

The GOES-10 Sounder

Part II

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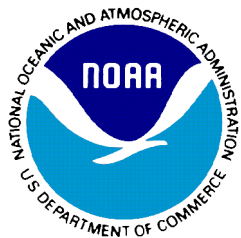
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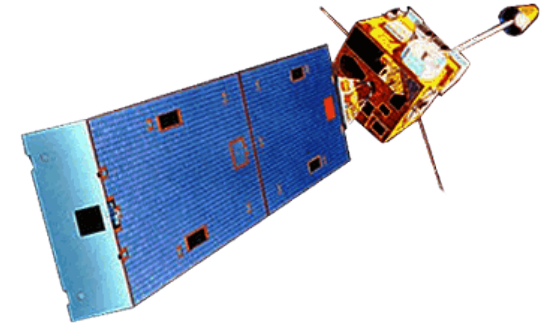
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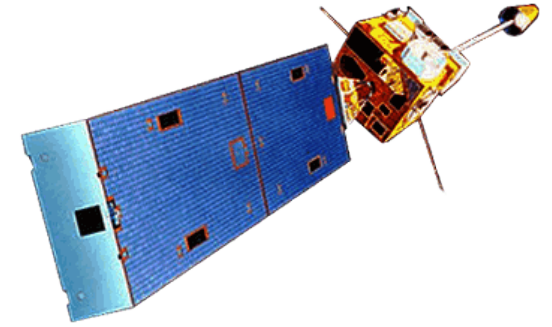


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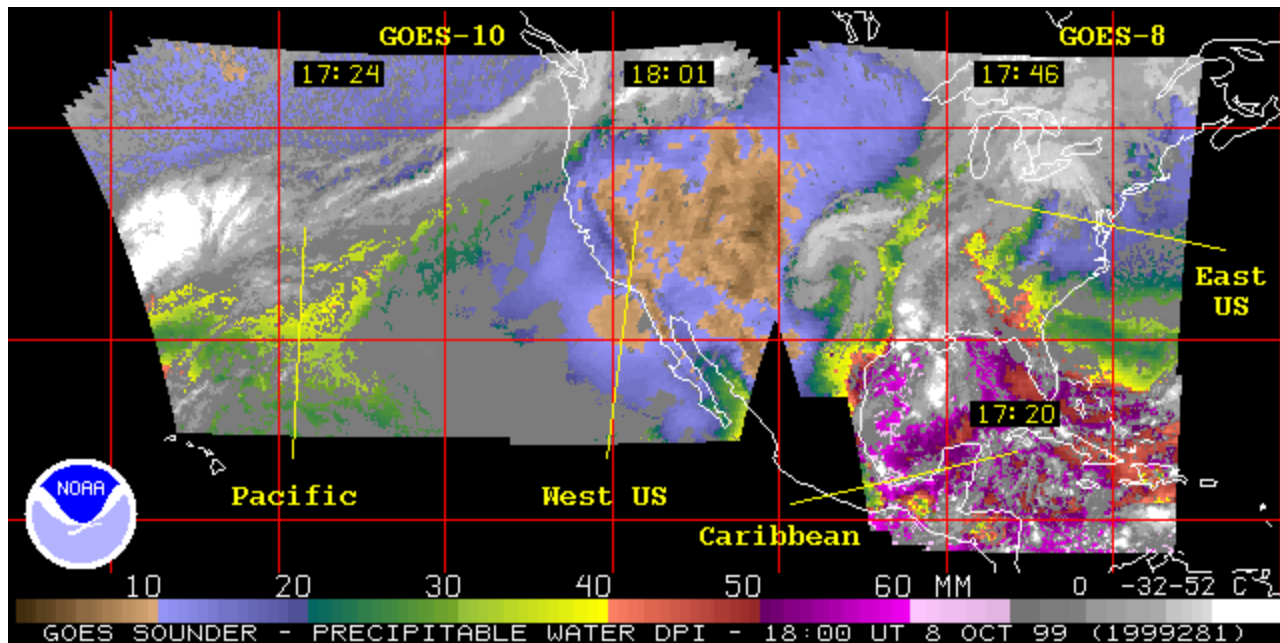


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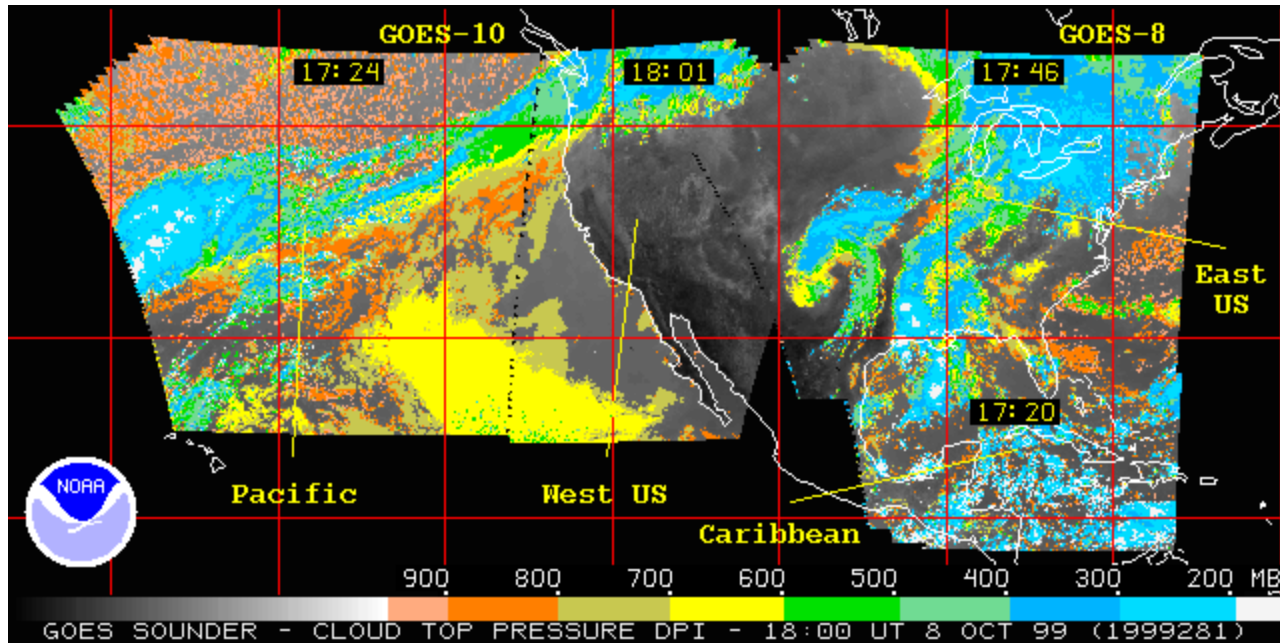
A Derived Product Image (DPI) is a composite of a product (profile or cloud parameter), where possible, and satellite infrared window imagery elsewhere.



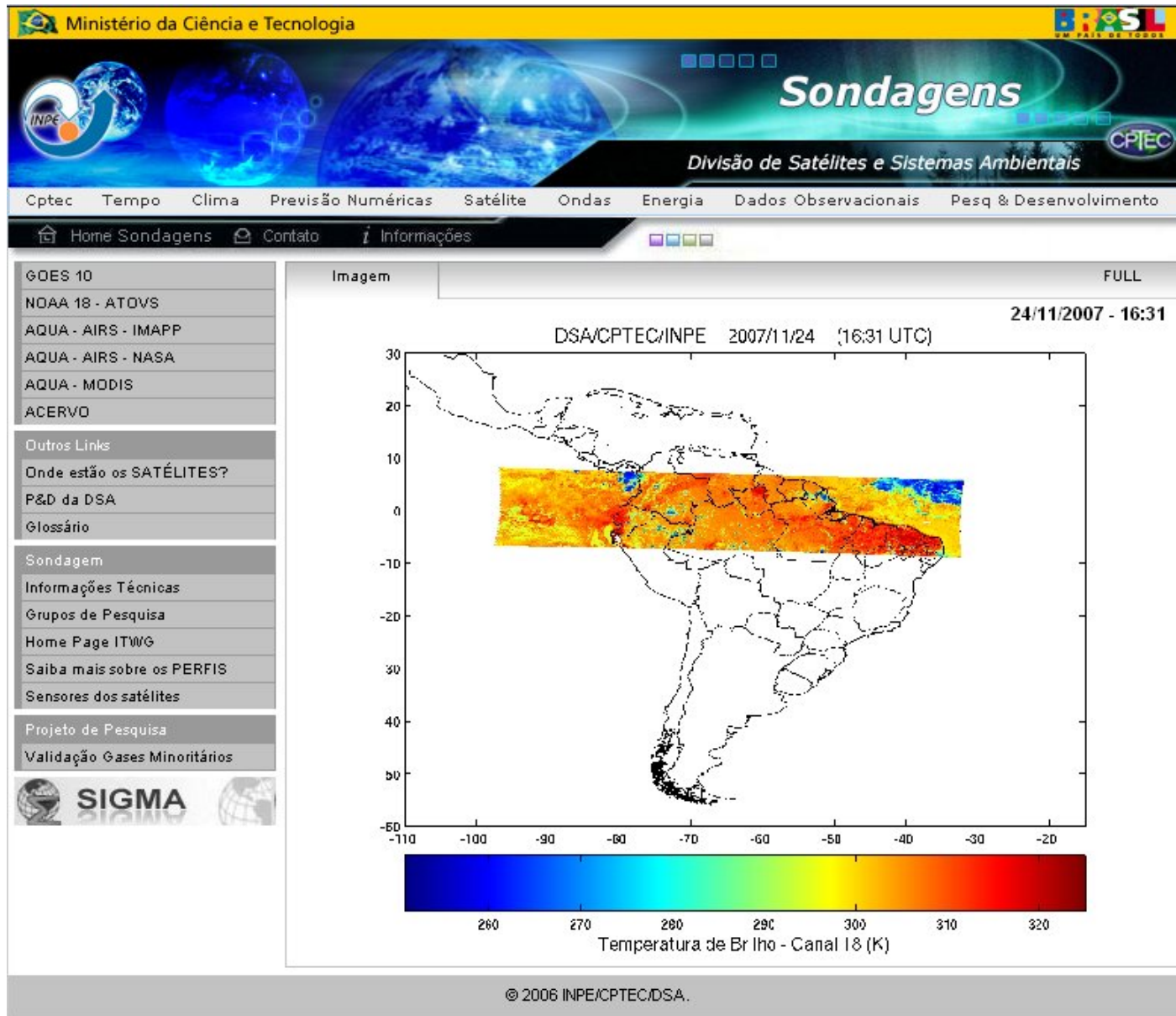
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Temporal and spatial characteristics

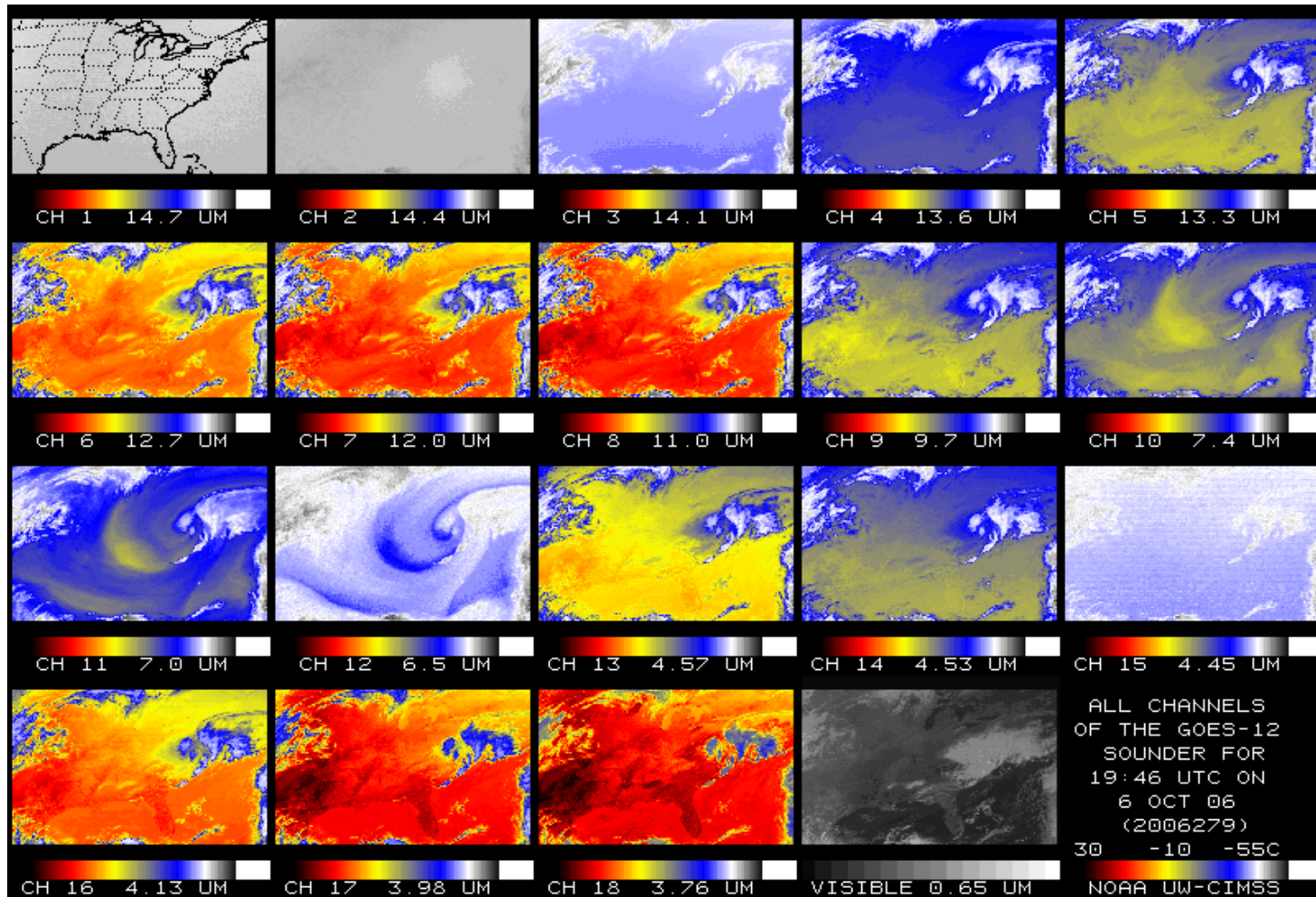
- hourly duty cycle
- US and environs domain with nominal 10 km horizontal resolution
- limited vertical resolution (from 18 infrared channels)



Expanding GOES Sounder coverage – GOES-10 over South and Central America

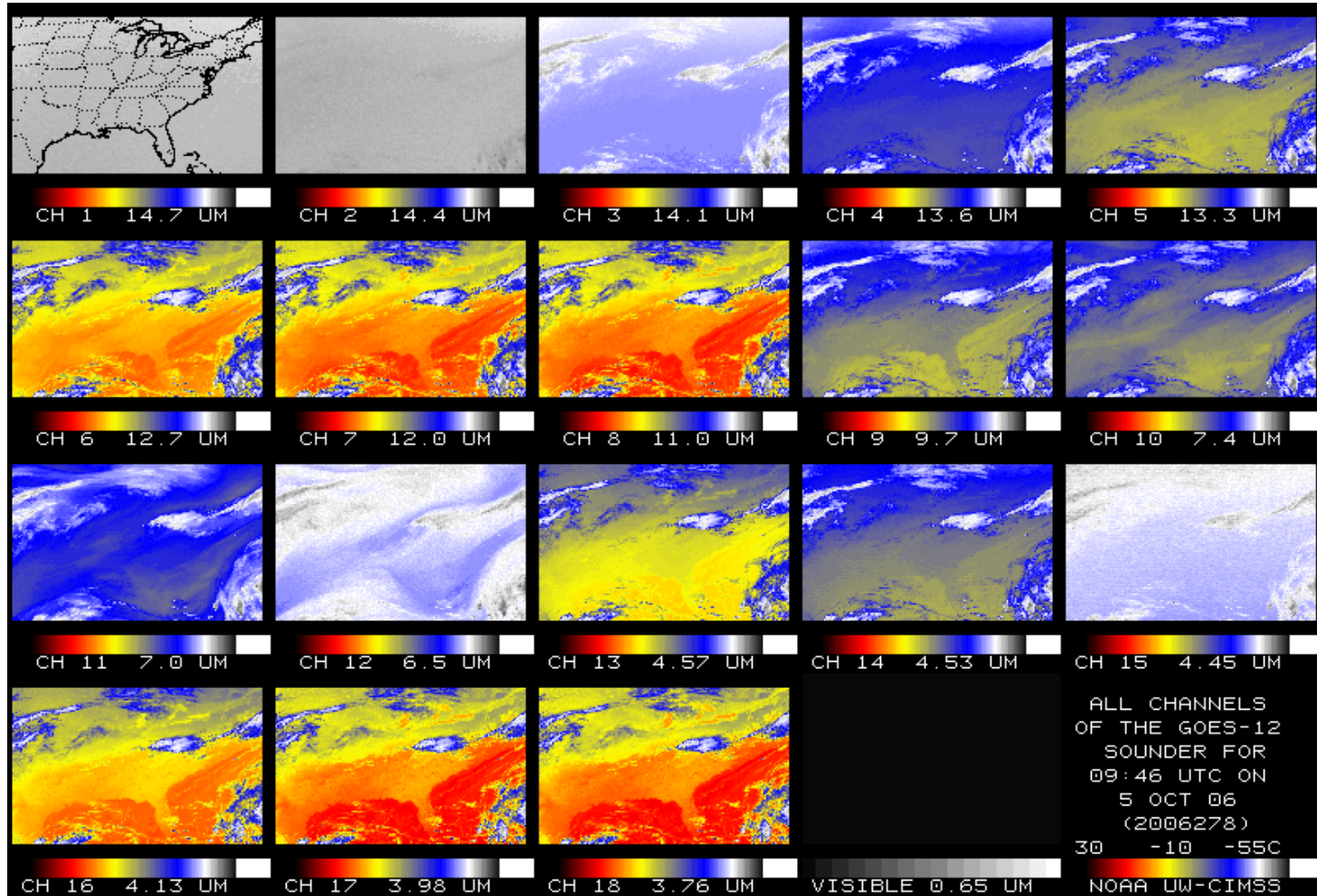


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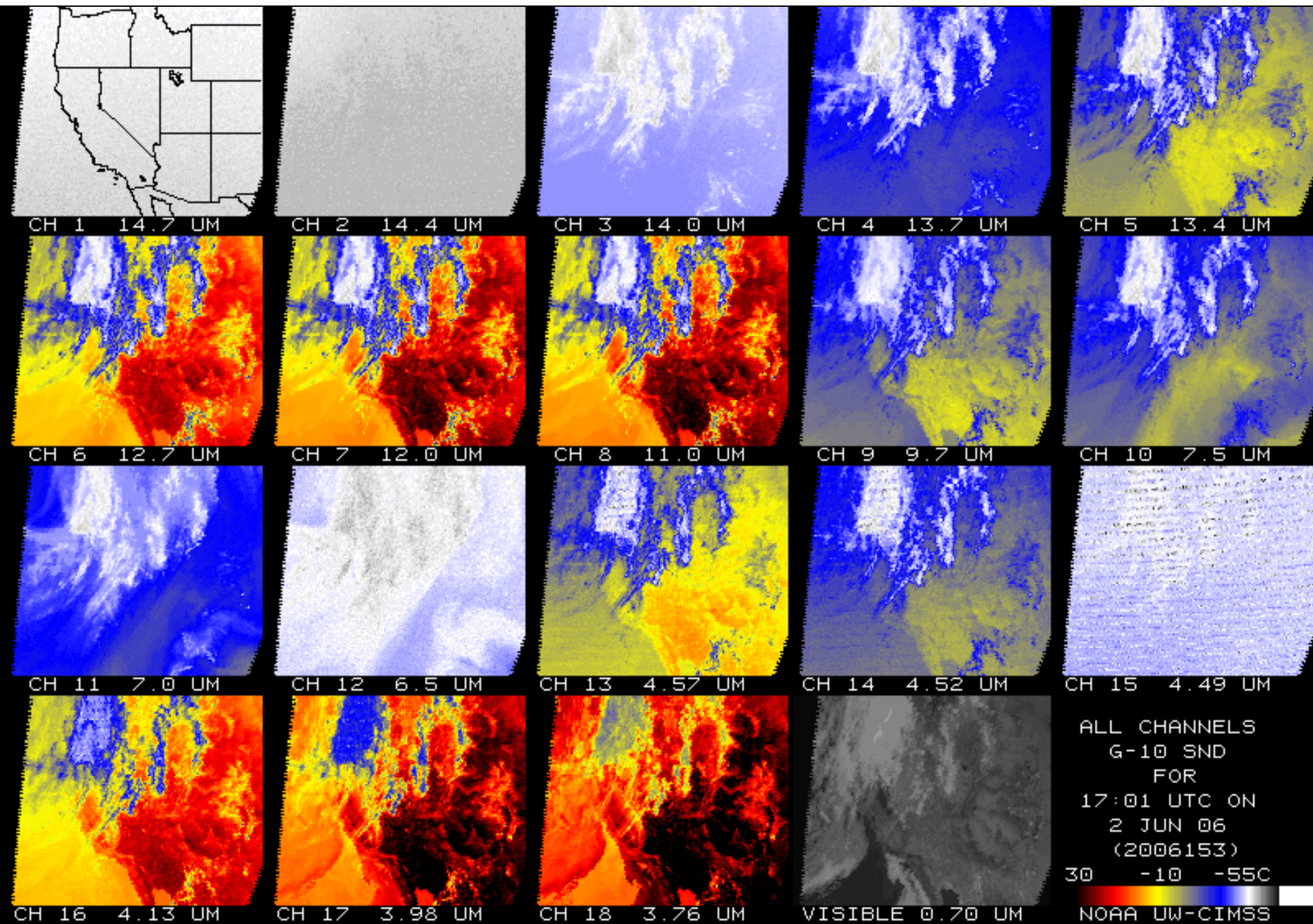


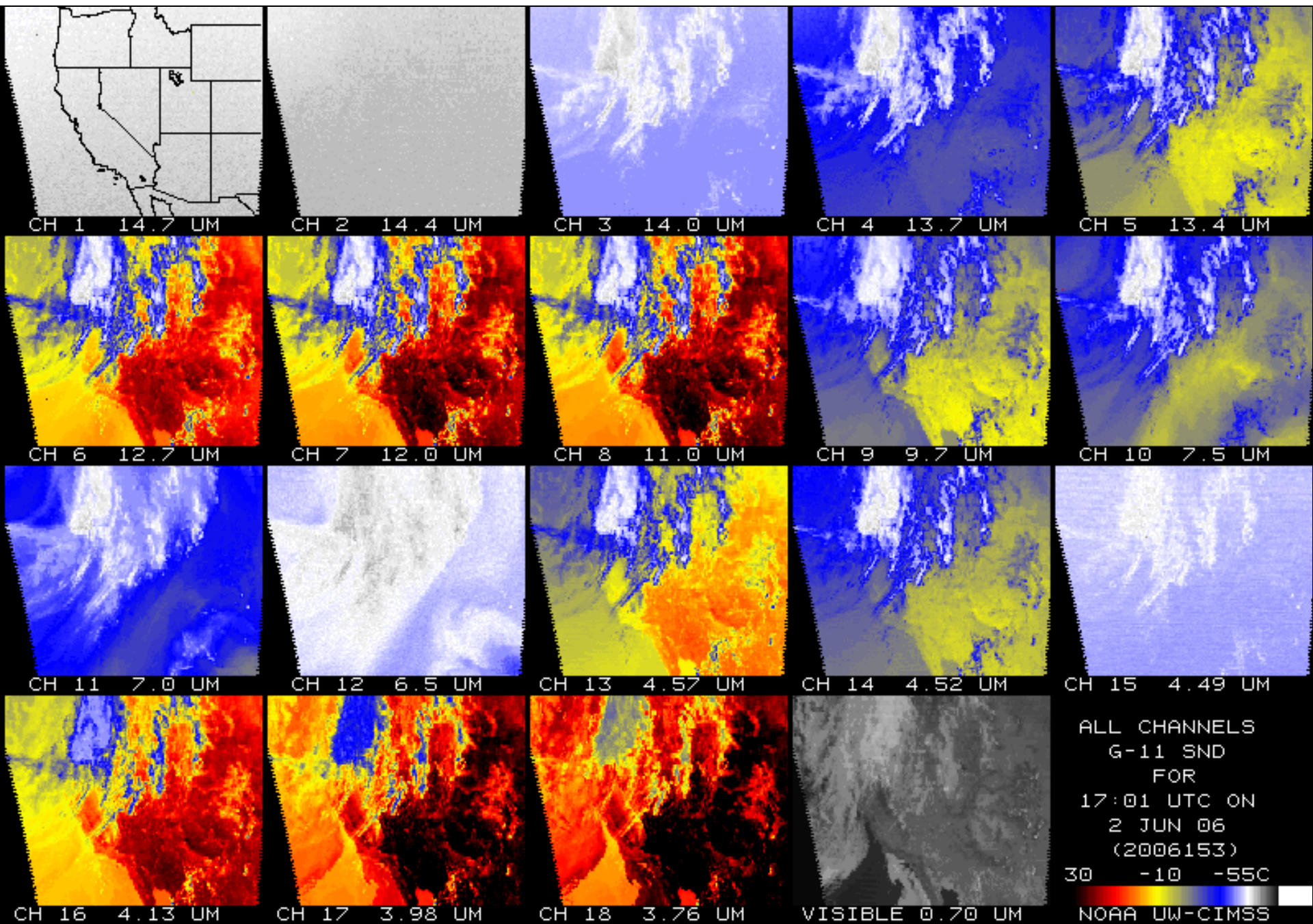
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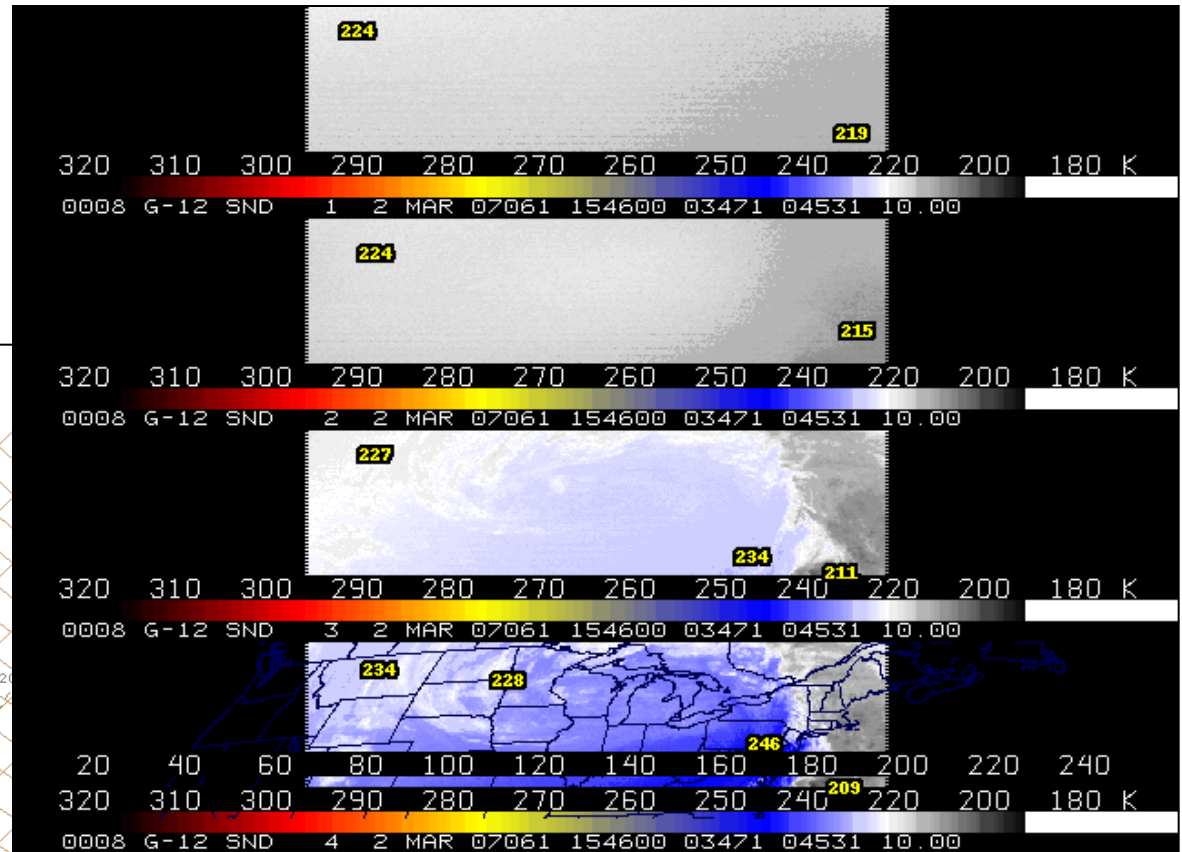
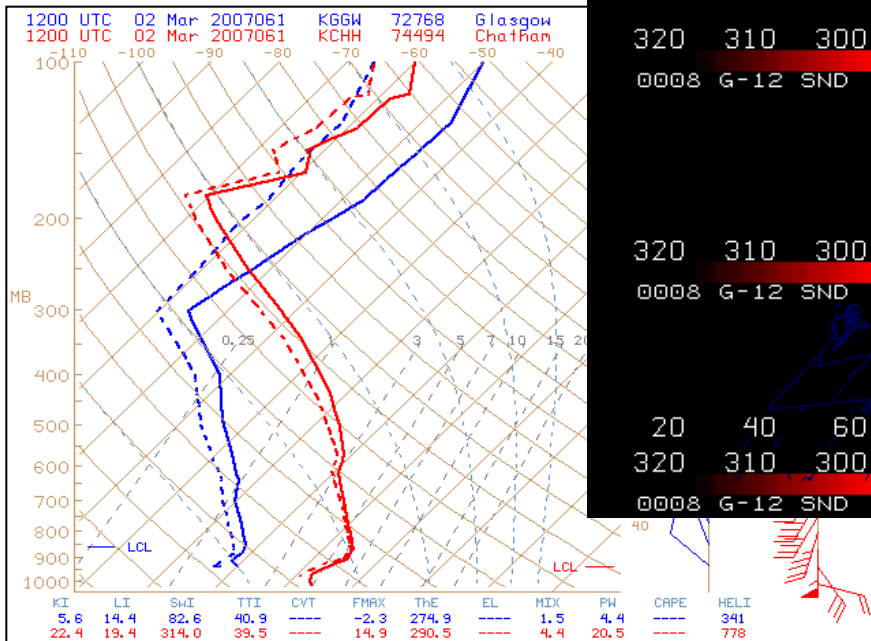
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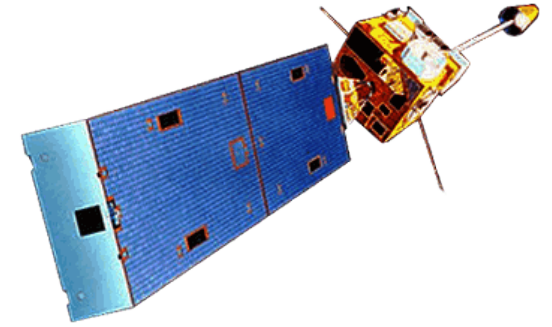


Thermal gradient reversal across tropopause observed with GOES sounding bands

GOES Sounder Bands 1-4



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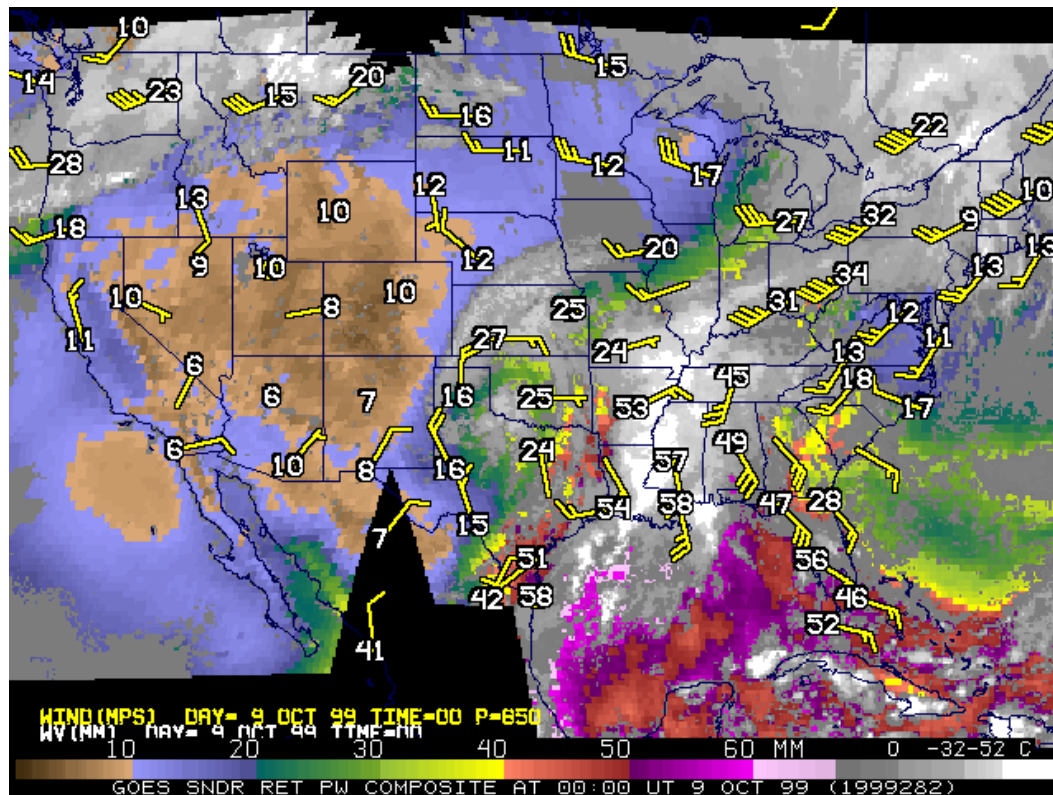
Sounding from geostationary orbit with GOES

Beneficial aspects:

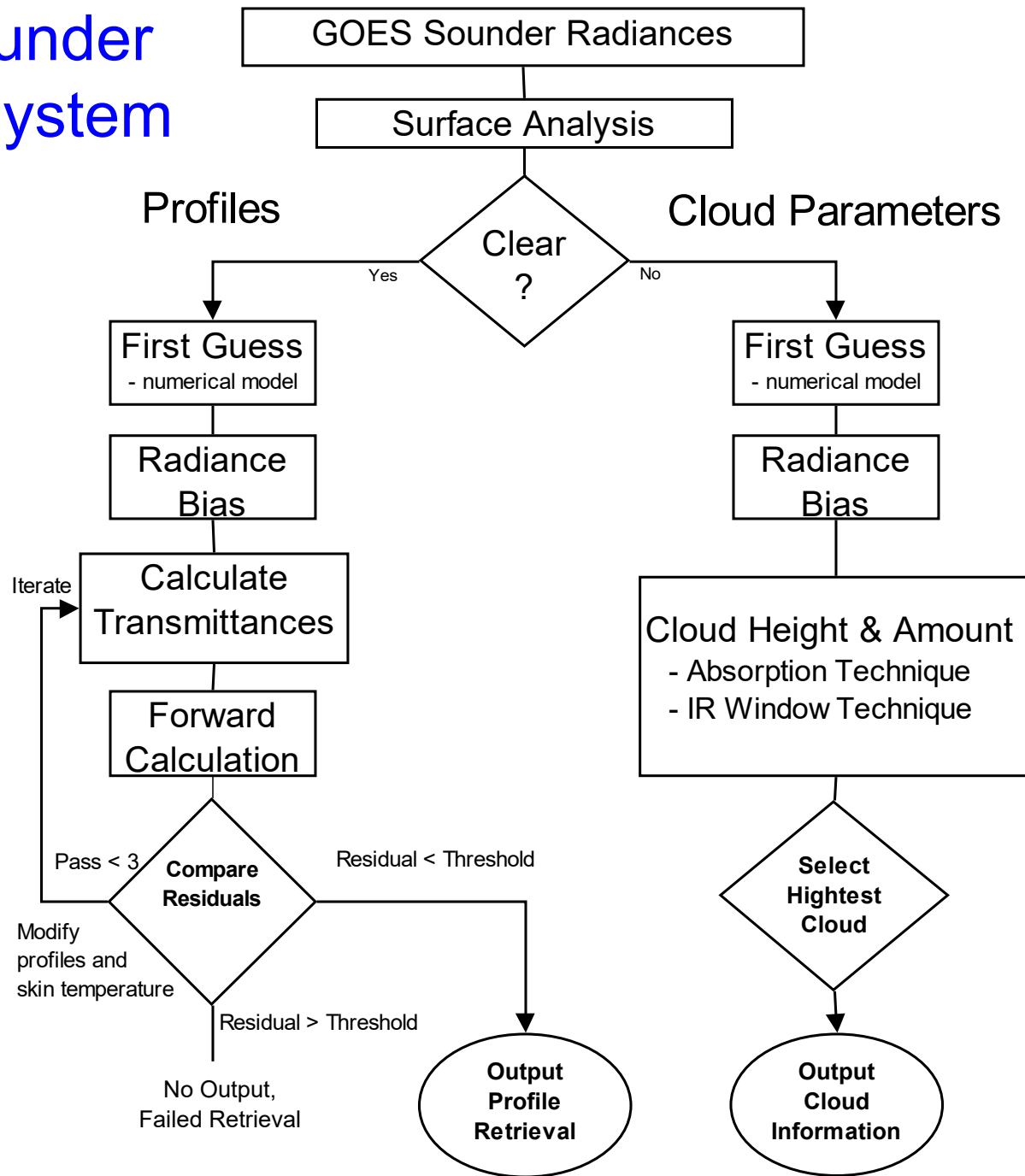
- frequent observation
- modest horizontal depiction
- “regional” coverage

Limitations:

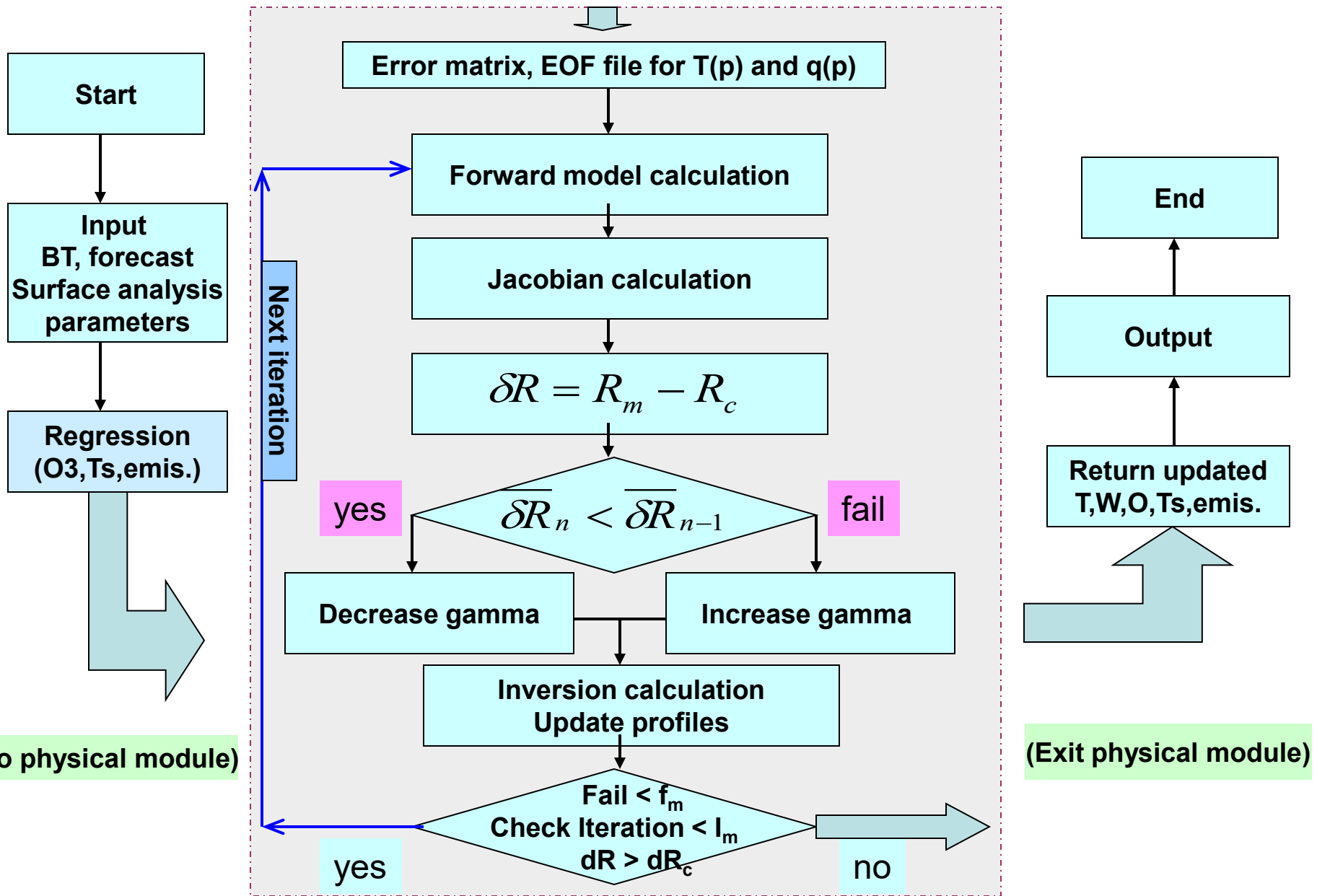
- cloud obscuration (for profiles)
- coarse vertical resolution (with current radiometers)
- no full disk coverage



GOES Sounder Retrieval System



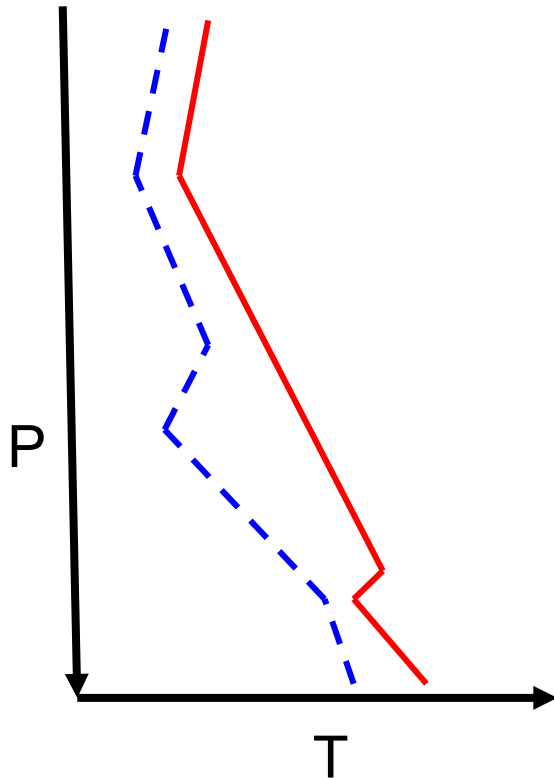
GOES-10 SFOV Physical module Flow Chart



Characteristics of the Radiative Transfer Equation (RTE)

- * Radiance arises from deep and overlapping layers
- * The radiance observations are not independent
- * There is no unique relation between the spectrum of the outgoing radiance and $T(p)$ or $Q(p)$
- * $T(p)$ is buried in an exponent in the denominator in the integral
- * $Q(p)$ is implicit in the transmittance
- * Boundary conditions are necessary for a solution; the better the first guess the better the final solution

The retrieval concept (in 25 words or less)



Perturb the **first guess profile** (surface reports, GFS forecast, and SST), and thus, the resulting, **calculated radiances** (via RTE), until those calculated radiances match the **observed radiances**; when satisfied, that perturbed profile is the (final) **retrieved profile**.

Of course, many other issues (instrument noise, transmittance function accuracy, number of vertical levels, surface emissivity calculations, ..., and obscuring clouds) come into play with successfully solving the matrix inversion of the perturbation form of the radiative transfer equation, simultaneously for temperature and moisture.

Statistical comparison of GOES PW retrievals

CIMSS GOES Retrieval/Radiosonde Statistics for TPW

1 April 1998 to 31 March 31 1999

- GOES-8 (00 UTC)

- Guess RMSE: **3.6** mm
- Retrvl RMSE **3.5** mm
- N=3594

- GOES-10 (00 UTC)

- Guess RMSE: **3.0** mm
- Retrvl RMSE: **2.4** mm
- N=616

- GOES-8 (12 UTC)

- Guess RMSE: **3.7** mm
- Retrvl RMSE **3.5** mm
- N=2974

- GOES-10 (12 UTC)

- Guess RMSE: **3.0** mm
- Retrvl RMSE: **2.7** mm
- N=674

The GOES Sounder does improve upon the (eta) first-guess
(...maybe not very much, but persistently in a positive sense).

Statistical assessment of SFOV retrieved TPW

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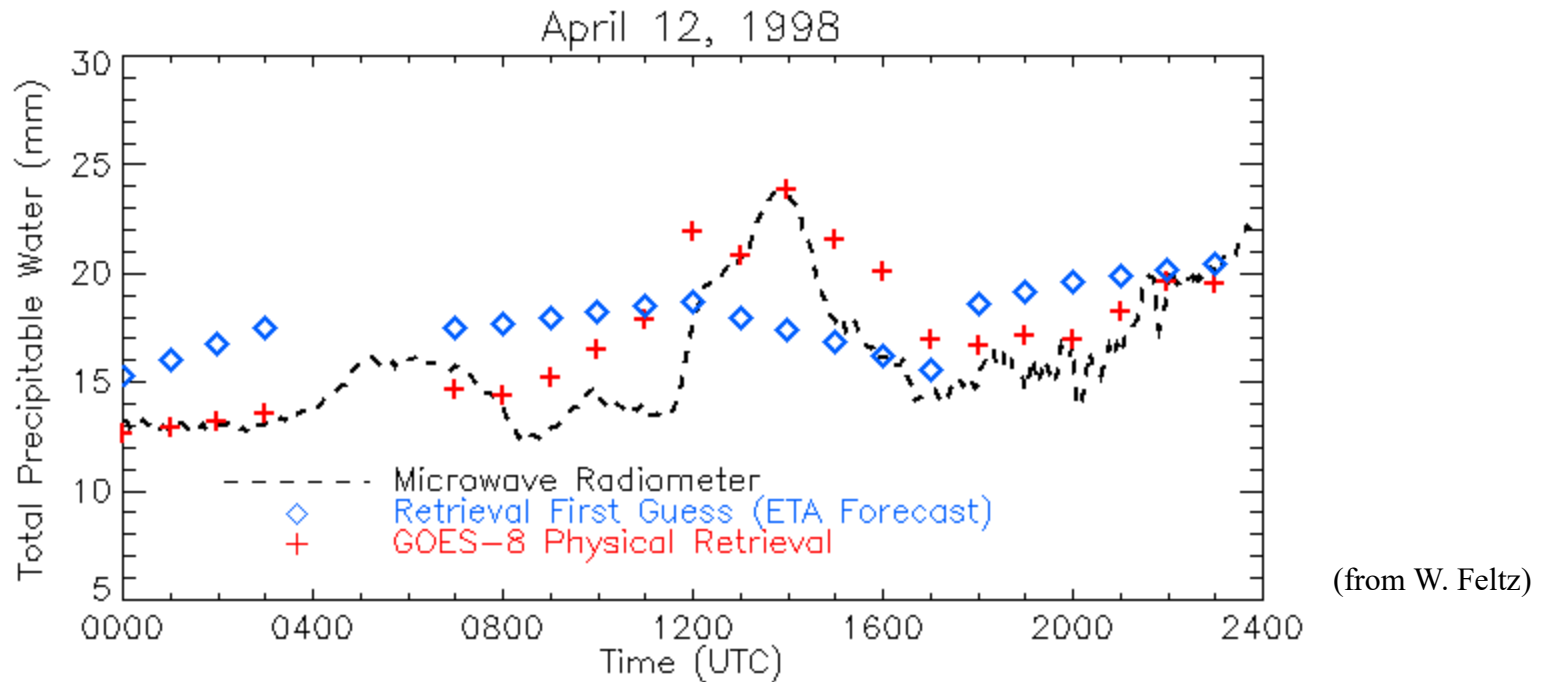
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Scale the RMSE values by the average TPW

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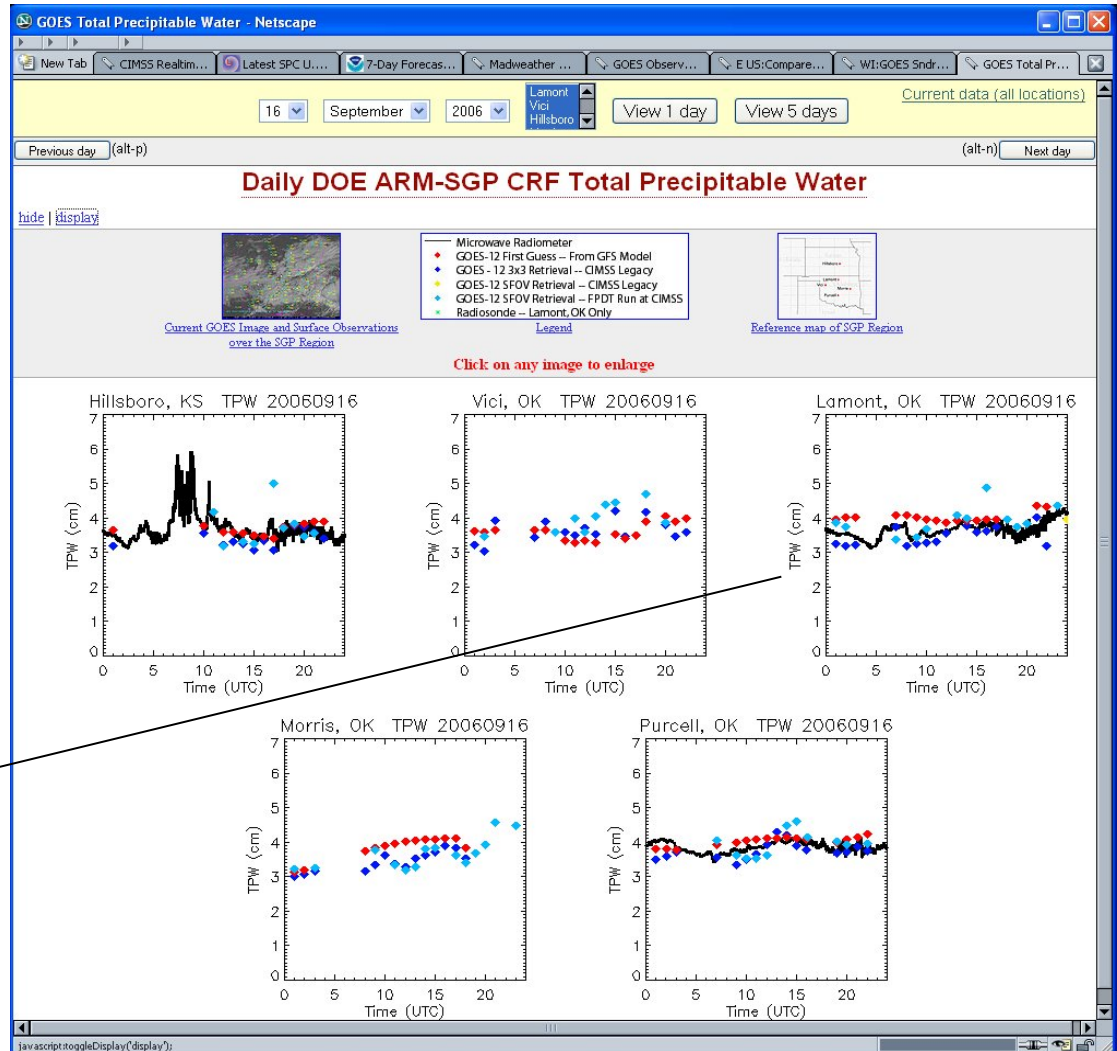
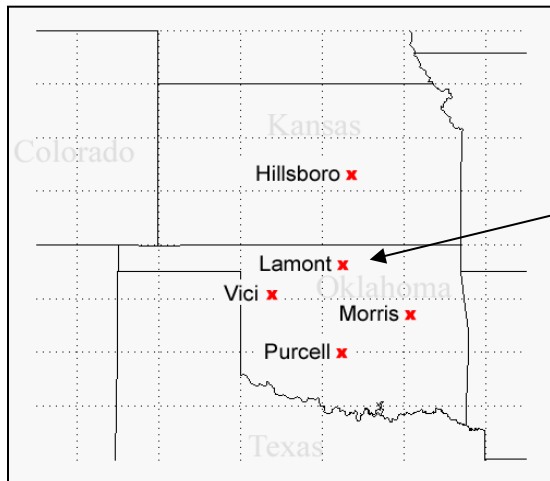
Comparison of GOES PW with microwave retrievals



Co-located total precipitable water (PW) values retrieved from the GOES Sounder compare well with integrated moisture measured by a microwave radiometer at the CART site (Lamont, OK). Note “flat” first-guess trace. GOES retrievals show ability to capture the trend and range of total moisture.

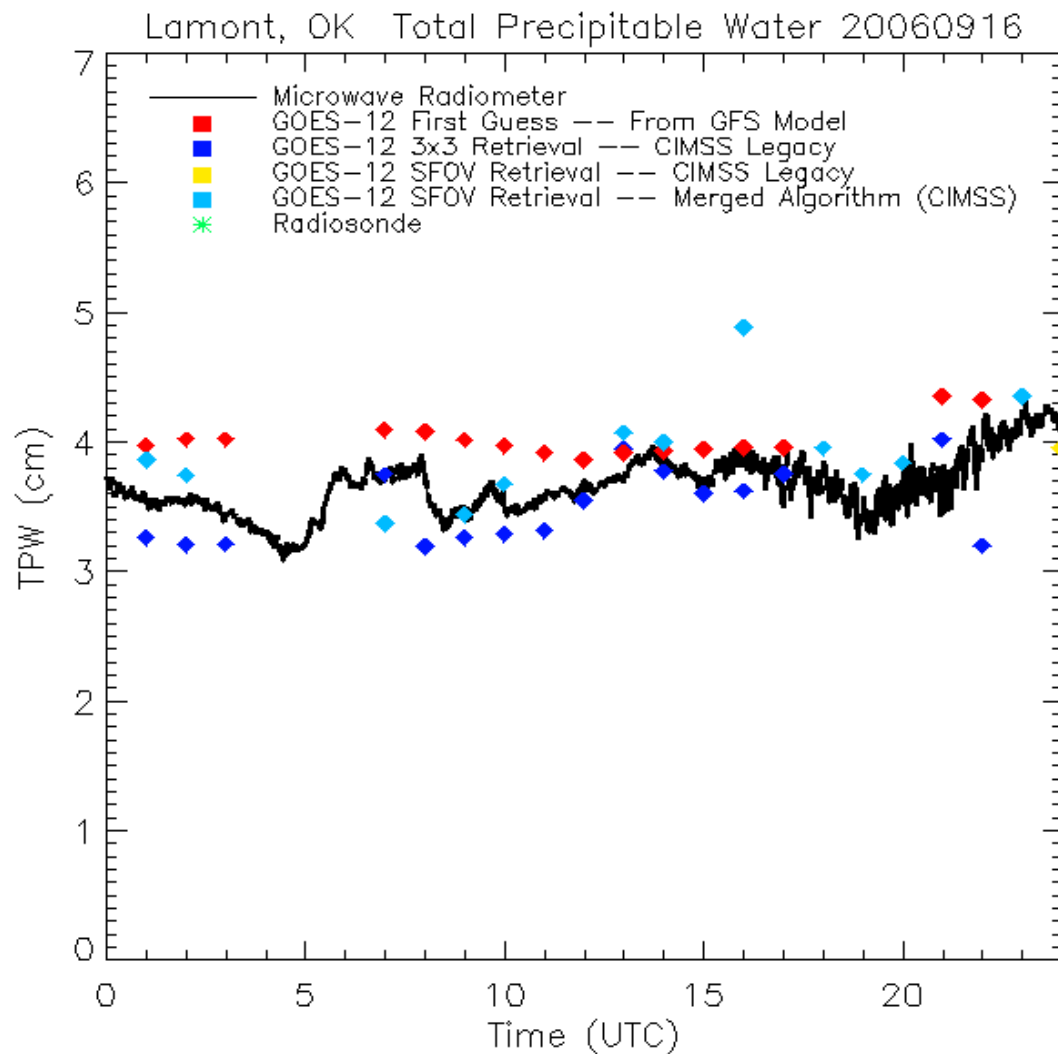
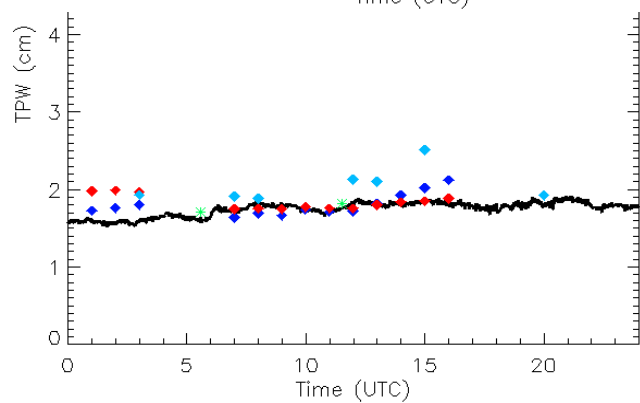
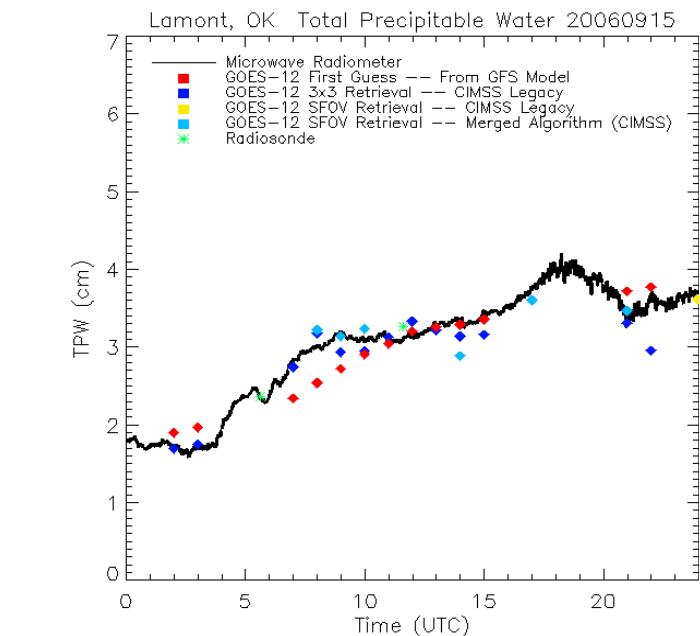
Comparing GOES retrieval trends with other observations at the ARM-SGP site (1)

Ground-based microwave radiometers at the DOE Atmospheric Radiation Measurement – Southern Great Plains site provide quality independent comparison for total column integrated water (aka TPW).



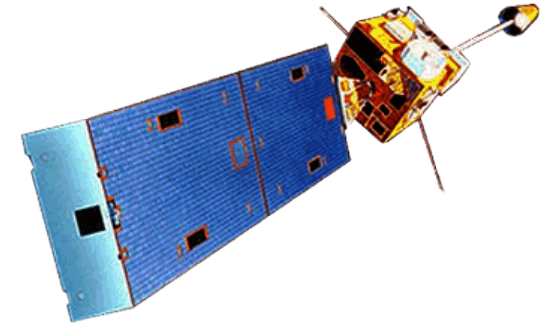
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Rationale for considering use of DPI

The excellent quality of Sounder radiance data is evidenced clearly by the consistent and fluid evolution of the 19-panel Sounder imagery animation showing unaltered equivalent blackbody temperatures.

However, to provide more quantitative information for parameters more directly applicable to weather forecasting purposes (PW, LI...), the construct of the DPI is employed.

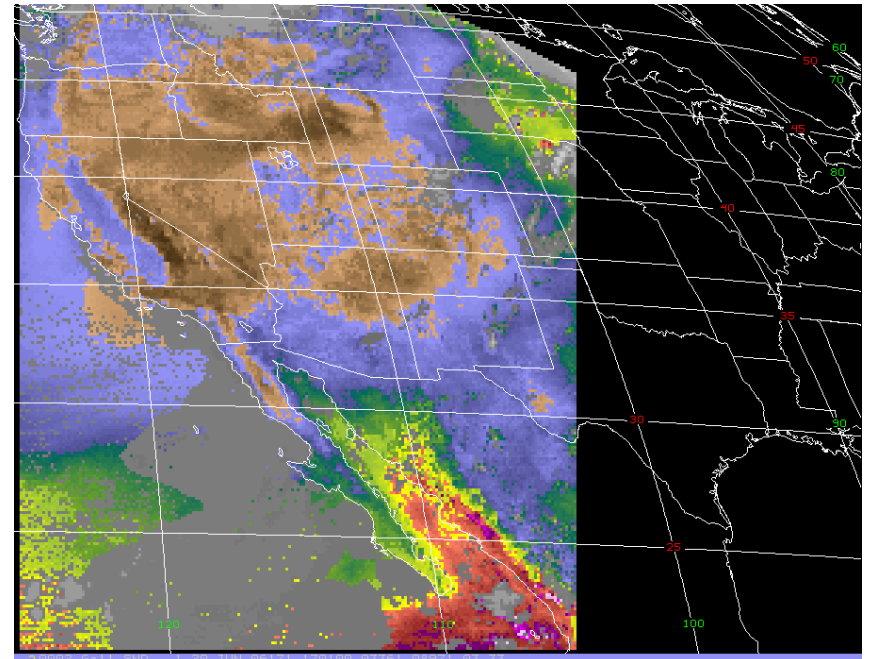
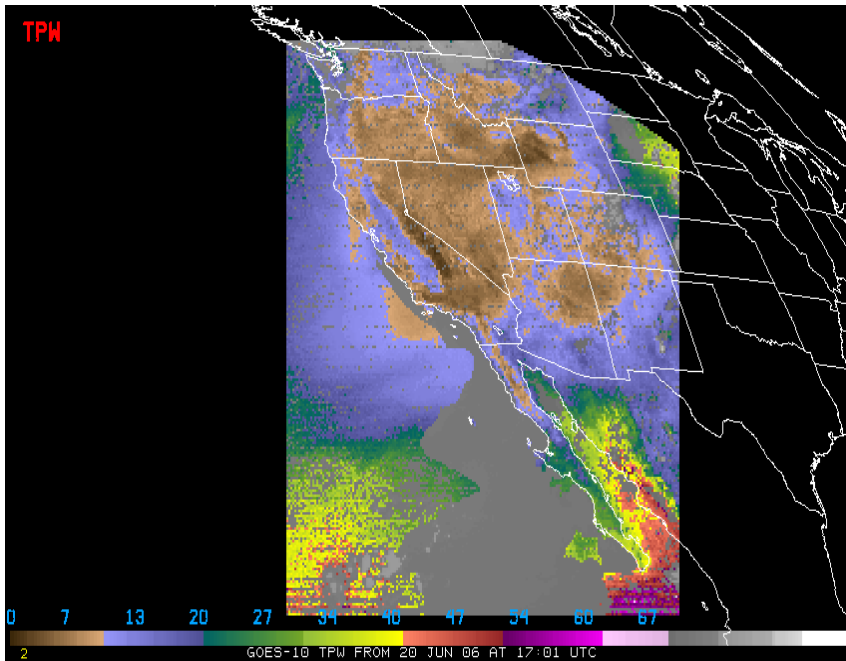
The inherent image character of the DPI lends itself to:

- display approaching **full resolution** of the data (single FOV)
 - ready **animation** (with image display software)
- synergistic **blending** of “active” weather, seen in the cloud evolution, and “precursor” conditions, seen in the product evolution

TPW

GOES10

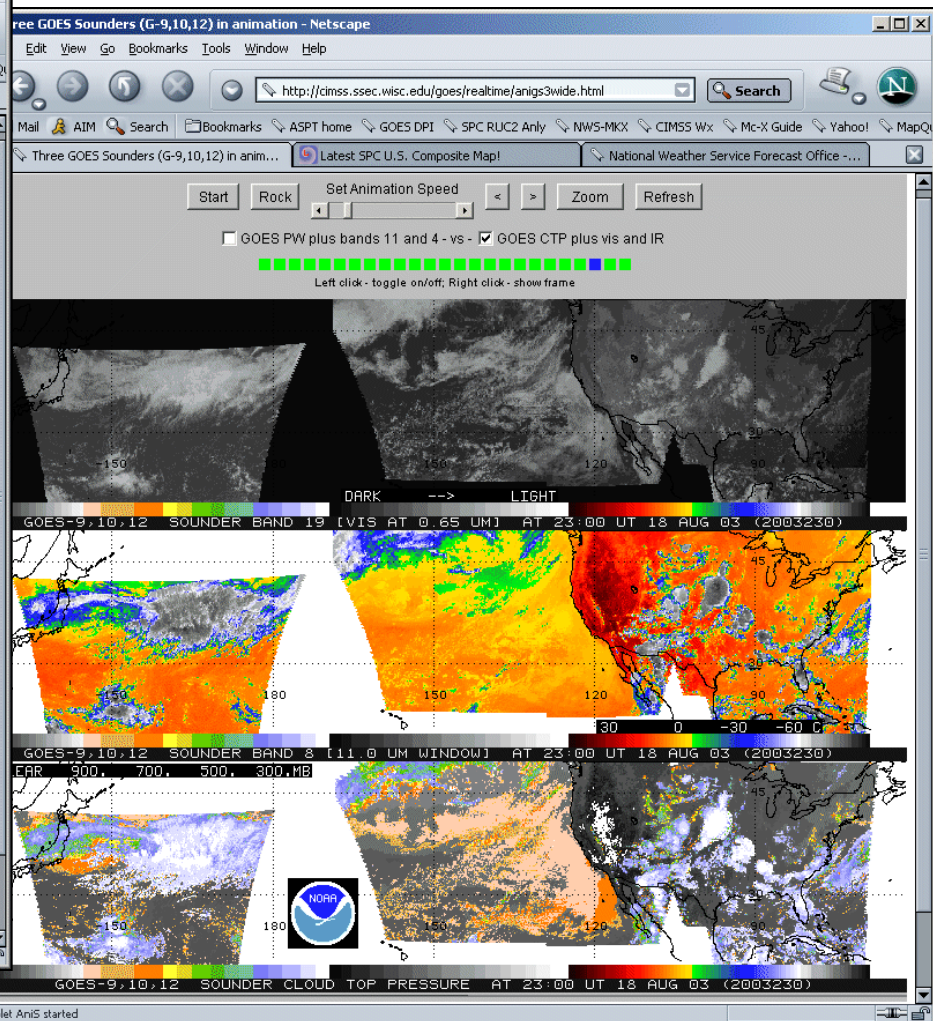
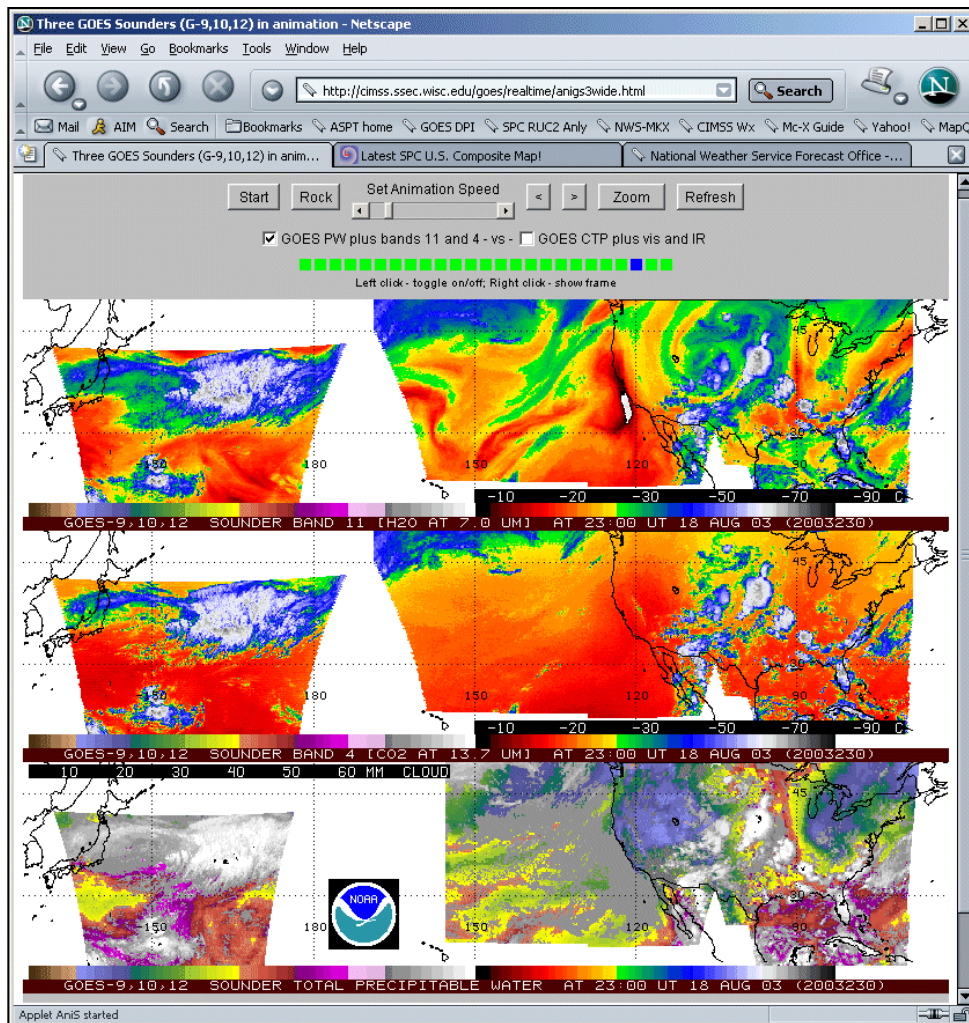
GOES11



Three GOES wide Sounder coverage across the northern mid-latitudes from Japan to Maine

For GOES-9 (far Pacific), GOES-10 (West US), and GOES-12 (East US), DPI and imagery include (on left) TPW, band 4 (CO₂), and band 11 (H₂O) and (on right) CTP, band 11 window, and band 19 visible.

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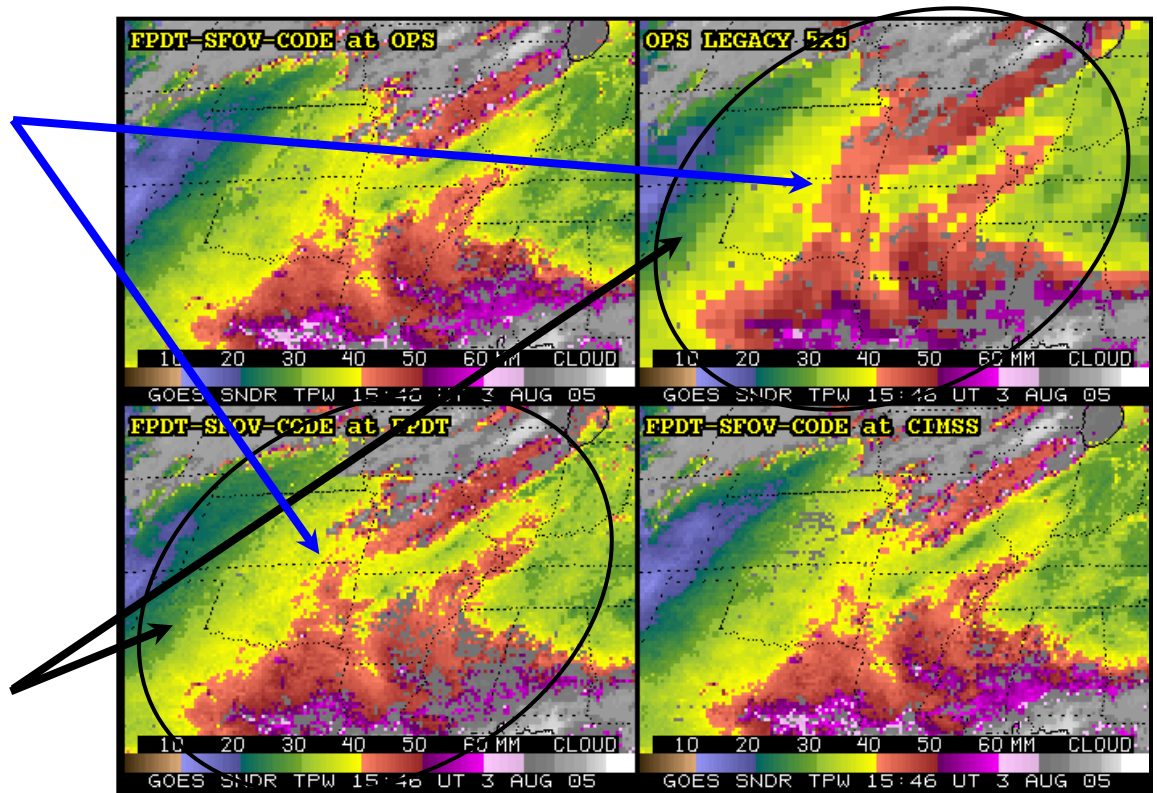
Improvement with new SFOV DPI algorithm:

1. Better horizontal resolution

Increased horizontal resolution simply provides more detail as well as more naturally smooth looking imagery.

Clear isolated individual FOVs are found with the SFOV technique, but not with the previous 5x5 FOV processing. (Note NW MO.)

Finer scales of gradient information are also gained.

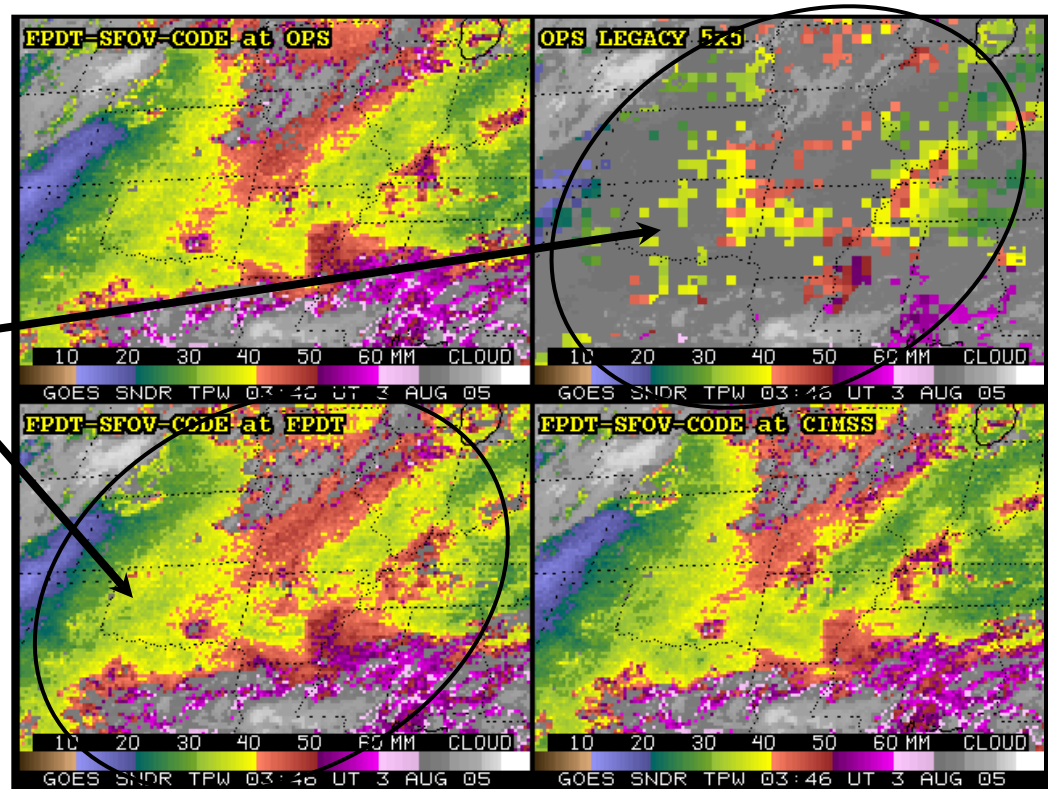


Example of GOES Sounder TPW DPI at 1546 UT on 03 Aug 2005.

Improvement with new SFOV DPI algorithm:

2. More complete coverage overnight

Dramatic increase was achieved in profile parameter coverage overnight with new SFOV DPI, compared to previous 5x5 FOV DPI available on AWIPS. Ability to successfully retrieval profiles in clear air situations no longer impaired by previous algorithm deficiencies and threshold settings.

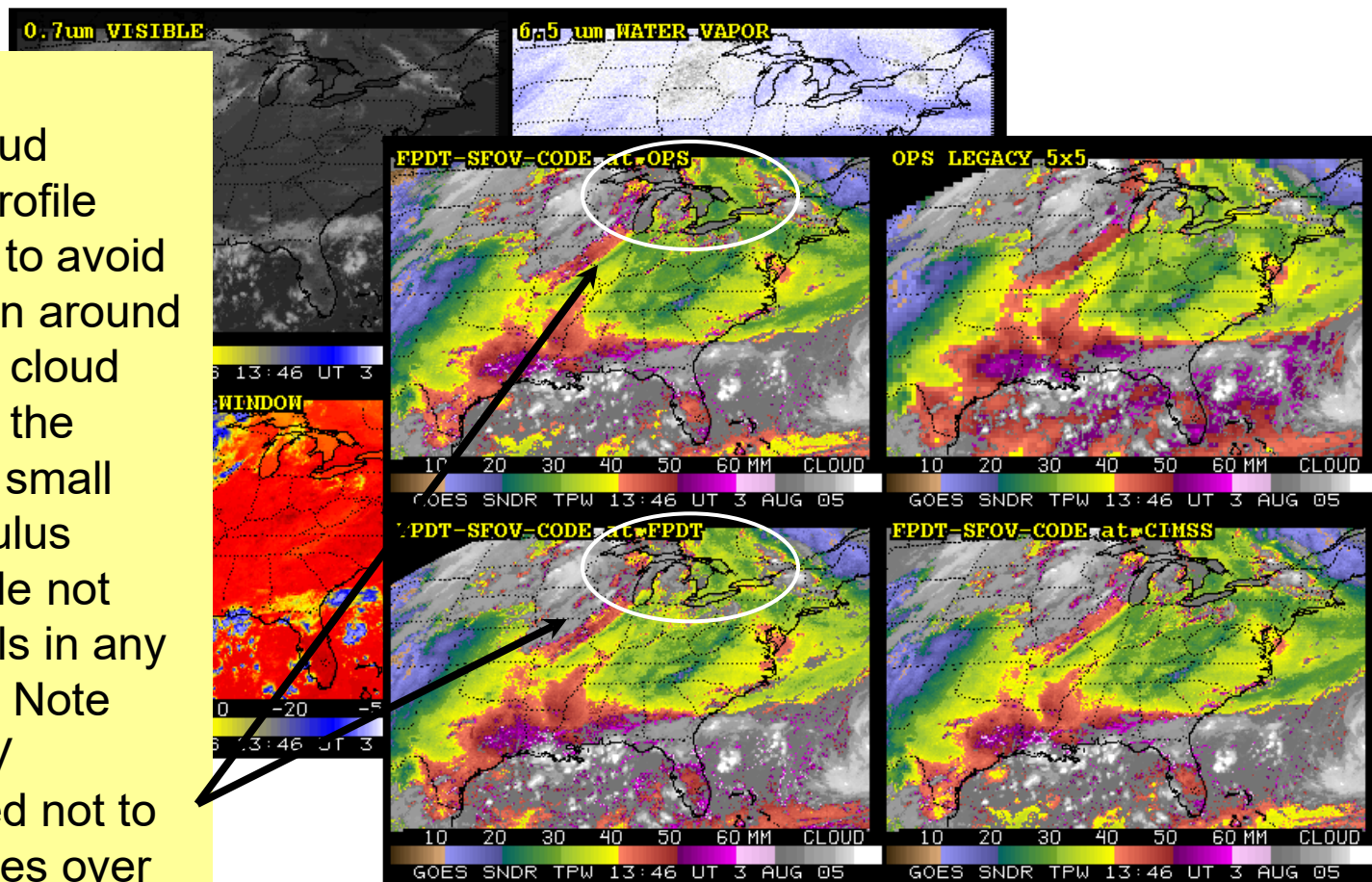


Example of GOES Sounder TPW DPI at 0346 UT on 03 Aug 2005.

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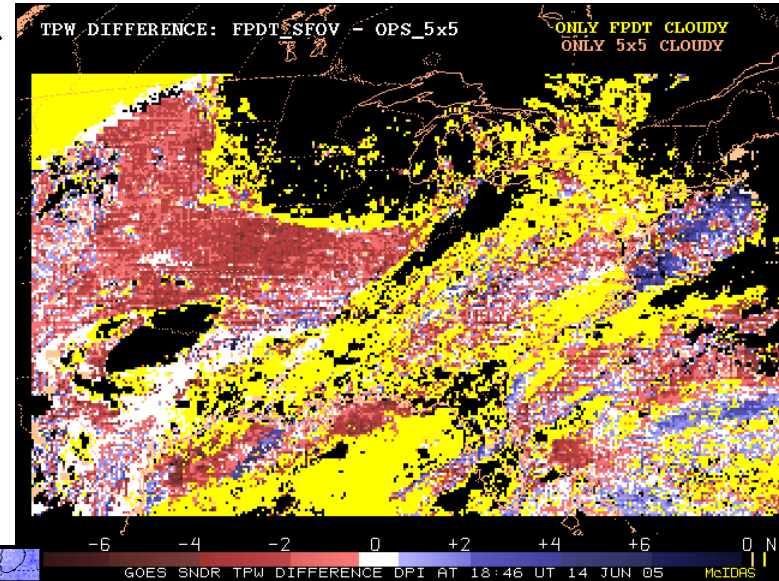
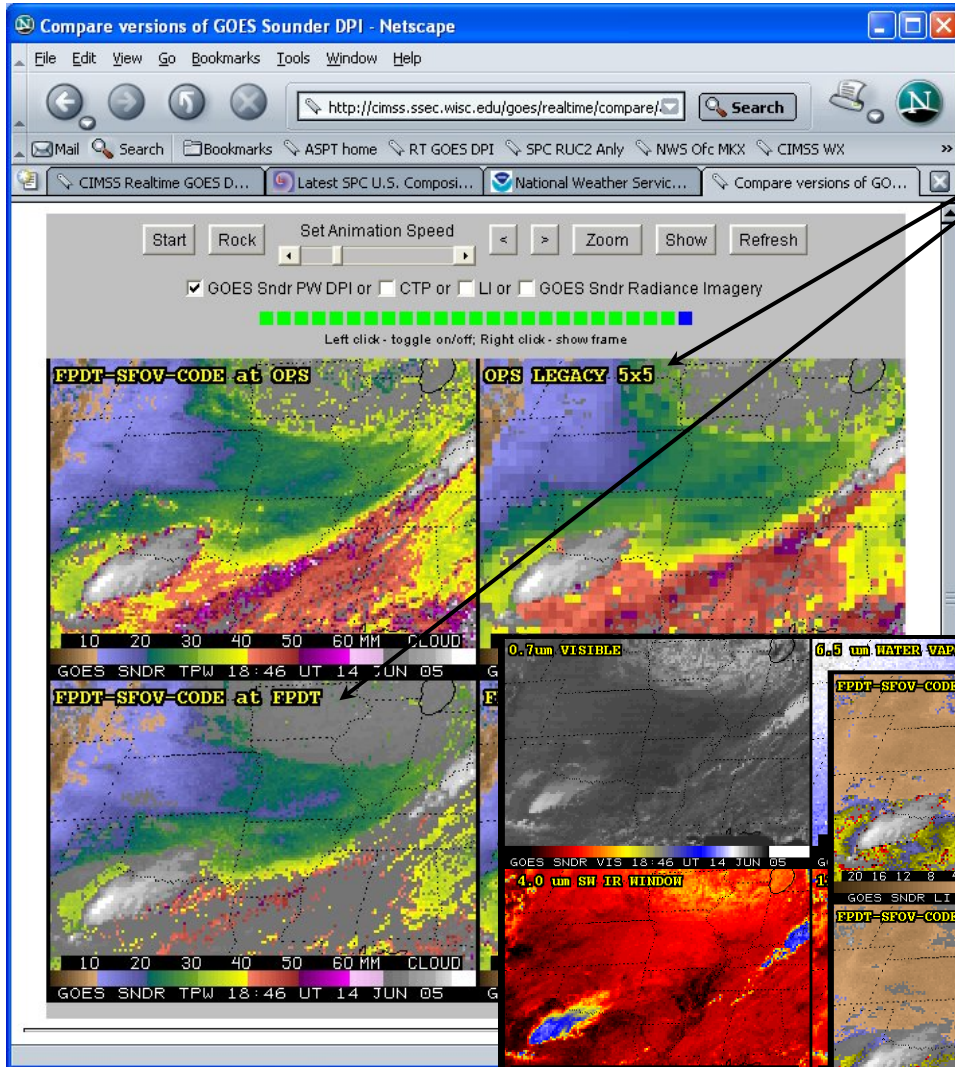
3. Finely tuned cloud screening

A fine balance was achieved in the cloud screening for the profile retrievals, which is to avoid cloud contamination around extensive and cold cloud features as well as the larger instances of small scale diurnal cumulus developments, while not preventing retrievals in any clear air locations. Note how the final SFOV algorithm was tuned not to exclude clear profiles over the Great Lakes.



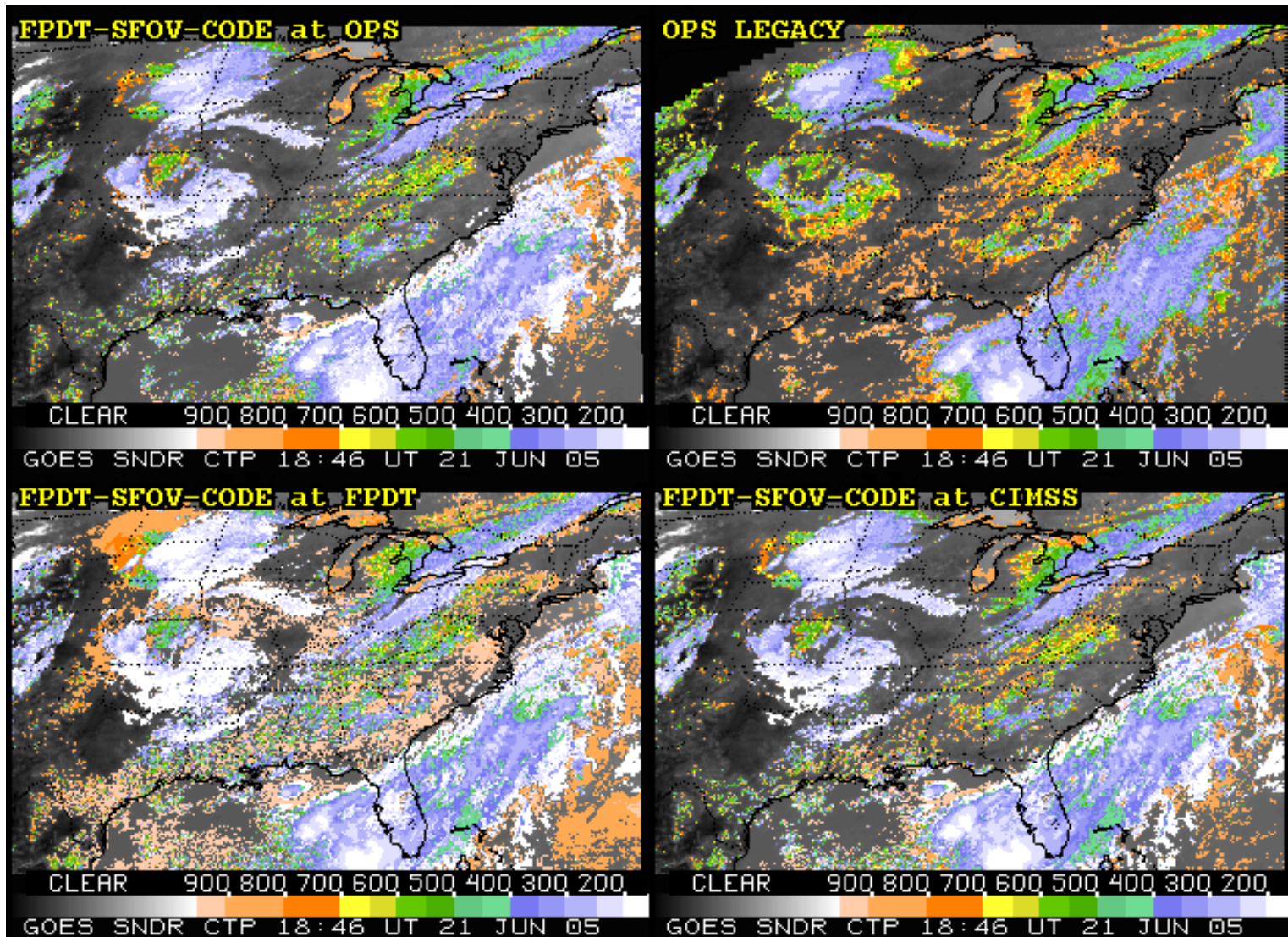
Example of GOES Sounding TPW DPI at 1346 UT on 03 Aug 2005.

Monitoring and comparing real-time GOES Sounder Single Field-of-View (SFOV) Derived Product Imagery (DPI) for ultimate use by the National Weather Service (NWS)

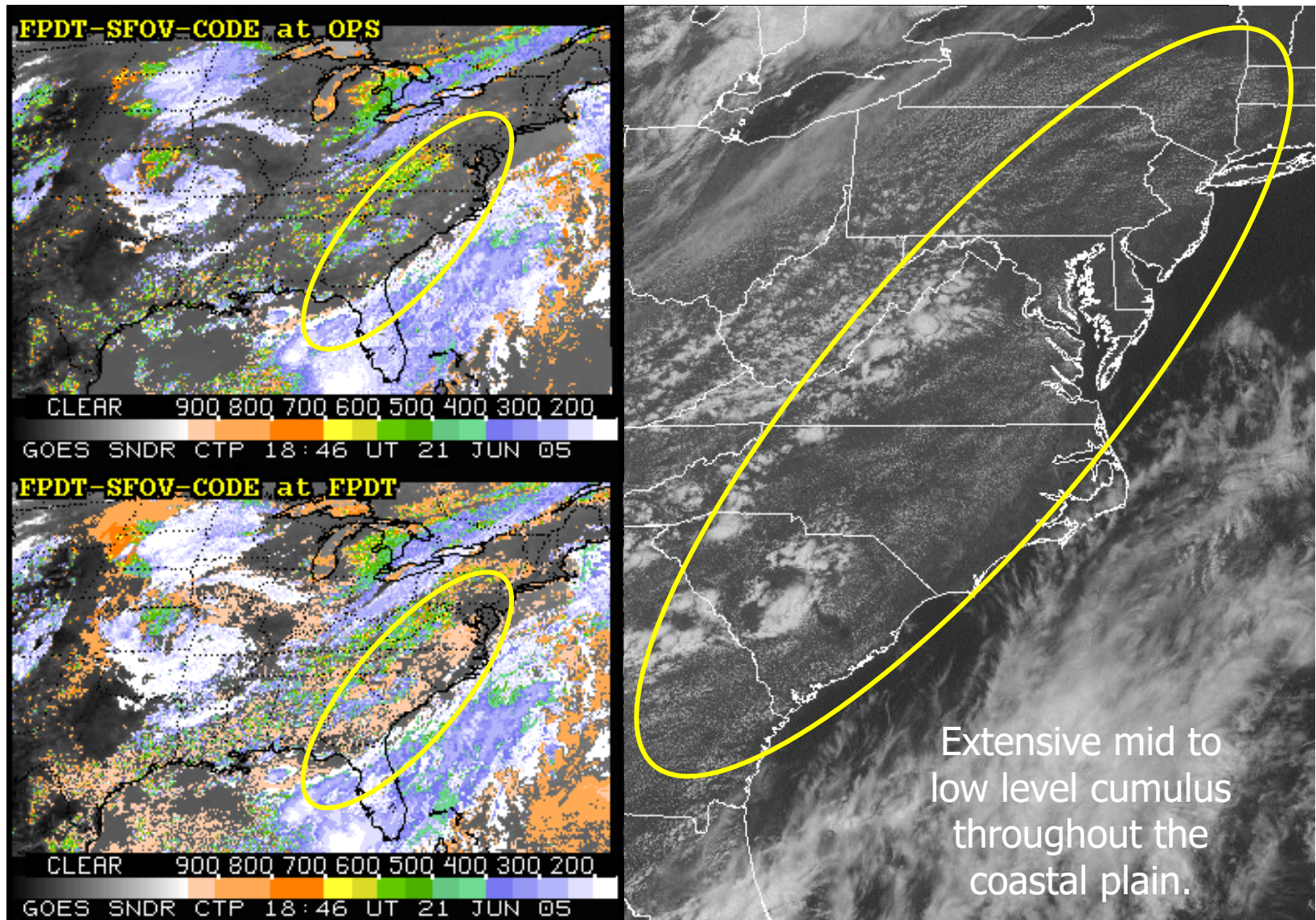


Four sources of DPI:
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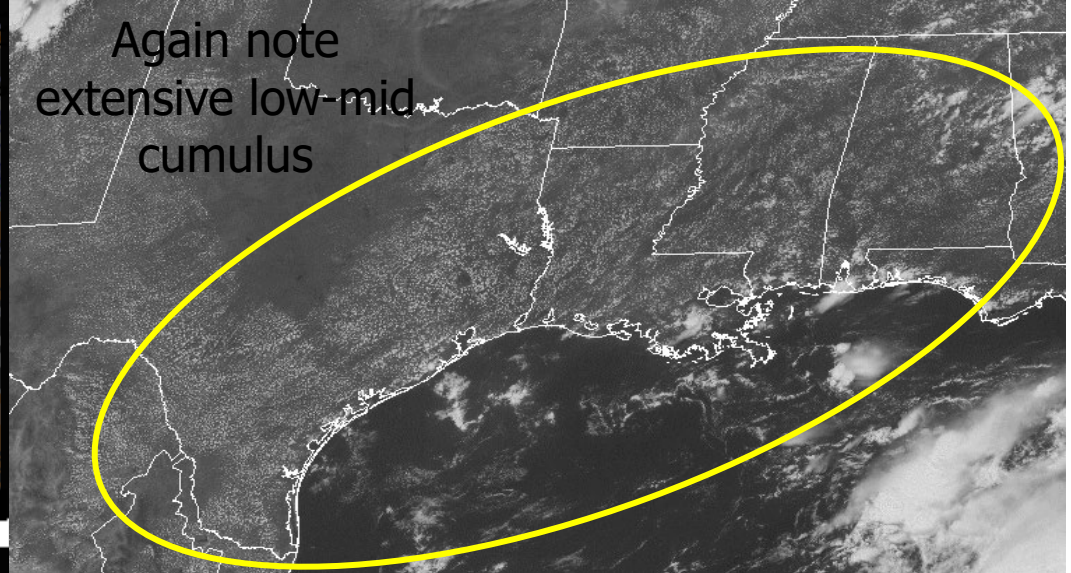
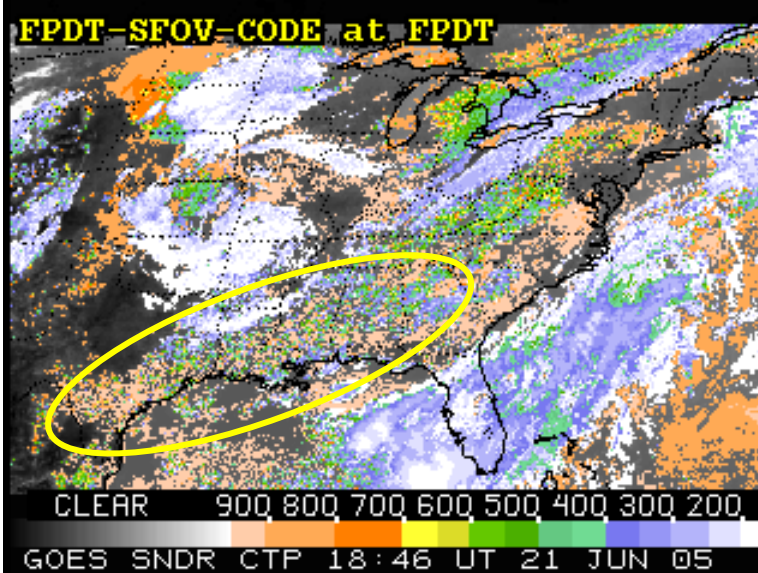
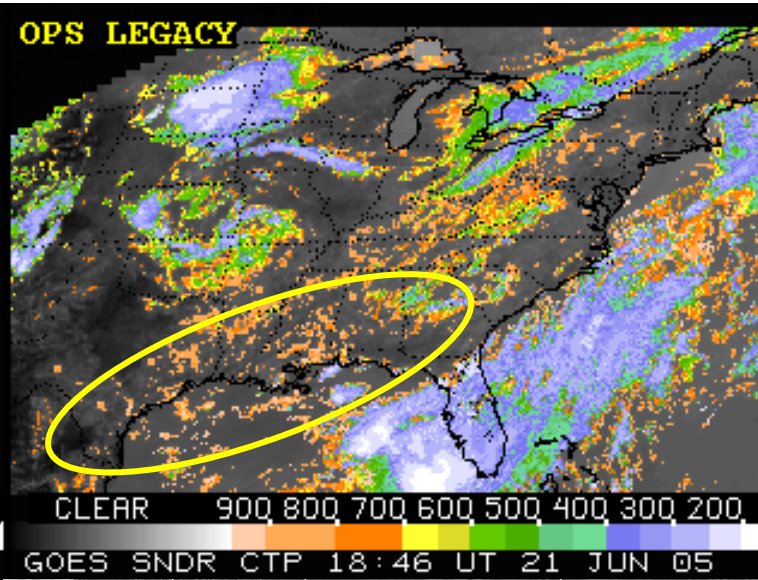
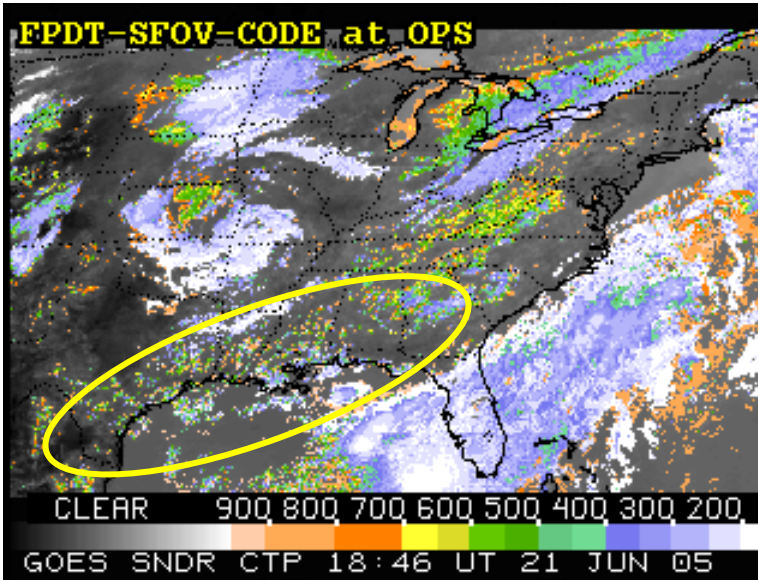
Case from June 21st, 2005 18:46Z



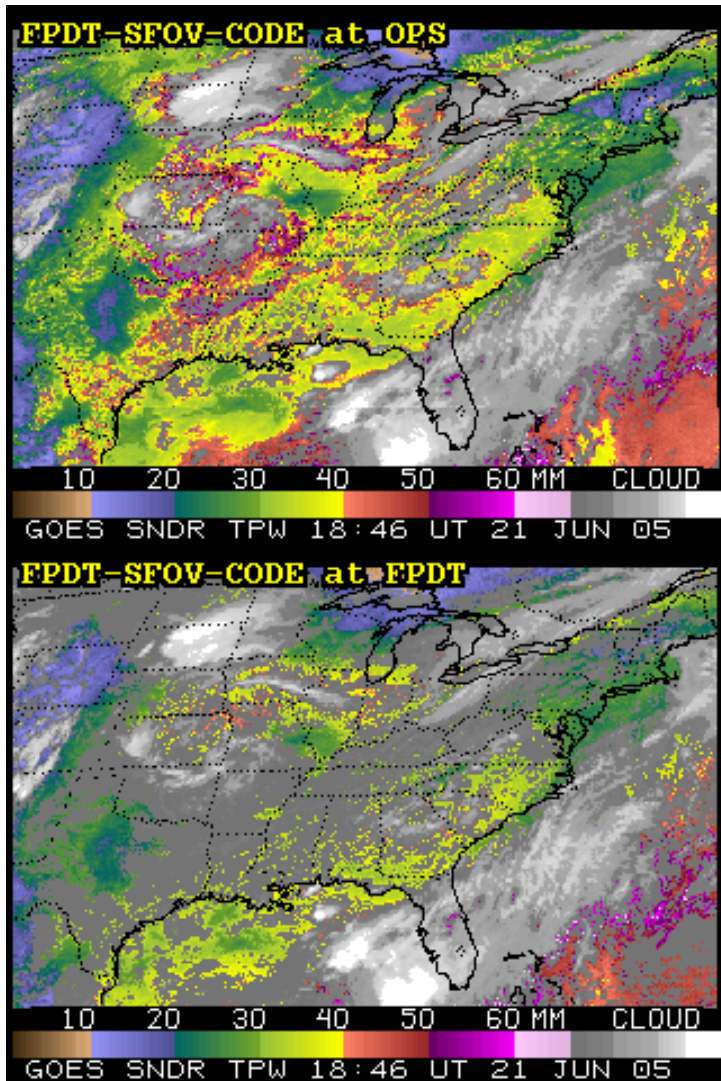
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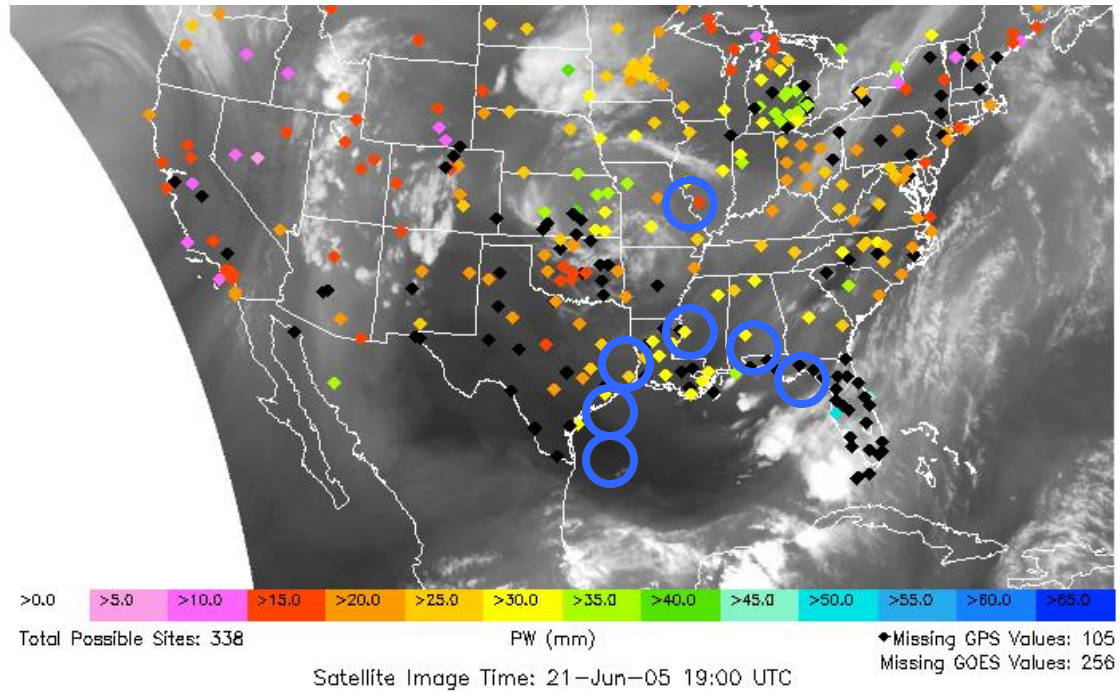


But is the “cloudier” data “o.k.”?



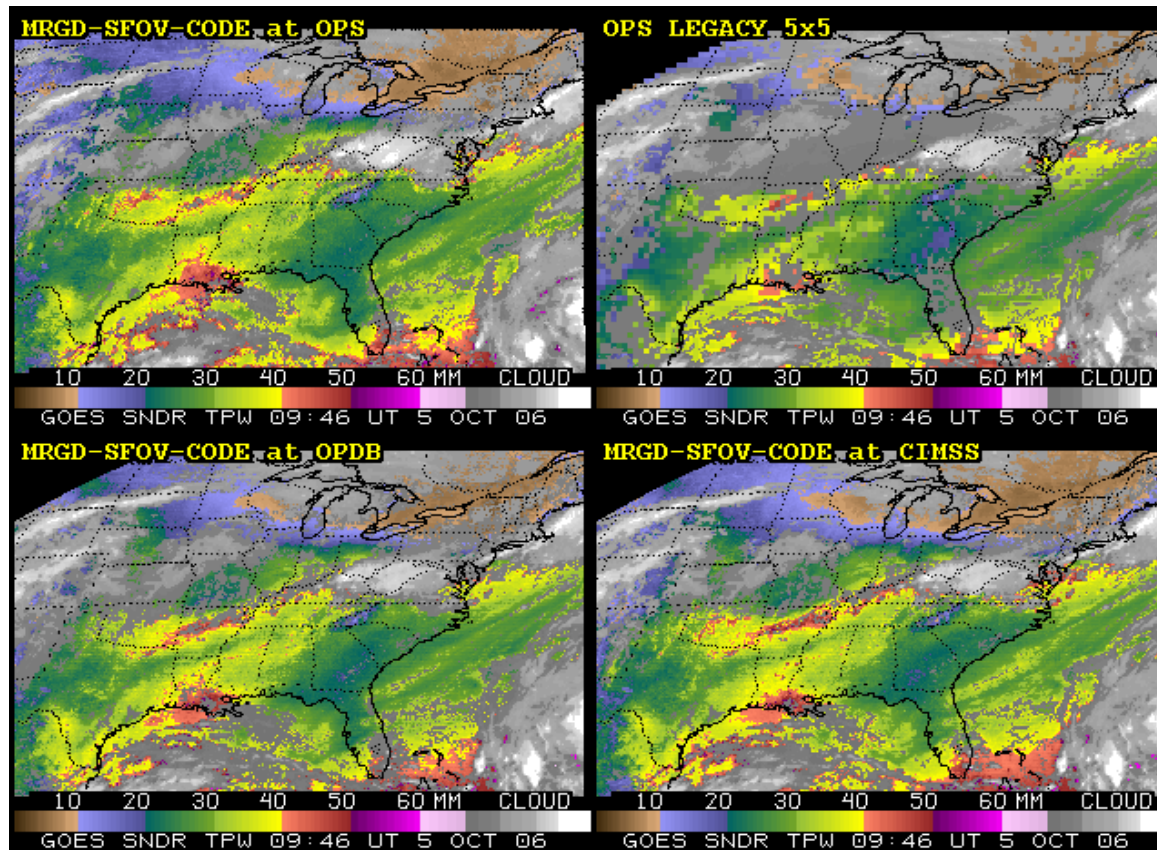
GOES Water Vapor

The sampling of circled GPS TPW values are all roughly between 25mm and 35mm. All selected spots are where the “looser” cloud mask produced a DPI product, but the “tighter” mask did not. At virtually all spots, the “looser” mask DPI had TPW values of 40-60mm.



Continuing to monitor modifications being made to retrieval processing methods

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SFOV

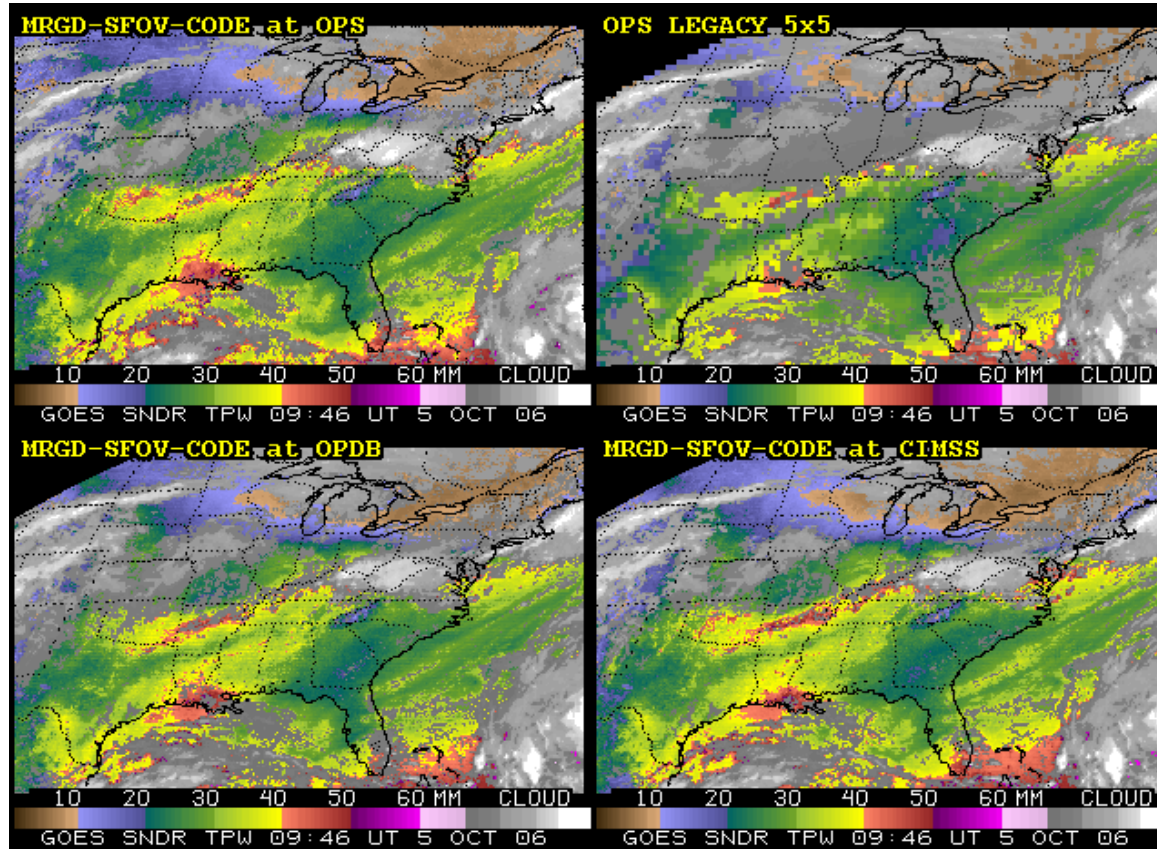


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5x5

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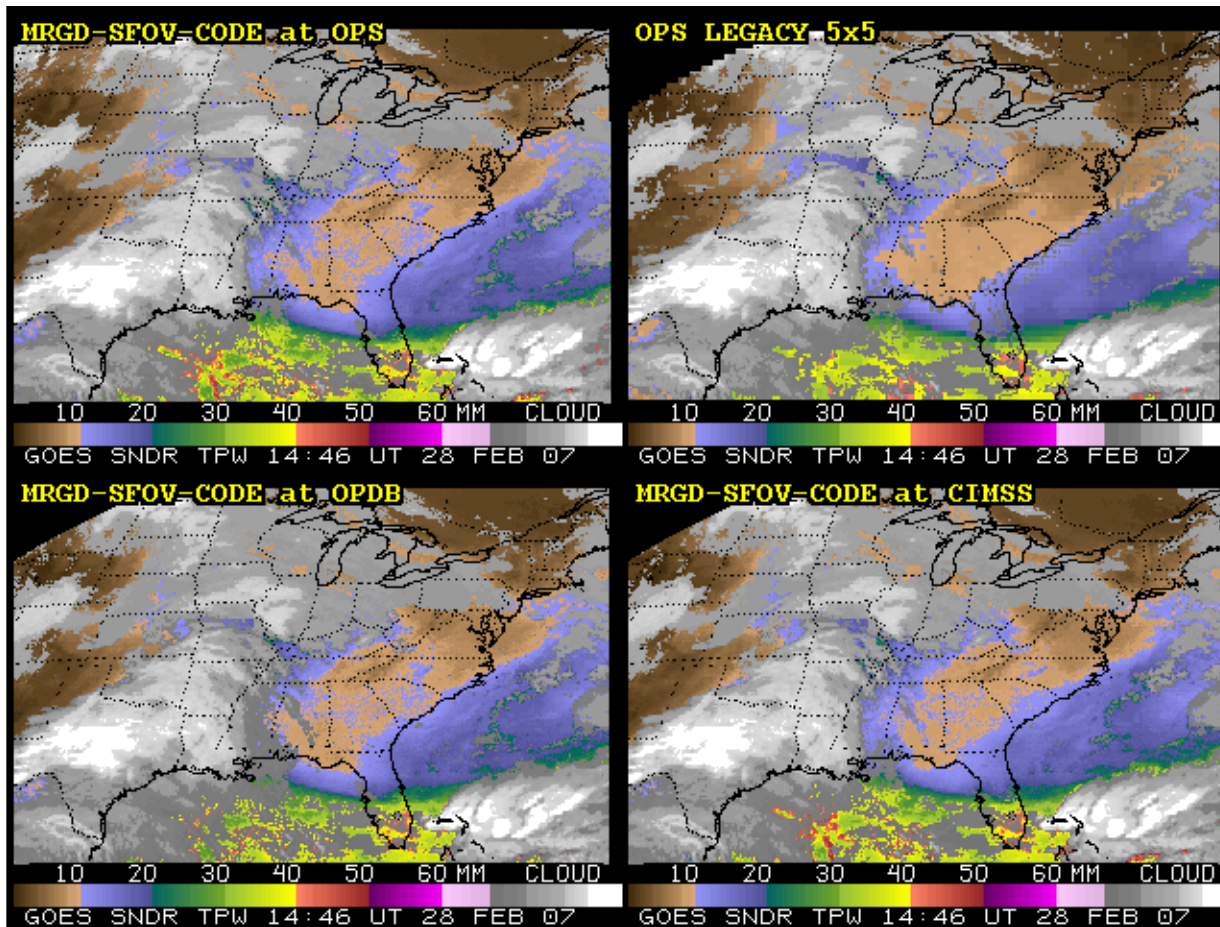
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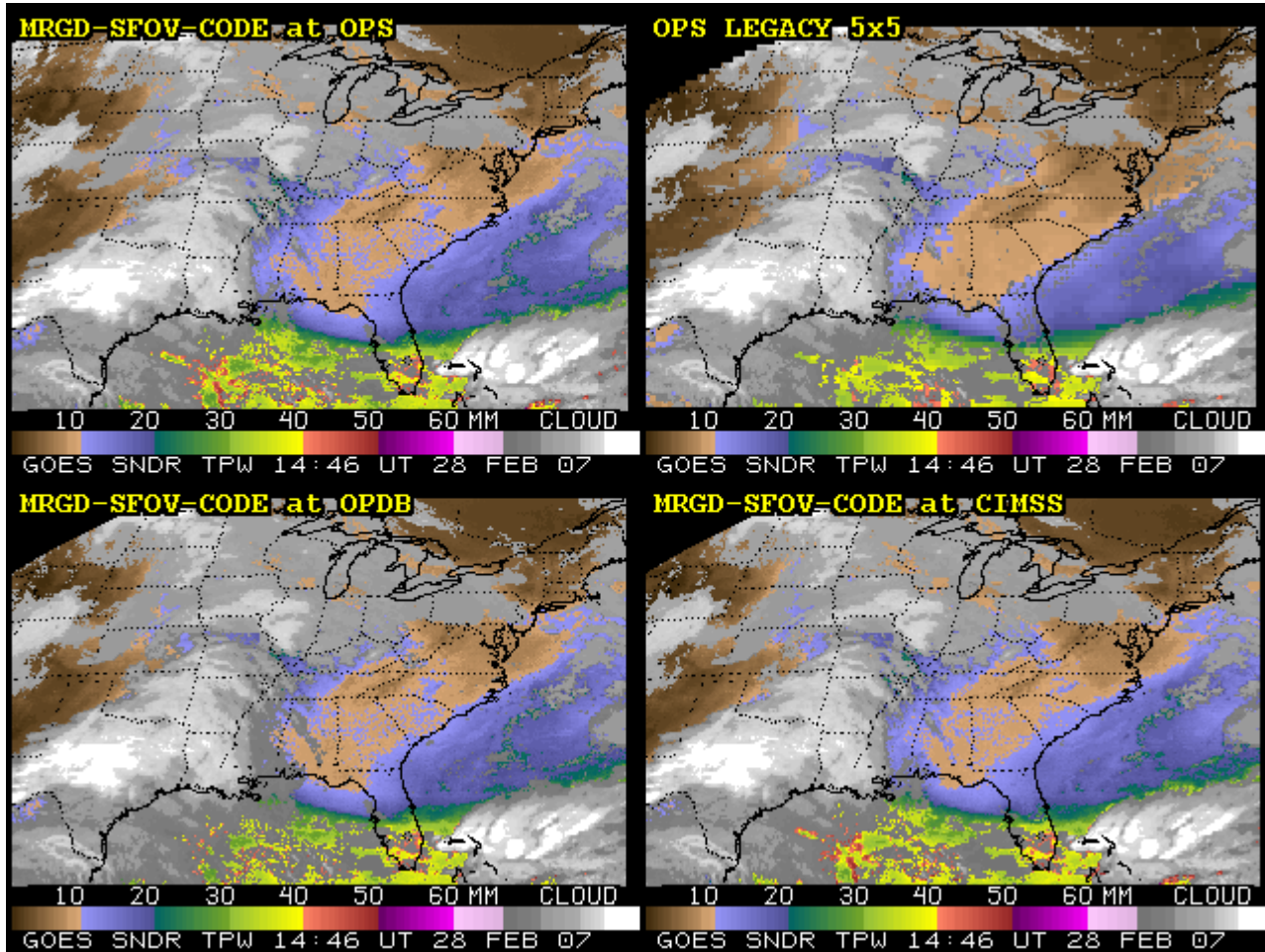


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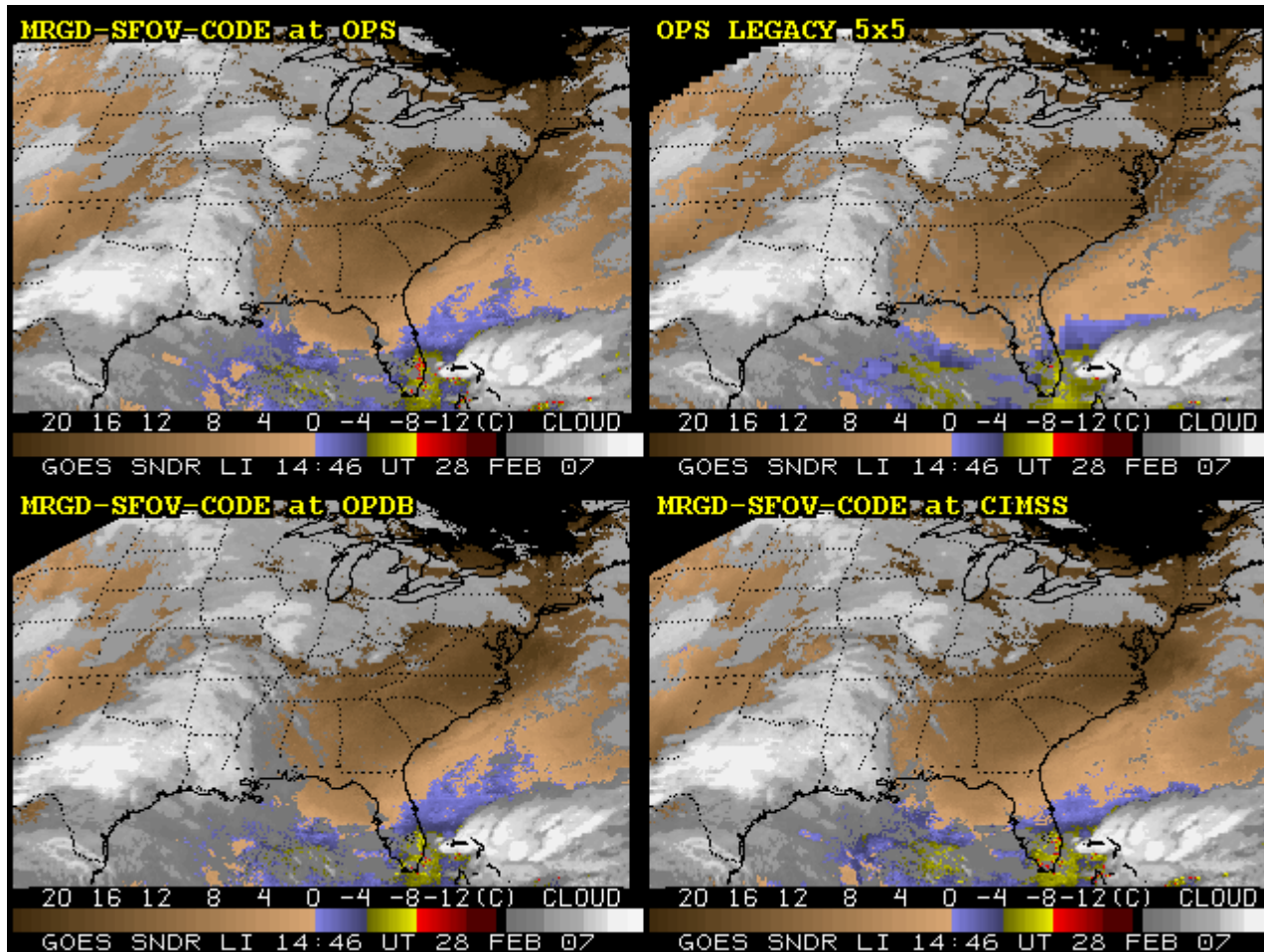
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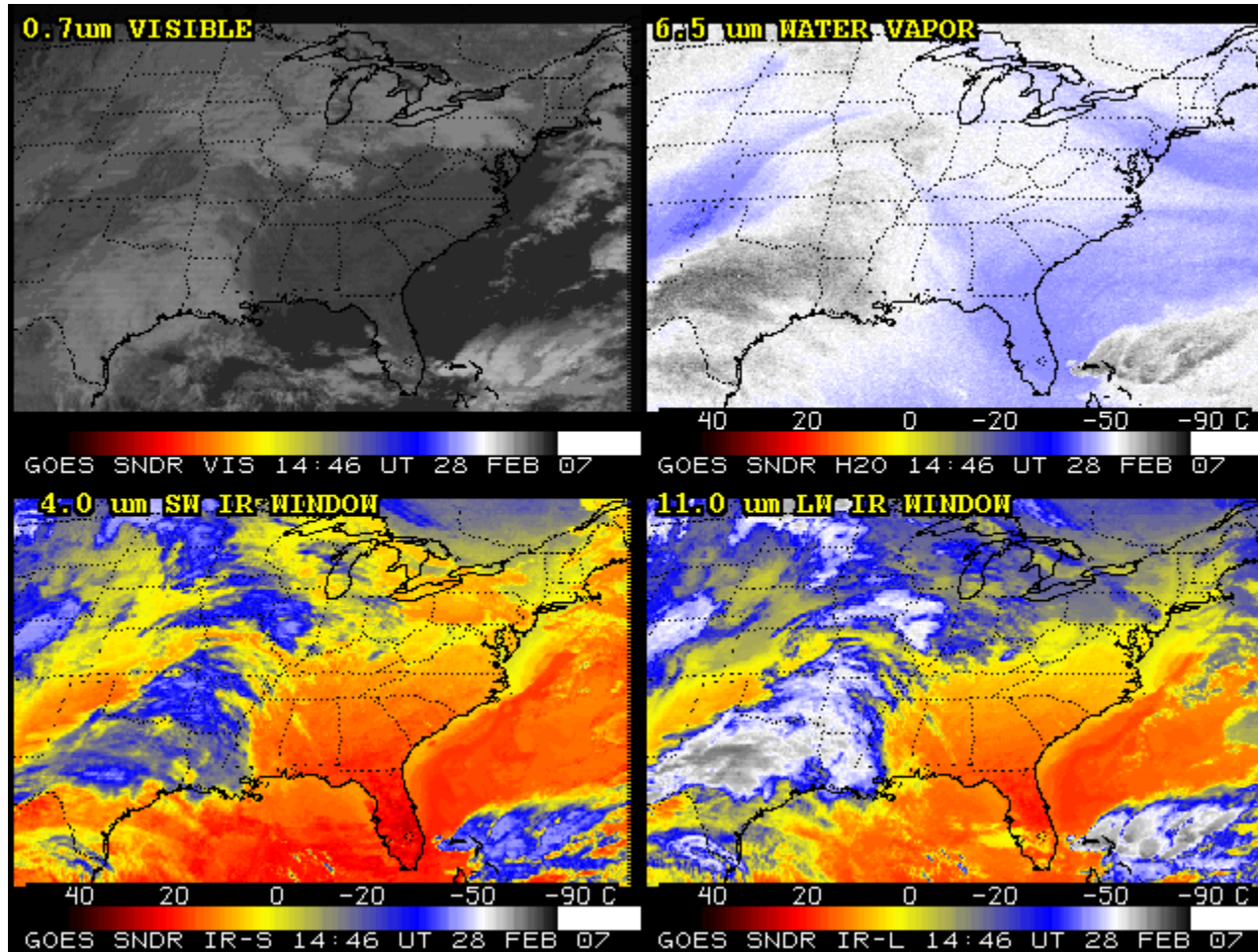
{GOES Sounder Total Precipitable Water -- 15 UT 28 Feb 2007 – 21 UT 01 Mar 2007}

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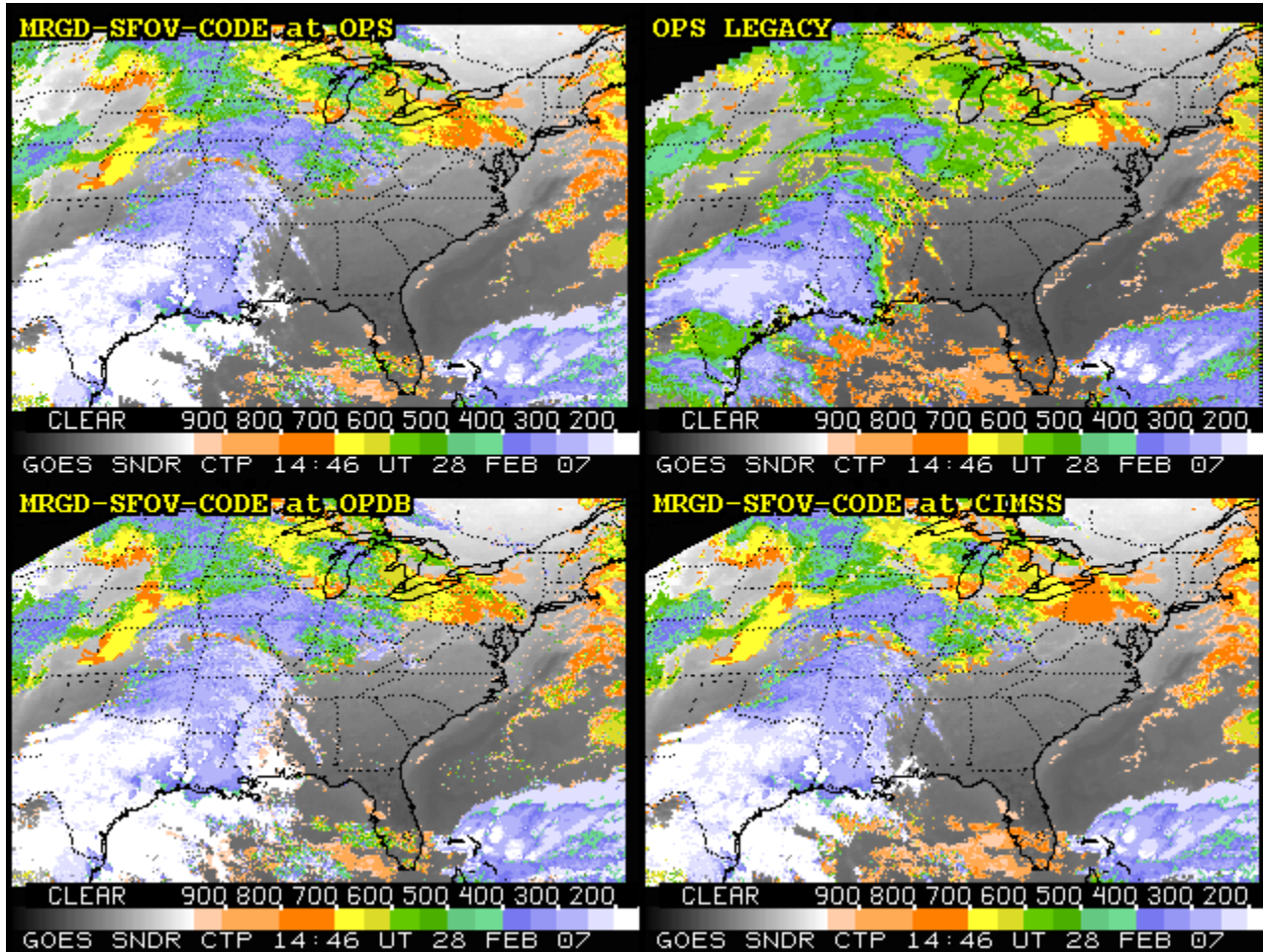
{GOES Sounder Lifted Index (Stability) -- 15 UT 28 Feb 2007 – 21 UT 01 Mar 2007}

Viewing “raw” Sounder imagery in the course of monitoring modifications being made to retrieval processing methods



{GOES Sounder Band Radiance Imagery -- 15 UT 28 Feb 2007 – 21 UT 01 Mar 2007}

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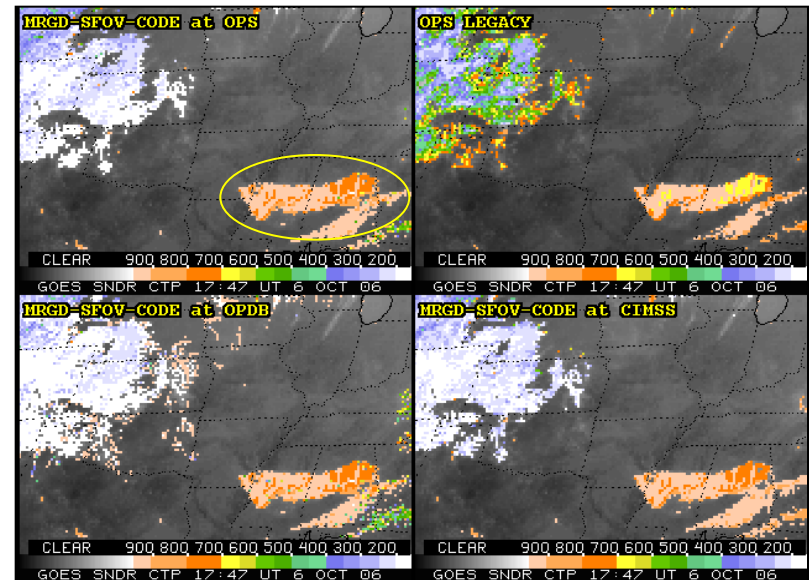
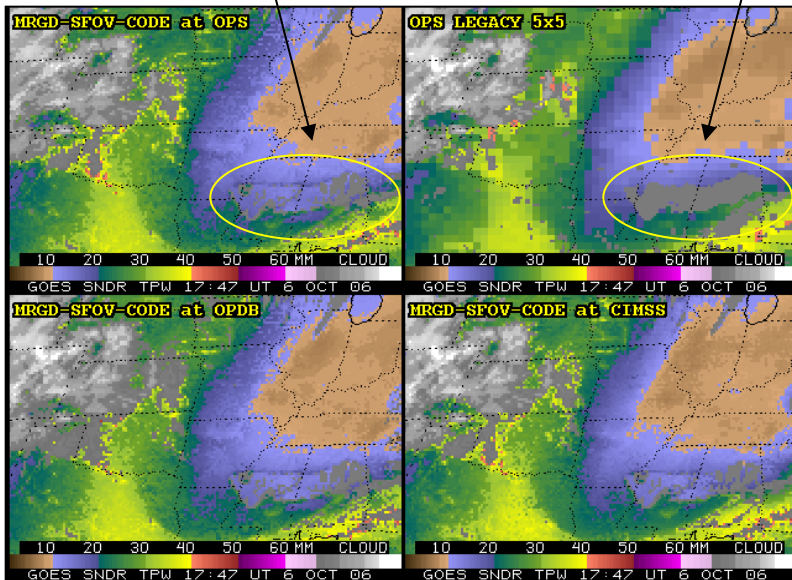
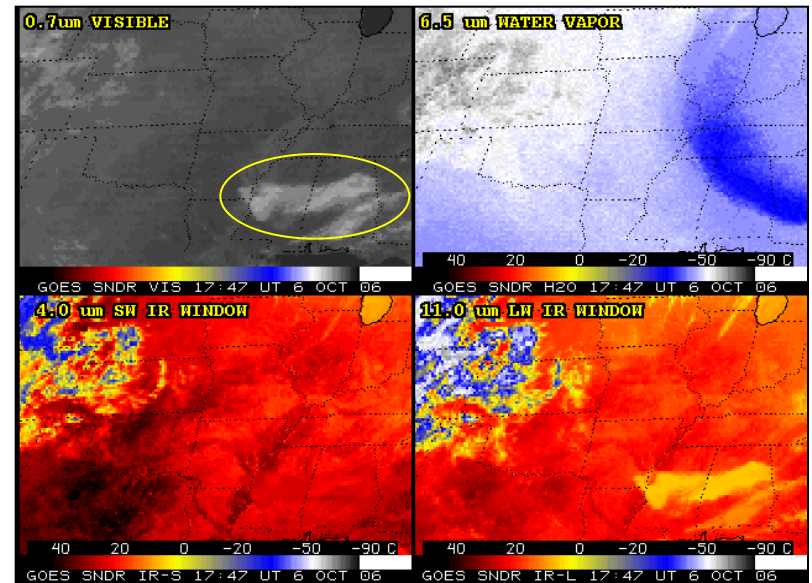


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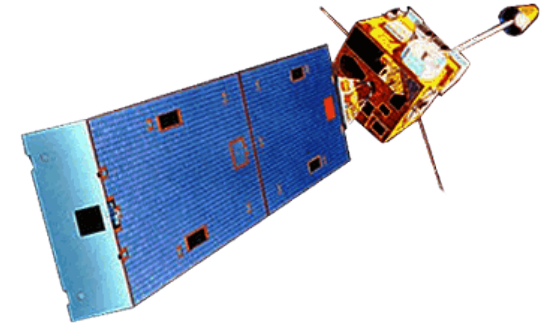
Continuing to look closely at the SFOV DPI

Cloud determination
(screening or depicting)
remains troublesome at times.

Although all cloud top pressure (CTP)
DPI captured the low cloud across MS
and AL, the “old” 5x5 TPW DPI
screened that cloud better than the
new SFOV TPW DPI processing!

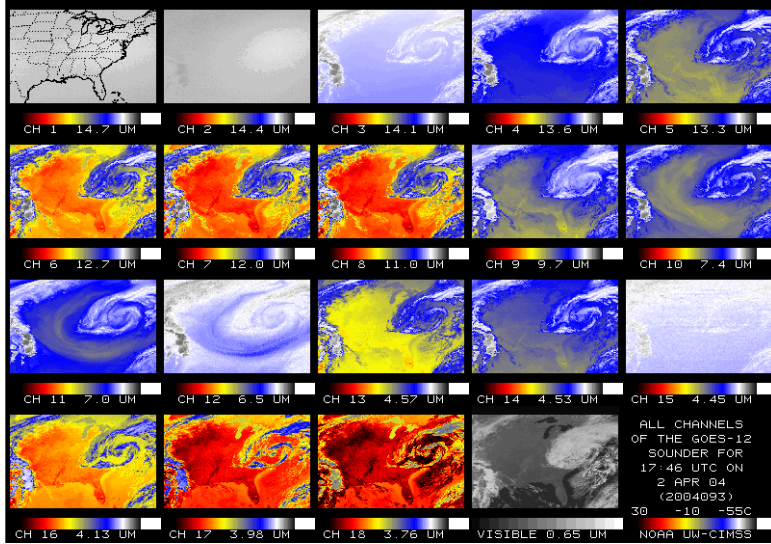


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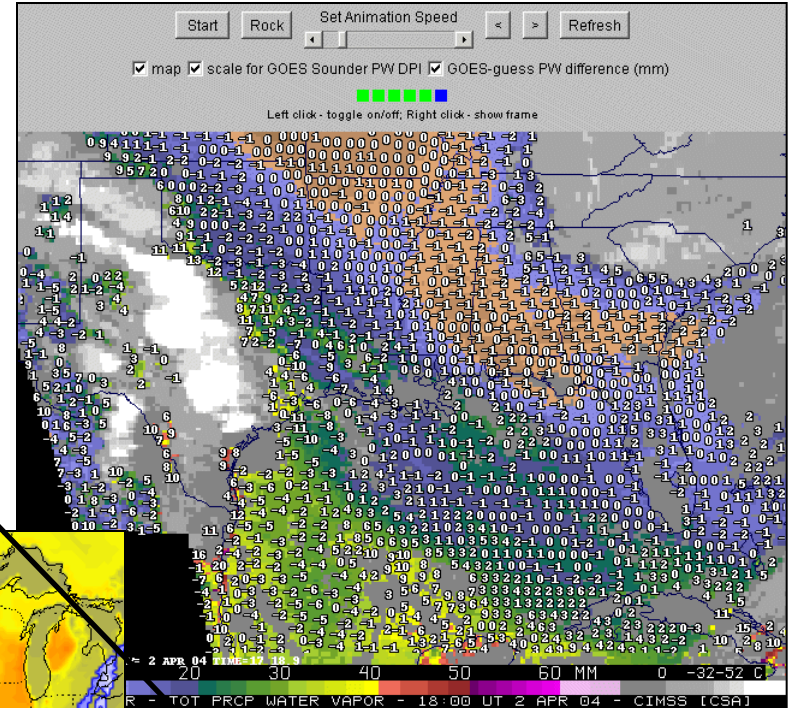


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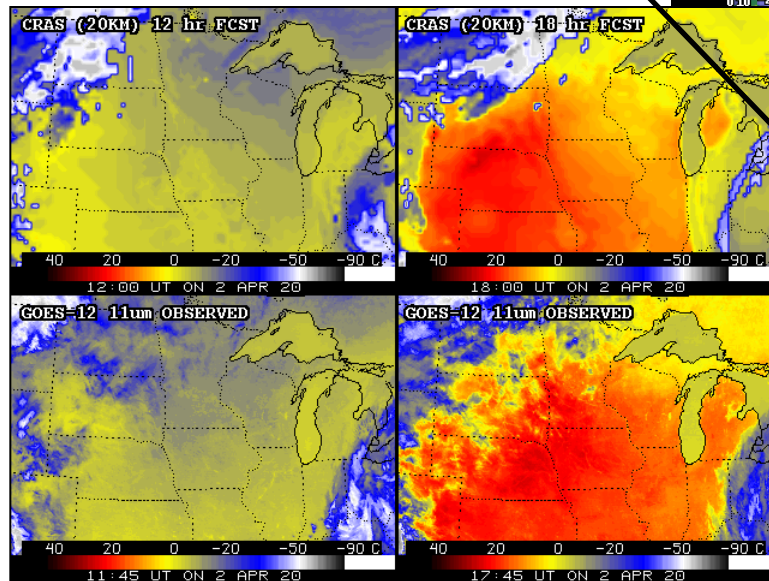
Fundamental CIMSS research: striving to make quality real-time GOES Sounder radiance **observations** into practical *useful information* for weather forecasting



Atmospheric continuity and evolution are clearly evident in multi-spectral animation.



Where will clouds be?
 Comparison between **observed** imagery (bottom) and **forecast** imagery (top) builds confidence in how well the CRAS model is assimilating retrieved GOES Sounder cloud and moisture information.



Where will forecast (GFS) moisture need to be modified, monitoring trends, to provide a better forecast for convection (as across Texas)? Differences between retrieved GOES Sounder TPW and the GFS forecast values are plotted over the GOES TPW Derived Product Imagery (DPI).

Aspects of satellite applications: general to specific

Imagery (monitor [qualitative/quantitative], interpret)

Winds (measure motions)

Soundings (derive vertical profiles or quantities) [or imagery of]

Assimilation of above data into numerical models

Storm/cloud detection, synoptic interpretation, indicators of turbulence or instability, multi-spectral combinations (“true color” images; detection of fog, fire, smoke, volcanic ash, aerosols, snow, ice...)

Diagnostic wind fields (steering of tropical storms; synoptic dynamics)

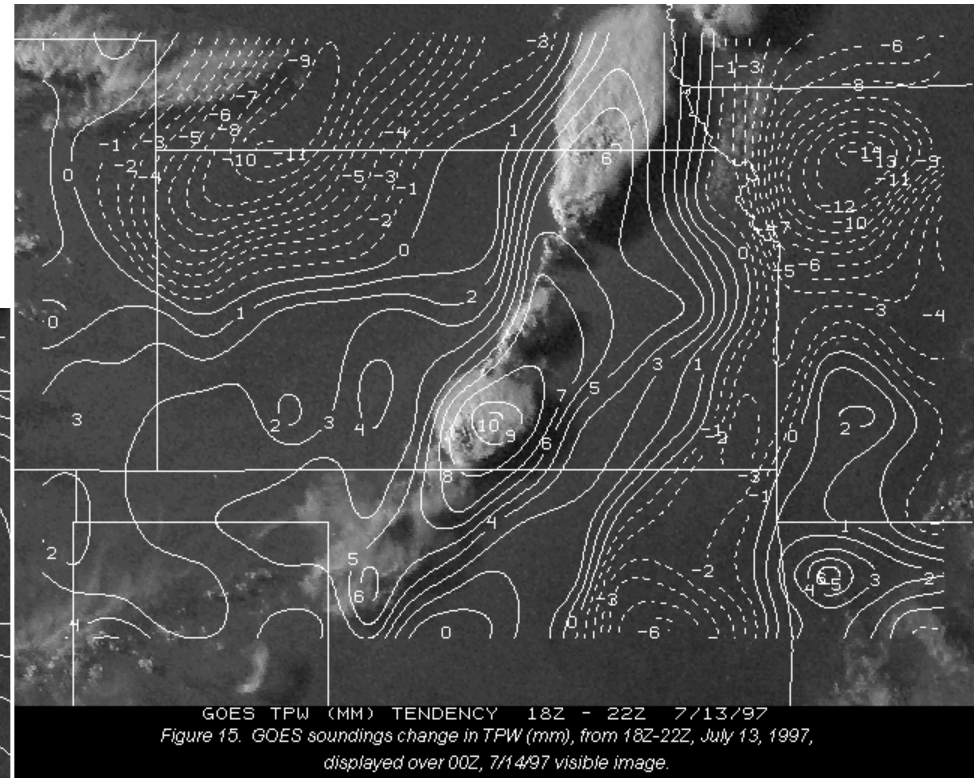
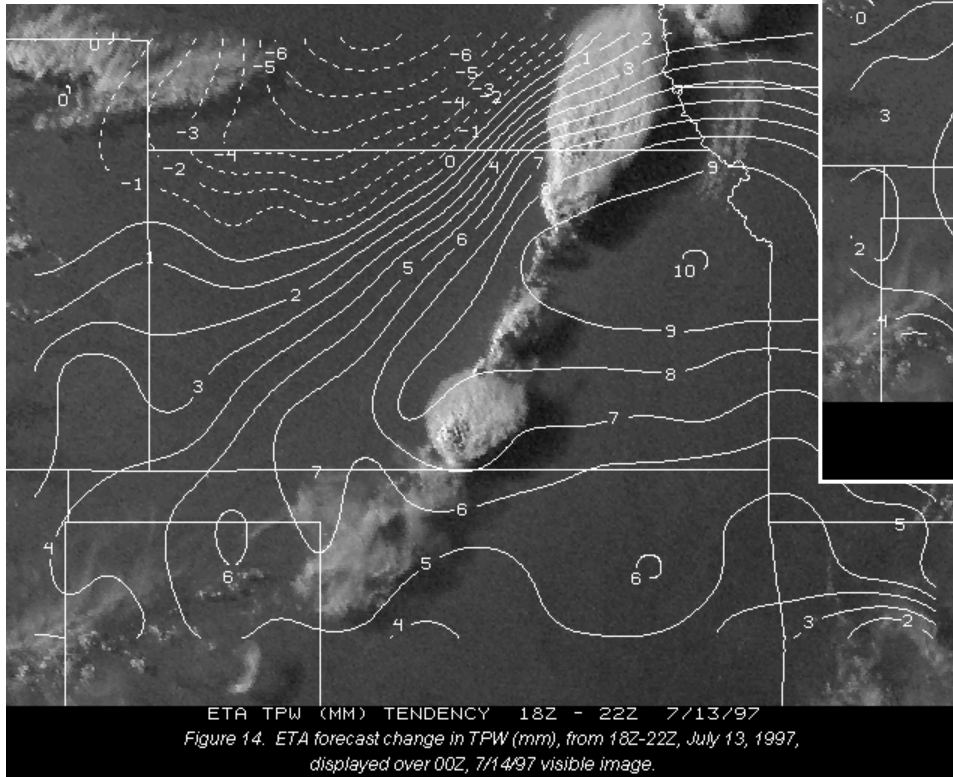
Fields of total precipitable water, atmospheric stability

Current Sounder Operational Uses

<i>GOES Sounder Product</i>	<i>Operational Use within the NWS</i>
Clear-sky Radiances	Assimilation into NCEP operational regional & global NWP models over water
Layer & Total Precipitable Water	Assimilation into NCEP operational regional & global NWP models; display and animation within NWS AWIPS for use by forecasters at NWS WFOs & National Centers in forecasting precipitation and severe weather
Cloud-top retrievals (pressure, temperature, cloud amount)	Assimilation into NCEP operational regional NWP models; display and animation within NWS AWIPS for use by forecasters at NWS WFOs; supplement to NWS/ASOS cloud measurements for generation of total cloud cover product at NWS/ASOS sites
Surface skin temperature	Image display and animation within NWS AWIPS for use by forecasters at NWS WFOs
Profiles of temperature & moisture	Display (SKEW-Ts) within NWS AWIPS for use by forecasters at NWS WFOs in forecasting precipitation and severe weather
Atmospheric stability indices	Image display and animation within NWS AWIPS for use by forecasters at NWS WFOs in forecasting precipitation and severe weather
Water Vapor Winds	Image display and animation within NWS AWIPS for use by forecasters at NWS WFOs

Temporal trends in GOES Sounder parameters

Change in total precipitable water from 1800 to 2200 UT on 13 Jul 1997



GOES Sounder
vs
ETA forecast

00 UT image

(Courtesy: J. Daniels et al.)

Example of PW trends in GOES DPI (time series plots) from 13 December 2000

GOES Sounder Derived Products Time Graph Plotter - Netscape

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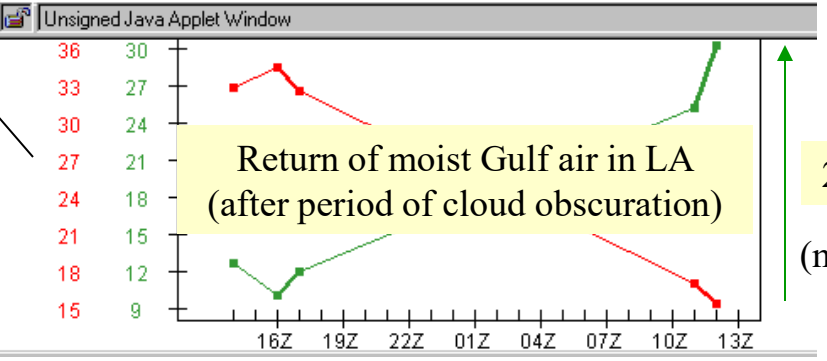
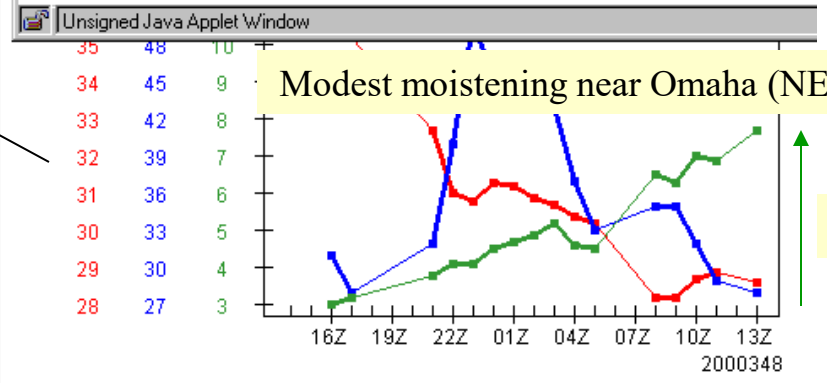
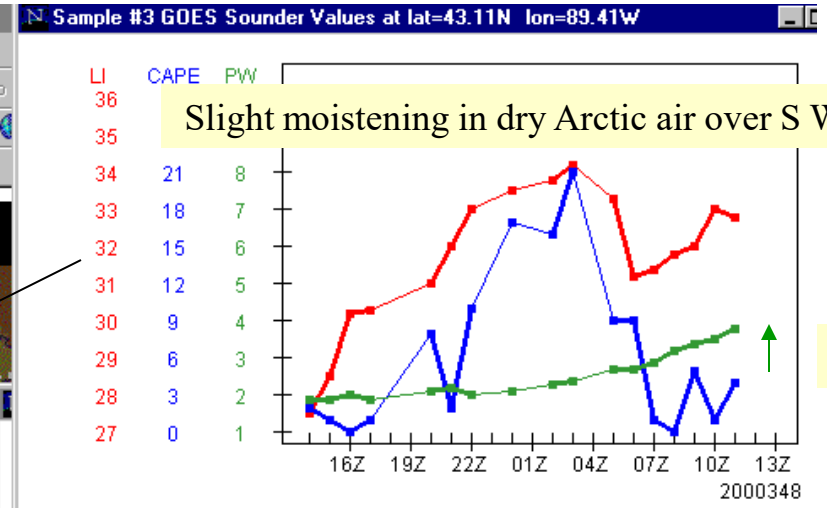
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Lifted Index Precip Water CAPE Remove markers Close all graphs

GOES SOUNDER - TOTAL PRECIP WATER VAPOR - 13:00 UTC 13 DEC

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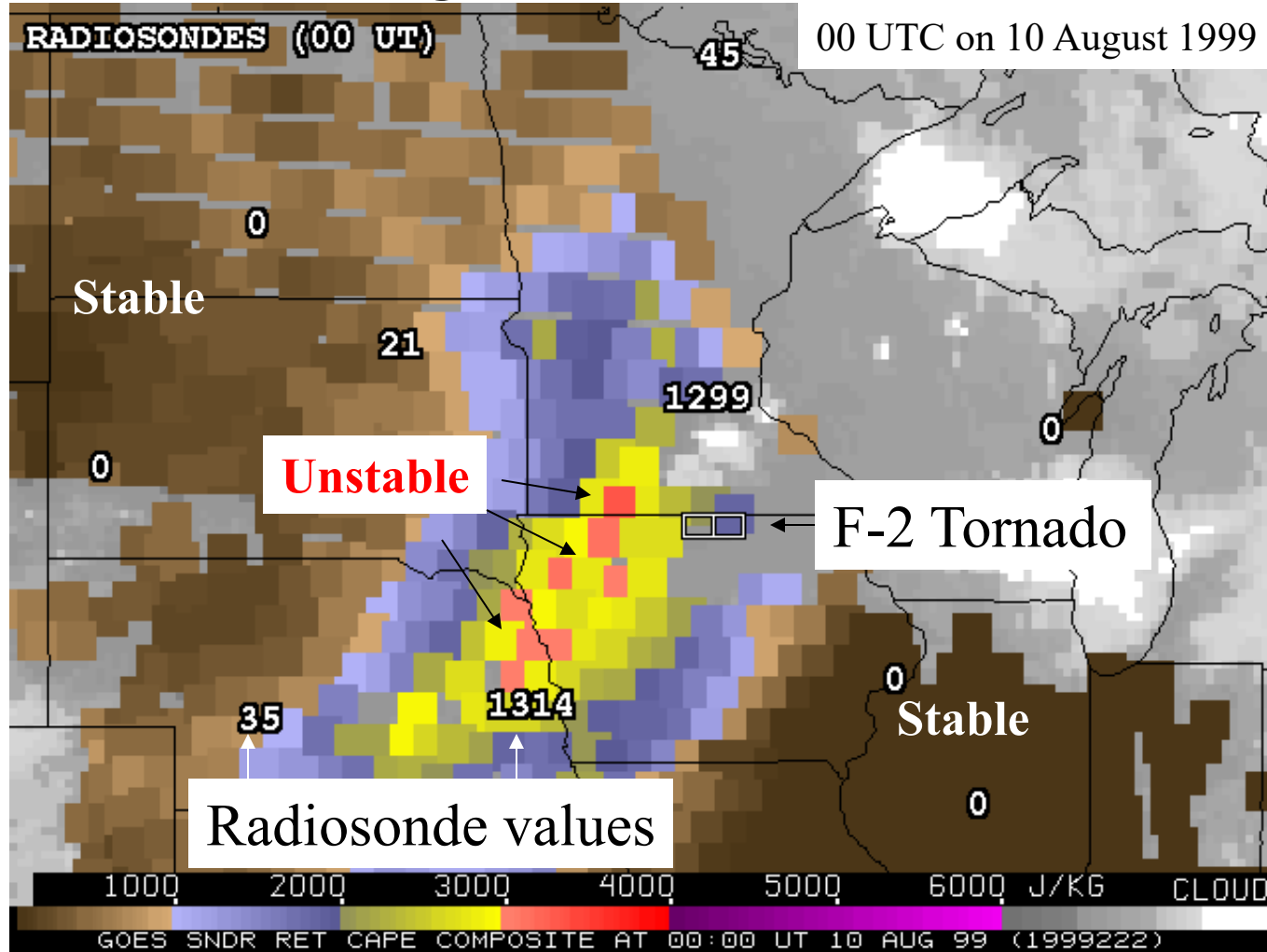
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A Derived Product Image of CAPE from the GOES-8 Sounder



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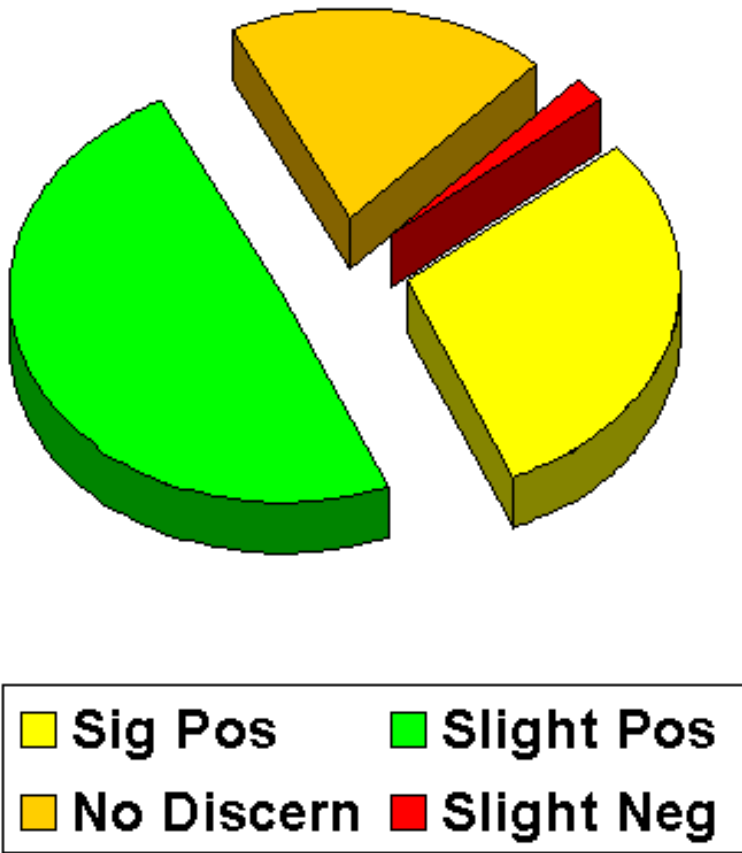
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Atmospheric Instability

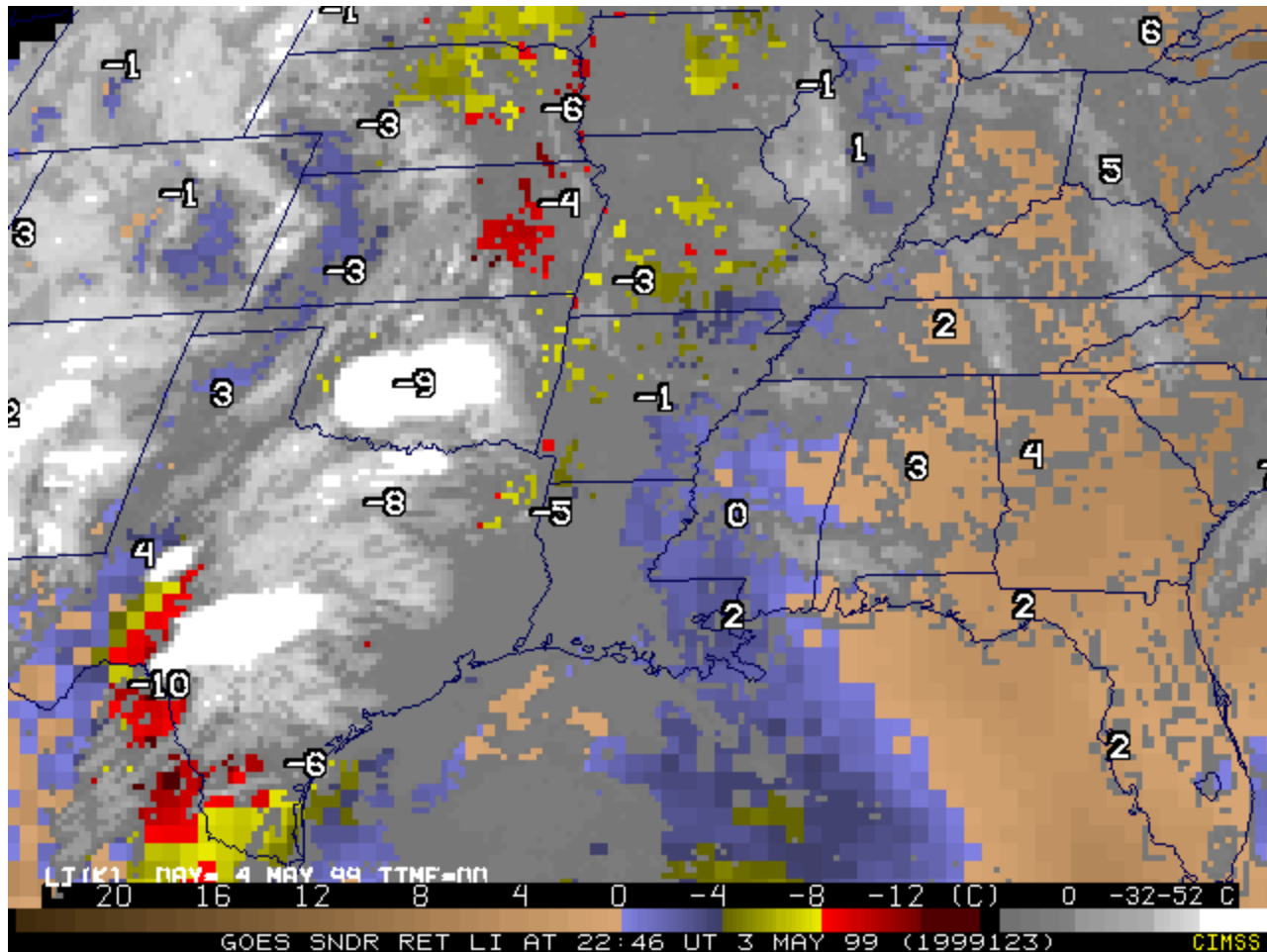
NWS Forecaster responses (Summer of 1999) to: "Rate the usefulness of LI, CAPE & CINH (changes in time/axes/gradients in the hourly product) for location/timing of thunderstorms."

There were 248 valid weather cases.

- Significant Positive Impact (30%)
- Slight Positive Impact (49%)
- No Discernible Impact (19%)
- Slight Negative Impact (2%)
- Significant Negative Impact (0)

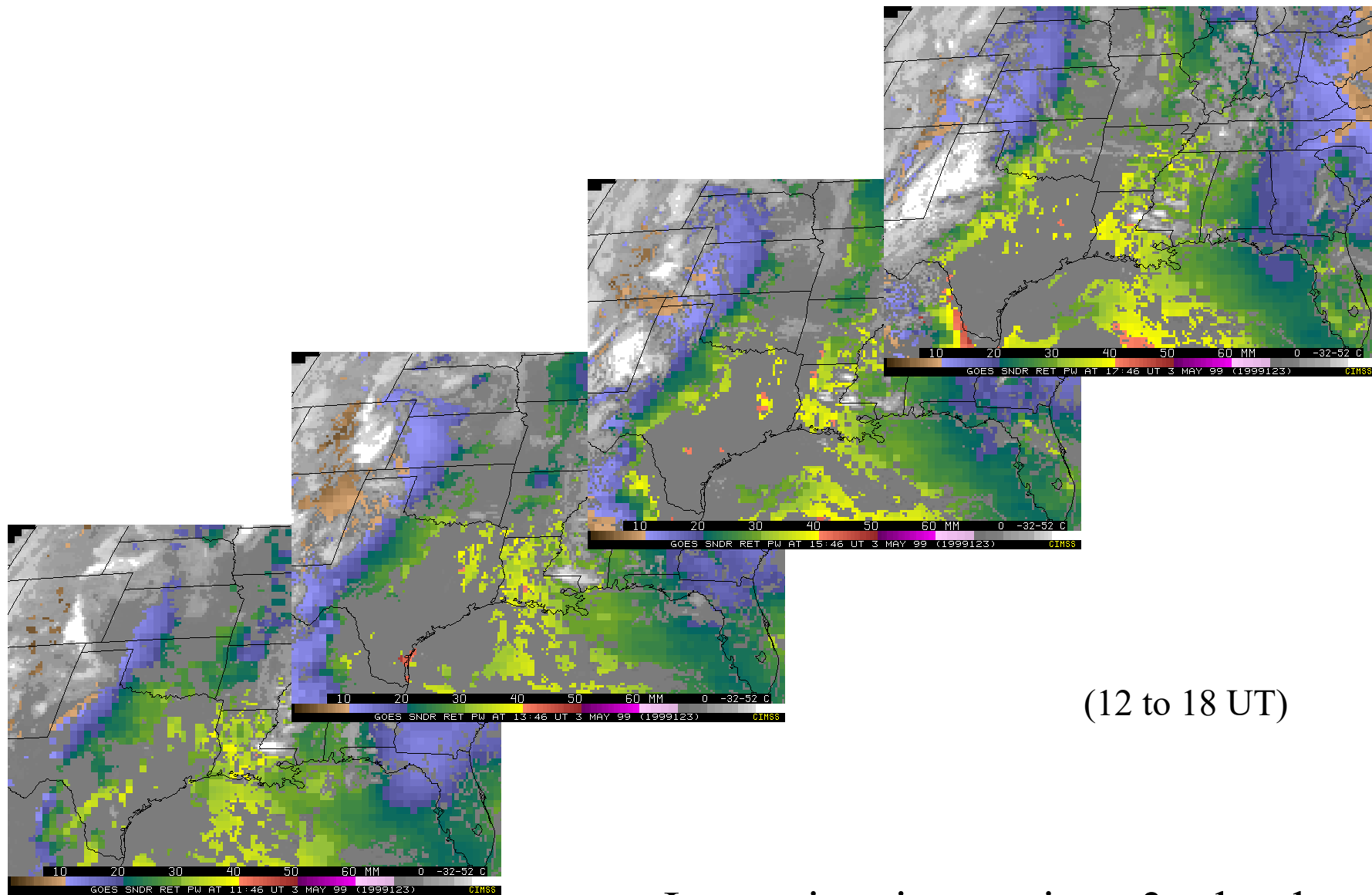


GOES DPI on 3 May 1999 over south central US



Strong tornadoes had developed in southwest Oklahoma by the late afternoon (before 22 UT). How had things looked beforehand from the GOES Sounder ?

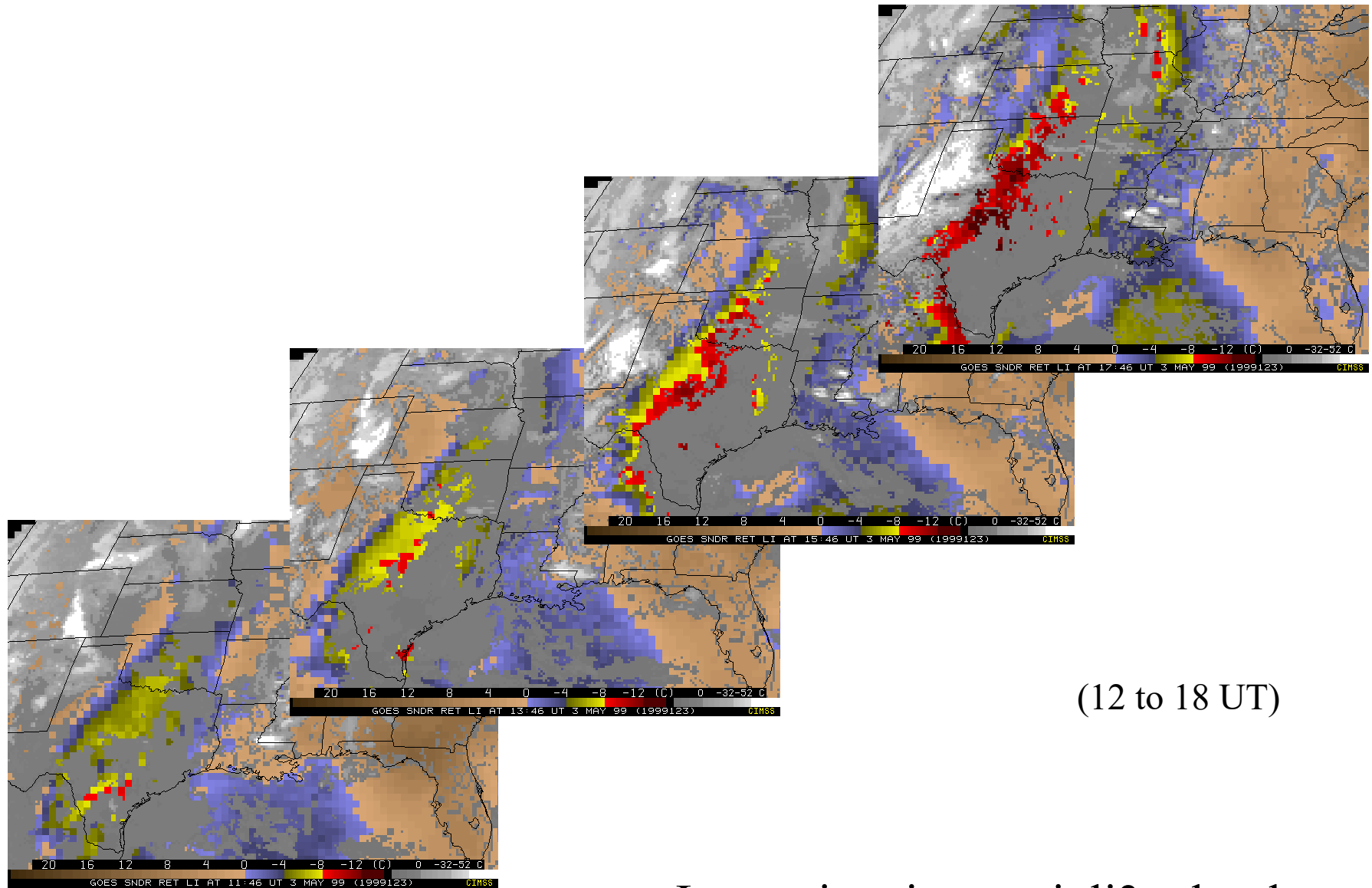
Evolution of moisture as seen in GOES PW DPI



(12 to 18 UT)

Java animation: [anigpw3m.html](#)

Evolution of stability as seen in GOES LI DPI

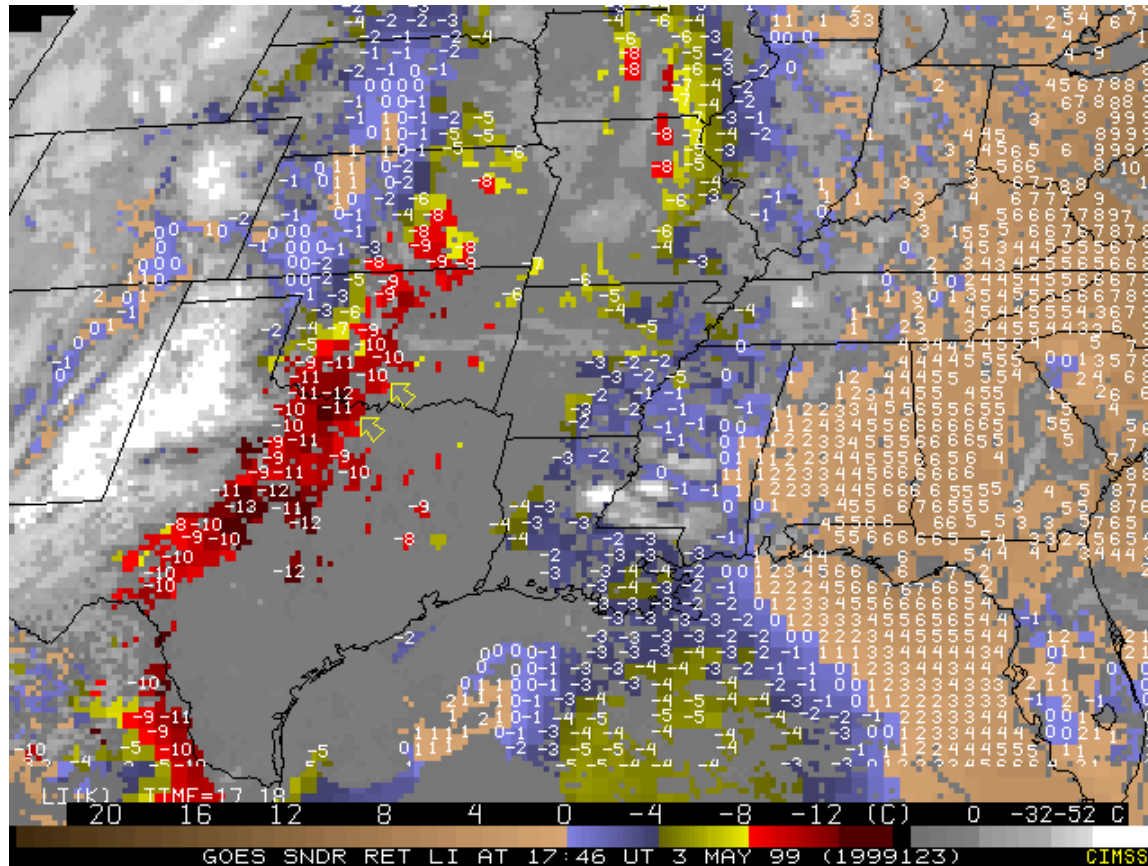


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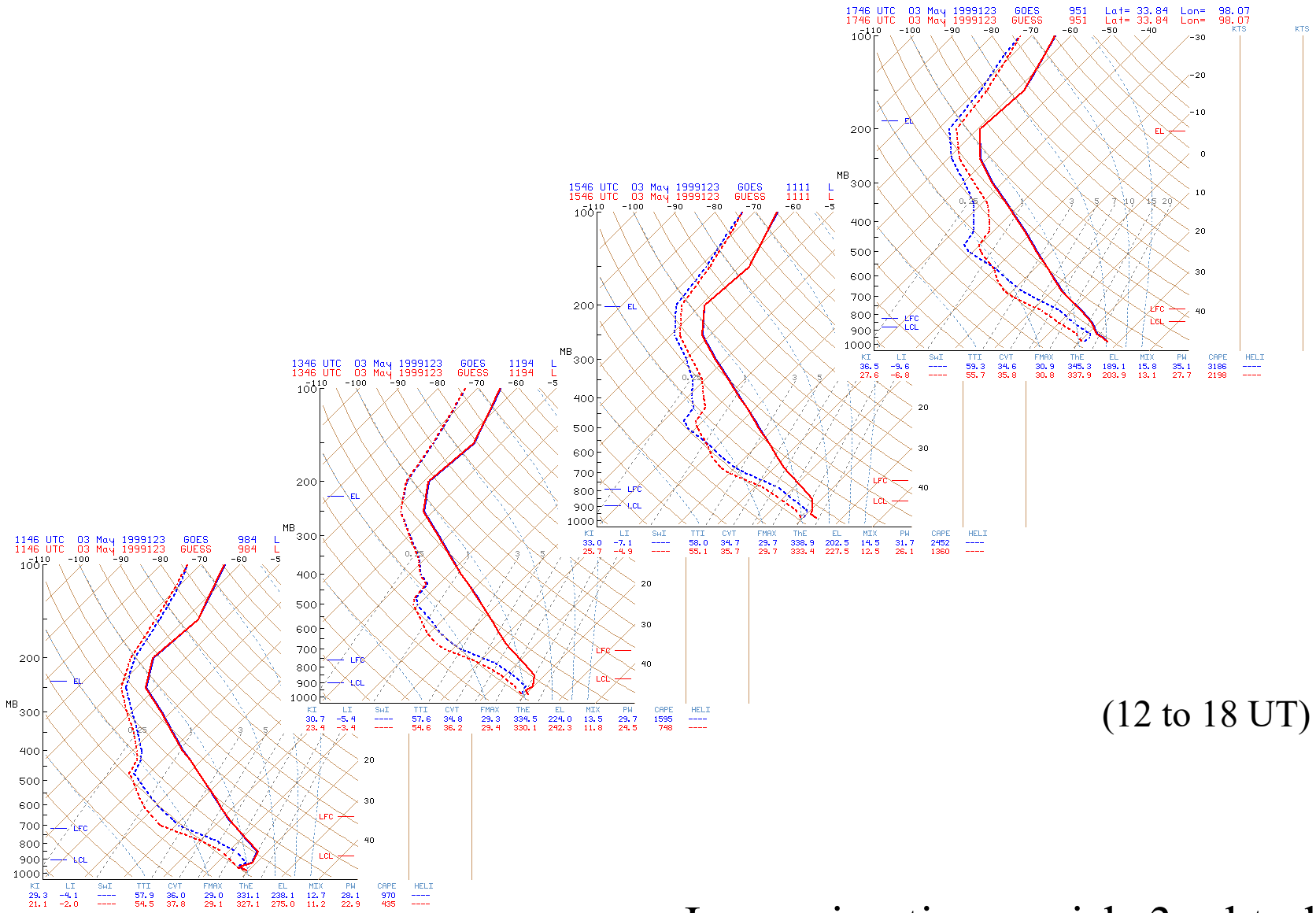
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Vertical profile comparisons (GOES versus first-guess)

Clearing persisted over the N central TX and S central OK region until 20 UT on 03 May 1999. Comparisons of GOES and first-guess profiles, in Skew-T/log-P format, show little change in temperature but markedly more moist GOES profiles in general, with drier GOES profiles aloft over the later hours.



Evolution of profiles retrieved from the GOES Sounder



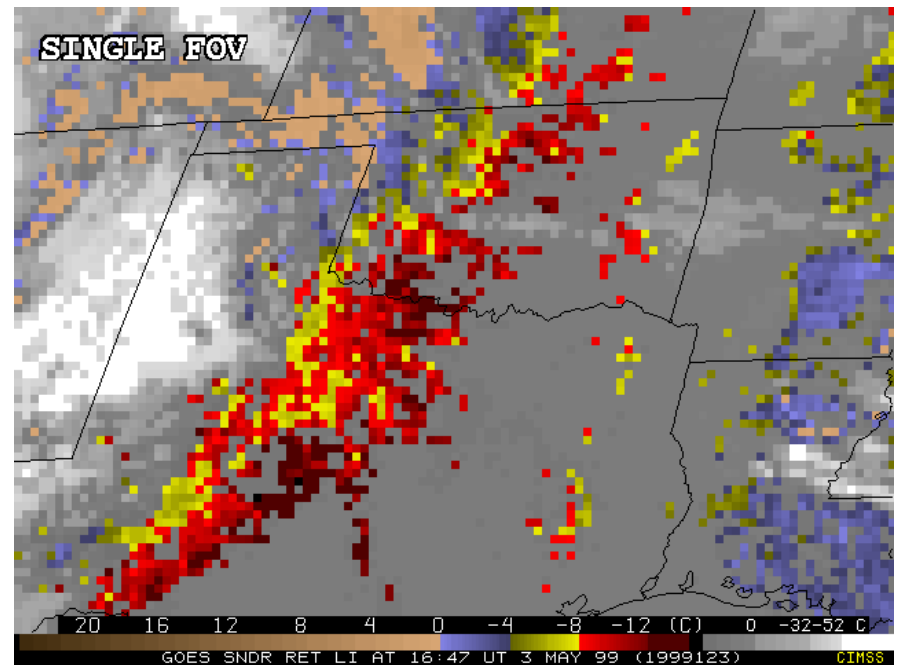
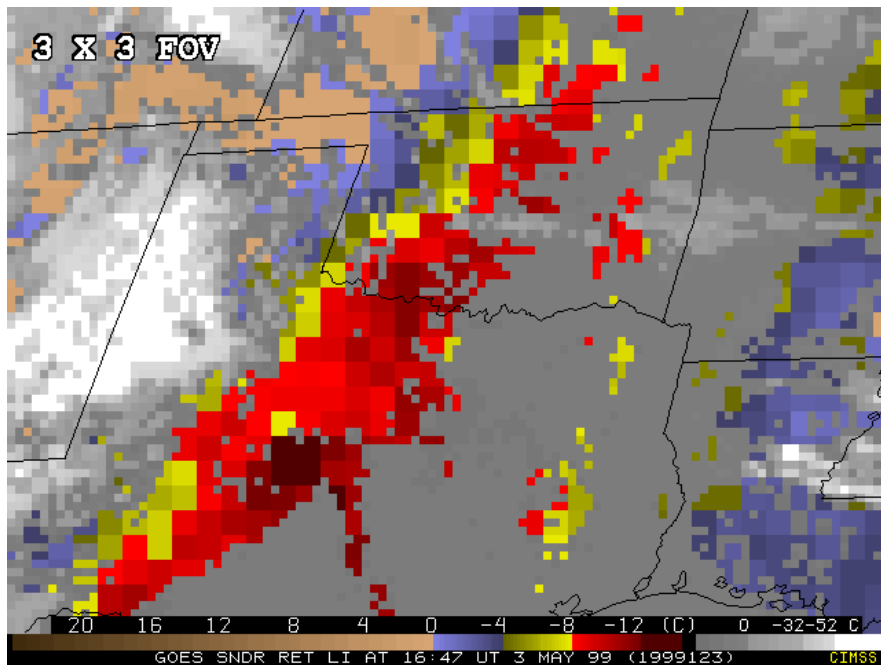
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Single FOV full resolution DPI from the Sounder

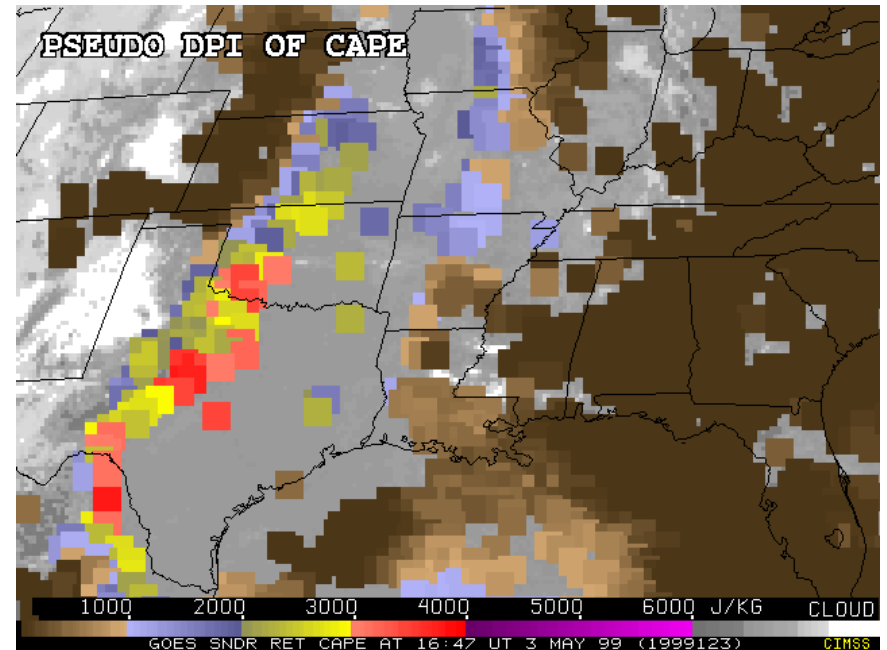
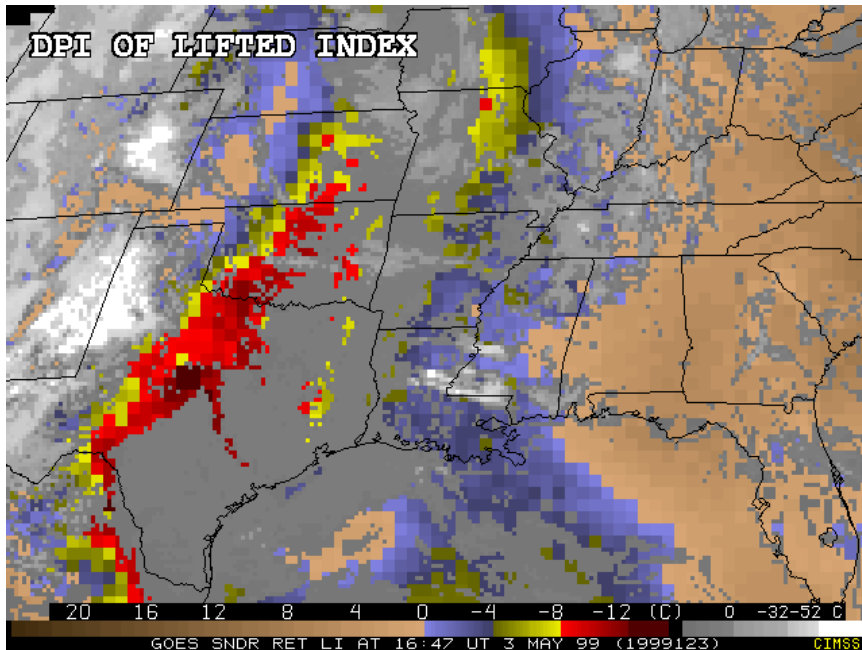
Complete radiative transfer calculations are done for 3x3 FOV box areas, using cloud-cleared, spatially averaged radiance observations. The matrix inversion solution coefficients can then be re-applied to the radiances for any individual clear FOV, effectively producing single FOV retrievals.

Computational loading and consideration of noise levels at the single FOV scale have slowed implementation.

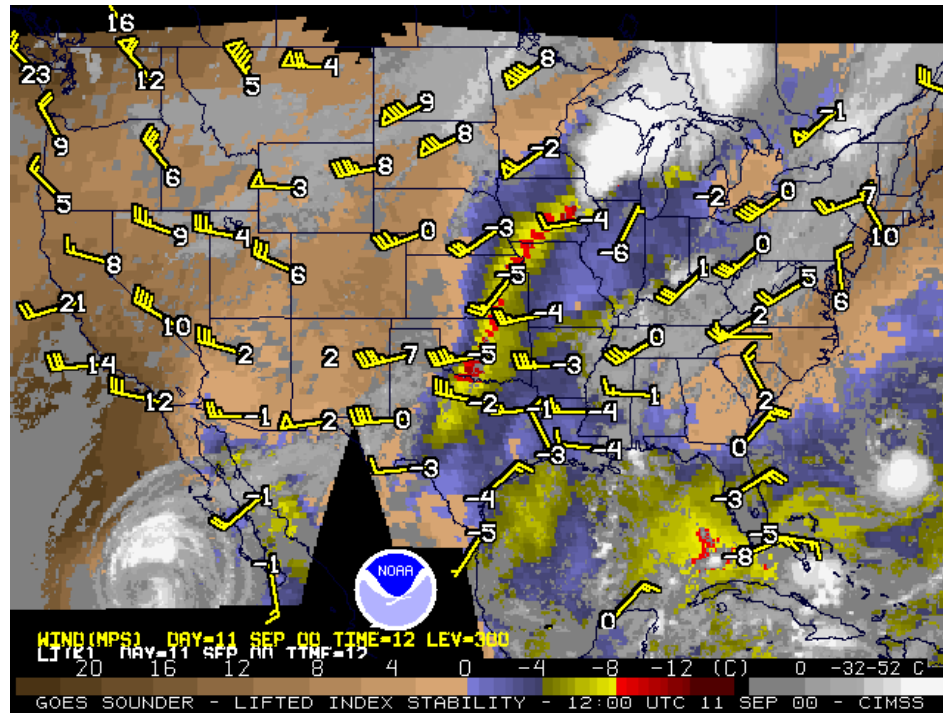


Expanding the suite of products generated as DPI

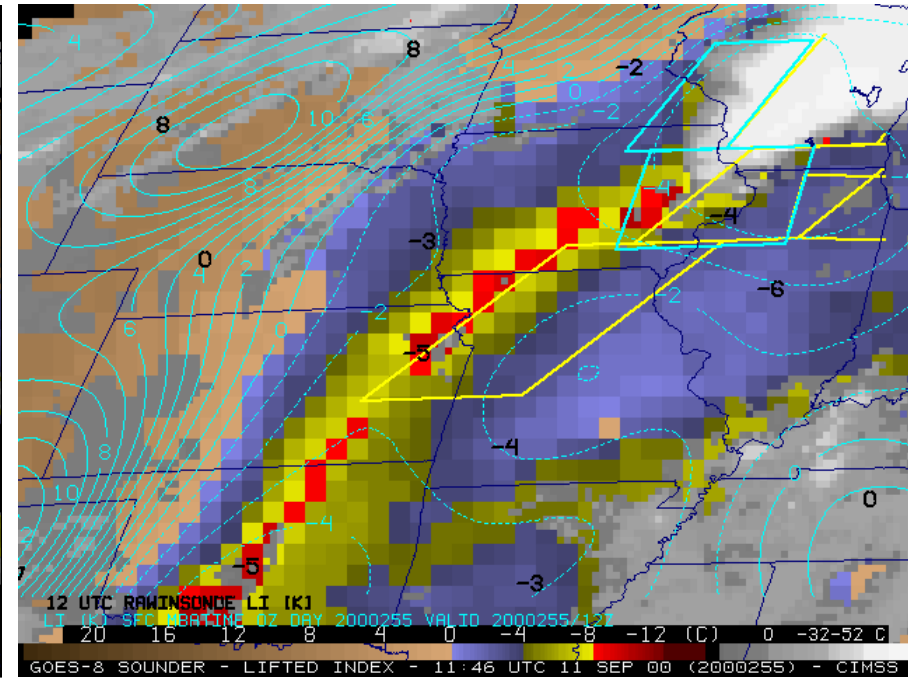
Any parameter (500 mb temperature...) or derived quantity (CAPE...) from an atmospheric profile can be displayed as a DPI. Limited vertical resolution has traditionally driven the initial products to be more bulk type, integrated parameters (PW, LI). However, a “pseudo” DPI can be created from a retrieval file, where the given retrieval value is projected over a small radius while clouds are still blended as before.



12 UTC Sounder LI



Zoomed in view:



With Eta forecast and watch boxes

EXCESSIVE RAINFALL POTENTIAL OUTLOOK

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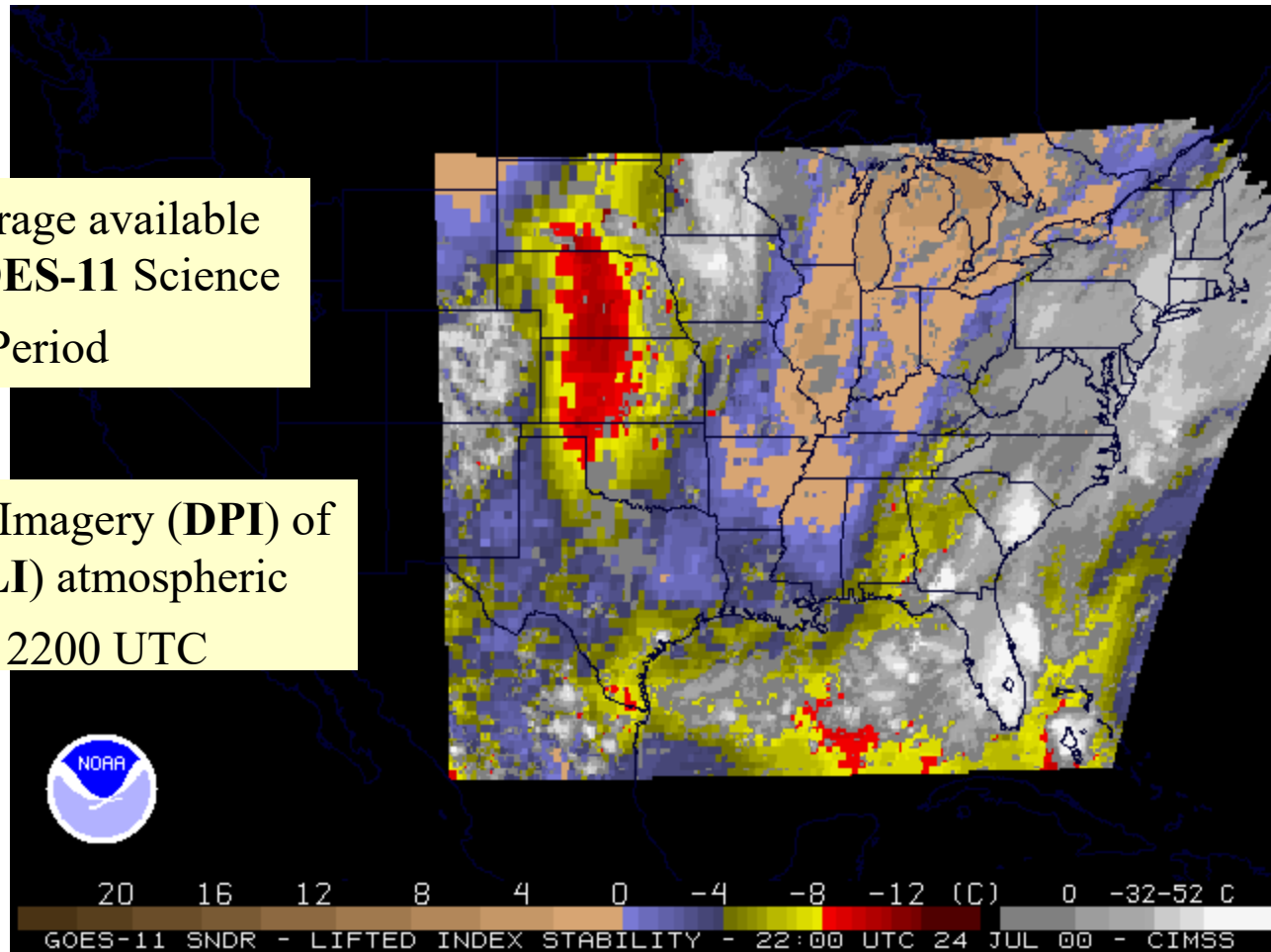
GOES SOUNDER DATA SHOWS THAT PWS SOUTH OF THE OUTFLOW BOUNDARY ARE IN THE 1.60 TO 1.70 INCH RANGE. THE SOUNDER DATA ALSO INDICATES THAT THE AIRMASS TO THE WEST ACROSS IL IS CONTINUING TO DESTABILIZE. ALL THE ABOVE ARGUE FOR THE POTENTIAL FOR ISOLD 3 TO 5 INCH RAINFALL BEFORE THE SYSTEM STARTS SHIFTING EWD.

Janesville, WI received 4 inches of rain; Sullivan, WI had 3 inches.

Application of GOES Sounder Products for the severe weather situation of 24-25 July 2000 over the north central US

Routine coverage available during the **GOES-11** Science Test Period

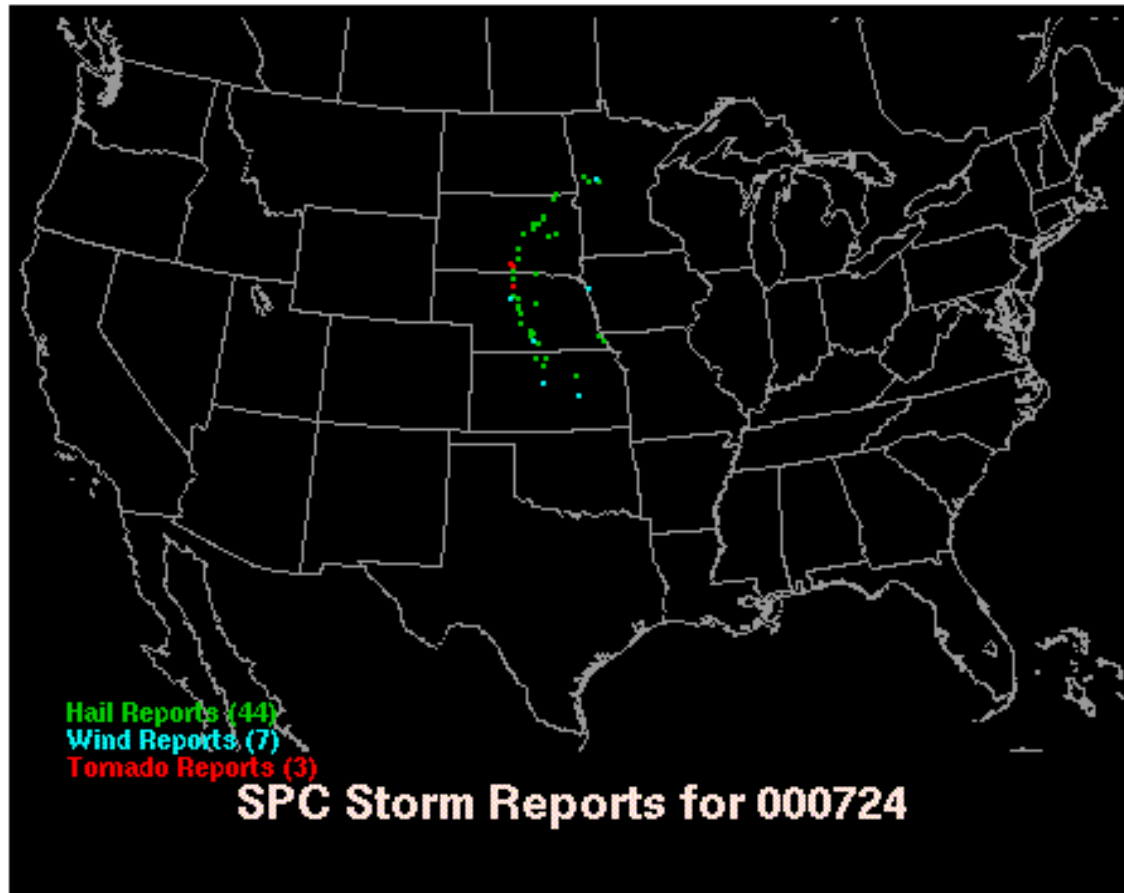
Derived Product Imagery (**DPI**) of Lifted Index (**LI**) atmospheric stability at 2200 UTC



Decreasing stability

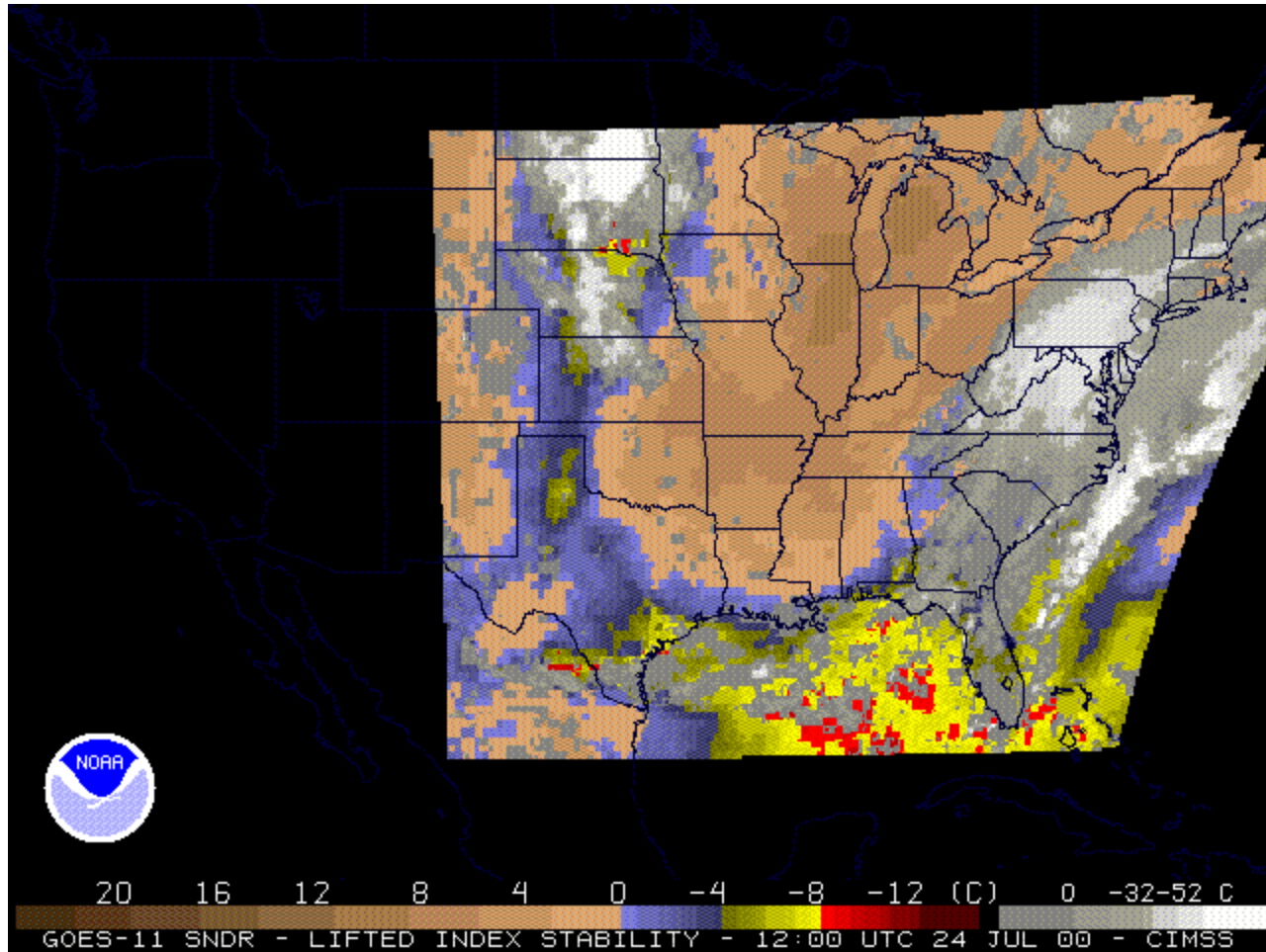


Preliminary storm reports for 24-25 July 2000 from the NOAA/NWS/NCEP Storm Prediction Center

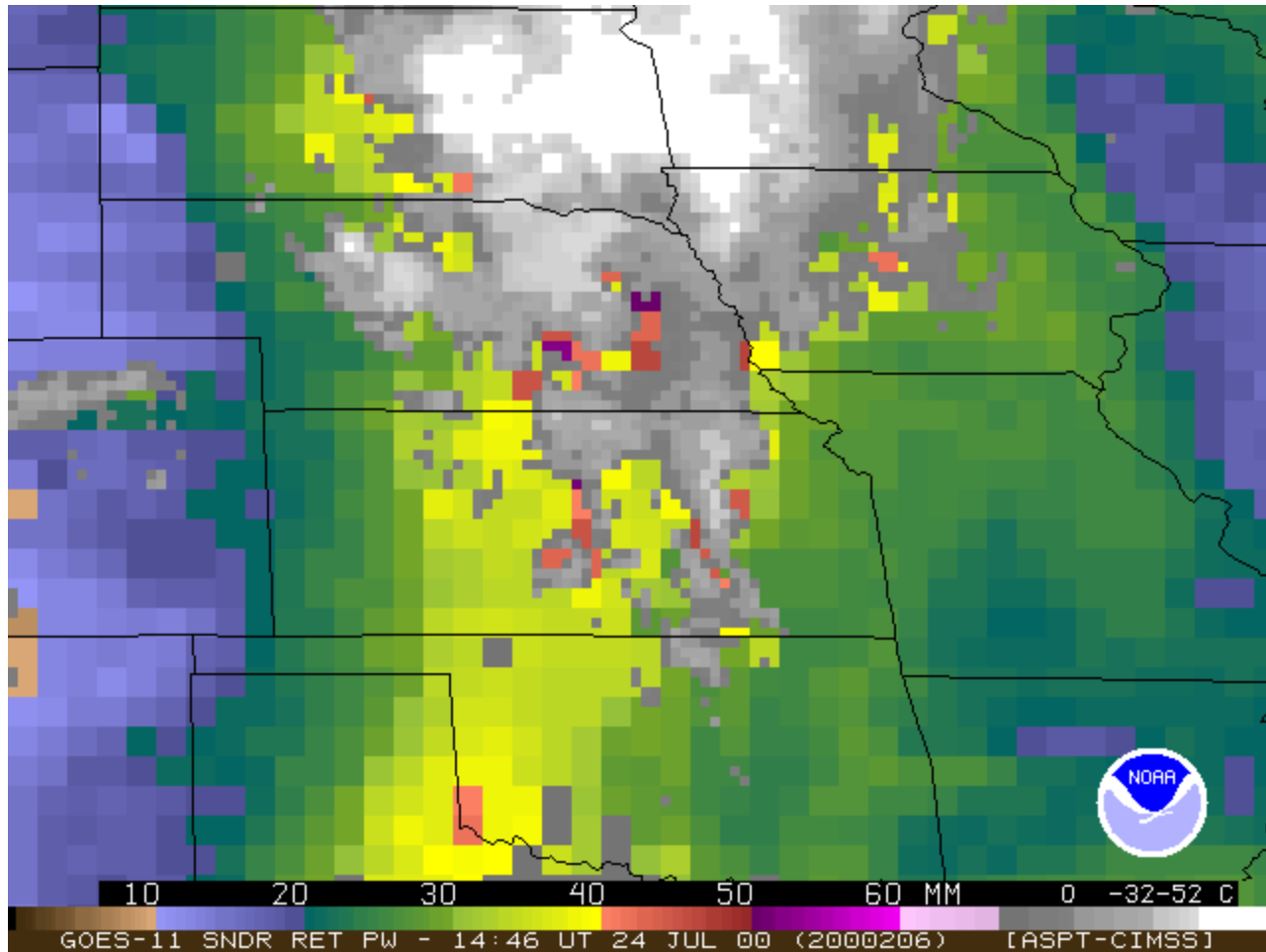


Note: All data is considered preliminary

Hourly animation of GOES-11 Sounder LI DPI from 1200 UTC on 24 July 2000 to 12 UTC on 25 July 2000

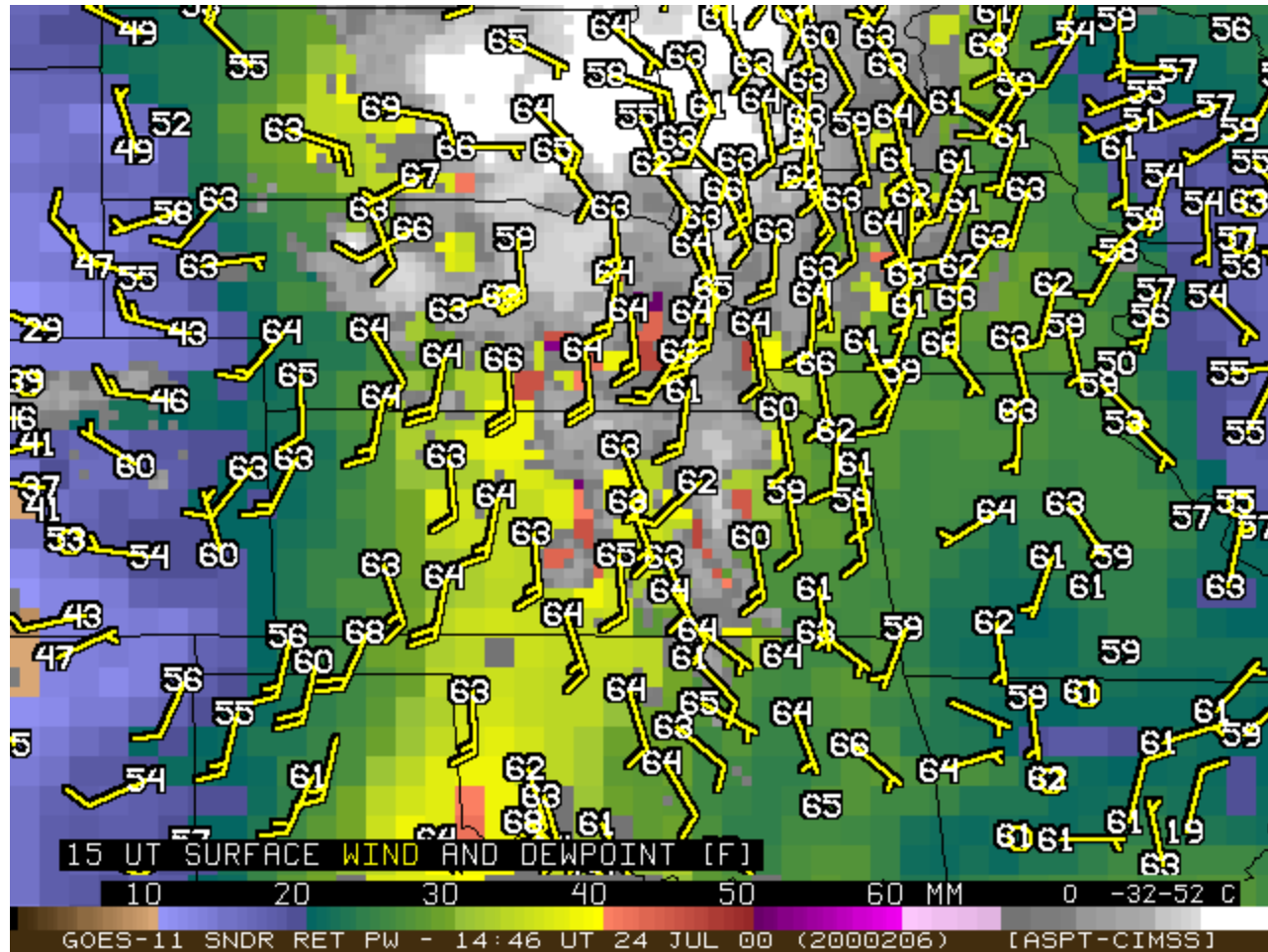


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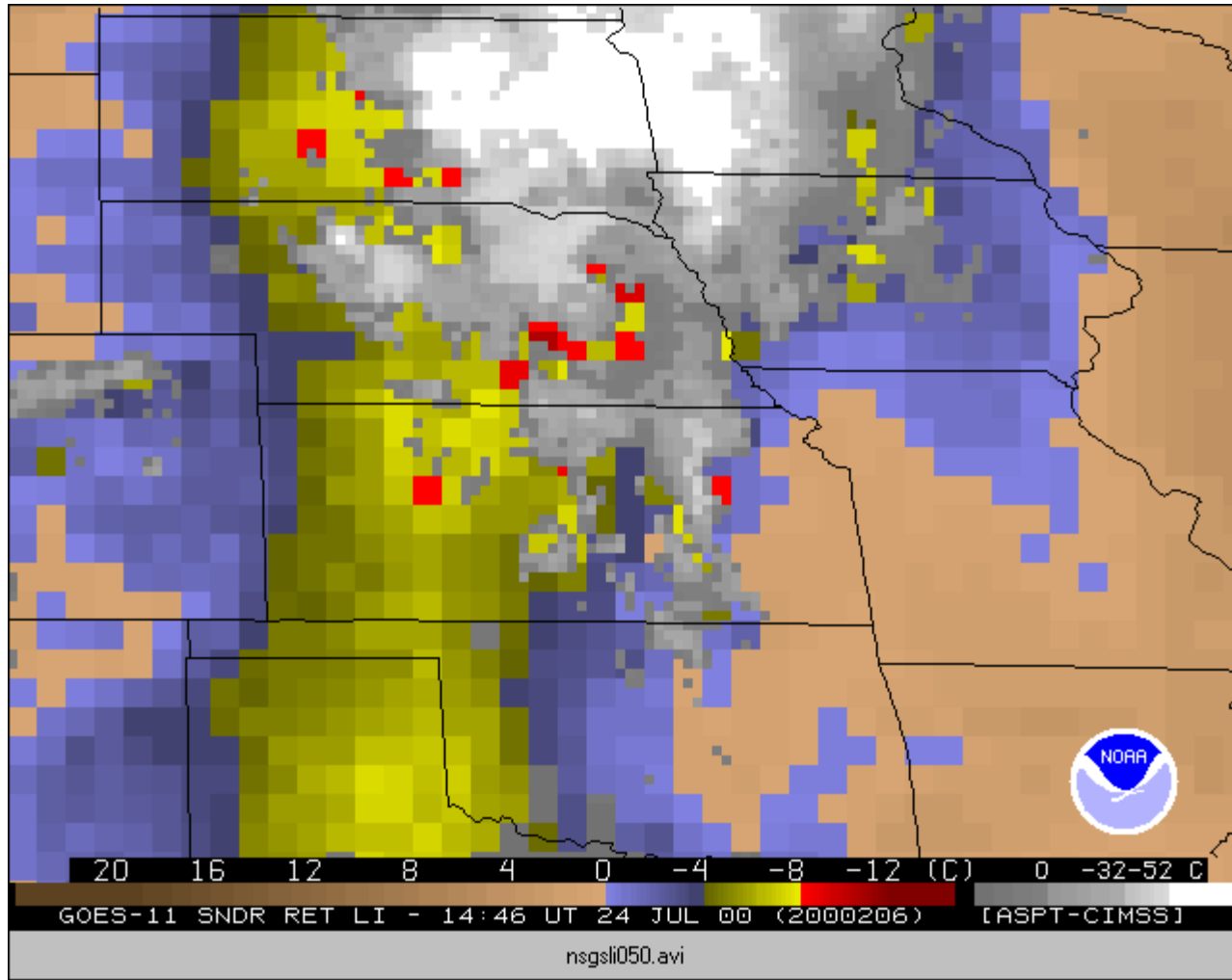
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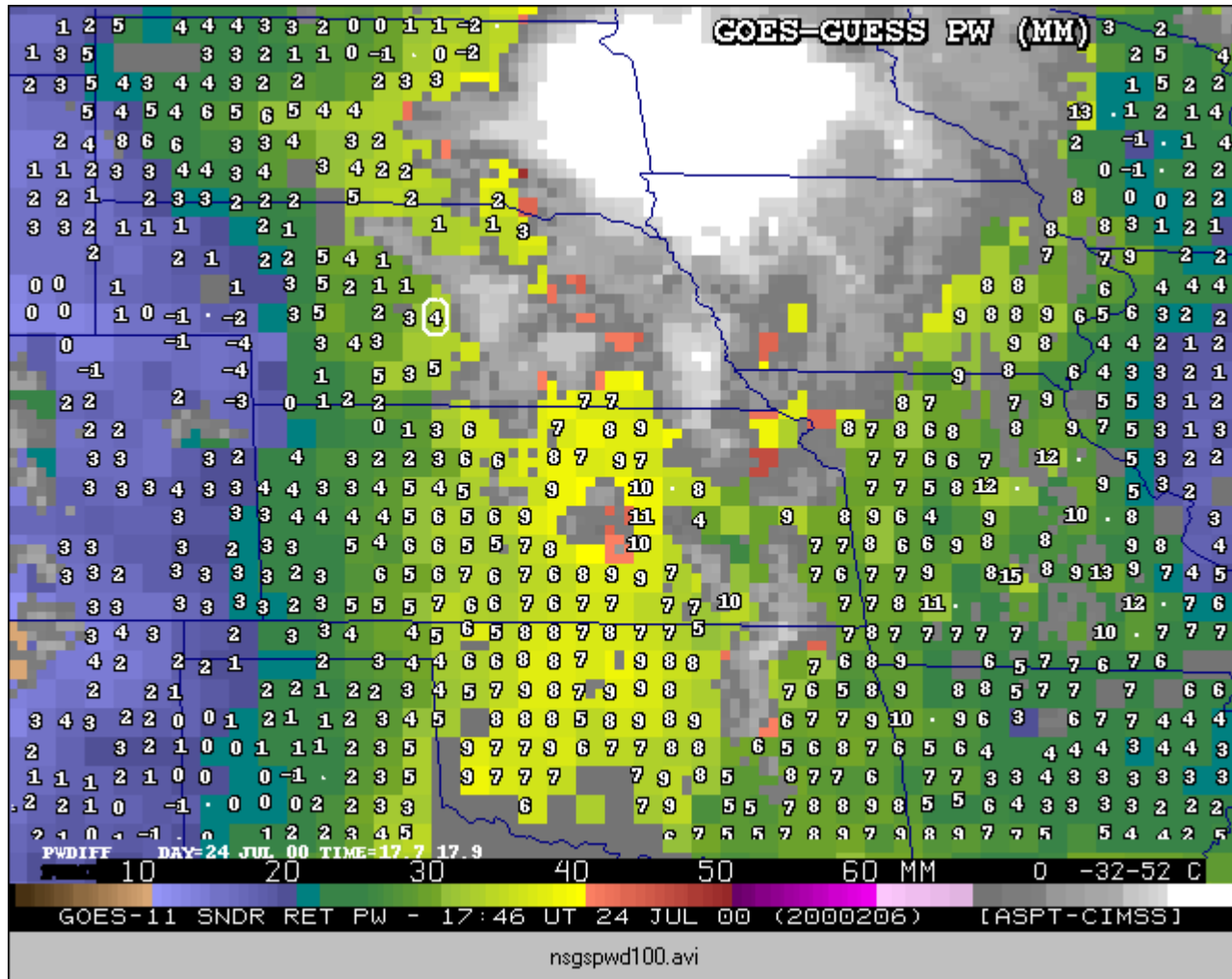
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GOES Sounder Lifted Index indicates a strong axis of instability during the day and into the evening of 24 July 2000.



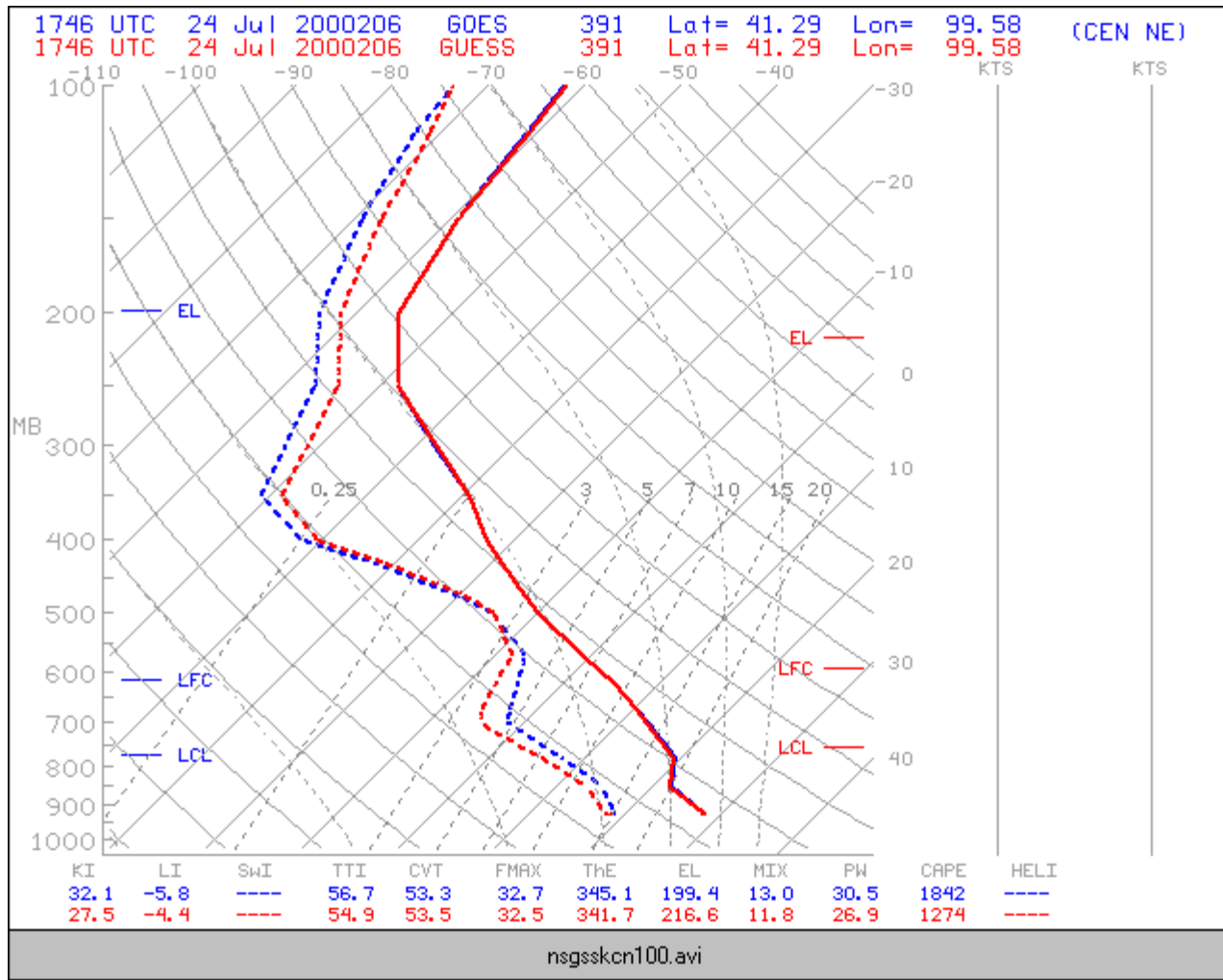
The LI is a measure of how the **environment** of the middle troposphere compares to a representative air **parcel** lifted from the surface.

“GOES - guess” differences of total PW show a dominance of GOES moistening of the first guess on 24 July 2000.



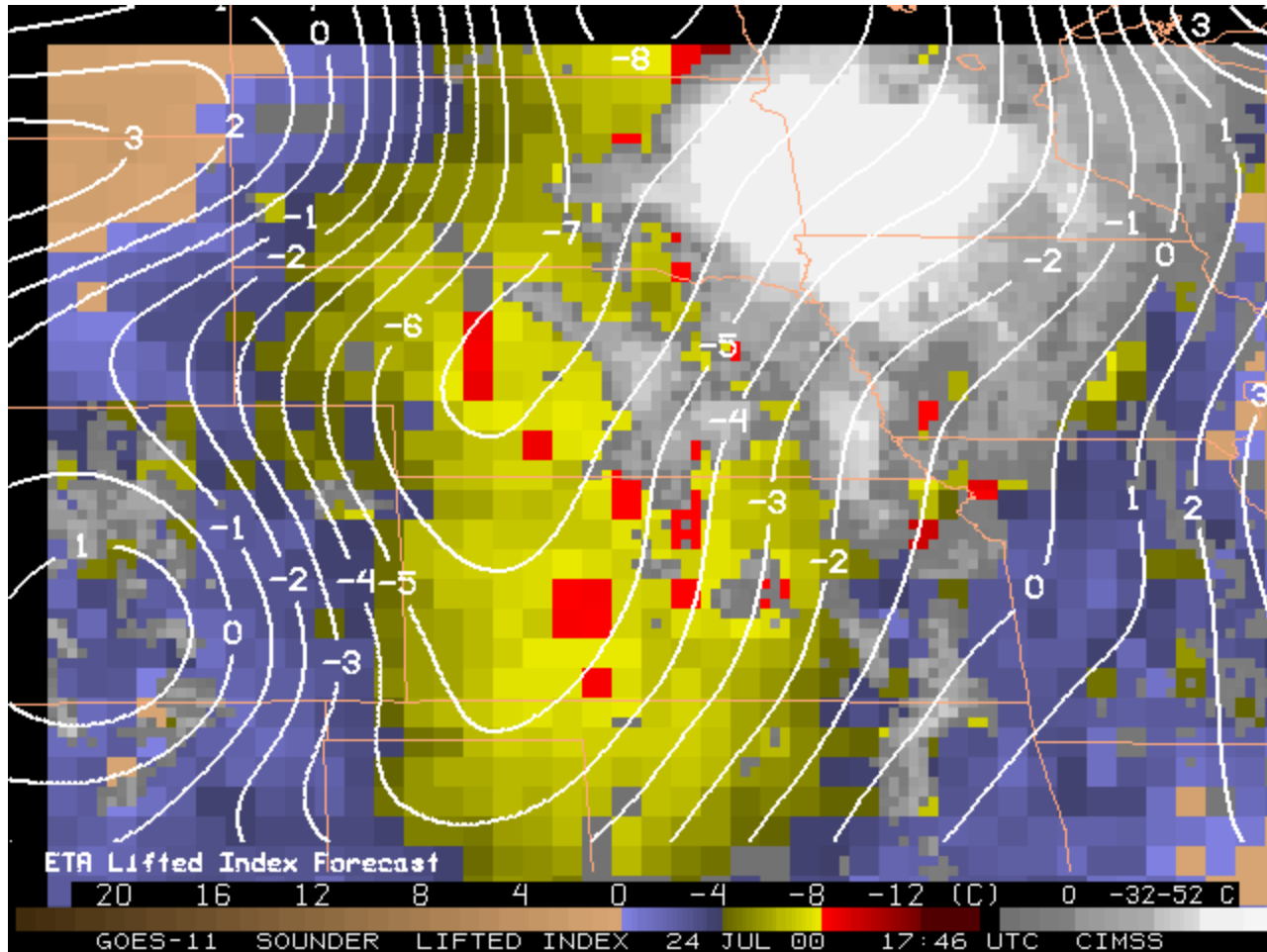
Persistent moist adjustment is evident from OK and AR through E NE while relative drying is seen along the SD/MN border.

Evolution of GOES profiles during afternoon of 24 July 2000 shows moistening, drying, and minimal temperature change.

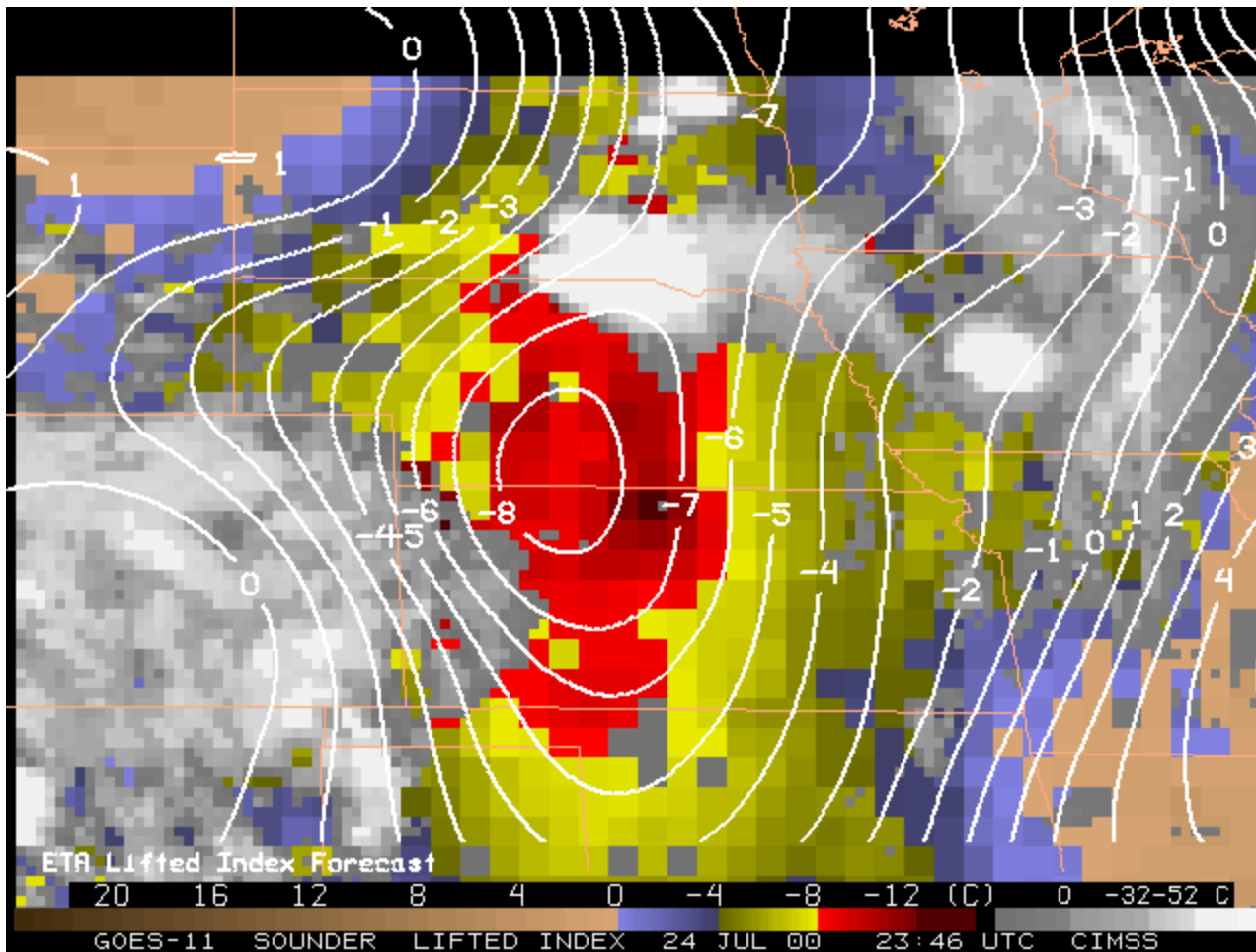


GOES stability adjustments are restricted to impact from low level moistening, as diurnal temperature changes follow the guess.

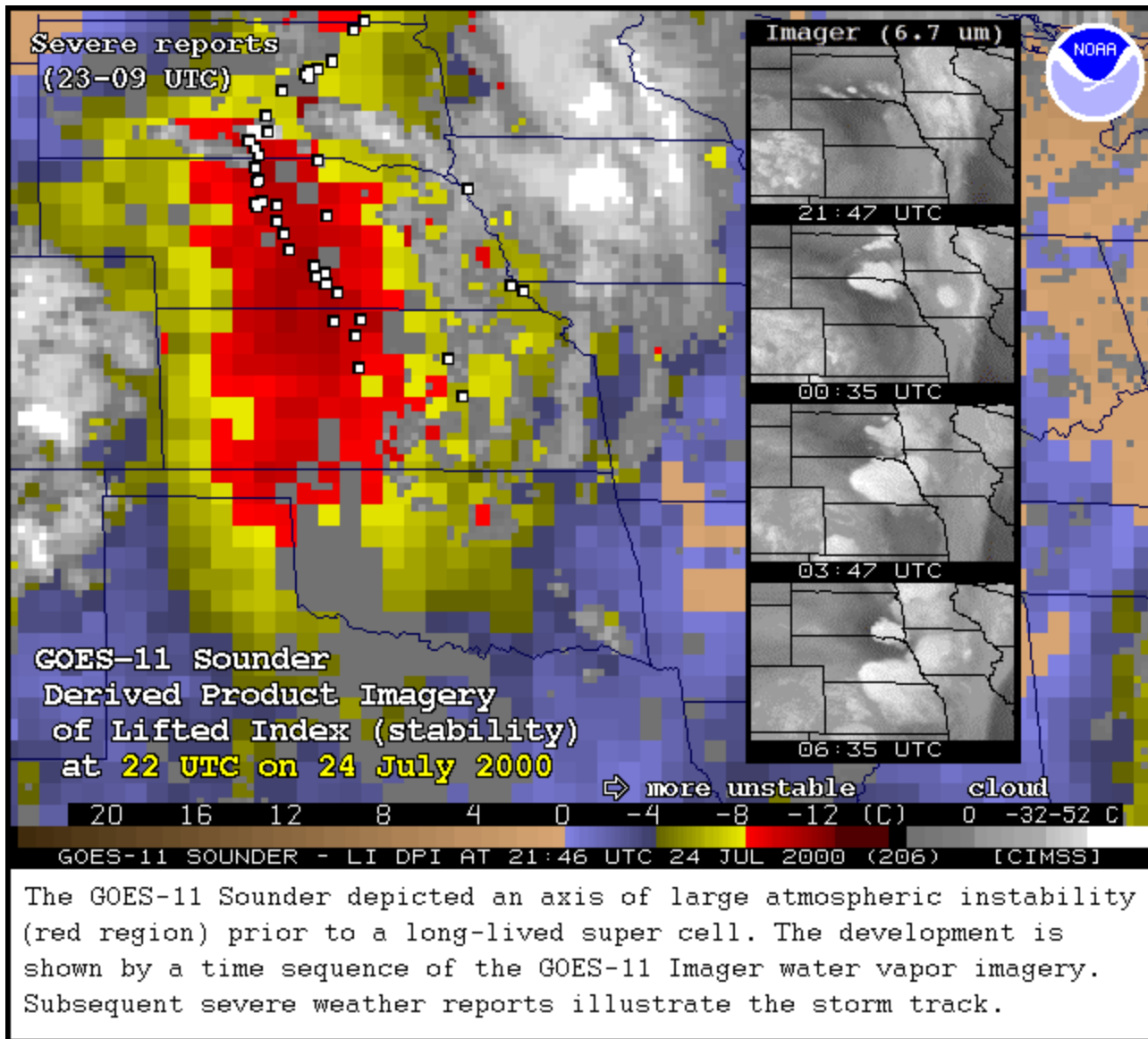
Comparison of GOES-11 Sounder LI DPI with ETA model forecast valid at 1800 UTC on 24 July 2000



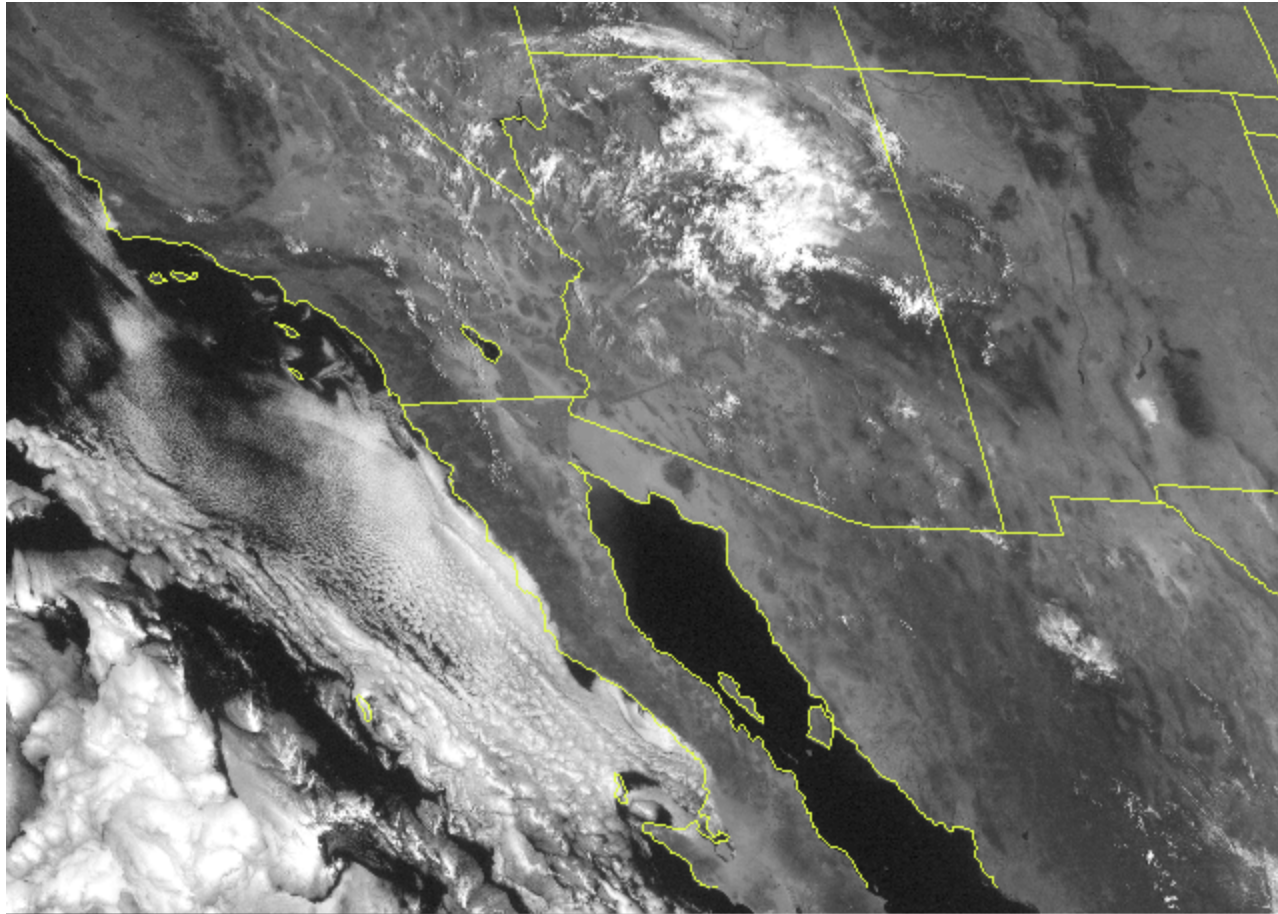
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Example of GOES Sounder Lifted Index (stability) DPI from 24 July 2000

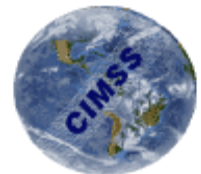
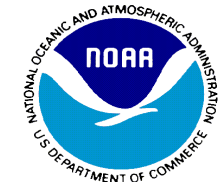


A look at how GOES Sounder data may influence a typical routine forecasting situation - moist return in the Southwest US.

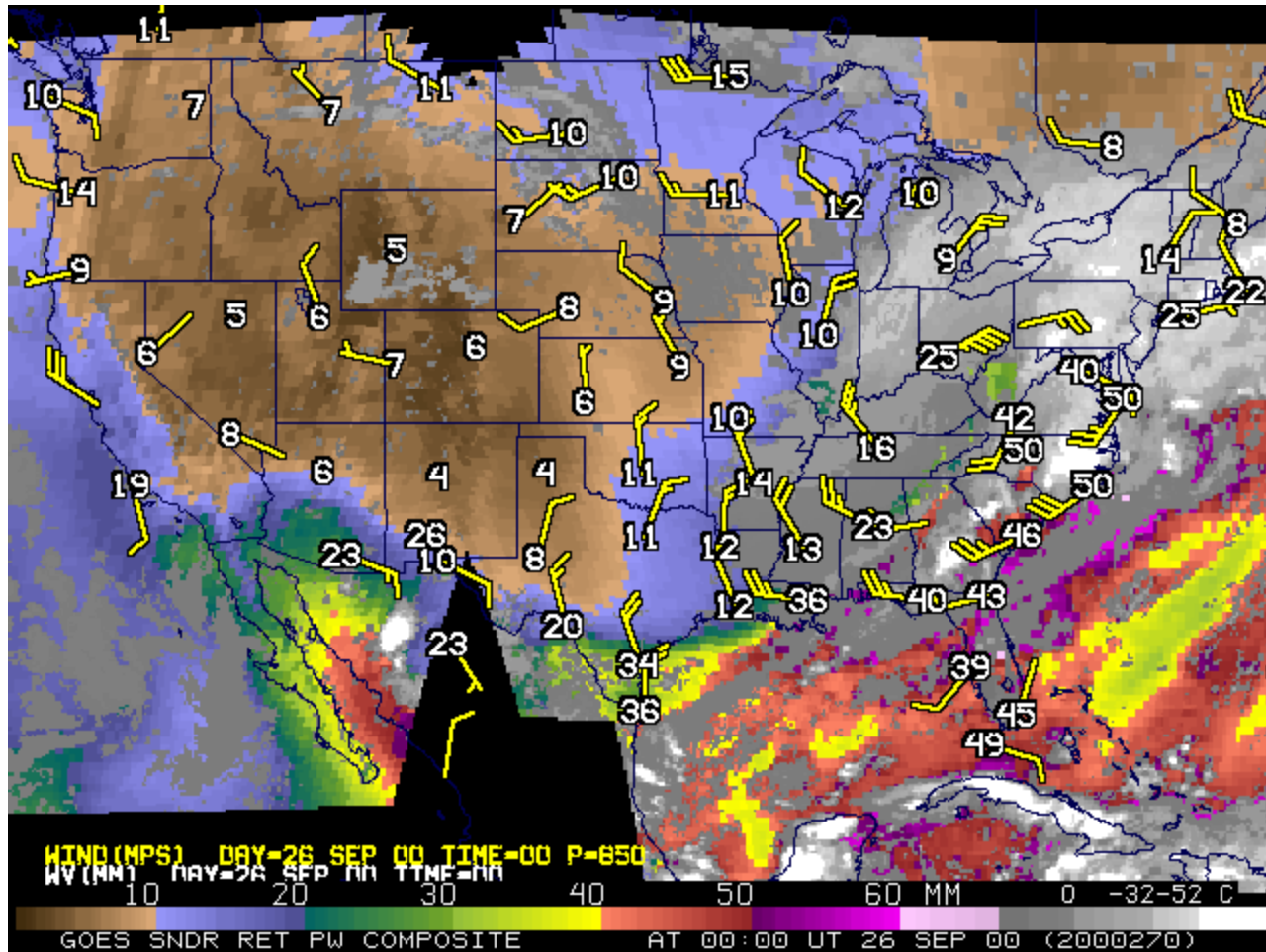


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On 26 Sep 2000, did morning GOES Sounder products support or oppose the consensus for limited precipitation in Arizona ?

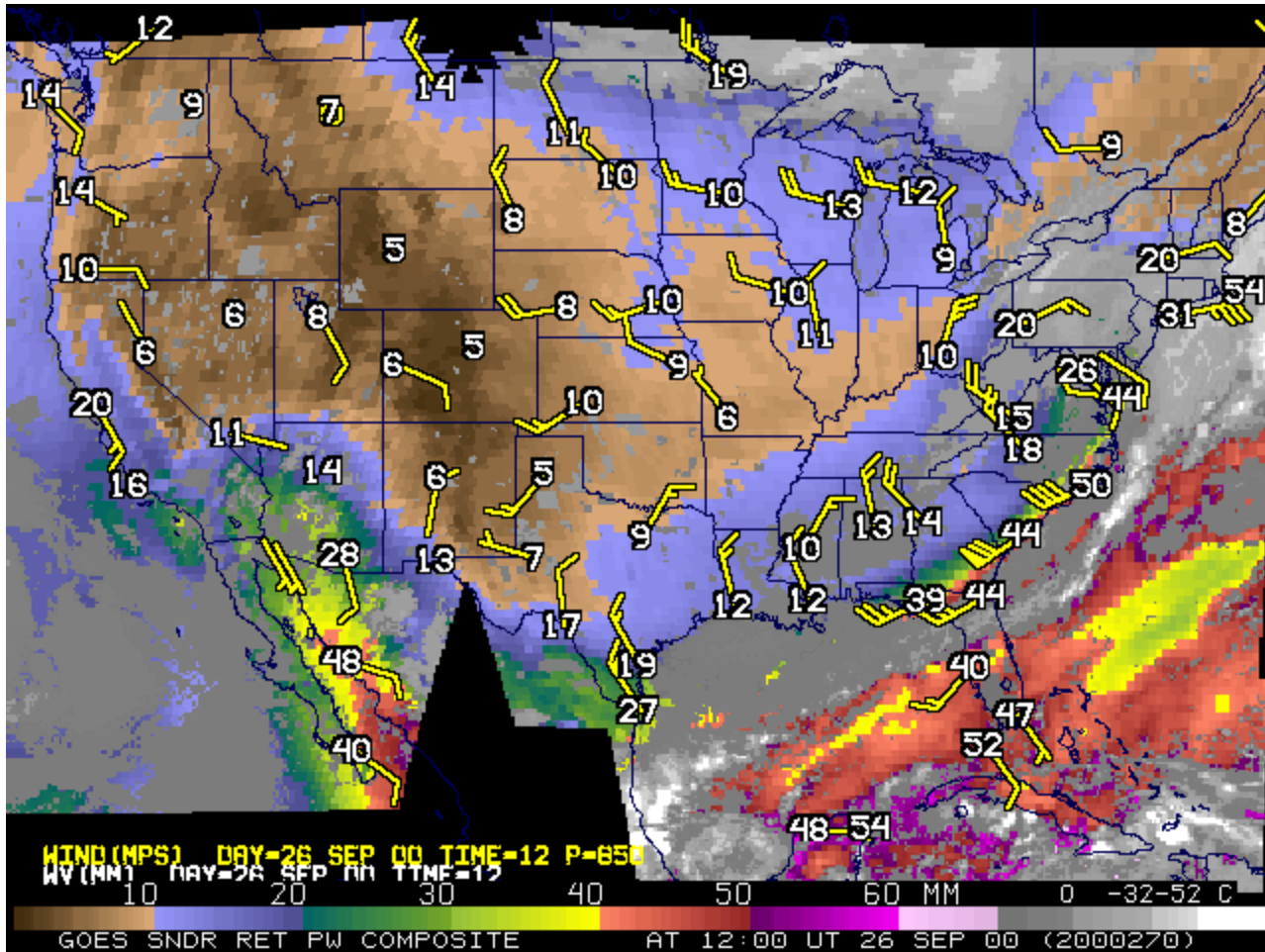


GOES Sounder Total Precipitable Water DPI at 00 UTC on
26 Sep 2000 with radiosonde plot (PW in mm).



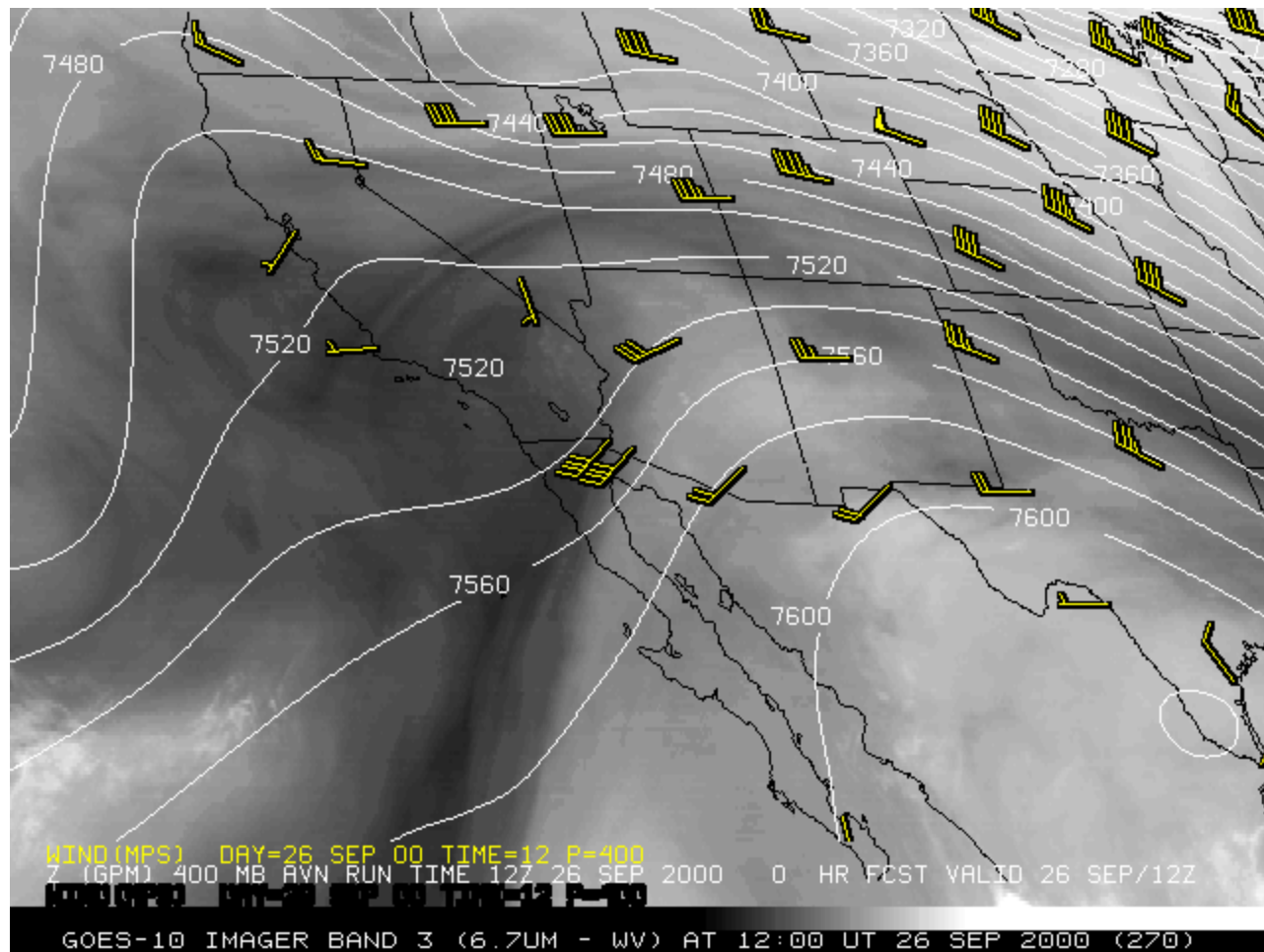
From high PW values (40mm+) over the southern Gulf of California source region, moisture (>20mm) has spread into southern Arizona.

GOES Sounder Total Precipitable Water DPI at 12 UTC on
26 Sep 2000 with radiosonde plot (PW in mm).



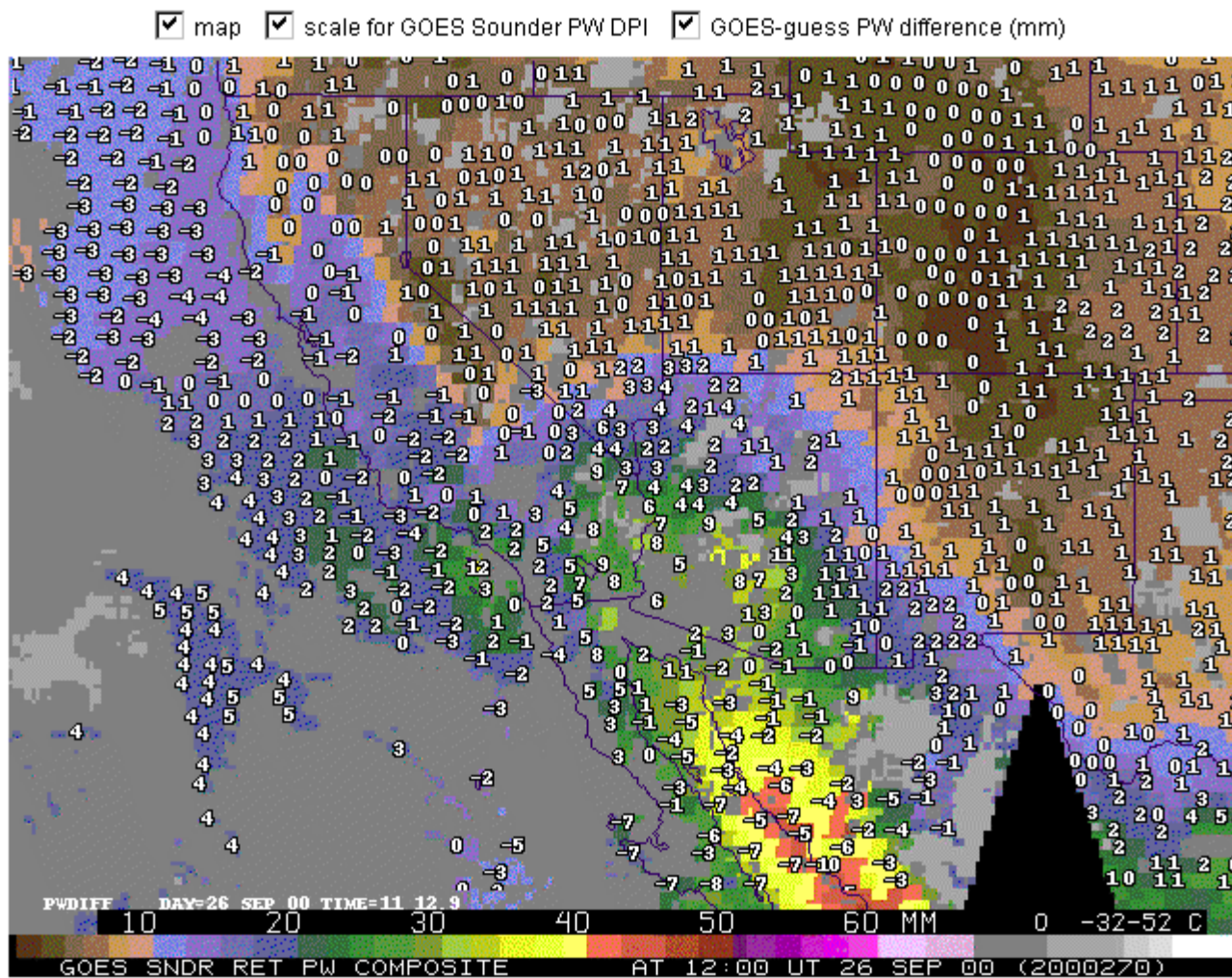
From the Gulf of California source region, moisture continues to spread across Arizona (to 30mm in the south and >10mm in the north).

GOES-10 Imager upper level water vapor band (6.7 um) image at 12 UT on 26 Sep 2000 with 400 mb radiosonde wind plot and model height analysis.



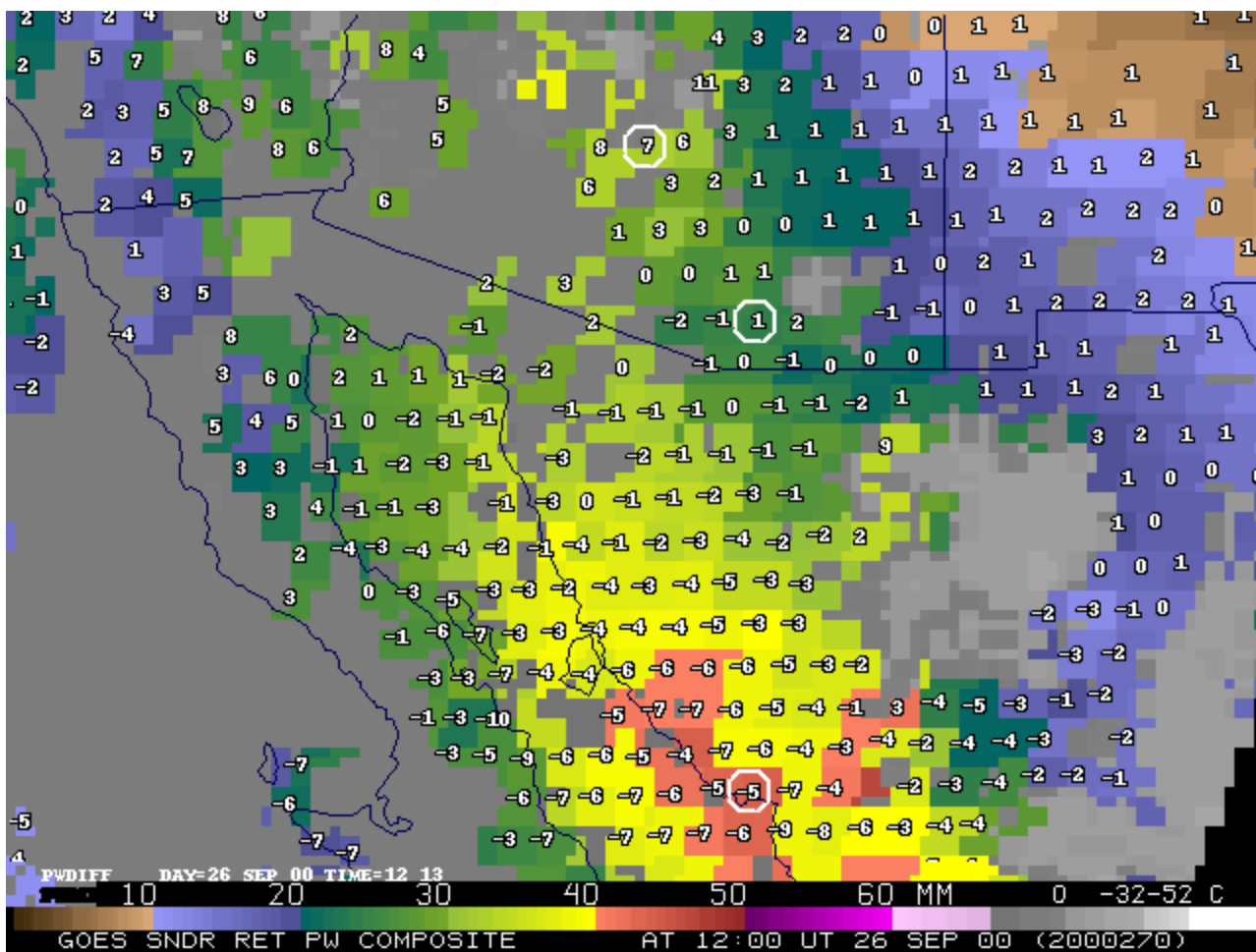
Moist air is evident under the 400 mb ridge (across central Mexico through Arizona/New Mexico), while drier air advances across far northern Baja California into western Arizona.

GOES Sounder PW DPI at 12 UT on 26 Sep 2000 with plot of “GOES - guess” PW difference values (in mm). (The first guess comes from the eta model.)



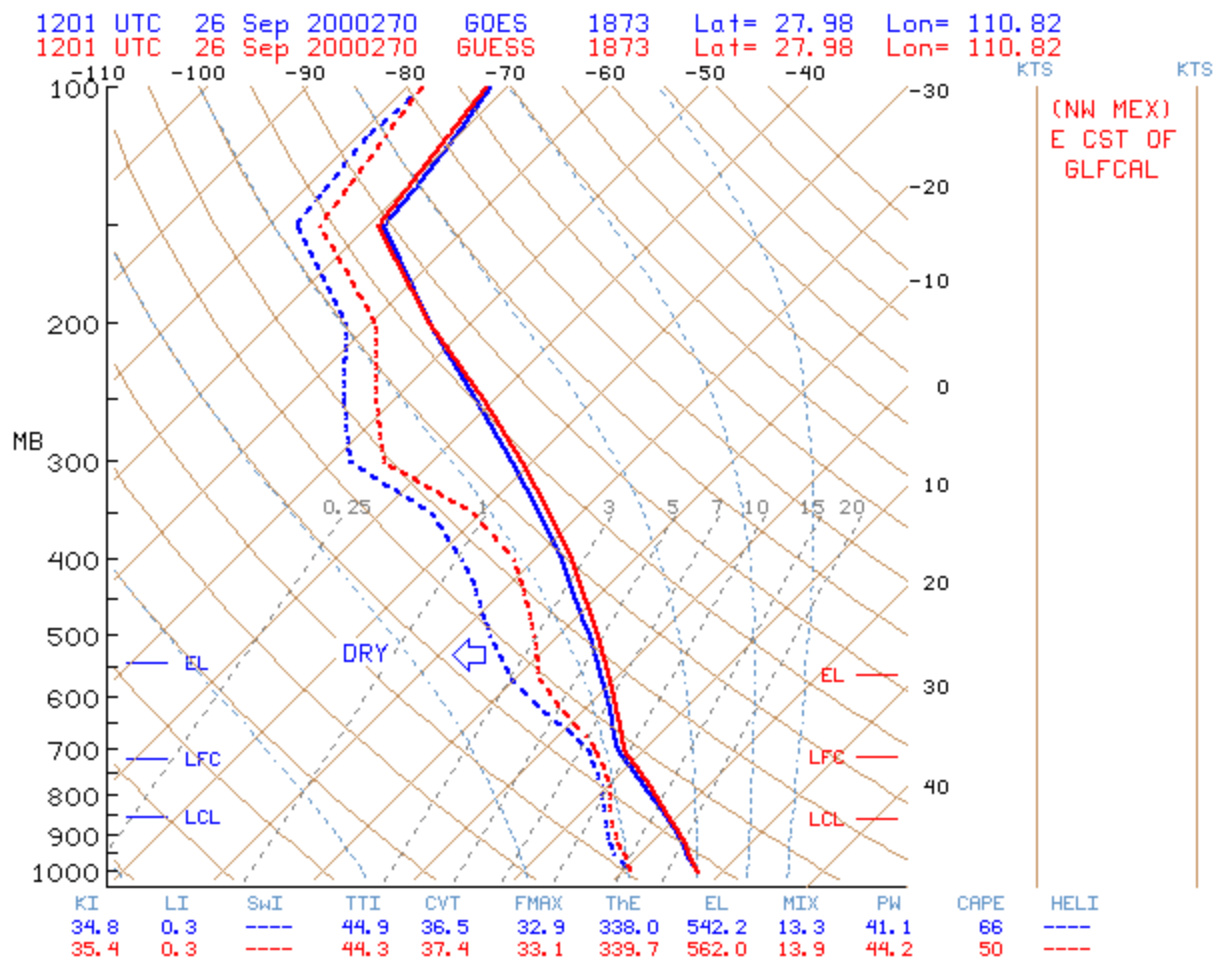
Besides large areas where differences are small, note relative moistening (with GOES) across south central Arizona and drying over the eastern Gulf of California.

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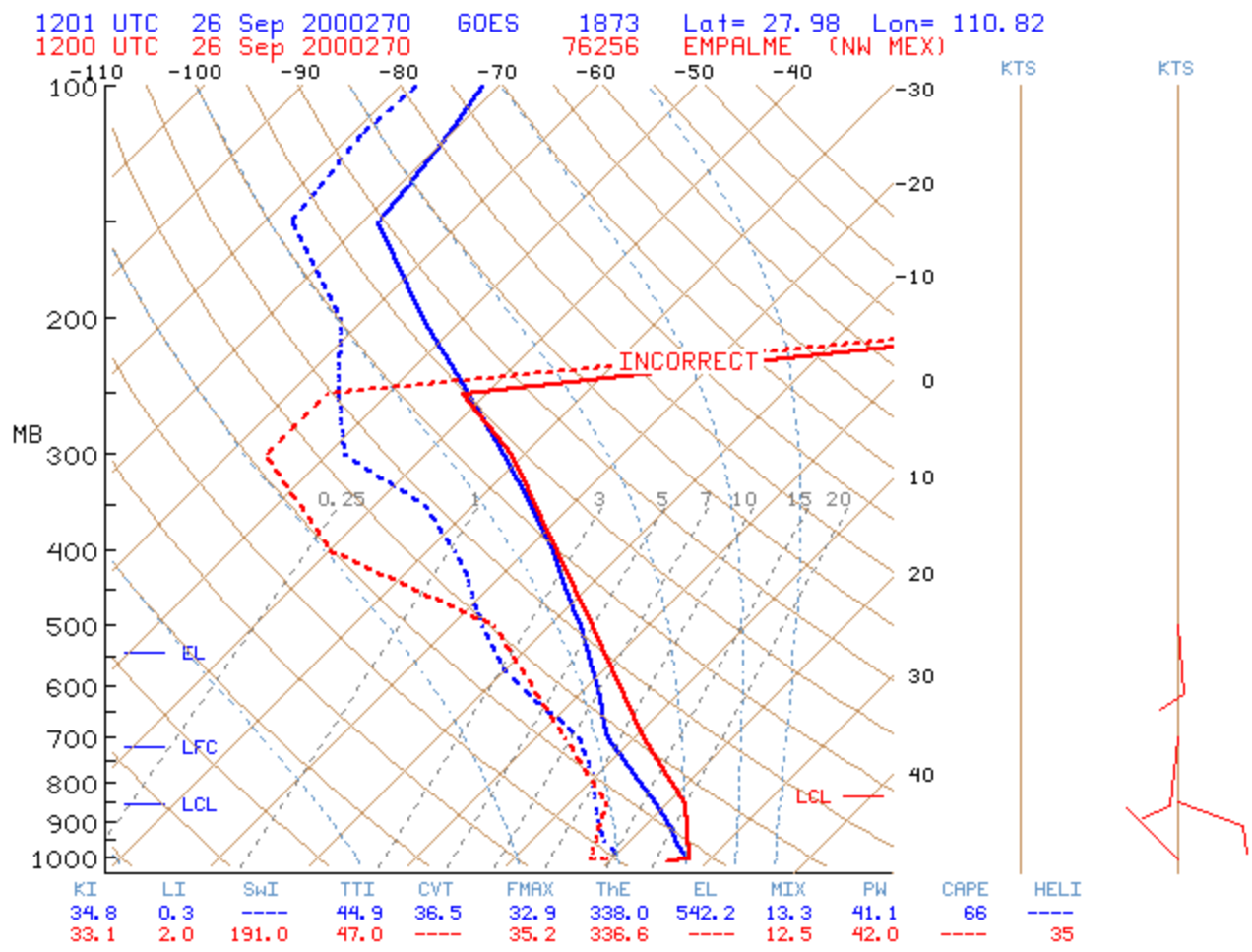
For a closer look, focus on radiosonde locations at Empalme, Mexico (E cen coast of Gulf of California) and Tucson (SE AZ) as well as near Phoenix (S cen AZ).

GOES Sounder retrieval profile (in blue) near Empalme, Mexico at 12 UT on 26 Sep 2000 versus the “first guess” profile (in red).



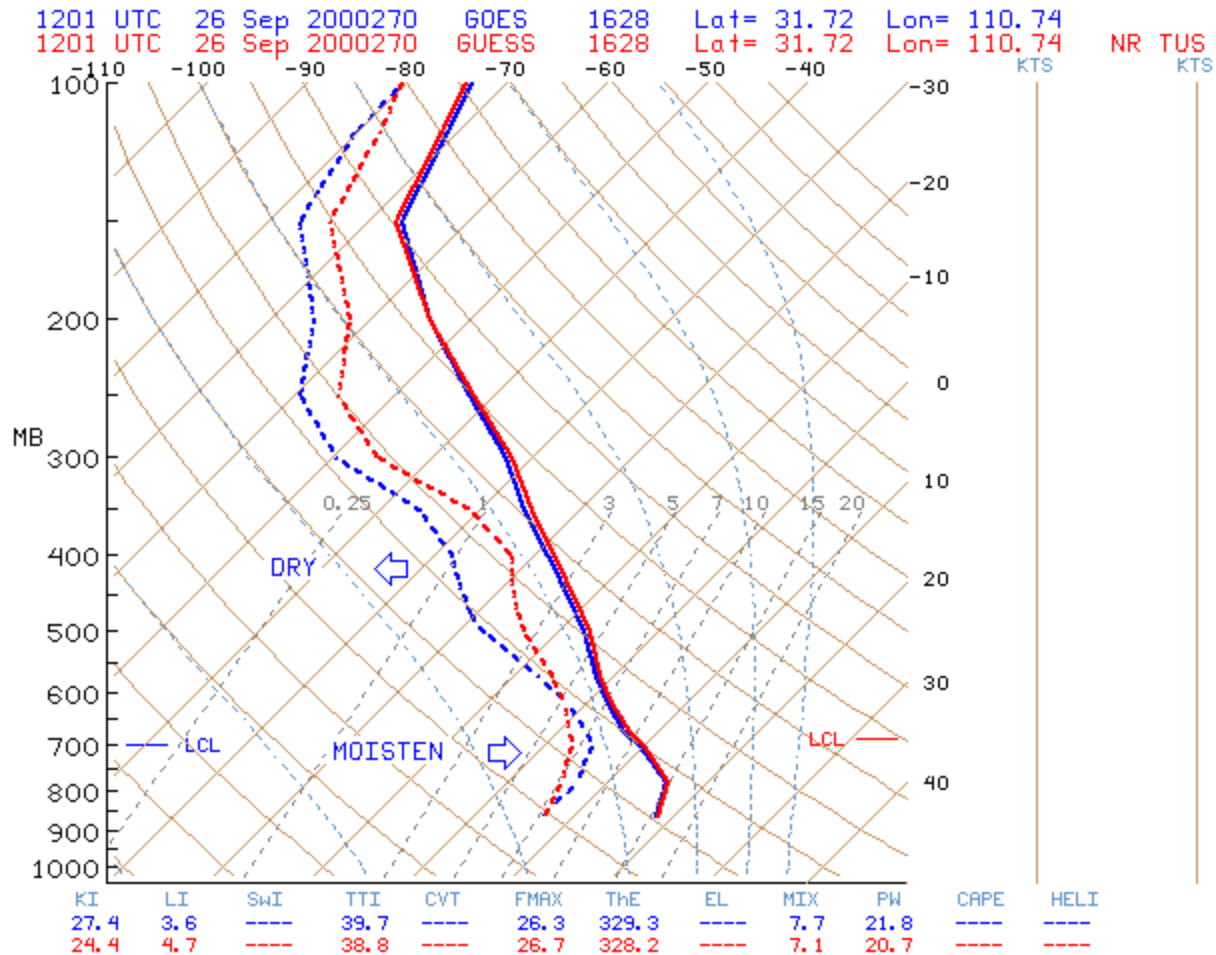
Note that the largest change, made by GOES, from the first guess is overall drying, especially at mid and upper levels. The computed PW decreases from 44 to 41 mm.

GOES Sounder retrieval profile (in blue) near Empalme, Mexico at 12 UT on 26 Sep 2000 versus the Empalme radiosonde profile (in red).



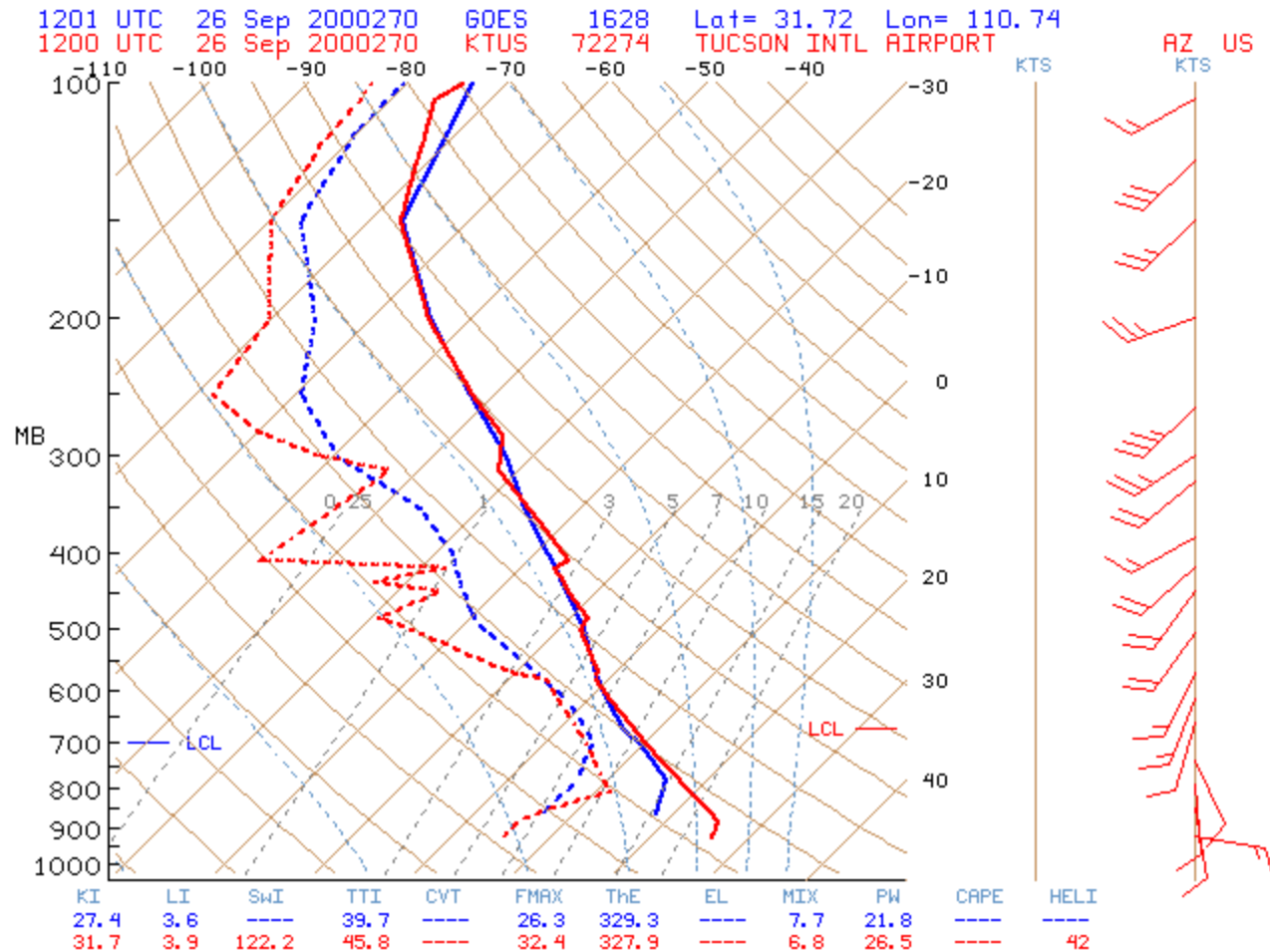
Recall that first guess PW value was 44 mm; the radiosonde value is only 42 mm. This comparison supports the relative drying with the GOES retrievals in that region.

GOES Sounder retrieval profile (in blue) near Tucson, Arizona at 12 UT on 26 Sep 2000 versus the “first guess” profile (in red).



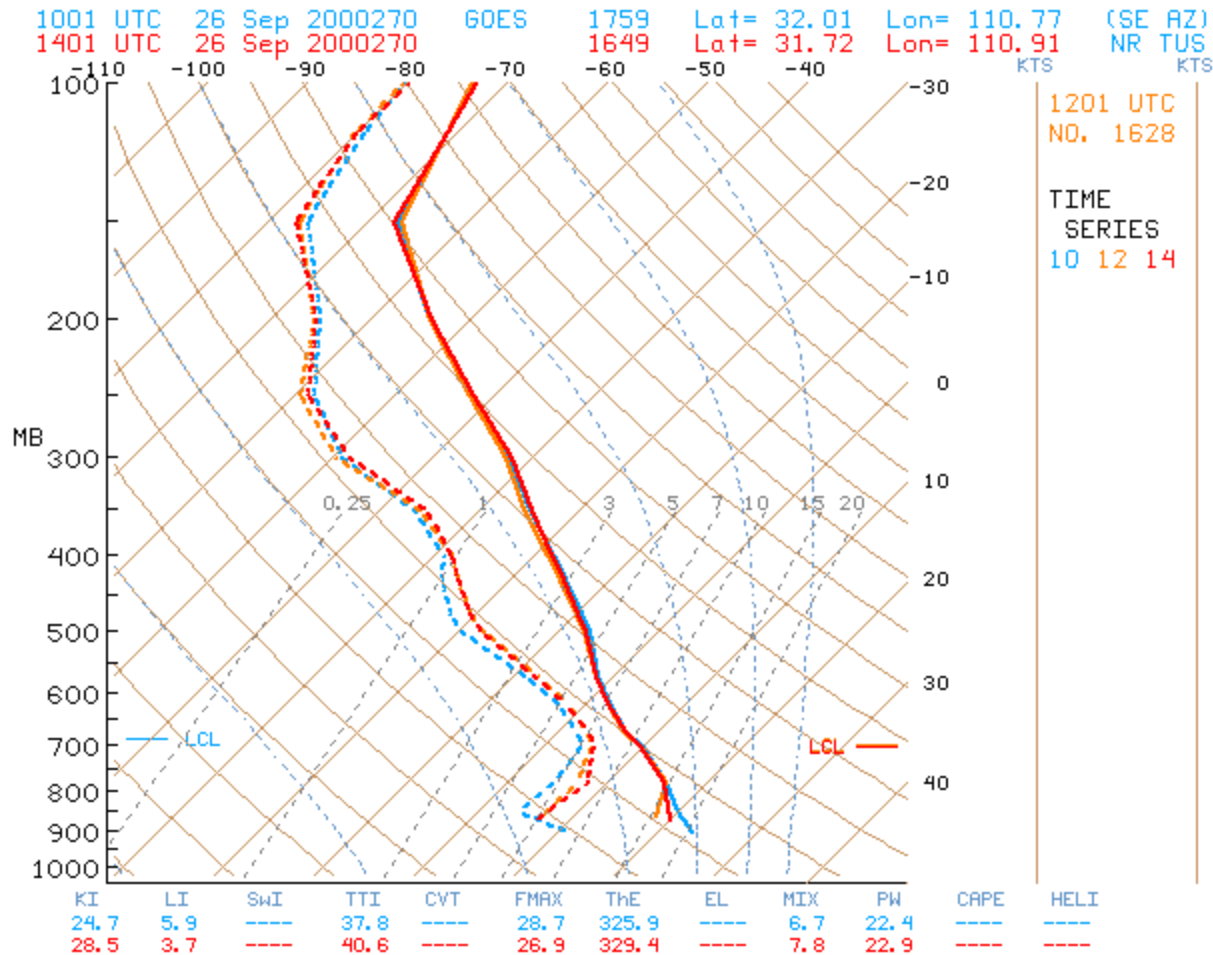
Note that low level moistening and upper level drying, made by GOES relative to the first guess, results in a slight increase in the overall PW (from 21 to 22 mm).

GOES Sounder retrieval profile (in blue) near Tucson, Arizona at 12 UT on 26 Sep 2000 versus the Tucson radiosonde profile (in red).



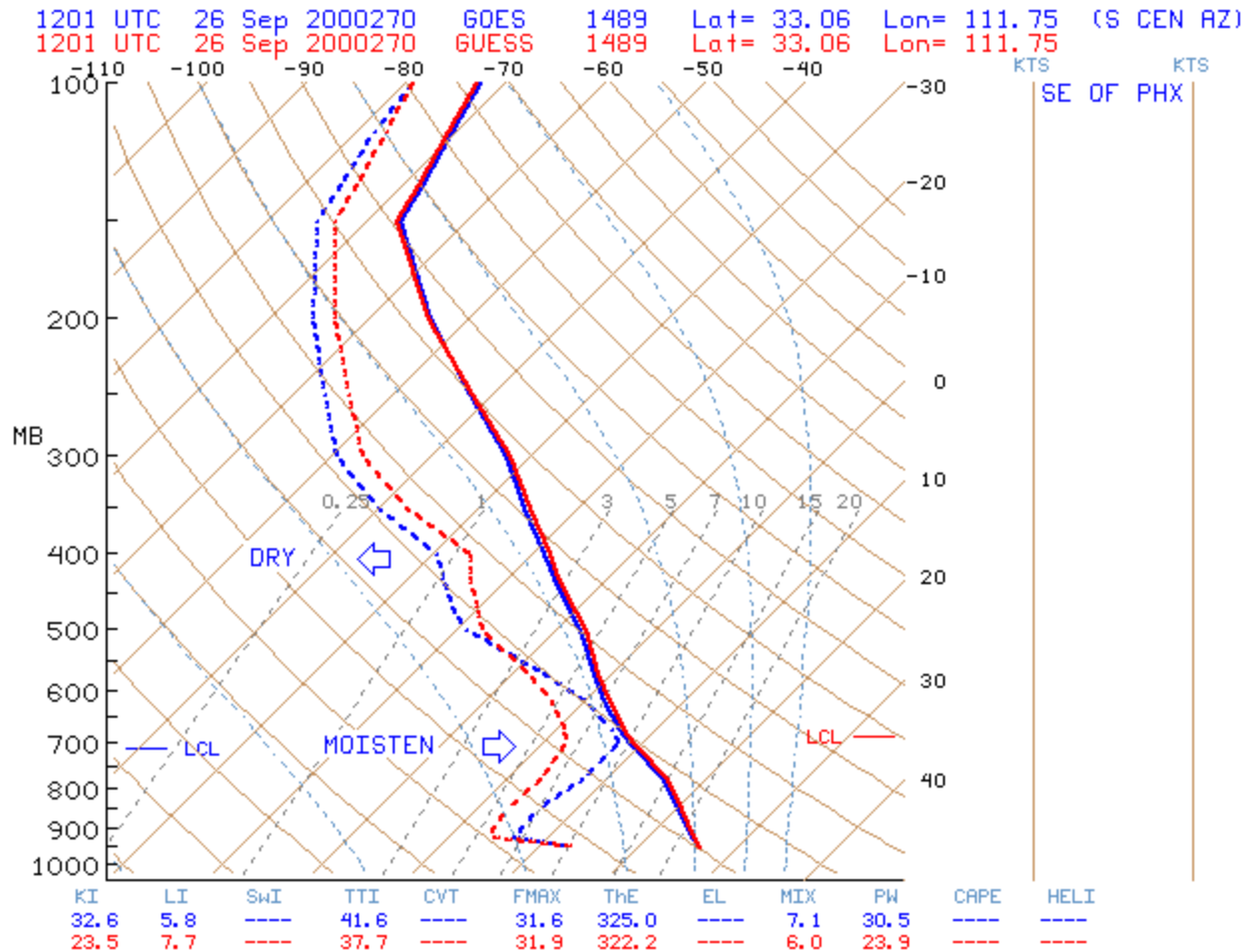
Recall that first guess PW value was 20 mm; the radiosonde value is 26.5 mm. The GOES tendency seems correct: drying aloft; moistening at low levels (overall increase).

Time series of GOES Sounder retrieval profiles near Tucson, Arizona at 10 (light blue), 12 (orange), and 14 (red) UT on 26 Sep 2000.



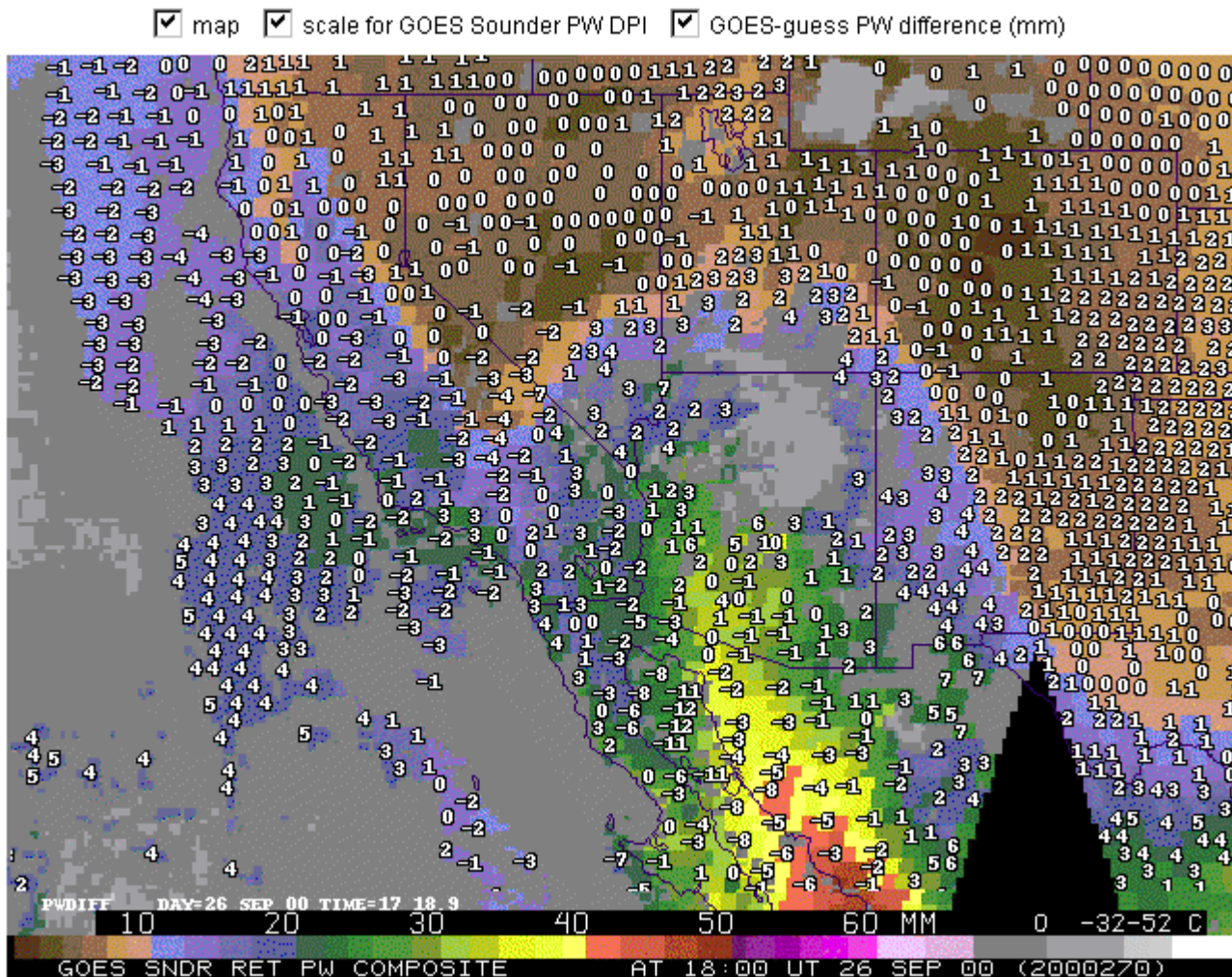
Note over the 4 hour period that low level moisture generally increases (with time), resulting in a small overall PW increase. Minimum surface temperature is at 12 UT.

GOES Sounder retrieval profile (in blue) near Phoenix, Arizona at 12 UT on 26 Sep 2000 versus the “first guess” profile (in red).



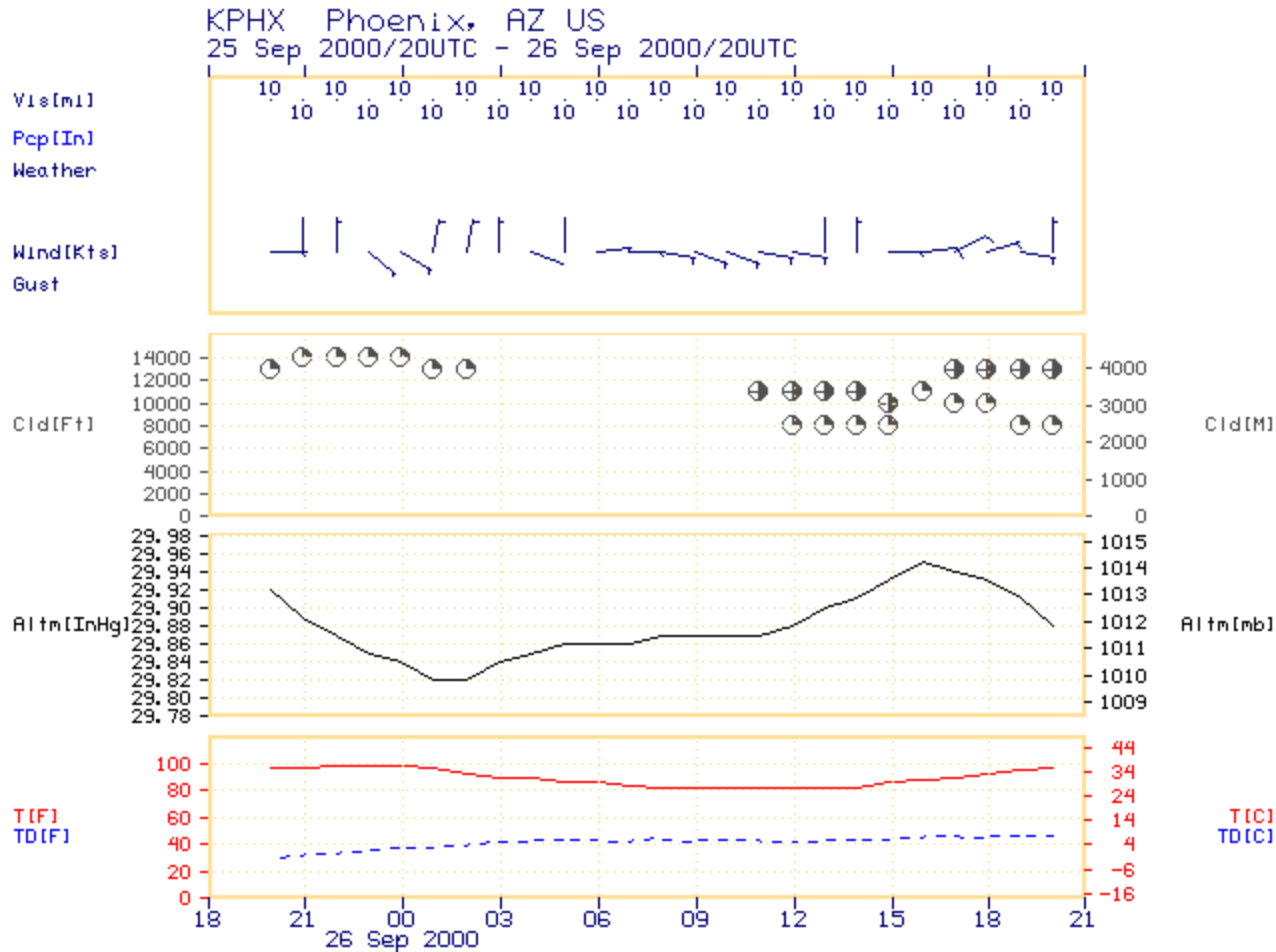
Note that largest change, made by GOES, from the first guess is strong moistening at low (non-surface) levels. The computed PW increases from 24 to 30.5 mm.

GOES Sounder PW DPI at 18 UT on 26 Sep 2000 with plot of “GOES - guess” PW difference values (in mm). (The first guess comes from the eta model.)



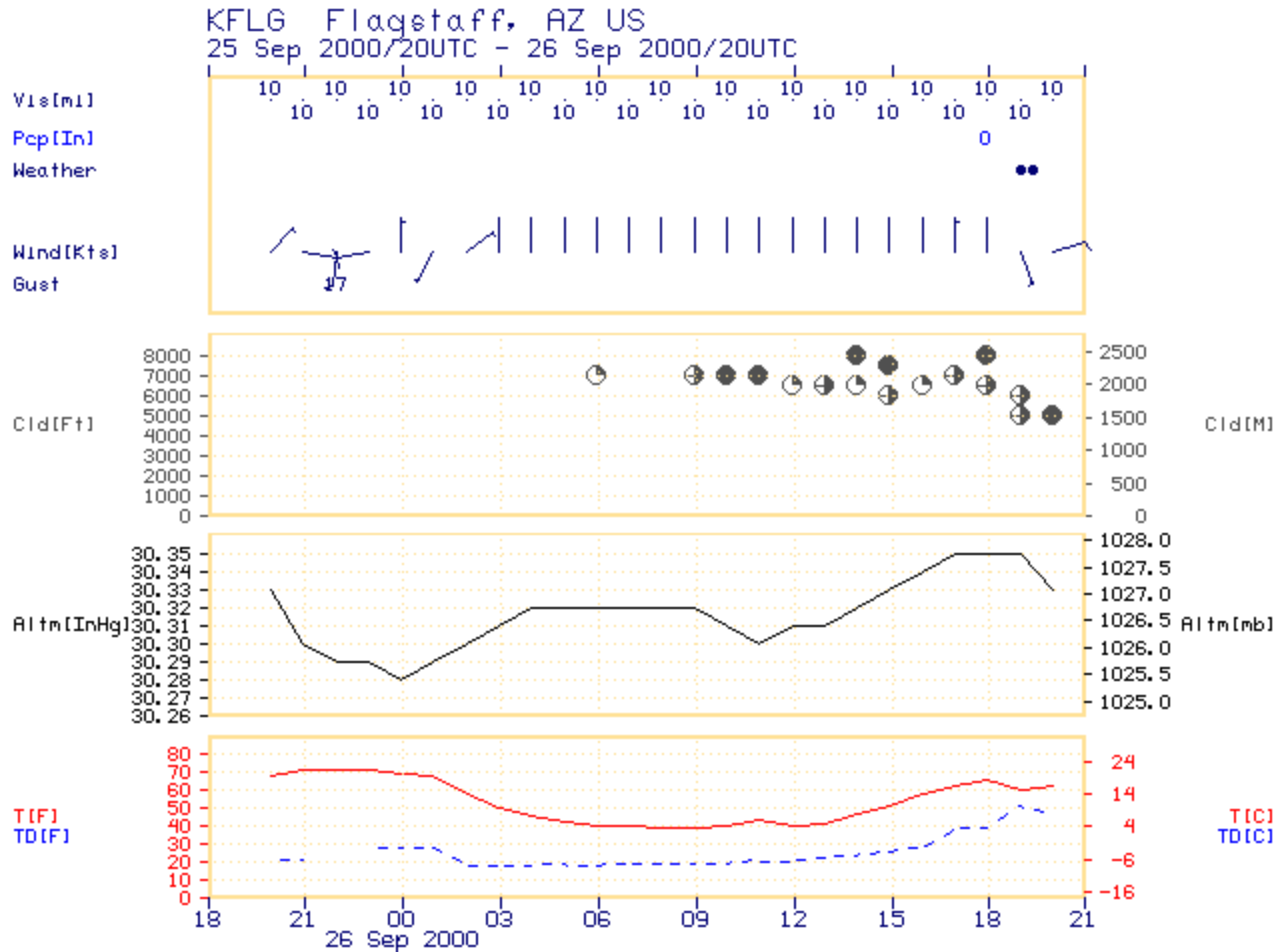
Note that GOES continues, at 18 UT, to show higher overall PW values, relative to the eta first guess, across central Arizona, as clouds partially obscure the region.

Meteogram for Phoenix, Arizona showing hourly surface observations from 20 UT on 25 Sep 2000 through 20 UT on 26 Sep 2000.



Note that surface moisture remains low at Phoenix ($T_d < 9^{\circ}\text{C}$ with large dewpoint depression). No precipitation occurs from more moist lower mid-levels aloft.

Meteogram for Flagstaff, Arizona showing hourly surface observations from 20 UT on 25 Sep 2000 through 20 UT on 26 Sep 2000.

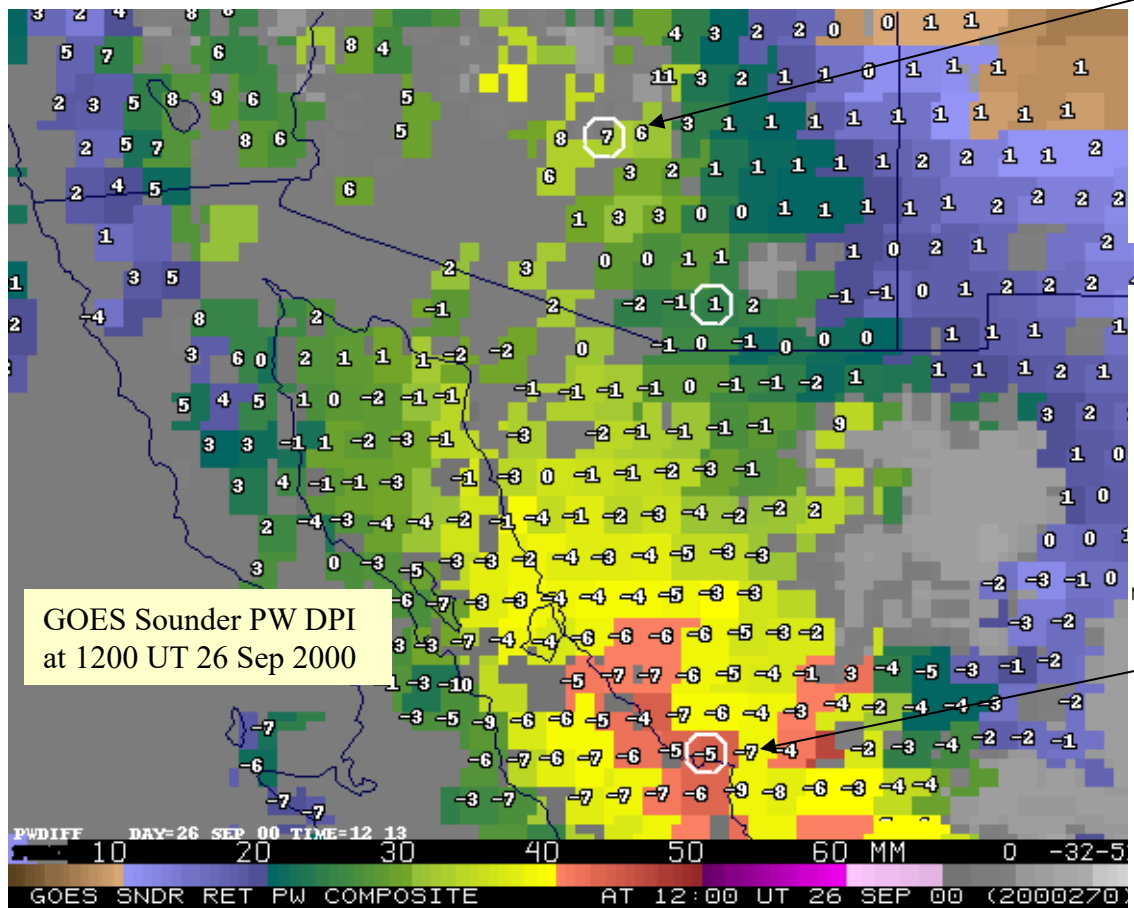
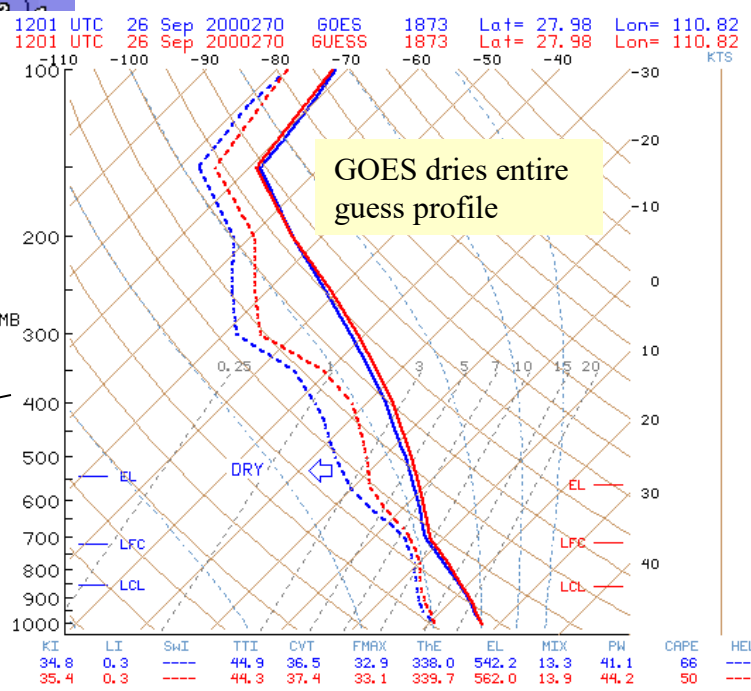
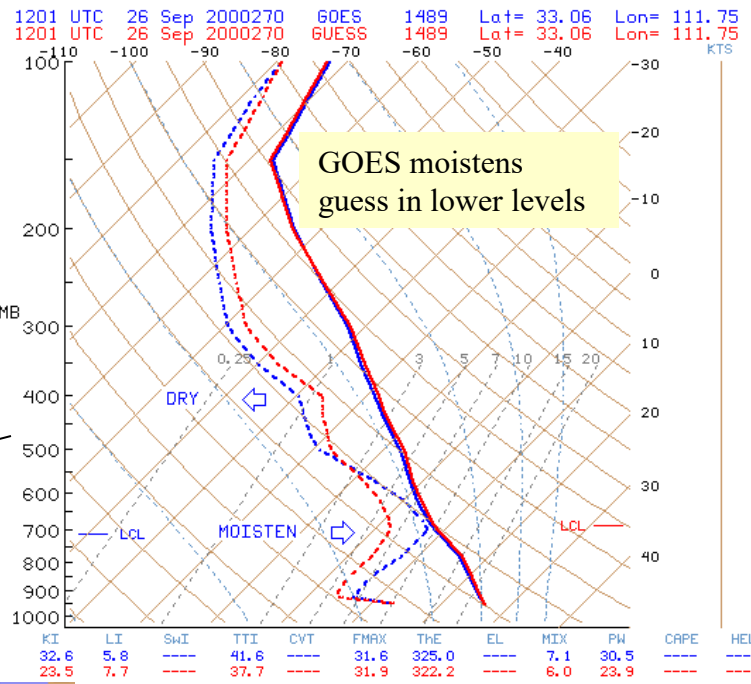


The low level (but non surface) moisture indicated from GOES was more evident at the 2 km high Flagstaff site (N cen AZ); at 20 UT, Td was 11C with rain reported.

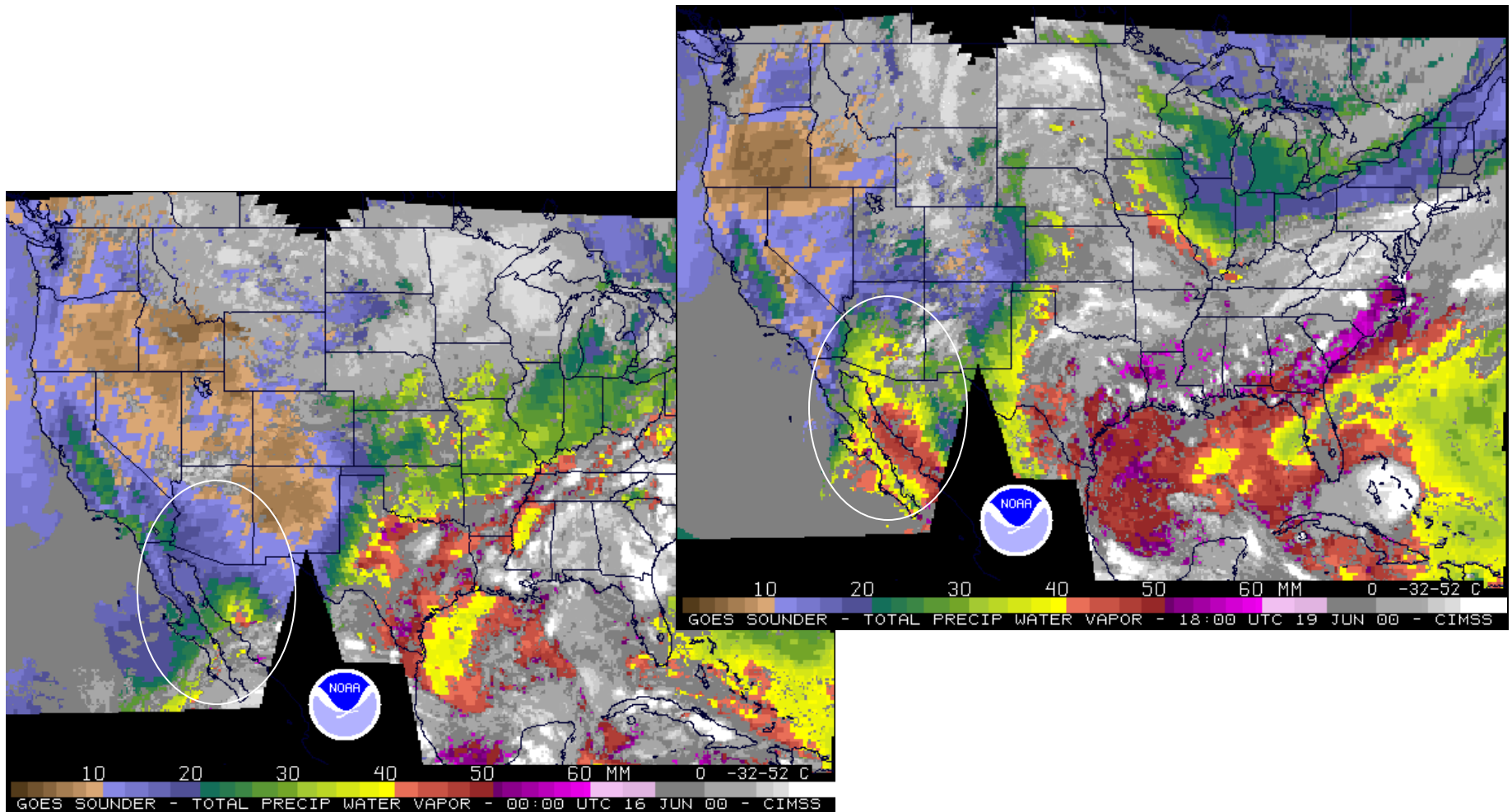
Example of Difference Plots (of GOES - guess

total PW values) from 26 September 2000

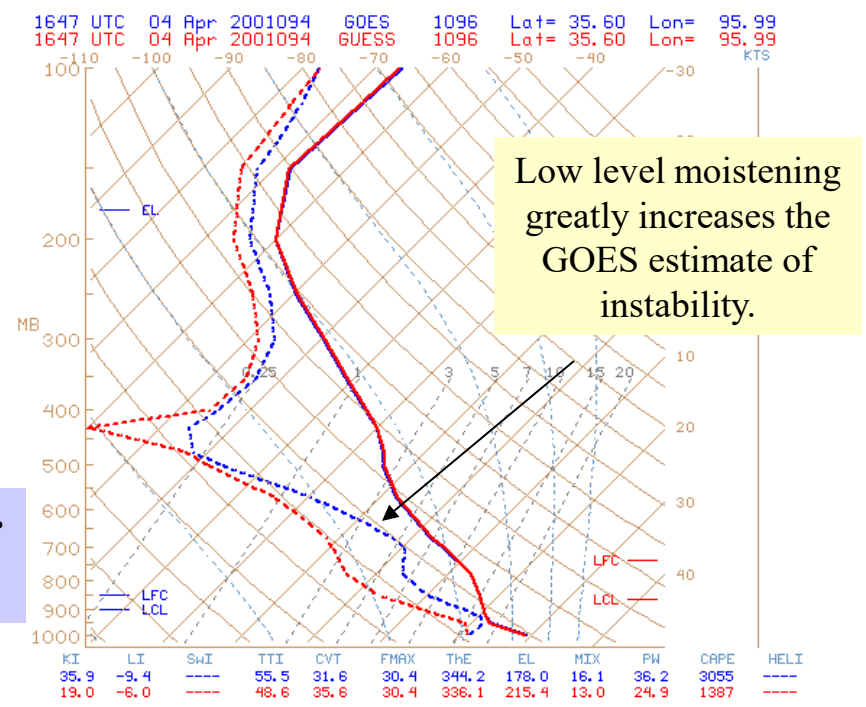
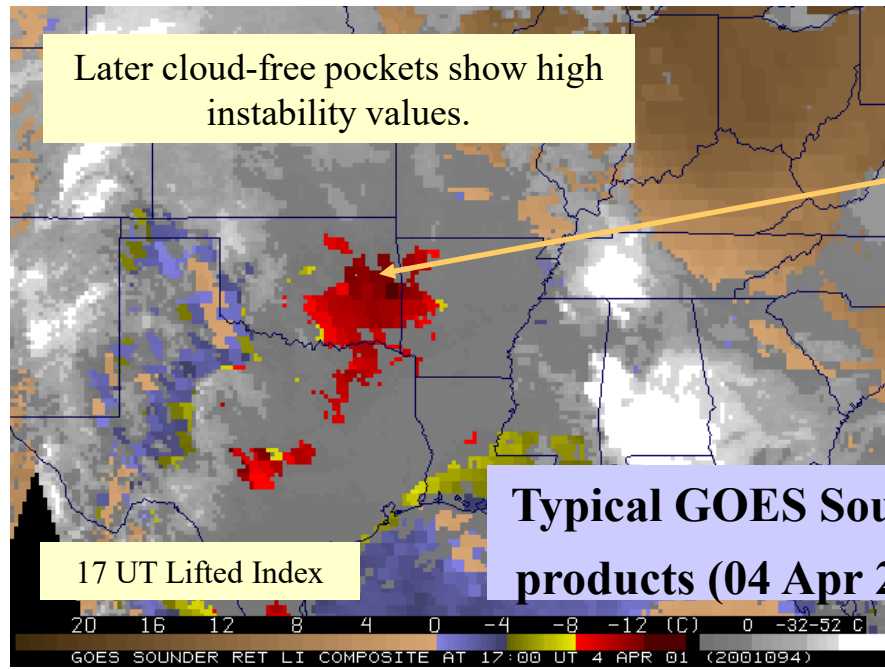
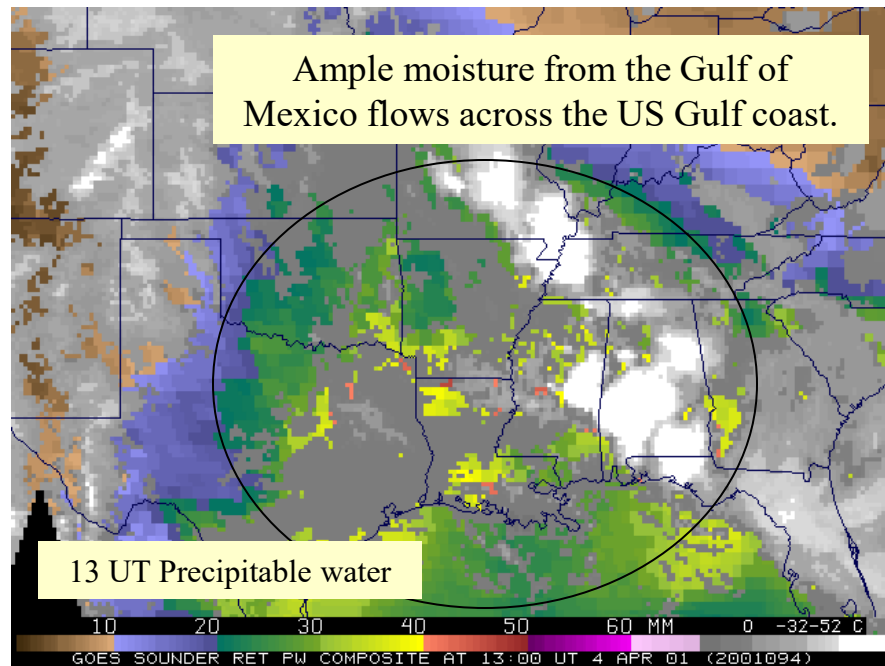
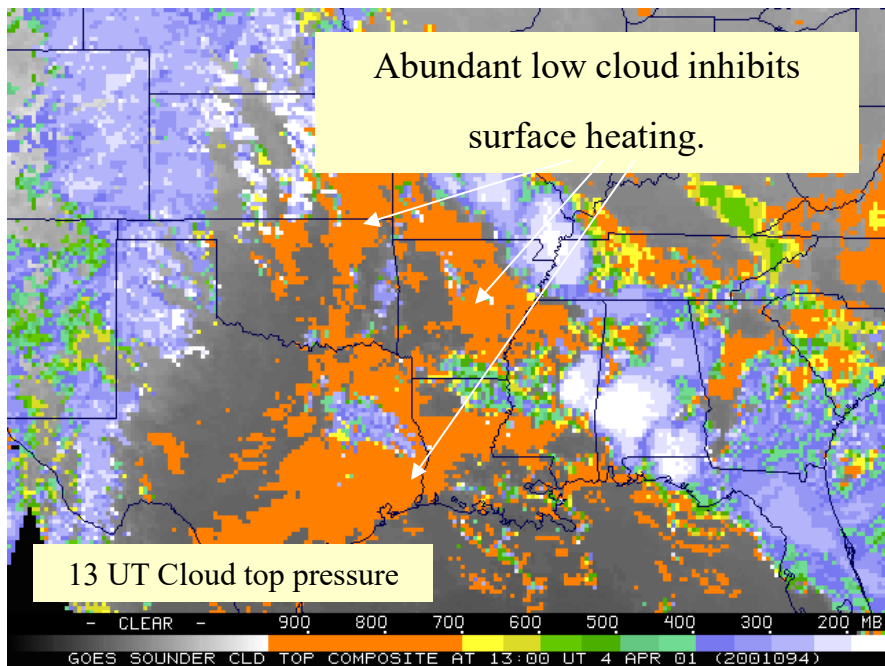
Large differences from the first guess highlight targets of potential impact by the satellite data. Light rain did occur later in central AZ.



Example of GOES Sounder Precipitable Water (moisture) DPI from late June 2000

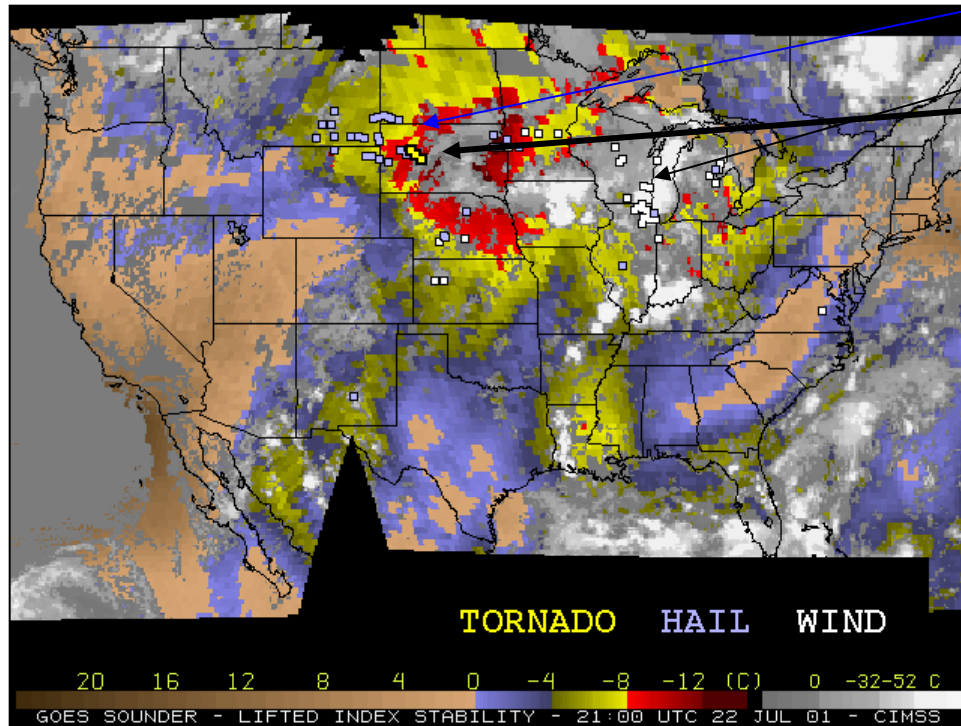


*From the **GOES Gallery** web page for the 22 June 2000 case...* The second earliest start on record of the annual Arizona "monsoon" began on 19 June 2000, leading to several days of convective activity over the southwest US. NOAA GOES Sounder Precipitable Water (PW) images (above) show the northward surge of higher PW values during the 16-19 June period. PW values across Arizona on 16 June were less than 20 mm (blue enhancement), but increased to 30-40 mm (yellow to red enhancement) during the following few days.



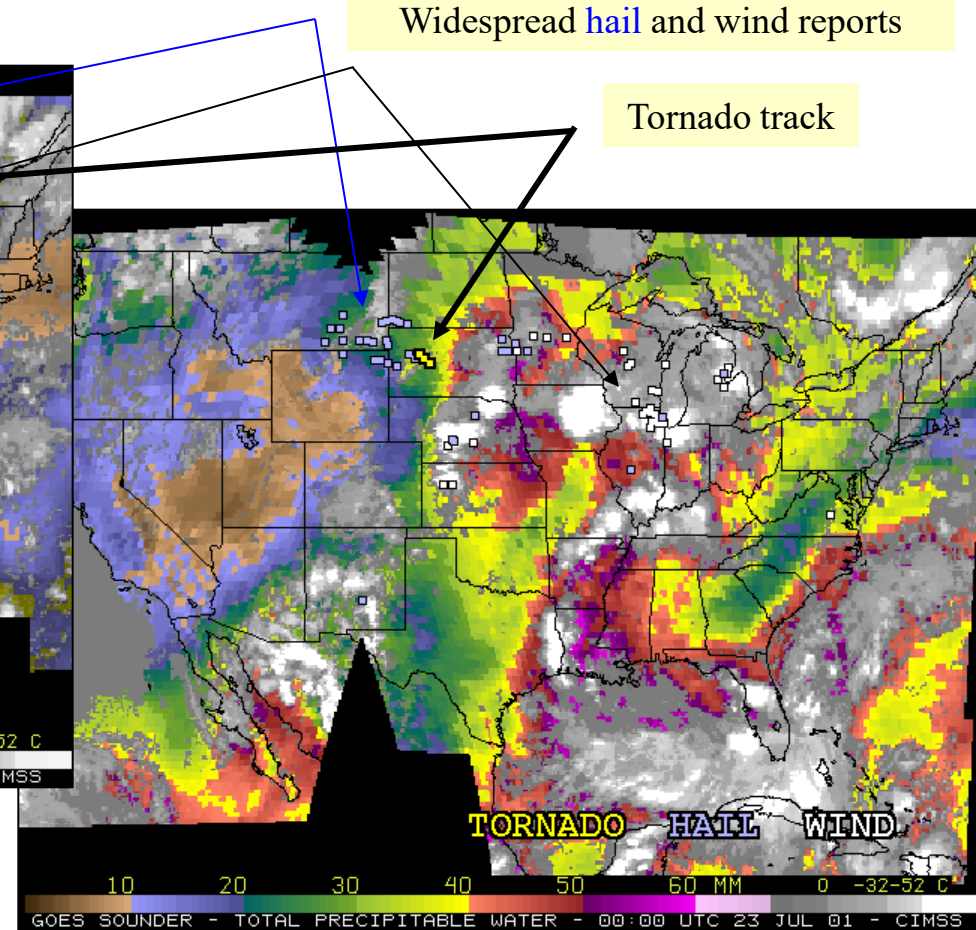
Typical GOES Sounder products (04 Apr 2001)

*Monitoring simple correlation between select late day GOES Sounder
Derived Product Imagery and subsequent severe weather reports*



GOES atmospheric stability at 21 UTC

(22-23 July 2001)



GOES total moisture at 00 UTC

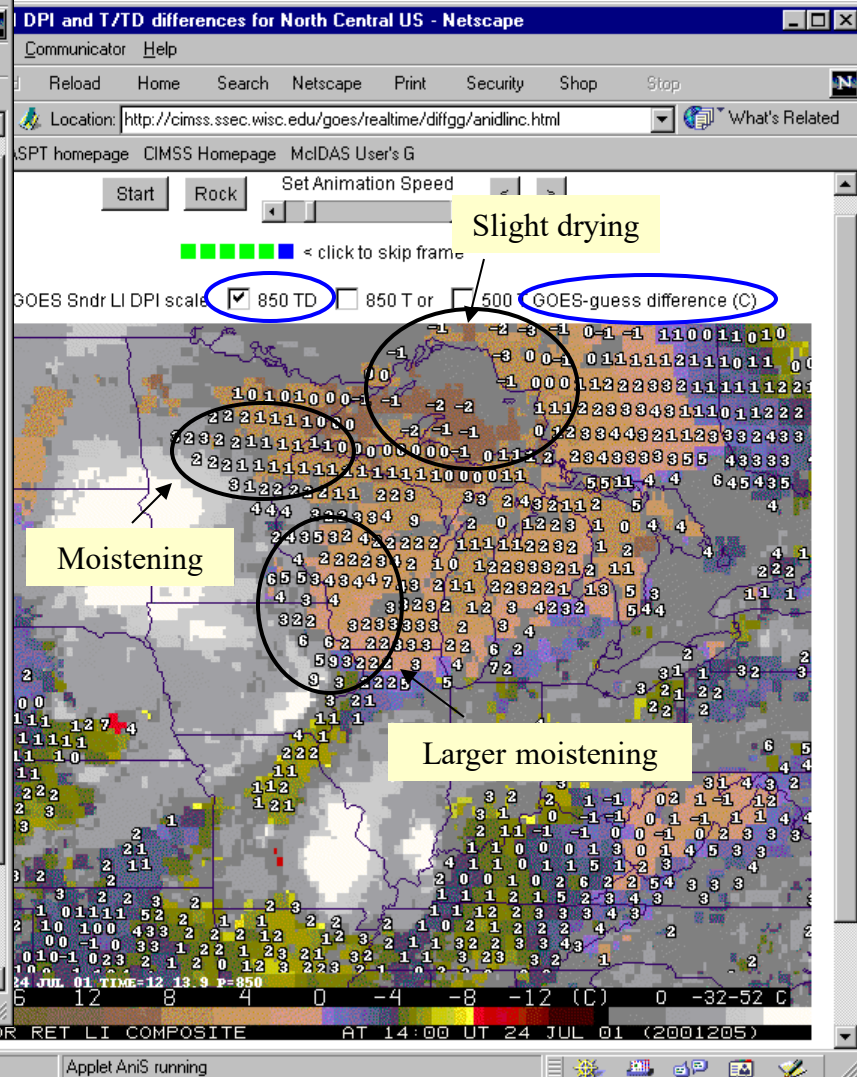
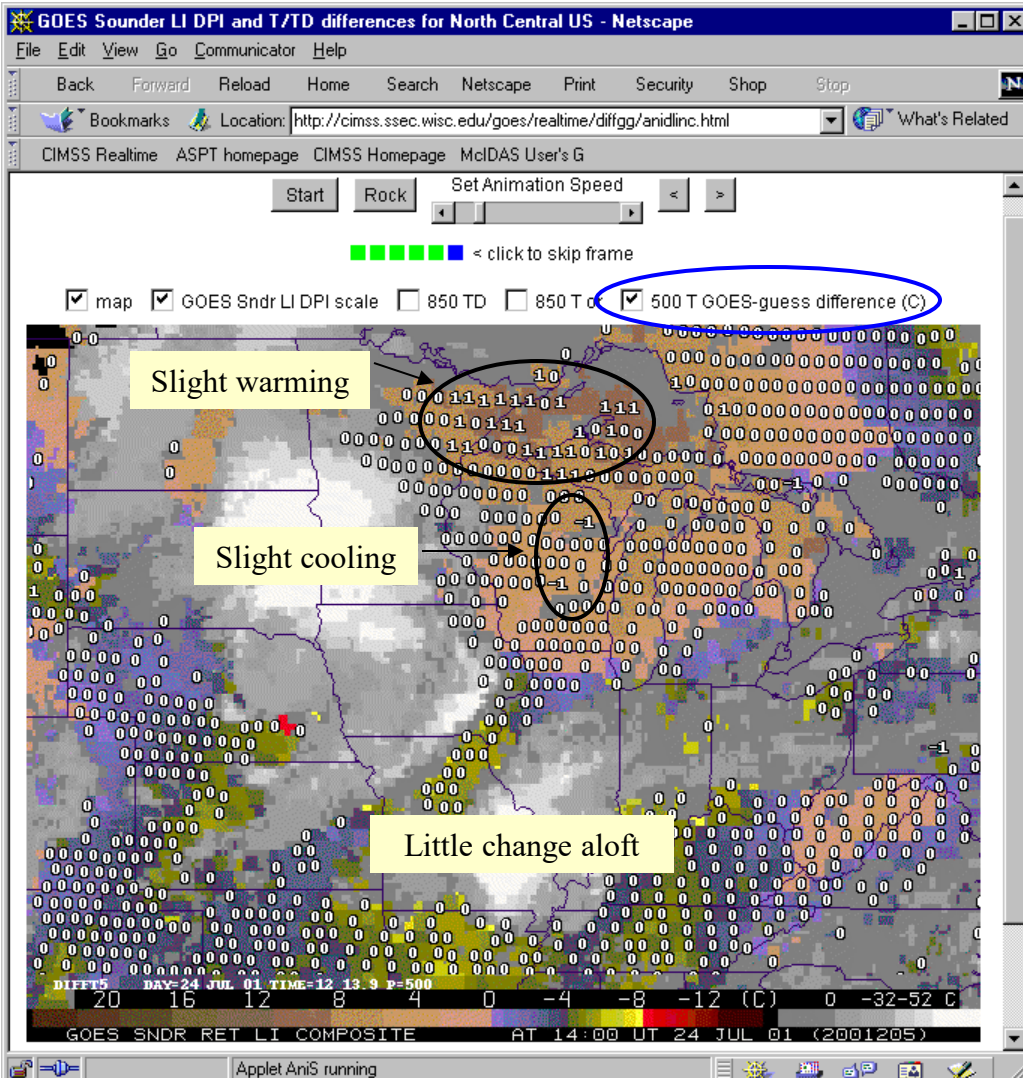
Widespread **hail** and wind reports

Tornado track

This addition to the CIMSS Realtime GOES Page was realized through collaborative results in support of the summer (2001) project of visiting (NASA) SHARP student C. Nosal.

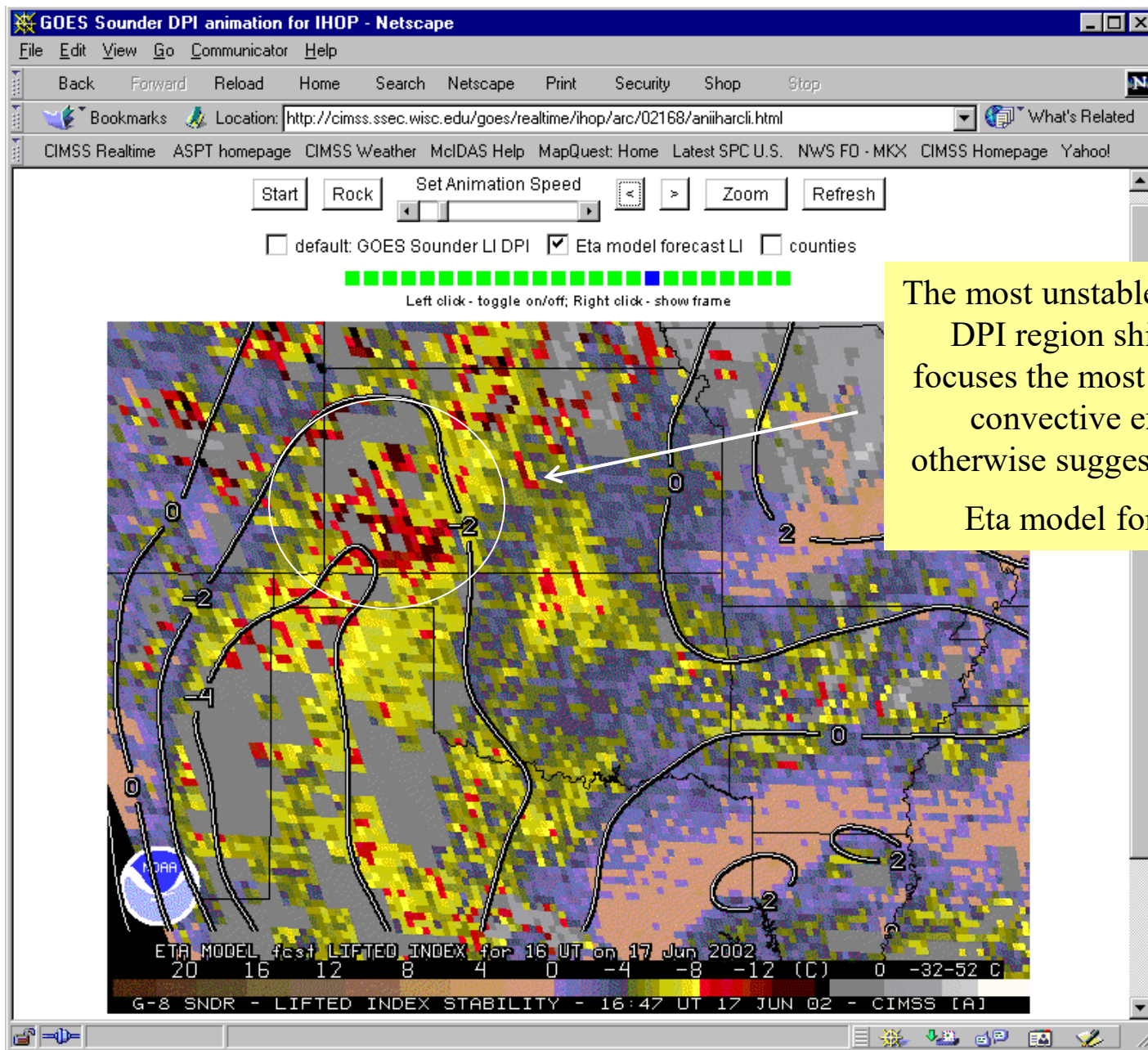
Monitoring how GOES soundings modify their initial (forecast) first guess profiles for representative parameters and levels

Background is GOES LI Derived Product Image.



(14 UTC 24 July 2001)

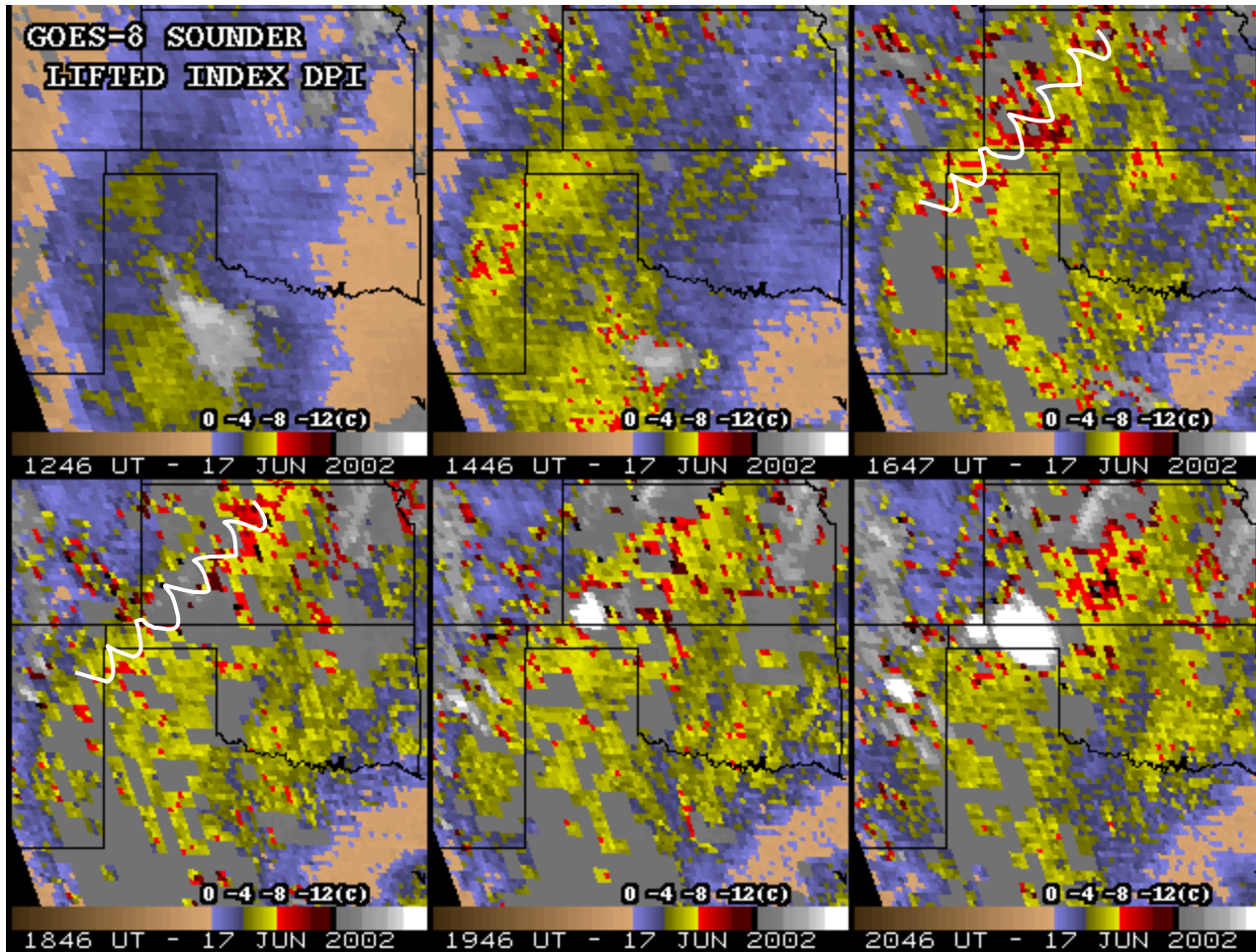
Refinement of instability forecast with GOES Sounder Lifted Index DPI on 17 June 2002



The most unstable SFOV LI DPI region shifts and focuses the most favorable convective extents otherwise suggested by the Eta model forecast.

Data shown are nominally for 17 UTC.

Evolution of GOES Sounder SFOV Lifted Index (stability) DPI on 17 June 2002

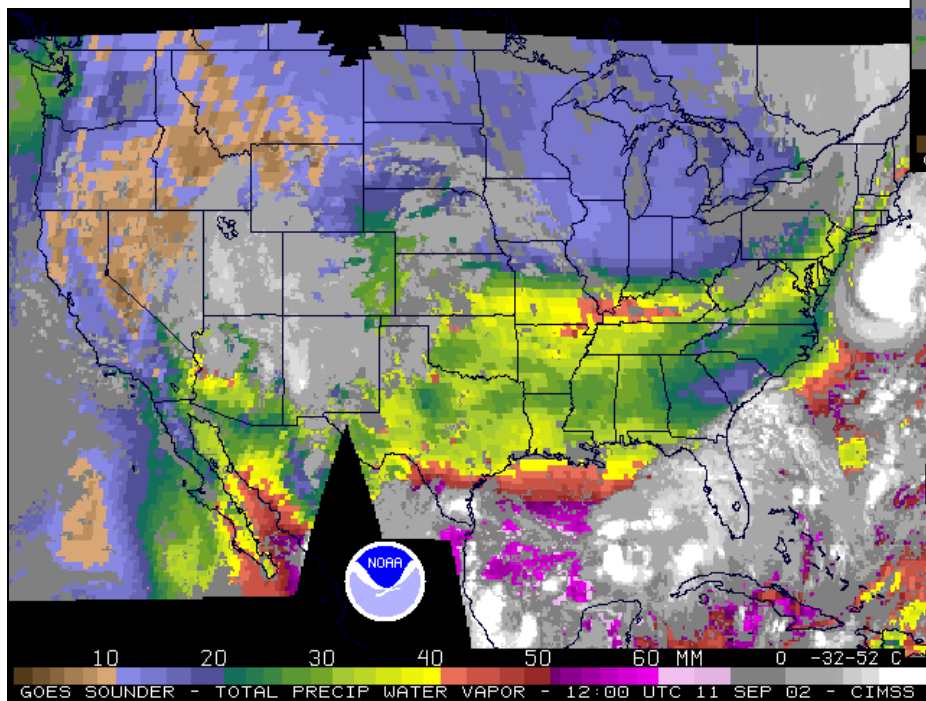
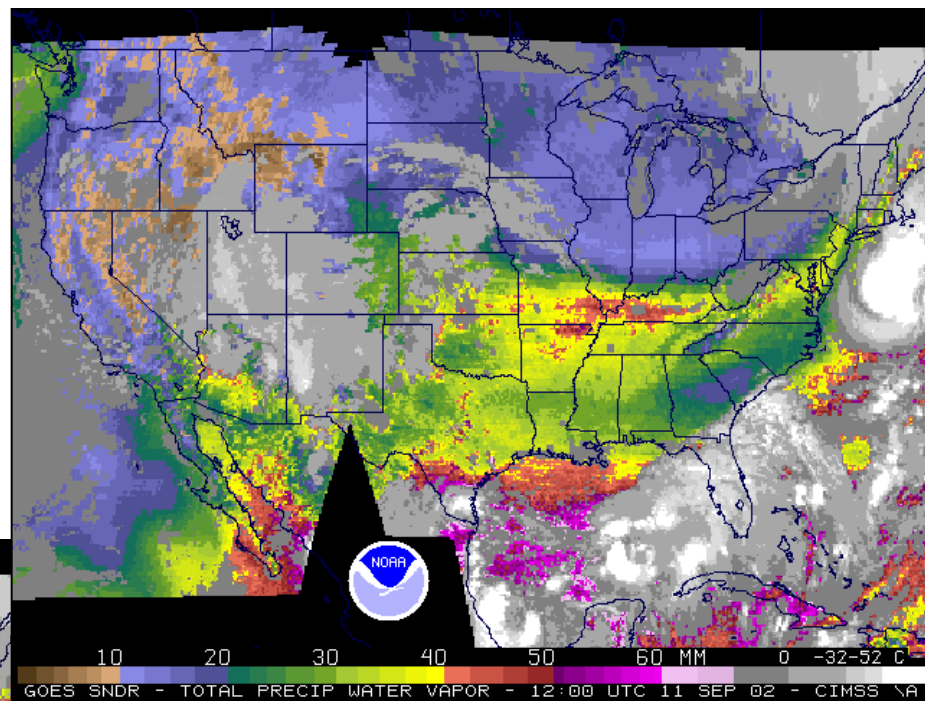


Panels show nominal times from 13 to 23 UTC.

The axis of instability (<-8) and the persistence in the sequence of two-hourly interval GOES LI DPI focus the attention for favorable convective conditions from central west Kansas through the Oklahoma and far northwest Texas Panhandles. Later severe weather reports included numerous hail reports (to 1.25") from the far northern Texas Panhandle into far southwest Kansas. Other hail also fell around the western central Kansas/Nebraska border region.

GOES Sounder DPI of TPW at varying horizontal resolution

Single field-of-view (SFOV) Derived Product Imagery (DPI) of total precipitable water (TPW), starting from an AVN model first-guess

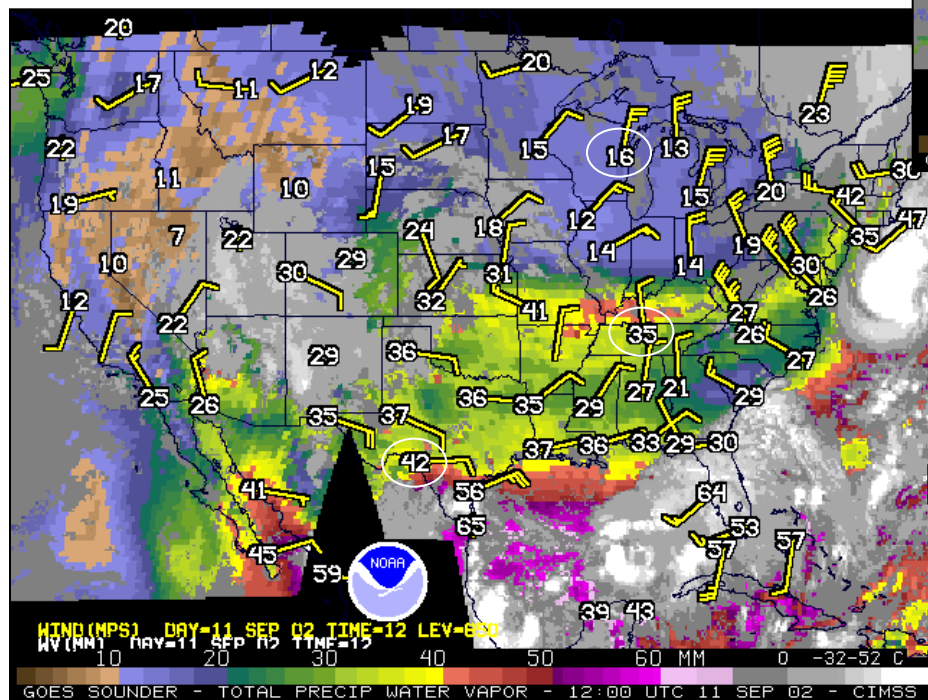
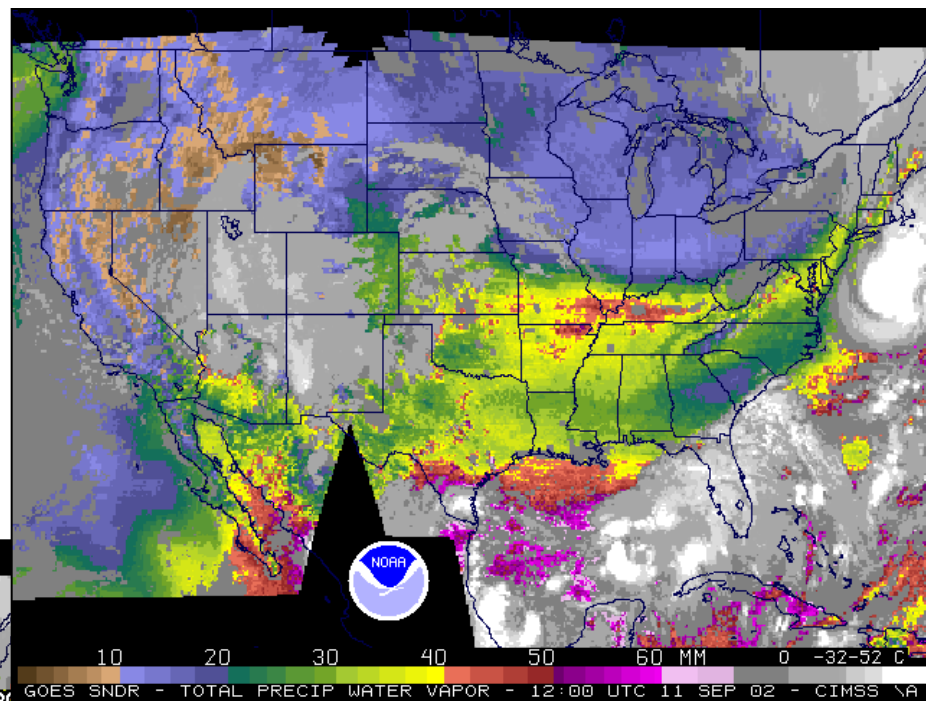


3x3 field-of-view (FOV) Derived Product Imagery (DPI) of total precipitable water (TPW), starting from an Eta model first-guess

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GOES Sounder DPI of TPW at varying horizontal resolution

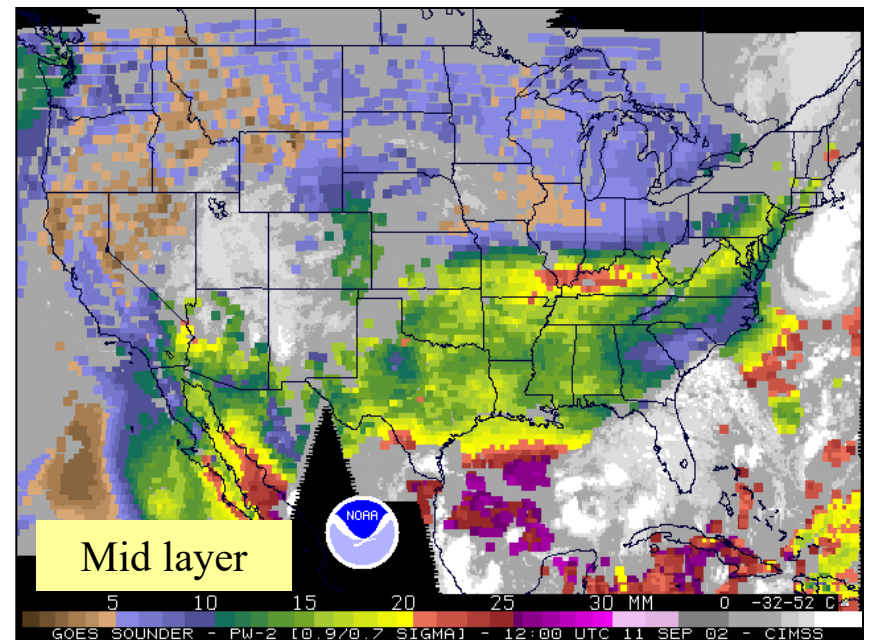
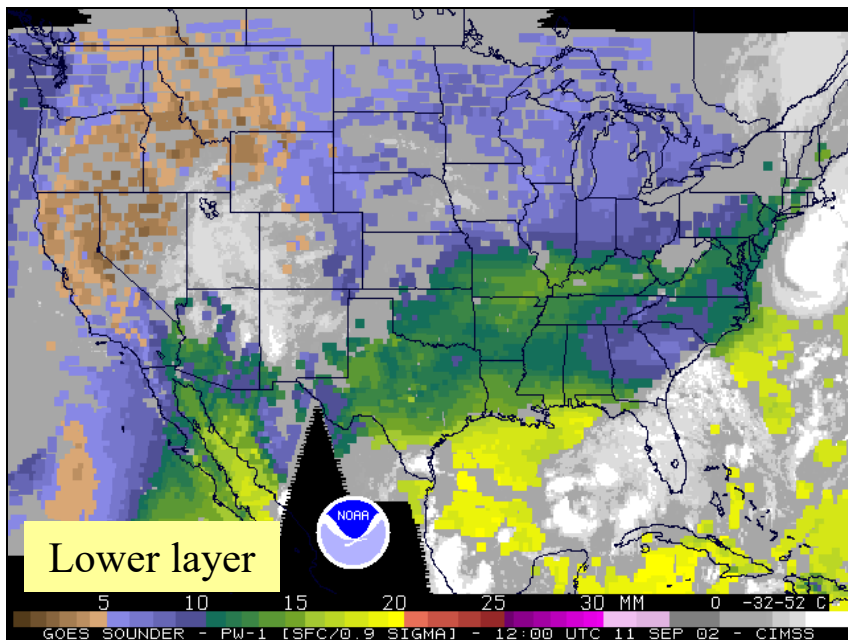
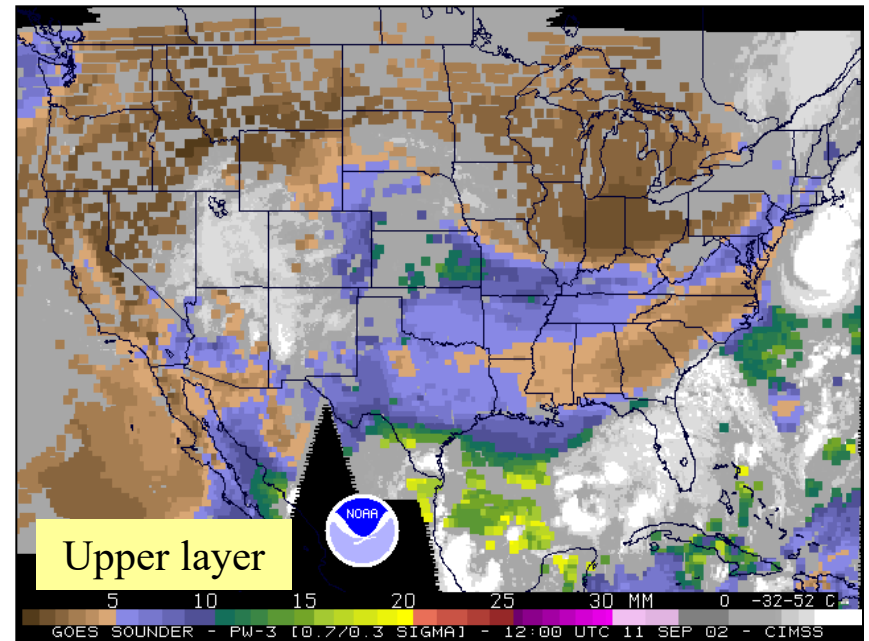
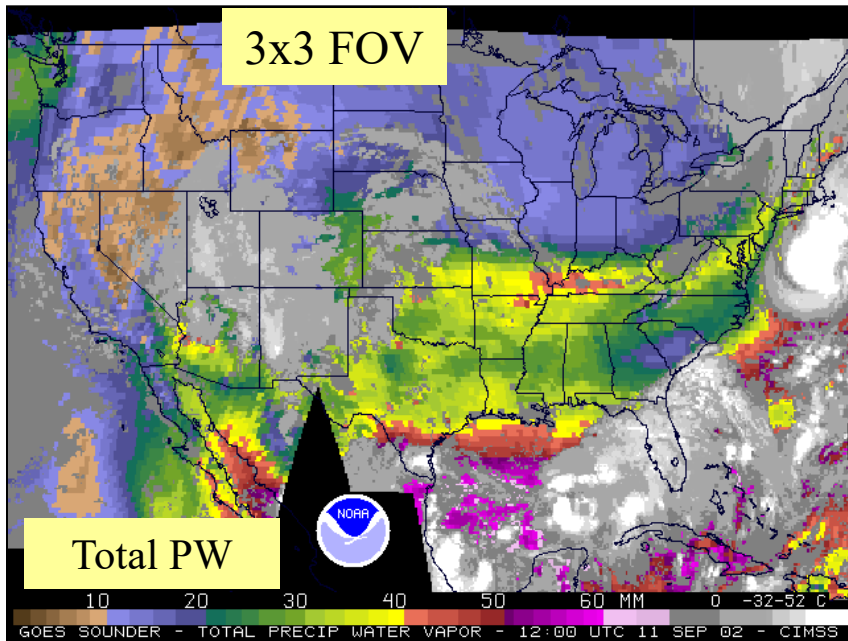
Single field-of-view (SFOV) Derived Product Imagery (DPI) of total precipitable water (TPW), starting from an AVN model first-guess



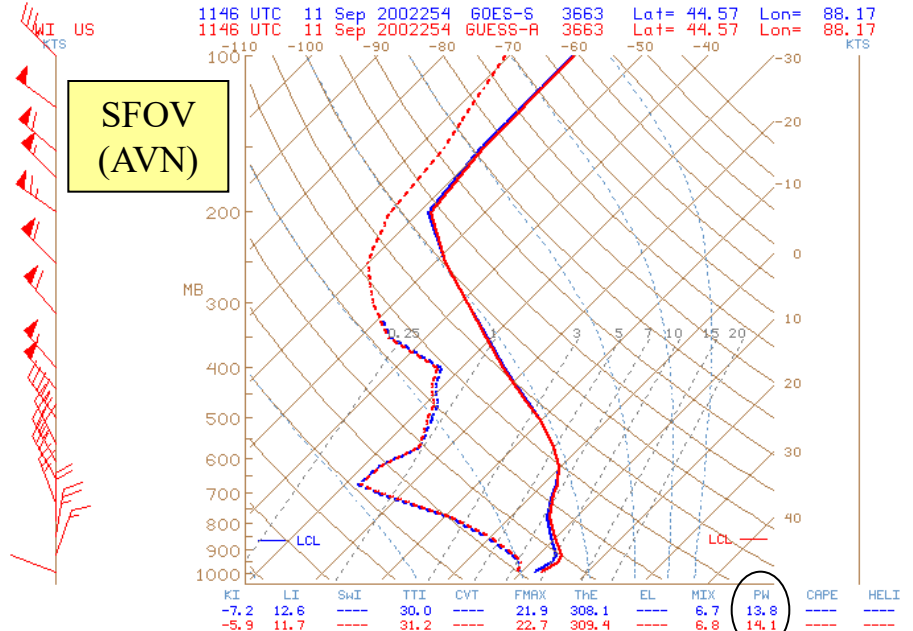
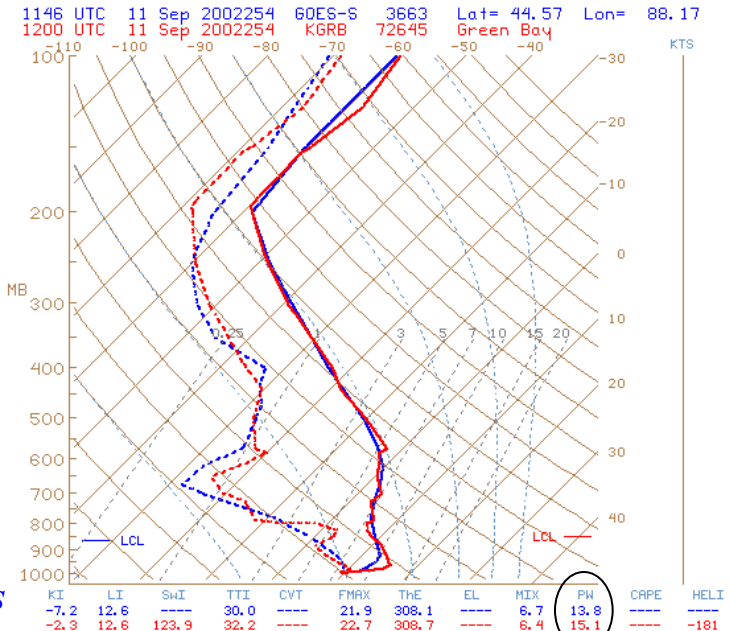
3x3 field-of-view (FOV) Derived Product Imagery (DPI) of total precipitable water (TPW), starting from an Eta model first-guess

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GOES Sounder DPI of PW for varying vertical layers

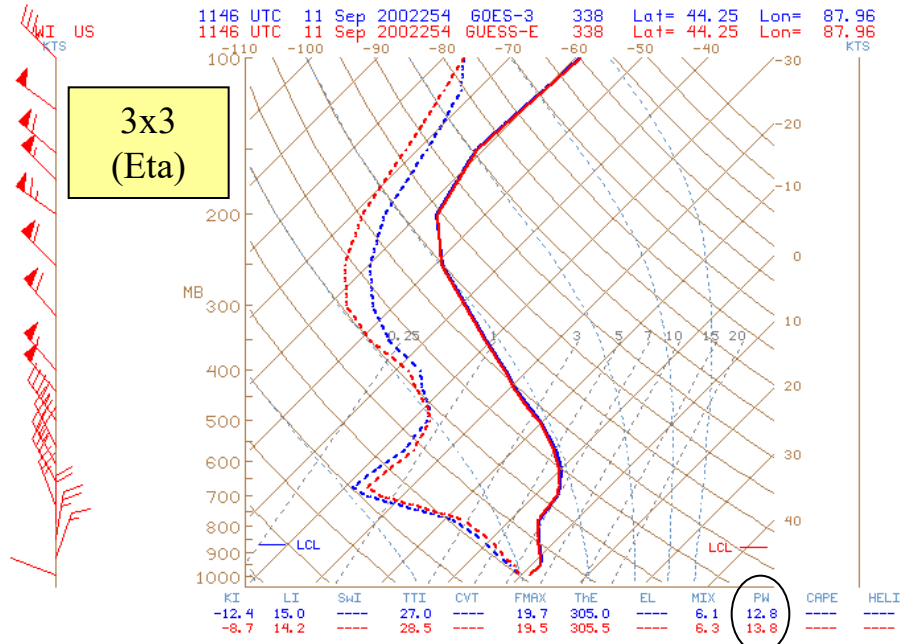
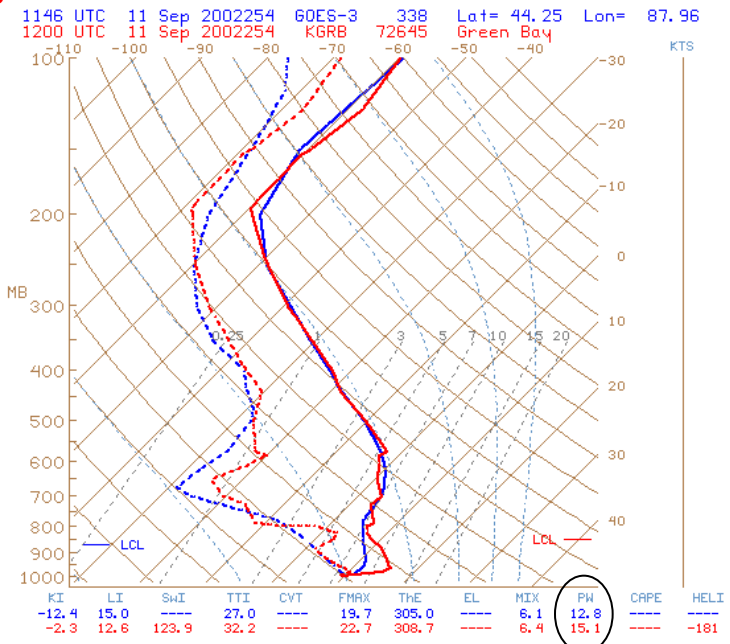


GOES Sounder profile/guess near GRB (WI) radiosonde



GOES
RAOB

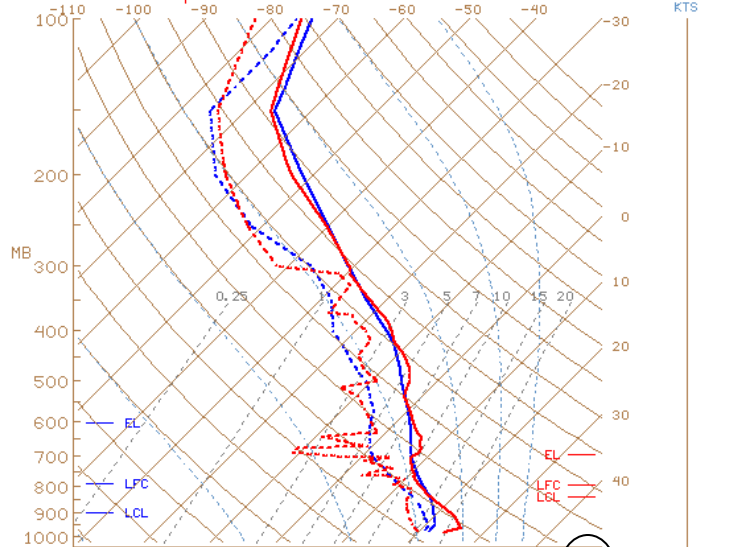
GOES
GUESS



3x3
(Eta)

GOES Sounder profile/guess near DRT (TX) radiosonde

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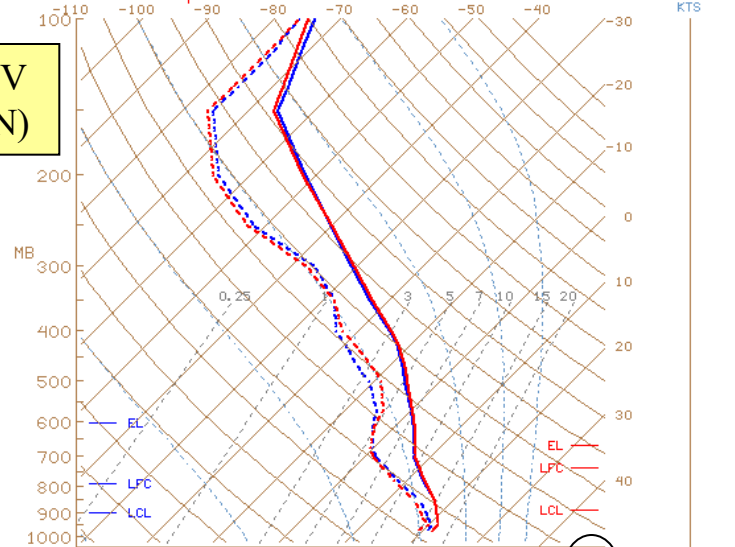
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RAOB

KI	LI	SWI	TTI	CVT	FMAX	THE	EL	MIX	PW	CAPE	HELI
31.4	0.9	---	42.8	35.3	29.2	339.8	603.0	14.8	40.6	85	---
24.1	2.8	183.1	39.6	34.1	31.0	338.1	695.1	13.0	37.4	41	-6

TX US

SFOV
(AVN)

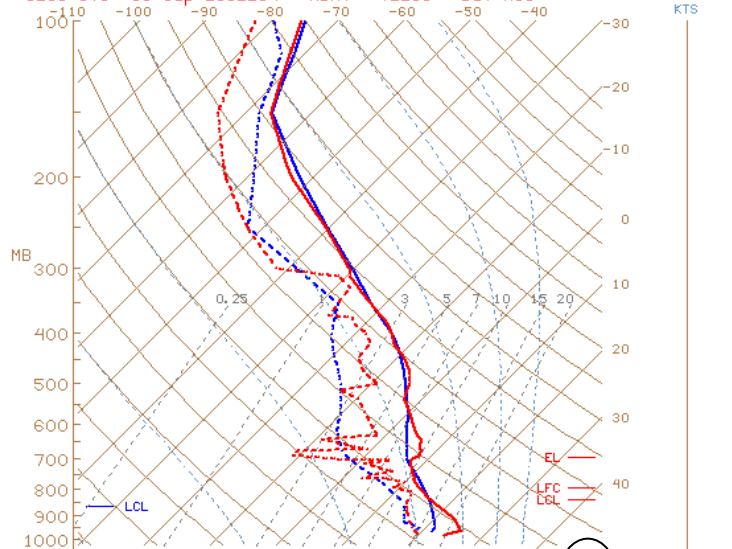
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GOES
GUESS

KI	LI	SWI	TTI	CVT	FMAX	THE	EL	MIX	PW	CAPE	HELI
31.4	0.9	---	42.8	35.3	29.2	339.8	603.0	14.8	40.6	85	---
29.8	1.9	---	41.6	36.1	29.3	338.0	668.6	14.1	39.5	21	---

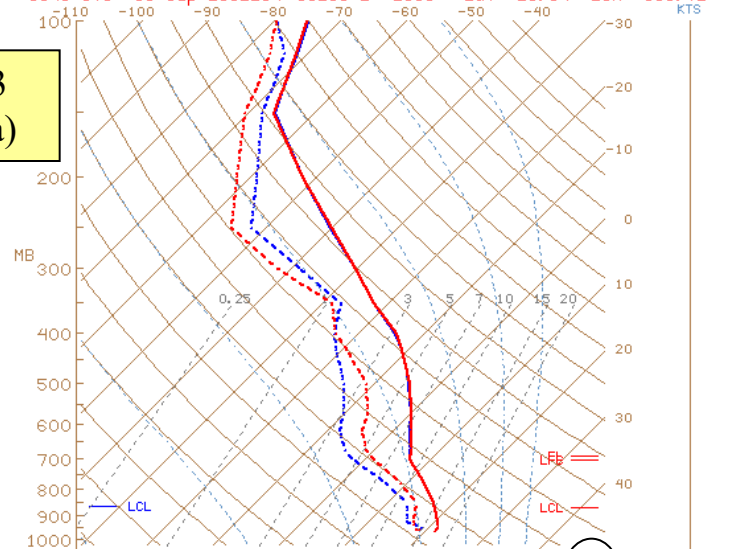
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TX US

3x3
(Eta)

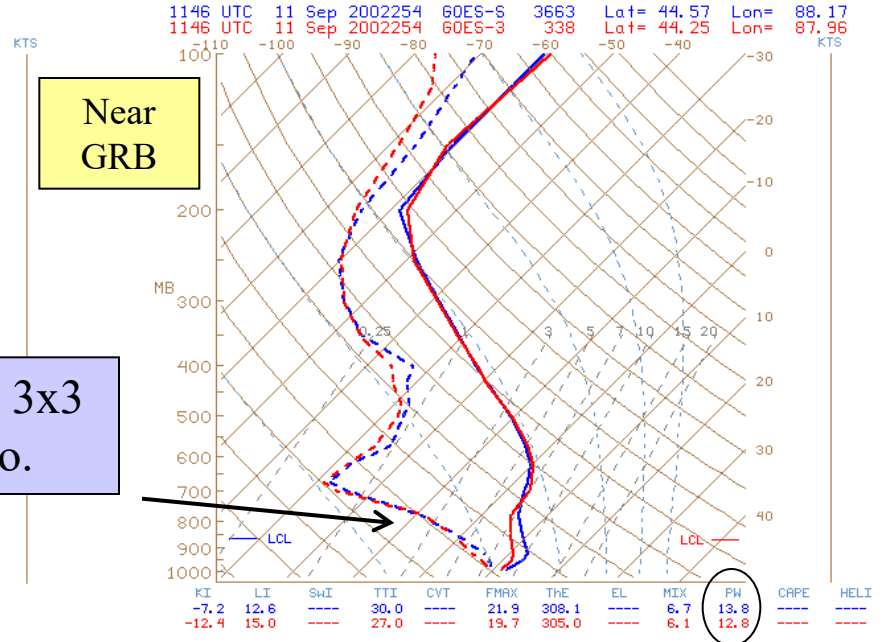
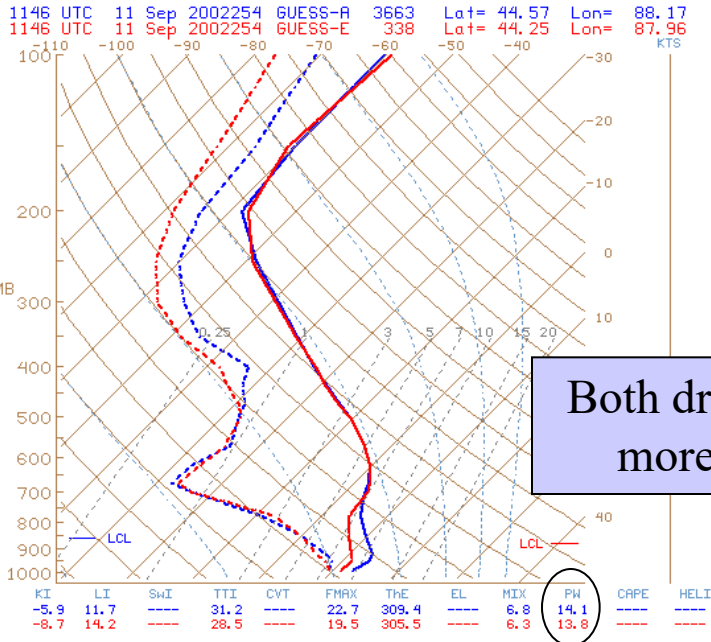
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GOES
GUESS

KI	LI	SWI	TTI	CVT	FMAX	THE	EL	MIX	PW	CAPE	HELI
26.2	4.0	---	39.8	28.7	28.7	334.2	---	12.5	32.5	---	---
24.1	2.8	183.1	39.6	34.1	31.0	338.1	695.1	13.0	37.4	41	-6
26.2	4.0	---	39.8	28.7	28.7	334.2	---	12.5	32.5	---	---
30.5	3.4	---	41.0	39.8	28.8	335.5	693.7	13.0	36.9	3	---

Guess (AVN vs Eta) and GOES retrieval (SFOV vs 3x3) variations

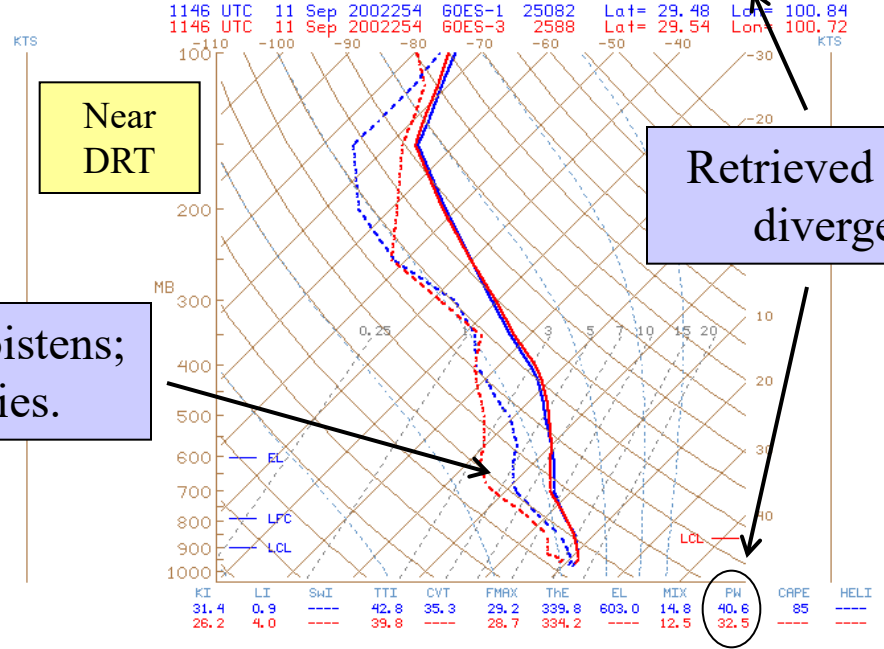
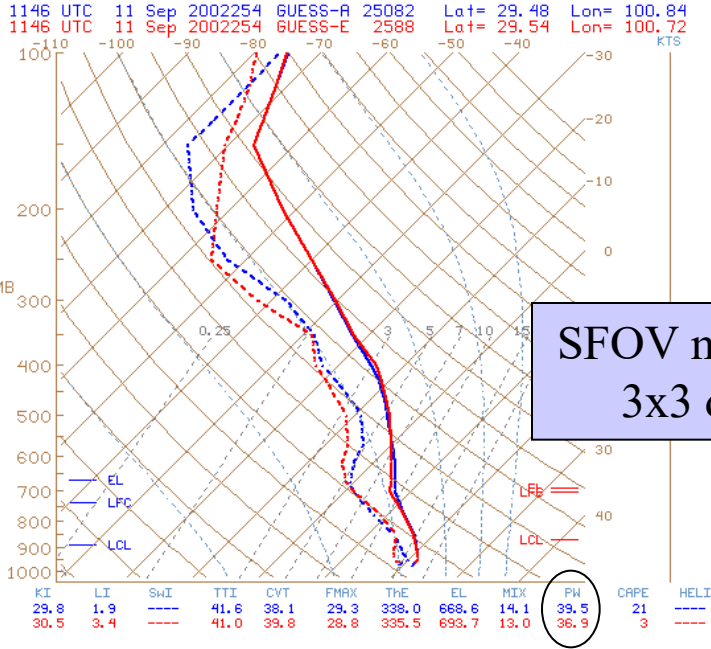


Near GRB

Both dry; 3x3 more so.

AVN
Eta

SFOV
3x3

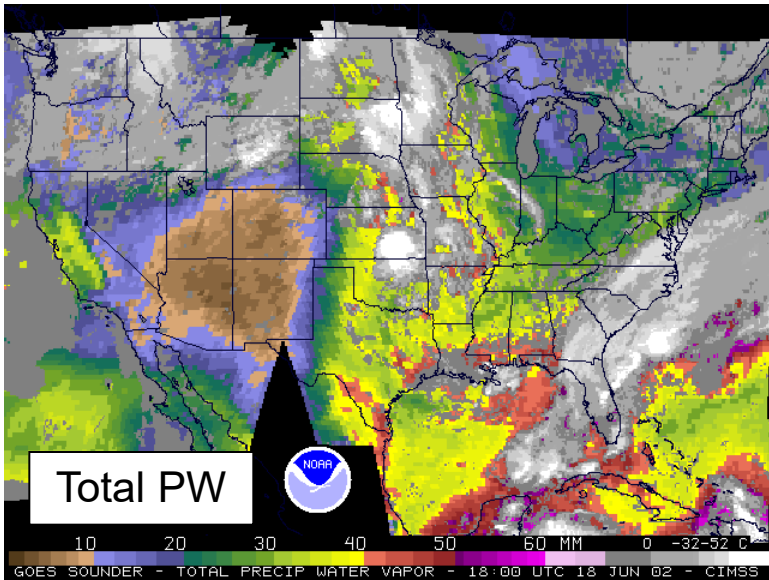


Near DRT

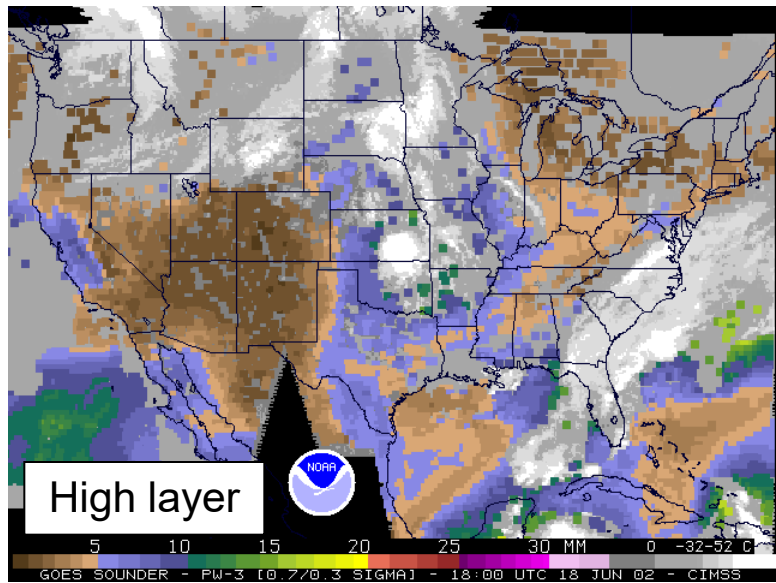
SFOV moistens; 3x3 dries.

Retrieved PWs diverge.

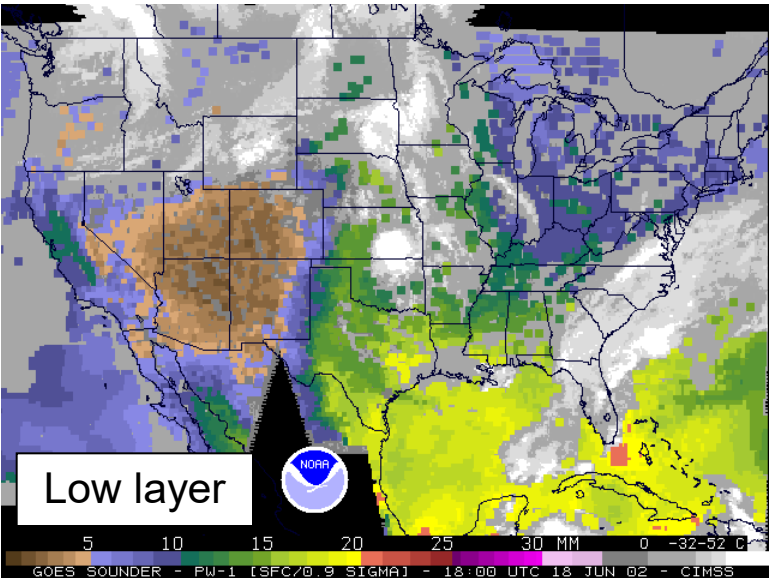
Vertical partitioning of precipitable water derived from the GOES Sounder



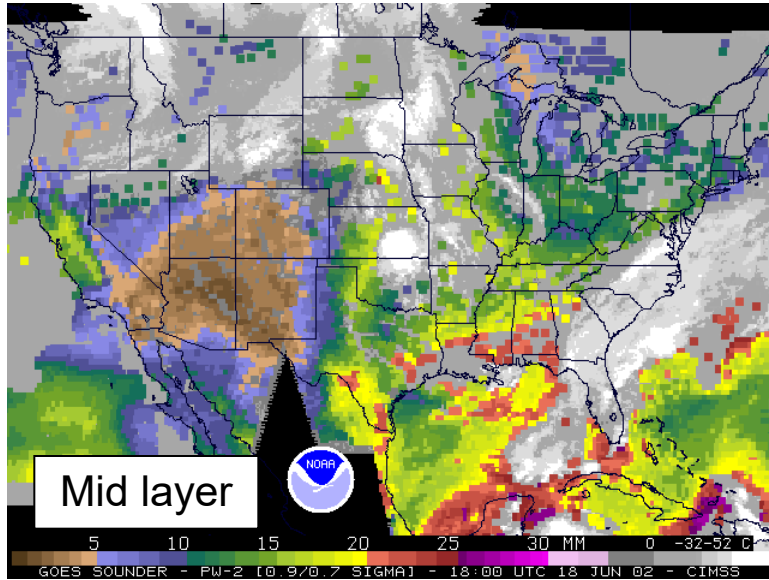
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GOES-8
and
GOES-10

at 1800
UTC on
18 June
2002

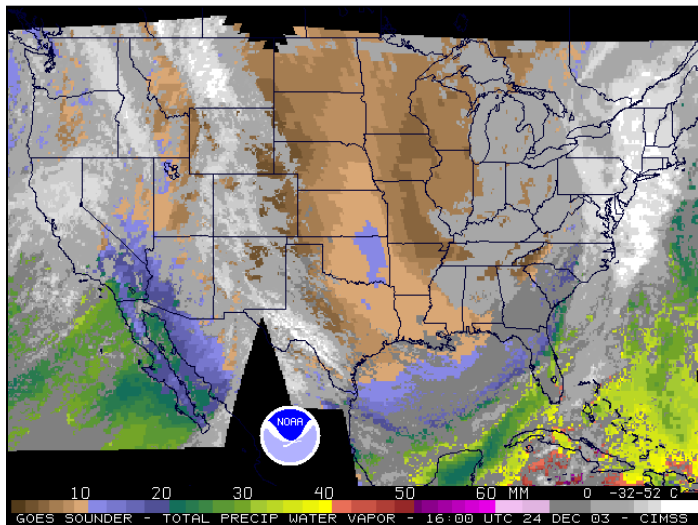
ASPT

(See - <http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/realtime/aniuspwall.html>)

Total and layered precipitable water from the GOES Sounders at 3x3 FOV and SFOV

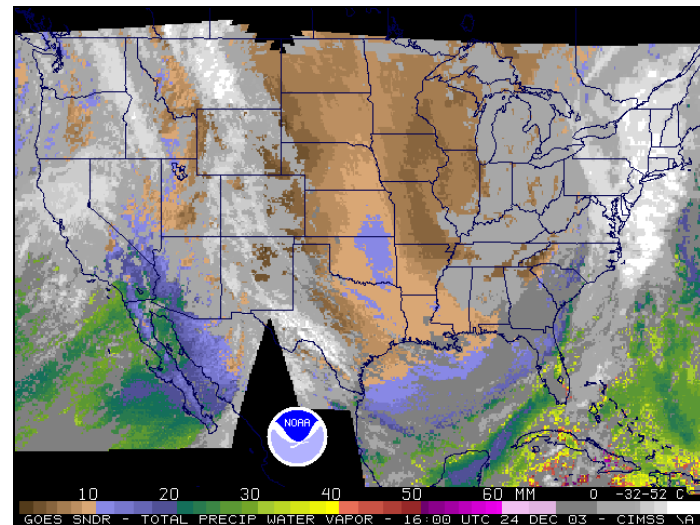
3x3 FOV

Total PW



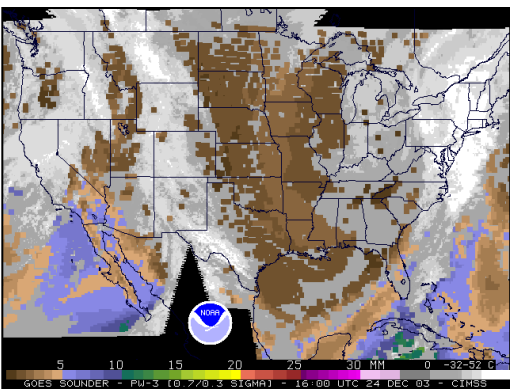
Single FOV

Total PW

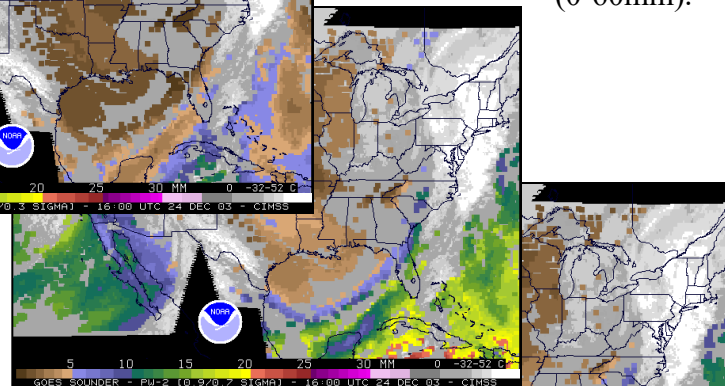


Note that layered scale (0-30mm) is half that of total (0-60mm).

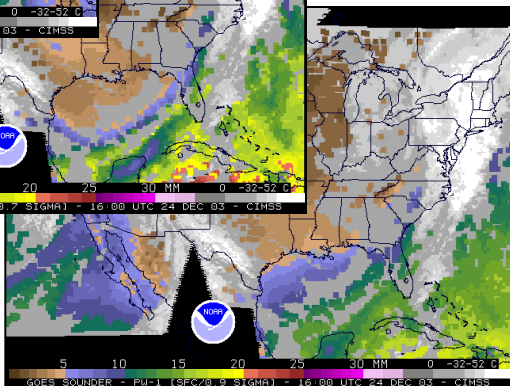
Mid layer PW pattern seems closest to that of total; high layer PW is most distinct.



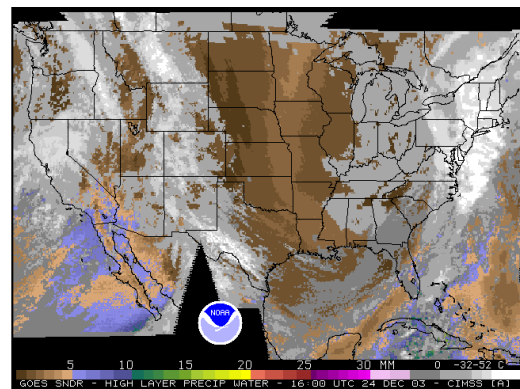
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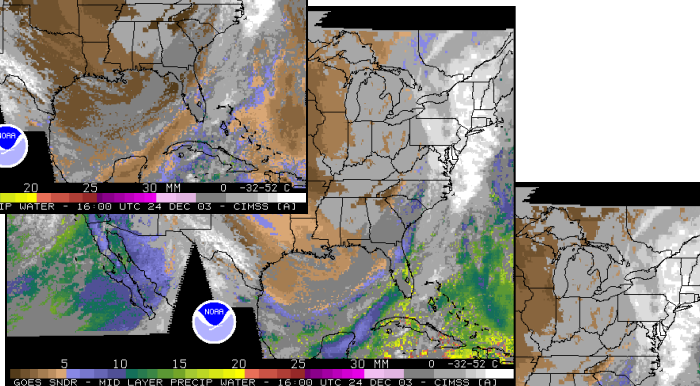
Mid



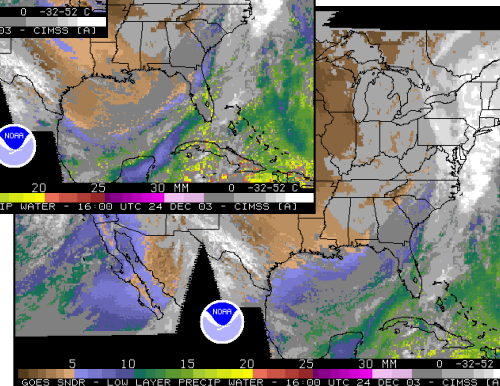
Low



High



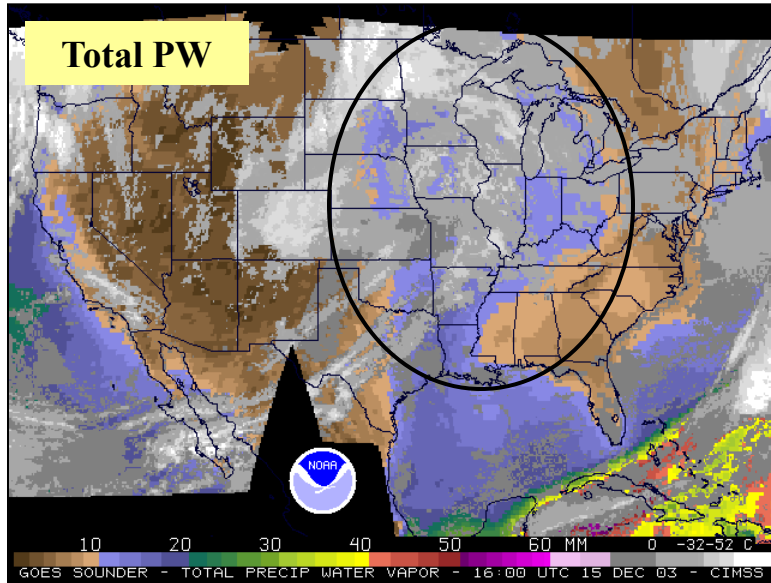
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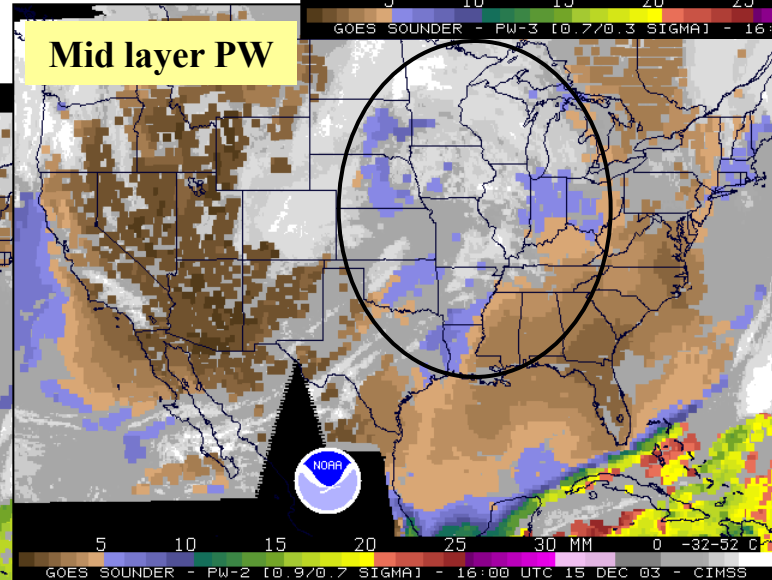
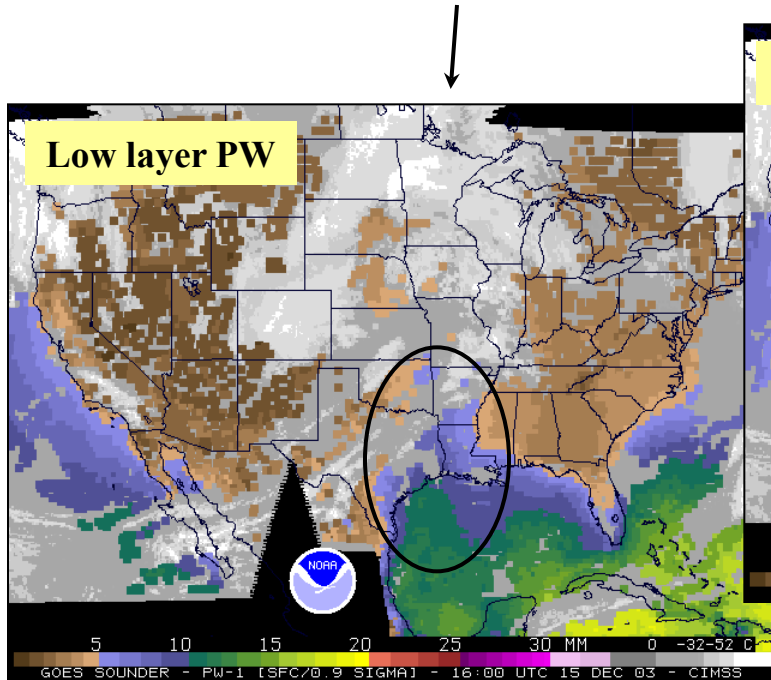
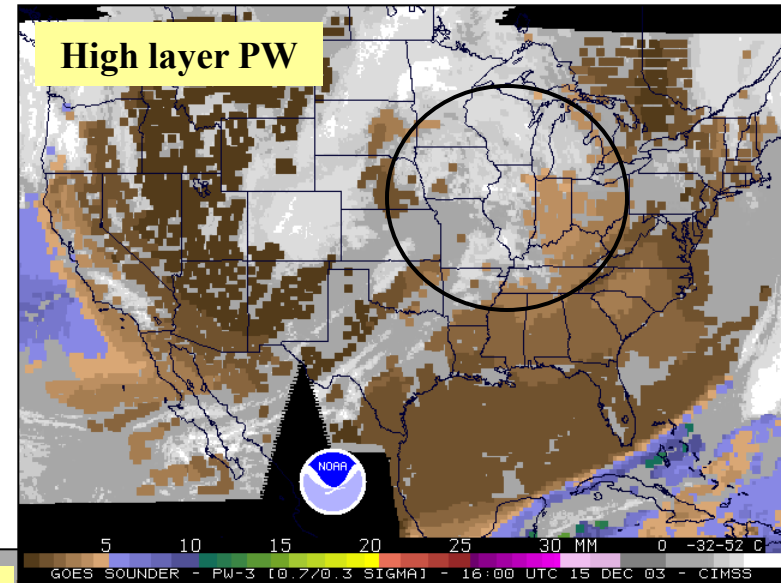
Low

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Differentiation of the three vertical layers of precipitable water from the GOES Sounders



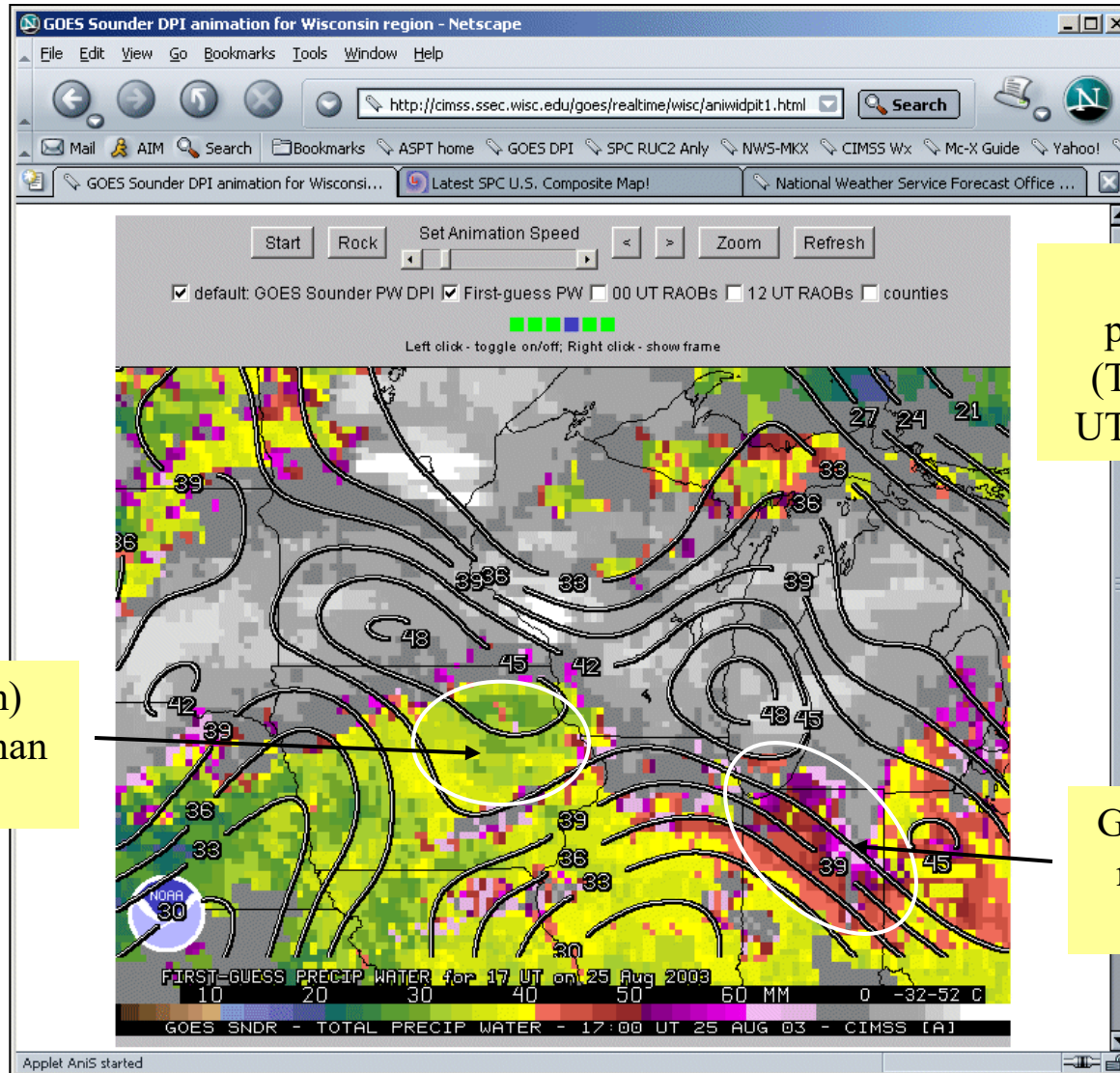
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Note how ovals of relative maximum PW, over US, shift with height.

[See - <http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/realtime/grtmain.html#uspw-31>]

Example of real-time GOES Sounder Derived Product Imagery Focused on Wisconsin



GOES total precipitable water (TPW) DPI at 1700 UTC on 25 Aug 2003

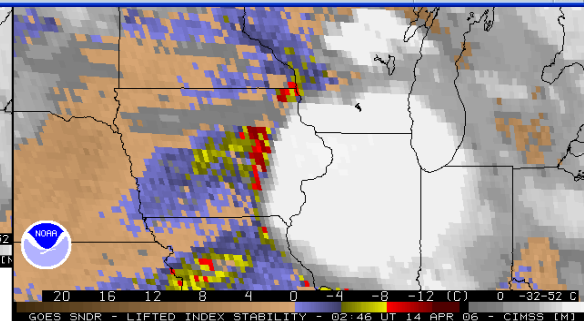
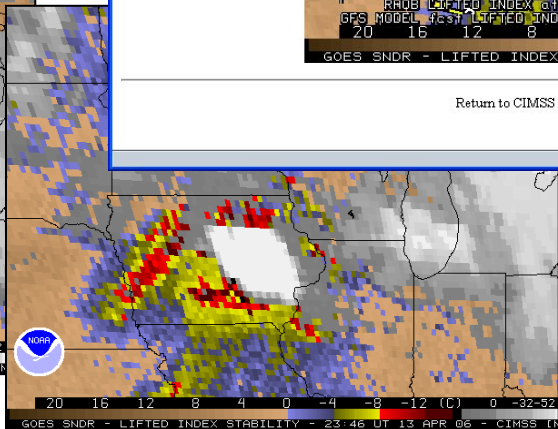
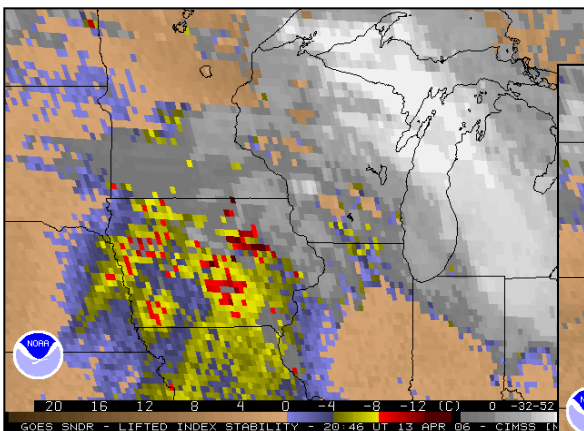
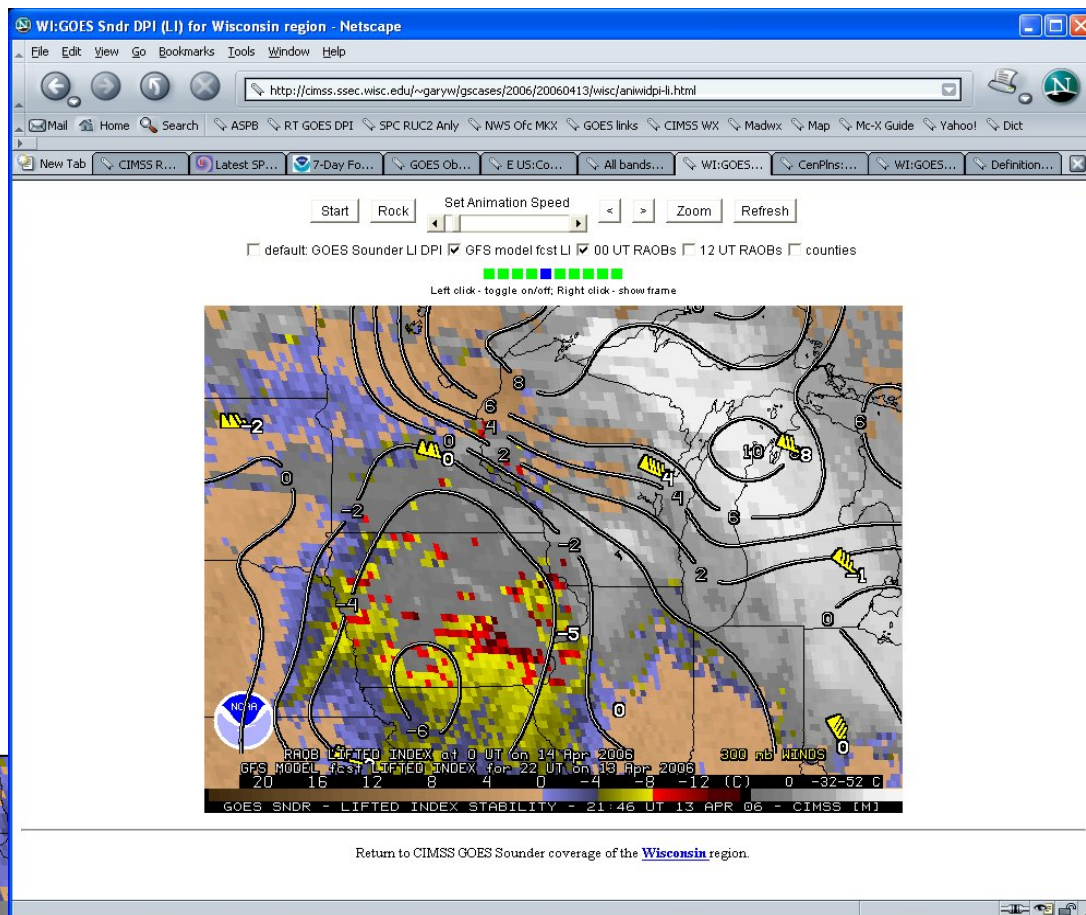
GOES (<40mm) evidently drier than first-guess

GOES (40-50mm+) markedly moister than first-guess

(Shouldn't such differences impact forecasts?)

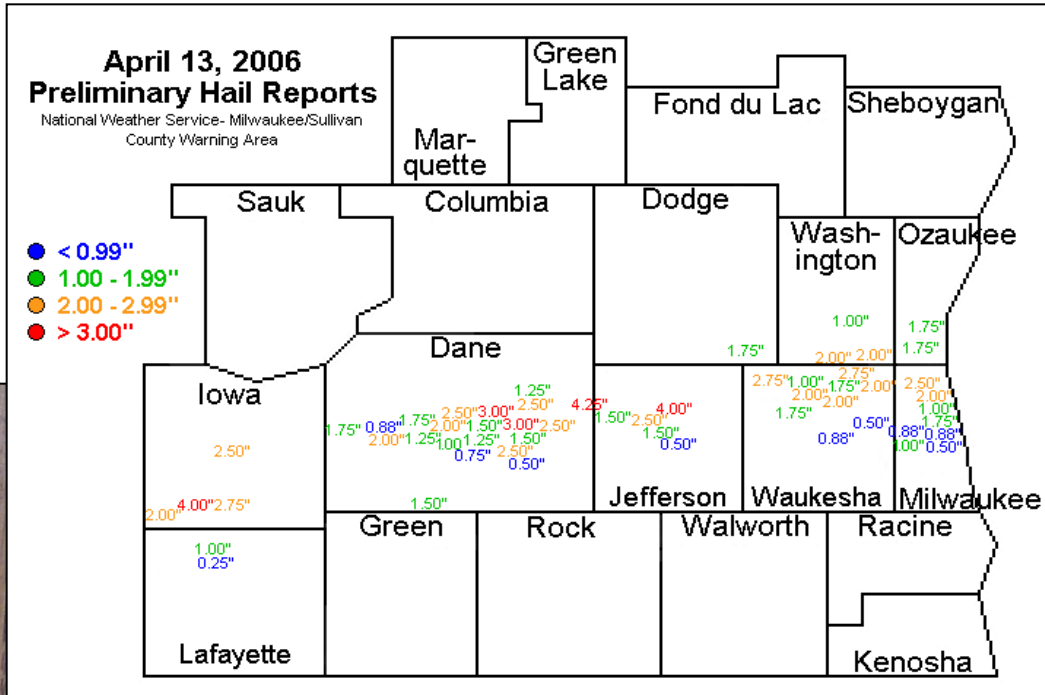
Small scale view of GOES Sounder SFOV LI DPI

The SFOV resolution is evident (the nominal sub-satellite 10 km FOV being ~ 11-16 km over the Midwest). However, practical confidence remains stronger with the larger pattern and the temporal trend.

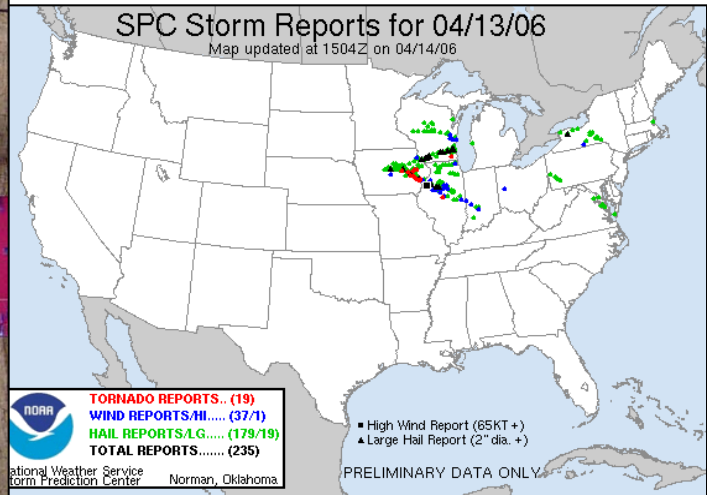


{21 UT 13 Apr 2006 – 03 UT 14 Apr 2006}

...some verification of that strong convection

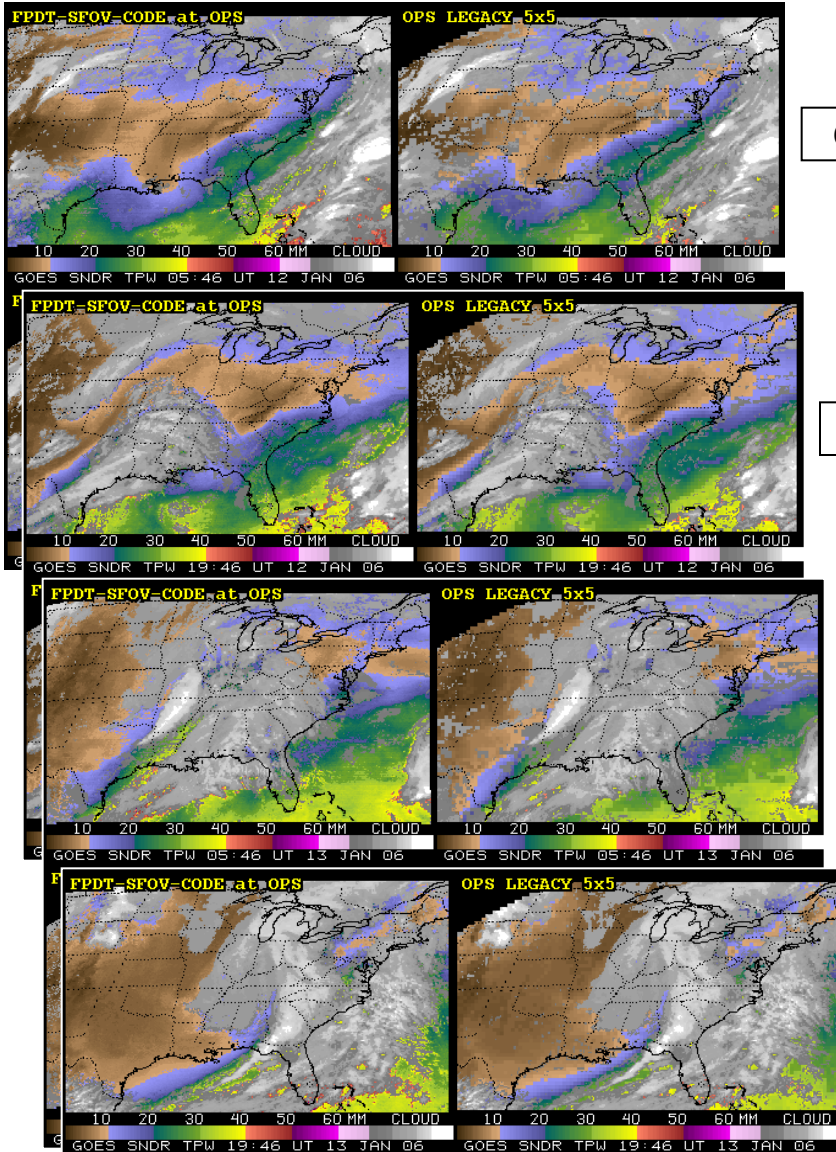


Maybe across parts of the central Plains, this weather wouldn't be a big deal; but around southern Wisconsin, it was pretty exciting!



A sequence showing new SFOV (versus old 5x5 FOV) TPW DPI from the GOES-12 Sounder in a typical real-time situation

Derived Product Images (DPI) of total precipitable water (TPW)



Single field-of-view (SFOV)

5x5 Field-of-view

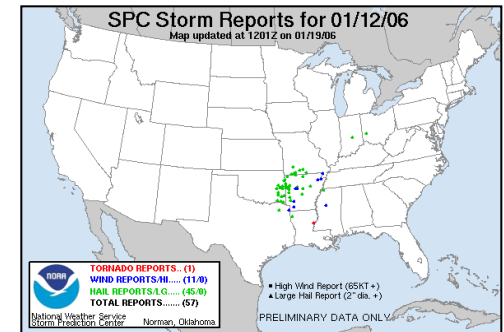
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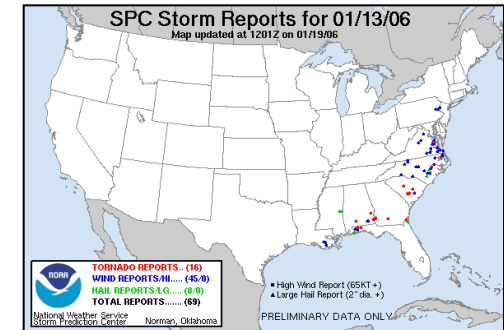
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SFOV DPI, with higher horizontal resolution, are markedly smoother and less blocky, thus being more aesthetically appealing as depictions of actual atmospheric evolution and more capable of defining gradients. The new system for processing the SFOV retrievals handles cloud detection in a more consistent manner than that for the 5x5 FOV DPI.




The impulse of Gulf of Mexico moisture across SE TX, and then into the lower-to-mid MS Valley, is critical for severe convection there, followed the next day by propagation to the US East Coast. Strong drying is evident along the Gulf Coast in the wake of the system. Animation helps to mitigate the detrimental effects of obscuration by cloud.




The new SFOV GOES Sounder DPI were provided on the NWS AWIPS starting in November 2005.

Available current GOES Sounder DPI

- SEVERE WX PRODUCTS
- CAPE
- CINH
- DMPI
- EFLR
- EL
- ELT
- HAIL
- KI
- LI
- MDPI
- MPHI
- NCAP
- SI
- SVR
- TT
- WINDEX
- TEMPERATURE PRODUCTS
- CTT
- EFLR
- ELT
- FRZL
- TROP
- TROT
- TSKN
- Z500



New Sounder Derived Product Imagery



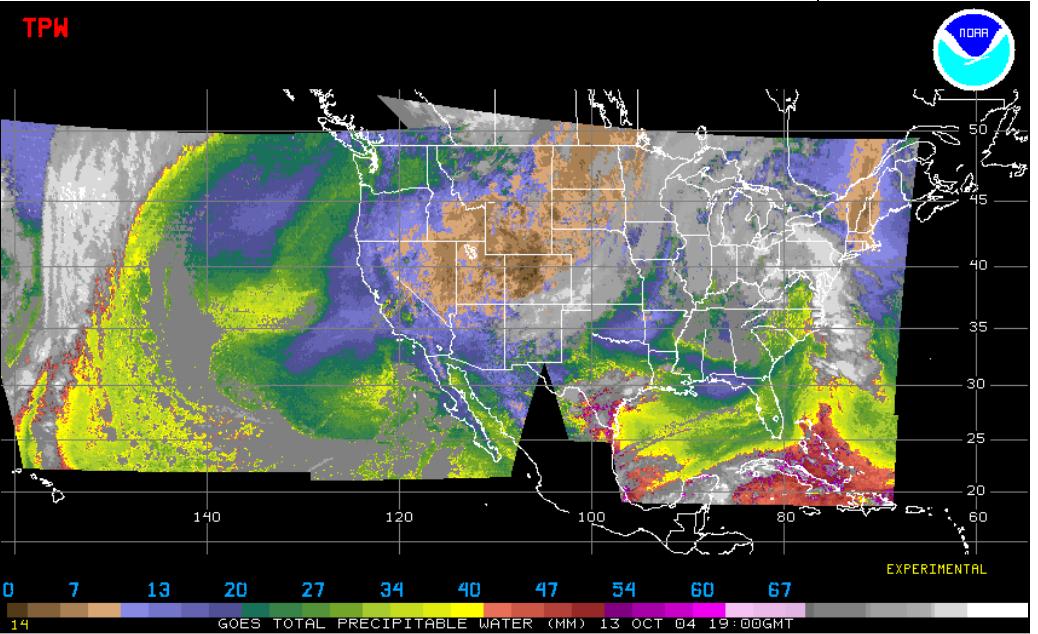
These are the new Sounder Derived Product Imagery (SDPI) in single field of view which will eventually replace the current SDPI as well as the colorized product images. The new SDPI is categorized by **cloud**, **fire**, **moisture**, **severe weather**, and **temperature** products.

This page contains the frames versions of the 24 hour archive pages.

CLOUD PRODUCTS	GOES		Guess	GOES minus Guess	Description
CTP	image	loop			Cloud Top Pressure, using range 950mb to 150mb
CTT	image	loop			Cloud Top Temperature, using range 300K to 150K
ECA	image	loop			Effective Cloud Amount, using range 0% to 100%

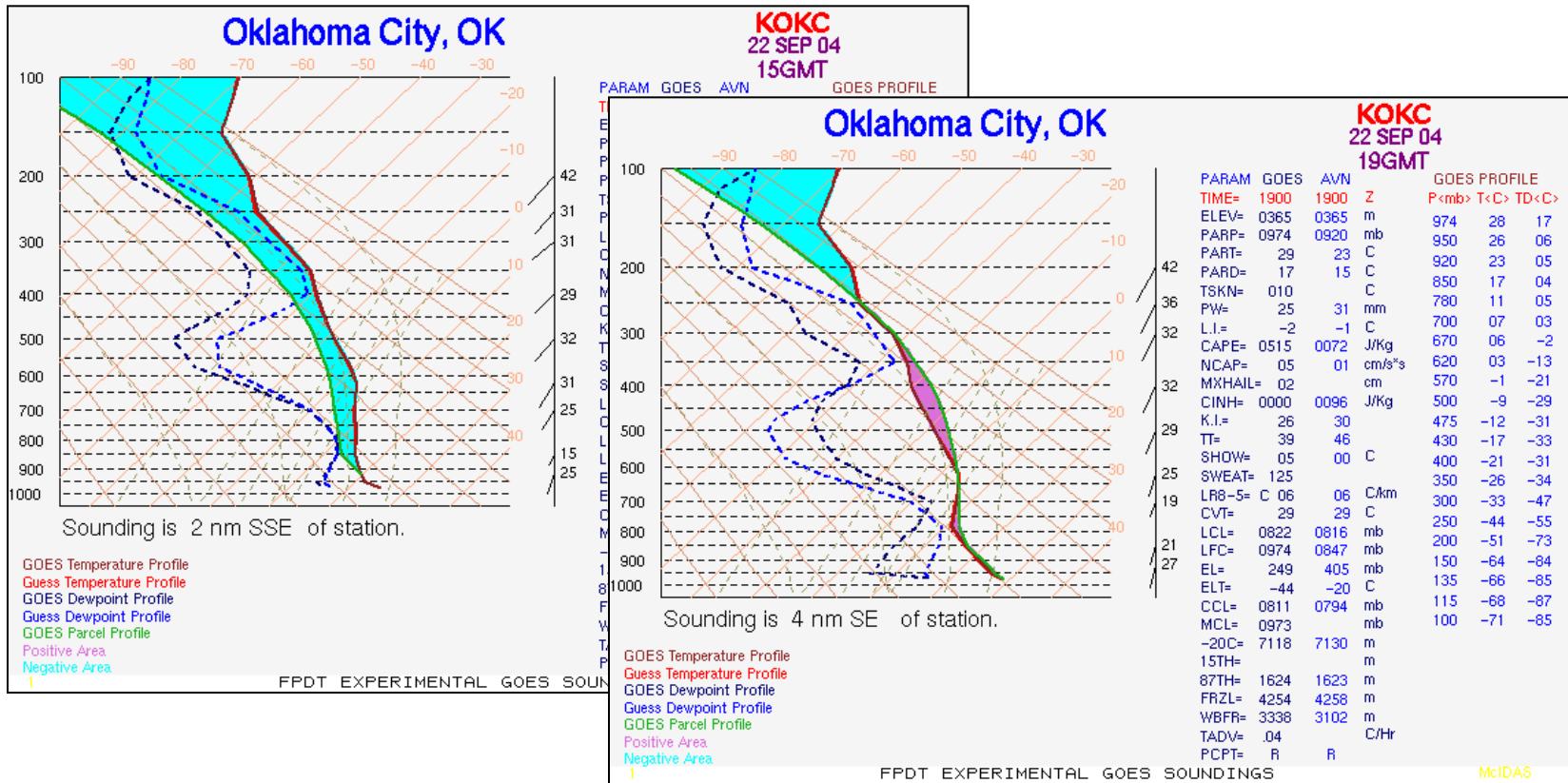
FIRE PRODUCTS	GOES		Guess	
HAIN	image	loop	image	loop
RH700	image	loop	image	loop
RH850	image	loop	image	loop
TSKN	image	loop		

MOISTURE PRODUCTS	GOES		Guess	
CCL	image	loop	image	loop
LCL	image	loop	image	loop
LFC	image	loop	image	loop
MCL	image	loop	image	loop
RH500	image	loop	image	loop
RH700	image	loop	image	loop
RH850	image	loop	image	loop
TPW	image	loop	image	loop



<http://www.orbit.nesdis.noaa.gov/smcd/opdb/goes/soundings/index.html#products>

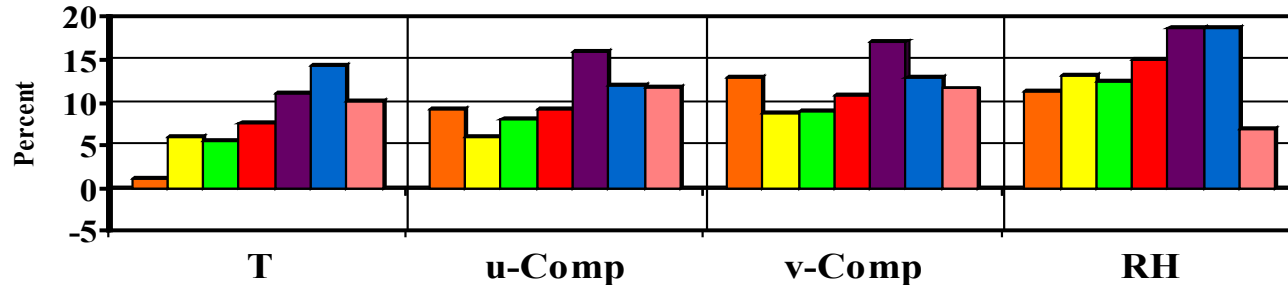
Real-time GOES Sounder retrieval profiles (NOAA/NESDIS OPDB)



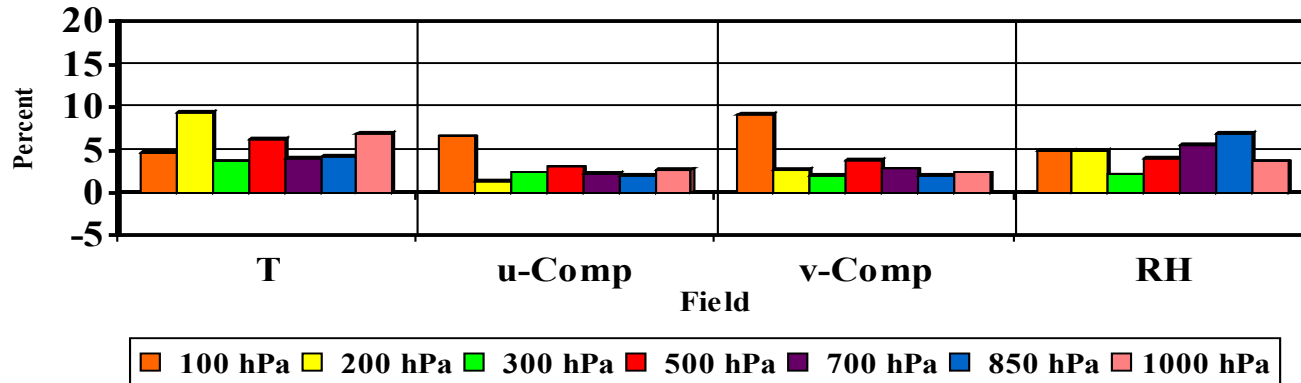
GOES Data Improving Regional Forecasts

Hyperspectral Geo could do much more

A. No GOES 24-HR RMS Forecast Impact (Fall 2001, Winter 2001/2002)



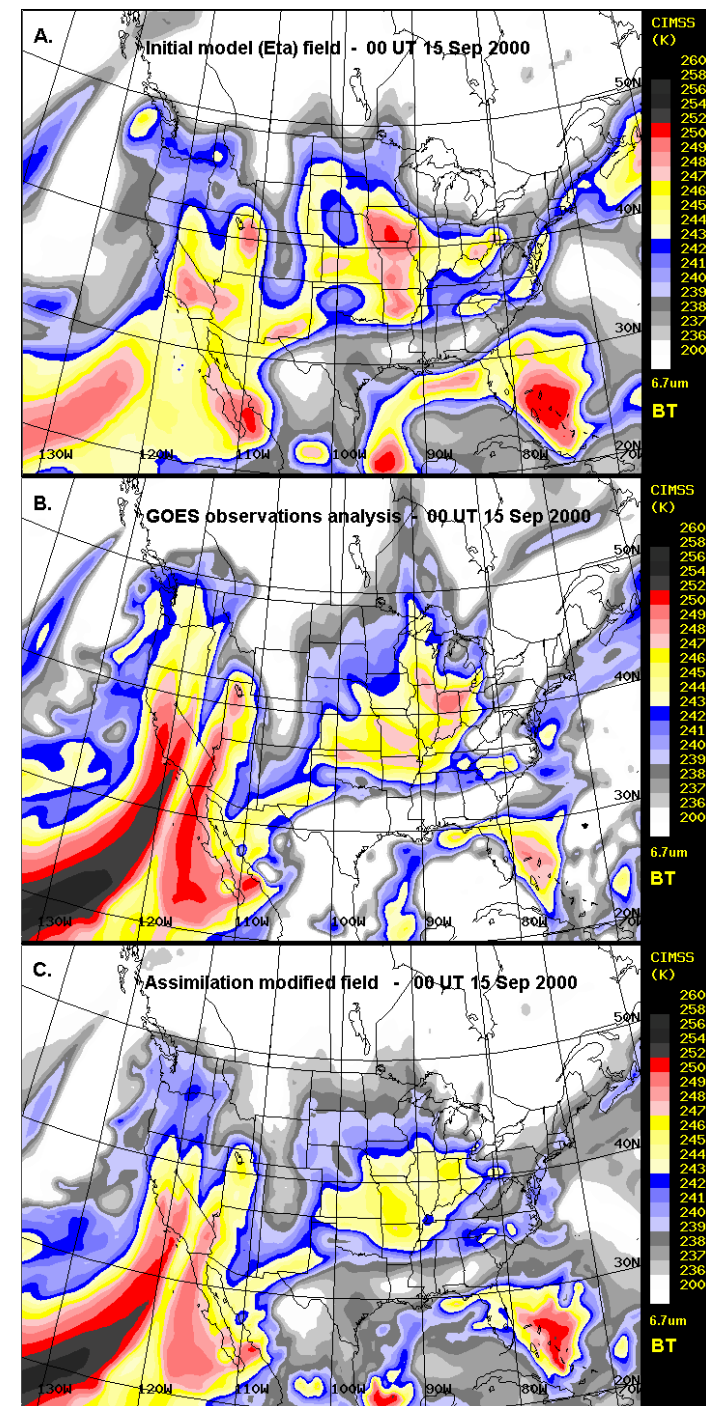
B. No POES 24-HR RMS Forecast Impact (Fall 2001, Winter 2001/2002)



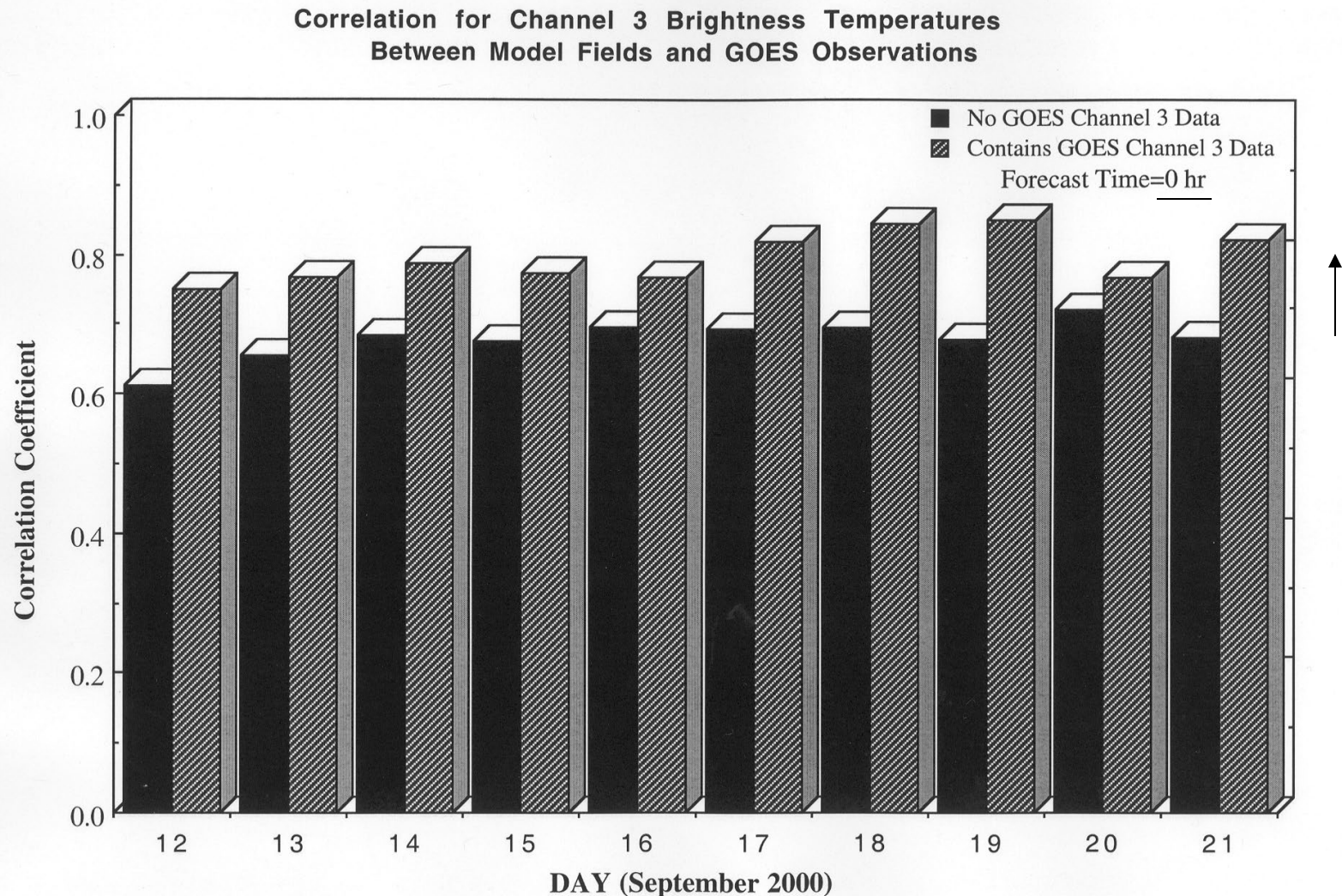
Positive forecast impact (%) of both GOES and POES data in regional model (Eta Data Assimilation/Forecast System) on standard meteorological state variables for fall 2001 and winter 2001/2002.

Adjusting a model field with GOES observations

The demonstrated assimilation procedure modifies only the moisture field in physical space (in contrast to radiance space). The numerical optimization of the differences for channel 3 brightness temperatures (water vapor at 6.7 μm), between the forecast **initial conditions** (by a forward radiative model) and the **observed GOES** values, is incorporated directly into the CIMSS Regional Assimilation System (CRAS) forecast model. The partitioning of **changes made to the model moisture field**, in physical space, is directly proportional to the observational weighting functions.



Inclusion of GOES channel 3 brightness temperature in the model assimilation improves correlation of model synthetic images compared to observed images

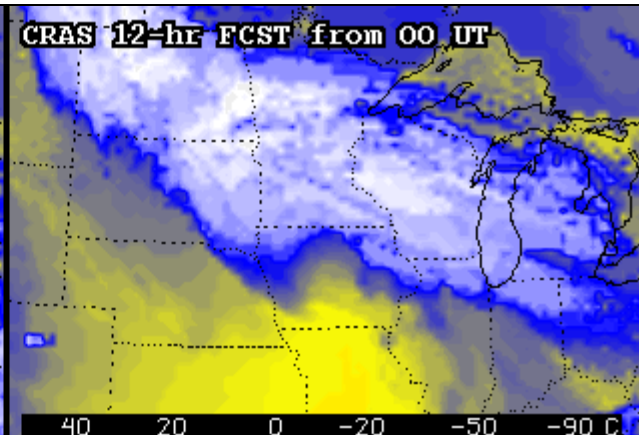
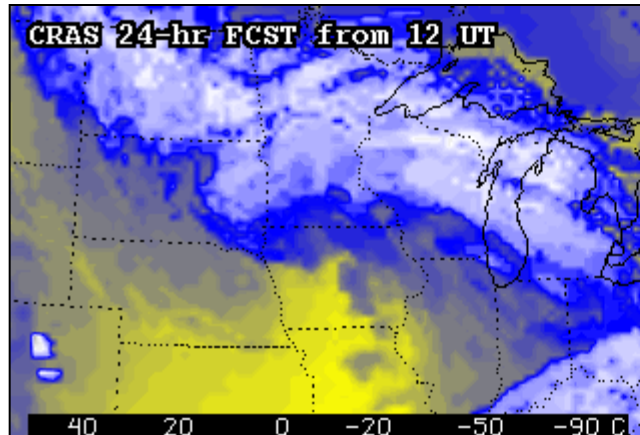


For these 00 UTC runs during the 10 day period, the average improvement in correlation was **12%**.

Uniquely monitoring model output with satellite imagery

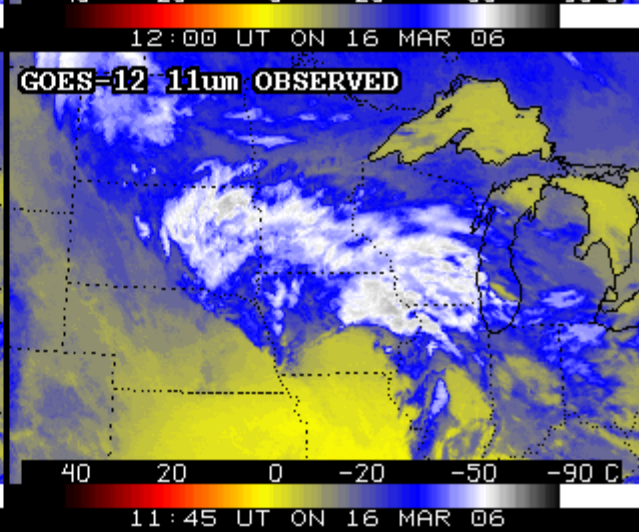
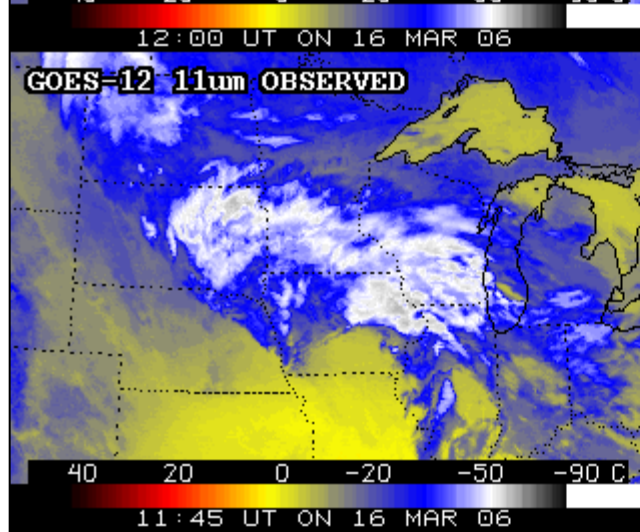
Model runs from two different start times can be used to provide forecast fields both valid at the same time (as for 12 UT on 16 Mar 2006 in this example).

CRAS
forecast
imagery

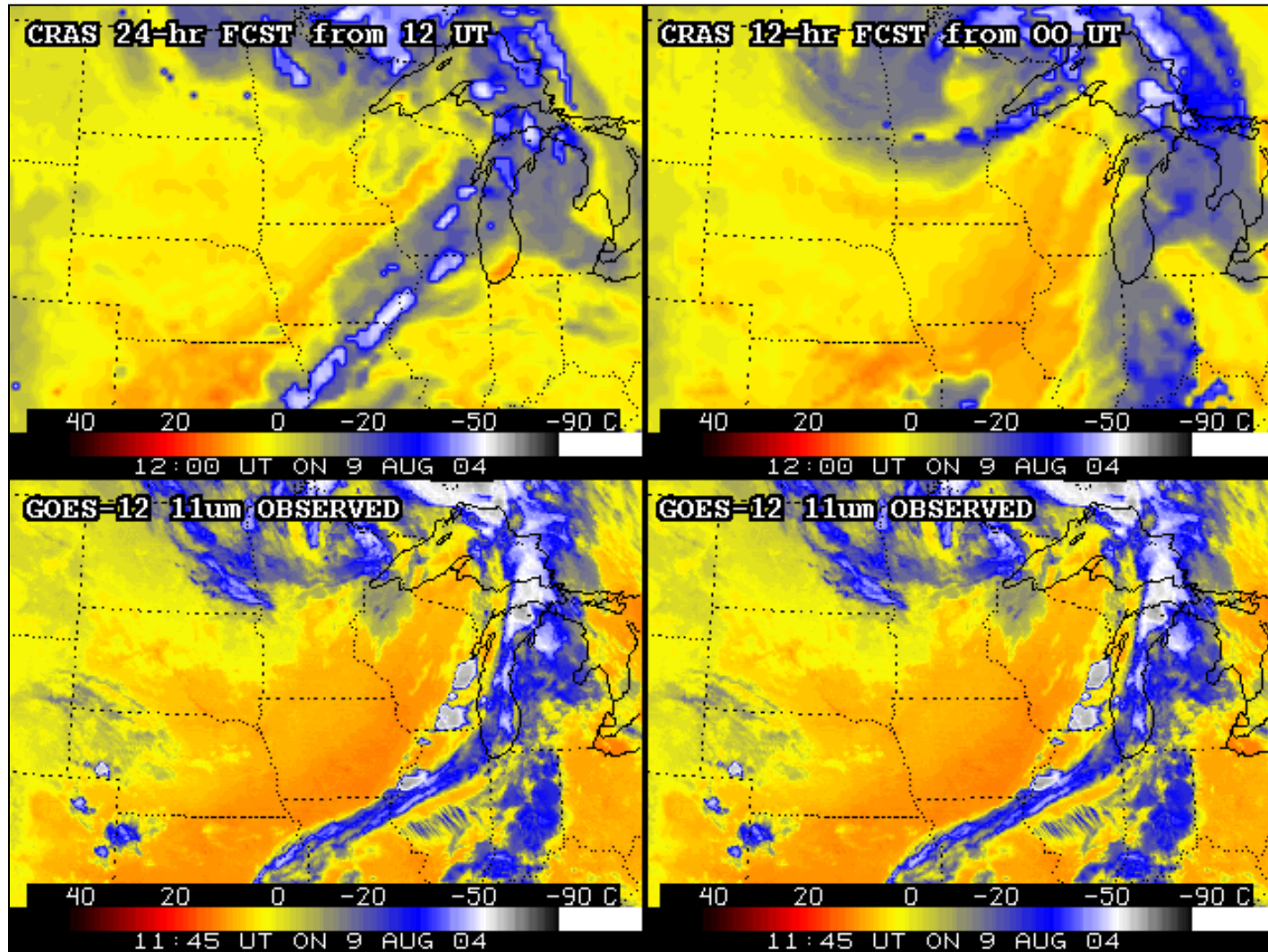


versus

verifying
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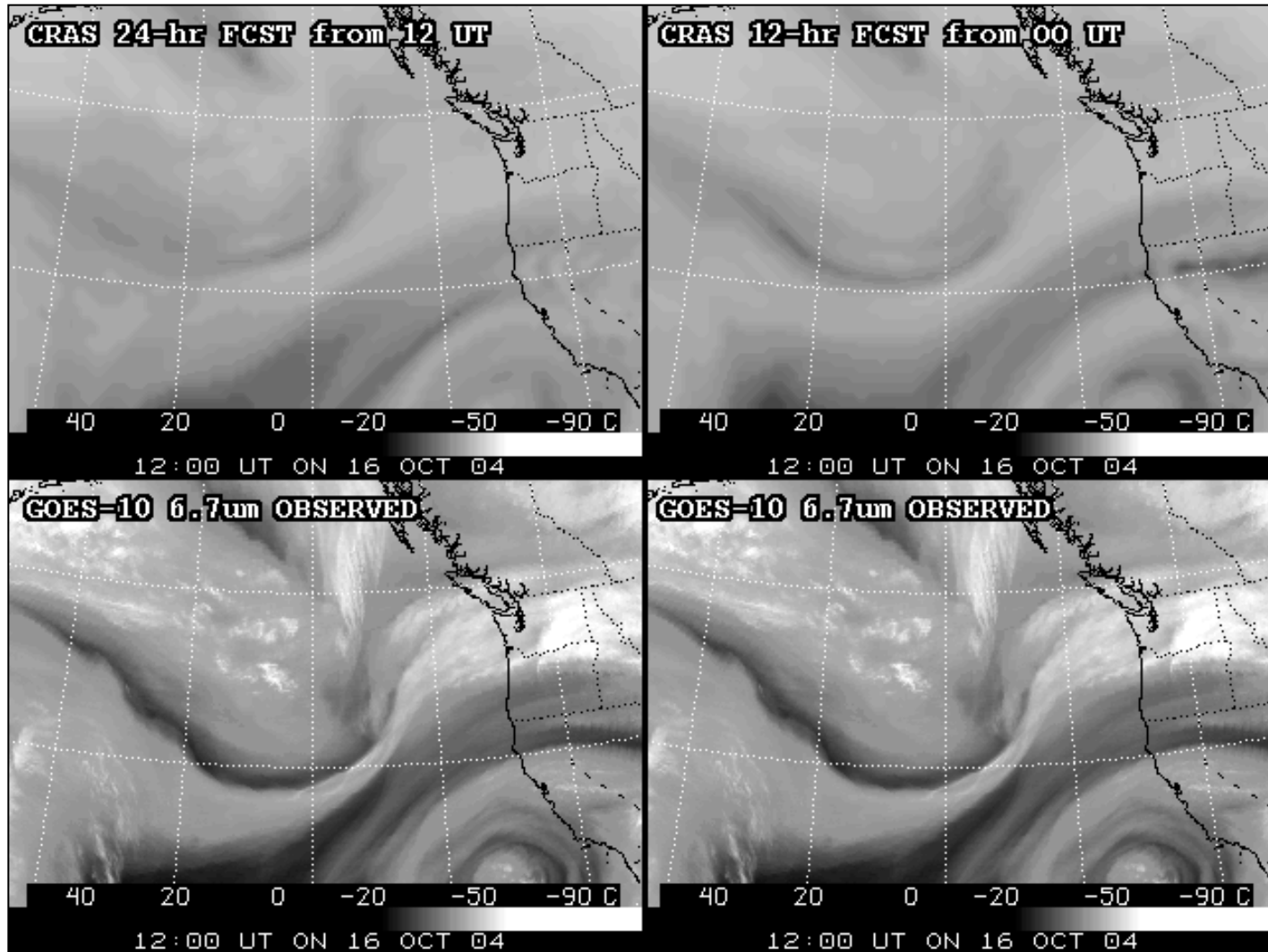


GOES Observed Imagery versus CRAS Forecast Imagery (IR window over upper Midwest)



<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/realtime/cf/anilatestgovcf.html>

GOES Observed Imagery versus CRAS Forecast Imagery (IR water vapor over NE Pacific)



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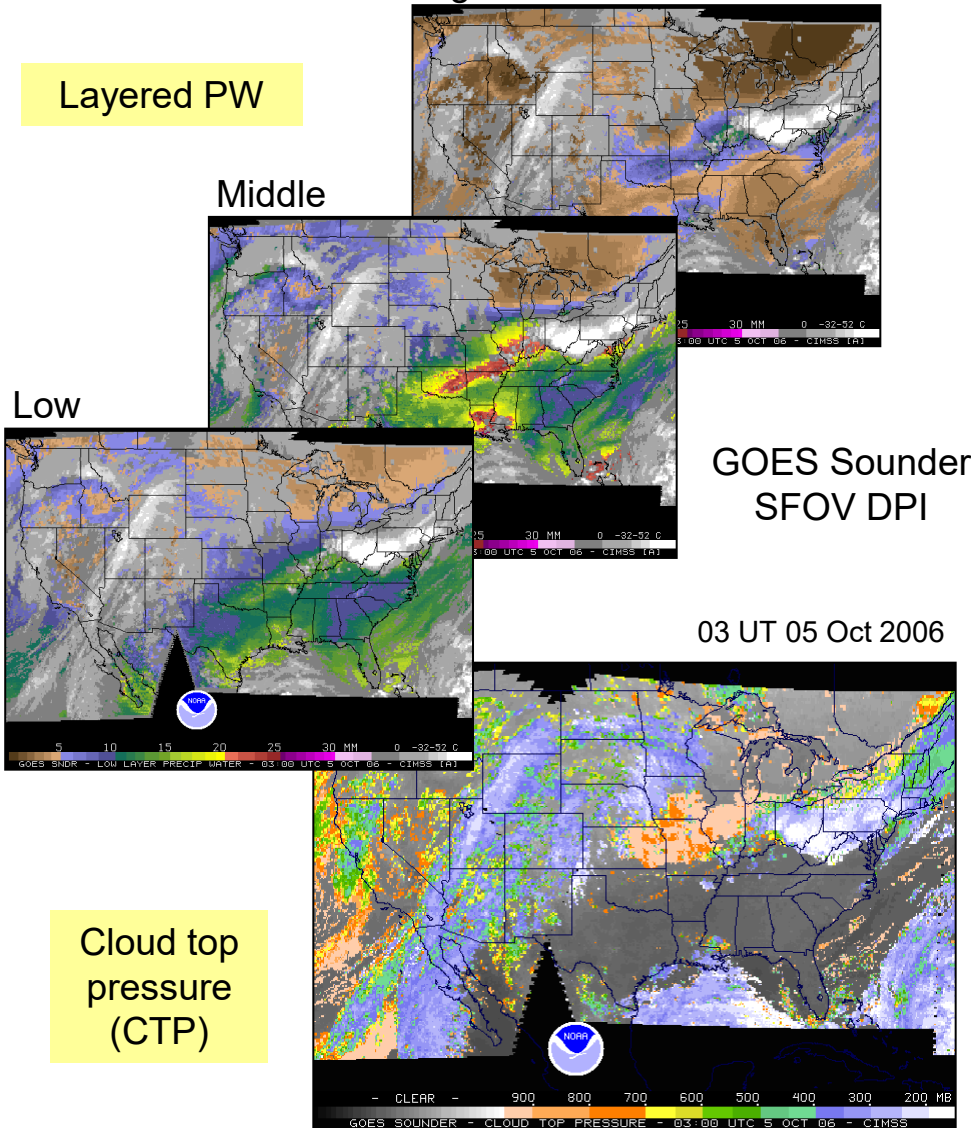
Assimilating GOES Sounder products into a numerical model and generating forecast imagery (1)

Layered PW

High

Middle

Low

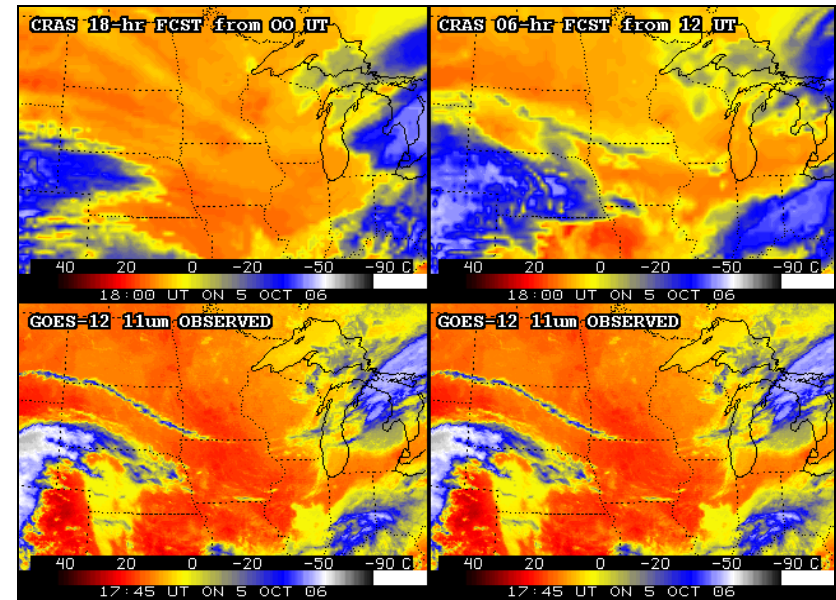


Cloud top pressure (CTP)

The CRAS (CIMSS Regional Assimilation System) model starts initializing 12 hours earlier, with 3-hourly GOES insertions, within an NCEP GFS background for producing the initial 00-hour analyses.

Assimilating GOES Sounder products into a numerical model and generating forecast imagery (2)

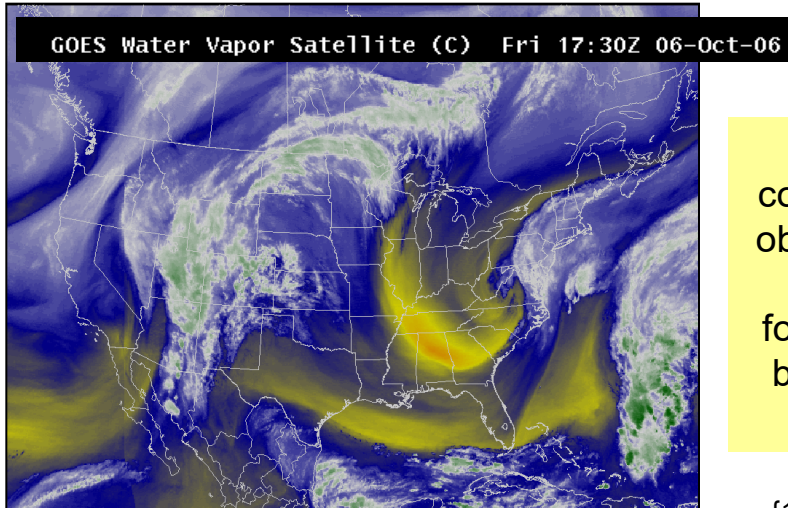
Forward radiative transfer equations (RTE) are used to compute the expected image radiative temperatures, at a given wavelength, from the forecast temperature and moisture profiles predicted by the CRAS.



McIDAS display on web

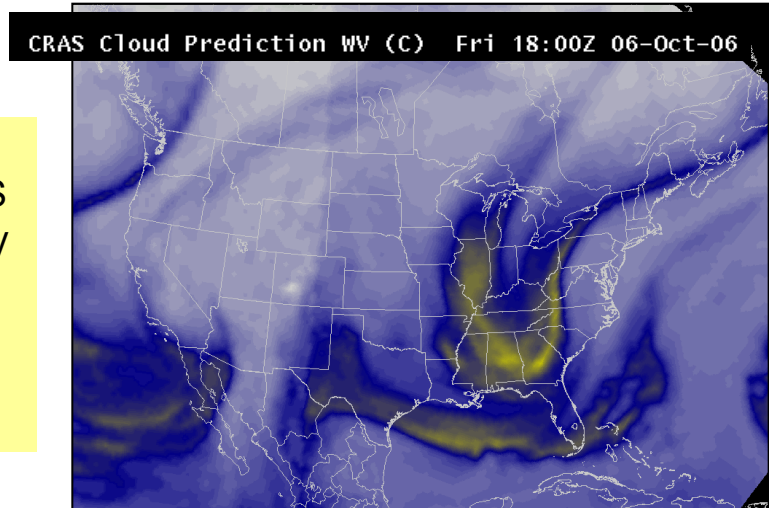
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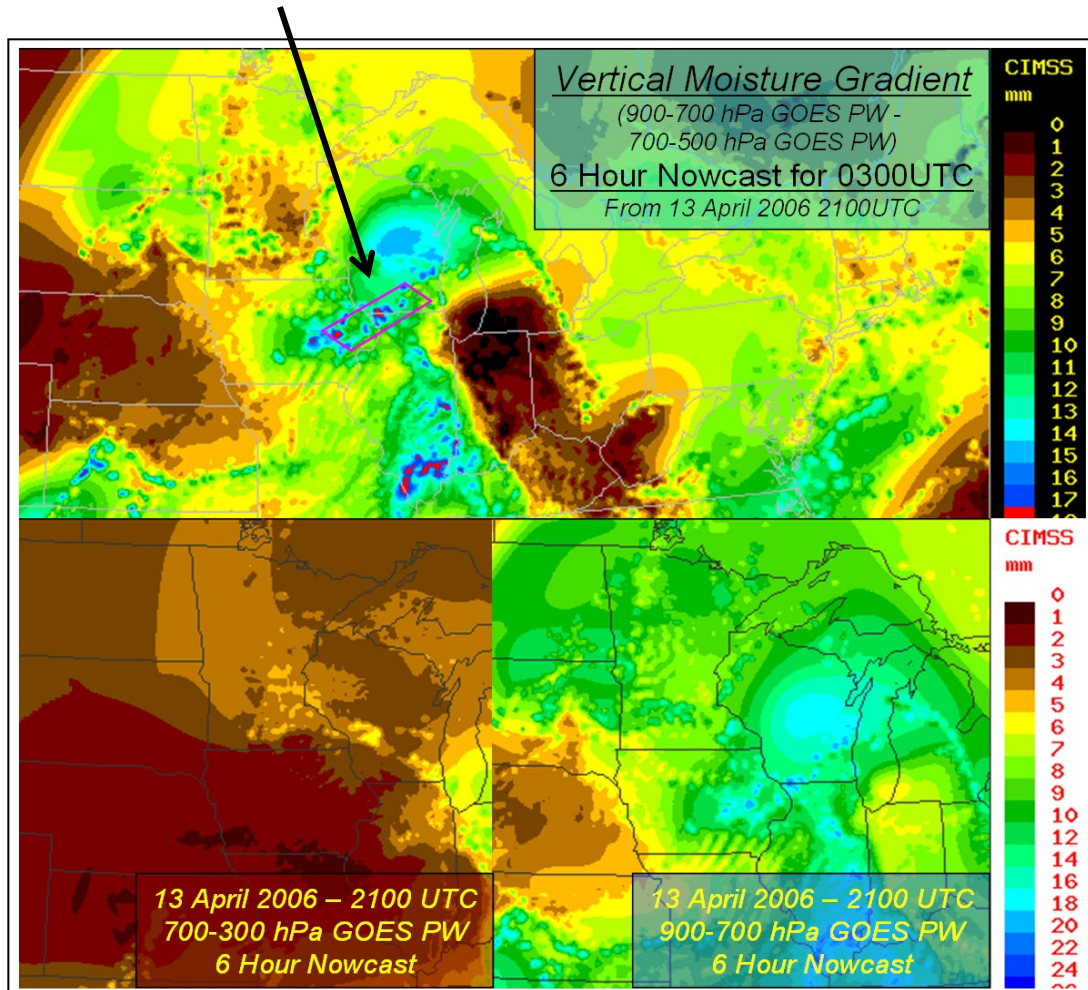
On AWIPS, comparing GOES observed imagery with CRAS forecast imagery, both valid at the same time.

{18 UT 06 Oct 2006}



Exploiting the temporal advantage of the GOES Sounder in a dynamic nowcasting system

Recall the significant hail storm, previously described, across southern Wisconsin on the evening of 13 Apr 2006; note this objective nowcast of maximum vertical moisture gradient.

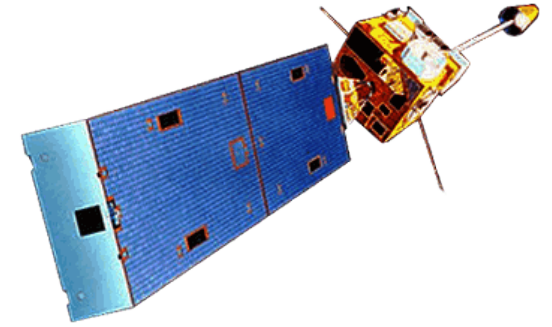


Using hourly fields of two modestly broad layers of moisture from GOES Sounder retrievals, future movement of GOES DPI pixels is predicted using forward trajectories initialized with RUC winds and heights.

The trajectory approach retains GOES moisture gradients, and by employing the dynamically changing winds, can spread the moisture information into cloudy areas.

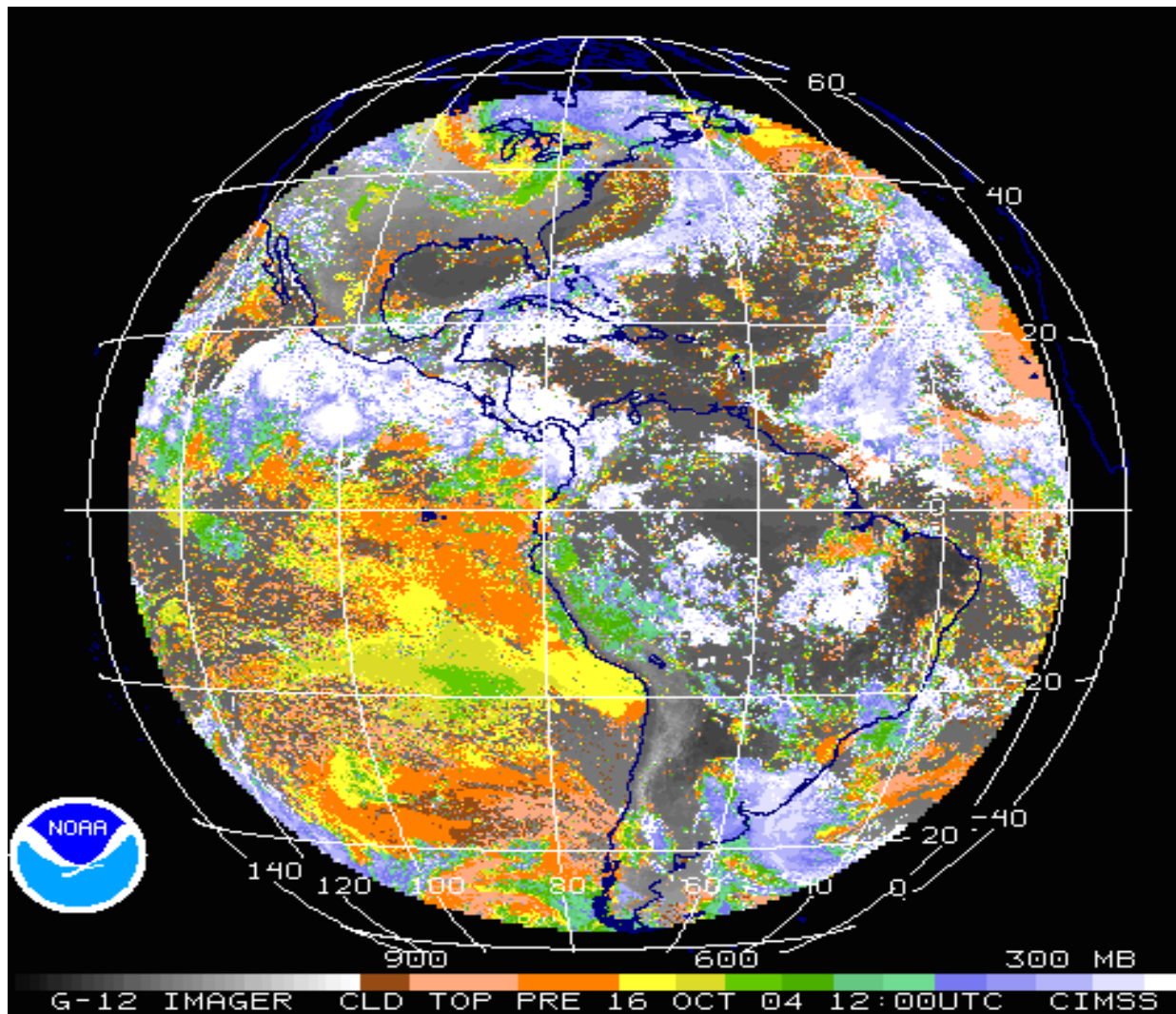
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Overview



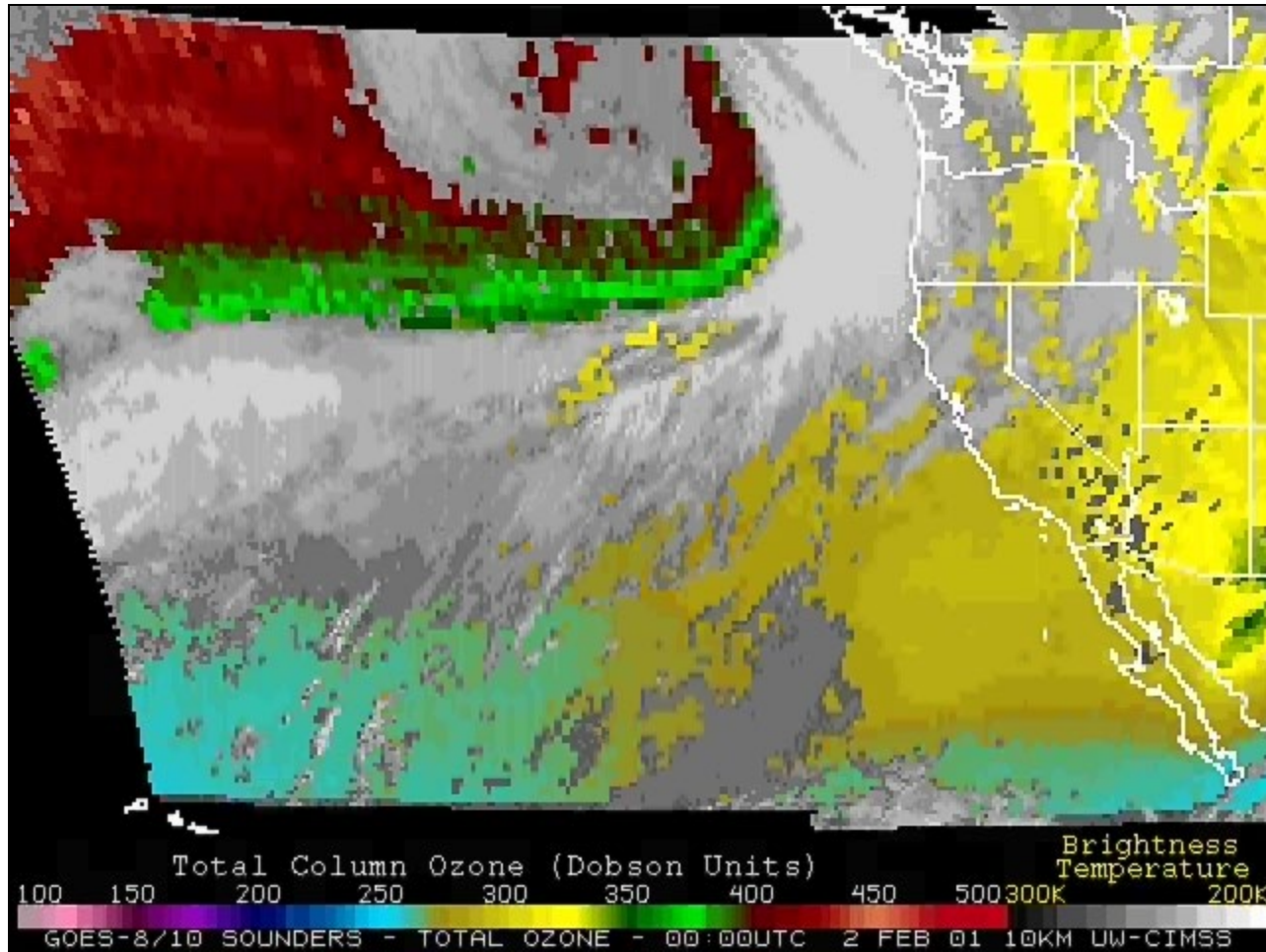
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- Profile retrieval processing
- Retrieved products (DPI)
 - moisture, stability
- DPI applications
 - monitor, numerically forecast, “nearcast”
- Other retrievals
 - cloud, O₃, SO₂
- Better profiles... more promotion

Satellite cloud products



<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/realtime/grtmain.html#imgrcld>

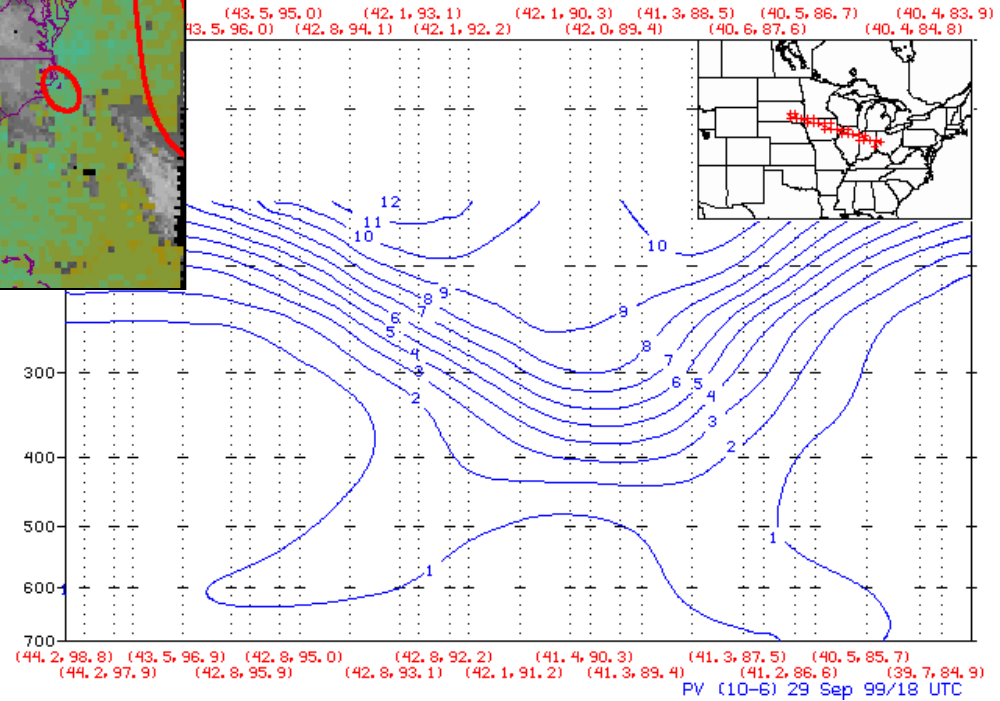
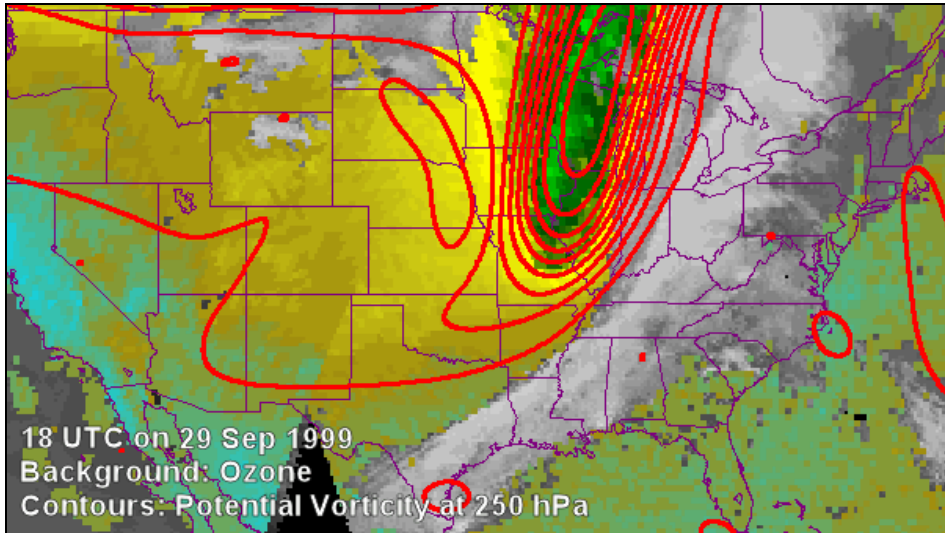
Satellite derived total ozone



GOES Sounder (02-06 Feb 2001)

<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/realtime/grtmain.html#ozone>

Upper level dynamics inferred from satellite total ozone determination

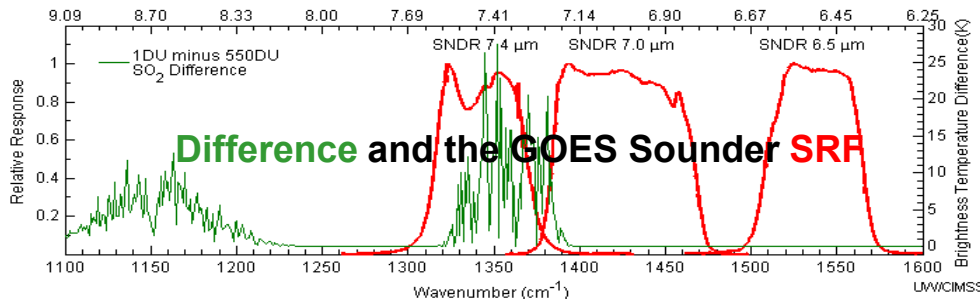
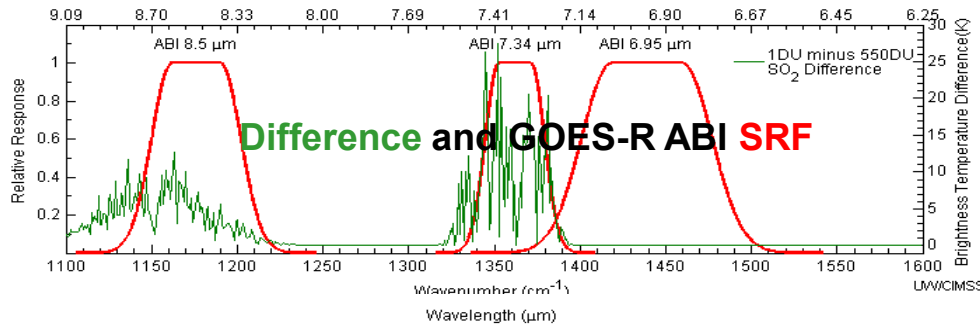
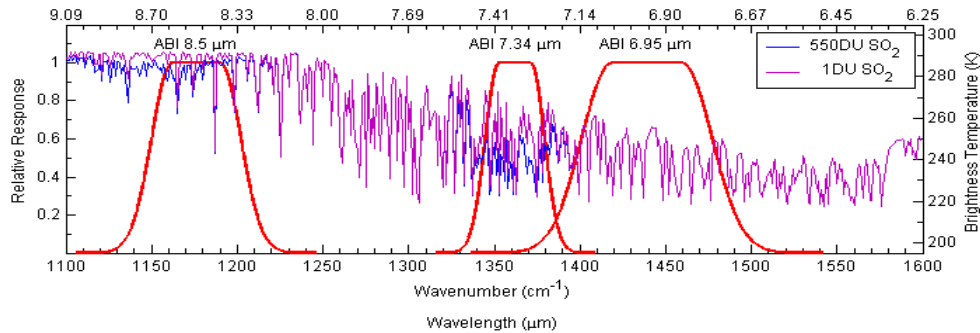


A tropopause fold is clearly evident in GOES ozone imagery and in potential vorticity (PV) derived from the ETA model on 29 September 1999 at 18 UTC. Ozone and PV show high correlation in this case.

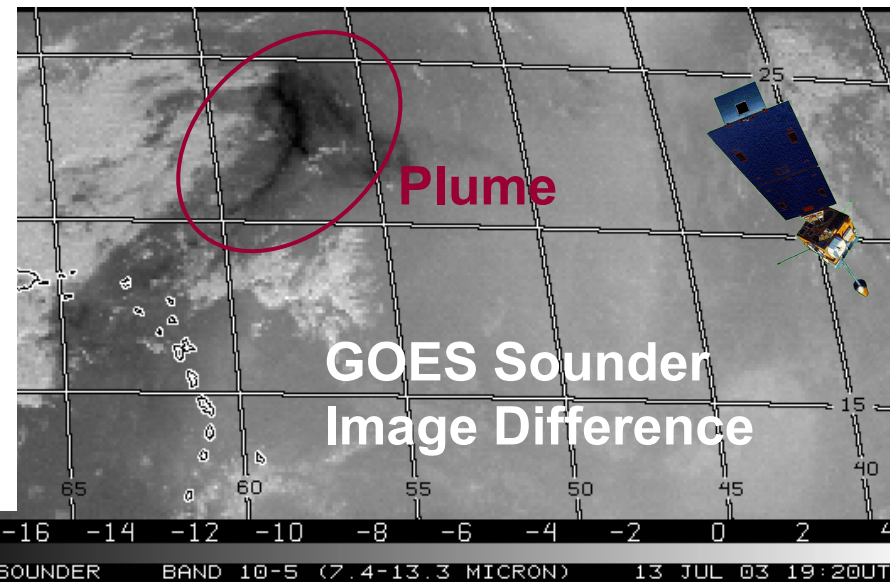
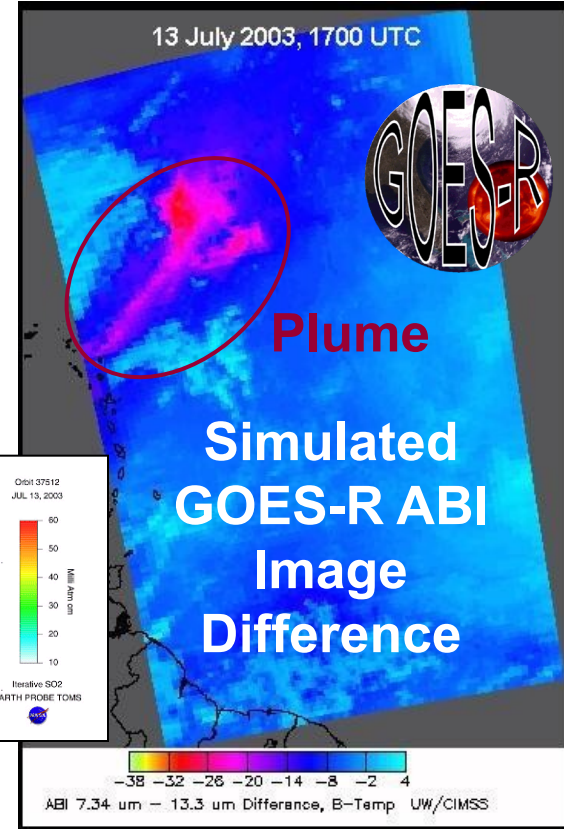
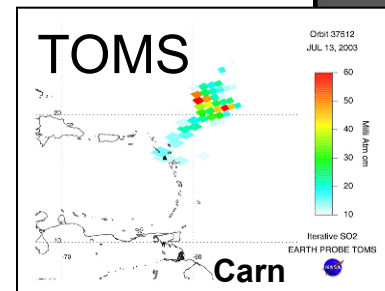
USING GOES-R TO HELP MONITOR UPPER LEVEL SO₂

Anthony J. Schreiner*, Timothy J. Schmit#, Jun Li*, Gary P. Ellrod#, Mat Gunshor*
 *CIMSS #NOAA/NESDIS

Simulated IR spectrums for "normal" and "SO₂ enriched" atmosphere and spectral response functions

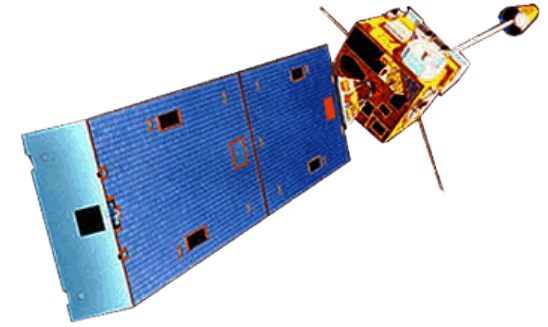


Detection of volcanic plumes



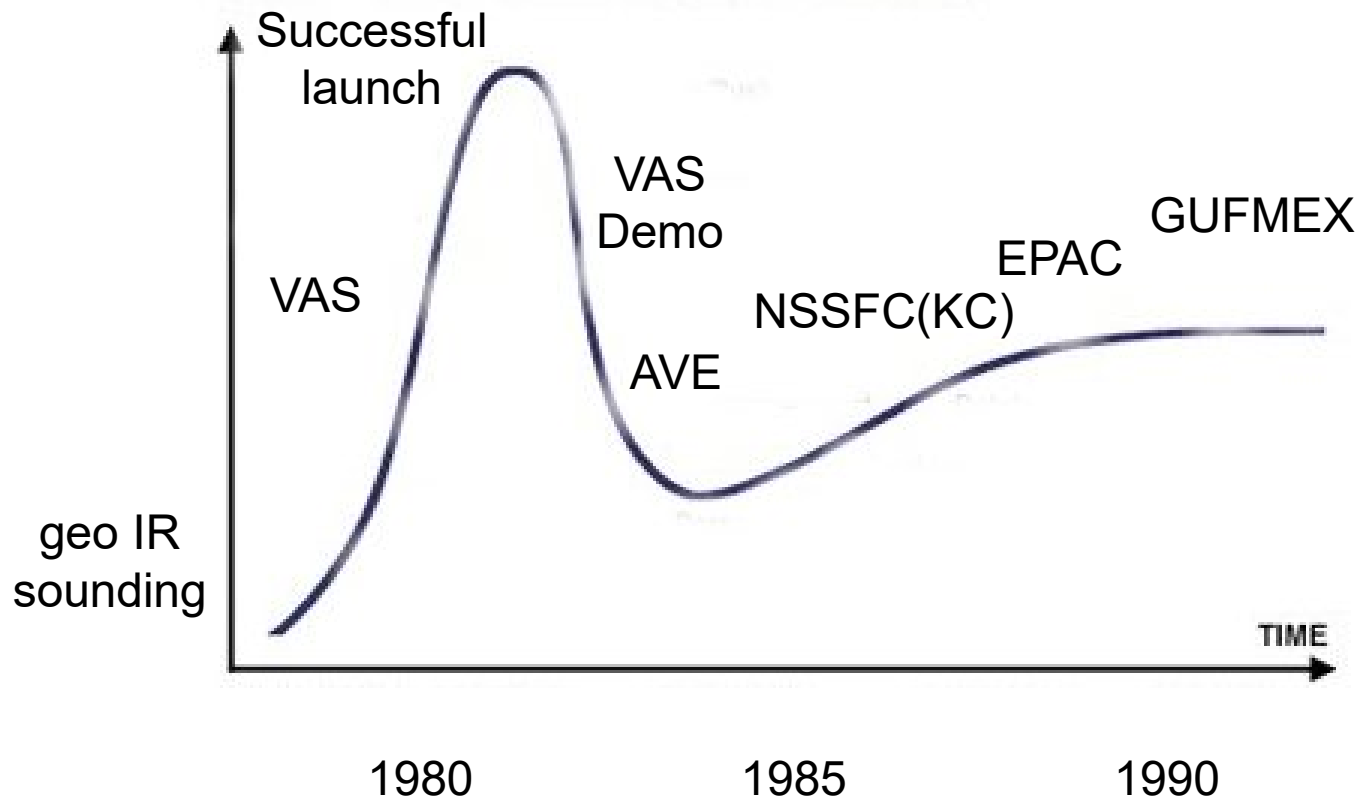
GOES-12 SOUNDER BAND 10-5 (7.4-13.3 MICRON) 13 JUL 03 19:20UT

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The Ups and Downs of Satellite Advances



Future concerns and improvements for geostationary sounding

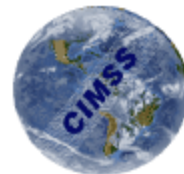
The DPI values are only as good as the retrievals.

circa 2000

- Improve vertical resolution with interferometers (more and better data)
- Improve the retrieval methods (better able to deviate (correctly) from the first-guess)
- Add microwave capability (profiling within cloudy regions)
- Make DPI readily accessible by more users (especially as part of the NWS AWIPS data stream, building on recent interest following the NWS GOES Sounder Assessment Period during summer 1999)

View real-time data and follow the latest improvements to GOES Sounder DPI and other product applications at

- <http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/realtime/realtime.html> -



Activities for focus, following the NWA 2004 Annual Meeting satellite workshops

Develop satellite products for the NWS gridded world (of IFPS)

- improve *forecast imagery* (CRAS) with more RTE consideration
- include satellite products (eg, sky cover) in generating “analysis of record” data sets
- provide unified and consistent SFOV *GOES Sounder DPI* for AWIPS environment
- expose AWIPS users to unique satellite data (eg MODIS) with application to future systems

Educate forecaster community about above efforts by incorporating into and utilizing existing COMET and VISIT venues

Can there be a quantum step in GOES Sounder retrieval development?

GIMPAP funded research: GOES Retrieval Science team at CIMSS
(Directed by Dr. Jun Li – summer 2004)

Foci of new approaches for retrieval improvement:

- **Time continuity** (take advantage of high temporal resolution)
- **Spatial filtering** (reduce noise of upper level channels)
- **Model independent first-guess** (realistically characterizing surface emissivity as well as optimally using radiances to improve the first-guess)

Design and implement the needed algorithm modifications, followed by validation study of impact on retrieved temperature/moisture fields.

Where are we on the road with utilizing derived products from the GOES Sounders?

Foundation remains solid (Nominal Sounders with GOES-10 through 12).

In November 2005, Single Field-Of-View (SFOV) retrieval processing was implemented and provided to NWS AWIPS.

Beyond the simple improvement to better horizontal resolution, a double effort continues:

(1) to develop more use of the (unique) information from the retrieved products,

(2) as well as, to retrieve more accurate profiles.

Continuing development of the current GOES Sounder retrieval algorithm

Under direction of Jun Li, the CIMSS GOES Retrieval Science group is working on implementation of a number of enhancements to the geo sounding algorithm.

- Better first-guess determination from combination of regression and forecast use (by Zhenglong Li); to be transferred into CIMSS daily processing suite for more evaluation (Nov 2006)
- Time and space continuity constraints within the algorithm
- Re-writing of the retrieval code for much faster processing, by a much more efficient IO approach
- A new ozone algorithm
- Better surface emissivity determination
- Inverted cone filtering (for more effective SFOV processing)

Temperature and
Water Vapor
IR Sounder
Staircase

Spectral Resolving Power ($\lambda/\Delta\lambda$)

~Resolving Power @ 14 μm

{*GOES-R* (?2014-)}

(1200) *HES*(?) (201?)

(1200) *GIFTS* (?2009-)

(1200/2800) *CrIS / IASI* (2006-)

(1200) *AIRS* (2002-)

(30) *GOES Sounder* (1994-) – (3-Axis)

(30) *VAS* (1980-) – 1st Geo Sounder (Spin-Scan)

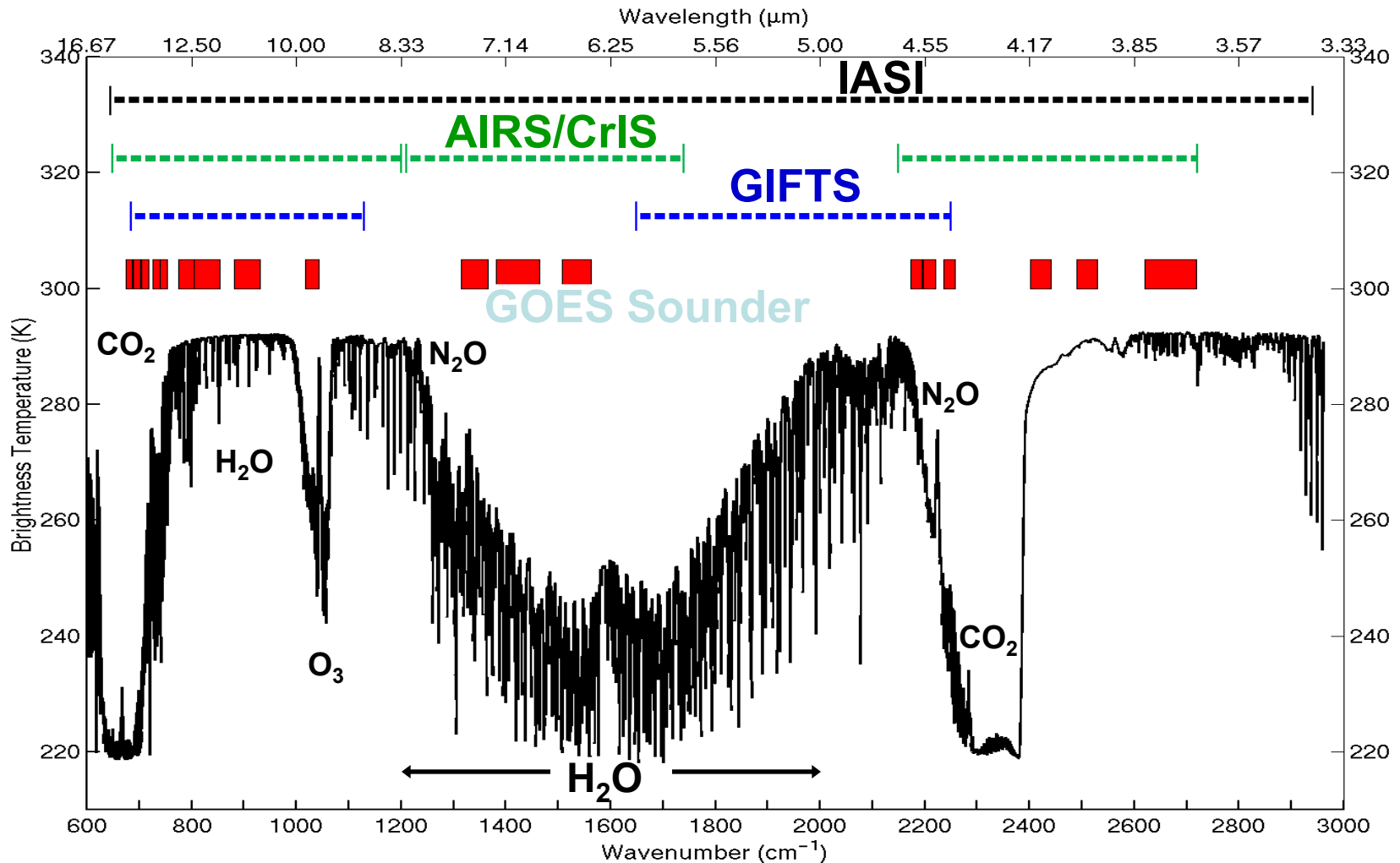
(30) *ITPR, VTPR* (1972) / *HIRS* (1978-)

(150-300) *IRIS / SIRS* (1969-70) – 1st Sounders

BLUE = Leo Red = Geo

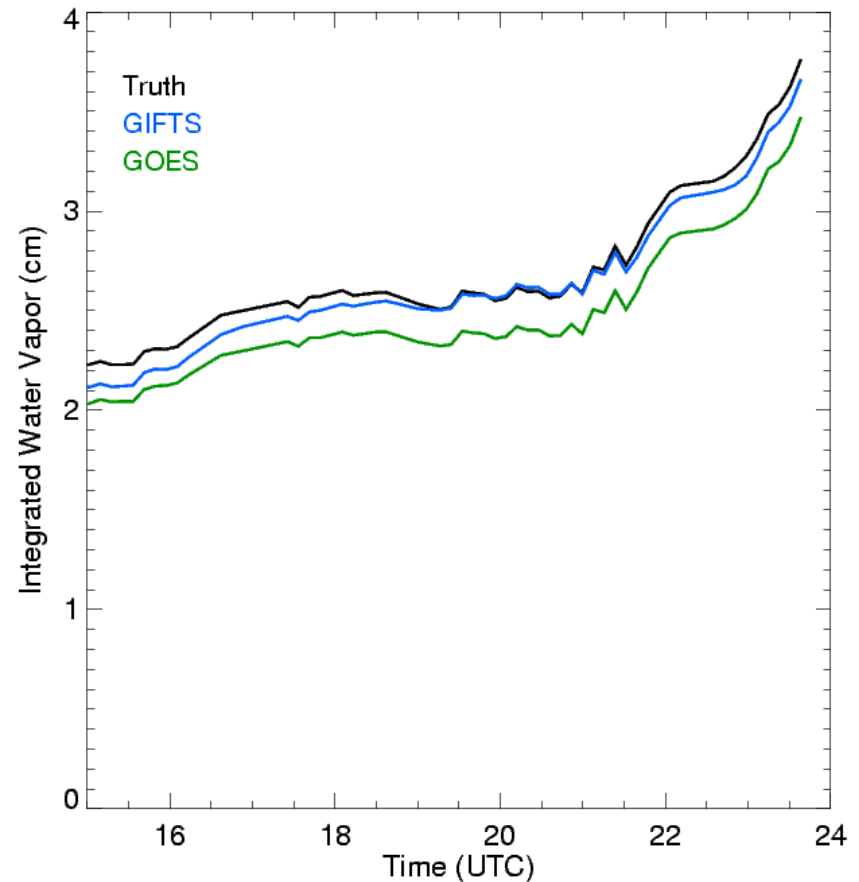
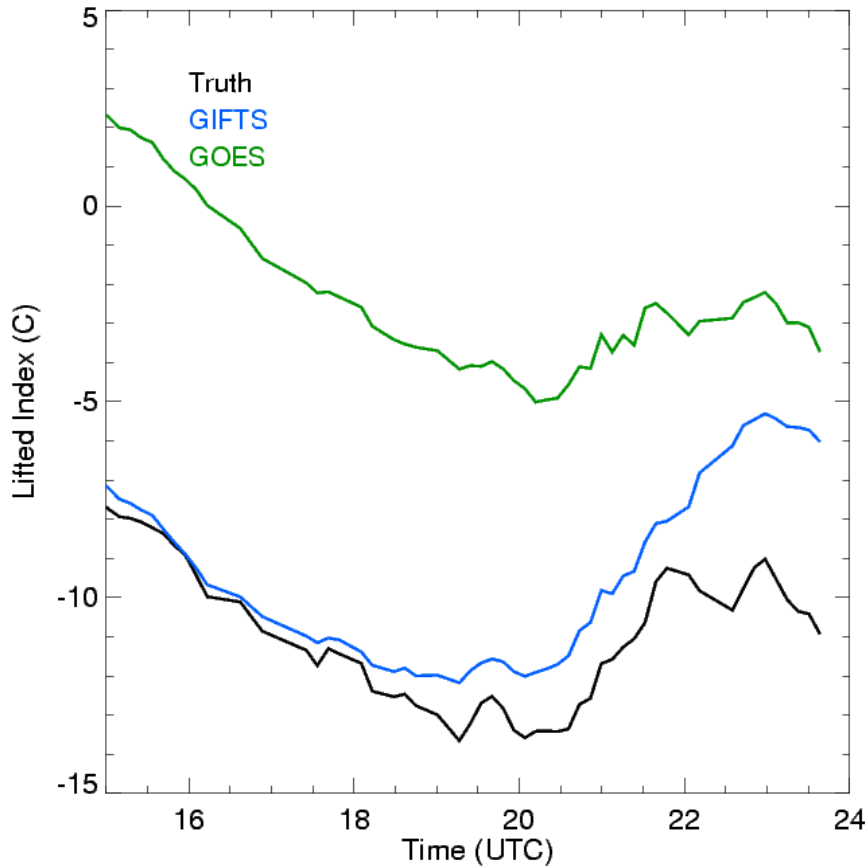
New Era: Spaceborne High-resolution IR

AIRS/IASI/CrIS (LEO) to GIFTS/HES (GEO)



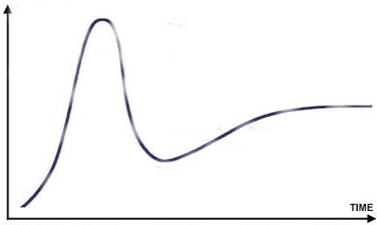
The future lies in high-spectral resolution!

3 May 1999 -- Oklahoma/Kansas tornado outbreak



All three solutions show rapid atmospheric destabilization (decreasing LI) between 14 and 20 UTC. GIFTS better depicts the absolute values and tendencies compared to GOES. The total precipitable water (TPW) increases through the period. Both current and future sounding measurements capture the correct trends.

Expectations and reality



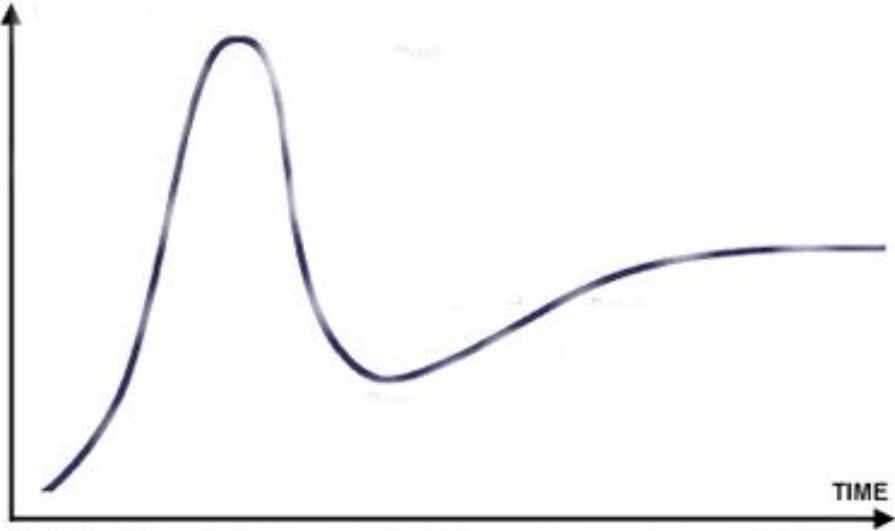
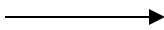
GOES-4 +

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GOES-8 +


1994



GOES-R +

2014

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Modules are readily accessible and many are on satellite applications.

<http://www.cira.colostate.edu/ramm/visit/ts.html>

VISIT tele-training sessions in 2001 promote GOES Sounder use in NWS offices

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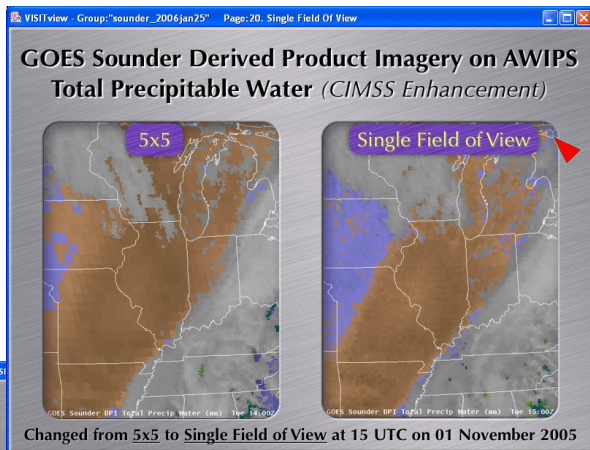
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NWS Integrated Sensor Training - Professional Development Series
Instructional Component 6.2.6

From April through July 2001, CIMSS has taught the Sounder lesson in about **70 NWS offices**.

Updating the VISIT lesson on the GOES Sounder

In response to provision of the Single Field-of-View (SFOV) resolution Derived Product Imagery (DPI) from the GOES Sounders into the AWIPS data stream in late fall of 2005, the VISITview training module on the Sounder and its products was updated for its NWS audience.



Disadvantages:

- Coarse vertical resolution (only 18 IR channels)
- Clouds prevent retrieval profiles
- Specific FOV values not as indicative as trends

GOES Sounder Data and Products

Advantages:

- Hourly products (DPI, cloud information, profiles)
- Data available during GOES imager Rapid Scan Operations
- Shows trends, gradients, and advection
- Helps to characterize pre-convective environment
- Data are assimilated into NWP models
- DPI can be a good measure of model performance

VISIT Student Guide: GOES Sounder Data and Products - Netscape

http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/visit/sounder.html

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This 60-minute **introductory-level** teletraining module updates the original "GOES Sounder Data and Products" lesson (Bachmeier et al., 2000) VISITview lesson, and provides an introduction to the data and products available from the latest generation of GOES Sounder instruments, along with examples of sounder Derived Product Imagery (DPI) and their application to weather analysis and forecasting. Special attention will be given to the recent change to Single Field of View (SFOV) sounder DPI in AWIPS, as well as the importance of applying an appropriate image enhancement (color table) to the derived products. *(new lesson created January 2006)*

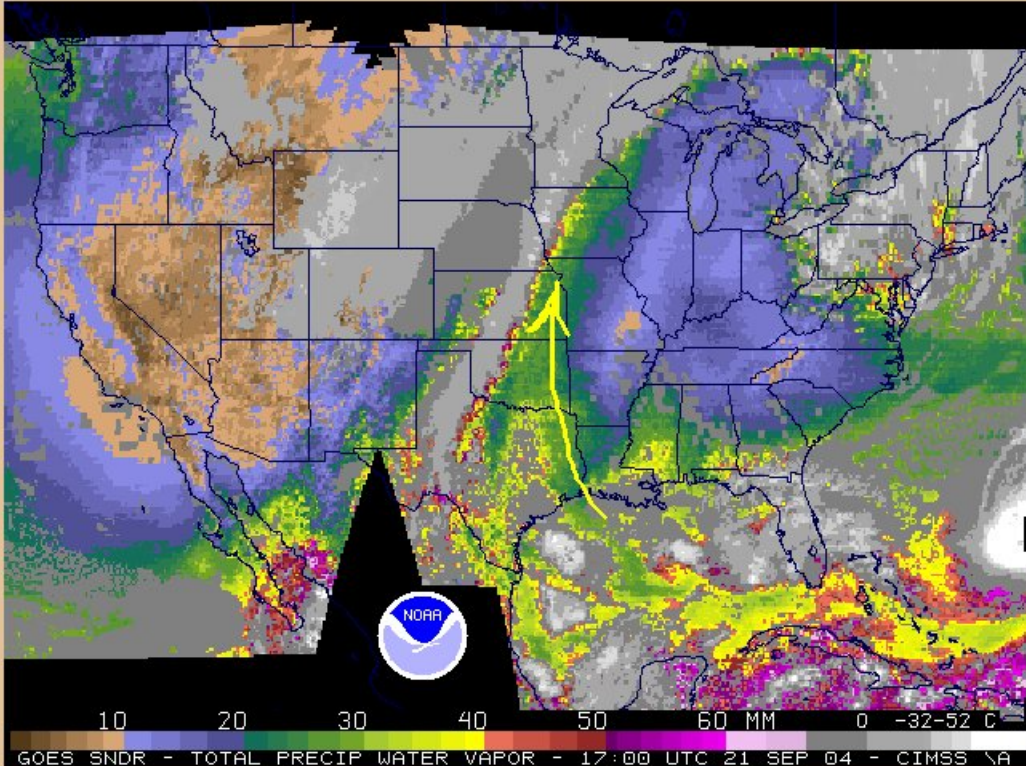
Using VISITview for training

**Real-time Collaboration
with
GOES Sounder Derived Products**

VISIT **CIMSS**

This is a realtime collaboration site for the GOES Sounder Derived Product Imagery (DPI), using VISITview. Complete information is available at the [VISITview Home Page](#).

Tips: 1) Join an existing group or start your own when the dialog box pops up. 2) Press "ALT+?" to get a little on-screen help information. 3) When you want to select a new page, first highlight the page name in the pull-down menu, then click the *Selected* button...or just click the *Next* button.



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- [Imaging with NPOESS VIIRS: A Convergence of Technologies and Experience](#)
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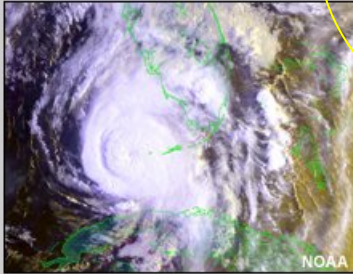
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Coming Soon...

Mesoscale Banded Precipitation
This module examines the causes of

Of Special Interest

With four major hurricanes this year and the possibility of an above-normal hurricane season for the rest of this year (see [CSU's predictions](#) and [NOAA's predictions](#)), interest in hurricane-related topics is at a high. Below is a list of training materials on the MetEd site that are particularly relevant during hurricane season:

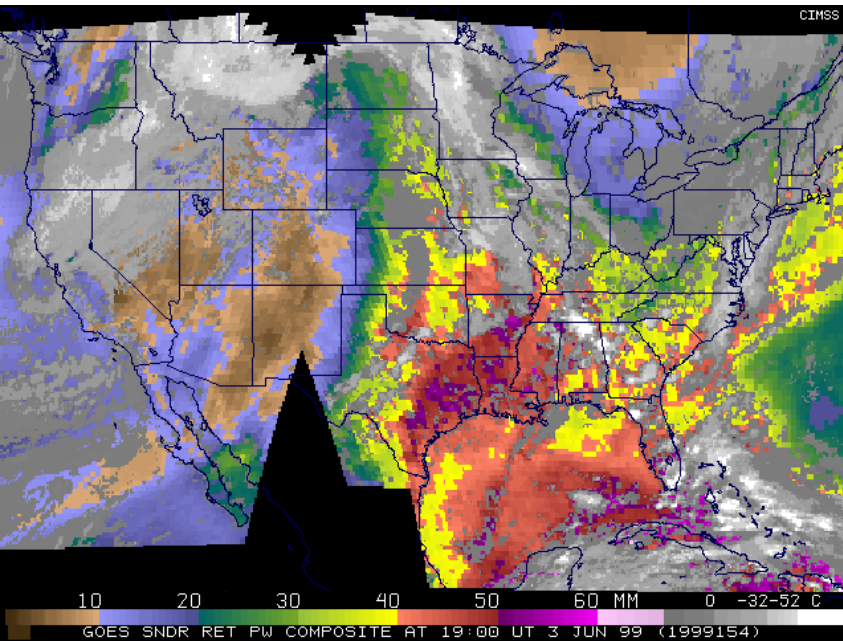


- [Hurricane Strike!](#)™—Our award-winning interactive module for middle school students (and their families)
- [Community Hurricane Preparedness](#)—This module is designed primarily for emergency managers in hurricane-prone areas. A short version is available in [Spanish](#).
- [Rip Currents](#)—One of our latest modules, this 20-minute Webcast discusses the basics of rip current formation and detection.
- [Wave Types and Characteristics](#)—This module is an introduction to waves and their associated characteristics. Several types of waves are presented, and the basic physical,

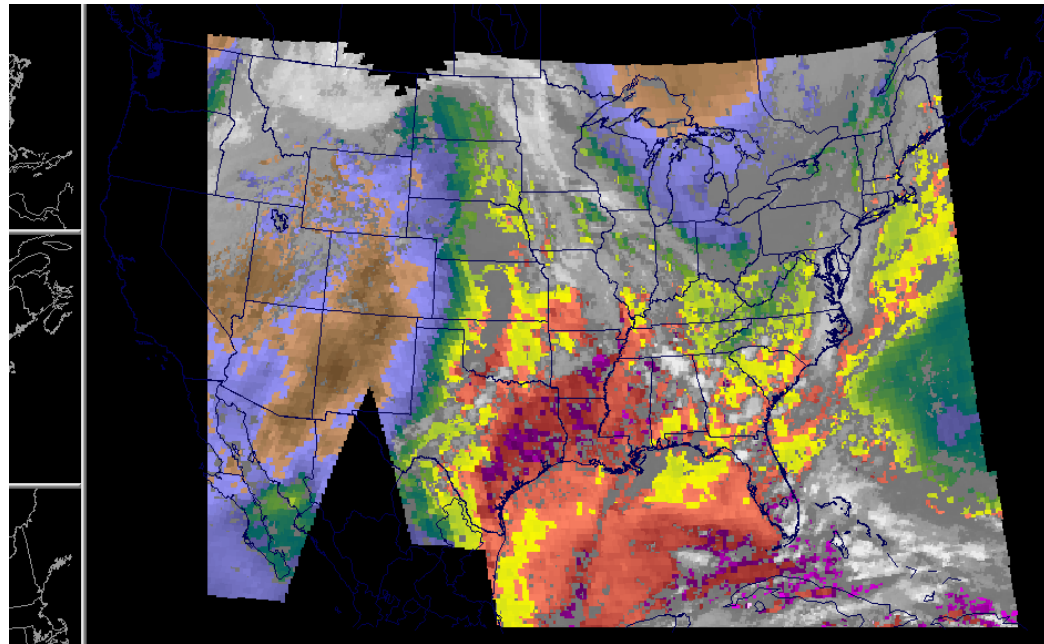
<http://www.meted.ucar.edu>

GOES Sounder DPI made AWIPS compatible

GOES Sounder DPI, originally generated on McIDAS and in McIDAS “AREA” format, can be re-mapped to AWIPS sector specifics, re-formatted to NetCDF, and made available via an LDM server. The “default” color enhancement can also be replicated on AWIPS. (PW example from 3 June 1999)

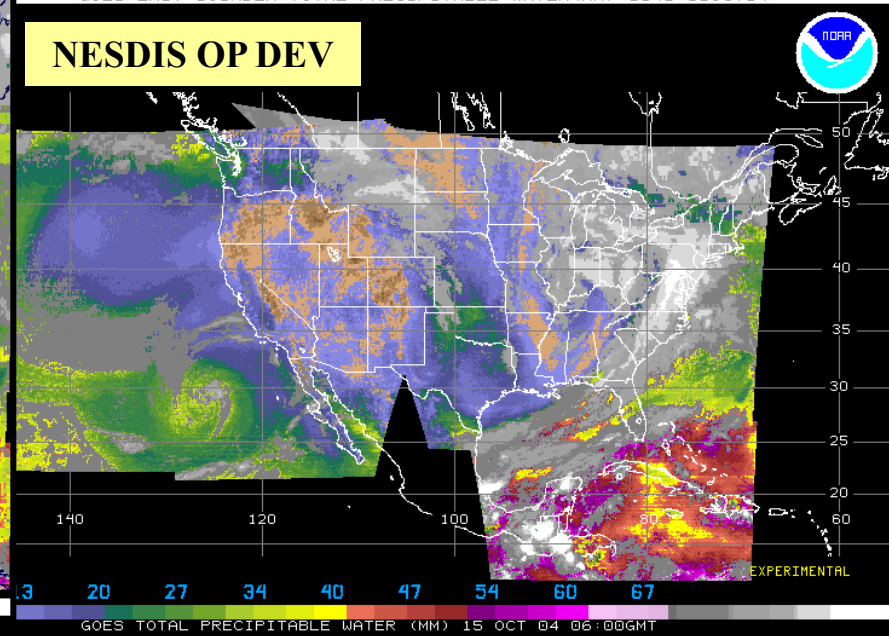
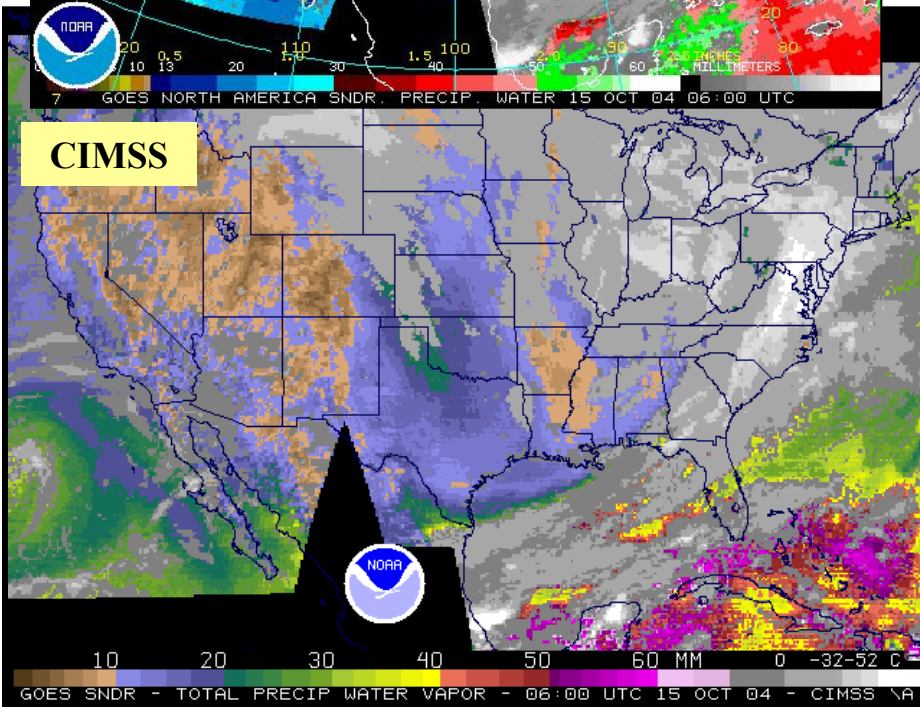
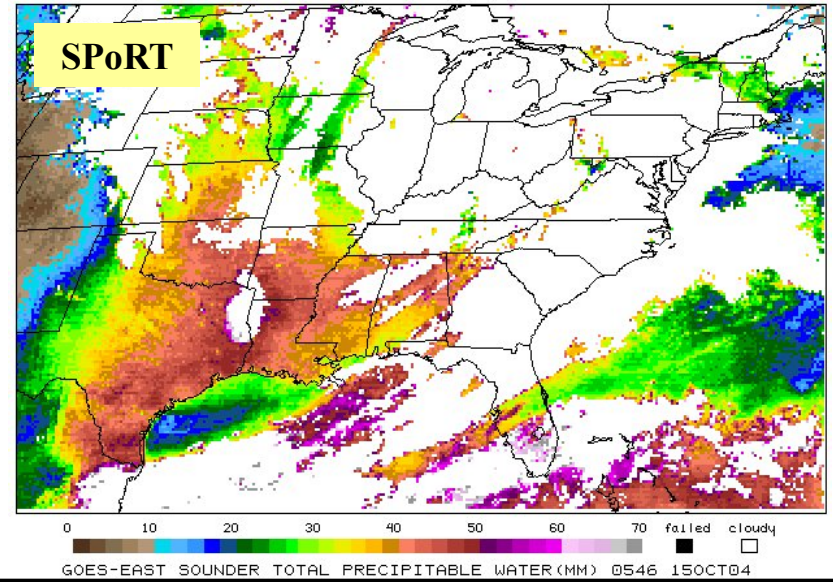
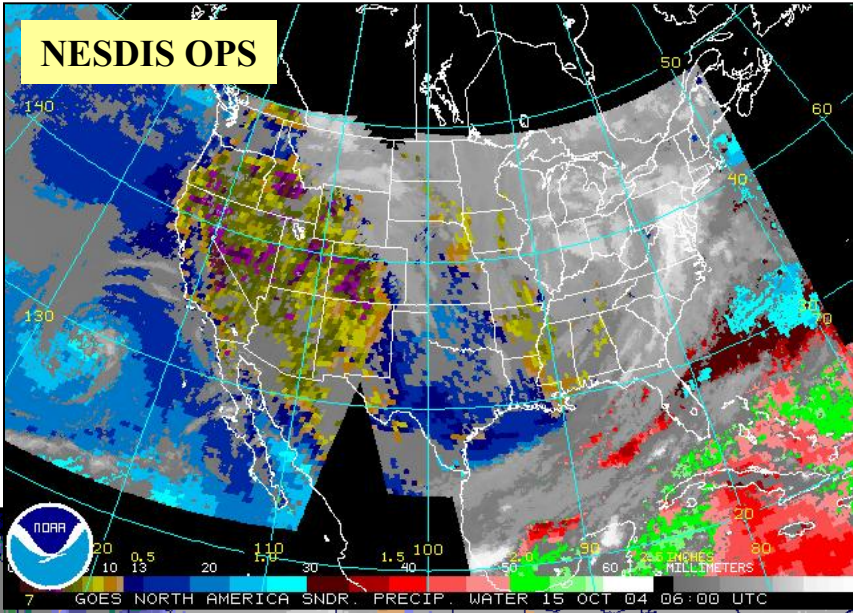


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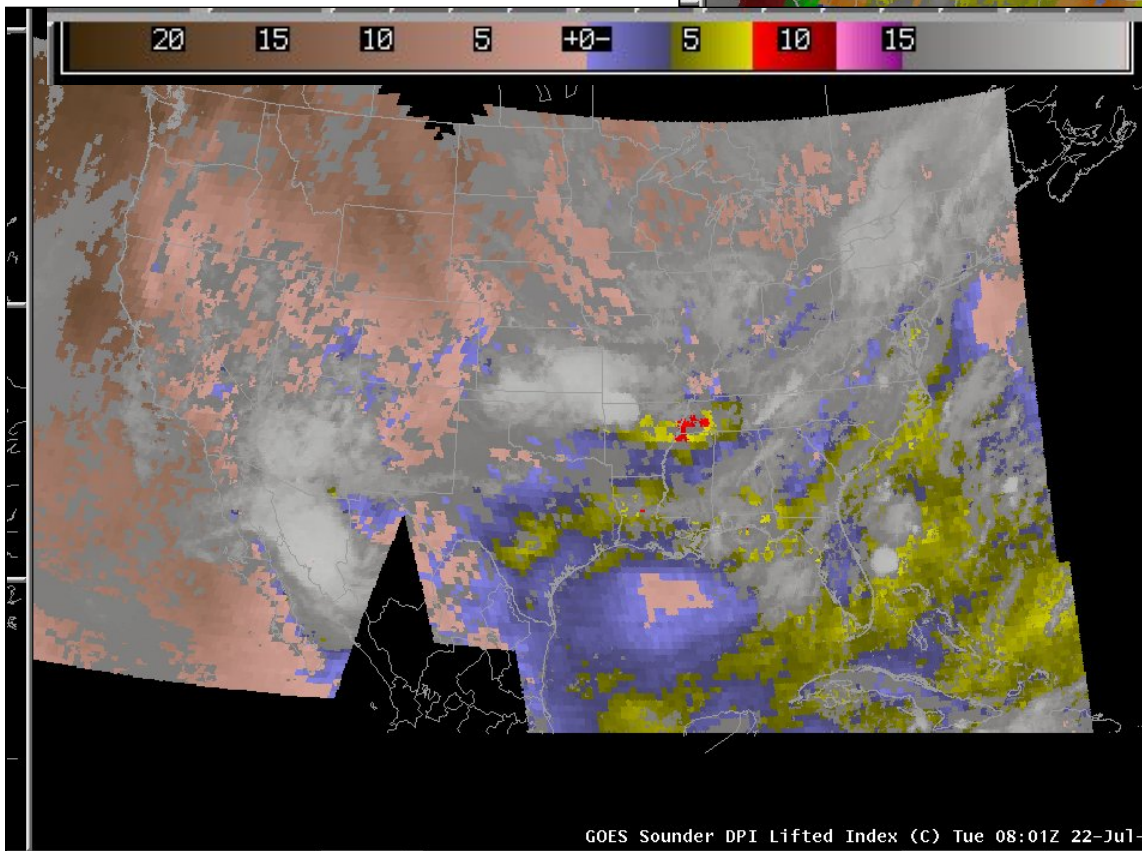
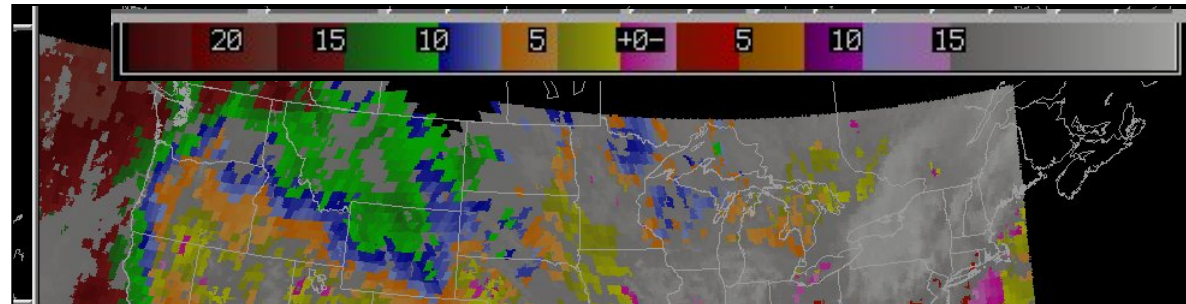
Contrasting available current GOES TPW DPI ...



NESDIS ops - <http://www.ssd.noaa.gov/PS/PCPN/pcpn-na.html#SNDR>

Appearing in NWS offices: GOES Sounder DPI

Note enhancement tables
for Lifted Index



GOES Sounder DPI Lifted Index (C) Tue 08:01Z 22-Jul-03

Memphis Derecho case
(08 UTC 22 Jul 2003)

http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/visit/sounder_enhancements.html

Total precipitable water vapor from MODIS and GOES

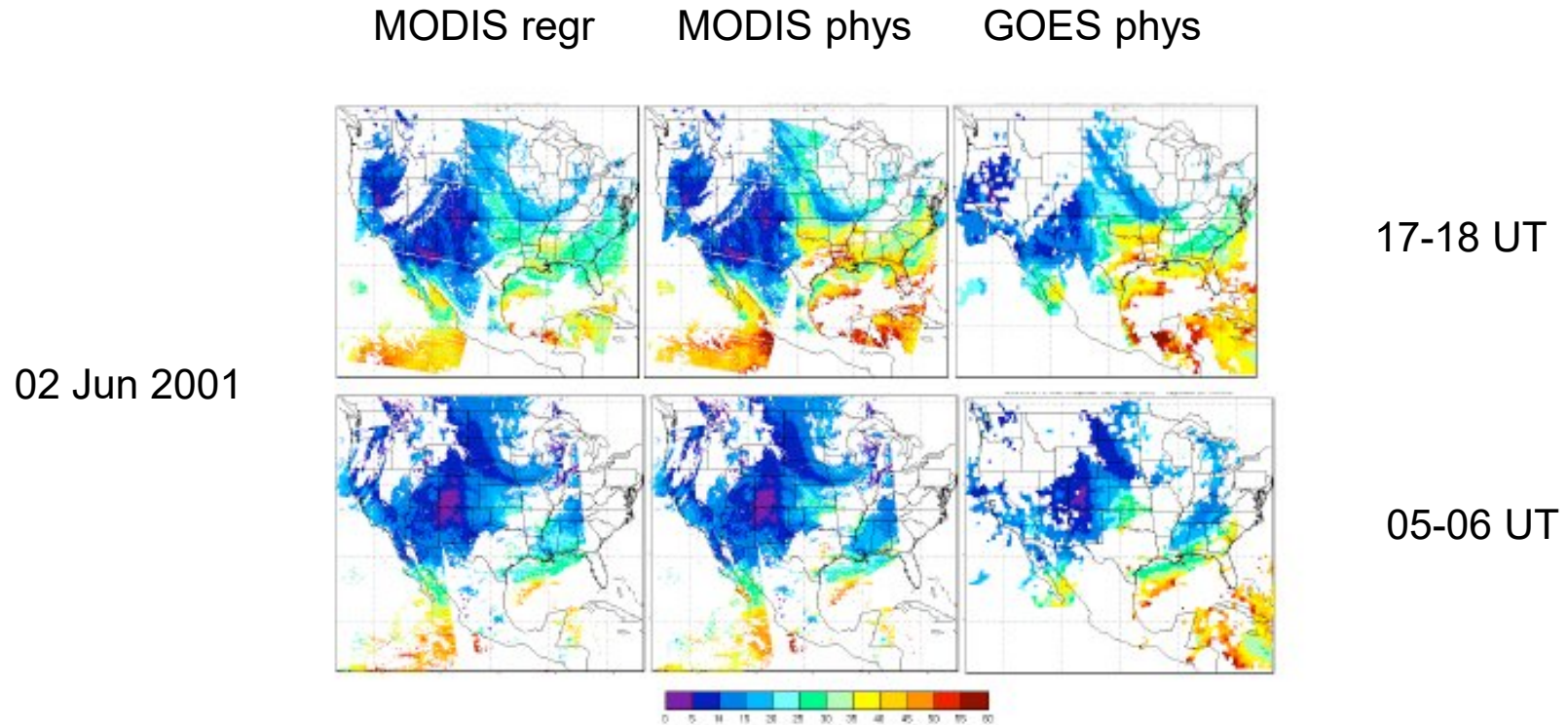
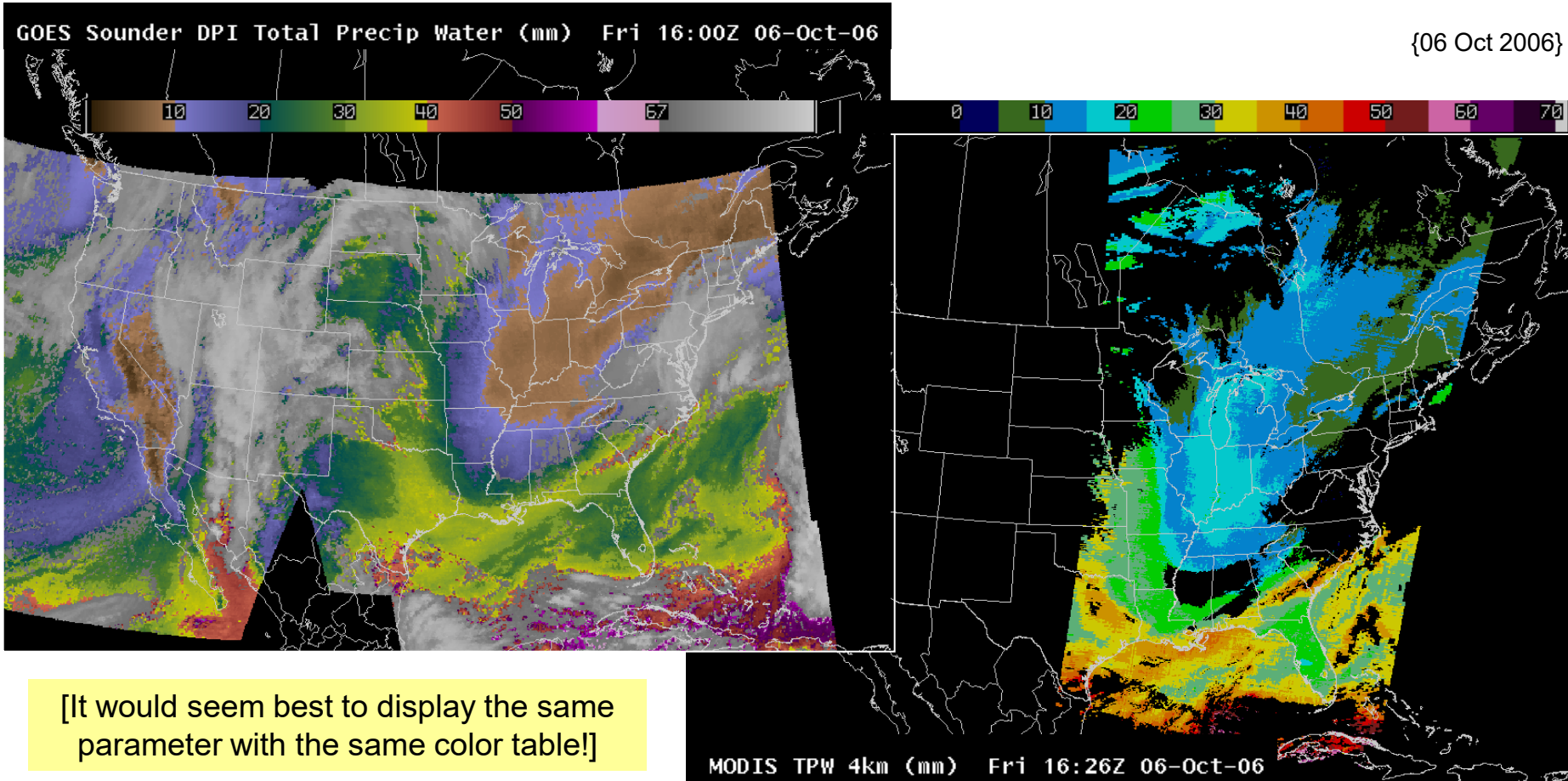


Figure 13: Total precipitable water (mm) for 02 June 2001 over North America retrieved by MODIS regression (left), MODIS physical (center), and GOES-8 and GOES-10 (combined, right). The top column shows daytime retrievals (4 MODIS granules from 1640, 1645, 1820, 1825 UTC; GOES at 1800UTC), and the bottom column nighttime (MODIS 0435, 0440, 0445, 0615, 0620 UTC; GOES 06 UTC).

A local, connected AWIPS environment to aid in satellite meteorology research

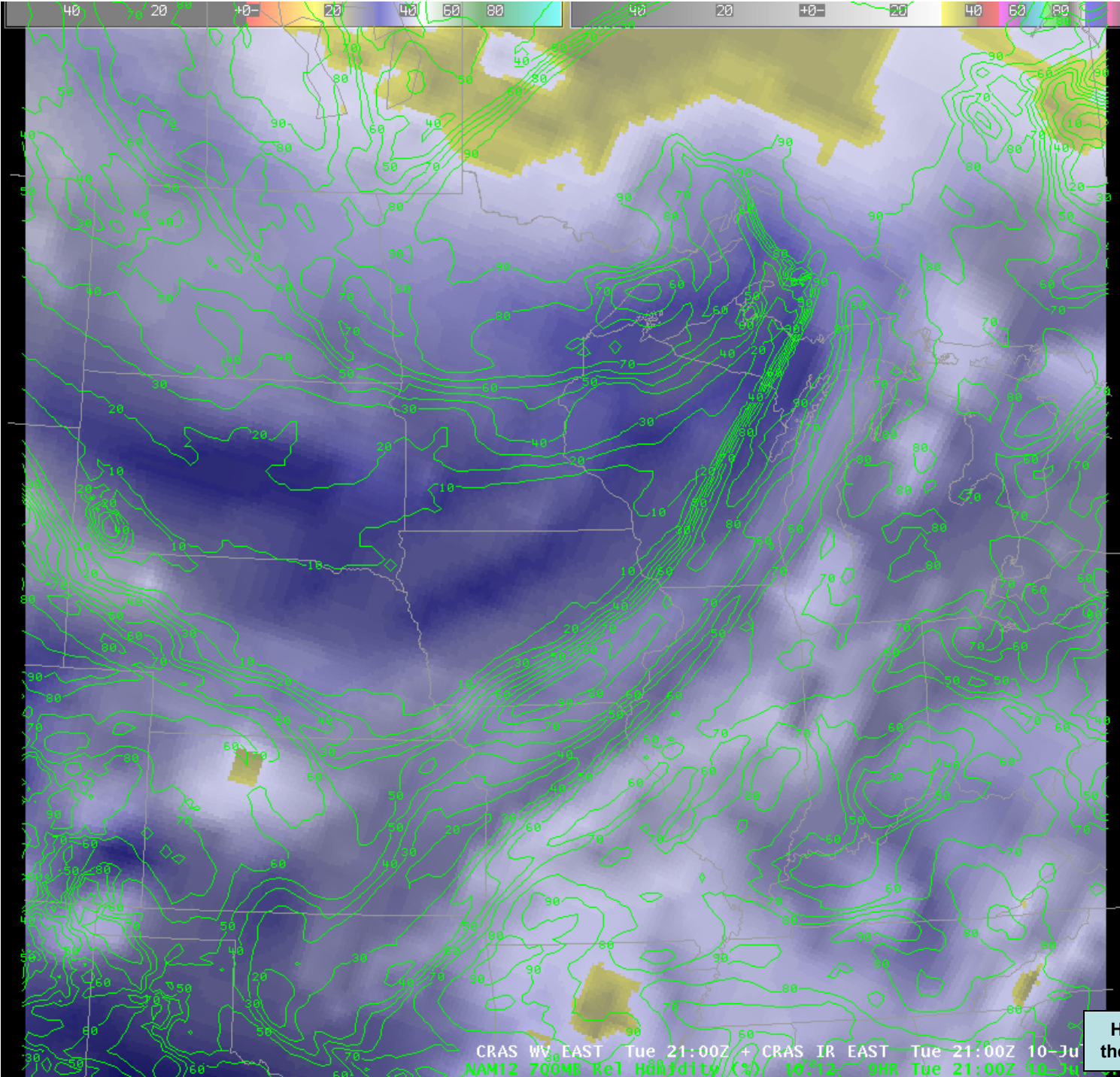


Via real-time NOAAPORT ingestion and LDM distribution (as to NWS CR), CIMSS staff are able to more effectively interact with interested SOOs and forecasters as data and displays are presented in the NWS forecasters' native system.



Overview

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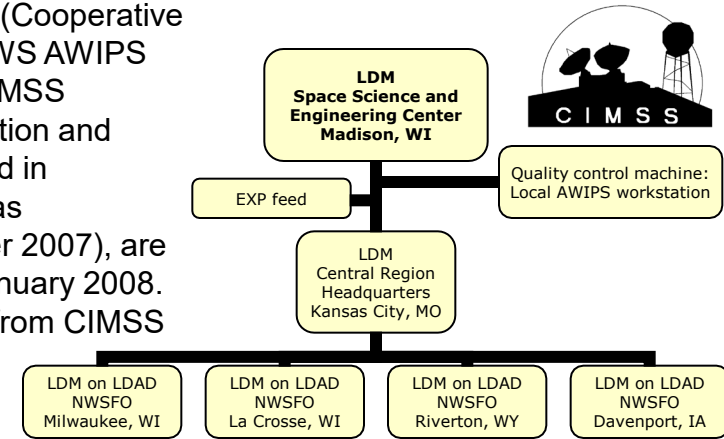
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Have you seen the CRAS today?

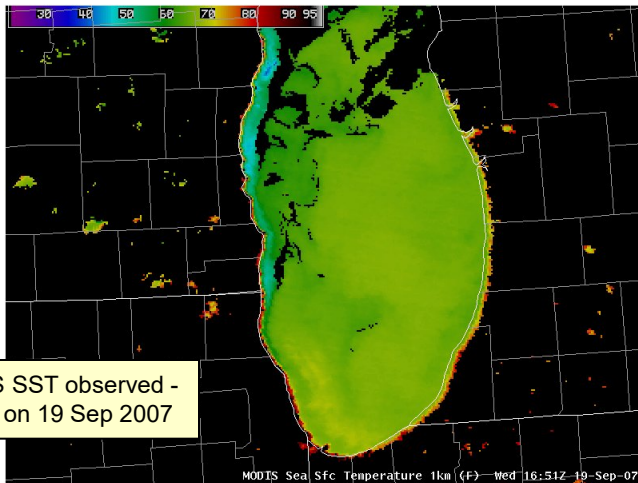


Promoting new satellite applications within the AWIPS environment

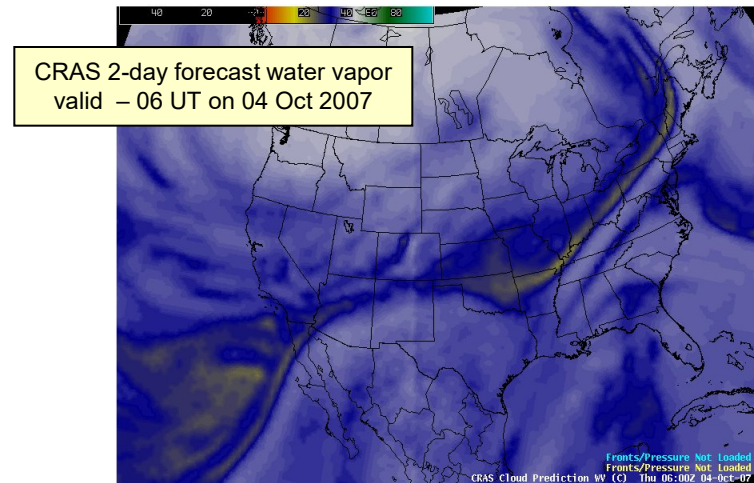
Capitalizing on the development, in mid 2006, of the local capability at CIMSS (Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies) to inject data products into the NWS AWIPS (Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System) data stream, a team of CIMSS researchers is working with NWS forecast offices (FOs) to foster the incorporation and assessment of new satellite products from CIMSS at the FOs. Workshops held in Milwaukee-Sullivan, WI (MKX) and LaCrosse, WI (ARX) (early 2007), as well as participation in the NWS Great Lakes Operational Meteorology Workshop (later 2007), are continuing with a workshop visit to the NWS FO in Green Bay, WI (GRB) in January 2008. Via LDM (Unidata's Local Data Manager) internet transfers, satellite products from CIMSS are already being provided to interested offices outside the Central Region.



Some of the more unique satellite products from CIMSS, now possible in the AWIPS environment of NWS offices, include:



- High res (1 km or less) imagery from the MODIS (MODerate resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer) onboard the NASA Terra and Aqua platforms, including visible and infrared imagery, and derived product imagery, such as for sea surface temperature (SST) and vegetation index (NDVI).



- Synthetic cloud and water vapor forecast imagery, from the CRAS (CIMSS Regional Assimilation System) numerical model, using assimilation of cloud top pressures and three layers of moisture as determined from the GOES (Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite) Sounder.

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ADDE access to the satellite data used in these displays.