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# GOES-R & JPSS in the Cloud

An AMS Short Course + Hands-On Case Study

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# Thank you for being here!

- **Intent:** teach the foundations of cloud analysis using NOAA data and Jupyter Notebooks. Provide tools that scientists can use beyond the workshop.
- **Audience:** anyone interested in performing a Python analysis of NOAA data using the AWS, Azure, or Google clouds.

## Agenda

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A photograph of a modern data center. On either side of a central aisle, there are tall, dark server racks. The racks are filled with various electronic components and cables. In the center of the aisle, there is a large, white, fluffy cloud icon. The ceiling is white with some structural elements.

# The Cloud!

... is a network of servers, often hosted in data centers around the world, that provide you with data storage and computing power.



NOAA data → Different product availability.

Accessible using Python → Using different code.

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A detailed illustration of a satellite in space. The satellite features a large, rectangular solar panel with four panels extending from its sides. A cylindrical instrument, possibly a telescope or sensor, is mounted on the left side. The central body of the satellite contains various equipment and instruments. The background is the dark void of space with numerous small stars.

GOES!

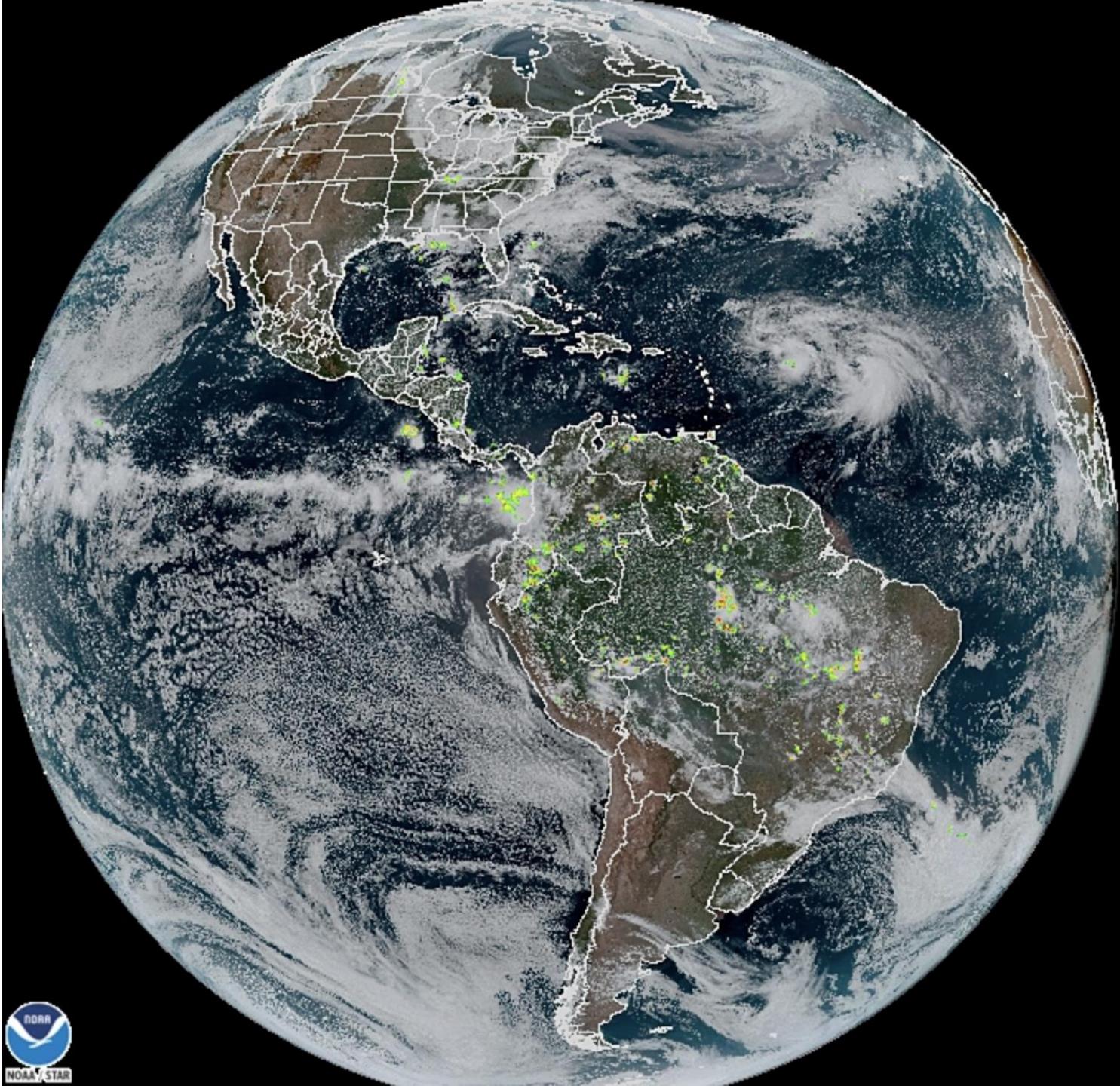
# GOES-East

## GOES-16

(Operationally GOES-East 12/18/17 – current)

Earth-facing instruments:

- Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI)
- Geostationary Lightning Mapper (GLM)



# GOES-West

## GOES-17

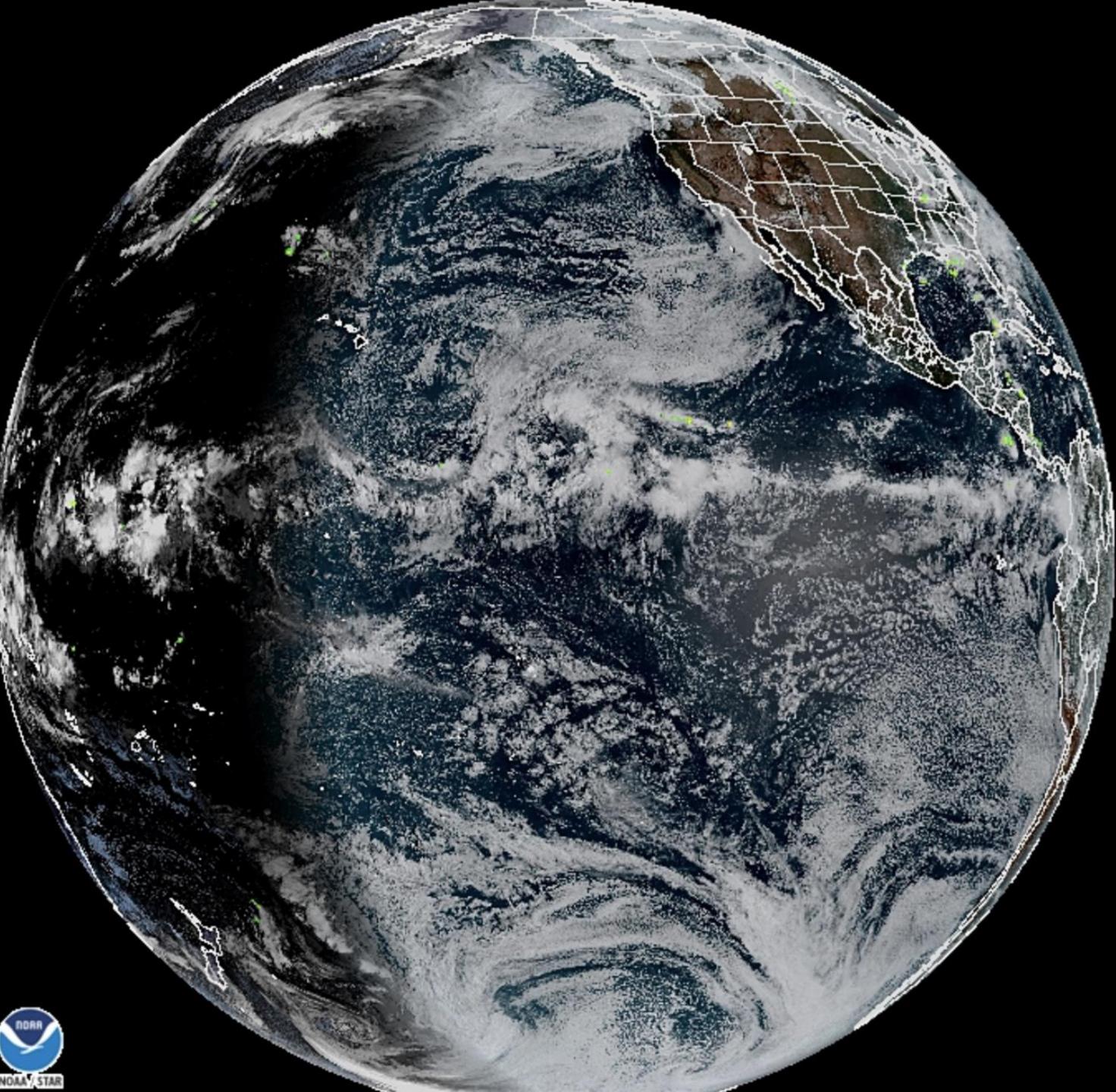
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## GOES-18

(Operationally GOES-West 1/3/23 – current)

Earth-facing instruments:

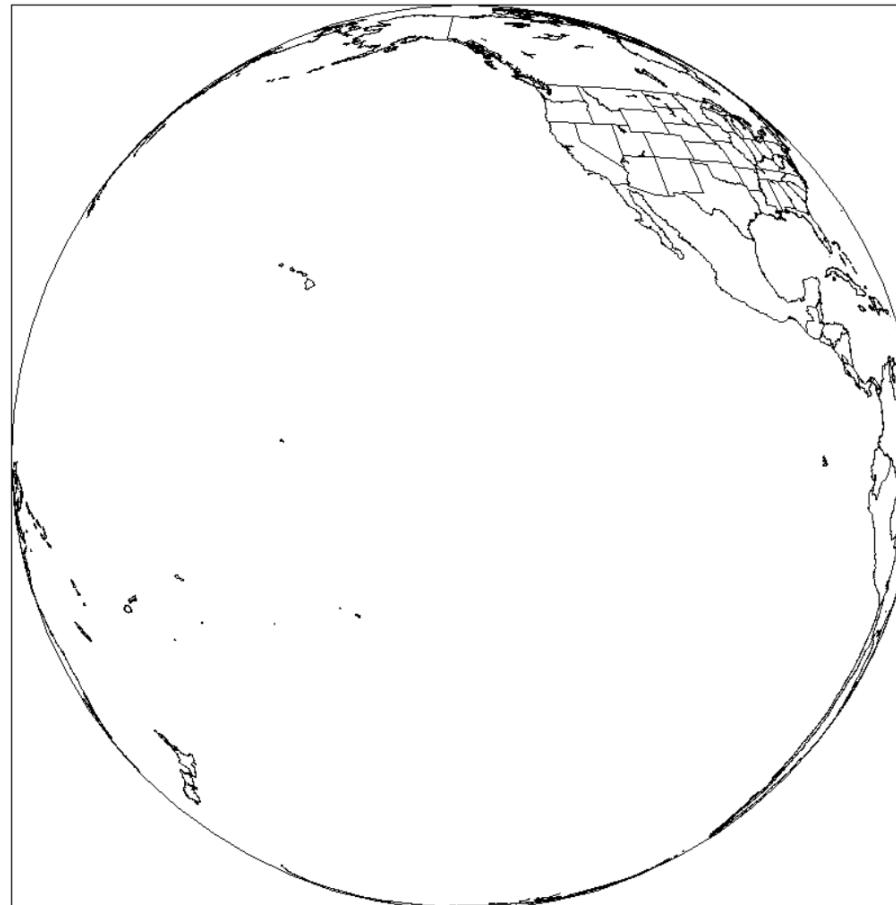
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## Full Disk scan:

New image every ~10 mins

- Circular image depicting nearly full coverage of the hemisphere (East/West).
- Spatial resolution of 0.5 to 2km



**GOES-West (PACUS)**



**GOES-East (CONUS)**

New image every ~5 mins

## CONUS/PACUS scan:

- 3,000 (lat) x 5,000 (lon) km rectangular image depicting CONUS (GOES-East) or the Pacific Ocean + Hawai'i (GOES-West)
- Spatial resolution of 0.5 to 2km



**GOES-West (PACUS)**

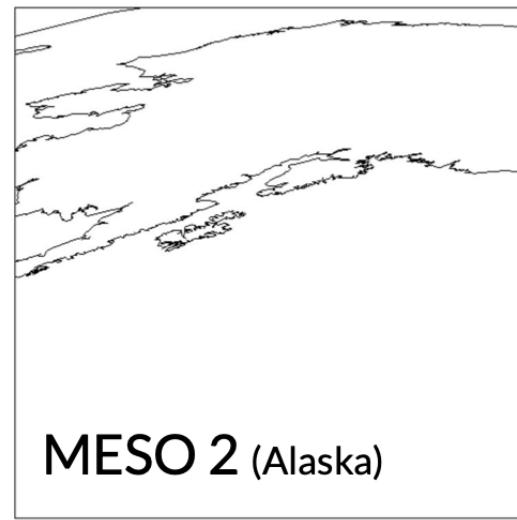
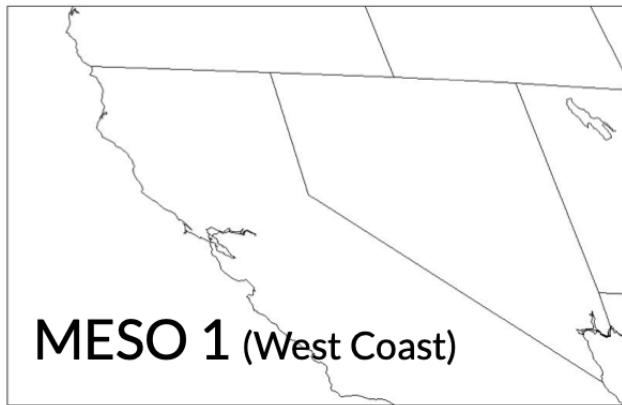


**GOES-East (CONUS)**

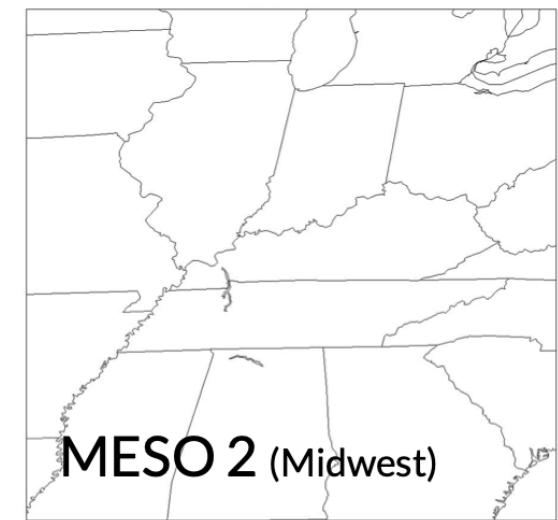
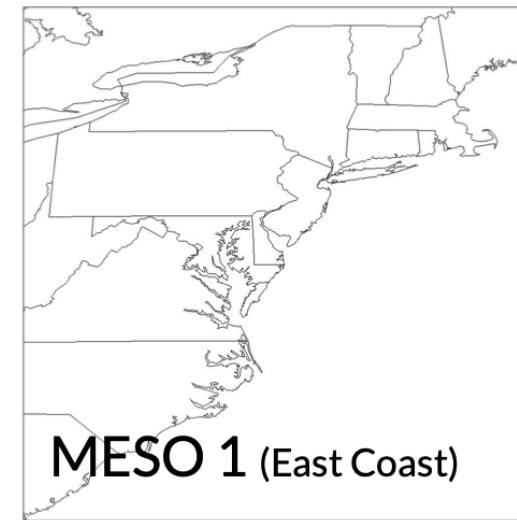
New image every ~60 secs

## Mesoscale scan:

- 1,000 x 1,000 km moveable rectangle regions.
- Typically in default sector, but can be moved anywhere per NWS request.
- Spatial resolution of 0.5 to 2km



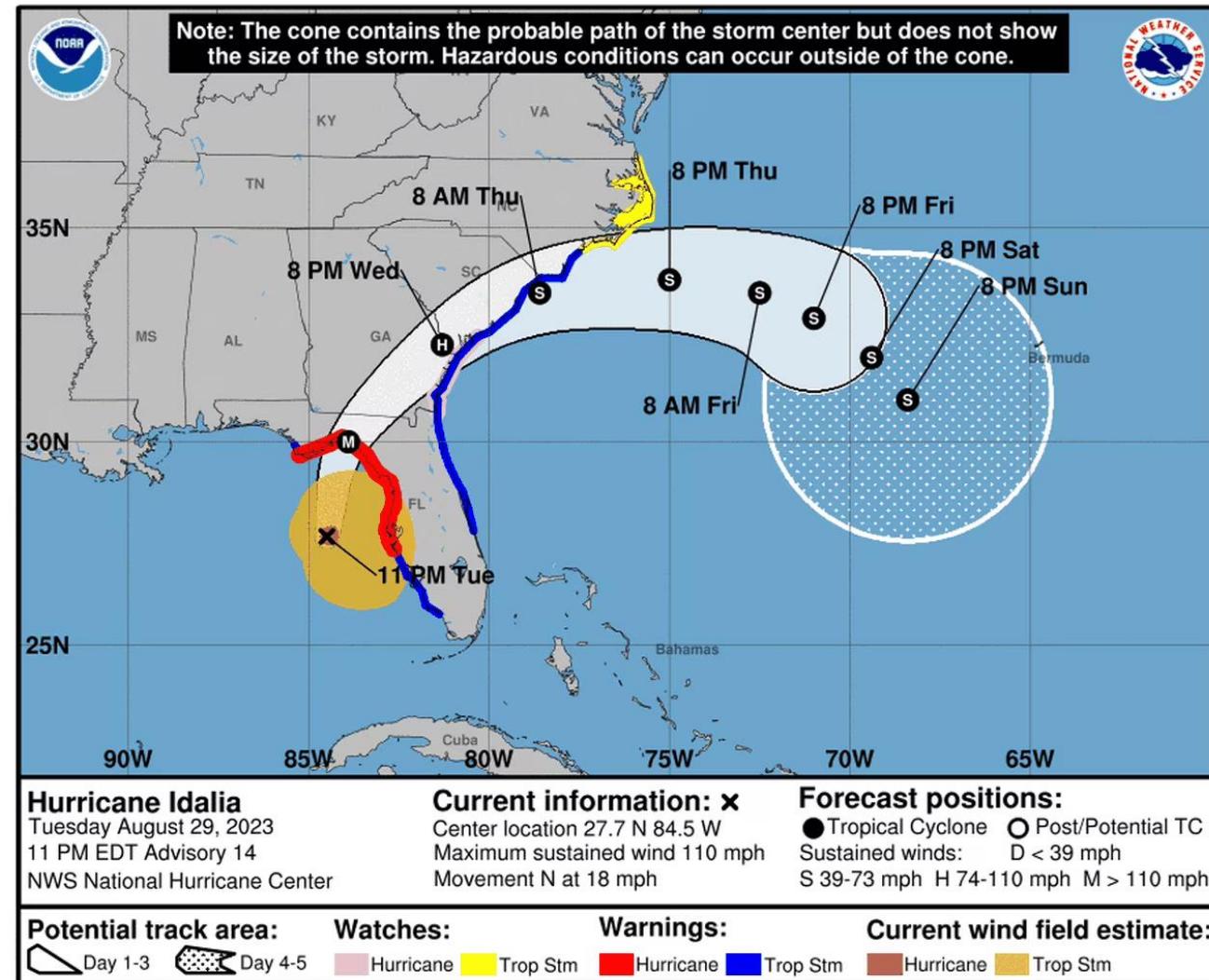
GOES-West default scan sectors



GOES-East default scan sectors

# Case study!

- Hurricane Idalia made landfall as a category 3 hurricane on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Interesting products + lightning!
- Produce a GIF of Idalia



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# Recommended GOES exploration!

**May 31, 2023**  
Midwest Tornado Outbreak

**Satellite:** GOES-16 (East)

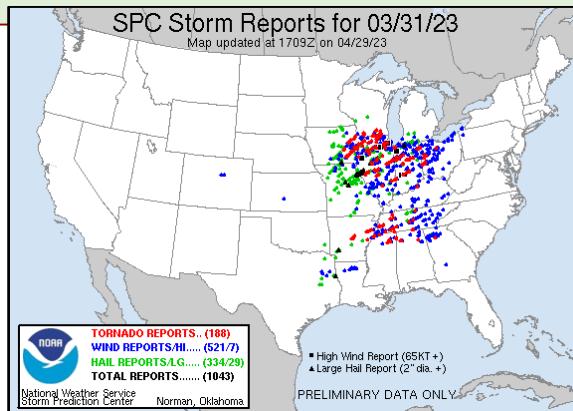
**Product:** Lightning Detection

**Scan:** MESO 2

**Year:** 2023

**Day:** 90

**Time:** 23:00 – 23:05



**December 22-23, 2022**  
NA Winter Storm

**Satellite:** GOES-16 (East)

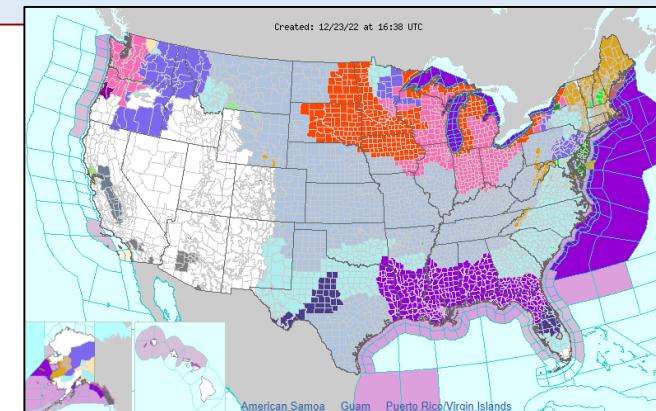
**Product:** Cloud Top Temperature

**Scan:** CONUS/PACUS

**Year:** 2022

**Day:** 357

**Time:** 00:00 – 20:00



**July 2021**  
West Coast Fires

**Satellite:** GOES-17 (Retired West)

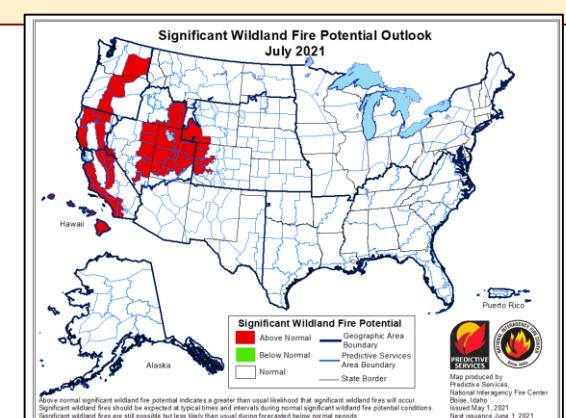
**Product:** Aerosol Detection

**Scan:** MESO 1

**Year:** 2021

**Day:** 198

**Time:** 16:00 – 17:00



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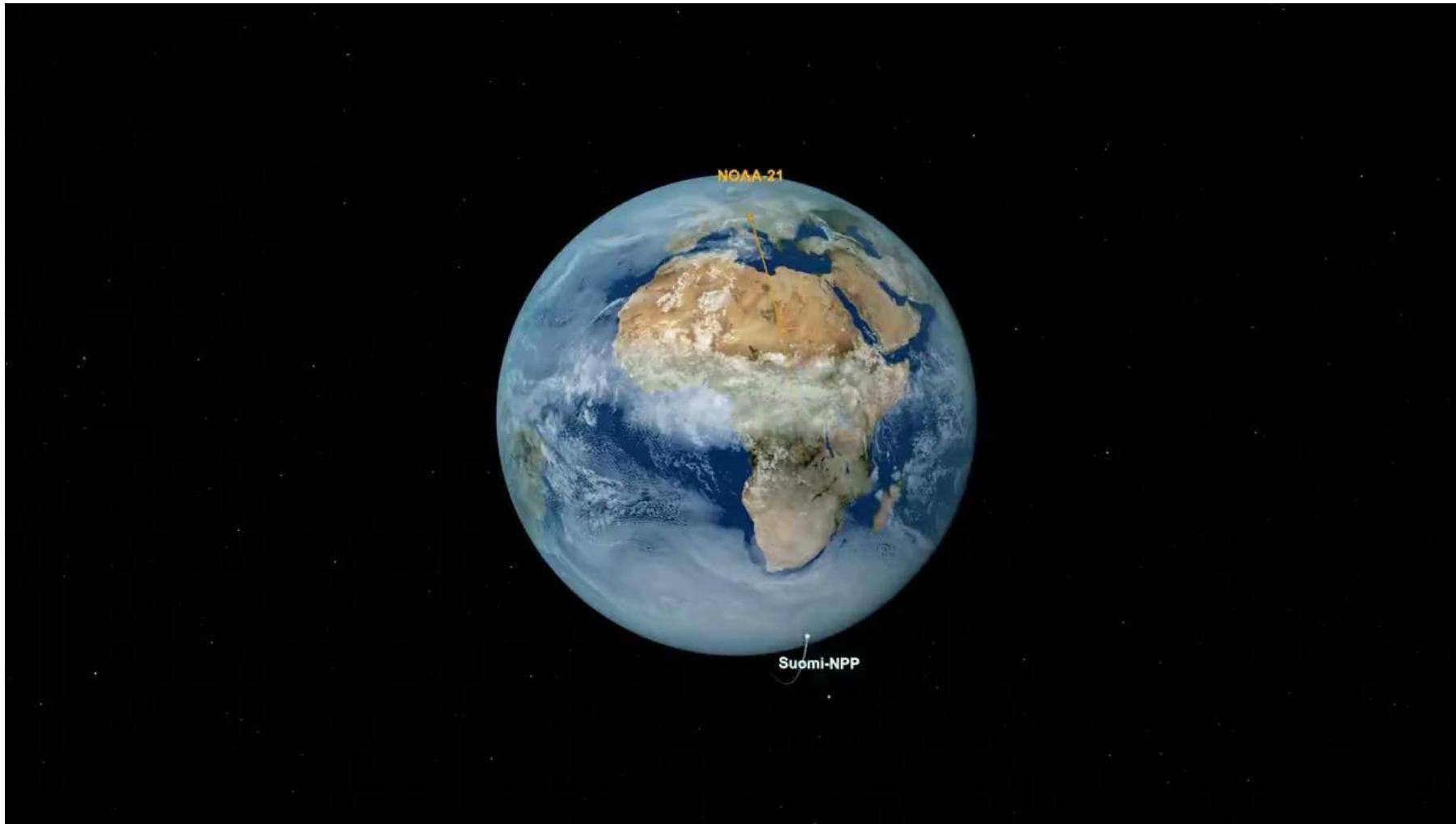
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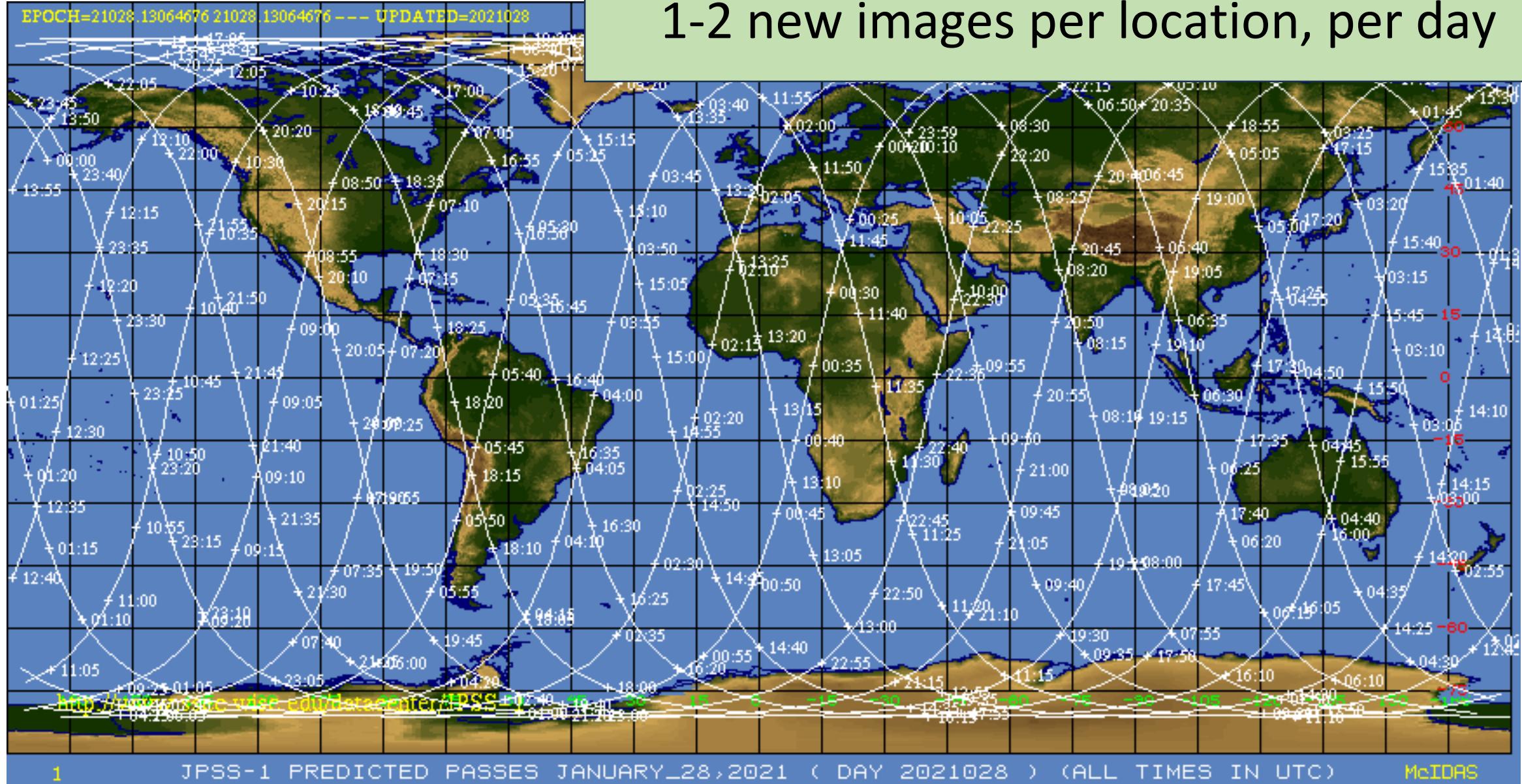


# JPSS scan:

- Swath of data along orbit path.



1-2 new images per location, per day



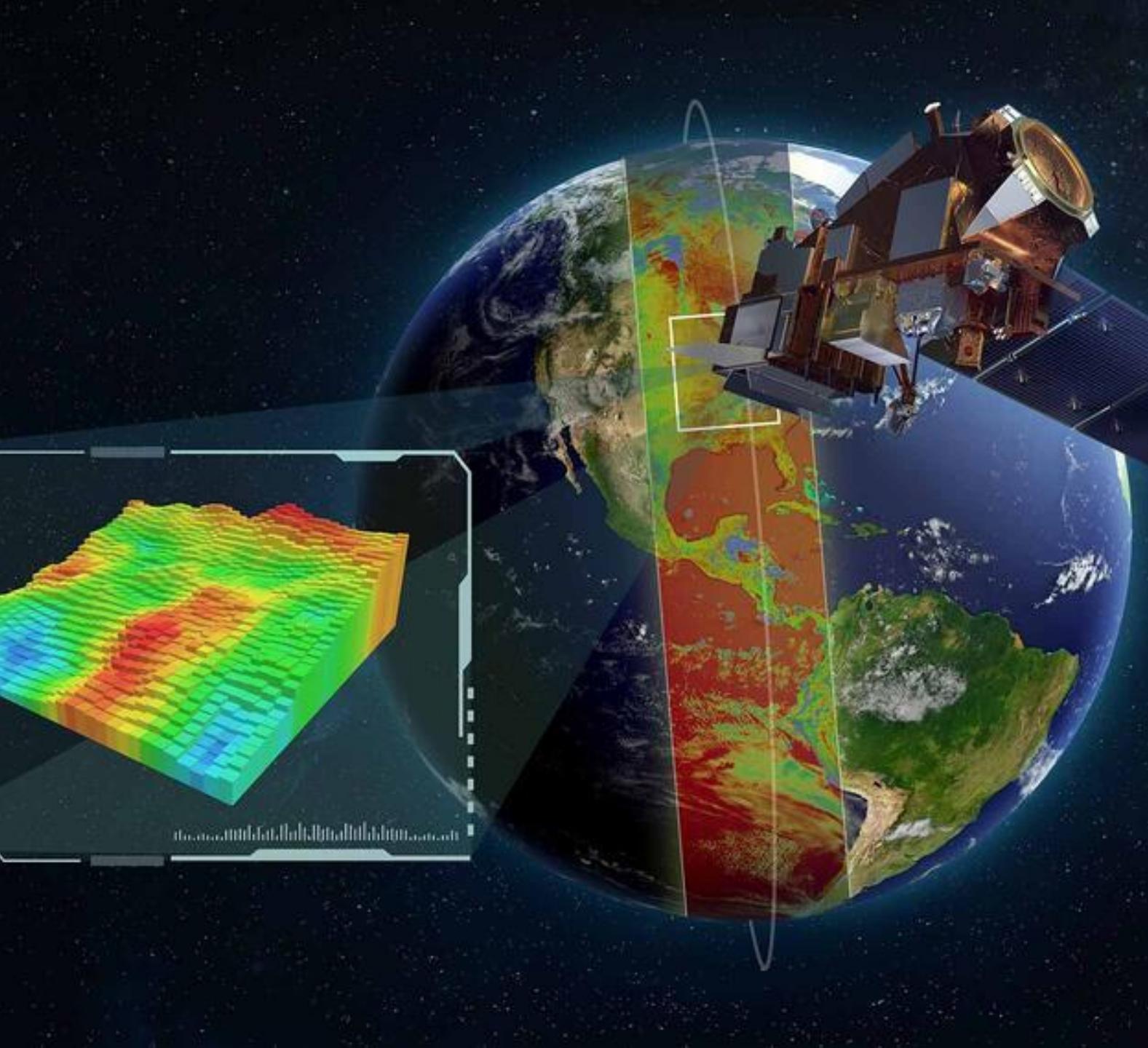
# Satellites

**NOAA/NASA Suomi  
National Polar-orbiting  
Partnership (Suomi NPP)**  
(10/28/11 – current)

**NOAA-20 (JPSS-1)**  
(11/18/17 – current)

**NOAA-21 (JPSS-2)\***  
(11/10/22 – current)

\*Primary satellite





## Instruments:

- **Advanced Technology Microwave Sounder (ATMS)**
- **Cross-track Infrared Sounder (CrIS)**
- **Ozone Mapping and Profiler Suite (OMPS)**
- **Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS)**
- **Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System (CERES)\***

\* SNPP and NOAA-20 only

## Case study!

- Wildfires in Canada caused record-breaking air quality levels on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- JPSS satellites (SNPP, NOAA20) cover this day
- Aerosol detection + active fires

# 2023 Canada Wildfires



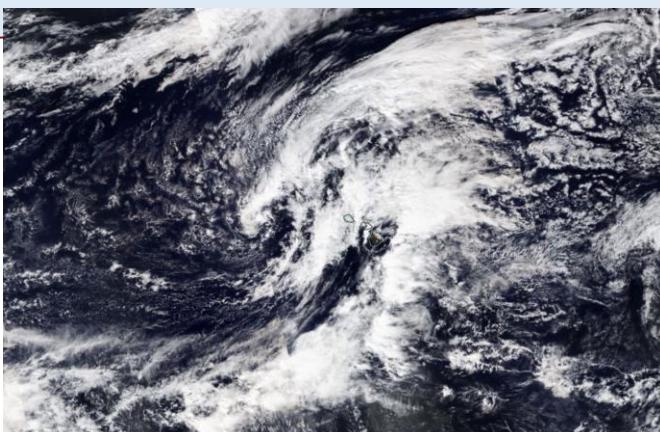
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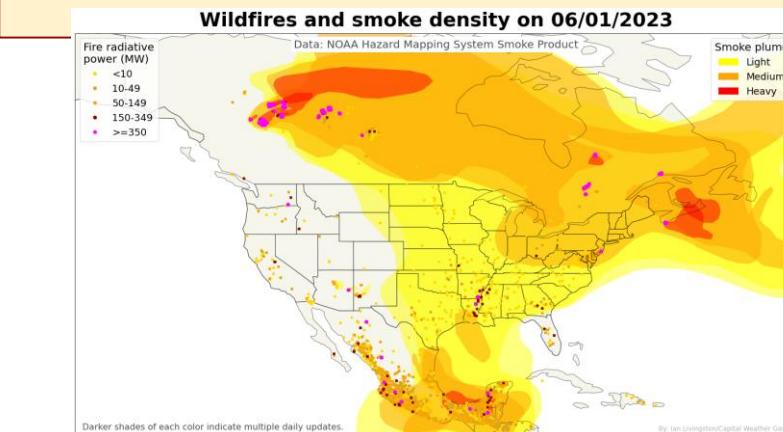
**November 29, 2023**  
**HI Kona Low**

**Satellite:** NOAA-21  
**Product:** Cloud Top  
Temperature  
**Year:** 2023  
**Month:** November  
**Day:** 29  
**Time:** 23:48 – 23:53



**June 2023**  
**Canada Fires**

**Satellite:** NOAA-20  
**Product:** Active Fire  
**Year:** 2023  
**Month:** June  
**Day:** 6  
**Time:** 20:10 – 20:17



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## Next steps:

- At home, run your script of interest from the `take_home_materials` folder.
- Alter the parameters to request a selected data point, then visualize it using the definitions in the code.
- Write your own definition to analyze your requested dataset.

# Resources & References

NOAA Open Data Dissemination: <https://www.noaa.gov/information-technology/open-data-dissemination>

## JPSS

- [https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/jpss/JPSS\\_products.php](https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/jpss/JPSS_products.php) (Product description)
- [https://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Products/Suites/jpss-rr/count\\_JRR\\_product.html?product=aerosol](https://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Products/Suites/jpss-rr/count_JRR_product.html?product=aerosol) (JRR product visualization)
- <https://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/our-satellites/currently-flying/joint-polar-satellite-system/jpss-satellite-and-instruments>  
(About the satellites)
- <https://rammb2.cira.colostate.edu/training/visit/jpss-imagery-for-users/> (Data visualization)
- <https://weather.ndc.nasa.gov/sport/jpsspg/viirs.html> (Real-time product visualization)

## GOES

- <https://www.goes-r.gov/products/overview.html> (Broad explanation of all products)
- <https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/goesr/> (Algorithm & product description)
- <http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes/OCLOFactSheetPDFs/> (Quick guides)
- <https://github.com/awslabs/open-data-docs/blob/main/docs/noaa/noaa-goes16/README.md> (Variables & product names)
- <https://www.goes-r.gov/products/docs/PUG-L2+-vol5.pdf> (Technical explanation of each product and variable)



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