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the high spatial and  
temporal resolution  
Himawari-8 data

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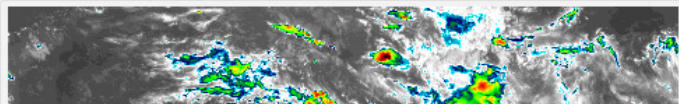
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**Himawari-8 imagery of Tropical Depression 24S / Cyclone Quang northwest of Australia**  
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# Content

Temporal and spatial resolution of the Himawari-8 satellite data .

Exploring the potential of the high temporal and spatial resolution Himawari-8 data for the detection, monitoring and nowcasting of:

- Tropical Cyclones
- Thunderstorms, including organised thunderstorms
- Fog and low cloud
- Fire and smoke
- Volcanic ash
- Mountain waves and associated atmospheric turbulence.

Useful web resources



# Reminder – the "How Forecasters can use the Himawari-8 data effectively" resource

## How Forecasters can use the new Himawari-8 data effectively

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Fog / Low Cloud	Fire and Smoke	Volcanic Ash	1
Turbulence	Other Features (to be added)	Other Features (to be added)	Other Features (to be added)

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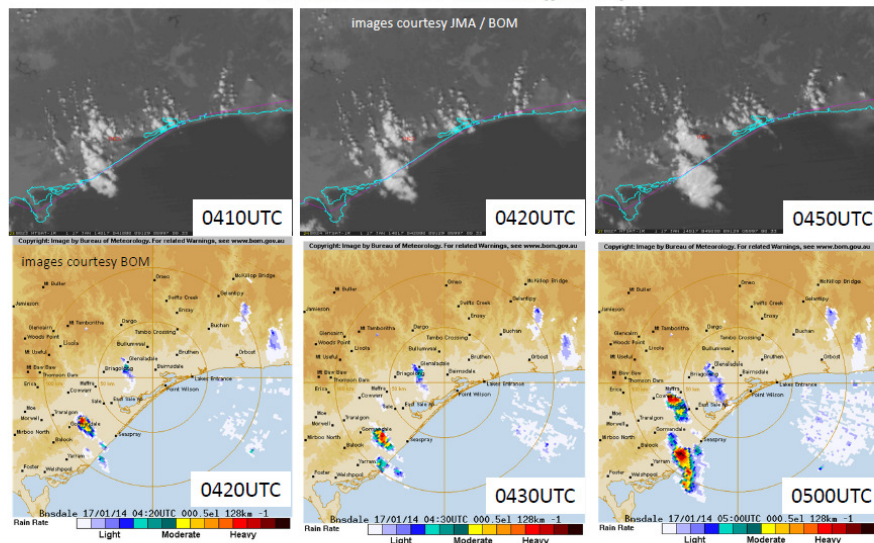


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Effective use of Himawari-8 data in Thunderstorm detection, monitoring and forecasting

General comments

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<b>Spatial Resolution</b>	<p><u>Pre-Cb development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved resolution of local mesoscale triggers (seabreeze fronts, local convergence lines)</li> </ul> <p><u>Cb severity identification an development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stormtop and overshooting top Brightness Temperatures (BT) can be more accurately determined with less "pixel averaging" in the high resolution satellite data.</li> <li>The satellite data will provide a clearer picture of storm top signatures such as overshooting tops, the "warm wake" or "enhanced V" (thermal couplet) that are often associated with severe storms.</li> </ul> <p><u>Other important implications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More effective implementation of Derived Products such as the Cloud Top Cooling Product and the Automatic Overshooting Top Detection Algorithm.</li> </ul>
<b>Temporal Resolution</b>	<p><u>Pre-Cb development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permits better determination of the areas where convection may develop (eg. moist low level regions)</li> </ul> <p><b>Better detection and monitoring of Synoptic / Mesoscale triggers to convection (dry lines / seabreeze fronts, local convergence lines). It is possible to detect these features in the 10 minute satellite data before they are apparent in the radar signal.</b></p> <p><b>Better identification and monitoring of cumulus development that may transition into Cb (ie. clumping of cumulus and development of towering cumulus). It is possible to detect these features in the 10 minute satellite data before they are apparent in the radar signal.</b></p> <p><b>Rapid infrared based cloud top cooling rates corresponding to developing Cb can be better monitored.</b></p> <p><u>Cb severity identification an development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easier and earlier discrimination between persisting and dissipating storms (pulse convection versus organised convection).</li> <li>Better monitoring of the movement and organisation of storms (eg. near-continuous monitoring of overshooting stormtops, splitting of supercells, organisation of storms into squall lines)</li> <li>Permits very short term forecasting of rapidly moving and potentially short lived convection (eg. monsoon squall lines).</li> <li>Better monitoring of steering flow by examining the movement of the storms in the high resolution imagery.</li> <li>Better monitoring of shear and its effect on the convective development.</li> <li>More readily able to detect rotation in Cb clouds.</li> <li>Better able to monitor storms associated with potentially intense rain rates (slow moving storms with persisting overshooting tops, train effect convection etc.)</li> </ul> <p><u>Secondary features</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permits monitoring of the evolution of secondary features such as storm outflow boundaries and convection that may be generated by this. NWP cannot predict this yet.</li> </ul> <p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More effective implementation of Derived Products such as the Cloud Top Cooling Product and the Automatic Overshooting Top Detection Algorithm and other Cb-alerting Algorithms.</li> </ul>
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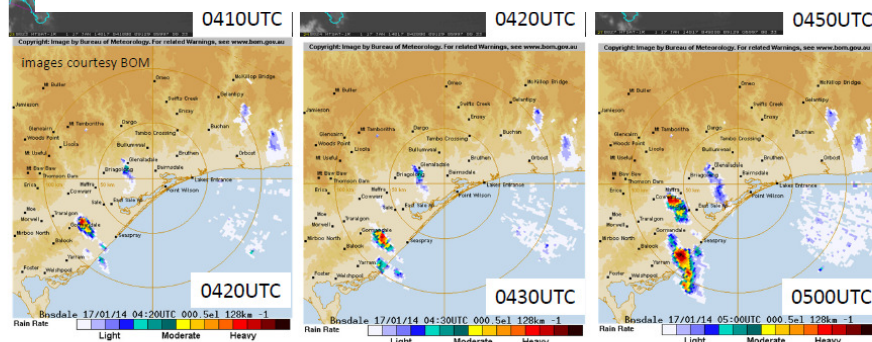



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## Effective use of Himawari-8 data in Thunderstorm detection, monitoring and forecasting

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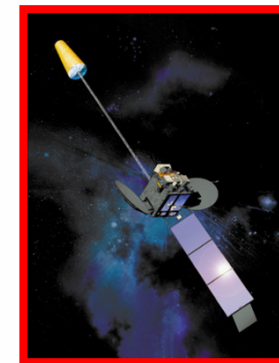
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2	0.50 - 0.52	1Km
3	0.63 - 0.66	0.5Km
4	0.85 - 0.87	1Km
5	1.60 - 1.62	2Km
6	2.25 - 2.27	2Km
7	3.74 - 3.96	2Km
8	6.06 - 6.43	2Km
9	6.89 - 7.01	2Km
10	7.26 - 7.43	2Km
11	8.44 - 8.76	2Km
12	9.54 - 9.72	2Km
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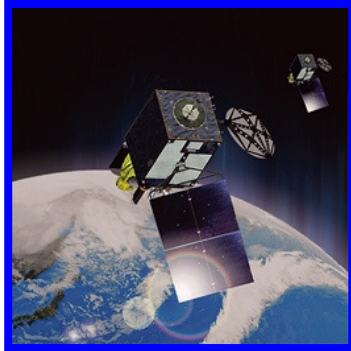
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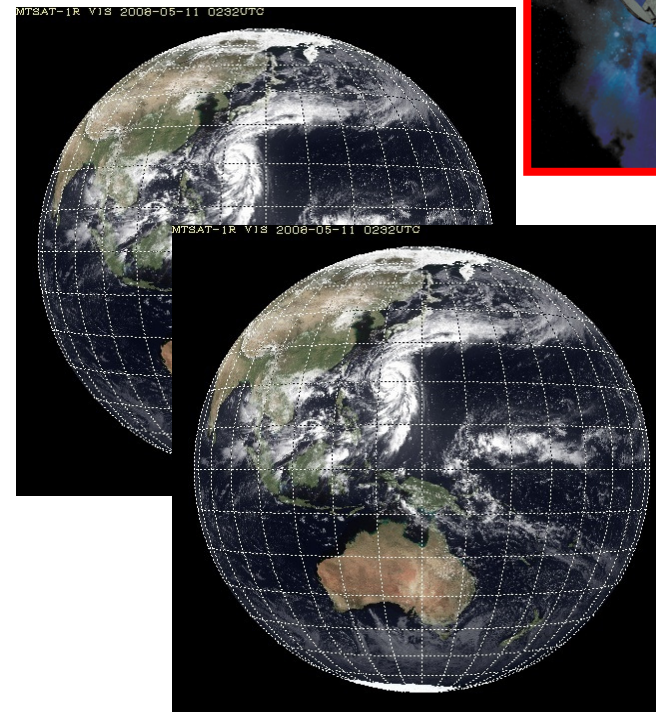
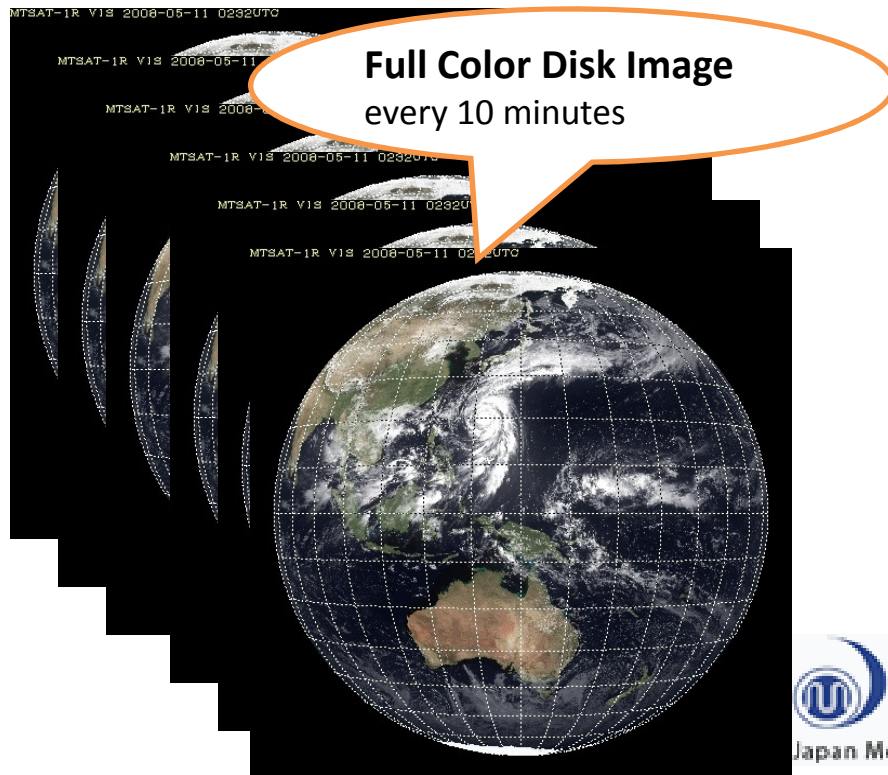
# MTSAT-2 versus Himawari 8/9 increased data frequency



**Himawari 8**



**MTSAT 2**



Hourly / half hourly images



MTSAT-2 image courtesy JMA, Himawari-8 image courtesy NASA



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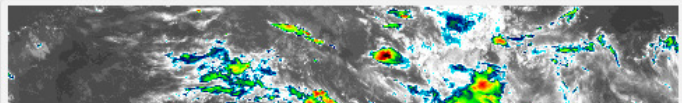
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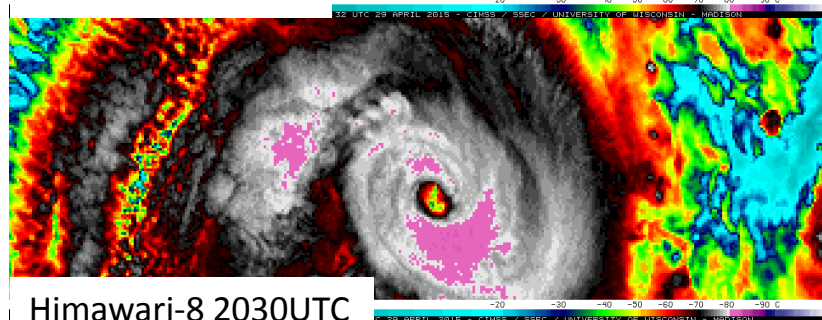
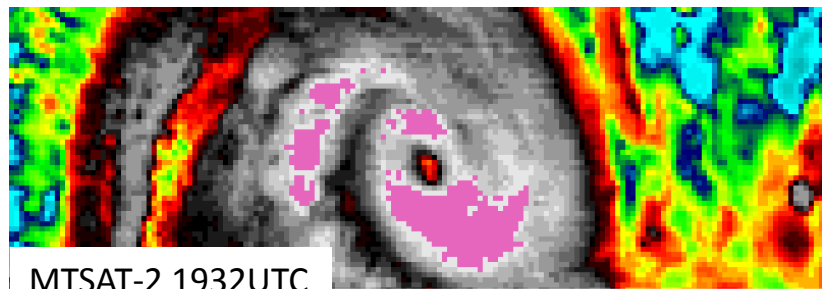
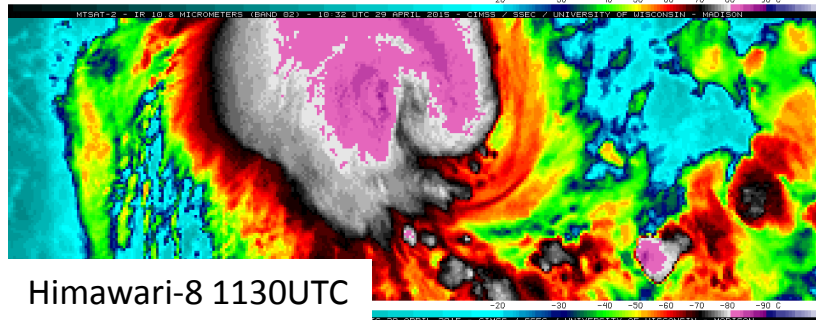
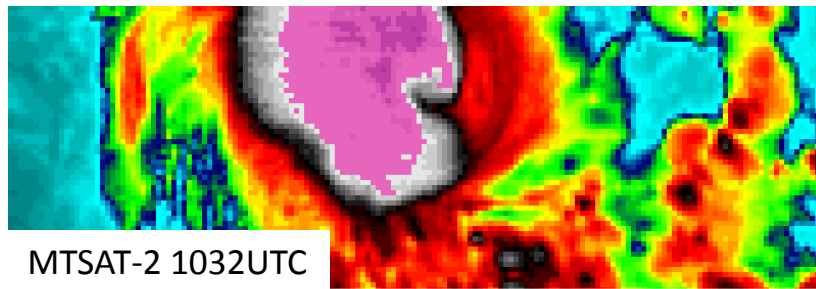
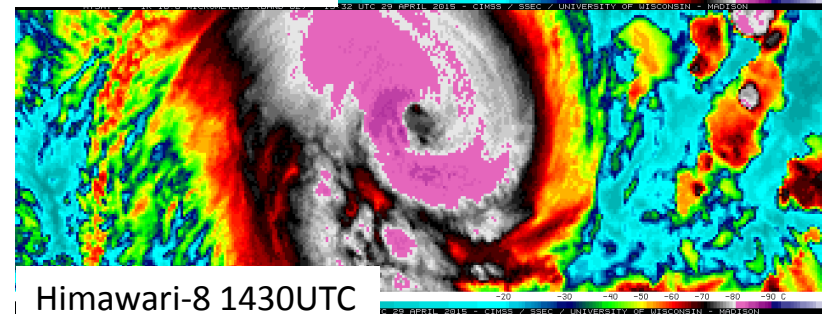
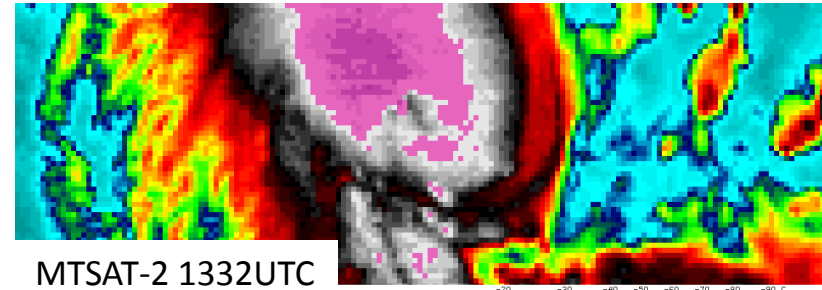


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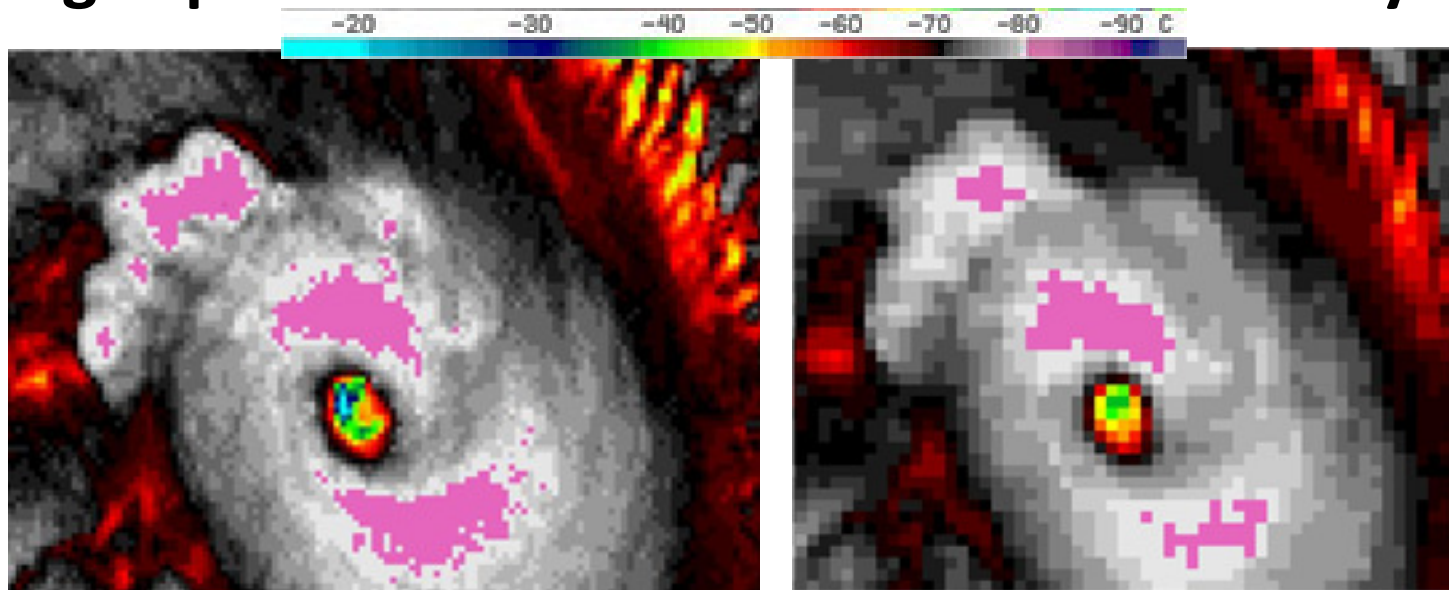
# Exercise

Annotate features of interest that the Himawari-8 data can show you

How are the Himawari-8 images an advantage over the MTSAT-2 images



## High spatial resolution data and Dvorak Analysis



		Eye Temperature						
No Minimum width Surrounding Ring Temperature		WMG	OW	DG	MG	LG	B	W
	OW	0	-0.5					
	DG	0	0	-0.5				
	MG	0	0	-0.5	-0.5			
	LG	+0.5	0	0	-0.5	-0.5		
	B	+1.0	+0.5	0	0	-0.5	-0.5	
	W	+1.0	+0.5	+0.5	0	0	-1.0	-1.0
	CMG	+1.0	+0.5	+0.5	0	0	-0.5	-1.0

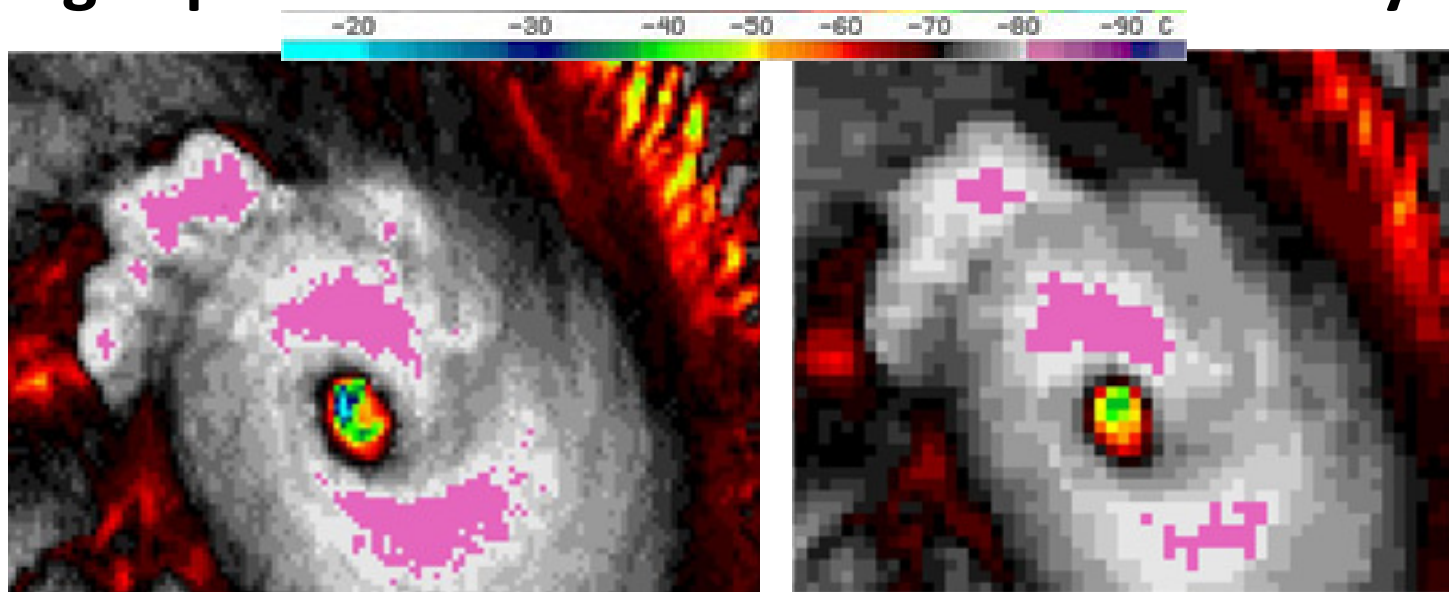
Not for large ( $\geq 45$  n ml) or elongated (short axis  $\geq 2/3$  long) eyes  
Elongated eyes when E no.  $\geq 4.5$   
subtract 0.5 if no previous subtraction made

### Dvorak "Eye" Pattern rules

	30nm	30	30	24	24	18	18	Nautical Miles
Narrowest Width	$\geq 0.5$	$\geq 0.5$	$\geq 0.5$	$\geq 0.4$	$\geq 0.4$	$\geq 0.3$	$\geq 0.3$	Degrees Latitude
Surrounding grey shade	CMG	W	B	LG	MG	DG	OW	EIR Colour (BD Curve)
	E6.5	E6.0	E5.5	E5.0	E4.5	E4.5	E4.0	



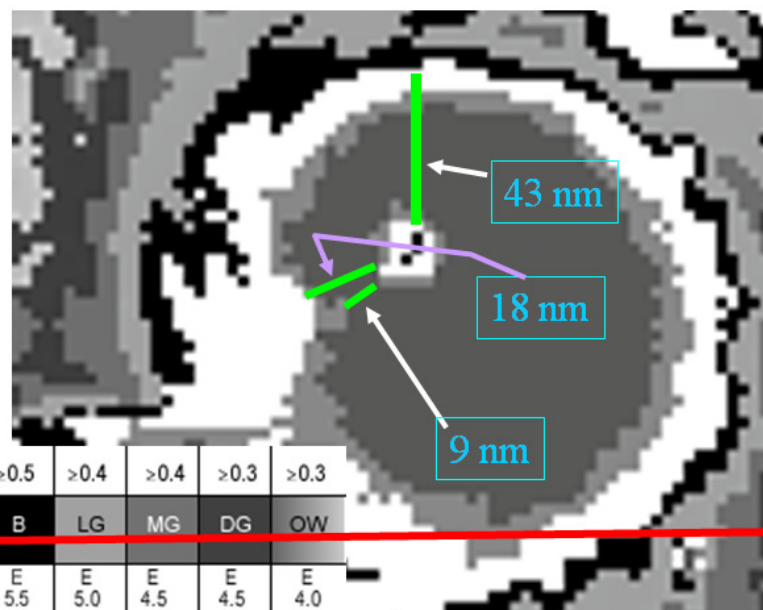
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### Dvorak "Eye" Pattern

This gives  
an Eye  
number of  
6.0


>0.5	>0.5	>0.5	>0.4	>0.4	>0.3	>0.3
CMG	W	B	LG	MG	DG	OW
E 6.5	E 6.0	E 5.5	E 5.0	E 4.5	E 4.5	E 4.0



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SATAID image courtesy JMA

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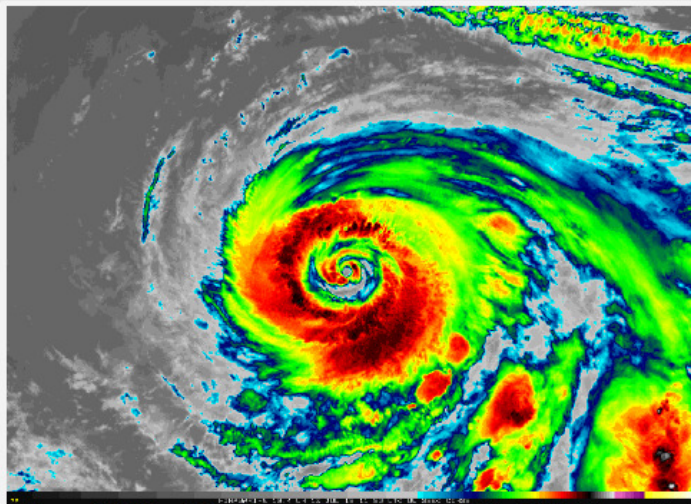
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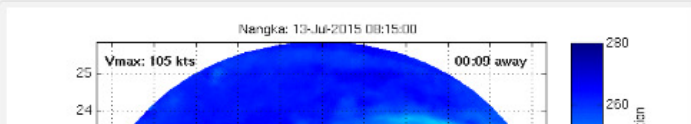
### Unusual Double Eyewall structure in Himawari-8 Infrared Imagery of Typhoon Nangka

July 13th, 2015





Himawari-8 10.35  $\mu\text{m}$  infrared imagery, 0540-1540 UTC on 13 July 2015 (click to animate)

Himawari-8 10.35  $\mu\text{m}$  infrared imagery showed an unusual (for infrared imagery) double-eyewall structure in Typhoon Nangka over the western Pacific Ocean on 13 July 2015. For such a feature to appear in infrared imagery, the secondary circulations of both the inner and outer eyewall need to be intense enough to support the downdraft/cloud-clearing necessary to create the "moats" between them. Microwave imagery of the storm, below, viewed via MIMIC ([from this site](#)), also showed the double eyewall structure quite well. This double-eyewall signature typically indicates that a tropical cyclone is experiencing an eyewall replacement cycle (ERC), which signals that a (temporary) decrease in intensity is soon to follow.



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## Summary: Improvements to TC monitoring using rapid scan, high-resolution Himawari-8 data

Higher spatial resolution	TC cloud top features resolved in more detail (convective blow-ups, gravity waves, outflow channels, midget TC's)
	Better brightness temperature resolution in the IR. Assists in Dvorak analysis
Higher temporal resolution	Better monitoring the centre of a sheared system with a Central Dense Overcast (low level cloud lines)
	Better monitoring of rapid changes (eye development, midget TC development, eye replacement cycle, gravity waves development, convective development, development of outflow channels etc.)
	Better fix on the system centre. Central circulation may be tied to the RADAR signal. Mesovortices within eye monitored.
	Track of the TC better monitored and compared with NWP
	False eyes are more easily detected
	Better monitoring of the effects of atmospheric shear on TC development
	Higher density Cloud Drift Winds (CDW) associated with TC
	Higher density of data into NWP. Improved NWP output



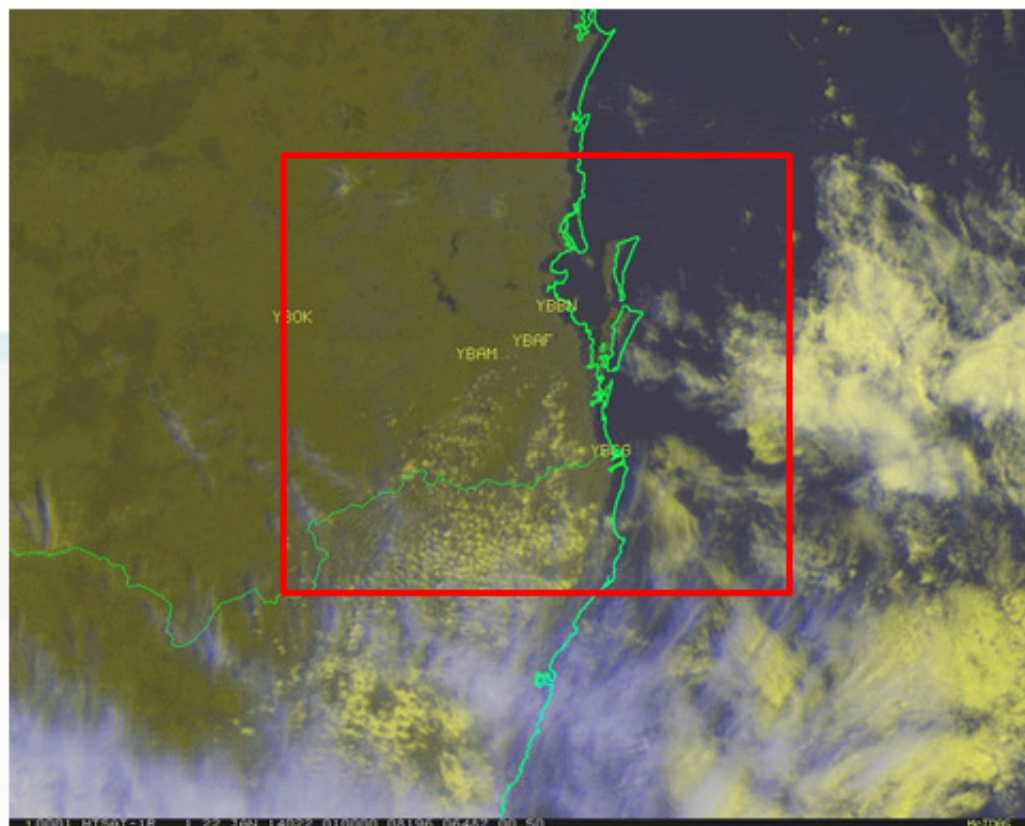
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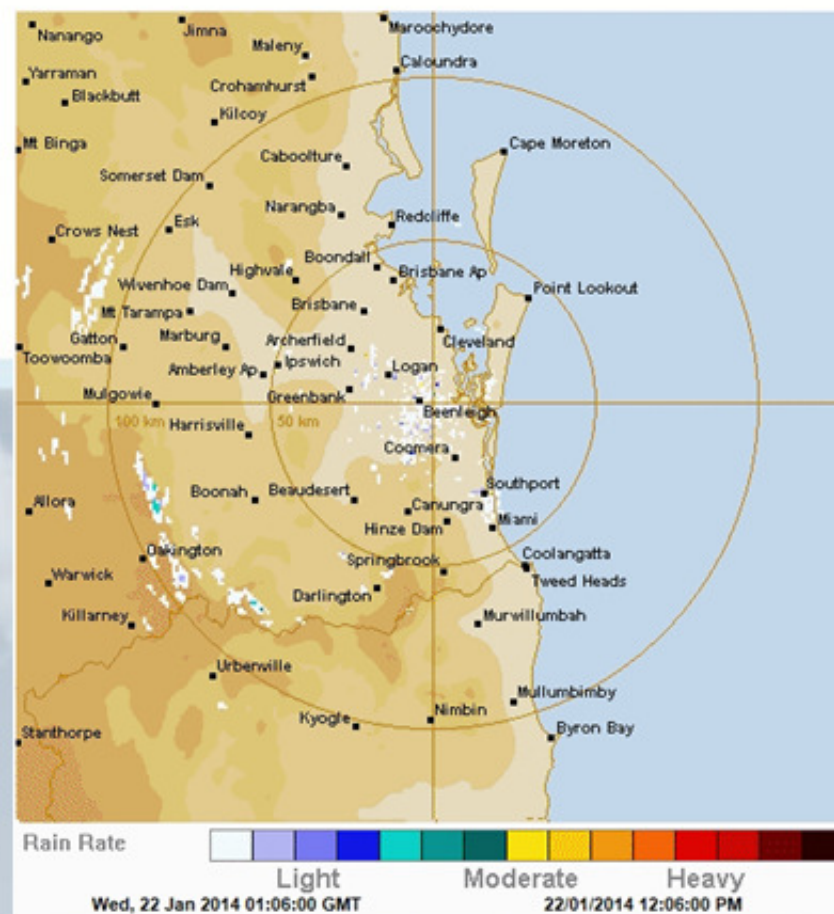
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10 minute satellite data, MTSAT-1R



Brisbane (Mt Stapylton) RADAR data

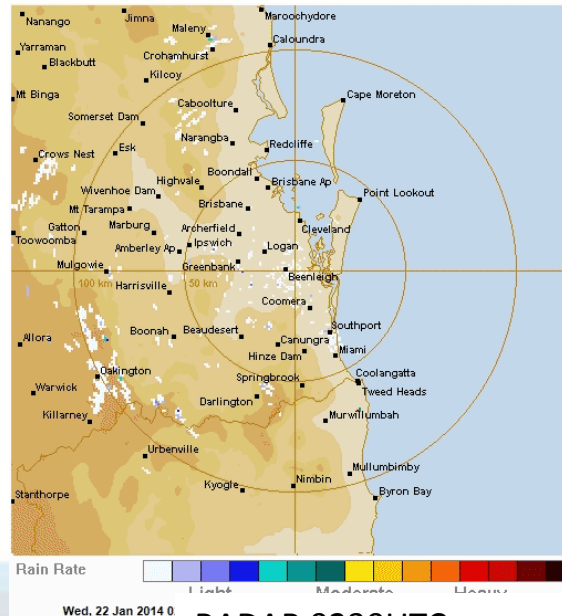
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# Exercise – early stage development (at time of reception by Forecaster)

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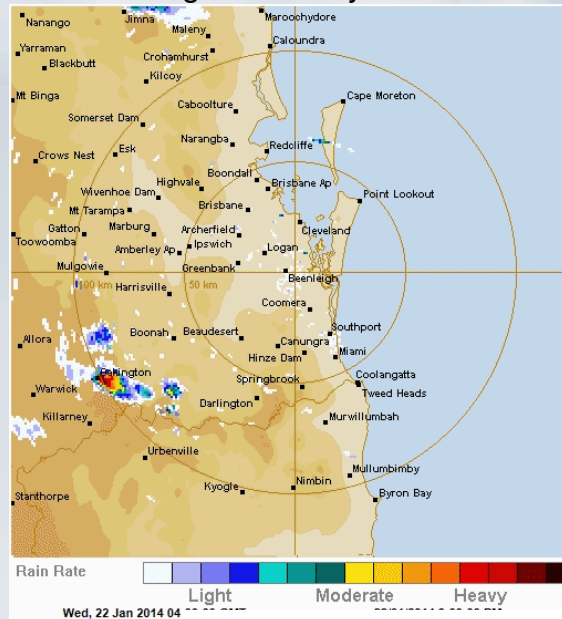
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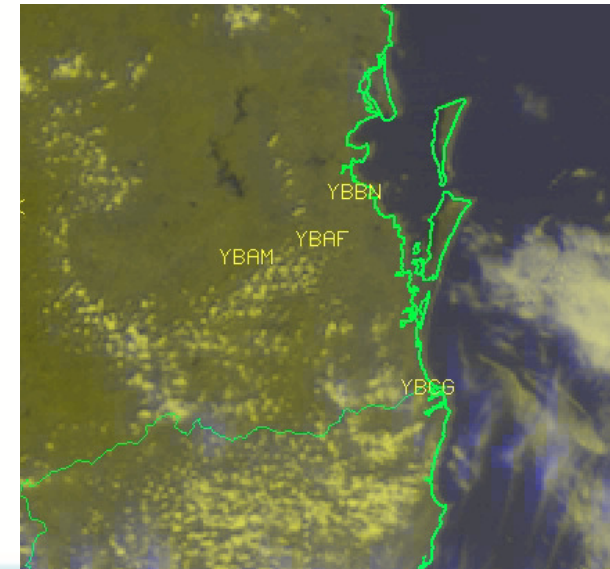


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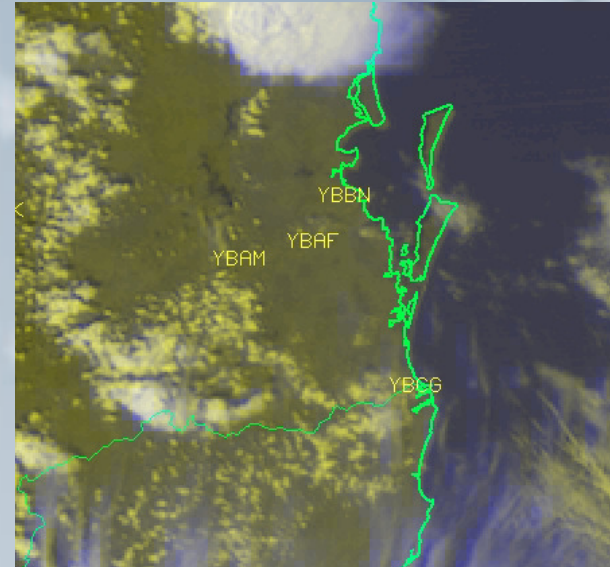


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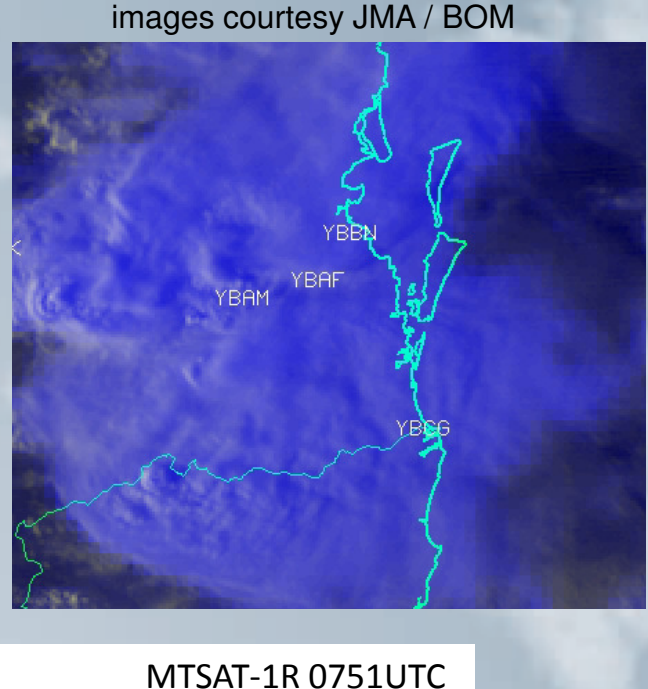
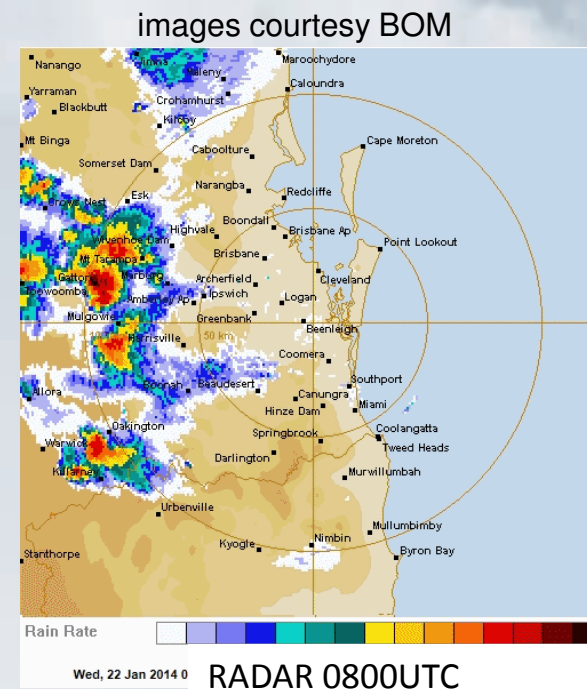
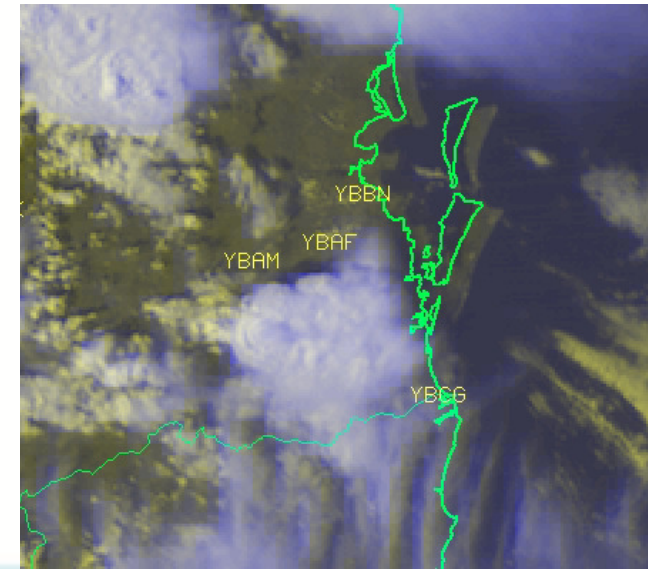
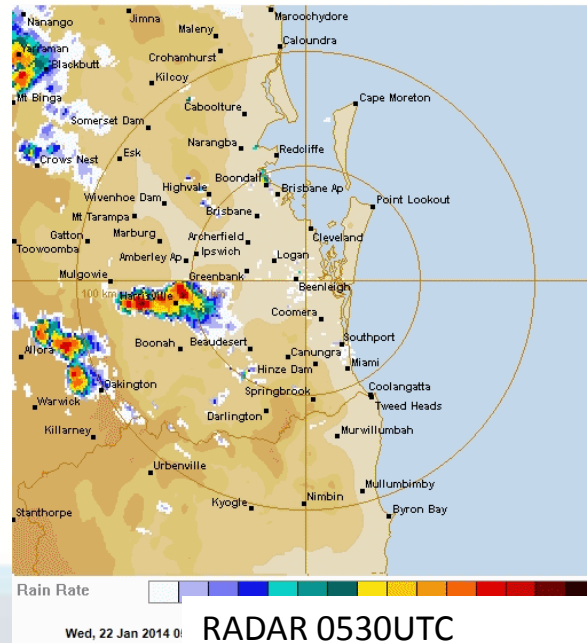


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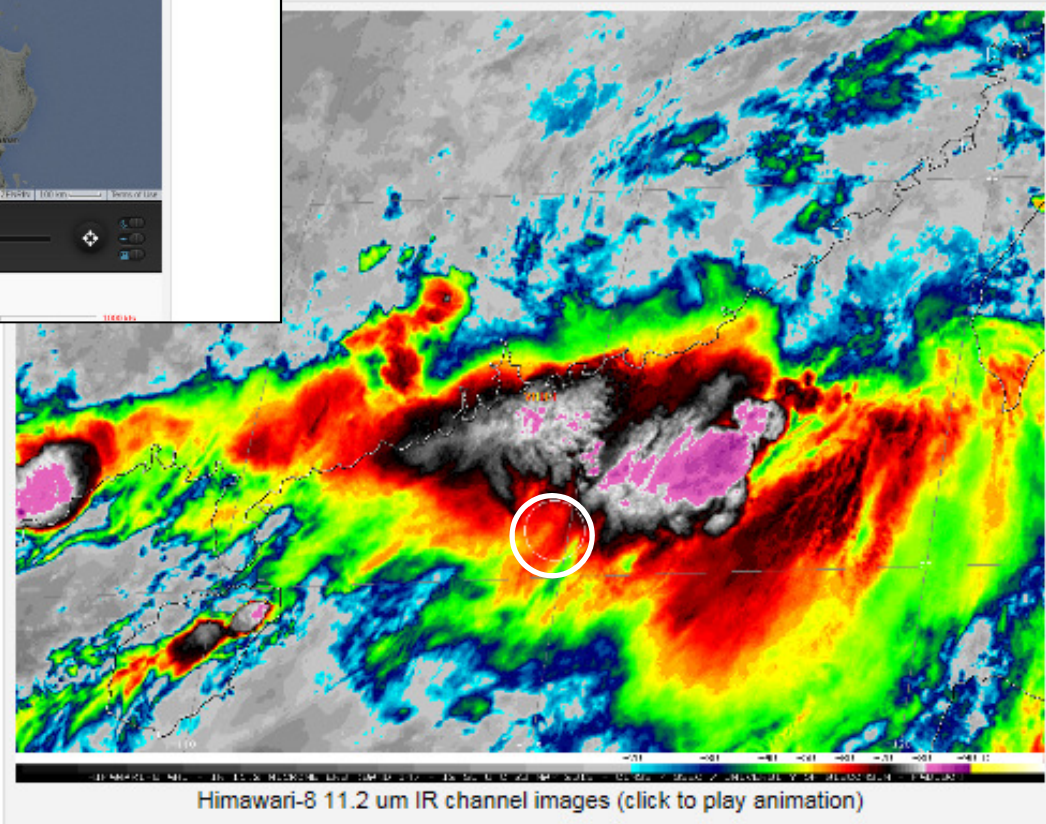
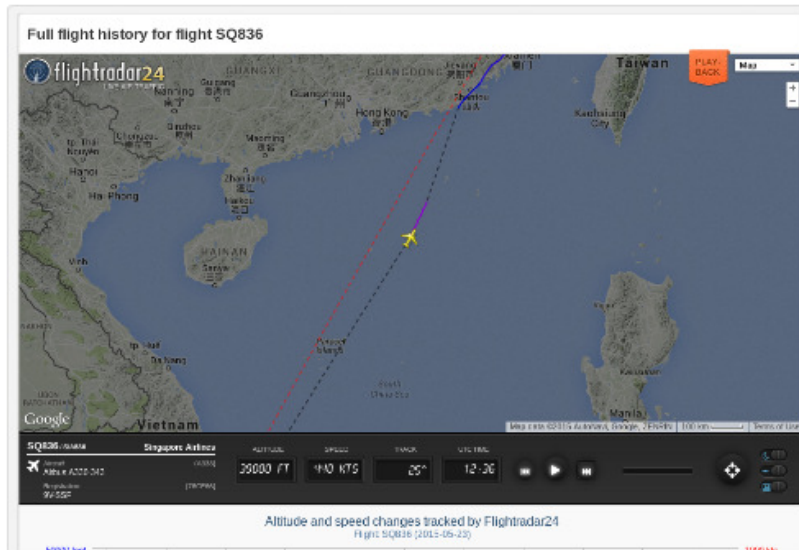


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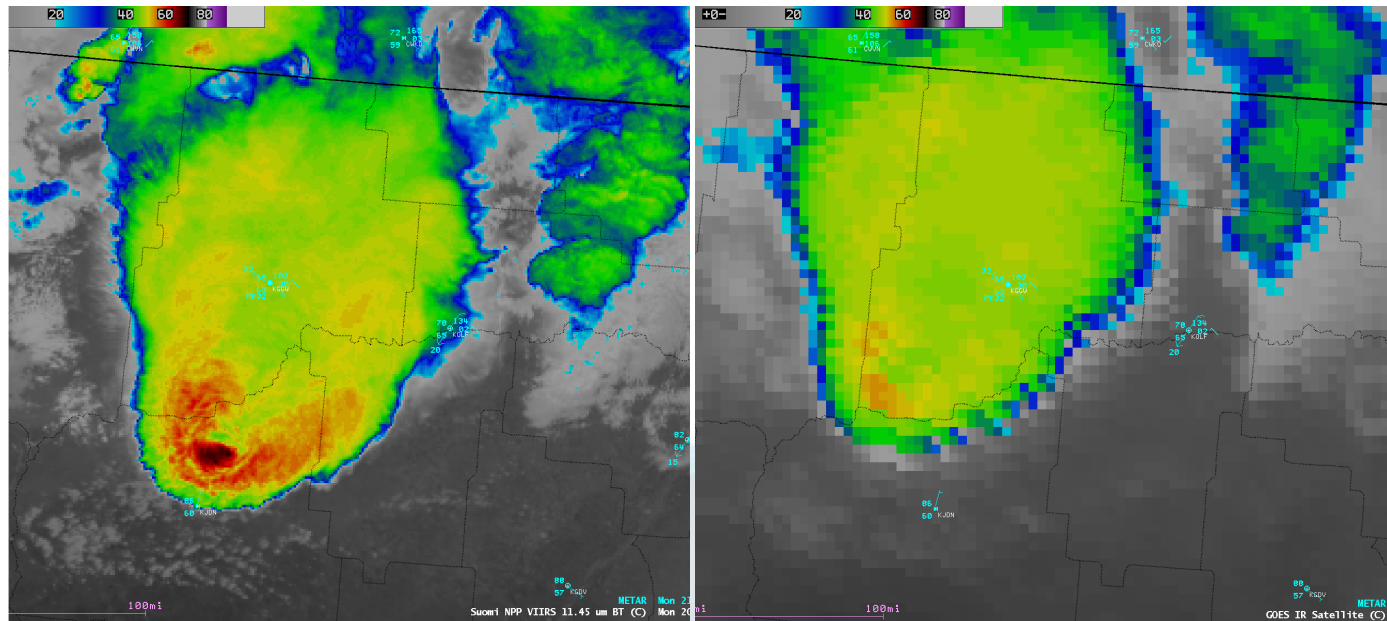
## Singapore Airlines Flight SQ836: a loss of engine power due to “ice crystal icing”?

May 23rd, 2015



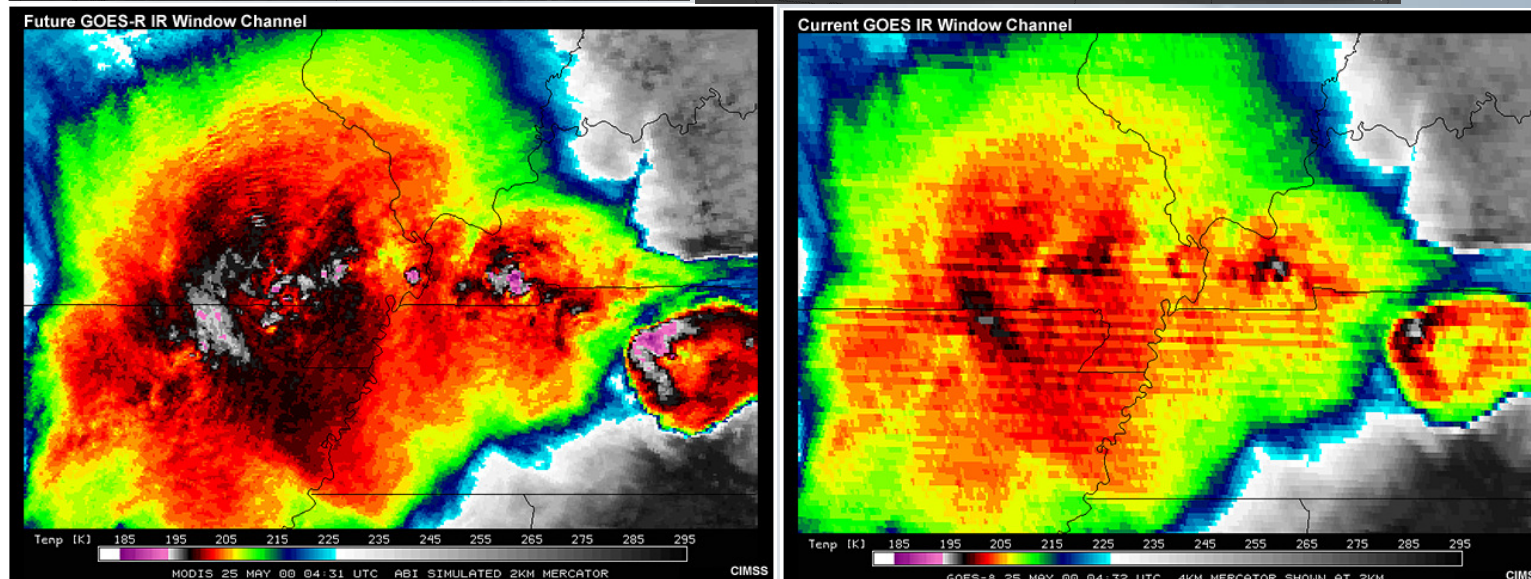
# Thunderstorm example

images courtesy CIMSS Satellite Blog  
"Severe thunderstorms in  
northwestern Kansas"



**Severe Thunderstorms,  
NW Texas, 5<sup>th</sup> August  
2013**

1 km enhanced infrared  
satellite data, Soumi NPP  
(LHS) 4km satellite data,  
GOES-13 (RHS)



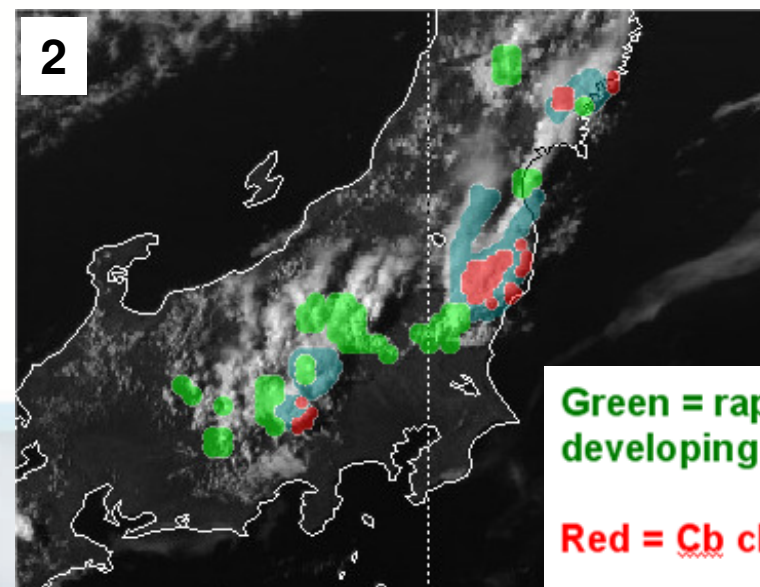
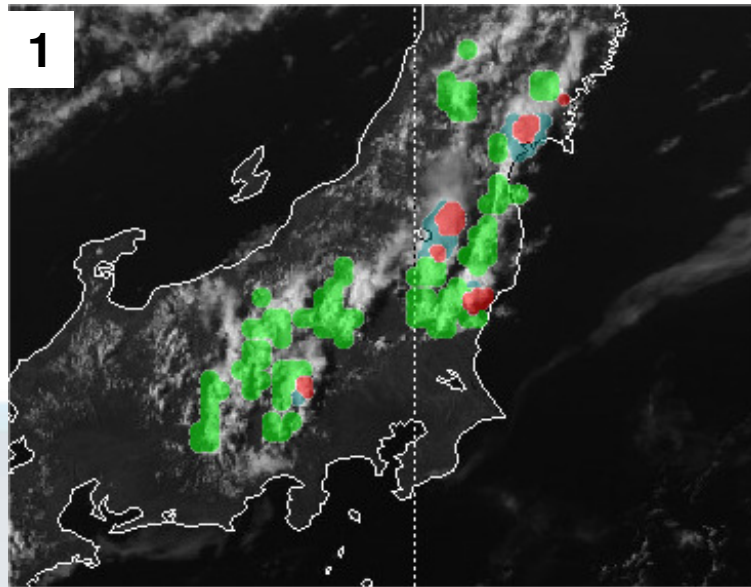
**Severe  
Thunderstorms,  
USA, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2000**

2 km enhanced  
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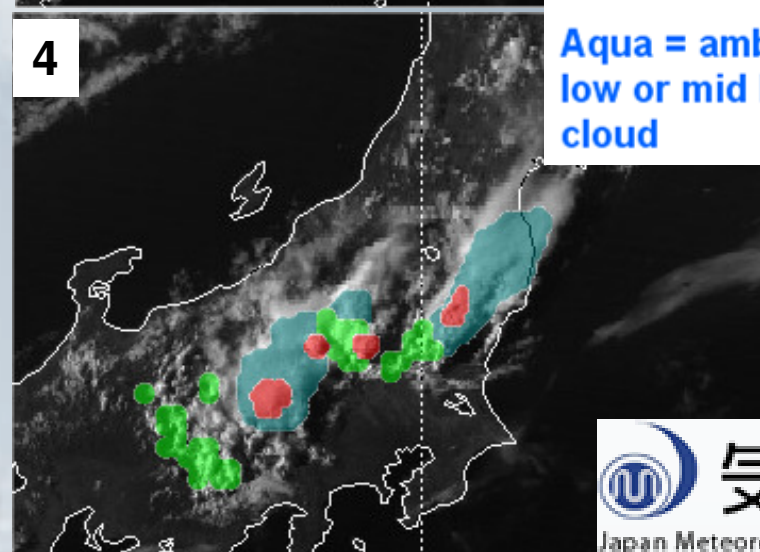
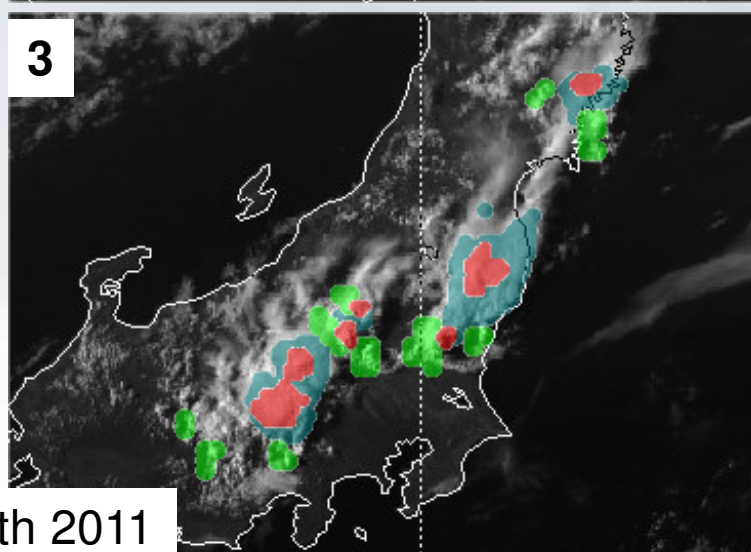
# RDCA convective cloud detection algorithm (JMA)



Green = rapidly  
developing cloud.

Red = Cb cloud.

Aqua = ambiguous  
low or mid level  
cloud




July 10th 2011

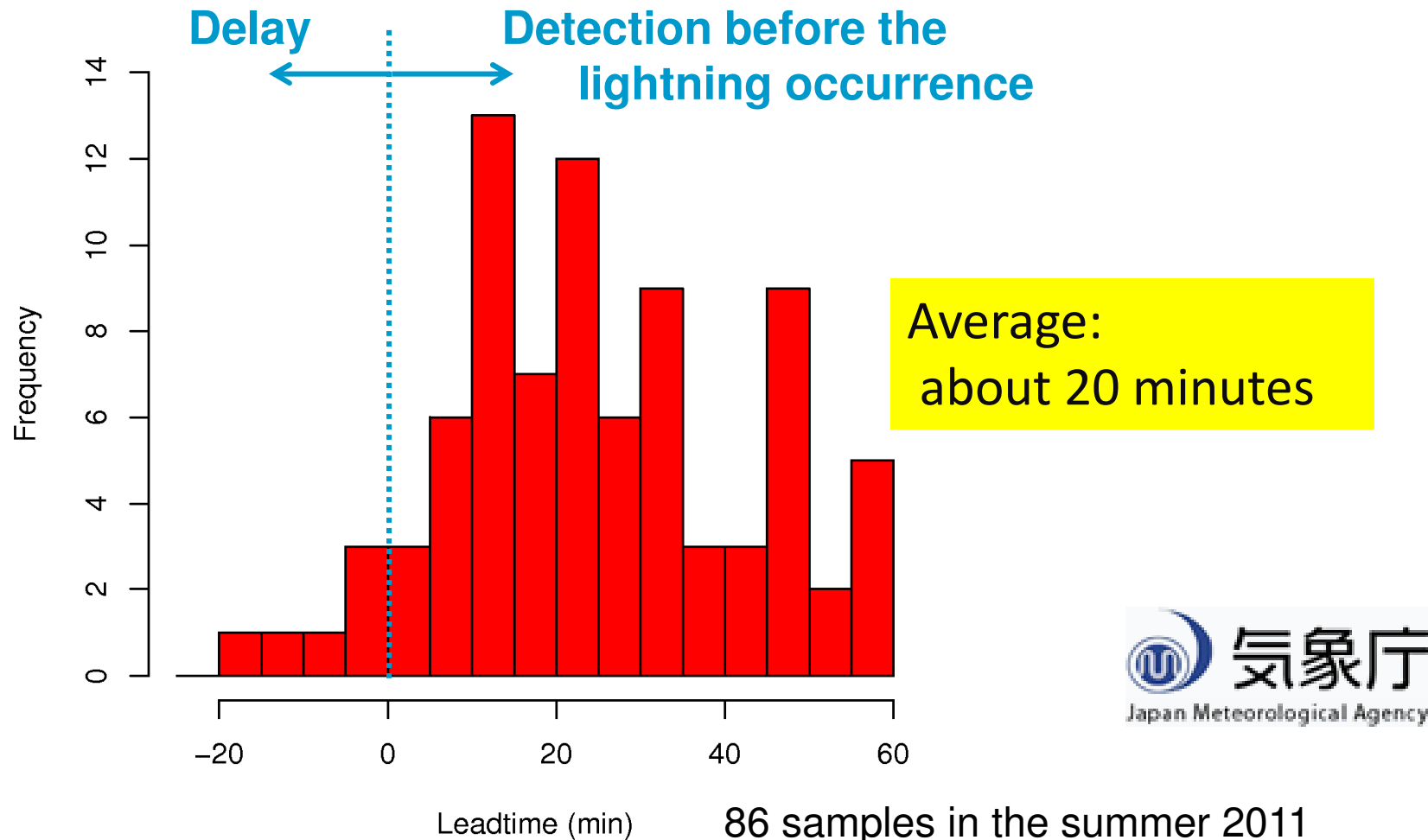
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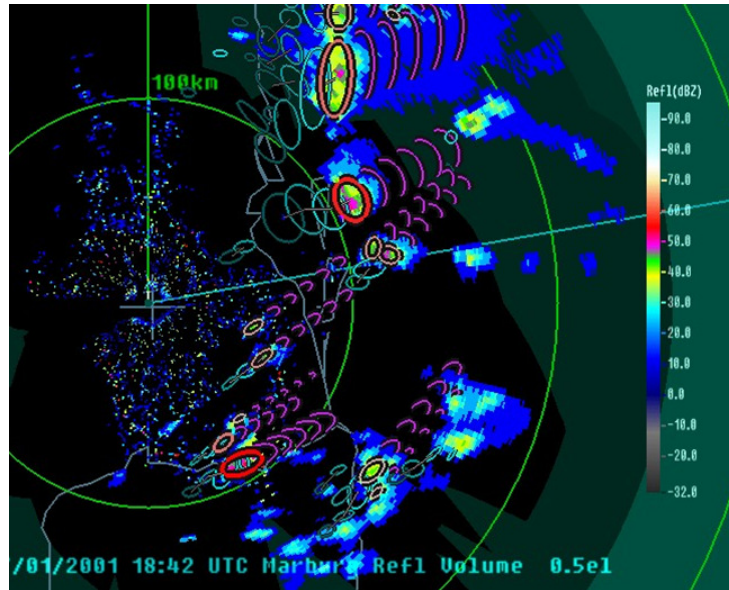
# Rapidly Developing Cumulus Areas product

No.	Diagnostic Parameters	Main objective
1	*VISR	To detect optical thick cloud (mainly for **Pre-detection)
2	Difference between maximum and minimum of VISR	To detect a roughness in developing cloud
3	Standard deviation of VISR	
4	Difference between maximum and minimum of 10.8 $\mu$ m ***BT	
5	Standard deviation of 10.8 $\mu$ m BT	
6	Difference between 10.8 $\mu$ m and 12 $\mu$ m BT	To exclude optically thin cloud (cirrus) (mainly for Pre-detection)
7	Difference between 6.8 $\mu$ m and 10.8 $\mu$ m BT	To detect the potential to develop
8	Slope index (relation between 10.8 $\mu$ m BT and effective radius of cloud top estimated from 3.8 $\mu$ m)	To evaluate cloud microphysical structure
<b>Time / trend parameters (cloud motion is considered)</b>		 To evaluate vertically developing trend of developing cloud
9	Time differential of maximum of VISR	
10	Time differential of averaged VISR	
11	Time differential of minimum of 10.8 $\mu$ m BT	
12	Time differential of averaged 10.8 $\mu$ m BT	
13	Pinpoint fall down of 10.8 $\mu$ m BT	

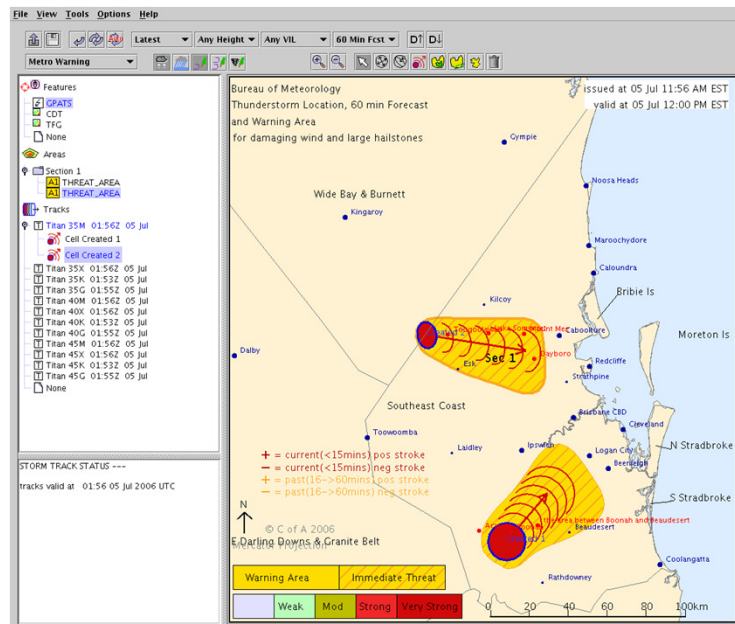
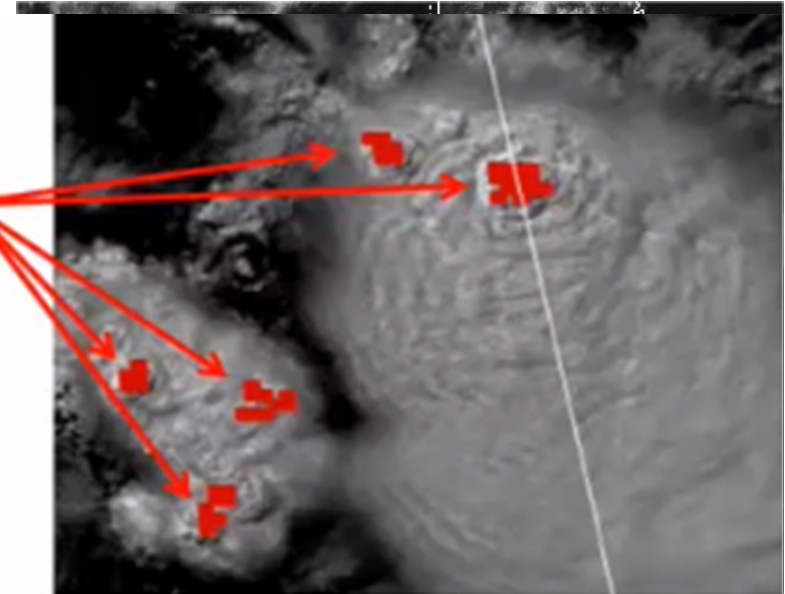
## “Lead time” for Lightning (5 minute rapid scan)



# Current RADAR Alerts compared to thunderstorm detection algorithms



Severe Storm Algorithm thresholds (Bedka et al.)

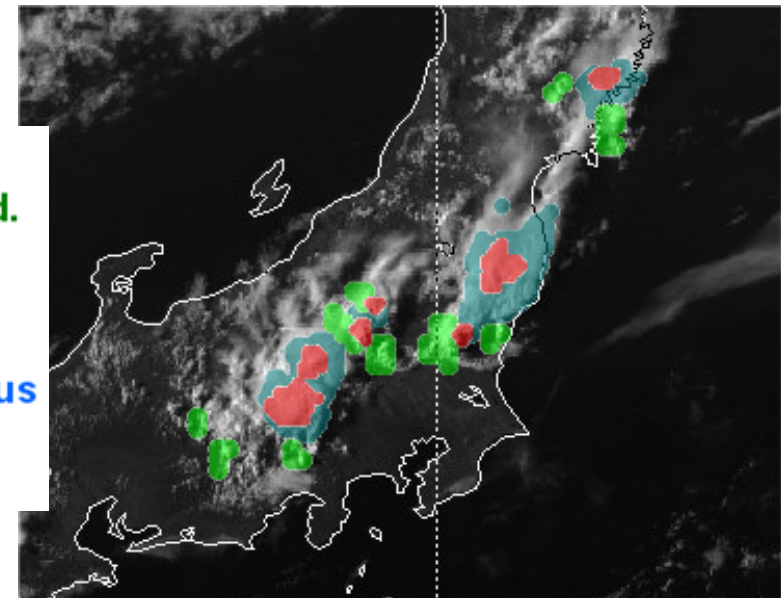


RDCA method

Green = rapidly developing cloud.

Red = Cb cloud.

Aqua = ambiguous low or mid level cloud





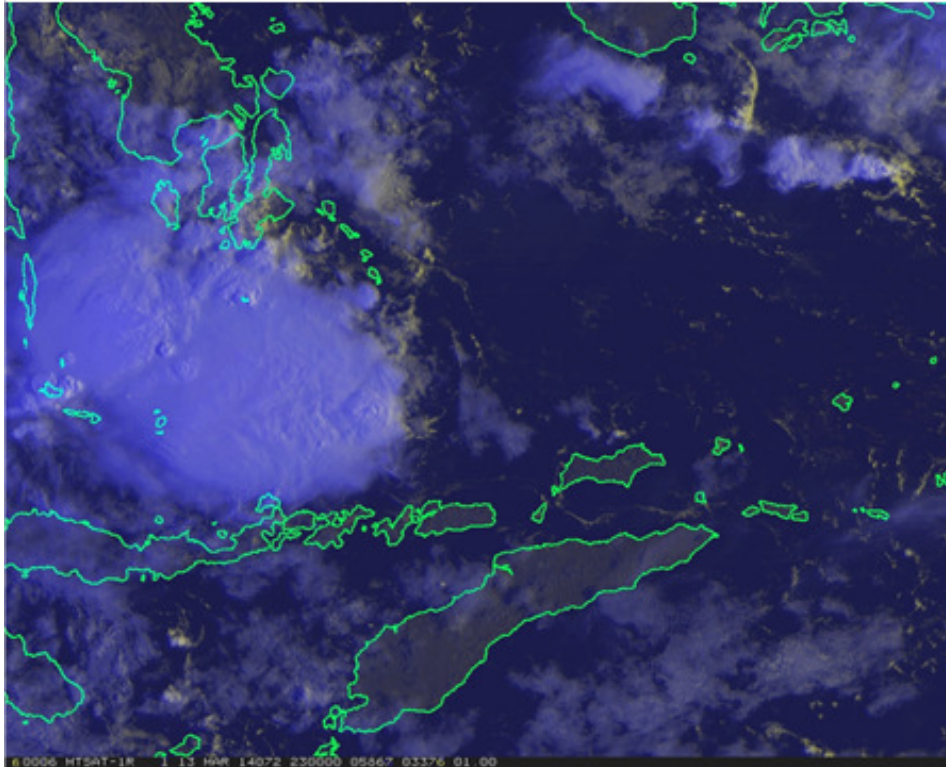


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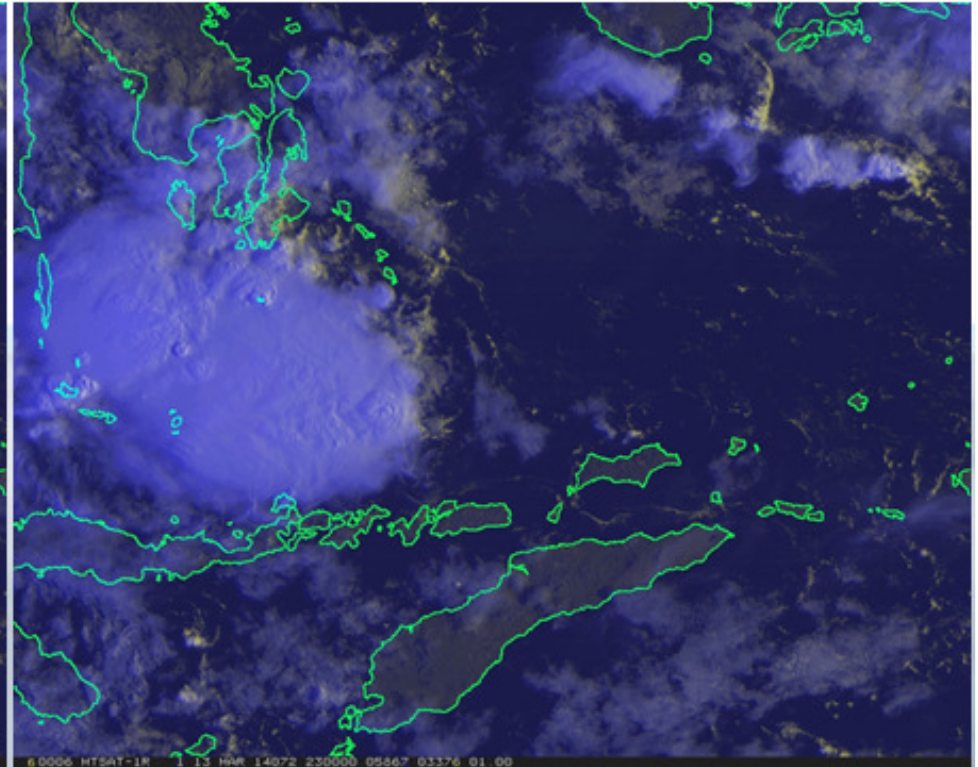
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## Organised thunderstorm example

animations courtesy JMA / BOM



10 minute satellite data, MTSAT-1R



Hourly satellite data, MTSAT-1R (RHS)

Flores/Banda Sea convection, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (VIS/IR RGB)

# Increased resolution in NWP and overcoming "Cumulus Parametrisation" – ACCESS RUC

Increased resolution in NWP  
(eg. ACCESS RUC)

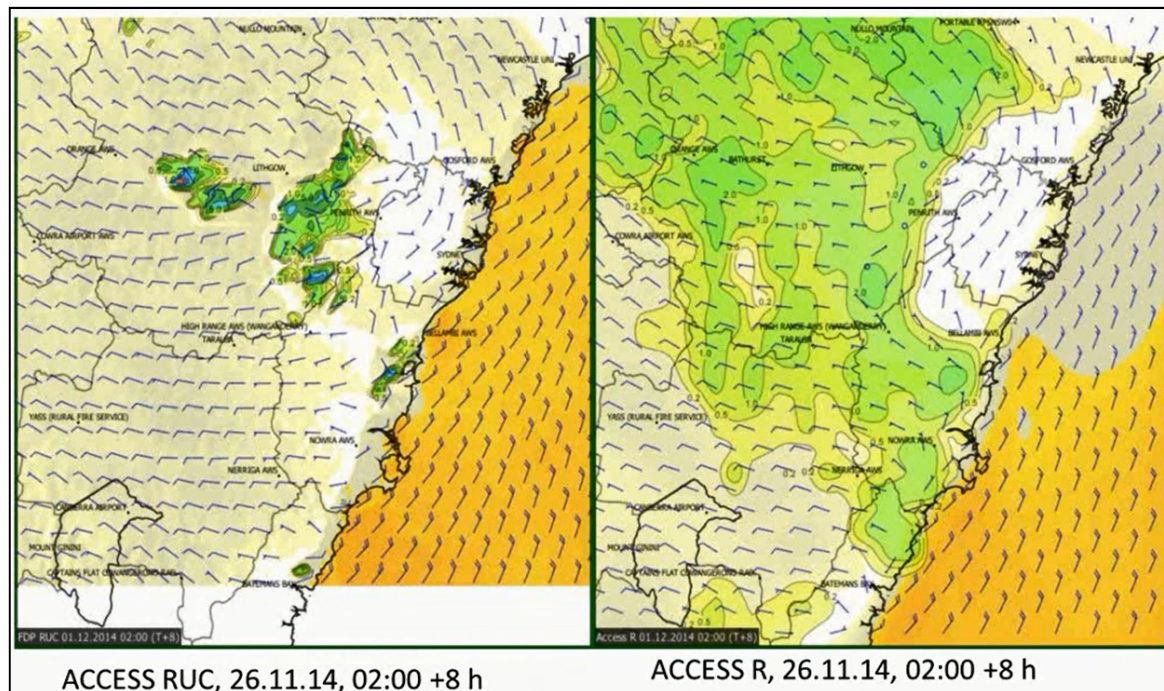
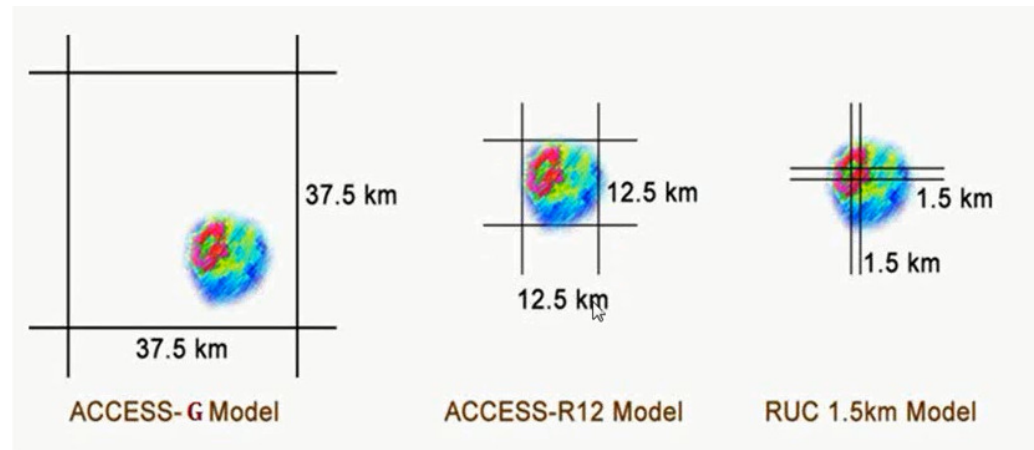


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Model forecasts of  
precipitation and winds,  
Blue Mountains and  
Lithgow. 26 November  
2014.

High resolution (1.5km)  
ACCESS RUC model (LHS),  
ACCESS R model (12.5km)  
(RHS)

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## Summary: Improvements to TS monitoring using rapid scan, high-resolution Himawari-8 data

Higher spatial resolution	Resolution of mesoscale triggers to convection.
	Stormtop features better revealed (including higher resolution of stormtop temperatures)
	Contributes to effective implementation of severe storm detection algorithm
Higher temporal resolution	Identifies mesoscale triggers to convection earlier. Earlier development of "cumulus clumping" (VIS). Better monitoring of cloud top cooling in pre-Cb stage(IR)
	Earlier discrimination between isolated and organised convection
	Near continuous monitoring of overshooting tops.
	Better monitoring of short-lived convection
	Better monitoring of rotation of storms
	Better monitoring of secondary features (gust fronts etc.)
	Better monitoring of storm steering flow. Also atmospheric shear
	Contributes to effective implementation of severe storm detection algorithm

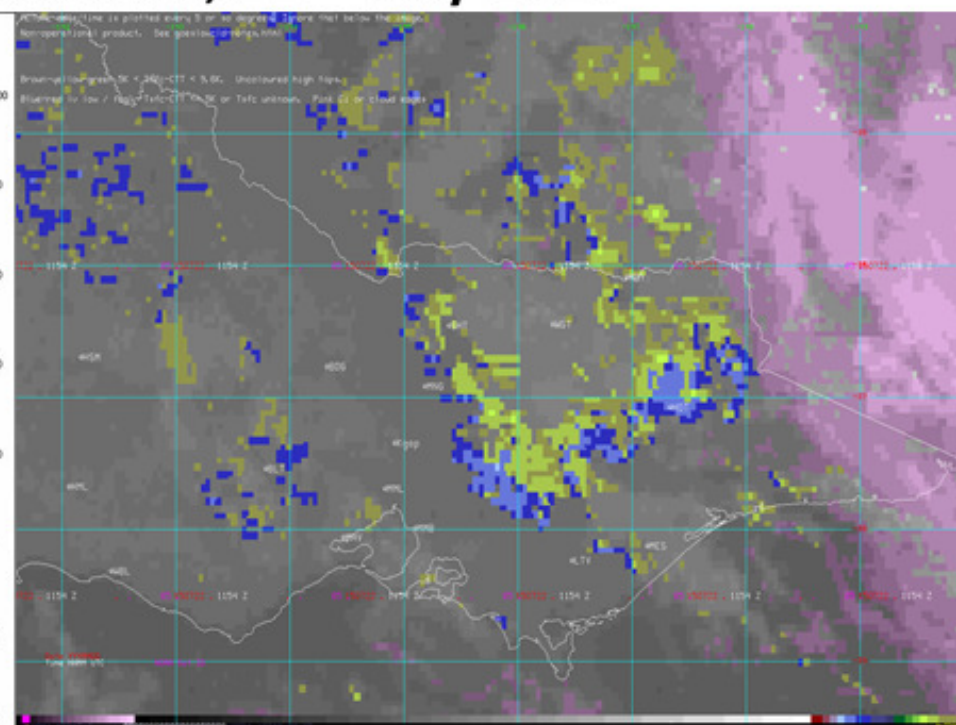
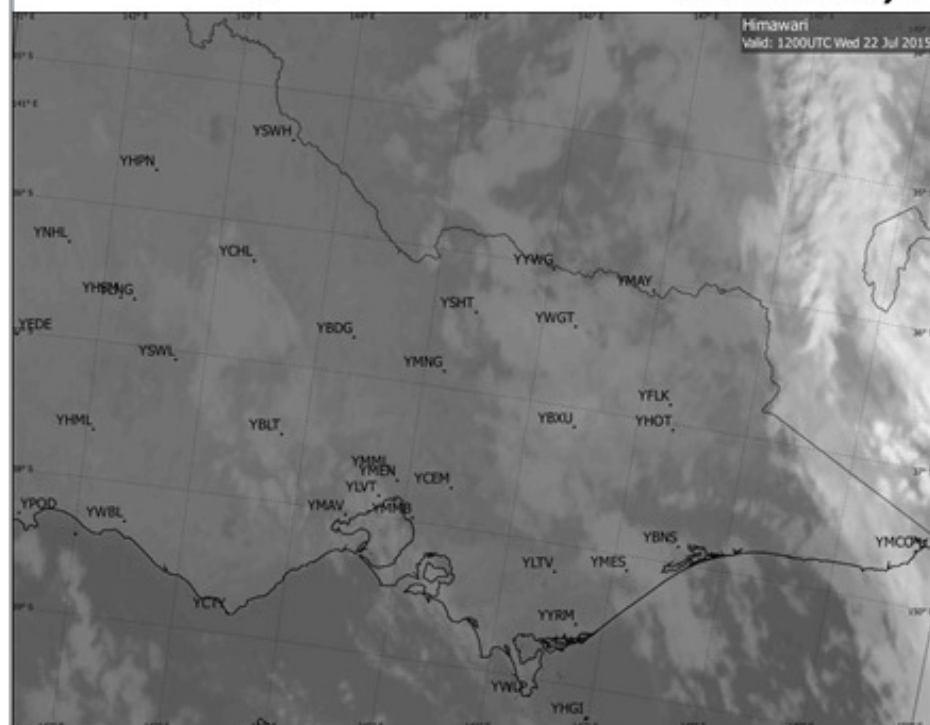




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## Fog/low cloud example Victoria, Australia; 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015

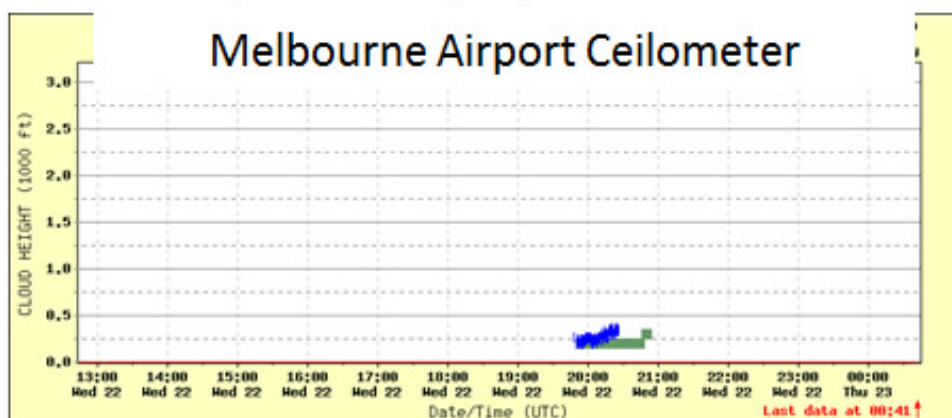


Rapid Scan (10 minute) IR / VIS satellite data

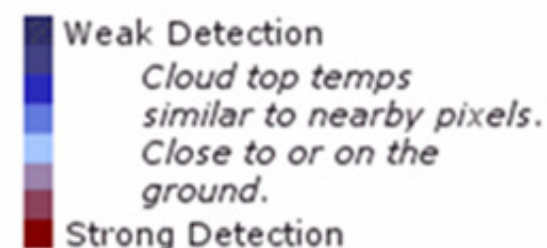
Hourly IR-NIR/VIS data

animations courtesy JMA/BOM

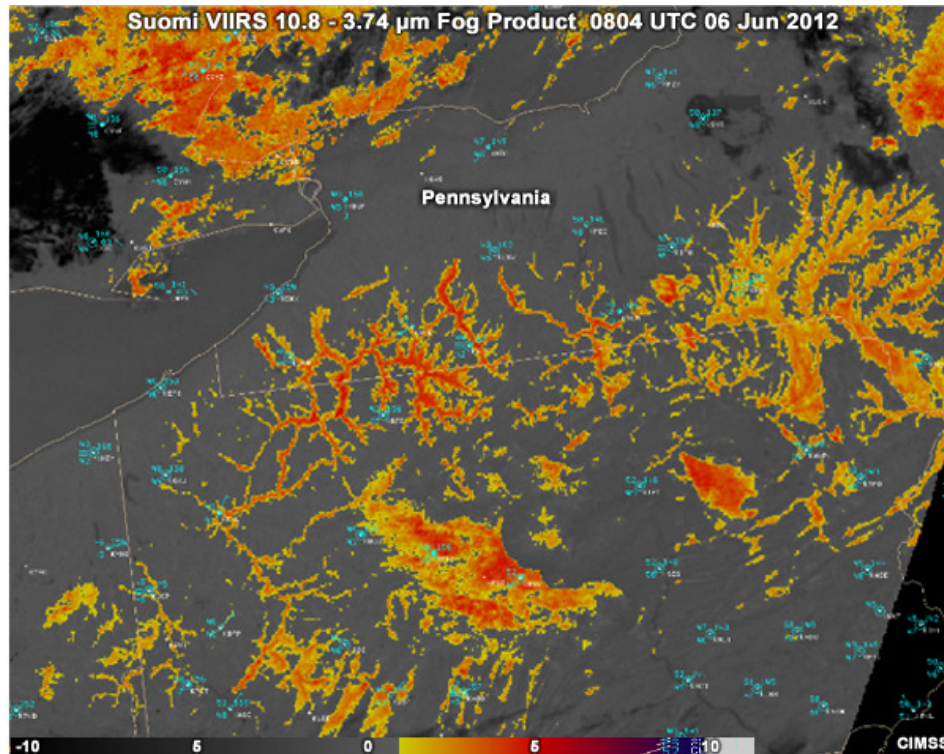
Melbourne Airport Ceilometer



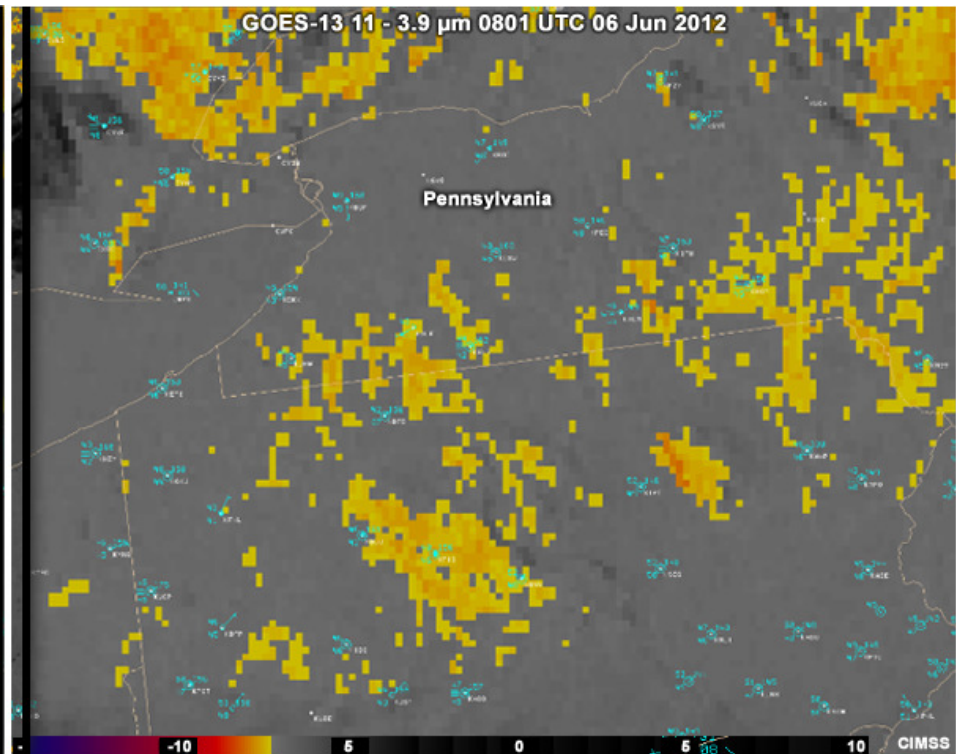
Fog/Low Cloud < 500m



# Higher spatial resolution and fog identification



Suomi VIIRS Fog Product (1km resolution)



GOES-13 fog product (4km resolution)

**Fog in valleys, USA, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

## **Summary:** Improvements to fog/low cloud monitoring using rapid scan, high-resolution Himawari-8 data

Higher spatial resolution	Better definition of the outline (edge or boundary) of the fog / low cloud
	Better discrimination between small scale fog (valley fill) and signal noise
Higher temporal resolution	Better monitoring of fog / low cloud formation and early development
	Better monitoring of the rate of fog / low cloud extension and clearance.
	Better monitoring of thin fog
	Better able to monitor fog / low cloud developing under higher cirrus cloud



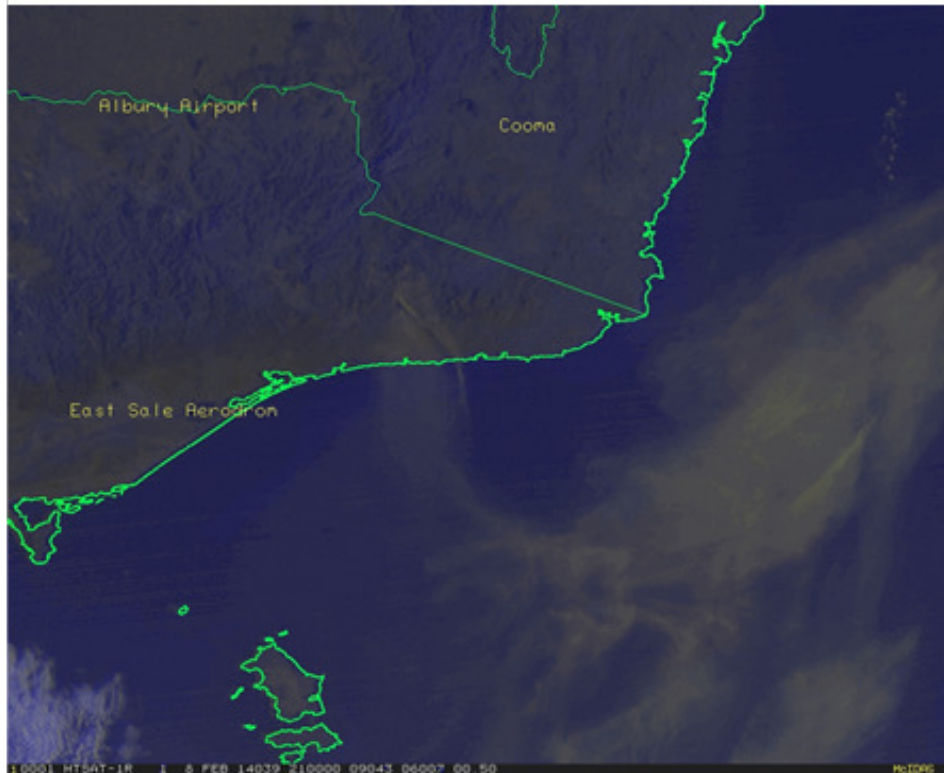


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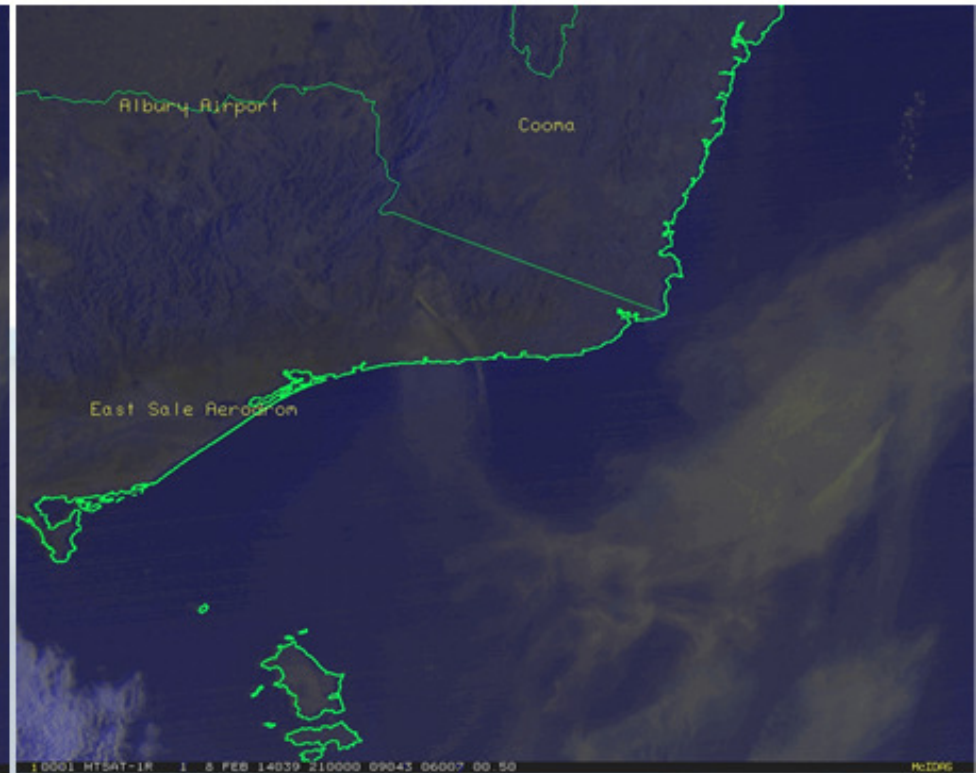
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## Fire/Smoke example

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10 minute satellite data, MTSAT-1R

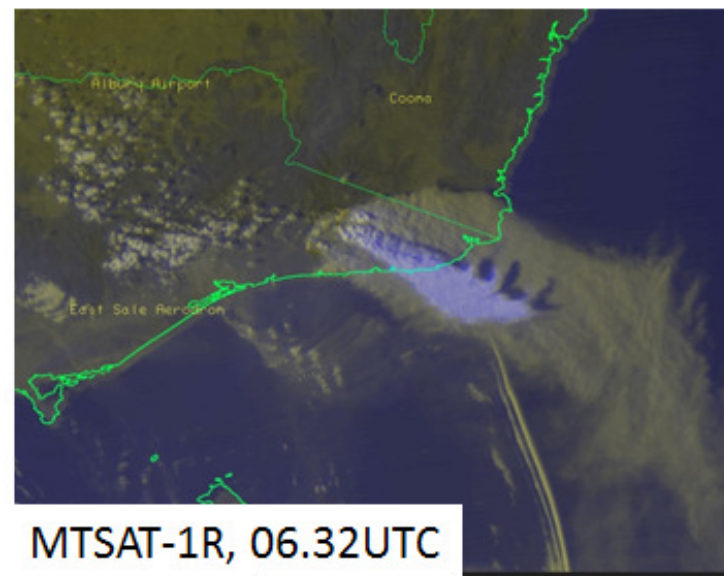
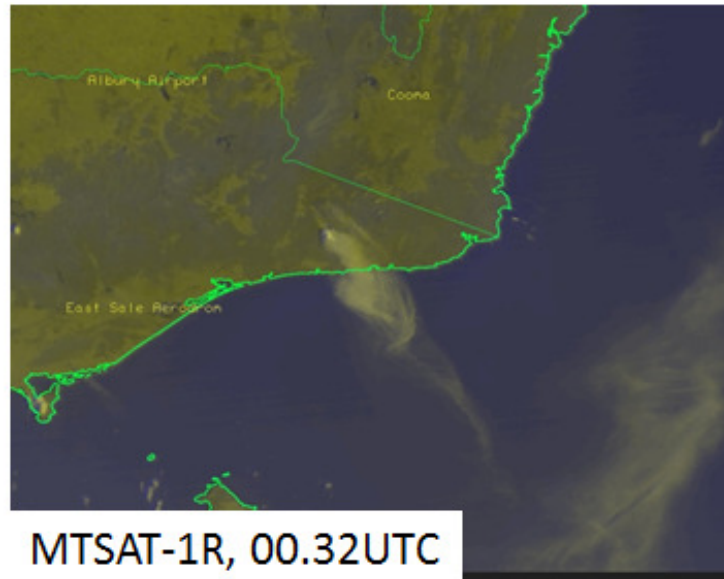


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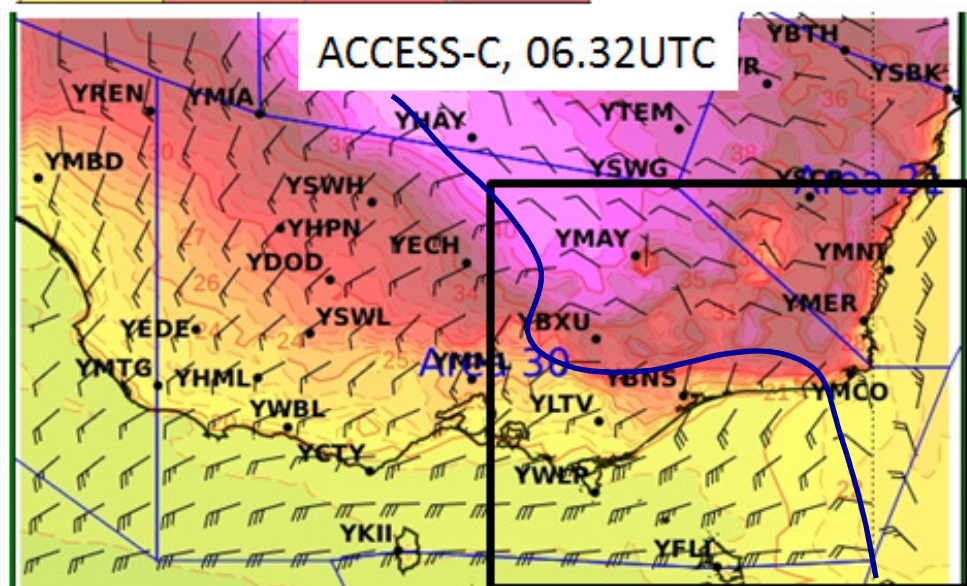
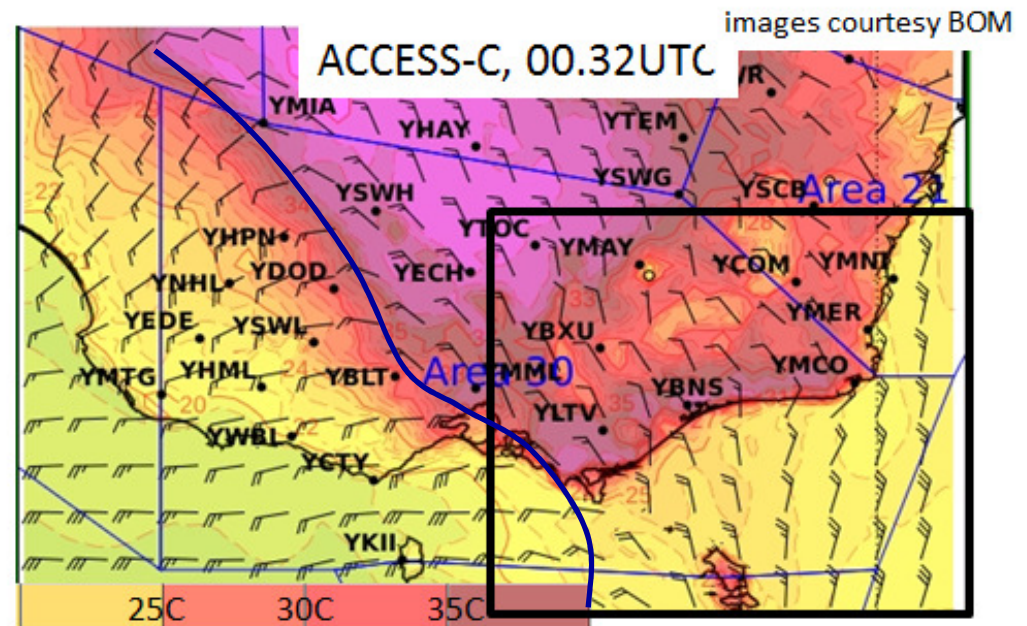
**Fire development and the passage of a shallow cold front  
SE Victoria, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2014 (VIS/IR RGB)**

# Fire development and cold front SE Victoria, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2014

(MTSAT-1R rapid scan vis/vis/ir RGB product, ACCESS-C 10m wind and temperature)



images courtesy BOM / JMA





# Fire development and cold front SE Victoria, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2014

(MTSAT-1R rapid scan vis/vis/ir RGB product, RADAR data received at the same time)

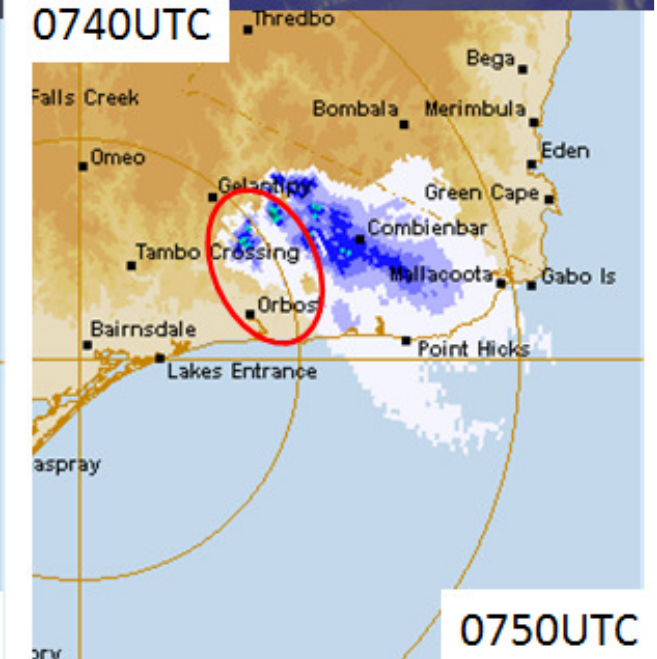
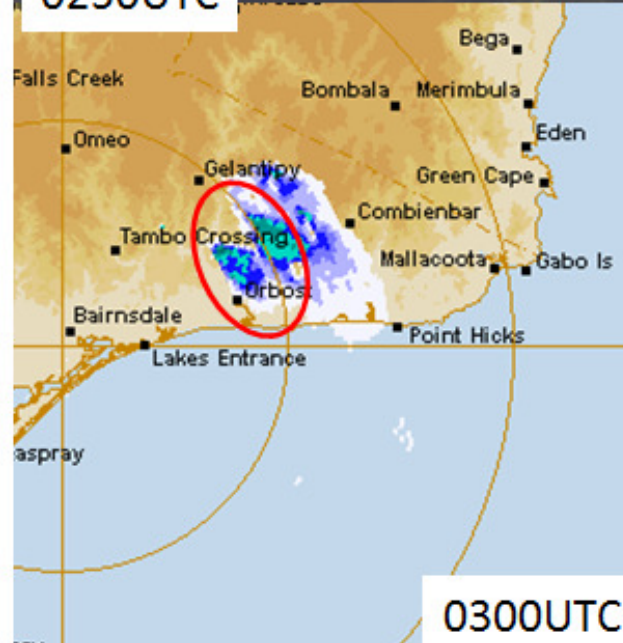
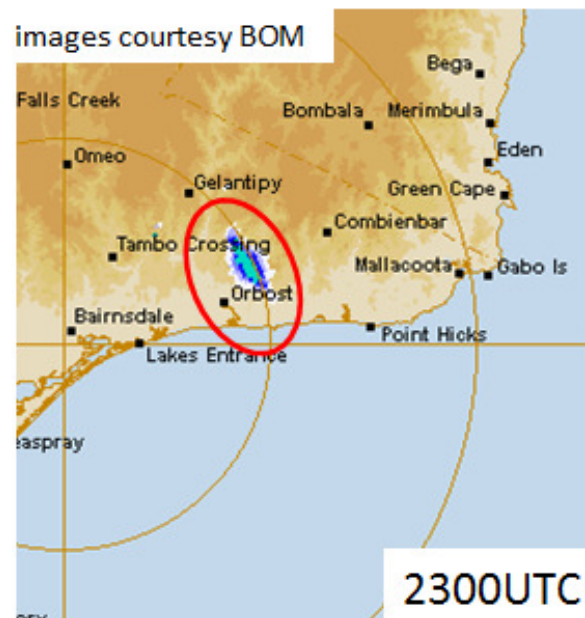
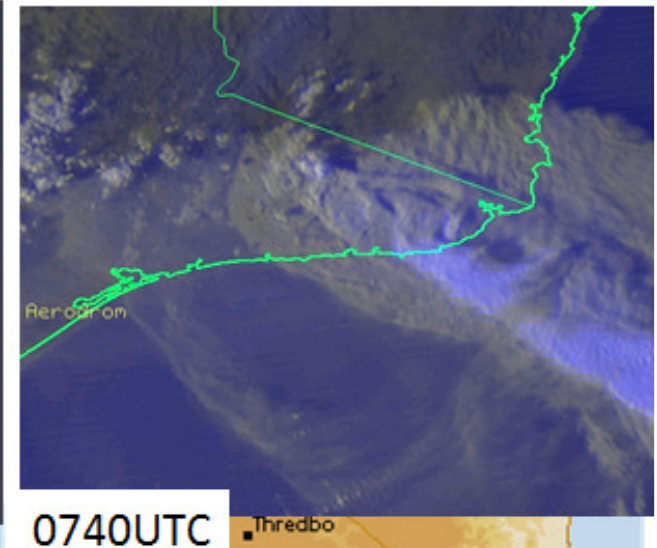
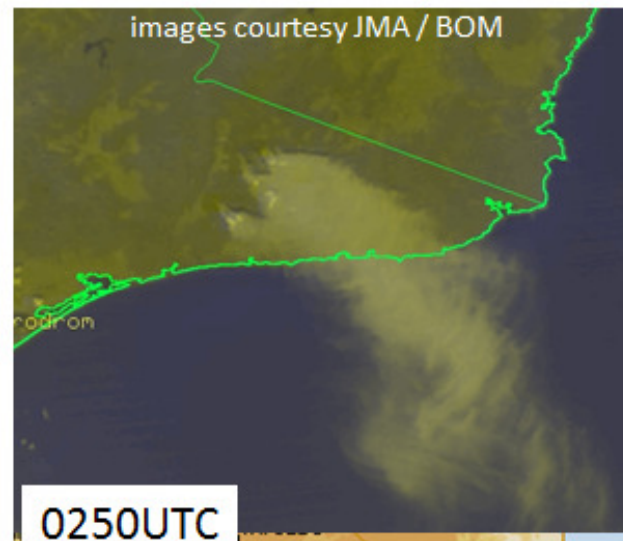
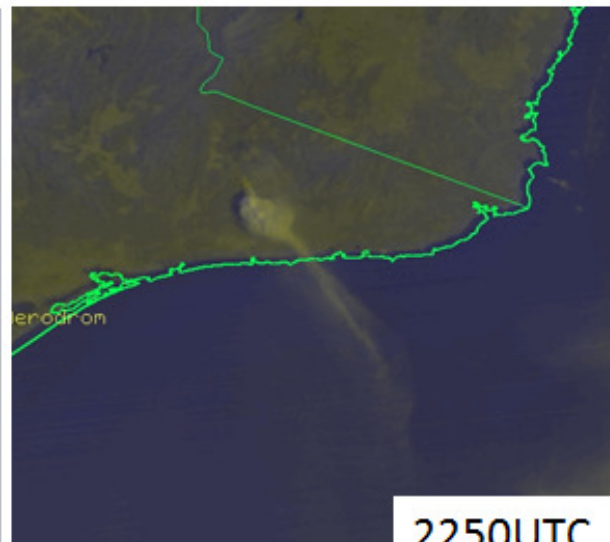


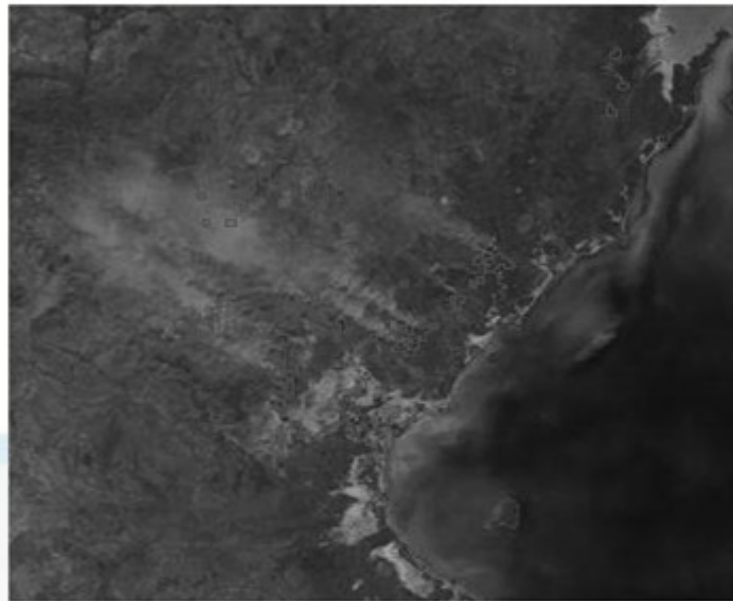
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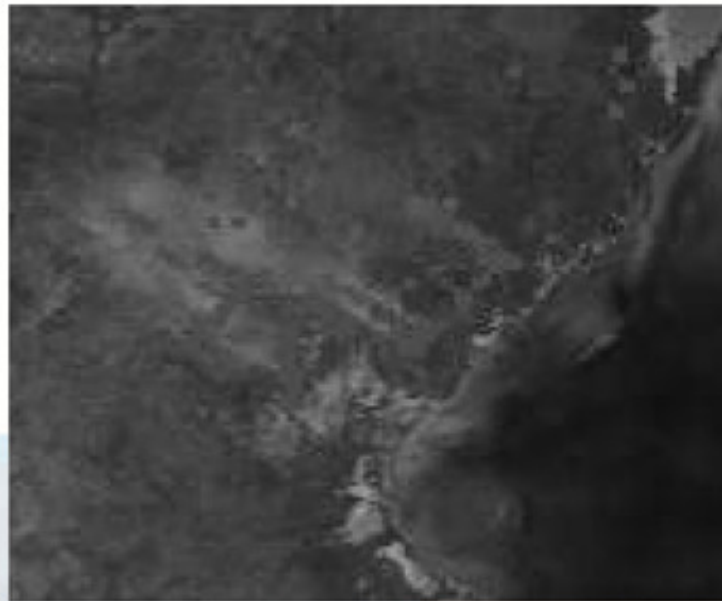
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## Fire / Smoke – increased resolution and hotspots



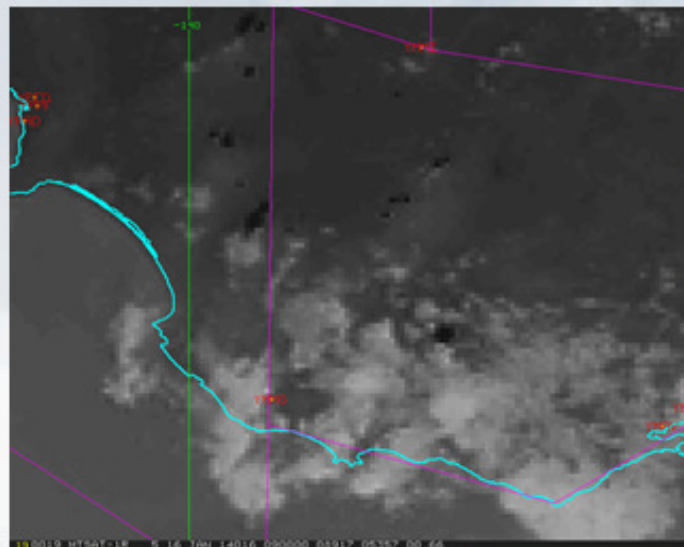
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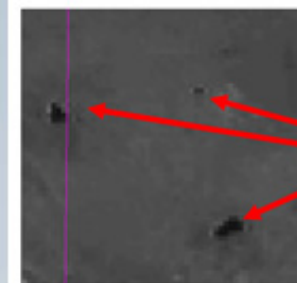
Fires, Northern  
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July 2015  
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MODIS satellite

images NASA/GSFC, MODIS  
Rapid Response



animation courtesy JMA / BOM

10 minute 3.9 micron  
satellite data, MTSAT-1R



"hotspots" from fires


## **Summary:** Improvements to smoke/fire monitoring using rapid scan, high-resolution Himawari-8 data

Higher spatial resolution	More detailed view of vegetation conditions (curing)
	Monitoring of smaller fires with higher resolution 3.9 micron data ?
	Better detection and monitoring of small / thin plumes
	More detailed geographical analysis of burned areas
Higher temporal resolution	Better determination of vegetation conditions
	Better near-continuous monitoring of hotspots.
	Better monitoring of wind changes that may impact fire behaviour
	Better determination of the smoke trajectory
	Better monitoring of "dry slots" in the water vapour imagery that may cause "flare ups" in the fire activity
	More timely detection of smoke transitioning into pyrocumulus.
	Able to use this data to verify high resolution NWP

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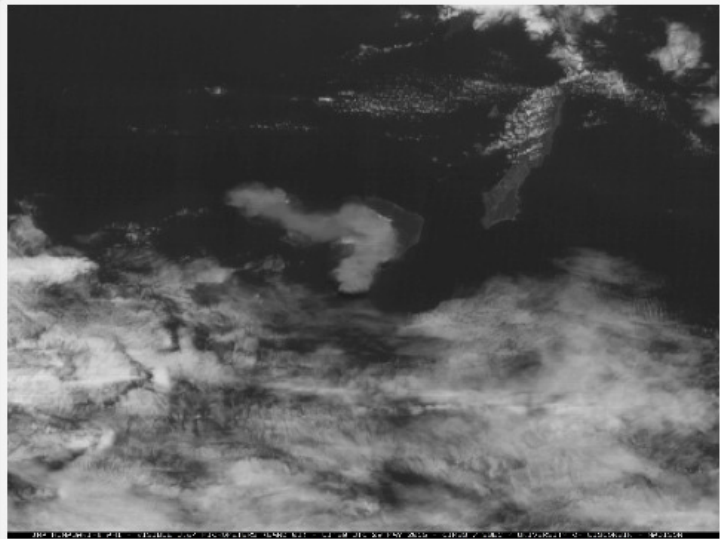


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### Eruption of the Kuchinoerabu-jima volcano in Japan

May 29th, 2015





Himawari-8 AHI 0.64  $\mu\text{m}$  visible channel images (click to play animation)

The Kuchinoerabu-jima volcano in Japan experienced a violent eruption beginning around 00:59 UTC on 29 May 2015 — the expanding volcanic cloud was captured by 0.5-km resolution Himawari-8 AHI 0.64  $\mu\text{m}$  visible channel images (**above; click image to play animation; also available as an [MP4 movie file](#)**). A mid-layer volcanic cloud was seen moving to the west-northwest, while a high-altitude plume spread out as it moved east-southeastward.

About an hour after the eruption, Terra MODIS products at 0205 UTC from the SSEC [Volcanic Cloud Monitoring](#) site are shown below. Retrieved volcanic Ash Probabilities were very high for both cloud segments; for the southeastern cloud segment, the maximum volcanic Ash Height was in the 10-12 km range, volcanic Ash Loading was high, and the largest Ash Effective Radius values were in the 8-10  $\mu\text{m}$  range.

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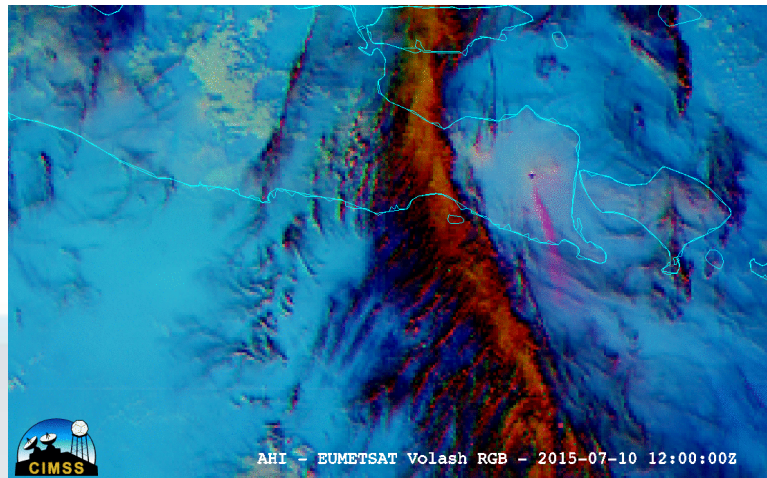


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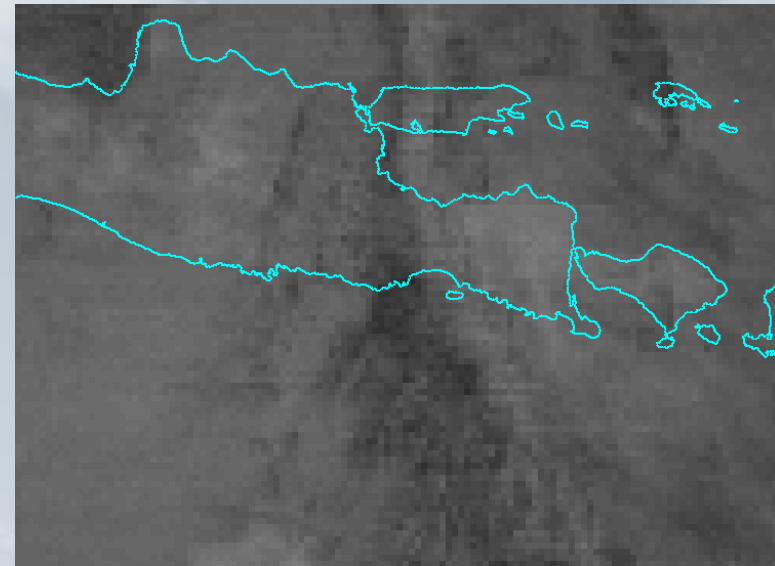
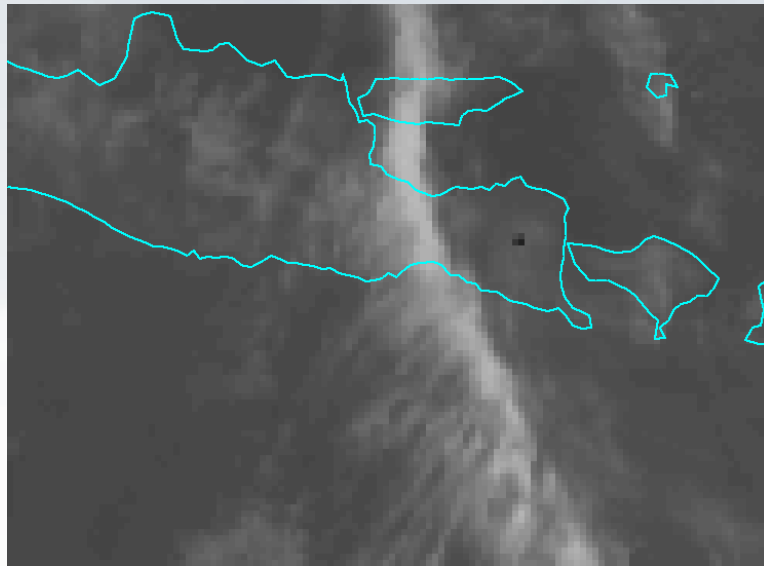
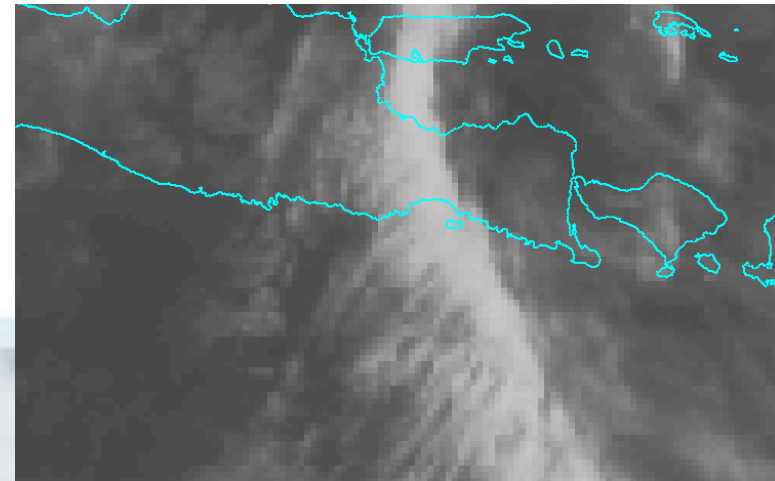
Himawari-8 product courtesy JMA/CIMSS, kindly forwarded by Jochen Kerkmann, EUMETSAT

MTSAT images courtesy JMA/BOM

Ash RGB Himawari-8 data (2km resolution)



11 micron IR MTSAT data (4km resolution)



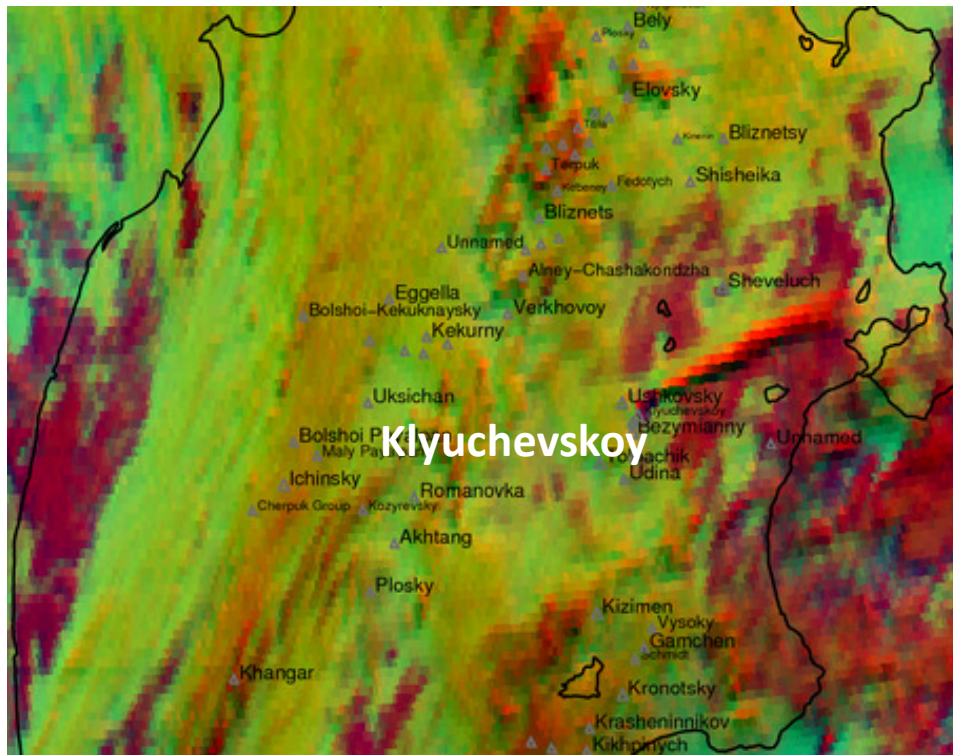
3.7 micron NIR MTSAT data (4km resolution)

11-12 micron IR MTSAT data (4km resolution)

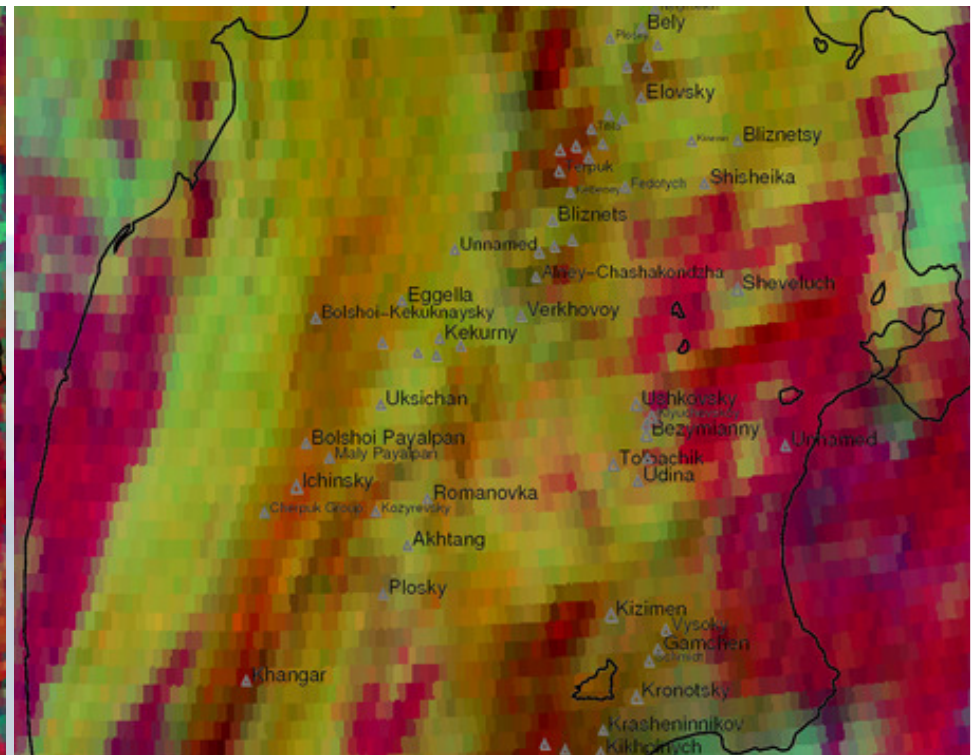
# Klyuchevskoy Plume, Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia.

25<sup>th</sup> January 2015

images courtesy M.Pavolonis (NOAA/NESDIS)



Himawari-8 data (2km resolution)



MTSAT data (5km resolution)

False colour imagery (12-11 microns, 11-3.9 microns, 11 microns)

## **Summary:** Improvements to volcanic ash monitoring using rapid scan, high-resolution Himawari-8 data

Higher spatial resolution	Resolution of small thin ash plumes
	Better "hotspot detection" of a suspect volcano with higher resolution 3.9 micron data ?
	Tenuous volcanic ash cloud better detected.
	Features such as "warm donut", gravity waves in the ash plume more readily resolved.
Higher temporal resolution	Earlier detection and verification of an eruption
	Hotspot detection and monitoring enhanced?
	Better able to track the volcanic ash cloud (esp. if it is dispersing or if there are clouds in the vicinity)
	Features such as "warm donut", gravity waves in the ash plume more readily detected.

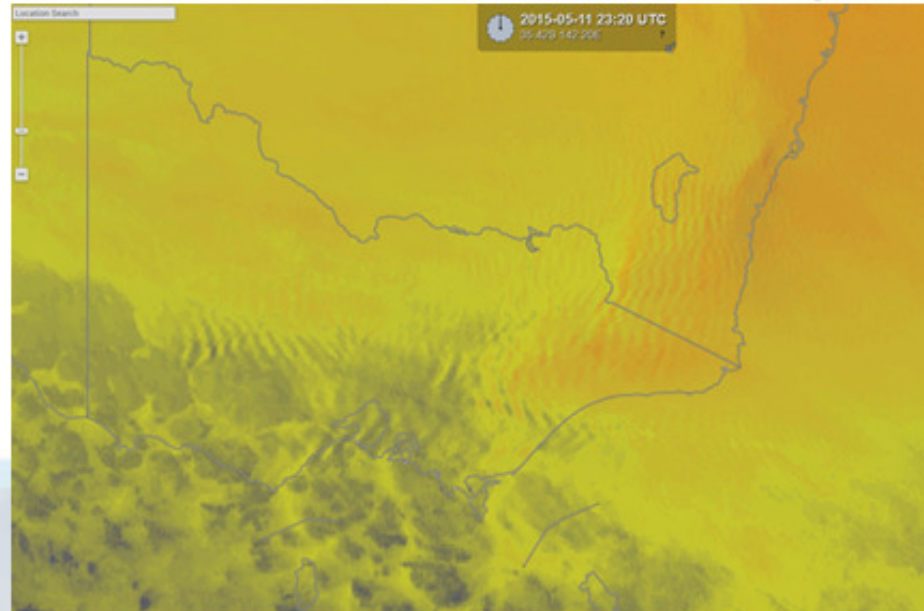




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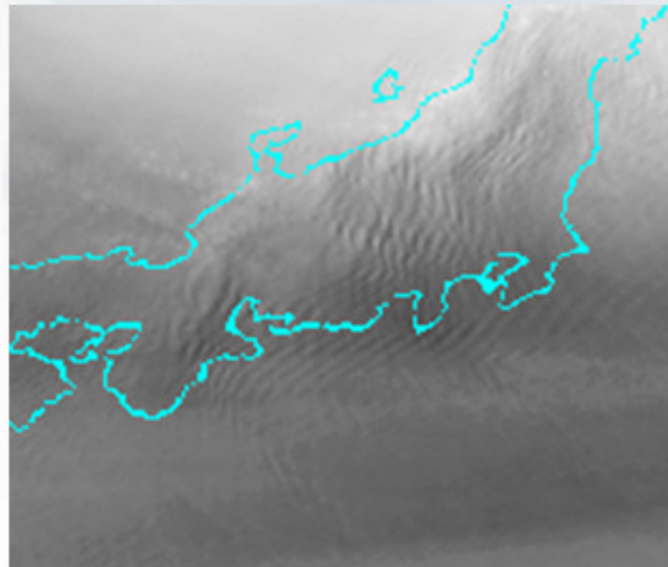
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## Turbulence example

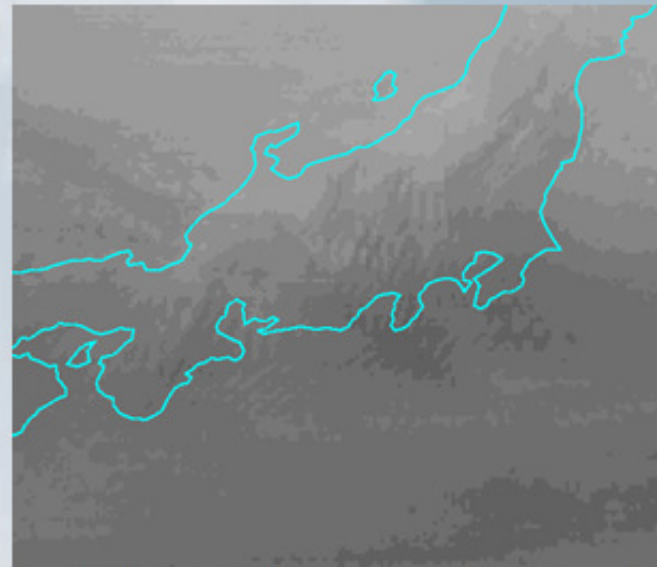


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Mountain waves,  
South-eastern  
Australia, 12<sup>th</sup> May  
2014 (7.3 micron, 10  
minute Himawari-8  
satellite data)



(2km resolution, 6.2 micron)



(5km resolution, 6.7 micron)

Mountain Waves,  
central Japan, 18<sup>th</sup>  
December 2014

Himawari-8 (LHS)  
MTSAT-2 (RHS)

images courtesy JMA / BOM

**Summary:** Improvements to mountain waves (turbulence) monitoring using rapid scan, high-resolution Himawari-8 data

Higher spatial resolution	Able to detect more mountain waves using this high resolution data
	Detection and monitoring of detailed wave features (herringbone interference wave patterns)
Higher temporal resolution	Earlier detection and better nowcasting of rapidly developing wave features, banding that NWP may not resolve
	Better nowcasting of the geographical area (and changes in this) affected by the turbulent features.
	Low amplitude gravity wave pattern better monitored due to continuity in the high frequency temporal data.





# Summary

Temporal and spatial resolution of the Himawari-8 data .

Have explored the potential of the high temporal and spatial resolution Himawari-8 data for the detection, monitoring and nowcasting of:

- Tropical Cyclones
- Thunderstorms, including organised thunderstorms
- Fog and low cloud
- Fire and smoke
- Volcanic ash
- Mountain waves and associated atmospheric turbulence.

Have shown useful web resources