

GOES-R/JPSS Program



CIMSS/ASPB Participation GOES-R/JPSS Proving Ground Status

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- Demonstration of Satellite PG applications at National Center Testbeds/Demonstrations and NWS WFO
- AWIPS-2 status
- Training
- SRSOR from GOES-14
- Upcoming meetings/conferences

Satellite Liaison: Bill Line

- **HWT Products:**

- Simulated Cloud and Moisture Imagery (Otkin/Sieglaff/Lindsey – CIMSS/CIRA)
- NearCast Model (Petersen/Line - CIMSS)
- Cloud Top Cooling (Sieglaff/Feltz – CIMSS)

- **Product demonstrations in SPC are starting. SPC Products:**

- NearCast Model
- Cloud Top Cooling
- Overshooting Tops
- SRSOR (in August)

- **Continue streamlining formats for AWIPS-2**

- **Future planning will be coordinated with new liaison**

- Spring 2014 HWT plans
- Hydrological/Fire Testbed in future?

- **UW-Madison satellite applications “Boot Camp” was held 8-19 July 2013: Bill Line, Amanda Terborg, Chad Gravelle, and Michael Folmer were present**

Satellite Liaison: Amanda Terborg

- **Aviation Weather Testbed Summer Demo: August 12 – 23, 2013**

- WRF Simulated ABI Imagery
- GOES Cloud Top Cooling
- GOES(-R) Overshooting Top and Tropical Overshooting Top
- Thermodynamic NearCasting
- GOES-14 imager SRSO one minute mode imagery, CTC, and OT were available for testbed
- GOES-R proxy cloud top heights/temperature (ACHA) for GOES East/West

- **CIMSS participants**

- 12-16 August Justin Sieglaff
- 19-21 August Wayne Feltz
- Forecaster feedback/examples are available

<http://goesrawt.blogspot.com/>



GOES-14 SRSOR (1-min data)

GOES-14 using routine GOES-E scans

UW-Cloud Top Cooling algorithm output using 1-min GOES-14 data

- UW-CTC signal begins sooner using 1-min data versus GOES-E routine scanning pattern (RO)
- Most intense UW-CTC signal is always captured using 1-min data compared to GOES-E RO
- Near-real time processing kept up with 1-min GOES data rates



Satellite Liaison: Chad Gravelle

- Continued coordination of GOES-R Fog/Low Stratus products into operations (West Coast evaluation with SEW, EKA, LOX, and MTR ends October 1).
- Central Region NWS Fog and Low Stratus report approved by SDEB.
- Convective Cloud-Top Cooling (part of “convective-initiation toolbox”) evaluation with CR (12 WFOs) and ER (2 WFOs) began in June.
- Assisted in distributing VIIRS bands (including DNB) to local WFO, Monterey and Louisville, and now available to MKX, MTR, LMK, and the AK WFOs.
- Began process of streamlining AWIPS 1 and 2 product instructions for WFOs.
- Working with NWS Operations PG regarding GOES-R products and how they relate to ongoing GOES-R PG activities.
- Presentations at NWA in Charleston: Tampa Bay FLS Case and Using GOES-R Products to Bridge the Gap Between Convective Watches and Warnings

4) Alaska/AAWU/High Latitude Testbed

- **Automated ash cloud alerts from AVHRR and MODIS will be provided to the VAAC and CWSU soon (training needs to be updated first).**
- **VIIRS NetCDF files verified to be AWIPSII compatible**
- **VIIRS VISIT NWS training module under development**
- **Polar2grid tool expansion for GEOCAT AK/CONUS nearly complete – testing soon**
- **Participated in OCONUS meeting 17-21 June 2013:**
 - **CIMSS: Wayne Feltz, Jordan Gerth, Ralph Petersen, Liam Gumley**
 - **NOAA ASPB: Jeff Key and Mike Pavolonis**



5) Pacific Region/Hawaii Demonstrations



- Liam Gumley, Kathy Strabala and Jordan Gerth taught a MODIS/VIIRS direct broadcast application workshop at the University of Hawaii - Manoa Campus 20-23 August 2013.
- 20+ students attended including NWS and JTWC personnel as well as UH graduate students
- Course consisted of morning lectures and hands-on afternoon labs, culminating in student presentations on the last day
- Goal of the course is to:
 - Make users aware of the products that are available from the MODIS/VIIRS direct broadcast data from the NOAA HCC antenna
 - Teach users about the instruments, spectral bands as well as principles of remote sensing
 - Give examples of specific MODIS and VIIRS Hawaii environmental applications
 - Foster the use of satellite data for local real-time applications





Students working on a lab during the Hawaii VIIRS/MODIS direct broadcast application

workshop.



5) Pacific Region/Hawaii Demonstrations

- Jordan Gerth conducted other activities related to the GOES-R Proving Ground in Pacific Region after the workshop, including:
 - Identifying an alternate route to transmit data between Honolulu Community College and HFO once new NOAA security regulations require traffic to pass through a TIC node
 - Investigating interference in the Terra DB receiving frequency at the Honolulu Community College antenna site; FCC identifying government/military users in this band
 - Localizing/troubleshooting AWIPS at HFO to ingest/display MODIS imagery and products, lightning psuedo-reflectivity, and SPoRT QPE
 - Coordinating an N-Wave connection between IRC at Ford Island and Wisconsin





Tropical Storm Flossie



TROPICAL STORM FLOSSIE DISCUSSION NUMBER 19

NWS CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE CENTER HONOLULU HI EP062013

500 AM HST MON JUL 29 2013

THE CENTER OF FLOSSIE WAS HIDDEN BY HIGH CLOUDS MOST OF THE NIGHT BEFORE **VIRS NIGHTTIME VISUAL SATELLITE IMAGERY REVEALED AN EXPOSED LOW LEVEL CIRCULATION CENTER FARTHER NORTH THAN EXPECTED. WE RE-BESTED THE 0600 UTC POSITION BASED ON THE VISIBLE DATA.**

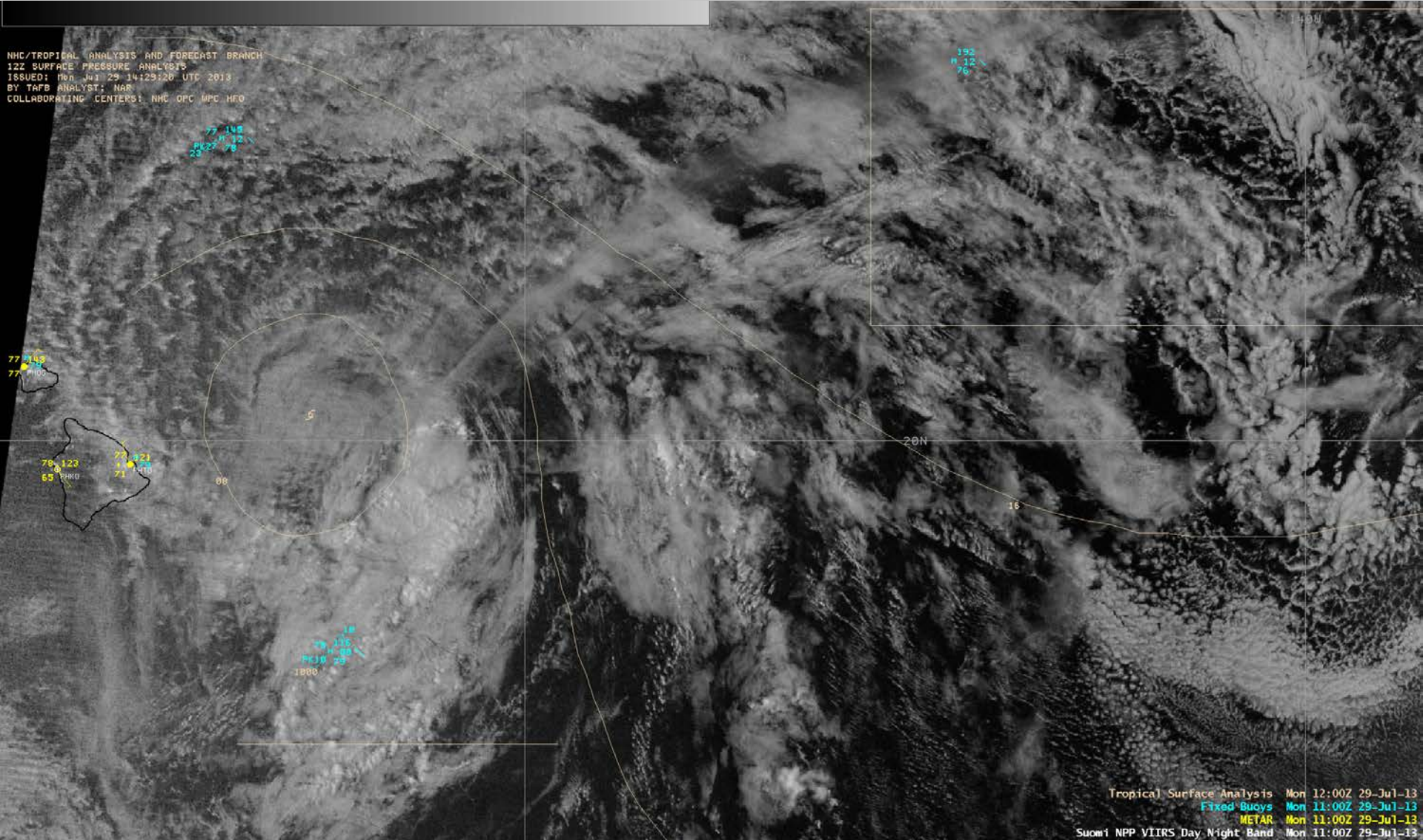
SUBJECTIVE DVORAK ANALYSES CONTINUED SHOW CURRENT INTENSITIES OF 3.0 BUT SATELLITE LOOPS SUGGEST A RAPID WEAKENING TREND WITH THE LOW LEVEL CENTER PULLING AWAY FROM A SMALL AREA OF CONVECTION SOUTHEAST OF THE CENTER. IT IS LIKELY THAT CONTINUED NORTHWEST SHEAR WILL MAINTAIN THIS WEAKENING TREND.

THE TRACK HAS BEEN SHIFTED NORTH TO REFLECT THE RE-LOCATED CENTER. THE TRACK GUIDANCE SHIFTED FOLLOWING THE TRACK CHANGE AND WAS CONSISTENT WITH A NEW TRACK FARTHER TO THE NORTH. THE TRACK NOW SHOWS FLOSSIE PASSING OVER MAUI TODAY...OVER OAHU TONIGHT...THEN PASSING SOUTH OF KAUAI EARLY TUESDAY MORNING. WE EXPECT FLOSSIE TO WEAKEN STEADILY AS IT TRACKS WEST NORTHWEST AND DISSIPATE WITHIN 96 HOURS.



Tropical Storm Flossie

NHC/TROPICAL ANALYSIS AND FORECAST BRANCH
12Z SURFACE PRESSURE ANALYSIS
ISSUED: Mon Jul 29 14:29:20 UTC 2013
BY TAFB ANALYST: NAR
COLLABORATING CENTERS: NHC OPC MPC HFO



AWIPS images of VIIRS IR and Day/Night Band

(Image credit: Scott Bachmeier)



6) Satellite Proving Ground for Marine, Precipitation, and Hazardous Weather Applications



Satellite Liaison: Michael Folmer

- UW-CIMSS providing Overshooting-Top/Enhanced-V products (same methods as SPC delivery), N-AWIPS displayed at OPC, WPC, and SAB.
- Cloud top height and temperature from GOES imager are in progress for display within N-AWIPS and AWIPS
- Coordinated CIMSS GOES-R PG collaborations with 2013-2014 Satellite Proving Ground for Marine, Precipitation, and Hazardous Weather Applications demonstrations
- Other GOES-R PG decision support products requested within plan available once approved by NOAT governance process



7) NHC Proving Ground

- **UW-CIMSS Participants: C. Velden, S. Monette**
- **Also underway at same time is the NASA HS-3 (Global Hawks>>hurricane recon)**
- **UW-CIMSS is providing real-time observations from updated versions of the Hurricane Intensity Estimate (HIE) and Tropical Overshooting Tops (TOTs) products to both exercises.**
- **Also making extensive use of the GOES-R ACHA Cloud Top Height (CTH) estimation algorithm as part of hazard avoidance guidance in the HS3 field campaign.**



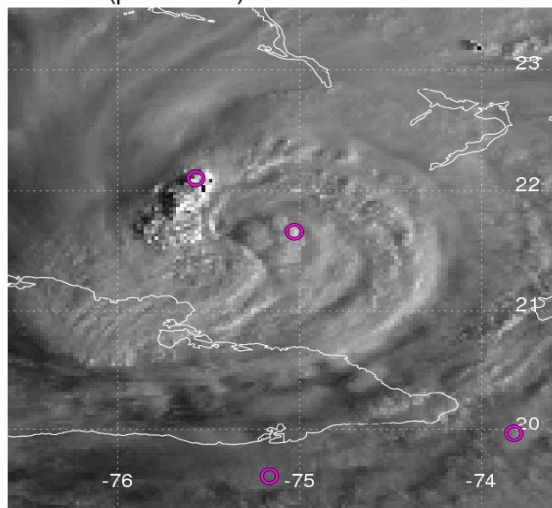
• *Tropical Overshooting (TOTs)*

- Objectively identifies TOT locations using cold IR pixels relative to neighbors, and is tuned to isolate and quantify vigorous tropical convection, especially for tropical cyclone (TC) applications.
- Employs IR-W imagery from GOES and Meteosat.

• *Algorithm updates based on feedback from 2012*

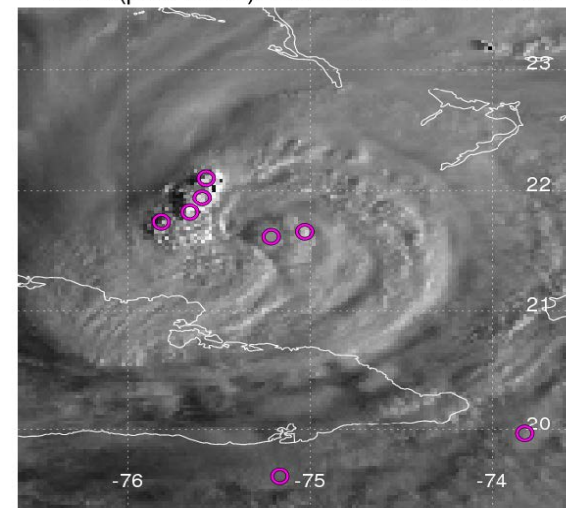
- Removal of false-alarm TOTs in TC cirrus outflow.
- Better identify TOTs in TC Central Dense Overcast (CDO). >>>
- Training was provided to NHC/TAFB in April to increase familiarity with the TOTs products.

Sandy (2012) Visible Image and TOTs (pink circle): 20121025 at 1215 UTC



Original algorithm

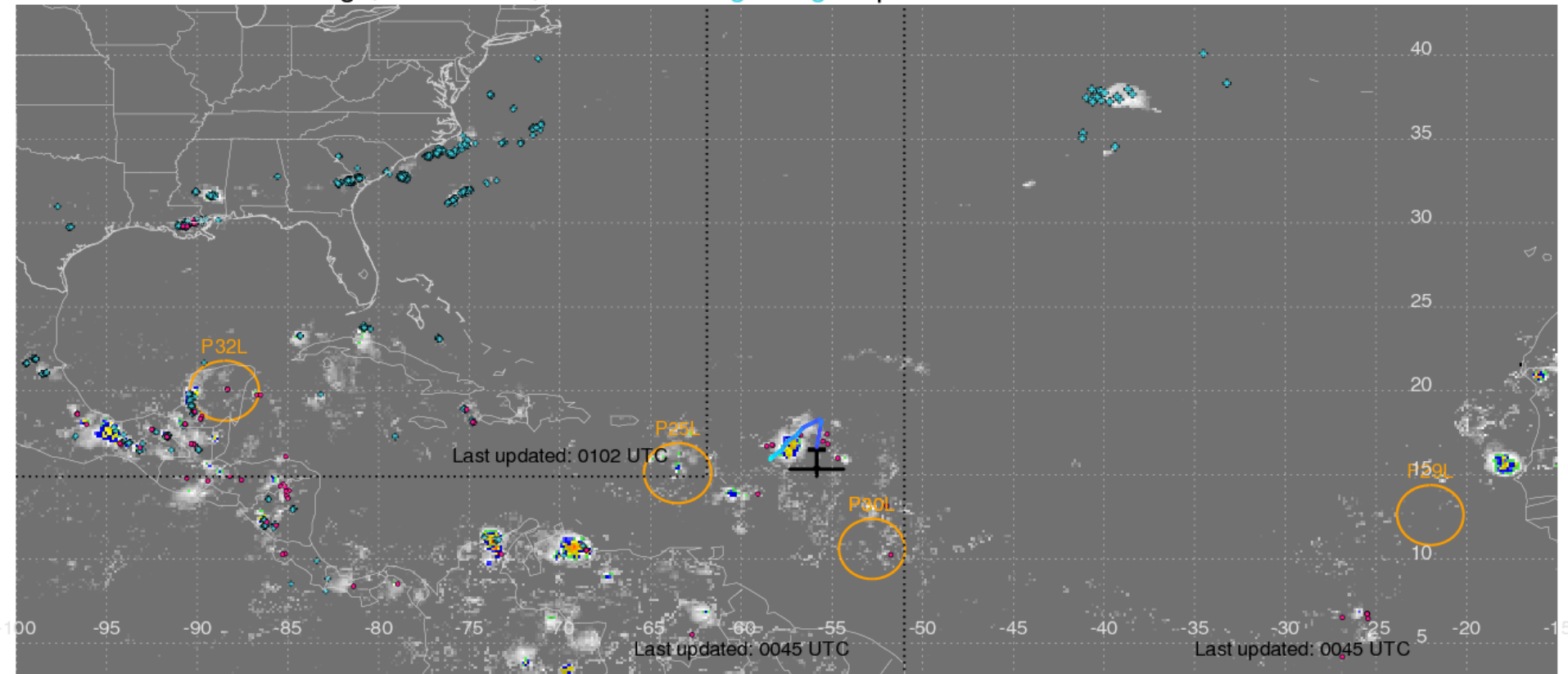
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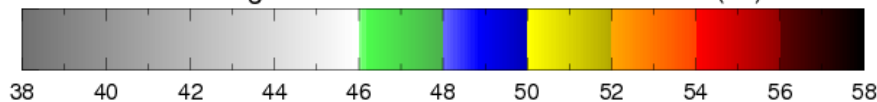
Updated algorithm

Full Basin, Real-time GOES-R Proxy Cloud Top Heights, Tropical Overshooting Tops, and 15-min Lightning

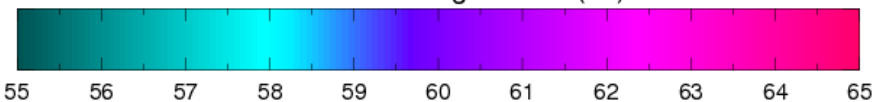
CTH Image, 1-h TOTS, and 15-min Lightning : Updated on 20130904 at 0114 UTC



Cloud Height in Pressure Altitude Coordinates (kft)



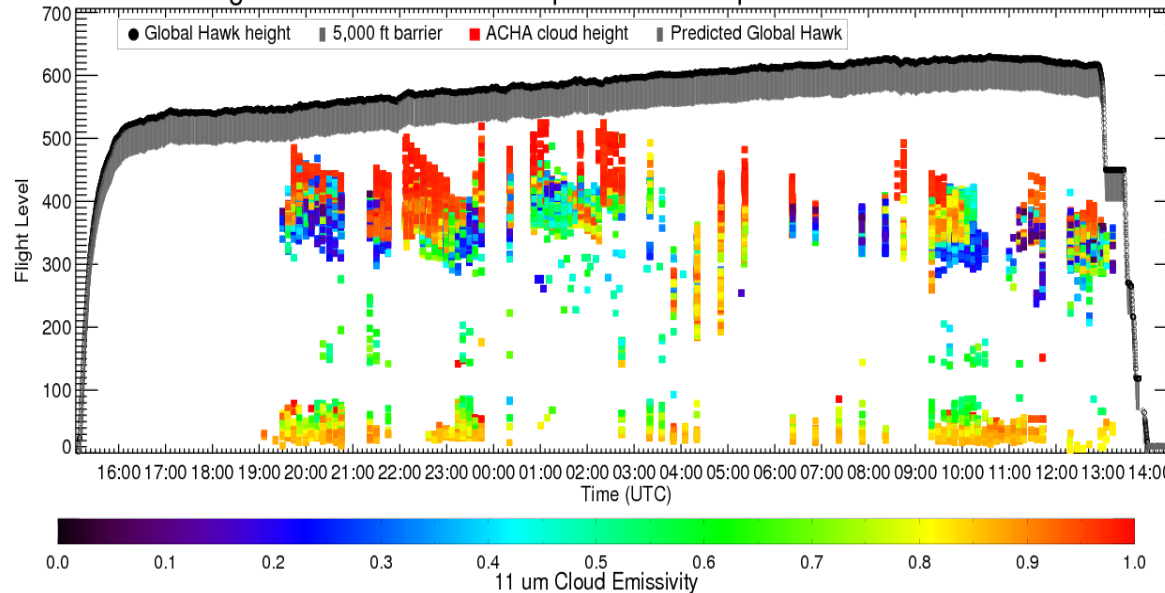
Global Hawk Flight Level (kft)



Real-time hazard avoidance guidance for the Global Hawk missions

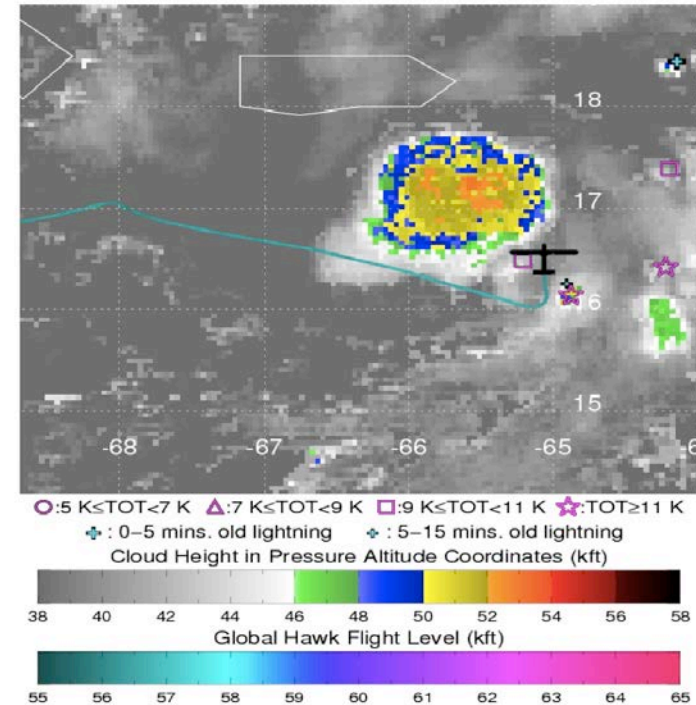
Global Hawks must clear “active” cloud tops with a 5,000 foot cushion.

ACHA cloud height and AV-6 altitude comparison: Last updated at 1514 UTC on 20130905



GOES-R Proxy Cloud Top Heights and emissivity along the Global Hawk current and predicted path, provided in real-time to NASA mission scientists and GH pilots.

Lightning & Global Hawk on 20130904 at 2152 UTC
ACHA CTH & TOTs on 20130904 at 2140 UTC



Real-time CTH, Tots and lightning overlay displays are updated every 2 mins. and used to identify potential hazards.



CIMSS/ASPB GOES-R ABI

Real-time Proxy



2013 GOES-R PG Proxy activities (September 2013)

1. **Provided forecasting support for airborne SNPP/METOP-B cal/val field mission (May 10-31, 2013). The primary objective of the mission was to collect cloud free radiance measurements from remote sensing instruments onboard the NASA ER2 during SNPP and METOP-B satellite overpasses in the vicinity of the Gulf of California.**
2. **Investigating ways of getting our simulated ABI products into AWIPS II: short term goal will be to write IDL code and utilize the ms2gt subroutines for remapping our products into AWIPS II NetCDF files.**
3. **Preparing data for a WES case focusing on 2013 Oklahoma tornado events: 6 products, including the RGB air-mass product, and the synthetic radiance/reflectance imagery, for the period of 20-29 May, 2013.**
4. **Continuing validation of proxy ABI RGB air-mass product using RGB air-mass images generated from co-located GOES-E Sounder brightness temperatures.**



Real-time Proxy

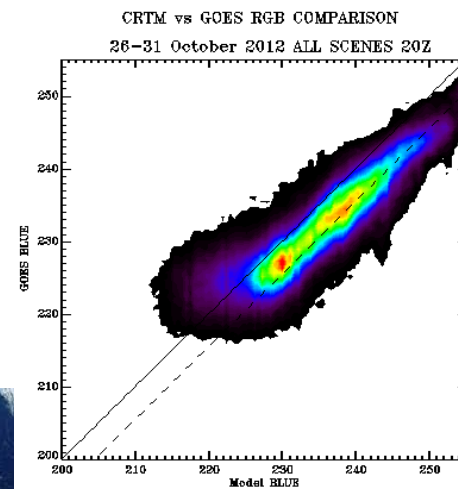
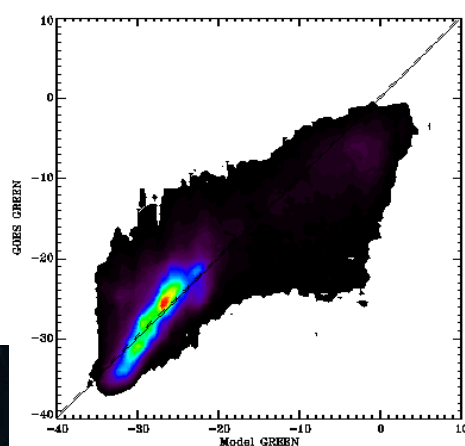
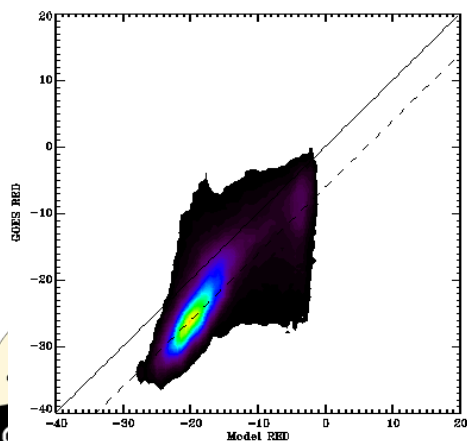
Calculation

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WRF-CHEM/CRTM ABI Airmass RGB 2012/10/30 20:00 UTC

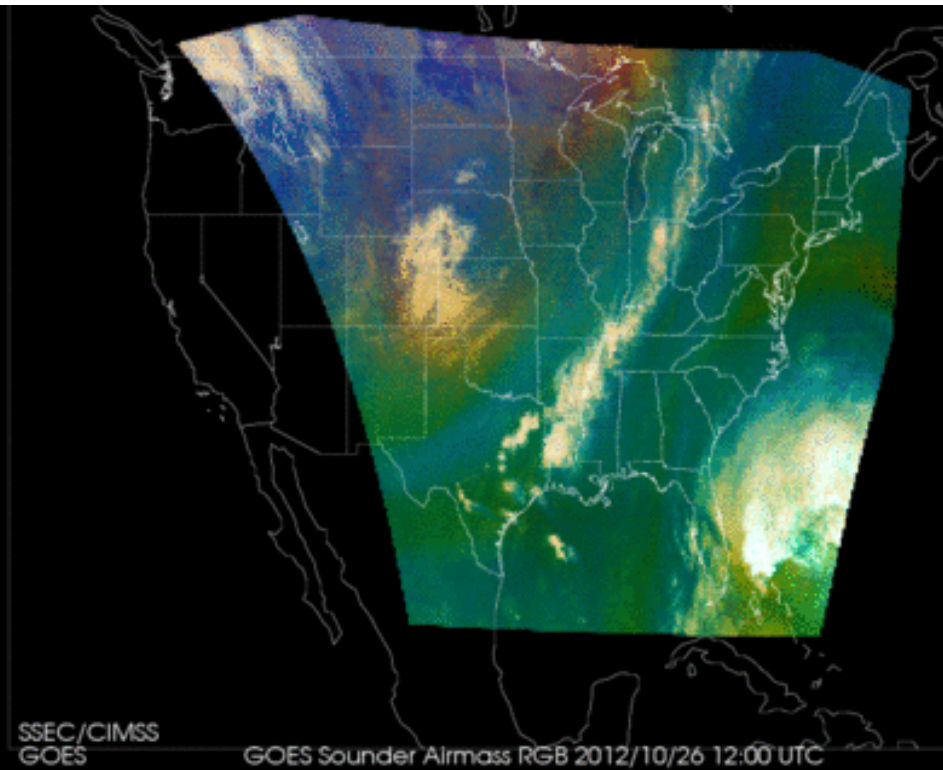
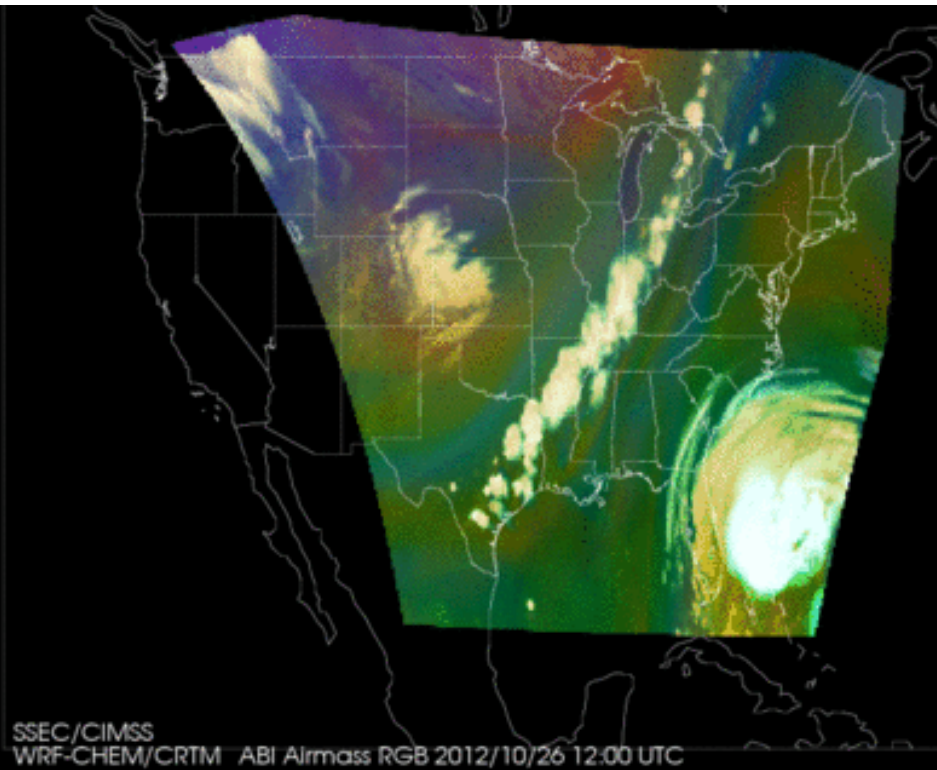
Observation

SSEC/CIMSS
GOES
GOES Sounder Airmass RGB 2012/10/30 20:00 UTC

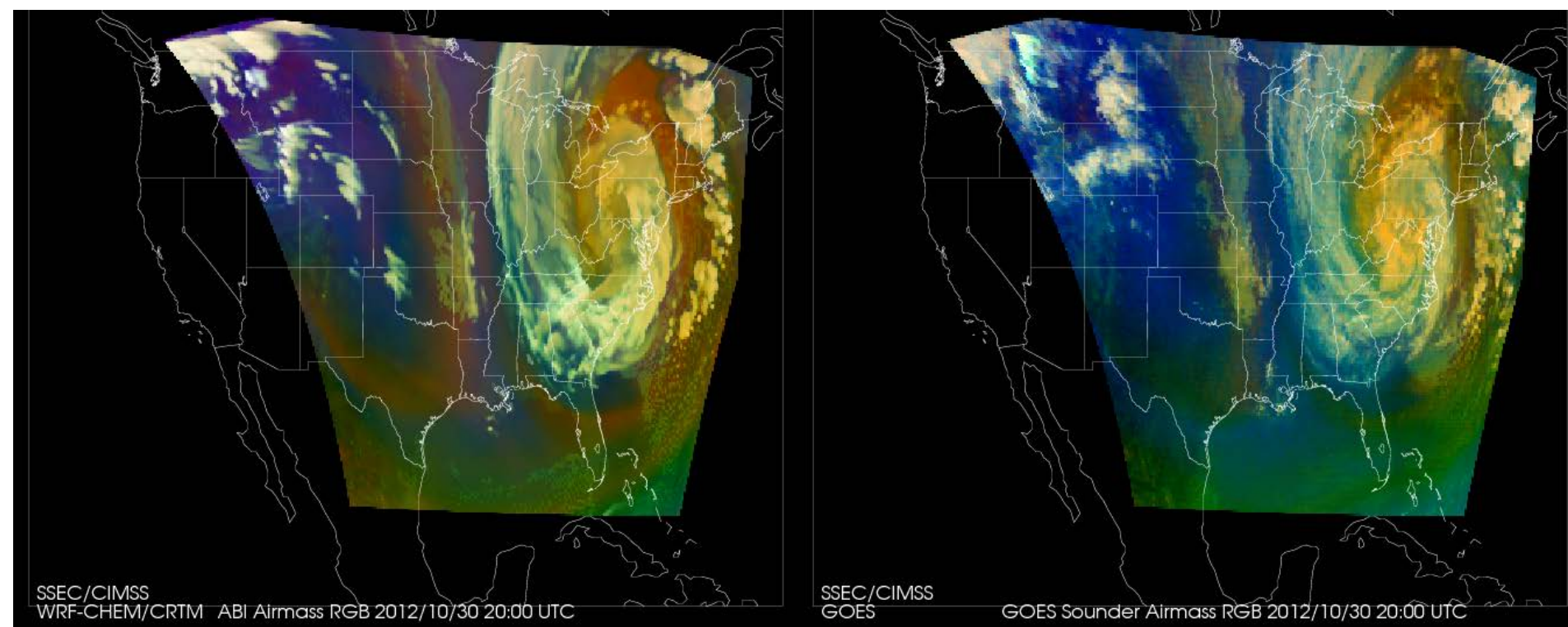
Validation of proxy ABI RGB air-mass vs Observed:



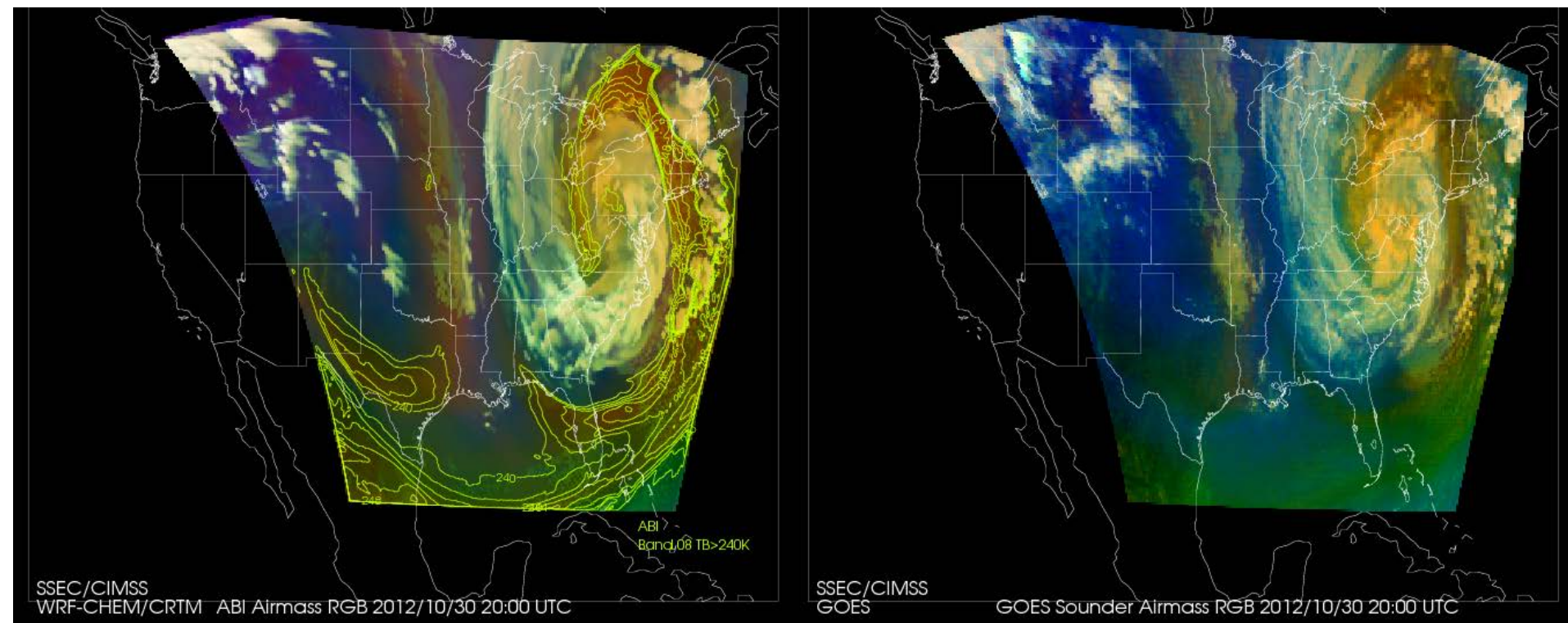
CRTM vs GOES RGB COMPARISON
26-31 October 2012 ALL SCENES 20Z



CIMSS WRF-CHEM Proxy simulation animation:
Calculations vis Observations on October 26, 2012.



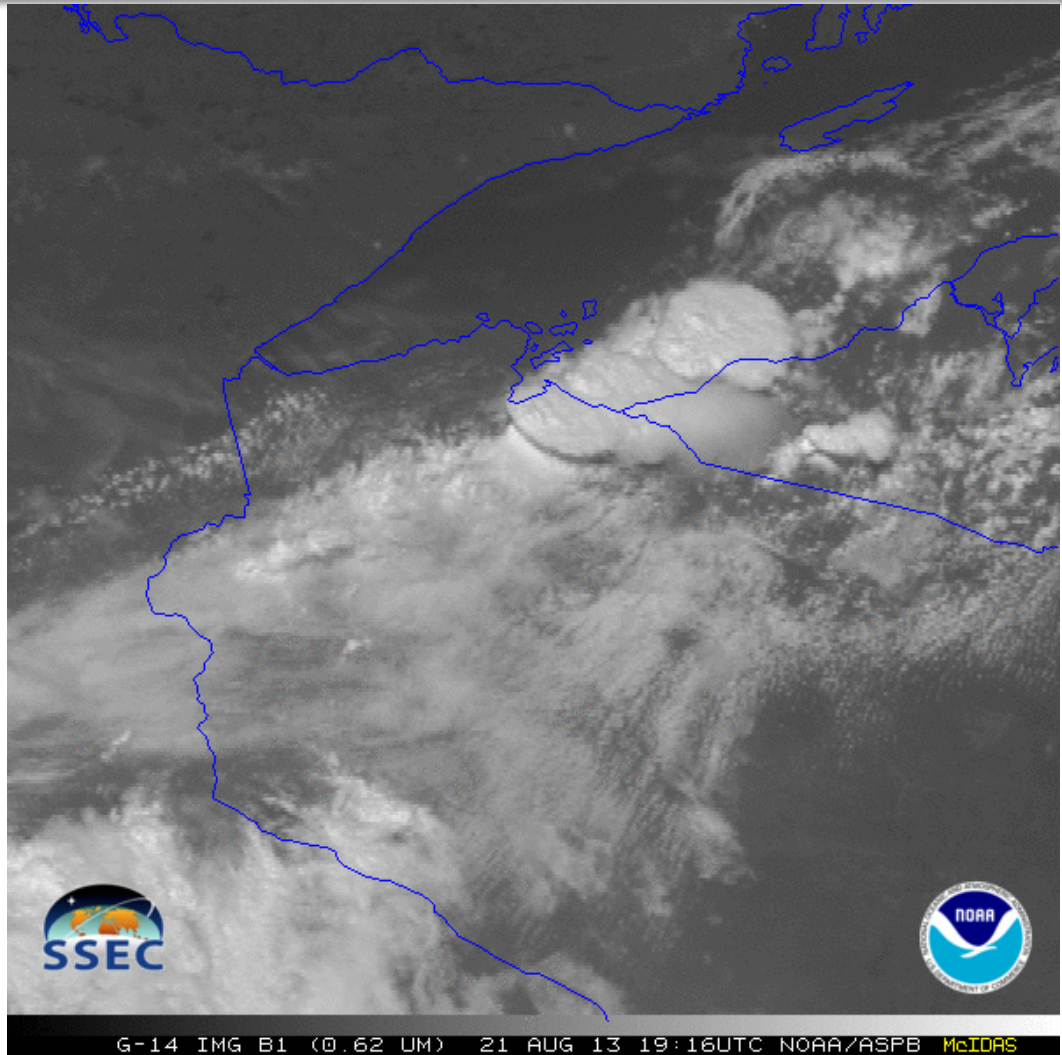
CIMSS WRFCHM Proxy simulation



CIMSS WRF-CHEM Proxy simulation: now with quantitative over-plot (TBB). Another parameters could be moisture, ozone, etc.

- Actively attending AWIPS II developers' forum conference calls and remote meetings of the EPDT
- Testing of locally-produced netCDF4 files containing VIIRS imagery ongoing
- Remote access to NHDA and other AWIPS WAN sites now available (still must have account to login to remote site)
 - This will greatly assist in troubleshooting issues with CIMSS products without a need to be on site
- Installed OB13.4 at CIMSS
- Demonstrated AWIPS II to JTWC forecasters
- Assisting JTWC with ingesting satellite imagery into AWIPS II on their local system
- Troubleshooting AWIPS II issues related to satellite imagery ingest, storage, and purging at PRH

- SRSOR (Super Rapid Scan Operations for GOES-R) from GOES-14 imager
- Data between mid-August and September 24th and late October 2012; and two days in June and 12 days in mid-August, 2013.
- http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor/GOES-14_SRSOR.html and http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor2013/GOES-14_SRSOR.html
- Many phenomena were observed: convection, hurricanes, fires, smoke, ...
- Data to many groups HPC, OPC, AWC, SPC, SAB, several regions, etc.



Animation from GOES-14 Imager visible image at 1-min time resolution.

GOES-14 provided very unique information and offers a glimpse into the possibilities that will be provided by the ABI on GOES-R.

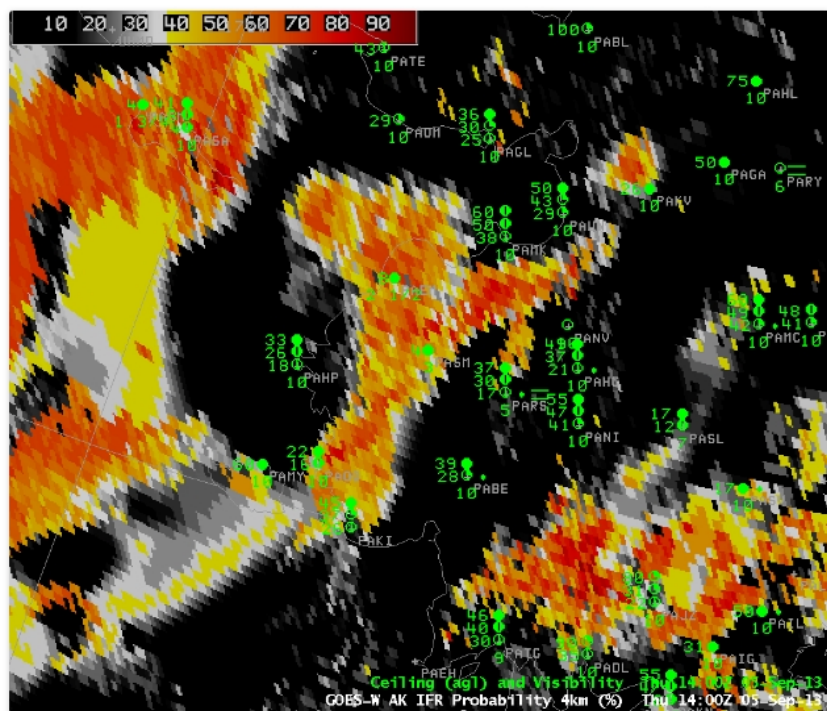


- Many CIMSS satellite blog posts:
 - <http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/blog/>
- Short Articulate Presenter modules developed for HWT on CTC and NearCast
 - http://www.ssec.wisc.edu/~scottl/NearCast_HWT_Training_2013/player.html
 - http://www.ssec.wisc.edu/~scottl/UWCTC_HWT_Training_2013/player.html
- ‘Fog blog’ at <http://fusedfog.blogspot.com>
 - 129 separate entries
 - >21000 hits ; ~100 hits per day.
 - 1-3 new entries per week.

Fog detection fusing GOES, Terra/Aqua or Suomi/NPP Sate

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IFR Conditions over southwest Alaska



GOES-R IFR Probability computed from GOES-West (click image to play animation)

- New hosting site (ssec.wisc.edu)
- Old site at 28000 hits
- All old posts exported to new site
 - 166 total posts
- Emails to SOOs when case is posted
- Searchable by dates and categories

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– http://www.eumetsat.int/Home/Main/News/Conferences_and_Events/820209?l=en
- NWA 12-17 Oct Charleston, SC
– <http://www.nwas.org/meetings/nwa2013/>

2014

- AMS Annual meeting 2-6 Feb Atlanta, GA
- Virtual Meeting Satellite Week 10-14 March Madison, WI
- Training meeting May Boulder, CO, or Kansas City, MO
- OCONUS PG TBA Honolulu, HI