

# GOES-14 Super Rapid Scan Operations to Prepare for GOES-R

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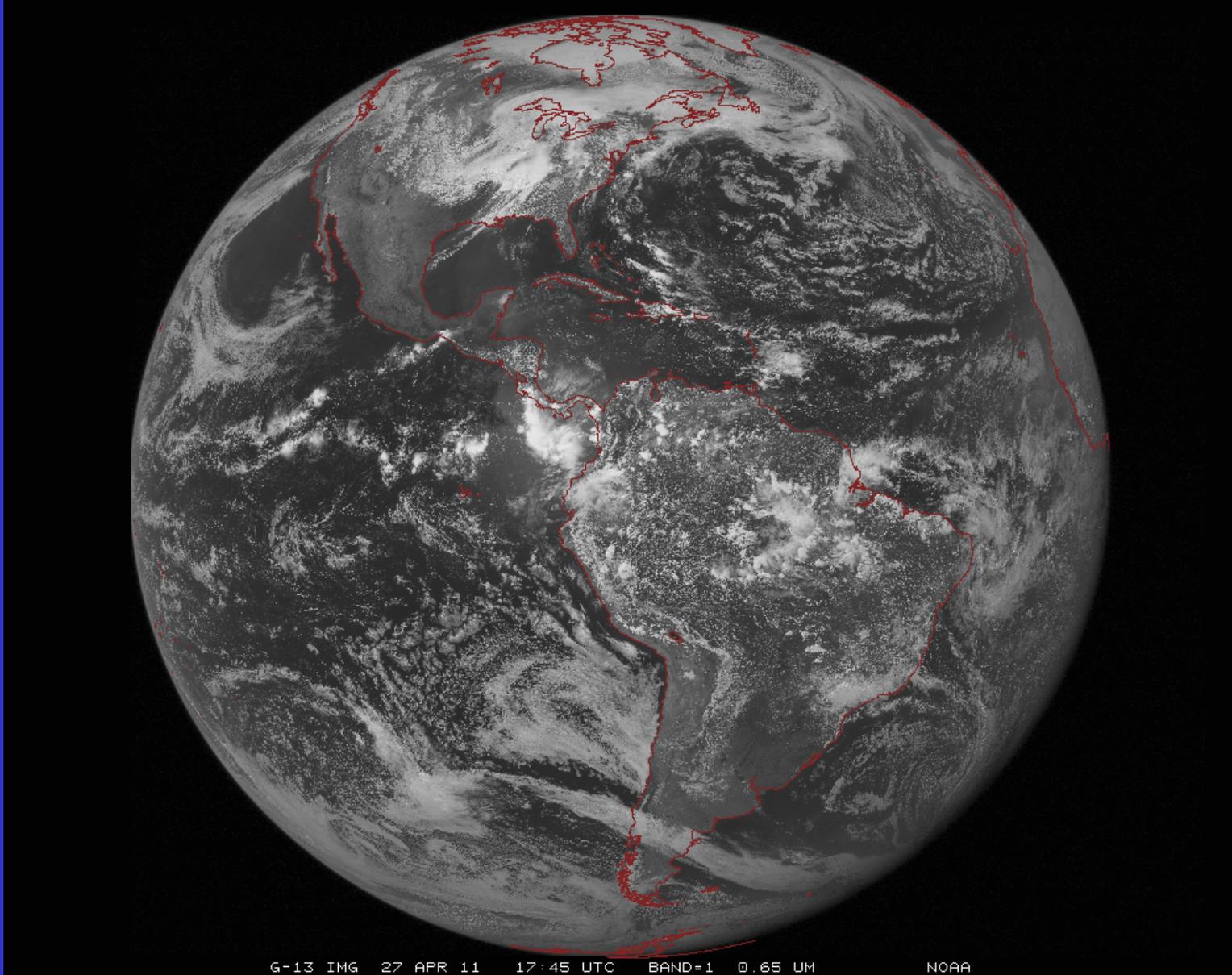
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# Outline

- ABI (Advanced Baseline Imager) Modes
  - Continuous Full Disk
  - Flex
- GOES-14
  - Post Launch Test in 2009/2010
  - SRSOR (2012 and 2013)
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ABI  
scans  
about 5  
times  
faster  
than the  
current  
GOES  
imager

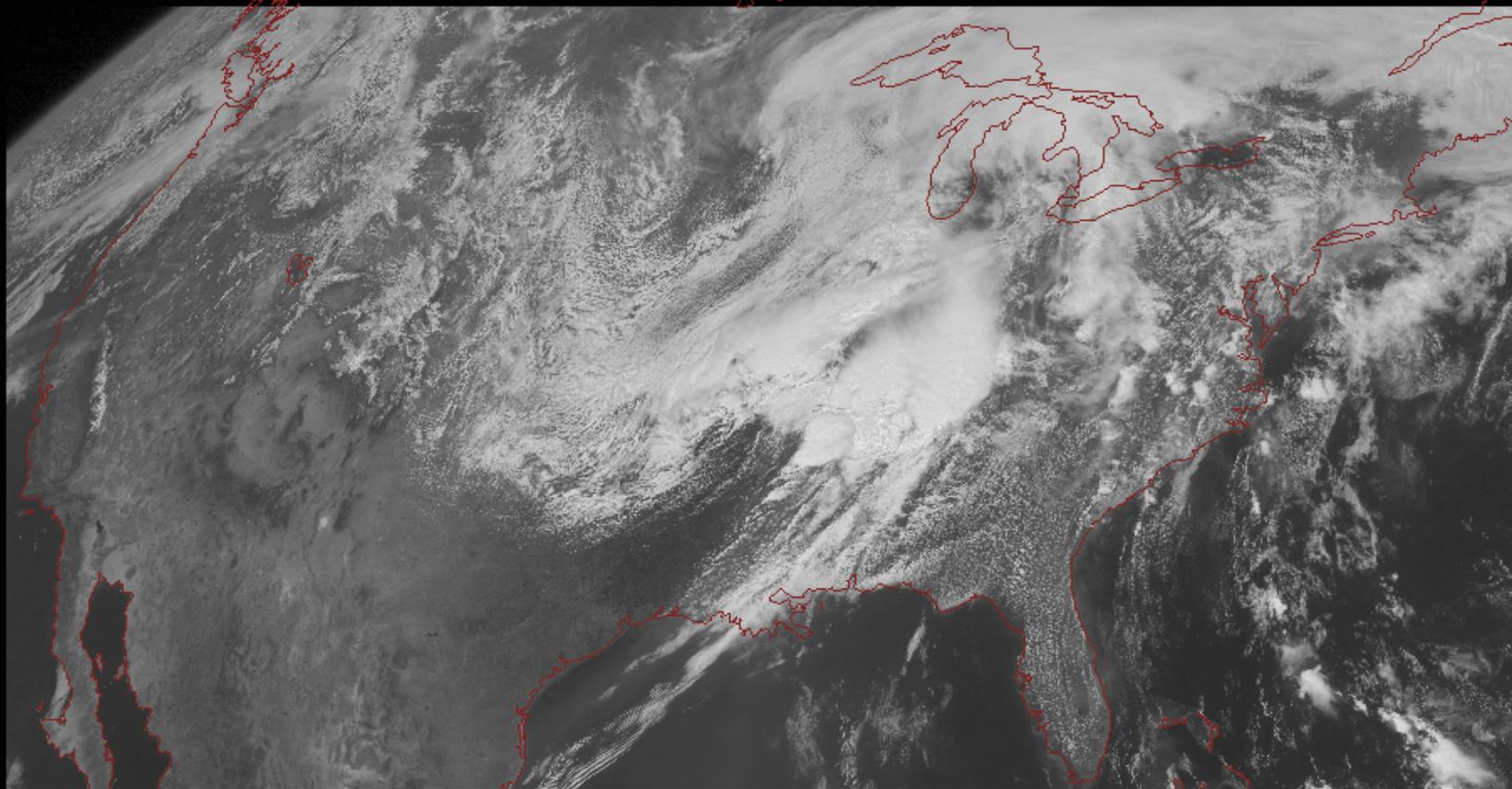
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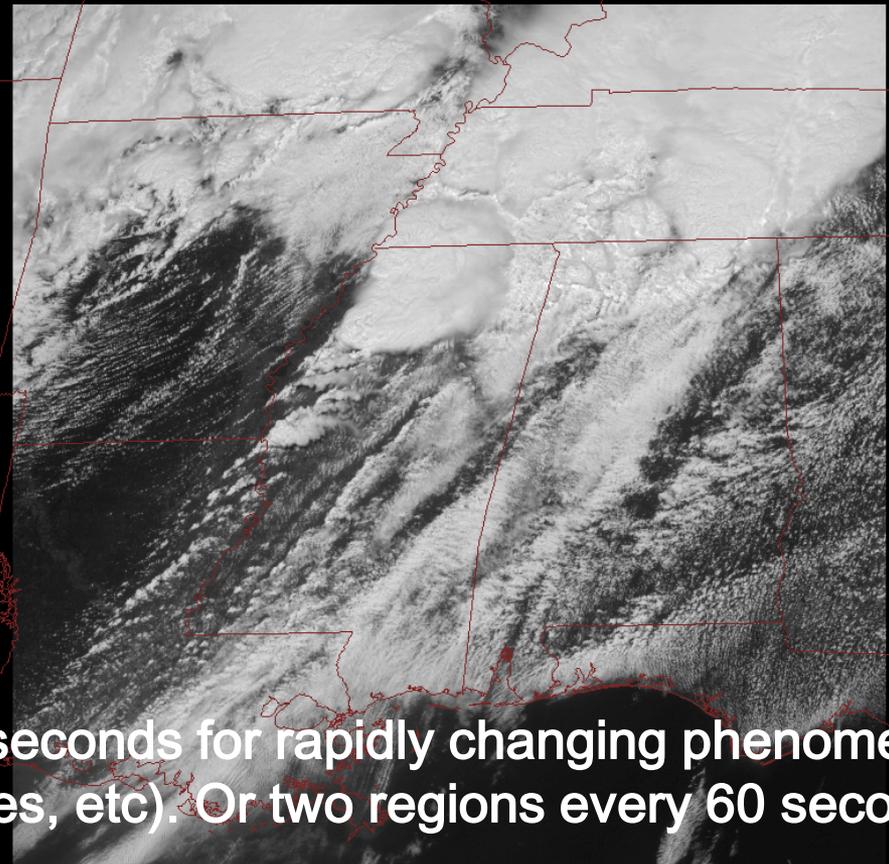
**- Full disk images every 15 minutes + 5 min CONUS images + mesoscale.**



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**ABI can offer Continental US images every 5 minutes for routine monitoring of a wide range of events (storms, dust, clouds, fires, winds, etc).  
This is every 15 or 30 minutes with the current GOES in routine mode.**





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**Mesoscale images every 30 seconds for rapidly changing phenomena (thunderstorms, hurricanes, fires, etc). Or two regions every 60 seconds.**

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# GOES-14 Science Test – December 2009

NOAA Technical Report NESDIS 131



The GOES-14 Science Test:  
Imager and Sounder Radiance and Product Validations

Washington, D.C.  
August 2010

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service



Hillger, D.W., and T.J. Schmit, 2010: The GOES-14 Science Test: Imager and Sounder Radiance and Product Validations. *NOAA Technical Report NESDIS 131*, 1-119.

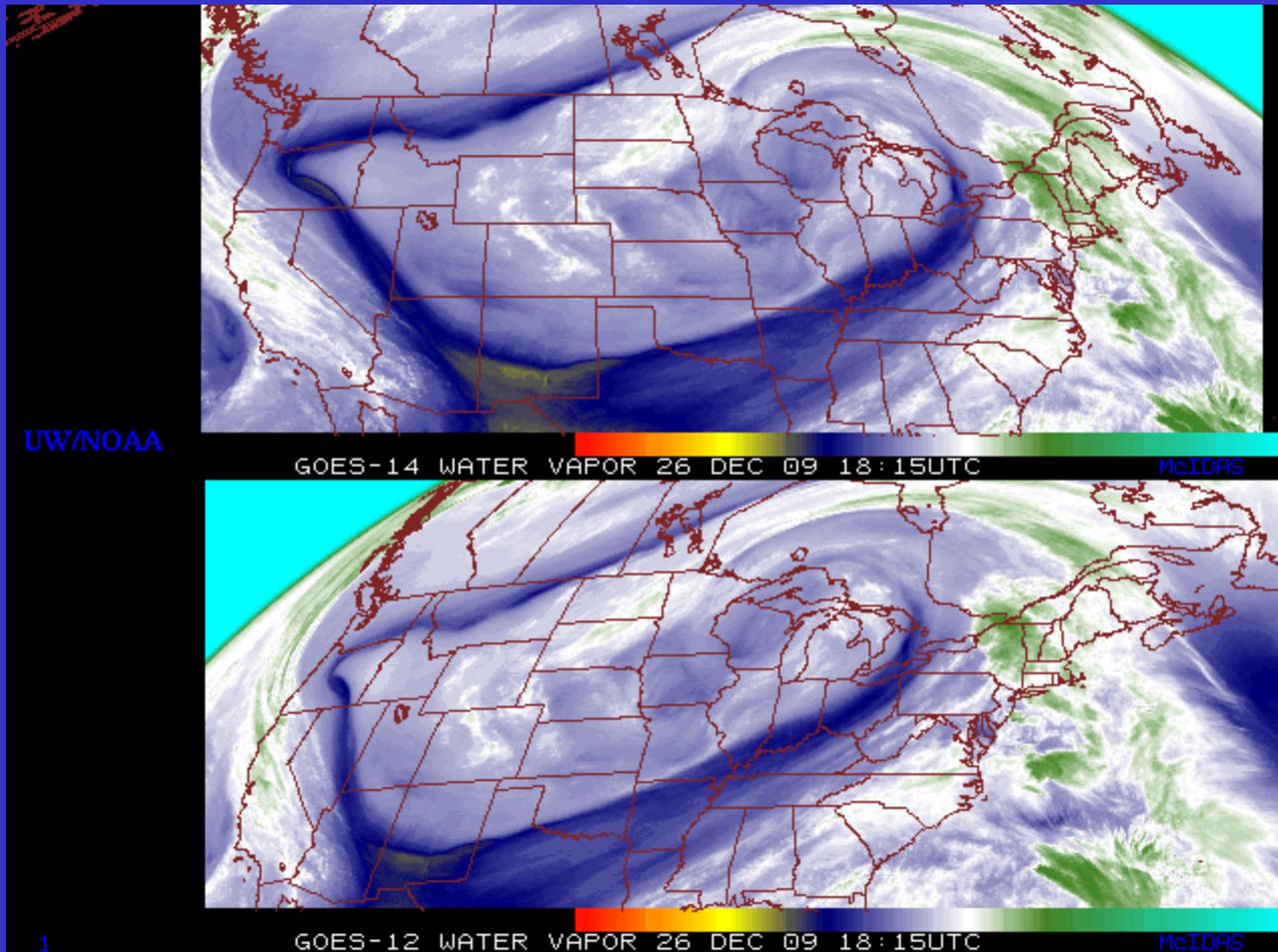
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<http://rammb.cira.colostate.edu/projects/goes-o/>

# GOES-O Test Schedules

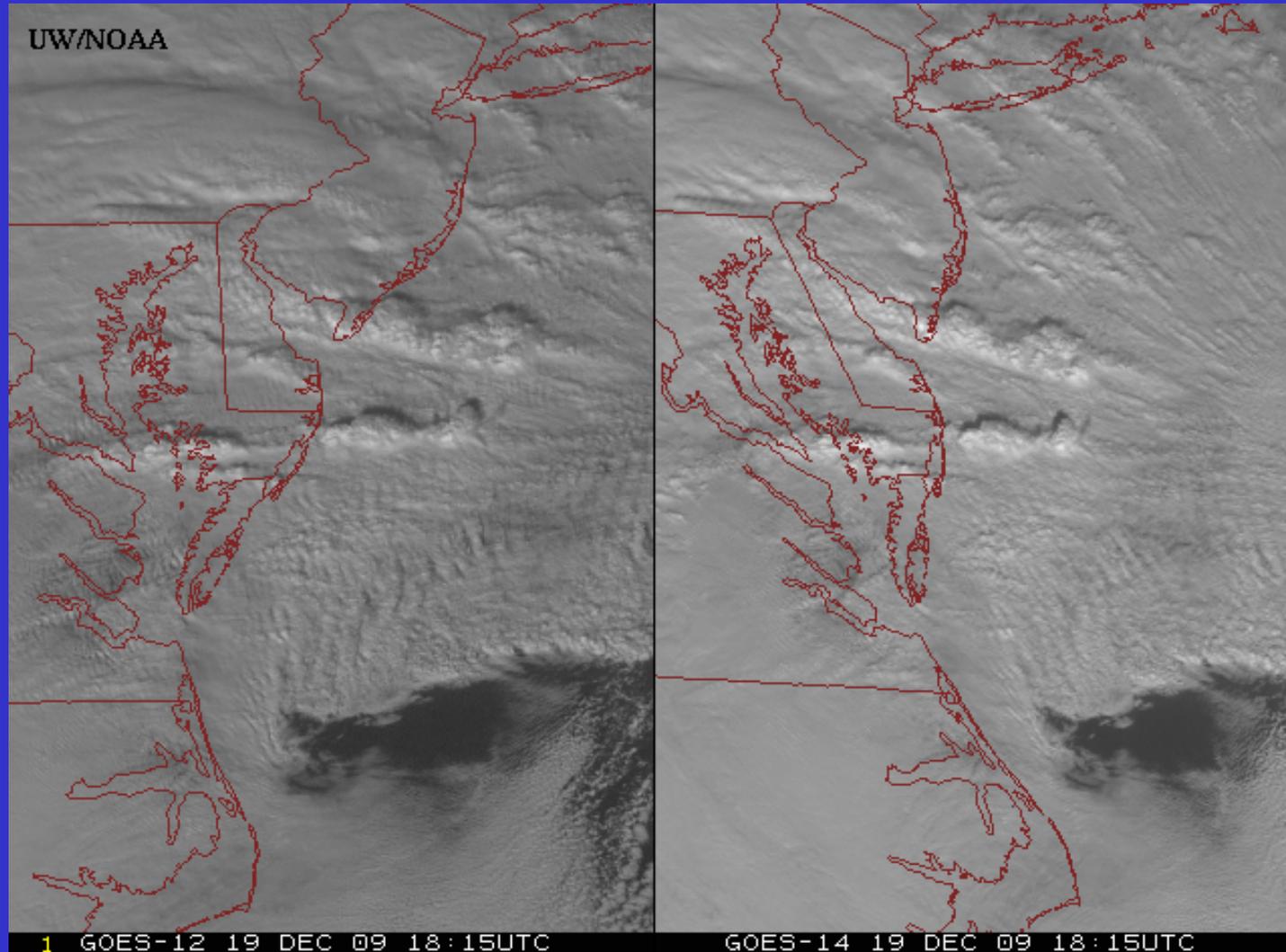
Test Schedule	Imager	Sounder	Purpose
<b>C5RTN</b>	Emulation of <b>GOES-East routine</b> operations	Emulation of <b>GOES-East routine</b> operations	Radiance and product comparisons
<b>C4RTN</b>	Emulation of <b>GOES-West routine</b> operations	Emulation of <b>GOES-West routine</b> operations	Radiance and product comparisons
<b>C1CON</b>	<b>Continuous 5-minute CONUS</b> sector	26-minute <b>CONUS</b> sector every 30 minutes	Test navigation, ABI-like (temporal) CONUS scans
<b>C2SRSO</b>	<b>Continuous 1-minute rapid-scan</b> (with center point specified for storm analysis)	26-minute sector every 30 minutes (with center point same as Imager)	Test navigation, ABI-like (temporal) mesoscale scans
<b>C3SRSO</b>	Continuous <b>30-second rapid-scan</b> (with center point over either Huntsville AL, Normal OK, or Washington DC areas) <b>three locations only</b>	26-minute sector every 30 minutes (with center same as Imager)	To coordinate with lightning mapping arrays in Huntsville AL, Norman OK, or Washington DC
<b>C6FD</b>	Continuous <b>30-minute Full Disk</b> (including off-earth limb/space view measurements)	Alternating <b>east and west limb/space views</b> every hour	Noise, detector-to-detector striping, fires, etc.
<b>C7MOON</b>	Capture <b>moon</b> off edge of earth (when possible)	Emulation of <b>GOES-East routine</b> operations	Test ABI lunar calibration concepts
<b>C8</b>	<b>Emulation of 2 km ABI</b> through spatial over-sampling (continuous 19 minutes for same sector per specific line-shifted scan strategy)	Emulation of <b>GOES-East routine</b> operations	ABI-like higher-resolution product development

# GOES-14: Sample “5-min” imagery



“Water vapor” data from the GOES-14 NOAA Science Test, lead by Hillger and Schmit

# GOES-14: Sample “1-min” imagery



GOES-12 (15 min)

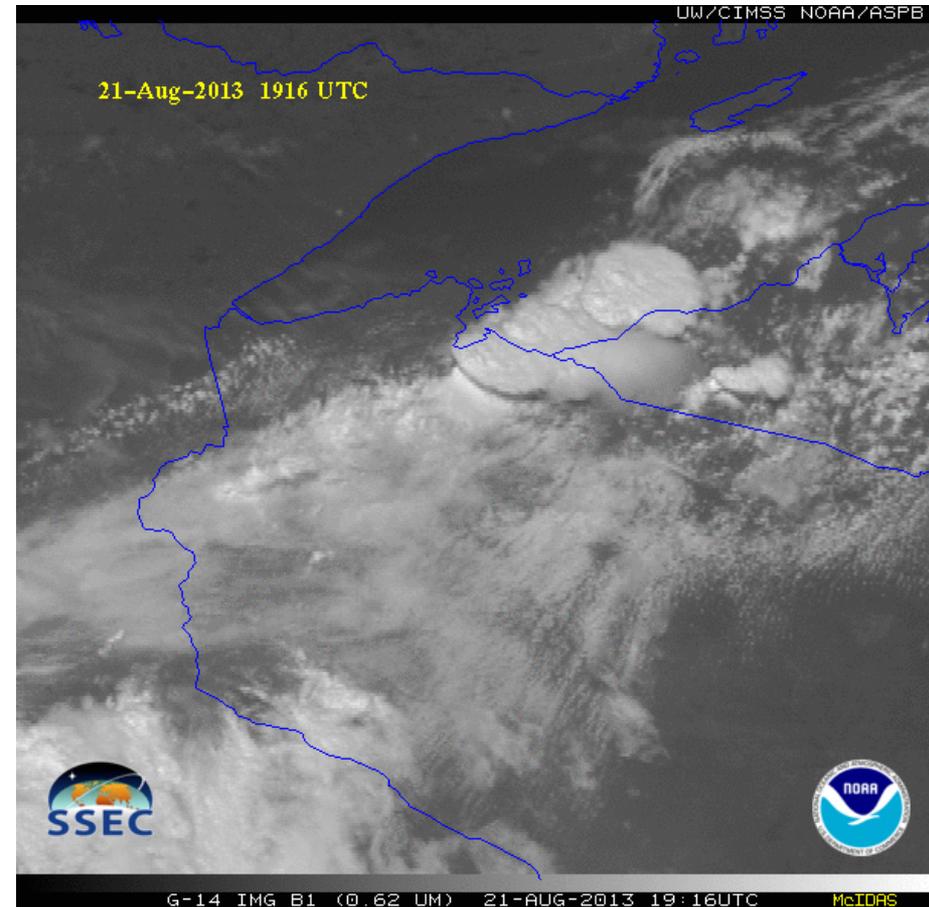
GOES-14 (~1 min)

- Visible data from the GOES-14 NOAA Science Test
- Can this type of information be used in or to validate meso-scale models?



# GOES-14 Super Rapid Scan Operations to Prepare for GOES-R

- SRSOR (Super Rapid Scan Operations for GOES-R) from GOES-14 imager
- Data between mid-August and September 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor/GOES-14_SRSOR.html) and
  - [http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor2013/GOES-14\\_SRSOR.html](http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor2013/GOES-14_SRSOR.html)
- GOES-14 provided very unique data and offered a glimpse into the possibilities that will be provided by the ABI on GOES-R in one minute mesoscale imagery
- Many phenomena were observed

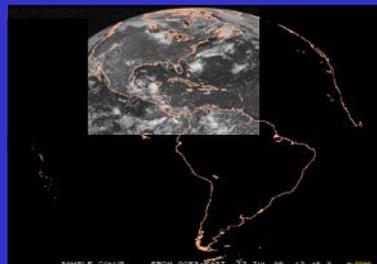
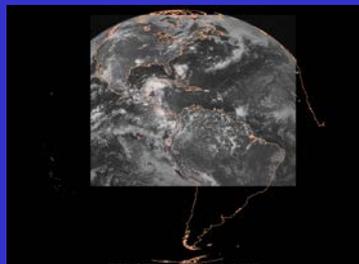


GOES-14 visible image showing rapid convective development

# GOES Imager Schedules

<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/blog/archives/13001>

	Routine	RSO	SRSO	SRSOR	SRSOR (No FD)	GOES- R ABI
# of images (in 3 hrs)	16	26	56	129	157	~400
# of images covering part of CONUS (in 3 hrs)	11	21	56*	129*	157*	~400*
Finest delta-time (min)	15	5	1	1	1	0.5
2 <sup>nd</sup> largest delta-time (min)	15	10	10	4	4	5
Largest delta-time (min)	30	30	30	30	15	15
Sectors Scanned (listed by size)	FD, NHE, CONUS, SHEMI	FD, NH, CONUS, SA	FD, NH, CONUS, MESO	FD, MESO	FD, MESO	FD, CONUS, MESO
Run operationally?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes



Full Disk

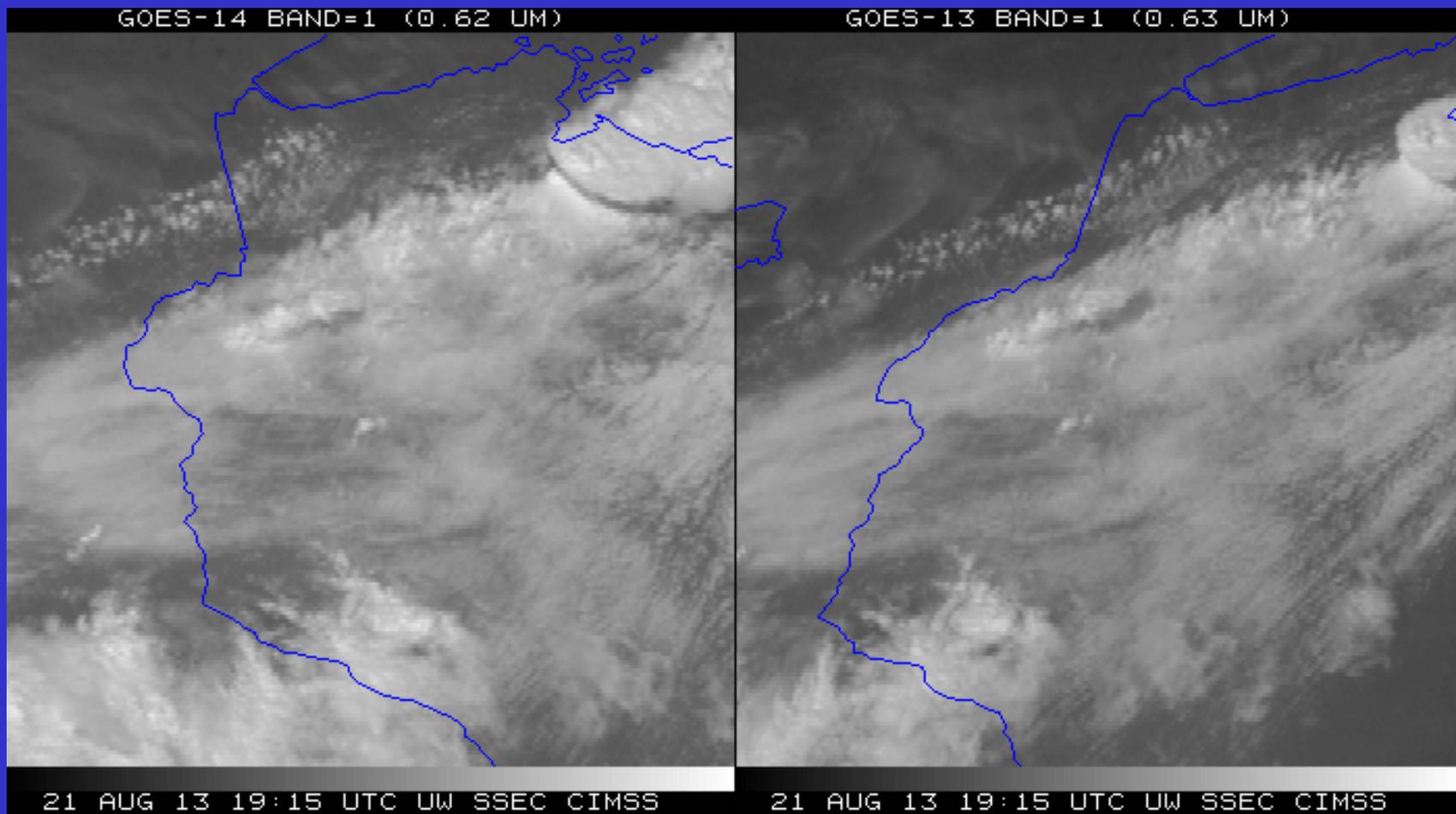
NH-Extended

N. Hemisphere

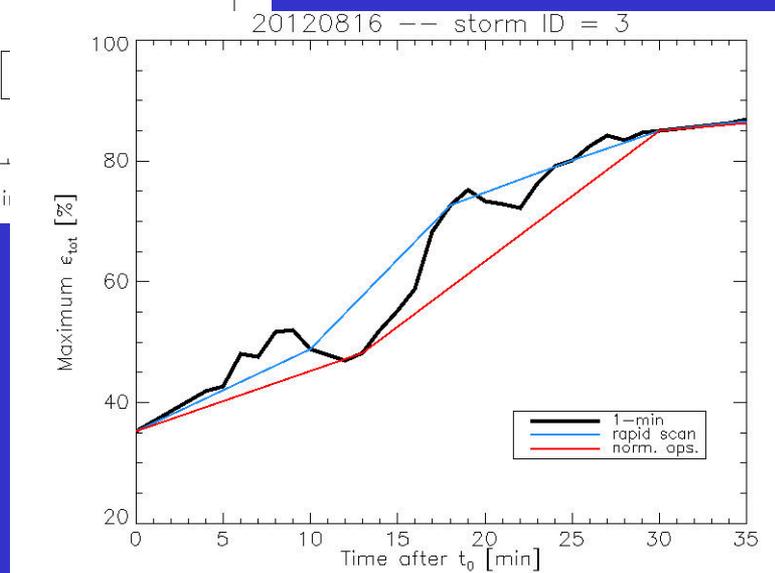
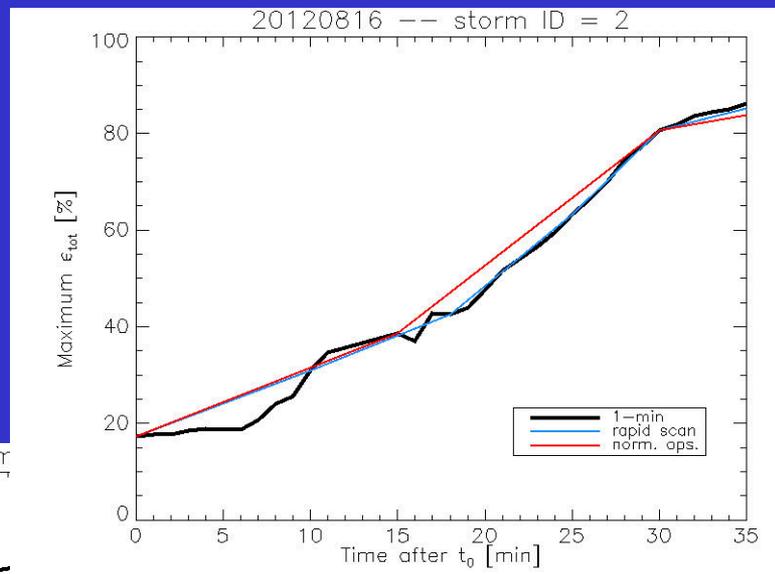
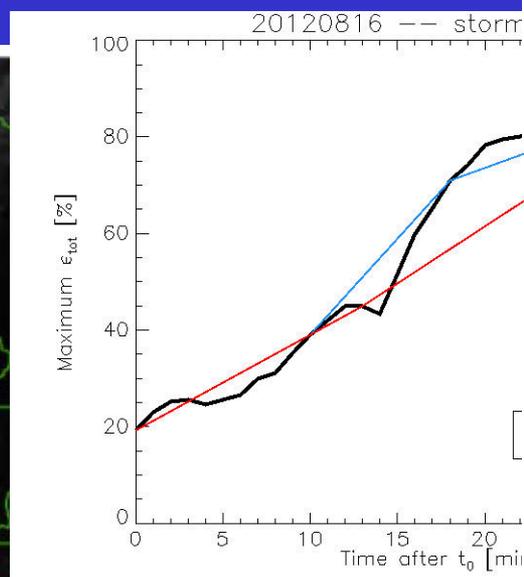
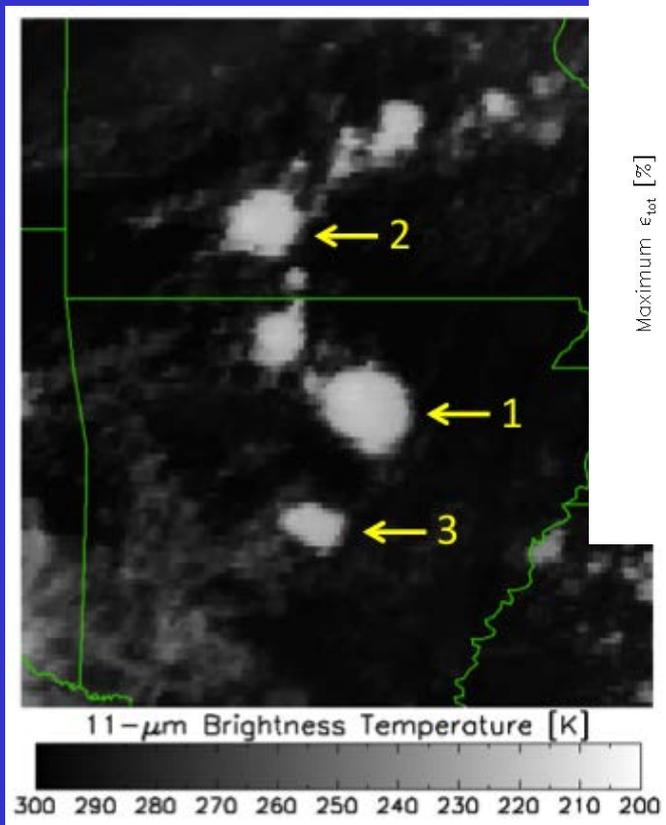
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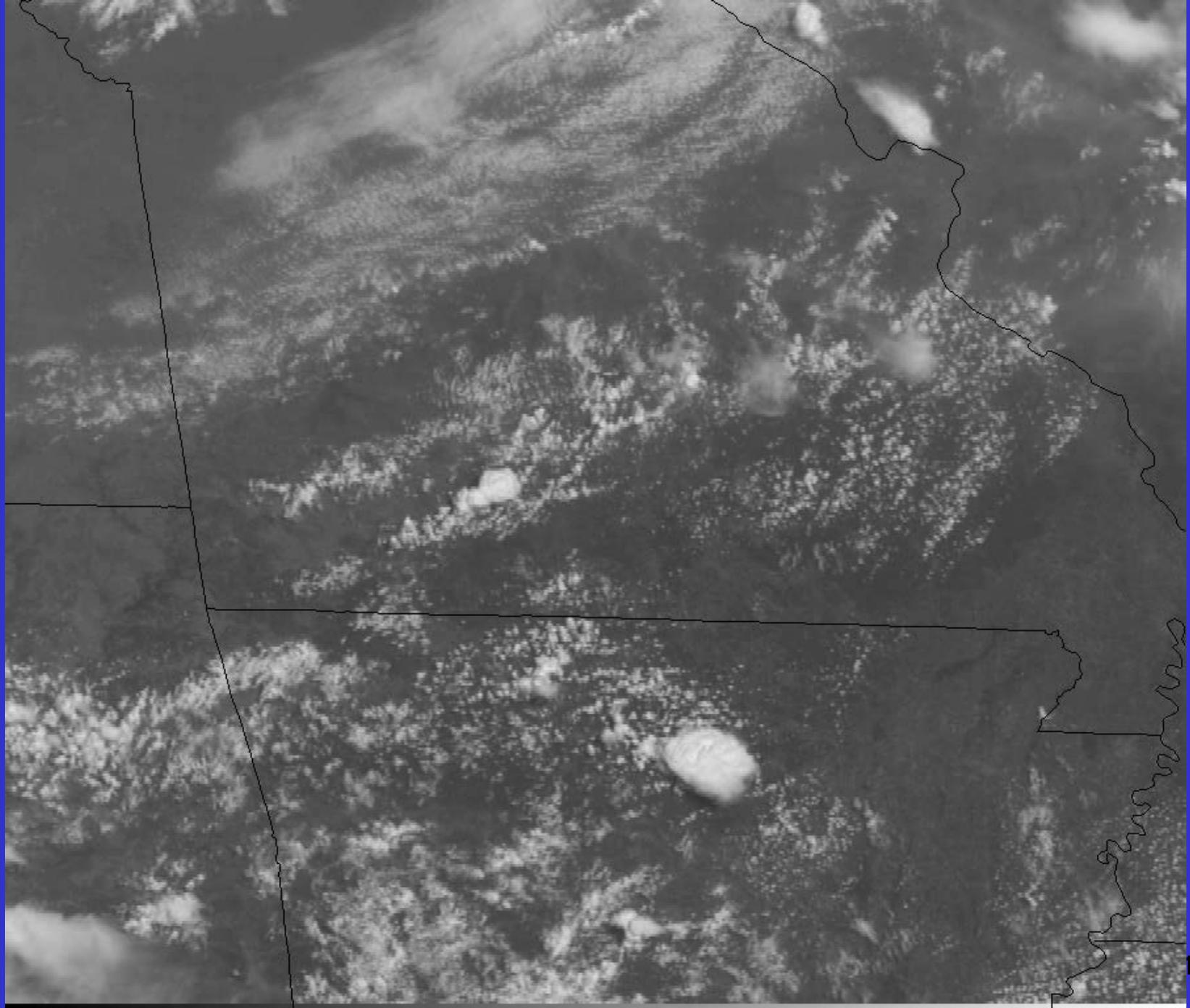
Mesoscale

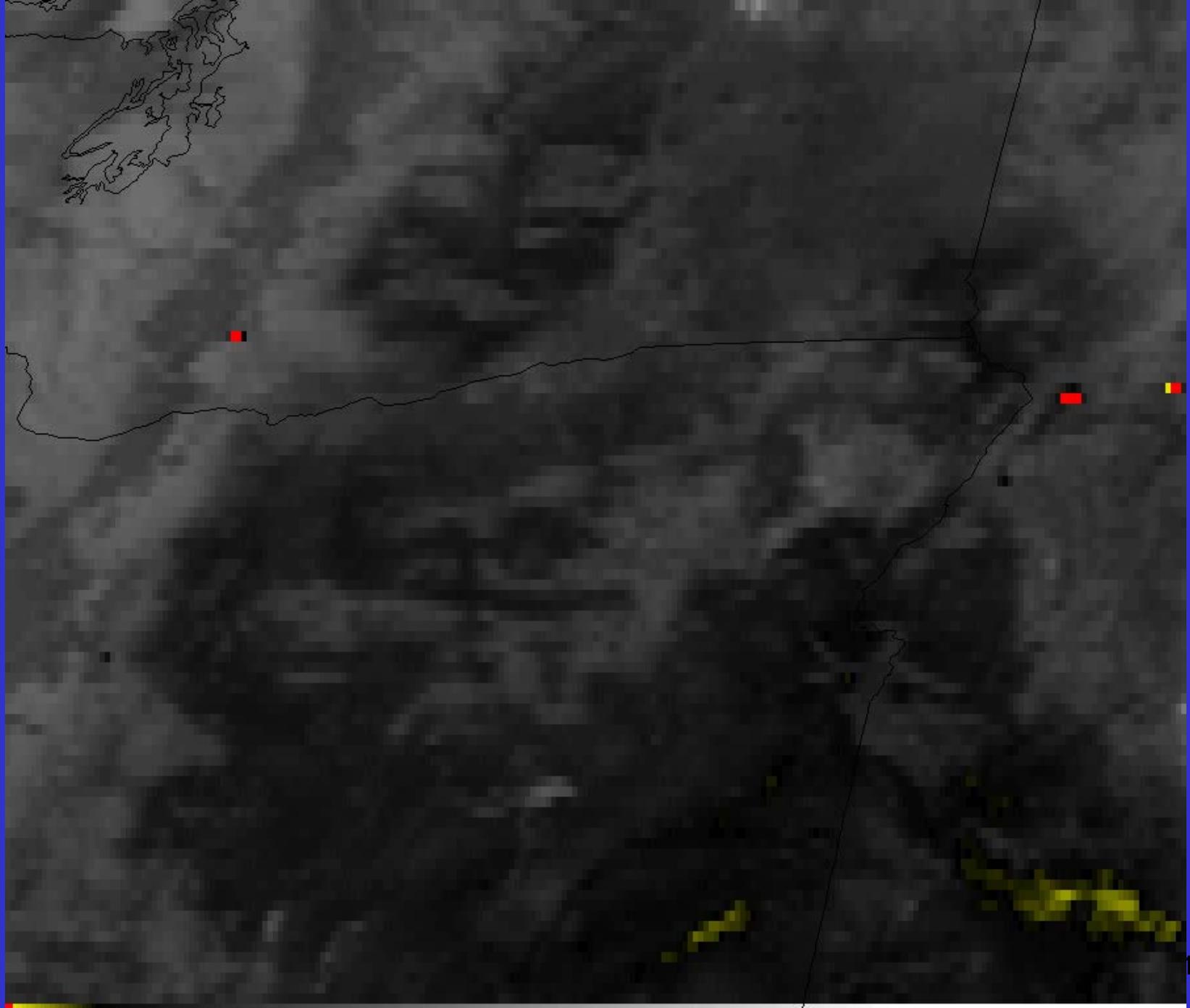
# GOES-14 and -13



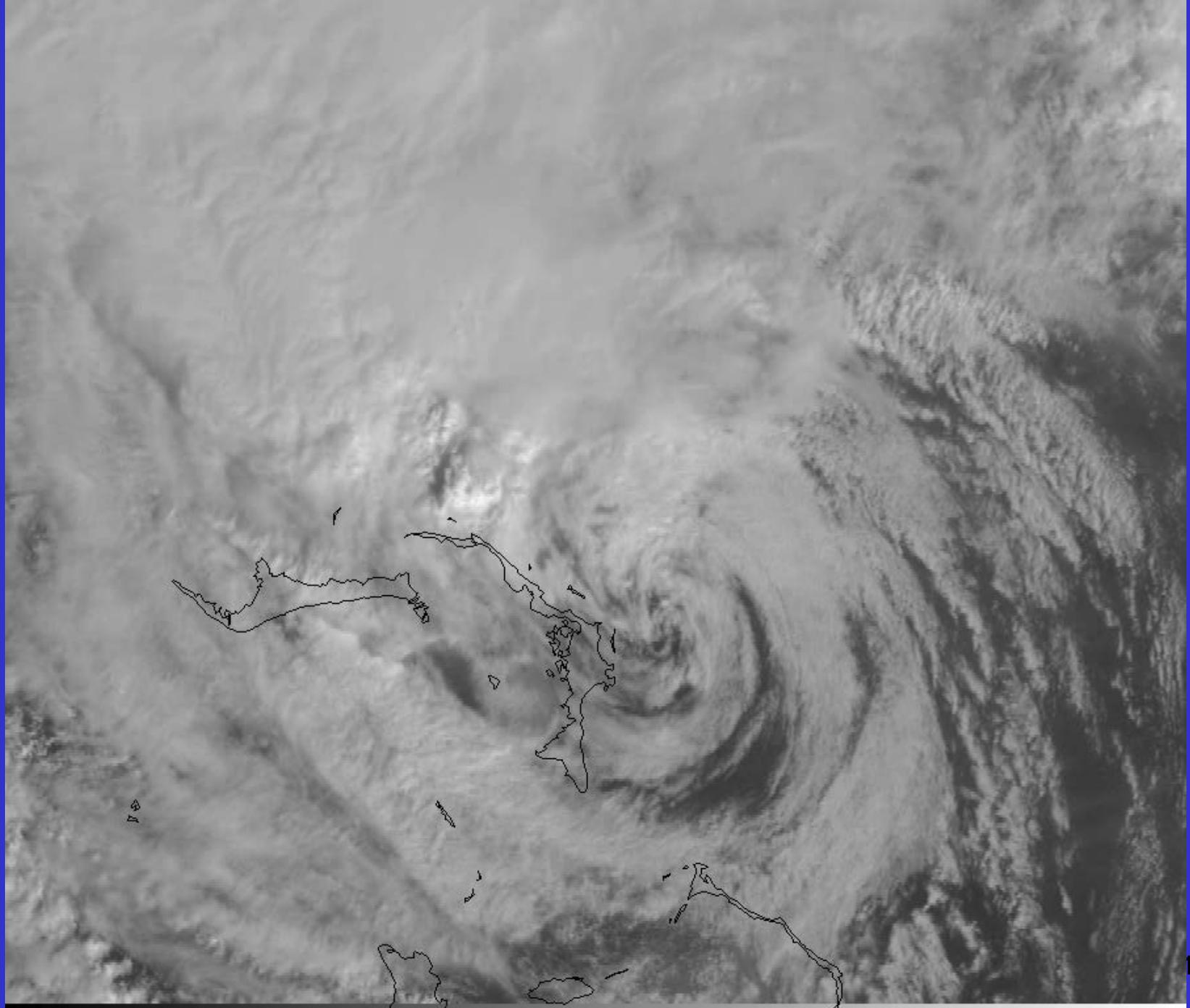
# Rate of temporal cooling in the longwave infrared band



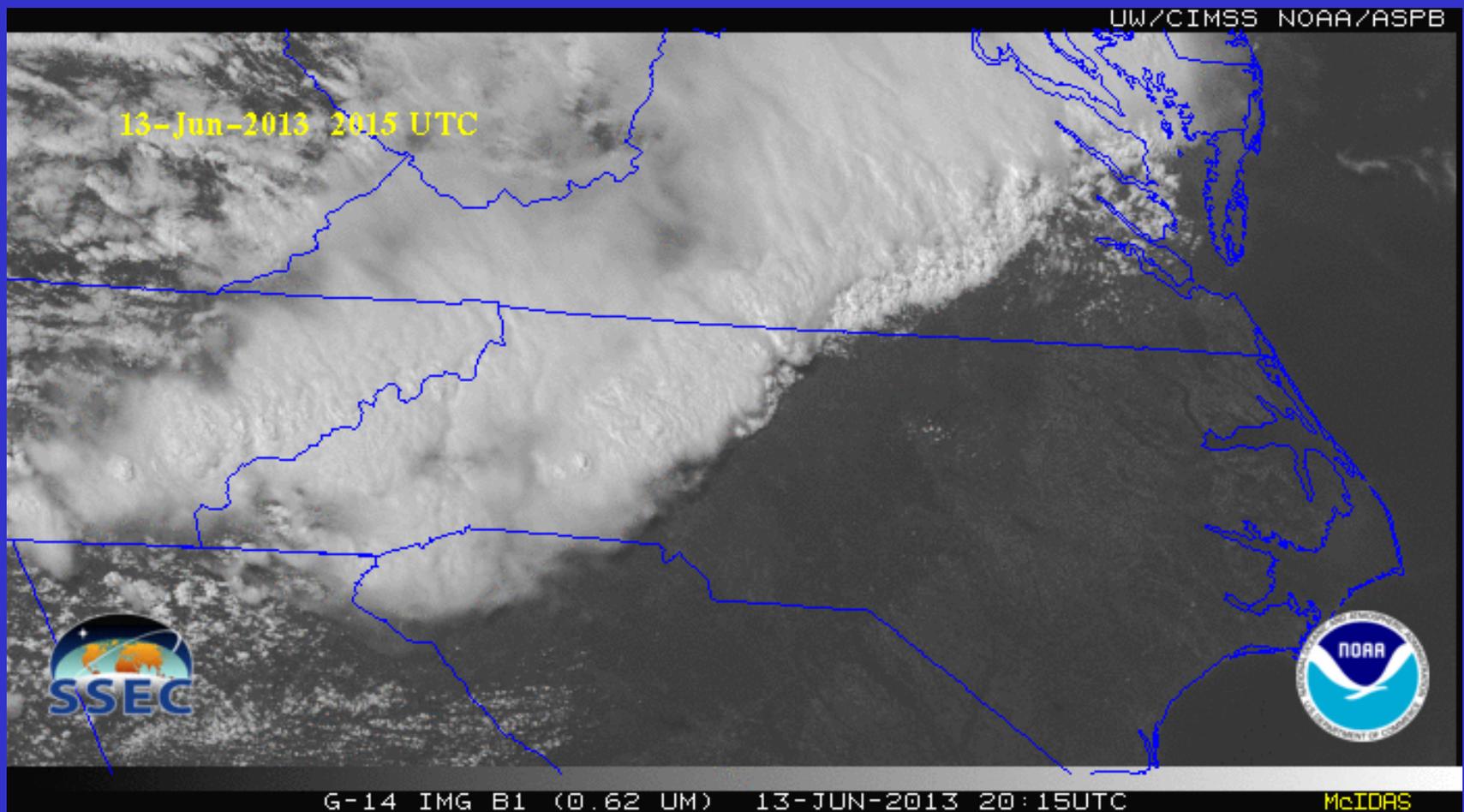




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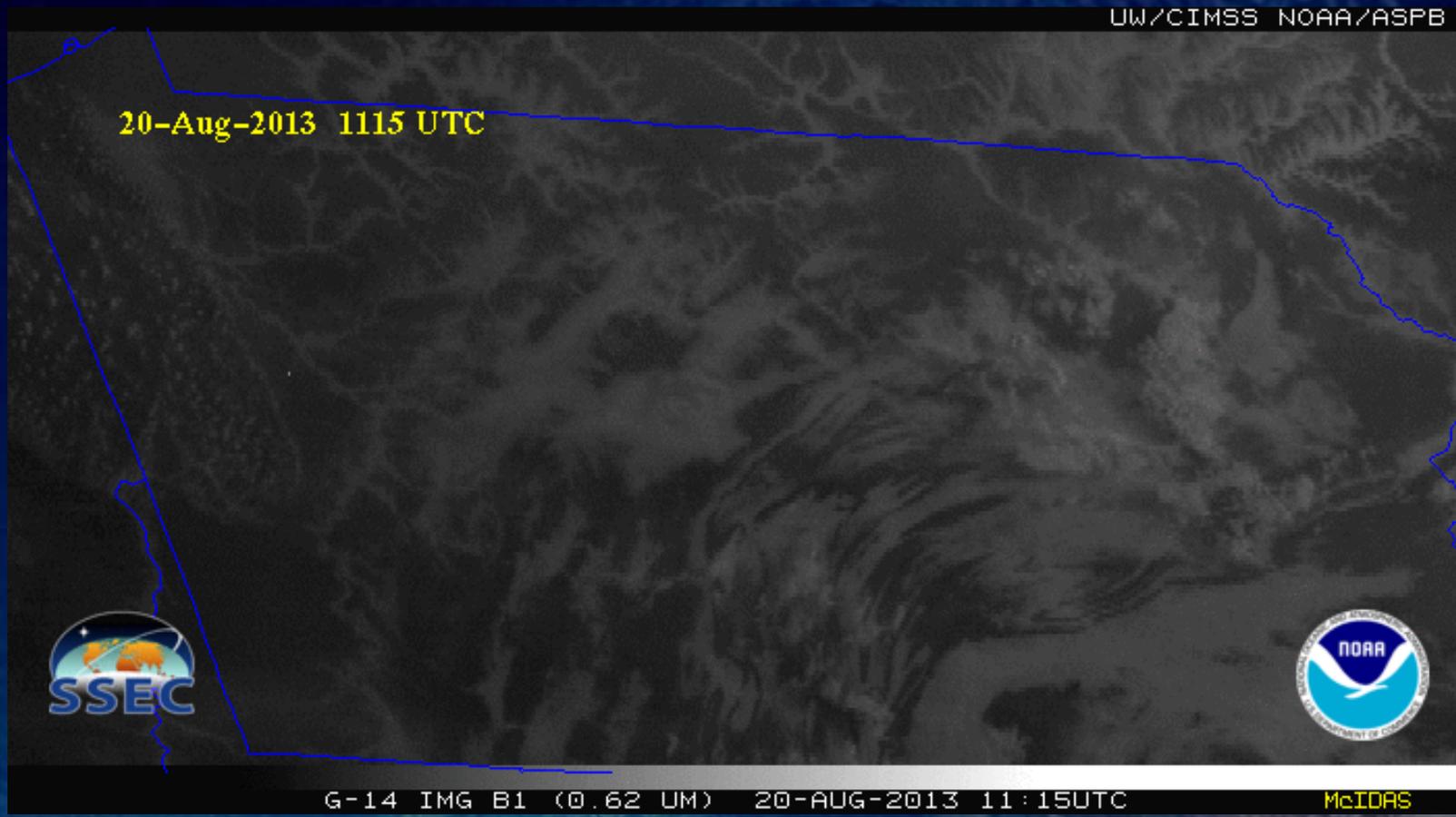


# Derecho





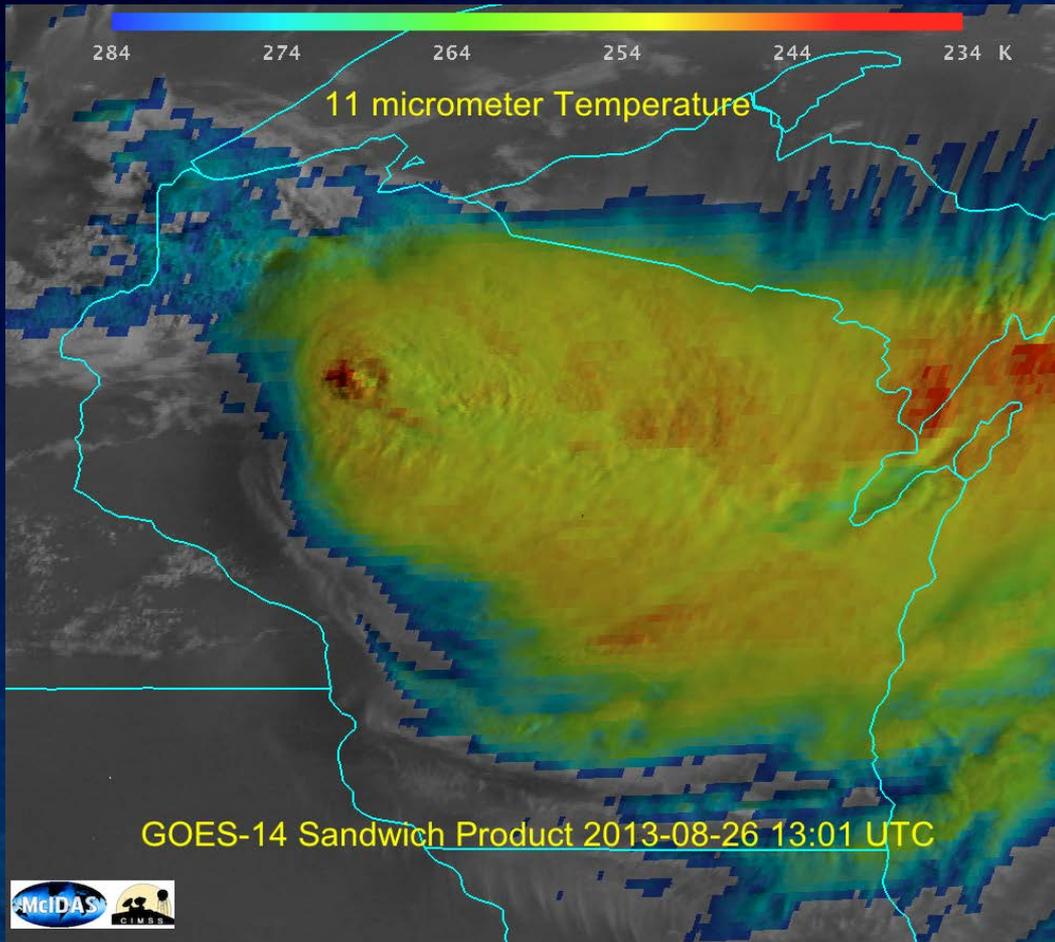
# Fog





# Validation - image combination

- Visible and IR 'sandwich' product...



Created in McIDAS-V by Joleen Feltz; similar to the method of Martin Setvak



# Visible+Infrared

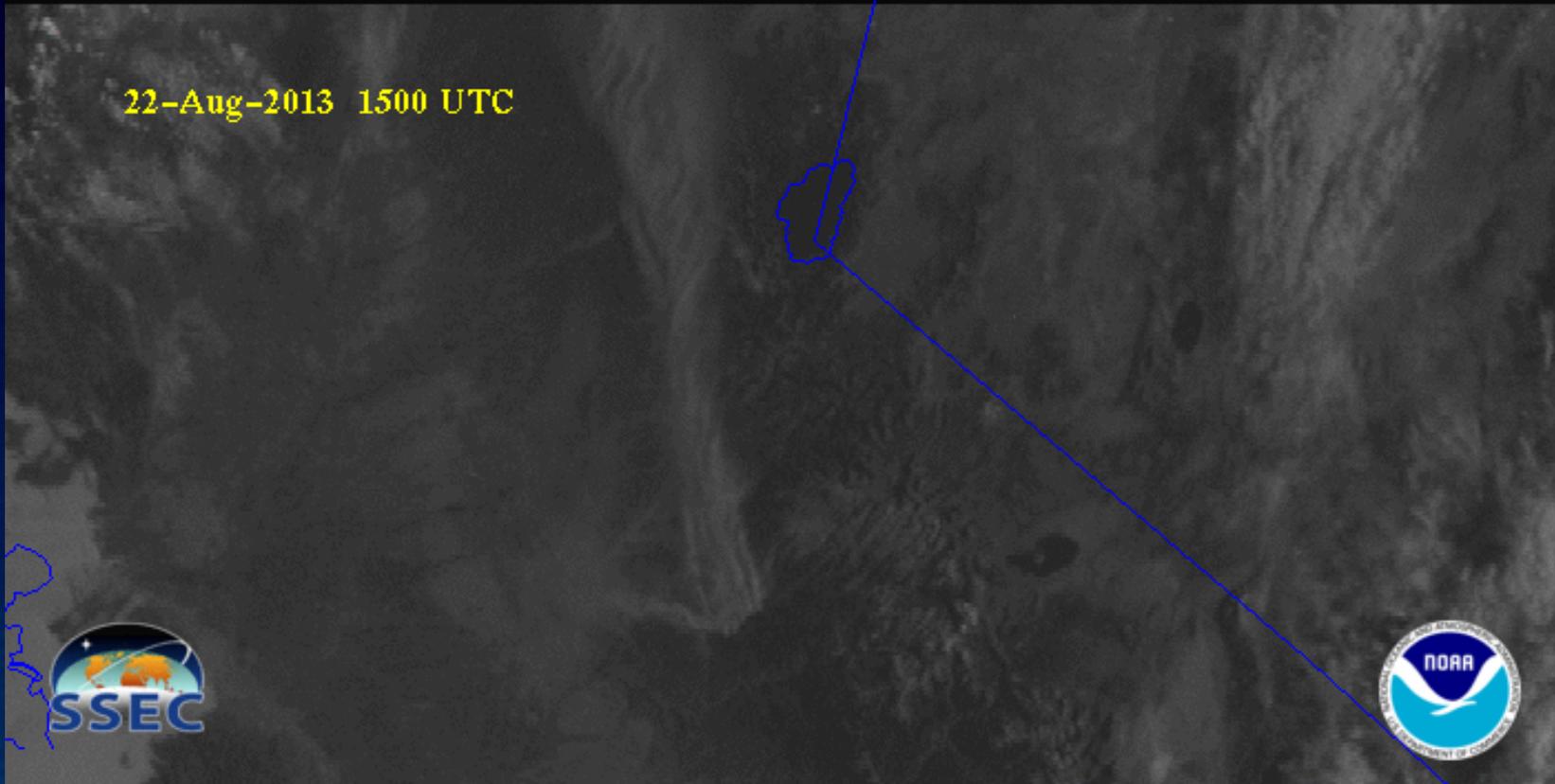




# CA Rim Fire

UW/CIMSS NOAA/ASPB

22-Aug-2013 1500 UTC



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# GOES-R ABI Products



## Baseline Products

### Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI)

- Aerosol Detection (Including Smoke and Dust)
- Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD)
- Clear Sky Masks
- Cloud and Moisture Imagery
- Cloud Optical Depth
- Cloud Particle Size Distribution
- Cloud Top Height
- Cloud Top Phase
- Cloud Top Pressure
- Cloud Top Temperature
- Derived Motion Winds
- Derived Stability Indices
- Downward Shortwave Radiation: Surface
- Fire/Hot Spot Characterization
- Hurricane Intensity Estimation
- Land Surface Temperature (Skin)
- Legacy Vertical Moisture Profile
- Legacy Vertical Temperature Profile
- Radiances
- Rainfall Rate/QPE
- Reflected Shortwave Radiation: TOA
- Sea Surface Temperature (Skin)
- Snow Cover
- Total Precipitable Water
- Volcanic Ash: Detection and Height

## Future Capabilities

### Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI)

- Absorbed Shortwave Radiation: Surface
- Aerosol Particle Size
- Aircraft Icing Threat
- Cloud Ice Water Path
- Cloud Layers/Heights
- Cloud Liquid Water
- Cloud Type
- Convective Initiation
- Currents
- Currents: Offshore
- Downward Longwave Radiation: Surface
- Enhanced "V"/Overshooting Top Detection
- Flood/Standing Water
- Ice Cover
- Low Cloud and Fog
- Ozone Total
- Probability of Rainfall
- Rainfall Potential
- Sea and Lake Ice: Age
- Sea and Lake Ice: Concentration
- Sea and Lake Ice: Motion
- Snow Depth (Over Plains)
- SO<sub>2</sub> Detection
- Surface Albedo
- Surface Emissivity
- Tropopause Folding Turbulence Prediction
- Upward Longwave Radiation: Surface
- Upward Longwave Radiation: TOA
- Vegetation Fraction: Green
- Vegetation Index
- Visibility

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# GOES-East Optimized Schedules

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# Purpose

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- To utilize small schedule idle times that were required on previous satellites (GOES I-M) for INR (image navigation & registration) commanding.
- To better align command timing between Routine (ERTN), Rapid Scan (ERAP), Super Rapid Scan (ESRSO) and Full Disk (EFD) schedules.
- To schedule star navigation windows for the same time in all GOES East Schedules.



# Benefits to Users



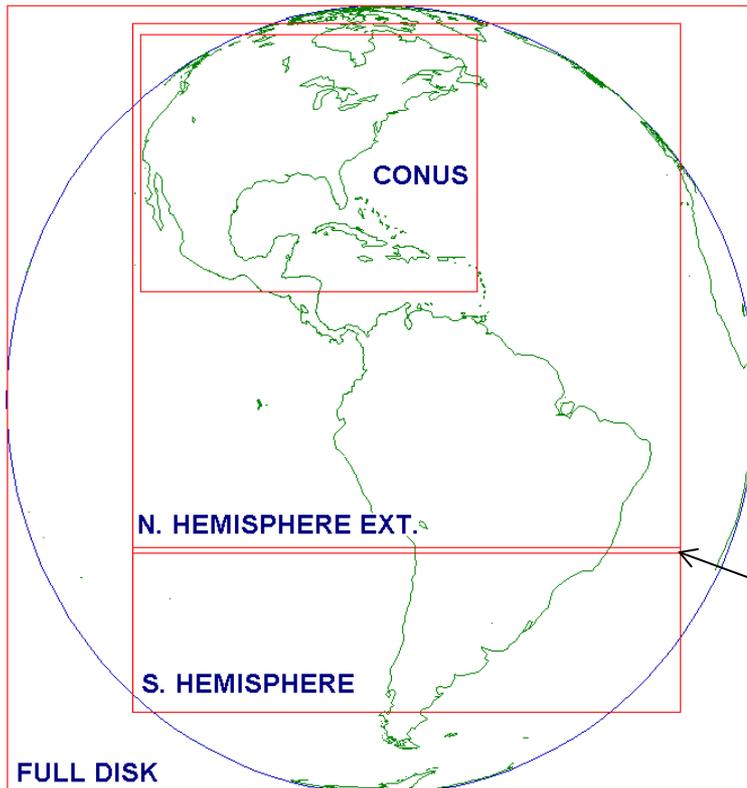
- Routine Schedule
  - The freed time will enable more coverage in areas, such as Canada, The Caribbean Sea, Central America and South America.
  - For example, a tropical cyclone in the Eastern and Southern Caribbean Sea will now be imaged twice as often - every 15 minutes instead of every half hour.
- Rapid Schedule
  - Additional coverage of Eastern Caribbean sector
- Super Rapid Schedule
  - Gain 1 additional image per ½ hour.
  - Images are spread out more in time, giving better chance of more images in the time period of interest.
- Full Disk Schedule
  - Restores southern edge of Full Disk imagery.



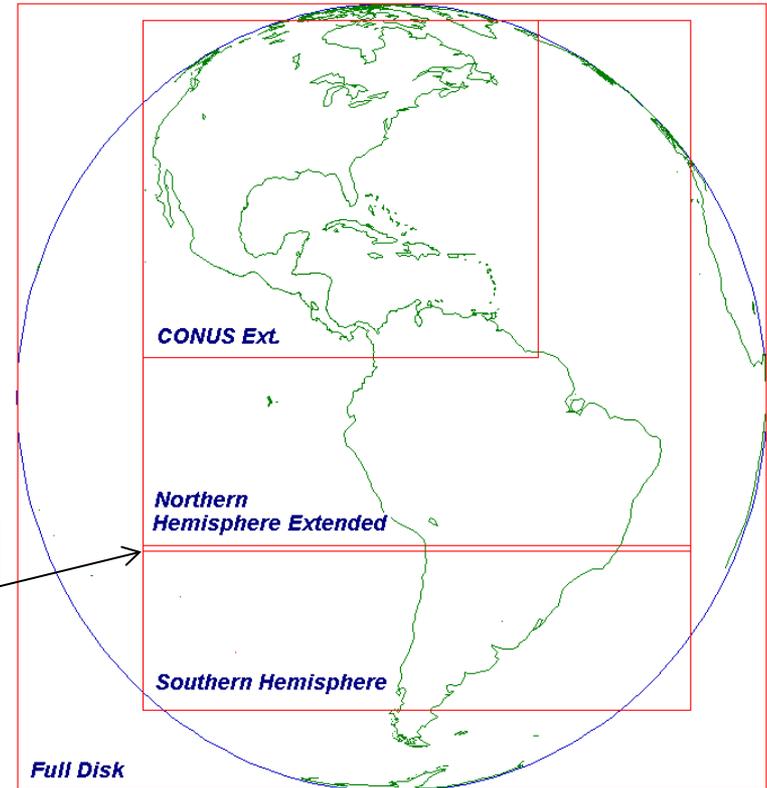
# GOES-East Routine Frame Changes



**GOES East  
Current Routine**



**Optimized**

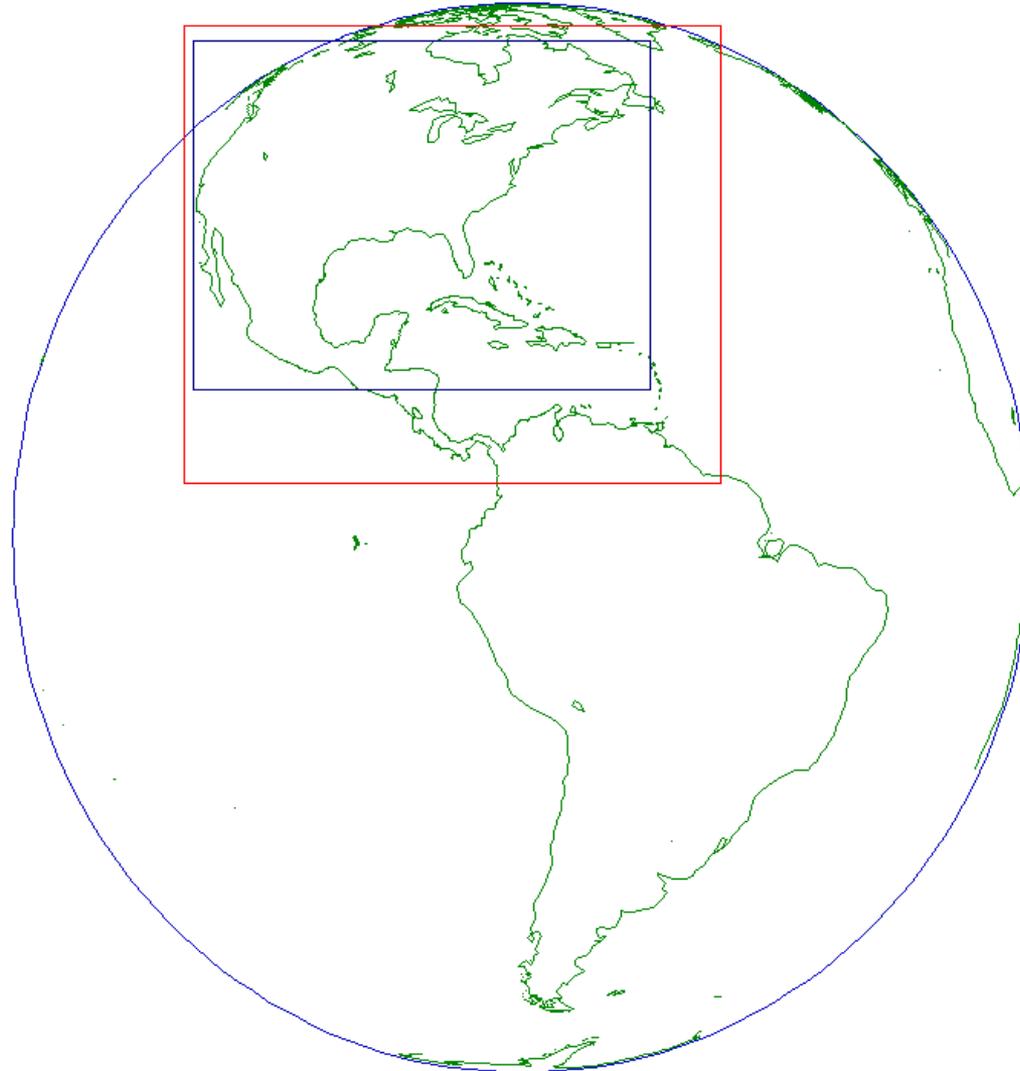


N. Hemisphere Ext.  
& S. Hemisphere  
frames overlap

The CONUS image in the Current Routine is replaced by the CONUS Ext. image in the Optimized Routine. This will gain beneficial coverage over more of Canada, the Caribbean Sea, East Caribbean Islands, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Columbia, Venezuela, and Guyana. (No other frames change). Frame-dependent processing will need adjustment.



# GOES-East Routine Frame Changes

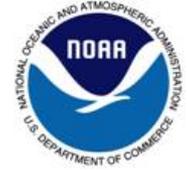


— CONUS (4:43)

— optimized CONUS Ext. (6:59)



# GOES-East Routine Schedule Timing Changes



## Current Routine

01:01:30	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
01:09:10	SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE	04:49
01:15:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE EXT.	14:15
01:31:30	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
01:39:10	SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE	04:49
01:45:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE EXT.	14:15
02:01:30	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
02:09:10	SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE	04:49
02:15:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE EXT.	14:15
02:31:30	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
02:39:10	SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE	04:49
02:45:00	FULL DISK	26:06
03:15:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE EXT.	14:15
03:31:30	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
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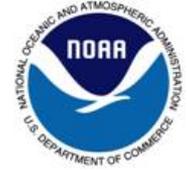
## Optimized Routine

01:00:00	<b>CONTINENTAL US (CONUS) EXT.</b>	<b>06:59</b>
01:07:15	SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE	04:49
01:15:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE EXT.	14:15
01:30:00	<b>CONTINENTAL US (CONUS) EXT.</b>	<b>06:59</b>
01:37:15	SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE	04:49
01:45:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE EXT.	14:15
02:00:00	<b>CONTINENTAL US (CONUS) EXT.</b>	<b>06:59</b>
02:07:15	SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE	04:49
02:15:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE EXT.	14:15
02:30:00	<b>CONTINENTAL US (CONUS) EXT.</b>	<b>06:59</b>
02:37:15	SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE	04:49
02:45:00	FULL DISK	26:06
03:15:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE EXT.	14:15
03:30:00	<b>CONTINENTAL US (CONUS) EXT.</b>	<b>06:59</b>
03:37:15	SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE	04:49
03:45:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE EXT.	14:15

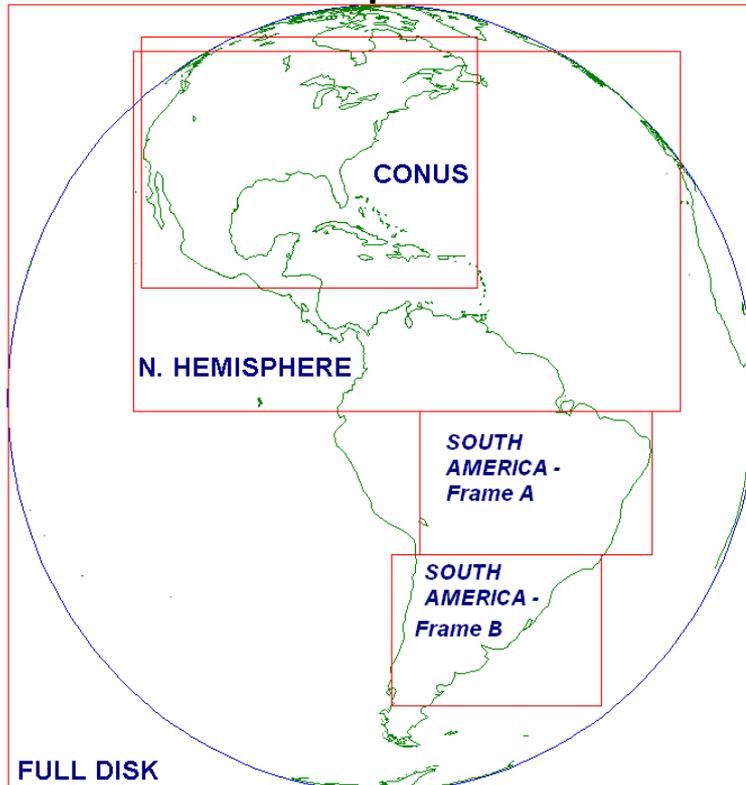
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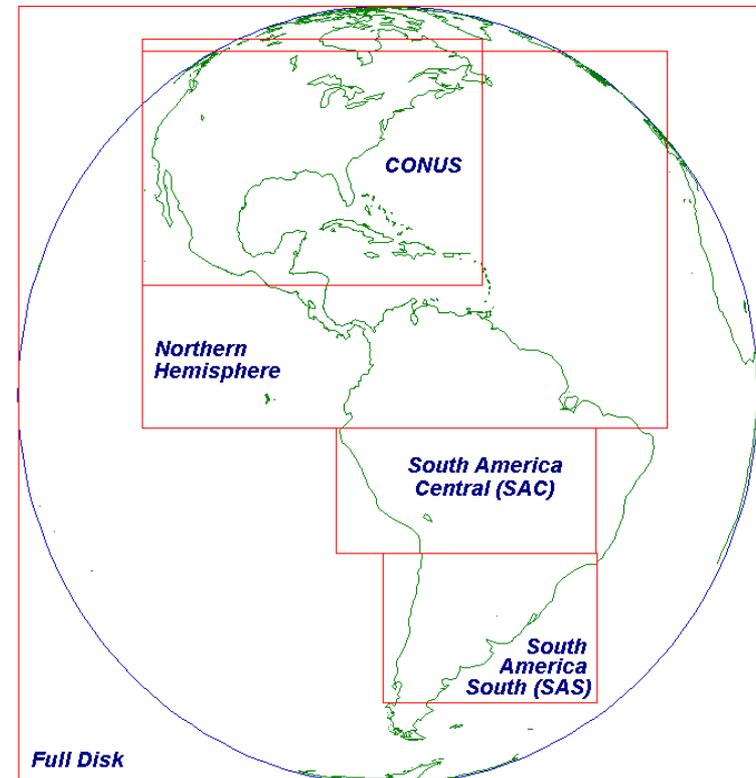
# GOES-East Rapid Frame Changes



## GOES East Current Rapid Scan



## Optimized

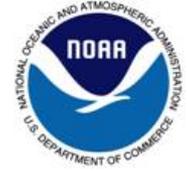


Primary changes are with South America Frames, but all image frames in the Rapid Schedule have been modified, some more than others.

Going from Routine to Rapid scan will generate less coverage of the Eastern Caribbean Sea because although the Routine schedule has the new CONUS Extended, the Rapid schedule has the smaller CONUS frame. In cases, when the Eastern Caribbean is a concern/focus the Hurricane "Eastern Caribbean" Rapid sector may be called to shift the Rapid frame from CONUS to Eastern Caribbean which ensures at least 10 minute (or better) imagery. [See Part 3 of Briefing for more information on Rapid frame for Eastern Caribbean.](#)



# GOES-East Rapid Schedule Timing Changes



## Current Rapid

00:59:50	SOUTH AMERICA - IMAGE A	02:02
01:02:05	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
01:10:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
01:15:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE	09:44
01:25:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
01:29:50	SOUTH AMERICA - IMAGE B	02:02
01:32:05	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
01:40:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
01:45:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE	09:44
01:55:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
01:59:50	SOUTH AMERICA - IMAGE A	02:02
02:02:05	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
02:10:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
02:15:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE	09:44
02:25:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
02:29:50	SOUTH AMERICA - IMAGE B	02:02
02:32:05	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
02:40:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
02:45:00	FULL DISK	26:06
03:15:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE	09:44
03:25:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
03:29:50	SOUTH AMERICA - IMAGE B	02:02
03:32:05	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
03:40:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43
03:45:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE	09:44
03:55:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:43

## Optimized Rapid

01:00:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:37
01:04:50	SOUTH AMERICA CENTRAL (SAC)	02:01
01:07:05	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:37
01:15:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE	09:55
01:25:09	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:37
01:30:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:37
01:34:50	SOUTH AMERICA SOUTH (SAS)	02:05
01:37:05	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:37
01:45:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE	09:55
01:55:09	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:37
02:00:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:37
02:04:50	SOUTH AMERICA CENTRAL (SAC)	02:01
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02:25:09	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:37
02:30:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:37
02:34:50	SOUTH AMERICA SOUTH (SAS)	02:05
02:37:05	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:37
02:45:00	FULL DISK	26:06
03:15:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE	09:55
03:25:09	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:37
03:30:00	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:37
03:34:50	SOUTH AMERICA SOUTH (SAS)	02:05
03:37:05	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:37
03:45:00	NORTHERN HEMISPHERE	09:55
03:55:09	CONTINENTAL US (CONUS)	04:37

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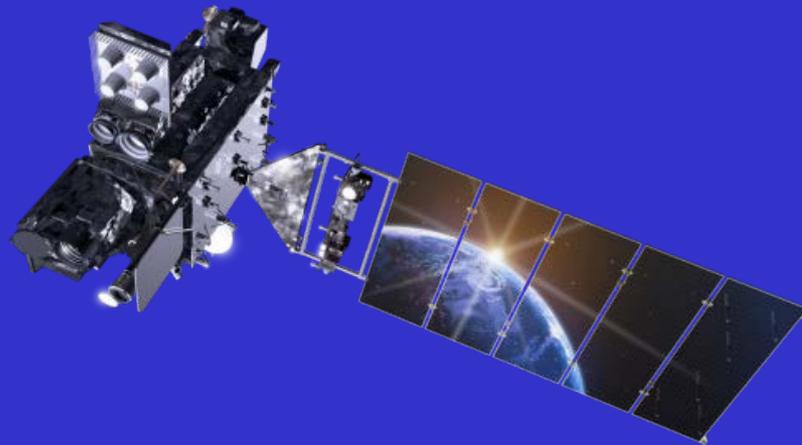
# Proposed Testing



- **GOES-14 Testing:** August 2013 when GOES-14 was out of storage, tested all four schedules (ERTN, ERAP, ESRSO and Full Disk). Adjustments were made to ensure the sequences ran without error, and retested successfully.
- **GOES-13 Testing:** The Products and User Services groups would like to perform two additional tests prior to transitioning to the Optimized Schedules. The tests would allow all systems to be tested operationally, as well as allow Users to see examples of the new products. Proposed test dates are as follows:
  - **Feb 10, 1600-1900UTC** replace routine imaging with Optimized routine imaging.
  - **Feb 12, 1600-1900UTC** replace routine imaging with Optimized Rapid imaging.
  - Later dates could also be scheduled prior to April.
- **Pending full approvals**

# Outline

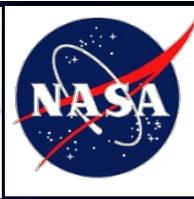
- ABI (Advanced Baseline Imager) Modes
  - Continuous Full Disk
  - Flex
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  - SRSOR (2012 and 2013)
- GOES-13 Optimized Schedule changes
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Note that currently the videos do not work via the pdf or the 'video link' on-line, although they can be accessed via the 'supplemental content' link.

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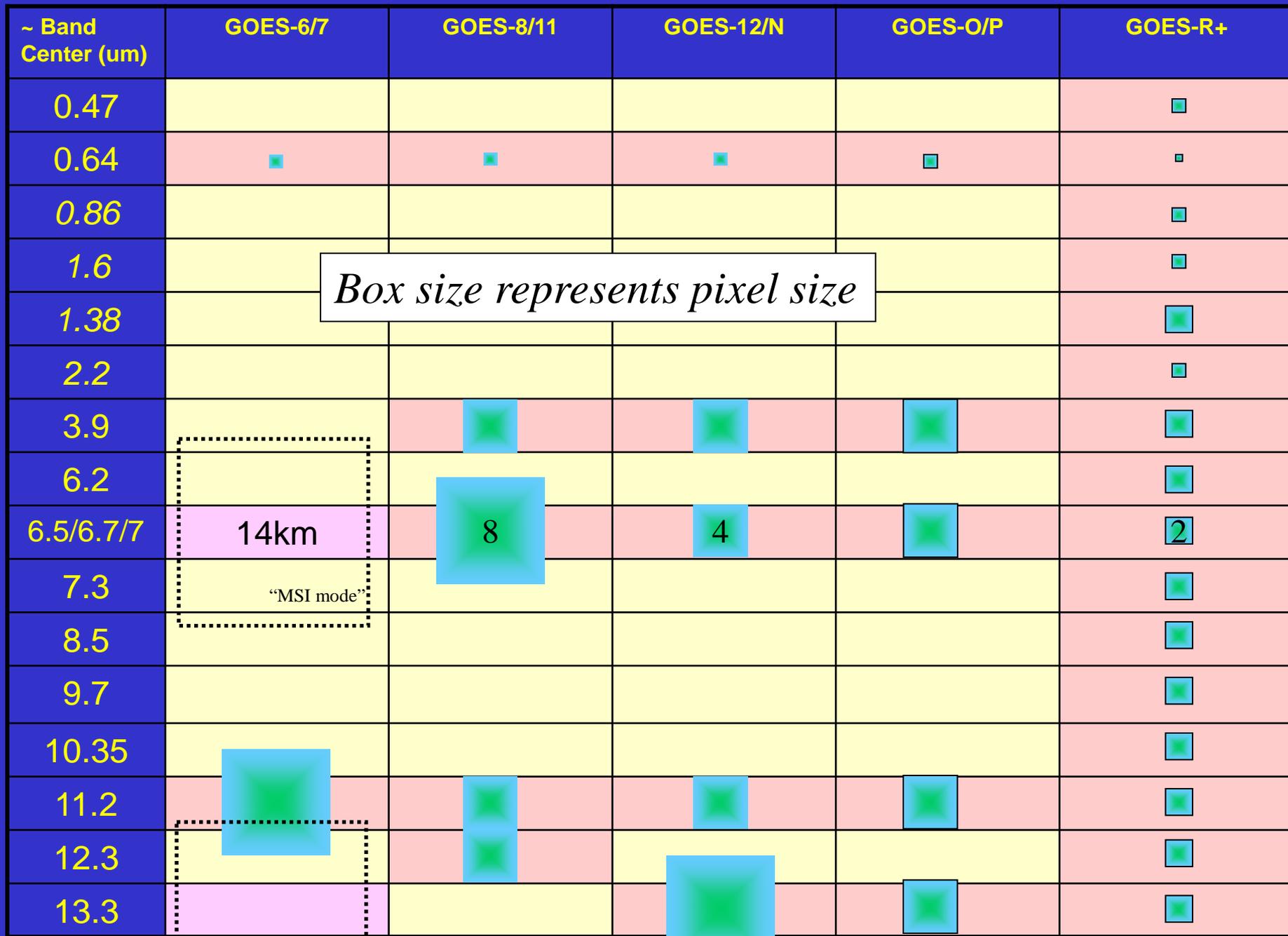
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# Approximate spectral and spatial resolutions of US GOES Imagers



# Summary

1. The GOES-R ABI provides mission continuity
2. Two times the image navigation quality
3. Three times the number of imaging bands
4. Four times the spatial resolutions
5. Five times the coverage rate
  - Special GOES-14 1-min data pathfinder



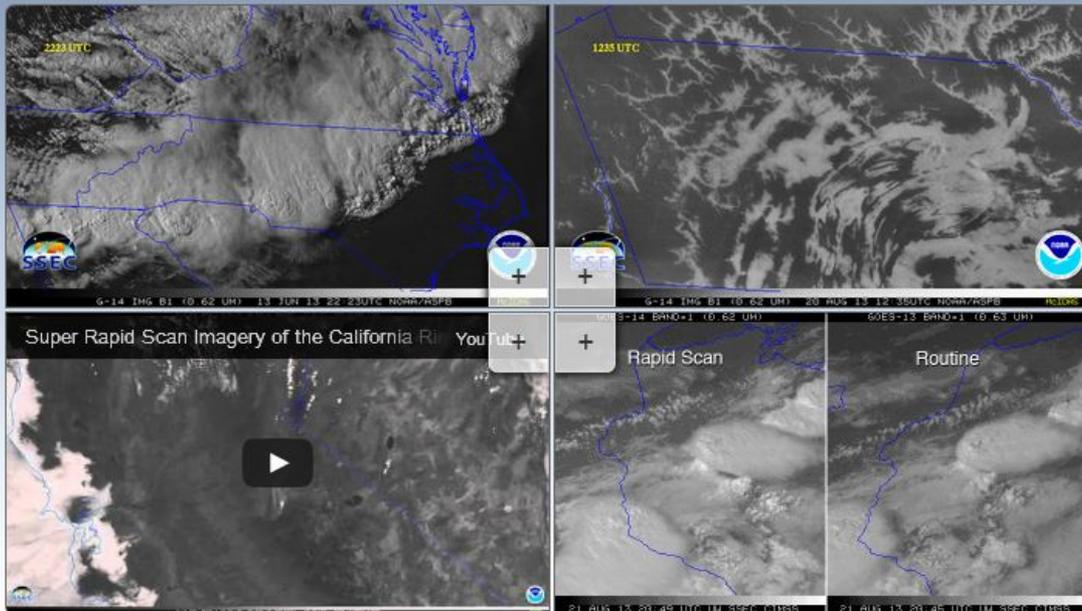
# SRSOR Links

[http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor/GOES-14\\_SRSOR.html](http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor/GOES-14_SRSOR.html)

[http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor2013/GOES-14\\_SRSOR.html](http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/srsor2013/GOES-14_SRSOR.html)

<http://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/fourbox/09-23-13/>

## Super Rapid Scans from GOES-14: A Glimpse of GOES-R



► During periods in 2012 and 2013, NOAA operated the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) 14 Imager in an experimental rapid scan one-minute mode called Super Rapid Scan Operations for [GOES-R \(SRSOR\)](#). Imagery from these special scans revealed new details about weather events and simulated the capabilities of the Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI) that will be the primary instrument on the next-generation geostationary satellite, GOES-R.



# More information

## GOES:

- <http://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Operations/GOES/schedules.html>

## GOES-R:

- <http://www.goes-r.gov>
- <http://www.meted.ucar.edu/index.htm>

## UW/SSEC/CIMSS/ASPB:

- [http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes\\_r/proving-ground.html](http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes_r/proving-ground.html)
- [http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes\\_r/proving-ground/nssl\\_abi/nssl\\_abi\\_rt.html](http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes_r/proving-ground/nssl_abi/nssl_abi_rt.html)
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**INTRODUCING THE NEXT-GENERATION ADVANCED BASELINE IMAGER ON GOES-R**

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The ABI will begin a new era in U.S. environmental remote sensing with more spectral bands, faster imaging, and higher spatial resolution than the current imager.

The Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI) is being developed as the future imager on the Constellation Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) series, slated to be launched in approximately 2013 with GOES-R (Gochis and Drobner 2009). Similar to the current GOES imager, ABI will be used for a wide range of qualitative and quantitative weather, oceanographic, climate, and environmental applications. ABI will offer more spectral bands, higher spatial resolution, and faster imaging than the current GOES imager. ABI spatial resolution will be nominally 2 km for the infrared bands and 0.5 km for the 0.6- $\mu$ m visible band. While the instrument will allow a flexible scanning scenario, two basic modes are envisioned. One mode is that every 15 min ABI will scan the full FOV (FD), plus contiguous United States (CONUS) 3 times plus a selectable 1000 km  $\times$  1000 km area every 30 s. The second mode is that the ABI can be programmed to scan the FD iteratively. The FD image can be acquired in approximately 5 min. Given that the current GOES imager takes approximately 25 min for a FD, this implies there will be a fivefold increase in the coverage rate.

ABI has 16 spectral bands; five are similar to the 0.6-, 1-, 11-, and 12- $\mu$ m windows and the 0.5- $\mu$ m water vapor band on the current GOES-R-02/17 imager (Dzialoni and Paulson 1994; Elwood et al. 1998), and another is similar to the 1.3- $\mu$ m on the GOES-12-21-01-P imager and the GOES-R-P windows (Hilger et al. 2003; Schmit et al. 2004, 2005, 2007). Additional bands on ABI are 0.6- $\mu$ m for aerosol detection and visibility estimation; 0.865- $\mu$ m for aerosol detection and estimation of vegetation health; 1.378- $\mu$ m to detect very thin cirrus clouds; 1.6- $\mu$ m for aerosol detection; 2.25- $\mu$ m for aerosol and cloud particle size estimation, vegetation, cloud properties, ice/snowing, hot-spot detection, moisture

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