Multispectral Application Development for Himawari-8 AHI

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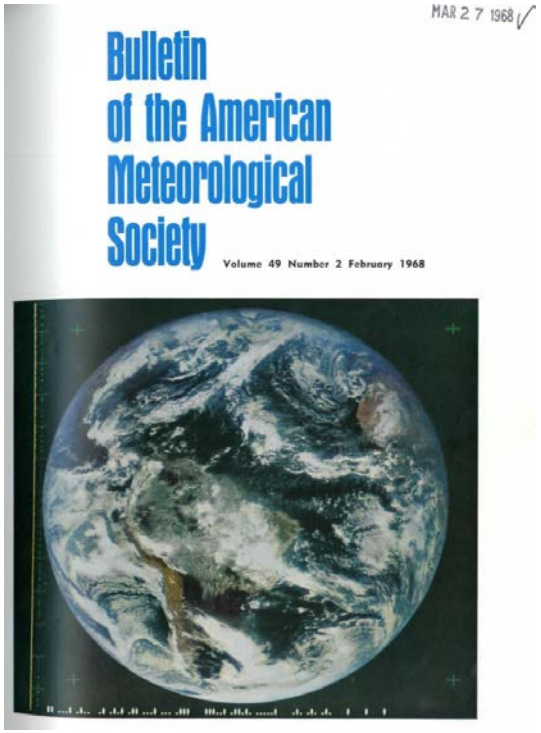
  - *GeoColor* Blended Imagery
  - Lofted Dust
- Conclusions



NASA ATS-3 (1967)
The last geostationary satellite to offer a true color imaging capability.

NOAA's GOES-R Proving Ground

Vision:

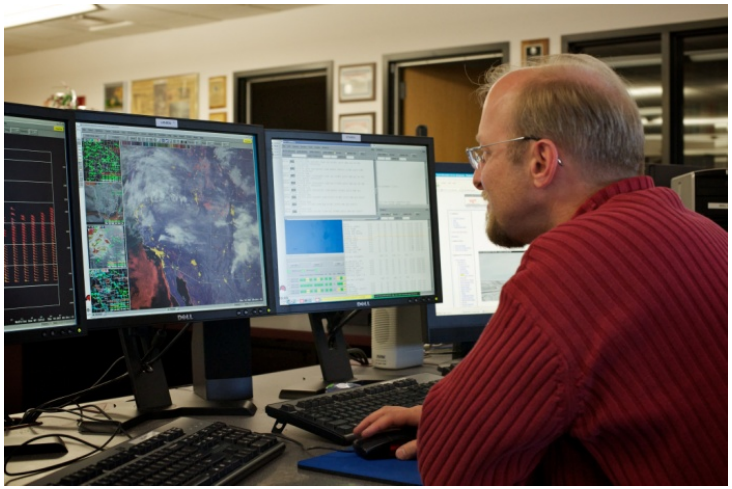
- Bridge the gap between researchers and forecasters

Objectives:

- Day-1 readiness and maximum utilization of the GOES-R observing system
- A conduit for research satellite products to be hosted on operational display systems

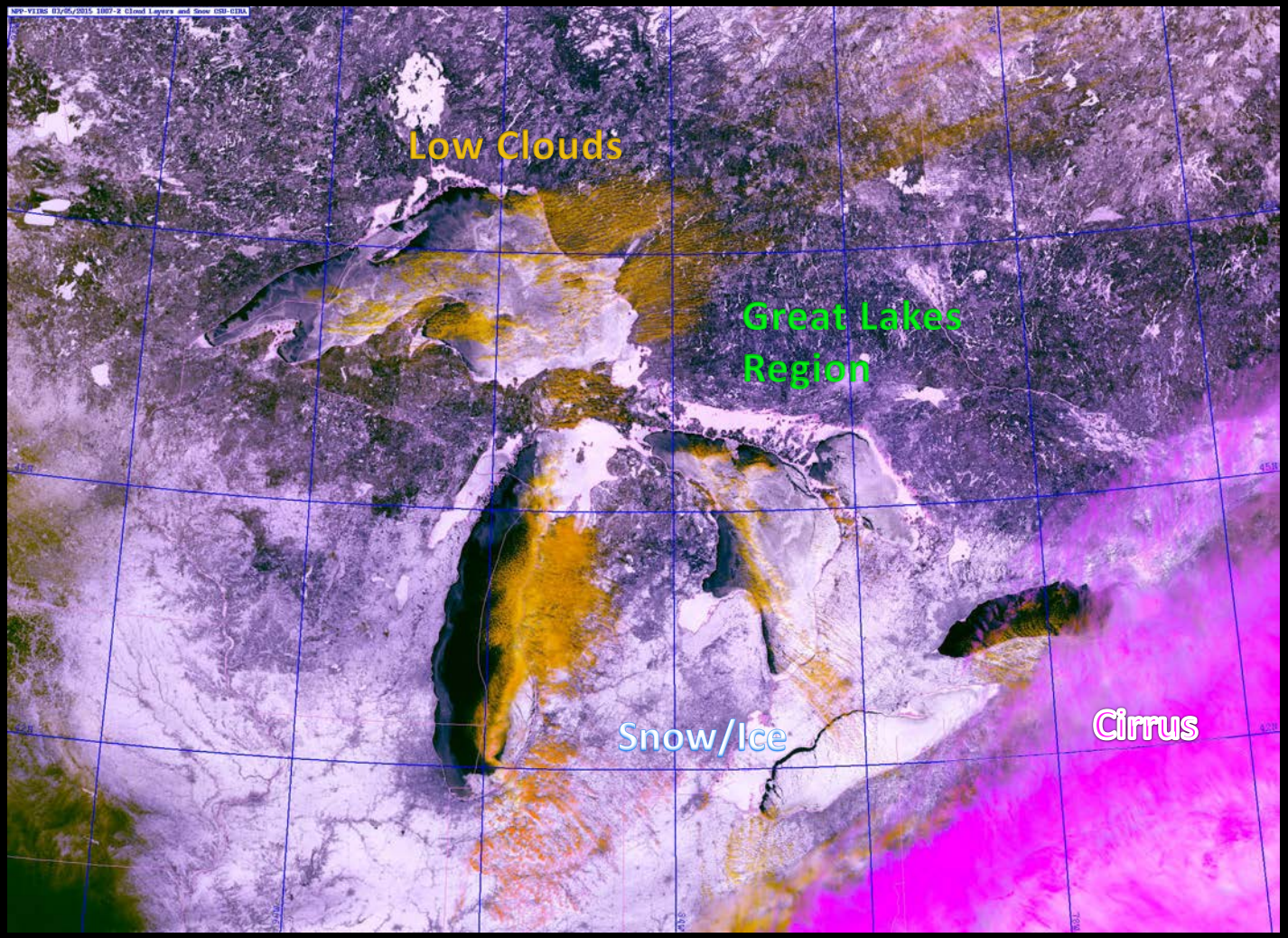
Approach:

- Use proxy data to anticipate future GOES-R Advanced Baseline Imager capabilities
- Demonstrate ABI-caliber products/techniques in the operational environment
- Engage in 2-way dialogue to enable research-to-operations-to-research (R2O2R) development

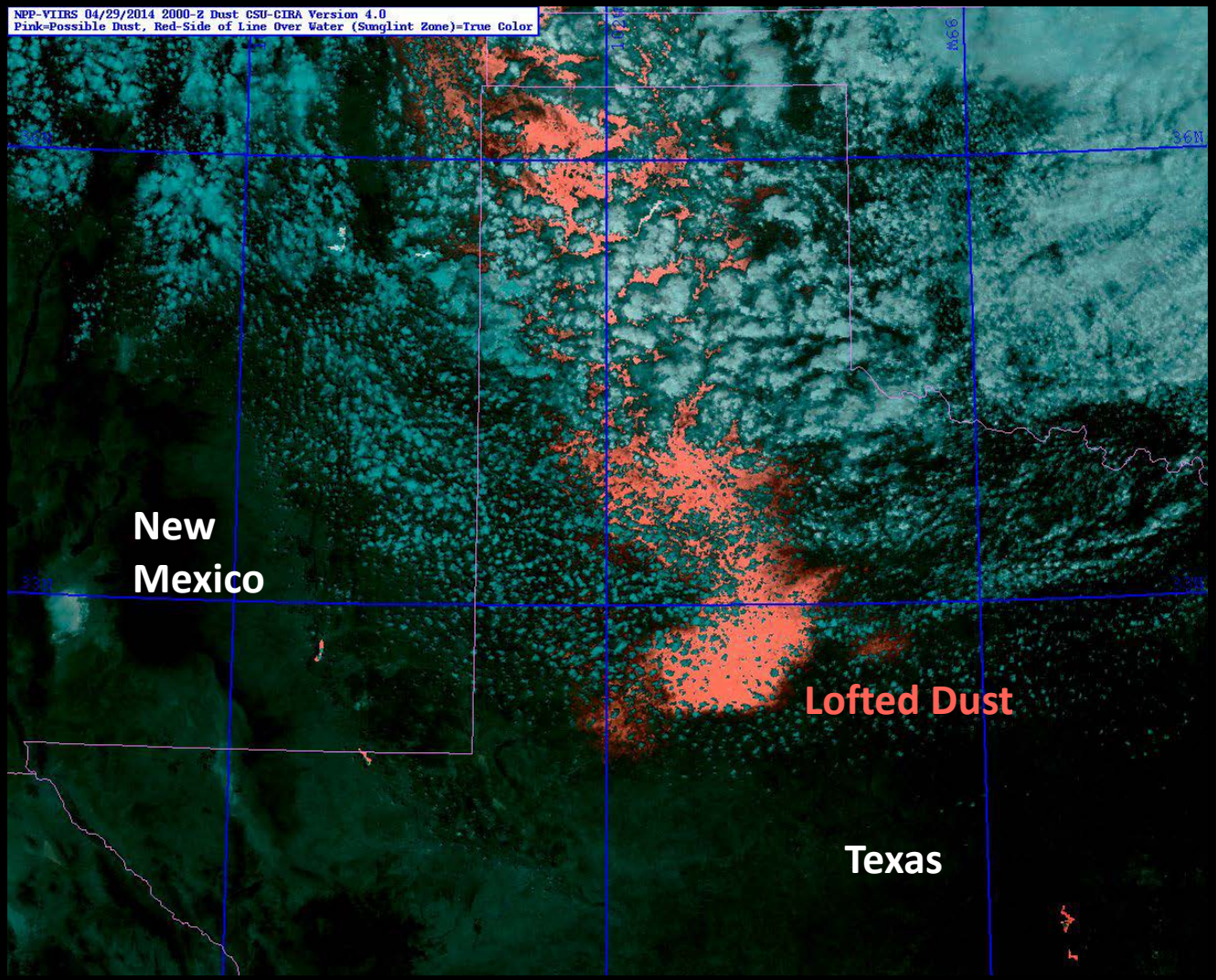


→ **Himawari-8 AHI provides closest proxy to GOES-R ABI**

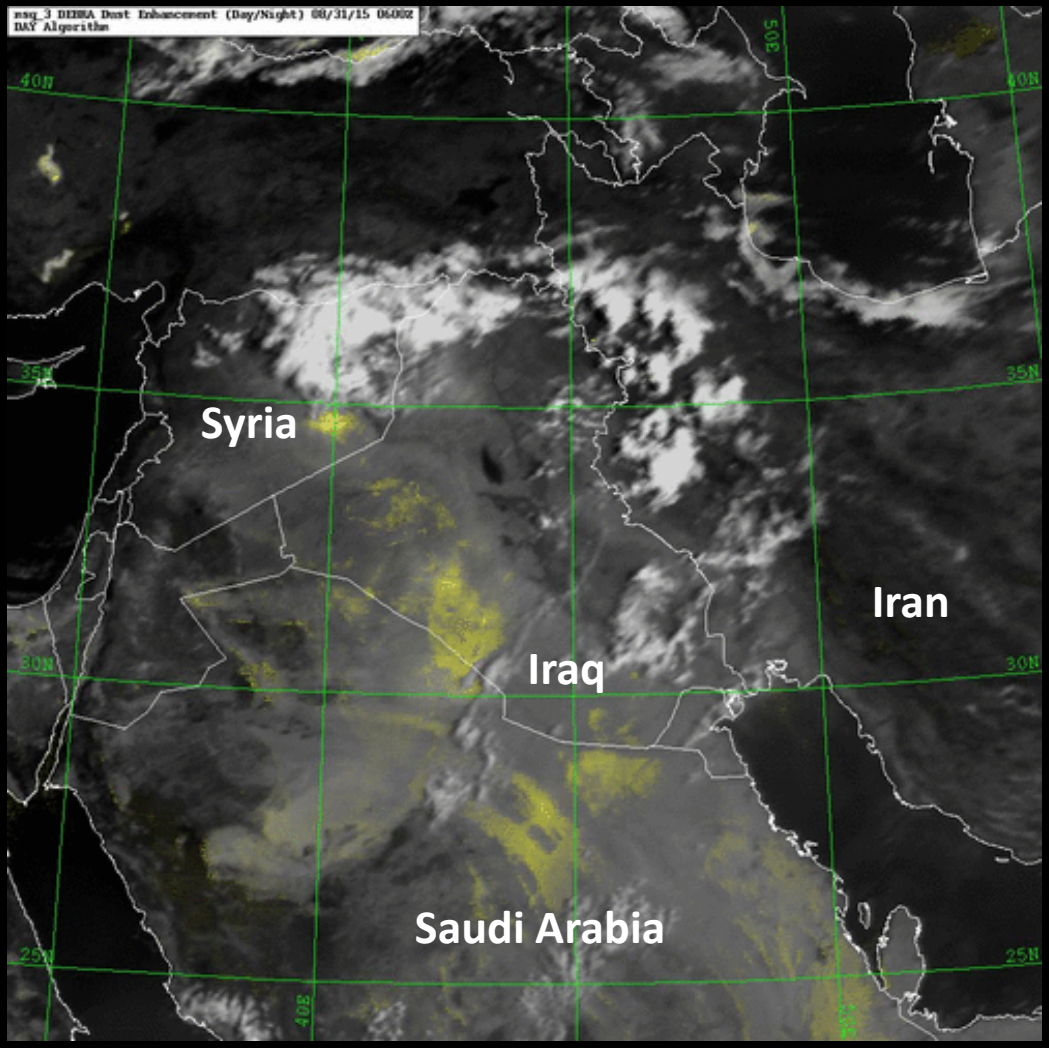
Proving Ground Demonstrations: MODIS/VIIRS Cloud/Snow



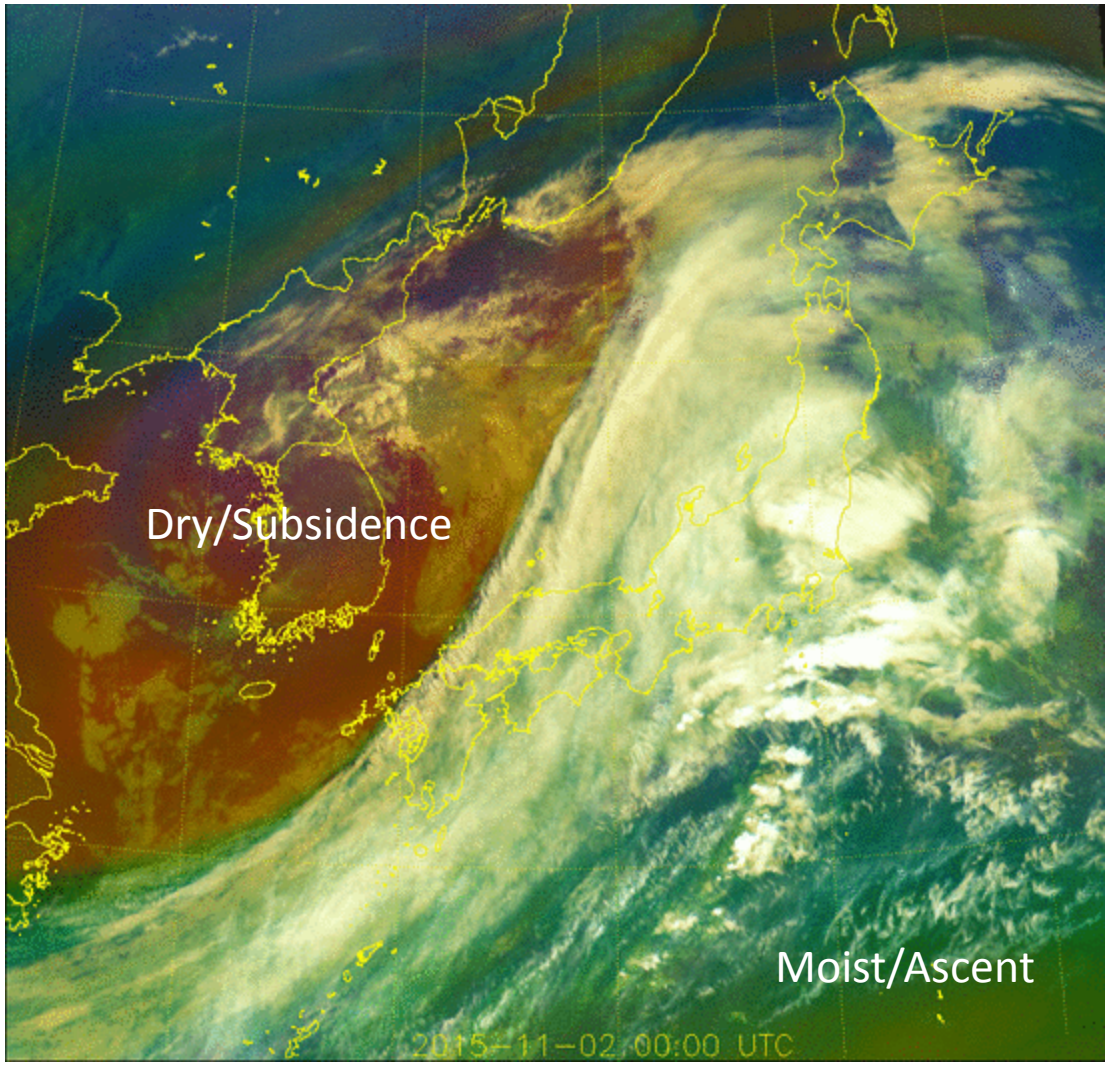
Proving Ground Demonstrations: MODIS/VIIRS Blue-Light Dust



Proving Ground Applications: MSG ‘DEBRA’ Dust Mask



AHI Airmass RGB (EUMETSAT)



A frontal system passes over Japan
0000-0750 UTC 2 November 2015

Band 8 (6.2 µm) BLUE

Band 12-13 (9.6 - 10.3 µm) GREEN

Band 8-10 (6.2 – 7.3 µm) RED

- Colors are dependent on temperature, water vapor and ozone

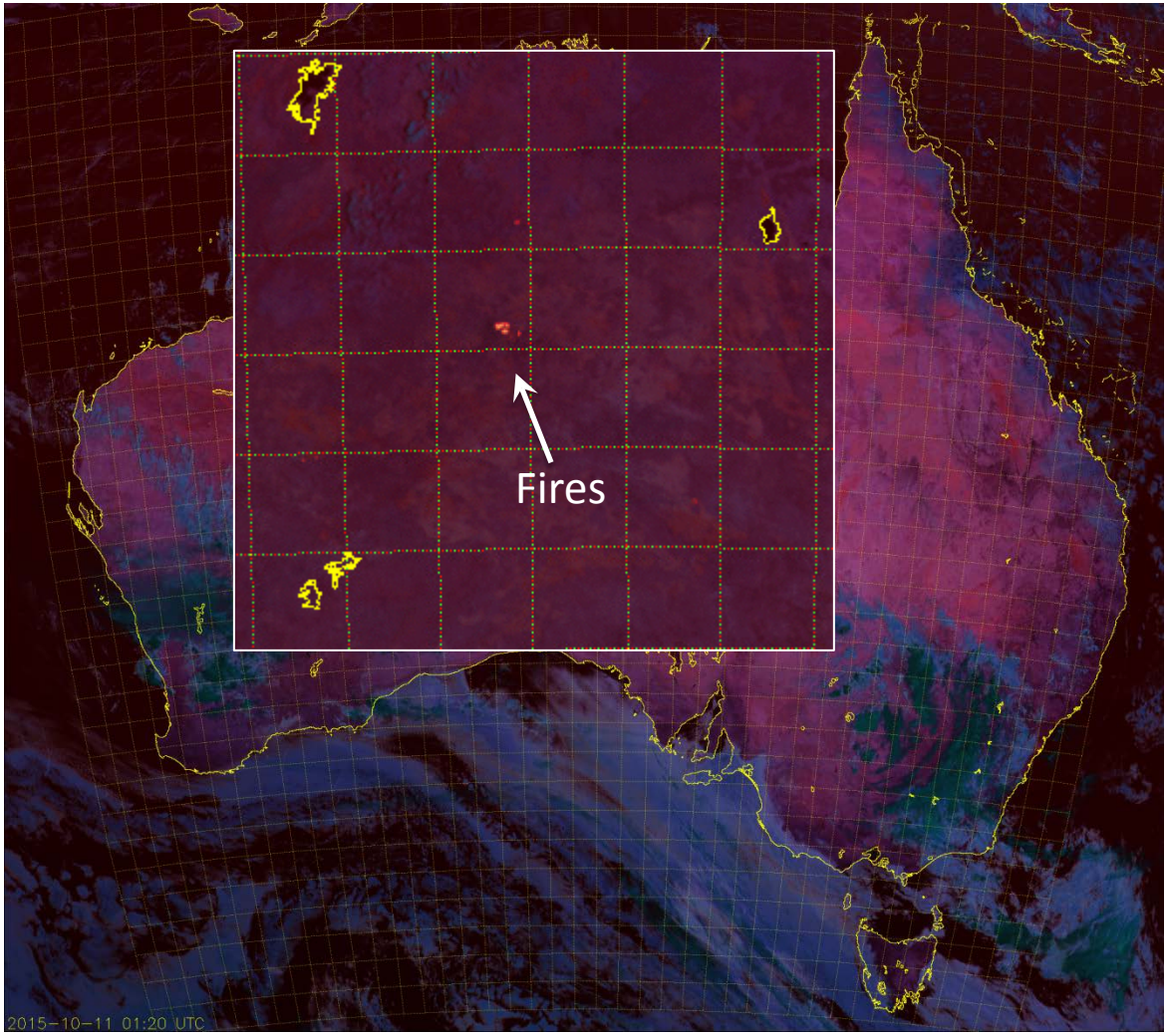
- Warm, moist (tropical): green
- Warm, dry: **orange**

- Cold, dry (polar): purple
- Cold, moist: **blue**

- Low tropopause height/strong subsidence: **red**

- Warm land surface: **black**
- Cold clouds: white

AHI Fire Temperature RGB



Bush land fires detected in Australia
2340-0800 UTC 11 October 2015

Band 5 (1.6 µm) BLUE

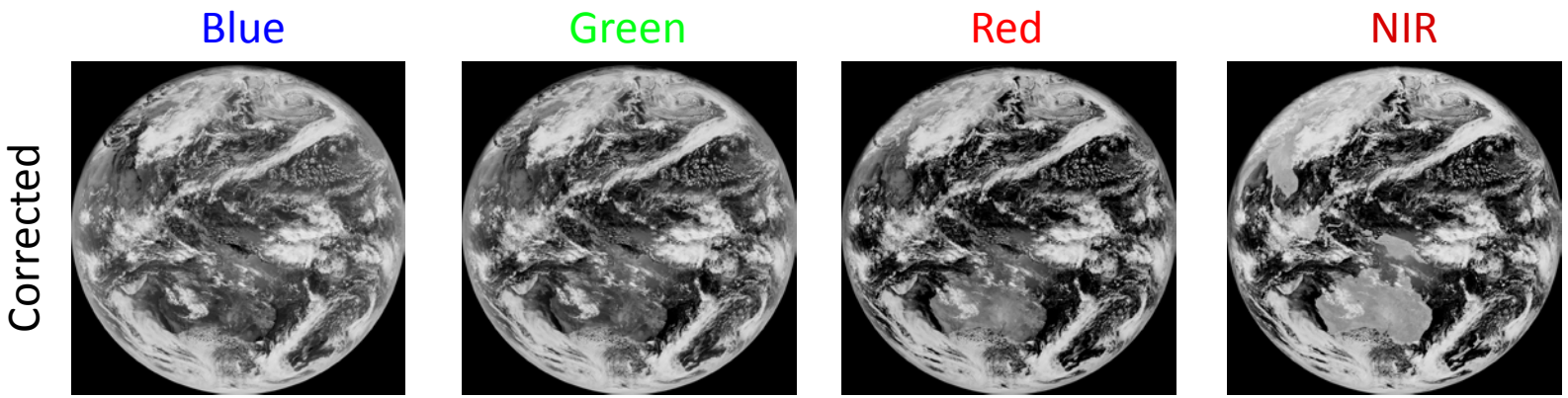
Band 6 (2.3 µm) GREEN

Band 7 (3.9 µm) RED

- Relatively cool/small fires only detected at 3.9 µm appear red
- Warmer/larger fires detected in both 3.9 µm and 2.25 µm appear yellow
- Very large/hot fires detected in all three bands and appear white
- Liquid clouds: blue
- Ice clouds: dark green

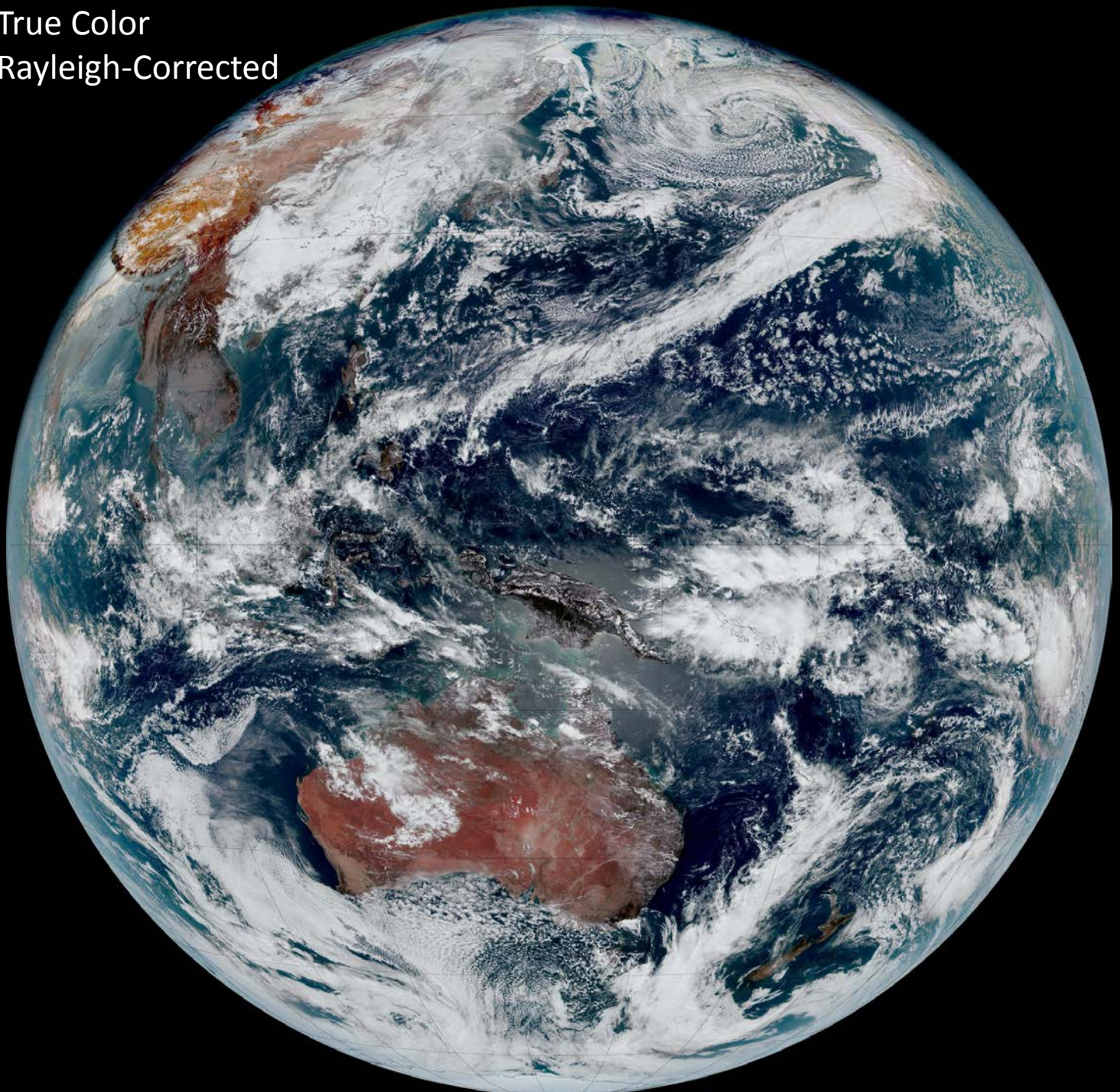
AHI True Color: Rayleigh Corrections

- Molecular scatter of sunlight by the gaseous atmosphere is significant, particularly in the blue-band
- Adapted atmospheric correction software, applied previously to SeaWiFS/MODIS/VIIRS sensors, to AHI bands
- Corrections are a function of solar & satellite geometry

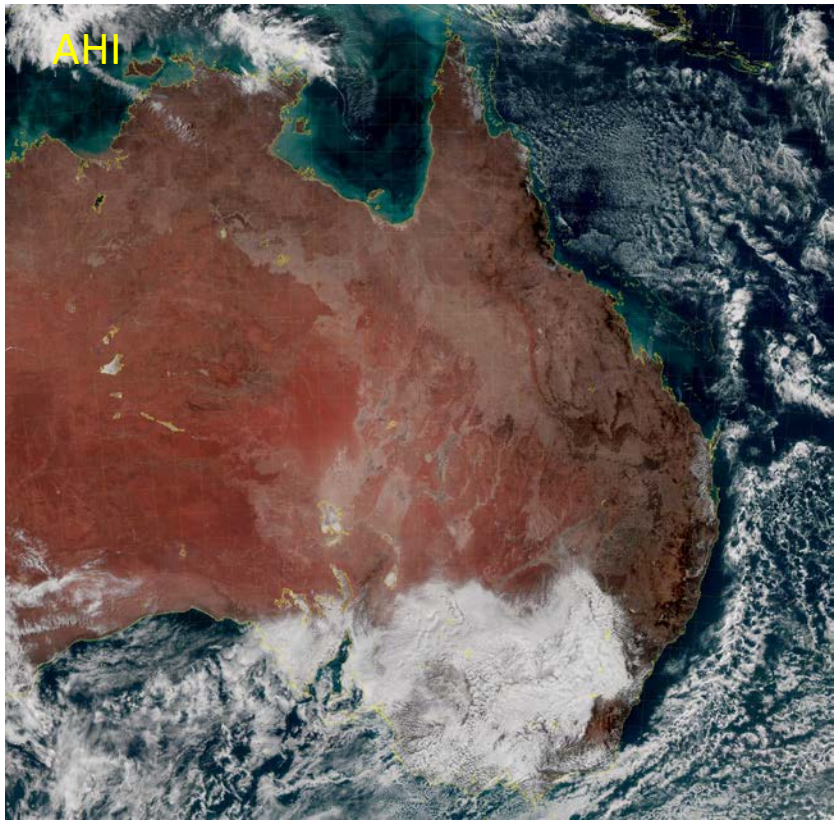


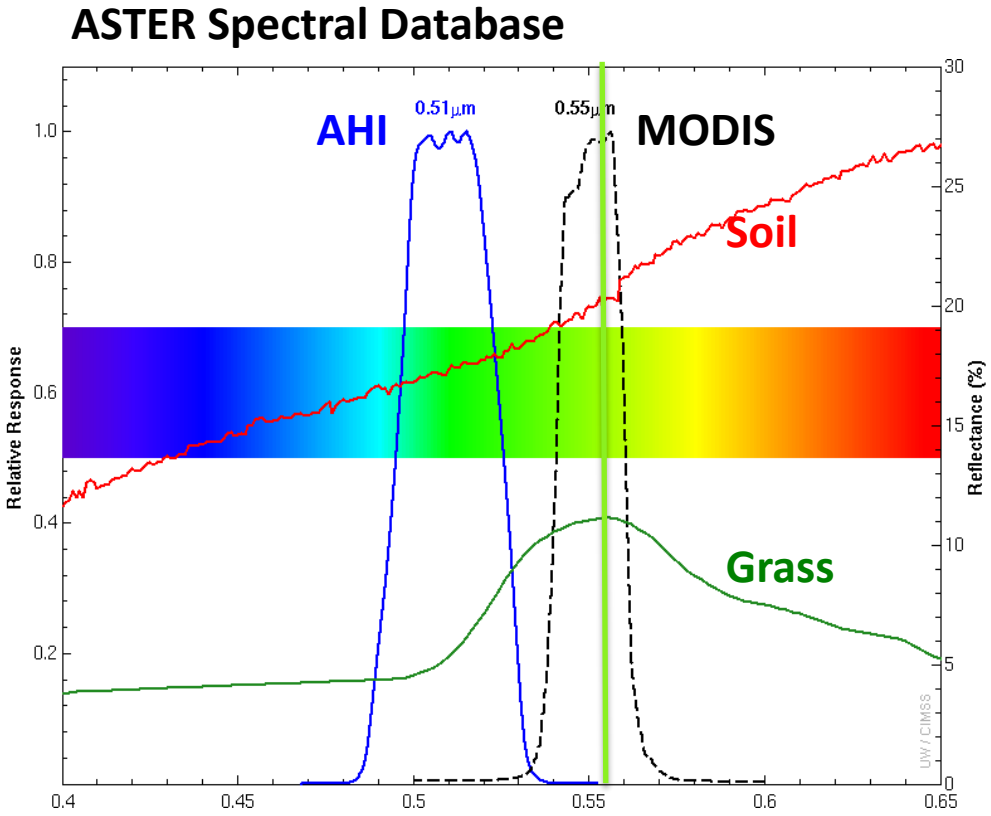
→ *These atmospheric corrections are a critical step in attaining high-quality true color imagery*

True Color
Rayleigh-Corrected



Inconsistency with MODIS/VIIRS





- Comparisons of AHI true color imagery to VIIRS & MODIS showed vegetation too brown, deserts too red
- The 510 nm AHI band misses the 555 nm chlorophyll signal, and mineral soils are more absorbing.(MODIS/VIIRS both use 555 nm)

Proposing a '*Hybrid Green*' Band

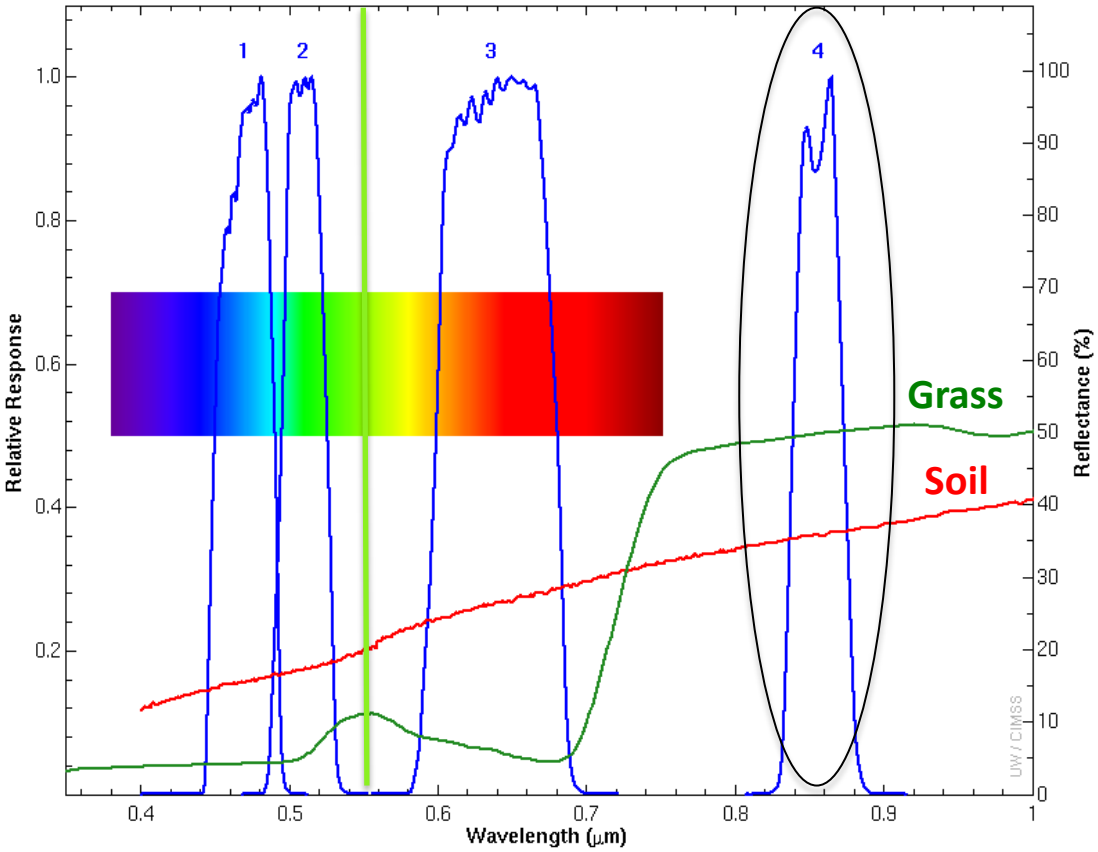
- Blend 510 nm green band with vegetation-sensitive 856 nm band to produce a 'hybrid green' band (G_H):

G_H = F * R_510 + (1-F) * R_856

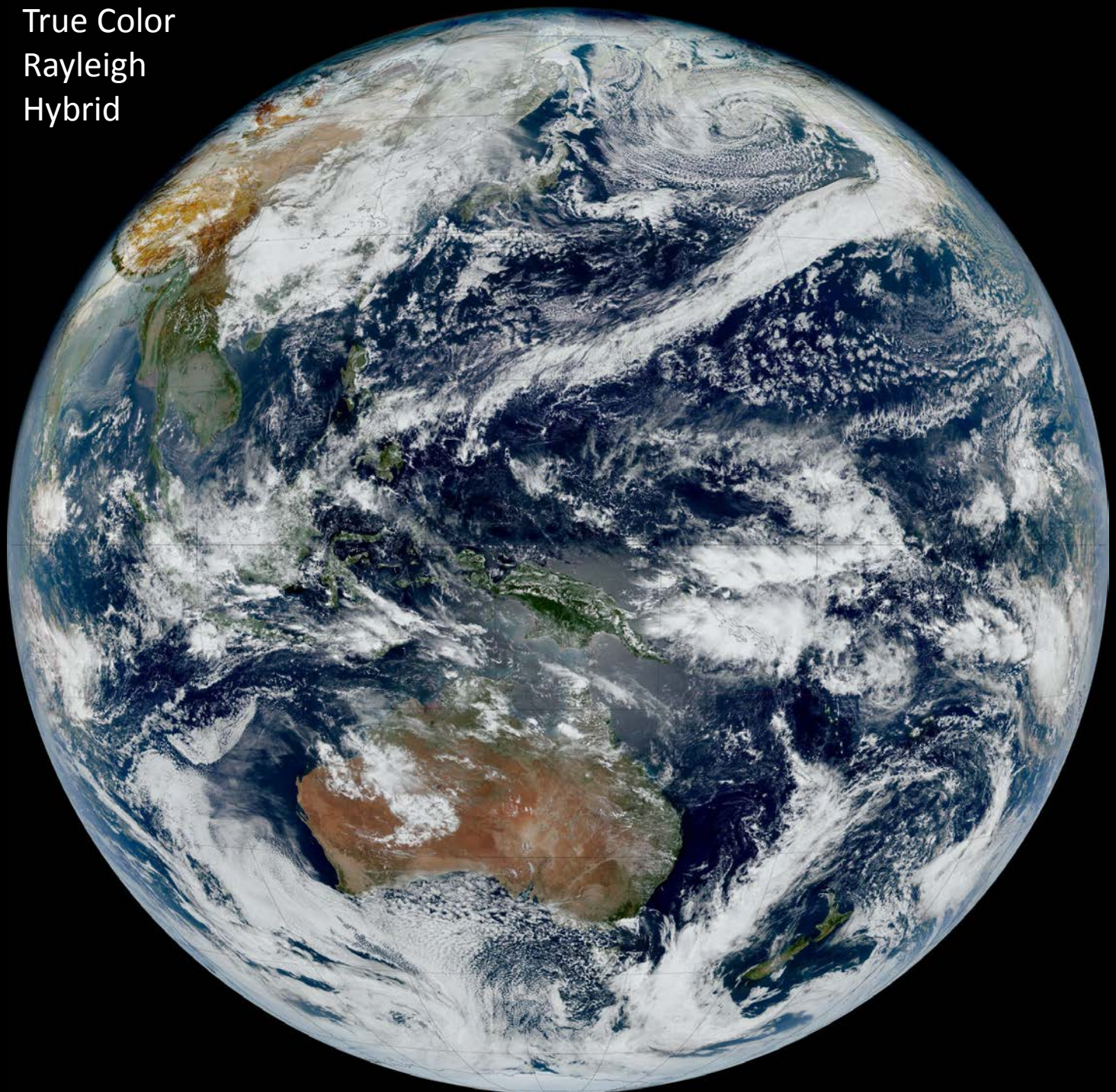
~ 0.93 (experimental)

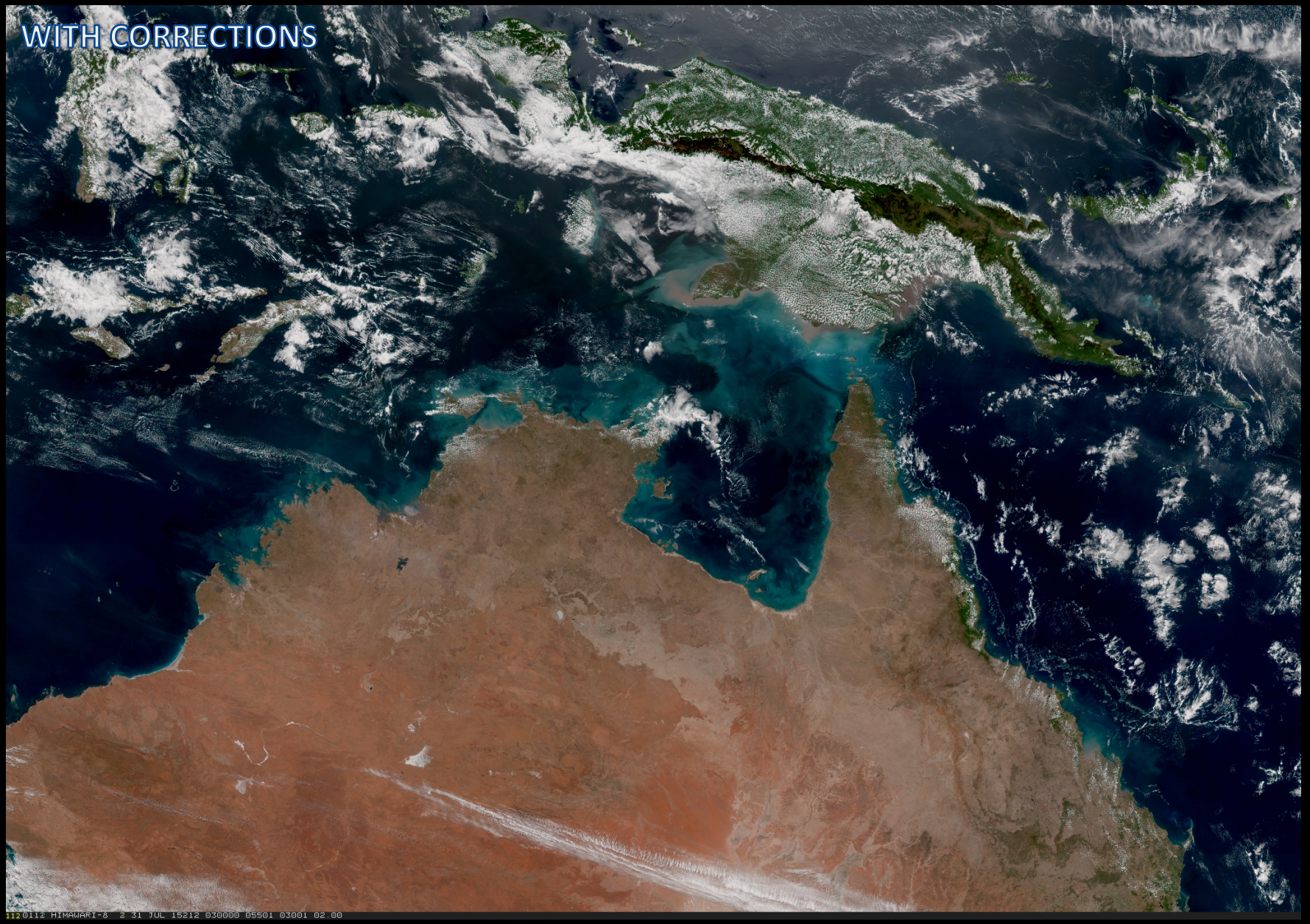
- Provides enhancement to green vegetation and mineral soils (e.g., deserts).

- Minimal impact to other features of the scene (clouds, ocean, and shallow-water coloration)



→ **AHI Band 4 (856 nm) provides a 'boost' to the 510 nm vegetation and soil reflectance…**


True Color
Rayleigh
Hybrid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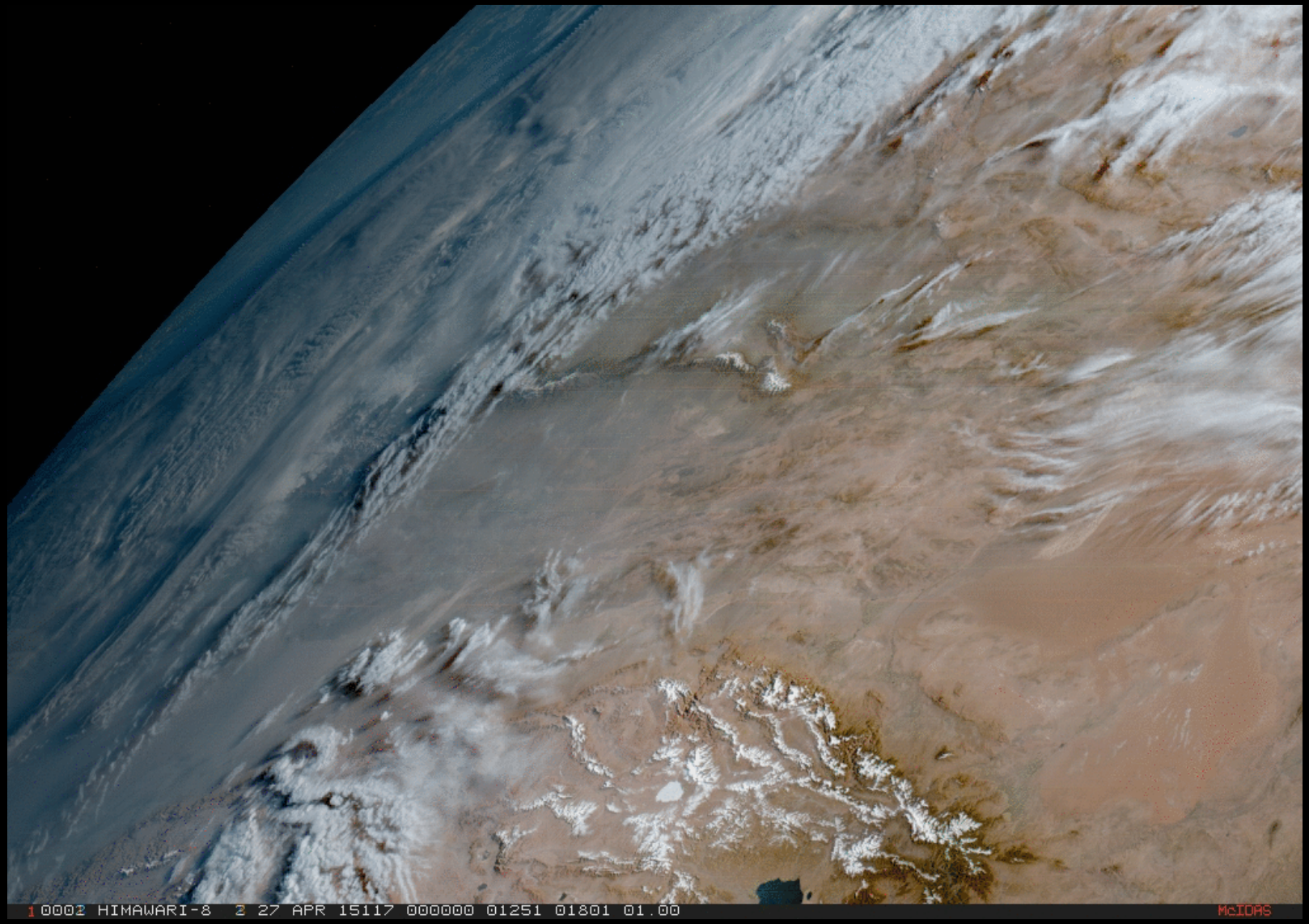
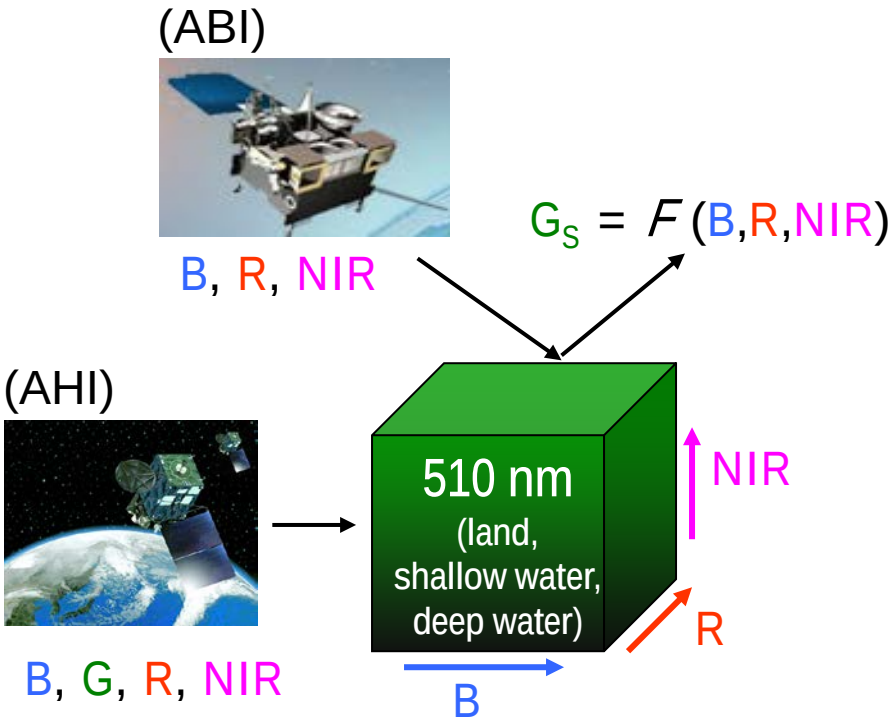
Hybrid Green True Color Examples



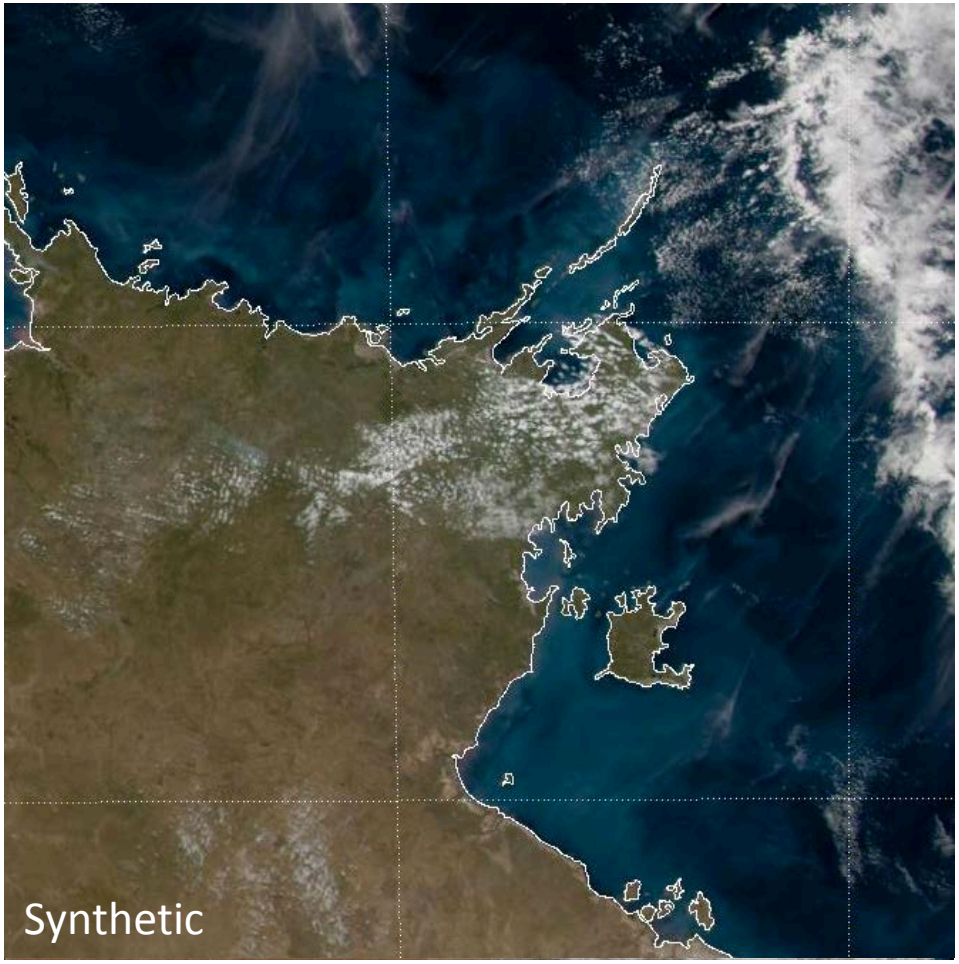
A Synthetic Green Band for ABI

GOES-R ABI has no green band—we must approximate it via correlations with other available bands. → We are using Himawari-8 AHI for this development.



For GOES-R ABI, we will first construct G_S (510 nm), then compute $G_{H,S}$ via:

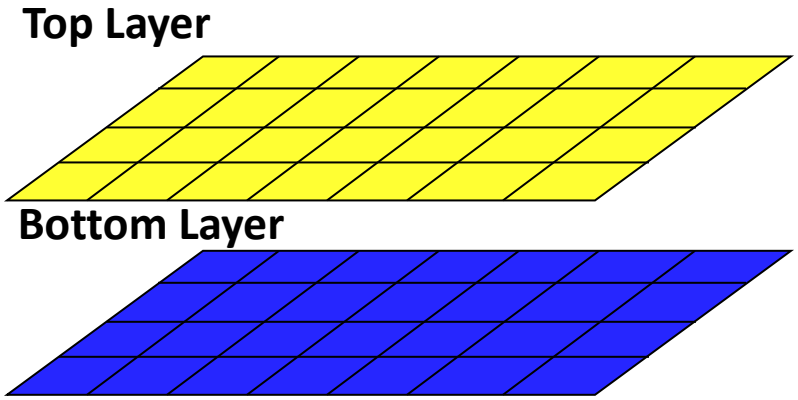
$$G_{H,S} = F*G_S + (1-F)*R_{856} \quad , F = 0.93$$



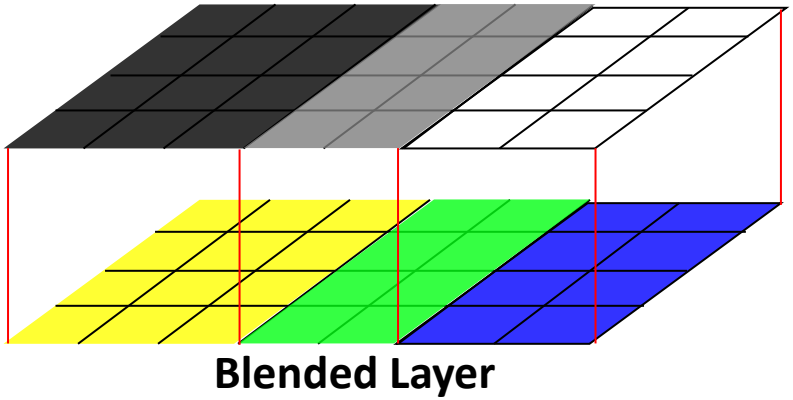
Miller, S. D., C. Schmidt, T. Schmit, and D. Hillger, 2012, *Int. J. Rem. Sens.*, **33**(13), 3999-4028.

Merging Layers of Information
The *GeoColor* Concept

Layers of Information (2 layer example)

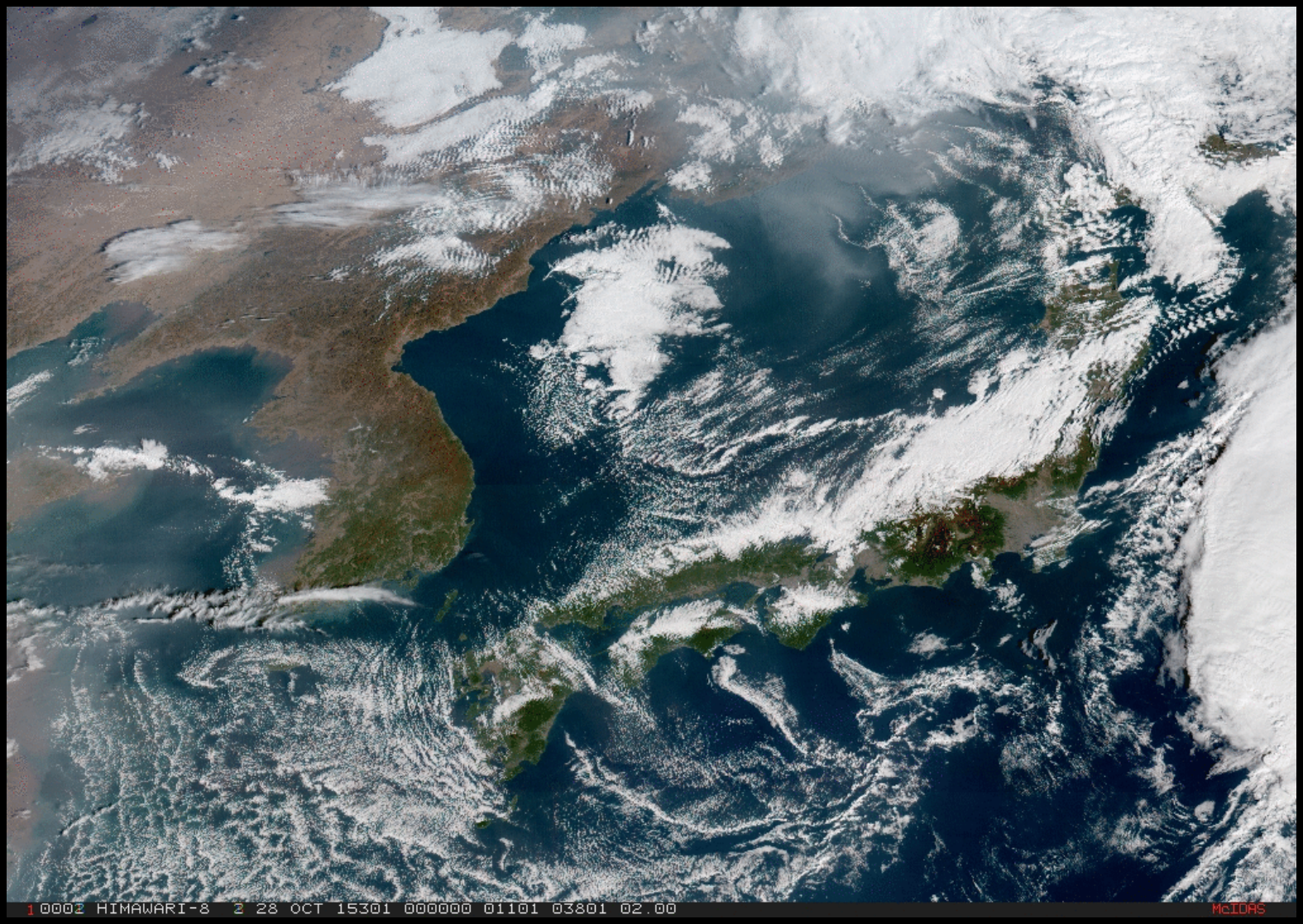


Spatial Opacity Rules for Top Layer (Black= Opaque, White=Transparent)



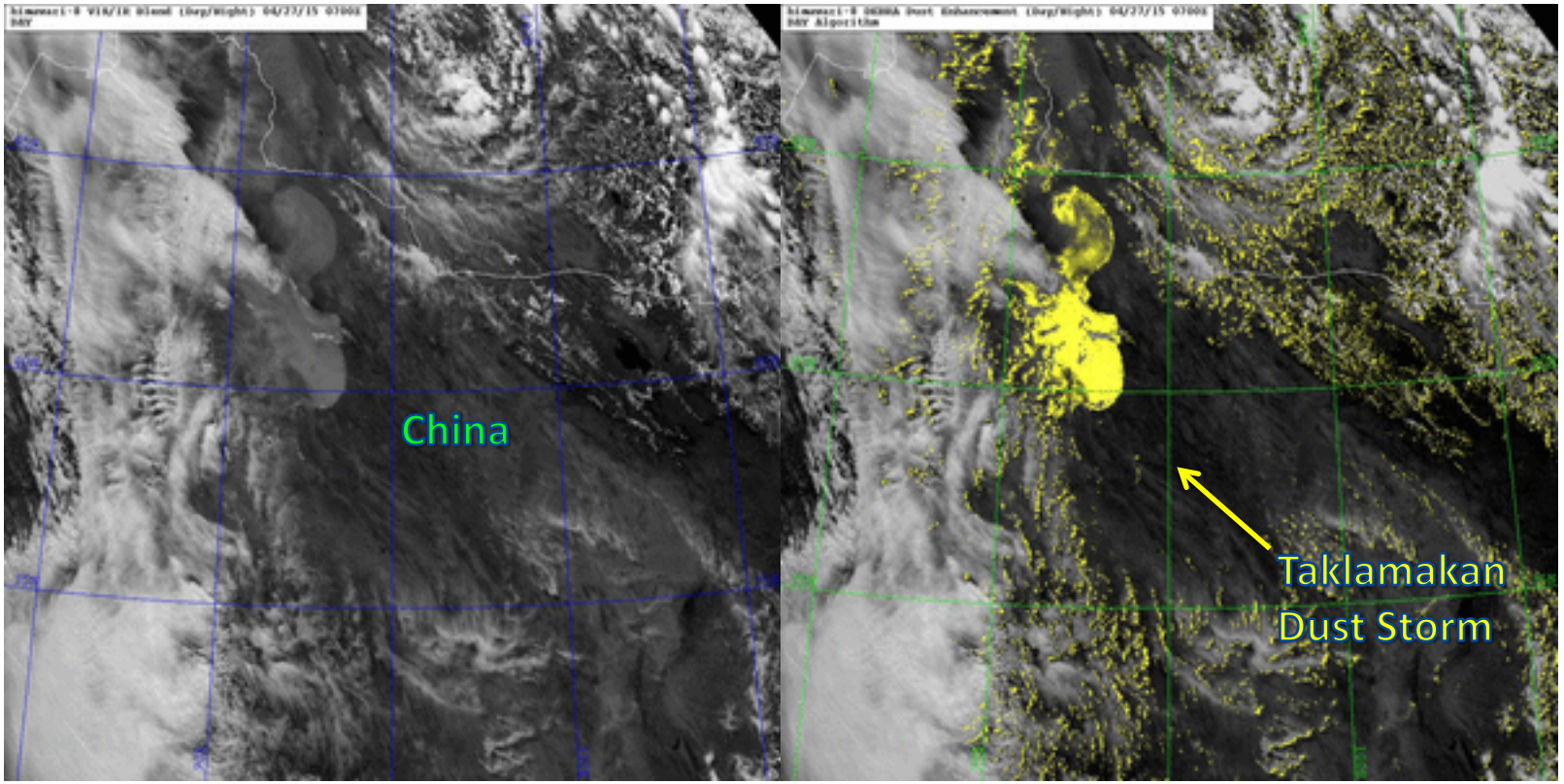
- Each layer of information has an associated opacity field that is defined at the pixel level.
- A separate blend is done for each color gun (R/G/B).
- Concept can be extended to "N-dimensional blending," allowing for ***simultaneous display of multiple layers***.

AHI GeoColor (Provisional)



Future Layers: AHI "DEBRA" Dust Mask (Provisional)

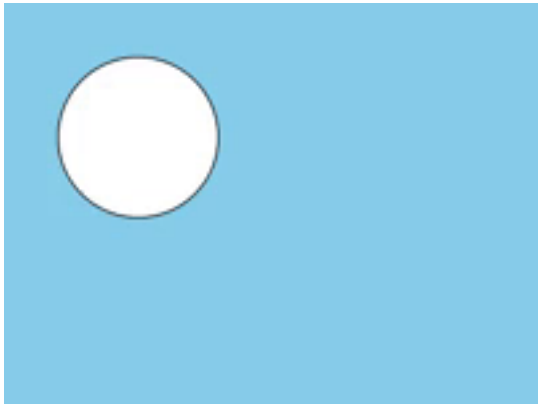
Visible **Dust Enhancement**



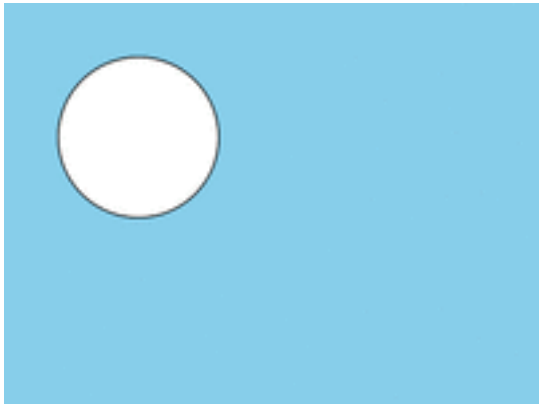
→ *In early development for AHI, DEBRA is a confidence factor that could readily be used as another layer in GeoColor...*

Optical Flow Image Filtering

Sequential



Basic Fading



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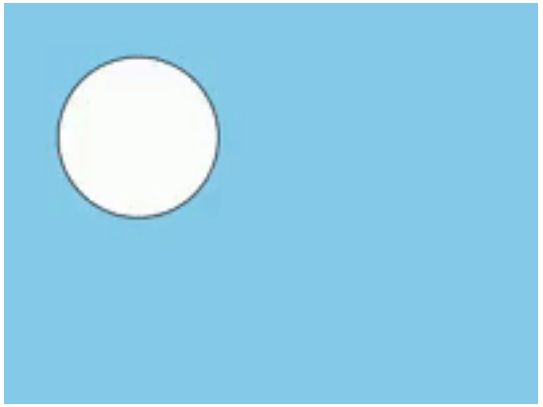
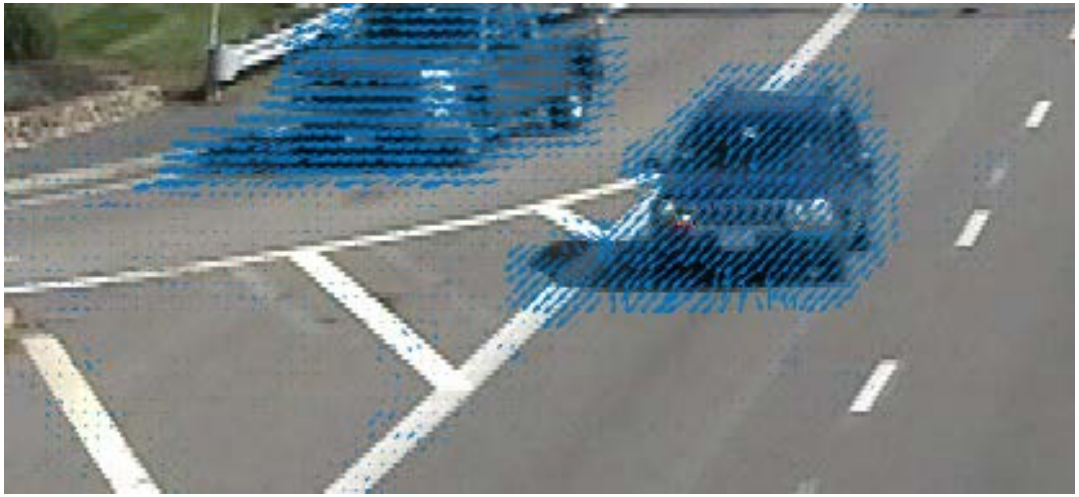
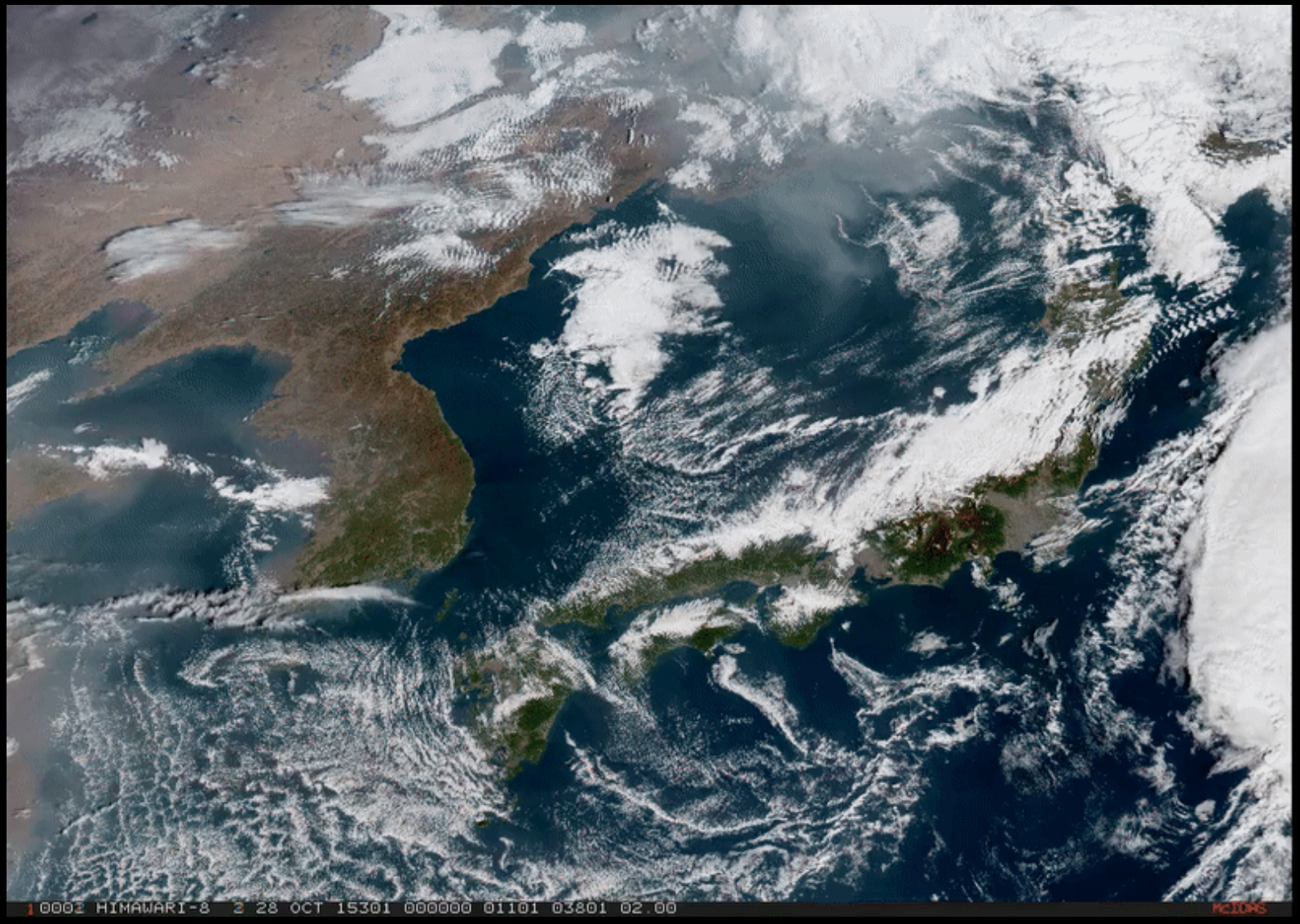




We are collaborating with computer scientist Dan Delany to apply the Farnebäck dense optical flow algorithm to geostationary imagery.

Farnebäck, G., 2003: Two-frame motion estimation based on polynomial expansion. Proc. 13th Scandinavian Conf. on Image Anal., 363-370.

AHI GeoColor (Optical Flow)



Conclusions

- Himawari-8 AHI provides a first opportunity to apply multispectral MODIS/VIIRS imagery algorithms to geostationary satellite data.
- AHI provides the best-available surrogate to GOES-R ABI for Proving Ground demonstrations.
- Development of AHI products will facilitate rapid transition of similar products to ABI.
- CIRA is collaborating closely with JMA to help users realize the full potential of AHI capabilities.

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Thanks!