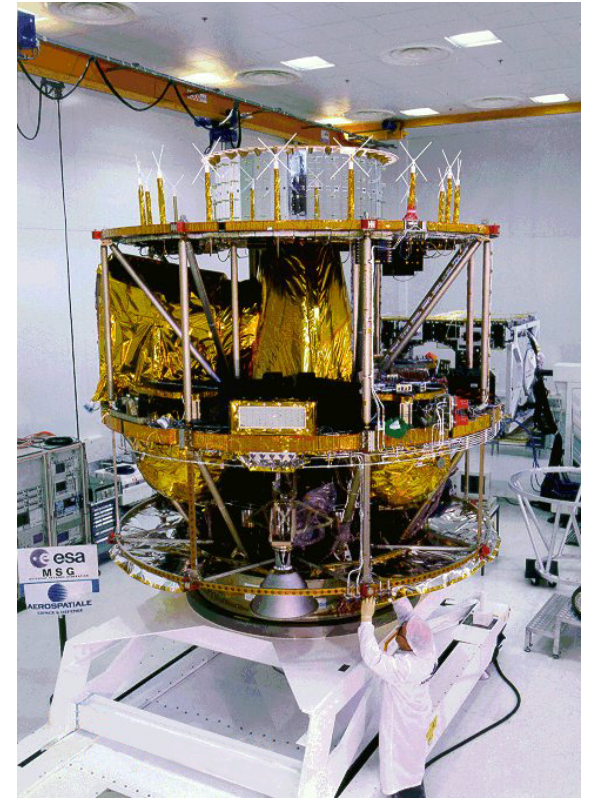
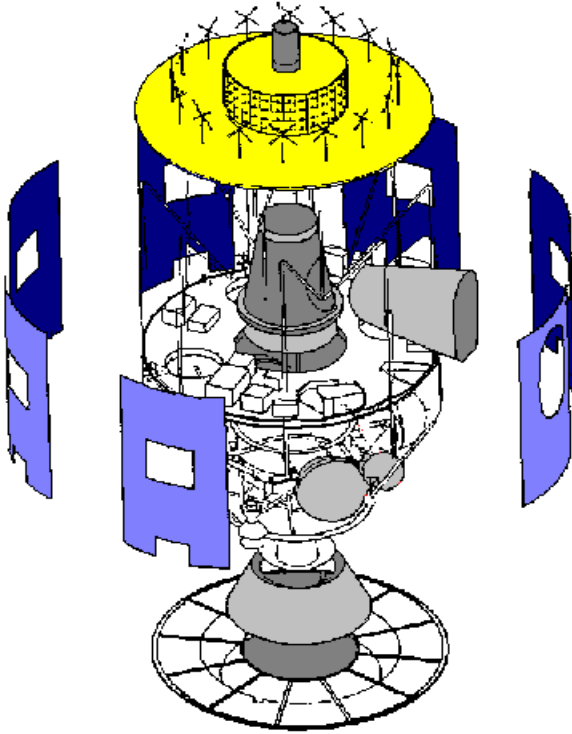


Introducing Meteosat Second Generation

Lectures in Bertinoro
23 Aug – 2 Sep 2004

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SEVIRI



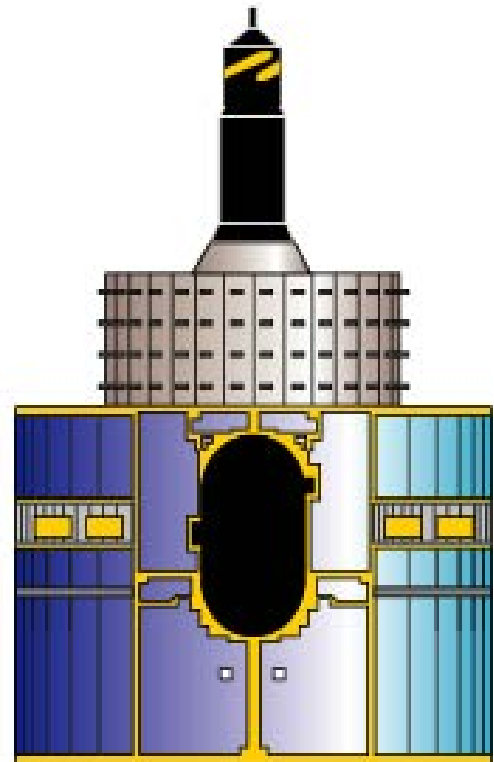
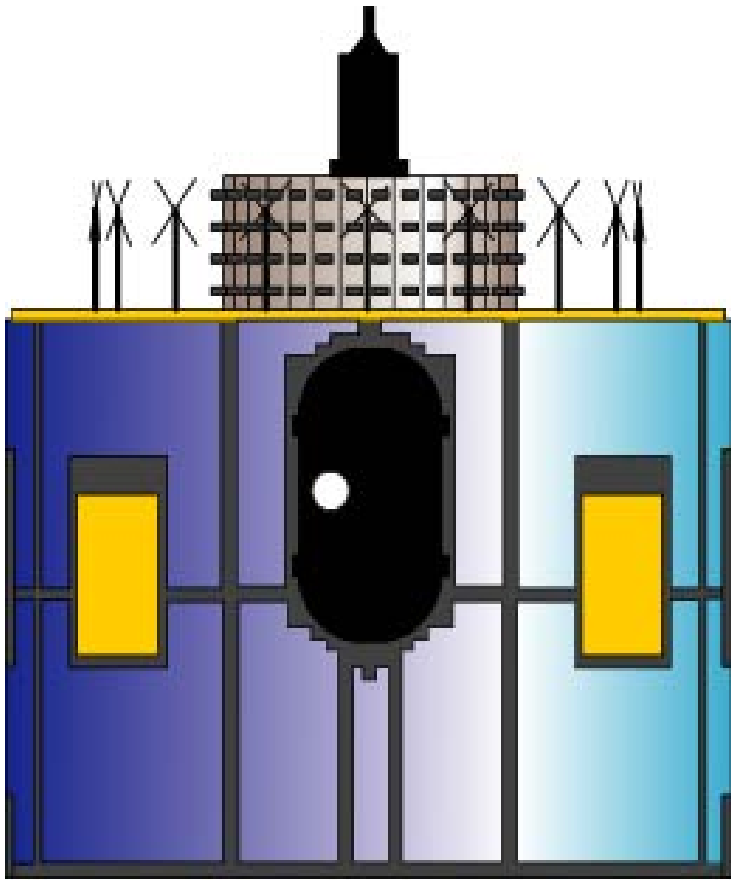
Spinning Enhanced Visible and InfraRed Imager

**MSG launch
28 Aug 2002**

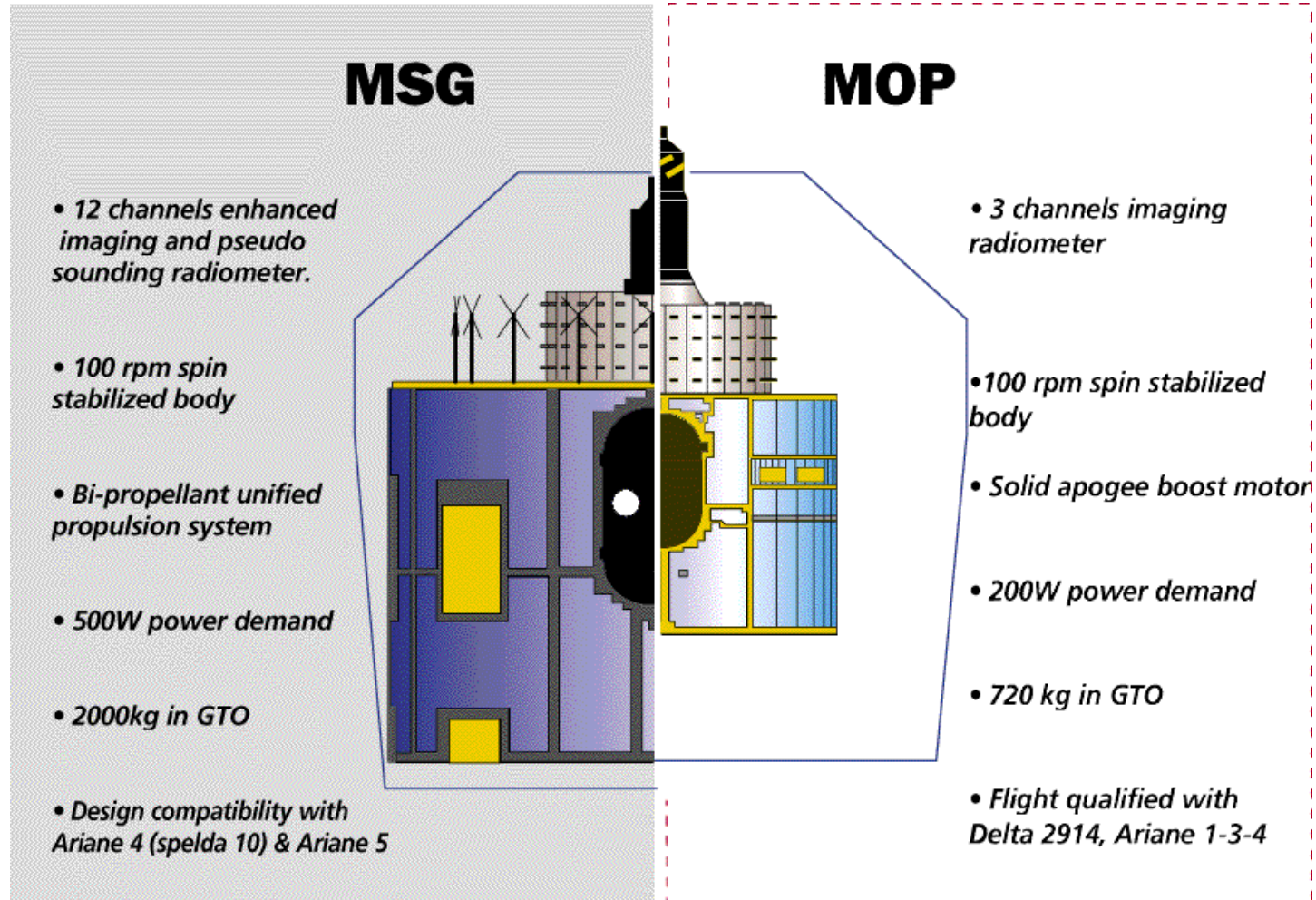


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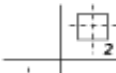
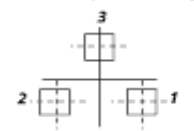
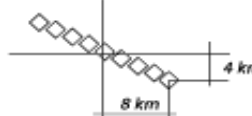
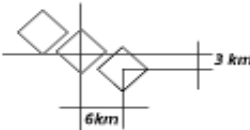
Evolving from Meteosat to MSG



From Meteosat Ops to MSG: comparison



IMAGING/PSEUDO SOUNDING MISSION

<i>Imaging Format</i>	 30 mn	 15 mn	
<i>Imaging cycle</i>			
<i>Channels</i>	BROADBAND		
	<i>Visible</i>	0.5 - 0.9	HRV VIS 0.6 VIS 0.8 IR 1.6
	<i>Water Vapour</i>	WV 6.4	WV 6.2 WV 7.3
	<i>IR window</i>	IR 11.5	IR 3.8 IR 8.7 IR 10.8 IR 12.0
	<i>Pseudo sounding</i>		IR 9.7 IR 13.4
<i>Sampling distance</i>	2.25 km (<i>Visible</i>) 4.5 km (<i>IR + WV</i>)	1 KM (<i>HRV</i>) 3 KM (<i>others</i>)	
<i>Pixel size</i>	2.25 km (<i>Visible</i>)  5 km (<i>IR + WV</i>) 	1.4 km (<i>HRV</i>)  4.8 km (<i>others</i>) 	
<i>Number of detectors</i>	5	42	
<i>Telescope diameter</i>	400 mm	500 mm	
<i>scan principe</i>	scanning telescope	Scan mirror	

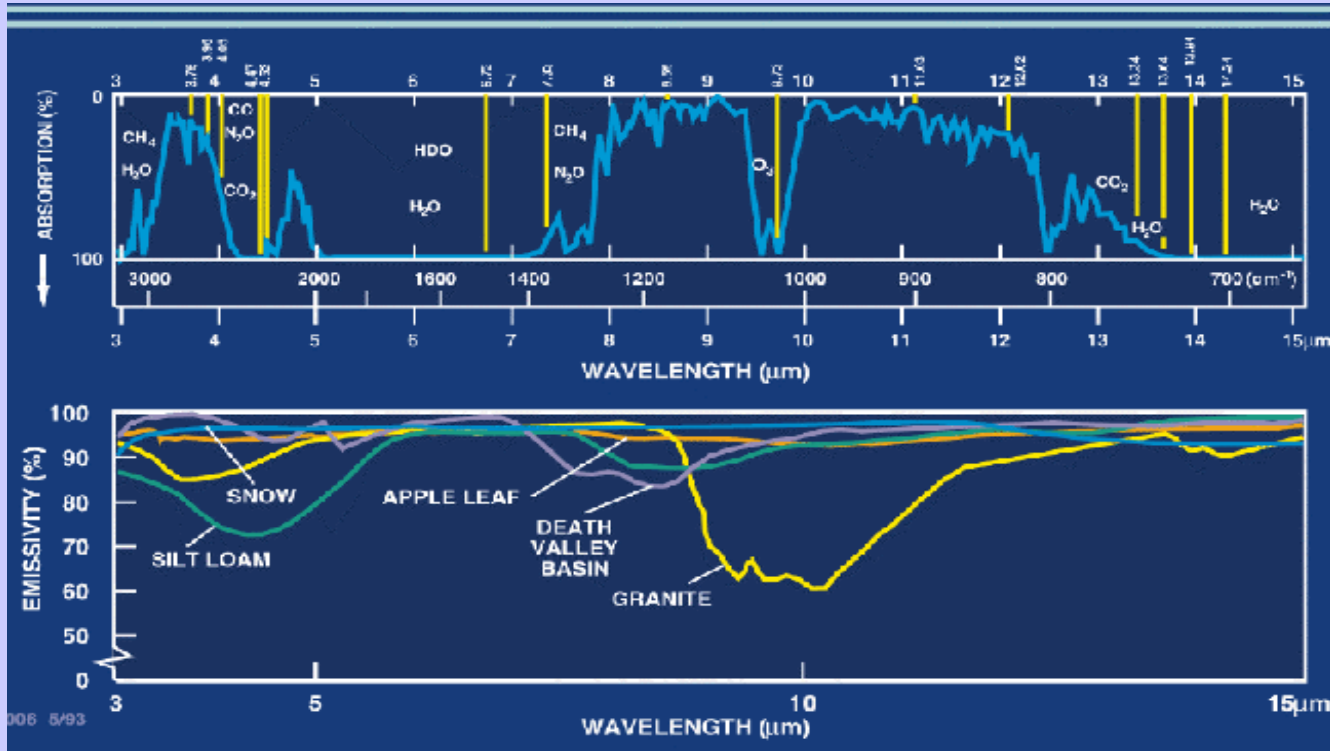
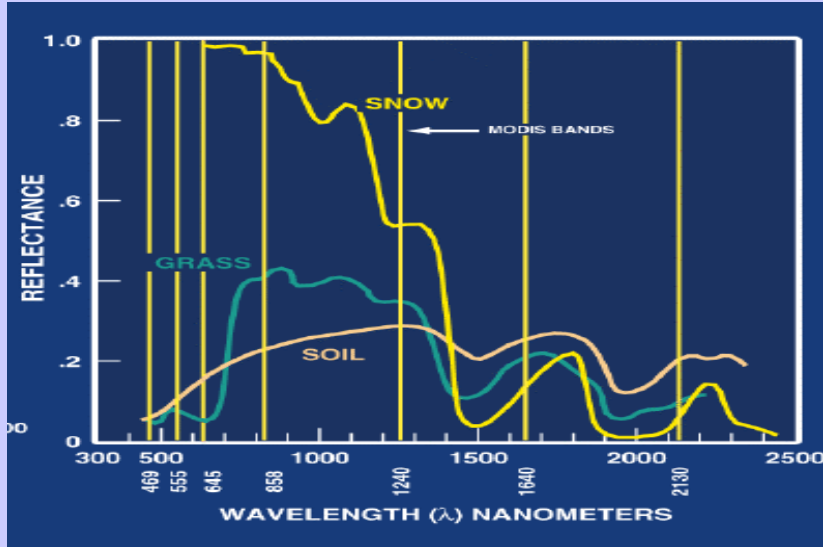
DATA CIRCULATION MISSION

<i>Transmission raw data rate</i>	0.333 Mb/s	3.2 Mb/s
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		Search & Rescue package

**From MOP to MSG:
the main
improvements**

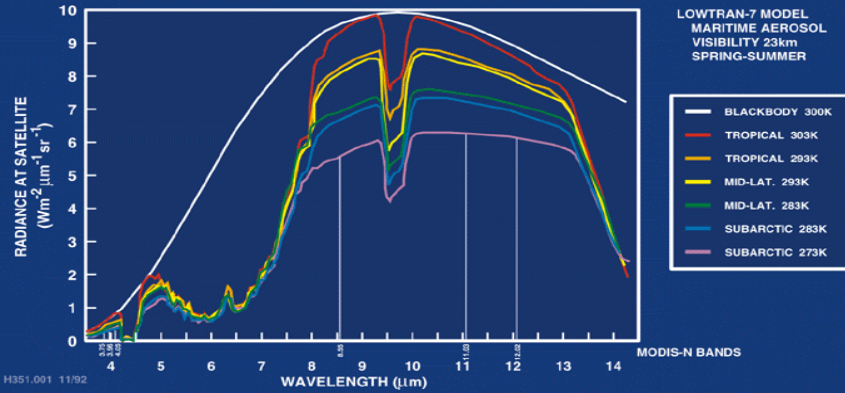
	SEVIRI Spectral Bands in μm			Applications
	λ_{cen}	λ_{min}	λ_{max}	
HRV	Broadband visible 0.4 – 1.1 μm			Surface, clouds, high resolution wind fields
VIS0.6	0.635	0.56	0.71	Surface, clouds, wind fields
VIS0.8	0.81	0.74	0.88	Surface, clouds, wind fields
NIR1.6	1.64	1.50	1.78	Cloud phase
IR3.9	3.90	3.48	4.36	Surface, clouds
WV6.2	6.25	5.35	7.15	Water vapour, clouds, atmospheric instability, wind fields
WV7.3	7.35	6.85	7.85	Water vapour, atmospheric instability
IR8.7	8.70	8.30	9.10	Clouds, atmospheric instability
IR9.7	9.66	9.38	9.94	Ozone
IR10.8	10.80	9.80	11.80	Surface, clouds, wind fields, atmospheric instability
IR12.0	12.00	11.00	13.00	Surface, clouds, wind fields, atmospheric instability
IR13.4	13.40	12.40	14.40	High level clouds, atmospheric instability

MSG



HRV	Broadband
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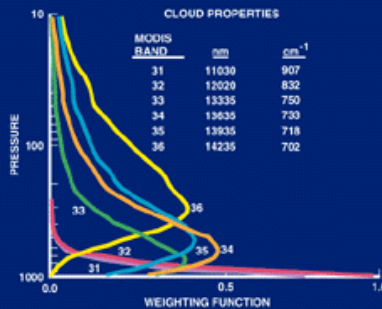
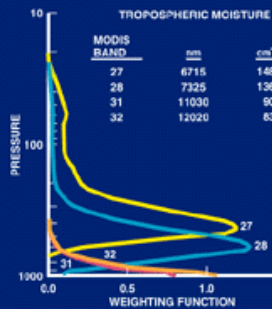
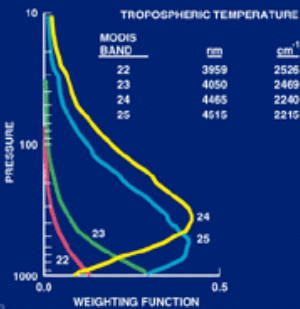
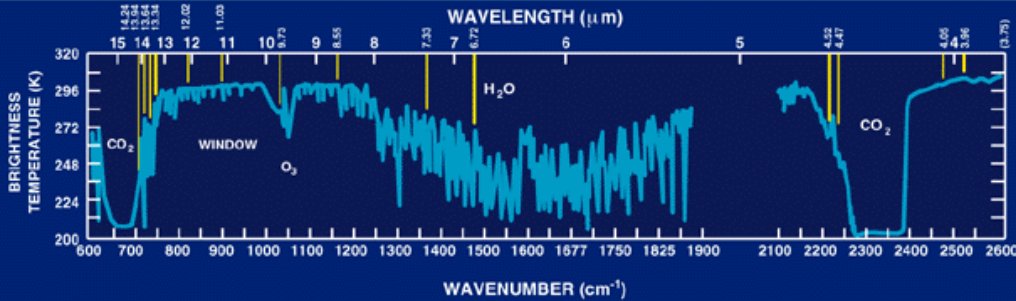
MODIS SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE



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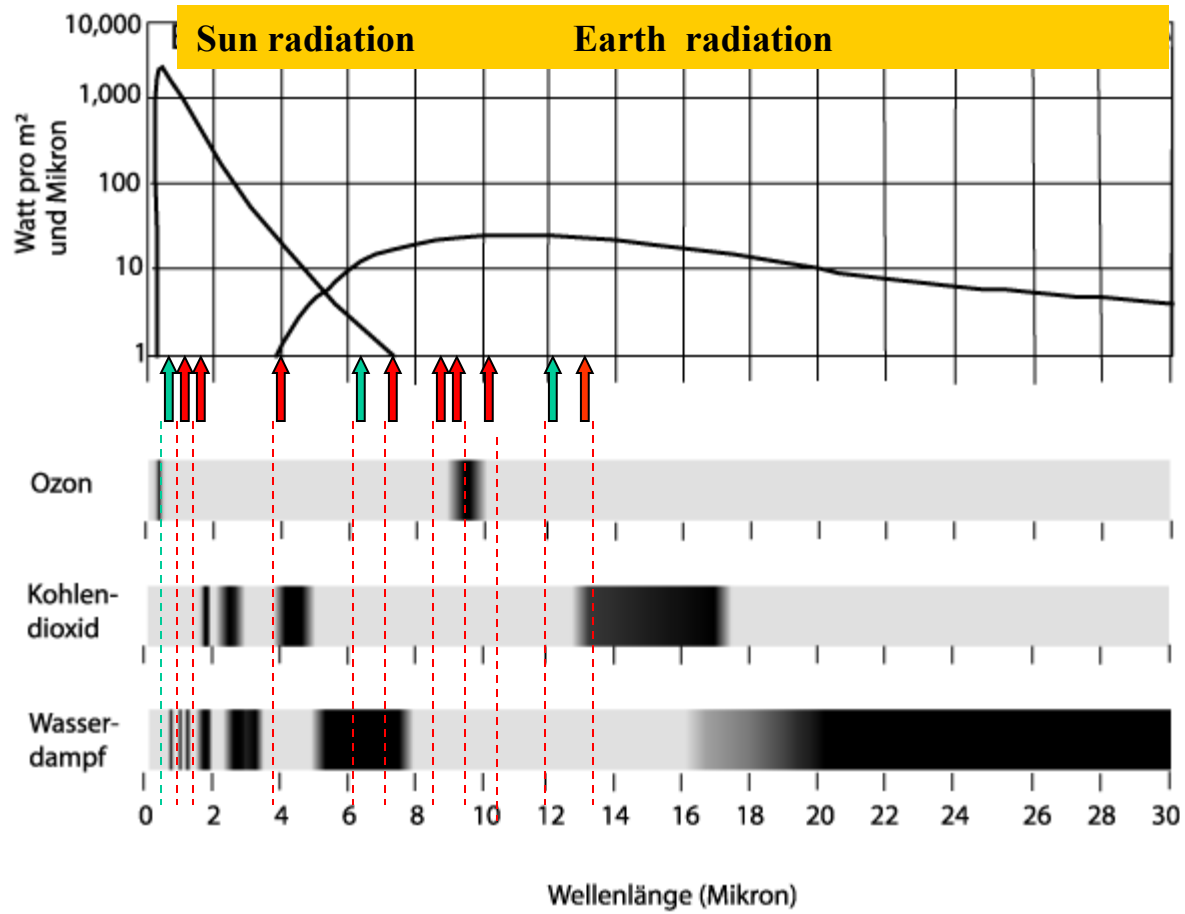
MSG

ATMOSPHERE - THERMAL RADIATION



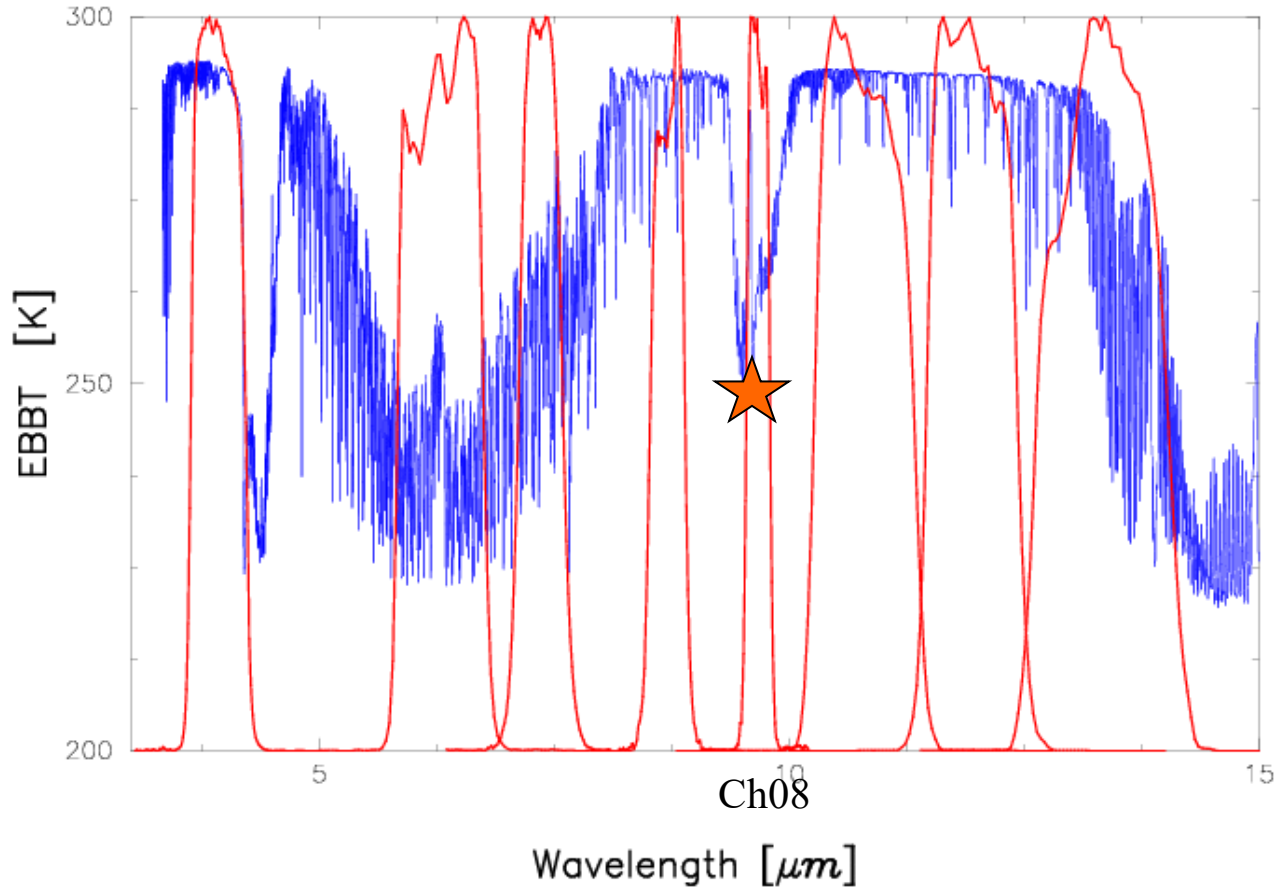
E351.002 5/93

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Standard Mid-Latitude Summer Nadir

Energy
spectrum
Source:
EUMETSAT
Schmetz



- Ch08 is in the centre of the O₃ absorption band around 9

Max. signal in Ch08 from higher than 100 hPa

Weighting
functions
Source:
EUMETSAT
Schmetz

Standard Mid-Latitude Summer Nadir

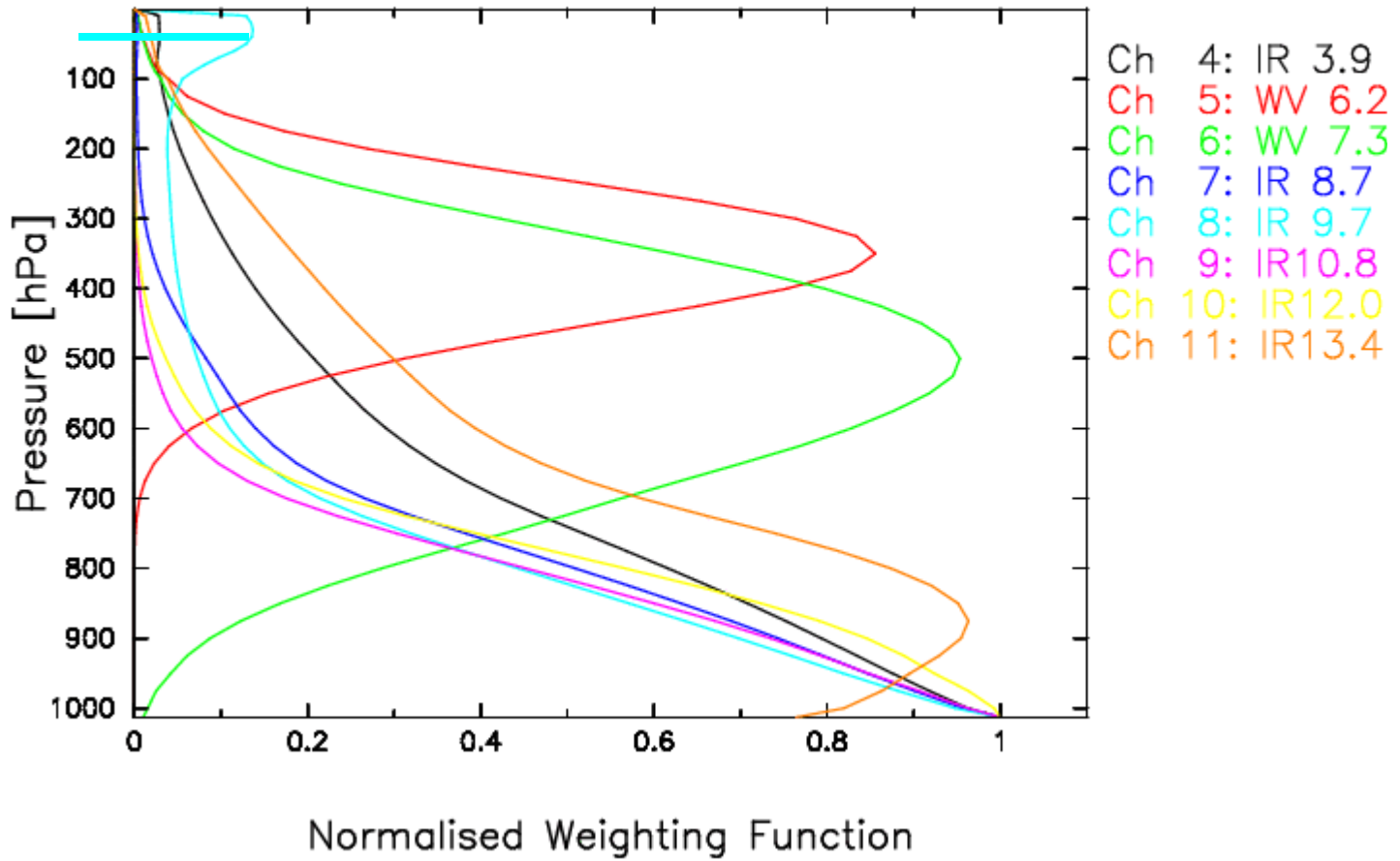


Figure 3c

Max. signal in Ch08 from higher than 100 hPa

Standard Mid-Latitude Summer 60 °

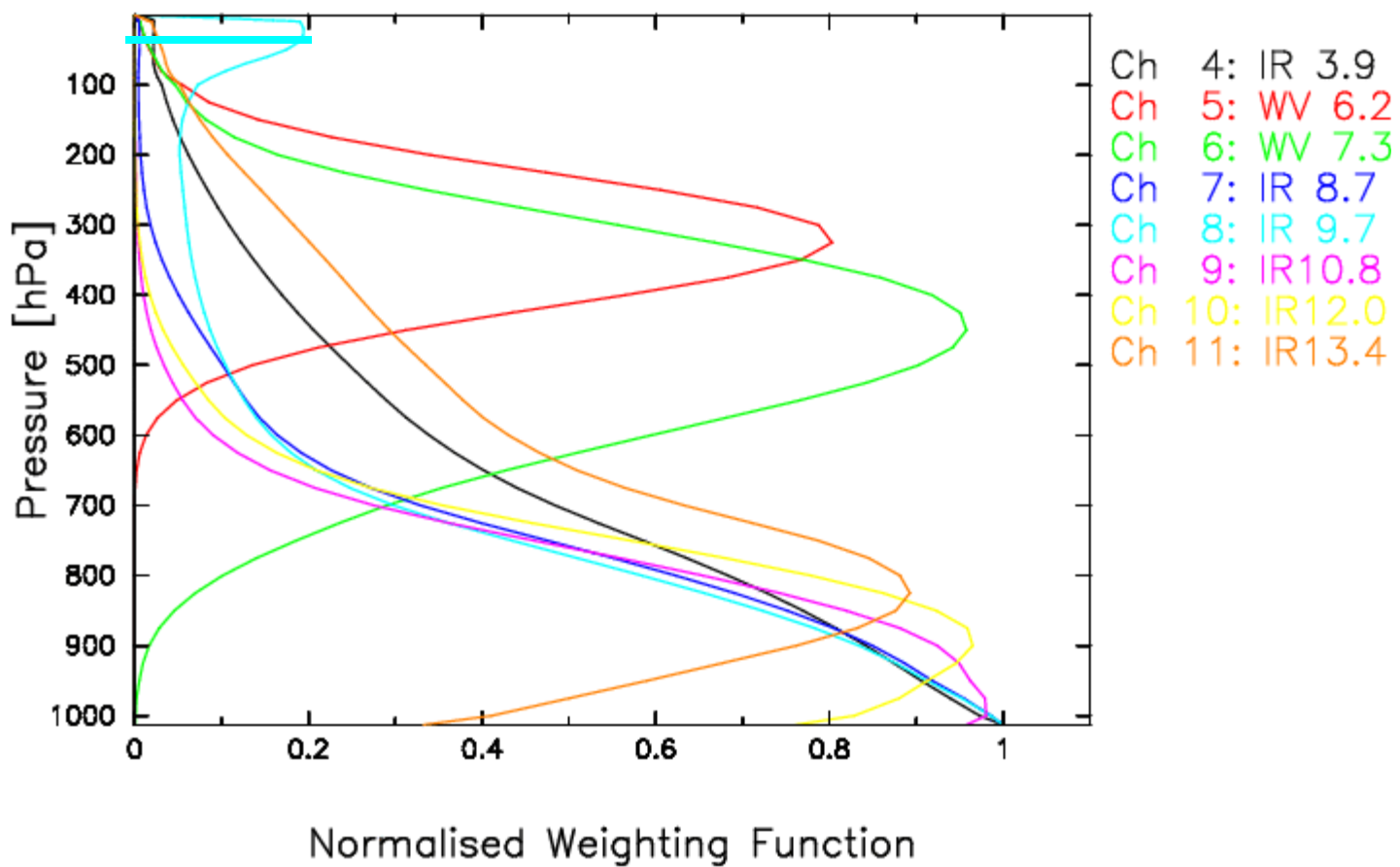
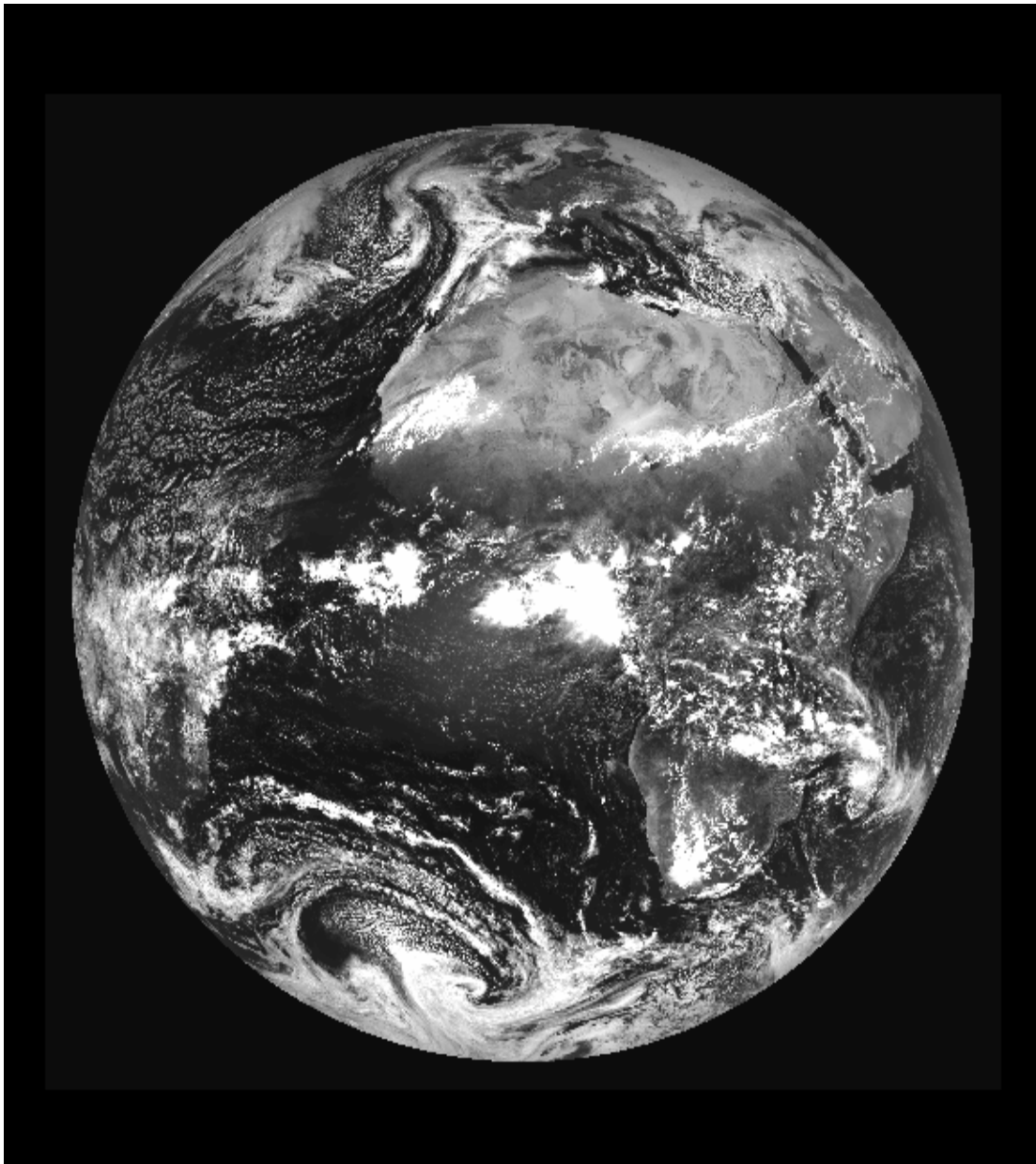
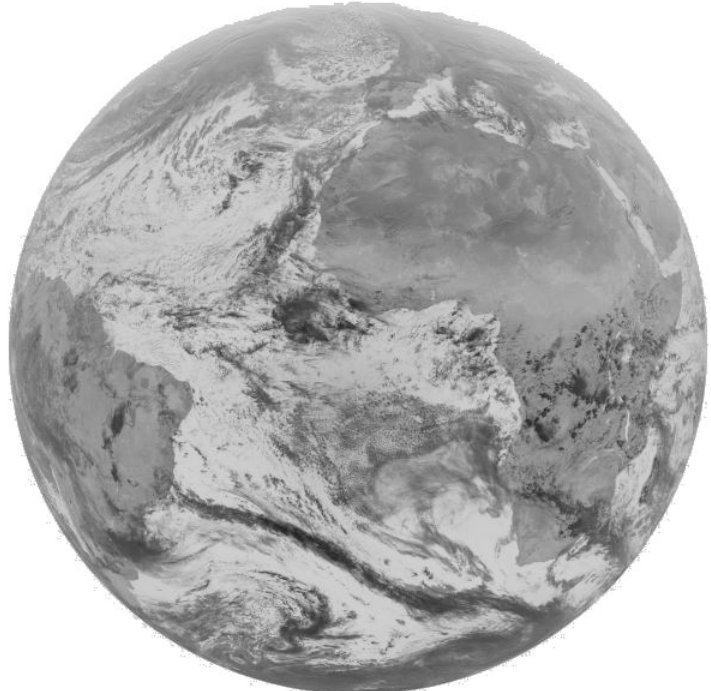
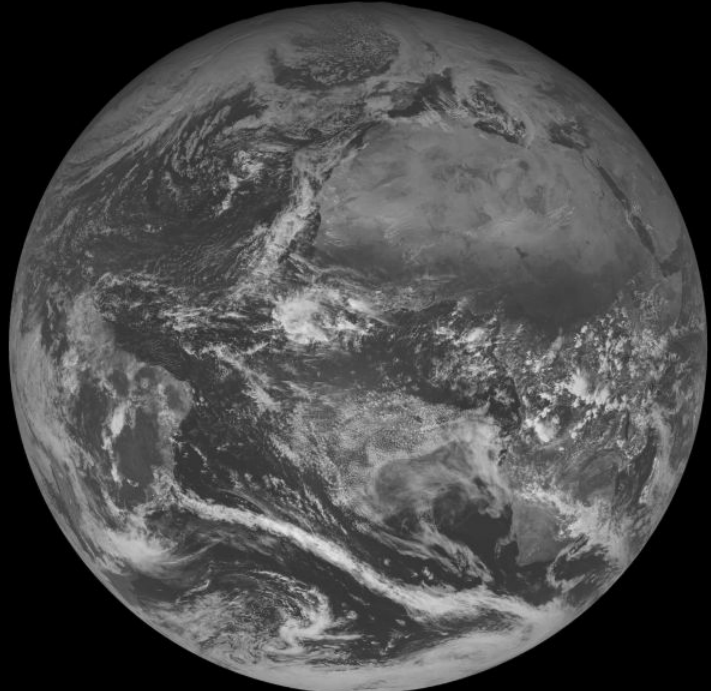


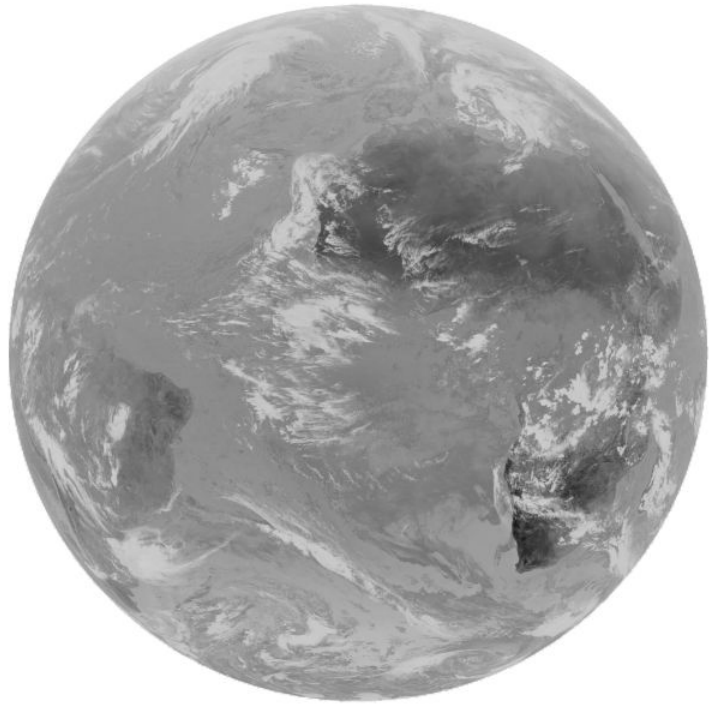
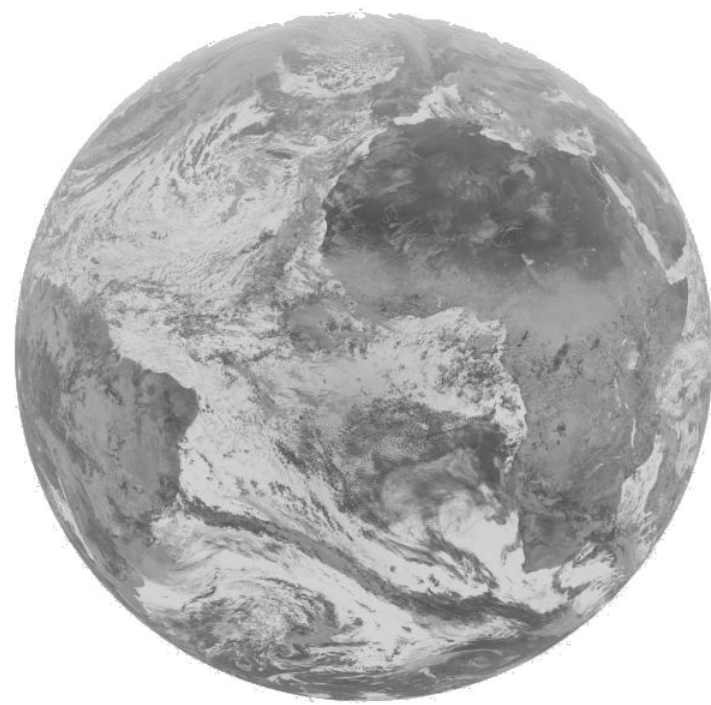
Figure 3d

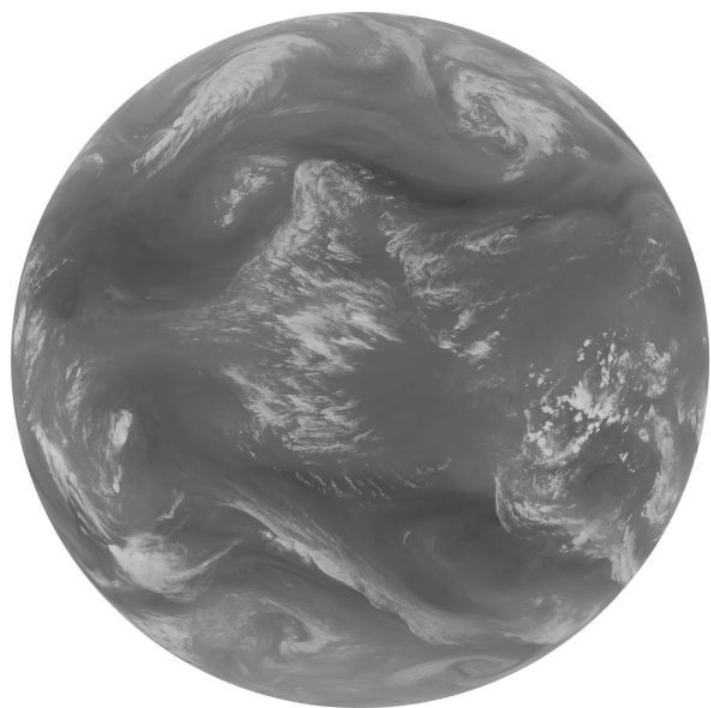
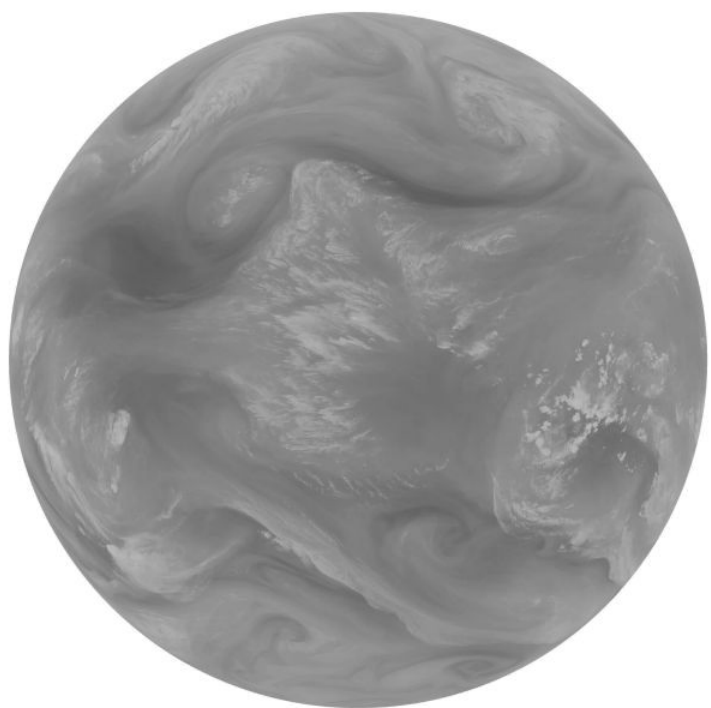


Sequence of all channels

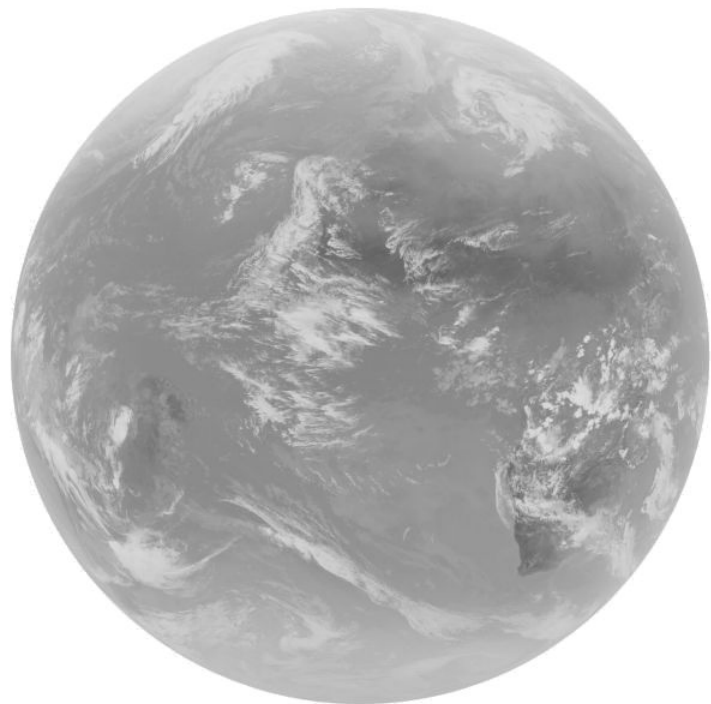
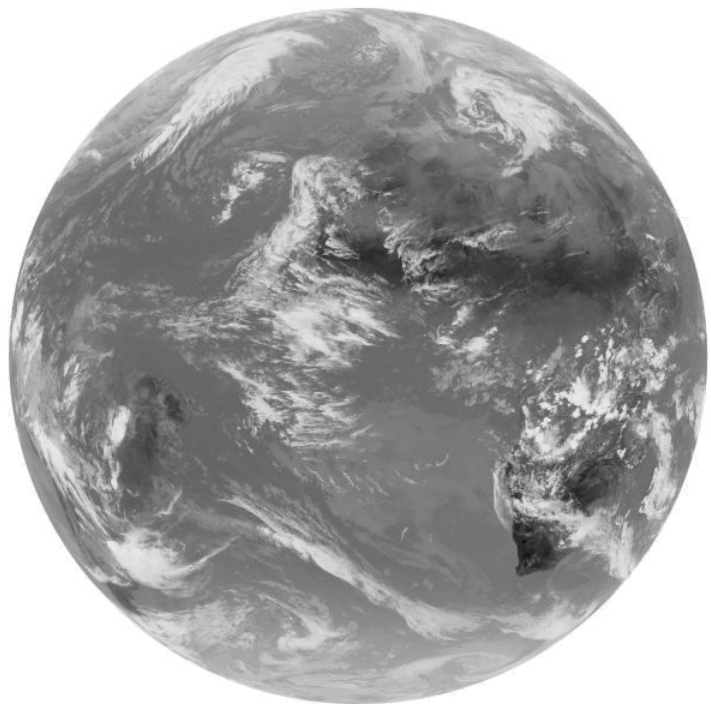


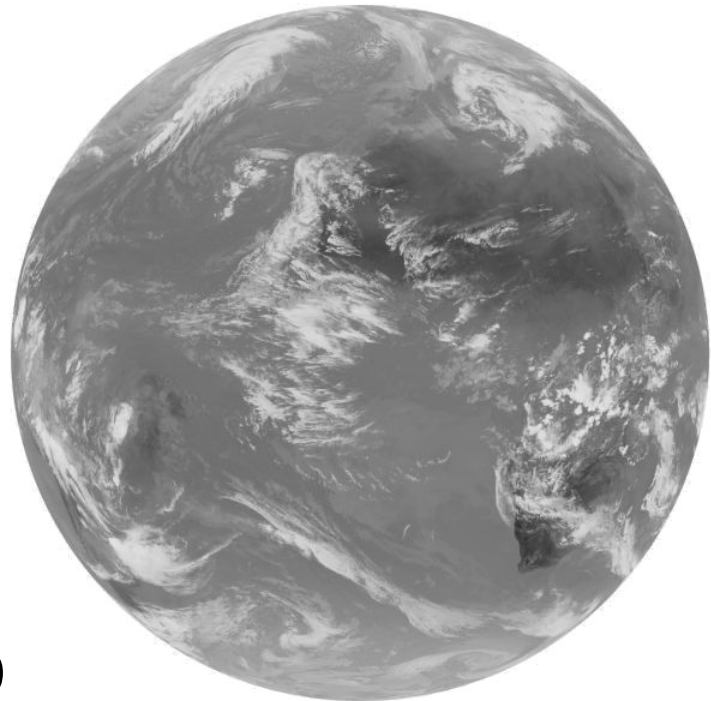
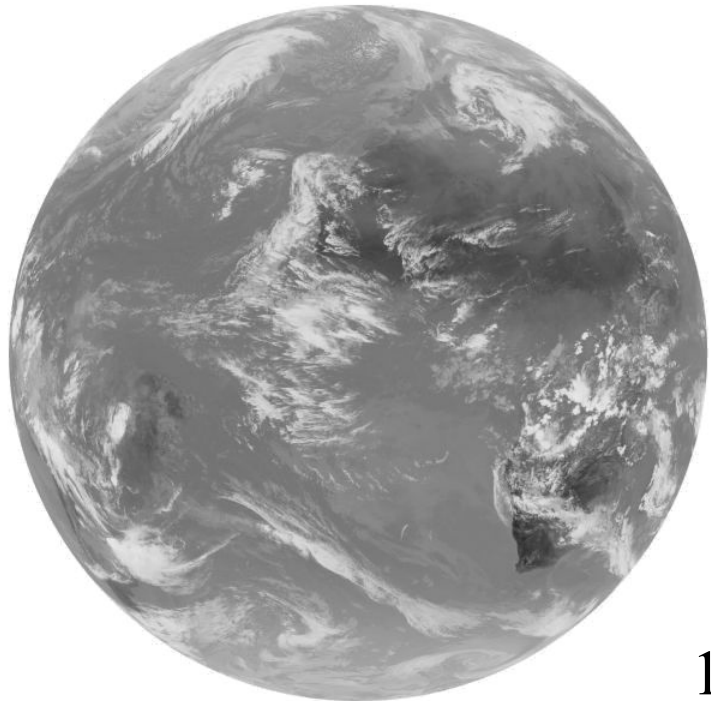
0.6 0.8
1.6 3.9
microns



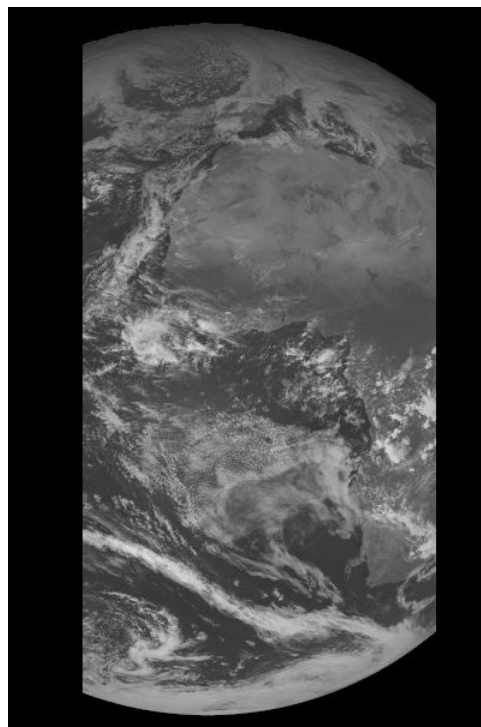
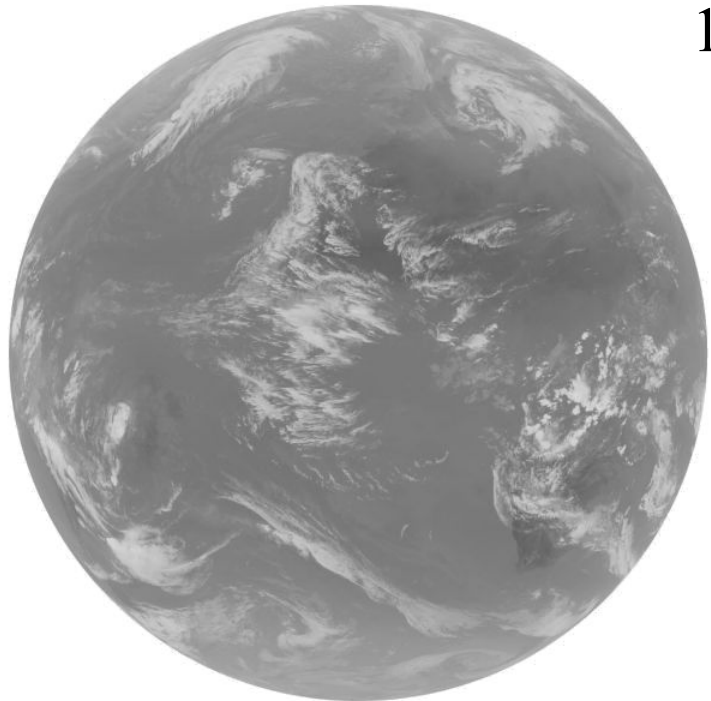


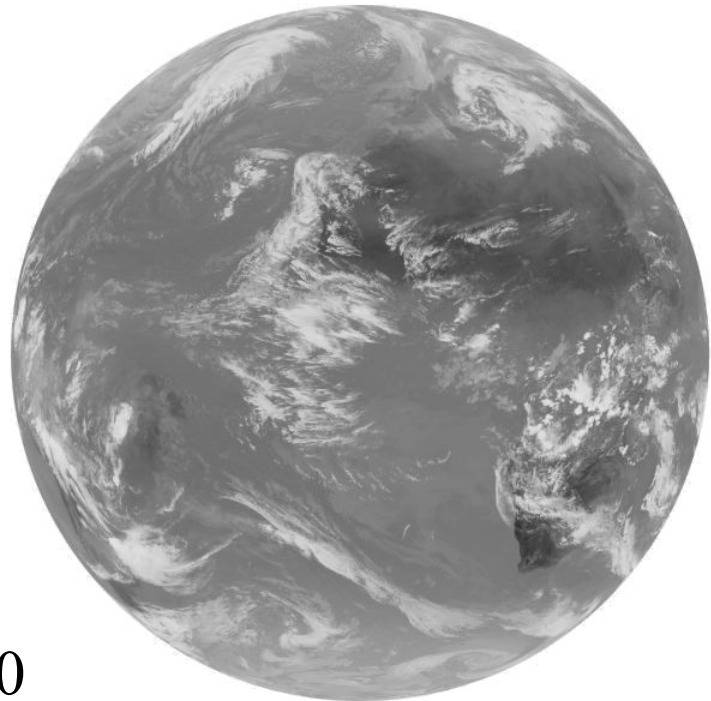
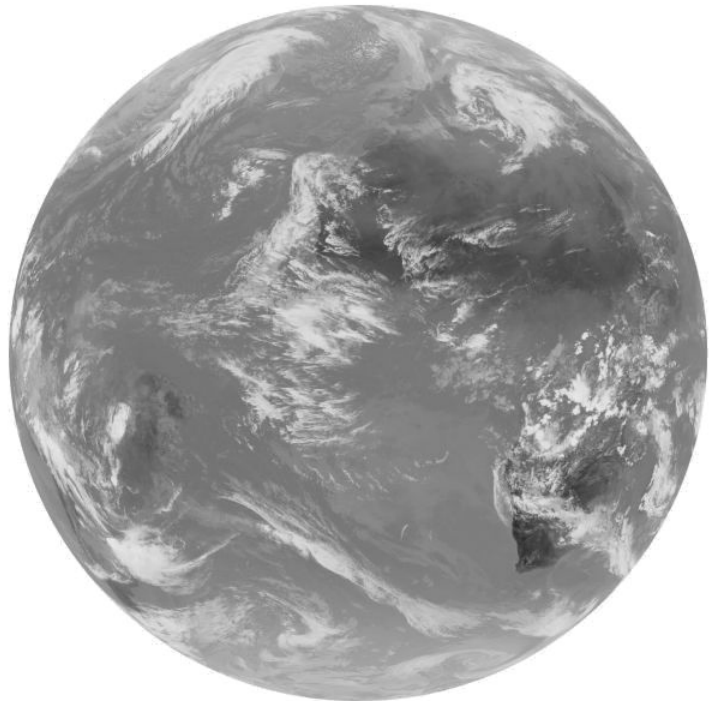
6.2 7.3
8.7 9.7
microns



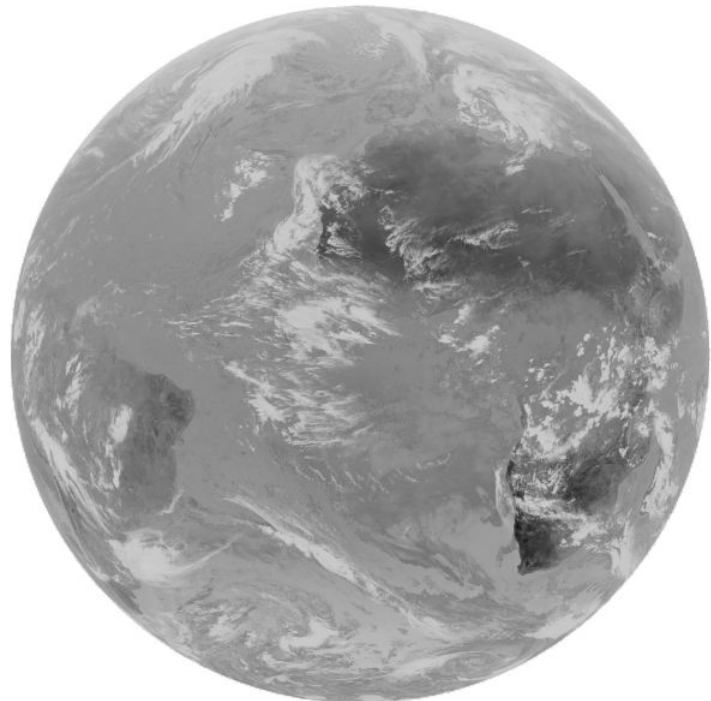
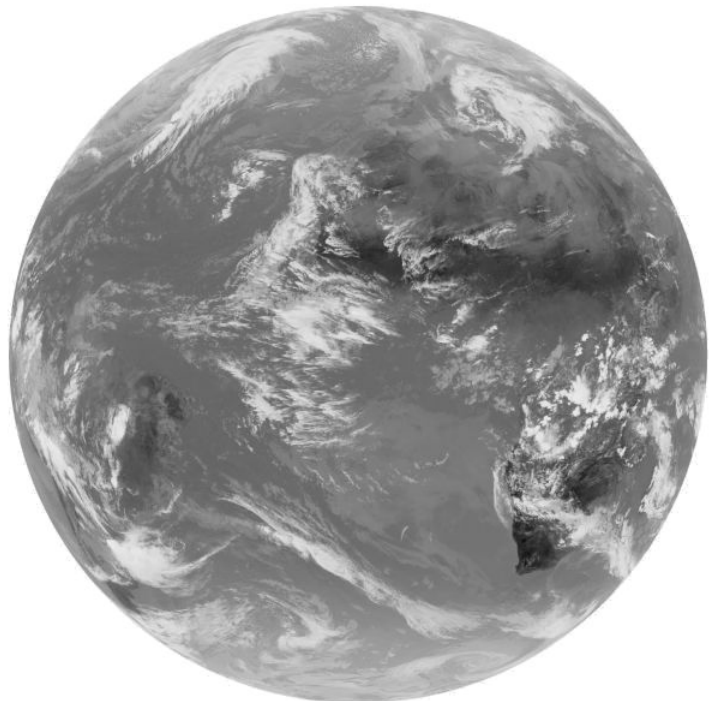


10.8 12.0
13.4 HRV
microns

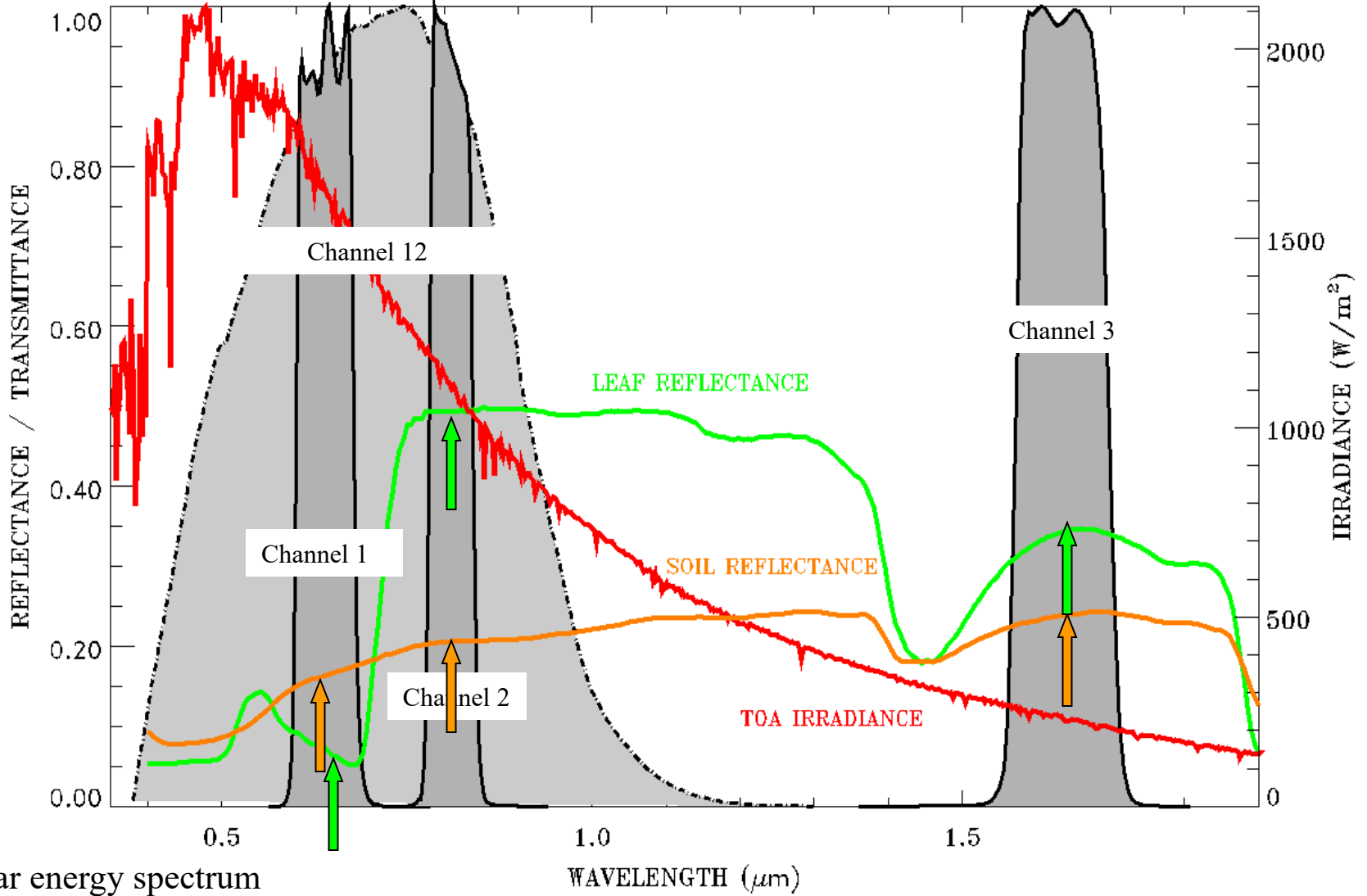




10.8 12.0
8.7 3.9
microns



SEVIRI SOLAR CHANNELS



Solar energy spectrum

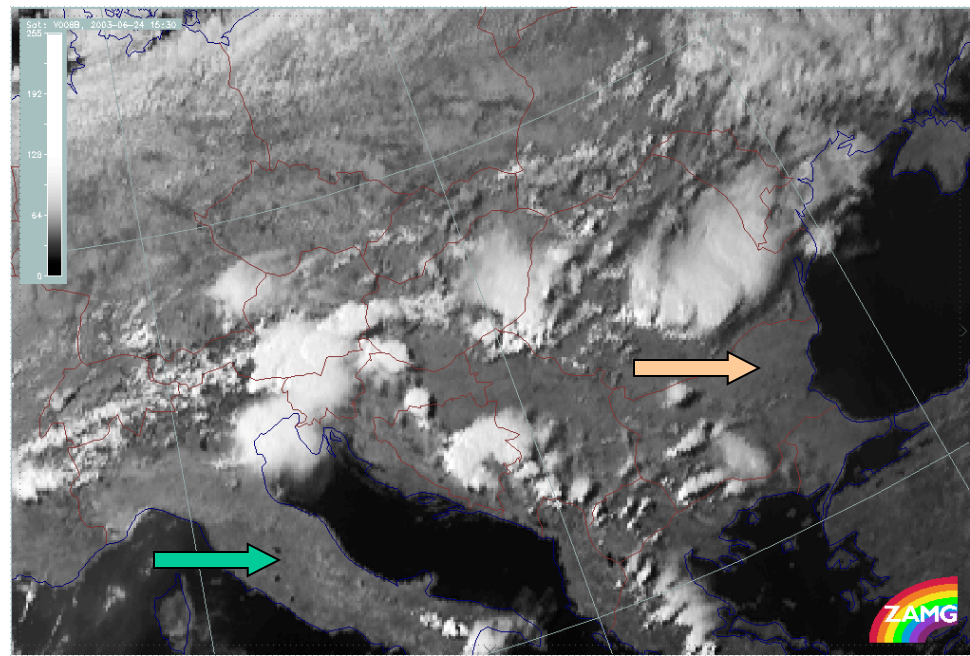
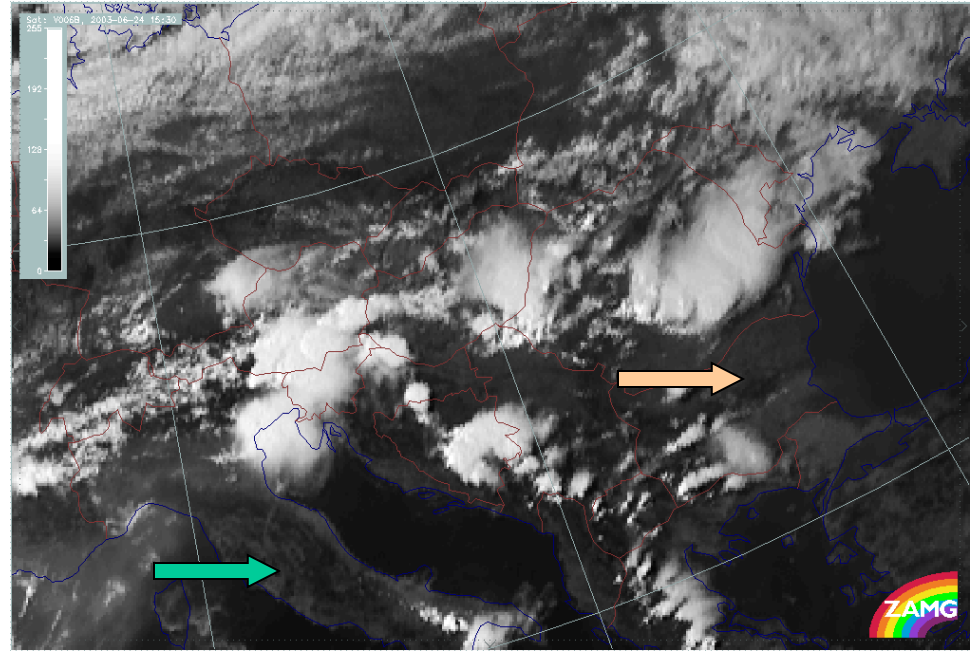
Source:
EUMETSAT
Schmetz

Comparison of soil reflectance in the three VIS channels

Comparison of leaf reflectance in the three VIS channels

Some characteristics: VIS 06 and VIS 08

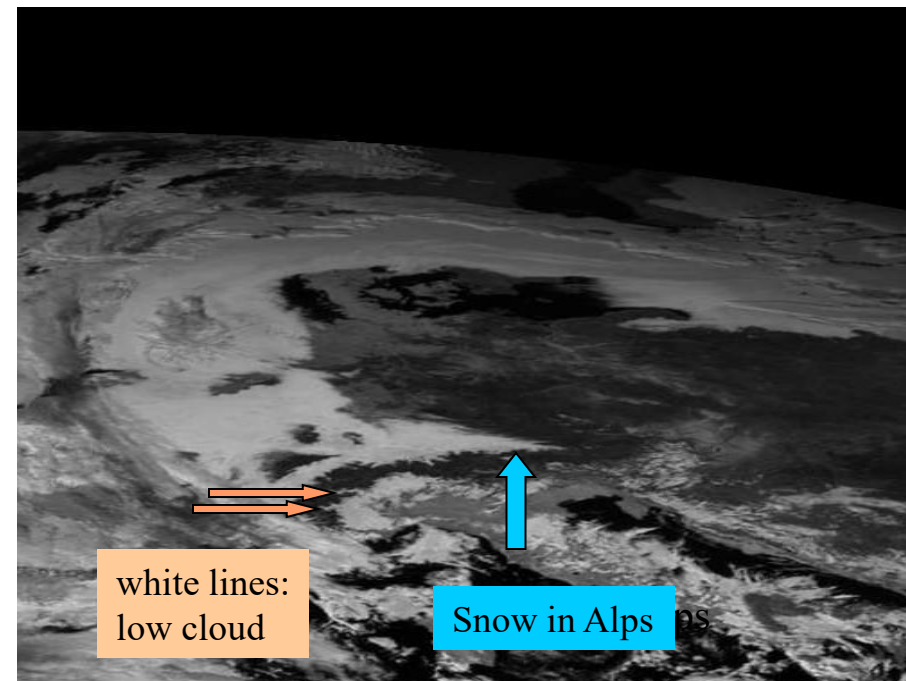
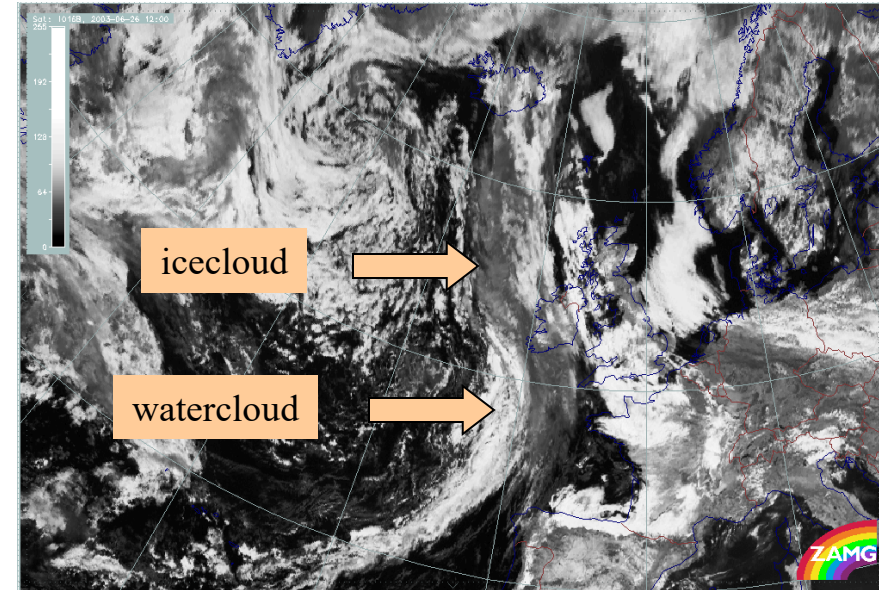
- Both channels are used to detect clouds
- VIS 08 has better recognition of surface structures
- $VIS\ 0.8 - VIS\ 0.6$ for vegetation index
- For transparent clouds: VIS 0.6 is better (less reflectivity of surface)



Some characteristics: NIR 1.6

- Different appearance of ice - and waterclouds (because of stronger absorption in the icephase)
 - Waterclouds: white
 - Iceclouds: black

- Different appearance of water clouds above snow and ice
 - Snow + Ice: black
 - Waterclouds: white





CH03; 10.30

Ch01: black
Ch03: black
cloudfree

Ch01: white
Ch03: black
start of icing
(!?)

Ch01: black
Ch03: black
cloudfree



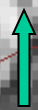


CH01; 10.30

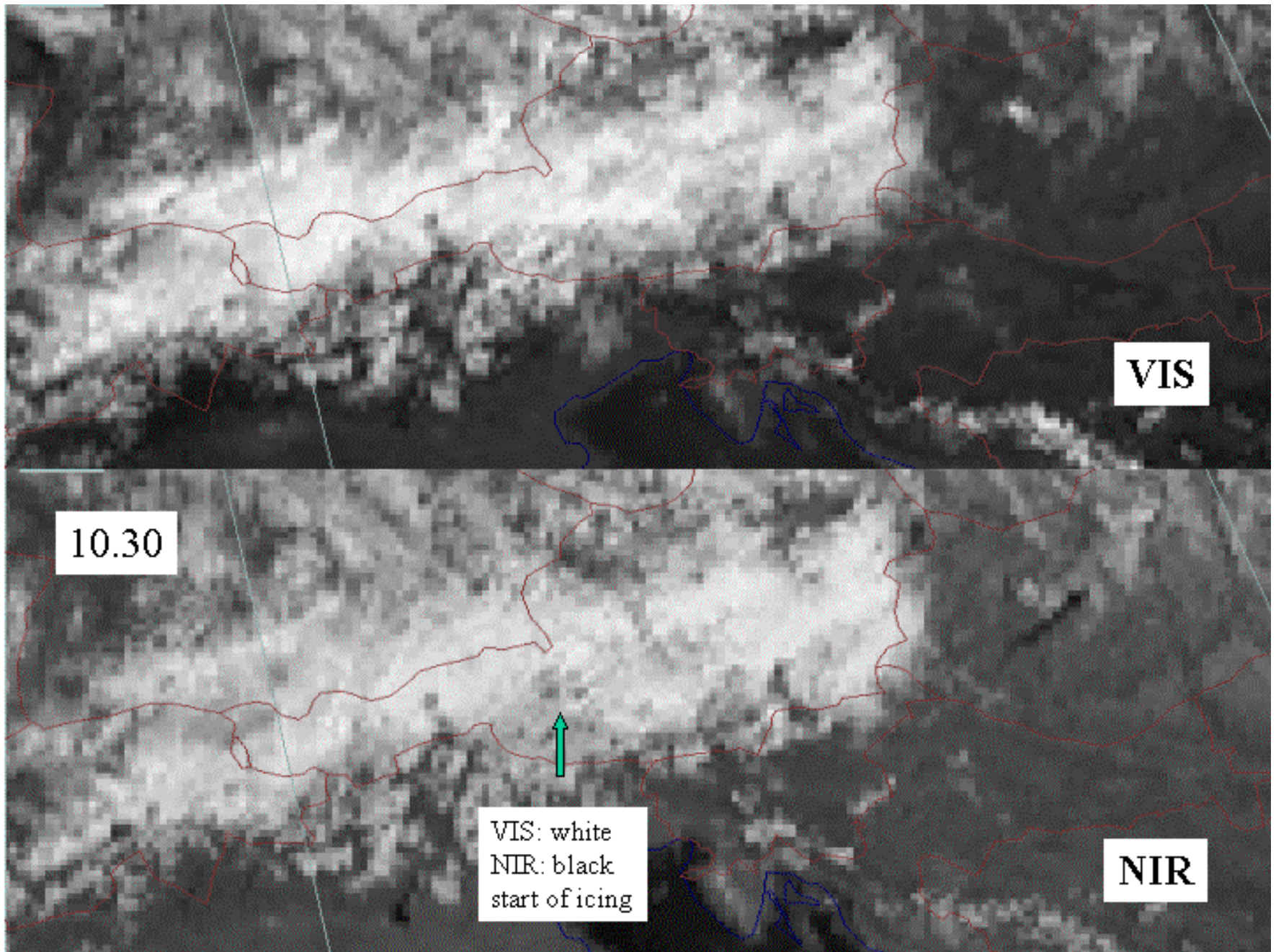
Ch01: black
cloudfree

Ch01: white
cloud

Ch01: black
cloudfree

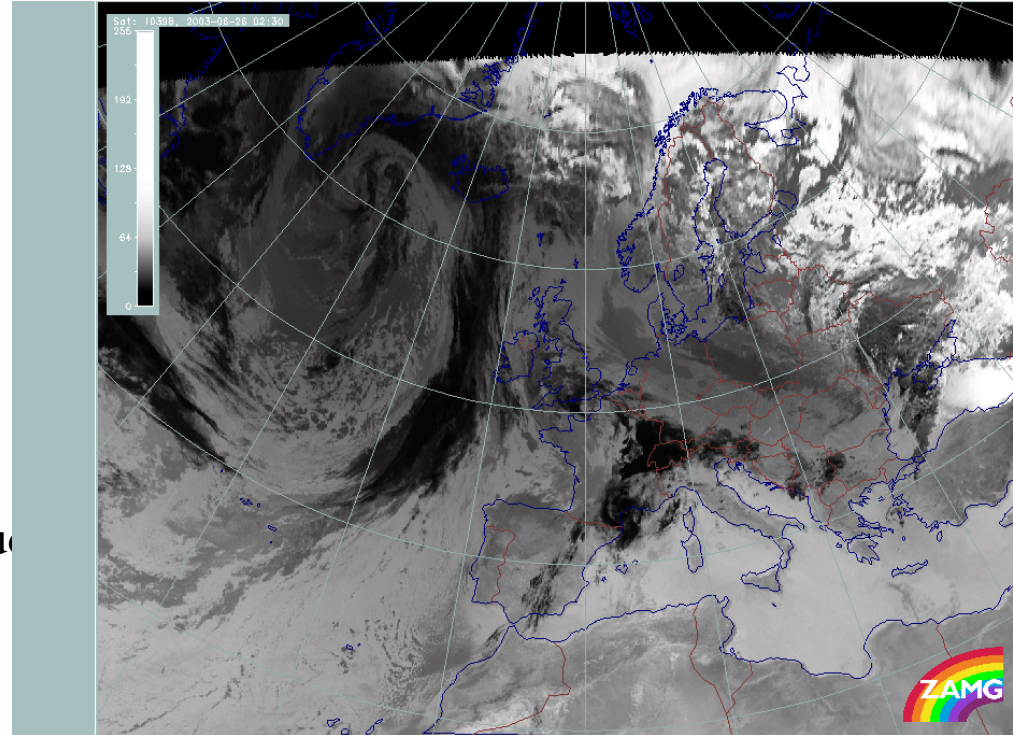


GOES-R spectral improvements help to see icing in clouds.



Some characteristics: IR 3.9

- Different radiation sources during day and night:
 - night: only IR
 - day: IR + VIS
- Optically different to Meteosat VIS and IR images:
 - in 3.9 impression of black clouds (original visualisation of radiation)
 - in the usual IR channel signals are inverted for easier comparison of clouds with Vis channels (black → white)
- Night:
 - different signals from warm clouds between 3.9 and 10.8
 - difference in Ch03 and Ch09 used for fog recognition



Ch01:0.6

Different greyscale:
different reflectivity;
earth: dark

Only signals from
reflected solar radiation



V02:0.8

Different greyscale:
different reflectivity;
earth: grey;
higher reflectance of
earth surface than in 0.6

Only signals from
reflected solar radiation

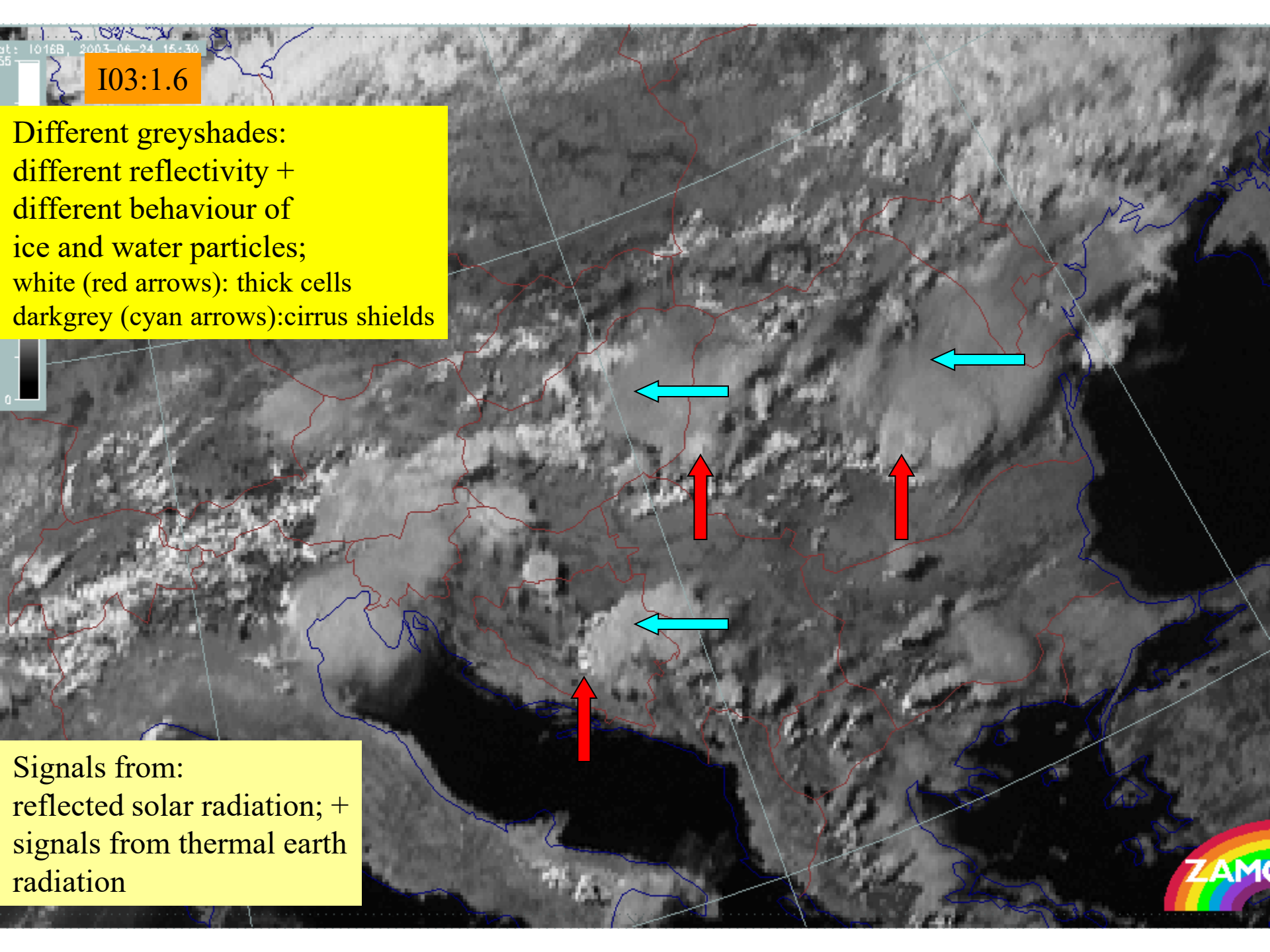


I03:1.6

Different greyscale shades:
different reflectivity +
different behaviour of
ice and water particles;
white (red arrows): thick cells
darkgrey (cyan arrows): cirrus shields



Signals from:
reflected solar radiation; +
signals from thermal earth
radiation



I04:3.9

Different greyscale shades:
different reflectivity +
different behaviour of
ice and water particles +
thermal earth radiation:
black: cold ice cloud

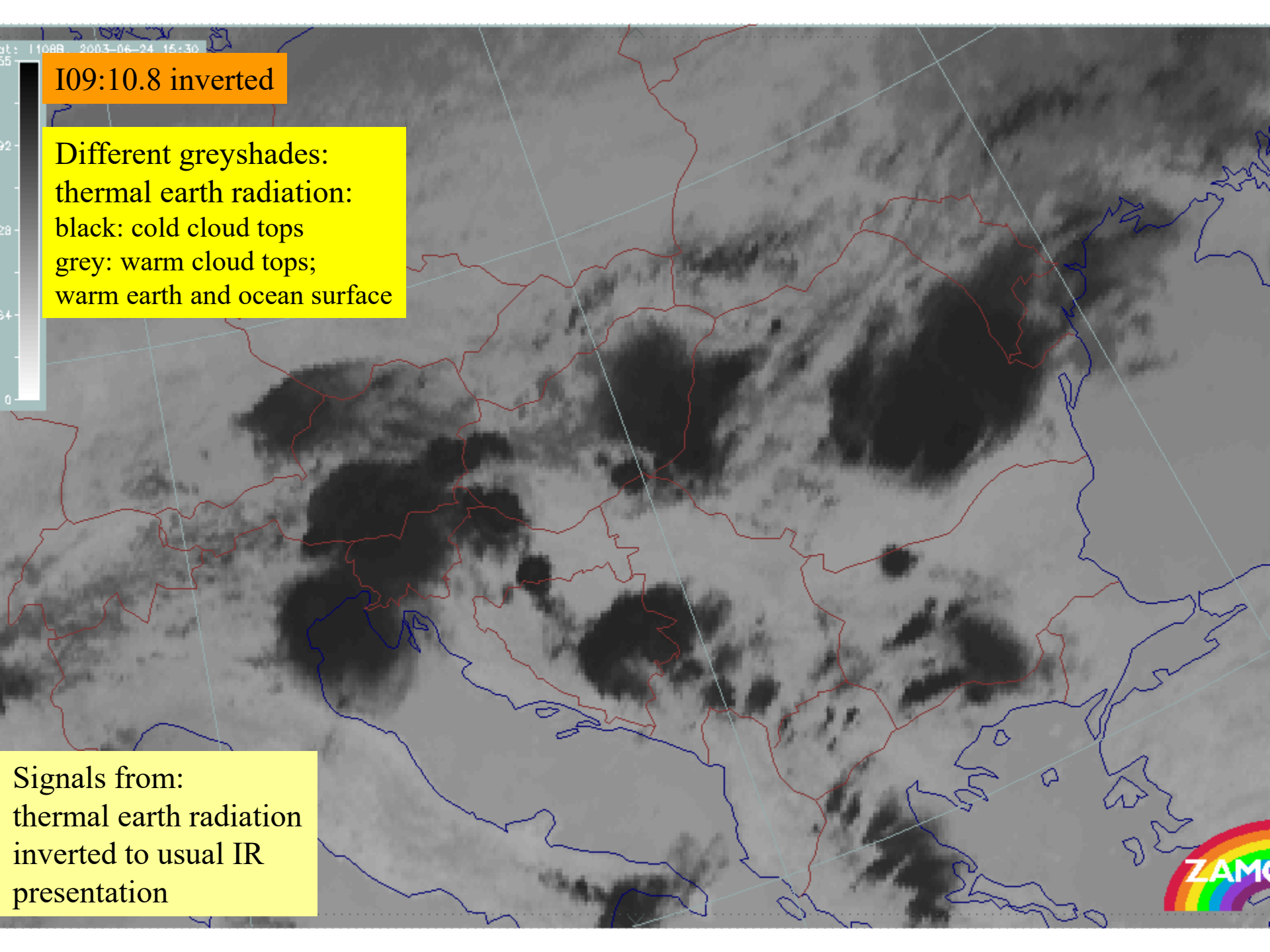
Signals from:
reflected solar radiation;
signals from thermal earth
radiation



I09:10.8 inverted

Different greyscale:
thermal earth radiation:
black: cold cloud tops
grey: warm cloud tops;
warm earth and ocean surface

Signals from:
thermal earth radiation
inverted to usual IR
presentation



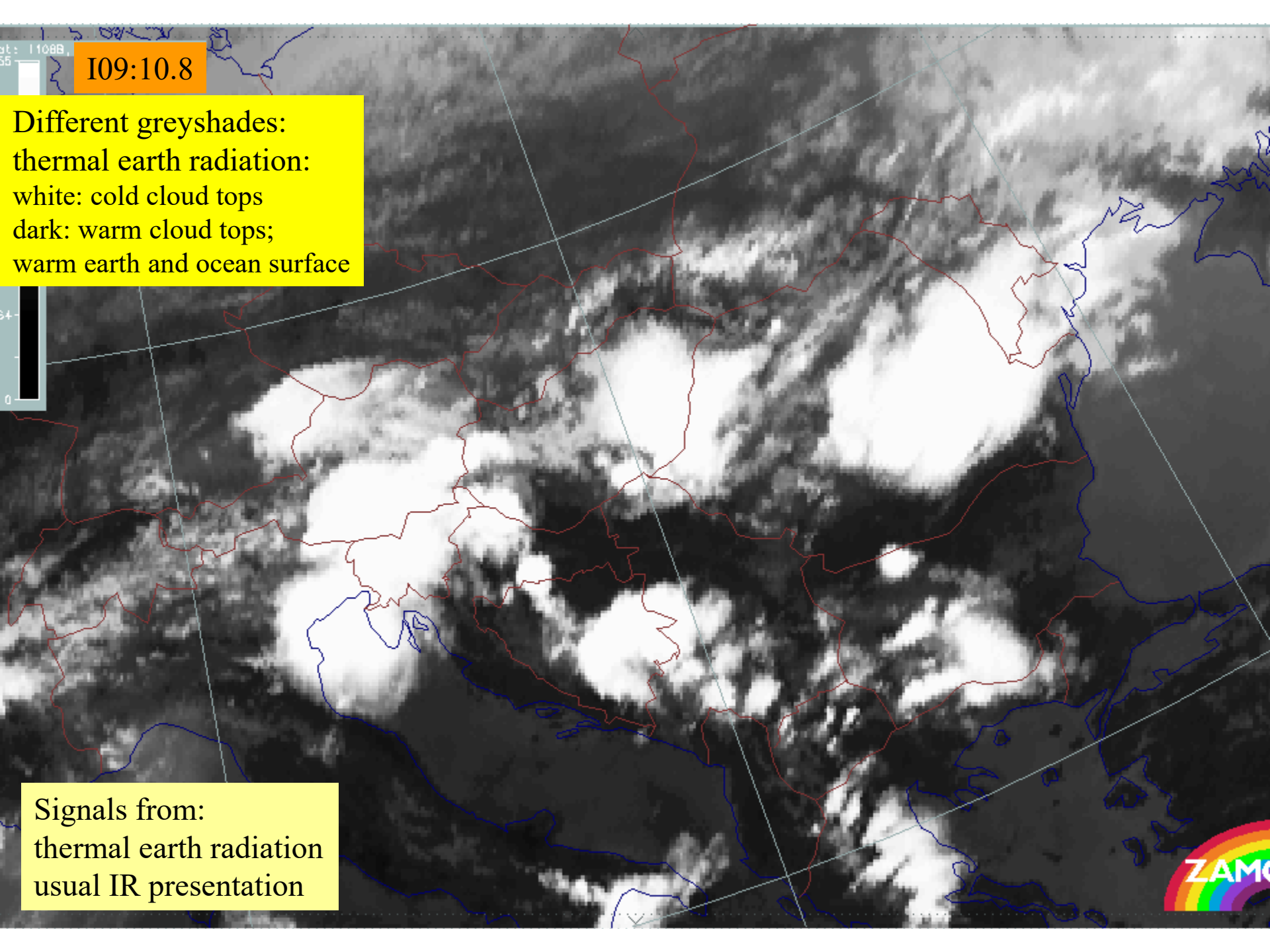
st: 1088
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I09:10.8

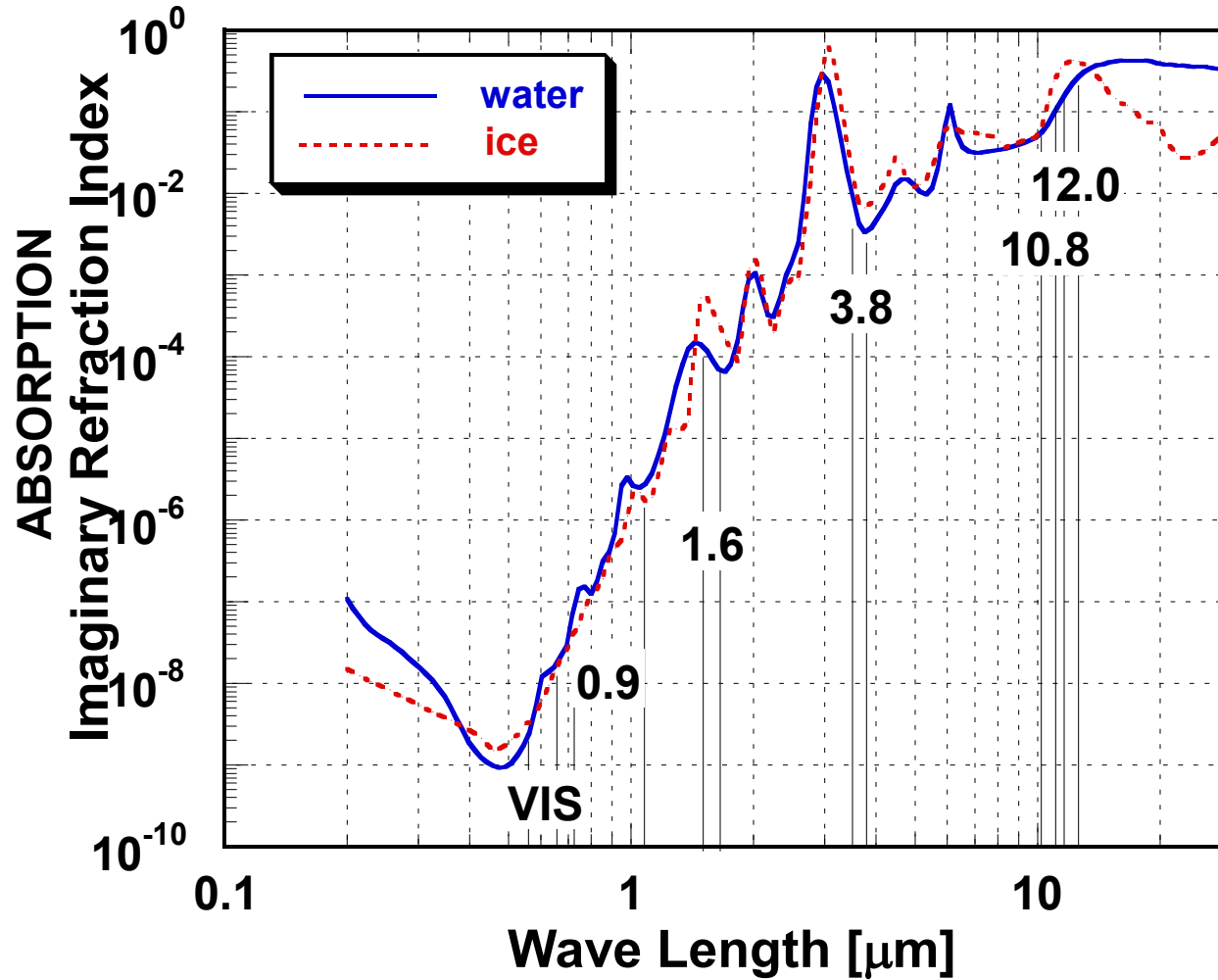
Different greyscale:
thermal earth radiation:
white: cold cloud tops
dark: warm cloud tops;
warm earth and ocean surface



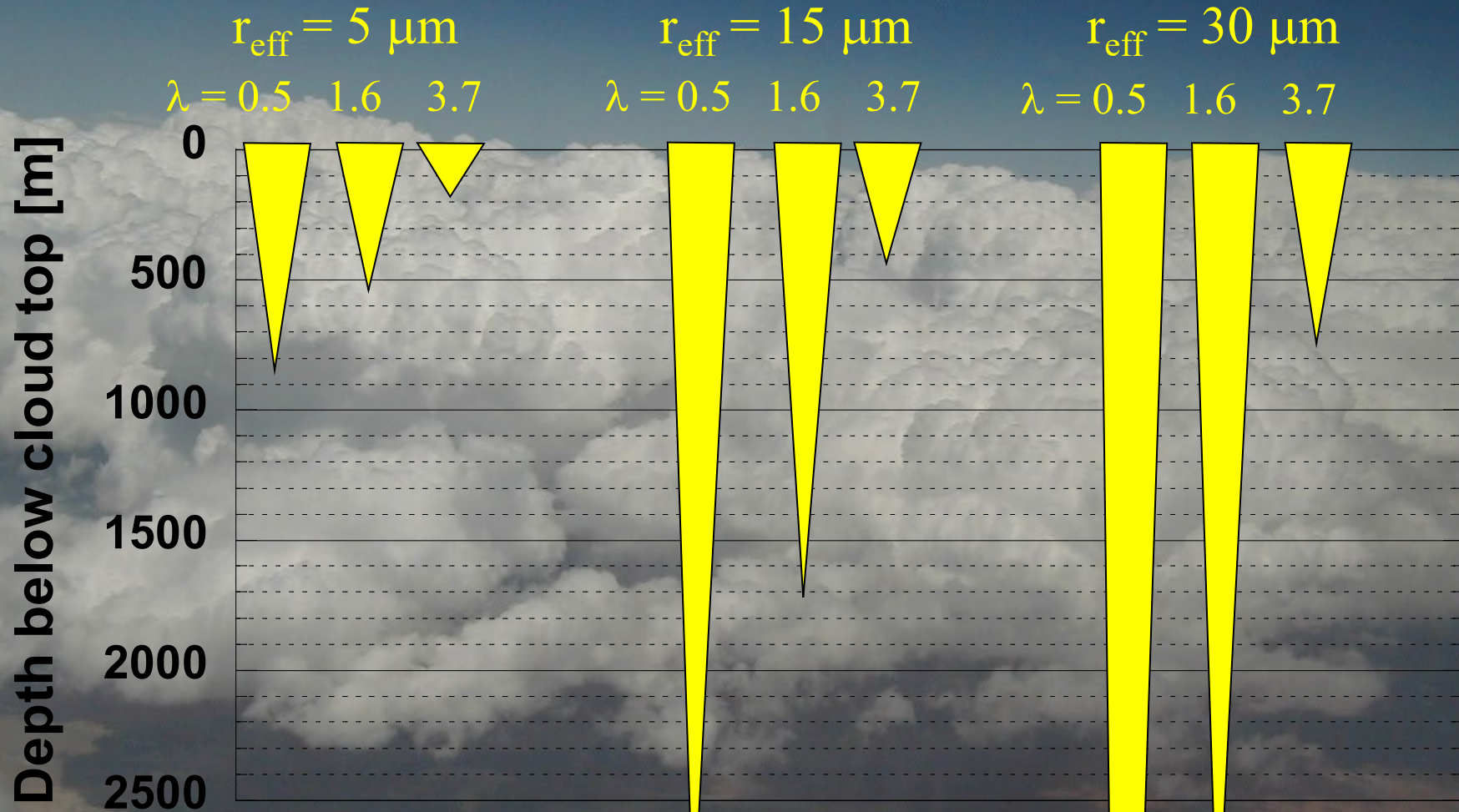
Signals from:
thermal earth radiation
usual IR presentation



SEVIRI CHANNELS: IR3.9 μm



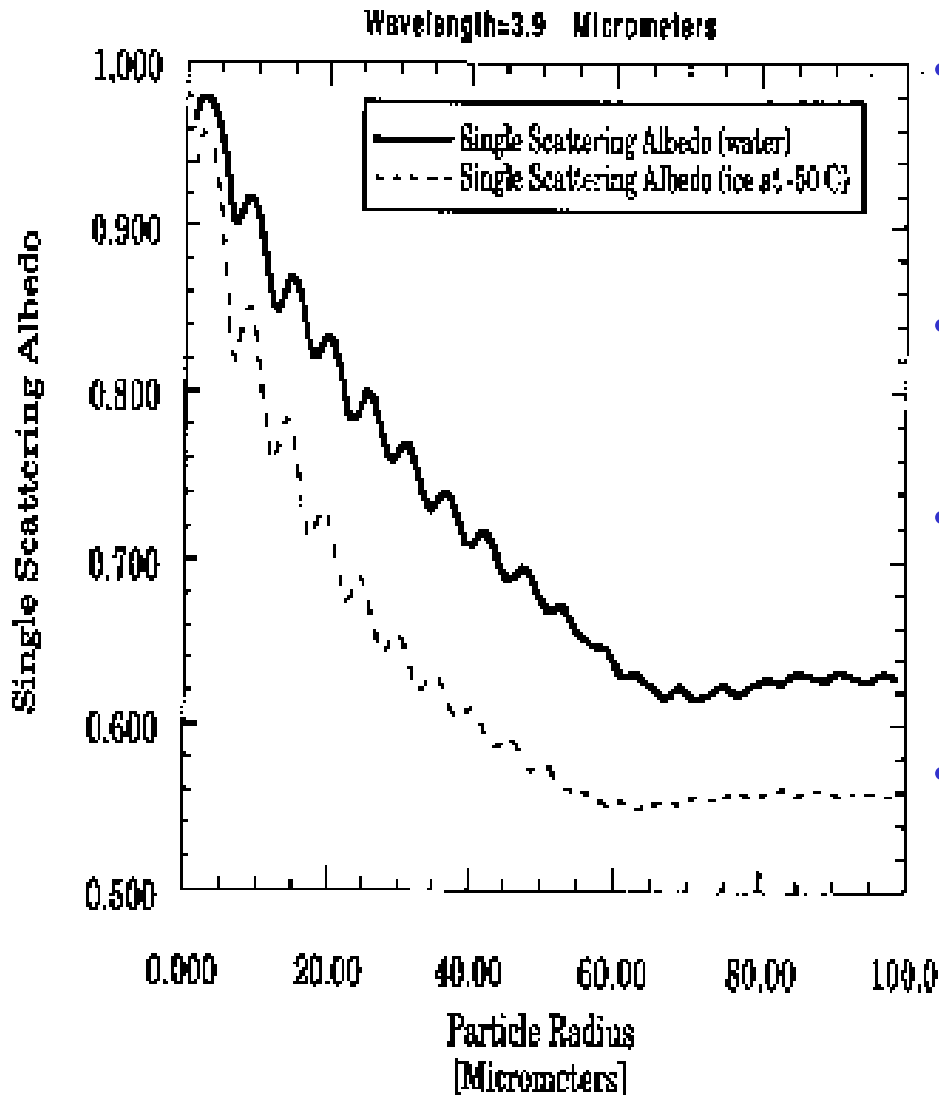
Cloud Water Content = 0.5 g m^{-3}



1.6 μm integrates large cloud depth + surface
3.7 μm measures only near cloud top

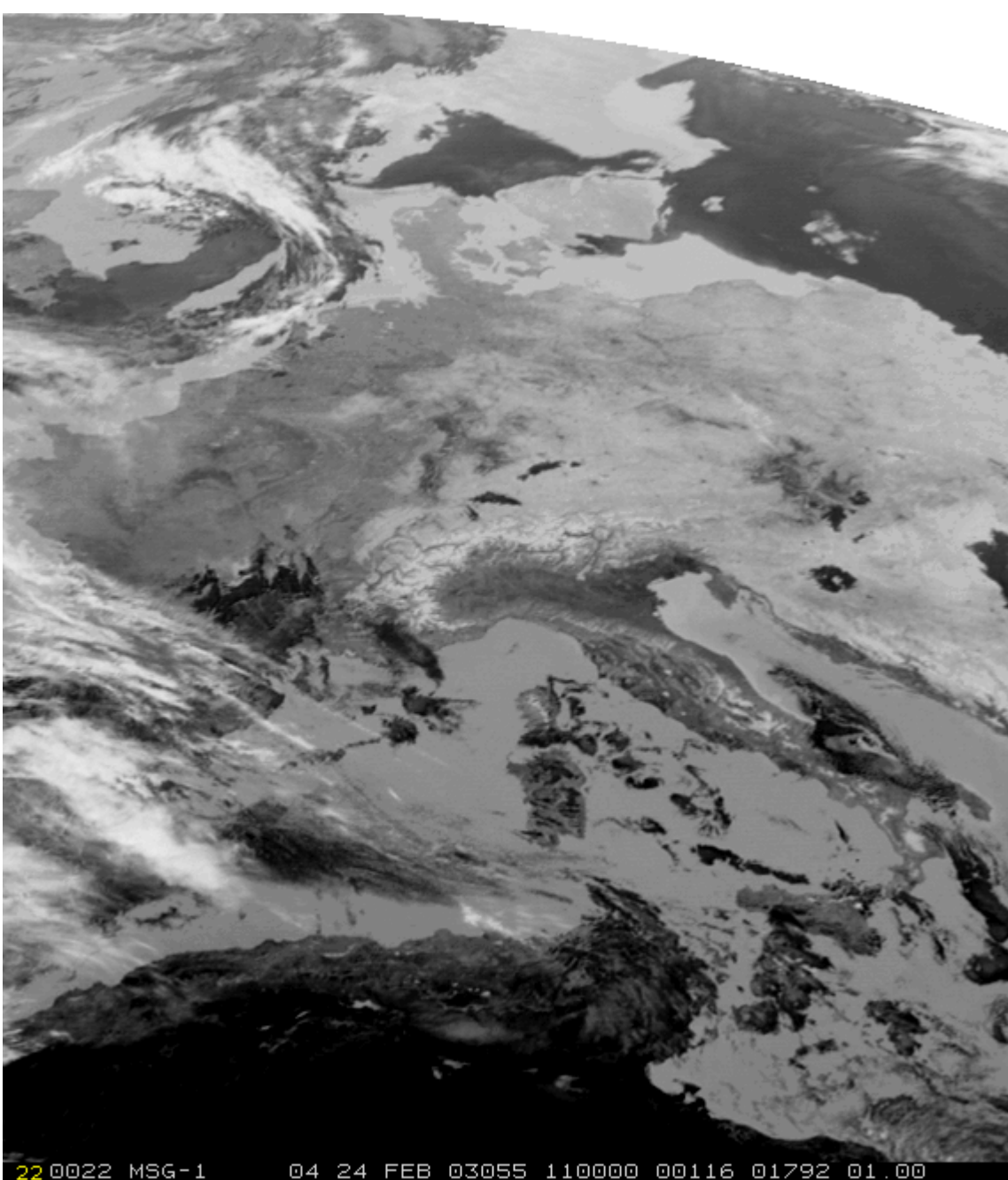
Cloud depth for minimal surface effects, at $\tau(\lambda=0.5) = 30$

Reflection of Solar Radiation at IR3.9



- Reflection at IR3.9 is sensitive to cloud phase and very sensitive to particle size
- Higher reflection from water droplets than from ice particles
- During daytime, clouds with small water droplets (Ci, St, Sc) are much darker than ice clouds
- Marine Sc (large water droplets) is darker than Sc over land

IR 3.9 μm Daytime



Low reflectance / Cold
high-level ice clouds

snow surfaces

ocean, sea

cold land surfaces

warm land surfaces

low-level water clouds

hot land surfaces

High reflectance / Warm

MSG-1

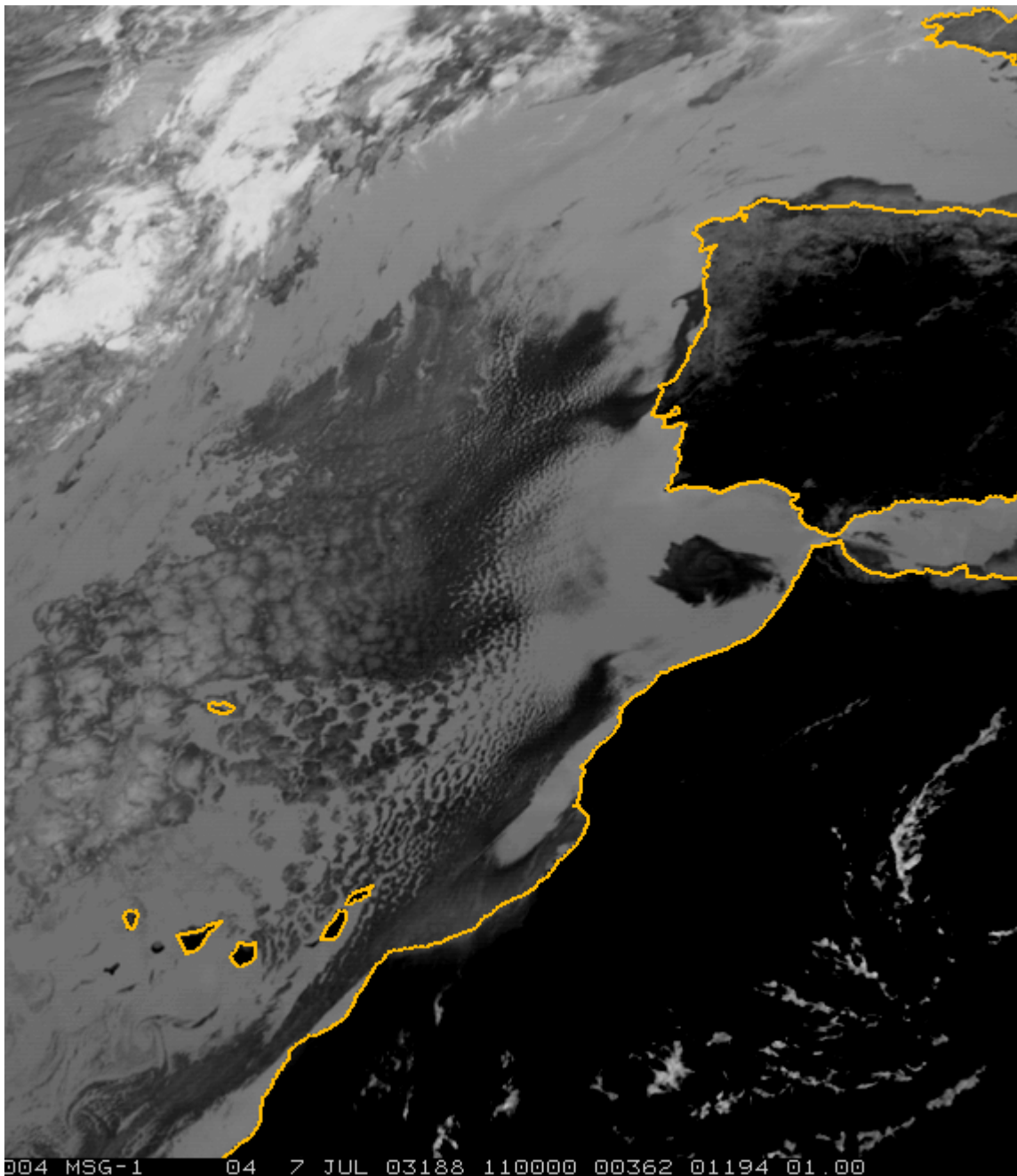
24 February 2003

11:00 UTC

Channel 04 (3.9 μm)

22 0022 MSG-1 04 24 FEB 03055 110000 00116 01792 01.00

IR 3.9 μm Daytime



Low reflectance / Cold
high-level ice clouds

ocean, lakes

low-level water clouds

hot land surfaces

fires, sunglint areas

High reflectance / Warm

MSG-1

7 July 2003

11:00 UTC

Channel 04 (3.9 μm)

004 MSG-1 04 7 JUL 03188 110000 00362 01194 01.00

IR 3.9 μm Daytime



Low reflectance / Cold
high-level ice clouds

ocean, lakes

low-level water clouds

hot land surfaces

fires, sunglint areas

High reflectance / Warm

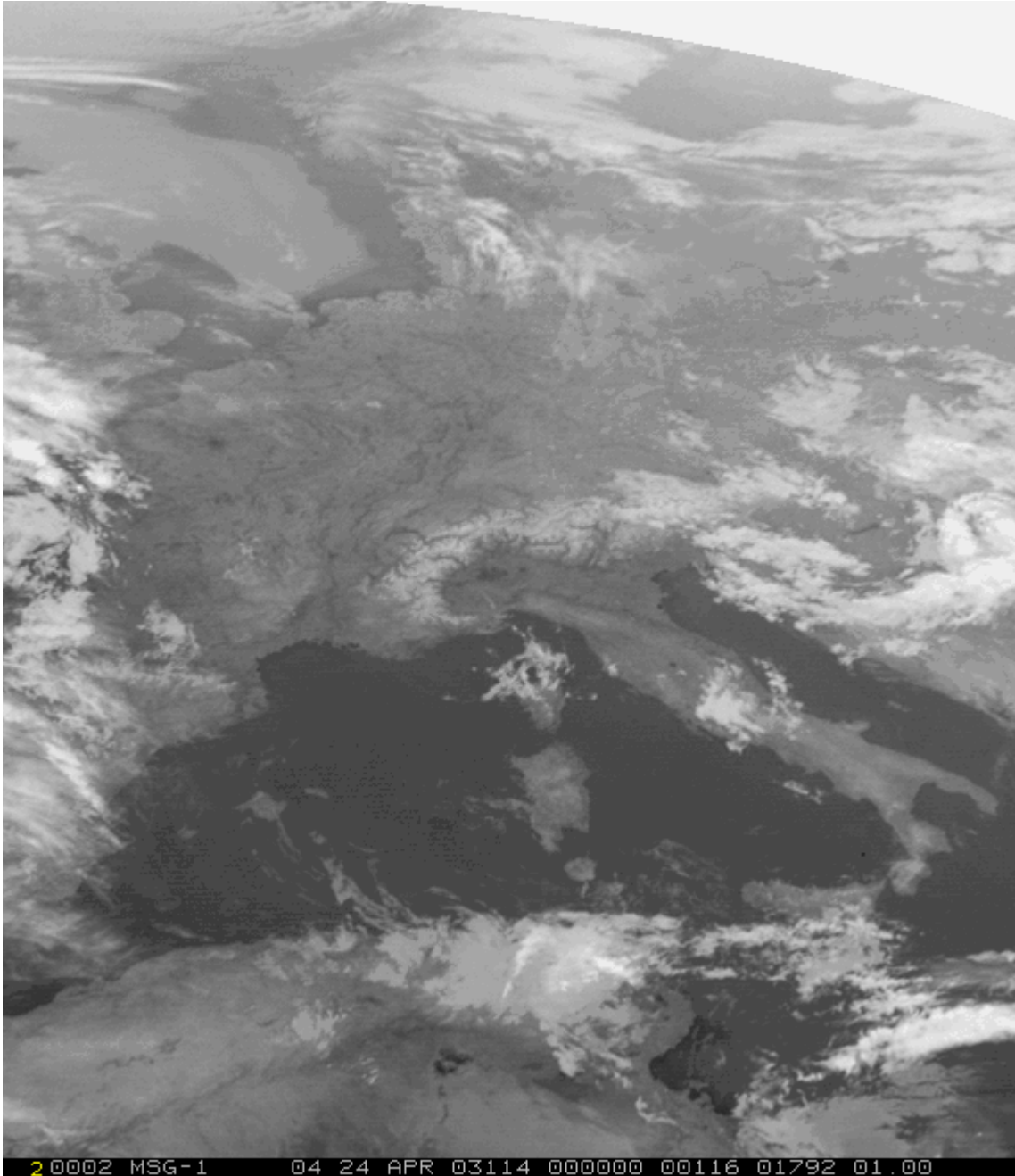
MSG-1

24 February 2003

12:45 UTC

Channel 04 (3.9 μm)

IR 3.9 μm Nighttime



Cold

high-level ice clouds

cold snow surfaces

mid-level clouds

low-level water clouds

land surfaces

ocean, sea, lakes

Warm

MSG-1

24 April 2003

00:00 UTC

Channel 04 (3.9 μm)

IR 3.9 μm Nighttime



Cold

high-level ice clouds

mid-level clouds

low-level water clouds

land surfaces

ocean, sea, lakes

Warm

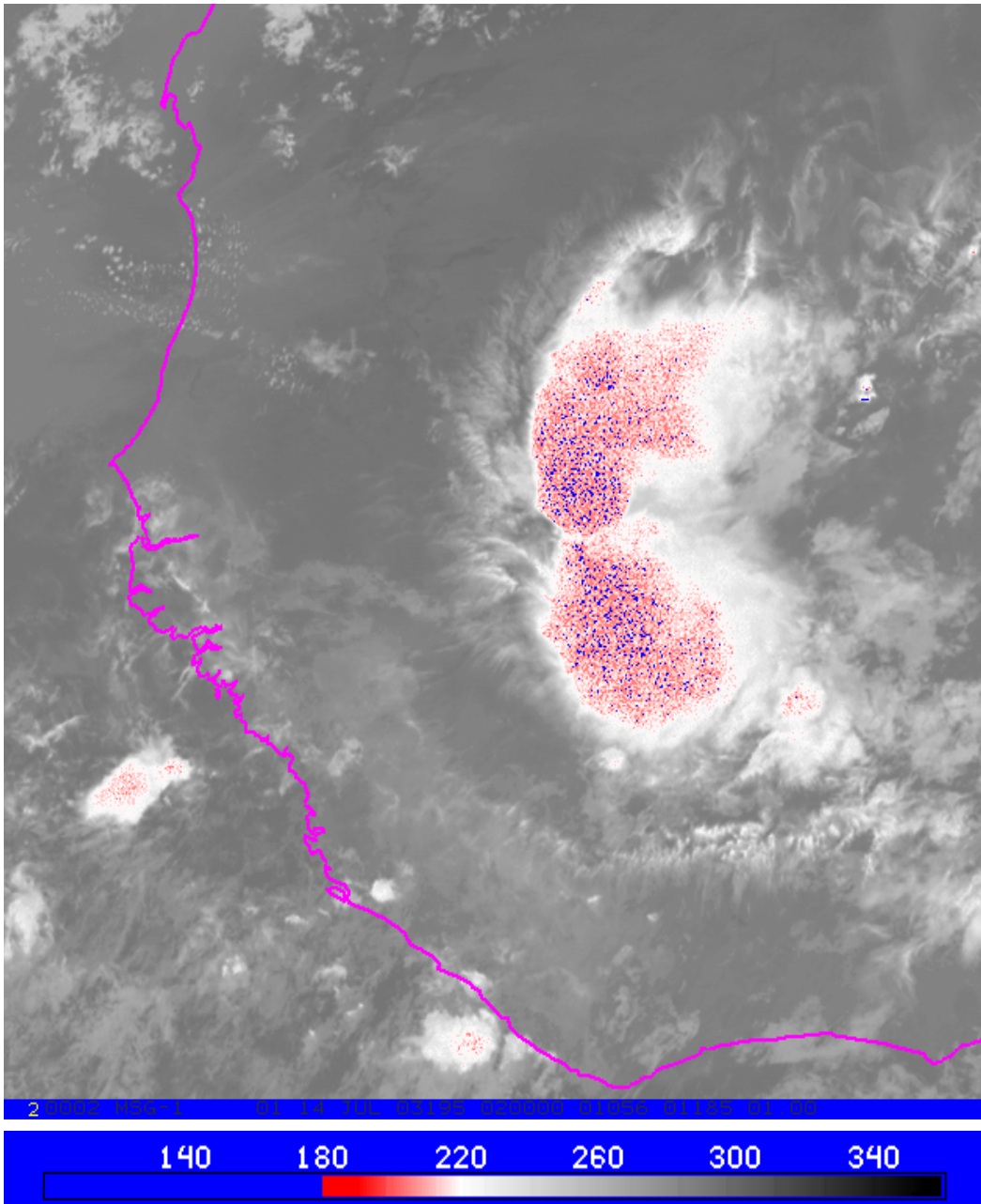
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Channel 04 (3.9 μm)

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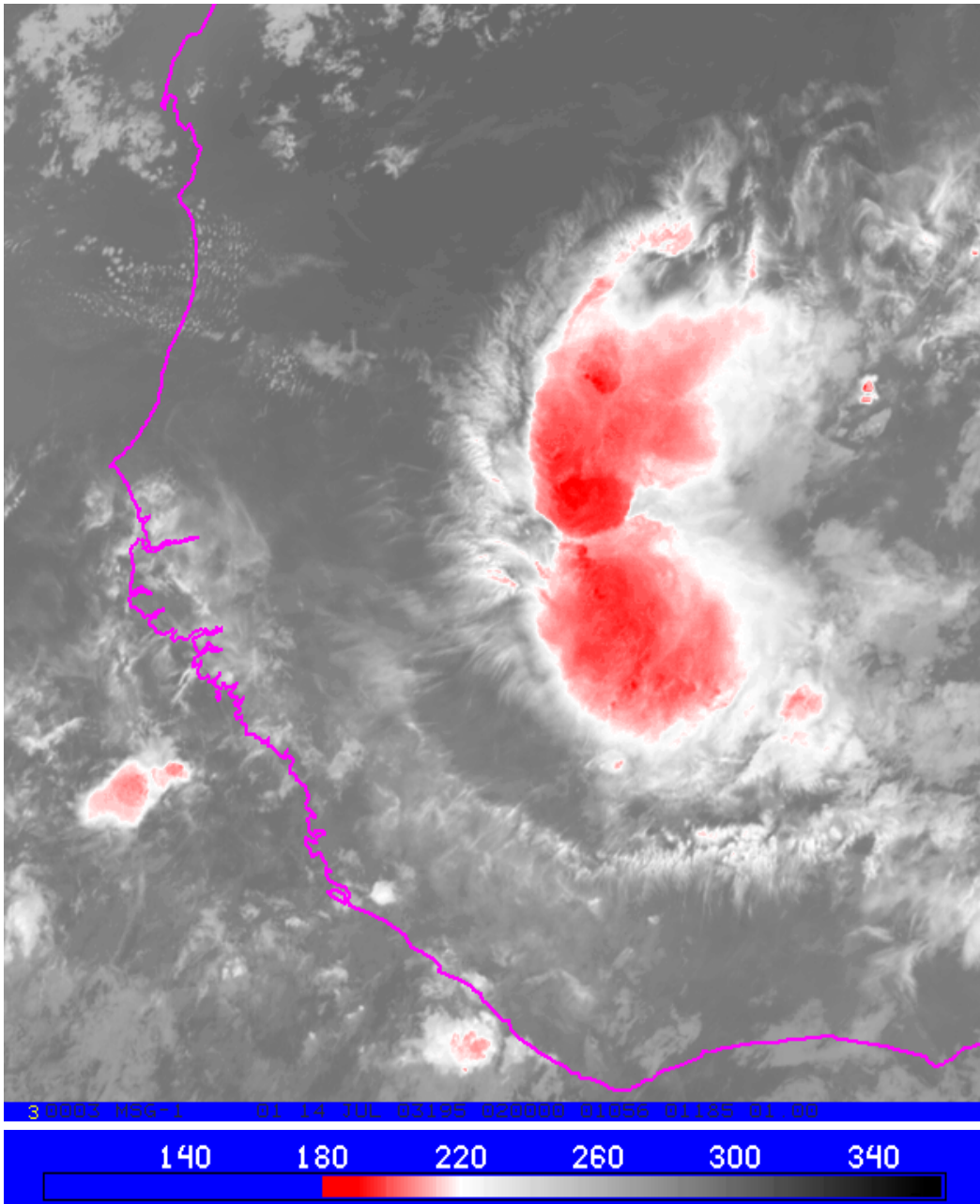
MSG-1
 14 July 2003
 02:00 UTC
 BT IR3.9

During the night, the IR3.9 channel cannot be used for cold cloud tops.

Below BTs of 220 K the IR3.9 channel is very noisy (truncation error dominates).

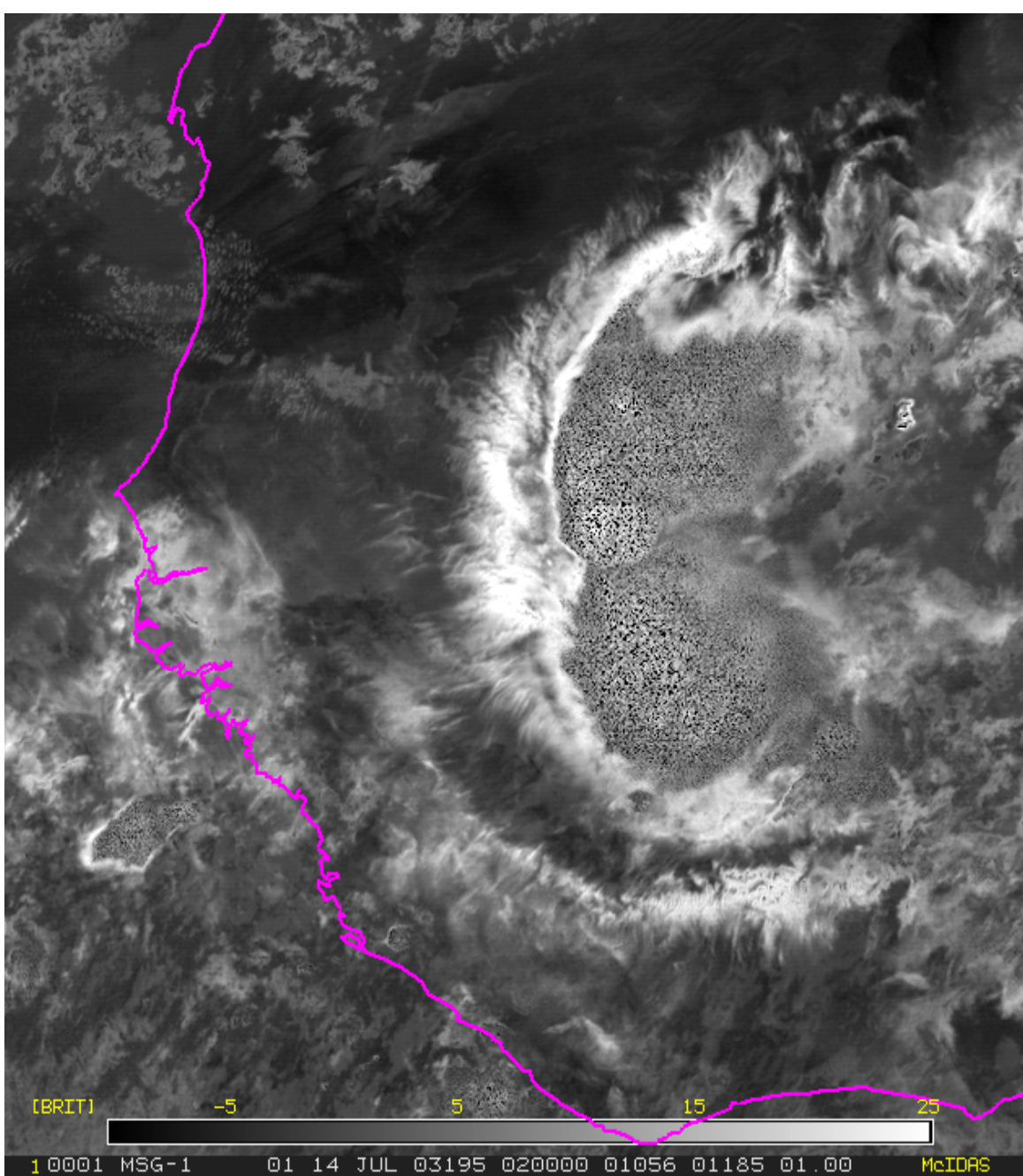
RAW [count]	RAD [mW/m ²]	TEMP [K]
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53	0.01	213
52	0.00	205
51	0.00	131

Squall Line over Western Africa causing violent rainfall and sandstorms



MSG-1
14 July 2003
02:00 UTC
Channel 09 (IR10.8)

Squall Line over
Western Africa causing
violent rainfall and
sandstorms



MSG-1
14 July 2003
02:00 UTC
Difference Image
Channels 3.9 - 10.8

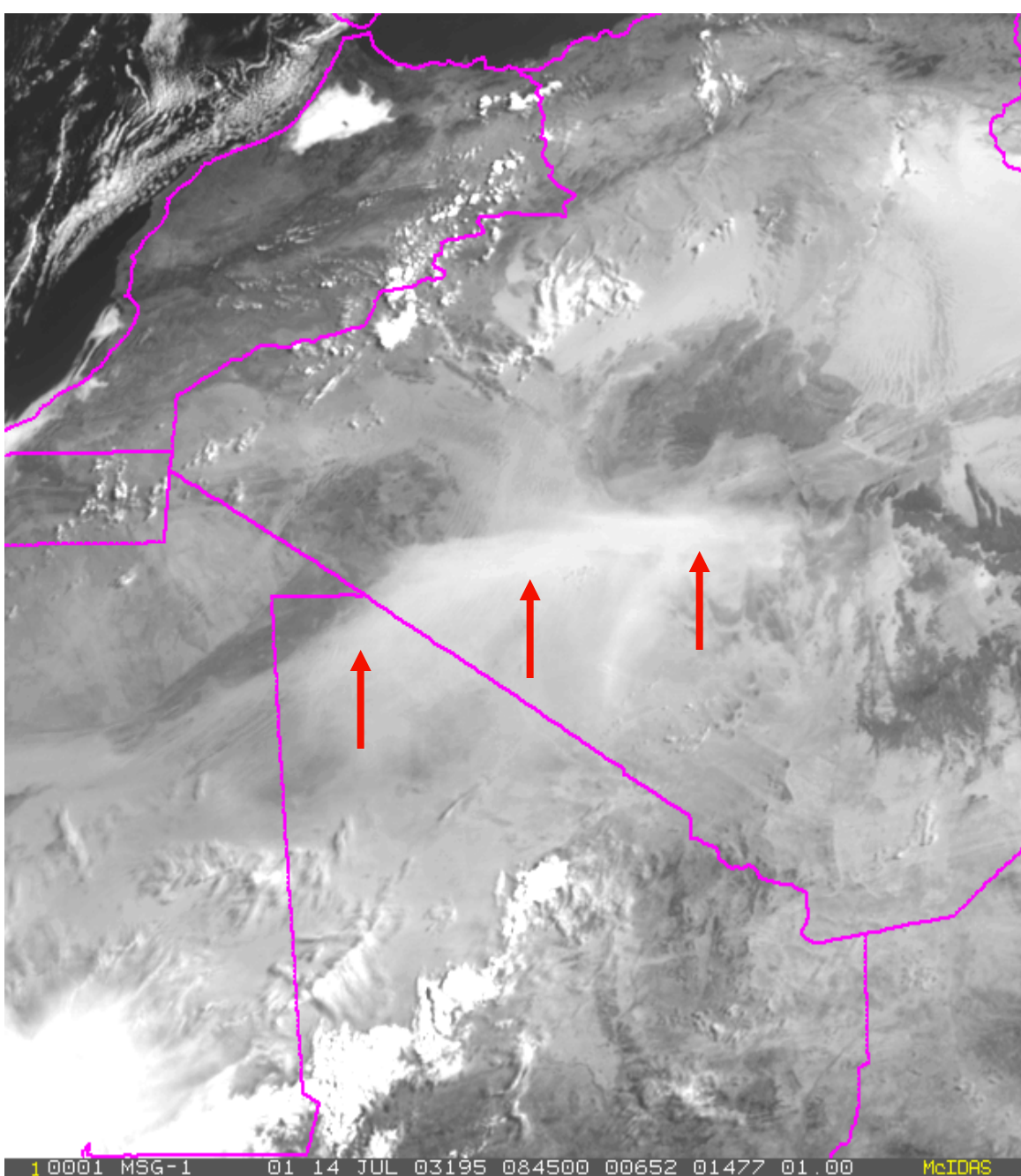
Summary: Comparison IR3.9 vs IR10.8

- IR3.9 has solar contribution [daytime]
- IR3.9 is not a pure window channel (CO₂ band) → Limb cooling
- Emissivities in IR3.9 differ from IR10.8
- IR3.9 is very sensitive to sub-pixel temperature variations
- Noise in IR3.9 makes it useless for $T < 220$ K
- Strong sun glint in IR3.9

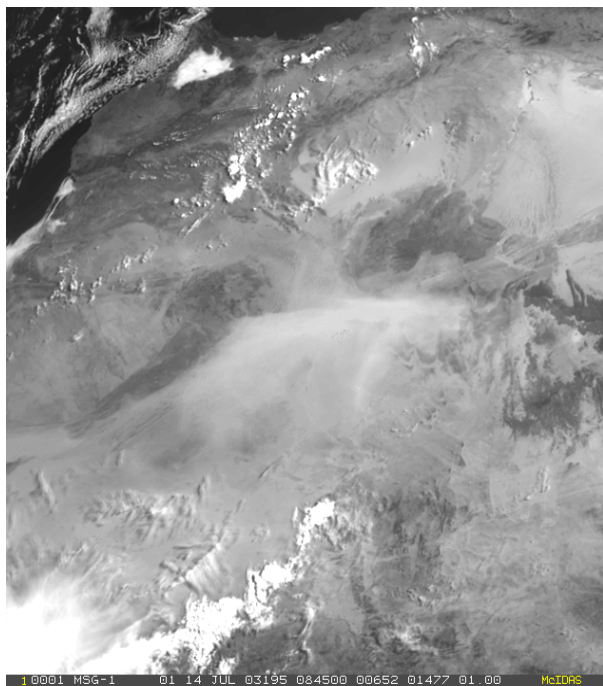
Dust and Aerosols

MSG imagery showing a **dust storm** over Algeria, which was triggered by a major convective storm (squall line)

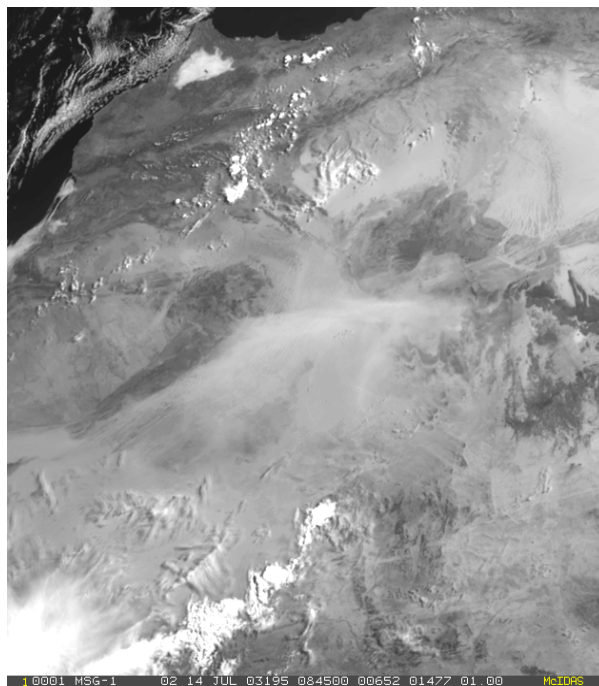
MSG-1
14 July 2003
08:45 UTC
Channel 01 (0.6 μm)



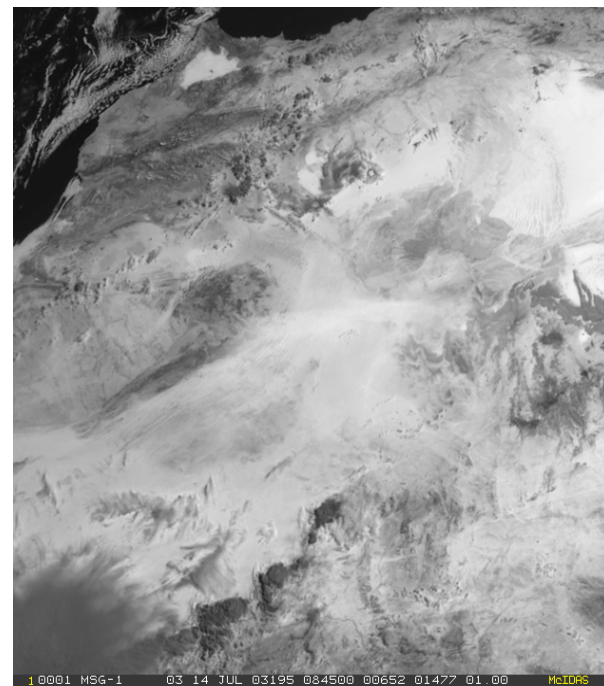
Dust and Aerosols



Channel 01 (0.6 μm)



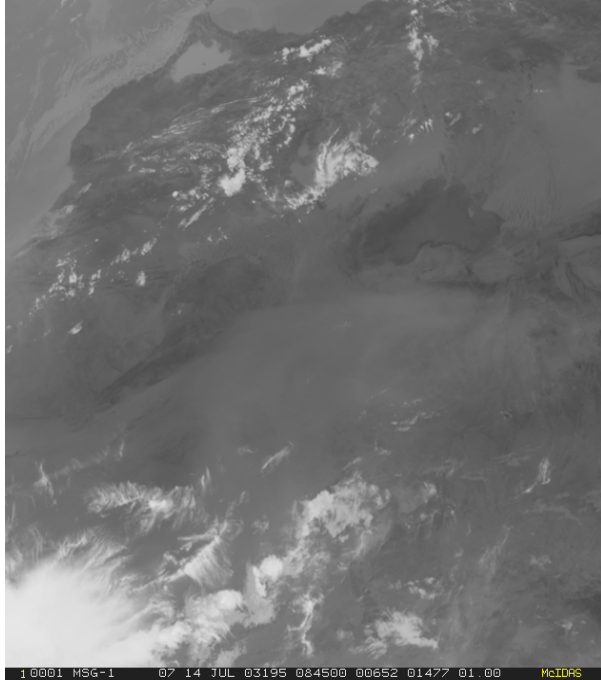
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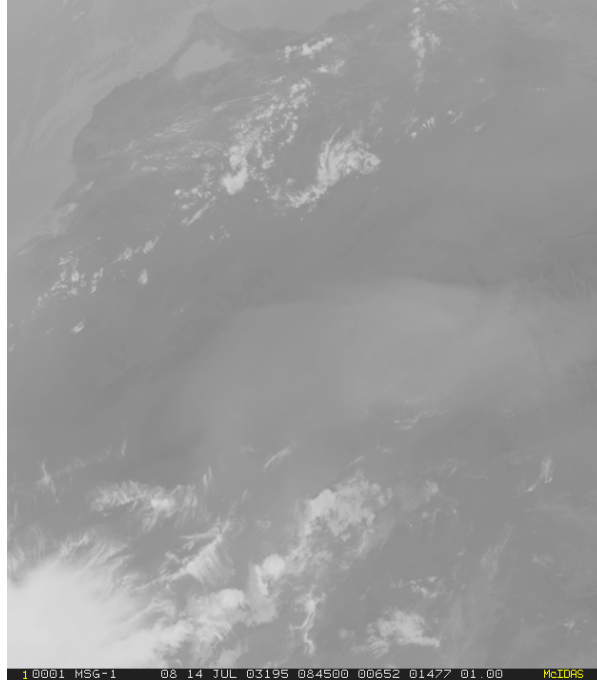
Channel 03 (1.6 μm)

MSG **VIS** imagery on 14 July 2003 at 08:45 UTC
showing a **dust storm** over Algeria

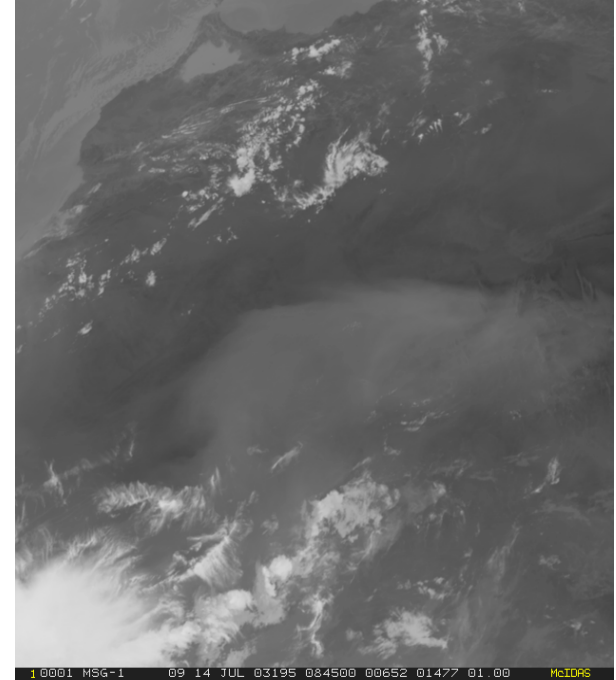
Dust and Aerosols



Channel 07 (8.7 μm)



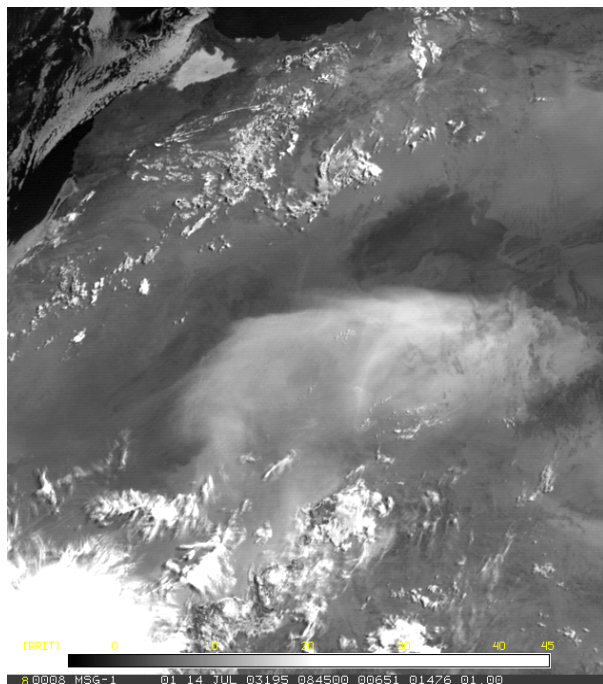
Channel 08 (9.7 μm)



Channel 09 (10.8 μm)

MSG **IR** imagery on 14 July 2003 at 08:45 UTC
showing a **dust storm** over Algeria

Dust and Aerosols



Diff. 3.9 μm - 10.8 μm



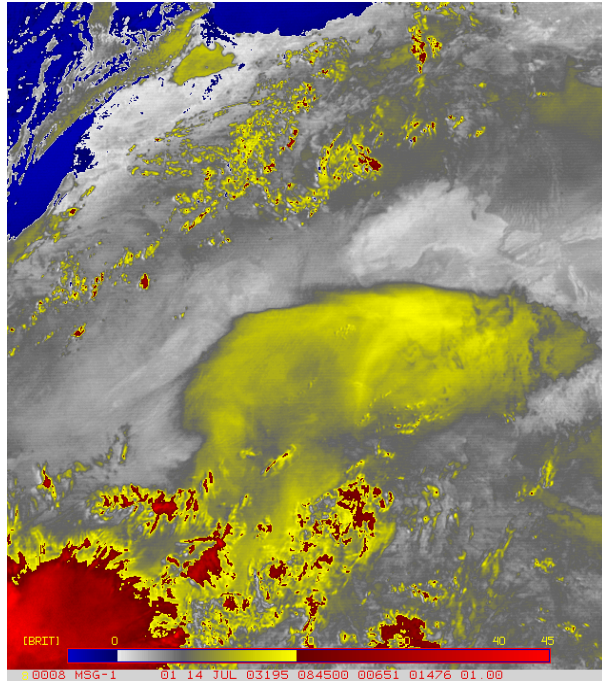
Diff. 8.7 μm - 10.8 μm



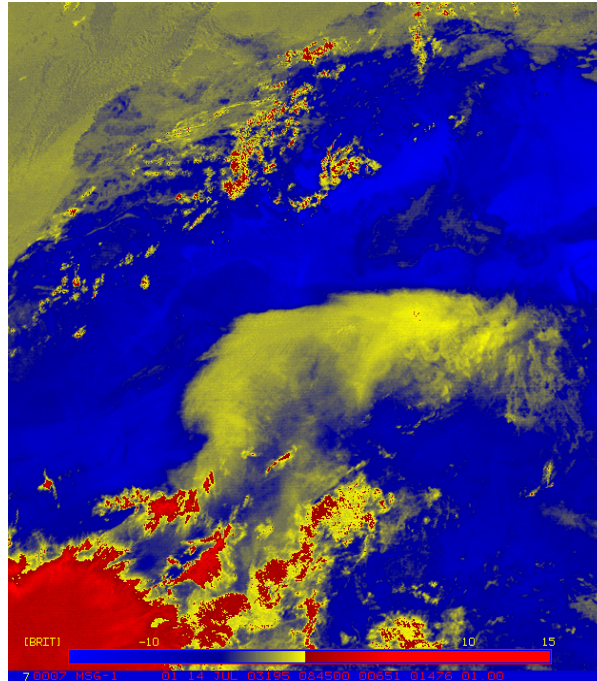
Diff. 12.0 μm - 10.8 μm

MSG imagery on 14 July 2003 at 08:45 UTC
showing a **dust storm** over Algeria

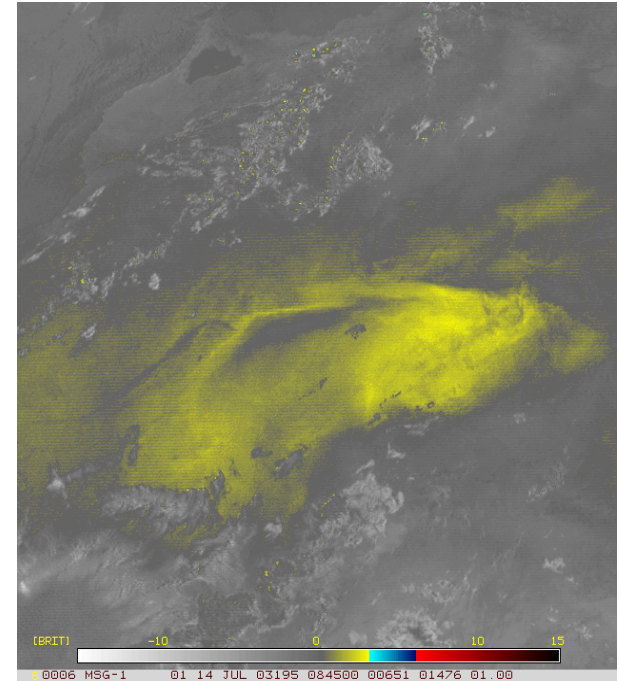
Dust and Aerosols



Diff. 3.9 μm - 10.8 μm



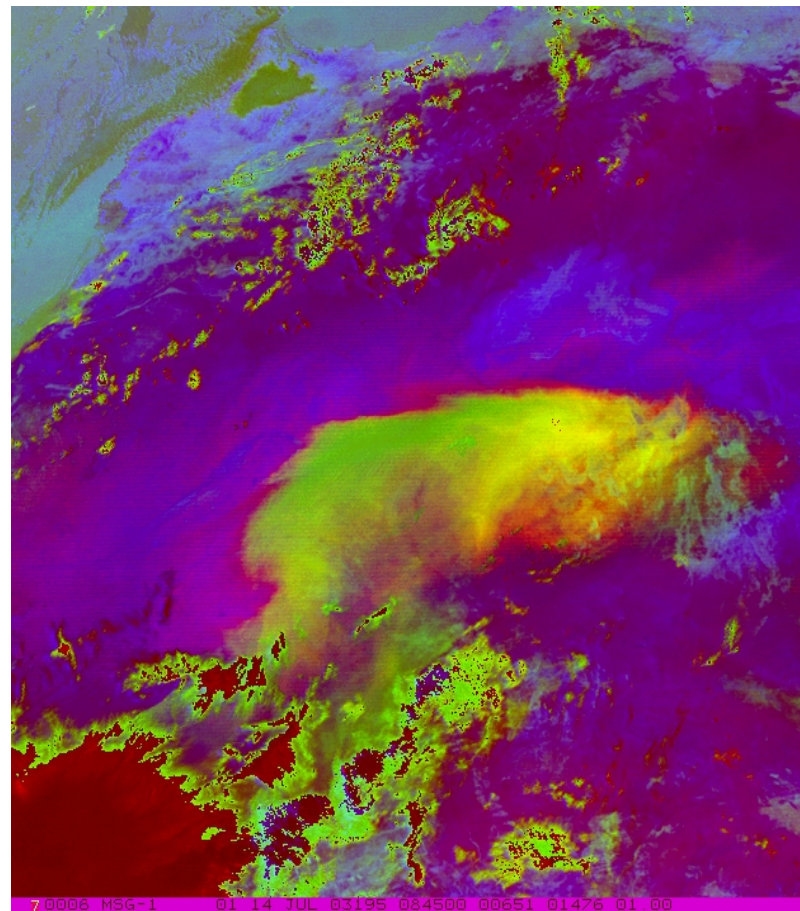
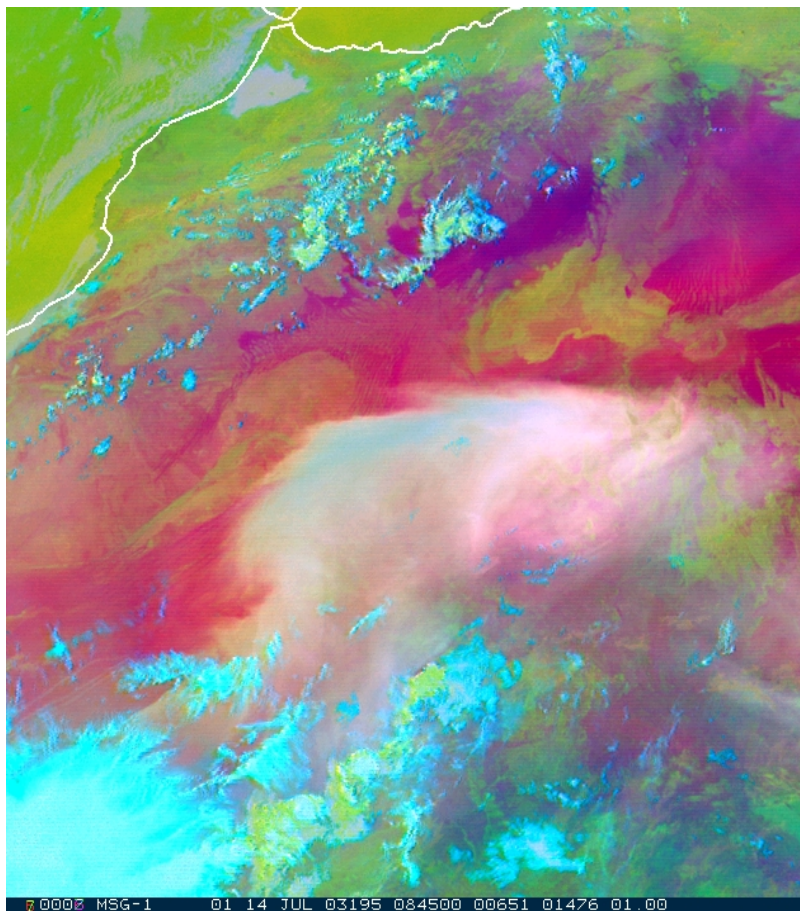
Diff. 8.7 μm - 10.8 μm



Diff. 12.0 μm - 10.8 μm

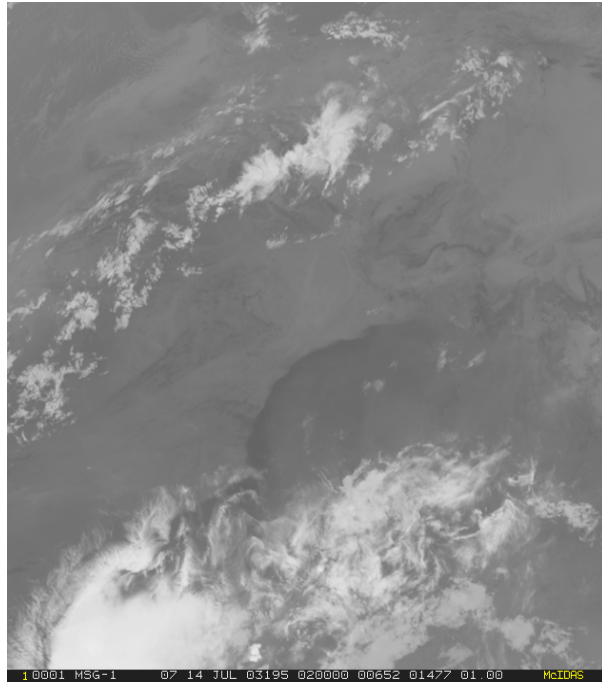
MSG enhanced imagery on 14 July 2003 at 08:45 UTC showing a **dust storm** over Algeria

Dust and Aerosols

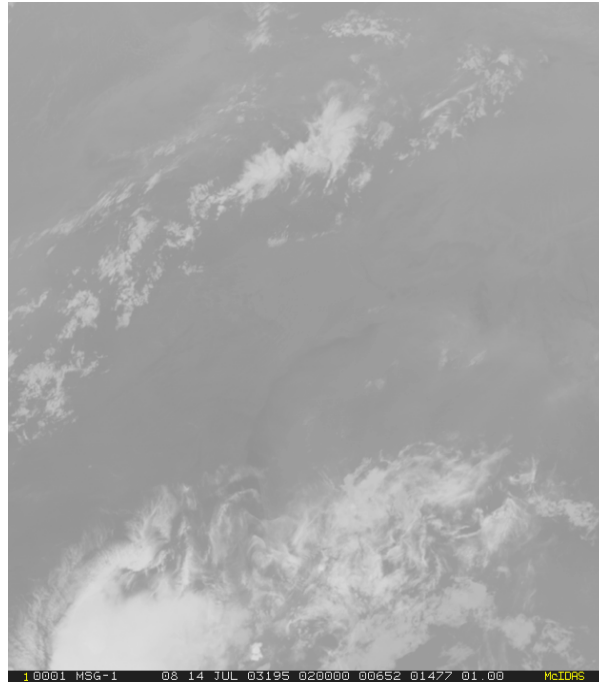


RGB 12.0-10.8 / 8.7-10.8 / 3.9-10.8
MSG RGB imagery on 14 July 2003 at 08:45 UTC
showing a **dust storm** over Algeria

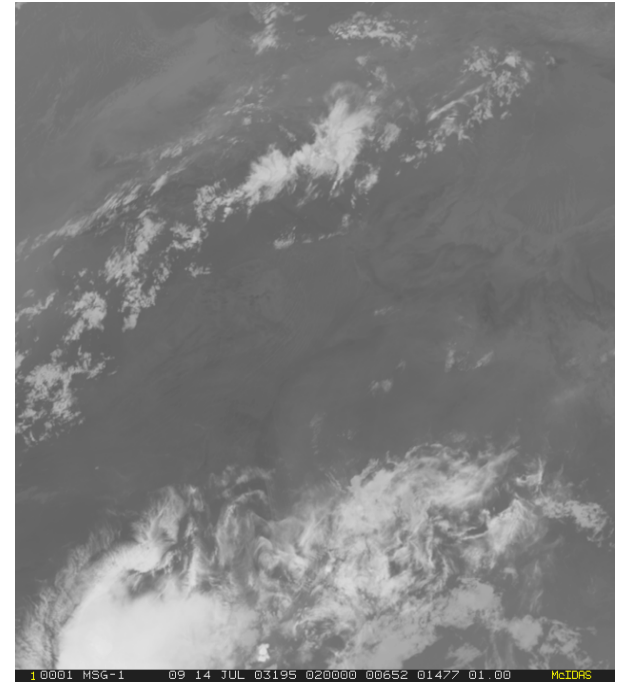
Dust and Aerosols



Channel 07 (8.7 μm)



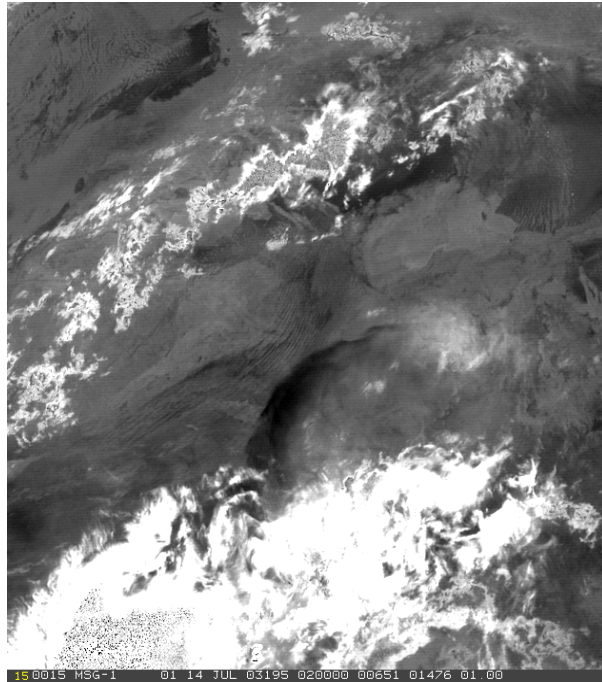
Channel 08 (9.7 μm)



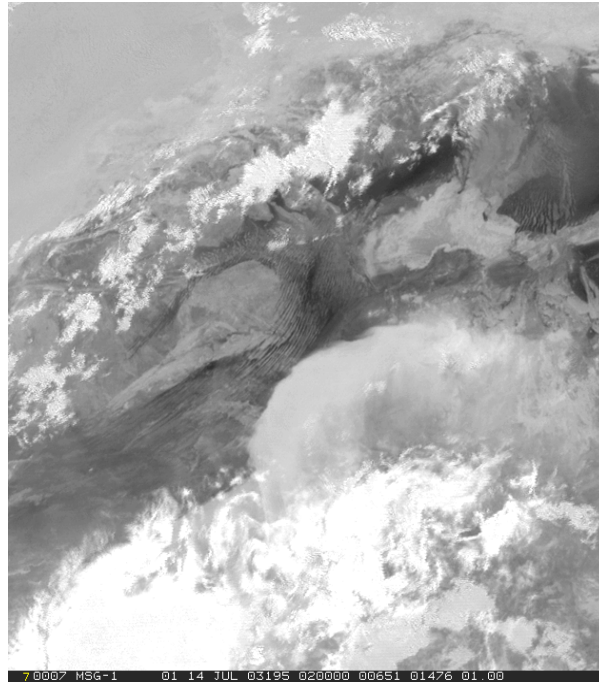
Channel 09 (10.8 μm)

MSG **IR** imagery on 14 July 2003 at 02:00 UTC
showing a **dust storm** over Algeria

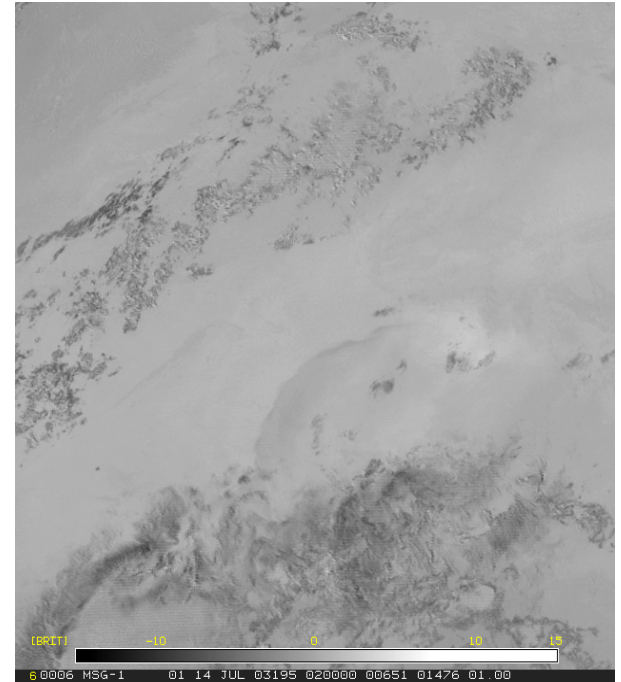
Dust and Aerosols



Diff. 3.9 μm - 10.8 μm



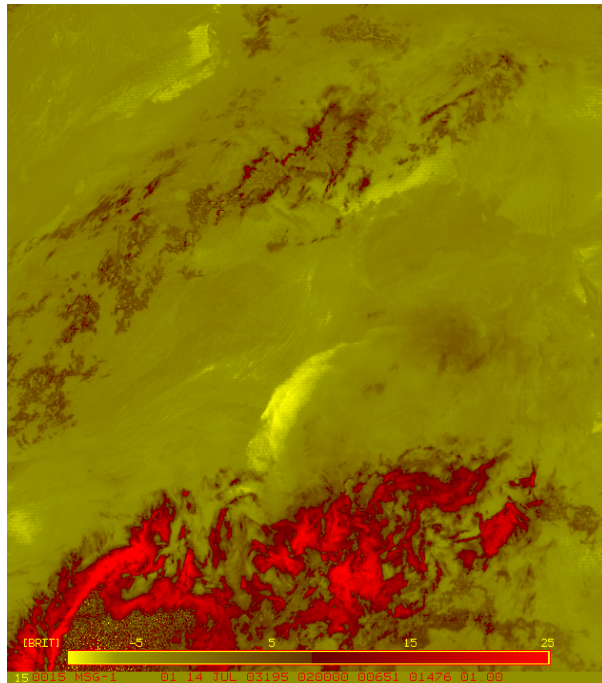
Diff. 8.7 μm - 10.8 μm



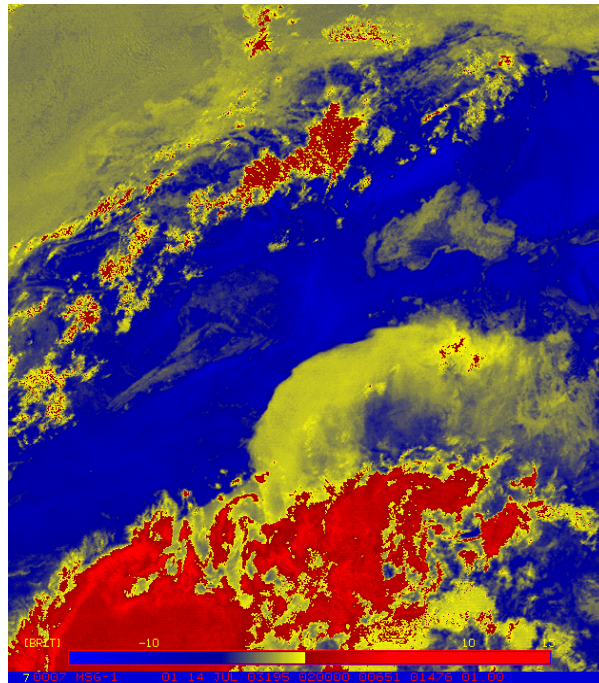
Diff. 12.0 μm - 10.8 μm

MSG imagery on 14 July 2003 at 02:00 UTC
showing a **duststorm** over Algeria

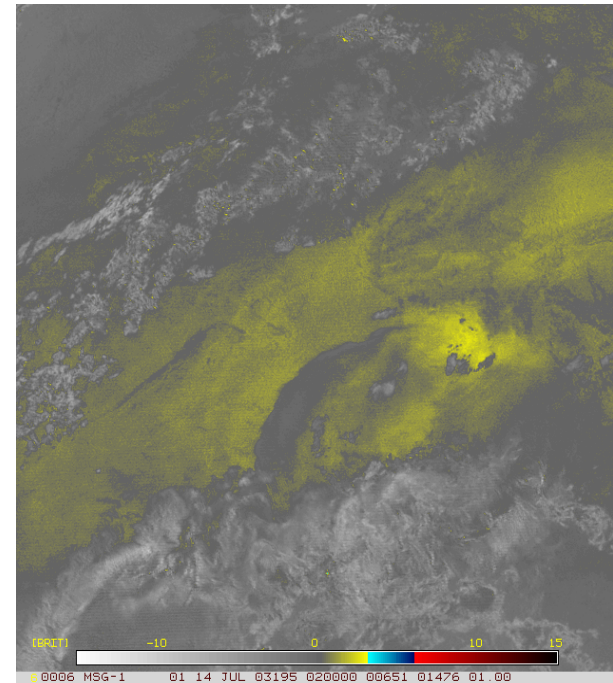
Dust and Aerosols



Diff. 3.9 μm - 10.8 μm



Diff. 8.7 μm - 10.8 μm



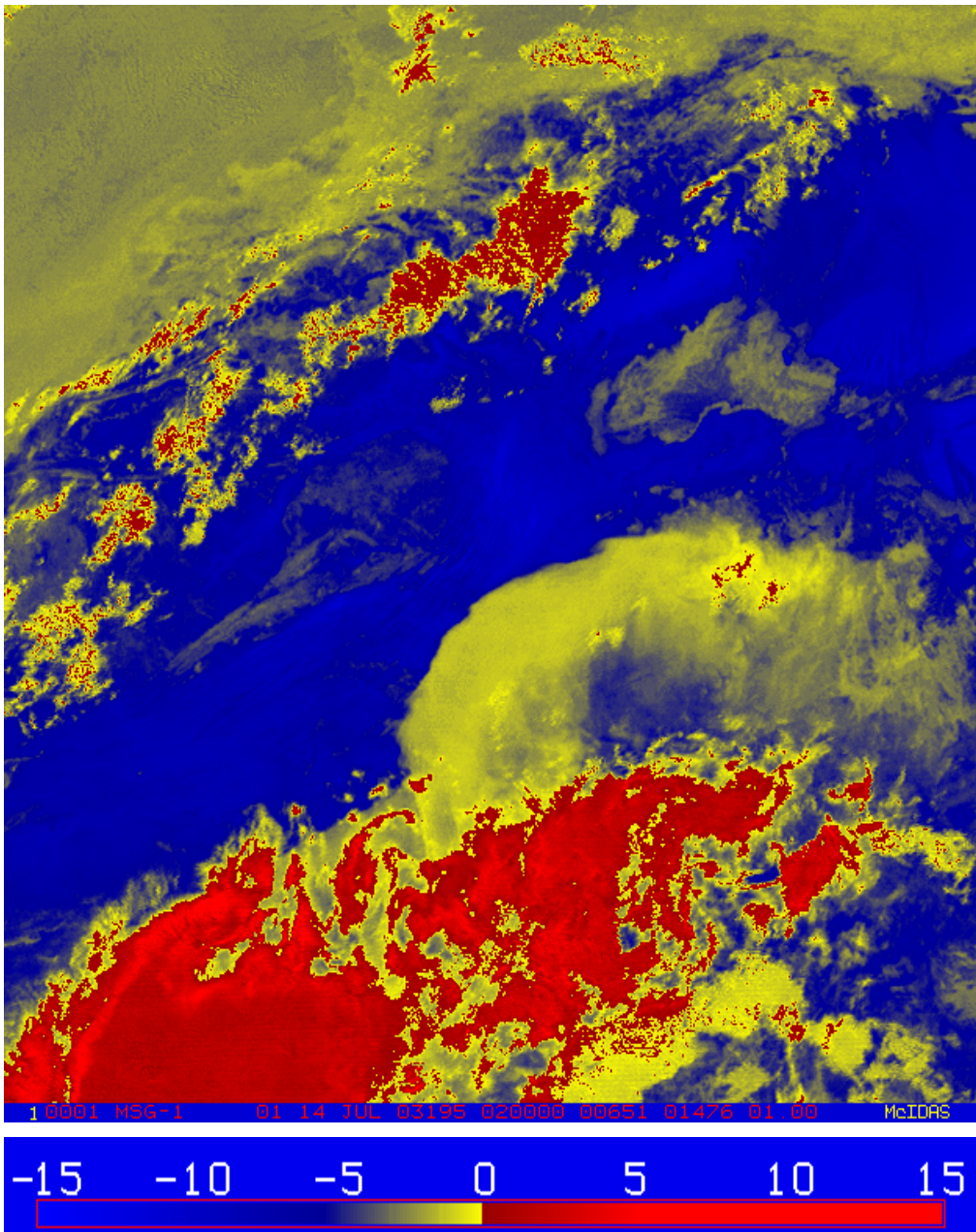
Diff. 12.0 μm - 10.8 μm

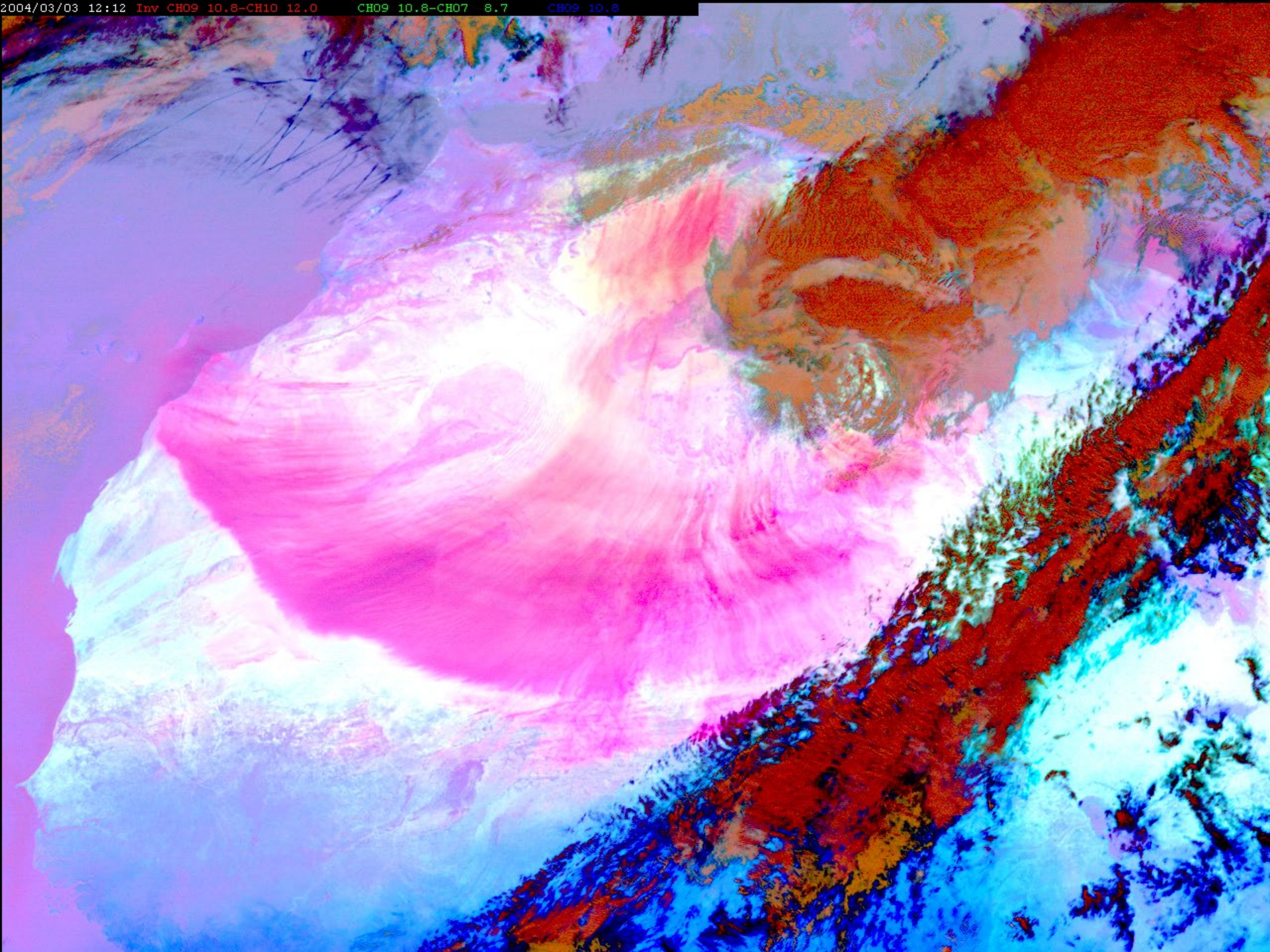
MSG enhanced imagery on 14 July 2003 at 02:00 UTC showing a **duststorm** over Algeria

Dust and Aerosols

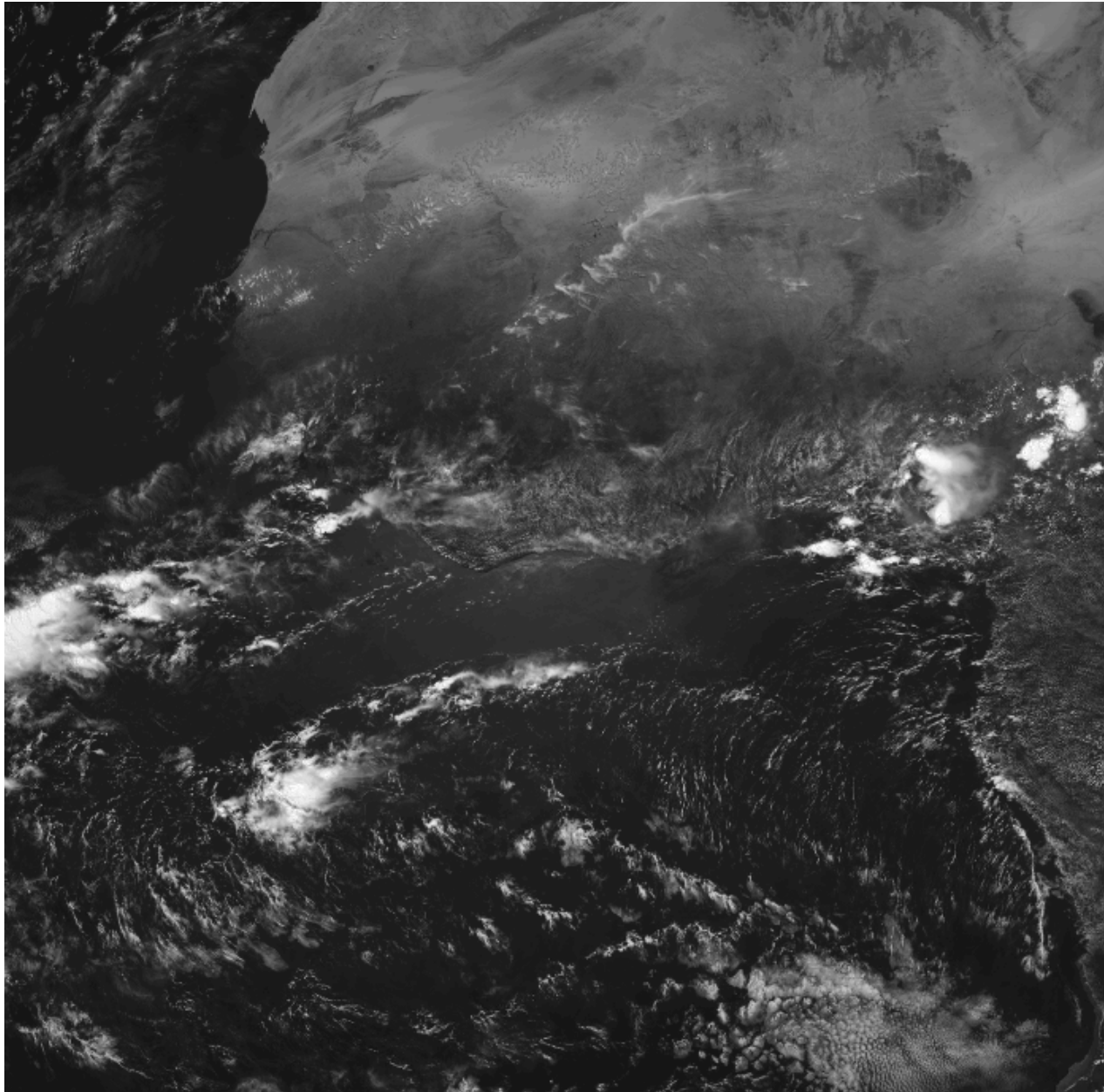
MSG-1
14 July 2003
02:00-08:30 UTC
Animation of
Difference Images
Channels 8.7 - 10.8

Monitoring of thin Cirrus
clouds, but also very useful for
detecting dust storms over
deserts.





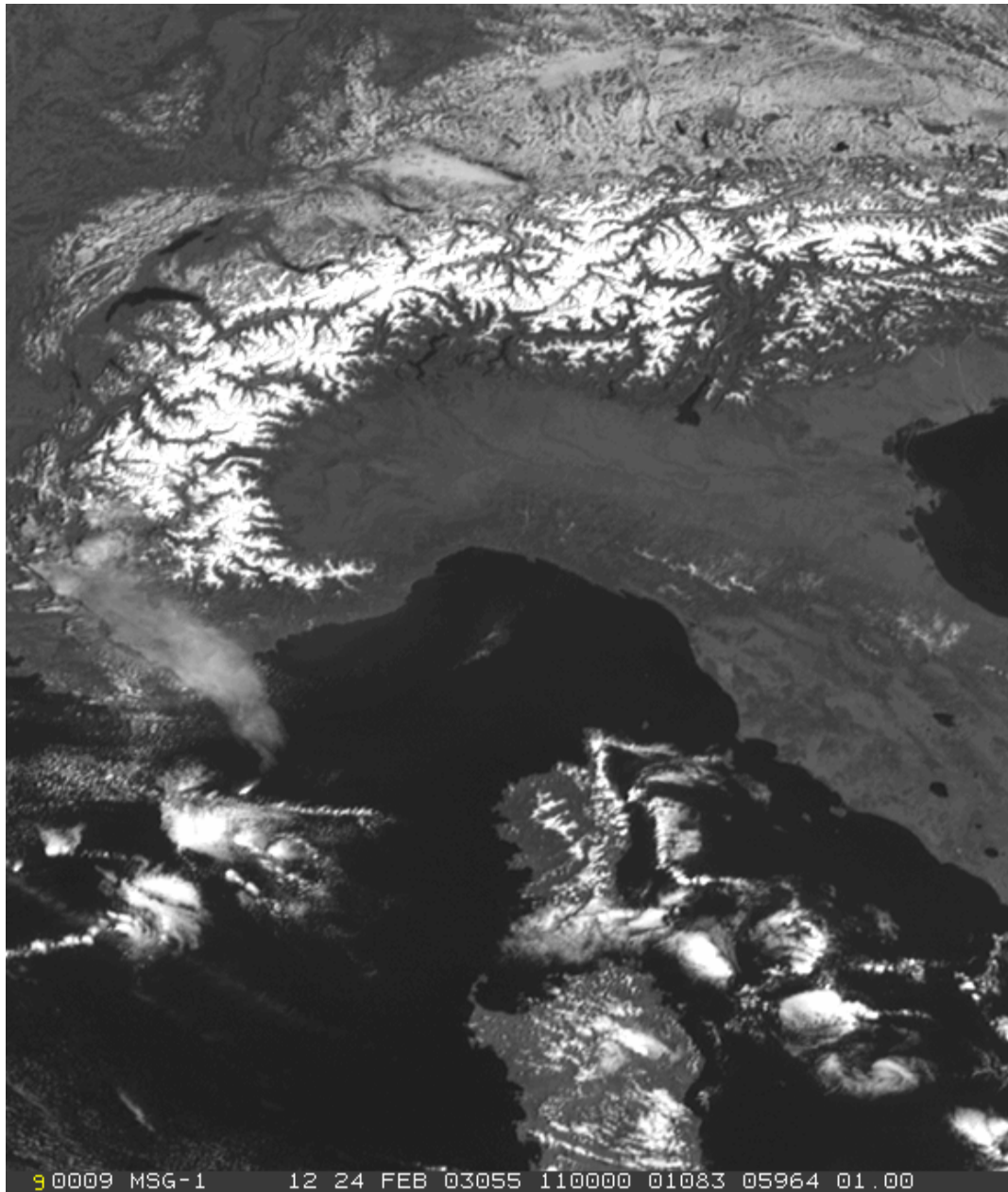
Some more example loops



**SEVIRI
Channels
1 - 11
on MSG-1
24 Apr 03**

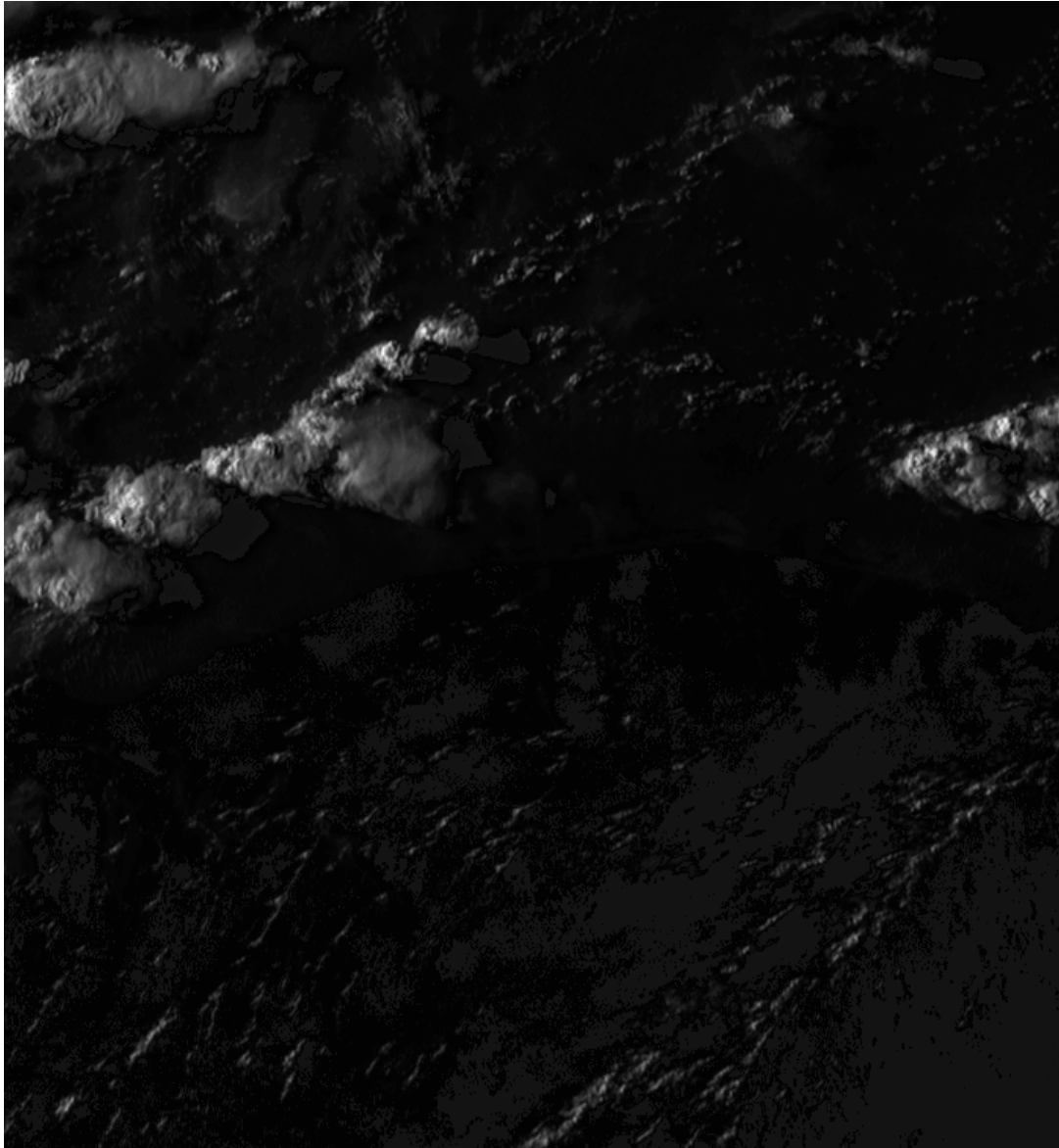
24 APRIL 2003 12:00 UTC BAND 01 0.6 UM

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HRV sequence over the Alps

**12 Feb 2002
from 11:00 to
12:45 UTC**



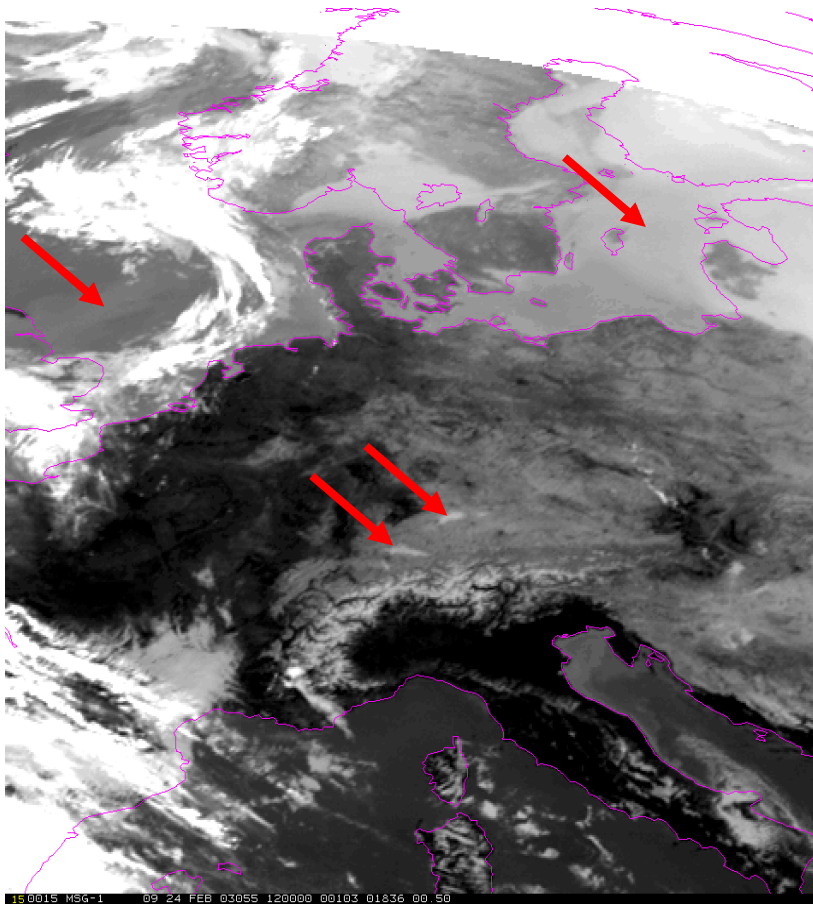
**24 hours of
MSG HRV
over the tropics**

Sea Breeze

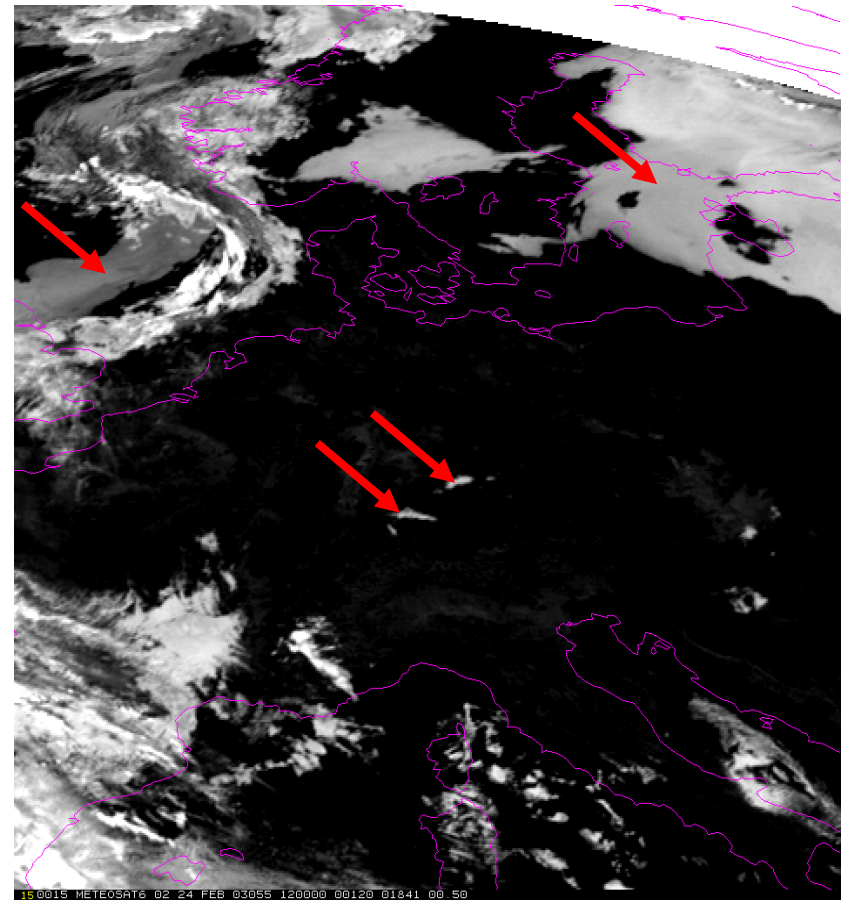
23 APRIL 2003 17:00 UTC BAND 12 HRVIS

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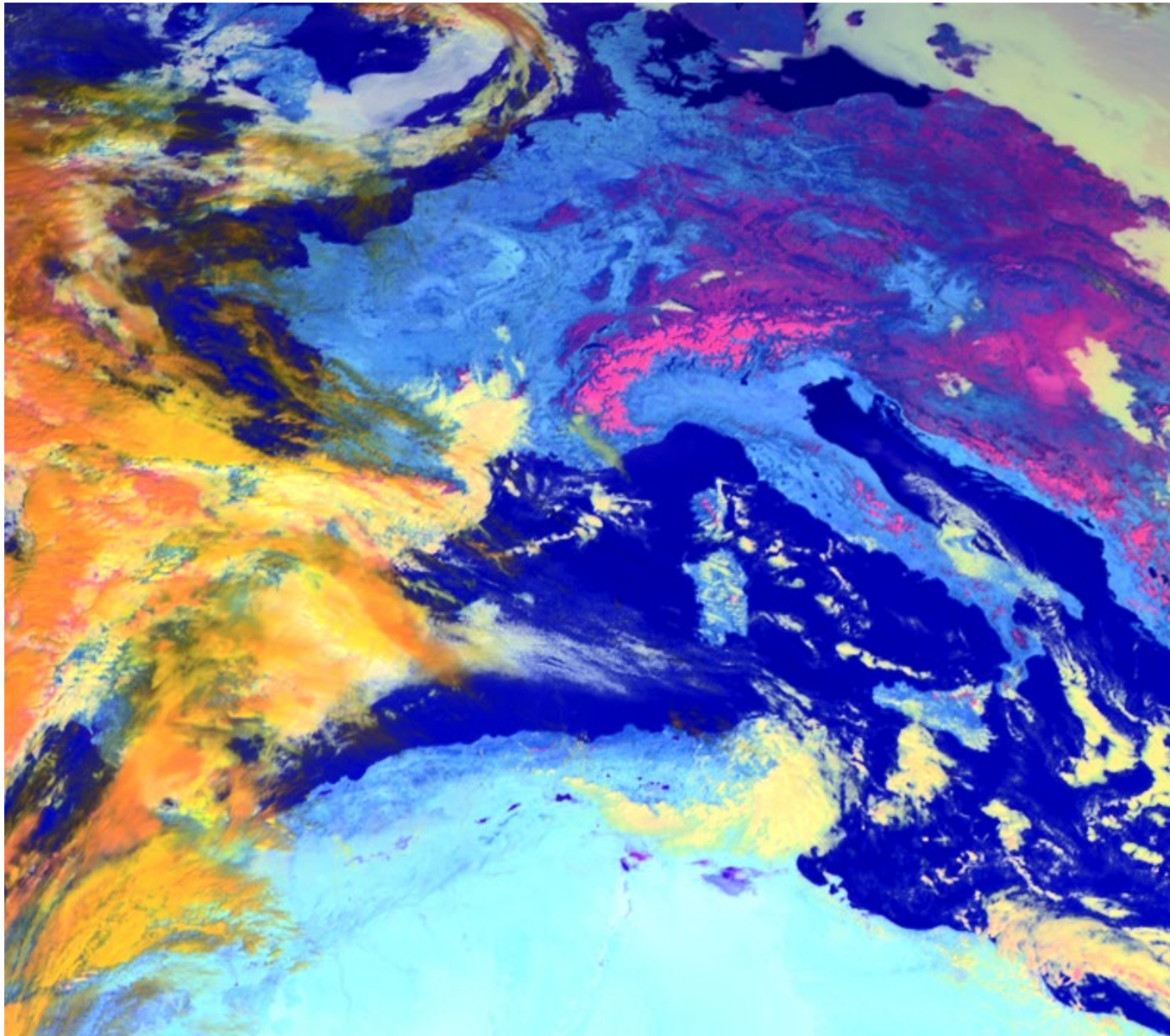
Example of fog detection



MSG 10.8 μm channel only



3.9 minus 10.8 μm channel



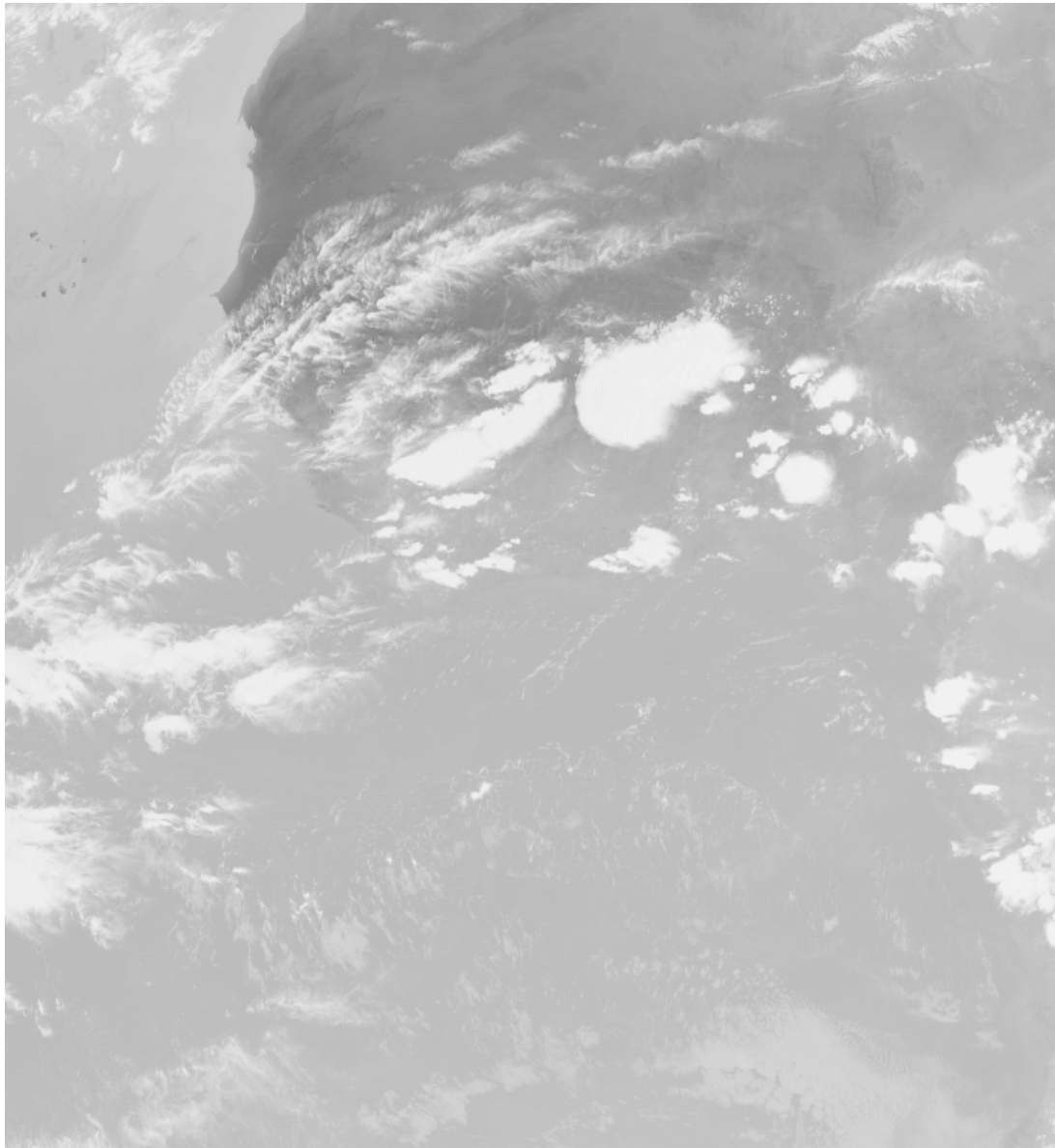
MSG

24 Feb 03

red = 0.6 μm

green = 1.6 μm

blue = 10.8 μm

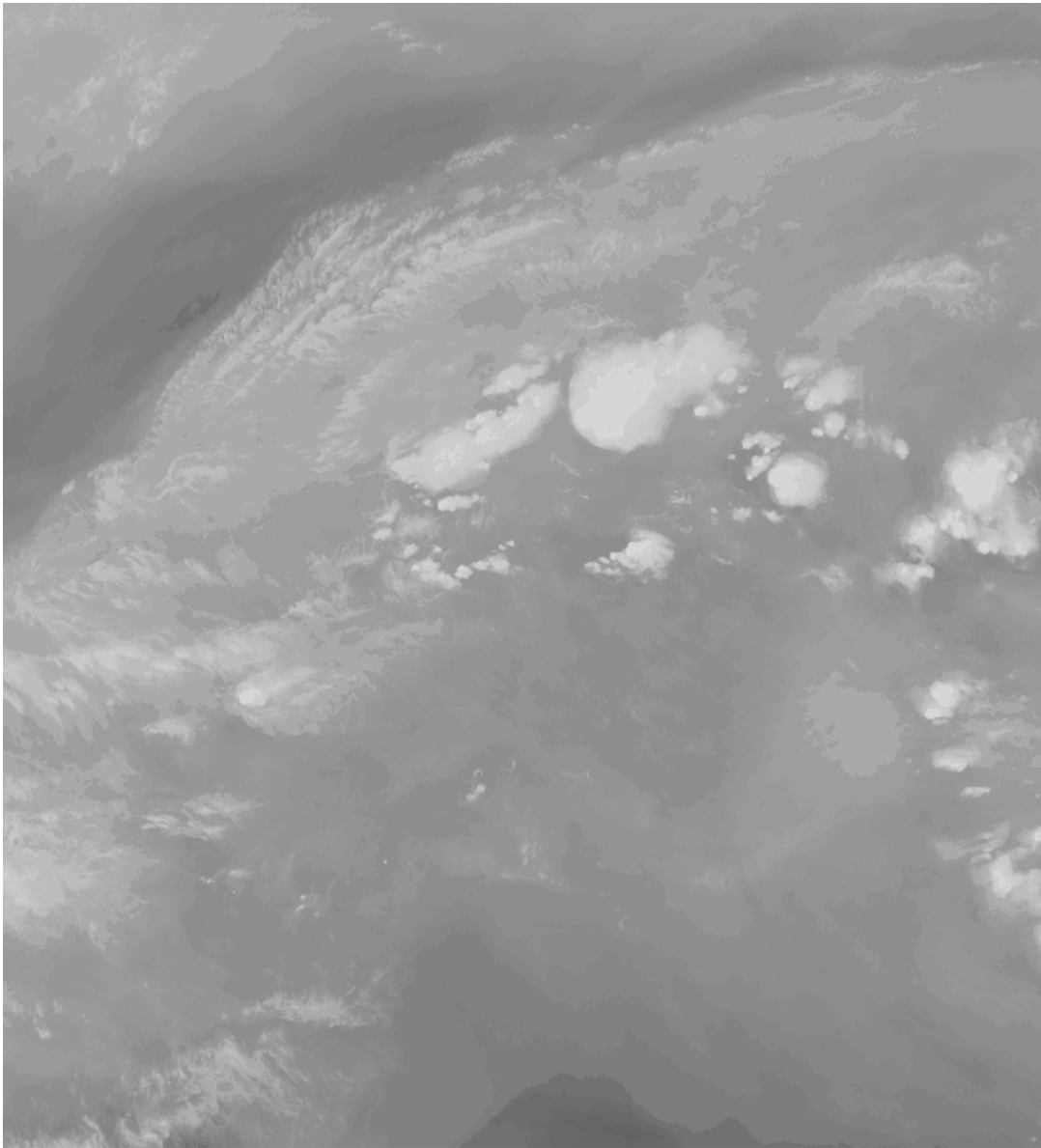


**24 hr sequence of
MSG 3.9 μm
over the tropics**

**Sun-glint;
Diurnal cycle of the low
cloud top temps show
the reflected solar
contribution**

23 APRIL 2003 17:00 UTC BAND 04 3.9 UM

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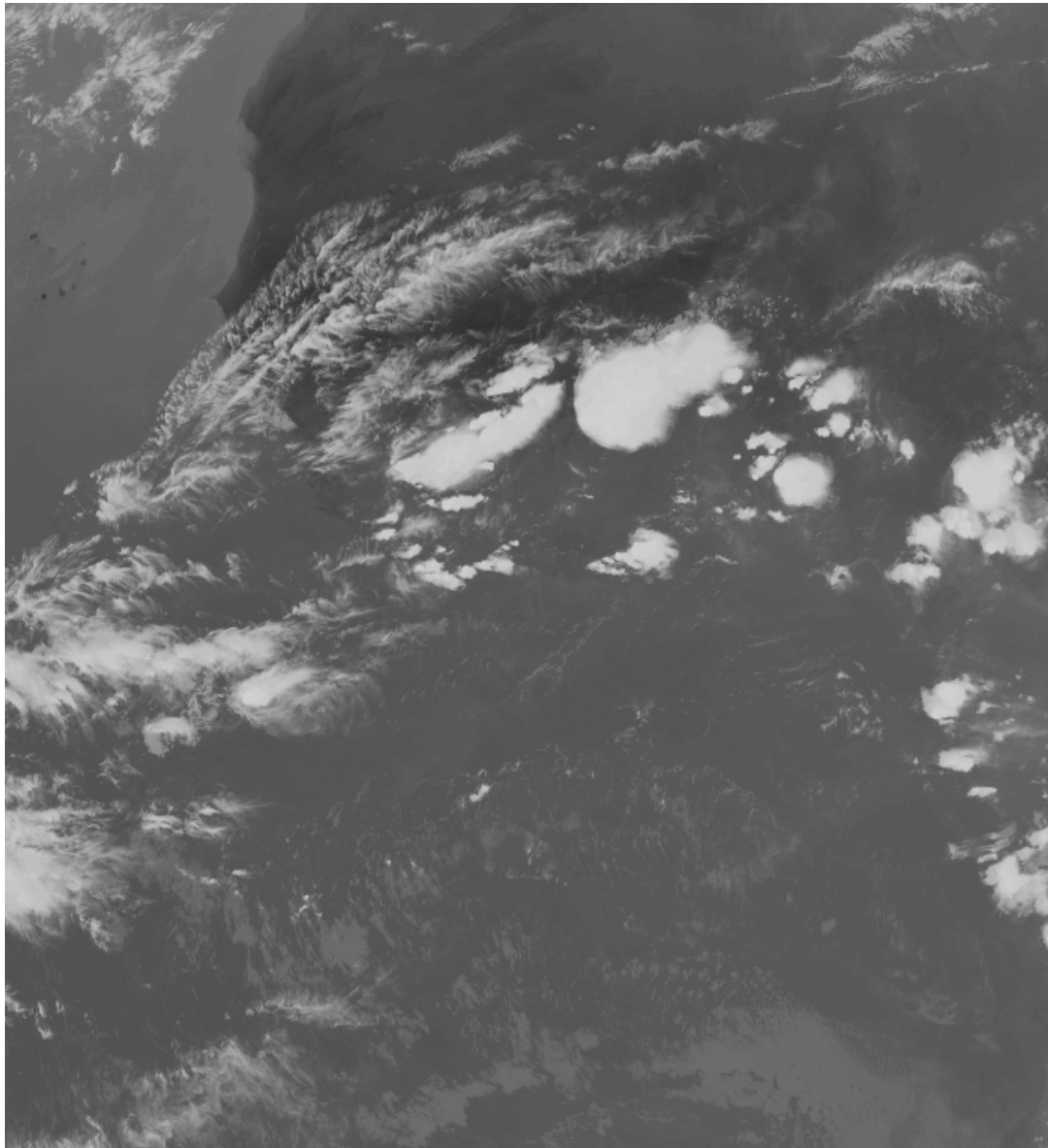


23 APRIL 2003 17:00 UTC BAND 05 6.2 UM

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**24 hr sequence
of MSG 6.2 μm
over the tropics**

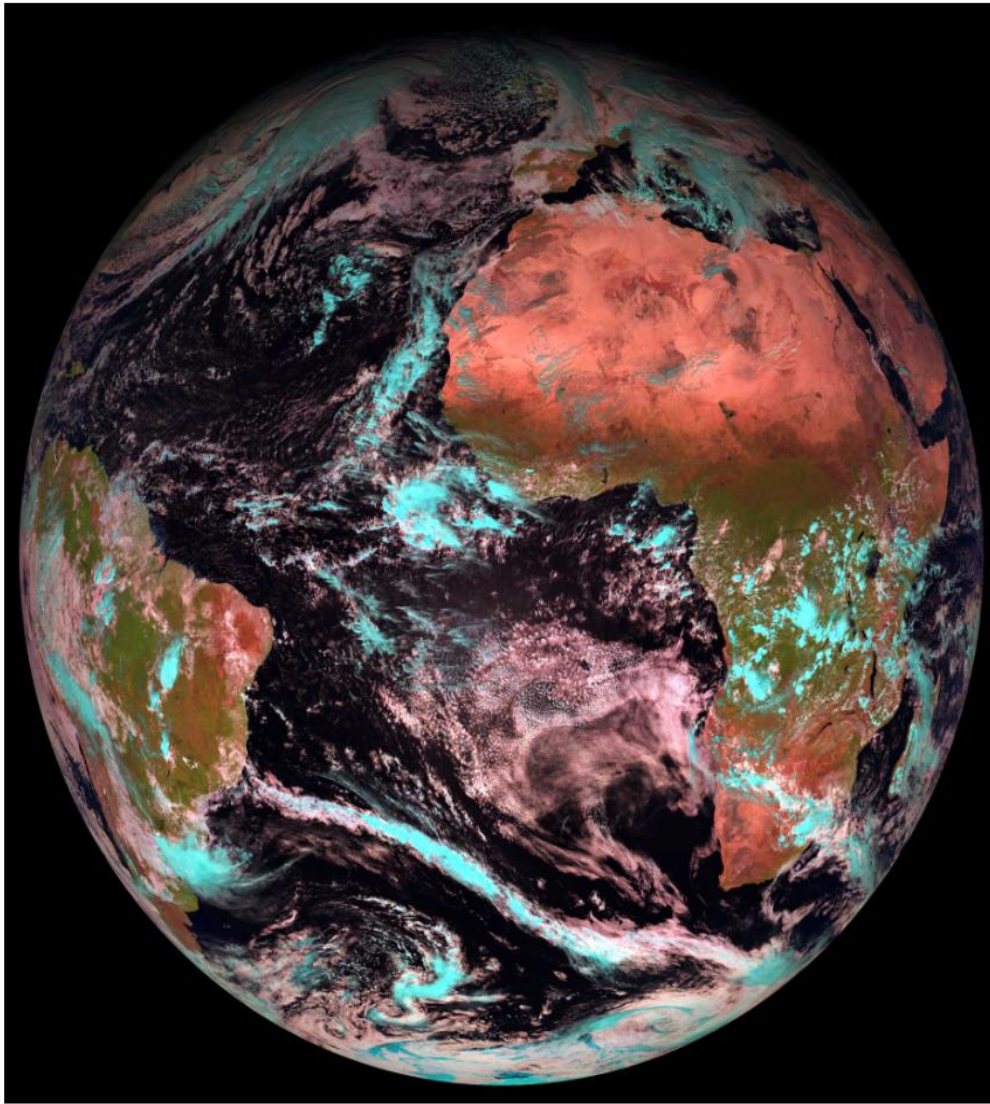
**Build up
of convection**



23 APRIL 2003 17:00 UTC BAND 08 9.7 UM

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**24 hr sequence
of MSG 9.7 μm
over the tropics**

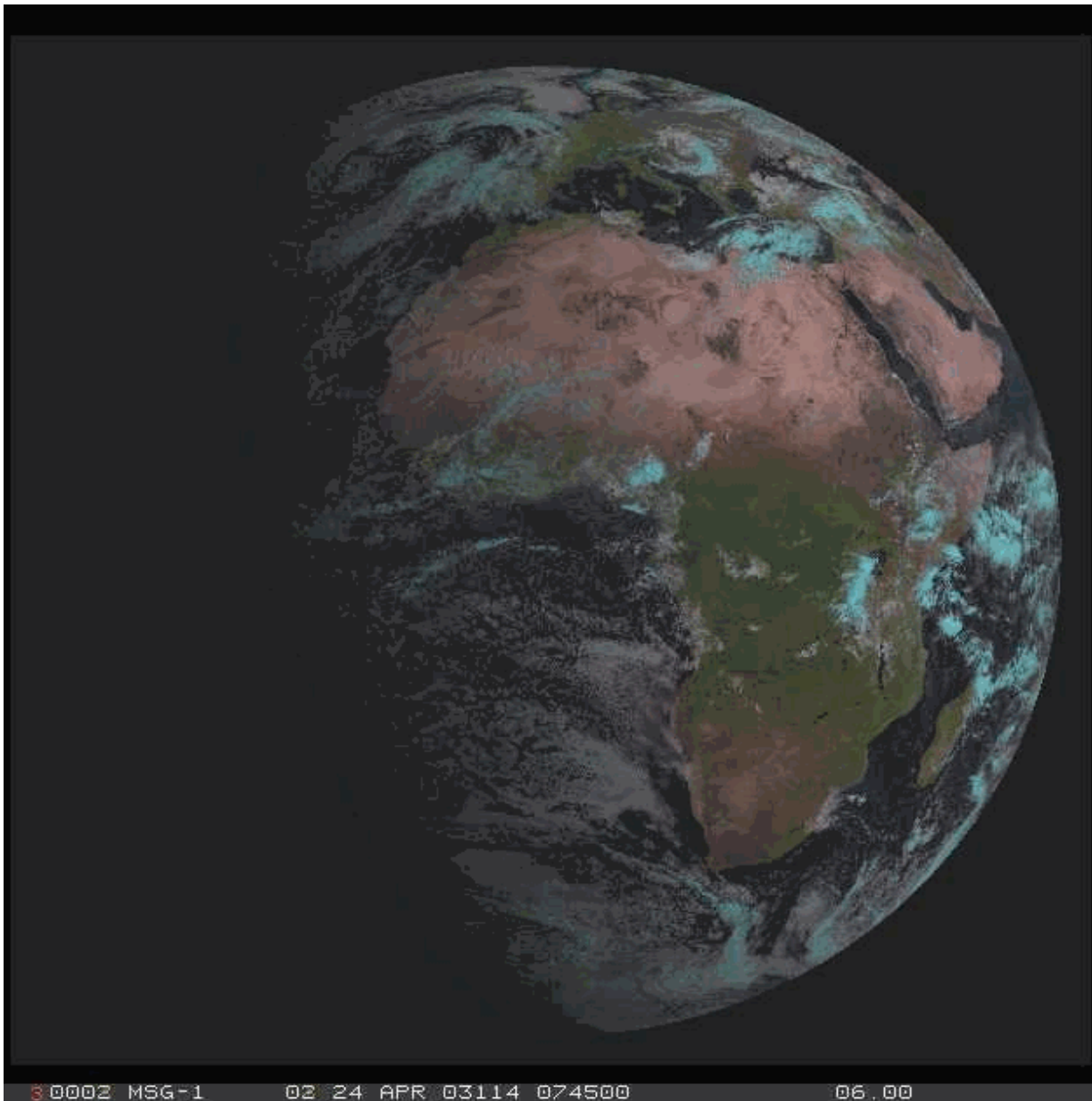


MSG-1 SEVIRI RGB Image:

0.6 μm => blue

0.8 μm => green

1.6 μm => red



**24 hr sequence
MSG RGB
over the tropics**

**Red
Green
Blue**

Products from the Central Processing at EUMETSAT

MPEF = Meteorological Product Extraction Facility

- Atmospheric Motion Vectors (AMV)
- Calibration Monitoring (CAL-MON)
- Clear Sky Radiance (CSR)
- Climate Data Set (CDS)
- Cloud Analysis (CLA)
- Cloud Top Height (CTH)
- Global Instability (GI)
- ISCCP Data Set (IDS)
- GPCP Precipitation Index (PI)
- Total Ozone (TOZ)
- Tropospheric Humidity (TH)

Detecting Clouds (vis)

Reflectance Threshold Test

$r_{3.9} > 6\%$ considered to be cloudy and $< 3\%$ considered to be snow/ice
problems in bright deserts

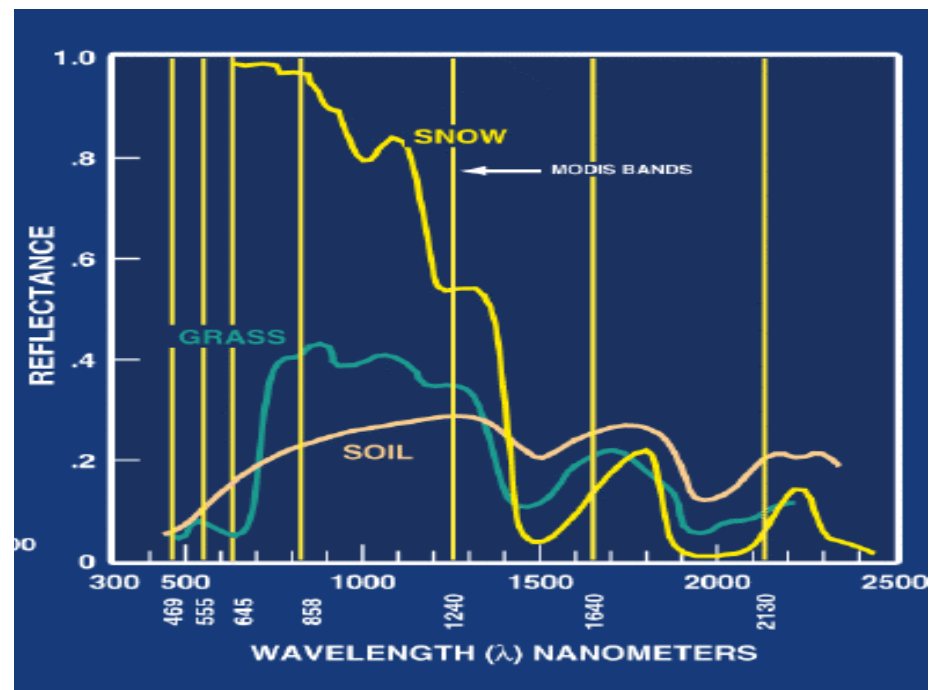
Reflectance Ratio Test

$r_{.84}/r_{.63}$ between 0.9 and 1.1 for cloudy regions
must be ecosystem specific

Snow Test

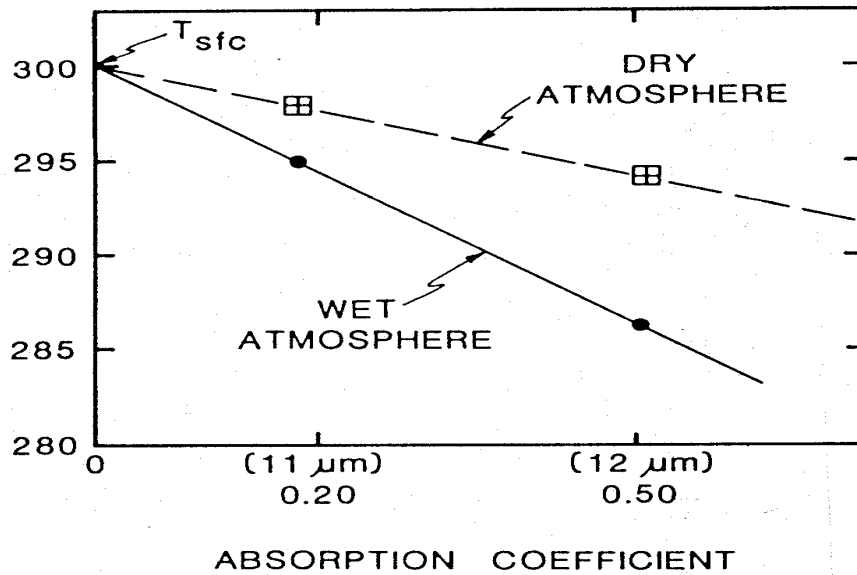
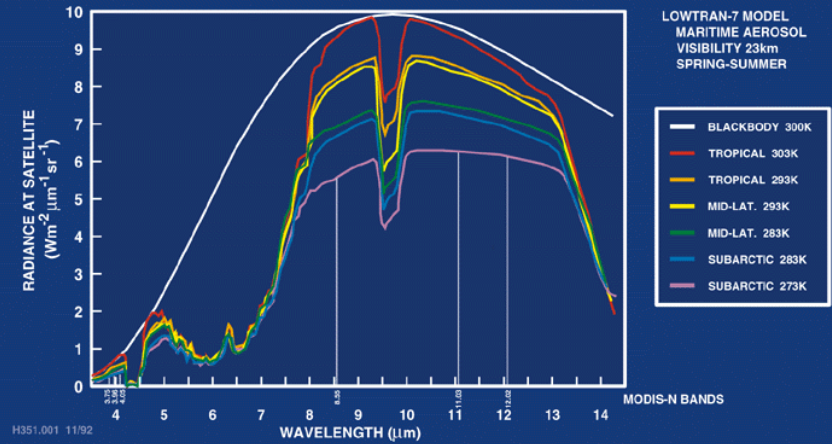
$NDSI = [r_{.63} - r_{1.6}] / [r_{.63} + r_{1.6}] > 0.4$ and $r_{.84} > 0.1$ then snow

Temporal and Spatial Gradient Tests in VIS





MODIS SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE



Detecting Clouds (IR)

IR Window Brightness Temperature Threshold and Difference Tests

IR tests sensitive to sfc emissivity and atm PW, dust, and aerosols

$BT_{11} < 270$

$BT_{11} + aPW * (BT_{11} - BT_{12}) < SST$

$BT_{11} + bPW * (BT_{11} - BT_{8.7}) < SST$

aPW and bPW determined from lookup table as a function of PW

$BT_{3.9} - BT_{11} > 3$ indicates presence of partial or thin cloud cover

$BT_{11} - BT_{6.3}$ large neg diff for clr sky over Antarctic Plateau winter

Temporal and Spatial Gradient Tests in IRW and WV

Estimating Cloud Properties

13.3/11 ratio reveals p_c cloud top pressure (since $\epsilon_{11} \sim \epsilon_{13}$)

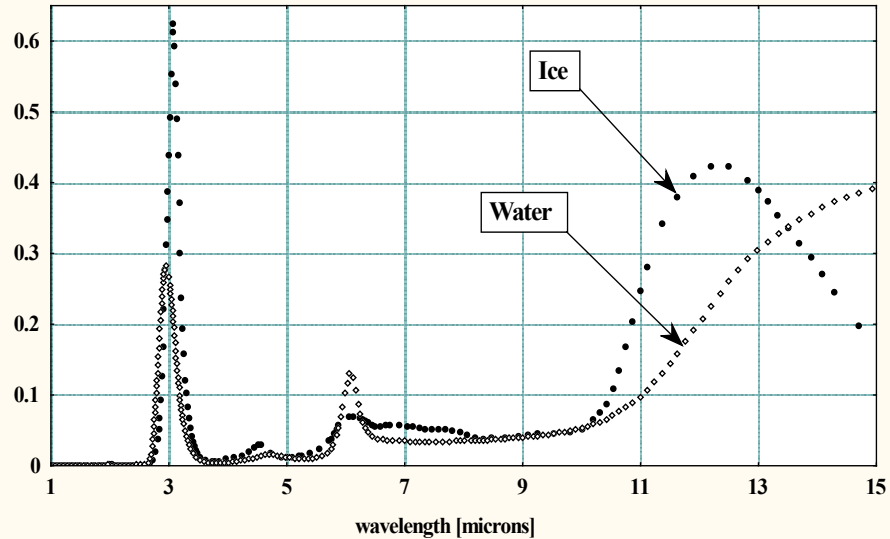
Meas

Calc

$$\frac{(I_{\lambda_1} - I_{\lambda_1}^{clr})}{P_s} = \frac{P_c}{P_s} \eta \epsilon_{\lambda_1} \int \tau_{\lambda_1} dB_{\lambda_1}$$

$$\frac{(I_{\lambda_2} - I_{\lambda_2}^{clr})}{P_s} = \frac{P_c}{P_s} \eta \epsilon_{\lambda_2} \int \tau_{\lambda_2} dB_{\lambda_2}$$

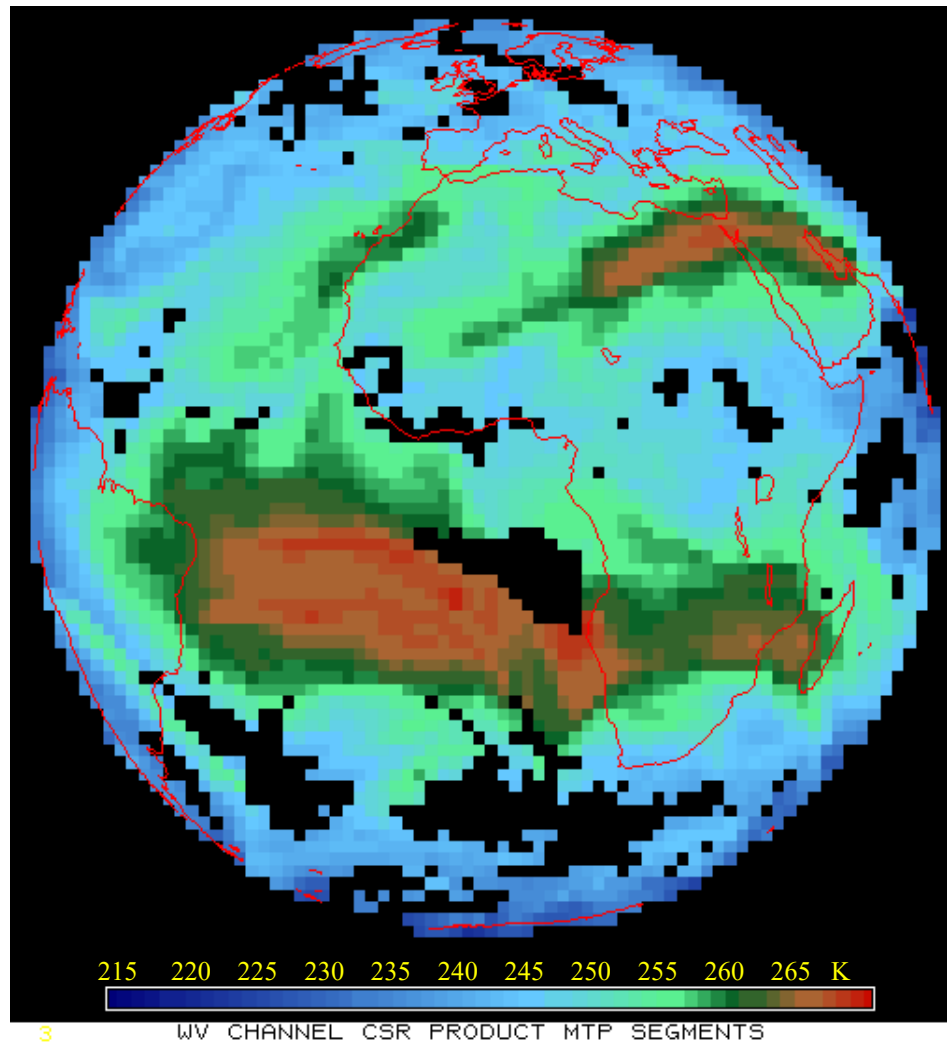
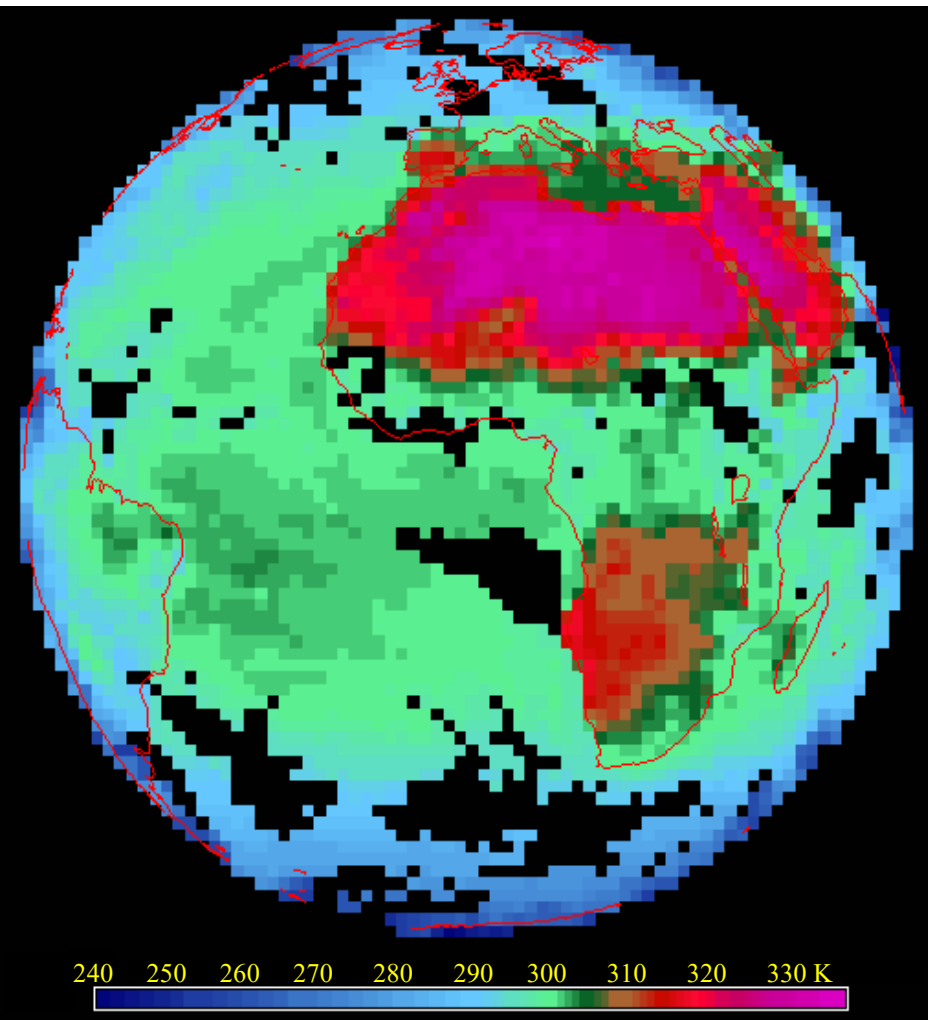
Imaginary part of refraction index



Given p_c an effective cloud amount (or effective emissivity) can be evaluated from 11 um (IRW)

$$N\epsilon = \frac{I(w) - I_{clr}(w)}{B[w, T(P_c)] - I_{clr}(w)}$$

BT8.7 – BT11 identifies cloud phase; if >0 then ice; if <0 then water

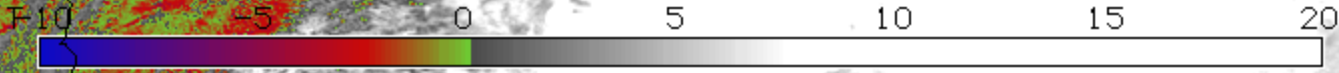
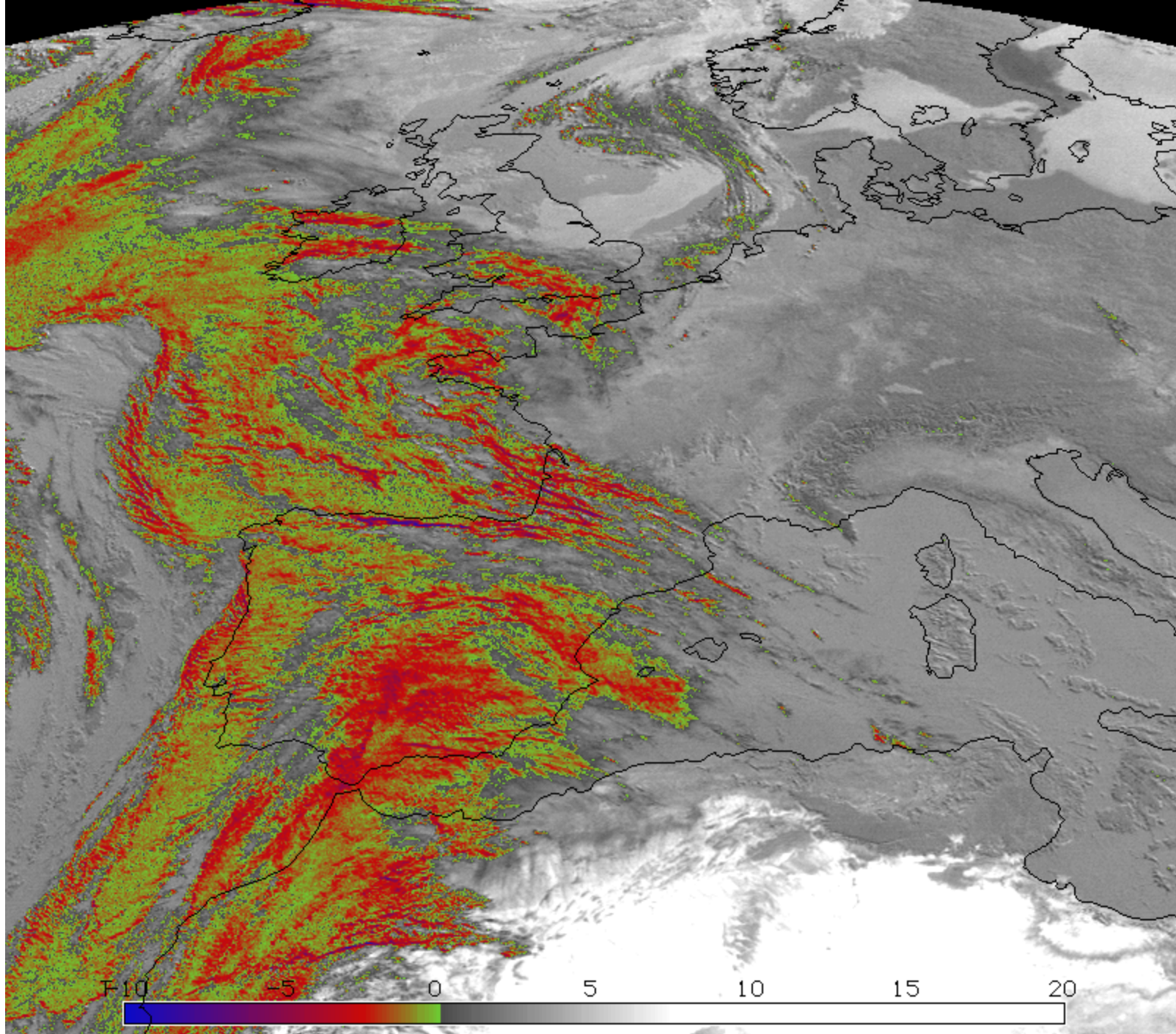


IR window

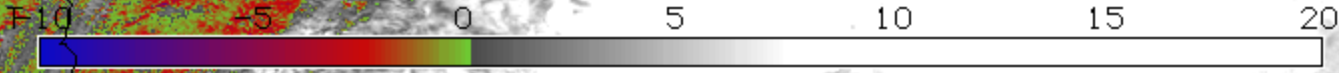
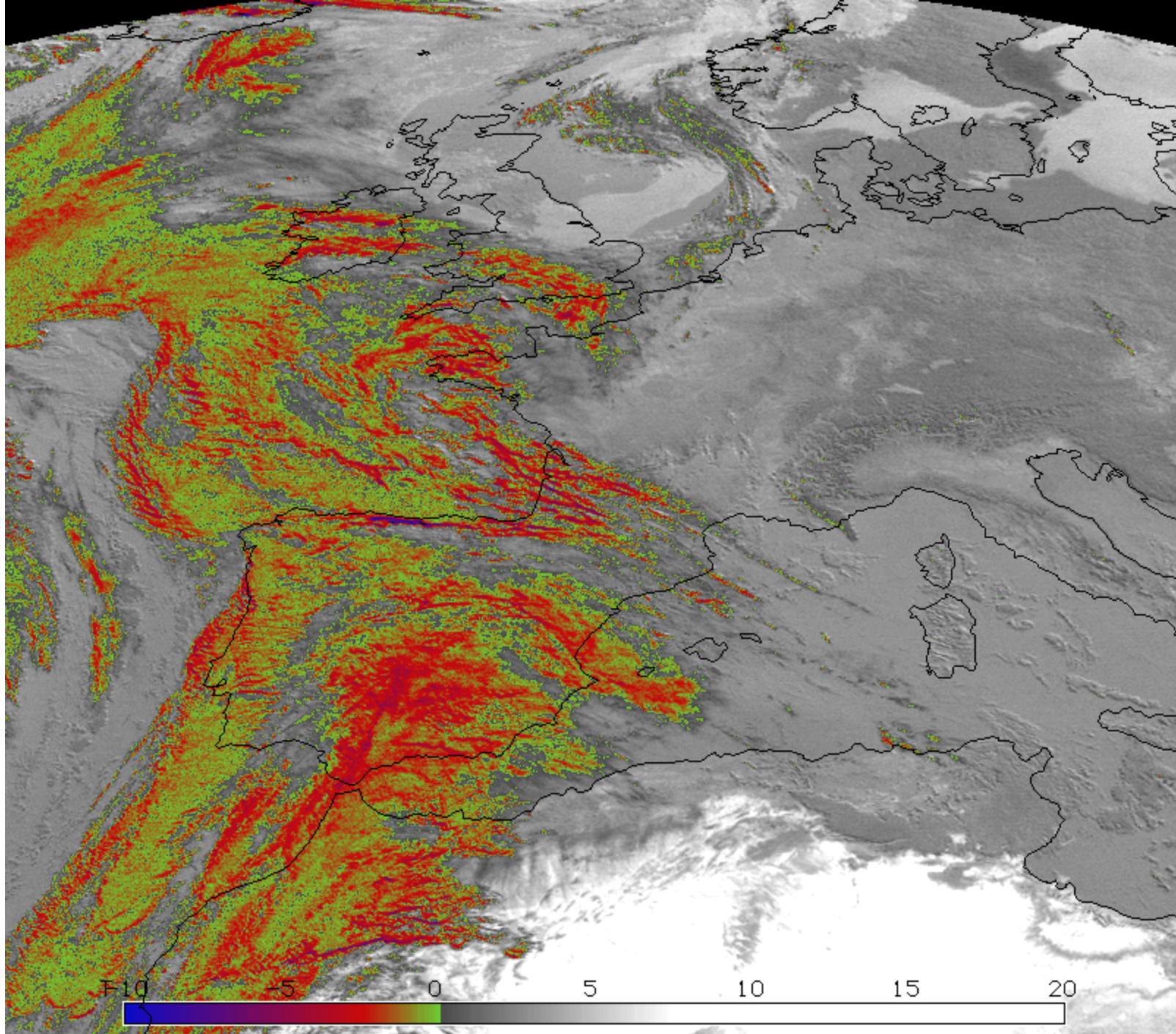
**Clear sky
radiances**

WV

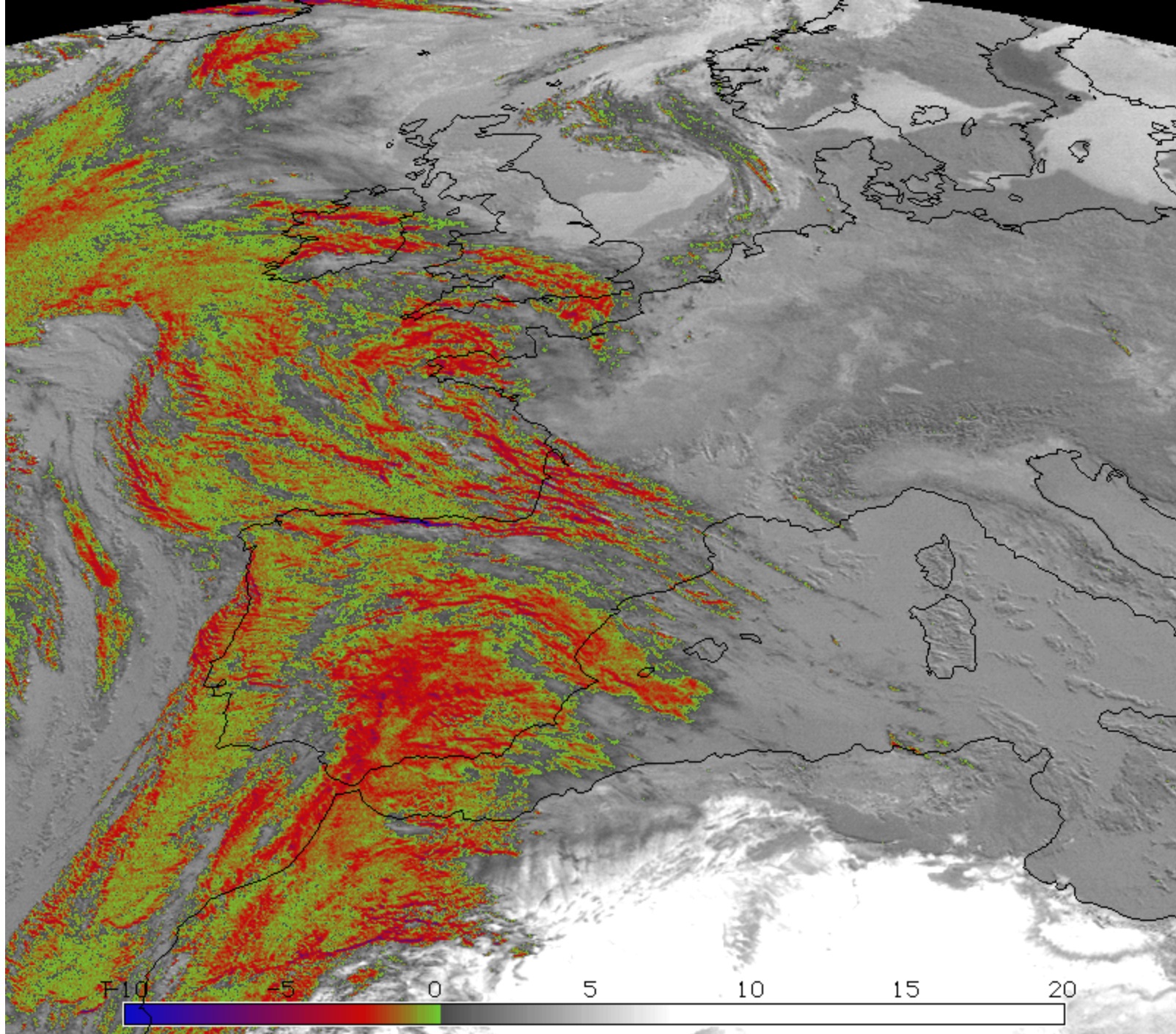
for image segments



MSG-1 24 FEB 2003 11:00 UTC, TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCE 10.8 - 8.7 (C) MK

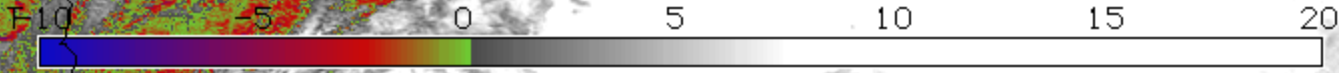
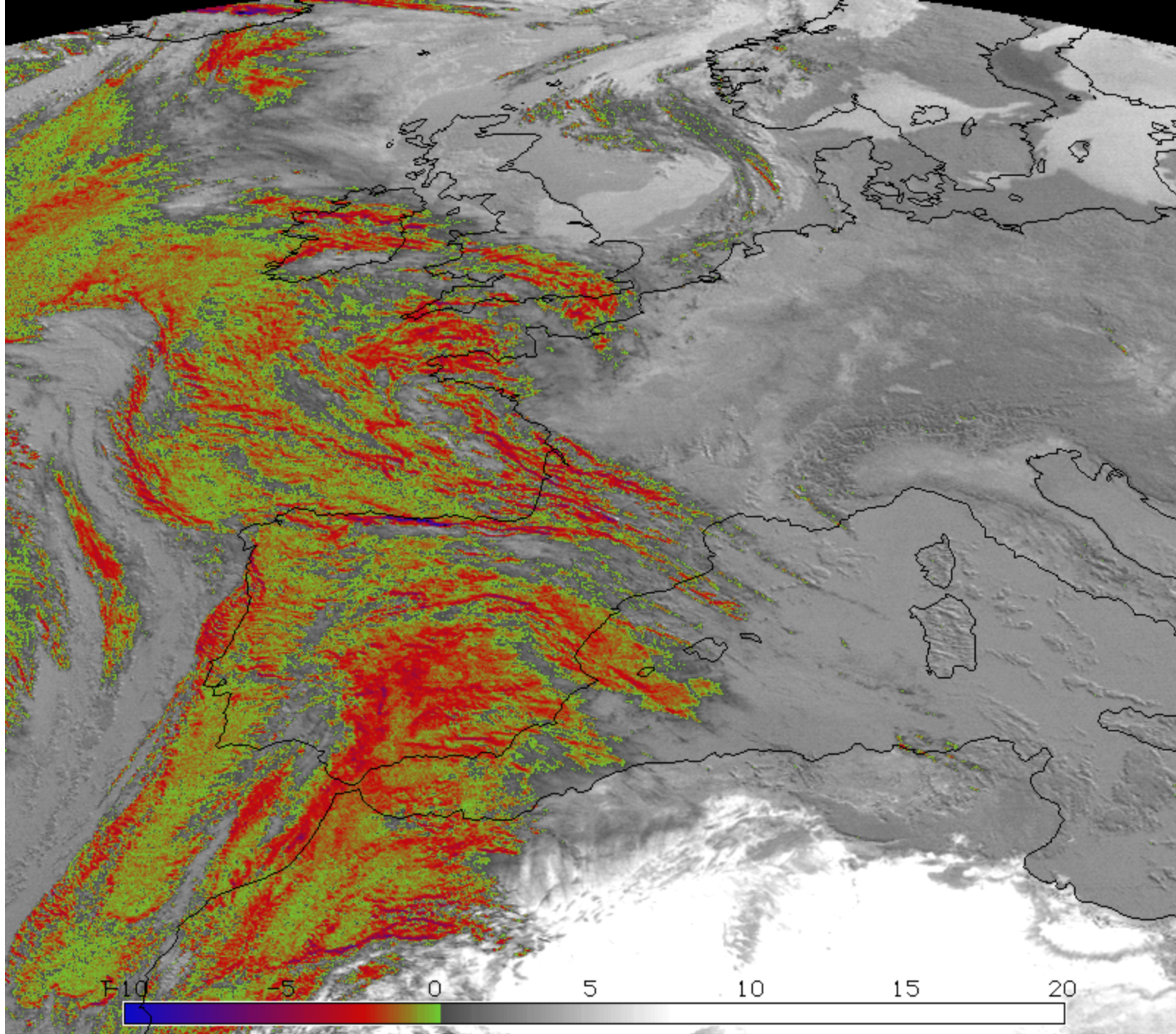


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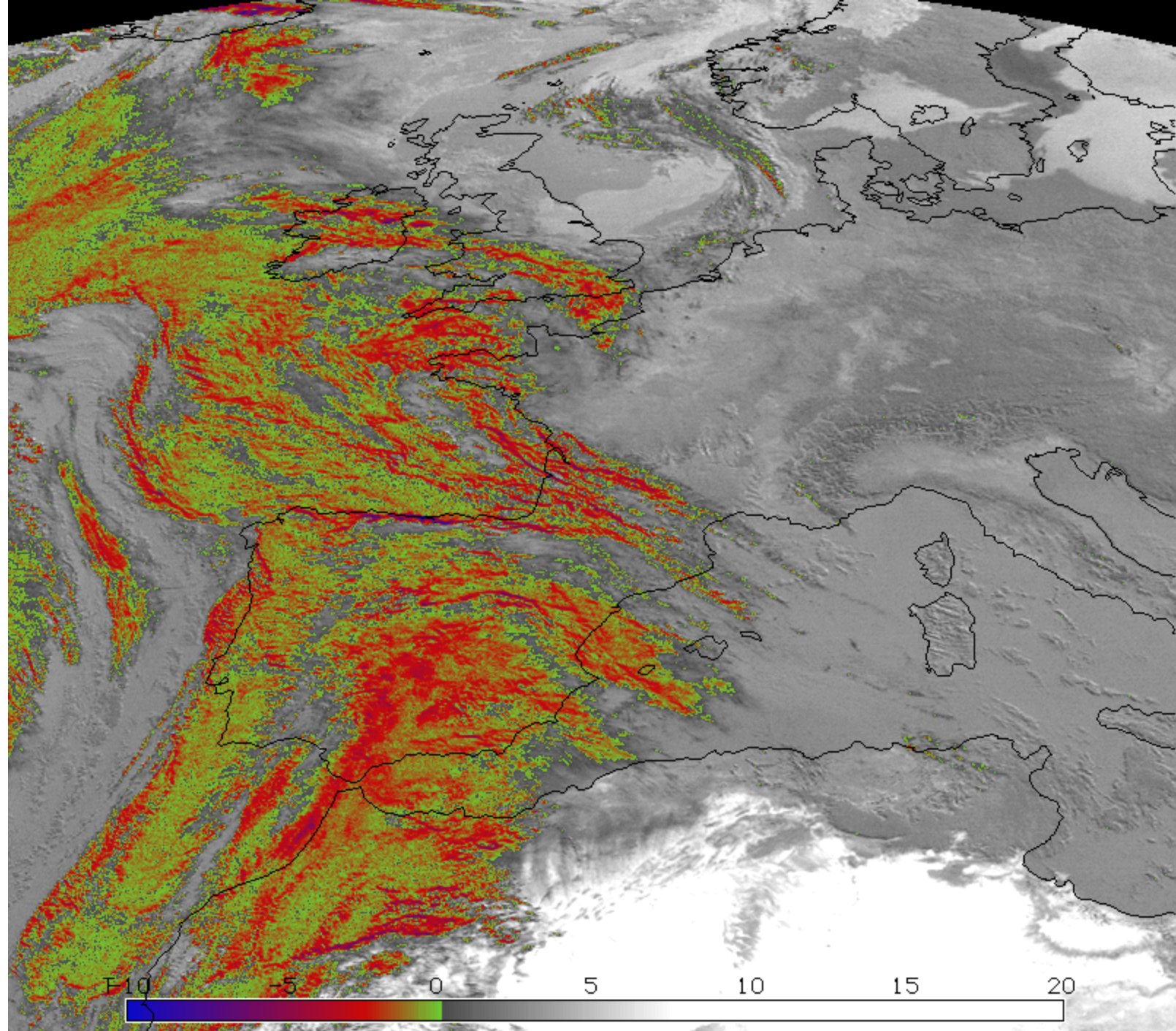
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(C) MK



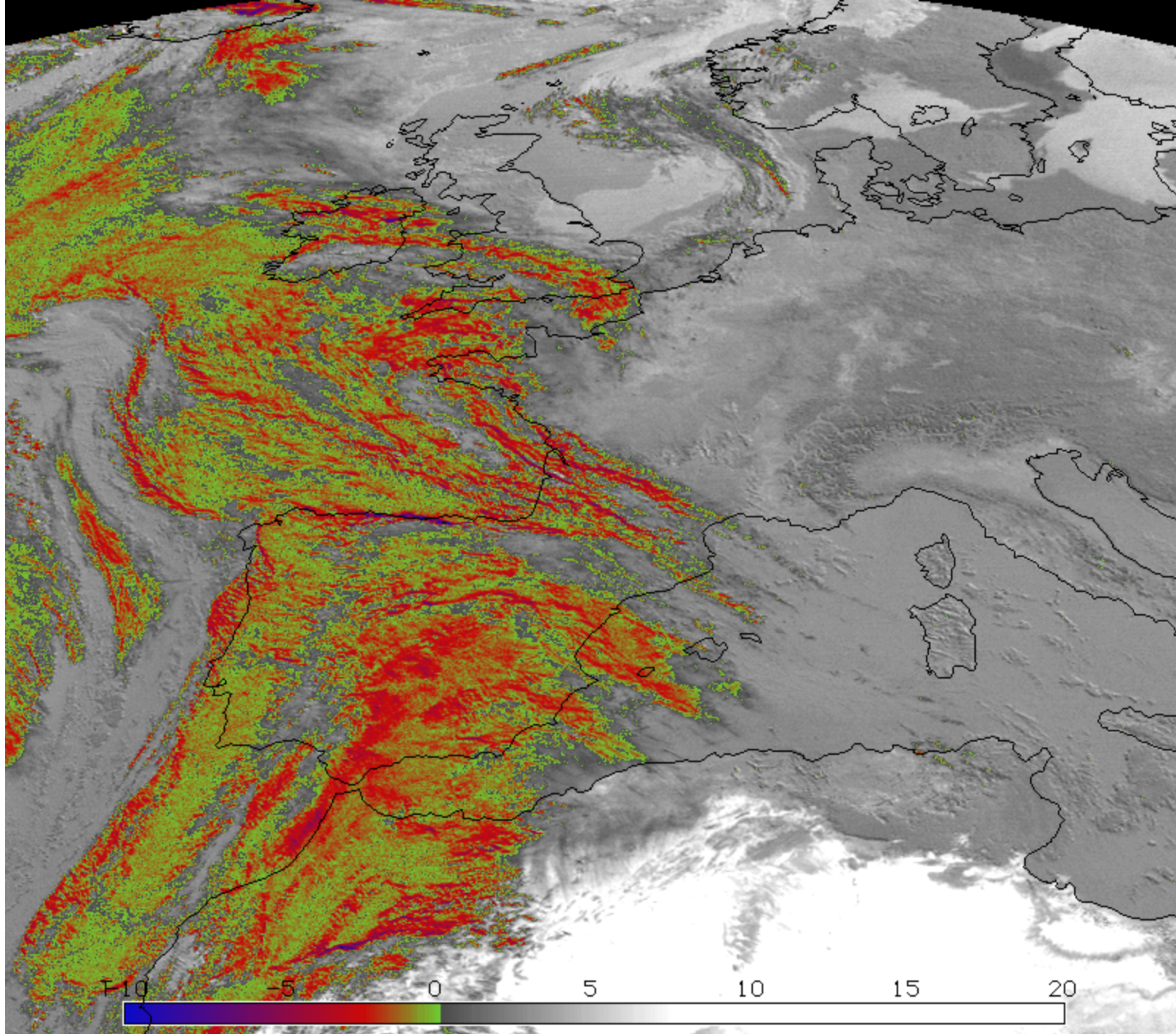
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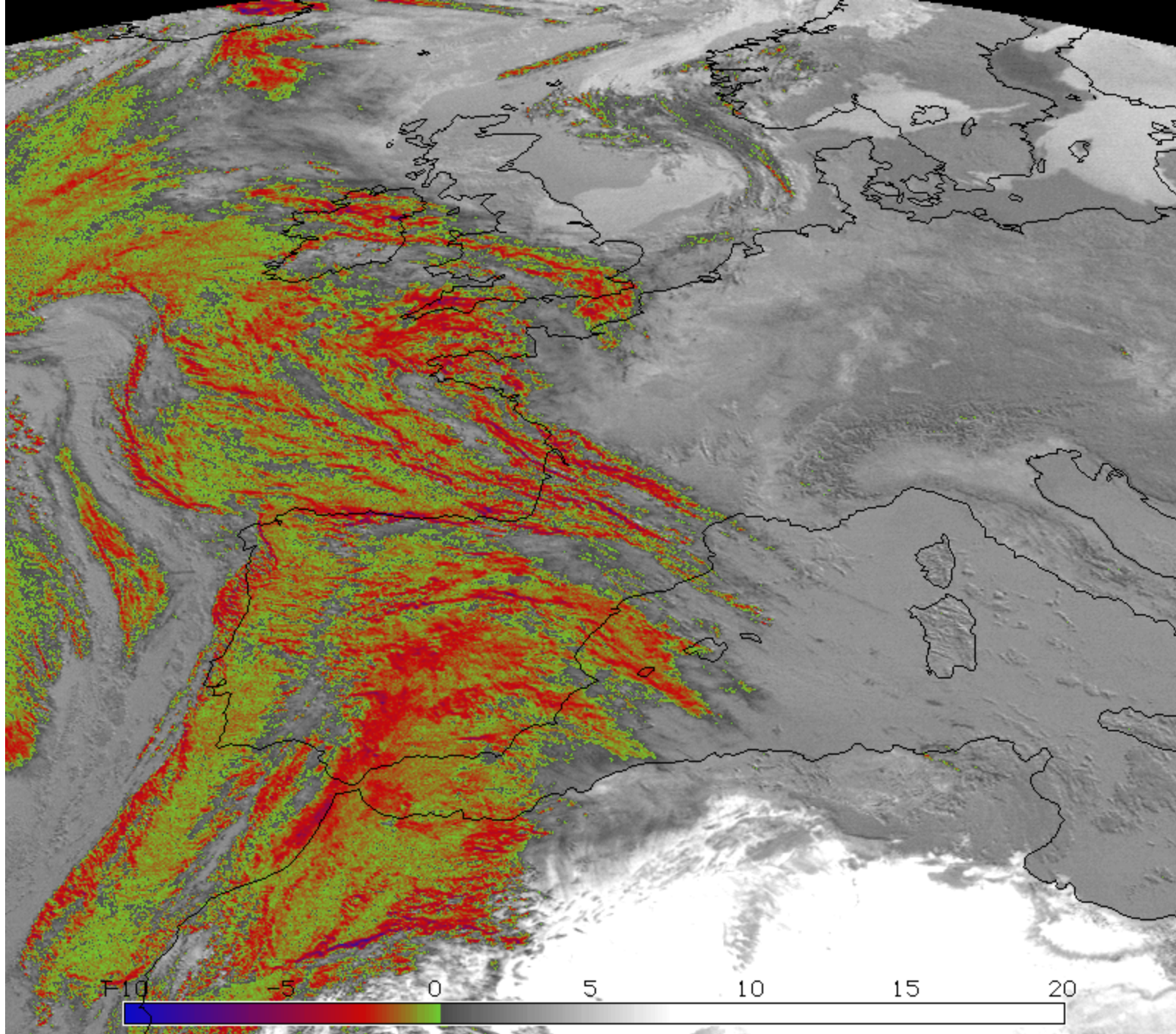
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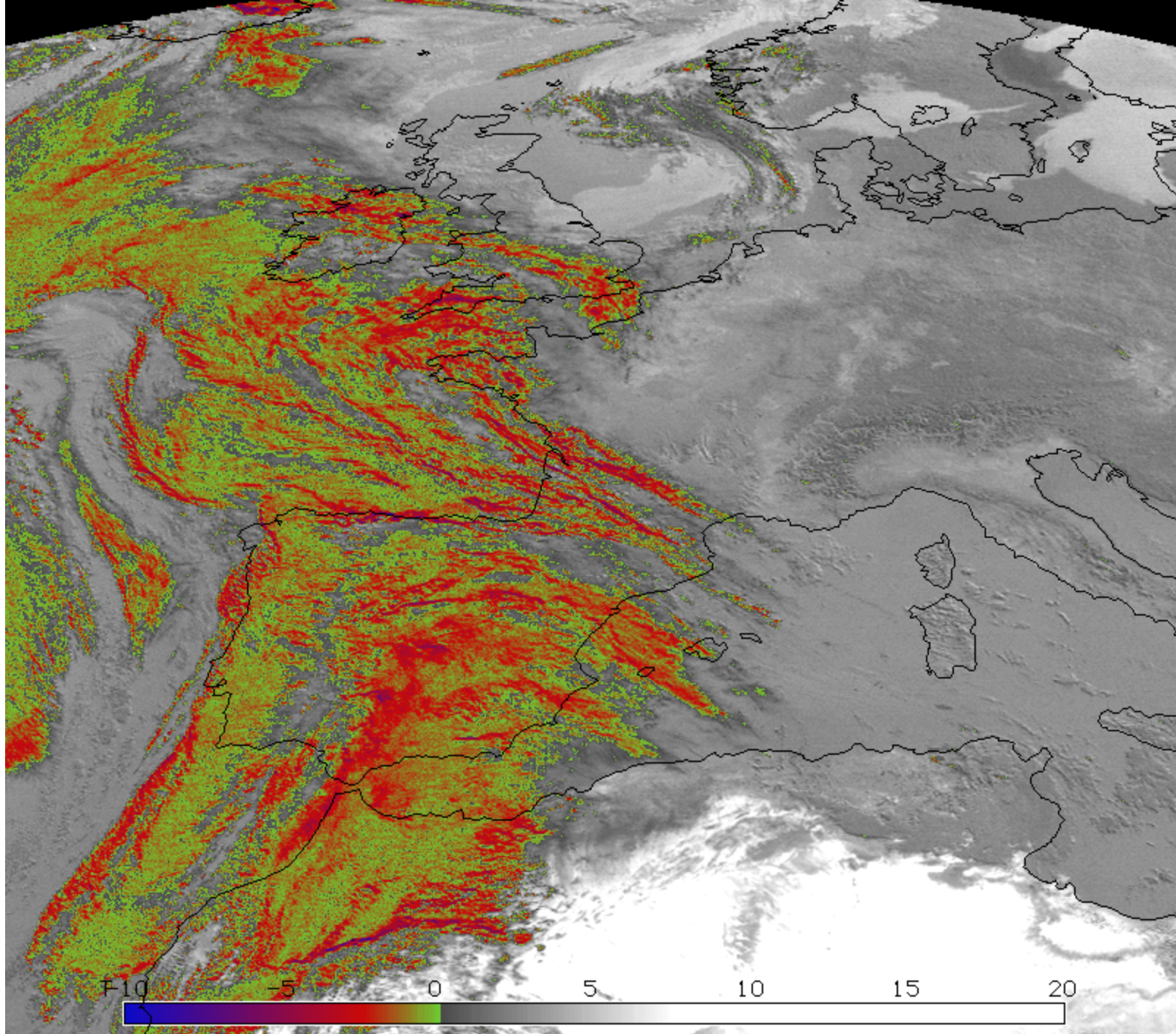
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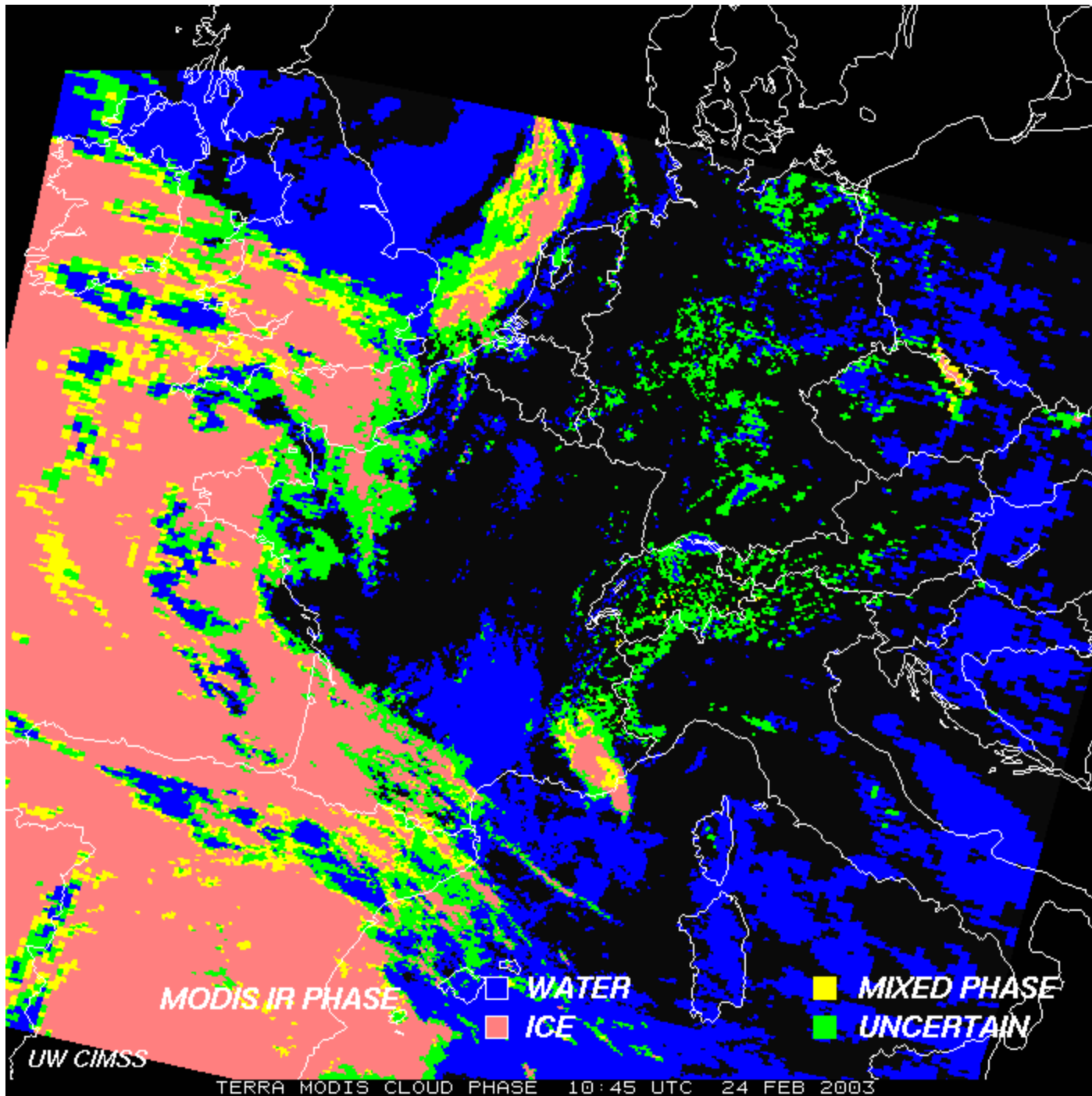
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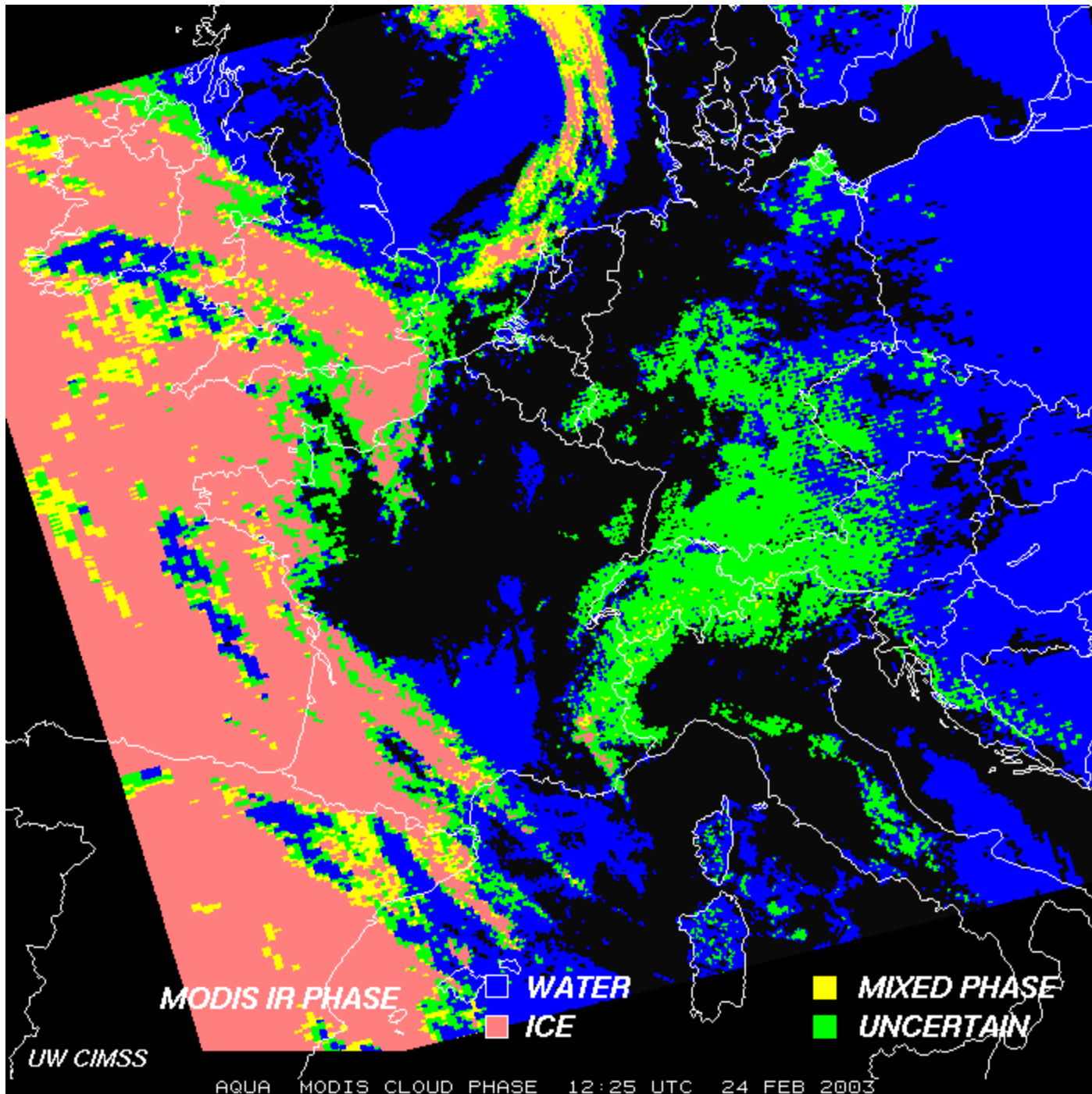
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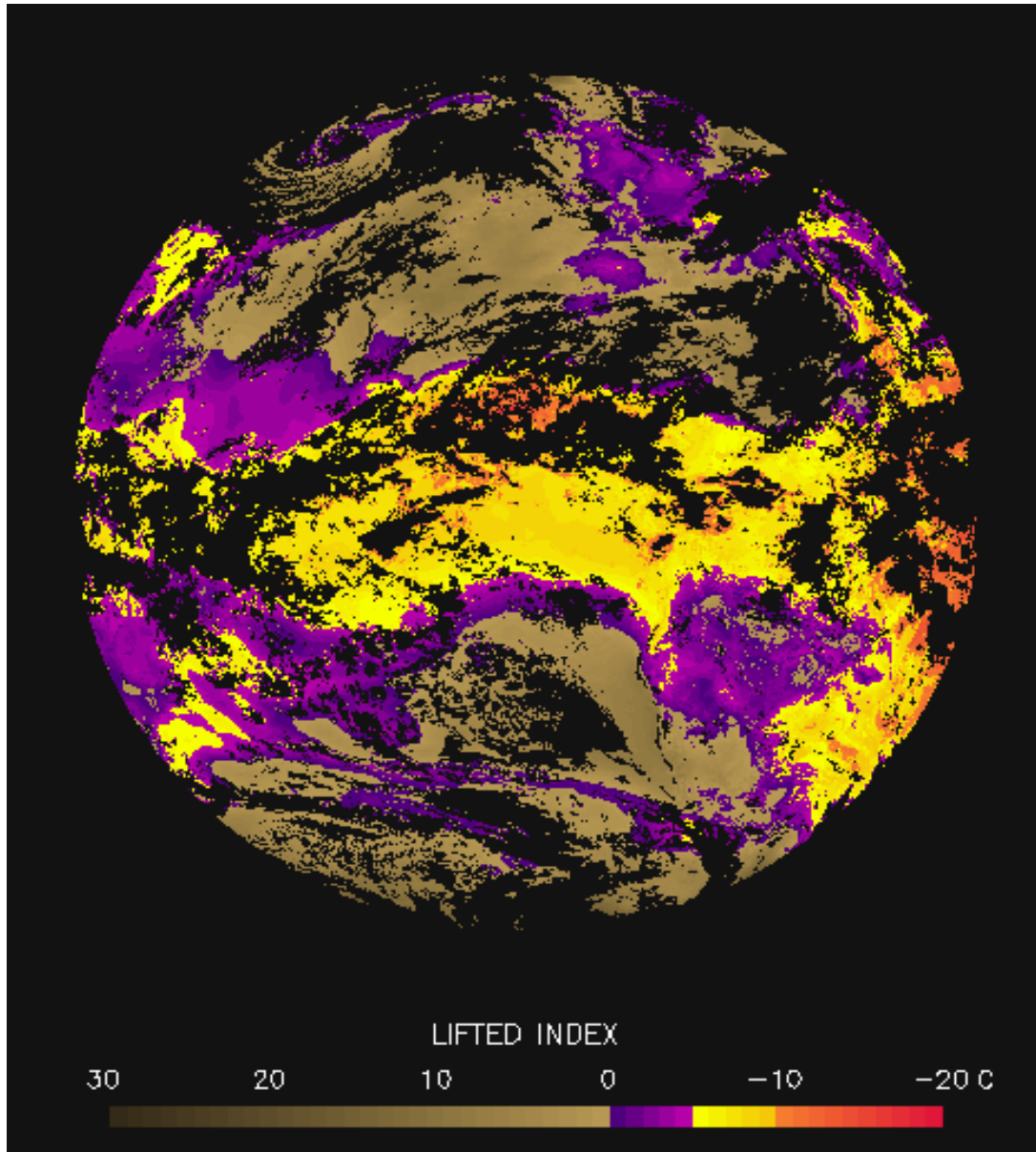
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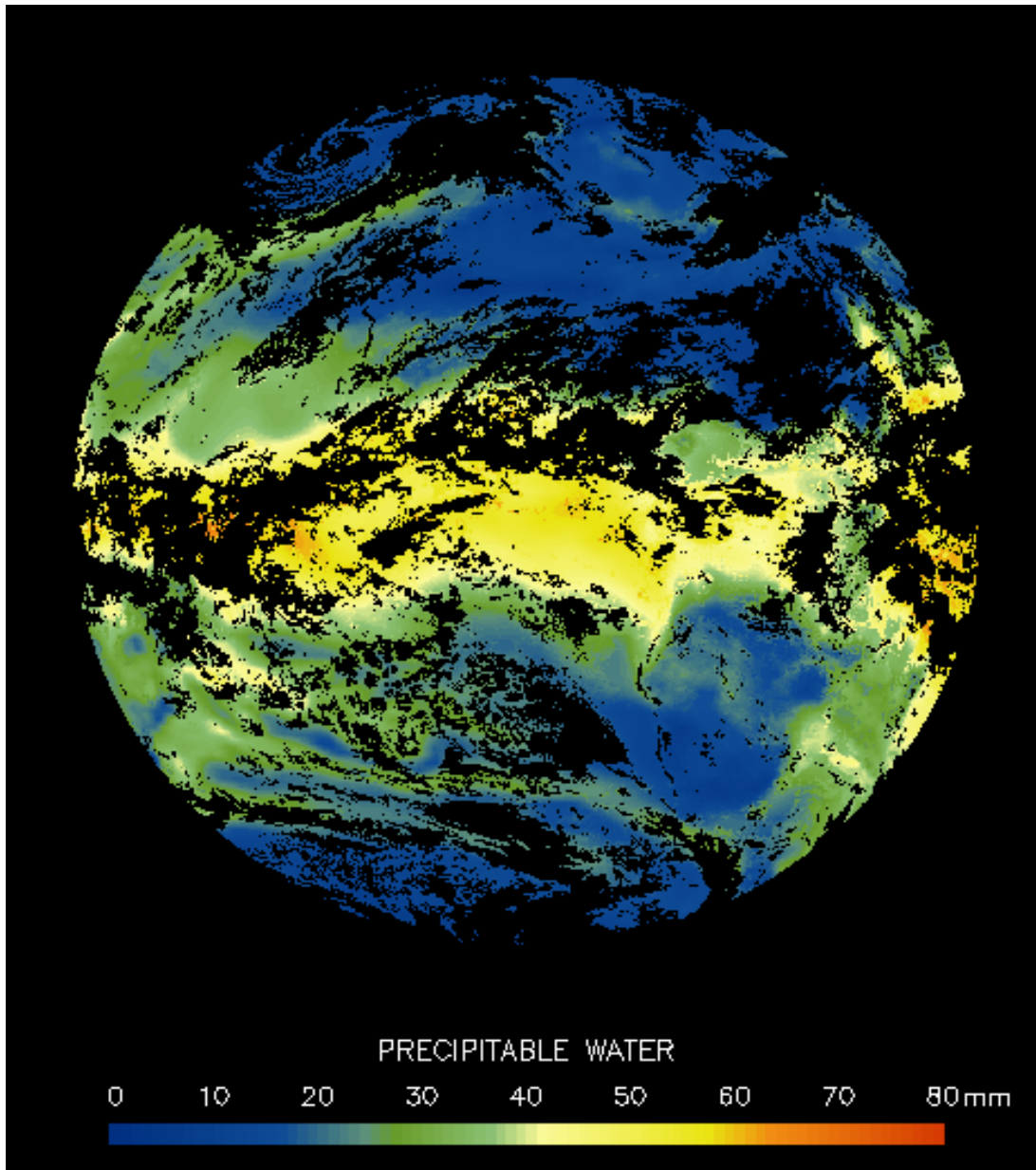




MSG Lifted Index



MSG Precipitable Water



Atmospheric Motion Vectors from MSG

➤ **Tracking channels**

- ➔ IR10.8, WV6.2, WV7.3, VIS0.6, VIS0.8
- ➔ OZ9.7, IR3.9, HRVIS

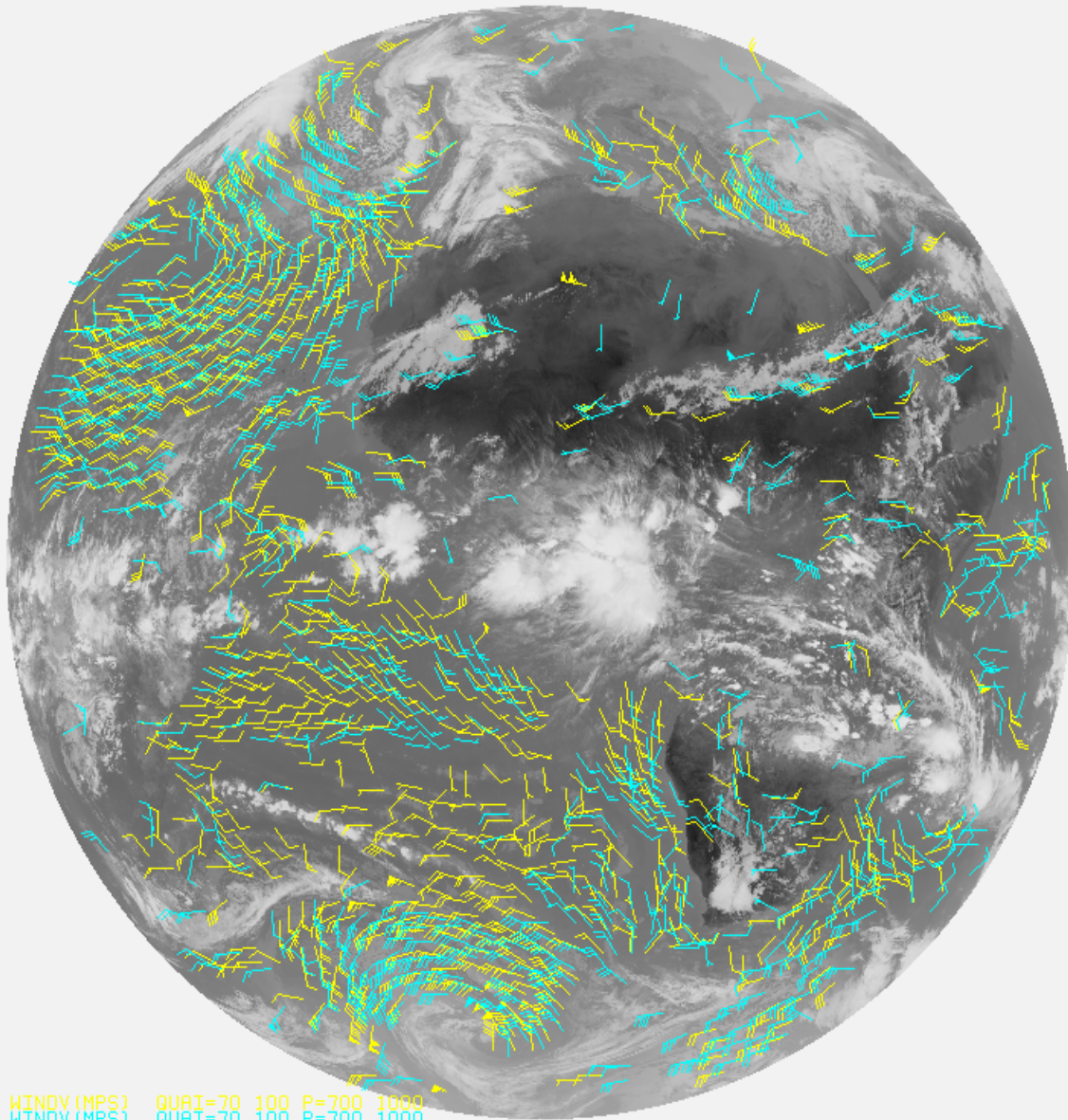
➤ **Resolution**

- ➔ 100 (50) km, every 15 min., final product every hour

➤ **Height Assignment**

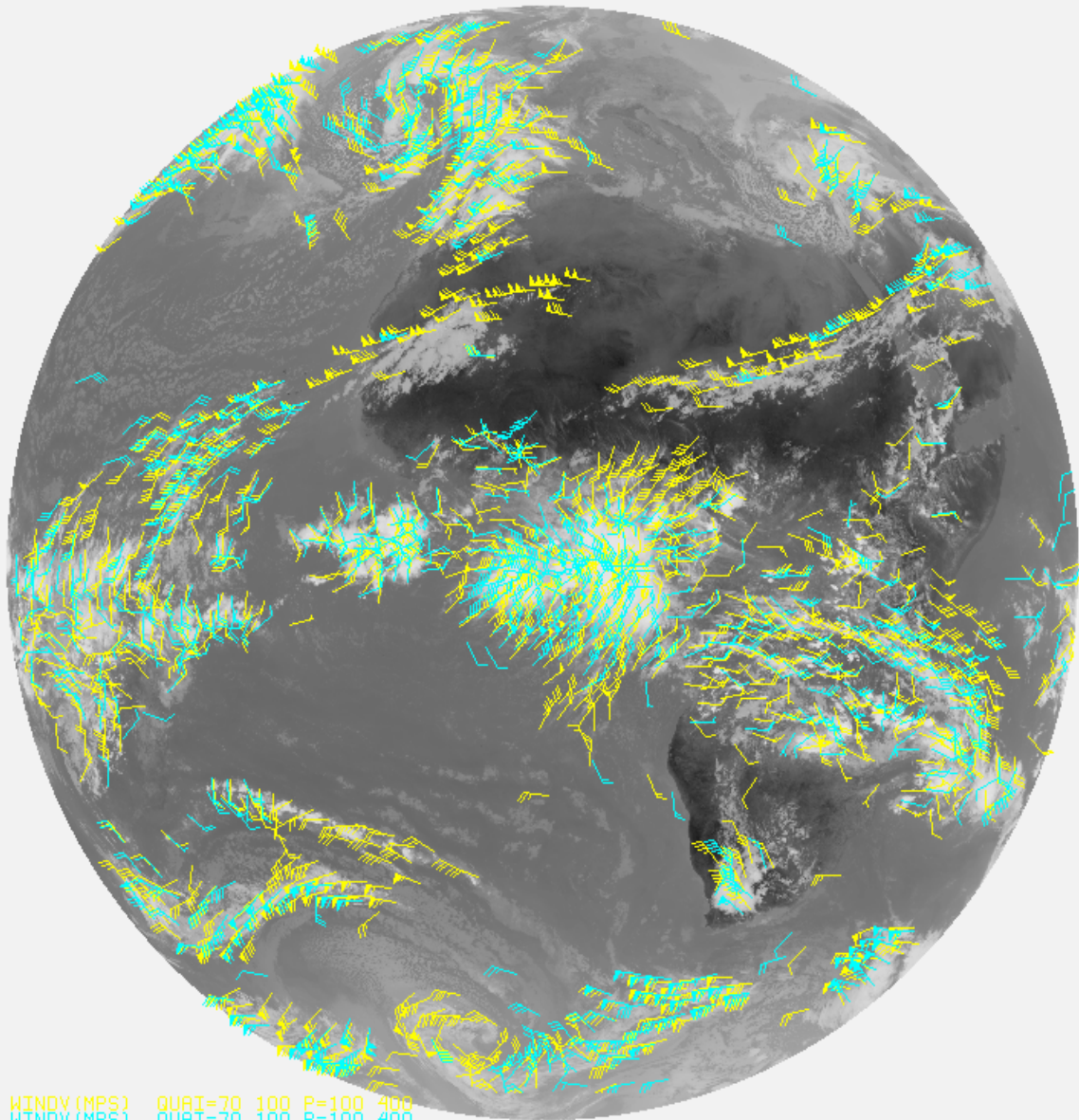
- ➔ IR EBBT
- ➔ IR/WV semi-transparency correction
- ➔ CO₂-ratioing

**Low-level winds
from MSG:
yellow: 10.8 μm
blue: 3.9 μm**

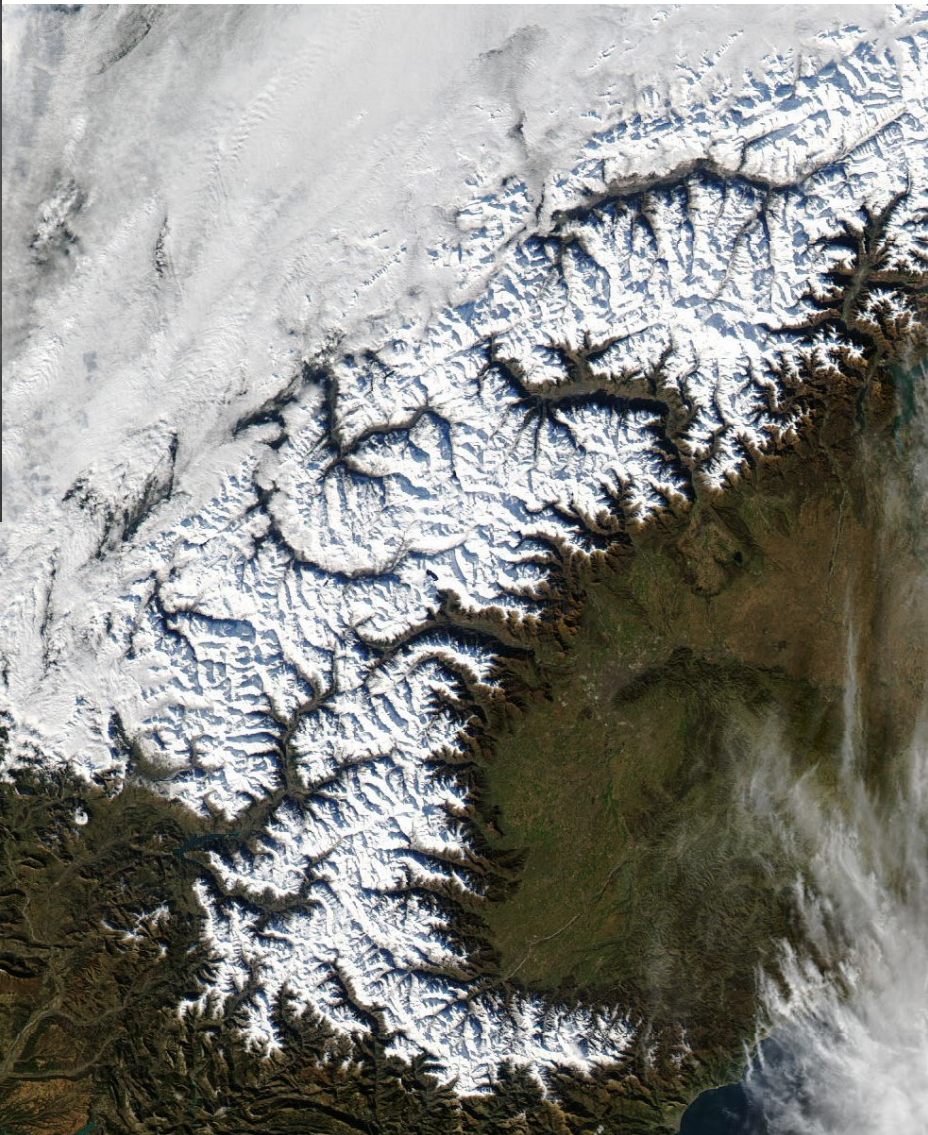
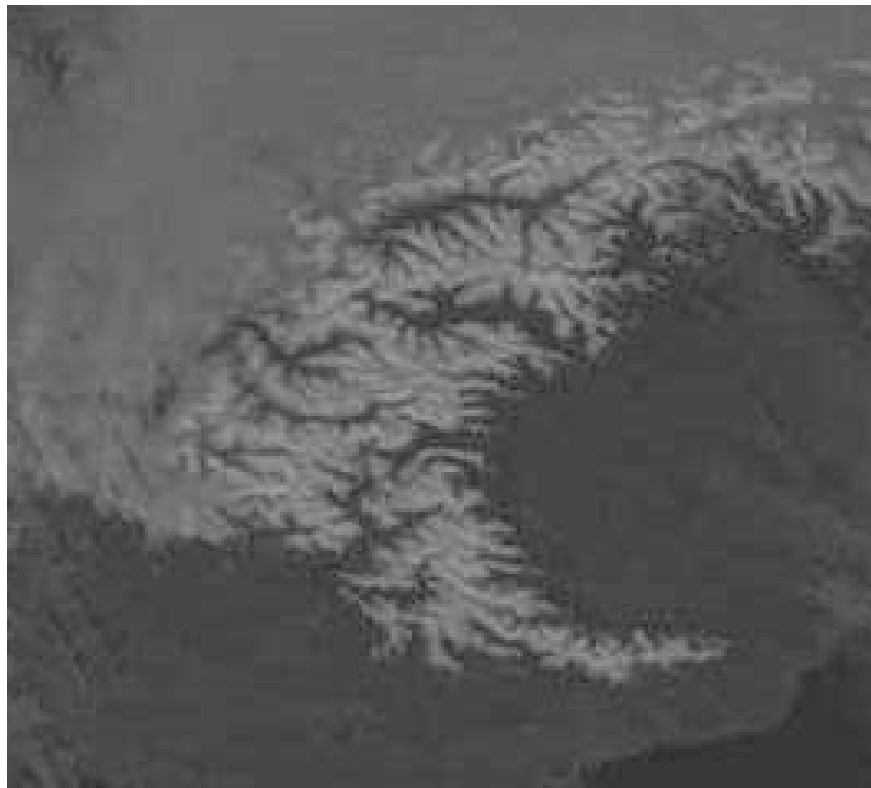


WINDV (MPS) QWAI=70 100 P=700 1000
WINDV (MPS) QWAI=70 100 P=700 1000

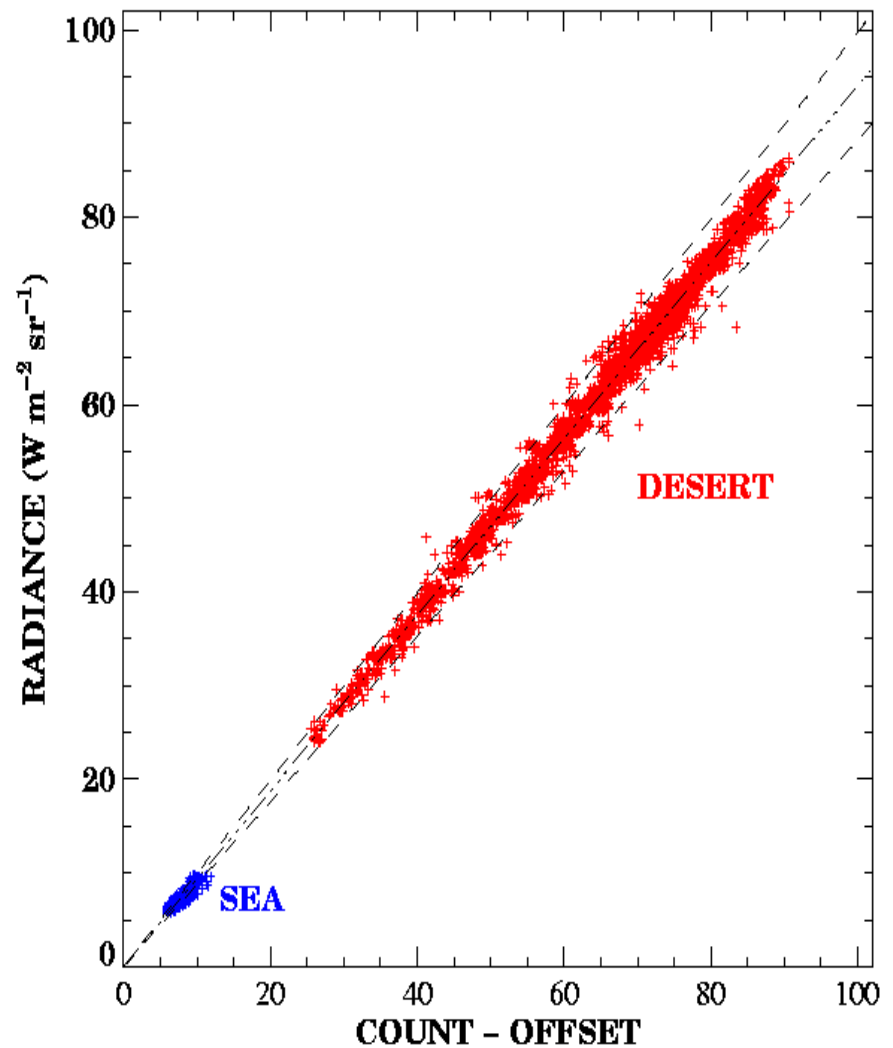
**High-level winds
from MSG:
yellow: 10.8 μm
blue: 3.9 μm**



WINDV (MPS) QWAI=70 100 P=100 400
WINDV (MPS) QWAI=70 100 P=100 400



- **Thermal IR channels use on-board calibration:
Accuracy: about 1K**
- **Solar channels use vicarious calibration
Accuracy: toward 5%**



GERB (Geostationary Earth Radiation Budget)

Science Objectives

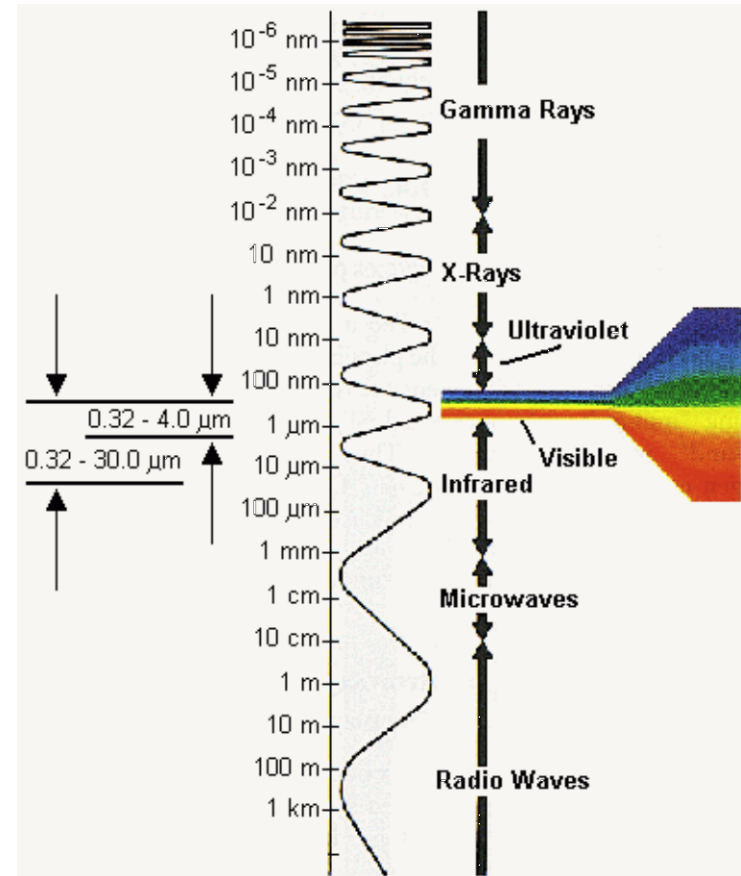
- **Measure Total and short wave (SW) radiances**
- **Derive SW and LW fluxes**
 - ➔ **Validation of climate models**
 - ➔ **Observational studies of:**
 - ▷ **Tropical convection and marine stratocumulus, and their diurnal and synoptic variability.**
 - ▷ **The role of clouds in the ERB**
 - ▷ **The role of water vapour - radiative feedback**
 - ➔ **Validation of the TOA ERB in NWP models**

GERB Imaging Principle - Frequency Bands

GERB measures in **two frequency bands** :

- a short wave (SW) band: 0.32 - 4.0 μm
- a TOTAL wave band: 0.32 - 30.0 μm
- the long wave (LW) band (4.0 - 30.0 μm) is obtained by subtraction of the SW from the Total)

The short wave band is achieved by the use of a quartz filter to block the lower frequency components.





GERB Data (Short Wave)

2003.01.18

00.58

Total channel

**Short wavelength
channel**

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THE RADIOSONDE DIFFERENCE



METEOSAT

THE NEW GENERATION

July 2002

AN INTRODUCTION TO METEOSAT SECOND GENERATION (MSG)

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Meteosat Second Generation (MSG), the new generation of European geostationary meteorological satellites, has greatly enhanced capabilities, especially for observing rapidly changing weather phenomena and for the derivation of quantitative products.

The meteorological community has benefited for more than two decades from the services of the current generation of the European geostationary meteorological Meteosat satellites, the first of which was launched in 1977. Since then it was followed by six successful launches of Meteosat satellites and *Meteosat-7* is currently the operational satellite at the nominal position at 0° longitude. The Meteosat series will be replaced by a new generation called Meteosat Second Generation (MSG). MSG provides the user community with continuity of services from the current Meteosat system, but will also significantly

enhance services and products. As is the current Meteosat series, MSG satellites are spin stabilized (Fig. 1). However, MSG gives significantly increased information due to an imaging-repeat cycle of 15 min

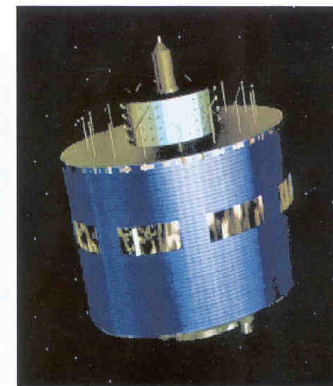


Fig. 1. MSG spacecraft; as with the current Meteosat series, MSG satellites are spin stabilized.

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