

**Investigations with
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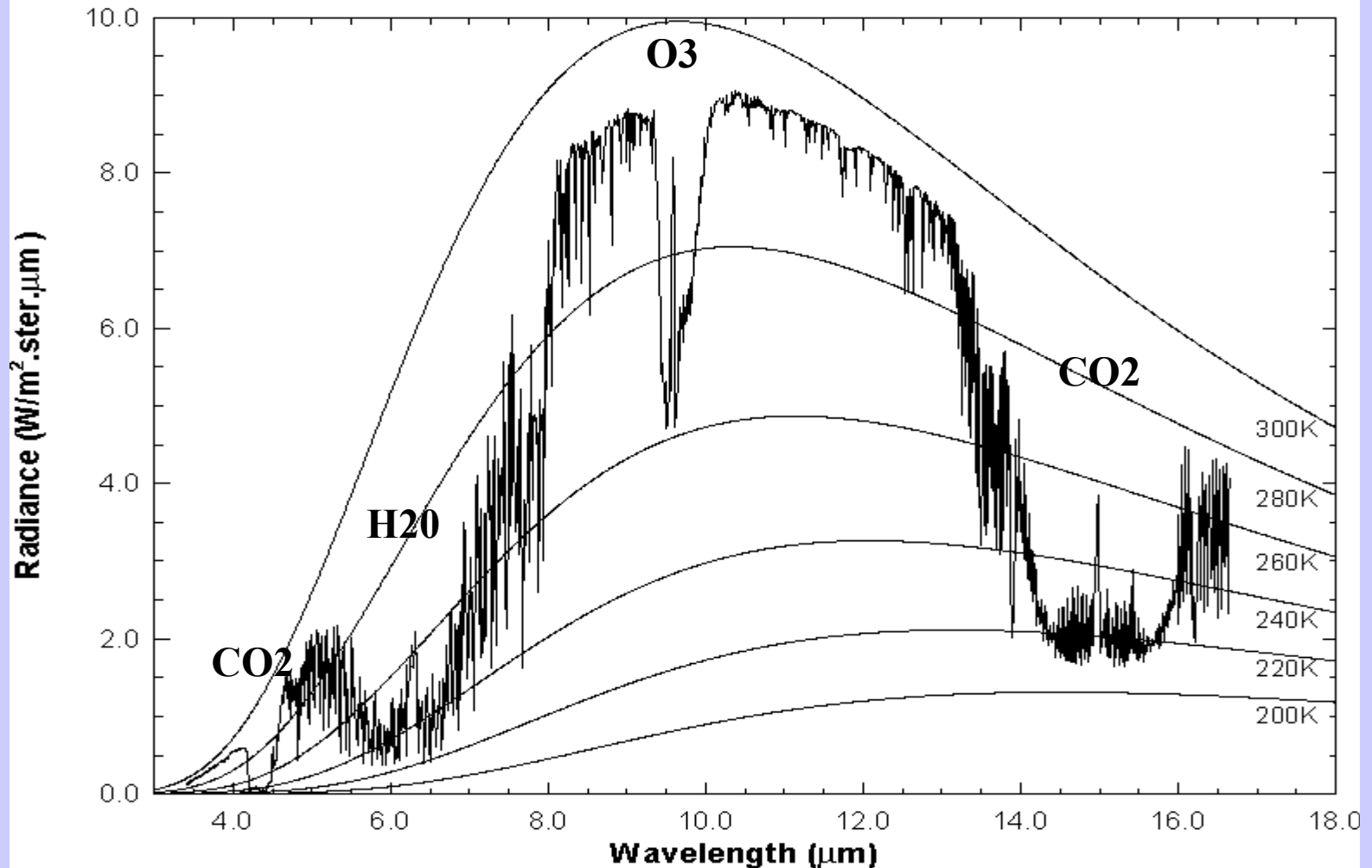
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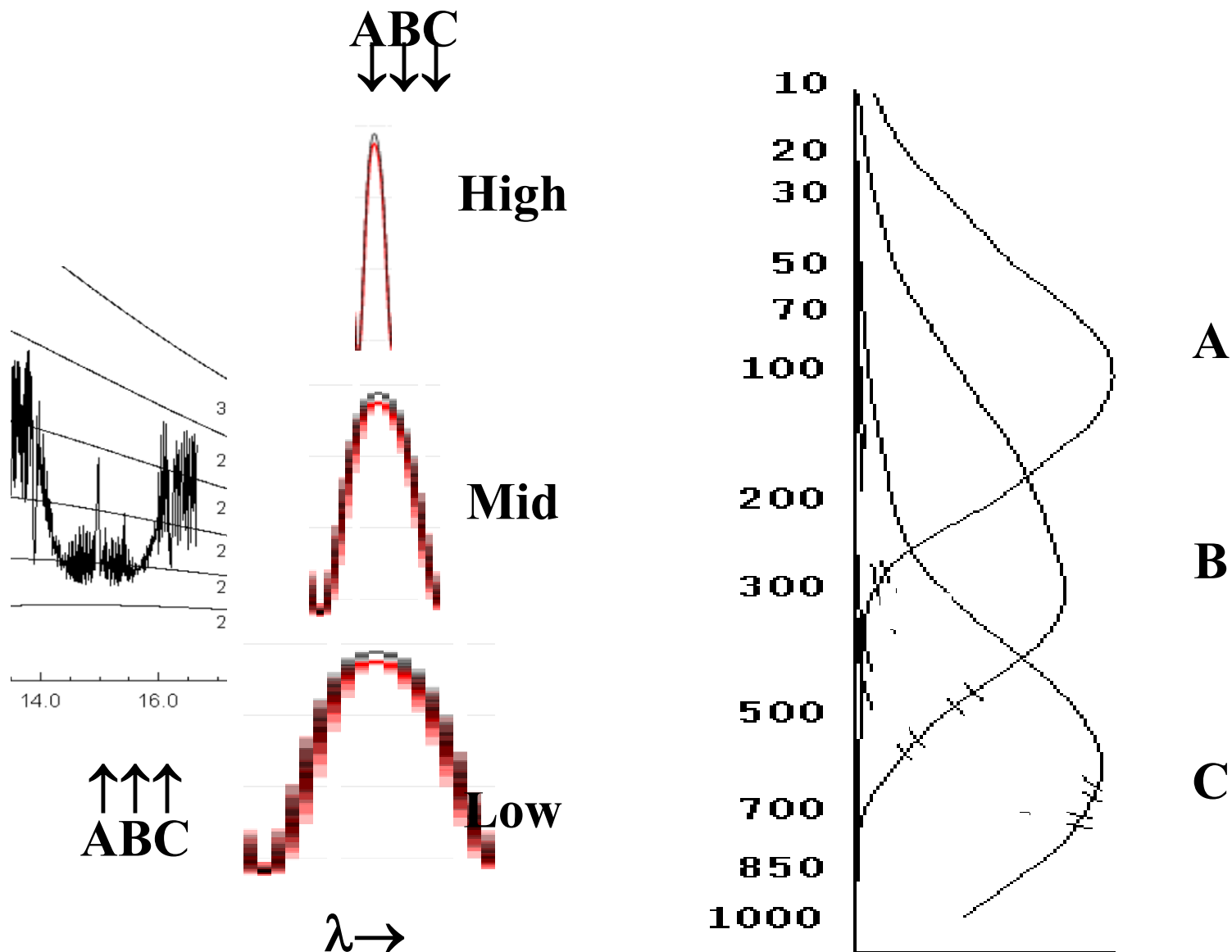


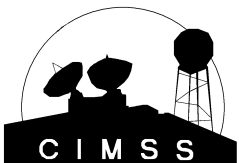
Earth emitted spectra overlaid on Planck function envelopes

High resolution atmospheric absorption spectrum and comparative blackbody curves.



line broadening with pressure helps to explain weighting functions

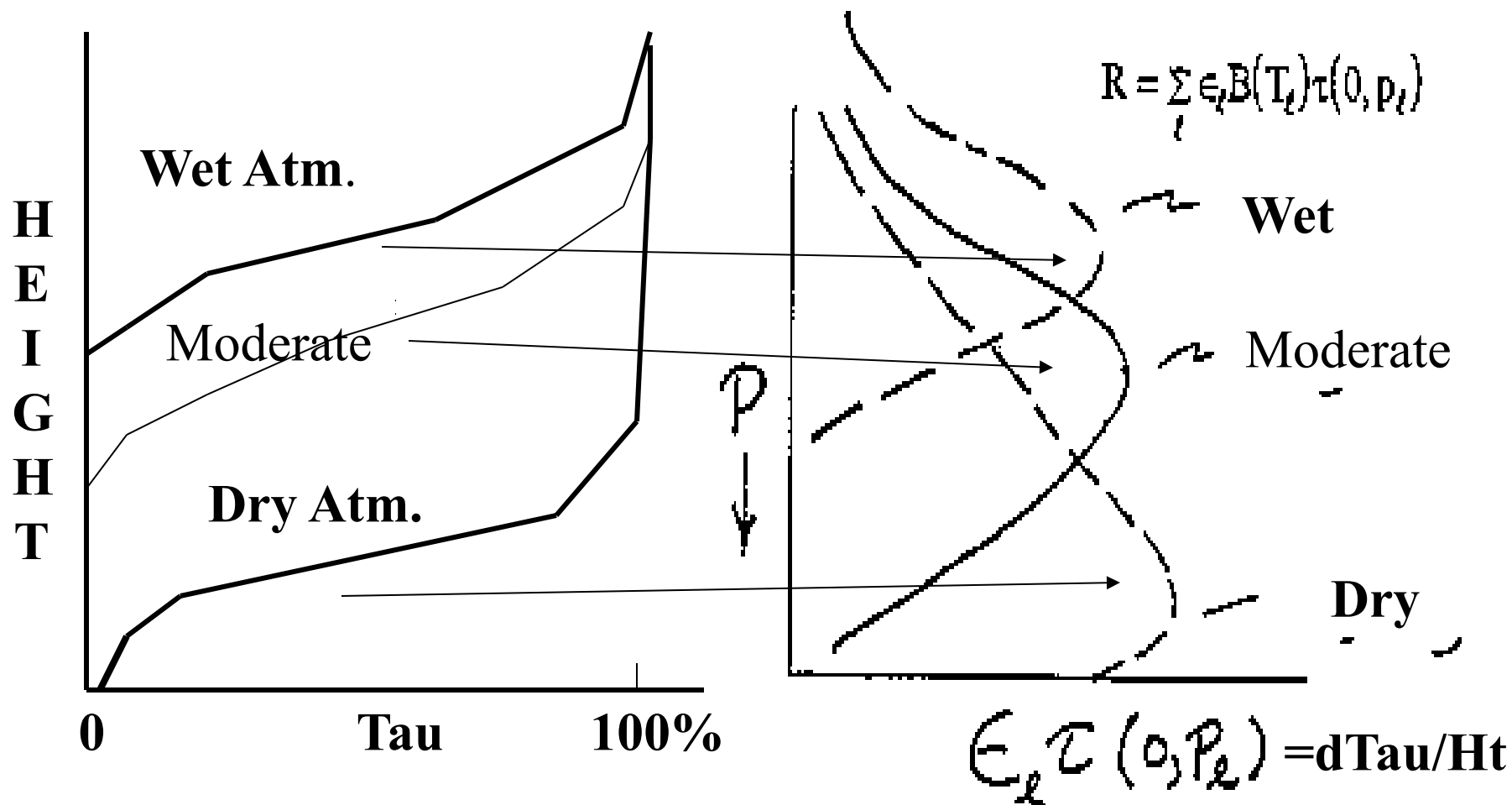


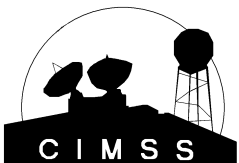


Fourier Transform Spectroscopy Infrared Atmospheric Sounding



For a given water vapor spectral channel

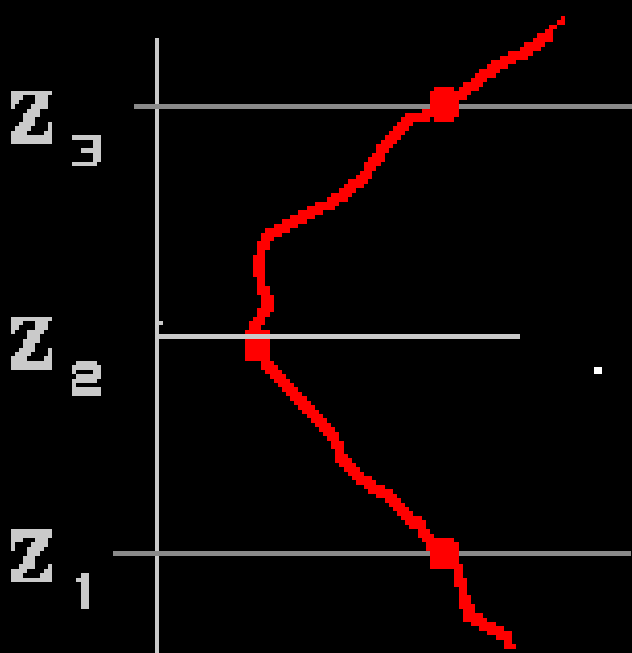




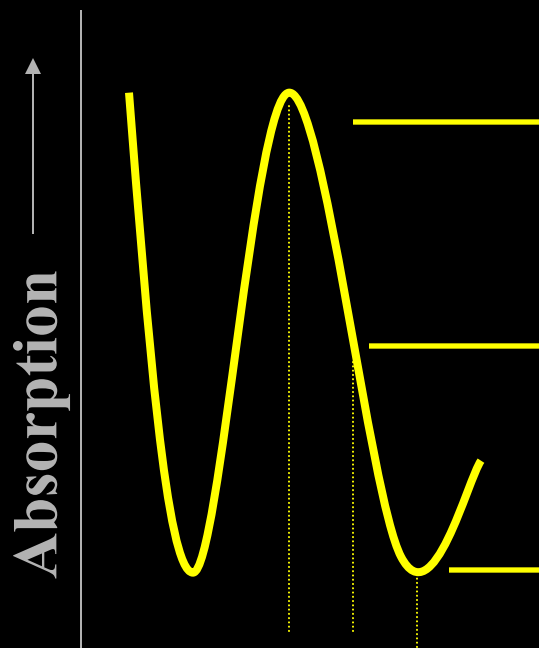
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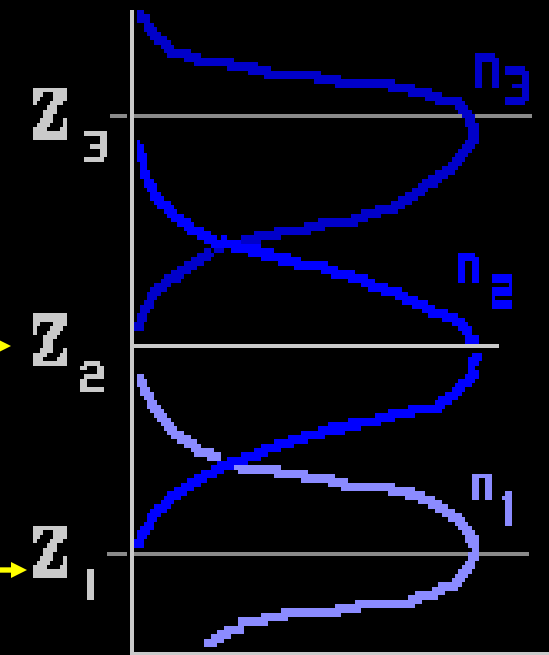
Wavelength Converts to Altitude



$T(z)$

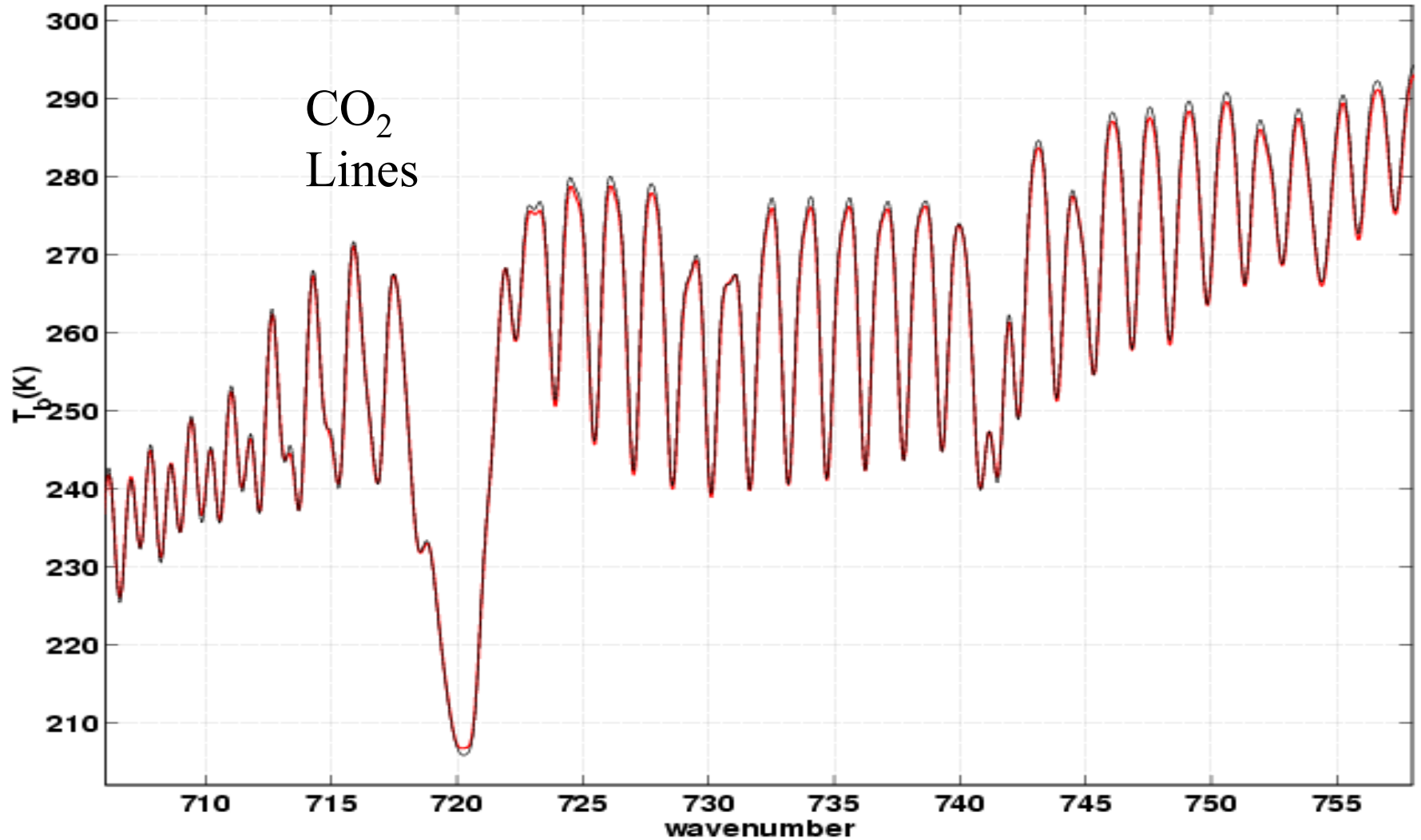


n_3 n_2 n_1
Wavelength

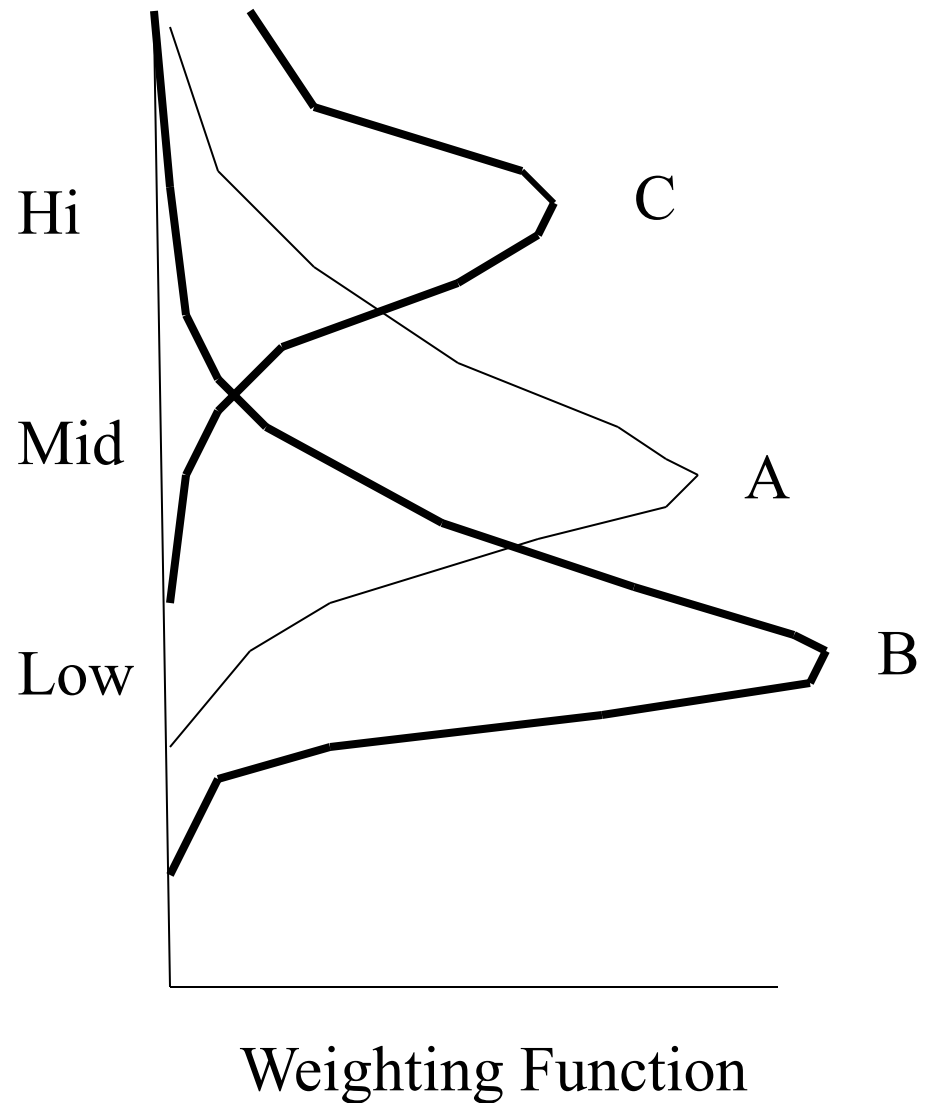
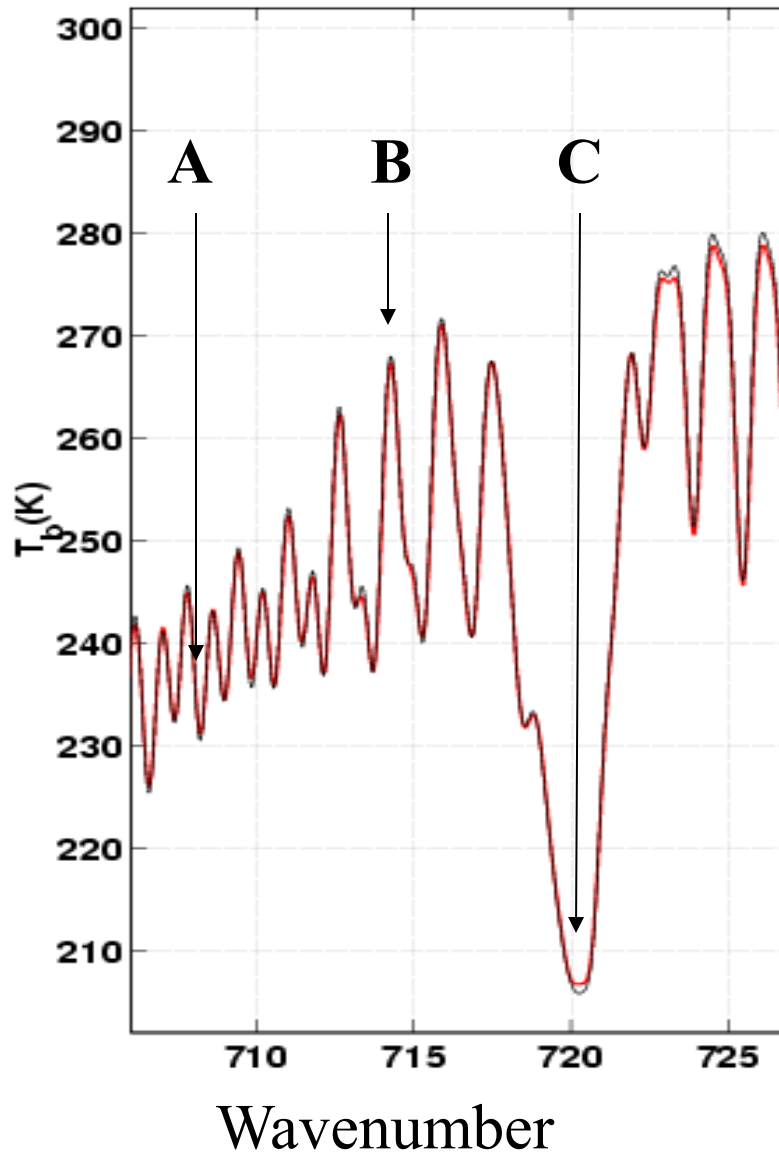


Energy
Contribution

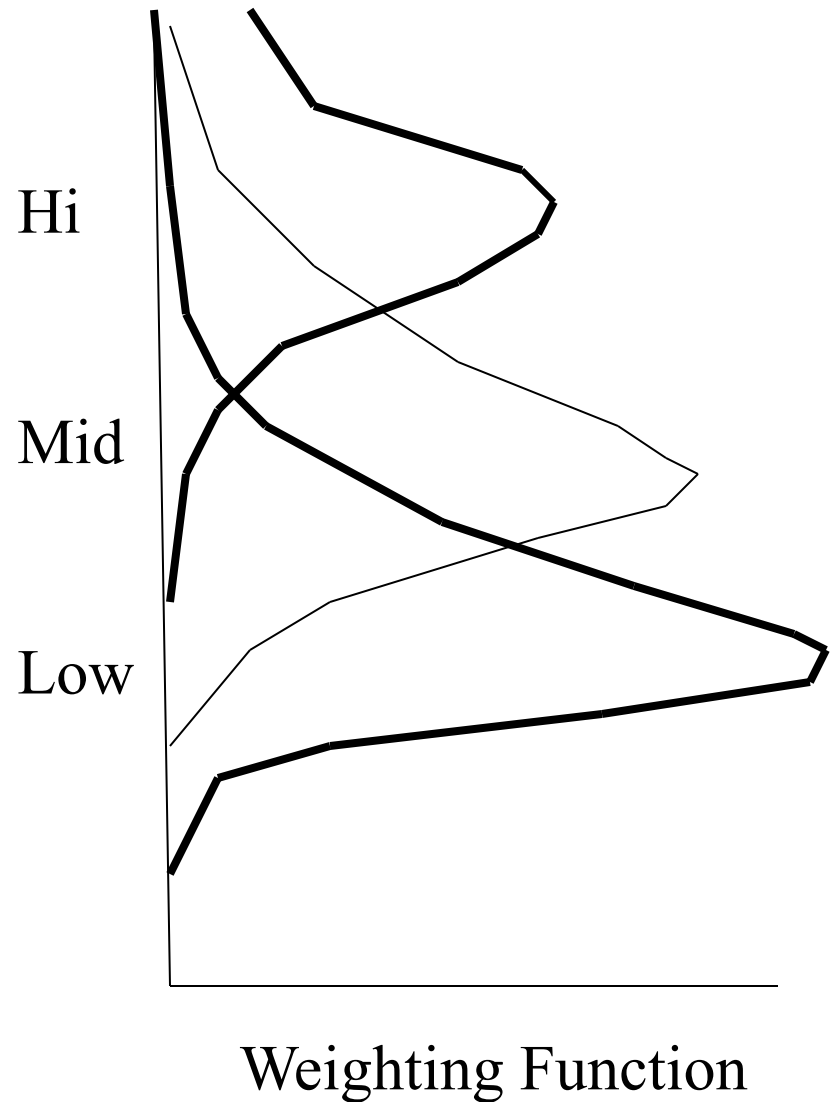
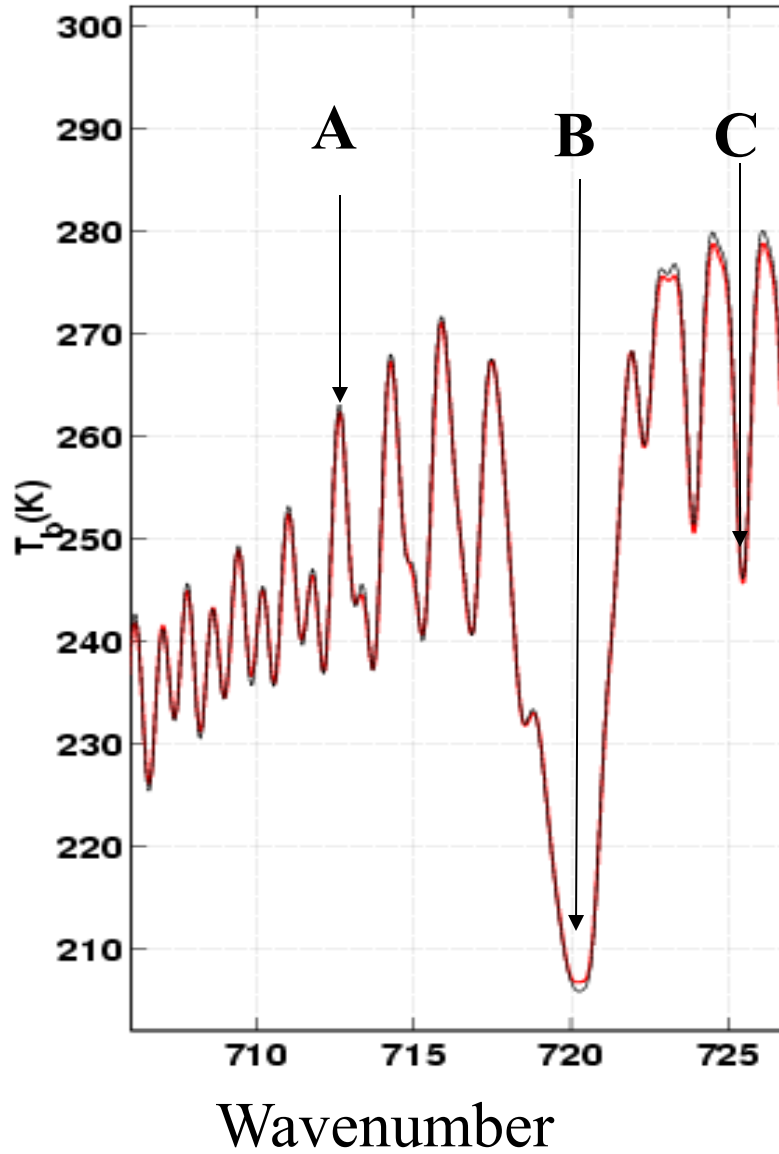
Earth emitted spectrum in CO₂ sensitive 705 to 760 cm⁻¹



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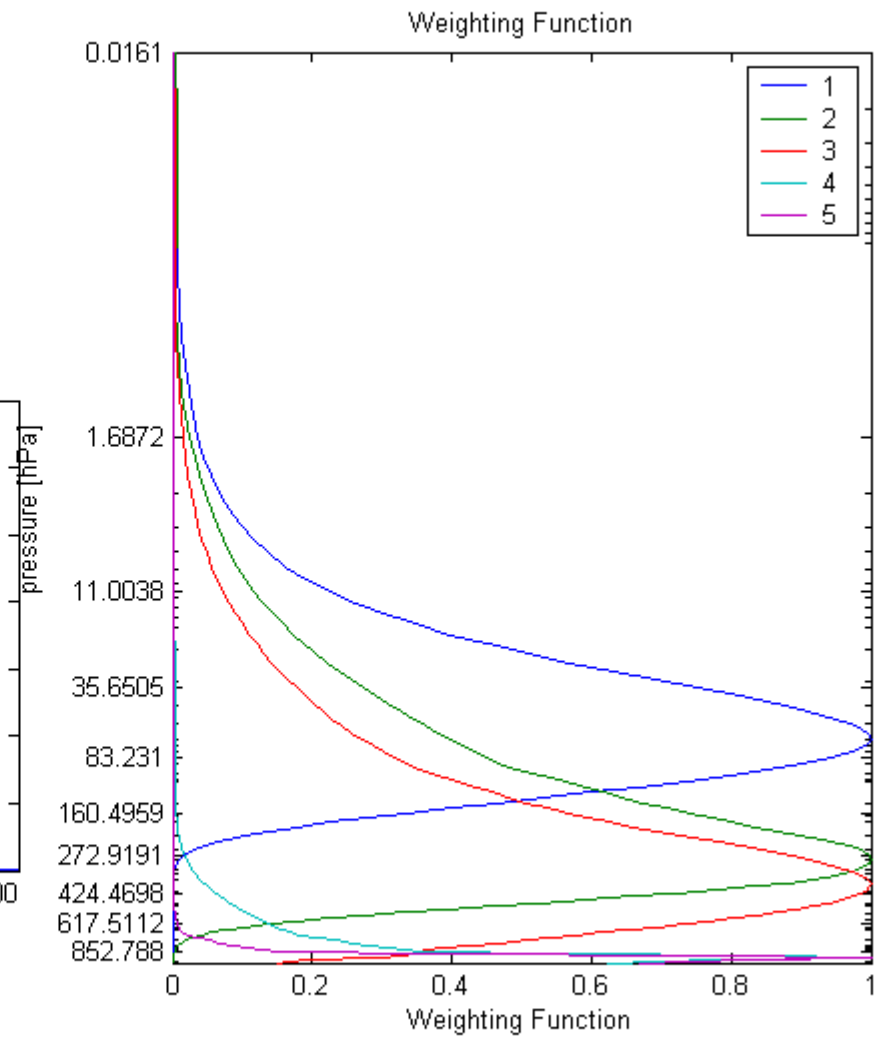
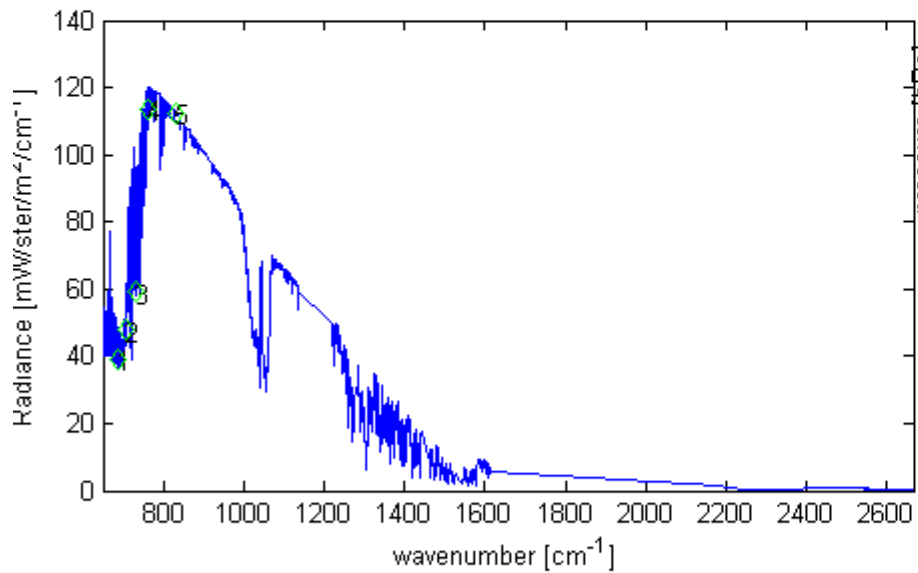


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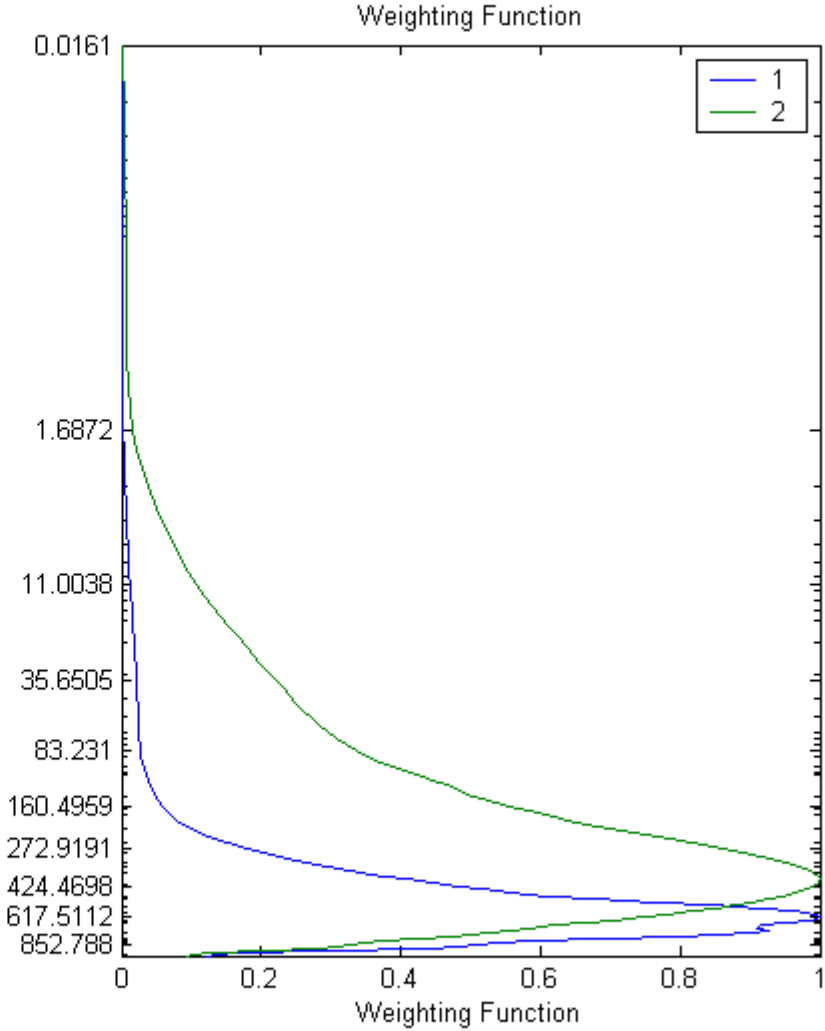
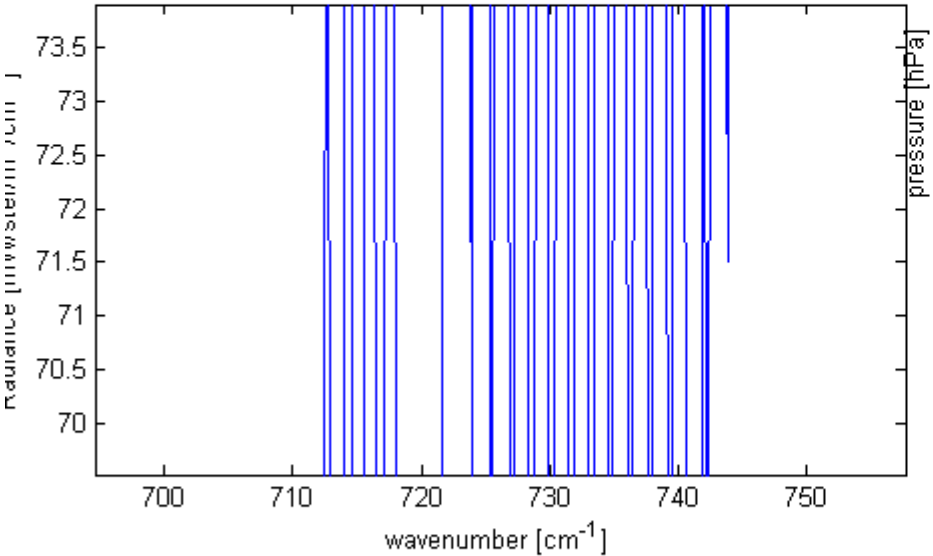
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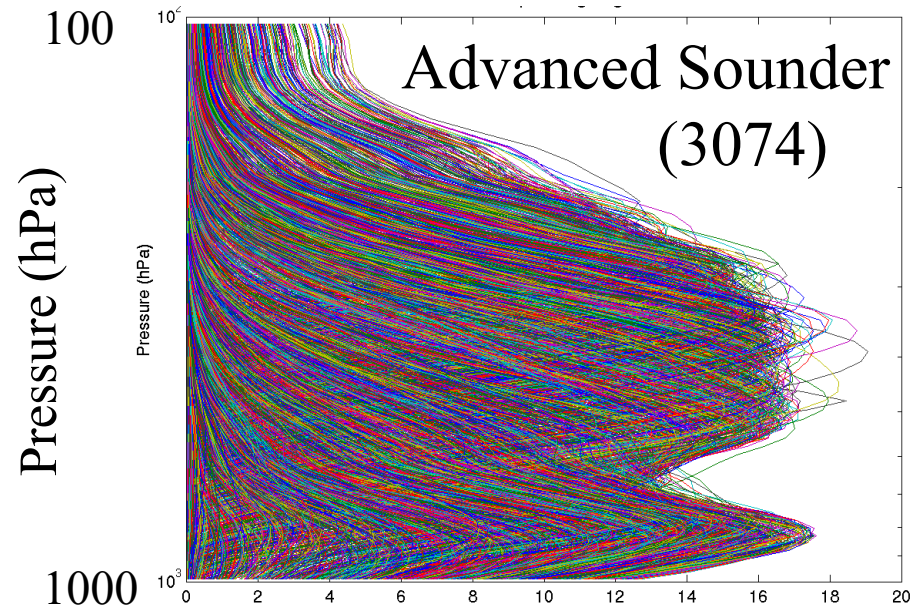
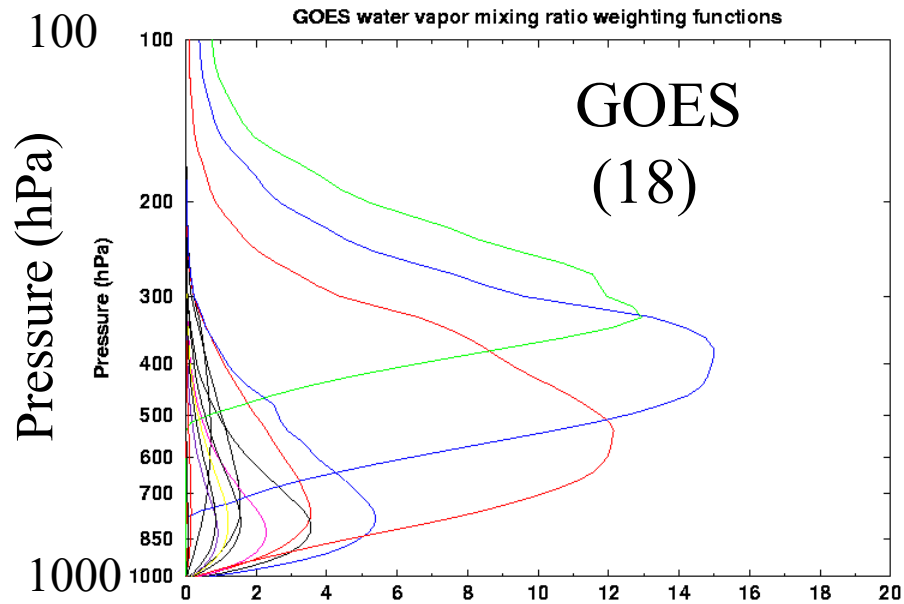
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On-line off-line at 735 cm-1

Select Selected Channel: multi

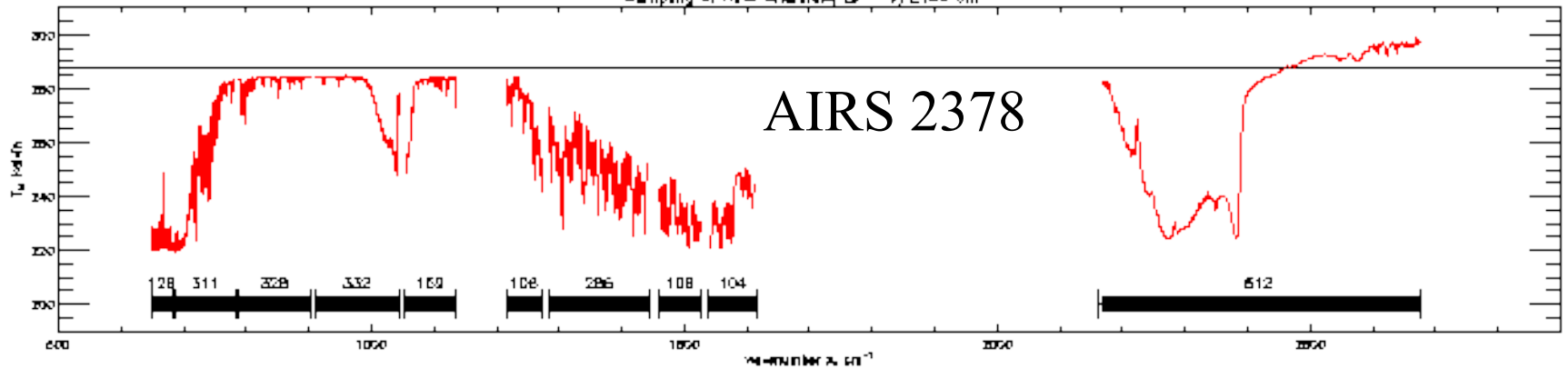




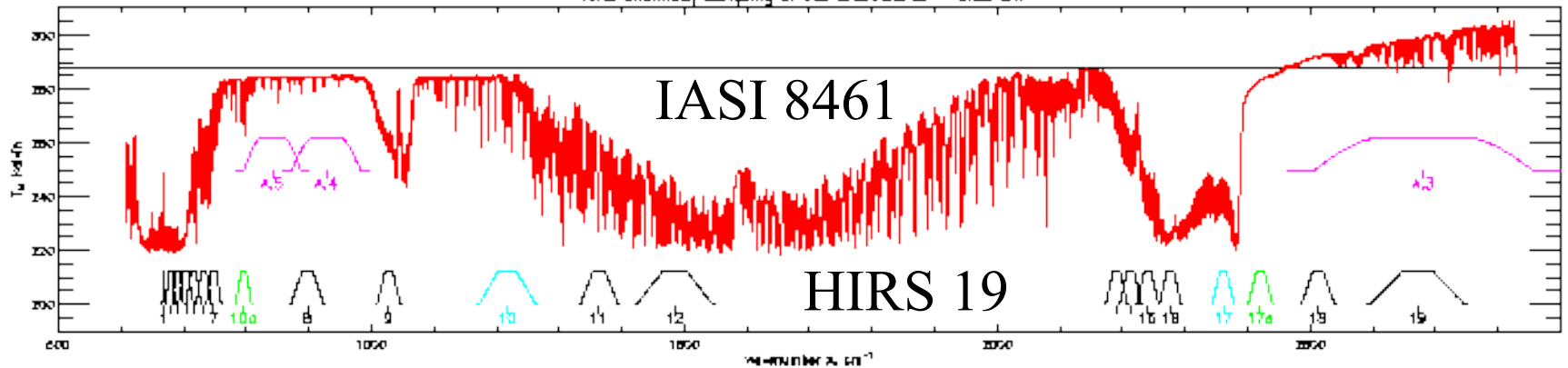
Moisture Weighting Functions

High spectral resolution advanced sounder will have **more and sharper weighting functions** compared to current **GOES** sounder. Retrievals will have better vertical resolution.

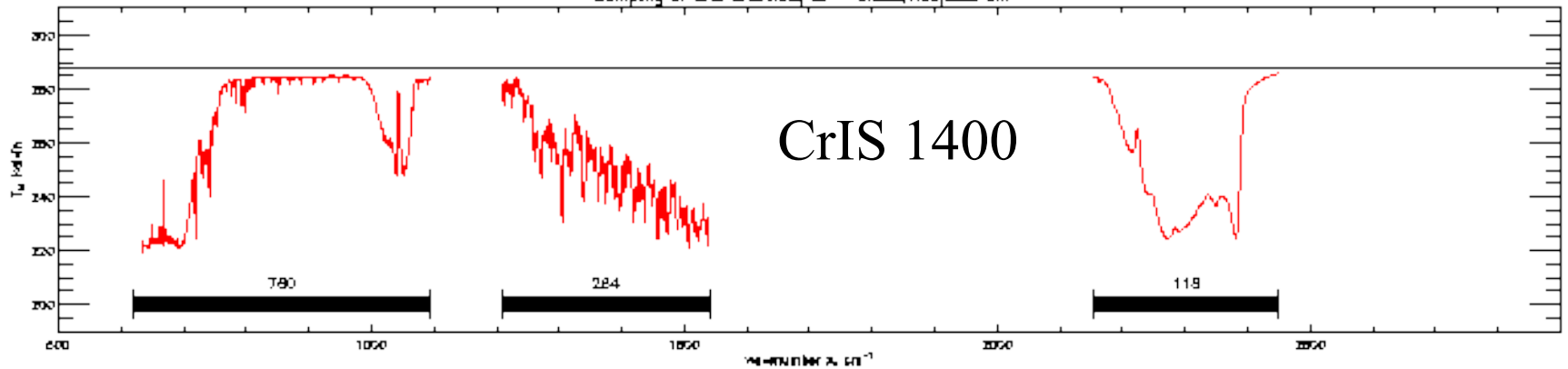
Sampling of AIRS Channels, $\Delta\nu = \nu/2400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



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



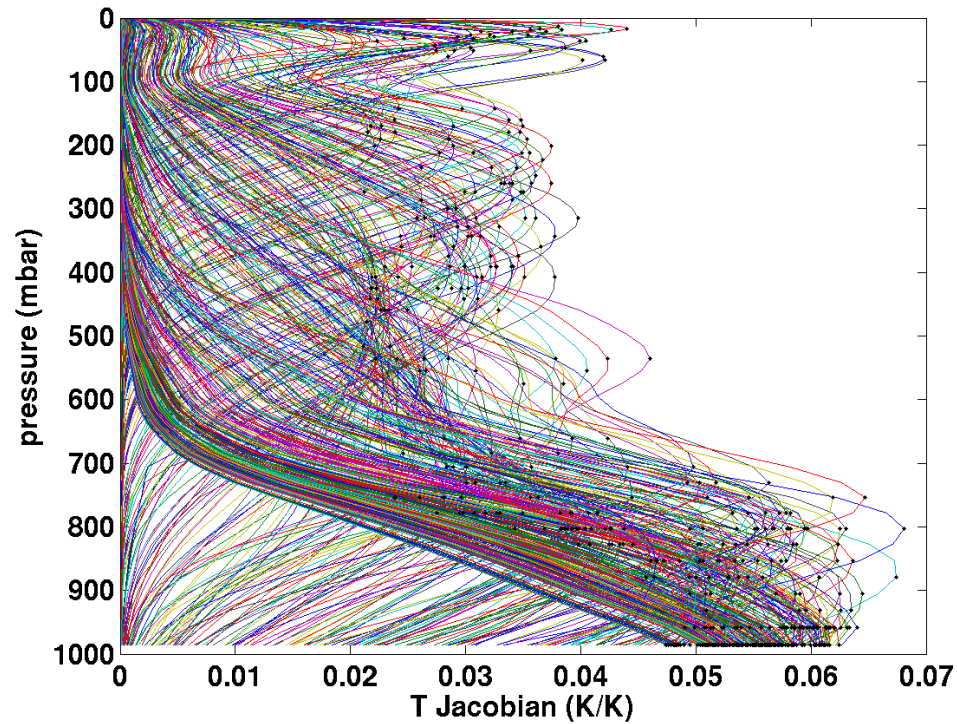
Sampling of CrIS Channels, $\Delta\nu = 0.625, 1.25, 2.50 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



AIRS movie



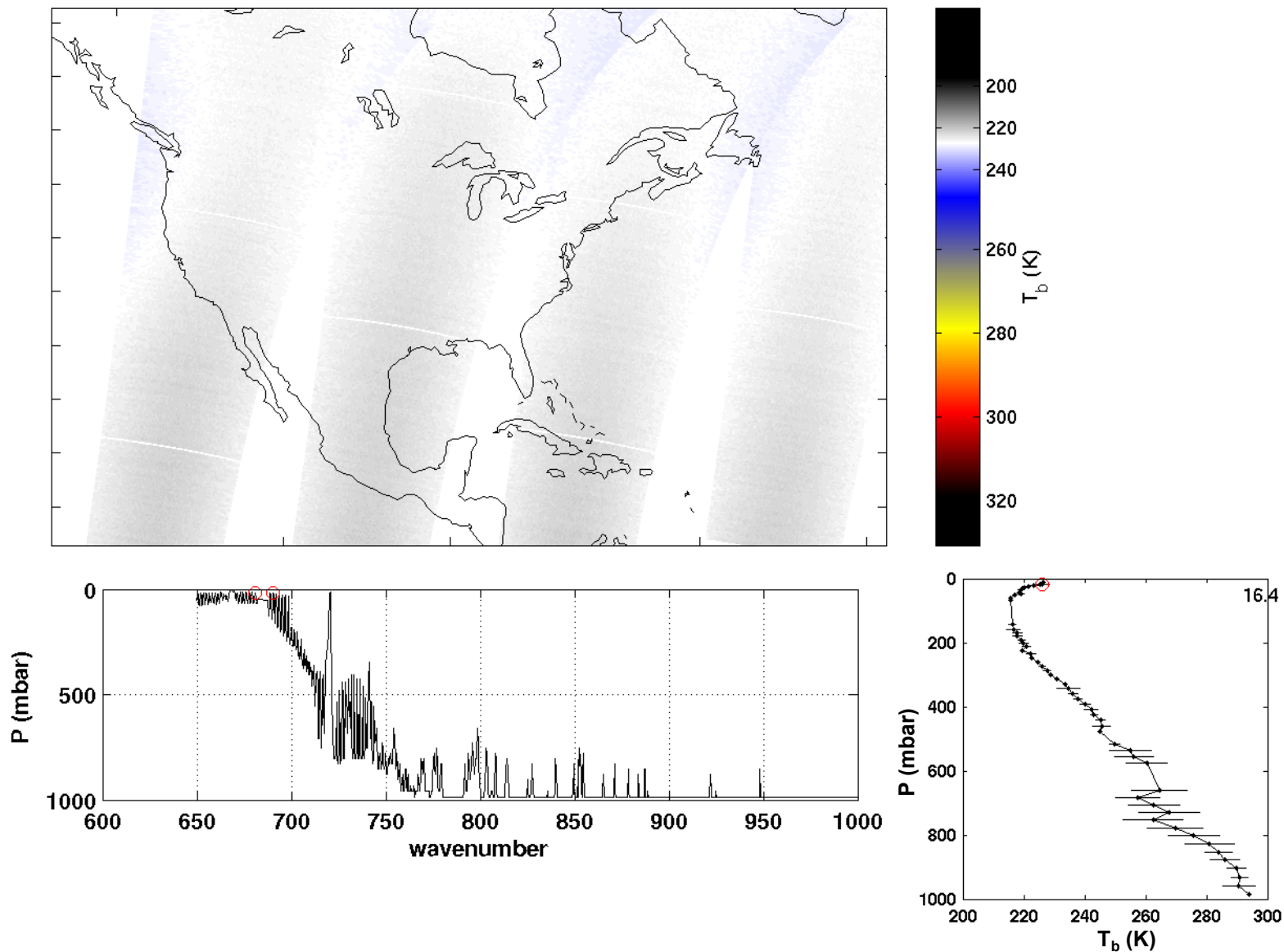
AIRS Clear Sky Temperature Jacobians for US Standard atmosphere, $680 \text{ cm}^{-1} < \nu < 900 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, Bad_Flag = 0



↙ Sort channels by pressure of Jacobian peaks

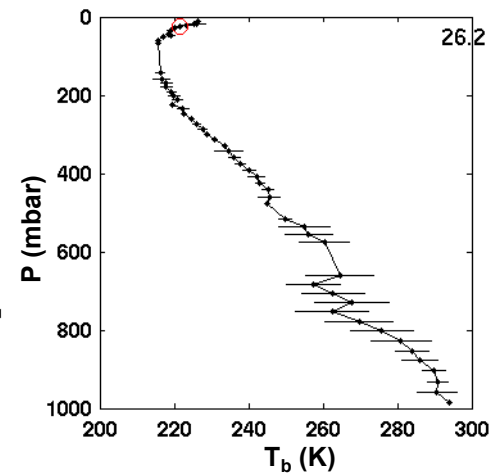
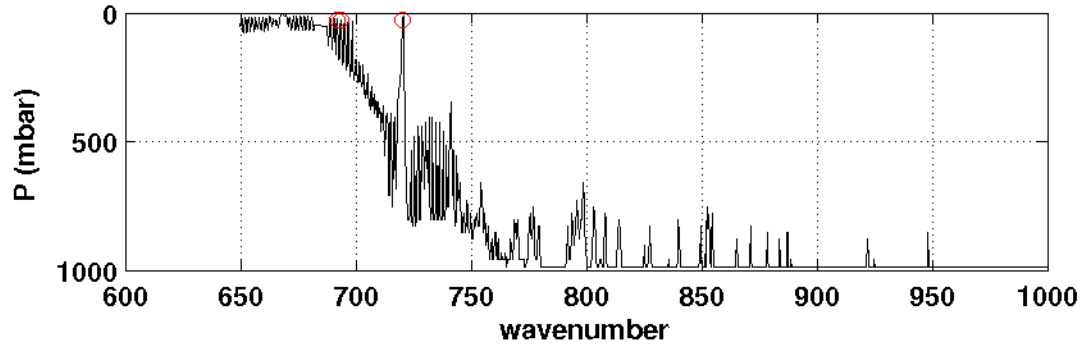
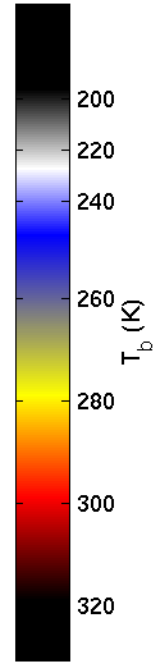
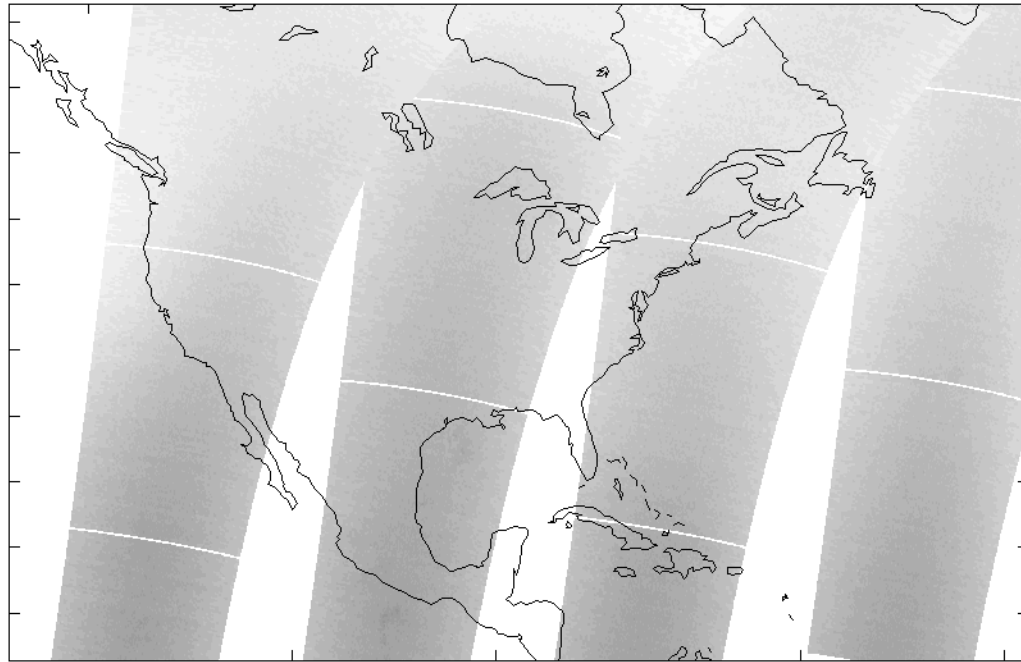
AIRS nighttime granules over CONUS, 6 Sept 2002

16.4 mbar

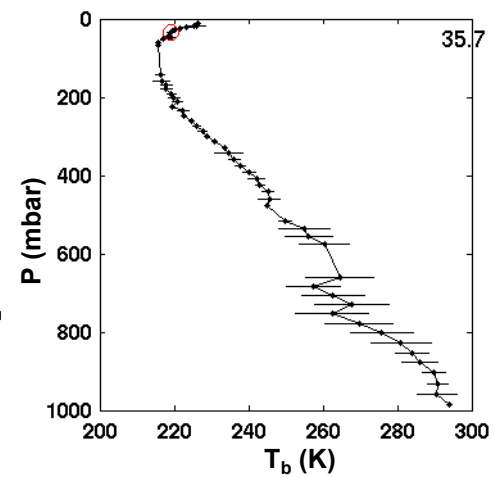
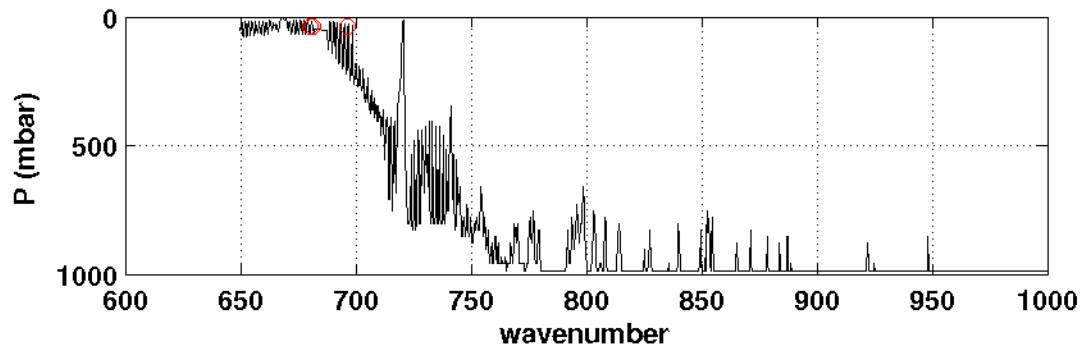
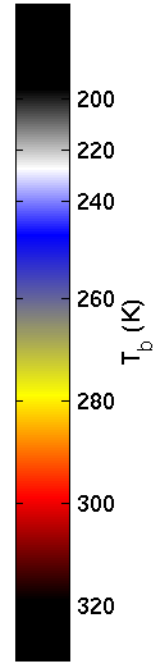
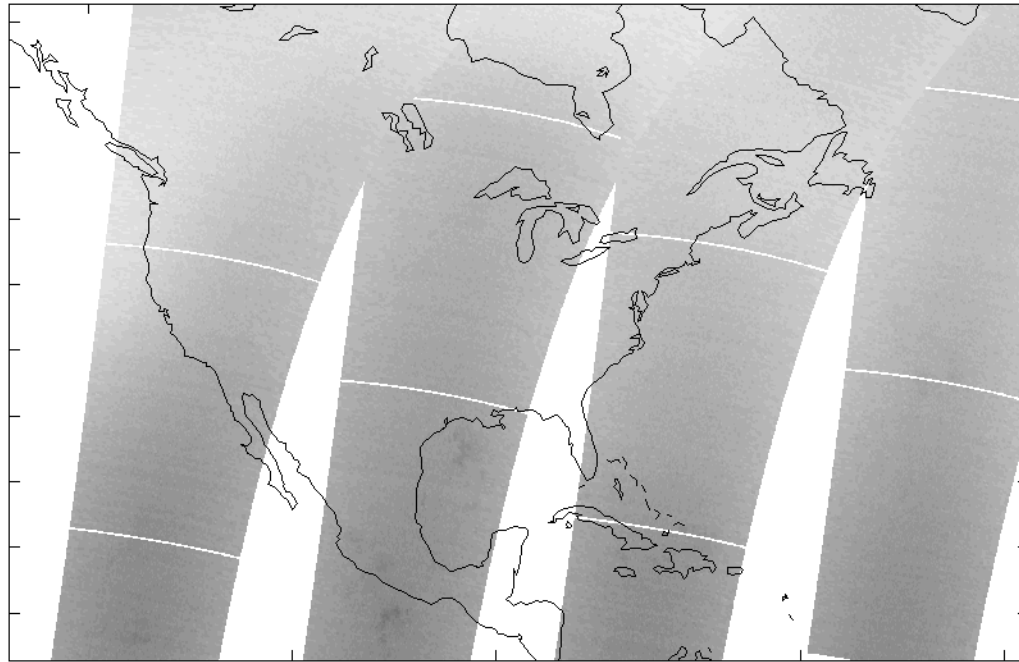


Mouse click or page down to start movie

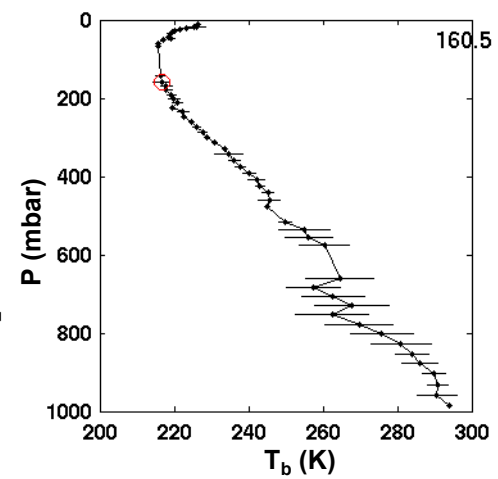
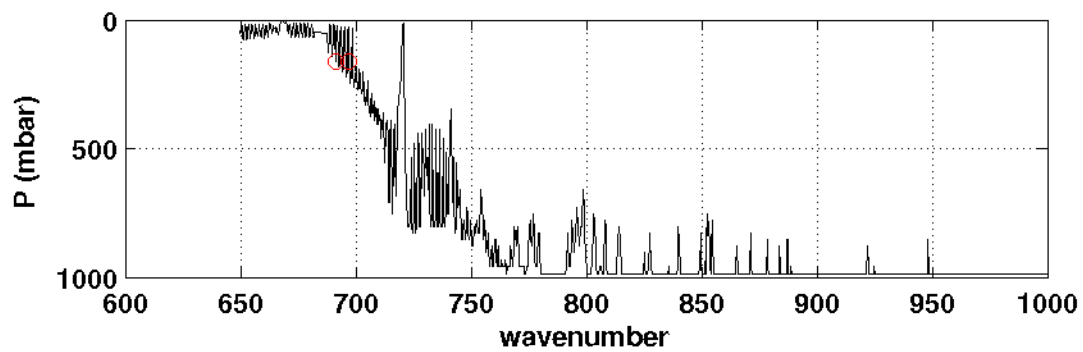
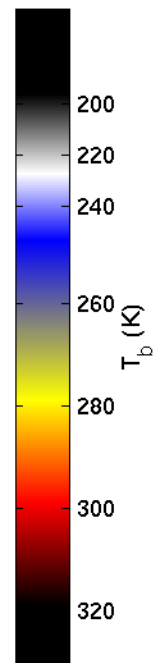
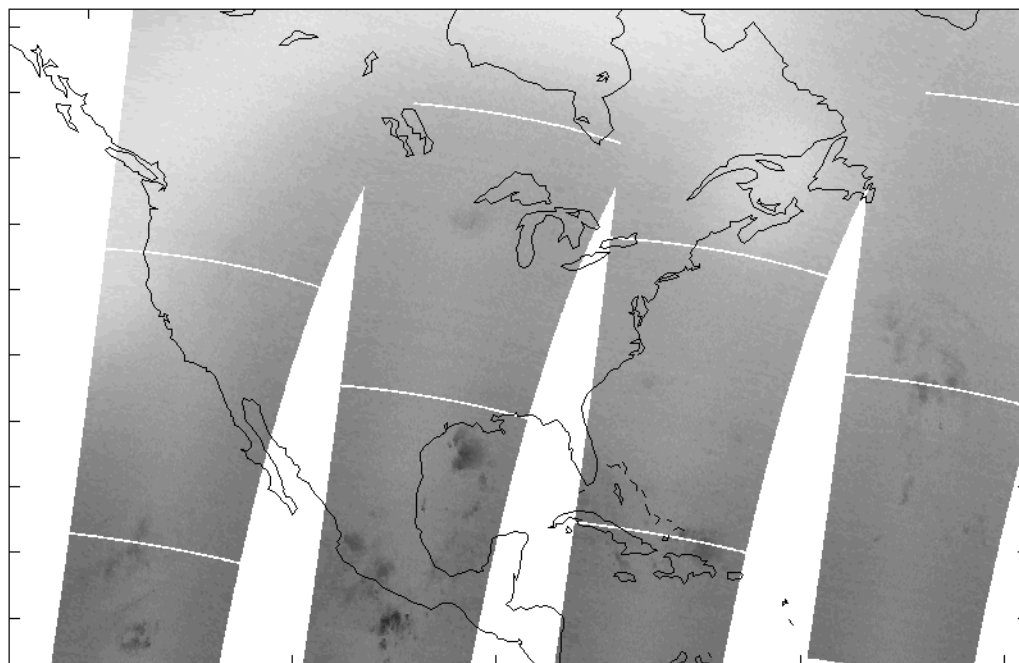
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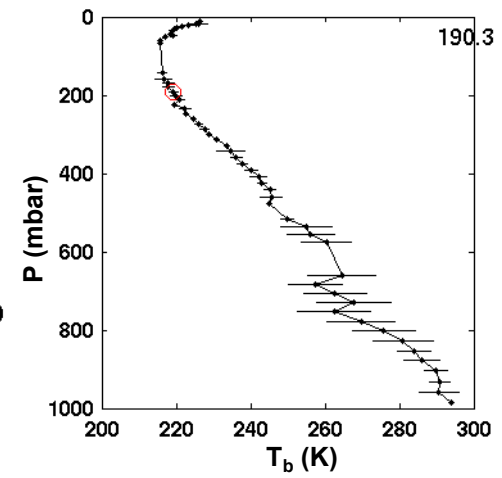
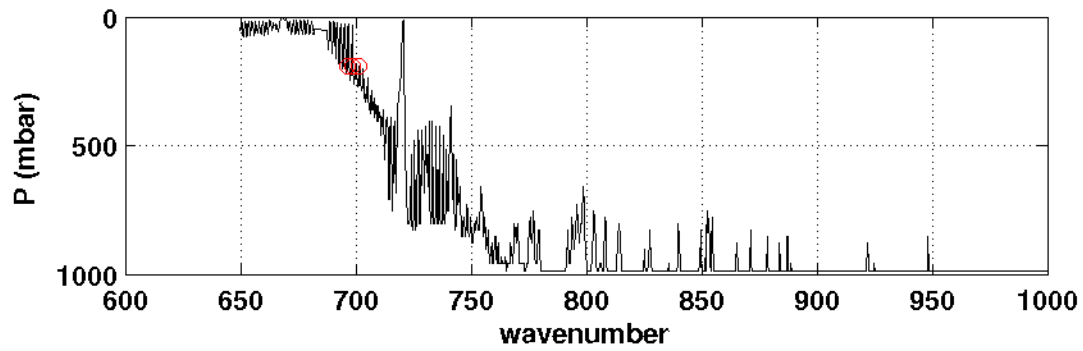
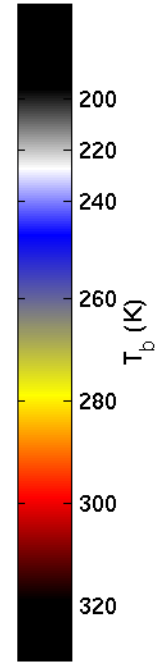
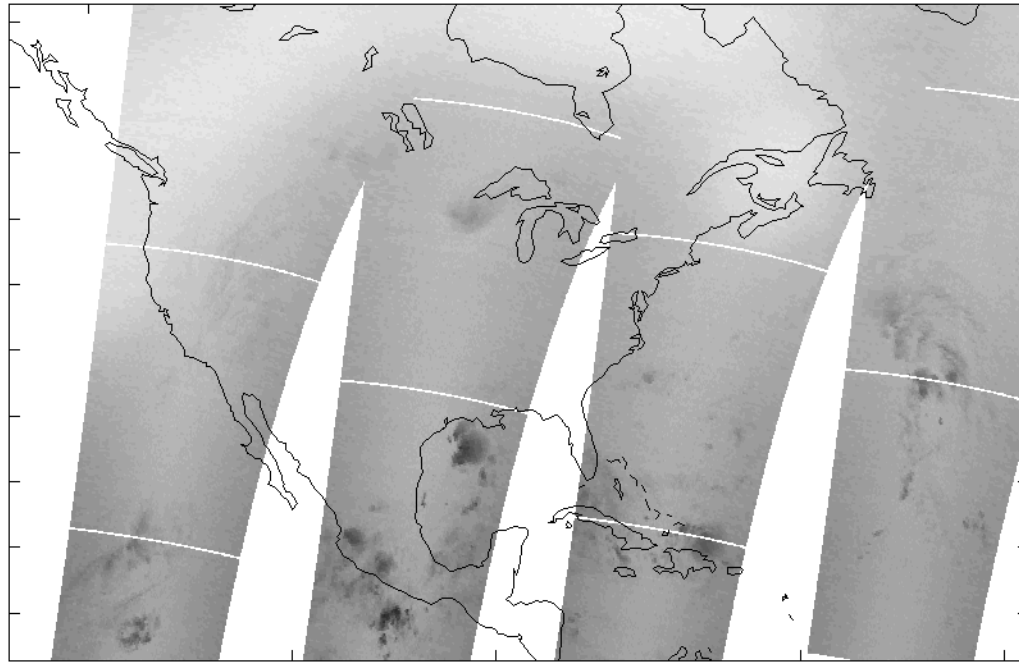
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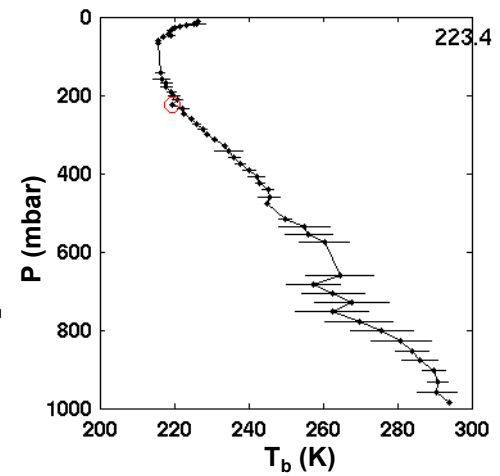
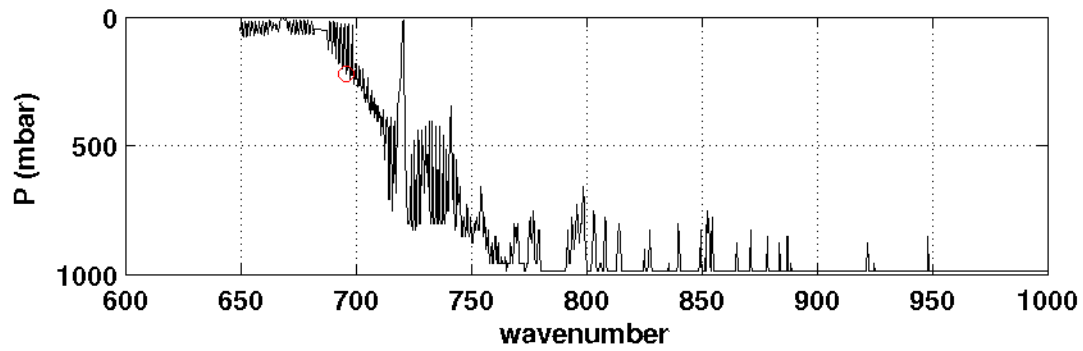
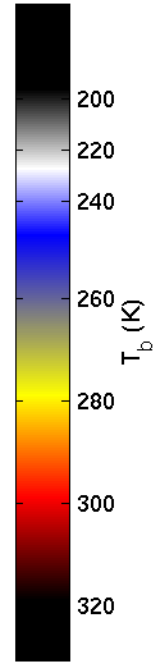
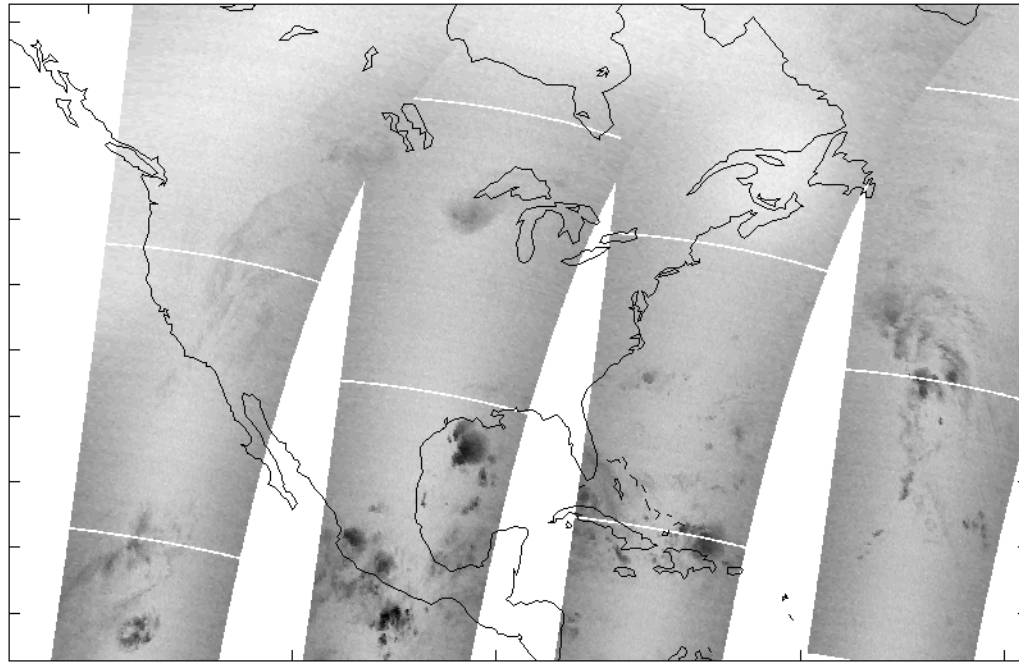
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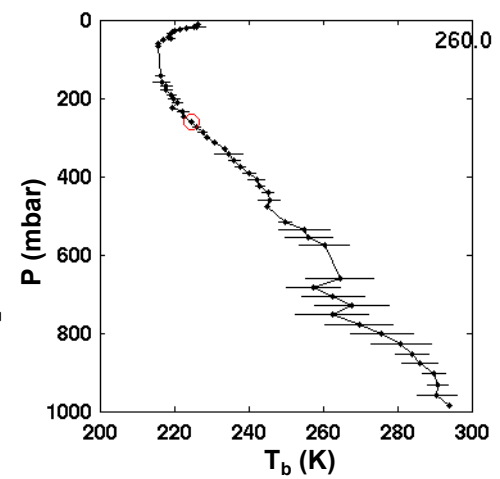
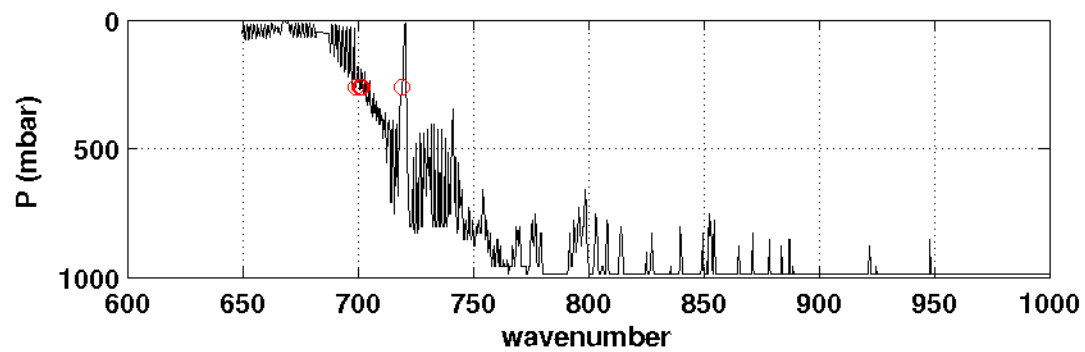
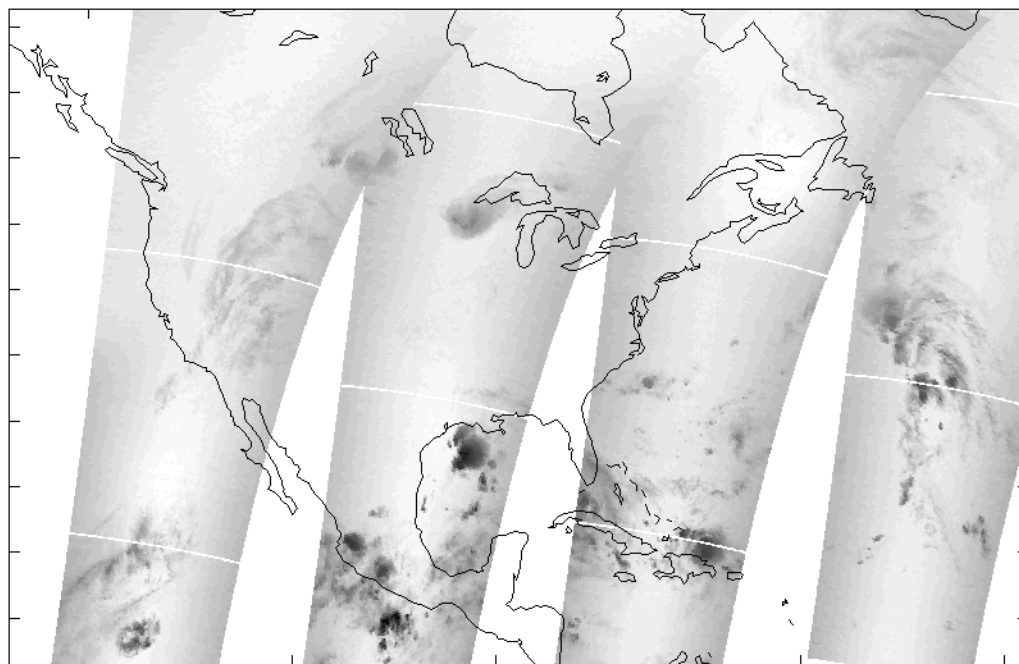
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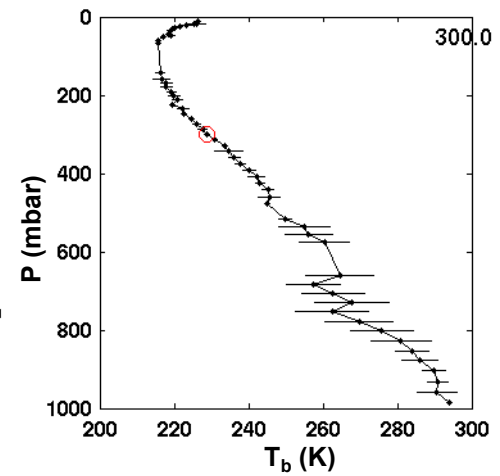
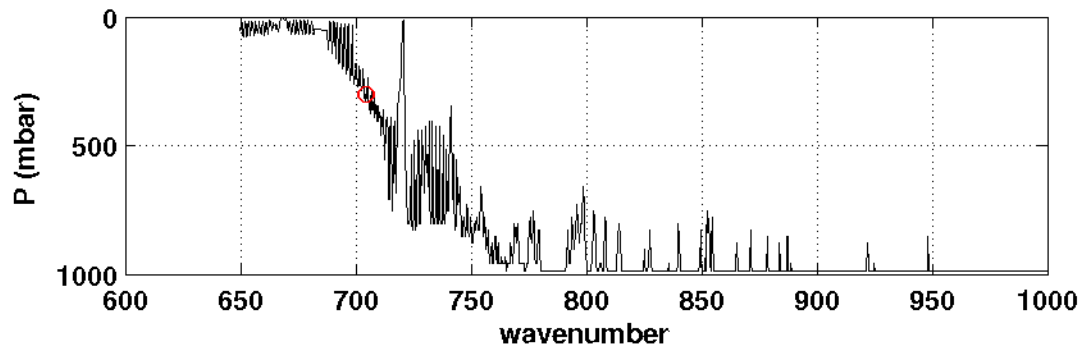
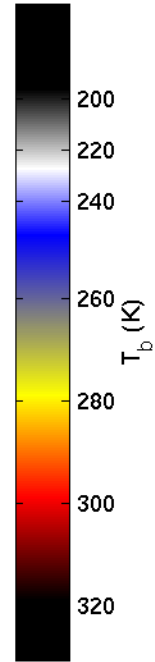
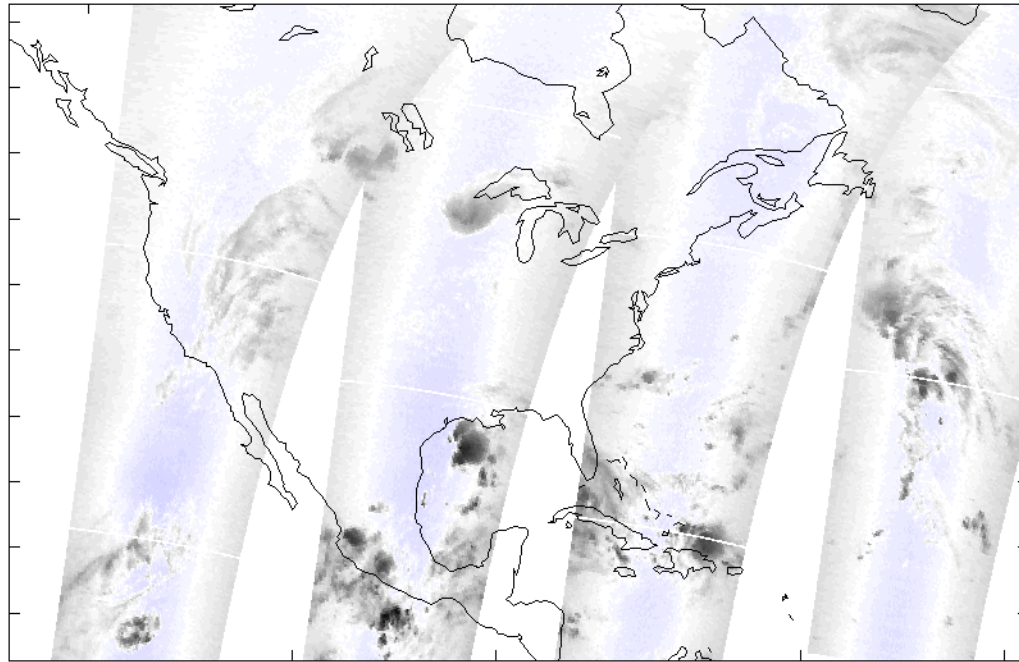
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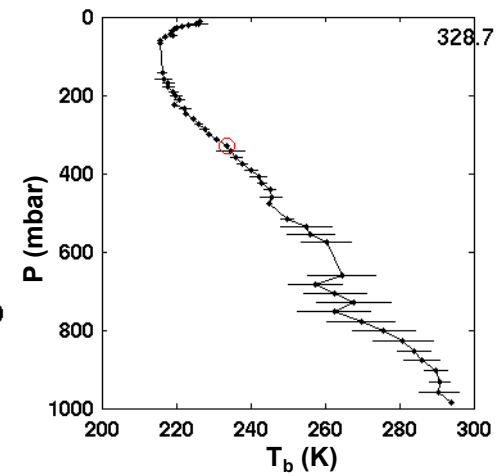
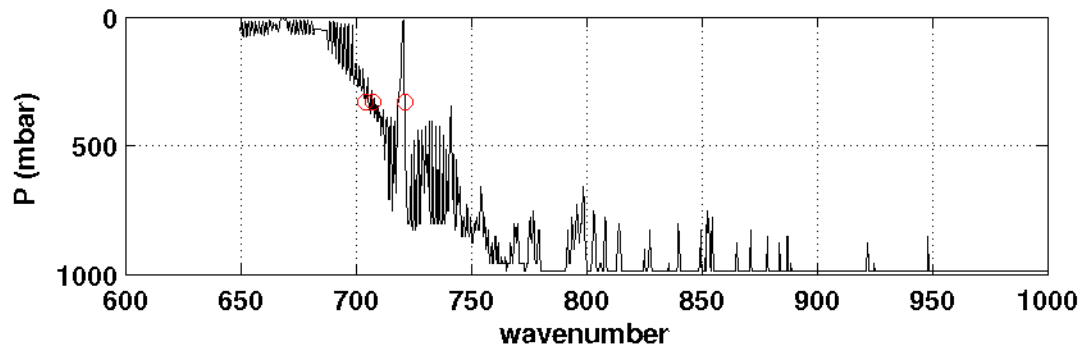
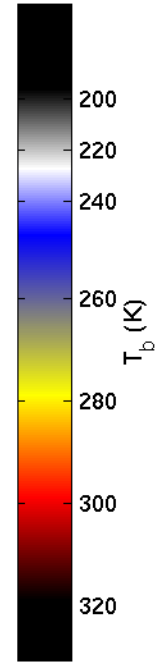
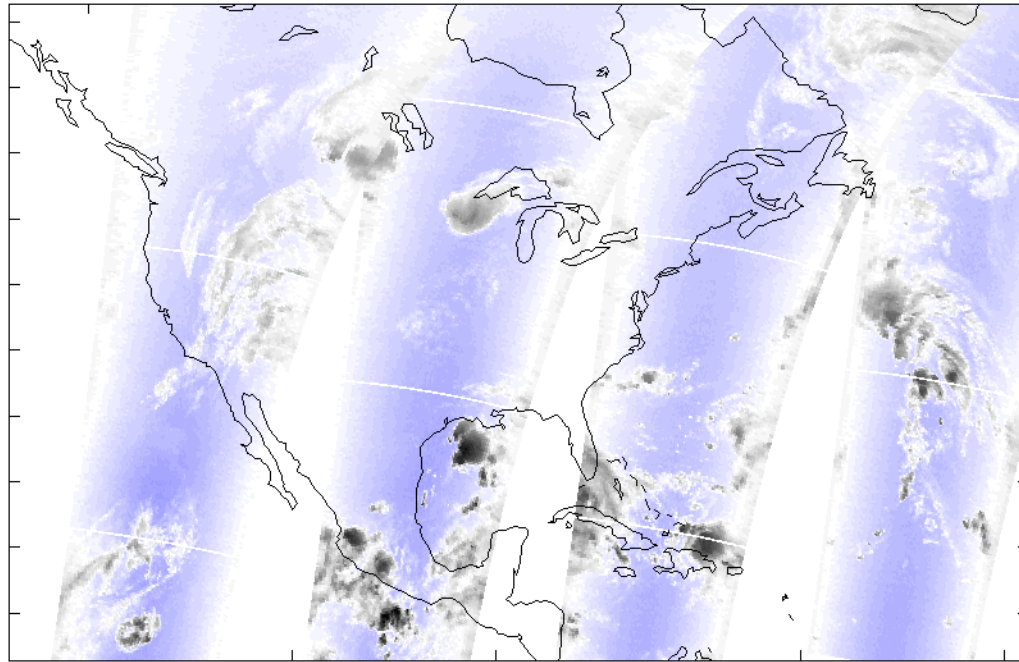
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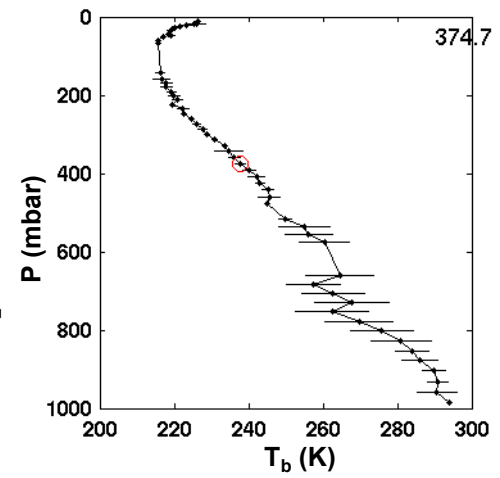
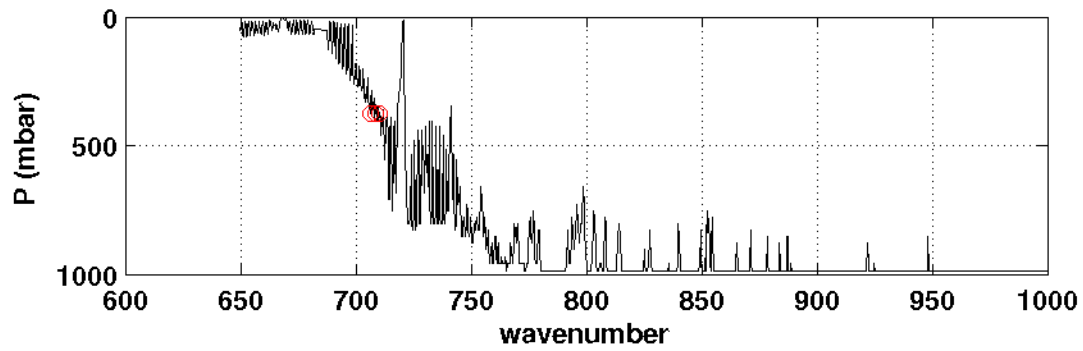
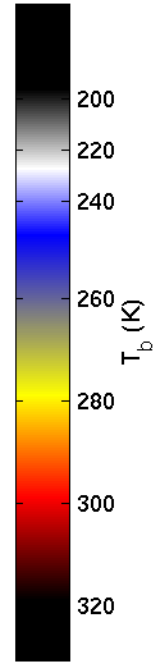
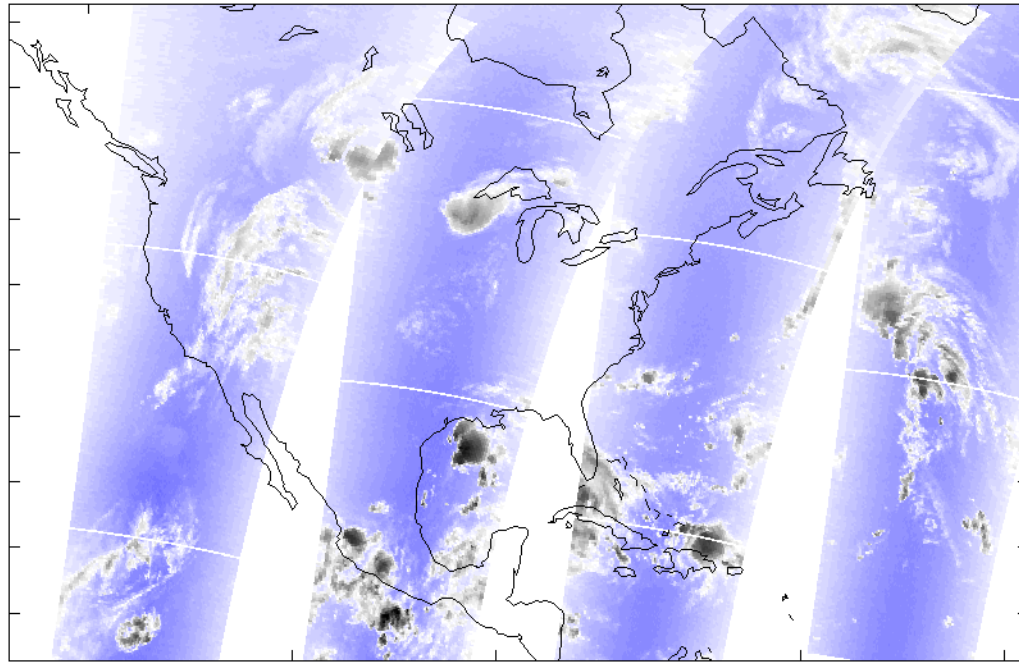
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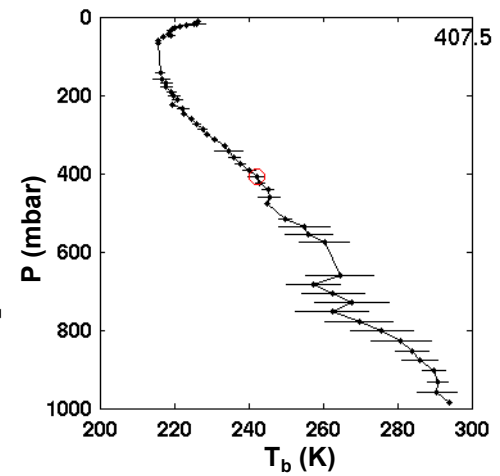
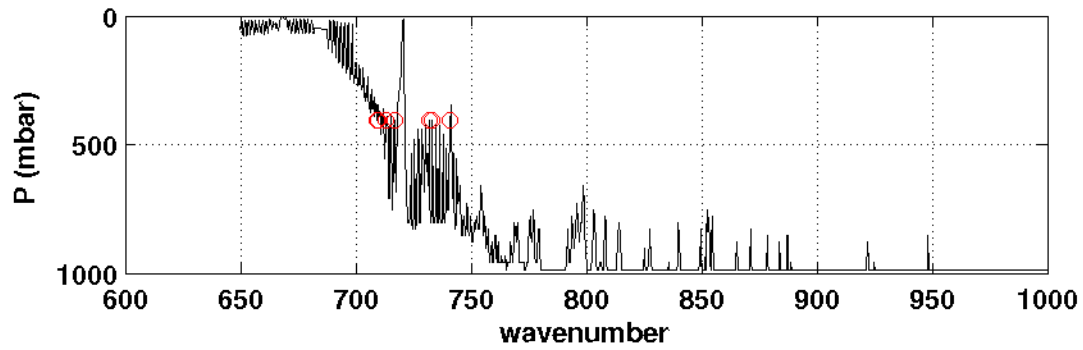
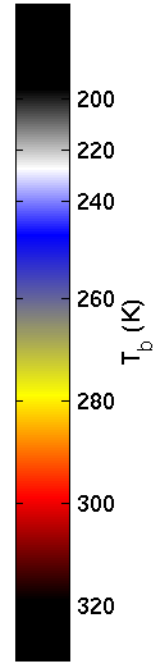
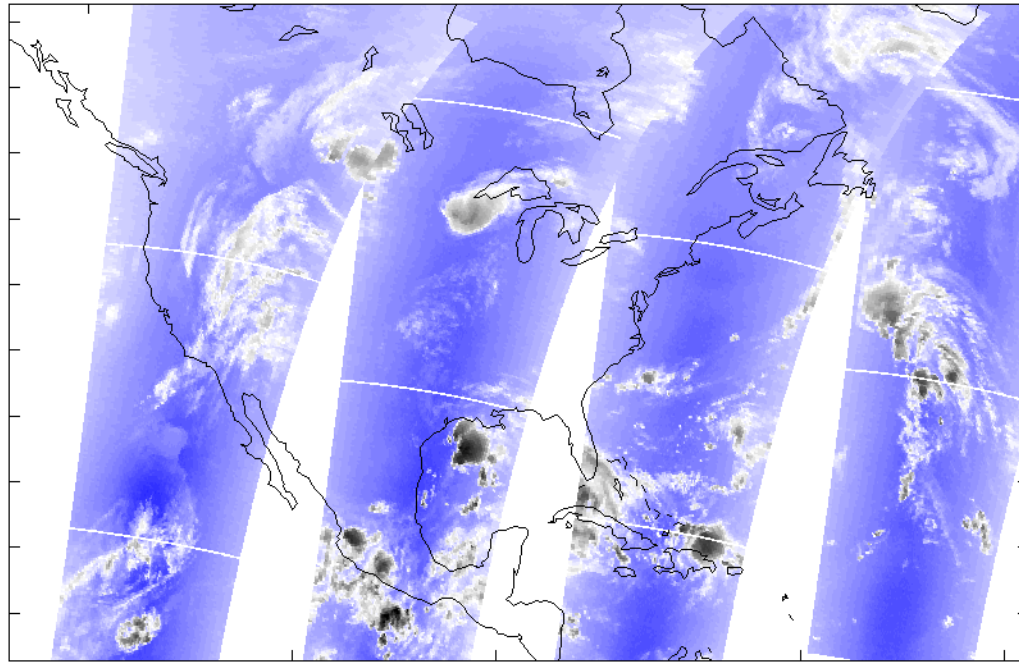
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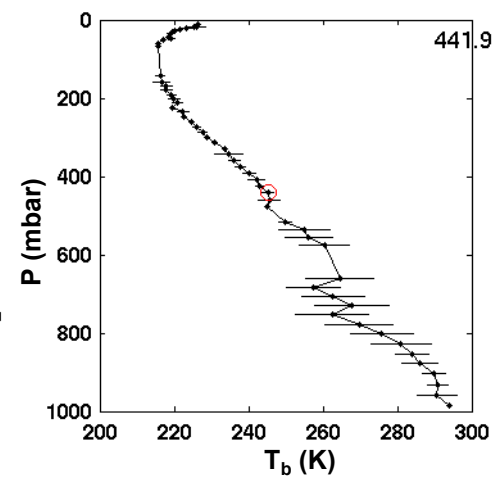
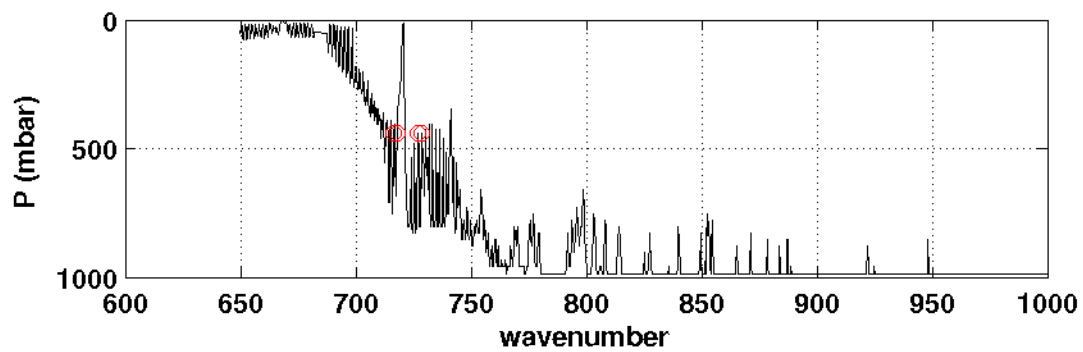
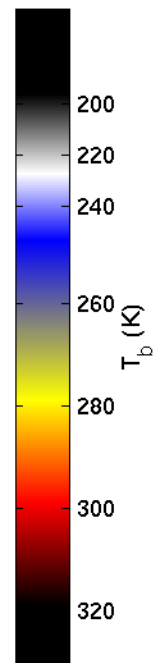
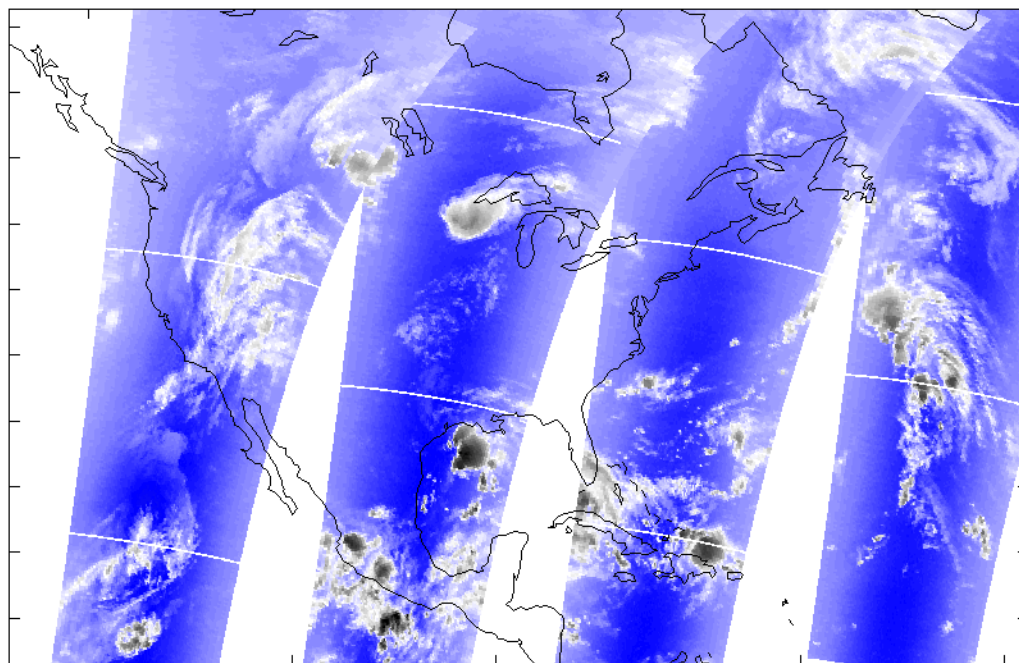
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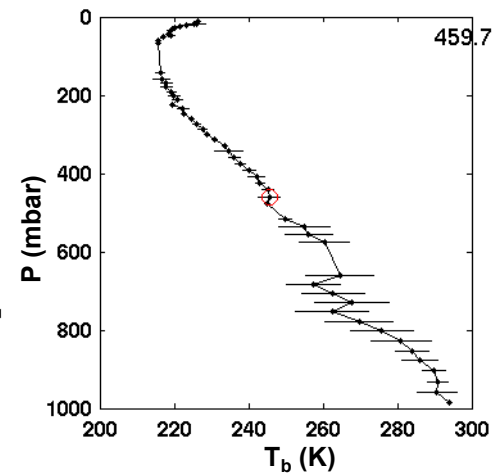
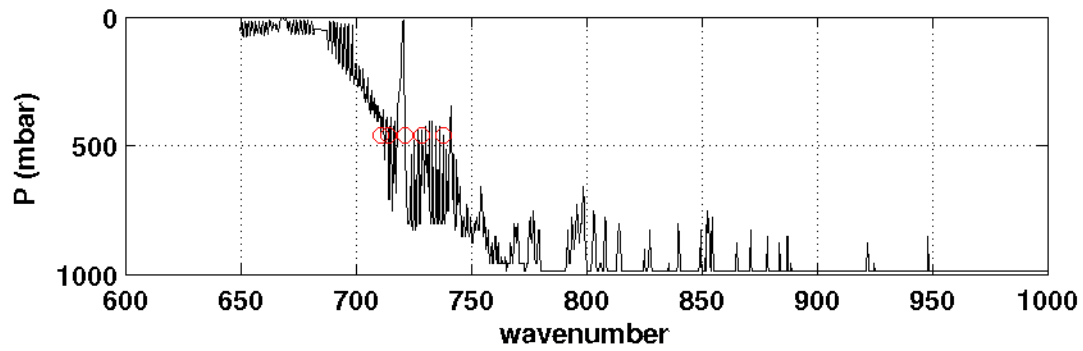
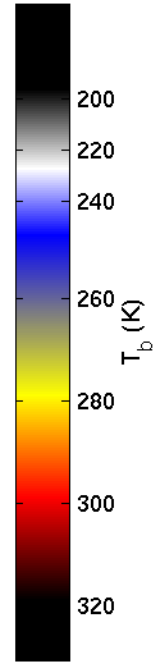
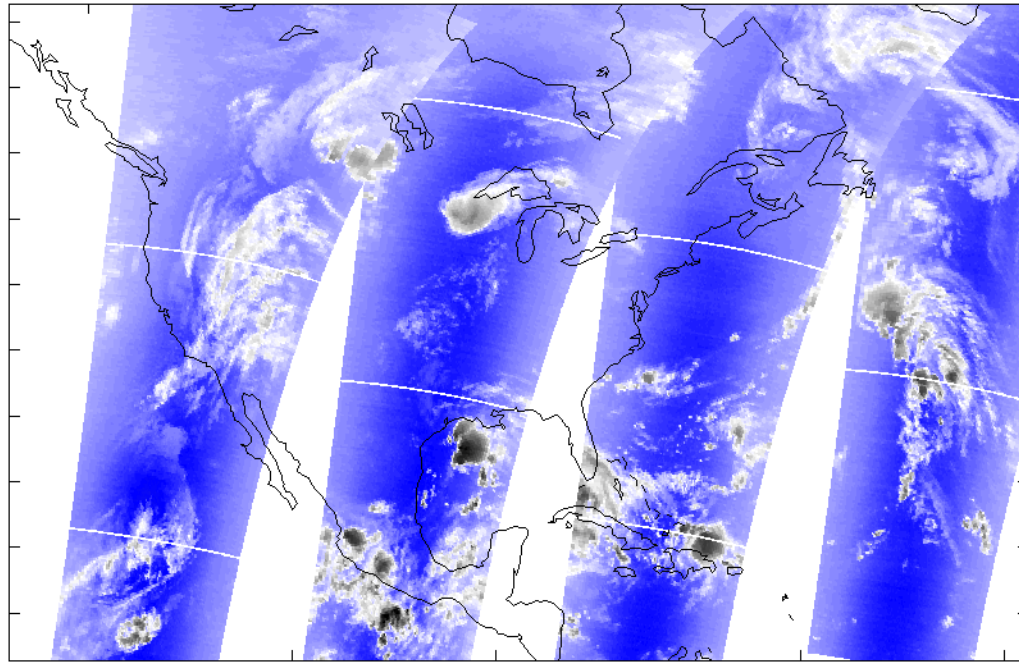
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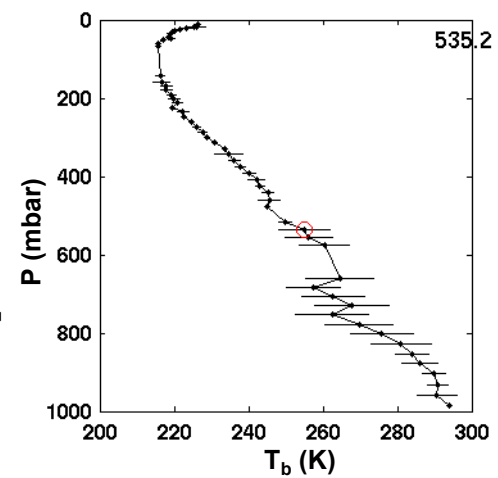
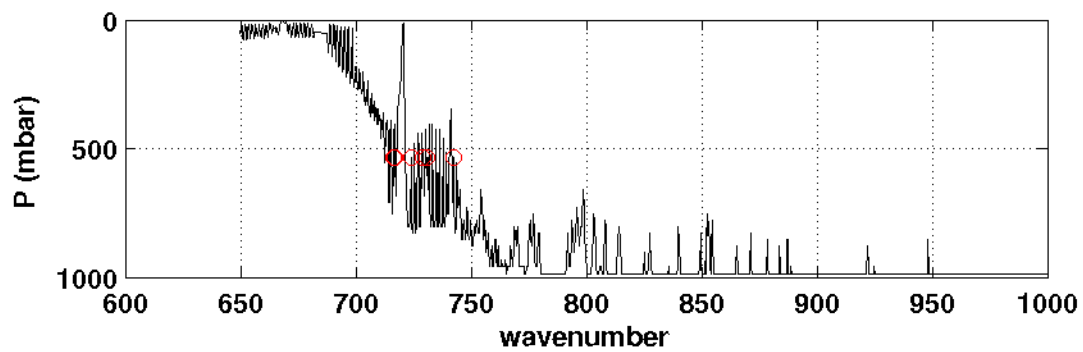
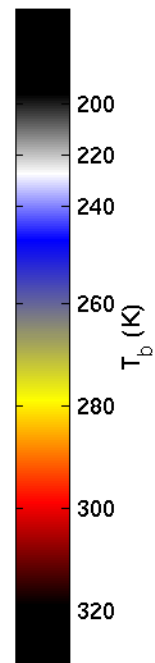
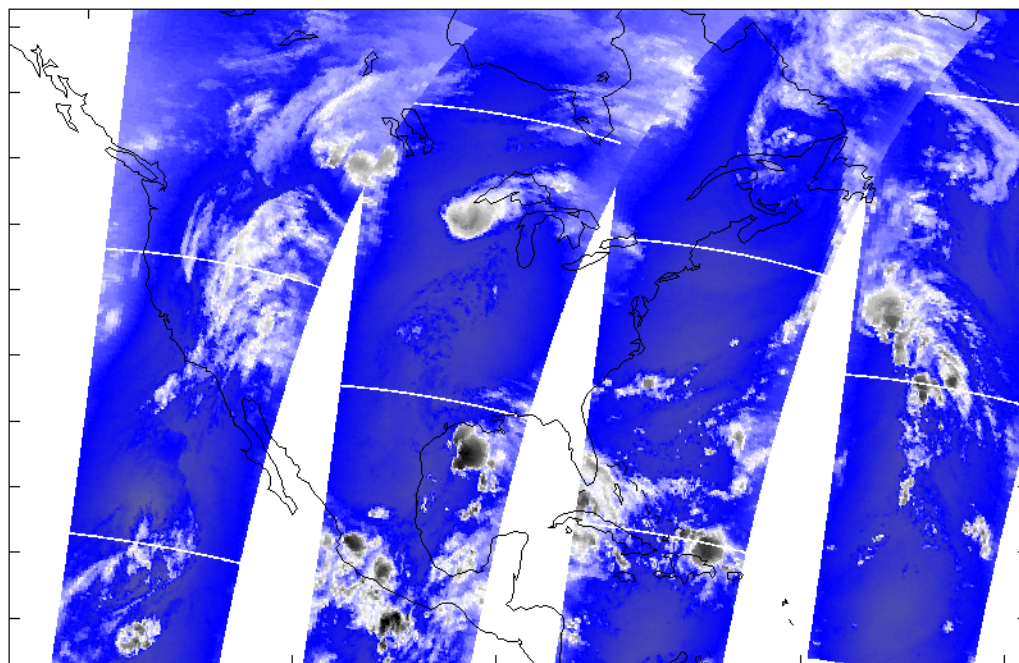
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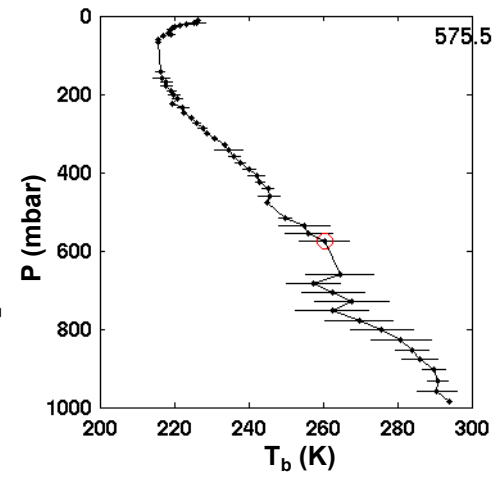
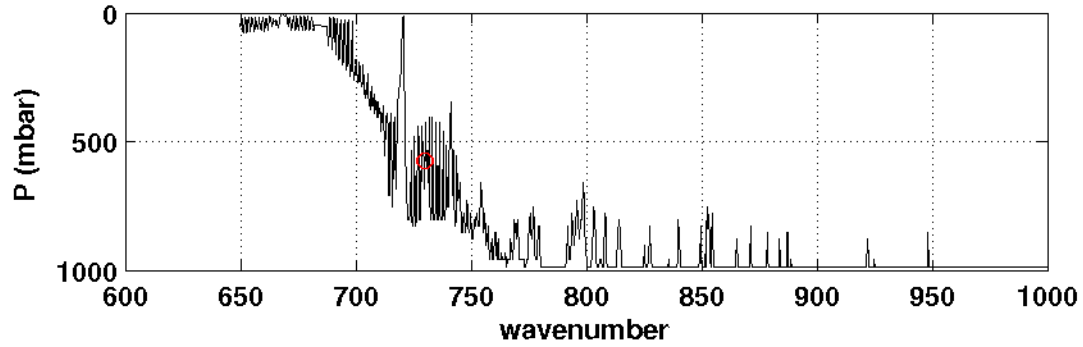
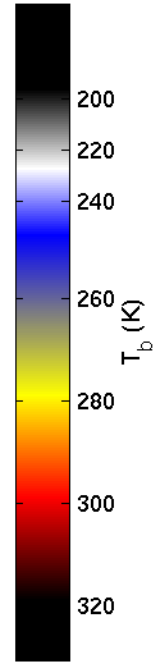
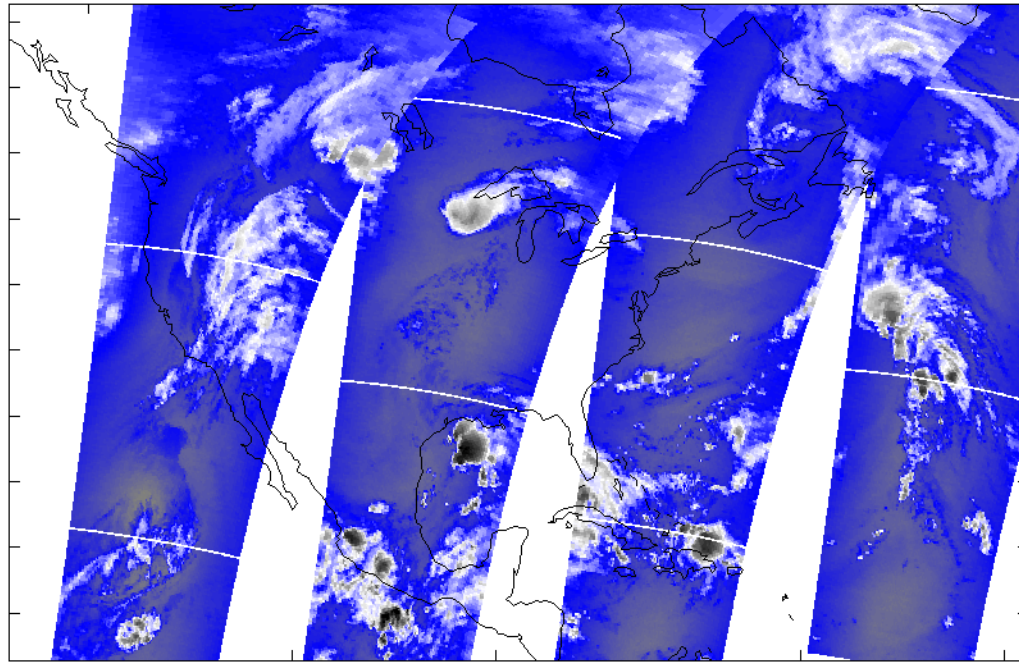
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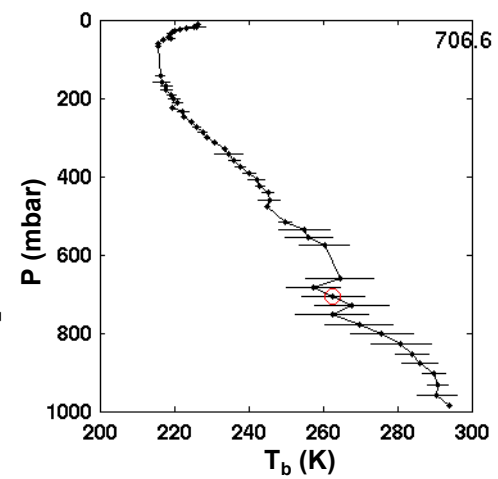
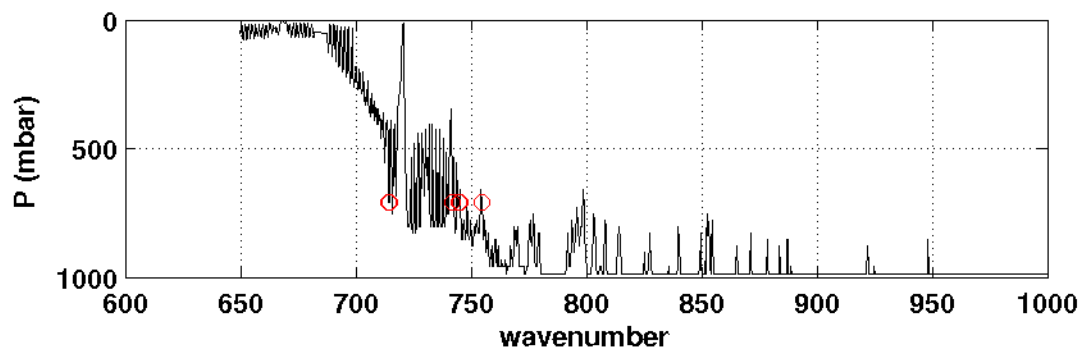
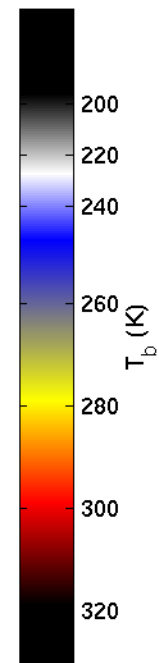
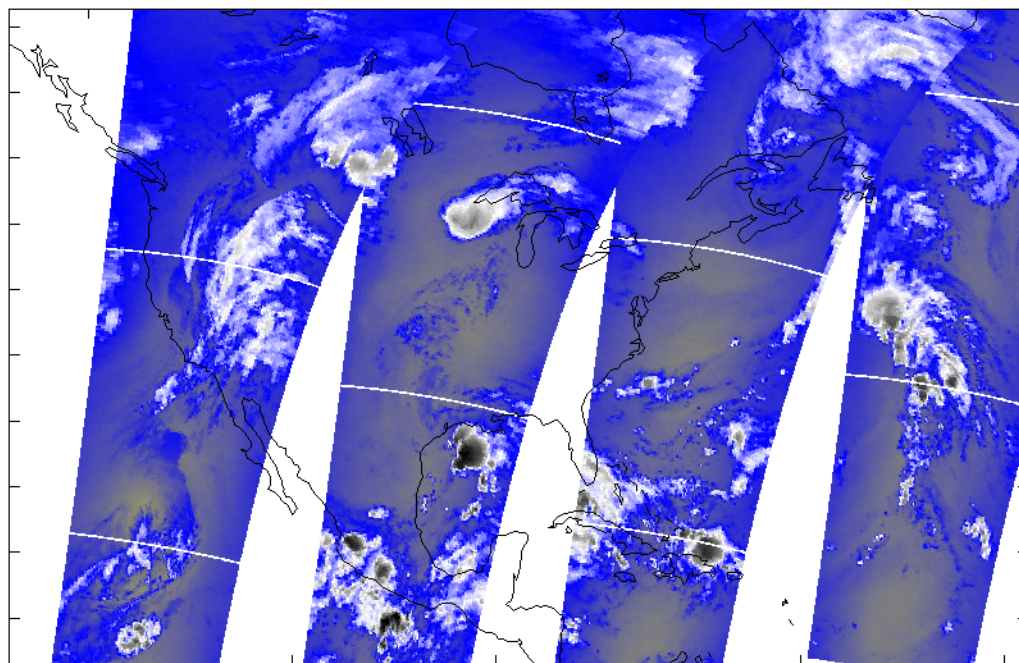
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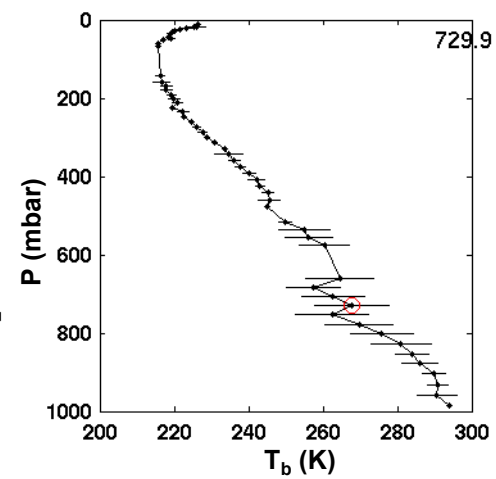
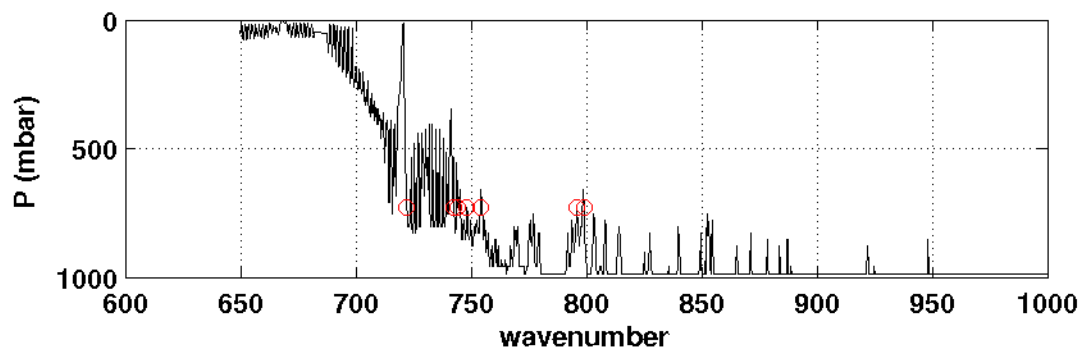
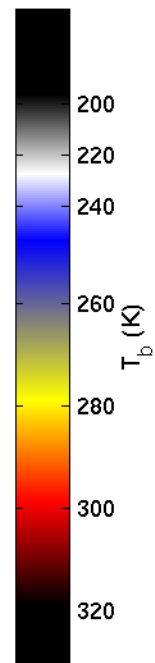
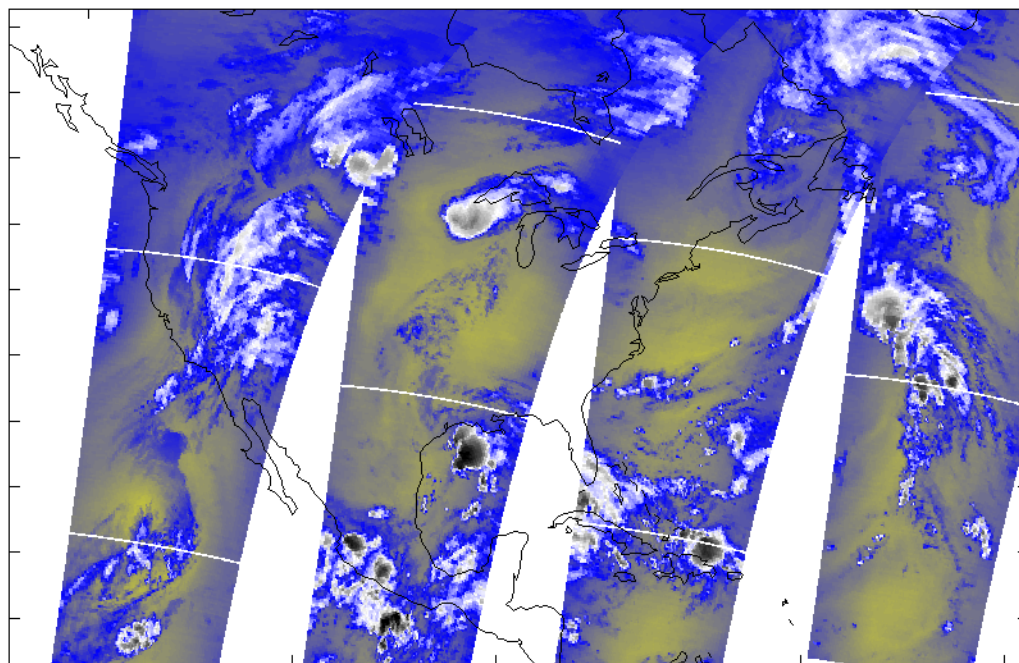
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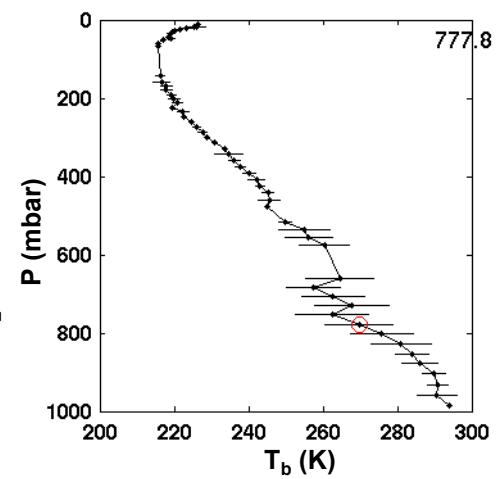
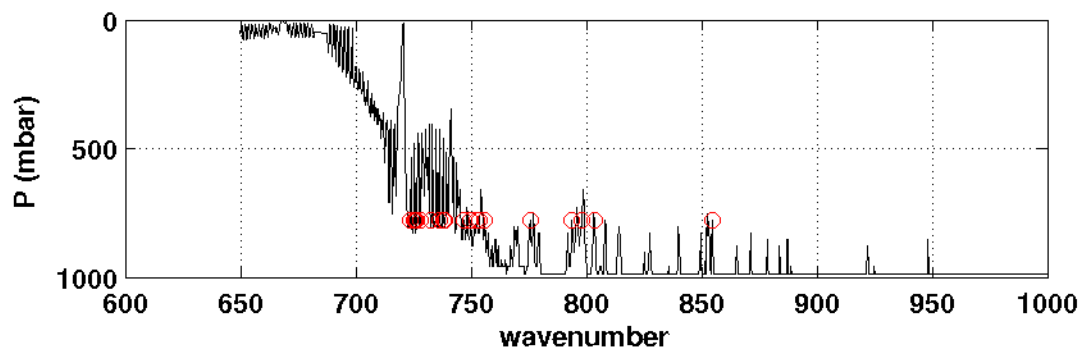
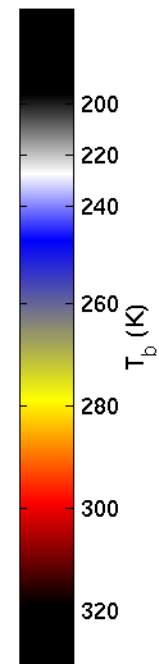
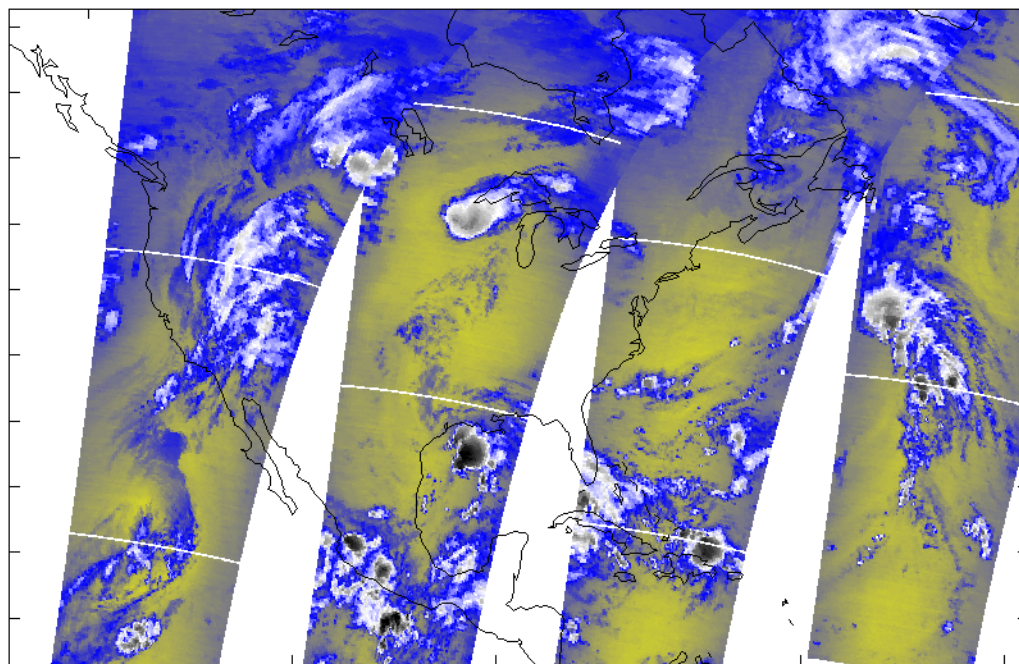
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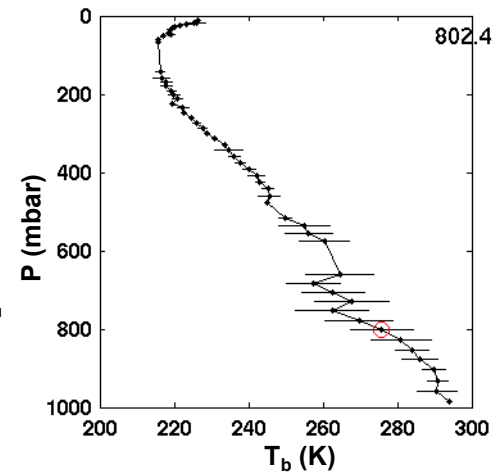
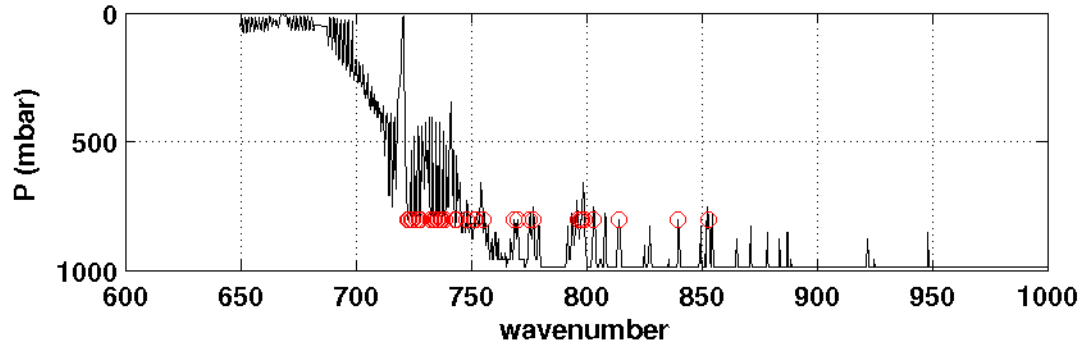
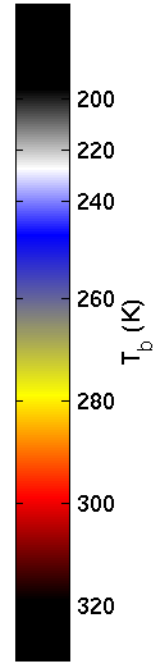
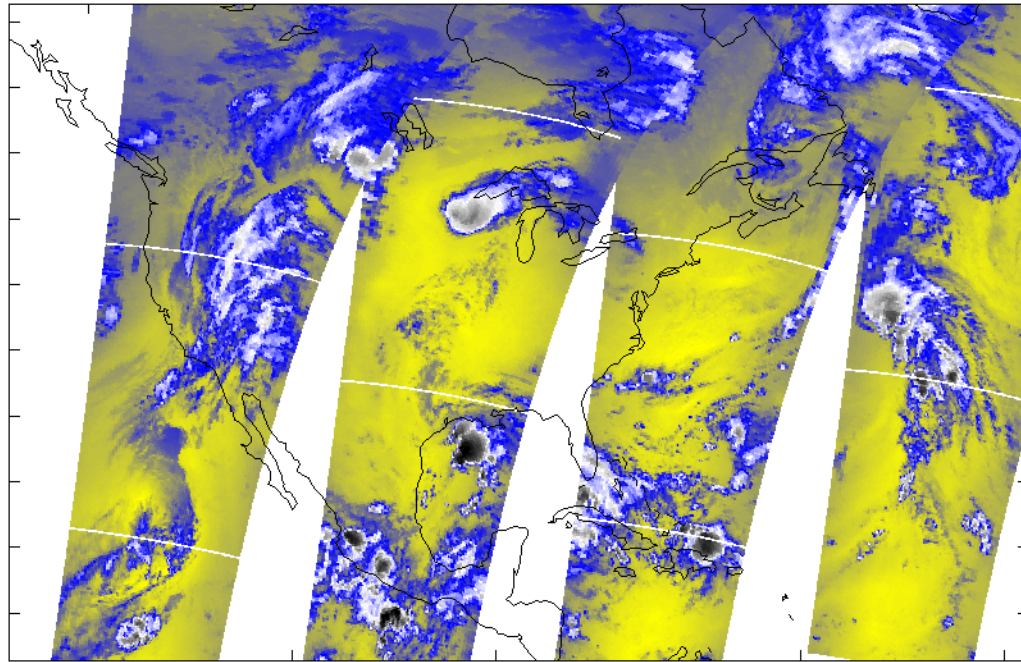
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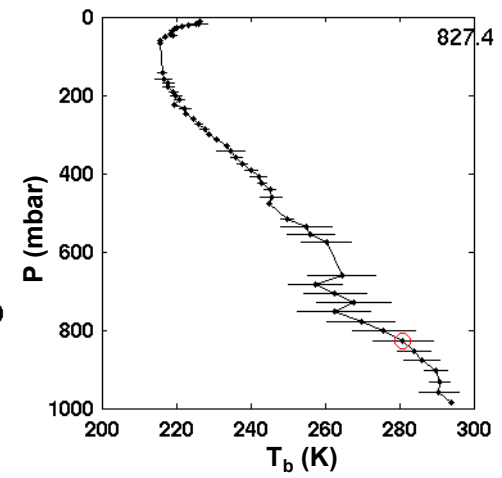
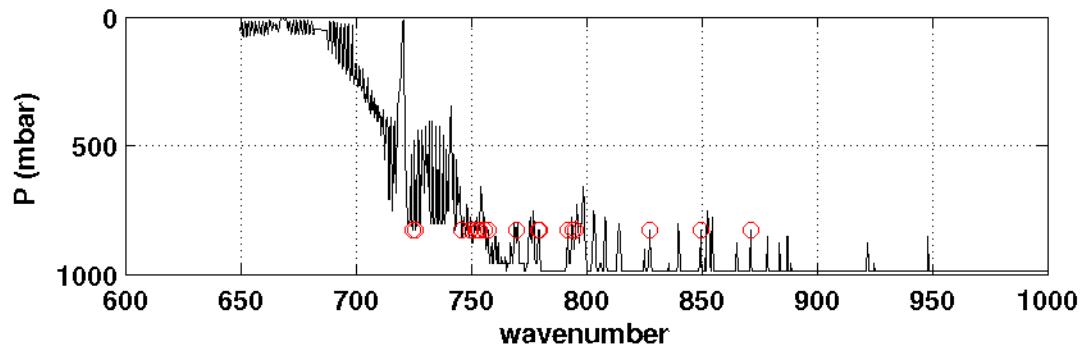
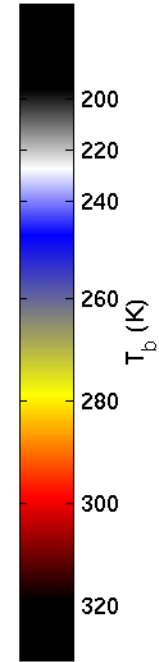
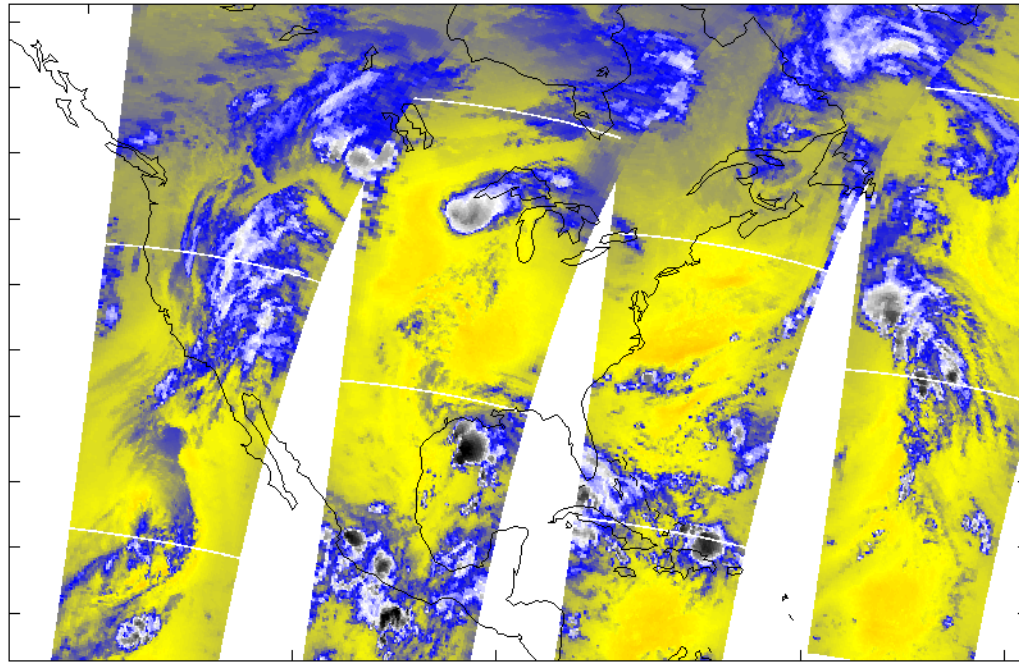
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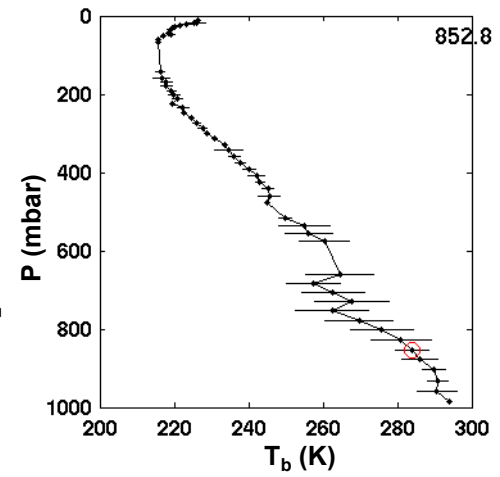
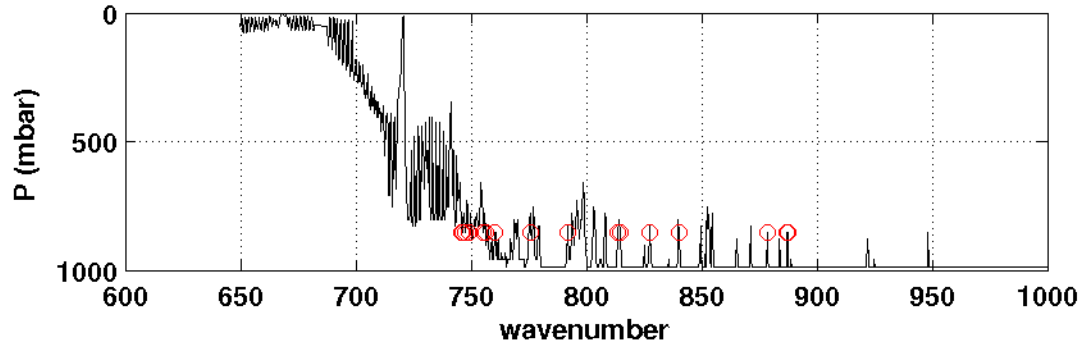
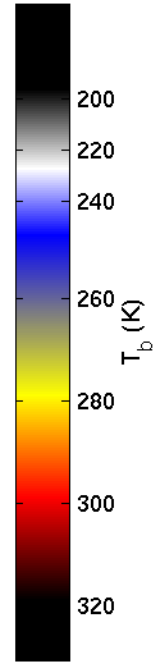
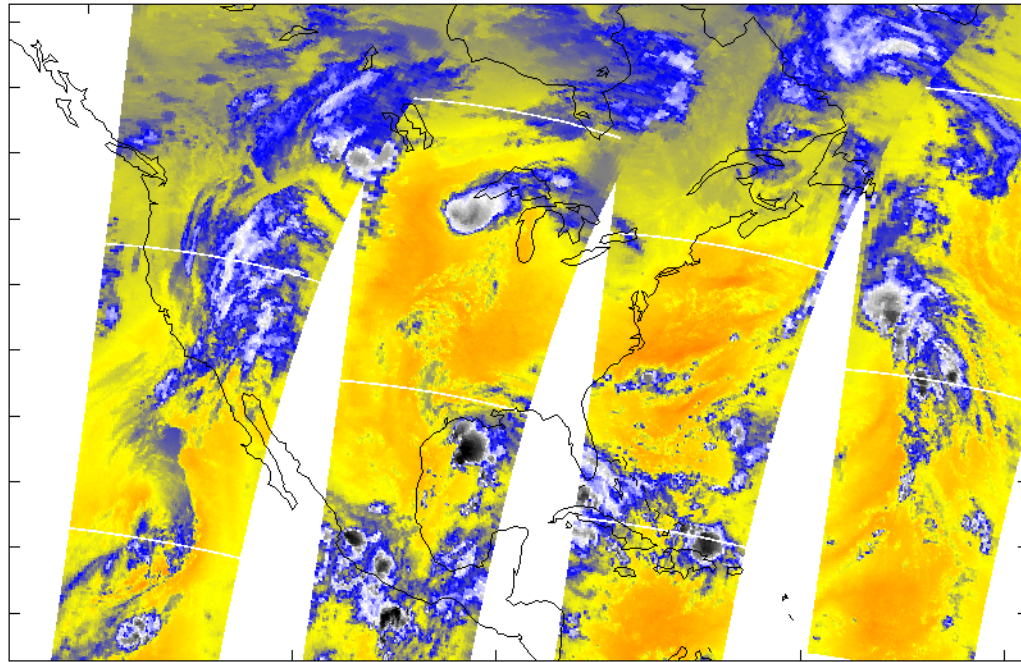
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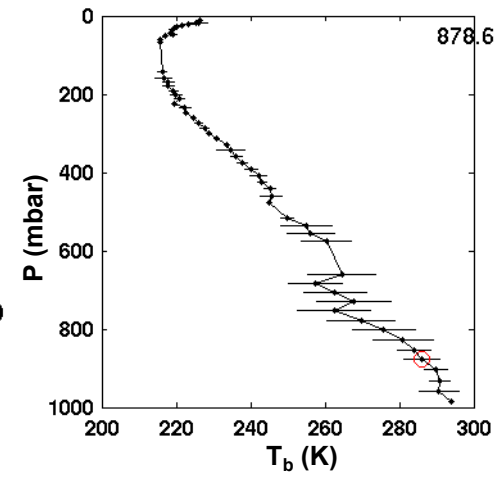
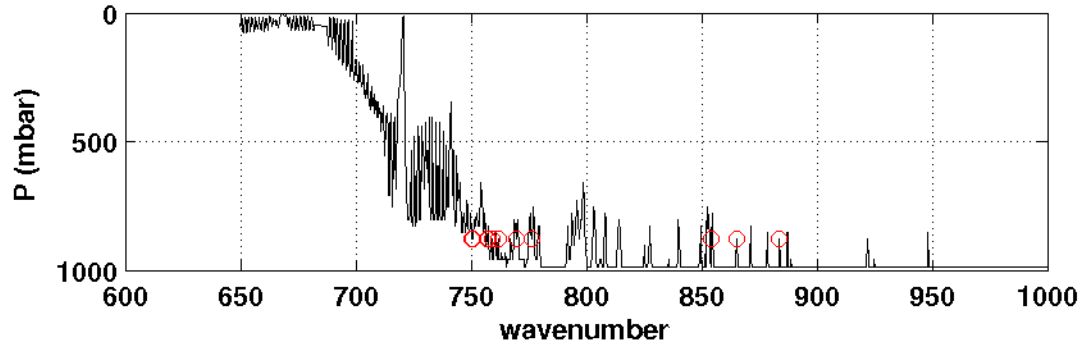
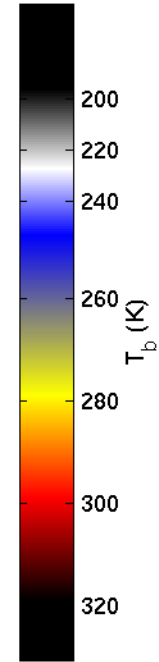
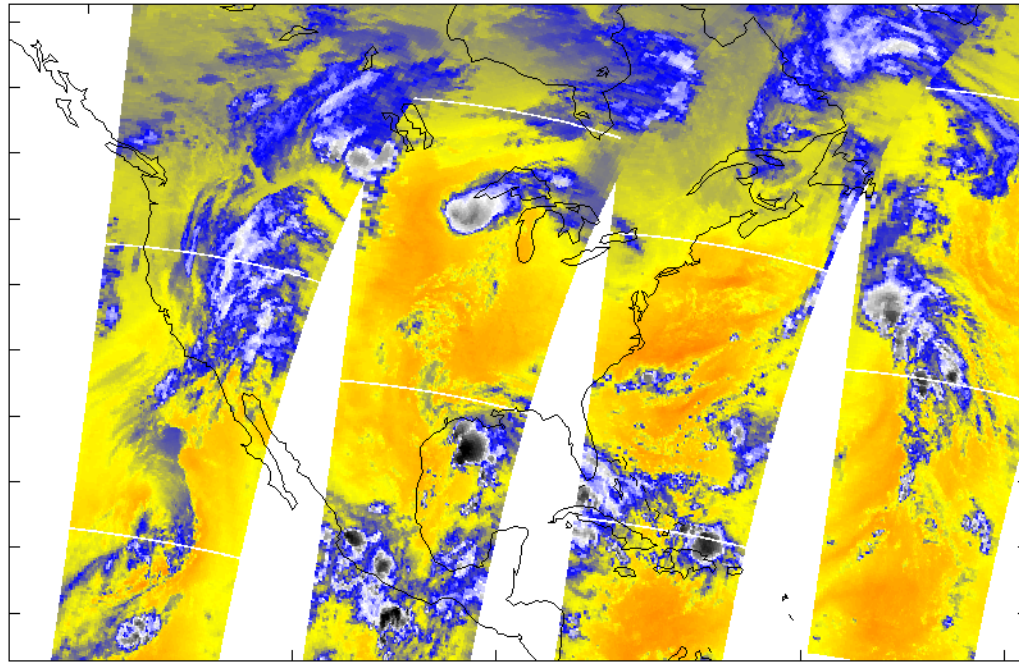
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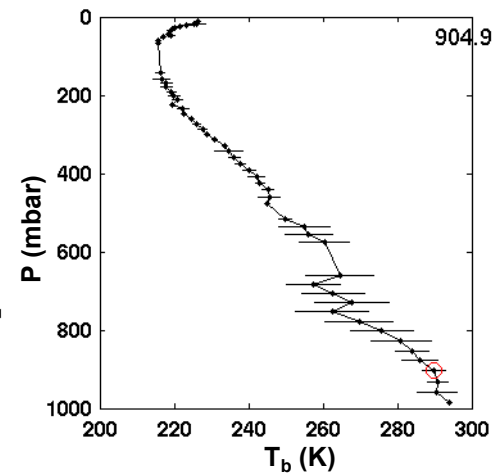
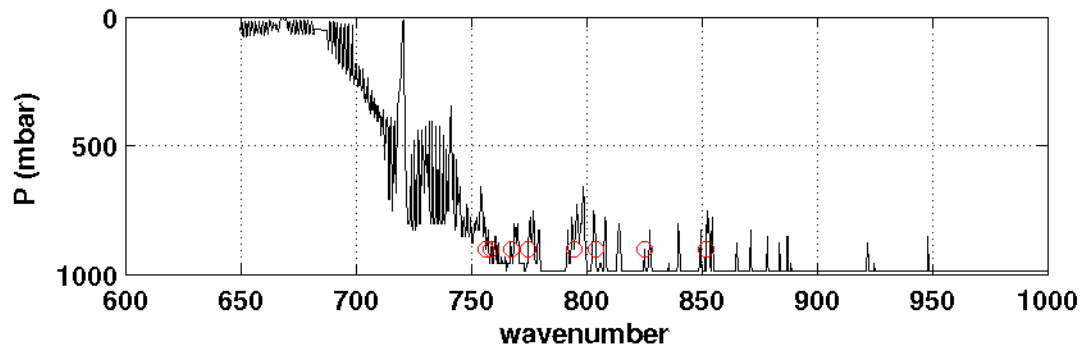
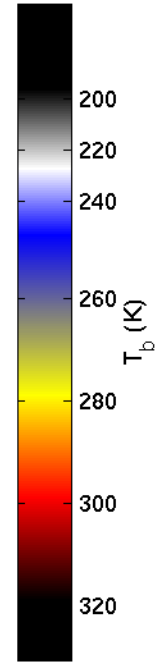
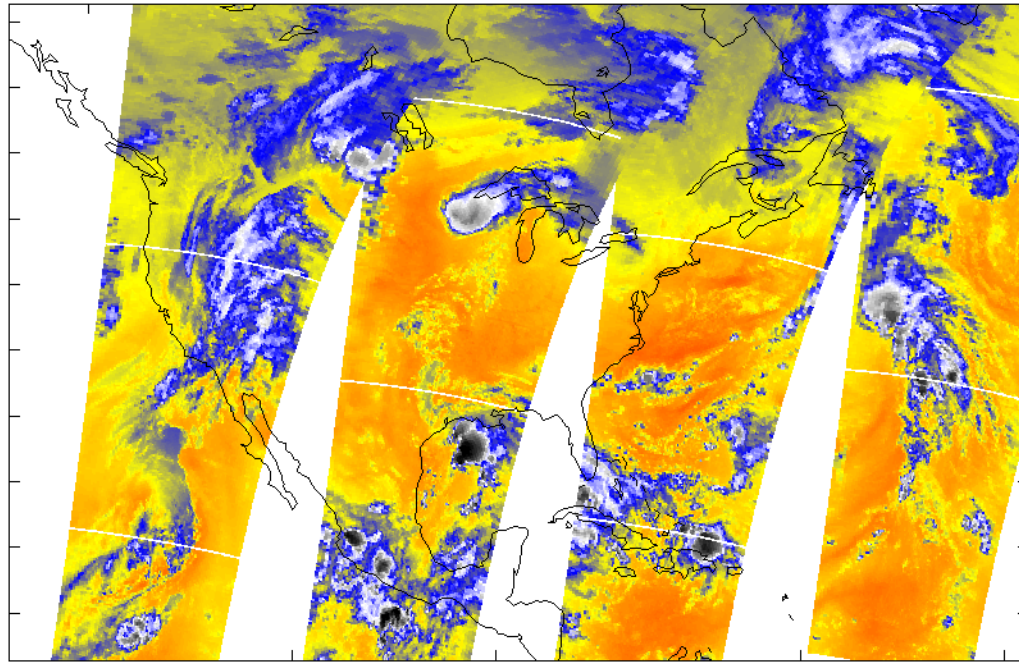
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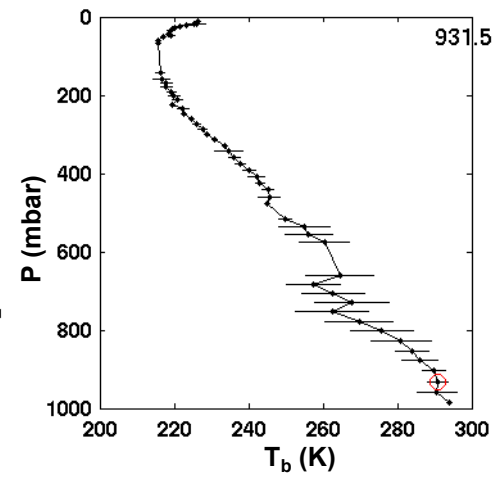
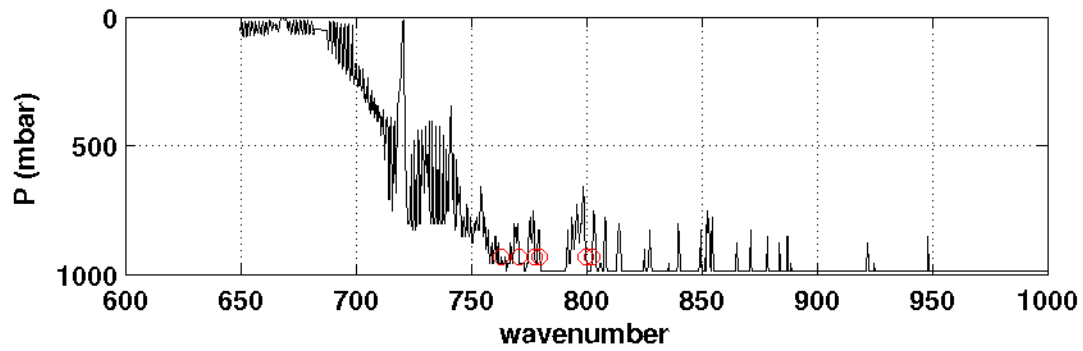
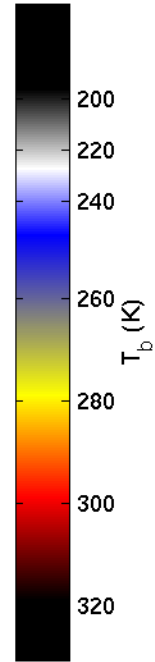
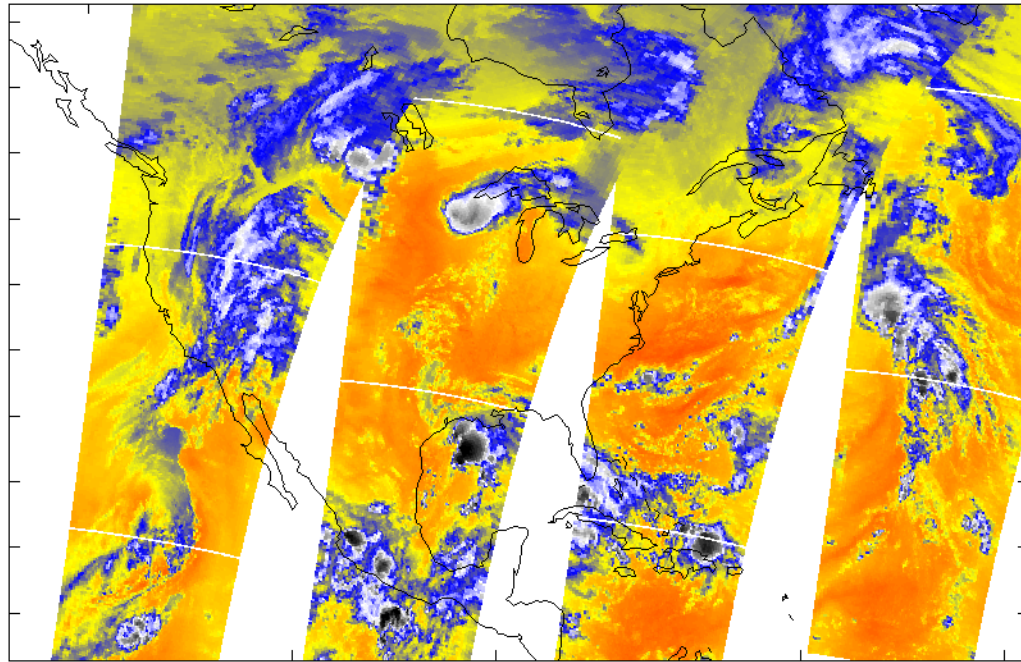
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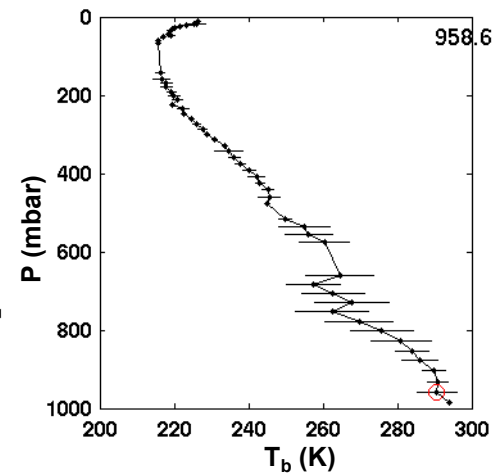
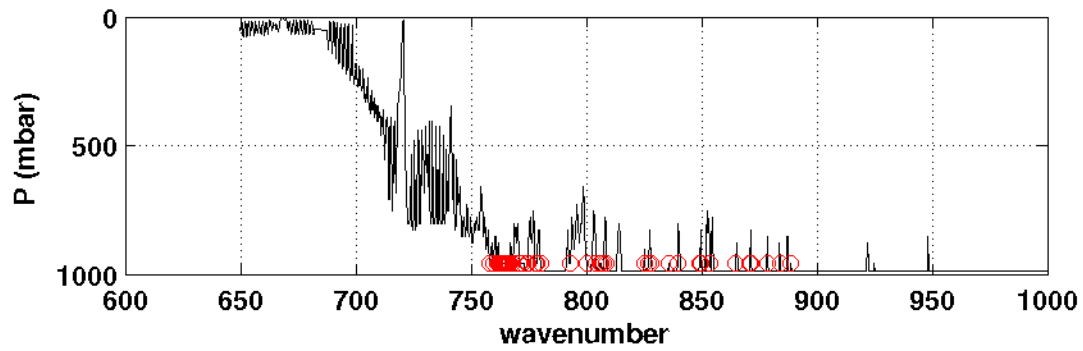
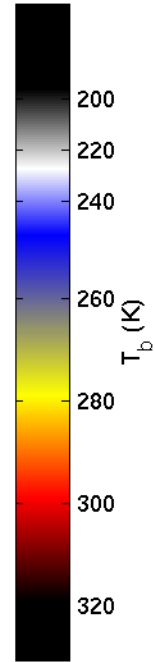
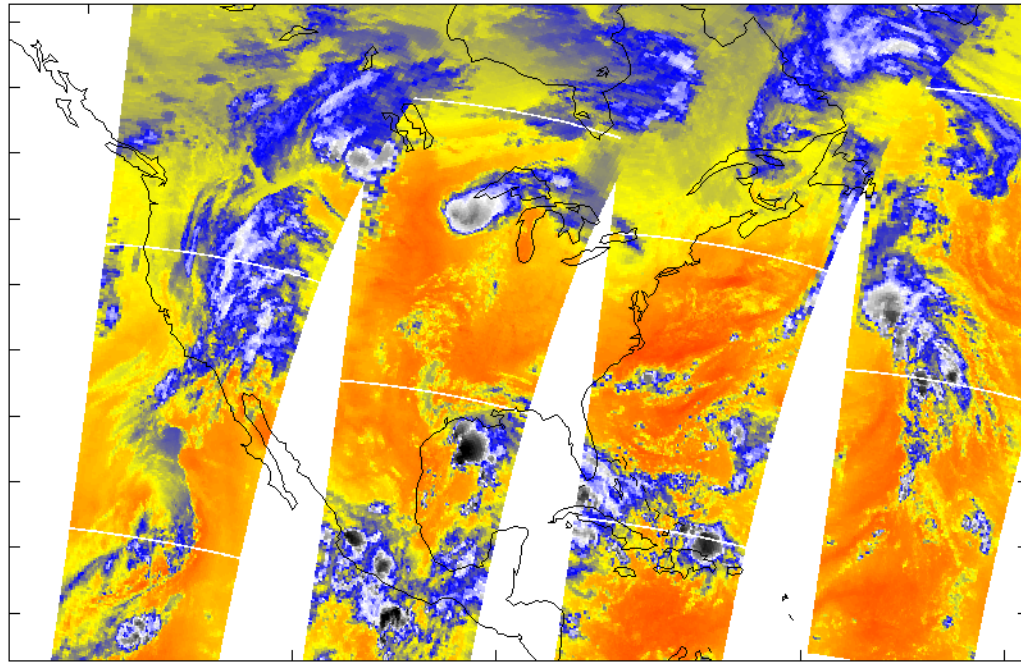
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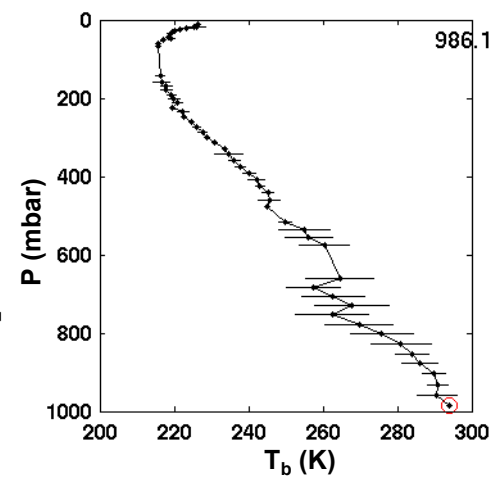
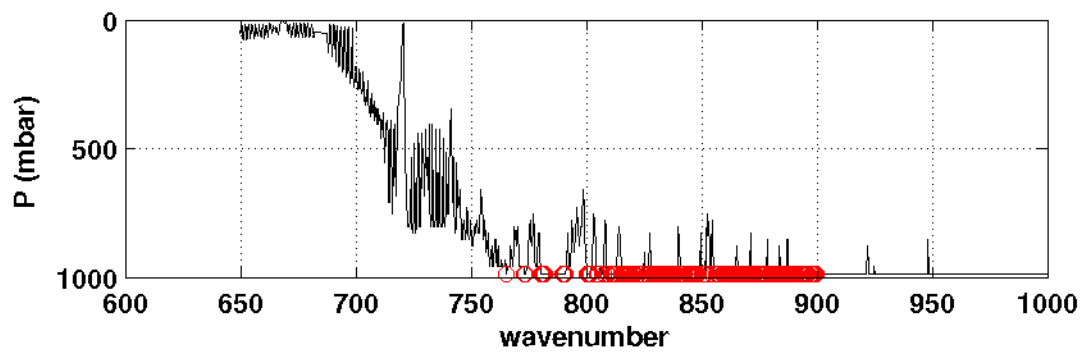
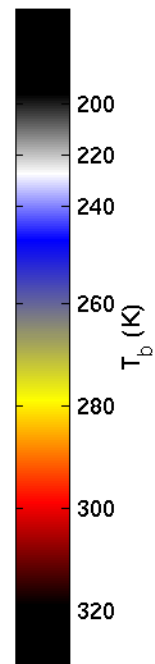
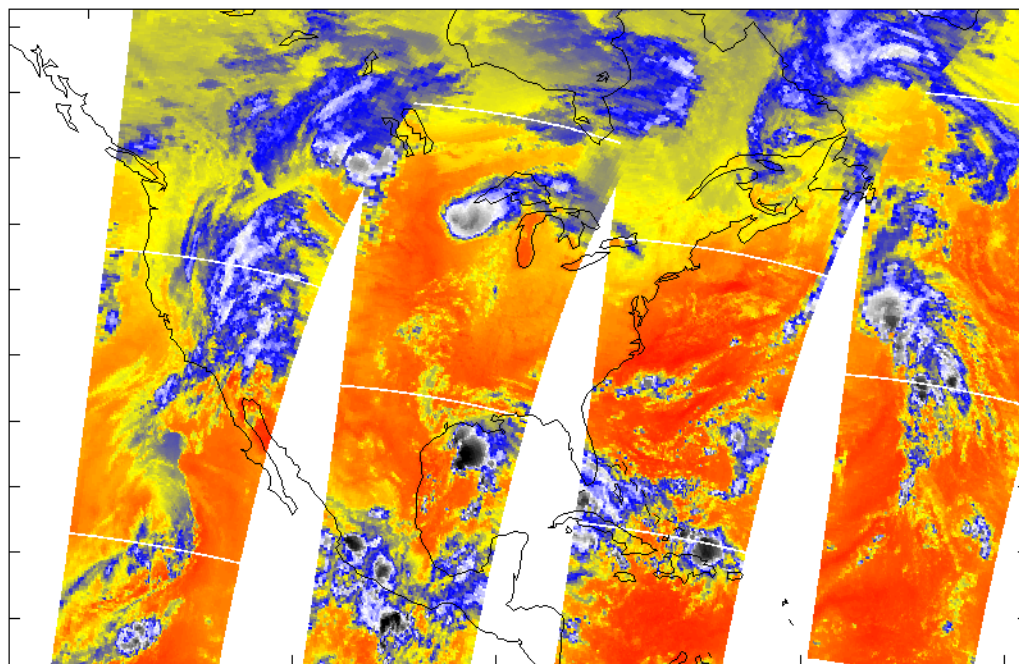
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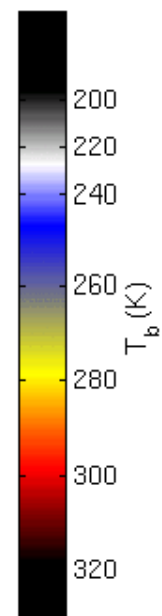
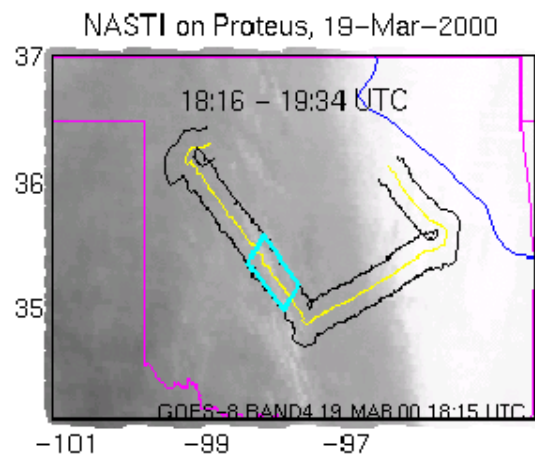
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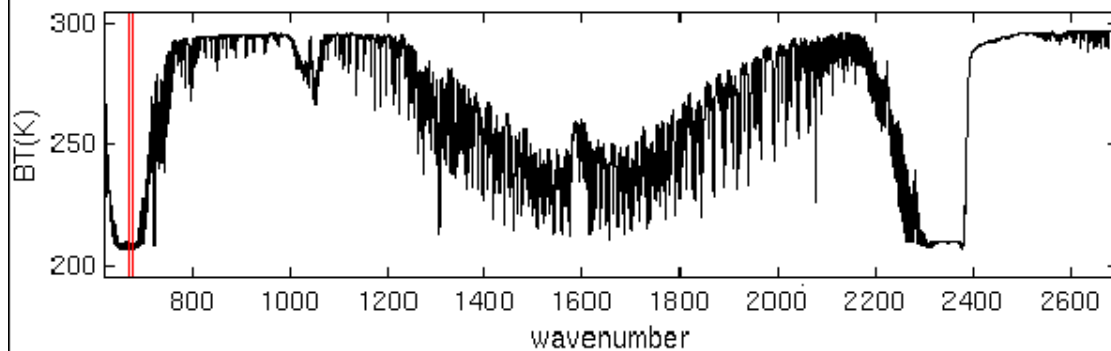
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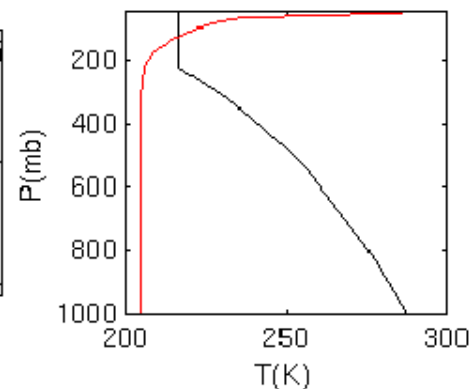
670-680 cm^{-1}



nominal clear sky calculation at NASTI resolution



Std T profile and normalized mean weighting function

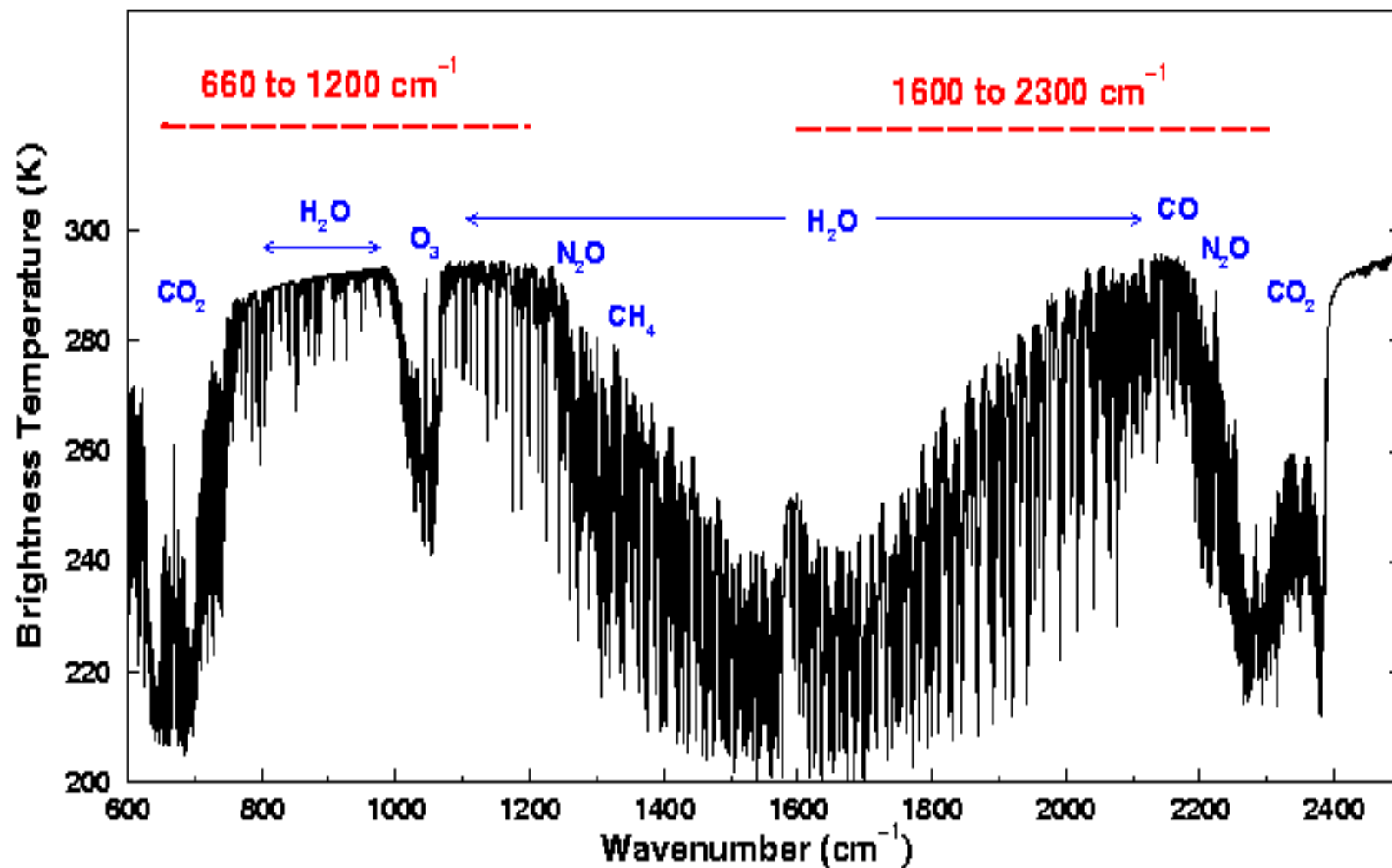


AIRS data and Level 2 Products are being processed at the GSFC DAAC and now available to the public!

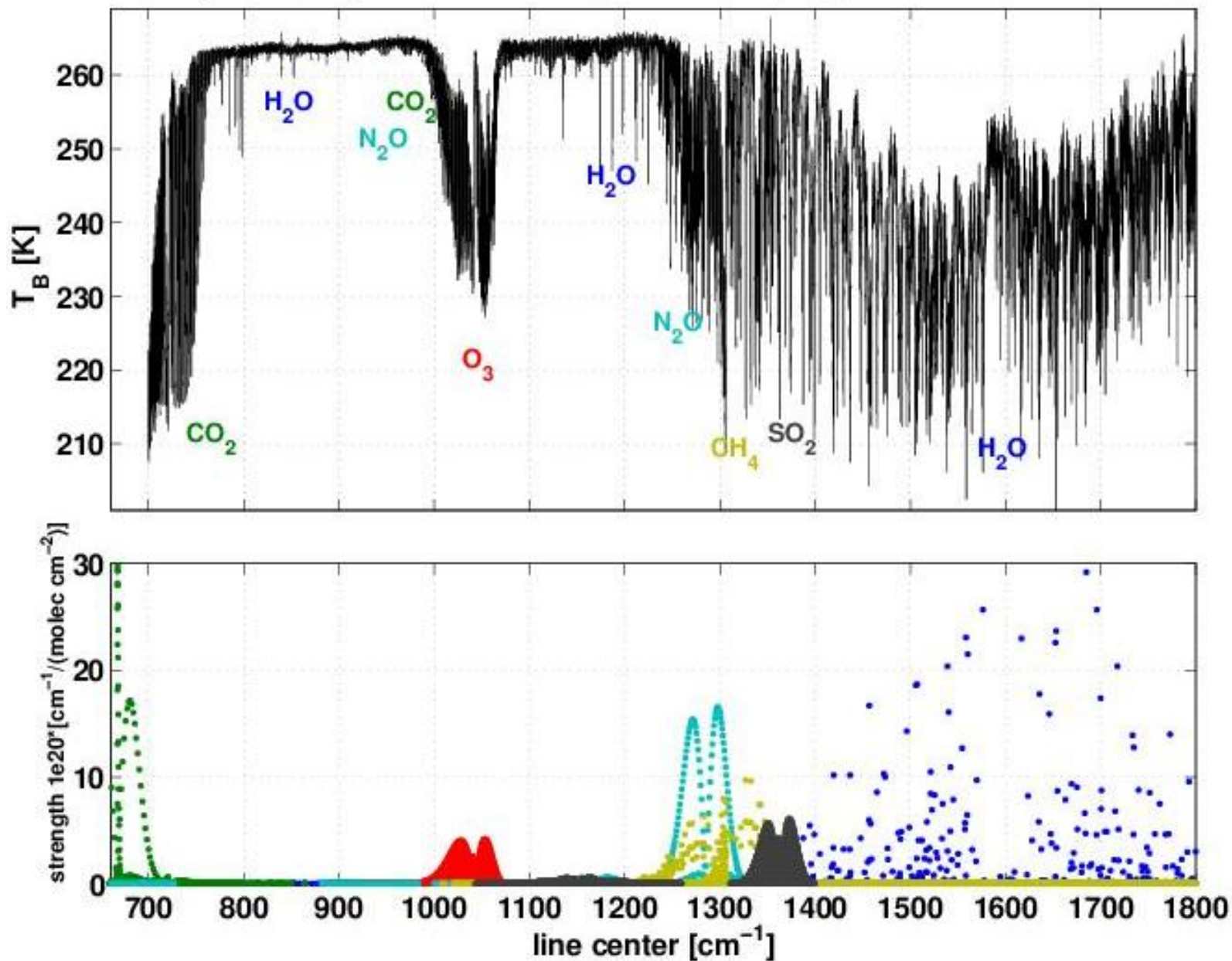
The NASA GSFC Data Active Archive Center at

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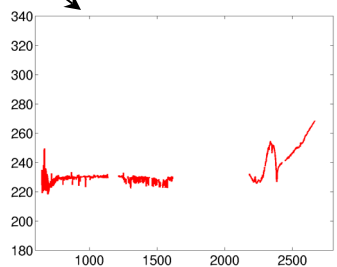
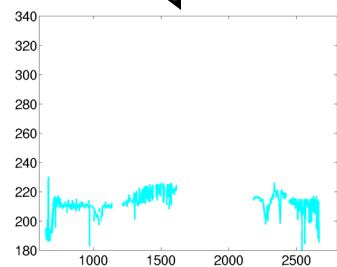
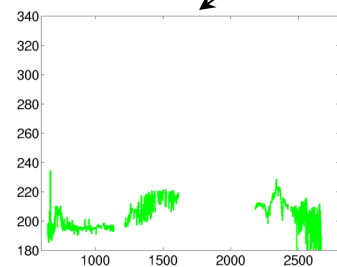
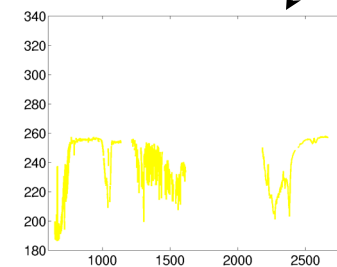
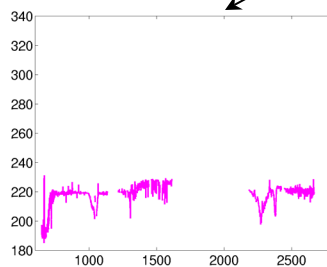
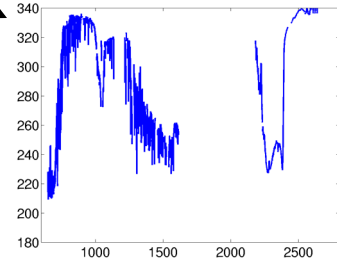
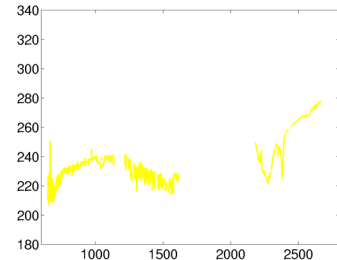
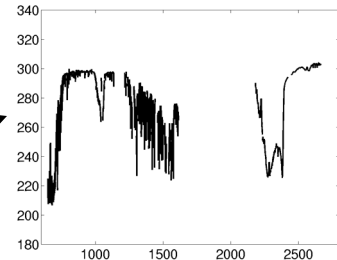
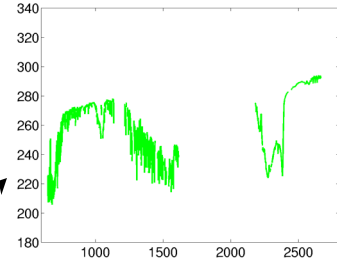
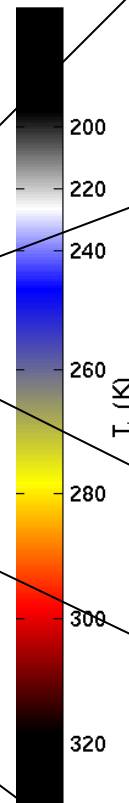
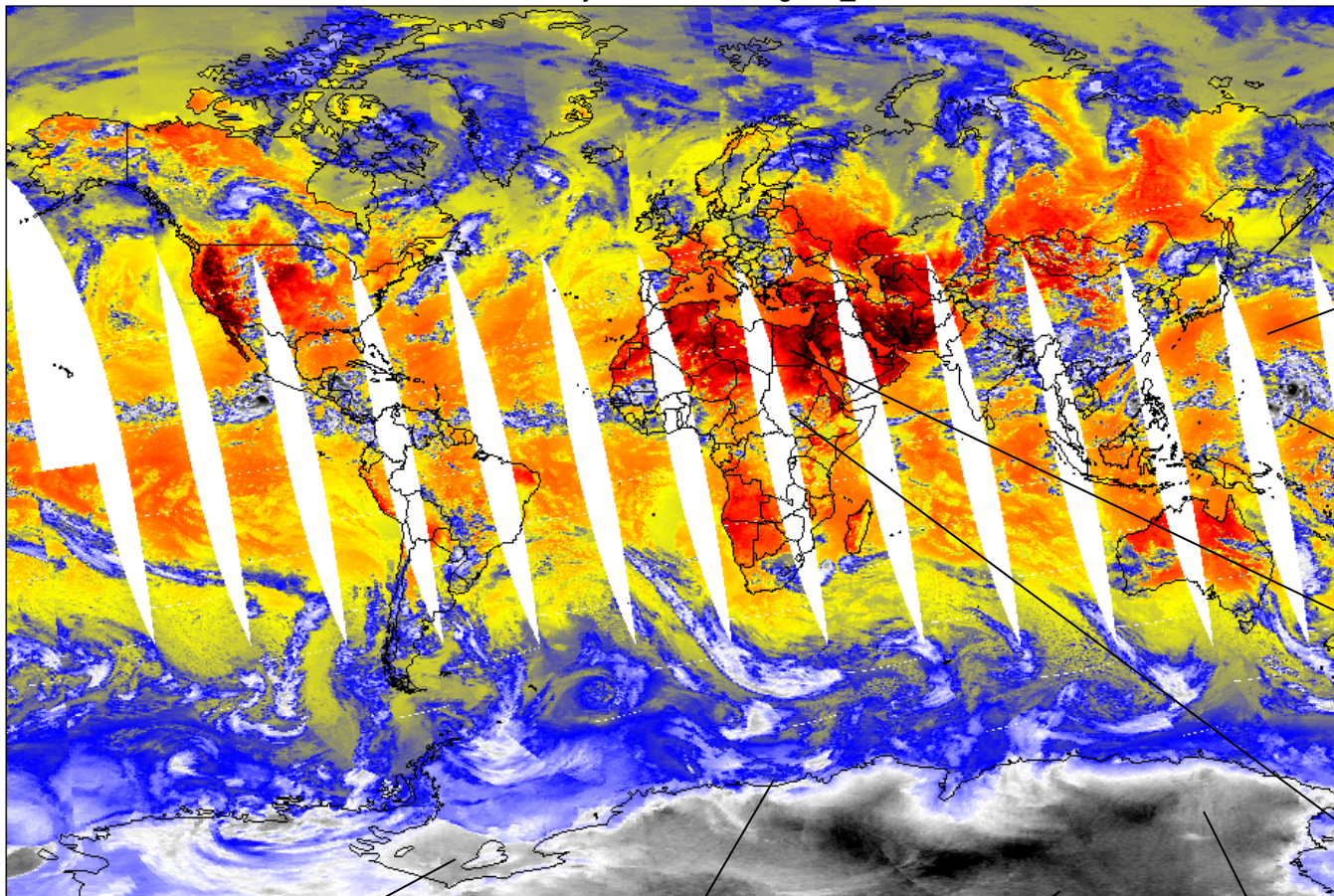


IMG spectrum (WINCE, 970128 over Nebraska) and HITRAN database

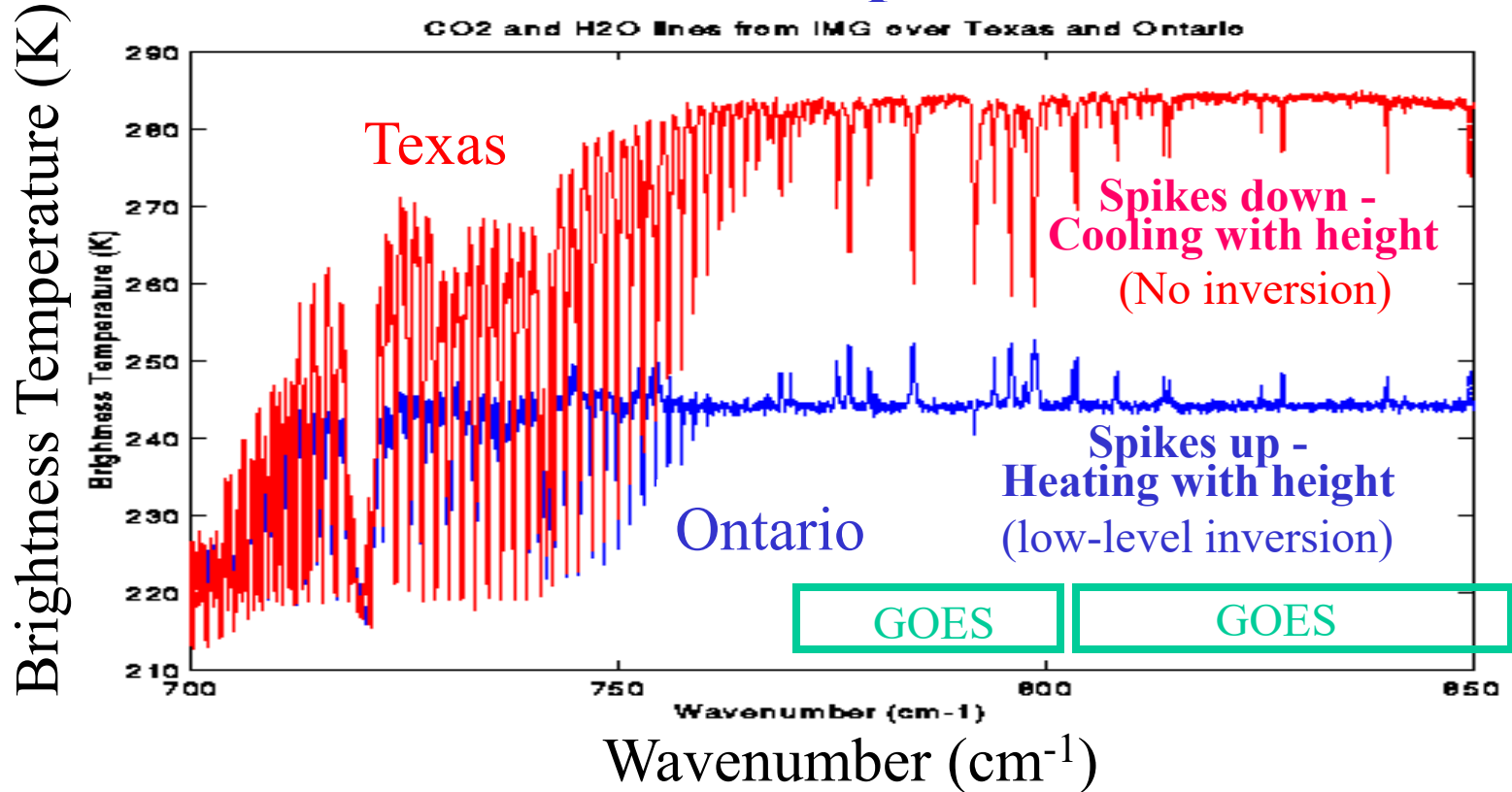


AIRS Spectra from around the Globe

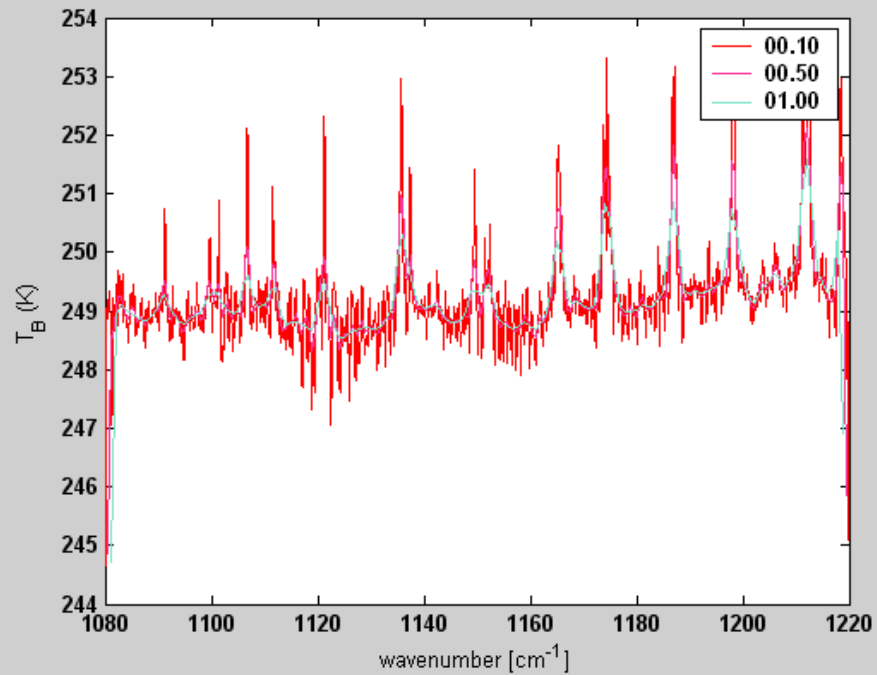
20-July-2002 Ascending LW_Window



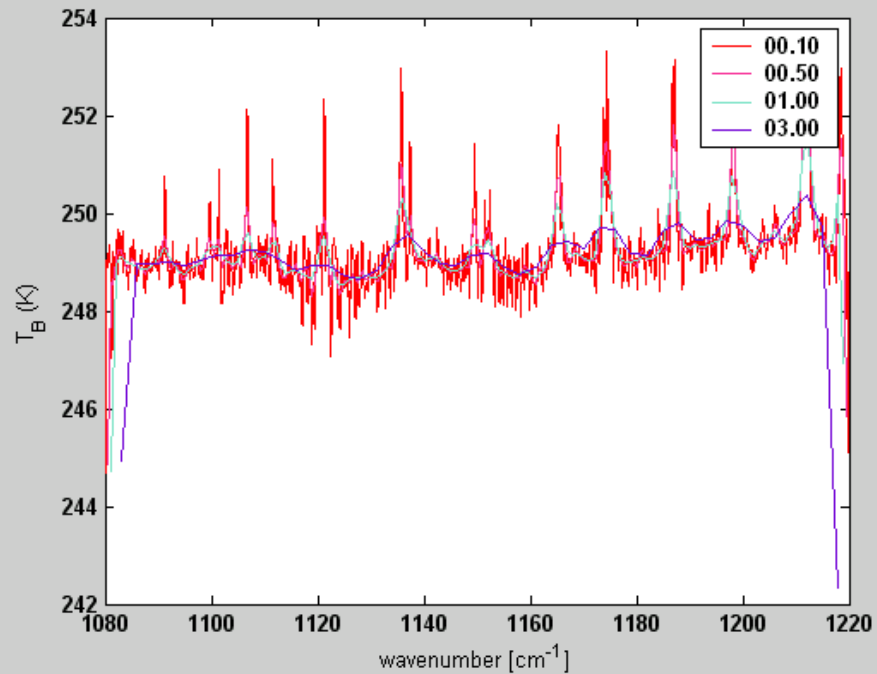
Resolving absorption features in atmospheric windows enables detection of temperature inversions



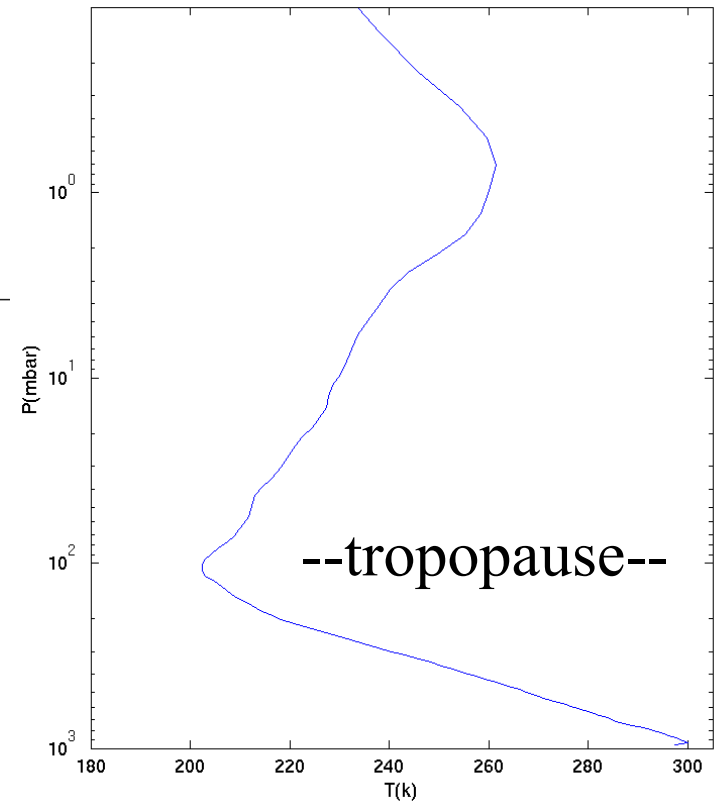
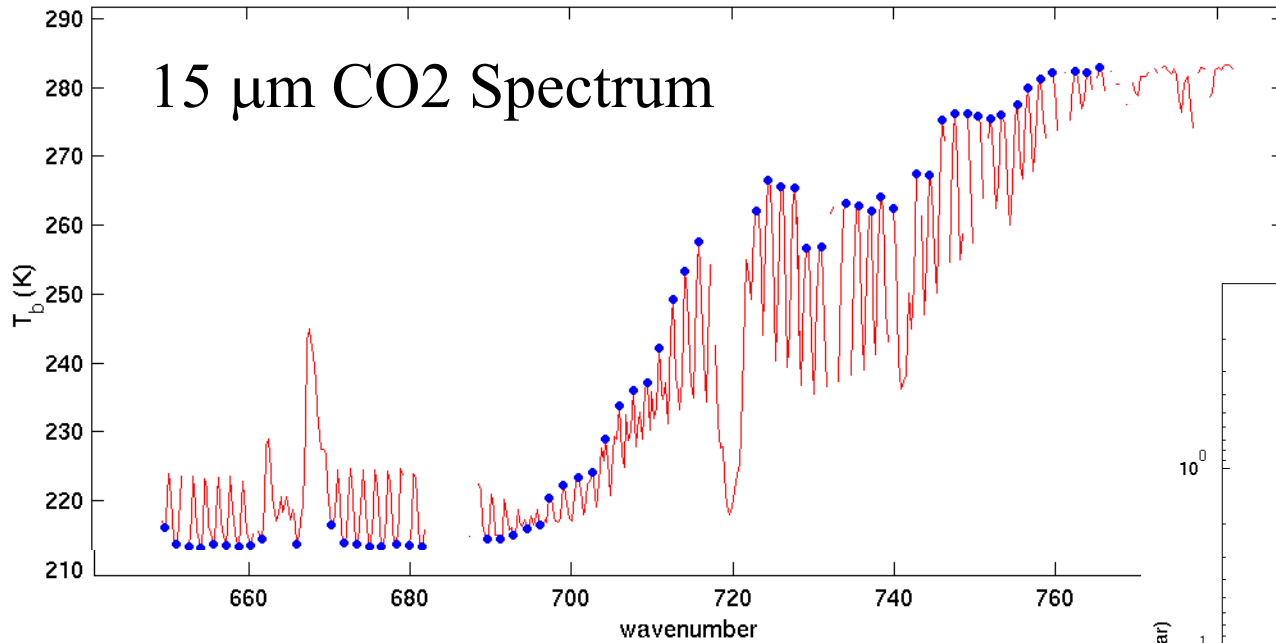
Detection of inversions is critical for severe weather forecasting. Combined with improved low-level moisture depiction, key ingredients for night-time severe storm development can be monitored.



Ability to detect inversions
disappears with
broadband observations
($> 3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$)



Twisted Ribbon formed by CO₂ spectrum: Tropopause inversion causes On-line & off-line patterns to cross

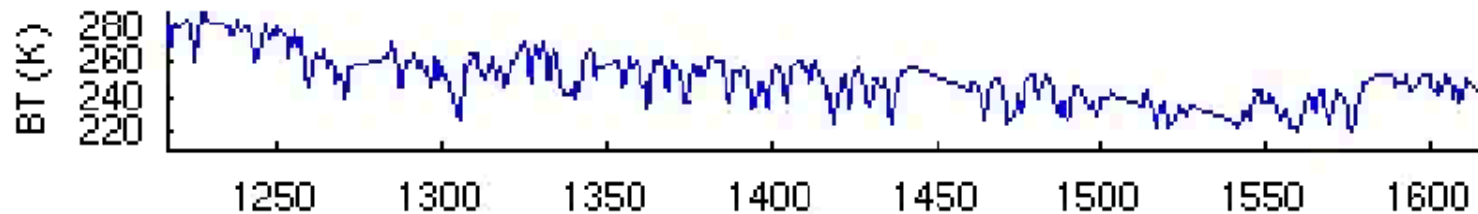
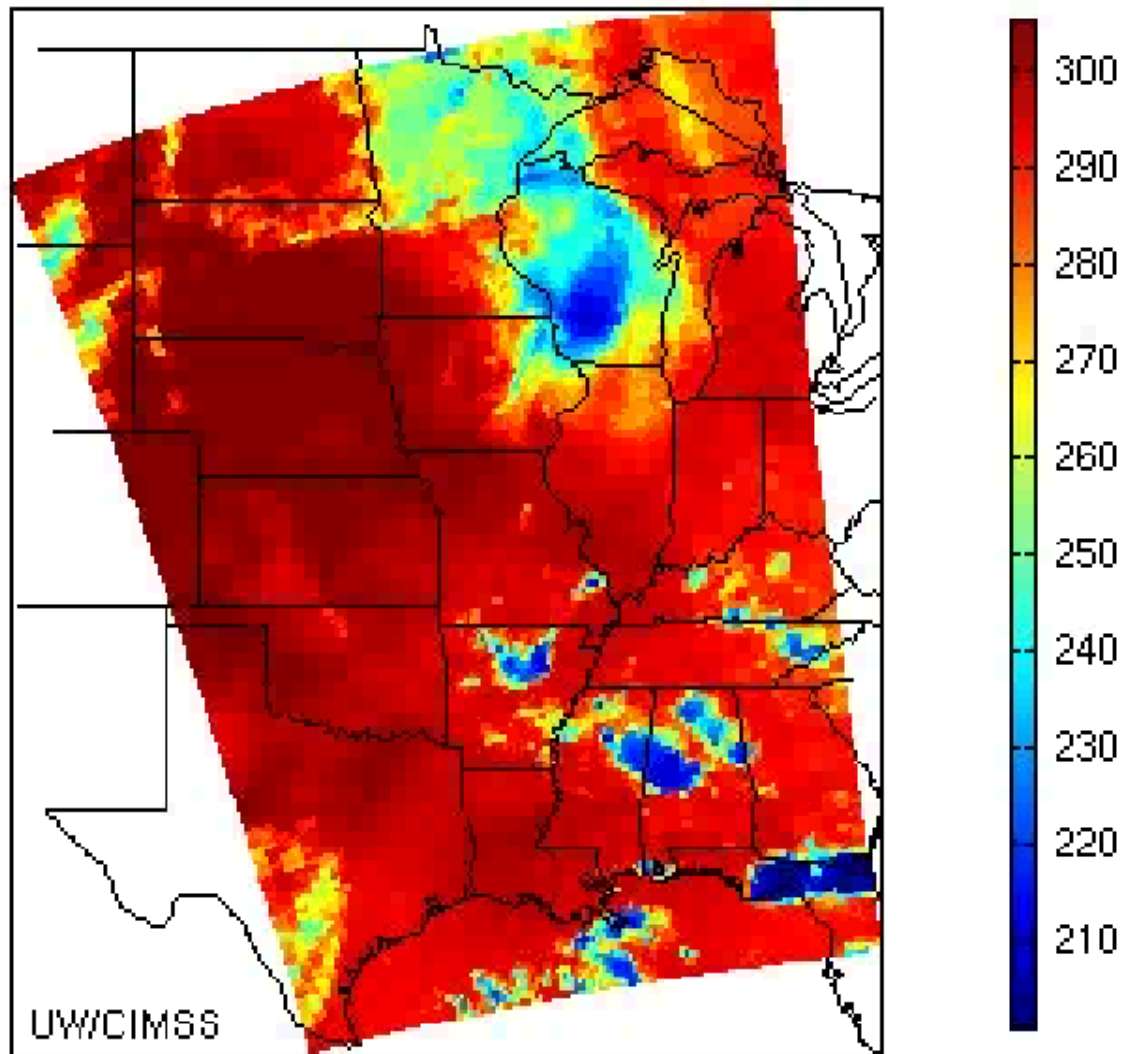


Blue between-line T_b
warmer for tropospheric channels,
colder for stratospheric channels

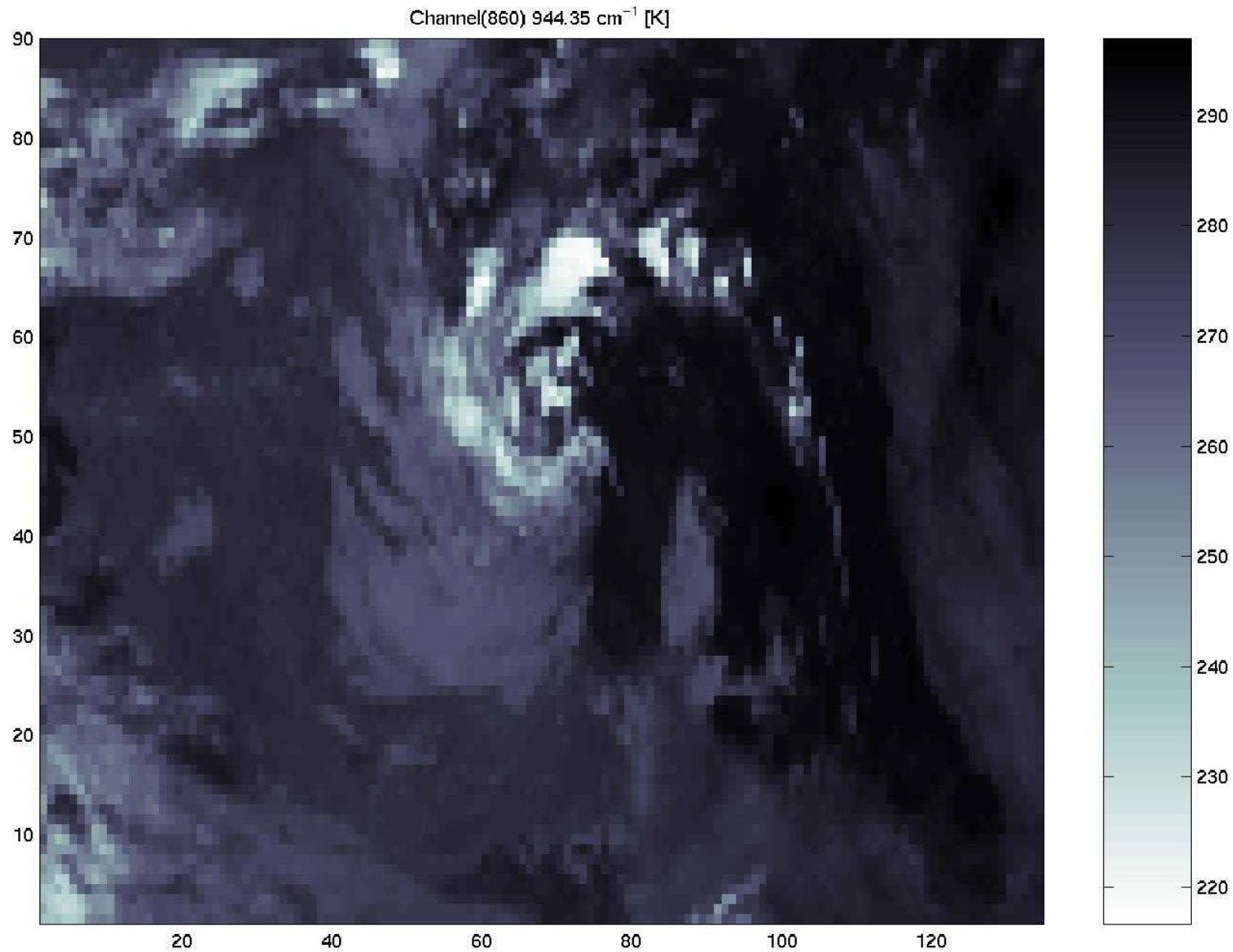
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Channel 1106 (1216.71 cm^{-1}) 8.22 μm

AIRS
obs in
H₂O
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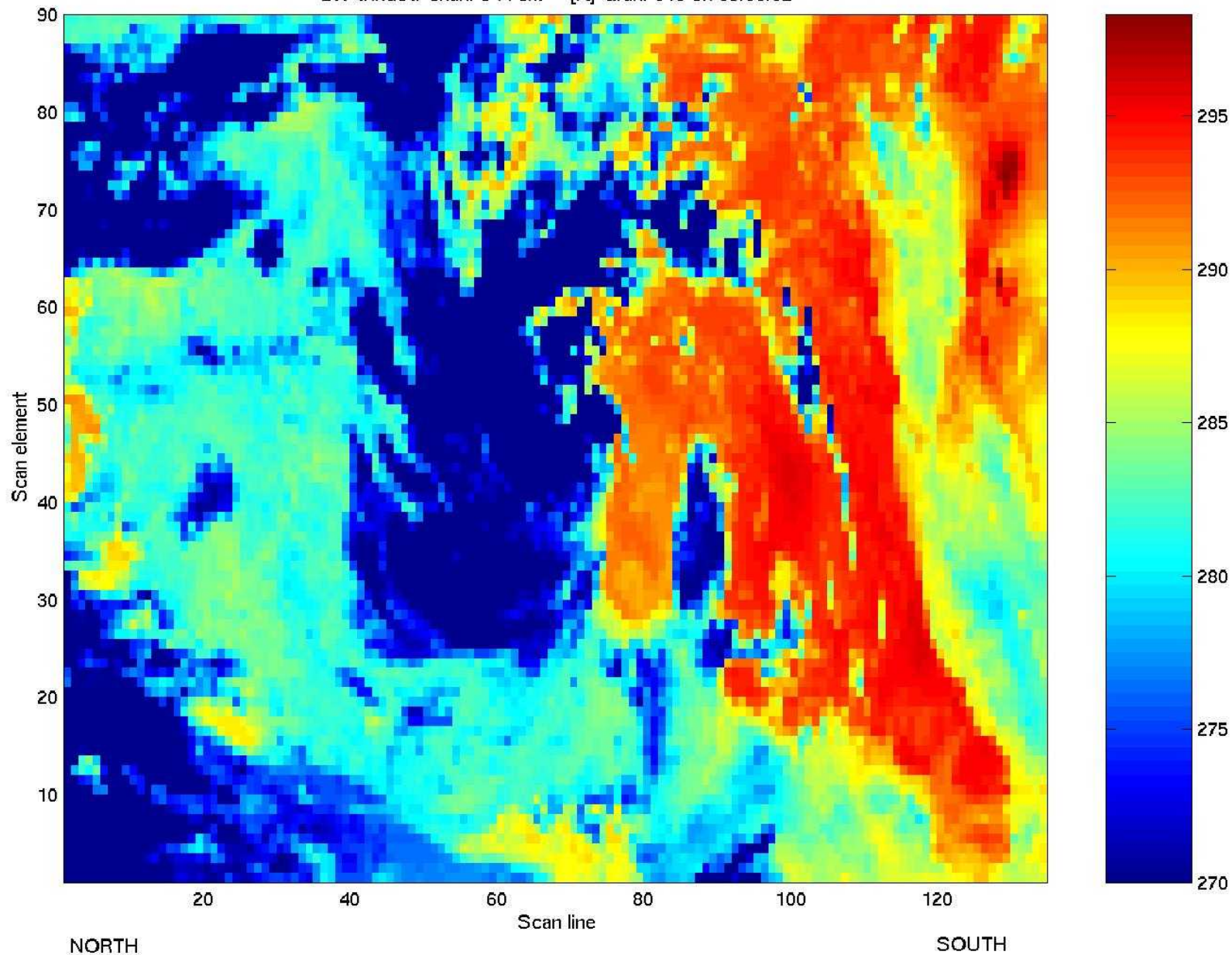


Spatial distribution of 944.1 [1/cm] measurements [K]



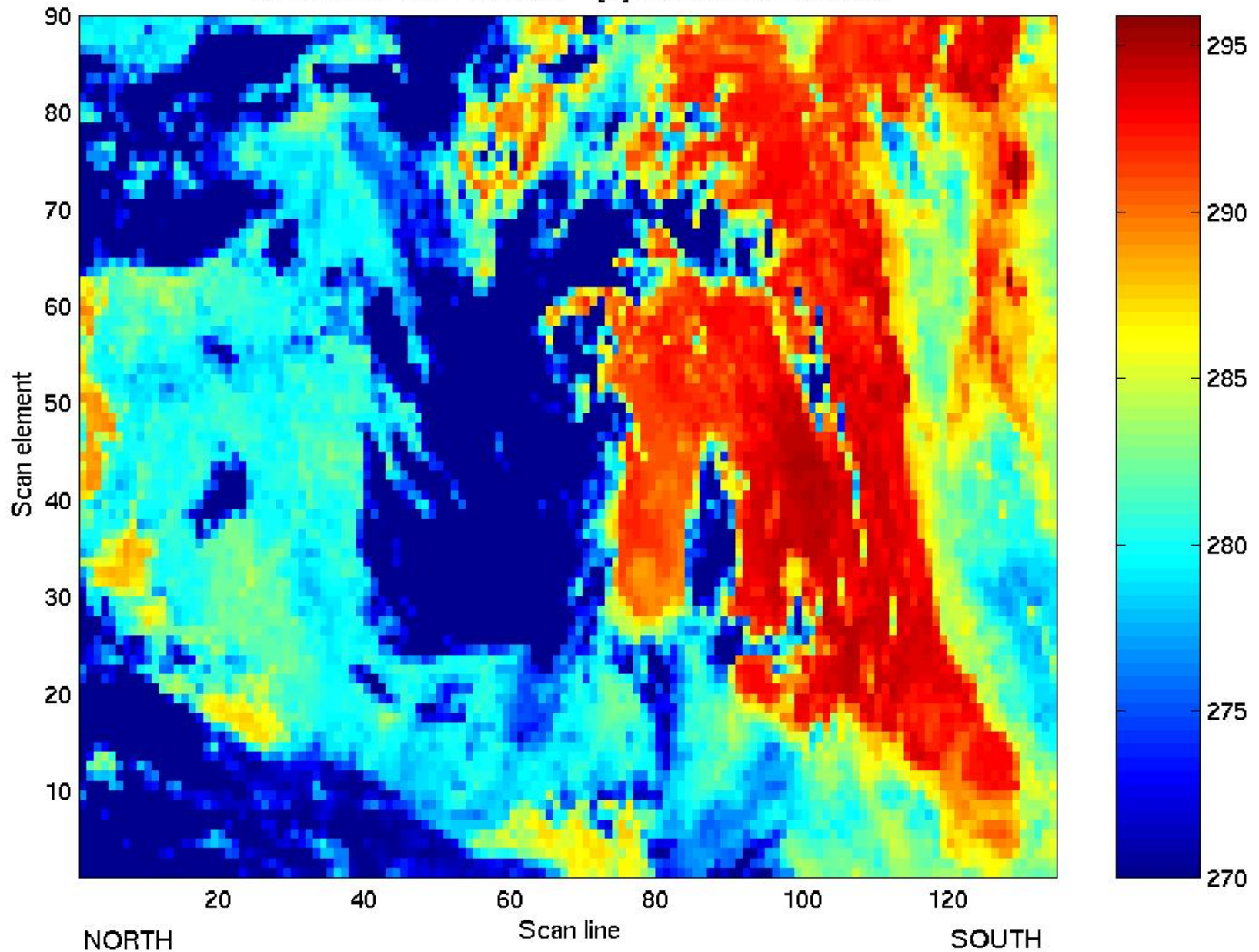
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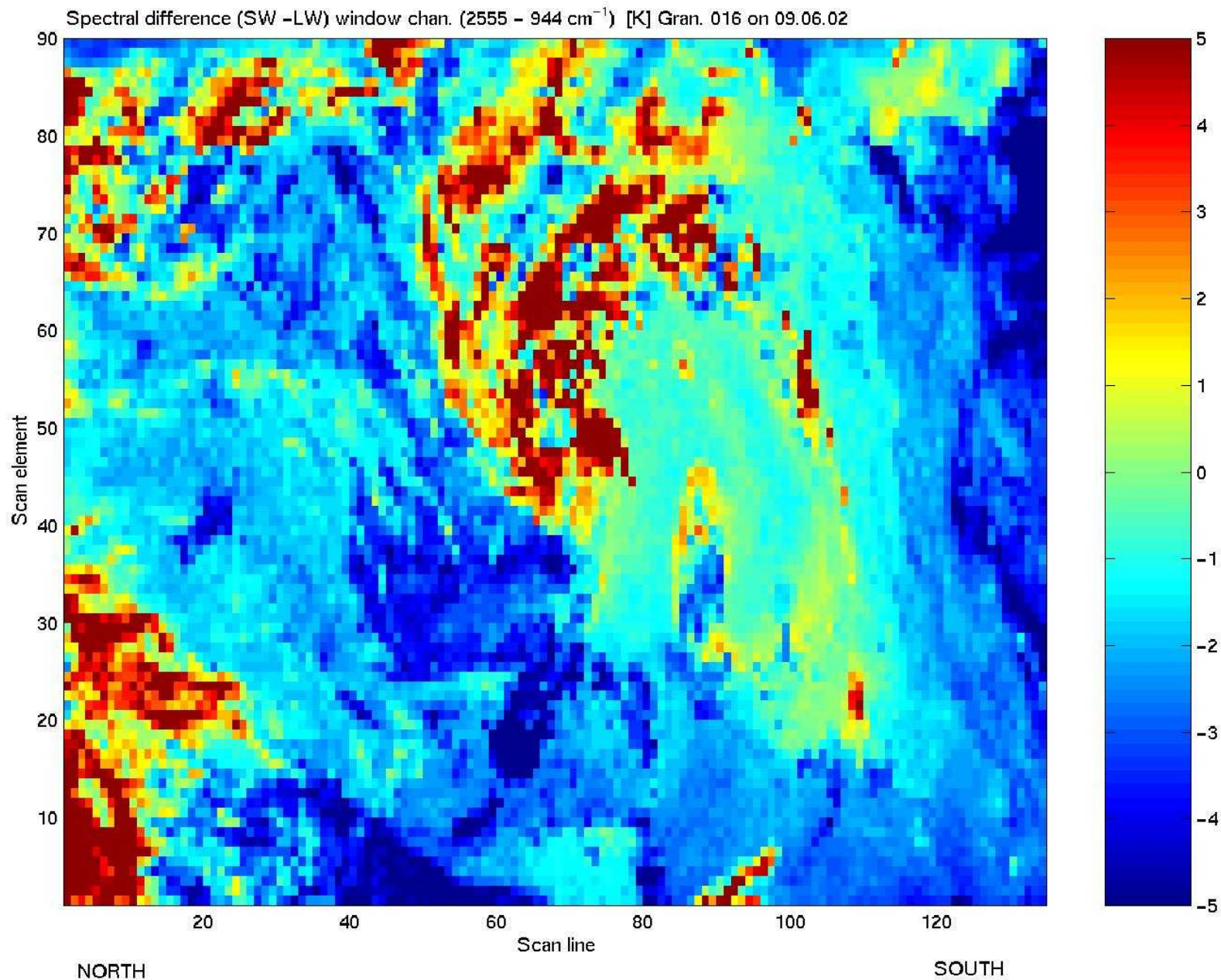


Spatial distribution of 2555 [1/cm] measurements [K]

SW window chan. 2555 cm^{-1} [K] Gran. 016 on 09.06.02

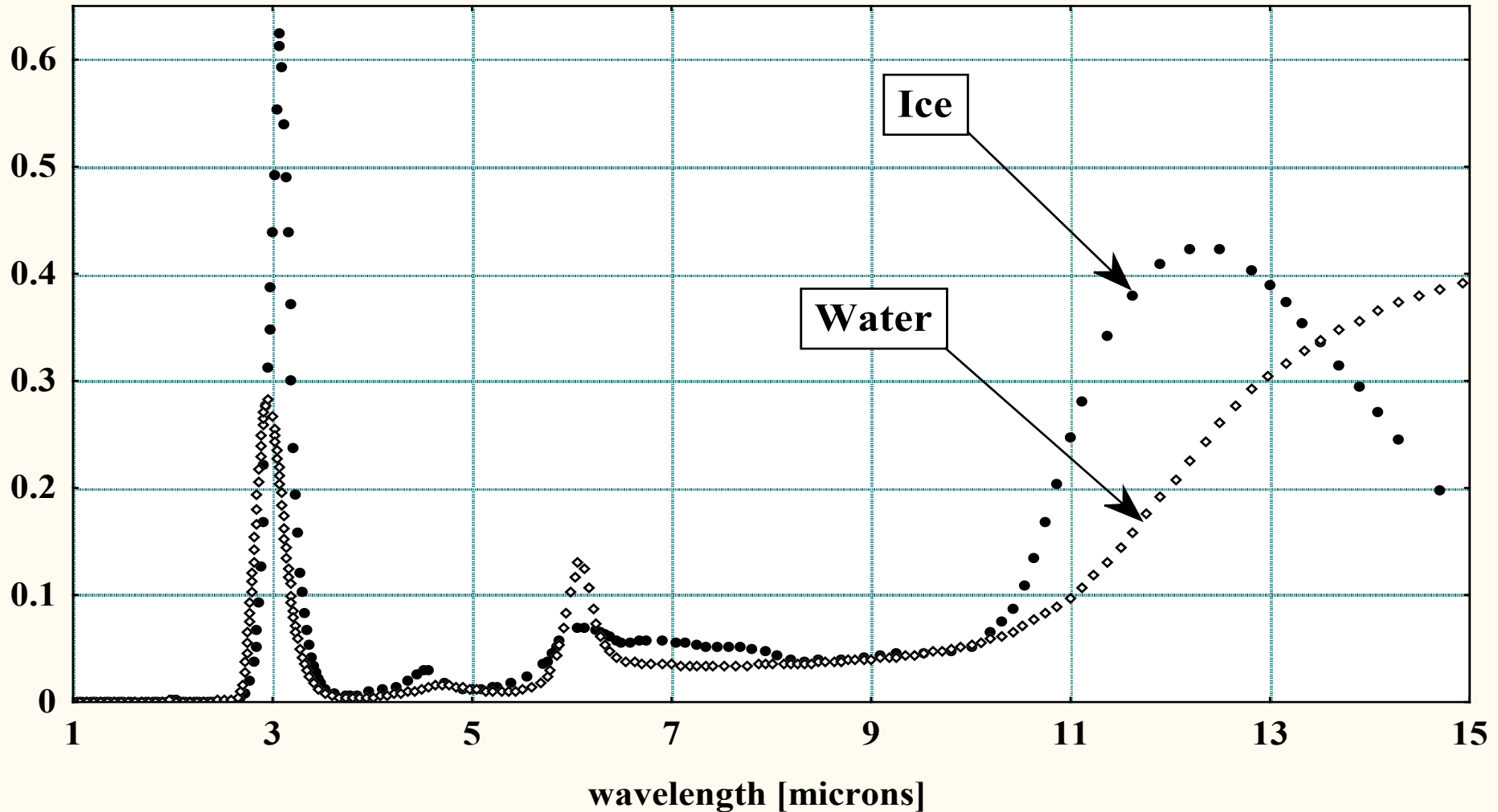


Spatial distribution of 2555 – 944.1 [1/cm] measurements [K]

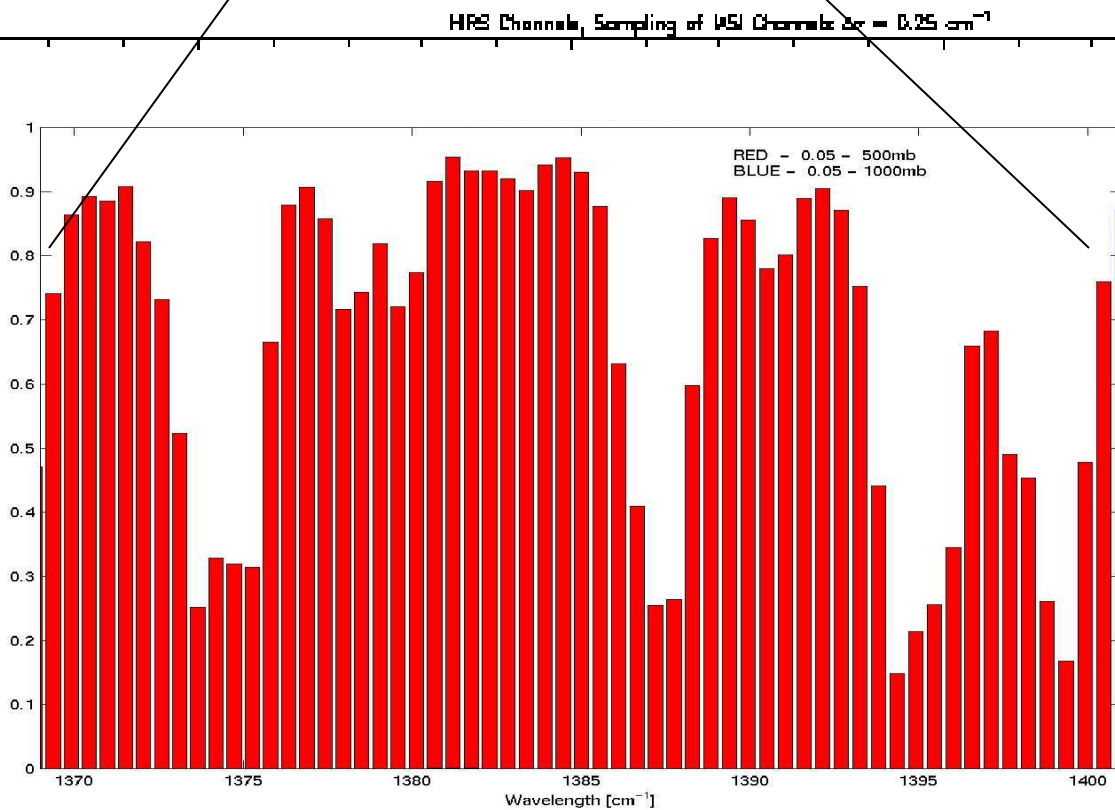
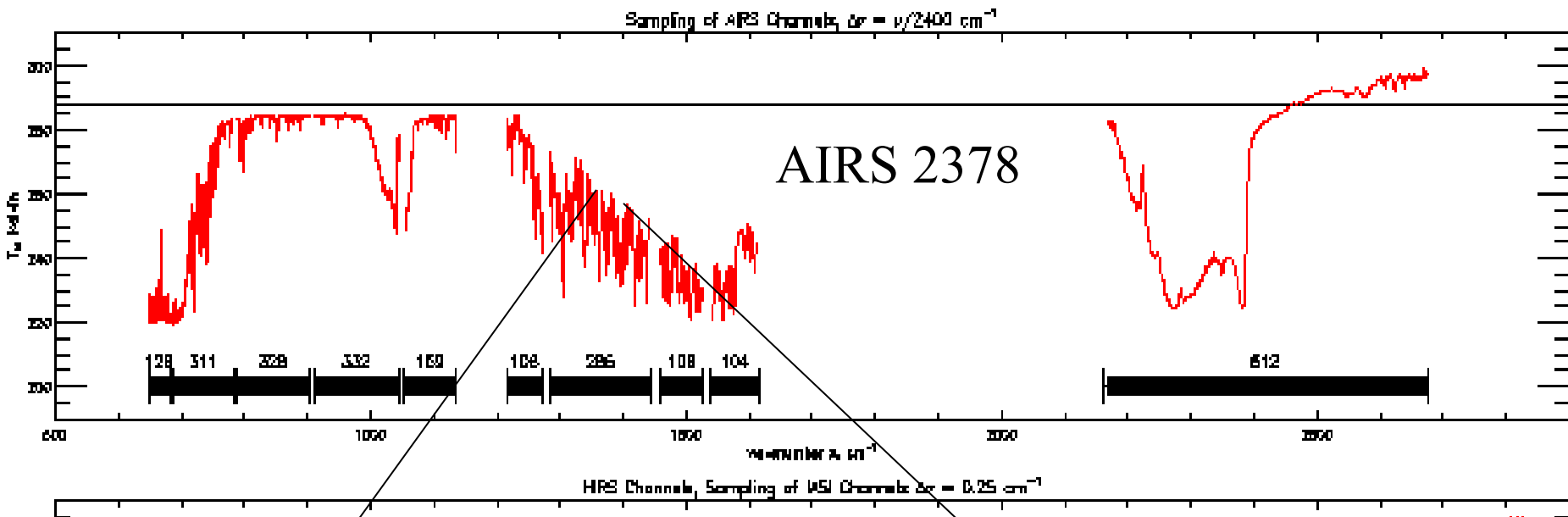


Optical properties of cloud particles: imaginary part of refractive index

Imaginary part of refractive index

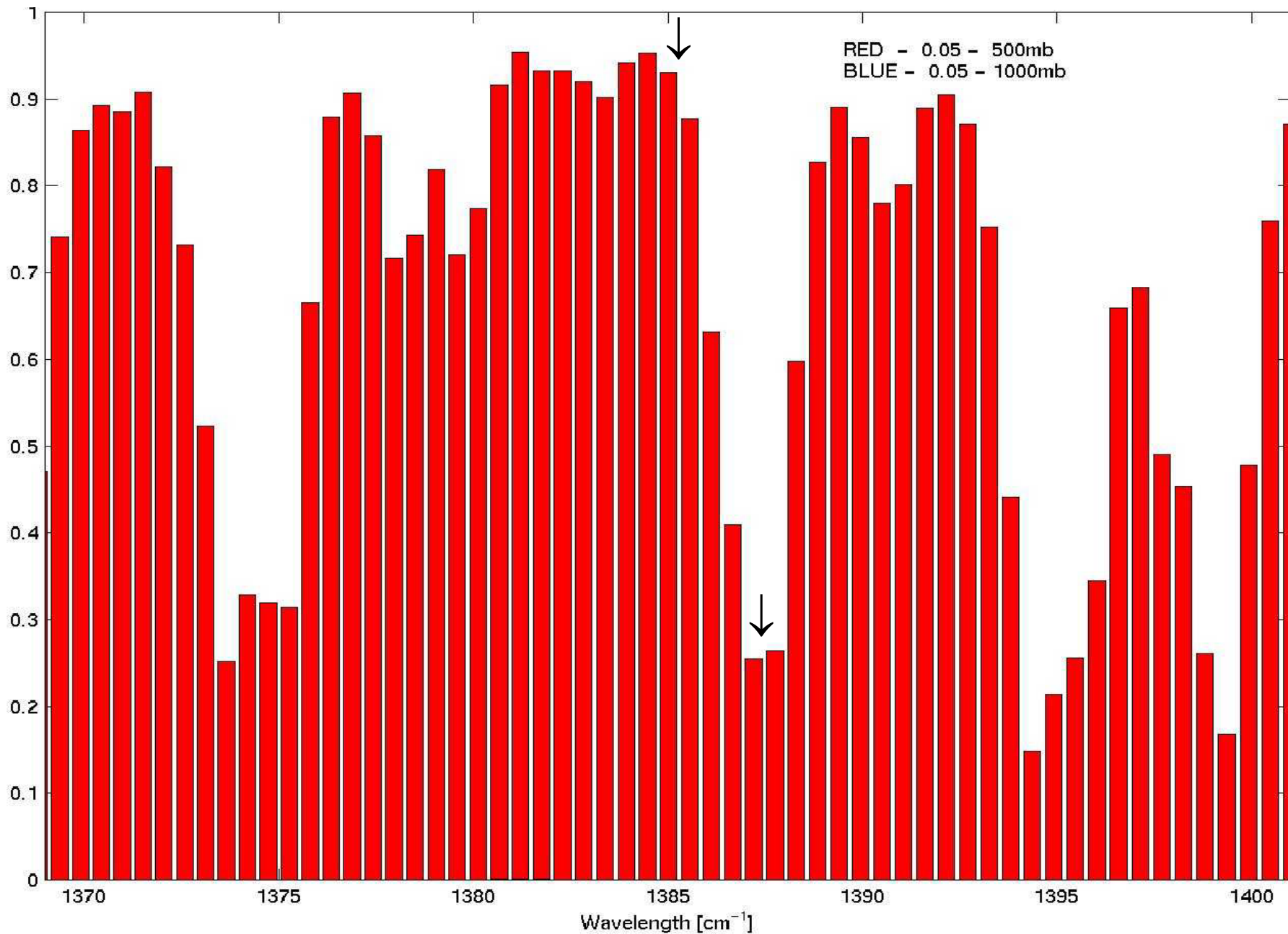


SW & LW channel differences are used for cloud identification
{4 μm - 11 μm }, {4.13 μm - 12.6 μm }, and {4.53 μm - 13.4 μm }

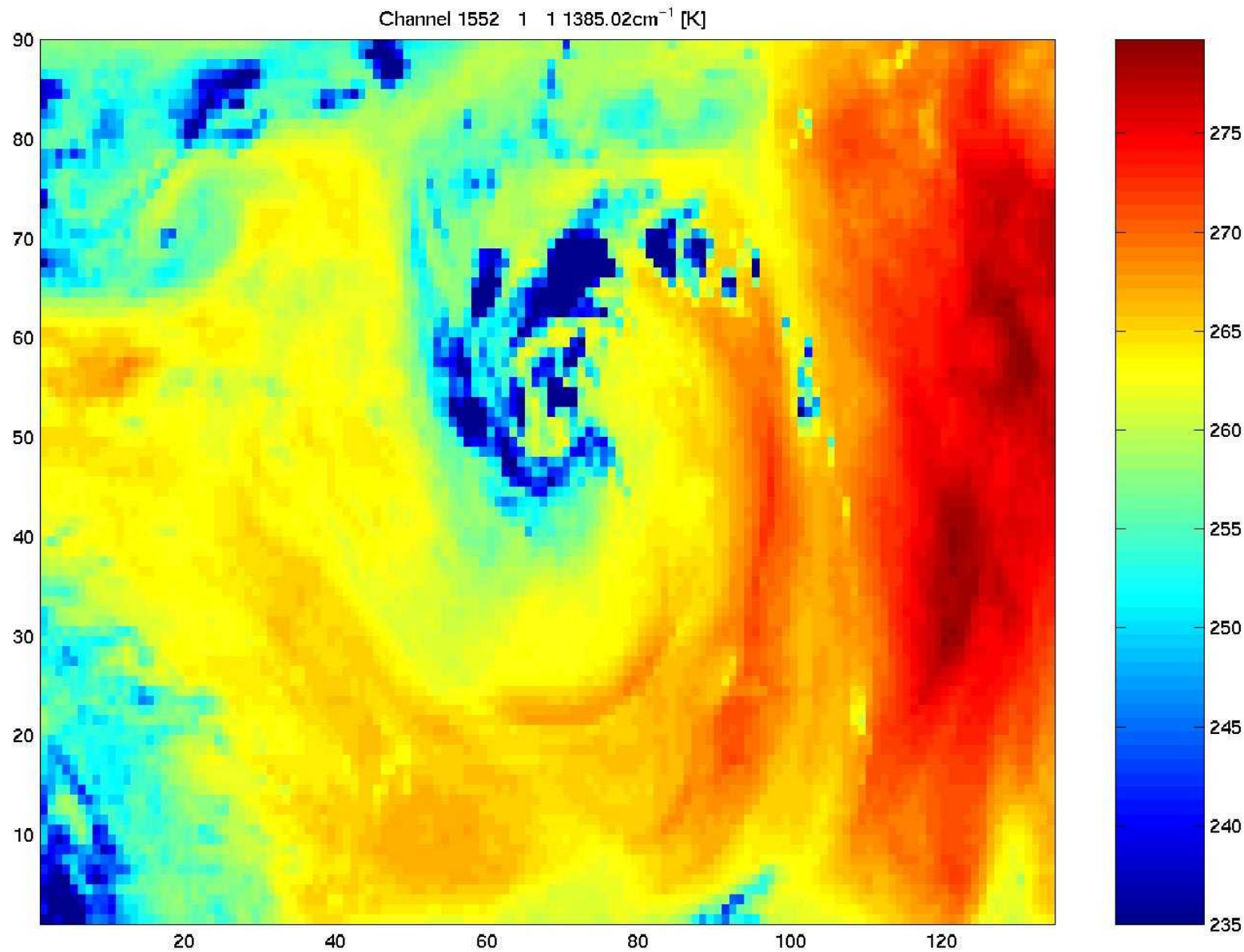


Transmittance
within H₂O
absorption
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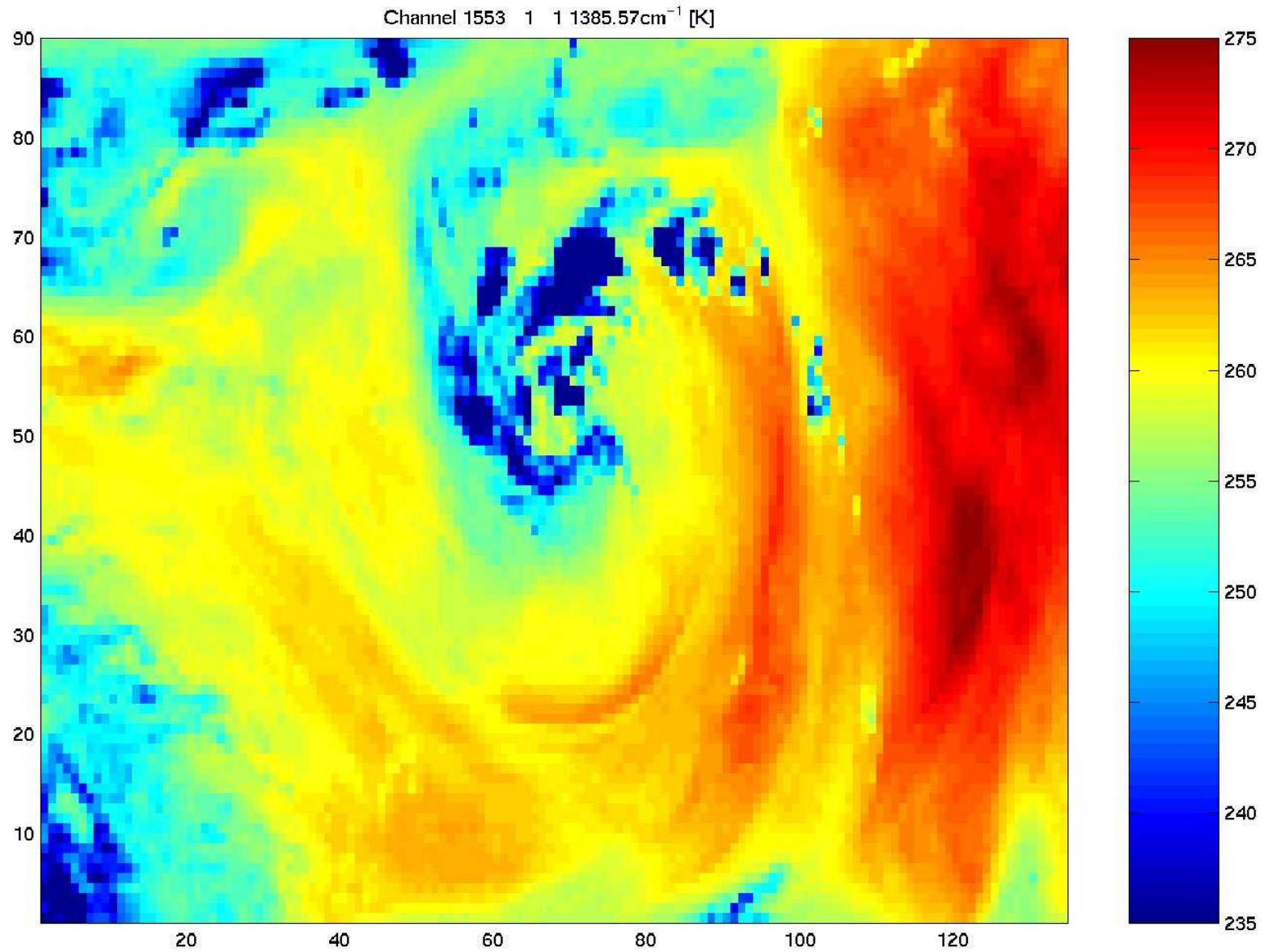
Atmospheric transmittance in H2O sensitive region of spectrum



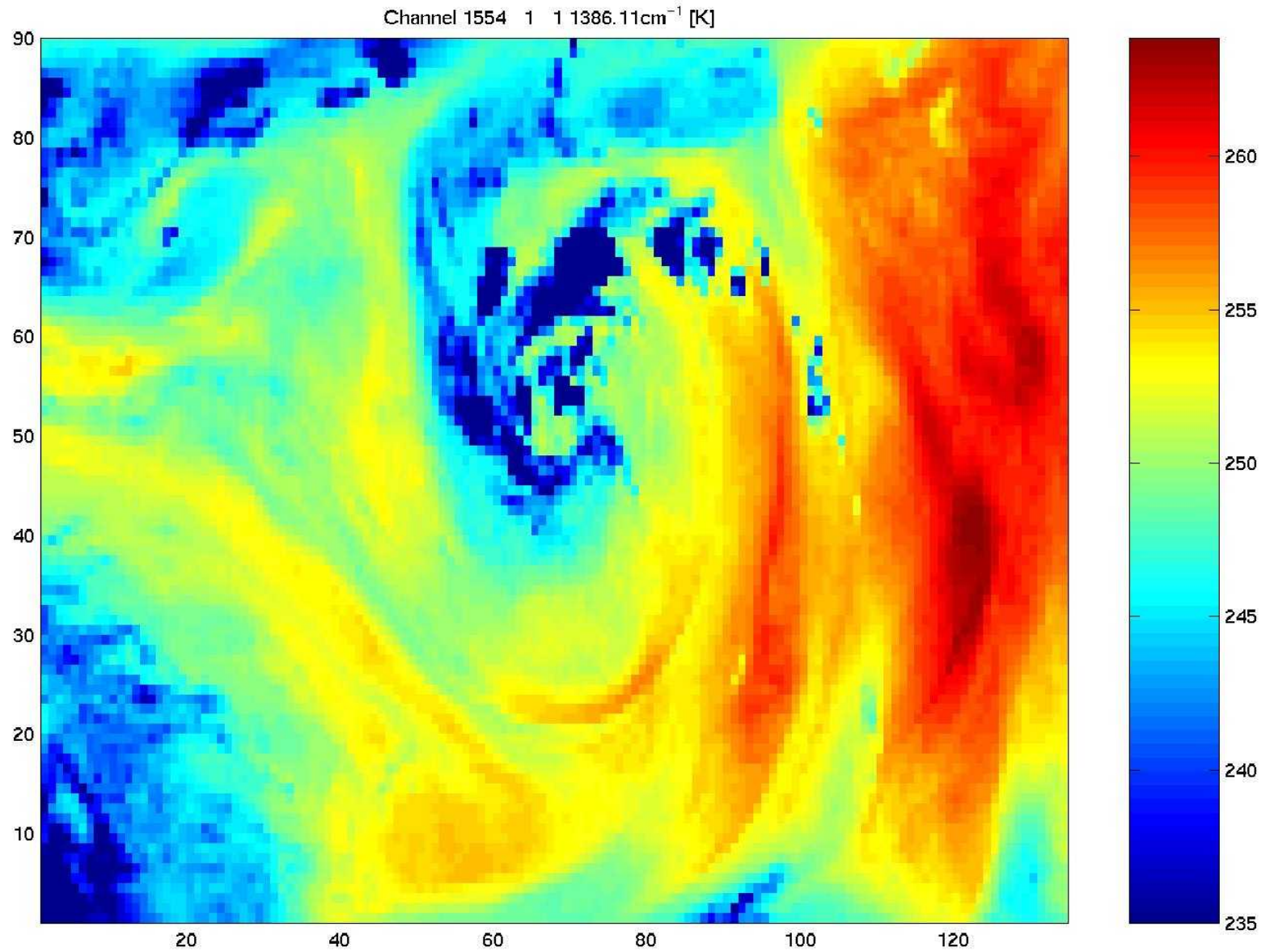
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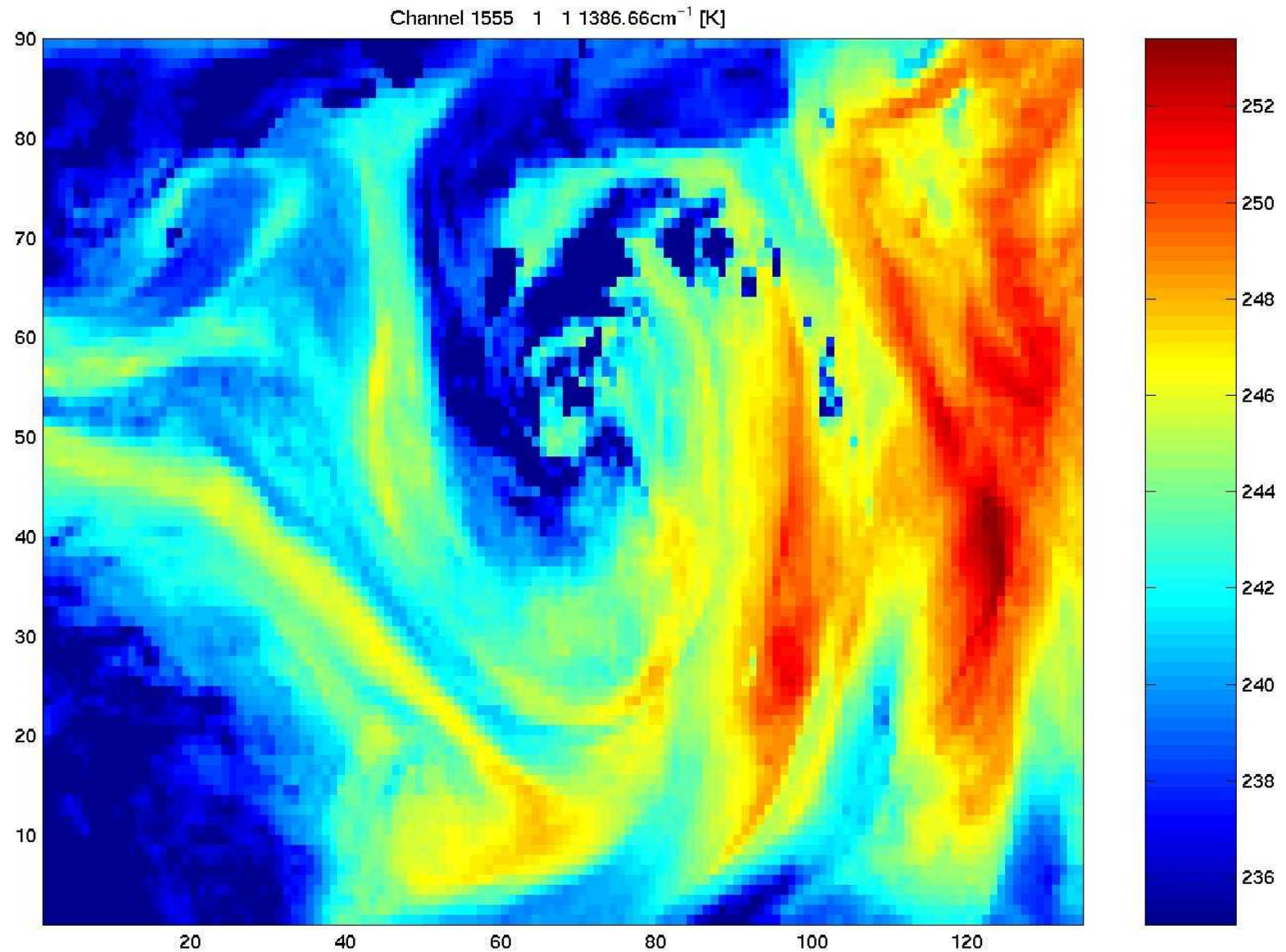
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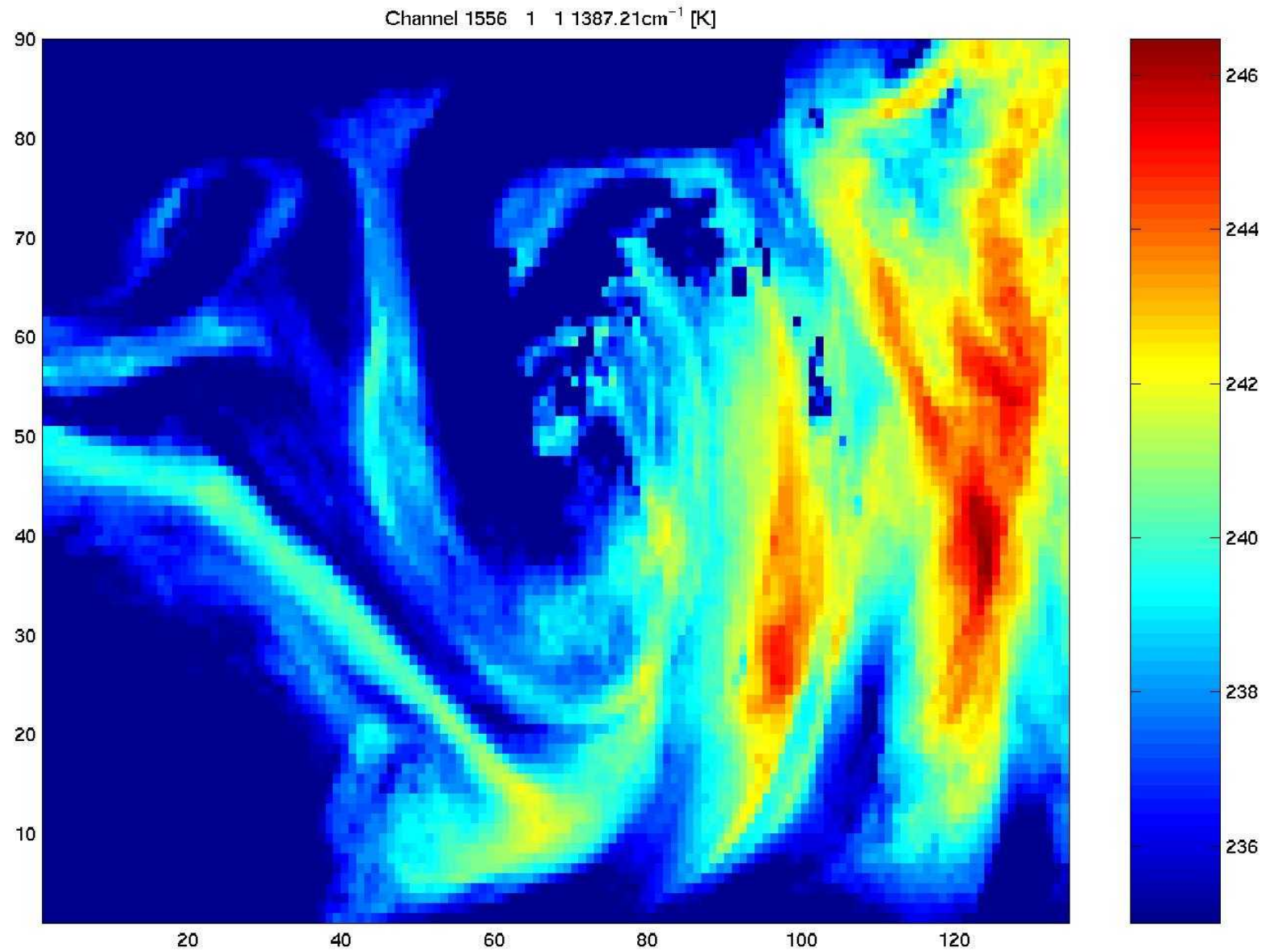
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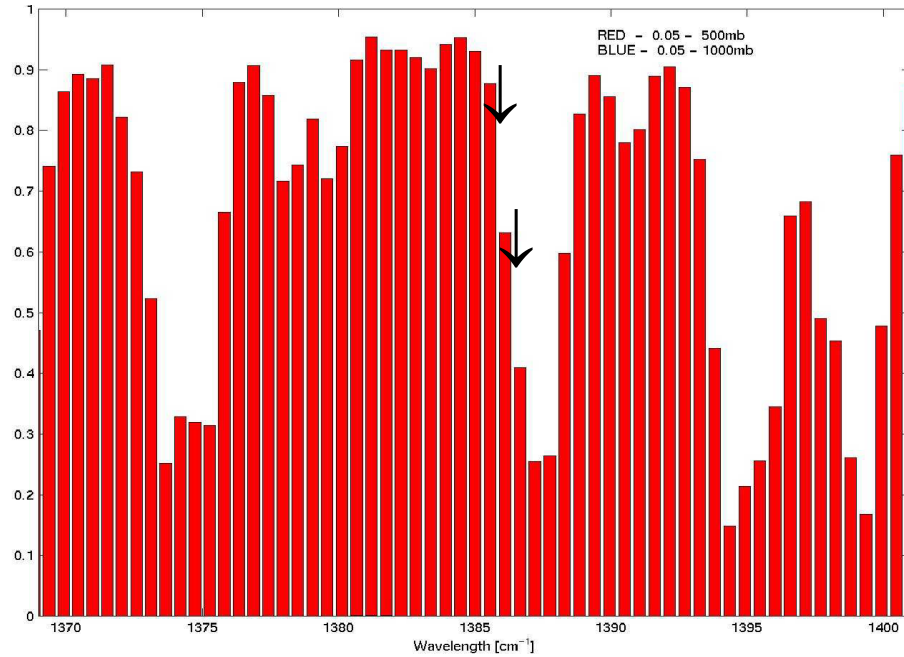
Spatial distribution of Ch 1555 at 1386.66 [1/cm] measurements [K]



Spatial distribution of Ch 1556 at 1387.21 [1/cm] measurements [K]



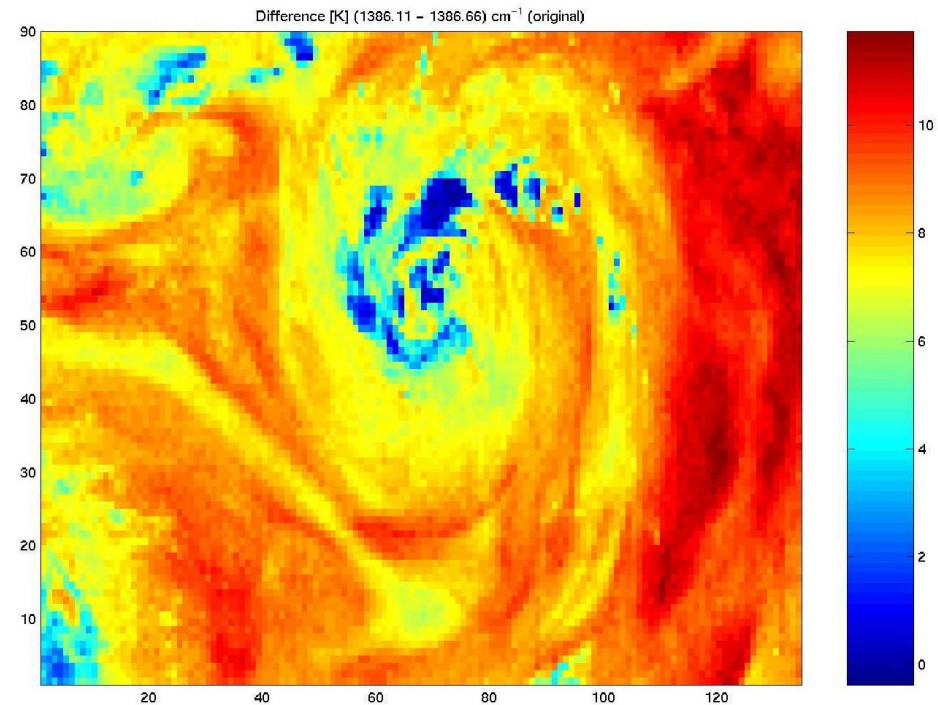
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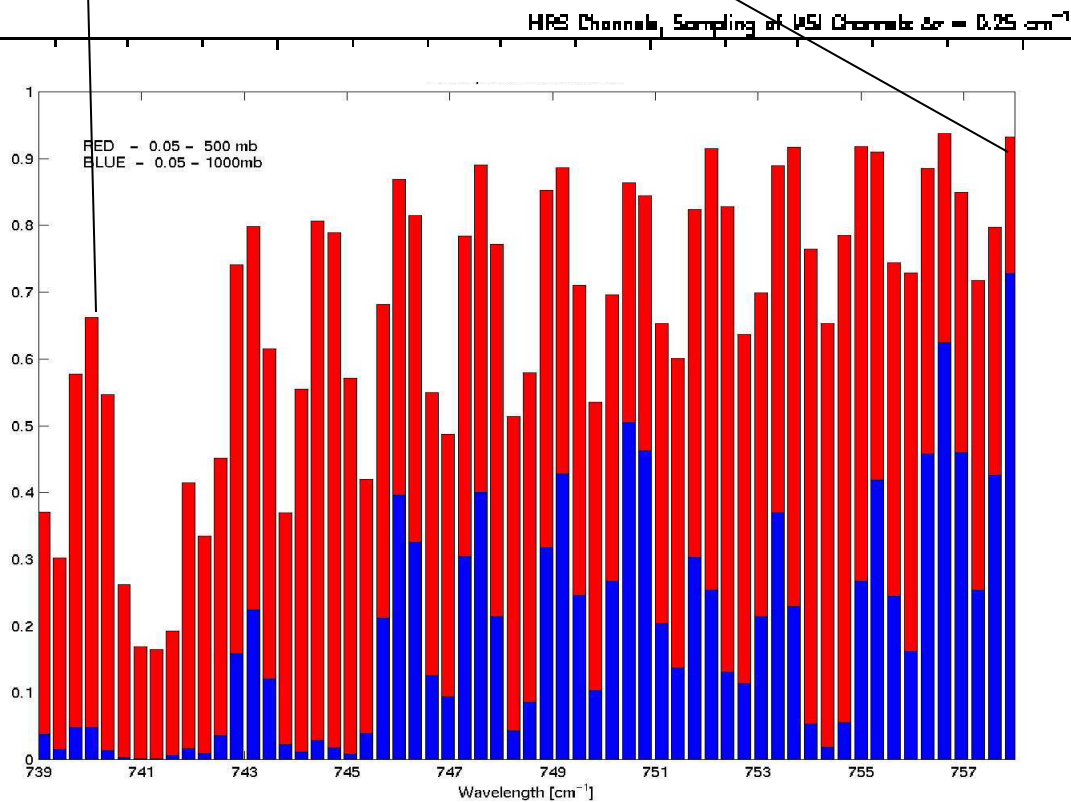
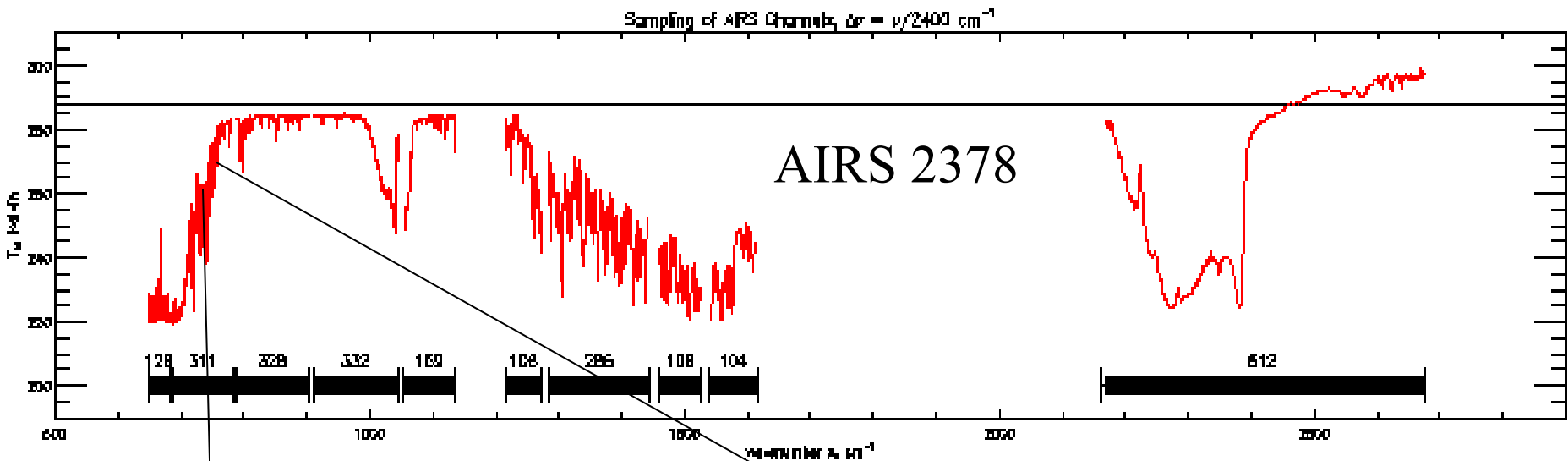


**Spectral change of 0.5 cm^{-1}
causes BT changes > 10 C**

Studying spectral sensitivity with AIRS Data

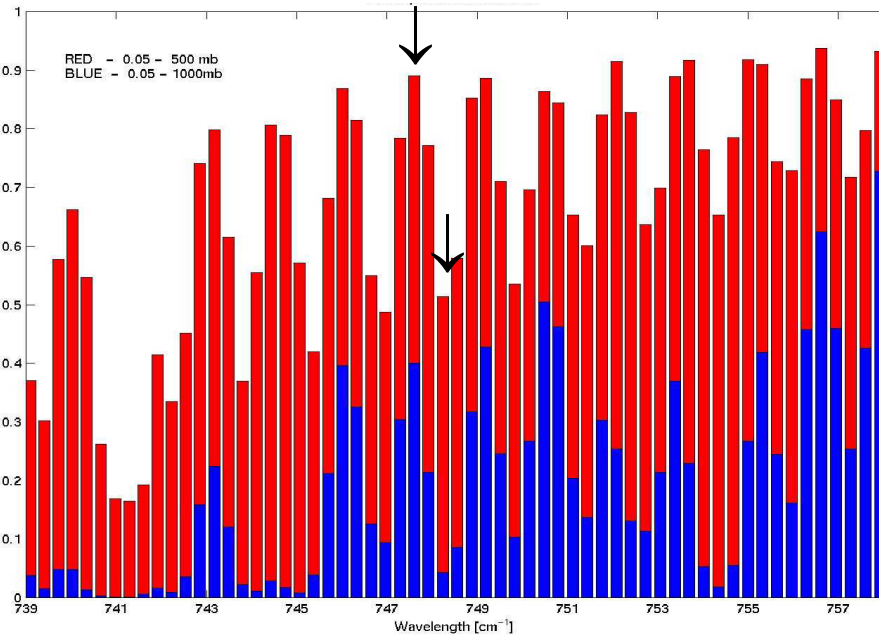
AIRS BT[1386.11] – BT[1386.66]





Transmittance
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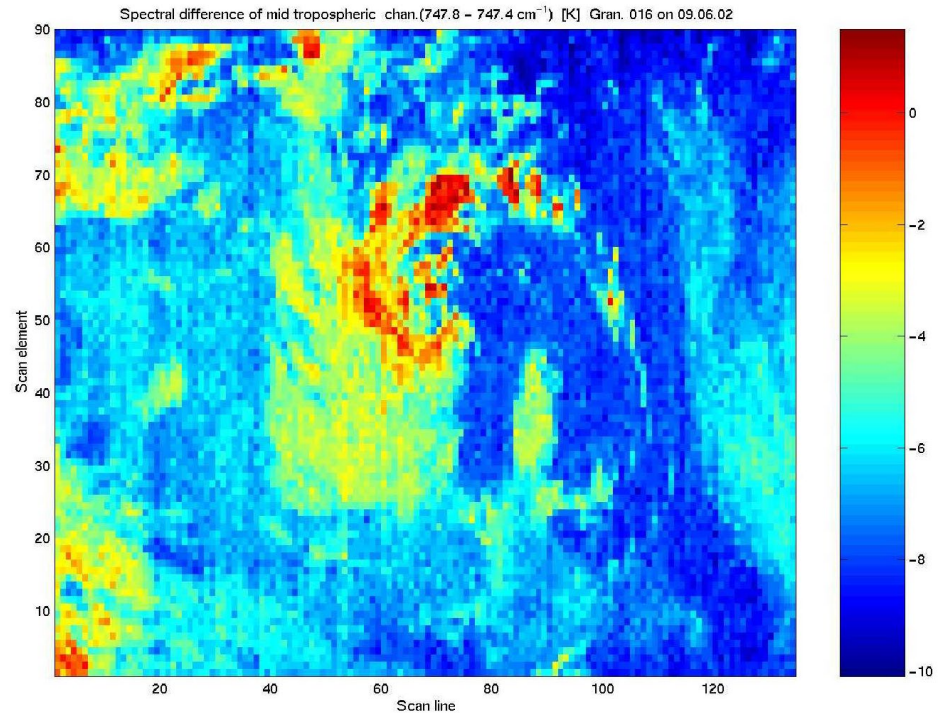
Atmospheric transmittance in CO2 sensitive region of spectrum



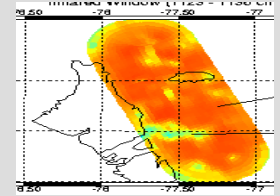
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Studying spectral sensitivity with AIRS Data

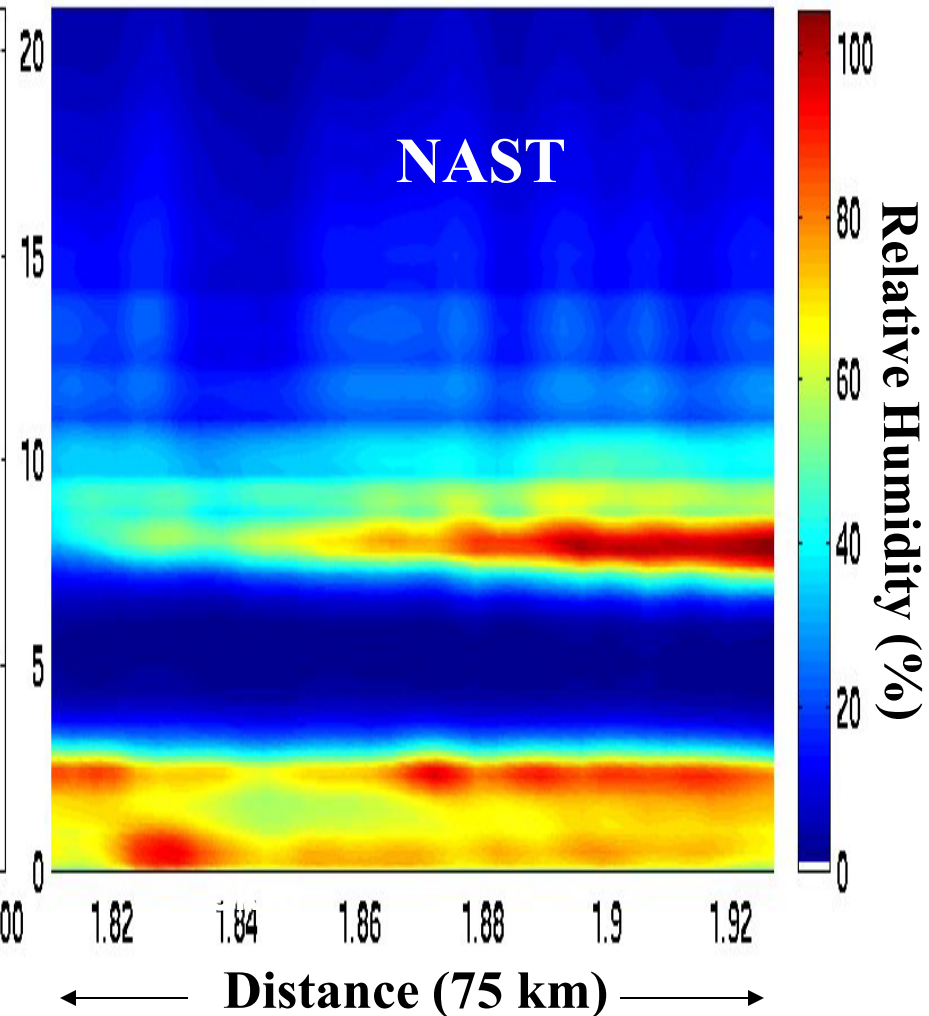
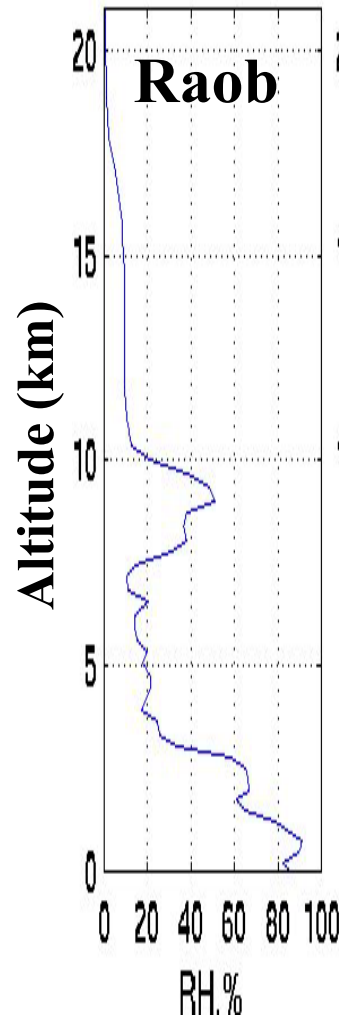
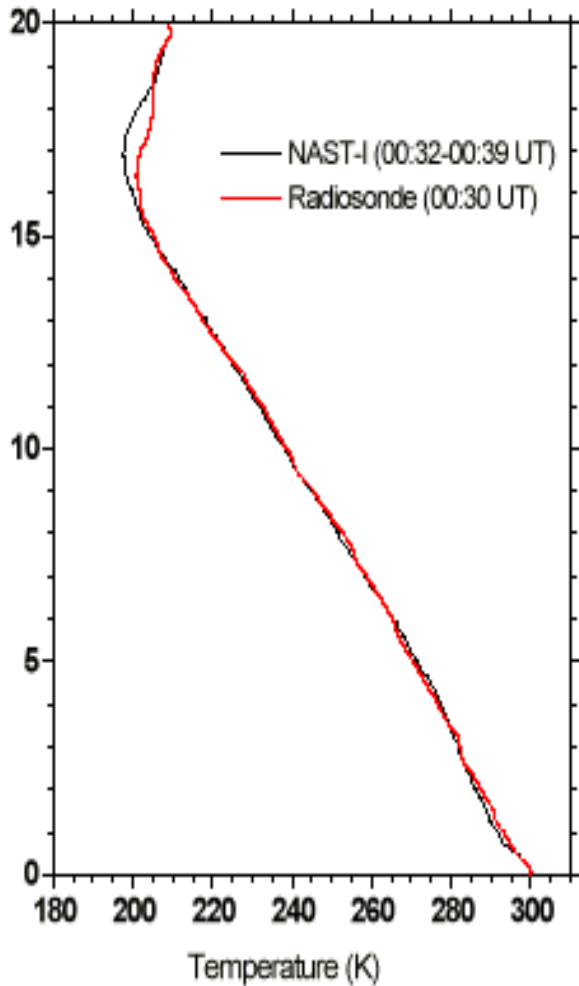
AIRS BT[747.8] – BT[747.4]



Radiosonde Validation



Andros Is. Bahamas, Sept 12, 1998



Spectral Signatures seen with AIRS

Lectures in Krakow
May 2006

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AIRS data from 28 Aug 2005

The screenshot displays a Windows desktop environment with the following elements:

- Taskbar:** Shows the Start button, taskbar buttons for "ET EGOS input to...", "c:\ run HYDRA", "Microsoft Power...", "Hydra (Version: ...)", "Multi-Channel Vie...", and system tray icons for volume, network, and time (10:36 AM).
- Desktop Icons:** Mozilla Firefox, VZAccess Manager, Mozilla Thunderbird, and Shortcut to IEXPLORE.
- Hydra (Version: v1.6b2) Window:** Features a menu bar (File, Load, Tools, Settings, Start) and a toolbar with navigation icons. The main display area shows a map of the Earth with a rectangular region highlighted in grayscale, representing satellite imagery.
- Multi-Channel Viewer Window:** Contains a "Tools Settings" menu and a plot titled "Clear Sky Spectra".
 - Plot:** The y-axis is labeled "brightnessTemp" with values 180 and 320. The x-axis is labeled "wavenumber" with values 1000 and 2500. A green vertical line is positioned at approximately 2446.20 cm⁻¹.
 - Wavenumber Input:** A text box below the plot shows "wavenumber 2446.20 cm⁻¹".
 - Map:** The same grayscale map from the Hydra window is shown, with two specific points highlighted: a yellow point labeled "230.65" and a green point labeled "327.09".
 - Instrument:** A label at the bottom of the window reads "Instrument: AIRS".

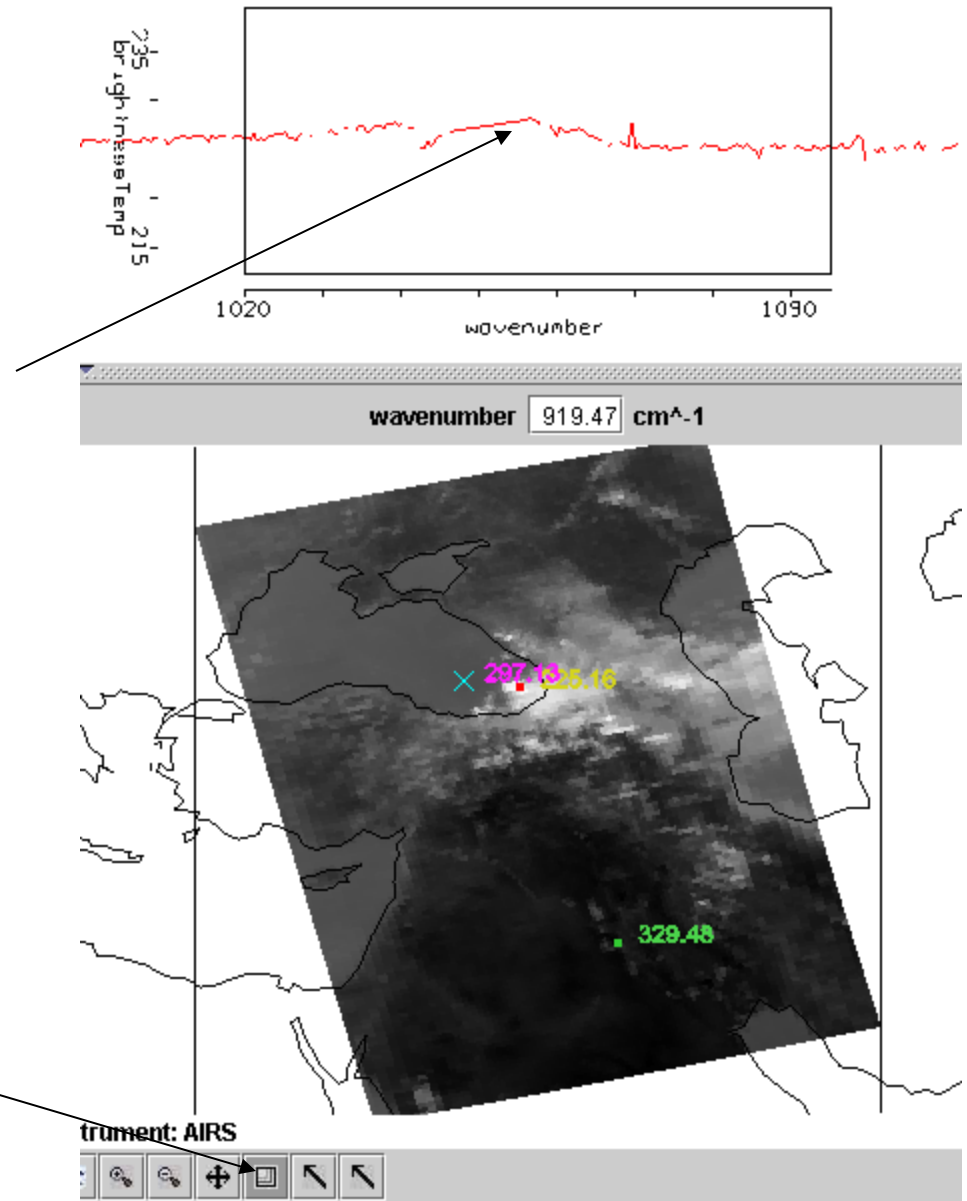
AIRS data from 28 Aug 2005

The image displays a Windows desktop environment with several open applications. In the background, there are icons for Mozilla Firefox, VZAccess Manager, Mozilla Thunderbird, and a shortcut to IEXPLORE. A terminal window titled 'run HYDRA' is open. The foreground features two main windows:

- Hydra (Version: v1.6b2)**: A window with a menu bar (File, Load, Tools, Settings, Start) and a toolbar. It displays a satellite image of a cloud field over a geographical map.
- Multi-Channel Viewer**: A window titled 'Clear Sky vs Opaque High Cloud Spectra'. It contains a spectral plot with 'wavenumber' on the x-axis (ranging from 1000 to 2500) and 'brightness Temp' on the y-axis (ranging from 180 to 220). A red line represents the opaque high cloud spectrum, and a black line represents the clear sky spectrum. A vertical green line is positioned at approximately 2446.20 cm⁻¹. Below the plot, a zoomed-in view of the cloud feature is shown with three wavenumber markers: 234.25 (cyan 'x'), 236.65 (yellow square), and 327.09 (green square). The instrument is identified as AIRS.

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several open applications (ET EGOS input to..., run HYDRA, Microsoft Power..., Hydra (Version: ...), Multi-Channel Vie...), a battery indicator at 80%, and the system clock showing 10:40 AM on 28 Aug 2005.

Zoom in
on spectra from cloudy fov
to see warming with height
above tropopause
in O3 absorption band

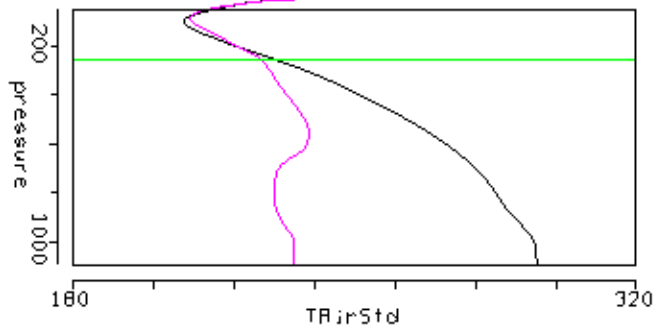


Zoom toolbar

High cloud at 250 hPa

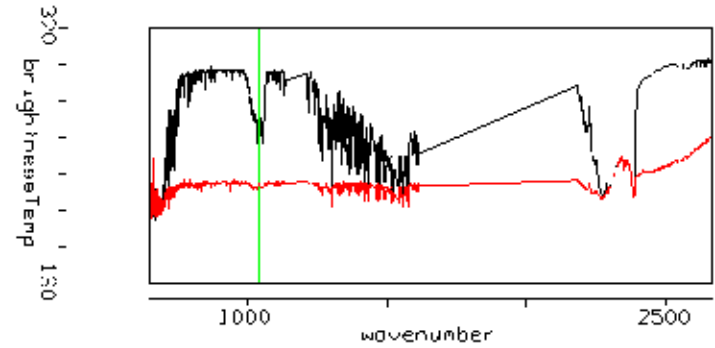
Hydra AIRS Level 2 Products

Variables Levels Settings Tools

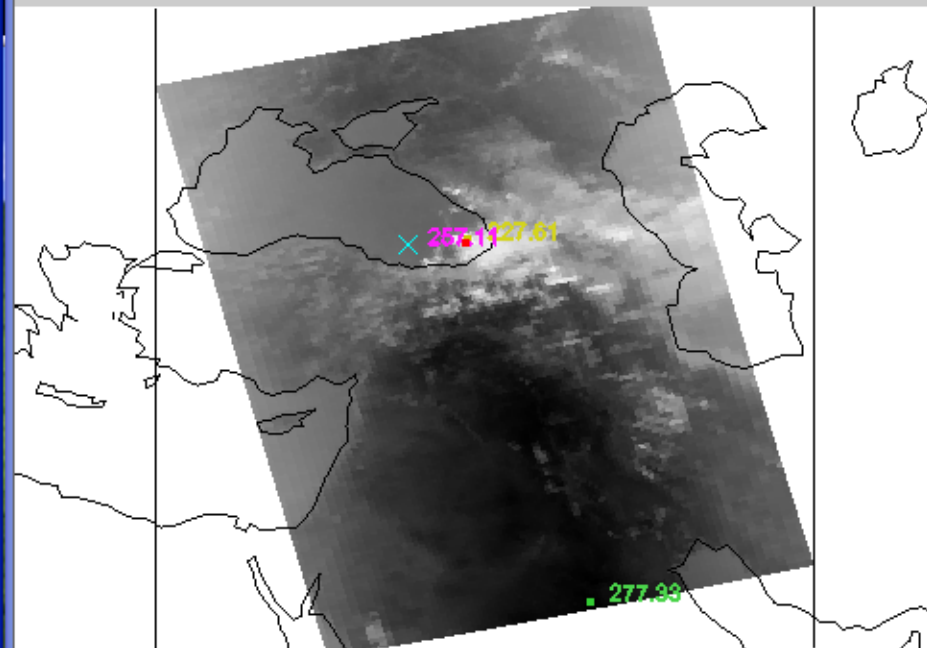
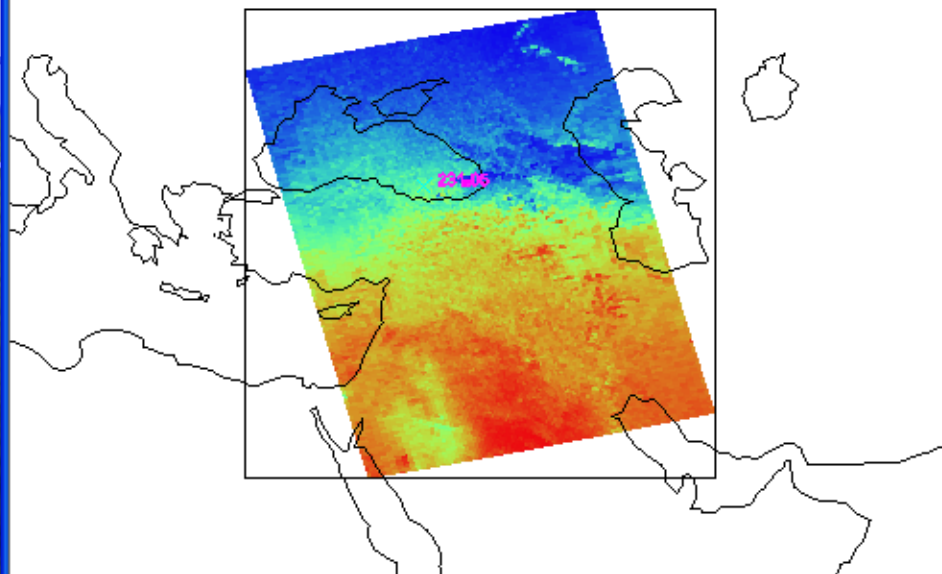


Multi-Channel Viewer

Tools Settings



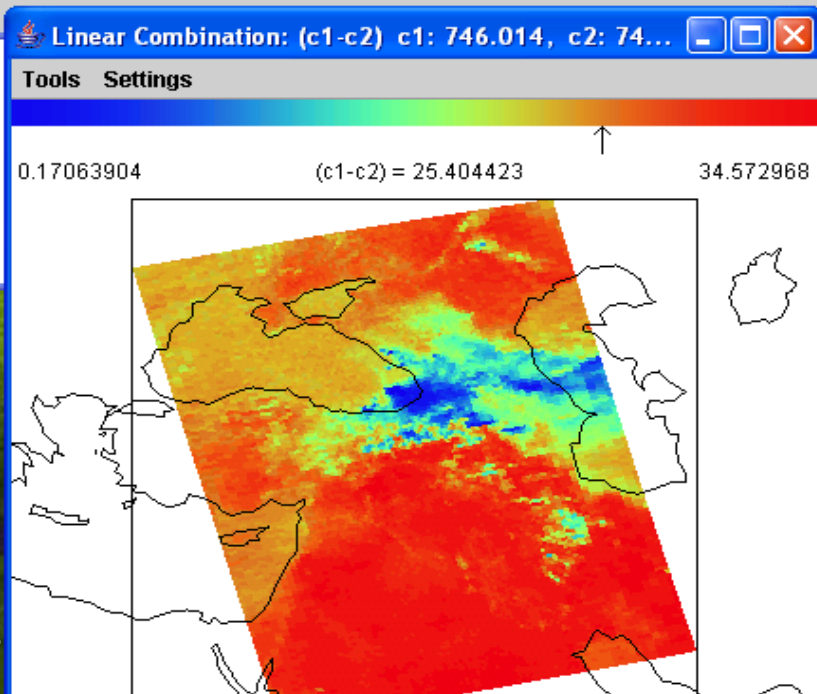
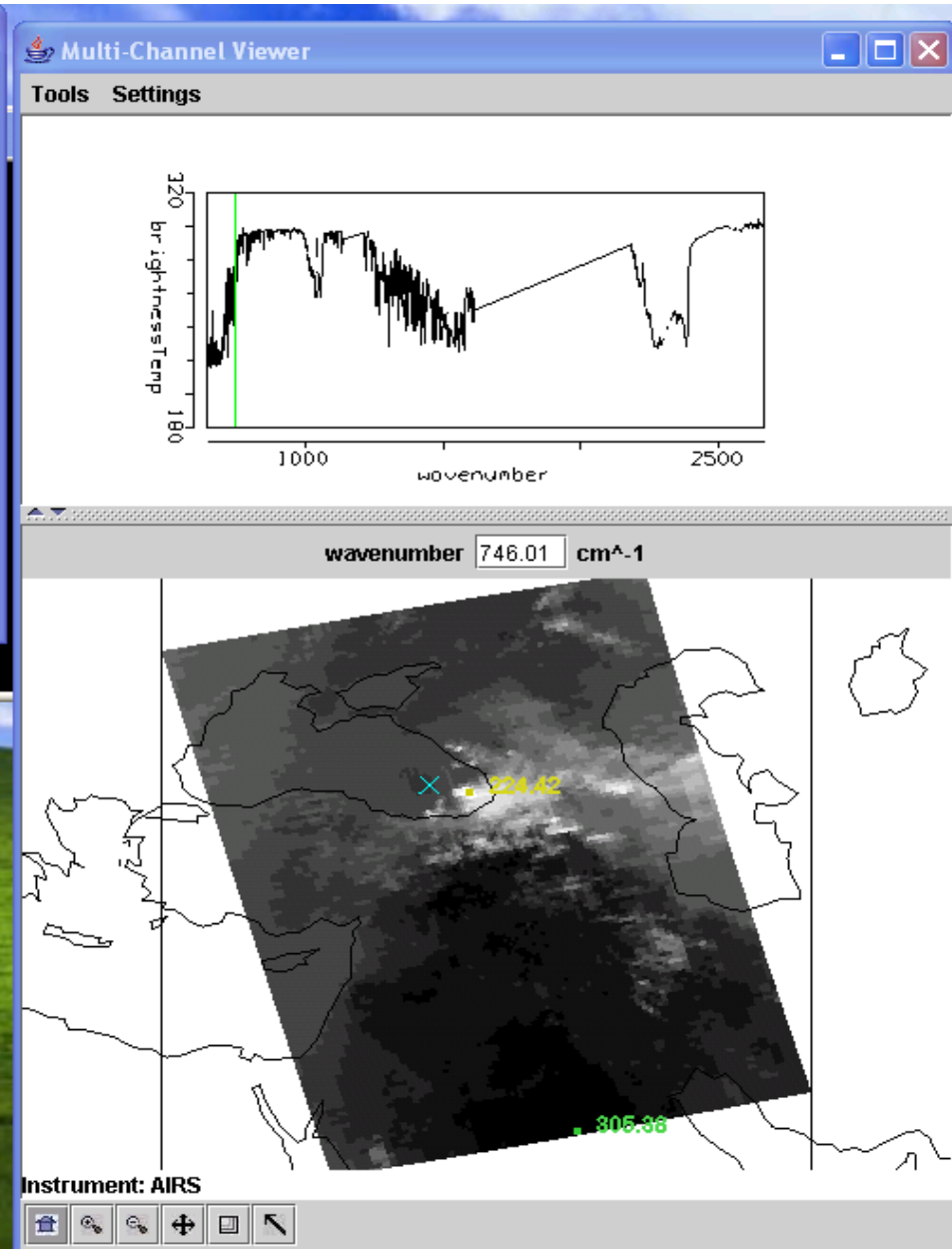
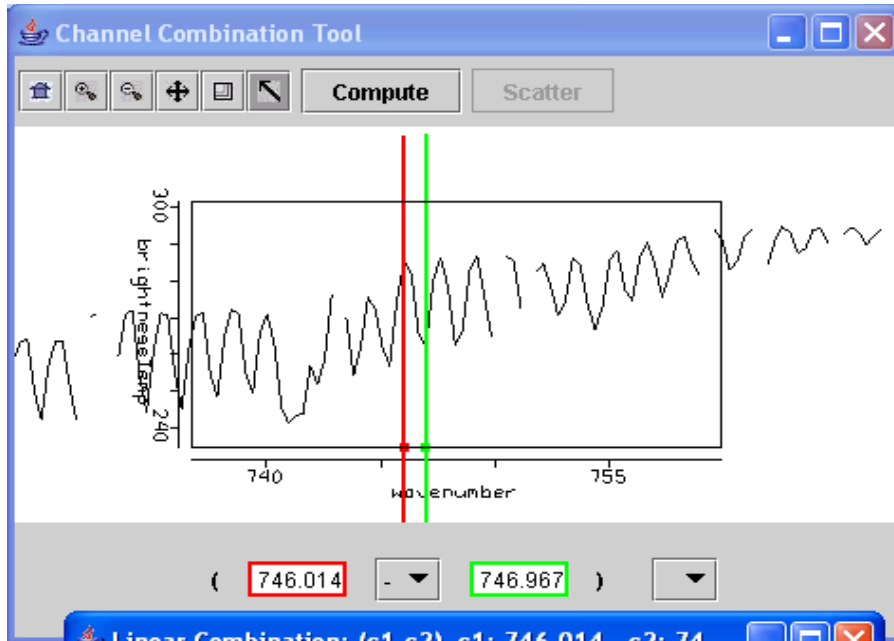
wavenumber 1040.61 cm⁻¹



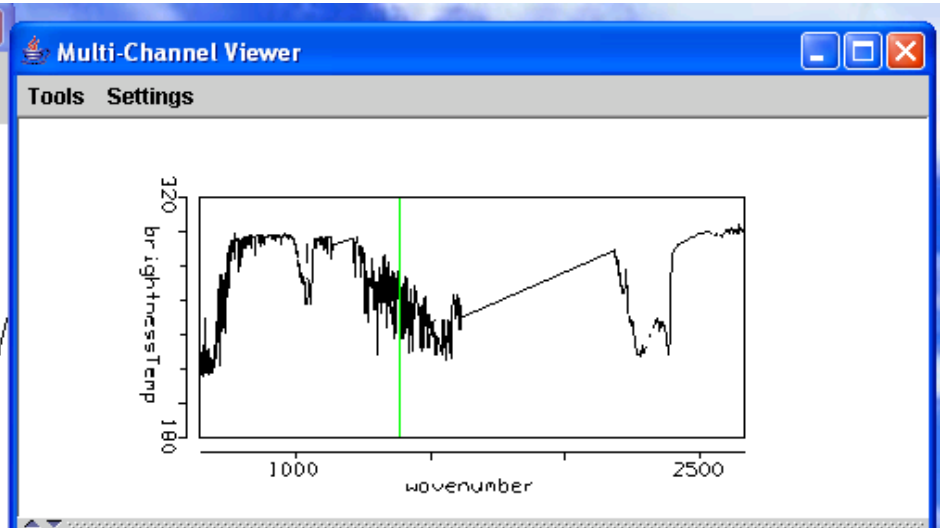
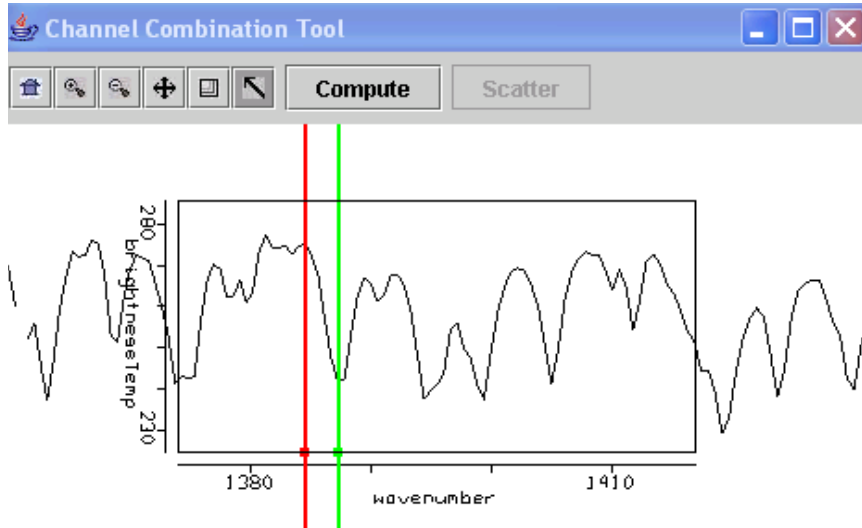
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Offline-Online in LW CO2



Offline-Online in H2O



(1384.476 - 1387.208)

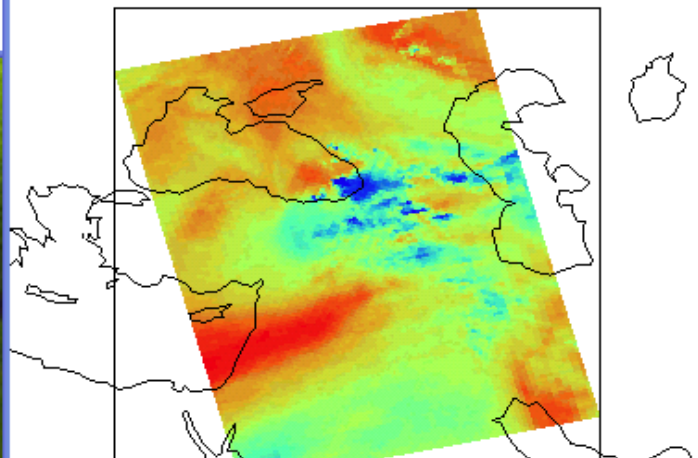
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Tools Settings

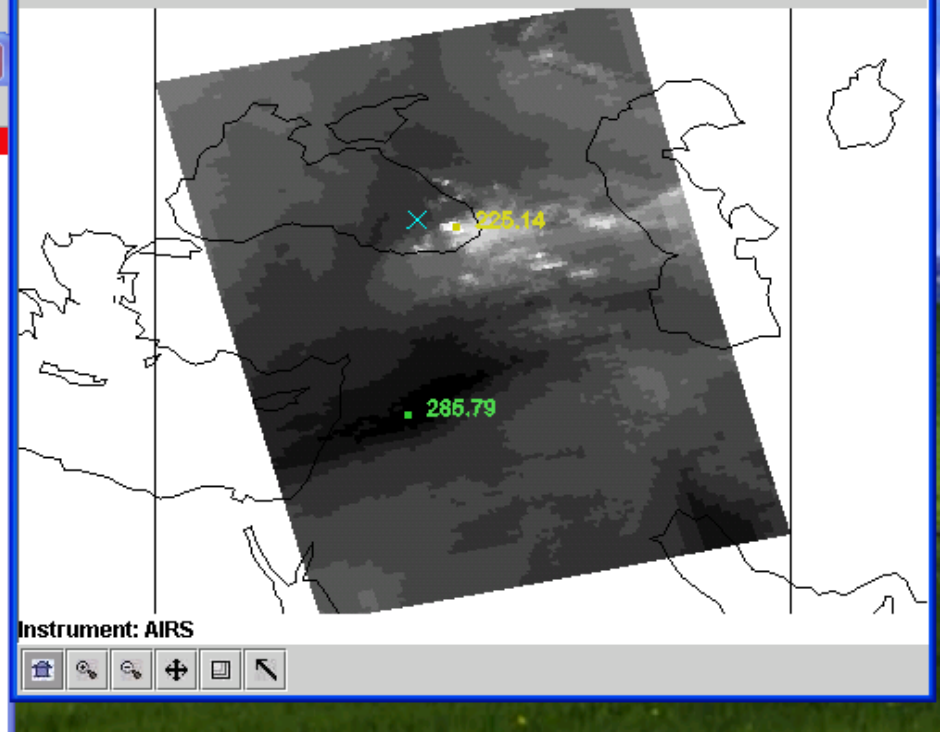
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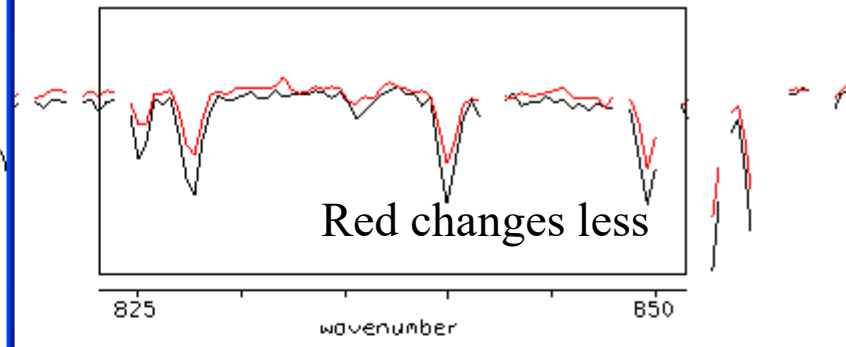
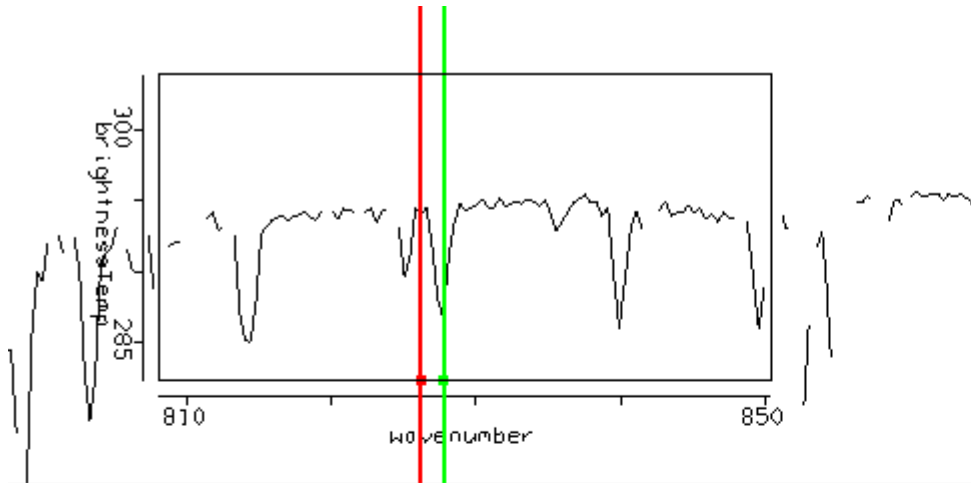
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wavenumber 1385.02 cm⁻¹

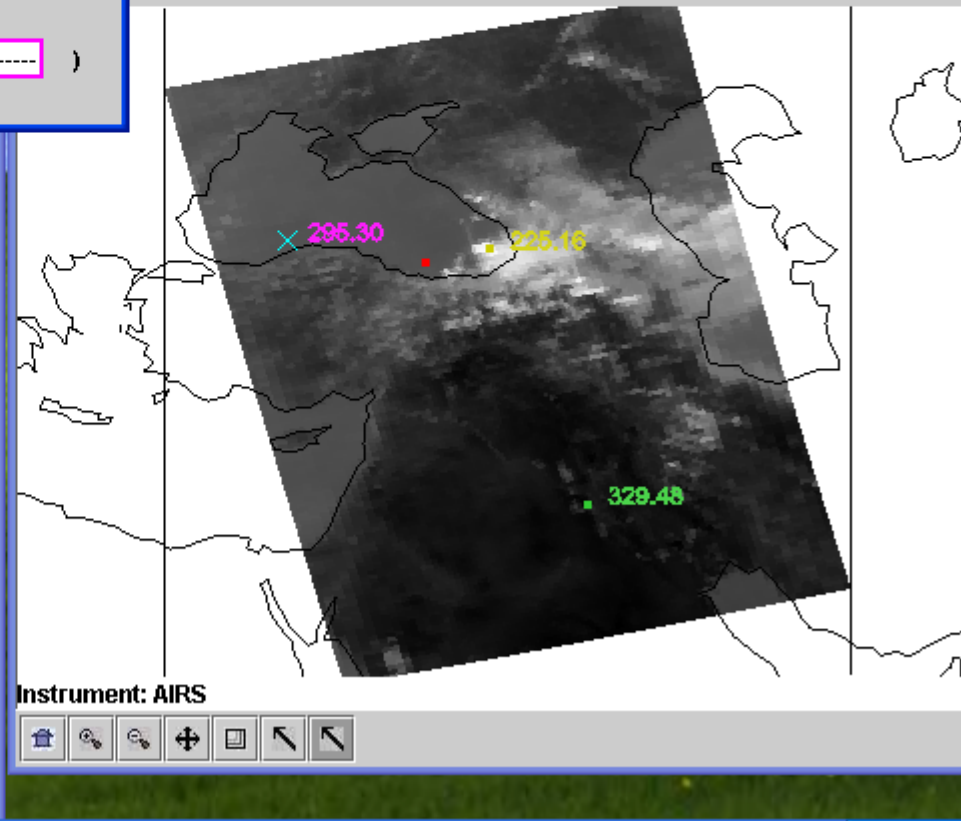
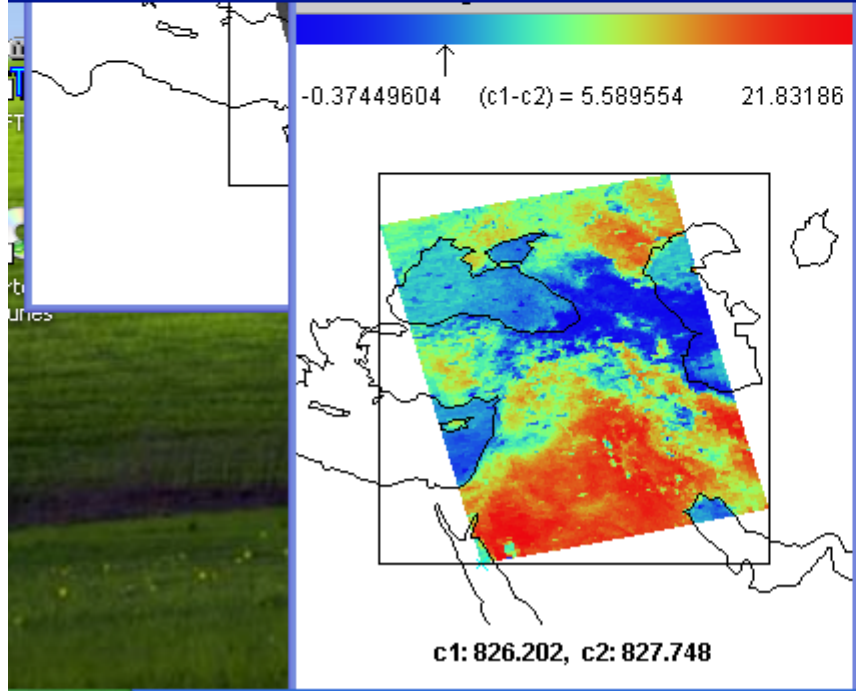


Offline-Online in LW IRW showing low level moisture

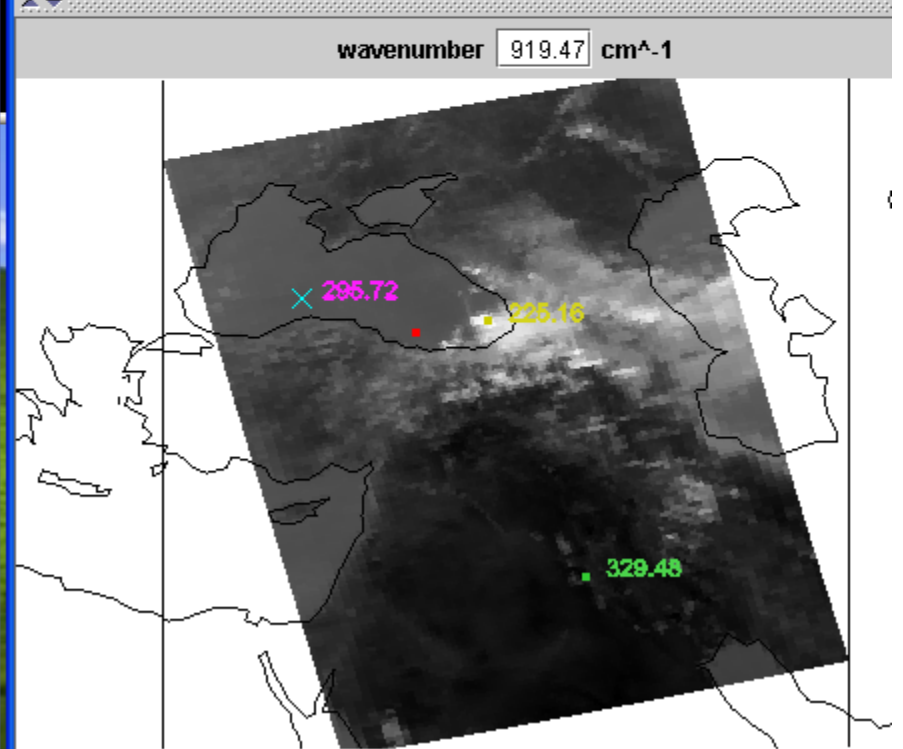
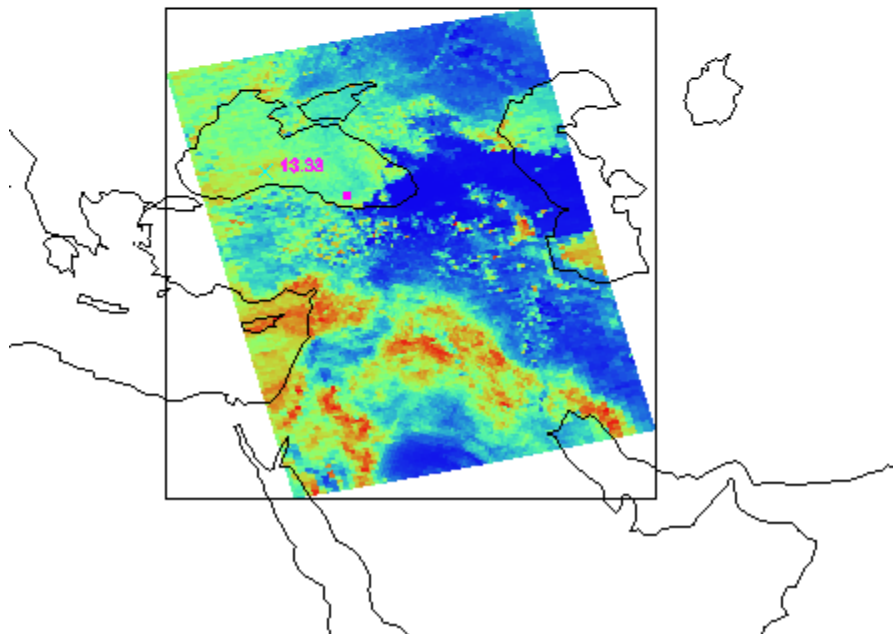
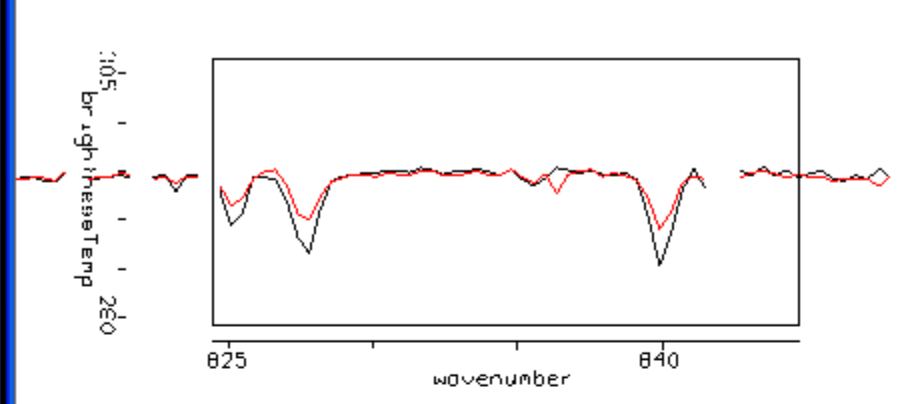
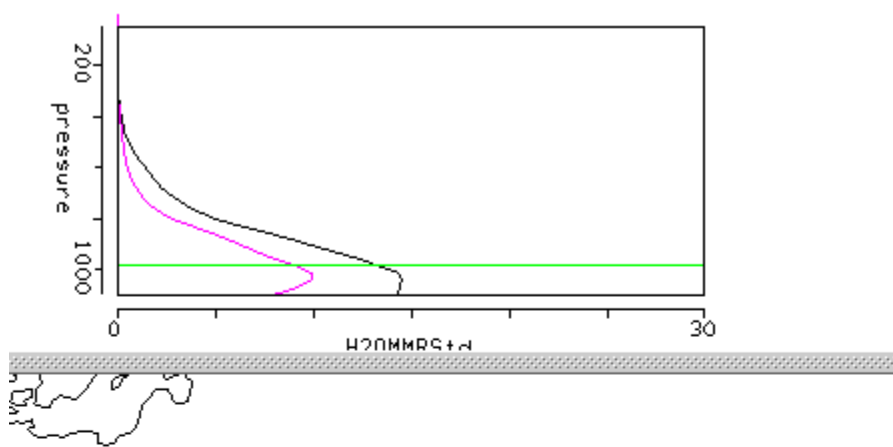


826.202 - 827.748 () () () ()

wavenumber 919.47 cm⁻¹



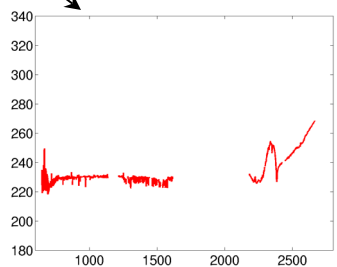
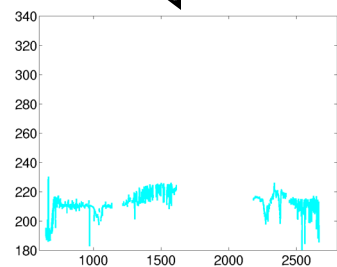
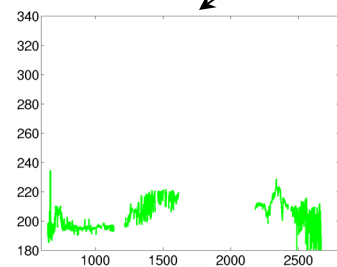
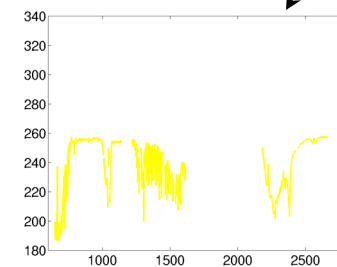
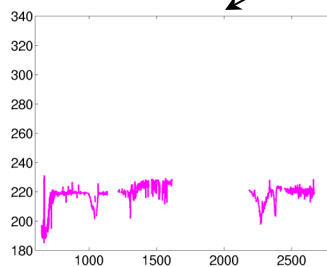
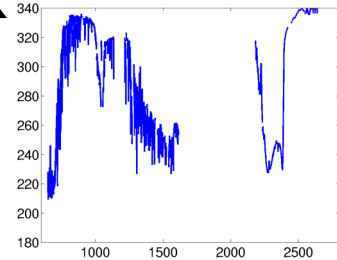
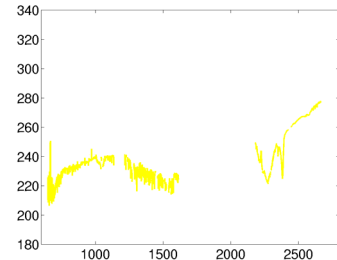
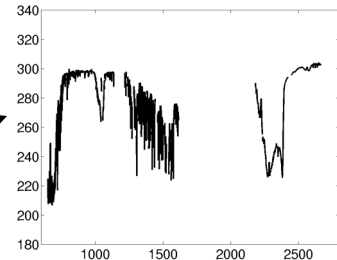
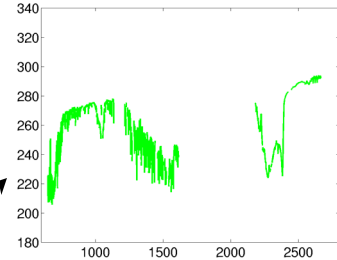
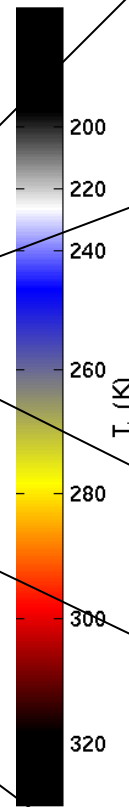
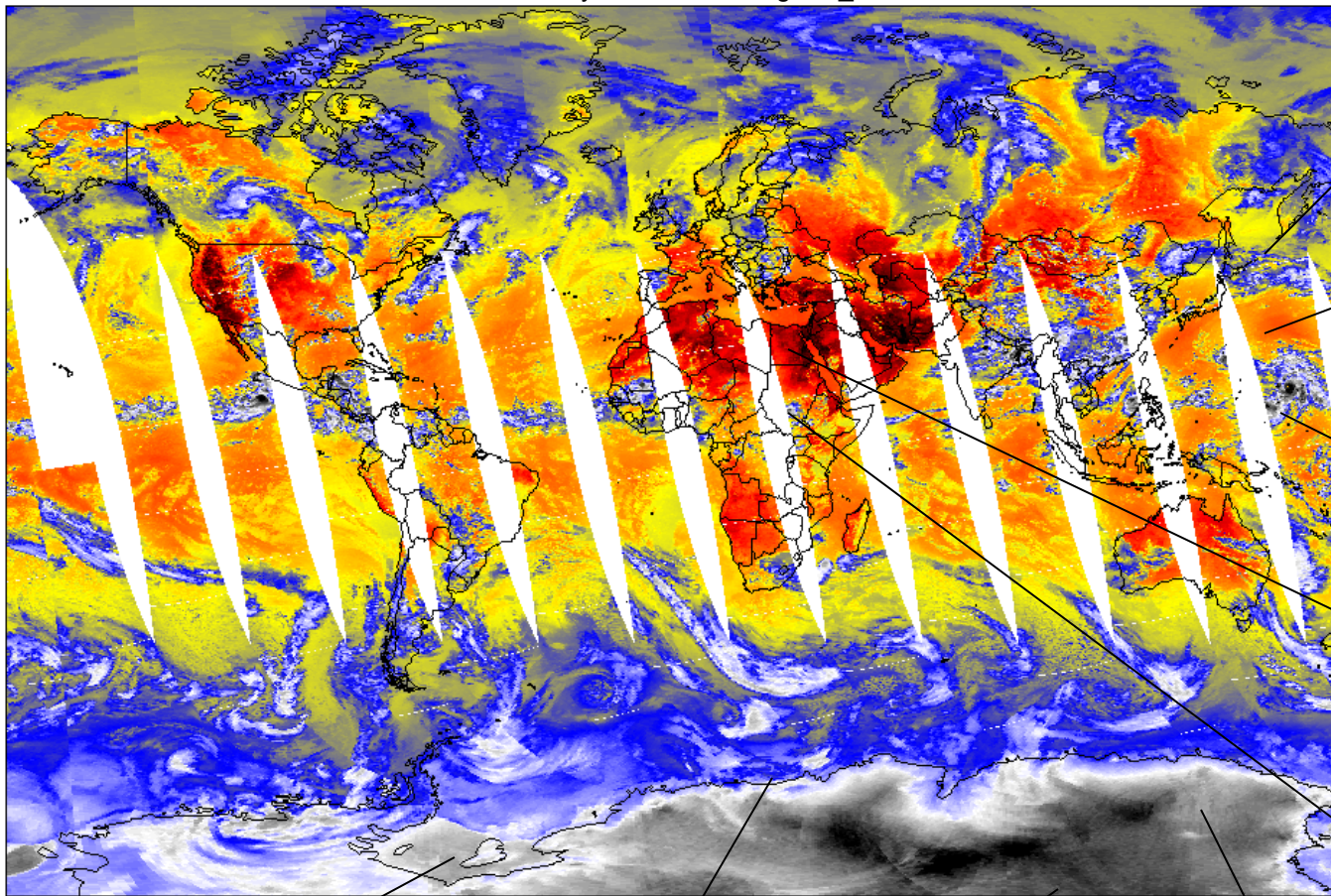
Moisture Profiles (left) confirm west Black Sea (black) is more moist

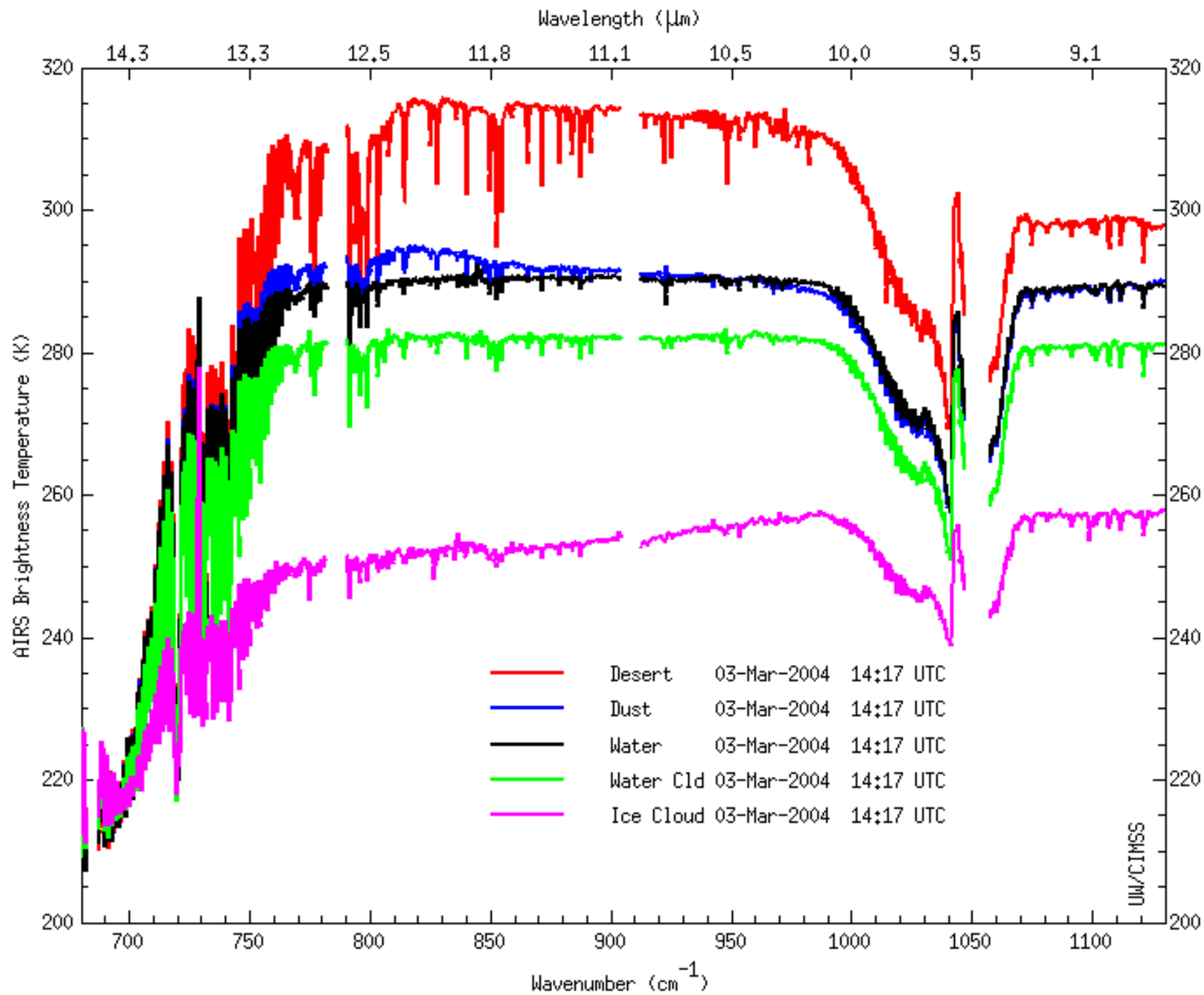


wavenumber 919.47 cm⁻¹

AIRS Spectra from around the Globe

20-July-2002 Ascending LW_Window

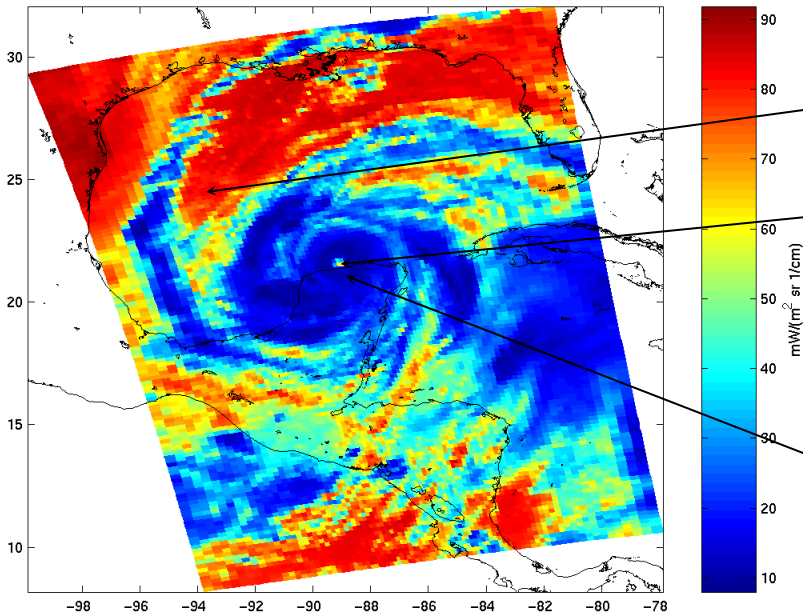




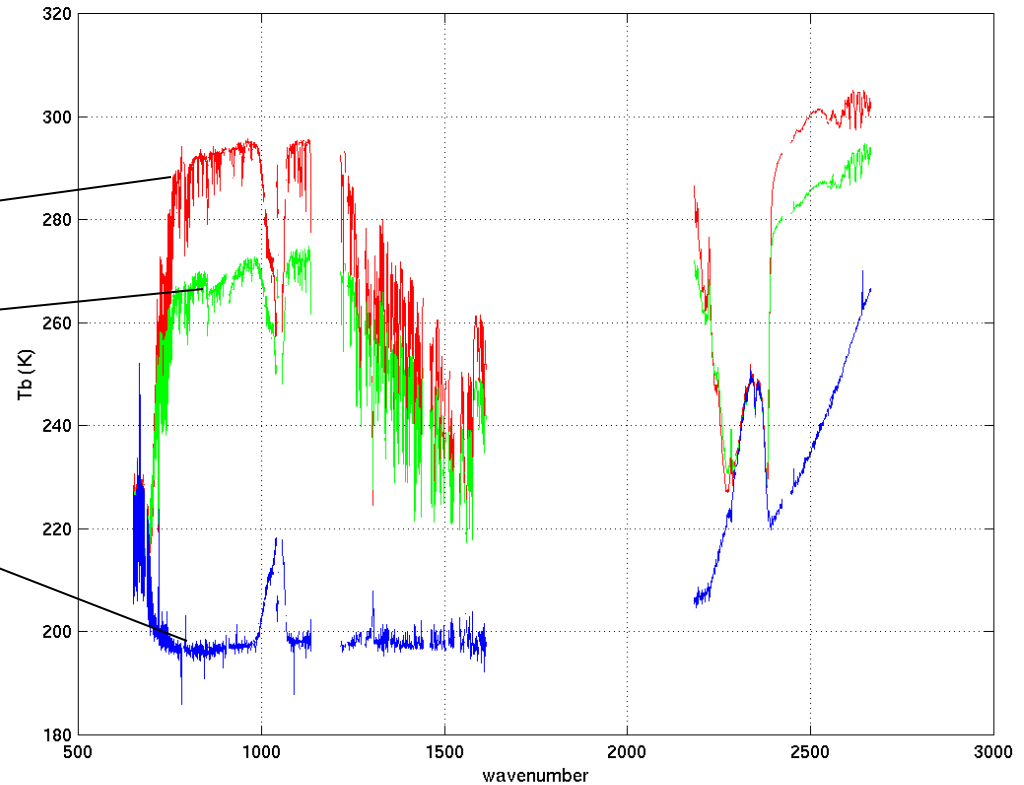
Brightness Temperature Spectra reveal changes in atmosphere from eye to boundary of Tropical Cyclone

~999 1/cm radiances

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Brightness temperature spectra



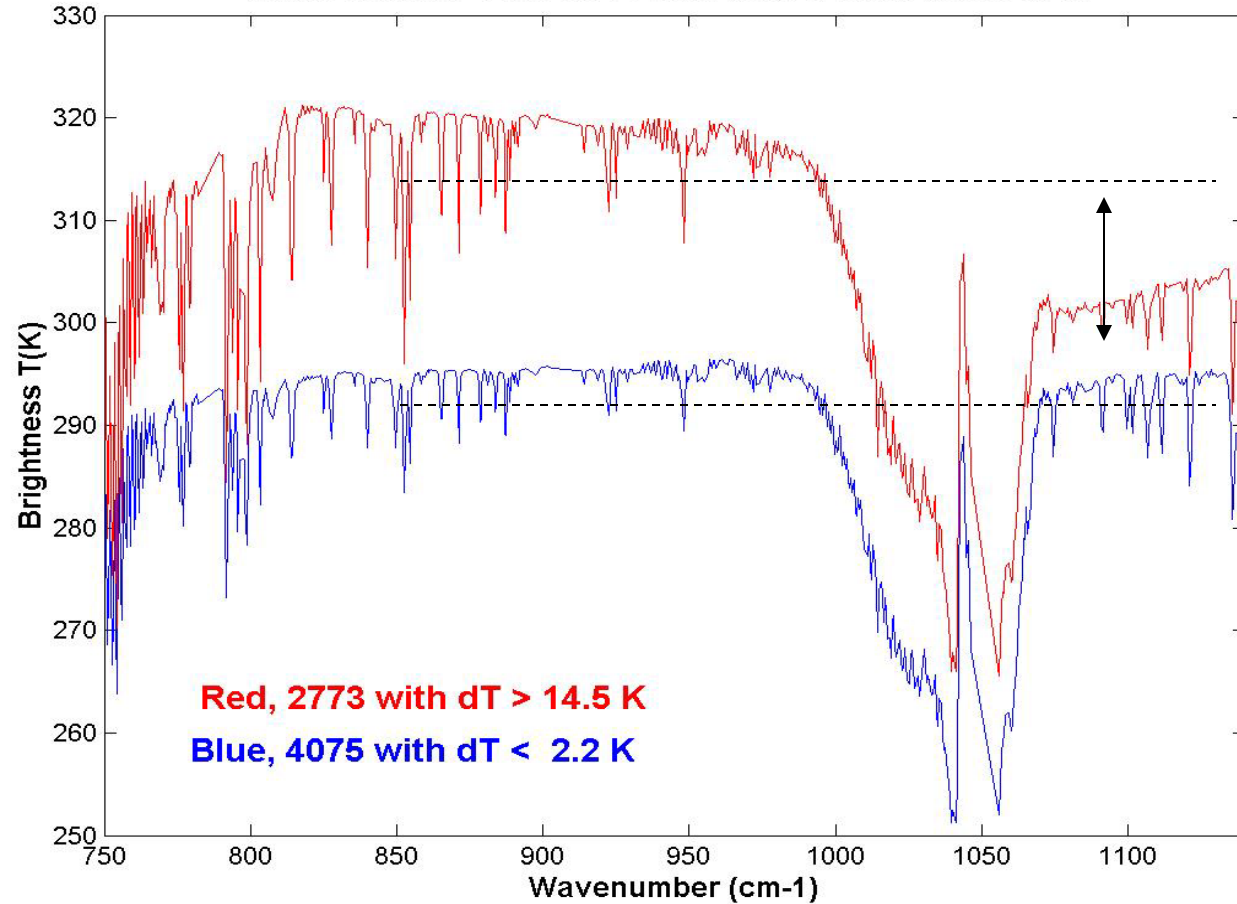
AIRS observations of tropical storm Isadore
on 22 Sept 2002 @ ~19:12-19:18 UTC

Inferring surface properties with AIRS high spectral resolution data

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

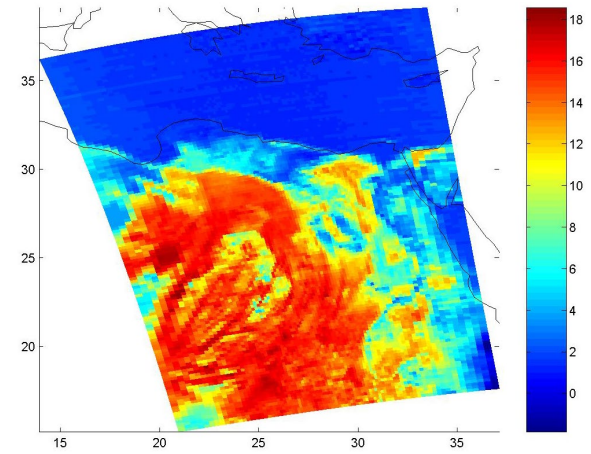
Barren vs Water/Vegetated

Means with 981-1086 cm⁻¹ Large (red) & Small (blue), g115

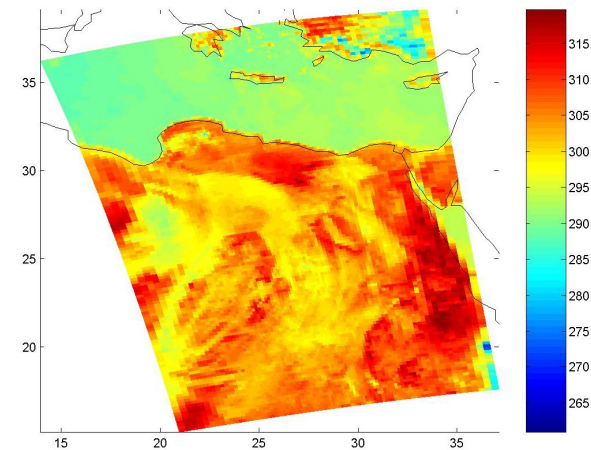


AIRS data from 14 June 2002

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



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

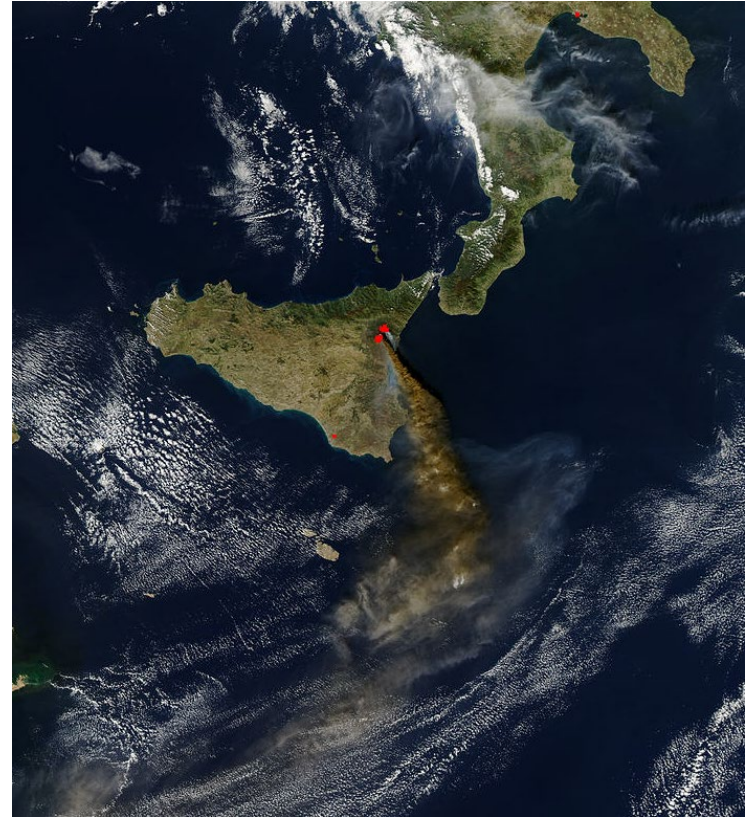


from Tobin et al.

Mt Etna eruption

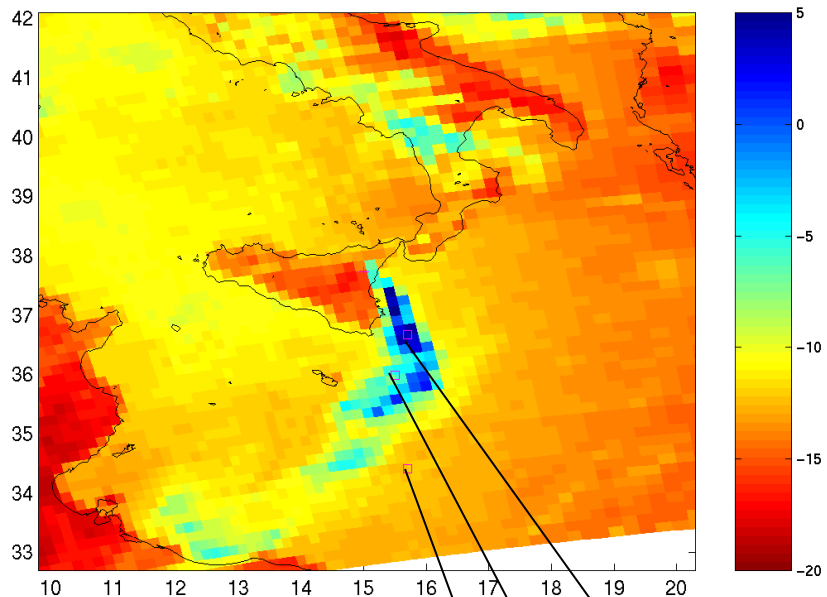


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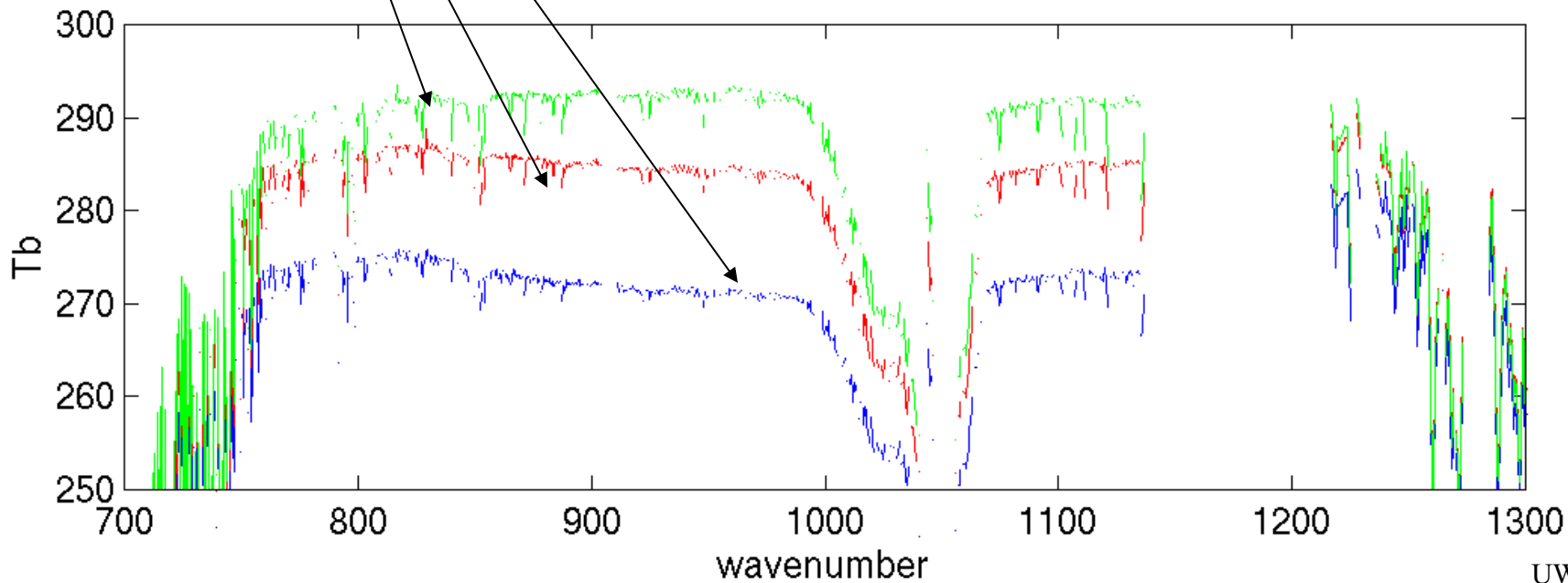
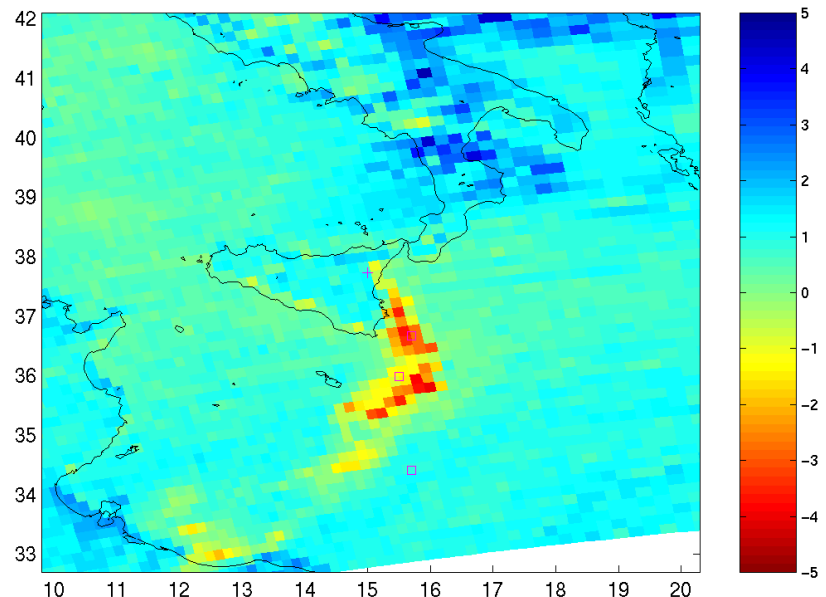


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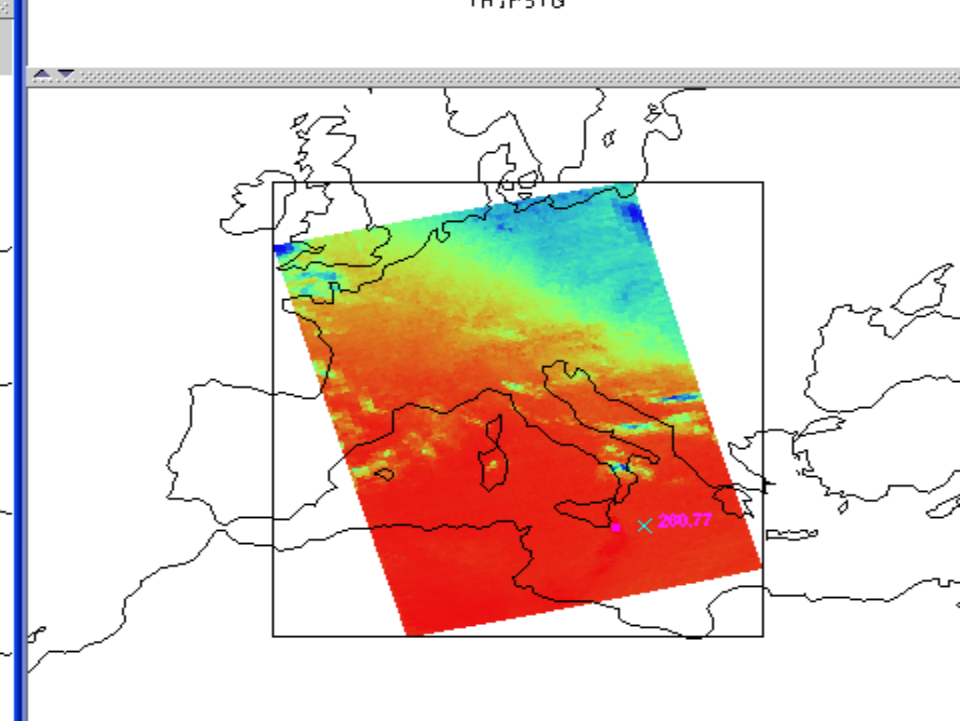
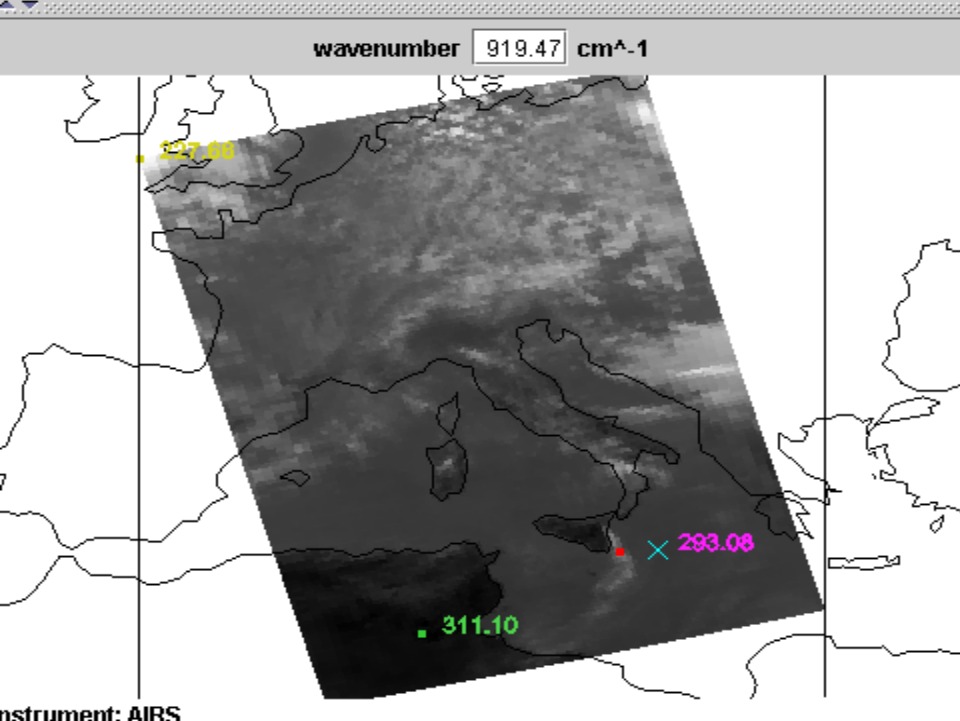
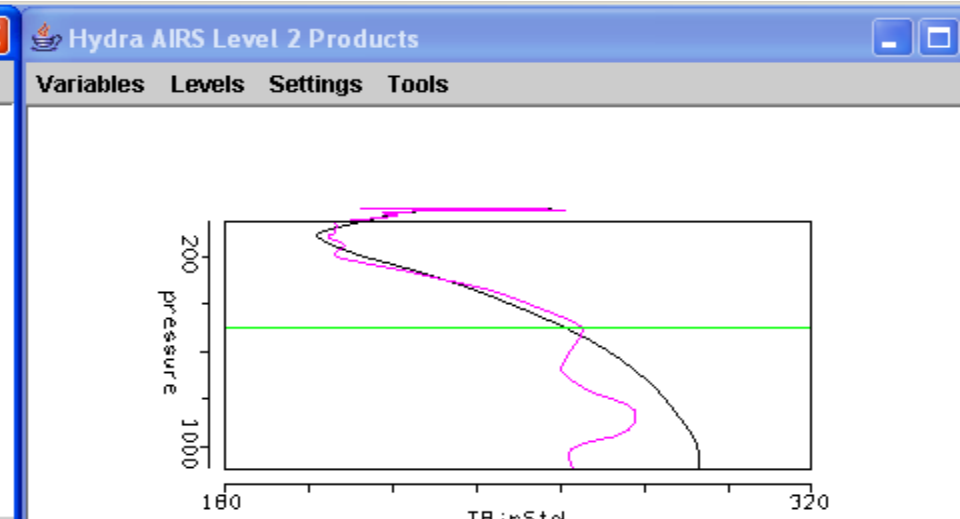
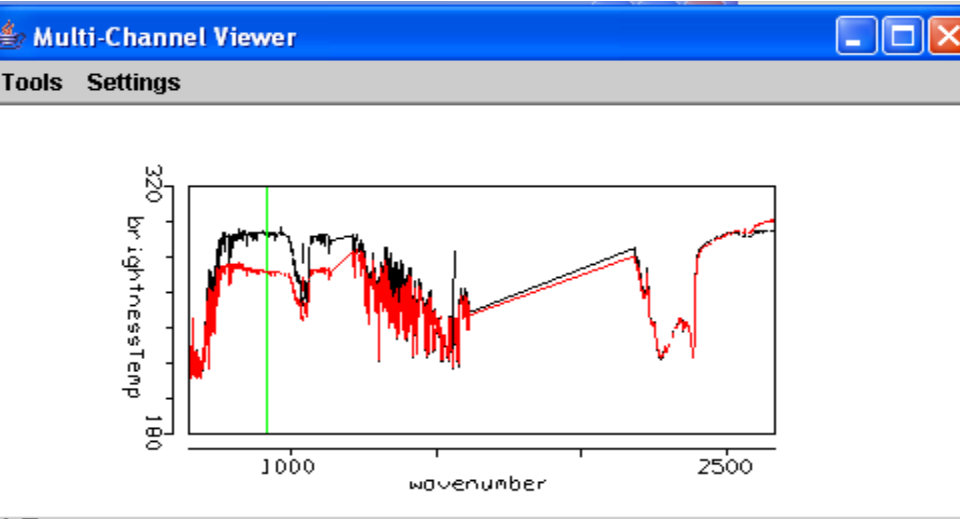
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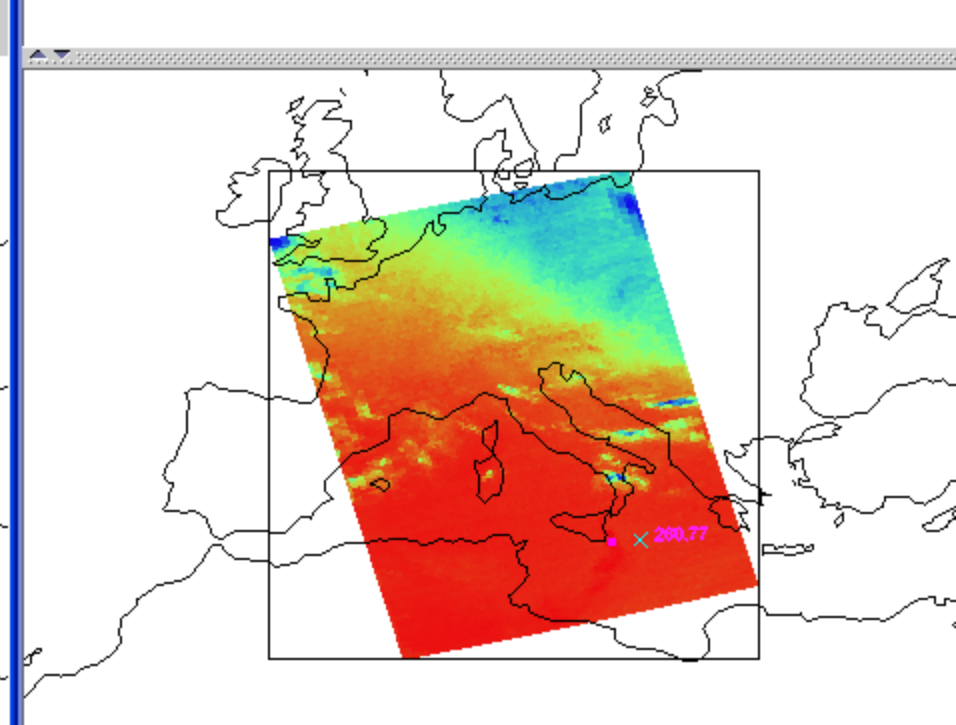
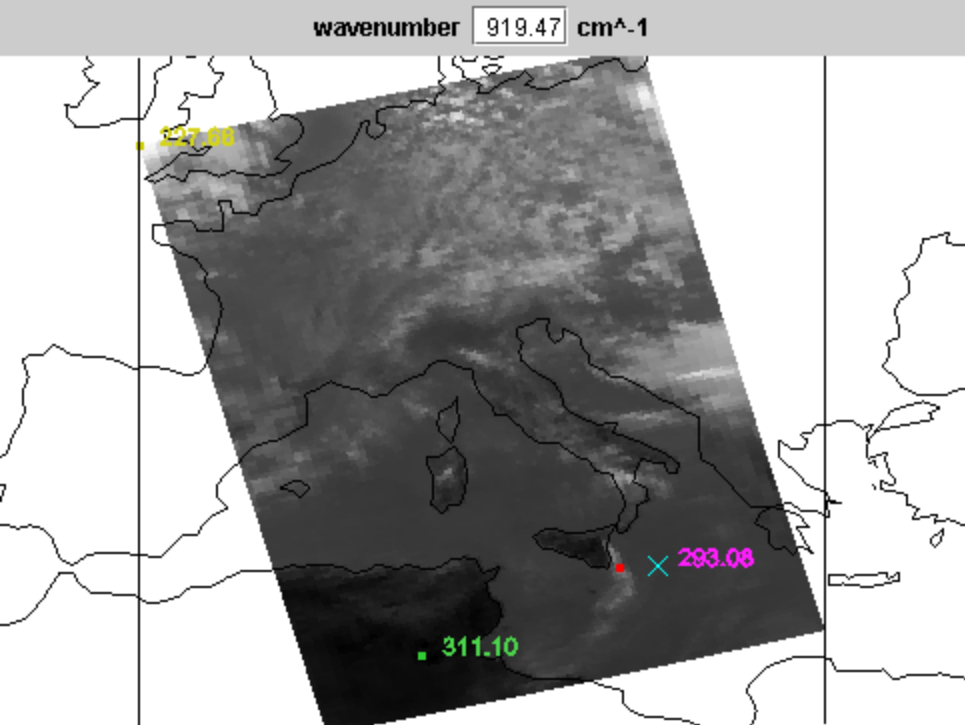
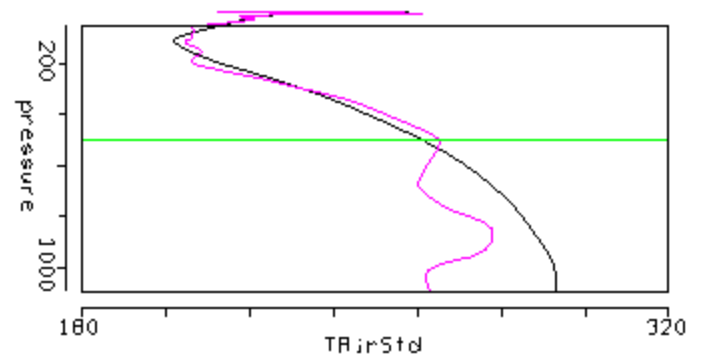
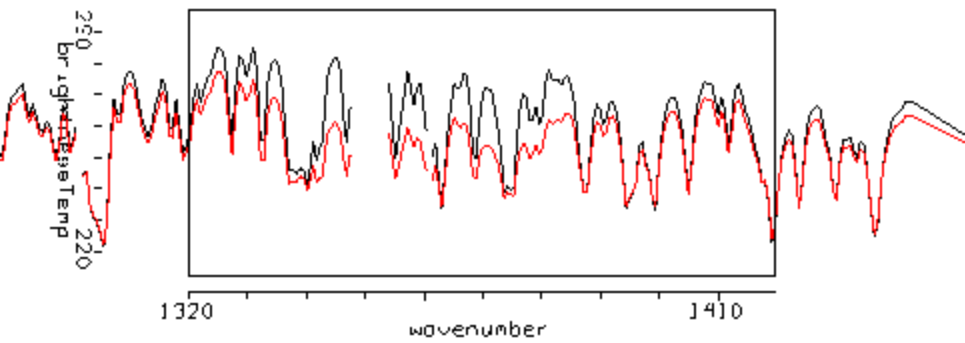
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Mt Etna Ash cloud at 500 hPa

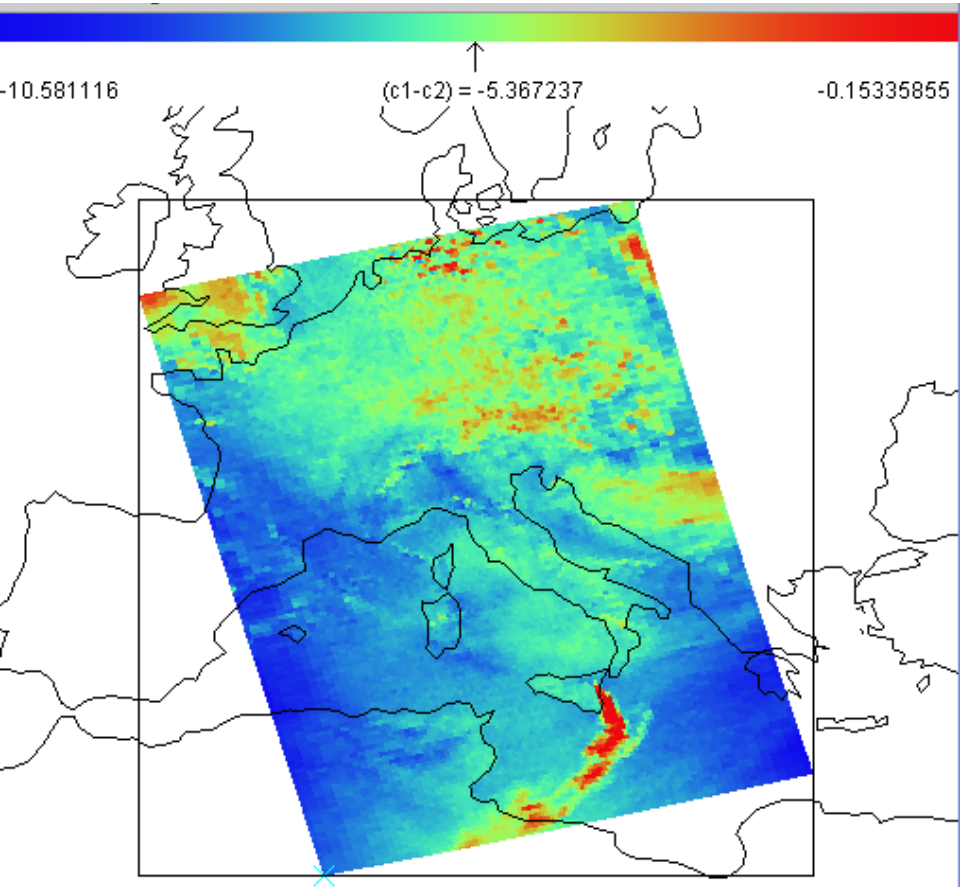
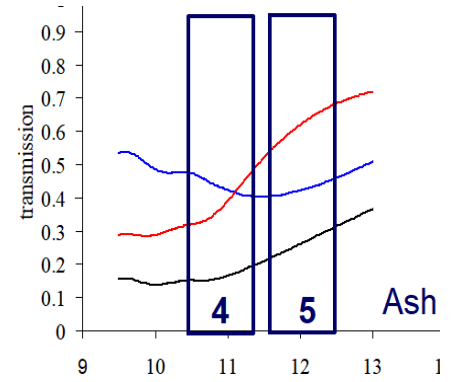
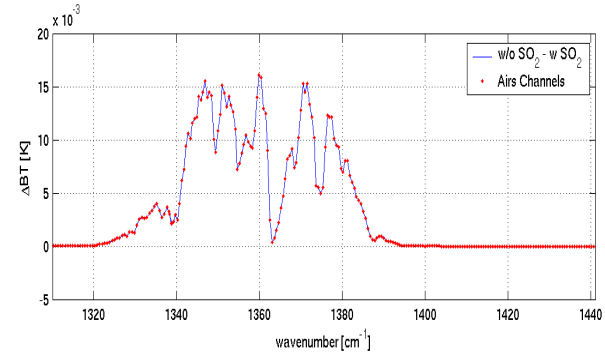


Ash cloud and clear sky spectra

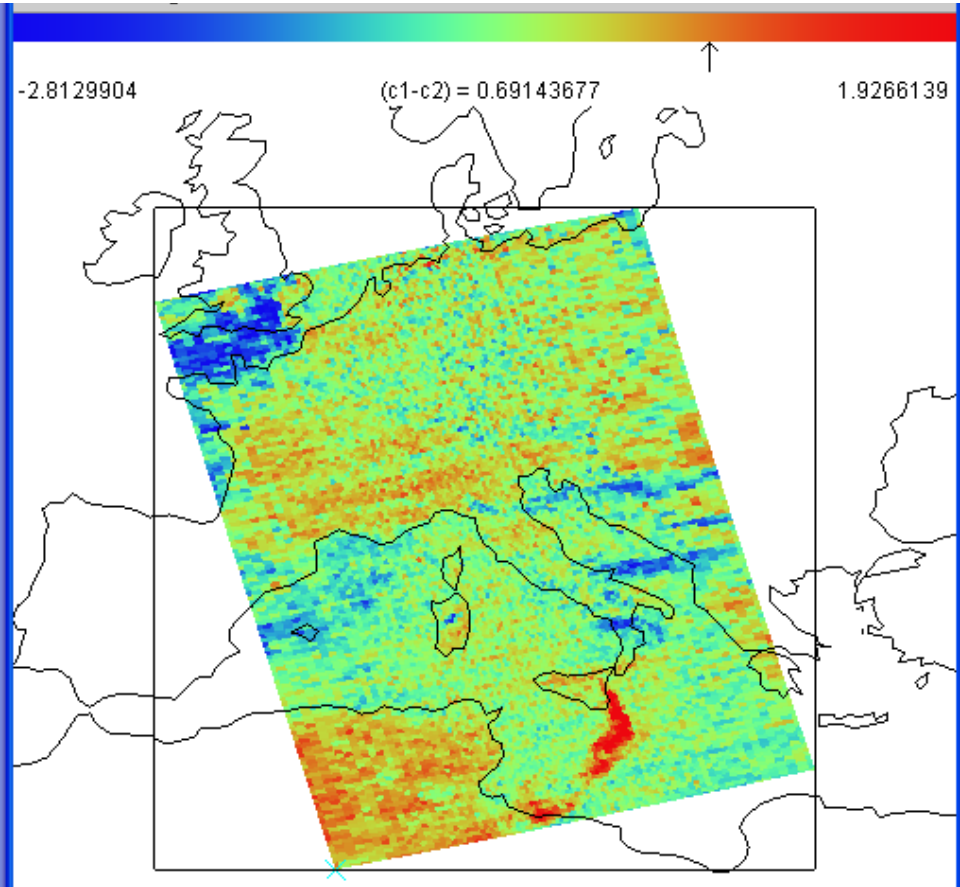


Mt Etna volcanic plume

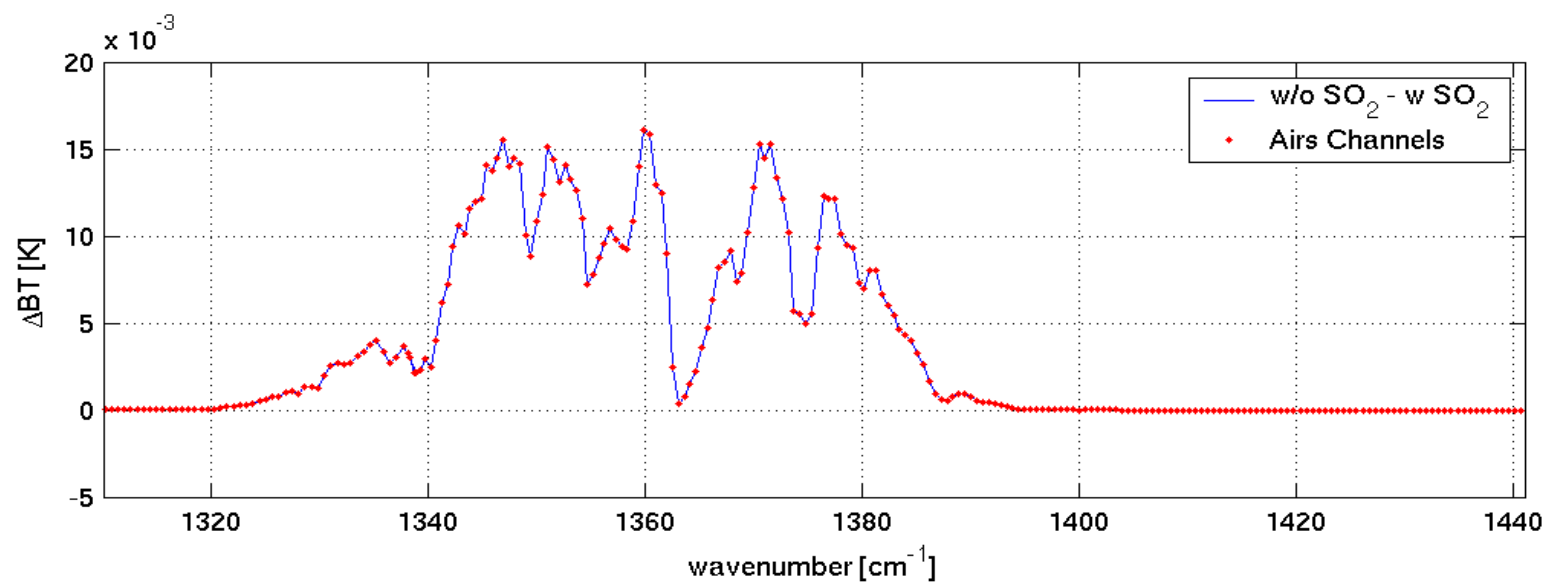
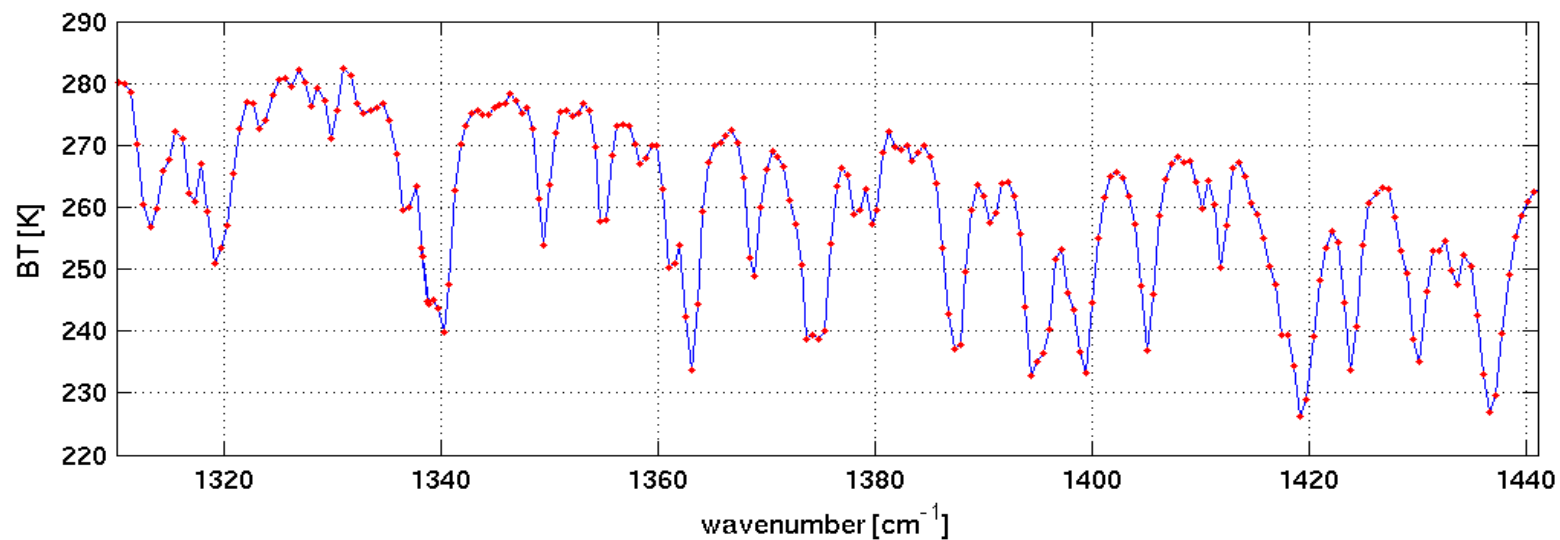
SO₂ (left) from 1284-1345
Ash (right) from 832-900



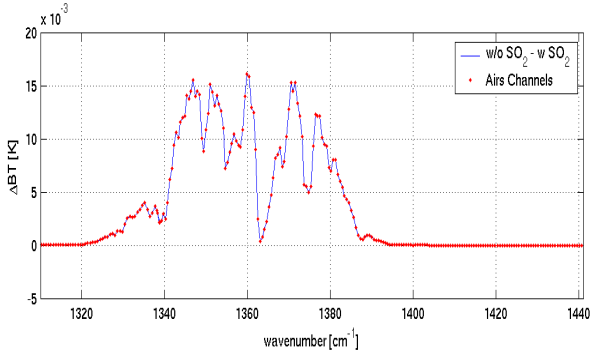
c1:1284.348, c2:1344.799



c1: 832.810, c2: 899.965



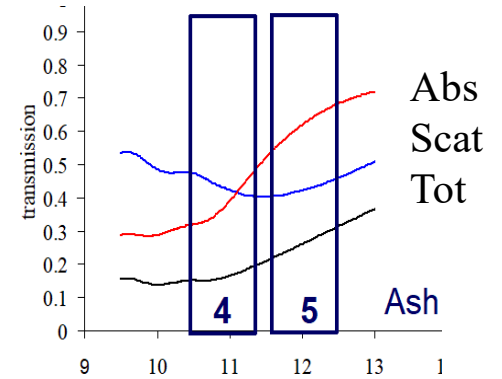
Anatahan Volcano viewed with AIRS



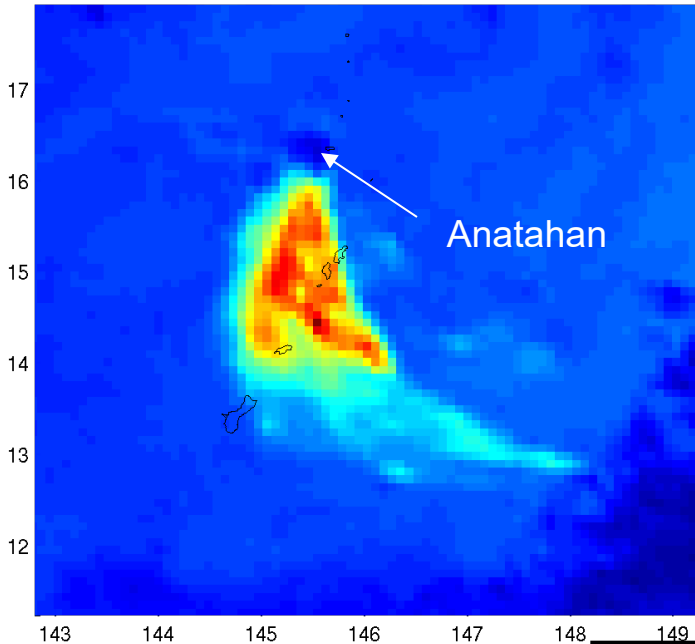
SO₂ signal
1284-1345 cm⁻¹



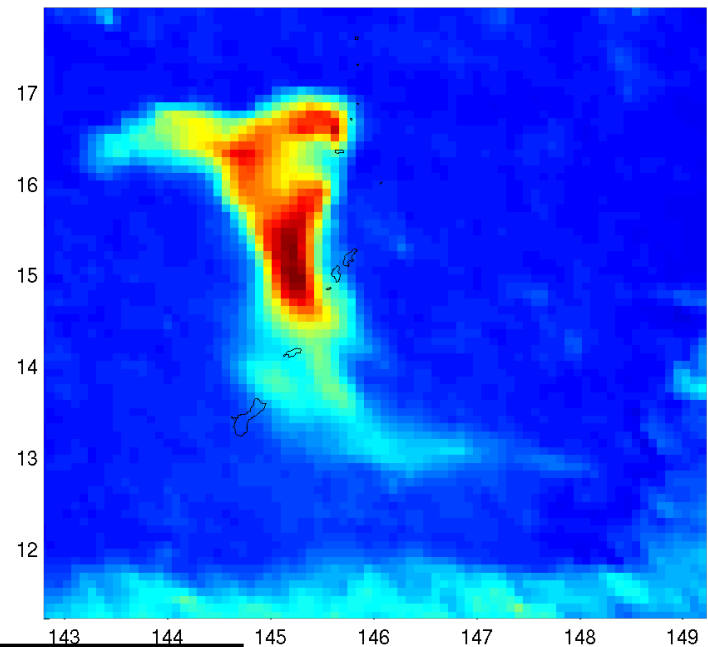
Ash signal
1228-995 cm⁻¹



Anatahan, Mariana Is - 10 May 2003 - gran 159 - 1285.4-1345.3 cm-1



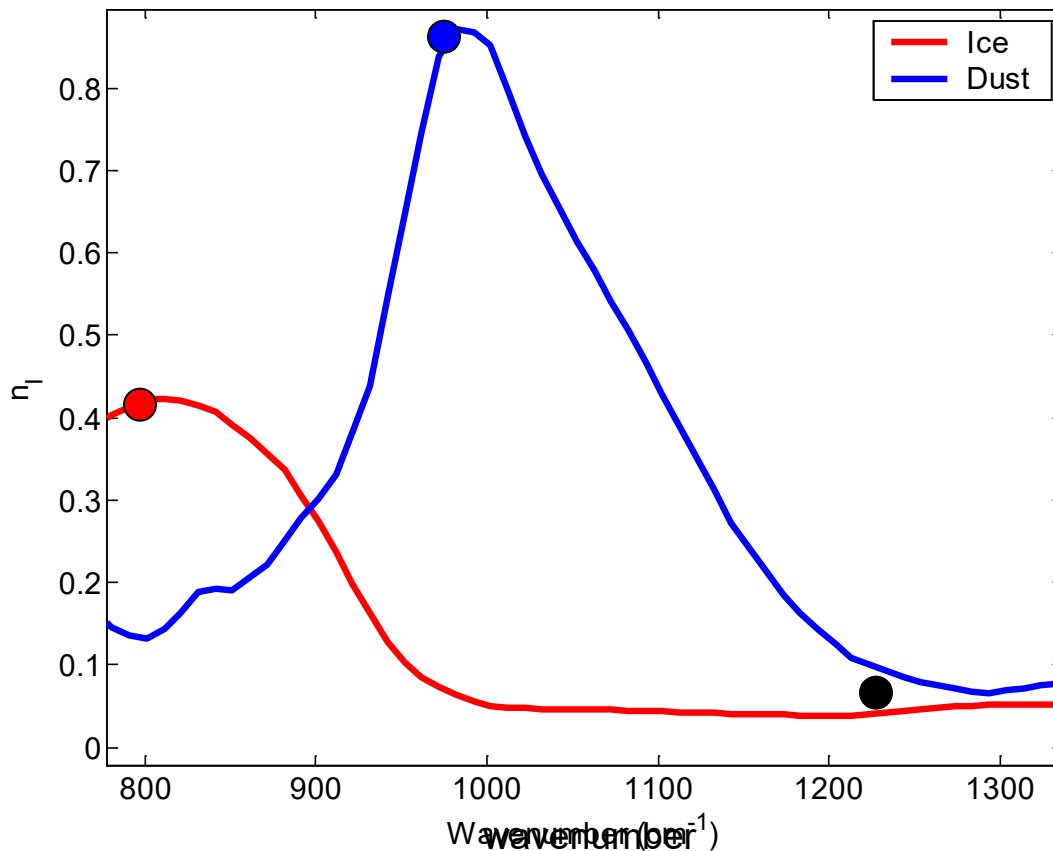
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10 May 2003 (1554 UT)

Dust and Cirrus Signals

Imaginary Index of Refraction of Ice and Dust



- Both ice and silicate absorption small in 1200 cm⁻¹ window

- In the 800-1000 cm⁻¹ atmospheric window:

Silicate index increases

Ice index decreases

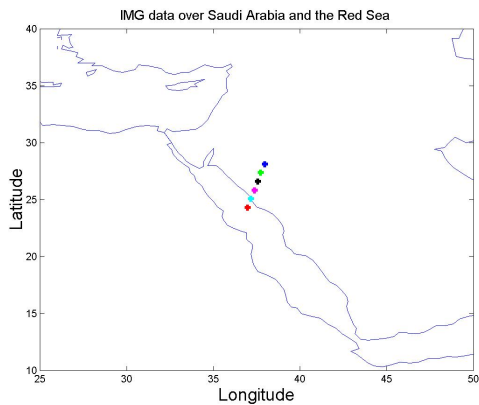
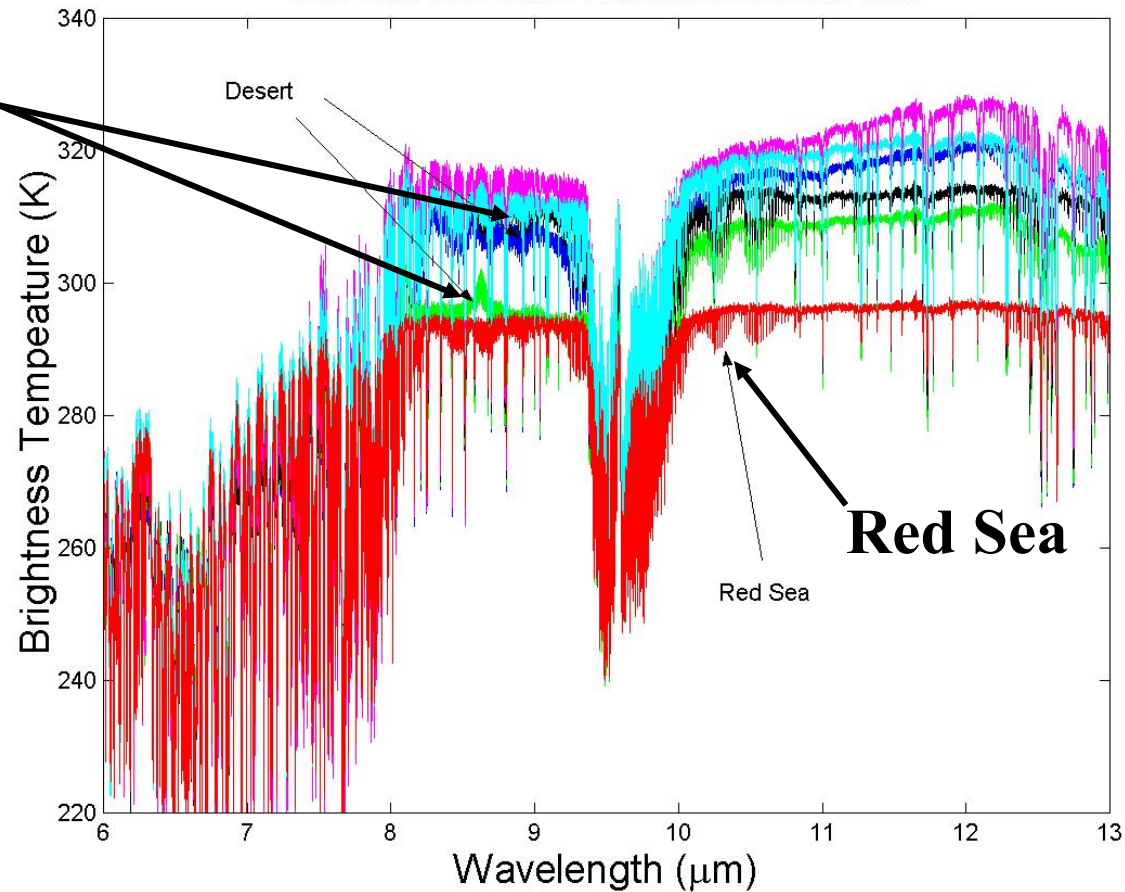
with wavenumber

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

Hyperspectral Dust Observations

IMG data over Saudi Arabia and the Red Sea

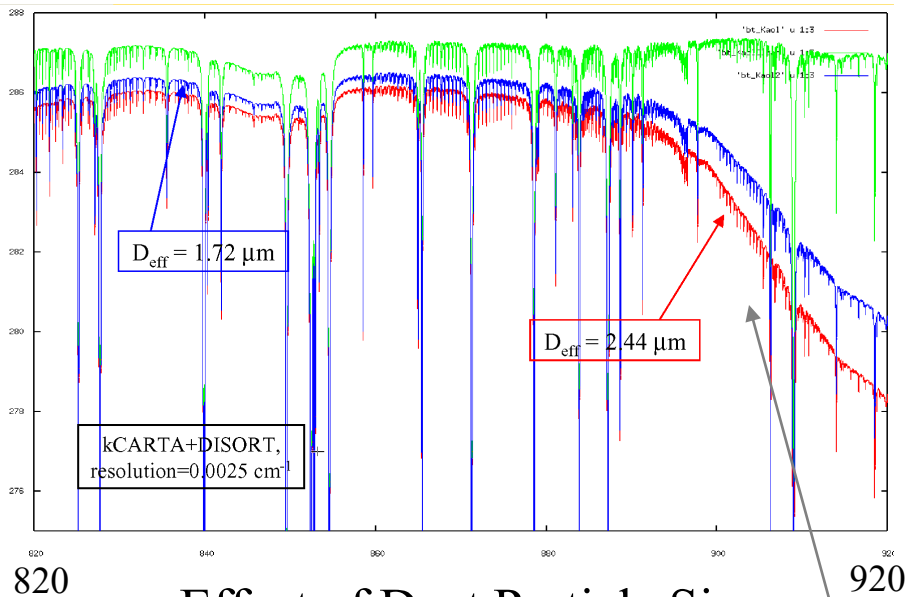
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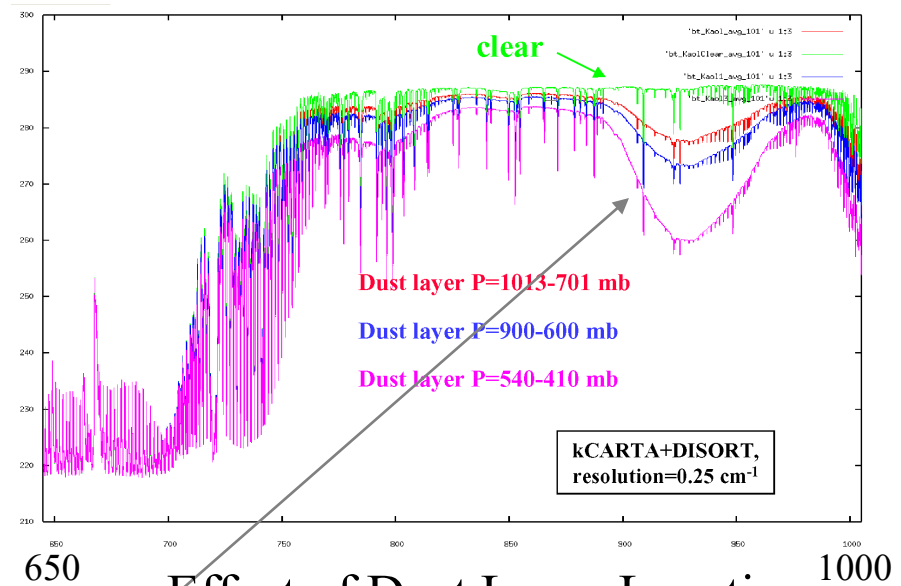
Hyperspectral Dust/Aerosol Modeling

Negative Slope 880 to 920 cm^{-1} – The Dust Signature

Green – Clear Spectrum



Effect of Dust Particle Sizes

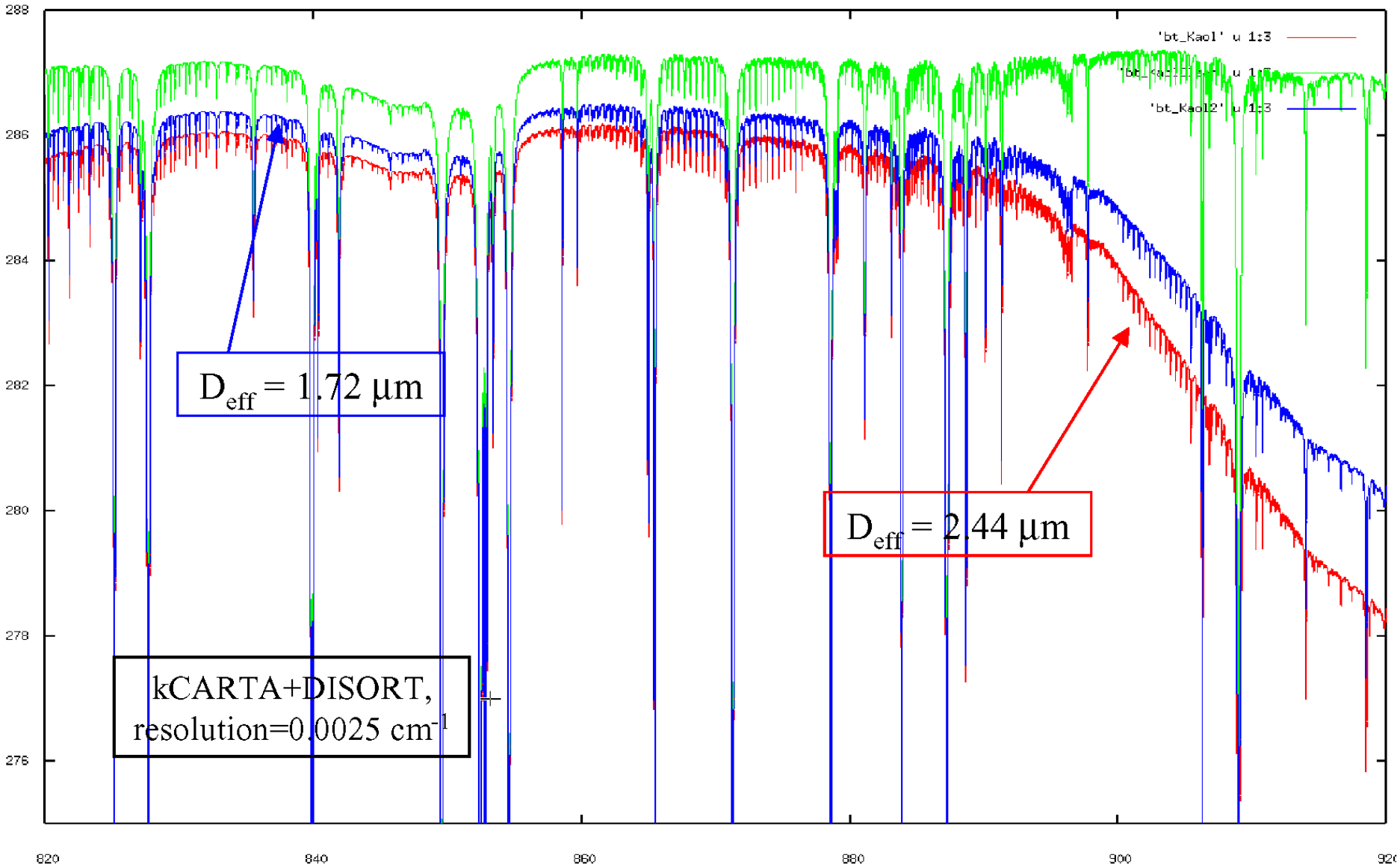


Effect of Dust Layer Location

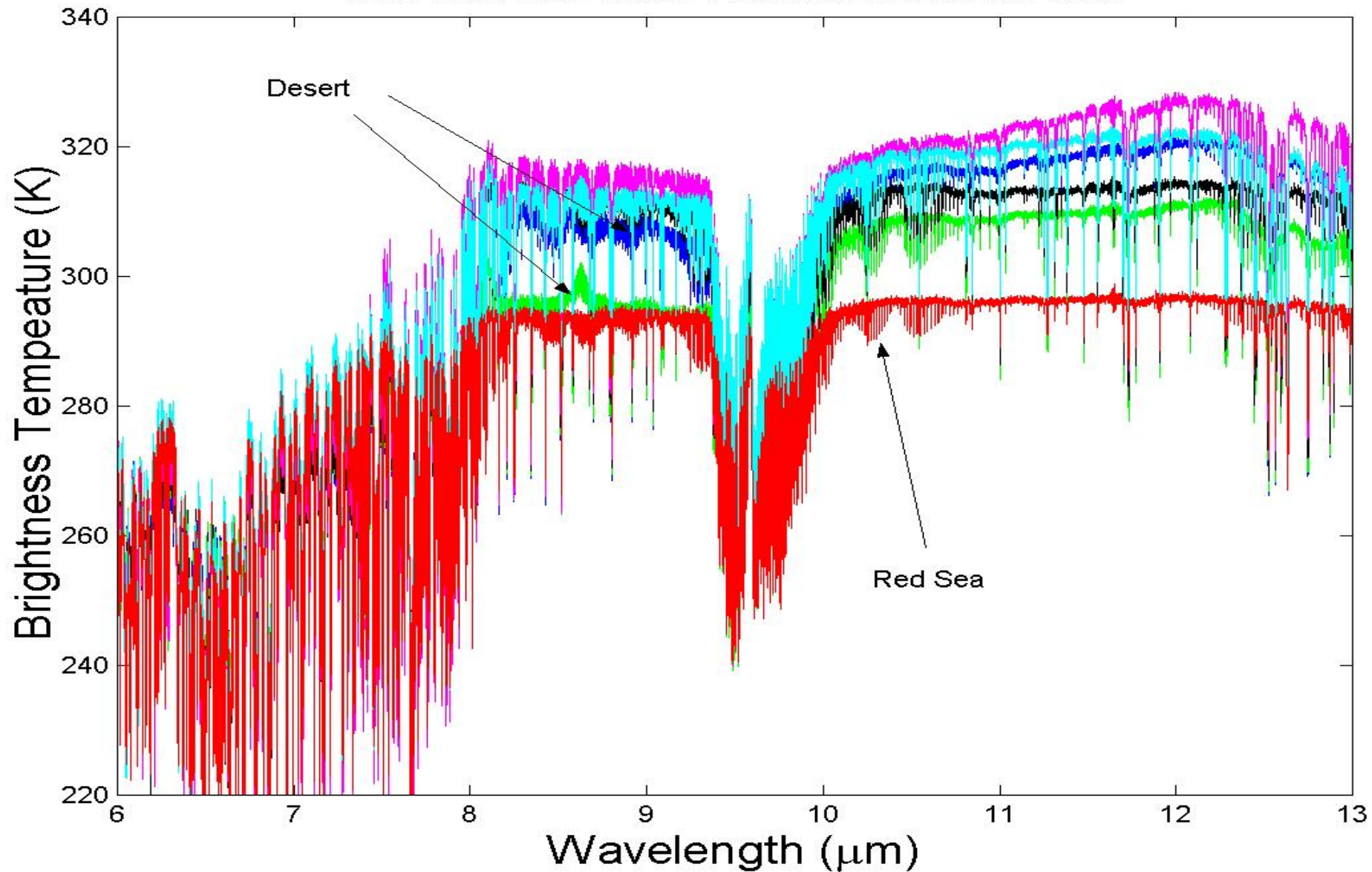
Negative slope

kCARTA+DISORT, spectral resolution = 0.0025 cm^{-1}

Sokolik, Univ Colo, 2002

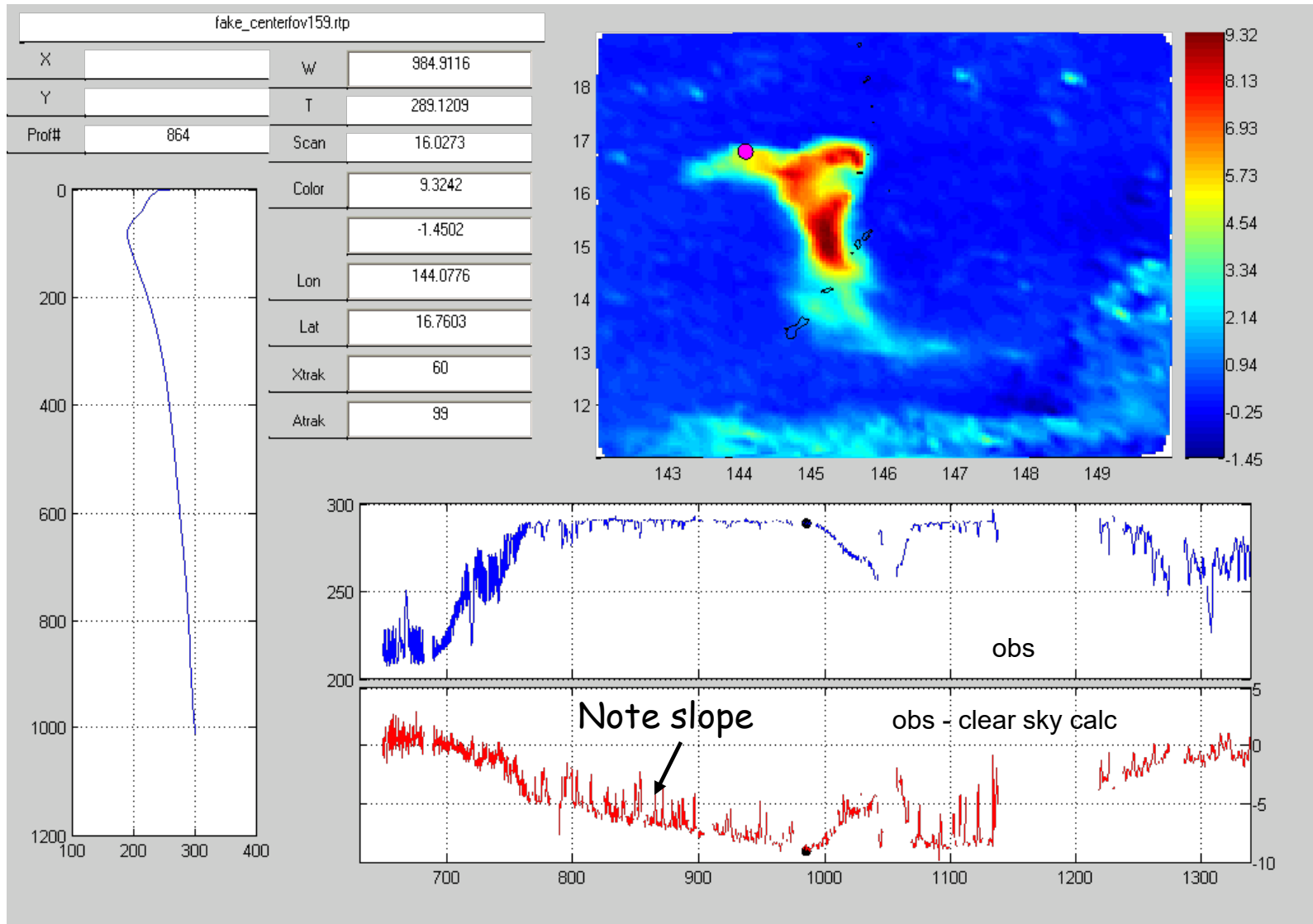


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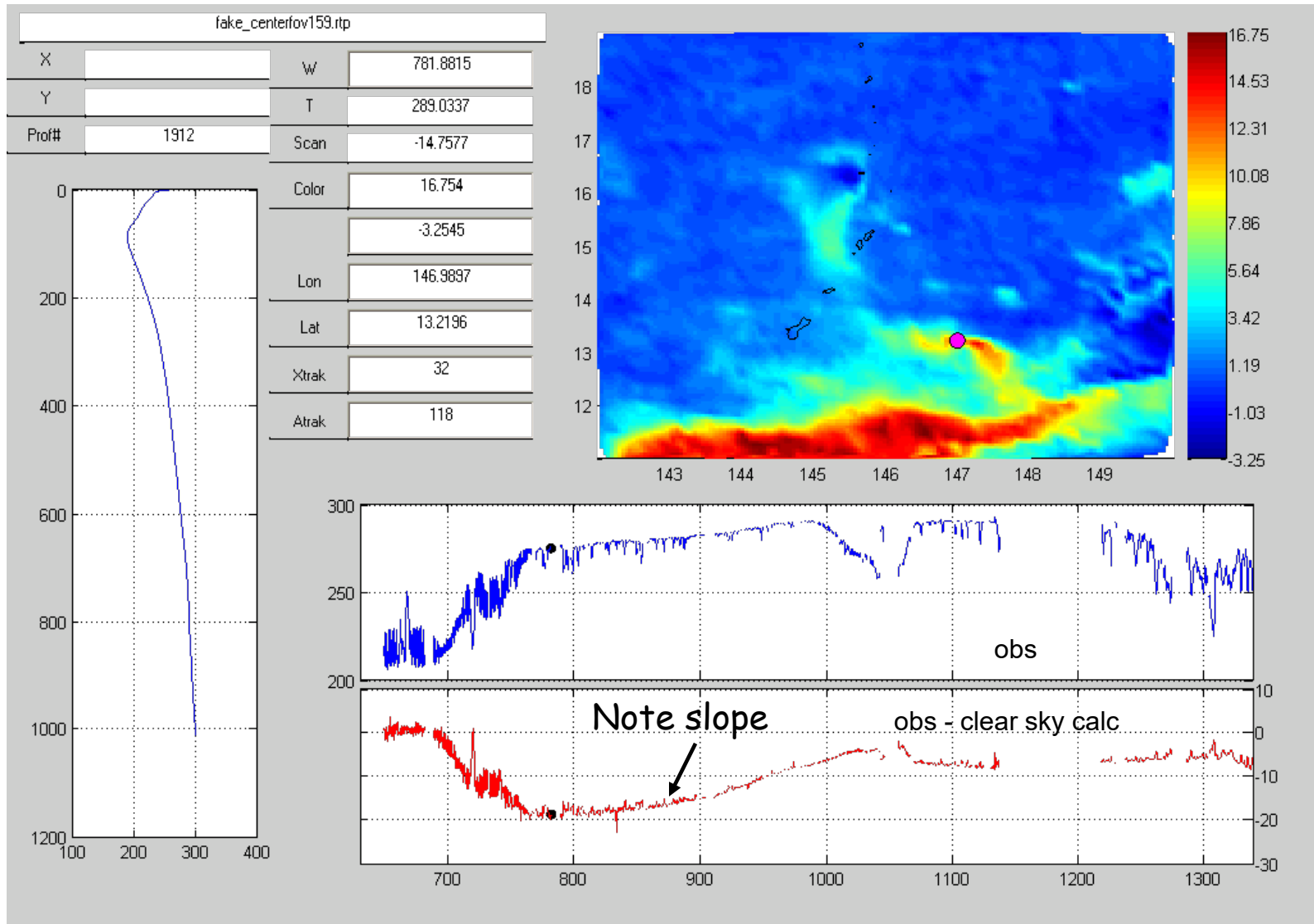
Silicate (ash cloud) signal at Anatahan, Mariana Is

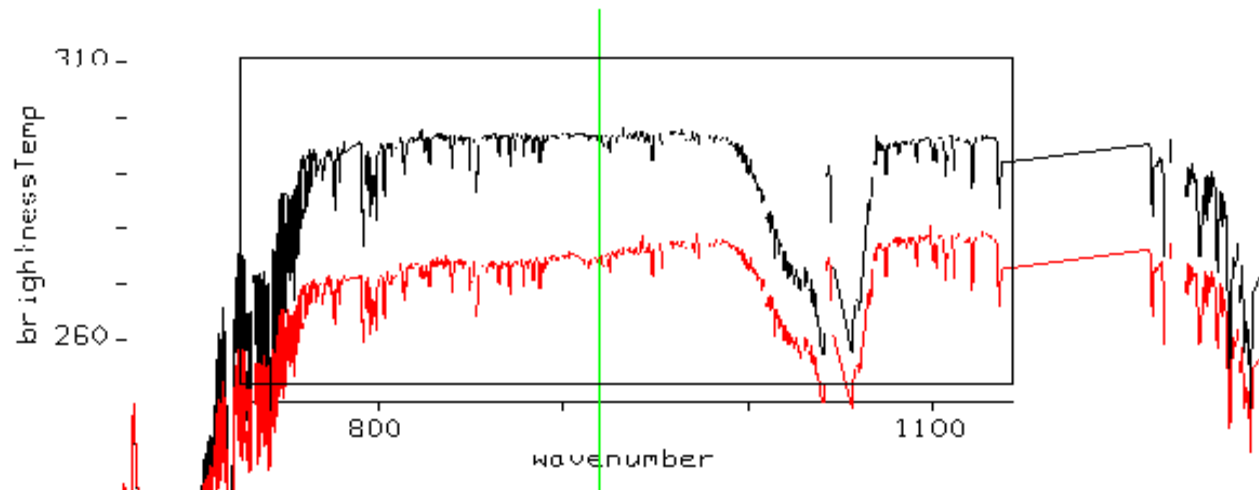
Image is ECMWF bias difference of $1227\text{ cm}^{-1} - 984\text{ cm}^{-1}$ (double difference)



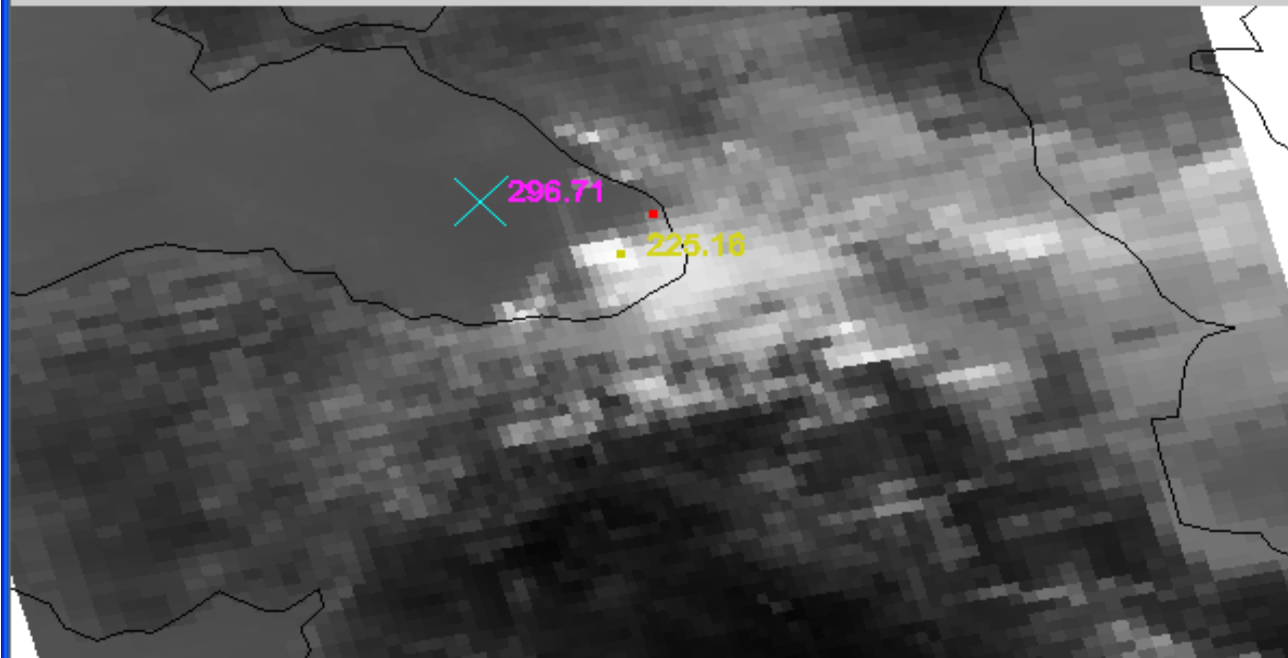
Cirrus signal at Anatahan

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





wavenumber 919.47 cm⁻¹



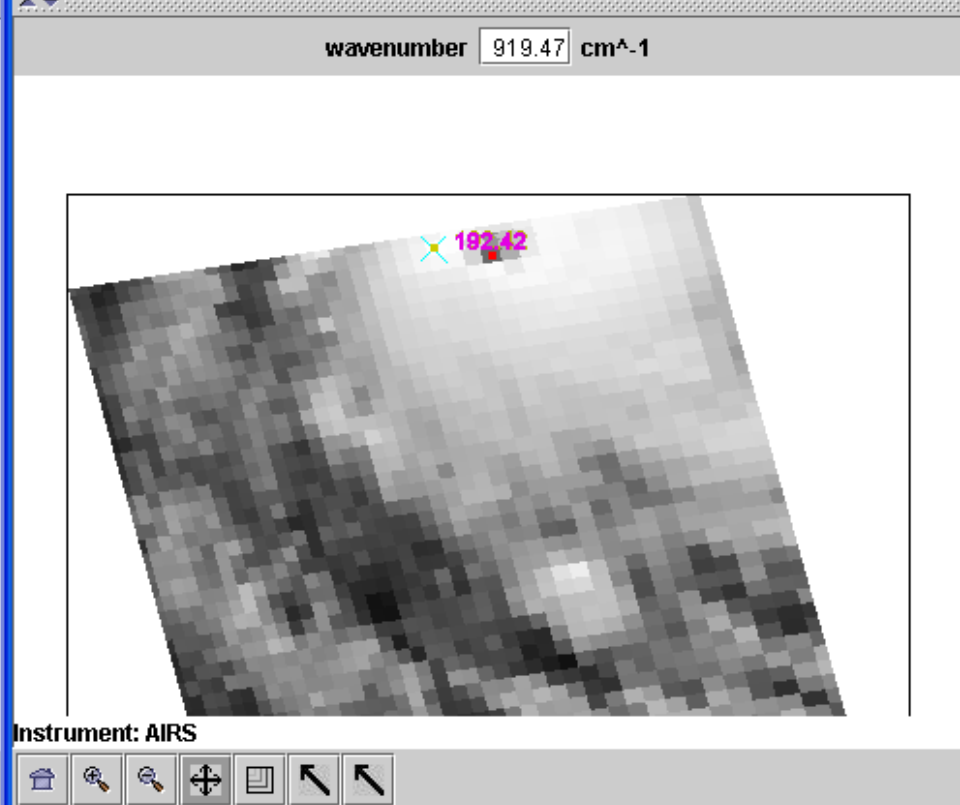
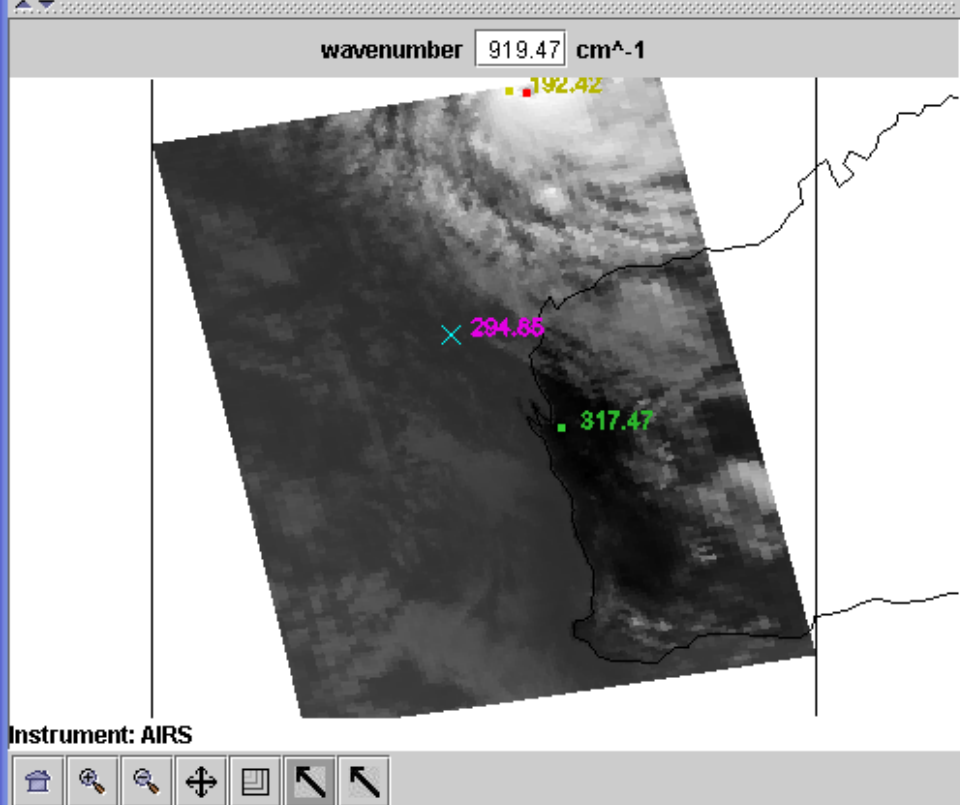
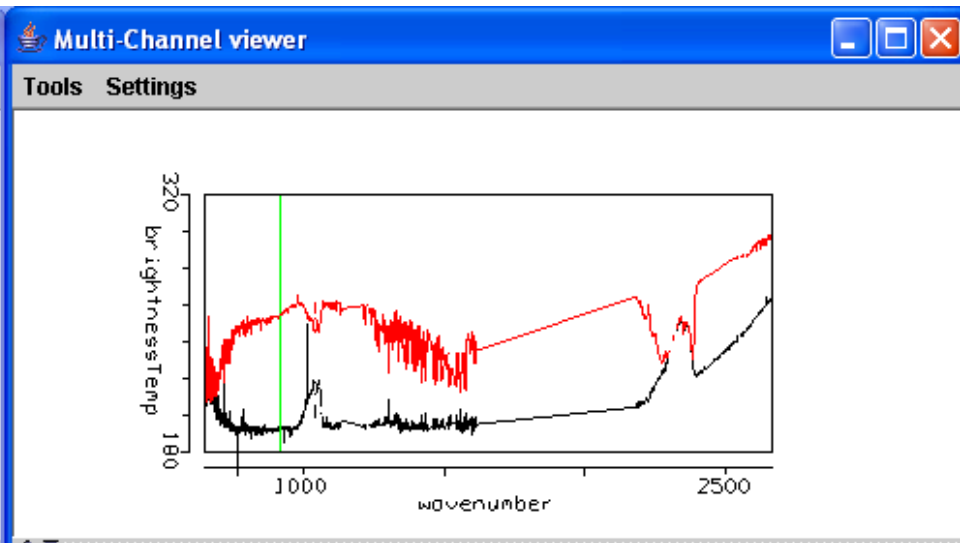
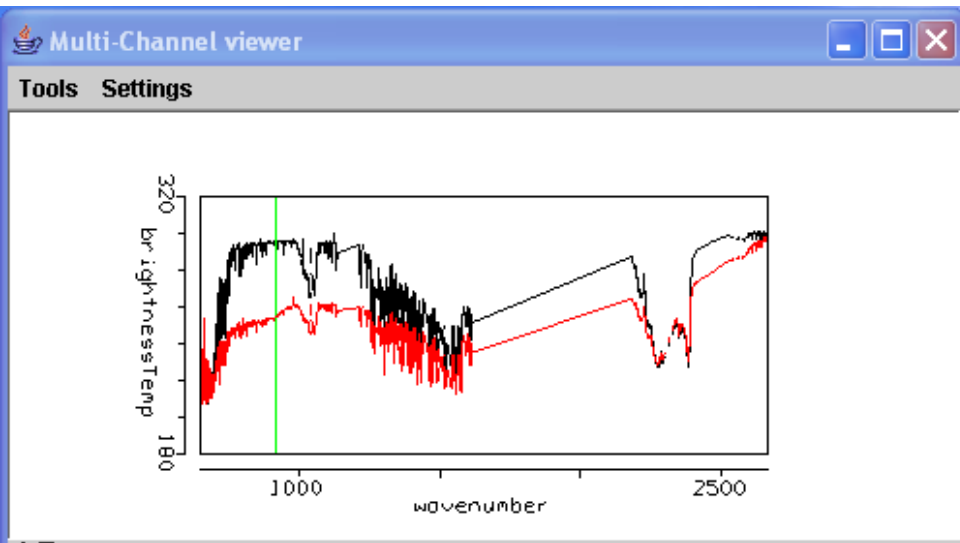
Instrument: AIRS

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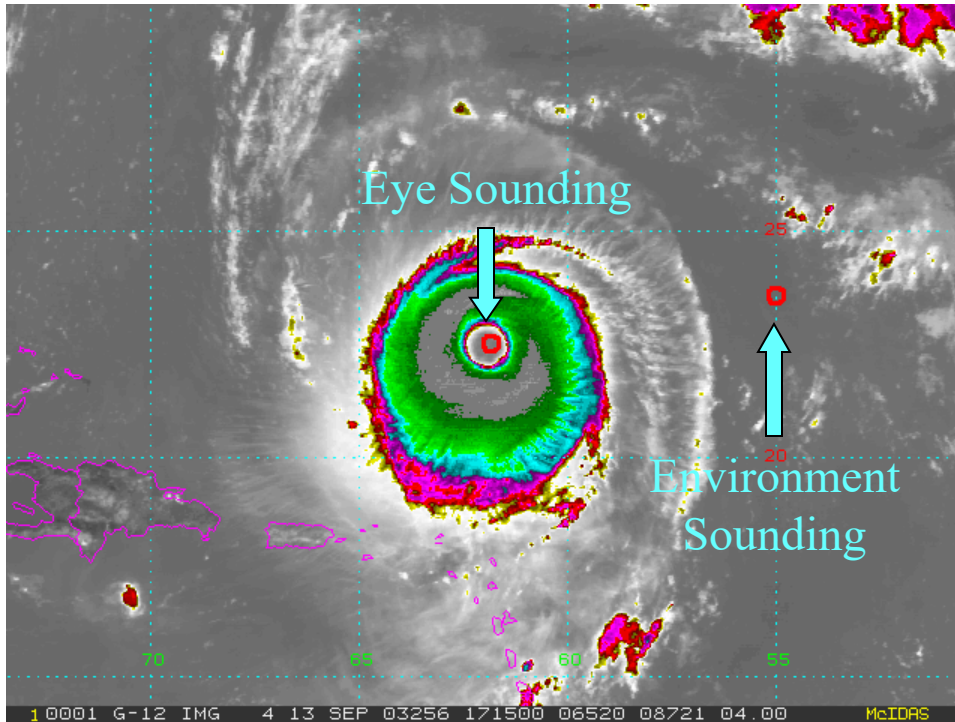


Cirrus VS Clear Sky Spectra

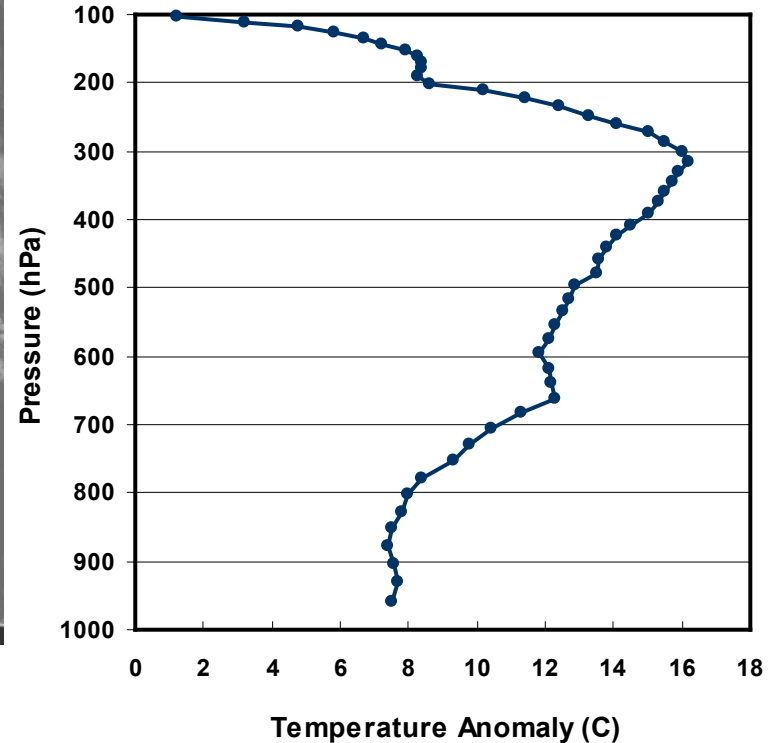
Investigating the Eye of a Tropical Cyclone with AIRS



Isabel Eye Sounding from AIRS



Eye - Environment Temperature



Integrate Hydrostatic Equation Downward from 100 hPa to Surface

Environment Sounding: $P_s = 1012$ hPa

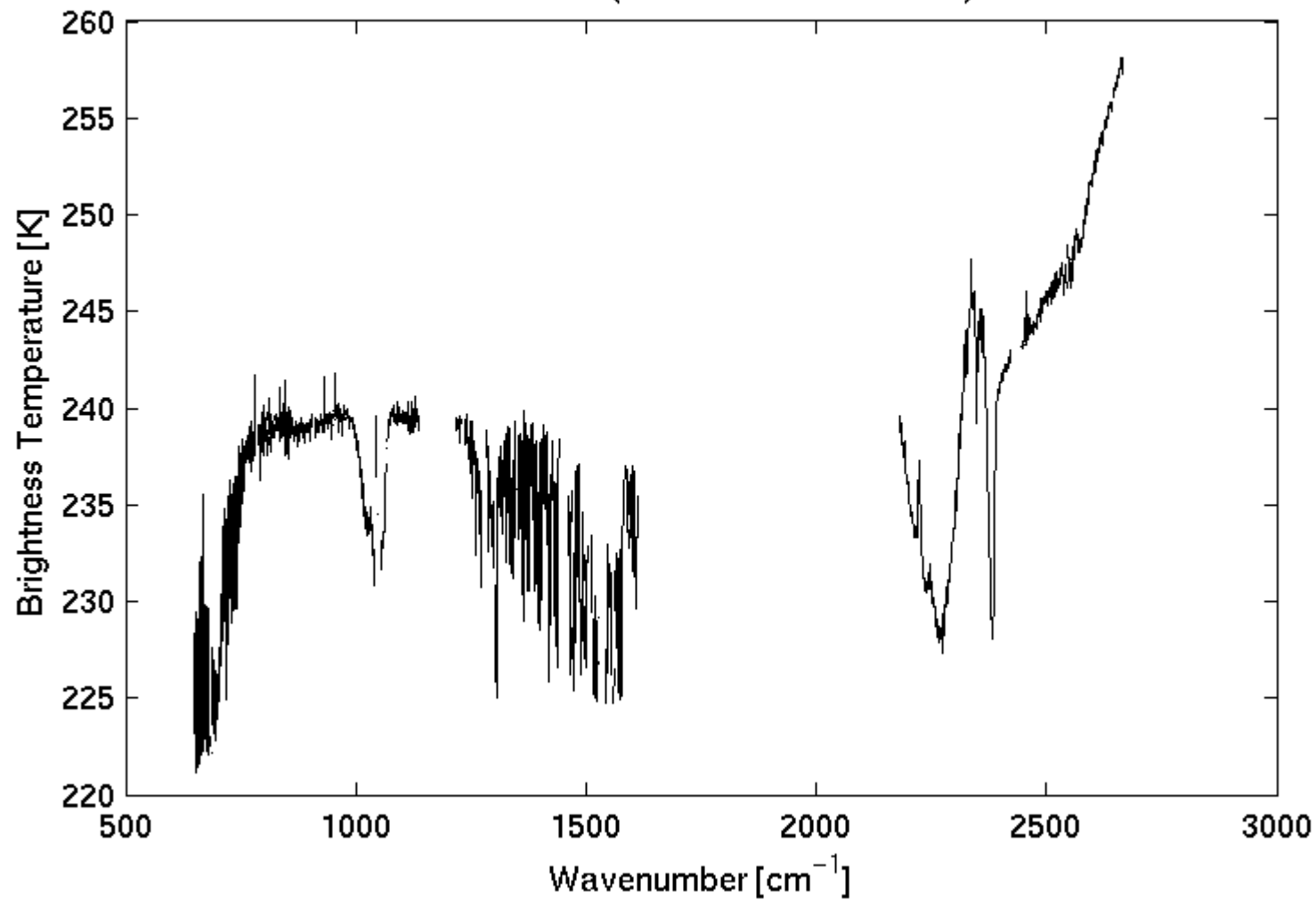
Eye Sounding: $P_s = 936$ hPa

Aircraft Recon: $P_s = 933$ hPa

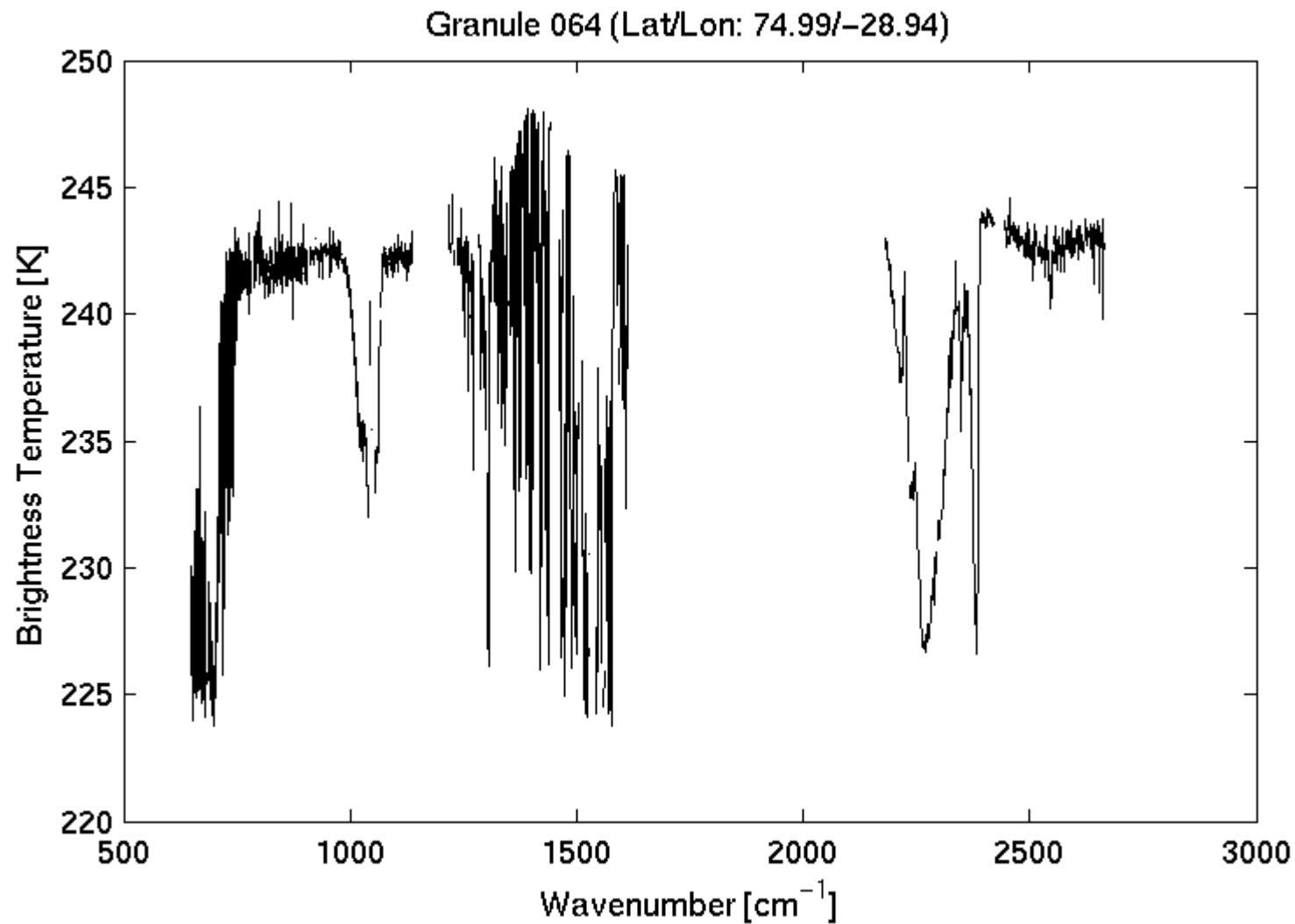
DeMaria, CIRA, 2004

Example Spectra

Granule 227 (Lat/Lon: 66.83/-148.12)

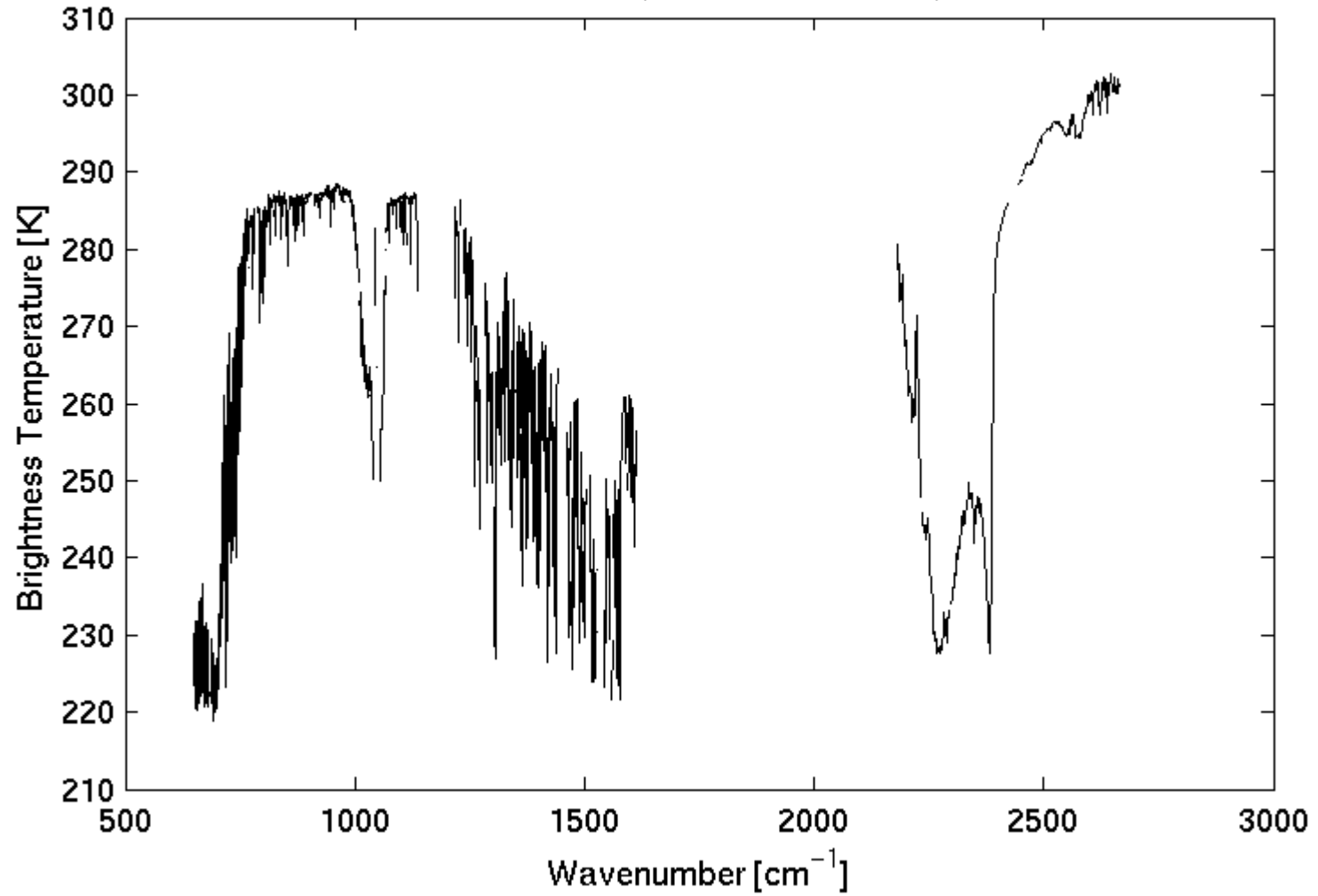


Day or night?

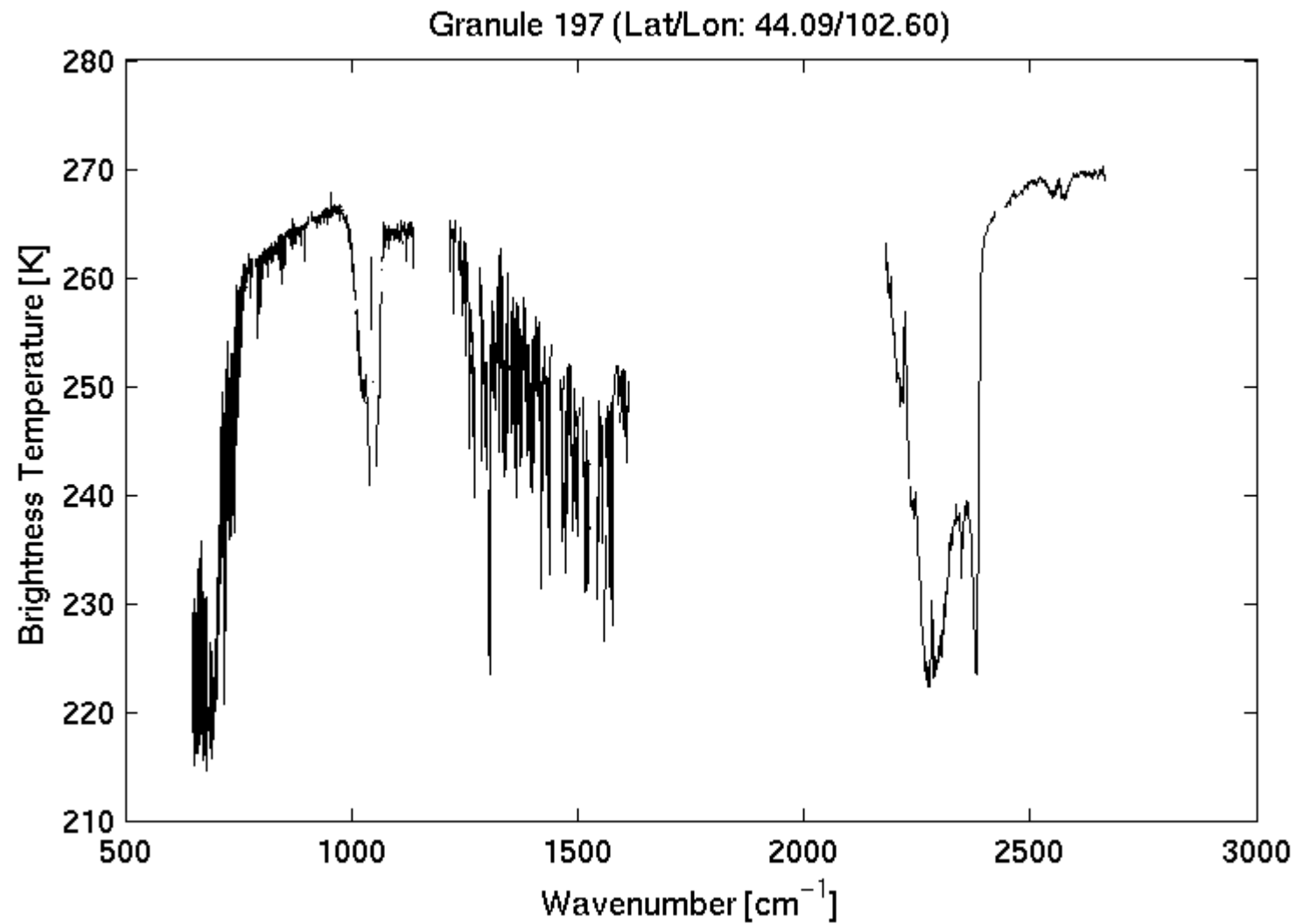


Day, night, desert, or ice/snow?

Granule 127 (Lat/Lon: 48.63/1.69)

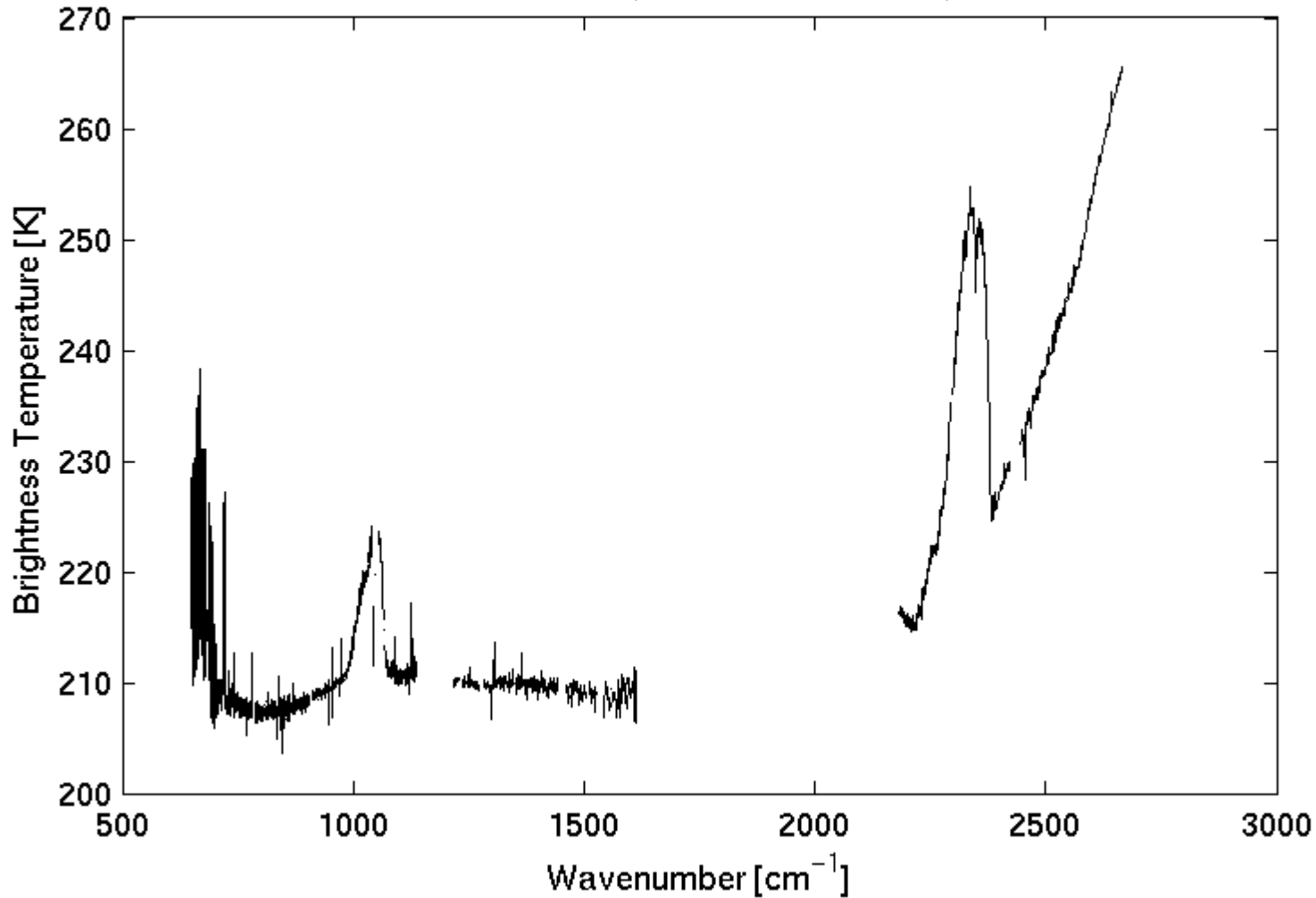


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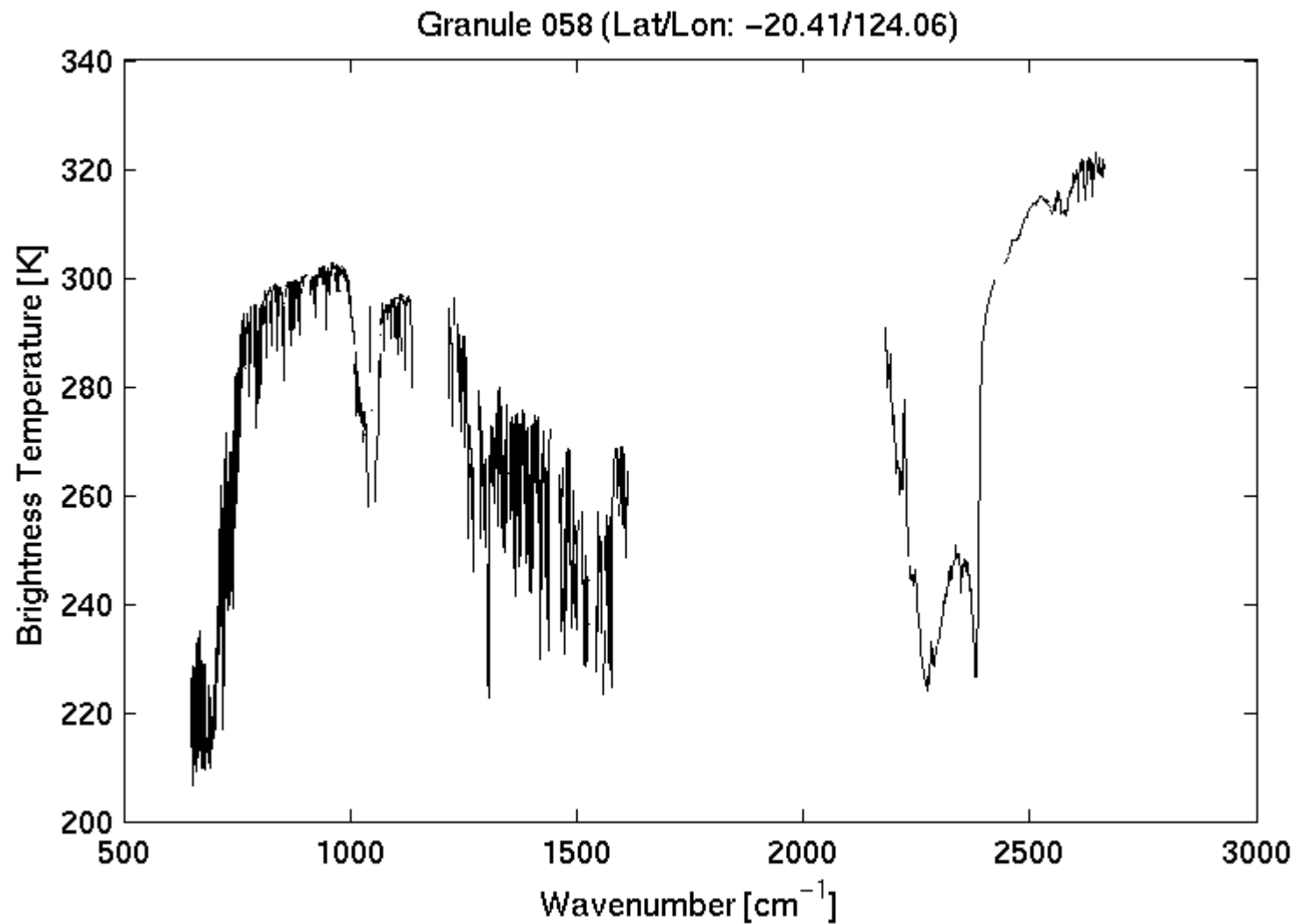


Land or ocean?

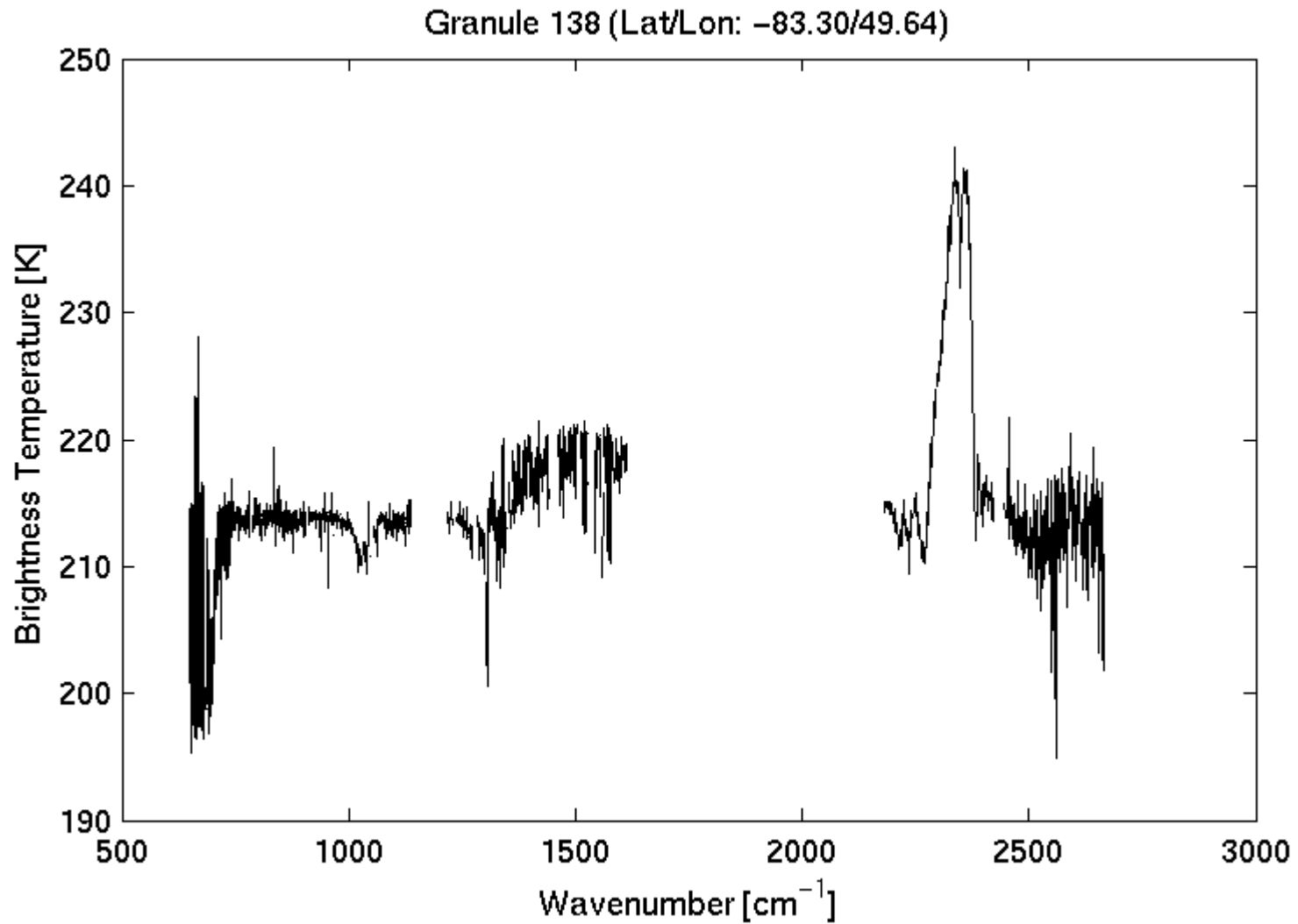
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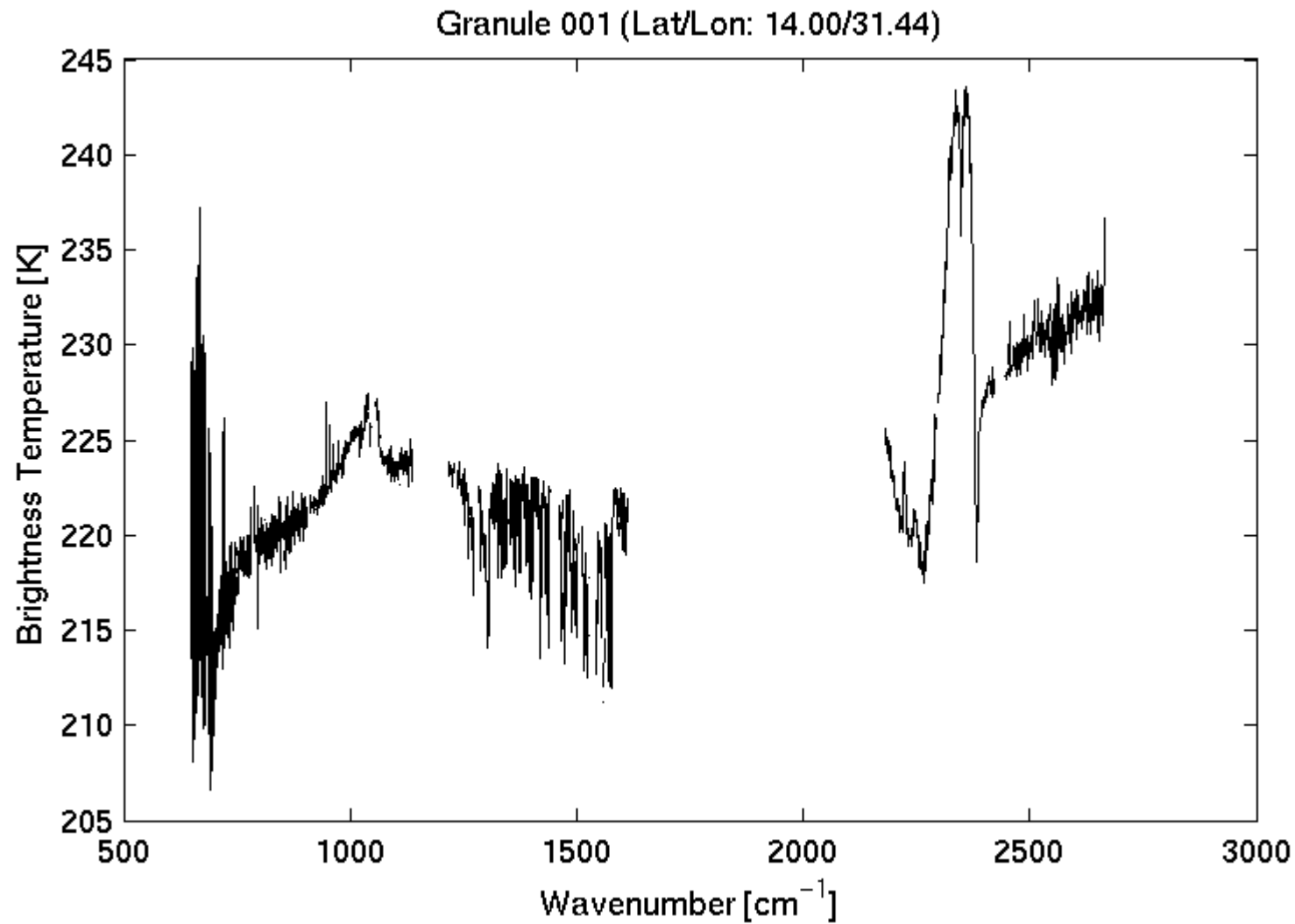
Desert, ocean, or cloudy?



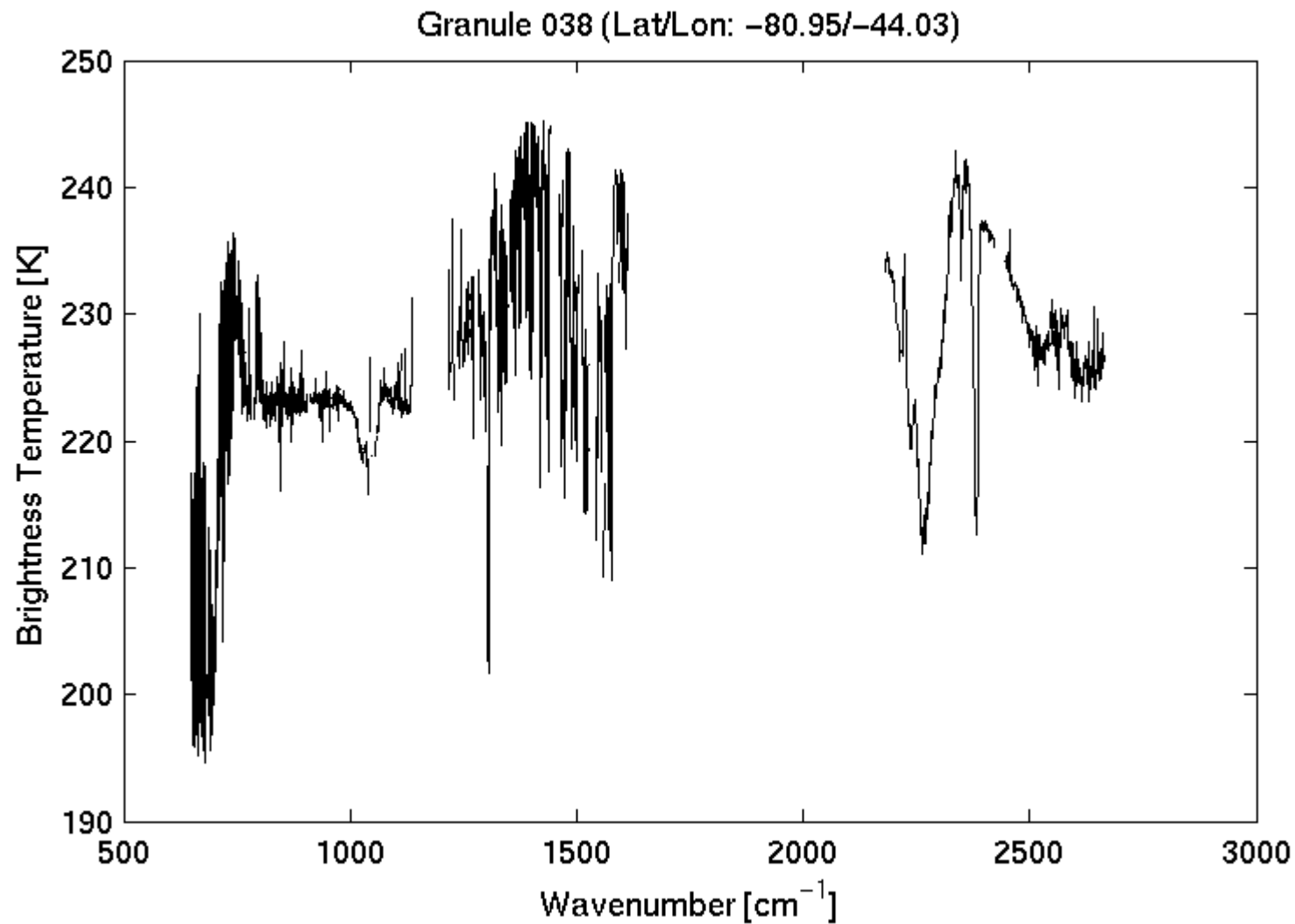
Day, night, desert, or ocean?



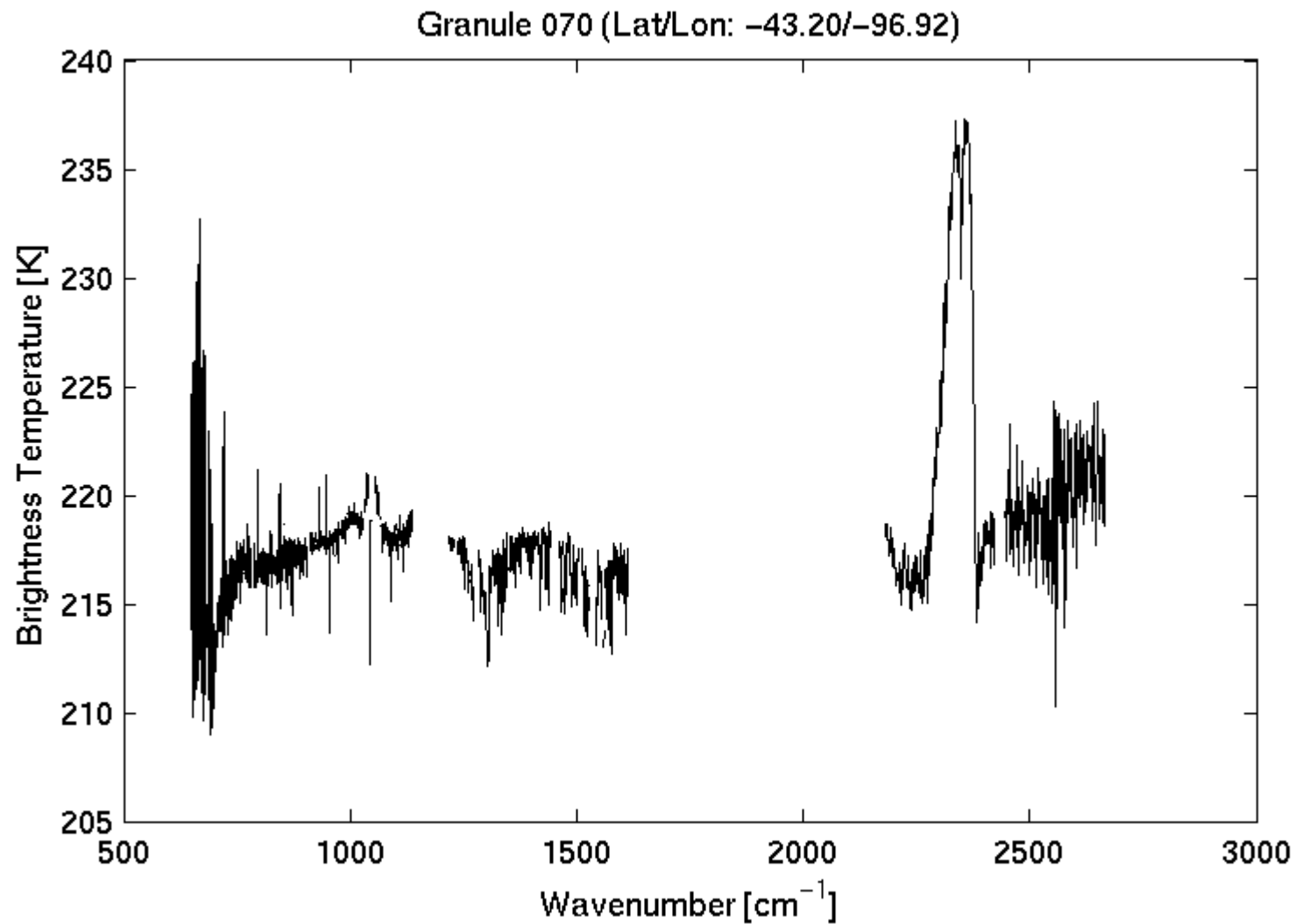
Ocean, cloudy, snow/ice, or desert?



Day, night, desert, or cloudy?

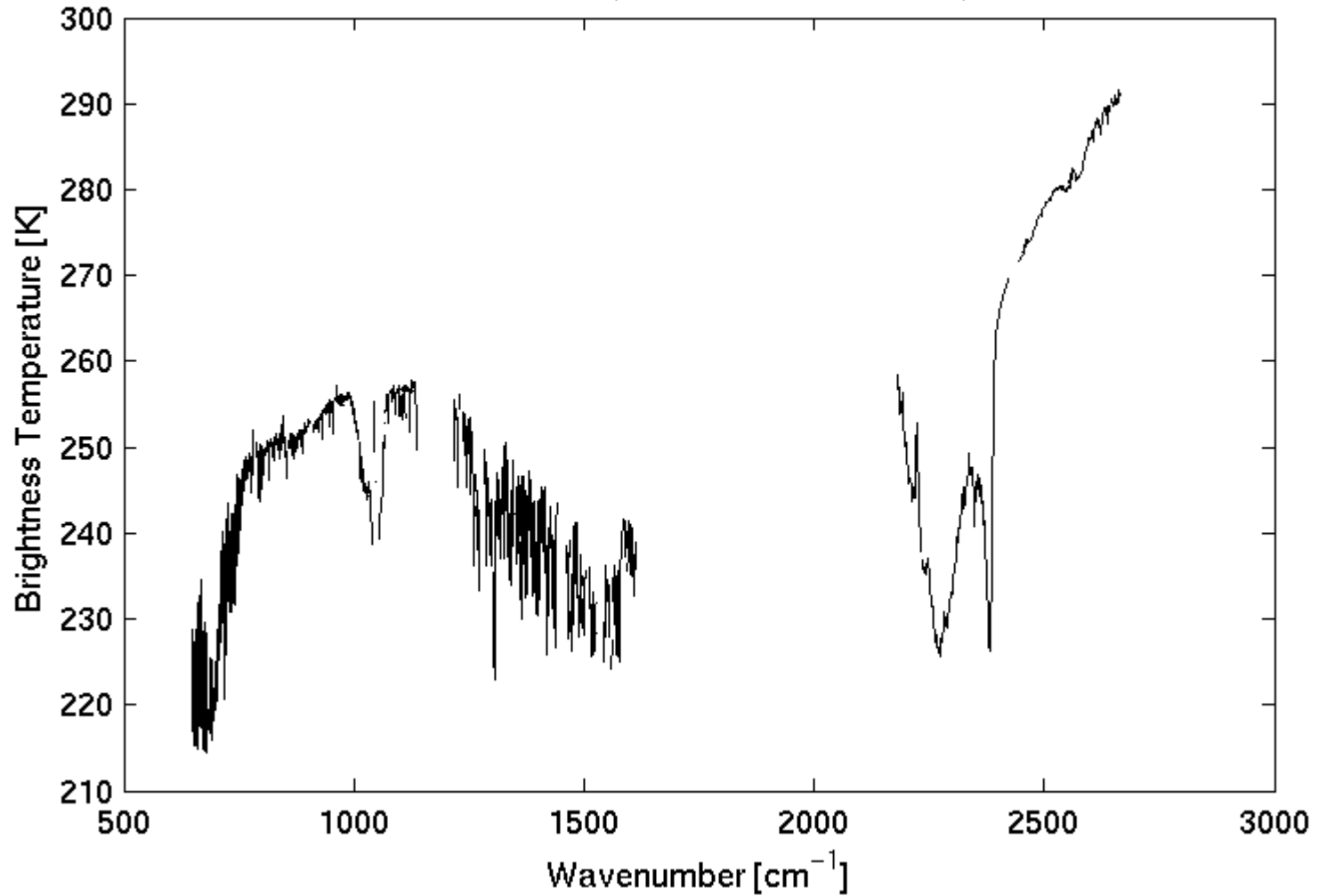


Cloudy, desert, or ocean?

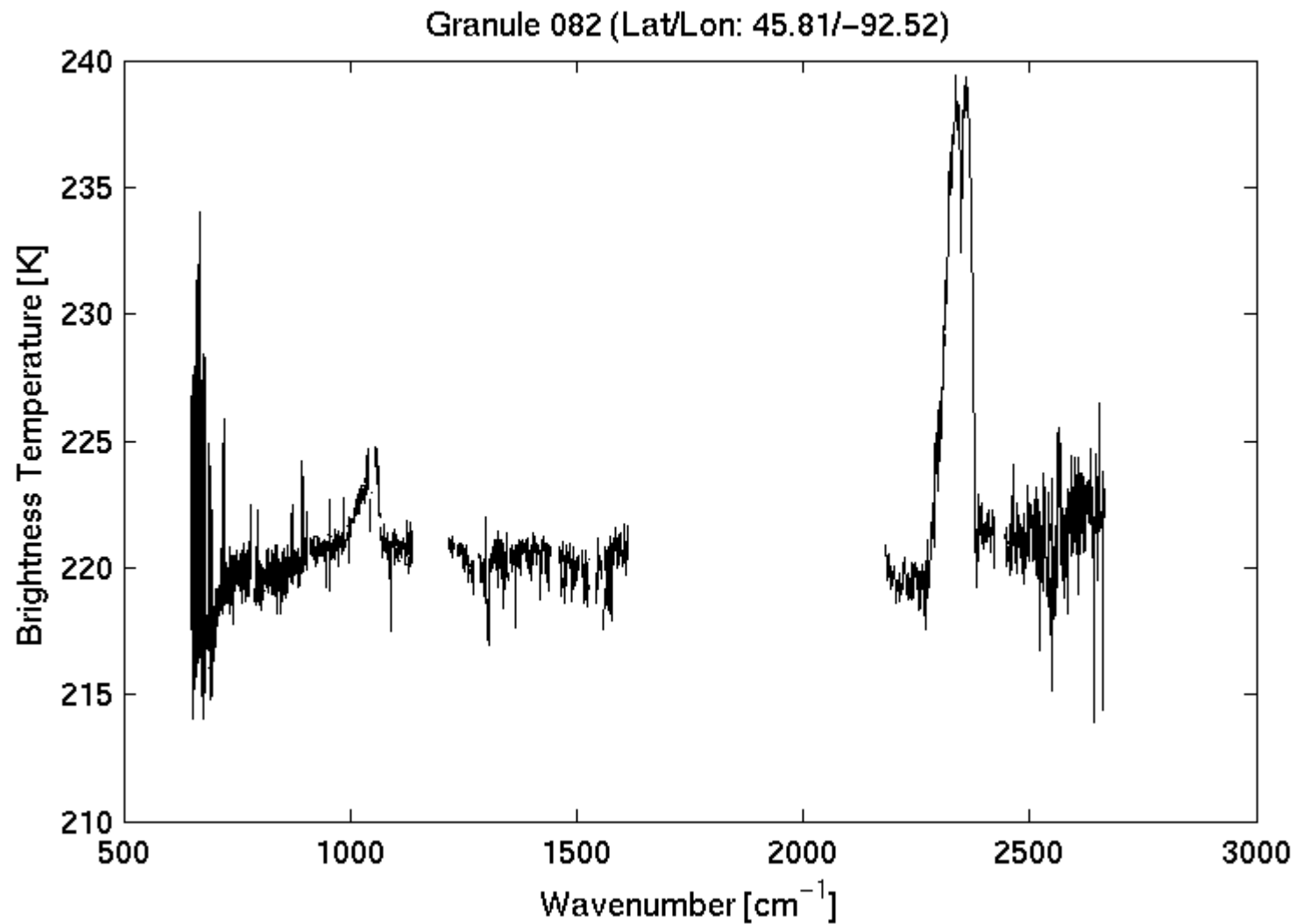


Land, desert, ice/snow, or ocean?

Granule 209 (Lat/Lon: 34.94/-119.14)



Day, night, desert, or cloudy?



Day, night, ocean, or cloudy?