

Transition of Suomi National Polar-Orbiting Partnership (S-NPP) Data Products for Operational Weather Forecasting Applications

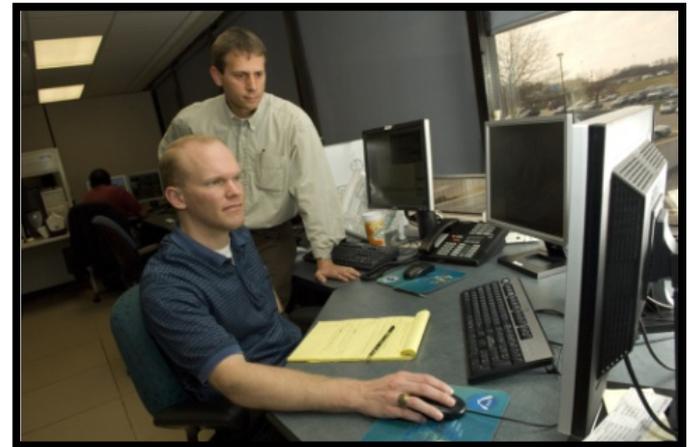
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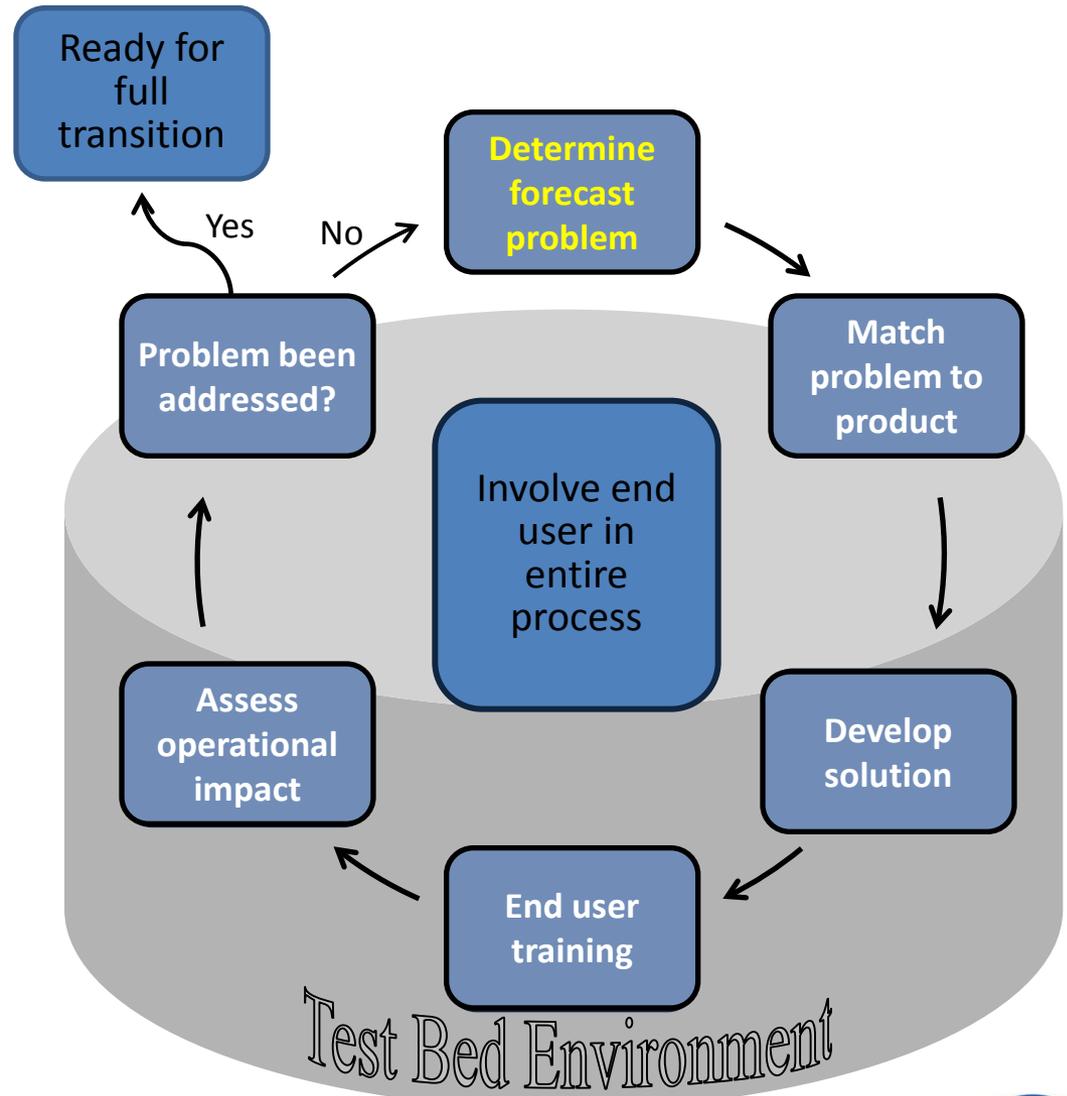
Short-term Prediction Research & Transition

- SPoRT is a team of NASA / NOAA scientist focused on demonstrating the utility of NASA and future NOAA data and derived products on improving short-term weather forecasts
- Work collaboratively with a suite of unique products and selected WFOs in an end-to-end transition activity
- Stable funding from NASA and NOAA
- Recognized by the science community as the “go to” place for transitioning experimental and research data to the operational weather community
- Endorsed by NWS ESSD/SSD chiefs
- Proven paradigm for transitioning satellite observations and modeling capabilities to operations (R2O)

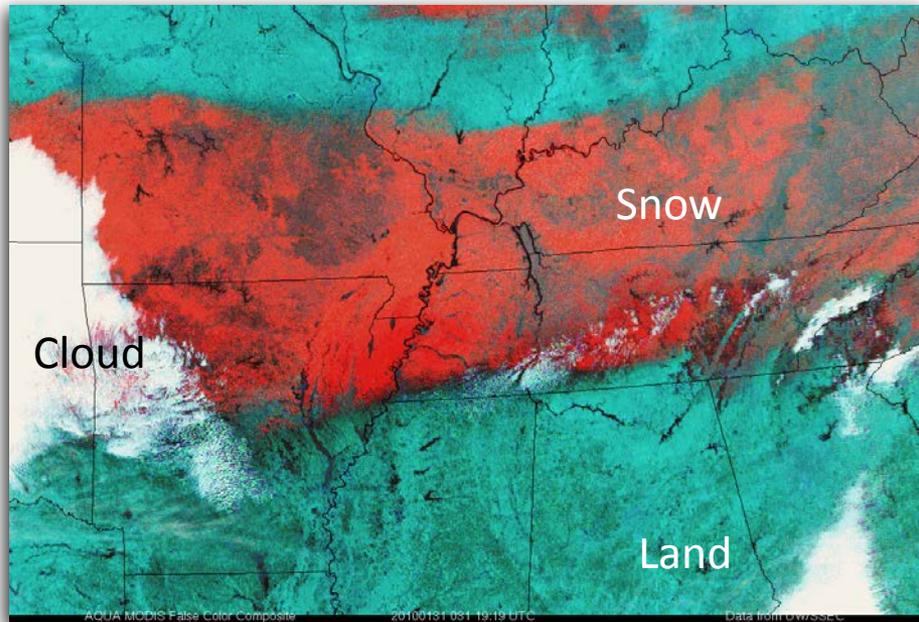


SPoRT Paradigm

- Interactive partnership
- Integrate end user's decision support tools
- Create product training
- Perform product assessment
- Bridges the "R2O Valley of Death"



Successes with MODIS



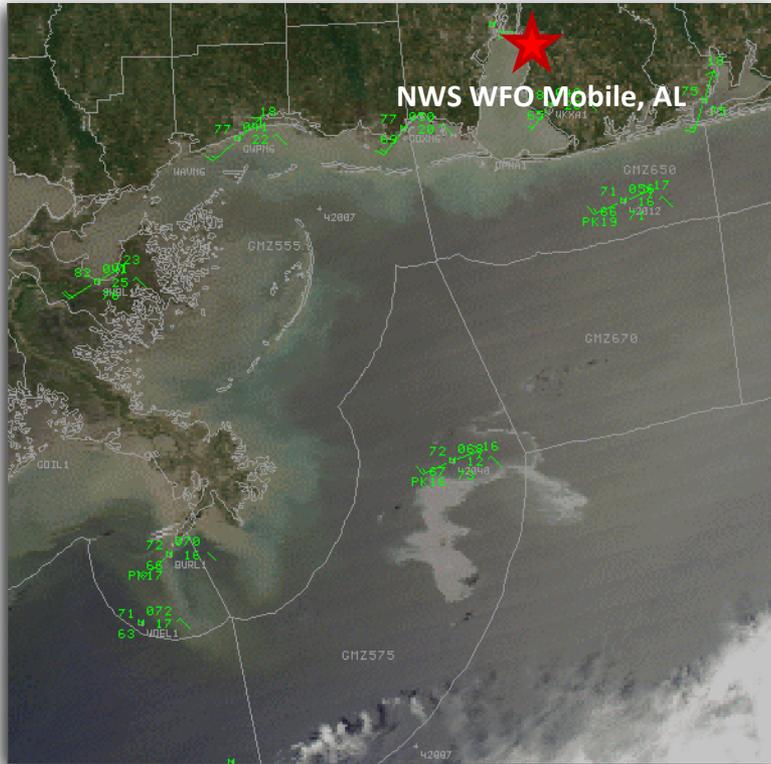
**AQUA MODIS “False Color” Composite
1/31/10 Heavy Snowfall Event**



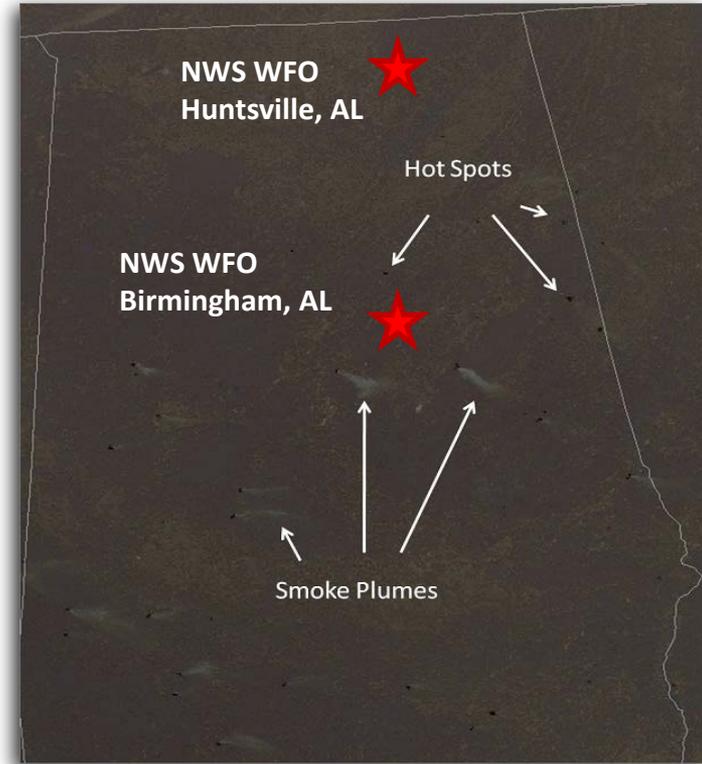
**AQUA MODIS Fog Product
8/9/09 WFO Morristown, TN Local Fog Advisory**

SPoRT’s transition of NASA satellite instruments provides unique or higher resolution data products to complement the baseline suite of geostationary data available to forecasters.

Successes with MODIS



**AQUA MODIS True Color Composite
4/25/10 Deepwater Horizon Incident**



**TERRA MODIS True Color Composite with 3.9 μ m
11/20/08 Alabama Fires**

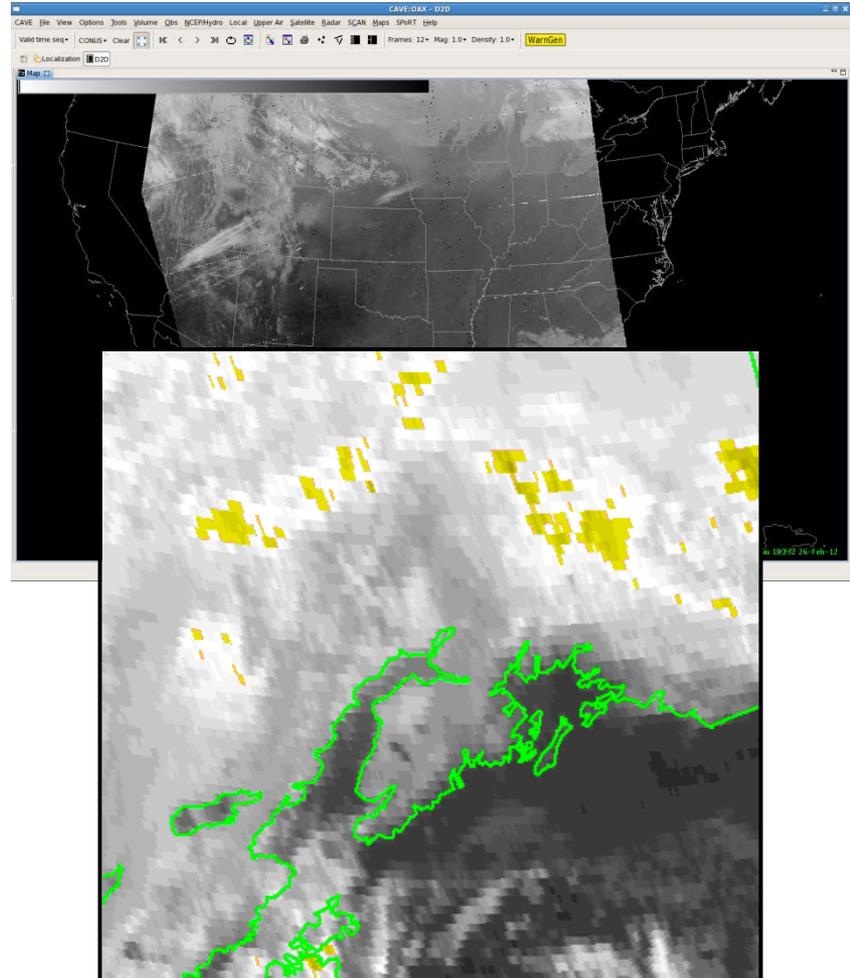
SPoRT's partnership with NWS WFOs provides them with unique imagery to support disaster response and local forecast challenges.

Future Successes with VIIRS

FORECAST CHALLENGE	PRODUCTS	REGIONAL EMPHASIS
<u>Convective storm diagnostics</u>	SDRs, RGB products, cloud properties, cloud-top height, TPW, lightning	<u>CONUS</u> – selected SR and CR WFOs <u>OCONUS</u> – AK and HI
<u>Visibility and ceilings</u> – day and night changes with local variability	SDRs, RGB products, cloud products (base, cover, layers), low cloud/fog/snow discrimination, and AOT, glacier dust, volcanic ash, DNB	<u>CONUS</u> – selected SR and CR WFOs <u>Alaska Region</u>
<u>Various marine weather issues</u> – sea ice dynamics, freezing sea spray, winds, visibility, etc.	SDRs, RGB products, SST, ocean color, sea ice mapping and characterization, DNB	<u>Alaska Region</u>
<u>Local surface forcing</u> – local temperature forecasts, flooding due to snow melt/runoff	SDRs, RGB products, LST, snow cover / depth	<u>CONUS</u> – selected CR and WR WFOs <u>Alaska Region</u>

Single channel swaths and Hybrids

- Traditional swath imagery is useful to forecasters. The higher resolution provides clarity over traditional GOES and, in many cases, MODIS.
- Hybrid imagery also maintains context of animated sequences



MODIS/VIIRS/GOES Hybrid IR Anchorage, Alaska
1200 - 1445UTC 21 Nov 2012

RGB Products

<i>RGB Product</i>	<i>MODIS Channels or differences for R, G, B</i>	<i>VIIRS Channels</i>	<i>SEVIRI Channels</i>	<i>Application</i>
<i>Air Mass</i>	<i>27-28, 30-31, 27 (inverted)</i>	<i>Cx-Cy*, Cz-M15, Cx (inverted)</i>	<i>6-7, 9-10, 6(inverted)</i>	<i>Jet Streaks, PV Analysis</i>
<i>Dust</i>	<i>32-31, 31-29, 31</i>	<i>M16-M15, M15-M14, M15</i>	<i>11-10, 10-8, 10</i>	<i>Differential Dust from Cloud</i>
<i>Night Microphysics</i>	<i>32-31, 31-20, 31</i>	<i>M16-M15, M15-I4, M15</i>	<i>11-10, 10- 5 , 10</i>	<i>Fog/Low Stratus, Thin Cirrus</i>
<i>Day Microphysics</i>	<i>2, 20 (solar), 31</i>	<i>I2, I4 (solar), i5(M15)</i>	<i>3, 5(solar), 10</i>	<i>Convective, Fog , Fire</i>
<i>True Color</i>	<i>1, 4, 3</i>	<i>M5, M4, M3 (or M2)</i>	<i>HRV</i>	<i>Smoke, Land Surface Changes</i>
<i>Natural Color (Land Cover)</i>	<i>6, 2, 1</i>	<i>I3, I2, I1</i>	<i>4, 3, 2</i>	<i>Ice/Water Cloud, Vegetation</i>
<i>Day Snow-Fog</i>	<i>2, 6, 20 (solar)</i>	<i>I2, I3, I4 (solar)</i>	<i>3, 4, 5</i>	<i>Snow Melt, Ice Jams</i>
<i>Day Convective Storms</i>	<i>27-28, 20-31, 6-1</i>	<i>Cx-Cy*, I4-I5(M15), I3-I1</i>	<i>6-7, 5-10, 4-2</i>	<i>Severe Weather, Water Vapor In/Outflow</i>

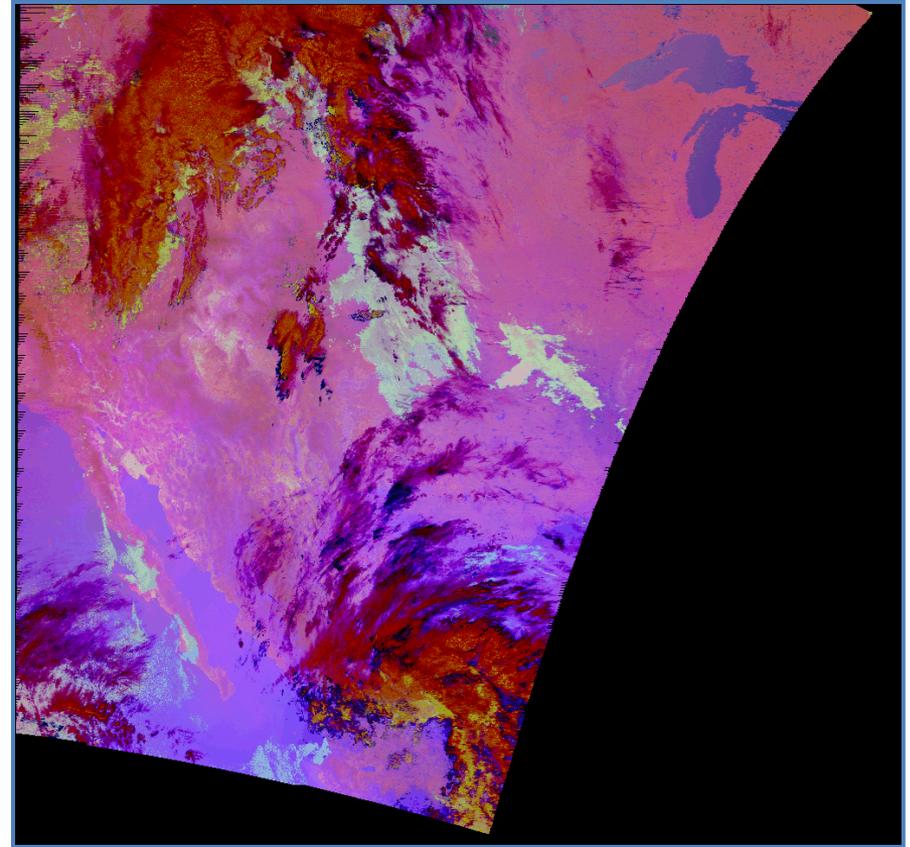
Cx, Cy, Cz are corresponding channels from CrIS

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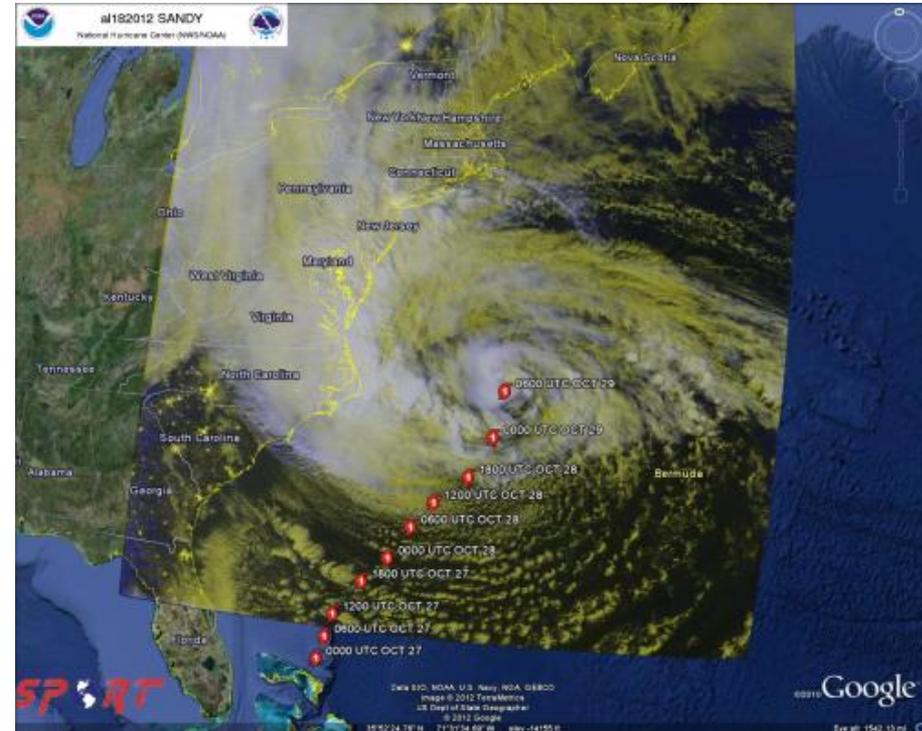
VIIRS RGB imagery

- VIIRS Nighttime Microphysics imagery extends MODIS capabilities.
- Combines traditional single channel IR and 11-3.9 μm difference imagery, plus an additional channel difference to highlight cloud microphysics.
- Result is highlight of low clouds and fog in light blue shades.



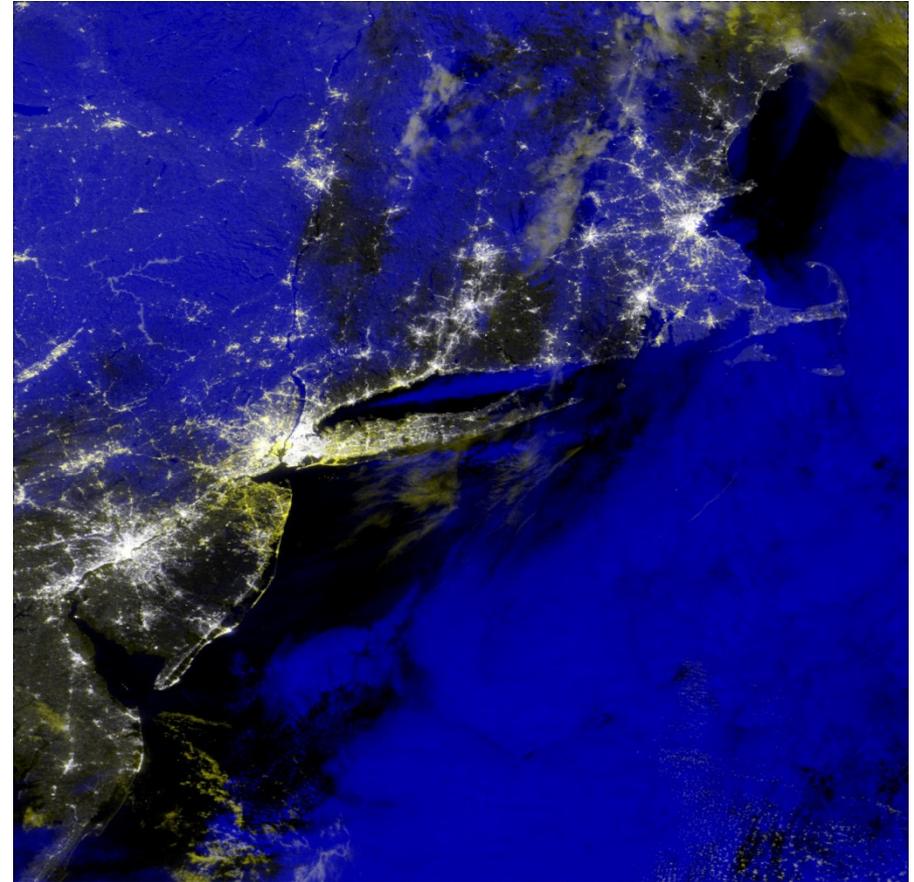
VIIRS RGB imagery

- VIIRS Day-Night and Infrared composites combine moonlit reflectance and infrared brightness temperature.
- At night, helps to further discriminate low clouds (yellows) from higher clouds (blues) while retaining texture information from the visible imagery.



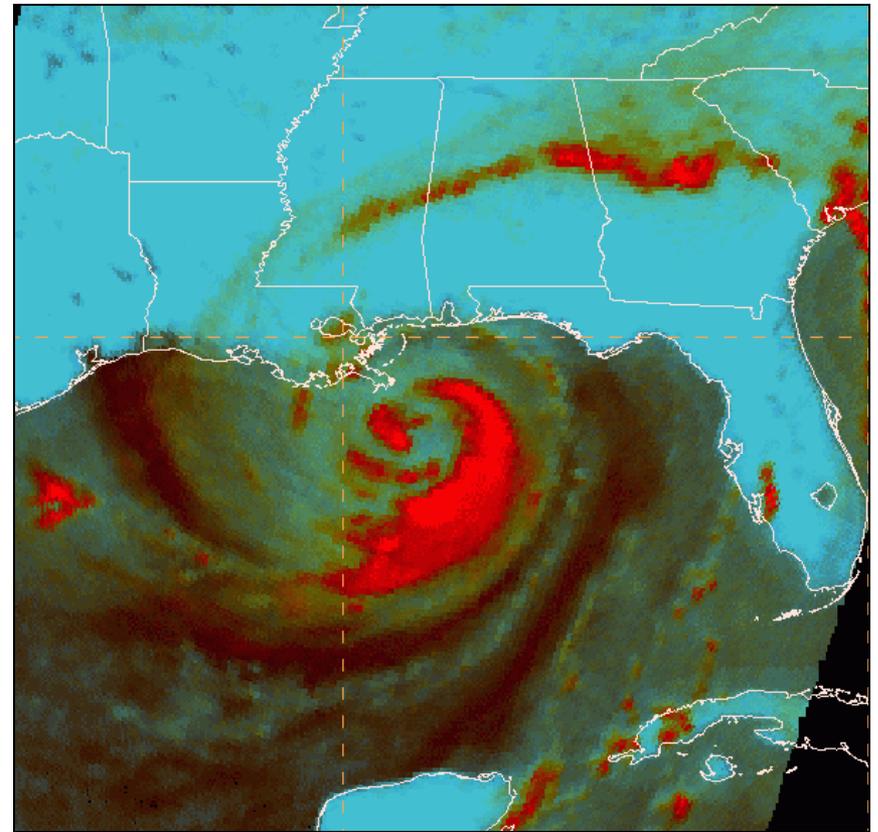
Day-Night-Band Applications

- Since the day-night band identifies city lights in addition to clouds, before-after comparisons can highlight outages.
- In this false color composite, yellows indicate areas where outages are likely following Hurricane Sandy.



Other SNPP data products

- **Advanced Technology Microwave Sounder (ATMS)**
 - Passive microwave brightness temperatures can be used to identify tropical cyclone features through dense cloud cover.
- **Ozone Mapper Profile Suite (OMPS)**
 - Ozone concentrations can be used to monitor strengthening midlatitude cyclones, and aerosols to track the Saharan Air Layer.
- **Cross-Track Infrared Sounder (CrIS)**
 - Supplemental water vapor bands to fill in spectral gaps on VIIRS and create additional products.
 - Also provides thermodynamic soundings for evaluation of severe weather parameters.



Summary

- SPoRT has years of proven experience in developing and transitioning research products to the operational weather community
- SPoRT has begun work with CONUS and OCONUS WFOs to determine the best products for maximum benefit to forecasters.
- VIIRS has already proven to be another extremely powerful tool, enhancing forecasters' ability to handle difficult forecasting situations.



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