

# AIRS Instrument, Measurements, Retrieval Algorithm, Applications, and Future Sensors

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# Outline

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- AIRS **Regression Retrieval Algorithm**
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- Future **Direct Broadcast Activities**

# **AIRS**

## **(Atmospheric Infrared Sounder)**

### **Instrument Characteristics**

# AIRS onboard of AQUA

- NASA's EOS spacecraft
- Aqua launched May 4, 2002
- 705 km orbit (polar-orbiting)
- Early afternoon (1:30 PM) equator crossing time heading north
- AIRS system on Aqua:
  - AIRS (Atmospheric infrared Sounder)
  - AMSU-A (Advanced Microwave Sounding Unit)
  - HSB (Humidity Sounder Brazil)
- Other instruments:
  - MODIS (Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer)
  - AMSR-E (Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer for EOS)
  - CERES (Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System)

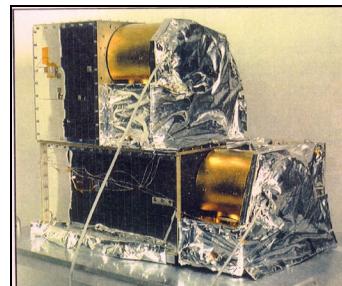


# AIRS System Specification



## AIRS

- Infrared: 3.74-15.4  $\mu\text{m}$ , 2378 Channels
- IR Spectral Resolution:  $\approx 1200 (\lambda/\Delta\lambda)$
- IR IFOV :  $1.1^\circ \times 0.6^\circ$  (13.5 km x 7.4 km)
- Visible: 4 Channels, 2.3 km
- Scan Range:  $\pm 49.5^\circ$



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## AMSU

- Microwave: 23-89 GHz, 15 Channels
- IFOV :  $3.3^\circ$ , 43 km
- Scan Range:  $\pm 49.5^\circ$



## HSB

- Microwave: 150-183 GHz, 4 Channels
- IFOV :  $1.1^\circ$ , 13.5 km
- Scan Range:  $\pm 49.5^\circ$

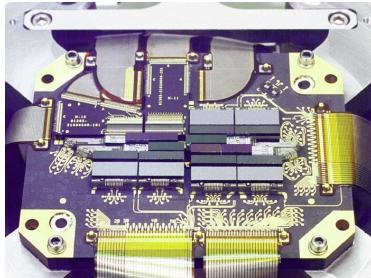
# AIRS System Technology

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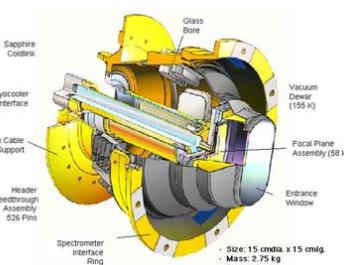
- IR Spectrometer:  
Multi-Aperture Array  
Grating Spectrometer
- Spectrometer  
Cooling to 155K with  
Two-Stage Passive  
Radiator



- FPAs: PV HgCdTe  
to 13.7  $\mu\text{m}$ , PC  
HgCdTe to 15.4  $\mu\text{m}$



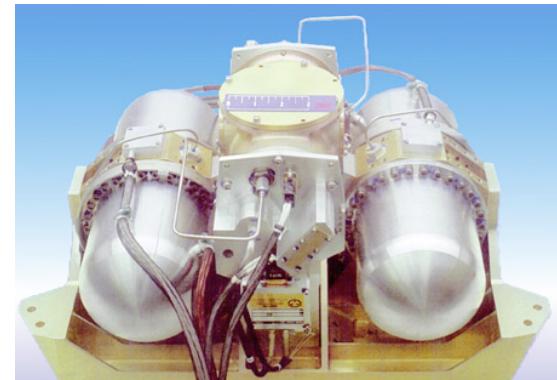
- Cryogenic



## The Atmospheric Infrared Sounder (AIRS)

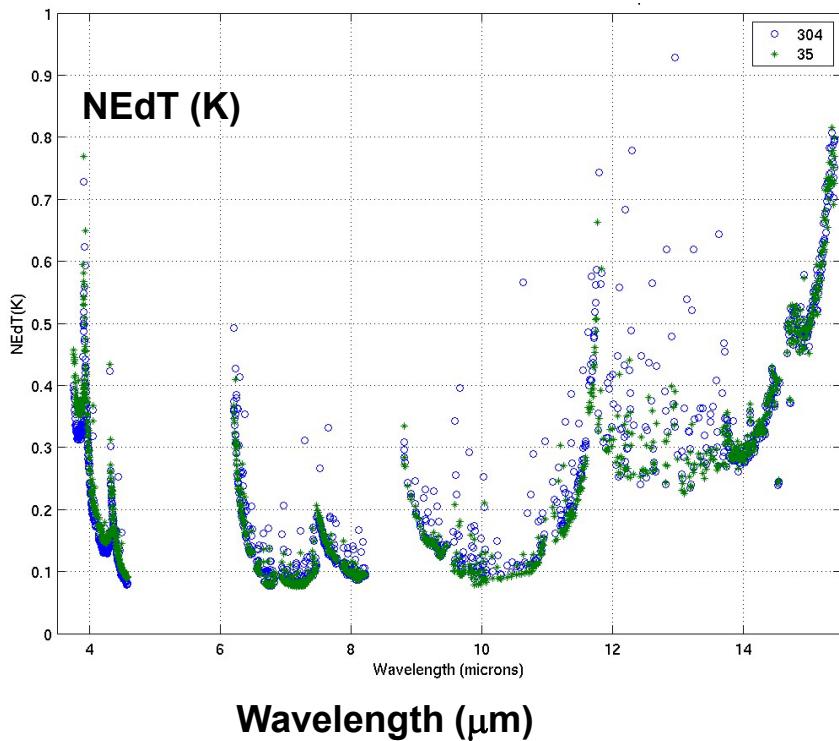


- Focal Plane Cooling  
using Single Stage  
Stirling Pulse Tube,  
Redundant



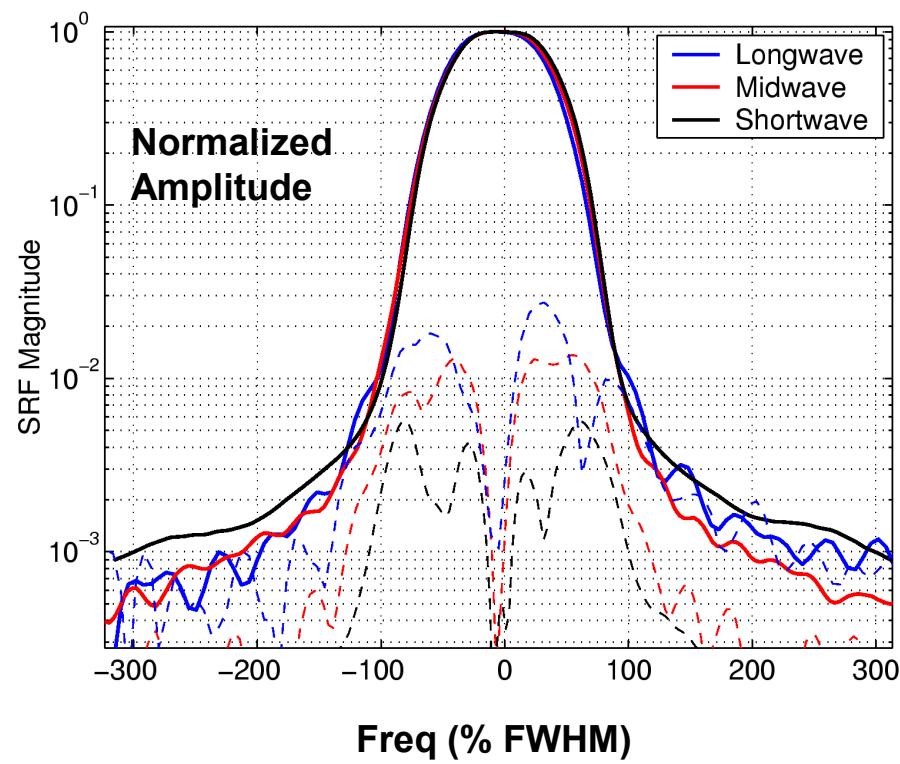
# AIRS Spectral Measurement Performance

**Radiometric Sensitivity is High  
Stable: Launch to Orbit**

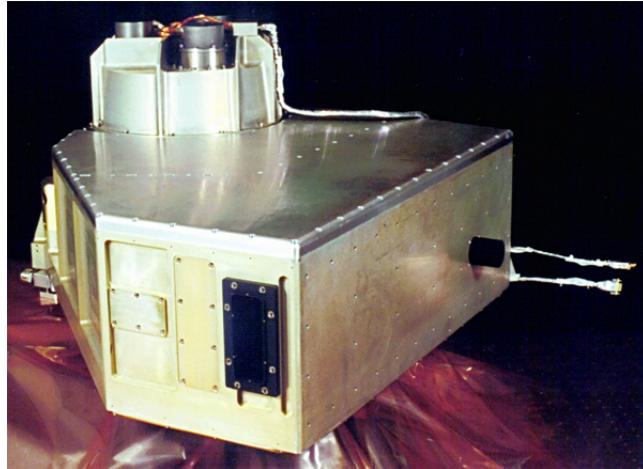


**Temperature Dependence Well Behaved**

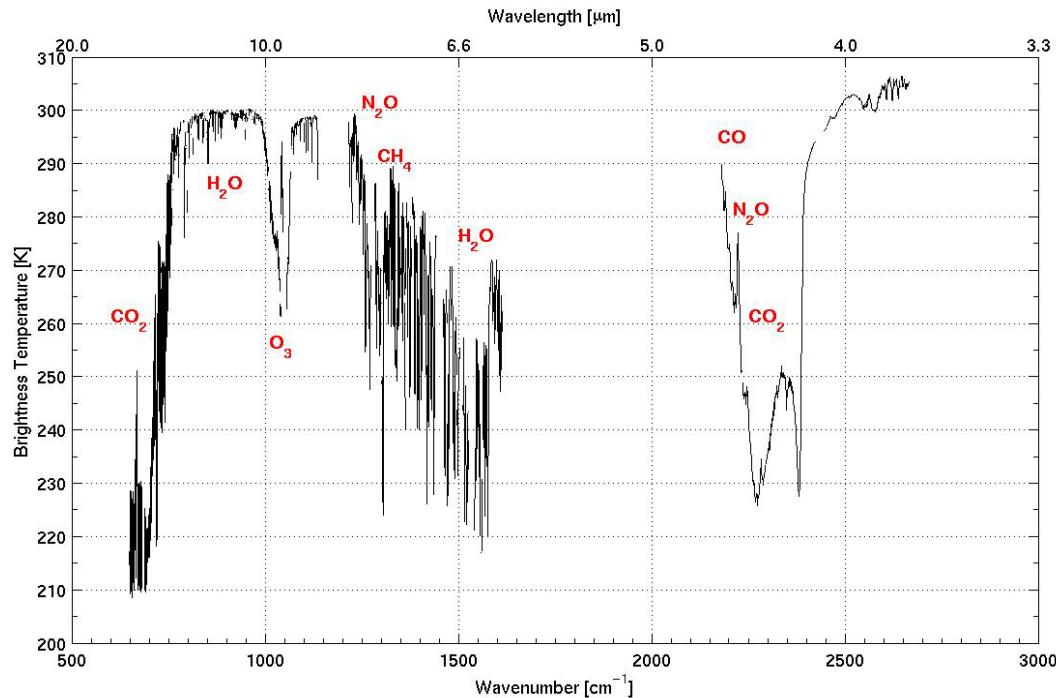
**SRF Shape Well  
Characterized to  $<10^{-3}$**



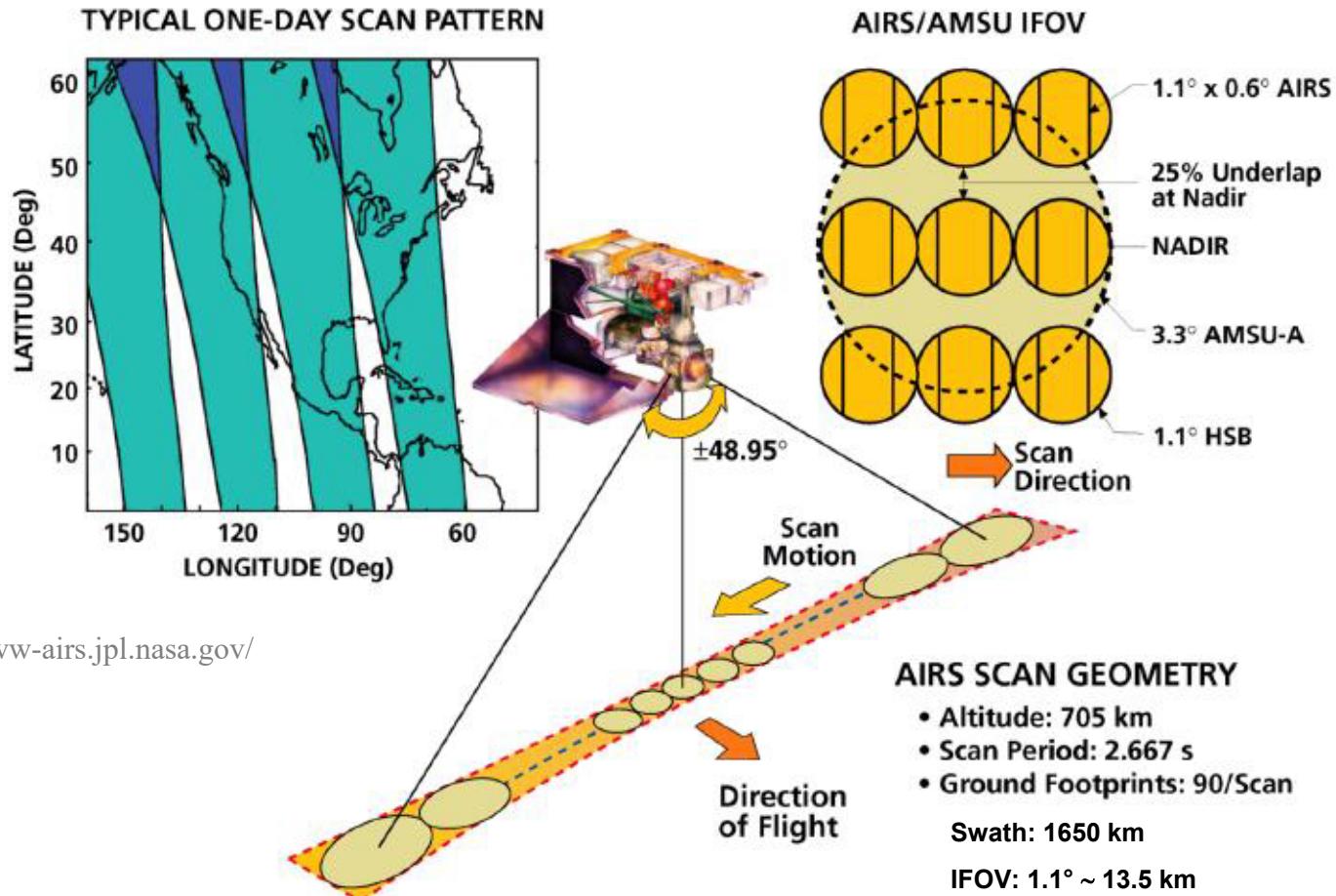
# AIRS – Grating Spectrometer



- Array grating spectrometer
- Operating range: 3.7 – 15.4  $\mu\text{m}$
- Spectral resolution:  $\lambda/\Delta\lambda=1200$
- Infrared energy dispersed across arrays of HgCdTe detectors (2378 detectors in 17 arrays)



# AIRS Spatial Coverage (1)



# AIRS Spatial Coverage (2)

AIRS data is collected in 6 minutes cunks = 1 granule

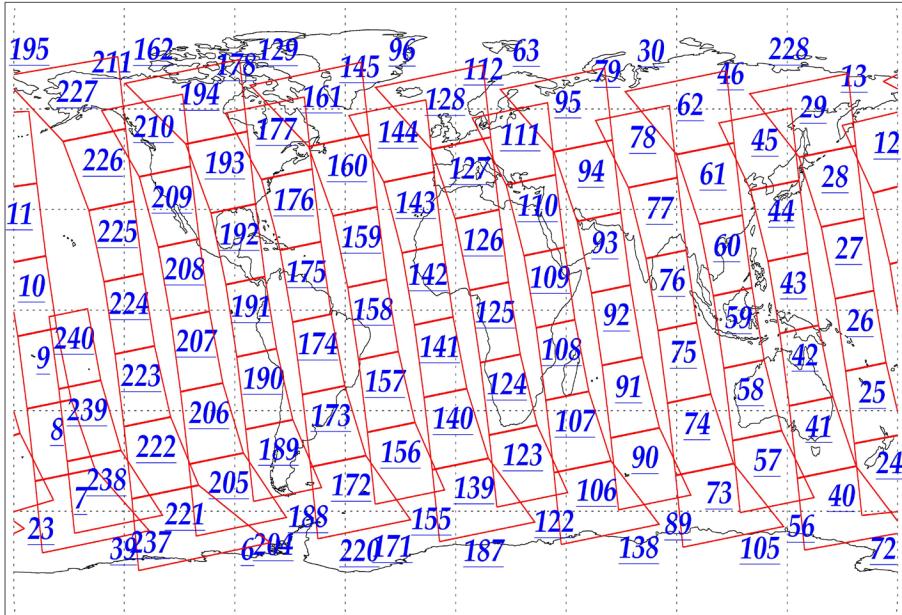
135 scanlinesx90 footprints=12150 pixels per granule (~125 MB)

240 granules per day (120 ascending daytime and 120 descending nighttime granules)

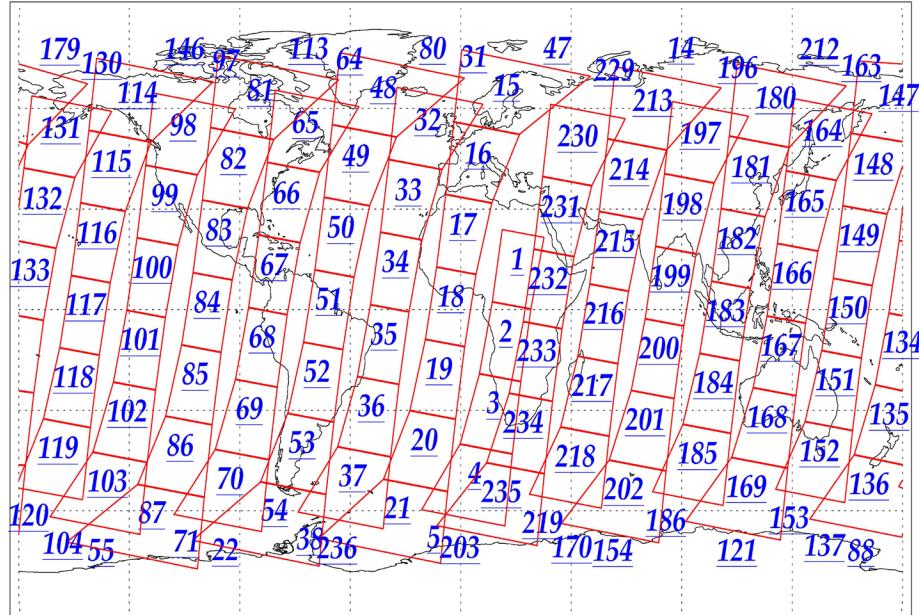
L1A Availability  
AMSU Granules: 240  
HSB Granules: 240  
AIRS Granules: 240

6 Sep 2002  
DoY 249  
Aqua Day 125

Ascending Granules



Descending Granules

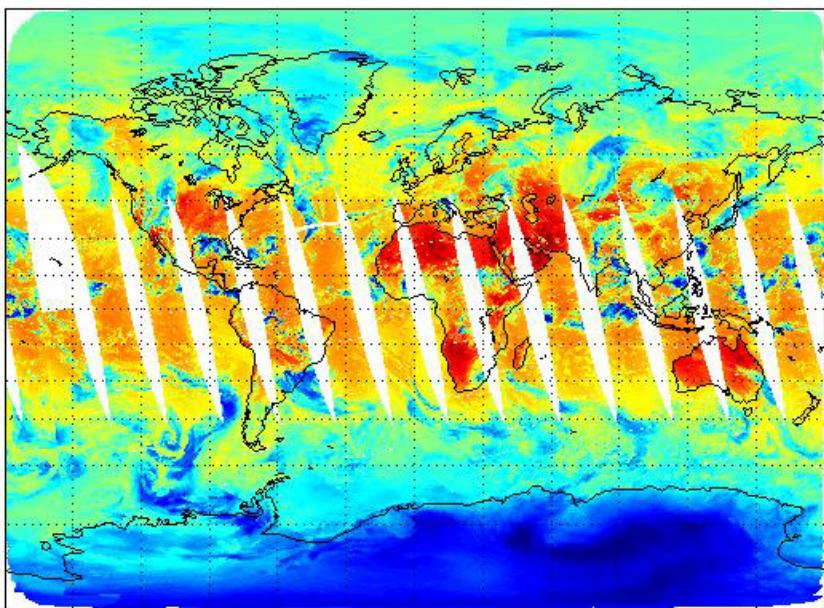


Legend: AMSU Available, HSB Available, AIRS Available

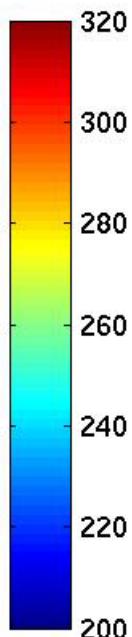
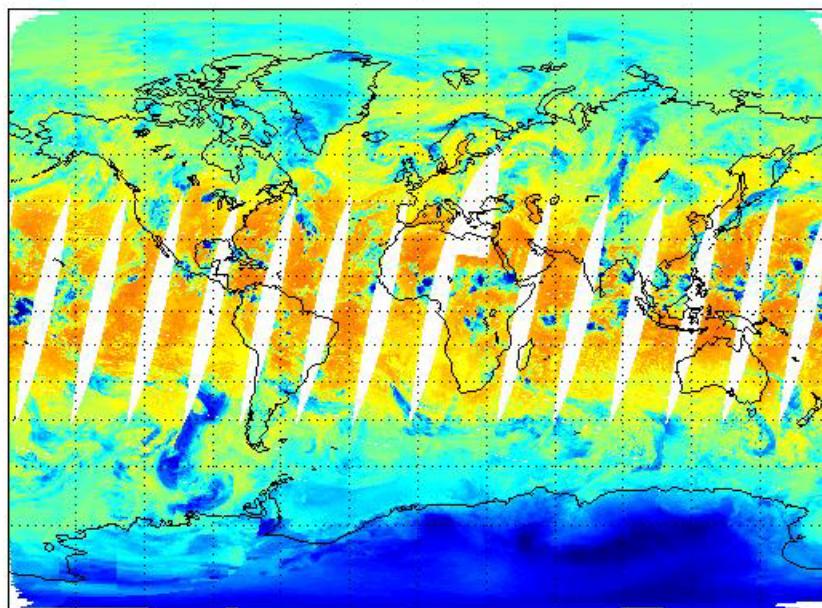
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# AIRS Spatial Coverage (3)

6-Sept-2002, Brightness Temperature [K] at  $1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$   
Ascending Granules

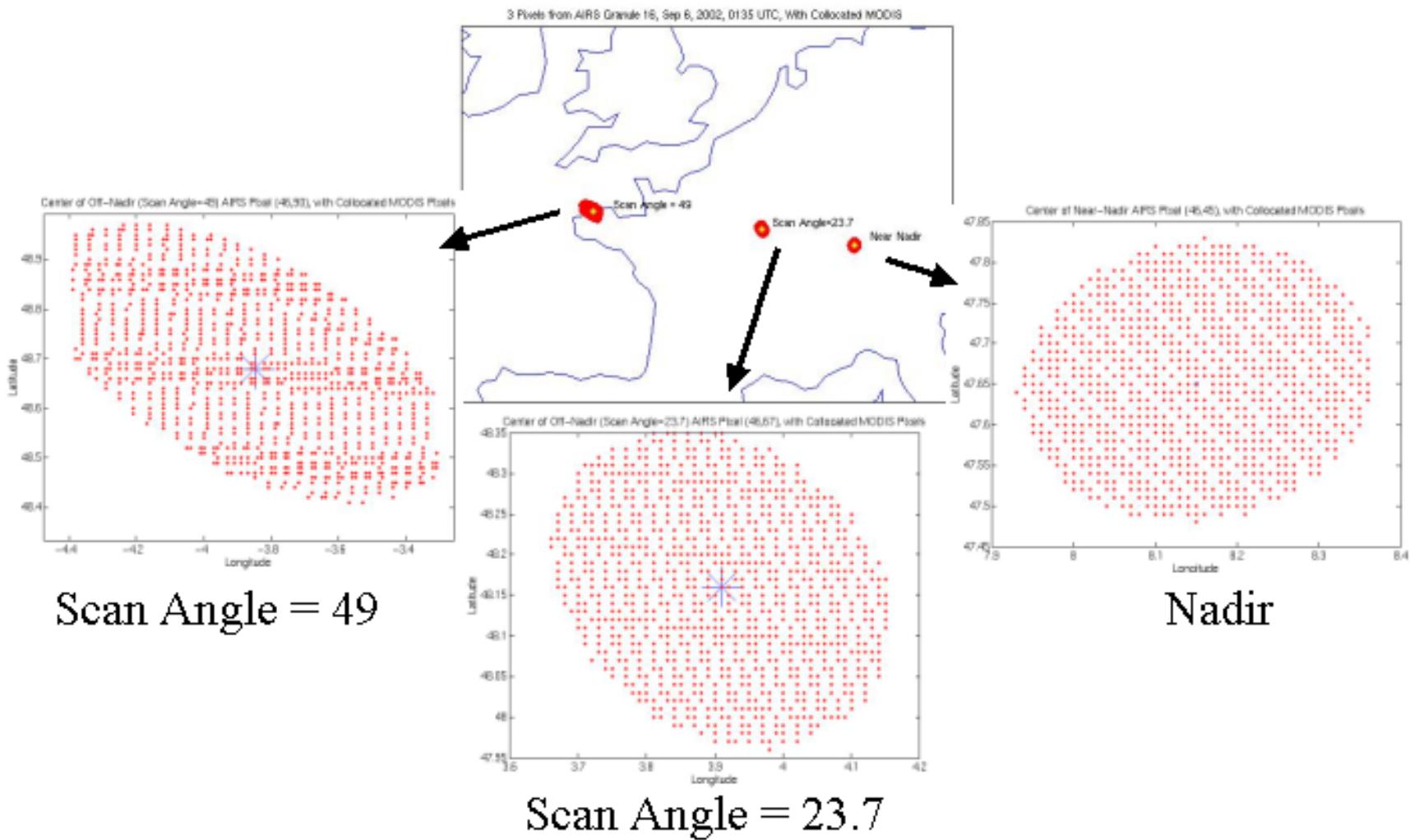


Descending Granules



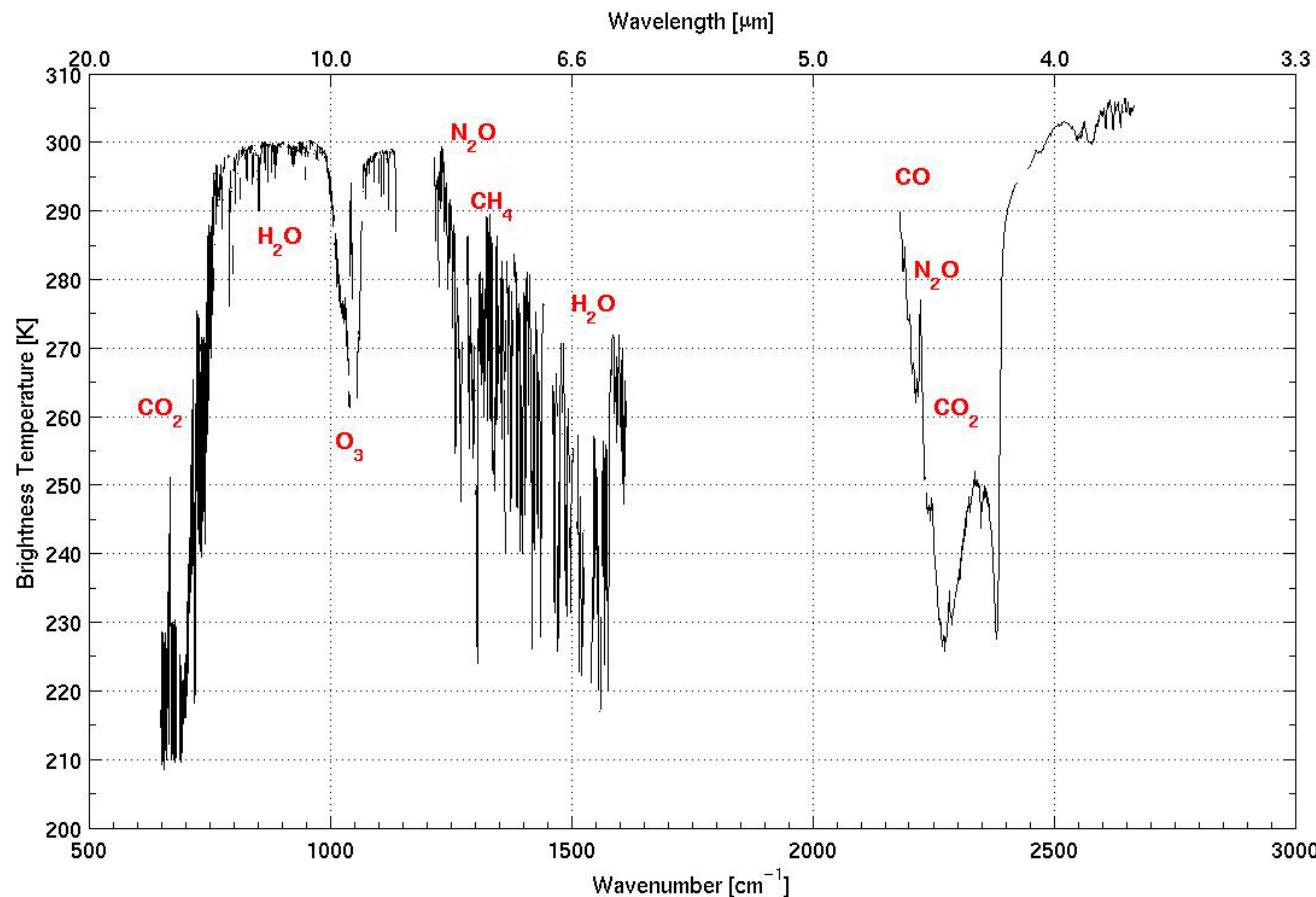
# AIRS Vs. MODIS Single FOV Spatial Coverage (4)

## AIRS/MODIS Co-location Example



# AIRS Spectral Coverage

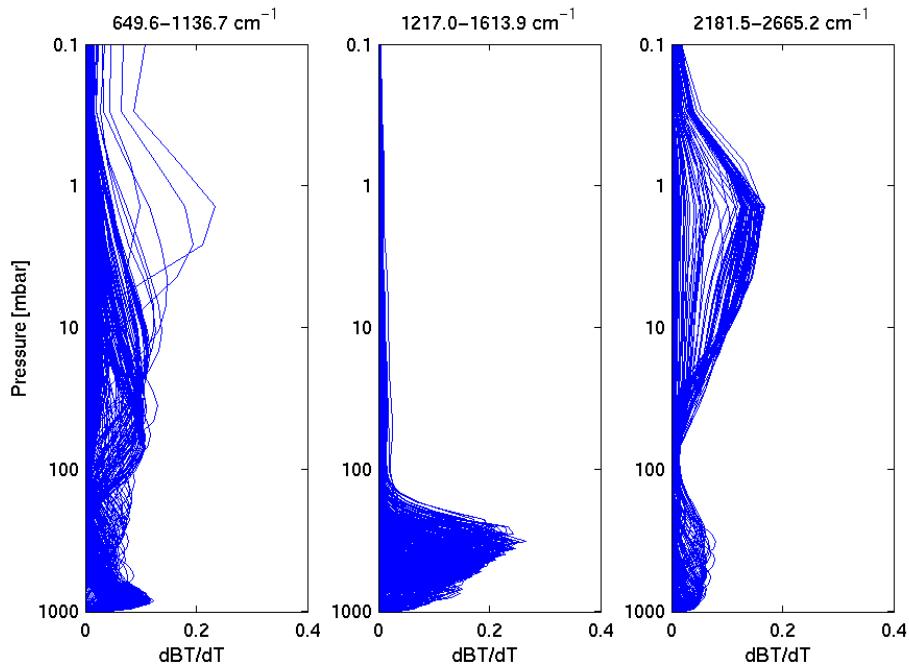
- IR sounder: 2378 channels
- spectral ranges: 3.7 - 4.61  $\mu\text{m}$ , 6.2 - 8.22  $\mu\text{m}$  , 8.8 - 15.4  $\mu\text{m}$ ;



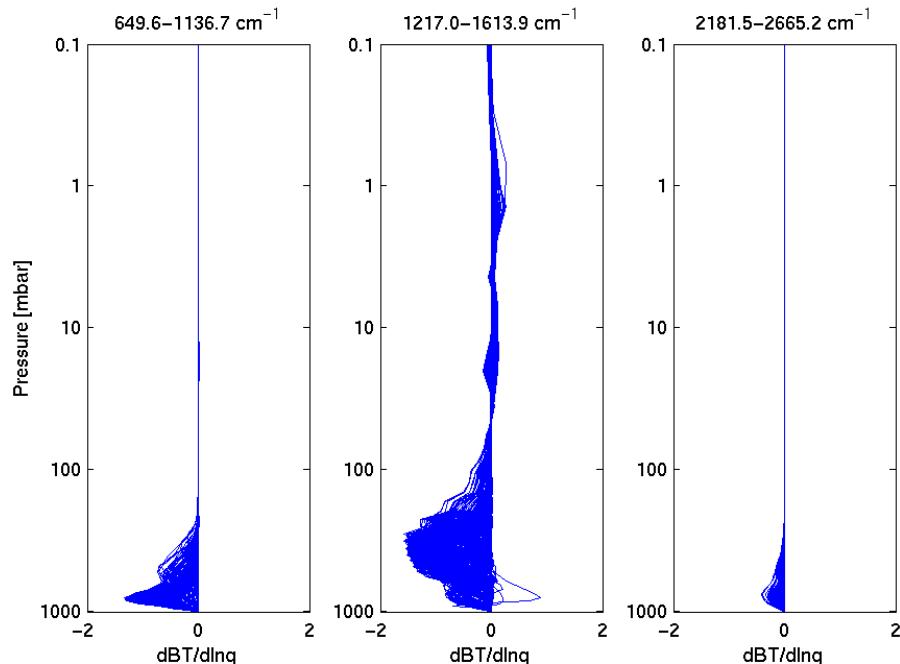
# AIRS Spectral Coverage → Vertical Resolution

Jacobian matrix  $K = dB/T/dX$  is the matrix of partial derivatives of the Brightness temperature with respect to the input parameter X. The weighting functions (=rows of K) reflect the relative contribution from each level to the total measured radiance.

Temperature weighting functions



Humidity weighting functions



# AIRS IR Specification

## Infrared Spectral Coverage:

3.74 $\mu\text{m}$ - 4.61 $\mu\text{m}$	[2674 – 2170 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]
6.20 $\mu\text{m}$ – 8.22 $\mu\text{m}$	[1613 – 1217 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]
8.80 $\mu\text{m}$ – 15.4 $\mu\text{m}$	[1136 – 649 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]

Spectral Resolution:  $\lambda/\Delta\lambda=1200$

## Spatial Coverage:

$\pm 49.5^\circ$  around nadir  
1.1° (~13.5 km dia) IFOV (Instantaneous Field of View)

## Sensitivity (NEDT):

0.14 K at 4.2  $\mu\text{m}$   
0.20 K from 3.7 to 13.6  $\mu\text{m}$   
0.35 K from 13.6 to 15.4  $\mu\text{m}$

Power / Mass: 256 W / 166 kg

Lifetime: 5 years

# AIRS (Atmospheric Infrared Sounder) Measurement (Level 1B data) Characteristics

# Level 0 to Level 2

Level 0: raw data

Level 1A: geolocated radiance in counts

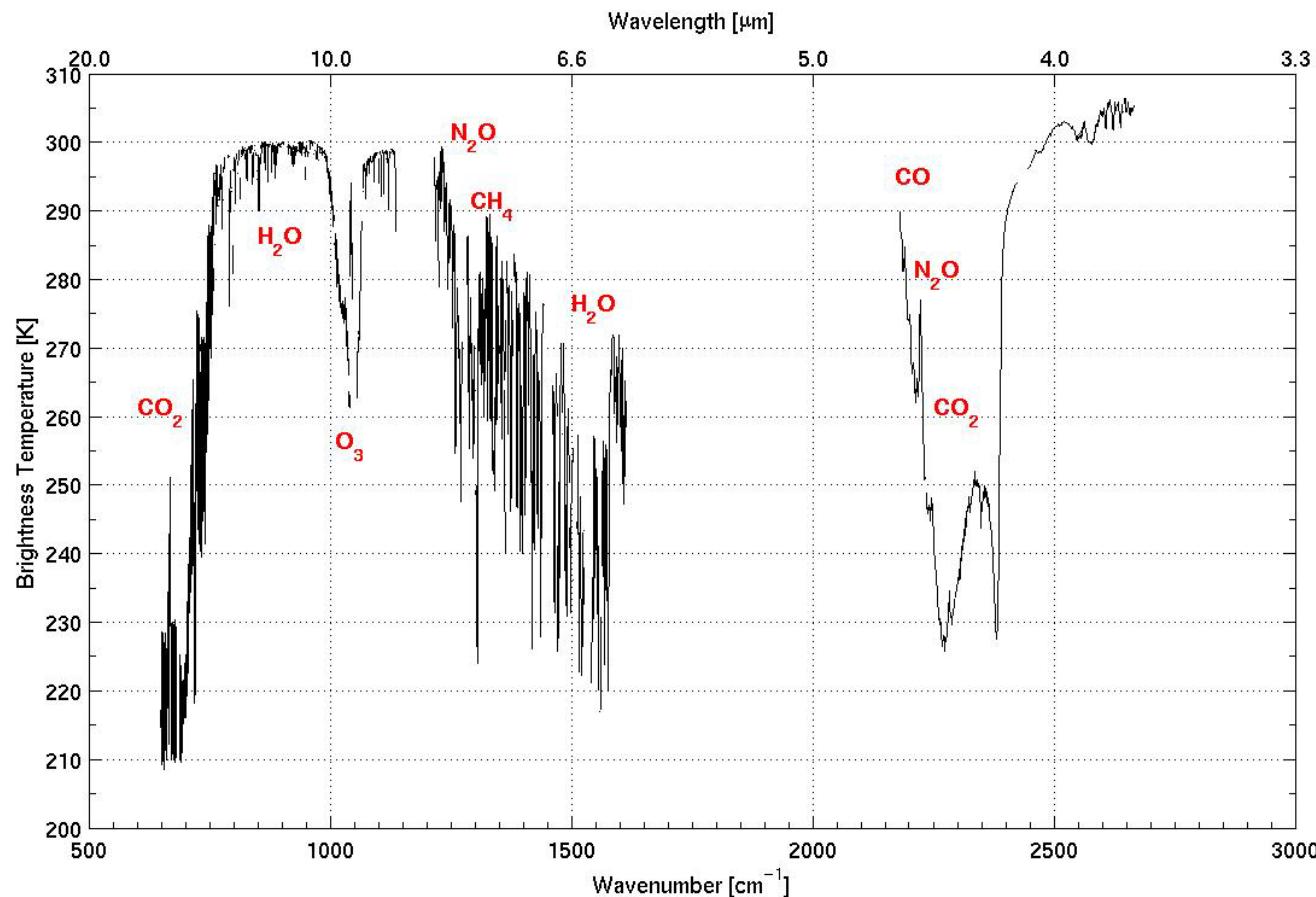
Level 1B: calibrated radiance in physical units

Level 2: retrieved physical variables

(temperature, humidity and ozone profiles, surface skin temperature, total precipitable water, total ozone content, cloud top height . . .)

# AIRS Spectral Coverage

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- spectral ranges: 3.7 - 4.61  $\mu\text{m}$ , 6.2 - 8.22  $\mu\text{m}$  , 8.8 - 15.4  $\mu\text{m}$ ;



# Radiance received by AIRS

## RTE (no scattering) in LTE

$$\begin{aligned} R_\nu &= \tau_{s\nu} \cdot \varepsilon_{s\nu} \cdot B_\nu(T_s) \\ &+ \int_{p_s}^0 B_\nu(T(p)) d\tau_\nu(p) \\ &- \tau_{s\nu} \cdot r_{s\nu} \cdot \int_{p_s}^0 B_\nu(T(p)) d\tau_\nu^*(p) \\ &+ R_\nu^{sun} \cdot \cos(\theta) \cdot \tau_{s\nu}^{sun}(p_s) \cdot r_\nu^{sun} \end{aligned}$$

- ← Upwelling IR radiation from surface
- ← Upwelling IR radiation from atm. layers
- ← Reflected downwelling IR radiation
- ← Reflected solar radiation

$R$ ...radiance,  $\nu$ ...wavenumber,  $s$ ...surface,  $p$ ...pressure,  $sun$ ...solar,

$T$ ...temperature,  $B$ ...Planck function,  $\varepsilon$  ...emissivity,

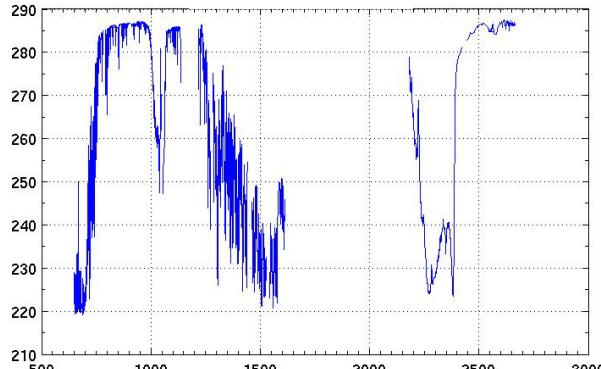
$\tau$ ...level to space transmittance,  $\theta$ ...local solar zenith angle

$r$ ...reflectivity, with  $r = (1 - \varepsilon)/\pi$ ,

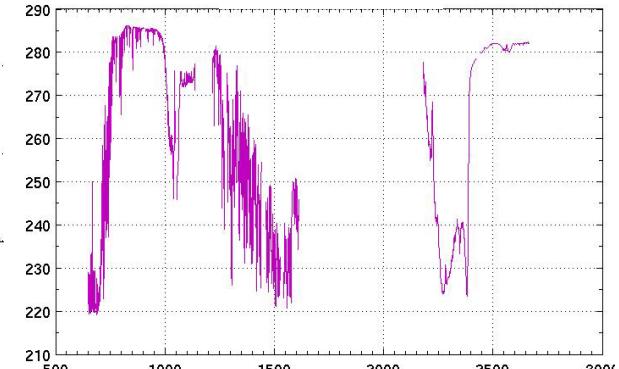
$\tau^*$ ...level to surface (downwelling) transmittance [ $\tau^* = \tau_\nu^2(p_s)/\tau_\nu(p)$ ]

# Surface Emissivity and Brightness Temperature simulations

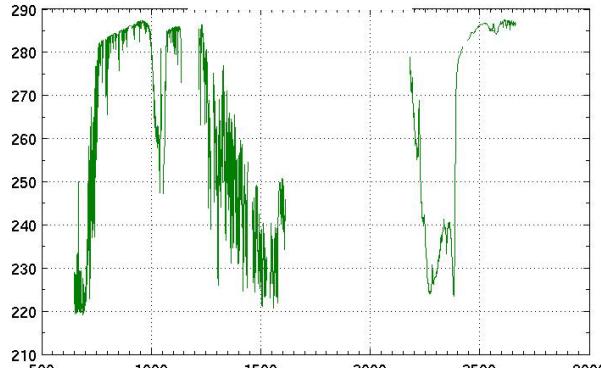
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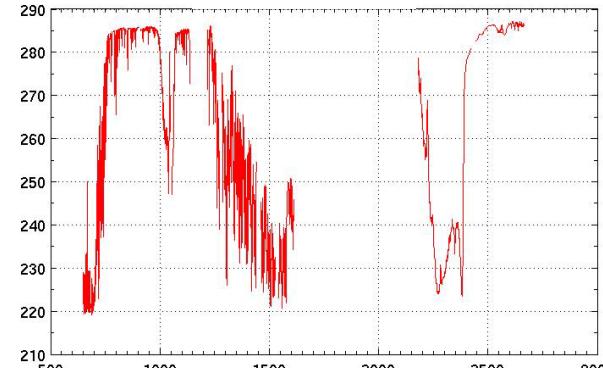
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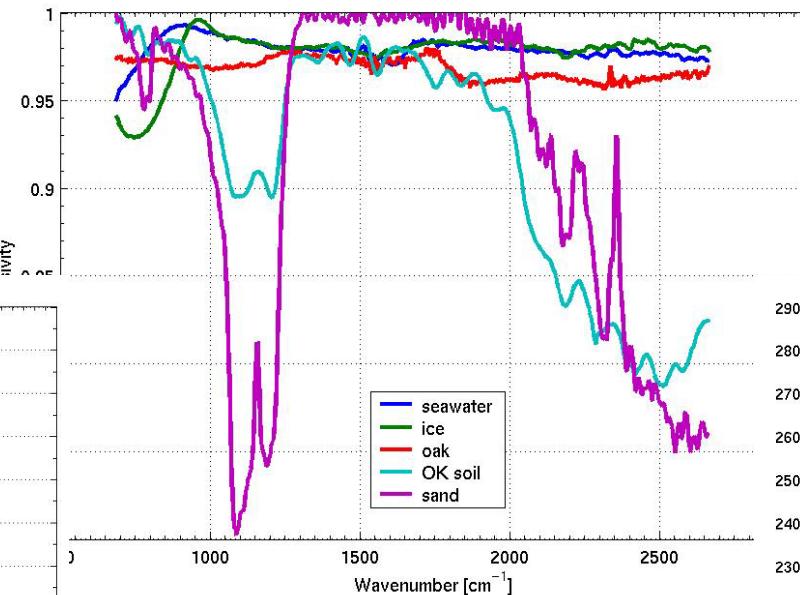
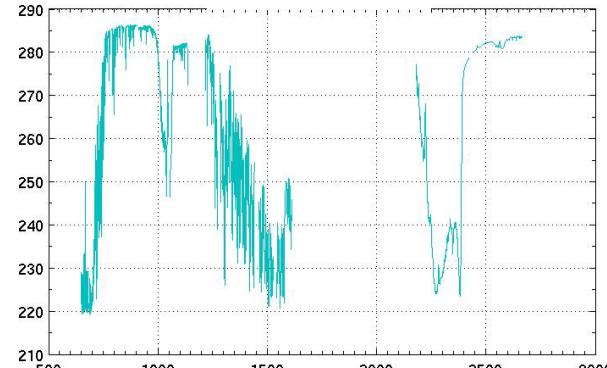
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Oak

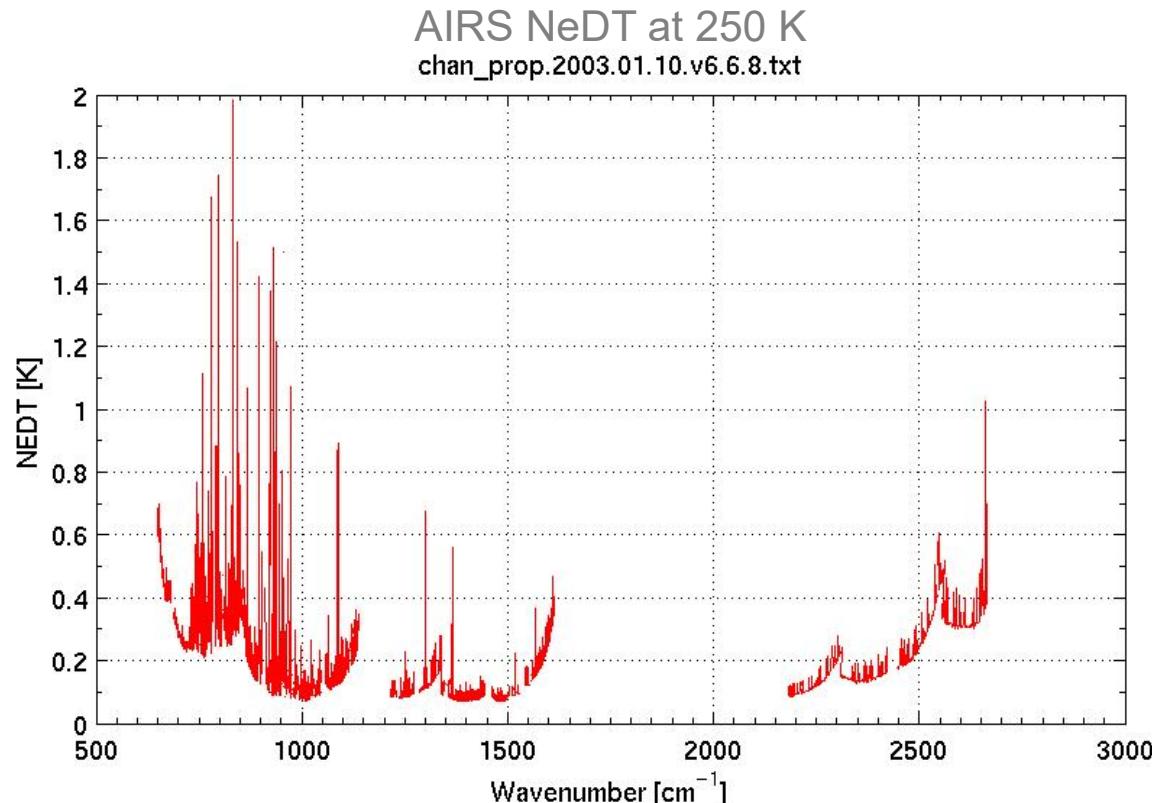


OK soil



# AIRS Noise Specification

- NeDT: noise equivalent delta temperature is the uncertainty in measurements in terms of Brightness Temperature (BT) units. NeDT depends on the scene temperature.



# AIRS Bad Channels

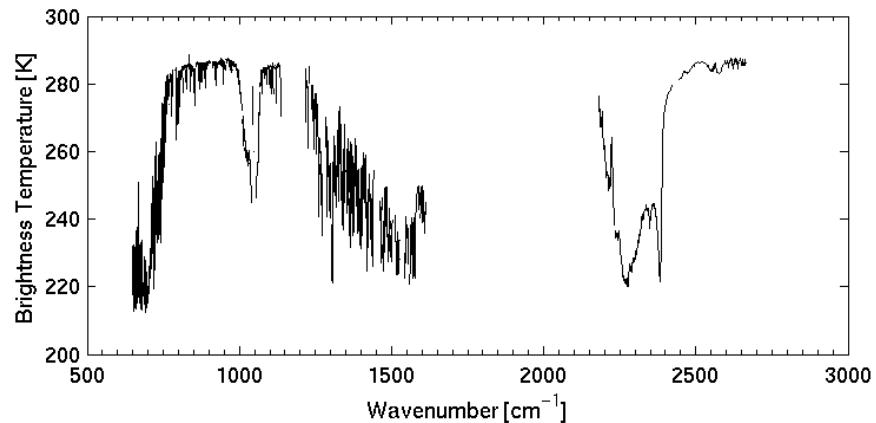
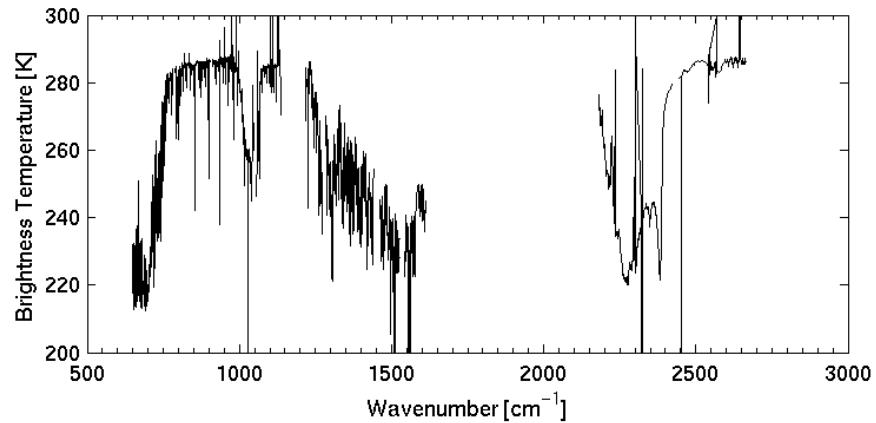
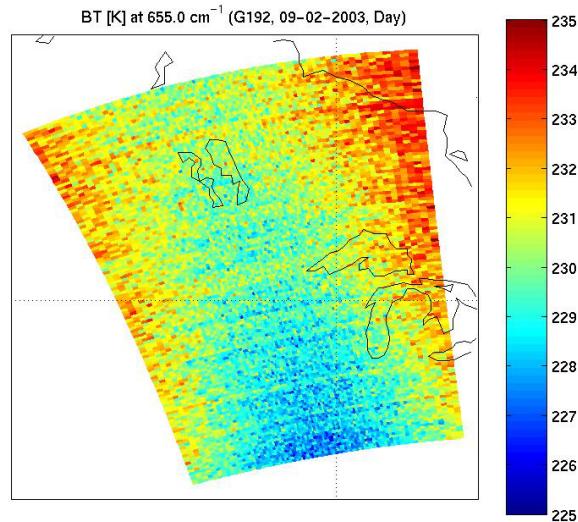
- Channel Properties files

(e.g. L2\_chan\_prop.2003.11.19.v6.6.9.anc)

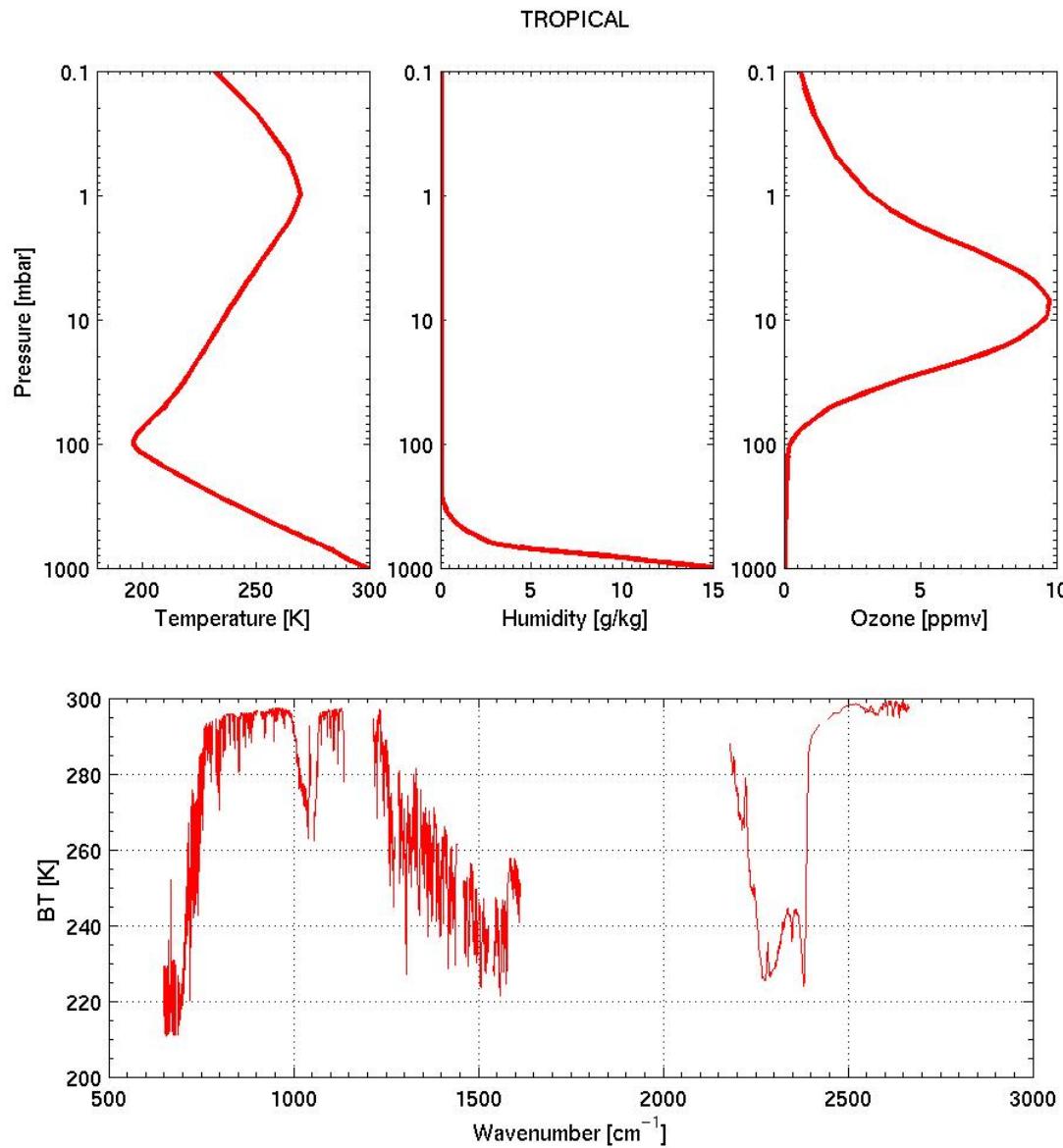
list channel frequencies, NeDT @ 250 K,  
bad\_flags . . . Bad channels (bad\_flag =1) should  
not be used in retrievals

- A channel can be bad because

- detector has high noise
- detector is non-responsive
- detector response shows unexpected steps (popping)
- poor SRF (spectral response function) determination



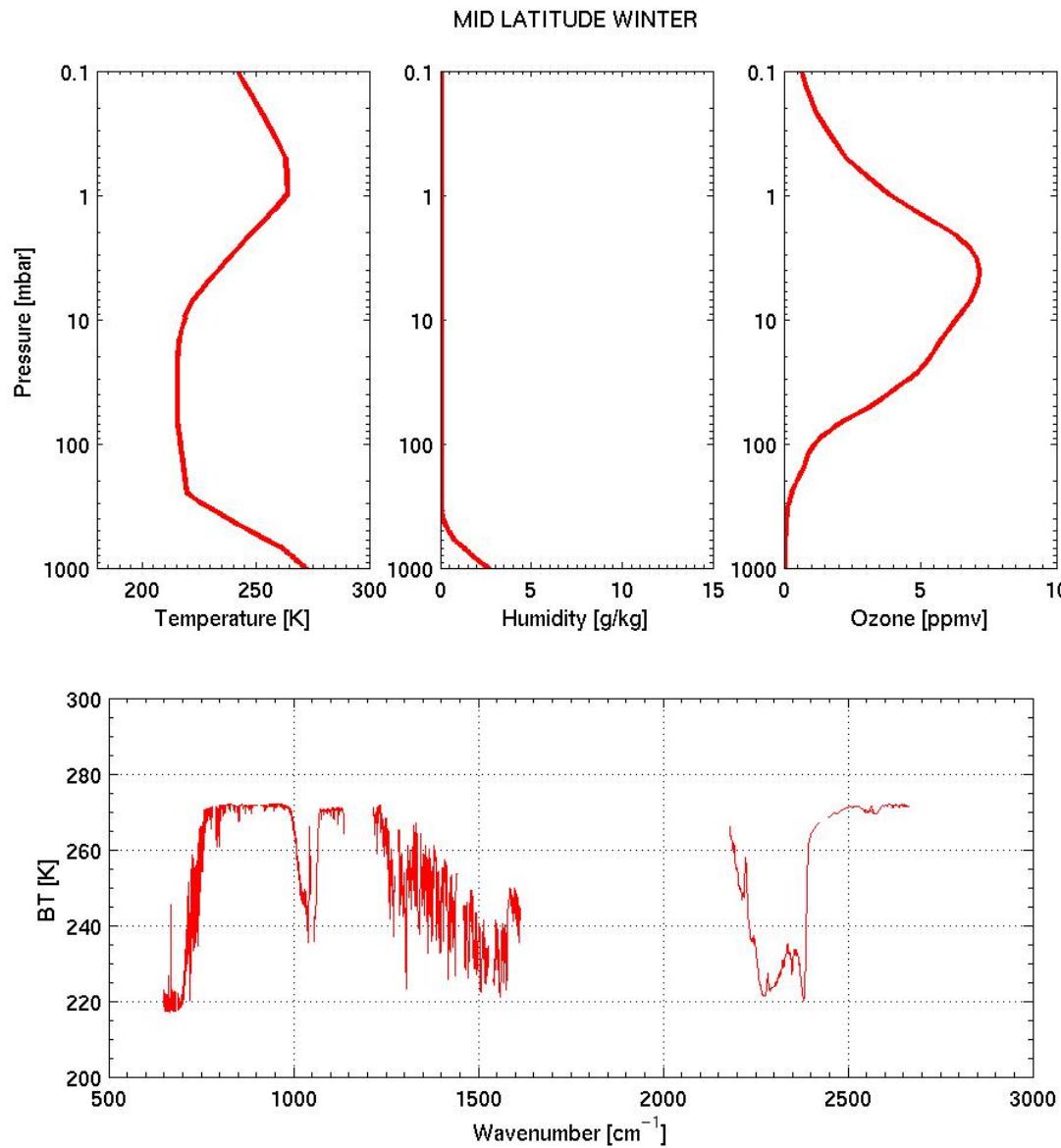
# AIRS T,q, O3 profile and simulated spectrum - tropical



## Tropical Profile:

- sharp tropopause at  $\sim 100$  mbar
- high water vapor amount
- high T gradient in troposphere ( $\sim 100$  K) and stratosphere ( $\sim 80$  K)
- high skin temperatures

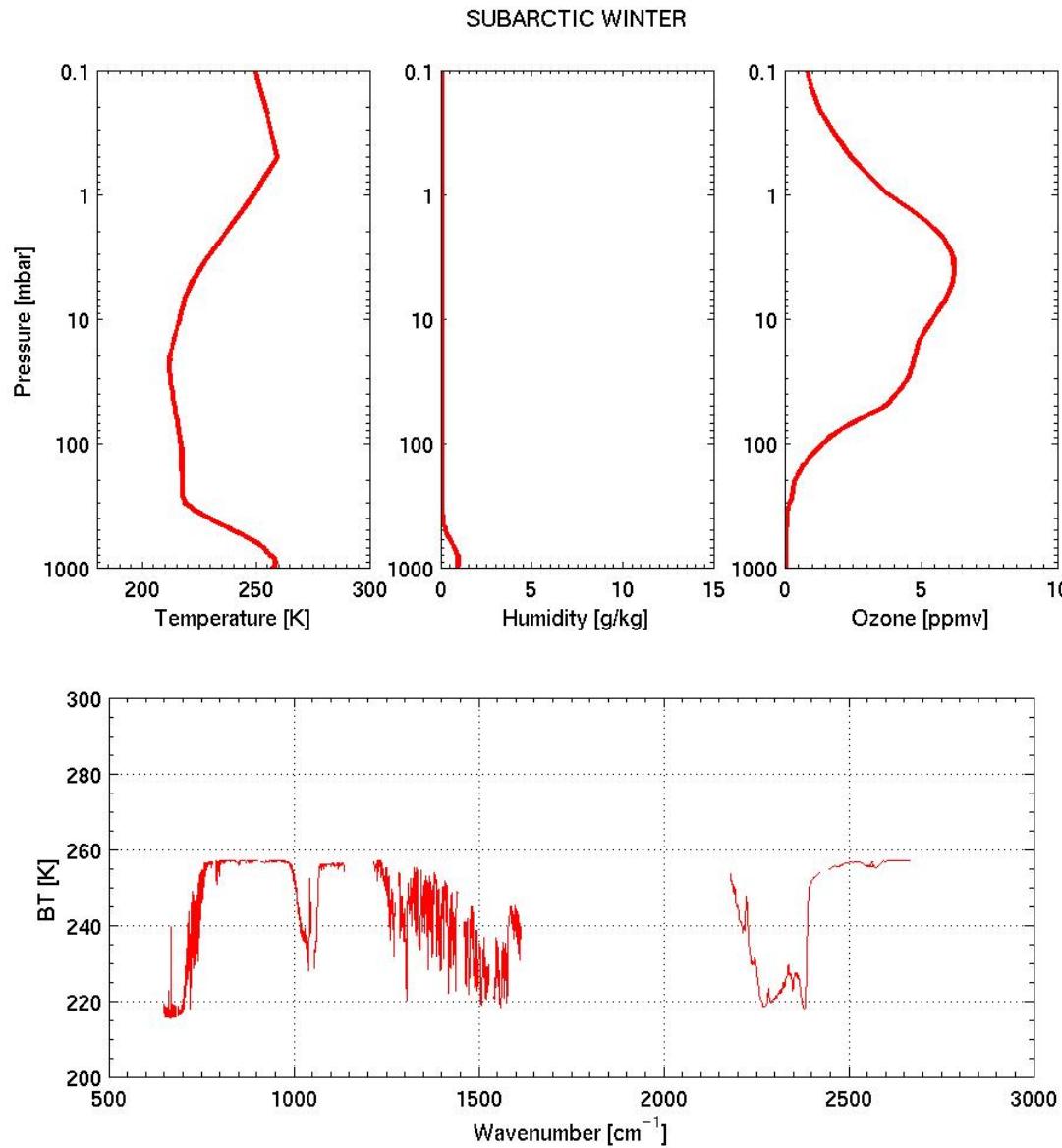
# AIRS T,q, O<sub>3</sub> profile and simulated spectrum – midlatitude winter



## Midlatitude Summer Profile:

- T near surface ~ 260 K
- tropopause at < 100 mbar
- ~constant temperature above tropopause
- smaller T gradient in troposphere and stratosphere
- less moisture
- lower skin temperatures

# AIRS T,q, O<sub>3</sub> profile and simulated spectrum – subarctic winter

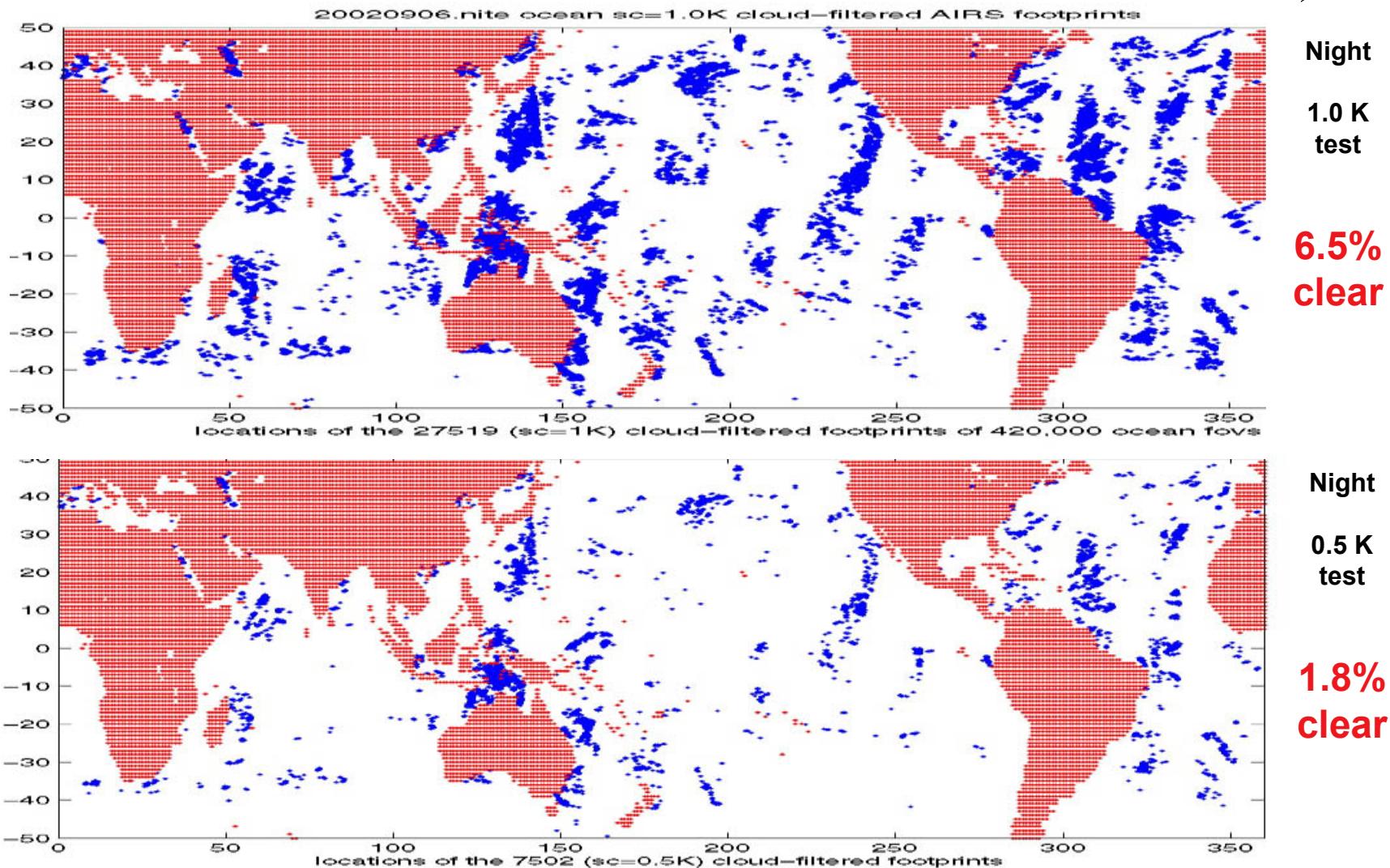


## Subarctic Winter Profile:

- T near surface < 260 K
- tropopause at < 100 mbar
- ~constant temperature above tropopause (20-200mbar)
- small T gradient in troposphere
- very dry
- low skin temperatures

# Global Clear/Cloudy Statistics

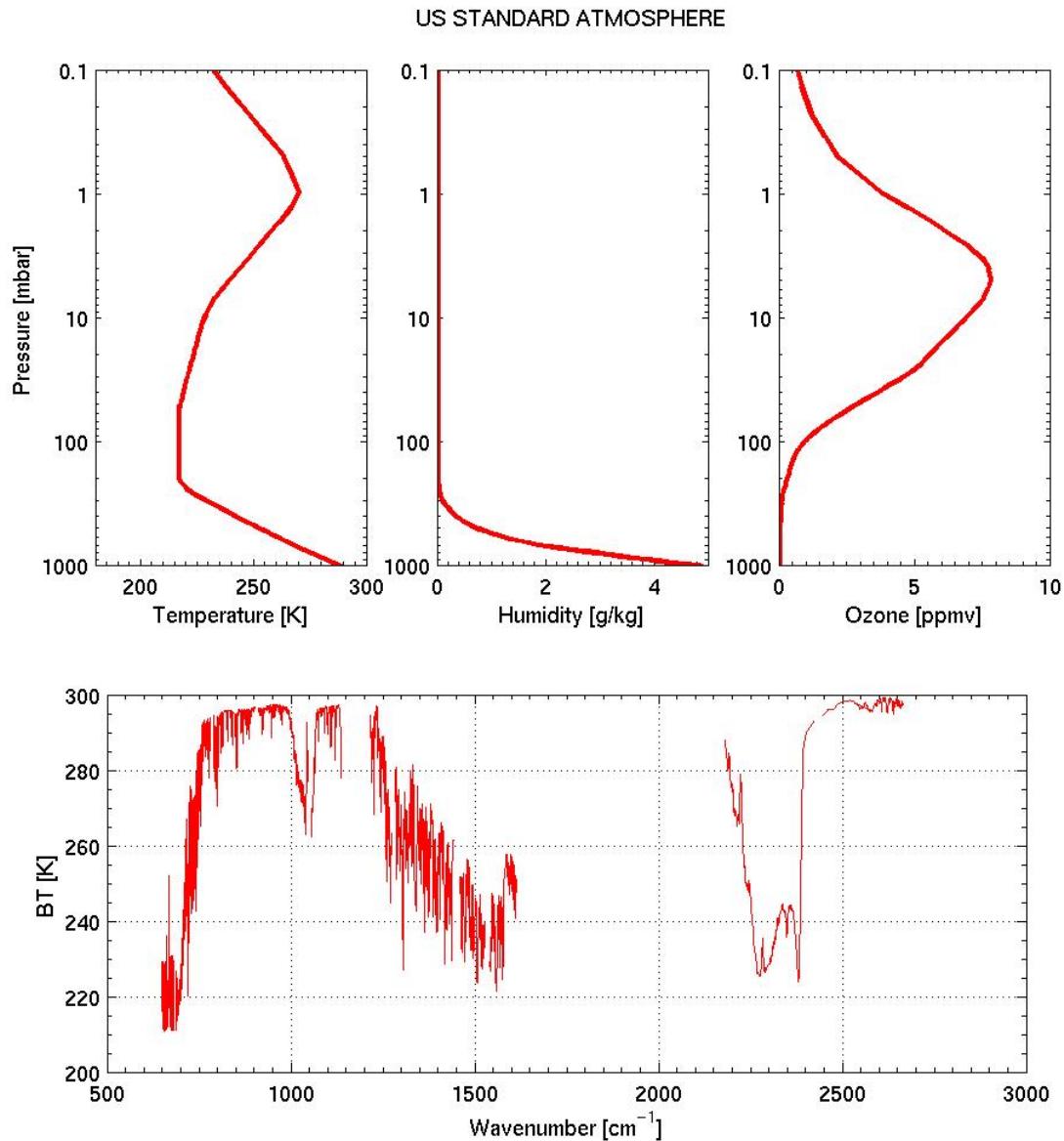
(Spatial coherence test using  $2616\text{ cm}^{-1}$  window channel)



# Opaque Cloud Simulation – Clear Conditions

## Clear Profile:

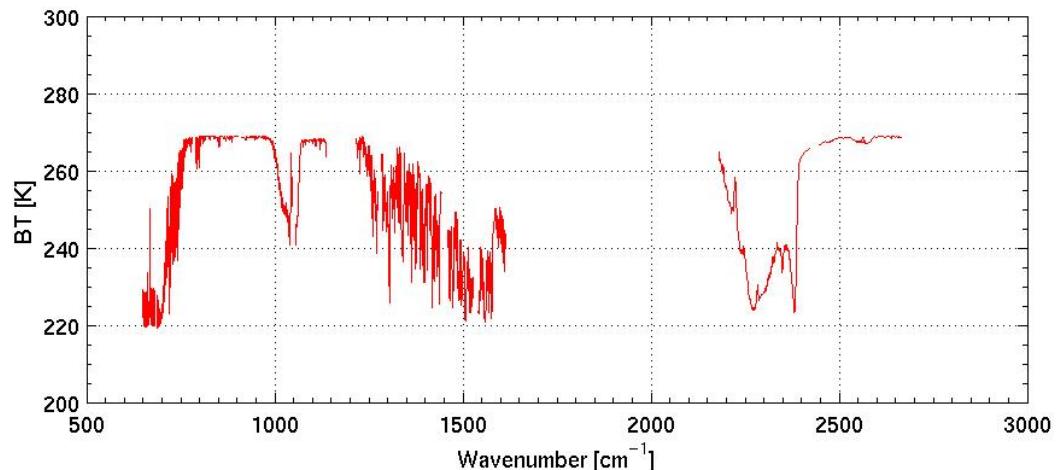
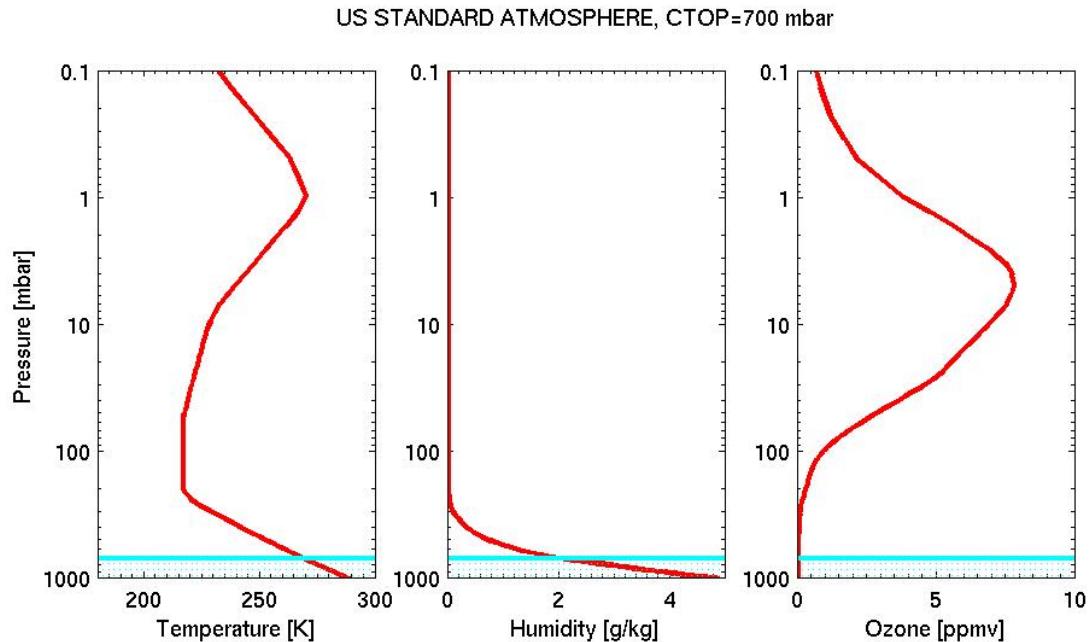
- Skin Temperature ~290 K
- Moisture near surface ~5 g/kg
- Tropopause at ~ 200 mbar
- constant T from 100 to 200 mbar
- maximum ozone at ~5 mbar
- T gradient in troposphere ~80 K



# Opaque Cloud Simulation – Cloudbase at 700 mbar

## Opaque Cloud at 700 mbar:

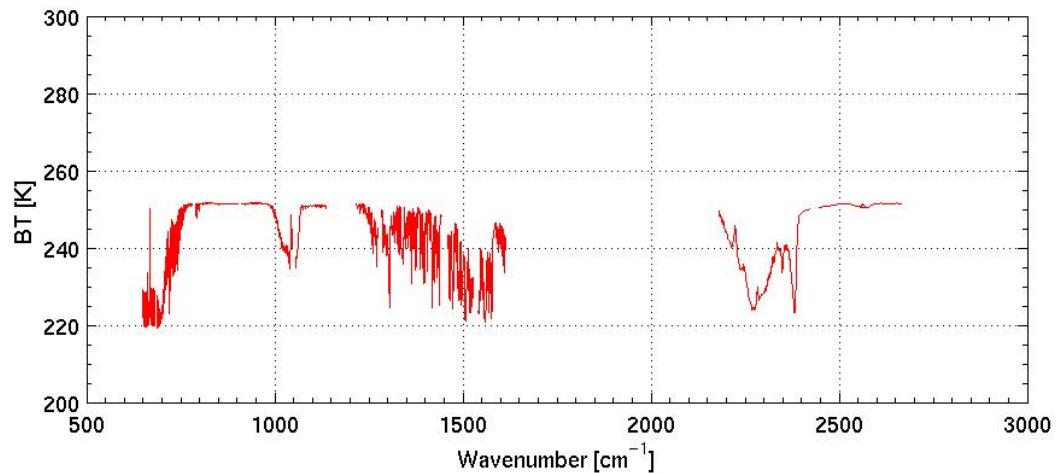
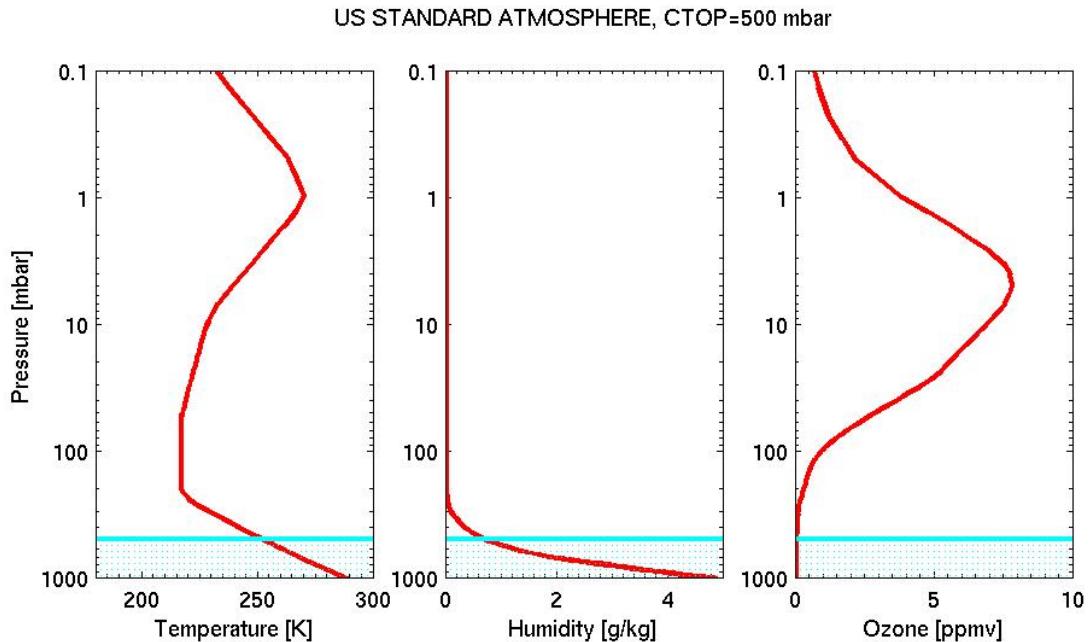
- T at cloudbase at ~270 K
- Moisture at cloudbase ~2 g/kg
- T gradient in troposphere above cloud ~60 K



# Opaque Cloud Simulation – Cloudbase at 500 mbar

## Opaque Cloud at 500 mbar:

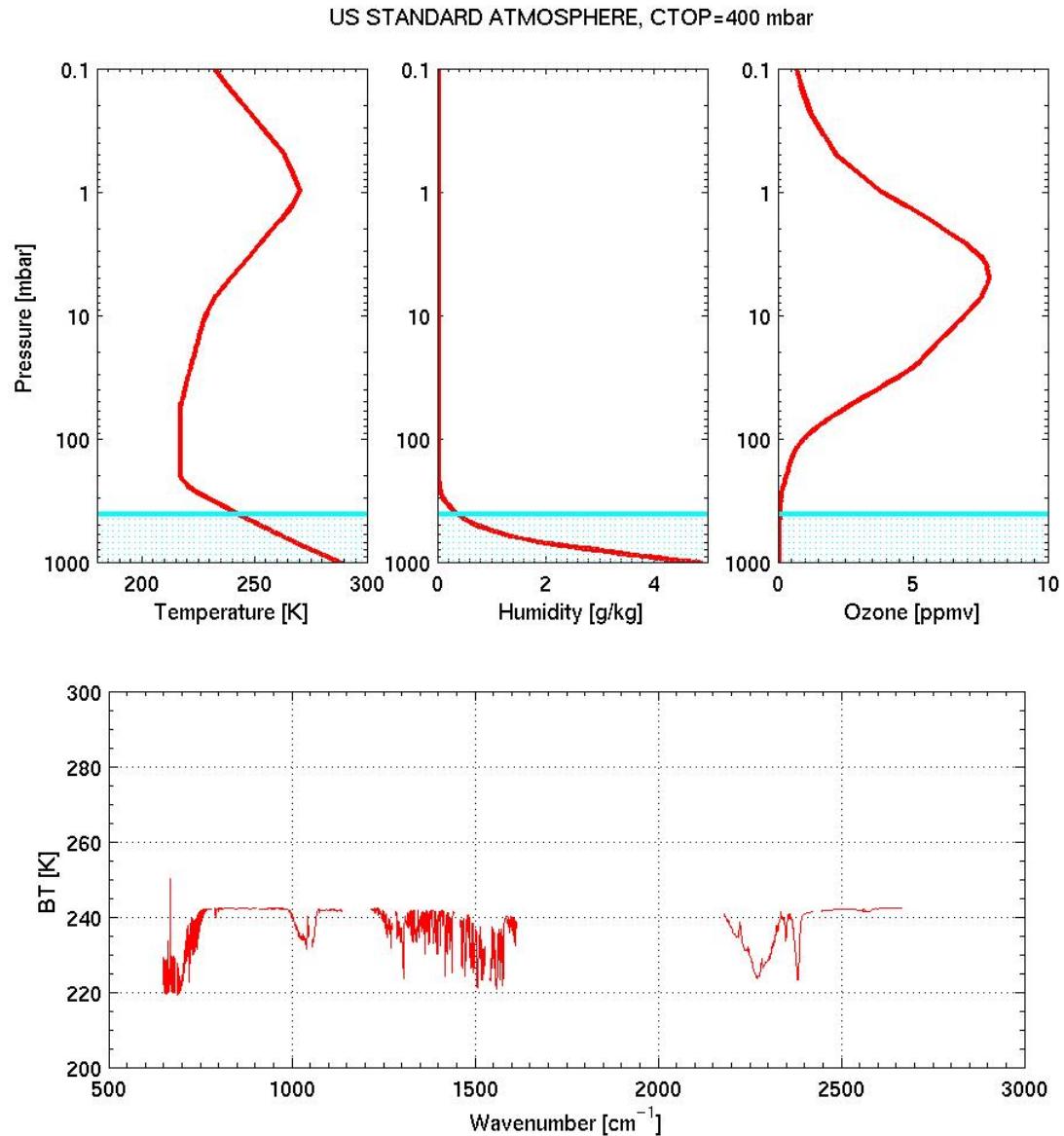
- T at cloudbase at ~250 K
- Moisture at cloudbase ~2 g/kg
- T gradient in troposphere above cloud ~30 K



# Opaque Cloud Simulation – Cloudbase at 400 mbar

## Opaque Cloud at 400 mbar:

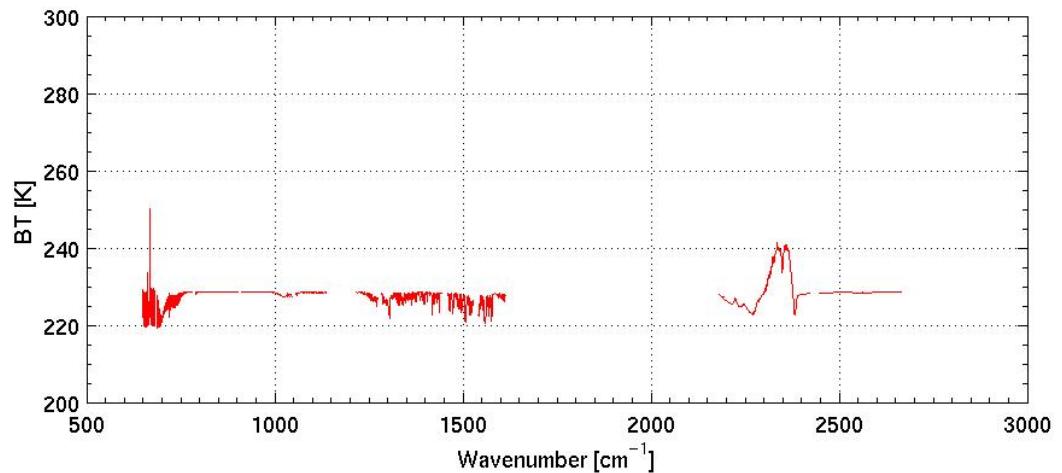
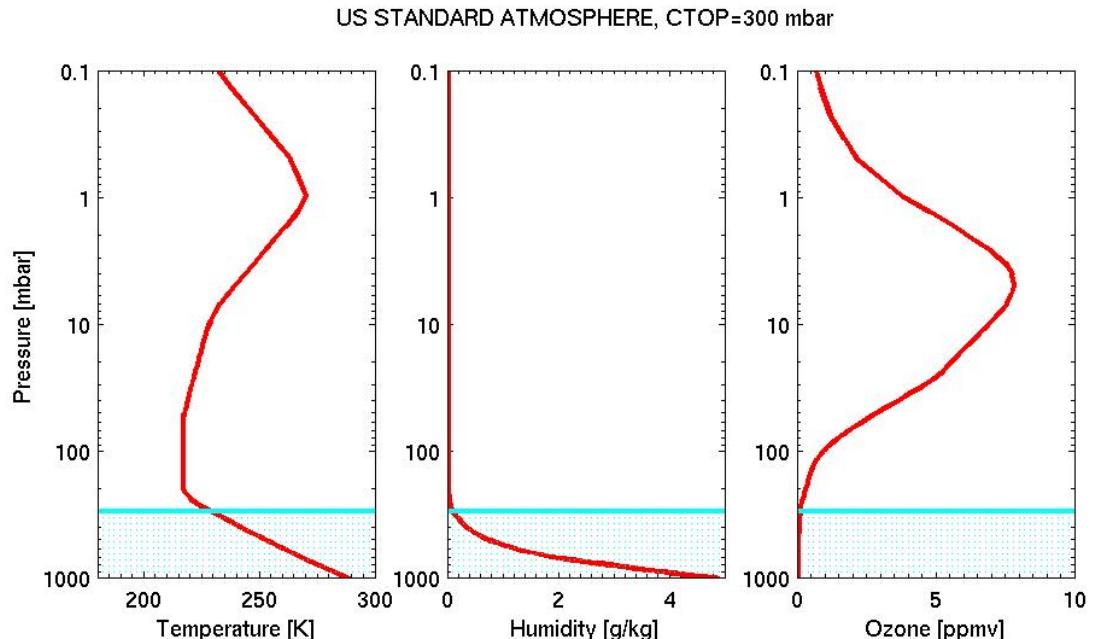
- T at cloudbase at ~240 K
- Moisture at cloudbase < 1 g/kg
- T gradient in troposphere above cloud ~20 K
- Few upper layers (~stratopause) warmer than cloudbase



# Opaque Cloud Simulation – Cloudbase at 300 mbar

## Opaque Cloud at 400 mbar:

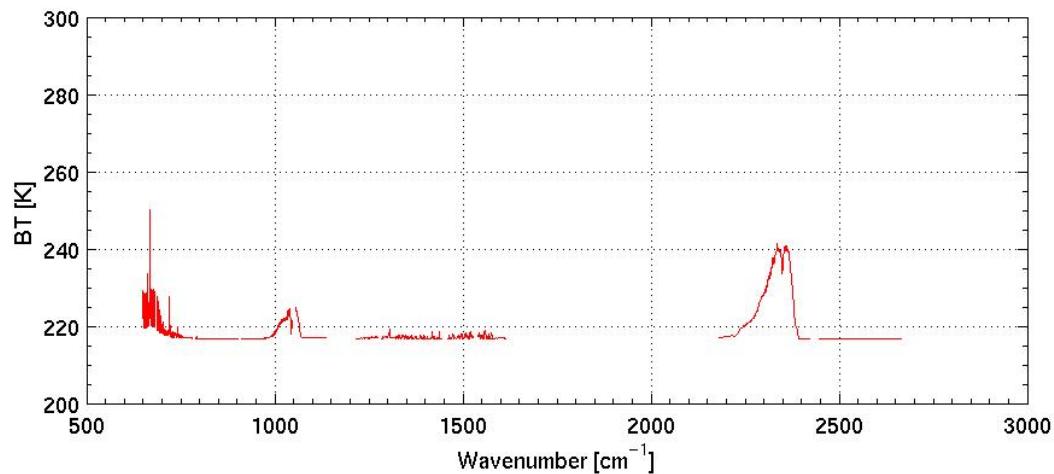
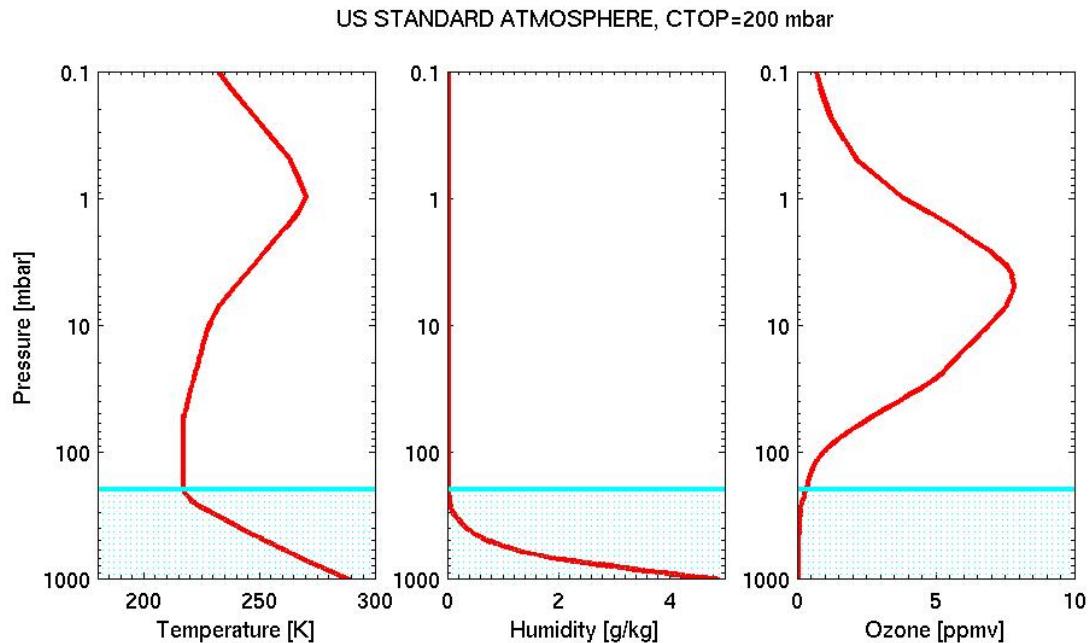
- T at cloudbase at ~230 K
- very little moisture above cloud
- T gradient in troposphere above cloud ~10 K
- Upper layers (stratosphere) warmer than cloudbase
- T at Ozone layer ~ T at cloudbase



# Opaque Cloud Simulation – Cloudbase at 200 mbar

## Opaque Cloud at 200 mbar:

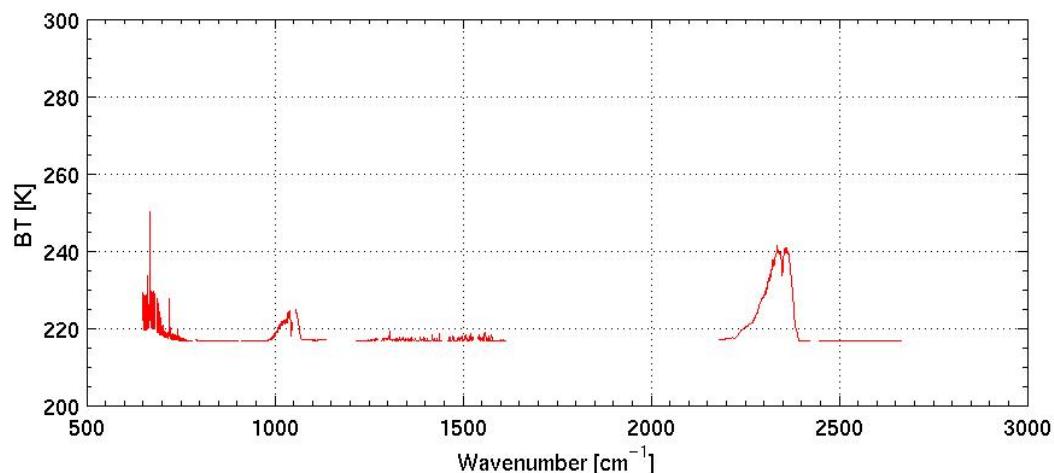
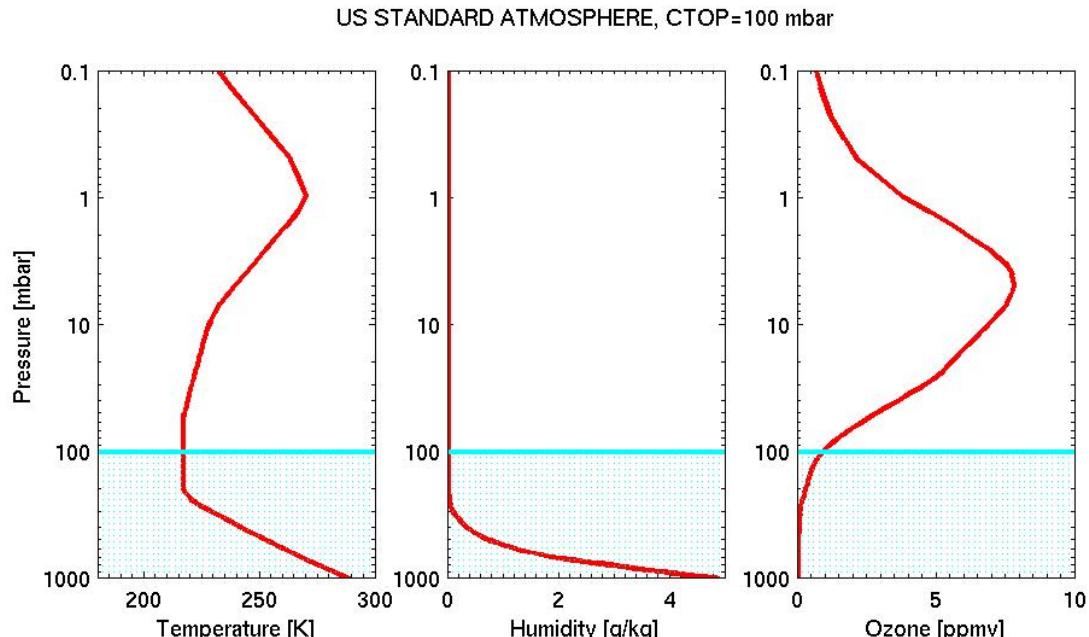
- T at cloudbase at ~220 K
- essentially no moisture above cloud
- Every layer above cloud is warmer than cloudbase



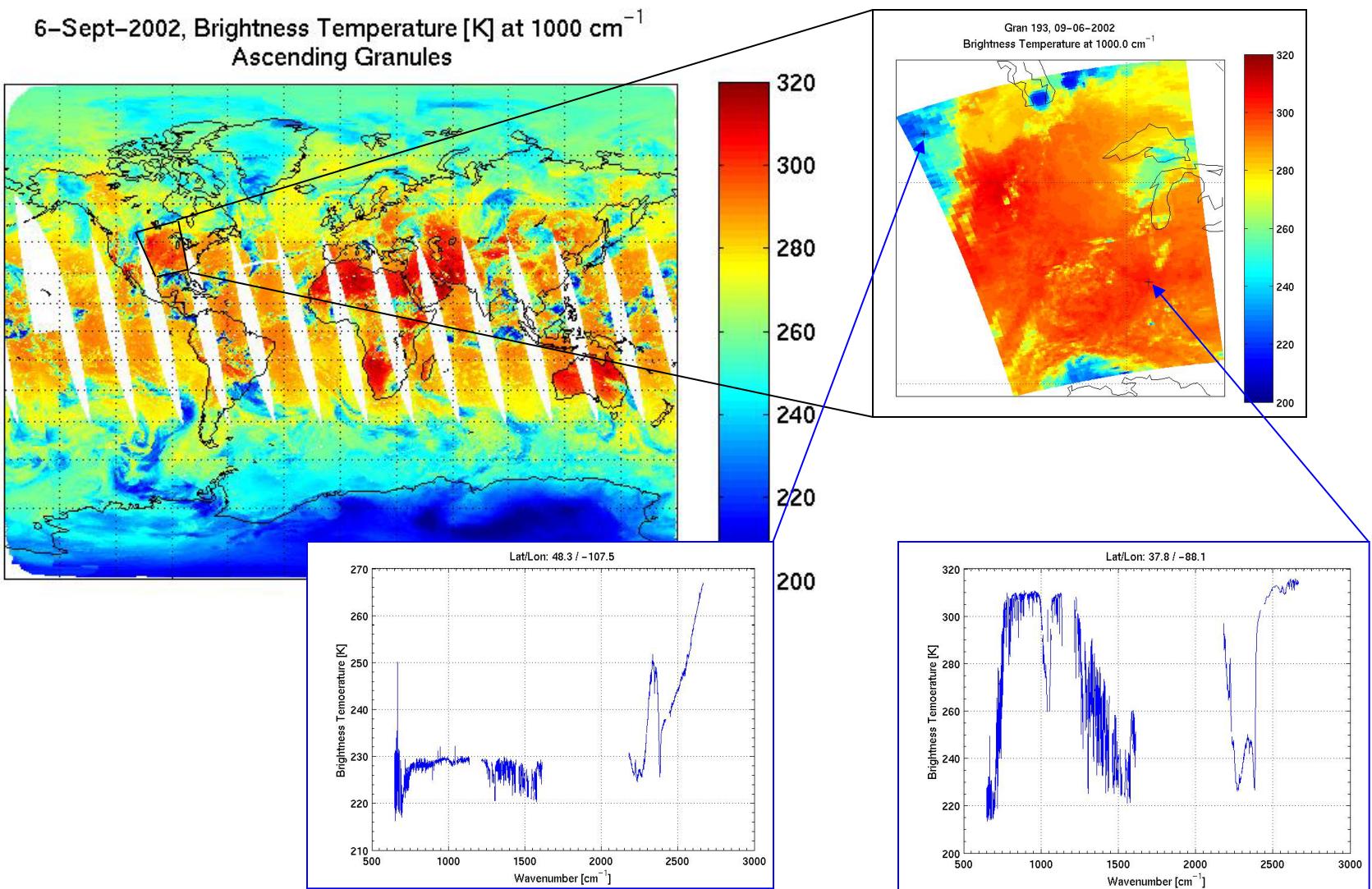
# Opaque Cloud Simulation – Cloudbase at 100 mbar

## Opaque Cloud at 100 mbar:

- same results as for 200 mbar since there is no change in T between 100 and 200 mbar
- T at cloudbase at ~220 K
- no moisture above cloud
- Every layer above cloud is warmer than cloudbase

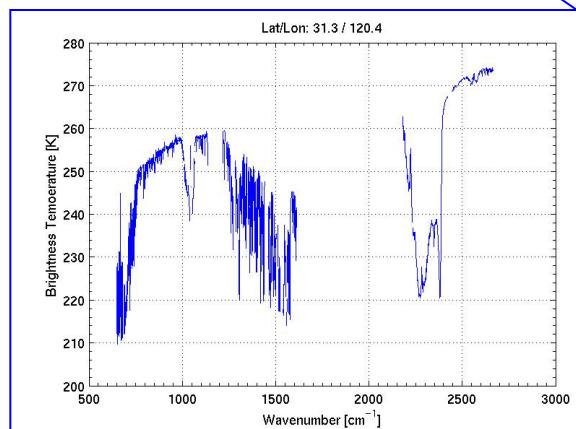
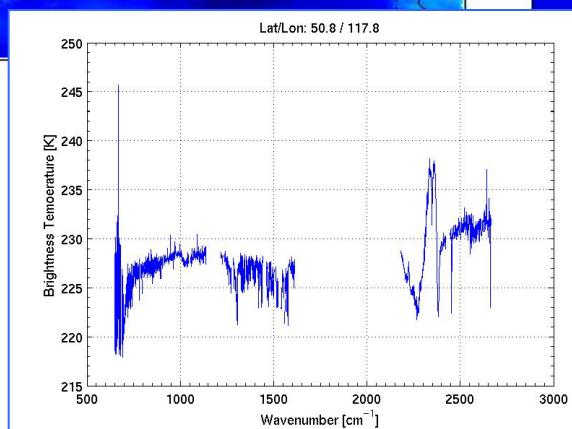
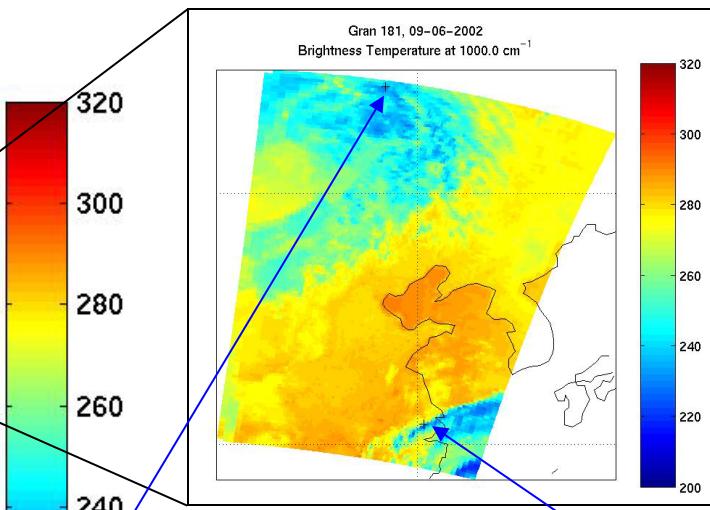
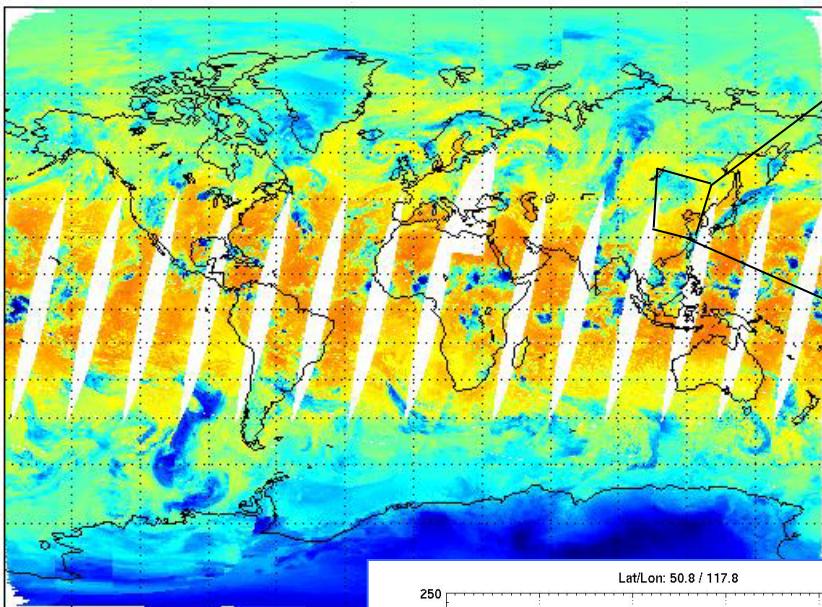


# AIRS Measurements (Daytime)

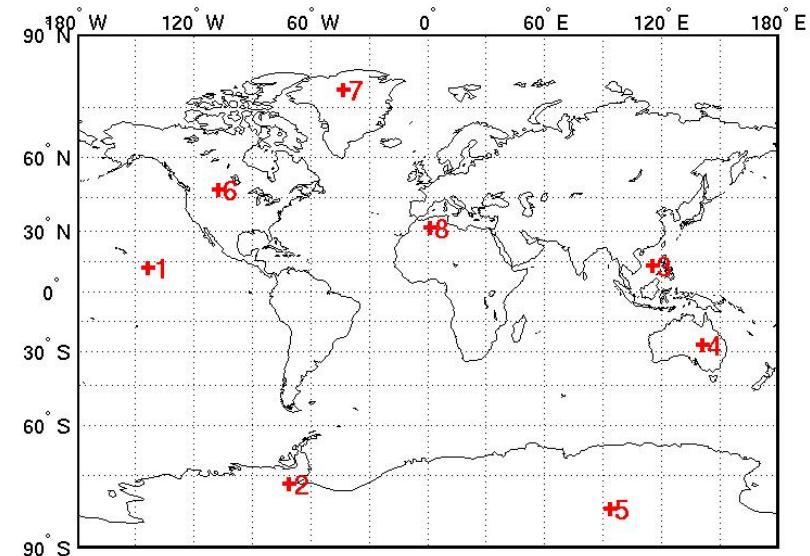
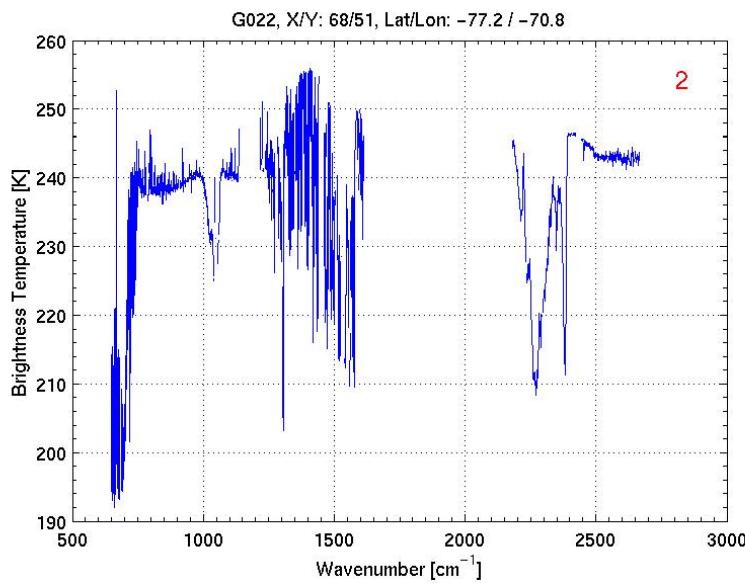
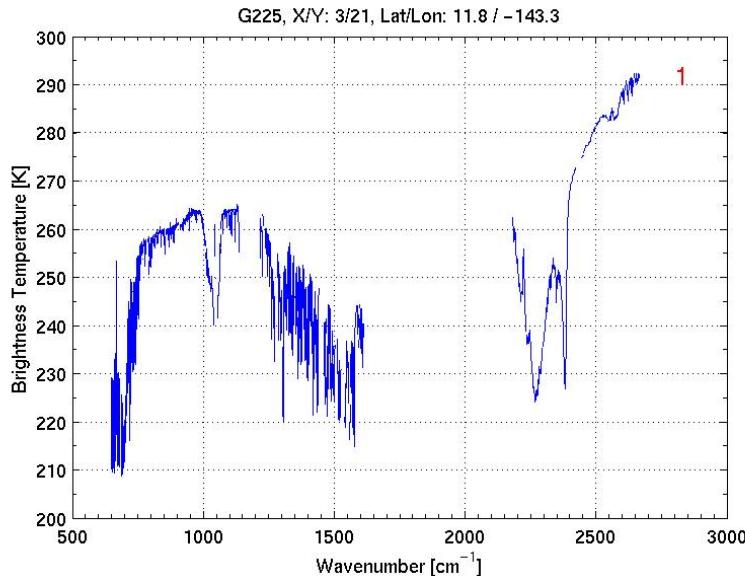


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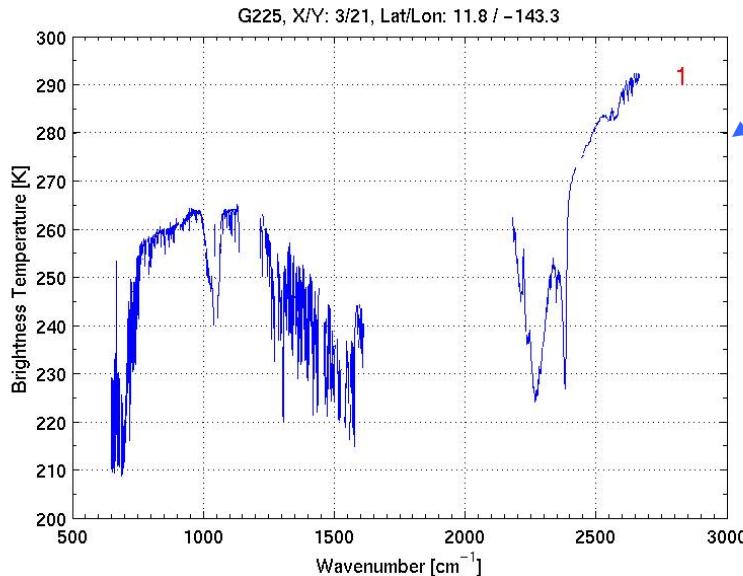
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Descending Granules



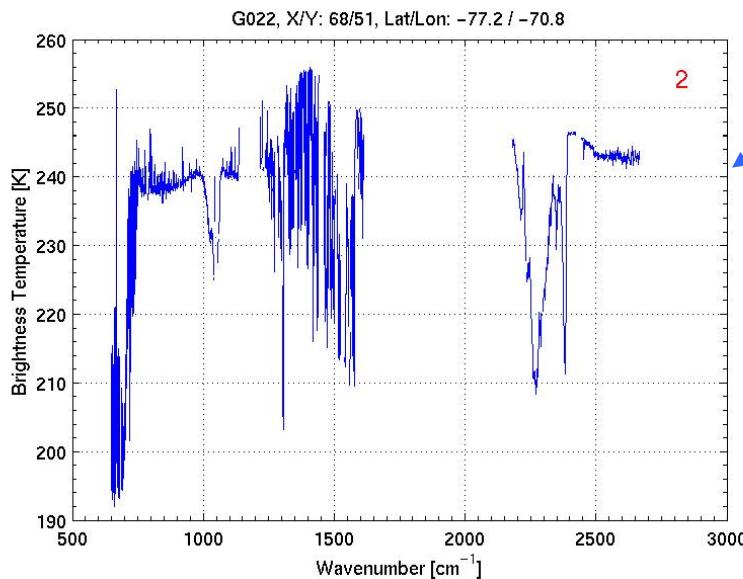
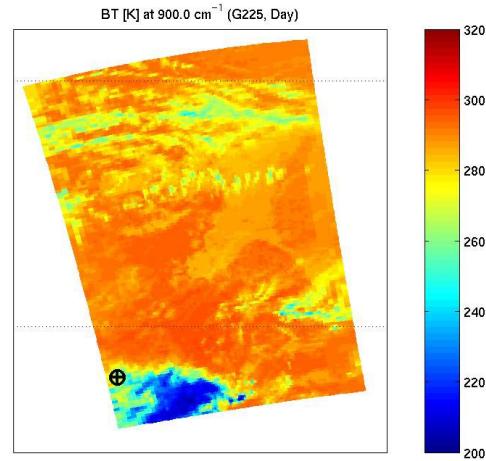
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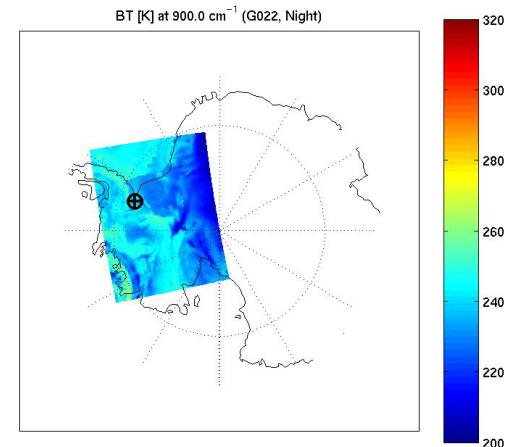
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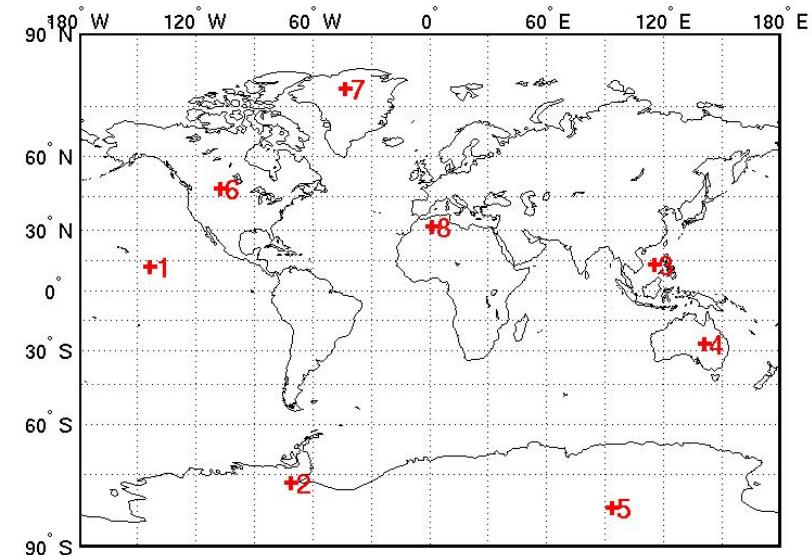
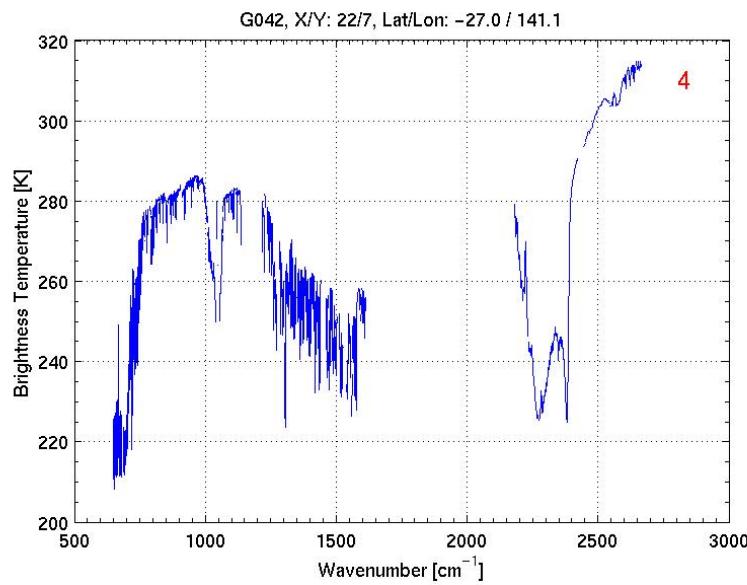
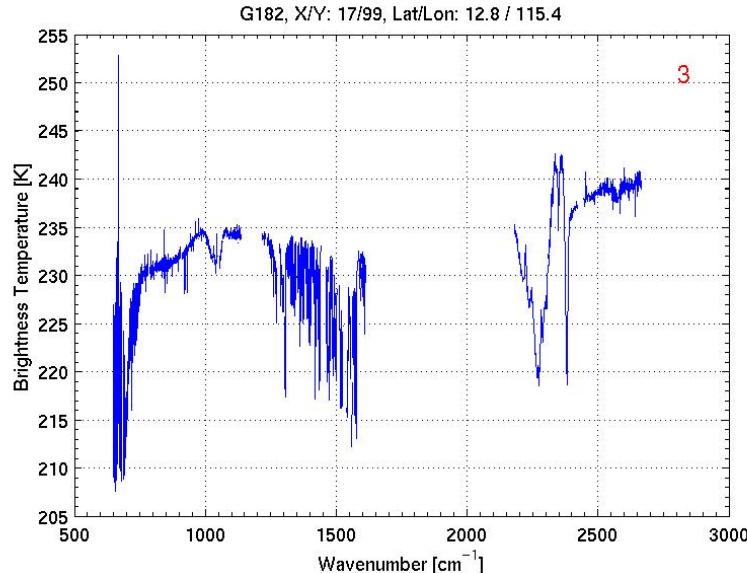
Transparent Cloud,  
Solar Reflection during Daytime



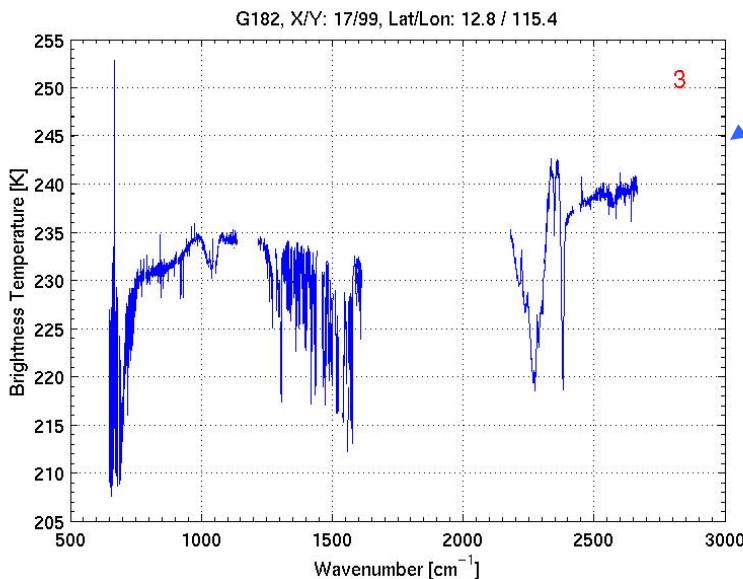
Strong Surface Inversion, Nighttime



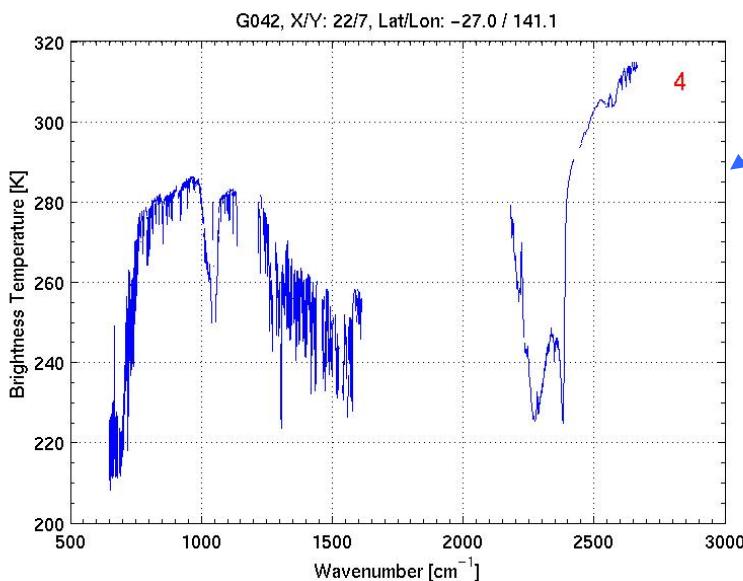
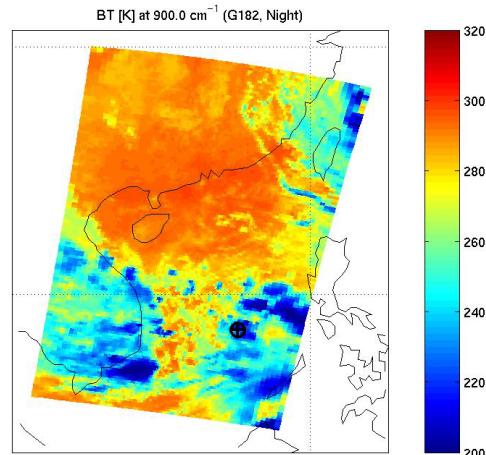
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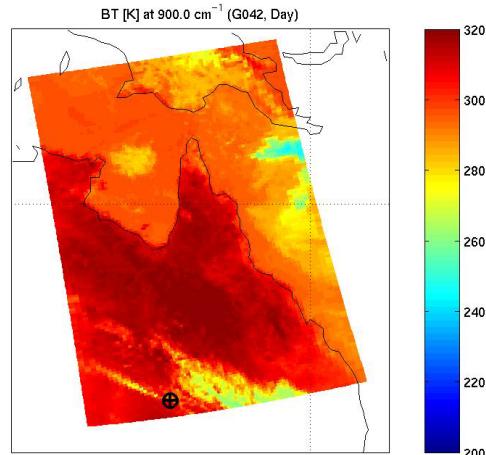
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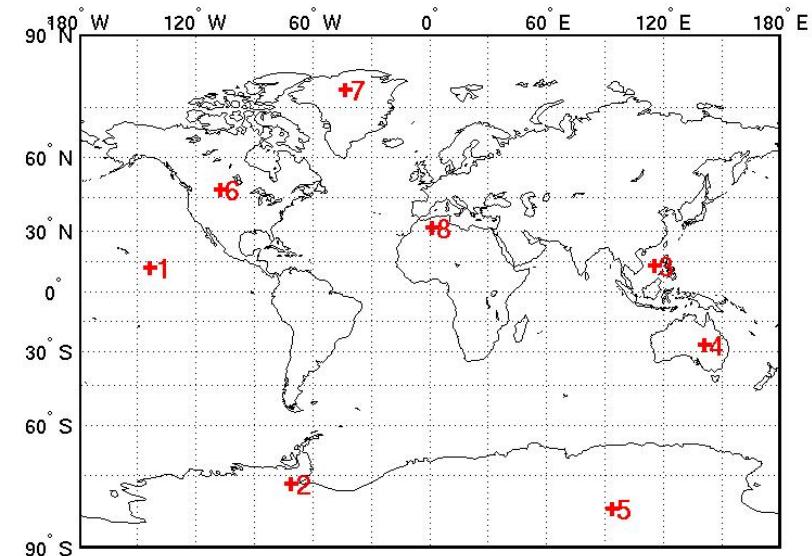
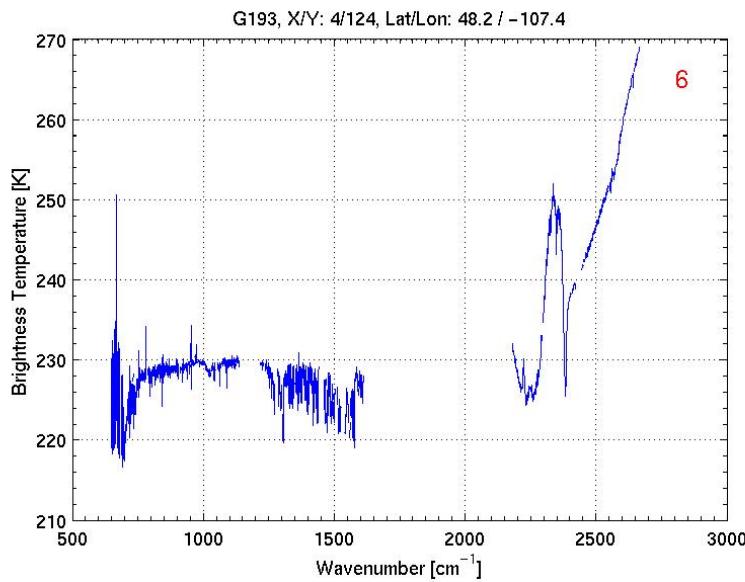
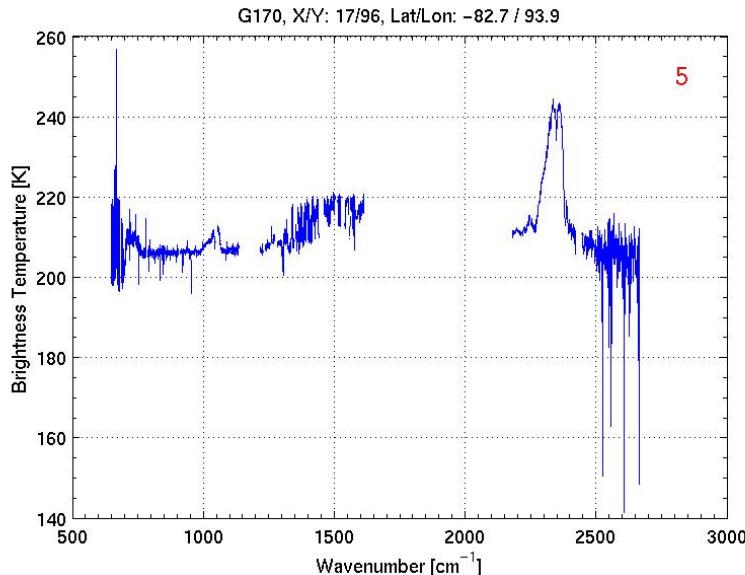
Cloudy, nighttime



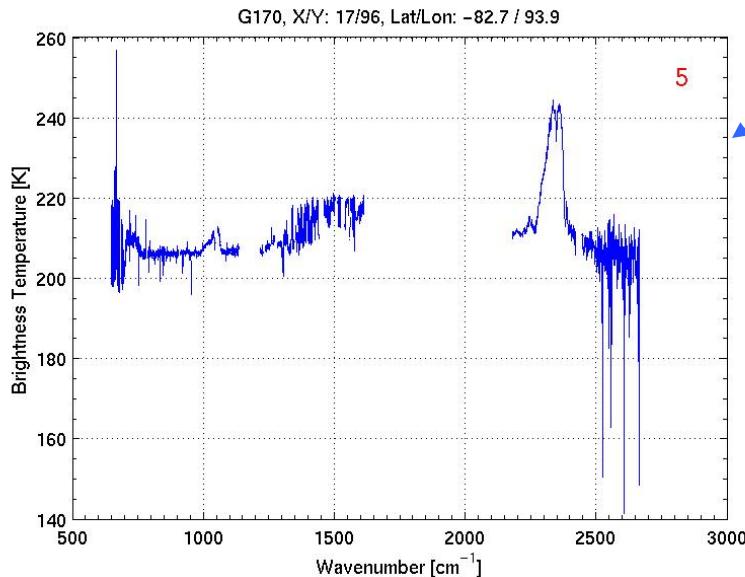
Desert, Solar reflection during daytime, transparent cloud



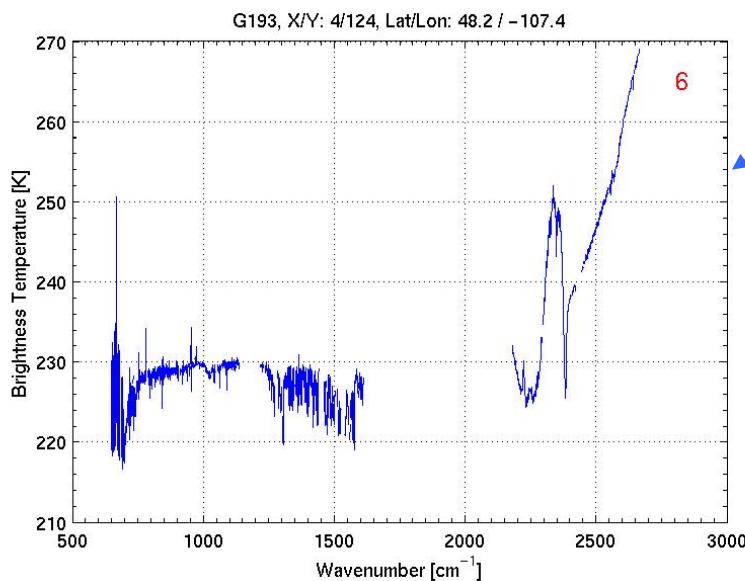
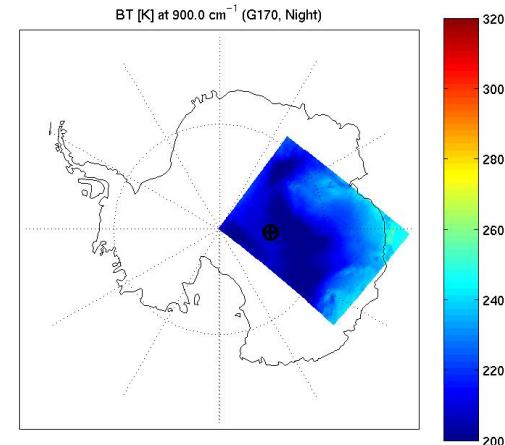
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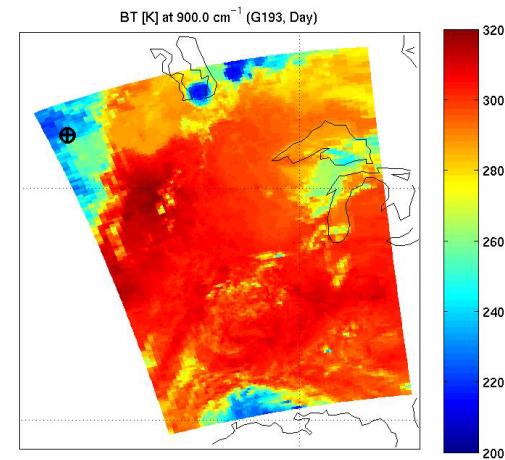
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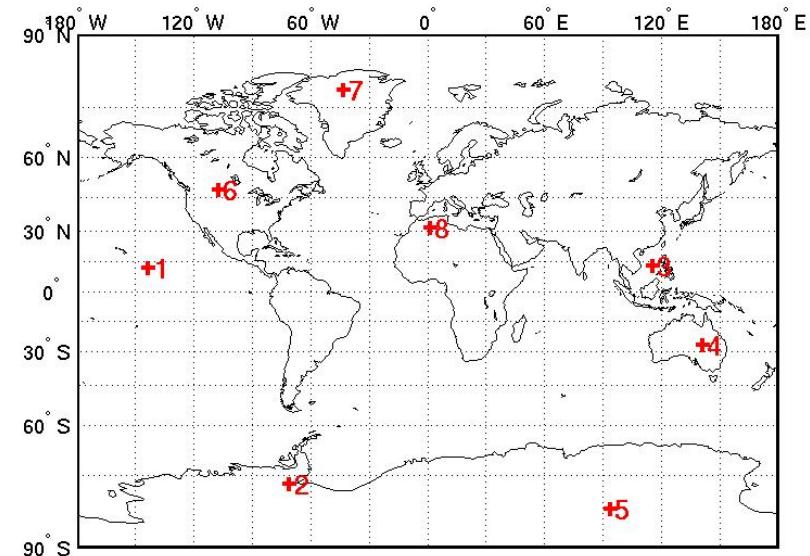
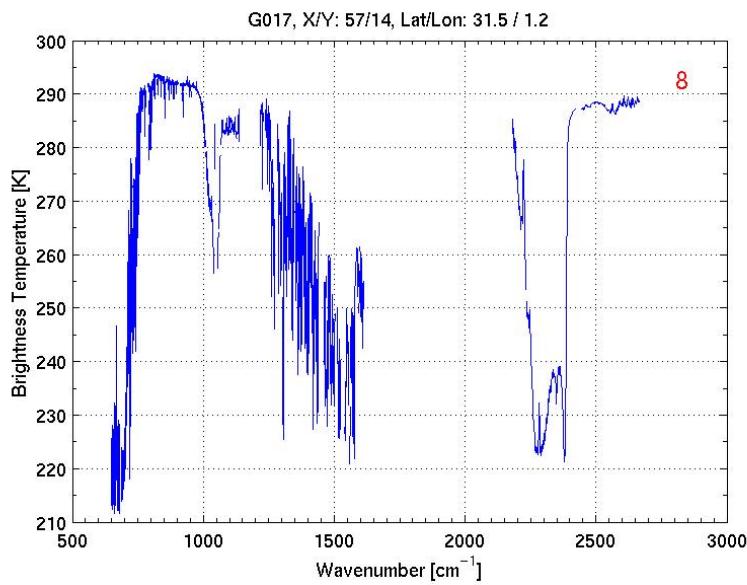
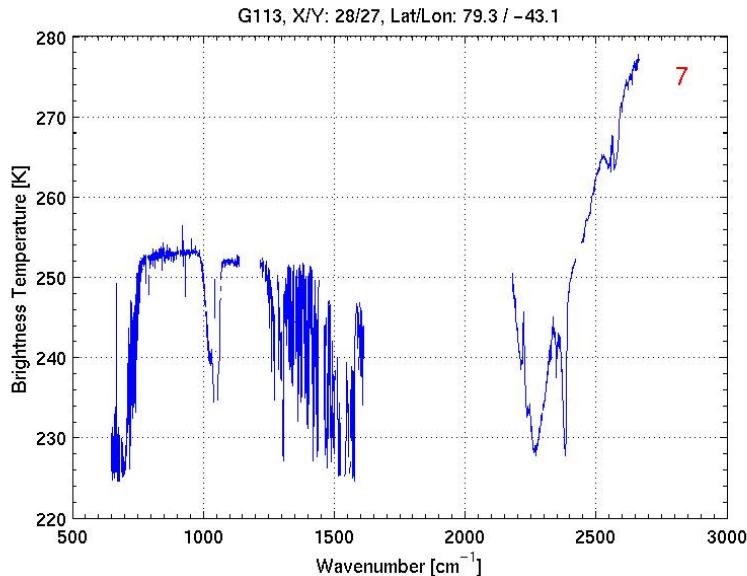
Thick cloud, nighttime



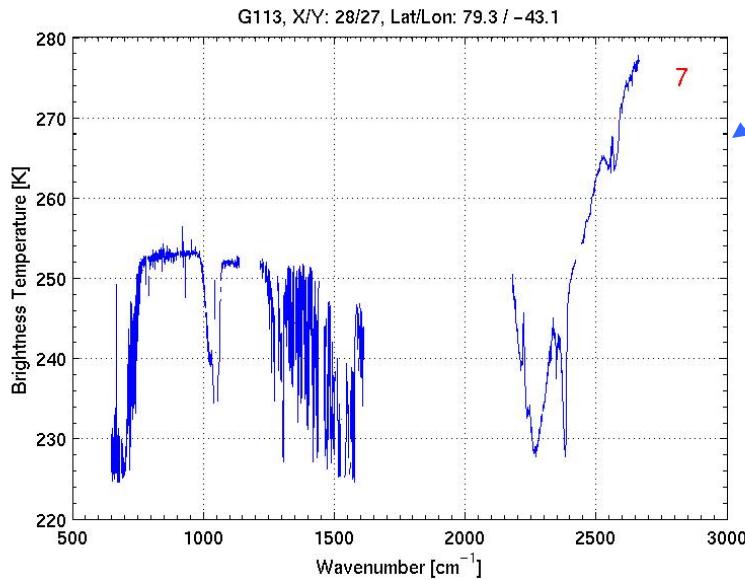
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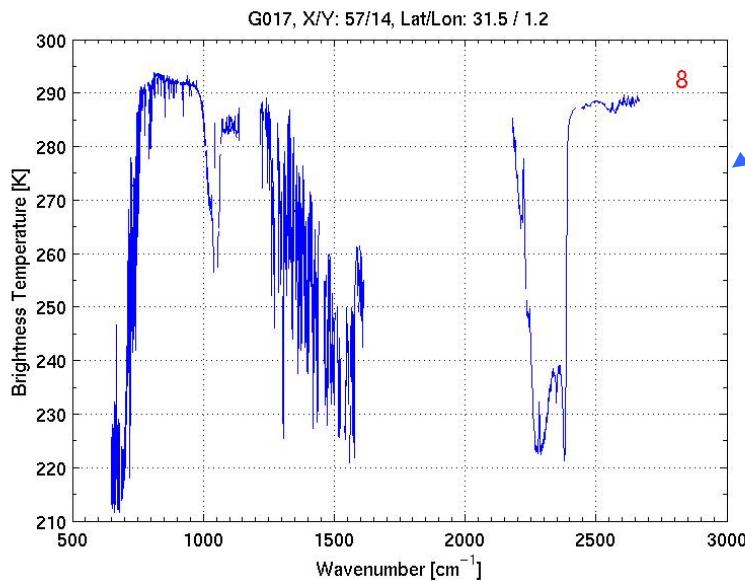
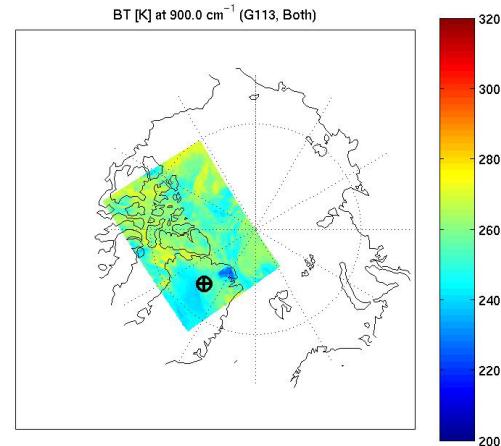
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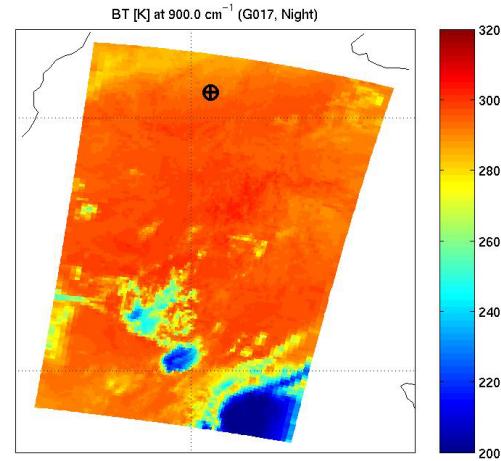
# AIRS Observations (4)



Solar Reflection during Daytime



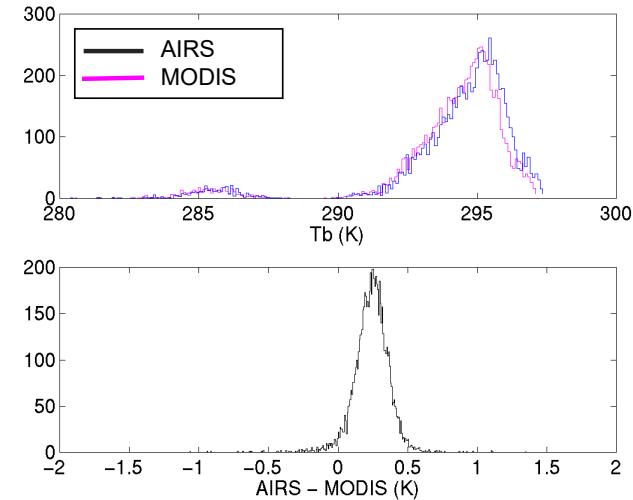
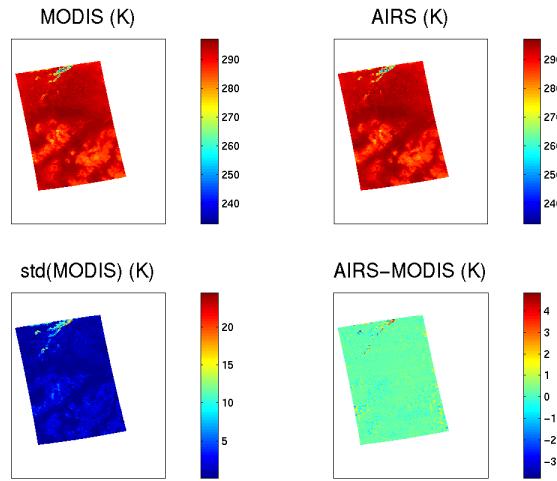
Desert, nighttime



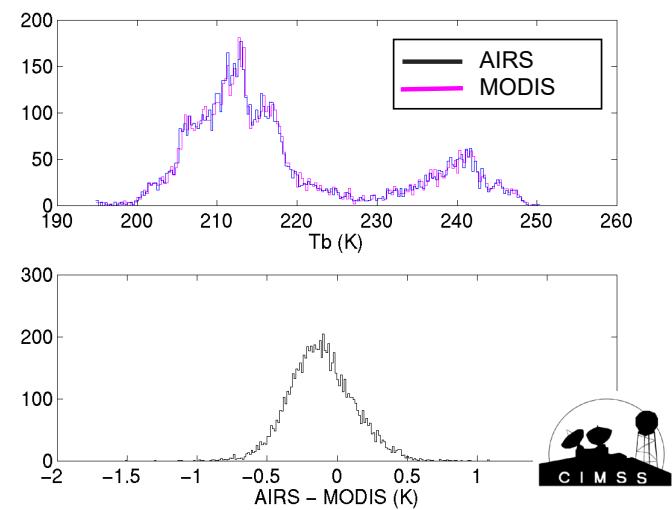
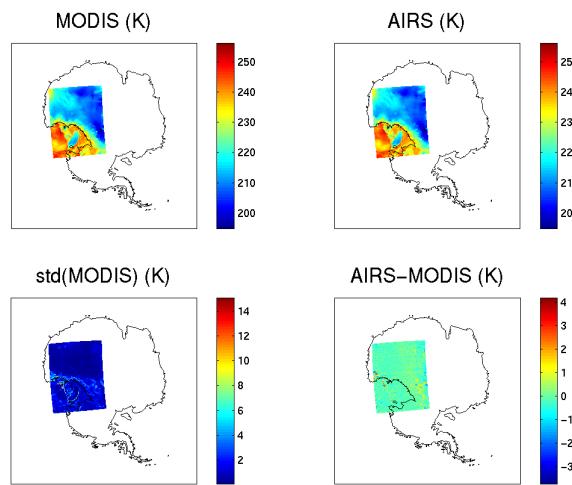
# AIRS Agrees well With MODIS

## AIRS/MODIS Brightness Temperature Comparisons 20-July-2002, Band 32 (~12.0 $\mu$ m)

GOES-10  
sub-satellite point

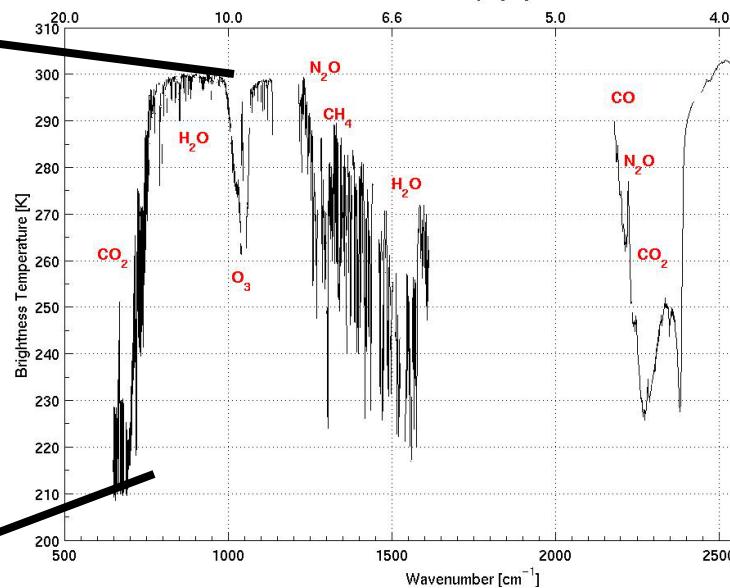
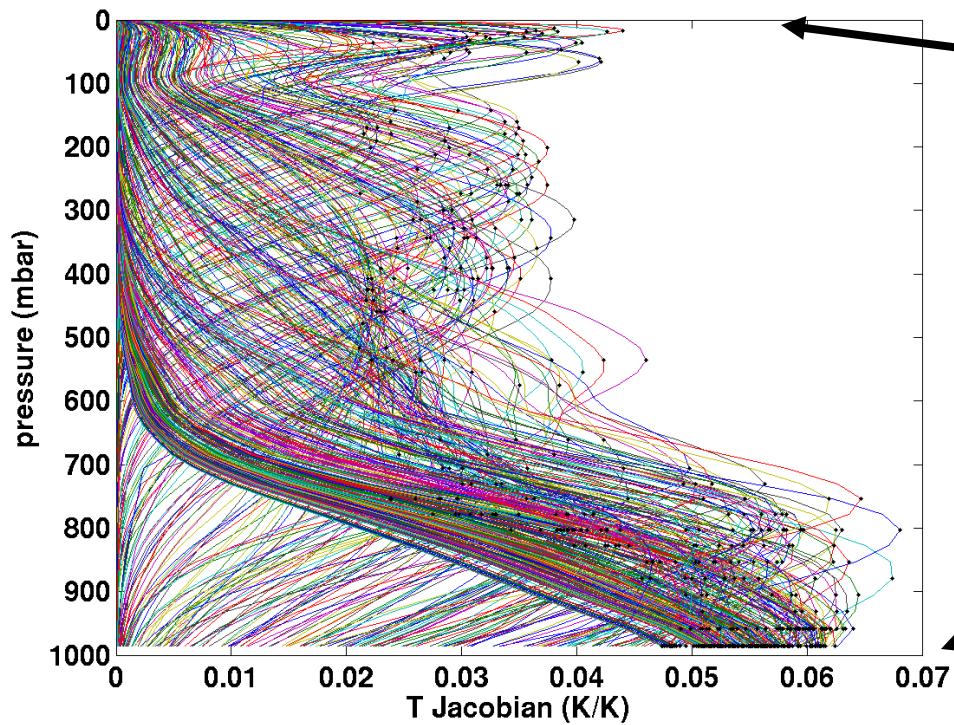


Dome Concordia,  
Antarctica



# AIRS movie

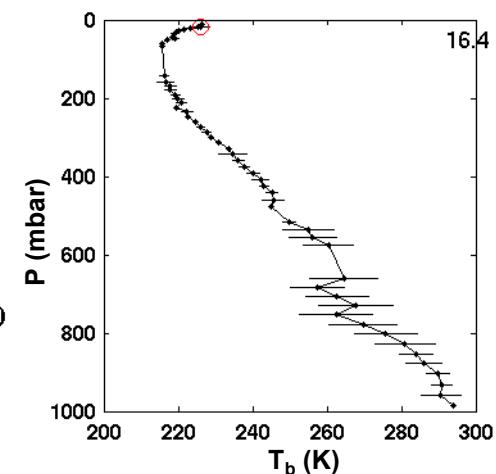
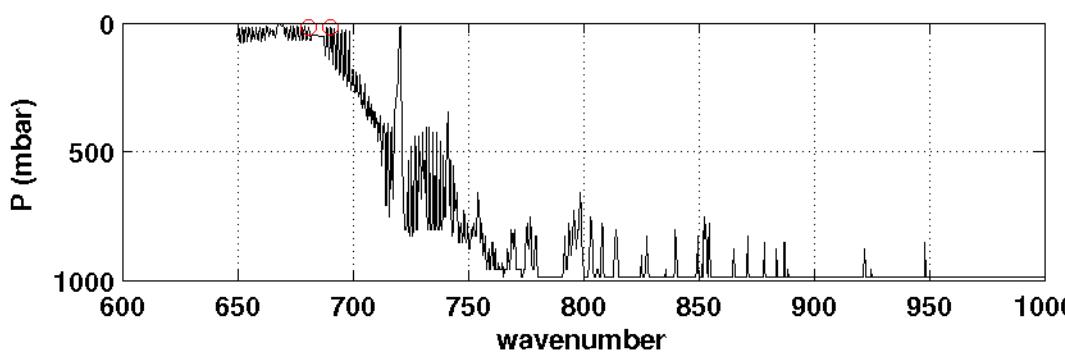
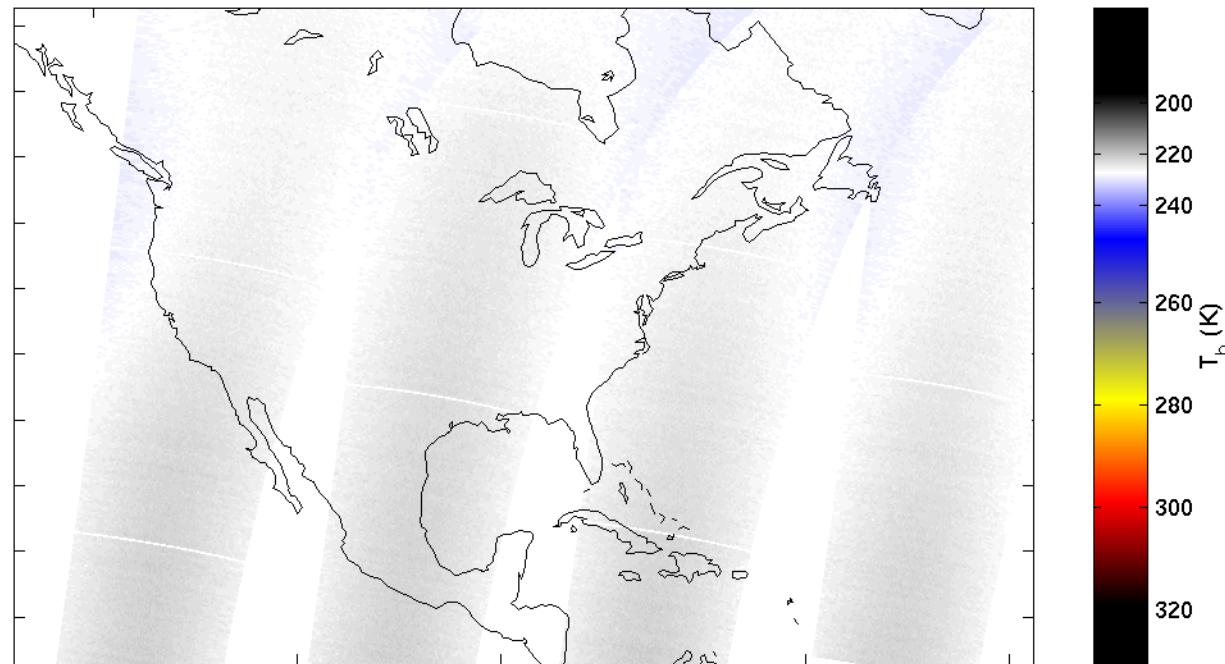
AIRS Clear Sky Temperature Jacobians for US Standard atmosphere,  $680 \text{ cm}^{-1} < v < 900 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , Bad\_Flag = 0



↖ Sort channels by pressure of Jacobian peaks

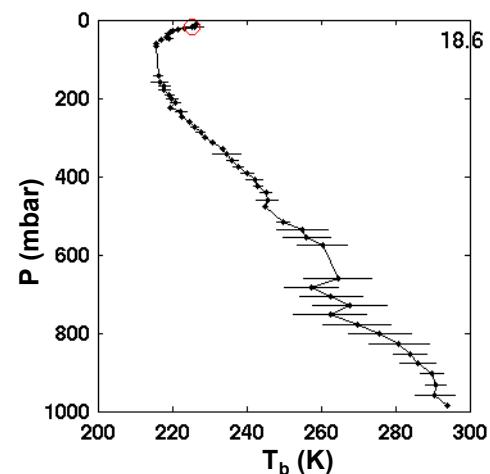
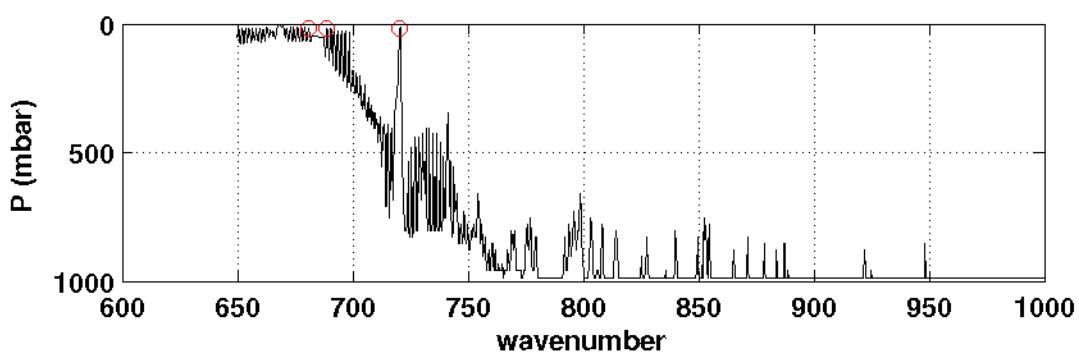
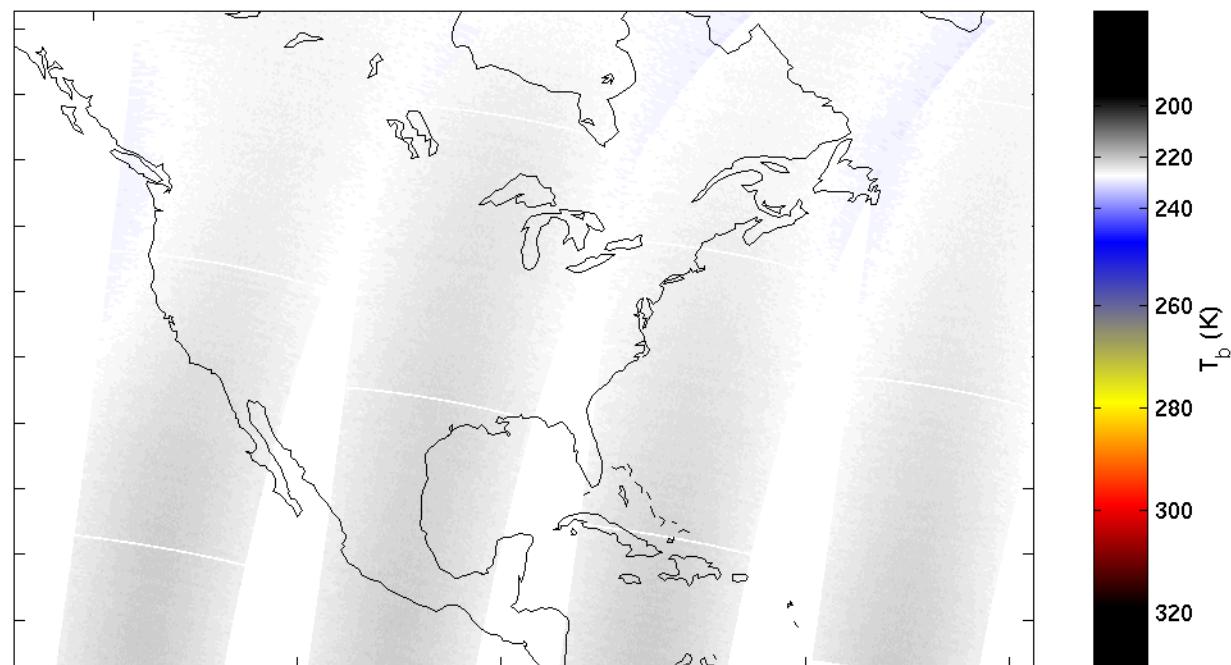
# AIRS nighttime granules over CONUS, 6 Sept 2002

16.4 mbar

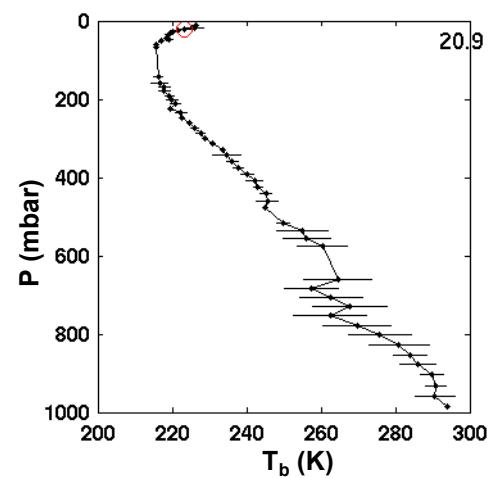
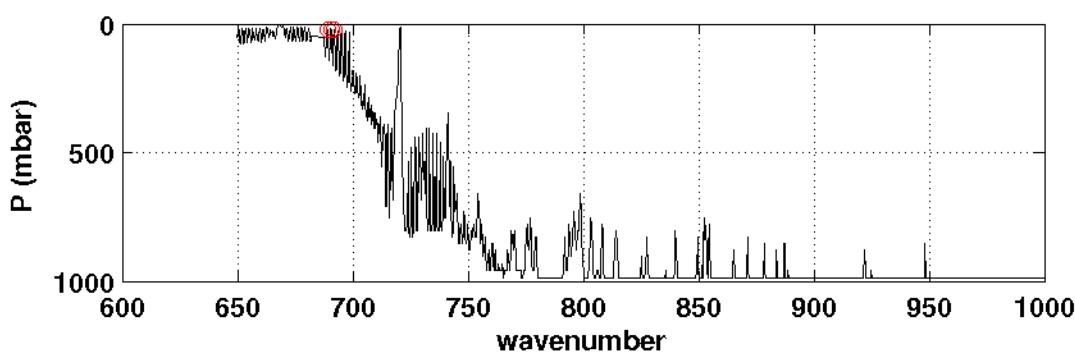
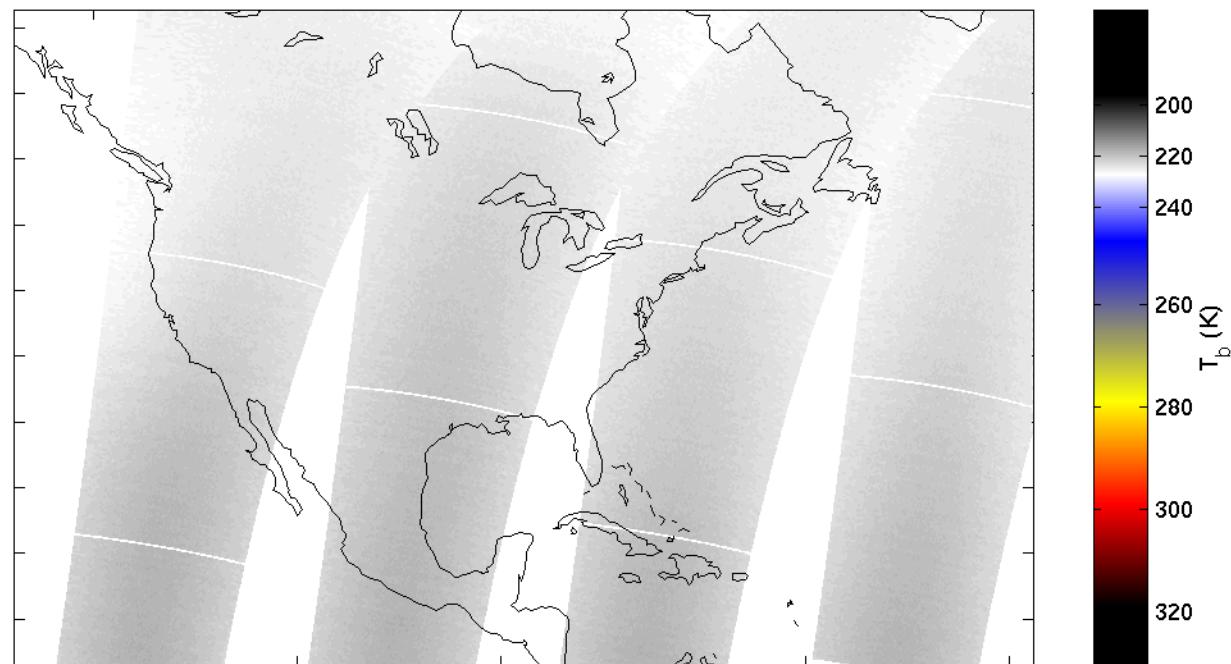


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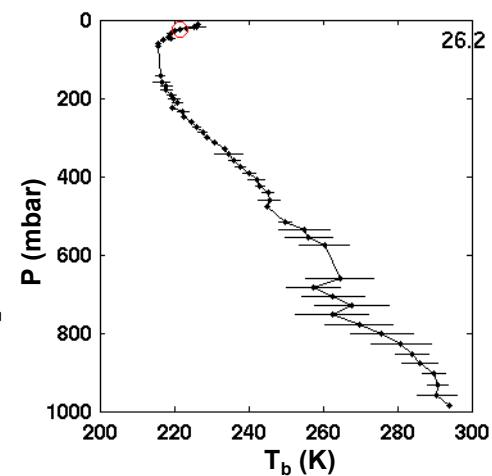
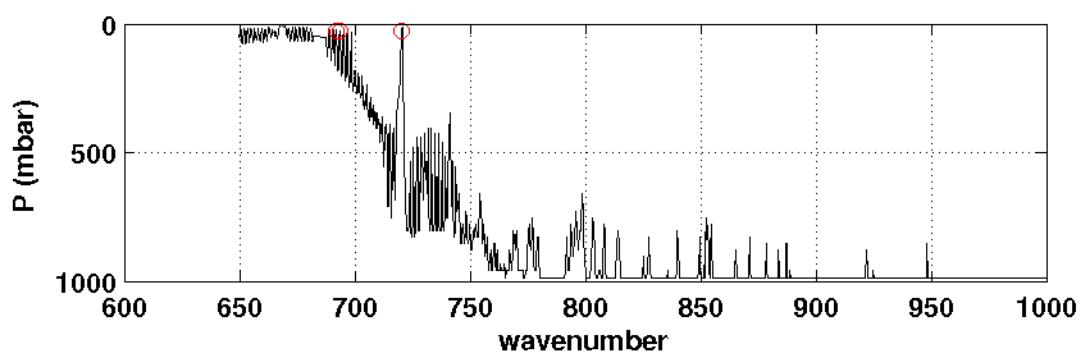
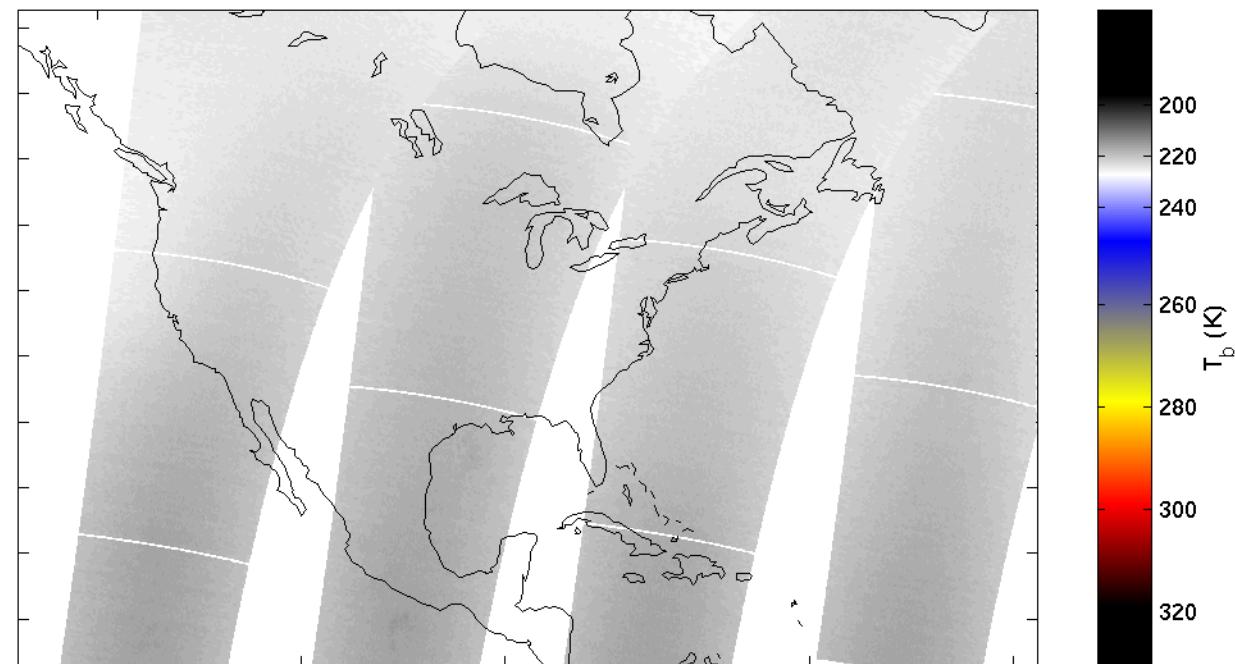
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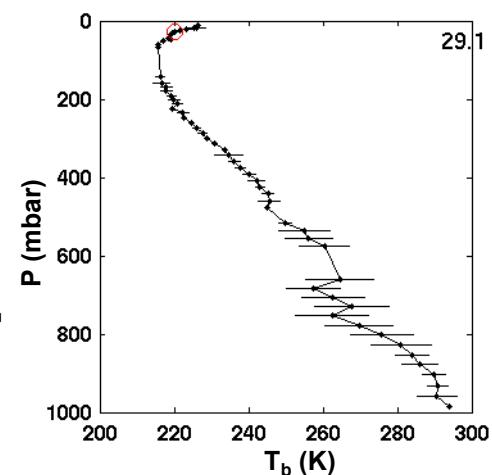
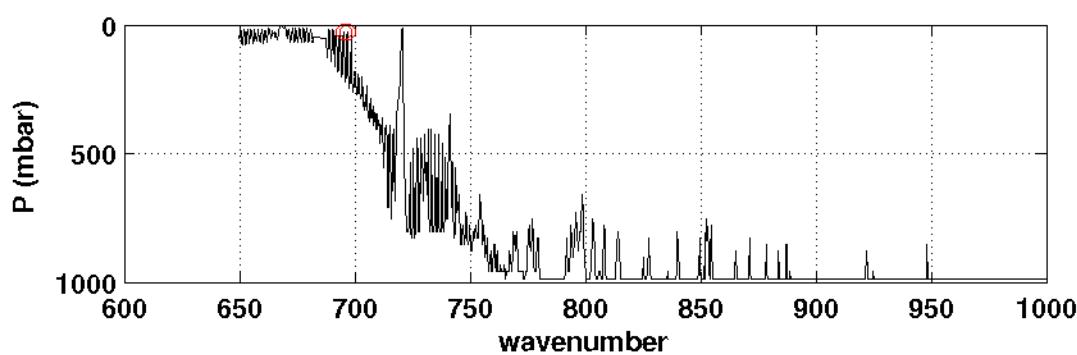
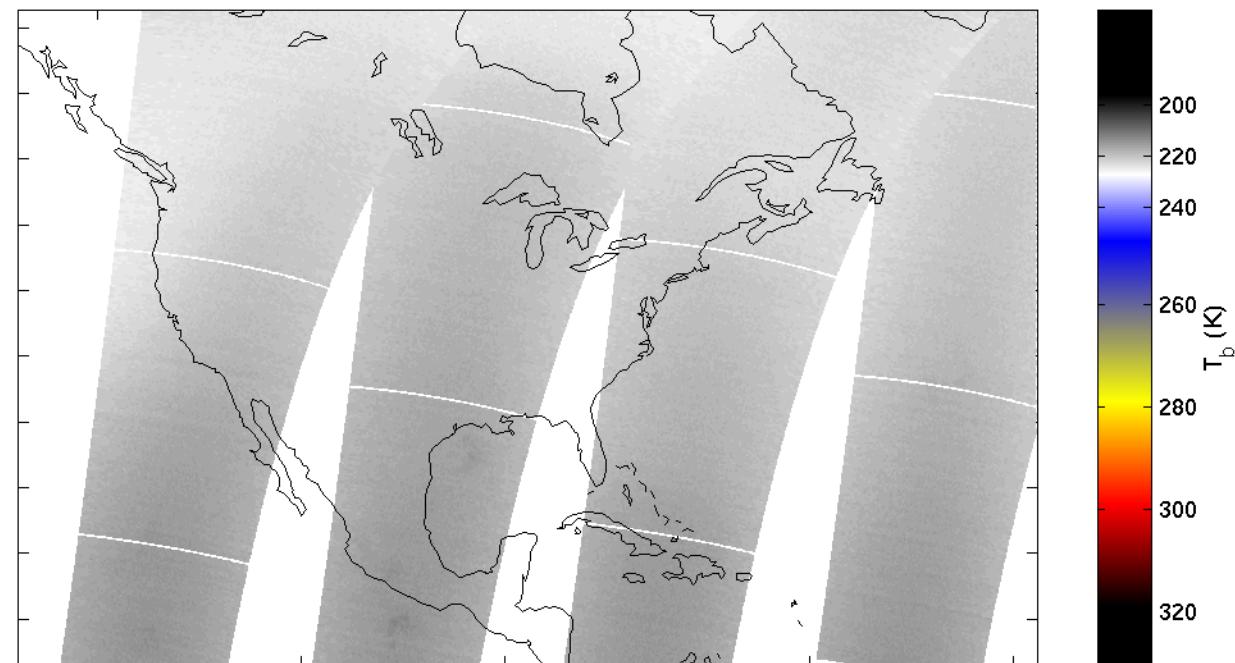
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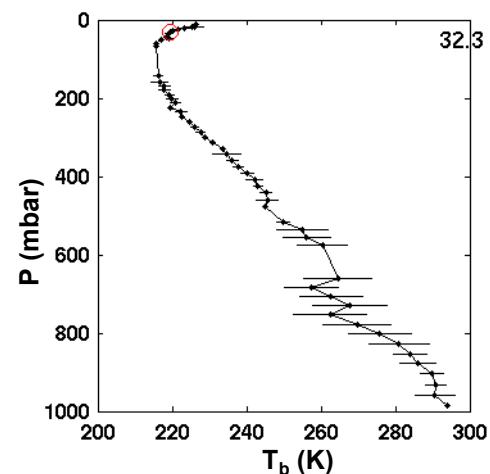
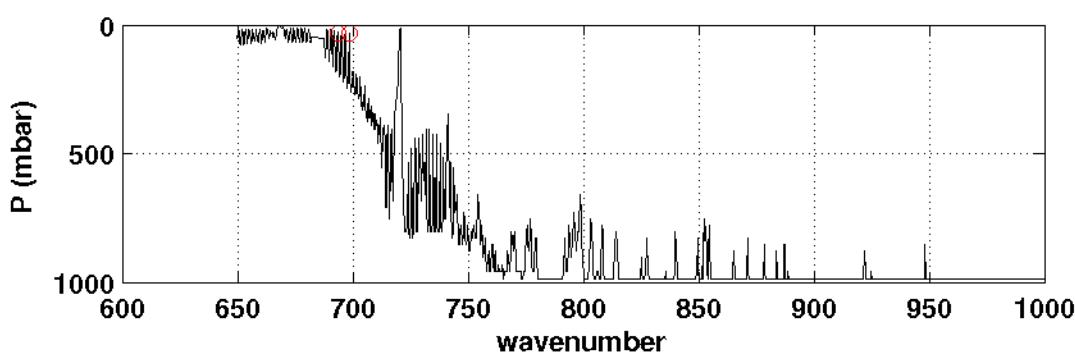
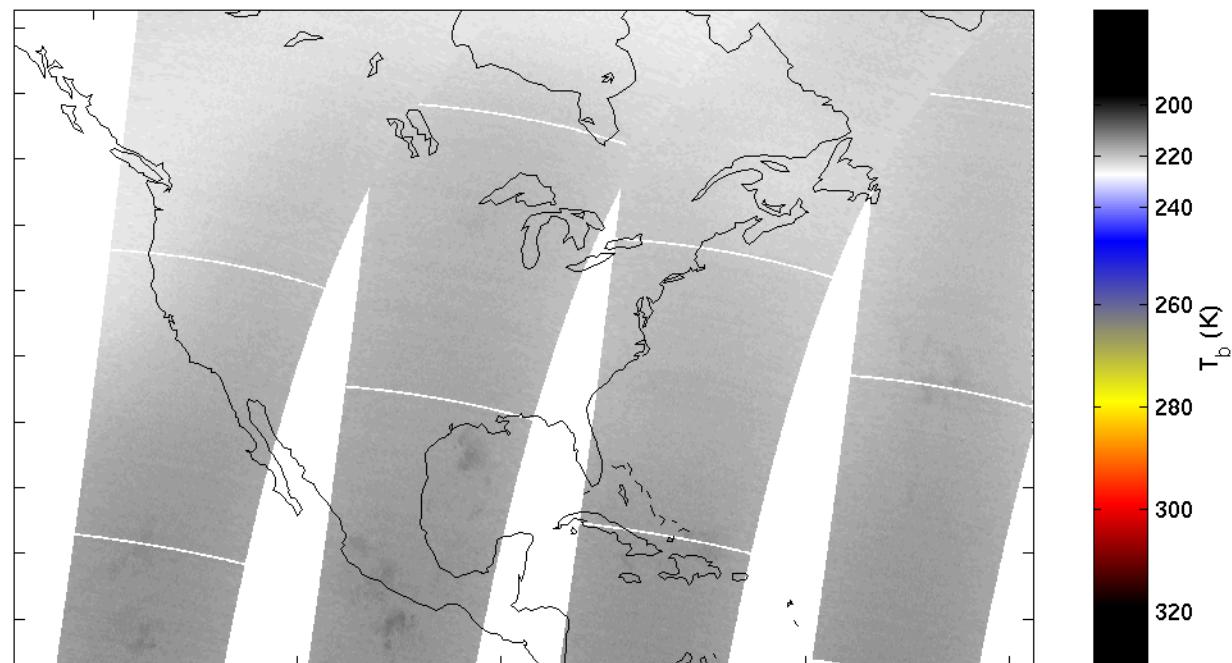
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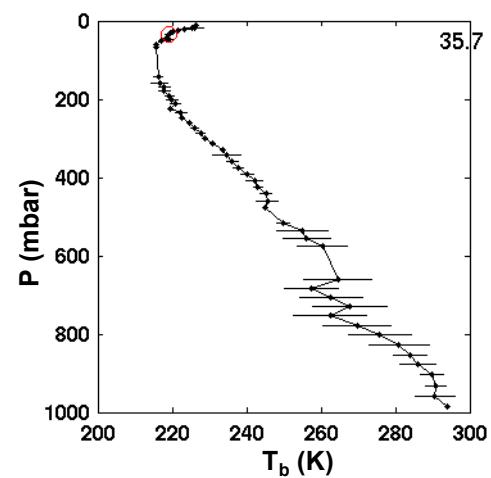
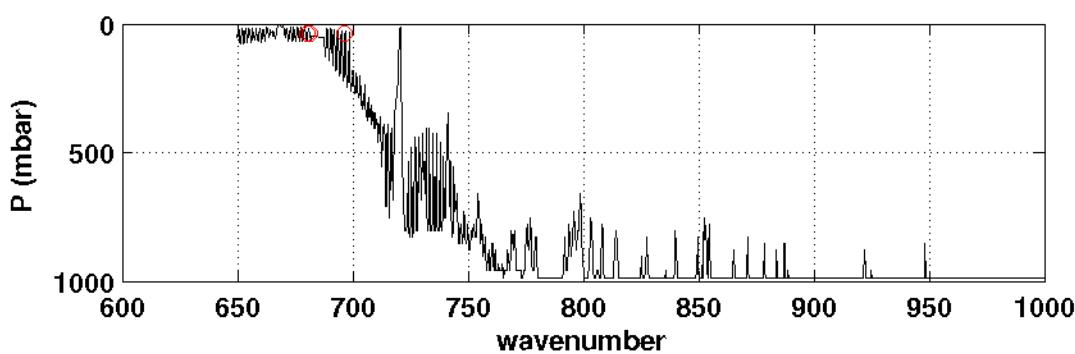
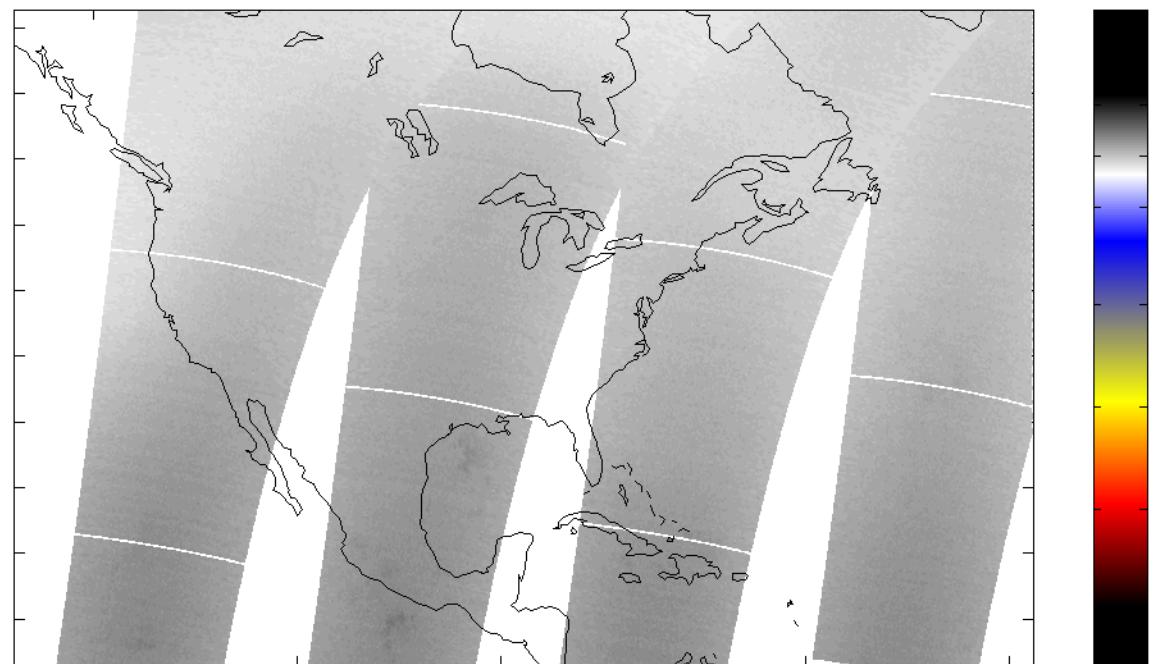
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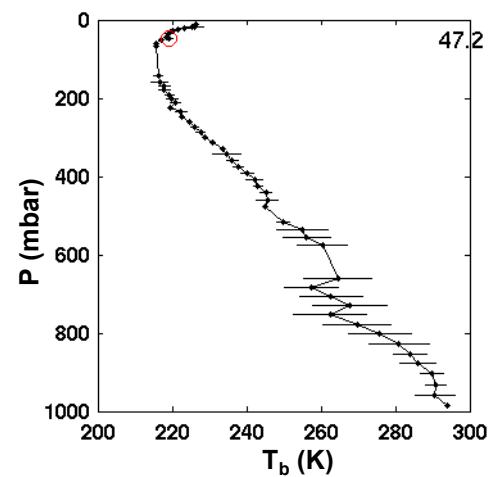
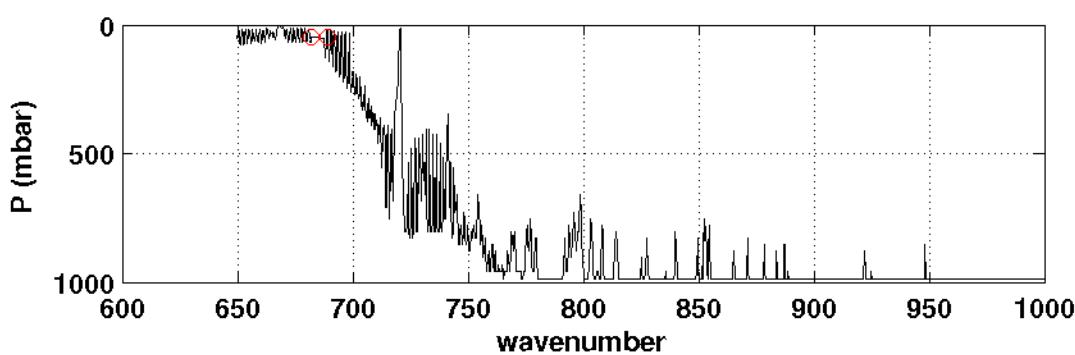
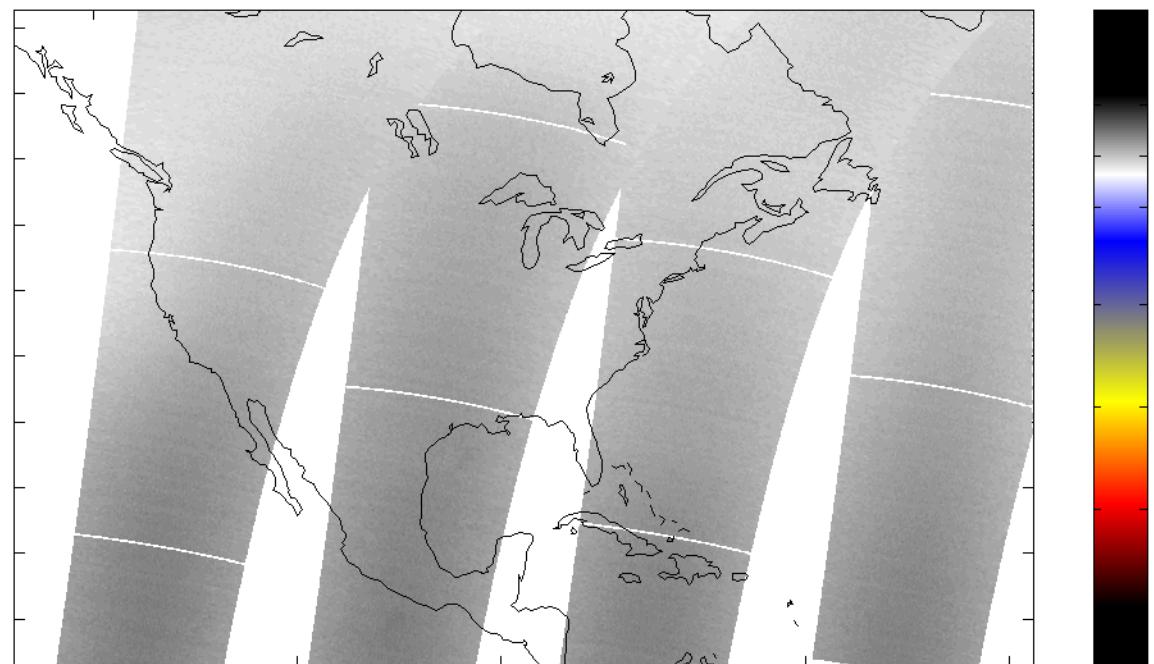
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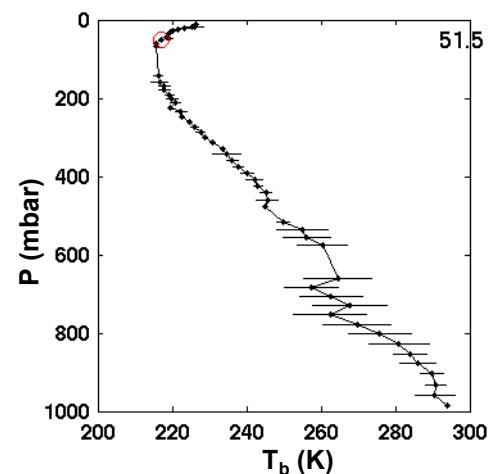
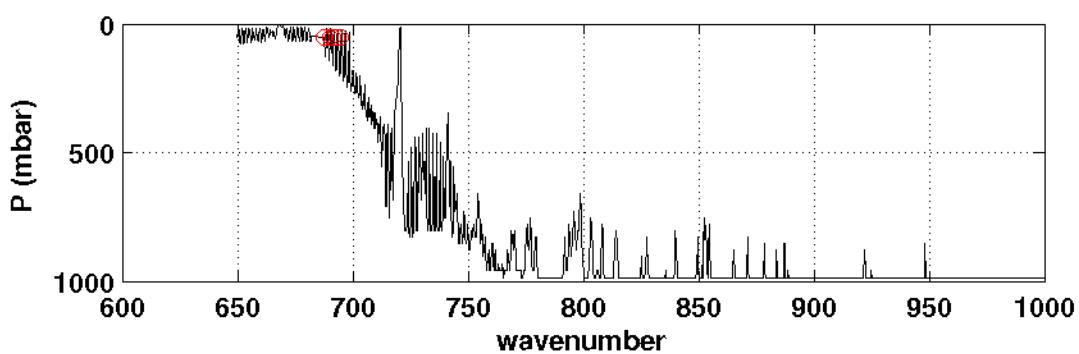
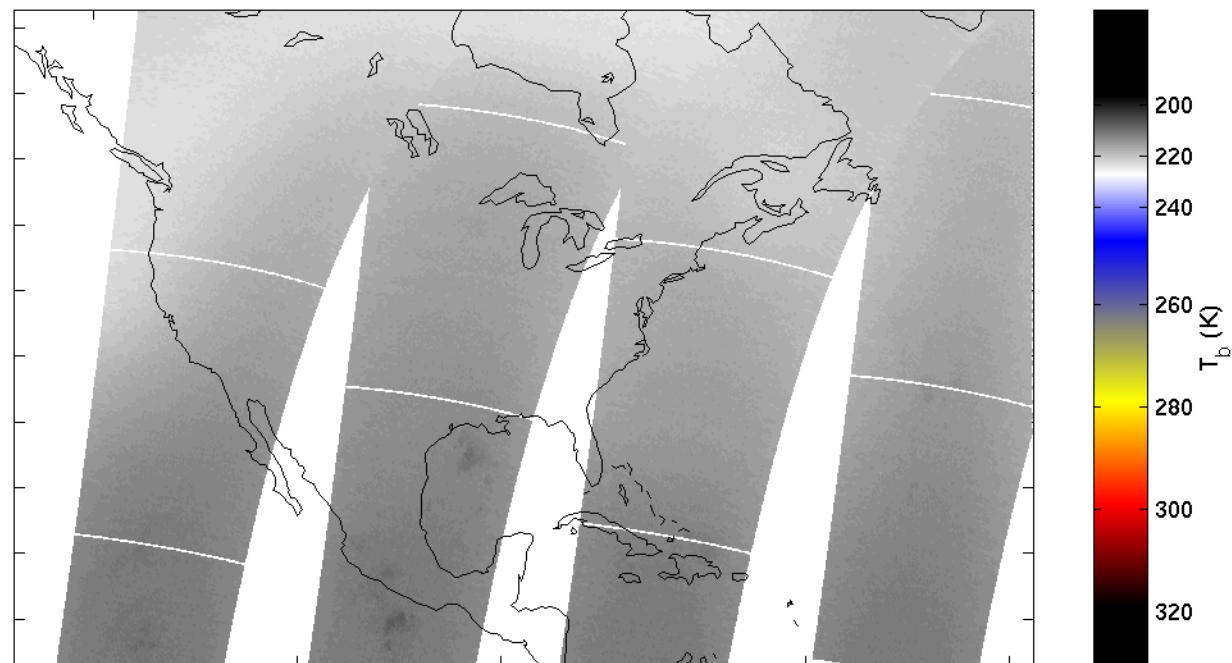
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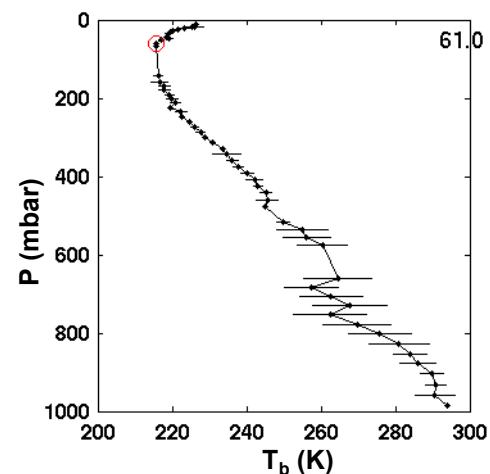
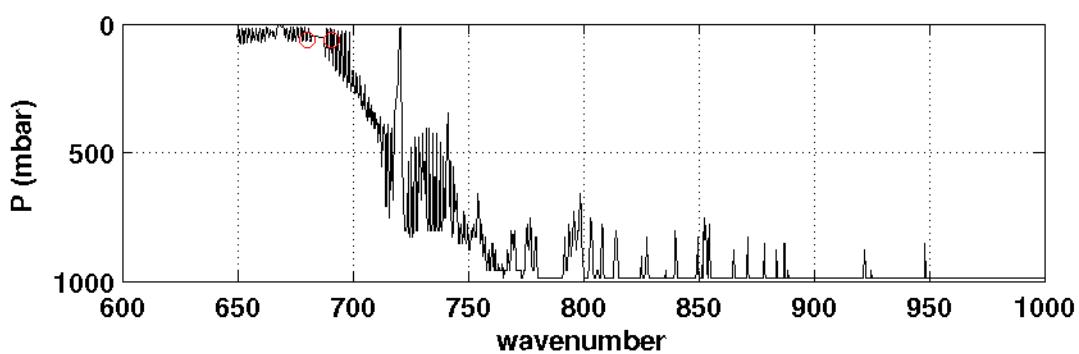
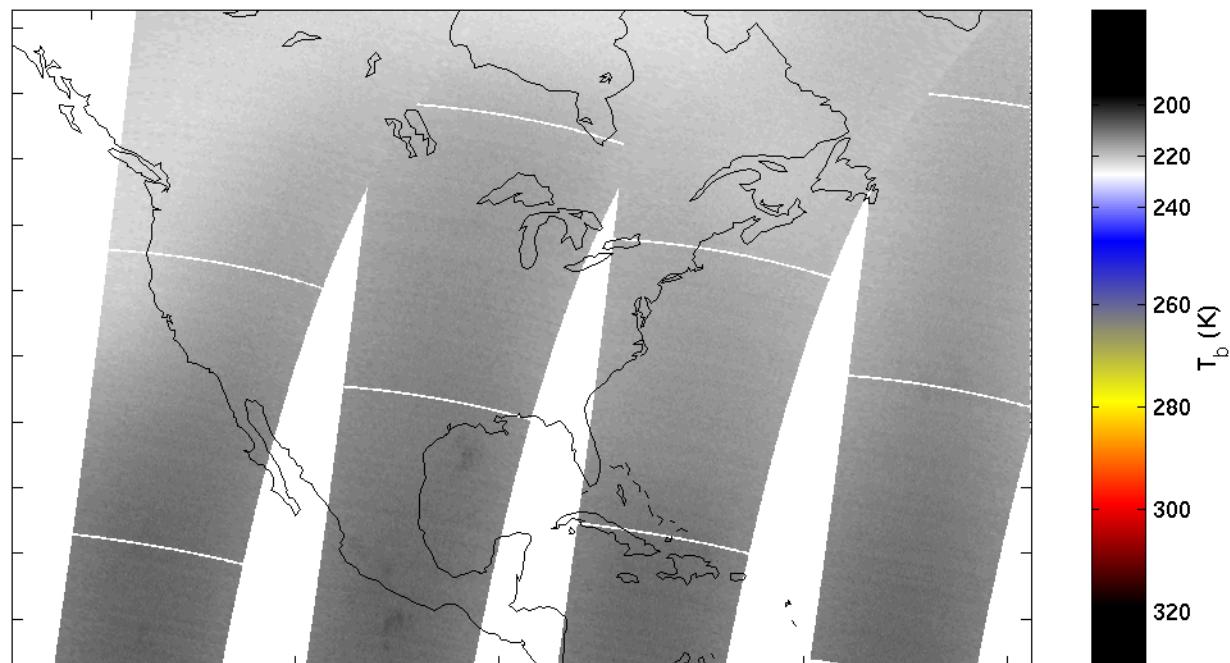
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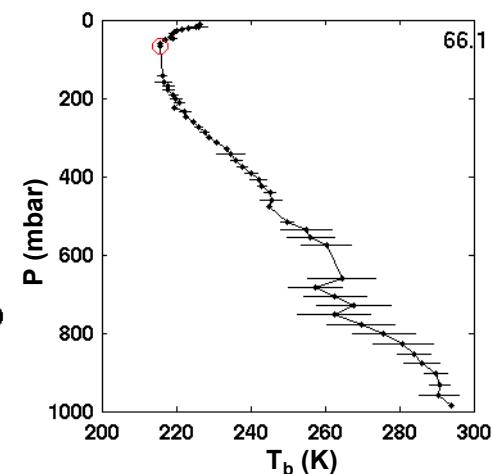
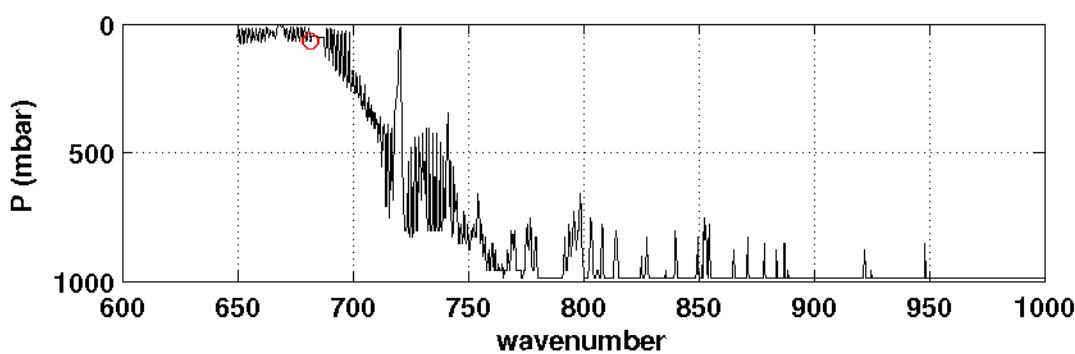
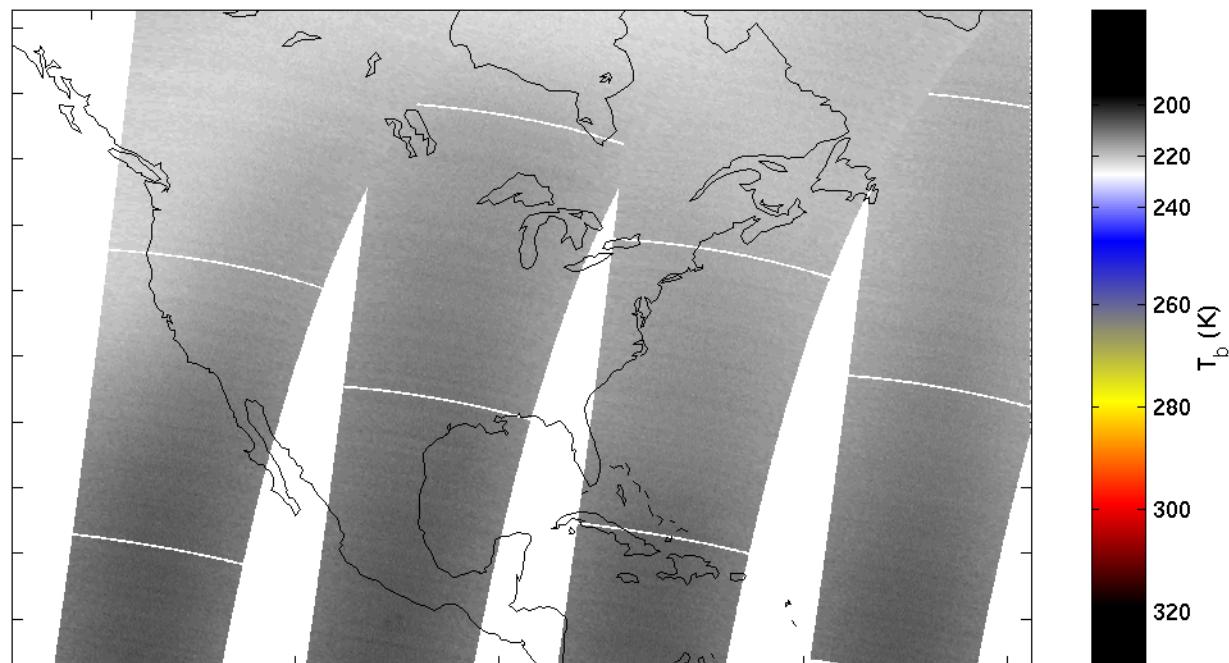
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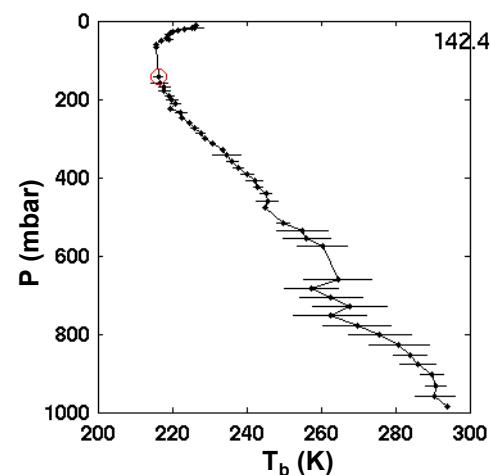
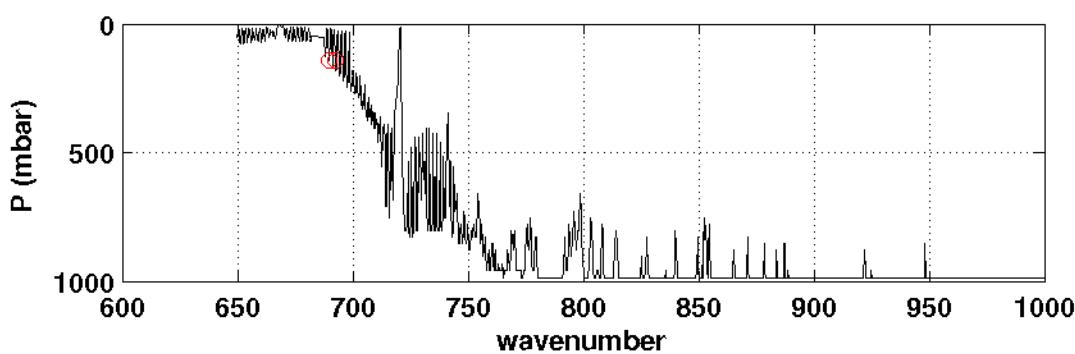
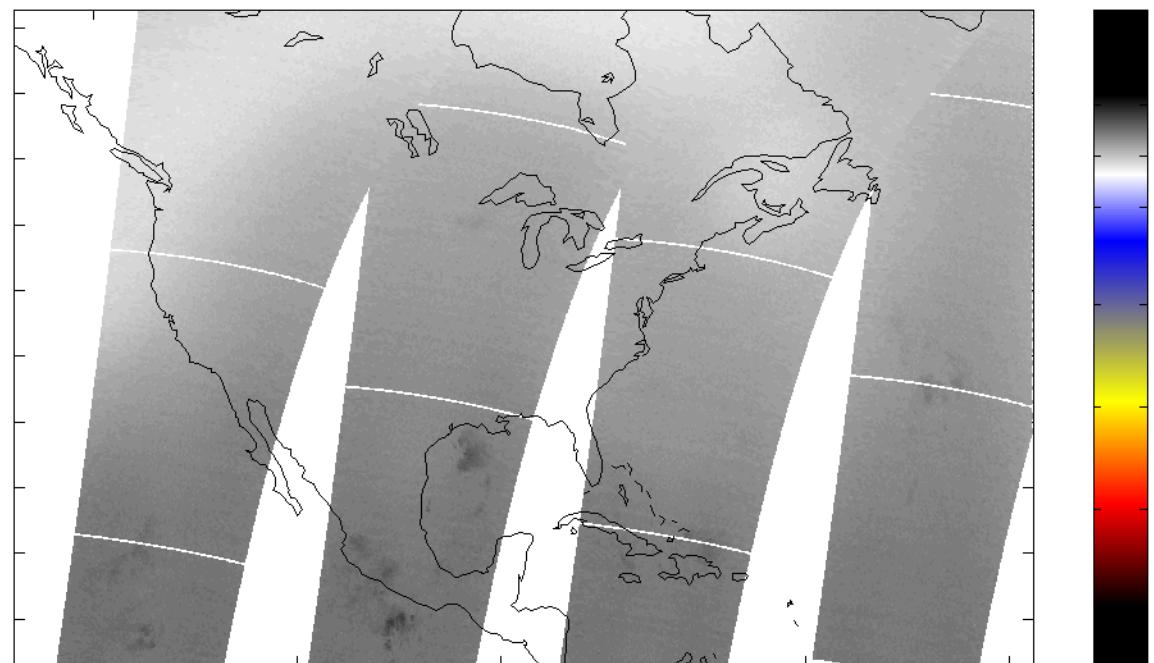
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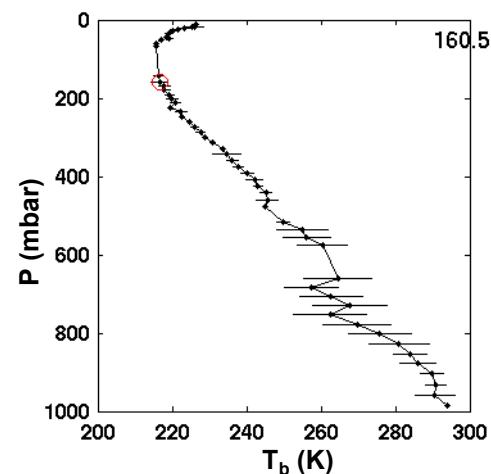
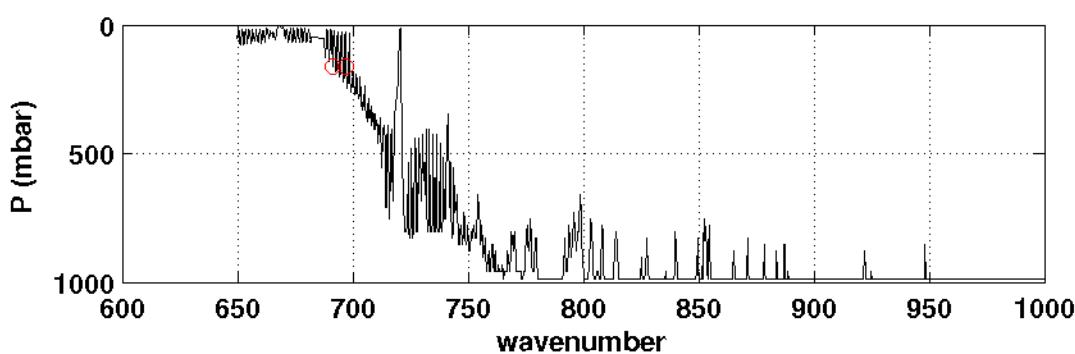
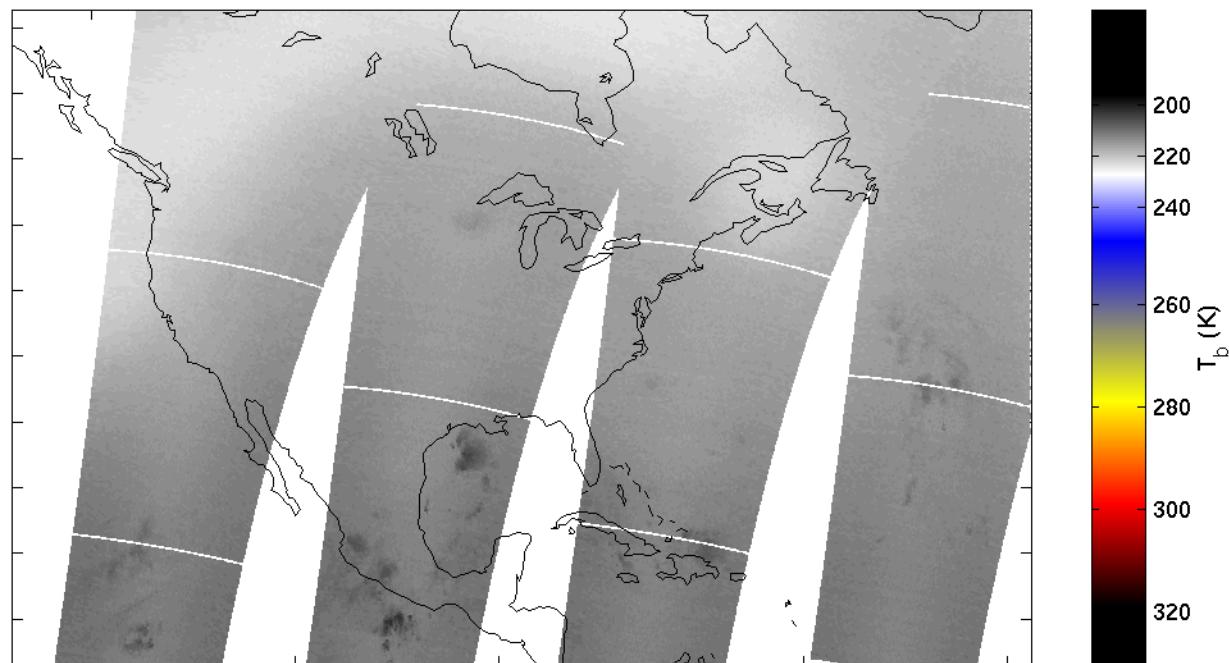
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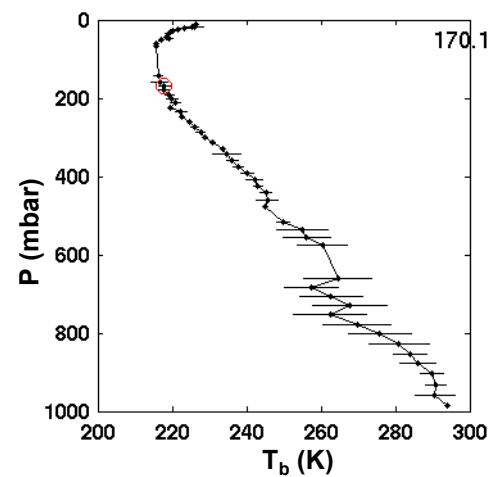
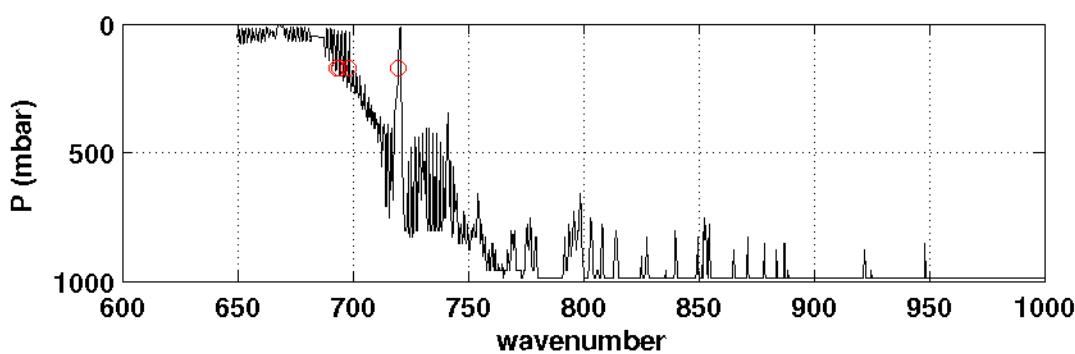
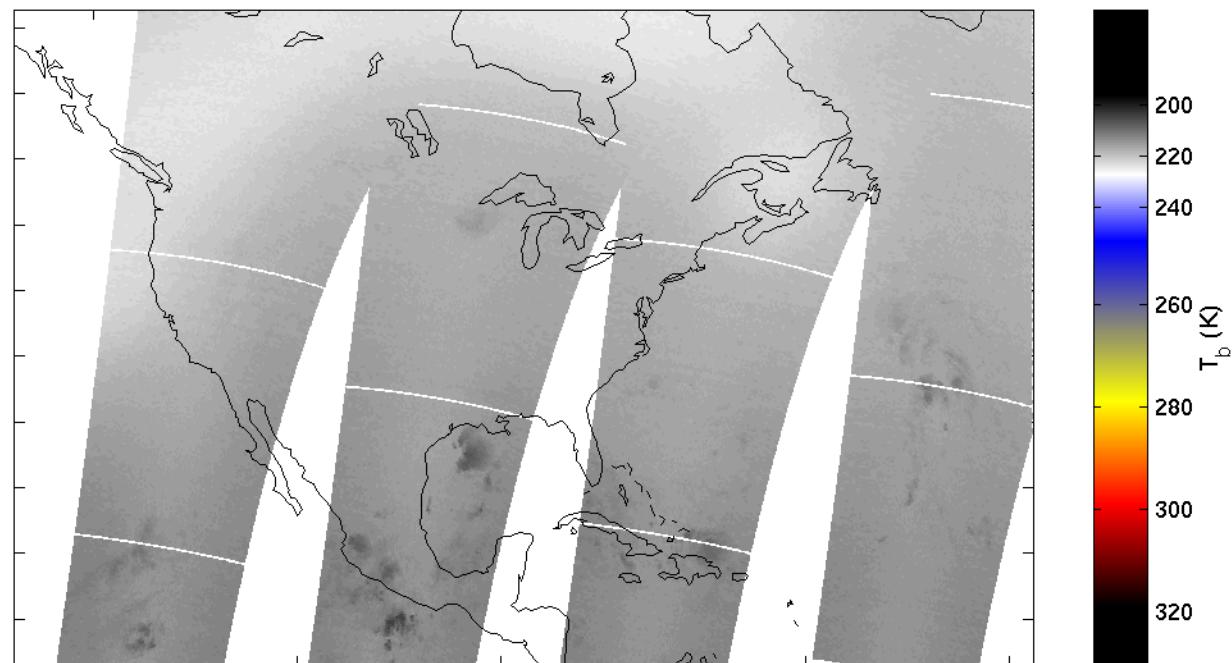
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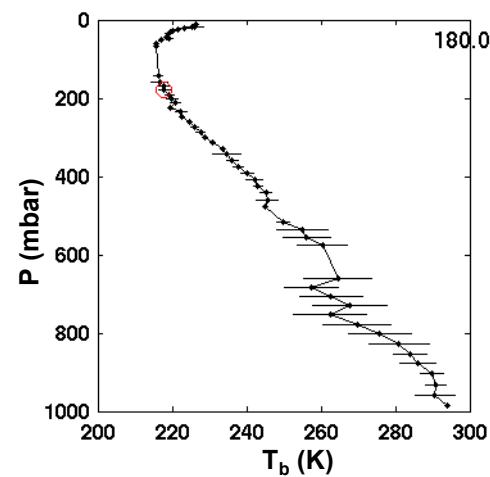
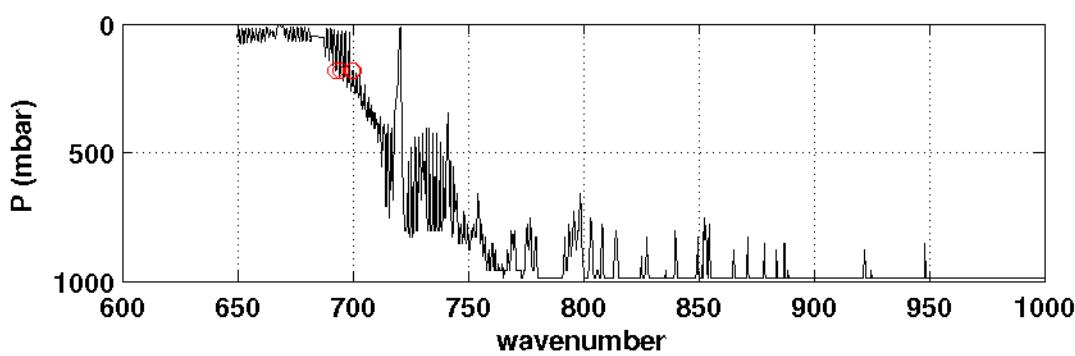
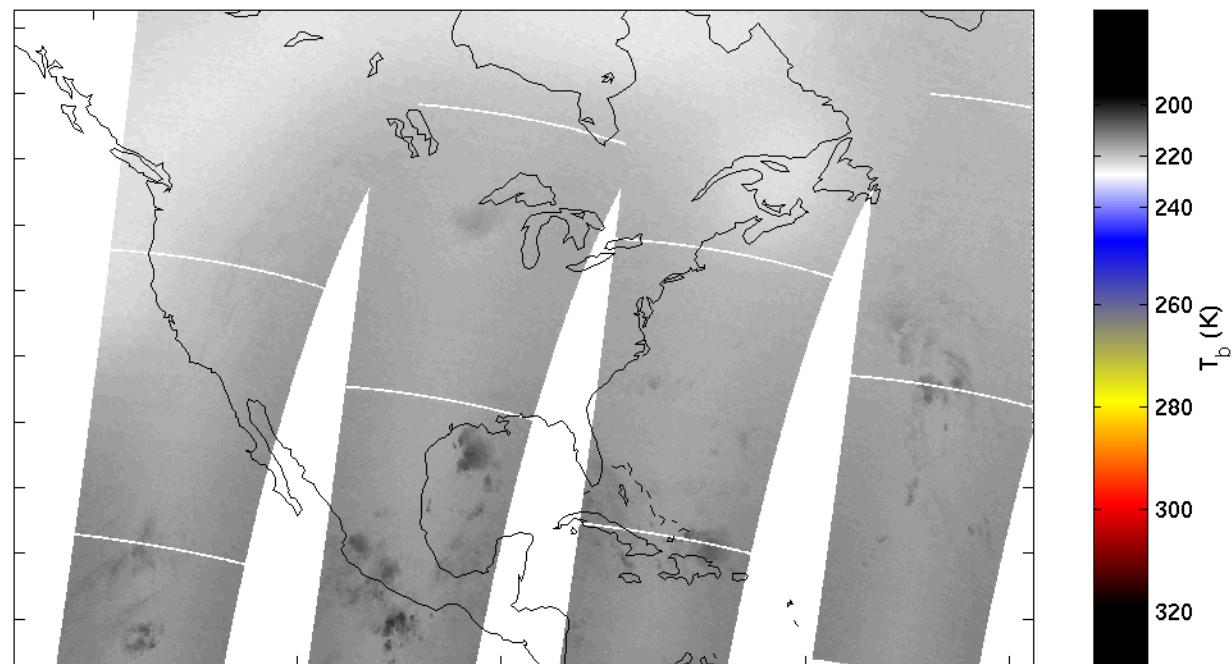
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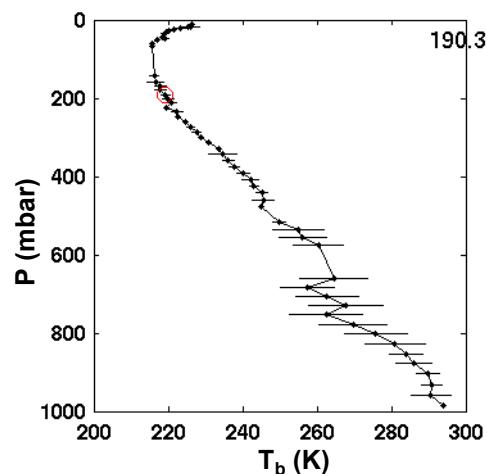
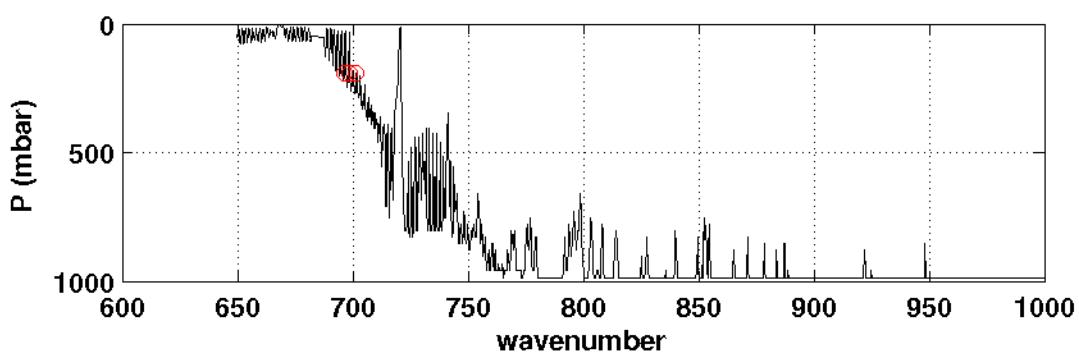
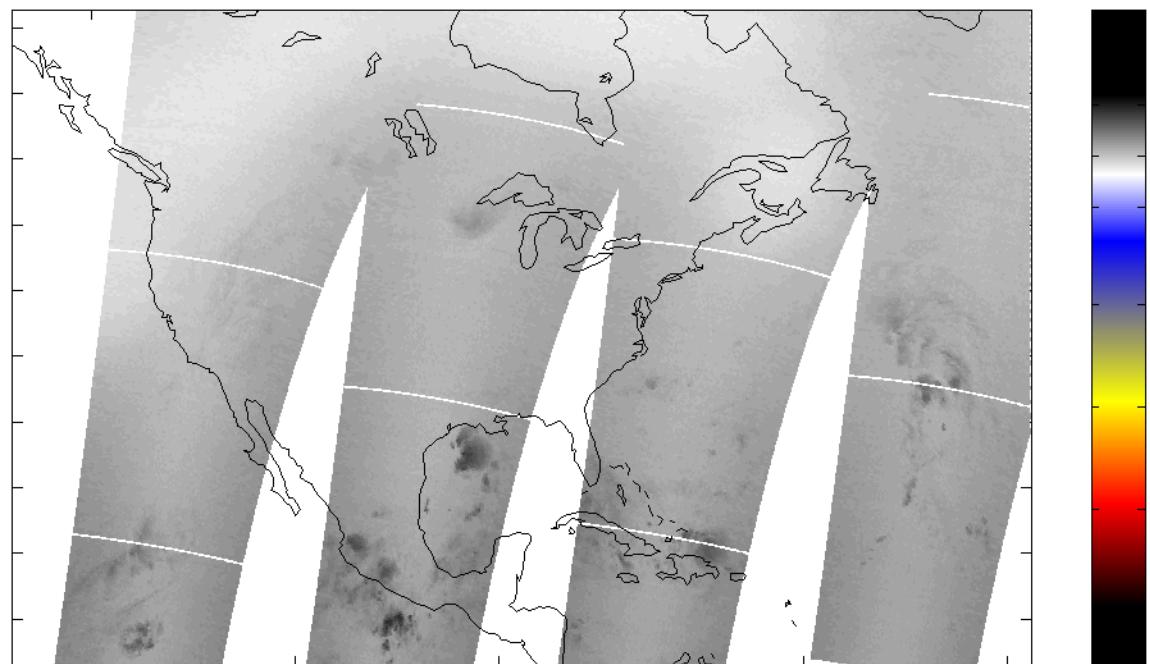
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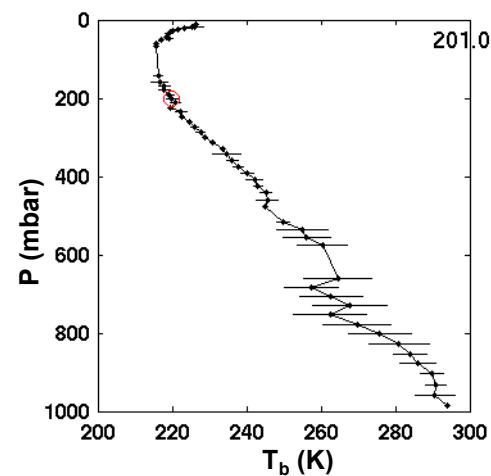
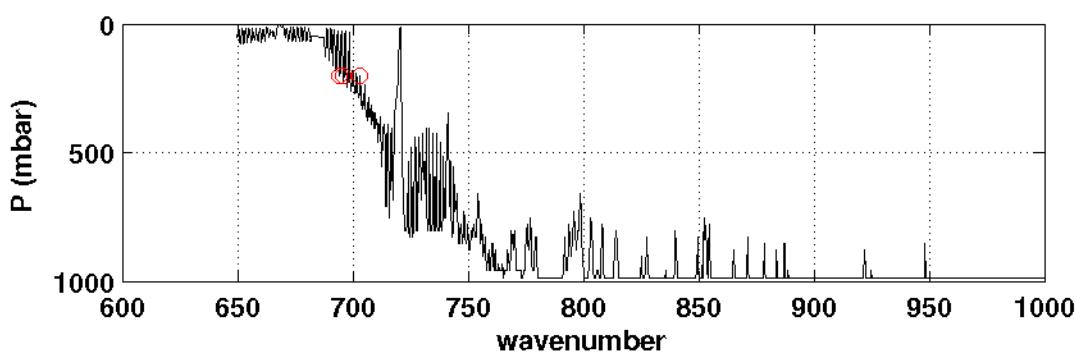
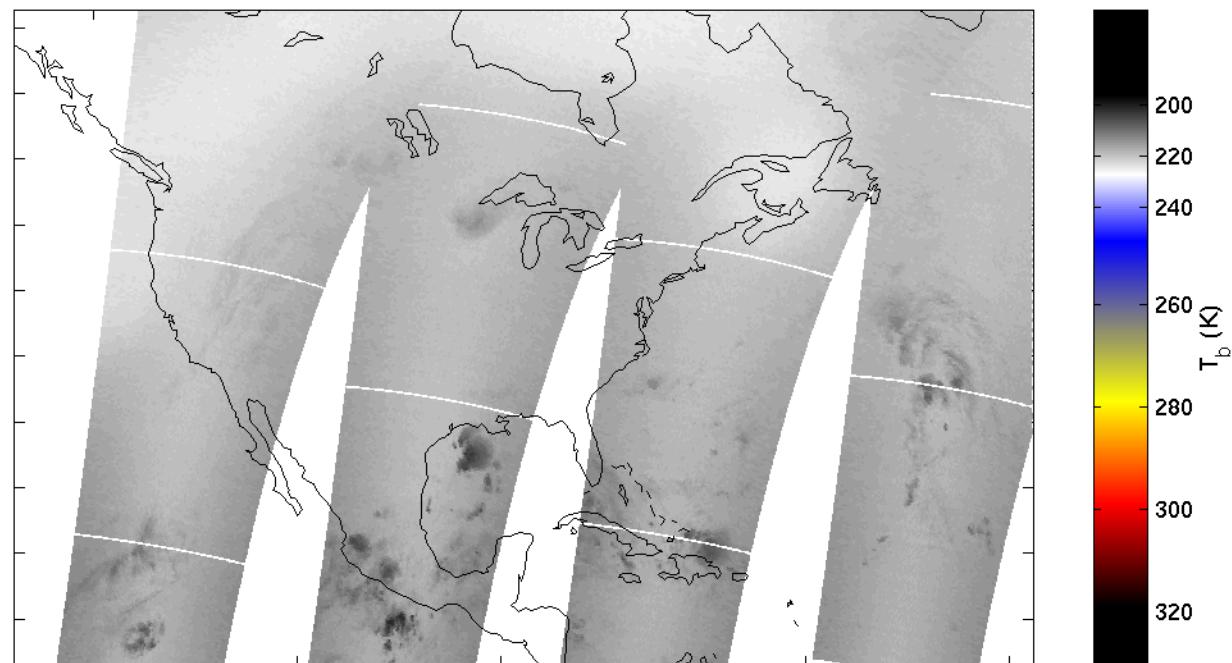
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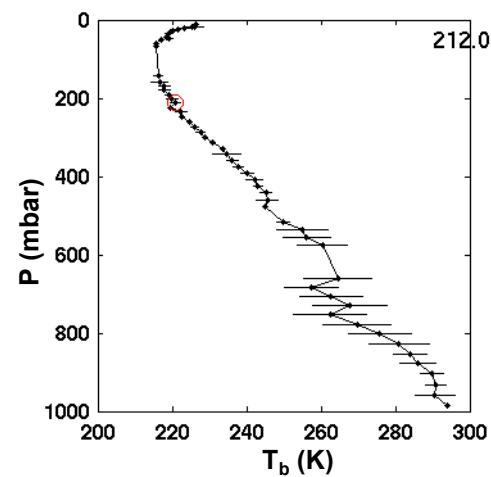
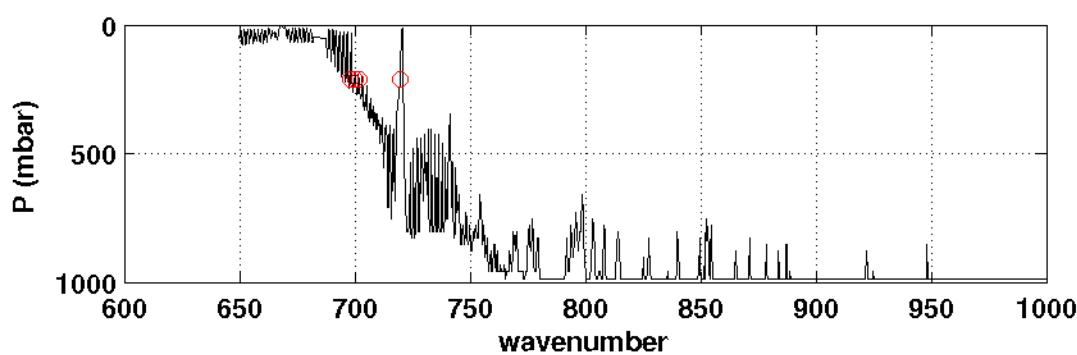
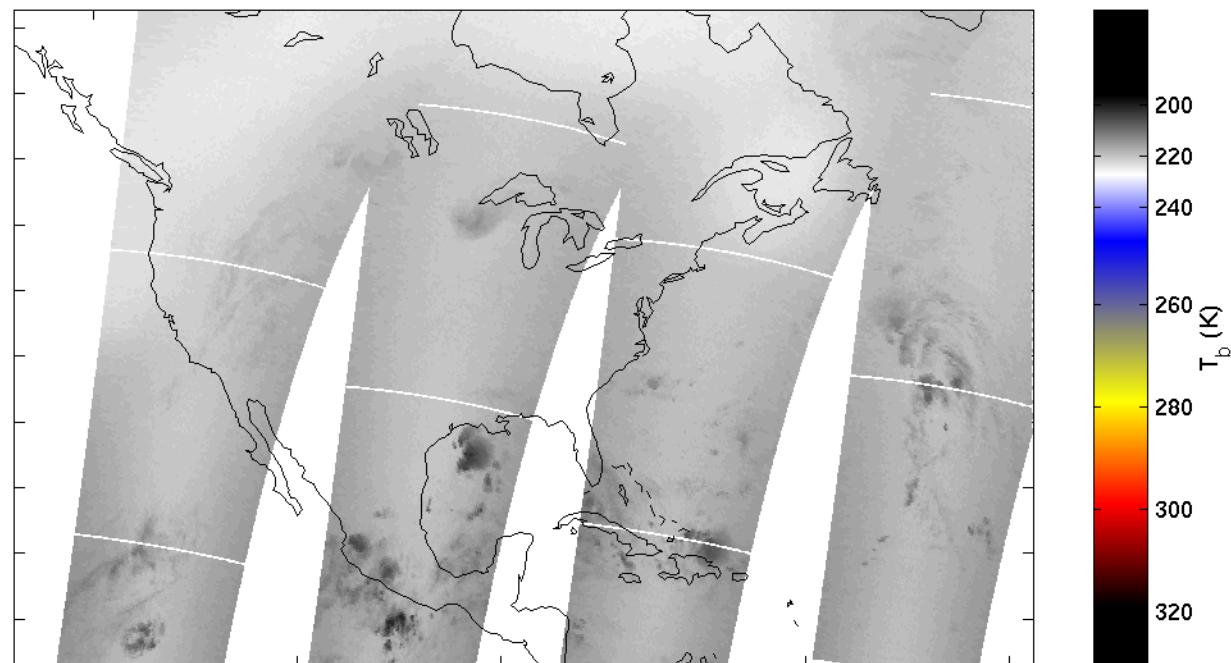
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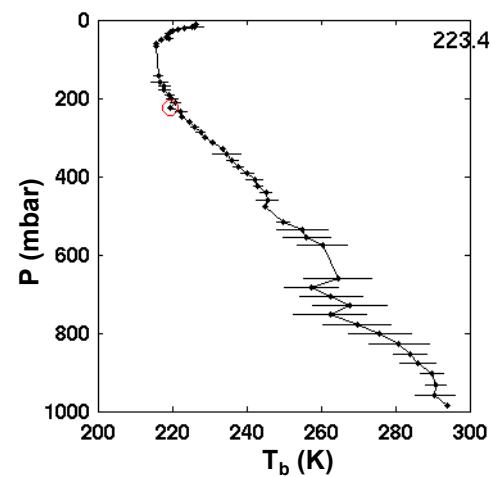
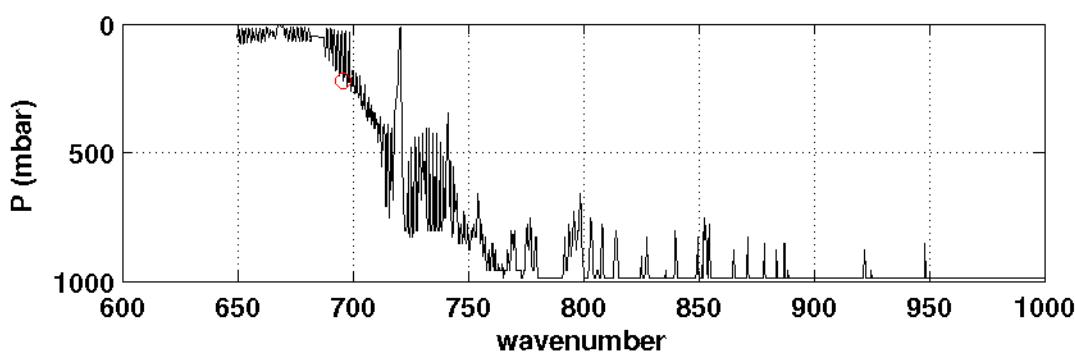
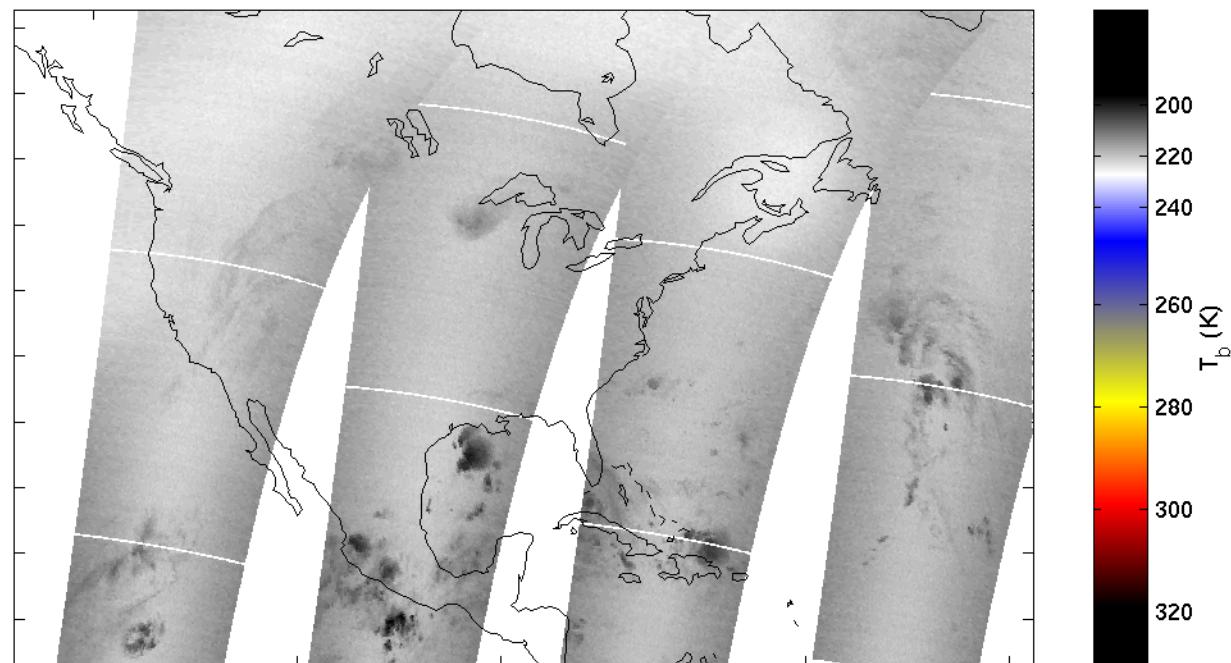
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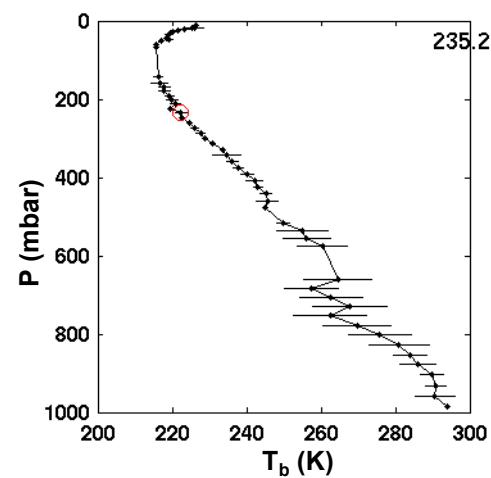
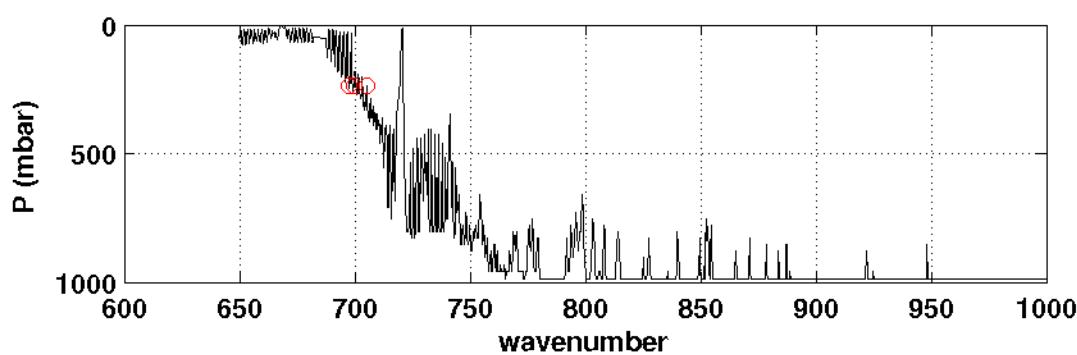
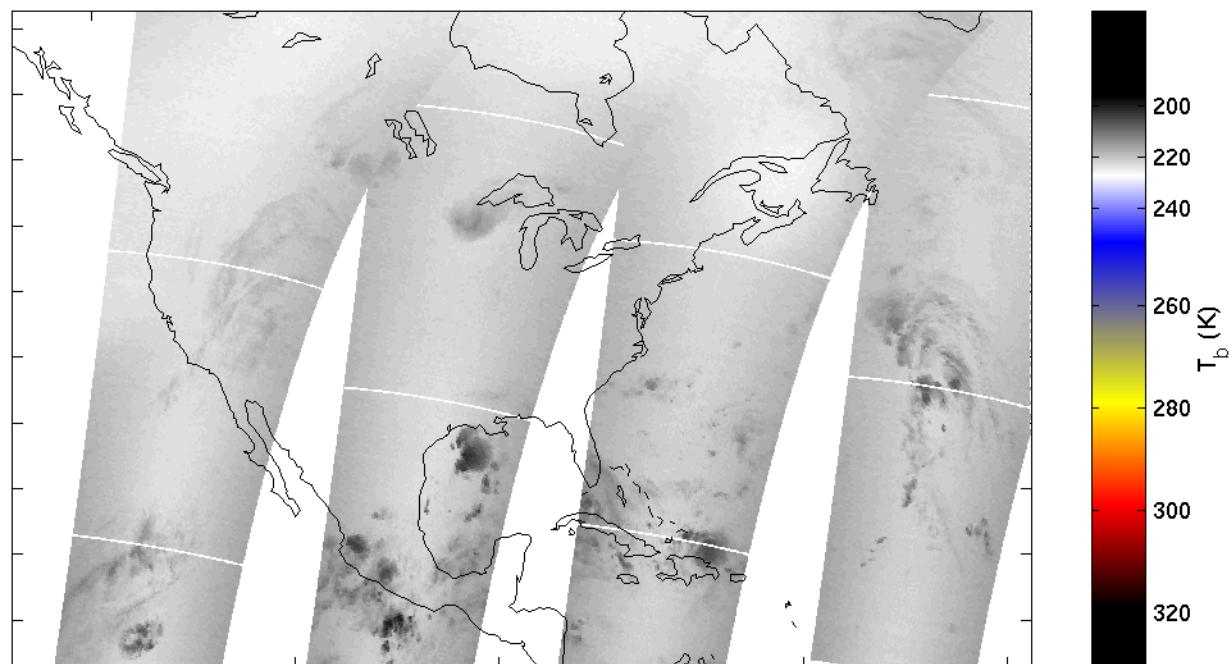
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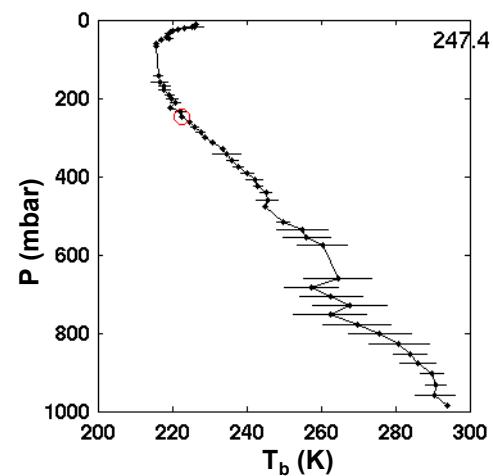
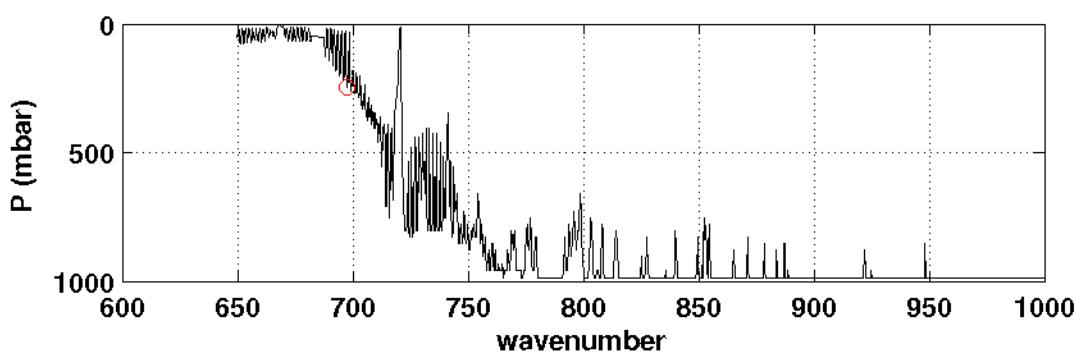
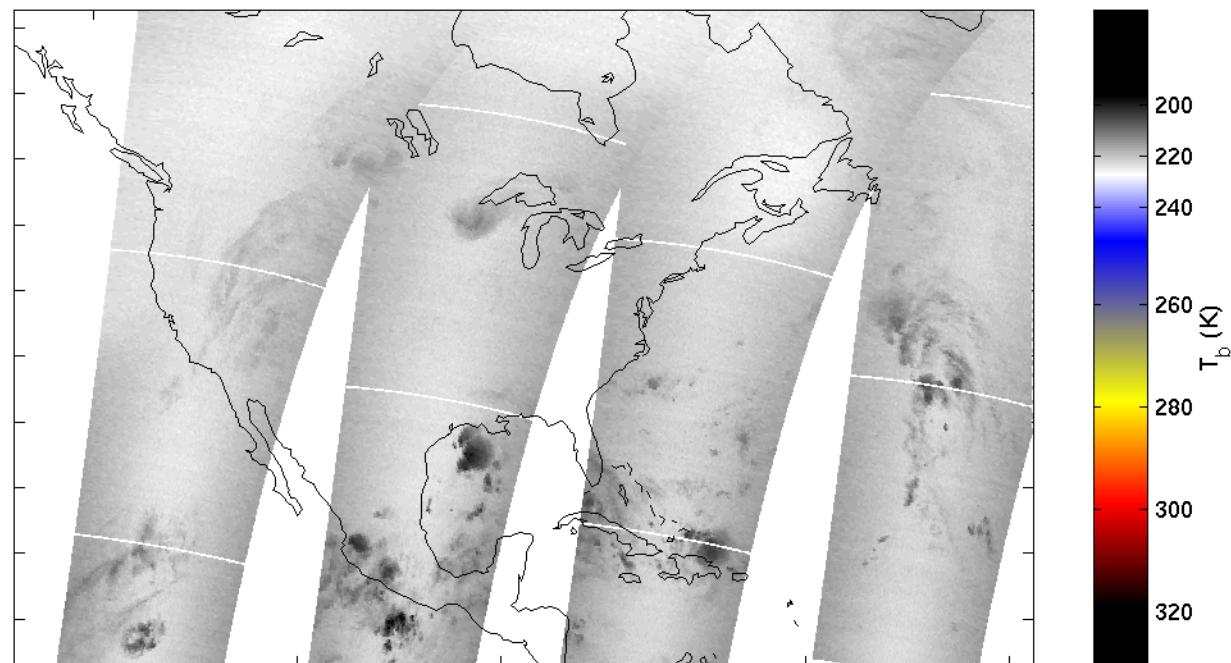
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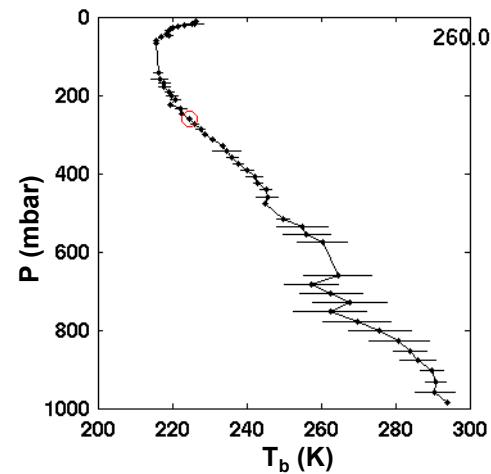
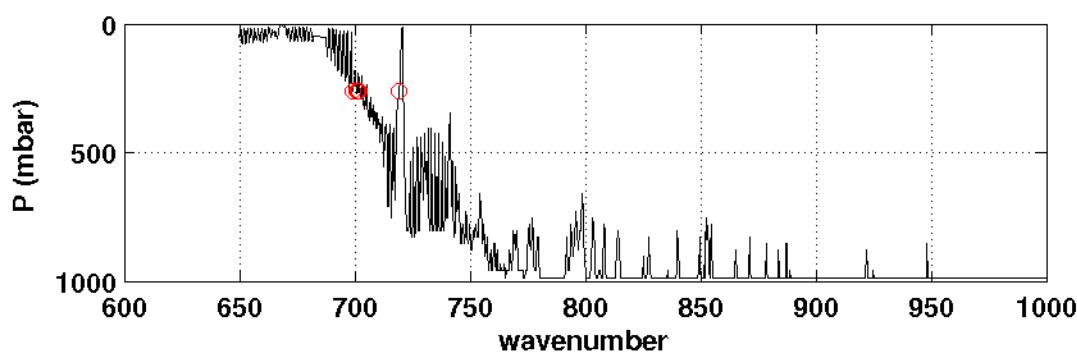
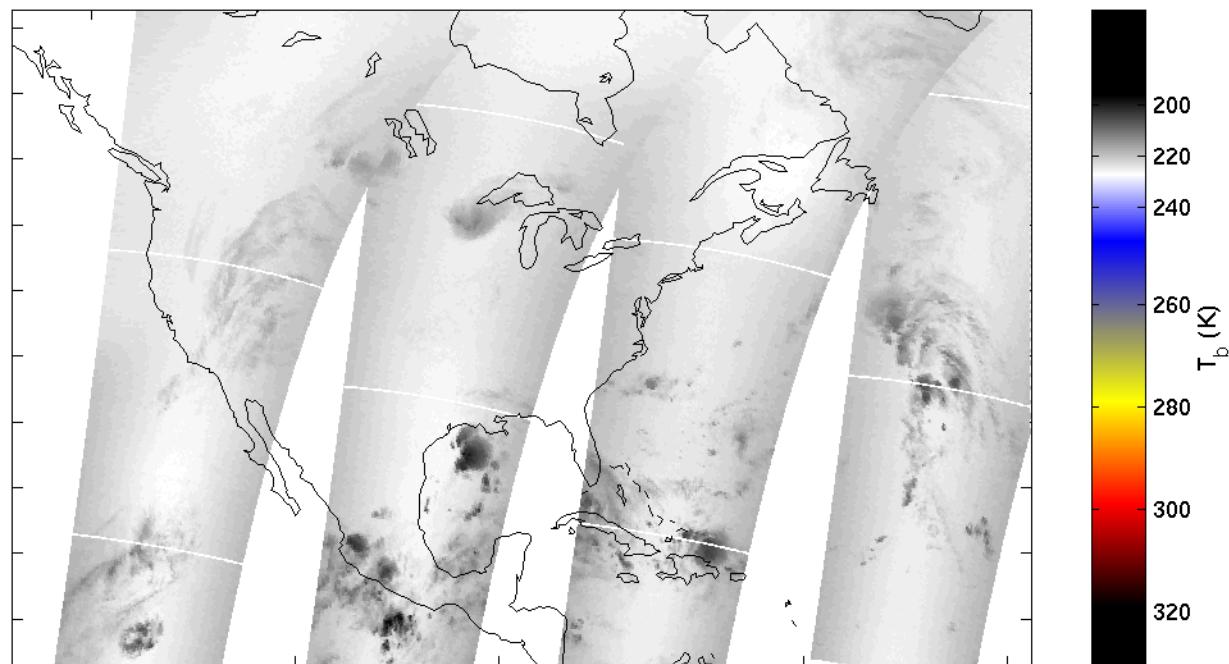
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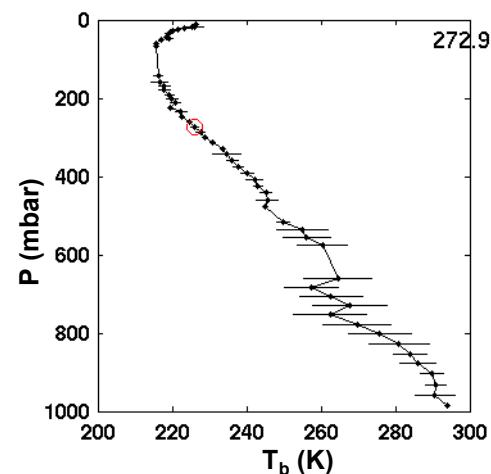
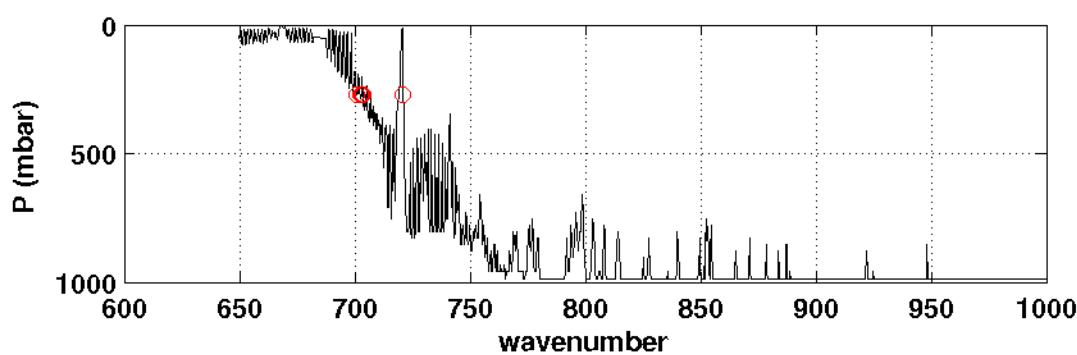
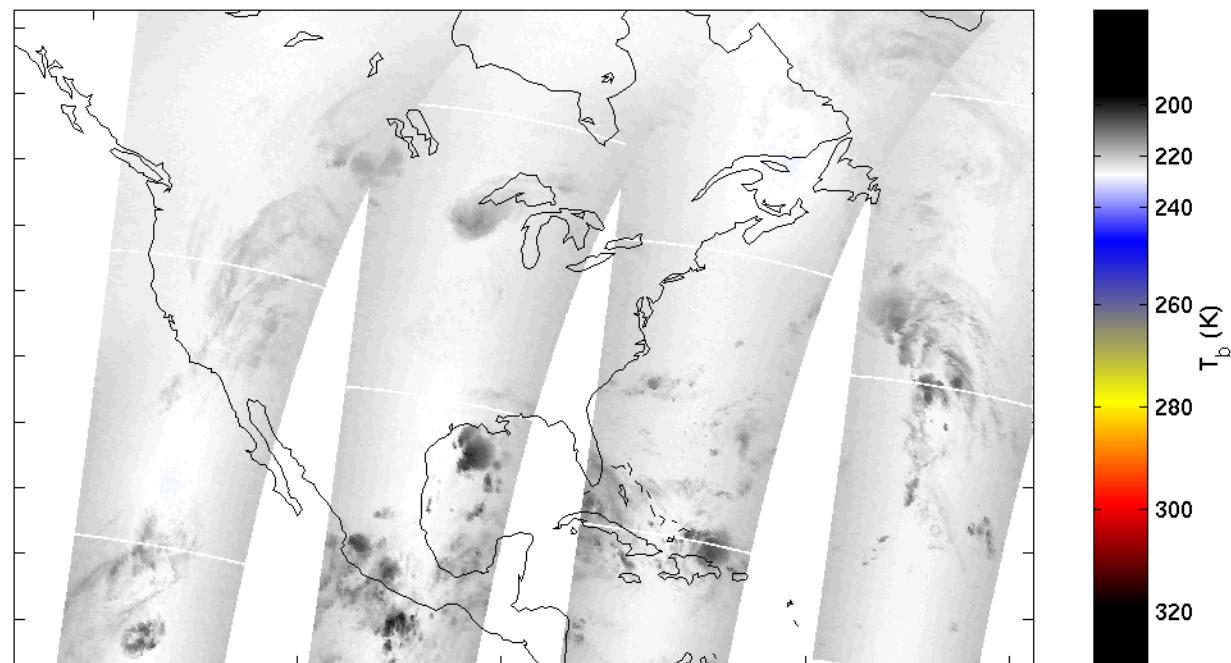
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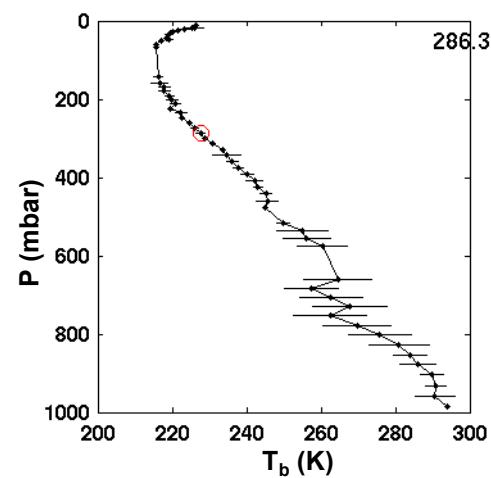
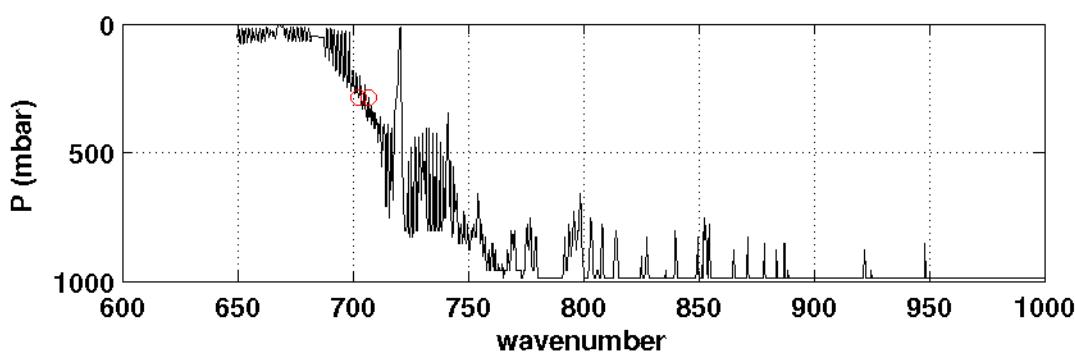
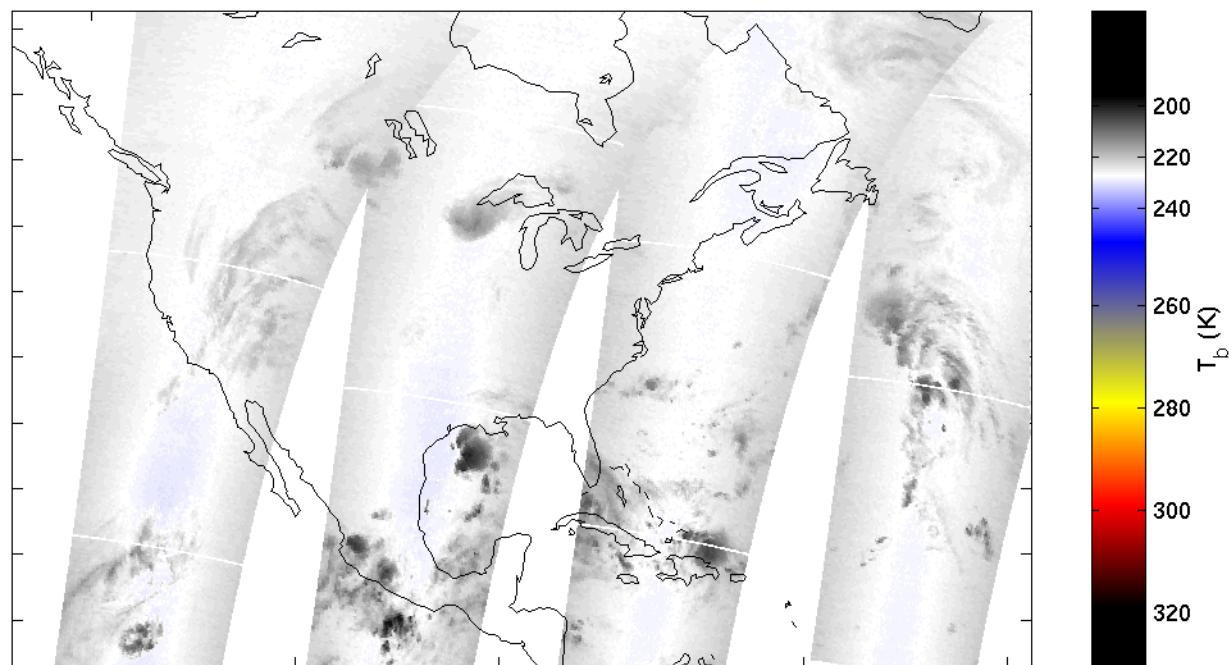
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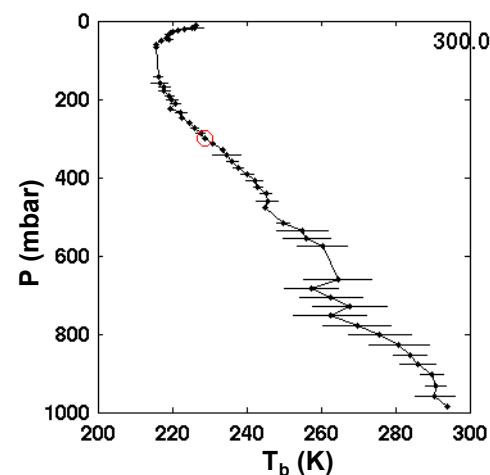
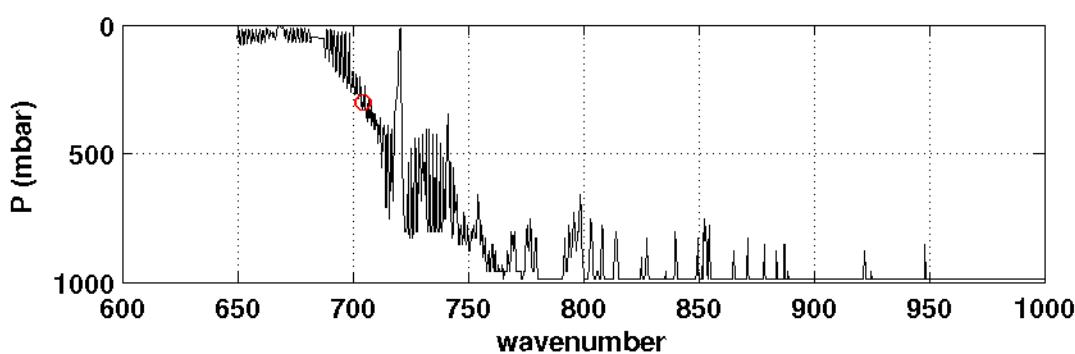
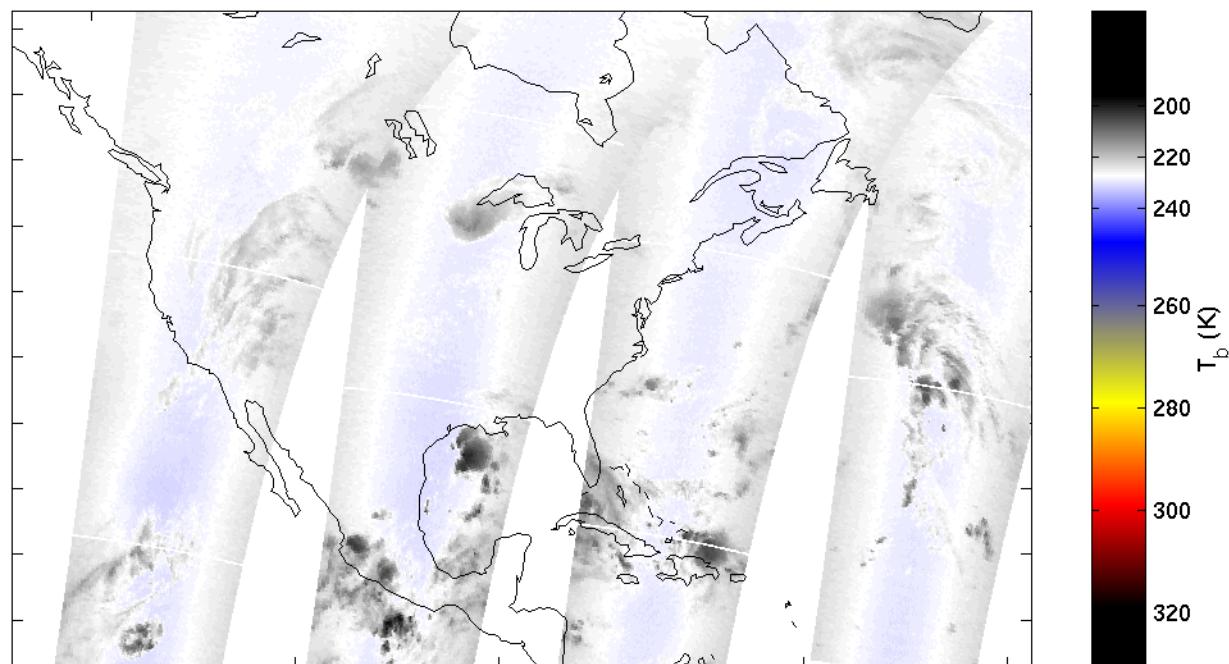
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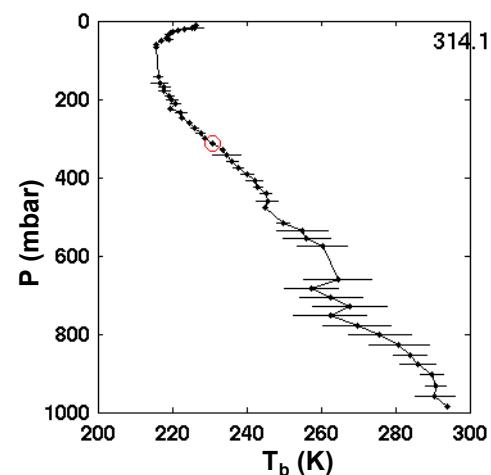
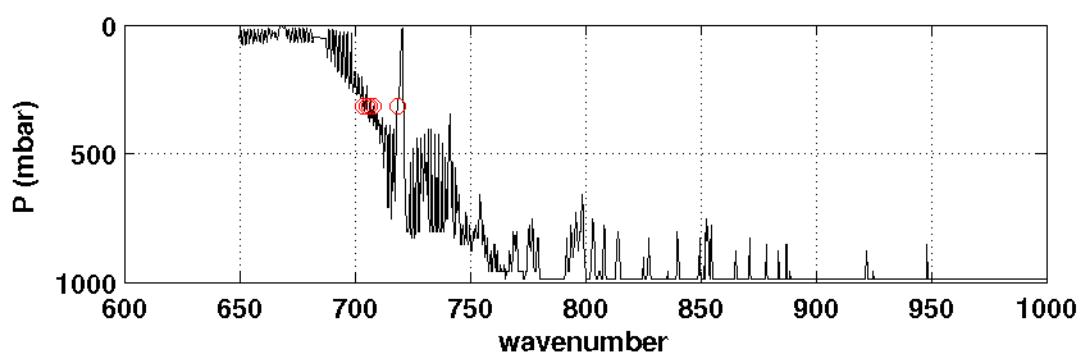
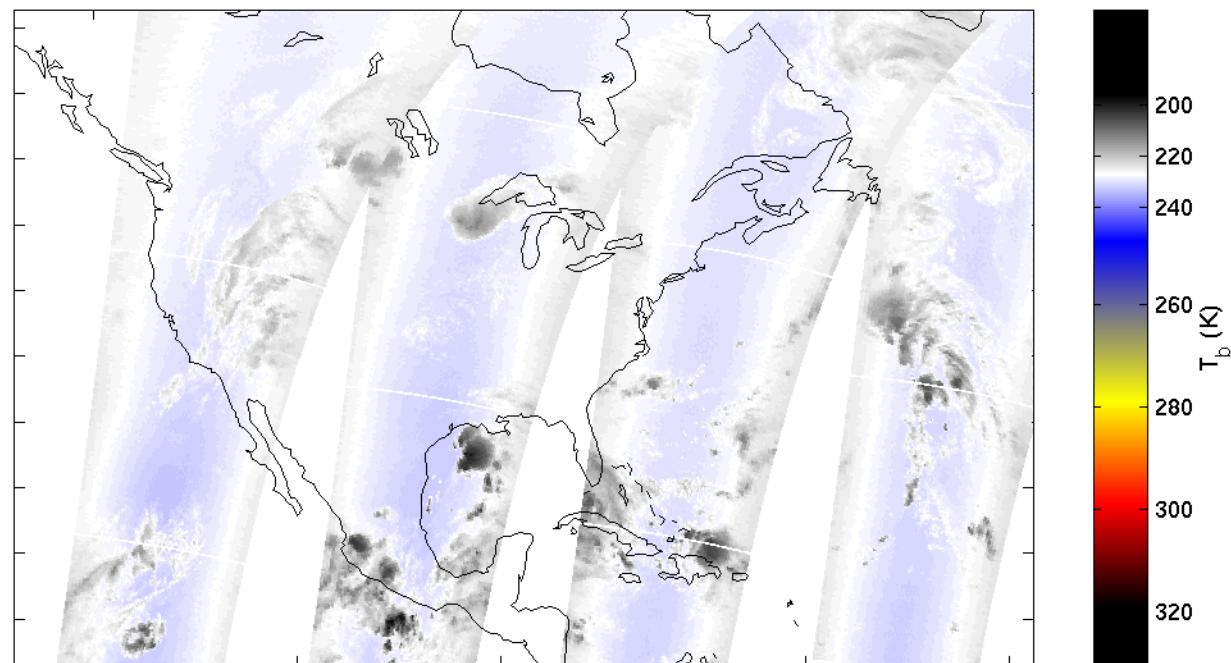
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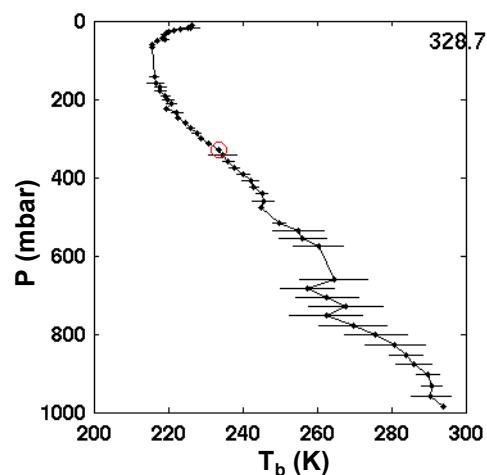
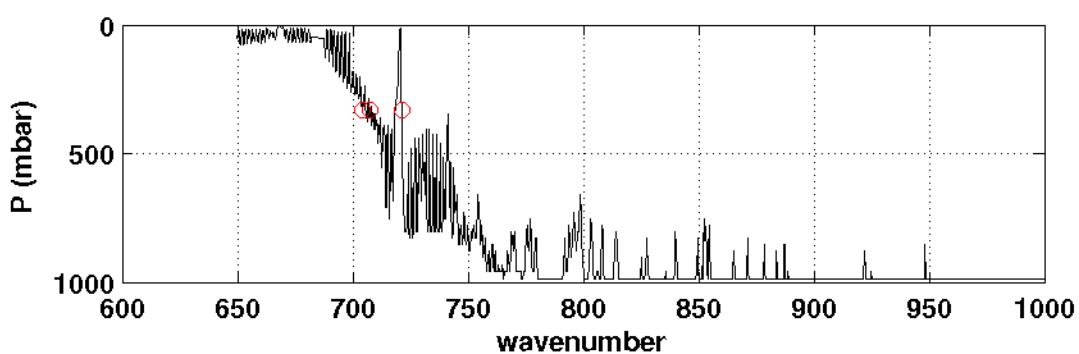
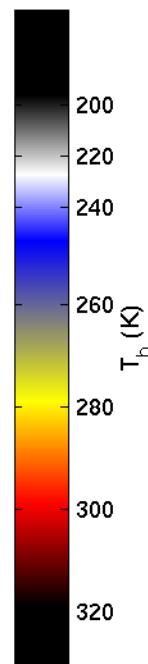
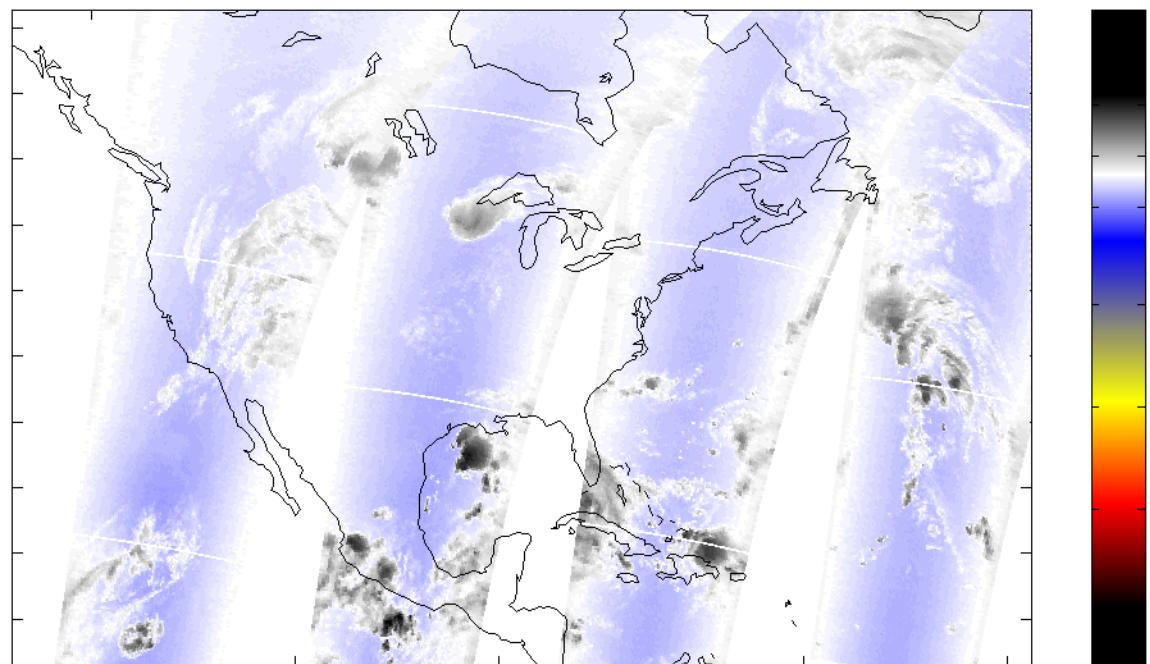
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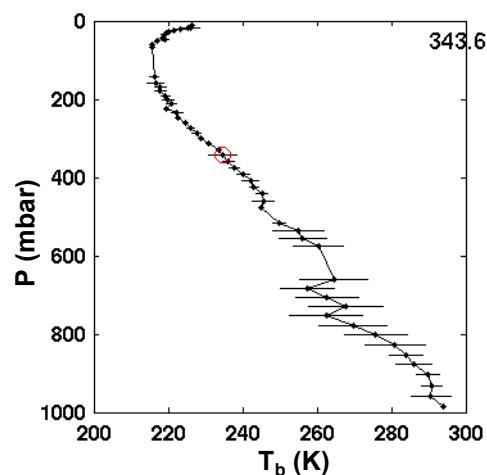
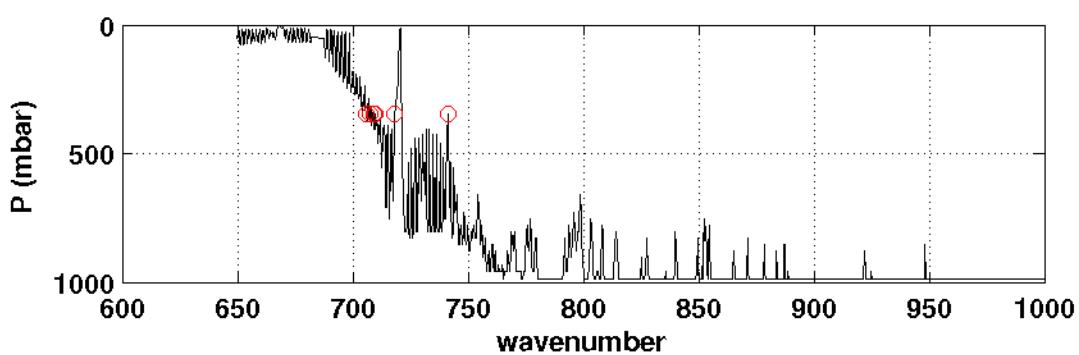
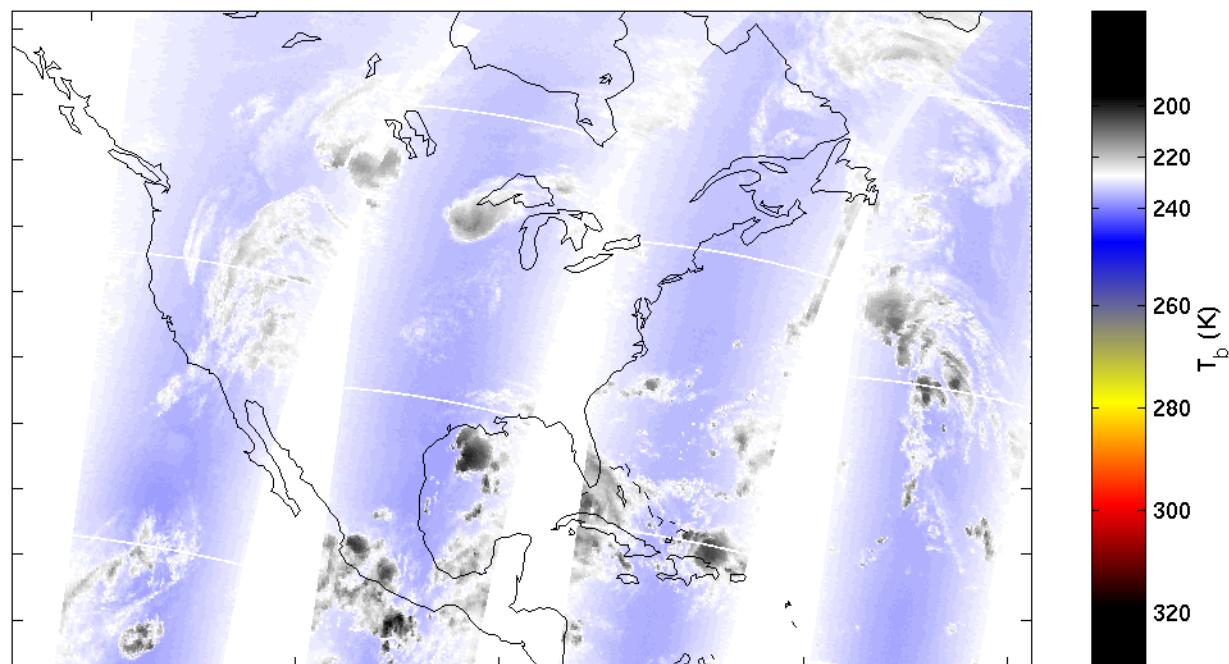
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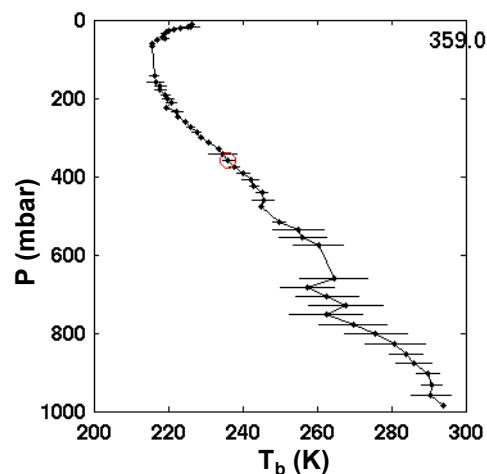
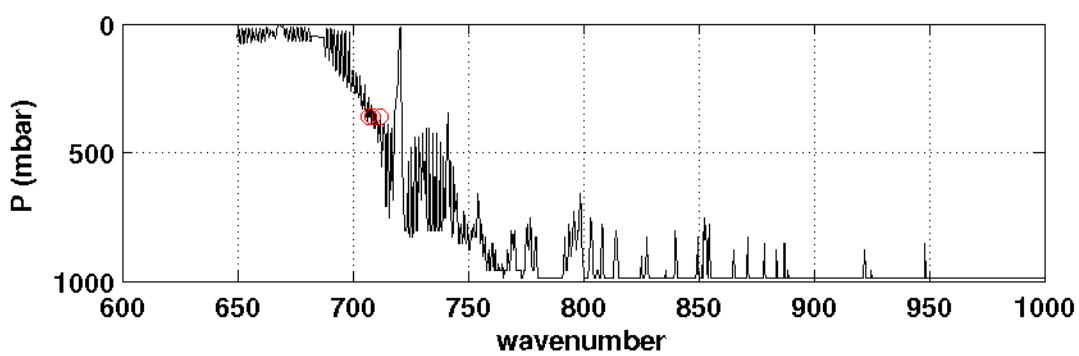
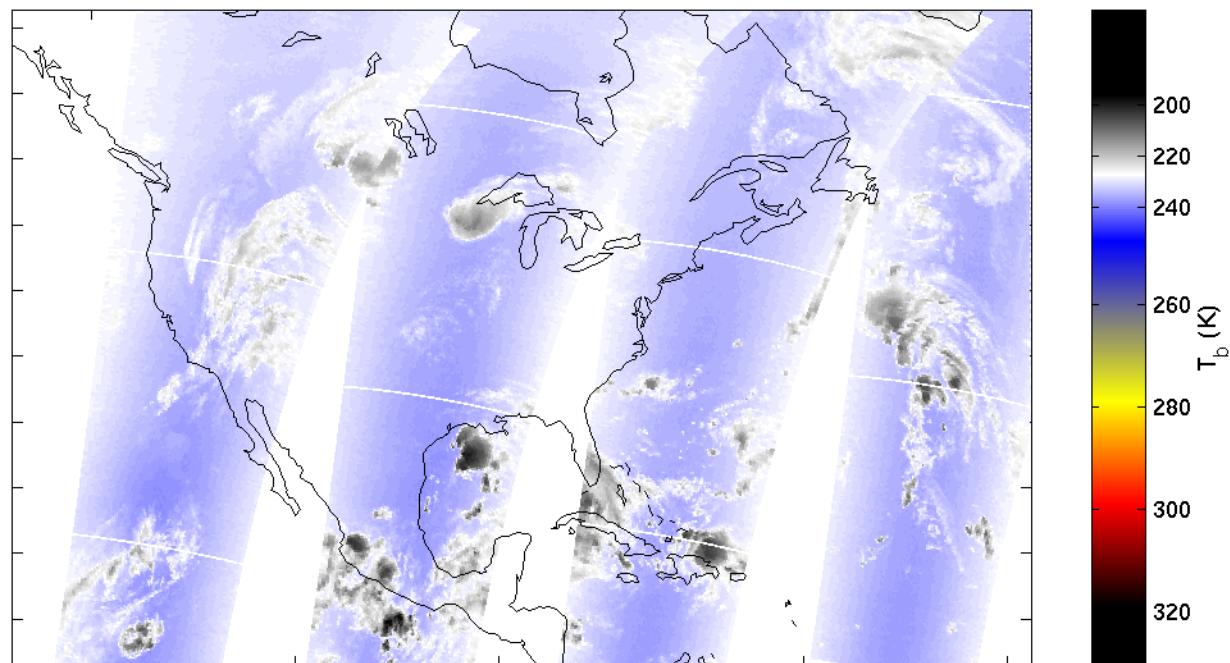
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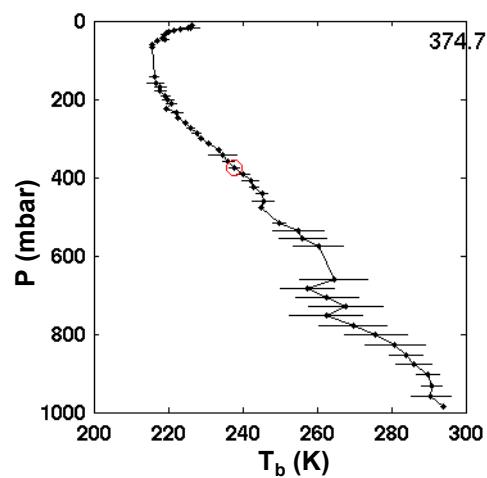
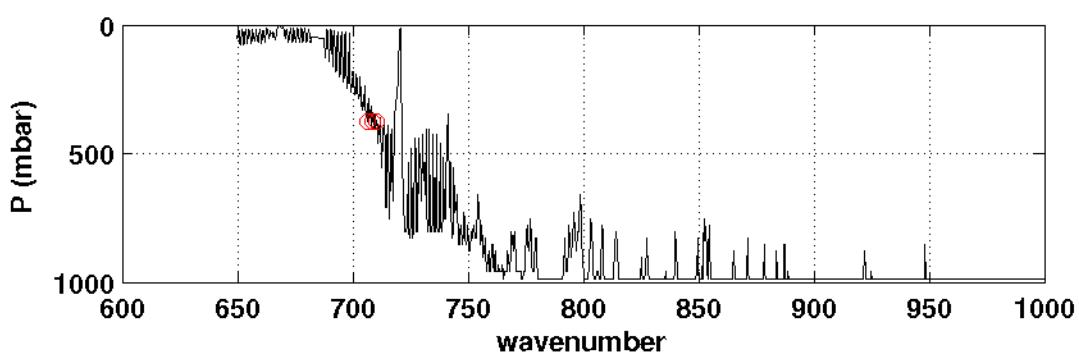
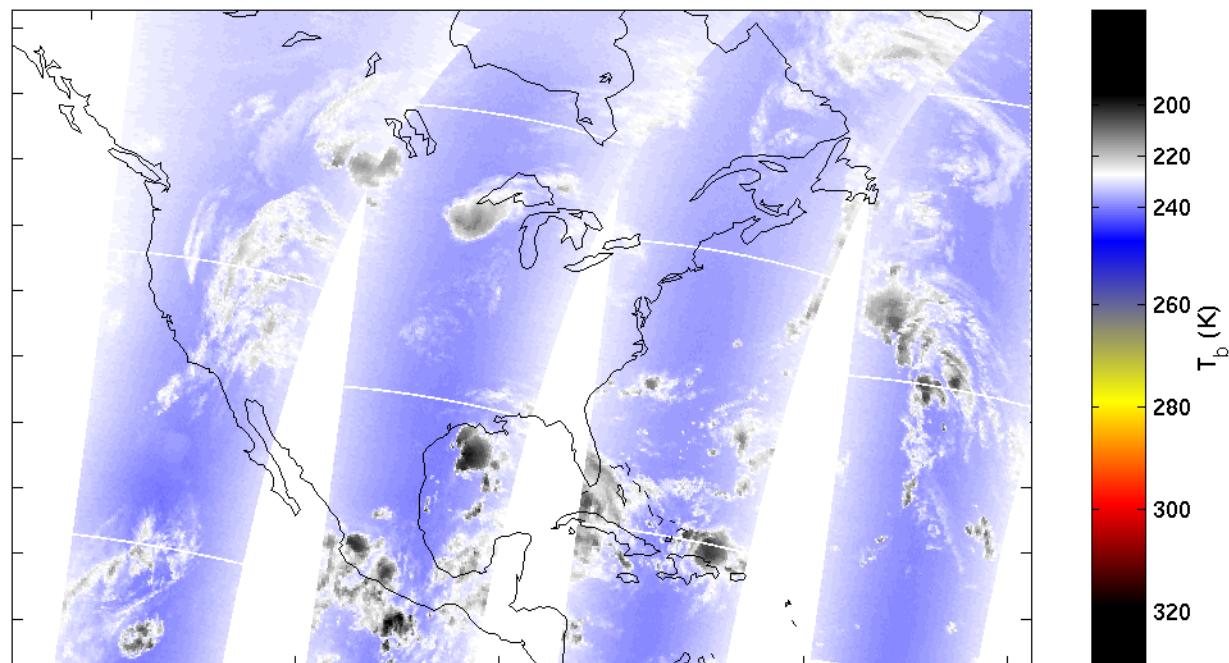
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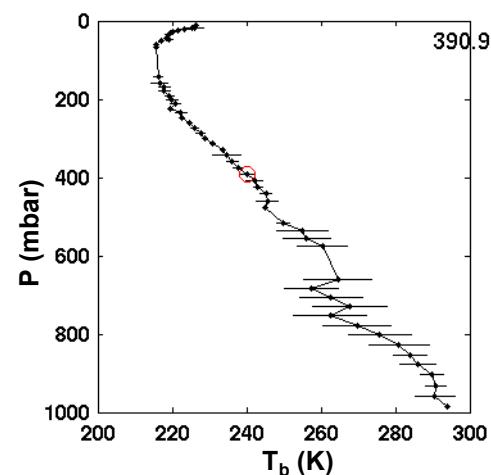
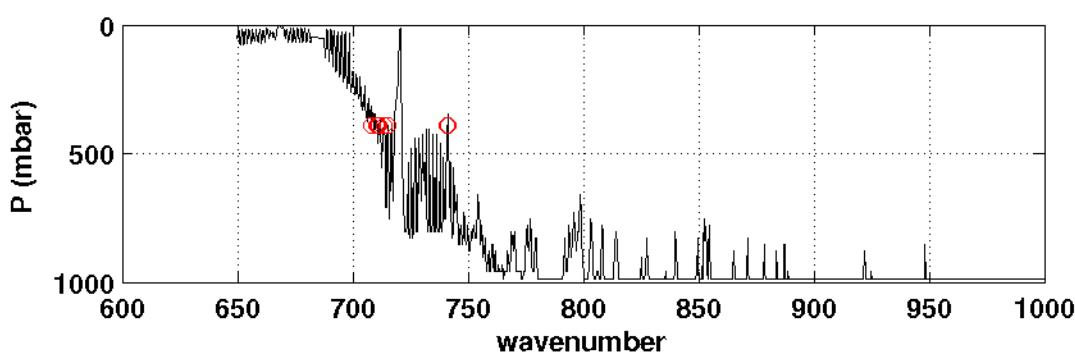
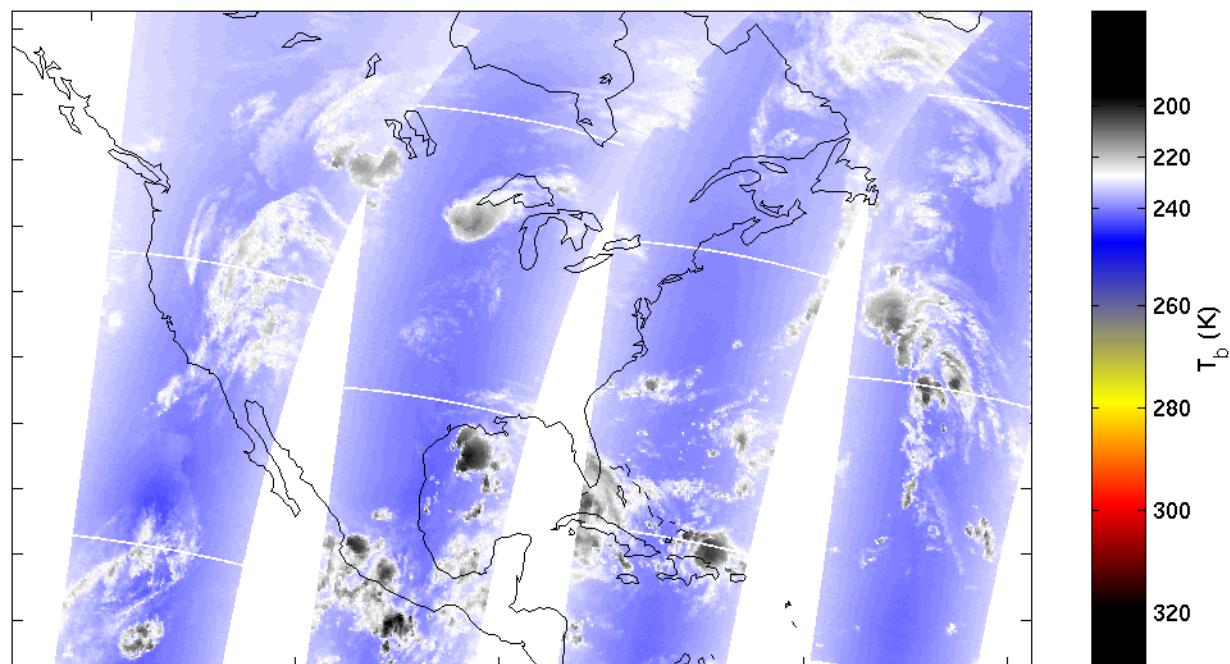
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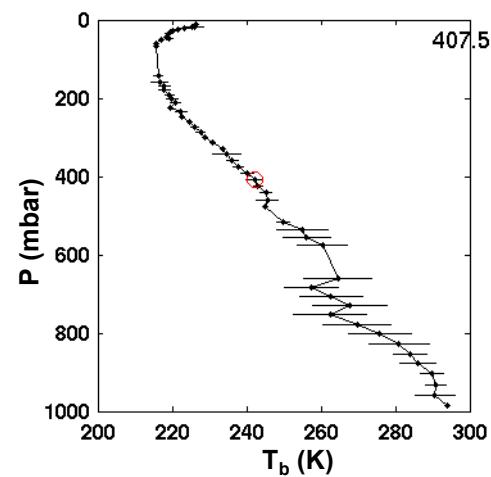
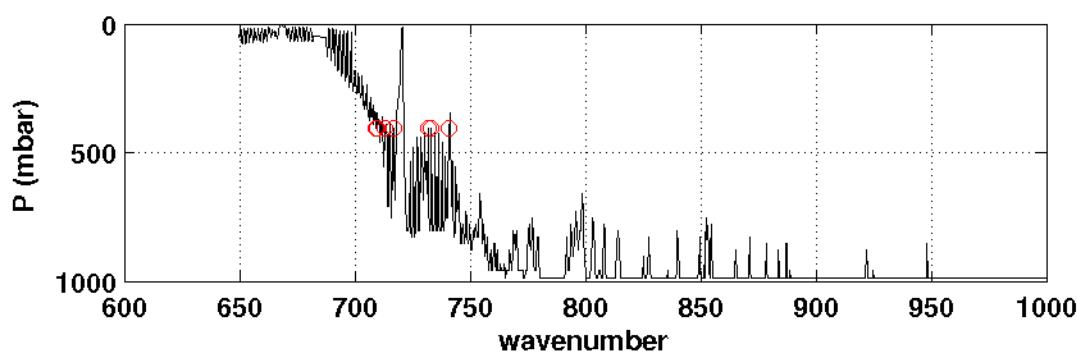
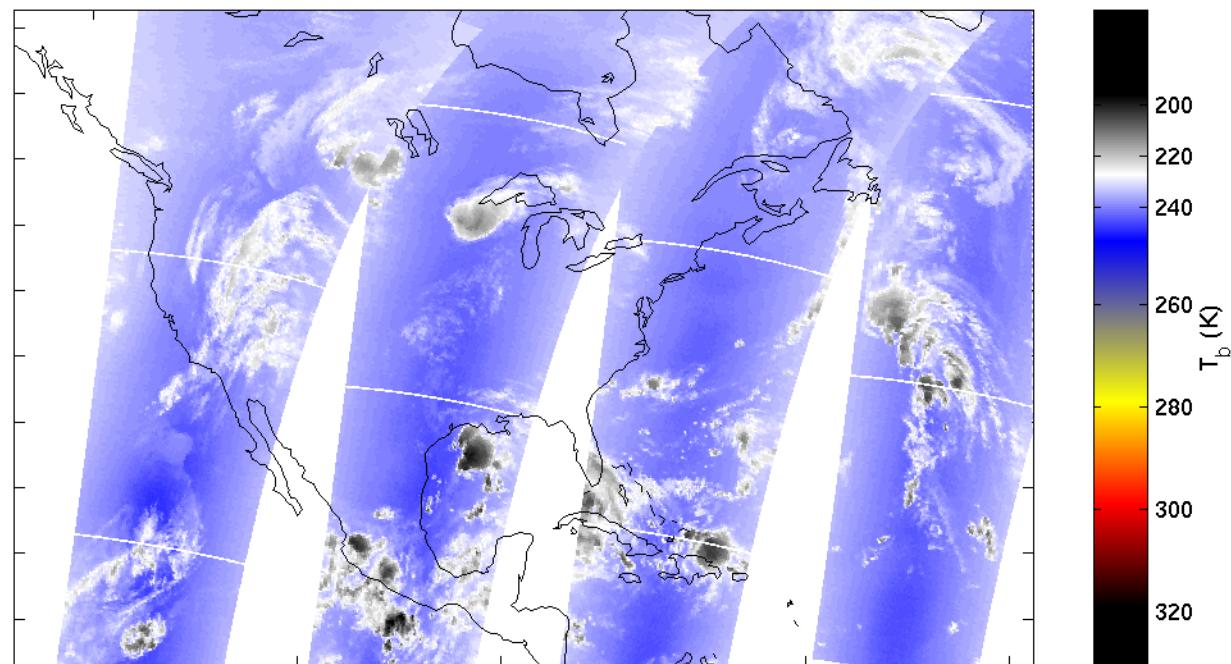
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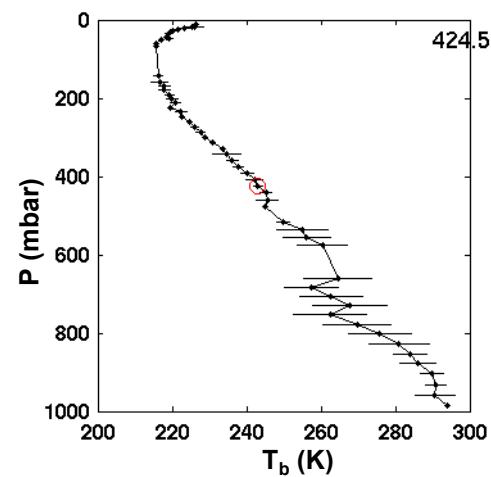
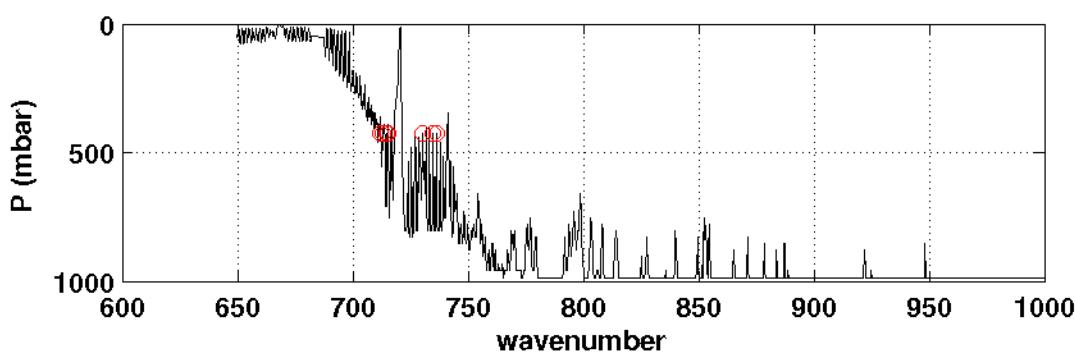
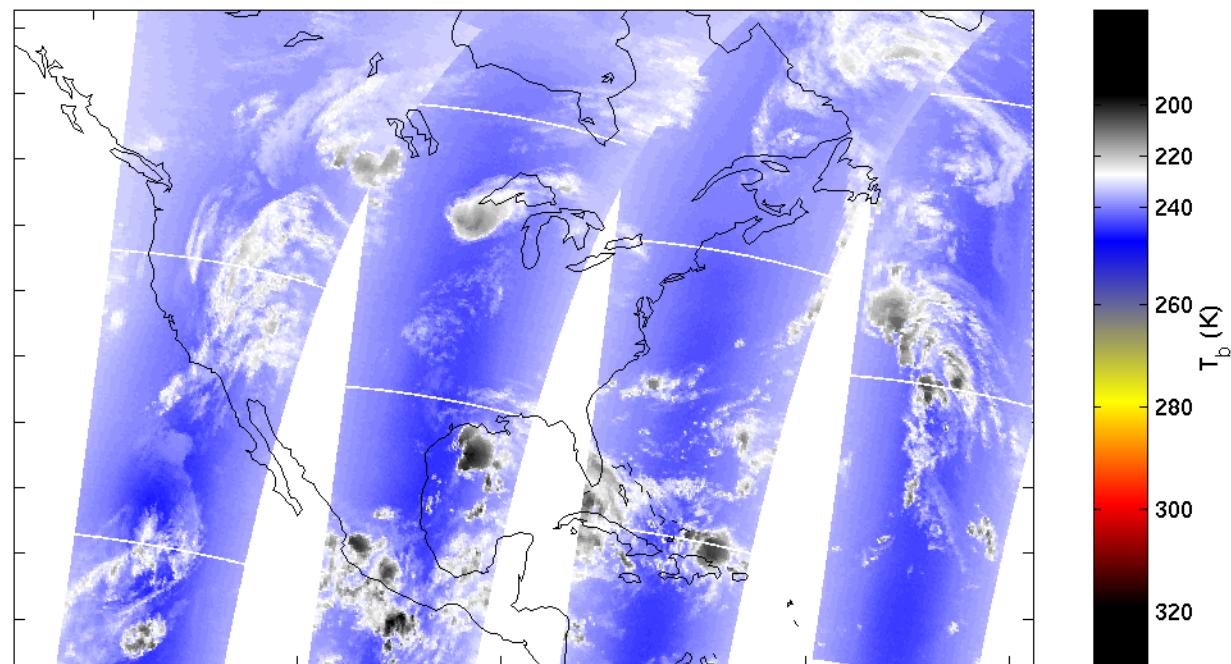
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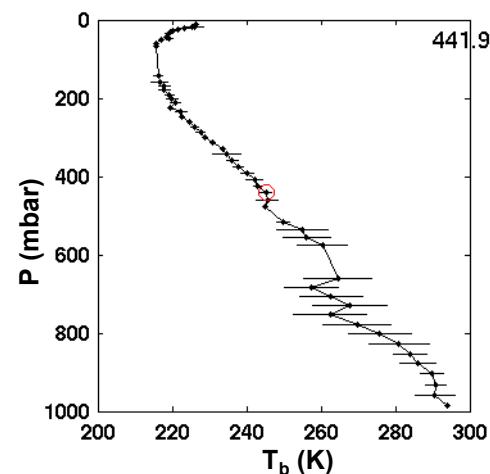
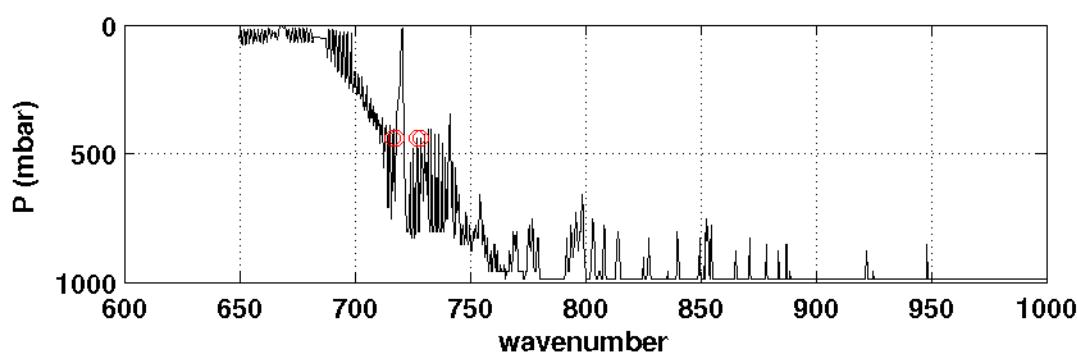
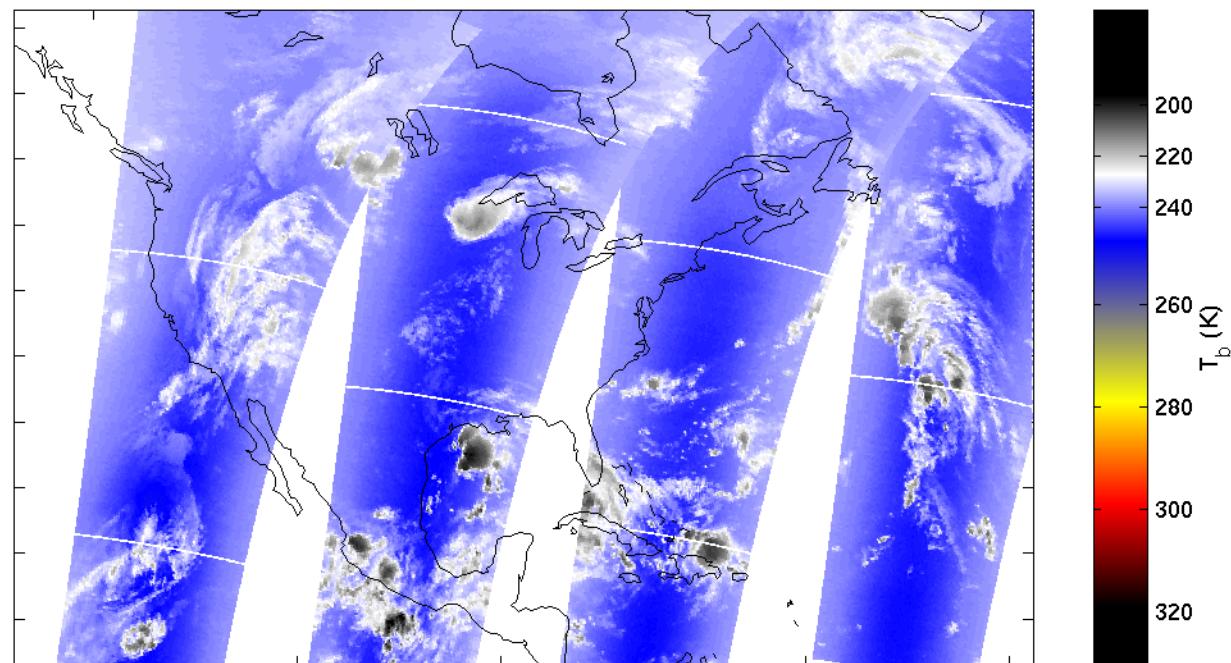
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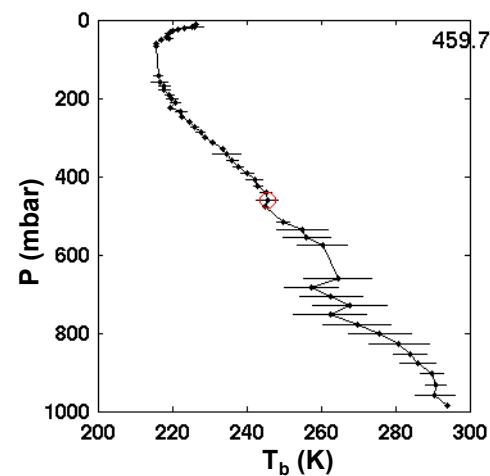
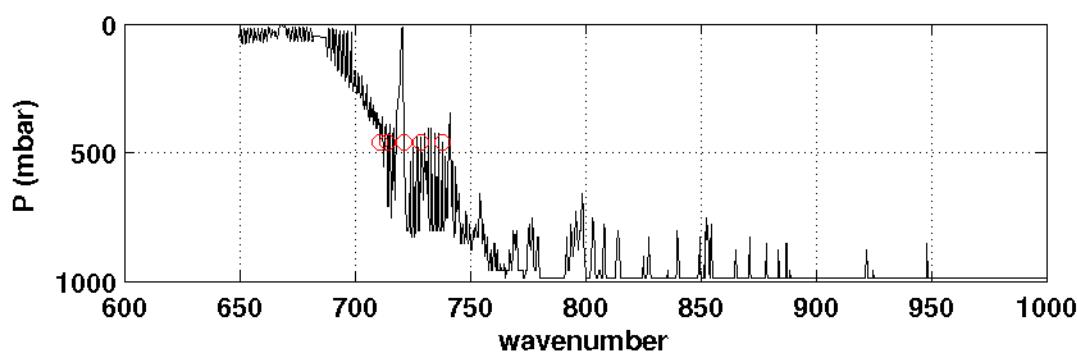
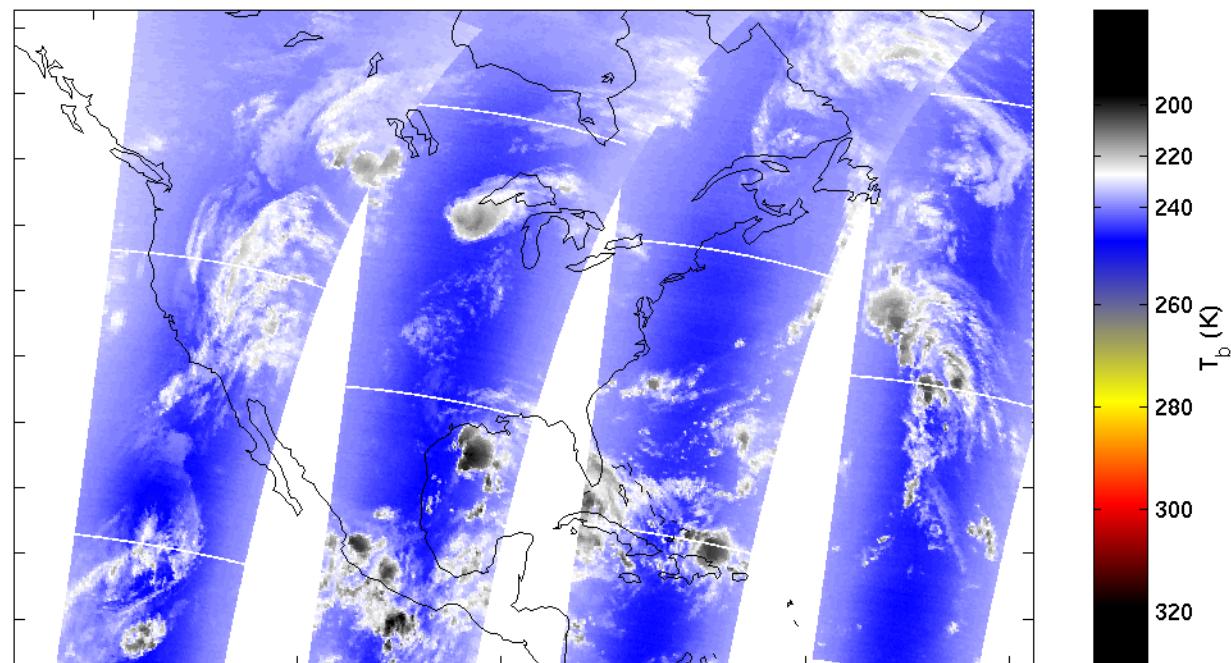
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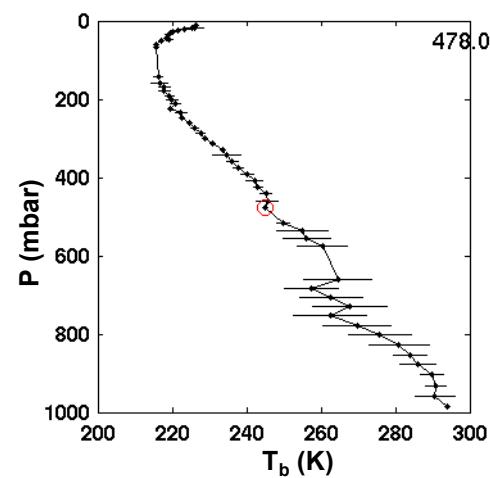
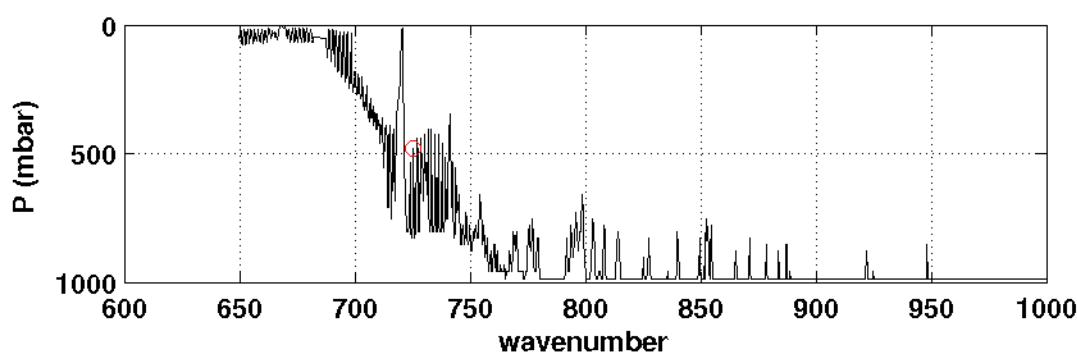
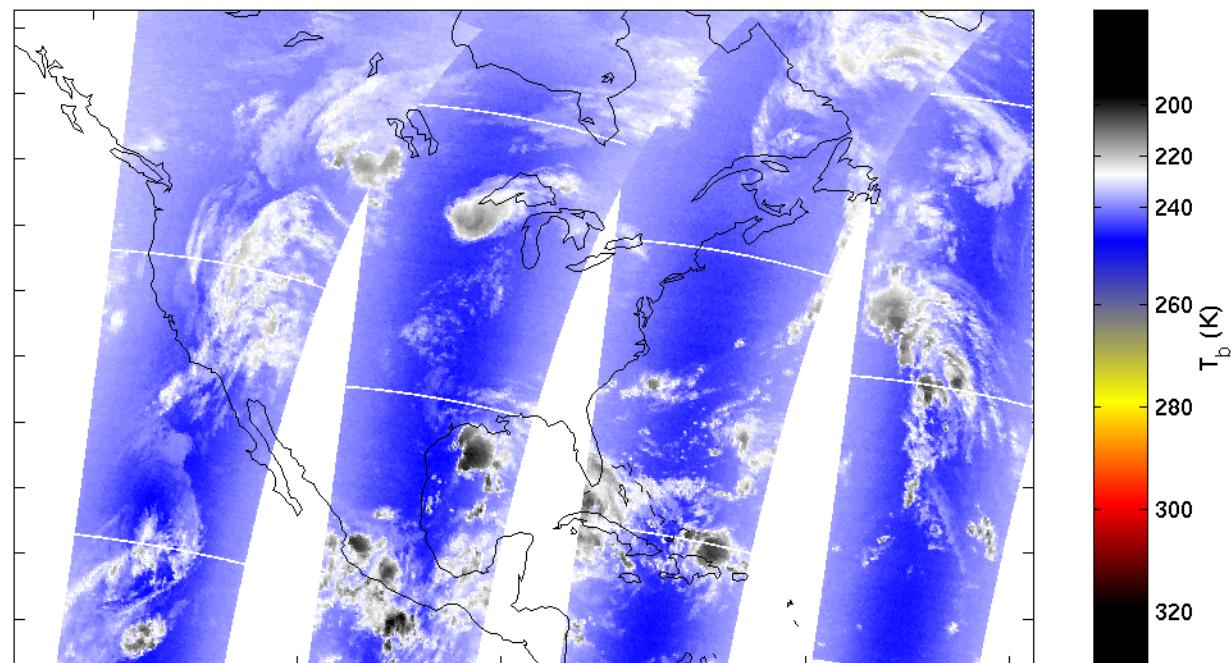
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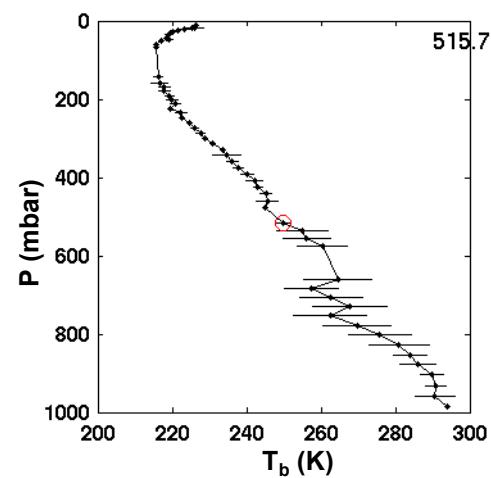
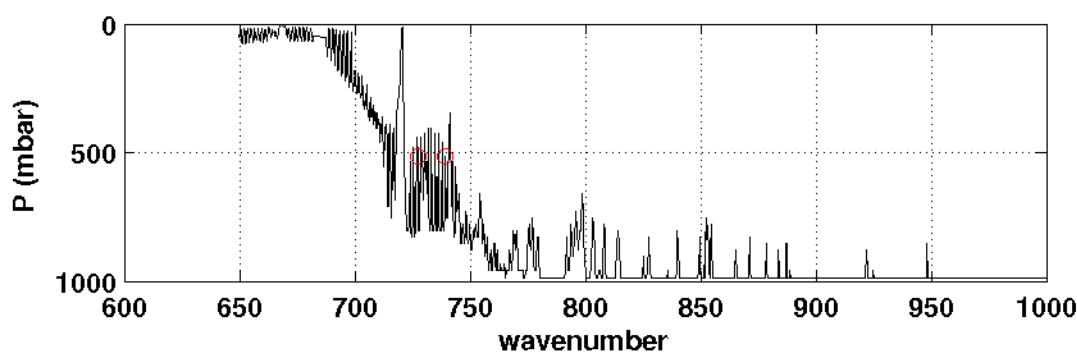
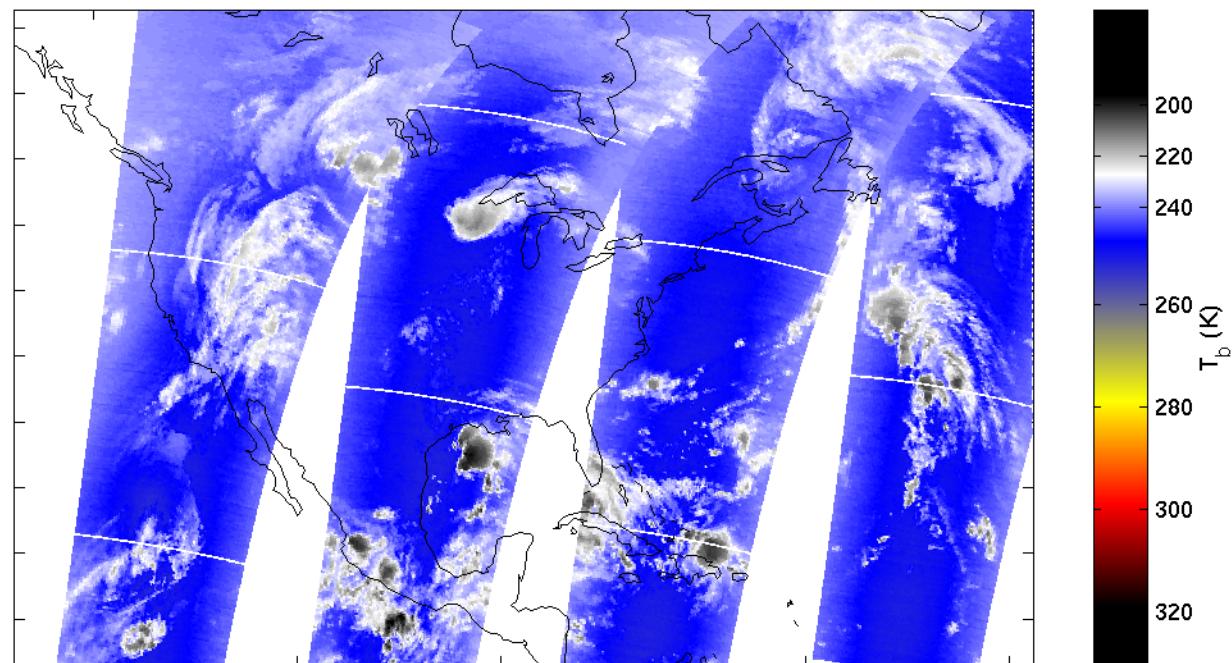
**459.7 mbar**



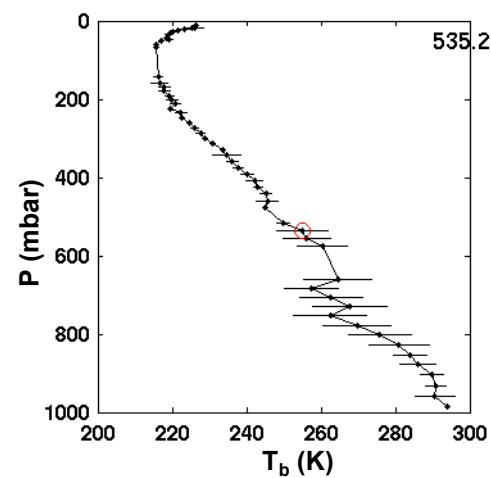
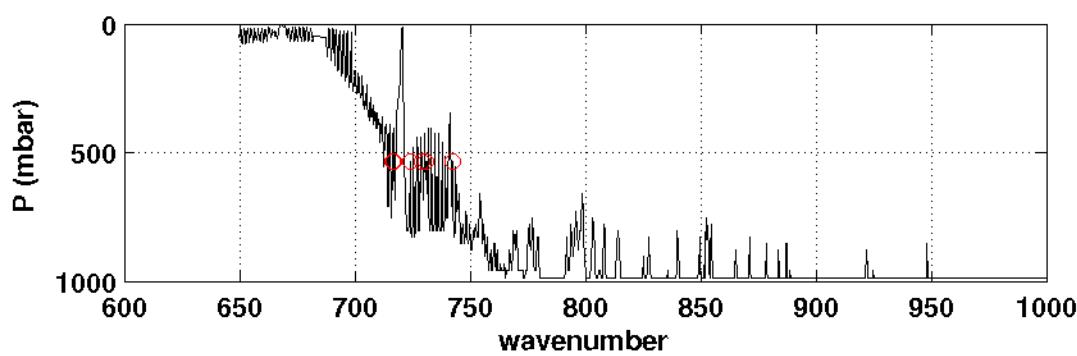
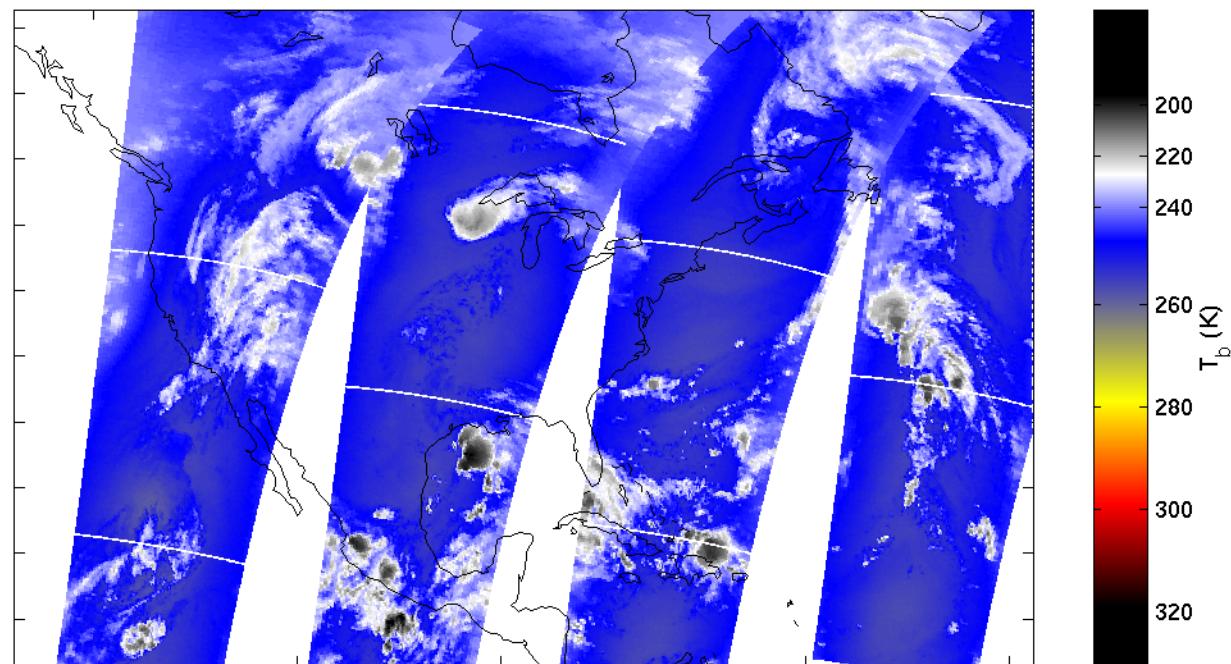
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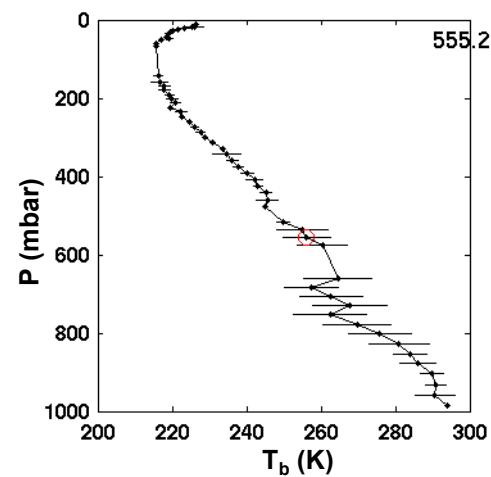
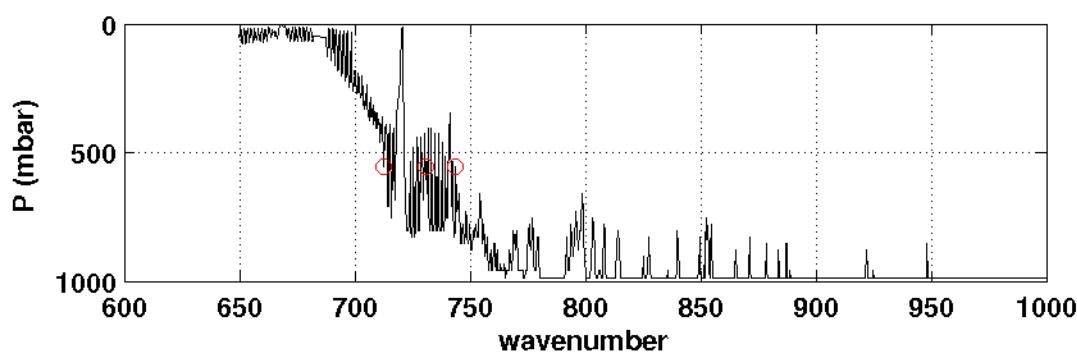
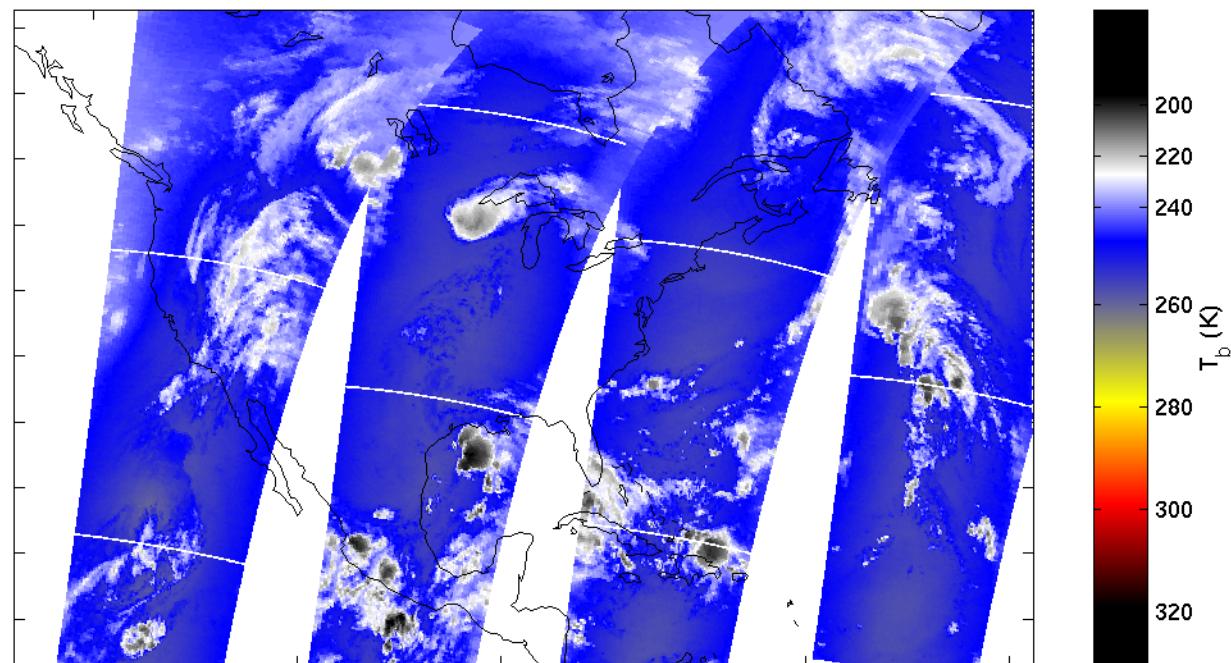
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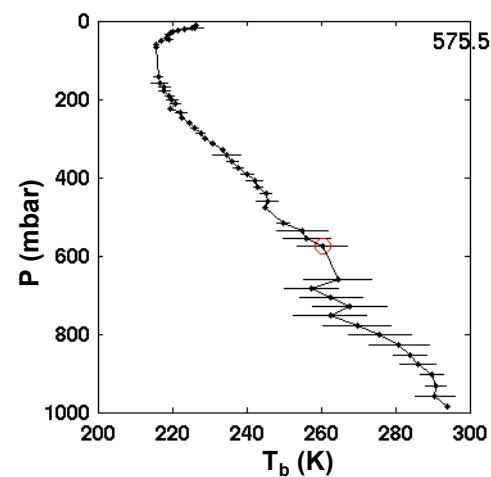
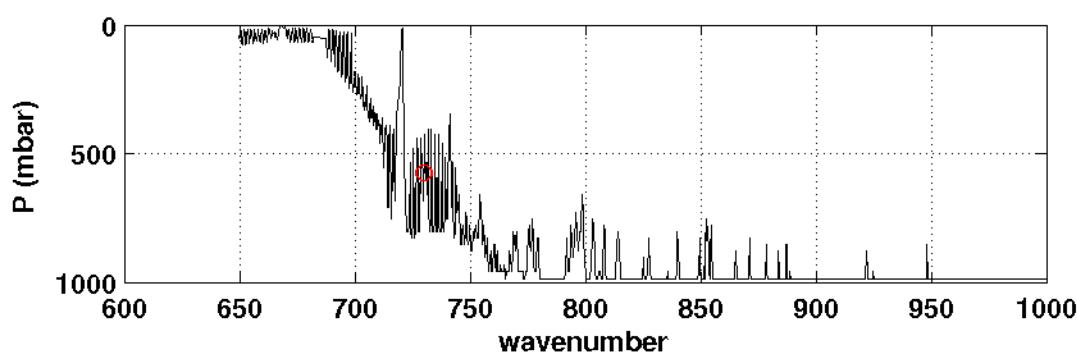
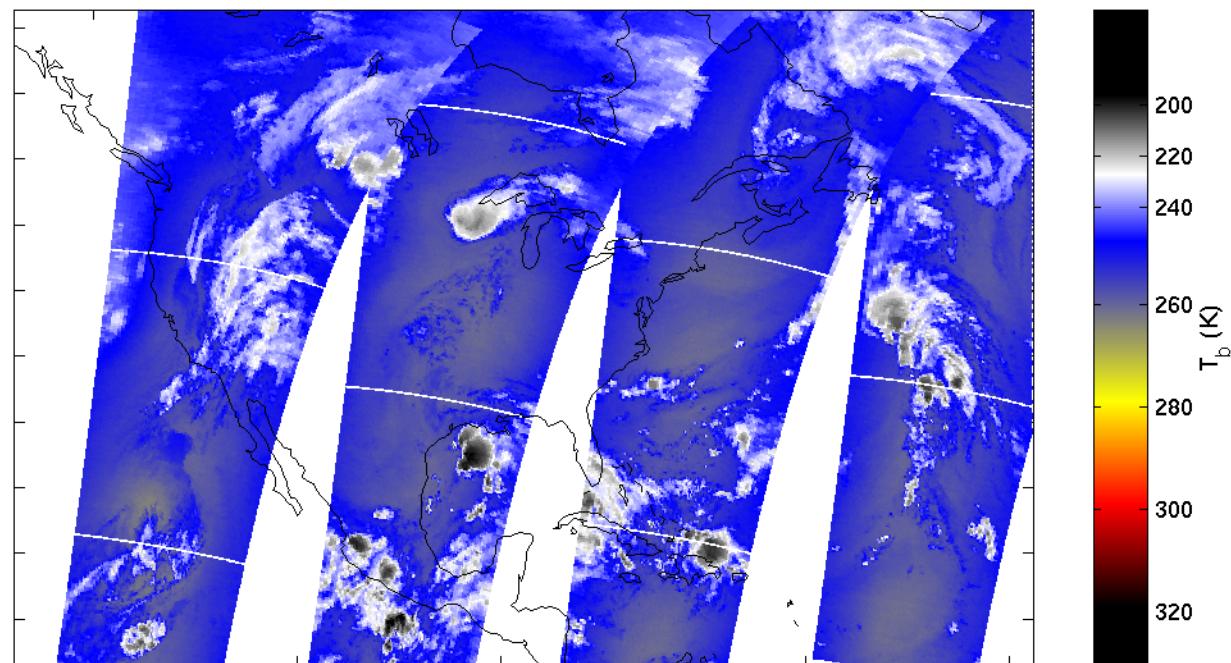
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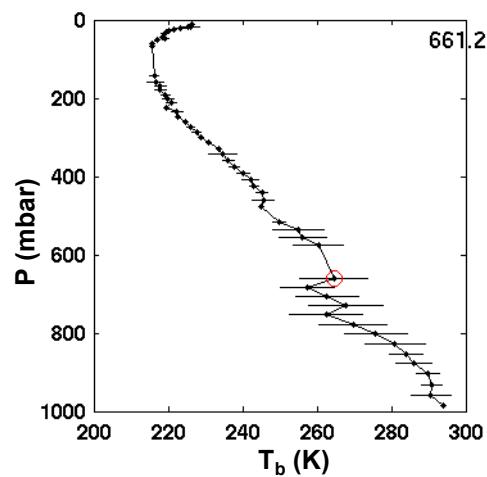
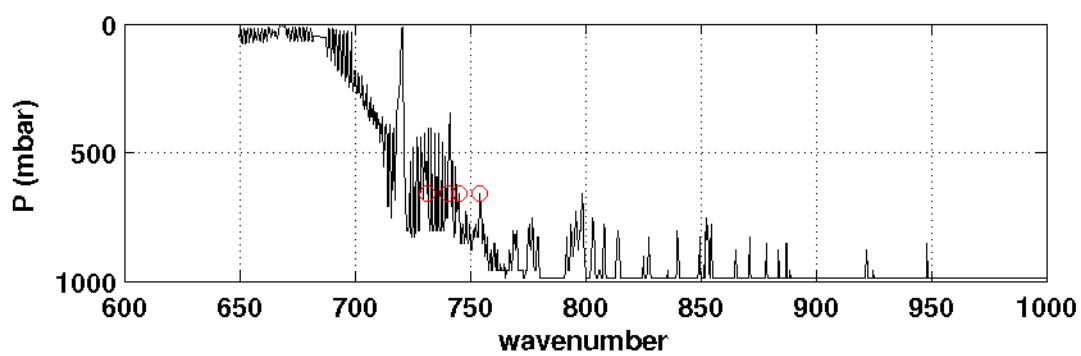
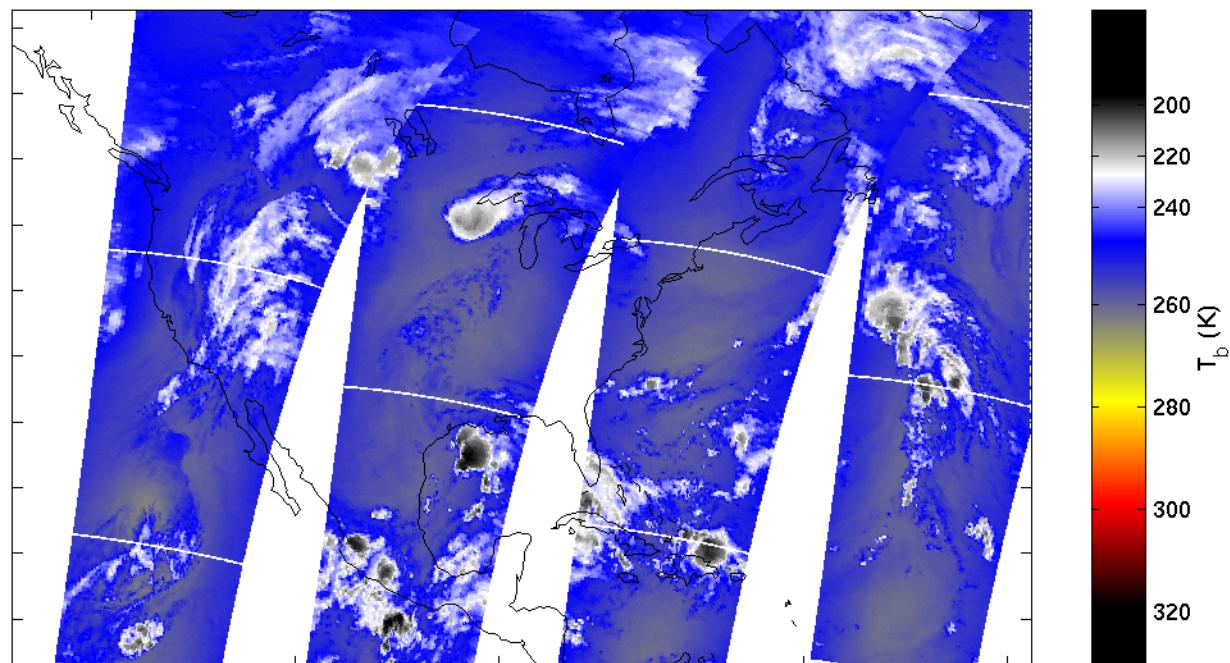
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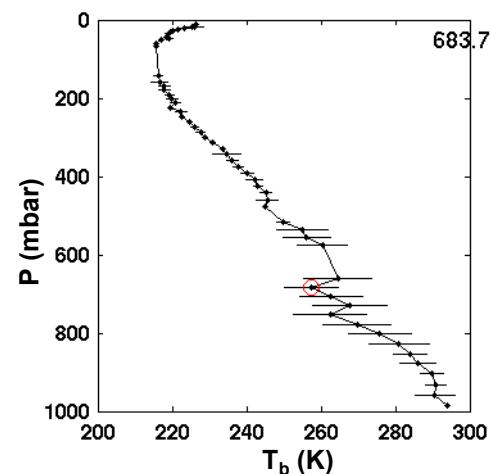
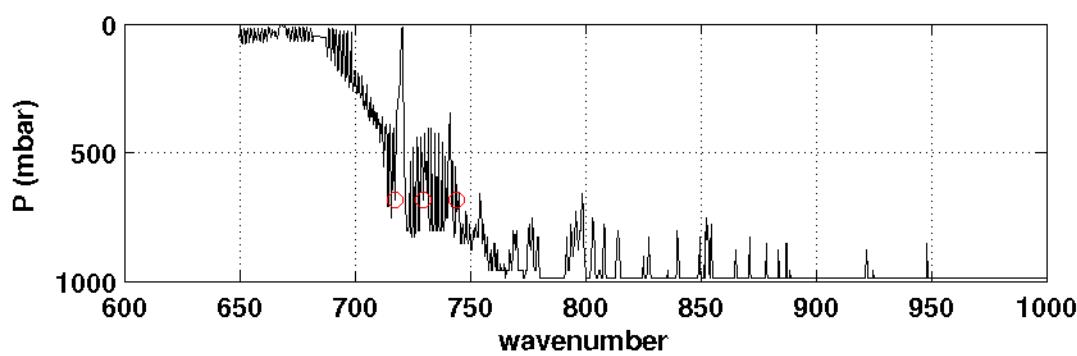
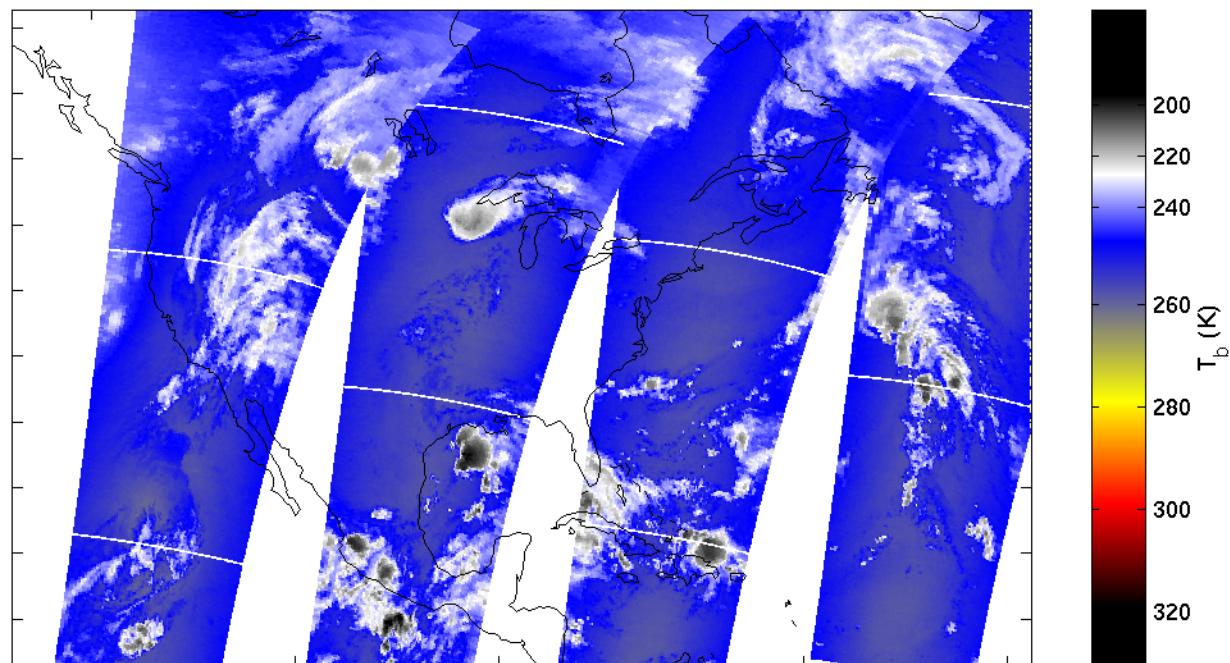
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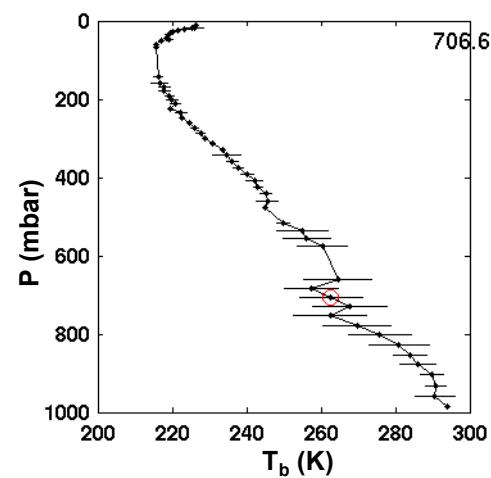
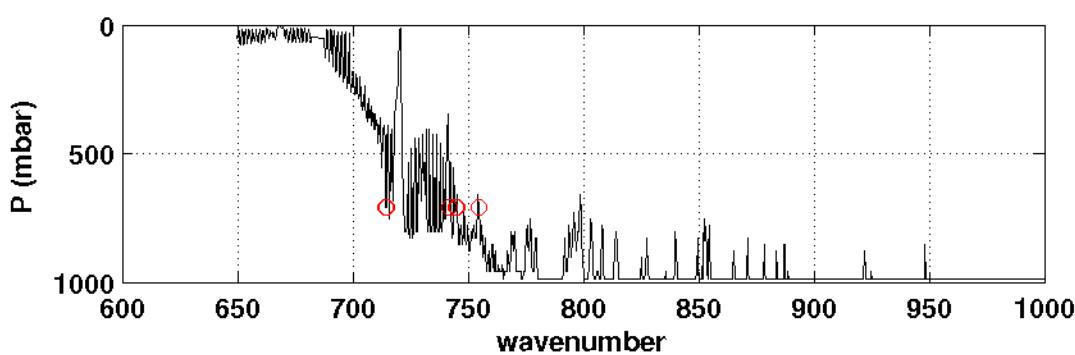
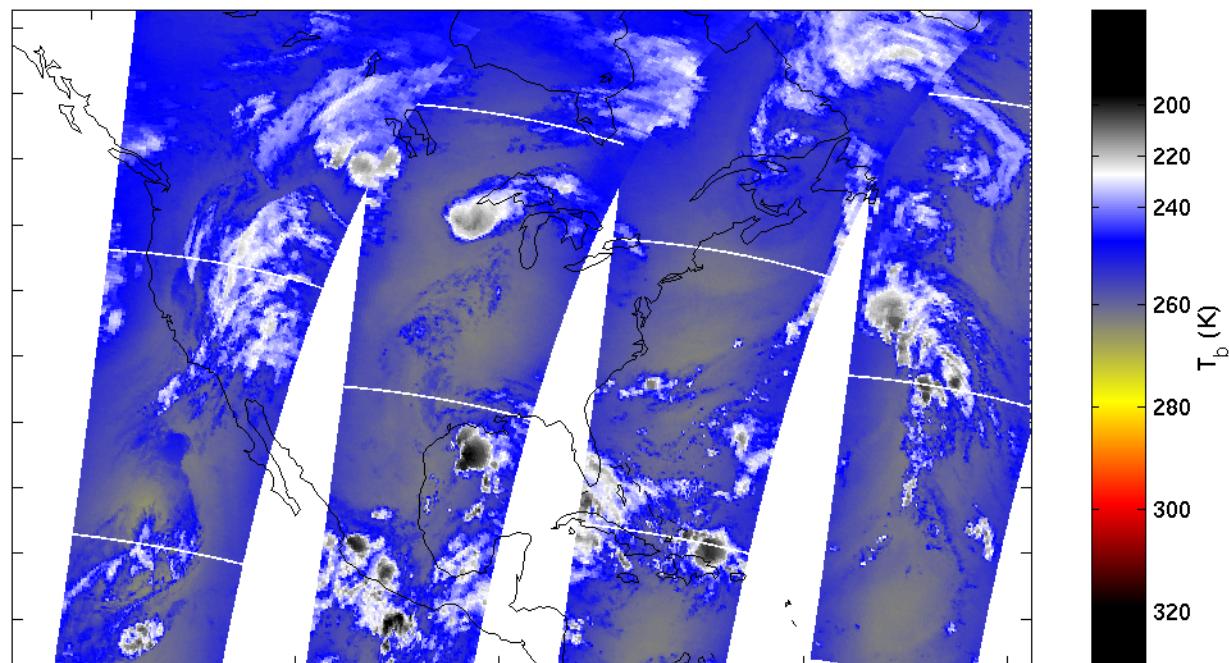
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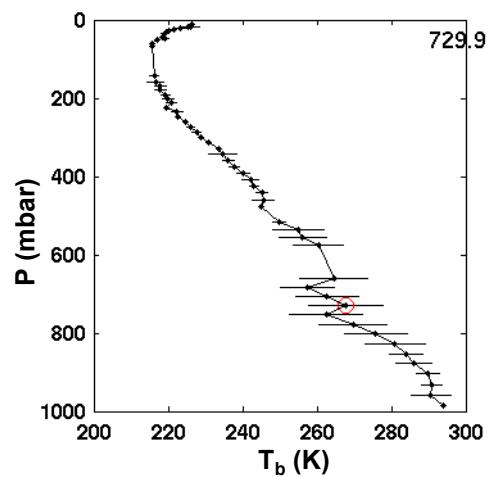
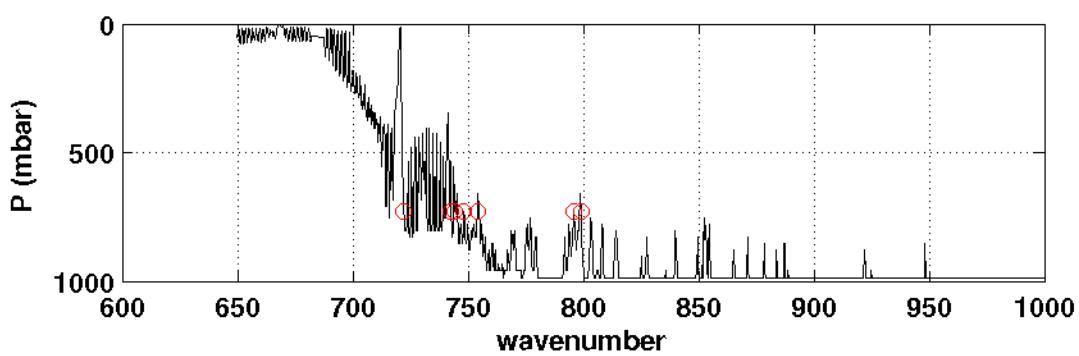
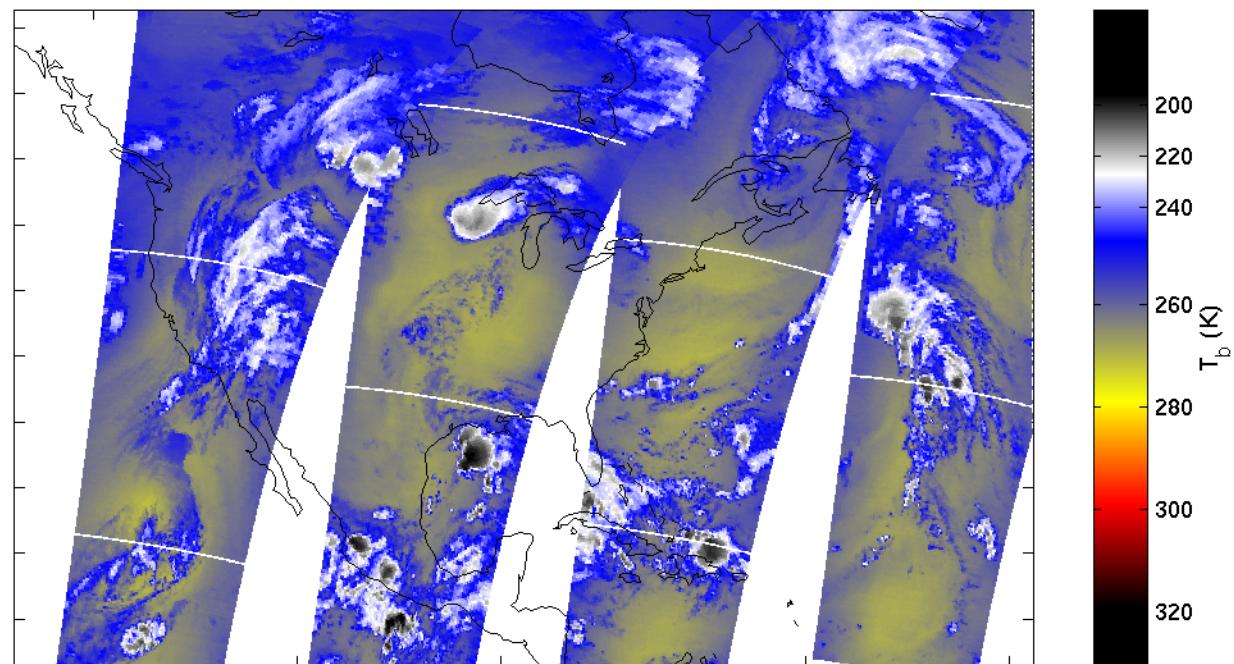
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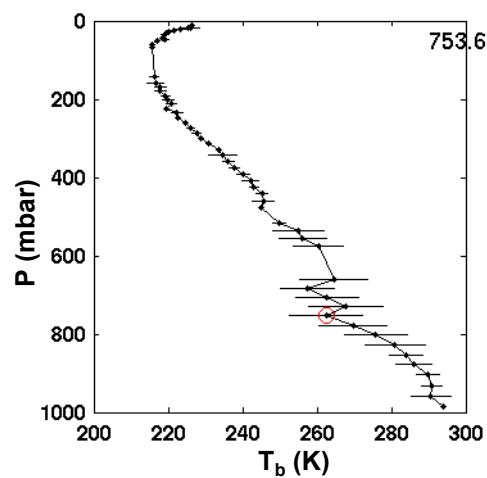
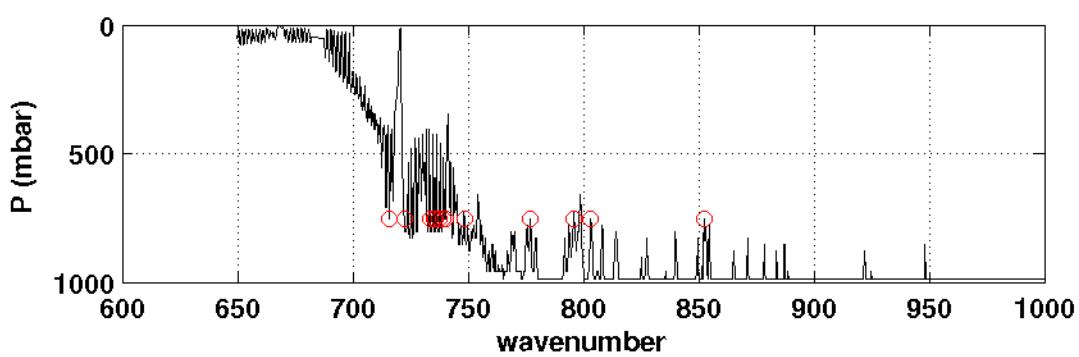
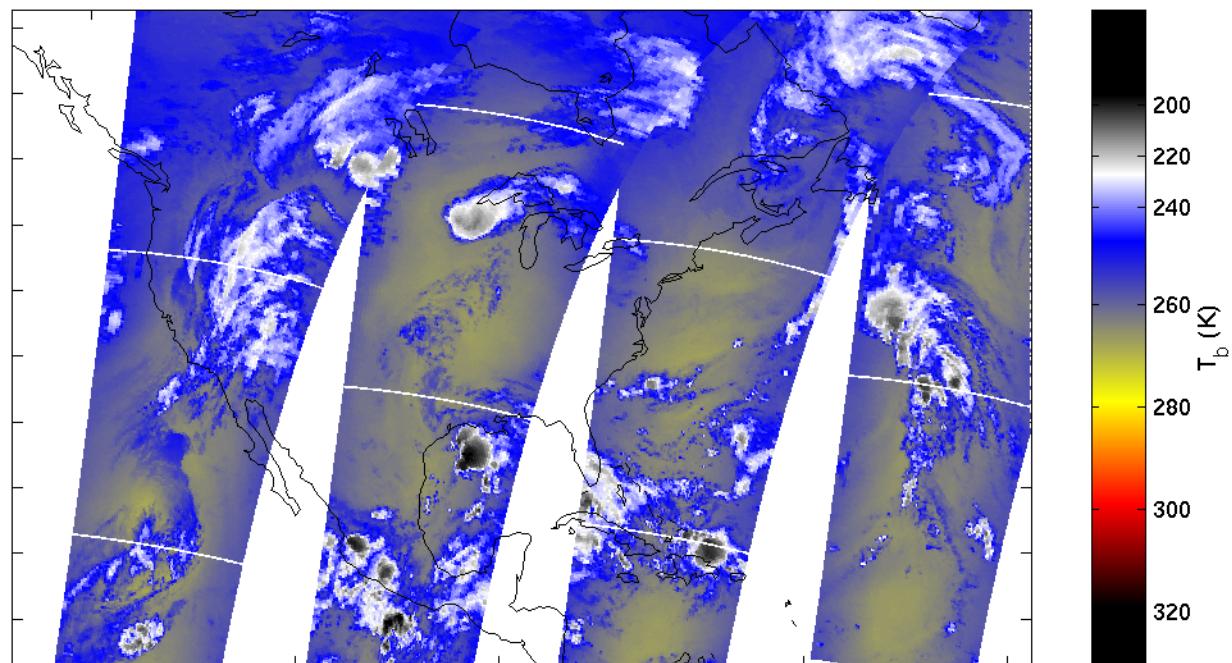
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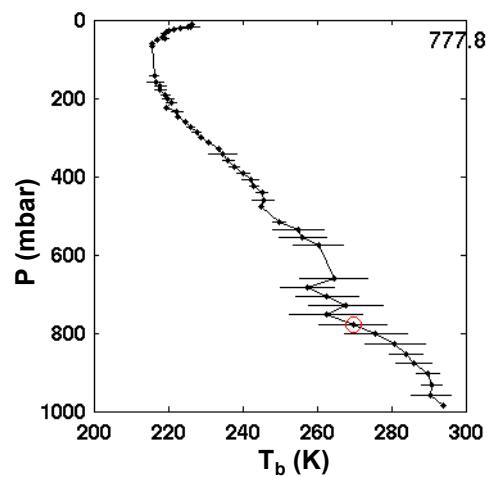
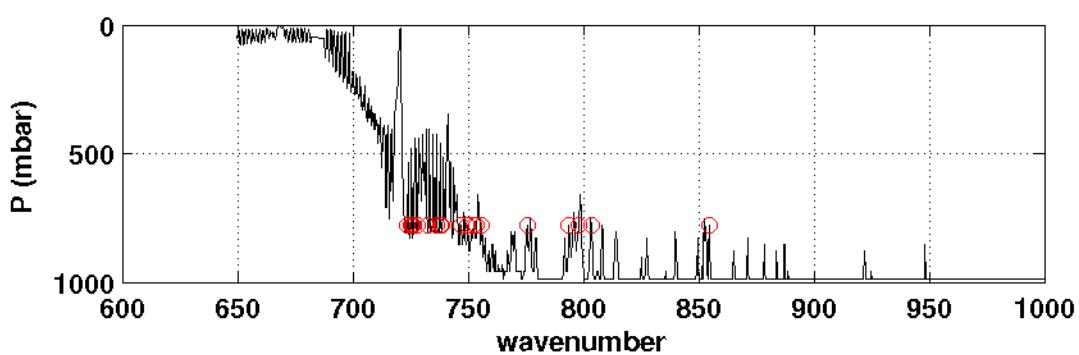
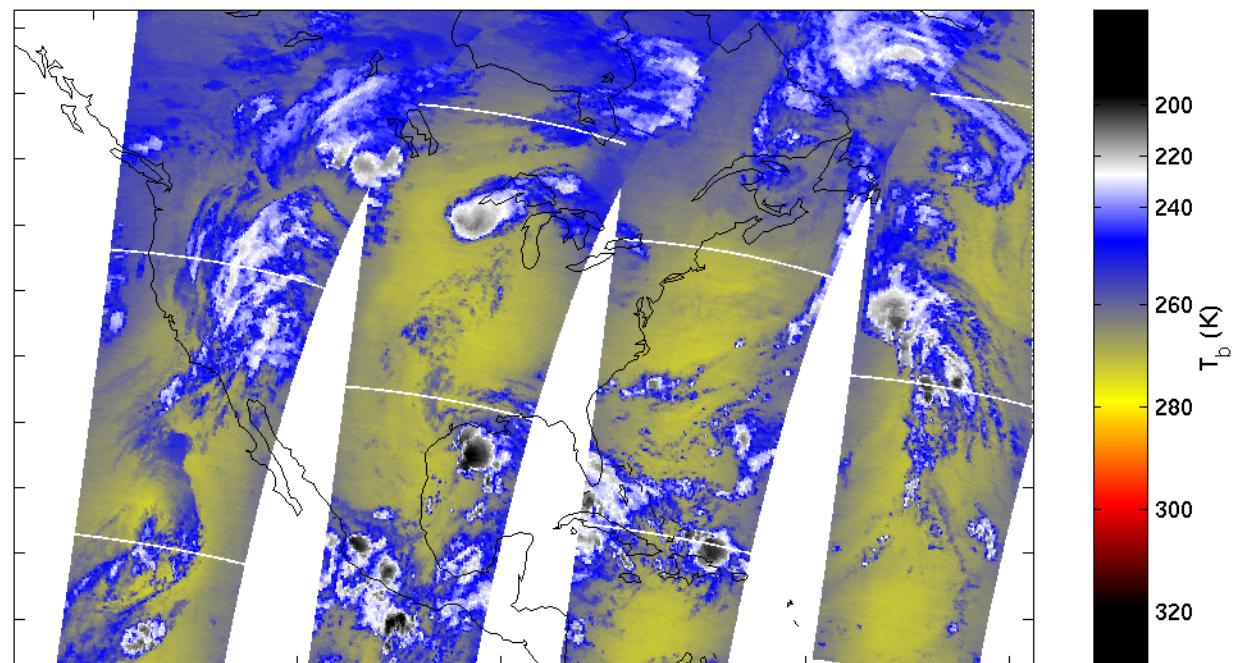
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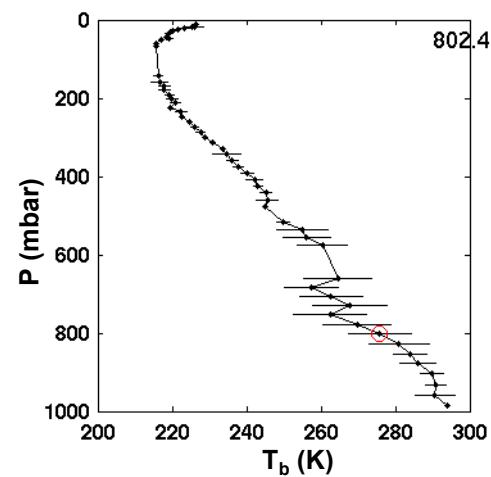
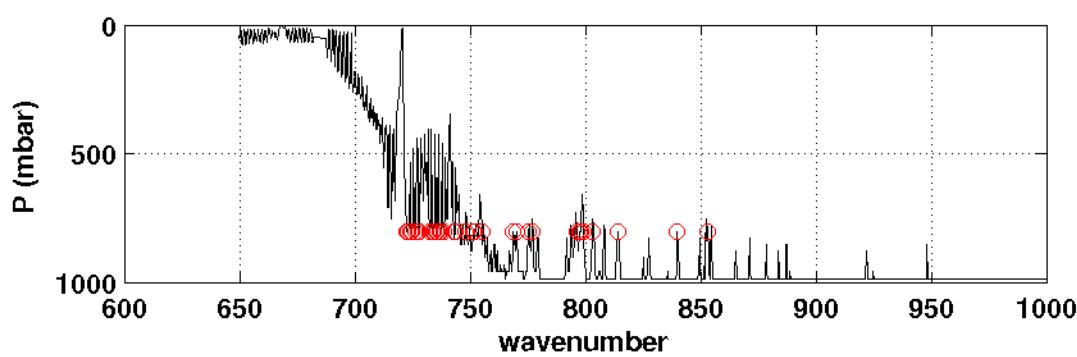
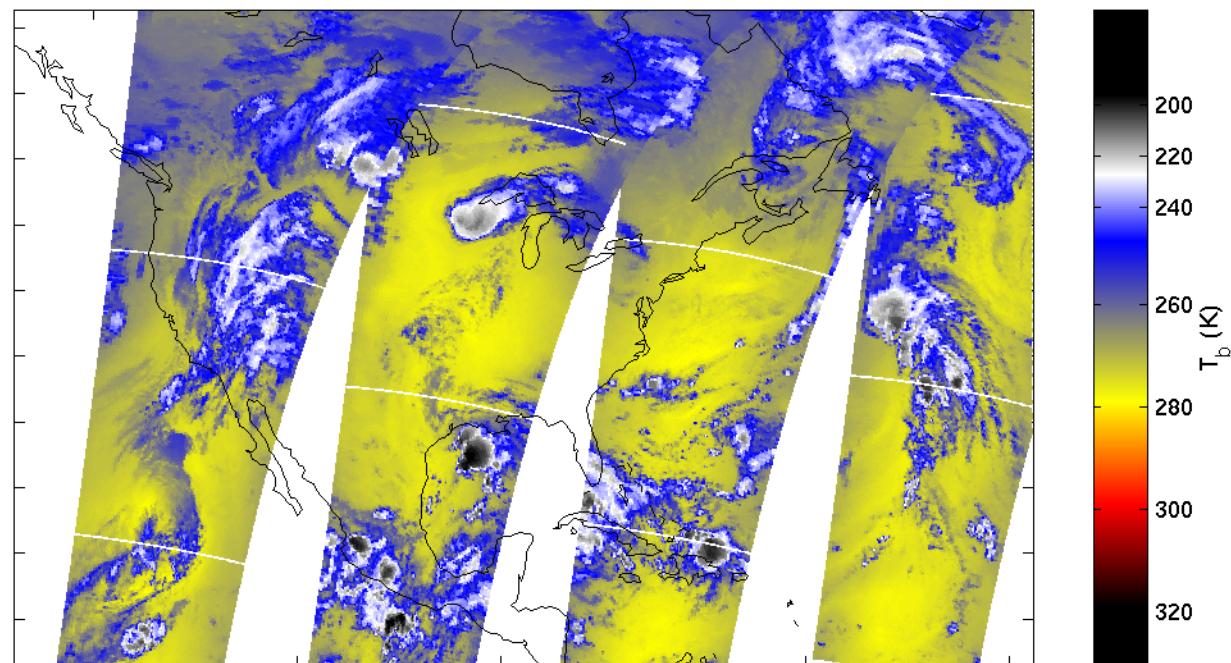
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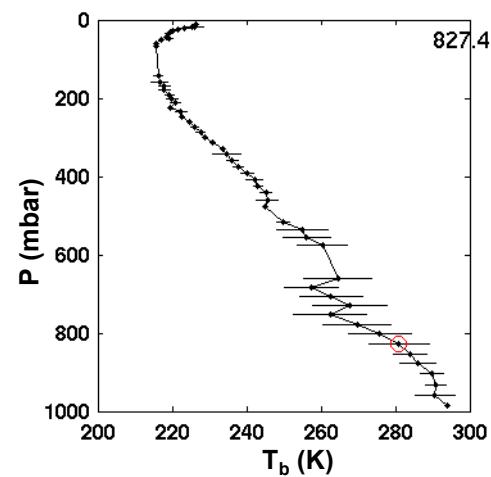
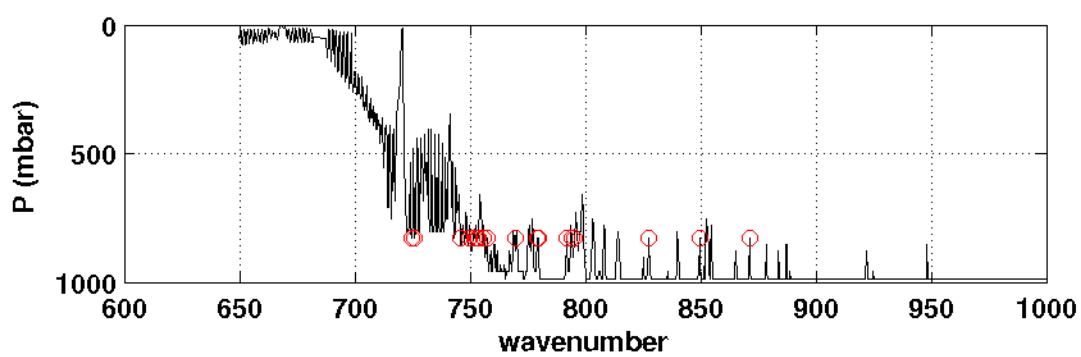
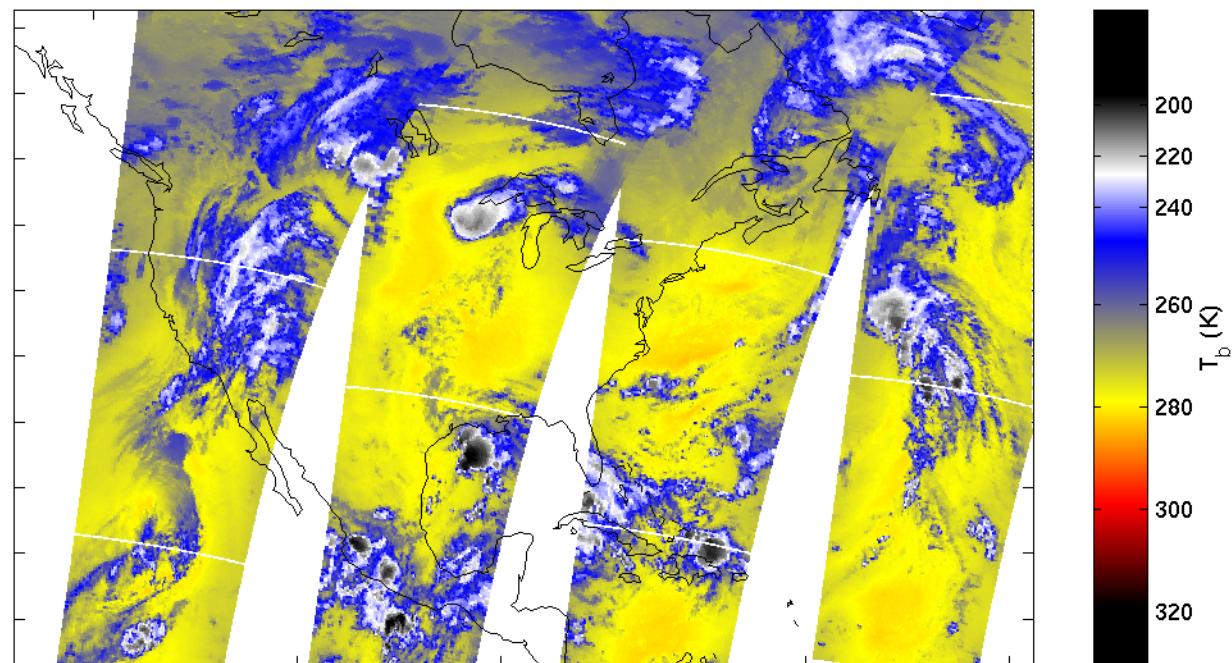
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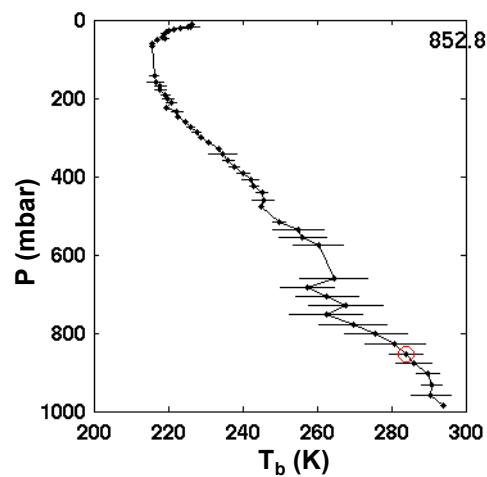
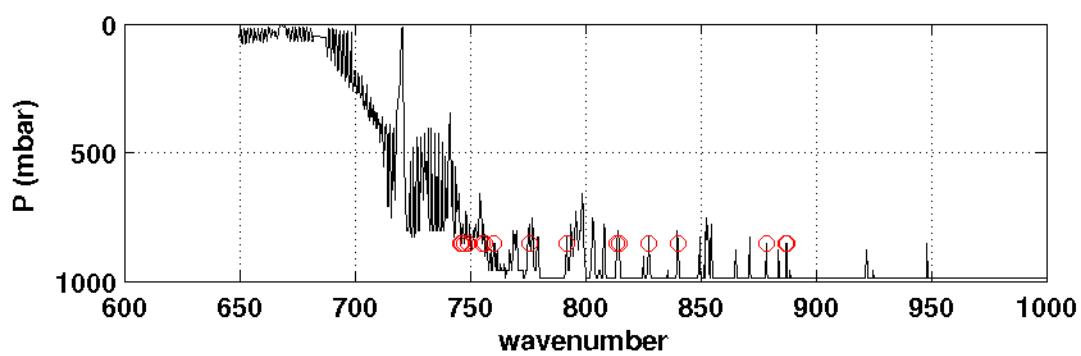
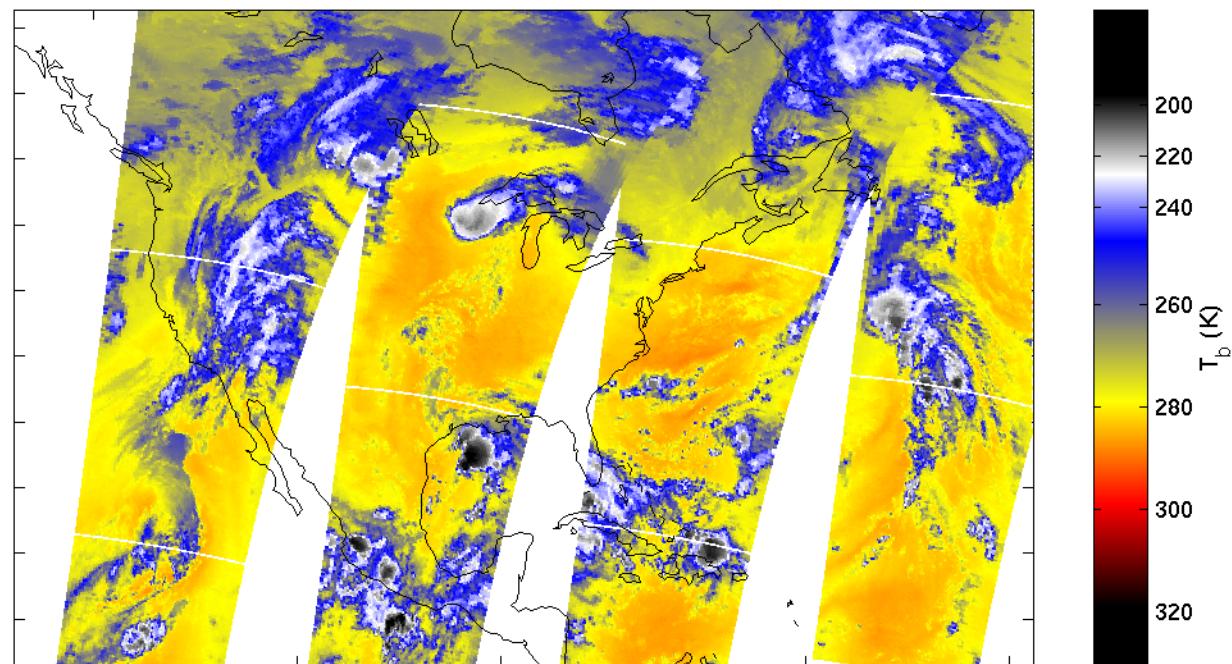
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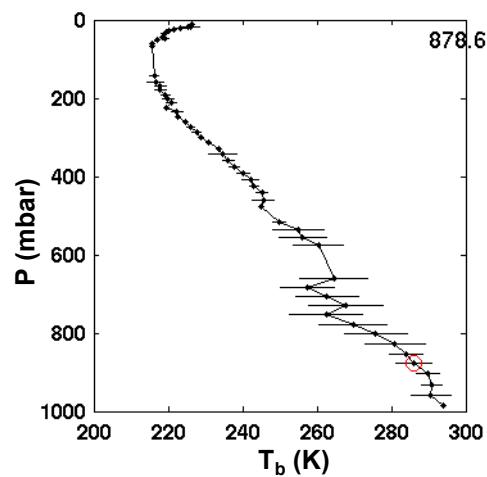
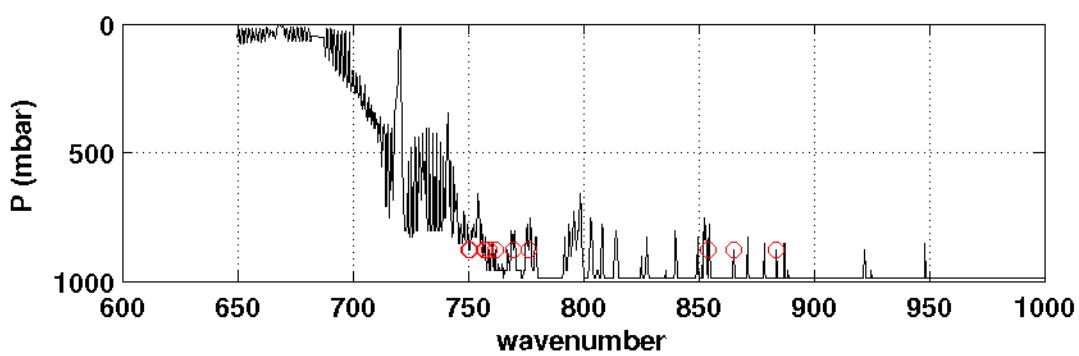
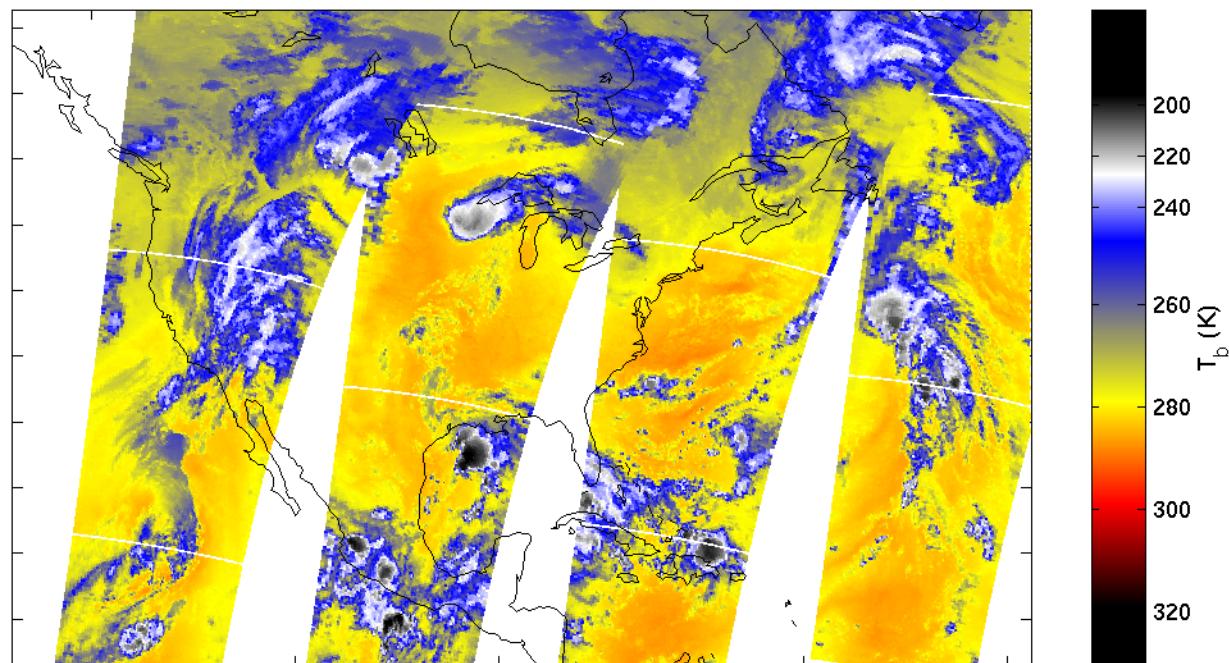
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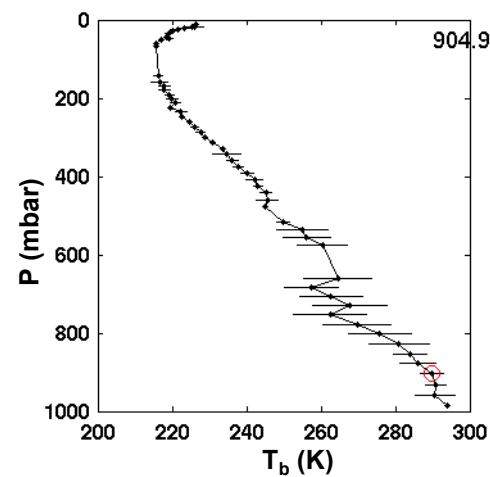
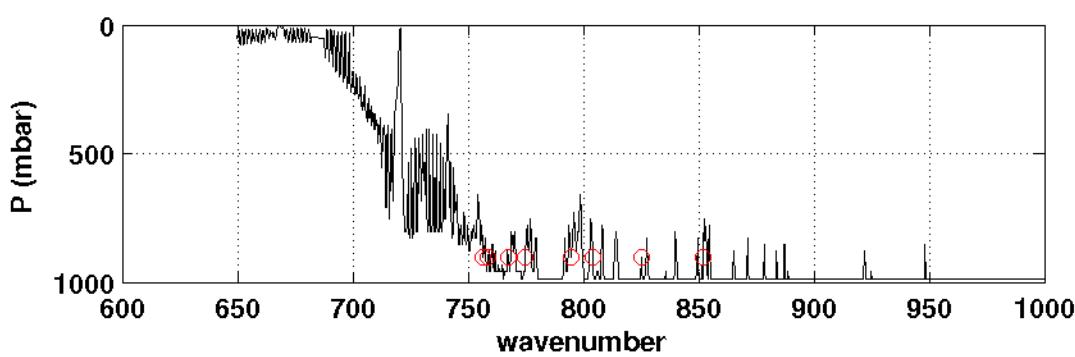
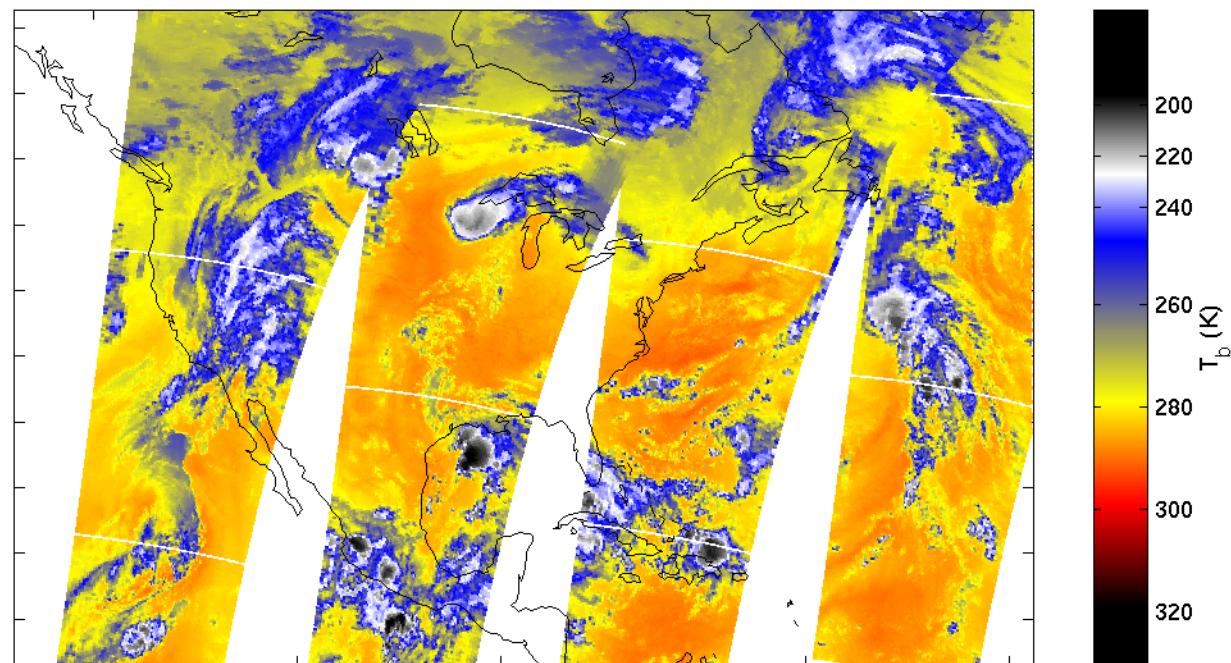
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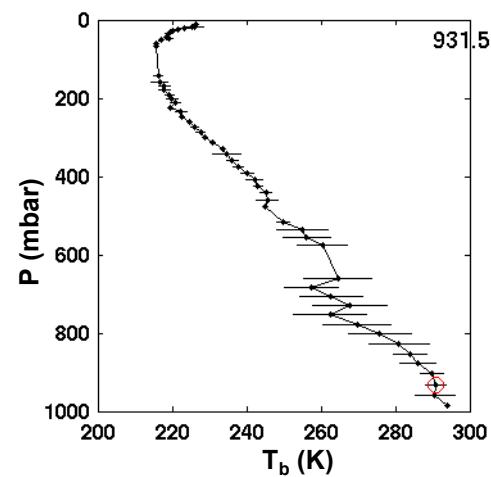
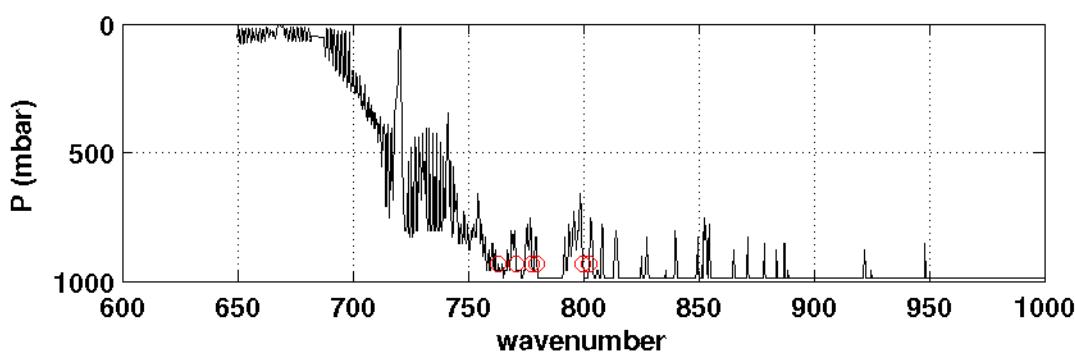
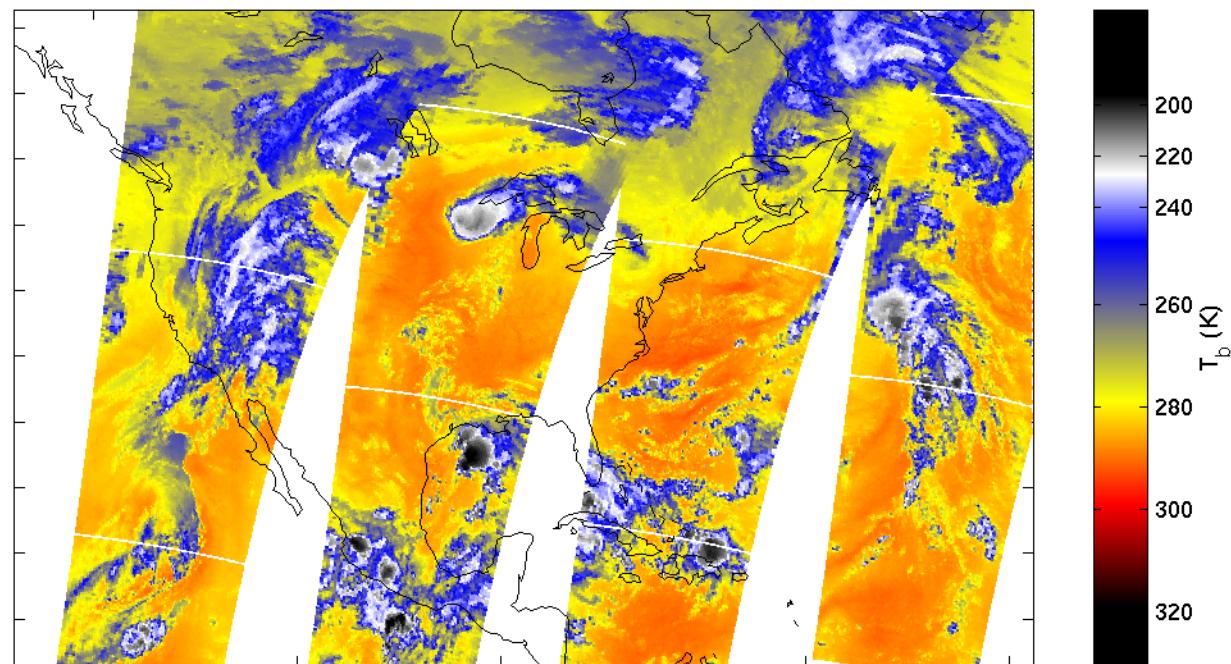
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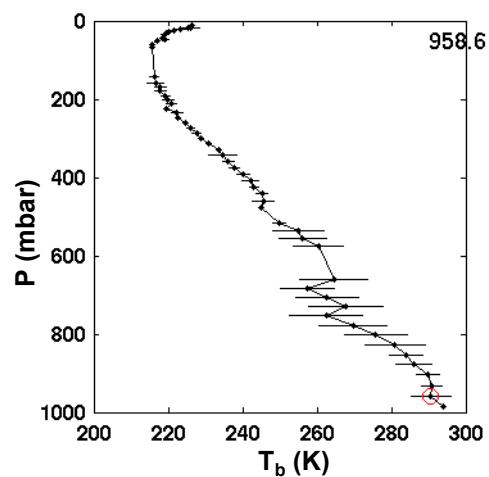
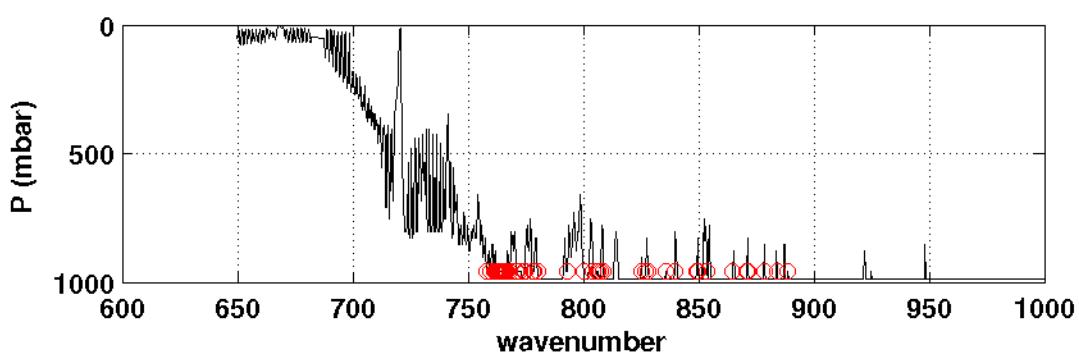
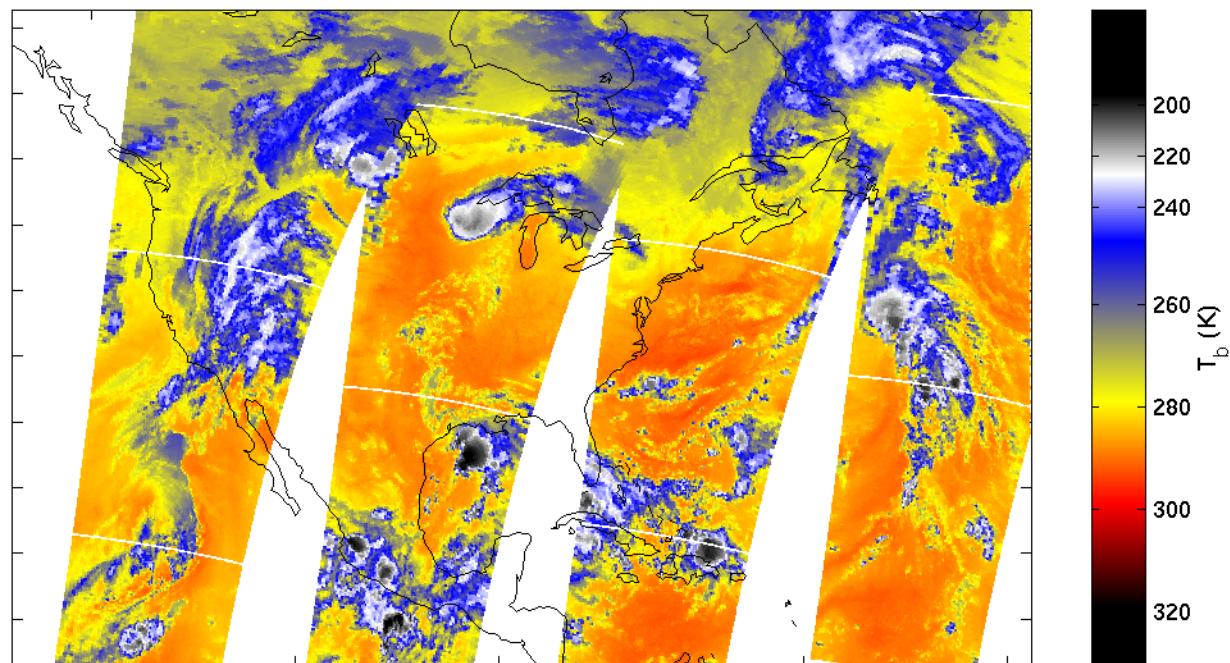
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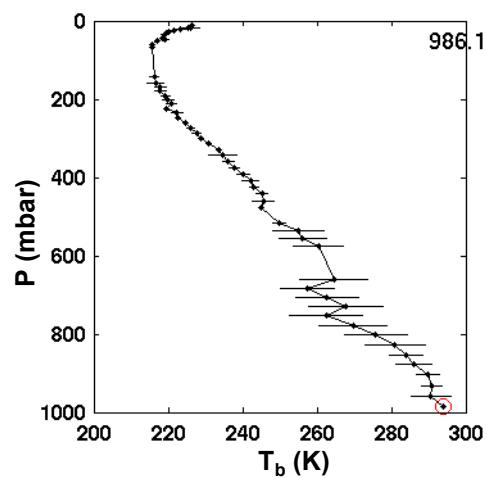
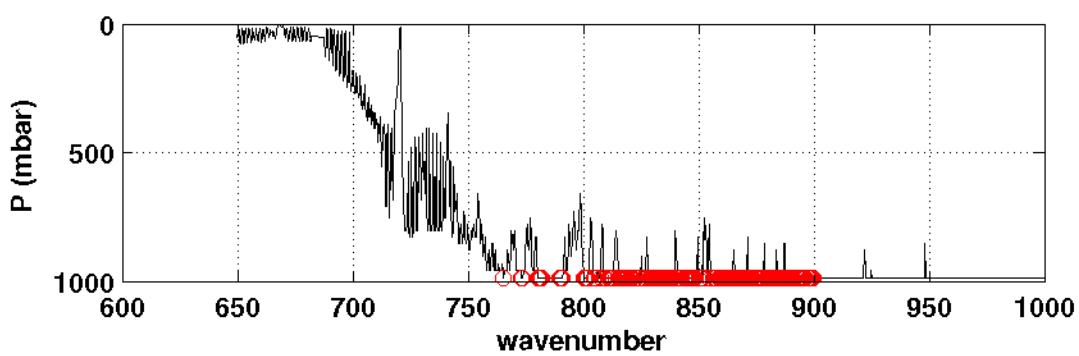
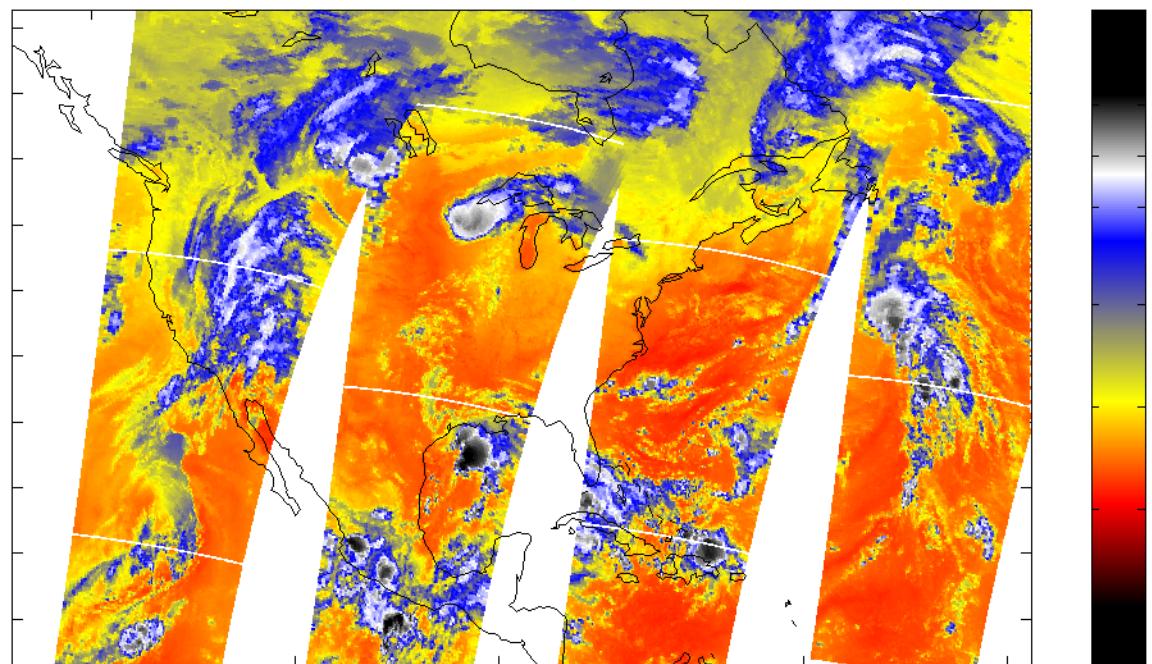
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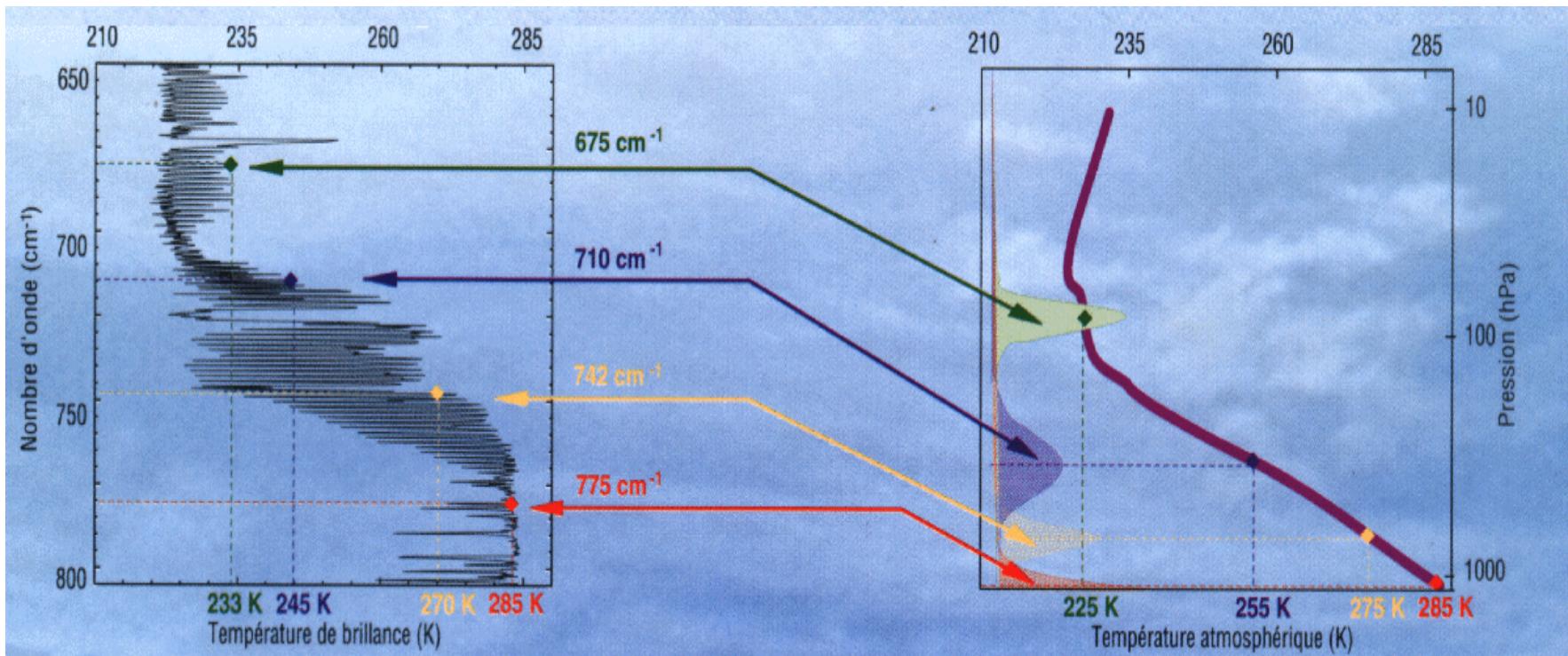
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# AIRS (Atmospheric Infrared Sounder) Regression Retrieval (Level 2)



# Level 0 to Level 2

Level 0: raw data

Level 1A: geolocated radiance in counts

Level 1B: calibrated radiance in physical units

Level 2: retrieved physical variables

(temperature, humidity and ozone profiles, surface skin temperature, total precipitable water, total ozone content, cloud top height . . .)

# Regression Model

## 1. Regression Model

$$X = C \ Y^T$$

## 2. Least squares regression solution

$$C = X Y (Y^T Y)^{-1}$$

Y...measurements [nprofs x nchannels]

C...Regression coefficients [nlevels x nchannels]

X... Atmospheric variables [nlevels x nprofs]

# Regression Retrieval (1)

## 1. Calculate Regression Coefficients

$$C = X_{\text{tr}} Y_{\text{tr}} (Y_{\text{tr}}^T Y_{\text{tr}})^{-1}$$

## 2. Perform Retrieval (RTV)

$$X = C Y^T$$

Y... Measurements [nprofs x nchannels]

C ... Regression coefficients [nlevels x nchannels]

X ... Atmospheric variables [nlevels x nprofs]

Subscript tr refers to trainingset

# Regression Retrieval (2)

## 1. Calculate Regression Coefficients

$$C = \Delta X_{tr} \Delta Y_{tr} (\Delta Y_{tr}^T \Delta Y_{tr})^{-1}$$

with

$$\Delta X_{tr} = X_{tr} - \text{mean}(X_{tr})$$

$$\Delta Y_{tr} = Y_{tr} - \text{mean}(Y_{tr})$$

## 2. Perform Retrieval (RTV)

$$\Delta X = C \Delta Y^T \text{ or } X = \text{mean}(X_{tr}) + C \Delta Y^T$$

with

$$\Delta X = X - \text{mean}(X_{tr})$$

$$\Delta Y = Y - \text{mean}(Y_{tr})$$

# Principal Components (PC) Regression Retrieval

## 1. Calculate Regression Coefficients

$$M = \text{Cov}(Y_{\text{tr}})$$

$$U = \text{eig}(M)$$

$$A_{\text{tr}} = \Delta Y_{\text{tr}} U$$

$$C = \Delta X_{\text{tr}} A_{\text{tr}} (A_{\text{tr}}^T A_{\text{tr}})^{-1}$$

## 2. Perform Retrieval (RTV)

$$X = \text{mean}(X_{\text{tr}}) + C A^T$$

with

$$A = \Delta Y U, \quad \Delta Y = Y - \text{mean}(Y_{\text{tr}})$$

M ... covariance matrix [nchannels x nchannels]

U ... First few eigenvectors of M [nchannels x npc]

A ... Projection Coefficients (or amplitudes) [nsamples x npc]

# The Trainingset

$X_{tr}$  . . . Representative set of atmospheric variables including temperature, moisture, ozone, surface pressure, surface skin temperature and surface skin emissivities

$Y_{tr}$  . . . Corresponding set of simulated radiances, calculated by a fast RT (radiative transfer) forward model

# Radiance received by AIRS

$$\begin{aligned} R_\nu &= \tau_{s\nu} \cdot \varepsilon_{s\nu} \cdot B_\nu(T_s) \\ &+ \int_{p_s}^0 B_\nu(T(p)) d\tau_\nu(p) \\ &- \tau_{s\nu} \cdot r_{s\nu} \cdot \int_{p_s}^0 B_\nu(T(p)) d\tau_\nu^*(p) \\ &+ R_\nu^{sun} \cdot \cos(\theta) \cdot \tau_{s\nu}^{sun}(p_s) \cdot r_\nu^{sun} \end{aligned}$$

- ← Upwelling IR radiation from surface
- ← Upwelling IR radiation from atm. layers
- ← Reflected downwelling IR radiation
- ← Reflected solar radiation

$R$ ...radiance,  $\nu$ ...wavenumber,  $s$ ...surface,  $p$ ...pressure,  $sun$ ...solar,

$T$ ...temperature,  $B$ ...Planck function,  $\varepsilon$  ...emissivity,

$\tau$ ...level to space transmittance,  $\theta$ ...local solar zenith angle

$r$ ...reflectivity, with  $r = (1 - \varepsilon)/\pi$ ,

$\tau^*$ ...level to surface (downwelling) transmittance [ $\tau^* = \tau_\nu^2(p_s)/\tau_\nu(p)$ ]

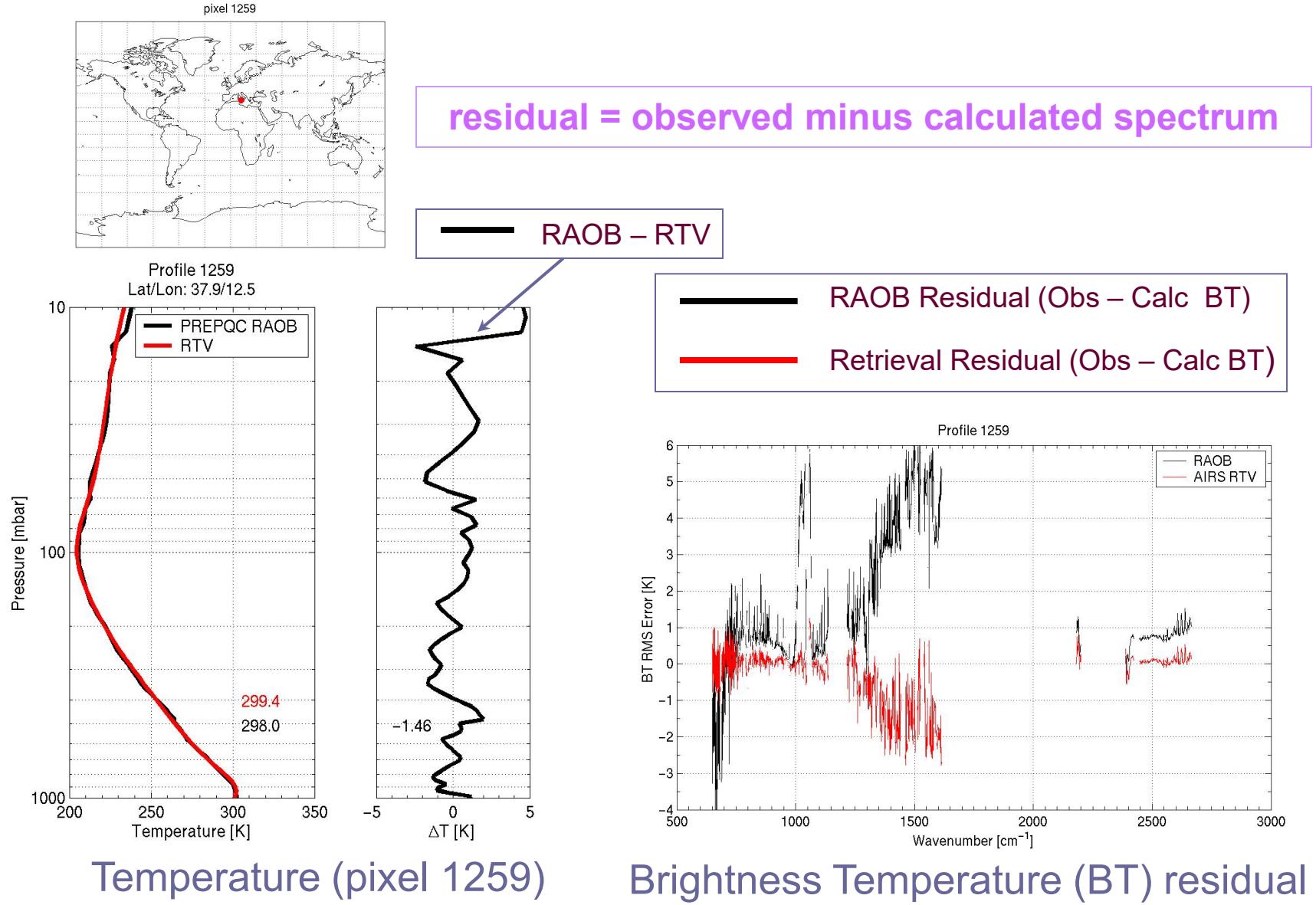
# Fast Radiative Transfer Forward Model

- Fast Model Regression :
  - Computation of line-by-line Transmittance  $\tau$  for FM training data set
  - Convolve with AIRS SRF (spectral response function)
  - Solve regression scheme  $\tau = AC$  for coefficients C using predictors A  
(predictors are functions of T, p, absorber amount, scanang ...)
- Calculate transmittance  $\tau$  for any other profile
- Solve RTE to get radiance  $R_\nu$

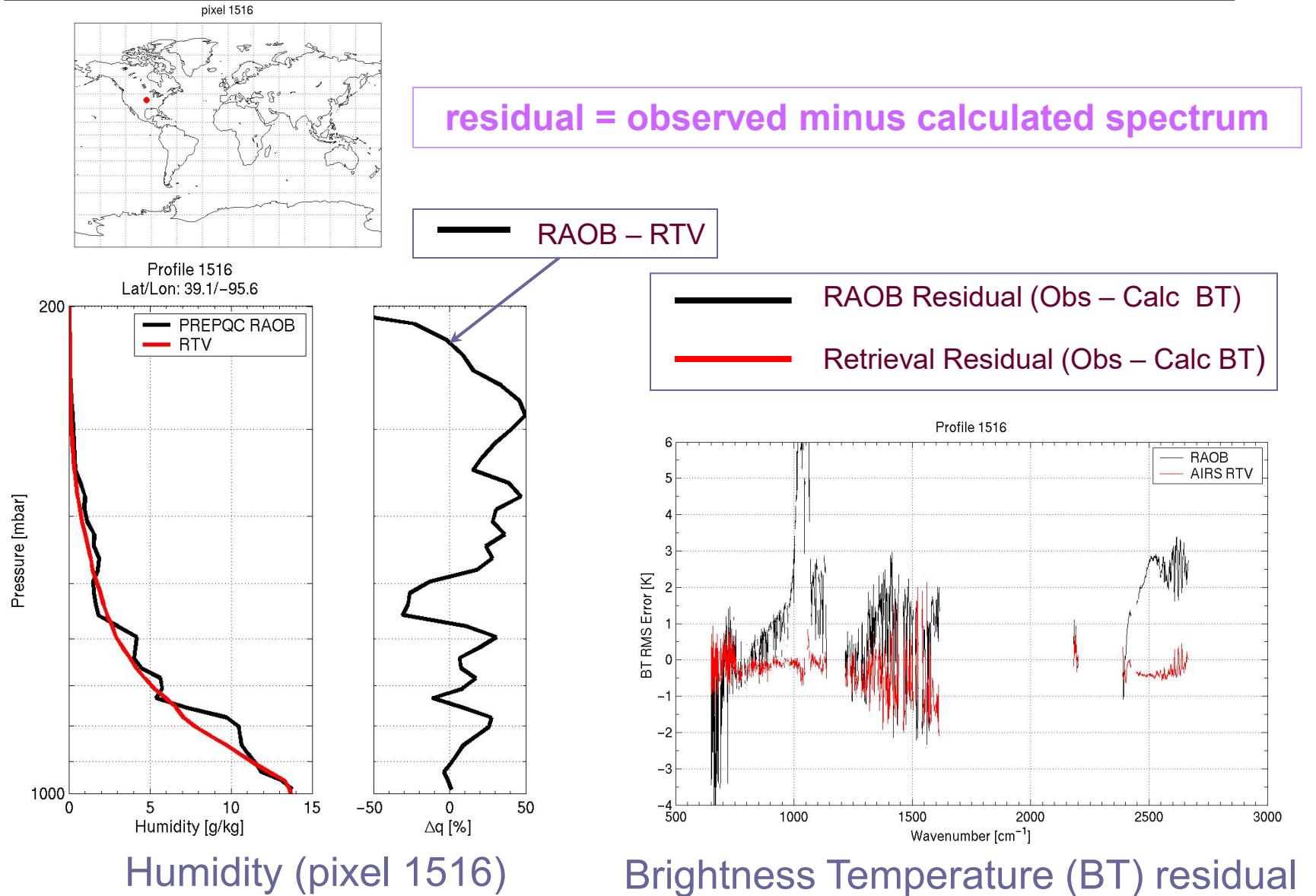
## IMAPP AIRS Regression Retrieval Results:

Comparison with co-located  
radiosonde observations (RAOBs)

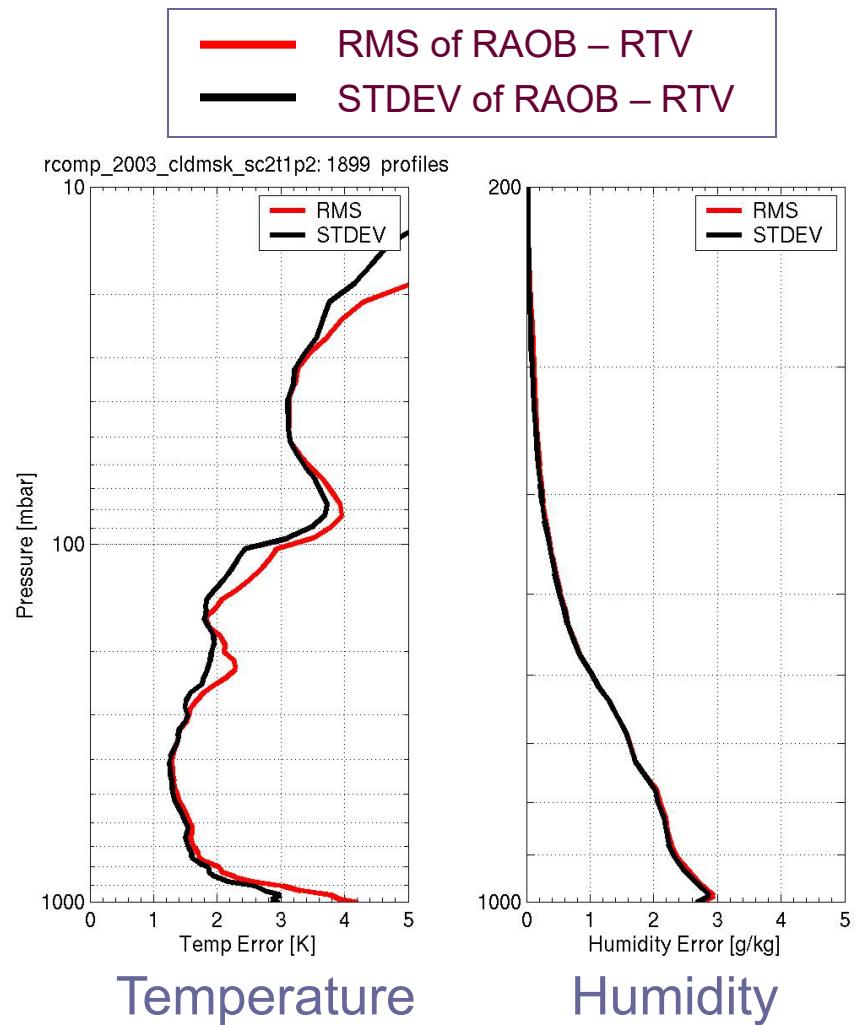
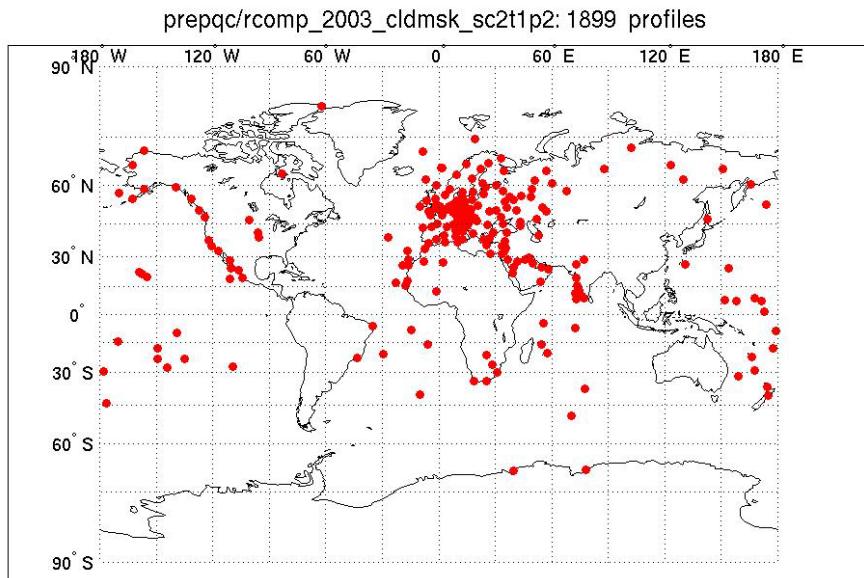
# Co-located RAOB / AIRS single profile retrieval (RTV)



# Co-located RAOB / AIRS single profile retrieval (RTV)



# Co-located RAOB / AIRS retrieval statistics (1899 profiles)



# Land Surface Characterization Using High Spectral Resolution AIRS and Moderate Spatial Resolution MODIS Observations from the EOS Aqua Platform

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## Objectives:

- Create a gridded product of land surface temperature and IR emissivity at AIRS spatial resolution.
- Intercomparison of AIRS, MODIS, and ASTER land surface infrared emissivity and temperature products.
- Create spectral land surface infrared emissivity maps for geographic regions of climatic importance.

*This proposal addresses the following two important goals: (1) better utilization of satellite sounding data over land and (2) study of the evolution of land surface characteristics.*

# Abstract

The accuracy of the land surface temperature derived from satellite infrared observations is dependent on accurate knowledge of the land surface emissivity. Surface emissivity errors of 1.5 % lead to surface temperature errors of about 1 °C. Global numerical weather prediction (NWP) models assimilate global radiosonde measurements of atmospheric temperature, water vapor, and winds but use only infrared satellite data not affected by emission from the land surface. This is due to the uncertainty in surface emissivity at the spatial scales needed for atmospheric remote sensing. This proposal addresses the following two important goals: (1) better utilization of satellite sounding data over land and (2) study of the evolution of land surface characteristics. Observations from the Atmospheric InfraRed Sounder (AIRS) sensor on the EOS Aqua platform provide the key information needed to significantly improve the characterization of the land surface at the spatial scales needed for NWP models.

## Abstract - continue

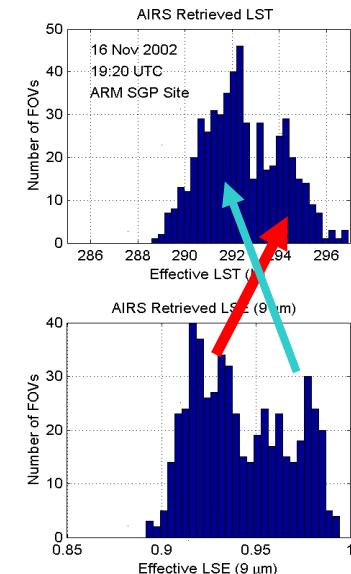
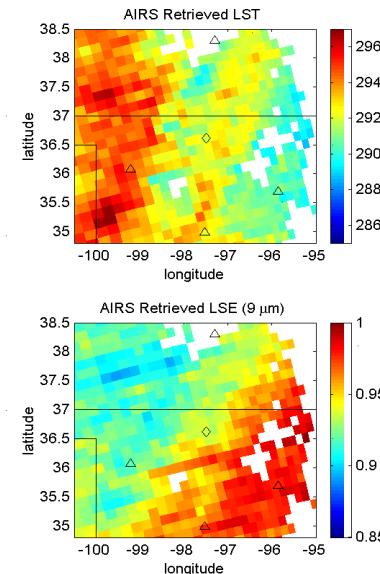
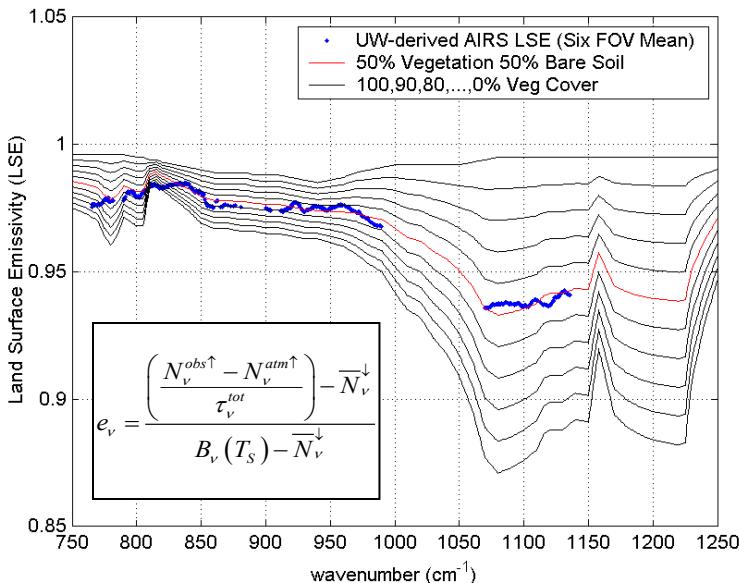
The investigators have recently demonstrated a new technique for the **simultaneous separation of land surface temperature and emissivity** that takes advantage of the high spectral resolution information contained in the AIRS observations. This proposal will apply the technique for **land surface temperature and emissivity retrieval** to **AIRS** data in a quality assessment of the operational AIRS product. In parallel, a quality assessment of the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) operational products will be made by weighting the MODIS one kilometer temperature and emissivity products with the spatial response function of the AIRS sensor and comparing the spectral content of the derived emissivities. A new gridded product of land surface temperature and emissivity at AIRS spatial resolution will be developed under this proposal for three limited spatial domains chosen to highlight the correlation of surface emission to land cover change.

- Land surface temperature (LST) and emissivity (LSE) have been derived from AIRS data over the DOE ARM Southern Great Plains site in North Central Oklahoma.
- The technique takes advantage of the surface reflection on and off of atmospheric absorption lines to simultaneously retrieve LST and LSE.
- The effective land surface emissivity derived from AIRS data can be fit by a linear combination of two pure scene types (bare soil and grass vegetation).
- The resulting spatial distributions are consistent with the known land use; cattle grazing in eastern Oklahoma and wheat farming in western Oklahoma and Kansas.
- Wheat farming leads to more exposed bare soil with lower emissivities but higher daytime land surface temperatures than the grassland regions.

## AIRS Case Study

DOE ARM Site

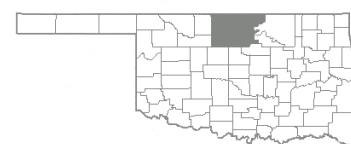
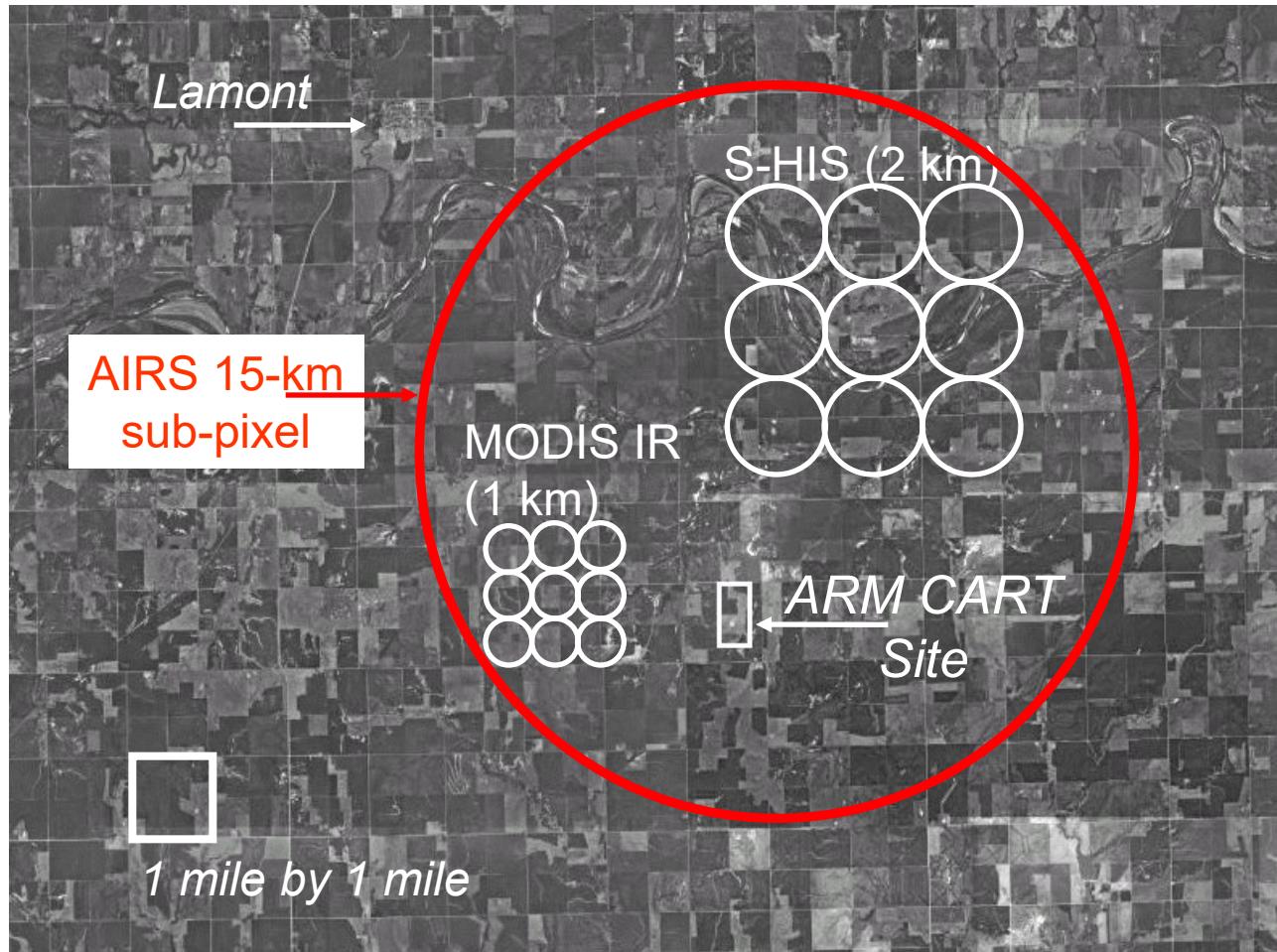
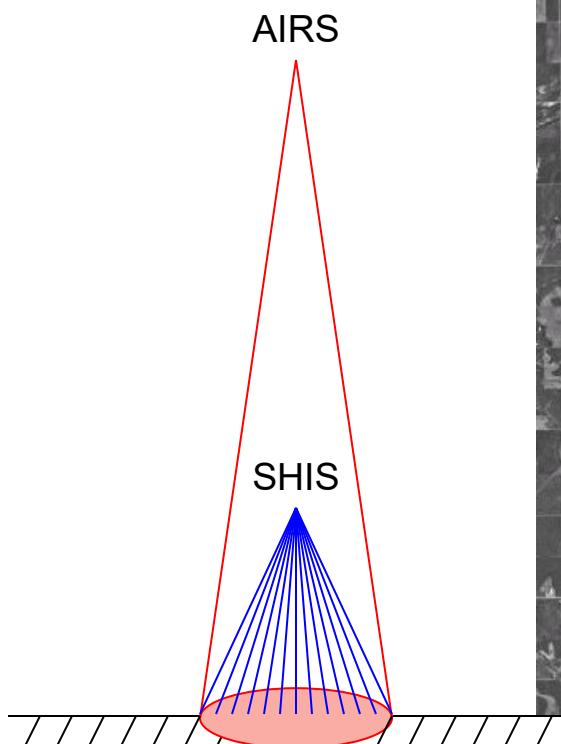
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# Validation: The scale problem

Farm Fields < 0.5 km; Aircraft  $\approx$  2 km; AIRS  $\approx$  15 km

## View Angles

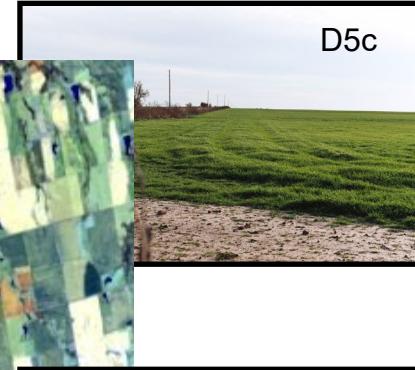


# U.S. Department of Energy ARM Site

## Survey Grid

NASA ER-2: 22 Nov 2002

9 mile  
(15 km)  
square  
survey  
grid



# The Problem of Mixed Scenes

The observed radiance is a linear combination of uniform scenes.

$$R_{\nu}^{OBS} = \sum_{i,j} w_{i,j} \cdot I_{i,j,\nu} + S_{\nu}$$



Define an Effective Emissivity and Effective Surface Temperature such that

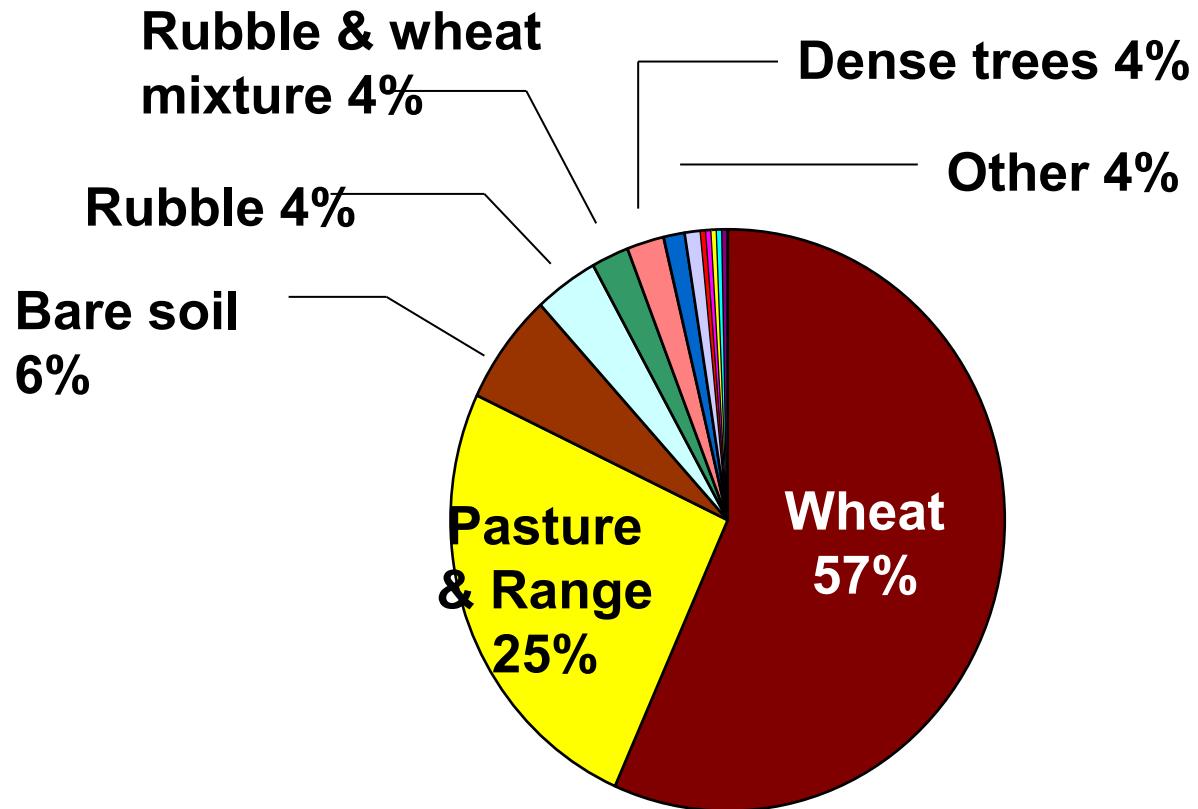
$$\hat{\epsilon}_{\nu} = \sum_{i,j} w_{i,j} \cdot \hat{\epsilon}_{i,j,\nu}$$

$$\hat{\epsilon}_{\nu} \cdot B_{\nu}(\hat{T}_S) = \sum_{i,j} w_{i,j} \cdot \hat{\epsilon}_{i,j,\nu} \cdot B_{\nu}(T_{i,j,S})$$



## ARM Site Land Use Survey

(Osborne, 2003)

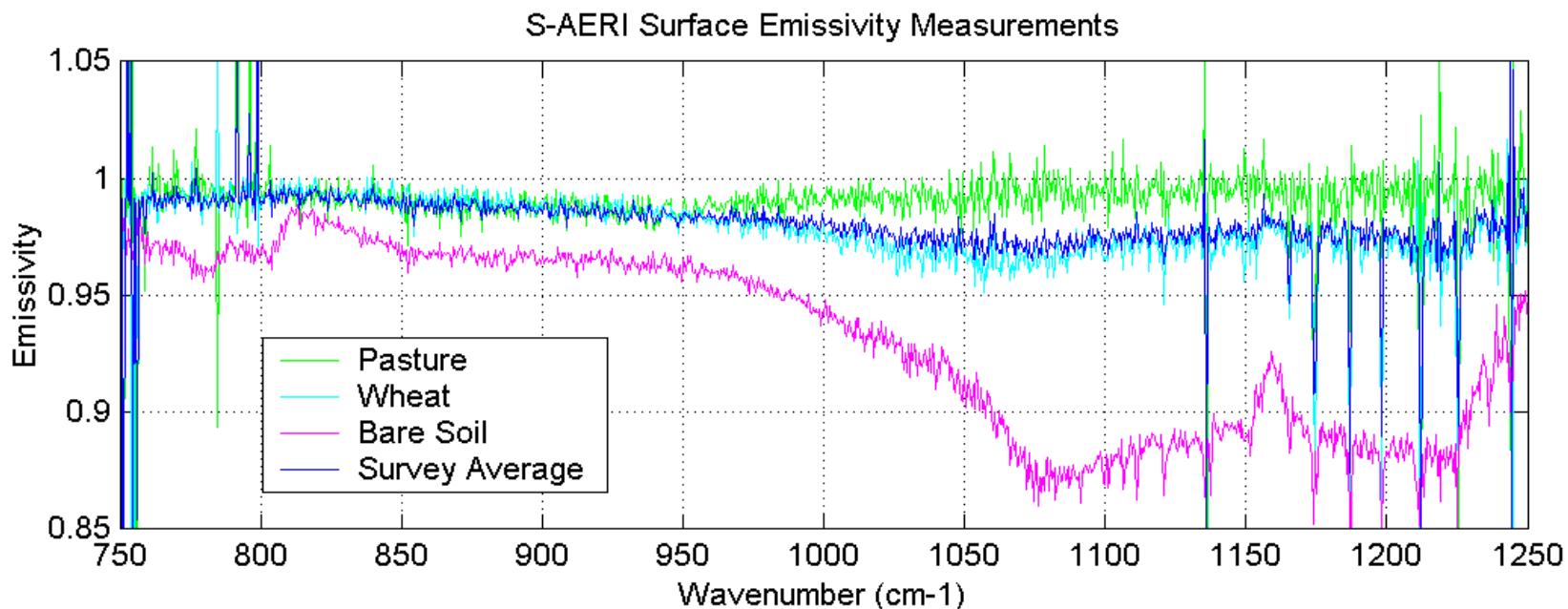


November 2002; 63 square mile area.

- Two land cover types dominate: wheat fields and pasture (grassland).

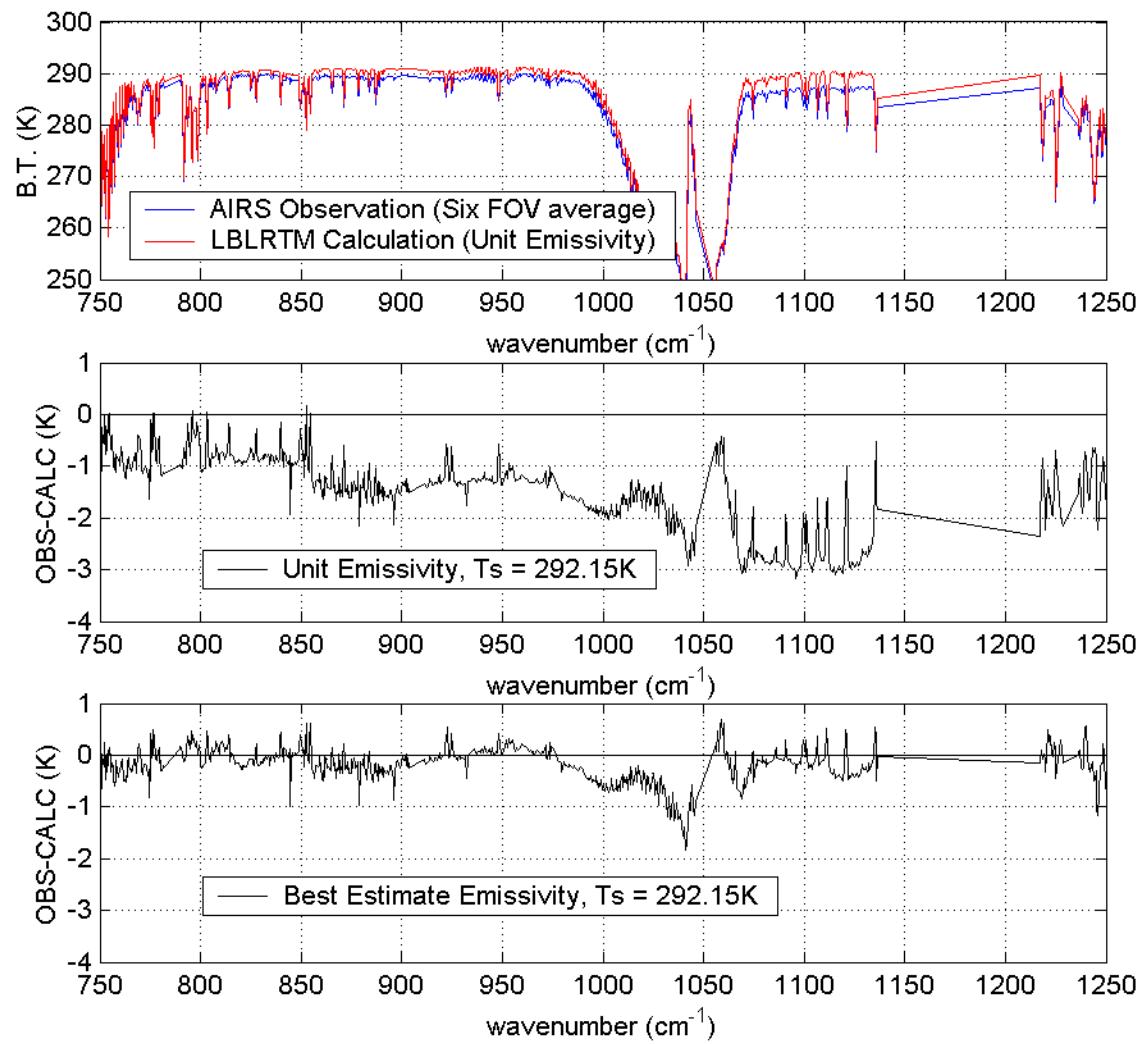
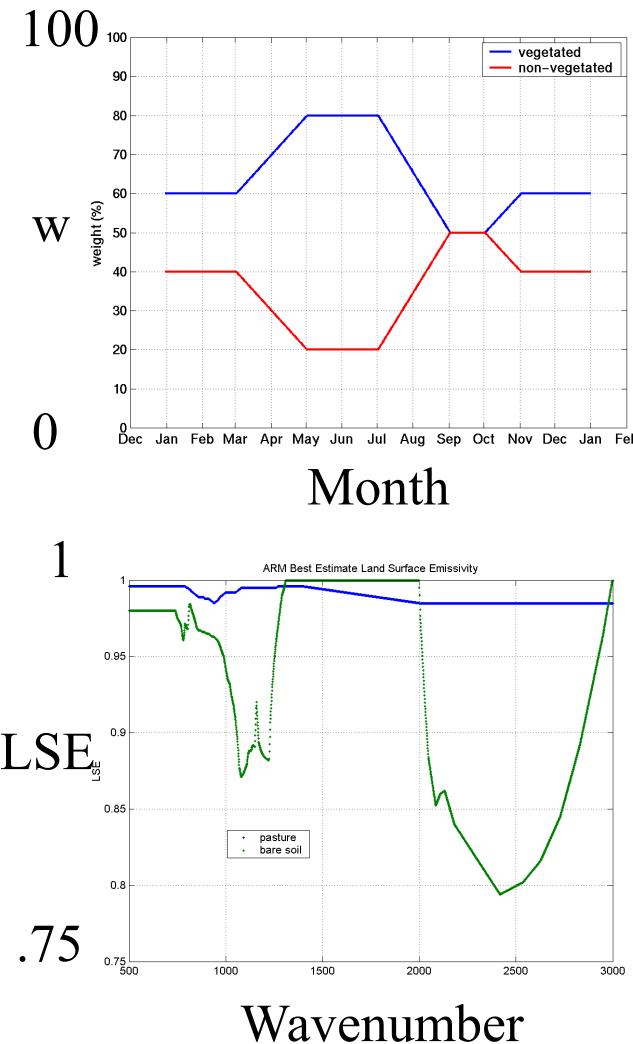
# Emissivity Survey

- ARM SGP site is dominated by two land cover types “pasture” and “wheat”.
- We noticed that the measured wheat field emissivity can be approximated by a linear combination of pure scene types; bare soil and grass.



# ARM SGP LST/LSE “Best Estimate”

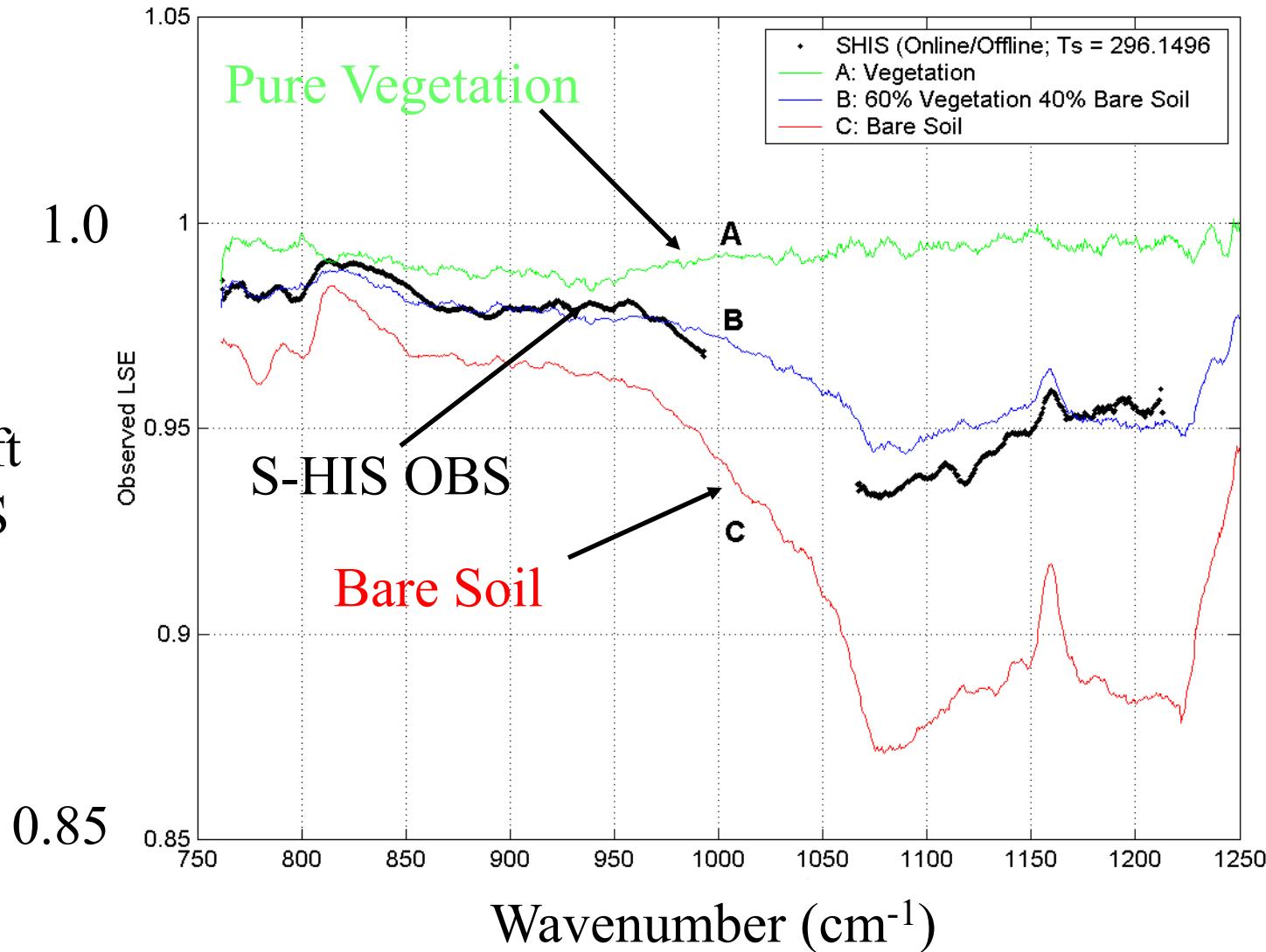
- Formulated in April 2001 to supply the surface contribution to the ARM/AIRS validation product developed by D. Tobin  
the vegetation model will be validated using AIRS and MODIS data.





*Aircraft validation measurements are also consistent with a linear combination of vegetation and bare soil.*

Aircraft  
S-HIS  
LSE



# Benefits to the AIRS Team

- Validation of AIRS standard land surface products using UW ground-based and aircraft-based sensors during selected field campaigns.
- Cross-validation of AIRS standard products against MODIS land surface products from the Aqua platform.
- Creation of a global infrared surface emissivity database valuable for both data assimilation of AIRS radiance over land and AIRS retrieval of vertical T/Q profiles over land.

# Potential Benefits to the Broader Community

- Use of AIRS observations to separate effective skin temperature from absolute IR emissivity is a unique contribution to land surface remote sensing.
- Use of a combination of AIRS (high spectral) and MODIS (higher spatial) can improve the surface temperature estimate at MODIS 1-km resolution.
- Use absolute IR emissivity to estimate “true” vegetation fraction, i.e. fraction of bare soil exposed.
- Use AIRS satellite observations to monitor the seasonal and annual change in climate sensitive “semi-arid” regions adjacent to deserts.

For more information:

<http://airs3.ssec.wisc.edu/~airs/lste>

# AIRS/AMSU/HSB DATA PRODUCTS

## Radiance Products (Level 1B) RMS Uncertainty\* Horizontal Resolution

<b>AIRS IR Radiance</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>15 x 15 km</b>
<b>AIRS VIS/NIR Radiance</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>2.3 x 2.3 km</b>
<b>AMSU Radiance</b>	<b>0.25-1.2 K</b>	<b>45 x 45 km</b>
<b>HSB Radiance</b>	<b>1.0-1.2 K</b>	<b>15 x 15 km</b>

## Standard Core Products (Level 2)

<b>Cloud Cleared IR Radiance</b>	<b>1.0K</b>	<b>45 x 45 km</b>	<b>Vertical Resolution</b>
<b>Sea Surface Temperature</b>	<b>0.5K</b>	<b>45 x 45 km</b>	
<b>Land Surface Temperature</b>	<b>1.0K</b>	<b>45 x 45 km</b>	
<b>Temperature Profile</b>	<b>1K</b>	<b>45 x 45 km</b>	1 km below 700 mb 2 km 700-30 mb
<b>Humidity Profile</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>45 x 45 km</b>	— 2 km in troposphere
<b>Total Precipitable Water</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>45 x 45 km</b>	
<b>Fractional Cloud Cover</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>45 x 45 km</b>	
<b>Cloud Top Height</b>	<b>0.5 km</b>	<b>45 x 45 km</b>	
<b>Cloud Top Temperature</b>	<b>1.0 K</b>	<b>45 x 45 km</b>	

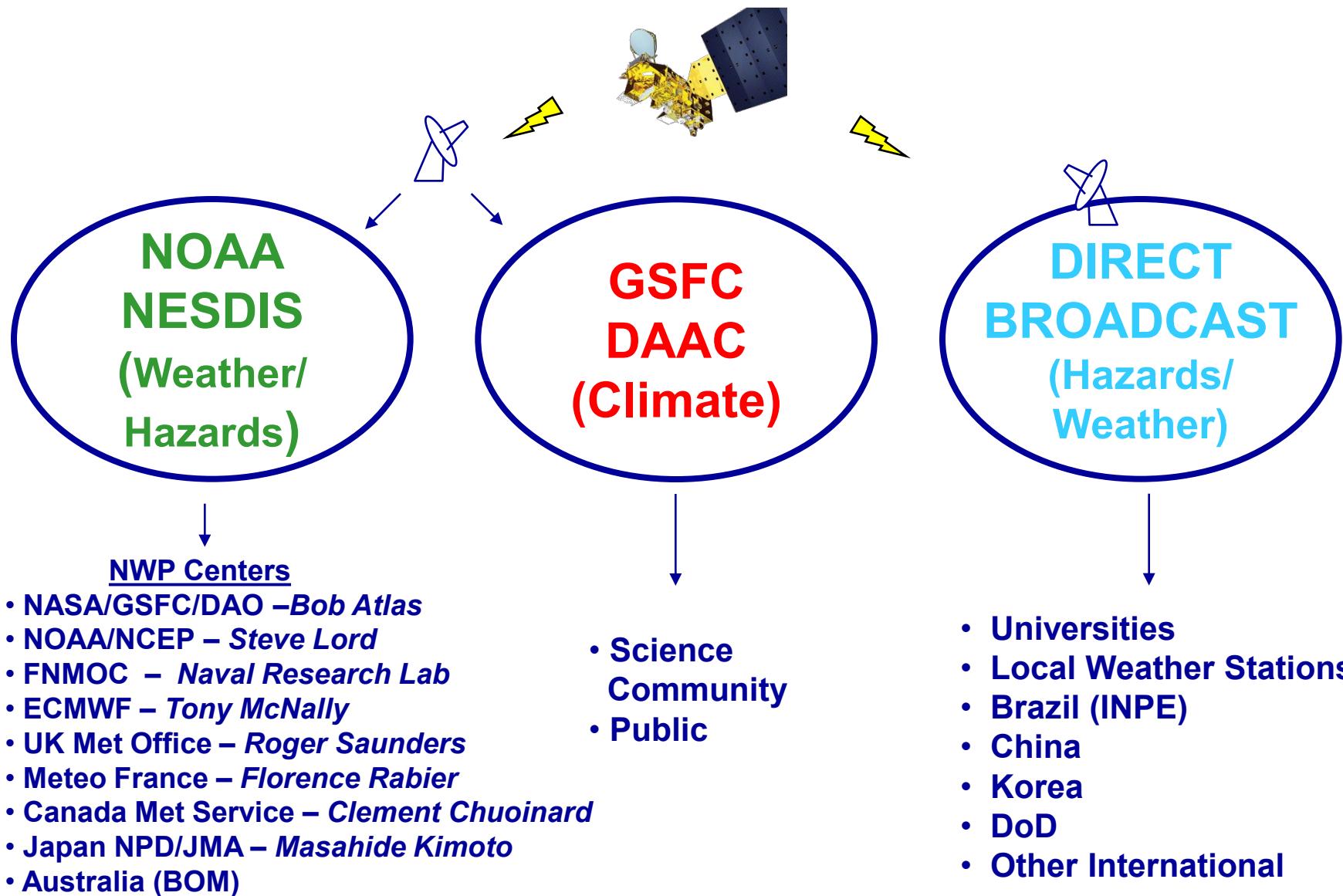
## AIRS Level 1 PRODUCTS

Product Name	Accuracy Absolute::Relative	Temporal Resolution	Horizontal Resolution :: Coverage
Radiance (AIRS) IR	3% (190K-330K) :: 0.2K at 250K	2/day (d/n)	15 km:: Global
Radiance (AIRS) VIS_NIR	10%::1%	2/day (d/n)	2.7 km: Global
Radiance (AMSU- A)	1.5K:: 0.5K	2/day (d/n)	50 km :: Global
Radiance (HSB)	1 K:: 0.6K	2/day (d/n)	15 km:: Global
Radiance (AIRS) IR cloud_cleared	3% (190K-330K) :: 0.3K at 250K	2/day (d/n)	50 km :: Global

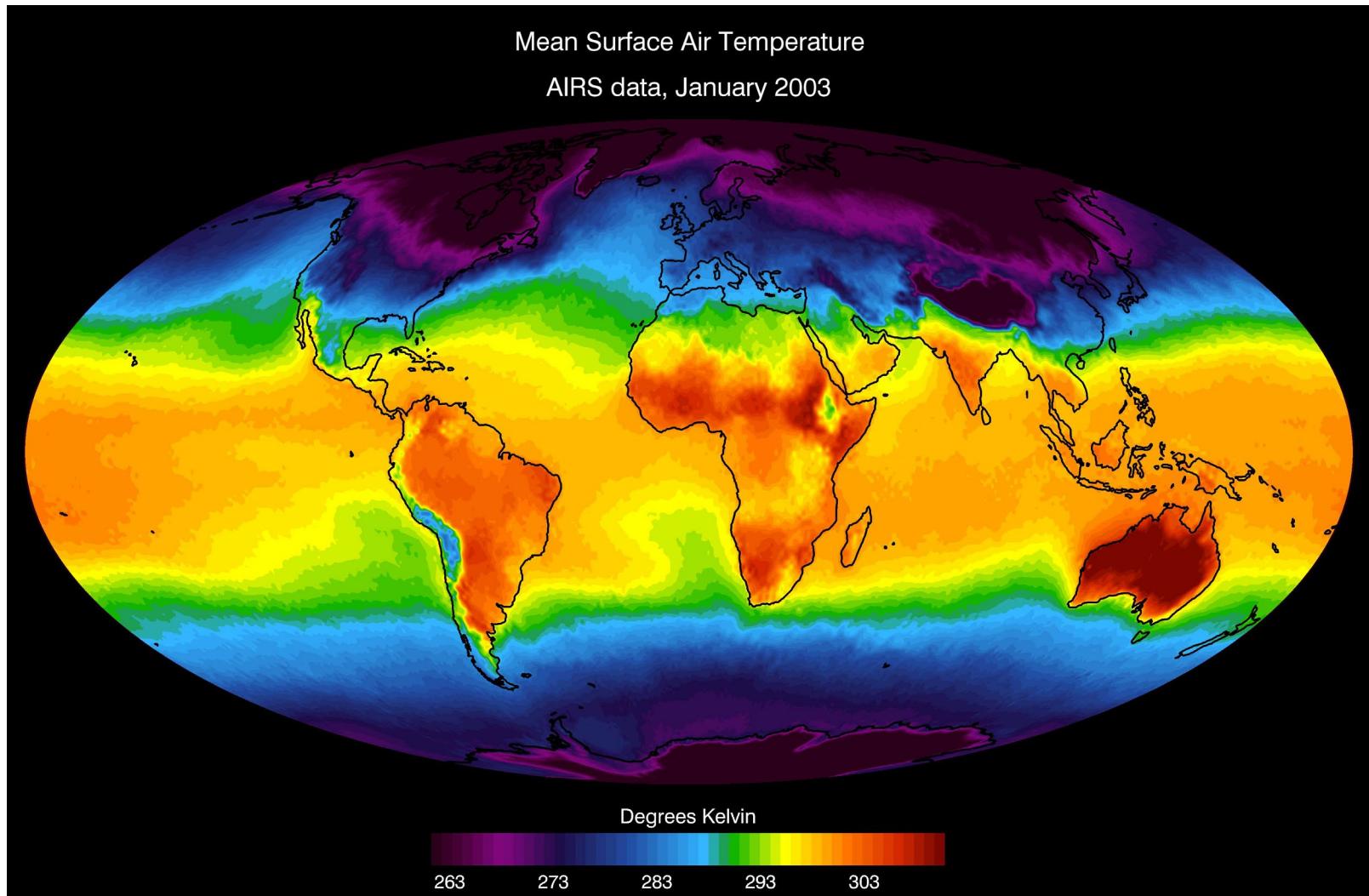
# AIRS Level 2 PRODUCTS

Product Name	Accuracy Absolute ::Relative	Temporal Resolution	Horizontal Resolution:: Coverage	Vertical Resolution:: Coverage
Temperature Profile T(p)	1K rms	2/day (d/n)	50 km :: Global	1 km :: surface to 100mb
Humidity Profile q(p)	20% required, 10% goal ::10%	2/day (d/n)	50 km :: Global	2 km:: surface to 100mb
Precipitable water [mm]	5%::3%	2/day (d/n)	50 km :: Global	Column:: Troposphere
Surface Skin Temp.	1K:0.5K	2/day (d/n)	50 km :: Global	NA
Cloud Top Height	0.5km ::0.25K	2/day (d/n)	50 km :: Global	Surface::100mb
Cloud Fraction	10%:5%	2/day (d/n)	50 km :: Global	Surface::100mb
Cloud Liquid water content	20%	2/day (d/n)	50 km :: Global	NA
Ozone total column	20%	2/day (d/n)	50 km :: Global	NA

# AIRS/AMSU DISTRIBUTION CENTERS

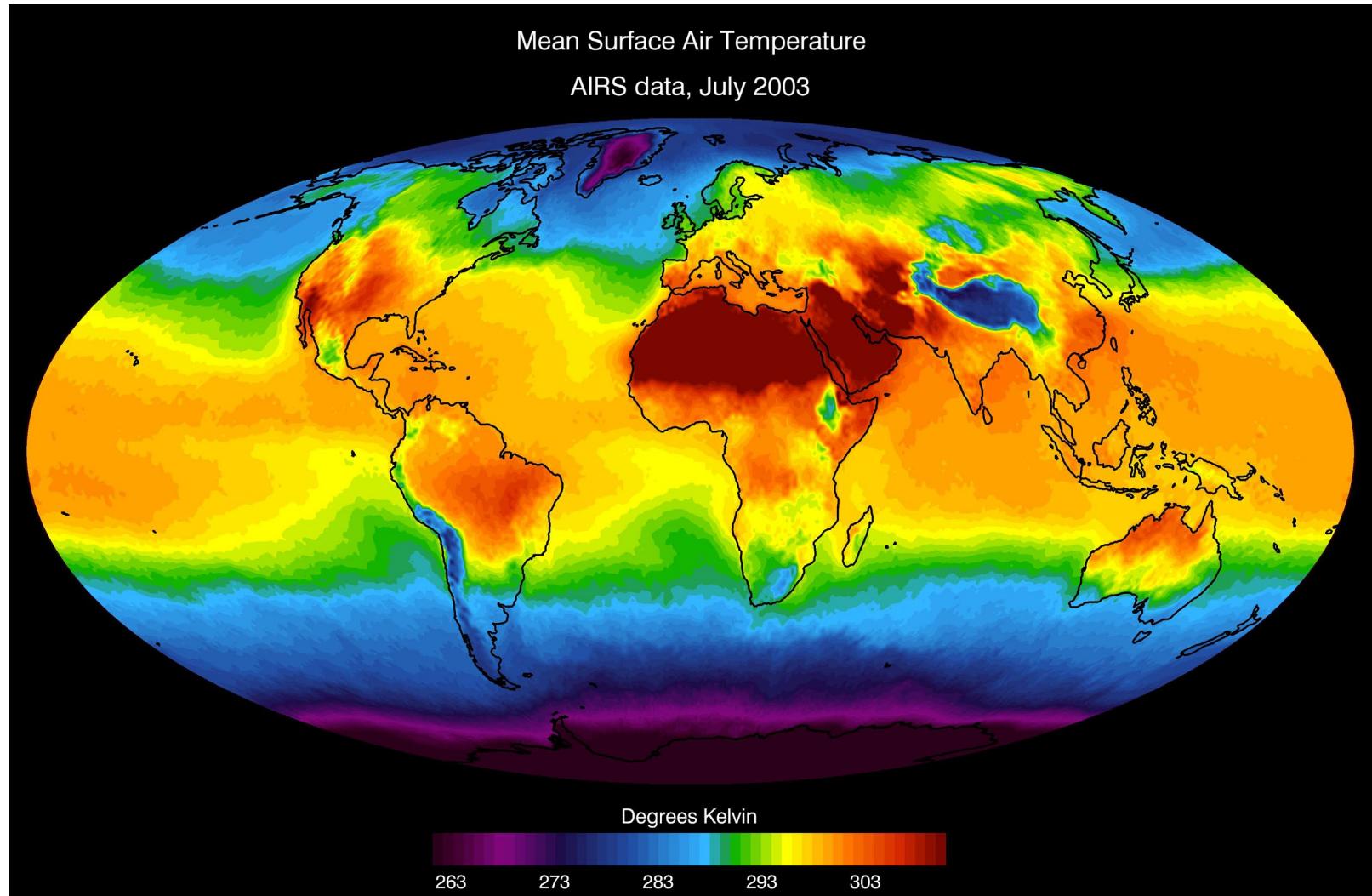


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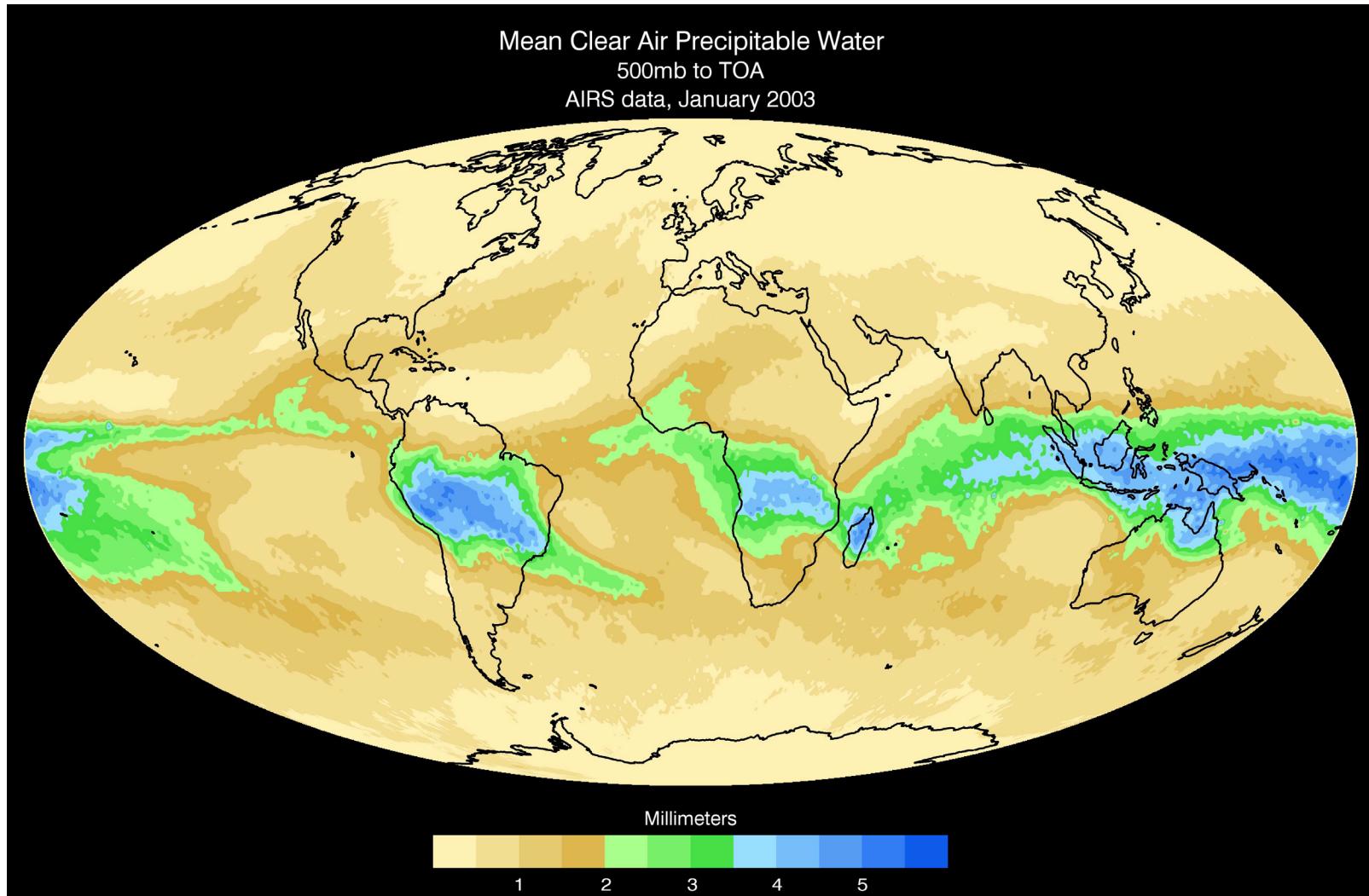
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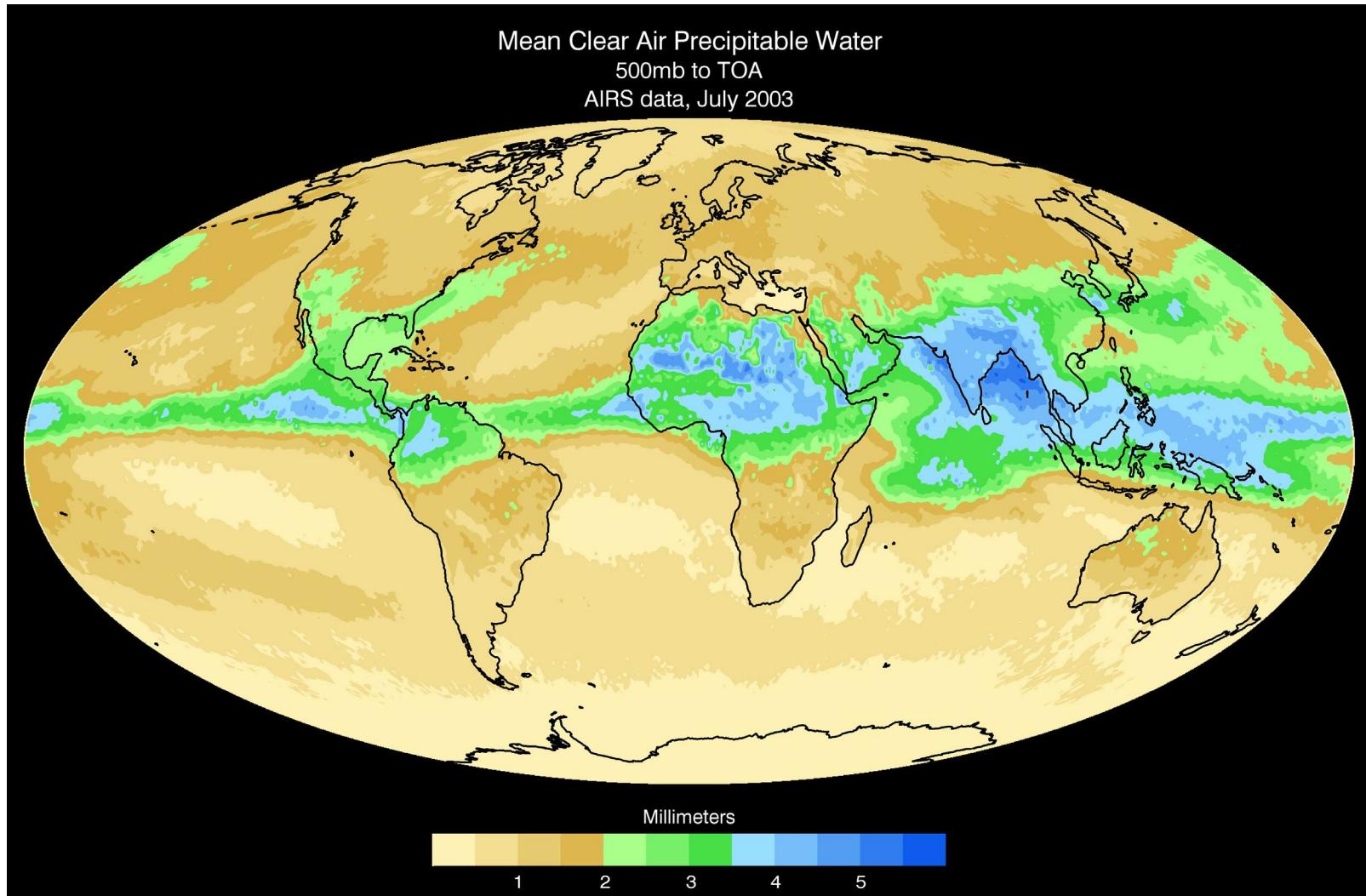
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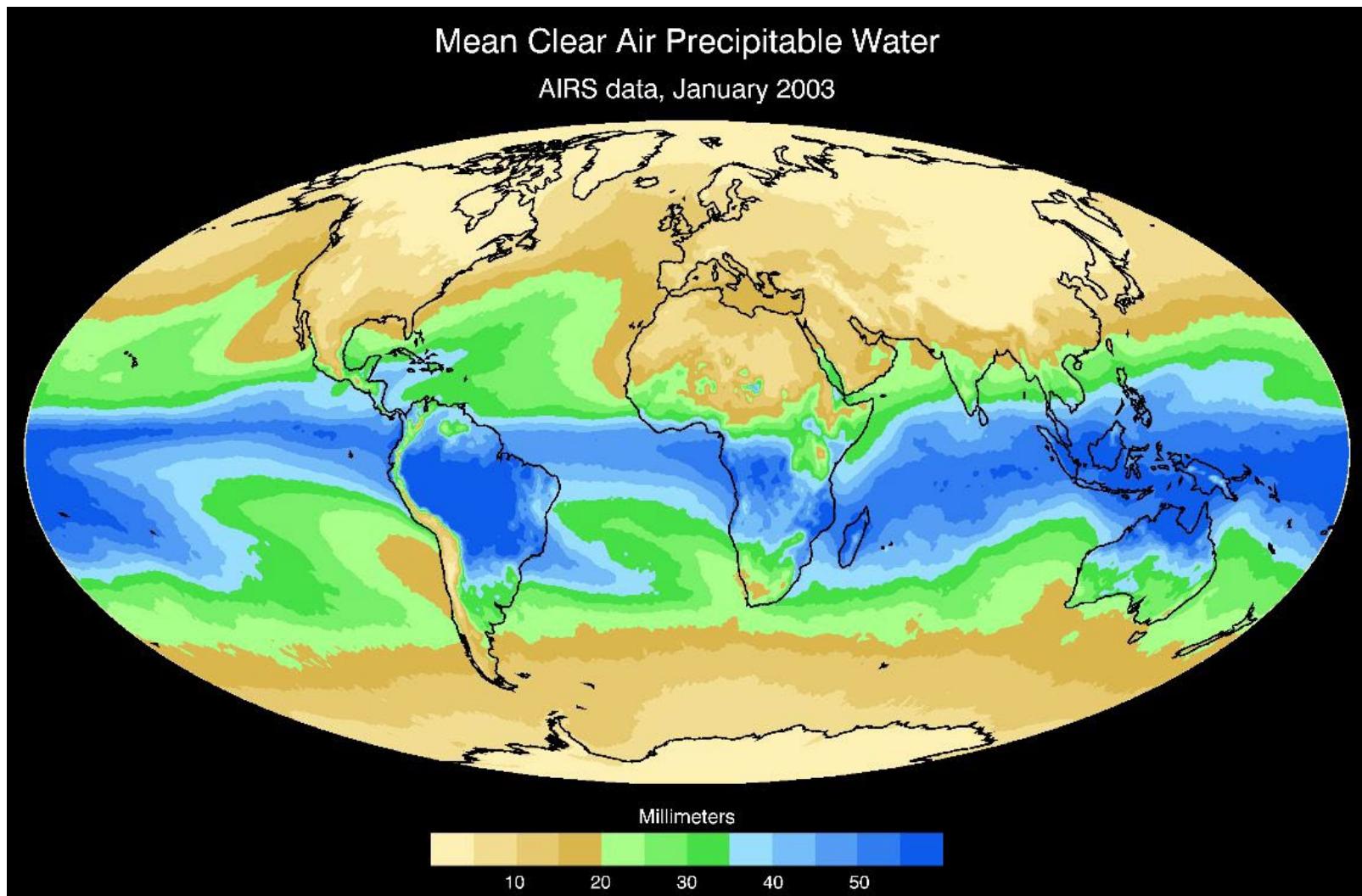
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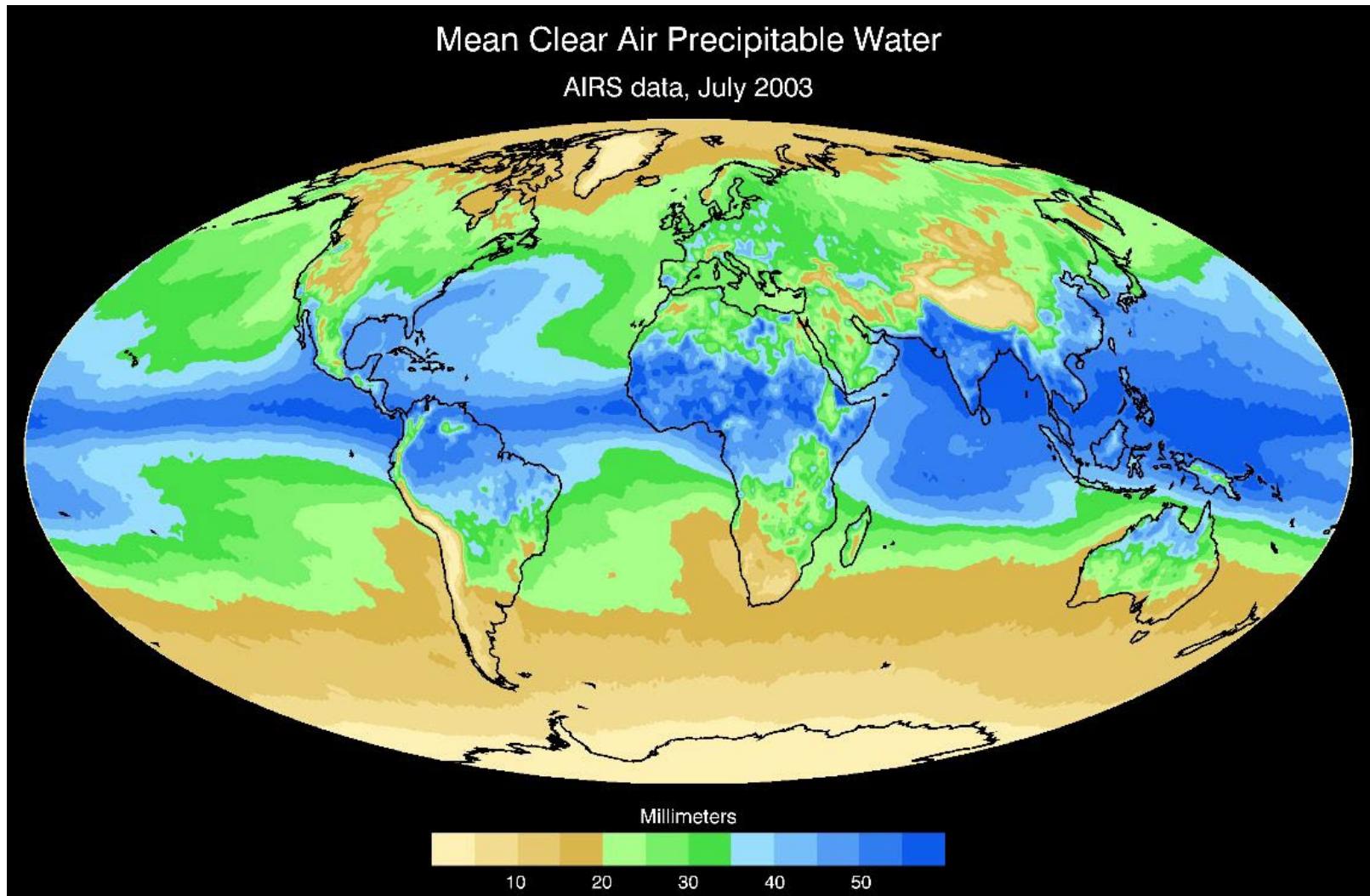
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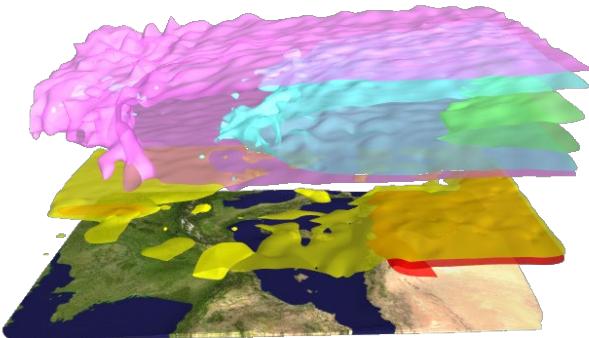
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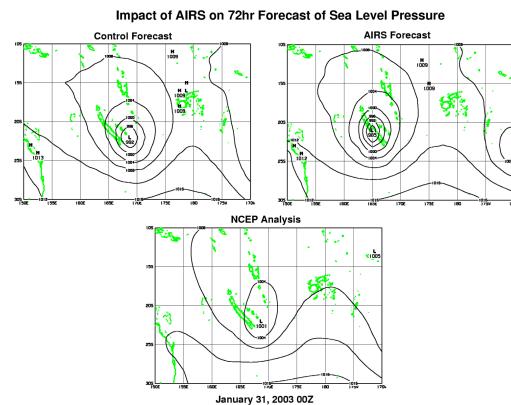
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# AIRS SUPPORTS WEATHER

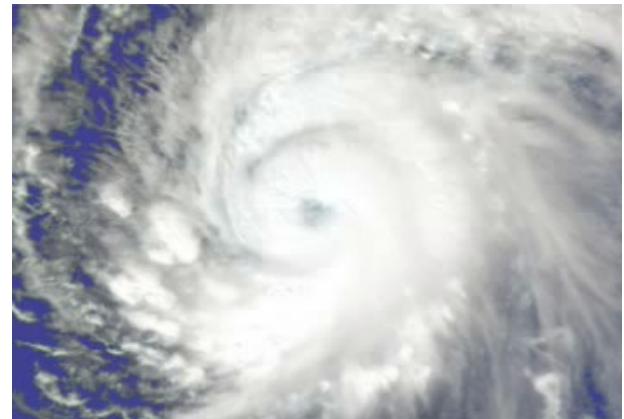
## Improved Temperature and H<sub>2</sub>O Profiles



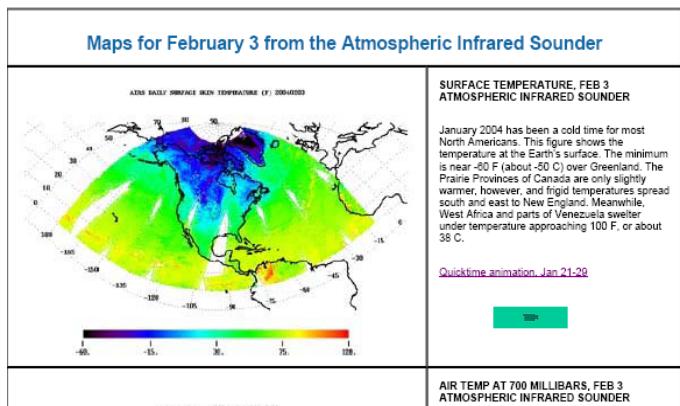
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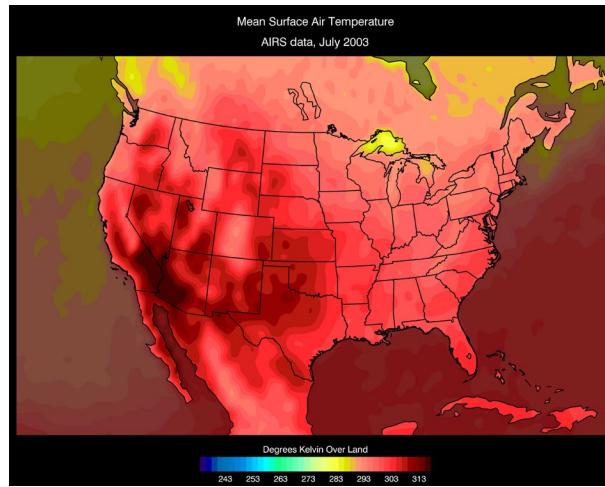
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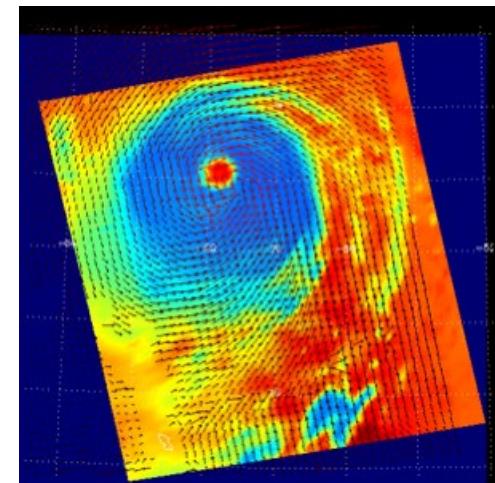
## Near-Real-Time Products on Web



## Heat Wave

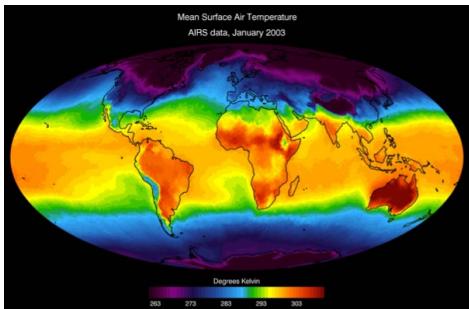


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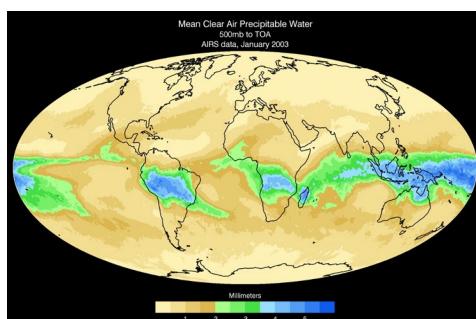


# AIRS SUPPORTS CLIMATE STUDIES

Monthly Temperature

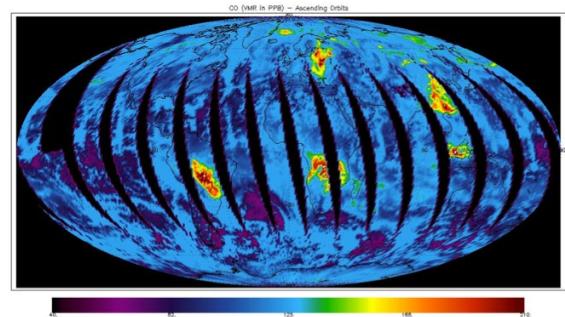


Monthly H<sub>2</sub>O

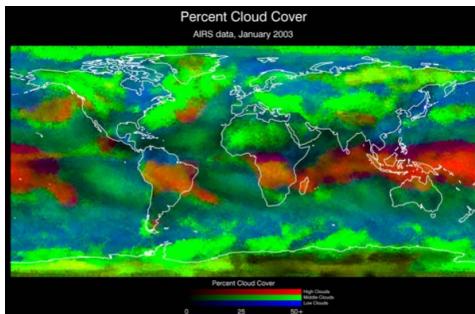


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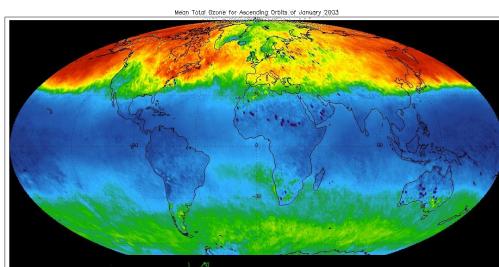
AIRS Global CO between 300 - 600 mb



Clouds

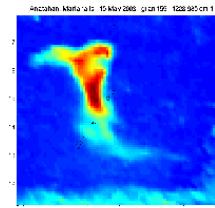


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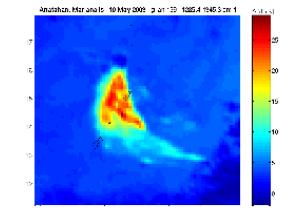


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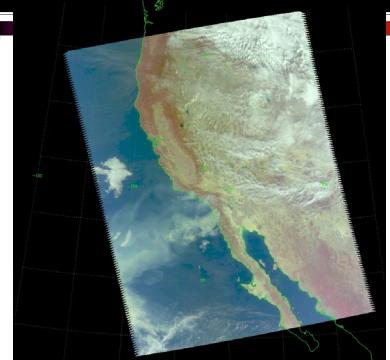
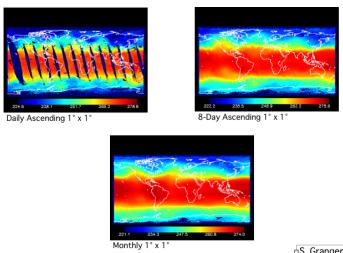


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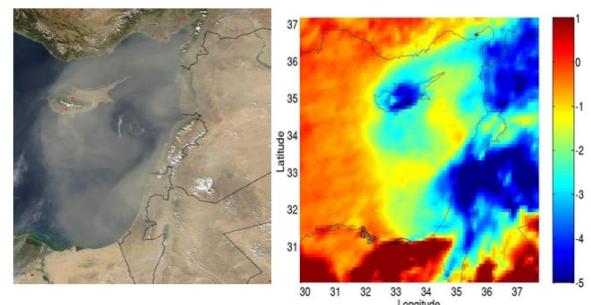
Level 3 Products

AIRS Level 3 Examples Using 500 Mb Temperature



Aerosols

AIRS vs MODIS AEROSOLS  
Eastern Mediterranean Dust Storm

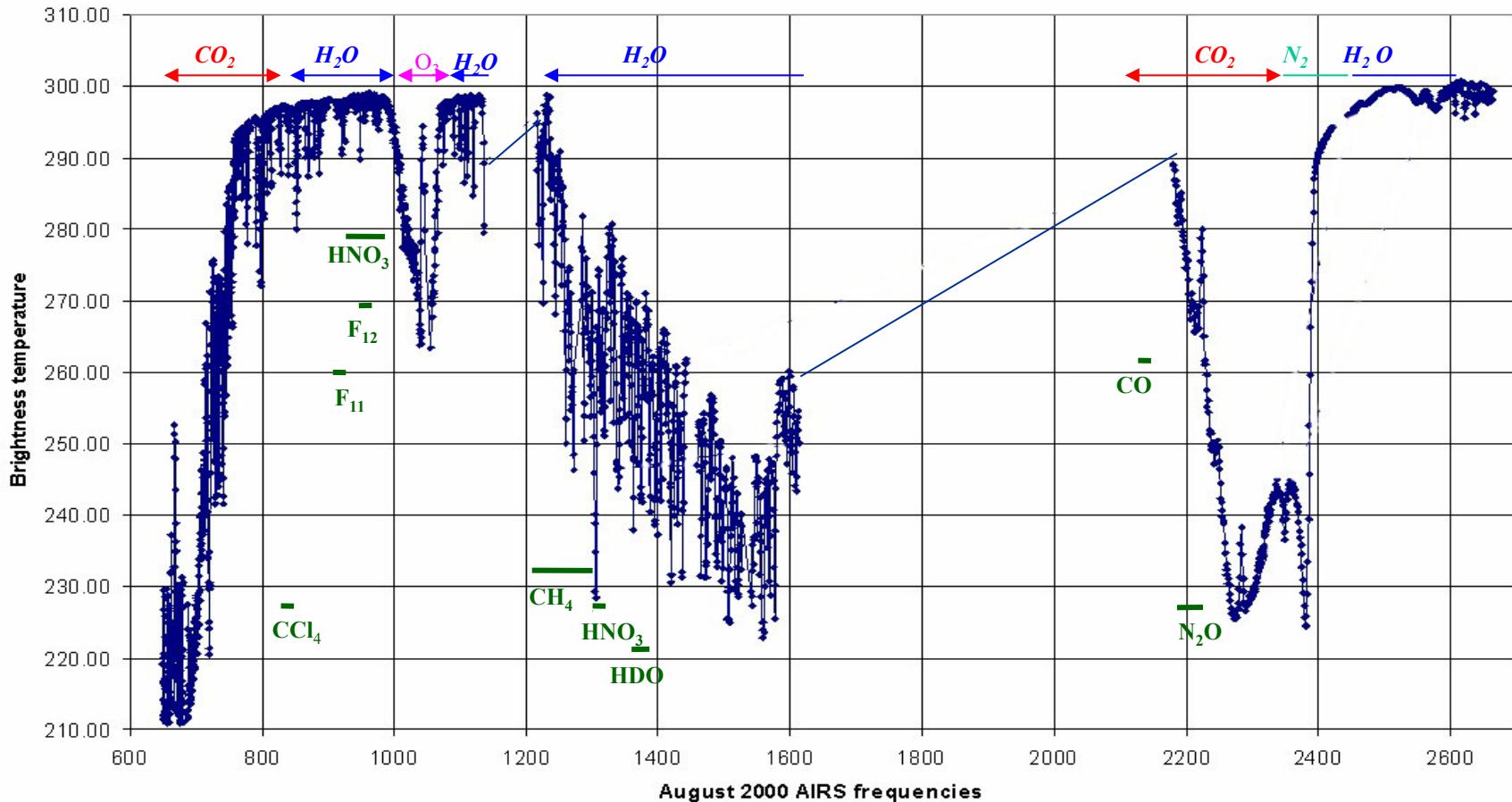


# AIRS RESEARCH PRODUCTS INCLUDE TRACE GASES

**AIRS Channels for Tropical Atmosphrere with T\_surf T=301K**

*Full Spectrum*

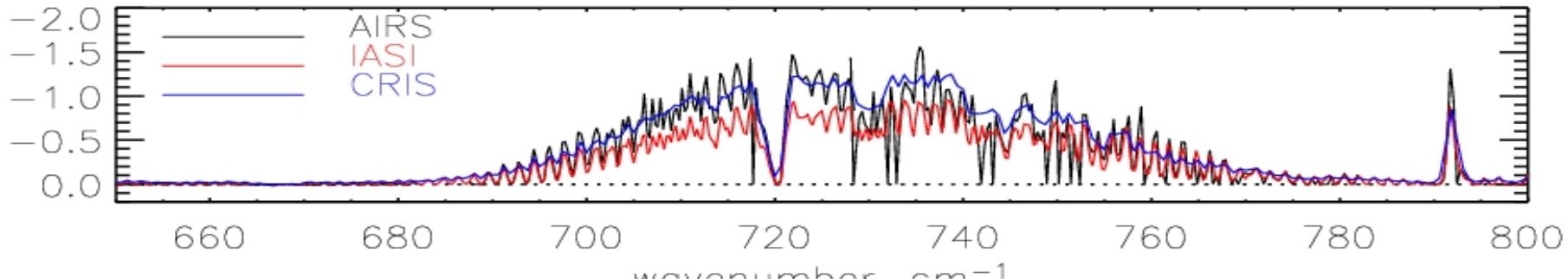
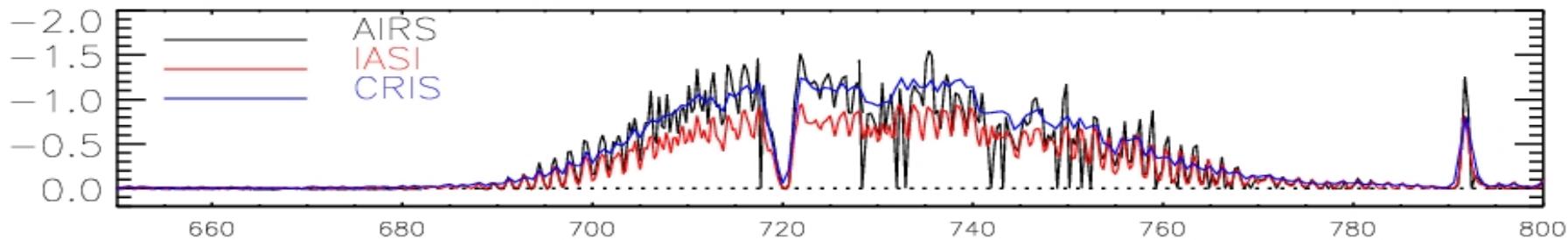
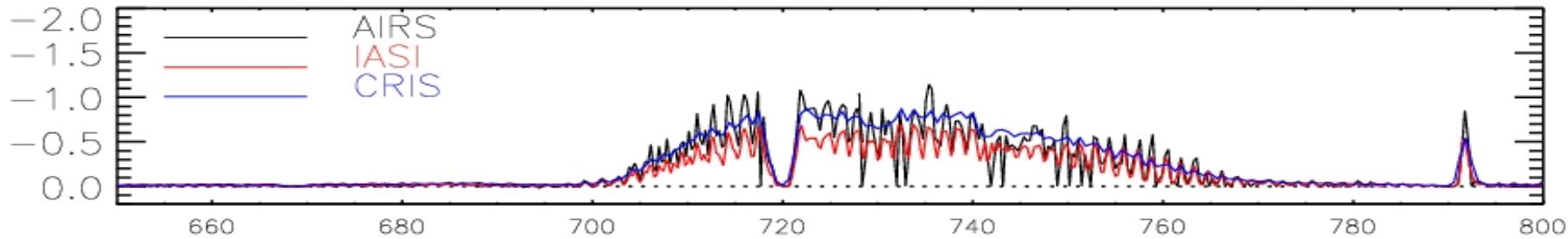
**2378 channels**



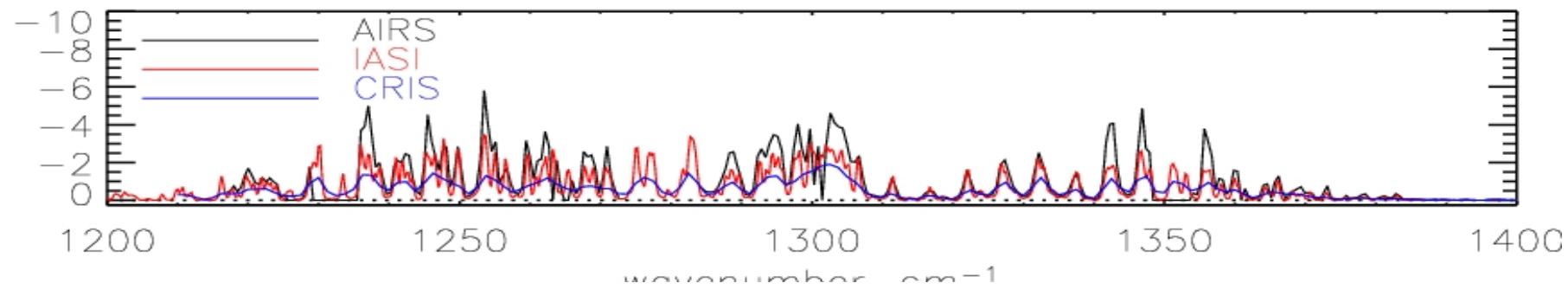
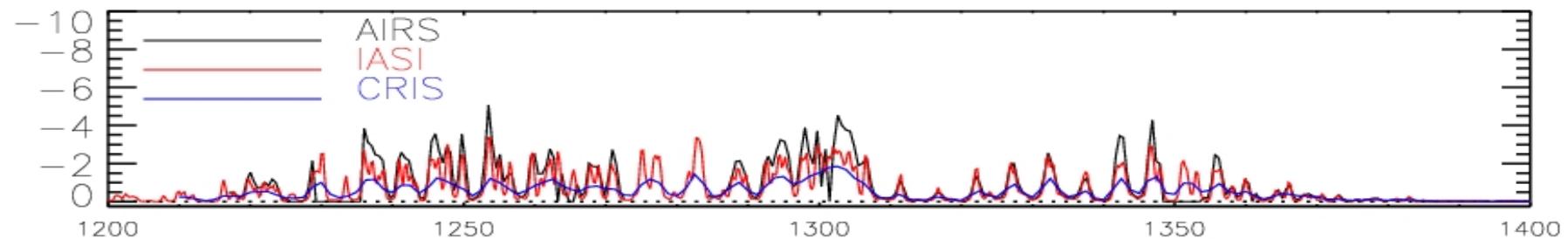
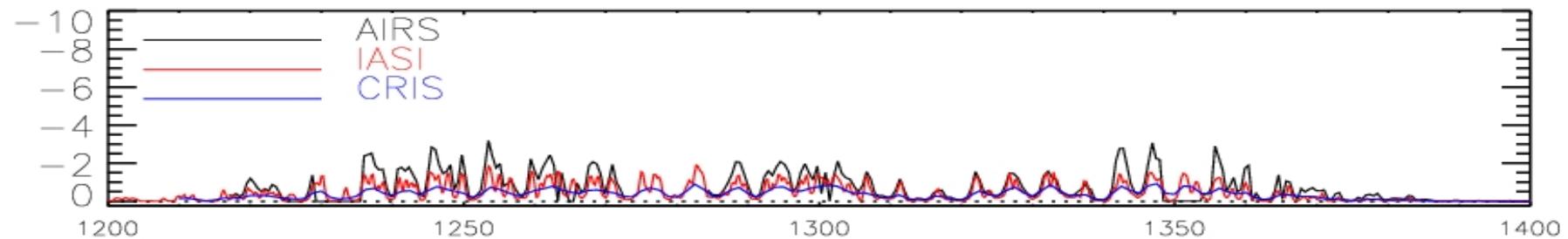
# Spectral Resolution in Trace Gas Bands for AIRS, IASI, CrIS

Gas	Wave Number	AIRS v/1200	IASI L=2 cm (apodized)	CrIS L=.8,.4,.2 (apodized)
CO <sub>2</sub>	735 cm <sup>-1</sup>	0.61	0.5	1.13
CO <sub>2</sub>	791 cm <sup>-1</sup>	0.66	0.5	1.13
O <sub>3</sub>	1045 cm <sup>-1</sup>	0.88	0.5	1.13
CH <sub>4</sub>	1306 cm <sup>-1</sup>	1.09	0.5	2.25
CO	2142 cm <sup>-1</sup>	1.79	0.5	4.50
CO <sub>2</sub>	2385 cm <sup>-1</sup>	1.99	0.5	4.50

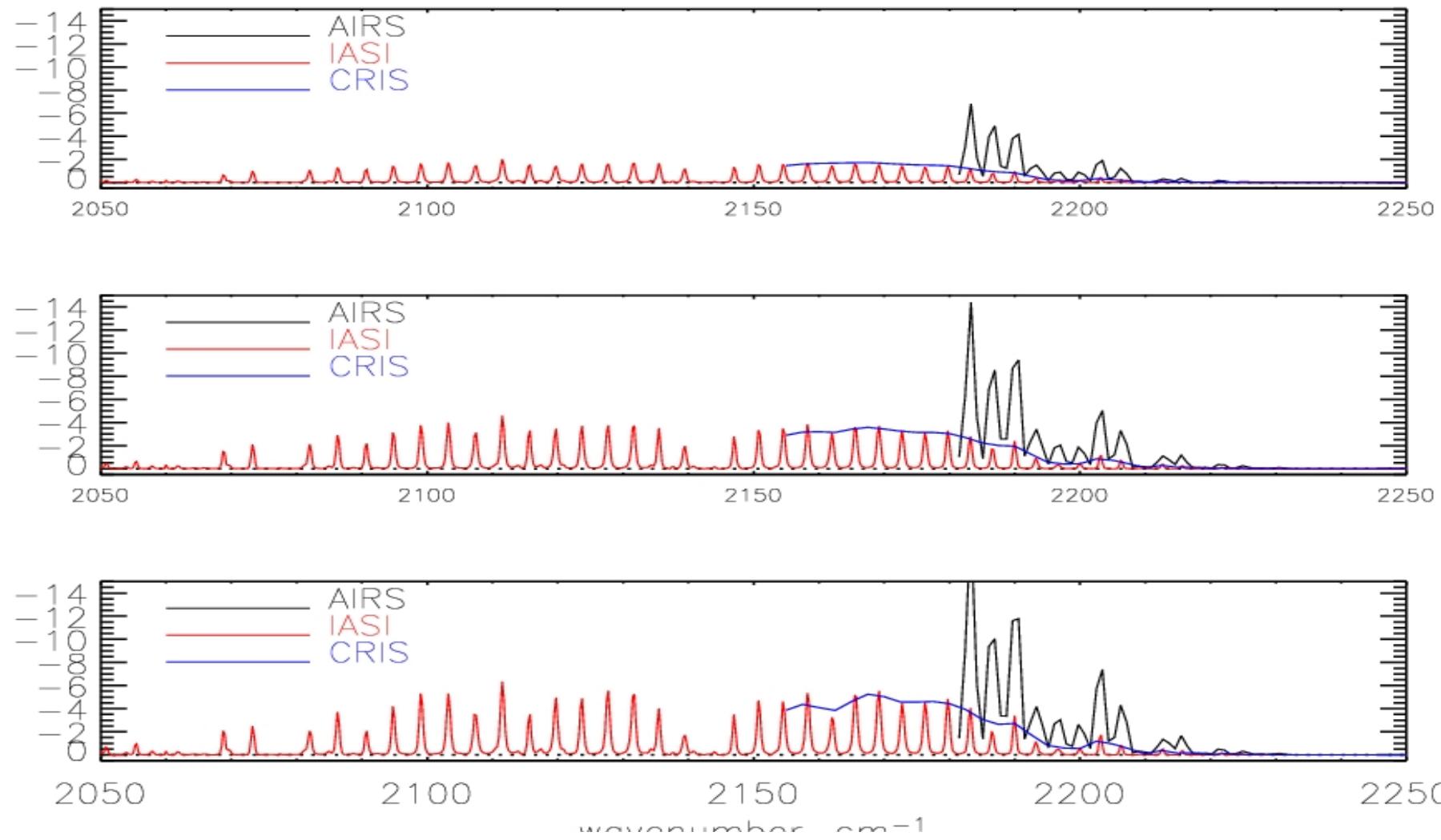
# CO<sub>2</sub> S/N for a 1% (3.7 ppm) Perturbation



# Methane S/N for a 2% (36 ppb) Perturbation

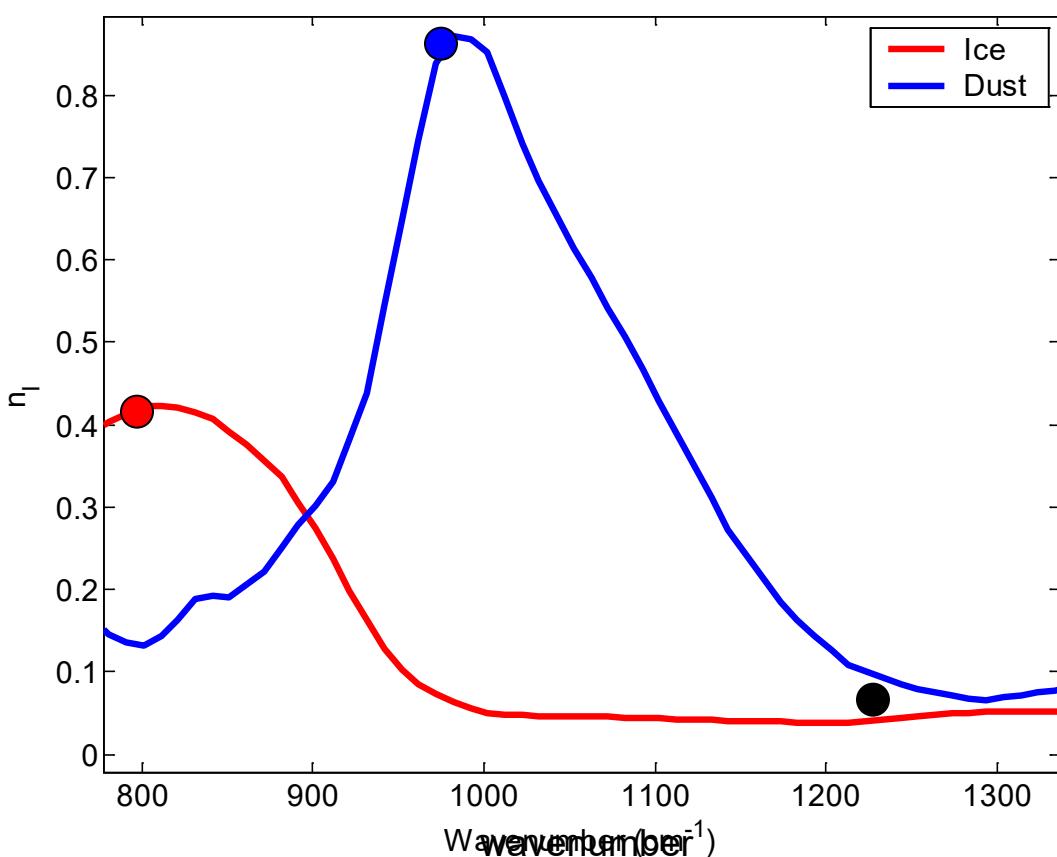


# Carbon Monoxide S/N for a 10% (10 ppb) Perturbation



# Dust and Cirrus Signals

## Imaginary Index of Refraction of Ice and Dust



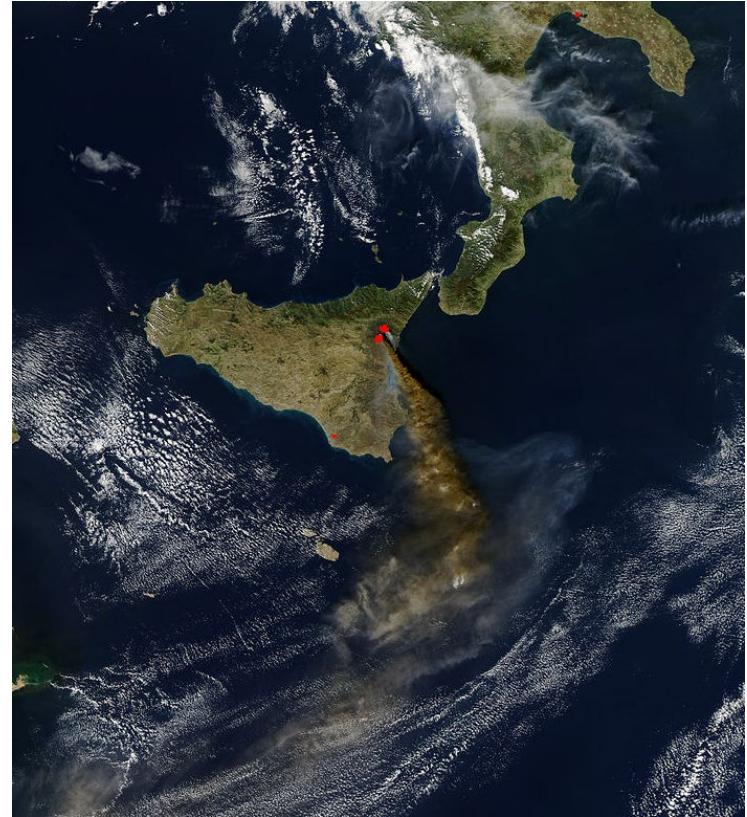
- Both ice and silicate absorption small in  $1200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  window
- In the  $800\text{-}1000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  atmospheric window:
  - Silicate index increases
  - Ice index decreases with wavenumber

Volz, F.E. : Infrared optical constant of ammonium sulphate, Sahara Dust, volcanic pumice and flash, Appl Opt 12 564-658 (1973)

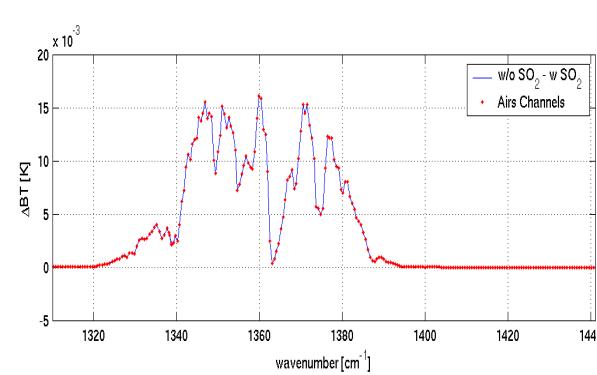
# Mt Etna eruption



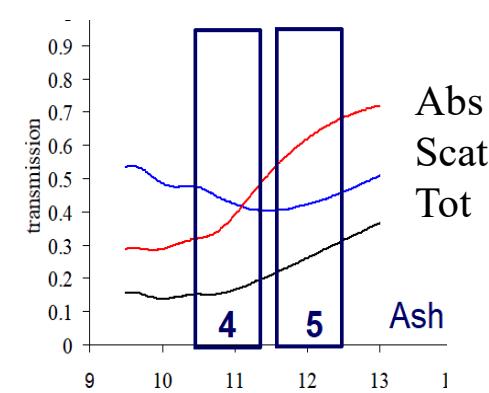
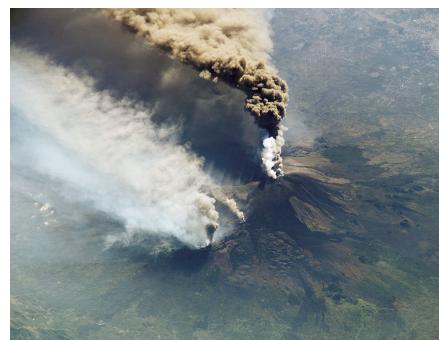
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ISS photo



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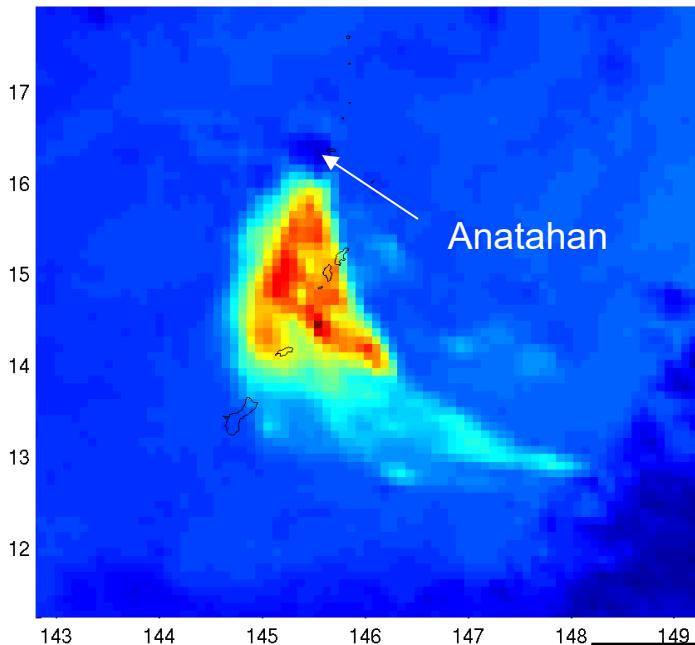
# Anatahan Volcano viewed with AIRS



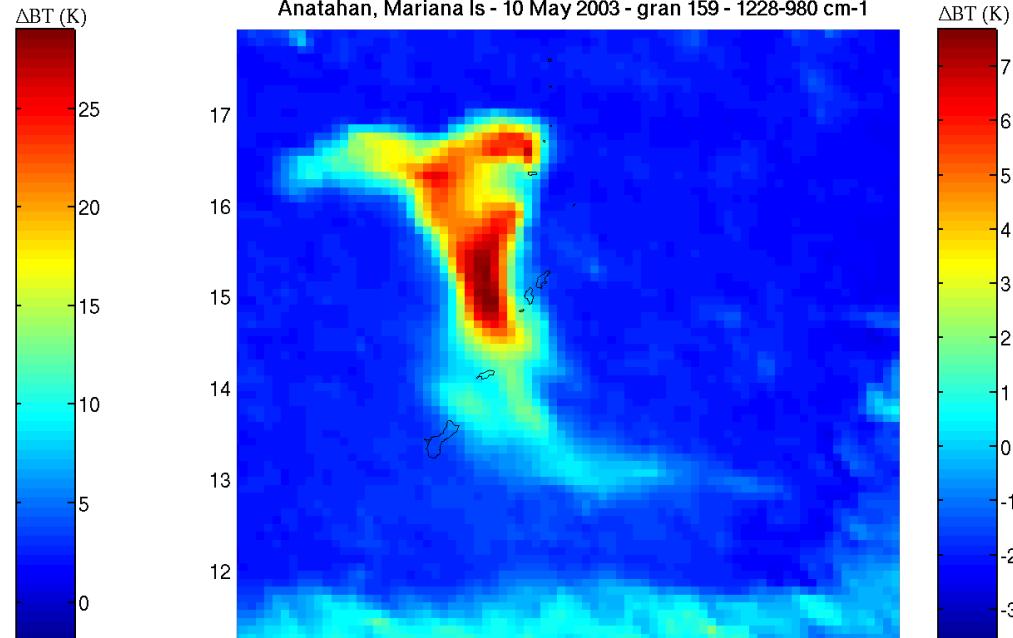
**SO<sub>2</sub> signal**  
**1284-1345 cm<sup>-1</sup>**

**Ash signal**  
**1228-995 cm<sup>-1</sup>**

Anatahan, Mariana Is - 10 May 2003 - gran 159 - 1285.4-1345.3 cm<sup>-1</sup>

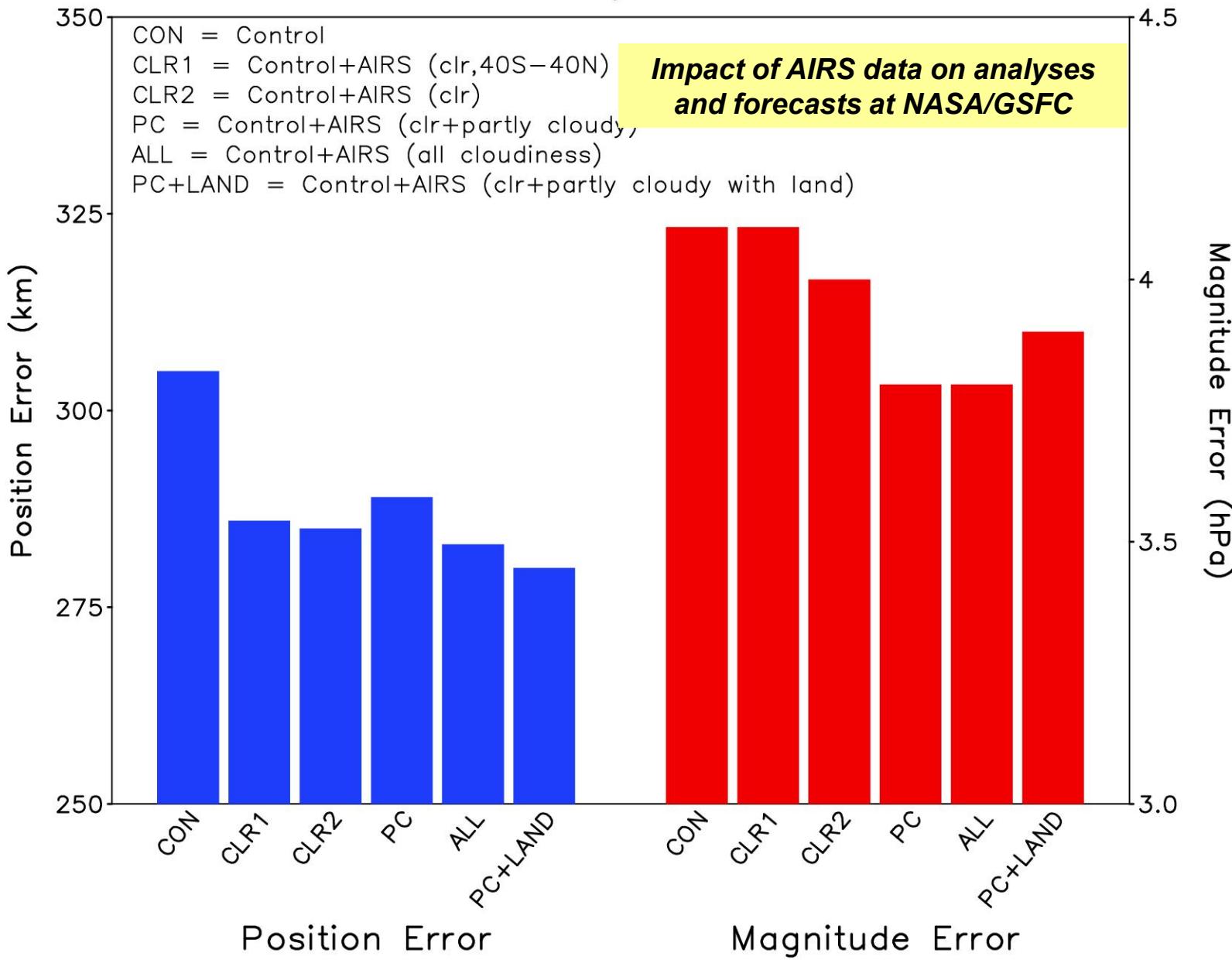


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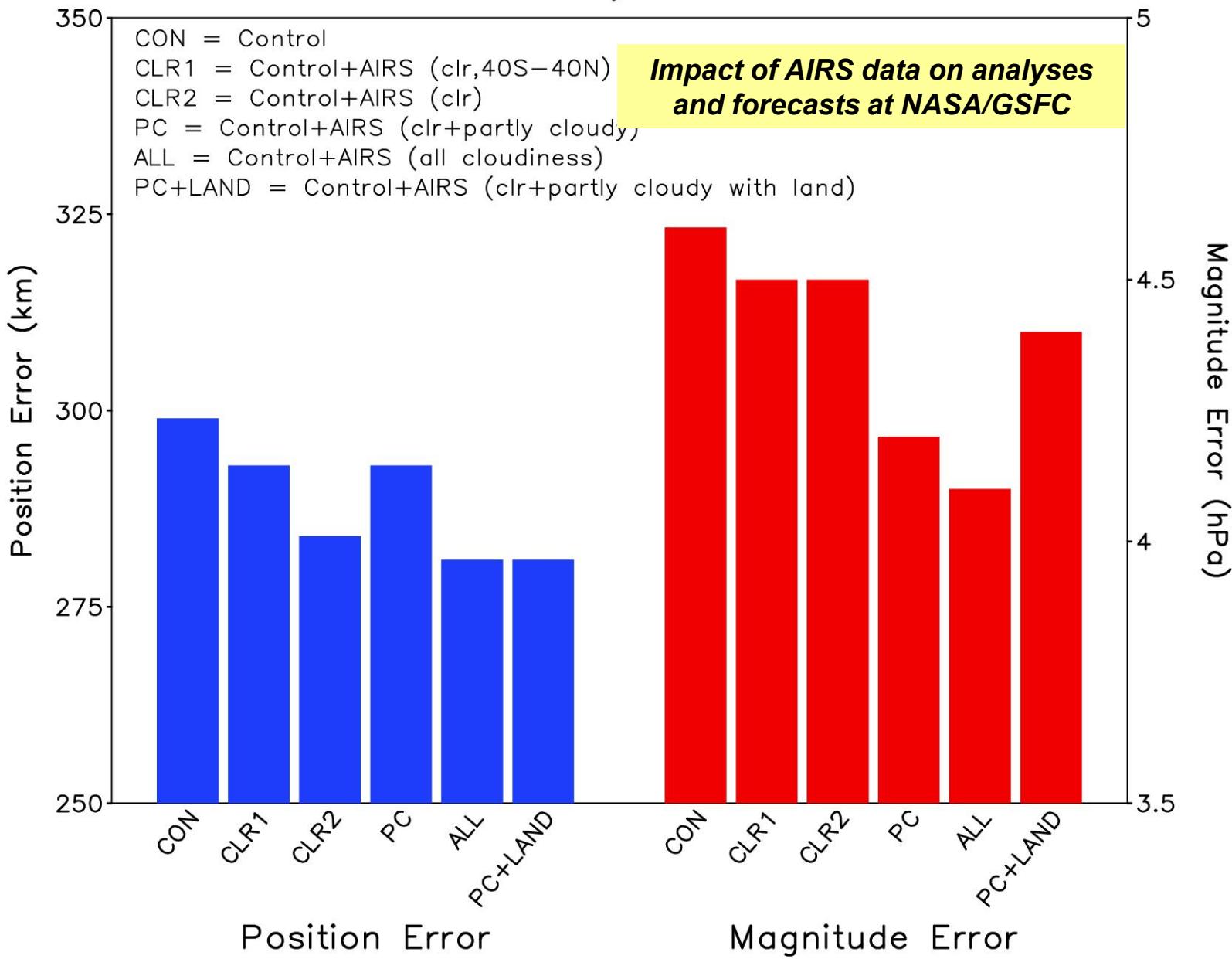


**10 May 2003 (1554 UT)**

# Global Extratropical Cyclone Forecast Error from 11 Five-day FVSSI Forecasts



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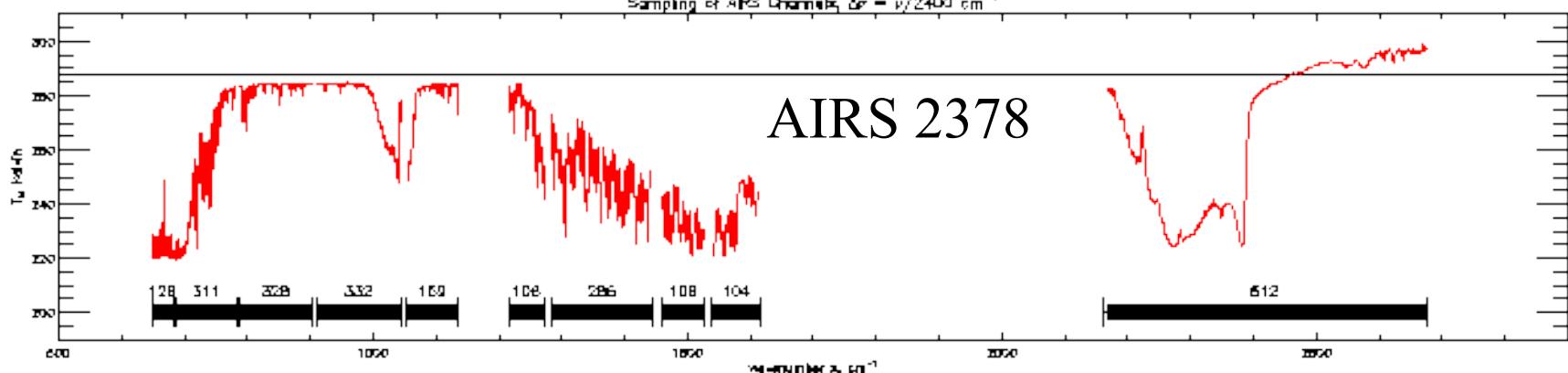


<b>System</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b><u>Data Pool</u> <u>(Download</u> <u>Online data)</u></b>	Using WHOM (Web Hierarchical Ordering Mechanism), search on-line data collections. Level 3 grid products are stored permanently, whereas Level 1 and 2 are limited to the most recent monthly-to-yearly time series. Level 1 and 2 channel and variable subsets are available. FTP scripts for batch download are provided.
<b><u>Tape Archive</u> <u>(place orders)</u></b>	Using WHOM, search for <b>full collections of AIRS products. Orders are placed in the system and email notifications sent when data are shipped. Level 1 and 2 subsets are available.</b>
<b><u>Earth Observing</u> <u>System Data</u> <u>Gateway</u></b>	A WWW interface to access all data available in NASA's Earth Observation System Data Information System and related data centers. With EDG, a user can search for and acquire a large variety of earth, ocean, and atmospheric science data obtained from EOS instruments.
<b><u>ESDT Search</u></b>	The Earth Science Data Type (ESDT) shortname is a unique designator for EOS data products. Using either Quick Search or Browse method, you will get information about data sets, organized by ESDT view. It then leads directly to data ordering page.
<b><u>OPeNDAP/DOD</u> <u>S server</u></b>	Provide access to the data stored by the Open Source Project for a Network Data Access Protocol OPeNDAP/DODS, formerly Distributed Oceanographic Data System.
<b><u>Mirador</u></b>	A beta ( $\beta$ ), experimental release of our simplified interface for searching, browsing, and ordering Earth science data at NASA GES DISC.
<b><u>FTP</u></b>	Anonymous FTP Server

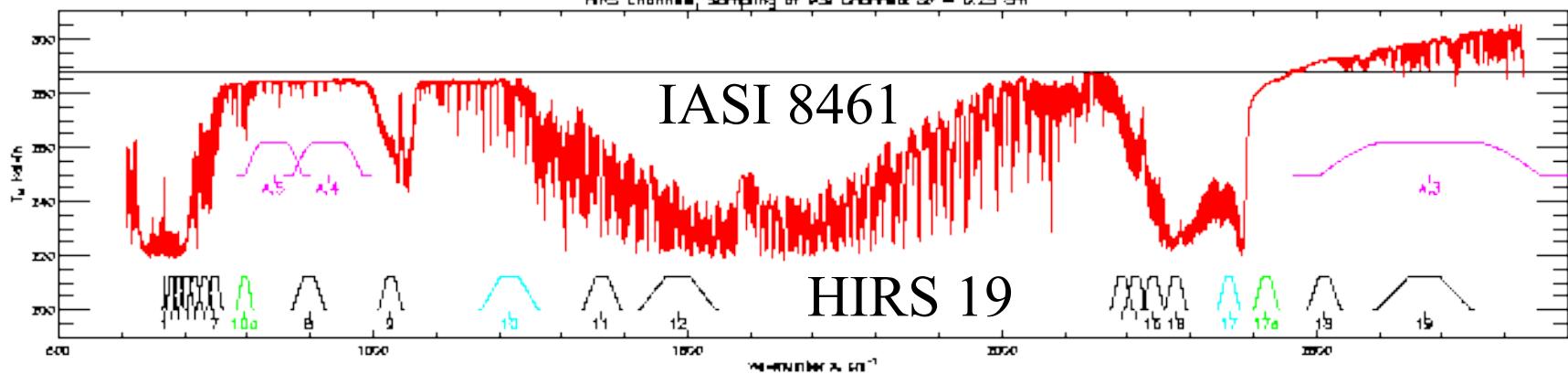
## **Useful Links for getting AIRS Data, Product, and Associated Information**

- Data Pool (Download online data)
  - <http://disc.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/datapool/AIRS/>
- Tape Archive (place orders)
  - <http://disc.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/dataset/AIRS/>
- EOS Data Gateway
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- ESDT Search
  - <http://disc.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/esdt/>
- OPeNDAP/DODS server
  - [http://disc.gsfc.nasa.gov/services/dods/airs\\_dp.shtml](http://disc.gsfc.nasa.gov/services/dods/airs_dp.shtml)
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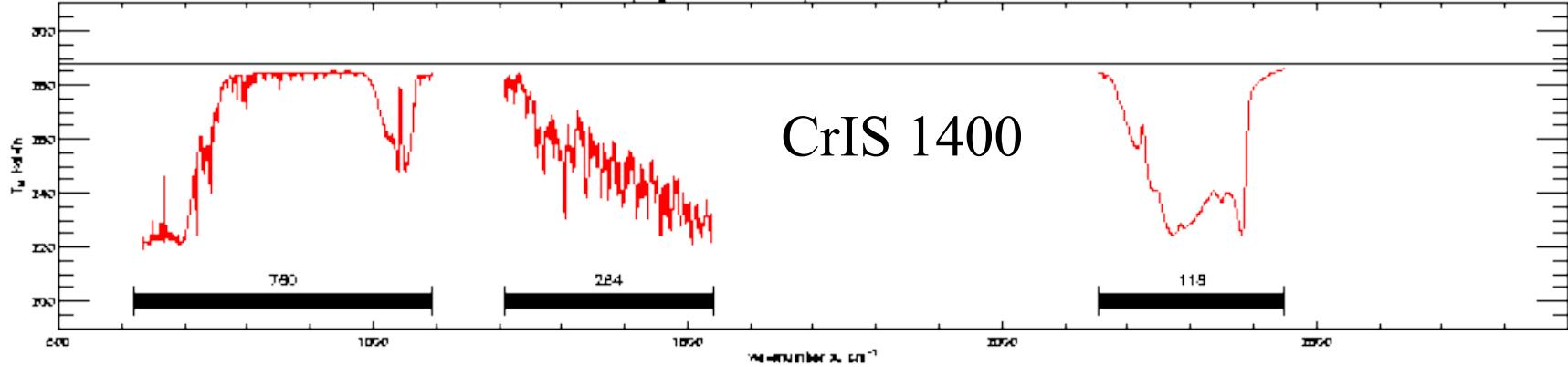
Sampling of AIRS Channels,  $\Delta\nu = \nu/2400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



HIRS Channels, Sampling of IASI Channels,  $\Delta\nu = 0.25 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



Sampling of CrIS Channels,  $\Delta\nu = 0.625, 1.25, 2.50 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



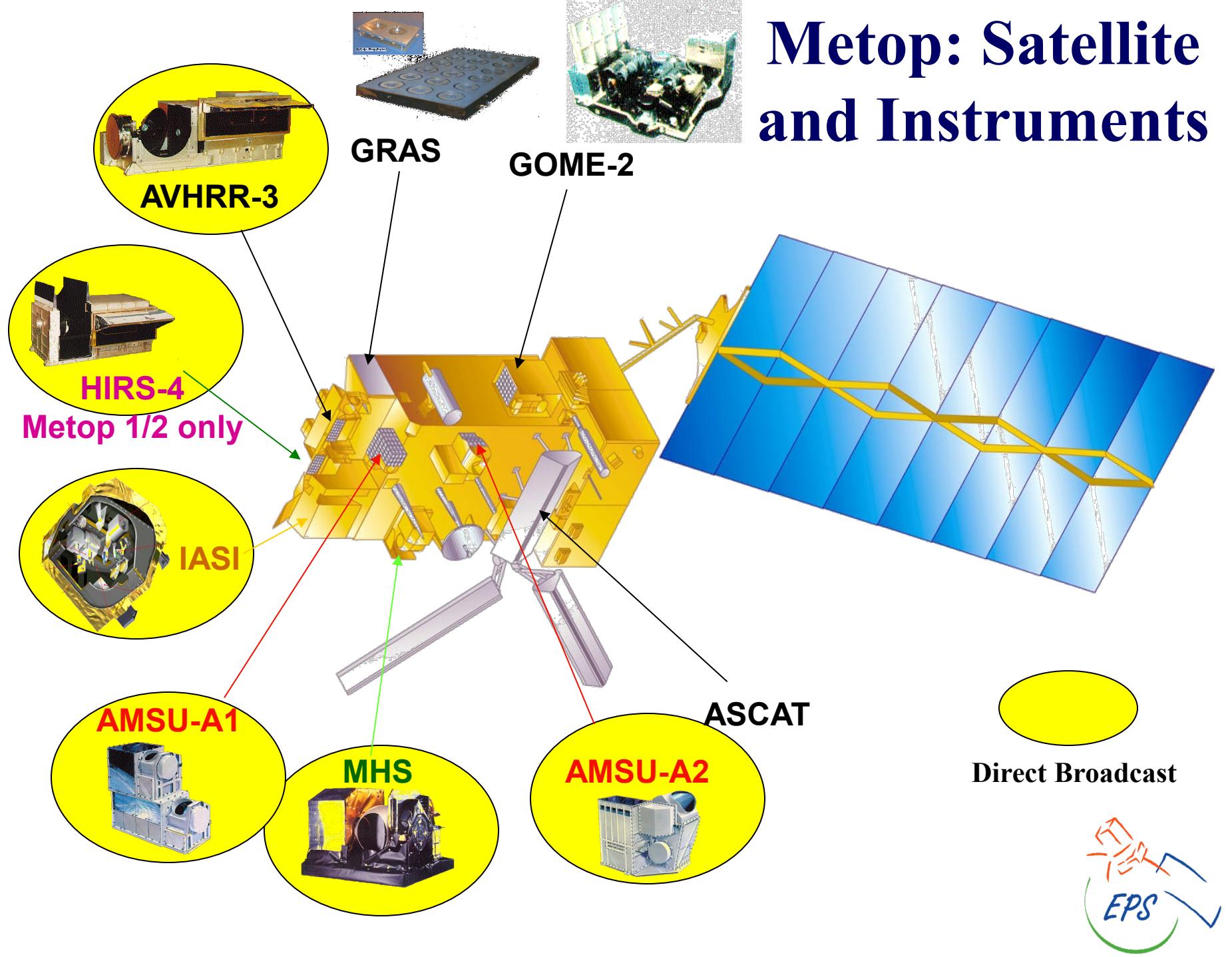
# EUMETSAT POLAR SYSTEM

- Metop-2 Scheduled launch 30 June 2006
- Metop-2 renamed Metop-A after launch
- Sun synchronous orbit 820 km, 9h30 LST
- 14 years of operation
- Central and distributed Ground Segment components



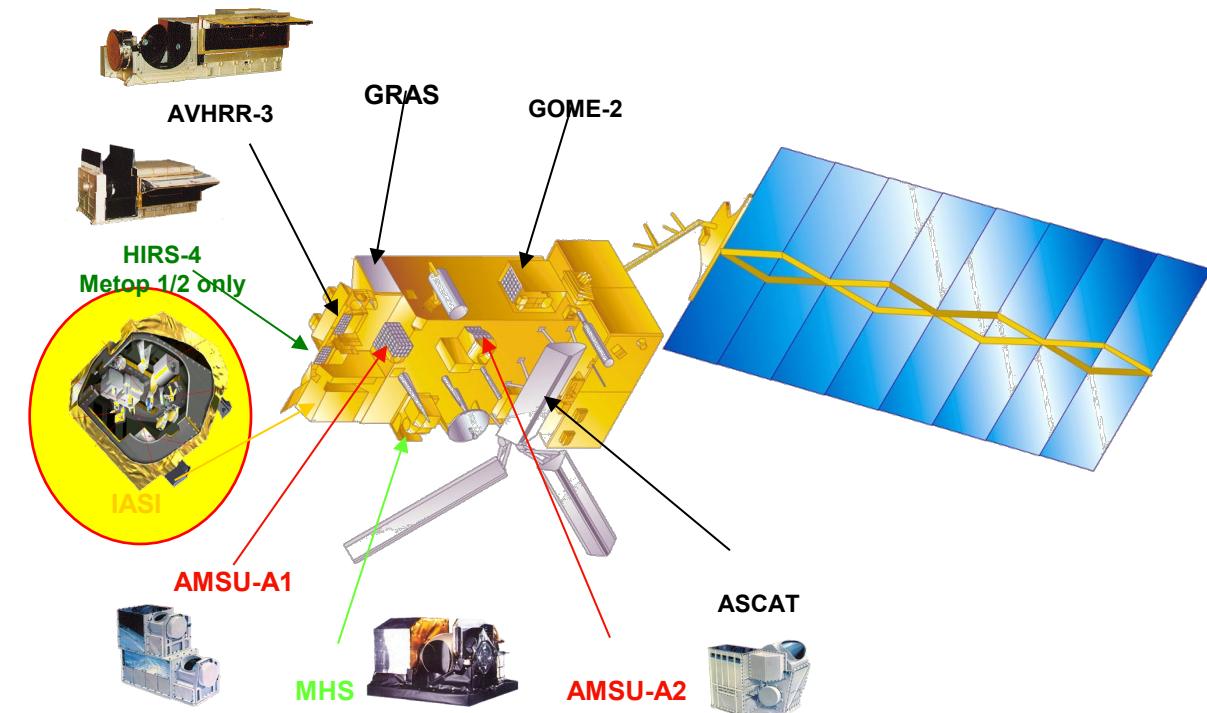
- Metop-B and Metop-C recurrent models

# Metop: Satellite and Instruments



# IASI

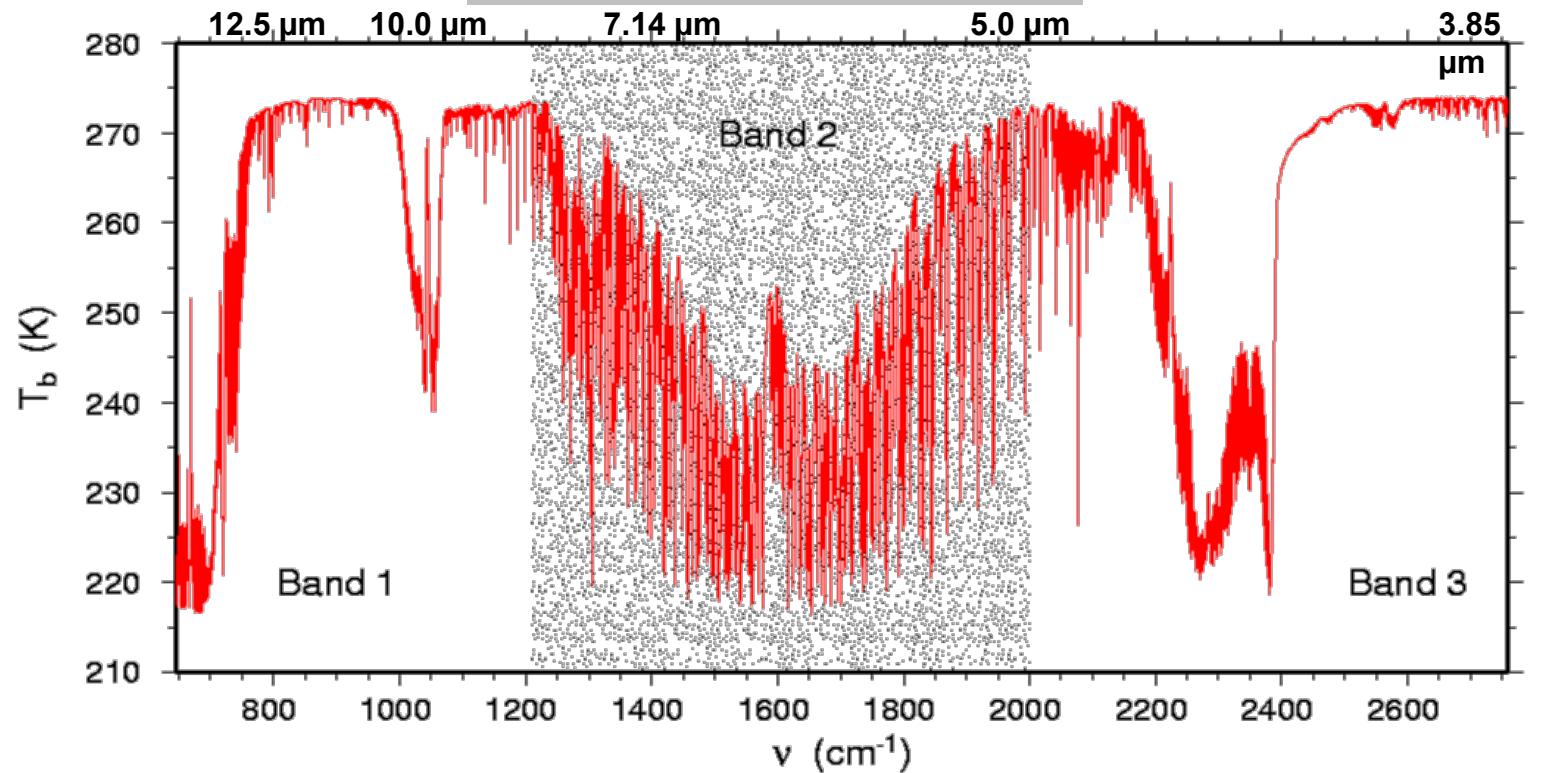
## Infrared Atmospheric Sounding Interferometer



# New Technology provides enhanced capabilities for Infrared Sounding

# HIRS/4 IR Channels

## IASI Bands

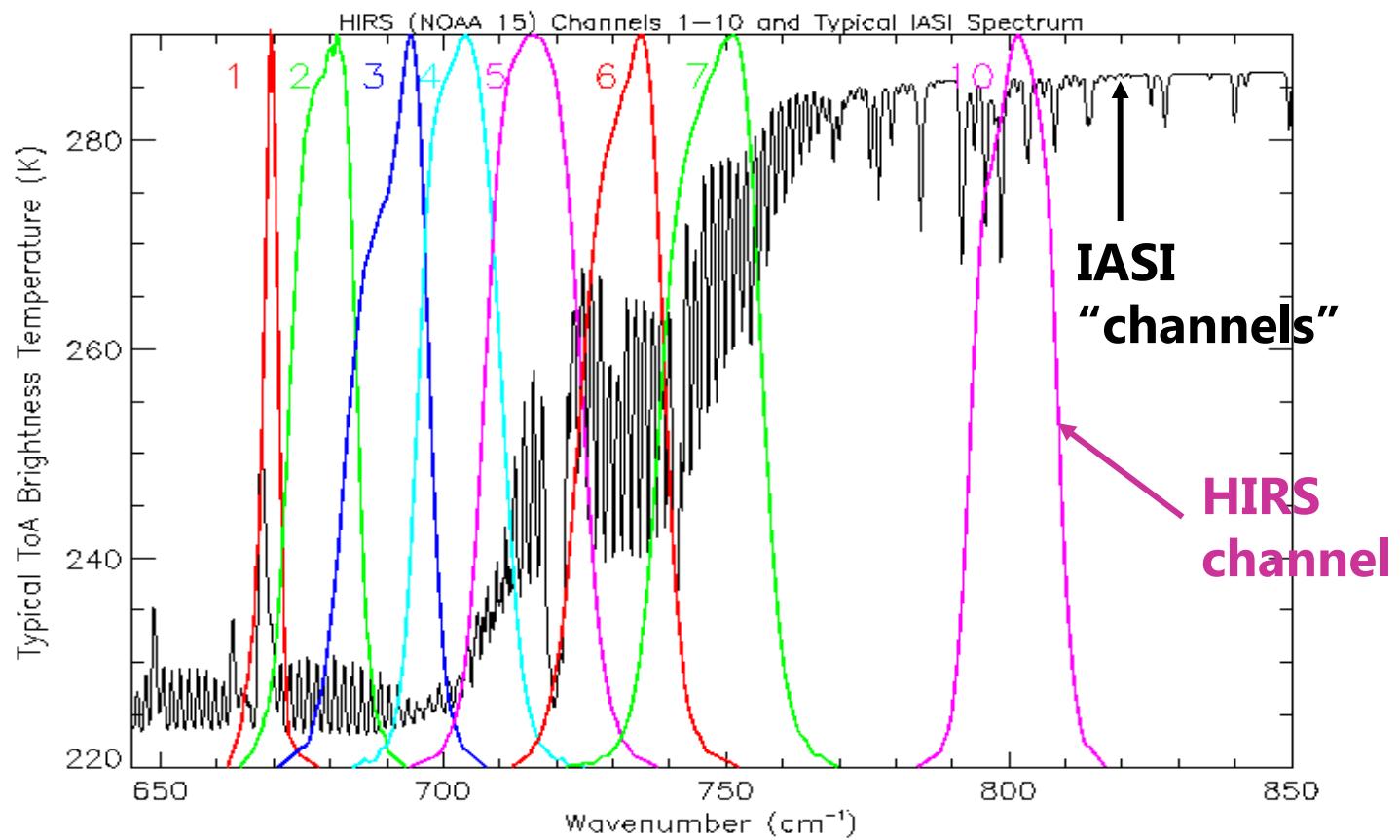


13.35 **7** ■ 8 ■ 11.1  
6 ■ 13.65 ■ 9 ■ 9.7  
13.97 **5** ■ **10** ■ 12.47  
**4** ■ 14.2  
**3** ■ 14.5  
**2** ■ 14.7  
**1** ■ 14.9

11 ■ 7.32  
12 ■ 6.53

4.13 **17** ■ **18** ■ 3.98  
**16** ■ 4.45  
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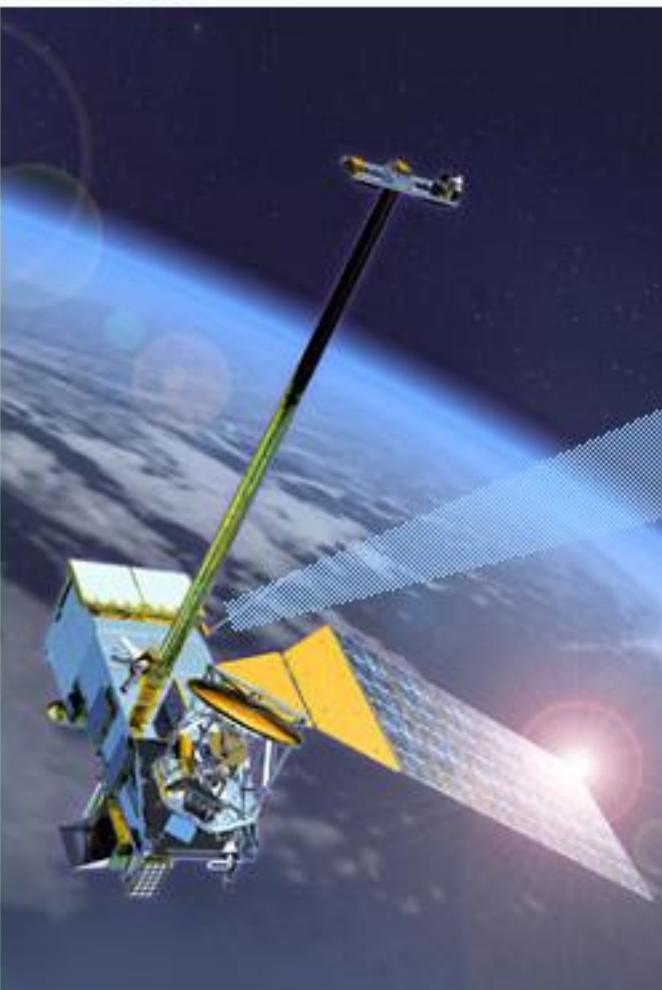
# Comparison of IASI and HIRS Spectra



**HIRS 19 channels versus IASI 8461 spectral samples**



# CrIS Mission: Provide Vertical Soundings of Temperature, Moisture, and Pressure for NPOESS



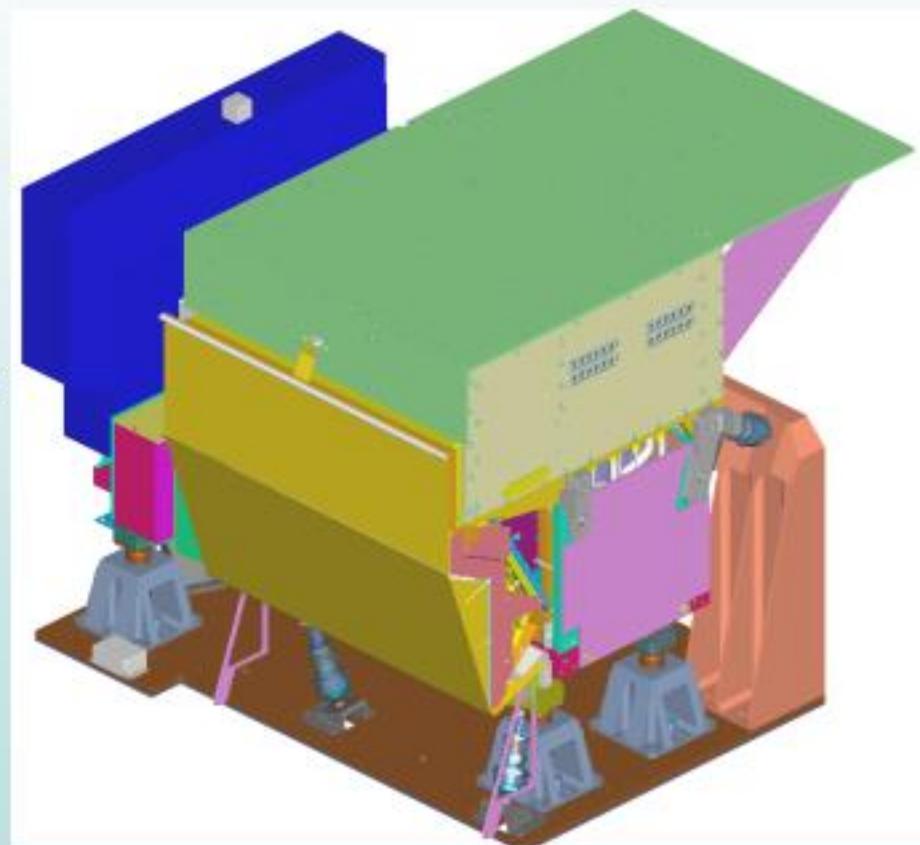
## CrIS - A Mission-Critical Payload on NPOESS

- Part of the Crosstrack Infrared and Microwave Sensor Suite (CrIMSS) with Advanced Technology Microwave Sounder (ATMS) on NPP in 2 of 3 NPOESS orbits
- Interferometric Collection of Upwelling Infrared Radiance Spectra at Very High Spectral Resolution
- Data Is Combined With ATMS to Produce All Weather High Vertical Resolution Vertical Profiles of Temperature, Moisture, and Pressure



# NPOESS CrIS

- Michelson Interferometer (FTS)
- Large 8 cm Clear Aperture
- Three Spectral Bands
  - LWIR:  $650\text{-}1095\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (713 Chan)
  - MWIR:  $1210\text{-}1750\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (433 Chan)
  - SWIR:  $2155\text{-}2550\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (159 Chan)
- 1305 Total Spectral Channels
- 3x3 FOVs at 14 km Diameter for each Band
- Photovoltaic Detectors in All 3 Bands
- 4-Stage Passive Detector Cooler (81K)
- Plane-Mirror Interferometer With DAPS
- Internal Laser Wavelength Calibration
- Deep-Cavity Internal Calibration Target
- Extended Radiator
- Passive Vibration Isolation System Allows Robust Operation
- Modular Construction





# CrIS Contributes to Sixteen (16) NPP/NPOESS Data Products



Atmospheric Vertical Moisture Profile	Cloud Top Pressure	Precipitable Water
Atmospheric Vertical Temp Profile	Cloud Top Temperature	Precipitation Type/Rate
Imagery	Downward Longwave Radiance (Sfc)	Pressure (Surface/Profile)
Sea Surface Temperature	Downward Shortwave Radiance(Sfc)	Sea Ice Characterization
Sea Surface Winds	Electric Field	Sea Surface Height/Topography
Soil Moisture	Electron Density Profile	Snow Cover/Depth
Aerosol Optical Thickness	Energetic Ions	Solar Irradiance
Aerosol Particle Size	Geomagnetic Field	Supra-Thermal-Auroral Particles
Aerosol Refractive Index	Ice Surface Temperature	Surface Type
Albedo (Surface)	In-situ Plasma Fluctuations	Wind Stress
Auroral Boundary	In-situ Plasma Temperature	Suspended Matter
Auroral Energy Deposition	Ionospheric Scintillation	Total Water Content
Auroral Imagery	Medium Energy Charged Particles	Vegetation Index
Cloud Base Height (CIRRUS)	Land Surface Temperature	VIIRS (23)
Cloud Cover/Layers	Net Heat Flux	CMIS (19)
Cloud Effective Particle Size	Net Solar Radiation (TOA)	CrIS/ATMS (3)
Cloud Ice Water Path	Neutral Density Profile	OMPS (1)
Cloud Liquid Water	Color/Chlorophyll	SES (13)
Cloud Optical Thickness	Ocean Wave Characterizing	GPSOS (2)
Cloud Particle Size Distribution	Outgoing Longwave Radiation (TOA)	ERBS (5)
Cloud Top Height	Ozone - Total Column Profile	TSIS (1)
		ALTIMETER (3)
		APS (4)

CrIS (16)

★ Environmental Data Records (EDRs) with Key Performance Parameters



# NPOESS/METOP Will Provide 4-hourly Interval Global Soundings



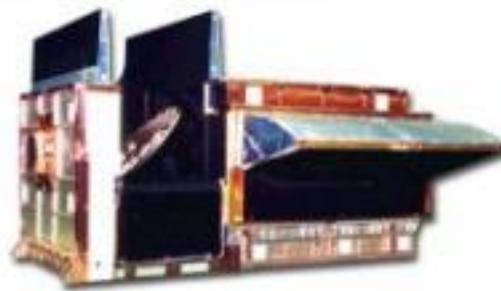
	Launches	Lifetime	Atmos Sounders
METOP [2130]	~2005, 2010, 2015	5 yr	IASI/AMSU/MHS
NPOESS [1330]	~ 2009, 2015	7 yr	CrIS/ATMS
NPOESS [1730]	~2013, 2018	7 yr	CrIS/ATMS



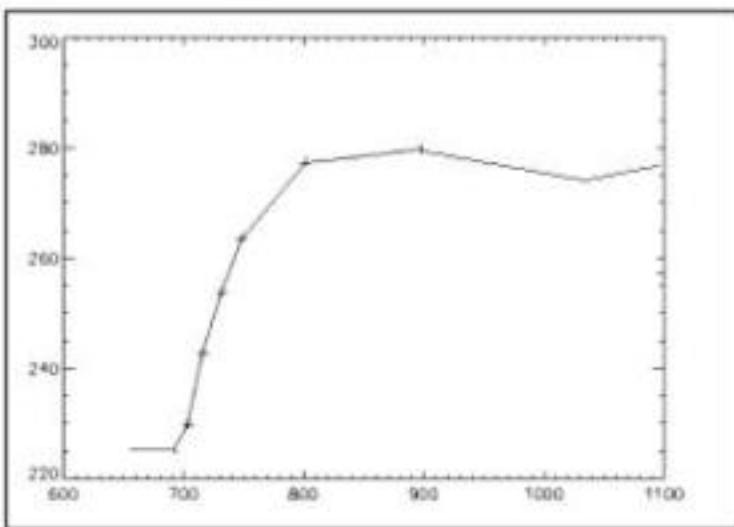
# CrIS Objective: Much Higher Spectral Resolution for Improved Soundings



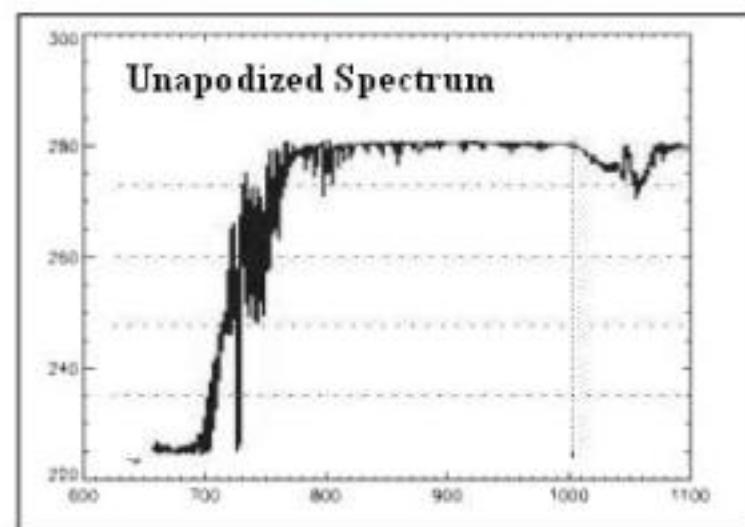
Current Generation HIRS



Next Generation CrIS



LWIR Spectra Measured By HIRS (12 Channels)

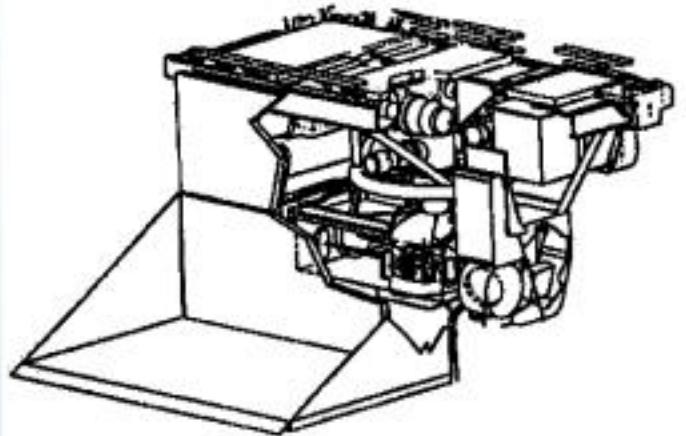


LWIR Spectra Measured By CrIS (712 Channels)

More Spectral Channels Improves Sounding Accuracy and Vertical Resolution

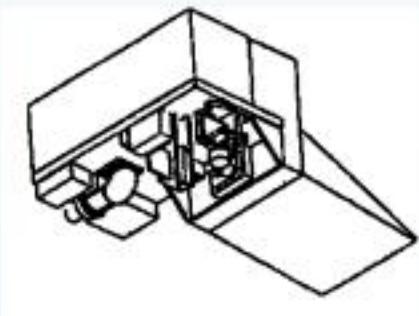


# CrIS is An Evolutionary Improvement of the Current Sounding Capability



**Aqua AIRS**

**Volume:** 140 x 151 x 76 cm  
1.6 m<sup>3</sup>  
**Mass:** 166 kg  
**Power:** 256 W  
**Data Rate:** 1.3 Mbps



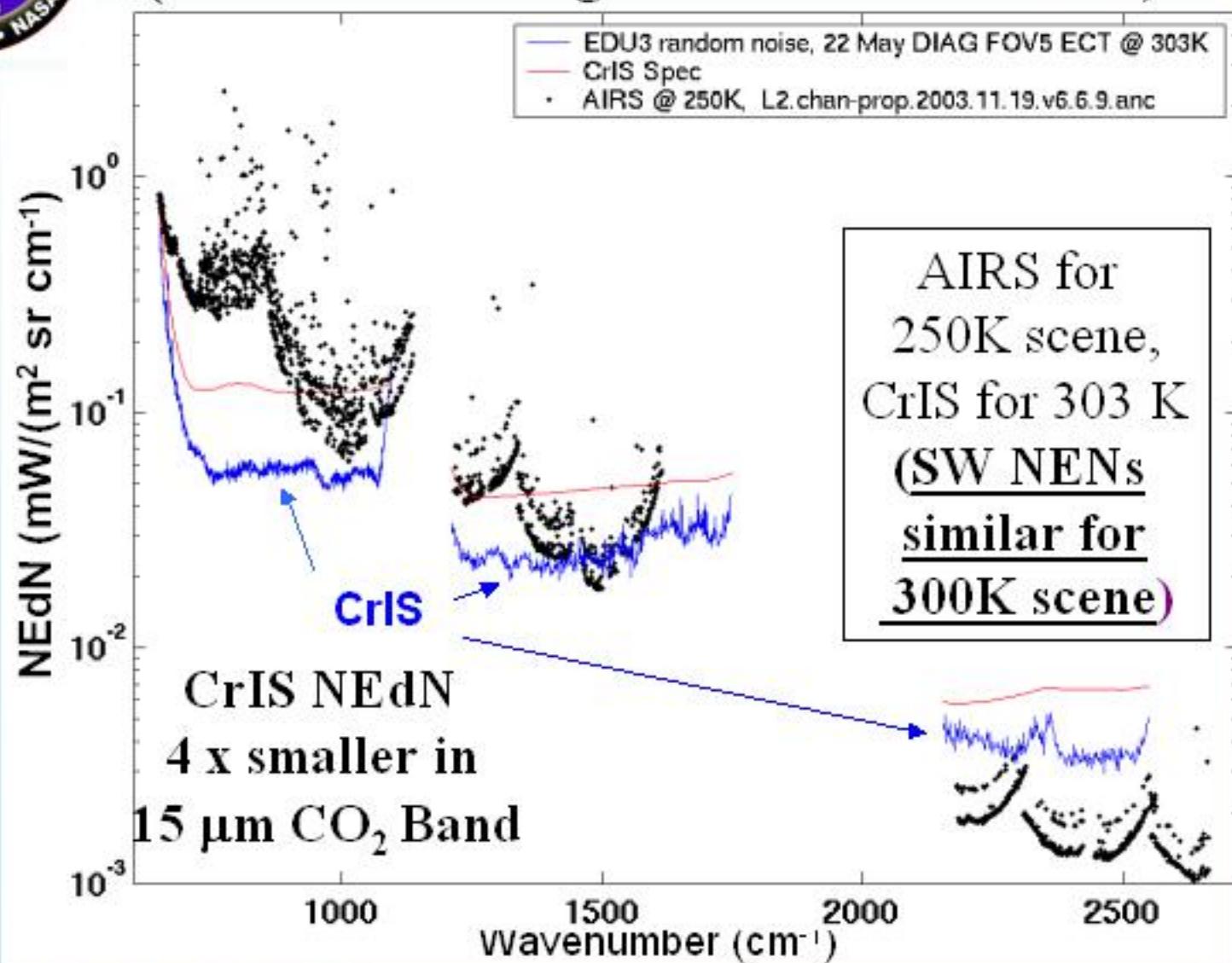
**NPOESS CrIS**

**Volume:** 71 x 80 x 95 cm  
0.6 m<sup>3</sup>  
**Mass:** 152 kg  
**Power:** 124 W  
**Data Rate:** 1.5 Mbps



# CrIS Vs AIRS Noise Comparison

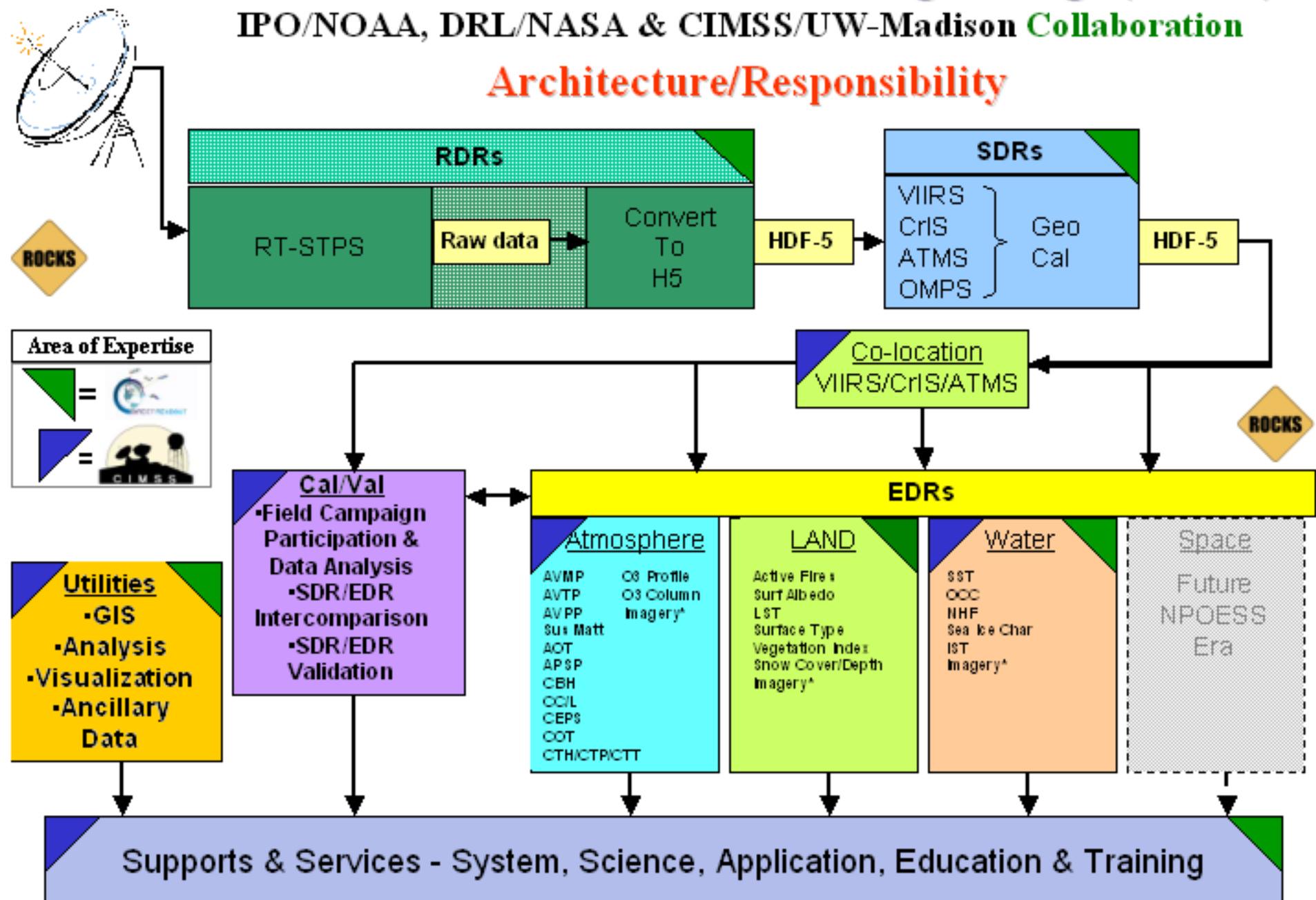
## (Lower Noise = Higher Vertical Resolution)



# International Polar Orbiter Processing Package (IPOPP)

IPO/NOAA, DRL/NASA & CIMSS/UW-Madison Collaboration

## Architecture/Responsibility



# IPOPP Partial Product List

- True color atmospherically corrected images
- Single VIIRS FOV cloud mask and phase
- Cloud Infrared Properties
- Land Surface Reflectance
- Snow/Sea Ice Detection
- Scene Classification (Clouds and Land Surface)
- CrIS single FOV retrieval of temperature and moisture profiles
- CrIS/ATMS sounding EDR evaluation/validation.
- CrIS/VIIRS synergistic high spatial resolution cloud cleared radiances and retrievals
- Efficient and accurate CrIS/VIIRS/Others collocation
- Other high priority non-core EDRs as identified by direct broadcast users.

# **EOS IMAPP & NPP/NPOESS/METOP IPOPP**

## **- Continuing & Evolving Role**

- Provide tools and services to support DB users
- Provide validated measurements & products that DB users want
- **And to conduct synergistic process to**
  - ❖ **Provide value-added and performance enhanced products for the demands of achieving high quality information and knowledge**
  - ❖ **Provide data/products inter-comparison as part of validation and calibration efforts**