

# App Met Sat Summary

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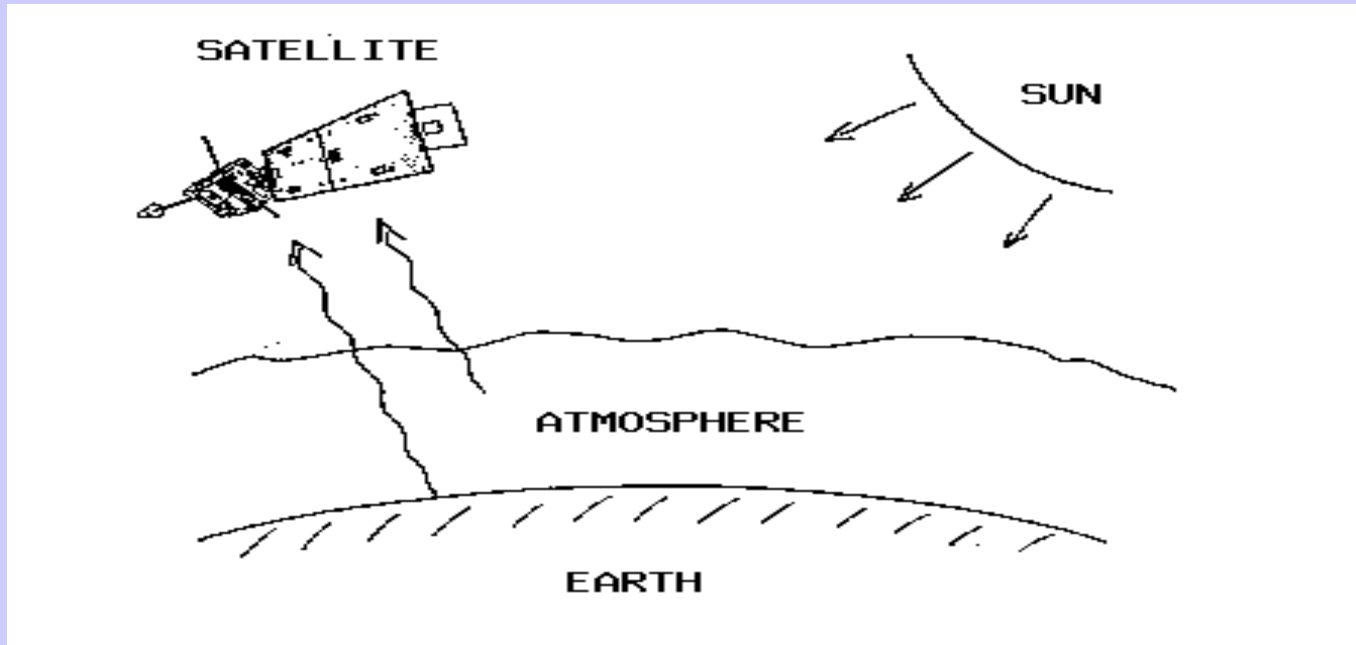
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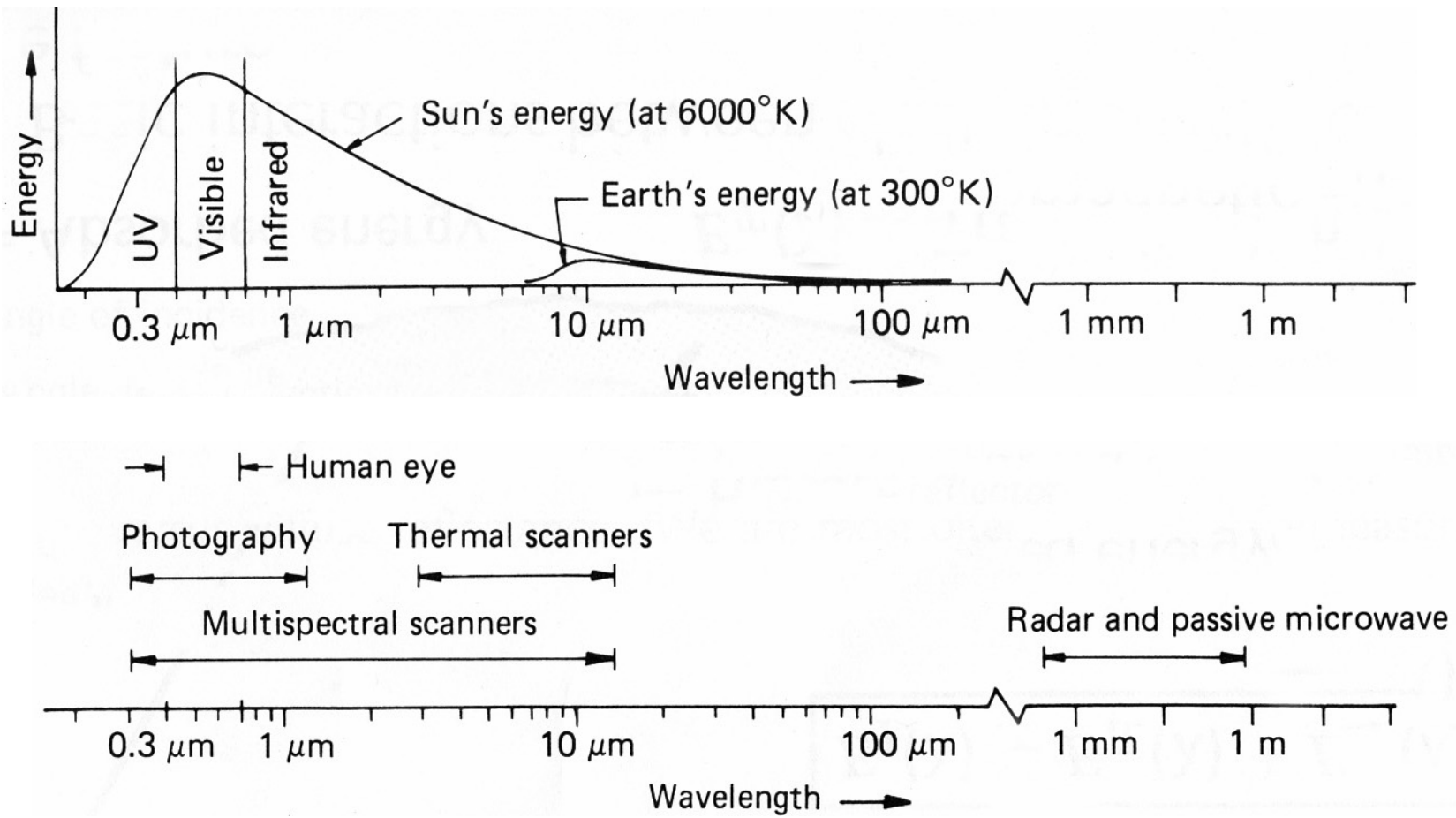
# Satellite remote sensing of the Earth-atmosphere



Observations depend on

- telescope characteristics (resolving power, diffraction)
- detector characteristics (signal to noise)
- communications bandwidth (bit depth)
- spectral intervals (window, absorption band)
- time of day (daylight visible)
- atmospheric state (T, Q, clouds)
- earth surface (Ts, vegetation cover)

# Spectral Characteristics of Energy Sources and Sensing Systems



# Terminology of radiant energy

**Energy from  
the Earth Atmosphere**

over time is

**Flux**

which strikes the detector area

**Irradiance**

at a given wavelength interval

**Monochromatic  
Irradiance**

over a solid angle on the Earth

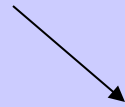
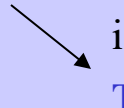
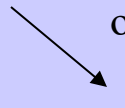
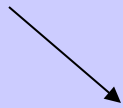
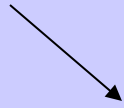
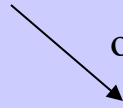
**Radiance observed by  
satellite radiometer**

is described by

**The Planck function**

can be inverted to

**Brightness temperature**



# Definitions of Radiation

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<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>SYMBOL</b>	<b>UNITS</b>
<b>Energy</b>	<b>dQ</b>	<b>Joules</b>
<b>Flux</b>	<b>dQ/dt</b>	<b>Joules/sec = Watts</b>
<b>Irradiance</b>	<b>dQ/dt/dA</b>	<b>Watts/meter<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Monochromatic Irradiance</b>	<b>dQ/dt/dA/dλ</b>  <b>or</b>  <b>dQ/dt/dA/dν</b>	<b>W/m<sup>2</sup>/micron</b>    <b>W/m<sup>2</sup>/cm<sup>-1</sup></b>
<b>Radiance</b>	<b>dQ/dt/dA/dλ/dΩ</b>  <b>or</b>  <b>dQ/dt/dA/dν/dΩ</b>	<b>W/m<sup>2</sup>/micron/ster</b>    <b>W/m<sup>2</sup>/cm<sup>-1</sup>/ster</b>

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## Using wavenumbers

$$\text{Planck's Law} \quad B(\nu, T) = \frac{c_1 \nu^3}{[e^{c_2 \nu / T} - 1]} \quad (\text{mW/m}^2/\text{ster/cm}^{-1})$$

where  $\nu = \#$  wavelengths in one centimeter ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  
 $T =$  temperature of emitting surface (deg K)  
 $c_1 = 1.191044 \times 10^{-5}$  ( $\text{mW/m}^2/\text{ster/cm}^{-4}$ )  
 $c_2 = 1.438769$  (cm deg K)

$$\text{Wien's Law} \quad dB(\nu_{\text{max}}, T) / d\nu = 0 \text{ where } \nu_{\text{max}} = 1.95T$$

indicates peak of Planck function curve shifts to shorter wavelengths (greater wavenumbers) with temperature increase.

$$\text{Stefan-Boltzmann Law} \quad E = \pi \int_0^{\infty} B(\nu, T) d\nu = \sigma T^4, \text{ where } \sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2/\text{deg}^4.$$

states that irradiance of a black body (area under Planck curve) is proportional to  $T^4$ .

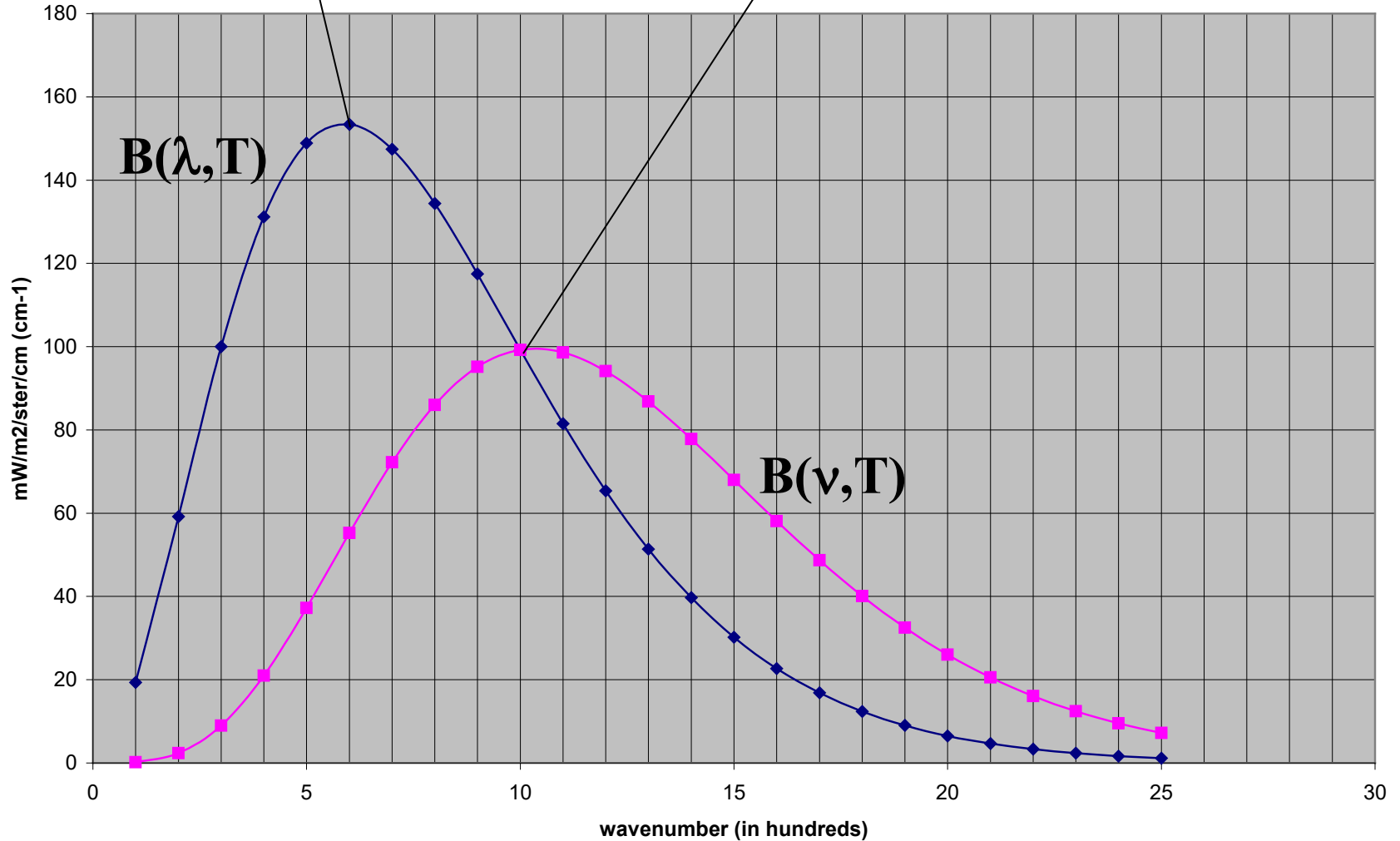
## Brightness Temperature

$$T = \frac{c_2 \nu}{[\ln(\frac{c_1 \nu^3}{B_\nu} + 1)]}$$
 is determined by inverting Planck function

$$B(\lambda_{\max}, T) \sim T^5$$

$$B(\nu_{\max}, T) \sim T^3$$

Planck Radiances



**$B(\lambda, T)$  versus  $B(\nu, T)$**

## Using wavenumbers

$$B(\nu, T) = \frac{c_1 \nu^3}{e^{c_2 \nu / T} - 1}$$

(mW/m<sup>2</sup>/ster/cm<sup>-1</sup>)

$$\nu(\text{max in cm}^{-1}) = 1.95T$$

$$B(\nu_{\text{max}}, T) \sim T^{**3}.$$

$$E = \pi \int_0^{\infty} B(\nu, T) d\nu = \sigma T^4,$$

$$T = c_2 \nu / \left[ \ln \left( \frac{c_1 \nu^3}{B_\nu} + 1 \right) \right]$$

## Using wavelengths

$$B(\lambda, T) = \frac{c_1}{\lambda^5 \left[ e^{c_2 / \lambda T} - 1 \right]}$$

(mW/m<sup>2</sup>/ster/μm)

$$\lambda(\text{max in cm})T = 0.2897$$

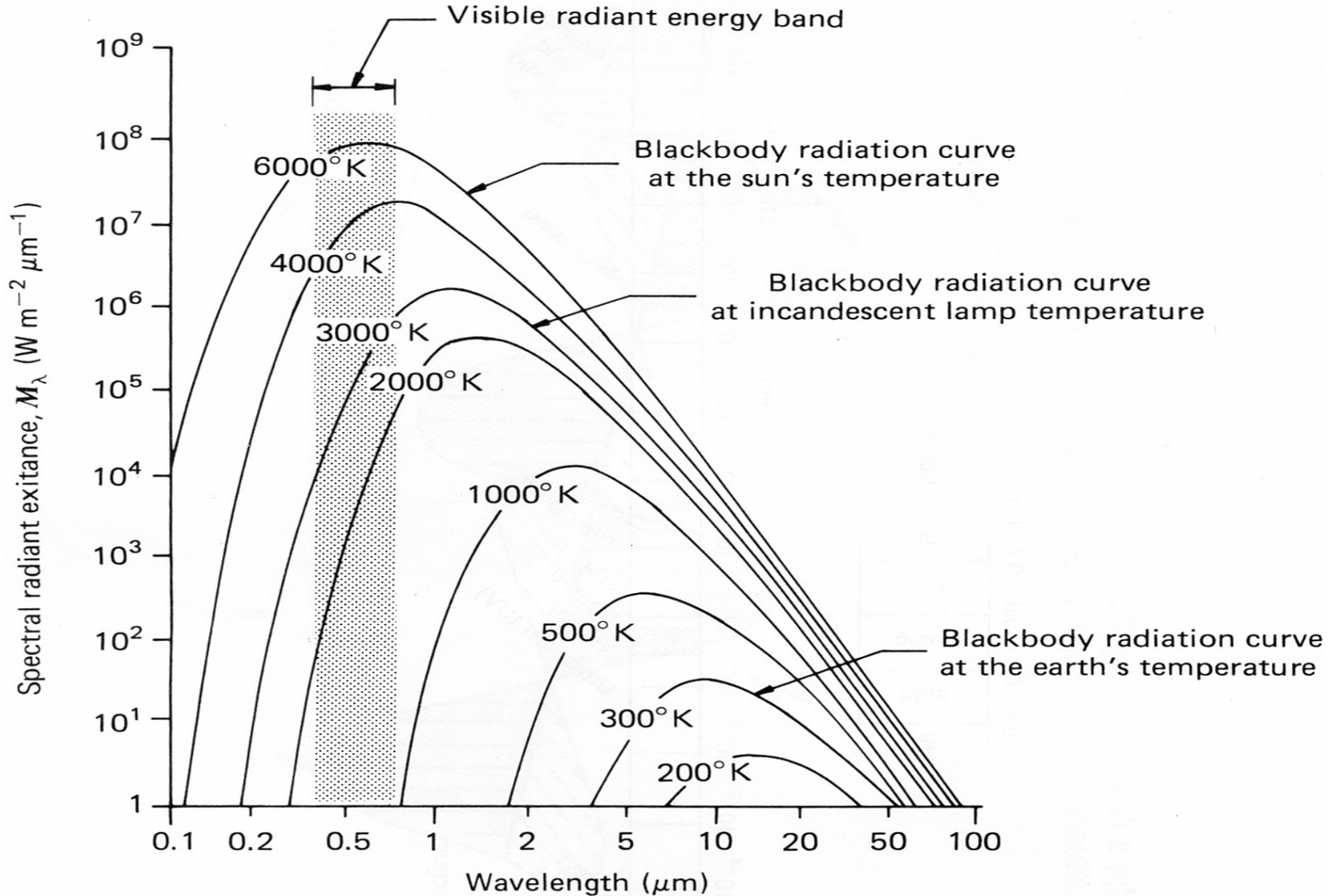
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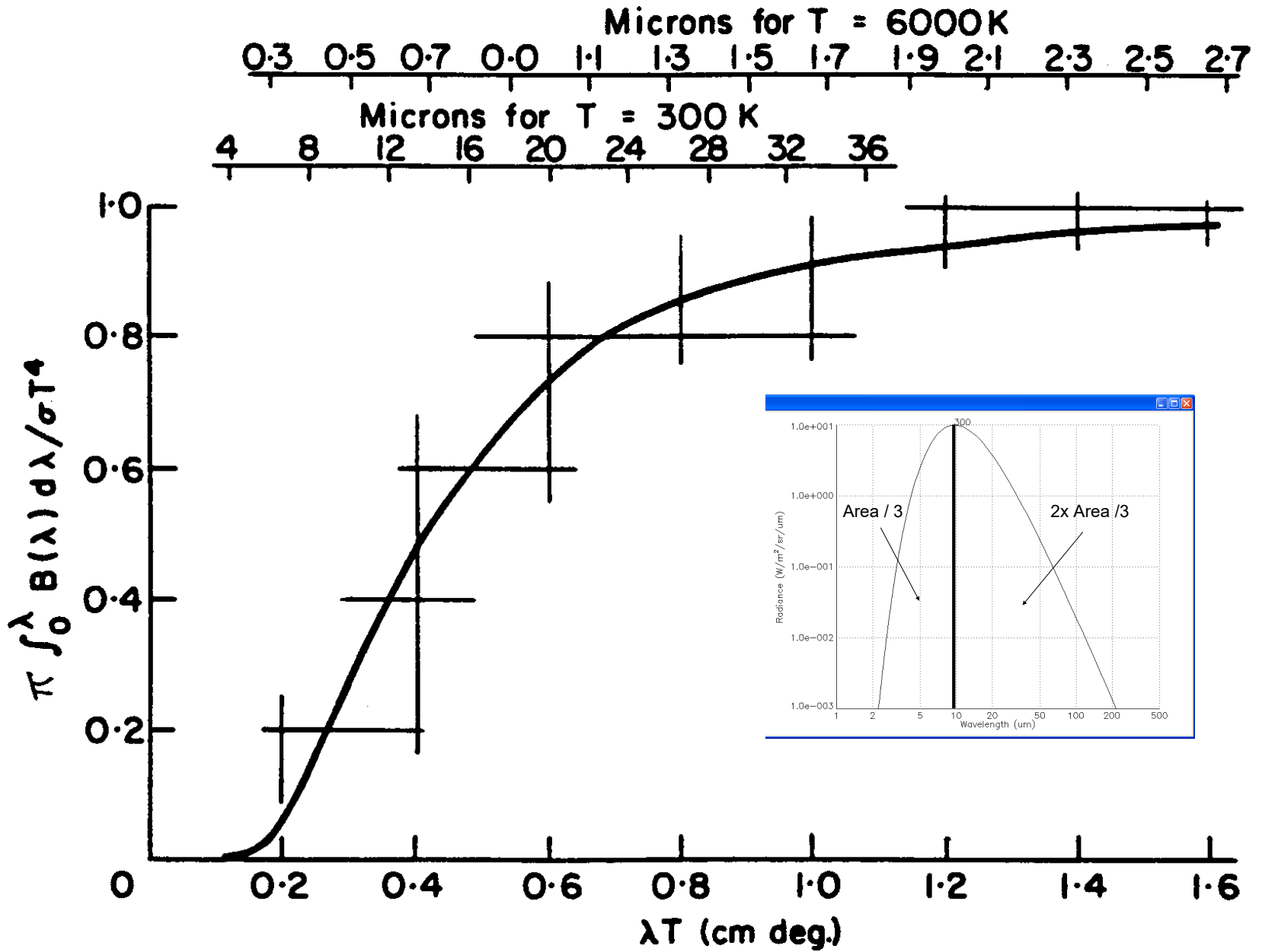
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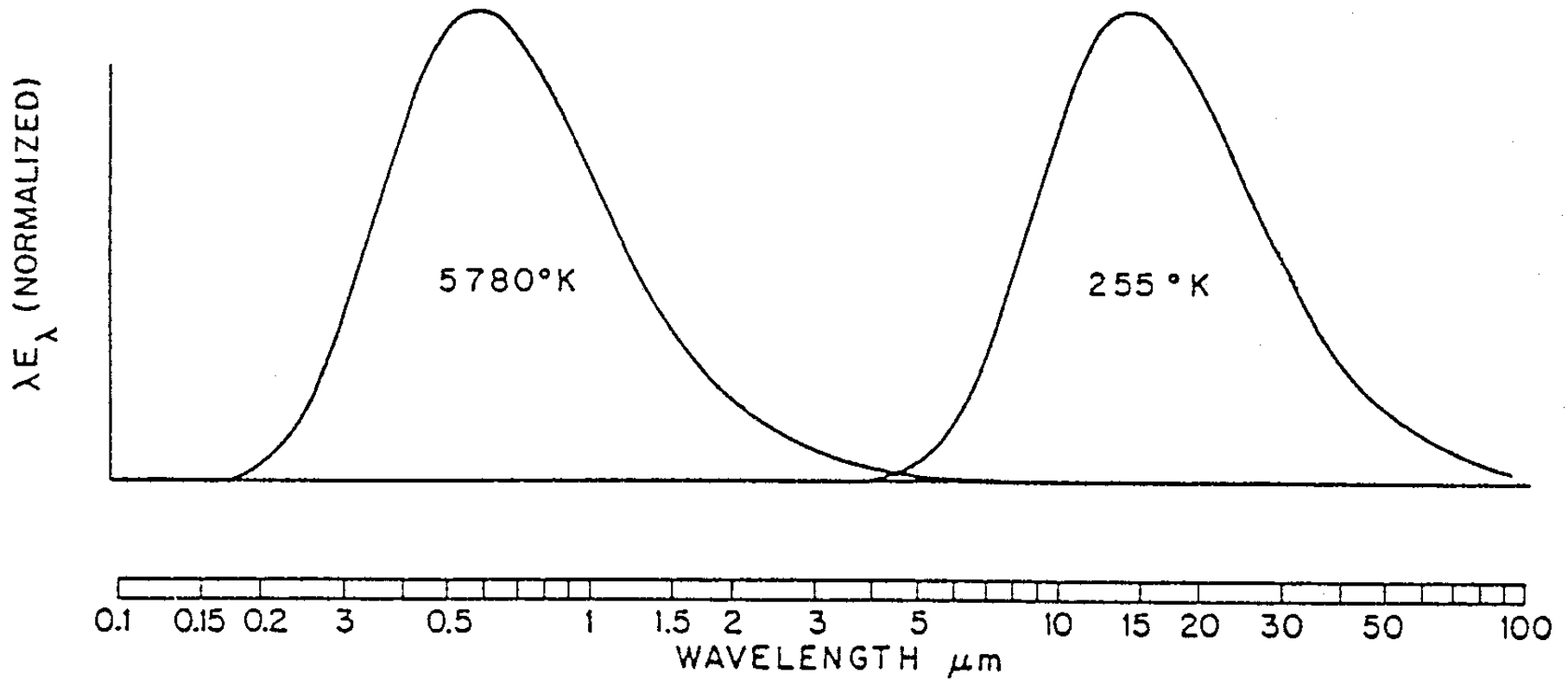
$$T = c_2 / \left[ \lambda \ln \left( \frac{c_1}{\lambda^5 B_\lambda} + 1 \right) \right]$$



# Spectral Distribution of Energy Radiated from Blackbodies at Various Temperatures



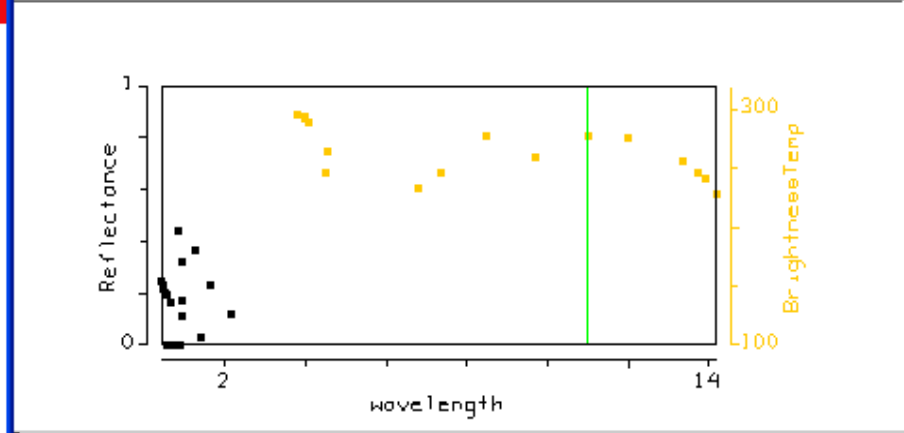
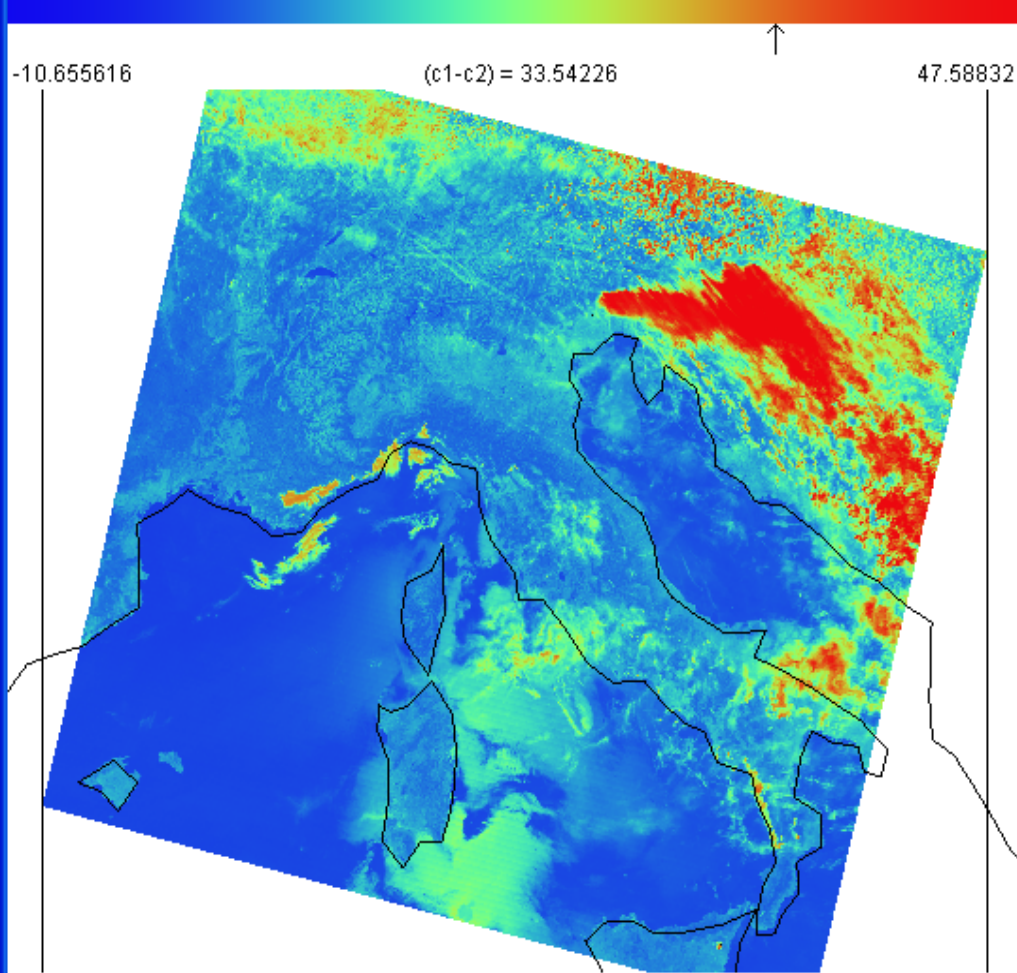




Normalized black body spectra representative of the sun (left) and earth (right), plotted on a logarithmic wavelength scale. The ordinate is multiplied by wavelength so that the area under the curves is proportional to irradiance.

Tools Settings

Tools Settings



Band: 31 wavelength 11.00  $\mu\text{m}$

c1:20, c2:31  
**BT4 – BT11**

XAxis  YAxis

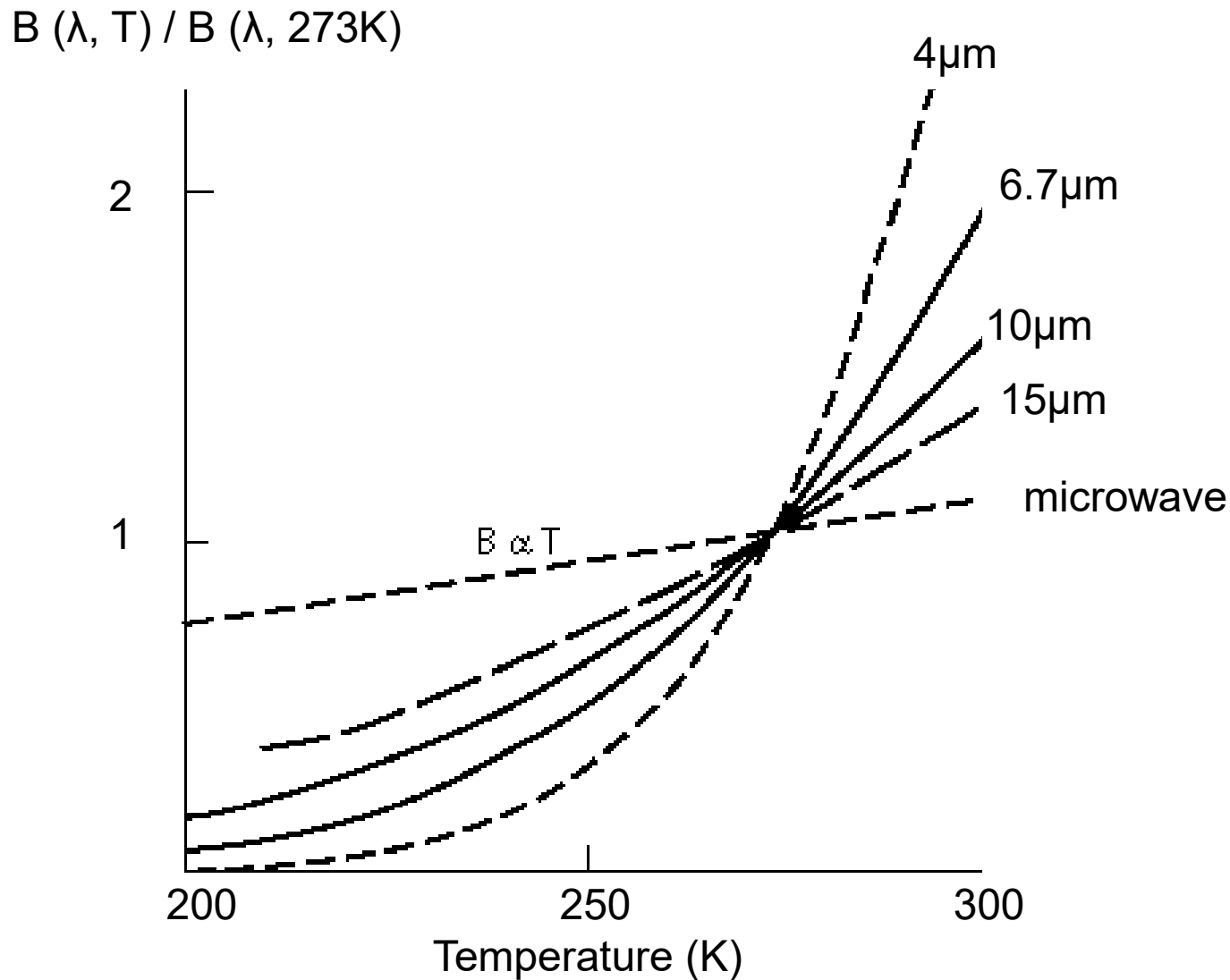
Box  Curve

315.94

220.46

Instrument: MODIS Lat = 49.230 Lon = 3.858

# Temperature Sensitivity of $B(\lambda, T)$ for typical earth temperatures



# Observed BT at 4 micron

Window Channel:

- little atmospheric absorption
- surface features clearly visible

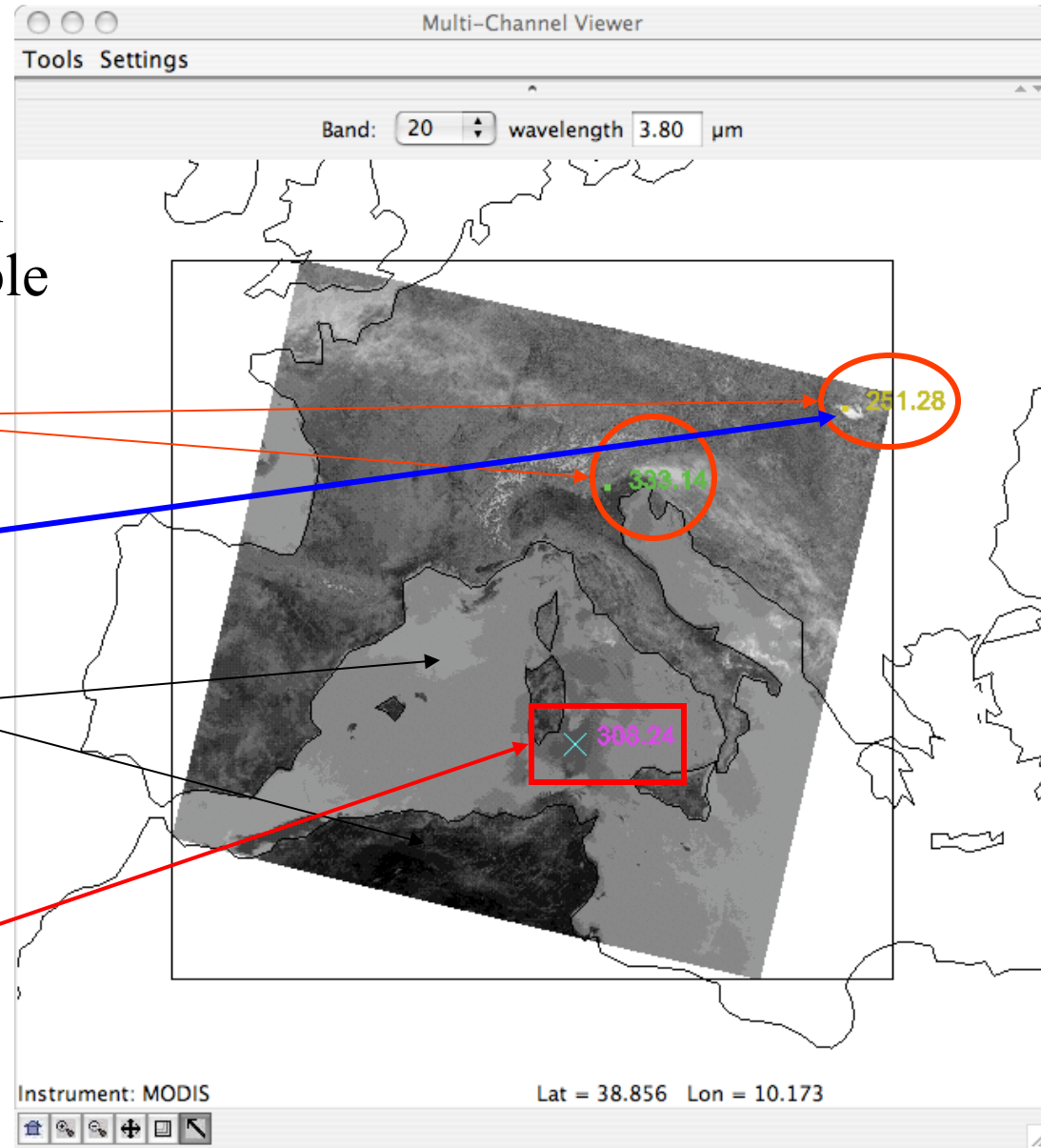
Range [250 335]

Clouds are cold

Values over land

Larger than over water

Reflected Solar everywhere  
Stronger over Sun glint



# Observed BT at 11 micron

Window Channel:

- little atmospheric absorption
- surface features clearly visible

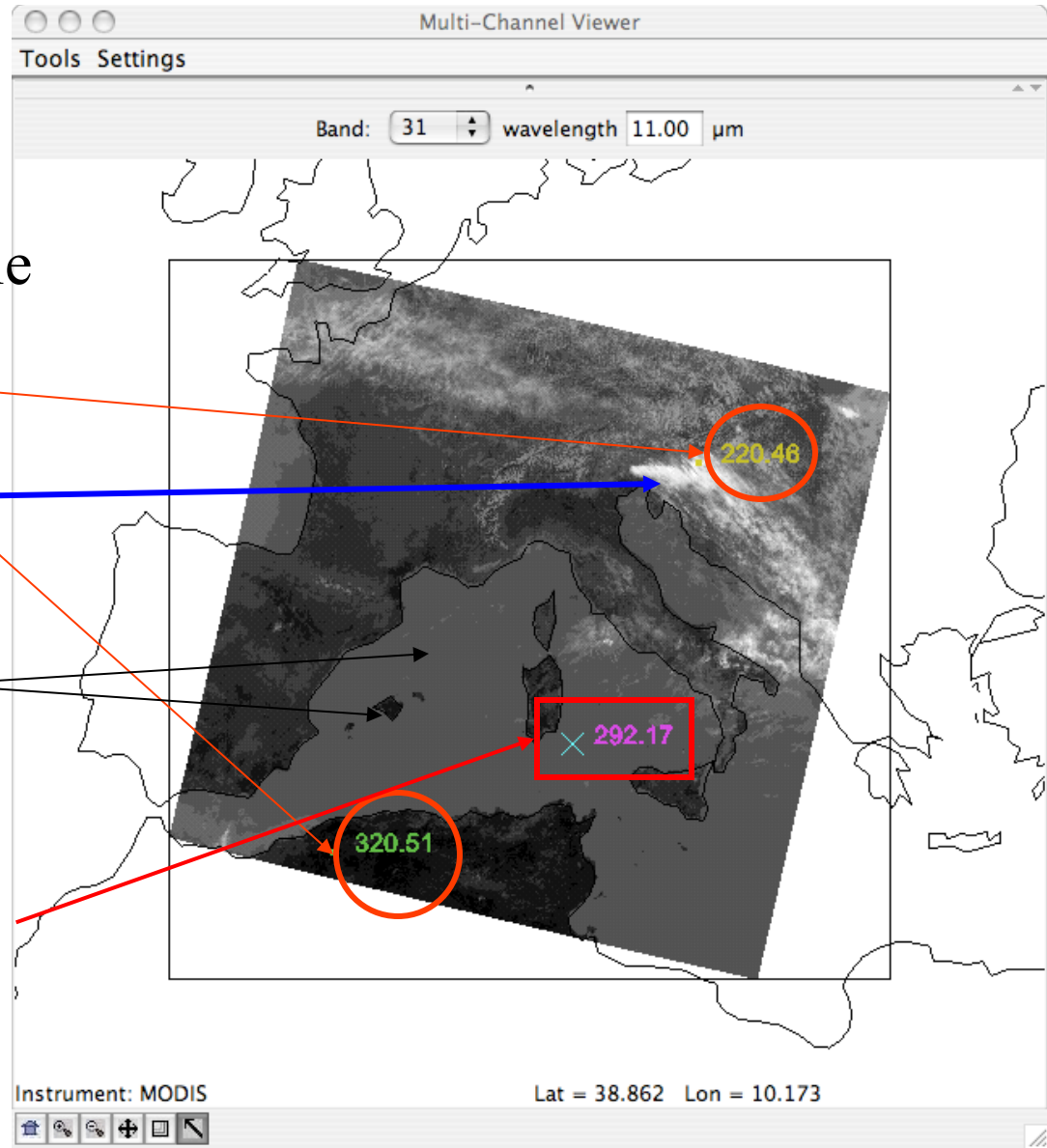
Range [220 320]

Clouds are cold

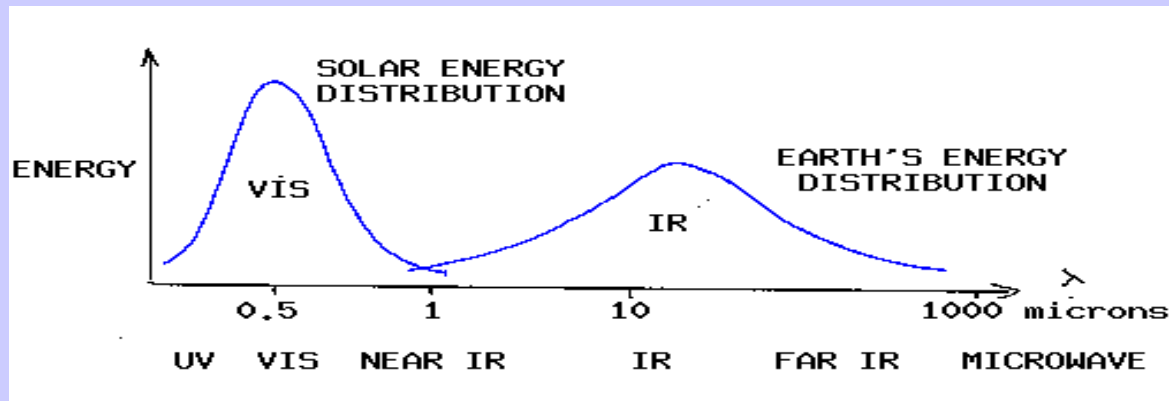
Values over land

Larger than over water

Undetectable Reflected Solar  
Even over Sunlint



# Solar (visible) and Earth emitted (infrared) energy



Incoming solar radiation (mostly visible) drives the earth-atmosphere (which emits infrared).

Over the annual cycle, the incoming solar energy that makes it to the earth surface (about 50 %) is balanced by the outgoing thermal infrared energy emitted through the atmosphere.

The atmosphere transmits, absorbs (by H<sub>2</sub>O, O<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, dust) reflects (by clouds), and scatters (by aerosols) incoming visible; the earth surface absorbs and reflects the transmitted visible. Atmospheric H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>, and O<sub>3</sub> selectively transmit or absorb the outgoing infrared radiation. The outgoing microwave is primarily affected by H<sub>2</sub>O and O<sub>2</sub>.



# Selective Absorption

## Atmosphere transmits visible and traps infrared

Incoming  
solar

Outgoing IR

$$\downarrow E \quad \uparrow (1-a_1) Y_{\text{sfc}} \quad \uparrow Y_a$$

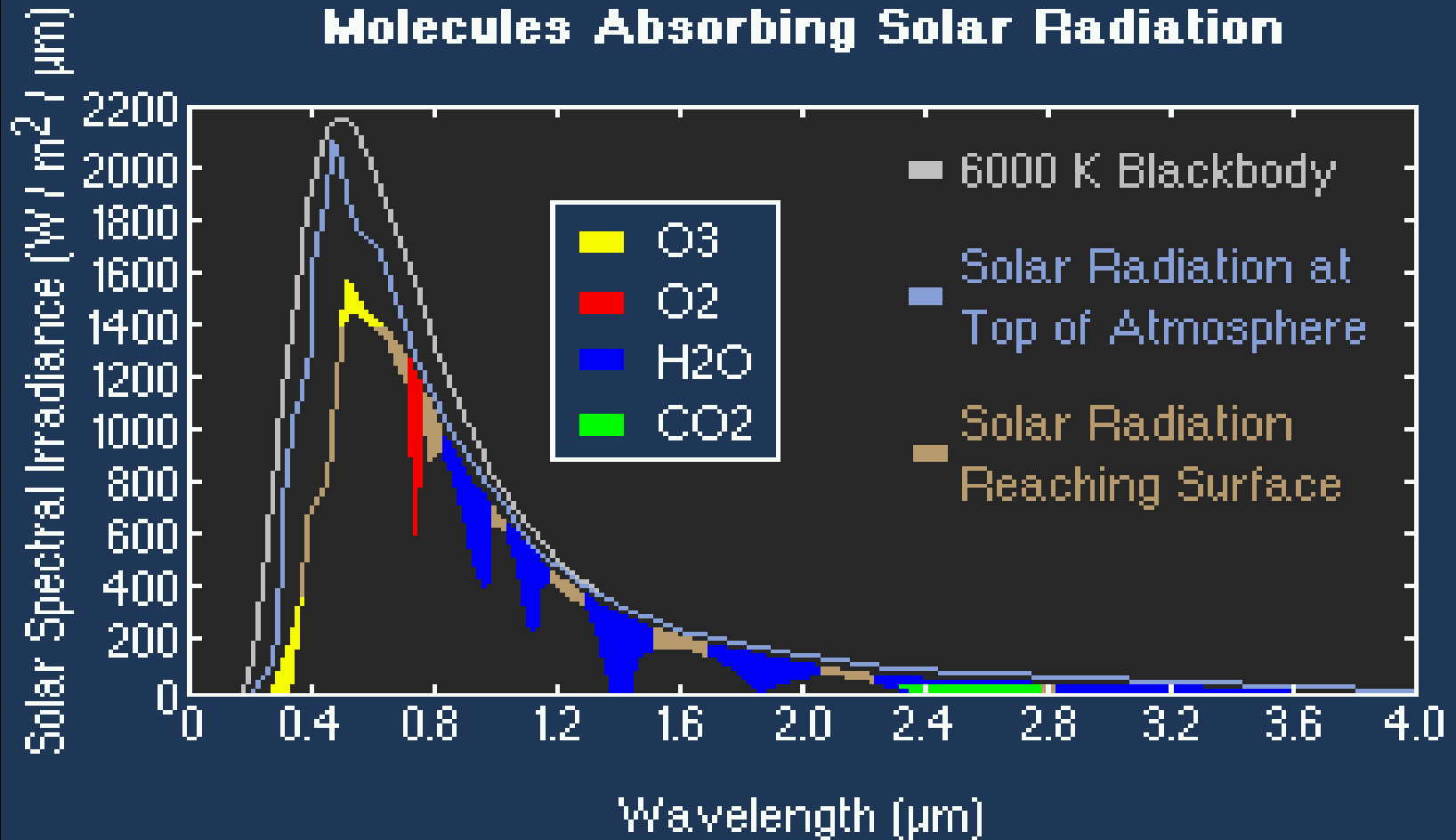
top of the atmosphere

$$\downarrow (1-a_s) E \quad \uparrow Y_{\text{sfc}} \quad \downarrow Y_a$$

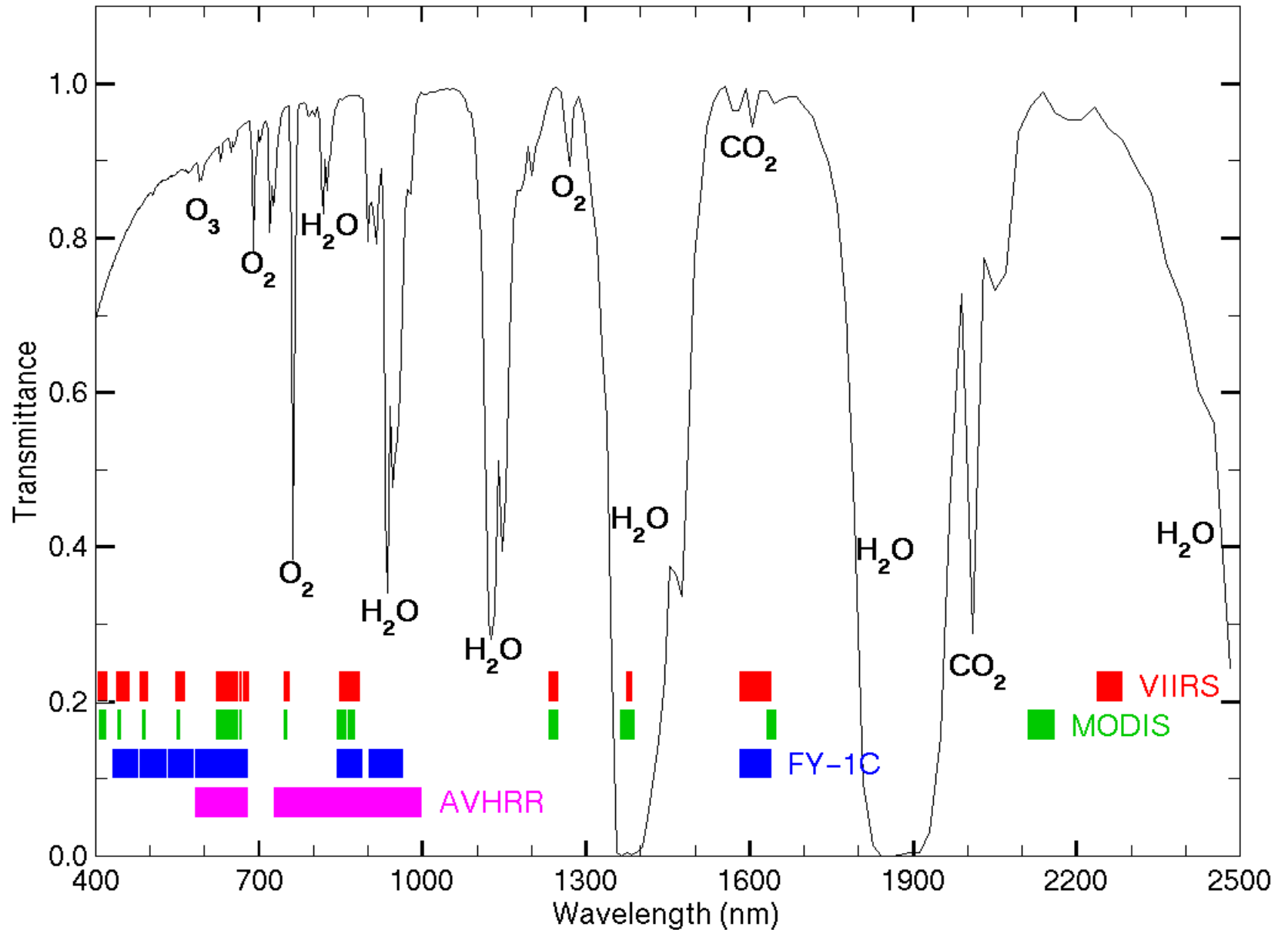
earth surface.

$$Y_{\text{sfc}} = \frac{(2-a_s)}{(2-a_L)} E = \sigma T_{\text{sfc}}^4 \quad \text{thus if } a_s < a_L \text{ then } Y_{\text{sfc}} > E$$

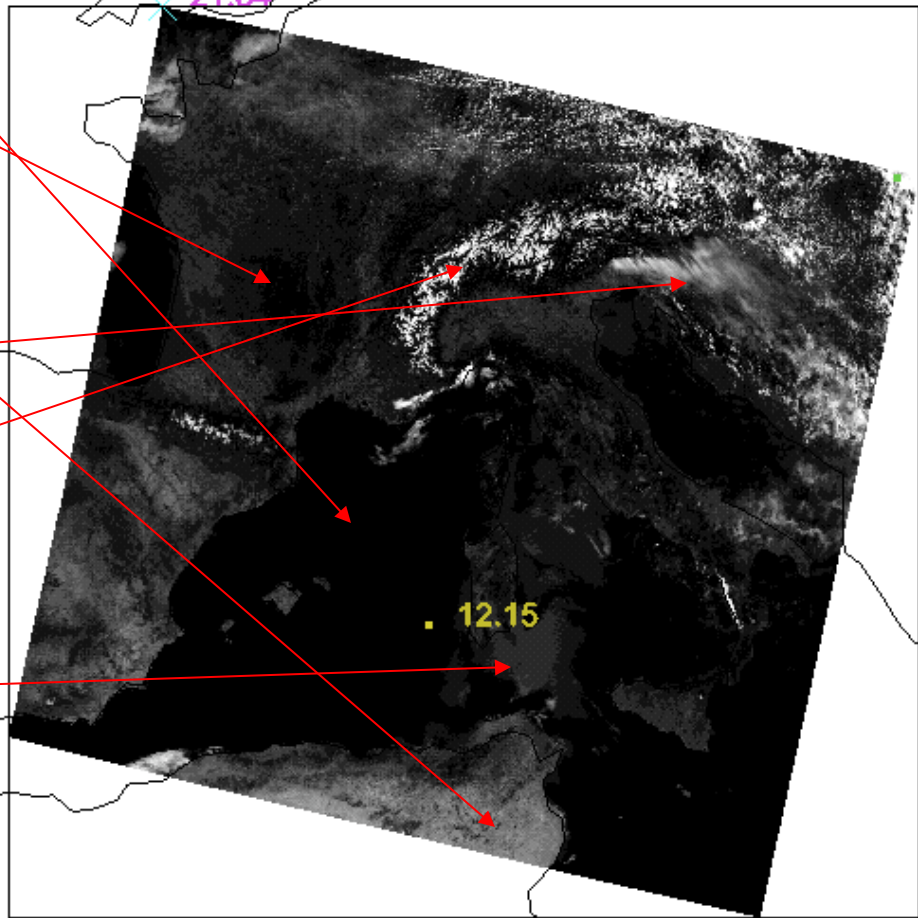
# Solar Spectrum



# VIIRS, MODIS, FY-1C, AVHRR



Band: 1 wavelength 0.65  $\mu\text{m}$



Ocean: Dark

Vegetated  
Surface: Dark

NonVegetated  
Surface: Brighter

Clouds: Bright

Snow: Bright

Sunglint



Band: 4 wavelength 0.56  $\mu\text{m}$



Ocean: Dark

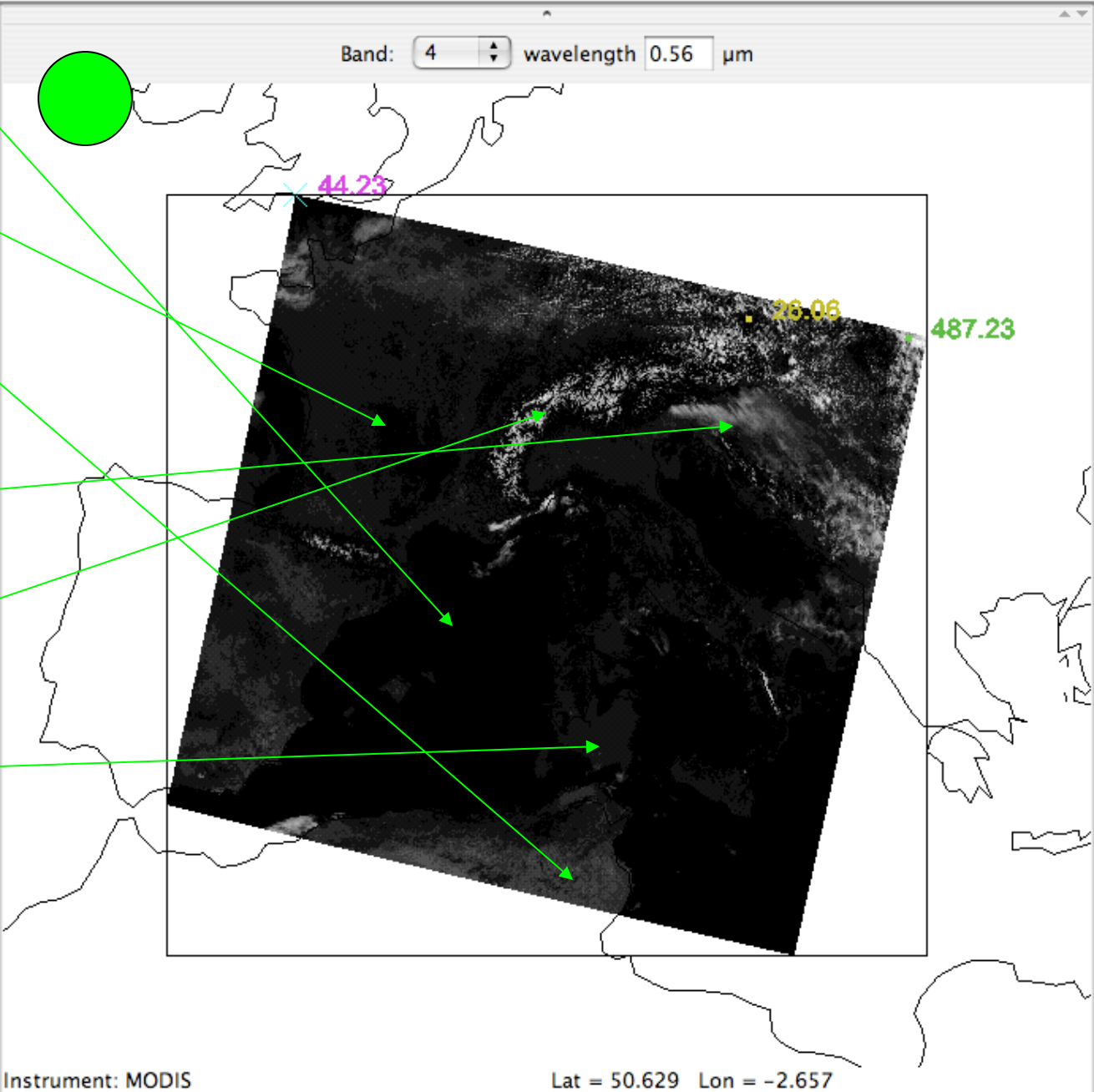
Vegetated  
Surface: Dark

NonVegetated  
Surface: Brighter

Clouds: Bright

Snow: Bright

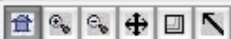
Sunglint



44.23

28.06

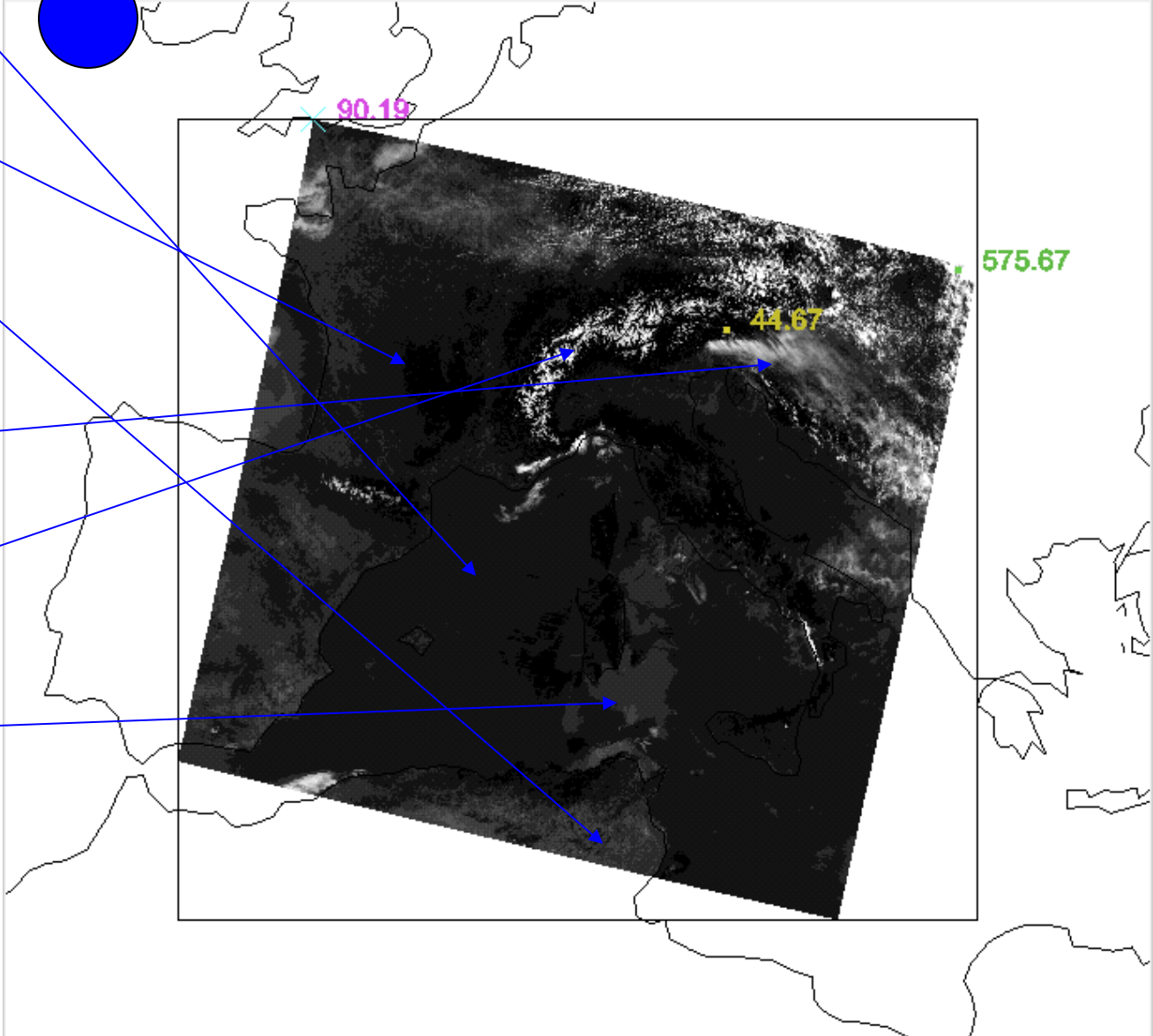
487.23



Band: 3 wavelength 0.47  $\mu\text{m}$



- Ocean: Dark
- Vegetated Surface: Dark
- NonVegetated Surface: Brighter
- Clouds: Bright
- Snow: Bright
- Sunglint



Instrument: MODIS

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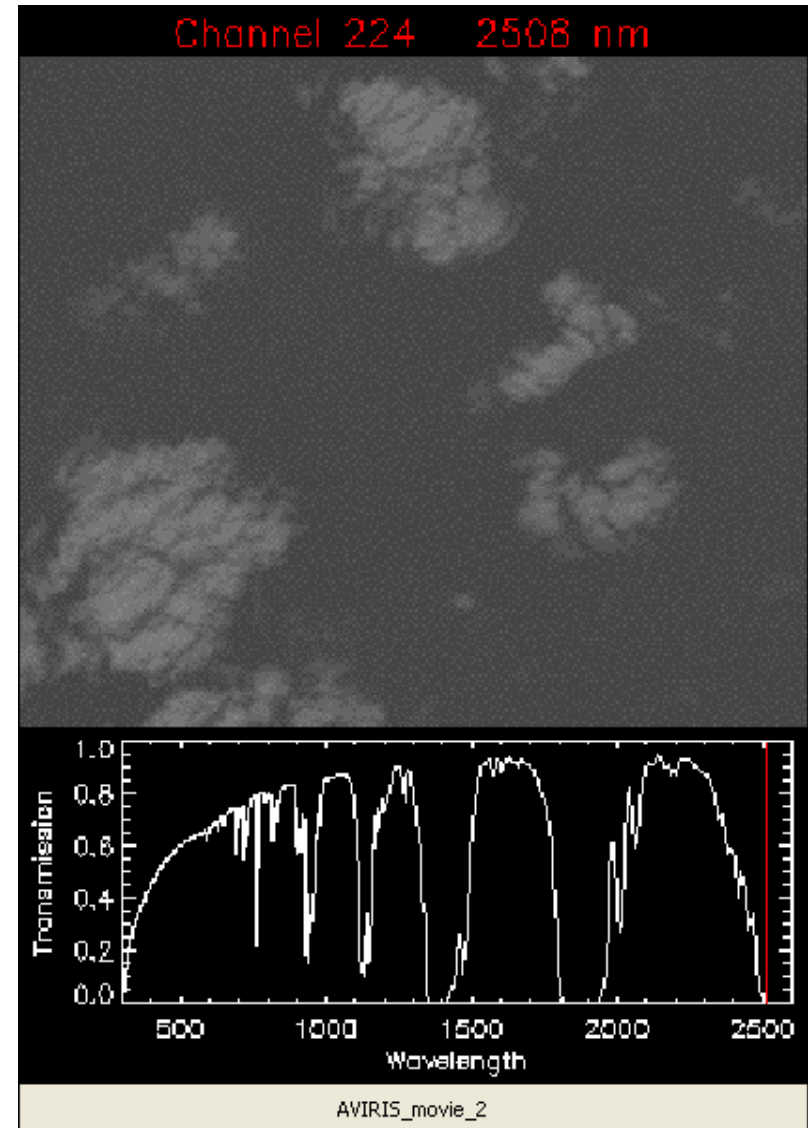
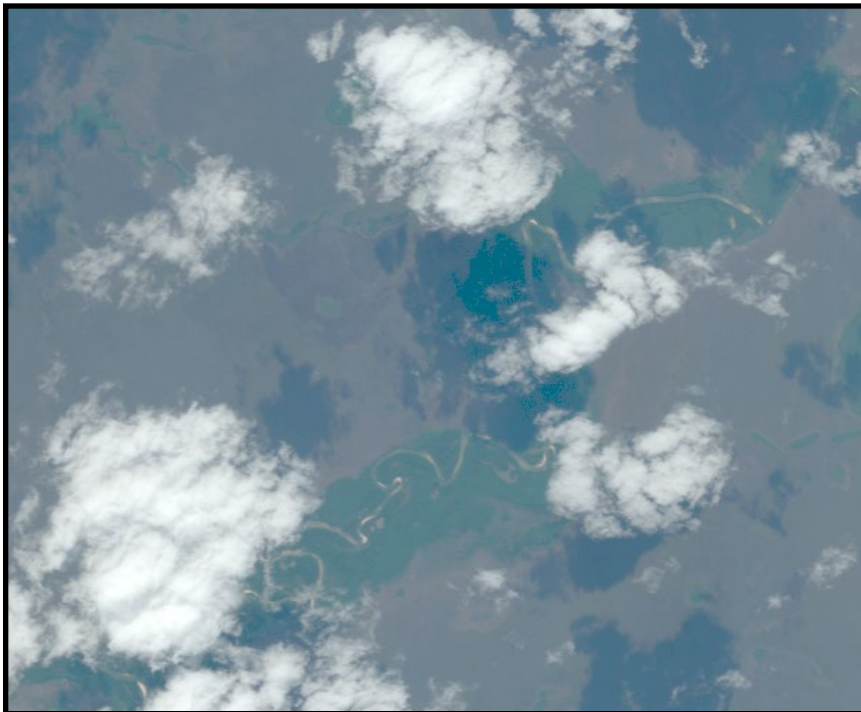


# AVIRIS Movie #2

AVIRIS Image - Porto Nacional, Brazil  
20-Aug-1995

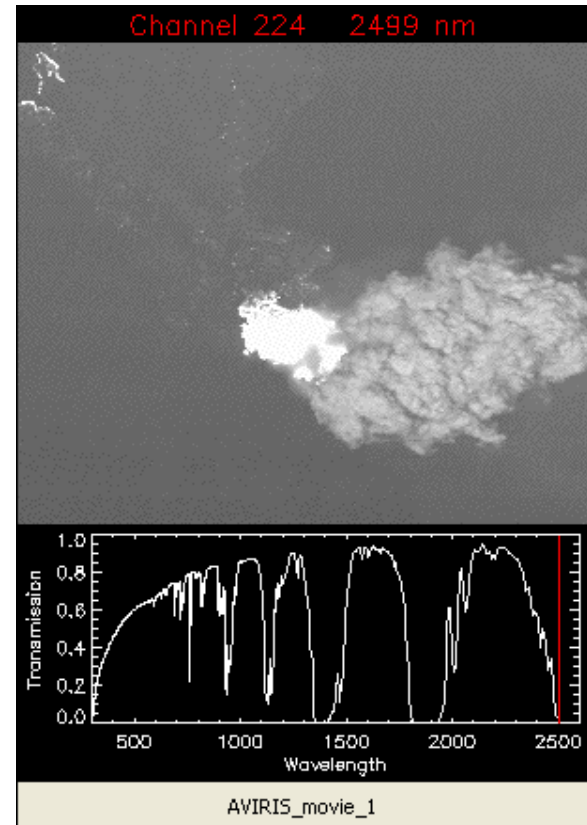
224 Spectral Bands: 0.4 - 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$

Pixel: 20m x 20m    Scene: 10km x 10km

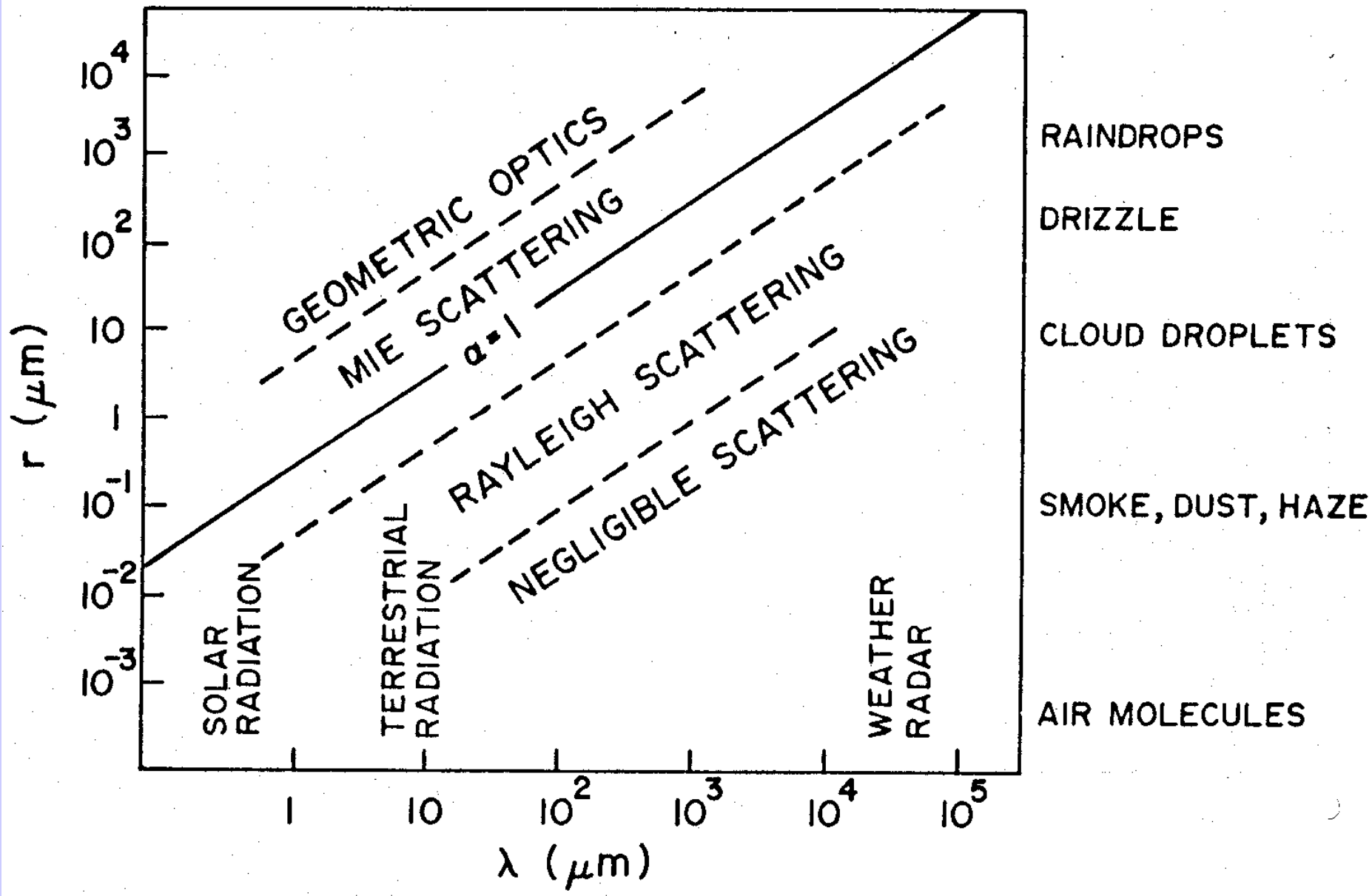


# AVIRIS Movie #1

AVIRIS Image - Linden CA 20-Aug-1992  
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# Aerosol Size Distribution

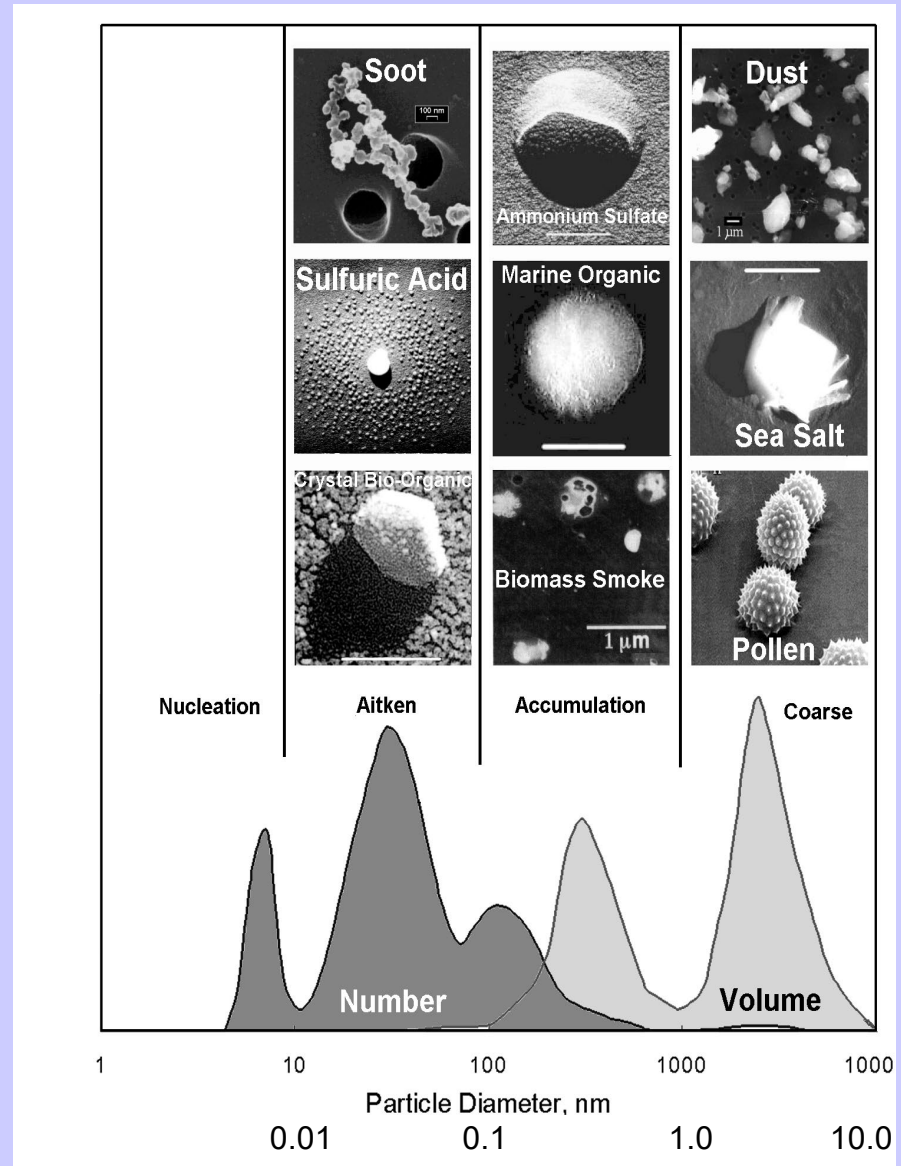
There are **3 modes** :

- « **nucleation** »: radius is between  $0.002$  and  $0.05 \mu\text{m}$ . They result from combustion processes, photo-chemical reactions, etc.

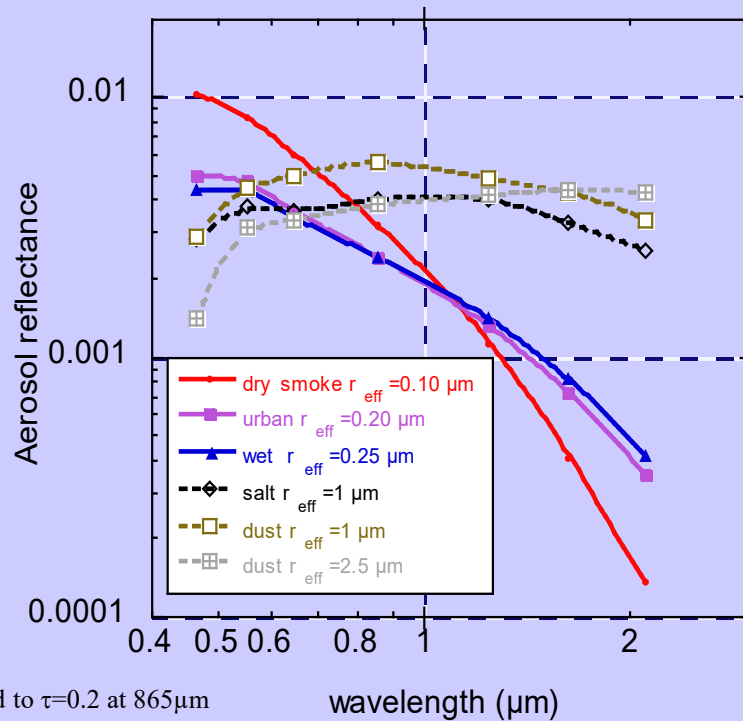
- « **accumulation** »: radius is between  $0.05 \mu\text{m}$  and  $0.5 \mu\text{m}$ . Coagulation processes.

- « **coarse** »: larger than  $1 \mu\text{m}$ . From mechanical processes like aeolian erosion.

« **fine** » particles (nucleation and accumulation) result from anthropogenic activities, coarse particles come from natural processes.



# Aerosols over Ocean



- Radiance data in 6 bands (550-2130nm).

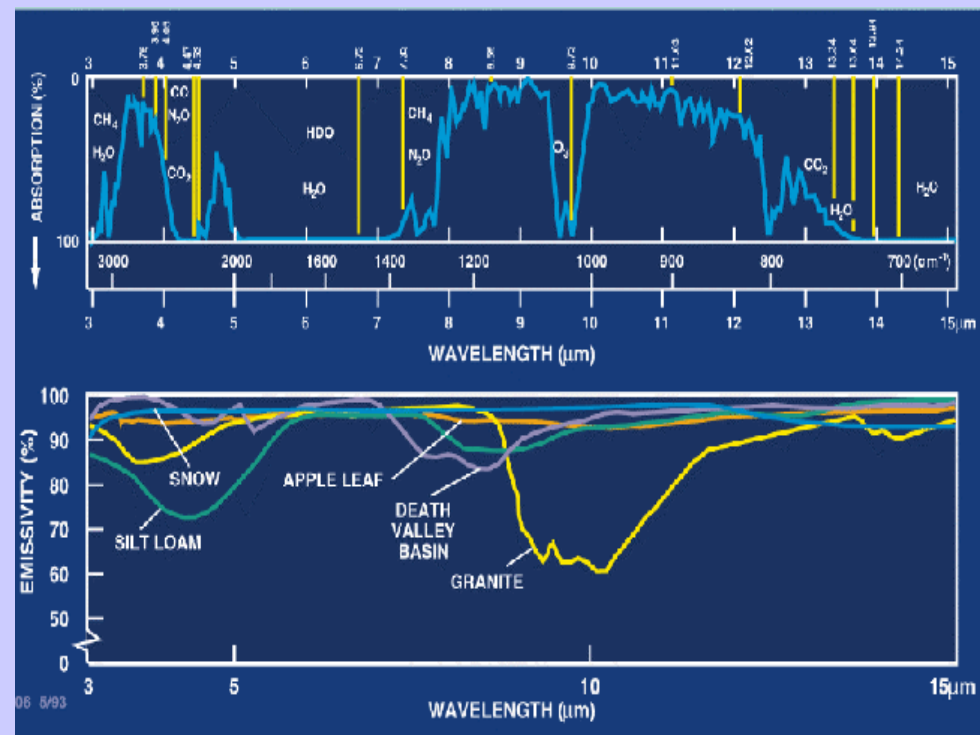
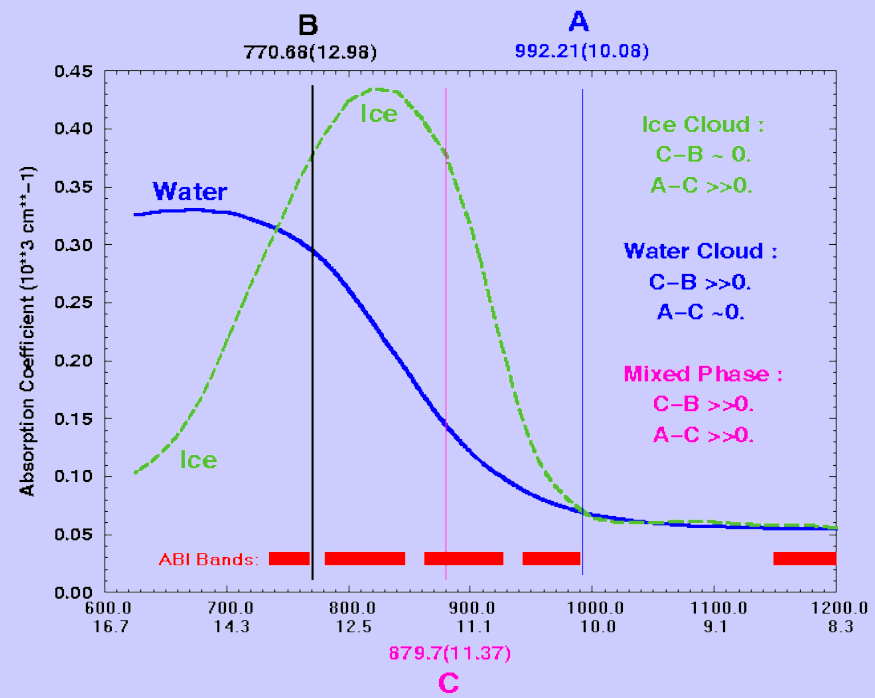
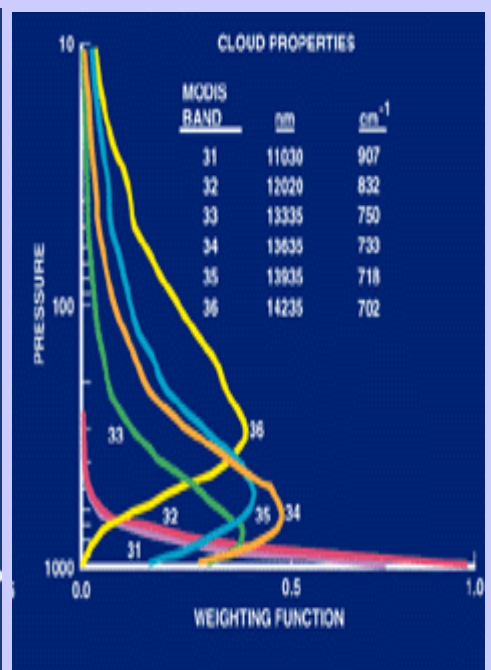
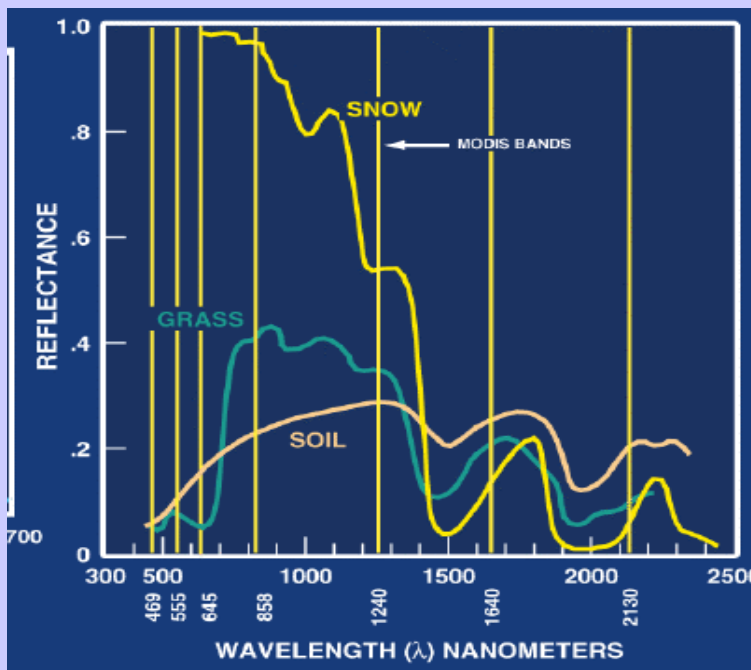
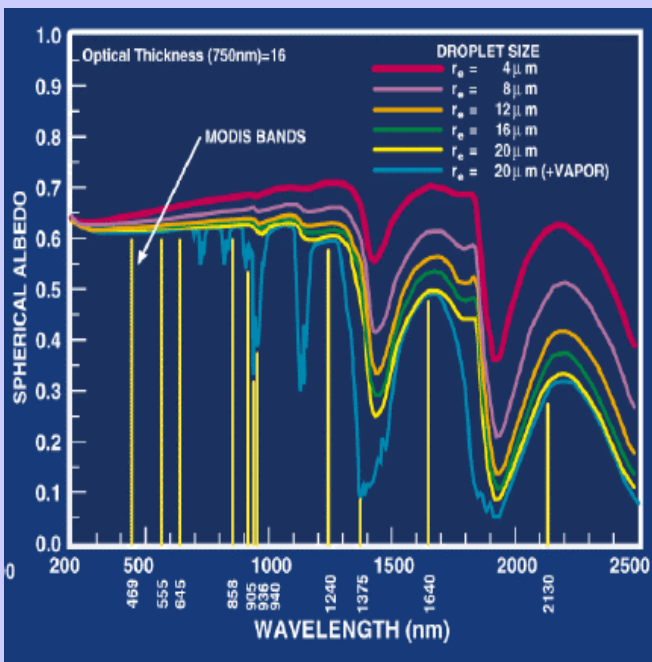
- Spectral radiances (LUT) to derive the aerosol size distribution

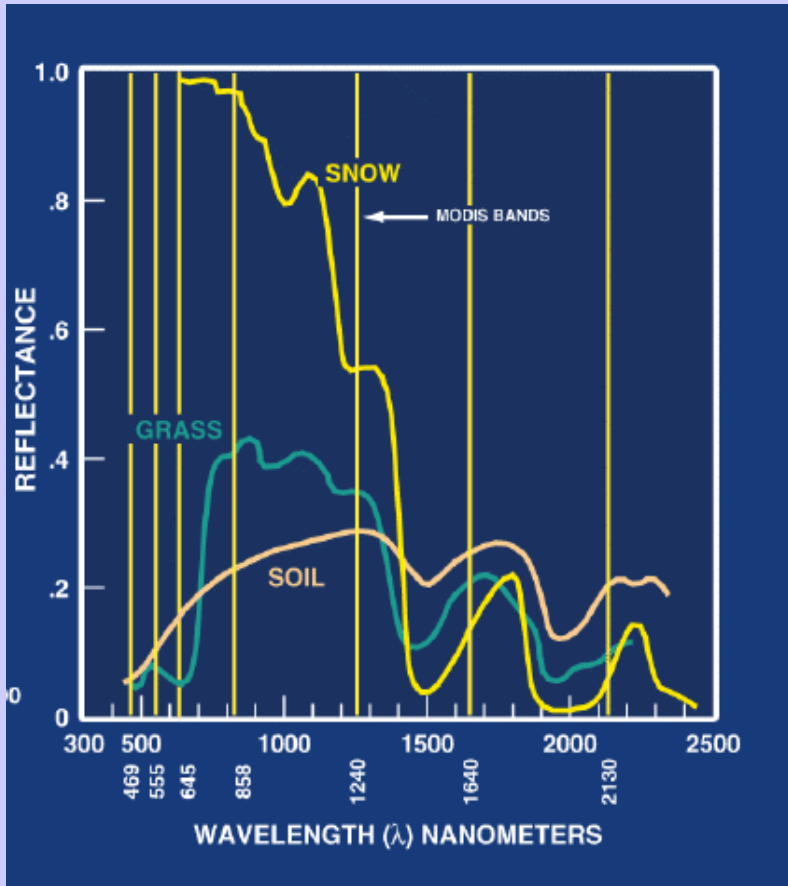
- Two modes (accumulation 0.10-0.25 $\mu\text{m}$ ; coarse 1.0-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ ); ratio is a free parameter

- Radiance at  $865\mu\text{m}$  to derive  $\tau$

## Ocean products :

- The total Spectral Optical thickness
- The effective radius
- The optical thickness of small & large modes/ratio between the 2 modes





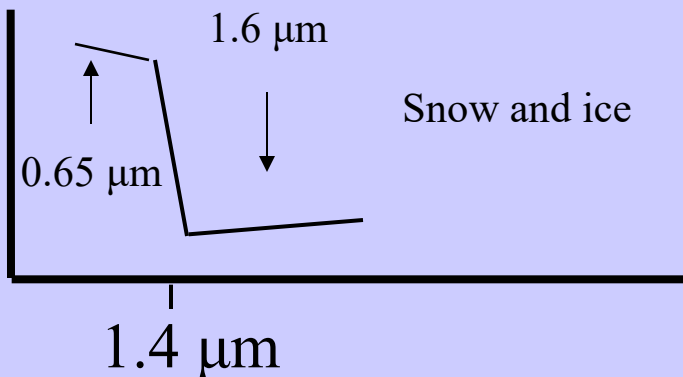
## Investigating with Multi-spectral Combinations

Given the spectral response of a surface or atmospheric feature

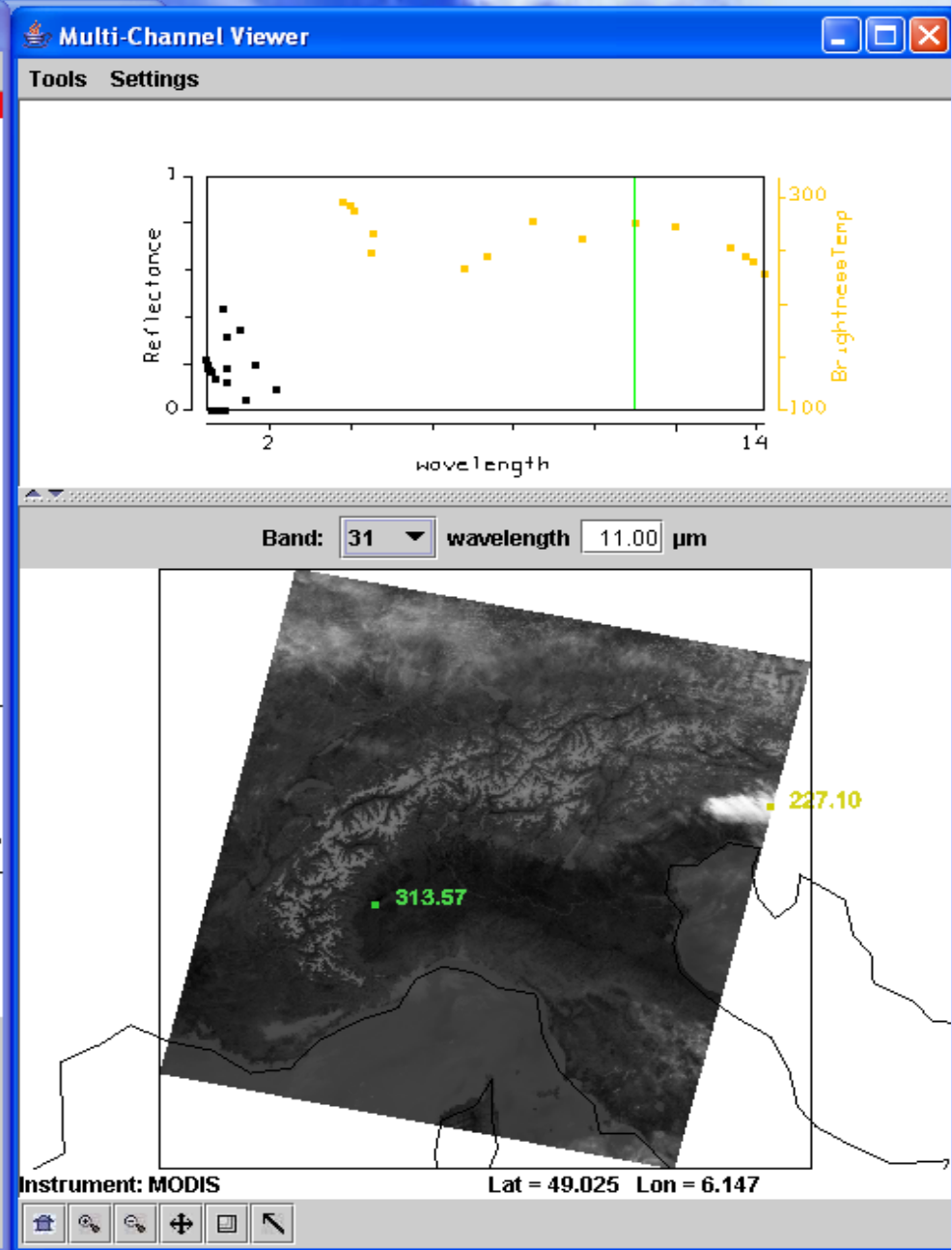
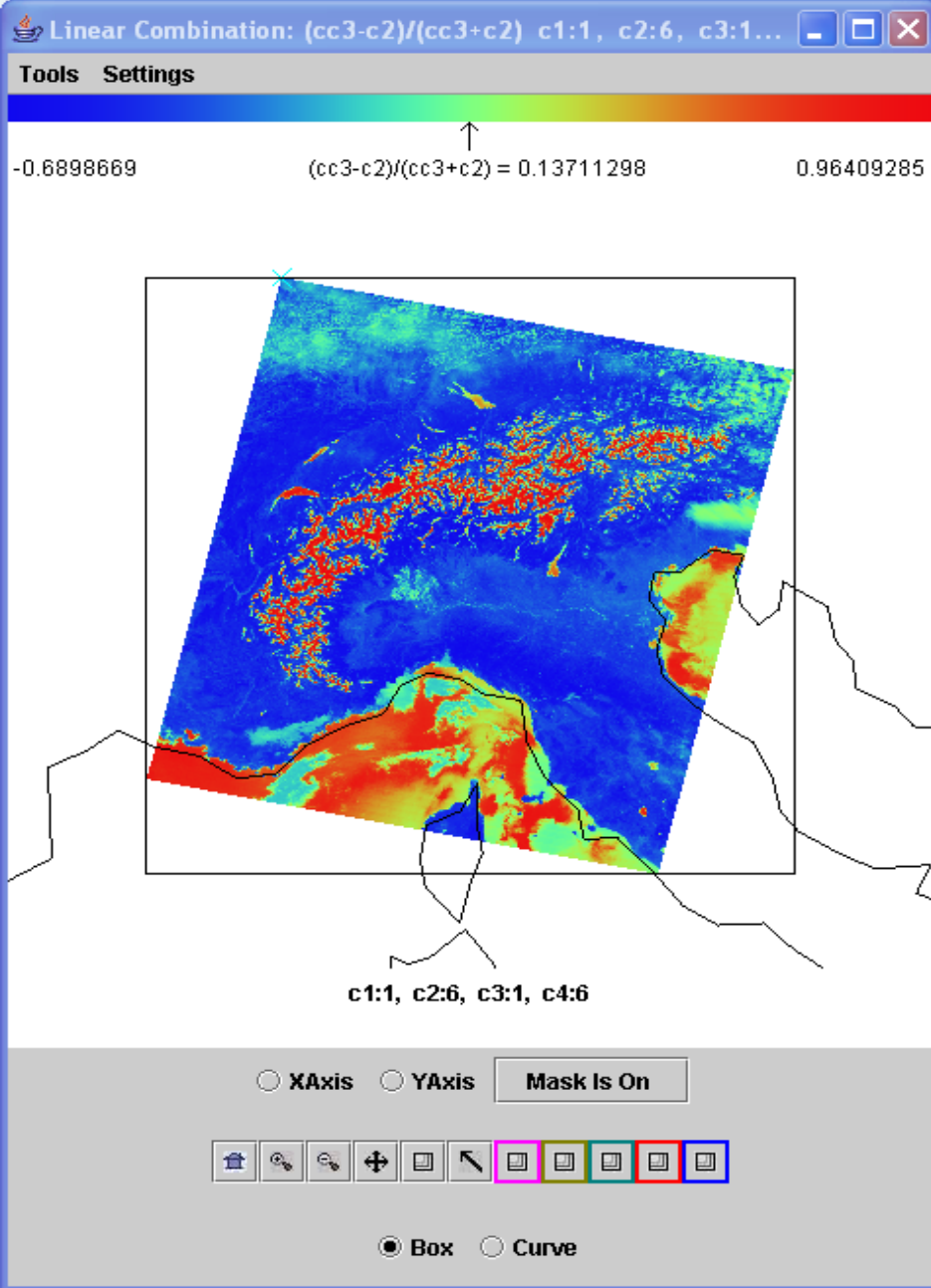
Select a part of the spectrum where the reflectance or absorption changes with wavelength

e.g. reflection from snow/ice

refl



If 0.65  $\mu\text{m}$  and 1.6  $\mu\text{m}$  channels see the same reflectance than surface viewed is not snow;  
if 1.6  $\mu\text{m}$  sees considerably lower reflectance than 0.65  $\mu\text{m}$  then surface might be snow

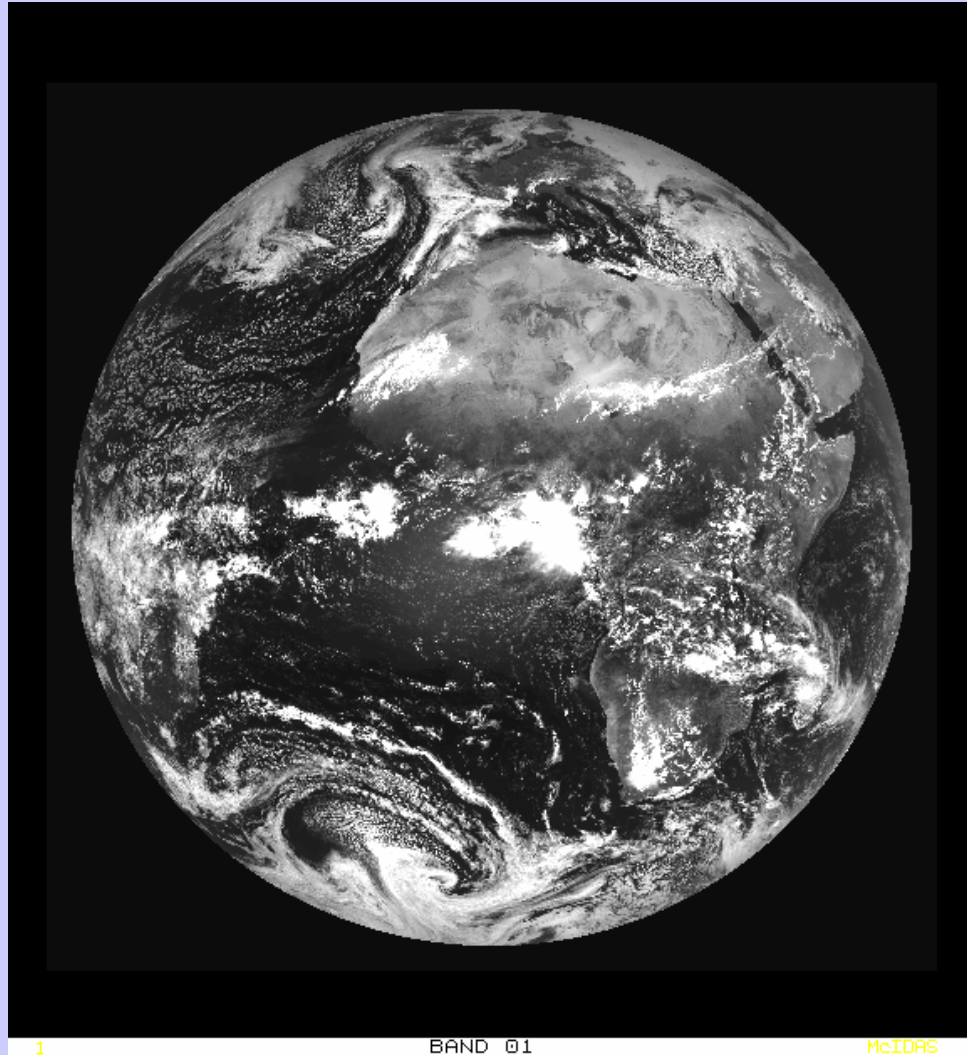


**$\text{NDSI} = [r_{0.6} - r_{1.6}] / [r_{0.6} + r_{1.6}]$  is near one in snow in Alps**

# Cloud Mask Tests

- BT11 threshold over ocean
- BT13.9 high clouds
- BT6.7 high clouds
- BT3.9-BT11 broken or scattered clouds
- BT11-BT12 high clouds in tropics
- BT8.6-BT11 ice clouds
- BT6.7-BT11 clouds in polar regions
- BT11+aPW(BT11-BT12) clouds over ocean
- r0.65 clouds over land
- r0.85 clouds over ocean
- r1.38 thin cirrus
- r1.6 clouds over snow, ice cloud
- r0.85/r0.65 clouds over vegetation
- Sig(BT11) clouds over ocean

# 12 channel SEVIRI

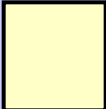
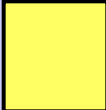
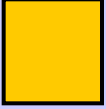
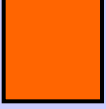


See image gallery at <http://www.eumetsat.int/idcplg>

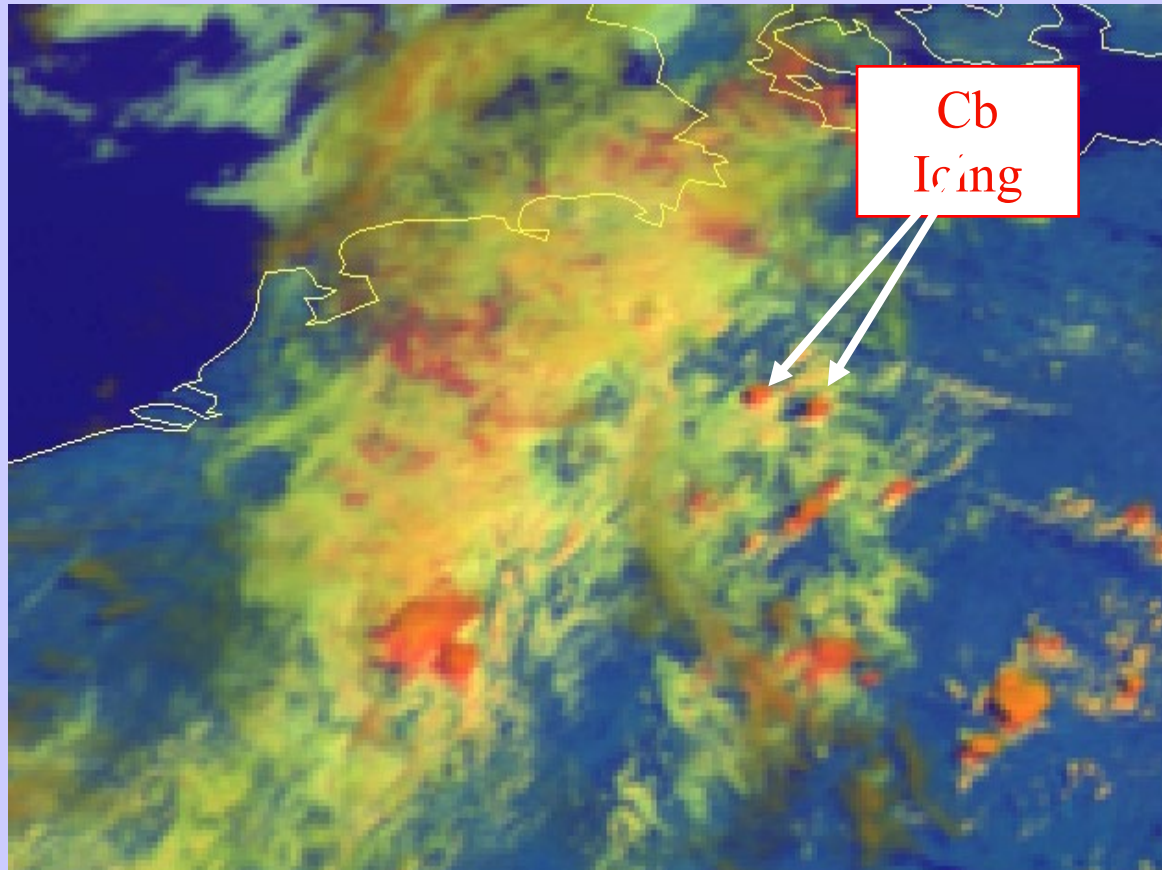


# Convective Initiation

## RGB 0.6-1.6-10.8 um

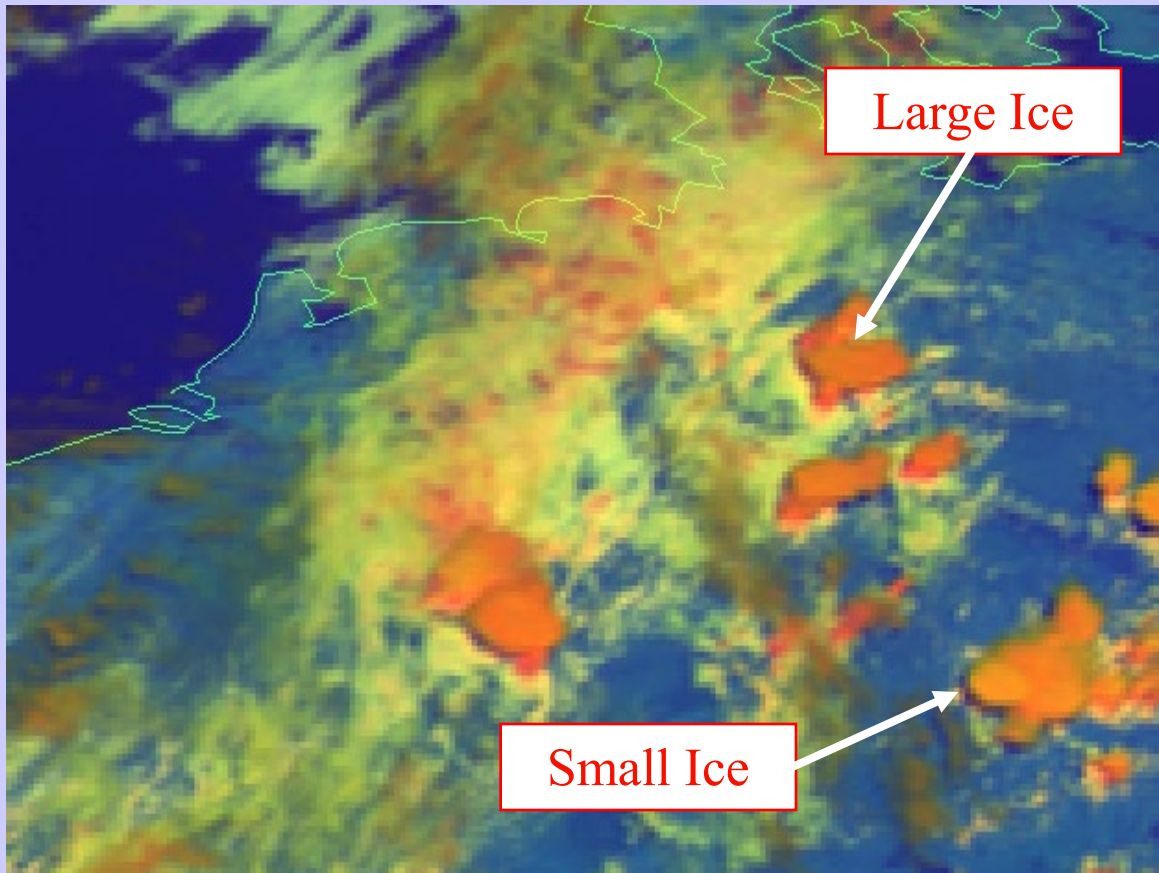
	Red VIS0.6	Green NIR1.6	Blue IR10.8	RGB	
I. Very early stage yellow	255	255	200	white-light	
II. First convection	255	255	100	yellow	
III. First icing	255	200	0	orange	
IV. Large icing	255	100	0	red-orange	

# First Icing



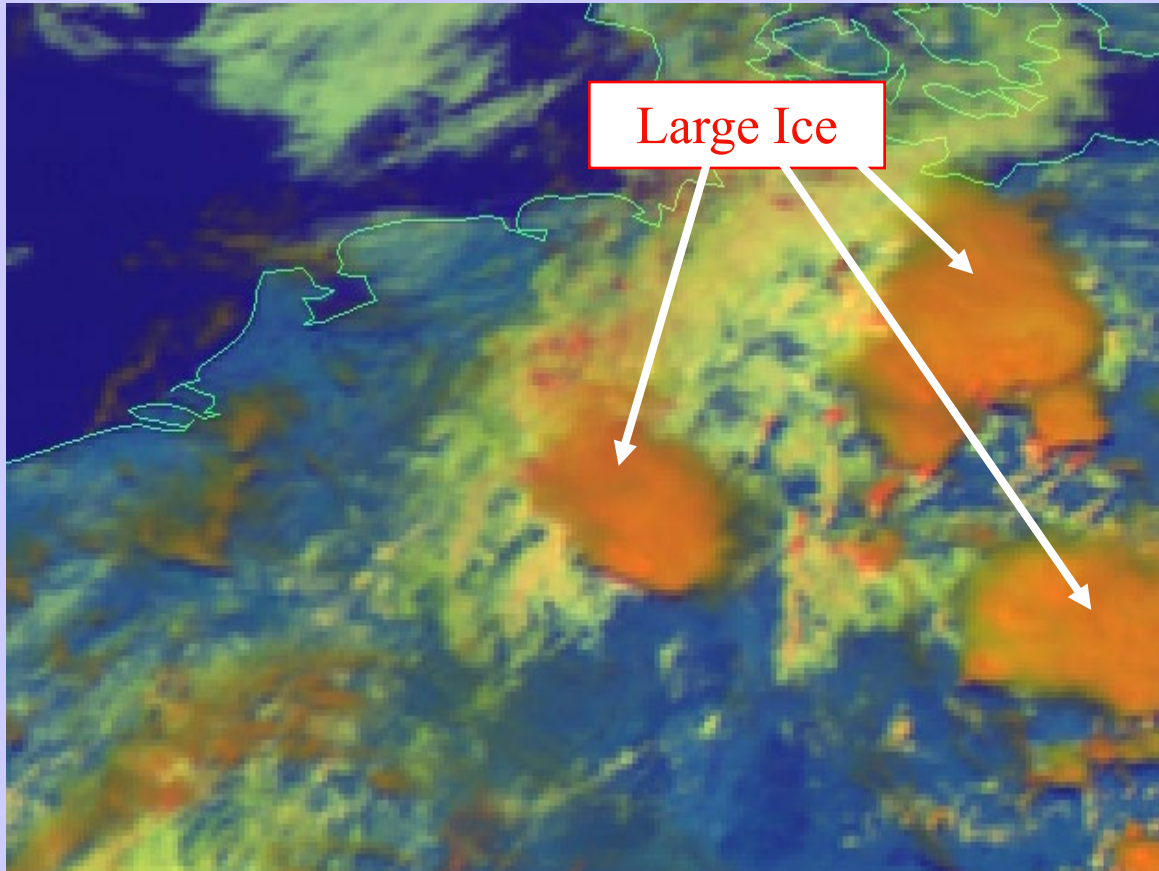
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# Large Icing



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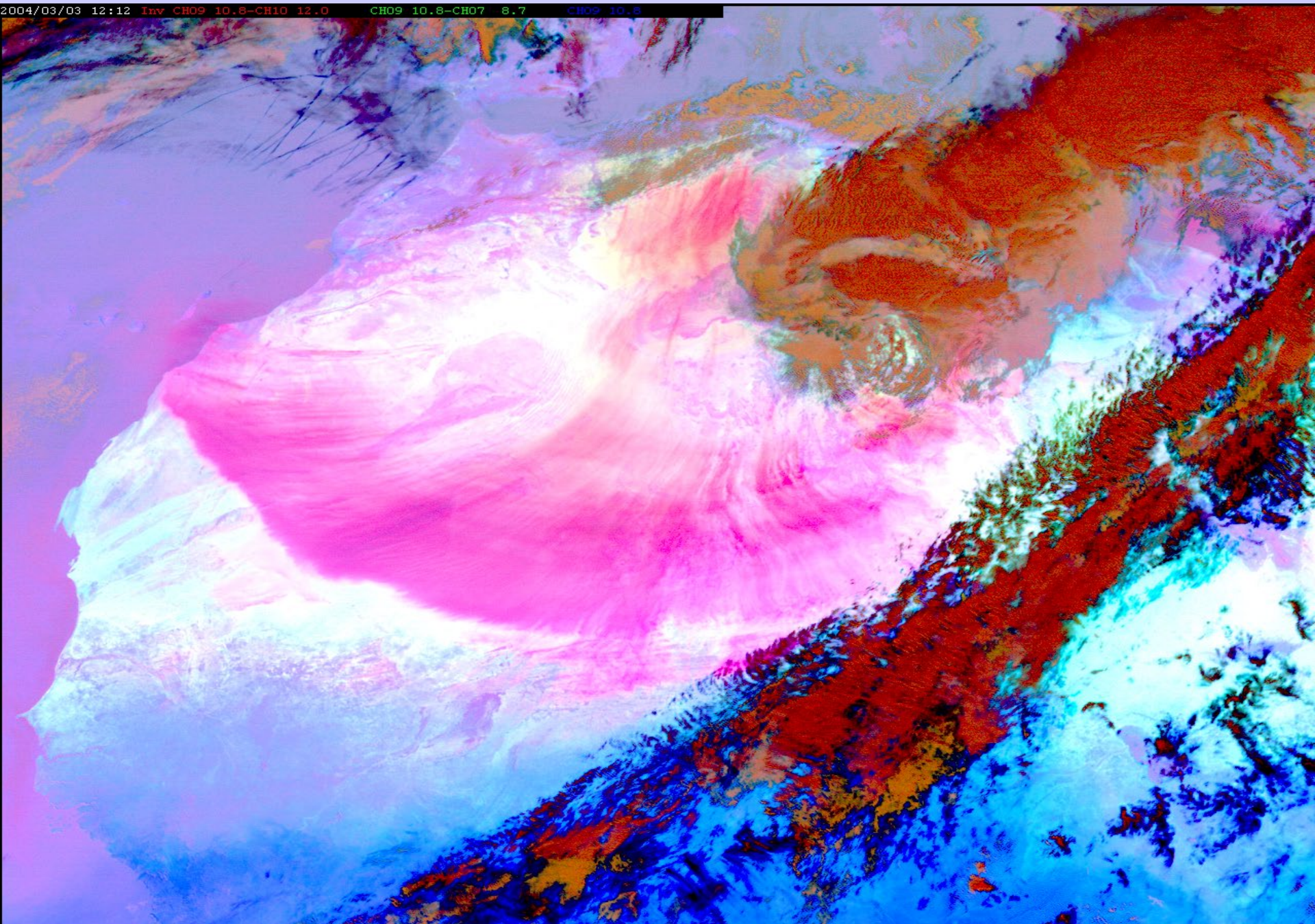
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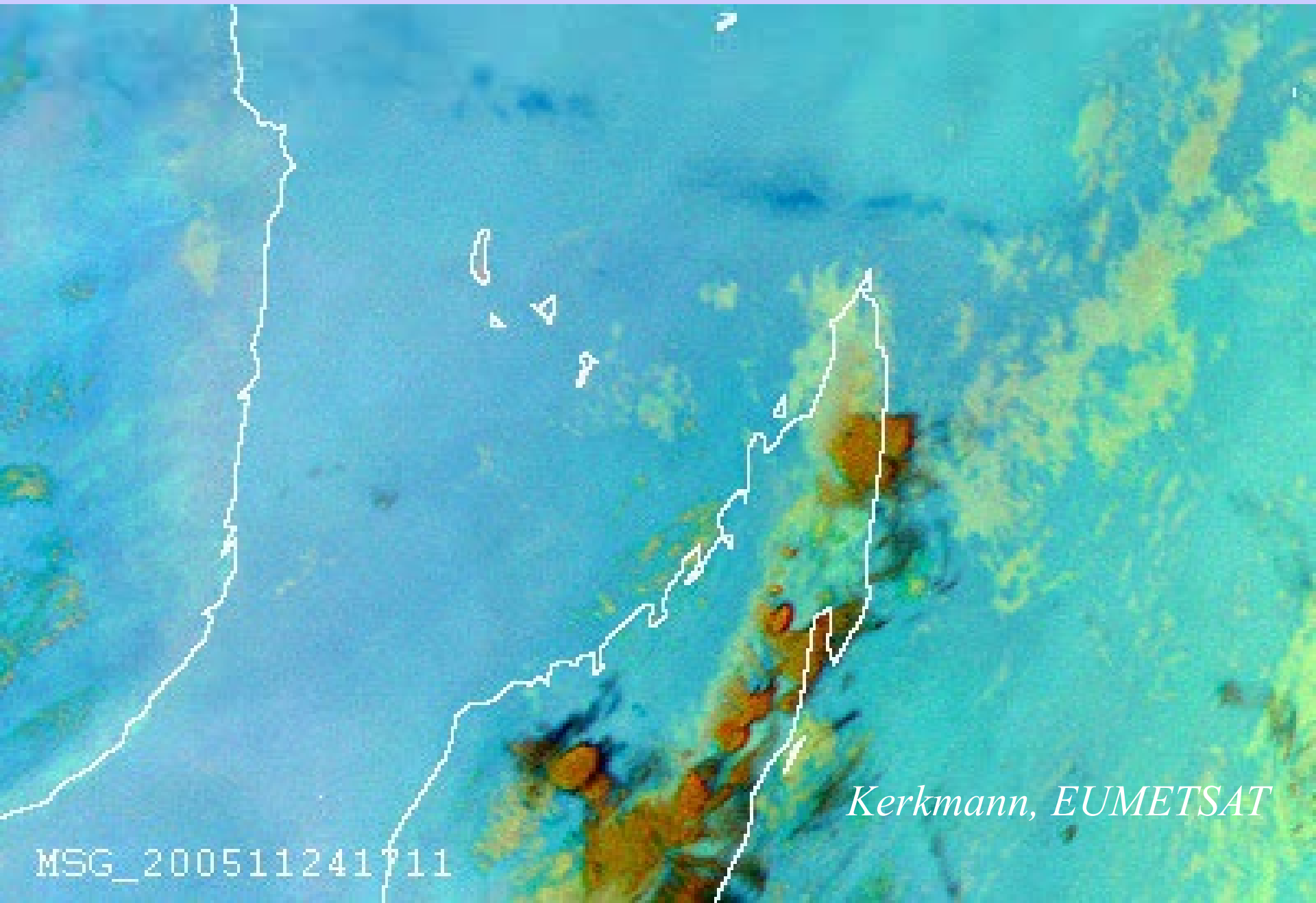
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# SEVIRI sees dust storm over Africa

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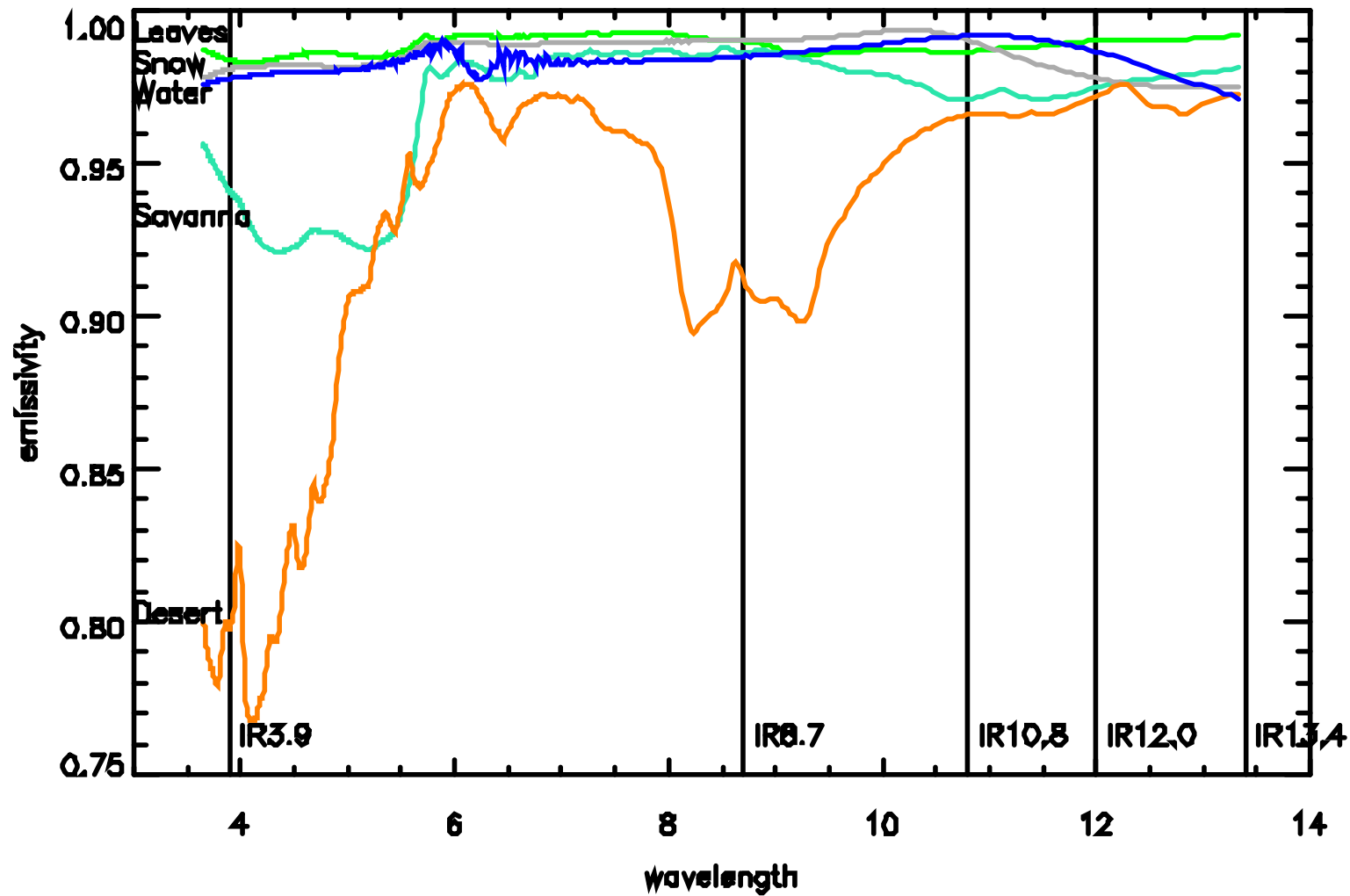
# SEVIRI sees volcanic ash & SO2 and downwind inhibition of convection



*Kerkmann, EUMETSAT*

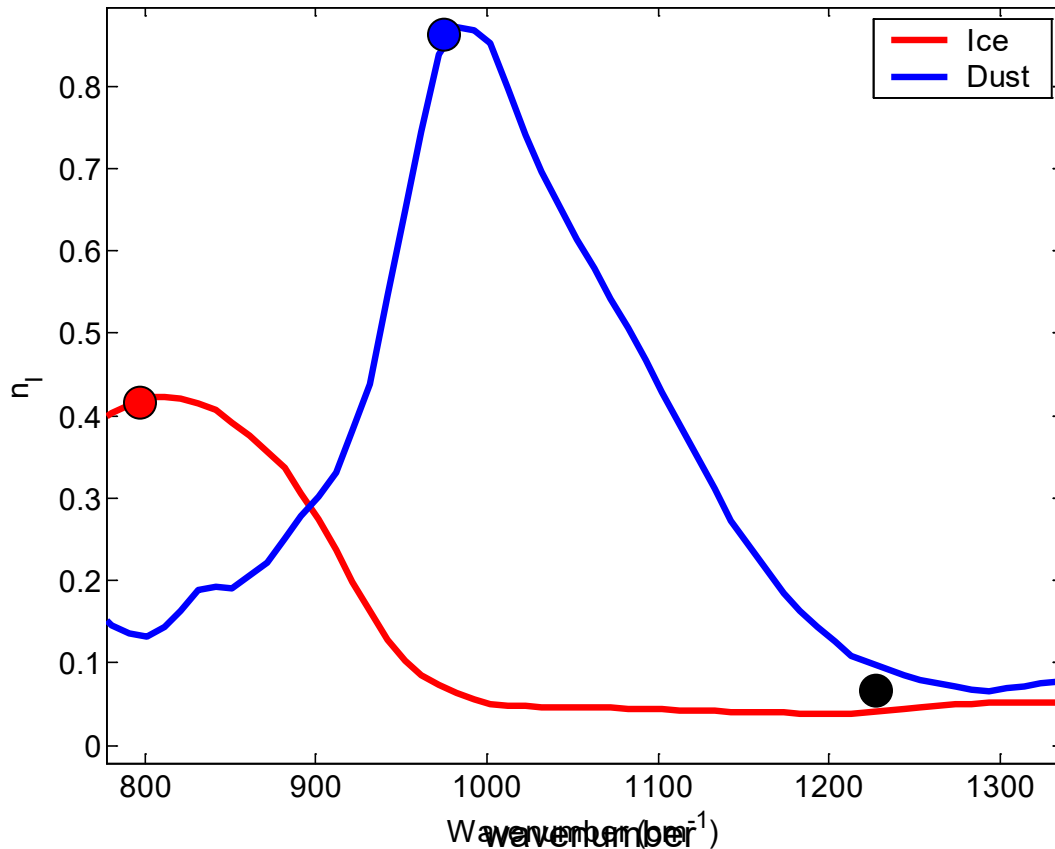
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# Surface Emissivity



# Dust and Cirrus Signals

Imaginary Index of Refraction of Ice and Dust



- Both ice and silicate absorption small in 1200 cm<sup>-1</sup> window

- In the 800-1000 cm<sup>-1</sup> atmospheric window:

*Silicate index increases*

*Ice index decreases*

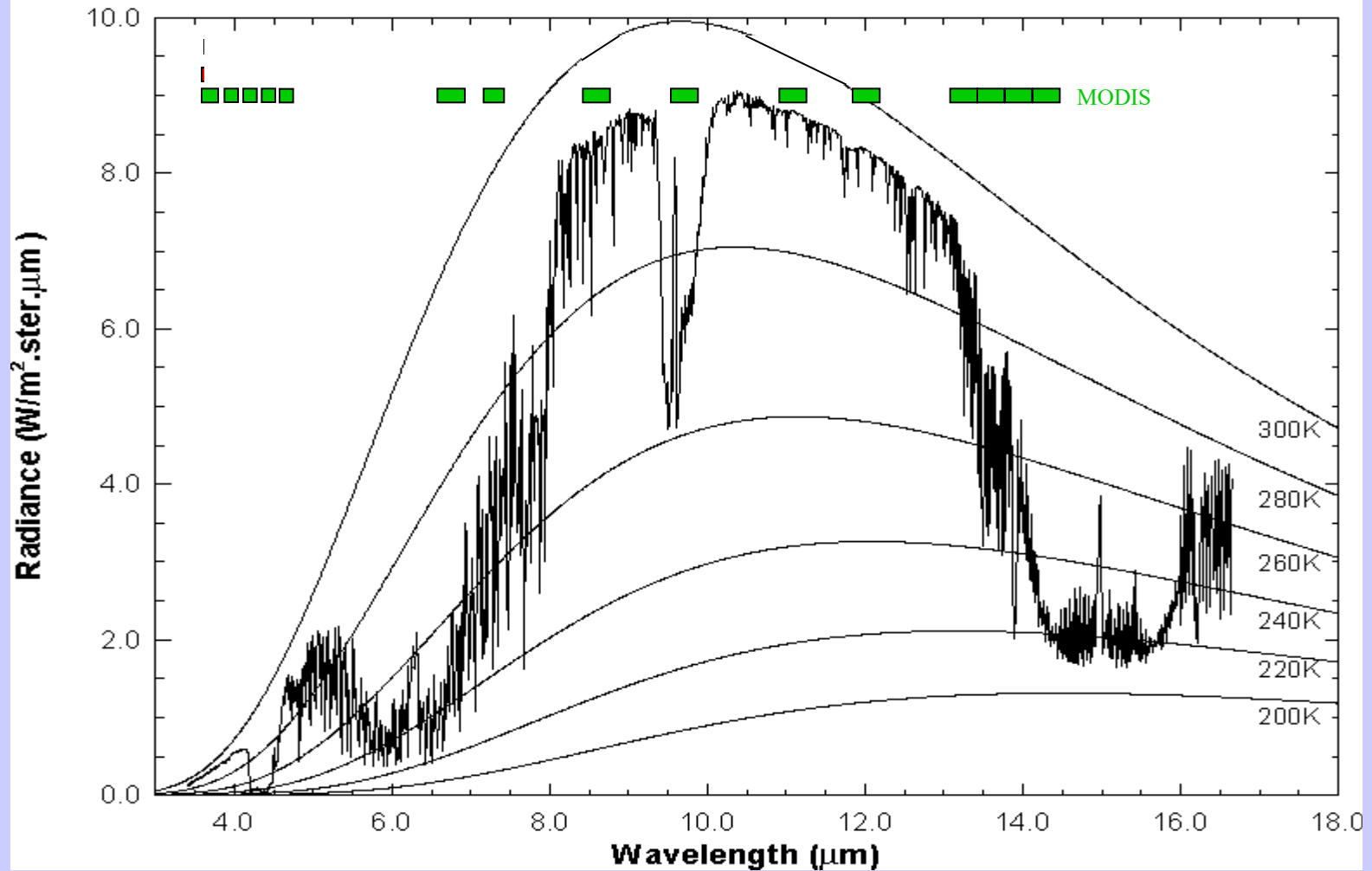
*with wavenumber*

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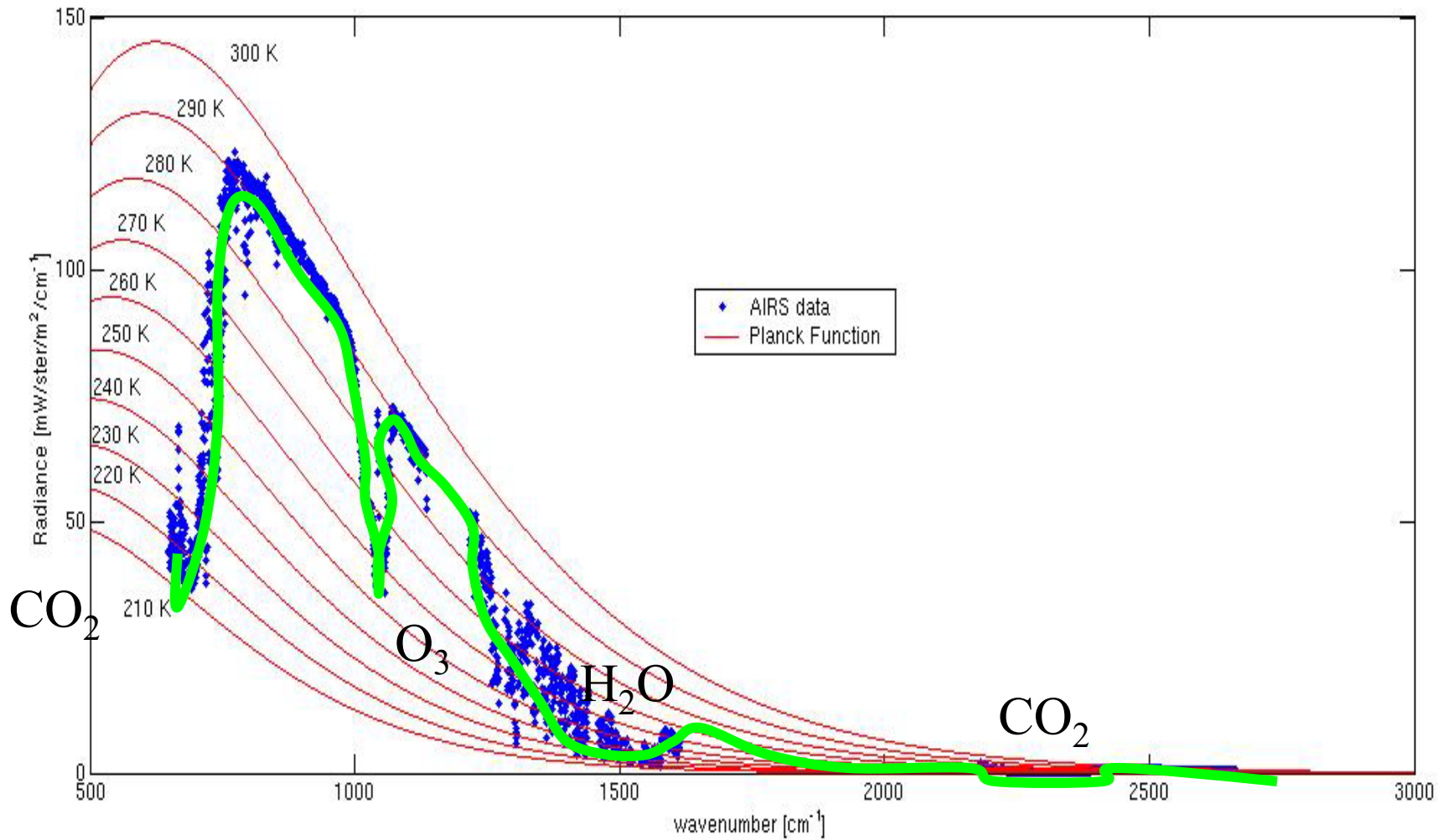


# MODIS IR Spectral Bands

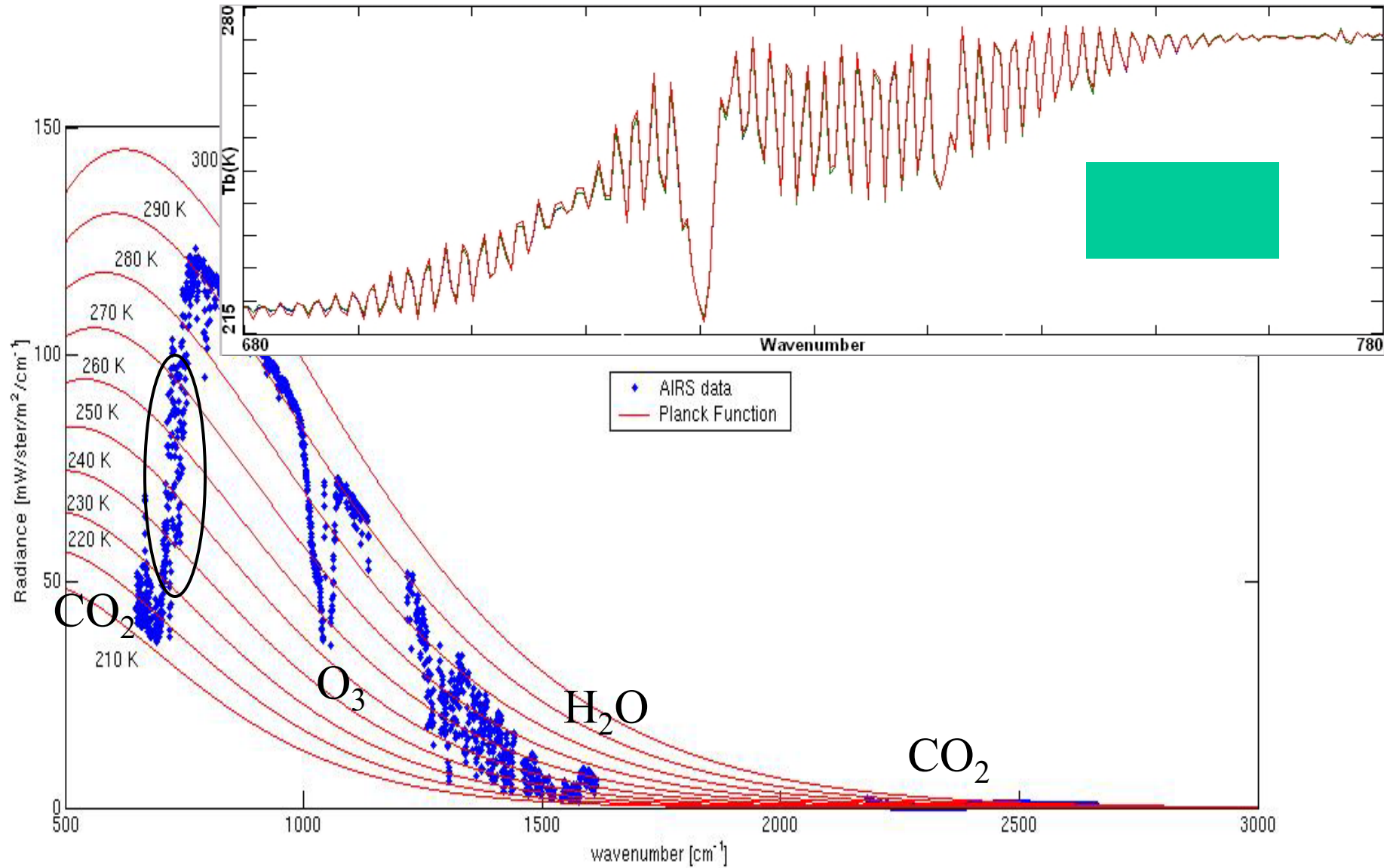
High resolution atmospheric absorption spectrum and comparative blackbody curves.



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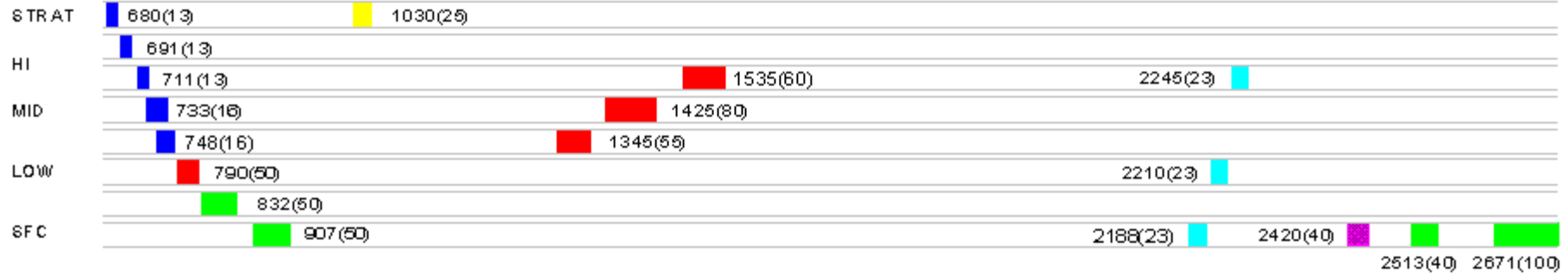
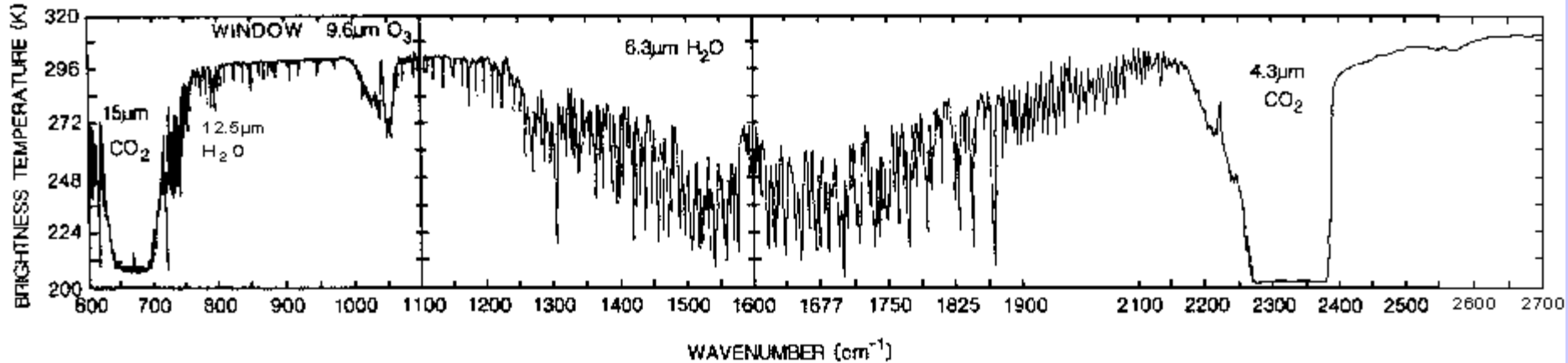


# Rotational Lines



# GOES Sounder Spectral Bands: 14.7 to 3.7 um and vis

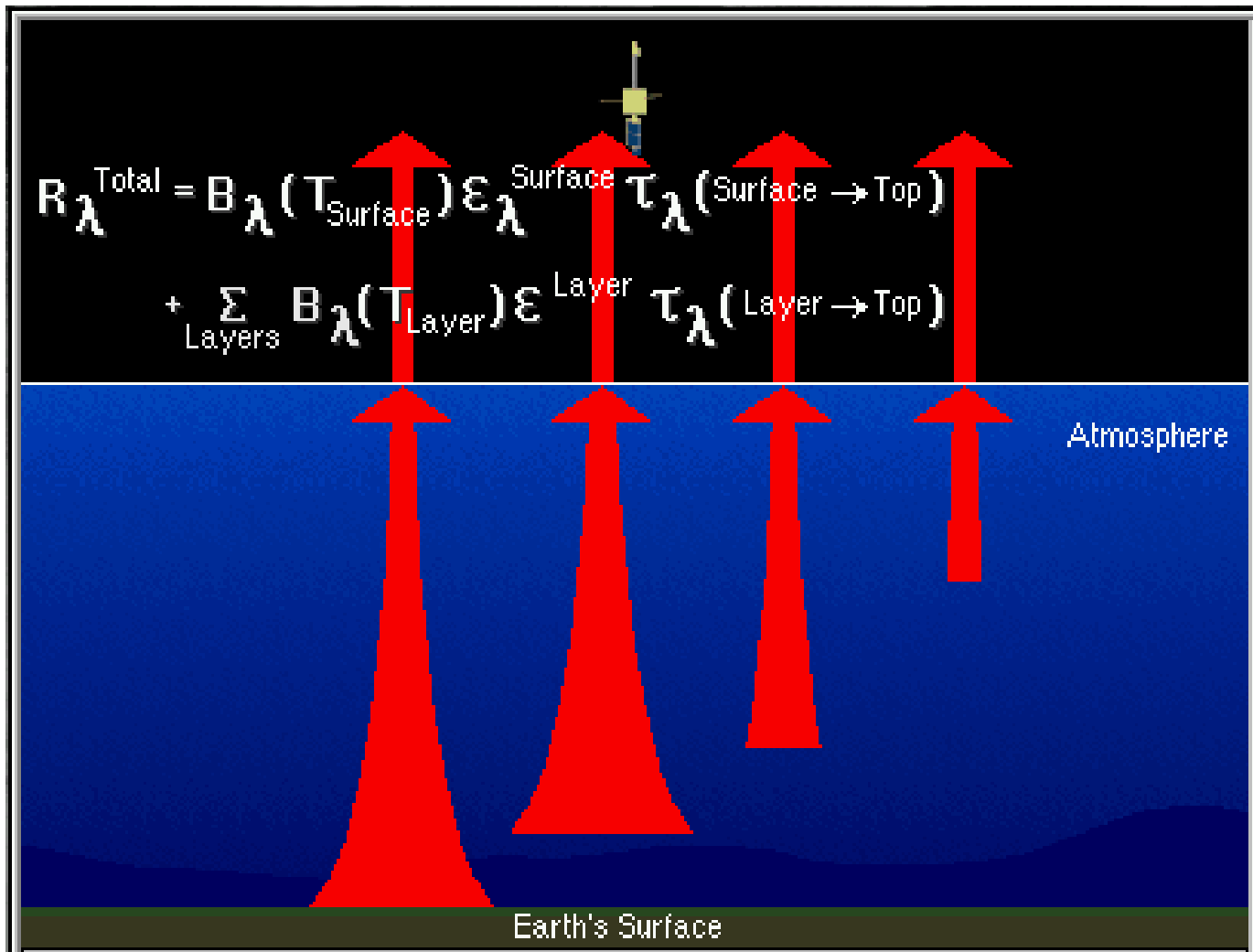
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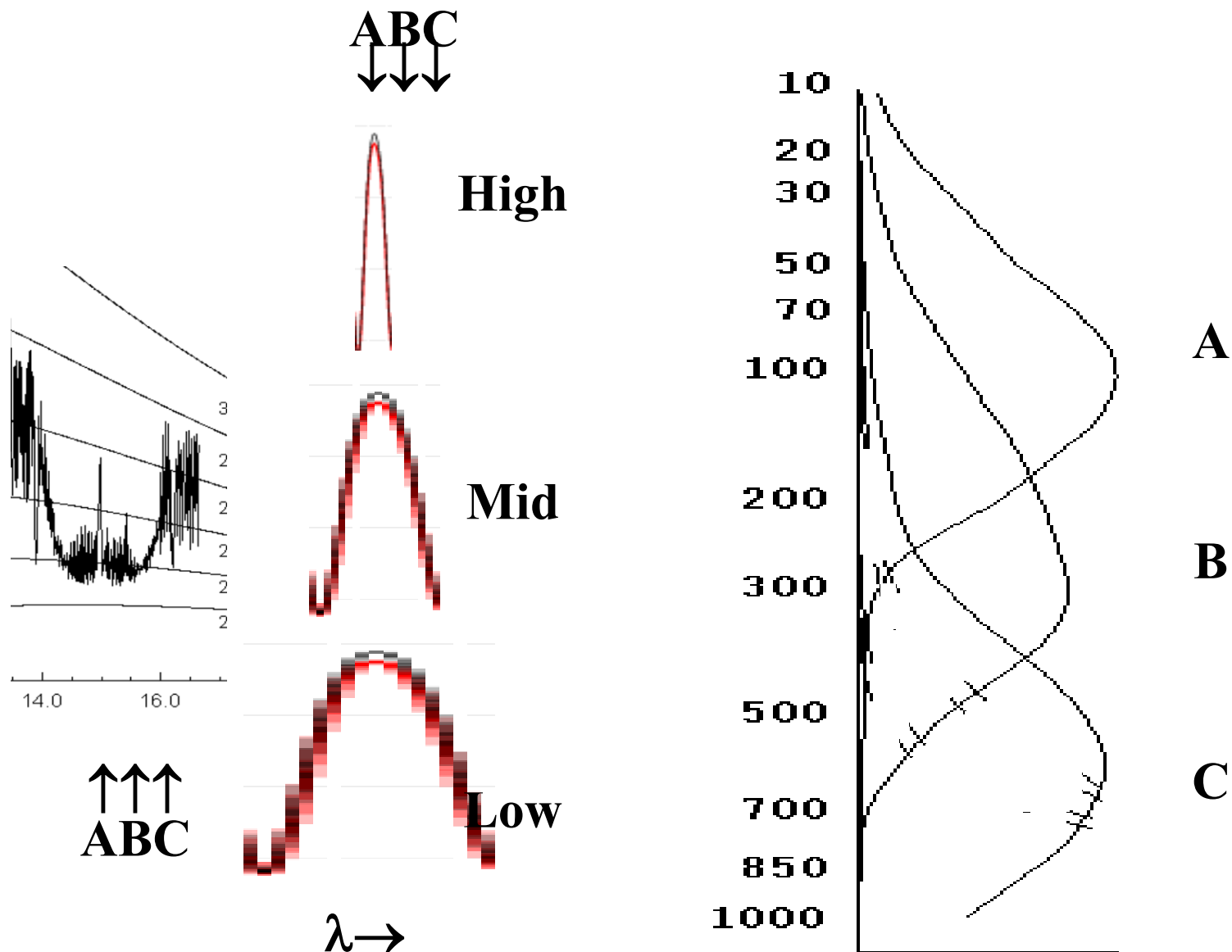
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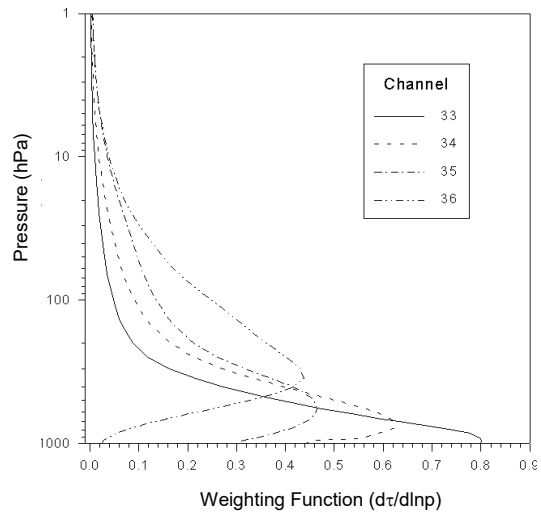


# Radiative Transfer through the Atmosphere

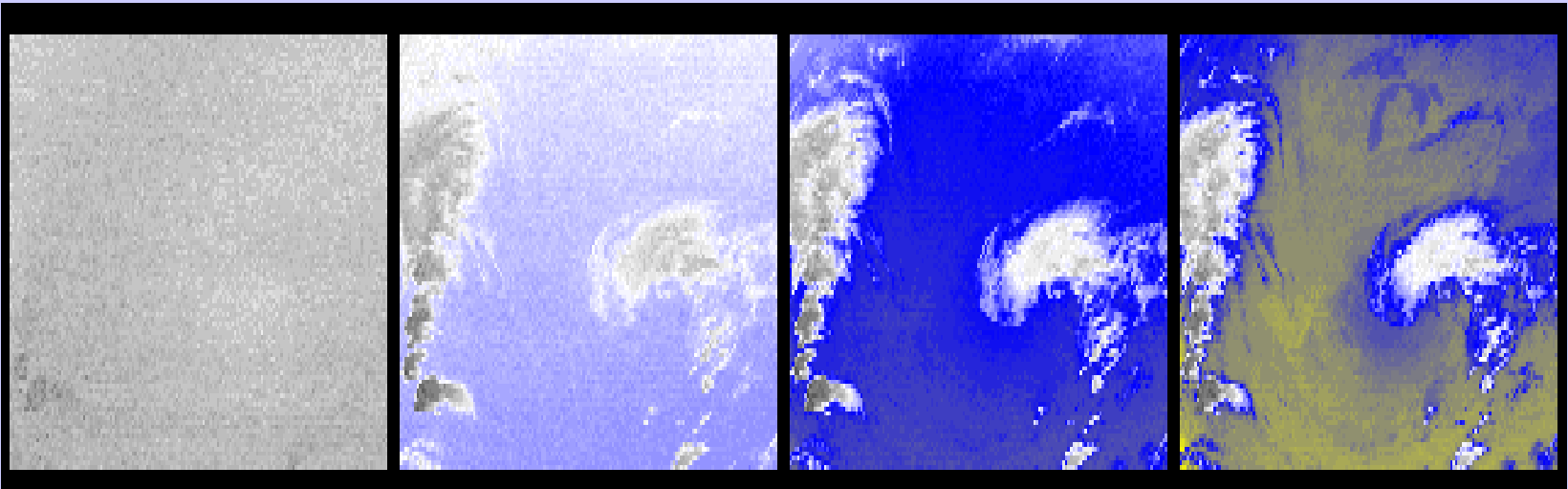


# line broadening with pressure helps to explain weighting functions





## CO<sub>2</sub> channels see different layers in the atmosphere



14.2  $\mu\text{m}$

13.9  $\mu\text{m}$

13.6  $\mu\text{m}$

13.3  $\mu\text{m}$

## Radiative Transfer Equation

When reflection from the earth surface is also considered, the RTE for infrared radiation can be written

$$I_{\lambda} = \varepsilon_{\lambda}^{\text{sfc}} B_{\lambda}(T_s) \tau_{\lambda}(p_s) + \int_{p_s}^0 B_{\lambda}(T(p)) F_{\lambda}(p) [d\tau_{\lambda}(p) / dp] dp$$

where

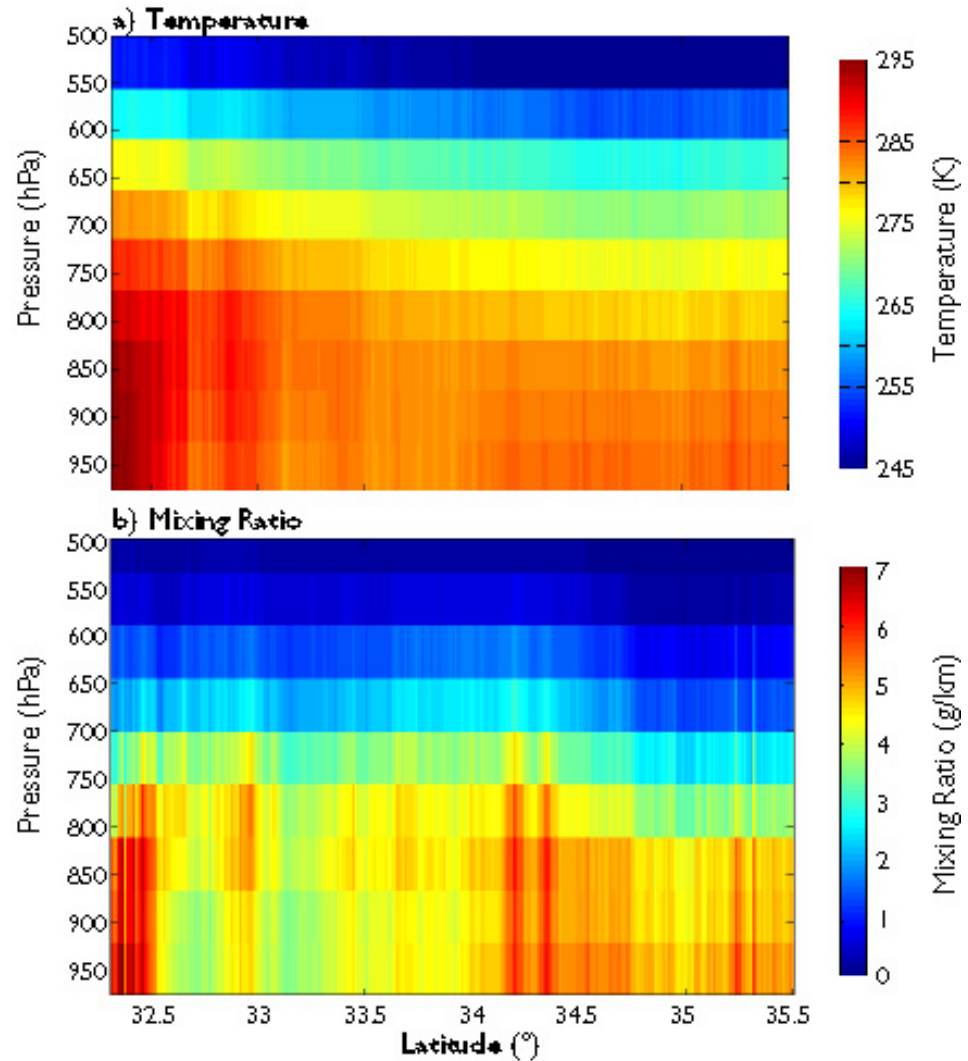
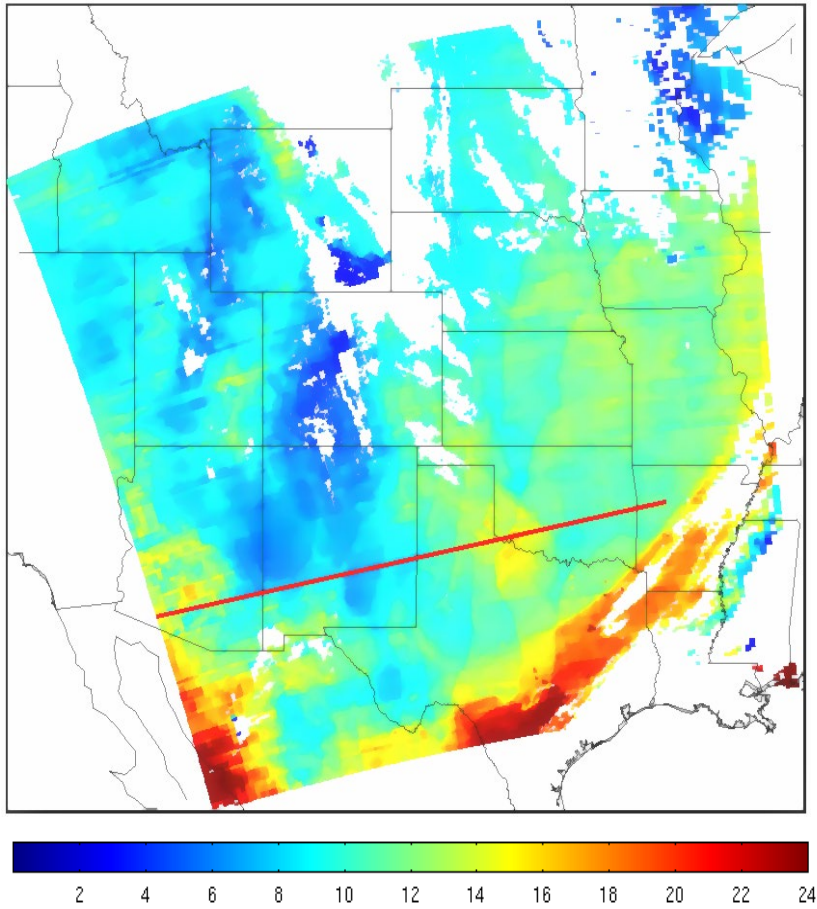
$$F_{\lambda}(p) = \{ 1 + (1 - \varepsilon_{\lambda}) [\tau_{\lambda}(p_s) / \tau_{\lambda}(p)]^2 \}$$

The first term is the spectral radiance emitted by the surface and attenuated by the atmosphere, often called the boundary term and the second term is the spectral radiance emitted to space by the atmosphere directly or by reflection from the earth surface.

The atmospheric contribution is the weighted sum of the Planck radiance contribution from each layer, where the weighting function is  $[d\tau_{\lambda}(p) / dp]$ . This weighting function is an indication of where in the atmosphere the majority of the radiation for a given spectral band comes from.



# MODIS TPW



Clear sky layers of temperature and moisture on 2 June 2001

## RTE in Cloudy Conditions

$$I_{\lambda} = \eta I_{\lambda}^{\text{cd}} + (1 - \eta) I_{\lambda}^{\text{c}} \quad \text{where cd = cloud, c = clear, } \eta = \text{cloud fraction}$$

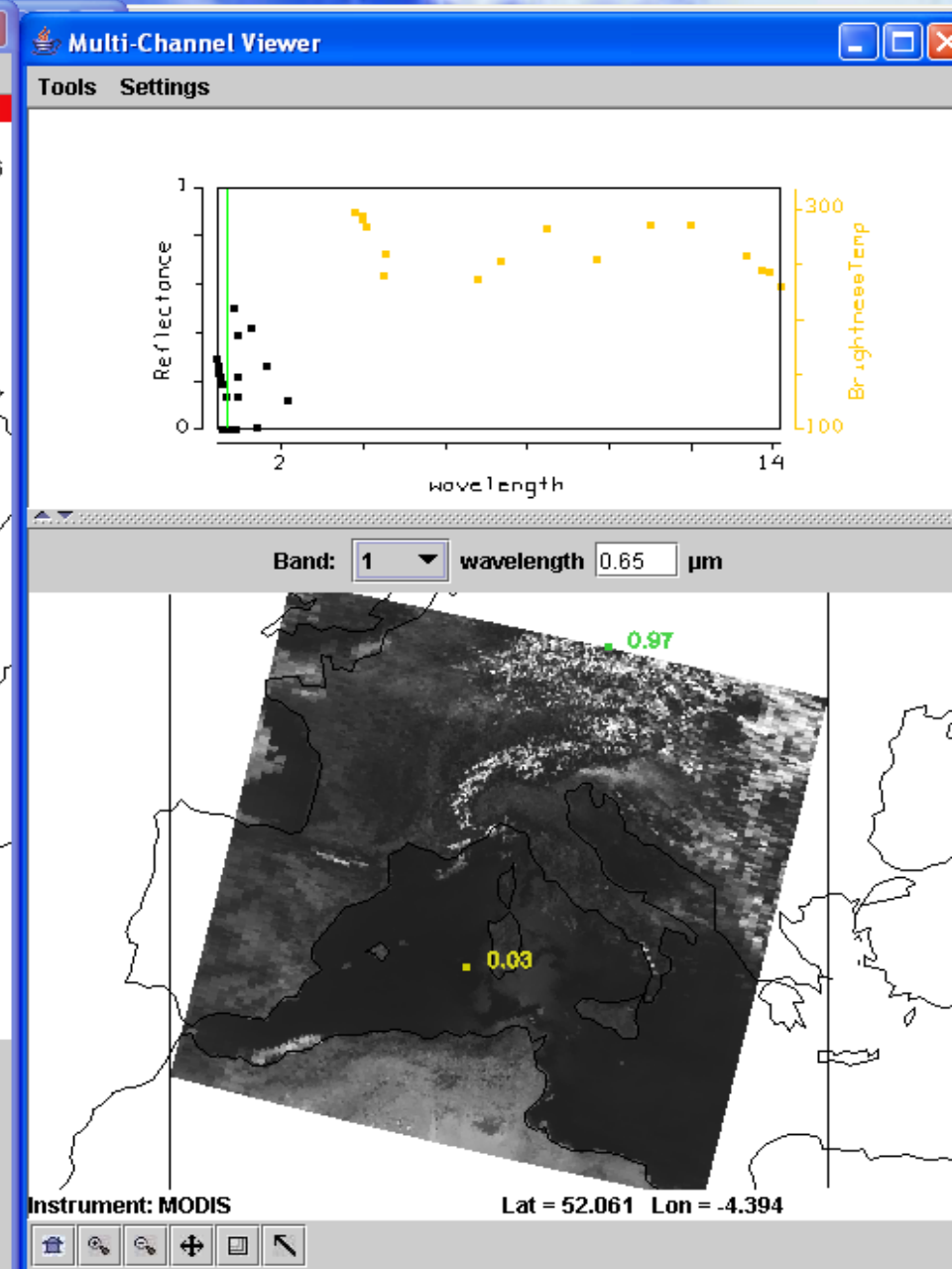
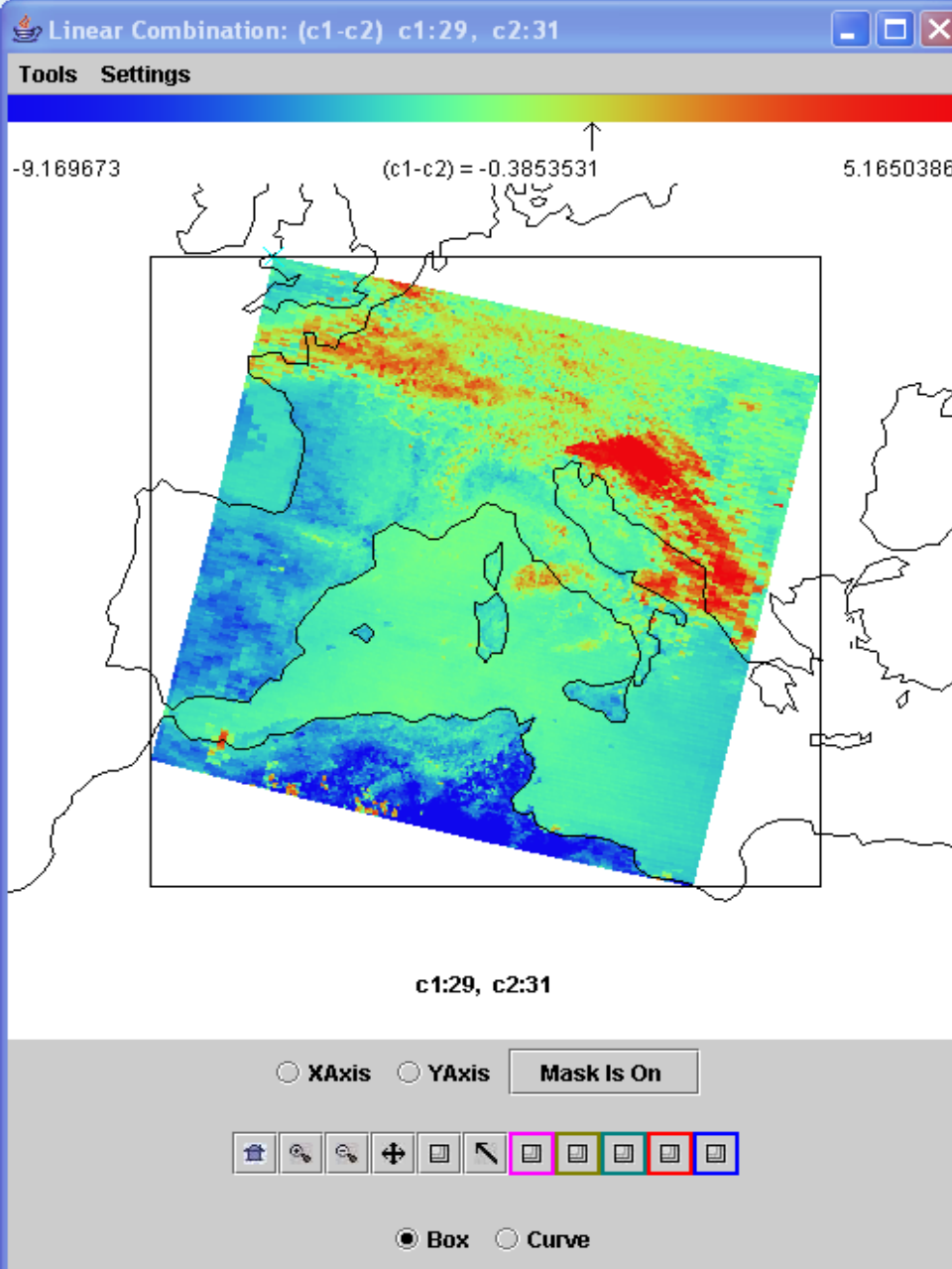
$$I_{\lambda}^{\text{c}} = B_{\lambda}(T_s) \tau_{\lambda}(p_s) + \int_{p_s}^0 B_{\lambda}(T(p)) d\tau_{\lambda} .$$

$$I_{\lambda}^{\text{cd}} = (1 - \varepsilon_{\lambda}) B_{\lambda}(T_s) \tau_{\lambda}(p_s) + (1 - \varepsilon_{\lambda}) \int_{p_s}^{p_c} B_{\lambda}(T(p)) d\tau_{\lambda} \\ + \varepsilon_{\lambda} B_{\lambda}(T(p_c)) \tau_{\lambda}(p_c) + \int_{p_c}^0 B_{\lambda}(T(p)) d\tau_{\lambda}$$

$\varepsilon_{\lambda}$  is emittance of cloud. First two terms are from below cloud, third term is cloud contribution, and fourth term is from above cloud. After rearranging

$$I_{\lambda} - I_{\lambda}^{\text{c}} = \eta \varepsilon_{\lambda} \int_{p_s}^{p_c} \tau(p) \frac{dB_{\lambda}}{dp} dp .$$

Techniques for dealing with clouds fall into three categories: (a) searching for cloudless fields of view, (b) specifying cloud top pressure and sounding down to cloud level as in the cloudless case, and (c) employing adjacent fields of view to determine clear sky signal from partly cloudy observations.



Ice clouds are revealed with  $BT_{8.6} - BT_{11} > 0$  & water clouds and fog show in  $r_{0.65}$

## Cloud Properties

RTE for cloudy conditions indicates dependence of cloud forcing (observed minus clear sky radiance) on cloud amount ( $\eta\epsilon_\lambda$ ) and cloud top pressure ( $p_c$ )

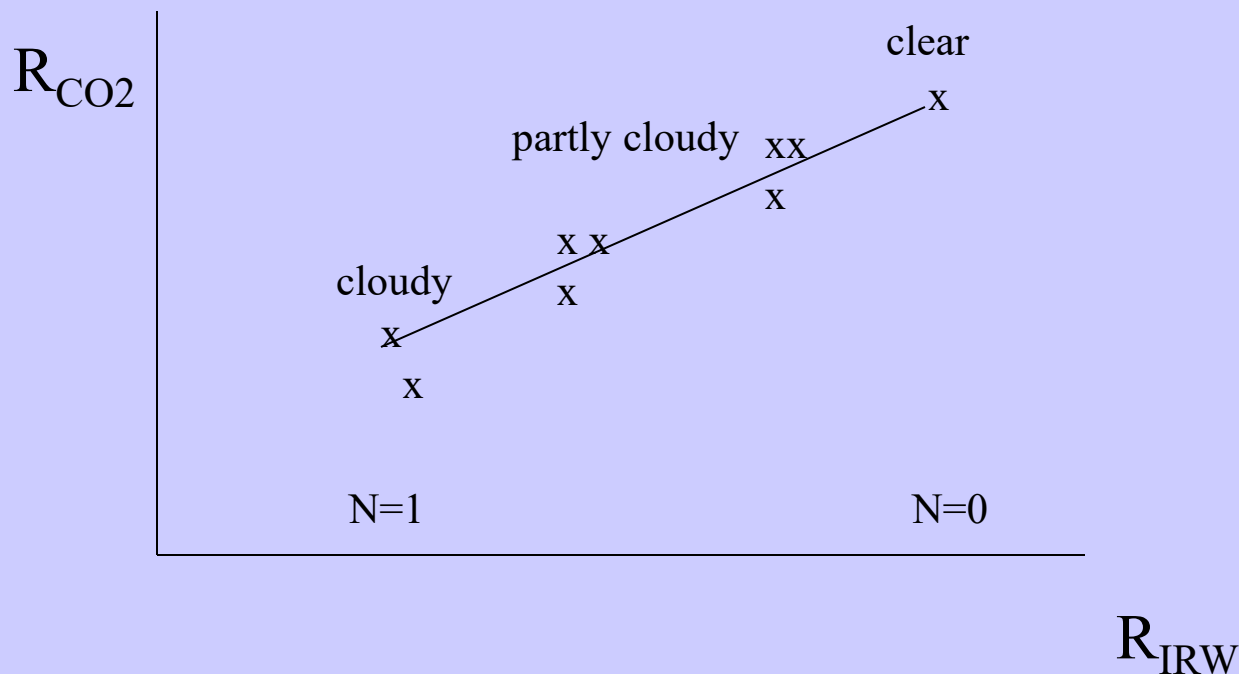
$$(I_\lambda - I_\lambda^{\text{clr}}) = \eta\epsilon_\lambda \int_{p_s}^{p_c} \tau_\lambda dB_\lambda .$$

Higher colder cloud or greater cloud amount produces greater cloud forcing; dense low cloud can be confused for high thin cloud. Two unknowns require two equations.

$p_c$  can be inferred from radiance measurements in two spectral bands where cloud emissivity is the same.  $\eta\epsilon_\lambda$  is derived from the infrared window, once  $p_c$  is known. This is the essence of the CO<sub>2</sub> slicing technique.

## Cloud Clearing

For a single layer of clouds, radiances in one spectral band vary linearly with those of another as cloud amount varies from one field of view (fov) to another



Clear radiances can be inferred by extrapolating to cloud free conditions.

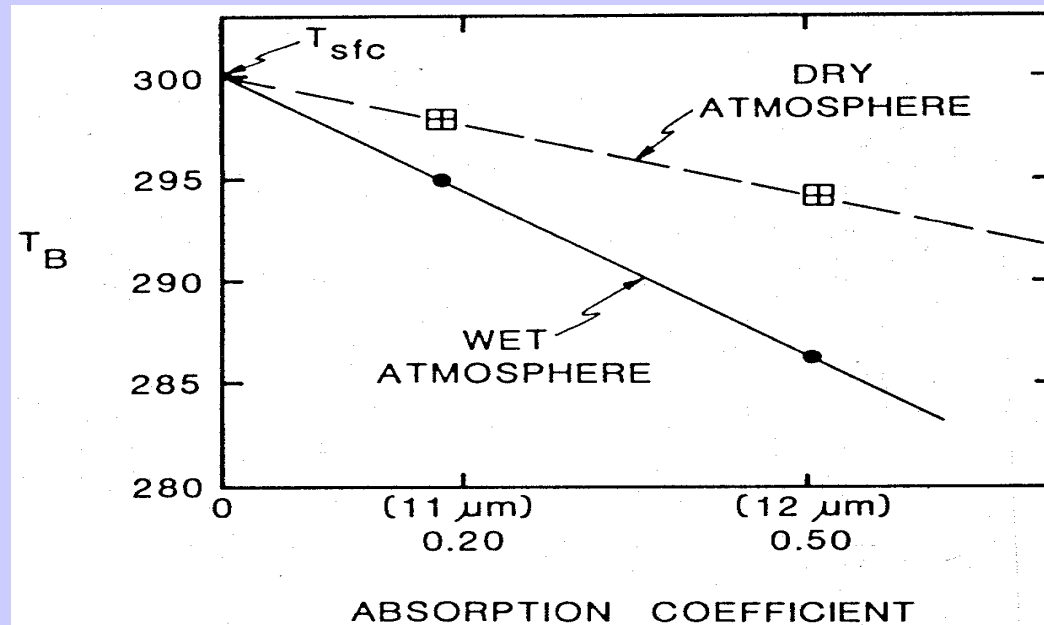
## Moisture

Moisture attenuation in atmospheric windows varies linearly with optical depth.

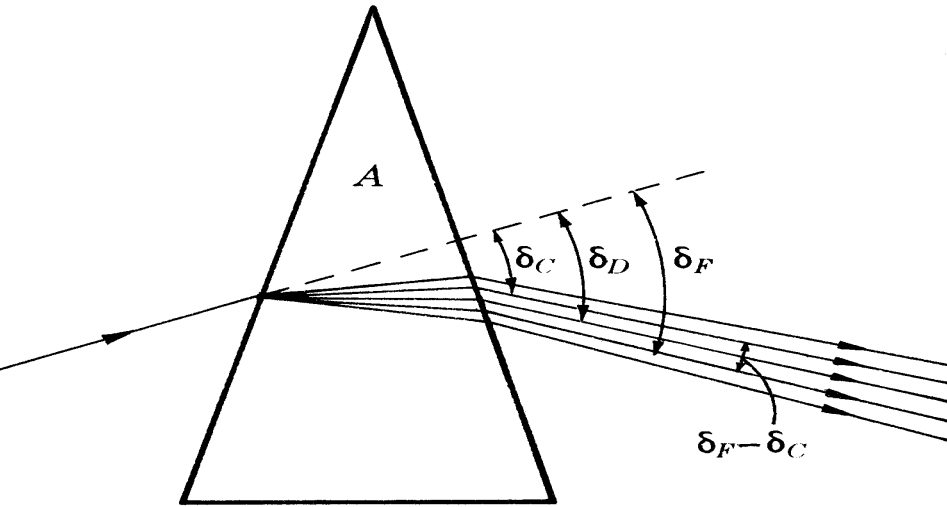
$$\tau_\lambda = e^{-k_\lambda u} \approx 1 - k_\lambda u$$

For same atmosphere, deviation of brightness temperature from surface temperature is a linear function of absorbing power. Thus moisture corrected SST can be inferred by using split window measurements and extrapolating to zero  $k_\lambda$ .

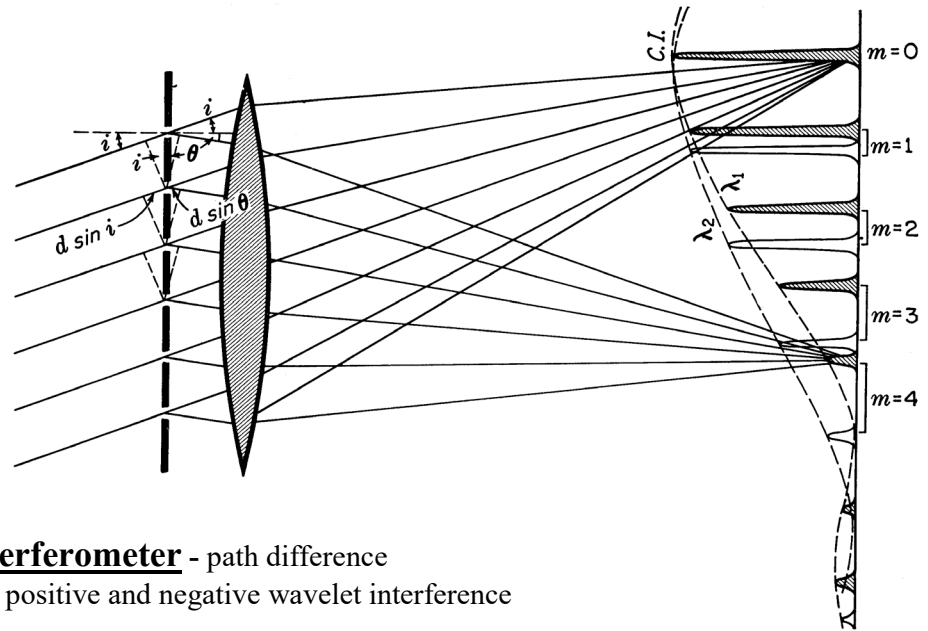
Moisture content of atmosphere inferred from slope of linear relation.



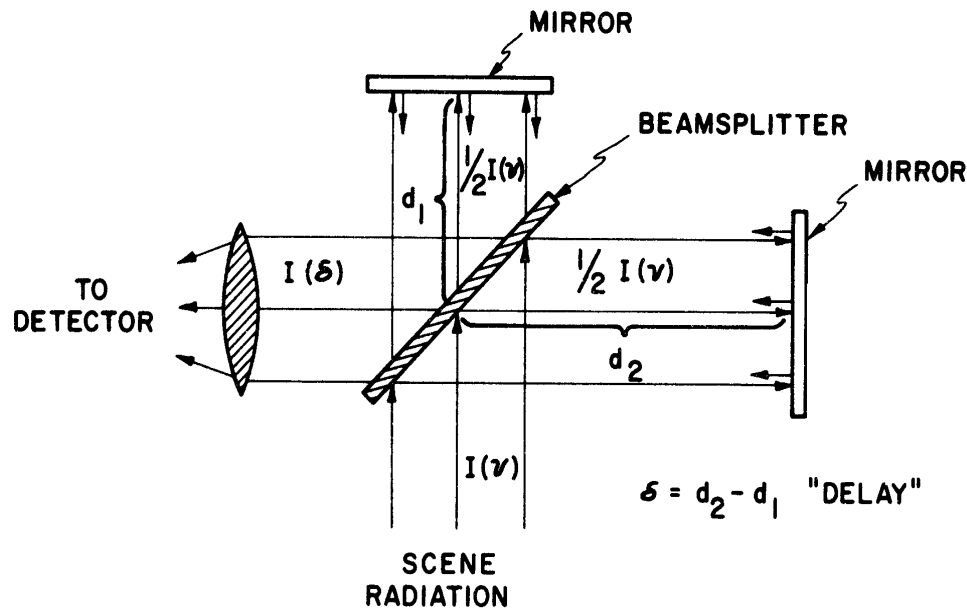
**Spectral Separation with a Prism:** longer wavelengths deflected less



**Spectral Separation with a Grating:** path difference from slits produces positive and negative wavelet interference on screen

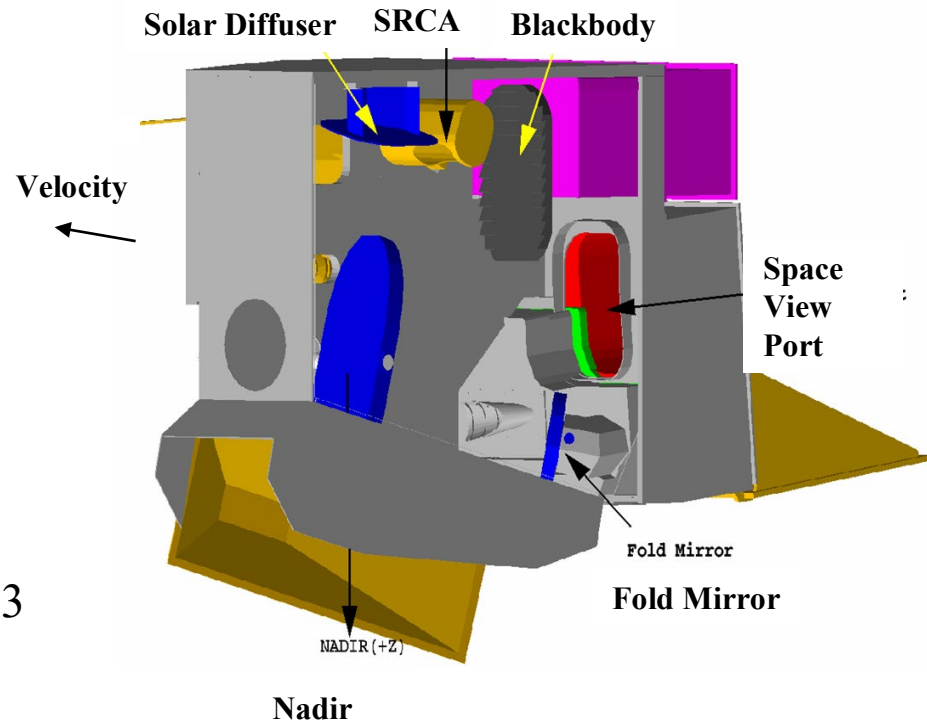


**Spectral Separation with an Interferometer** - path difference (or delay) from two mirrors produces positive and negative wavelet interference

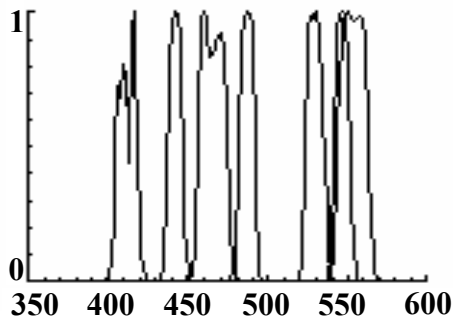


# MODIS Instrument Overview

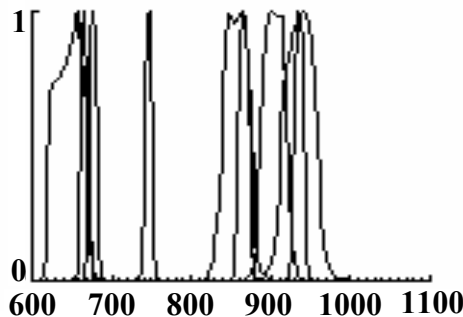
- 36 spectral bands (490 detectors) cover wavelength range from 0.4 to 14.5  $\mu\text{m}$
- Spatial resolution at nadir: 250m (2 bands), 500m (5 bands) and 1000m
- 4 FPAs: VIS, NIR, SMIR, LWIR
- On-Board Calibrators: SD/SDSM, SRCA, and BB (plus space view)
- 12 bit (0-4095) dynamic range
- 2-sided Paddle Wheel Scan Mirror scans 2330 km swath in 1.47 sec
- Day data rate = 10.6 Mbps; night data rate = 3.3 Mbps (100% duty cycle, 50% day and 50% night)



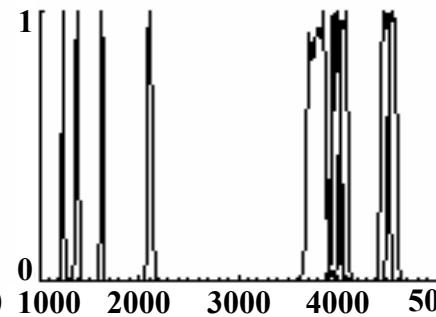
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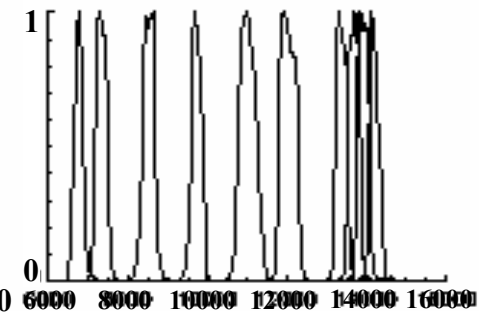
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S/MWIR



LWIR





# MODIS Performance

<b>Performance Issue</b>	<b>Terra</b>	<b>Aqua</b>
Band 26 Striping and elevated background signal	Correction in L1B now in place for Collect 4.	No Improvement Correction will be necessary
S/MWIR Electronic Crosstalk	An ongoing issue No on-orbit correction	Improved (reduced but not eliminated)
PC LWIR Band Optical Leak	Corrected in L1B; 1-2% uncertainty	Fixed during prelaunch
Detector Striping	Exists in several thermal IR bands. EDF algorithm now available	Improved, but still present. EDF algorithm now available.

# MODIS Performance

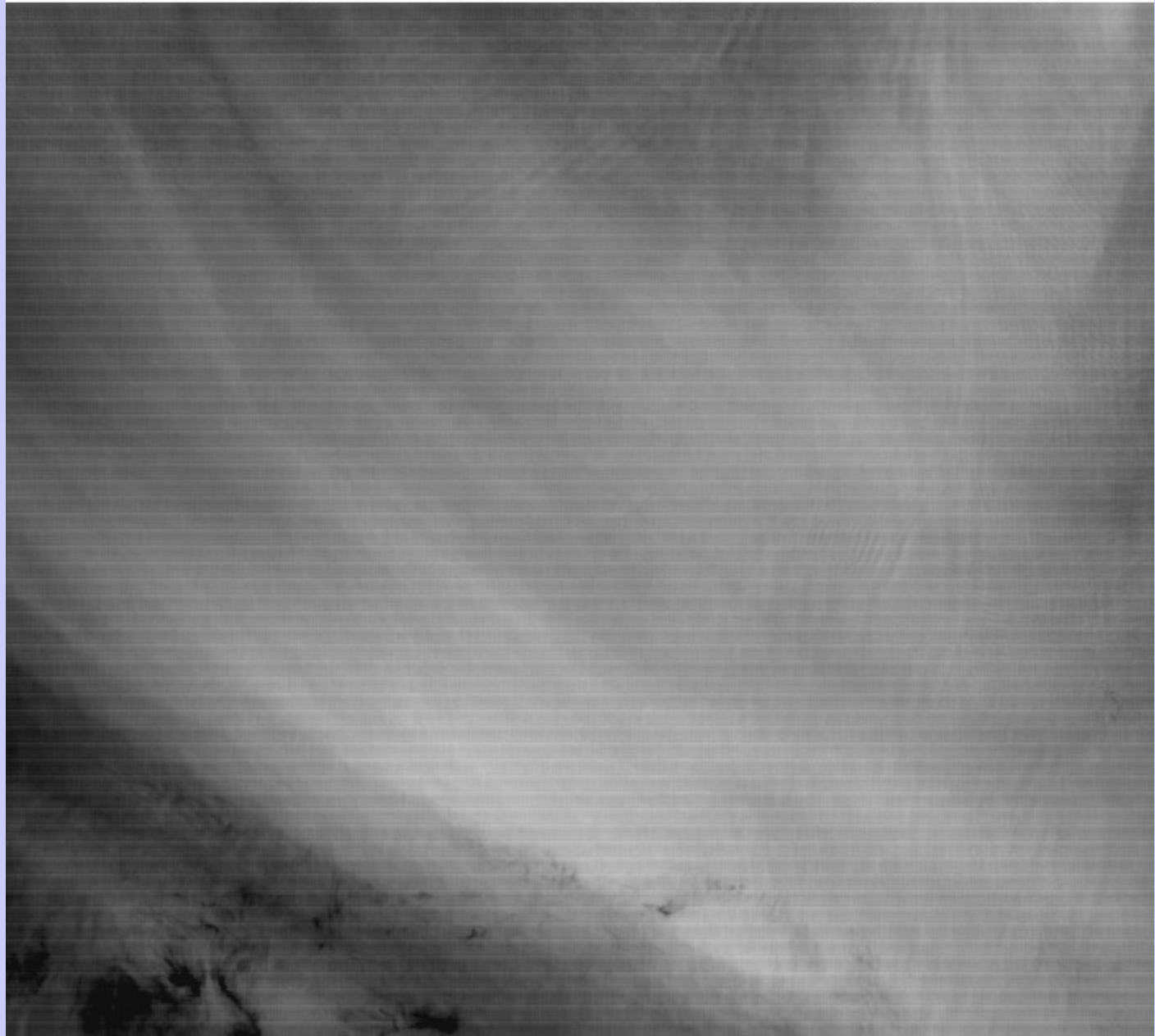
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<b>Performance Issue</b>	<b>Terra</b>	<b>Aqua</b>
5um thermal leak into SWIR	Small influence; Effectively Corrected in L1B	Improved; Correction in L1B TBD
SWIR Band Subsample Departure	On going issue No on-orbit correction	Much Improved
Noisy Detectors	Several in LWIR CO2 bands, one in B24, 25, 27, 28,30	Much Improved (B36 chan 5)
Saturation in Band 2	Saturation on thick water cloud, sunglint regions	Slightly Worse (lower saturation level)

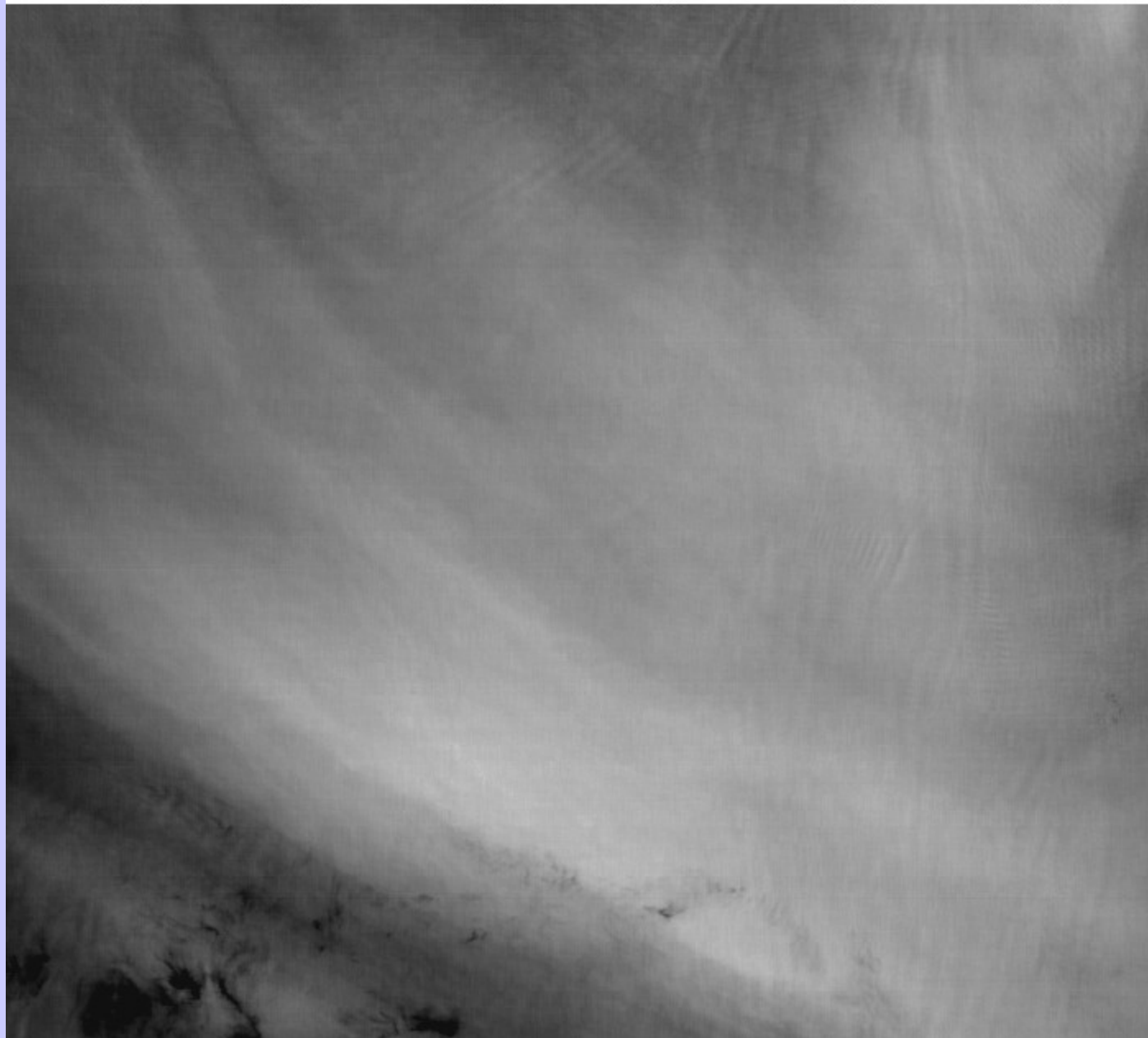
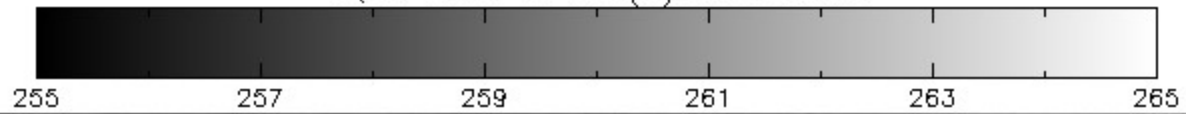
# MODIS Performance cont.

<b>Performance Issue</b>	<b>Terra</b>	<b>Aqua</b>
Scan Mirror reflectance vs. angle of incidence	Much Improved after Deep Space Maneuver	Much Improved Good prelaunch characterization
Dead detectors in SWIR bands	None	B6 severely impacted; B5 has one dead detector

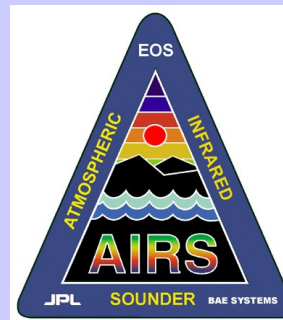
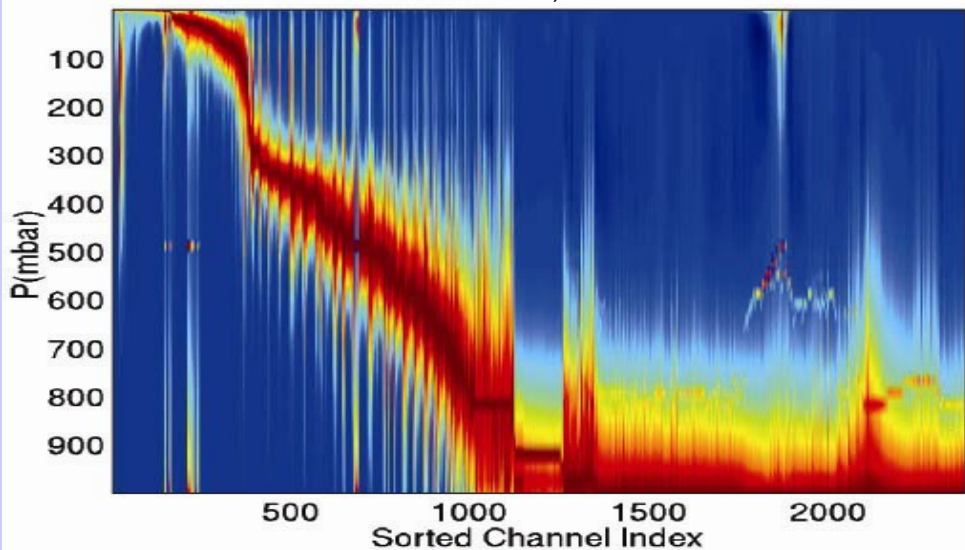
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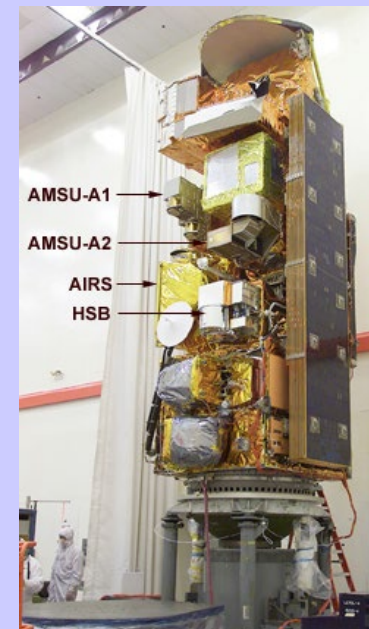
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temperature weighting functions sorted by pressure of their peak (blue = 0)



# AIRS On Aqua

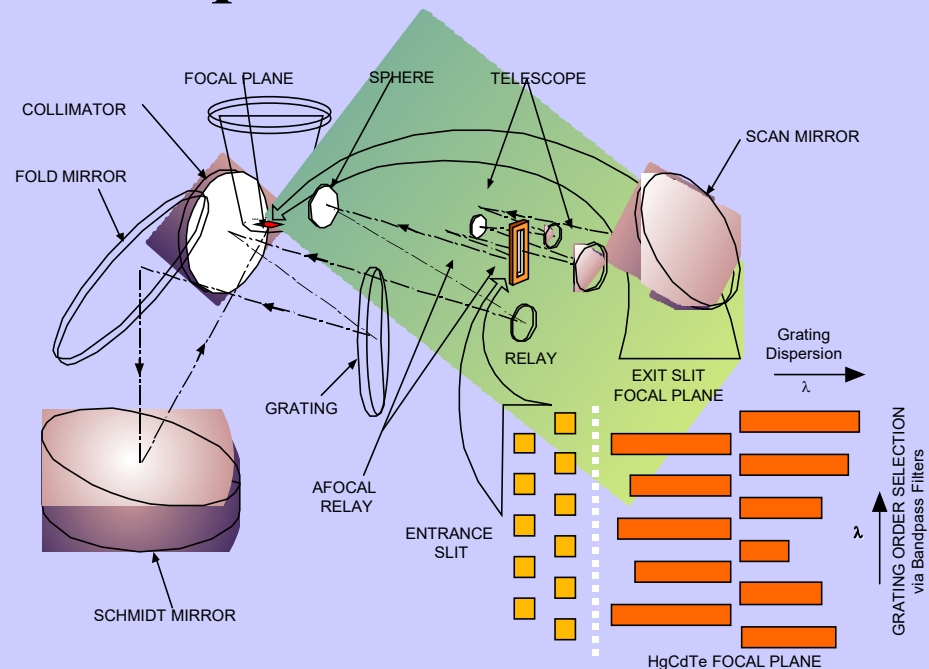


## Instrument

- Hyperspectral radiometer with **resolution of  $0.5 - 2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$**
- Extremely well calibrated pre-launch
- **Spectral range:  $650 - 2700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$**
- Associated microwave instruments (AMSU, HSB)

## Design

- Grating Spectrometer passively cooled to 160K, stabilized to 30 mK
- **PV and PC HgCdTe focal plane cooled to 60K** with redundant active pulse tube cryogenic coolers
- **Focal plane has ~5000 detectors**, 2378 channels. PV detectors (all below 13 microns) are doubly redundant. Two channels per resolution element ( $n/D_n = 1200$ )
- 310 K Blackbody and space view provides radiometric calibration
- Paralyene coating on calibration mirror and upwelling radiation provides spectral calibration
- **NEDT (per resolution element) ranges from 0.05K to 0.5K**



Spectral filters at each entrance slit and over each FPA array isolate color band (grating order) of interest

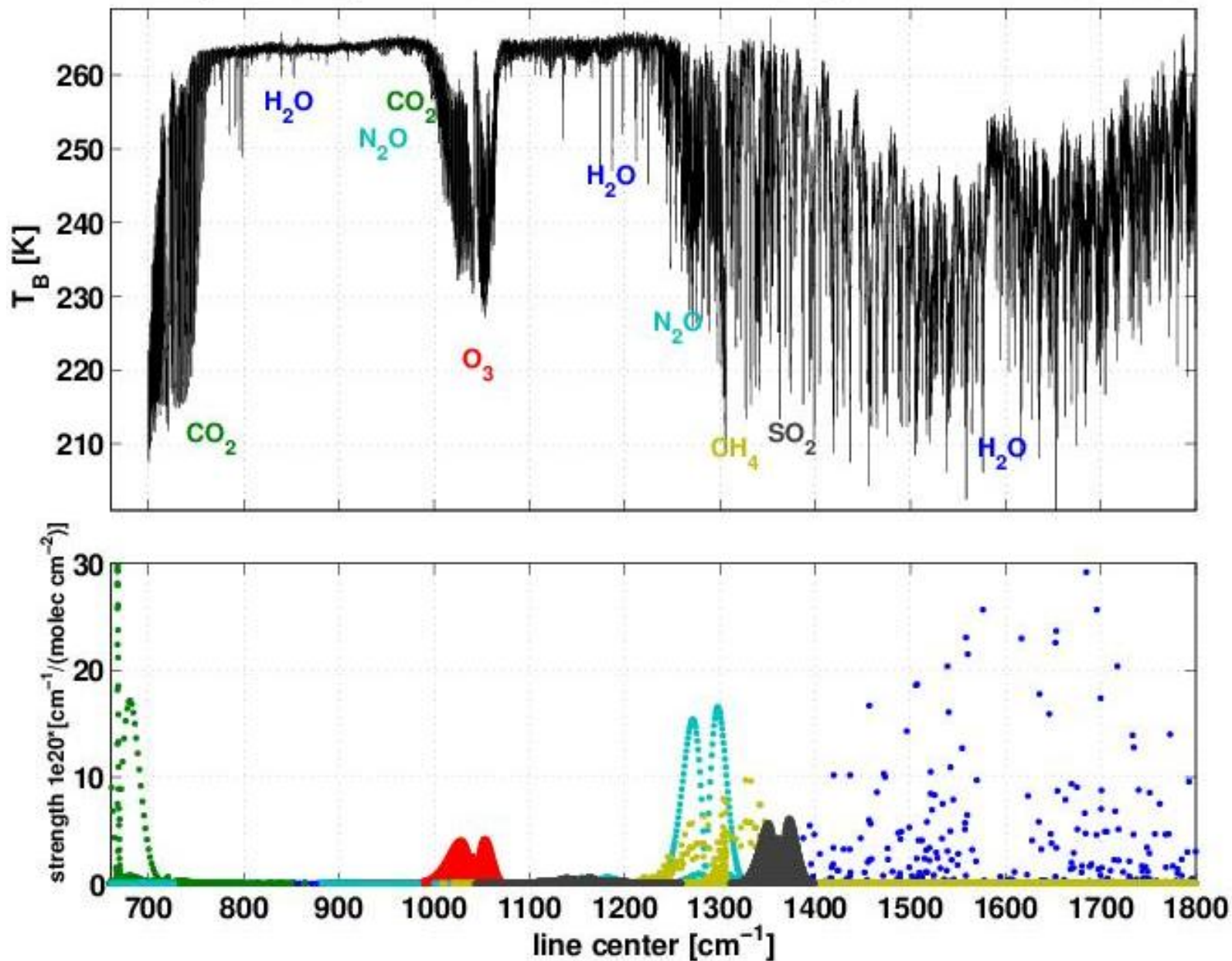
# AIRS data from 28 Aug 2005

The image displays a Windows desktop environment with several open applications. The desktop background is a blue sky with clouds. The taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button and several open programs: ET EGOS input to..., run HYDRA, Microsoft Power..., Hydra (Version: ...), Multi-Channel Vie..., 80% battery, and the system clock showing 10:40 AM on 8/28/2005.

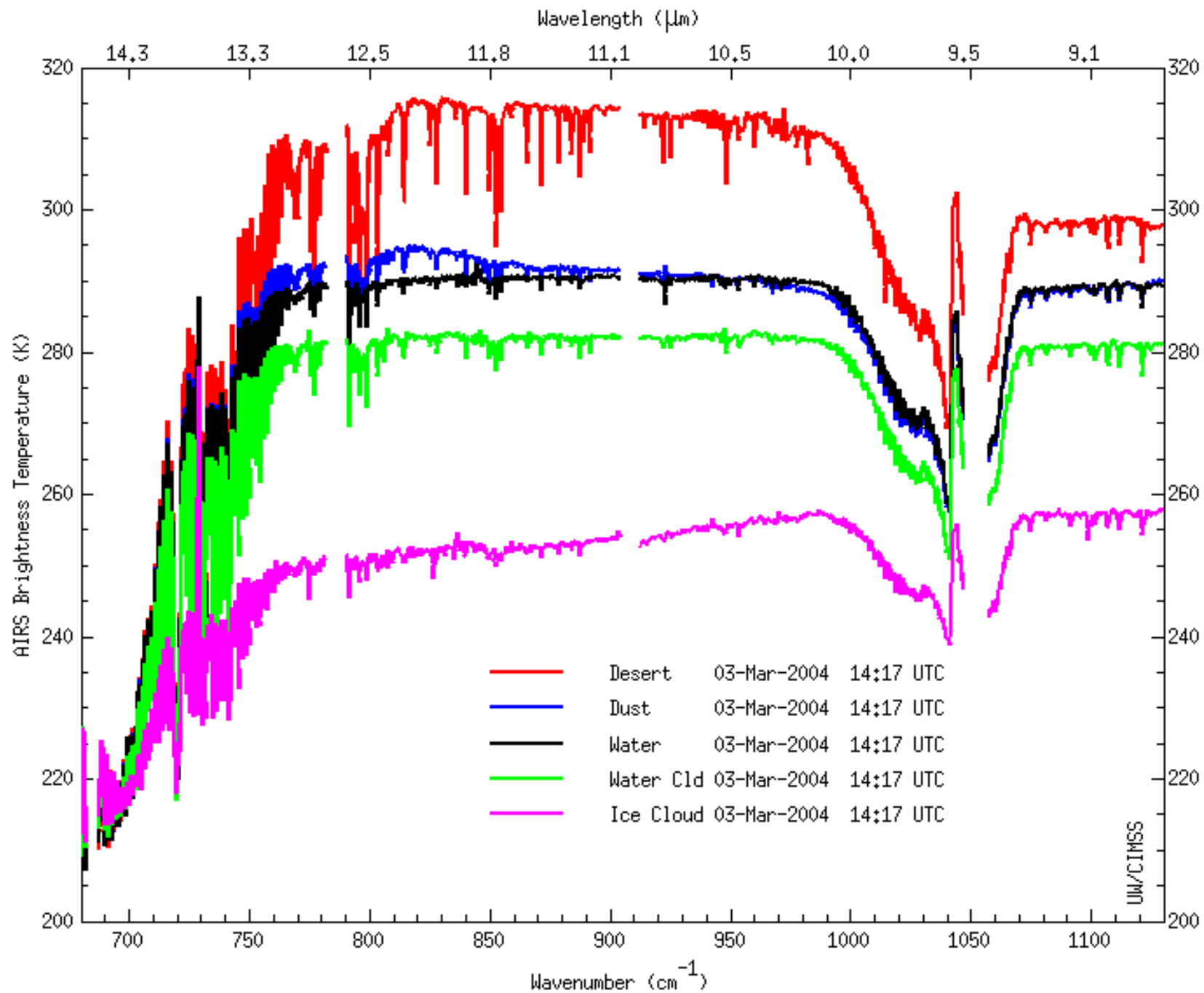
The primary application in the foreground is **Hydra (Version: v1.6b2)**. It features a menu bar with **File**, **Load**, **Tools**, **Settings**, and **Start**. Below the menu is a toolbar with icons for home, search, zoom, pan, and other functions. The main display area shows a map of Europe with a satellite image of a cloud field overlaid on it. The image is tilted and shows a large, dark, textured area representing clouds.

Another application window, **Multi-Channel Viewer**, is open on the right side of the screen. It has a menu bar with **Tools** and **Settings**. The main window is titled **Clear Sky vs Opaque High Cloud Spectra**. It displays a spectral plot with the y-axis labeled **Brigh-Hz-ss-Temp** (ranging from 180 to 220) and the x-axis labeled **wavenumber** (ranging from 1000 to 2500). Two traces are shown: a black trace and a red trace. A vertical green line is positioned at approximately 2446.20 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Below the plot, a zoomed-in view of the spectrum is shown, with the wavenumber **2446.20 cm<sup>-1</sup>** displayed. Three data points are marked on the zoomed-in view: a cyan 'x' at **294.25**, a red square at **236.65**, and a green square at **327.09**. The instrument is identified as **AIRS** at the bottom of the window.

# IMG spectrum (WINCE, 970128 over Nebraska) and HITRAN database

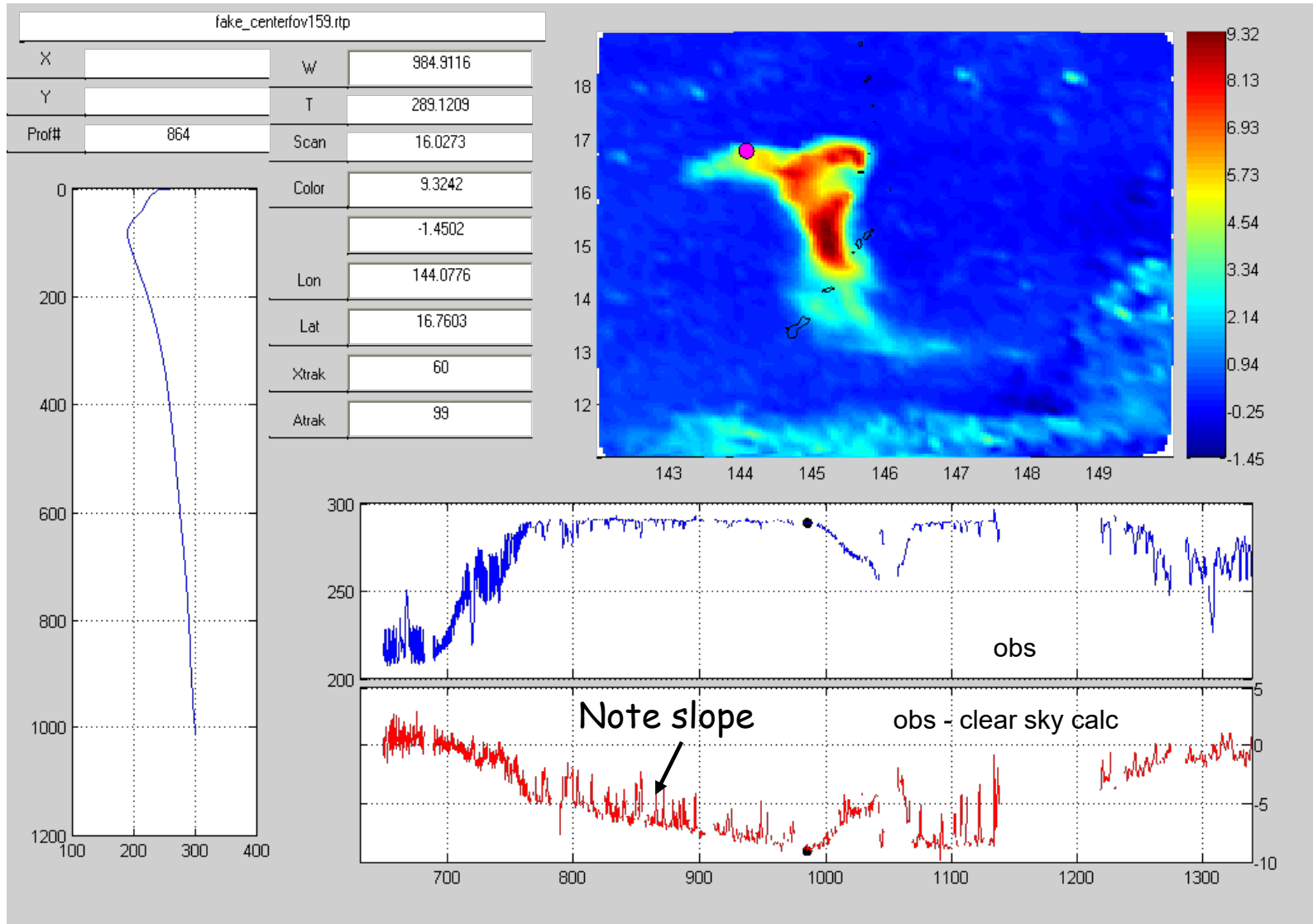






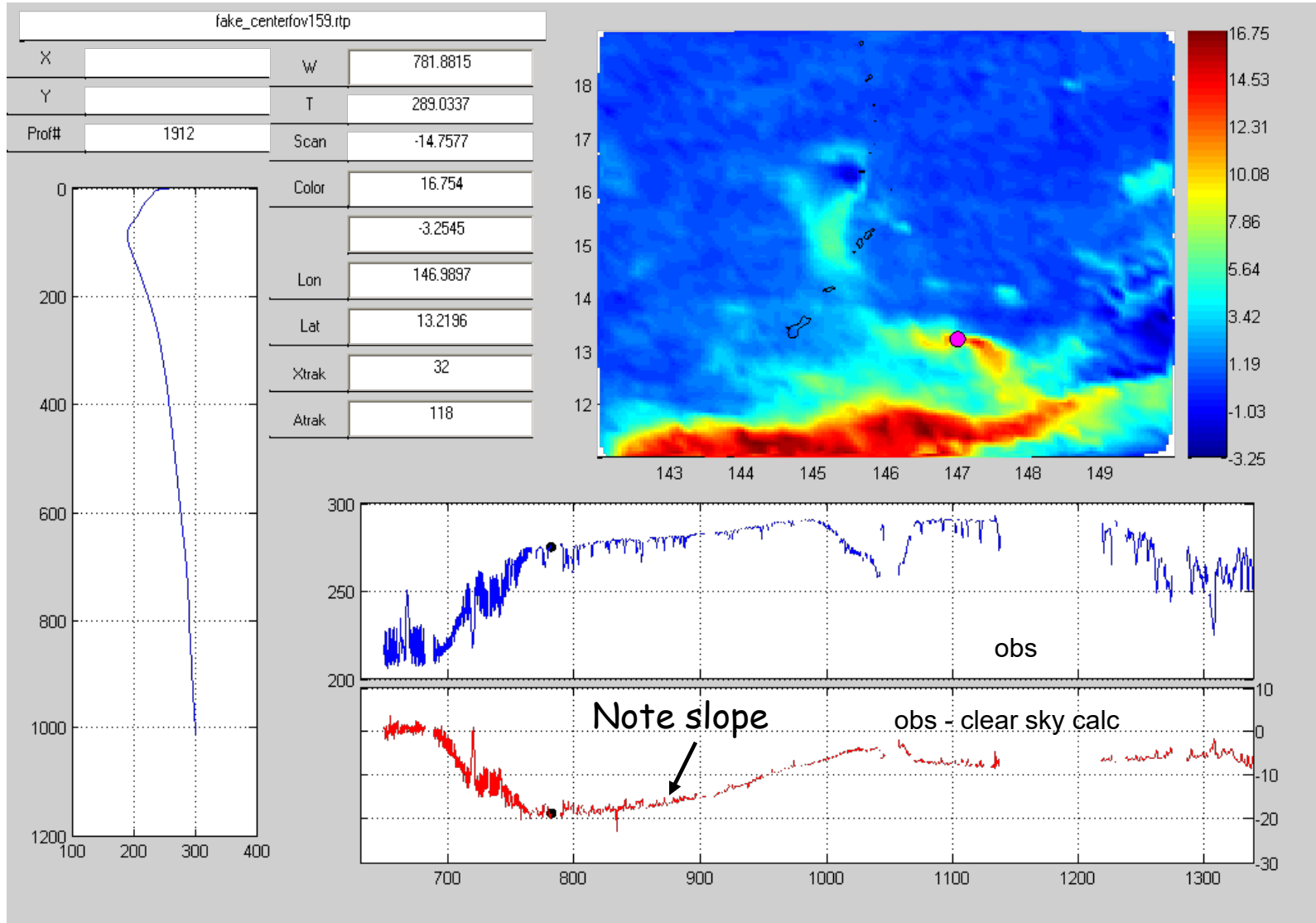
# Silicate (ash cloud) signal at Anatahan, Mariana Is

Image is ECMWF bias difference of  $1227\text{ cm}^{-1} - 984\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (double difference)



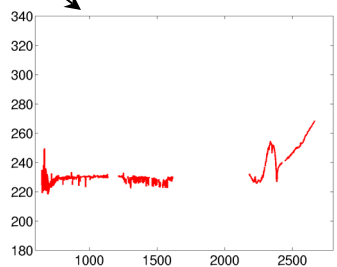
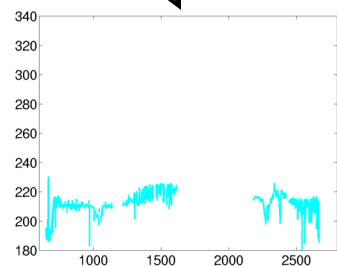
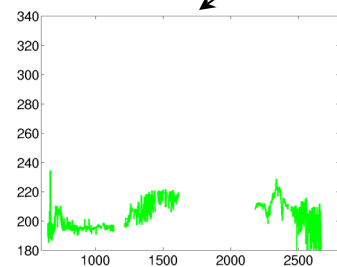
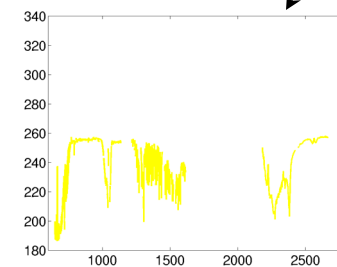
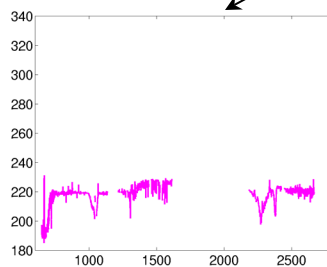
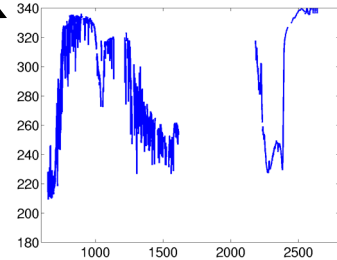
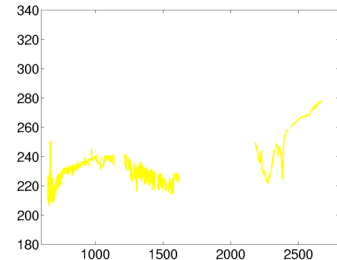
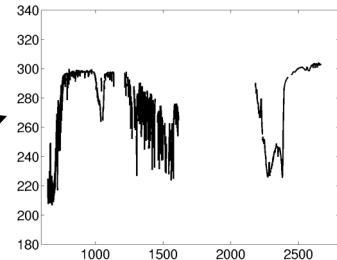
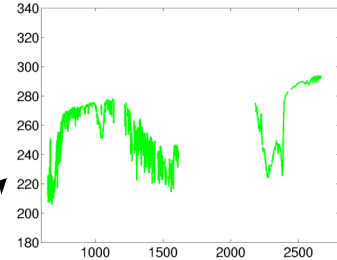
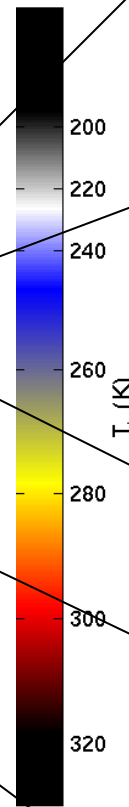
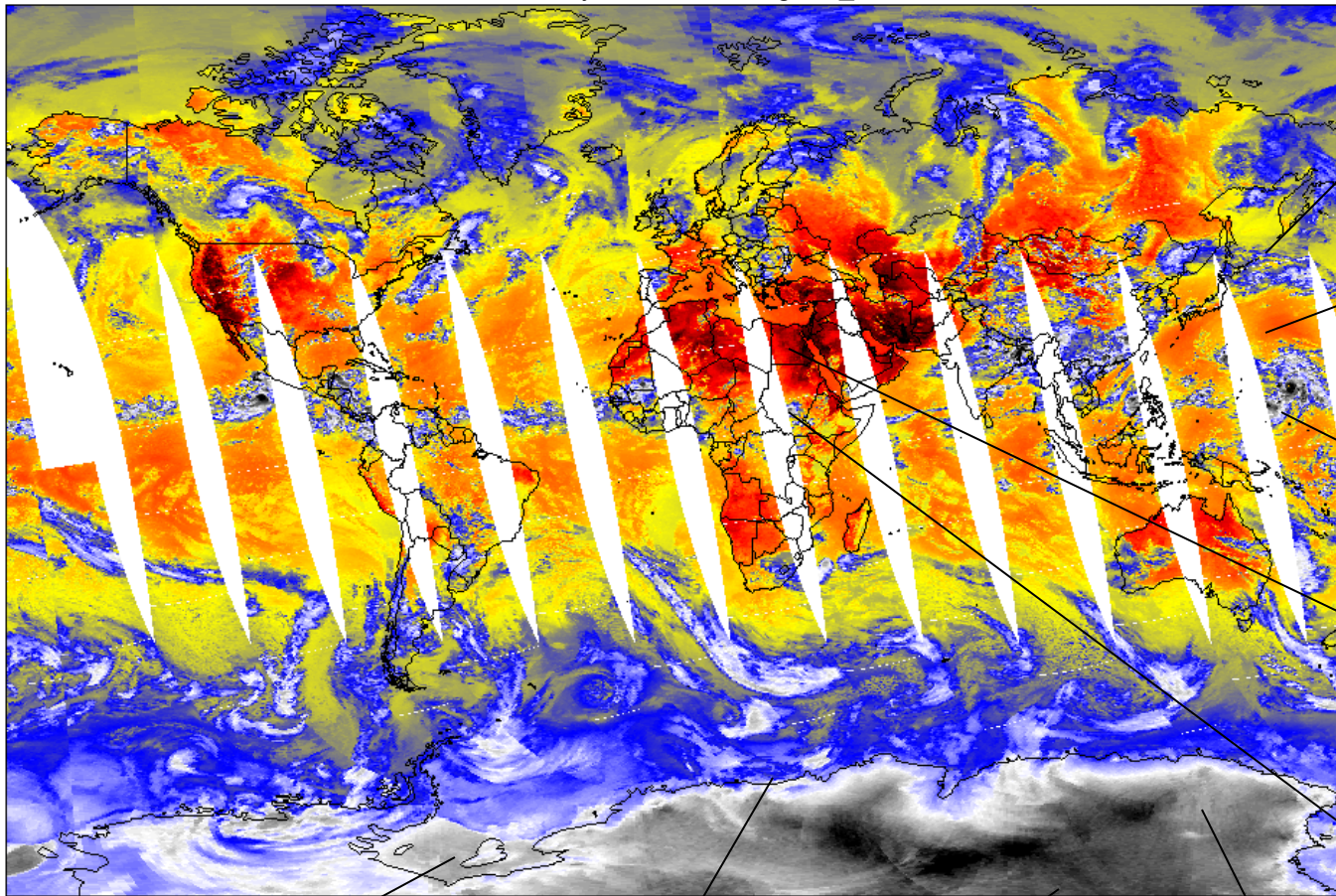
# Cirrus signal at Anatahan

Image is ECMWF  $T_b$  bias difference of  $1227\text{ cm}^{-1} - 781\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (double difference)



# AIRS Spectra from around the Globe

20-July-2002 Ascending LW\_Window

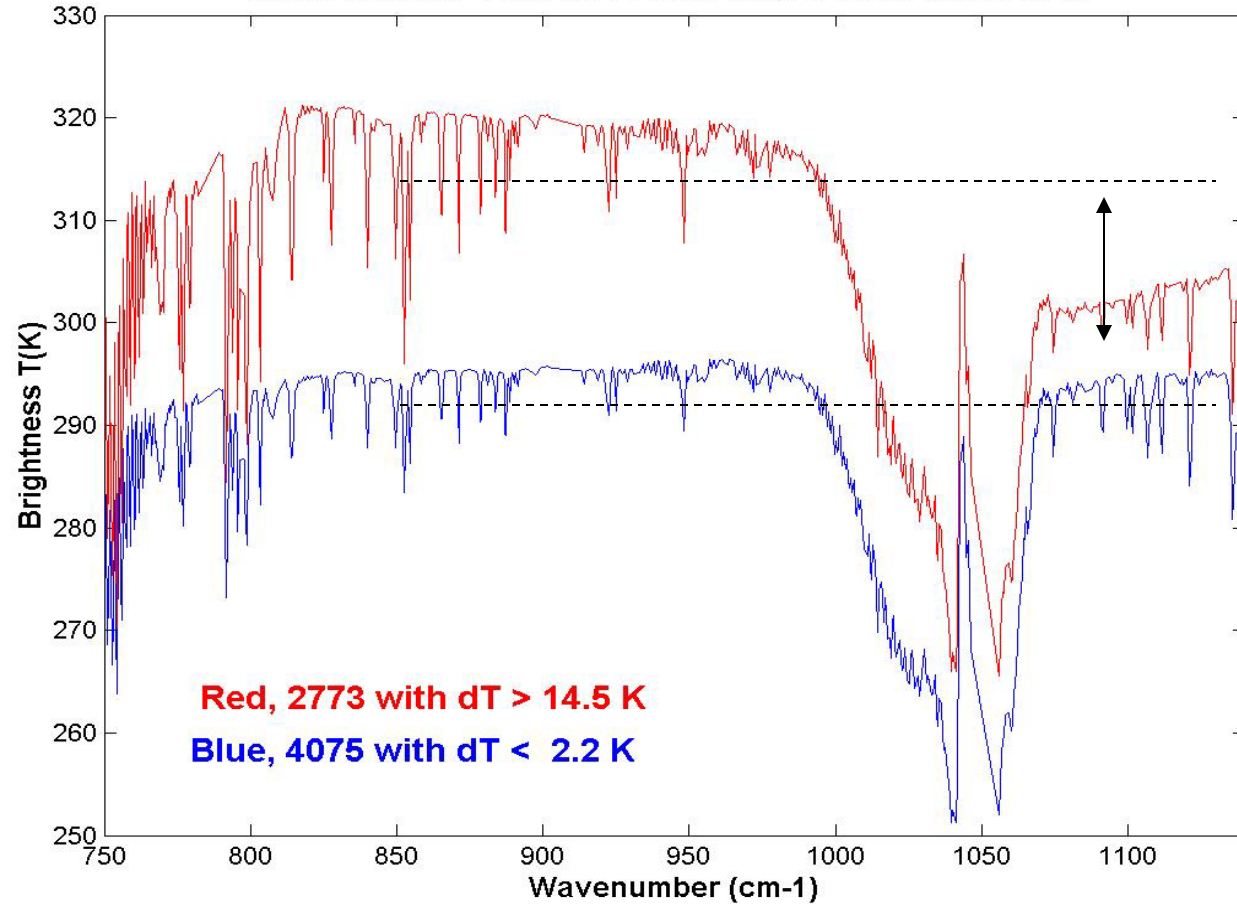


# Inferring surface properties with AIRS high spectral resolution data

## Barren region detection if $T_{1086} < T_{981}$

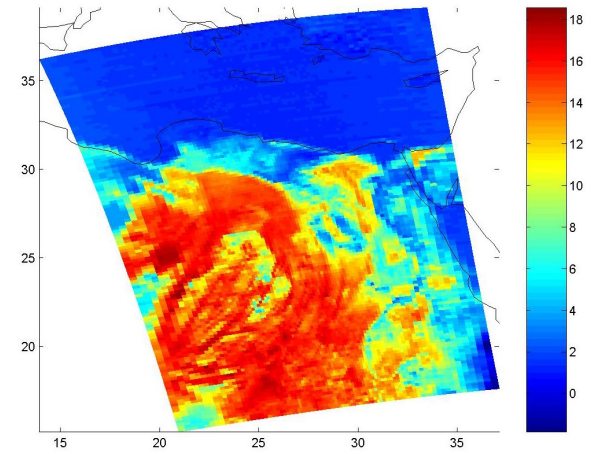
### Barren vs Water/Vegetated

Means with 981-1086 cm<sup>-1</sup> Large (red) & Small (blue), g115

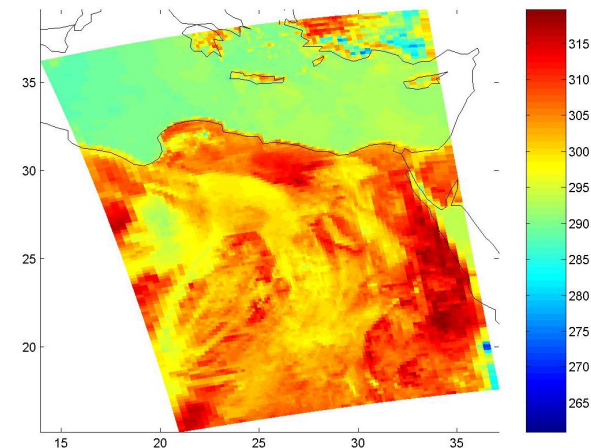


AIRS data from 14 June 2002

$T(981 \text{ cm}^{-1}) - T(1086 \text{ cm}^{-1})$

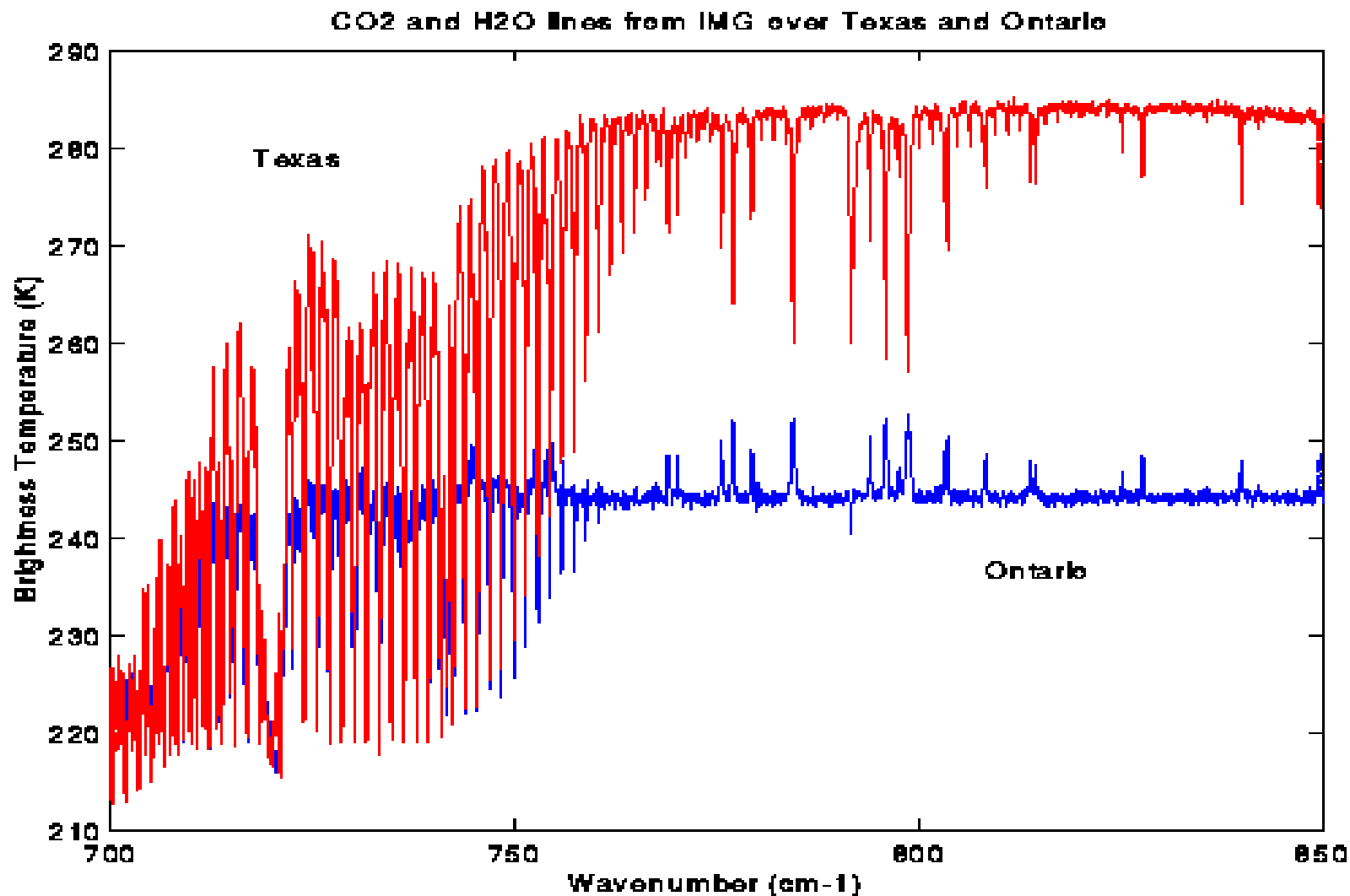


$T(1086 \text{ cm}^{-1})$

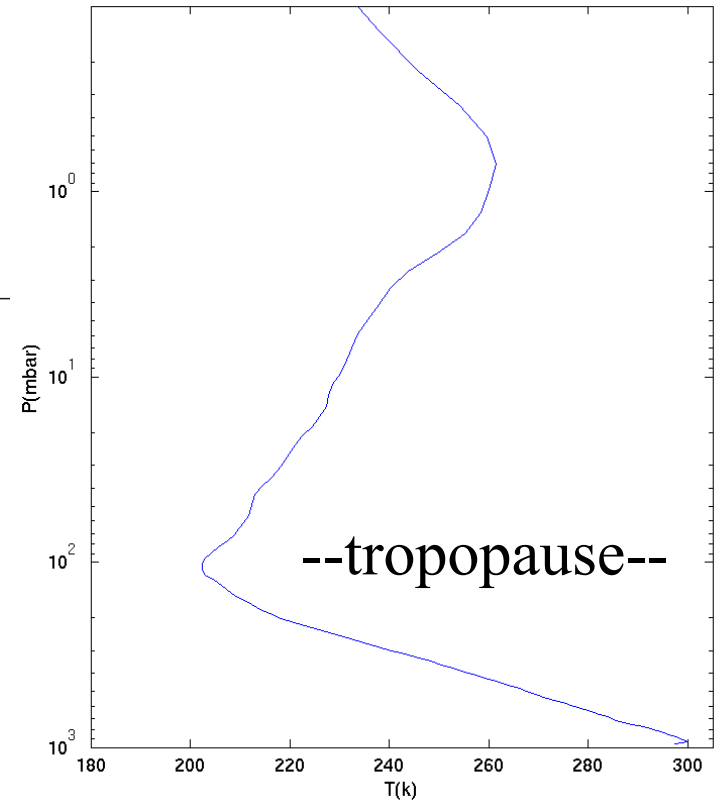
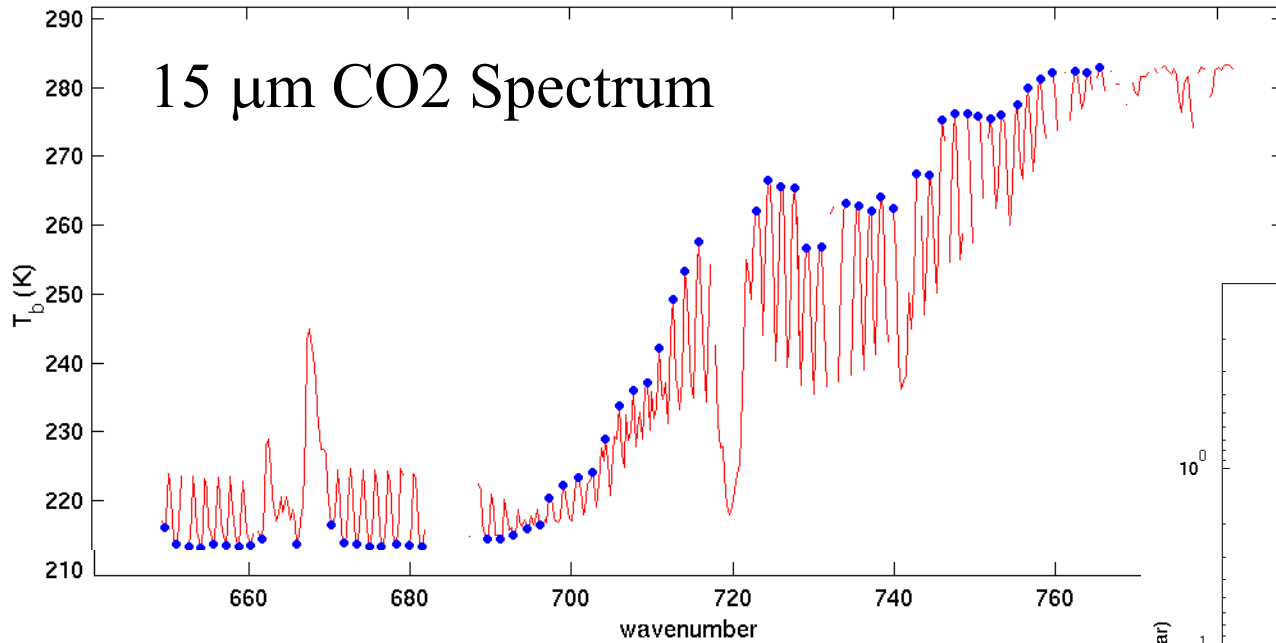


# Sensitivity of High Spectral Resolution to Boundary Layer Inversions and Surface/atmospheric Temperature differences

(from IMG Data, October, December 1996)



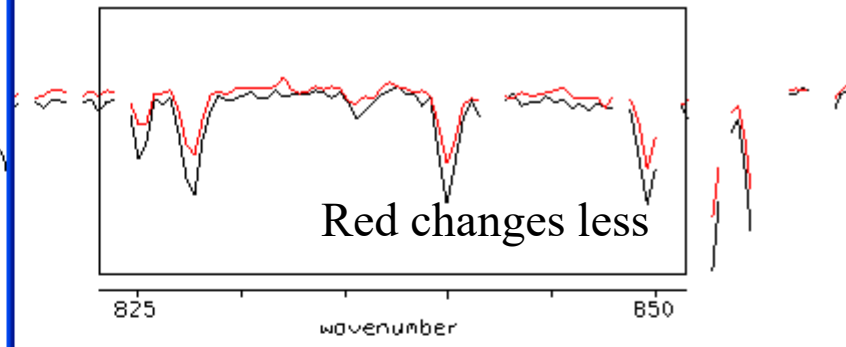
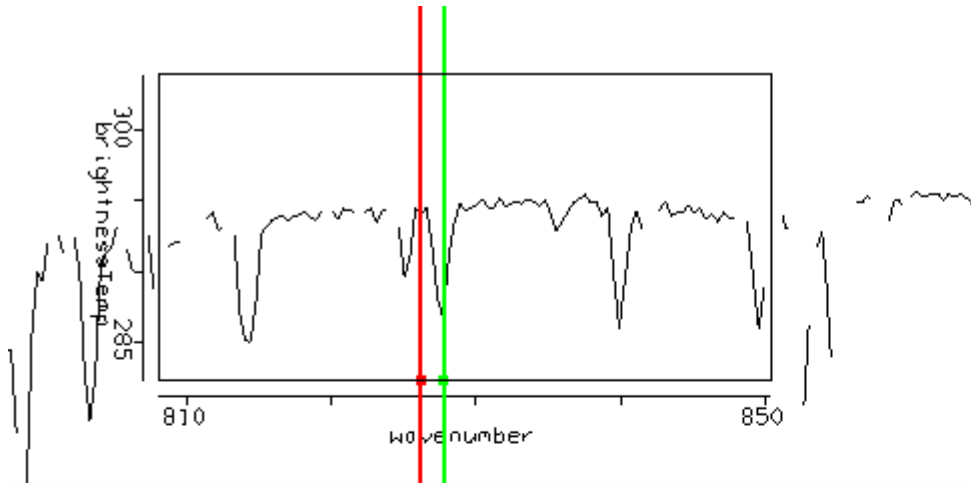
# Twisted Ribbon formed by CO<sub>2</sub> spectrum: Tropopause inversion causes On-line & off-line patterns to cross



**Blue between-line  $T_b$**   
**warmer for tropospheric channels,**  
**colder for stratospheric channels**

Signature not available at low resolution

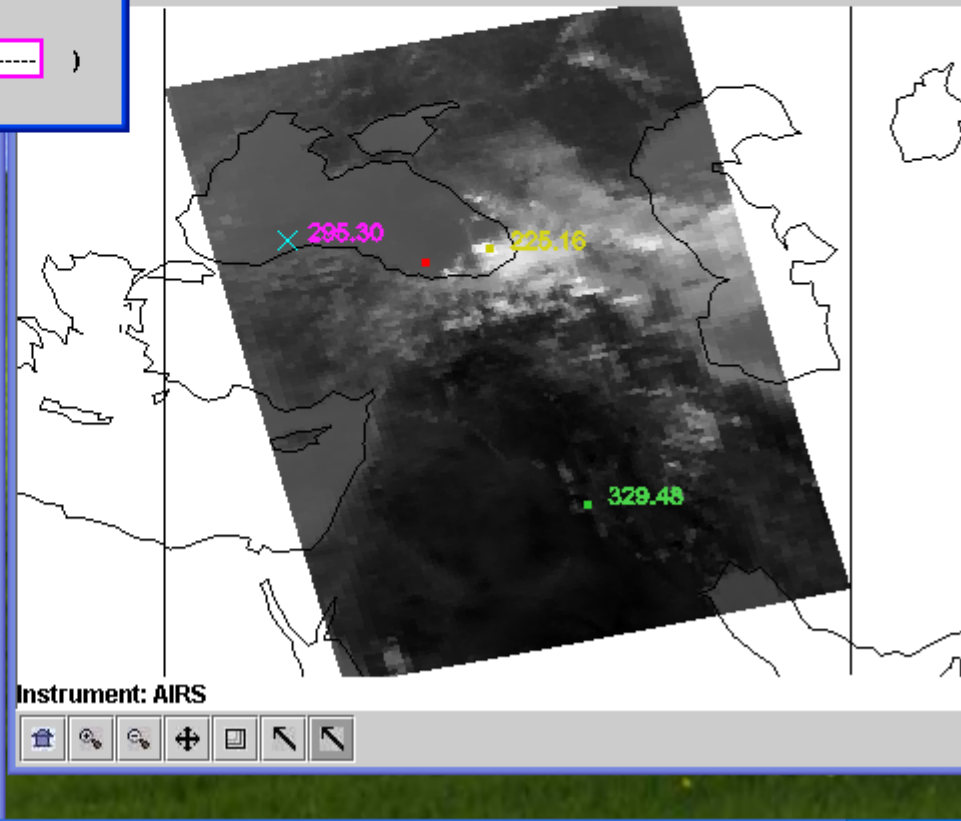
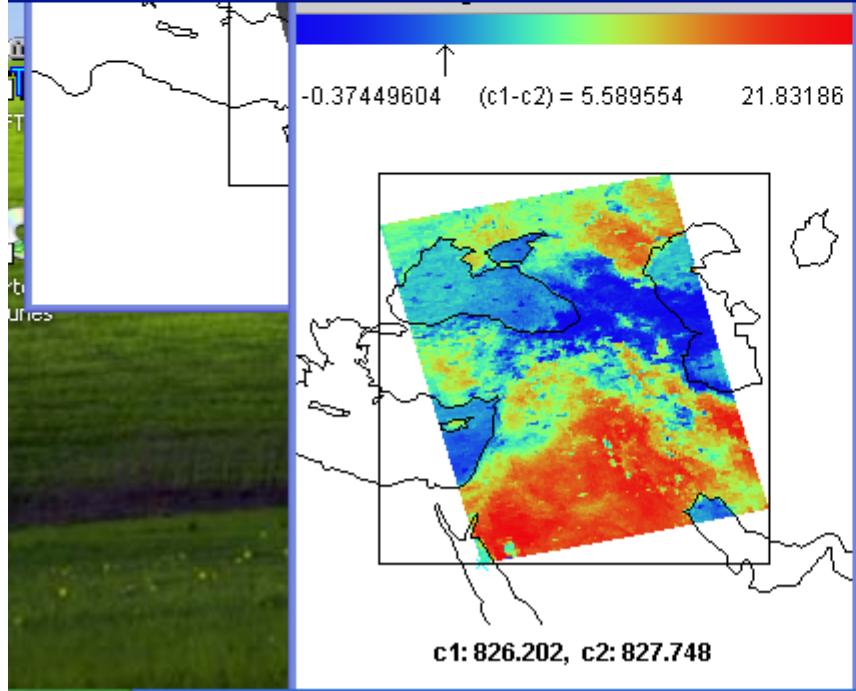
# Offline-Online in LW IRW showing low level moisture



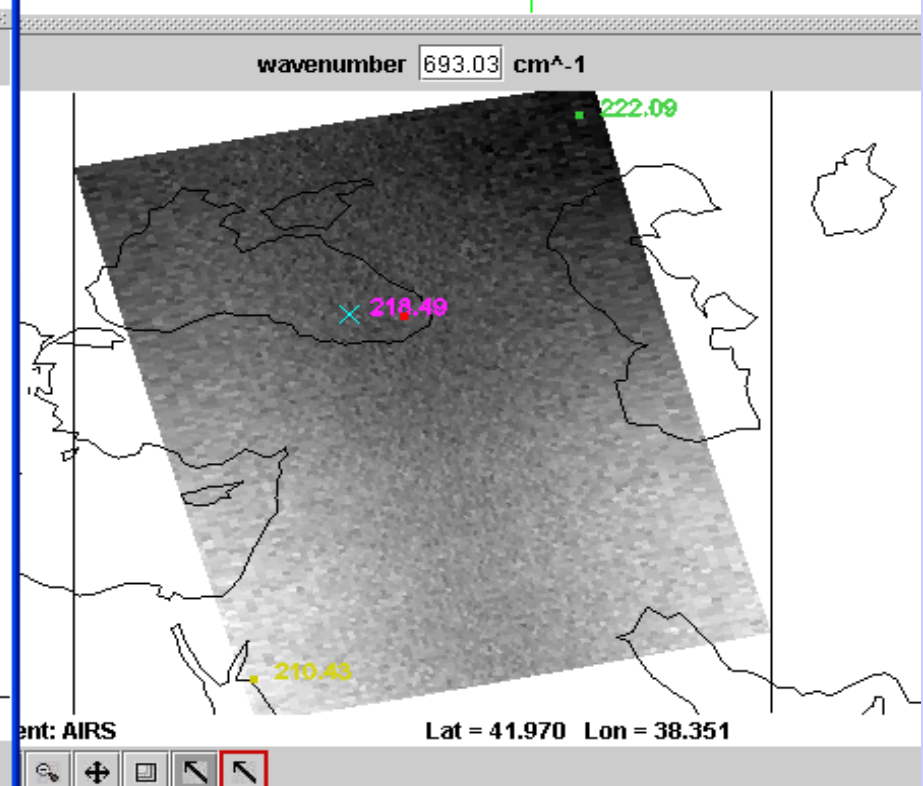
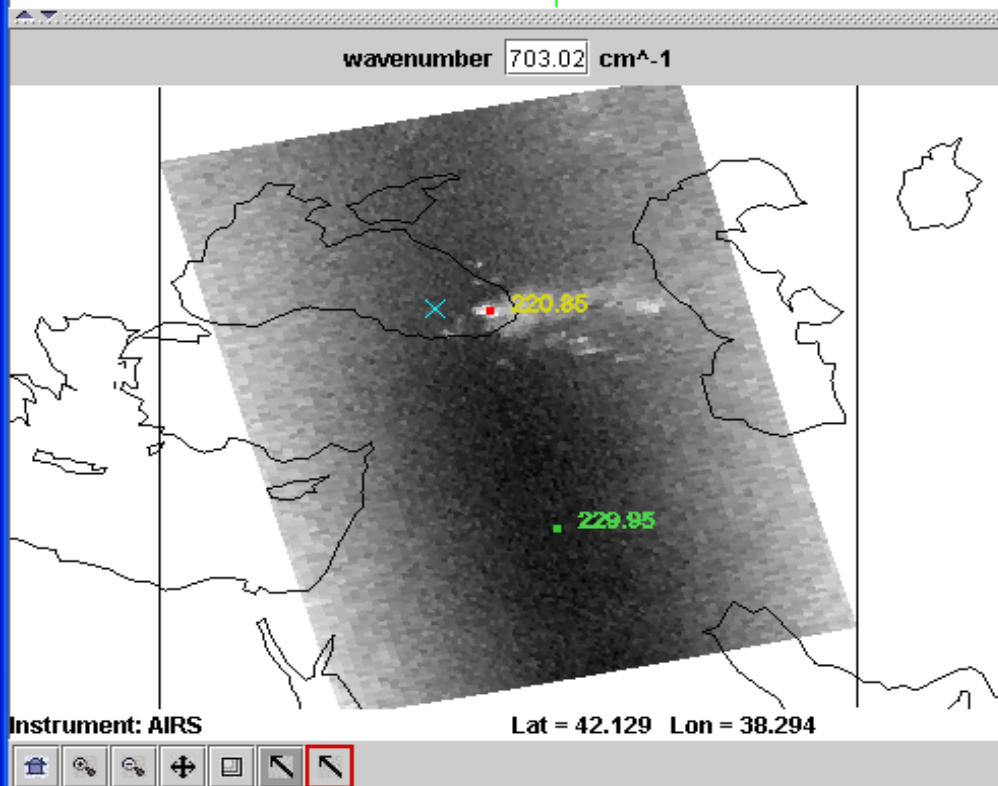
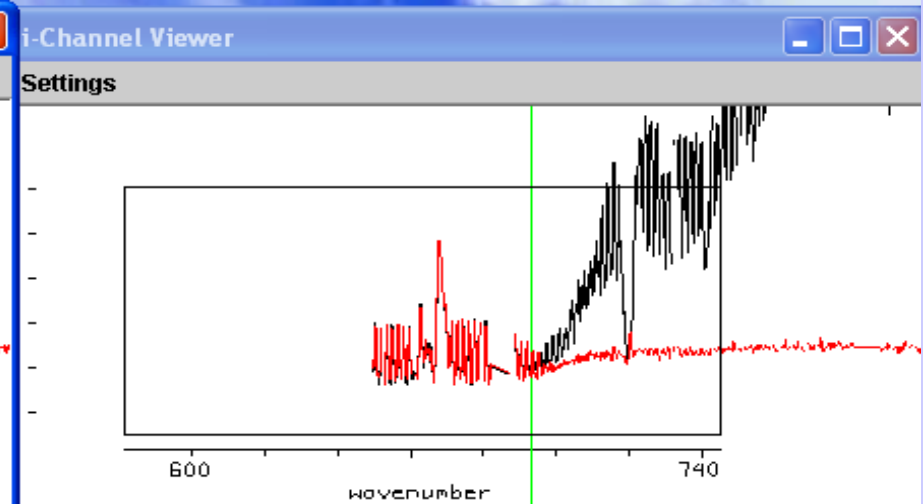
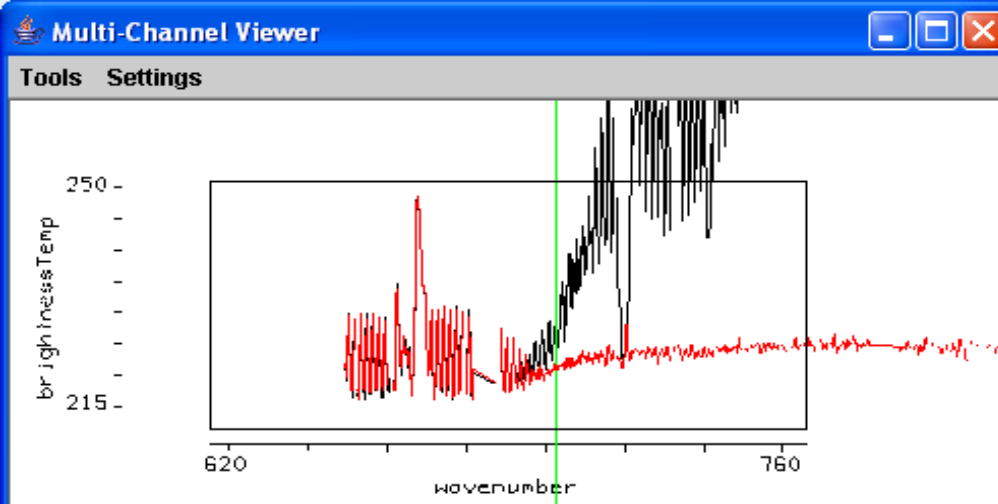
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Control panel with dropdown menus and line style selectors.

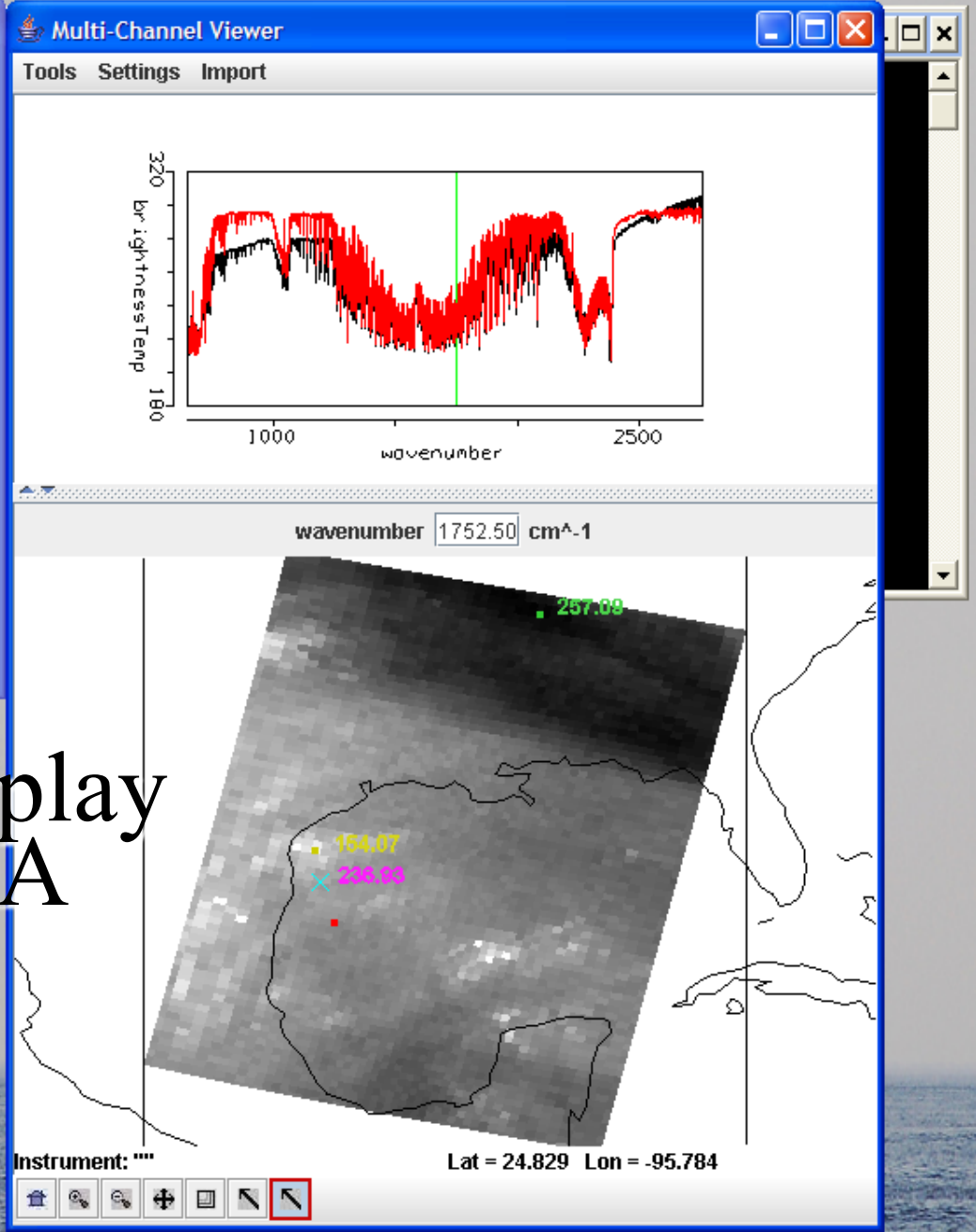
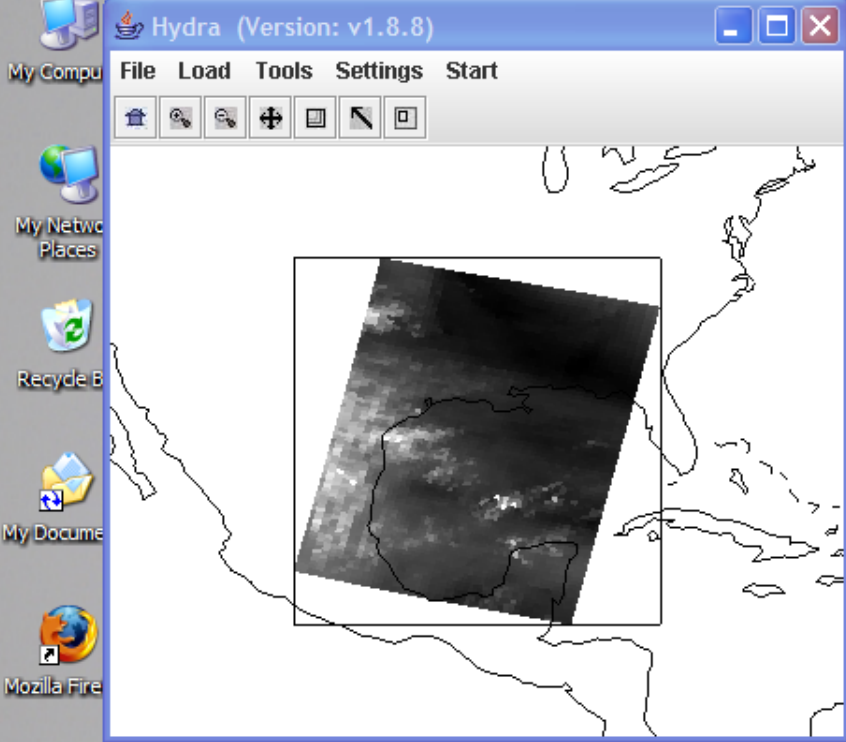
wavenumber 919.47 cm<sup>-1</sup>





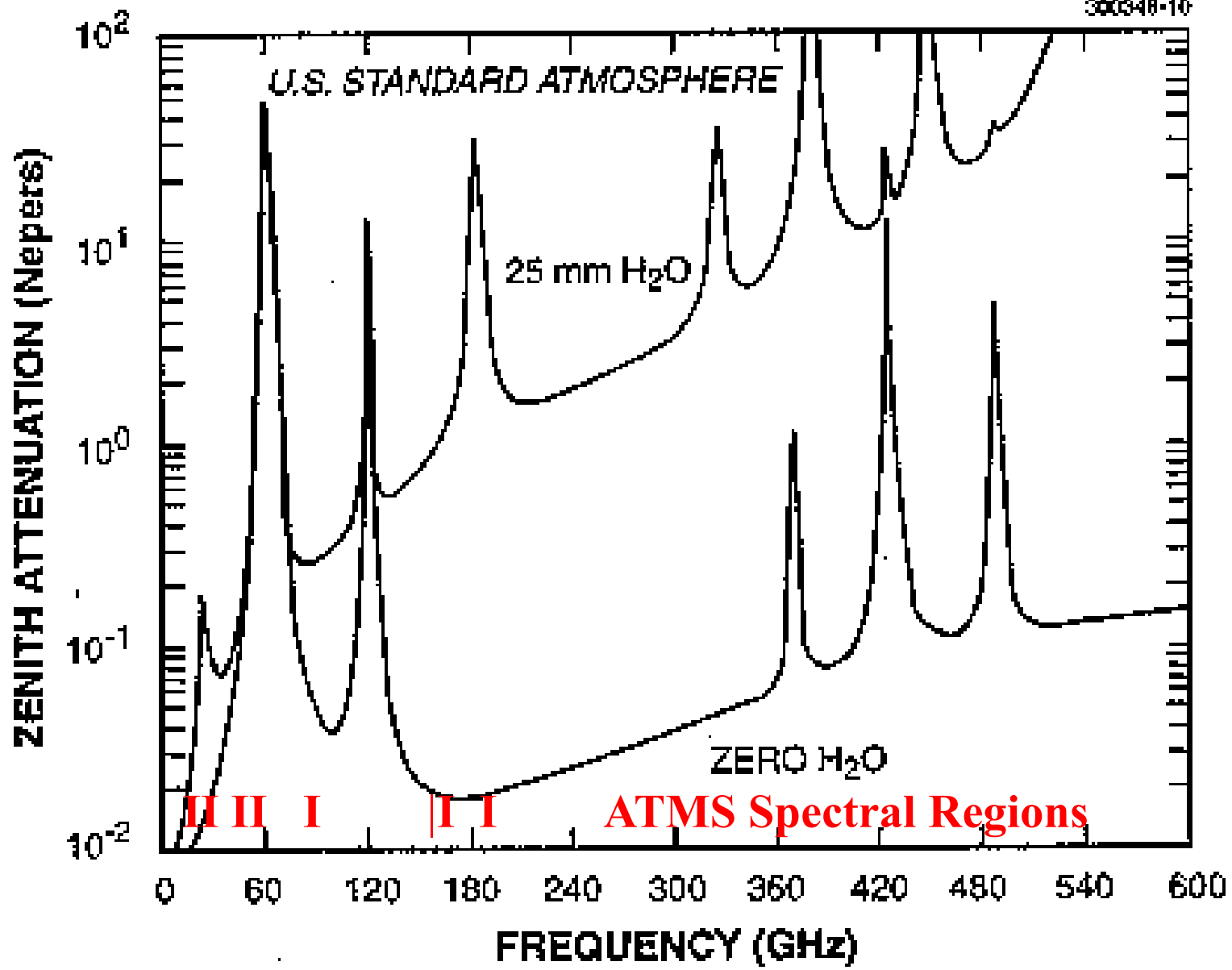


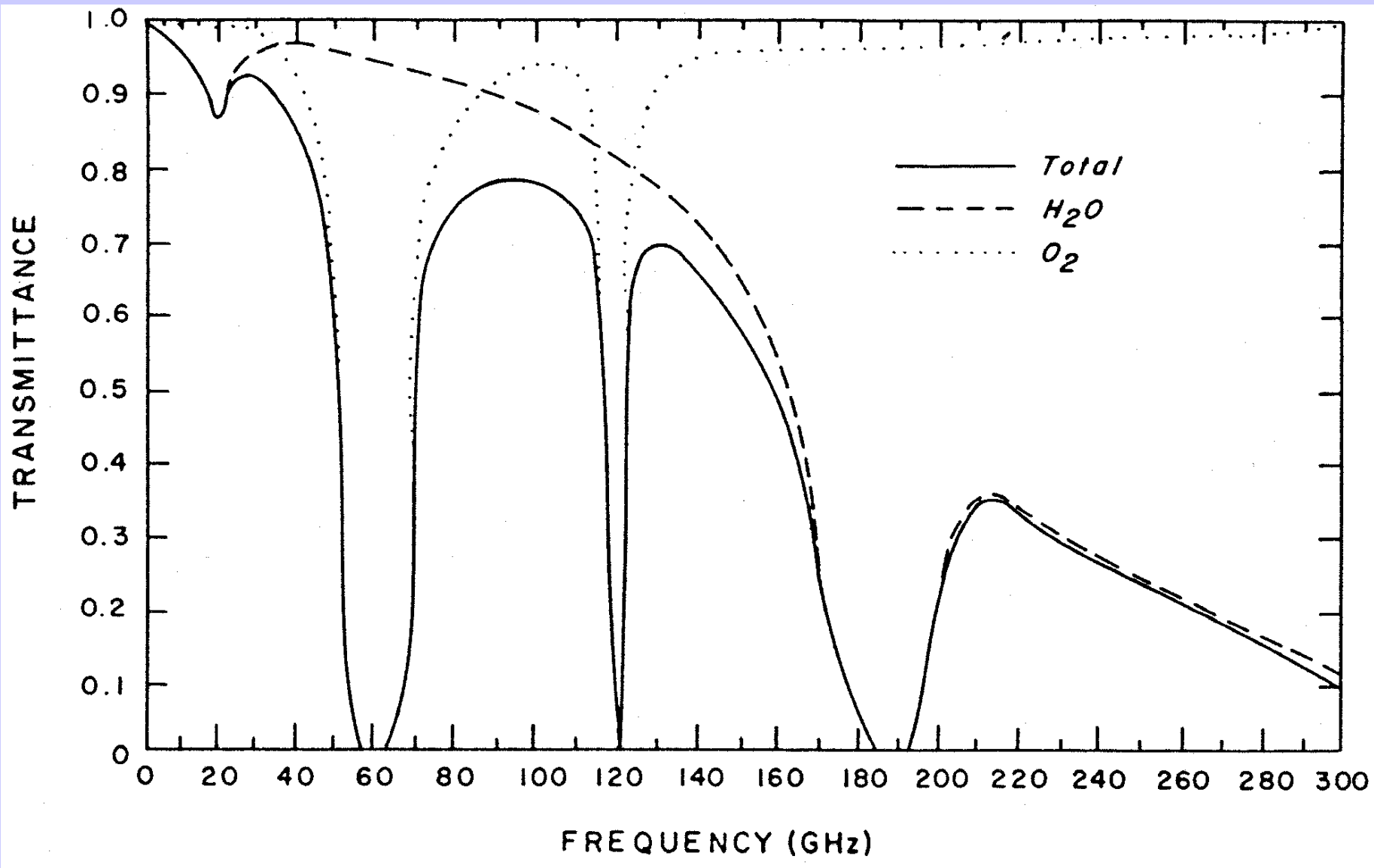
**Cld and clr spectra in CO<sub>2</sub> absorption separate when weighting functions sink to cloud level**



# IASI data display on HYDRA







## Radiation is governed by Planck's Law

$$B(\lambda, T) = \frac{c_1}{\lambda^5} \left[ e^{-\frac{c_2}{\lambda T}} - 1 \right]^{-1}$$

In microwave region  $\frac{c_2}{\lambda T} \ll 1$  so that

$$e^{-\frac{c_2}{\lambda T}} \approx 1 - \frac{c_2}{\lambda T} + \text{second order}$$

And classical Rayleigh Jeans radiation equation emerges

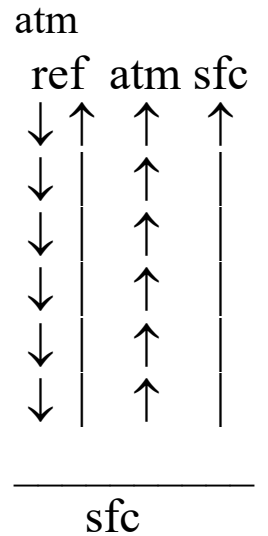
$$B_\lambda(T) \approx \left[ \frac{c_1}{c_2} \right] \left[ \frac{T}{\lambda^4} \right]$$

**Radiance is linear function of brightness temperature.**

## Microwave Form of RTE

$$I_{\lambda}^{\text{sfc}} = \varepsilon_{\lambda} B_{\lambda}(T_s) \tau_{\lambda}(p_s) + (1-\varepsilon_{\lambda}) \tau_{\lambda}(p_s) \int_0^{p_s} B_{\lambda}(T(p)) \frac{\partial \tau'_{\lambda}(p)}{\partial \ln p} d \ln p$$

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In the microwave region  $c_2/\lambda T \ll 1$ , so the Planck radiance is linearly proportional to the temperature

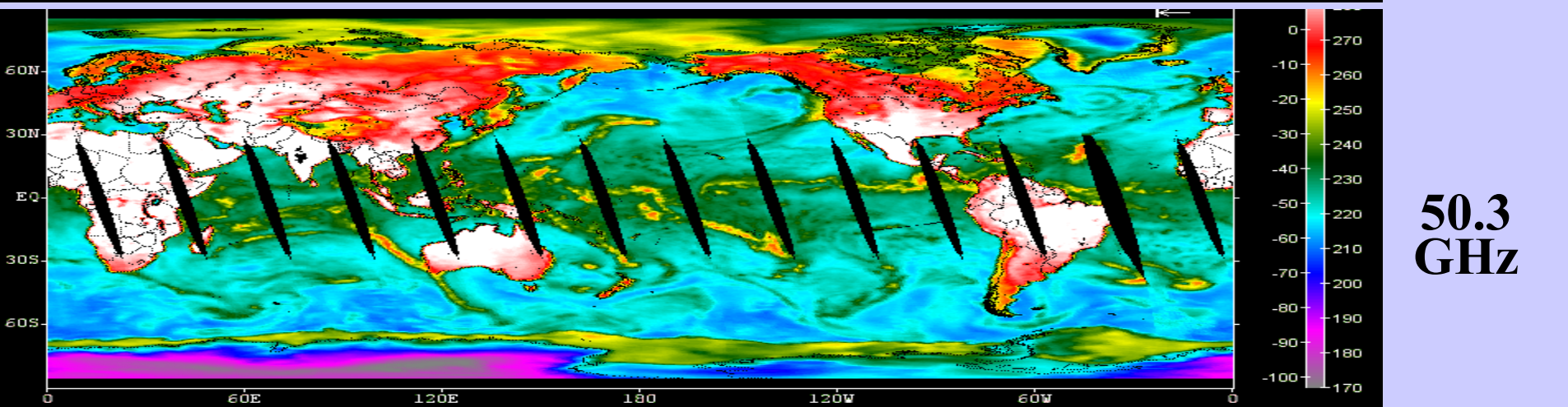
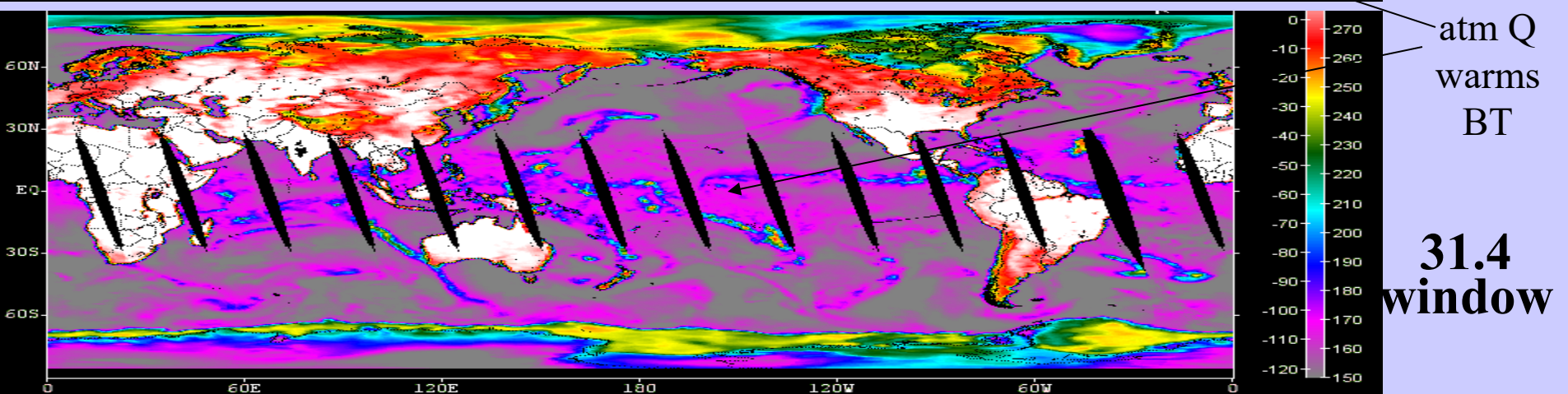
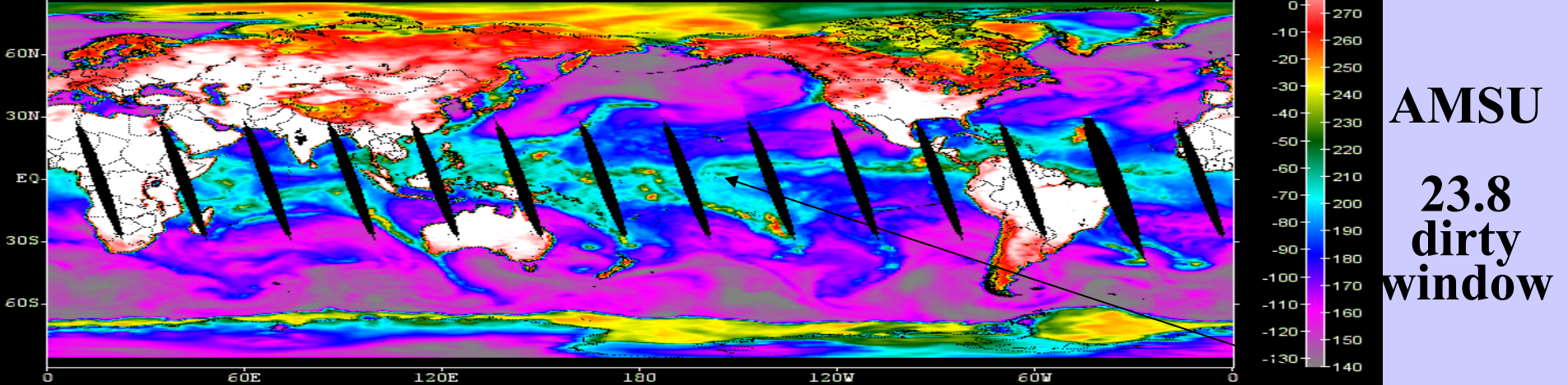
$$B_{\lambda}(T) \approx [c_1 / c_2] [T / \lambda^4]$$

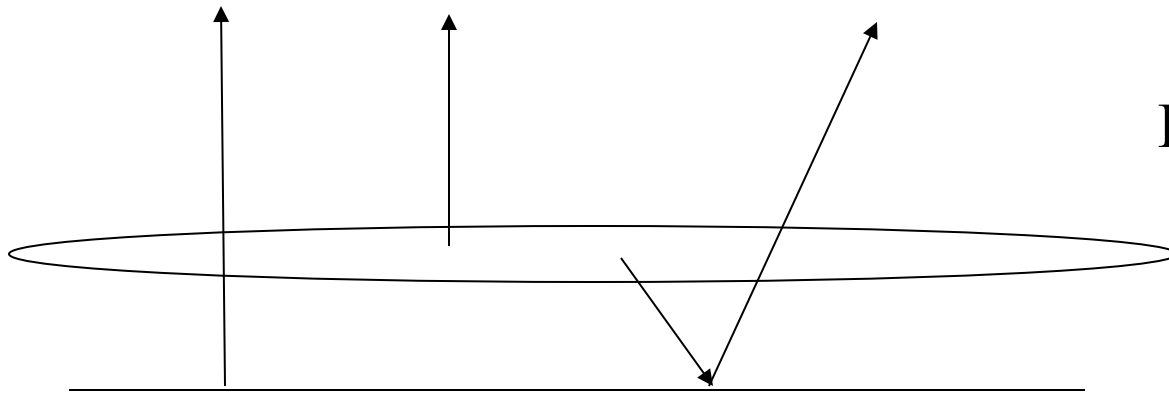
So

$$T_{b\lambda} = \varepsilon_{\lambda} T_s(p_s) \tau_{\lambda}(p_s) + \int_{p_s}^0 T(p) F_{\lambda}(p) \frac{\partial \tau_{\lambda}(p)}{\partial \ln p} d \ln p$$

where

$$F_{\lambda}(p) = \left\{ 1 + (1 - \varepsilon_{\lambda}) \left[ \frac{\tau_{\lambda}(p_s)}{\tau_{\lambda}(p)} \right]^2 \right\} .$$





Low mist over ocean

$$T_b = \epsilon_s T_s (1 - \sigma_m) + \sigma_m T_m + \sigma_m (1 - \epsilon_s) (1 - \sigma_m) T_s$$

So

$$\Delta T_b = - \epsilon_s \sigma_m T_s + \sigma_m T_m + \sigma_m (1 - \epsilon_s) (1 - \sigma_m) T_s$$

For  $\epsilon_s \sim 0.5$  and  $T_s \sim T_m$  this is always positive for  $0 < \sigma_m < 1$



# Accuracy of Satellite Derived Met Parameters

T(p) within 1.5 C of raobs for 1 km layers

SST within 0.5 C of buoys

Q(p) within 15-20% of raobs for 2 km layers

TPW with 3 mm of ground based MW

TO3 within 30 Dobsons of ozone profilers

LI adjusted 3 C lower (for better agreement with raobs)

gradients in space and time more reliable than absolute

AMVs within 7 m/s (upper trop) and 5 m/s (lower trop)

CTPs within 50 hPa of lidar determination

Geopotential heights within 20 to 30 m

for 500 to 300 hPa

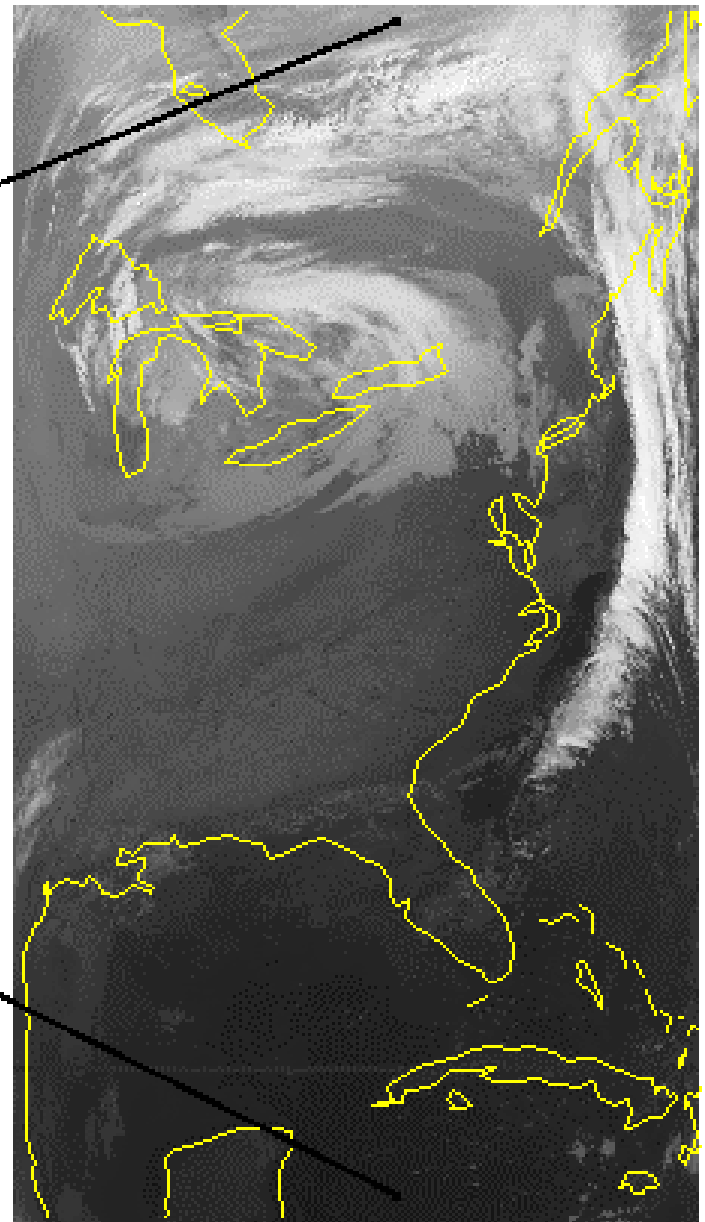
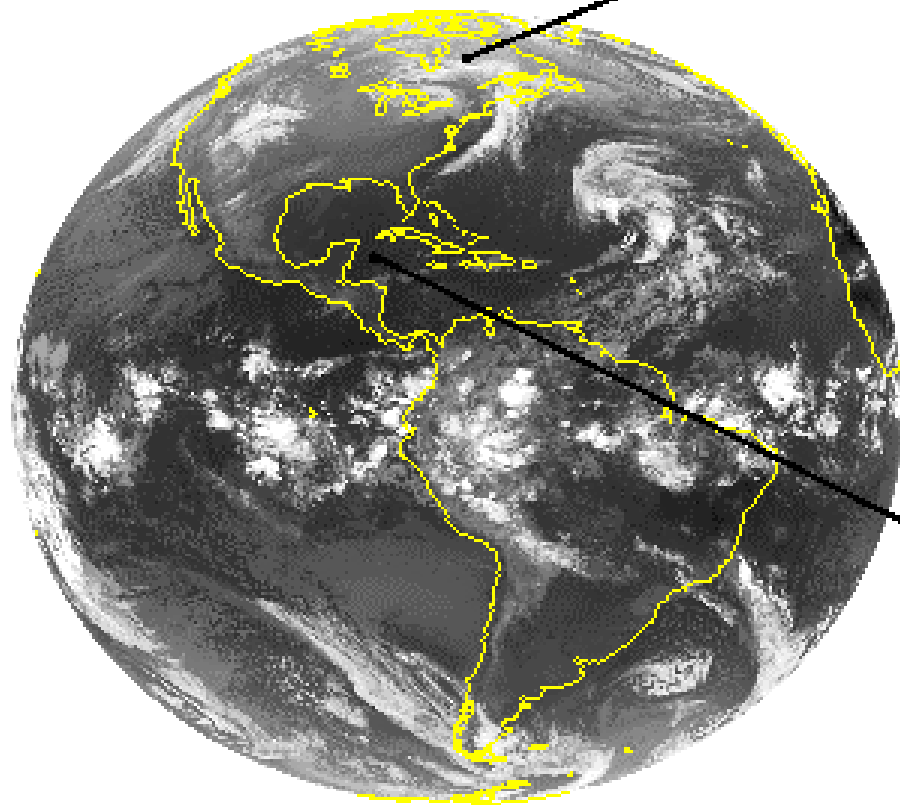
For TC, Psfc within 6 hPa and Vmax within 10 kts

(from MW  $\Delta T_{250}$ )

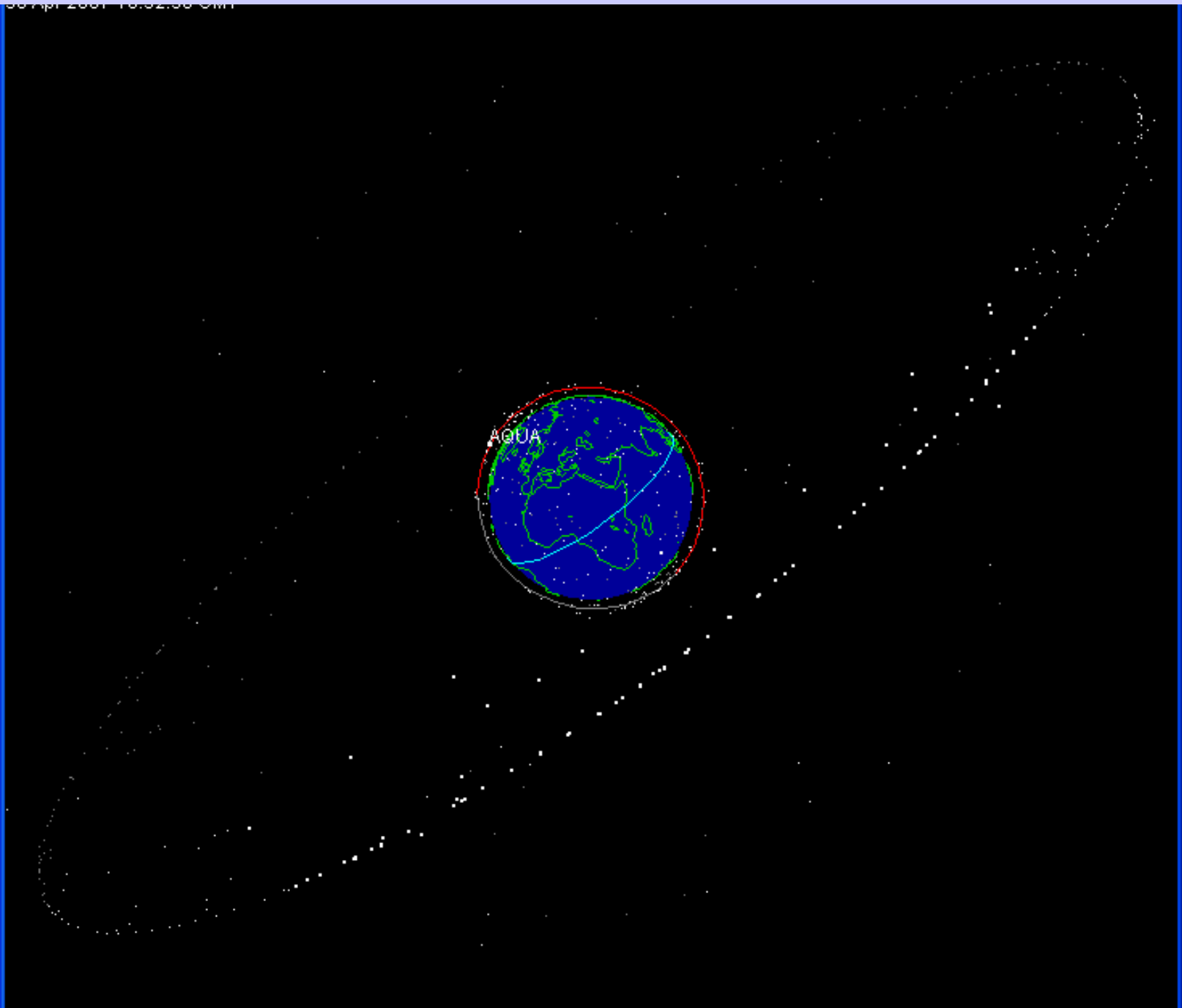
Trajectory forecast 72 hour error reduction about 10%



# GEO vs LEO



**All  
Sats  
on  
NASA  
J-track**



# Comparison of geostationary (geo) and low earth orbiting (leo) satellite capabilities

## Geo

observes process itself  
(motion and targets of opportunity)

repeat coverage in minutes  
( $\Delta t \leq 30$  minutes)

full earth disk only

best viewing of tropics

same viewing angle

differing solar illumination

visible, IR imager  
(1, 4 km resolution)

one visible band

IR only sounder  
(8 km resolution)

filter radiometer

diffraction more than leo

## Leo

observes effects of process

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

global coverage

best viewing of poles

varying viewing angle

same solar illumination

visible, IR imager  
(1, 1 km resolution)

multispectral in visible  
(veggie index)

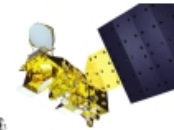
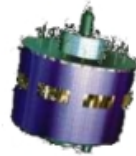
IR and microwave sounder  
(17, 50 km resolution)

filter radiometer,  
interferometer, and  
grating spectrometer

diffraction less than geo

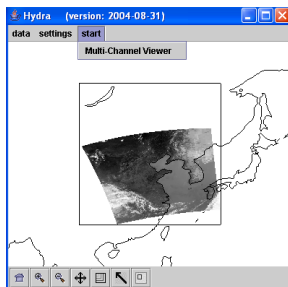
# HYperspectral viewer for Development of Research Applications - HYDRA

MSG,  
GOES



MODIS,  
AIRS

Freely available software  
For researchers and educators  
Computer platform independent  
Extendable to more sensors and applications  
Based in VisAD  
(Visualization for Algorithm Development)  
Uses Jython (Java implementation of Python)  
runs on most machines  
512MB main memory & 32MB graphics card suggested  
on-going development effort



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Tom Whittaker  
Kevin Baggett

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High resolution atmospheric absorption spectrum and comparative blackbody curves.

