



Remote Sensing of Volcanic Ash



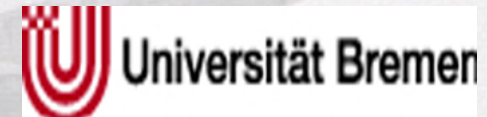
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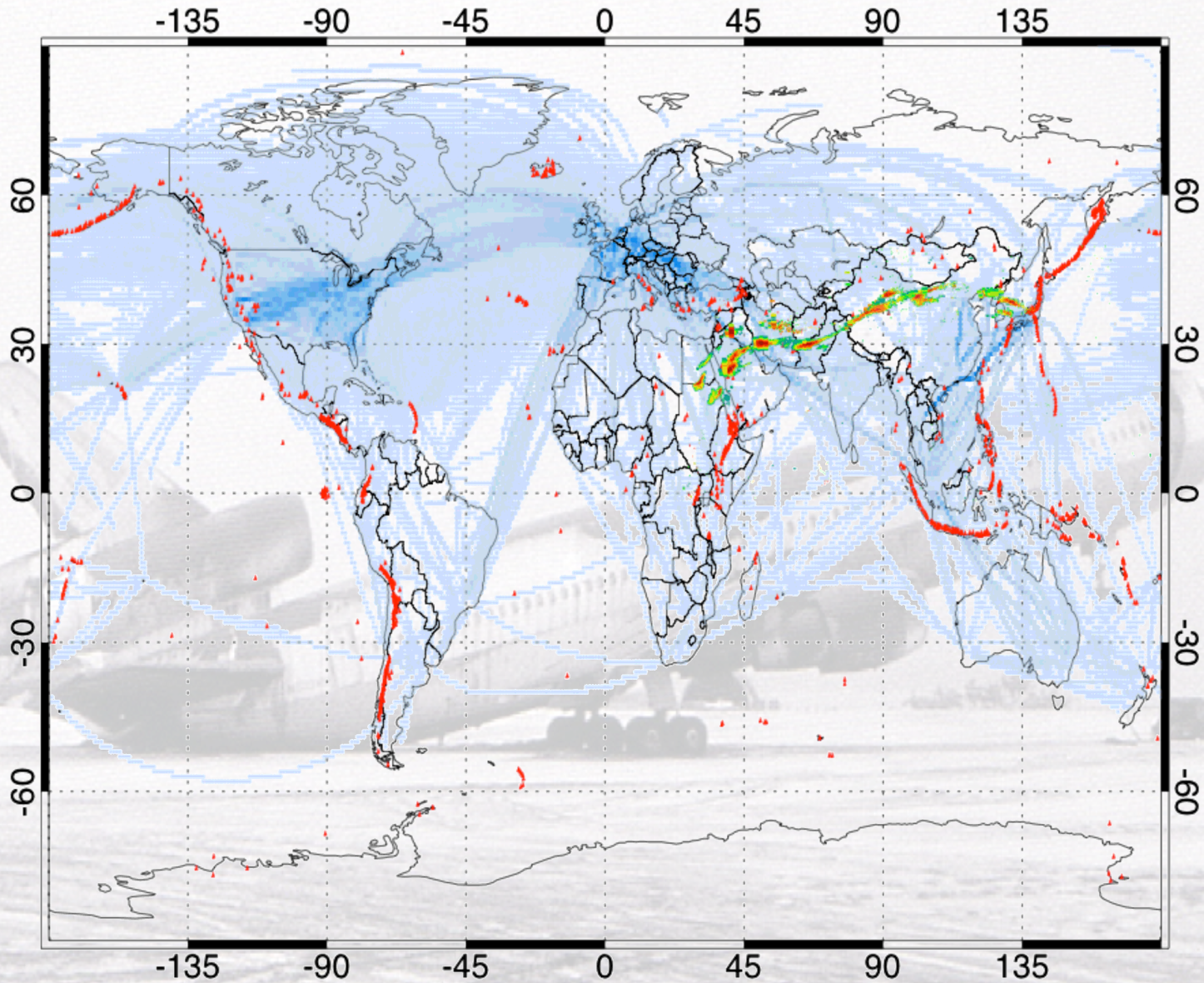


Can satellite data provide a quantitative, timely and useful source of information to support aviation avoid volcanic hazards?

- Where are the gaps?
 - No uniform data delivery system
 - No standardized products (especially IR)
 - No height information
 - *Ad hoc* approach to trajectory/dispersion forecast



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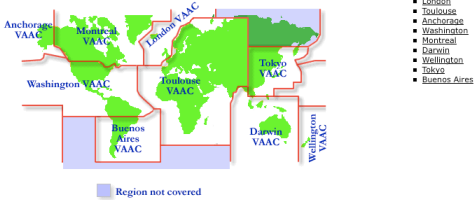


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Current Volcanic Ash Advisories (VAA) from London and Toulouse

- London VAA: Issued advisories
- Toulouse VAA: Issued advisories

Nine Volcanic Ash Advisory Centres around the world are responsible for advising international aviation of the location and movement of clouds of volcanic ash.



The VAAACs are part of an international system set up by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) called the International Airways Volcano Watch (IAVW).

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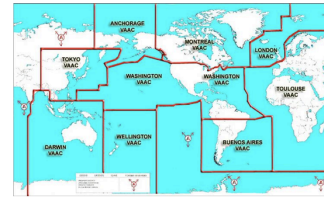
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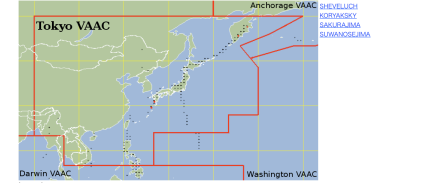
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Latest Volcanic Ash Advisories within 24 hours



Legend: Black symbols: volcanoes. Red symbols: volcanoes for which VAAs (Volcanic Ash Advisories) have been issued. Click on a red symbol on the name of a volcano listed on the right to view its latest VAA.

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The Toulouse VAAC web page is now at : www.meteo.fr/vaac/
The current URL will no longer be available from 2009/03/15
Le page du VAAC Toulouse est désormais à : www.meteo.fr/vaac/
La page du VAAC Toulouse est désormais accessible à compter du 15/03/2009

The nine VAACs (Volcanic Ash Advisory Centers), have been designated by the International Civil Aviation Organization to provide their expertise to civil aviation in case of significant volcanic eruptions. They are a basic part of the IAVW. (International Airways Volcano Watch).

Clickable Map of Areas of Responsibility for the nine VAACs

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VOLCANIC ASH ADVISORY CENTRE

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Click a region to open that VAAC webpage in a new window.
The hashed area on the map shows regions not covered by a VAAC.

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Keeping aircraft clear of volcanic ash

Nine Volcanic Ash Advisory Centres around the world advise the international aviation industry of the location and movement of clouds of volcanic ash. The area covered by the Darwin Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre includes Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and part of the Philippines. This area has seen some of the biggest eruptions known to history.



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Montréal Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre (VAAC)

- ICAO volcanic ash products
- Real event model runs and other products
- Satellite imagery and automatic watch / hypothetical model runs

For more information about VAAC Montreal

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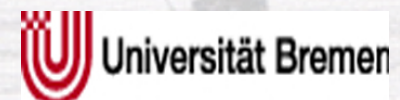
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• Our Approach – conceptual

- Listen to the User Community (VAACs) and aim to meet their needs
- Optimize use of EO data – emphasis on NRT and ESA data
- Provide quantitative products
- Demonstrate system (rather than implement)
- User feedback vital

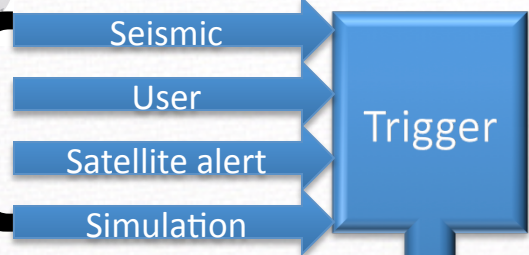
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 - GOME/GOME-2/SCIAMACHY
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 - Inversion theory
 - Error analyses



- What is a realistic approach?
 - VAACs are “housed” within complex meteorological centres
 - Regulatory bodies operate at national/international levels e.g. CAA, FAA, ICAO
 - Airlines have final say in “real-world” situations
 - Issues remain around specifying “safe” levels of ash/SO₂
- SAVAA must deliver better products/methods to VAACs

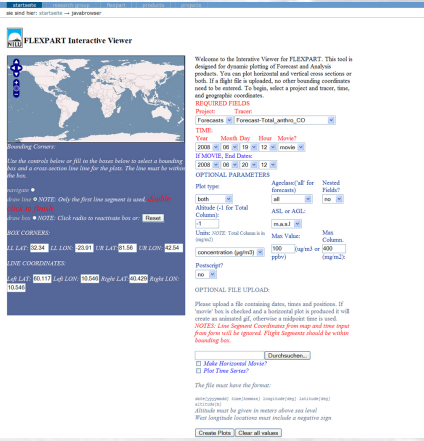
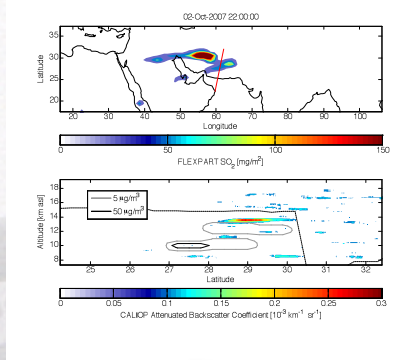
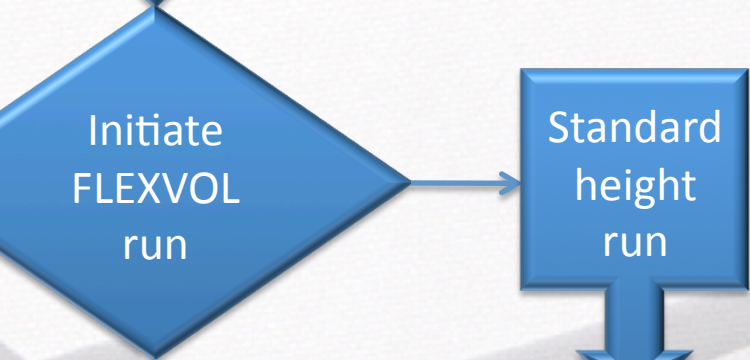


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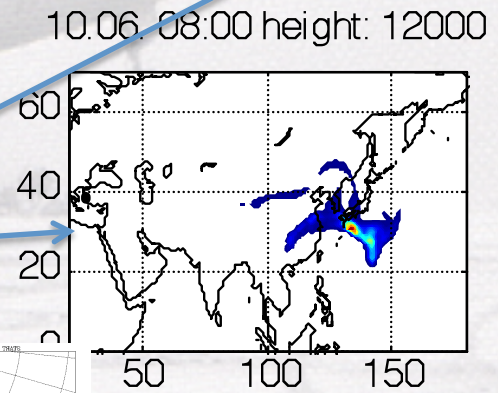


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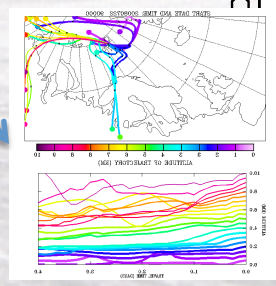
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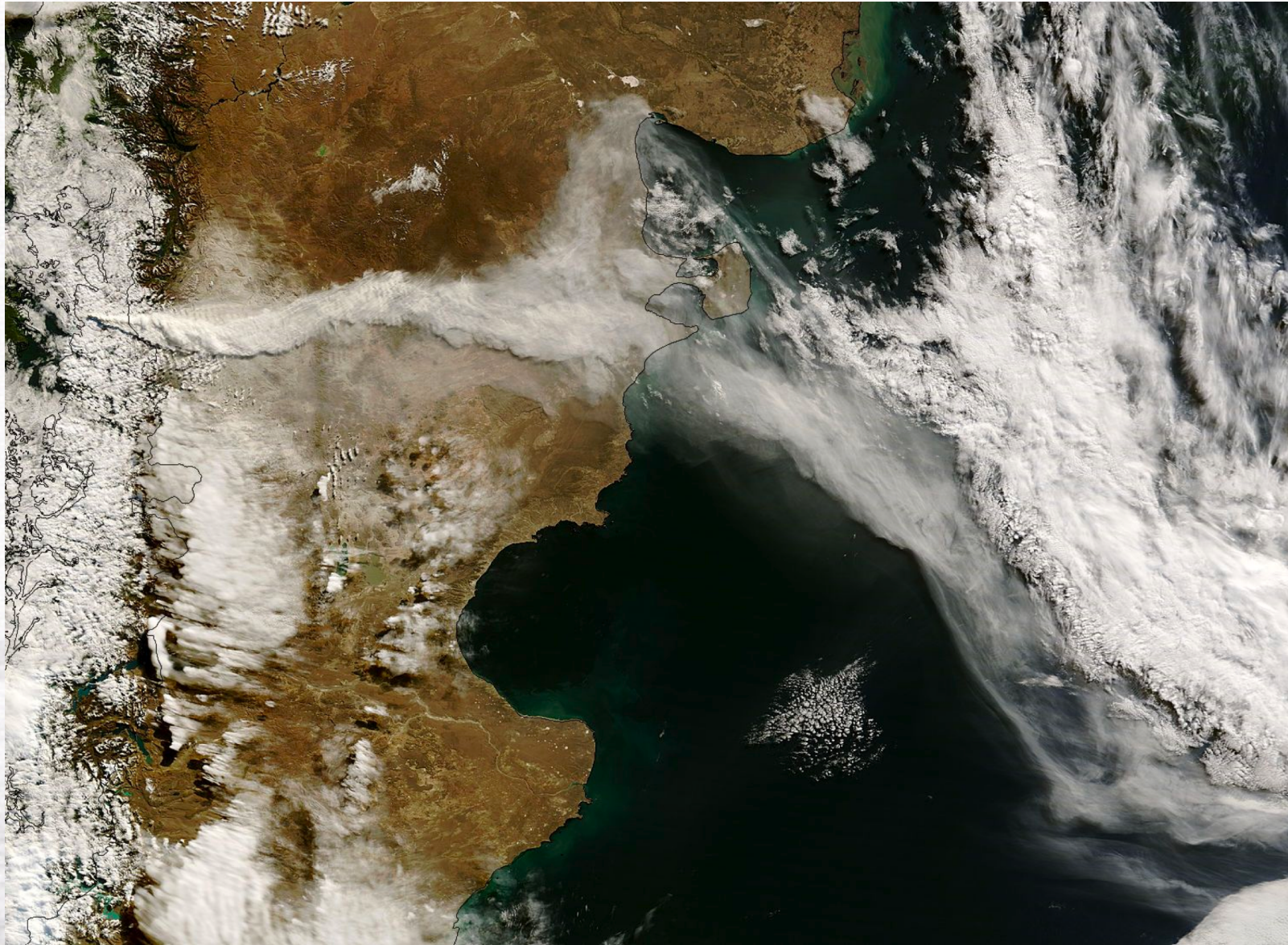


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● Satellite Products



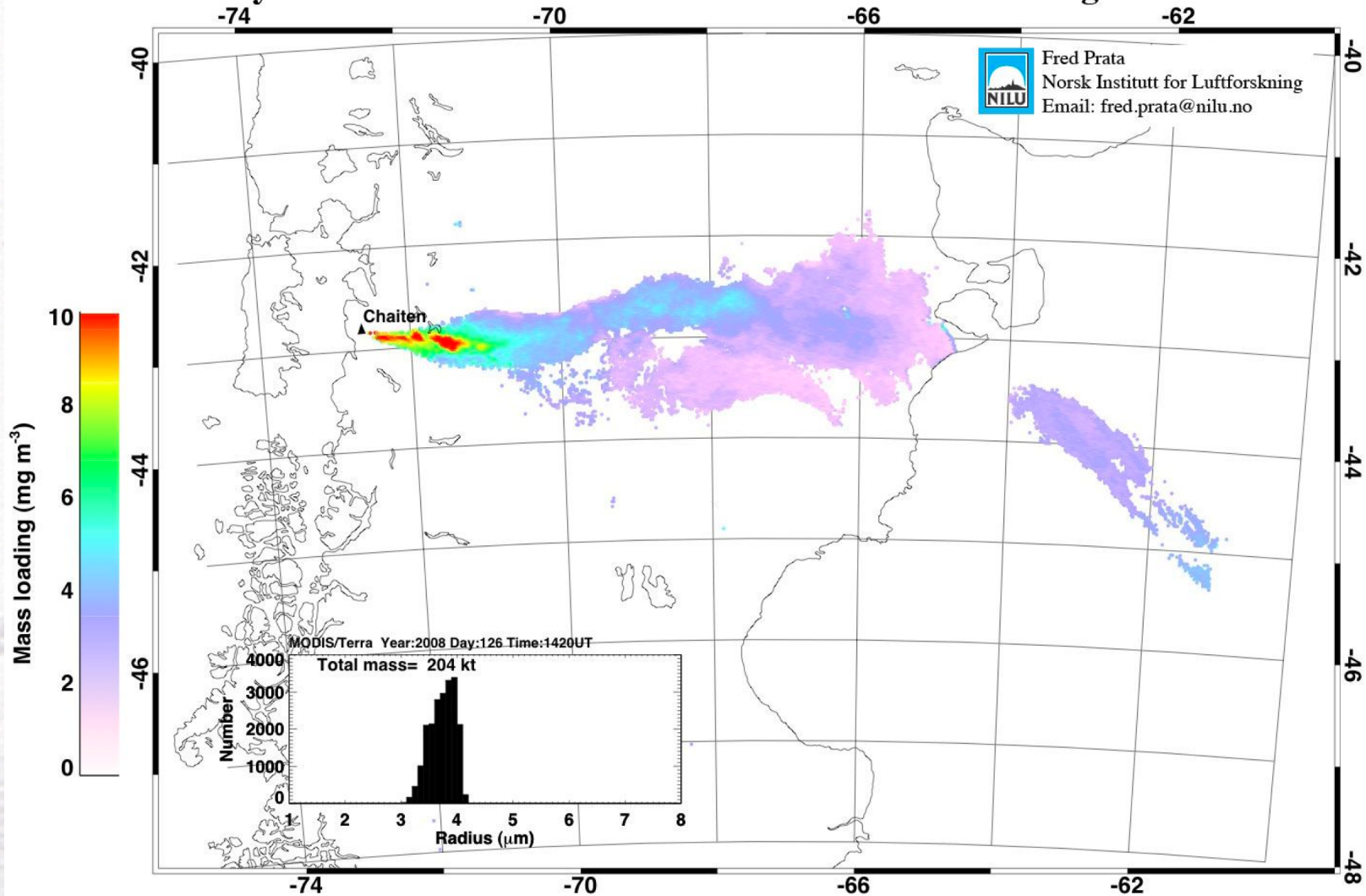
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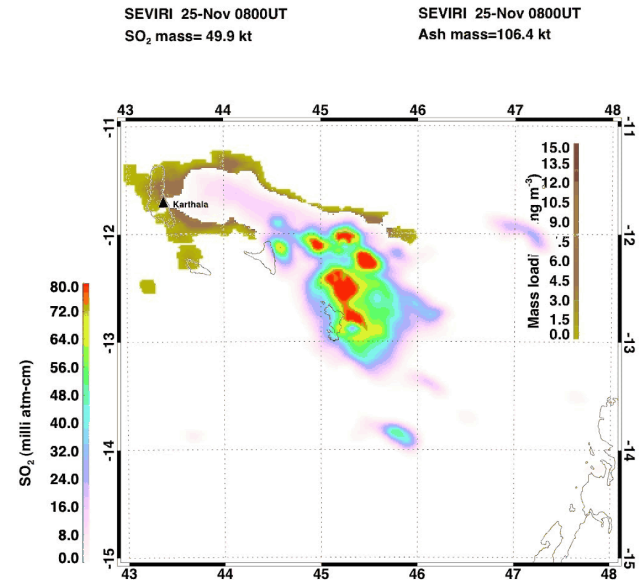
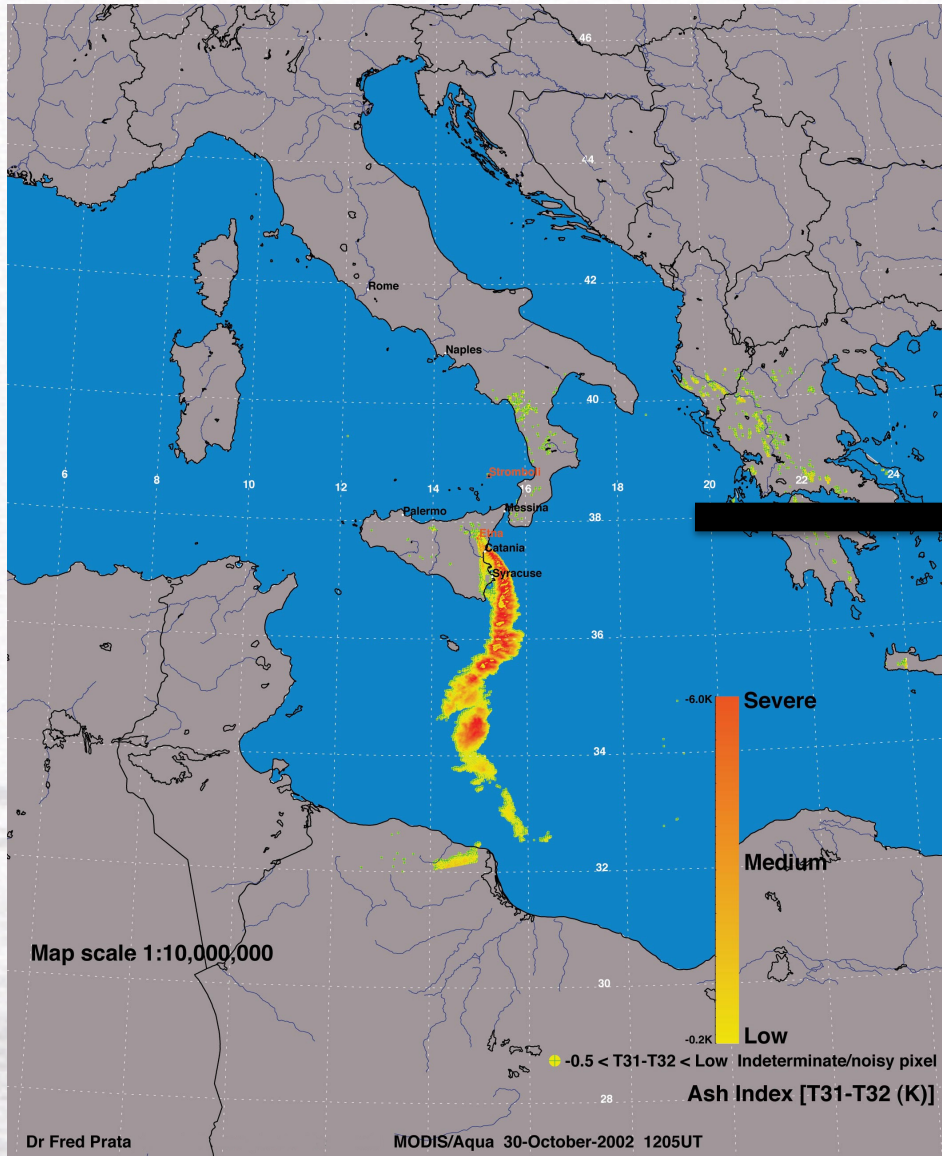
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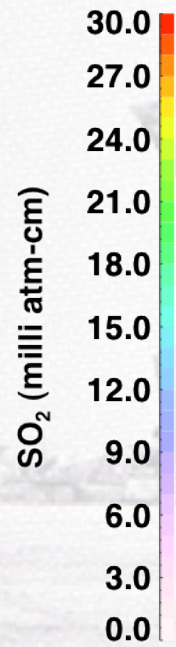


Better Satellite Products—SEVIRI

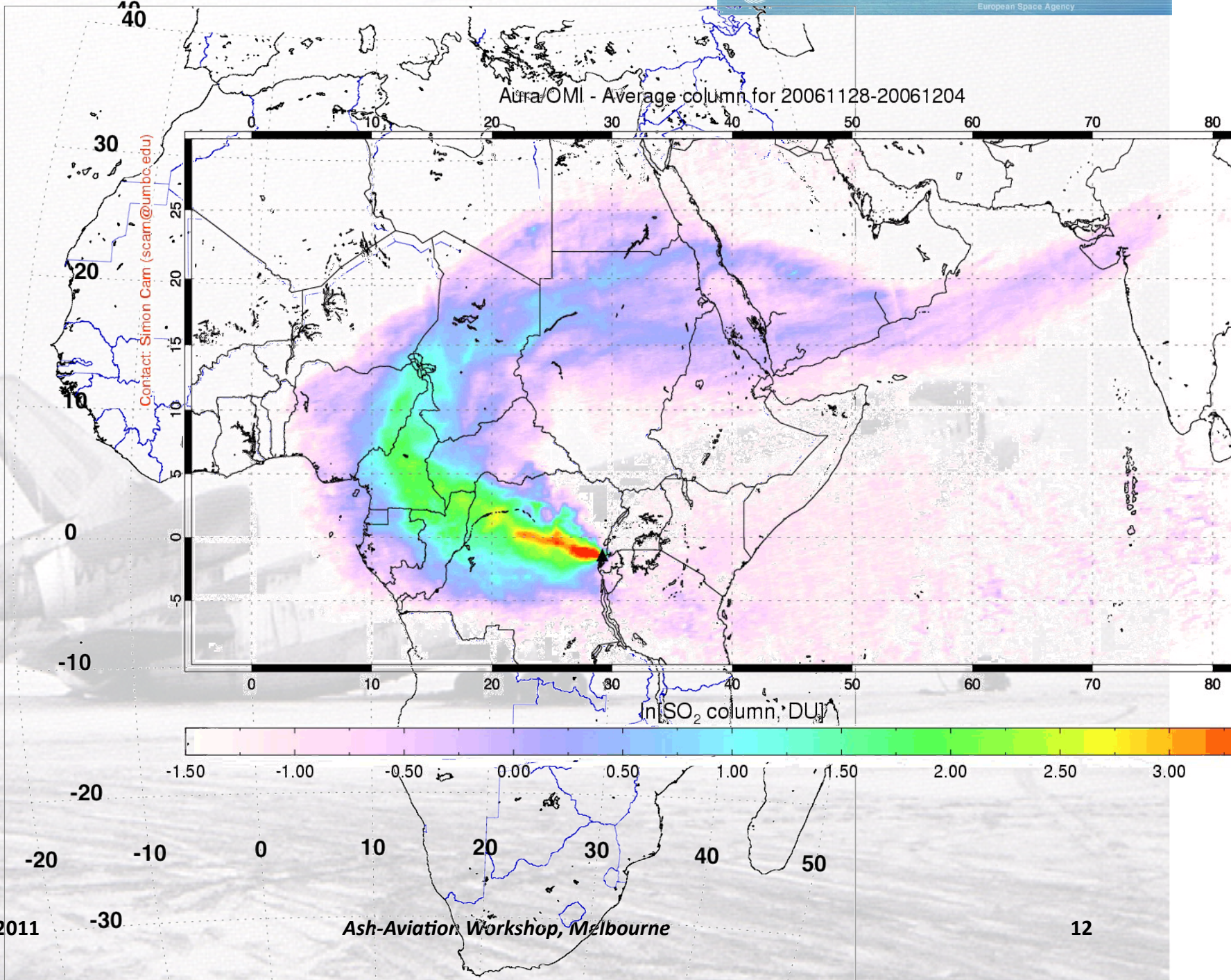




Aura/OMI - Average column for 20061128-20061204



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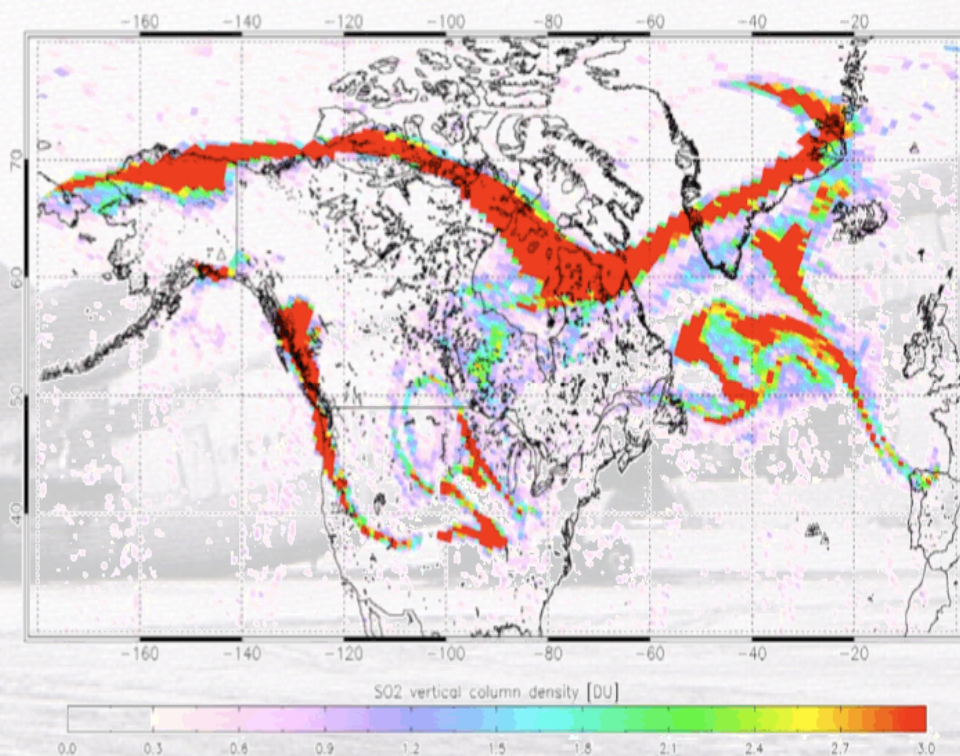


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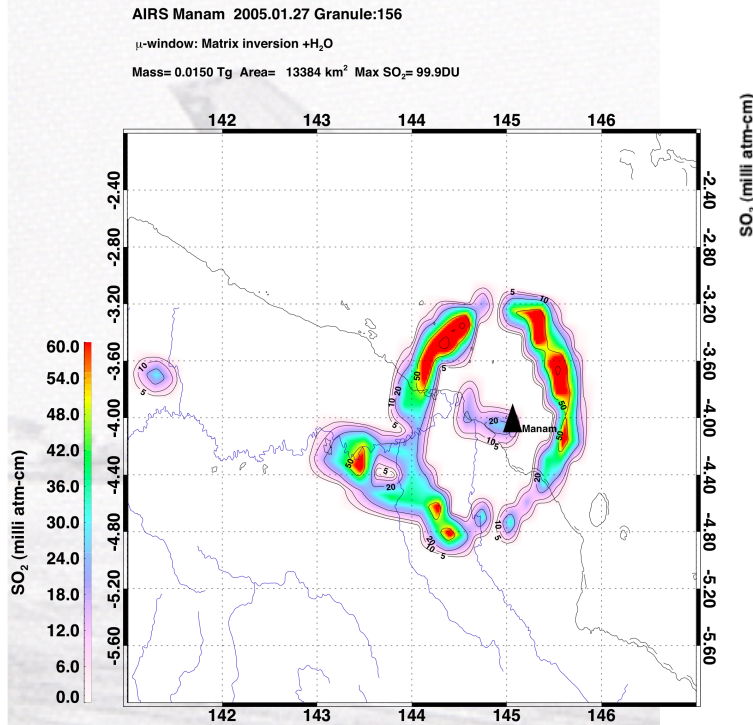
Initial validation of GOME-2 GDP 4.2 SO₂ total columns (OTO/SO2) – ORR B



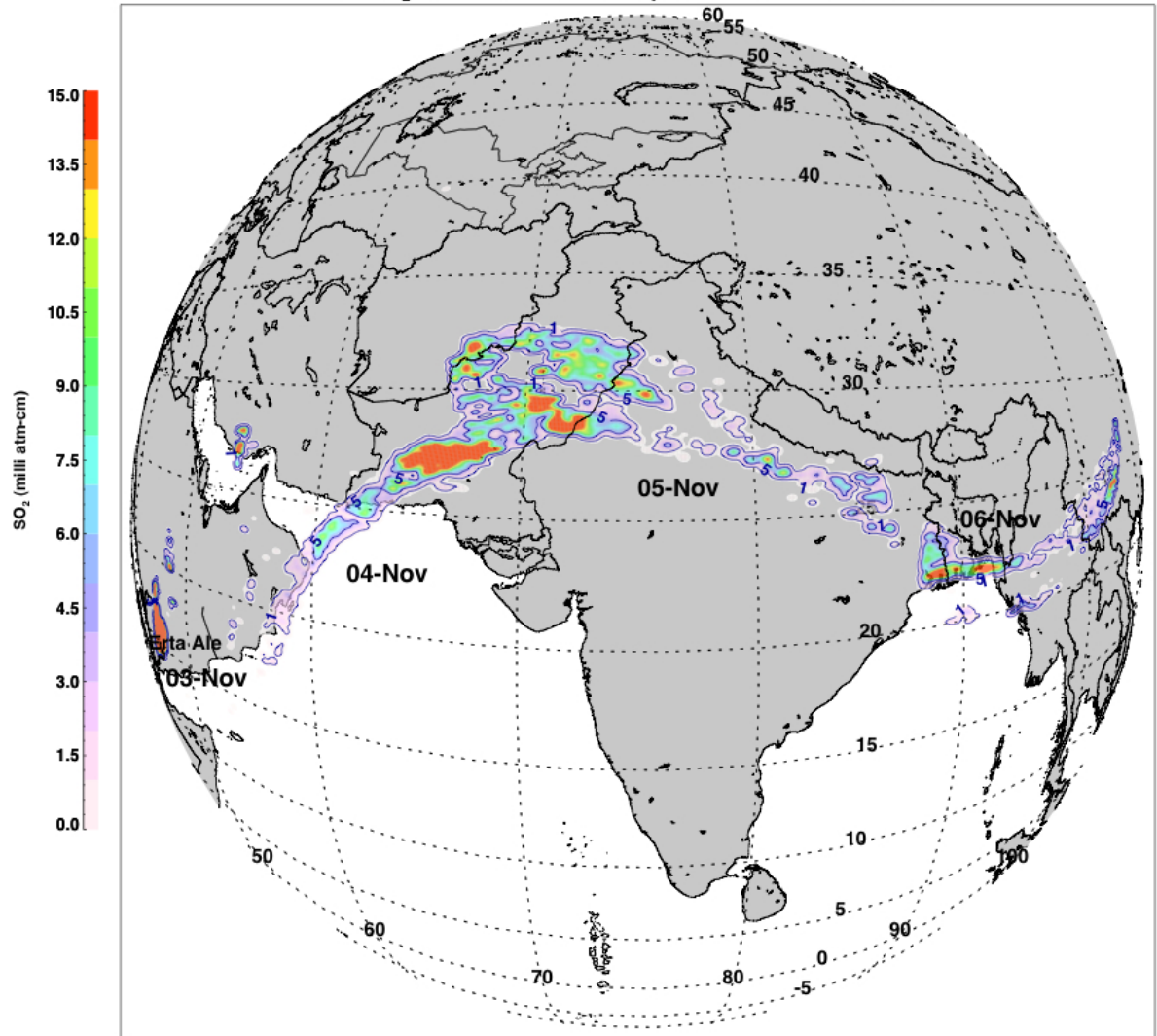
Distribution of SO₂ on 14 August 2008 as seen by GOME-2. The SO₂ originates from the eruption on 8 August of the Kasatochi volcano, which is located at 52.17°N, 175.51°W.



Better Satellite Products—AIRS



AIRS SO₂ Retrievals. Afar Eruption 03-06 November, 2008



Volcanic ash – Detection and discrimination

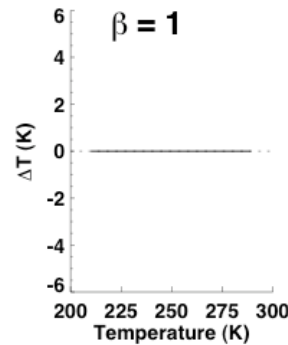
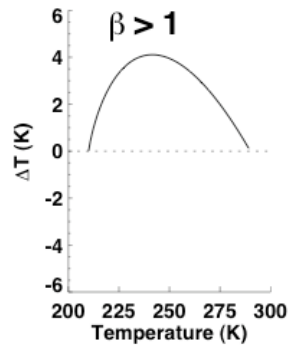
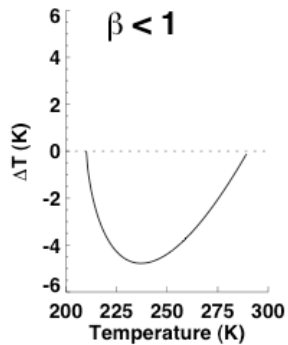
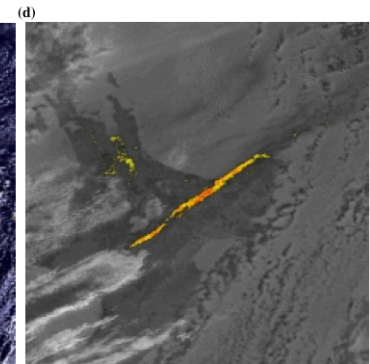
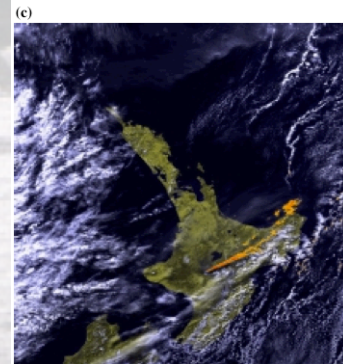
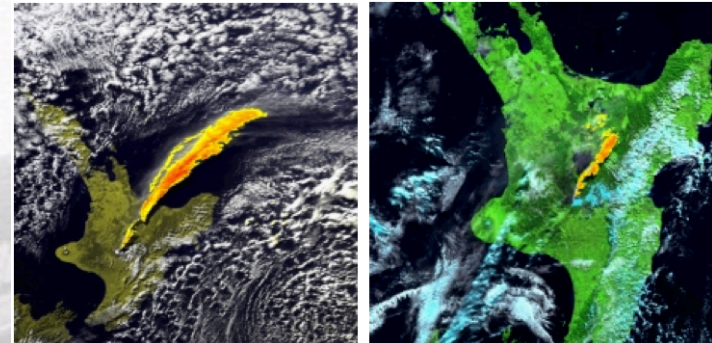
Prata, A. J., 1989, Infrared radiative transfer calculations for volcanic ash, Geophys. Res. Lett., 16(11), 1293-1296

$$\Delta T = \Delta T_c [X - X^\beta],$$

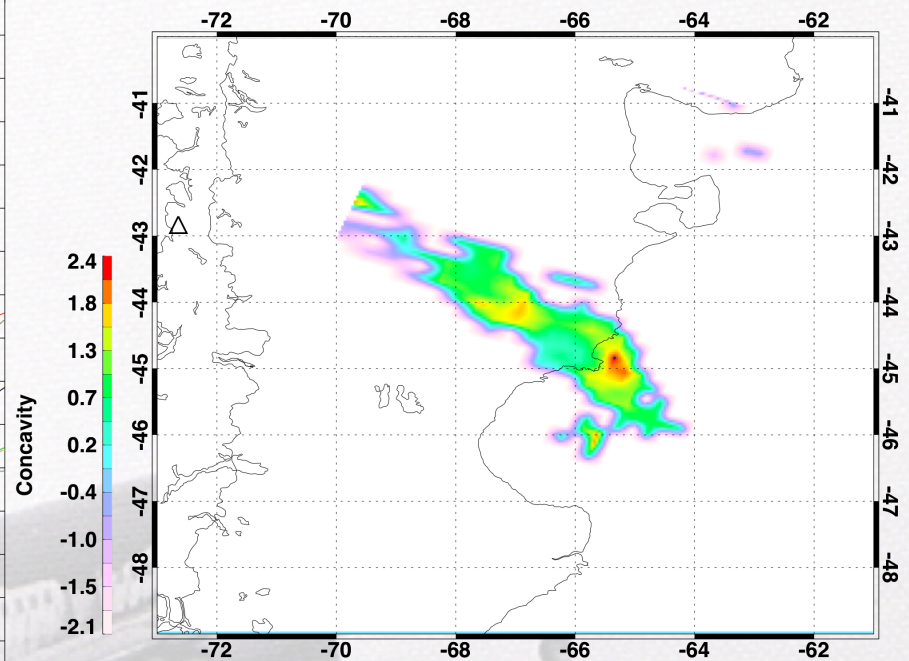
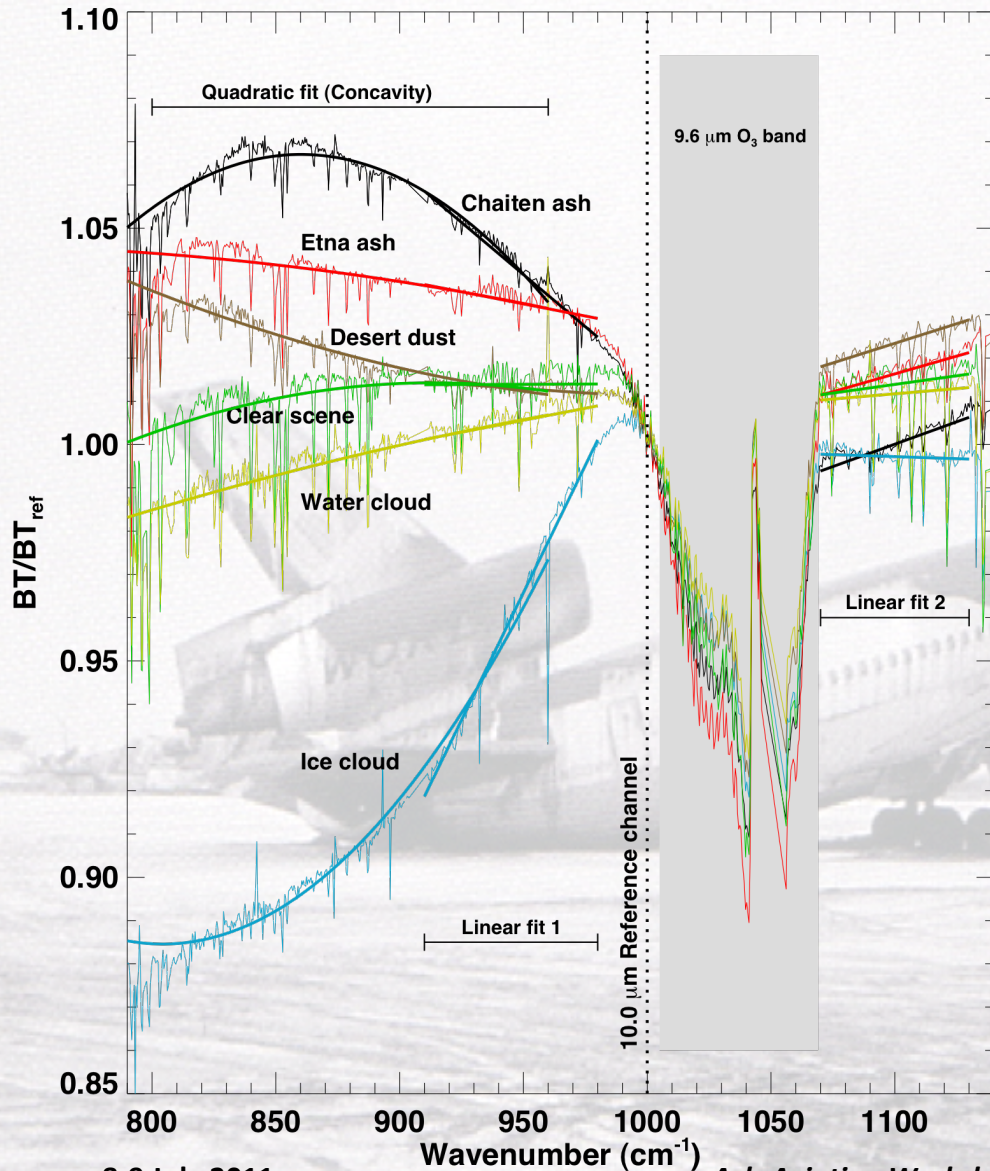
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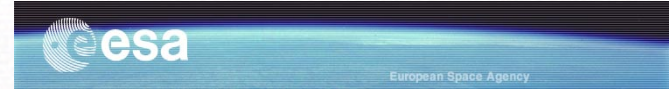
$$\Delta T = T_4 - T_5, \quad \Delta T_c = T_s - T_c, \quad \Delta T_4 = T_s - T_4.$$

$$T_4 - T_5 < 0$$

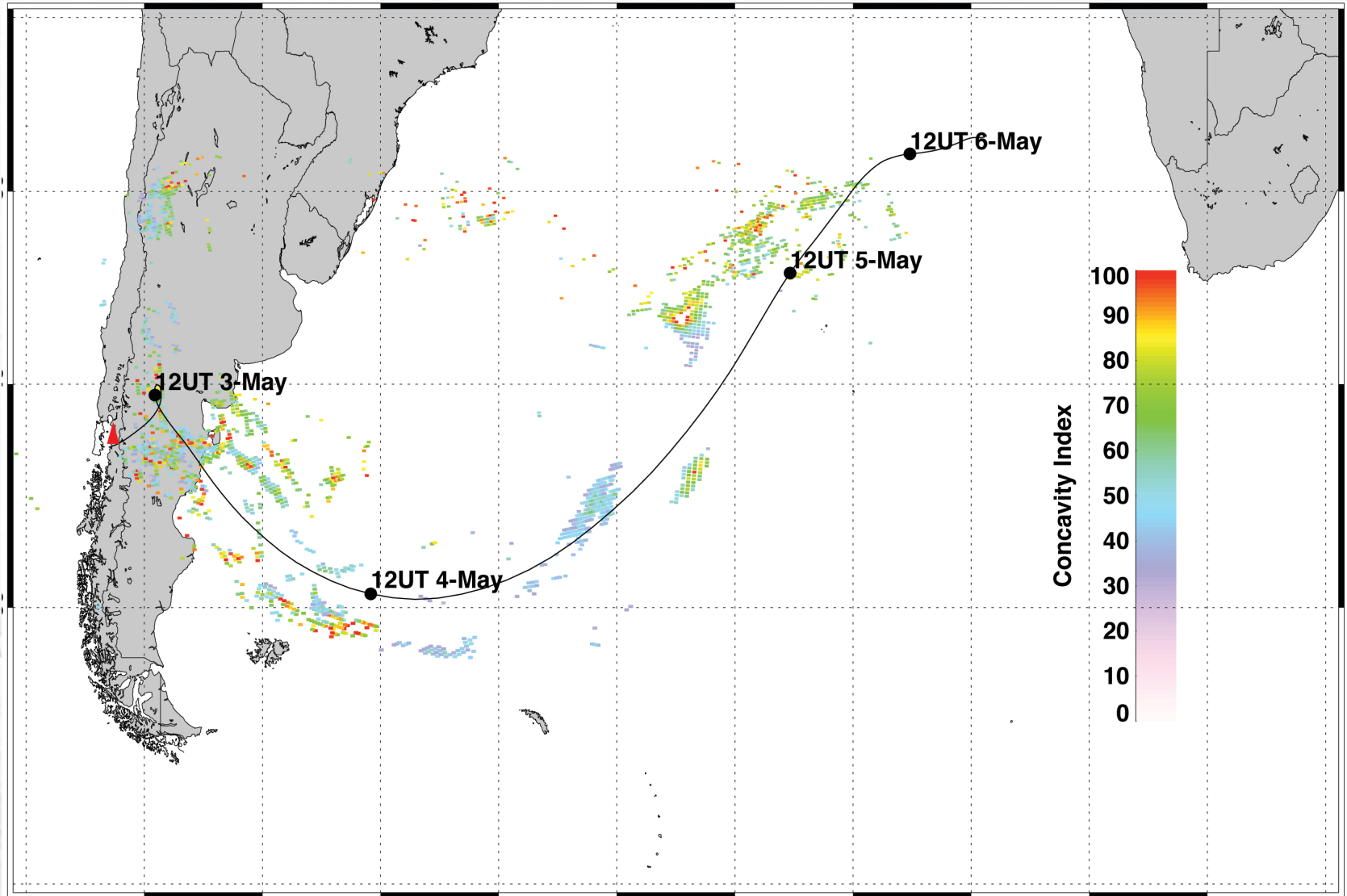


- Better Identification of Ash – Exploiting high-spectral resolution data (AIRS and IASI)





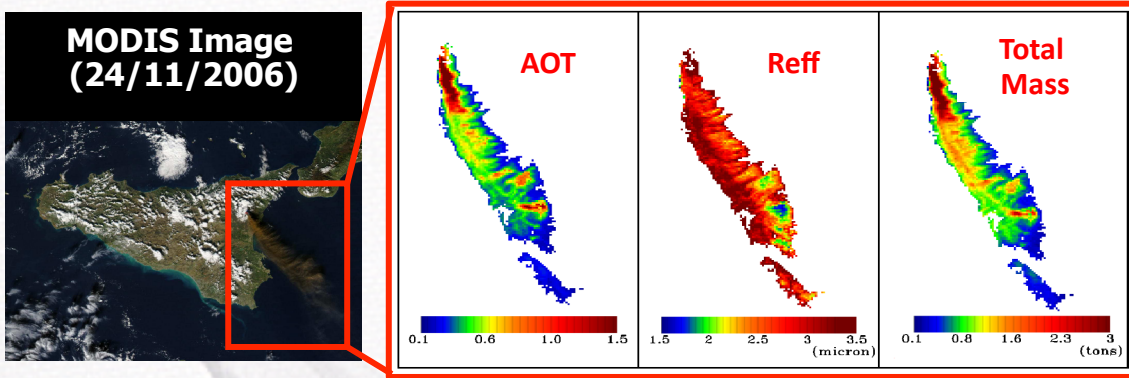
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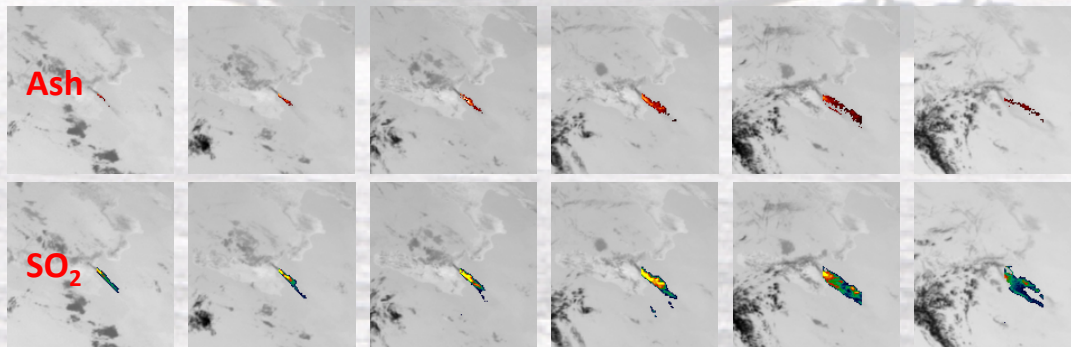


Mt. Etna tropospheric ash retrieval and sensitivity analysis using Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer measurements

S. Corradini, C. Spinetti, E. Carboni, C. Tirelli, M. F. Buongiorno, S. Pugnaghi, G. Gangale - *Submitted to JARS, December 2007*

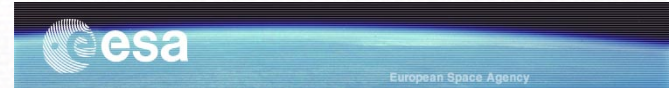


SO₂ volcanic plume evolution during the 24 November 2006 Mt. Etna tropospheric eruption using MSG-SEVIRI data: retrieval procedures and validation



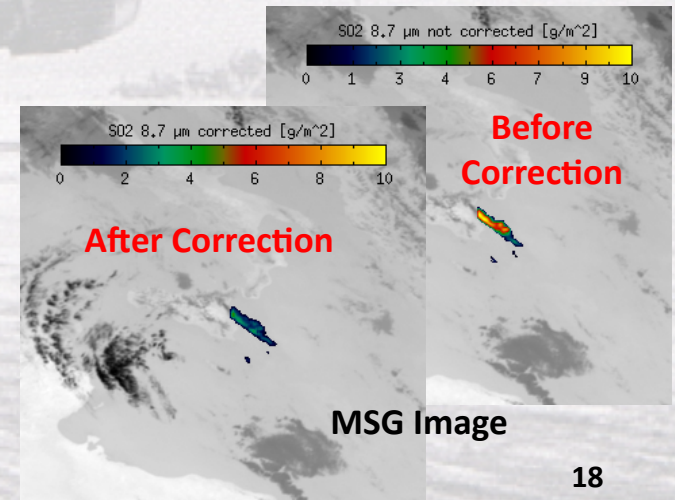
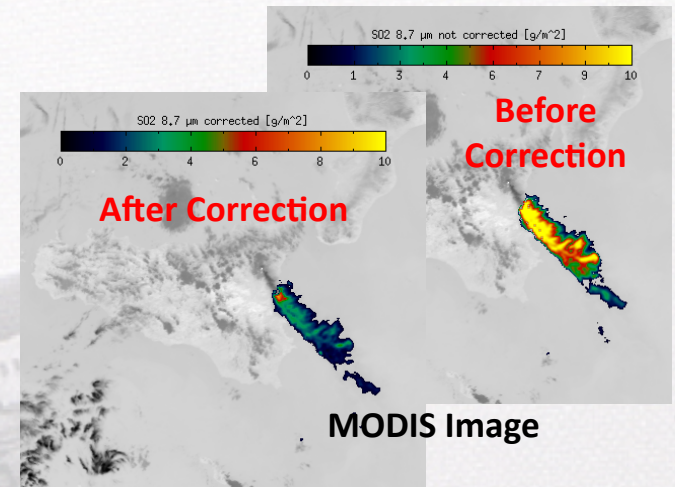
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Volcanic ash correction procedure on SO₂ plume retrieval in the Thermal Infrared spectral range from satellite measurements

S. Corradini, L. Merucci, A. J. Prata (submitted to ACPD)



Inverse Modelling – Analytical Method

Sources x (1..n) x^a a priori profile

Satellite observation y^o (1..m)

M Emission sensitivity Matrix ($m \times n$), as obtained from FLEXPART

σ standard error of observation

$$M(x - x^a) \approx y^o - Mx^a$$

$$M\tilde{x} \approx \tilde{y}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 J = & \underbrace{(M\tilde{x} - \tilde{y})^T \text{diag}(\sigma_o^{-2})(M\tilde{x} - \tilde{y})}_{\text{I) misfit model - observation}} \\
 & + \underbrace{\tilde{x}^T \text{diag}(\sigma_x^{-2}) \tilde{x}}_{\text{II) deviation from first guess}} + \underbrace{\epsilon (D\tilde{x})^T D\tilde{x}}_{\text{III) smoothness condition}}
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Source-receptor matrix calculation with a Lagrangian particle dispersion model in backward mode, P. Seibert and A. Frank, ACP, 4, 51-63, 2004.

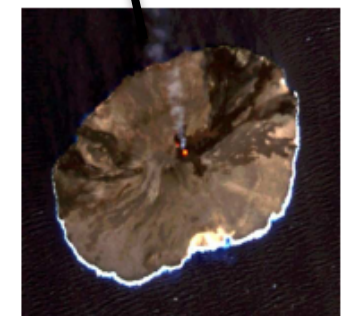
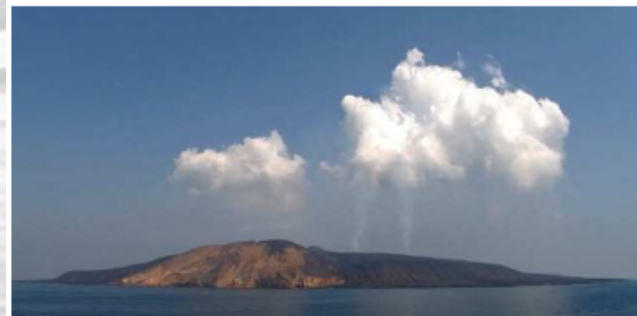
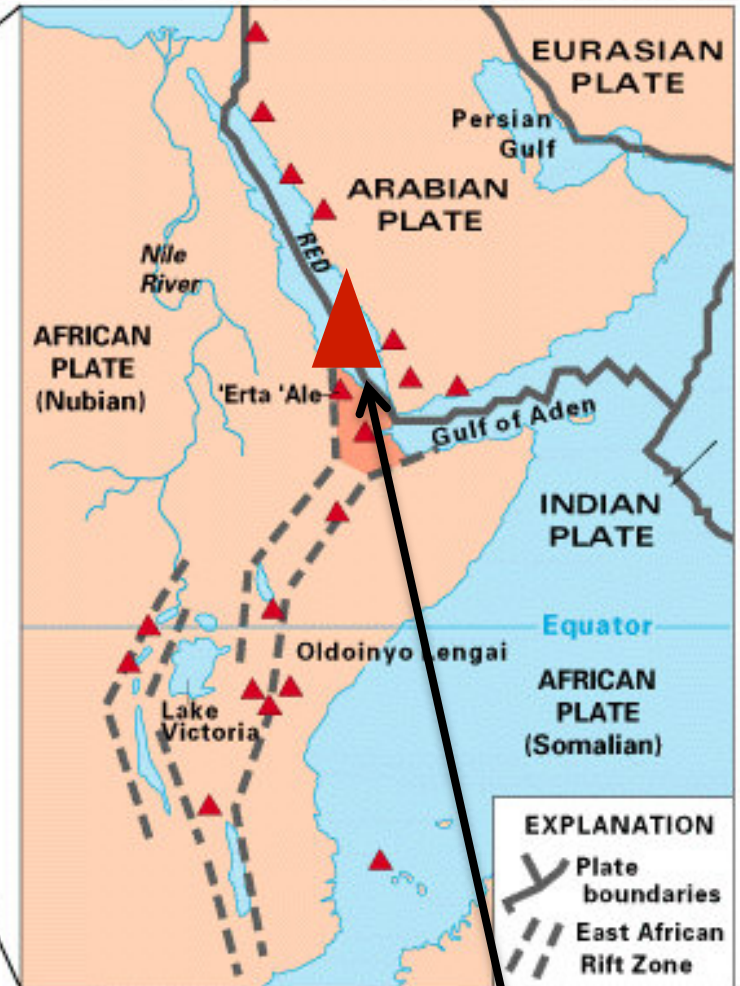


Eruption of Jebel at Tair

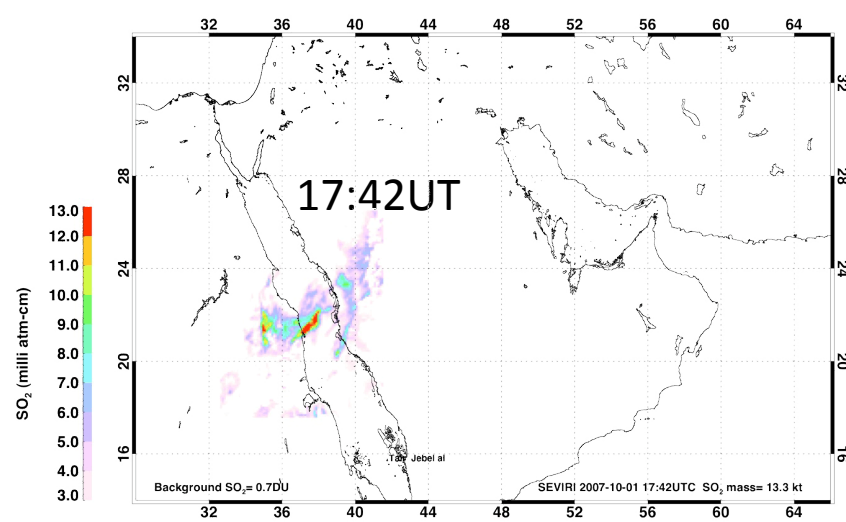
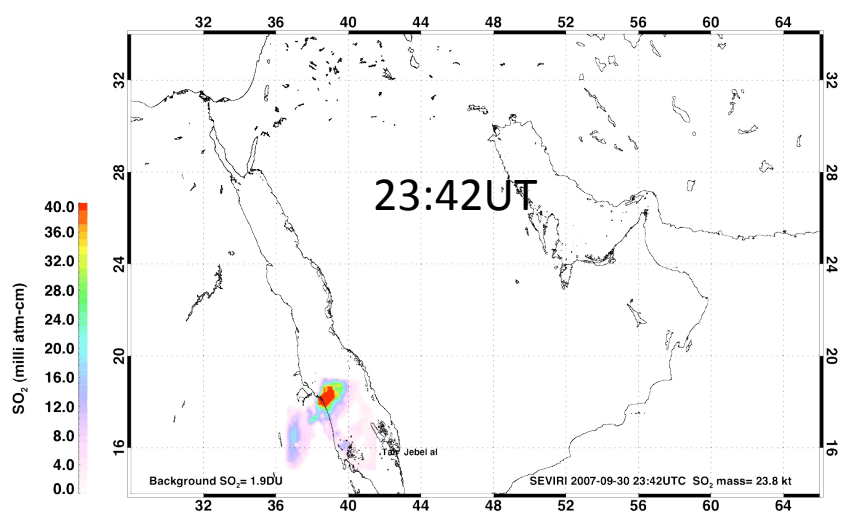
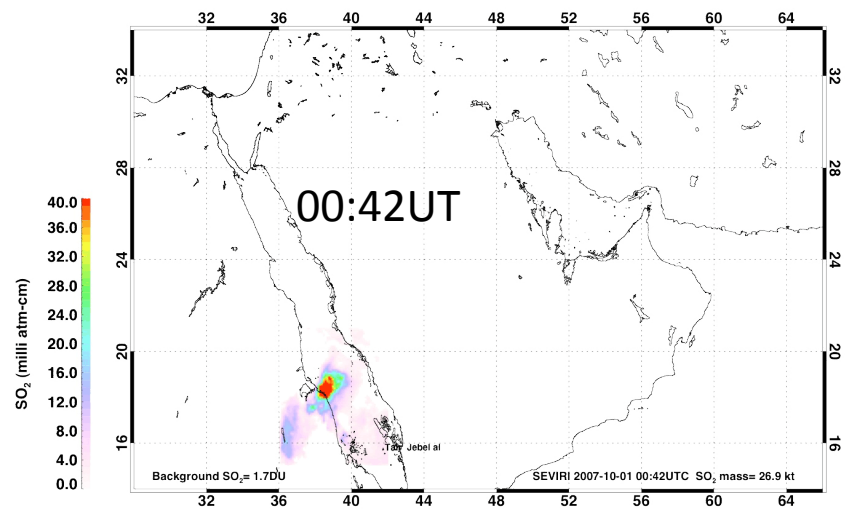
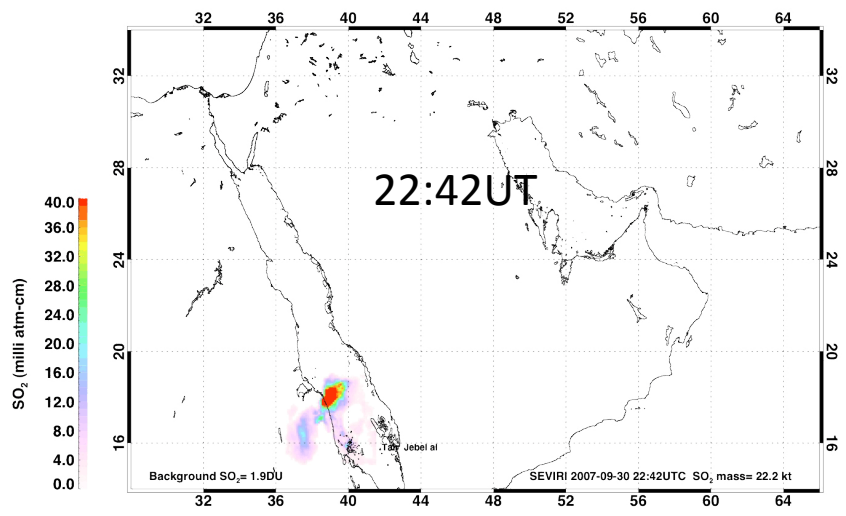
September 30th, 2007 **Jebel at Tair** erupted, a SO₂ plume was released into the atmosphere, observed from many satellite platforms over a period of 8 days

Eckhardt, S., Prata, A. J., Seibert, P., Stebel, K., and A. Stohl, 2008, Estimation of the vertical profile of sulfur dioxide injection into the atmosphere by a volcanic eruption using satellite column measurements and inverse transport modeling, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 8, 3881–3897.

Clarisse, L., Coheur, P. F., Prata, A. J., Hurtmans, D., Razavi, A., Phulpin, T., Hadji-Lazaro, J., and C. Clerbaux, 2008, Tracking and quantifying volcanic SO₂ with IASI, the September 2007 eruption at Jebel at Tair, *Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss.*, 8, 16917–16949

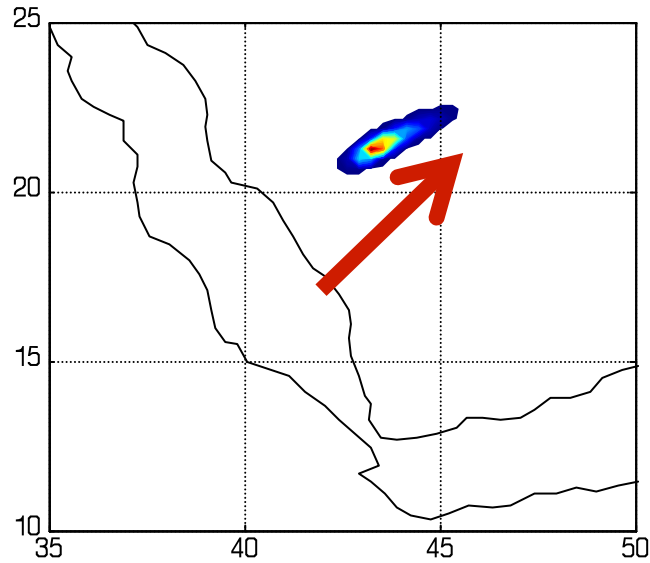


SEVIRI SO₂ retrievals every 15 min

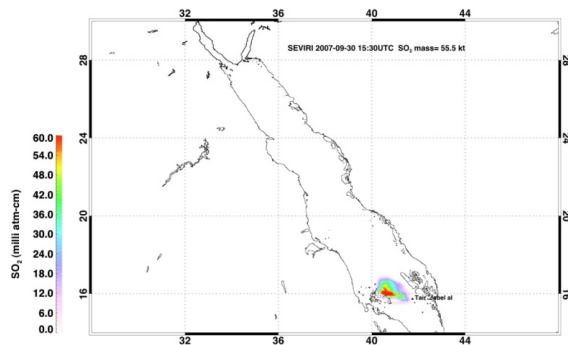
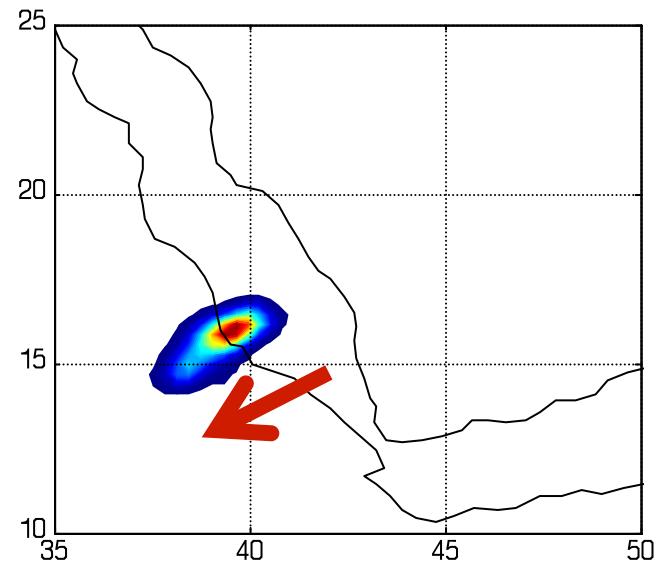


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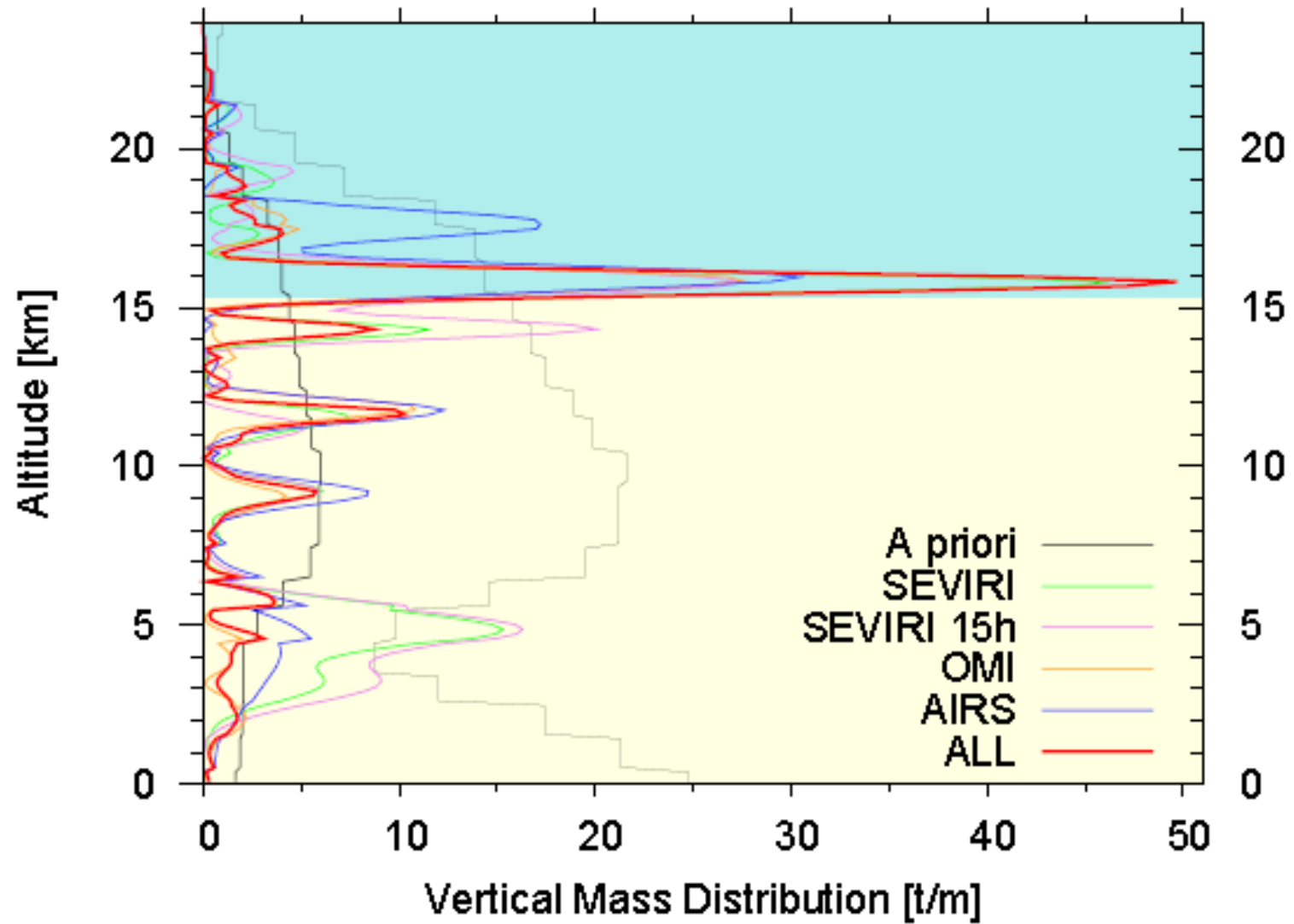


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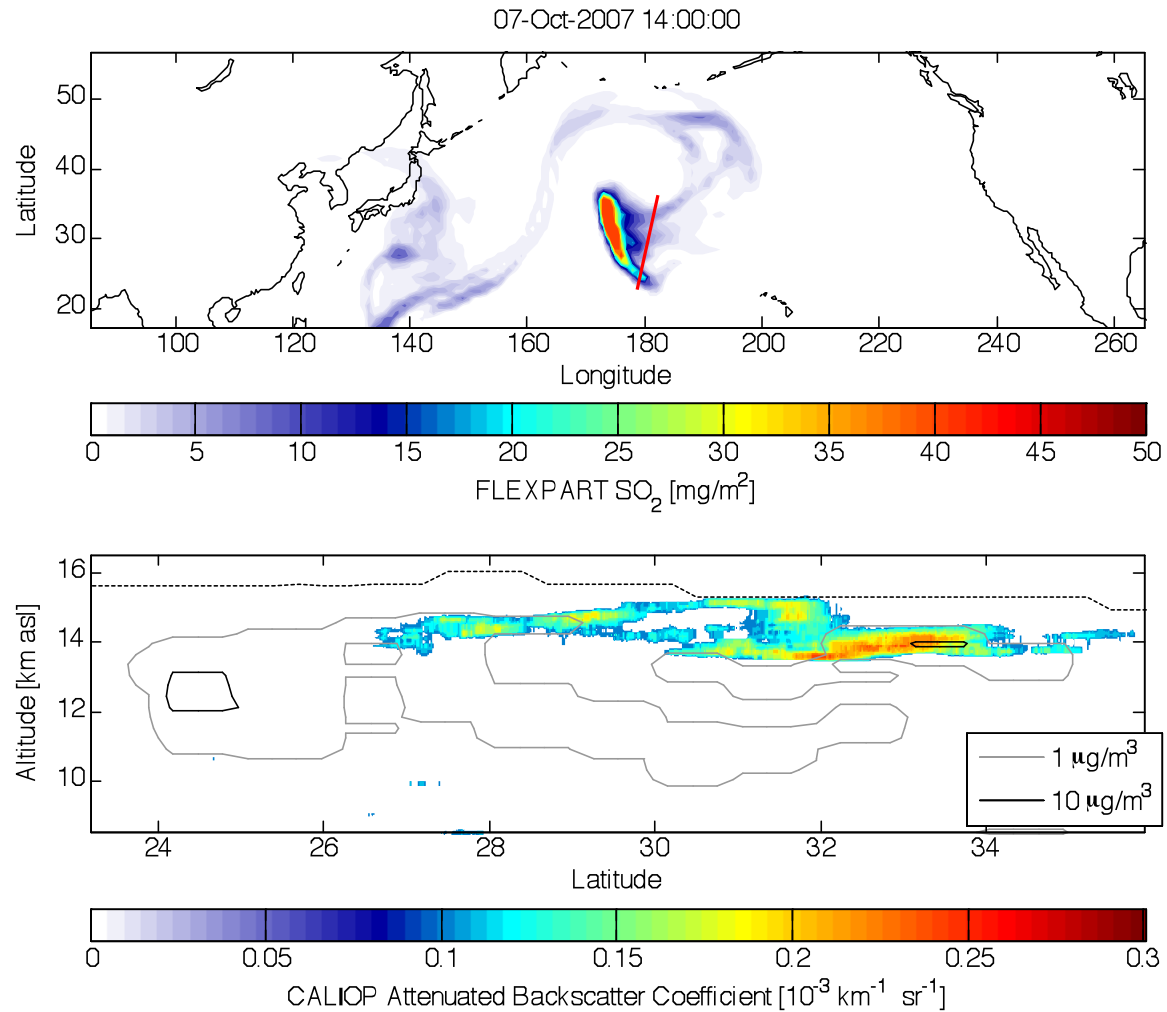


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 hourly FLEXPART simulation result
 hourly averaged SATELITTE image (SEVIRI)

Emission Profile



CALIOP - 8 days after eruption





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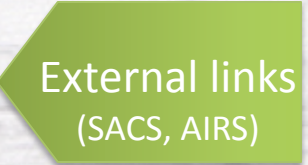
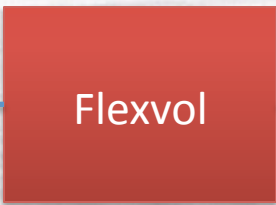
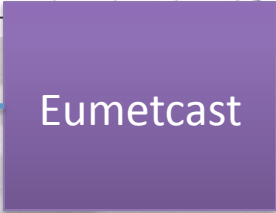
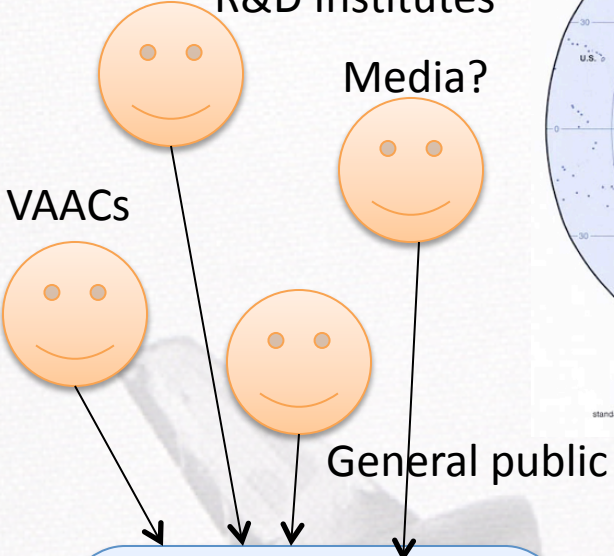
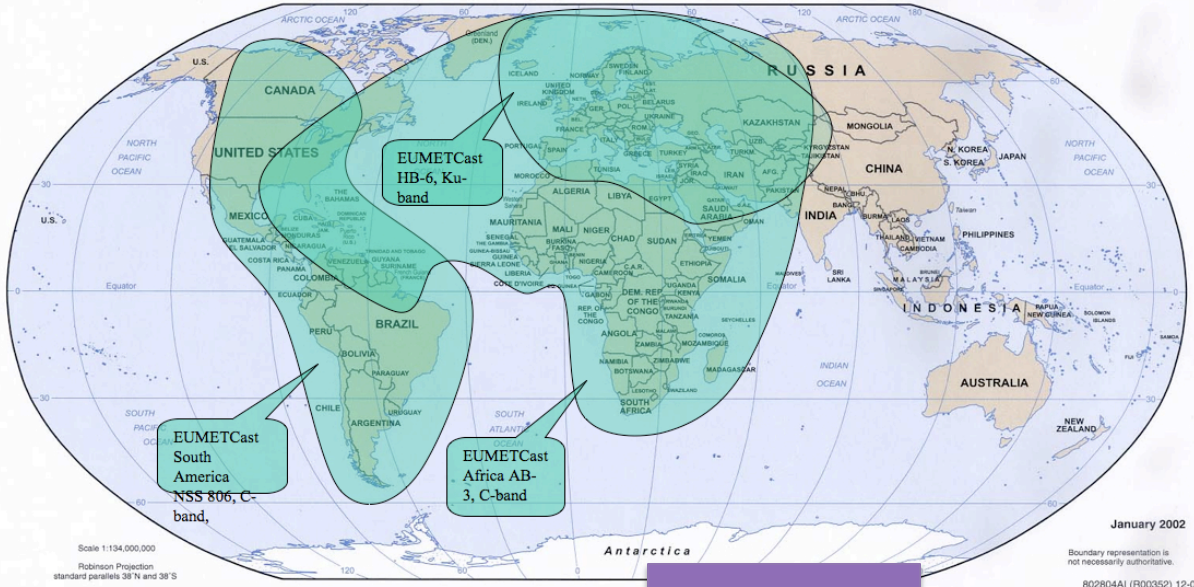
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Real time satellite derived information during 2006 Mt. Etna eruption

Observation Report

Hot Spot detection
ER calculation

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Volcanic ash detection

Increasing of explosive events



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Rapporto eruzione Etna
25 Novembre - 6 Dicembre 2006

INGV sezione CNT- LABTEL e Università delle Hawaii - HIGP/SOEST*

Coordinamento: Spinetti C., Buongiorno M.F.
Mantenimento del sistema: Doumaz F., Musacchio M., Caprara F.
Effusion rate: Lombardo V., Harris A. *, Steffke A. *
Analisi termica: Amici S.
Emissioni di ceneri: Spinetti C.

Nell'ambito delle attività della UF Telerilevamento del CNT si prosegue con le attività di monitoraggio dell'eruzione dell'Etna, attraverso procedure d'osservazione basate su immagini satellitari. In particolare si sta continuando l'analisi delle immagini acquisite dall'antenna NOAA-AVHRR dell'INGV.

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Volcanic ash information has been sent 2 time per day

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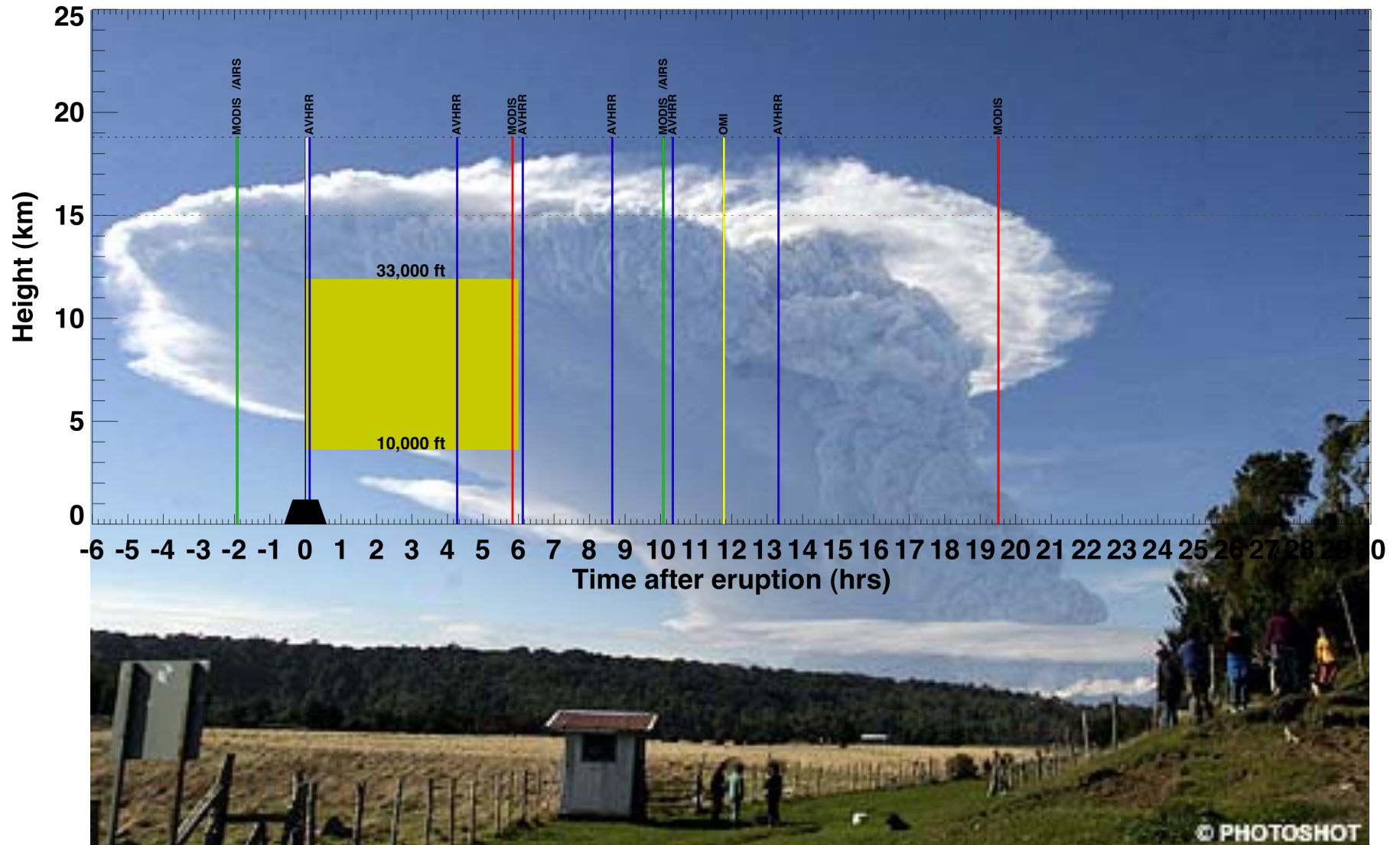


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Redoubt

Alaska Airlines Cancels Flights After Mount Redoubt Eruption

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By Dinakar Sethuraman

March 29 (Bloomberg) -- **Alaska Airlines** said it canceled flights out of Anchorage International Airport after Mount Redoubt erupted again, prompting authorities to shut down the airstrip for fear of volcanic ash.

"We're continuing to closely monitor the weather and ash from Mount Redoubt and will resume flights when it is safe to do so," **Ben Minicucci**, the airlines's chief operating officer, said in a statement on PR Newswire.

Alaska Airlines has canceled more than 185 flights affecting about 10,000 passengers since the volcanic eruptions began on March 22, the statement said. **Mount Redoubt** rises 10,197 feet (3,108 meters) above the Kenai Peninsula, 106 miles (170 kilometers) southwest of Anchorage.

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Timing

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Initial Interpretation	Date	Time (local)		Time (UTC)	
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3	3/23/2009	12:14am	3/23/09	8:14	
4	3/23/2009	1:39am	3/23/09	9:39	
5	3/23/2009	4:31am	3/23/09	12:31	
6	3/23/2009	7:41pm	3/23/09	3:41	
AIRS IMAGE from 3-24-2009 UTC 11:35 shows 62.2 kt in image					
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17	3/28/2009	3:29 PM	3/28/2009	23:29	
18	3/28/2009	7:23 PM	3/28/2009	3:23	

Courtesy: Cindy Werner, USGS



First Notification - via email

[volcanicclouds] Explosive eruption at Redoubt Volcano, Alaska

From: **volcanicclouds@yahoogroups.com** on behalf of **David J Schneider** (djschneider@usgs.gov)

Sent: Monday, 23 March 2009 10:36:36 PM

To: volcanicclouds@yahoogroups.com

Hello all,

Just a short note to inform folks that Redoubt Volcano has had 4 explosive events, three of which were in the range of 40000 to 50000 feet asl. The events were at 0638, 0702, 0814 and 0939 UTC, and lasted for very roughly 10-20 minutes each. Ash has missed Anchorage and was recorded by Nexrad radar and a new USGS C-band Doppler that was made operational just yesterday. More details as they become available.

Dave Schneider

RECENT ACTIVITY

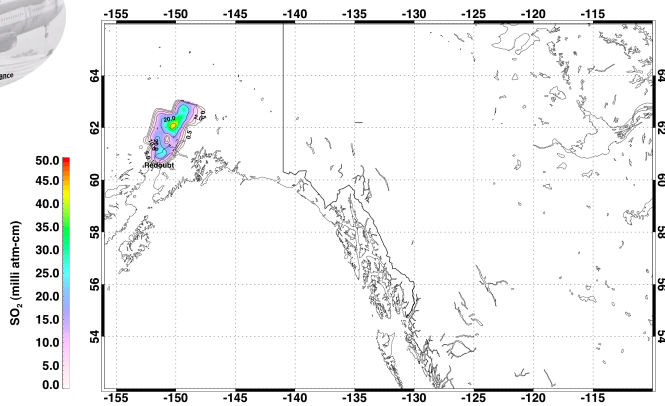
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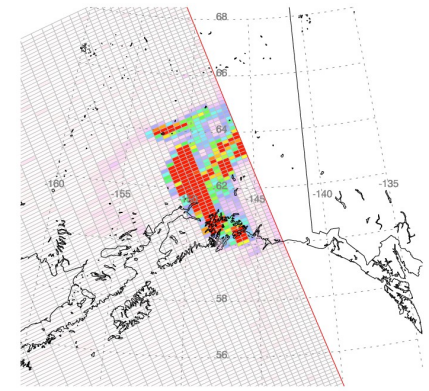
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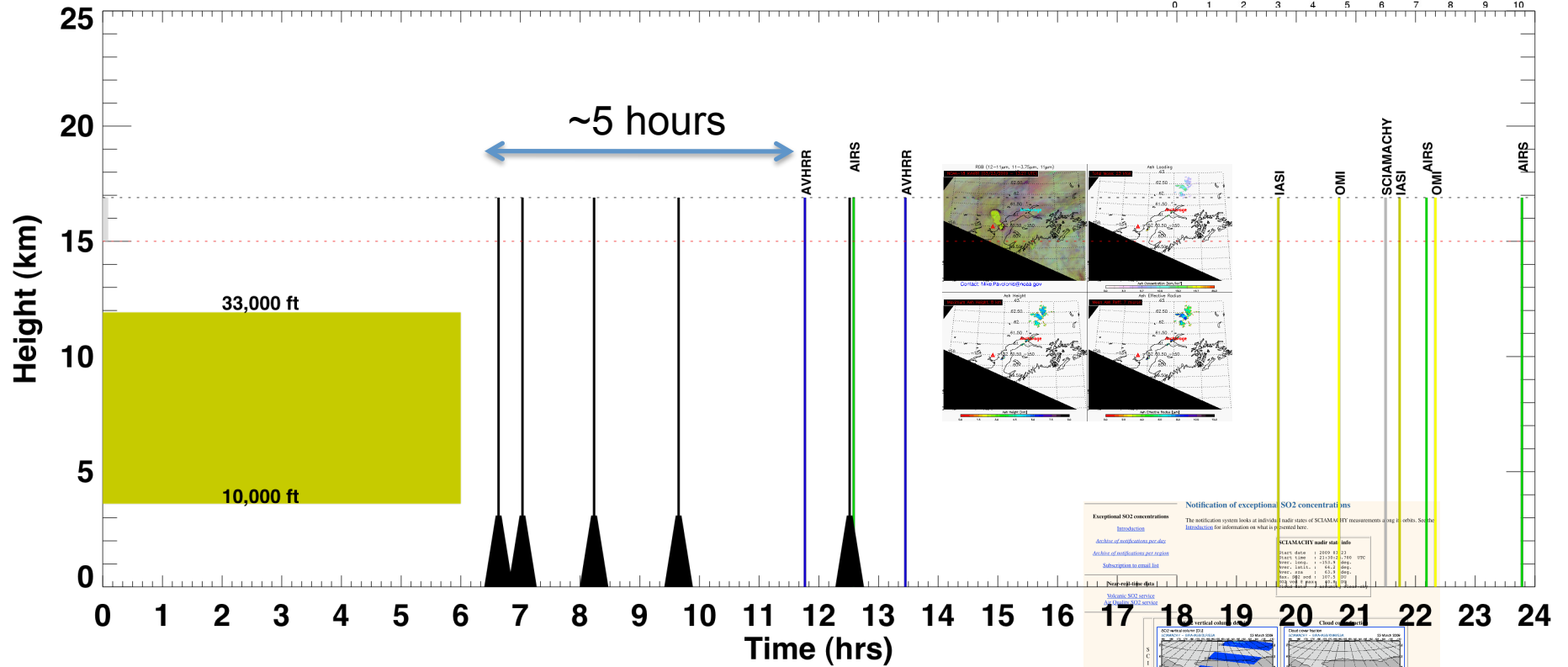
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Aura/OMI - 03/23/2009 22:20-22:24 UT - Orbit 24940
SO₂ mass: 44.657 kt; Area: 221165 km²; SO₂ max: 58.87 DU at lon: -149.05 lat: 61.58 ; 22.22UTC



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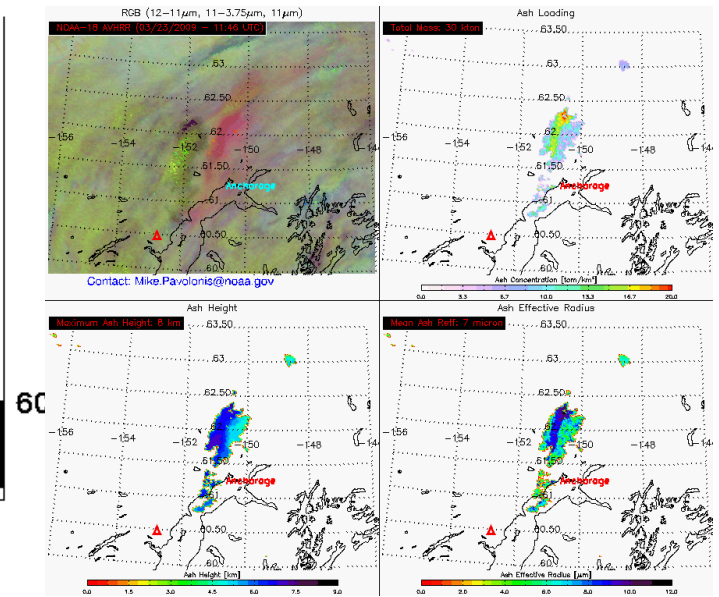
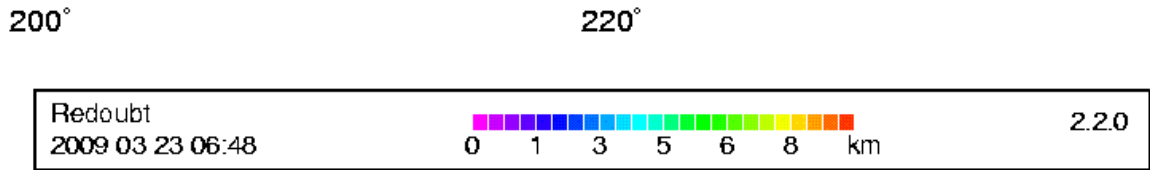
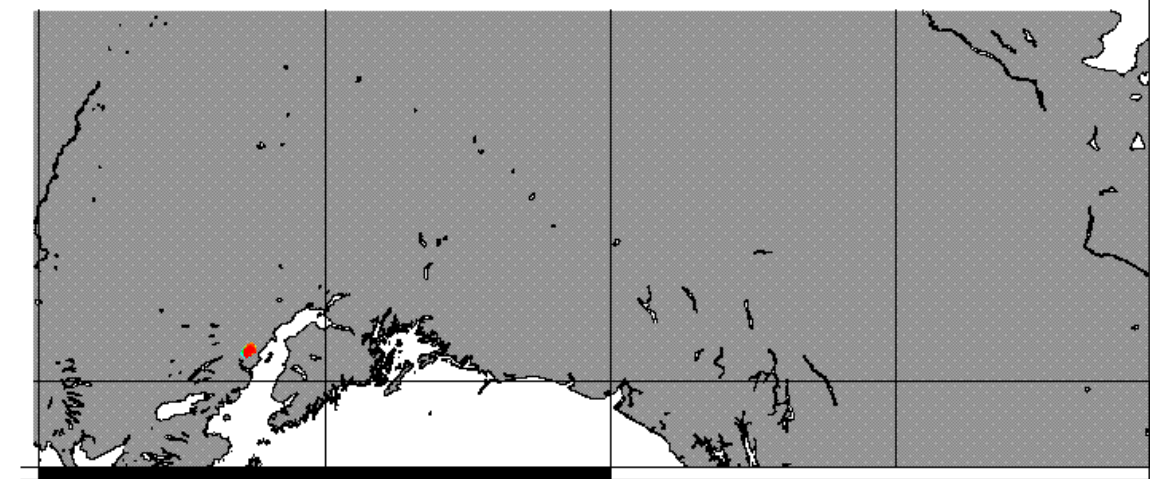
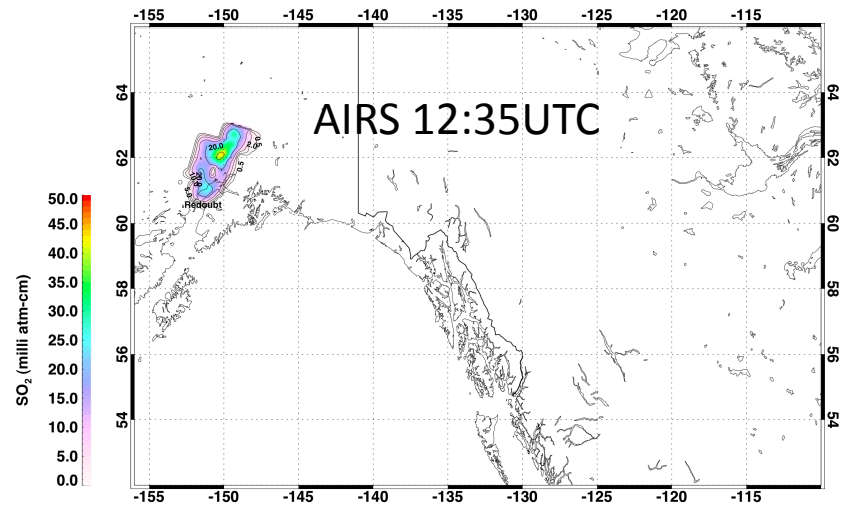
Alerts

- No AIRS alerts received
- No OMI/NOAA notifications
- 1st SACS alert received at 01:15 24.03.2009 based on SCIAMACHY data at 21:30 23.03.2009
- 1st IASI alert received at 22:46 23.03.2009 based on IASI data at 19:42 23.03.2009.



Puff simulation

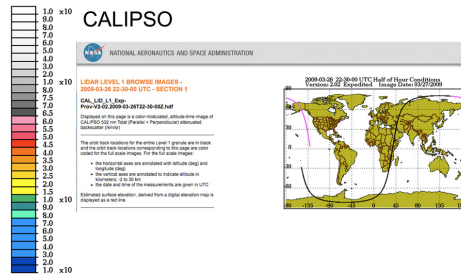
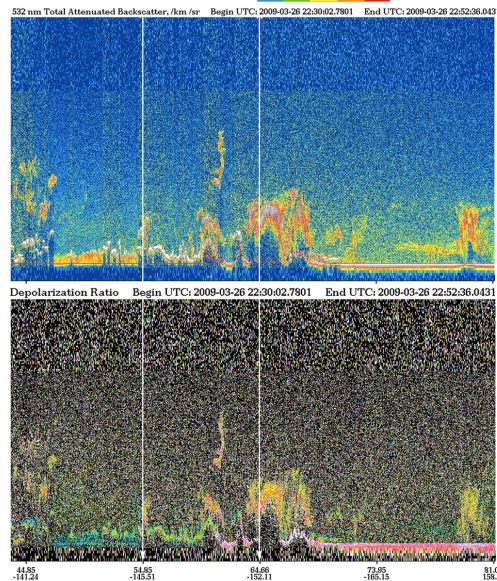
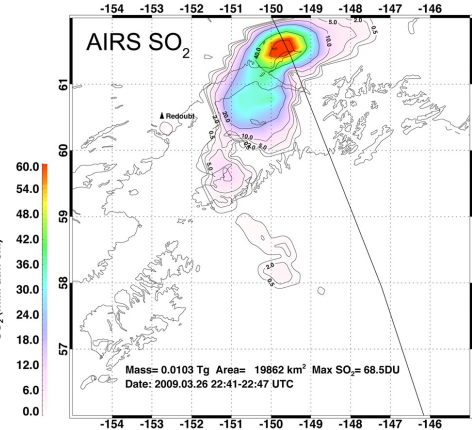
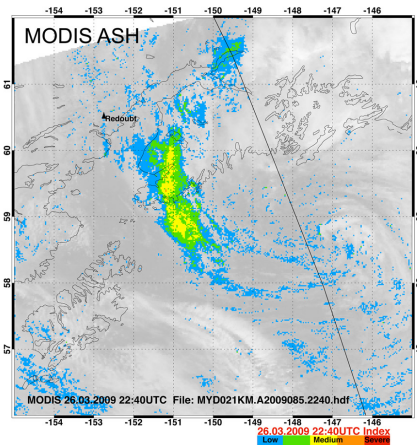
Courtesy: Peter Webley



AVHRR 11:46UTC
 Courtesy: Mike Pavalonis



Synergistic Use of Satellite Data



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26.03.2009

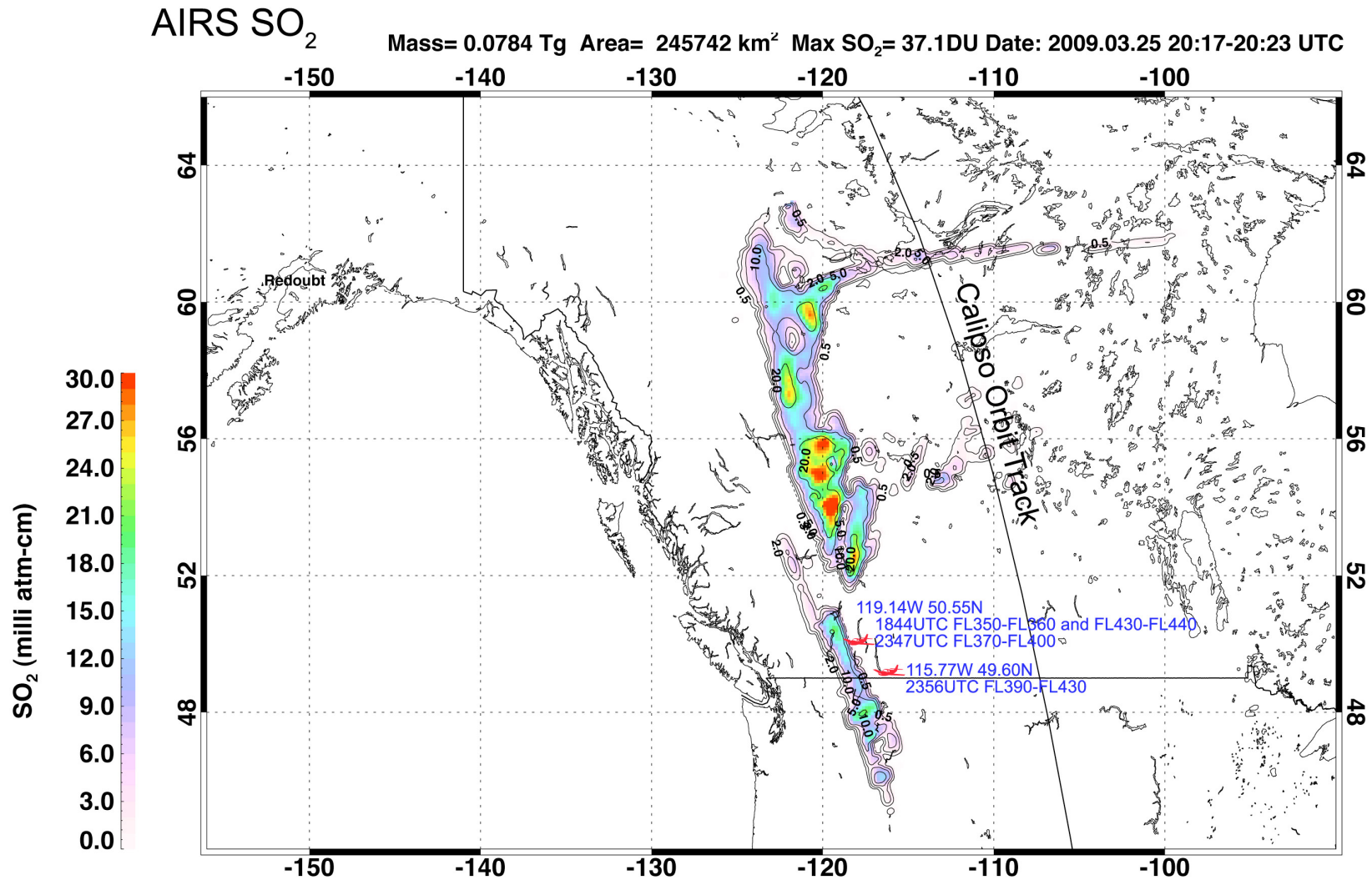
MODIS – Ash

AIRS – SO₂

Caliop - Height



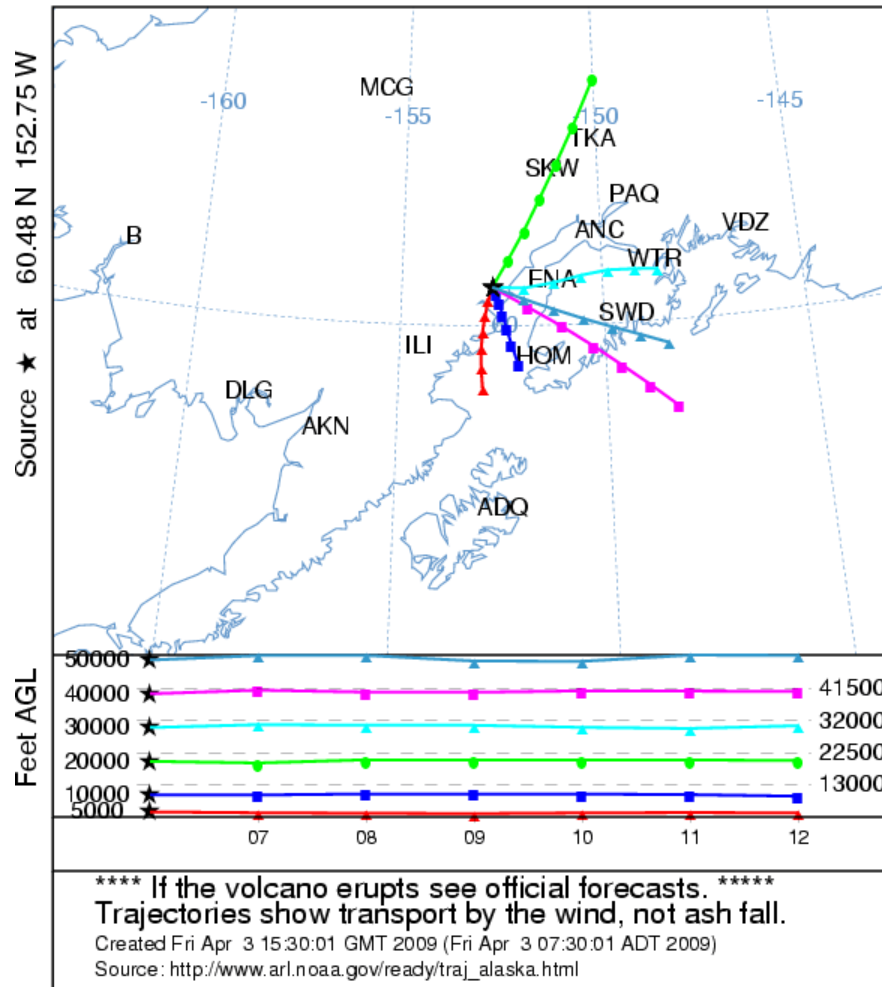
Distal threat





Which height?

NOAA HYSPLIT MODEL
 Forward trajectories starting at 06 UTC 04 Apr 09
 12 UTC 03 Apr NAM Forecast Initialization





The Good

- IASI automated alert system and graphic very good
- 1st NRT use of NOAA AVHRR ash products
- 1st Use of Combined MODIS-AIRS-Caliop
- Use of radar to get height (maybe?)

The Bad

- No AIRS Alerts
- UV data too slow
- Use of SO₂ as a surrogate for ash not warranted
- Early ash detection by IR methods poor
- No objective height estimate



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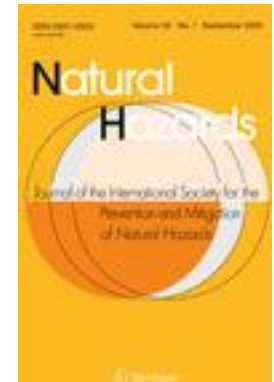
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