



# Benefits from MSG & MTG

Latest developments

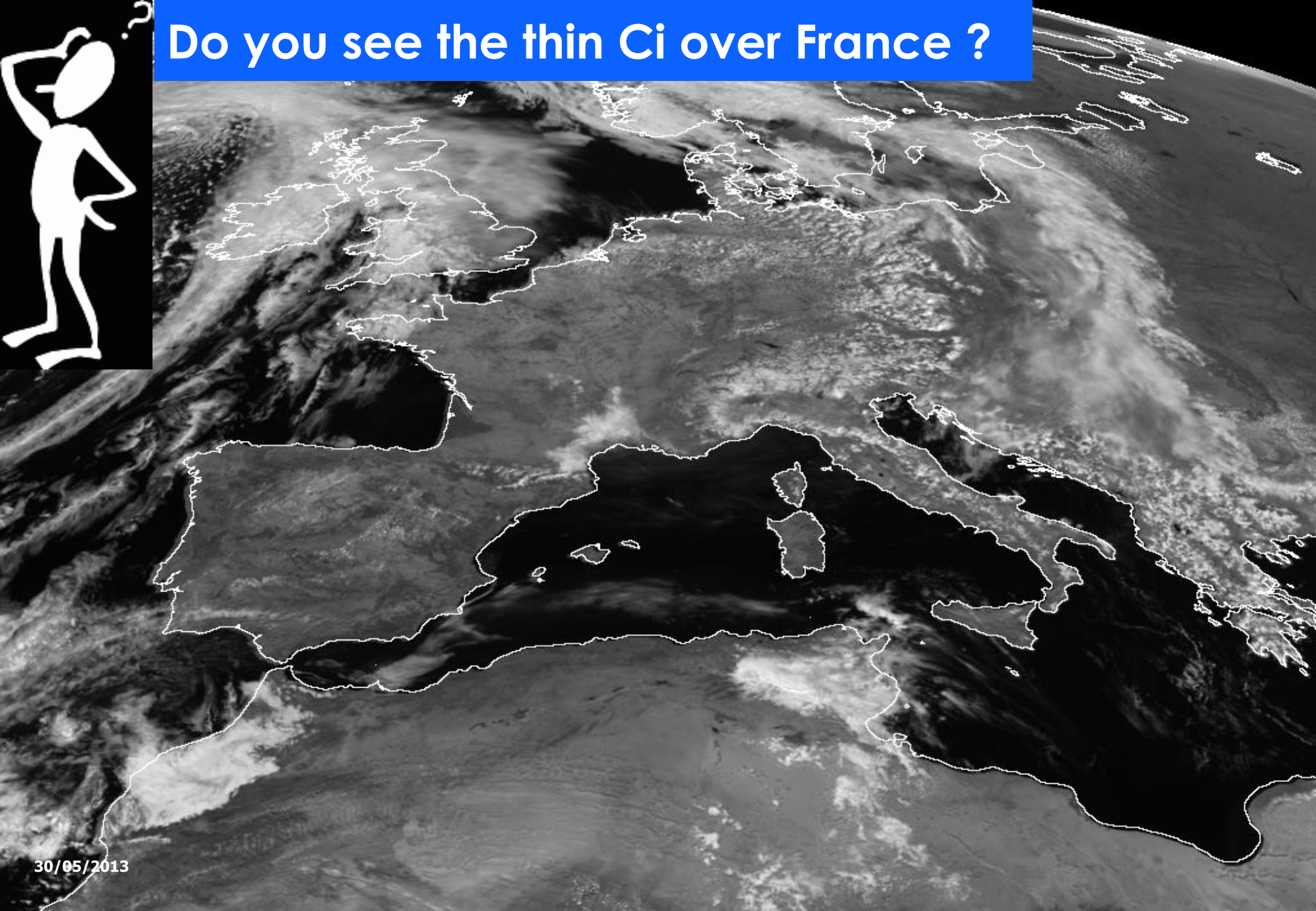


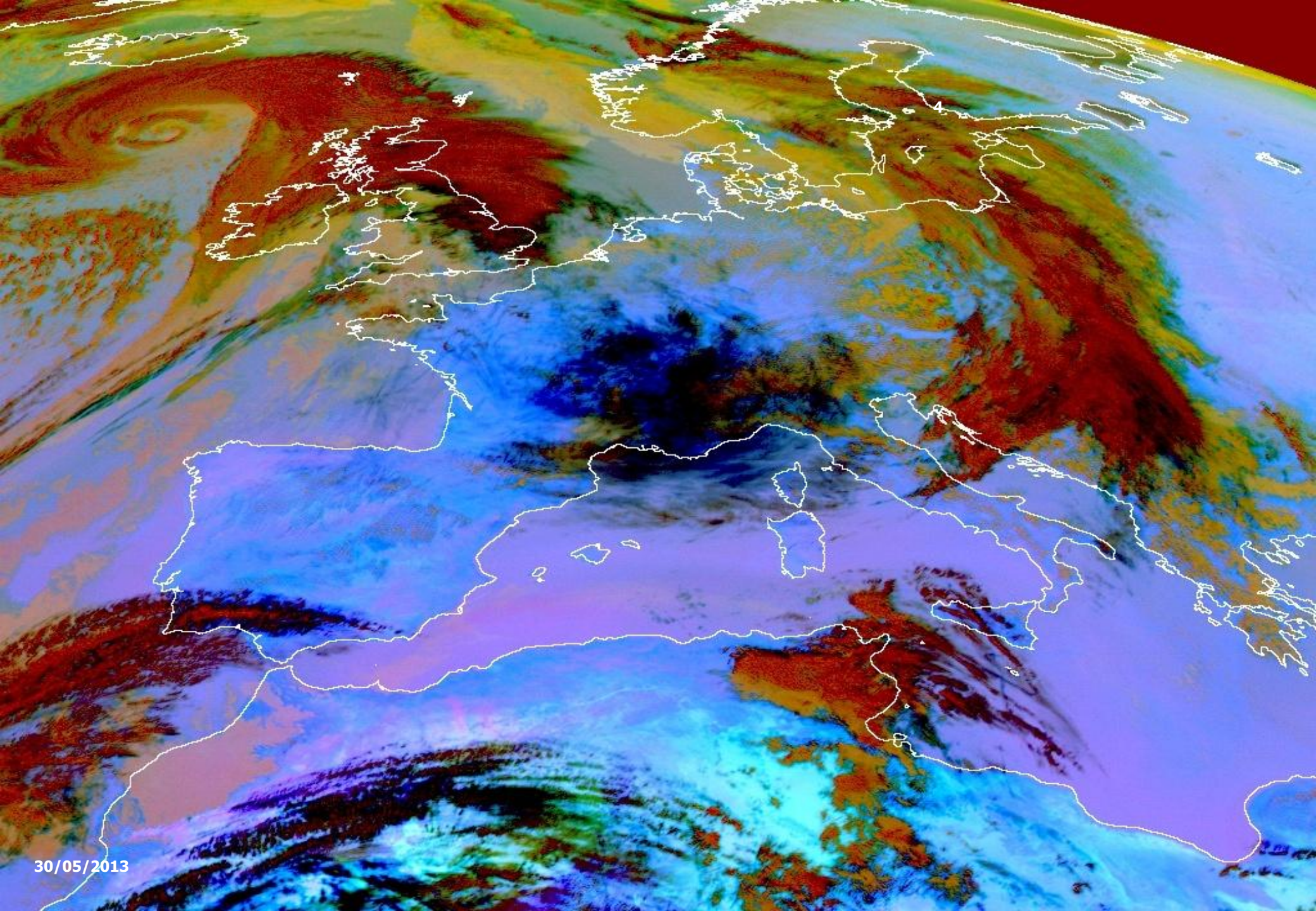
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# Outline

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- 4) RGB Products: Best Practice
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Do you see the thin Ci over France ?



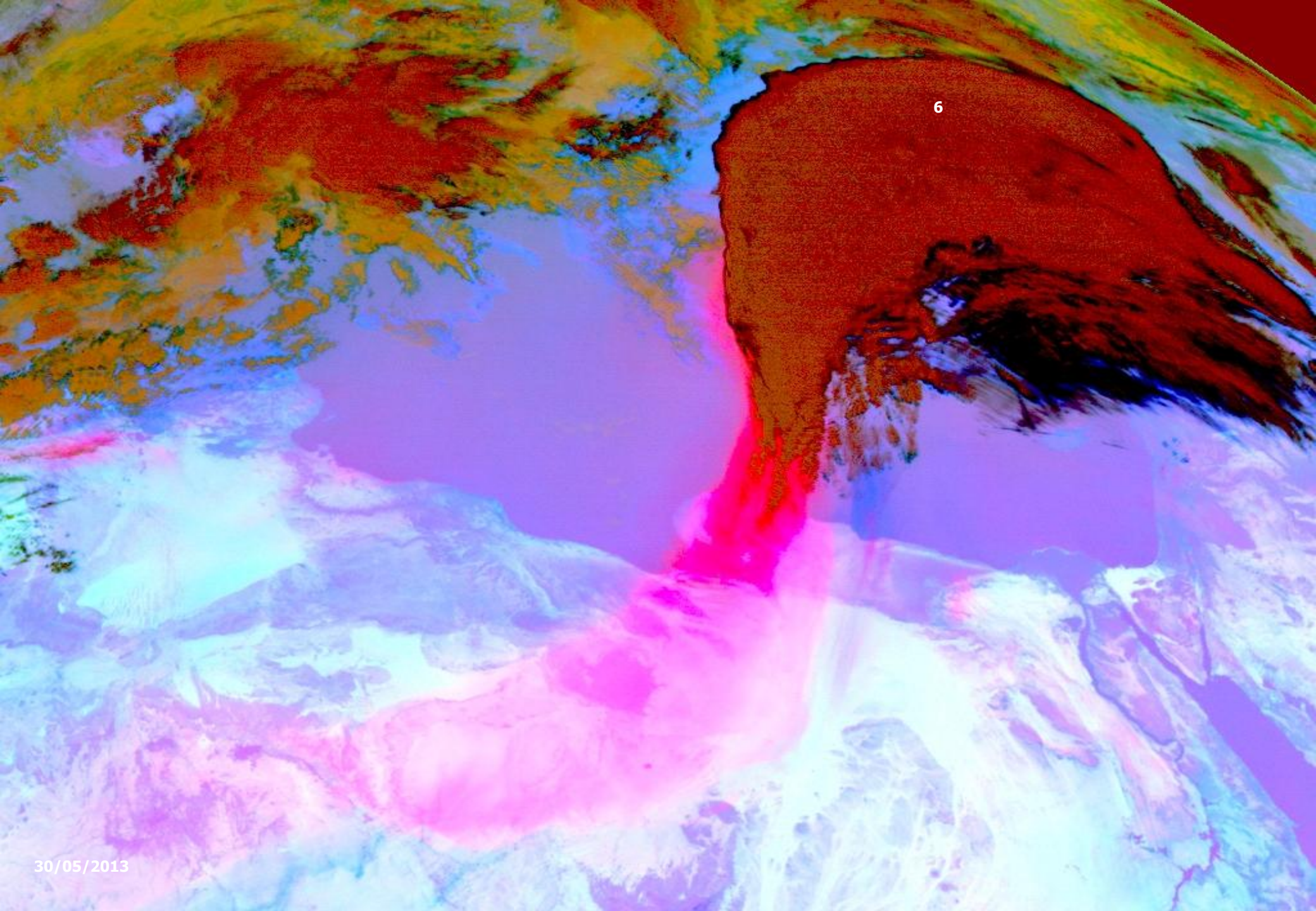


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# Where is the dust cloud ?



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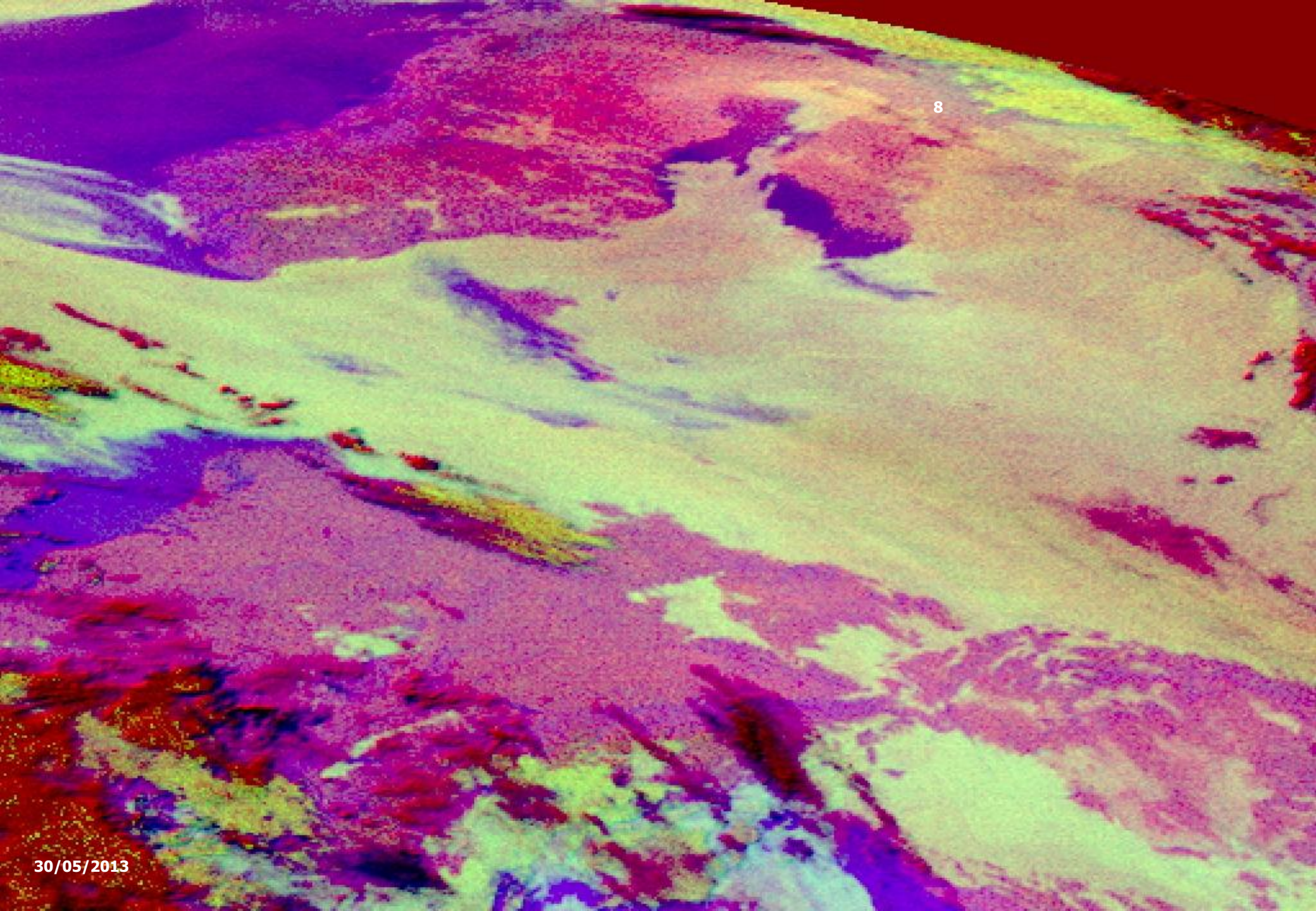


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# Where is the fog / low stratus?



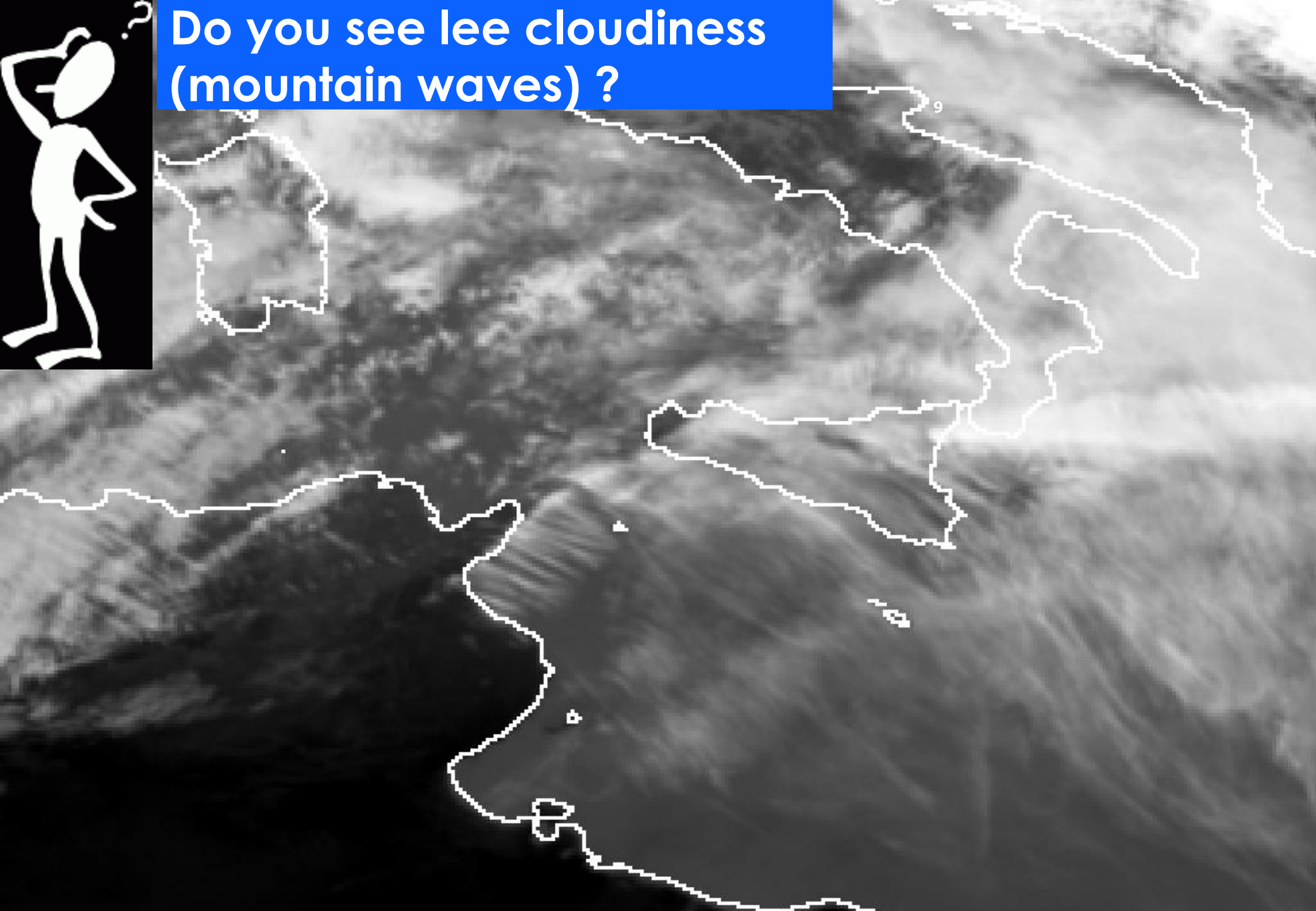
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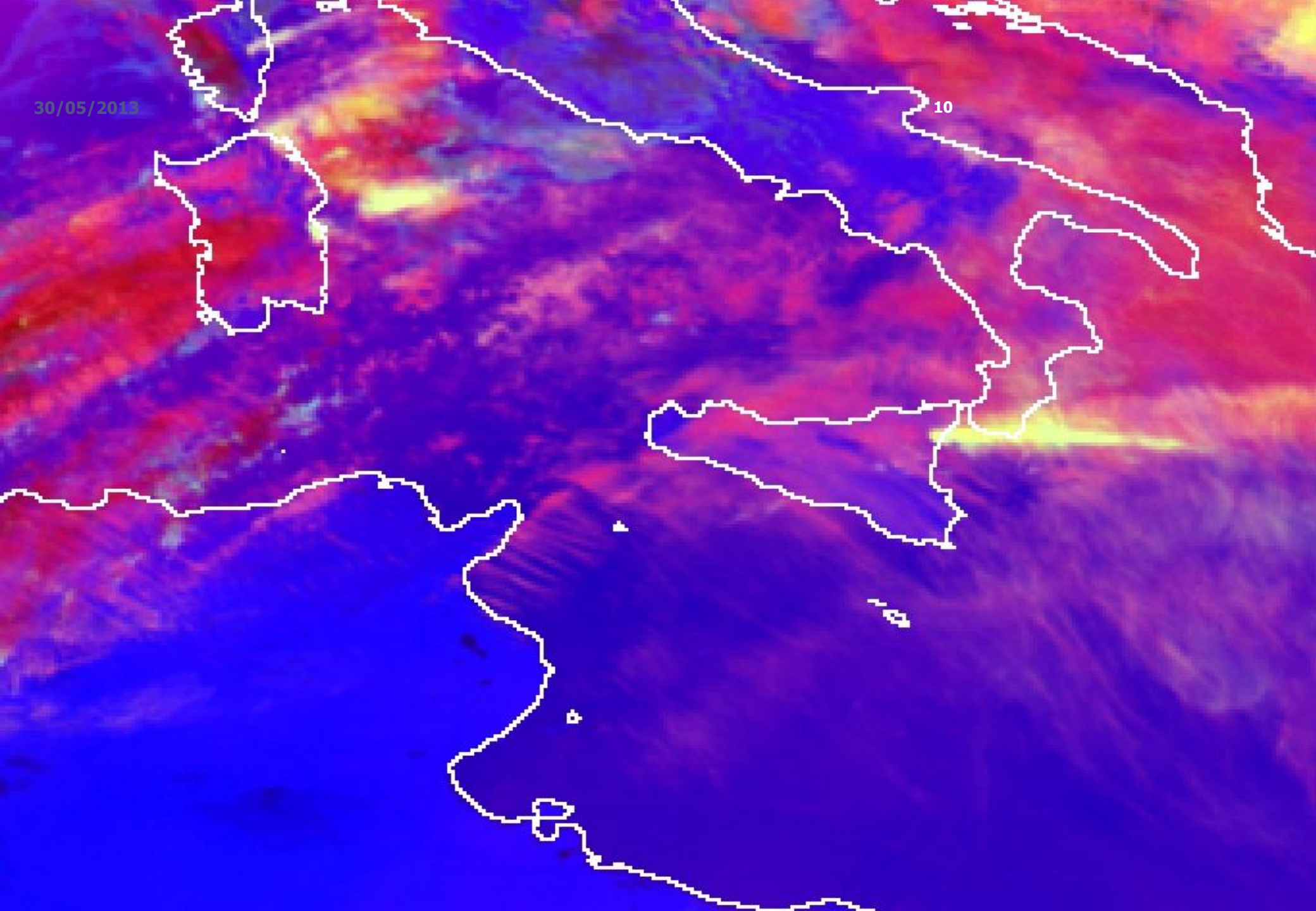
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Do you see lee cloudiness  
(mountain waves) ?



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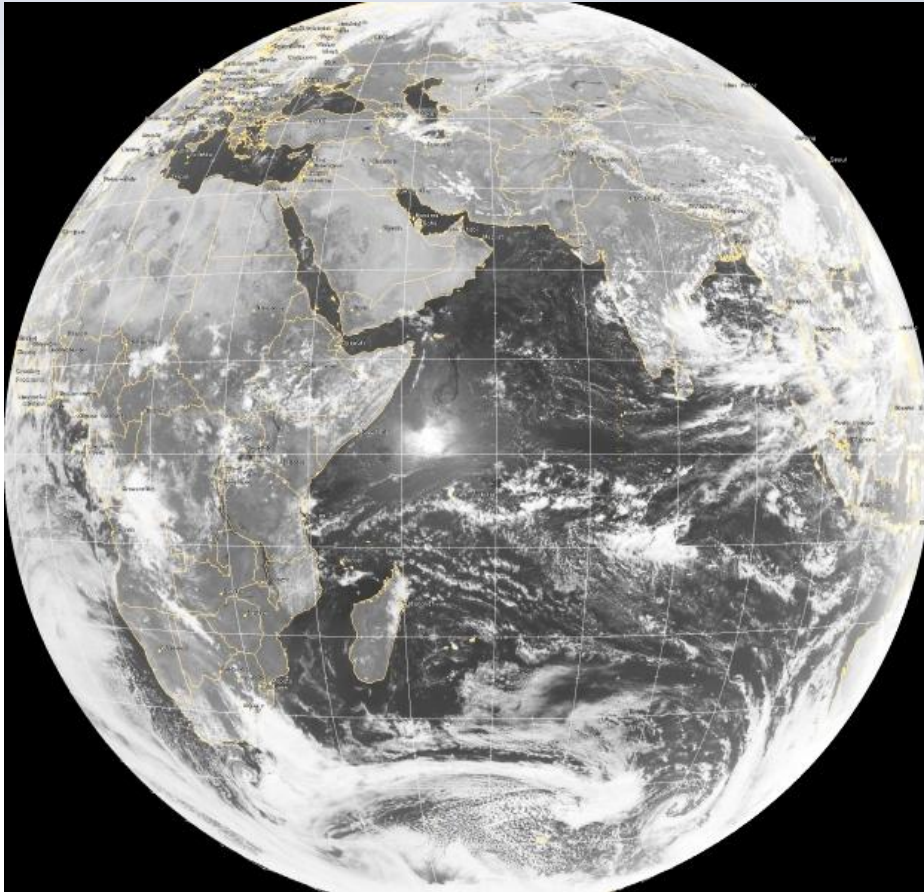


# EUMETSAT's current satellites



# Geostationary satellites

## Meteosat First Generation (Meteosat-7)



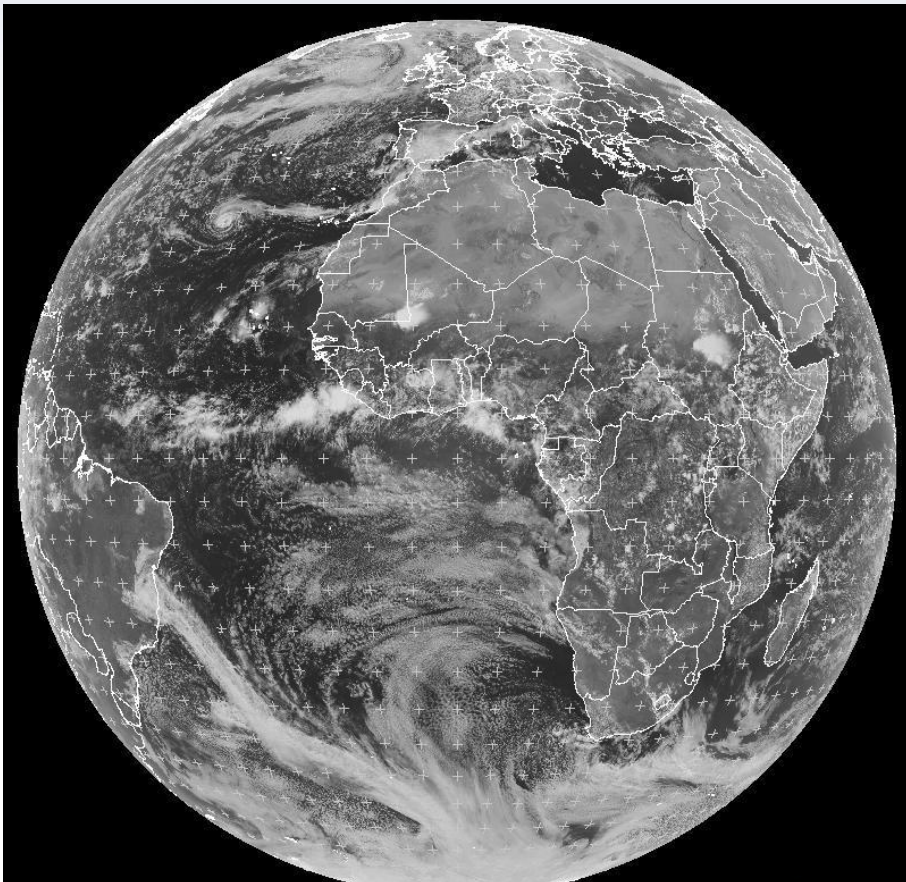
- Positioned over the Indian Ocean: 57.5°E
- 3 Spectral Channels (VIS, WV, IR)
- Sampling: 5 km (IR, WV), 2.5 km (VIS)
- Images every 30 Minutes
- Lifetime 1997-2016



# Geostationary satellites

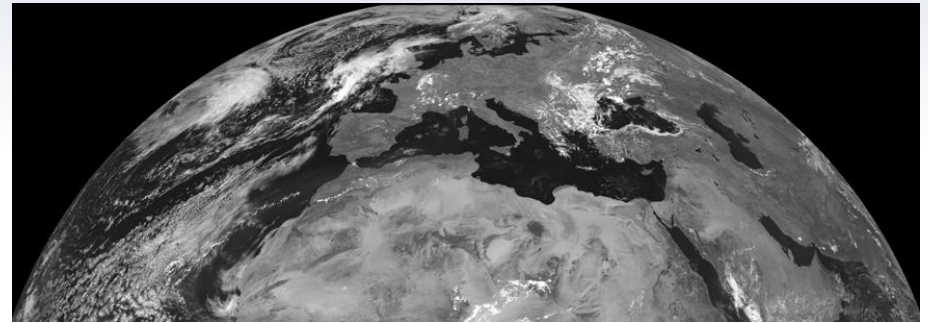
## Meteosat Second Generation (MSG) (Meteosat-8, Meteosat-9)

- 12 spectral bands, 3 km horizontal sampling, HRV channel 1 km



MET9 VIS006 2012-09-27 12:00 UTC

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- Meteosat-8
- Positioned over  $9.5^{\circ}\text{E}$
- Images every 5 minutes (Rapid Scan Service)
  
- Meteosat-9
- Positioned over  $0^{\circ}\text{E}$
- Images every 15 minutes

Met-8 Wobble



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# MSG-3 (Meteosat-10) Launch on 5 July 2012



## Usage after 21 January 2013:

**Met-10** : launched 5 July 2012 and located at  $0^{\circ}$ . It supports SEVIRI HRIT, Met Products, SEVIRI LRIT, GERB and DCP.

**Met-9** : launched 21 Dec 2005 and located at  $9.5^{\circ}\text{E}$ . It supports RSS.

**Met-8** : launched 28 Aug 2002 and located at  $3.5^{\circ}\text{East}$ . It is imaging but not disseminating and it is an operational backup for Met-10 and Met-9.



# MSG-3 (Meteosat-10): super rapid scan examples



**Overview Loop (MOV)**



**11 Sep 2012, Austria**



**11 Sep 2012, Germany**



**11 Sep 2012, Italy**

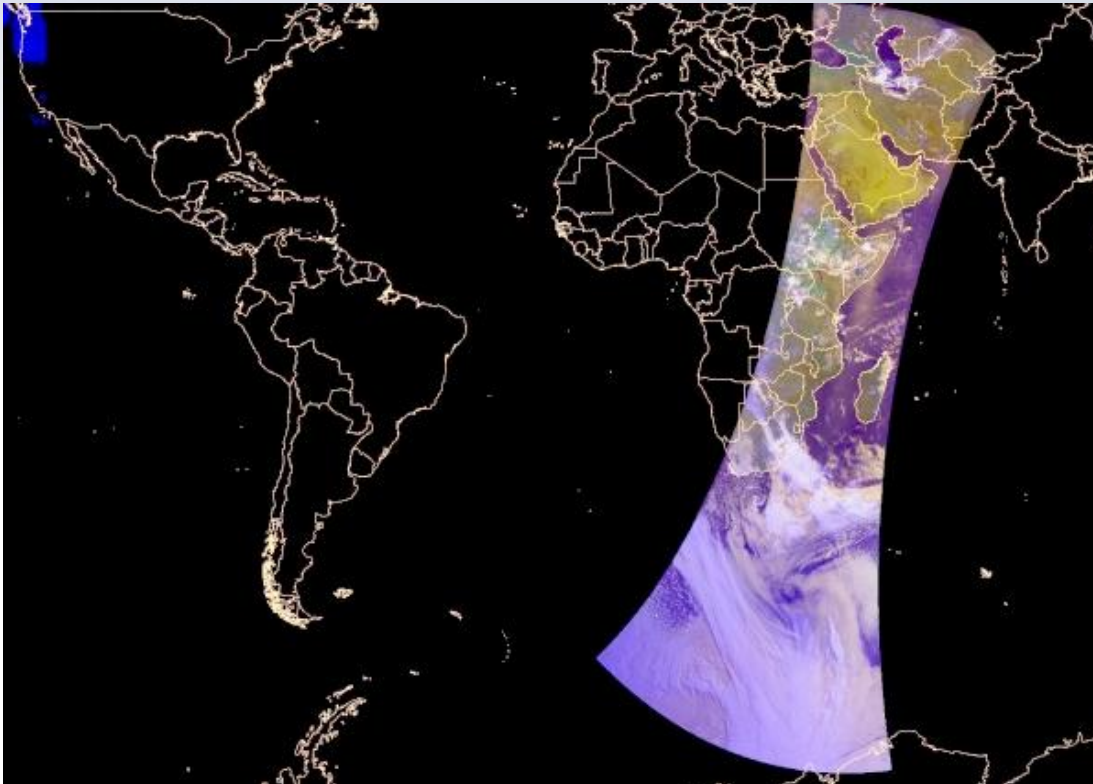


**12 Sep 2012, Italy**



# Polar-orbiting satellites

## EUMETSAT Polar System (EPS)



### Metop-A (in operation since 2007)

- carries imaging and sounding instruments
- direct broadcasting and data collection capabilities



Partners:





# EUMETSAT has a Global View

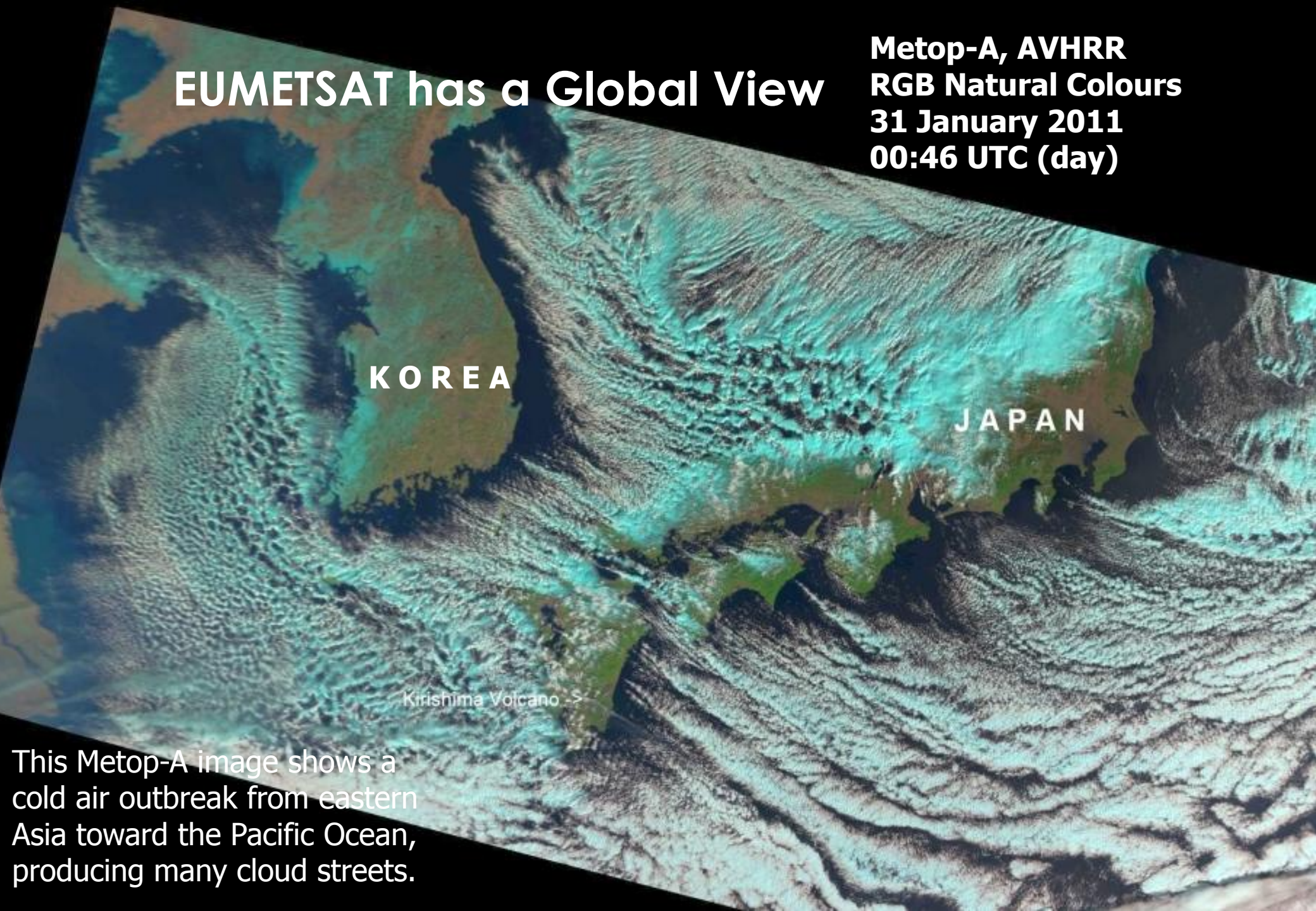
Metop-A, AVHRR  
RGB Natural Colours  
31 January 2011  
00:46 UTC (day)

KOREA

JAPAN

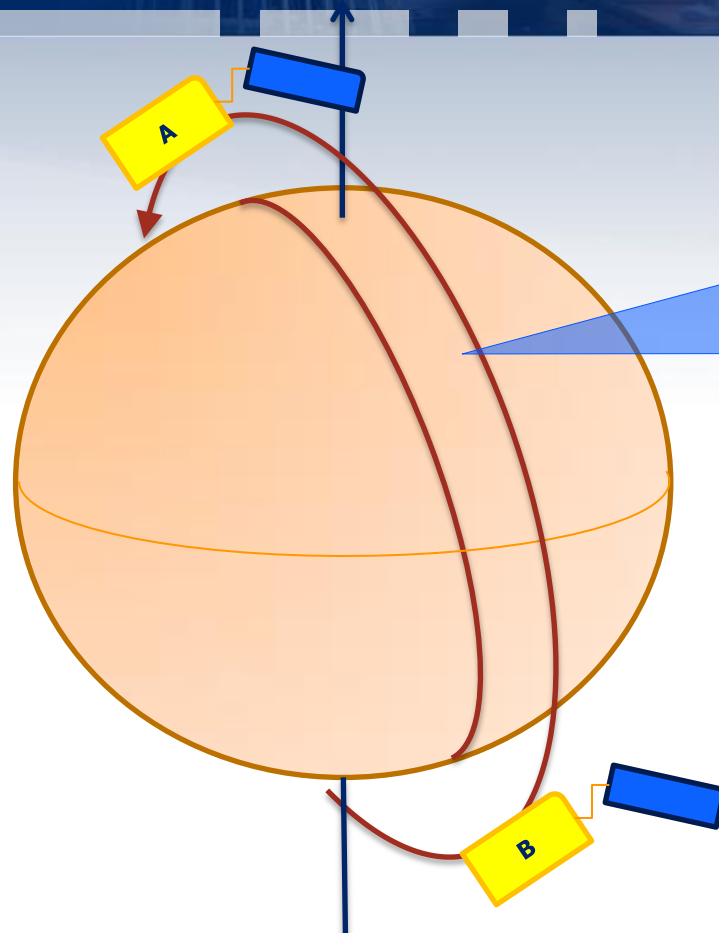
Kirishima Volcano - S

This Metop-A image shows a cold air outbreak from eastern Asia toward the Pacific Ocean, producing many cloud streets.





# Metop-B Launch on 17 September 2012



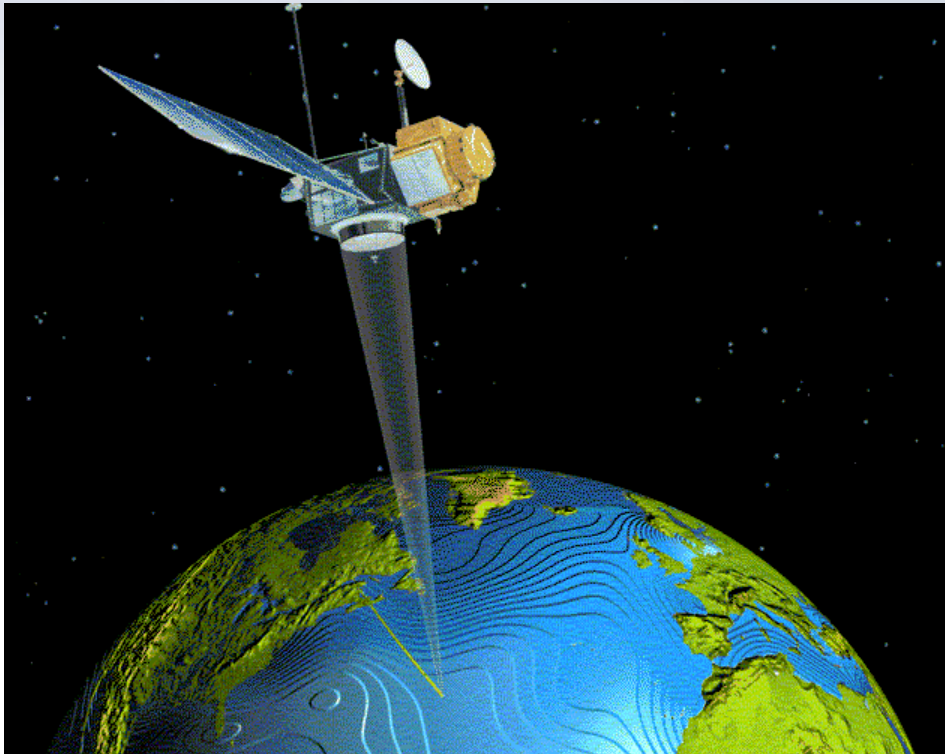
**Metops will be co-planar, 180 degrees apart**

**Metop-A/B Target Orbits**



# Monitoring the oceans

## Jason-2



- launched in June 2008 from Vandenberg, California
- EUMETSAT's first optional programme on ocean altimetry

Partners:



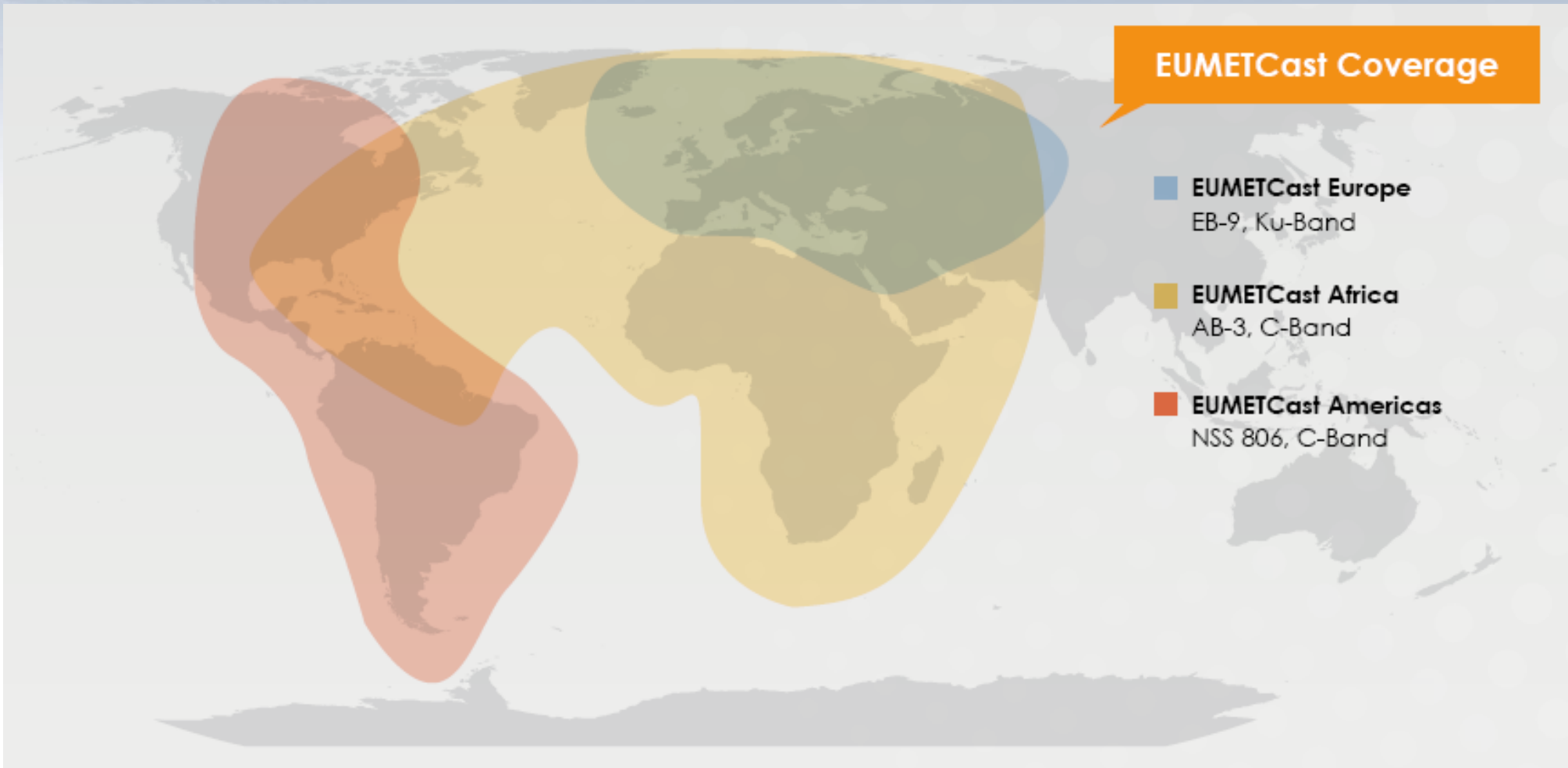


# Access to EUMETSAT Data & Products



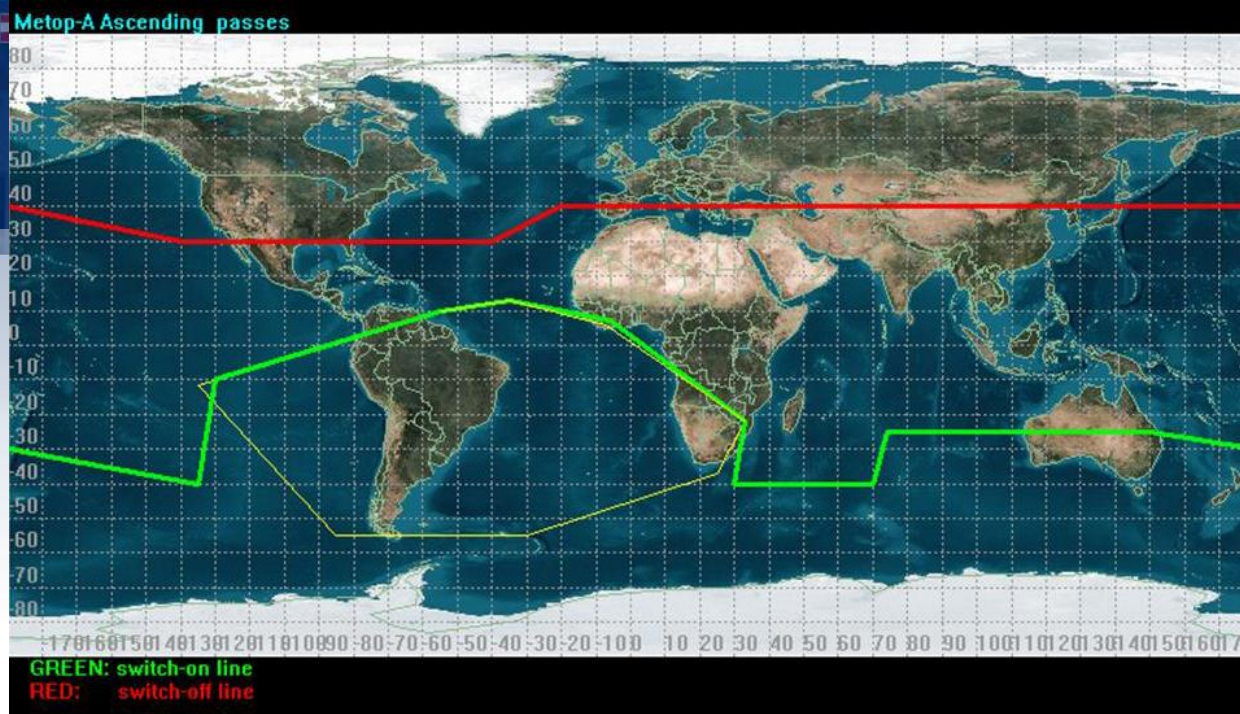


# EUMETCast Coverage

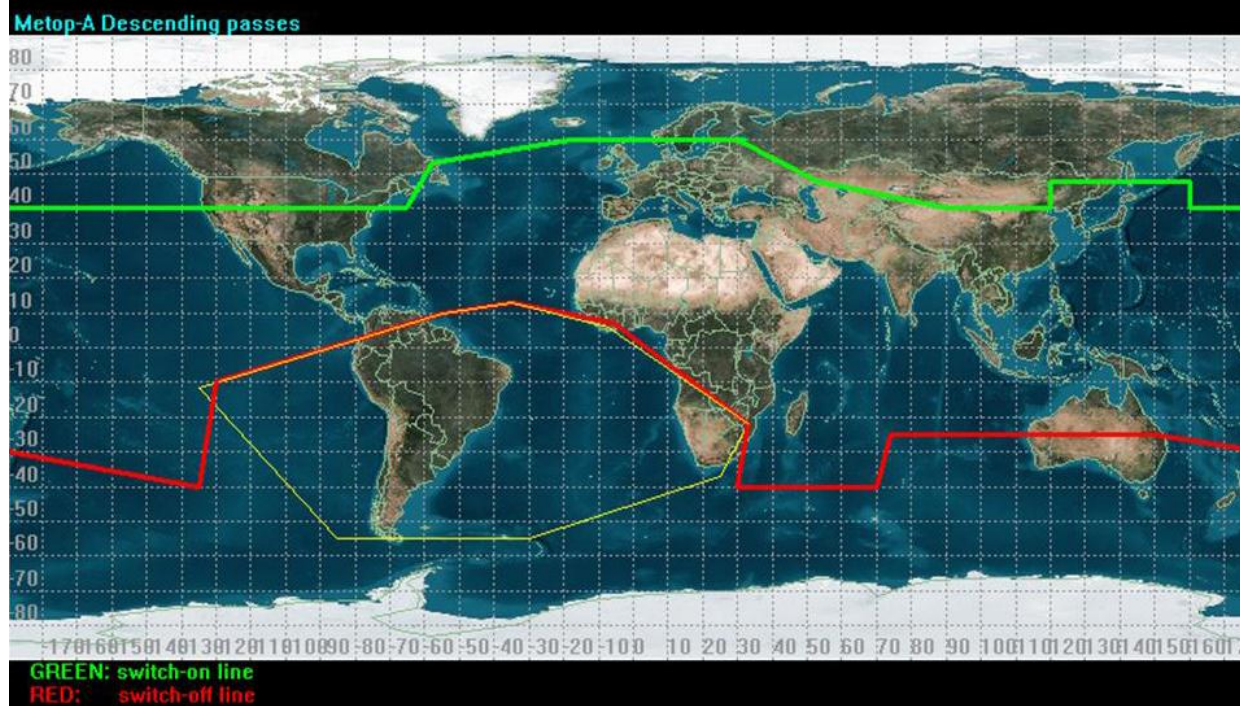


# Metop-A Direct Readout Service

Ascending passes



Descending passes



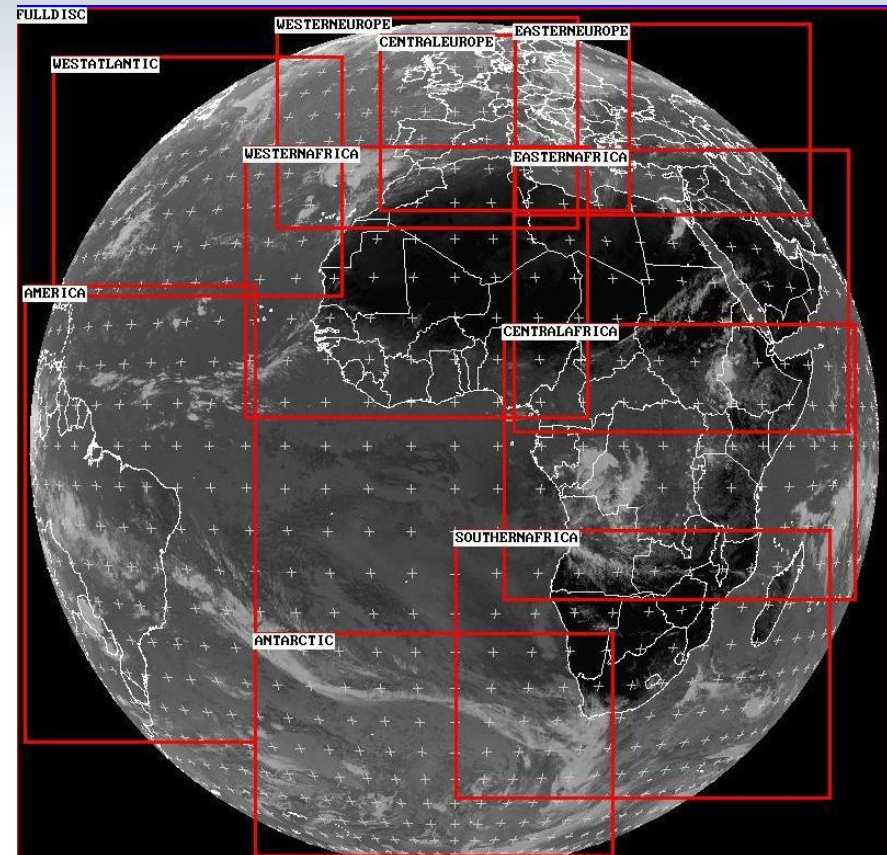


# EUMETSAT Data Centre

- Archive dating back to 1981
- Access online (via Data Access menu or via Product Navigator)



- Hourly Single Channel Images: Met-7, Met-9, Metop-A AVHRR (not all channels, reduced resolution)
- Hourly RGB Products Met-9: Airmass, Ash, Convection, Dust, Fog, Day Micro, Nat Colour, Fog/Snow, E-view
- Derived Quantitative MPEF Products Met-7 and Met-9: AMV, MPE, FIR, GII, CLA, CLM, CTH, TH





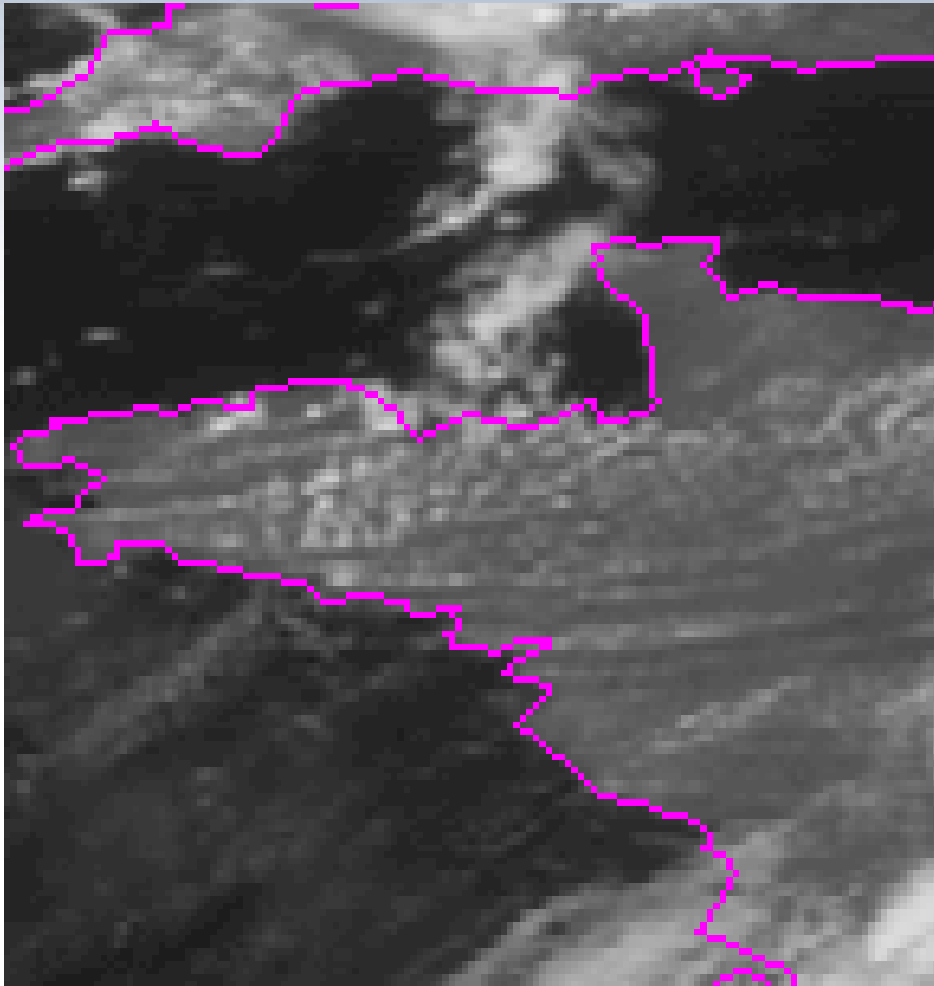


# MSG: Main Improvements

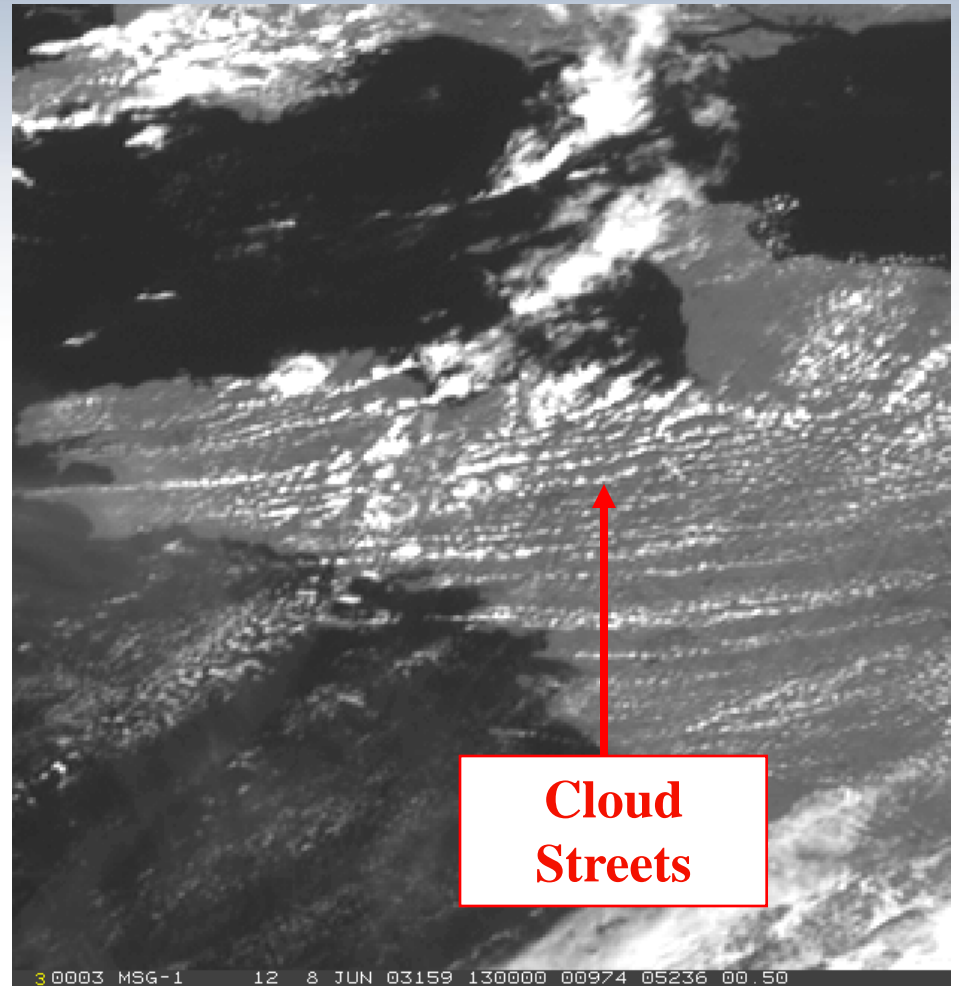




# MSG Improvements: HRV (1 km sampling)



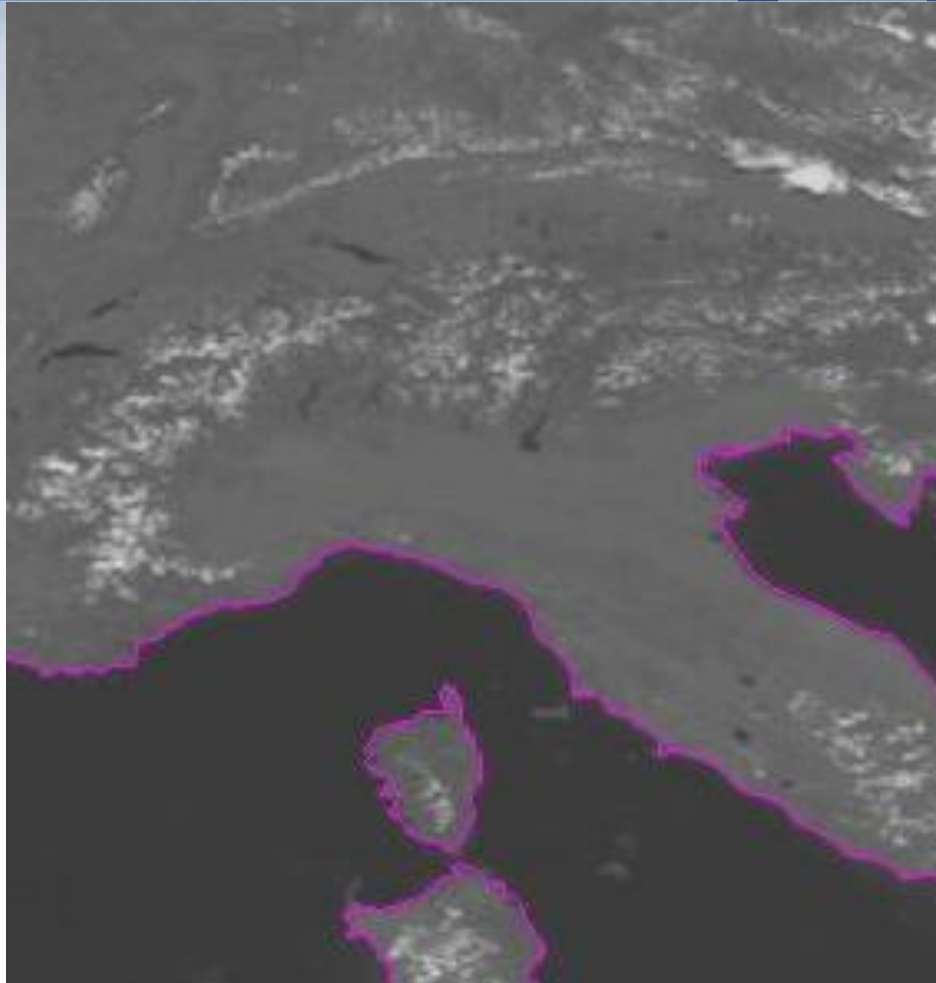
**MFG VIS Channel**



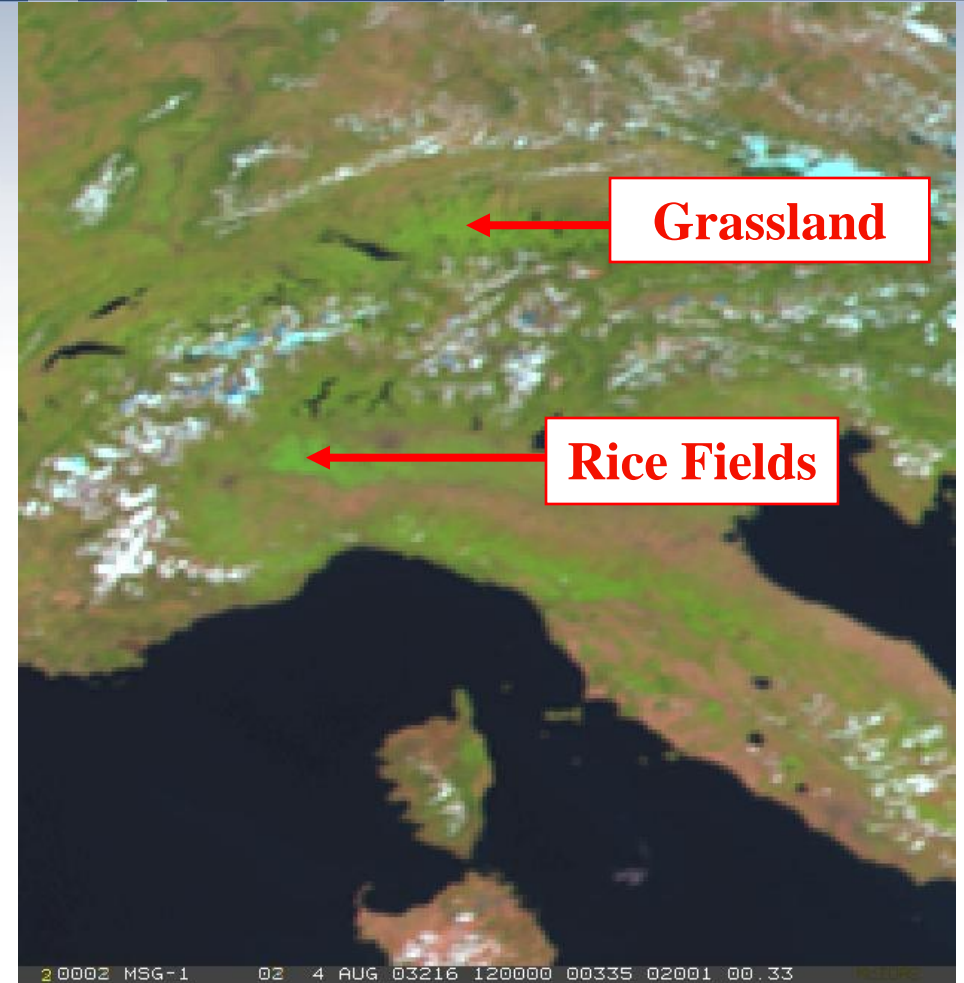
**MSG Channel 12 (HRV)**



# MSG Improvements: Vegetation

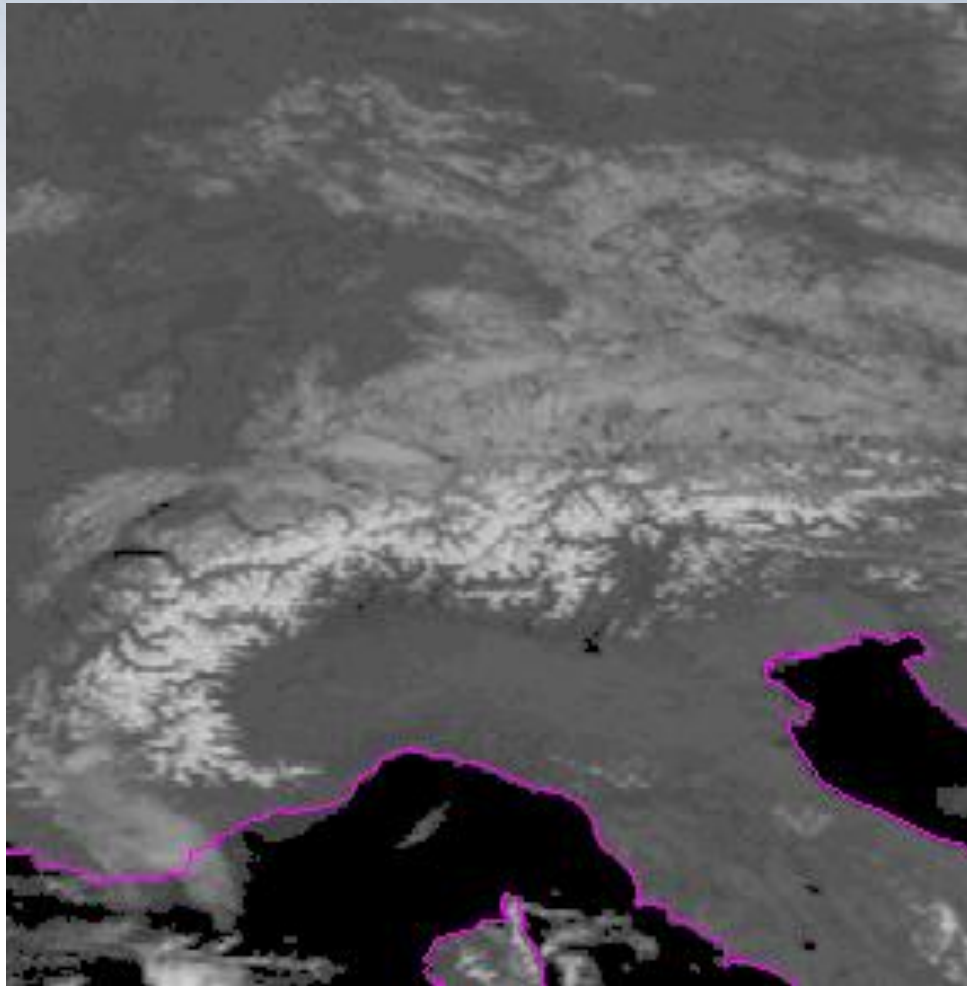


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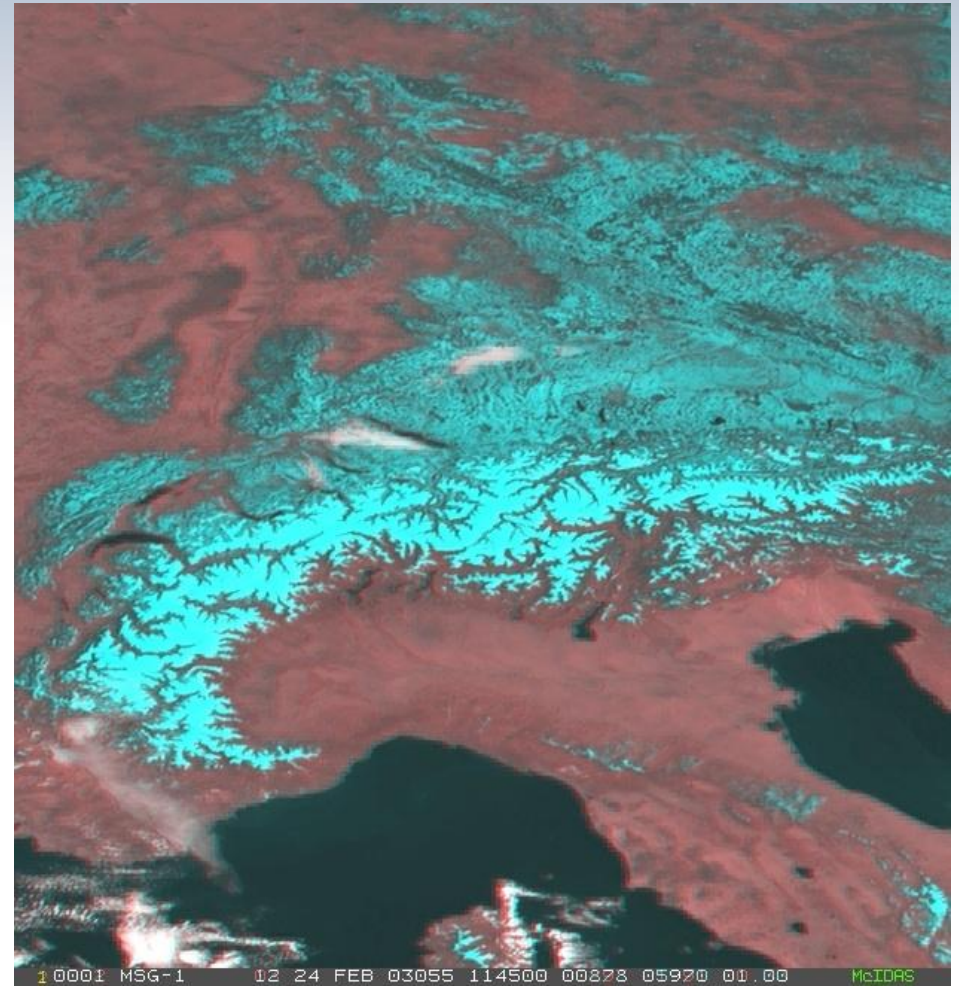


**MSG Natural Colours RGB**

# MSG Improvements: Snow



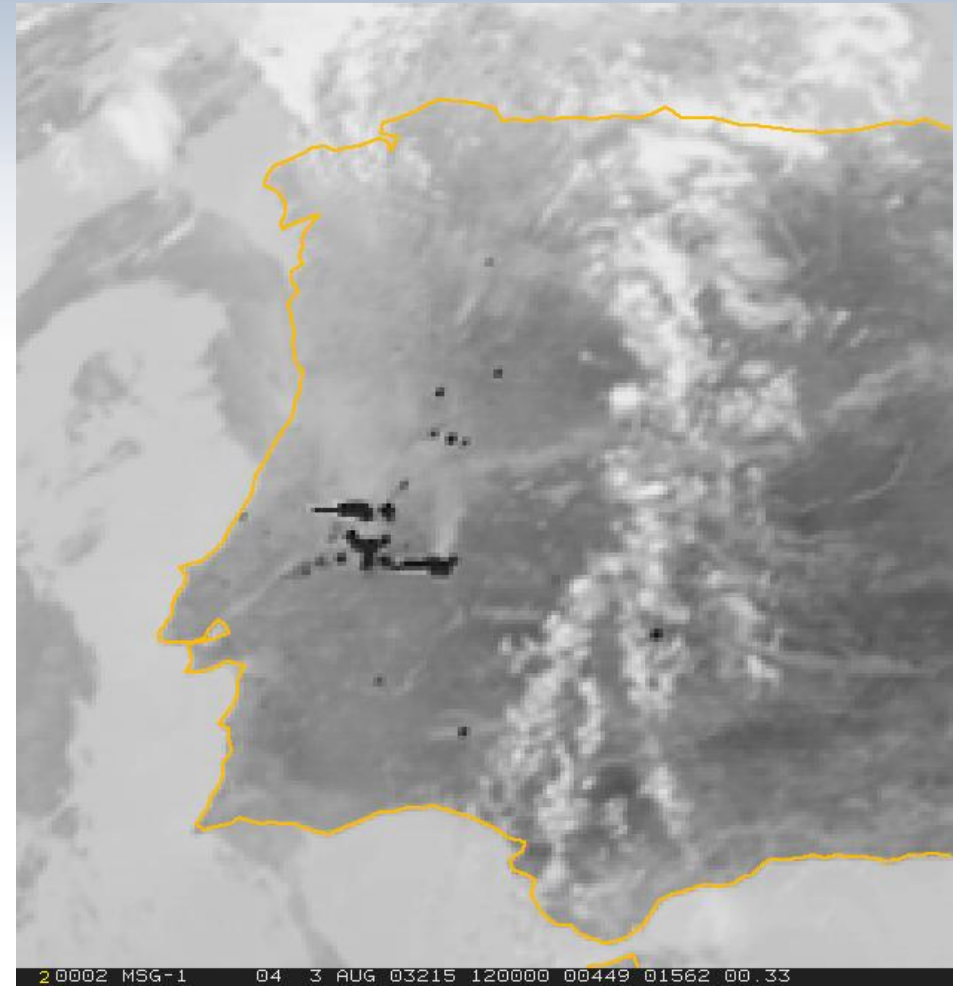
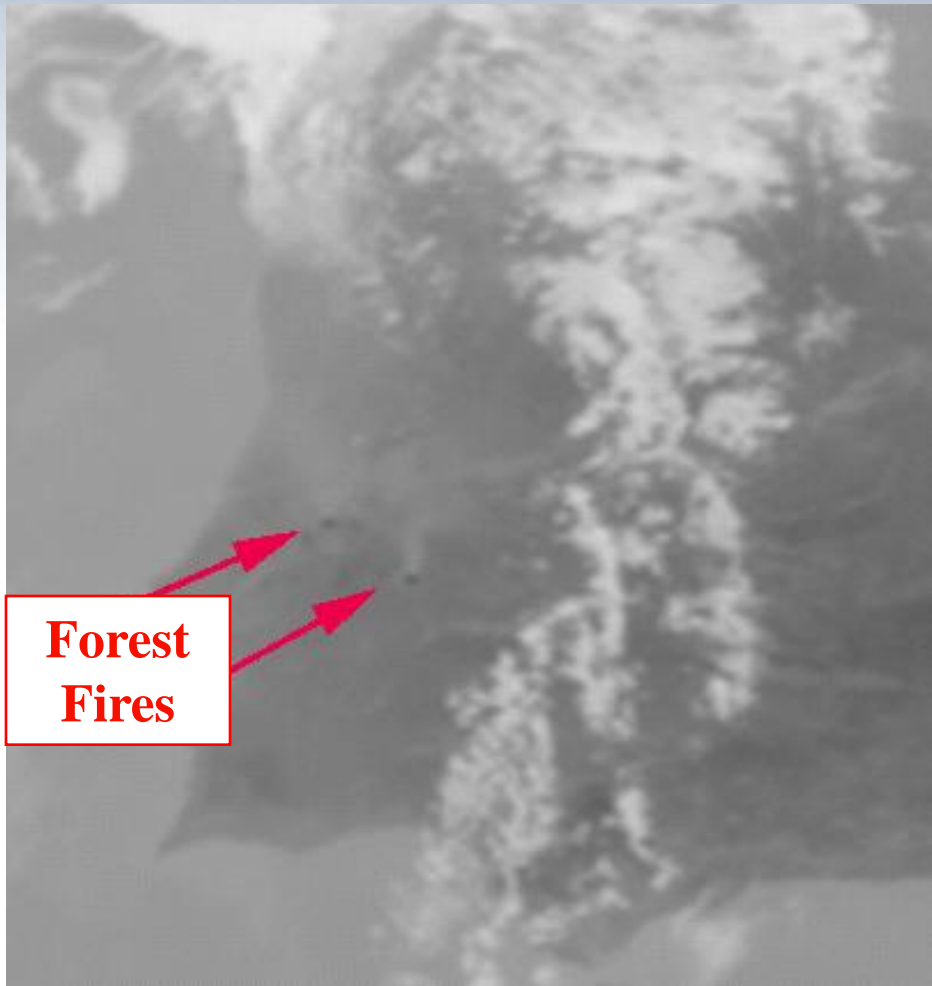
**MSG VIS Channel**



**MSG RGB NIR1.6, HRV, HRV**  
 **EUMETSAT**



# MSG Improvements: Fires

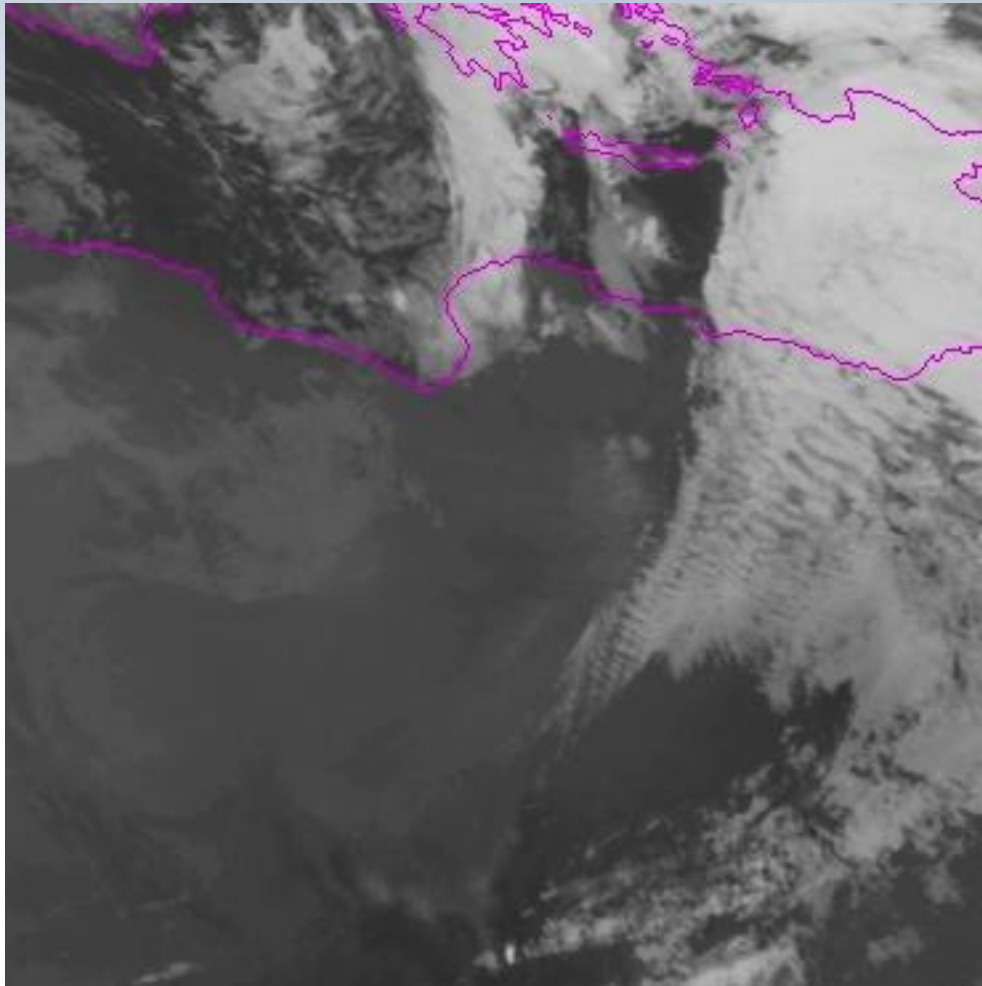


**MSG IR Channel**

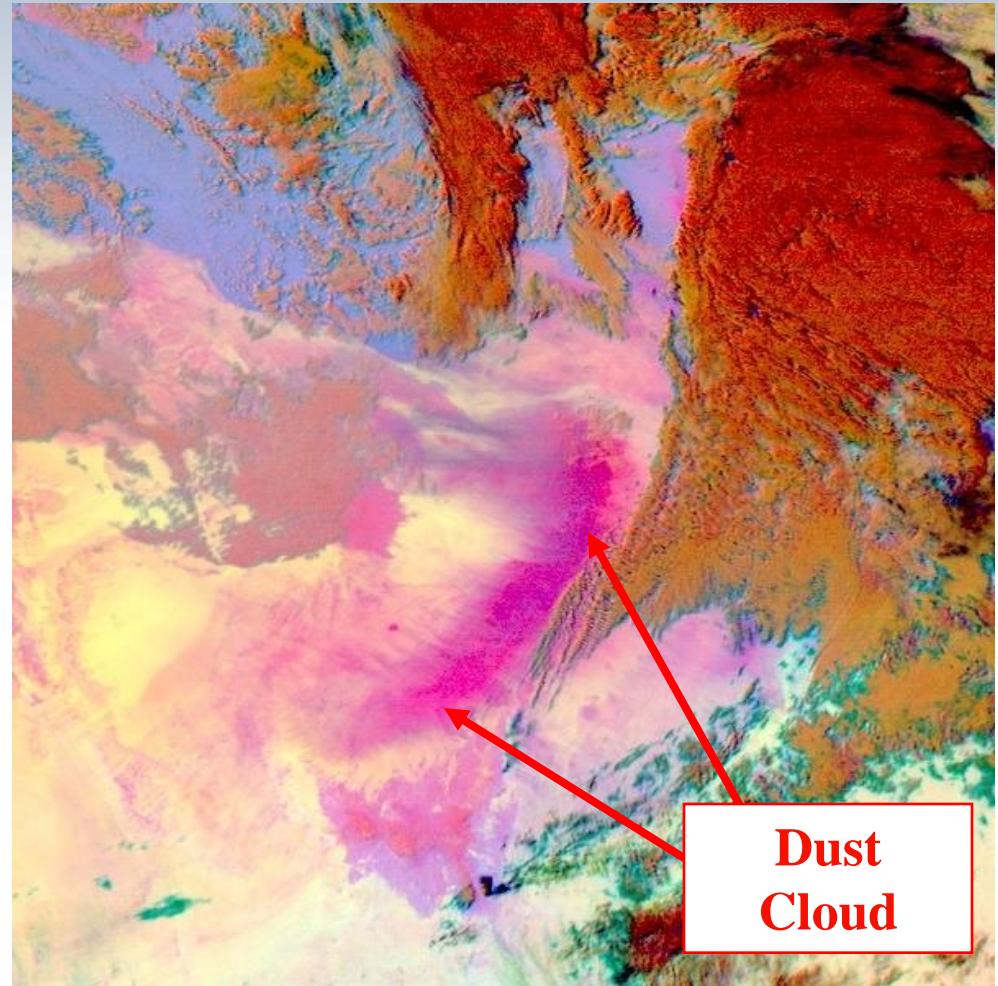
**MSG Channel IR3.9**  
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# MSG Improvements: Aerosols (Haze, Dust, Ash, Smoke)



**MFG IR Channel**

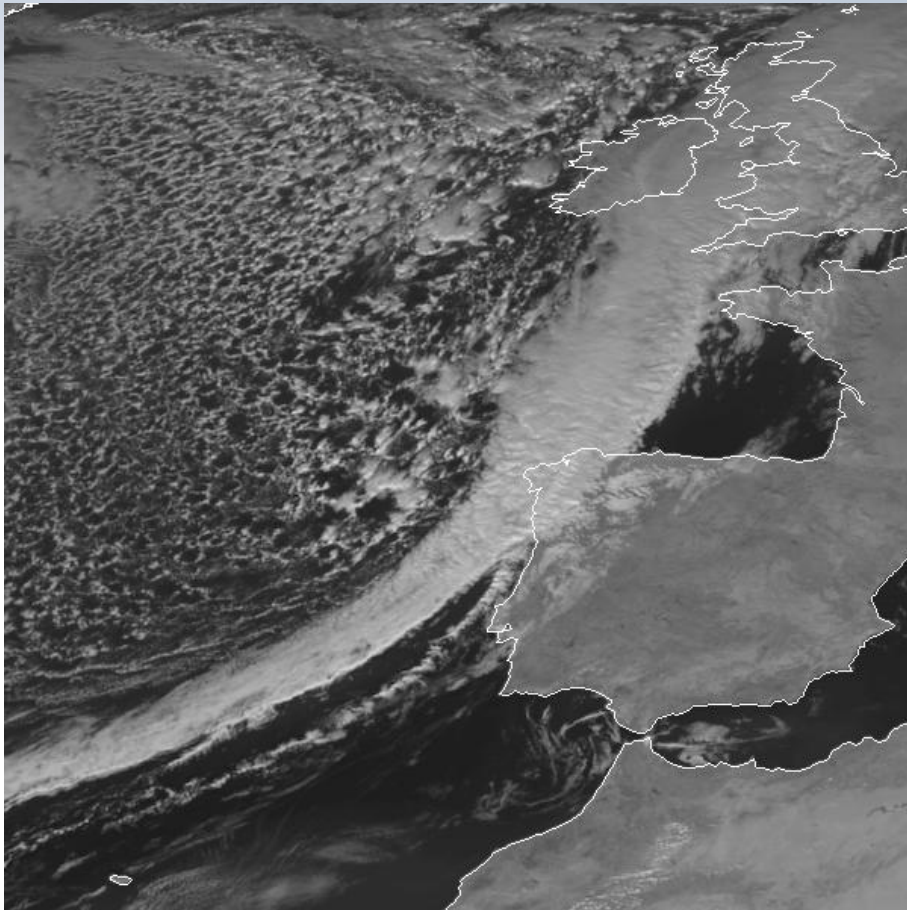


**MSG Dust RGB**

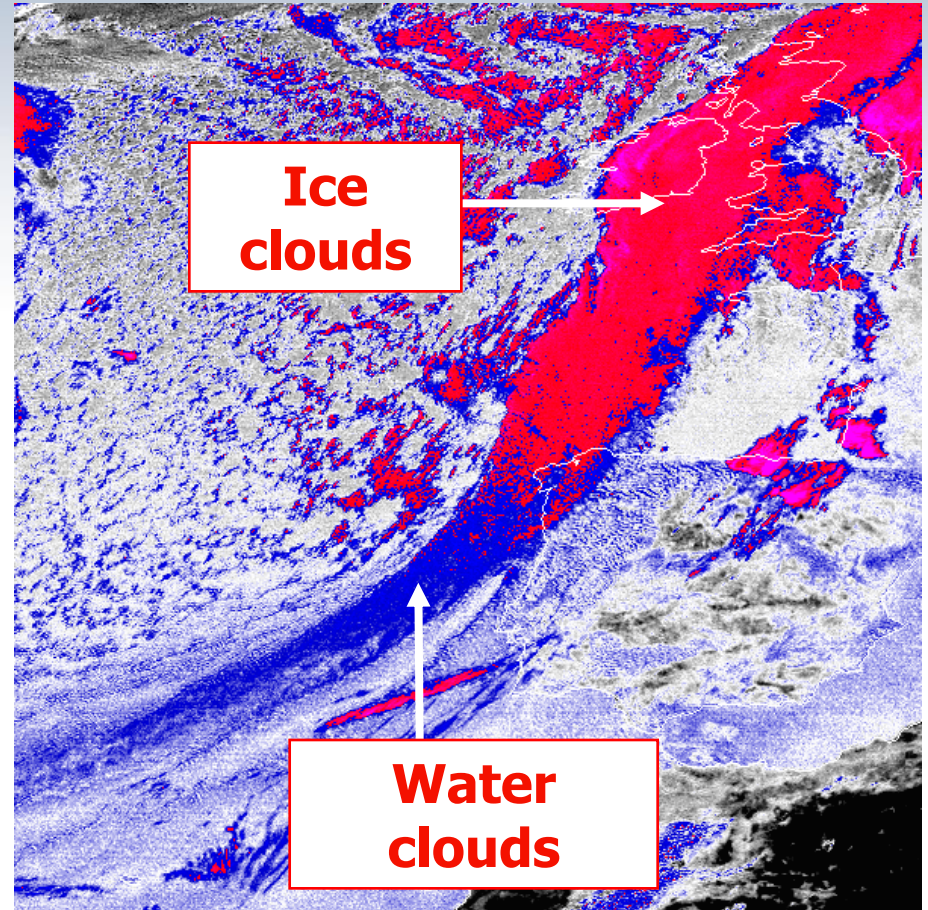
**Dust  
Cloud**



# MSG Improvements: Cloud Phase



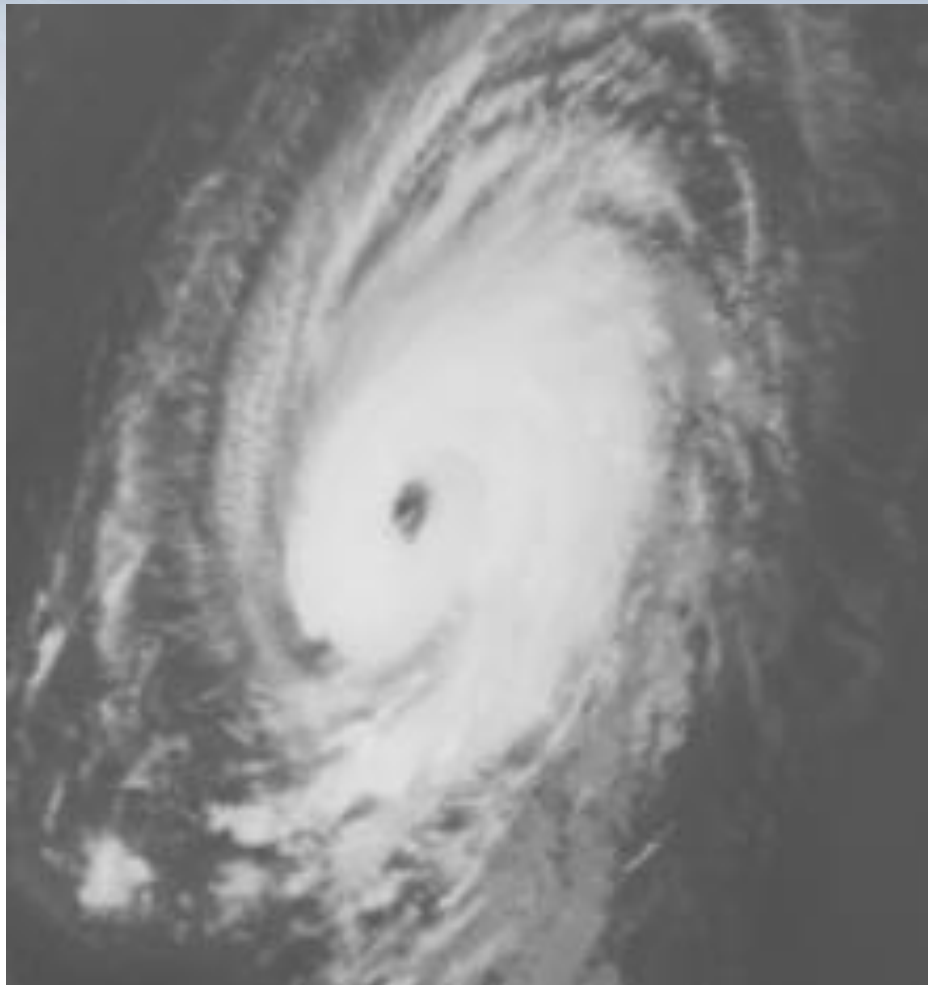
**MSG VIS0.8 Channel**



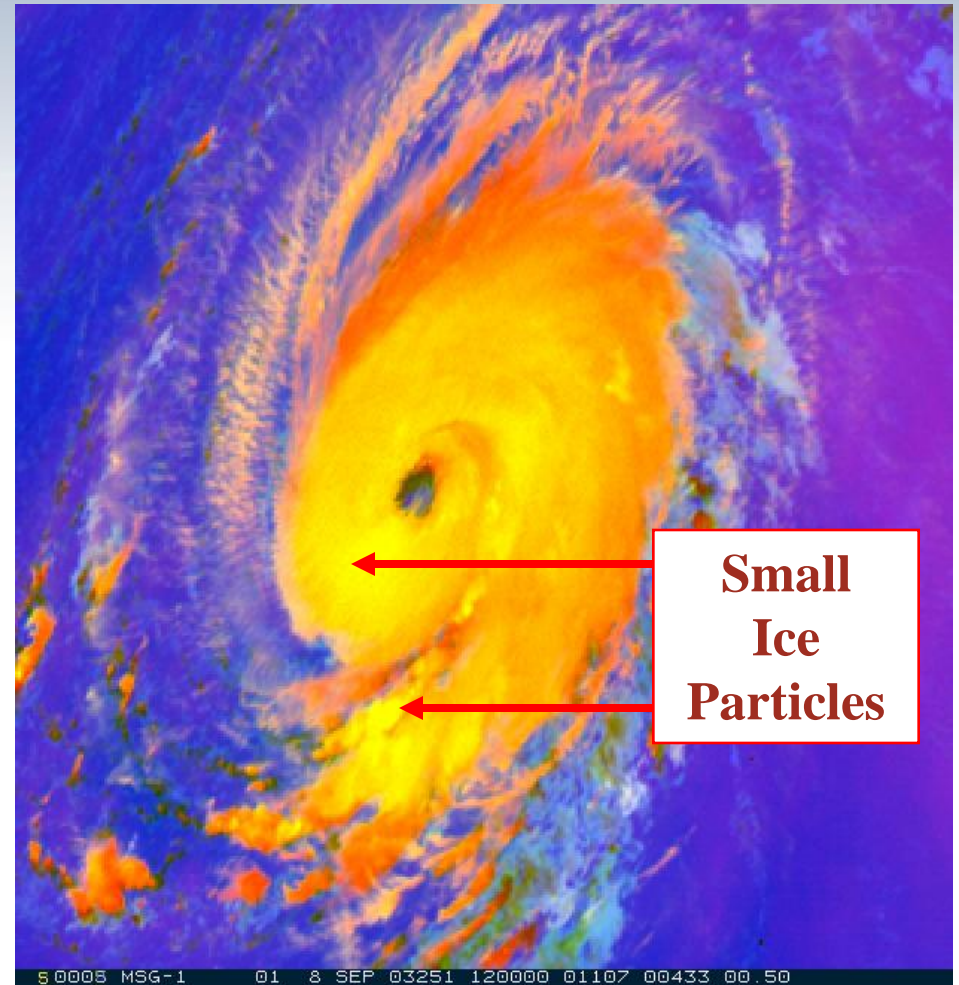
**MSG BTD IR8.7 - IR10.8**



# MSG Improvements: Cloud Particle Size



**MFG IR Channel**

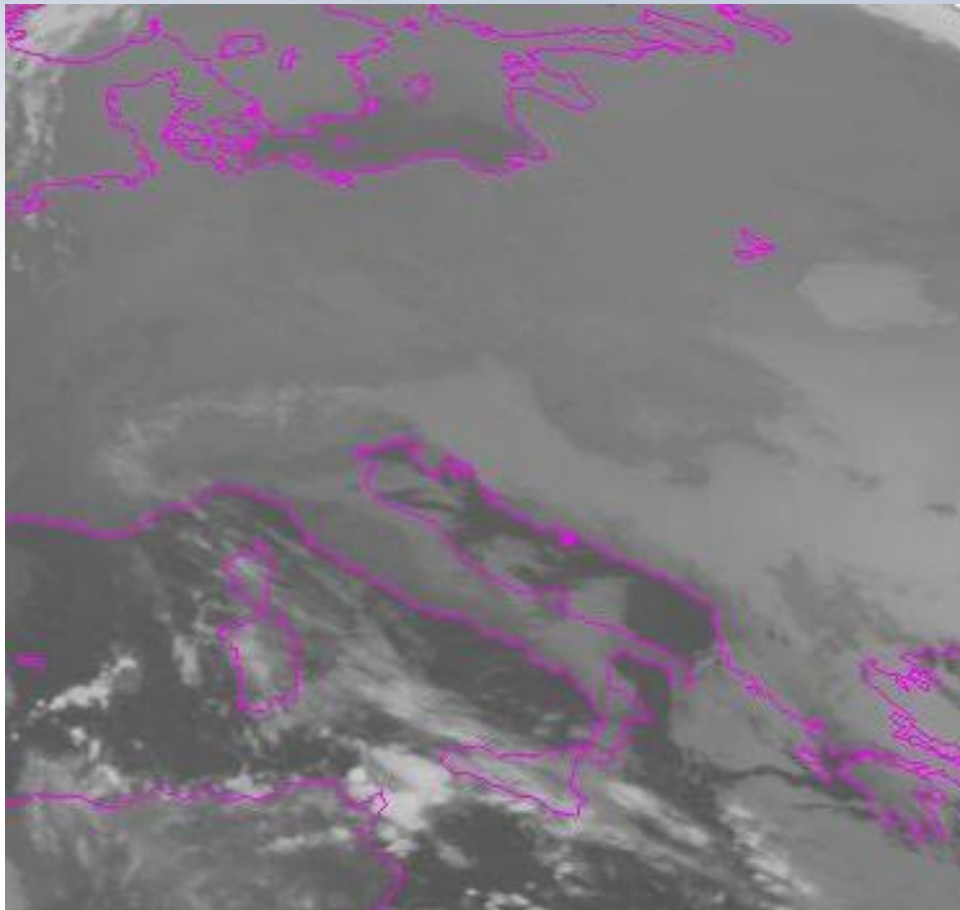


**MSG Convection RGB**

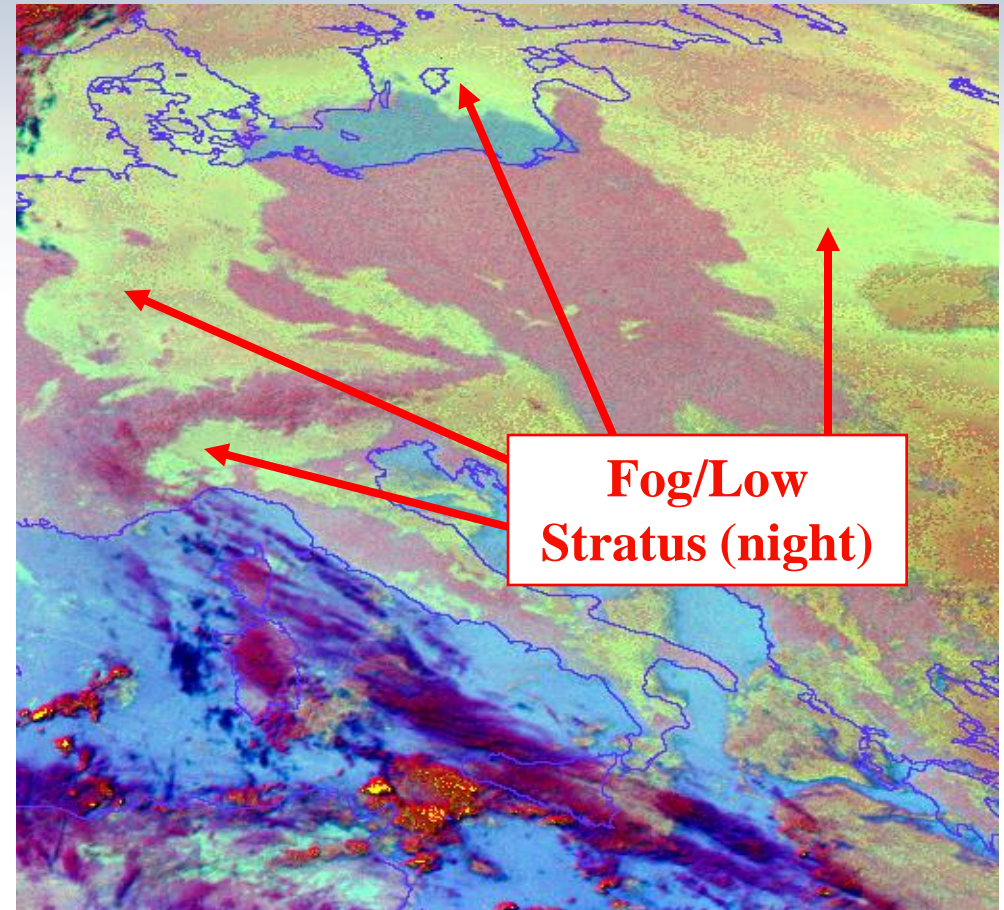




# MSG Improvements: Clouds at Night



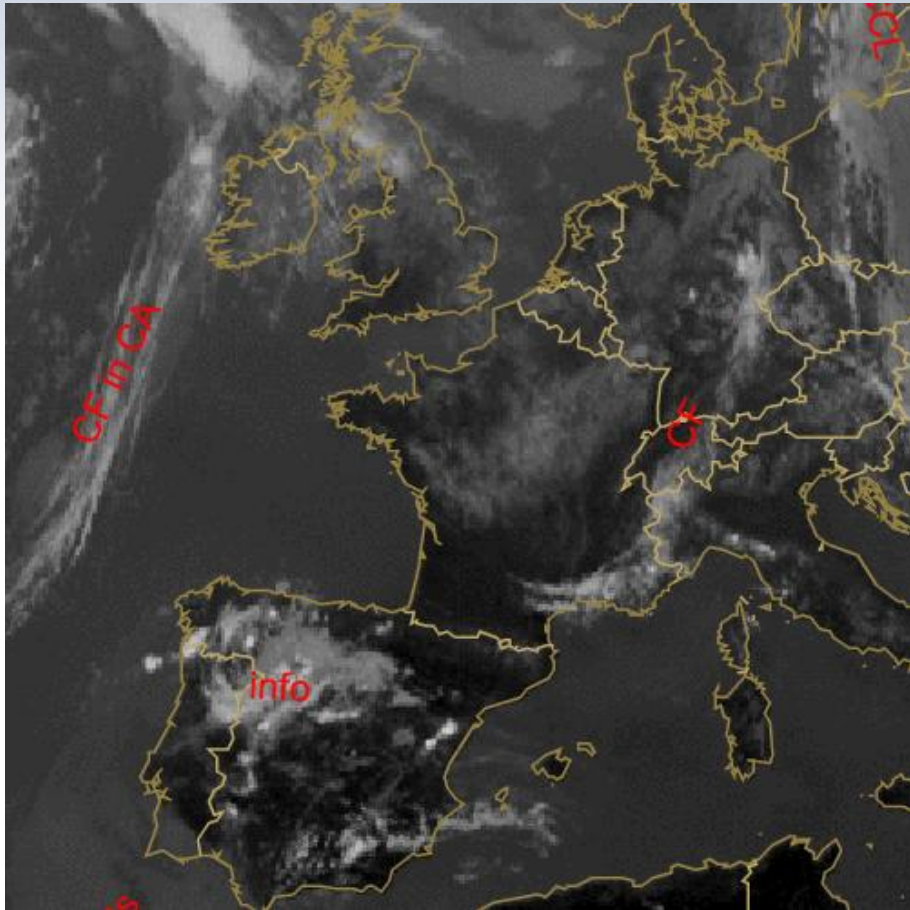
**MFG IR Channel**



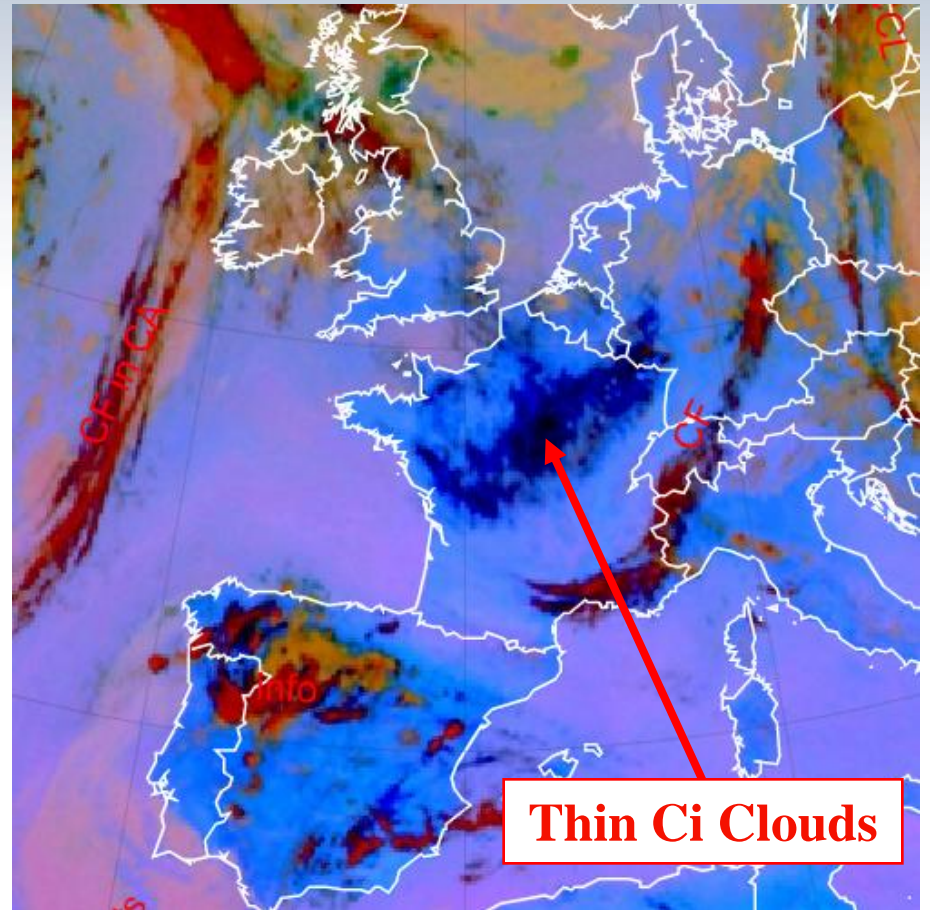
**MSG Night Micro RGB**



# MSG Improvements: Thin Clouds



**MSG IR10.8 Channel**

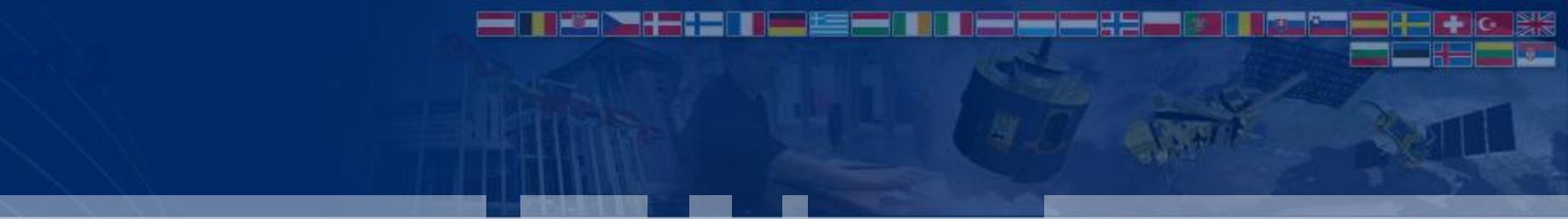


**MSG Dust RGB**



# RGB Products: Questions & Answers





**How easy are the RGB products to use?**

**How do you know how to interpret them?**

**Some study or experience is required to use RGB products correctly. Although some are “intuitive”, others are not and can easily be misinterpreted.**

**Thus, good training for a correct interpretation of RGB products is required !**

## EUMETCAL

**Eumetcal**  
The European Virtual Organisation for Meteorological Training

Eumetcal Radar course completed (22 February 2010)  
Eumetcal Radar Course final part, the classroom course, was held 14-18 February in Langen, Germany. Thanks for all the instructors and (...)

> [Call for Proposals: CALMet IX, 2011, Pretoria, South Africa](#)  
Since 1993, CALMet has been a forum to share experiences, expectations, and new ideas for applying emerging strategies for meteorology and hydrology education and training. The conference (...)

> [Eumetcal/EUMeTrain Basic Satellite Meteorology Course](#)  
The Basic Satellite Course will start with describing the various meteorological satellite systems operated by EUMETSAT and presently supplying data for operational use. The student will learn in (...)

> [Announcing the Eumetcal Flash/SCENARI workshop](#)  
The Eumetcal Flash/SCENARI workshop will take place 12-14 January 2011. The course will be run in the Deutschen Wetterdienstes (DWD) training facilities in Langen, Germany (20 km south of (...)

> [EUMeTrain on CALmet Online 24 November 2010 at 14 UTC](#)  
CALMet Online Session 4 - EUMeTrain on CALmet Online 24 November 2010 at 14 UTC Instructors: the EUMeTrain team Session Date: Online session 24 November 14 UTC Topic: EUMeTrain has gained (...)

> [Sixth Eumetcal Workshop 30 Nov - 2 Dec 2010 \(WMO, Geneva\)](#)  
The sixth international EUMETCAL Workshop will be held from 29 November - 2 December 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland, hosted by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). This Workshop is aimed at (...)

## EUMeTrain

Welcome to EUMeTrain

International training project sponsored by EUMETSAT with the objective to facilitate and increase the effective use of satellite data by offering training

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Author(s)	Kerkmann, Jochen; Wloera, Nuno	Description	PDF
Last Update	16 November 2010	Audio	No
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Difficulty	Intermediate	Category	Atmosphere
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		Sand and Dust Concentration Estimations with SEVIRI	Interpretation of Storm-Top Features as Observed by Satellites
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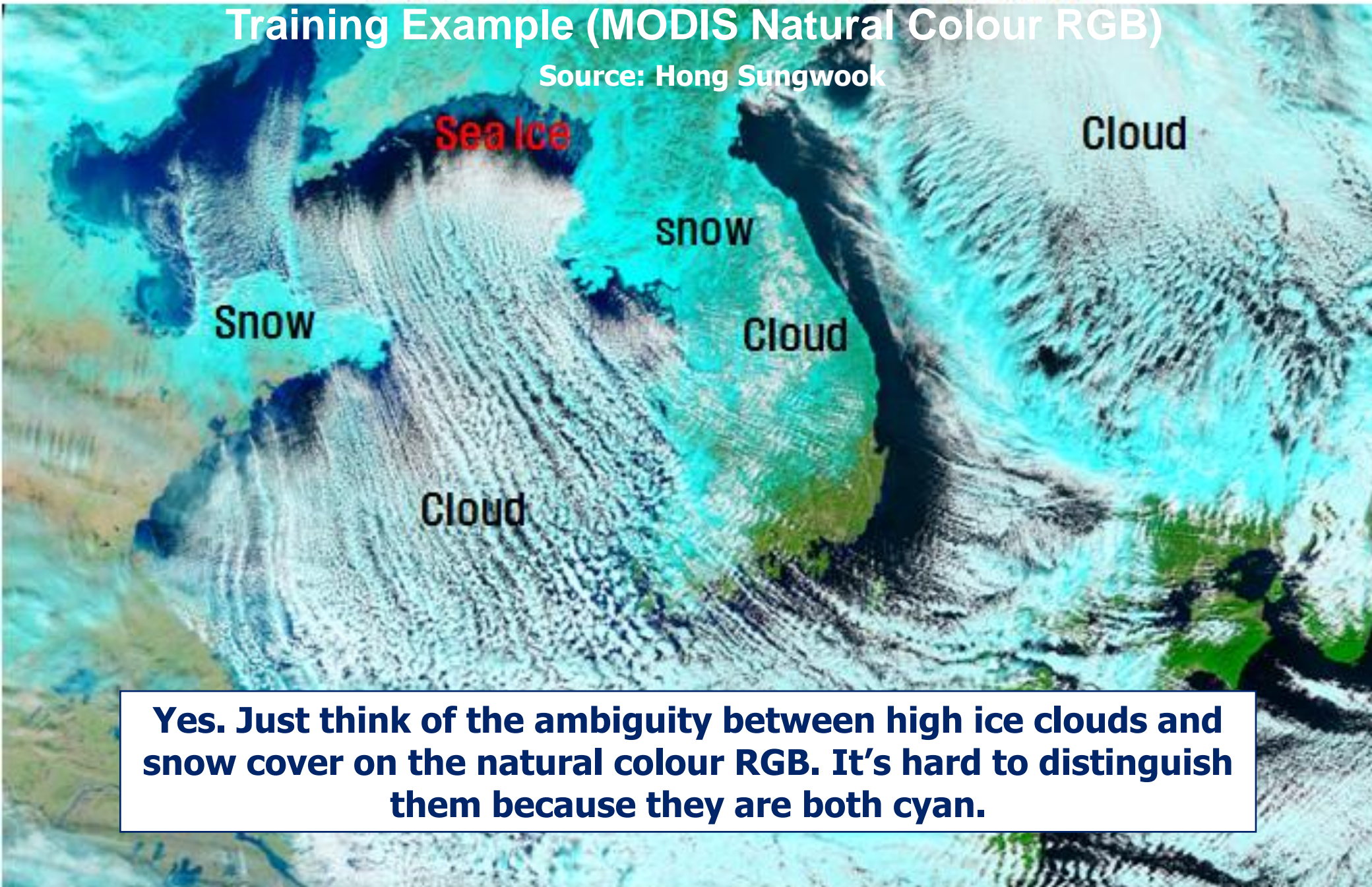


**Can different features have the same colour, making them hard to decipher ?**

- 한반도 폭설 사례 (2010.01.05 0215 UTC)

## Training Example (MODIS Natural Colour RGB)

Source: Hong Sungwook



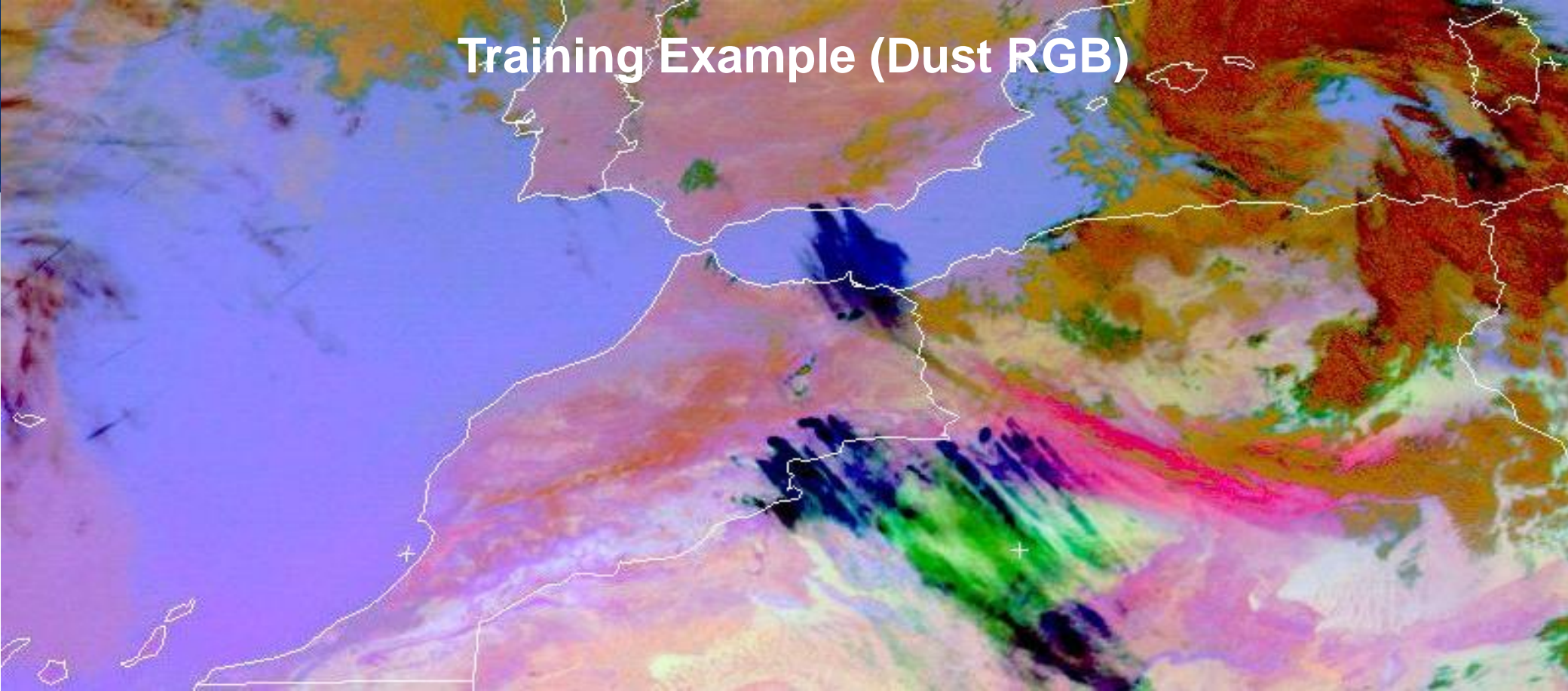
**Yes. Just think of the ambiguity between high ice clouds and snow cover on the natural colour RGB. It's hard to distinguish them because they are both cyan.**



**Can a single and distinct feature appear in different colours in the same RGB image, making RGB interpretation difficult ?**



## Training Example (Dust RGB)

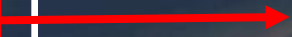


**Yes. A good example is the colour of thin cirrus clouds, which depends on the underlying surface, both in the dust RGB and in the natural colours RGB. To take the dust RGB, thin cirrus are usually dark blue to black except over sand desert surfaces where the colour tends to be green.**



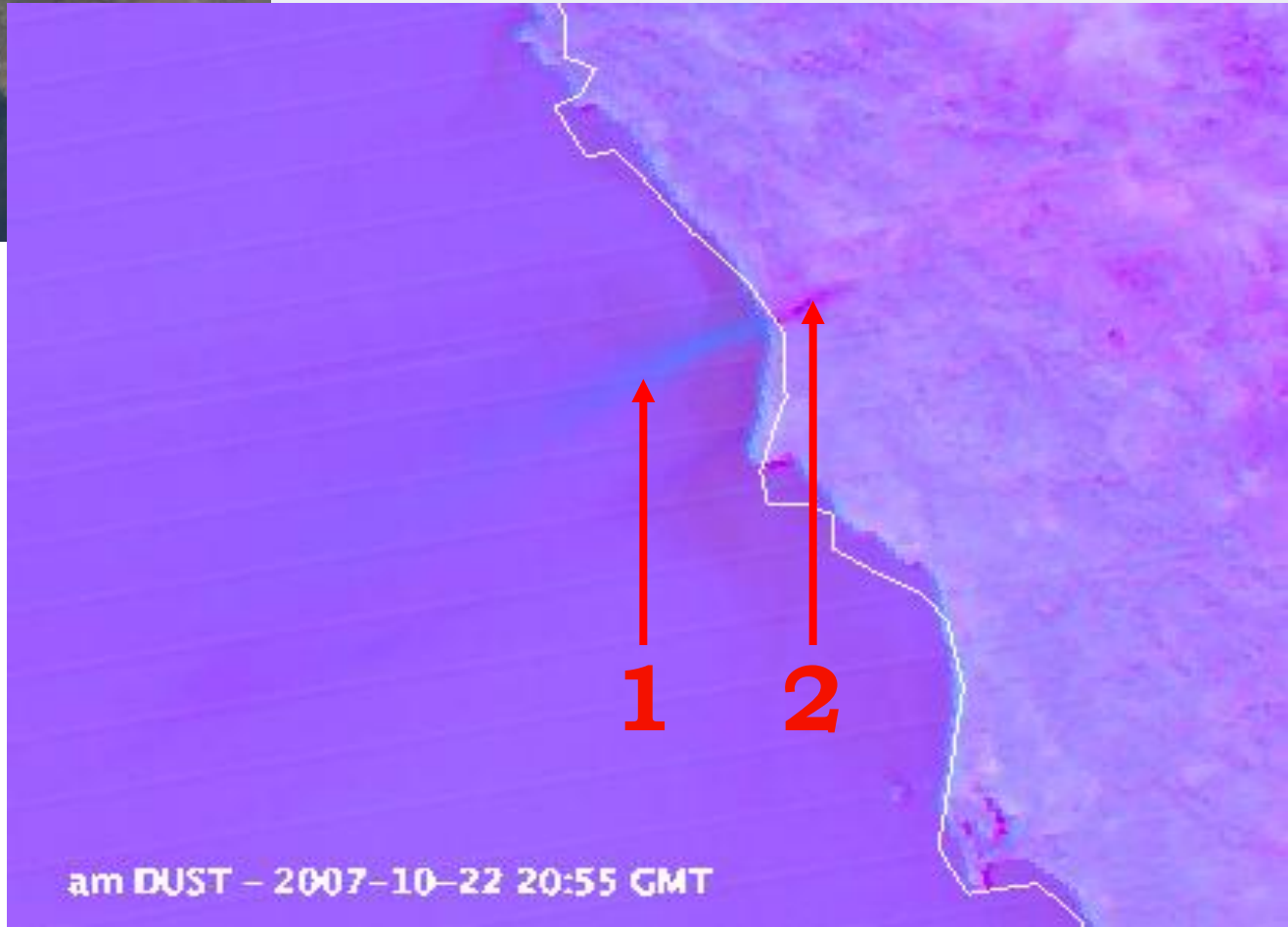
Another good example is the colour of low level dust clouds, which depends on the temperature of the underlying surface.

**Dust**



amTCOL - 2007-10-22 20:55UTC

Low level dust clouds are usually magenta (2) except over cold surfaces where the colour tends to be bluish (1).



**1**      **2**

am DUST - 2007-10-22 20:55 GMT



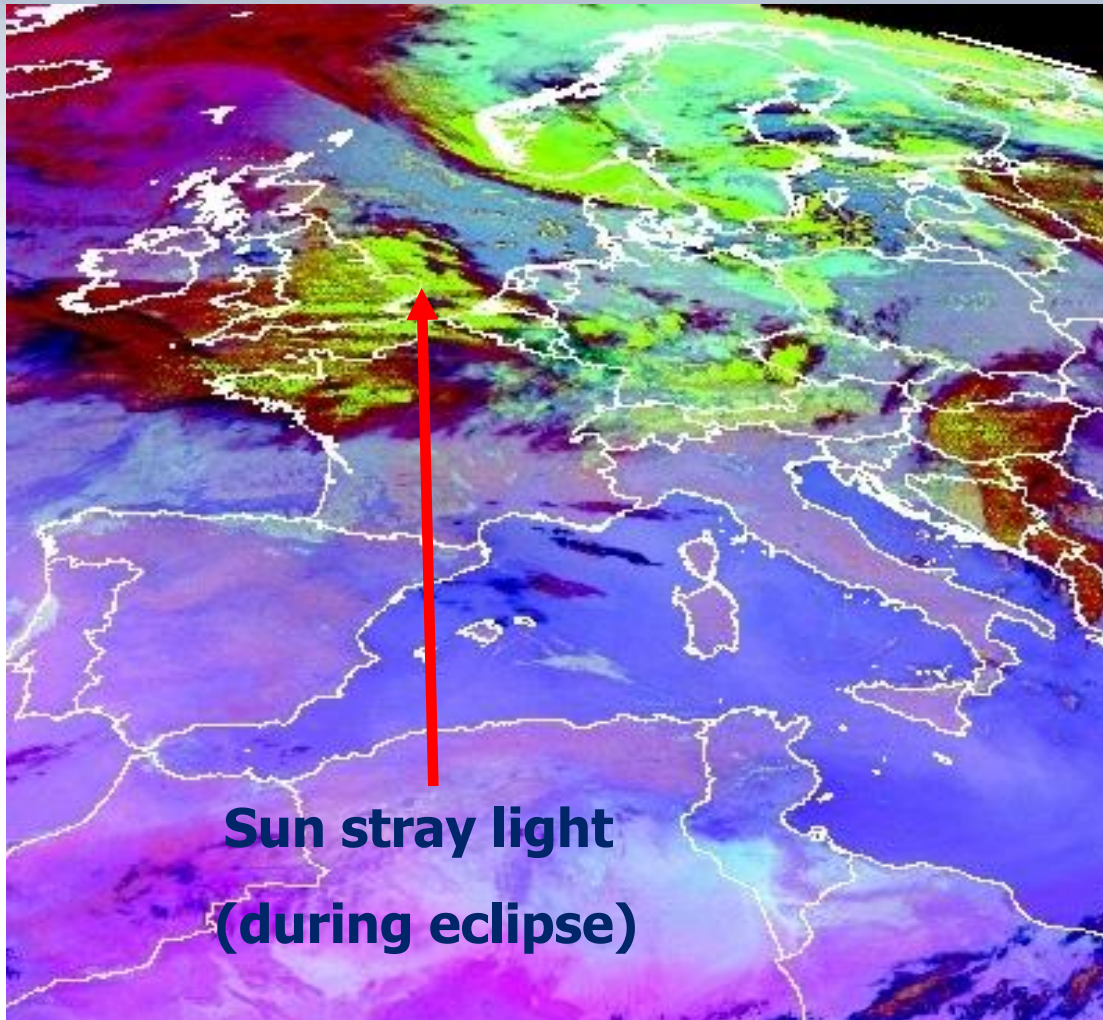
**What is the quality of RGB images?**



**The quality of RGB images is directly (one to one) linked to the quality of the level 1.5 input images. Users should therefore be aware of typical problems with single channel images:**

- Sun glint / Sun stray light
- Incorrect calibration
- Incorrect geolocation
- Sensor blinding
- Filter Artifacts
- ...

## Training Example (Night Microphysics RGB)



One example is the problem with IR3.9 and WV6.2 images during eclipse season, which affects the images around midnight.

The straylight problem of these channels is directly reflected in the RGB images that make use of these channels, namely the Night Microphysics RGB (also called Fog RGB) and the Airmass RGB.



**How do RGB products differ from  
quantitative products?**



# Best Practice: combined use of imagery (single channel or RGBs) and derived products



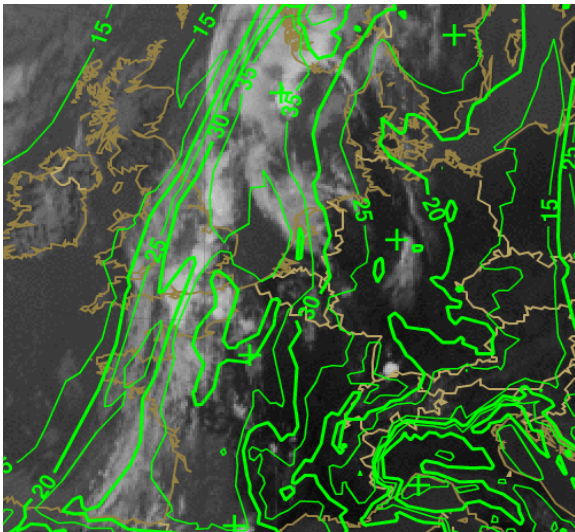
# Phil Chadwick (Canada):

## CSI = Creative Satellite Interpretation

- **All NWP is *wrong* but some NWP is *useful*...**
- **It may look great but it's not real... don't be seduced!**

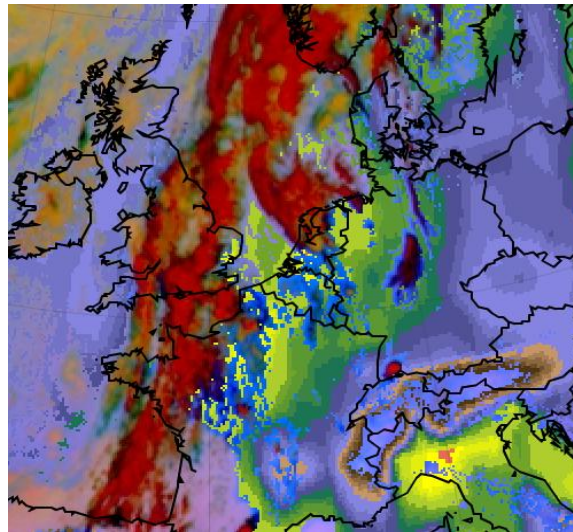
### NWP (TPW)

Not Real



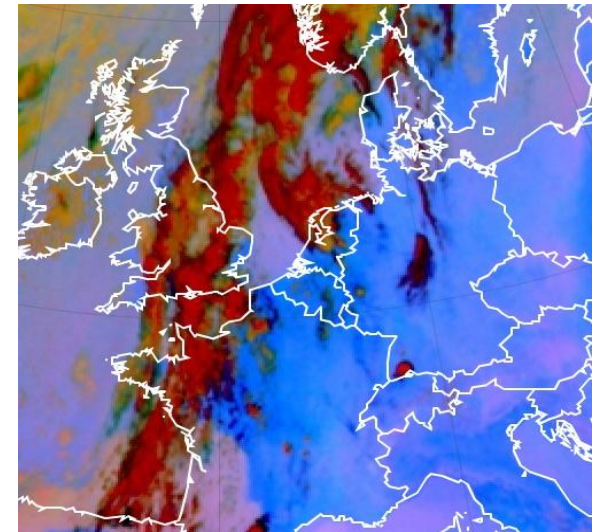
### Derived Product (TPW)

"Semi" Real



### RGB Image

Real







# How do RGB products differ from quantitative products?

## RGB Products

Qualitative info  
For visible inspection  
Only satellite data  
One timeslot  
3 to 6 channels  
Training needed (interpretation)  
Viewing effects (e.g. limb cooling)

## Quantitative (derived) Products

Quantitative info (if available)  
Also for automatic processing  
Also NWP and ancillary data  
Can use multiple timeslots  
Uses all suitable channels  
Less training needed  
No viewing effect



# How do RGB products differ from quantitative products?

## RGB Products

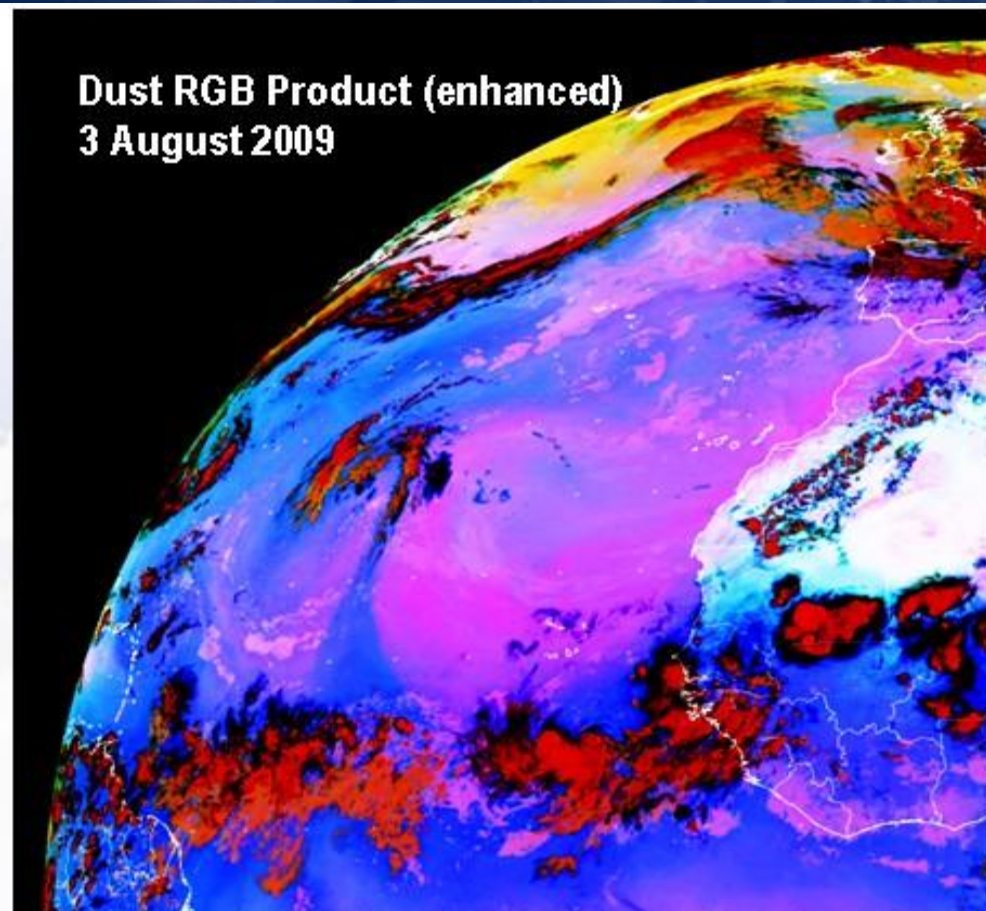
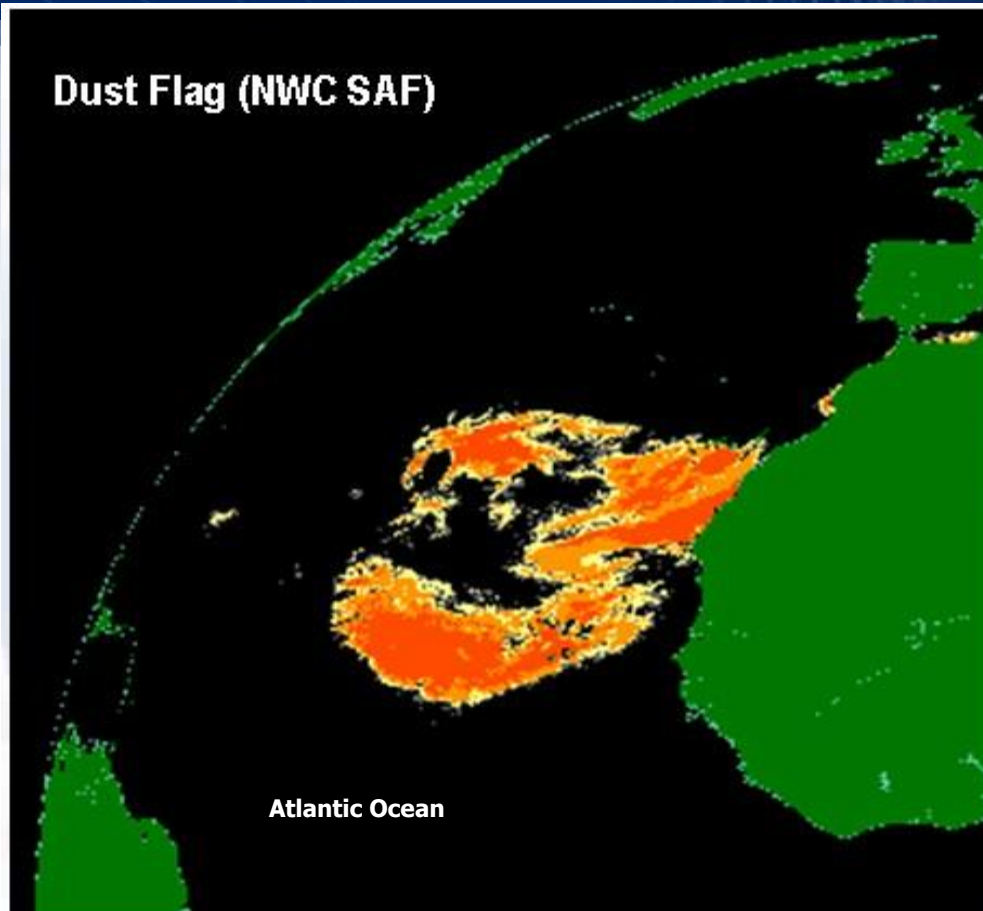
- View entire FOV
- Easy to implement
- “Natural look” of images
- Sees the textures of clouds
- Original image quality
- Smooth animation
- Full resolution
- Sees everything (many features)
- Latency: minimal

## Quantitative (derived) Products

- Limited to 65 or 70° viewing angle
- Difficult to implement
- Artifacts, jumps and boundaries
- Textures often get lost
- Depends on quality of algorithm
- Difficult to animate (getting better)
- Often reduced horiz./temporal res.
- Focus on one feature
- Latency: longer delay



# Dust Clouds



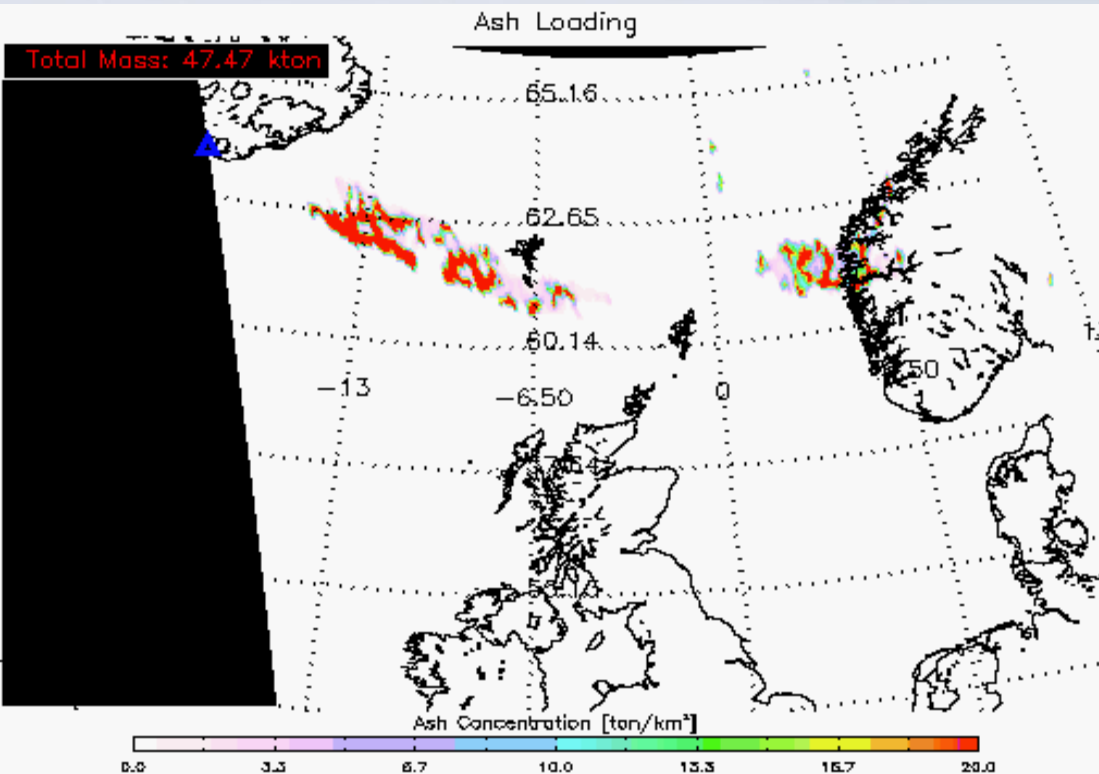
**Source: Nowcasting SAF**



## Ash Clouds

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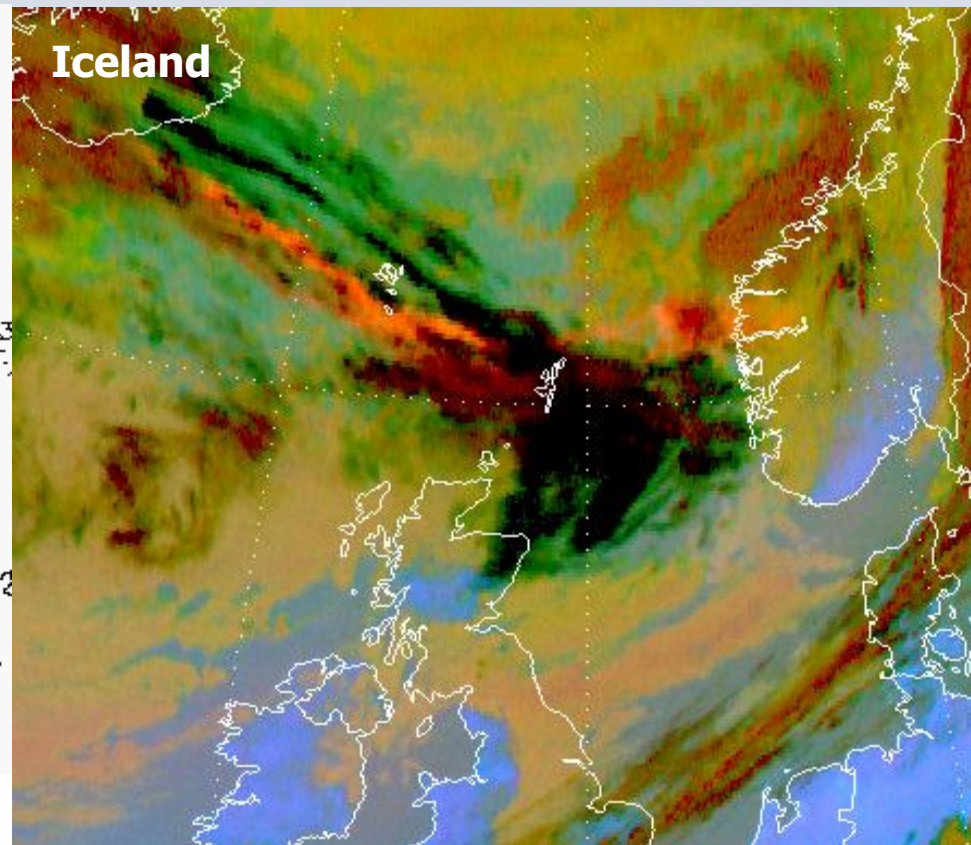
### SEVIRI Ash Load



Source: M. Pavlonis

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### Dust RGB

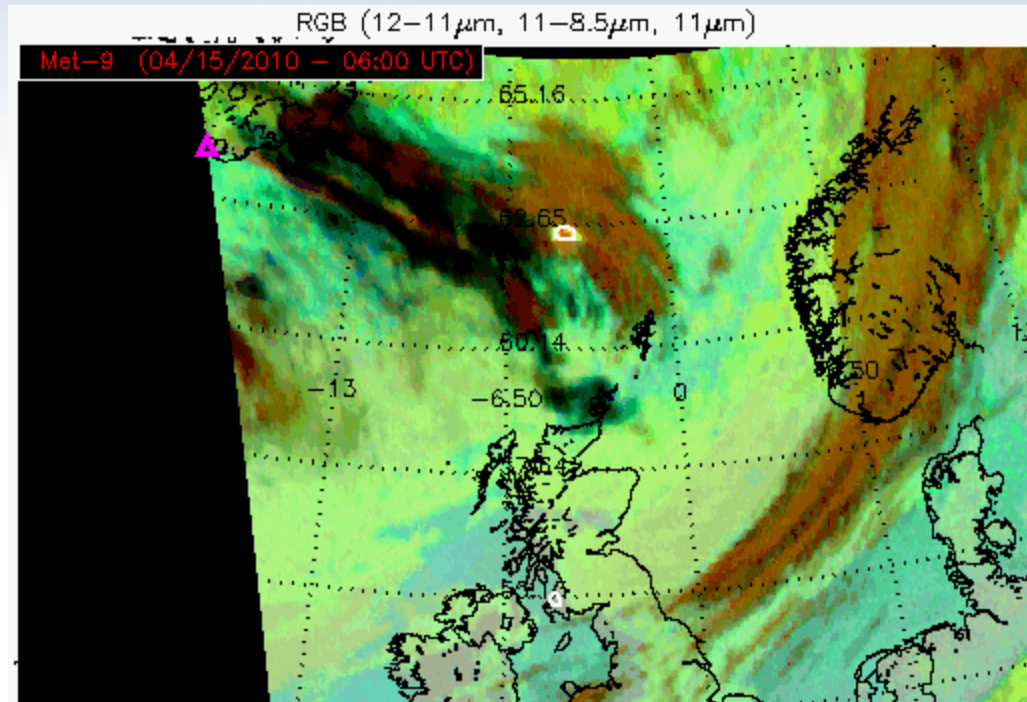


15 April 2010, 09:00 UTC



# Ash Clouds

## SEVIRI Ash Load on Dust RGB background image



15 April 2010, 09:00-15:00 UTC

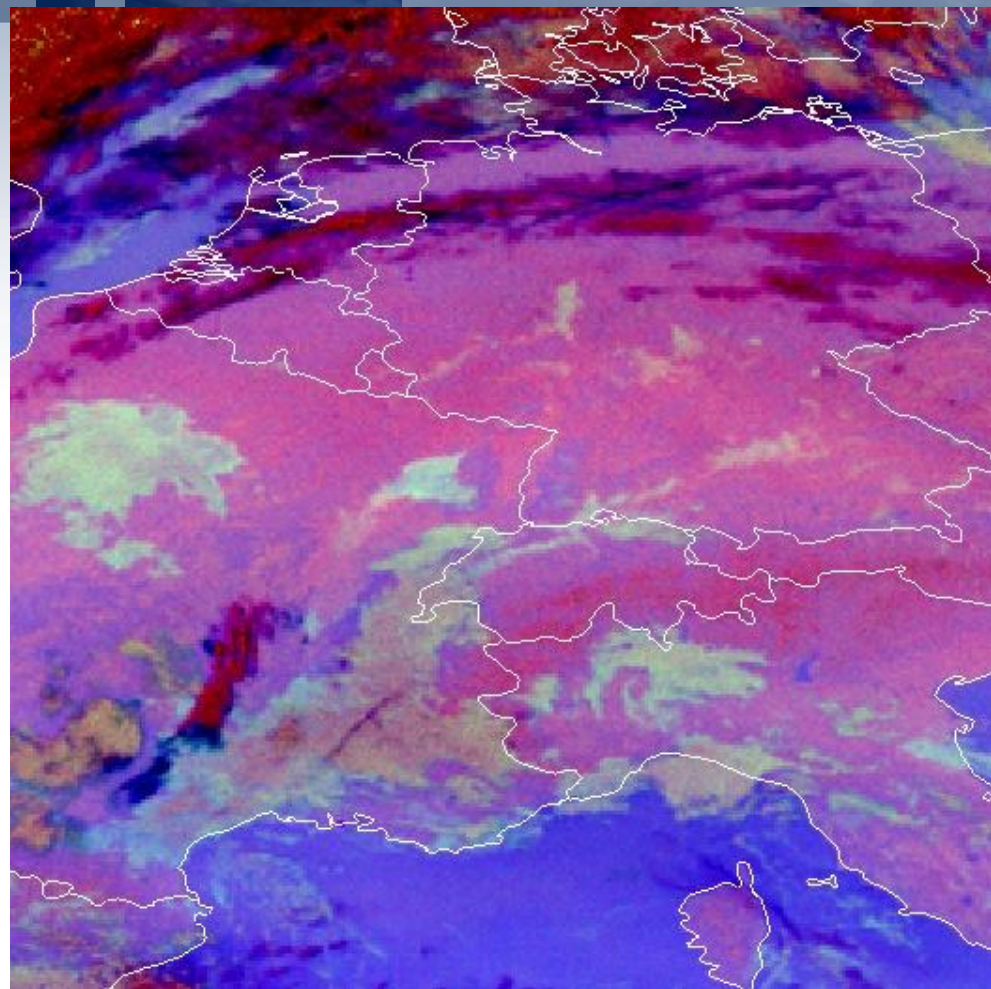
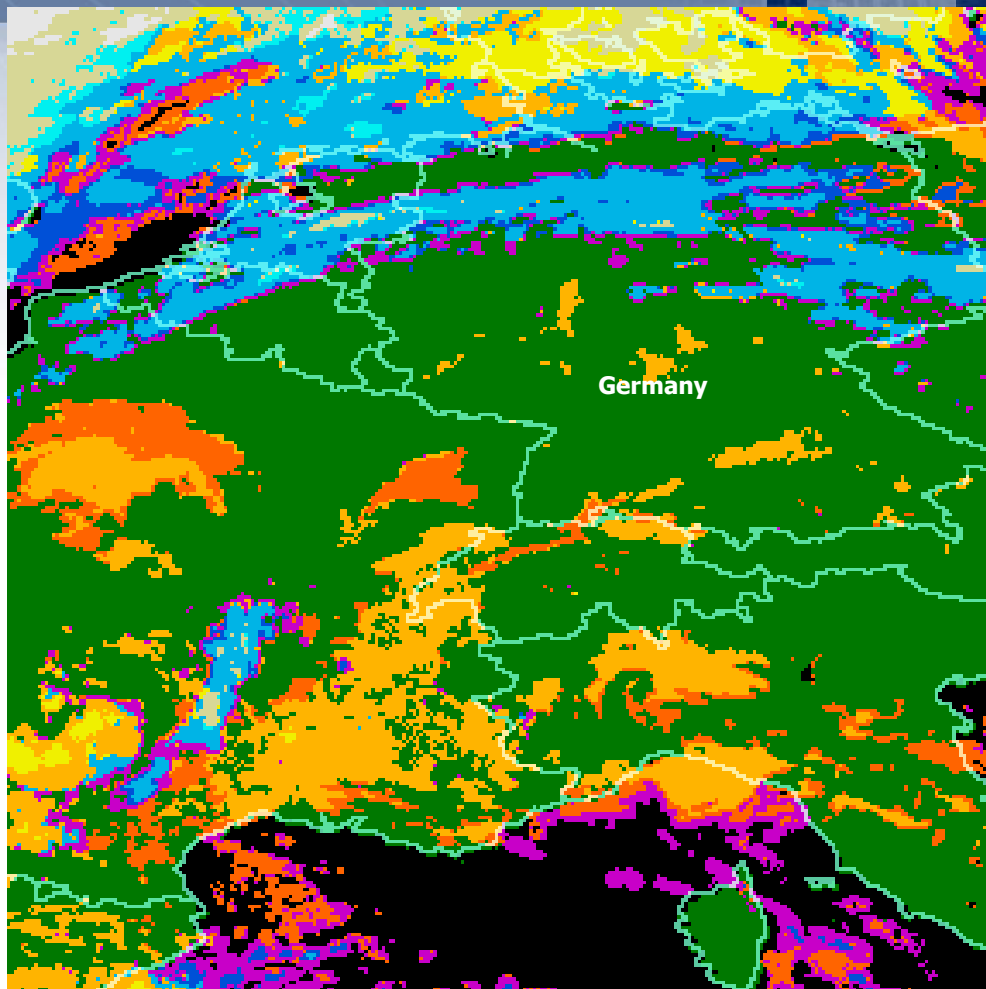
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# Low Clouds / Fog (Night)

Cloud Type Product

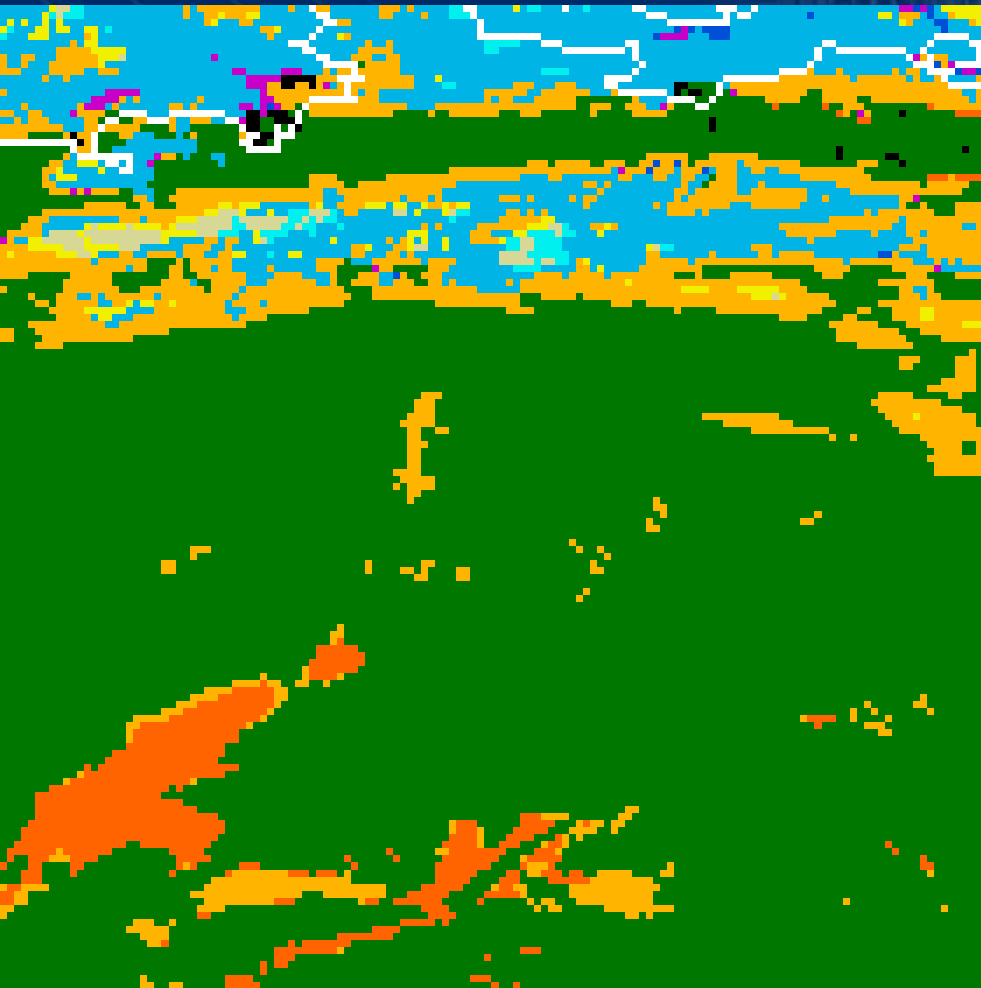
Night Micro RGB



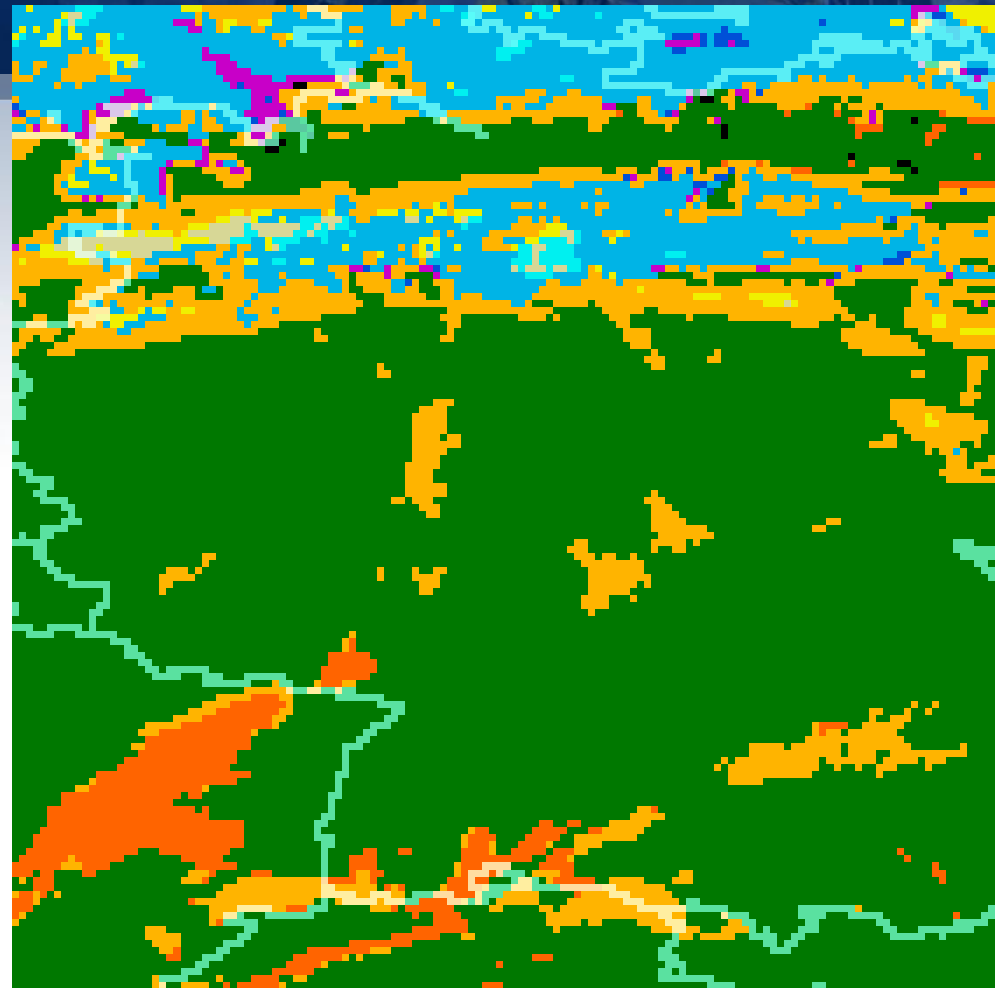
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# Low Clouds / Fog (Night)



**Cloud Type (INM)**



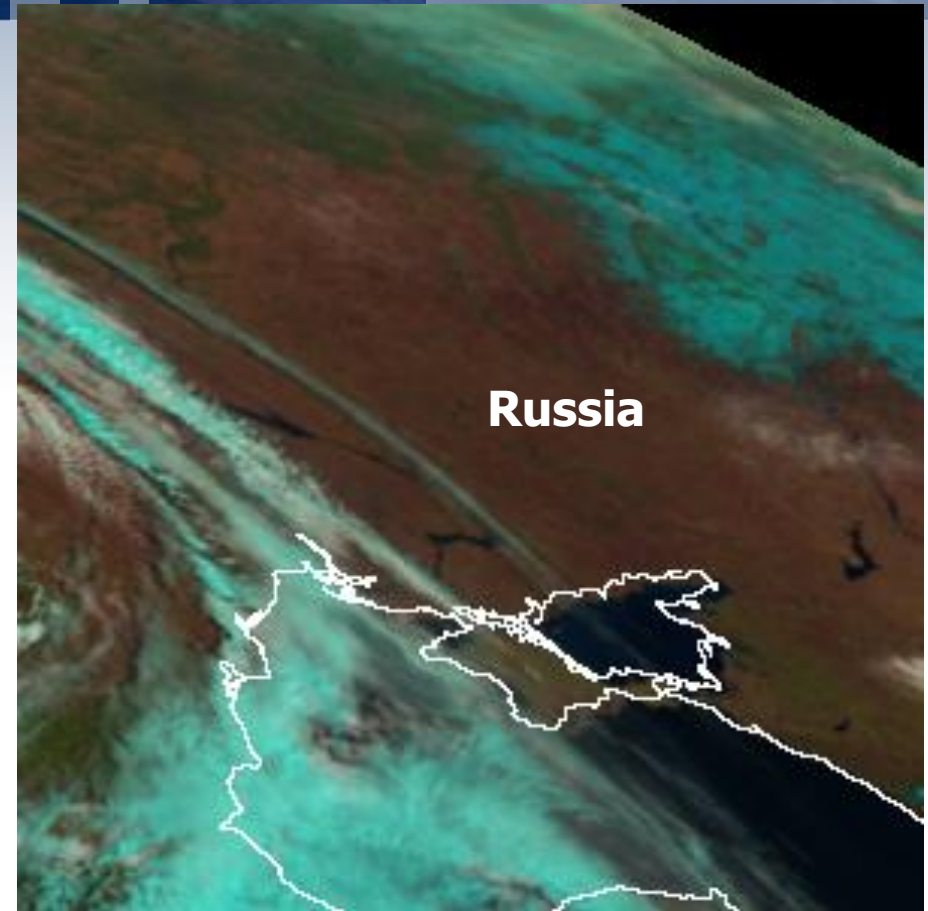
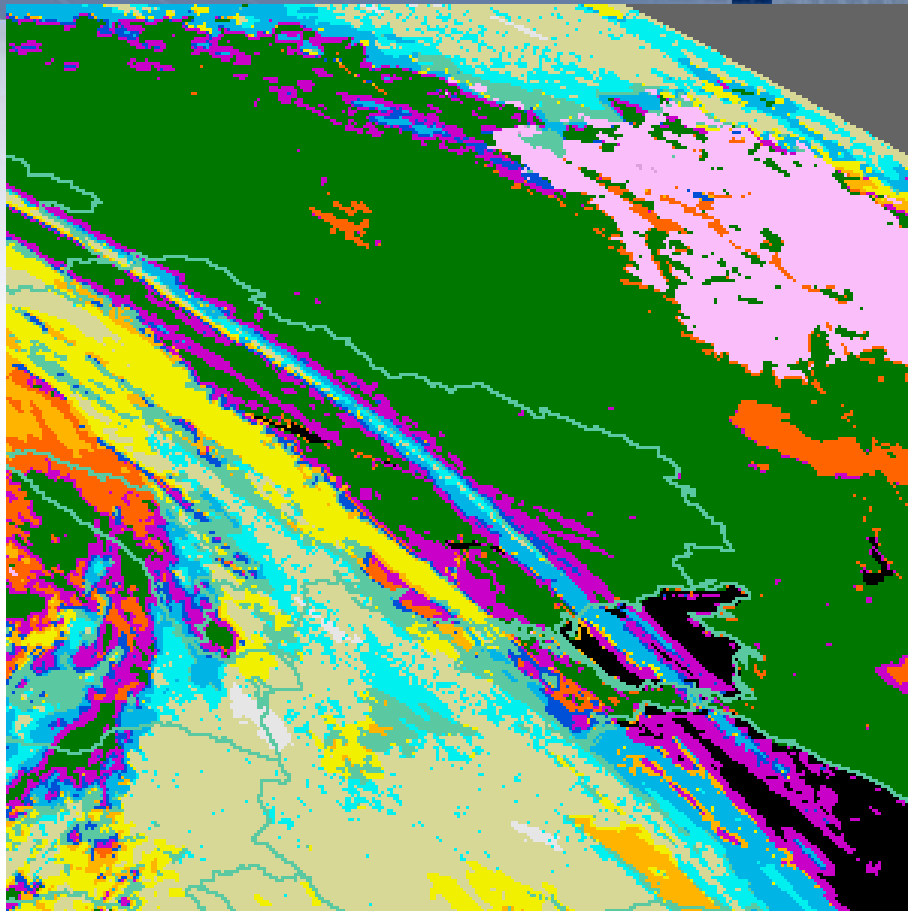
**Cloud Type (MF)**

**20 October 2008, 06:00 UTC**

# Low Clouds / Fog (Day)

Cloud Type Product

Natural Colour RGB

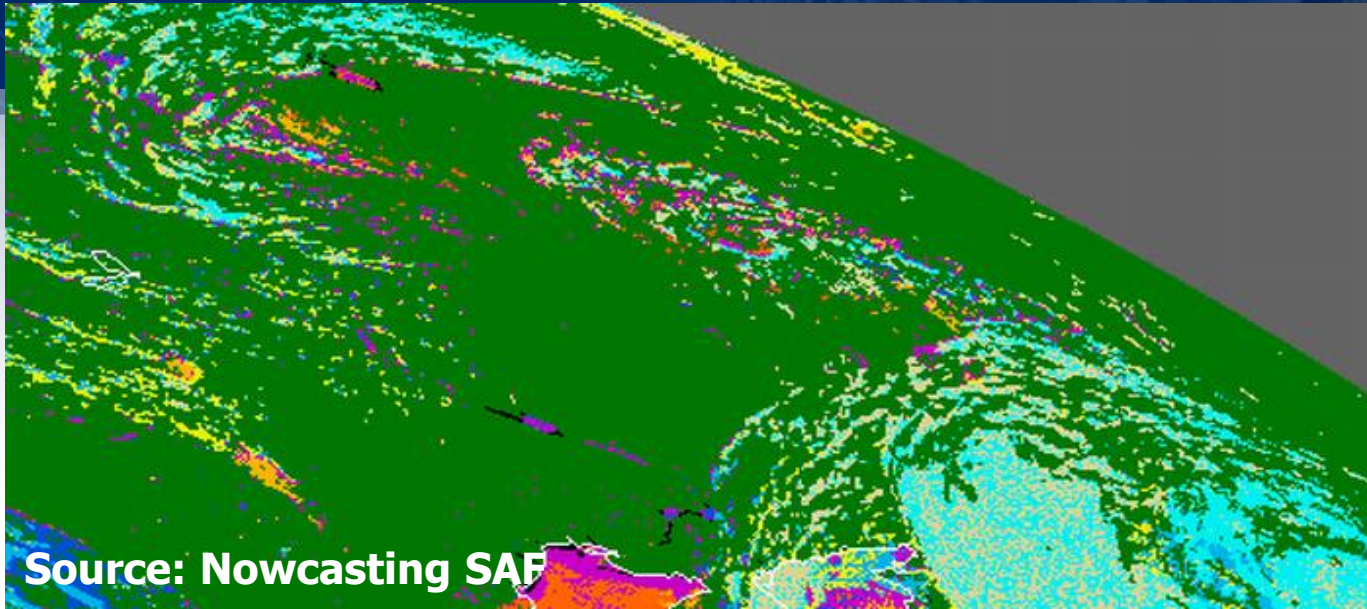


**Met-8, 22 March 2007, 09:00 UTC**



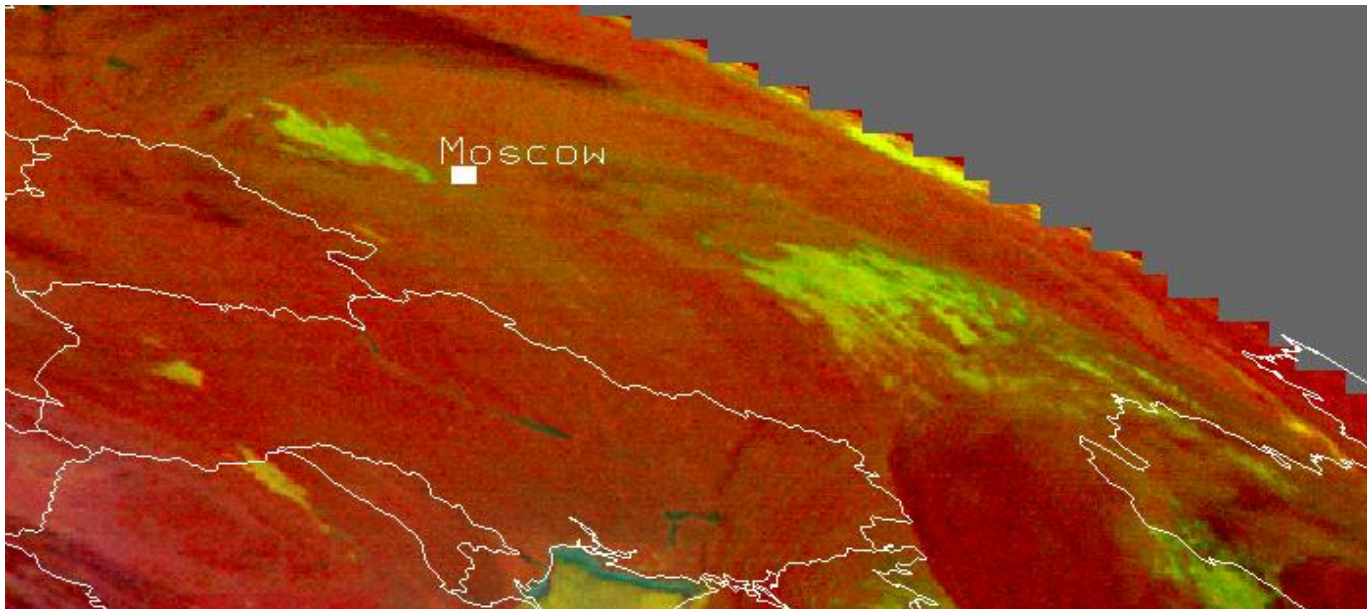


# Low Clouds / Fog (Night)



Source: Nowcasting SAF

**Cloud Type Product**

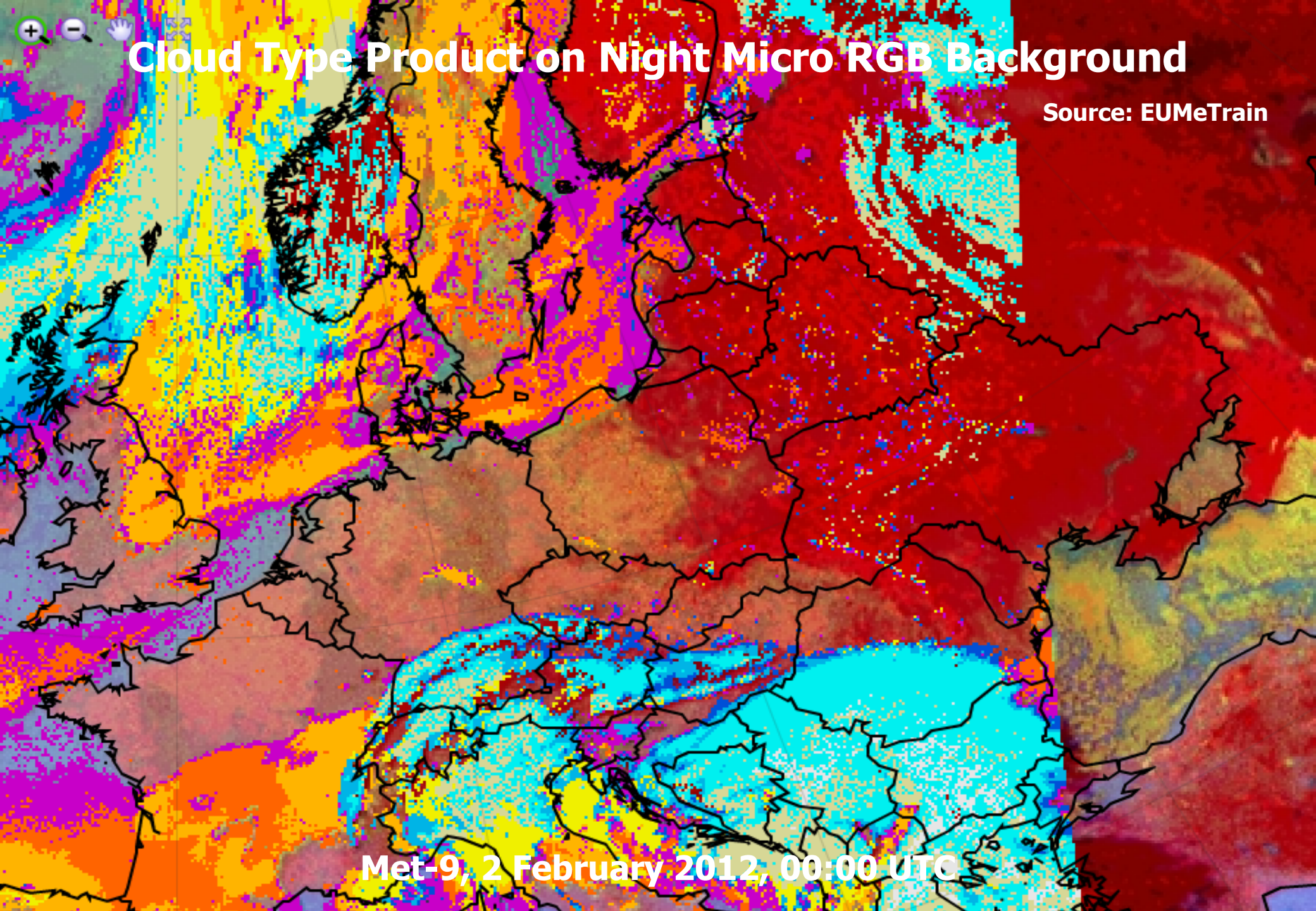


**24-h Microphysics**

**RGB**

# Cloud Type Product on Night Micro RGB Background

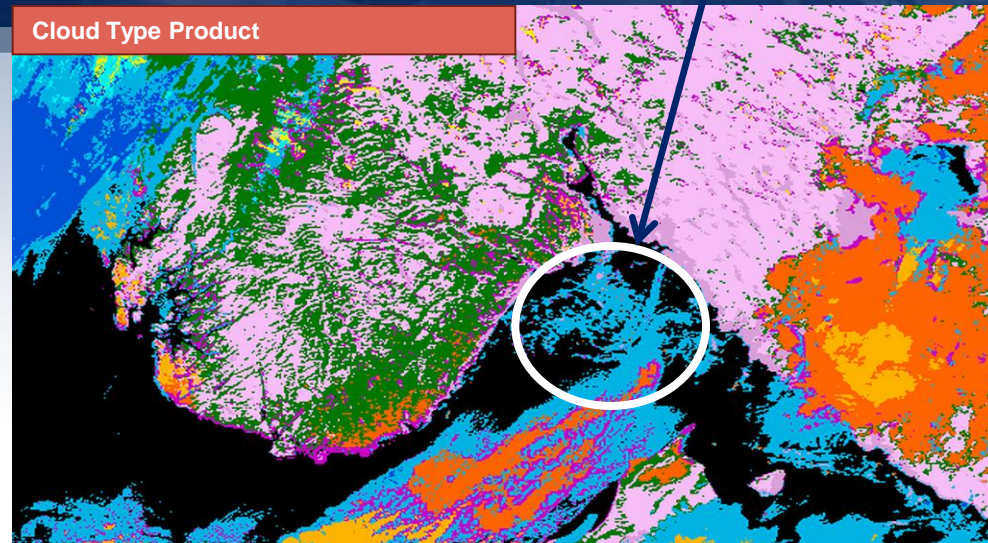
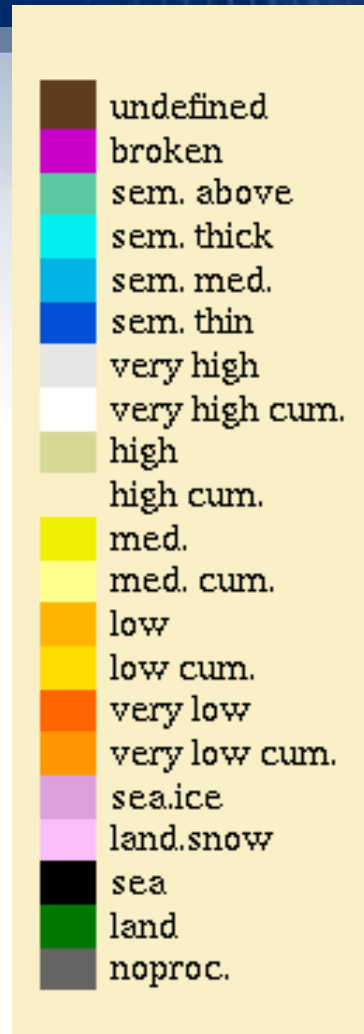
Source: EUMeTrain



Met-9, 2 February 2012, 00:00 UTC

# Cirrus Clouds / Sea Ice

Cirrus clouds ?

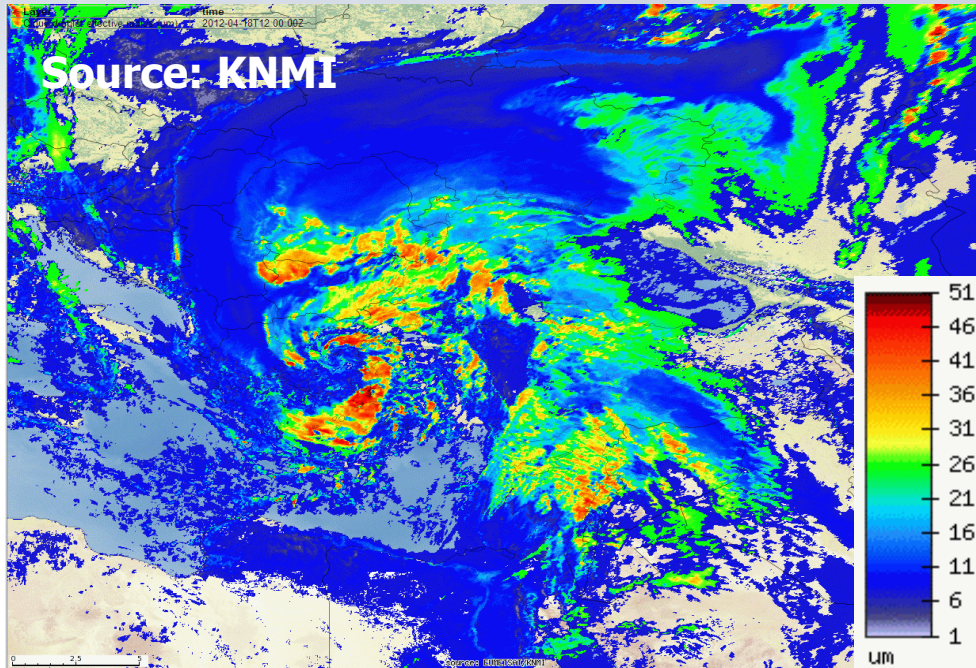


Metop-A, AVHRR

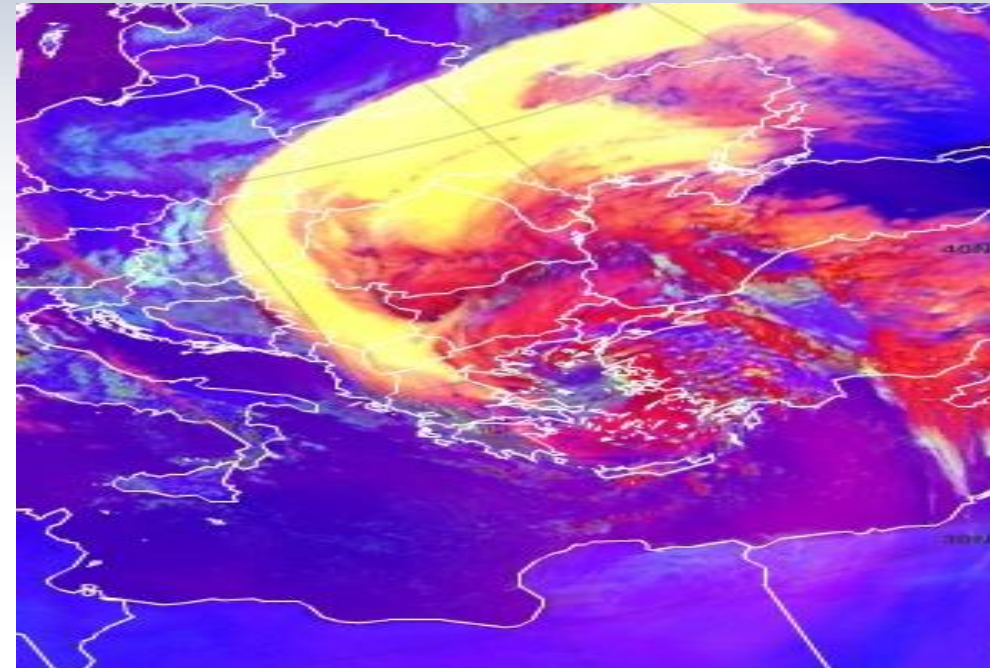
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# Effective Particle Radius

## Effective Radius Product



## Ice Particle Size RGB



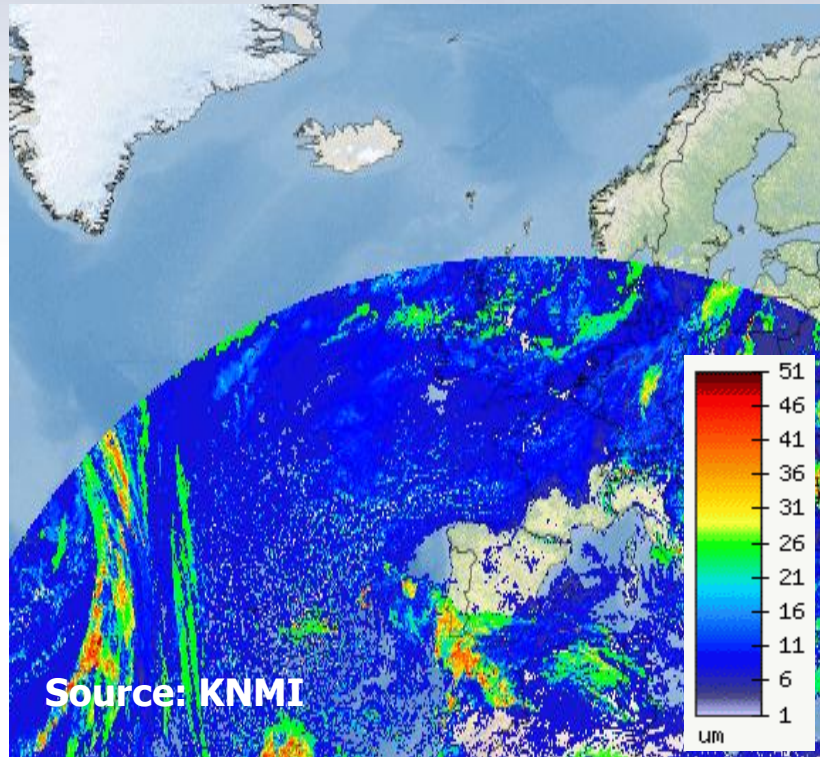
**CLICK  
HERE**

<http://msgcpp.knmi.nl>

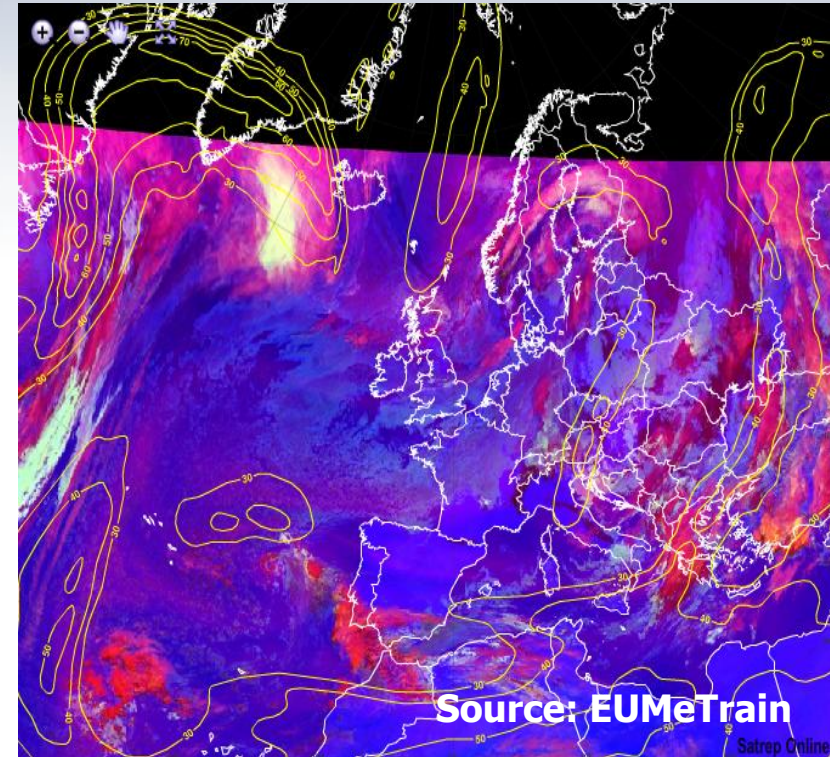
**Dust polluted Ice Cloud**  
**18 April 2012, 12:00 UTC**

# Effective Particle Radius

## Effective Radius Product



## Ice Particle Size RGB

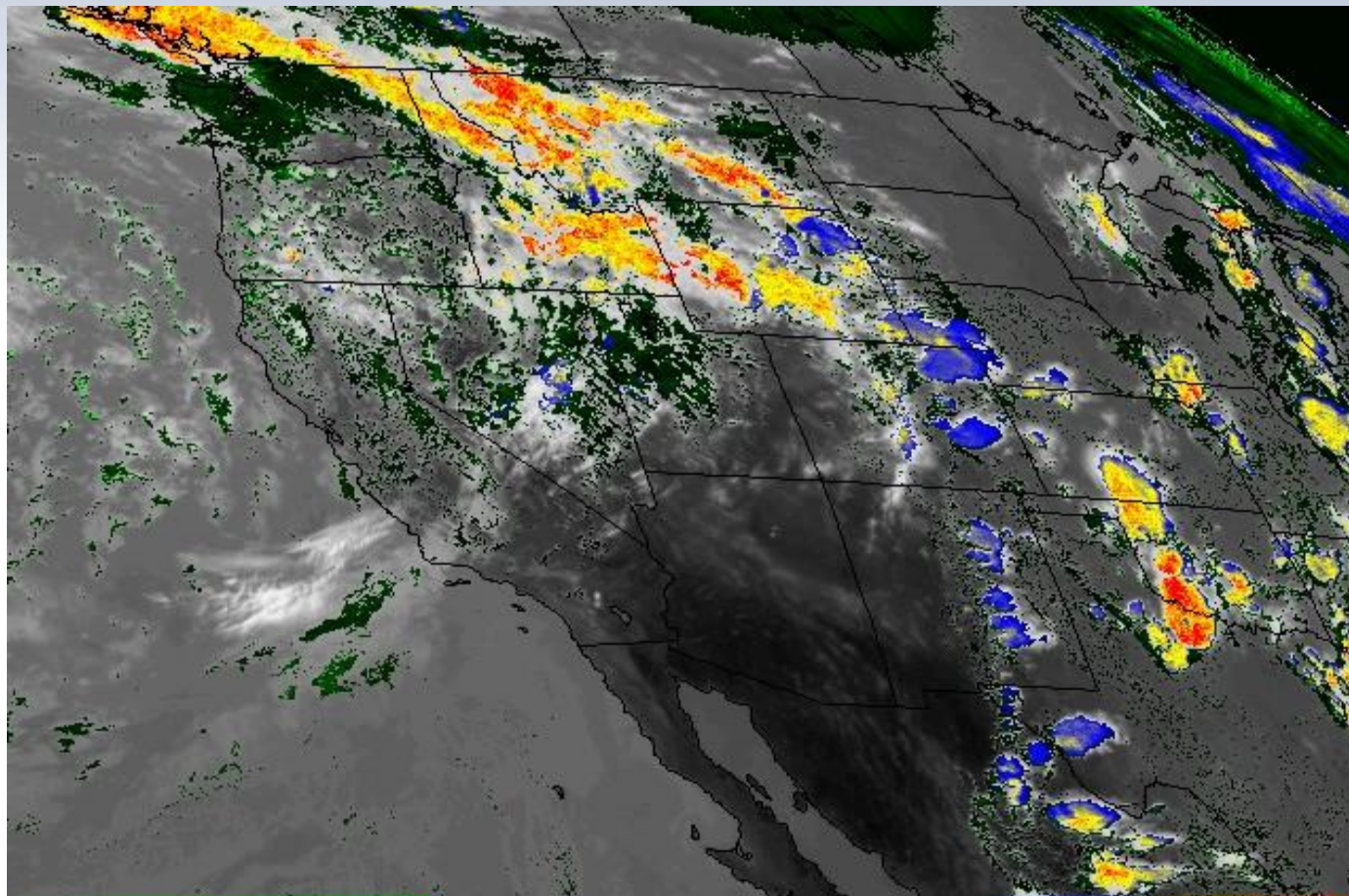


**High level wave clouds**

**24 January 2011, 12:00 UTC**

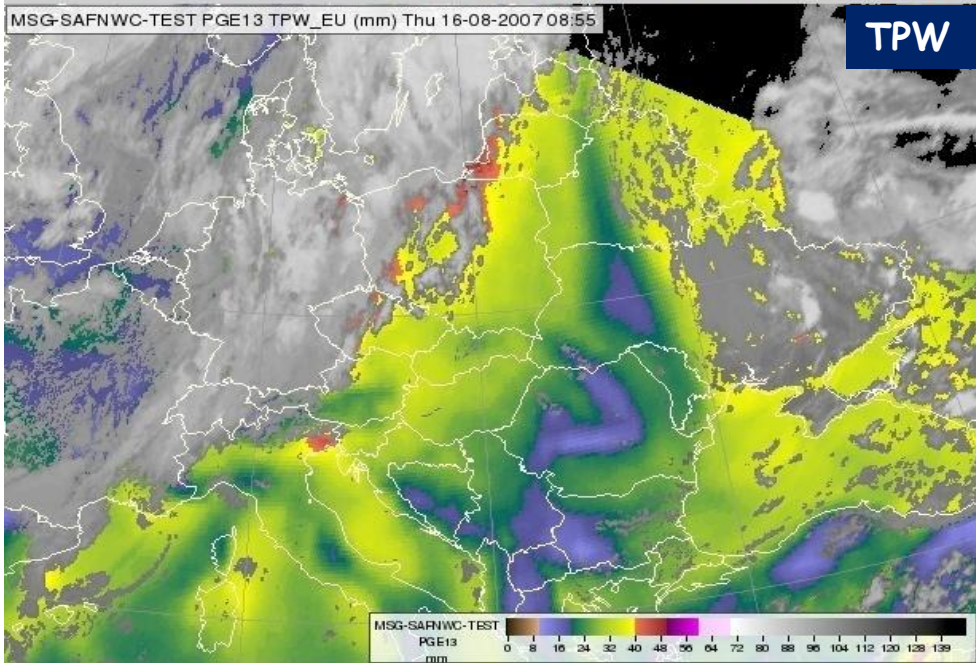
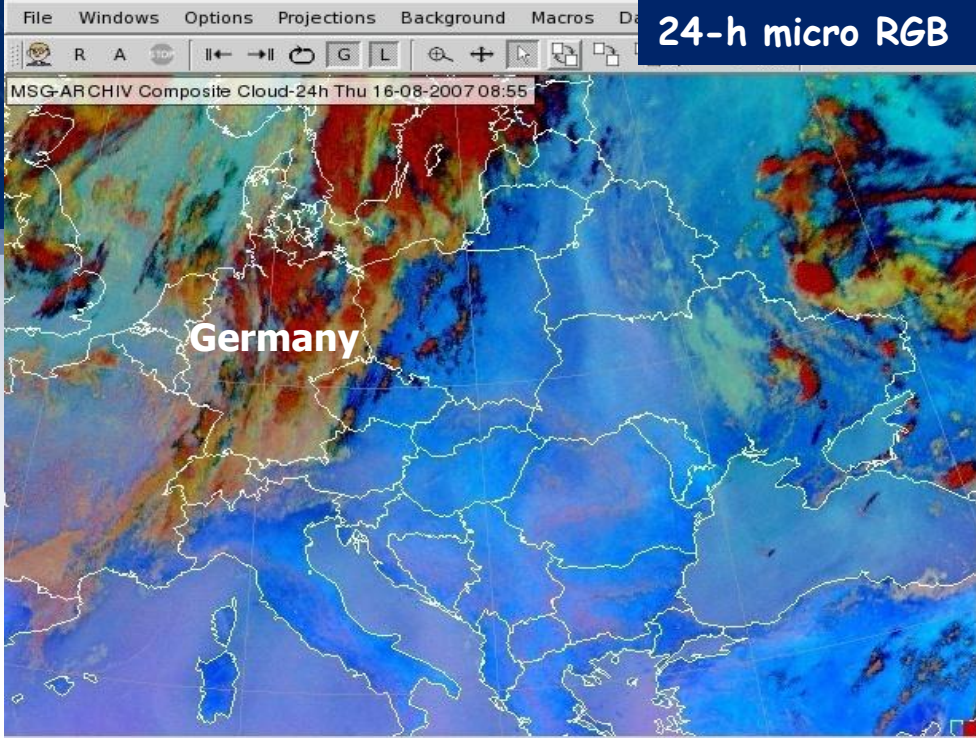
# Effective Radius Product on Background Image

- Blue colours represent cold cloud tops with small ice particles



**GOES-11 3.9  $\mu\text{m}$  Reff (color) – 26 May 2010**

# 24-h micro RGB



Stepping 8 -> 9

# TPW, LPW

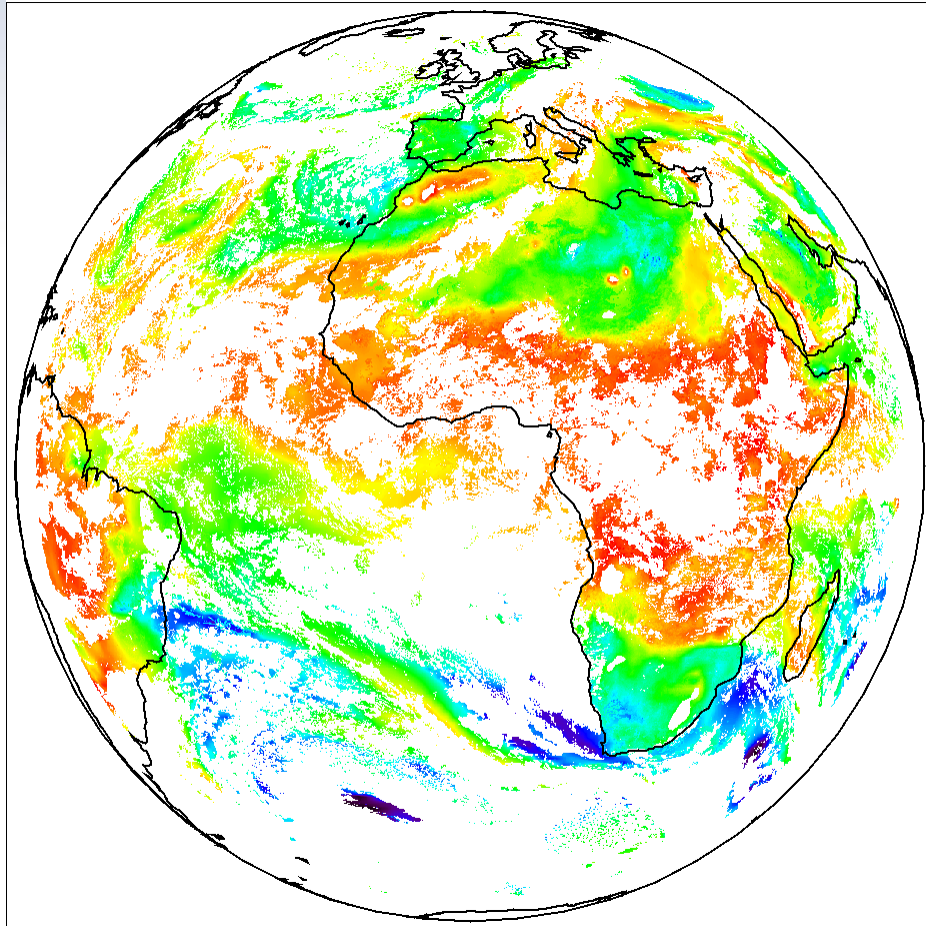
16 August 2007, 8:45 UTC  
(Source: Maria Putsay)



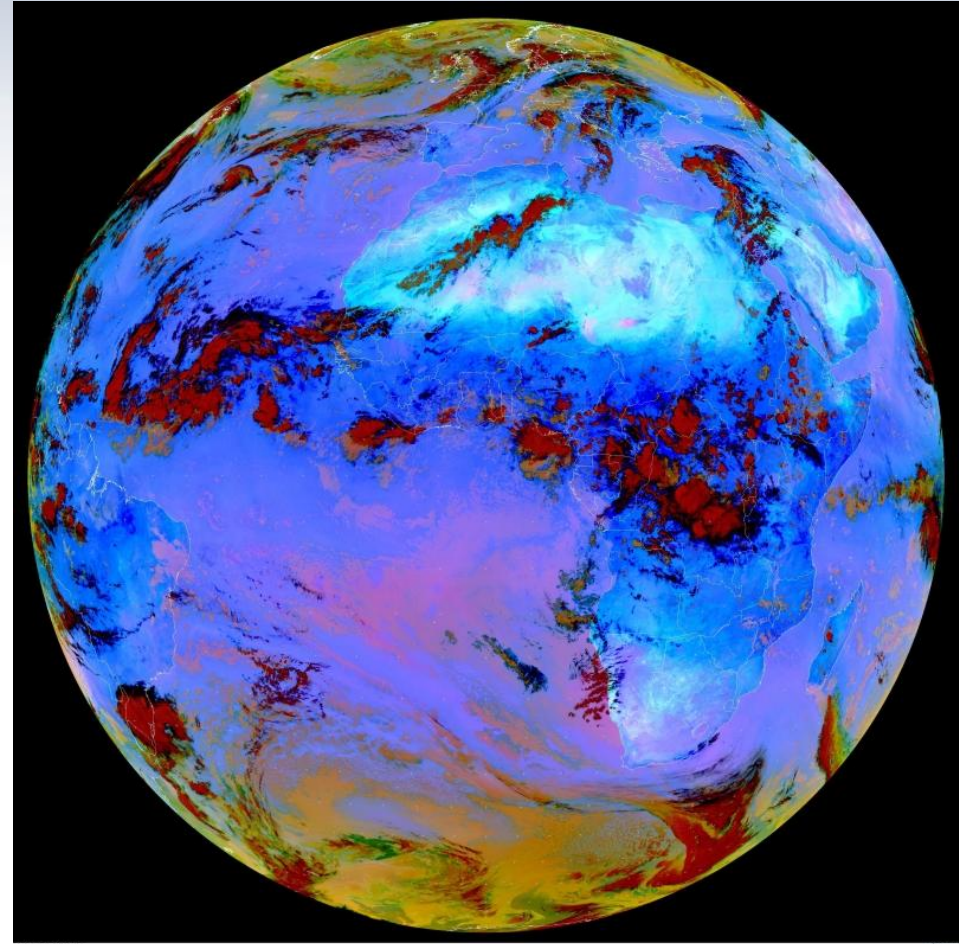
# GII: Global Instability Index

## GII Product (K Index)

GII - KI index, 01/10/2012 at 12:00:00



## Dust RGB





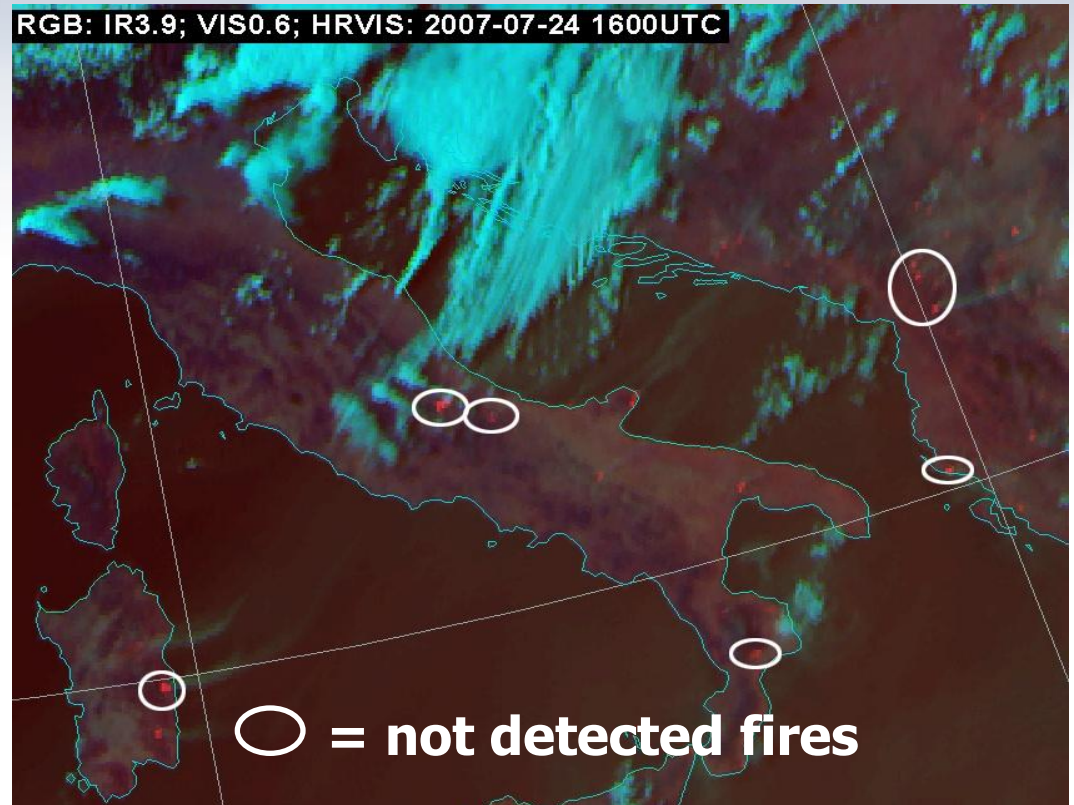


# Fires

**FIR Product (MPEF)**



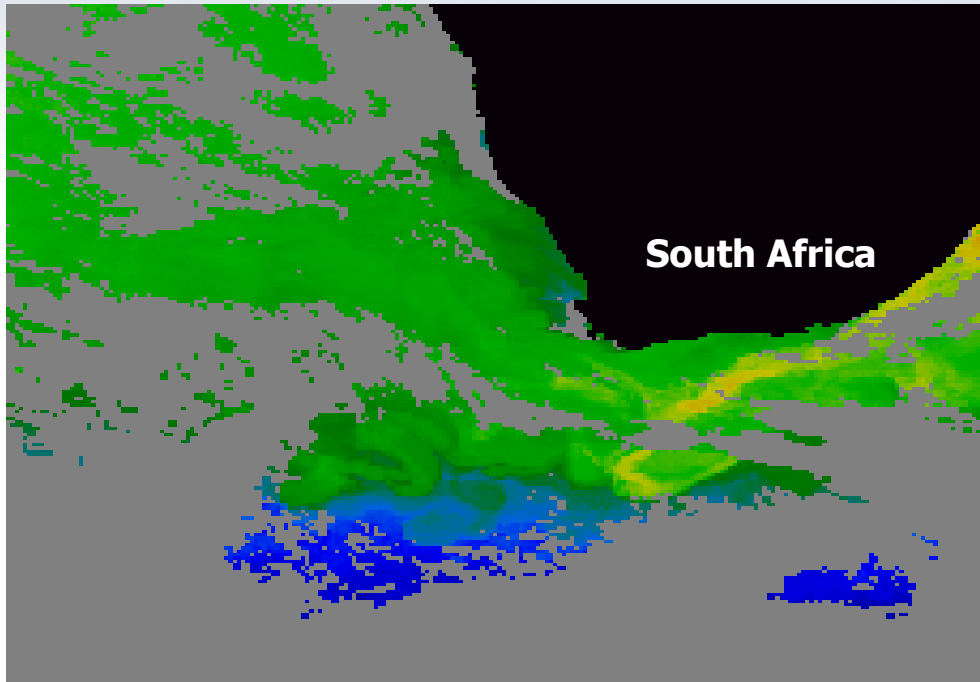
**RGB IR3.9, VIS0.6, HRV**



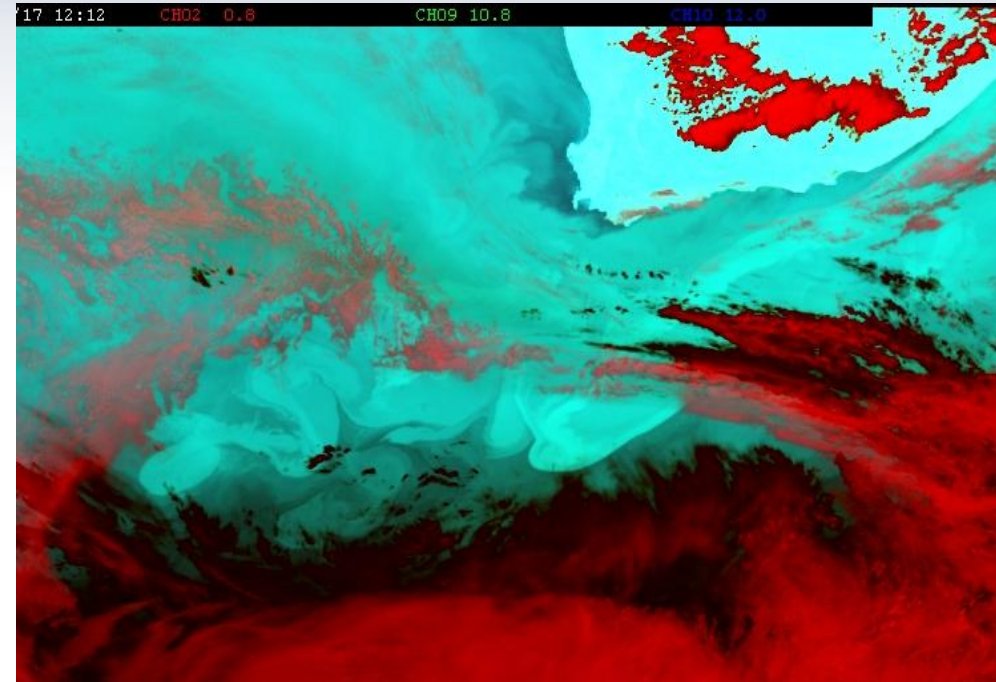
**24 July 2007, 16:00 UTC**

# Sea Surface Temperature (SST)

**SST Product (OSI SAF)**



**RGB VIS0.8, IR10.8, IR12.0**



**17 Jan 2005, 12:00 UTC**



# EUMETSAT's future satellites





# Meteosat Third Generation (MTG)

1977

↓ **MFG**



2002

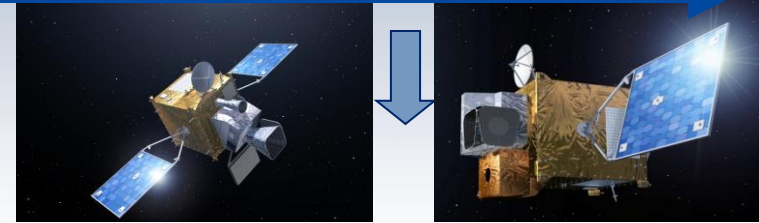
↓ **MSG**



2018

and

2019



## **MTG-I and MTG-S**

Observation mission:  
- **MVIRI**: 3 channels

**Spinning** satellite  
Class 800 kg

Observation missions:  
- **SEVIRI**: 12 channels  
- **GERB**

**Spinning** satellite  
Class 2-ton

Observation missions:

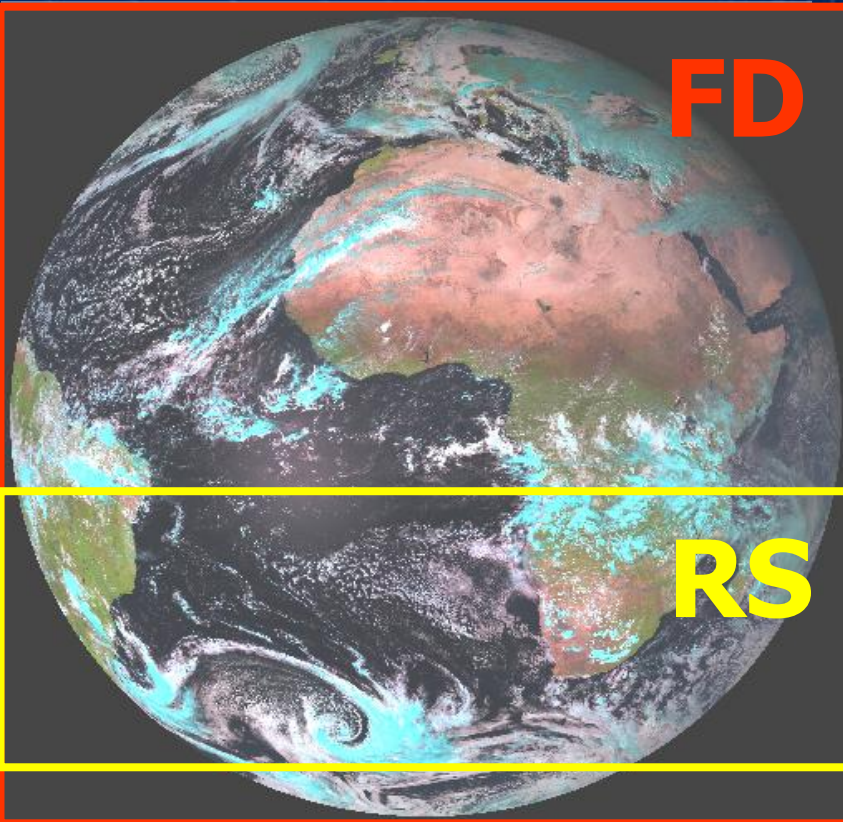
- **Flex.Comb. Imager**: 16 channels
- **Lightning Imager**

- 
- **Infra-Red Sounder**
  - **UVN**

**3-axis stabilised** satellites  
Twin Sat configuration  
Class 2,5 - 3 ton

Atmospheric Chemistry Mission (UVN-S4):  
via GMES Sentinel 4

# From SEVIRI to the Flexible Combined Imager (FCI)



**MTG FCI outbids MSG SEVIRI observations on cloud, aerosol, moisture and fire:**

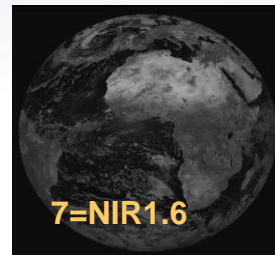
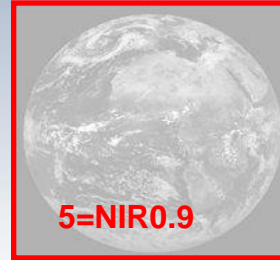
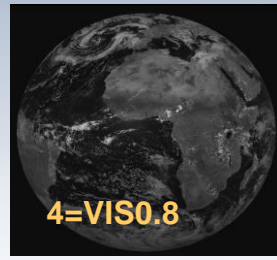
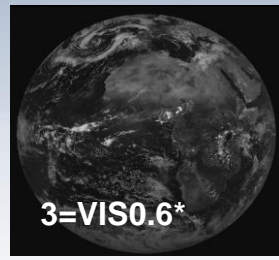
- **by adding new channels**
- **by improving temporal-, spatial-, and radiometric resolution**

	<b>Coverage</b>	<b>Repeat cycle</b>	<b>Spatial sampling</b>
<b>FD mission</b>	<b>18°x18°</b>	<b>10 min</b>	<b>1 km (solar) / 2 km (IR)</b>
<b>RS mission</b>	<b>1/4 FD</b>	<b>2.5 min</b>	<b>0.5 km (solar) / 1 km (IR)</b>



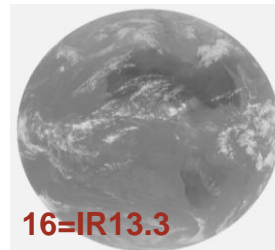
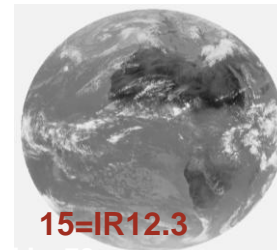
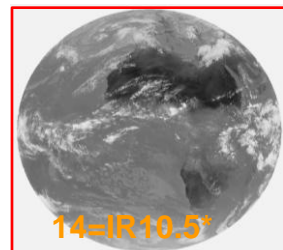
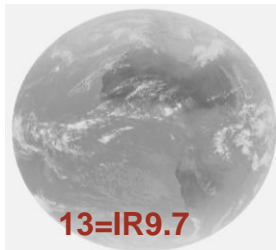
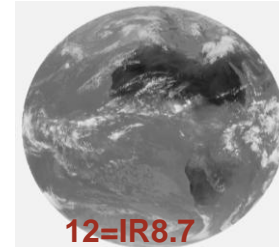
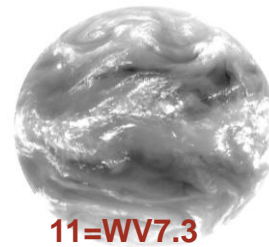
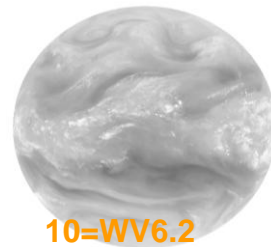
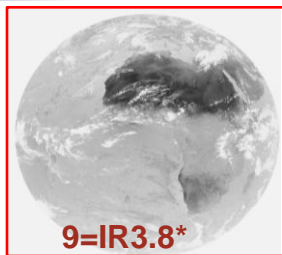
# Flexible Combined Imager on MTG

## Which SEVIRI channel is missing ?



### Solar channels

### Thermal channels



\* The channels VIS 0.6, NIR 2.2, IR 3.8 and IR 10.5 are delivered in both FD and RS



# MTG Missions

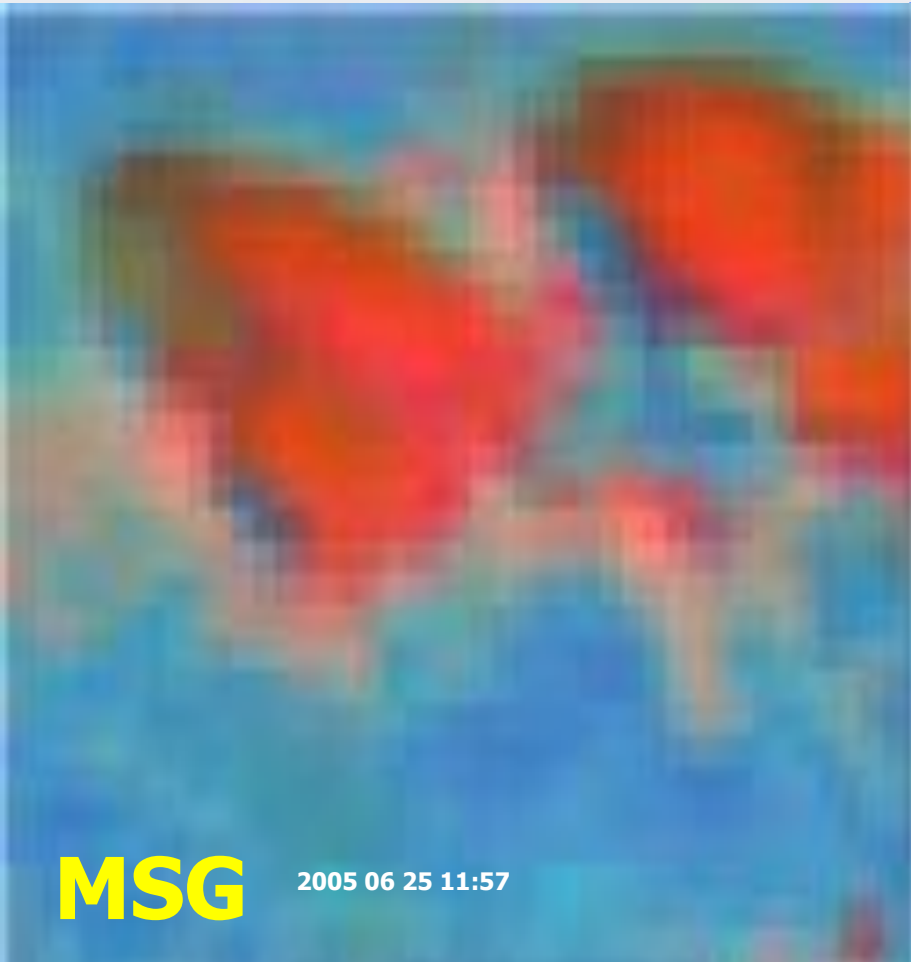
## FCI – Benefits Summary

- The 0.444  $\mu\text{m}$  and the 0.51  $\mu\text{m}$  channels will permit surpassing current aerosol retrievals especially over land – also an important contribution to air quality monitoring.
- The 0.91  $\mu\text{m}$  channel will provide during daytime total column precipitable water especially over land surfaces.
- The 1.375  $\mu\text{m}$  channel will improve detection of very thin cirrus clouds not seen by the current system introducing errors in all clear sky products.
- The 2.26  $\mu\text{m}$  channel will provide the capability for an improved retrieval of cloud microphysics.
- The improved spatial resolution (1 km and 2 km) and the extended dynamical range (from 350 K to 450 K) of the 3.8  $\mu\text{m}$  channel will firstly outbid the fire detection quality of MSG and secondly outbid the quality of products as Fire Radiative Energy.



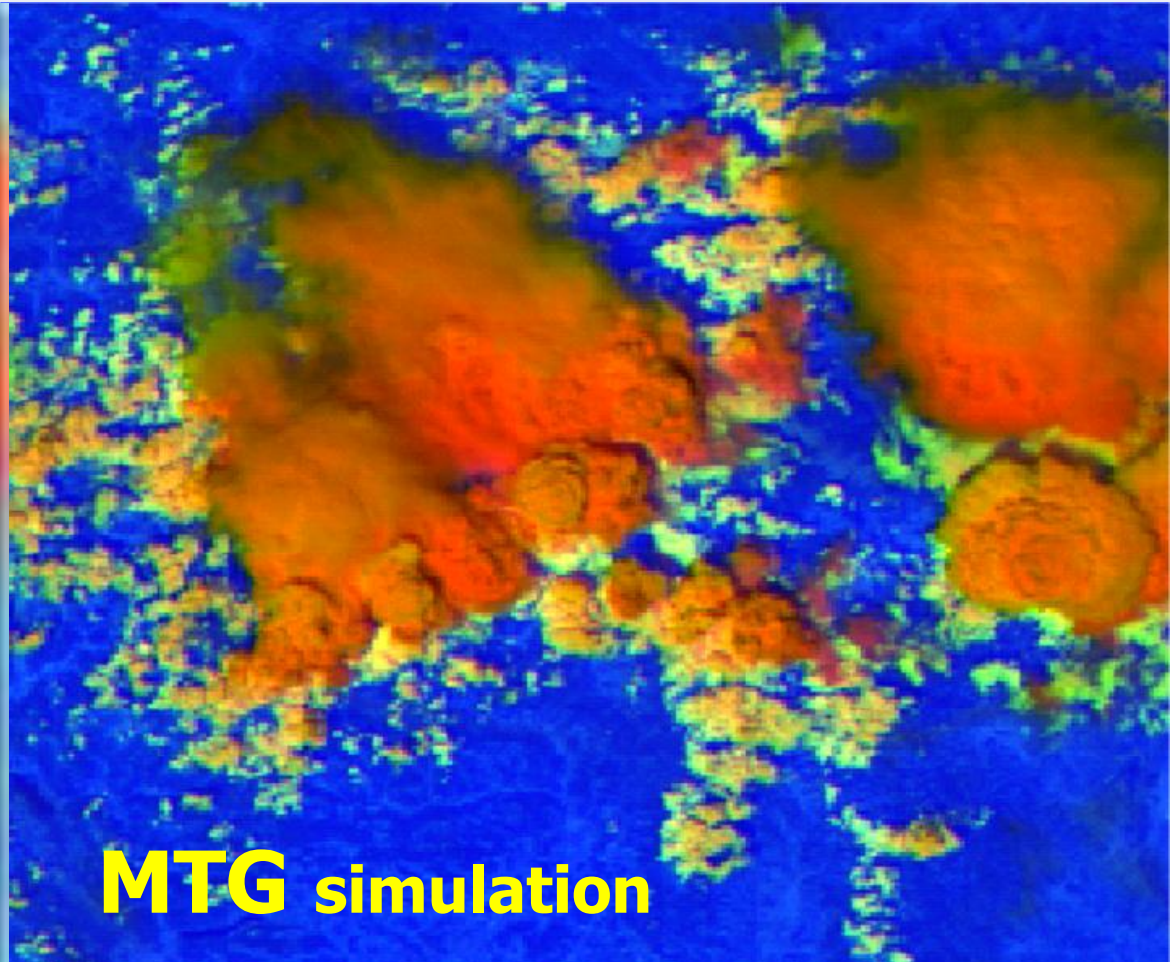
# MTG Improvements: horizontal sampling (0.5 km)

(courtesy D. Rosenfeld)



**MSG**

2005 06 25 11:57



**MTG simulation**





# EUMETSAT's training activities



EUMETSAT Precipitation Week

# Precipitation Week 2013 Outline

Date: 4-8 February 2013

## I VIS/IR Precipitation Estimates

1. Nowcasting SAF: Convective Rainfall Rate (CRR) and Precipitating Clouds (PC) products  
(Cecilia Marcos, AEMET, Monday, 4 Feb 2013, 09 UTC)
2. Use of the Hydroestimator in South Africa  
(Estelle de Coning, SAWS, Monday, 4 Feb 2013, 14 UTC)
3. Detecting Warm Rain Clouds in Satellite Images  
(Daniel Rosenfeld, HUJ, Tuesday, 5 Feb 2013, 09 UTC)

## II Microwave Precipitation Estimates

1. Overview of Microwave Precipitation Products  
(Ralf Bennartz, UWI, Tuesday, 5 Feb 2013, 14 UTC)
2. Microwave Products and Applications overview  
(Sheldon Kusselsson, NOAA, Wednesday, 6 Feb 2012, 14 UTC)
3. Other Precipitation missions: TRMM / Megha-Tropiques / GPM  
(Remy Roca, LMD, Thursday, 7 Feb 2013, 09 UTC)

## III Multi-sensor Precipitation Estimates

1. The Multisensor Precipitation Estimate (MPE) Product  
(Thomas Heinemann, EUMETSAT, Thursday, 7 Feb 2013, 14 UTC)
2. Hydrology SAF Precipitation Products  
(Vincenzo Levizzani, Friday, 8 Feb 2013, 09 UTC)



# EUMETSAT

Monitoring weather and climate from space



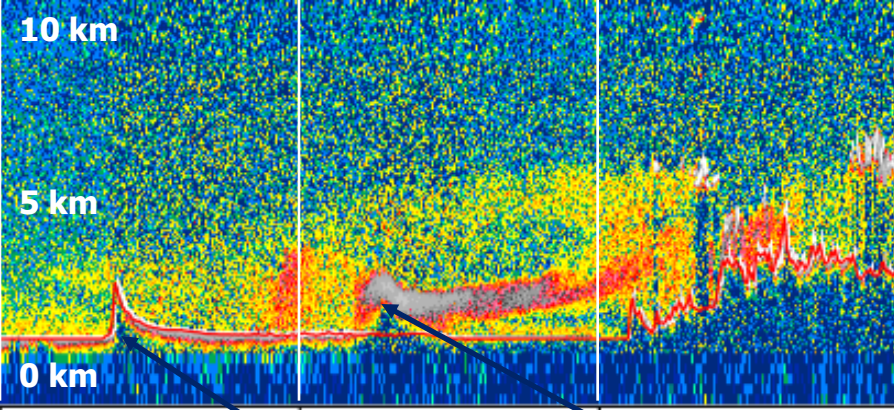


# MSG: Recent Findings



# Dust Clouds





14.83	20.93	27.03	33.11
55.45	54.06	52.59	50.99
South			North

# Dust Outbreak Middle East 26 March 2011

MSG 26 Mar 2011, 10:00 UTC  
CALIPSO 26 Mar 2011, 09:52 UTC

< Calipso Track

27.03, 52.59

20.93, 54.06

14.83, 55.45

# Dust height in “Dust RGB” (for thin dust clouds, over land)



larger color spectrum during the **night**: lila mean lower dust !

No changes during the **day**, so almost impossible to determine dust level

# The Dust RGB: Interpretation of Colours

## 2. Very Thick Dust Clouds



**Night**

**Day**

**High (4-5 km)**

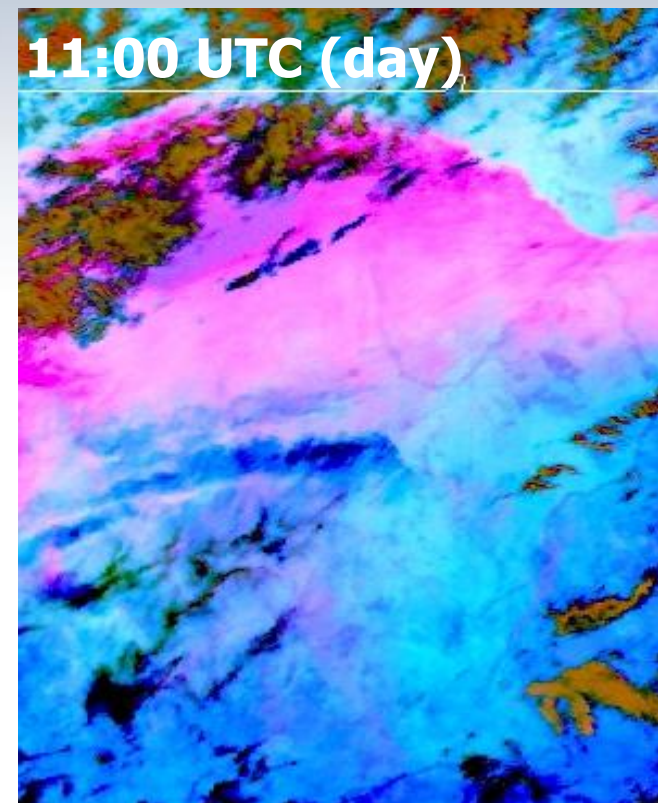
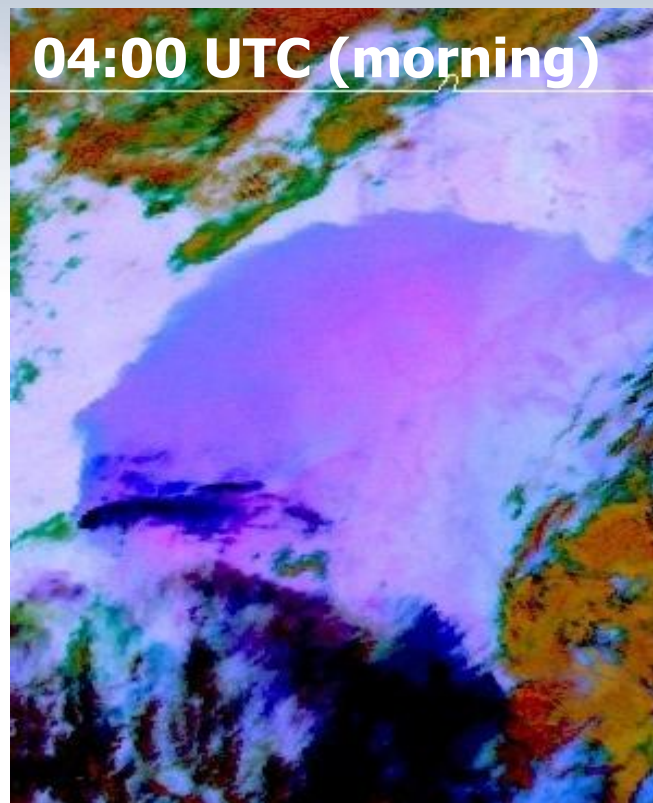
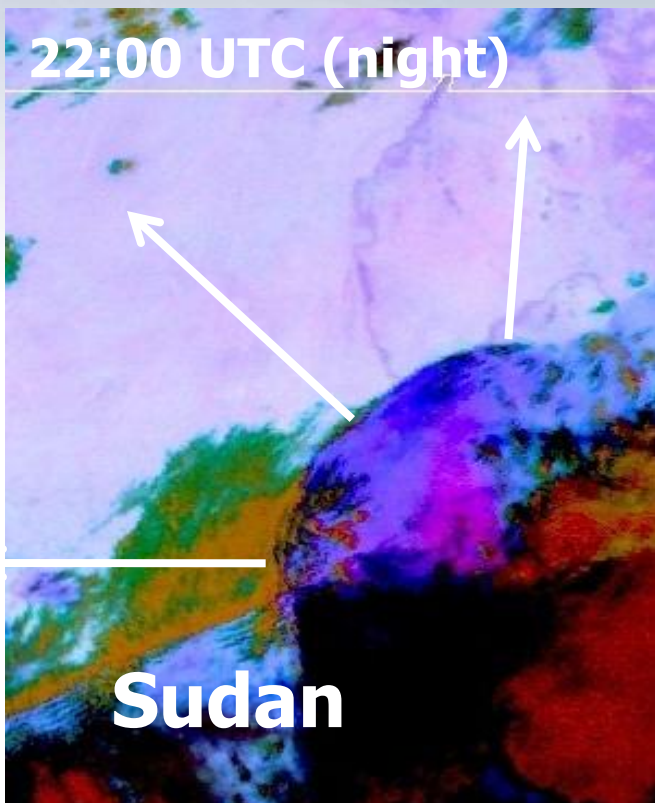
**Mid (2-3 km)**

**Low (0-1 km)**



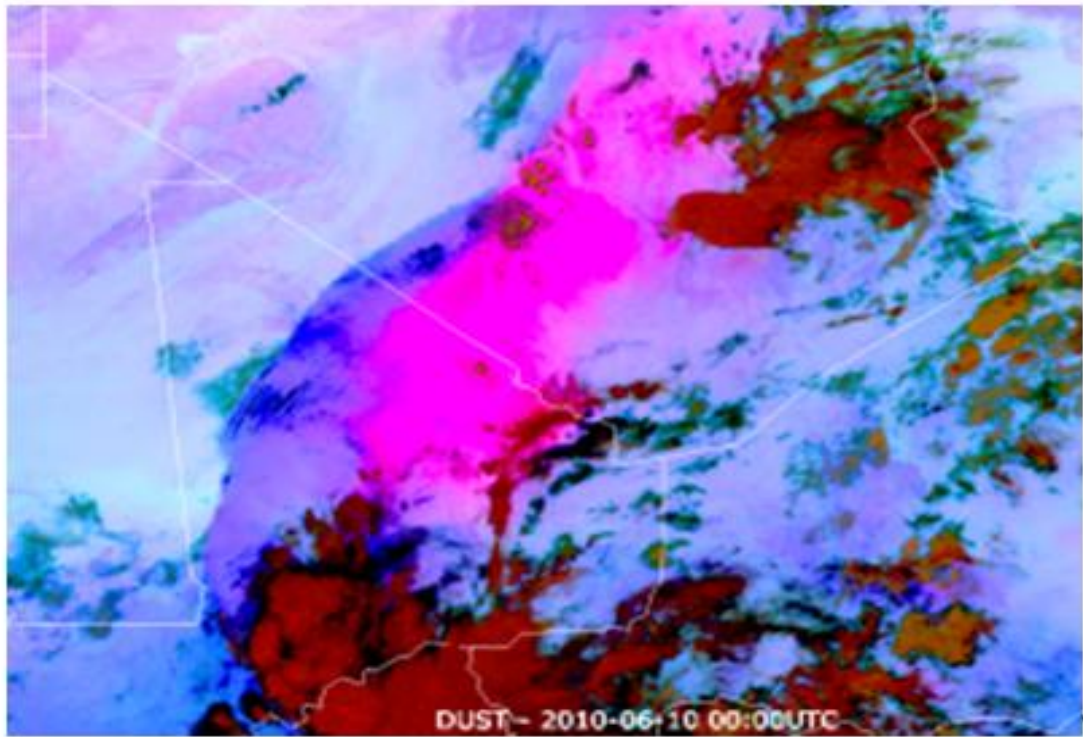


# Dust Haboobs can travel fast at night (undular bore?)



Met-8, 29-30 April 2007

# Dust Haboobs can travel long distances

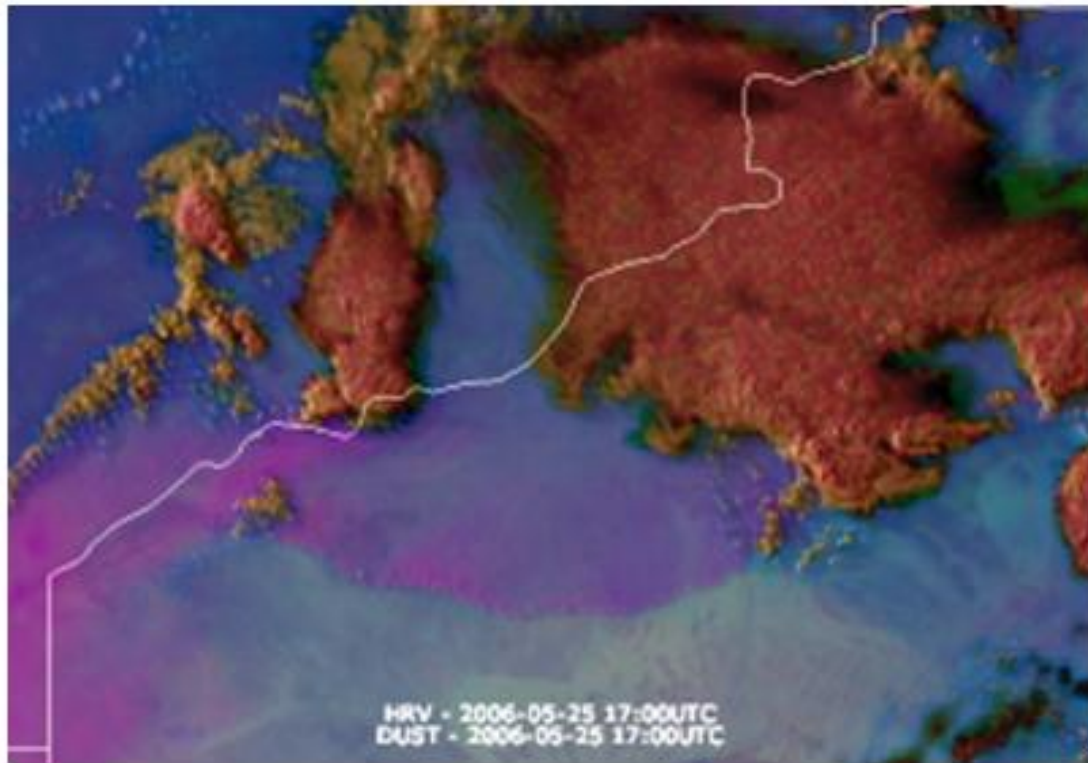


34-hour sequence of MSG (Meteosat-9) Dust RGB products on 9-10 June 2010. Source: EUMETSAT. Images created by HansPeter Roesli.

This MSG Dust RGB sequence shows a large dust squall over Niger, Mali and southern Algeria (highlight), triggered by a thunderstorm system visible in the lower part of the images, that travelled hundreds of kilometers westwards over the Sahara. This shows how long a distance strong haboobs can propagate and how well defined they can be at night. On 9 June, daytime convection lifts part of the low-lying dust higher up -- above the boundary layer -- where westerly winds carry it back in an easterly direction. The higher-level dust can be seen very well in the late afternoon and night hours (highlight) by its bright magenta colour (as compared to the dark magenta colour of the low-level dust squall). Note that towards the end of this animation, the westward propagation of the dust squall slows down as it approaches a deformation zone.



# Combination of HRV & Dust RGB



5-hour sequence of MSG (Meteosat-8) blended HRV and Dust RGB products on 25 May 2006 from 12:00 to 17:00 UTC. Source: EUMETSAT. Images created by HansPeter Roesli. ¶

Note that this animation shows the HRV-/Dust RGB "sandwich product", which is an image combination of the HRV channel and the Dust RGB product, allowing one to spatially co-locate the cloud features like the storm's overshooting top and outflow boundaries (at high resolution) with the dust clouds seen in the Dust RGB (at lower resolution). During daytime, this blended product is probably the best geostationary satellite product to monitor haboobs. ¶

# Volcanic Ash & SO<sub>2</sub>



**Ash cloud (now peach colour)  
stretches from Finland to North Sea!**

**16 April, 06:00 UTC**

**Ash cloud over N. Finland**

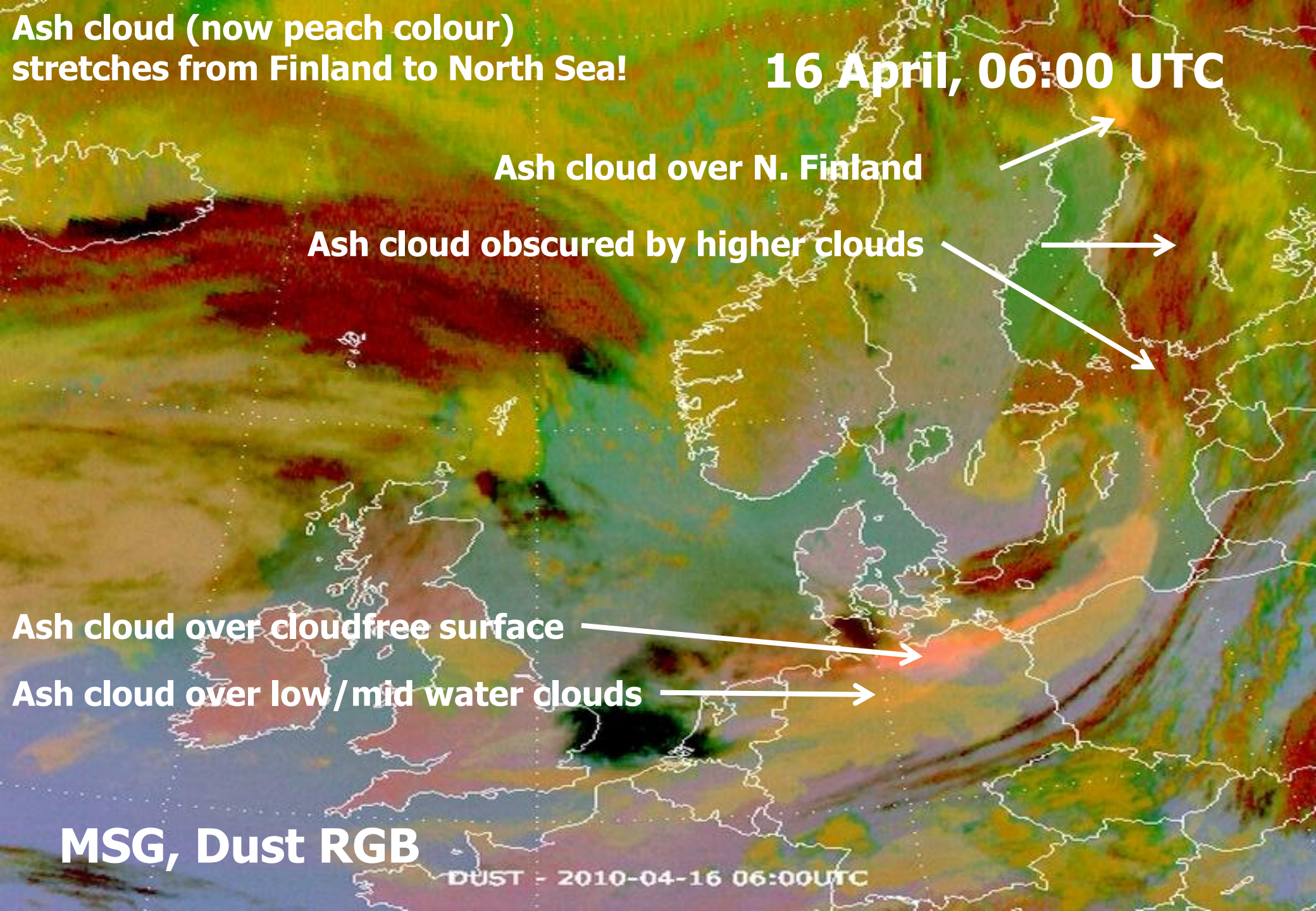
**Ash cloud obscured by higher clouds**

**Ash cloud over cloudfree surface**

**Ash cloud over low / mid water clouds**

DUST - 2010-04-16 06:00UTC

**MSG, Dust RGB**



**Ash cloud continues to rotate  
anticyclonically around high pressure  
system.**

**7 May, 22:00 UTC**



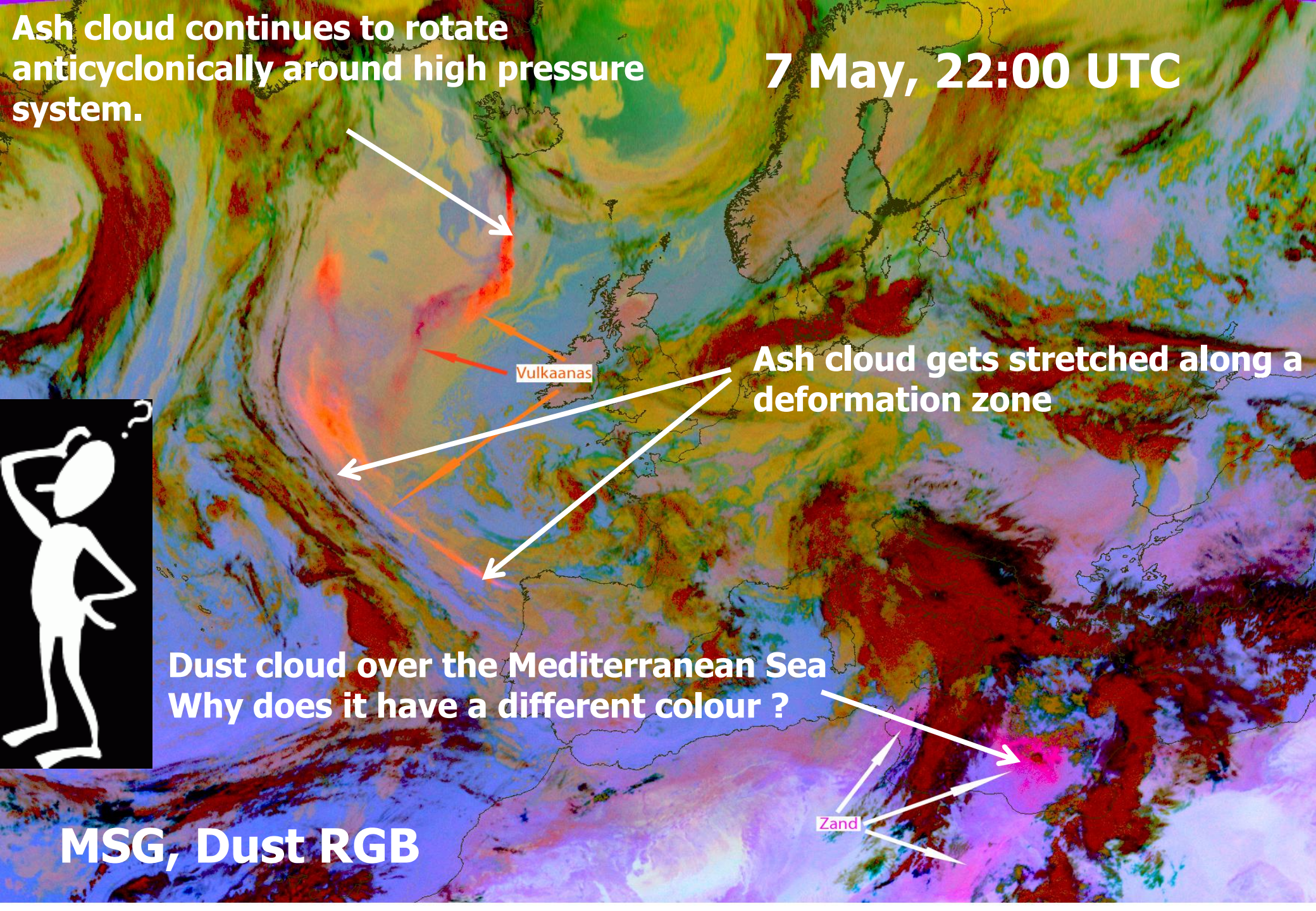
**Vulkaanas**

**Ash cloud gets stretched along a  
deformation zone**

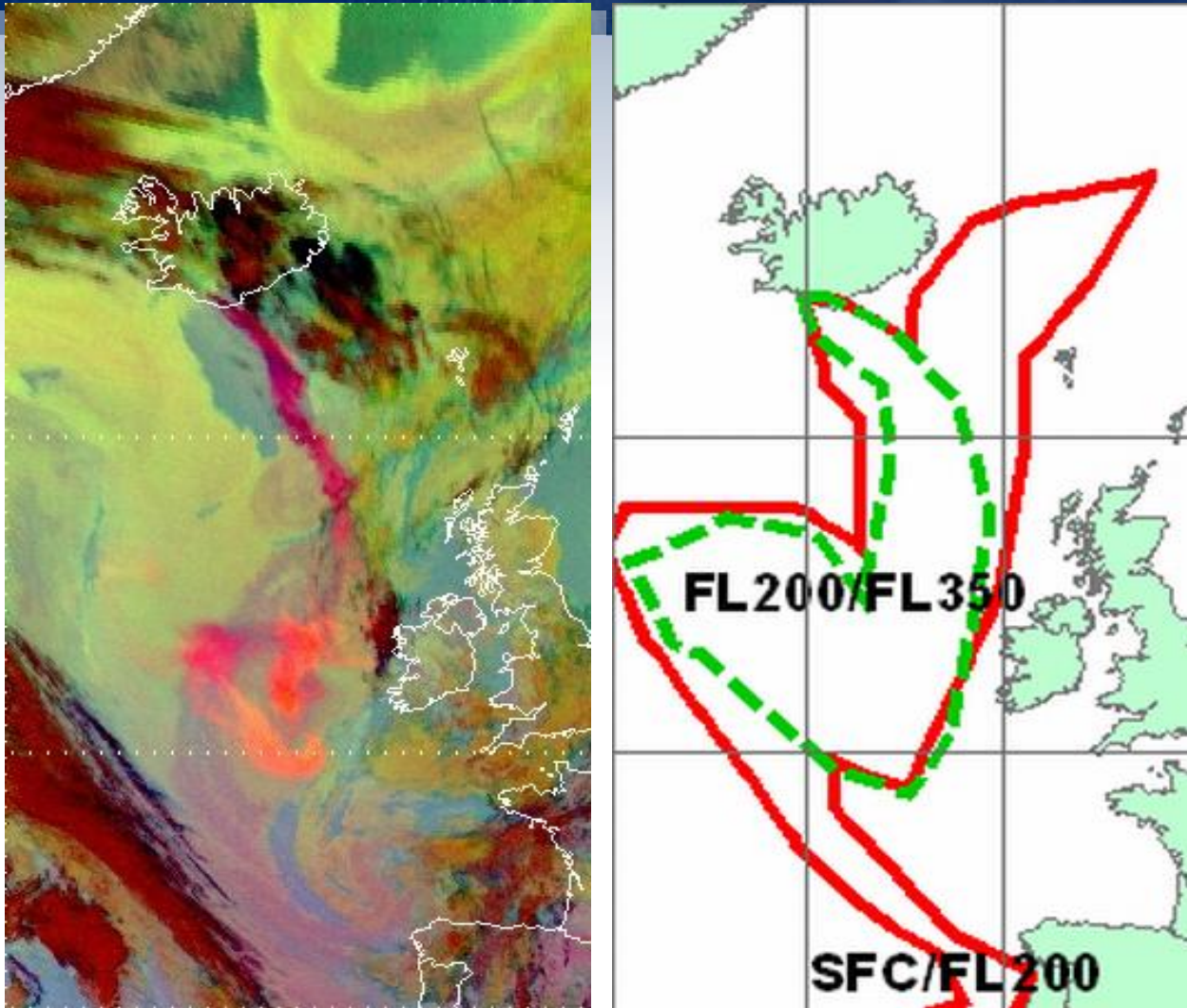
**Dust cloud over the Mediterranean Sea  
Why does it have a different colour ?**

**Zand**

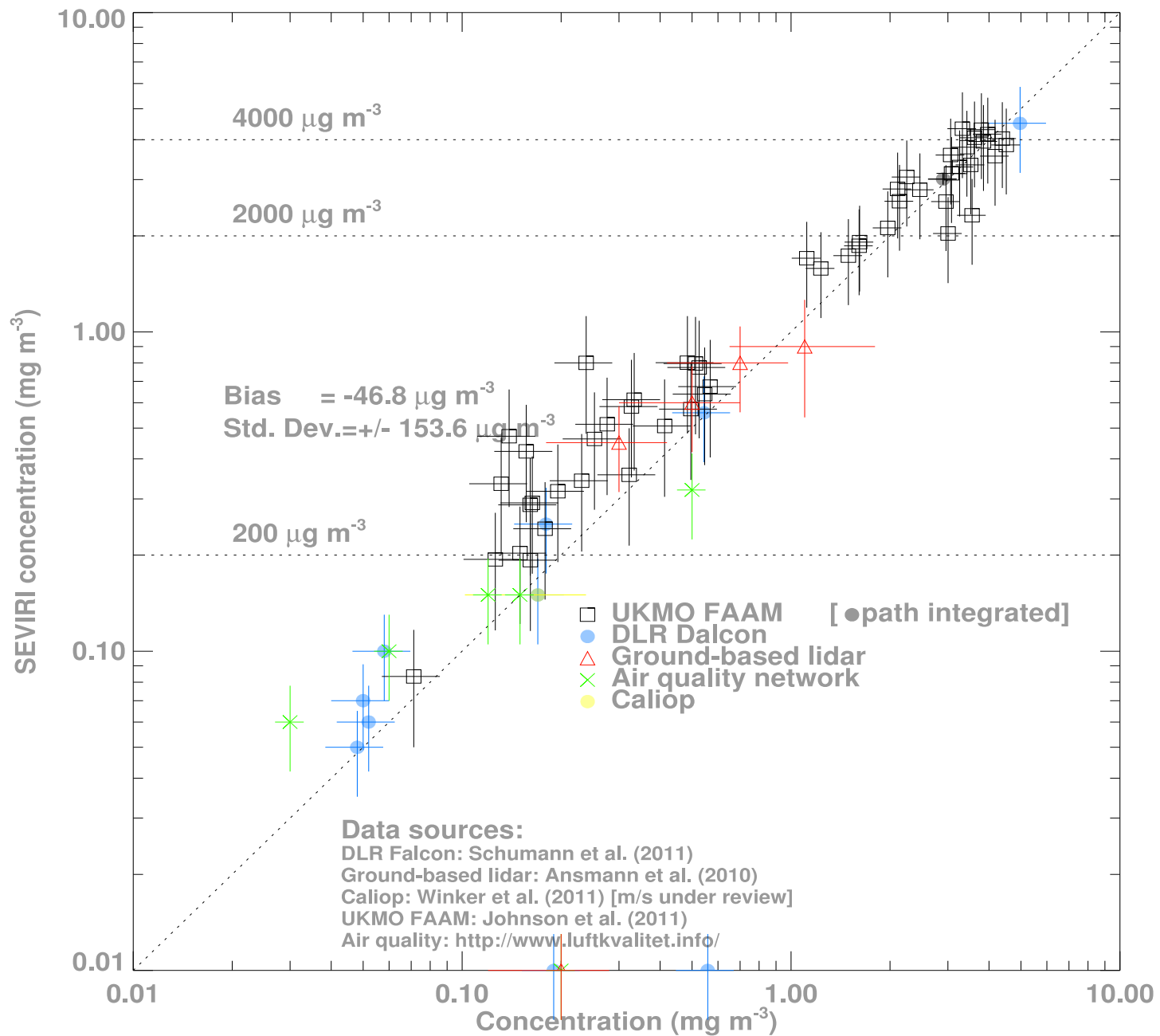
**MSG, Dust RGB**



# Comparison MSG vs VAAC Forecast



7 May 2010, 6:00 UTC



From Fred Prata, NILU



3 Jan 2009, 14:00 UTC

Yellow ash cloud was also observed in January 2009, from the Montserrat eruption (combined effect from ash and overlapping SO<sub>2</sub> cloud)! See loop.

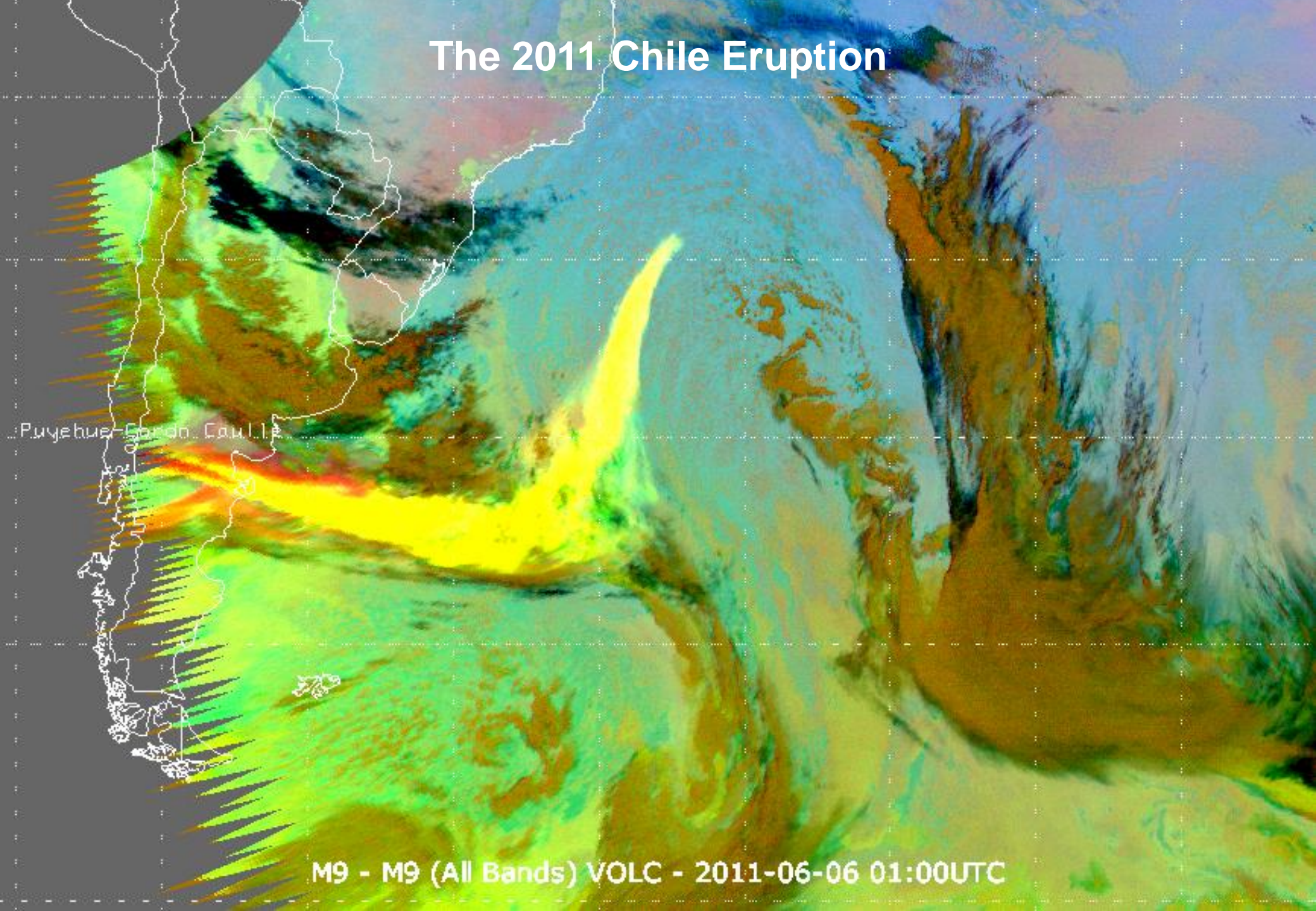
MSG, Ash RGB

m9 VOLC - 2009-01-03 14:00UTC

# The 2011 Chile Eruption

Puyehue-Cordon Caulle

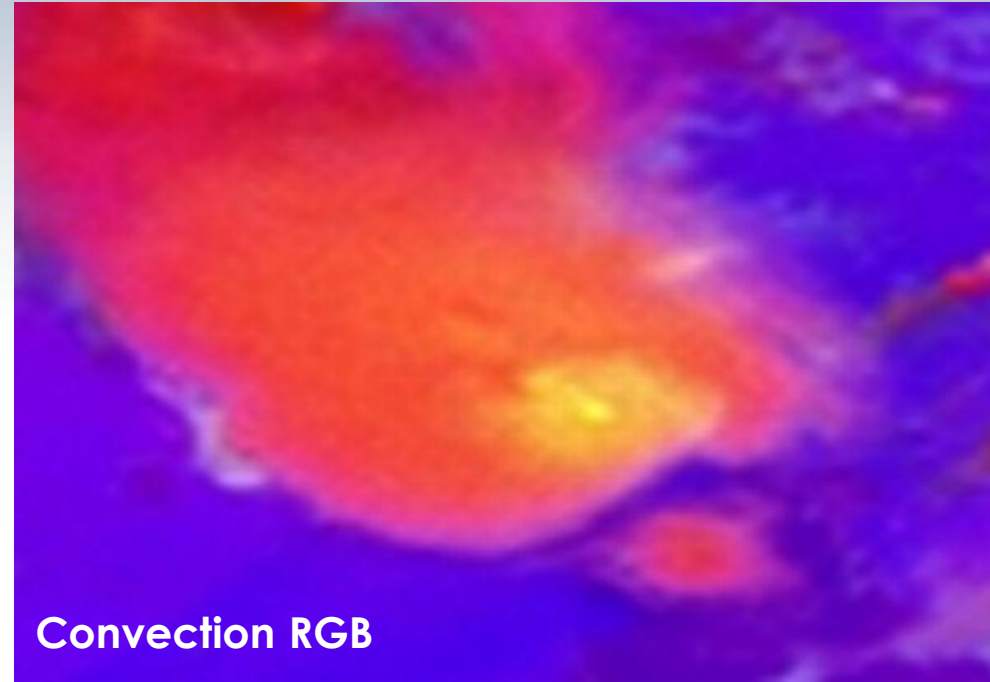
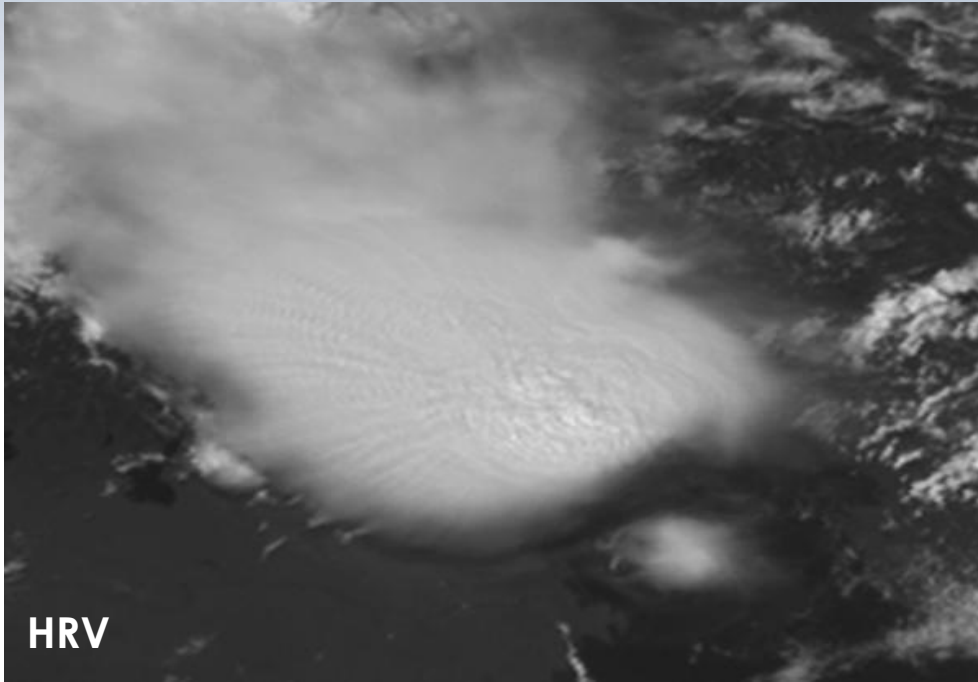
M9 - M9 (All Bands) VOLC - 2011-06-06 01:00UTC



# Cloud Physical Properties (Thickness, Phase, Particle Size)

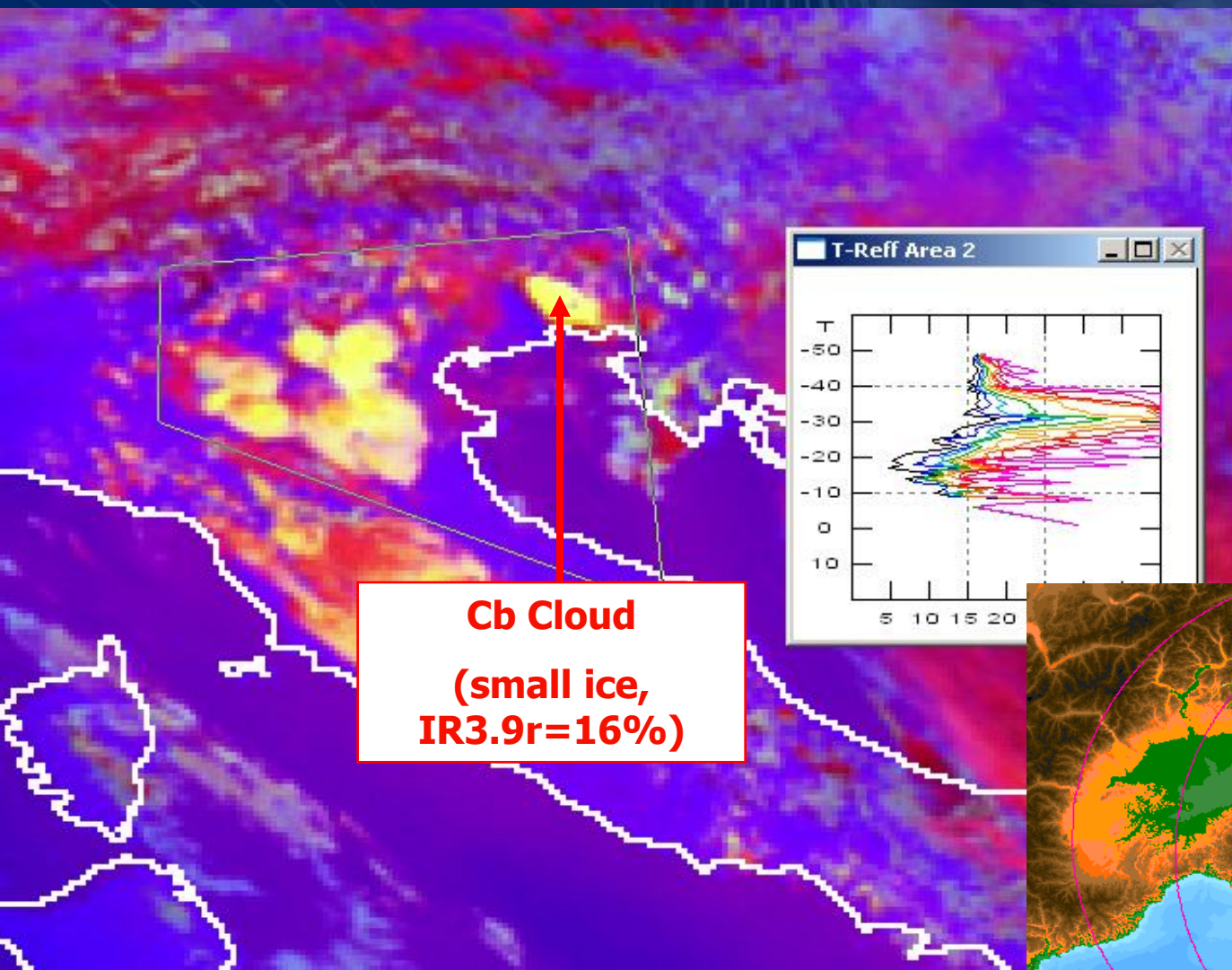


# Small Ice Particles in severe Cb

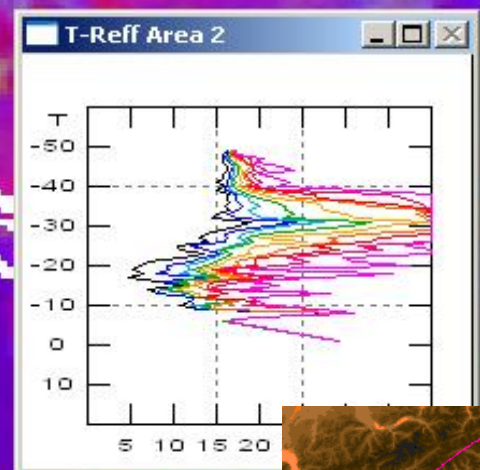


- Small ice (high IR3.9r of 6-7%)
- Long-living storm system
- Convective outflow boundary
- Overshooting tops
- Gravity waves
- Radial Ci

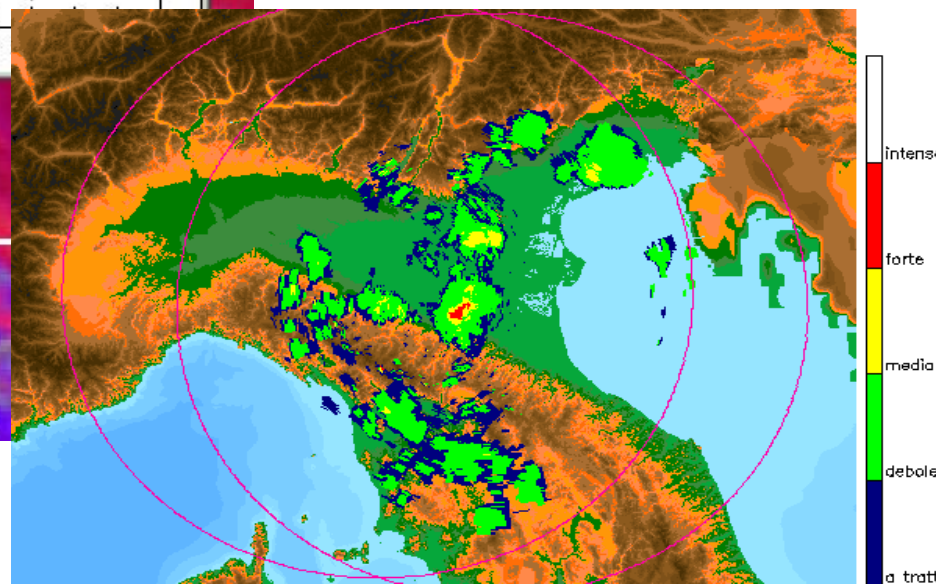
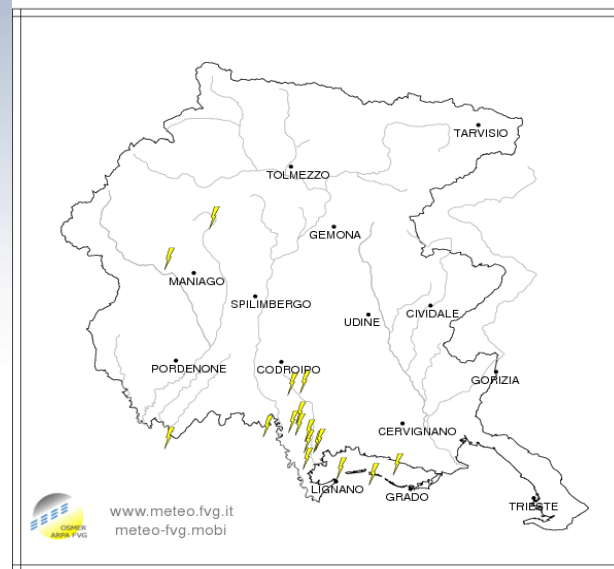
# Small Ice Particles in Cb with Cold Base



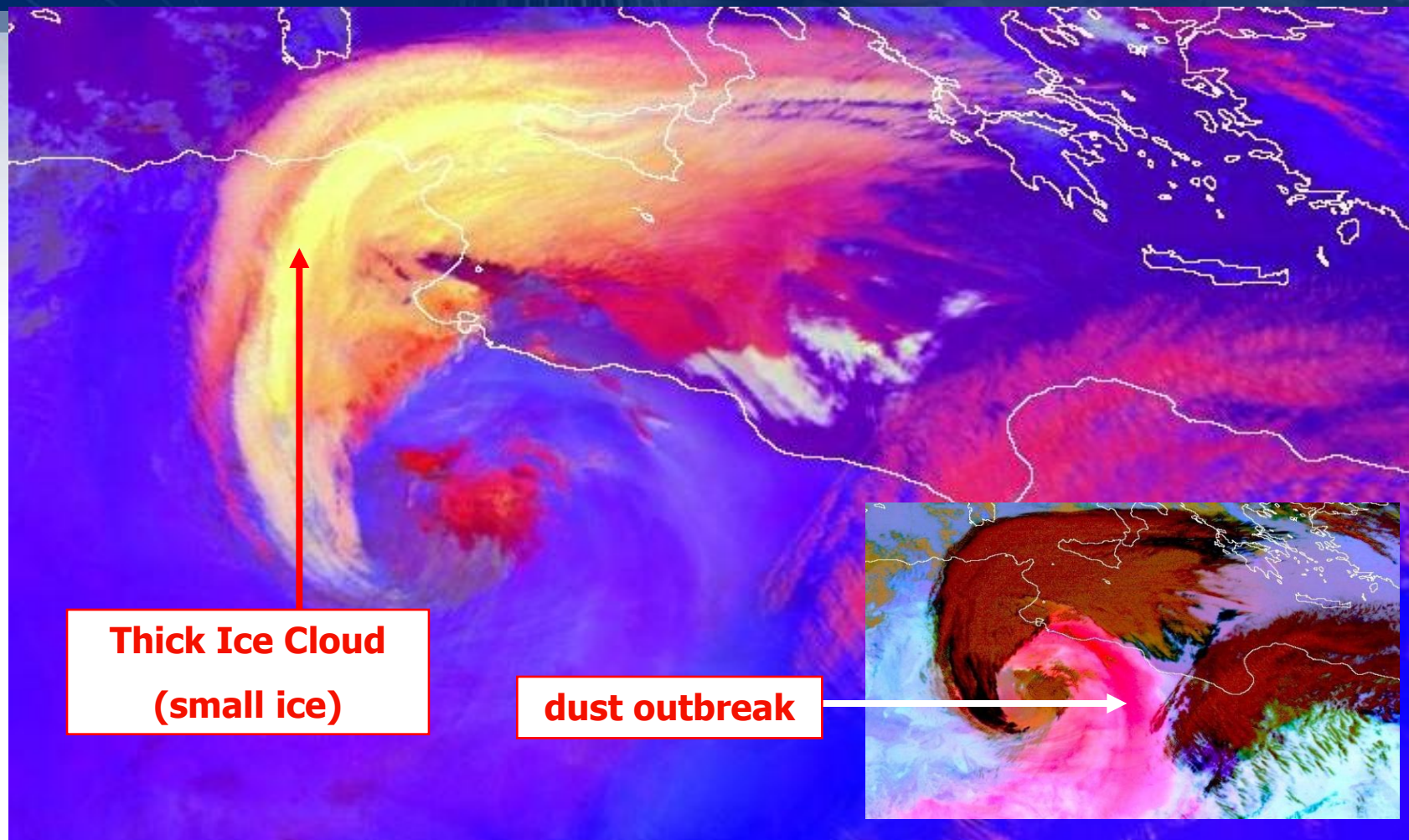
**Cb Cloud**  
**(small ice,**  
**IR3.9r=16%)**



200804030100 200804032400 Fulmini caduti in regione

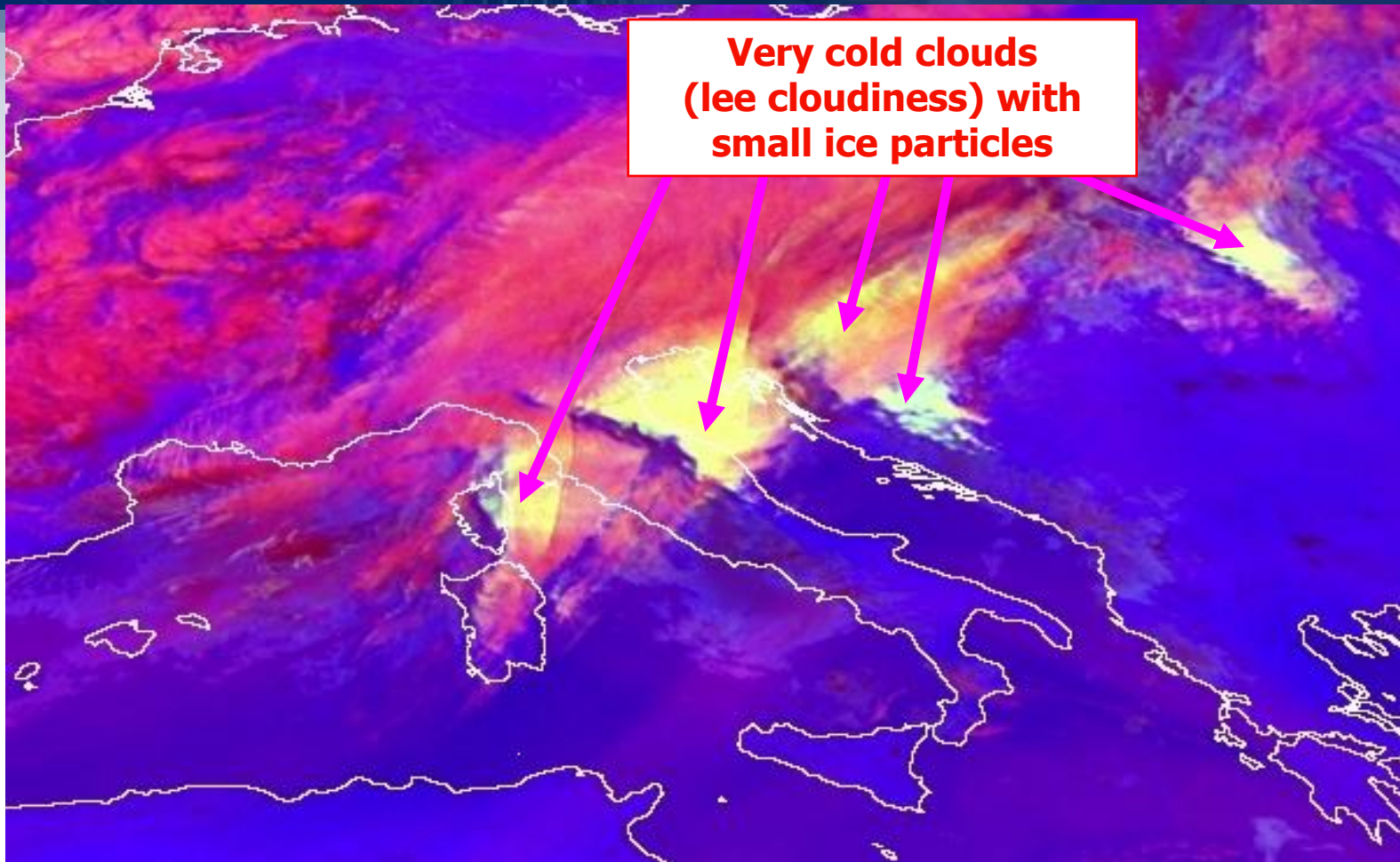


# Small Ice Particles in “Polluted” Clouds



**MSG-1, 22 February 2007, 12:00 UTC**

# Small Ice Particles in High-level Wave Clouds



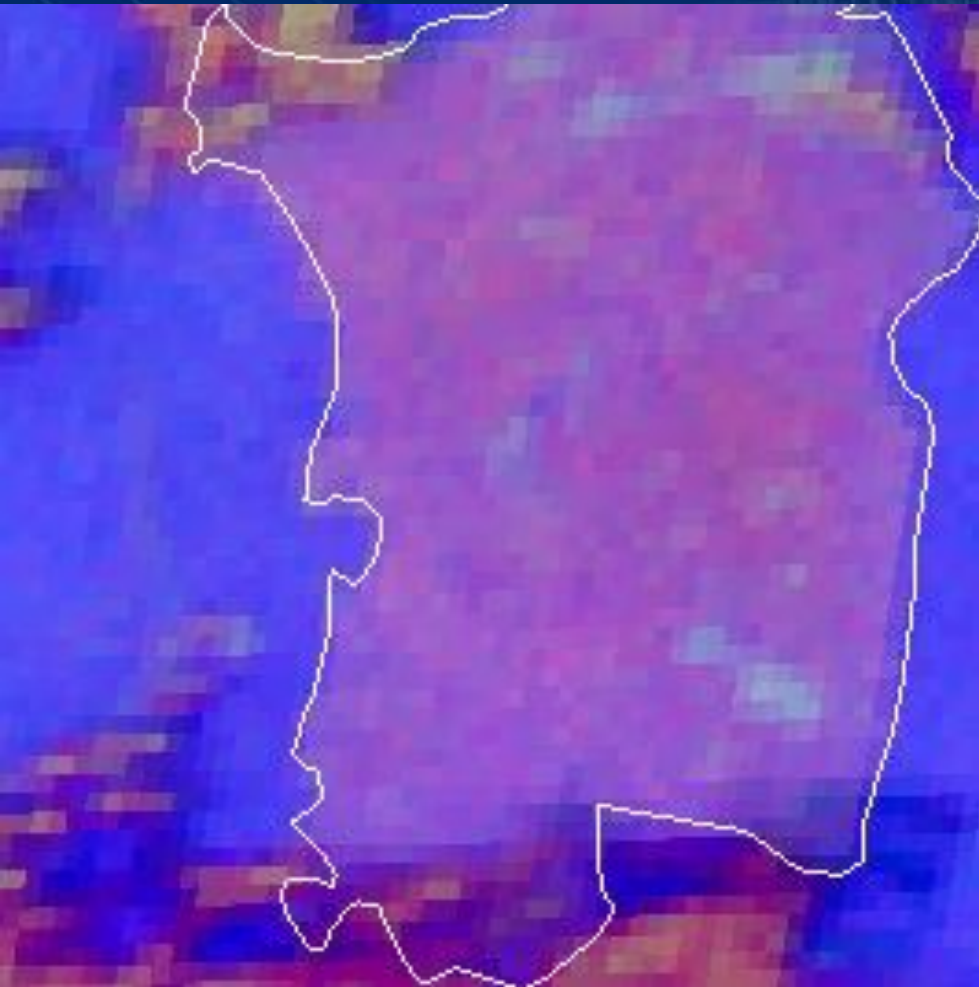
**MSG-1, 19 March 2007, 08:00 UTC**

# Fog & Low Clouds

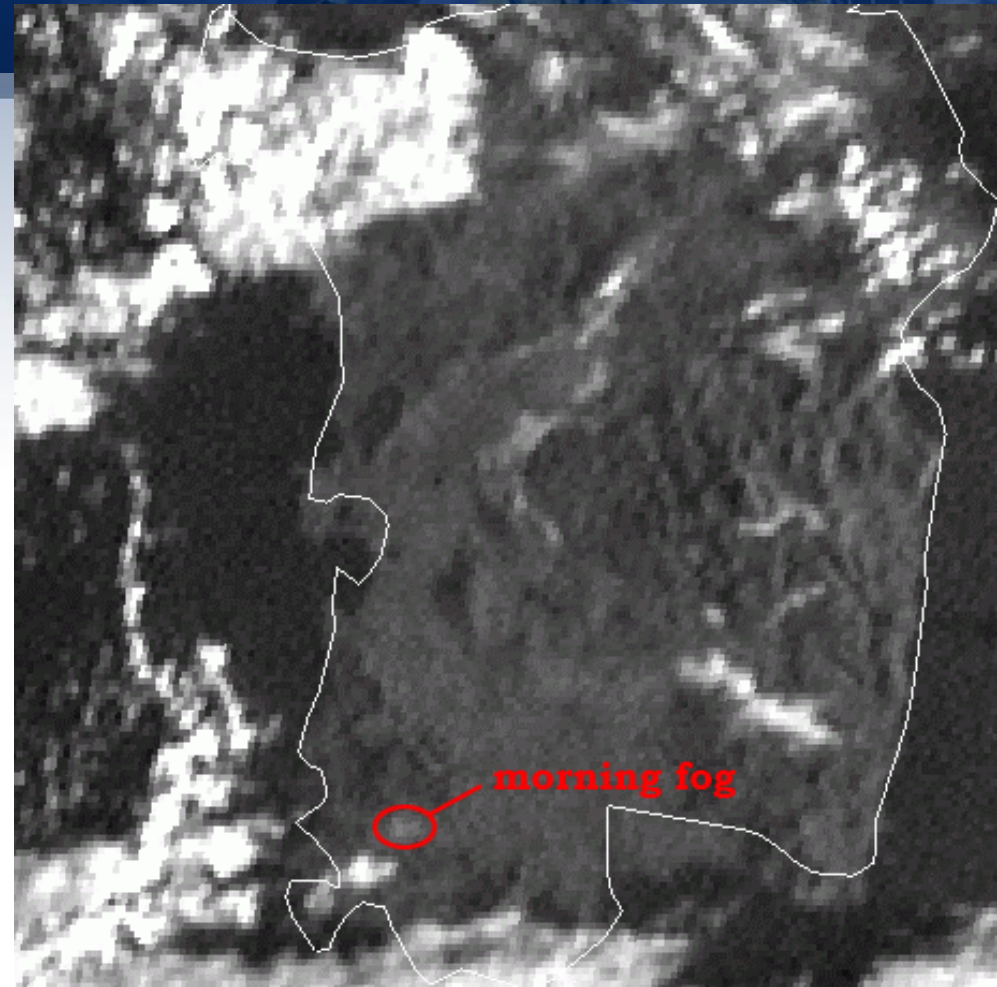




# Fog Sardinia (thickness: 20-30 m, visibility: ???)



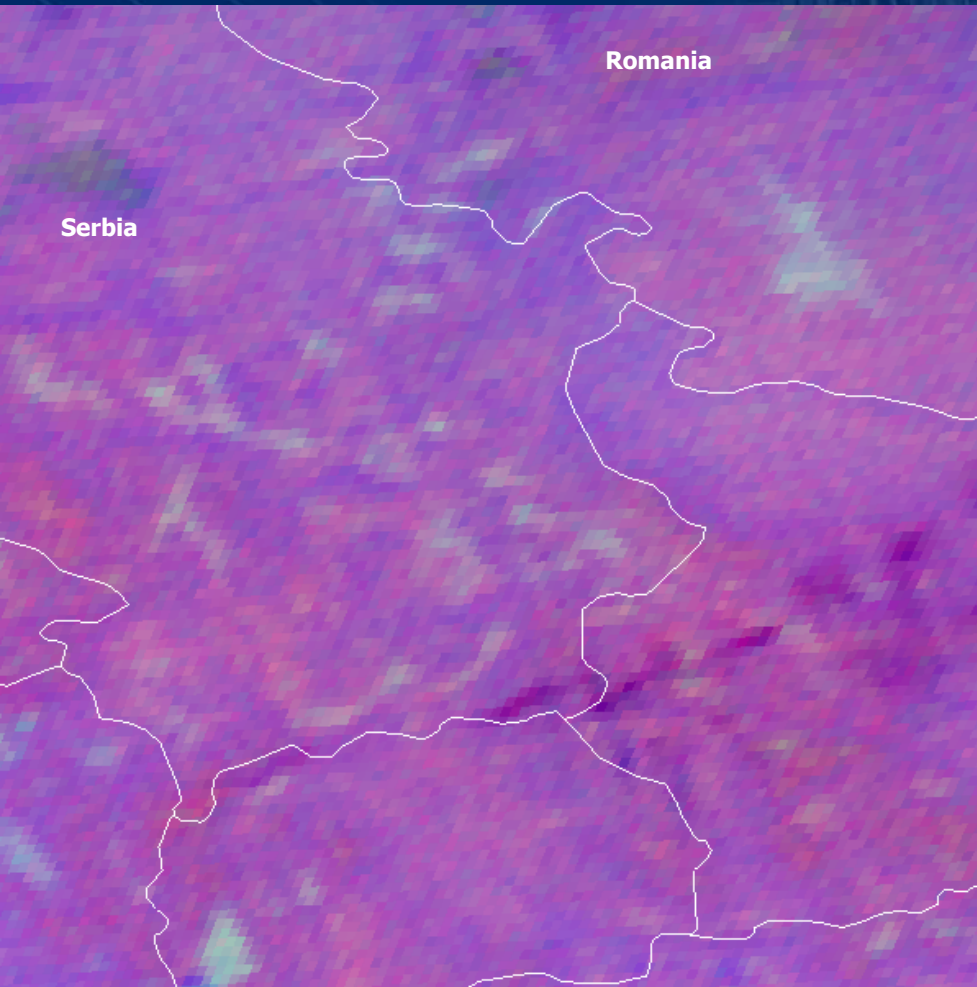
**Fog RGB, 05:00 UTC**



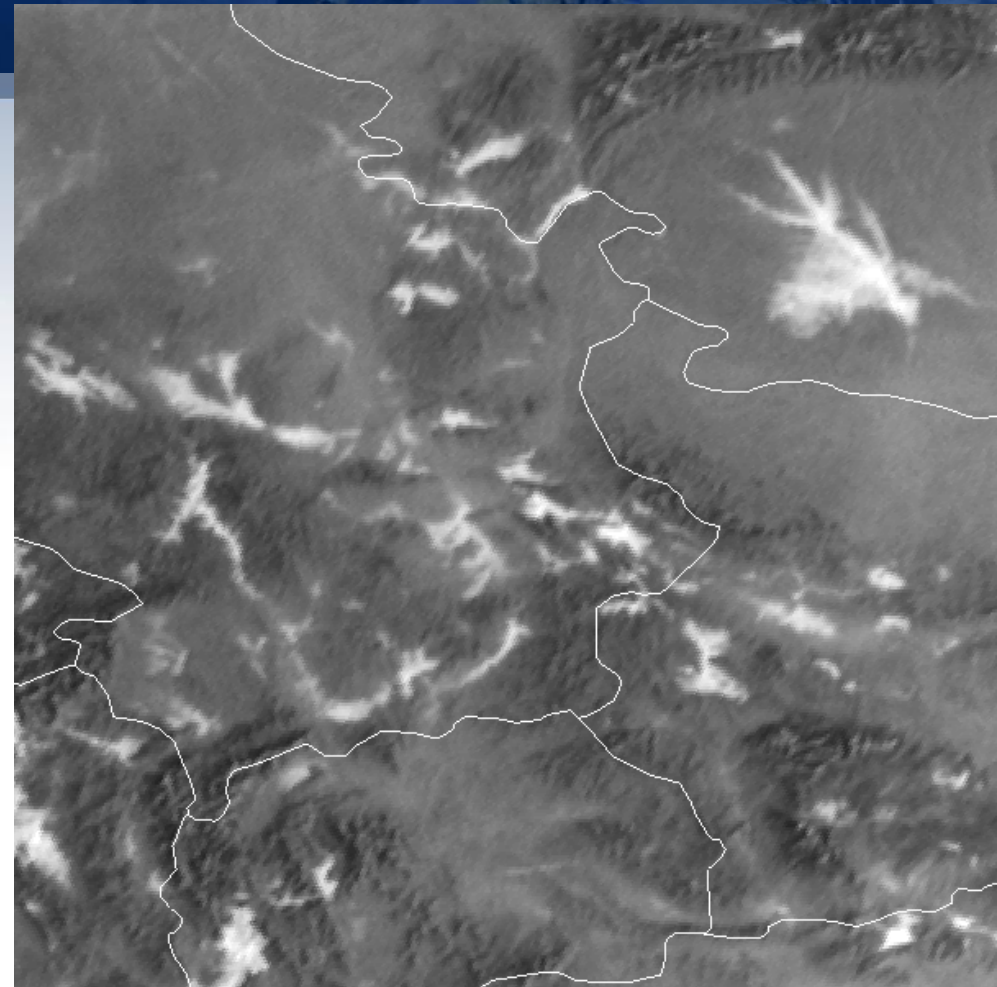
**HRV, 05:45 UTC**

**25 September 2008**

# Valley Fog Serbia (thickness: ???)



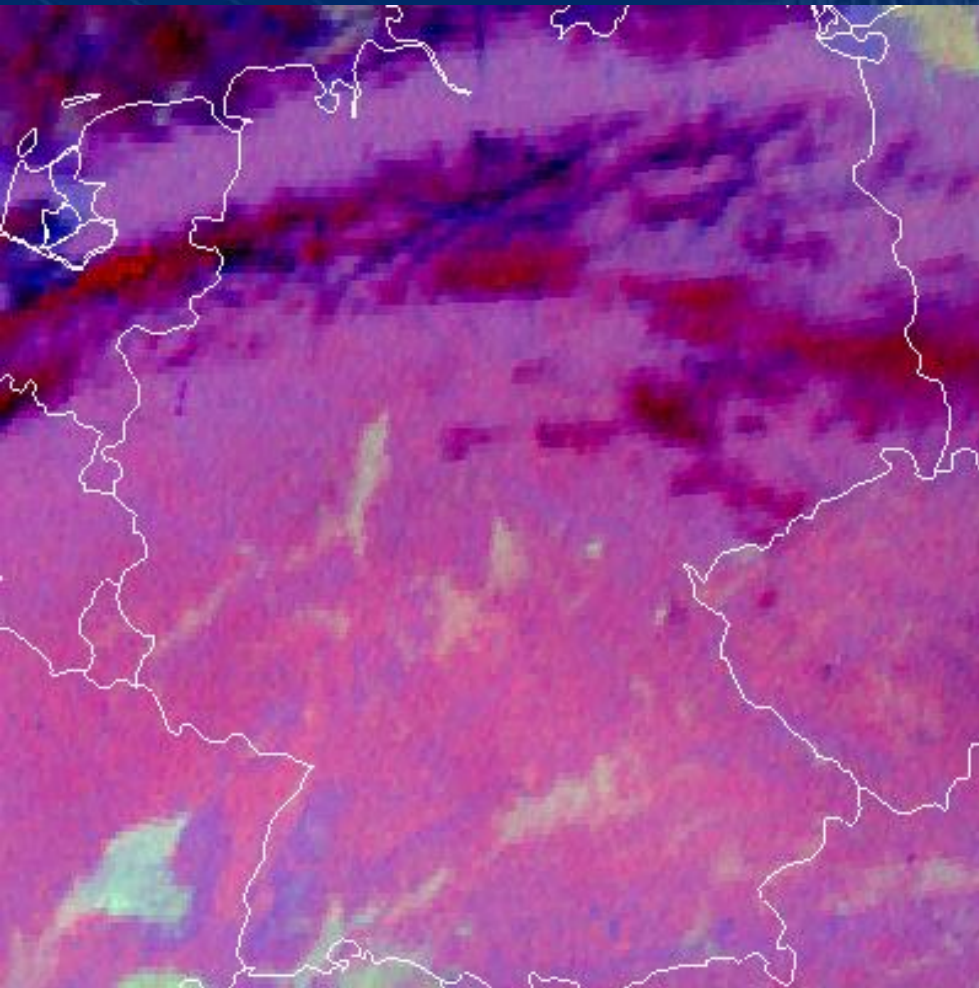
**Fog RGB, 04:00 UTC**



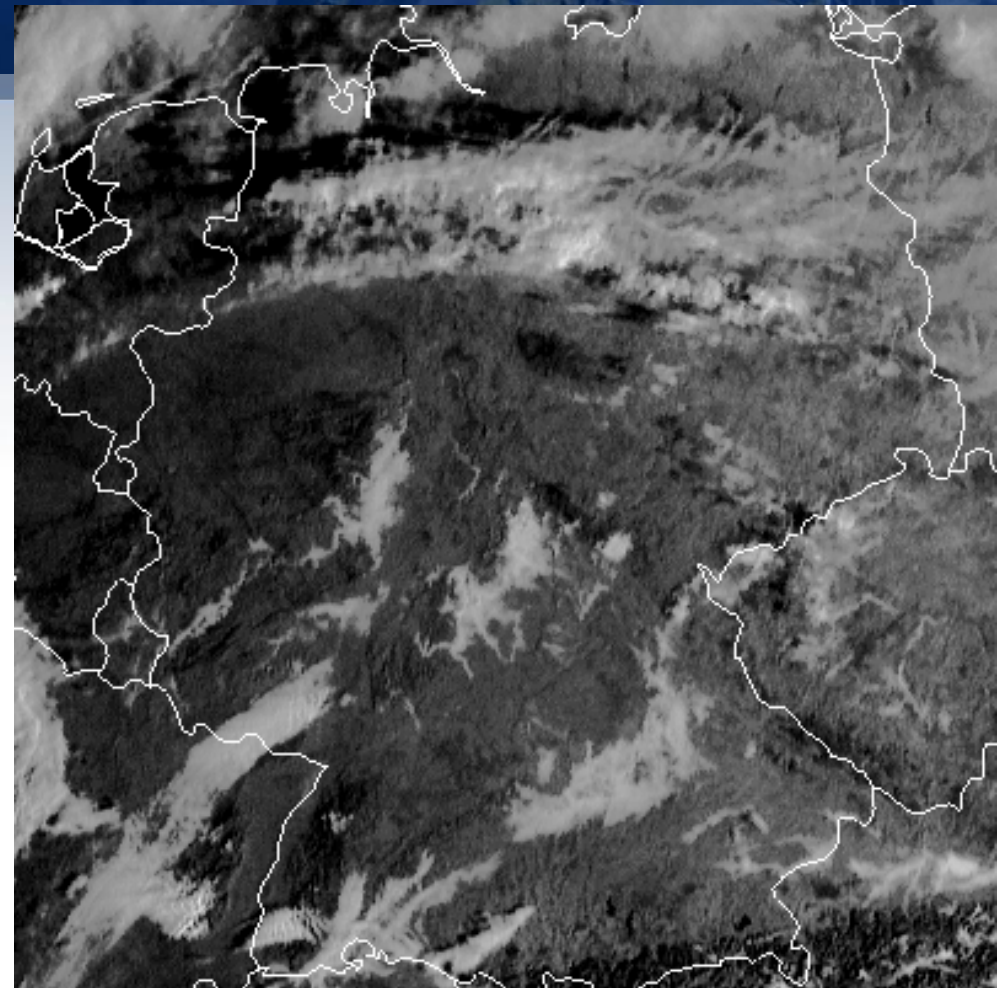
**HRV, 06:00 UTC**

**16 October 2008**

# Fog Frankfurt (thickness: 100-200 meters)



**Fog RGB, 05:00 UTC**



**HRV, 07:00 UTC**

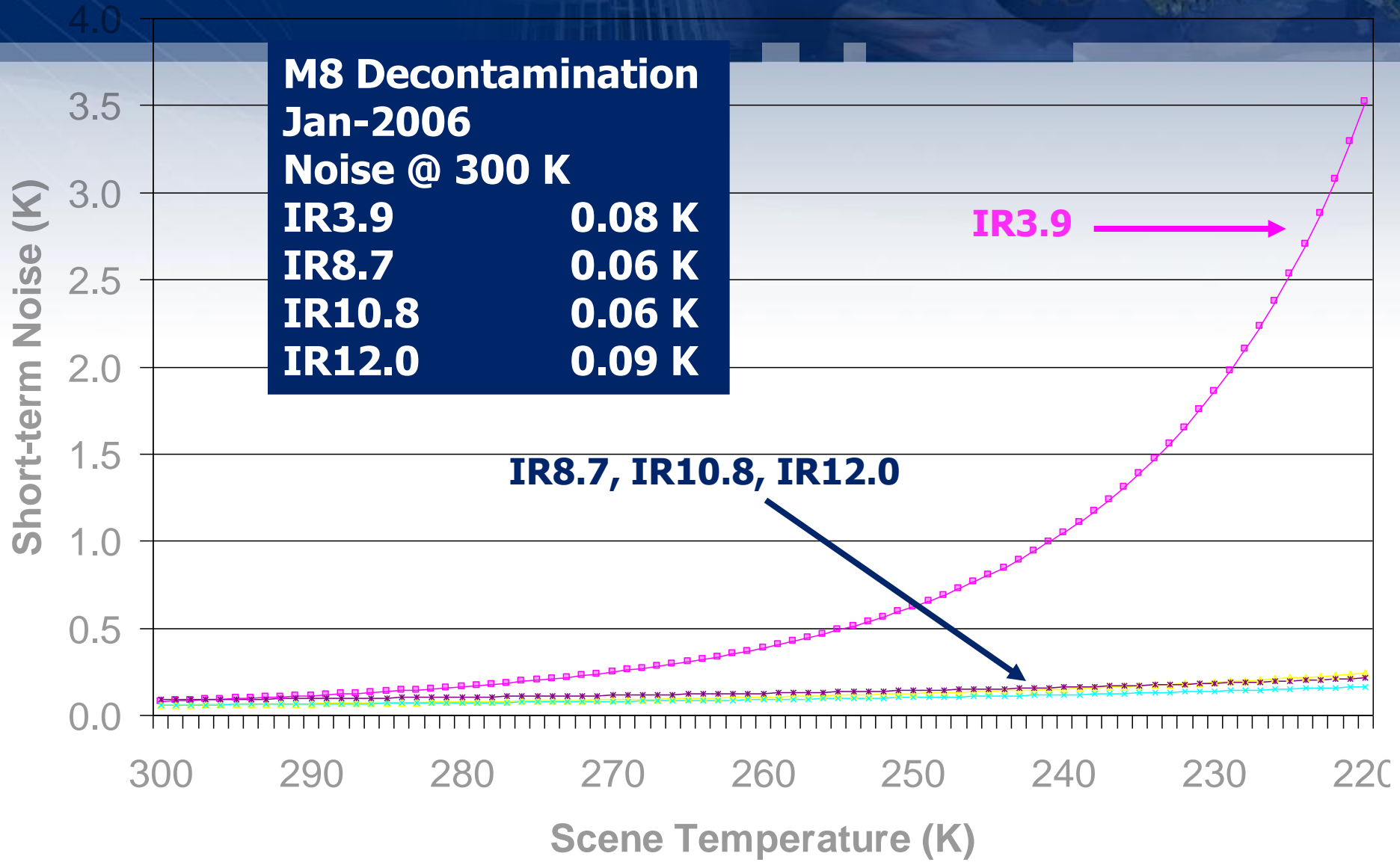
**20 October 2008**



# Short-term Noise of IR Channels

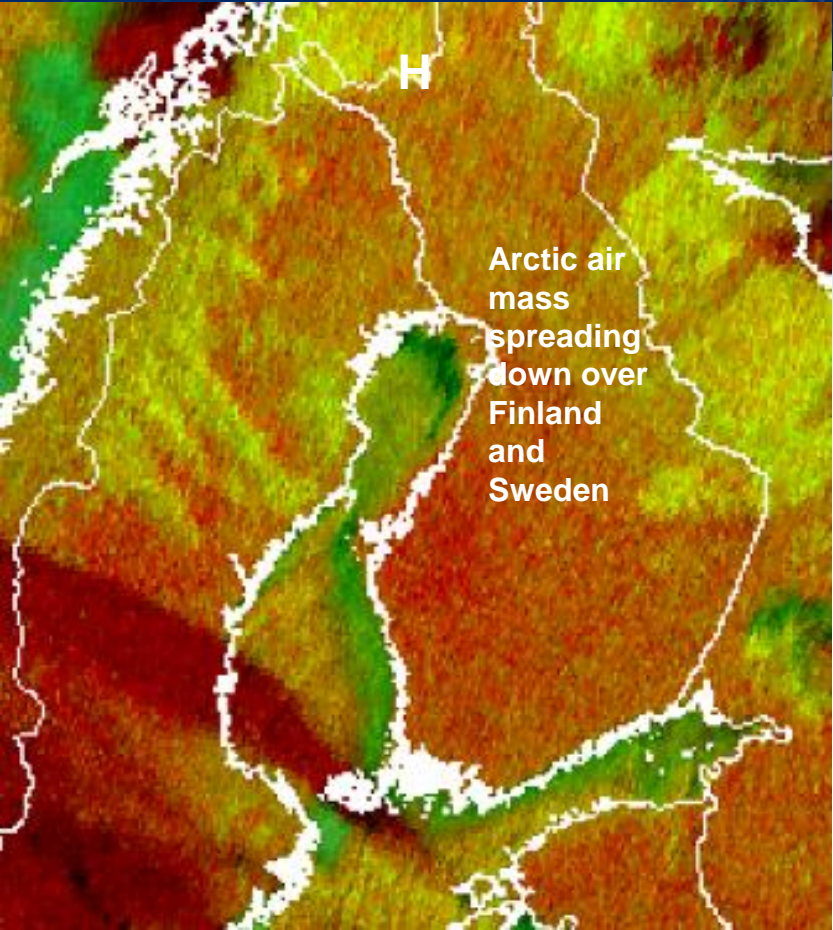
**M8 Decontamination  
Jan-2006  
Noise @ 300 K**

<b>IR3.9</b>	<b>0.08 K</b>
<b>IR8.7</b>	<b>0.06 K</b>
<b>IR10.8</b>	<b>0.06 K</b>
<b>IR12.0</b>	<b>0.09 K</b>



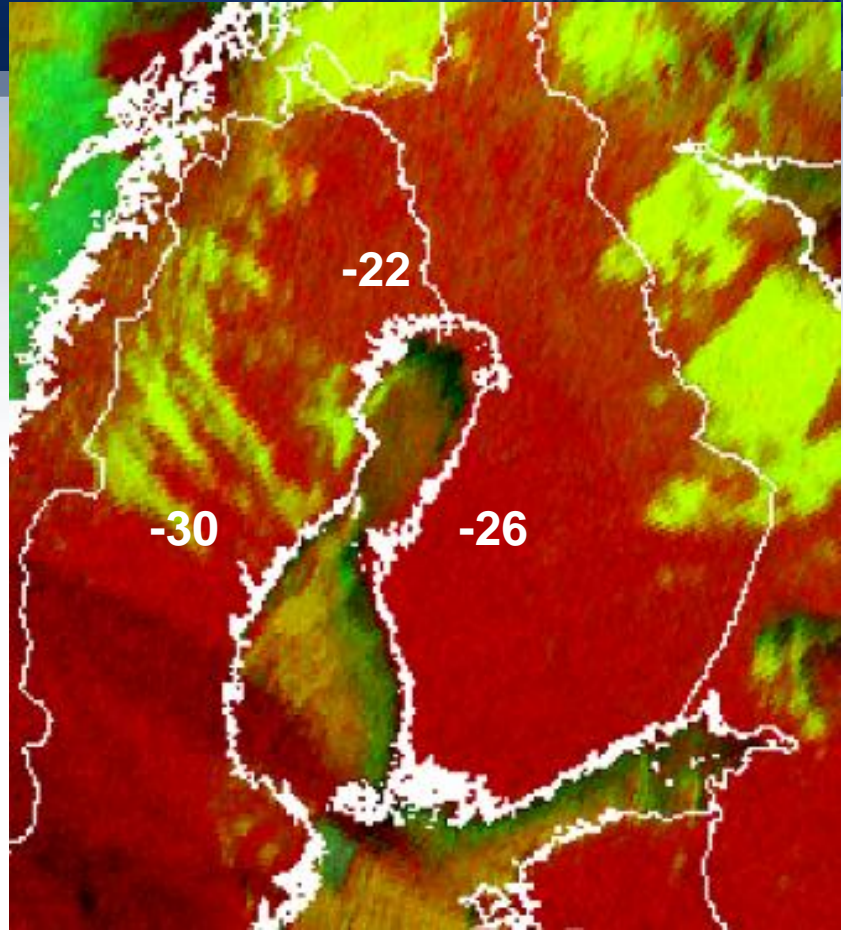


# Comparison: RGB Night vs RGB 24-hour



RGB Night Microphys. (IR3.9)

**IR3.9**



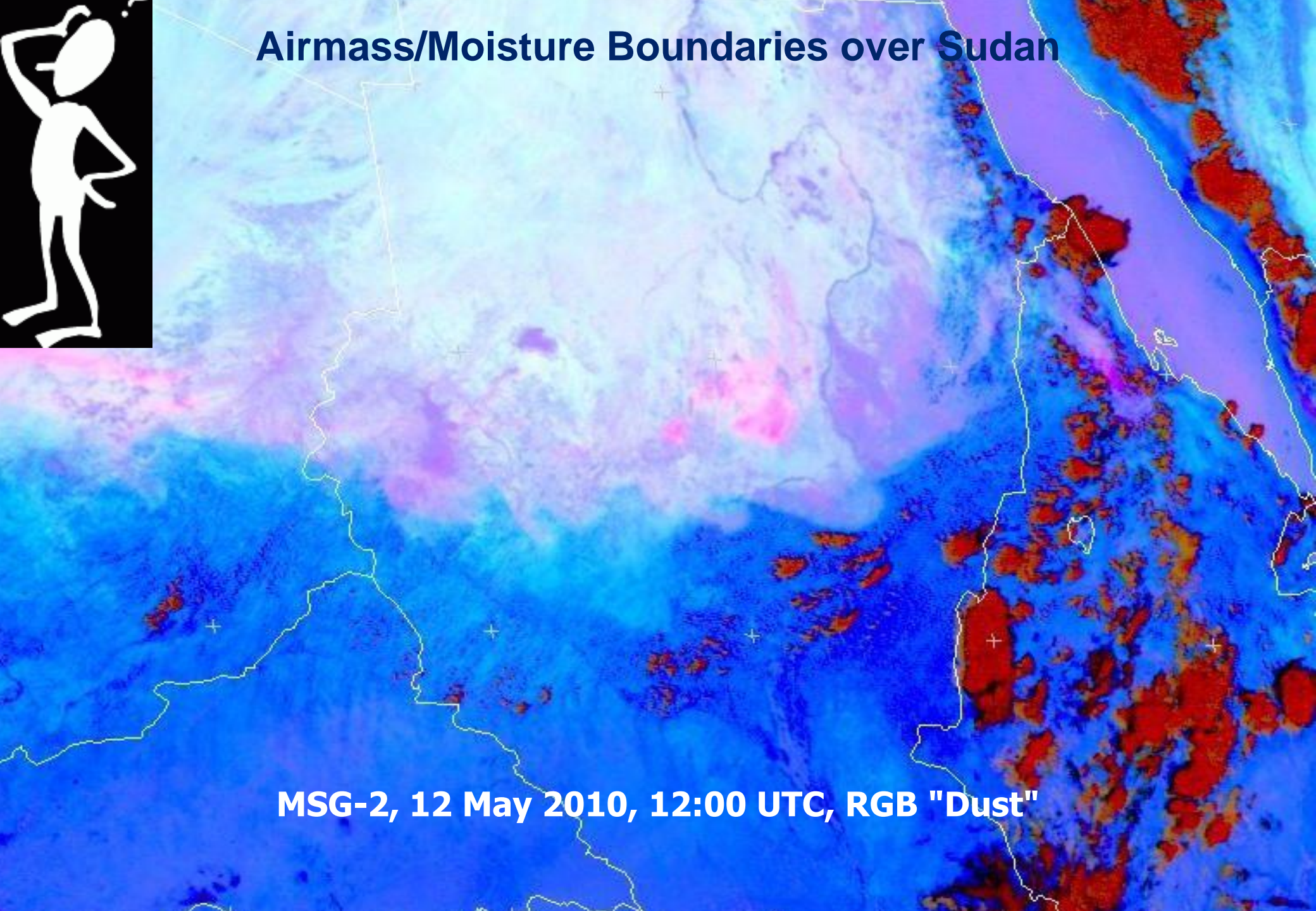
RGB 24-hour Cloud Microphys. (IR8.7)

**IR8.7**

# Low-level Moisture

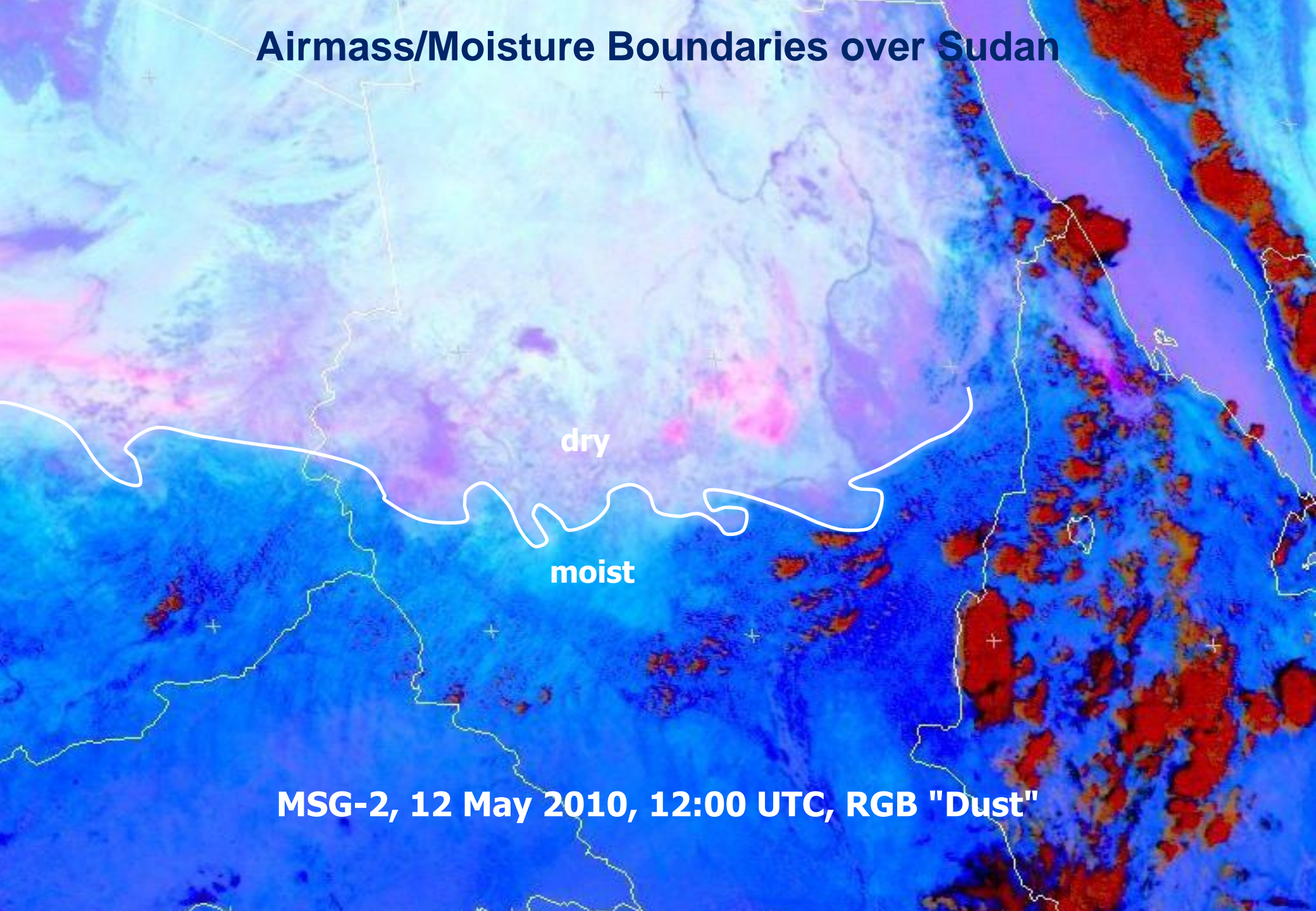


# Airmass/Moisture Boundaries over Sudan



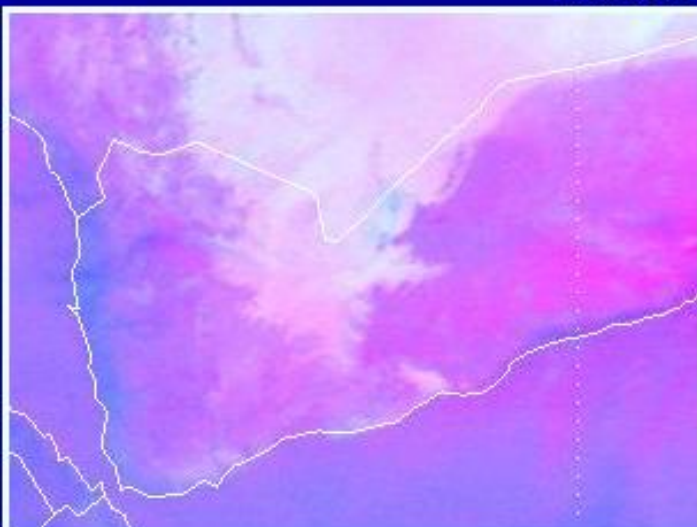
**MSG-2, 12 May 2010, 12:00 UTC, RGB "Dust"**

# Airmass/Moisture Boundaries over Sudan

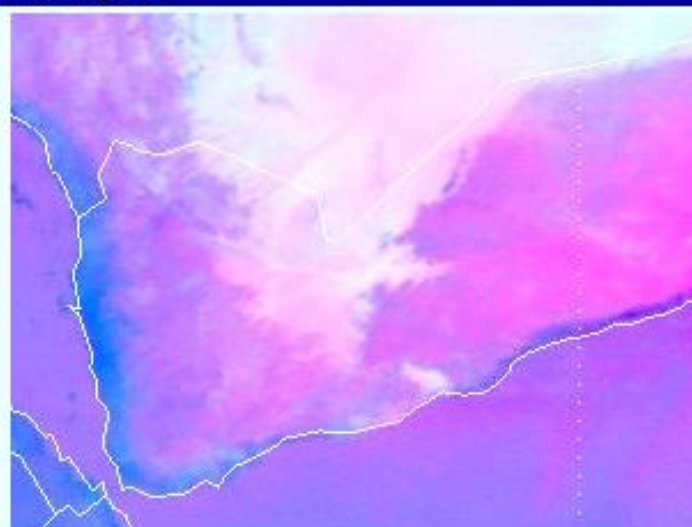


MSG-2, 12 May 2010, 12:00 UTC, RGB "Dust"

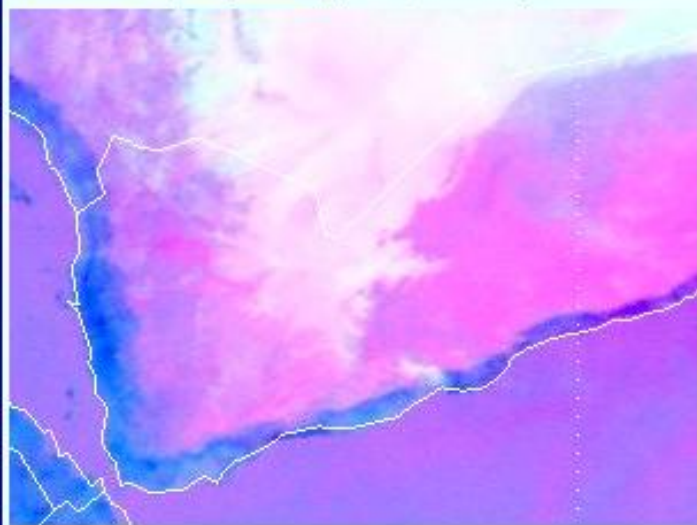




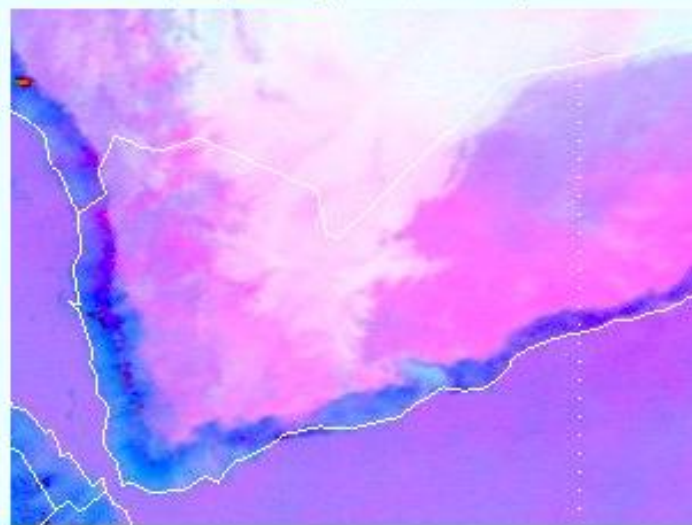
Met-9, 26 May 2012, 05:00 UTC  
RGB Composite (Dust RGB)  
IR12.0-IR10.8, IR10.8-IR8.7, IR10.8  
[Large Area](#) (PNG, 740 KB)



Met-9, 26 May 2012, 07:00 UTC  
RGB Composite (Dust RGB)  
IR12.0-IR10.8, IR10.8-IR8.7, IR10.8  
[Large Area](#) (PNG, 739 KB)



Met-9, 26 May 2012, 09:00 UTC  
RGB Composite (Dust RGB)  
IR12.0-IR10.8, IR10.8-IR8.7, IR10.8  
[Large Area](#) (PNG, 740 KB)



Met-9, 26 May 2012, 11:00 UTC  
RGB Composite (Dust RGB)  
IR12.0-IR10.8, IR10.8-IR8.7, IR10.8  
[Large Area](#) (PNG, 748 KB)

## Diurnal development of the sea-breeze front in Yemen

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# Cold Front removes hot/moist air in Italy

Red = IR12.0 – IR10.8 [-3 K, 0 K]

Green = IR10.8 – IR8.7 [0 K, 4 K]

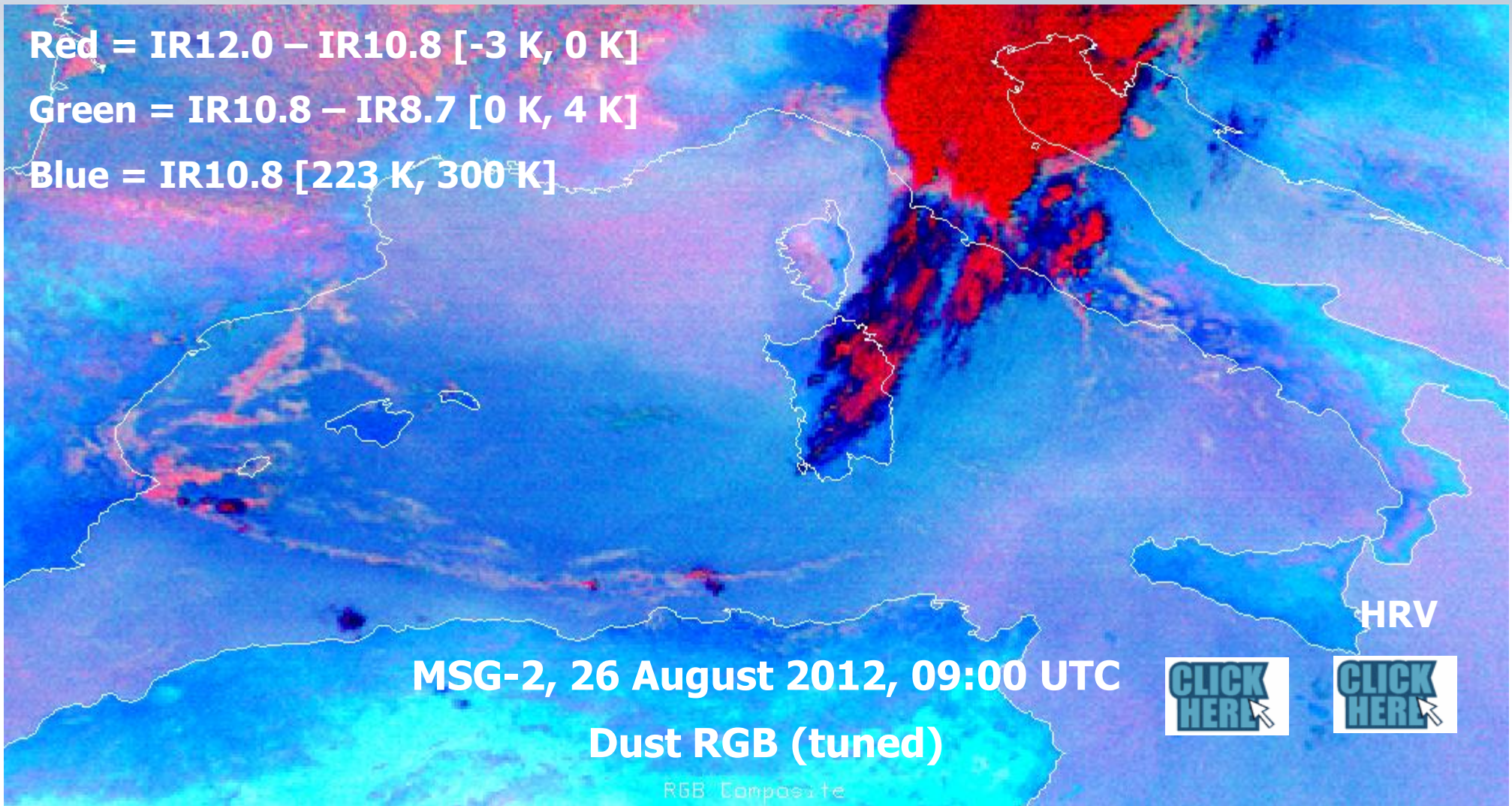
Blue = IR10.8 [223 K, 300 K]

MSG-2, 26 August 2012, 09:00 UTC

Dust RGB (tuned)

RGB Composite

HRV

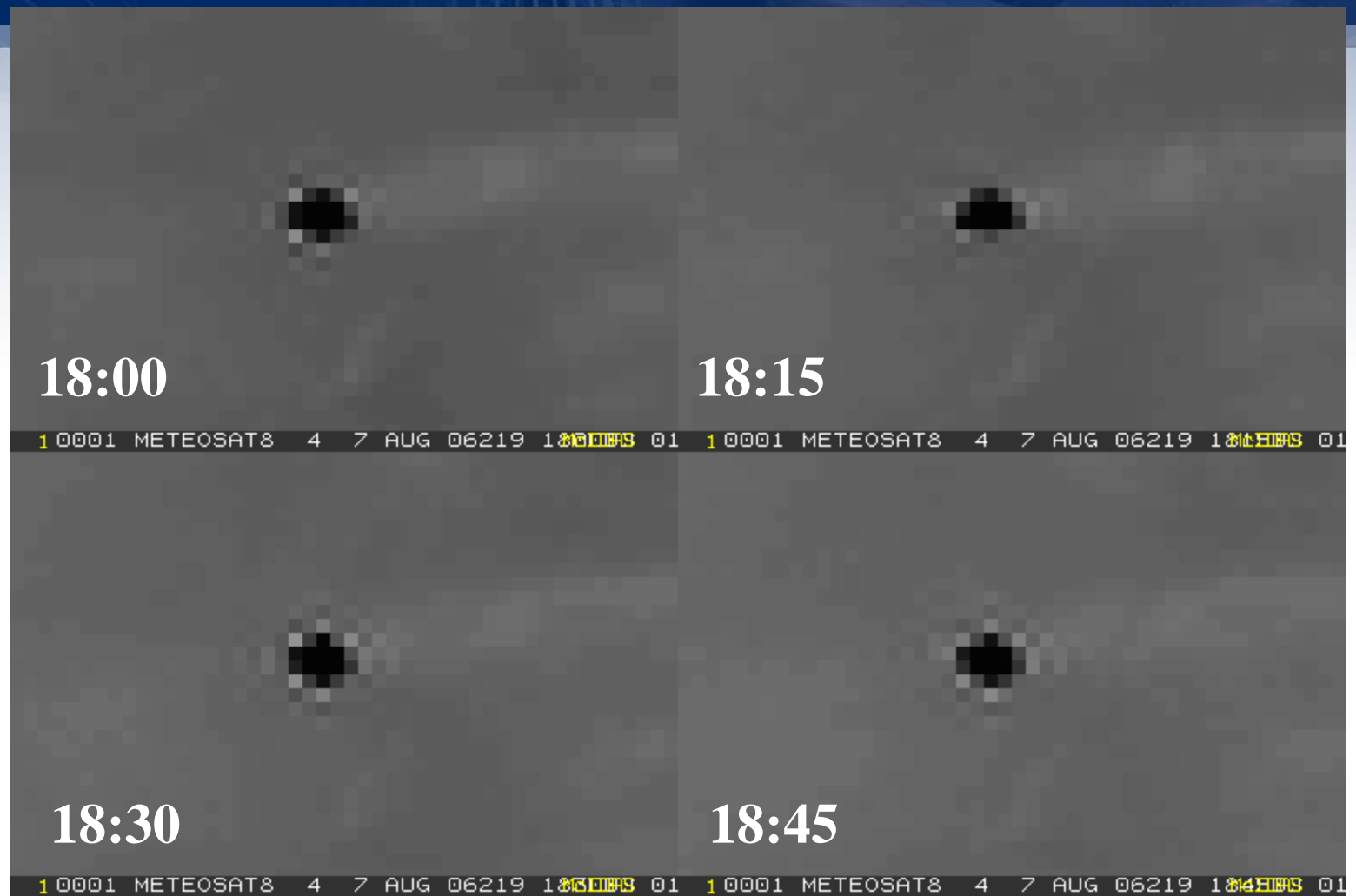


# Fires & Smoke





# Artefacts coming from Digital Filter



**MSG-1, 7 August 2006, IR3.9 Channel (inverted)**

# “Blinding” of IR3.9 Channel



Blinding can occur for saturated, large fires

IR3.9 Channel

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# PyroCb 4 August 2010



Large

zoom



Met-9, storm sandwich product (source: Z. Charvat)

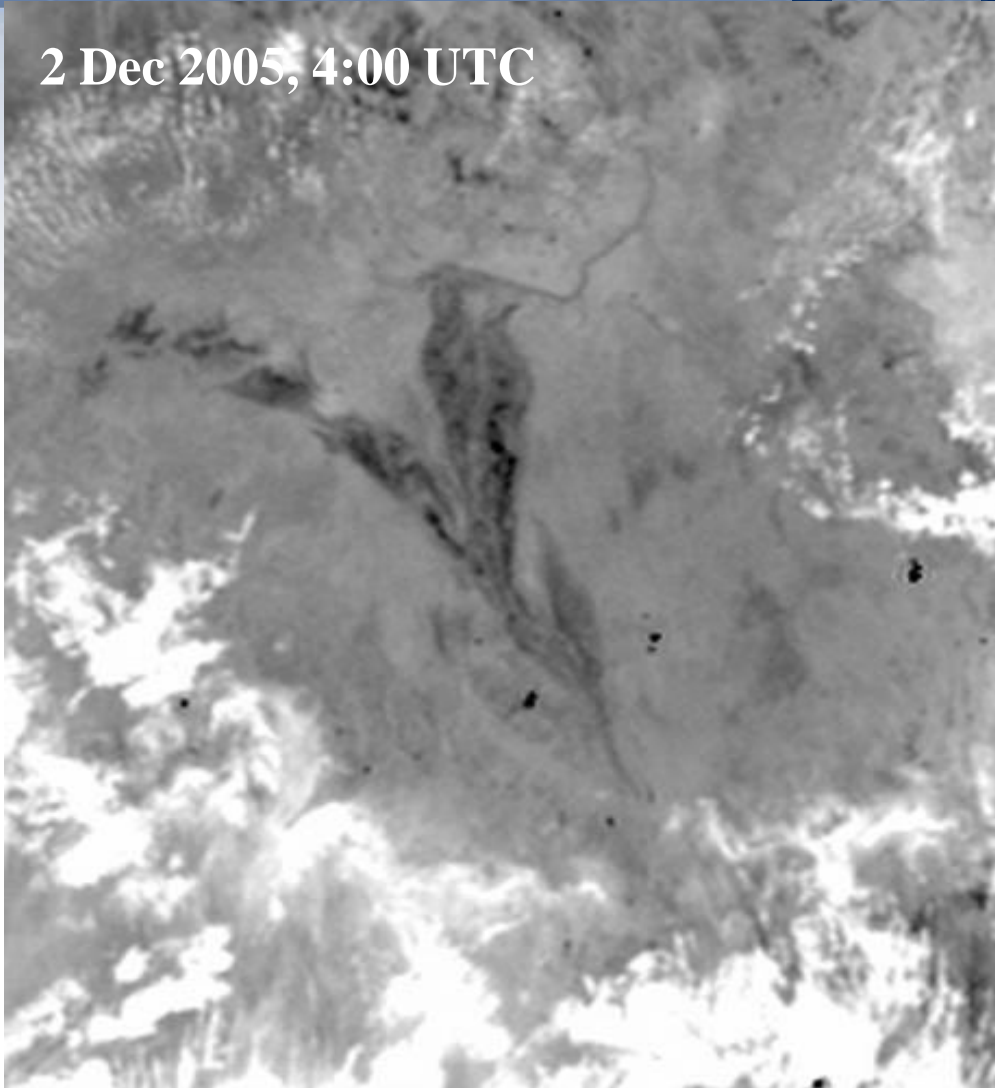
# Floods



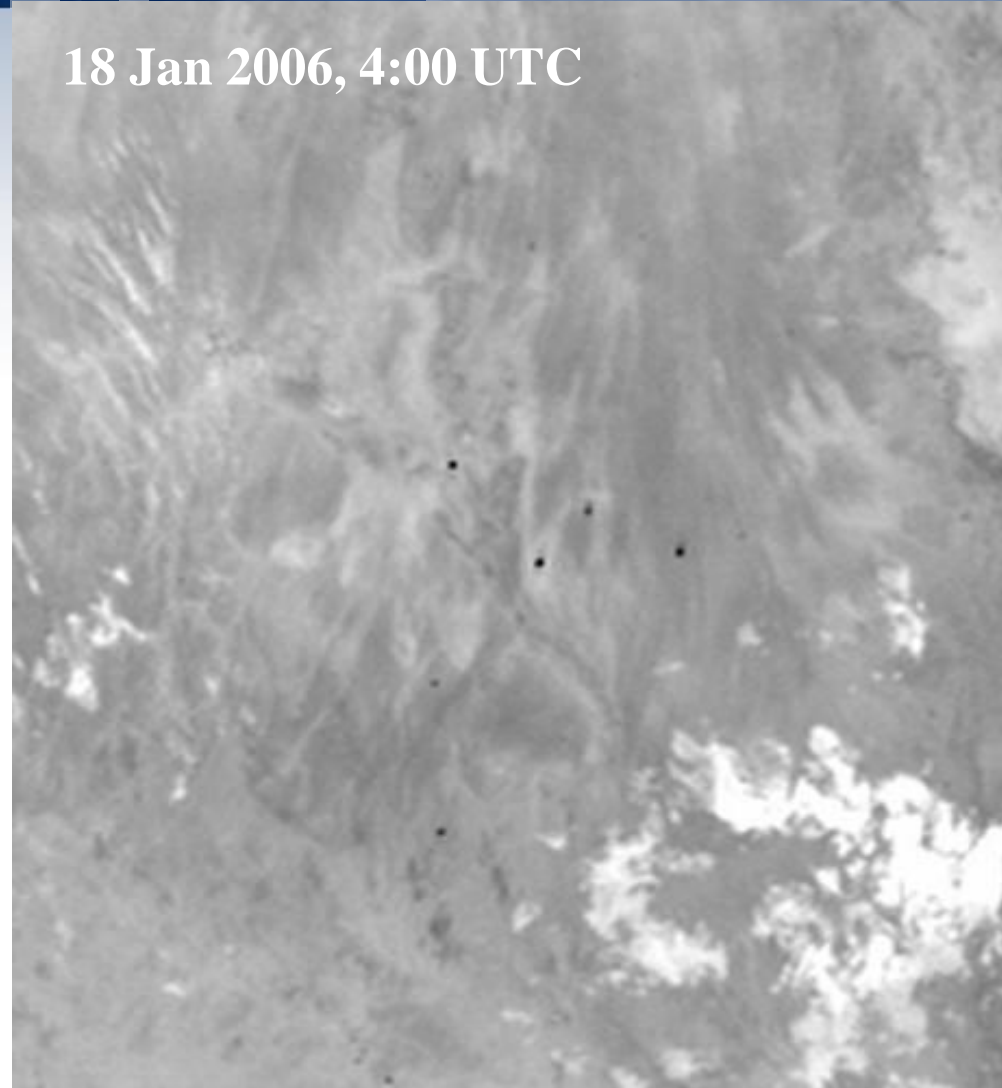


# Floods in Sudd Area, Sudan

2 Dec 2005, 4:00 UTC



18 Jan 2006, 4:00 UTC

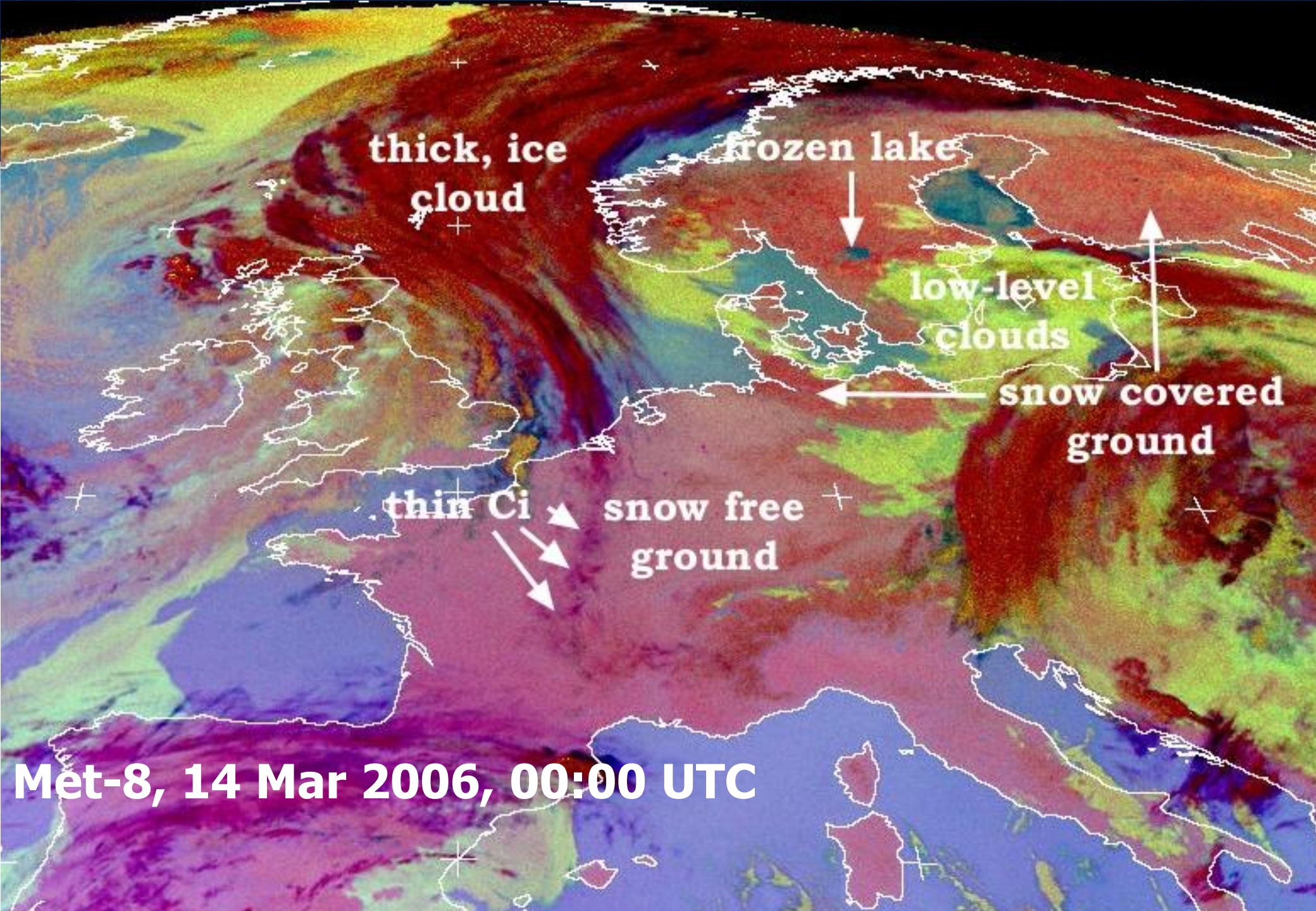


**MSG IR3.9 Channel**



**Snow**





**thick, ice  
cloud**

**frozen lake**

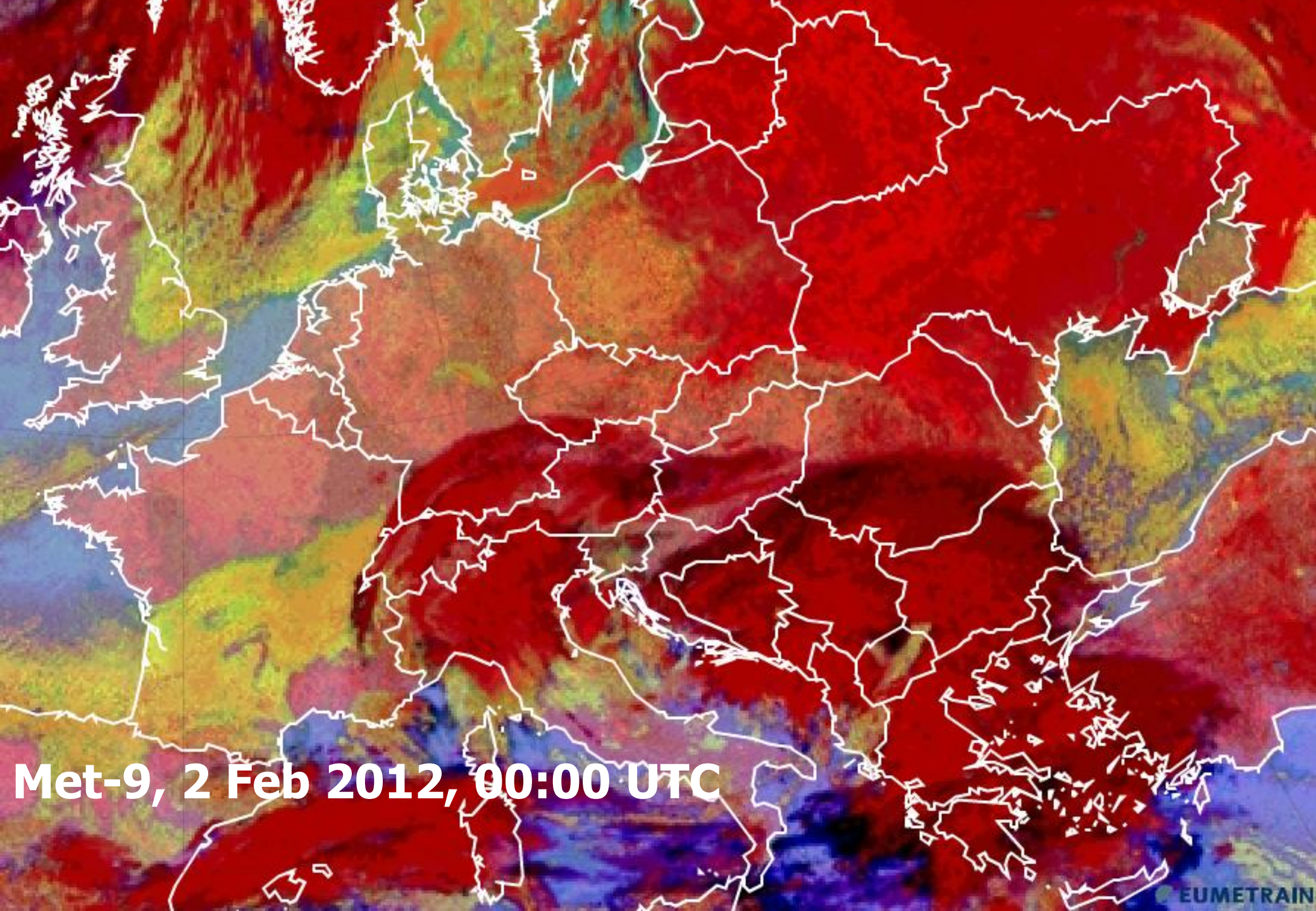
**low-level  
clouds**

**snow covered  
ground**

**thin Ci**

**snow free  
ground**

**Met-8, 14 Mar 2006, 00:00 UTC**



**Met-9, 2 Feb 2012, 00:00 UTC**