TOWR-S Update

September 29, 2023

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Best viewed in Google Slides.

All are invited to insert comments.

Total Operational Weather Readiness - Satellites









- 1. <u>TOWR-S resources and activities</u>
- 2. <u>New / upcoming satellite data products</u>
- 3. NOAA-21 Transition to Operations
- 4. <u>Recent and upcoming satellite launches</u>

Appendix

1. New and upcoming TOWR-S resources

REAL AND ATMOSPHERE

Coming soon: TOWR-S RPM v24



Target release: November 2, 2023

Support for new products in AWIPS:

- New GOES-R Cloud Cover Layers (<u>quick guide</u>)
- Sectors and basemap for GOES-R Storage slot (105°W)
- Updates GOES-14 NH/NA/US menus (for contingency)
- NESDIS Blended Snowfall Rate (LDM via SPoRT) (Conus)
- Upcoming GOES-R L2 products: Enterprise Aerosol Optical Depth, Aerosol Detection, Ice Motion

AWIPS configuration changes:

- GOES-R Enterprise Cloud Particle Size ("PSD" → "CPS")
- Gridded NUCAPS: Lapse Rates fix
- Polar Blended Hydro products w/ Metop-C, NOAA-21 inputs
- Improved handling of VIIRS imagery
 - Reduce overlap between successive overpasses
 - Avoid misplaced granules

New / changed CAVE menu entries:

• VIIRS imagery from NOAA-21, NOAA-20, S-NPP

- Change "SNPP ..." to "S-NPP / NOAA-21 ..."
- Combine NOAA-21, NOAA-20, S-NPP imagery
- Remove GOES-West Hawaii regional sector
- Remove GOES-East Puerto Rico sector Bands 11, 12, 14, 16 (and imagery composites that use those bands)
- Hide: AMSR-2 and ATMS derived products (Conus only)
- WPC Excessive Rainfall Outlook (5-day vs 3)
- GOES-R Storage slot Menus (@ 105° Longitude)
- Includes Alaska Region Customizations (for Alaska version of RPM)

And the AWIPS Pre-Processor ("APP")

... see next slide



Coming soon: APP (AWIPS Pre-Processor)



- APP = a small bundle of software running alongside AWIPS, that can automate site configurations and manipulate incoming data products – e.g., to
 - Produce CIRA Geocolor imagery from GOES-East/West ABI channels 1, 2, 3, 7, and 13;
 - Compute GLM 5-minute accumulations (FED/TOE/MFA) from 1-min GLM grids;
 - Adjust LDM pqact entries to get new data products via the SBN or NWS Regional LDM
- This avoids sending data over SBN or LDM that could be computed locally (from data already received)

Polar Planner on VLab





https://vlab.noaa.gov/web/towr-s/mmm/polar-planner

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Meso Mission Viewer

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Welcome to the MMV

Mesoscale Mission Viewer

Here's a quick guide to help you navigate the

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GOES-West

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- Locate current / past / future locations of GOFS-Fast/West mesoscale sectors
- Choose "MMM Tool View" from the TOWR-S page on VLab (https://vlab.noaa.gov/web/towr-s/)



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https://vlab.noaa.gov/web/towr-s/mmm/meso-view



ISatSS in IDP and NWS National Centers



ISatSS = Integrated Satellite Support System

Recently completed:

- NHC: Meteosat-based ProxyVis
- AWC: Test ISatSS on RHEL 9
- OPC: ProxyVis G16/18 AWIPS tiles
- OPC: Geocolor G16/18 AWIPS tiles
- OPC/SAB: Sentinel-6a Wave altimetry

In progress:

- NHC: Global IR Mosaics
- SAB: SSMIS imagery and RGBs
- SAB: GPM GMI
- OPC/SAB: FG16/G18 Full Disk Fog & Low Stratus
- OPC/SAB: AMSR-2 Ocean & MBT
- OPC/SAB: ATMS 88GHz Qv imagery
- OPC/SAB: Jason-3 Wave altimetry

TOWR-S Configuration Control Board

- Meets monthly to get input from stakeholders (on ISatSS, RPMs, MMM, APP)
- Next meeting: Friday, October 20

2. Recent and upcoming satellite data products / changes



Coming to SBN Oct. 23: GOES-East/West Cloud Cover Layers





- Cloud fraction estimates in 5 altitude layers:
 - Full Disk and CONUS sectors: 10 km resolution; every 60 minutes*
 * CONUS will soon be every 5 minutes
 - Mesoscale sectors: 4km; every 5 minutes
- More information can be found in the <u>Dataset Guide</u> or in NWS Service Change Notice <u>SCN23-93</u> (posted Sept. 20).
- TOWR-S RPM v24 (<u>see above</u>) will configure AWIPS to handle and display this product.

h/t V Wegman

GOES-R Fog & Low Stratus: Alaska sector





- This subset of the geostationary
 Full Disk product covers the Alaska sector (defined in a Polar
 Stereographic projection).
- Product evaluation and user engagement are in process.



GOES-18 WALASKA MVFR Fog Probability (%) Sun 01:30Z 17-Jul-22



Under evaluation: GOES-R ABI Flood Maps



- Daily and hourly composites: maximum flood fraction between each day's first daytime observations and...
 - ...the last daytime observations (daily); or
 - ...the current hour's observations (hourly)
- Lon/lat grid @ 0.01 degree (~1km) resolution









Under evaluation: Global Geo Blended Rainfall Rate





- Mosaic of rain rate estimates from Himawari-9, GOES-East, GOES-West, Meteosat-9, and Meteosat-10
- Every 10 minutes; also every hour
- This will replace the Global Hydro-Estimator (a.k.a. Satellite Precipitation Estimate, SPE) and the Rain Rate / Quantitative Precipitation Estimate (RRQPE) from GOES-East/West



Himawari-9 L2 products -> Pacific Region



- Pacific Region has been receiving operational Himawari-9 imagery since Dec. 12, 2022; and Himawari-9 Derived Motion Winds (thinned, pre-operational) since Apr. 19, 2023.
- Pacific Region is now also receiving Cloud L2 products from NESDIS via NCF and ingesting them into AWIPS:
 - Cloud Top Phase
 - Cloud Top Height
 - Clear Sky Mask
 - Cloud Top Temperature
 - Cloud Top Pressure
 - Cloud Optical Depth
- Additional products expected this fall:
 - Derived Motion Winds (operational)
 - Rain Rate
 - Sea Surface Temperature



Near-Real-Time Himawari-9 Cloud Top Temperatures in AWIPS



NUCAPS Soundings from Metop-B,C







- Mid-morning soundings, ~ 4 hours before NOAA-20/21
 (See Polar Planner, <u>above</u>)
- Under consideration for SBN dissemination, beginning in Jan./Feb. 2024



GOES-R Satellite Cloud Products (SCP): Streamlining maintenance





- As of Aug. 11, 2023, SCPs are using station locations from the AWIPS National Dataset Maintenance (NDM) list
- This provides SCPs for a more comprehensive, current, & accurate set of station locations – updated on a routine / regular basis.
- For details see the <u>Dataset</u> <u>Guide</u> or NWS Service Change Notice <u>23-92</u>.



NOAA-21 VIIRS Day-Night Band Imagery



- NOAA-21 VIIRS NCC imagery was activated on the Satellite Broadcast Network (SBN) on July 13, 2023. (see NWS Service Change Notice <u>SCN23-64</u>)
- More on NOAA-21 data products <u>below</u>



VIIRS Day-Night Band NCC Imagery from S-NPP, NOAA-20, and NOAA-21

3. NOAA-21 Transition to operations



NOAA-21 Transition to Operations (T2O): Alaska



- 1. Direct Readout via 2 antennas in/near Fairbanks, Alaska ("Sandy Dog" @ Gilmore Creek / "Big Dog" on UAF Campus)
 - Geographic Information Network of Alaska (GINA) and NWS Alaska Reg. HQ are producing Imagery and Derived Products using the Community Satellite Processing Package (<u>CSPP</u>) v4.0.
- 2. VIIRS Imagery "Key Performance Parameters" (KPPs)* sent to Alaska Reg. HQ from NESDIS/PDA via NCF over LDM

* VIIRS I1, I3, I4, I5, M14, M15, M16, and DNB / NCC imagery granules for the Alaska Region, tailored for AWIPS. (See AWIPS/VIIRS Imagery <u>Tailoring Specifications</u>)

IWS Alaska has confirmed acceptable performance If VIIRS imagery at the following sites:	VIIRS tiles from Direct Readout Antenna	VIIRS granules from NESDIS/PDA		
NWS Alaska Region HQ (VRH)	V	V		
WFO Anchorage (AFC)	V	V		
WFO Fairbanks (AFG)	V	V V		
WFO Juneau (AJK)	V			
Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center (APRFC)	V	V		
Alaska Aviation Weather Unit (AAWU)	V	V		
Anchorage Volcanic Ash Advisory Center (VAAC)	V	V		
Anchorage Consolidated Weather Service Unit (CWSU)	V	V		
Alaska Sea Ice Program (ASIP) (non-AWIPS software)	V	V		



NOAA-21 VIIRS Day Land Cloud RGB (via GINA) 2023/09/22 13:49 AKDT (21:49z) (source)

NOAA-21 T2O: WFOs and RFCs

GOES-14 Imagery (Legacy)

Derived Products Plots

Global 5 Sat Composites

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Polar Derived Products Imagery

- **NOAA-21 VIIRS NCC imagery** was activated on the Satellite Broadcast Network (SBN) on July 13, 2023. (see NWS Service Change Notice SCN23-64)
 - NOAA-21 VIIRS observations of the CONUS, Pacific, and Puerto Rico regions, tailored for AWIPS
 - In AWIPS CAVE, "S-NPP ..." menu entries will display VIIRS NCC imagery from both S-NPP and NOAA-21
 - Until menu entries are updated by TOWR-S RPM v24 (see above). In the meantime,
 - See "Tips for Improved Handling of JPSS VIIRS Imagery in AWIPS" to
 - Correct text in CAVE menu entries
 - Reduce overlap between successive overpasses
 - Avoid misplaced granules
- Other NOAA-21 products coming to AWIPS this fall / winter:
 - NOAA-21 VIIRS Active Fires
 - NOAA-21 VIIRS Flood Maps
 - NOAA-21 NUCAPS soundings (alongside NUCAPS from NOAA-20 and maybe from Metop-B,C)
 - Global Blended Hydro Products with NOAA-21 inputs
 - Others TBD







NOAA-21 T2O: Pacific Region & National Ctrs.



- Direct Readout systems in the Pacific Region: Hawaii, Guam
 - NWS Pacific Region HQ is receiving NOAA-21 data products from 2 Direct Readout antennas in Honolulu (NOAA Daniel K. Inouye Regional Center, Honolulu Community College) and evaluating them in AWIPS.
 - Aug. 16: Guam Direct Readout system updates enabled AWIPS integration of NOAA-21 data products.
- National Centers
 - NWP Model assimilation of NOAA-21 CrIS and ATMS data expected in October 2023
 - Several Centers (AWC, NHC, etc.) have direct PDA subscriptions
 - Some rely on postprocessing by ISatSS (e.g., MiRS tiles for Nat'l Hurricane Ctr.) ... in particular for use in NAWIPS (legacy / precursor to AWIPS2)



NOAA-21 T2O: Product Maturity timeline



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NOAA-21 T2O and the JPSS Constellation





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NOAA-21 T2O: NWS Operational Test & Evaluation (OT&E)



- OT&E purpose: validate operational requirements independently from end to end in a live environment. Advise recommendation on full deployment to forecast operations.
- <u>OT&E schedule</u> multiple phases Aug. 2023 Mar. 2024:
 - NOAA-21 VIIRS imagery for Alaska (Aug.-Sep. 2023)
 1. Imagery tiles via Direct Readout processed at GINA and AK HQ
 2. Imagery granules from NESDIS / NCF via LDM
 - NOAA-21 VIIRS NCC Imagery via SBN (Nov.-Dec. 2023)
 - Imagery granules for CONUS, Puerto Rico, and Pacific regions (Evaluation will begin when TOWR-S RPM v24 becomes available)
 - Revisit VIIRS imagery with NOAA-21 in new orbit (~ Jan.-Feb. 2024)
 - Tiles via Alaska Direct Readout and granules from NESDIS over LDM and SBN
 - Also: Blended Hydro products w/ NOAA-21 inputs
 - NOAA-21 NUCAPS soundings (Feb.-Mar. 2024)



h/t Ryan Brown



3. New and upcoming satellites



Recent and upcoming satellite launches



- <u>OceanSat-3</u> (a.k.a. EOS-06) launched Nov. 26, 2022.
 - L1 data checkouts completed in June / July 2023
 - The OSCAT-3 scatterometer will fill the gap left when SCATSAT ceased operations in Feb. 2021.
- (MeteoSat 3rd Gen.) <u>MTG-Imager 1</u> launched Dec. 13, 2022.
 - Geostationary @ Longitude 0°
 - Will be renamed Meteosat-12 in 2024
 - Expected data availability to NWS: (rough guesses)
 - Dec. '23/Jan. '24: Imager L1 data
 - Feb. / Mar. 2024: Imager L2 data
 - Apr. / May 2024: Lightning data (See MTG-I1 <u>data availability schedule</u>)
- GOES-U scheduled to launch N.E.T. April 30, 2024
- (Metop 2nd Gen.) <u>Metop-SG-A1</u> to launch <u>1st Q. CY2025</u>.
 - Sun-synchronous polar (morning) orbit



The view from Longitude 0° (MeteoSat-11)

Appendix

Satellite Book Club (SBC) Seminar Series

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- Thursdays, usually at Noon ET
- Usage examples shed light on user requirements for satellite data products and capabilities.
- Recordings are on <u>YouTube</u> and the <u>NWS Commerce</u> <u>Learning Center (CLC) website</u>.
- Full-text transcripts are available for all SBC sessions searchable from within VLab.
- SBC videos are now searchable by keyword: https://vlab.noaa.gov/web/towr-s/sbc-video-search

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TOWR-S Product Posture





The Product Posture lists the products serviced by the TOWR-S Team, available to the National Weather Service. Not all products are available at all sites

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Cloud Optical Depth	GOES East/West	ABI	Clouds	Cloud Optical Depth	Full Disk, CONUS, Mesoscale	SBN EXP	PDA	IXTY[80]1 KNES	
Cloud Optical Depth	Himawari	AHI	Clouds	Cloud Optical Depth	Full Disk	TBD	PDA	IXTY77 KNES	
Cloud Top Pressure	GOES East/West	ABI	Clouds	Cloud Top Pressure	Full Disk, CONUS	SBN EXP	PDA	IXTX[80]1 KNES	
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Cloud Particle Size	GOES East/West	ABI	Clouds	Cloud Particle Size	Full Disk, CONUS, Mesoscale	SBN EXP	PDA	IXTW[80]1 KNES	
Derived Motion Winds	GOES East/West	ABI	Atmosphere	Derived Motion Winds	CONUS, Mesoscale	SBN GRE/GRW	PDA	IXTU[89]9 KNES	
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Soundings (Legacy Vertical Temperature Profile)	GOES East/West	ABI	Atmosphere	Profiles	CONUS, Mesoscale	SBN EXP	PDA	IXTQ[89]9 KNES	
Showing 1 to 28 of 28 entries (filtered from 75 total entries)									

https://vlab.noaa.gov/web/towr-s/product-posture

VLab now hosts a table of all satellite data products that TOWR-S is involved with (integrating them into NWS forecast operations).

Instant search, filter, and sort capability provides access by keyword, satellite, sensor, *etc*.

Many rows link to <u>Dataset</u> <u>Guides</u> with more AWIPS details.

Note: Distribution Path "TBD" indicates a product in planning - not yet disseminated to users



TOWR-S monthly news



- Supplements the quarterly TOWR-S Update briefings and the weekly / occasional TOWR-S mailers.
- Emailed to TOWR-S Update attendees and posted to VLab. (<u>https://vlab.noaa.gov/web/towr-s/communications</u>)

TOWR-S COMMUNICATIONS

September News

Updated September 6, 2023

Recent Updates

New GOES-R Cloud Cover Layers Product for AWIPS

A new, AWIPS-compatible GOES-R Cloud Cover Layers data product is coming to the SBN in mid-October 2023. An evaluation of the NWS field utility is being planned.



Image capilion: Collage of the CCL products in AV/IPS (September 1, 2023). From top tell: >= 24kil above MSL; 18-24kil; 10-18kil. From bottom tell: 5-10kil; Sic to 5kil; all layers.

The product features cloud fraction estimates in 5 altitude layers, hourly at 10 km resolution for the Full Disk and CONUS sectors, and every 5 minutes at 4 km resolution for Mesoscale sectors. Users will need to install TOWR-S RPM v24 (see below) in order to handle and display these products in AWIPS. Until CCL becomes available over SBN, TOWR-S RPM v24 test sites can pull the product from NOAA Open Data Dissemination (NODD) here. More information can be found in the Dataset Guide or in NWS Service Change Notice (SCN) 23-94, to be posted next week.

Himawari-9 Products Now Available

Himawari-9 Cloud L-2 products are now being disseminated from PDA to the Pacific Region via NCF LDM. These products include Cloud Mask, Cloud Phase, Cloud Height, Cloud Pressure, Cloud Temperature, and Cloud Optical Depth. Users may also find them via NCDD here.

Image caption: Himawari-9 Cloud Top Temperatures in AWIPS (June 2, 2023)

Global Hydro-Estimator Products to be Retired

The Global Hydro-Estimator (GHE) Rain Rate products (also known in AMIPS as Satellite Precipitation Estimate or "SPE") will be retired on November 30, 2023. These may be replaced with a new Enterprise Rainfall Rate Estimate products on SSN. Improvements would include:

- Eour additional IR bands:
- more dynamic calibration scher
- Expanded coverage from CONUS to global (between 60S and 70
- Grid spatial resolution nearly doubled, from 4km Mercator to 0.02



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Cloud-based AWIPS for Collaboration



- TOWR-S team has an initiative to bring people together in shared AWIPS sessions to foster collaboration on how satellite data can enhance the NWS mission.
- TOWR-S facilitates small groups of forecasters, technique development meteorologists, and algorithm developers from across the NWS and NESDIS.
- More details are in <u>Satellite Book Club Session 38</u>.
- Please contact Lee Byerle to schedule a session with your office.



TOWR-S Activity Plan









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(*tentative*) Dec. 15, 2023