



Satellite Image Interpretation and Applications

EUMETCAL/EUMETRAIN on-line course

Forest Fires

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MONITORING

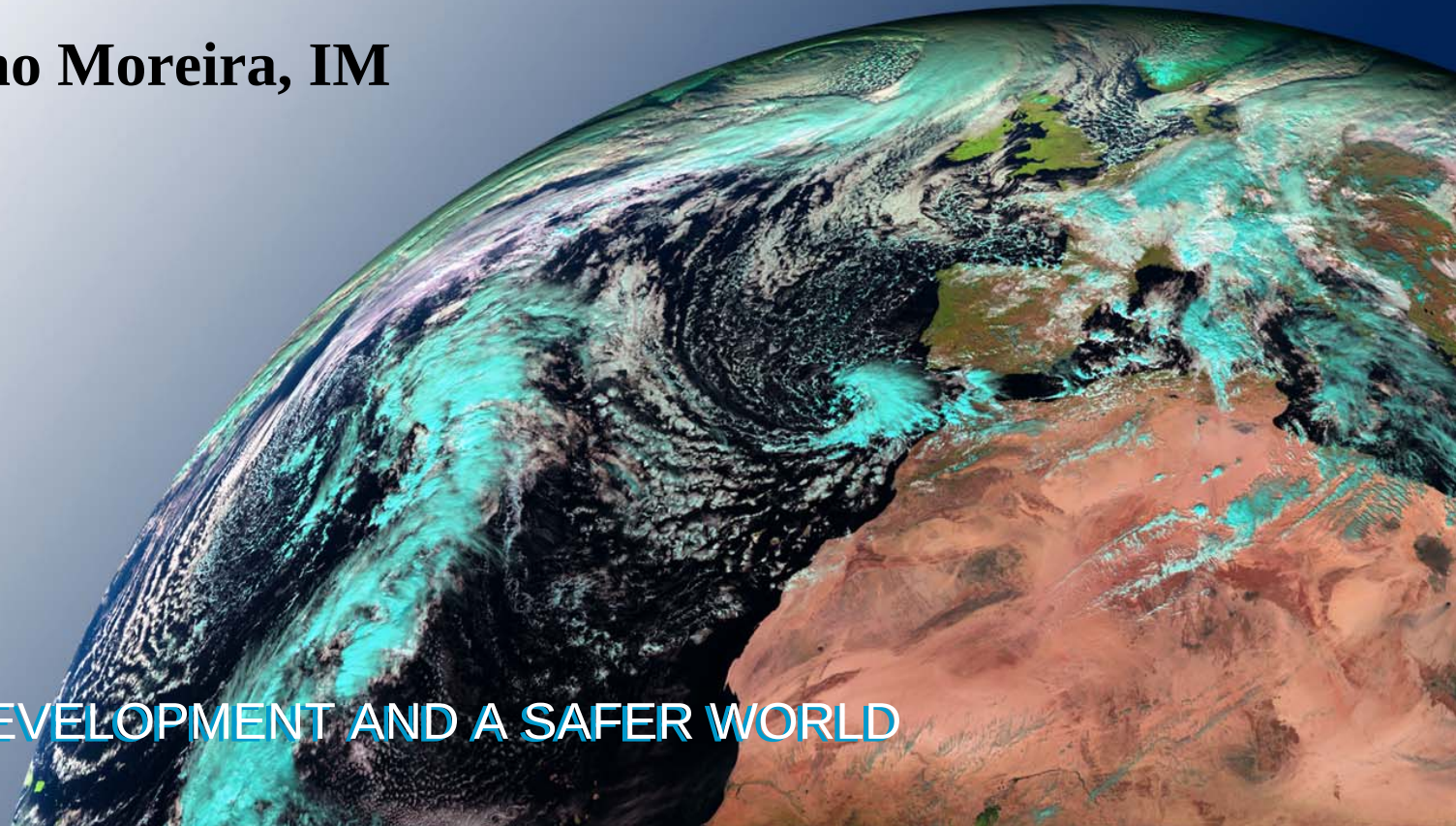
WEATHER

CLIMATE

SEISMIC ACTIVITY

TO

A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND A SAFER WORLD



- **Detection of Forest Fires Hot Spots**
- **Forest Fires Aerossol Detection**
- **Identification of Burnt Areas**
- **Fire Risk**

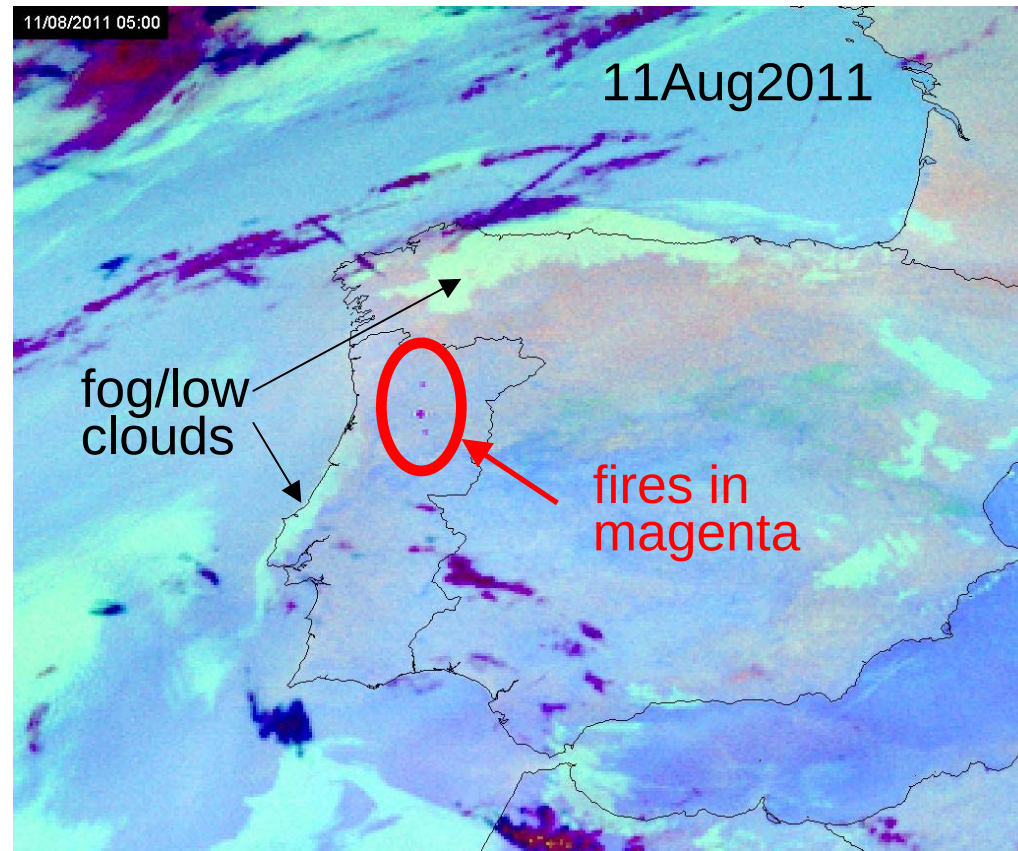


Question ...

Q: How are **forest fires** and **fog** related ?



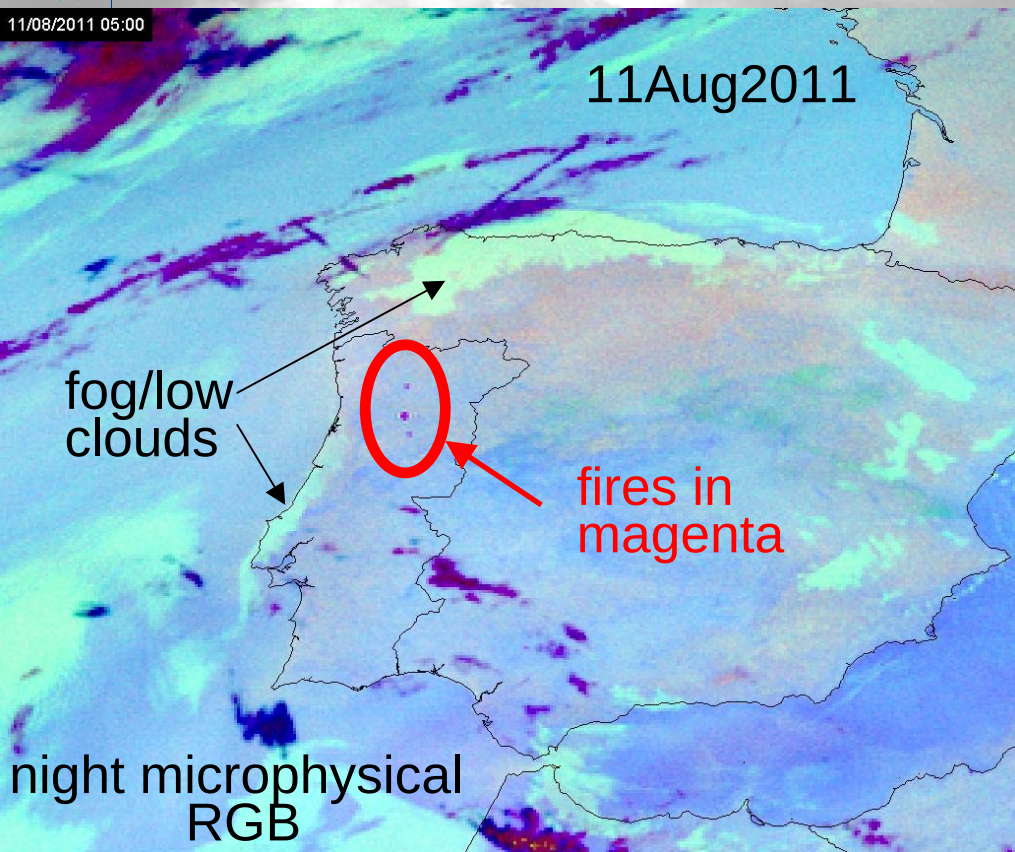
One possible answer...



A: They can be both detected using the night microphysical RGB

Now a more serious question ...

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Q: Which channels are included in the night microphysical RGB ?

Use  or 

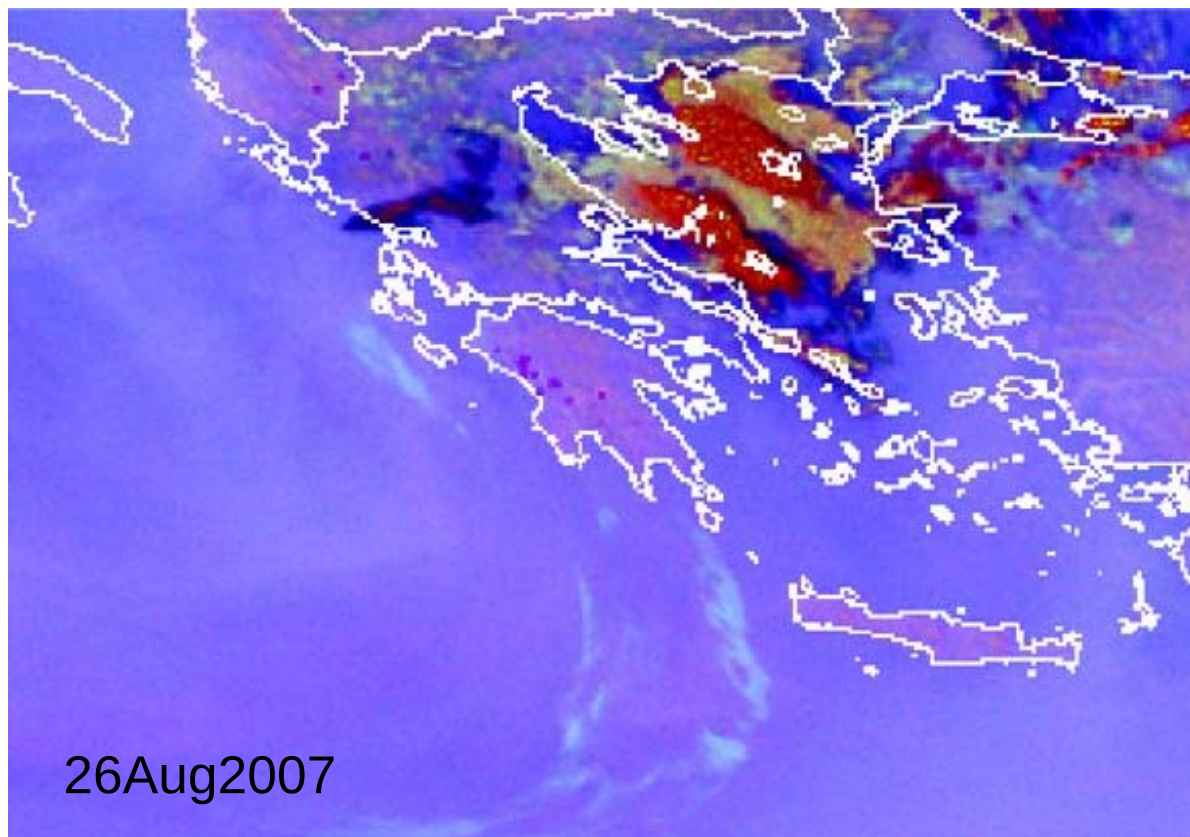
Visible 0.6 micra	Visible 0.8 micra	High Res. Visible

Water Vapour 6.7 micra	Water Vapour 7.3 micra

Near IR 1.6 micra	IR 3.9 micra	IR 8.7 micra	IR 9.7 micra	IR 10.8 micra	IR 12.0 micra	IR 13.4 micra

... and one recipe ...

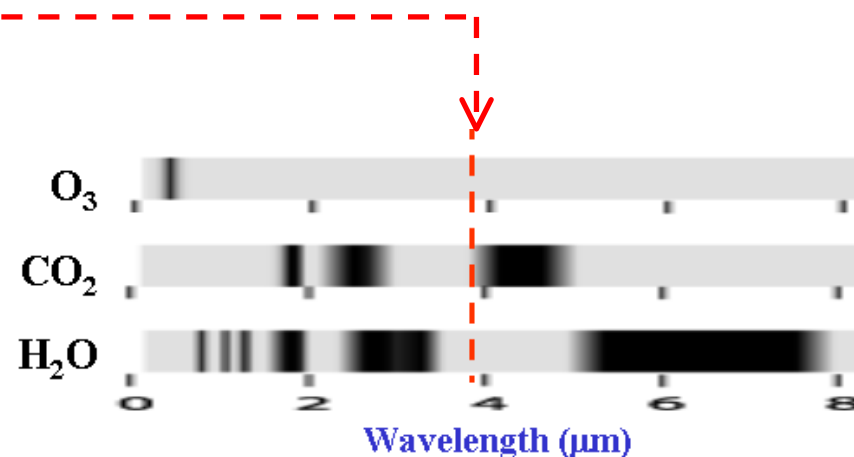
Red	=	IR12.0 – IR10.8	-4 to +2K
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Blue	=	IR10.8	+243 to +293K



so ... the IR3.9 channel!

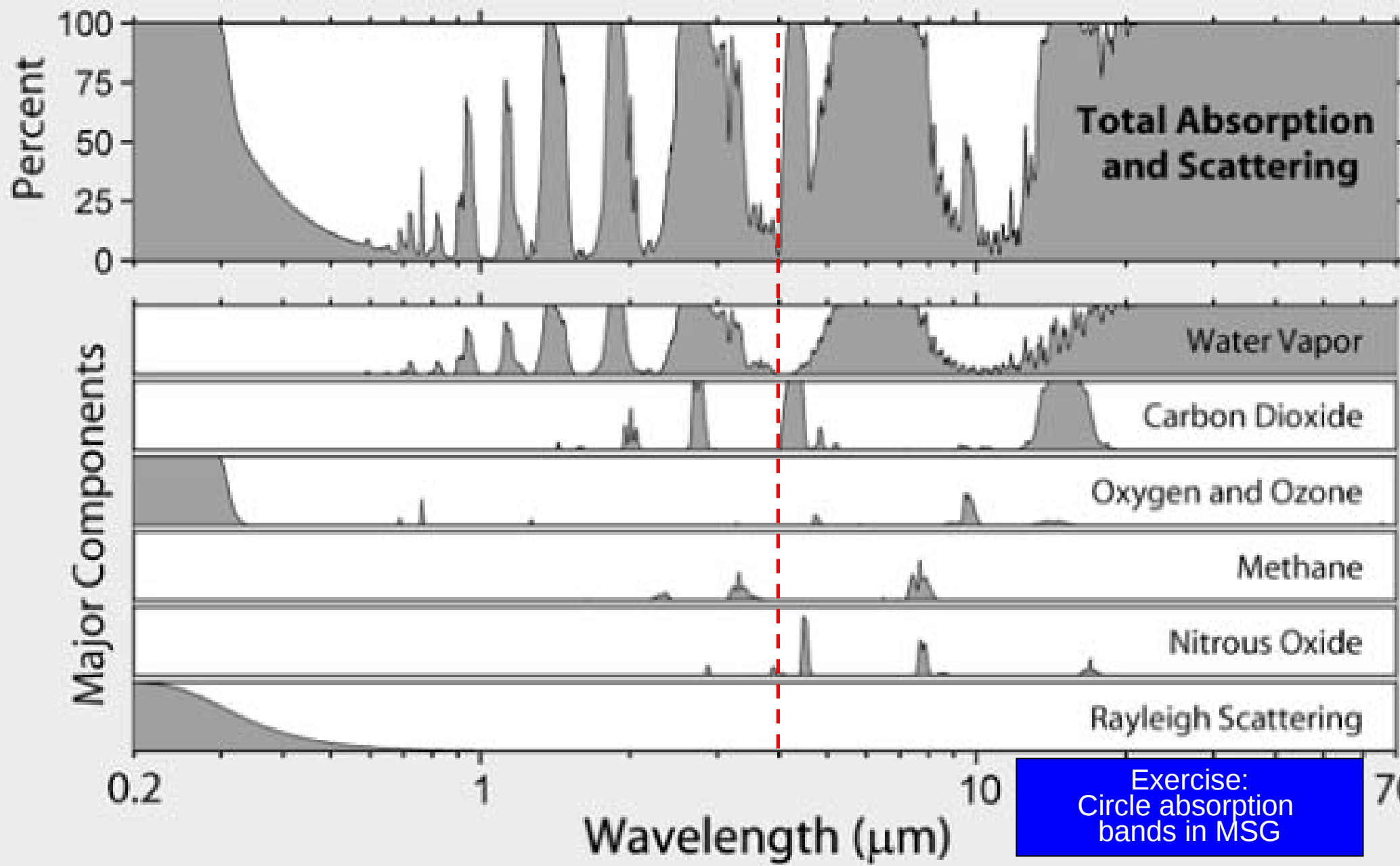
Channel no.		Characteristics of spectral band (μm)			Main gaseous absorber or window
		λ_{cen}	λ_{min}	λ_{max}	
1	VIS0.6	0.635	0.56	0.71	Window
2	VIS0.8	0.81	0.74	0.88	Window
3	NIR1.6	1.64	1.50	1.78	Window
4	IR3.9	3.90	3.48	4.36	Window
5	WV6.2	6.25	5.35	7.15	Water vapor
6	WV7.3	7.35	6.85	7.85	Water vapor
7	IR8.7	8.70	8.30	9.10	Window
8	IR9.7	9.66	9.38	9.94	Ozone
9	IR10.8	10.80	9.80	11.80	Window
10	IR12.0	12.00	11.00	13.00	Window
11	IR13.4	13.40	12.40	14.40	Carbon dioxide
12	HRV	Broadband (about 0.4 – 1.1)			Window/water vapor

IR3.9 can be called a window channel, but is close to a CO₂ absorption band



Schmetz et al (2002)

The IR3.9 channel and absorption bands

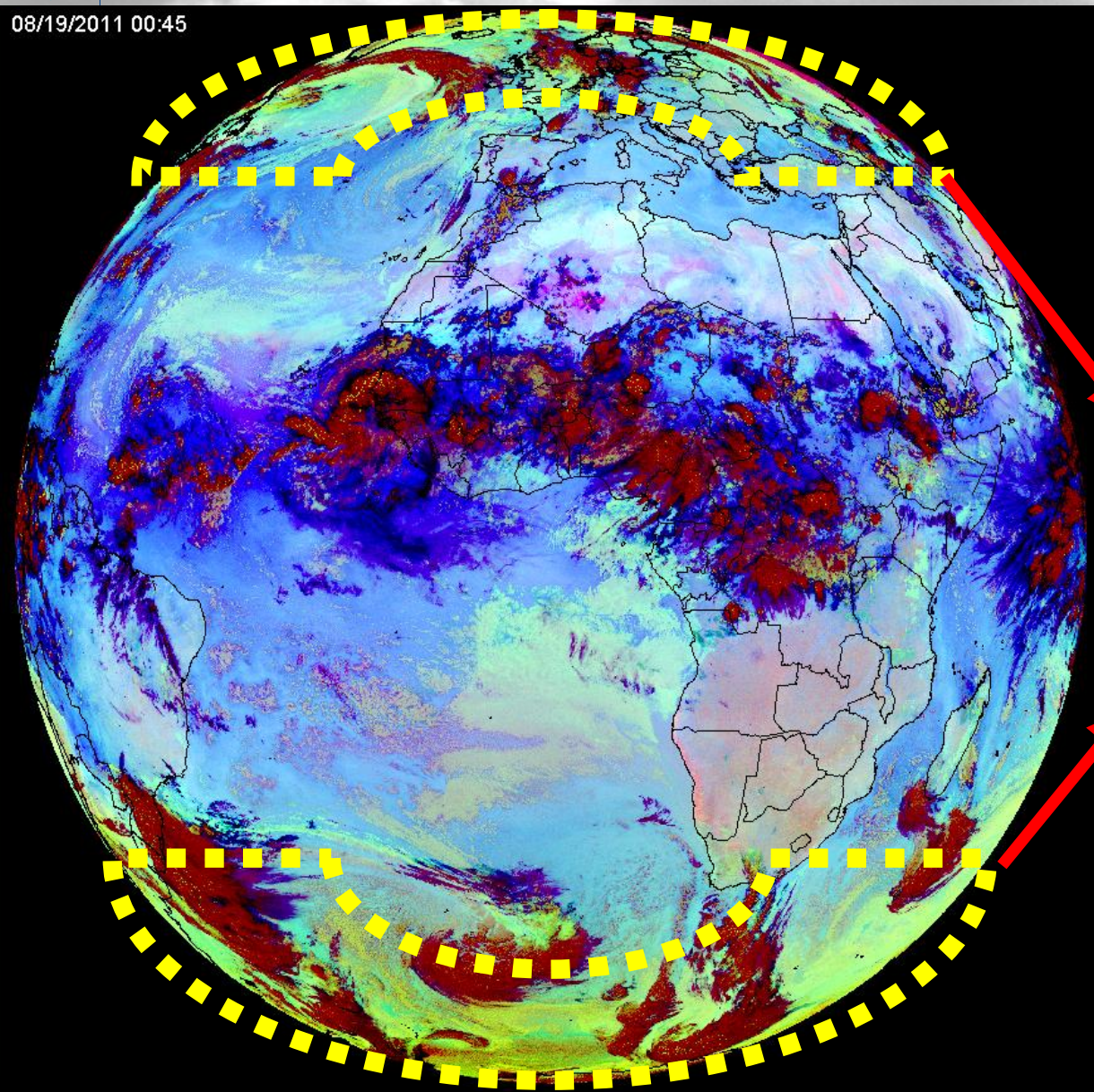




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night microphysical RGB

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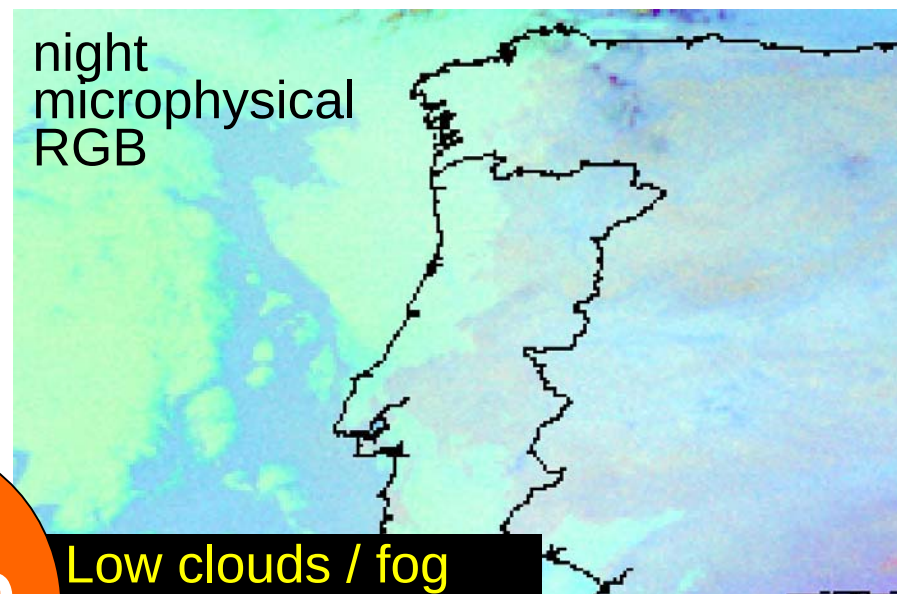
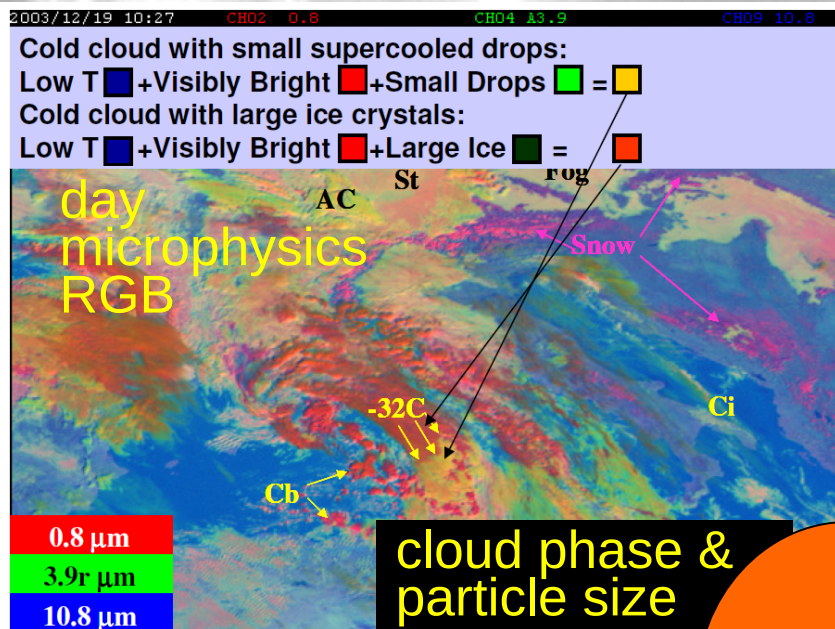
Limb cooling:

- In the edge of the globe view of a geostationary satellite (high incidence angles)
- Radiation travels longer distances in the atmosphere
- Significant absorption of 3.9 micra radiation due to existing CO₂
- Greener shades (only!) for high incidence angles

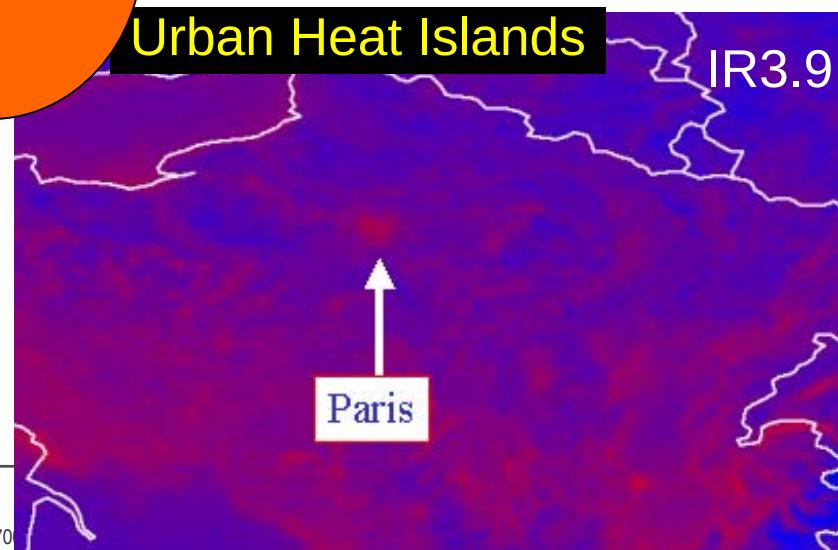
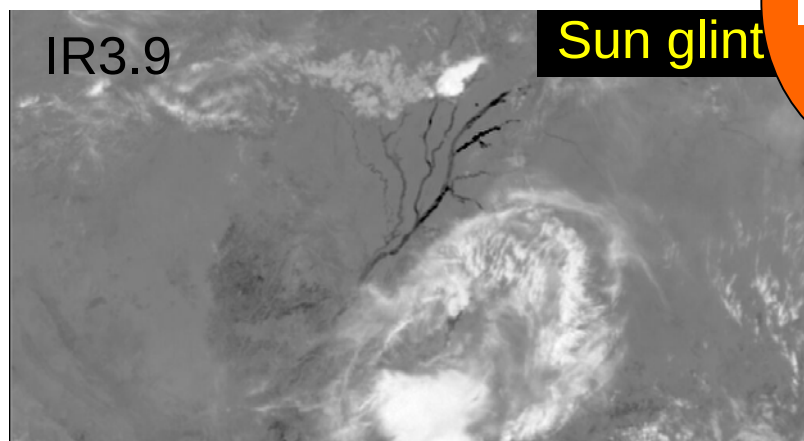


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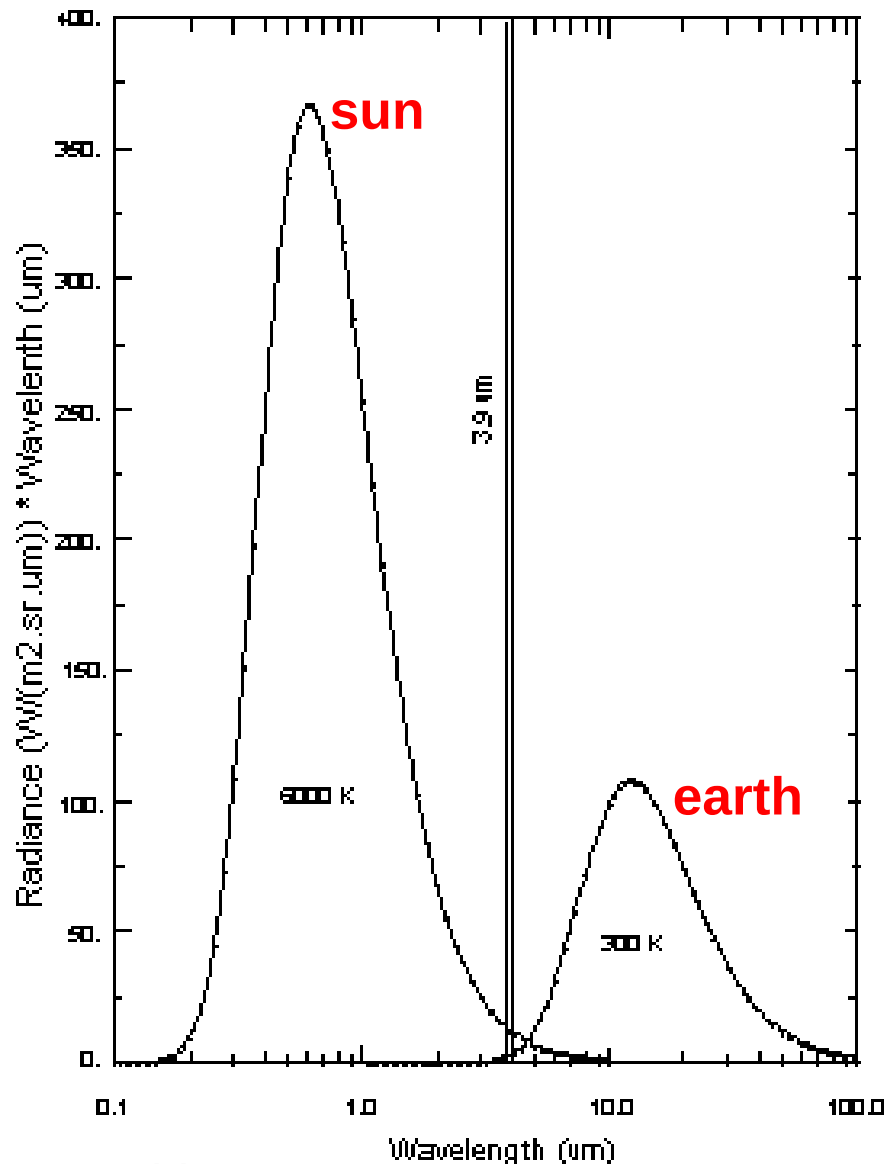
The “multi-task” IR3.9 channel



IR 3.9



The IR3.9 & Planck's Law



Planck's law:

"Variation with wavelength of black body monochromatic irradiance (radiant flux per area unit per wavelength) at specific temperatures"

Brightness temperature:

$$T_{B\lambda} = \frac{c_2}{\lambda \ln \left(\frac{c_1}{\lambda^5 B_\lambda + 1} \right)}$$

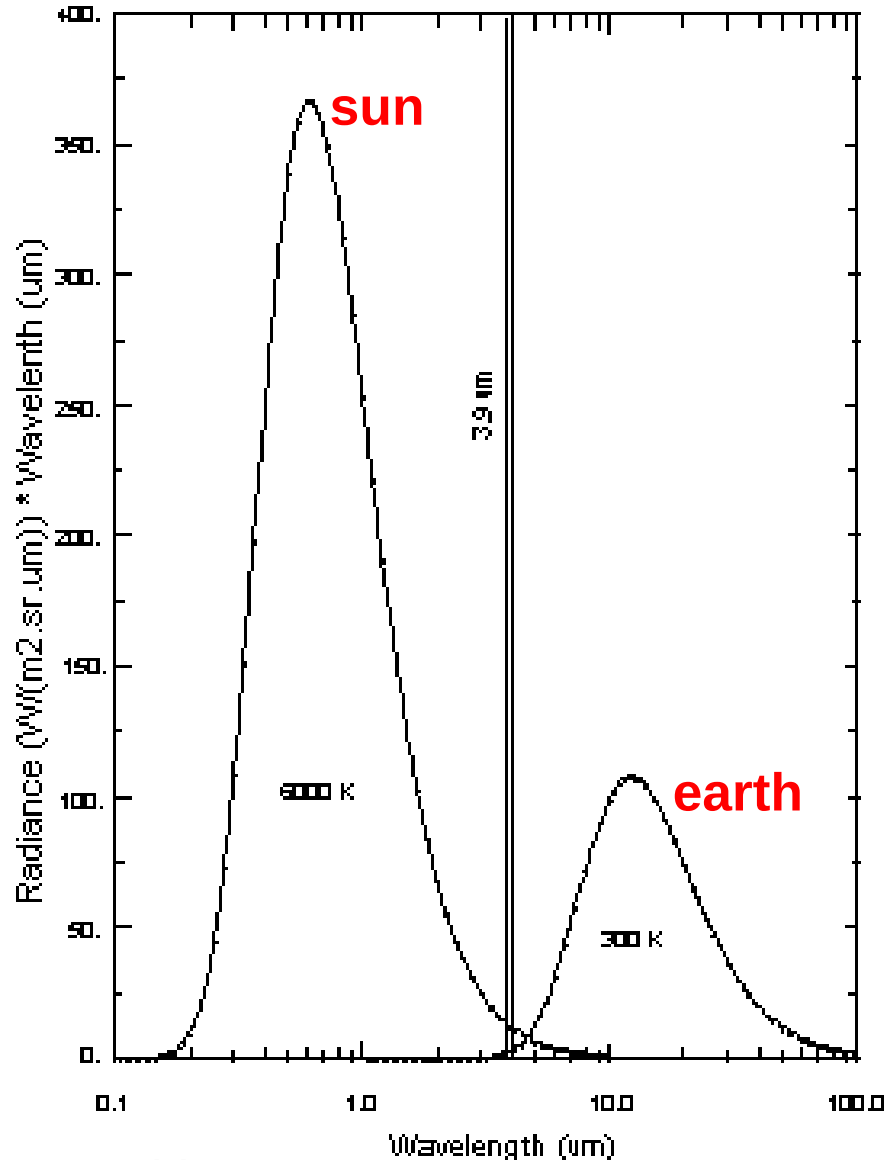
$$c_1 = 1.19 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Wm}^{-2} \text{ ster}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-4}$$

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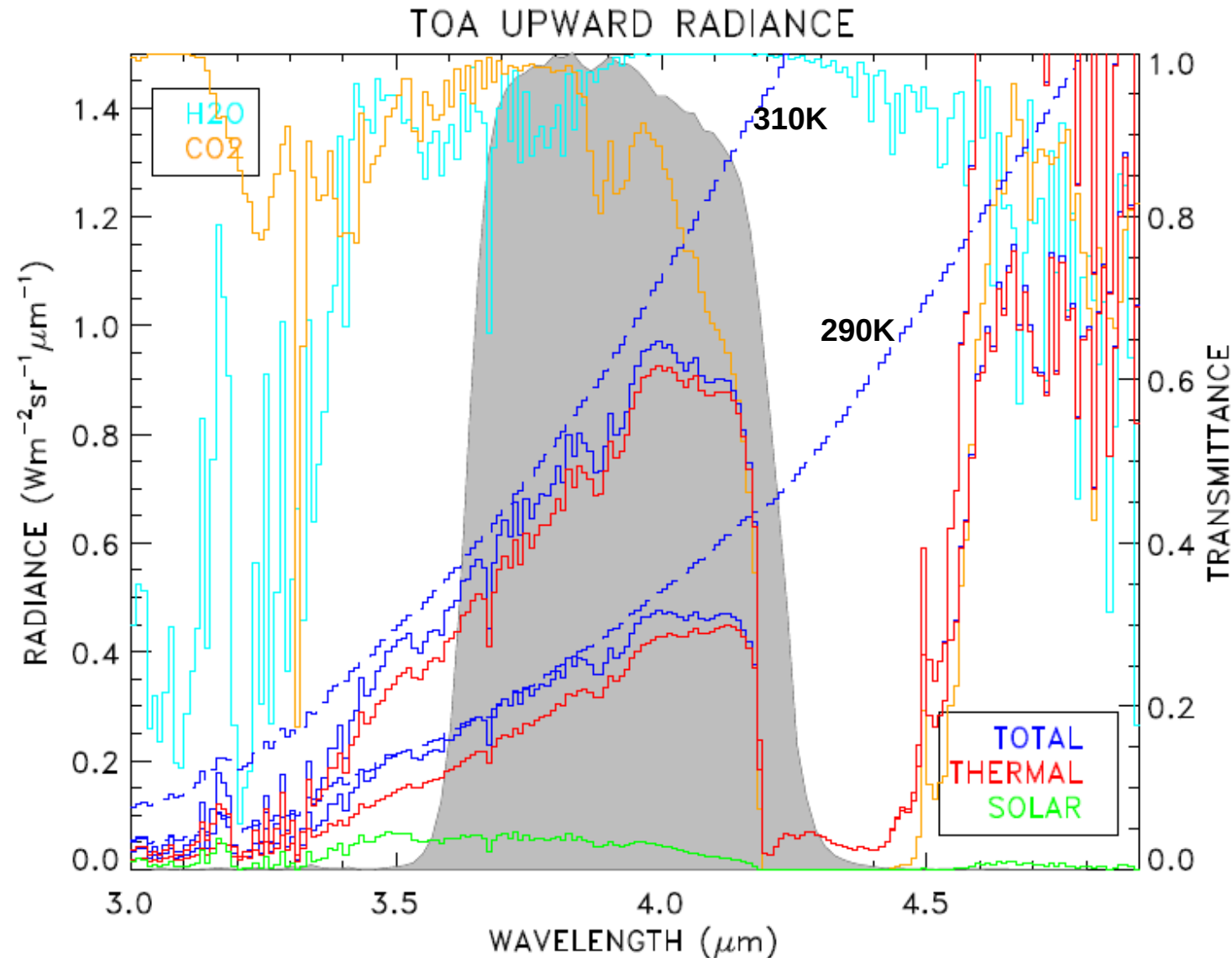
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Channel IR3.9 covers the spectrum of both solar and earth radiation

1 disadvantage: only during night we are sure IR3.9 signal is coming from the earth

1 advantage: at least during night we are sure IR3.9 signal is coming from the earth

IR3.9 – the whole picture !



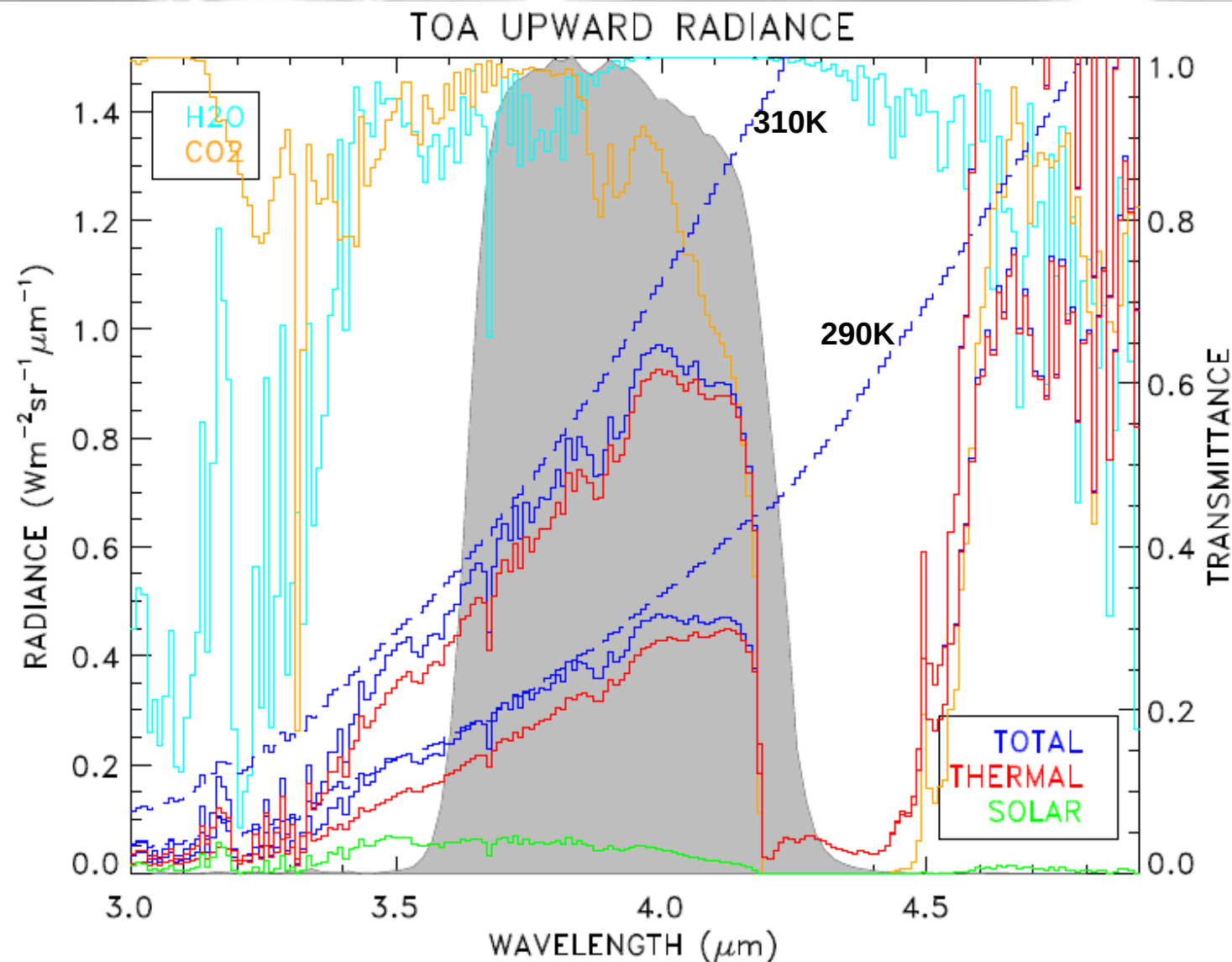
IR3.9 band in grey shade

H₂O Transmittance in Cyan

CO₂ Transmittance in Orange

Govaerts et al (2010)

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surface spectral total radiance in **dashed** blue

Top of Atmosphere spectral total radiance in **solid** blue

Thermal component in red

Solar component in green

Govaerts et al (2010)

Wien's Law

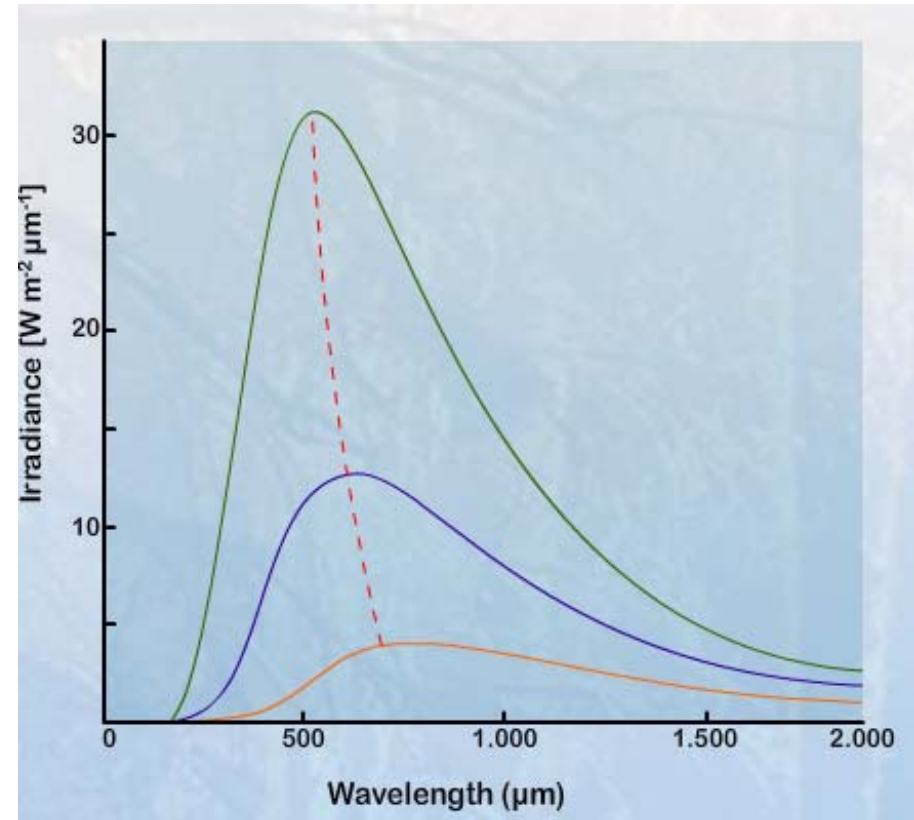
Wien's law:

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$$A = 2897 \mu\text{m K}$$

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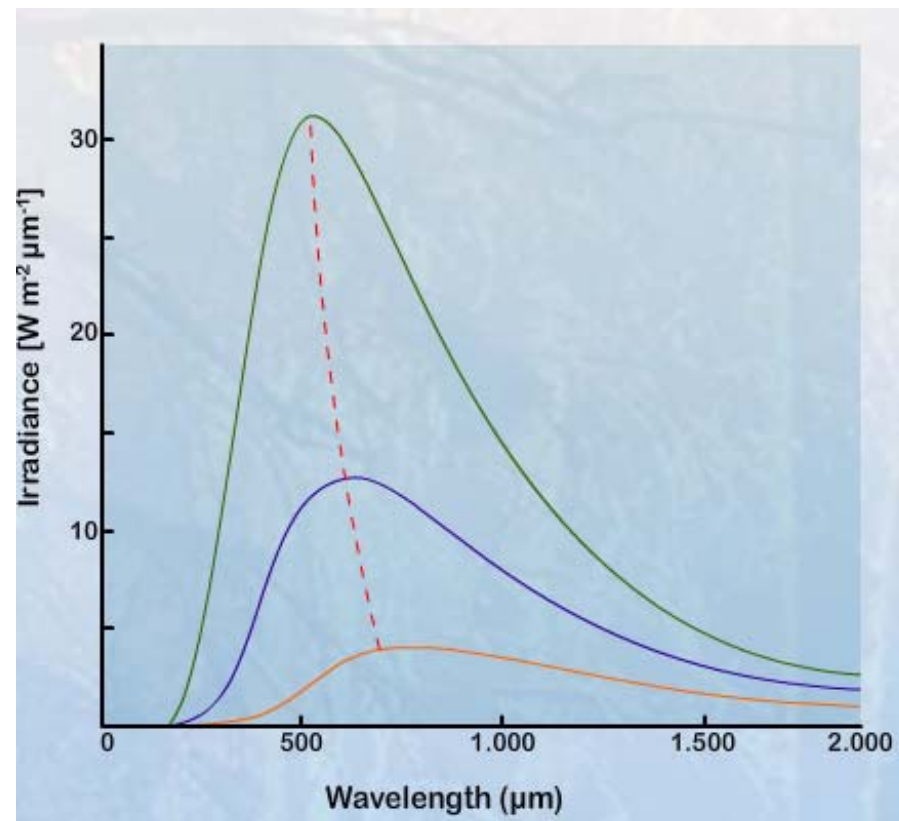
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Exercise:

Which is the color temperature (in °C) of a body that has the irradiance peak at 3.9 micra ?



2/3 minutes



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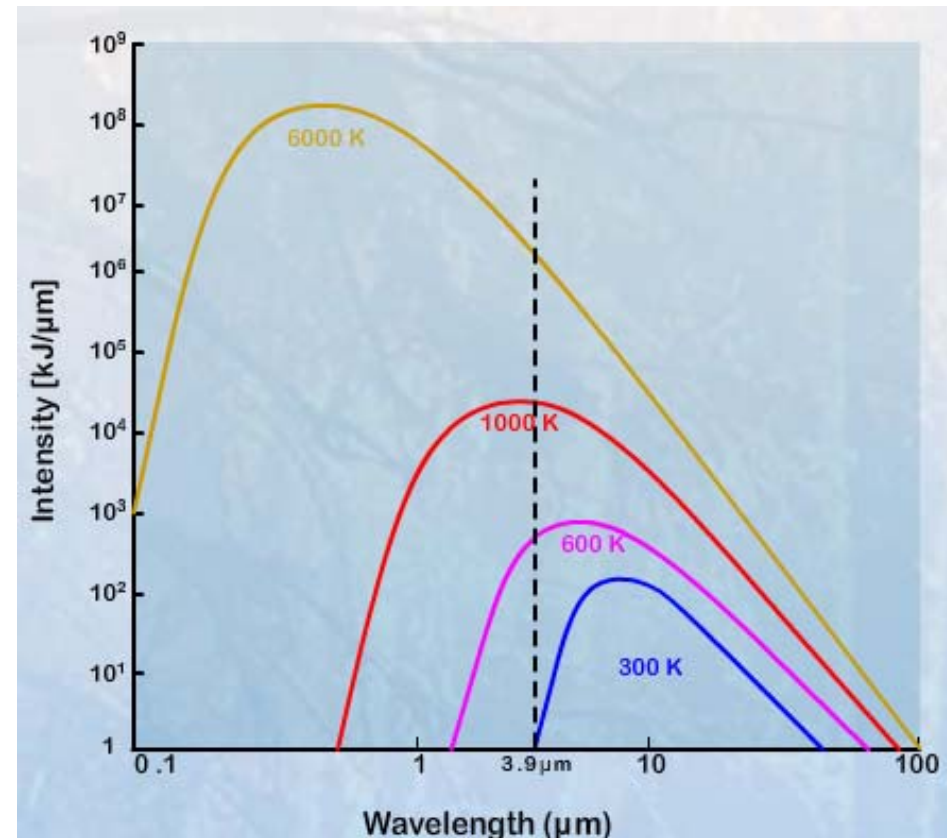
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Wien's Law & Fire temperature

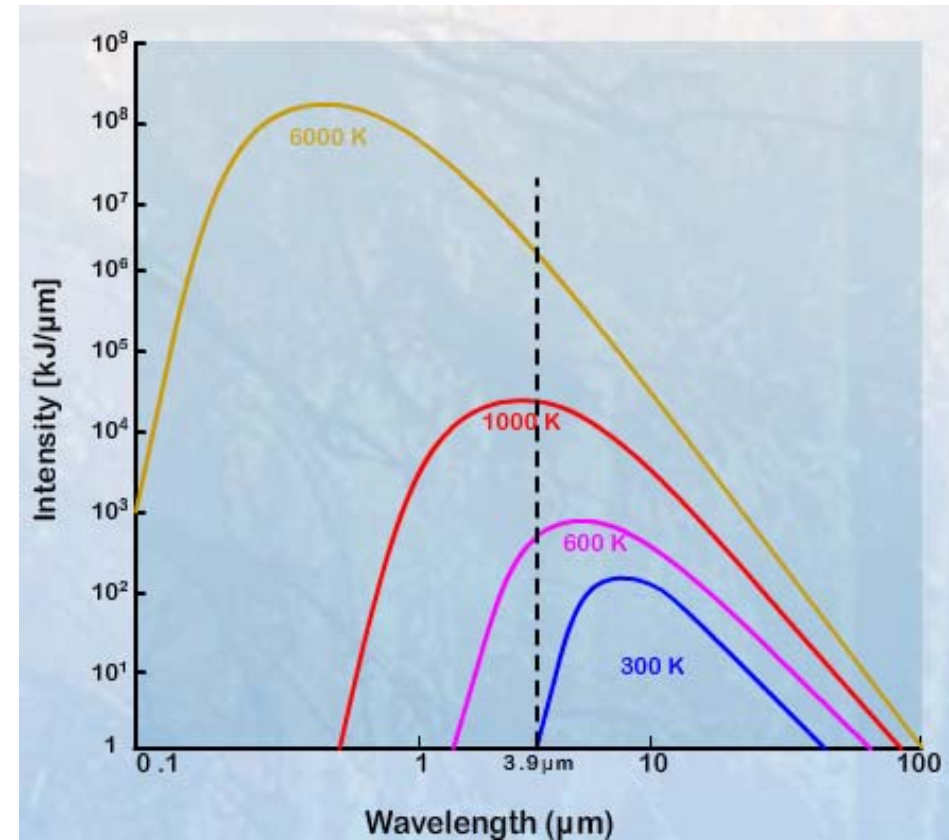
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Question:

Which can be the temperature of a fire ? Write a number in the text chat ...

Fire temperature

Forest fire flame temperatures range from 600K to 1500 K

The most expected temperature during active phases: 1000 K

IR3.9

NIR1.6

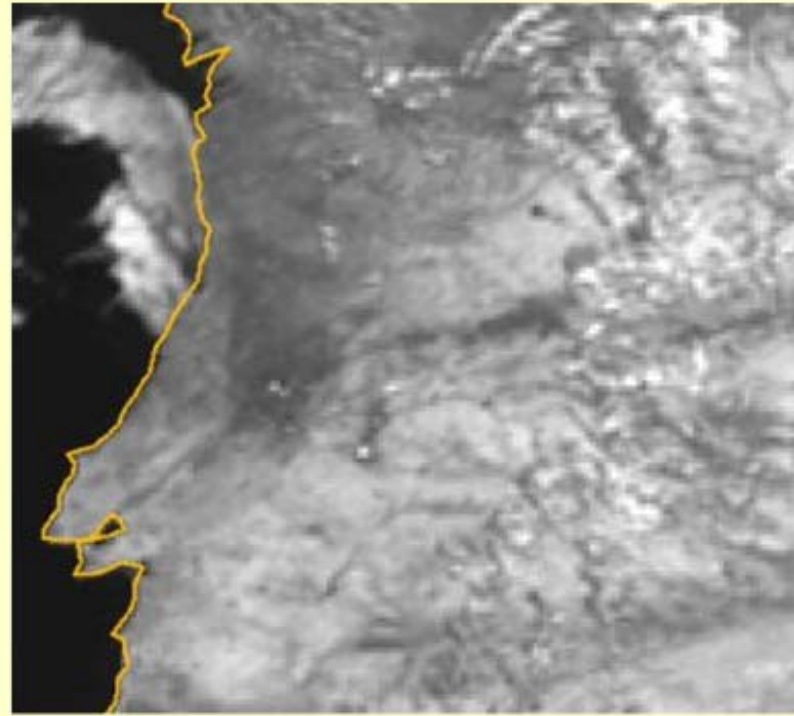
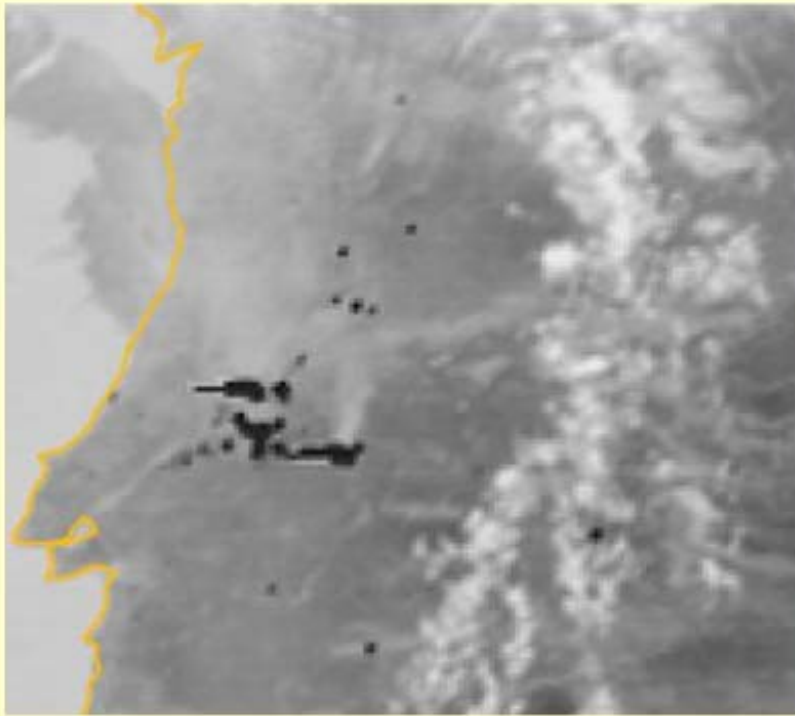


Fig 5.9 - Left image: Meteosat 8 IR3.9 - 3 August 2003 12:00 UTC (inverted grey scale - hot spots as darker pixels). Right image: Meteosat 8 NIR1.6 for the same instant (non-inverted grey scale - hot spots as white pixels). Source: MSG Interpretation guide

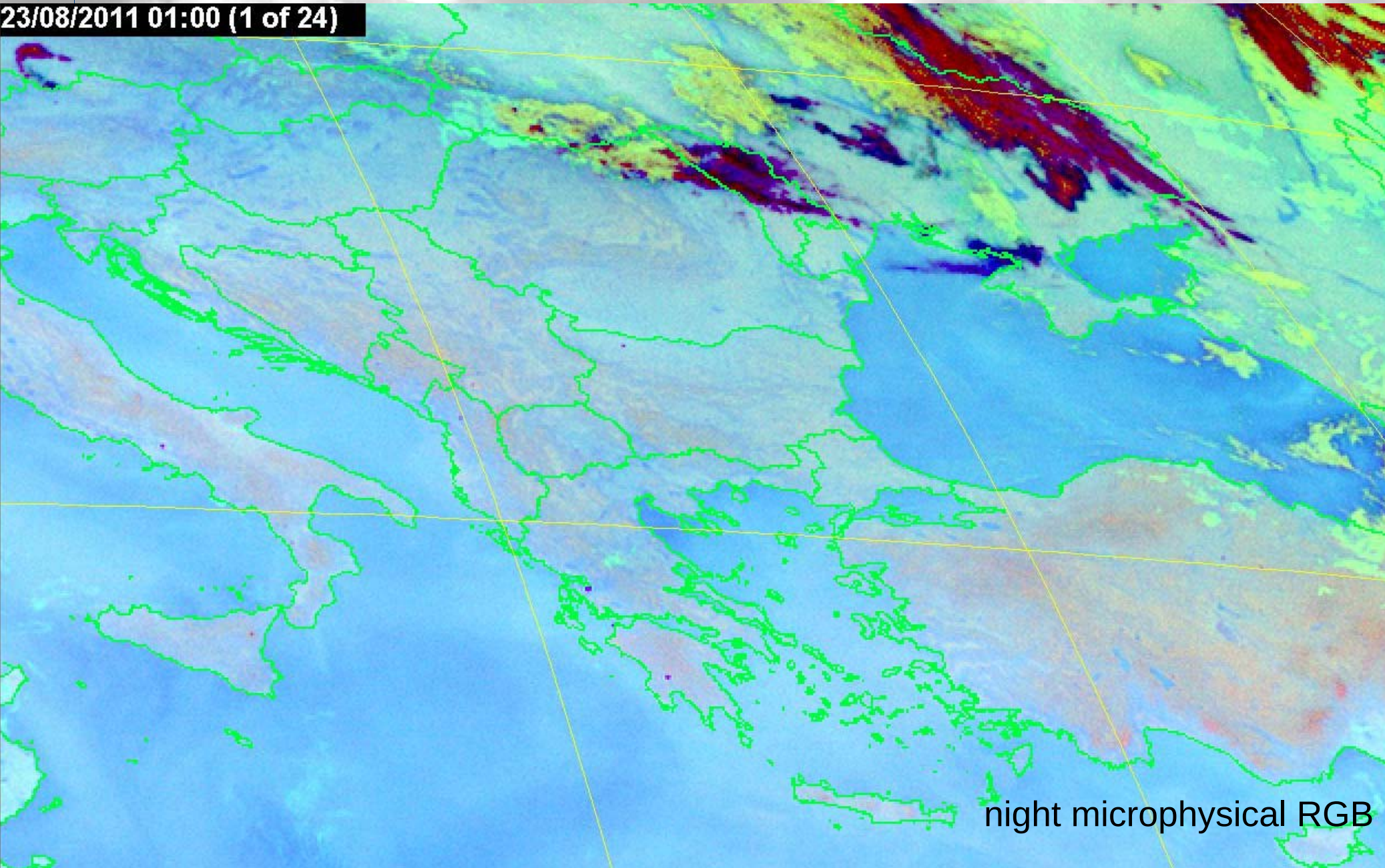
From
Wien's law:

1.6 micra
is the
wavelength
at which
a black body
at **1537 K**
has the
emission peak

>>
emited
radiation
component
of NIR1.6
<<

Where do you suspect of forest fires?

23/08/2011 01:00 (1 of 24)



night microphysical RGB



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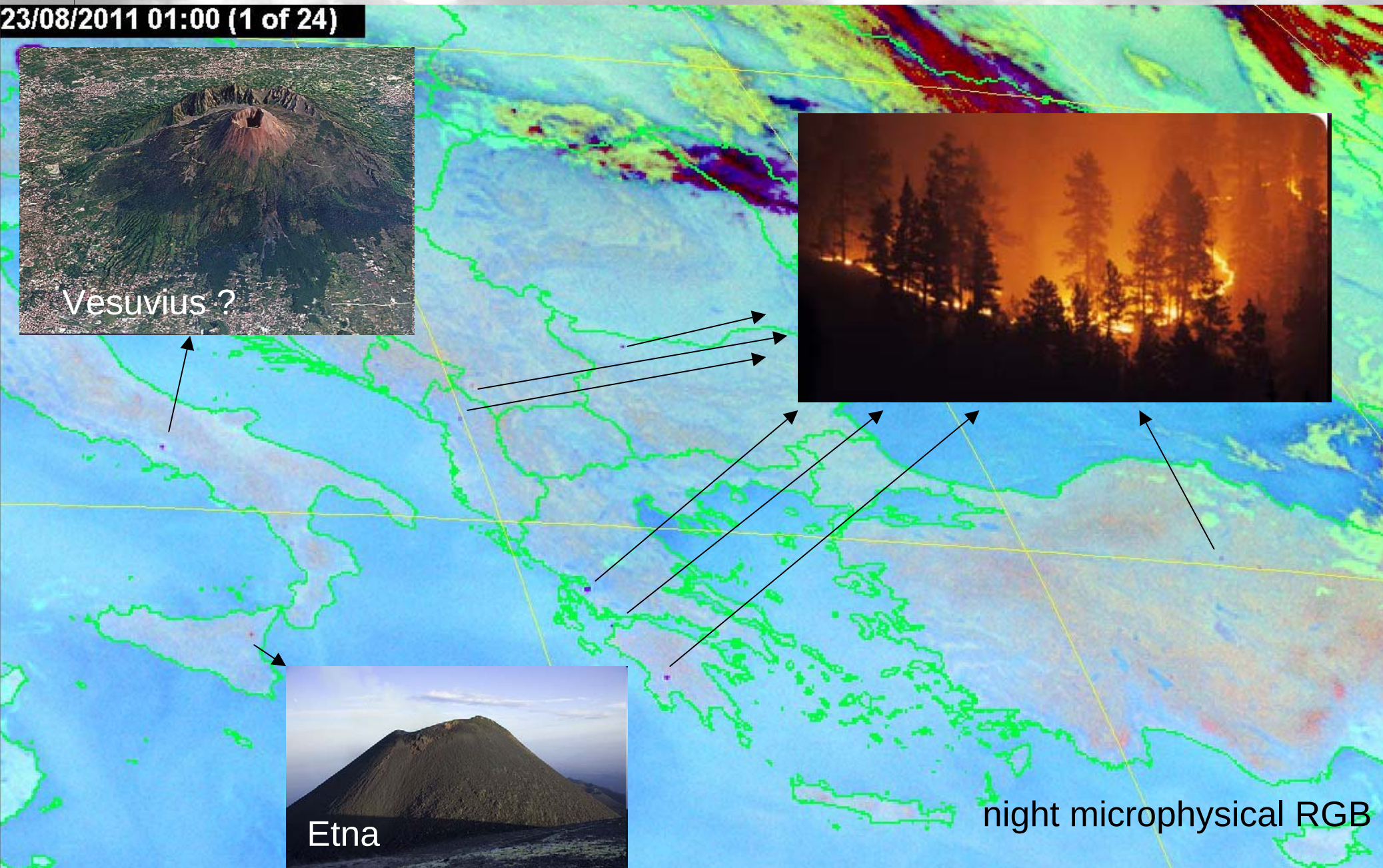
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Vesuvius ?



Etna



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Question:

And could IR10.8 alone also be used to detect fires ?

Temperature Responsivity

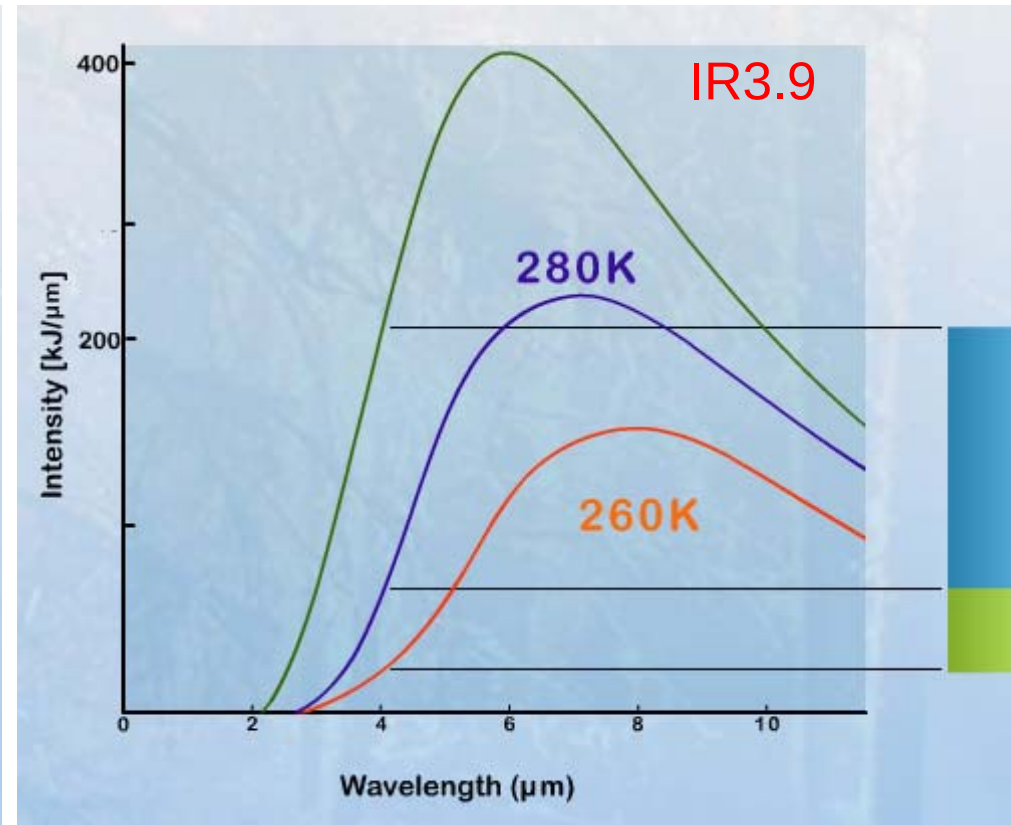
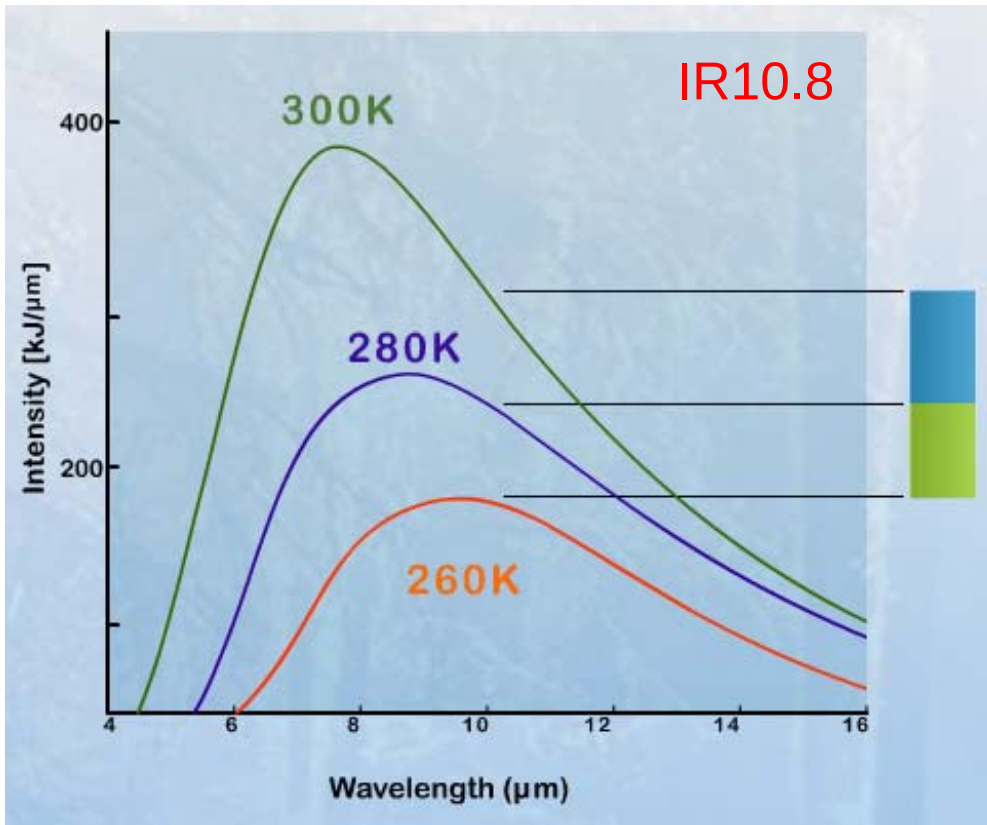
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Answer:

Not really...

Temperature Responsivity



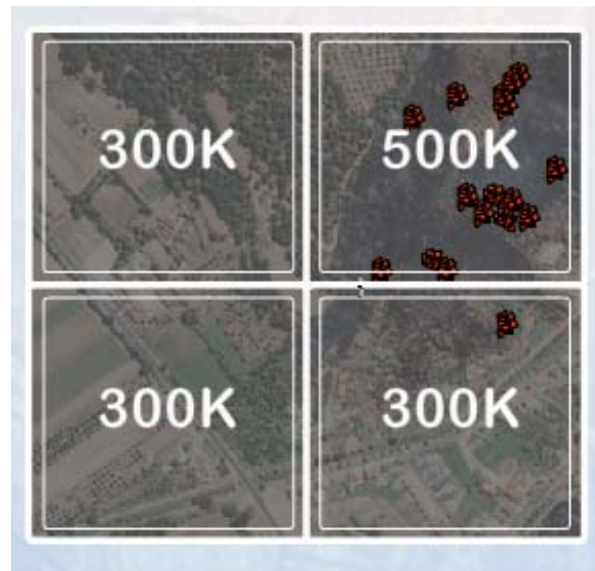
Sub-Pixel Response

"The measured radiance in a pixel is the average of individual radiances in the sub-pixels"

1 pixel



4 sub-pixels



Rayleigh-Jeans approximation:

$$B = T^{\frac{\text{constant}}{\lambda}}$$

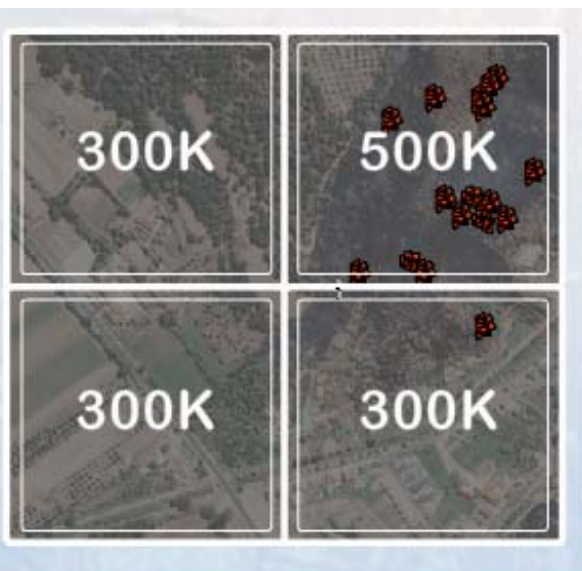
radiance

temperature

wavelength

Sub-Pixel Response

4 sub-pixels



Which will be the pixel brightness temperature in IR10.8 and IR3.9 ?

$$B = T^{\alpha/\lambda}$$

$$IR10.8 \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} = 4.8$$

$$IR3.9 \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} = 13.4$$

Averaging
radiance ✓
or
Averaging
temperatures? ✗

IR10.8

$$B = T^{4.8}$$

$$B = \frac{B1 + B2 + B3 + B4}{4}$$

$$T = B^{1/4.8}$$

$$T = 392 \text{ K}$$

IR3.9

$$B = T^{13.6}$$

$$B = \frac{B1 + B2 + B3 + B4}{4}$$

$$T = B^{1/13.6}$$

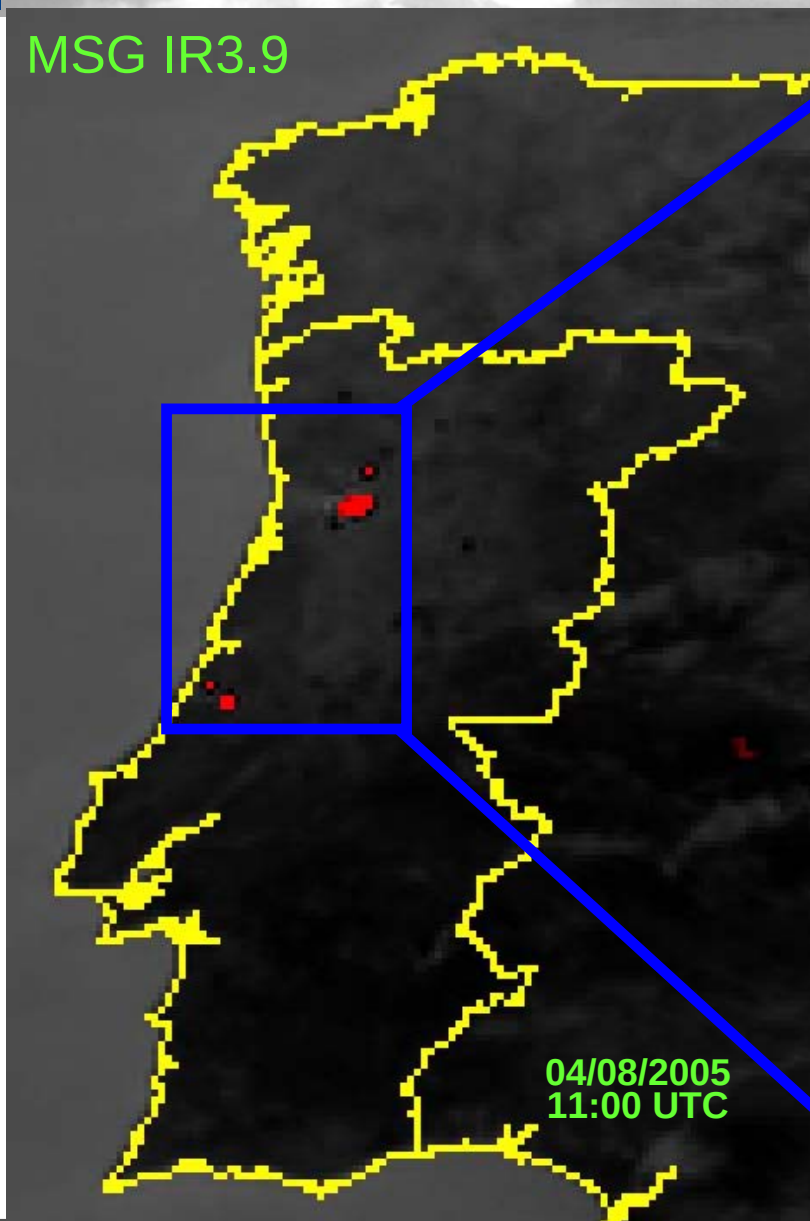
$$T = 451 \text{ K}$$



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Pixel size - Geostationary versus Polar satellites

MSG IR3.9



04/08/2005
11:00 UTC

MODIS
hot spots+True color RGB
(red polygons)



04/08/2005
day image

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov>

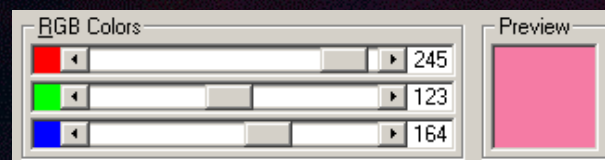
50 km



Forest fires during the day ... also with RGB's

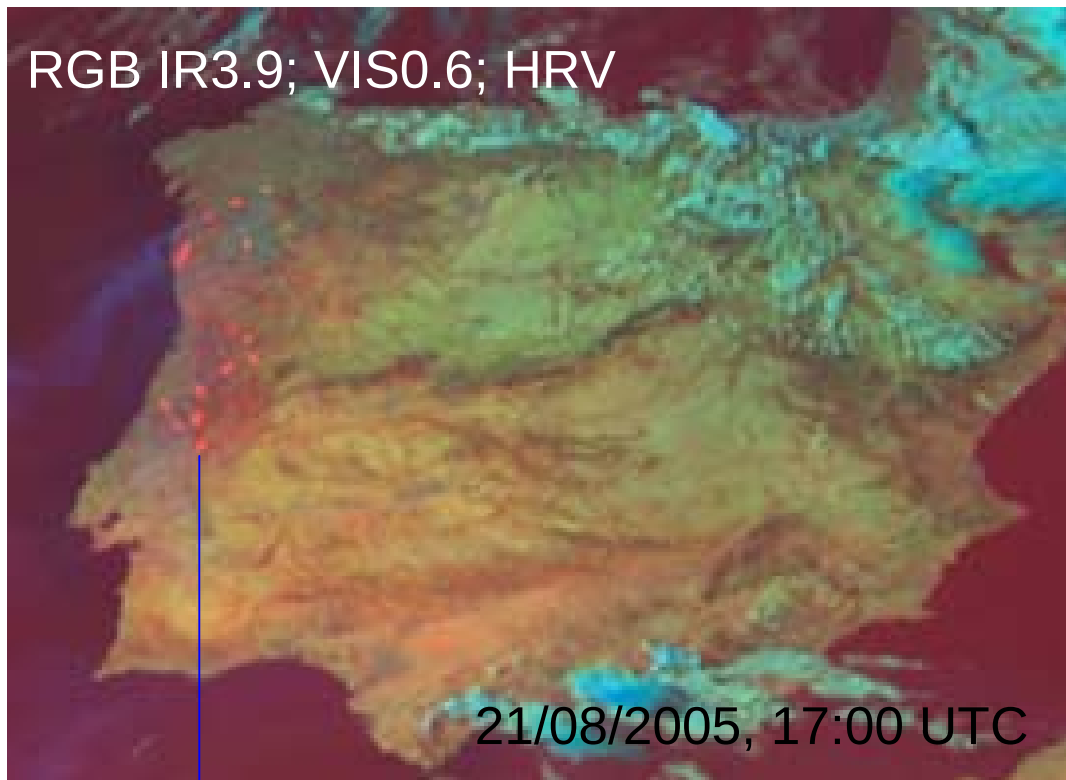
RGB IR3.9; NIR1.6; VIS0.6

25/07/2007, 12:00 UTC



pink / orange

Forest fires during the day ... also with RGB's



Forest fires all day ... with objective products



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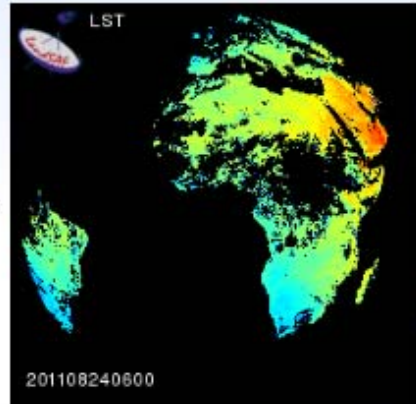
The scope of Land Surface Analysis Satellite Applications Facility (LSA SAF) is to increase benefit from EUMETSAT Satellite (MSG and EPS) data related to:

- Land
- Land-Atmosphere interaction
- Biospheric Applications

The LSA SAF performs:

- R&D Programs.
- Operational Activities

- Generation
- Archiving
- Dissemination



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[See colour legends...](#)

of land surface related products.

Latest News:

- Warning LSA SAF database maintenance [see more...](#)
- Important VCS intervention [see more...](#)
- Important LSA SAF outage [see more...](#)
- Important IM Archive system maintenance. [see more...](#)
- Important IM Archive system maintenance. [see more...](#)
- Information LSA SAF Outage [see more...](#)

Caption

Internal Develop. Demo. Pre-Operat. Operat.

Product Development Status:

MSG/SEVIRI based products

Wild Fires

- Fire Radiative Power - PIXEL
- Fire Radiative Power - GRID
- Fire Risk Map
- Fire Detection and Monitoring

Vegetation Parameters

- Fraction of Vegetation Cover
- Leaf Area Index
- Fraction of Absorbed Photosynthetic Active Radiation

Snow Cover

- Snow Cover (daily)
- Snow Cover (15 mins)

Other

- Bi-Directional Reflectance Factor
- Land Surface Emissivity

Albedo

- Surface Albedo

Land Surface Temperature

- Land Surface Temperature (15 mins)

Down-welling Surface Fluxes

- Down-welling Surface Short-wave Radiation Flux
- Down-welling Surface Long-wave Radiation Flux
- Daily Downward Surface Shortwave Flux
- Daily Downward Surface Longwave Flux

Evapotranspiration

- Evapotranspiration (30 mins)
- Daily Evapotranspiration

MetOp/AVHRR based products

- Land Surface Temperature
- EPS - Land Surface Temperature

Down-welling Surface Fluxes

- Down-welling Surface Long-wave Radiation Flux

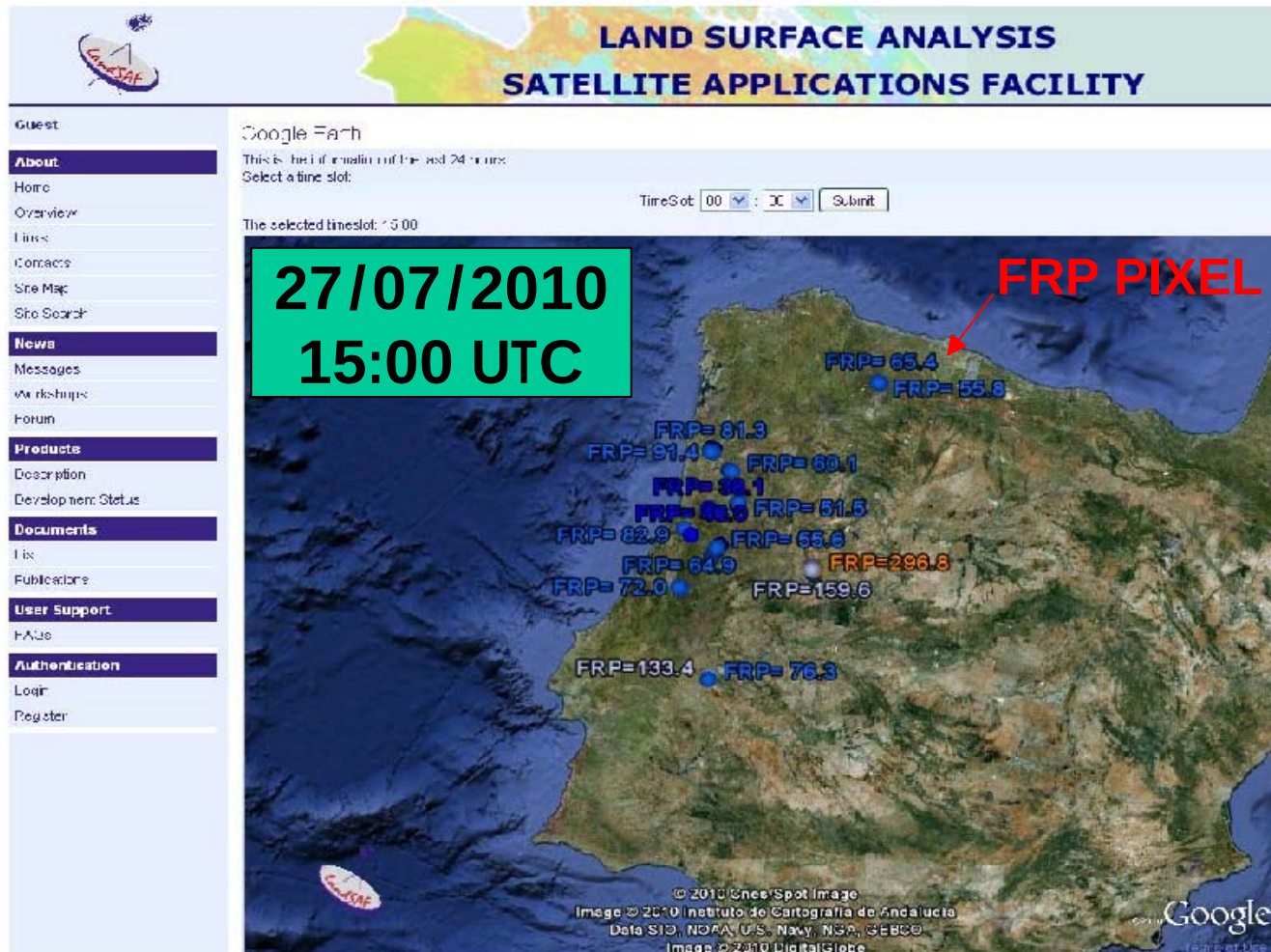
3 main types
of fire
products

1 product in 2
modes
(pixel/grid)

2 products
already
operational

2 products
pre-
operational

LandSAF - Fire Radiative Power - Pixel (MegaWatt)



FRP:
Amount of
radiant energy
liberated
per unit time
during a
vegetation fire.

FRP is related to the
rate at which the
fuel biomass is
being consumed
(Wooster et al.,
2005).

FRP GRID : hourly averaged FRP measure for each 5.0° grid cell
(level 3 product still pre-operational)

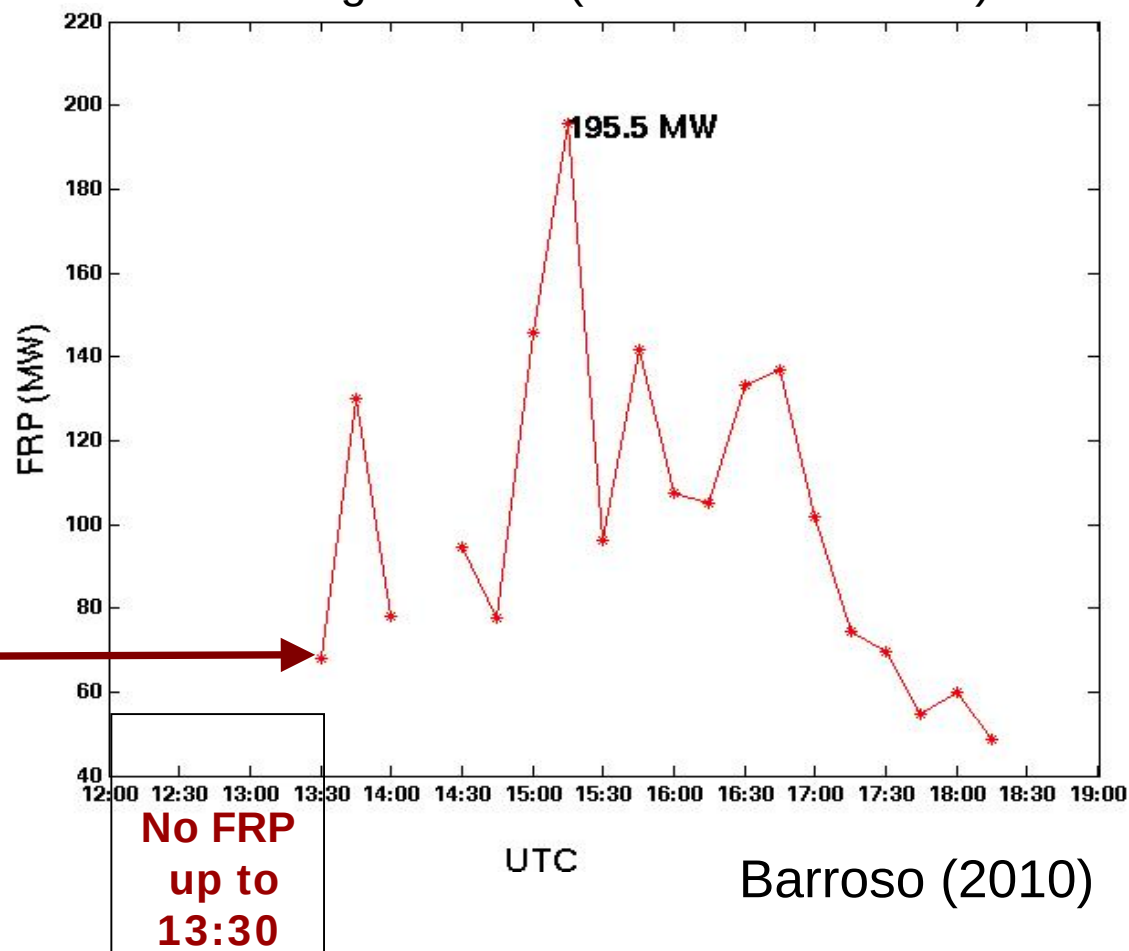
LandSAF - Fire Radiative Power - Pixel (MegaWatt)

- Fire in a tire factory
- The warning given at 13:26 UTC;

At the 13:30 UTC slot, ~70MW of measured radiant energy output from the fire!



Temporal evolution of FRP(MW)
16 August 2010 (12:00– 19:00 UTC)





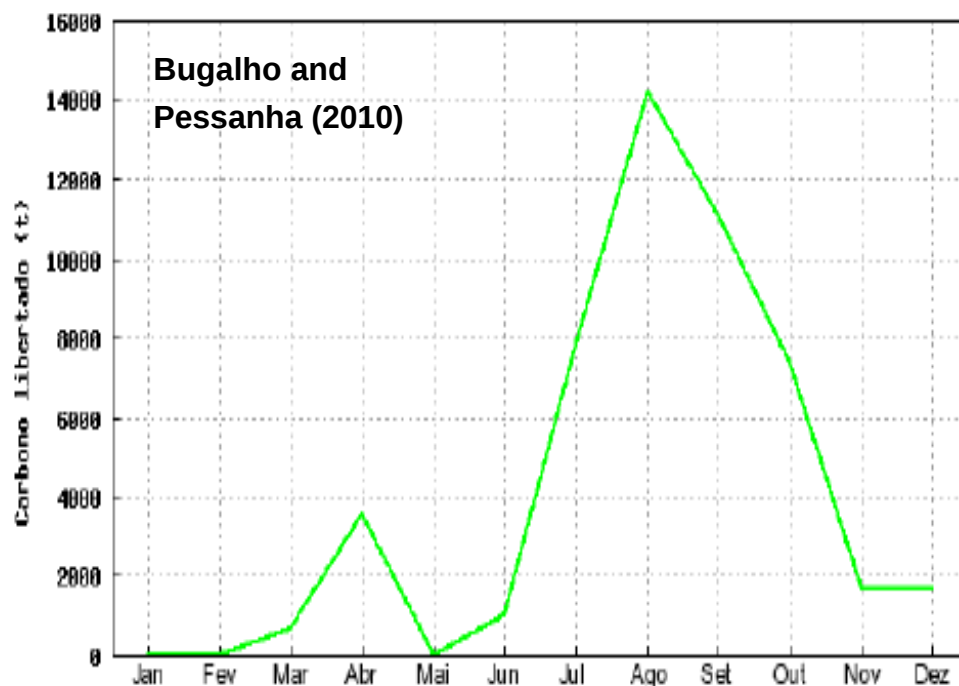
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LandSAF - Fire Radiative Power - Pixel (MegaWatt)

FRP can be used to obtain other estimates in near-real time:

- **Fire Radiative Energy <> Total Fuel Mass Combusted for the lifetime of a fire**
- **Emission of trace gases species (example below for Carbon emission in tons)**

Valores mensais de Carbono Libertado na atmosfera em 2008

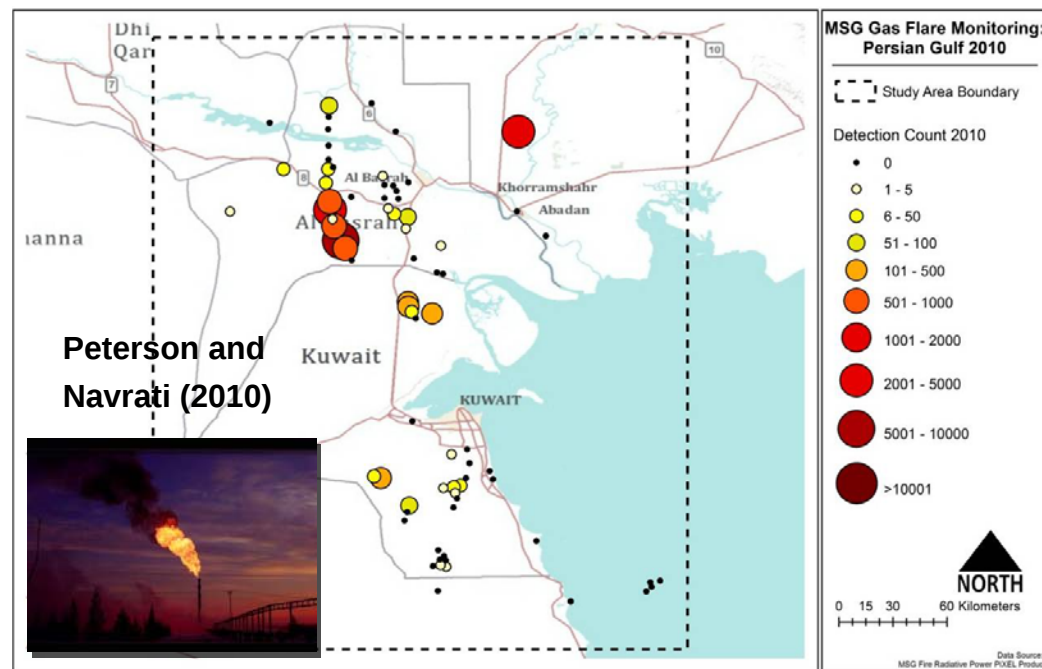
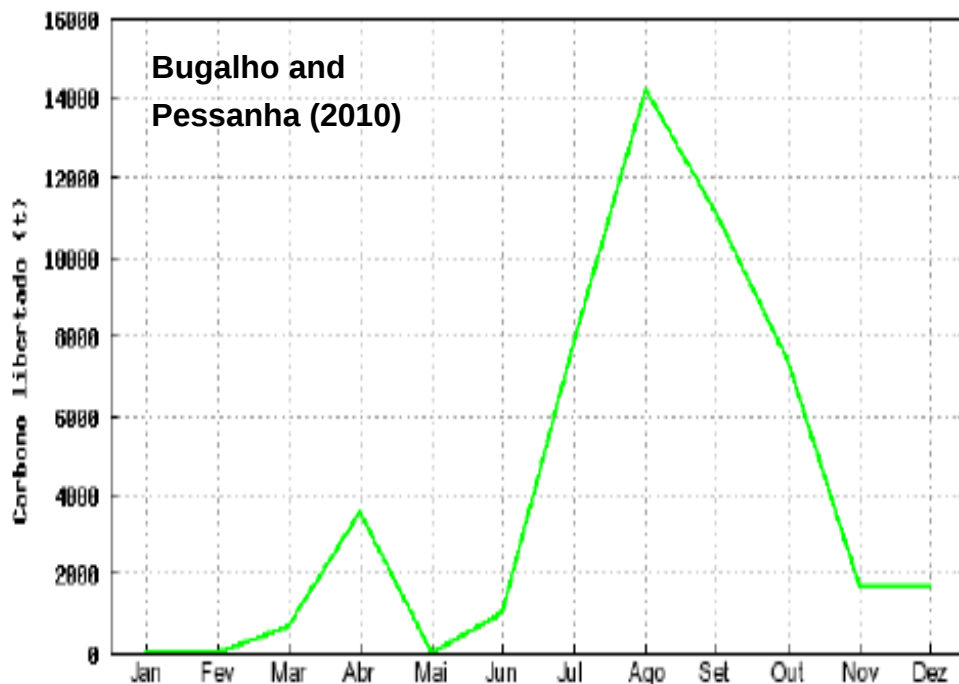


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- **Monitoring of gas flares**

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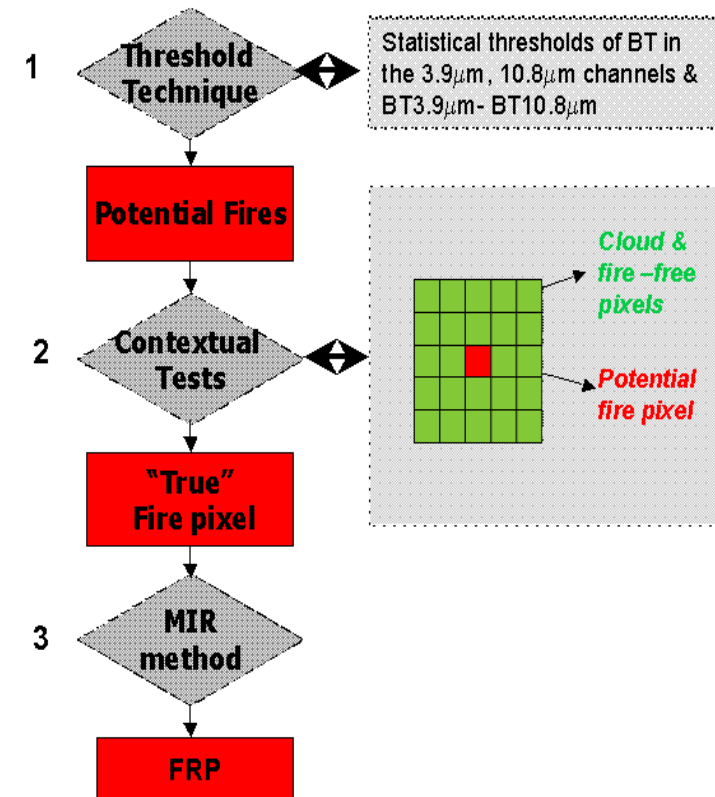
FRP is calculated for pixels of potential fire

Potential Fire detection based on following criteria:

- BT (IR3.9) > dynamic threshold (space&time dependant)
- BTD (IR3.9-IR10.8) > dynamic threshold (space&time dependant)
- Exclusion of sun-glint pixels

Fire Detection & Monitoring (FDM):

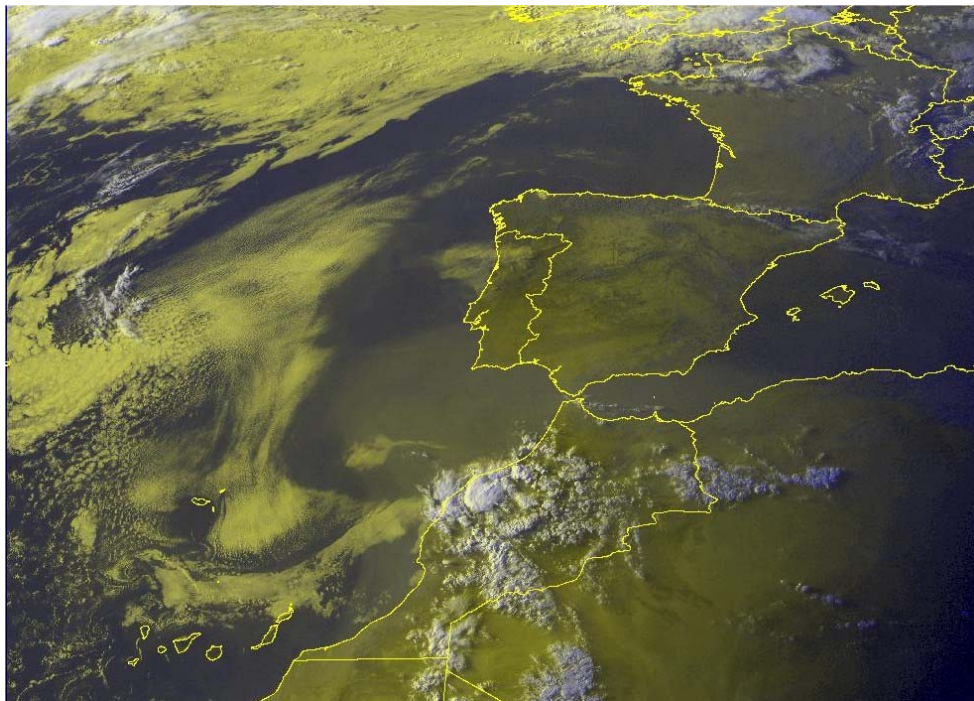
- Still pre-operational
- Finer detection of hot-spots



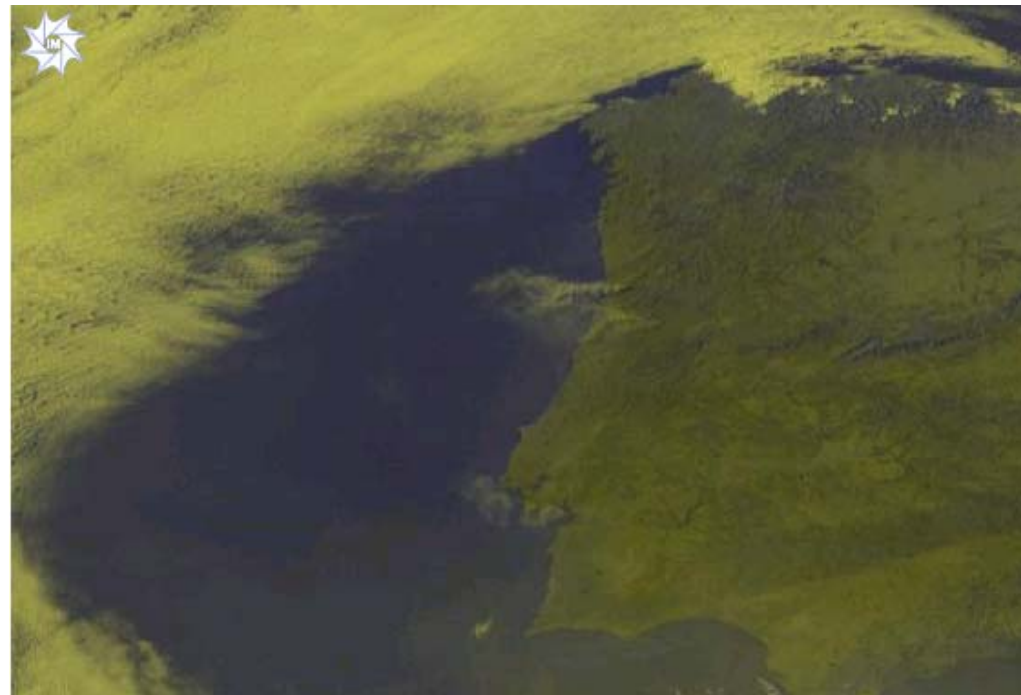
Forest Fires Aerosol Detection

Fire smoke in High Resolution Visible RGB

04/08/2005 – 17 UTC



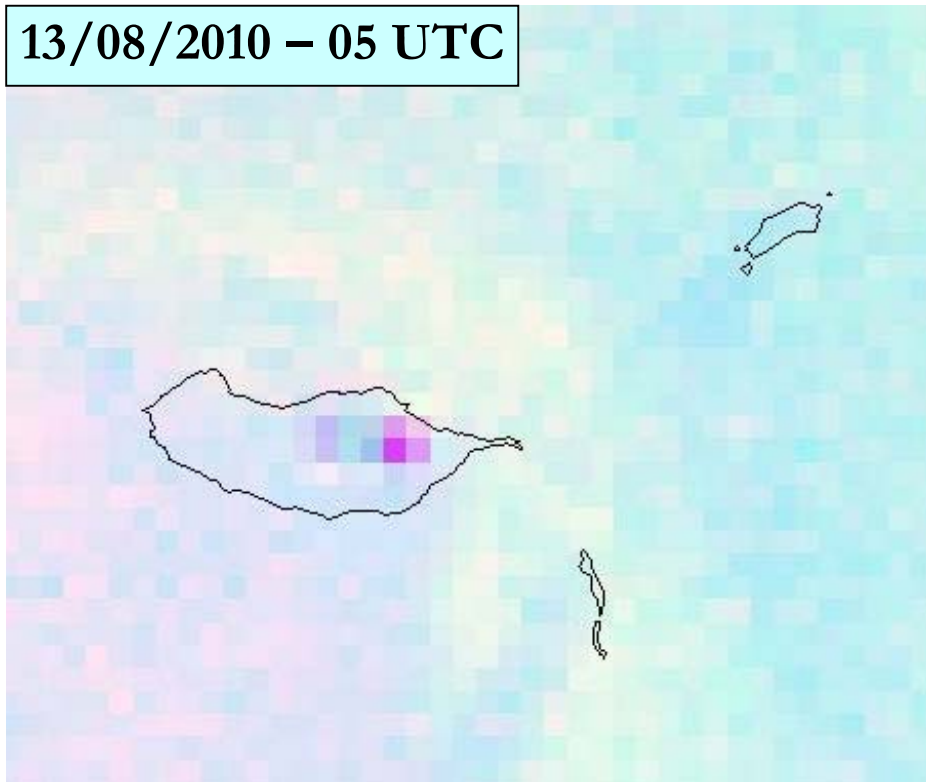
26/07/2010 – 18 UTC



Colour	Ch (micra)	Range (K)	Contrast (gama)
R	HRV	0 ... 100	1.7
G	HRV	0 ... 100	1.7
B	10.8 (inverted)	+203 ... +323	1.0

Night Fire RGB [$\sim$ Night Microphysical RGB]

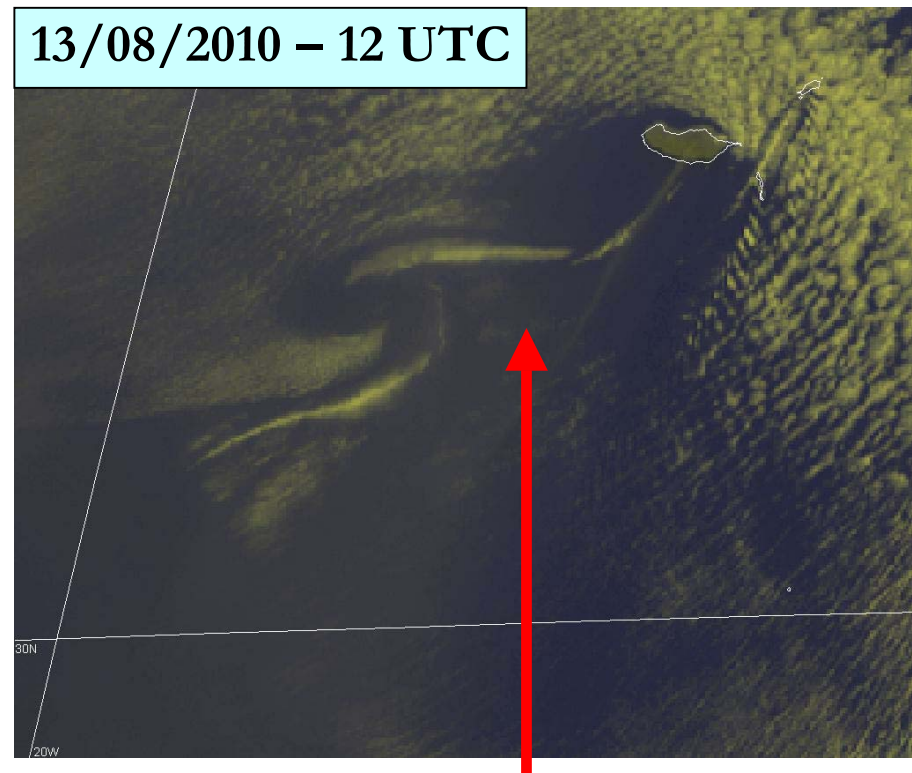
13/08/2010 – 05 UTC



Colour	Ch (micra)	Range (K)	Contrast (gama)
R	12.0-10.8	-4 ... 0	1.0
G	10.8-3.9	-15 ... +6	2.0
B	10.8	+223 ... +293	1.0

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13/08/2010 – 12 UTC



smoke and
Von Karman vortices clouds

Fire smoke in MODIS True color RGB

MODIS (AQUA), 28 Jul 2011, Eastern Russia

Sea of Okhotsk

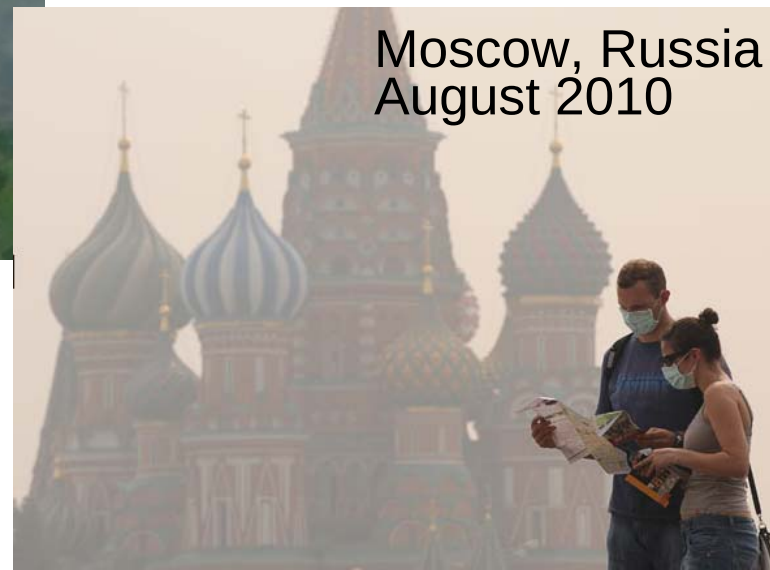


hot spots
in red

exercise:

where do you think
there is **NO** smoke?

Moscow, Russia
August 2010



Fire smoke in MODIS True color RGB

MODIS 19 Aug 2010, western Canada



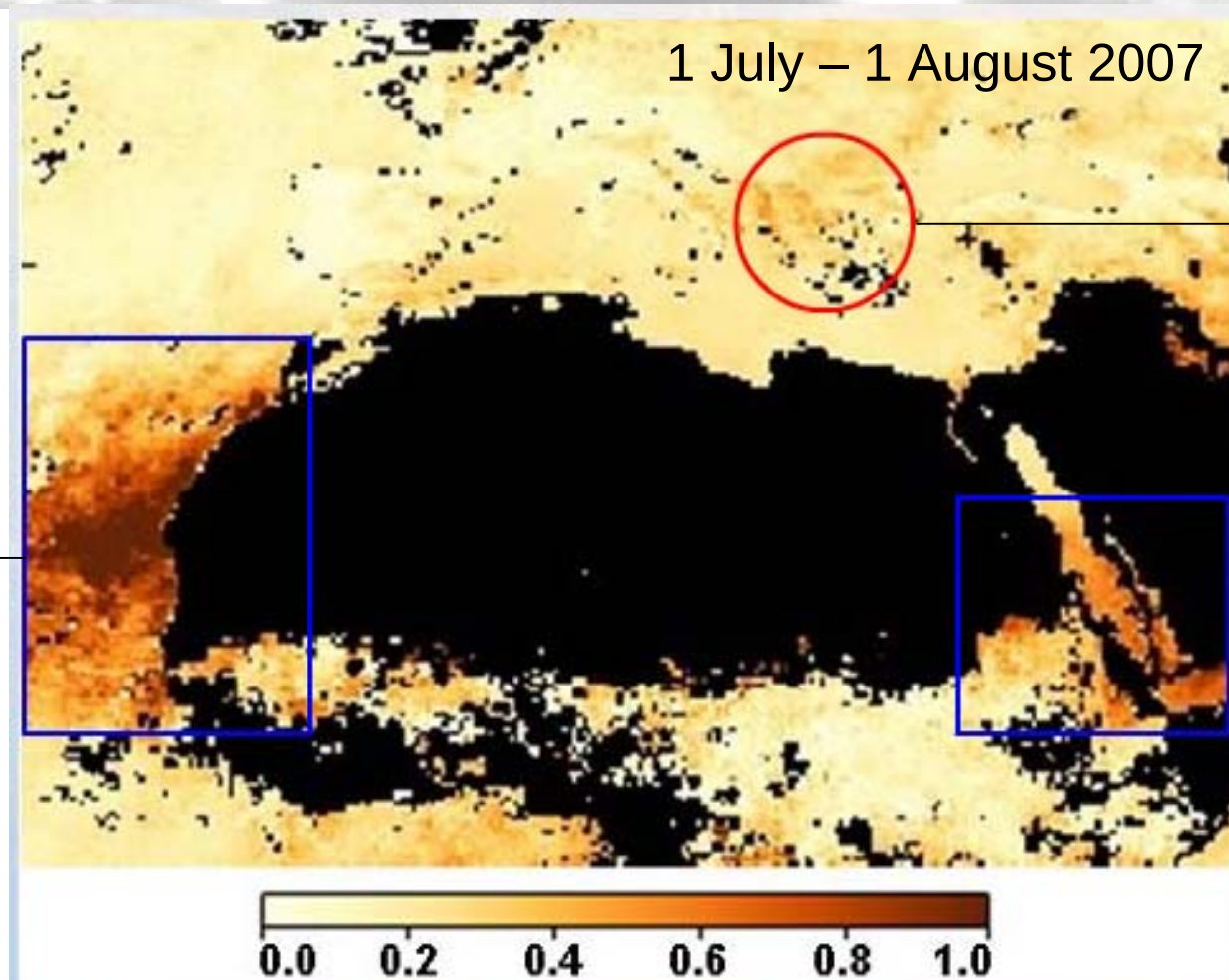
Figure 2. MODIS image of western Canada and northwestern US, August 19th, 2010. Image courtesy NOAA and Steve Taylor, Canadian Forest Service.



Figure 10. Visibility is reduced to several blocks in downtown Edmonton on the afternoon of August 19, 2010. Photo courtesy Alberta Environment.

The Canadian Smoke Newsletter, 2011

MODIS Aerosol Optical Thickness



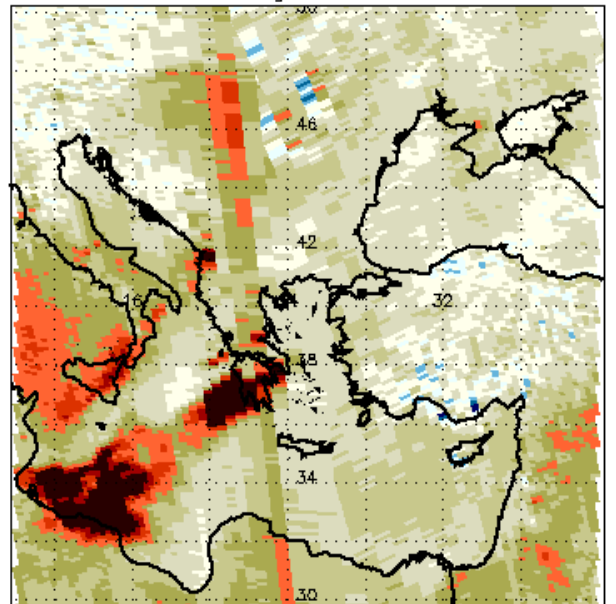
Aerossol Optical Thickness obtained from:

7 channels between 0.47 and 2.13 micra (over ocean)

3 channels - 0.47, 0.66 and 2.13 micra (over land)

Other ways of detecting forest fire aerosols

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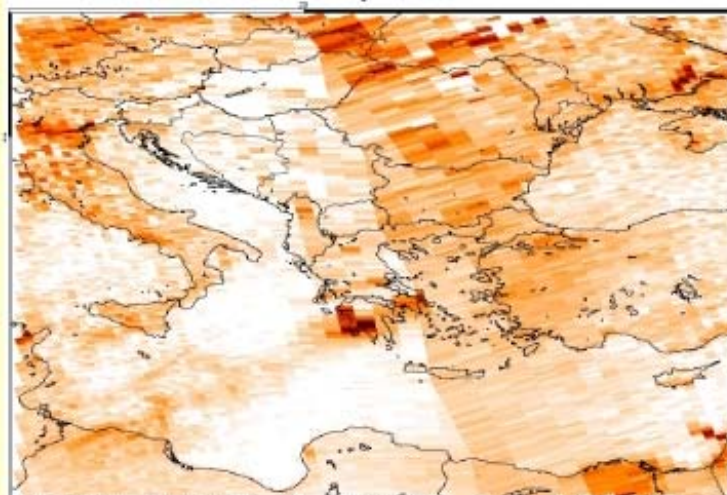
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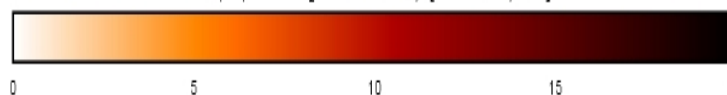
Tropospheric NO₂ column density
Ozone Monitoring Instrument
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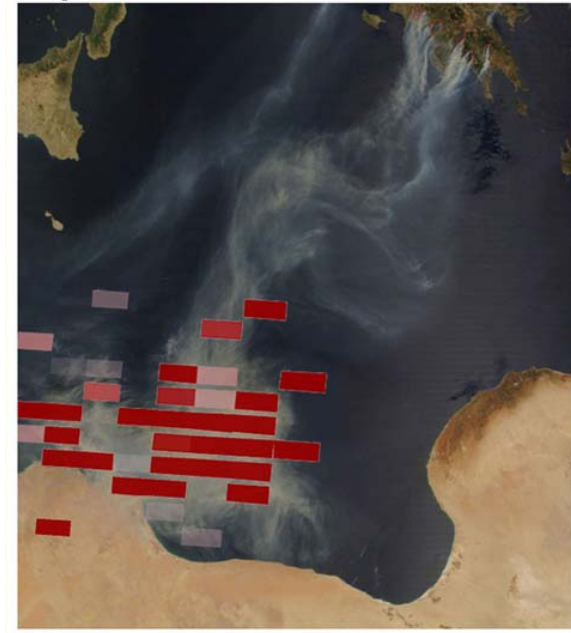
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Tropospheric NO₂ column density [10^{15} molec/cm²]



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SCIAMACHY HCHO VCD [$\times 10^{15}$ molec/cm²]

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Formaldehyde Concentration
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Aerossol Index

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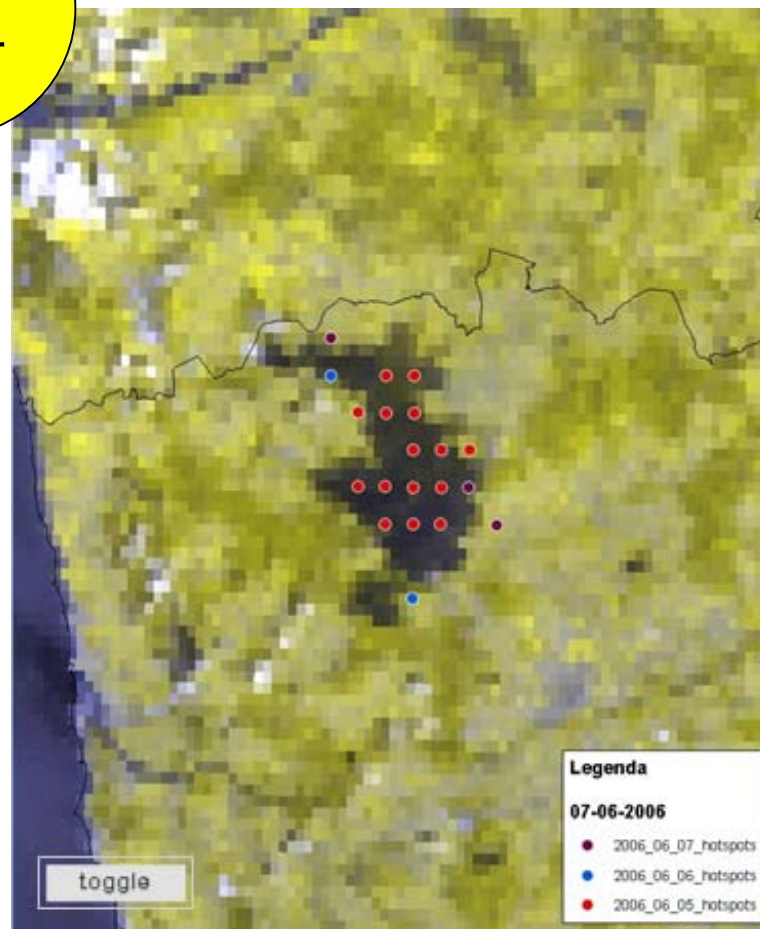
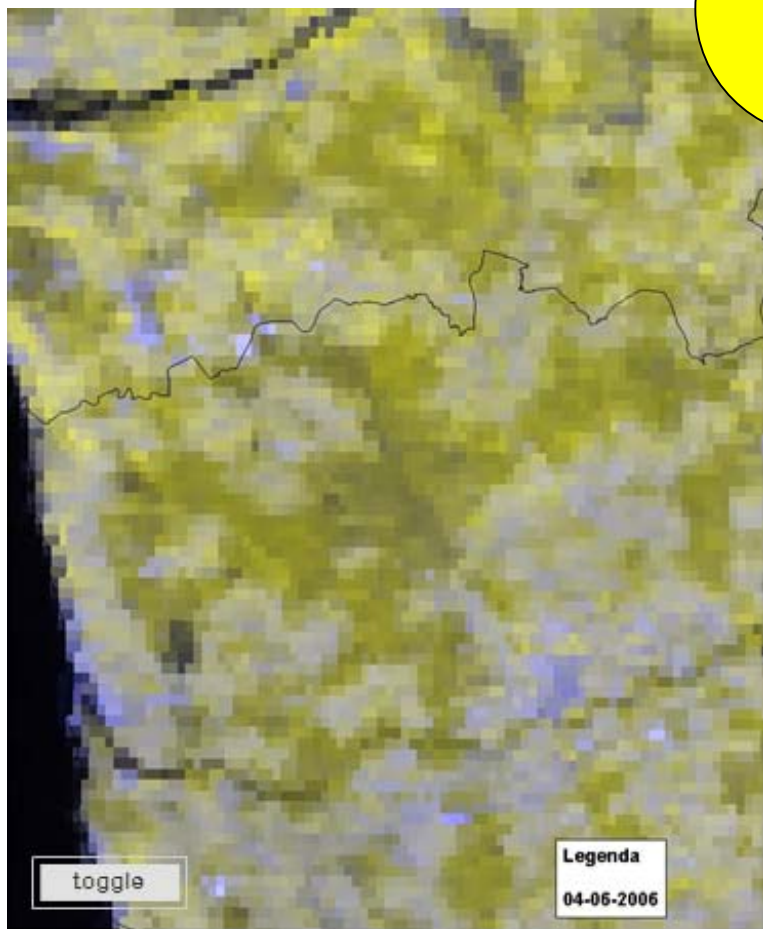
Burnt Areas

Burnt areas ... the after math ...

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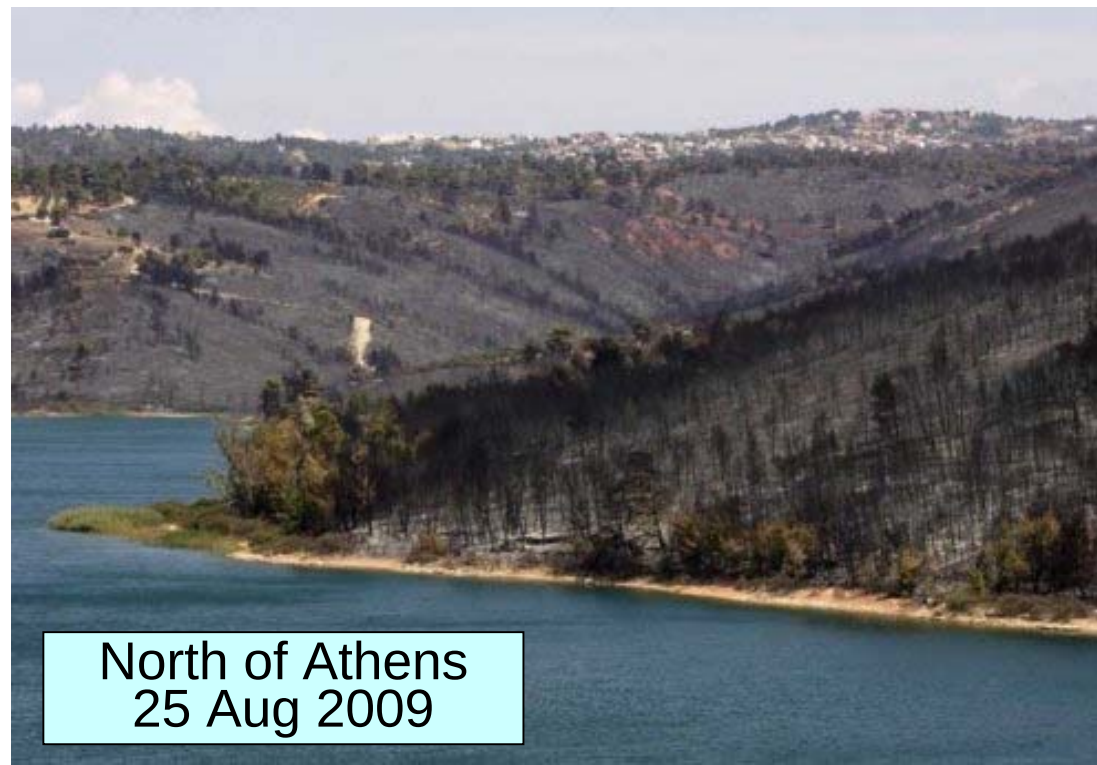
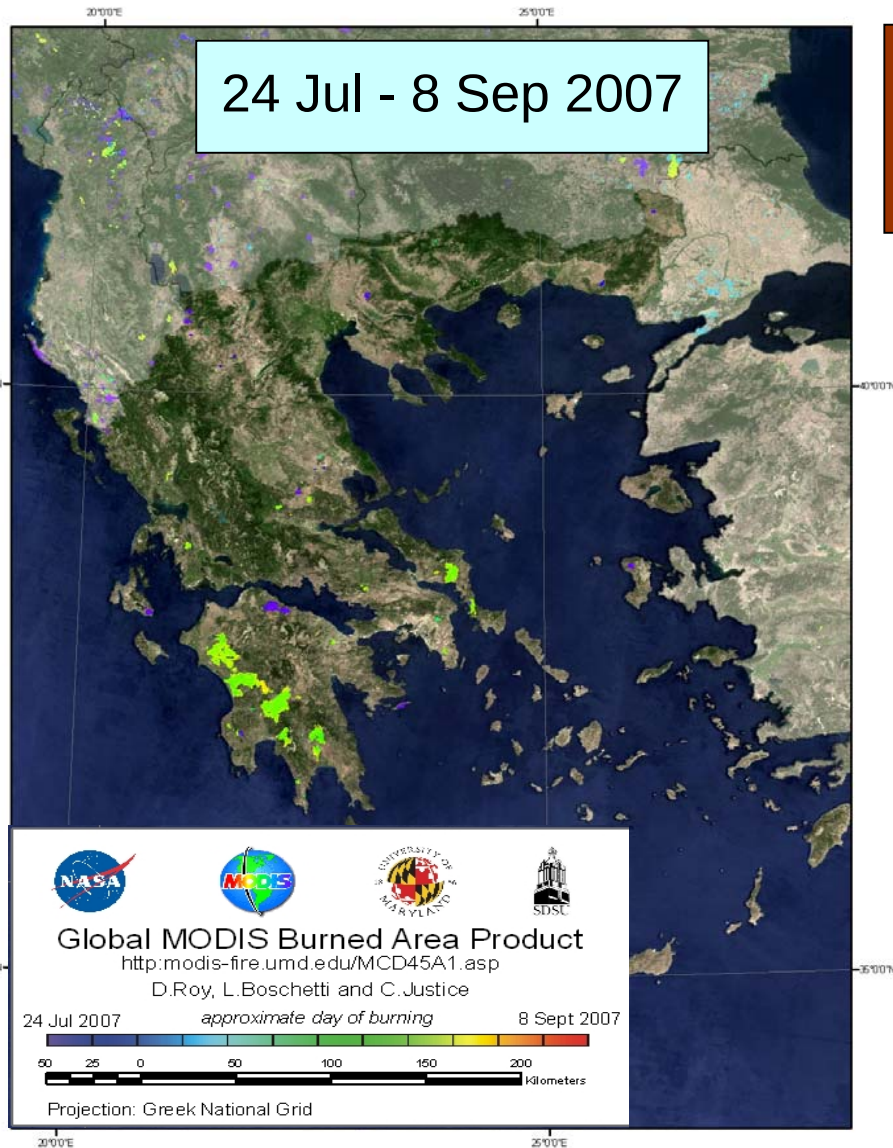
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Burnt area product



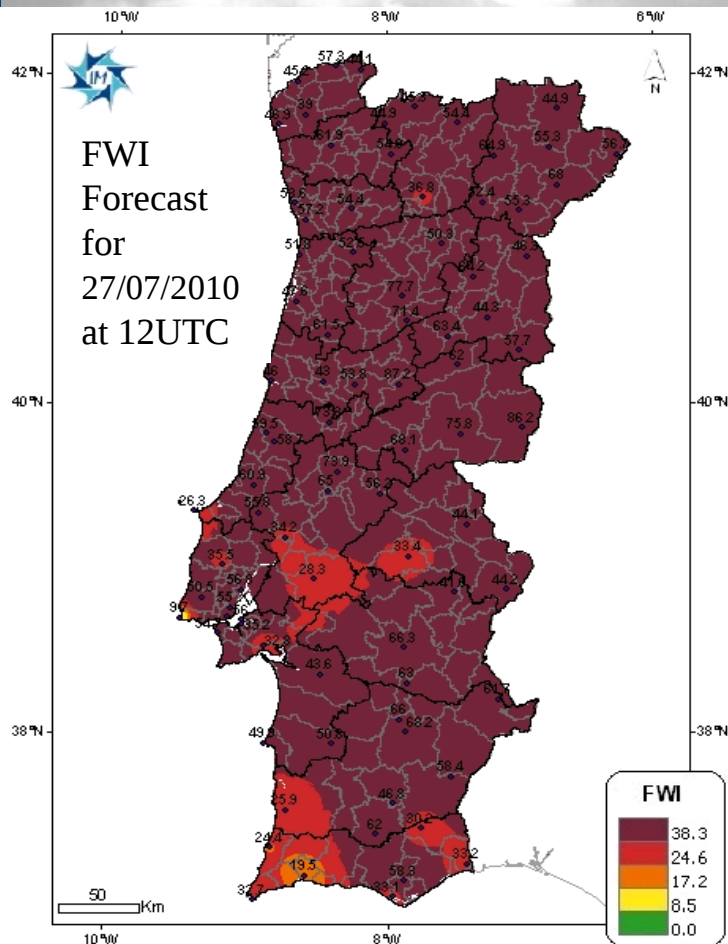
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Fire Risk

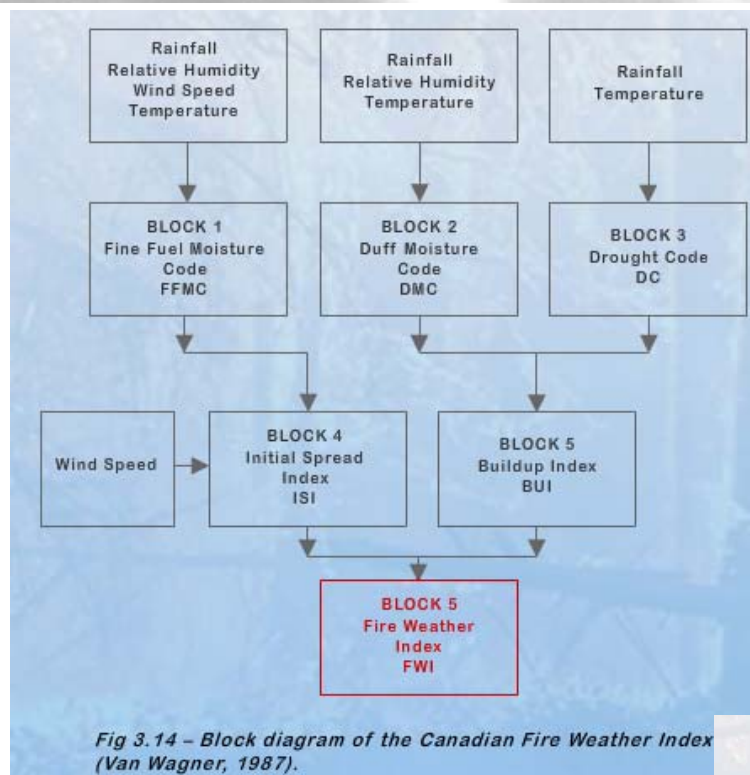


Fire Weather Index – AWS Observation & Model Forecast

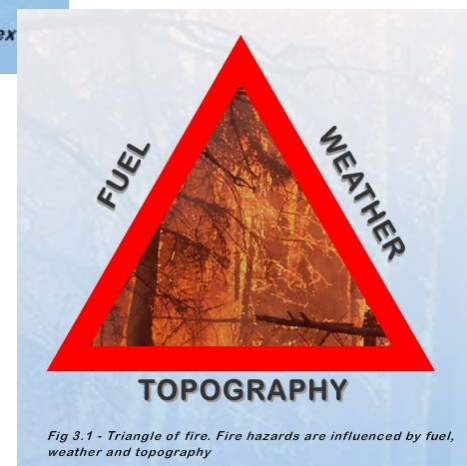
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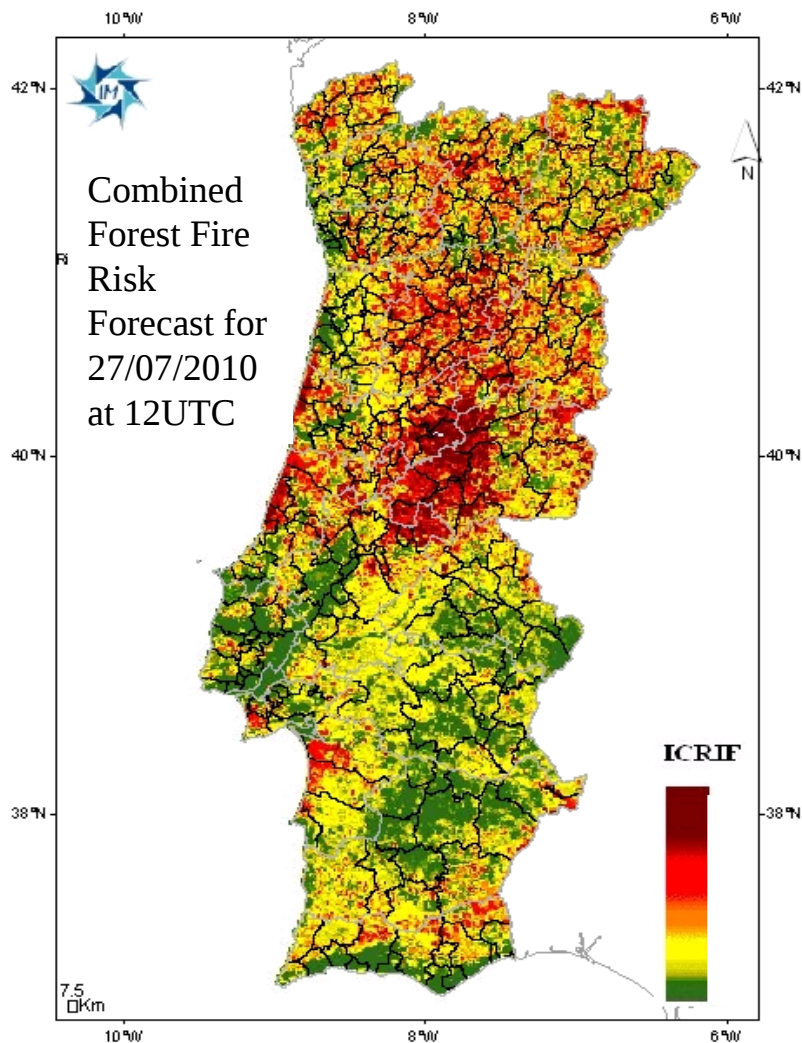
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- 24h and 48h **forecasts from Aladin model**
- 12 UTC run



<http://www.zamg.ac.at/eumetrain/>



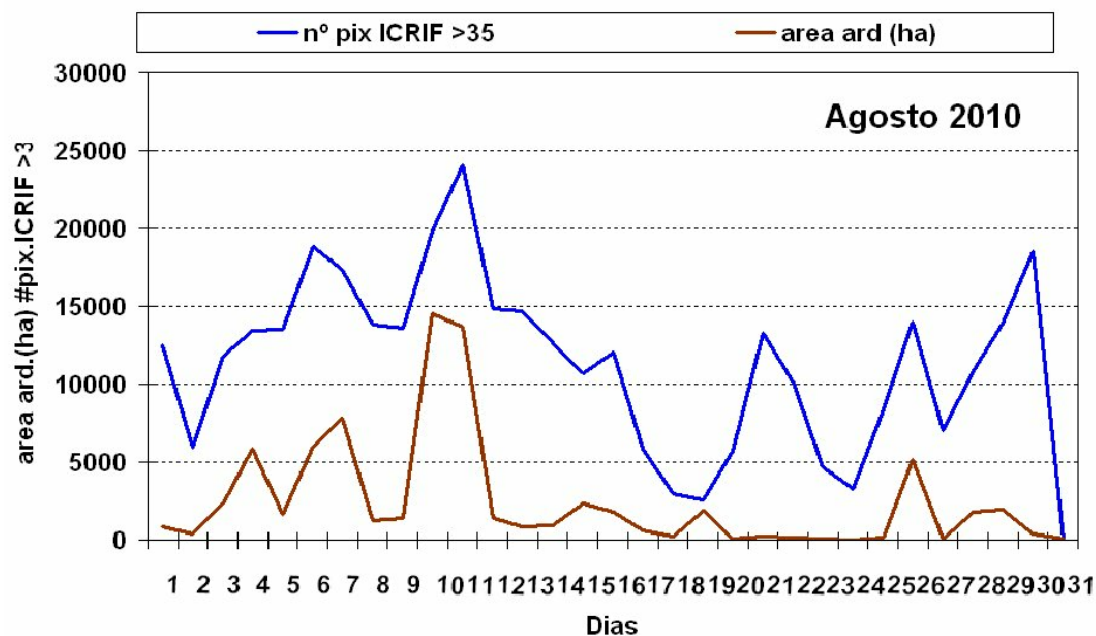
Combined Forest Fire Risk (ICRIF)



Combined Forest Fire Risk (ICRIF):

FWI + Land Cover + NOAA NDVI

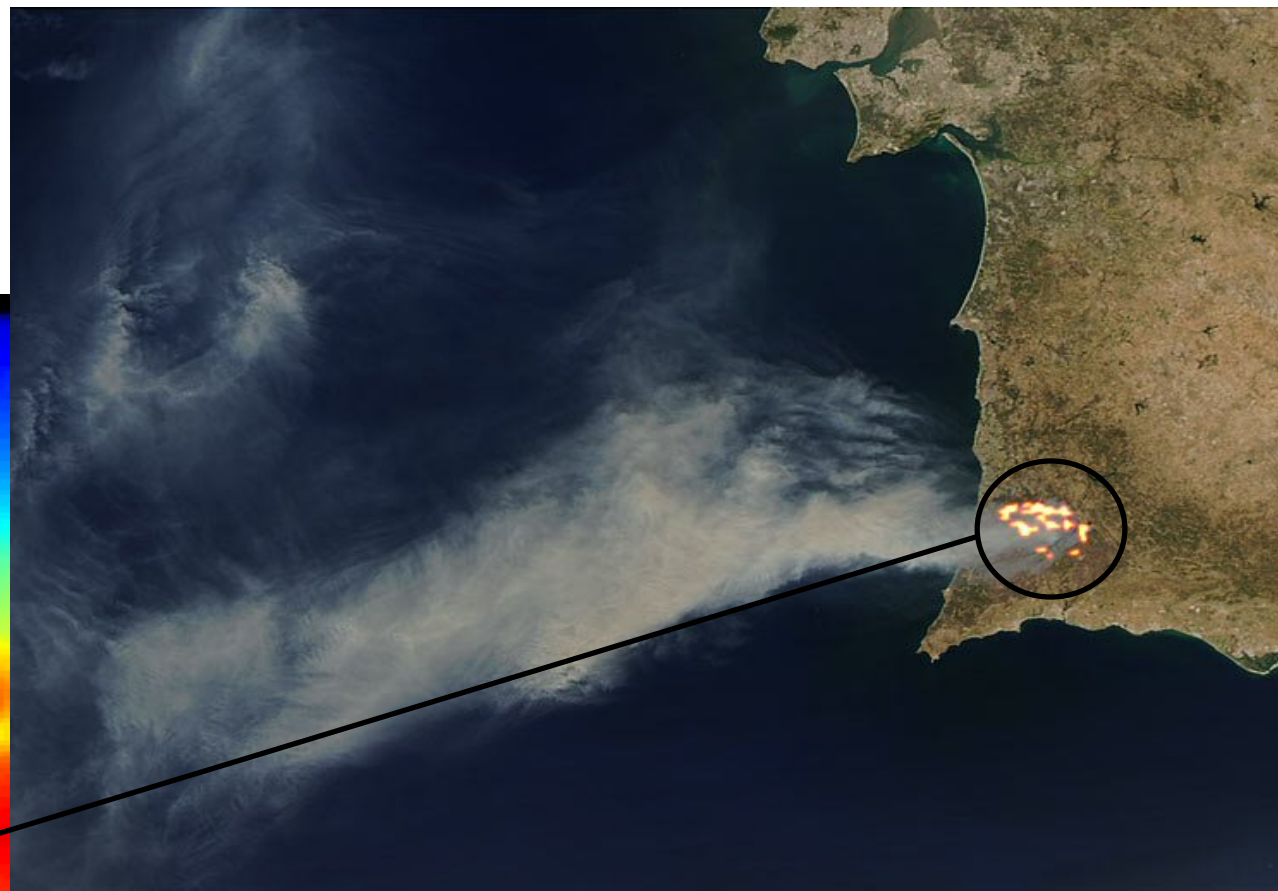
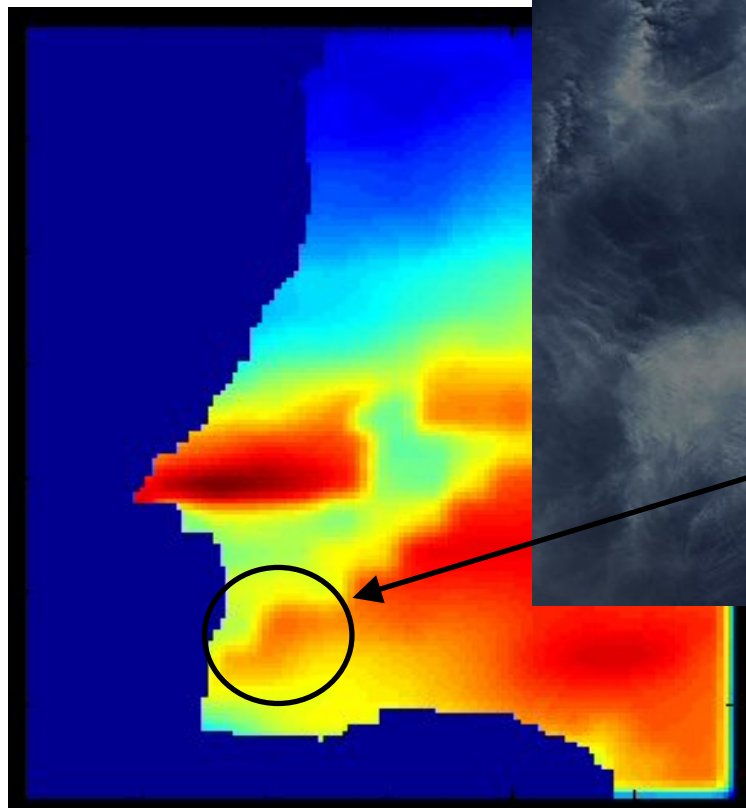
NDVI = Normalized Difference
Vegetation Index



Bugalho and Pessanha (2007)

Fire Risk Monitoring

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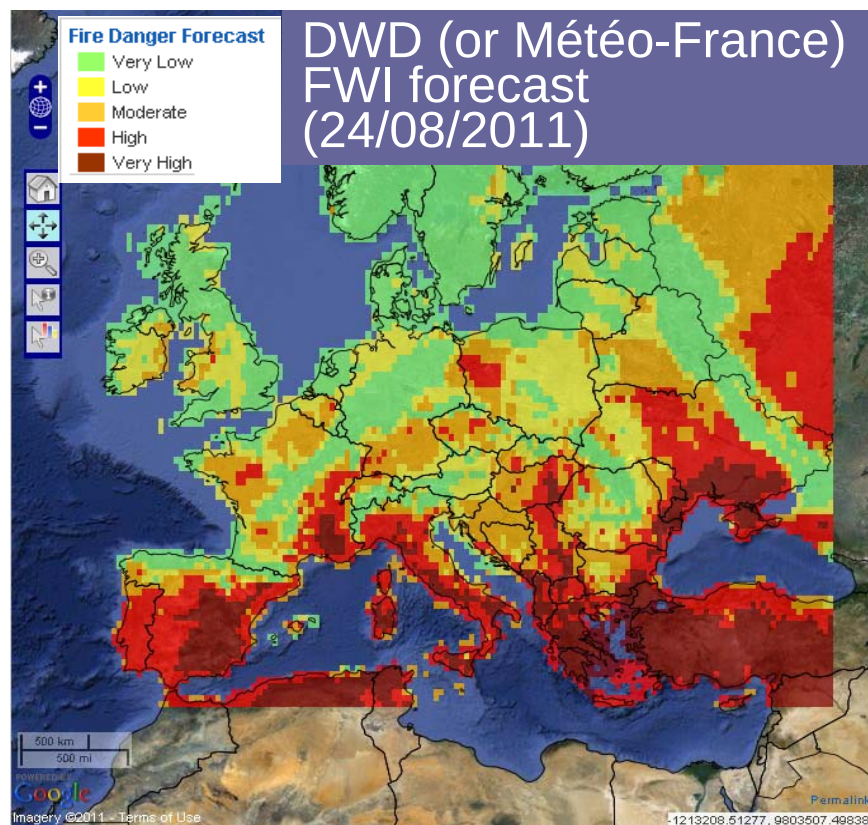


Pre-operational in Land SAF

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European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS)

Fire Risk, Hotspots & Burnt Areas



**Burnt areas
(24/08/2011 - last 7 days)**



**Hot spots
(24/08/2011 - last 7 days)**



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