

# Earth Observing Satellite

## *RGB images*

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**This Lecture is :**

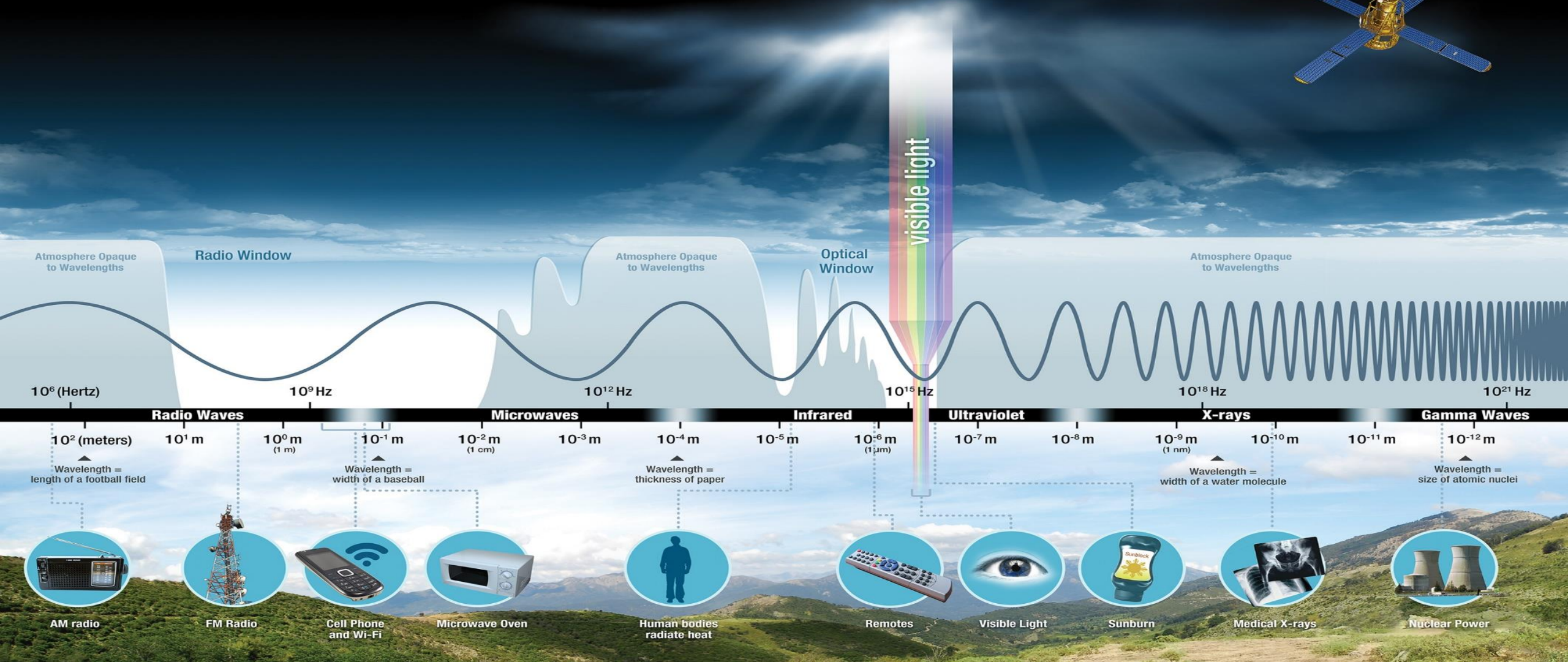
- \* To define RGB model and its application in earth observing satellite**
- \* To explain the process of making RGB satellite images**
- \* Analyze and Interpret a number of RGB images and cases**

How do we see colour ? Where do colour exist after all?  
Is there any physical meaning behind colour?

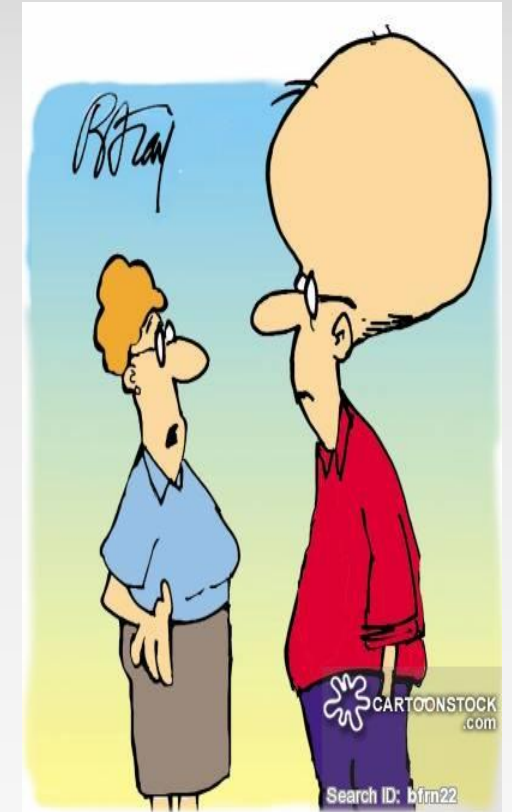


# ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM

The entire range of wavelengths or frequencies of electromagnetic radiation extending from gamma rays to the longest radio waves and including visible light.



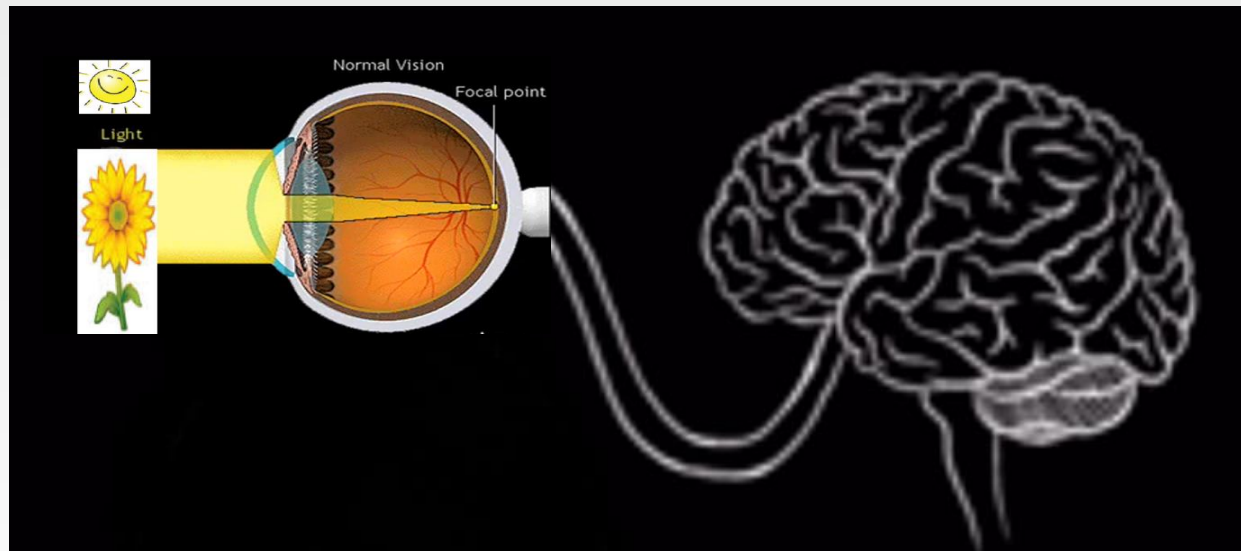
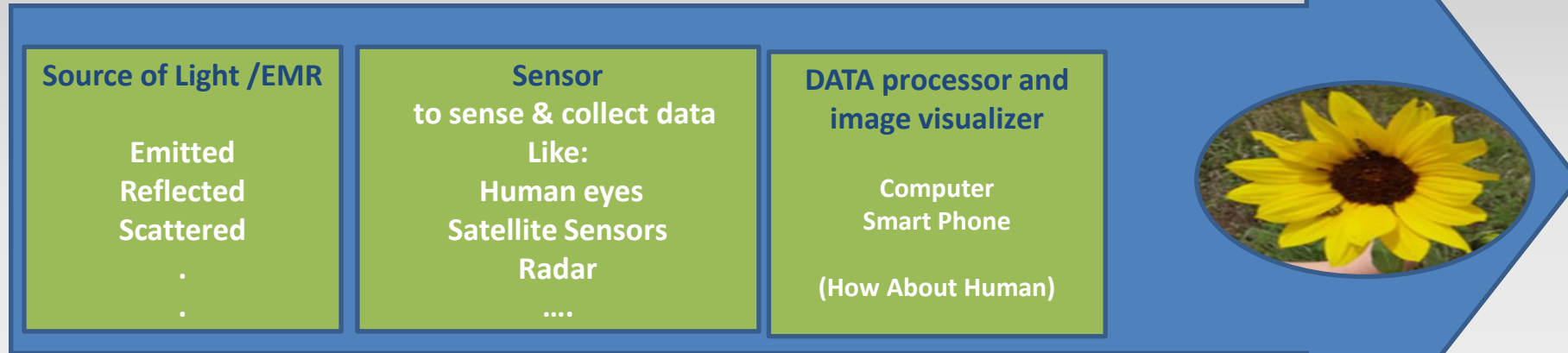
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- \*We are in an ocean of EM waves but we can see visible light **ONLY**
- \*We make colour vision from visible light in our brains.
- \*Visible light is very small range of the EM spectrum but it is the most important to human beings (maybe that is all what we need!) and many animals.
- \*Imagine that we can see all EM spectrum?? How would the world will looks like.

# The Process of Seeing

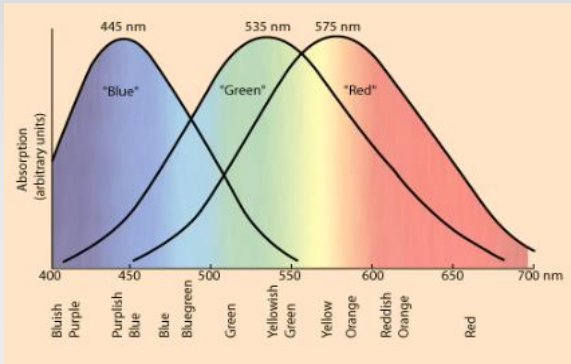
## How do we see the world around us ?



# How can we see color ?

**RETINA** : plays very important role in eye Function

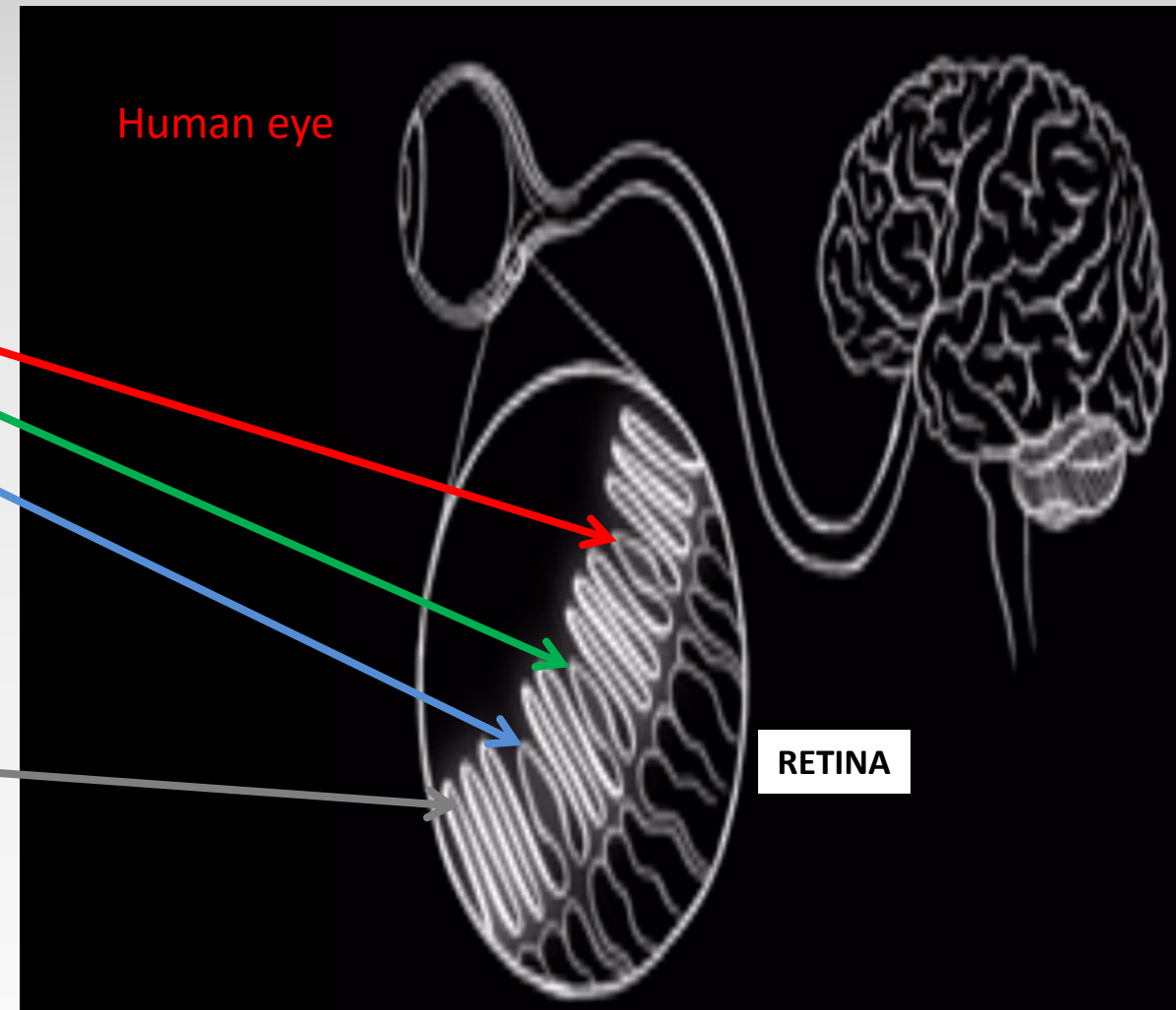
In our eyes retinas there are two types of photoreceptor cells **cons and rods**



**Cons: 6 to 7million**  
Sensitive to 3 different part of the visible spectrum / **3 types of cones**

**Red : max sensitivity at 575 nm**  
**Green : max sensitivity at 535 nm**  
**Blue : max sensitivity at 445 nm**

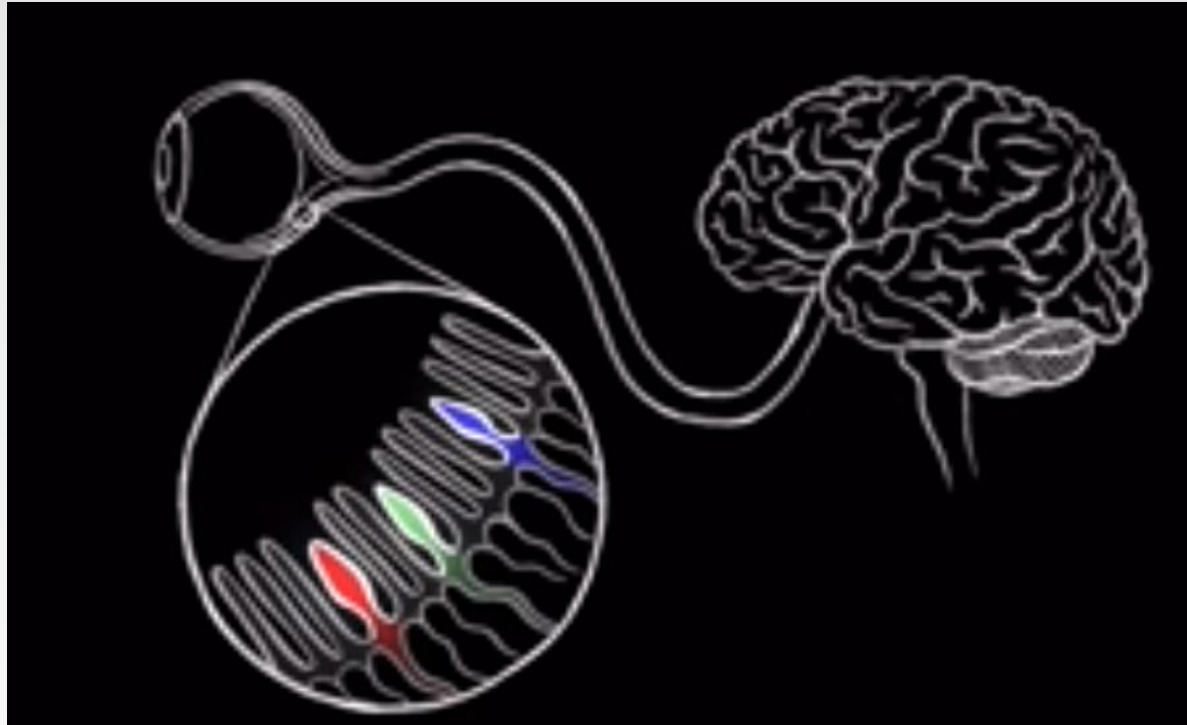
**Rods: 90 million**  
\*Sensitive to dim light (dark)  
\*Responds to all color wavelength but **don't make colour vision**



# RGB model

The **RGB color model** is an additive color model in which **Red**, **Green**, and **Blue** light are added together in various ways to reproduce a broad array of colors. The name of the model comes from the initials of the three additive primary colors, **Red**, **Green**, and **Blue**.

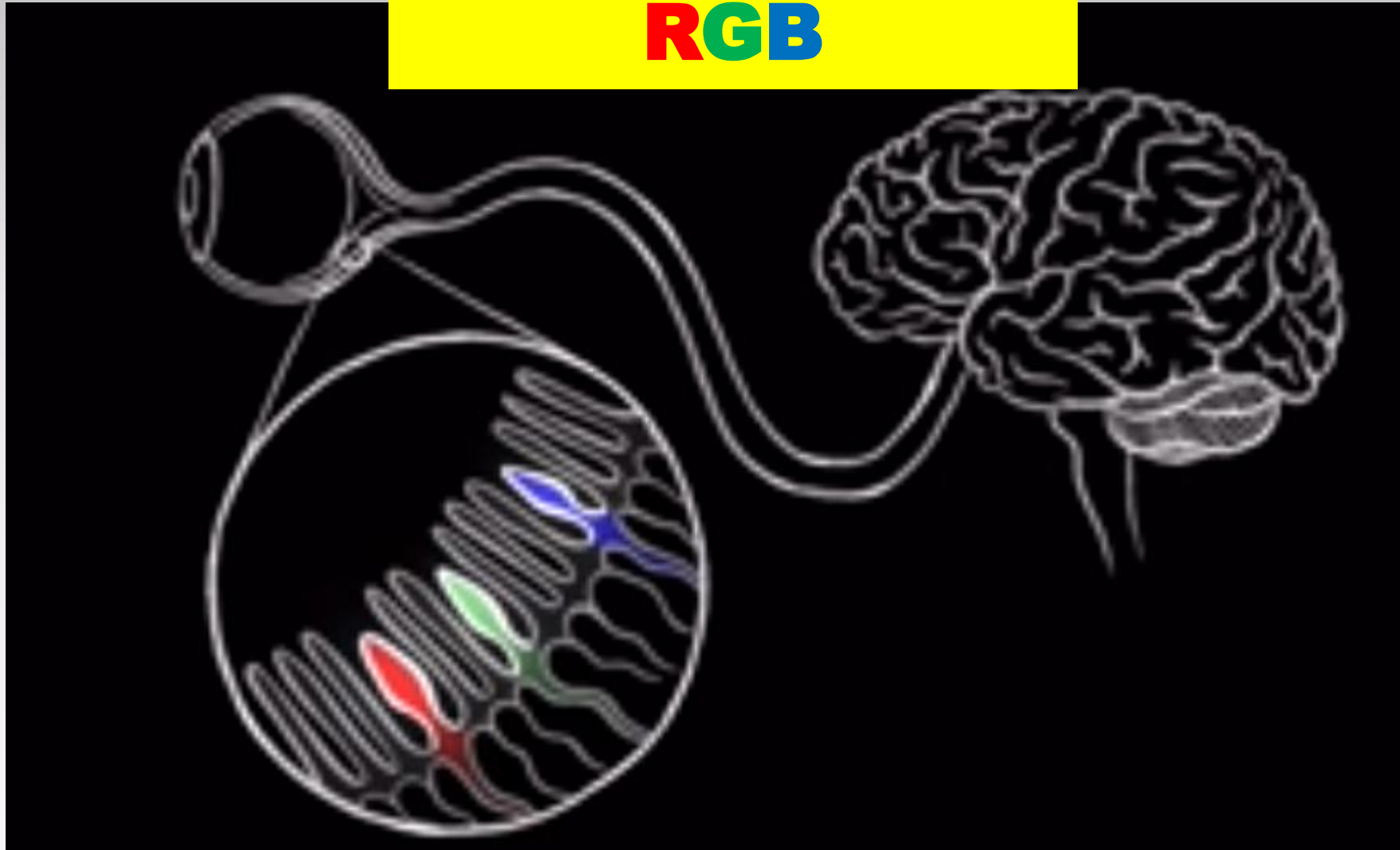
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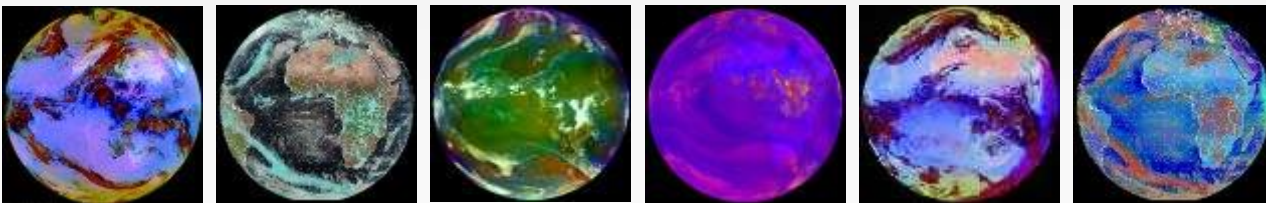
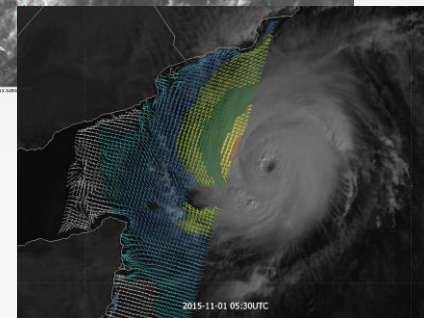
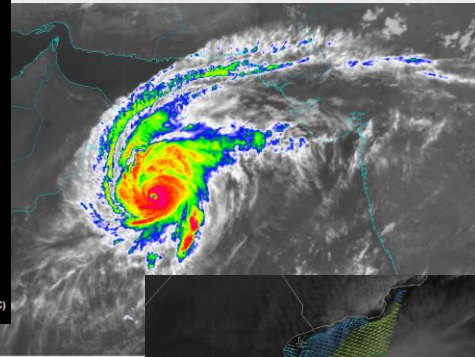
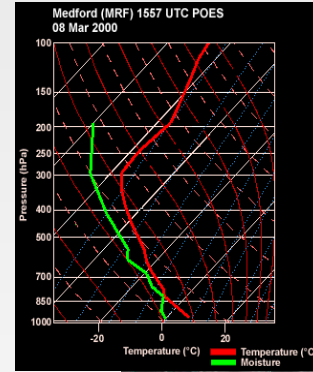
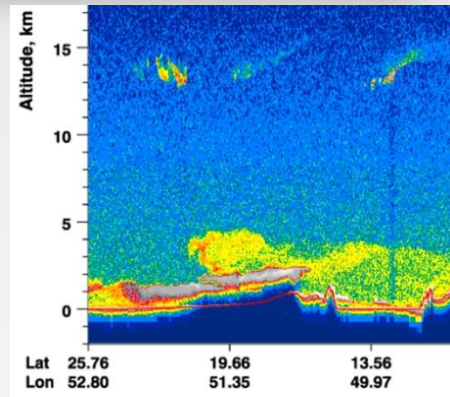
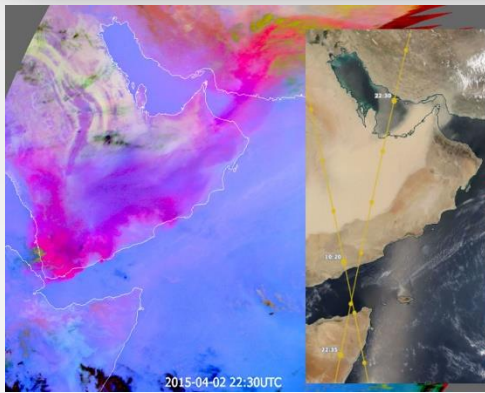
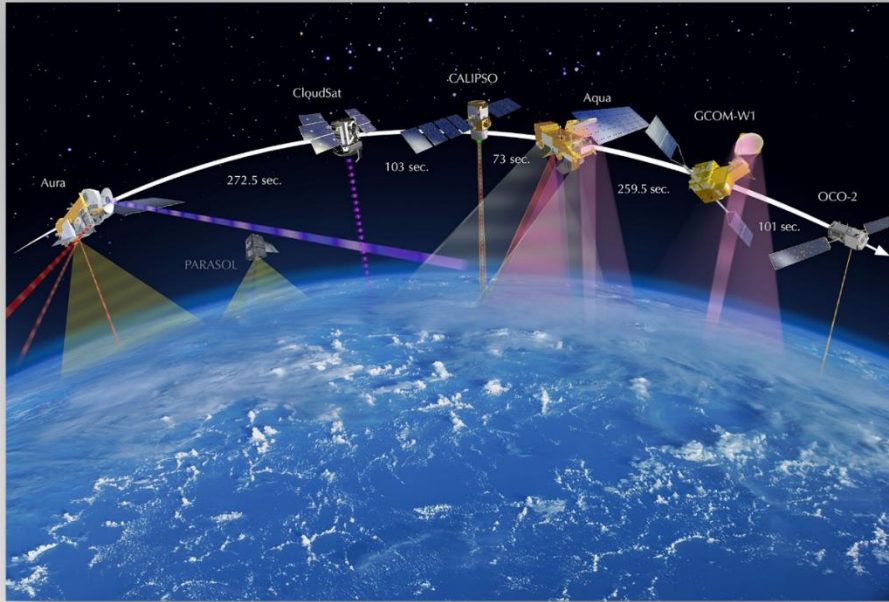
# Human Eye

RGB





# Weather Satellite Now!



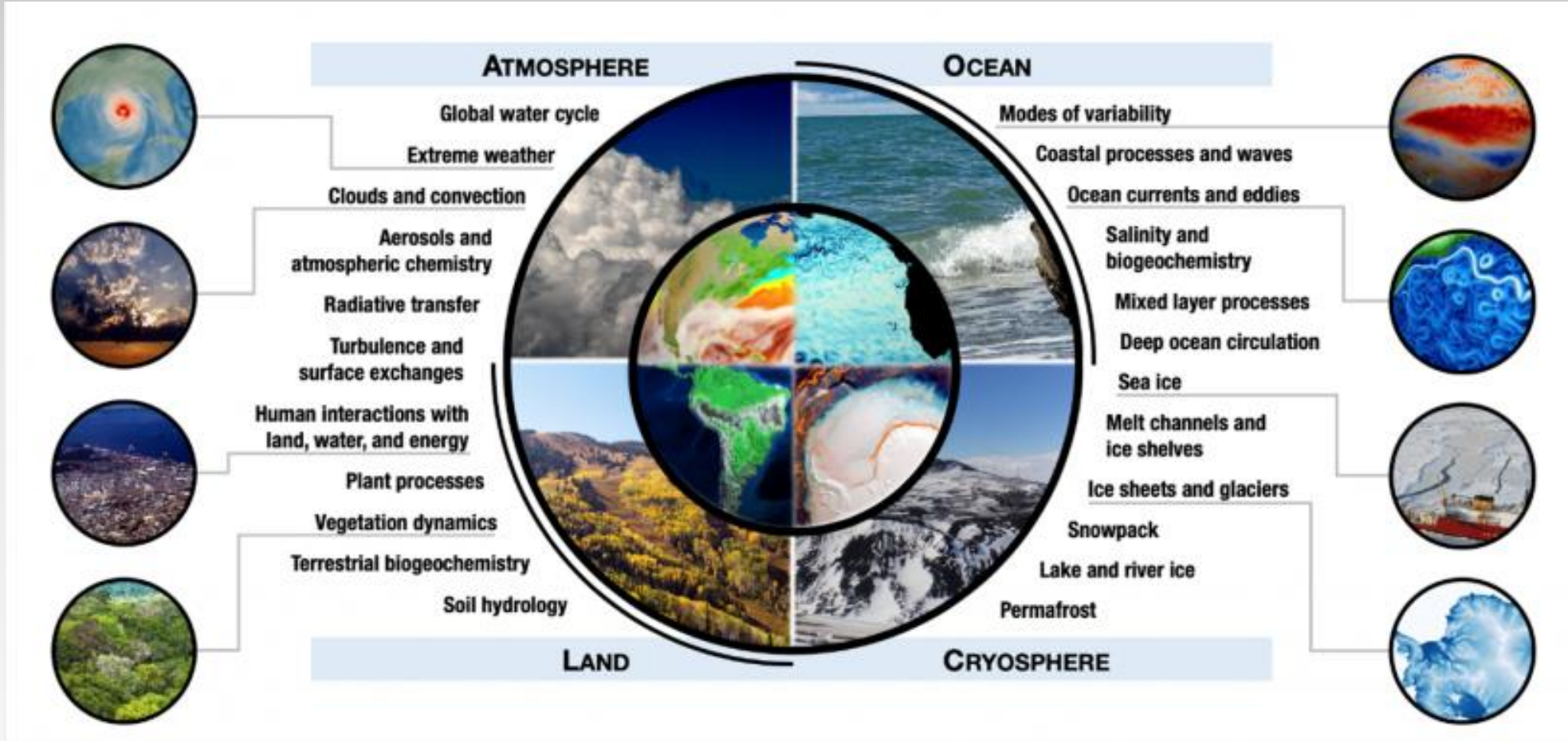
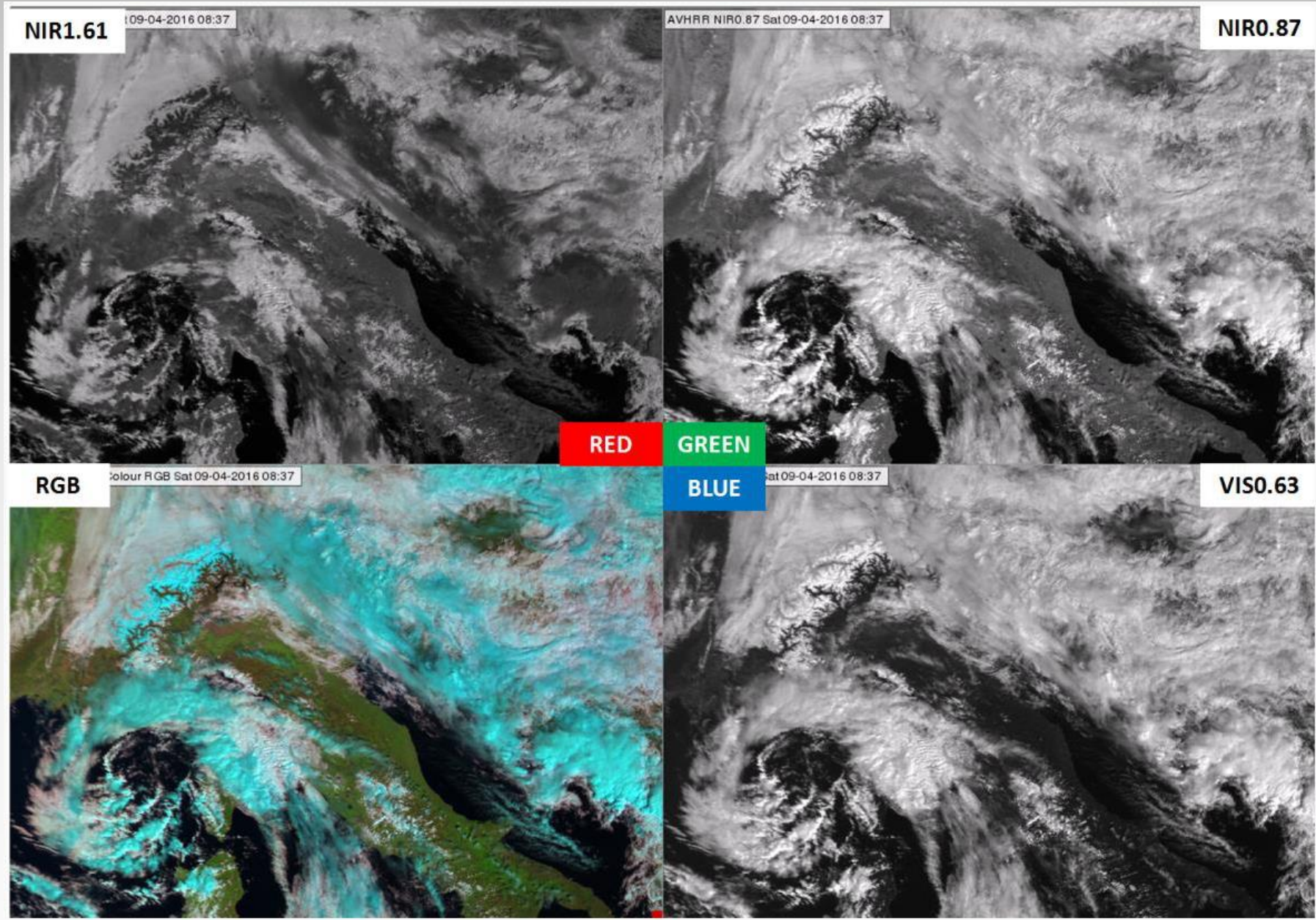


Image courtesy of Paul Ullrich, University of California, Davis



The amount of imager data from the world's weather satellites is **impressive and will increase dramatically** when new geostationary and polar-orbiting satellites come online. But it poses a challenge: figuring out how to extract, distill, and package the data into products that are easy for forecasters to interpret and use.

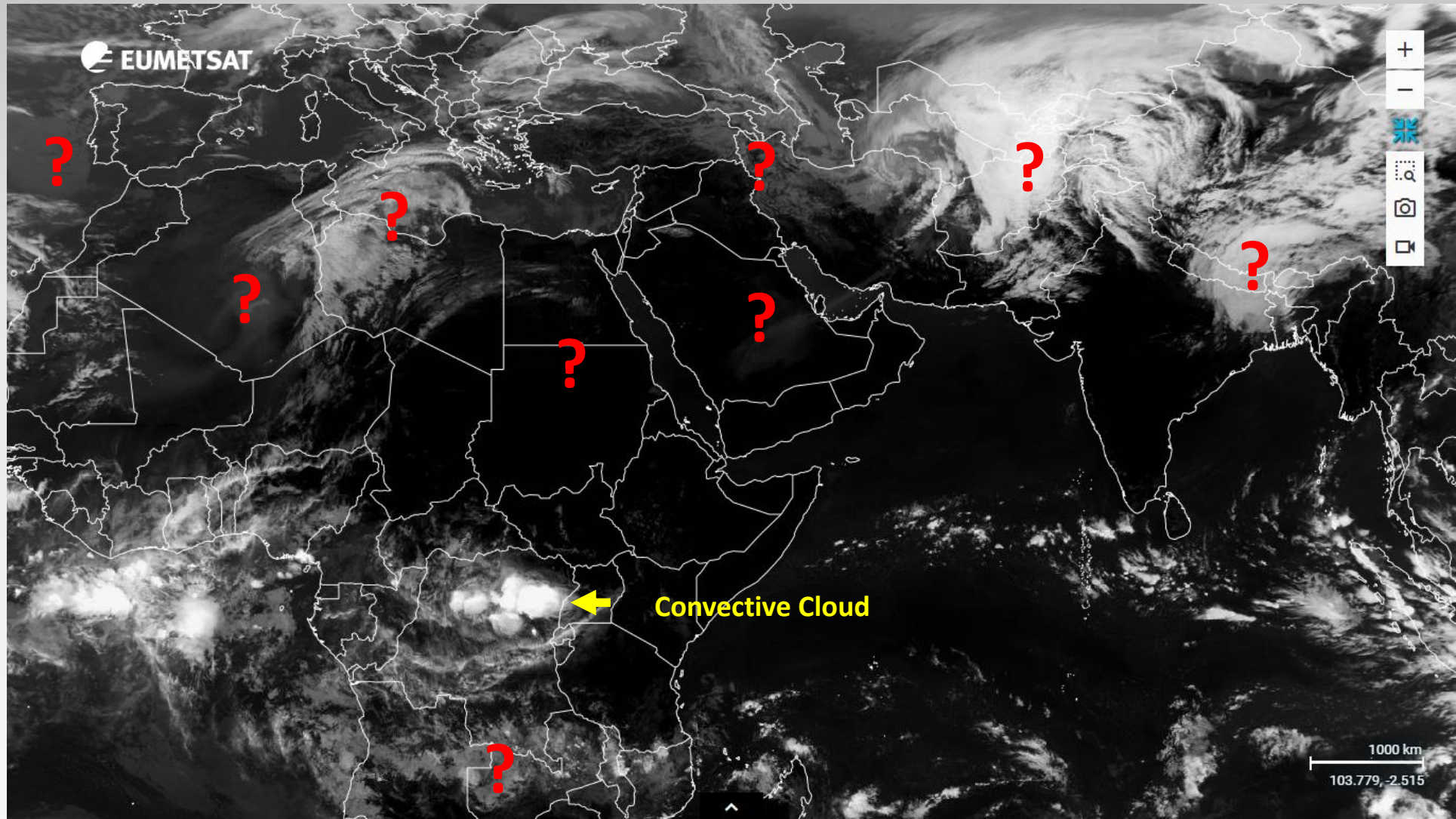
"Red, Green, Blue" or RGB processing offers a **simple yet powerful solution**. It **consolidates the information from different spectral channels into single products** that provide more information than any one image can provide.

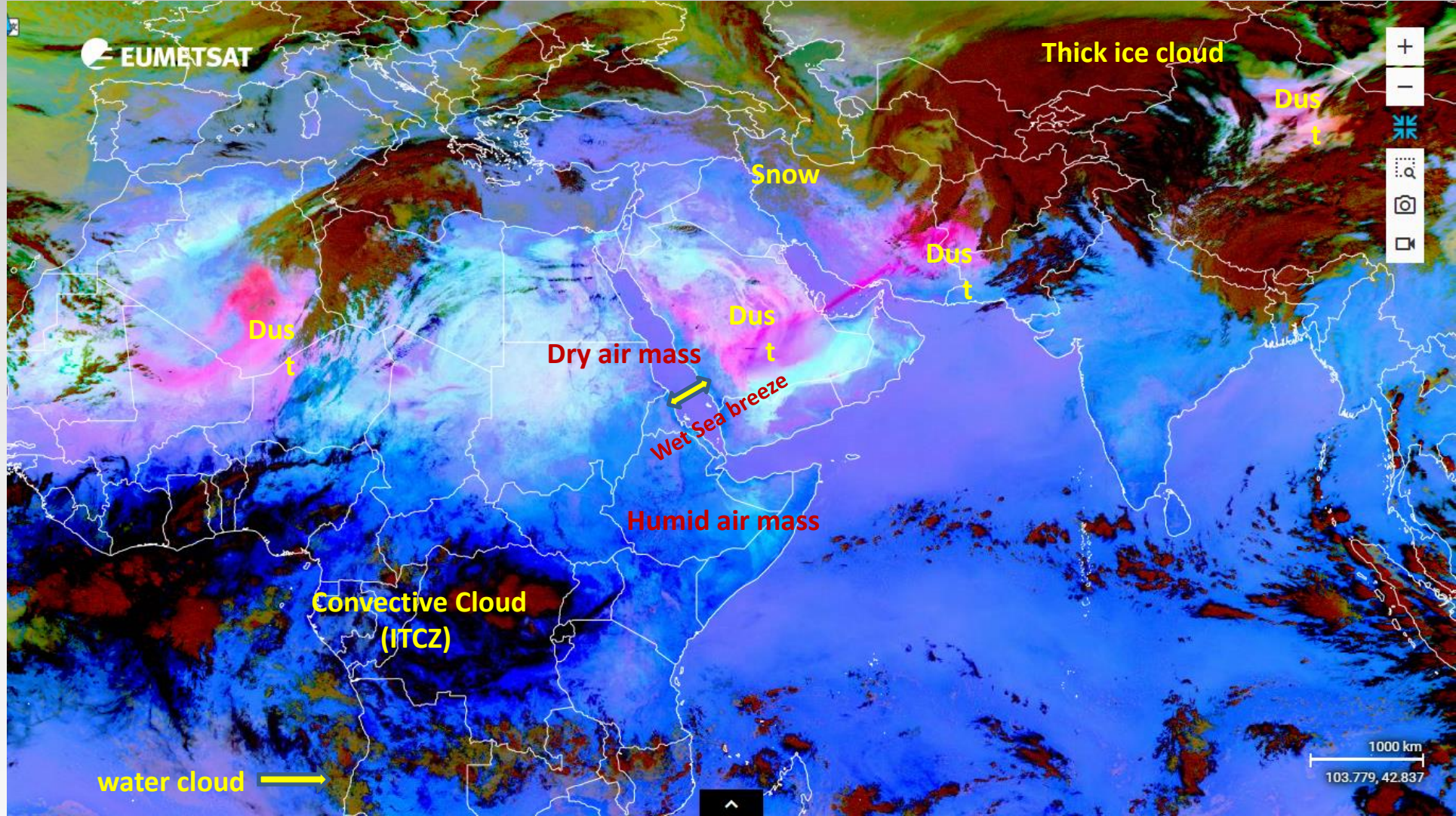
RGB products have long been used in research, education, and applied fields such as land management.

For example, Landsat, an Earth resource satellite, has been observing land cover, vegetation, and water resources to help municipal planners and developers since the early 1970s. As the availability of RGB products continues to increase for a variety of environmental applications, including meteorological analysis, forecasters need information on what these products provide and how to integrate them into their operations.

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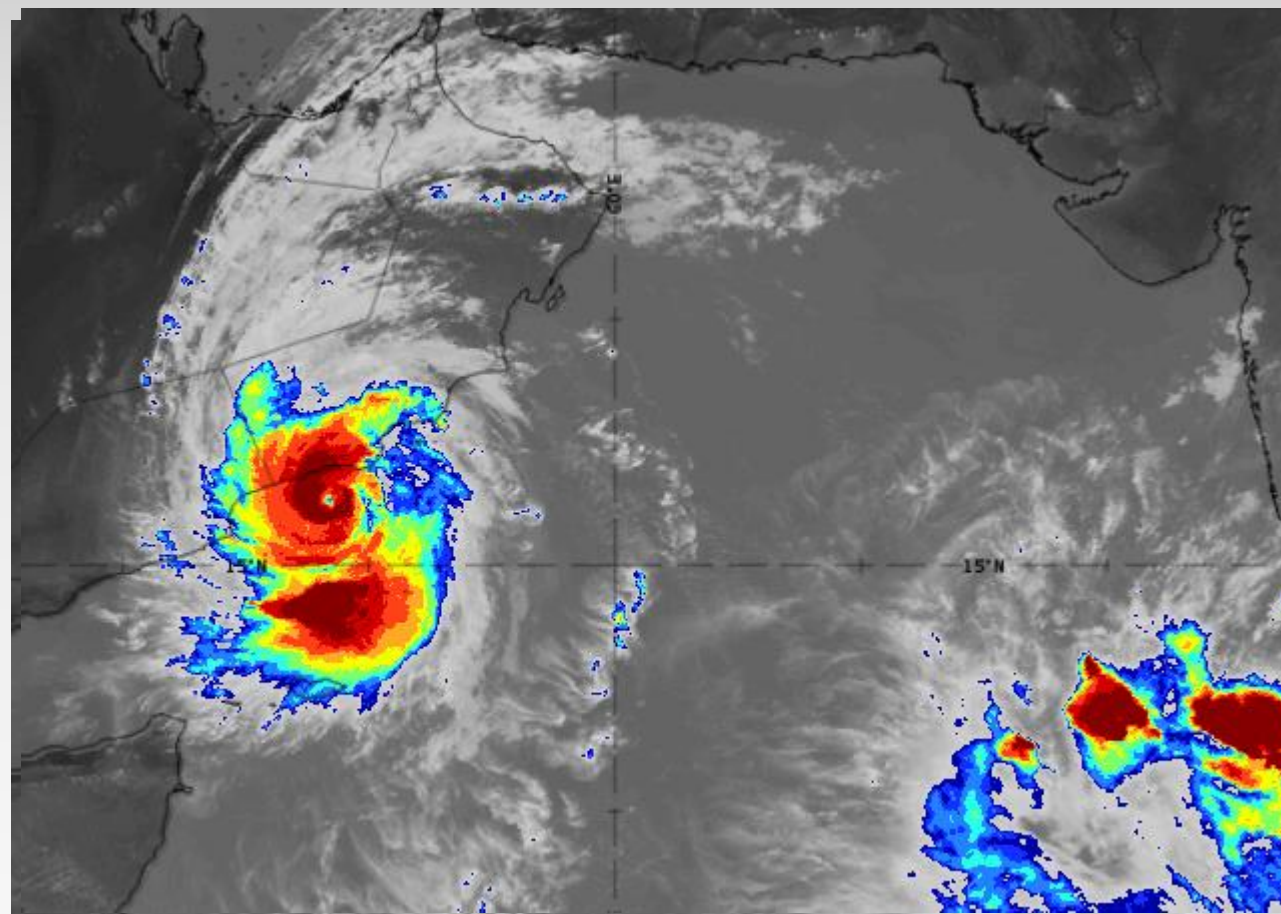
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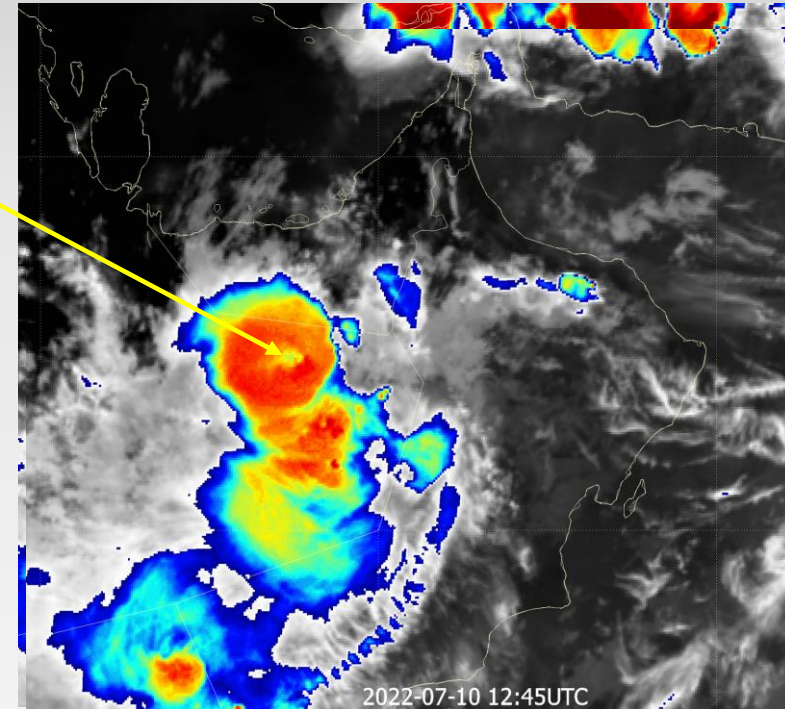
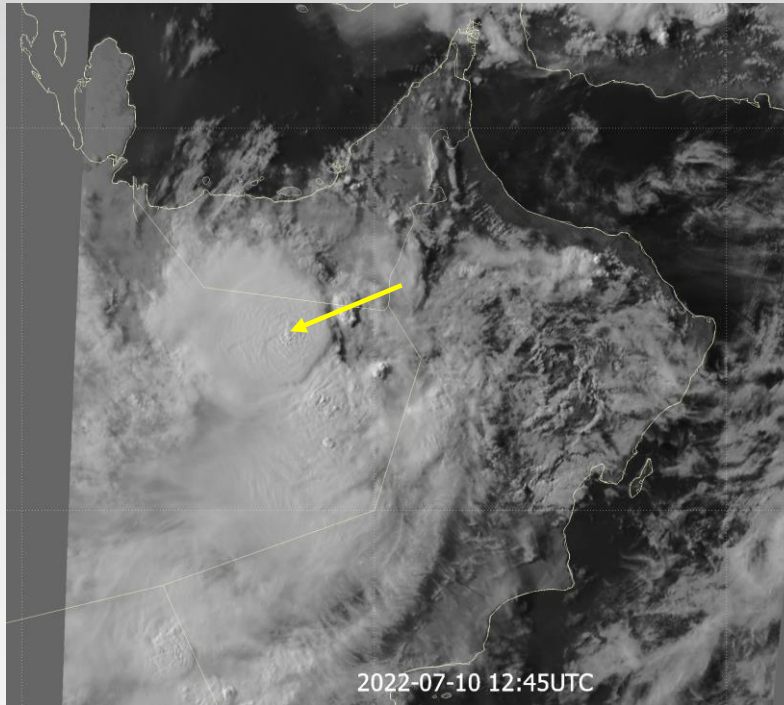


**Color enhancement of single channels** are similar to grayscale images but the information is displayed using a set of assigned colors, rather than gray shades, to highlight specific features of interest, such as the colder cloud-top temperatures associated with deep convection; products are made from 256 colors

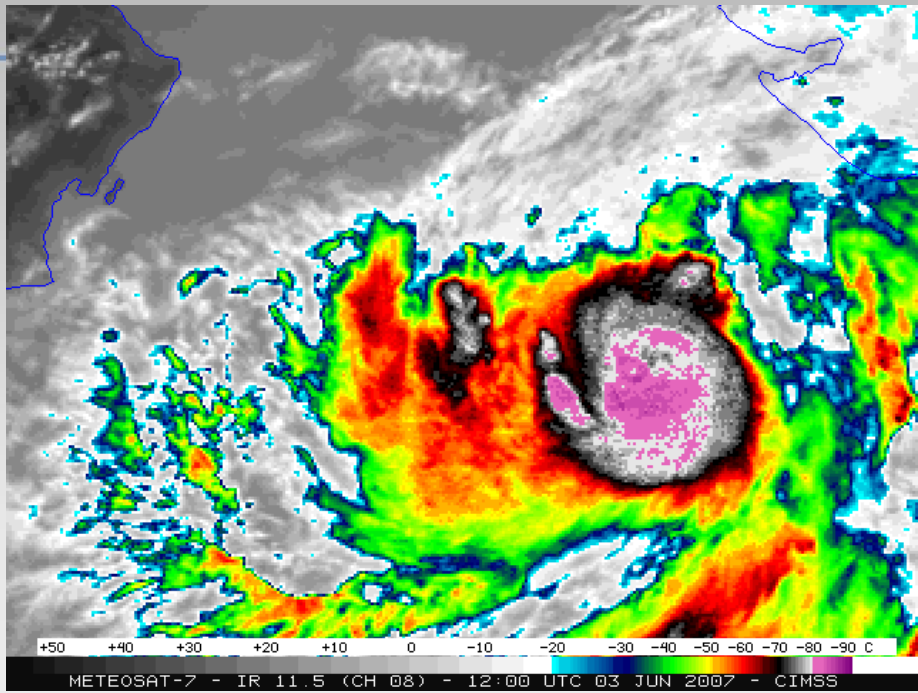


## IR and Visible images Feature Identification

Empty Quarter Storms 10 July 2022

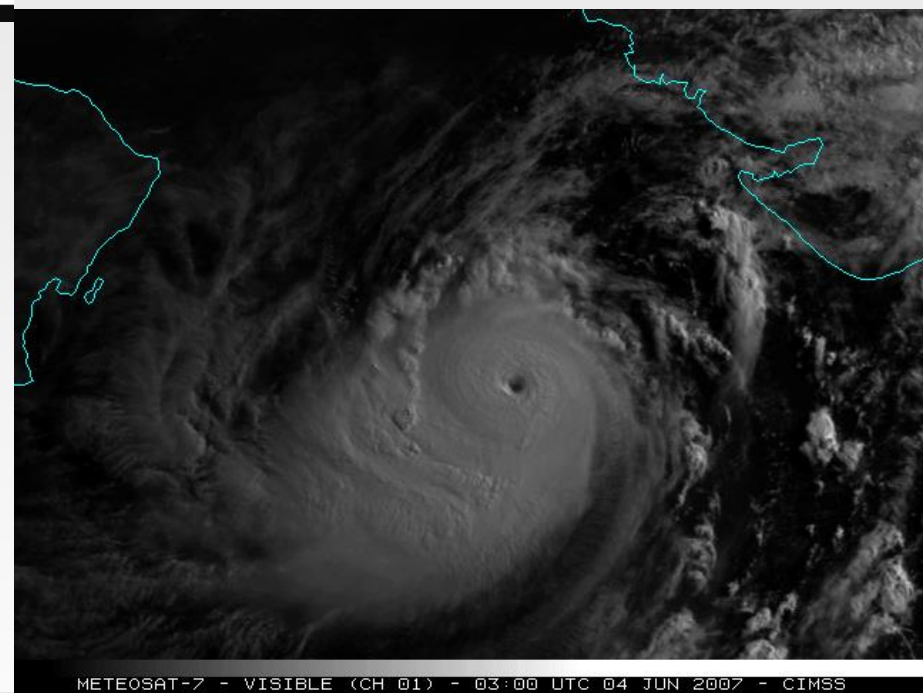


# Tropical Cyclone Gonu

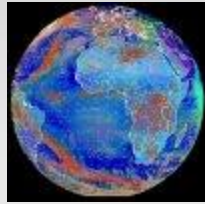


## Colour Enhanced IR Image Animation

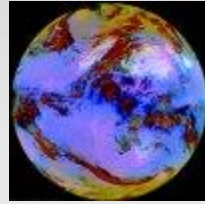
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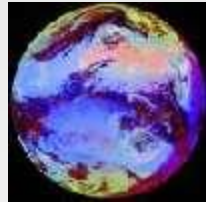
# Composite Image (RGB)



Day Microphysics RGB



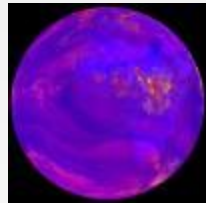
Dust RGB



Fog / Low Clouds RGB



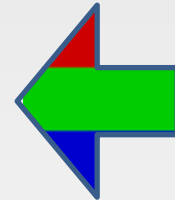
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Convection RGB



Natural Color RGB

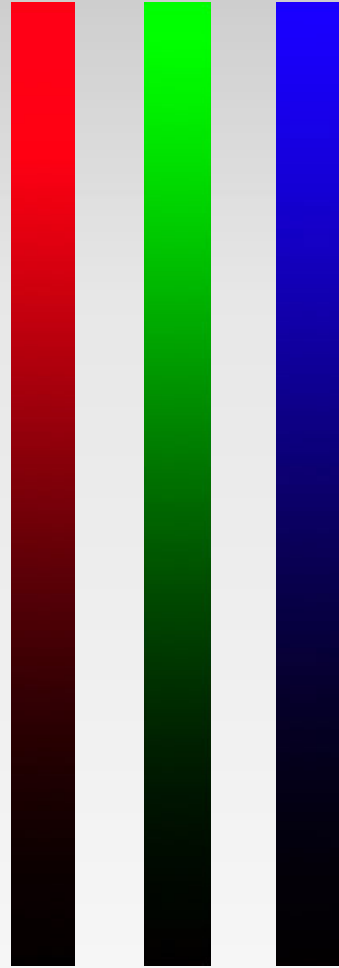


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VIS 0.6 µm	VIS 0.8 µm	NIR 1.6 µm	NIR 3.9 µm
WV 6.2 µm	WV 7.3 µm	IR 8.7 µm	IR 9.7 µm
IR 10.8 µm	IR 12.0 µm	IR 13.4 µm	HRV

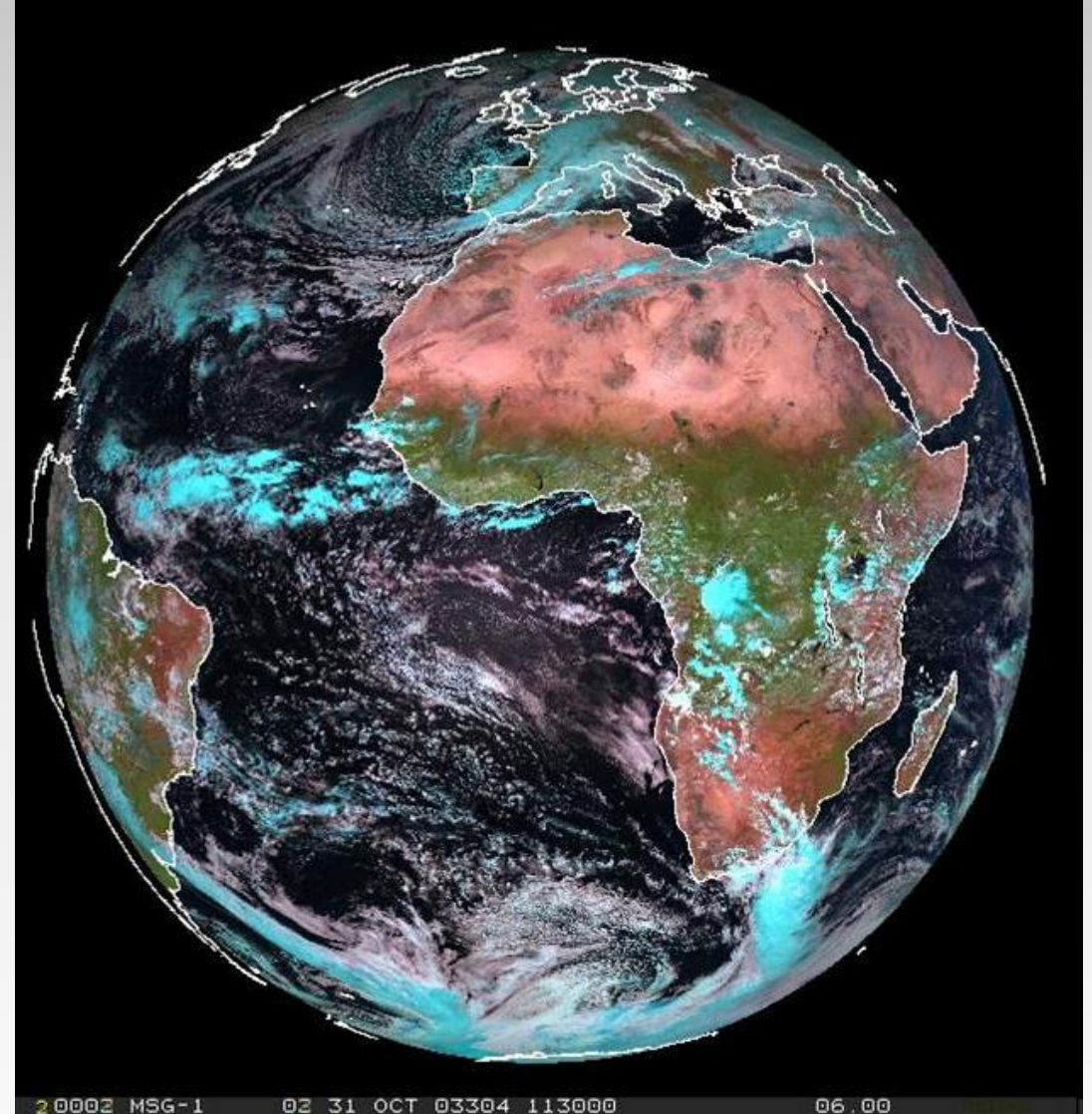
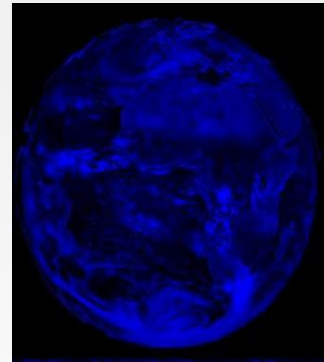
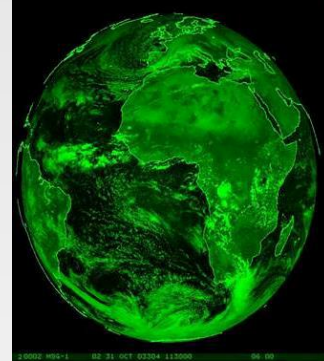
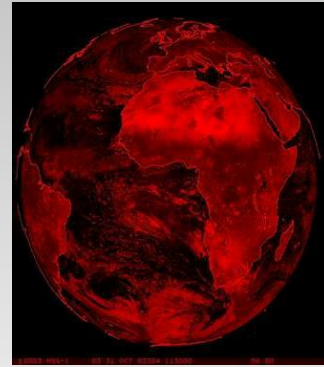
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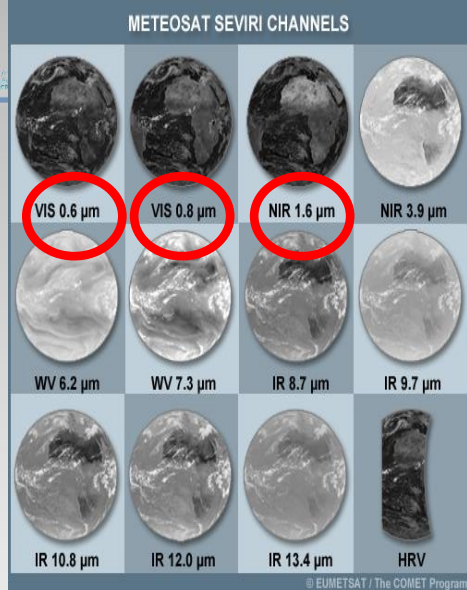
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Red=NIR 1.6  $\mu\text{m}$   
Green =VIS 0.8  $\mu\text{m}$   
Blue=VIS 0.6  $\mu\text{m}$

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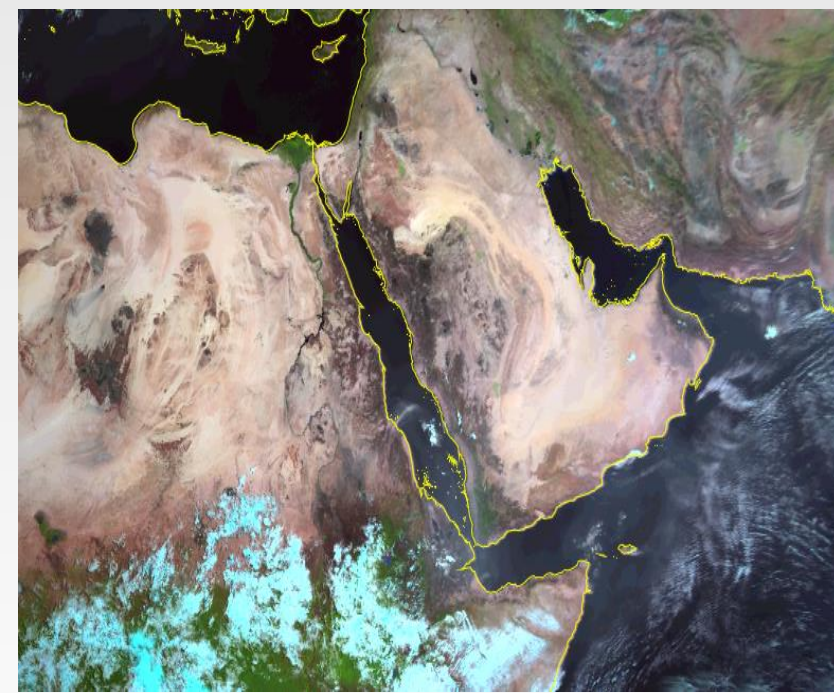




Channels Intensity

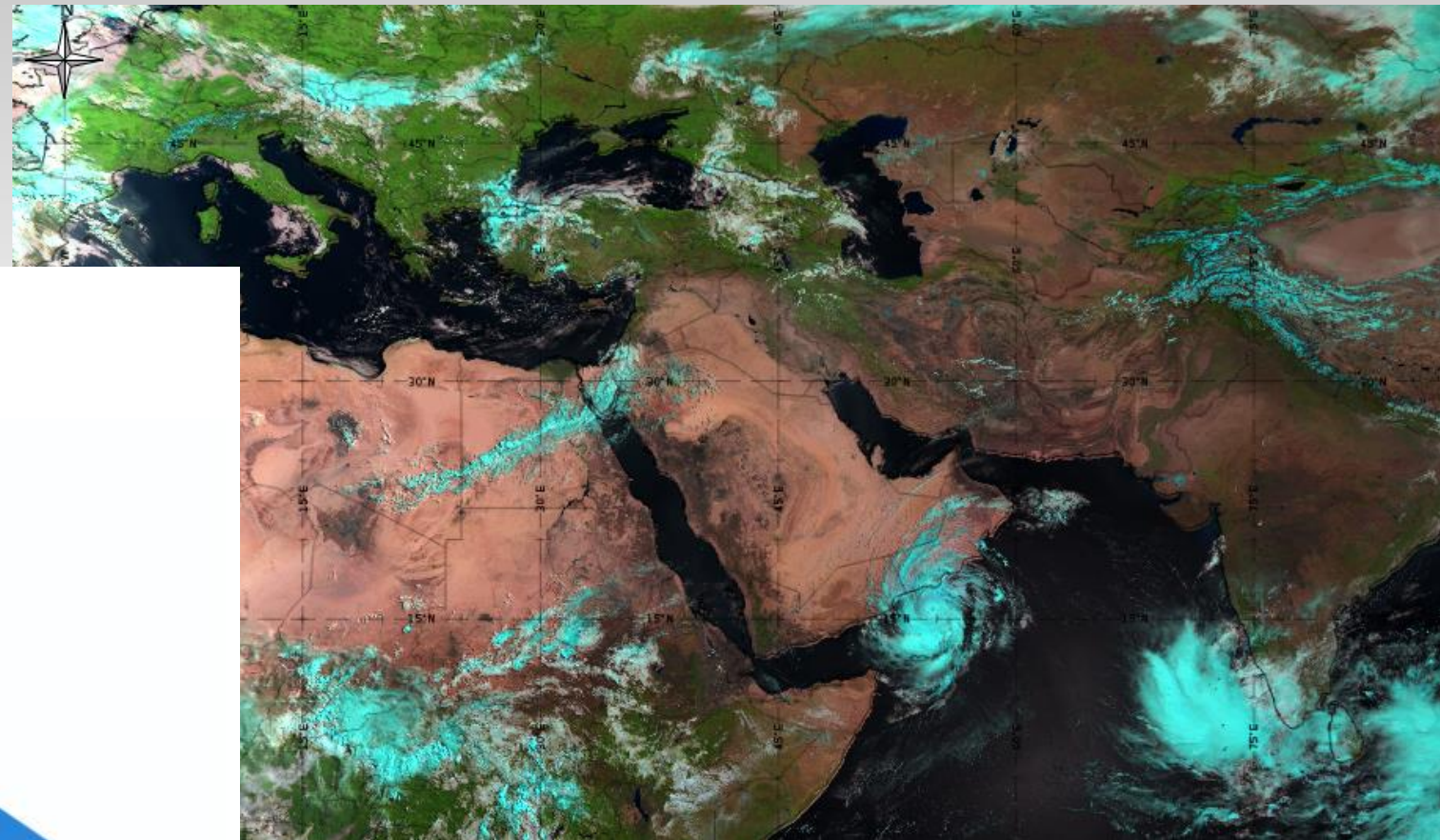
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Natural Color RGB

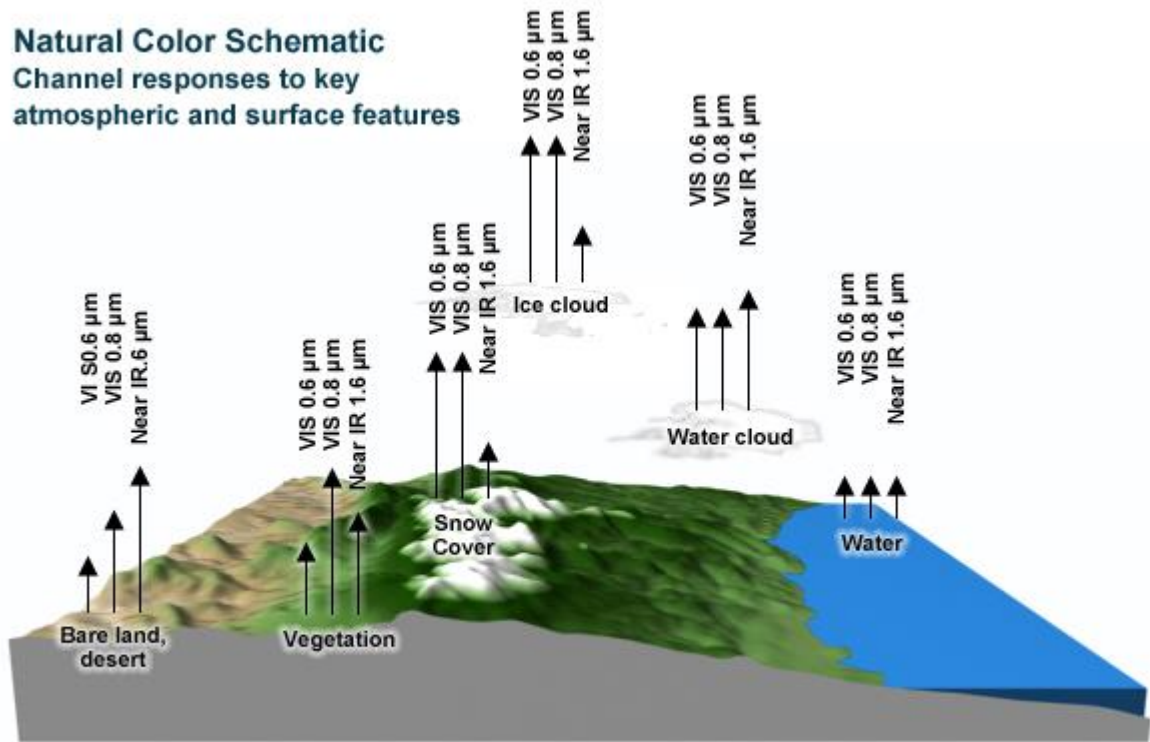


(6)	Relative Reflectivity		
	Near IR 1.6	VIS 0.8	VIS 0.6
Bare land	High	Medium	Low
Vegetation	Low	High	Low
Snow cover	Low	High	High
Water phase clouds	High	Medium	Low
Ice phase clouds	Low	High	High
Ocean	Low	Low	Low

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### Natural Color Schematic Channel responses to key atmospheric and surface features



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Red:	144
Green:	137
Blue:	124

Red:	141
Green:	141
Blue:	127

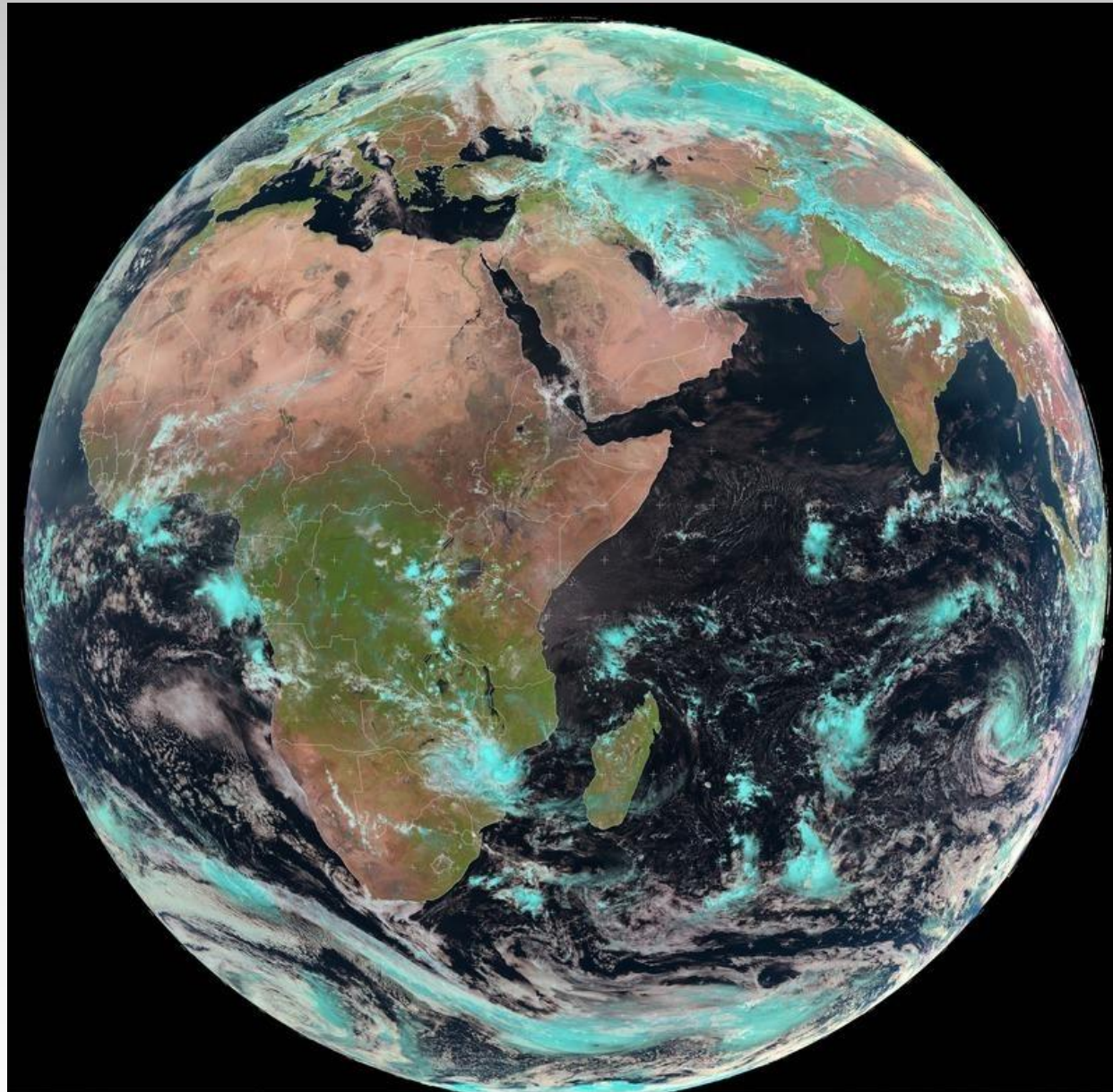
Red:	69
Green:	199
Blue:	131

Red:	138
Green:	125
Blue:	143

Each pixel has:

**$256*256*256=16777216$**   
possible colors.





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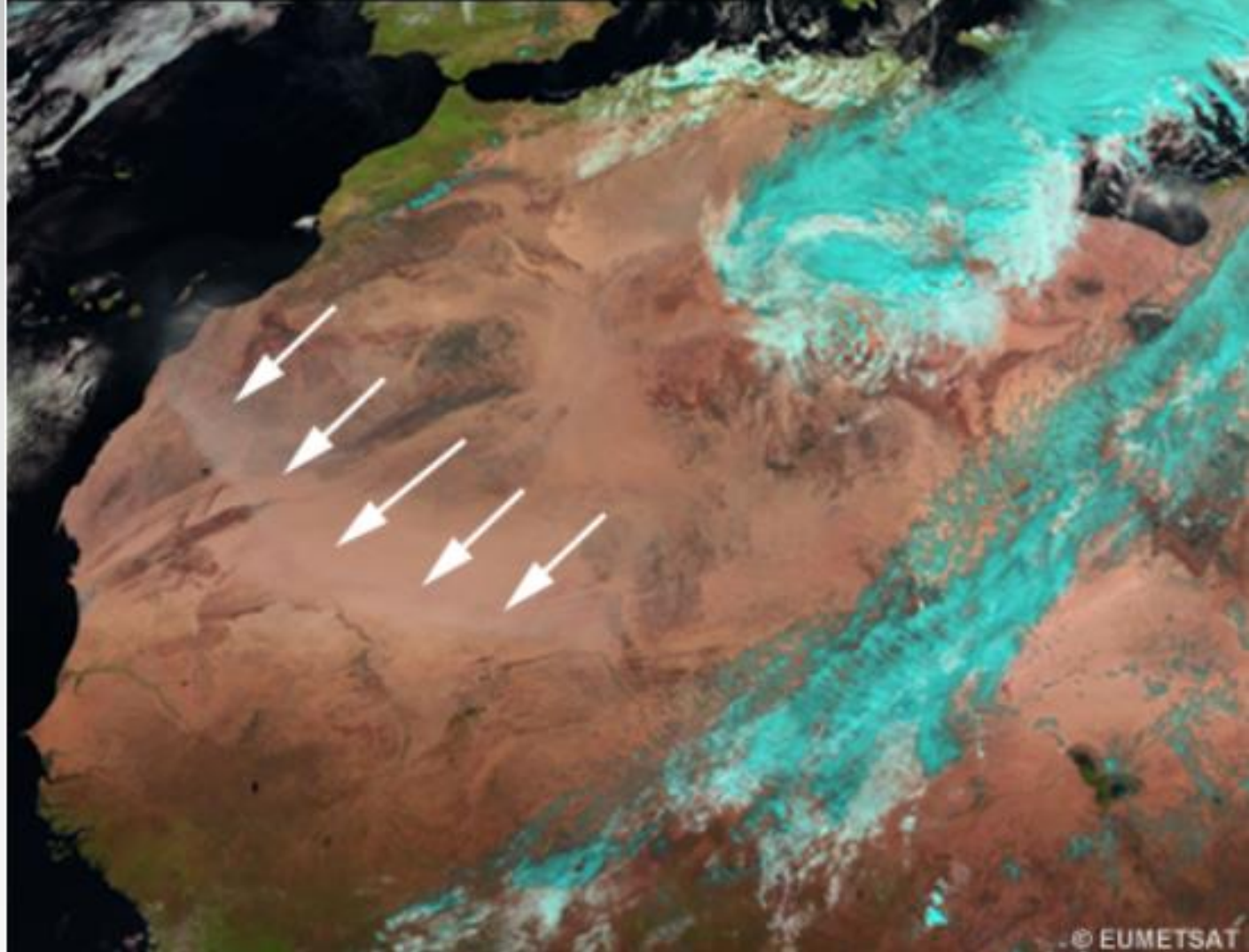
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RGBColourTool.zip

# Dust RGB (complex RGB)!

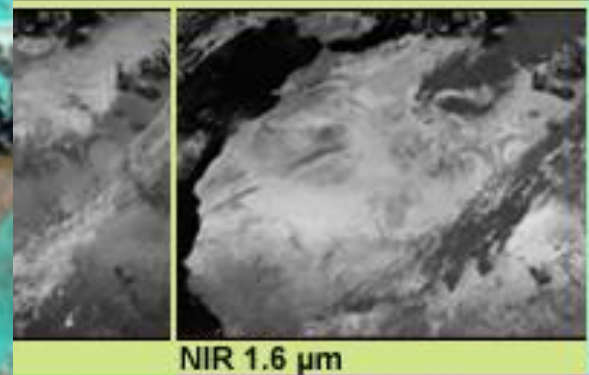
Natural Color RGB over northern Africa



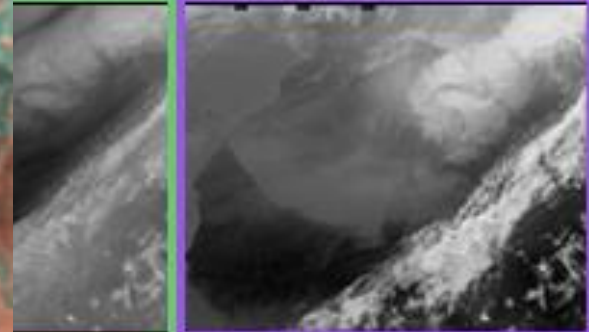
Channel Groupings

**COLOR KEY**

- Yellow: Solar
- Green: Water vapor
- Purple: Longwave IR



NIR 1.6  $\mu\text{m}$



IR 8.7  $\mu\text{m}$

IR 9.7  $\mu\text{m}$



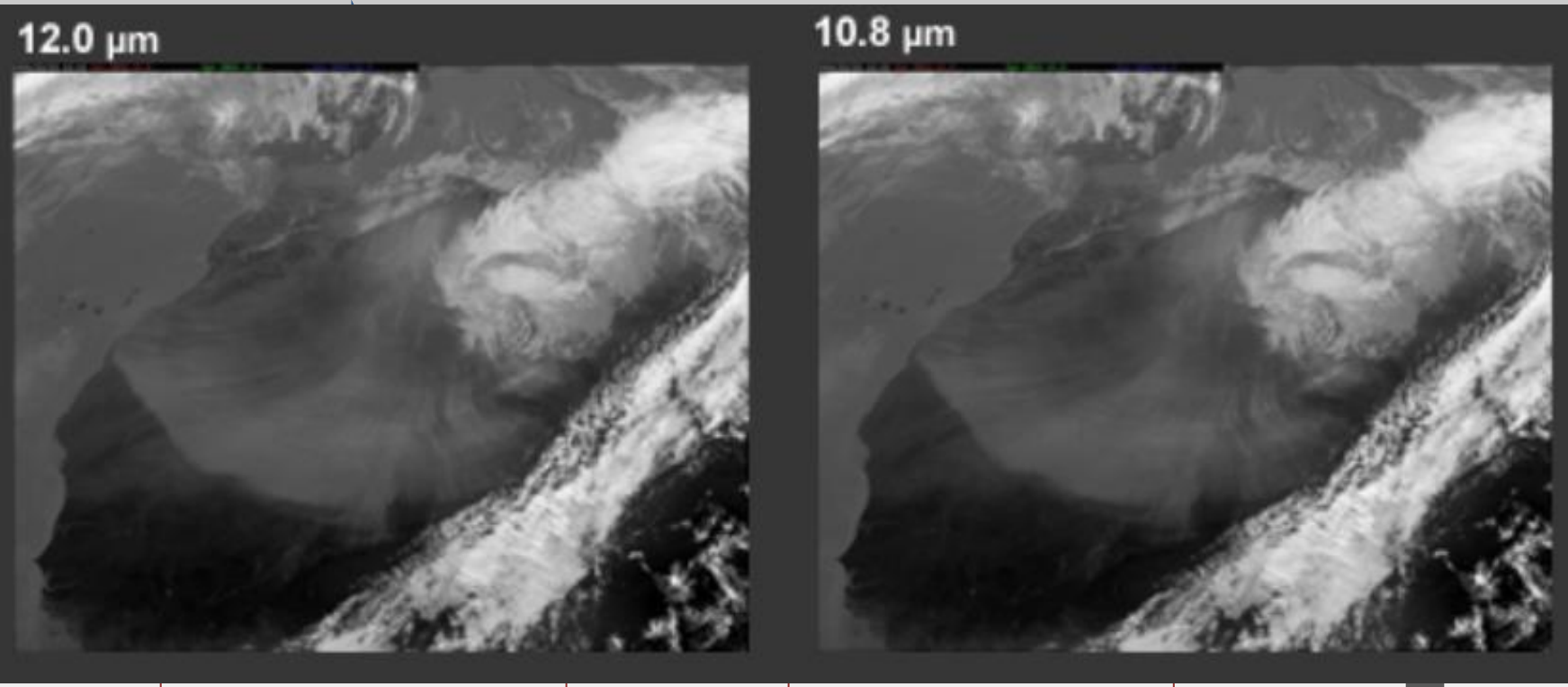
IR 10.8  $\mu\text{m}$

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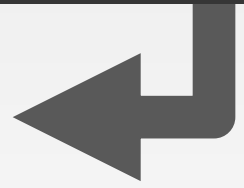
Dust  
Land  
Sea  
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Cloud



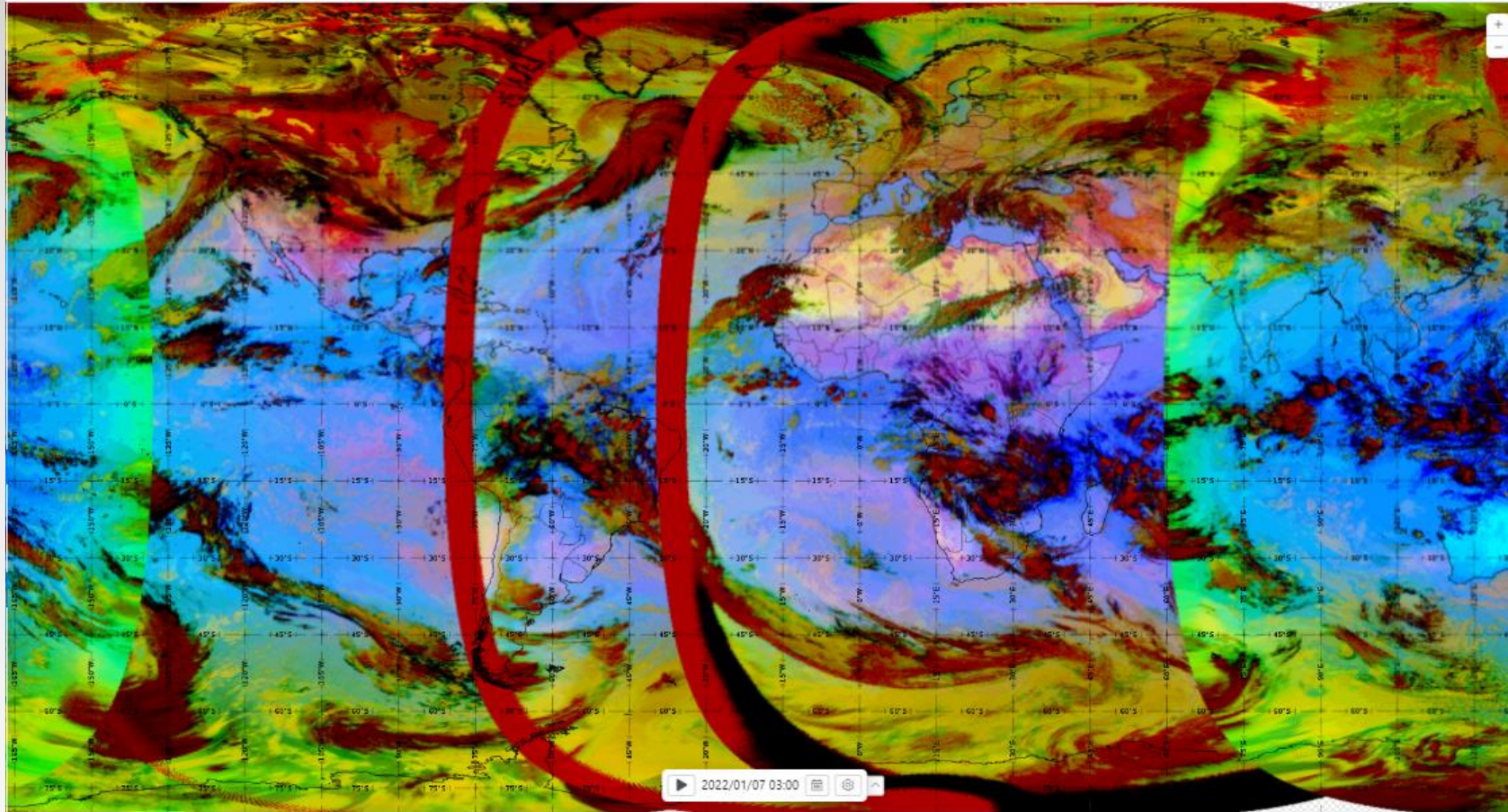
Many other atmospheric features and processes

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-High Speed & Direction  
-Dispersion  
-Settling of Dust, etc..



# Covering the Whole Earth

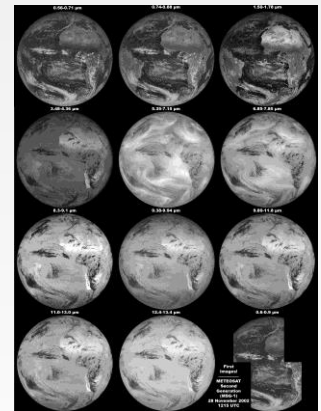


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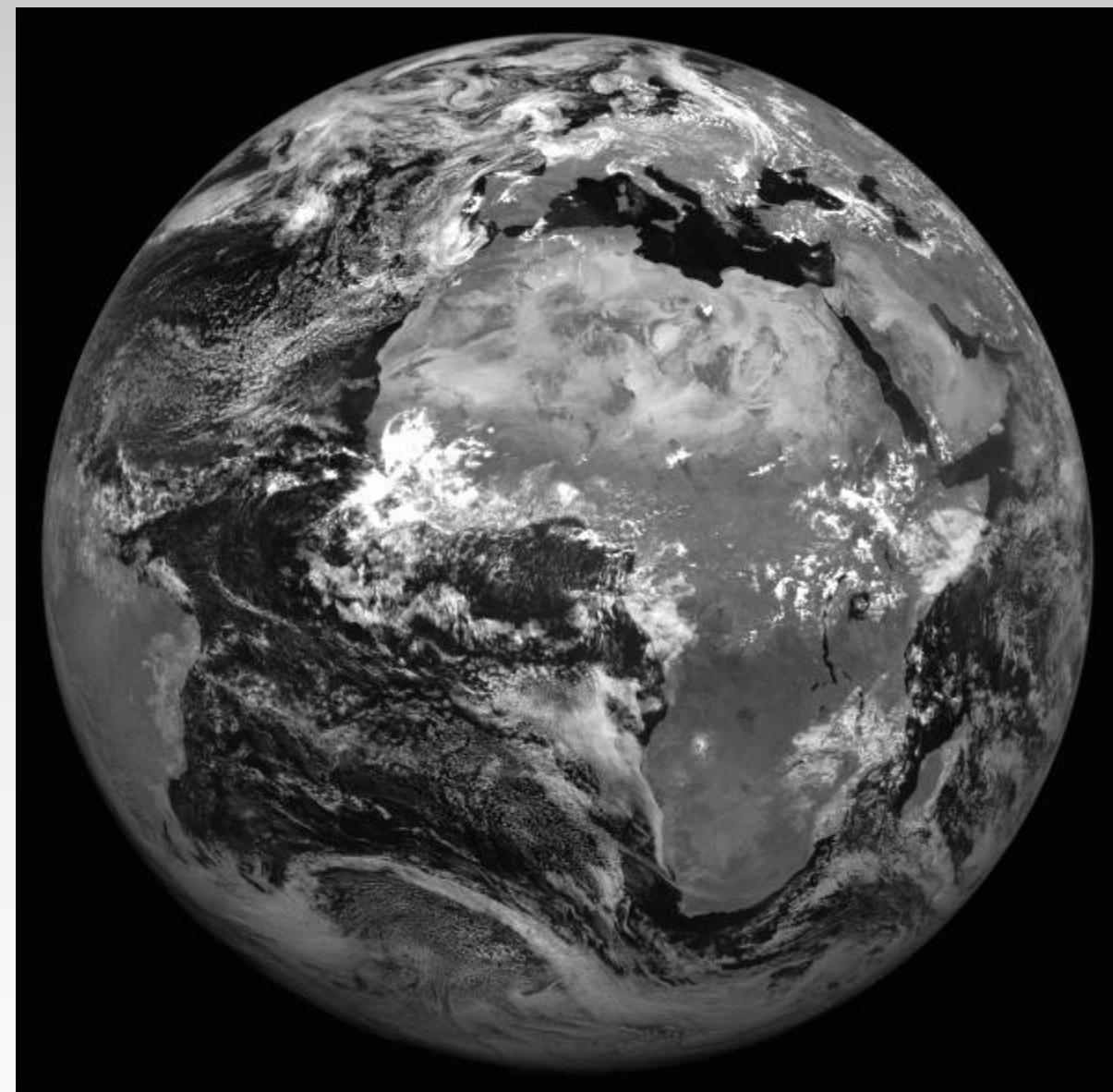


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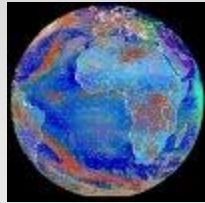


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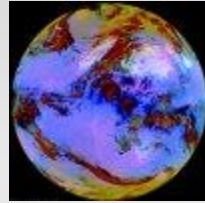
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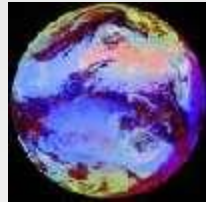
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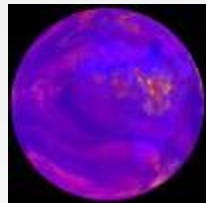
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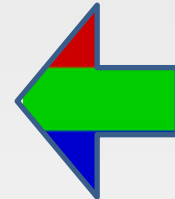
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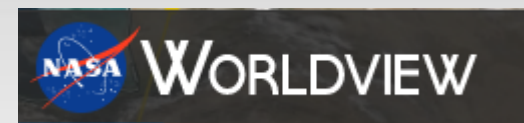
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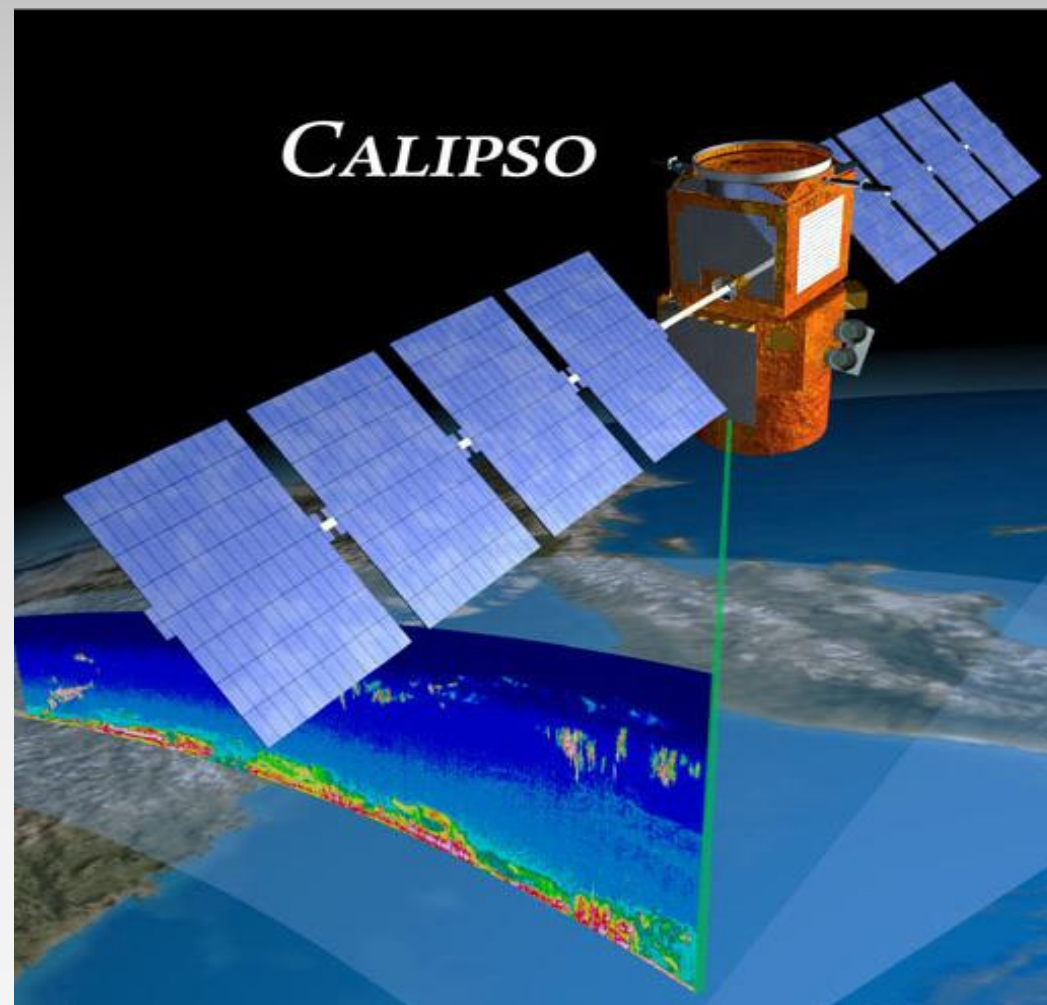
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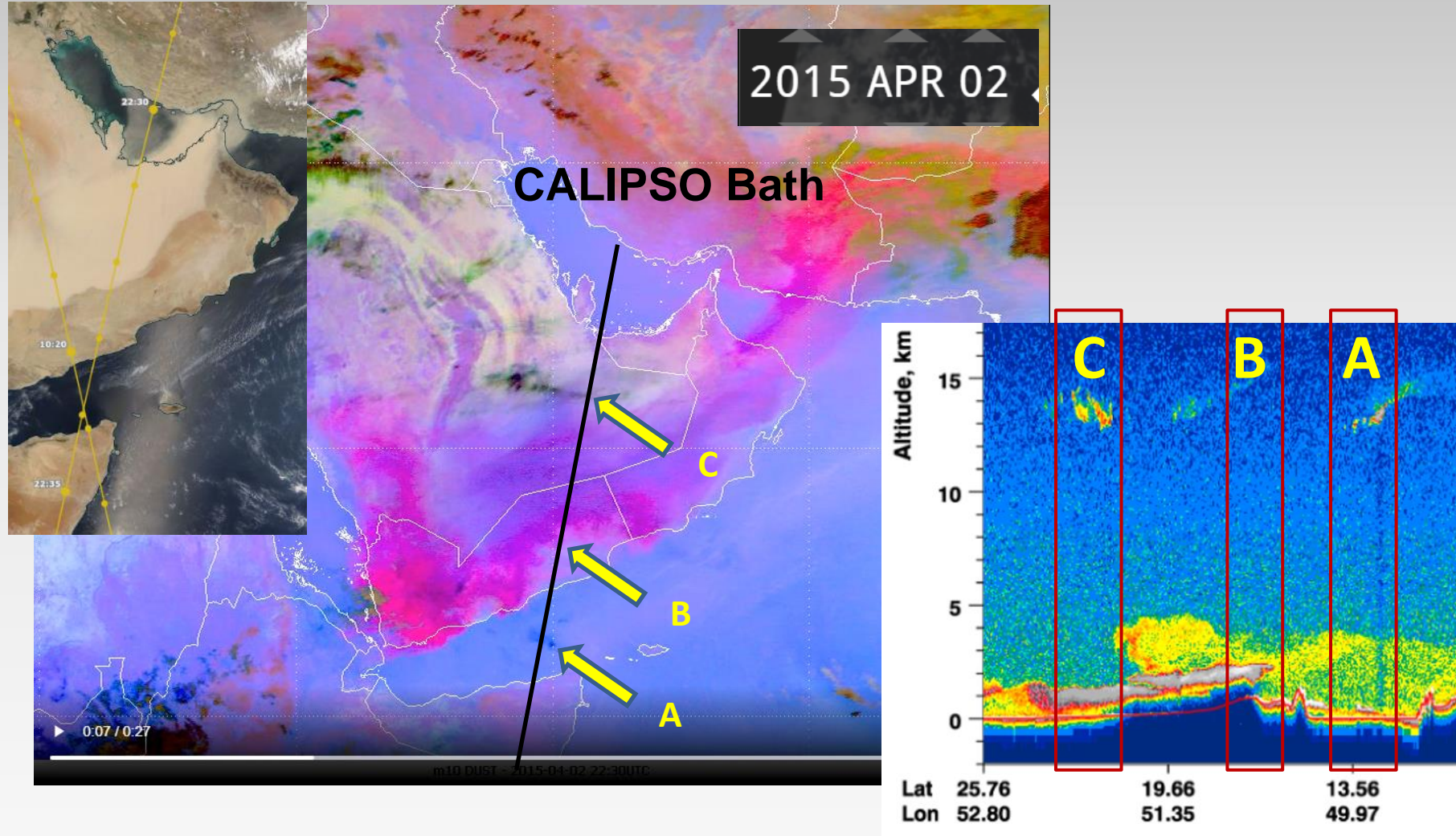
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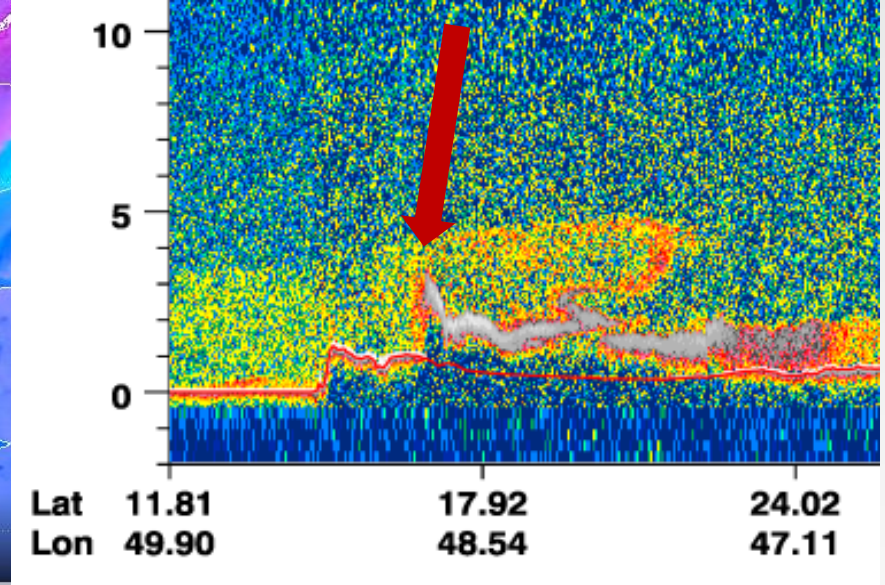
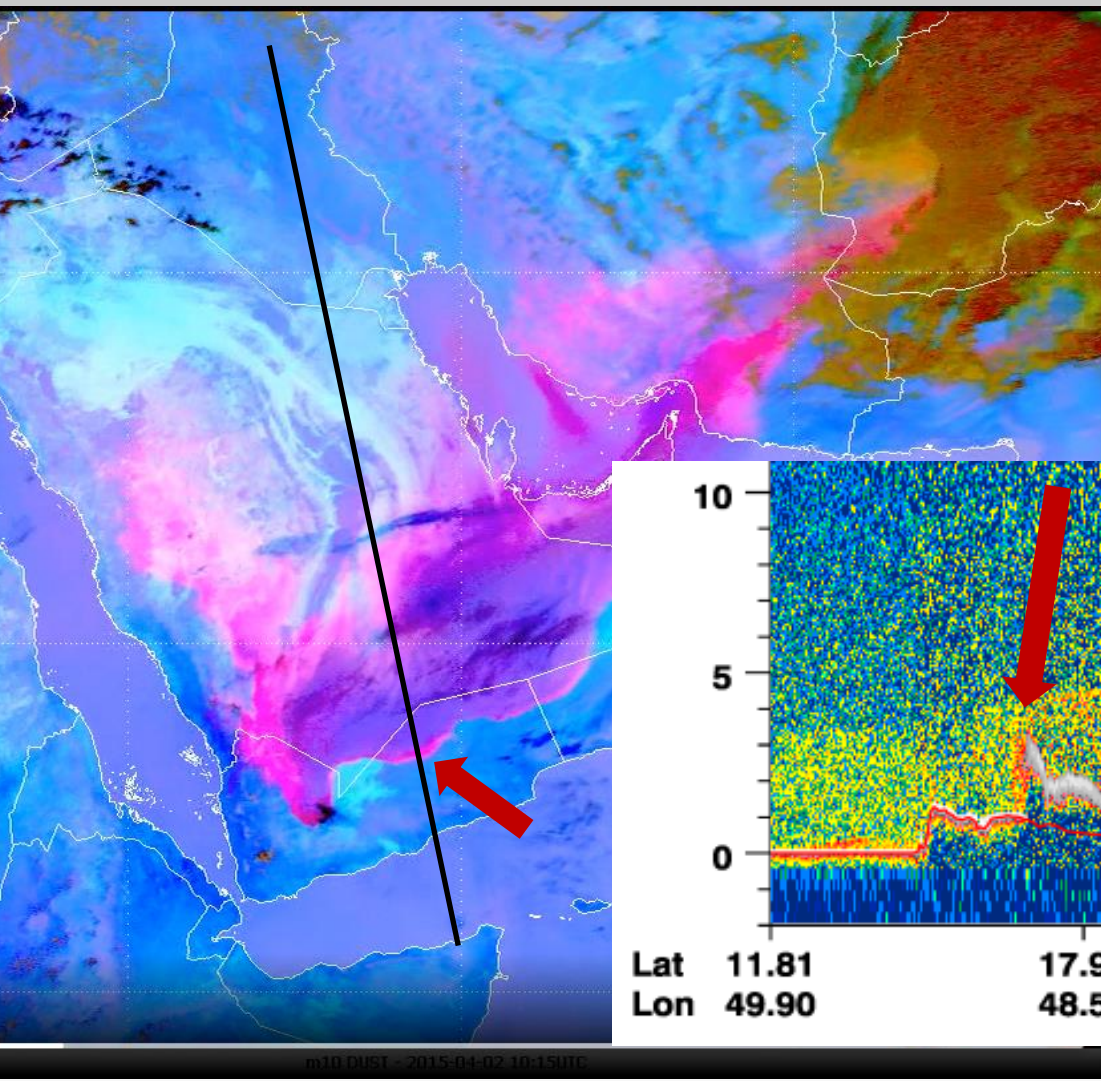
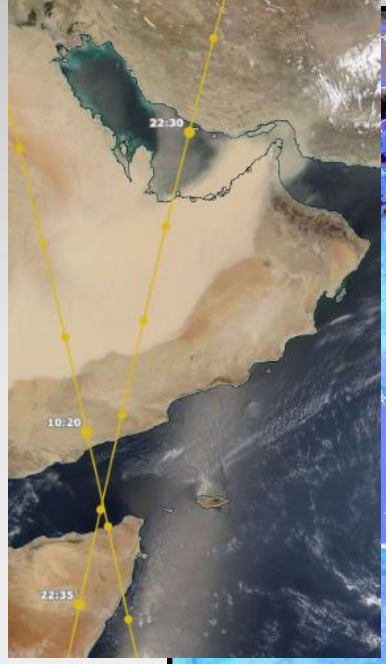


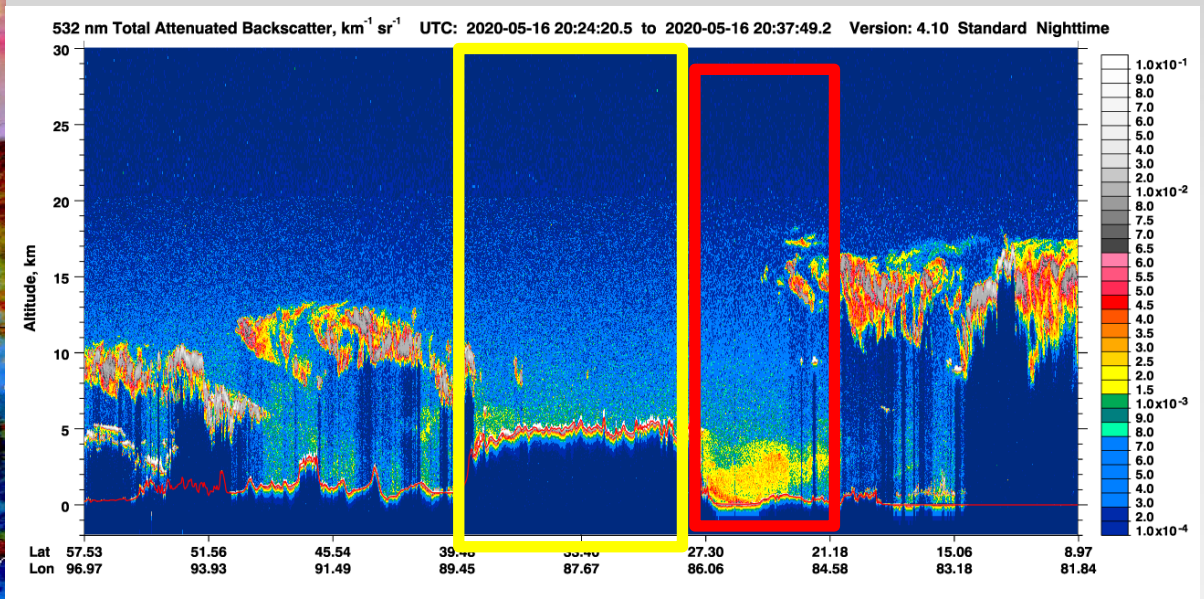
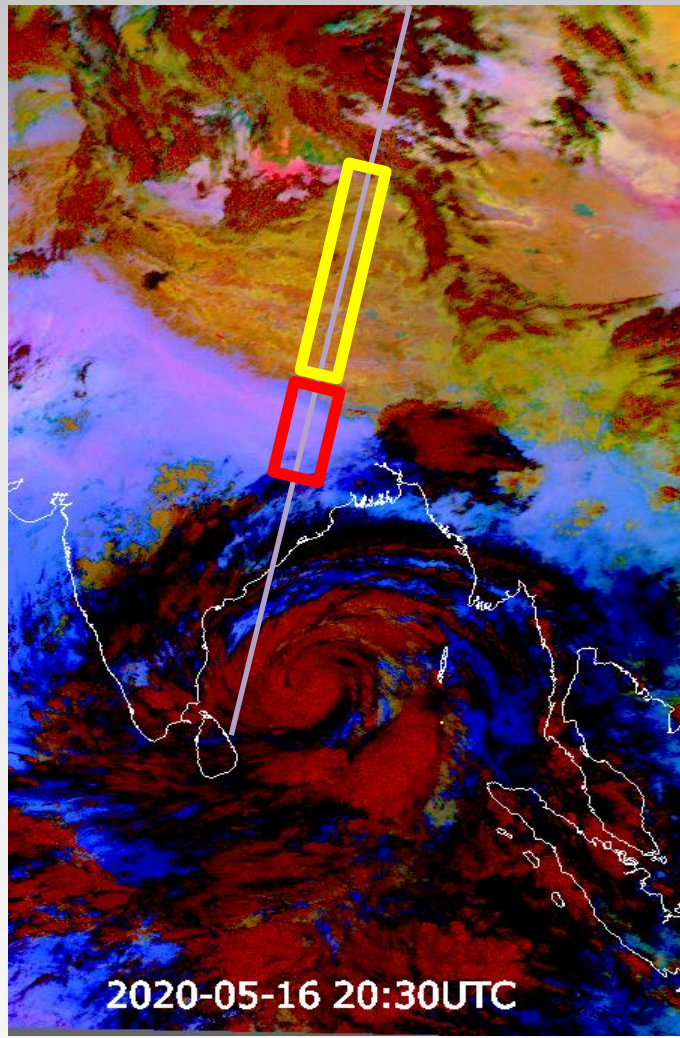
CALIPSO carries three instruments: a Cloud-Aerosol Lidar with Orthogonal Polarisation (CALIOP), an Imaging Infrared Radiometer (IIR), and a Wide Field Camera (WFC). CALIOP uses a two-wavelength laser transmitter to obtain vertical profiles of clouds and aerosols from the detected backscatter. IIR provides context to nighttime CALIOP observations and acquires the size of particles within semi-transparent clouds, while WFC provides context for daytime CALIOP observations.

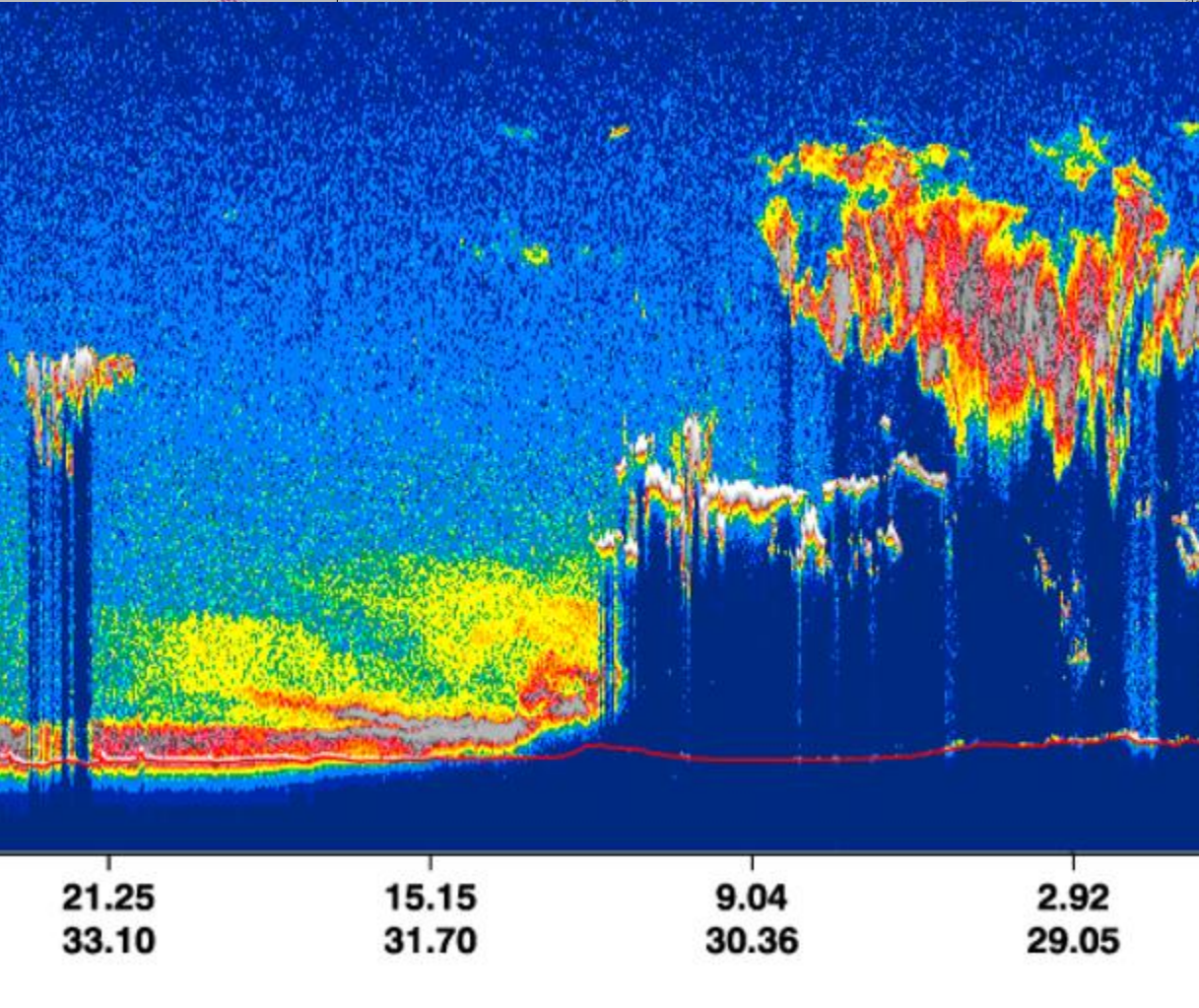
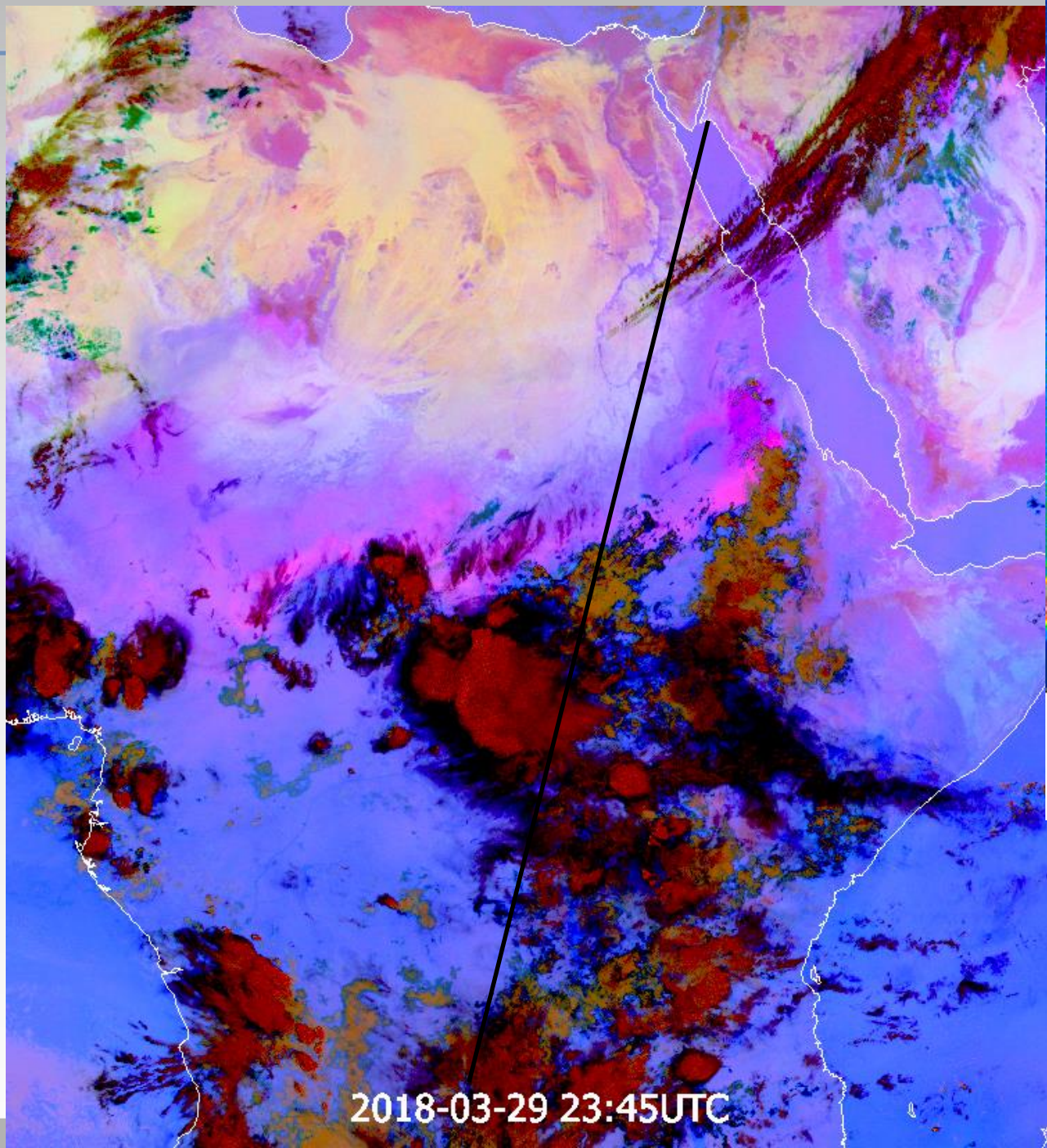


**Image above:** The CALIPSO spacecraft uses an innovative lidar and imaging system to reveal the secrets of clouds and aerosols. [NASA](#)

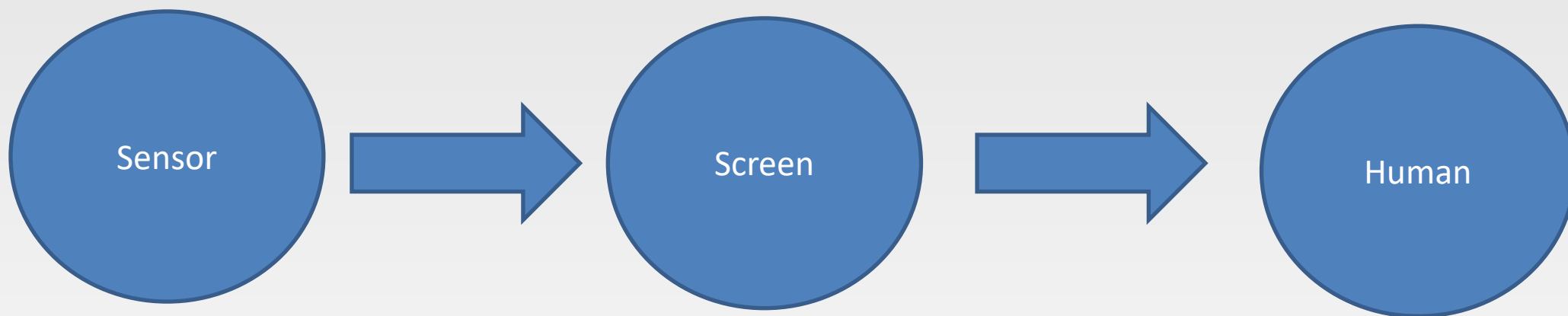








## How Real is the Satellite Image (How real we can see it)



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24     .map(maskS2clouds);
25
26 var visualization = {
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28   max: 0.9,
29   bands: ['B4', 'B3', 'B1'],
30 };
                
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**RGB visualization parameters**

1 band (Grayscale)  3 bands (RGB)

B8 B3 B1

Range  
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```

20 var dataset = ee.ImageCollection('COPERNICUS/S2_SR_HARMONIZED')
21   .filterDate('2020-06-06', '2020-06-10')
22   // Pre-filter to get less cloudy granules.
23   .filter(ee.Filter.lt('CLOUDY_PIXEL_PERCENTAGE',100))
24   .map(maskS2clouds);
25
26 var visualization = {
27   min: 0.0,
28   max: 0.9,
29   bands: ['B4', 'B3', 'B1'],
30 };
                
```

**Inspector** Console Task

Use print(...) to write to this console.

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Layers Map Satellite

RGB visualization parameters

1 band (Grayscale)  3 bands (RGB)

B8 B4 B3

Range: 0.22371 - 0.5644' Stretch: 100%

Opacity: 1.00 Gamma: 1.00

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