



The Anticipation of GOES-R and Meeting User Expectations Jaime Daniels GOES-R Algorithm Working Group (AWG) Program Manager

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- Weather Satellites... A Historical Perspective
- NOAA Mission Priorities
- **GOES-R Capabilities and Products**
- Preparing for GOES-R launch



Historical Perspective

- Pioneers in modern atmospheric science, such as Jacob Bjerknes of UCLA, helped pave the way for satellite meteorology with the analysis of photographs taken from V2 Rockets
- Jacob Bjerknes performed synoptic analyses using pictures such as this in 1948: likely the first serious attempt to analyze the atmosphere from "space"

V2 Rocket photographic montage





Early images of clouds from the polar orbiting TIROS in 1960



TIROS CLOUD PATTERNS















1966: ATS-1 launched



Applications Technology Satellite (ATS)-1 was the first geostationary imager, launched 6 December 1966. Imaging instrument designer and SSEC co-founder, Verner E. Suomi, proclaimed, "the clouds move, not the earth".





1967: ATS-III Launched



Vern Suomi, Robert Parent, and Ted Fujita

- Create the first color movie of planet Earth with ATS-III pictures
- Color spin-scan camera principally developed by Verner Suomi



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10:00 a.m.



11:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

12:00 noon



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GOES-1/3

GOES-4/7 GOES-8/12

Launched

VISSR-VAS

visible, 12 IR.

MSI (visible,

IRW. and 2

1980

1981

1983

1987

GOES-13/14/15

Launched 1975 1977 1978

One visible and one infrared . Operational.

NASA's Synchronous Meteorological Satellites (SMS) 1 and 2 were prototypes for NOAA's GOES 1-3 satellites





3-axis stabilized. Imager Bands: 4 IR; 1 visible. Operational Sounder (18 IR bands)



Better navigation and calibration. No eclipse outages. Better spatial resolutions for the 6.5 um on GOES-12+ and the 13.3 um band on GOES-14/15. Operational Sounder

Planned Launch 2016 2017 2020 2025

GOES-R/S/T/L

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Faster coverage. 16 Imager Bands. Improved spatial. No sounder. GLM



Increasing Capability



55 Years Since the Launch of TIROS-1



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- Meteorological satellites provide essential data for weather forecasting to national weather services across the globe
- Satellite data are high resolution digital renderings from a variety of spectral bands, whereby, both qualitative and quantitative information about the atmosphere, clouds, and land and sea surface properties are deduced



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NOAA is a science-based services agency engaged with the entire Earth system science enterprise.

NOAA's Top Four Priorities:

- To provide information and services to make communities more resilient
- 2. To evolve the National Weather Service
- To invest in observational infrastructure
- 4. To achieve organizational excellence





GOES-R Supports NOAA Mission Areas

Improved understanding of a changing climate system that informs science, service, and stewardship

Improved coastal water quality support that enables coastal communities to effectively manage resources and improve resiliency



Reduced loss of life from high-impact weather events while improving efficient economies through environmental information

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Improved understanding of ecosystems to inform resource management decisions



Expectations for GOES-R



The GOES-R series will provide significant improvements in the detection and observations of meteorological phenomena that directly impact public safety, protection of property, and our Nation's economic health and prosperity





Visual & IR Imagery

Lightning Mapping

- Improves hurricane track & intensity forecasts
- Increases thunderstorm & tornado warning lead time
- ✓ Improves aviation flight route planning
- Data for long-term climate variability studies
- ✓ Low latency (30 sec ABI, 20 sec GLM)





Space Weather Monitoring

Solar Imaging

- ✓ Improves solar flare warnings for communications and navigation disruptions
- More accurate monitoring of energetic particles responsible for radiation hazards to humans and spacecraft
- ✓ Better monitoring of Coronal Mass Ejections to improve geomagnetic storm forecasting





GOES-R ABI and GLM Instruments

- New and enhanced capabilities
- New opportunities



GOES-R ABI Enhanced Capabilities Expected to Bring Improved Level-2 products



Higher Spectral Resolution

- Can see and retrieve new phenomena
- Higher Spatial Resolution
 - Higher fidelity imagery and L2 products; information at smaller scales now observed

Higher Temporal Resolution

- Physical and dynamical processes are now captured; new information to exploit and be used by user community
- Improved Radiometrics
 - Translate to more accurate products
- Improved Navigation and Registration
 - More accurate products and improved utilization of them

All of these things contribute to one being able to observe and retrieve phenomenon not previously observed before



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GOES-14 provided very unique information and offers a glimpse into the possibilities that will be provided by the ABI on GOES-R.



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GOES-15 provides a hint of ABI's INR quality...







<u>ABI</u>

Spectral Coverage

Spatial resolution

0.64 μm Visible Other Visible/near-IR Bands (>2 μm)

Spatial coverage

Full disk CONUS Mesoscale 0.5 km 1.0 km 2 km

16 bands

4 per hour 12 per hour Every 30 sec

Scheduled (3 hrly) ~4 per hour n/a

GOES Imager

Approx. 1 km

Approx. 4 km

5 bands

n/a

No

Visible (reflective bands)

On-orbit calibration

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Yes



ABI Visible/Near-IR Bands



Future GOES imager (ABI) band	Wavelength range (µm)	Central wavelength (µm)	Nominal subsatellite IGFOV (km)	Sample use
I	0.45–0.49	0.47	I	Daytime aerosol over land, coastal water mapping
2	0.59–0.69	0.64	0.5	Daytime clouds fog, inso- lation, winds
3	0.846–0.885	0.865	I	Daytime vegetation/burn scar and aerosol over water, winds
4	1.371-1.386	1.378	2	Daytime cirrus cloud
5	1.58–1.64	1.61	I	Daytime cloud-top phase and particle size, snow
6	2.225-2.275	2.25	2	Daytime land/cloud properties, particle size, vegetation, snow



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ABI IR Bands



Future GOES imager (ABI) band	Wavelength range (µm)	Central wavelength (µm)	Nominal subsatellite IGFOV (km)	Sample use				
7	3.80-4.00	3.90	2	Surface and cloud, fog at night, fire, winds				
8	5.77–6.6	6.19	2	High-level atmospheric water vapor, winds, rainfall				
9	6.75–7.15	6.95	2	Midlevel atmospheric water vapor, winds, rainfall				
10	7.24–7.44	7.34	2	Lower-level water vapor, winds, and SO ₂				
11	8.3–8.7	8.5	2	Total water for stability, cloud phase, dust, SO ₂ rainfall				
12	9.42–9.8	9.61	2	Total ozone, turbulence, and winds				
13	10.1-10.6	10.35	2	Surface and cloud				
14	10.8–11.6	11.2	2	lmagery, SST, clouds, rainfall				
15	11.8–12.8	12.3	2	Total water, ash, and SST				
16	13.0-13.6	13.3	2	Air temperature, cloud heights and amounts				



Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI)





Scan modes for the ABI:

Mode 3: Full disk images every 15 minutes CONUS images every 5 minutes Mesoscale images (2) every 1 minute

Mode 4: Full disk images every 5 mins



In 15 Minutes Current GOES Imager can scan:

 Most (3/5) of a Full Disk Image





- 30 Mesoscale Images
- 3 CONUS Images
- 1 Full Disk Image



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GOES-15: Sample "1-min" imagery *A hint of what GOES-R will routinely provide...*



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Future vs Current GOES Imagery

A hint of what GOES-R will routinely provide...



GOES-14 (SRSOR)

GOES-13 (RSO)





Assembled GOES-R Spacecraft





Solar Array Deployment at Lockheed Martin on May 5, 2015



GOES-R Geostationary Lightning Mapper (GLM)



Totally new capability in a geostationary orbit!!

- GLM will observe intra-cloud (IC) and cloud-to-ground (CG) lightning at spatial and temporal resolutions that are currently unavailable
- GLM data is processed into lightning data products (Events, Groups, Flashes) that are more easily utilized by users
- Exciting new applications for improving severe weather forecasting and lightning awareness/safety









GLM Mission Benefits

- Improved forecaster situational awareness and confidence resulting in more accurate severe storm warnings (improved lead time, reduced false alarms) to save lives and property
- Diagnosing convective storm structure and evolution
- Aviation and marine convective weather hazards
- Tropical cyclone intensity change
- Decadal changes of extreme weather thunderstorms/ lightning intensity and distribution
- Extends 17-yr TRMM LIS Climate Data Set for 2+ decades
- GLM data latency only 20 sec



Global flash rate from LIS/OTD (1995-2014)



Lightning Climatology





Hurricane Katrina

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GOES-R Product Examples and Algorithm Highlights

- Use of proxy data for product development
- Product Illustrations
- Algorithm highlights
- > ABI attributes leveraged
- Operational applications



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) SO₂ Detection Surface Albedo Surface Emissivity **Tropopause Folding Turbulence Prediction** Upward Longwave Radiation: Surface Upward Longwave Radiation: TOA Vegetation Fraction: Green Vegetation Index Visibility

+ others



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Products	Wavelength Micrometers	0.47	0.64	0.865	1.378	1.61	2.25	3.90	6.185	6.95	7.34	8.5	9.61	10.35	11.2	12.3
	Channel ID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Baseline Products															
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	Aerosol Optical Depth	√	 ✓ 	√		✓	√									
	Clear Sky Masks		×		×	✓		×		 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s			 Image: A second s	 ✓
	Cloud & Moisture Imagery	√	 ✓ 	√	×	 ✓ 	√	✓	 Image: A second s	 ✓ 	 Image: A second s	√	✓	×	×	 ✓
	Cloud Optical Depth		 ✓ 				×	√							×	 ✓
	Cloud Particle Size Dist.		 ✓ 				×	 ✓ 							 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s
	Cloud Top Phase										 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s			 Image: A second s	 Image: A second s
	Cloud Top Height														 ✓ 	 Image: A second s
	Cloud Top Pressure														×	✓
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	Reflected Solar Insolation TOA	 ✓ 	 ✓ 	 Image: A second s		✓	 ✓ 									
	Derived Motion Winds		 ✓ 					✓	 Image: A second s	√	×				×	
	Fire Hot Spot Characterization		 ✓ 					 ✓ 							 ✓ 	 ✓
	Land Surface Temperature														 ✓ 	 ✓
	Snow Cover	 ✓ 	 ✓ 	 ✓ 		✓	✓	✓						×		
	Sea Surface Temperature							✓				 ✓ 		×	✓	 ✓
	Volcanic Ash: Detection/Height										 ✓ 	 ✓ 			 ✓ 	 ✓

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GOES-R Proxy Data Sources





The AWG product teams use a variety of <u>available proxy data</u> for their <u>pre-launch</u> algorithm development and testing, case study analyses, and product assessment efforts...

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GOES-R ABI High Fidelity Simulated Datasets

- Atmospherically realistic data generated via combination of high spatial resolution numerical model runs and advanced 'forward' radiative transfer models
- All 16 bands, various coverages (FD, CONUS, Meso), spatial resolutions, and formats (GOES-R Fixed Grid Format, NetCDF)
- Used by AWG product teams and in a number of GOES-R Proving Ground demonstrations
- Used to support ABI waiver analyses
- Planned use in GOES-R Ground System verification testing activities



AWG Proxy Team at CIMSS

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ABI Image Triplet Test Datasets Delivered to the GOES-Program



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ABI Level-2 Products

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Cloud Products



Algorithm Highlights

- Cloud algorithms take advantage of the ABI's spectral, spatial, and temporal resolution; and good radiometrics
- ABI 7.3, 8.5, 11, 12 and 13.3µm channels are used to estimate cloud–top temperature, cloud emissivity, and cloud microphysics.
- Cloud-top height algorithm uses an *optimal estimation approach* that provides retrieval error estimates; provides multi-layer solutions
- Cloud pressure and height are computed using NWP forecast temperature profiles.
- Use of the new ABI 8.5um band, together with the 11um band, enables extraction of cloud microphysical properties.

Operational Applications

- Aviation Terminal Aerodrome Forecasts (TAFs)
- Severe storm nowcasting
- Supplements Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) with upper-level cloud information
- Cloud initialization and cloud verification in NWP
- Climate prediction
- Height assignment of Derived Motion Winds



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Total Precipitable Water (TPW)



Algorithm Highlights

- 1D-variational physical retrieval algorithm that has heritage with MODIS and current operational GOES sounder physical retrieval algorithms
- Regression-based initial guess T/Q profiles
- Utilizes the 6.15, 7.0, 7.4, 8.5, 9.7, 10.35, 11.2,
 12.3, and 13.3 μm bands)
- Exploits recent improvements in fast clear-sky radiative transfer models

• Operational Nowcasting Applications

- Situational awareness for potential watch/warning scenarios for heavy rain and flash flooding
- "Atmospheric Rivers" originating from the Pacific Ocean, Gulf of Mexico return flow, Southwest US monsoon
- Future contributor to NESDIS' Blended TPW product



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Derived Motion Winds



• Algorithm Highlights

- New nested tracking algorithm improves feature tracking; reduction of speed bias
- Wind height assignment relies on utilization of pixel level cloud heights generated upstream
- Leverages ABI's higher spatial and temporal resolution data; image navigation and registration

• Operational Applications

- Field Forecasters (NWS WFOs and National Centers)
 - Situational awareness of the atmospheric wind field
 - Verification of model guidance
 - Atmospheric monitoring
- Numerical Weather Prediction Centers
 - Satellite winds used to support the initialization of the atmospheric wind field in global and regional models

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Winds Derived from Simulated GOES-R Imagery



High-Level 100-400 mb Mid-Level 400-700 mb 11th Annual NOAA/NESDIS CoRP Science Symposium, September 16-17, 2015 Low Level > 700 mb

Hurricane force winds (> 75 mph)

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Hurricane Sandy



Volcanic Ash



- The VolAsh height detection and product is a big step forward for operations
 - The impacts to aircraft operations and the associated costs should be reduced with this capability alone
 - Automated alerts will aid forecasters in the production of warning products
- The GOES-R Proving Ground provides near real-time volcanic ash retrieval products (Meteosat SEVIRI proxy for the ABI)
 - to the London Volcanic Ash Advisory Center (VAAC) during the eruption of Eyjafjallajökull in Iceland in May 2010 impacting aviation operations with many cancelled flights..
- GOES-R VolAsh algorithm implemented at JMA in 2013 in preparation for Himawari 8.

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Chile's Puyehue-Cordón Caulle Volcano erupted on June 4, 2011, forming a tall ash plume above the Andes Mountains



Land Surface Temperature



• Algorithm Highlights

- Utilizes ABI clear sky mask product
- Regression-based algorithm that uses the 11.2 and 12.3 μm channels
- Split-window algorithm has significant heritage (GEO & LEO)
- Leverages ABI's higher spatial resolution data

Operational Applications

- Fog forecasting
- Frost/freezing temp forecasting
- Assimilation into land surface models
- Assimilation into mesoscale and climate NWP models
- Climate prediction







Sea Surface Temperature



Algorithm Highlights

- Hybrid approach that combines the advantages of regression (heritage approach) with a physical retrieval approach (optimal estimation)
- Utilizes the 3.9, 8.5, 10.35, 11.2, 12.3μm bands
- Exploits recent improvements in fast clear-sky radiative transfer models
- Leverages increased ABI spectral, spatial, and temporal resolution

• Operational Applications

- Assimilation into atmospheric, oceanic models
- Contributor to blended SST product
- Climate monitoring/forecasting
- NOAA' Coast Watch Program
- Harmful Algal Bloom monitoring
- Sea turtle tracking
- Upwelling identification
- Commercial fisheries management
- NOAA's Coral Reef Watch Program
- Coral bleach warnings and assessments



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Downward Shortwave Radiation: SFC



• Algorithm Highlights

- Hybrid algorithm that combines the merits of NASA ("direct path") and STAR/UMD ("indirect path") algorithms
- Physically-based retrieval by using a Look-Up Table (LUT) representation of the RTM
- Based on the NASA/CERES, NOAA/GOES and GEWEX/SRB heritages
- Leverages ABI's higher temporal resolution data and spectral coverage (VIS/near IR)

Operational Applications

- Climate studies
- Surface (land and ocean) energy budget models
 - Assimilation into
 - Independent verification of
- Crop modeling
- Fire risk assessment
- Earth energy budget studies



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GOES-R Baseline Products



Aerosol Optical

Depth



Aerosol Detection (Smoke and Dust)



Cloud Top Pressure



Cloud Top Temperature



Legacy Vertical Moisture Profile



Legacy Vertical Temperature Profile



Clear Sky Mask



Derived Motion Winds



RainfallRate Quantitative Precipitation Estimation (QPE)



Cloud and Moisture Imagery



Cloud Top Height/Cloud Layer

Sea Surface

Temperature

(Skin)

Derived Stability Indices



Cloud Optical Depth

Hurricane Intensity Estimation



Cloud Particle Size Distribution



Cloud Top Phase



Characterization

Land Surface Temperature



Downward Shortwave Radiation (Surface)



Snow Cover



Volcanic Ash -**Detection & Height**

Total Precipitable Water



Reflected Shortwave

Radiation (TOA)



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