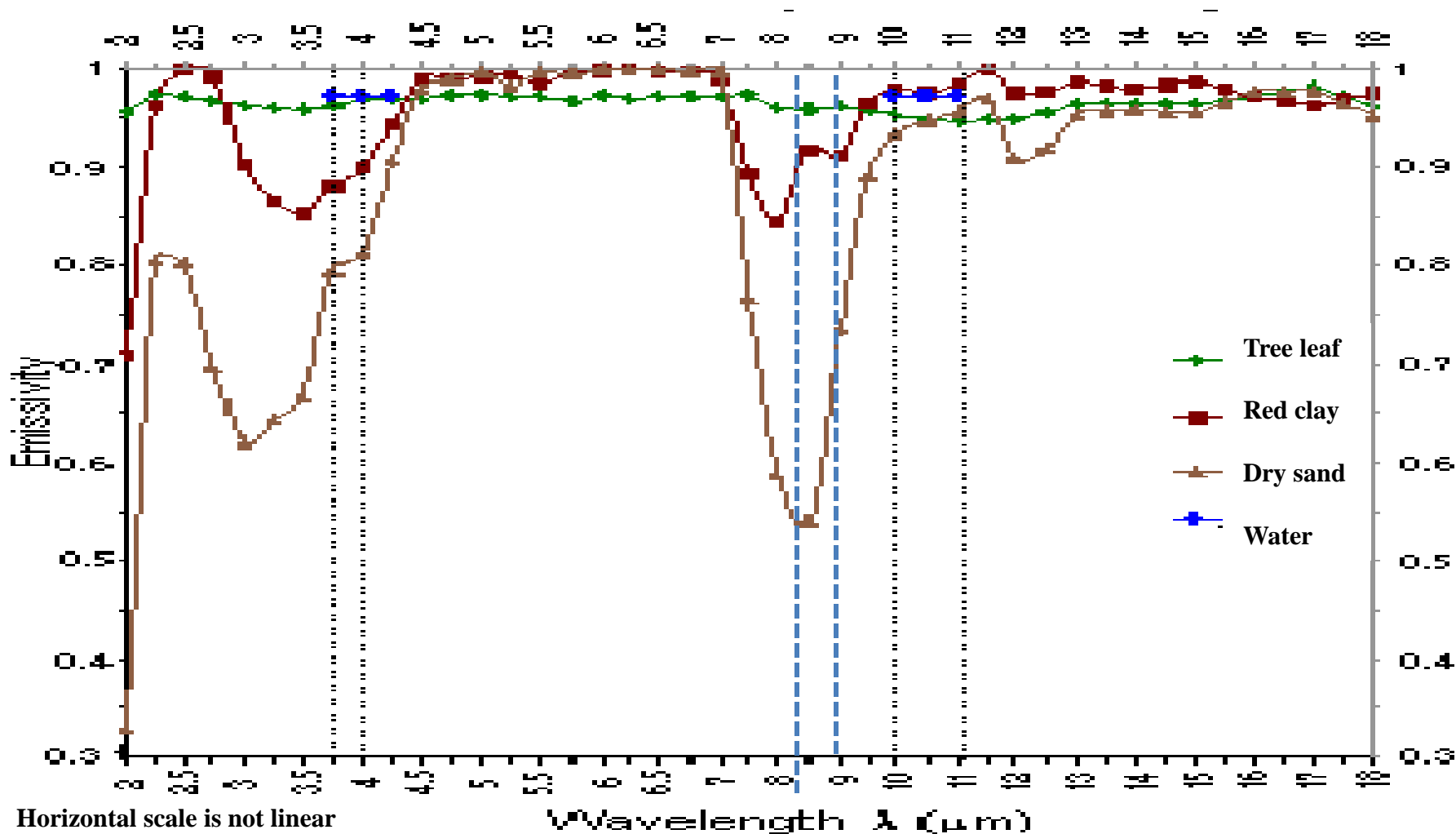
True color image over Bohai Bay, Tianjin, Beijing and North East China – note smog obscuring land



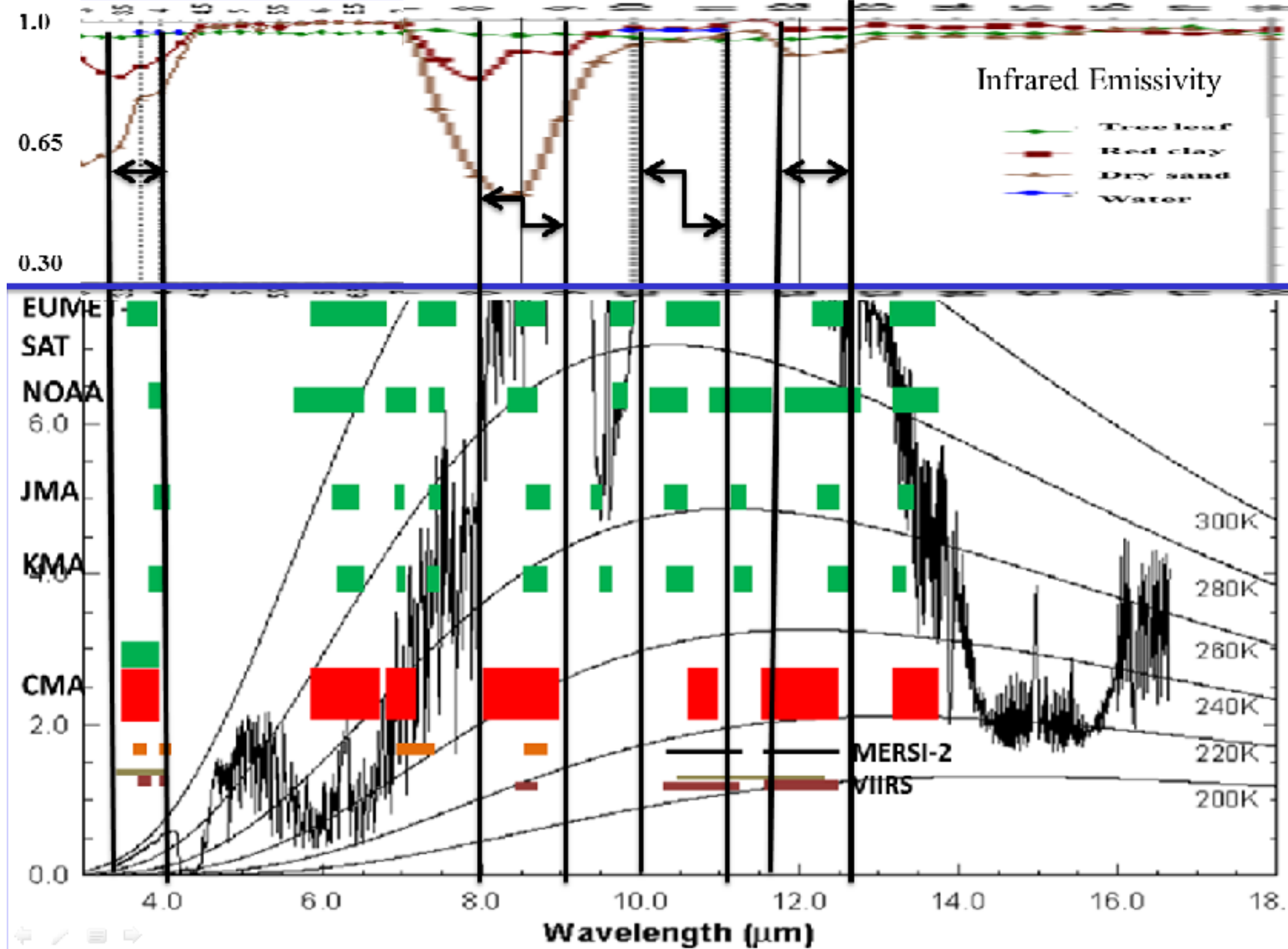
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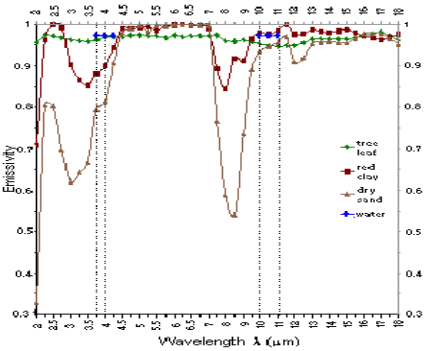
Three channel composite (.74, .86, 1.2) image over Bohai Bay, etc. made to show water/no smog

# Infrared emissivity versus wavelength for different surfaces

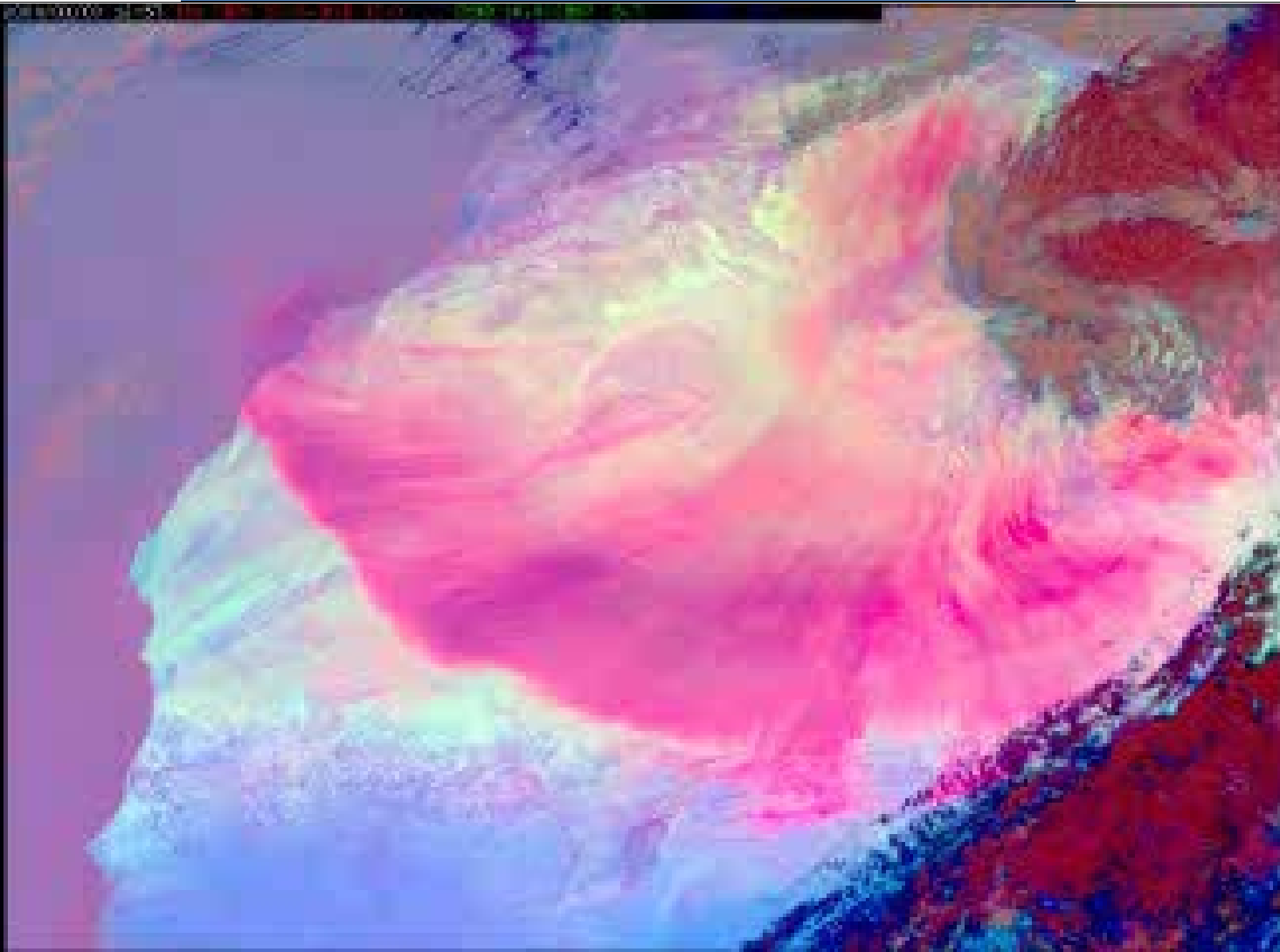
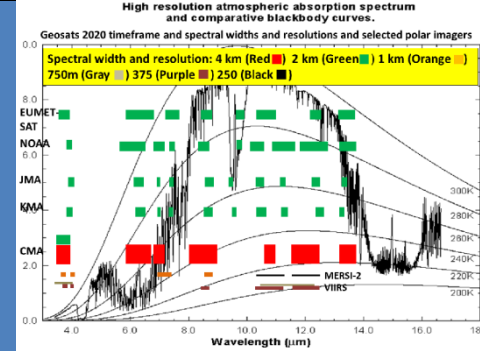






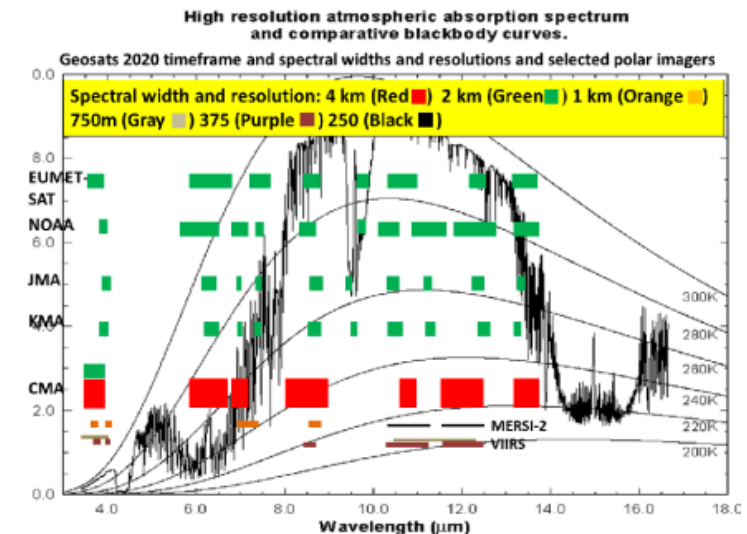
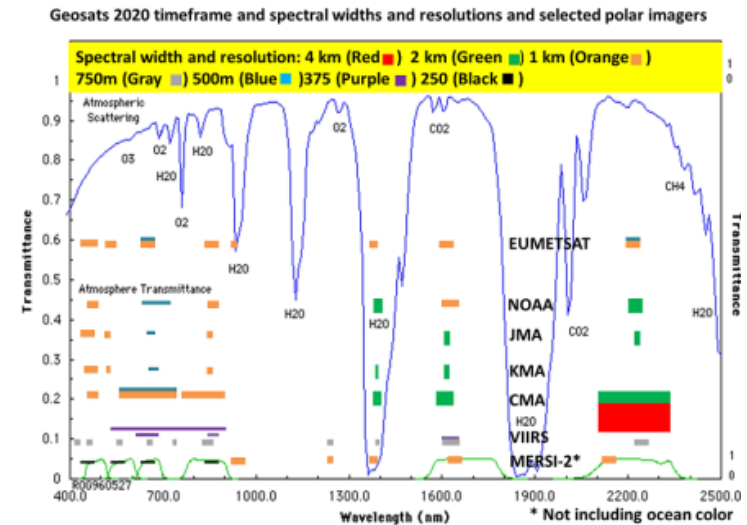


**Dust storm night**  
**Filling the gaps between**  
**4 hourly polar**  
**(10.8, 10.8 - 8.6, 10.8 - 12)**



# 65,535 ways to “combine” 16 channels

- Single channel 16
- 2 channels per image 120
- 3 channels per image 560
- 4 channels per image 1820
- 5 channels per image 4368
- 6 channels per image 8008
- 7 channels per image 11440
- 8 channels per image 12870
- 9 channels per image 11440
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- 15 channels per image 16
- 16 channels 1





**Great News!!  
I've got 65,535  
down to 560 –  
I'll be back in  
10 minutes  
with some  
more! Unless  
we're in rapid  
scan, if so I'll  
be back in a  
few minutes.**



# The Problem and a Solution

- ❑ Multi-spectral (satellite) imagery has spectral bands that contain more redundant information, than difference information, about the scene being viewed.
- ❑ It would be nice if each spectral band/image contained information separate from the other spectral bands/images. But this is not the case in the real world.
- ❑ There is a transformation technique for multi-spectral imagery that can separate the variables and interpret the imagery.

# Why transform imagery?

- ❑ To **simplify multi-spectral imagery** by reducing redundancy to obtain the independent information.
- ❑ A new set of images that are **optimal combinations of the original spectral-band images** for extracting the **variance** in the available imagery.
- ❑ **Uncover important image combinations** for detection of **atmospheric and surface features** in multi-spectral imagery.

# Features of Principal Component Imagery (PCI)

- ❑ Puts common/redundant information into first PCIs
- ❑ Puts difference information into higher-ordered PCIs.
- ❑ Reduces the number of independent variables to a minimum.
- ❑ Can reduce noise by relegating noise to highest-order PCIs.

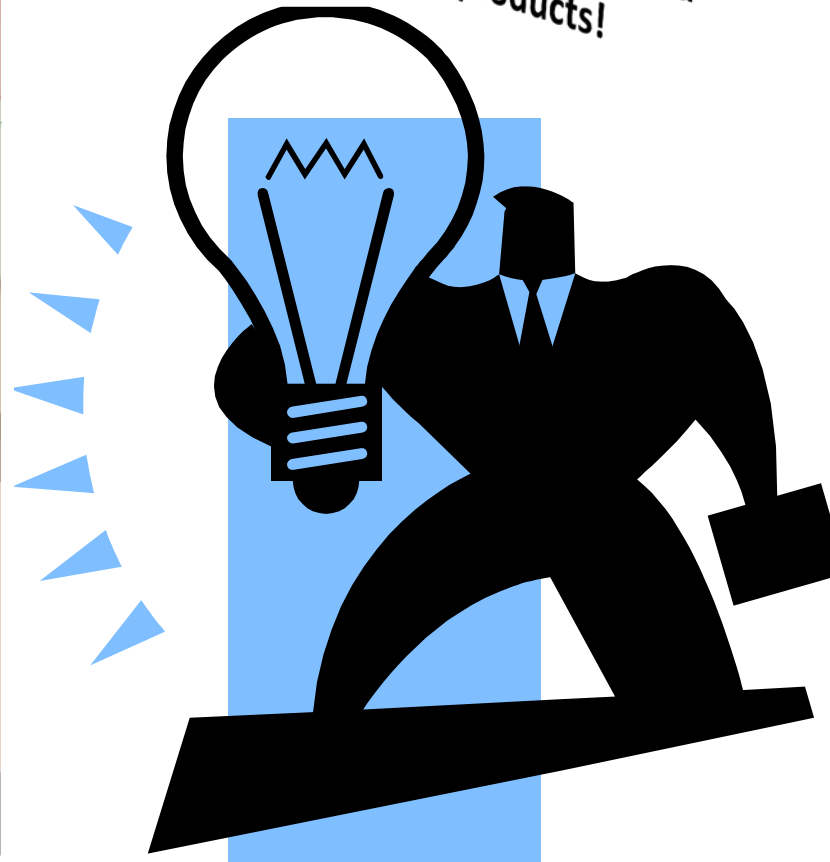


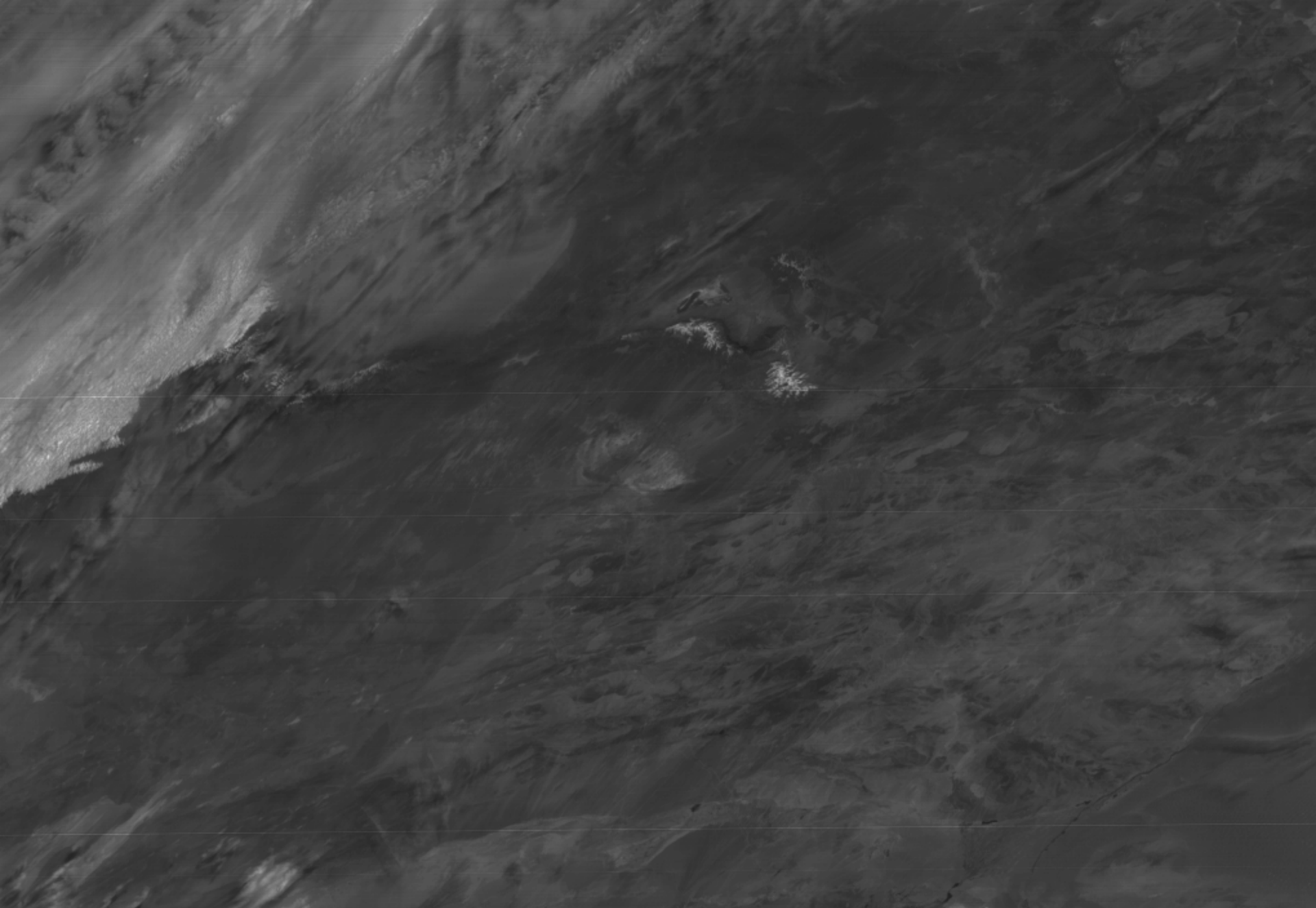
I guess we don't need everything then. Let's let the meteorological event help narrow the imagery and products we use.

There's hope out there somewhere!

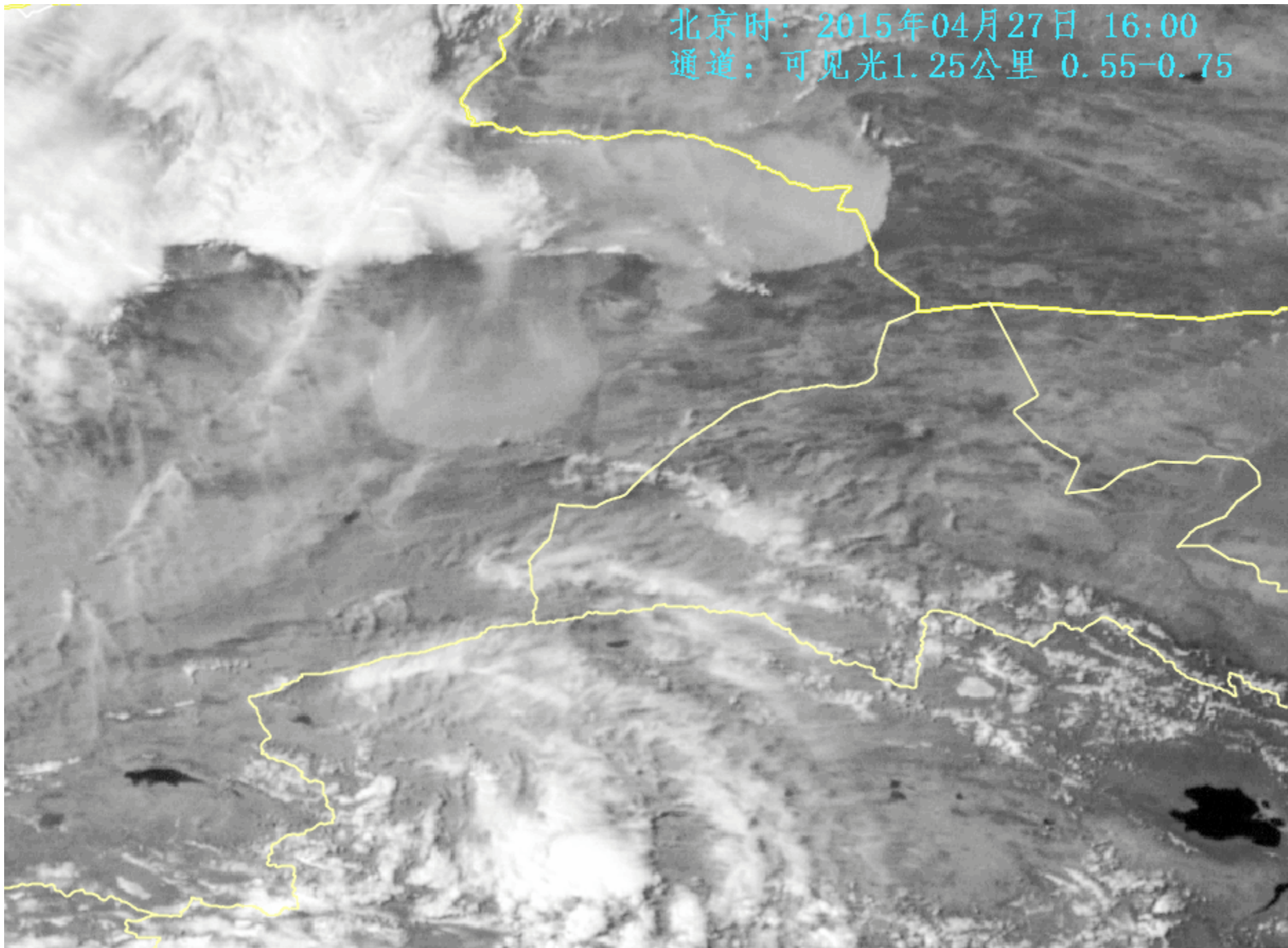


I've got an idea!!! We already have some pretty nice imagery combinations – let's look into this Principal Component thing and sharpen them up plus create some new and useful products!

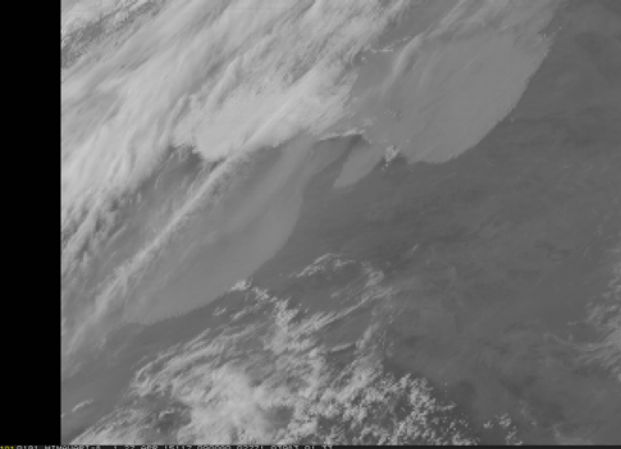




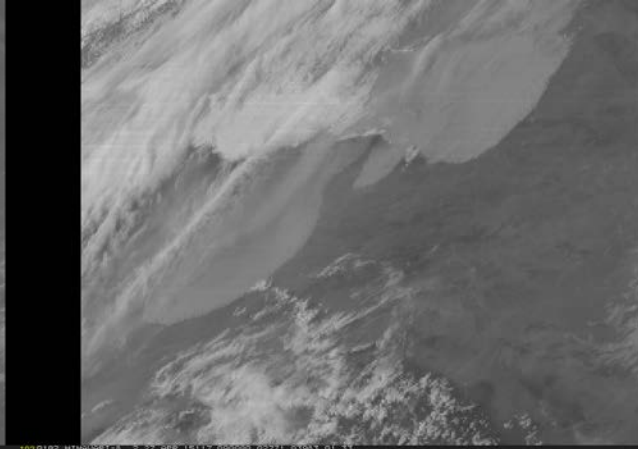
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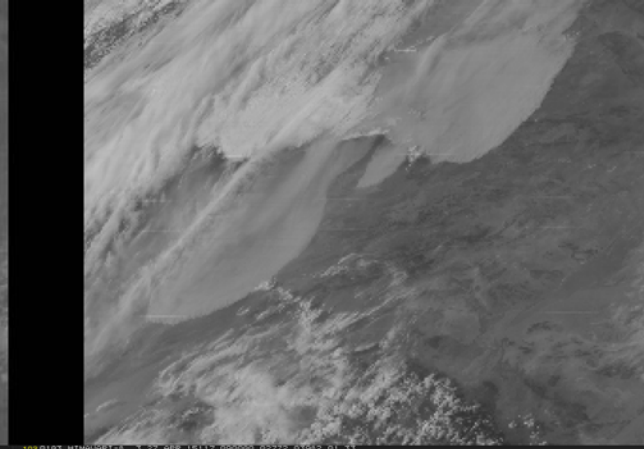




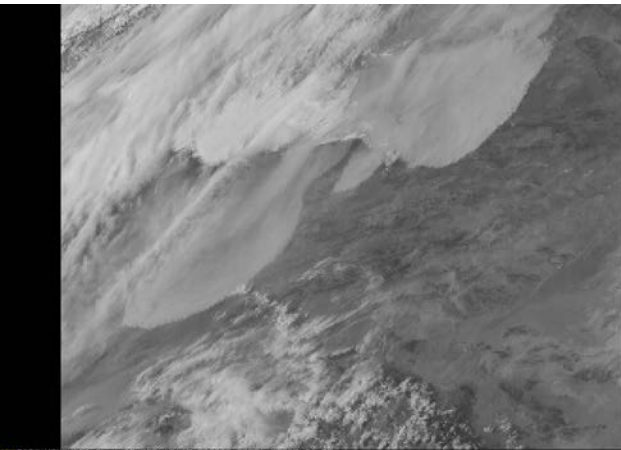
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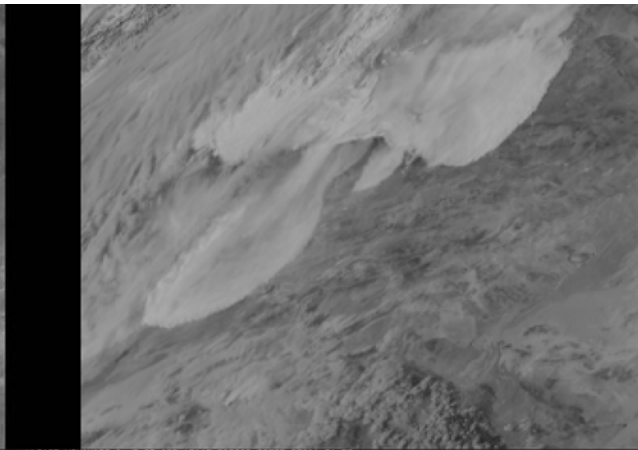
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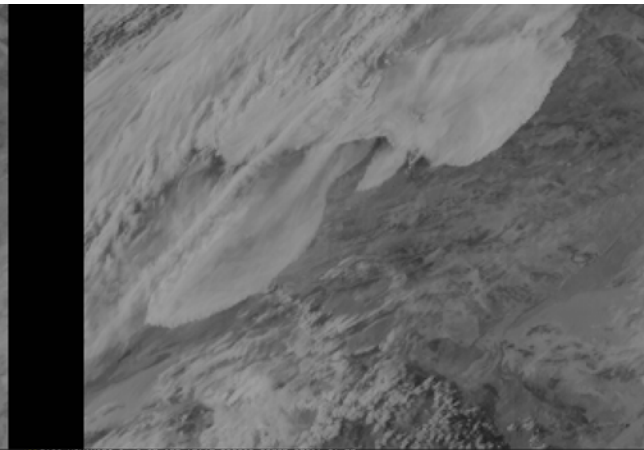
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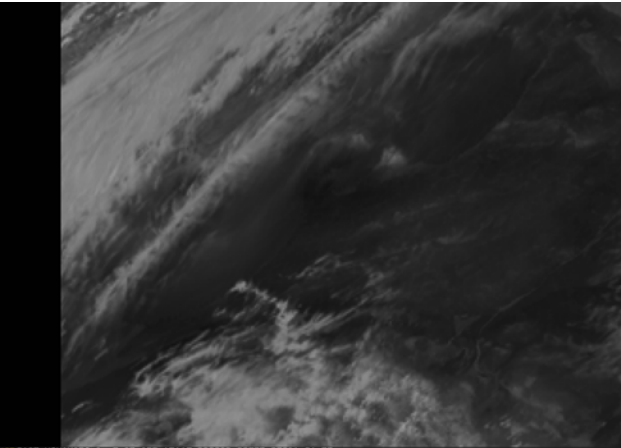
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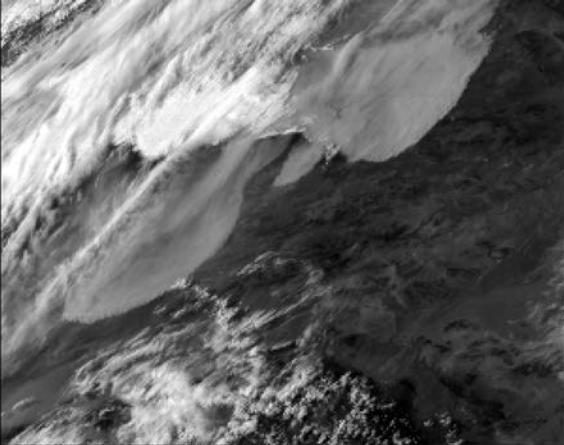


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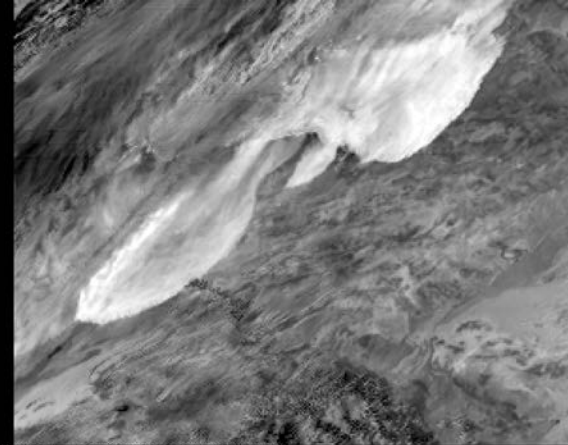
**From 27 April 2015. Going from left to right, top to bottom. Himawari visible and near IR channels plus the 3.85 micron channel on the bottom left. Channel wavelength in microns.**



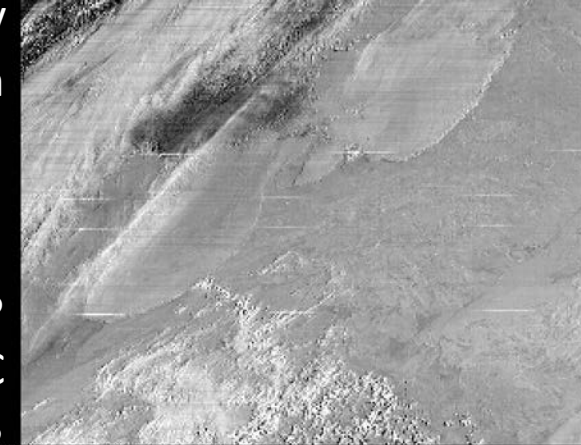
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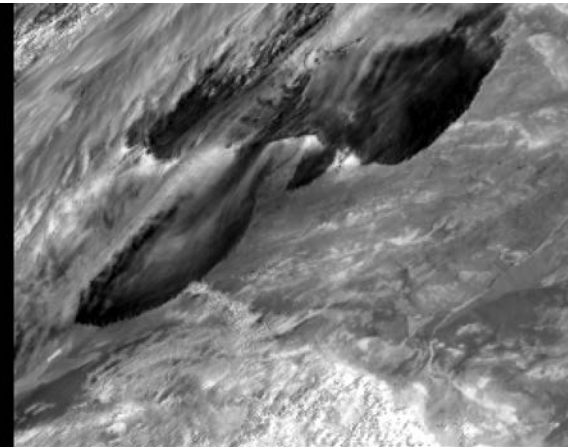
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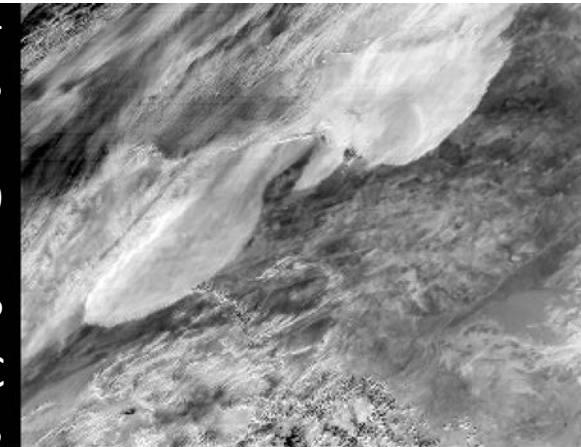
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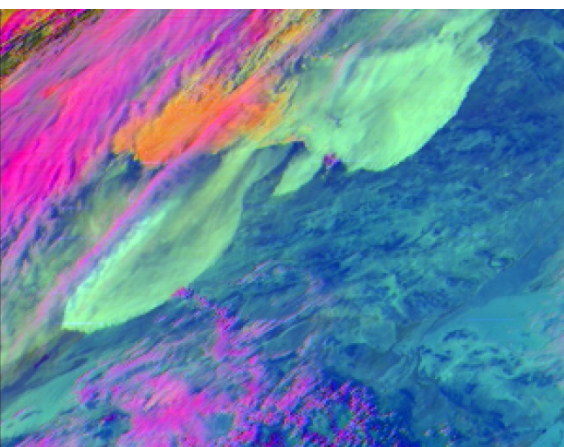
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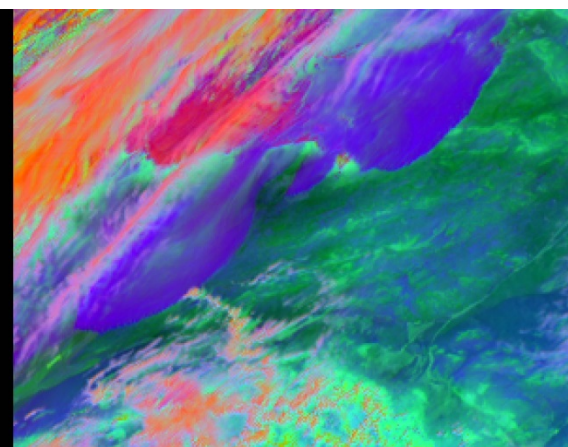
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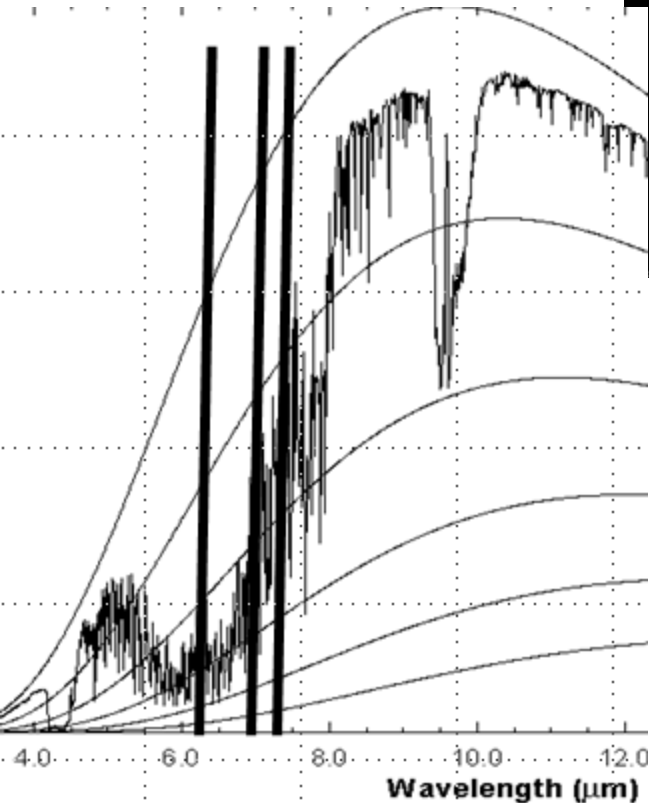
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**Top: PC's 1,2,3 of Visible and Near IR**  
**Middle: PC's 1,2,3 of Visible, near IR and 3.9 microns**  
**Bottom left RGB from PC's 1,2,3 of Vnir; Middle RGB of PC's 1,2,3 of Vnir and 3.9**

**Himawari Water infrared water vapor sensitive channels from 27 April 2015. Wavelength in microns. These are not used in the development of the Principal Components for this case.**

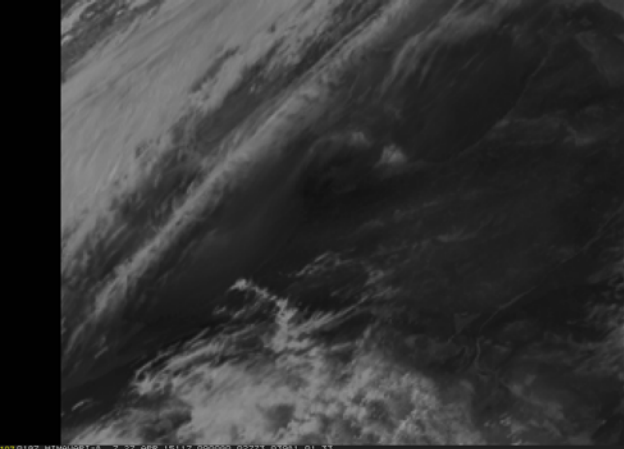
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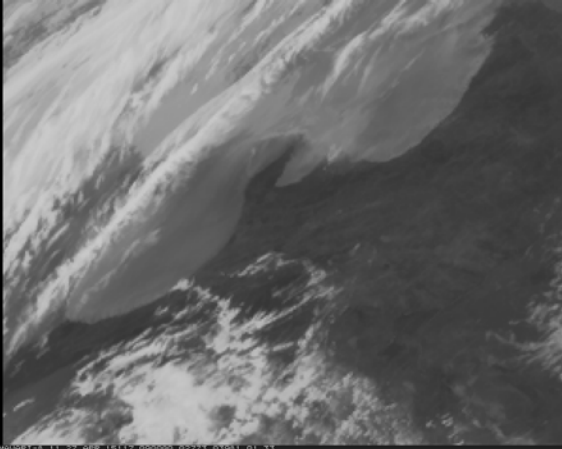
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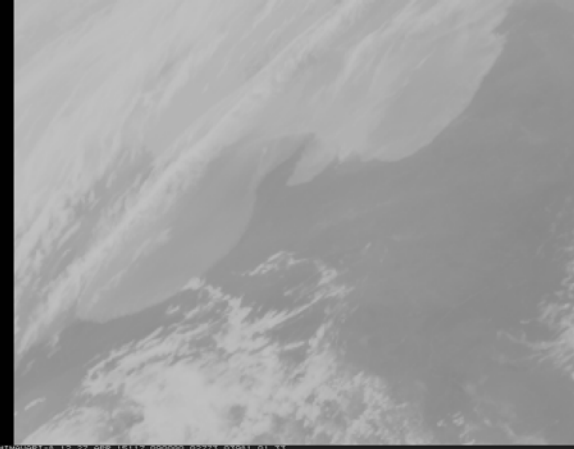




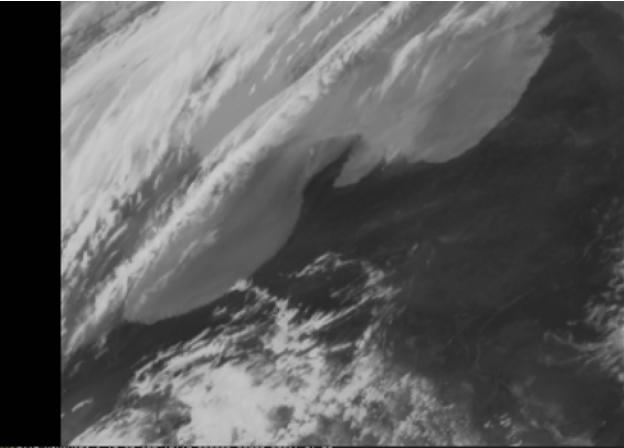
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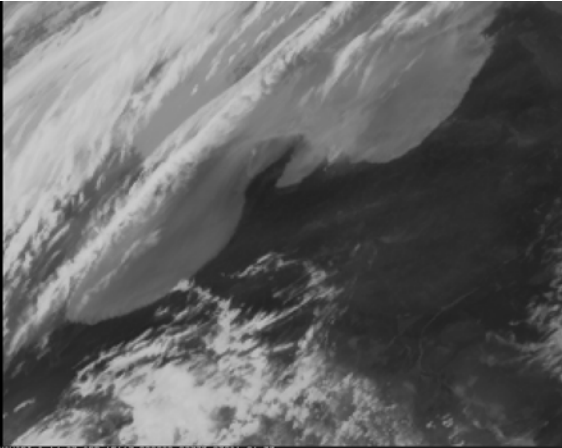
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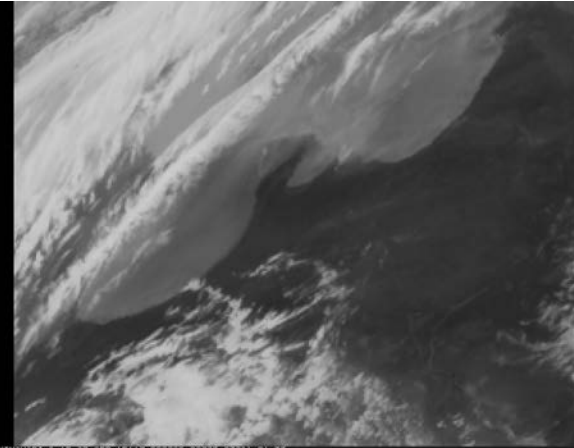
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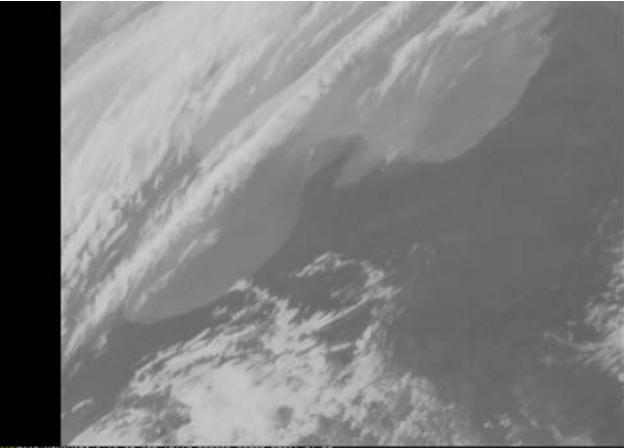
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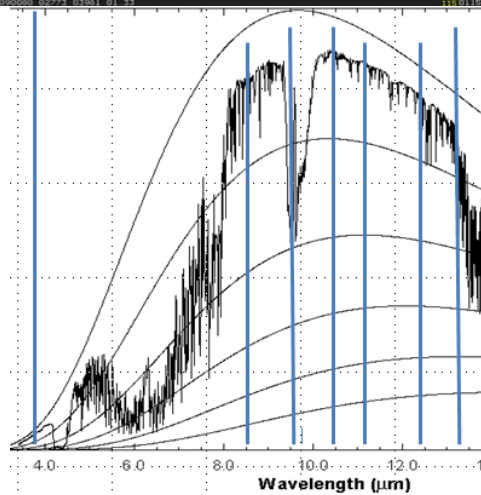
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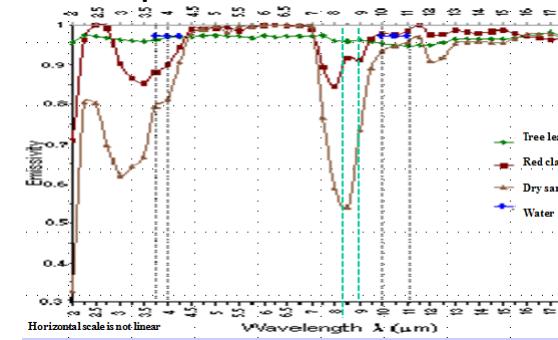
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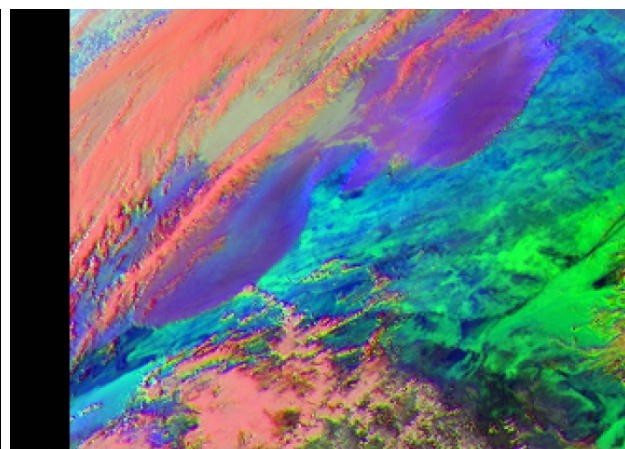
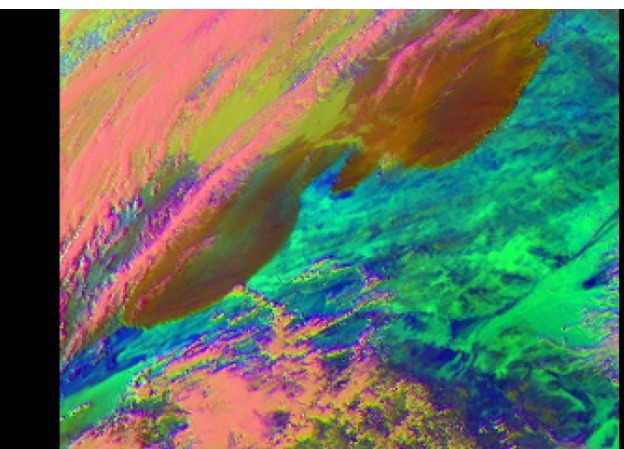
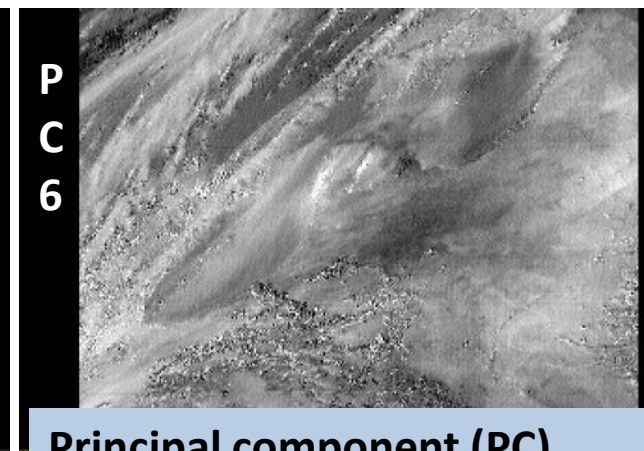
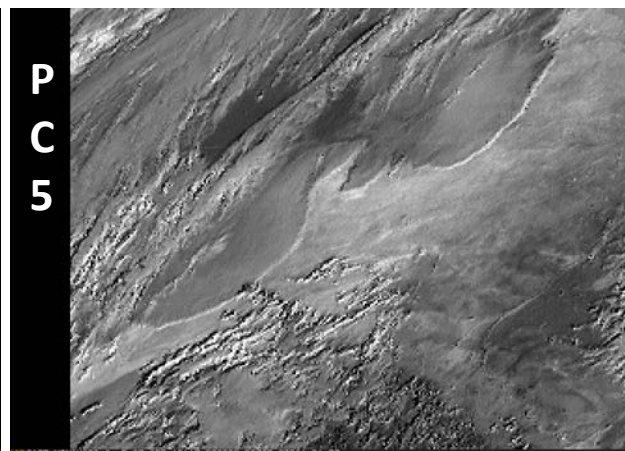
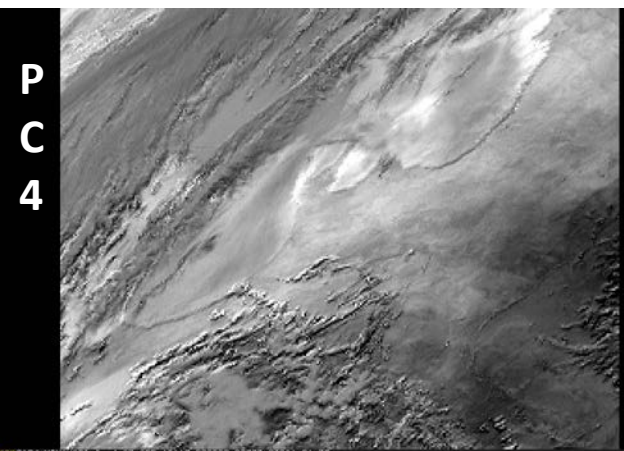
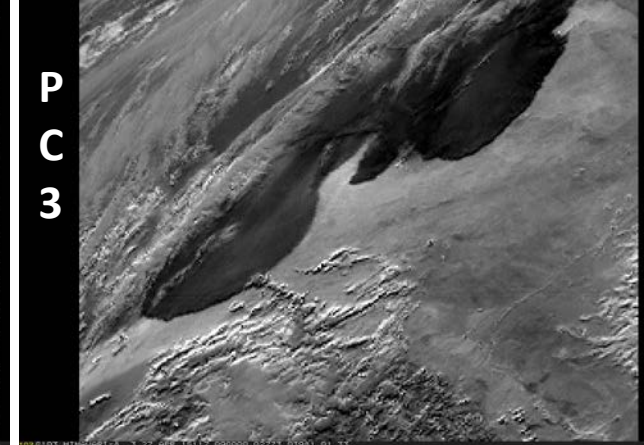
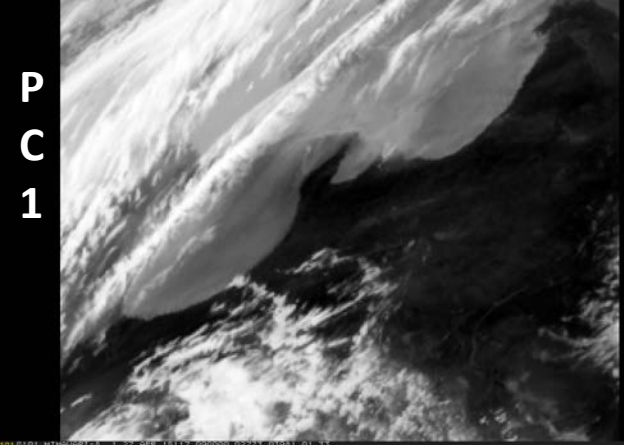


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Himawari IR channels for 27 April 2015 case.

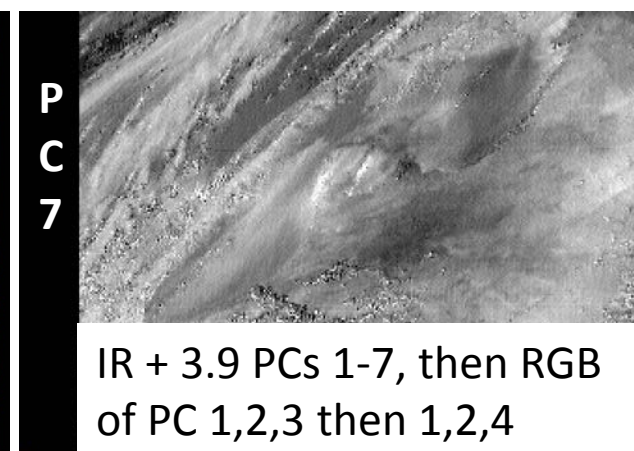
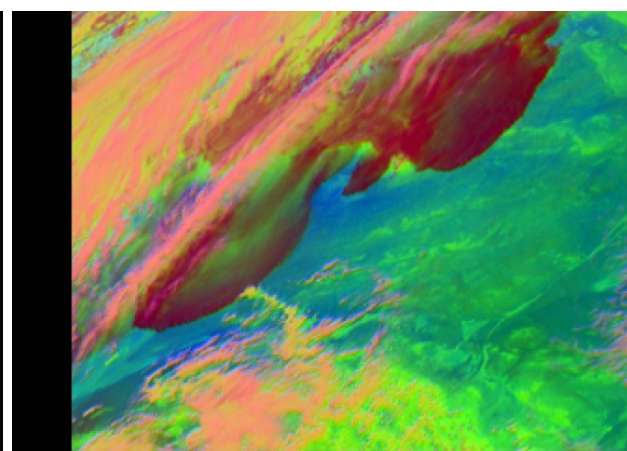
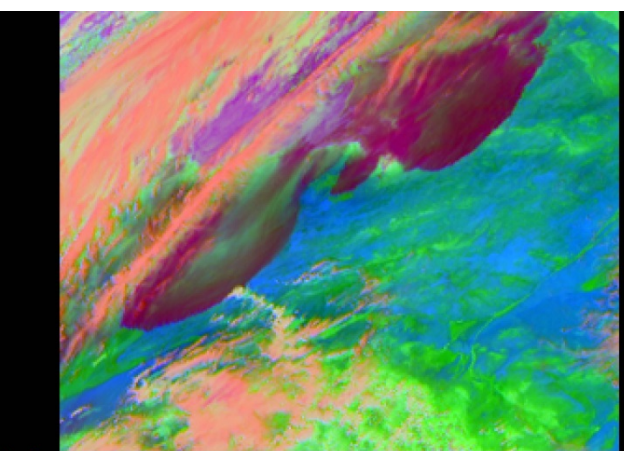
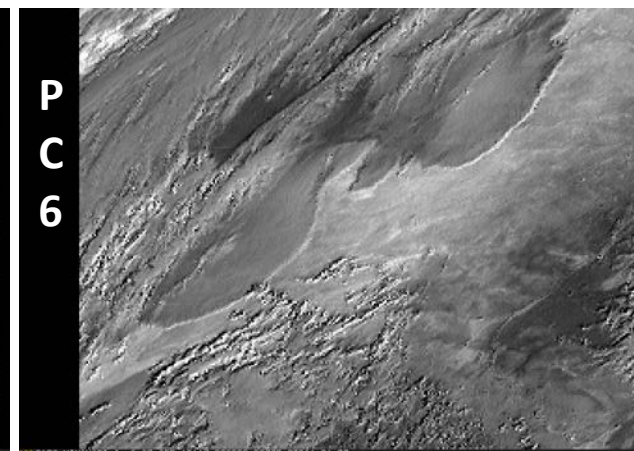
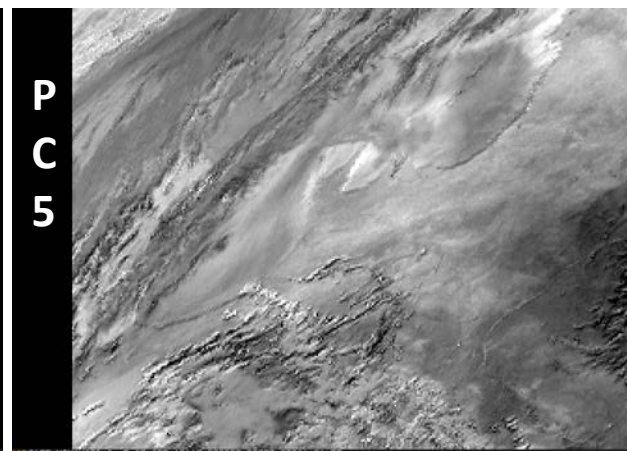
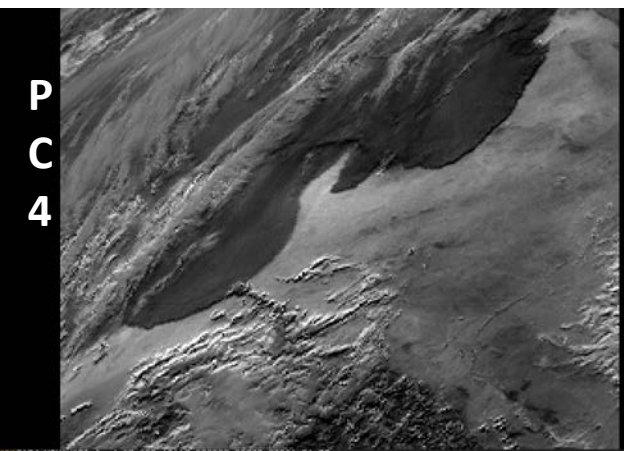
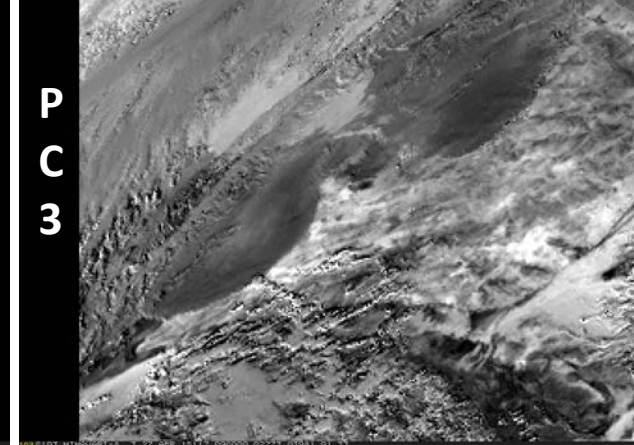
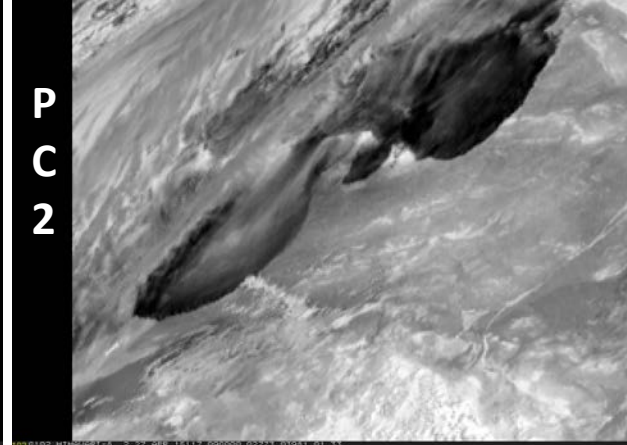
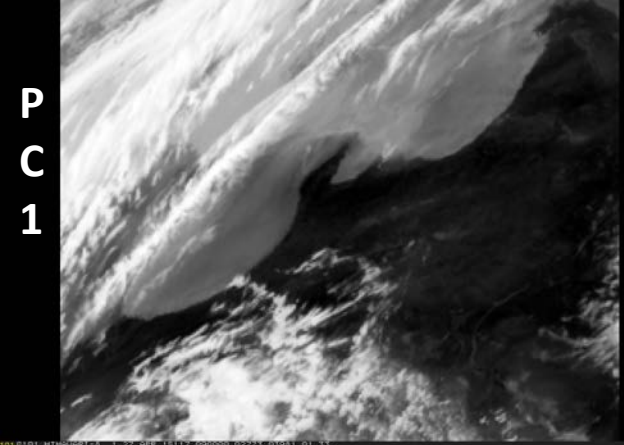




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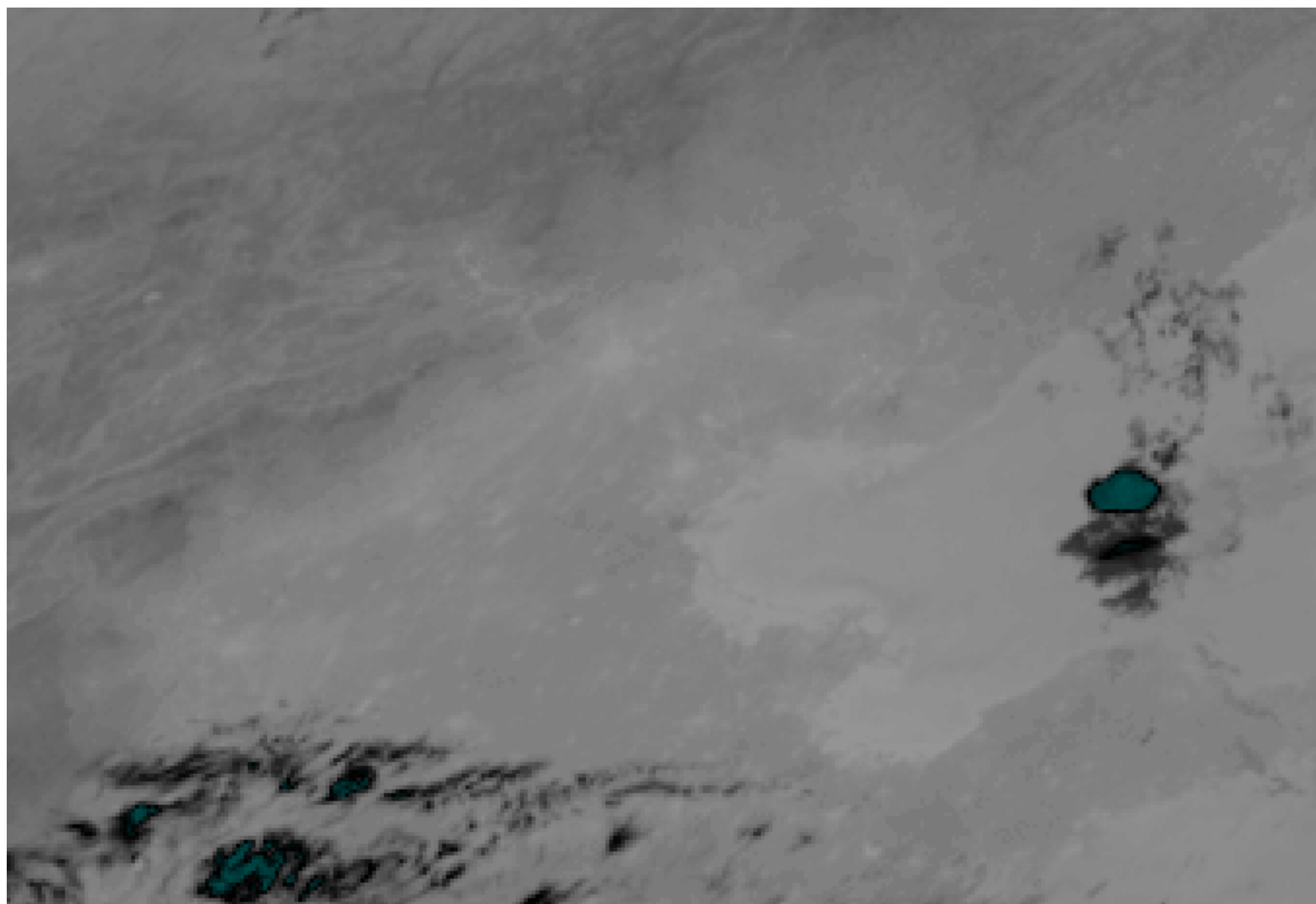
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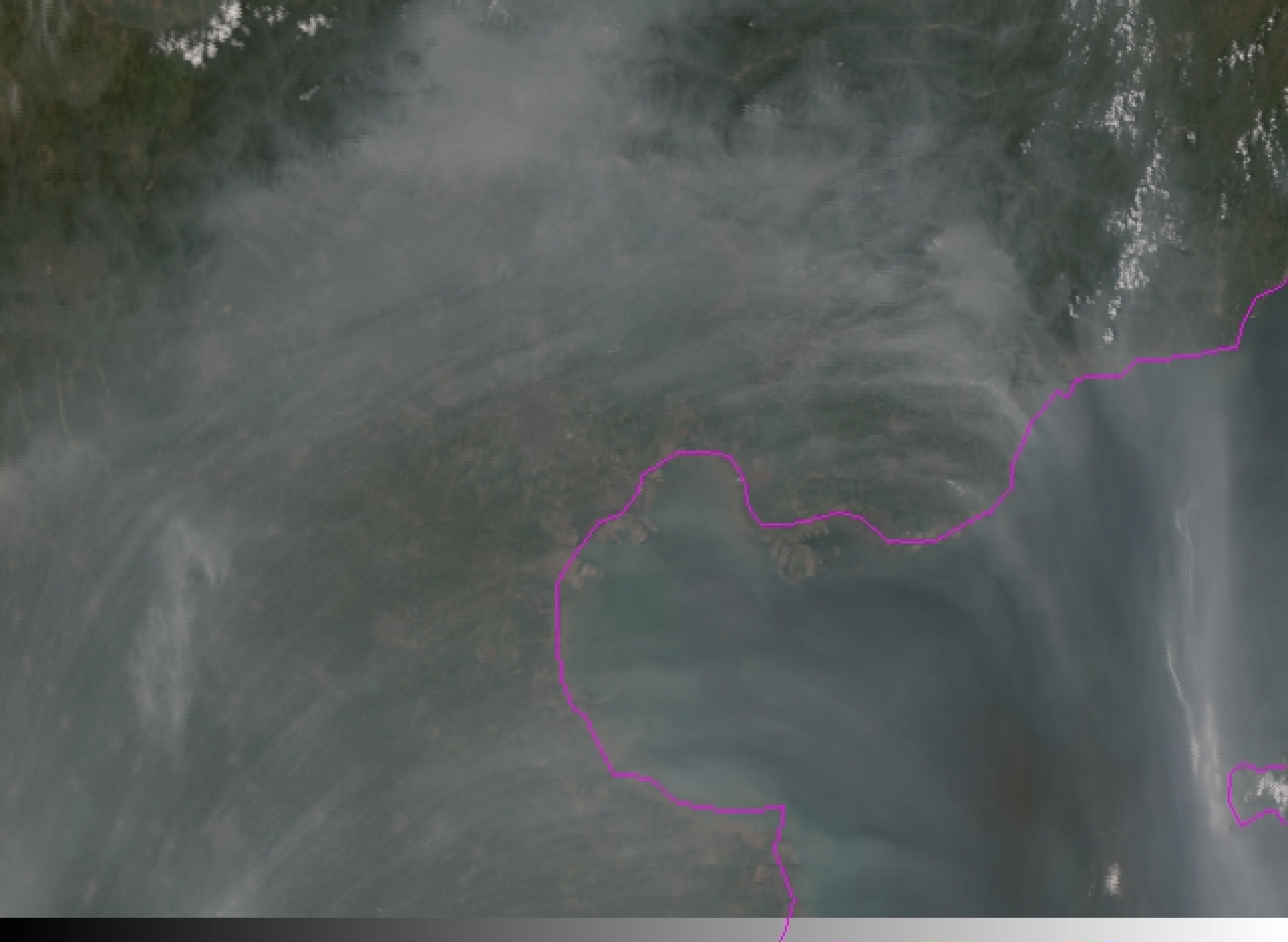
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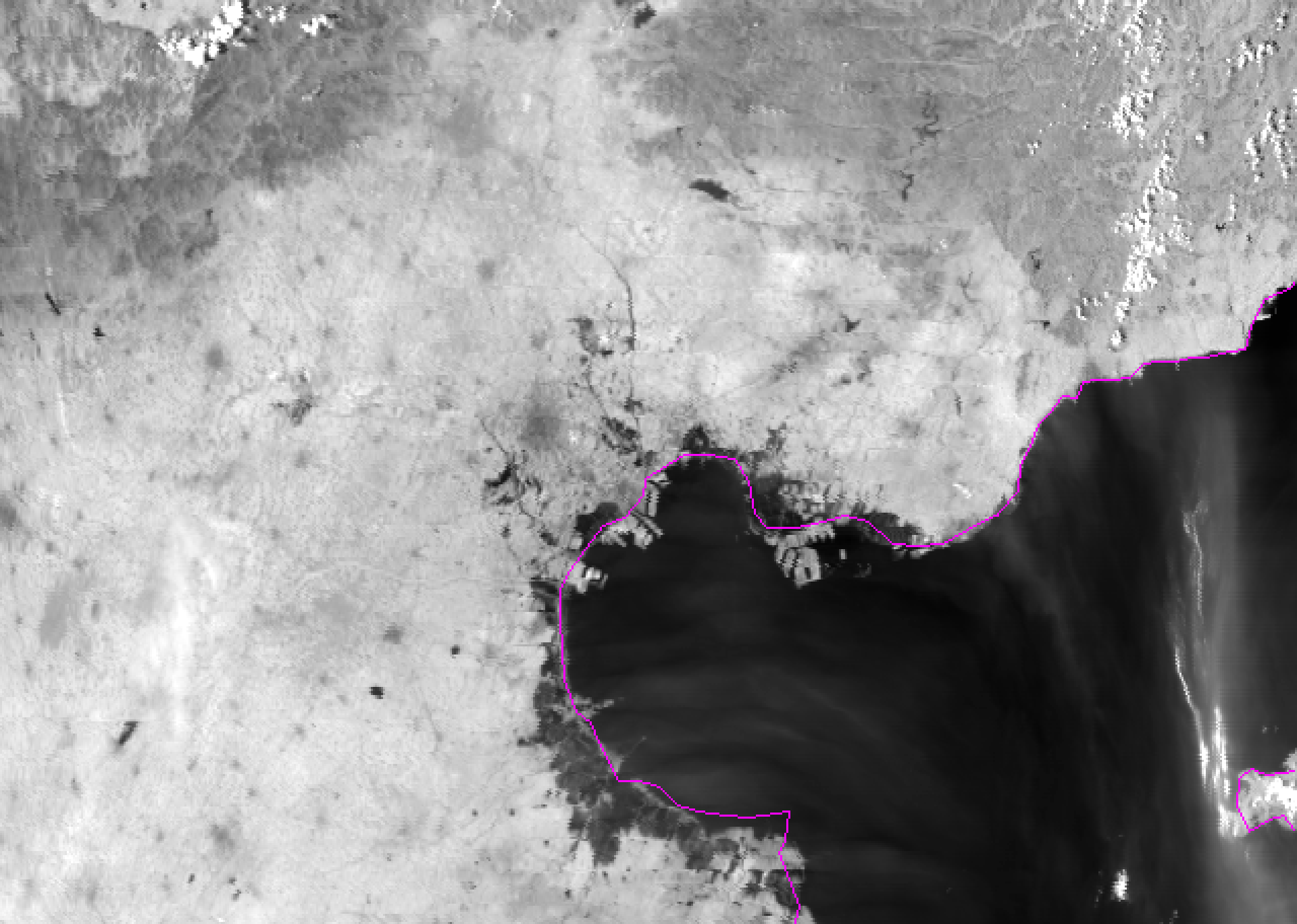
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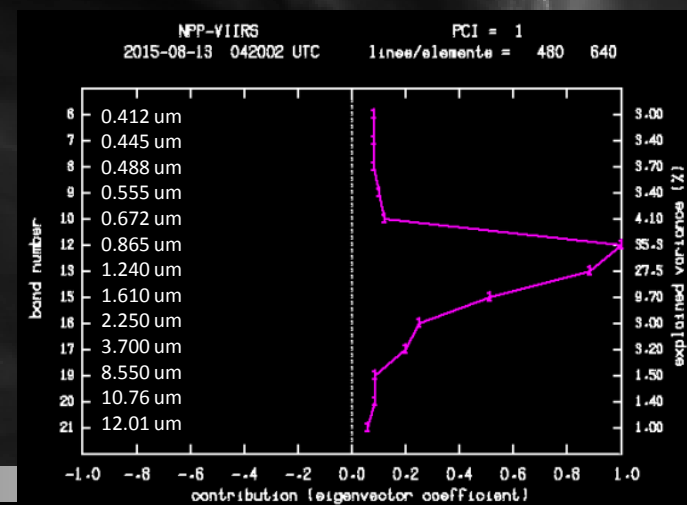
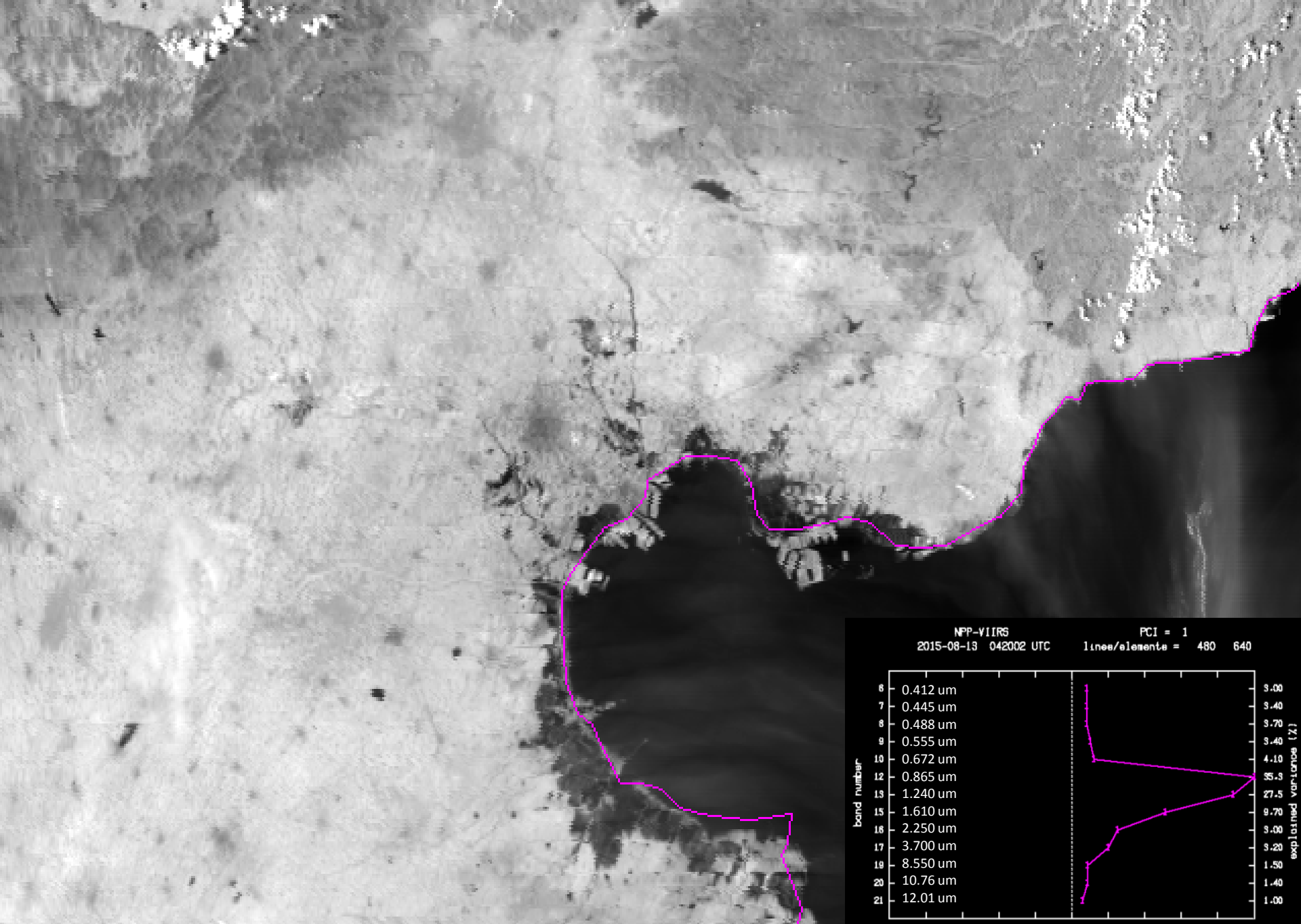


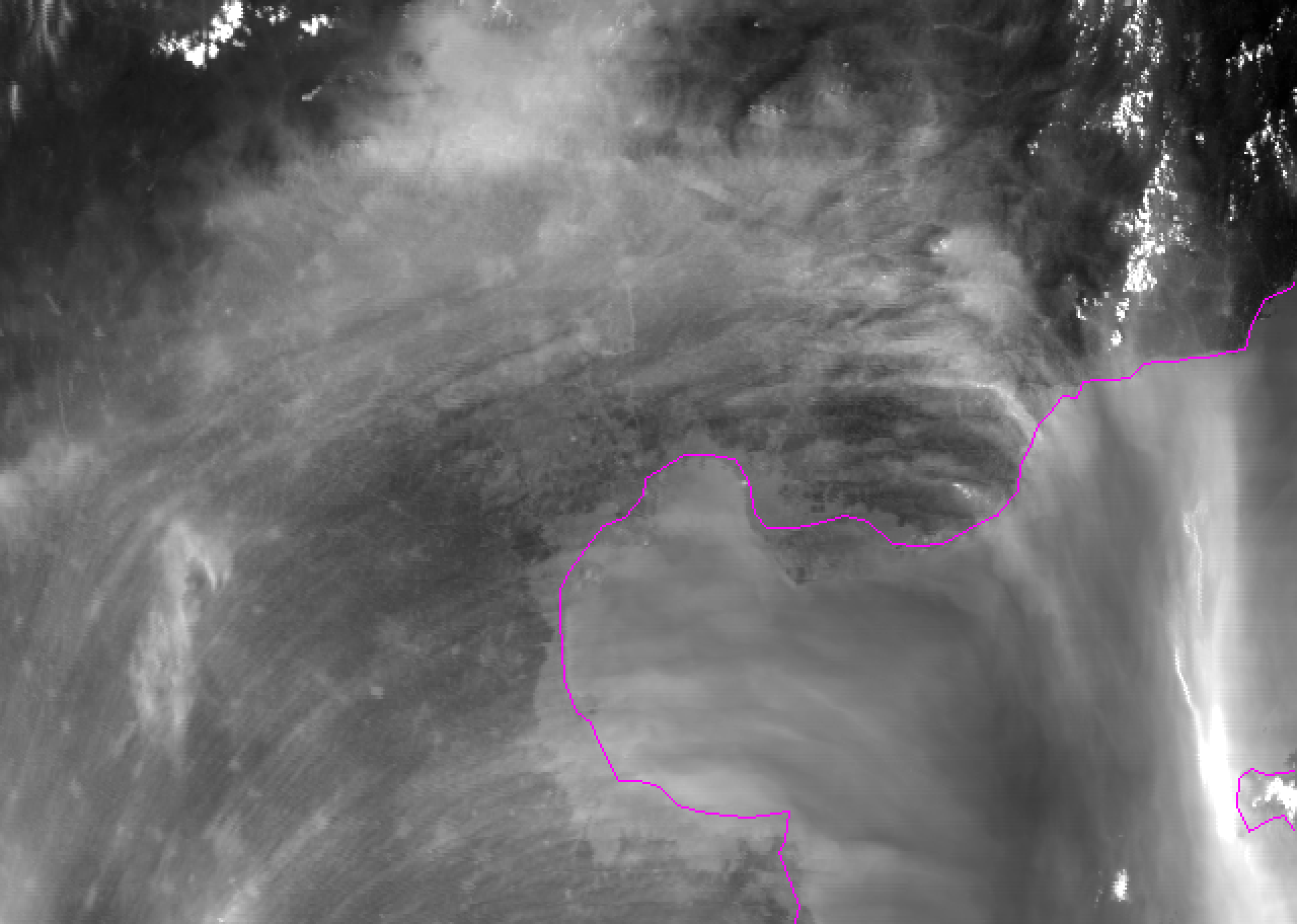


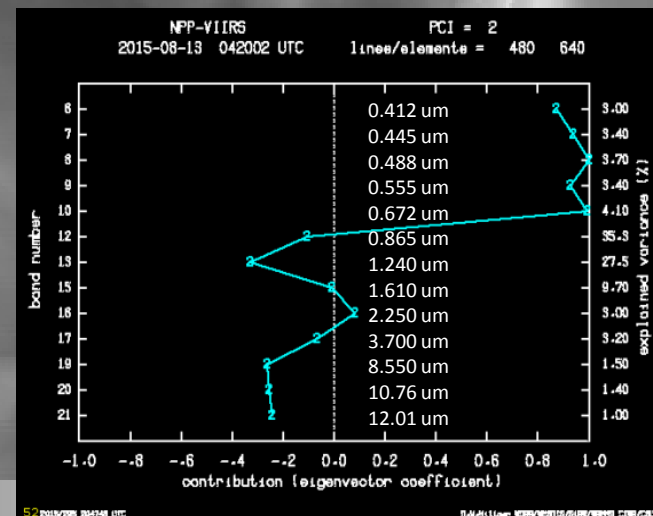
# VIIRS Channels Used in 12 August 2015 Tianjin Analysis

• VIIRS	McIDAS	Central	
• Band	Band	Wavelength	
• 6	M01	0.412 um	
• 7	M02	0.445 um	
• 8	M03	0.488 um	
• 9	M04	0.555 um	
• 10	M05	0.672 um	
<del>• 11</del>	<del>M06</del>	<del>0.746 um</del>	not used bad striping
• 12	M07	0.865 um	
• 13	M08	1.240 um	
<del>• 14</del>	<del>M09</del>	<del>1.378 um</del>	not used very noisy
• 15	M10	1.610 um	
• 16	M11	2.250 um	
• 17	M12	3.700 um	
<del>• 18</del>	<del>M13</del>	<del>4.050 um</del>	not used no data
• 19	M14	8.550 um	
• 20	M15	10.763 um	
• 21	M16	12.013 um	



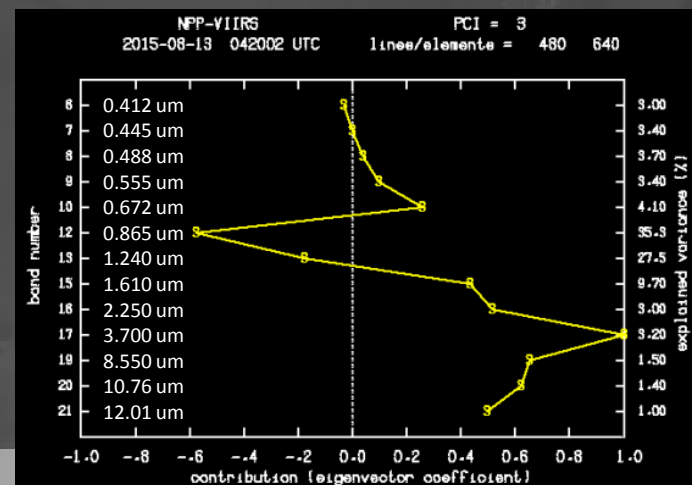
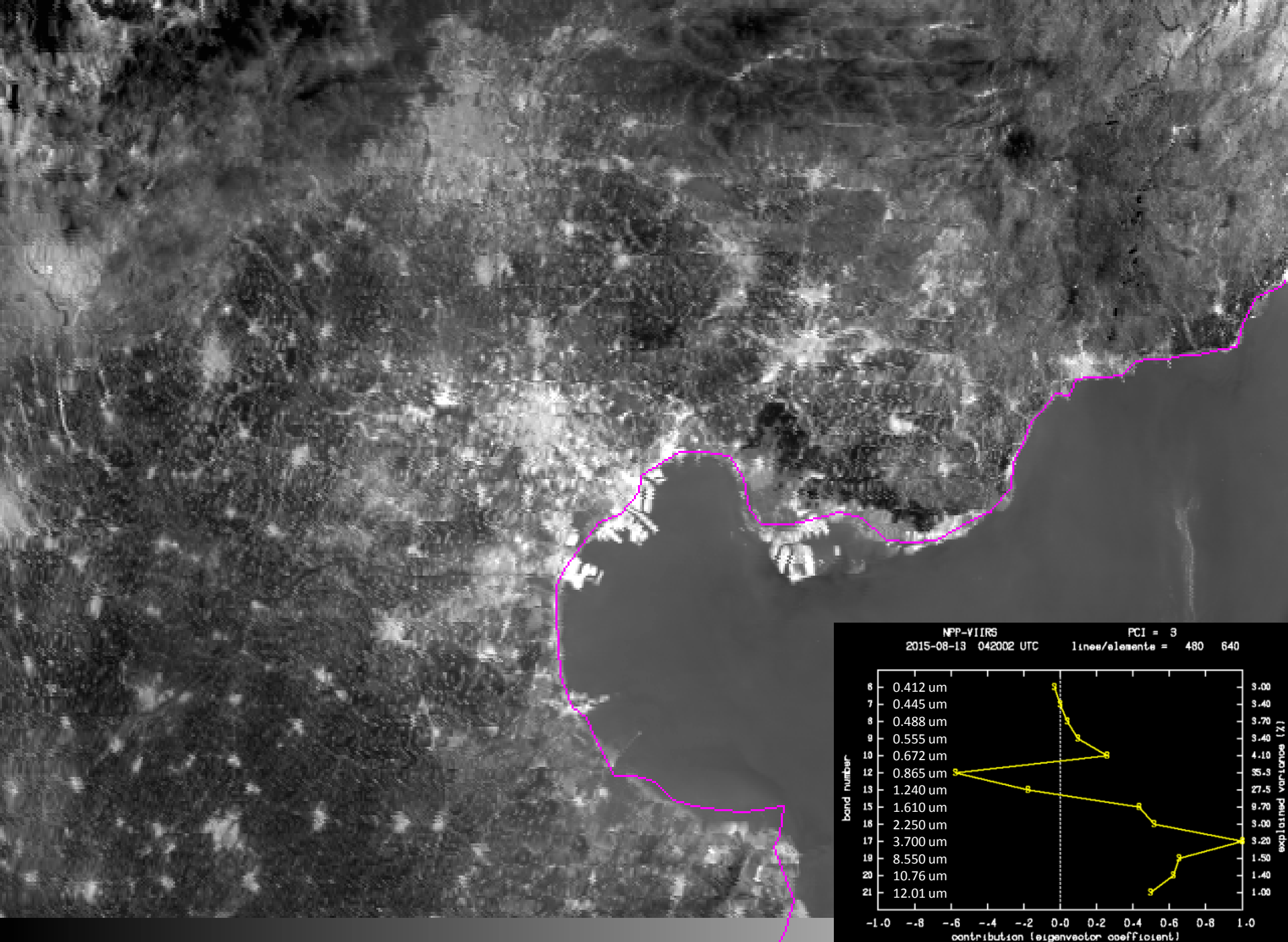


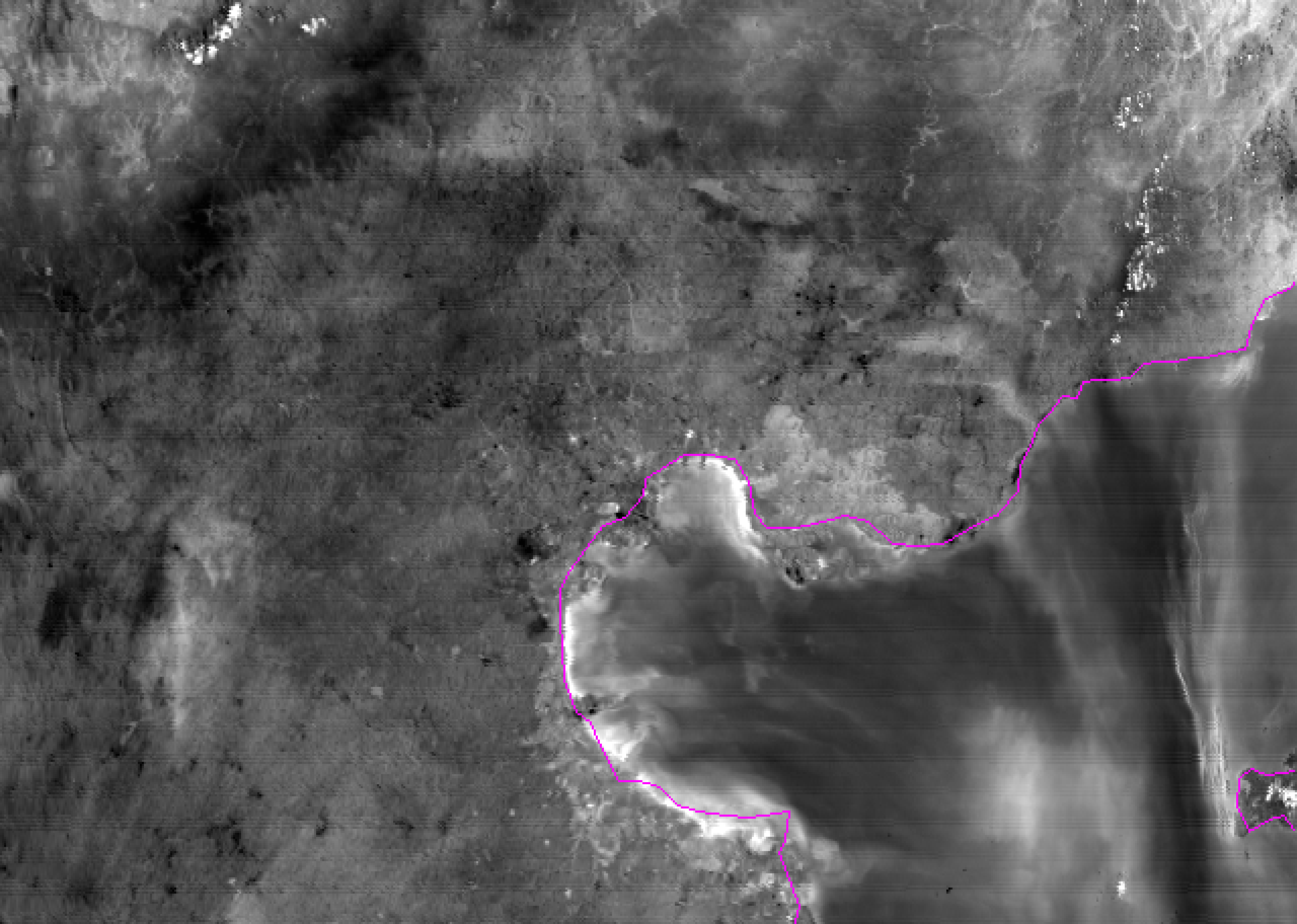


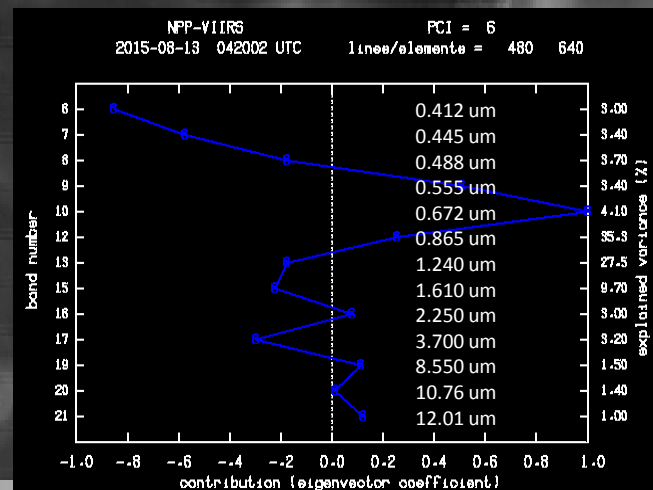
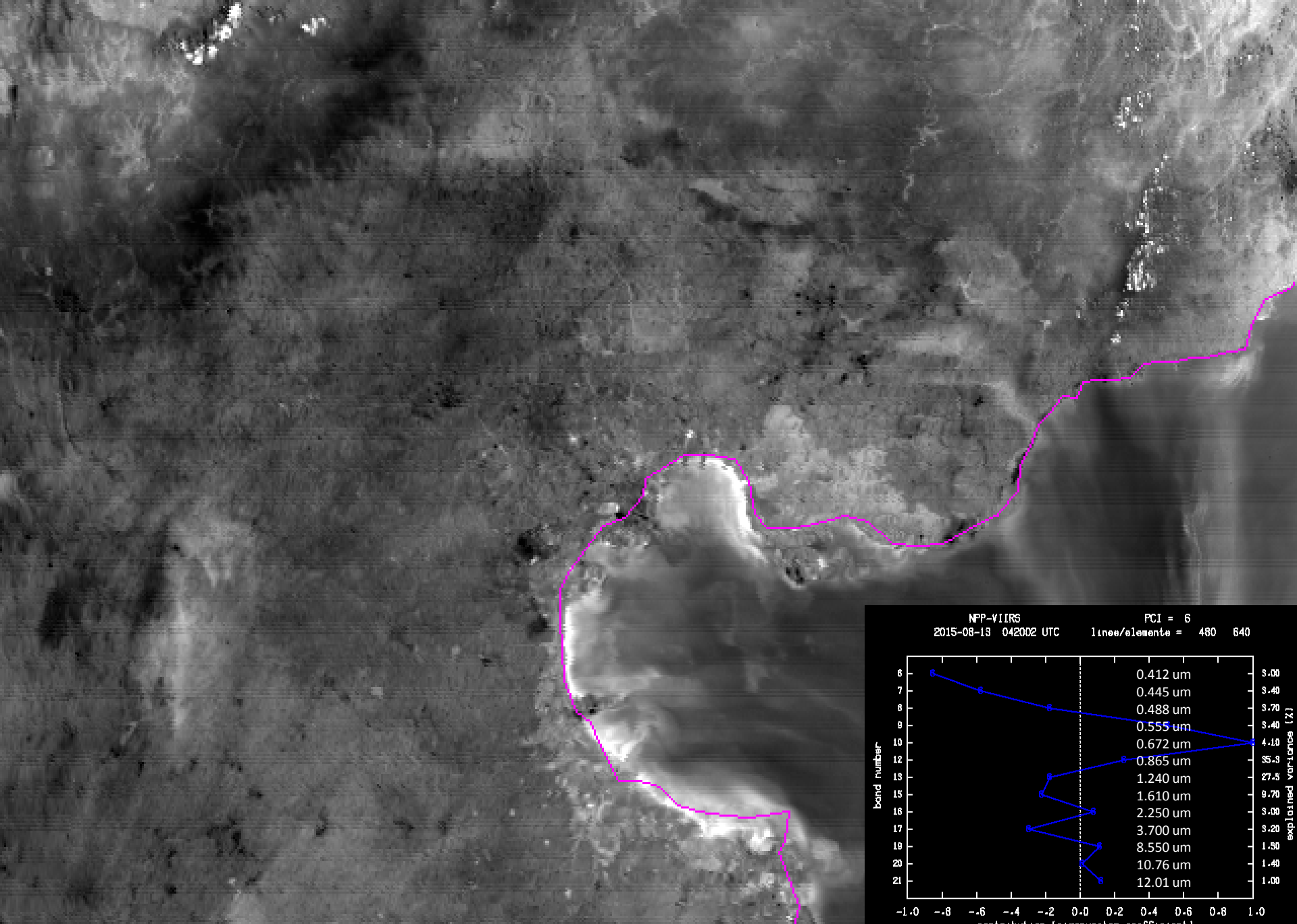








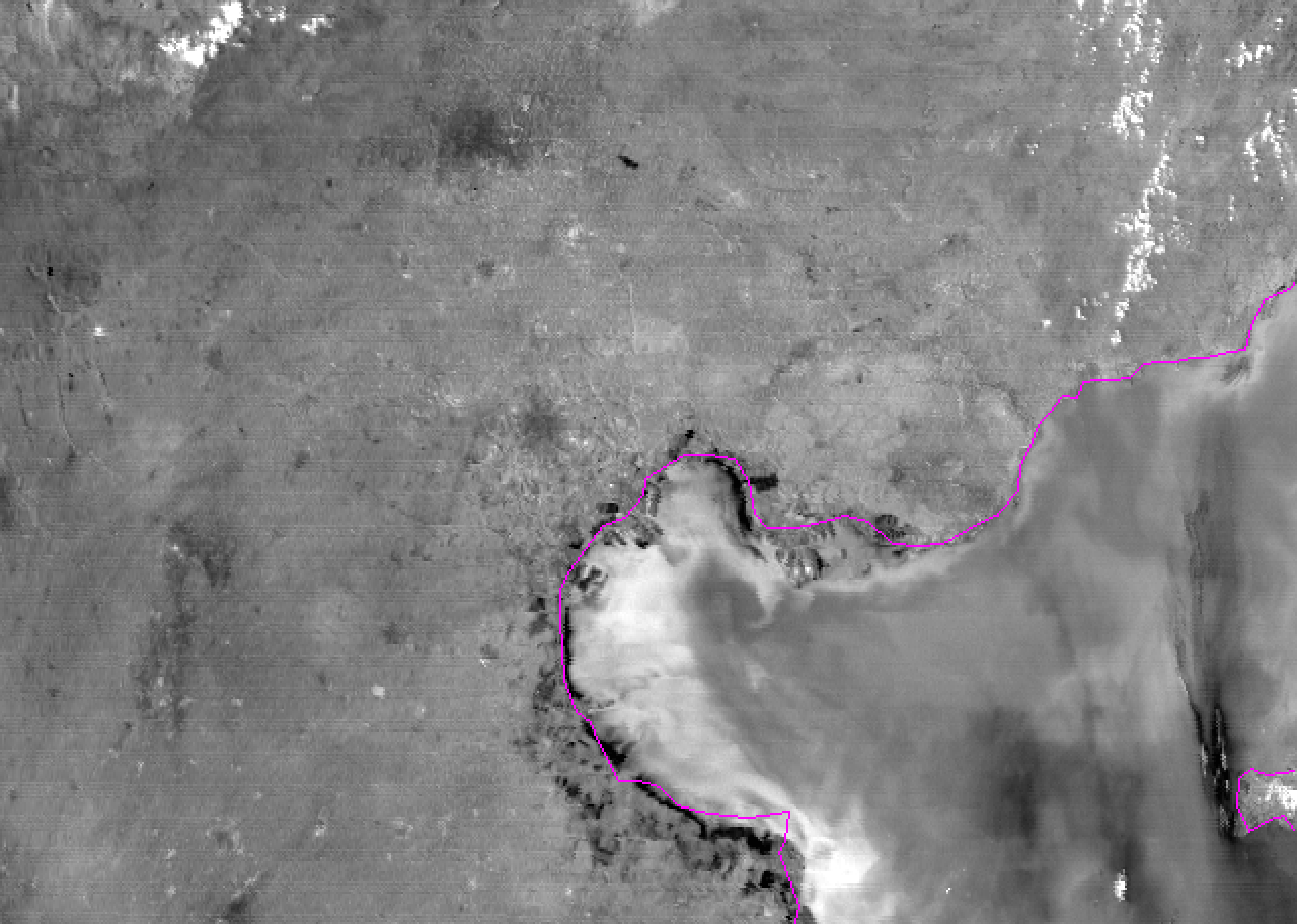


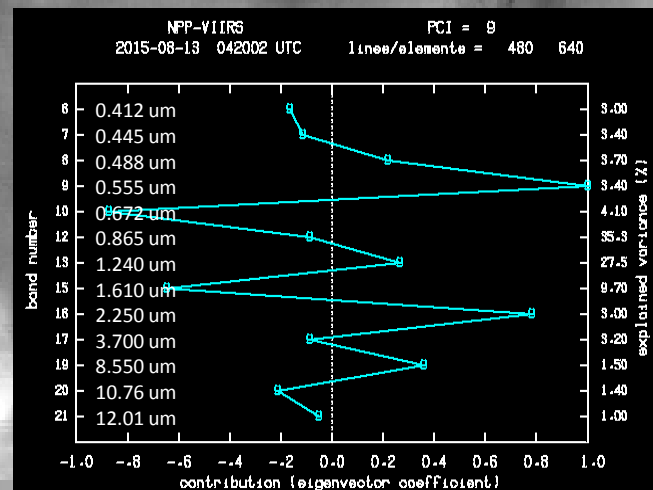
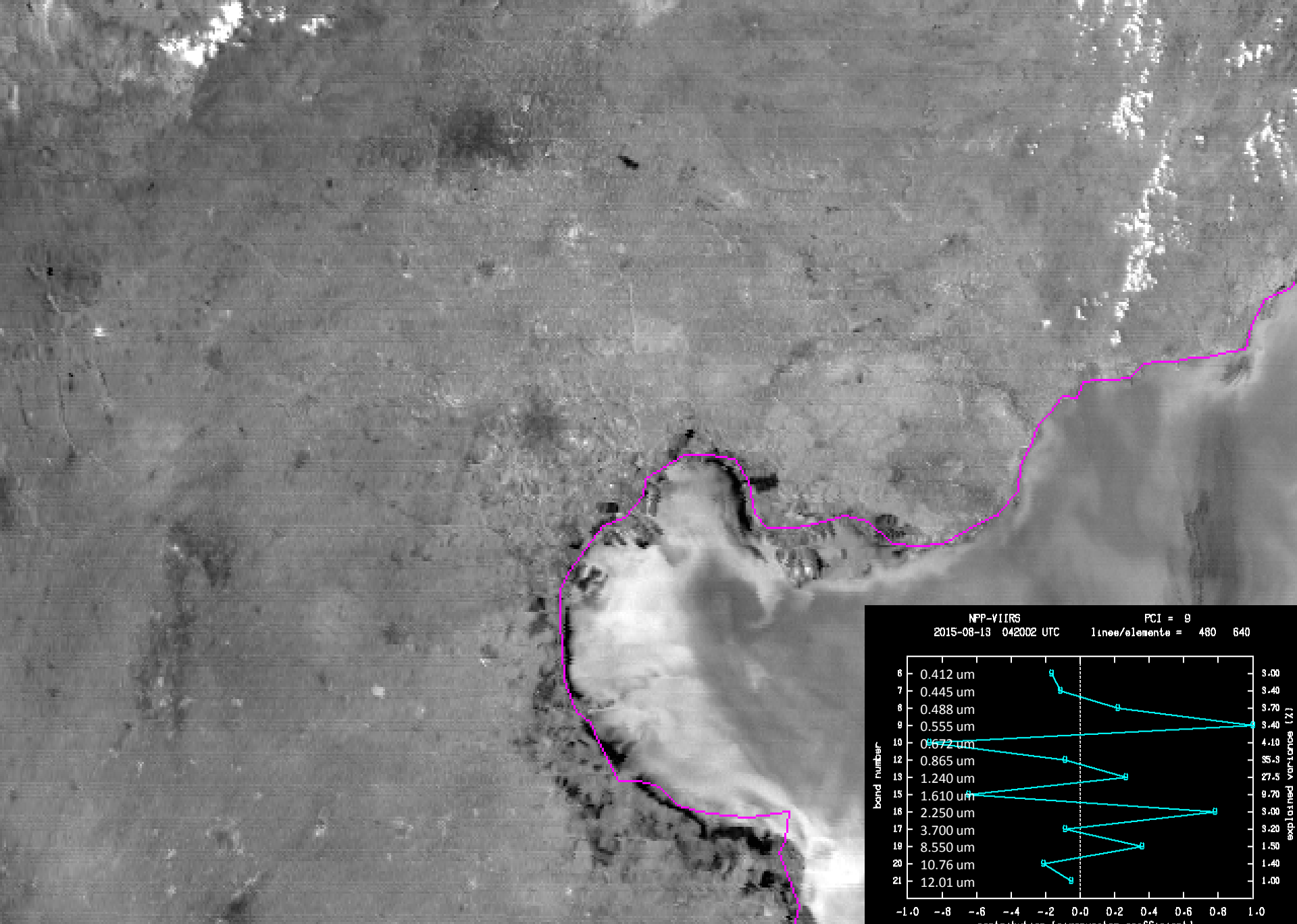


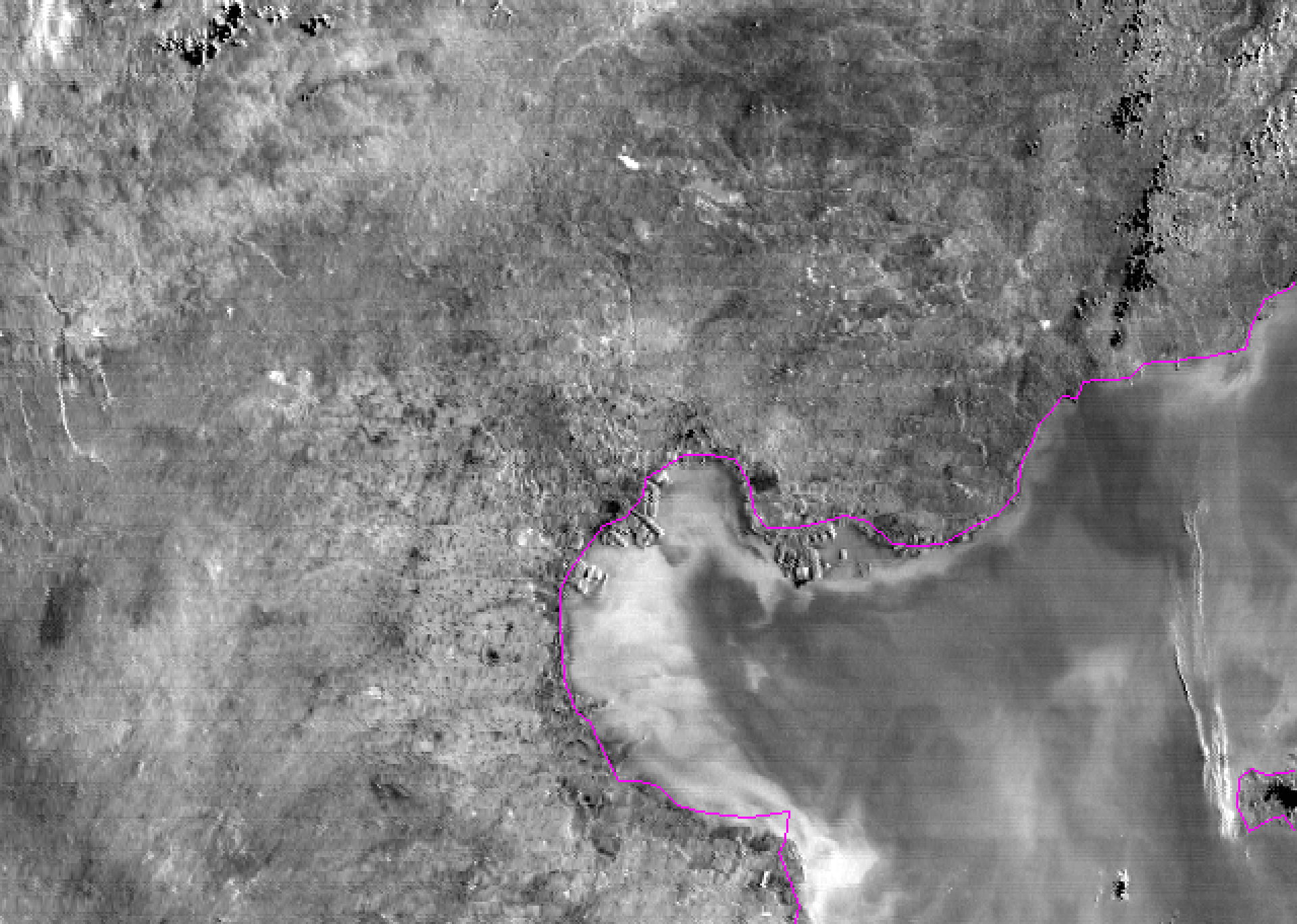
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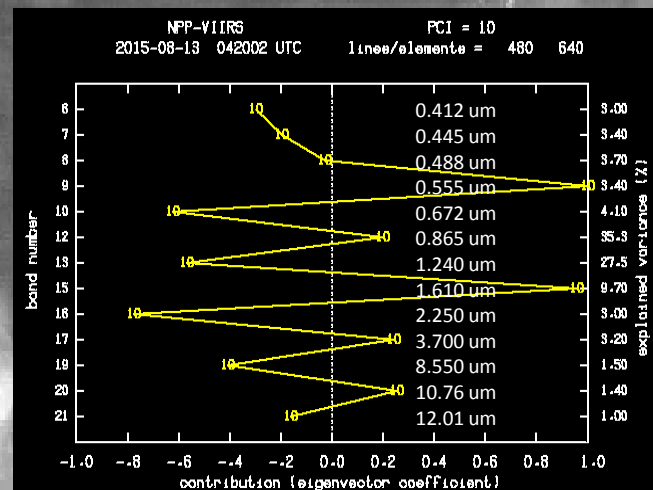
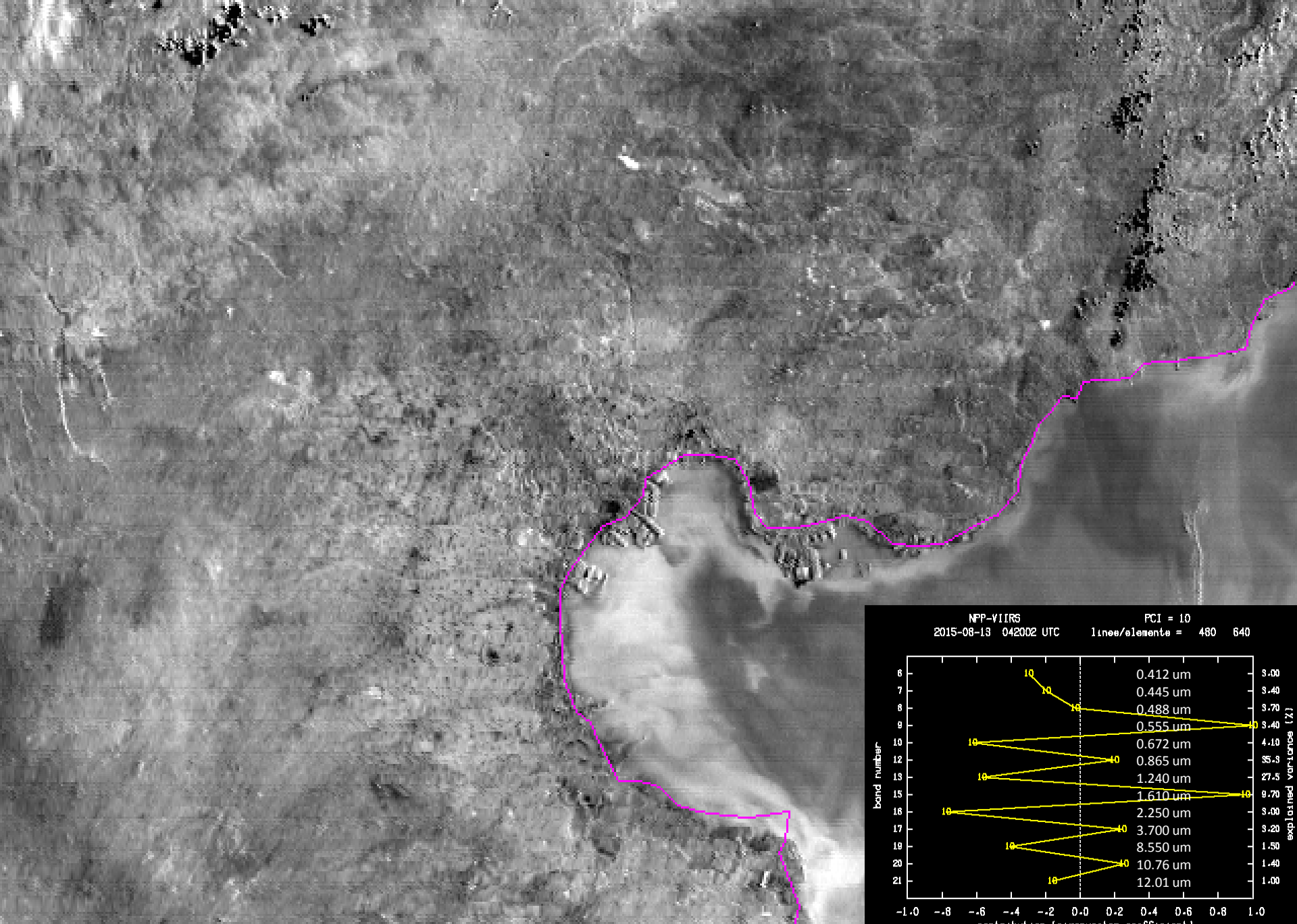
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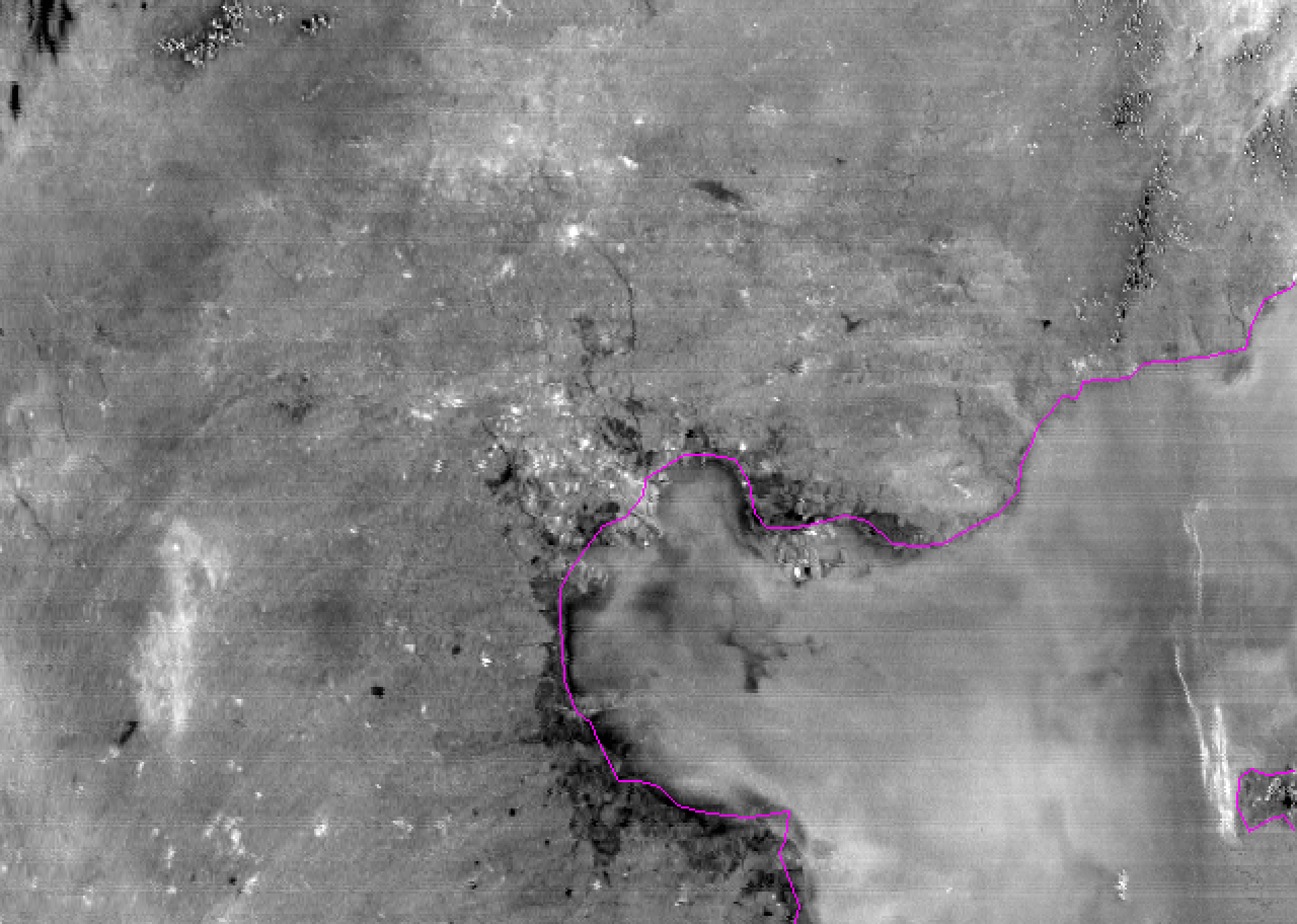


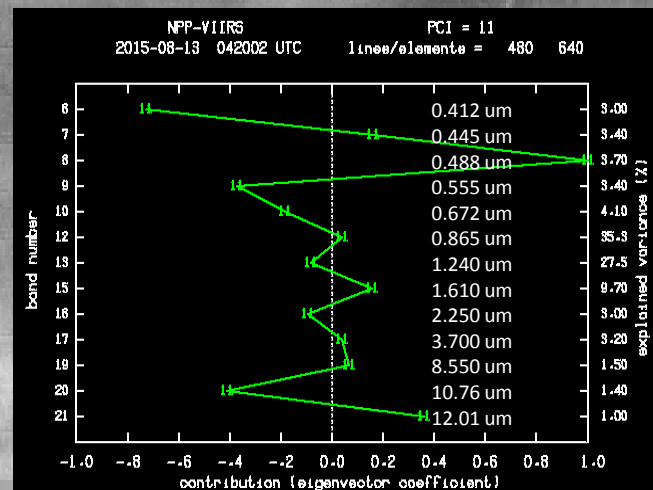
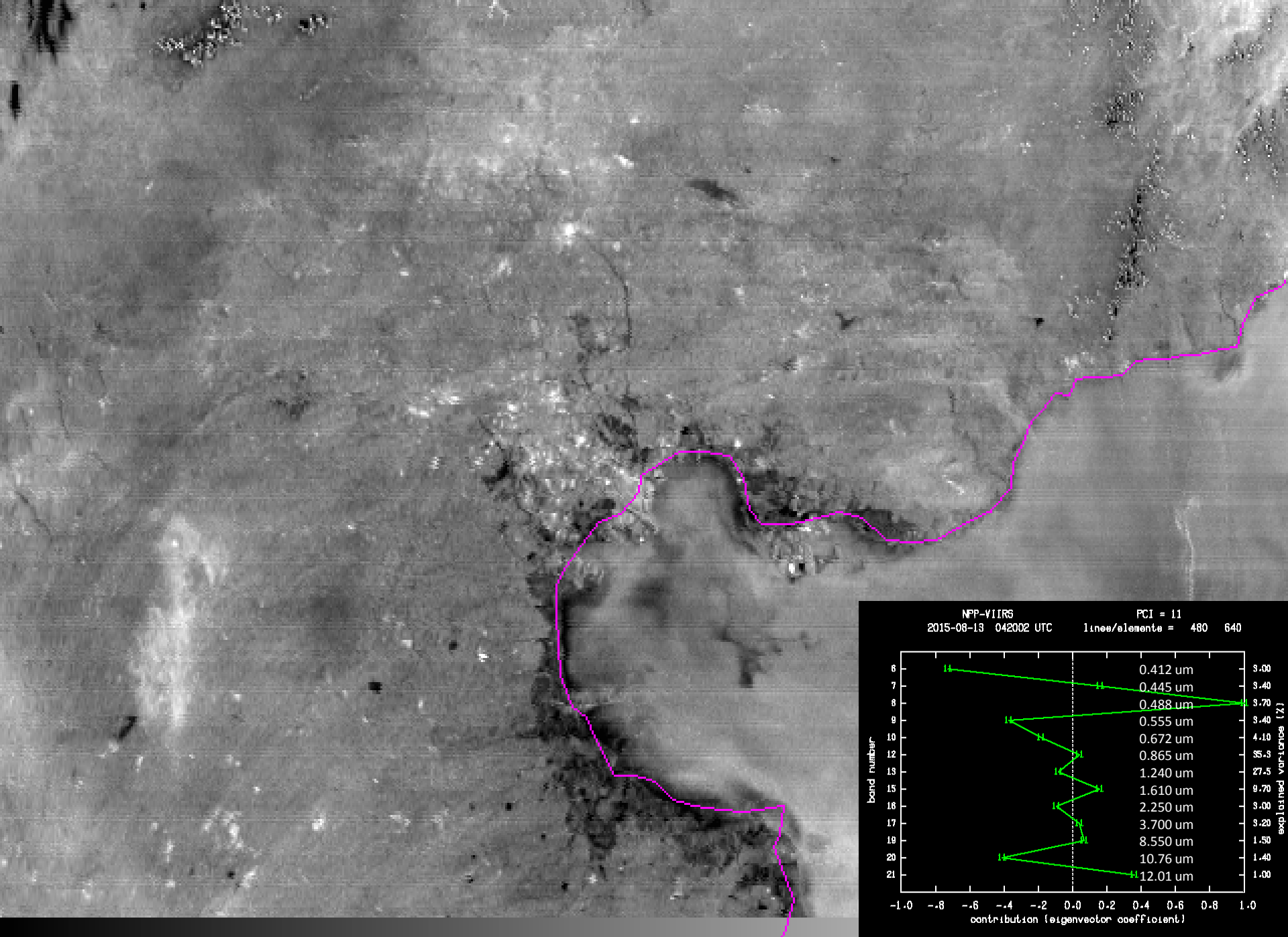


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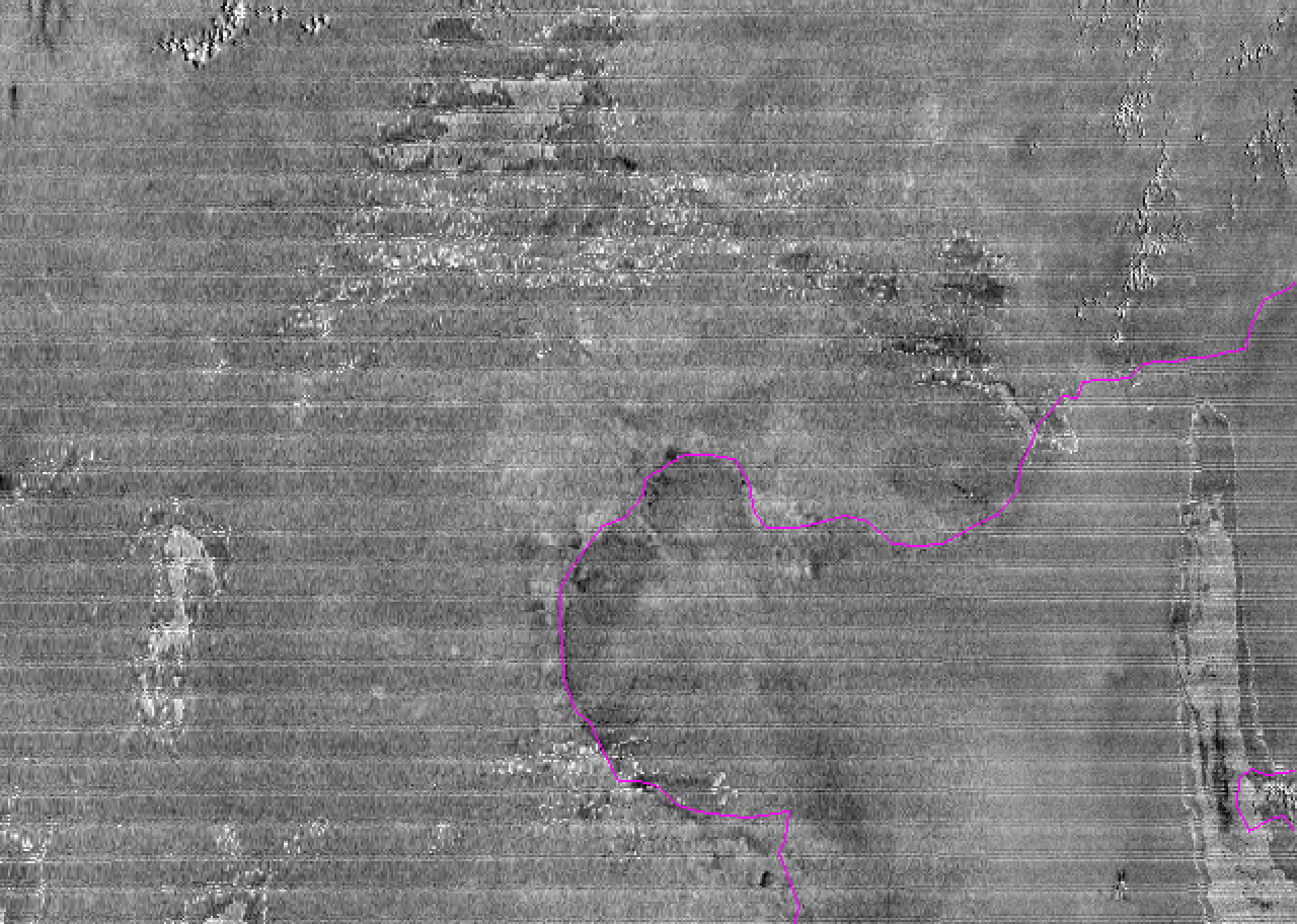


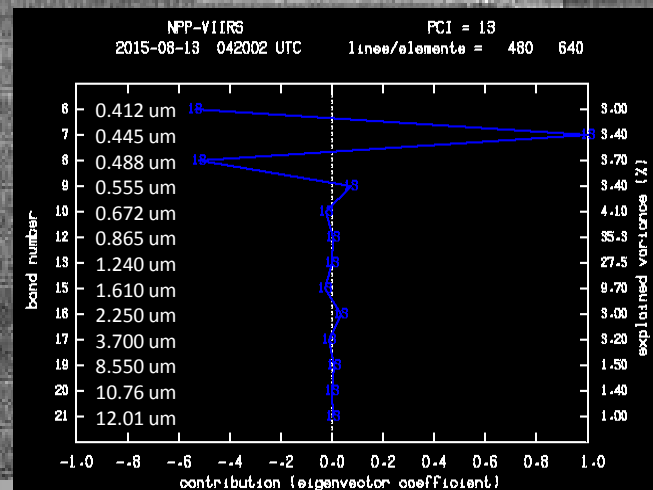
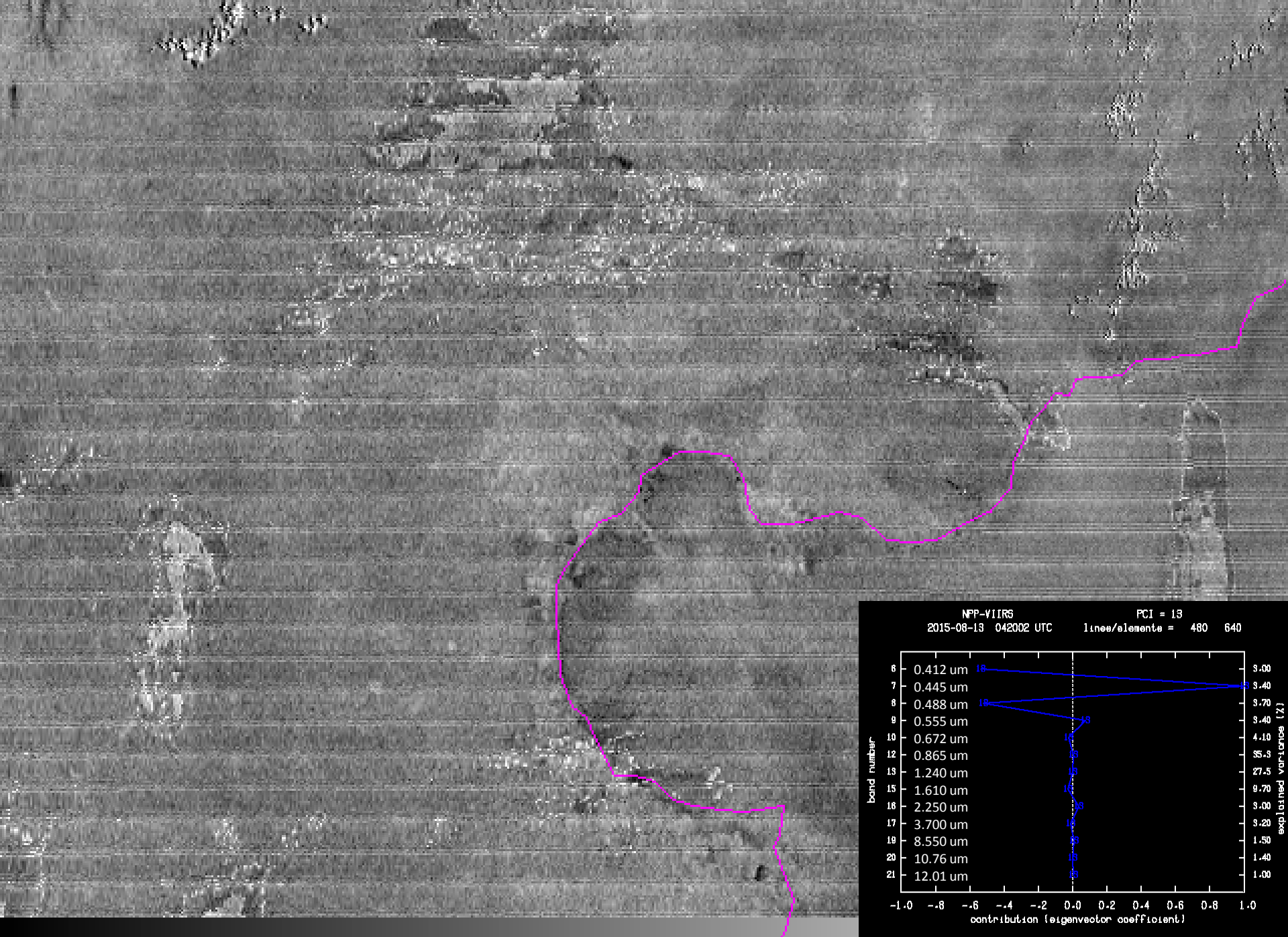




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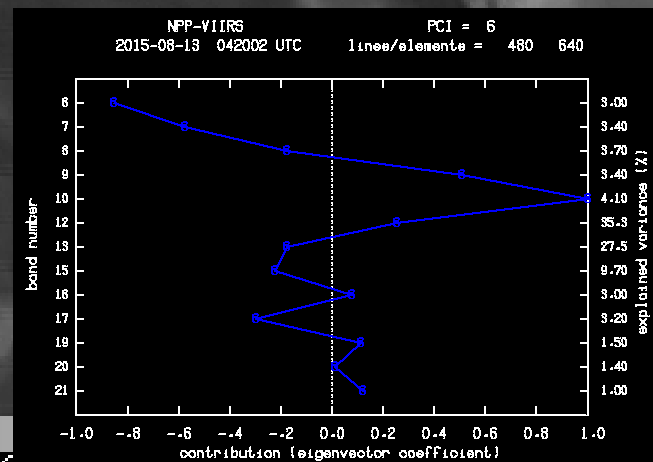
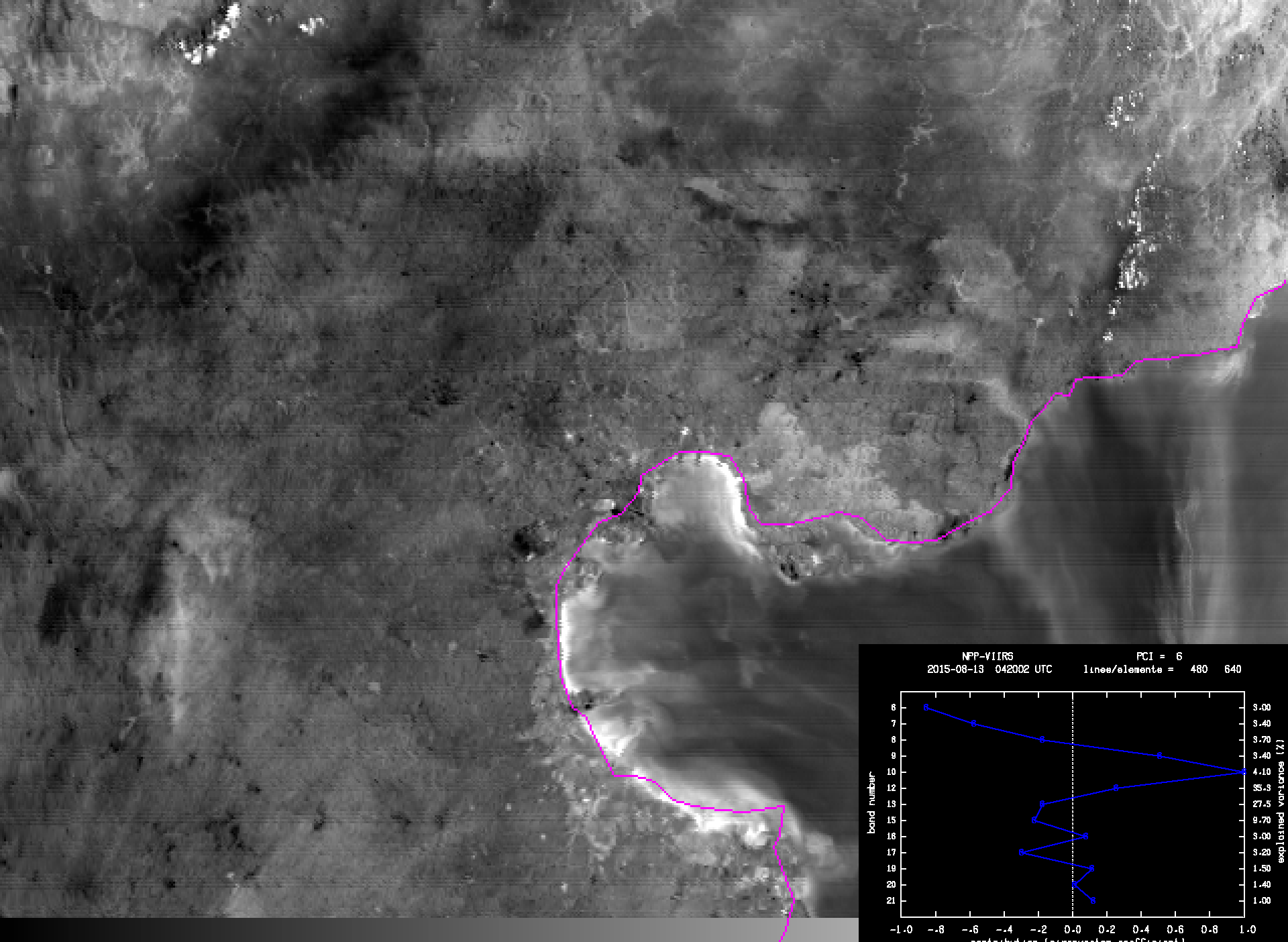


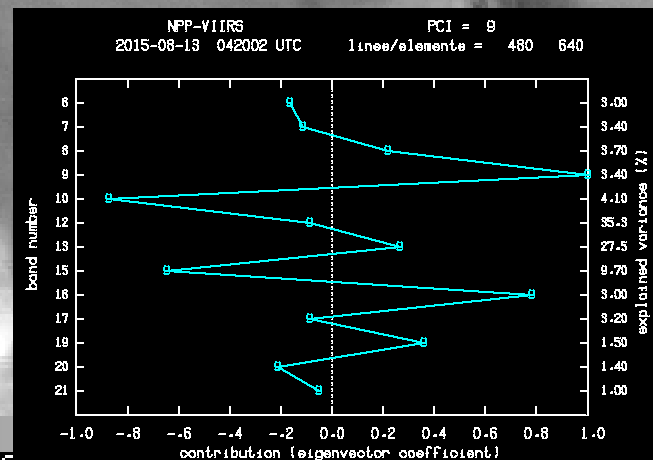
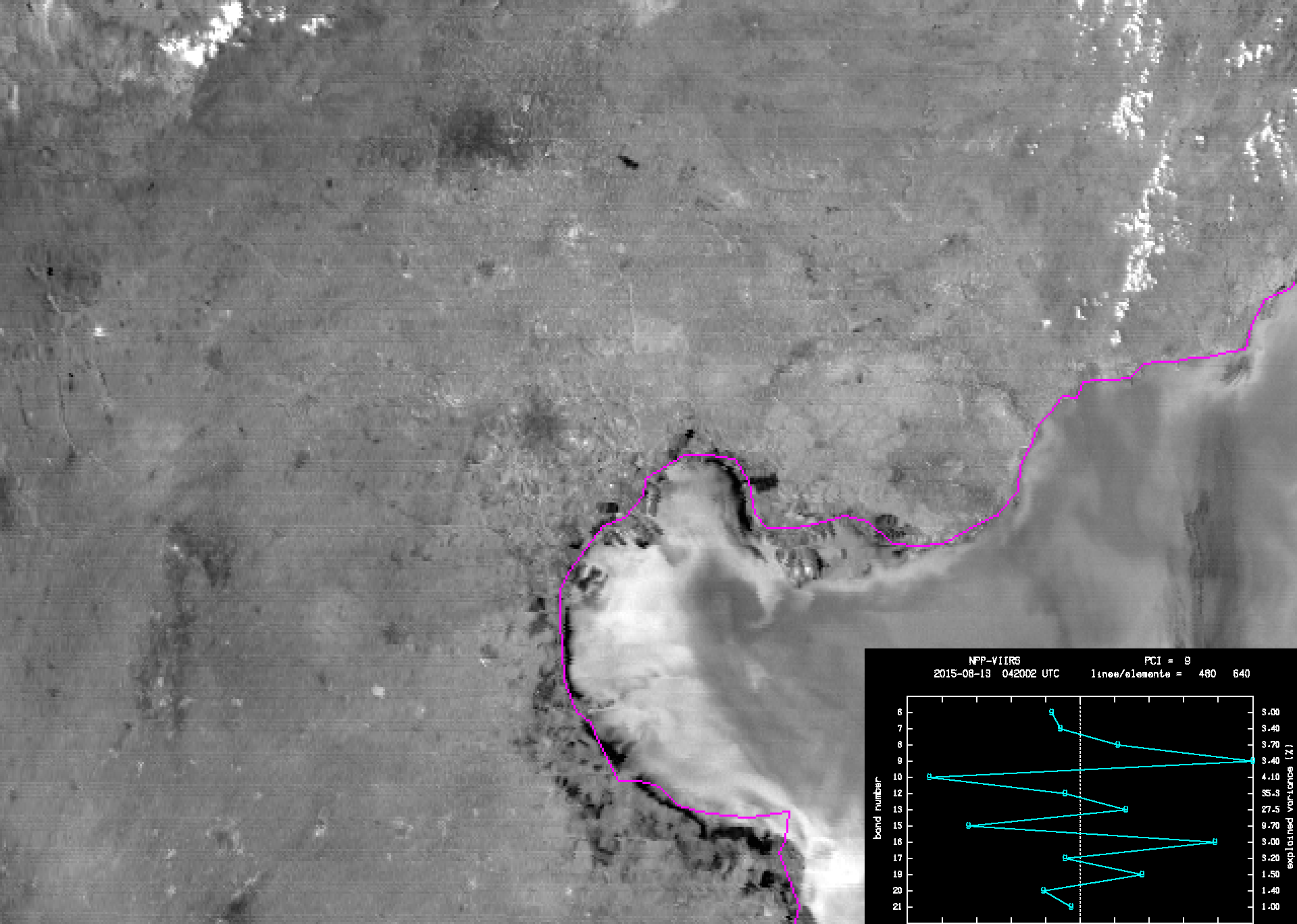


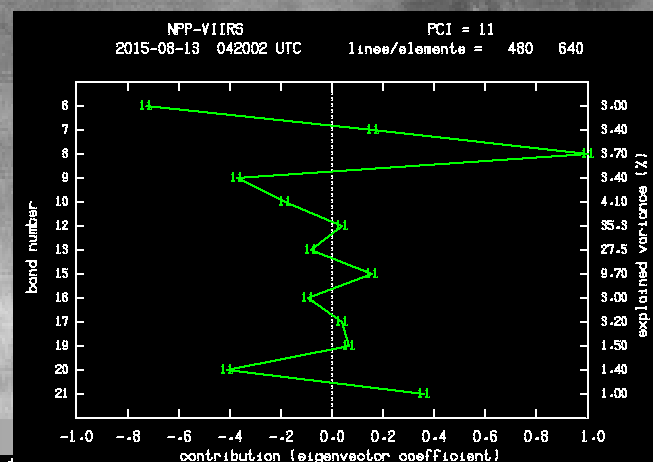
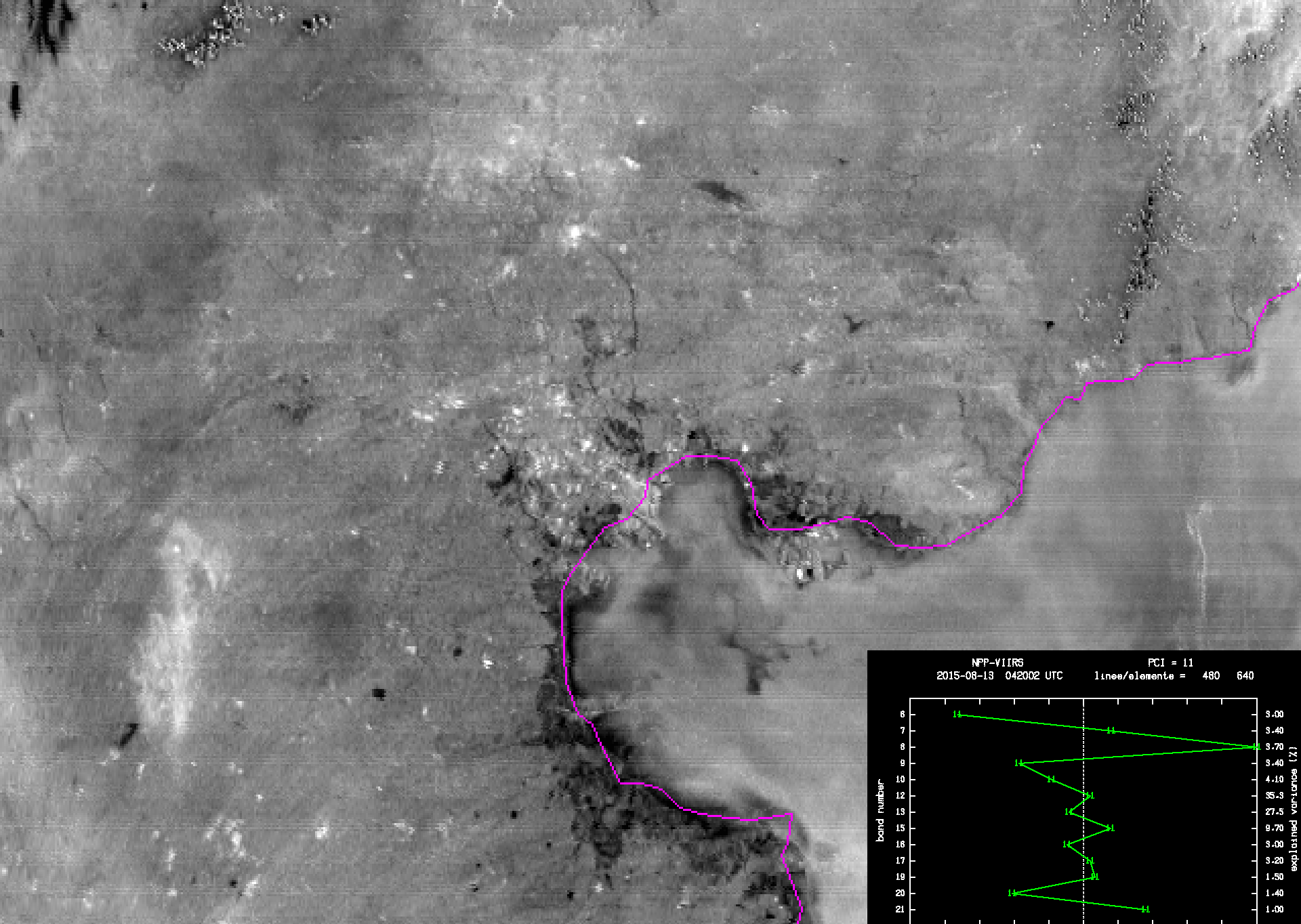
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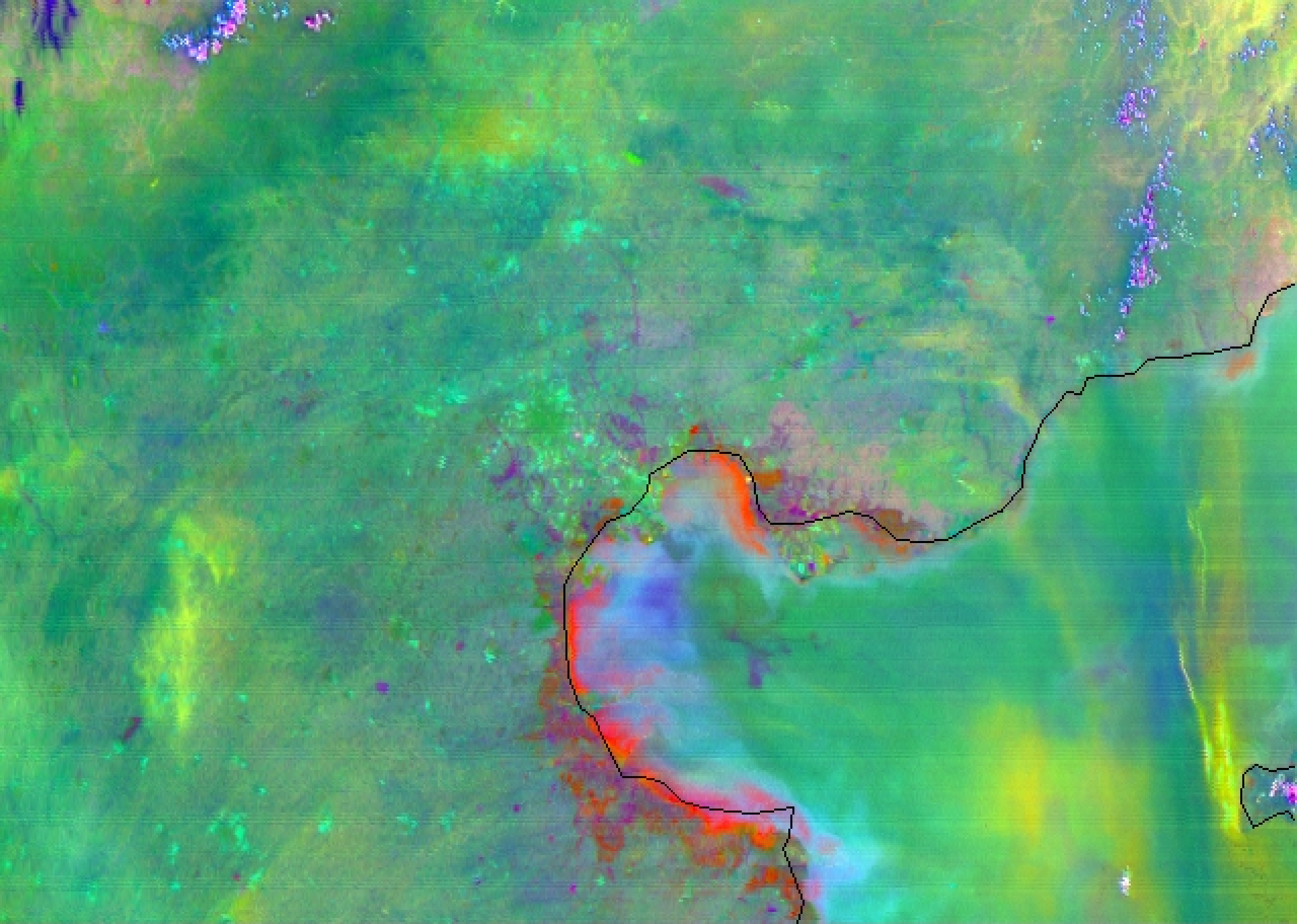
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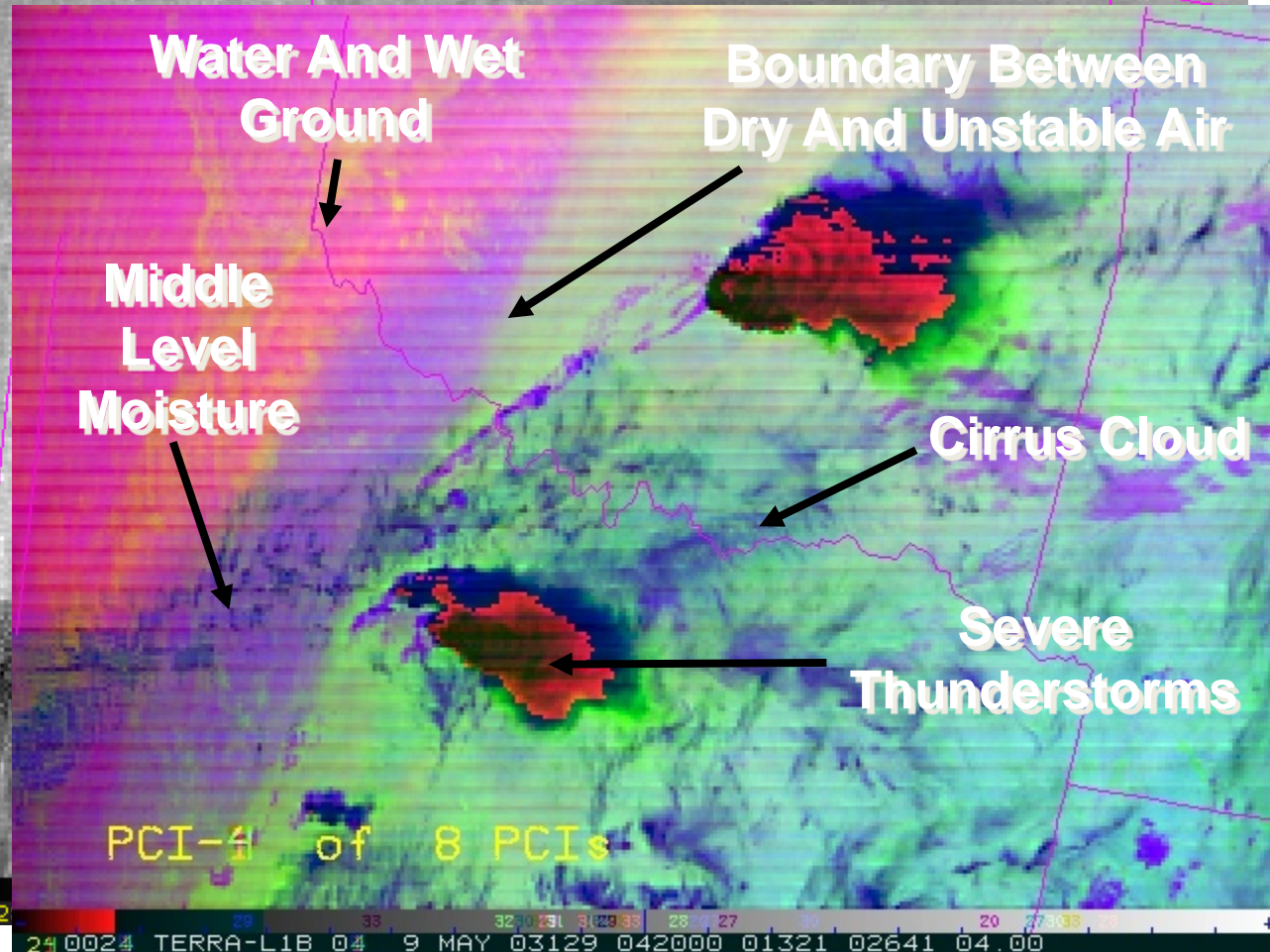












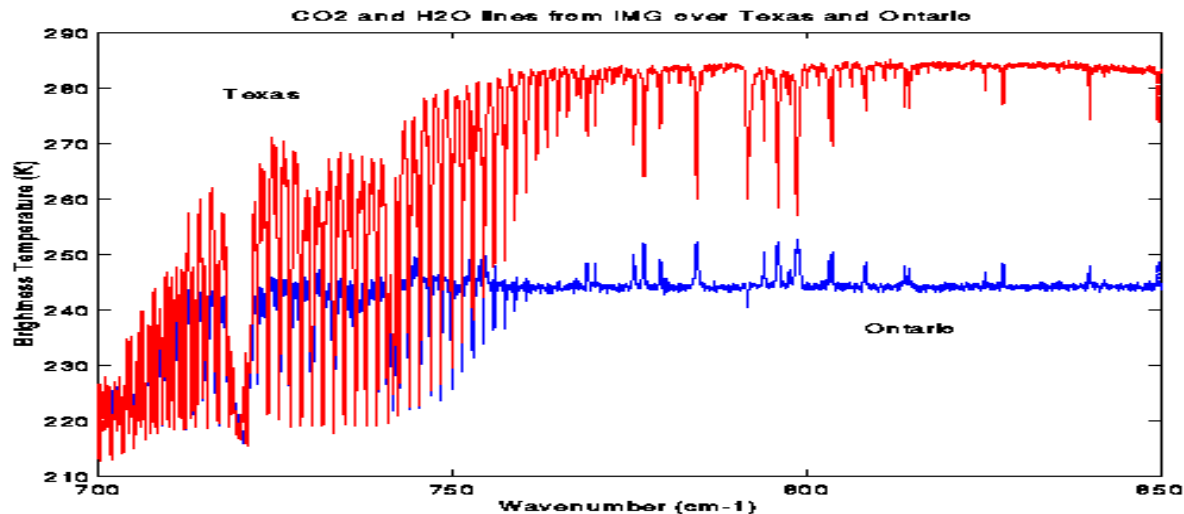
**New products based on mathematical analysis of multi-channel images – every 5 minutes or less!**

# Let's take a quick look at hyperspectral sounding

IMG demonstrates interferometer capability to detect low level inversions: example over Ontario with inversion (absorption line BTs warmer) and Texas without (abs line BTs colder)

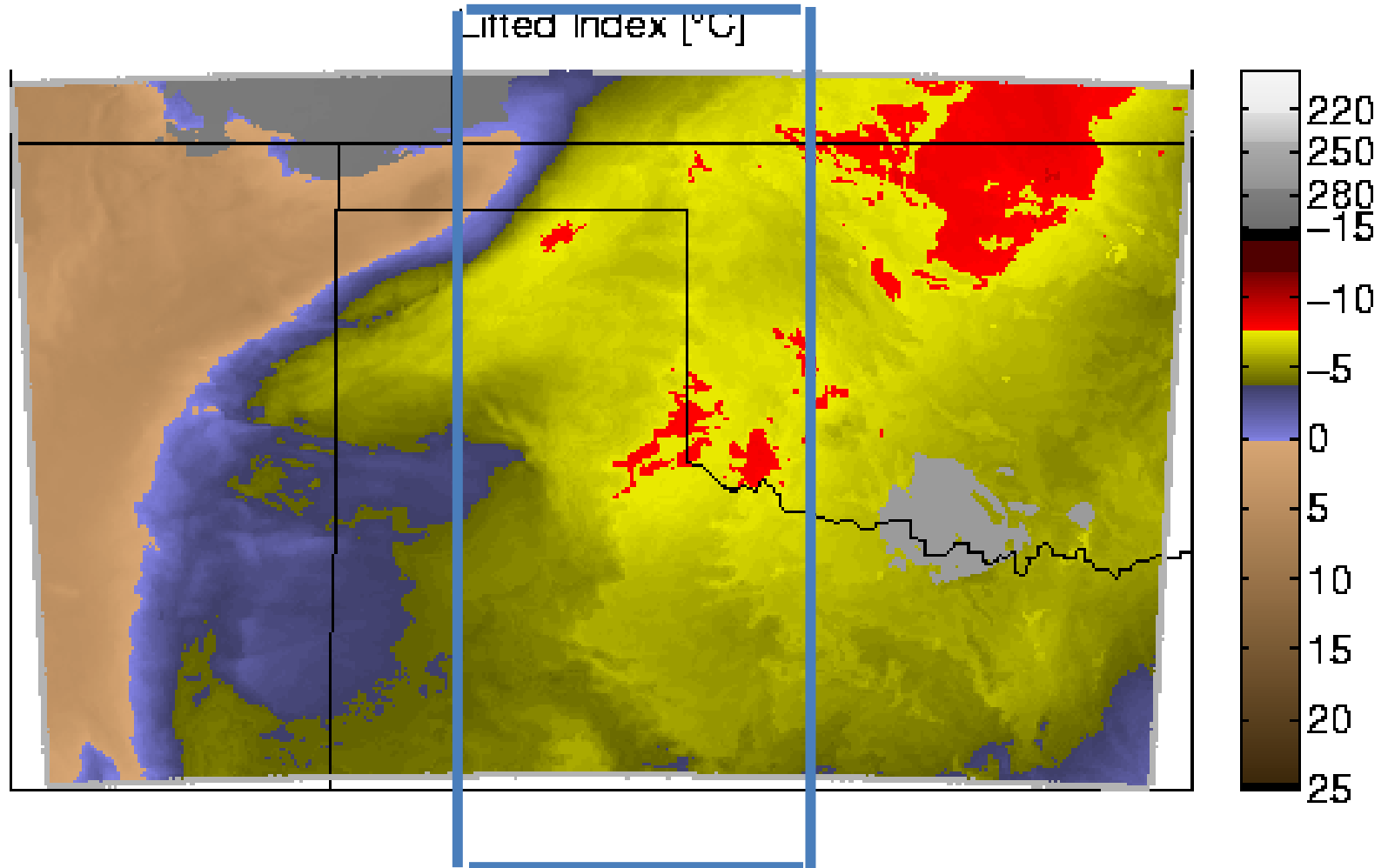
Spikes up -  
Heating with height

Spikes down -  
Cooling with  
height



# Mode B GIIRS Derived LI

06-12-2002, 1200 UTC



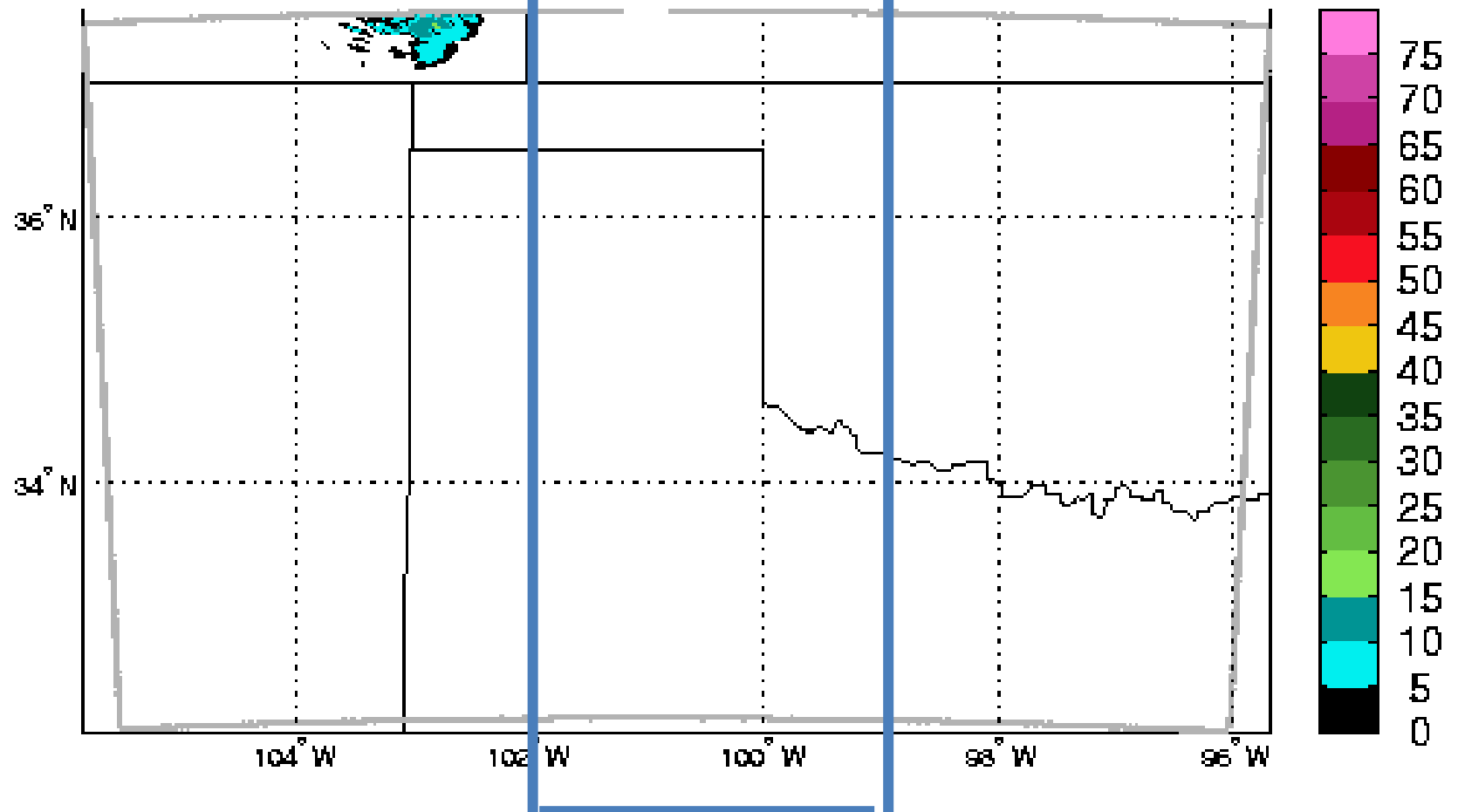
GIIRS in (Mode A) hourly coverage with weather dictated target or (Mode B) in 2 minute coverage (about 300 by 600 km) over an event area (to be fixed for the duration of the event).

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# Radar

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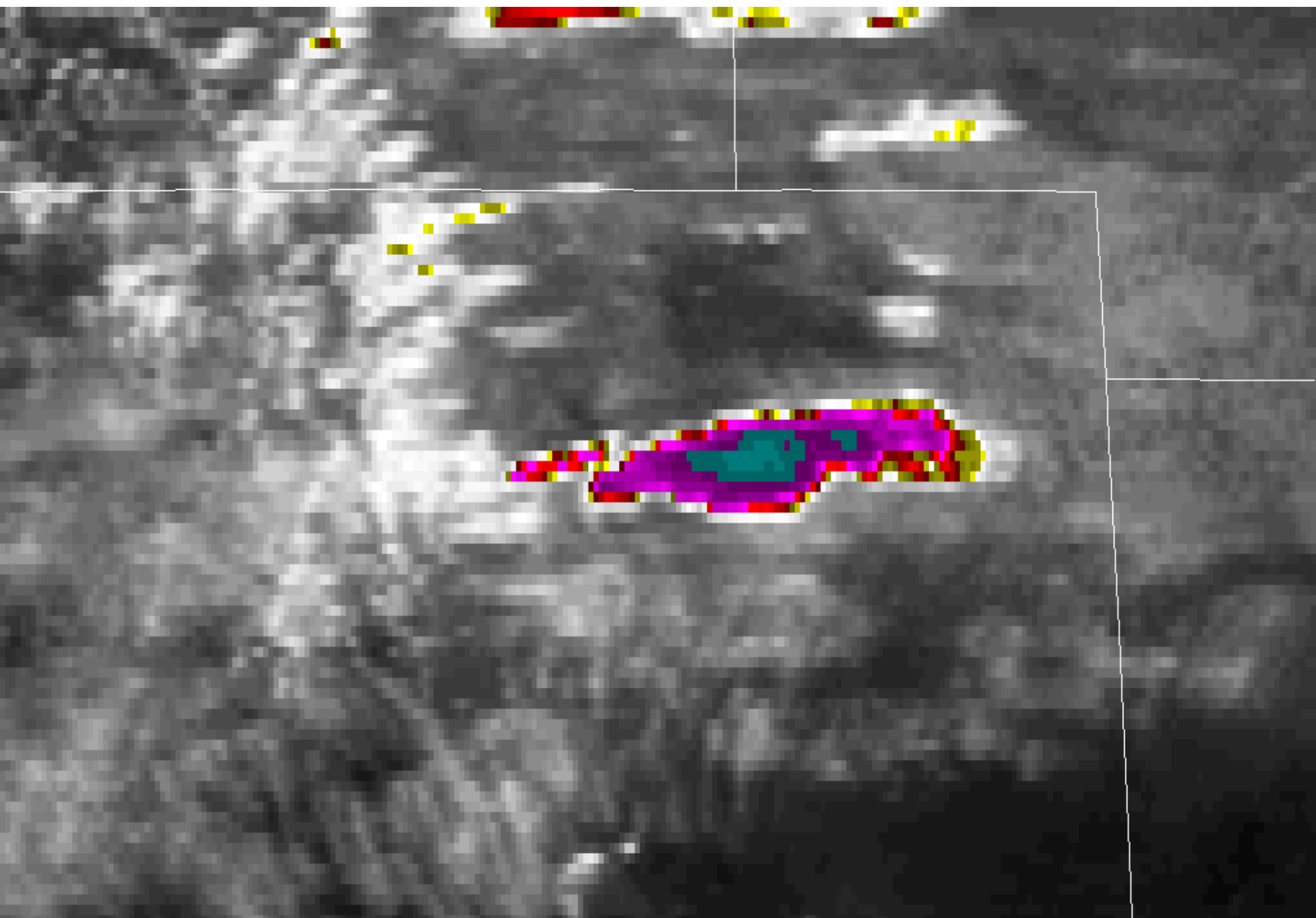
Radar reflectivity [DBZ]

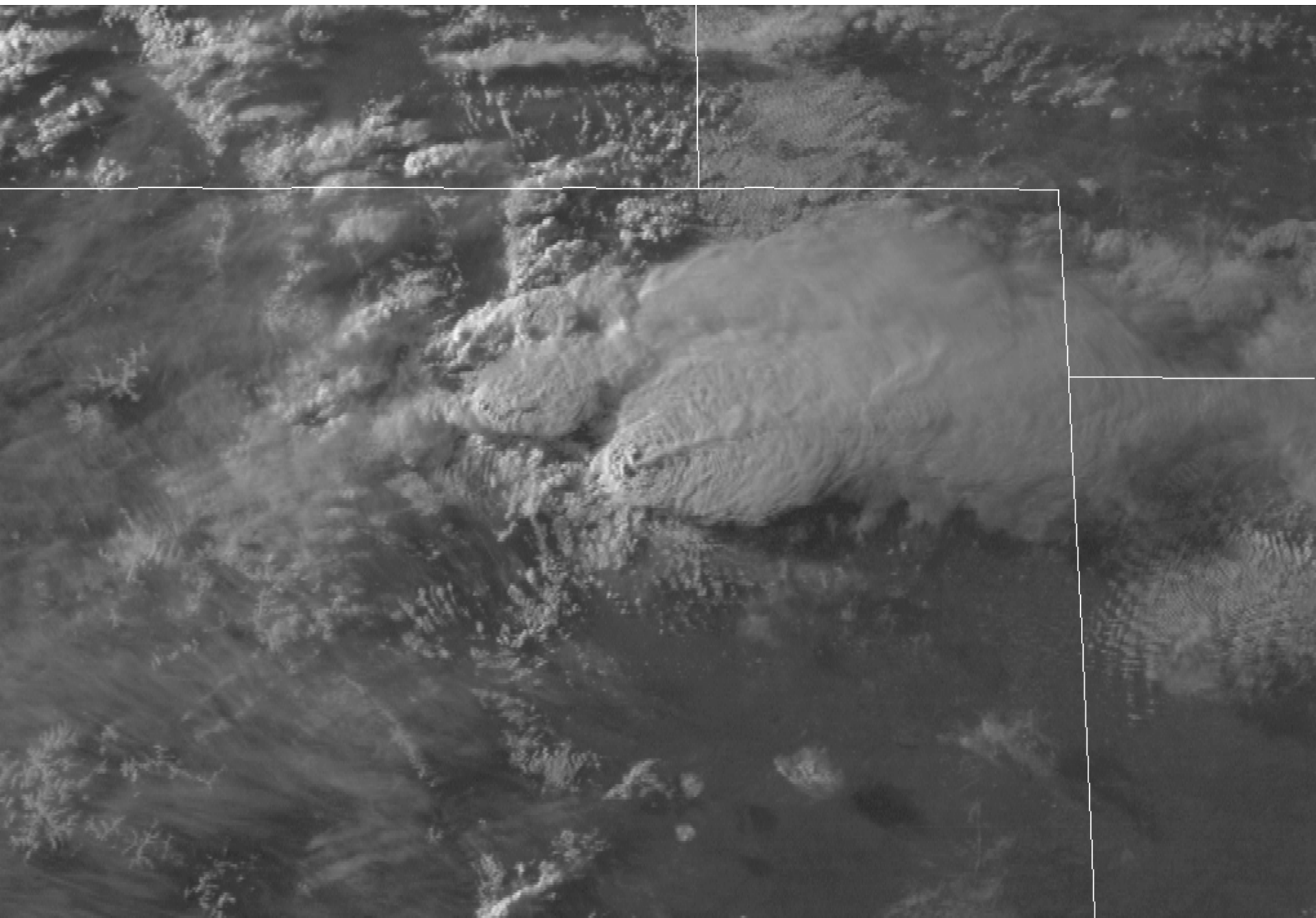




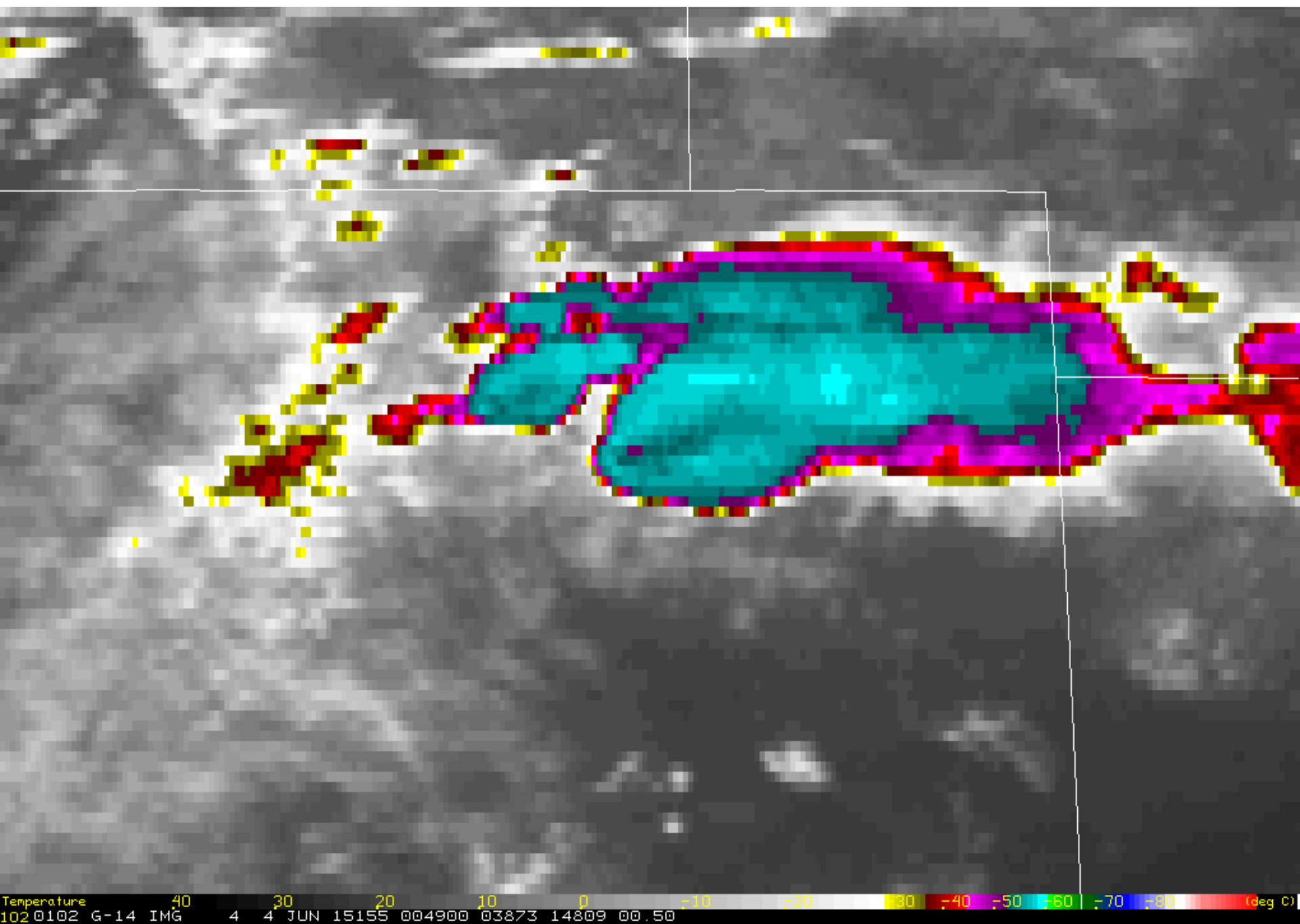
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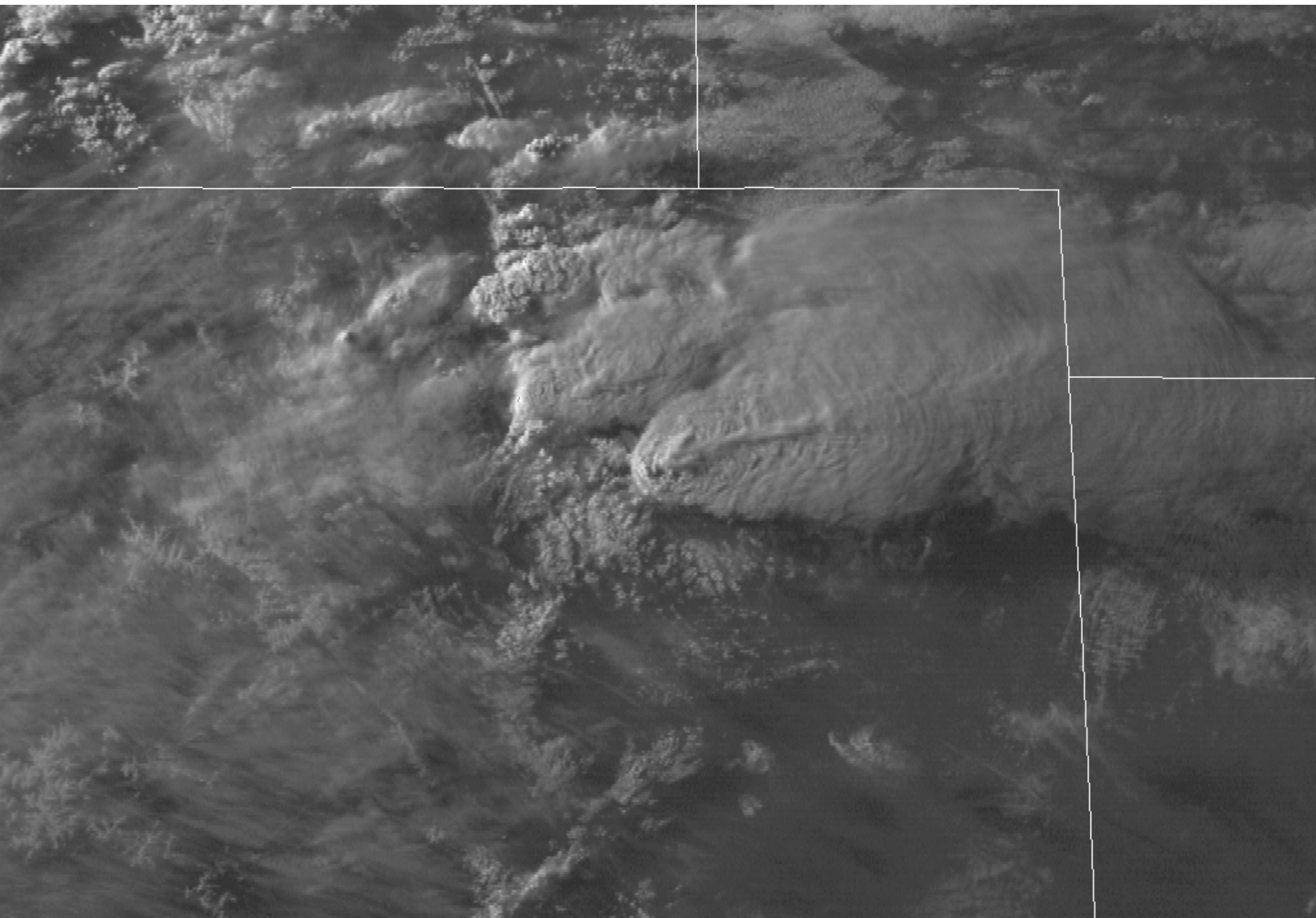




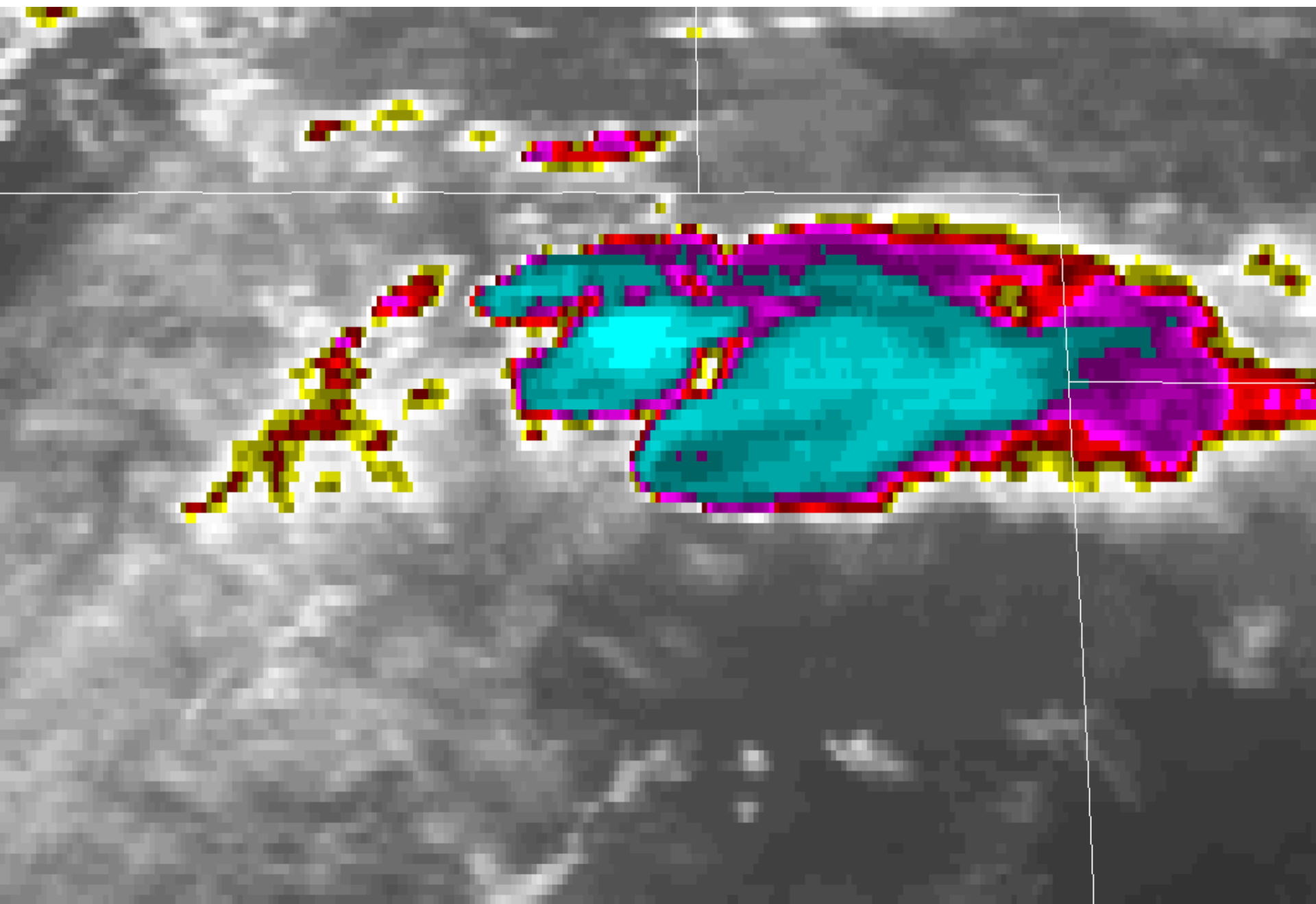


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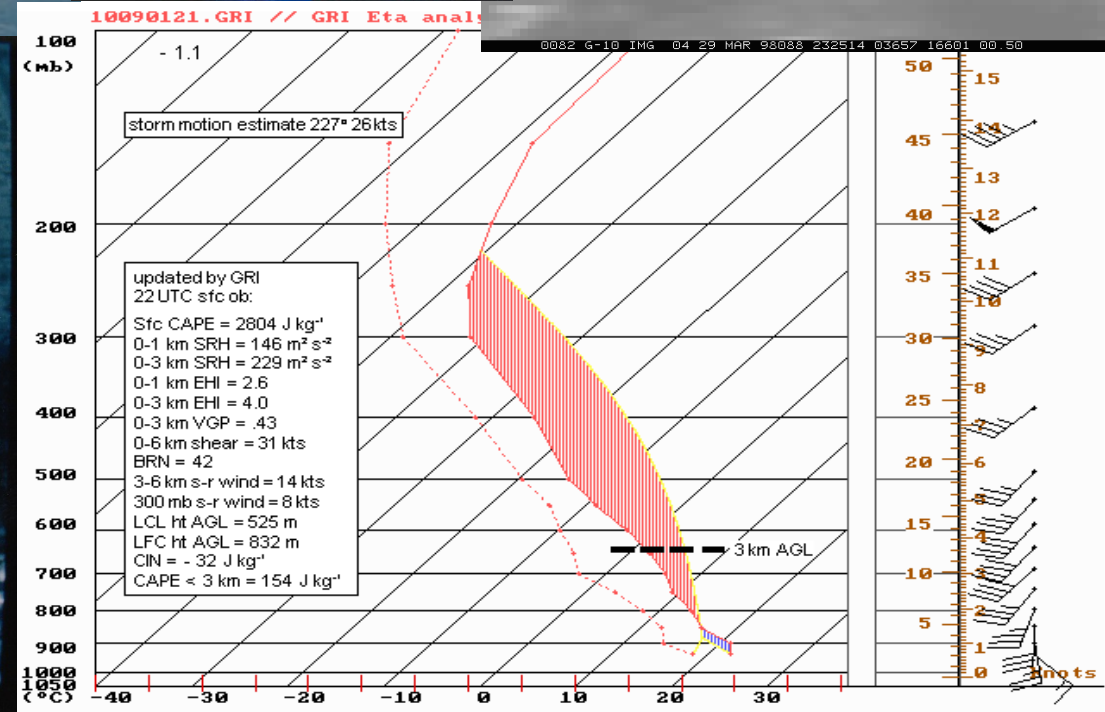
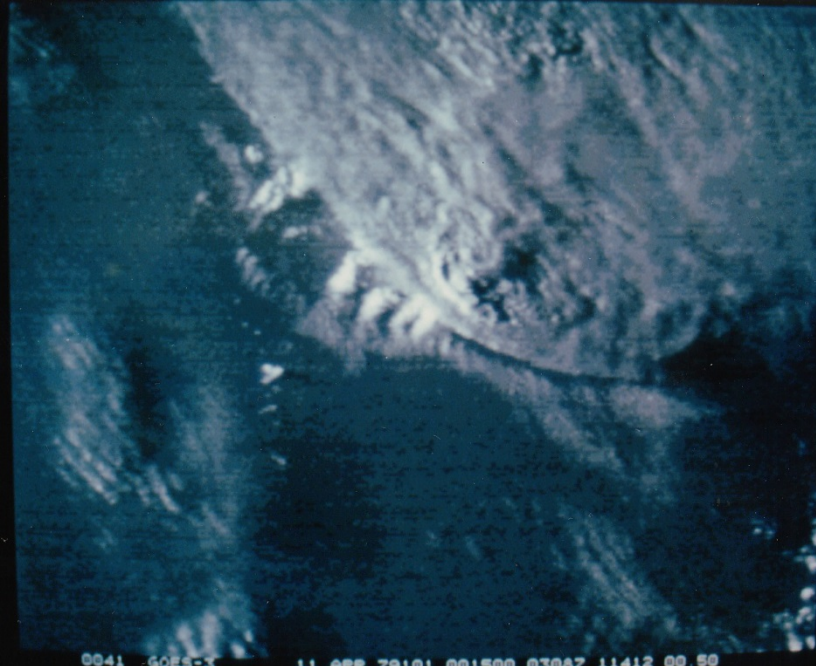
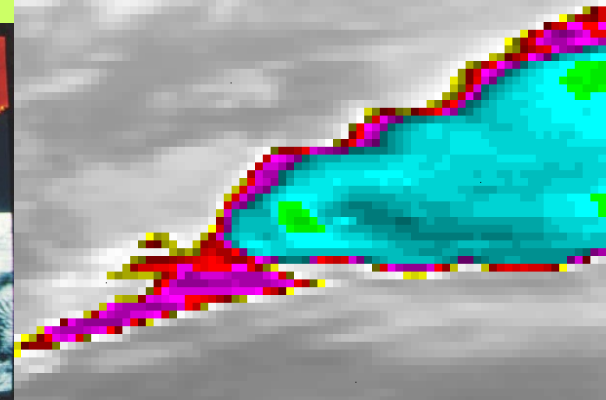
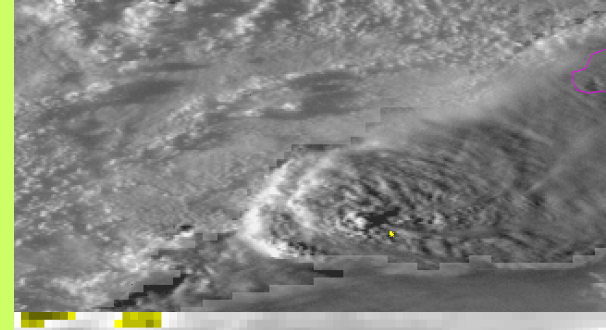
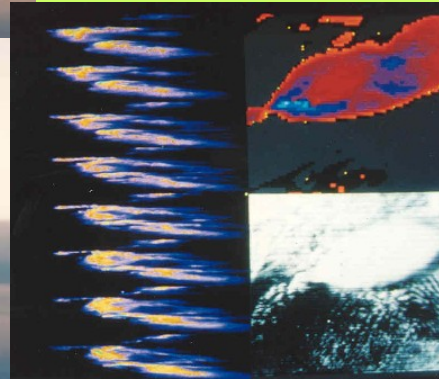


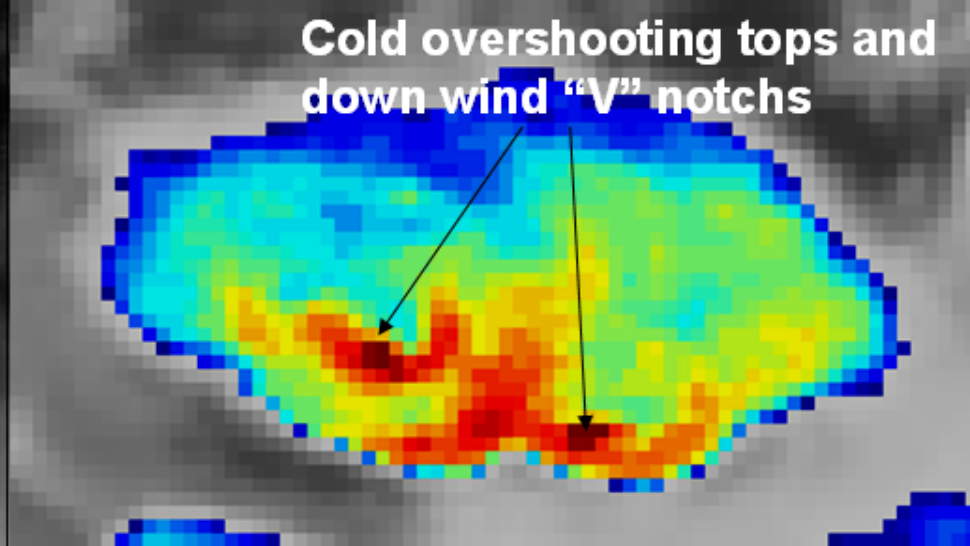
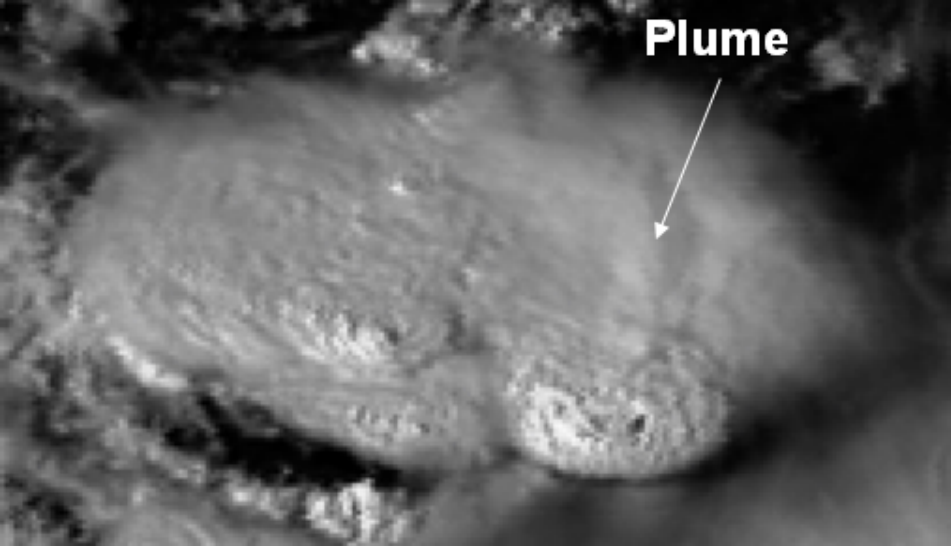
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# Overshooting Tops

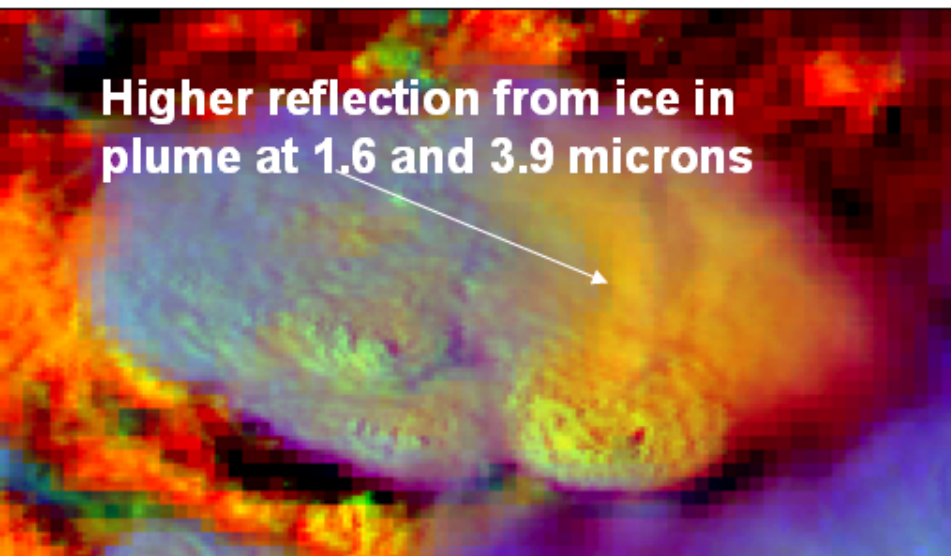
What do they  
mean?





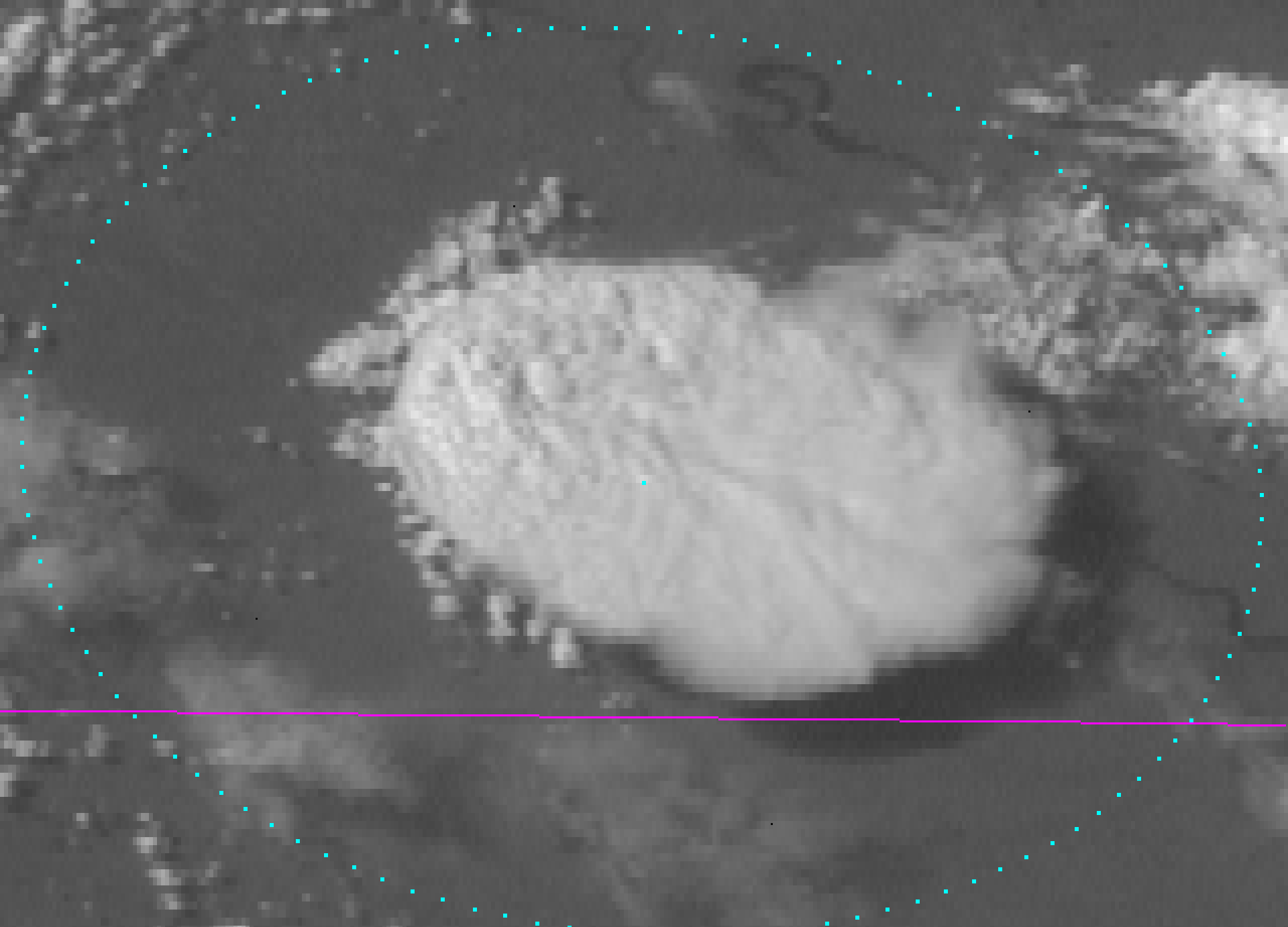
MSG High Resolution Visible (HRV)

MSG Enhanced 10.7 micron IR



MSG 3 channel color image using HRV, 1.6 and 3.9 micron channel data

Figure 27: Thunderstorm tops over Europe from MSG on 29 July 2005 at 14:30 UTC. This case, presented by Martin Sevtak at the EUMETSAT Users' Conference showed higher reflection from ice in the plume at thunderstorm top in 1.6 and 3.9 microns, likely due to smaller cloud particle size and related to updraft characteristics. Cold overshooting top and "V" notches are clearly shown in the 10.7 channel image, as are the plume brighter reflection from the right-most storm.



121 0121 G-11 IMG 01 24 JUL 00206 221613 03702 15758 00.25

## **CONCLUSIONS**

**Prospects and expectation are great as the next generation geostationary meteorological satellites' global array becomes operational**

**These satellites are part of a high resolution digital age and serve a variety of user communities including: meteorology, climate, ocean, ecology, land and environmental**

**Capabilities of geostationary satellites in the global array are converging on 16 channel high spectral resolution imagers; all have rapid scanning as a part of their routine operation; some will have lightning mappers and some have hyperspectral sounders**

**There is going to be a tremendous increase in data volume which will lead to inconceivable advance in products and their utilization which will present us (the community) with opportunities and challenges**

**In realizing the opportunities and challenges we improve the way we do business; we will focus on:**

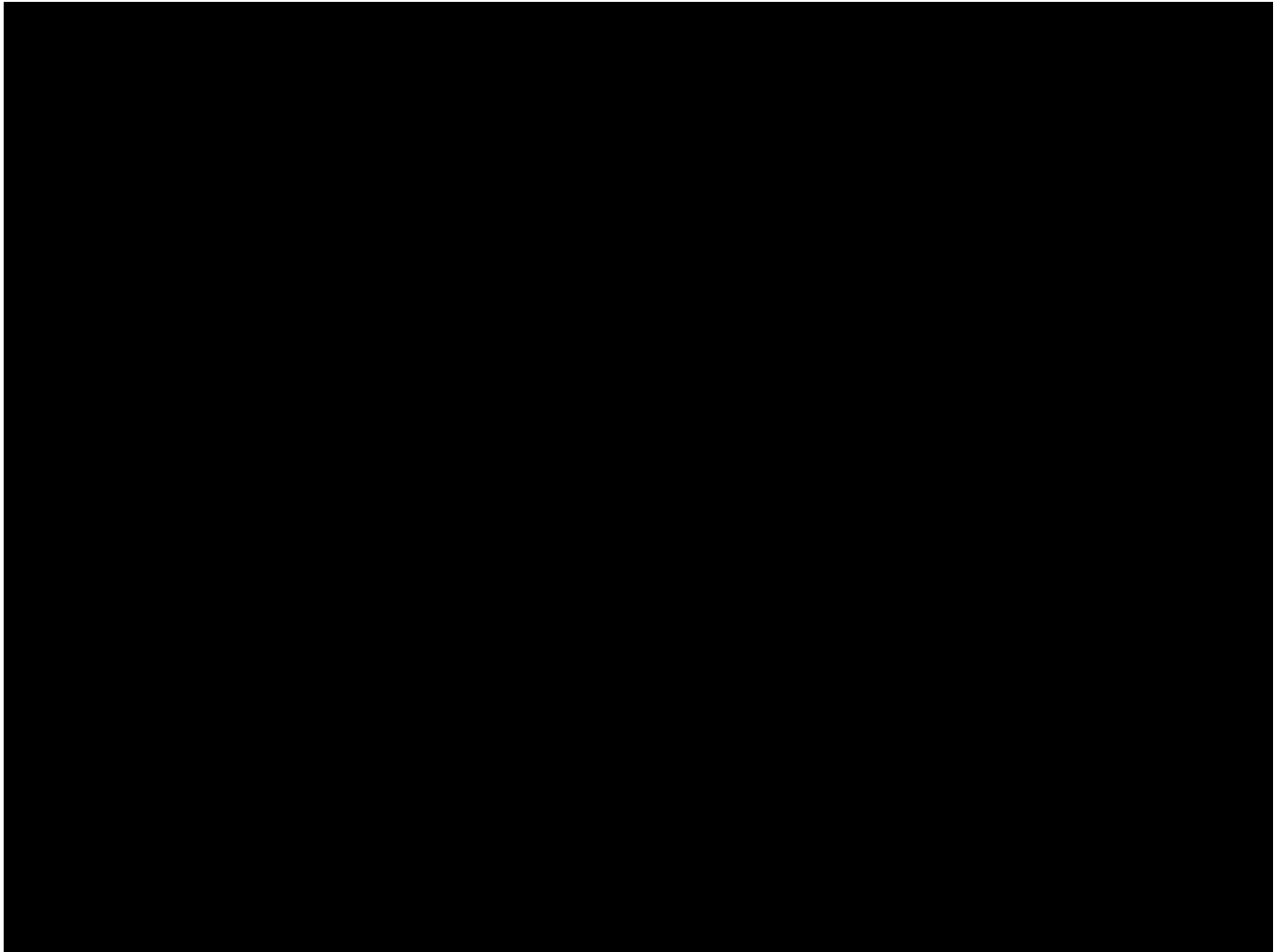
- \*national and international partnerships including focused satellite applications facilities, and international science teams**
- \*continuing to foster strong cooperation between international users such as exists today with NWP, and the WMO international working groups that focus on satellite calibration, precipitation, winds, soundings, etc.**
- \*training for full utilization with strong involvement of the WMO/CGMS Virtual Laboratory for Satellite Data Utilization**

# Conclusion

- **We are entering an era of unprecedented opportunities in satellite meteorology**
- **Opportunity awaits those who choose to take advantage of it – time is too precious to waste – the job at hand is too big for any one Nation to take on alone. Form strategic Asia/Oceania partnerships for exploitation based on the EUMETSAT SAF model and the NESDIS CIRA/CIMSS model**
  - **Questions?**



**Thank you for your attention**



# Orbits

- The mainstay orbits for meteorological and environmental applications
  - Sun synchronous Polar orbits
  - Geostationary orbits
- Other orbits and specialized applications
  - Pro-grade orbits
  - Constellations and formation flying

# Sun synchronous Polar orbits

**Twice-a-day  
global  
coverage from  
each satellite.**

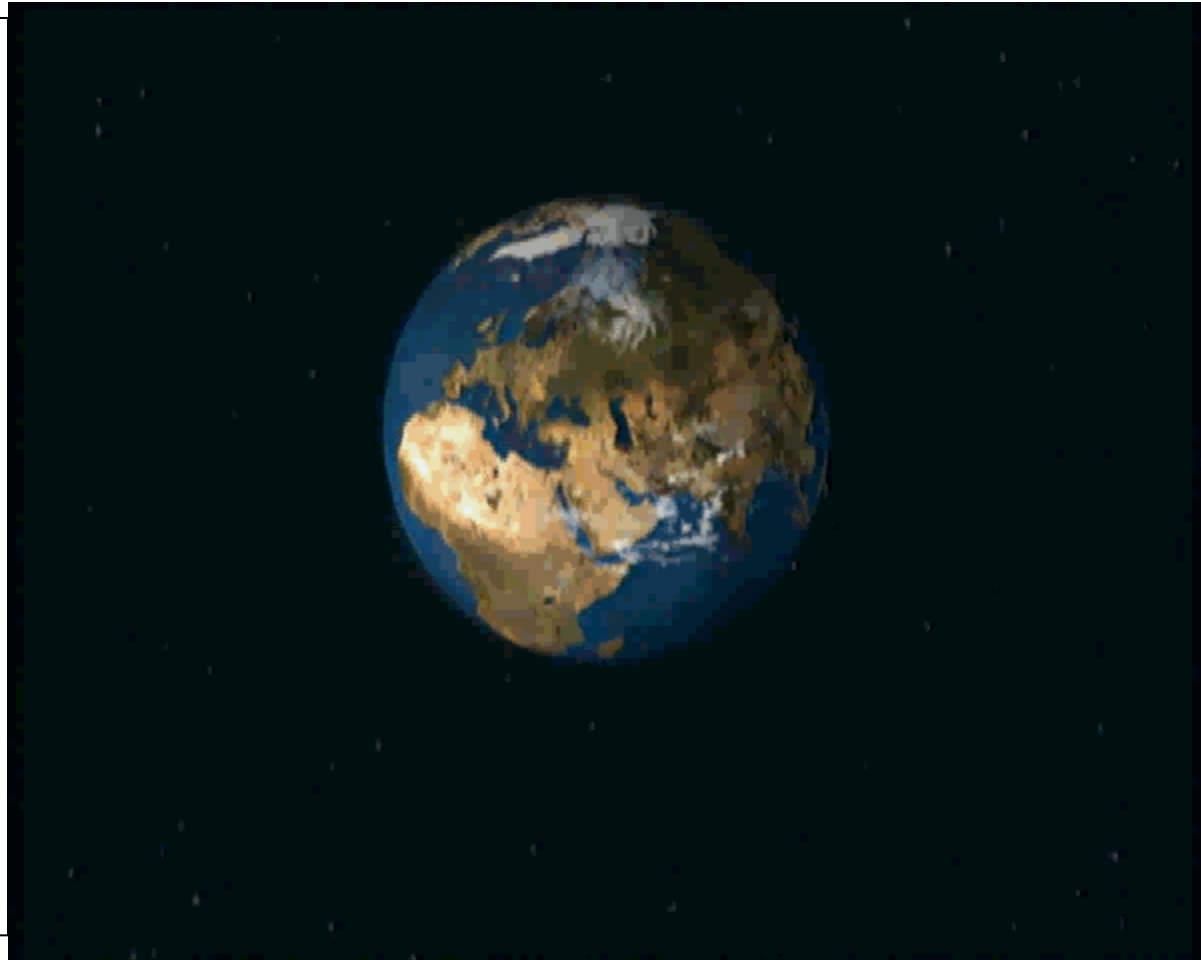
**They provide  
global  
coverage of  
selected  
phenomena  
using visible,  
infrared and  
microwave  
imagers and  
infrared and  
microwave  
sounders.**



Orbital altitudes near 850 km, orbital periods of around 101 min

# Geostationary orbits

**Geostationary orbits are used for observing the development and evolution of weather phenomena in the tropics and middle latitudes that change on relatively short time scales: their data are used mainly for nowcasting and the determination of atmospheric motion vectors**



Orbital altitude of approximately 36,000 km, orbital periods of 24 hours makes the satellite appear stationary above a fixed point above the equator

# **Comparison of geostationary (Geo) and low earth orbiting (Leo) satellite capabilities**

## **Geo**

**observes process itself  
(motion and targets of opportunity)**

**repeat coverage in minutes  
( $\Delta t \leq 15$  minutes)**

**near full earth disk**

**best viewing of tropics & mid-latitudes**

**same viewing angle**

**differing solar illumination**

**multispectral imager  
(generally lower resolution)**

**IR only sounder  
(8 km resolution)**

**filter radiometer**

**diffraction more than leo**

## **Leo**

**observes effects of process**

**repeat coverage twice daily  
( $\Delta t = 12$  hours)**

**global coverage**

**best viewing of poles**

**varying viewing angle**

**same solar illumination**

**multispectral imager  
(generally higher resolution)**

**IR and microwave sounder  
(1, 17, 50 km resolution)**

**filter radiometer,  
interferometer, and  
grating spectrometer**

**diffraction less than geo**



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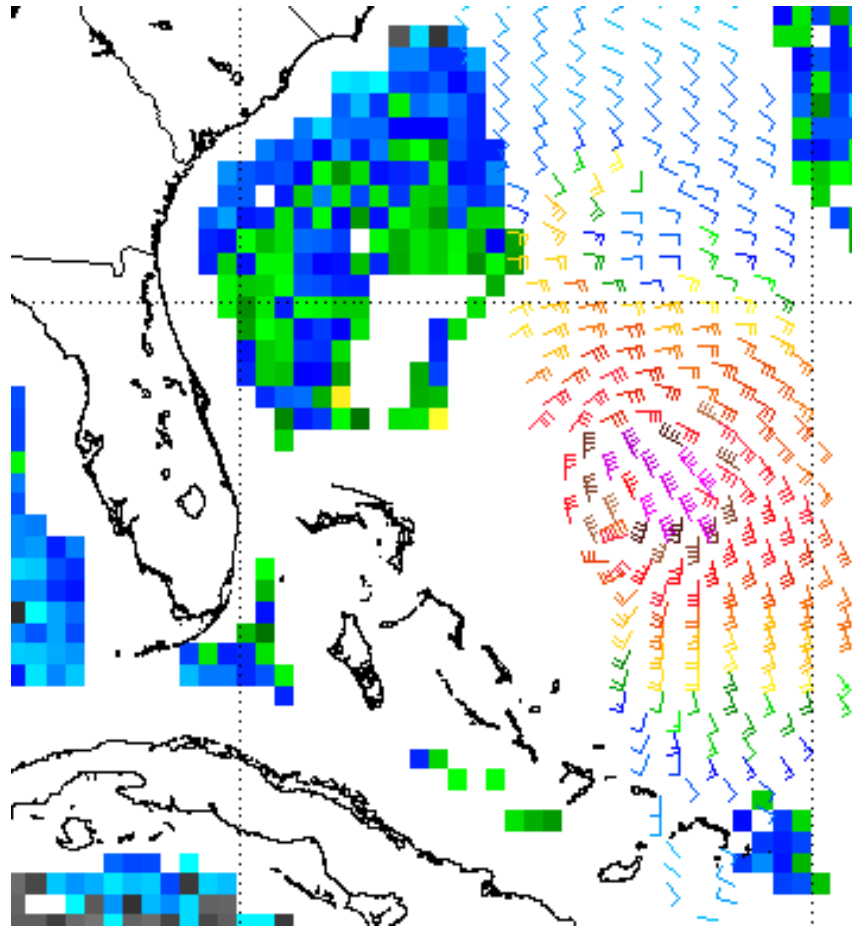
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**AVHRR Temperature**  
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 Pixel Size: 0.125 km  
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 Range: Minimum: 12.00  
 Type: Celsius - 4001  
 255 = 500 Degrees

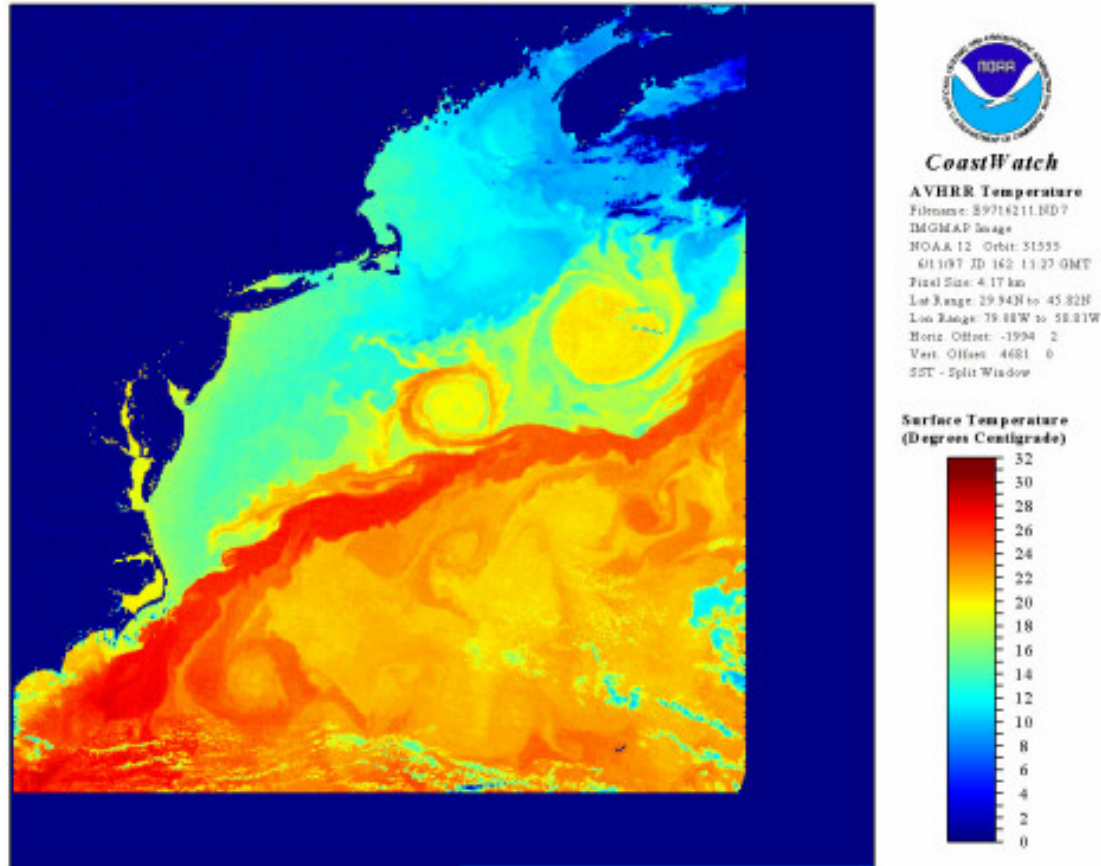
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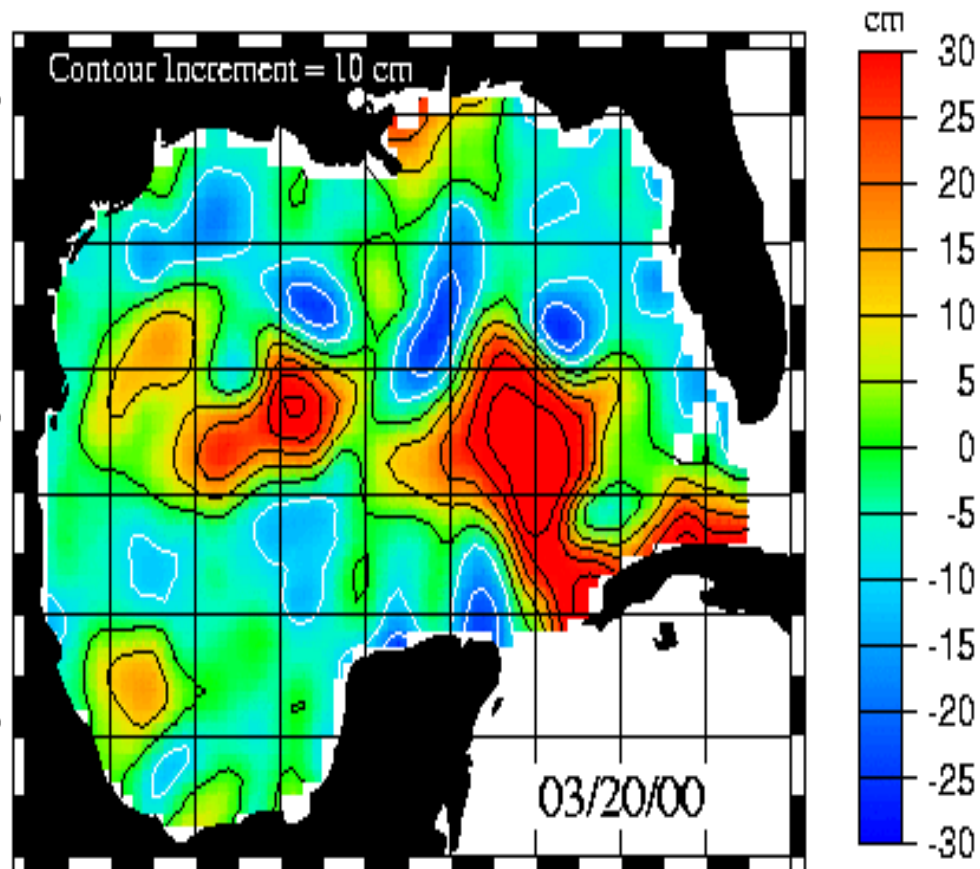
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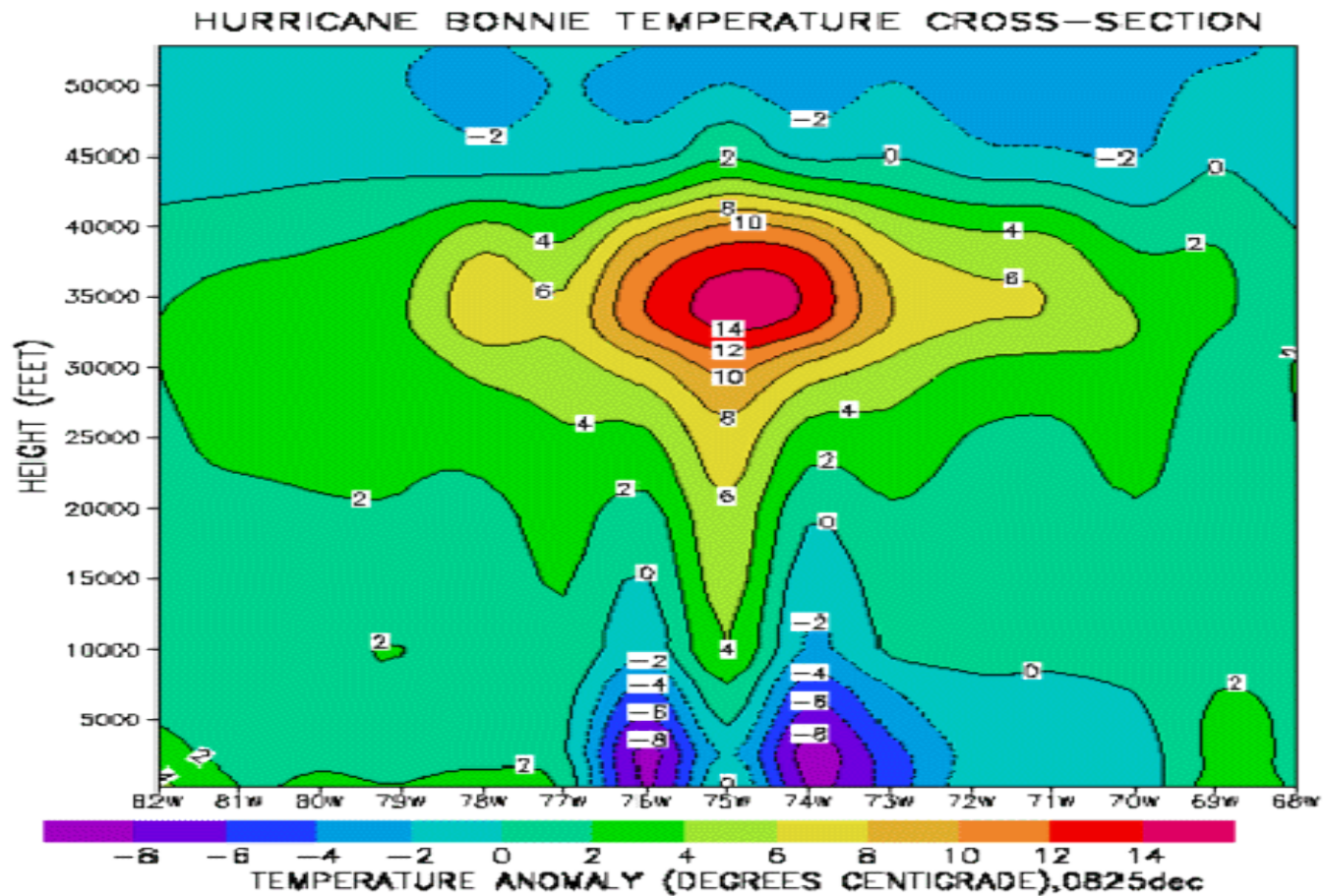


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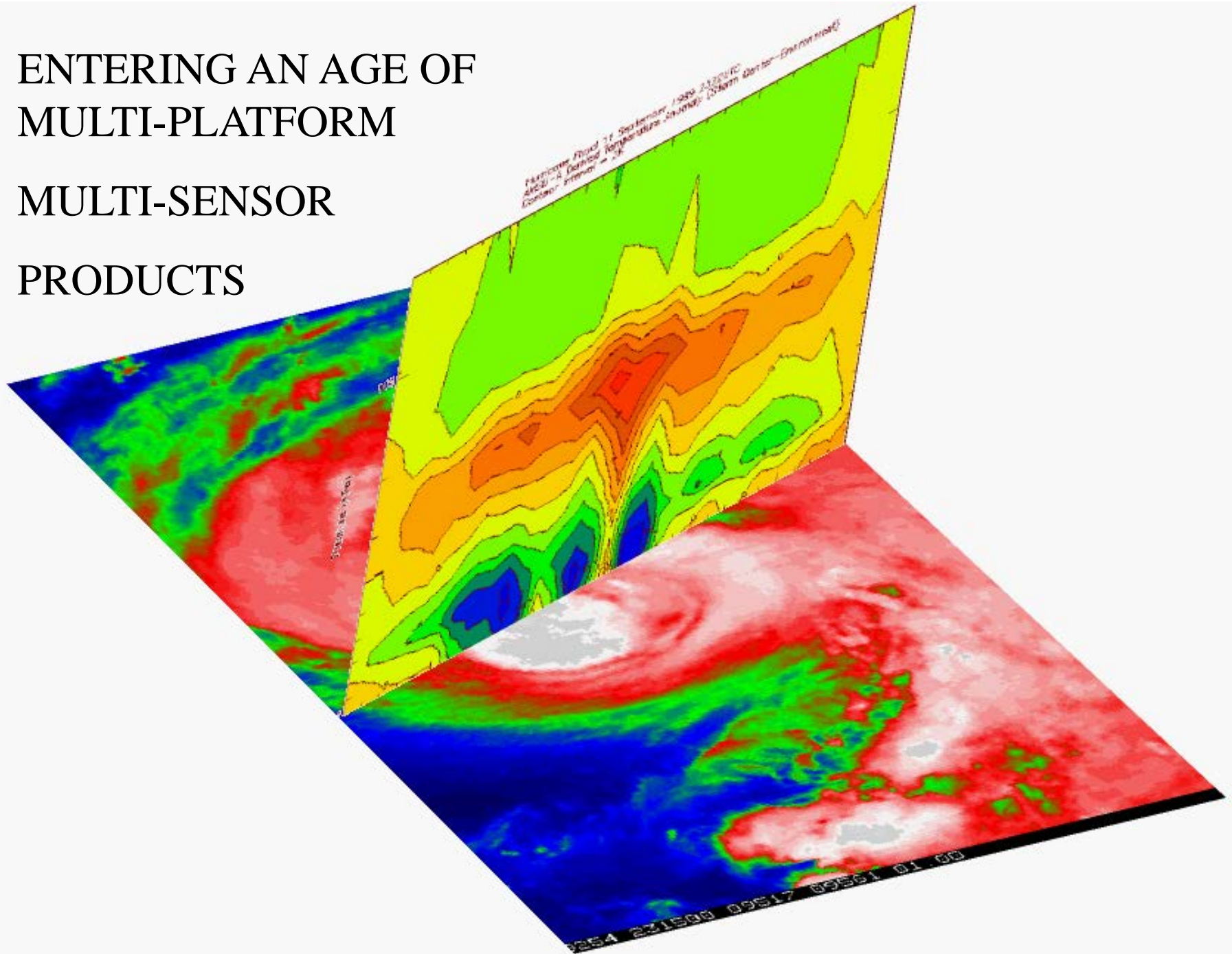




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# ENTERING AN AGE OF MULTI-PLATFORM MULTI-SENSOR PRODUCTS



# 3 hourly polar

- 3 hourly microwave