

TOWR-S Update

June 21, 2024

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Total Operational Weather Readiness - Satellites



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New TOWR-S resources



TOWRpro v25 (TOWR-S RPM v25 + APP)



Deployment to begin in July 2024. For details see [SBC Spotlight Apr. 25, 2024](#).

Support for new products in AWIPS:

- GOES-19 L2s & gridded GLM
- [ABI Flood Maps](#)
- [OSCAT-3 scatterometer wind vectors](#)
- [SAR winds](#) (Pacific/Gulf/Atlantic, Great Lakes)

AWIPS configuration changes:

- [New Gray color scale](#) for the GOES Split Window Channel Difference
- [Increase max range of NESDIS Snowfall rate](#) in colormap/Style Rule
- Support for GOES-R Storage Slot (~105W; currently occupied by GOES-17)

New / changed CAVE menu entries:

- Combined entry for NUCAPS soundings from Metop-C and NOAA-20,21
- Improved display of NUCAPS soundings (see [below](#))

+ Updates to the **AWIPS Pre-Processor** ("APP")

Planning one additional TOWRPro deployment in CY2024



ISatSS in IDP and NWS National Centers

(Integrated Satellite Support System)



Now running in IDP Dev:

- NHC: Global IR Mosaics
- SAB: SSMIS imagery and RGBs
- SAB: GPM GMI
- OPC/SAB: GOES-16/18 Geocolor
- OPC/SAB: AMSR-2 Ocean & MBT
- OPC/SAB: ATMS 88GHz Qv imagery
- OPC/SAB: Jason-3, SWOT, S6A, Altika Wave altimetry
- OPC/SAB/WPC: GOES LightningCast
- OPC/SAB: GOES Fog and Low Stratus (Full Disk)
- OPC/SAB: Proxyvis (GOES-16/18 / Meteosat-9/10, Himawari-9)
- AWC: GREMLIN radar emulation

In work:

- IDPDev-IDPOps transition
 - Code checked in to IDP May 3rd
 - IDP staff integration underway
- GREMLIN devOps
- Full Disk GOES DMW for NHC/OPC
- AWC Mosaics
- MTG imagery tiles/area files
- SWOT Altimetry for NHC
- SAR Altimeter wind speeds

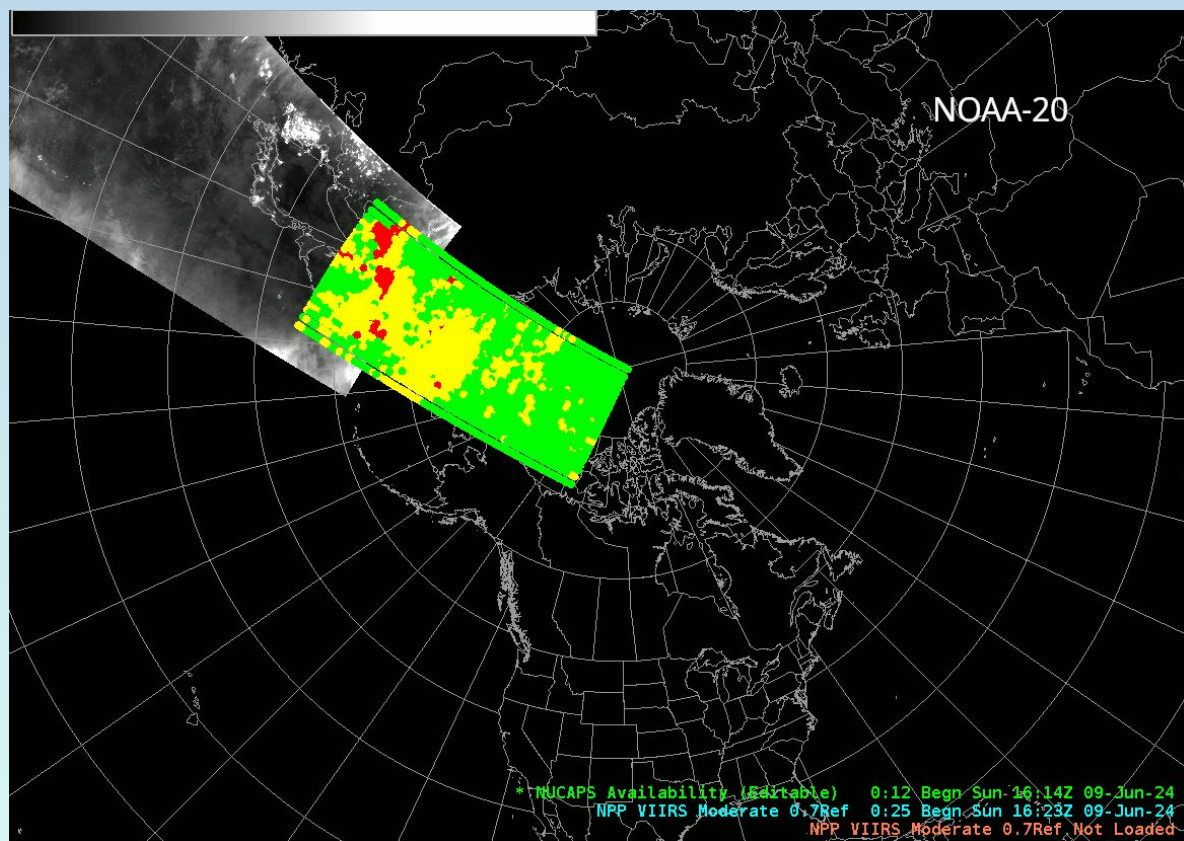
Further reading: [TOWR CCB Monthly](#)

Recent and upcoming satellite data products / changes

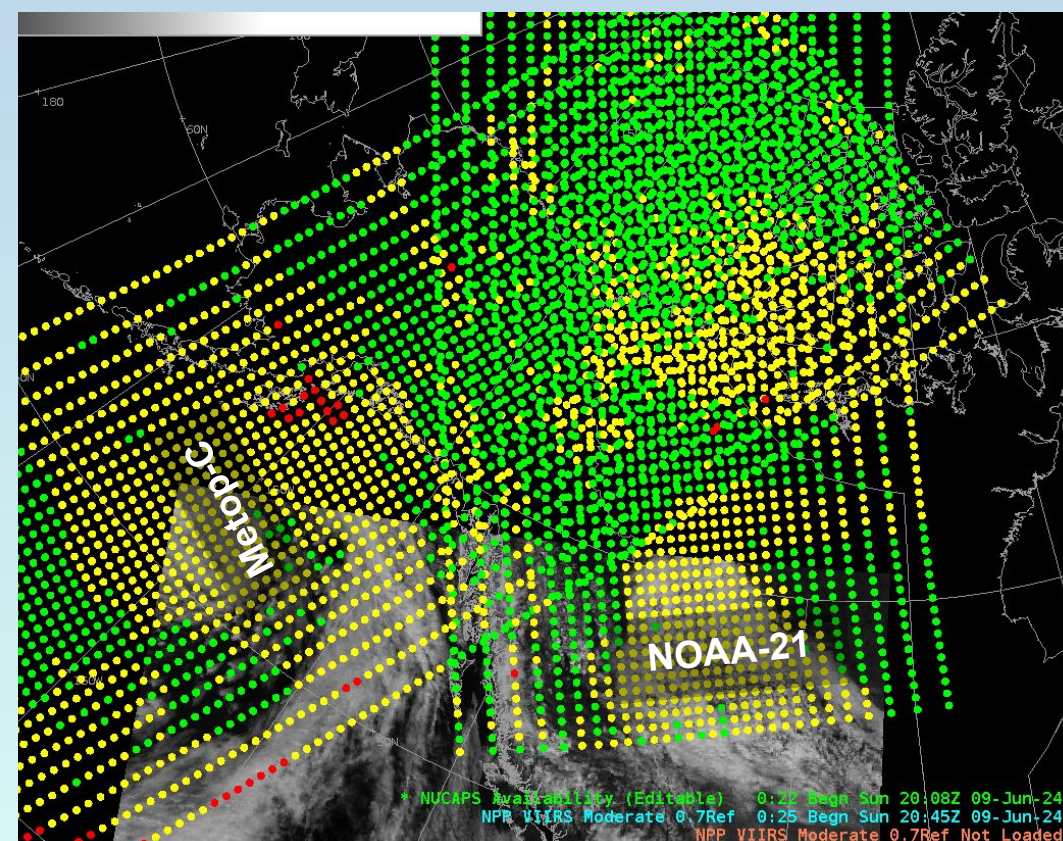


Now on SBN: **NUCAPS Soundings from 3 satellites**

- NOAA-21 NUCAPS (in AWIPS since May 9, 2024) and NOAA-20 NUCAPS (in AWIPS since July 2019):
Early afternoon satellite soundings
- Metop-C NUCAPS (in AWIPS since Mar. 8, 2024): Mid-morning satellite soundings



NUCAPS from Metop-C, NOAA-20, and NOAA-21 over Alaska (NUCAPS Region 9)
on 9-10 June, 2024. Backdrop: NOAA-20 VIIRS NCC Imagery



NUCAPS over Alaska (NUCAPS Region 9) on 9-10 June, 2024
Metop-C: 20:08z - 20:30z / NOAA-21: 20:18z - 20:26z
Backdrop: NOAA-20 VIIRS NCC Imagery

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GOES-R ASOS Satellite Cloud Products (SCP)



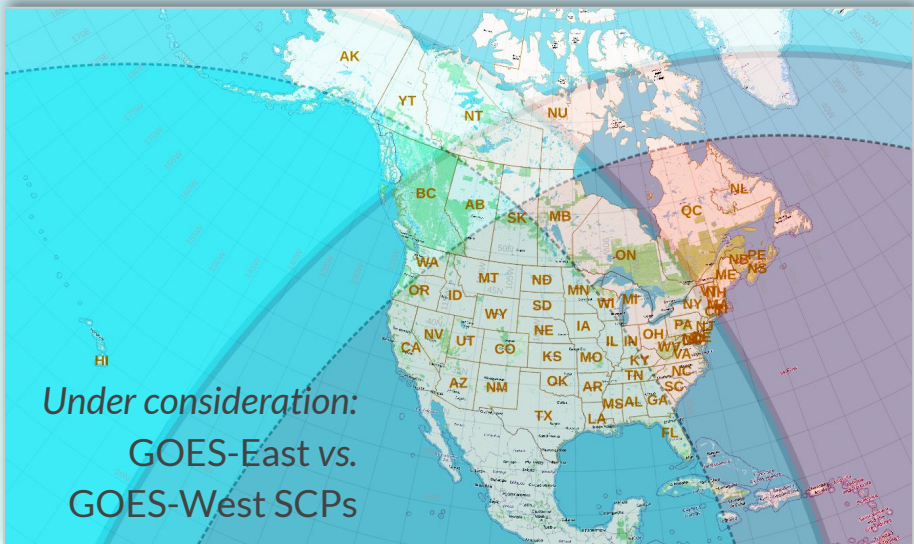
June 3, 2024: removed old & incorrect station IDs ([SCN24-34](#))

(149 of 3,267 stations – see [Dataset Guide](#))

GOES-R ASOS SCP station locations are now synced with the AWIPS National Datasets Maintenance (NDM) repository on VLab:

NOAA community may request station changes via <https://vlab.noaa.gov/redmine/projects/awips-ndm/>

State	ICAO Code to be Removed	Location Name	Suggested Alternate ICAO Code	Suggested Alternate Location Name	Distance (km)
AK	5GN	TAHNETA PASS, AK	PASP	Sheep Mountain, AK	3.2
AK	BLAIR	Oklahoma	PAEI	EIELSON AFB, AK	43.0
AK	EIELS	Fairbanks	PAEI	EIELSON AFB, AK	1.7
AK	P0Z0	Deering	PADE	Deering, AK	1.8
AK	P9Z1	Klawock	PAKW	KLAWOCK, AK	2.4
AK	PBET	Bethel	PABE	Bethel, AK	1.6
AK	PBIG	Delta Junction/Ft. Greely	PABI	Ft. Greely, AK	2.7
AK	PBRW	Barrow	PABR	Barrow/Wiley Post-Will Rogers, AK	0.7
AK	PBTT	Bettles	PABT	Bettles Field, AK	0.7
AK	PCDB	Cold Bay	PACD	Cold Bay, AK	1.3

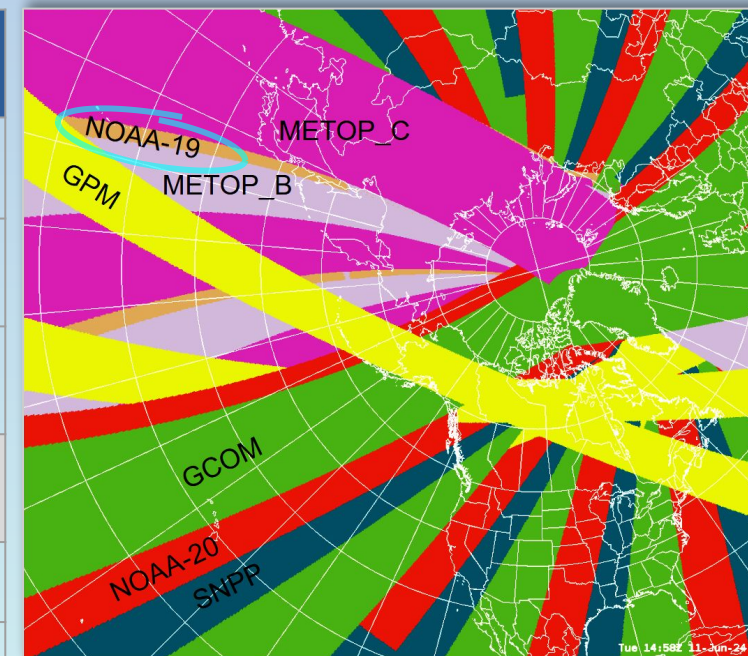




From OSP0: Legacy Product Retirements



Algorithms/Products	Data Source Retired or to be Retired	Existing Missions/Mitigation	Date of Retirement
MODIS Winds	Aqua/Terra	SNPP and N20 DMV, Metop-B/C AVHRR Winds	Jan. 29, 2024
AVHRR Cloud Drift Polar Winds	NOAA 15/18/19	SNPP and N20 DMV (NDE) Metop-B/C AVHRR Winds (NCCF)	April 3 2024
Microwave Integrated Retrieval System (MIRS)	NOAA 19, DMSP 17/18	SNPP and N20 , Metop-B/C and GPM MIRS Products	July 23 2024
Blended Rain Rate & Blended TPW	NOAA 19, DMSP 17/18 MIRS	SNPP, N20, Metop-B/C, GPM, GCOM-W1	July 23 2024
AMSU TC	NOAA 19 MIRS	MetOp-B/C AMSU	July 31 2024
OMI SO2 Alert	Aura	OMPS SO2	Sept. 2024
Ensemble Tropical Rainfall Potential (eTRaP)	NOAA 19, DMSP 17/18 MIRS	MetOp-B/C, GOES-16, GOES-17/18, METEOSAT-9/11, Himawari-8/9, S-NPP, NOAA-20, GCOM-W, GPM	Sept. 2024
Ocean Heat Content	SARAL	JASON-CS/MF Sentinel-6A Poseidon 4	Sept. 2024



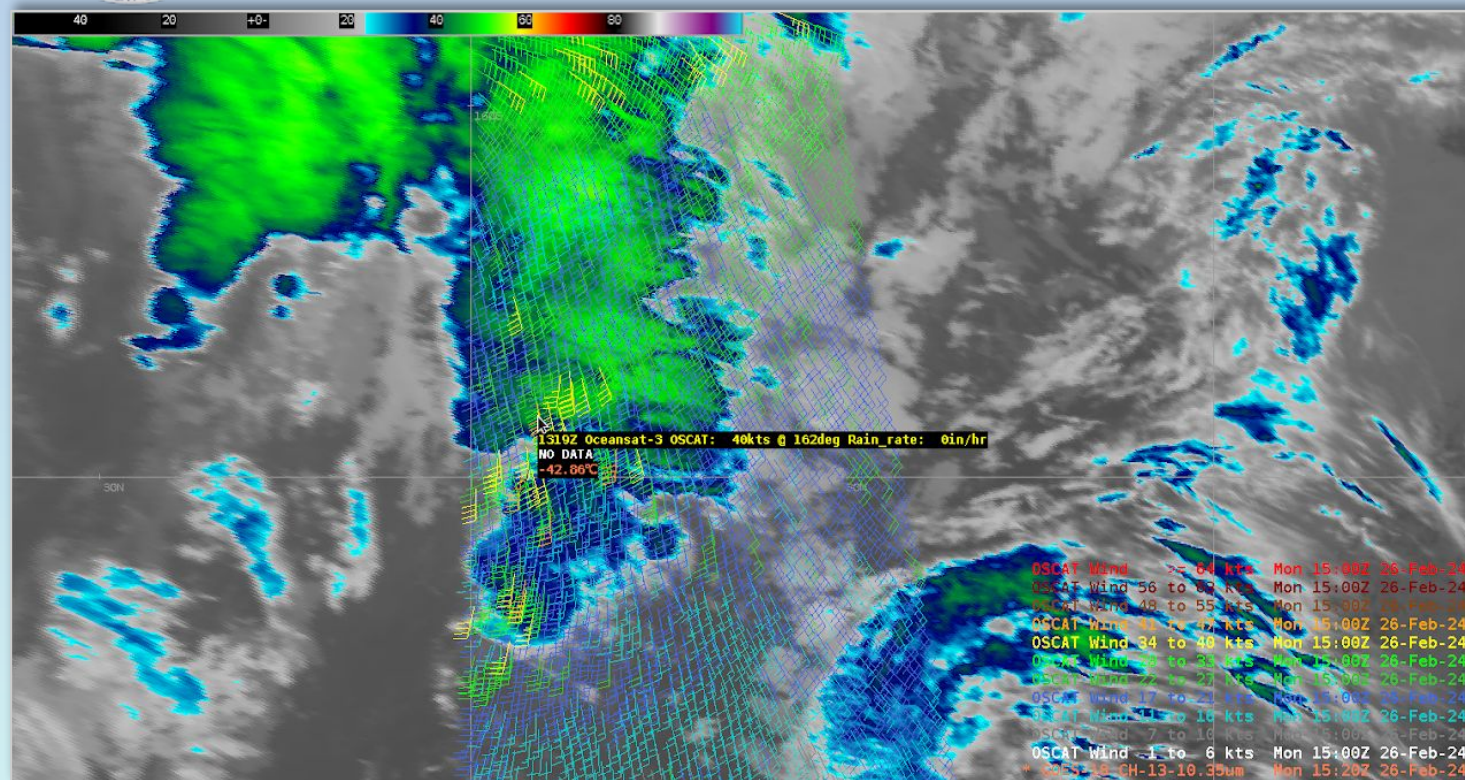
Blended Rain Rate: contributions from Metop-C, NOAA-19, Metop-B, and others

For details see <https://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Products/retirements.html>

OSCAT-3 scatterometer winds

OceanSat-3 / OSCAT-3

- L2 Ocean Surface Winds files from the OSCAT-3 scatterometer are now ready for AWIPS
- AWIPS support will be included in TOWRpro v25
- Several coastal and Great Lakes WFOs will participate in evaluating this product starting in July
- Expected to be on SBN in Jan. 2025
(... hopefully sooner than that)
- This product will fill the gap left when SCATSAT ceased operating in Feb. 2021.



NOAA-21 Transition to operations



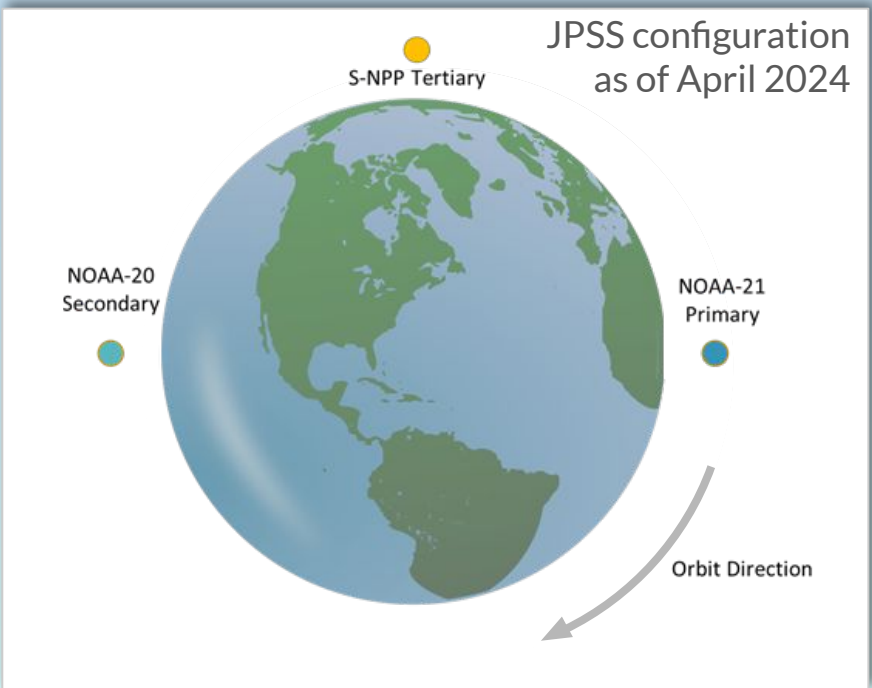
NOAA-21 T20: NWS Operational Test & Evaluation (OT&E)

- from Ryan Brown, NWS OPPSD



- OT&E purpose: validate operational requirements independently from end to end in a live environment. Advise recommendation on full deployment to forecast operations.
- The primary NOAA-21 OT&E has concluded with a Wrap-up meeting tentatively scheduled for late July 2024.

Evaluation	Date Range	Status
Initial VIIRS Evaluation (Tertiary Position) via Direct Readout & Terrestrial feed to Alaska	Aug. 7, 2023 - Sep. 8, 2023	Completed
Initial NCC/ DNB Evaluation (Secondary Position) via SBN	Nov. 16, 2023 - Dec. 20, 2023	Completed
VIIRS Evaluation (Secondary to Primary Transition) via Direct Readout & Terrestrial feed to Alaska	Mar. 11, 2024 - Apr. 12, 2024	Completed
NCC/ DNB Evaluation (Secondary to Primary Transition) via SBN	Mar. 11, 2024 - Apr. 12, 2024	Completed
NUCAPS Evaluation (Primary Position) via SBN	May 13, 2024 - Jun. 7, 2024	Completed
Blended Hydro Products Evaluation (Primary Position) via SBN	Q1 2025	Planning for <u>Follow-on</u> OT&E
Active Fires Evaluation (Primary Position) via SBN	Q1 2025	Planning for <u>Follow-on</u> OT&E
Flood Mapping Evaluation (Primary Position) via SBN	Q1 2025	Planning for <u>Follow-on</u> OT&E

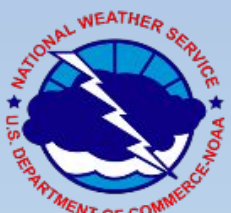


- 7 OT&E test sites:
- Alaska Region HQ (VRH)
 - Anchorage, AK (AFC)
 - WFO Medford, OR (MFR)
 - WFO Gaylord, MI (APX)
 - WFO Houston/Galveston, TX (HGX)
 - WFO Buffalo, NY (BUF)
 - RFC Portland, OR (NWRFC)

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NOAA-21 T20: Product Maturity timeline



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Team	Product	Beta Effectivity Date	Provision Effectivity Date	Validated Effectivity Date	Beta Maturity Review Date	Prov Maturity Review Date	Val Maturity Review Date	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
								11/30/22	12/31/22	01/31/23	02/28/23	03/31/23	04/30/23	5/31/2023	6/30/2023	7/31/2023	8/31/2023	9/30/2023	10/31/2023	11/30/2023	12/31/2023	1/31/2024	2/29/2024	3/31/2024	4/30/2024	5/31/2024	6/30/2024	7/31/2024	8/31/2024	9/30/2024	10/31/2024	11/30/2024	12/31/2024	1/31/2025	2/28/2025	3/31/2025	4/30/2025	5/31/2025	6/30/2025	7/31/2025	8/31/2025
SDR	ATMS TDR/SDR	11/30/22	12/15/22	05/12/23	11/30/22	12/15/22	06/22/23	B	P					V																											
	CrIS SDR	02/23/23	03/30/23	09/26/23	02/23/23	03/30/23	09/28/23				B	P						V																							
	VIIRS SDR	02/23/23	03/30/23	06/23/23	02/23/23	03/30/23	08/03/23				B	P				V																									
Imagery	OMPS SDR (NP & TC)	02/23/23	04/13/23	04/11/24	02/23/23	03/30/23	03/28/24				B		P												V																
	KPP Imagery EDRs	02/23/23	03/30/23	06/23/23	02/23/23	03/30/23	08/03/23				B	P			V																										
	non-KPP Imagery EDRs	02/23/23	03/30/23	06/23/23	02/23/23	03/30/23	08/03/23				B	P			V																										
Clouds	Cloud Mask	03/30/23	03/30/23	03/30/23	06/22/23	10/26/23	01/28/24					B/P/V																													
	Cloud Phase/Type	03/30/23	03/30/23	03/30/23	10/26/23	10/26/23	01/28/24					B/P/V																													
	Cloud Top Property	03/30/23	03/30/23	03/30/23	10/26/23	10/26/23	01/28/24					B/P/V																													
	Cloud Cover Layer	03/30/23	03/30/23	03/30/23	10/26/23	10/26/23	01/28/24					B/P/V																													
	Cloud Base Height	03/30/23	03/30/23	03/30/23	10/26/23	10/26/23	01/28/24					B/P/V																													
Aerosol	DCOMP and NCOMP	03/30/23	03/30/23	03/30/23	11/30/23	11/30/23	01/28/24					B/P/V																													
	Aerosol Optical Depth and Aerosol Particle Size	02/10/23	02/10/23	03/30/23	06/22/23	06/22/23	01/28/24				B/P	V																													
Volcanic Ash	Aerosol Detection	02/11/23	02/11/23	03/30/23	08/24/23	08/24/23	01/28/24				B/P	V																													
	Volcanic Ash	03/30/23	03/30/23	03/30/23	08/24/23	08/24/23	01/28/24					B/P/V																													
Cryosphere	Ice Surface Temperature and Ice Concentration	05/01/23	05/01/23	05/01/23	08/03/23	10/26/23	1/25/24							B/P/V																											
	Sea Ice Thickness/Age	05/01/23	05/01/23	05/01/23	08/03/23	01/25/24	01/25/24							B/P/V																											
	Binary Snow Cover	05/01/23	05/01/23	05/01/23	08/03/23	01/25/24	01/25/24							B/P/V																											
	Fractional Snow Cover	05/01/23	05/01/23	05/01/23	08/03/23	01/25/24	01/25/24							B/P/V																											
Land	Active Fires	3/30/23	3/30/23	3/30/23	06/01/23	06/01/23	01/25/24					B/P/V																													
	Land Surface Temperature	05/29/23	06/23/23	06/23/23	08/03/23	01/25/24	01/25/24							B	P/V																										
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	Surface Reflectance	08/02/23	11/01/23	11/01/23	08/03/23	01/25/24	01/25/24										B			P/V																					
	Green Vegetation Fraction	06/02/23	06/23/23	06/23/23	08/03/23	01/25/24	01/25/24								B/P/V																										
	Vegetation Index	3/30/23	3/30/23	3/30/23	08/03/23																																				
	Vegetation Health	03/30/23	03/30/23	03/30/23								B/P/V																													
OCC	Ocean Color	03/07/24	03/07/24																						B/P/V																
SST	Sea Surface Temperature	03/20/23	03/20/23									B/P/V																													
VPW	Polar Winds	11/16/23	11/16/23																	B/P/V					V																
VFM	VIIRS Flood Mapping	08/24/23	12/14/23														B					P/V																			
NUCAPS	AVTP, AVMP, Ozone, OLR	03/23/23	09/26/23											B								P			V																
	CO, CO2, CH4																		P/V																						
MIRS	MIRS Products											B			P/V																										
SFR	Snow Fall Rate (SFR)	12/03/22	03/07/24	01/07/23	03/07/24	03/07/24	05/22/25		B																P														V		
OMPS EDR	OMPS NP Ozone EDR (V8Pro)	03/24/23	03/27/24	07/25/24	03/30/23	10/26/23	07/25/24					B												P				V													
	OMPS TC Ozone EDR (V8TOz)	03/24/23	09/19/23	06/13/24	03/30/23	08/03/23	TBD					B							P								V														
	OMPS LP (SDR & EDR)	4/25/24	4/25/24	09/10/24	4/25/24	4/25/24	09/19/24																		B/P																

Not all of these products will be made available in AWS.

Of those that are, some will be on the SBN; others may not. All will be available in AWS via LDM, CloudWatch, or other mechanisms.

NOAA-21 MiRS (microwave) Rain Rate and Precipitable Water estimates are coming to Blended Hydro Products in Sept. 2024

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New and upcoming satellites

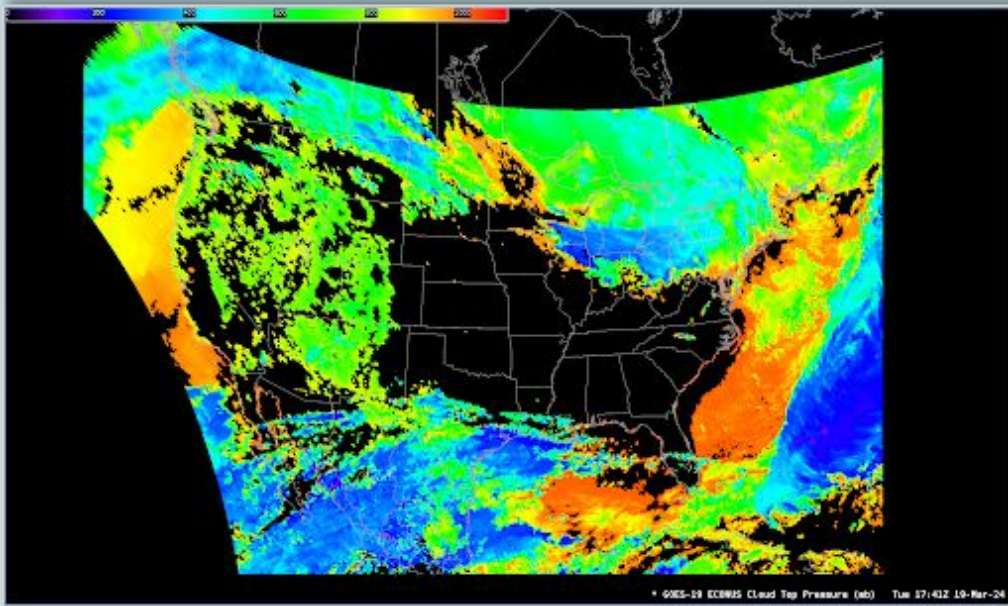
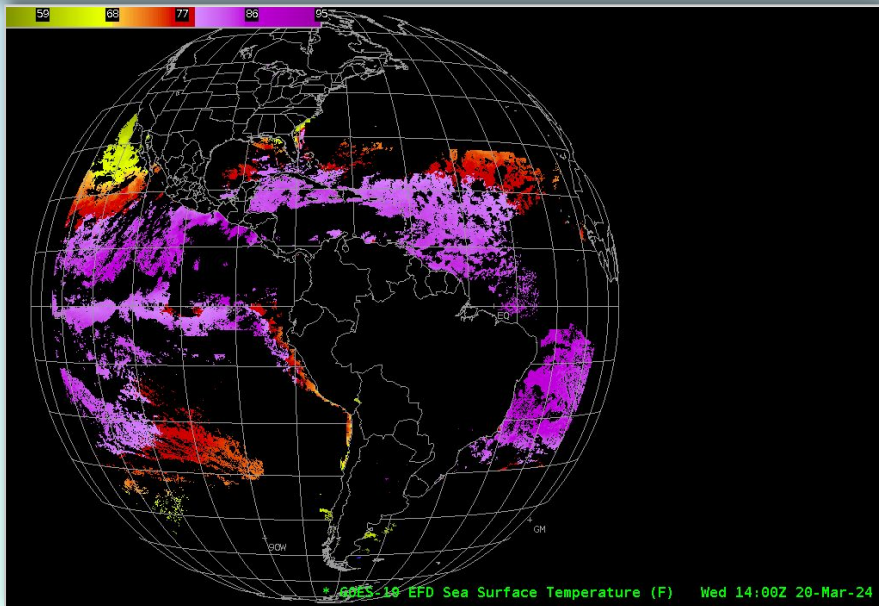
GOES-U

<https://www.noaa.gov/next-generation/space-weather/ccor-goes-u>



GOES-U launching Tuesday, June 25, 2024

- Will be commissioned as GOES-East in April 2025, replacing GOES-16 (per OSPO)
- Will carry the new Compact Coronagraph (CCOR)



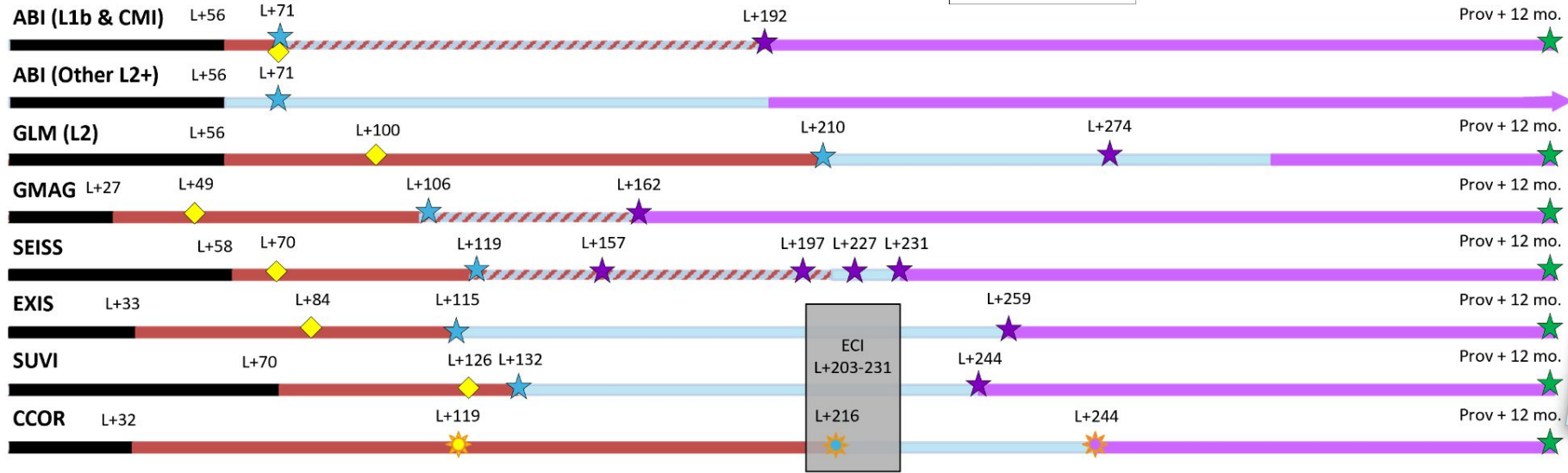
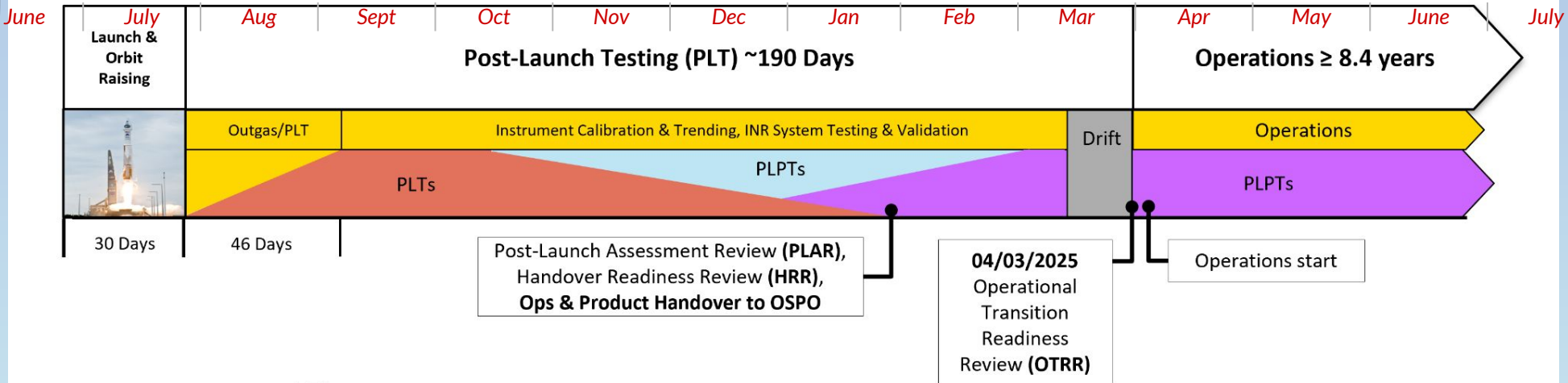
h/t Derek Van Pelt

AWIPS screenshots from Mar. 2024 DOE-U3 test with simulated GOES-19 data

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GOES-U Post-Launch Science Product Validation Schedule



LEGEND

Current as of June 13, 2024

Science Products Not Flowing

Internal flow begins

Post-Launch Testing (PLT)

Beta Validated Products

Both PLT/PLPT

Provisionally Validated Products

Post-Launch Product Testing (PLPT)

Post-Launch Product Testing (PLPT) / Full validation testing

Fully Validated Products

◆ First public imagery release

★ Beta Certification

★ Provisional PS-PVR

★ Full Validation PS-PVR

★ CCOR milestones (owned by SWFO)

Further Details: see [GOES-19 T2O schedule 20240412v2](#), presented to the GOES-R Steering Committee on Apr. 18, 2024

Note: All dates are subject to change.

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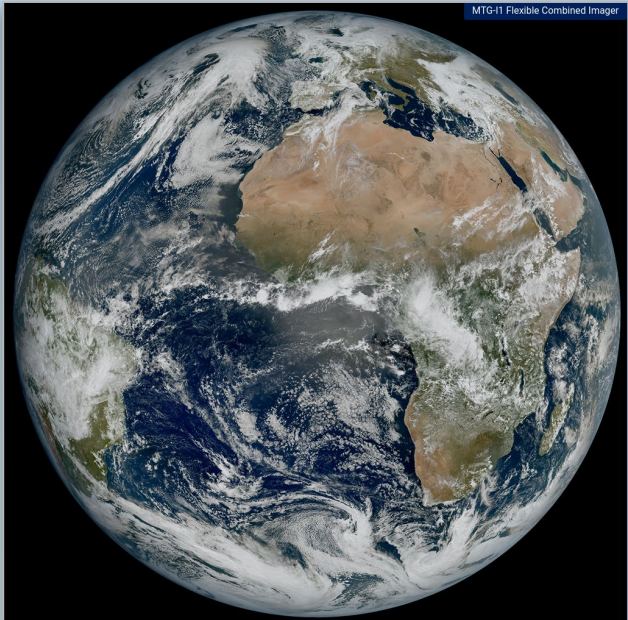


MeteoSat 3rd Generation



- MeteoSat 3rd Generation (MTG-Imager1) launched Dec. 2022
 - Key instruments: **Lightning Imager** and **Flexible Combined Imager**
- MTG-I1 [data availability schedule](#): (updated June 5, 2024)

Central facility MTG data release	Data type	Delivery mechanism	Accessible for
To be announced (for details see footnote at MTG-I1 data availability schedule)	Flexible Combined Imager L1c data - continuous feed (compressed via EUMETCast)	EUMETCast Data Store EUMETView	Pre-operational release to all users
	Flexible Combined Imager L2 data - continuous feed of a subset of products		
28 Mar 2024	Lightning Imager data - subset of groups and flashes	Open sftp	All users
Earliest Jun 2024	Lightning Imager data - continuous feed of all products	EUMETCast Data Store	Pre-operational release to all users



MTG-I1 First Light image (Mar. 18, 2023)

<https://www.eumetsat.int>

- MTG-I1's Flexible Combined Imager (FCI) resumed observations in May, but onboard calibration remains in question.
- MTG-I1's Lightning Imager (LI): pre-operational L2 sample data are now available; real-time feed may begin in June.
- (MTG-I1 will be referred to as Met-12 when declared operational)

Oct. 2024-Mar. 2025:
launch of MTG-Sounder1

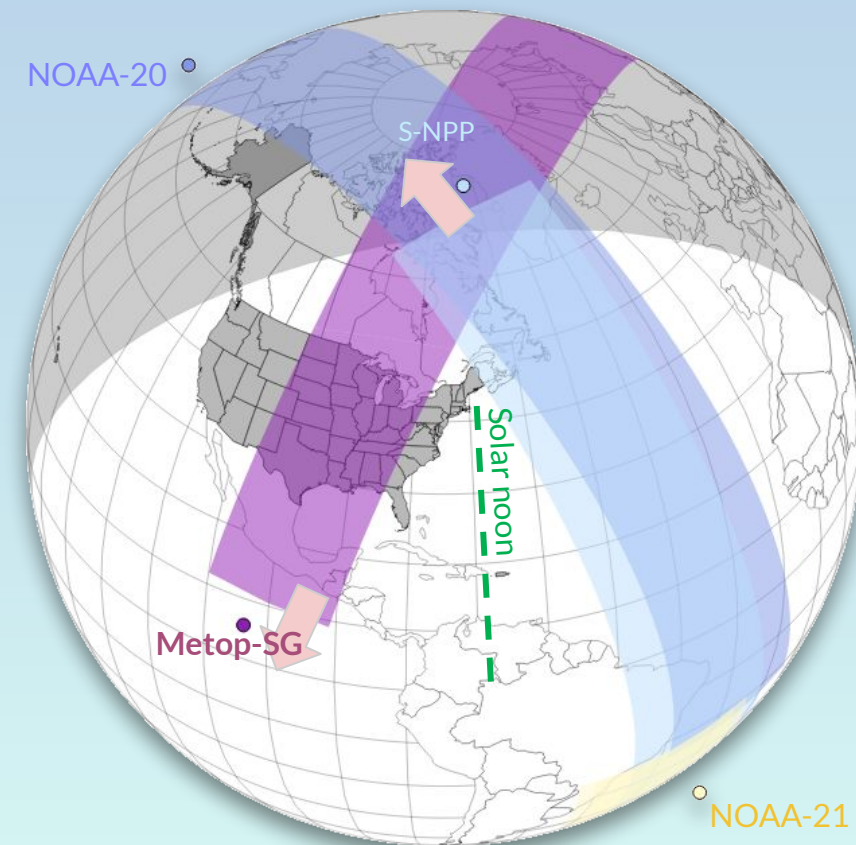
Further reading:
<https://www.eumetsat.int/our-satellites/meteosat-series>



Metop-Second Generation (Metop-SG)



- [Metop-SG-A1](#) (Metop 2nd Gen.) to launch [April-June 2025](#)
 - Sun-synchronous polar (morning) orbit
 - Key instruments:
 - **METImage: Meteorological Imager**
 - **IASI-NG: Infrared Atmospheric Sounder Interferometer - New Generation**
 - **MWS: Microwave Sounder**
 - Sentinel-5 UVNS: Ultra-violet, Visible and Near-infrared Sounder
 - RO: Radio Occultation sounder
 - RMU: Radiation Monitor Unit (a.k.a. NGRM)
 - 3MI: Multi-viewing Multi-channel Multi-polarisation Imager
 - Due to launch in 2026: **Metop-SG-B1**, w/ key instruments:
 - **MWI: Microwave Imager**
 - **SCA: Scatterometer**
 - **ICI: Ice Cloud Imager**
 - RO: Radio Occultation sounder
 - RMU: Radiation Monitor Unit (a.k.a. NGRM)
 - TOWR-S is drafting a NWS User Readiness Plan for Metop-SG.



<https://lab.noaa.gov/web/towr-s/polar-planner>



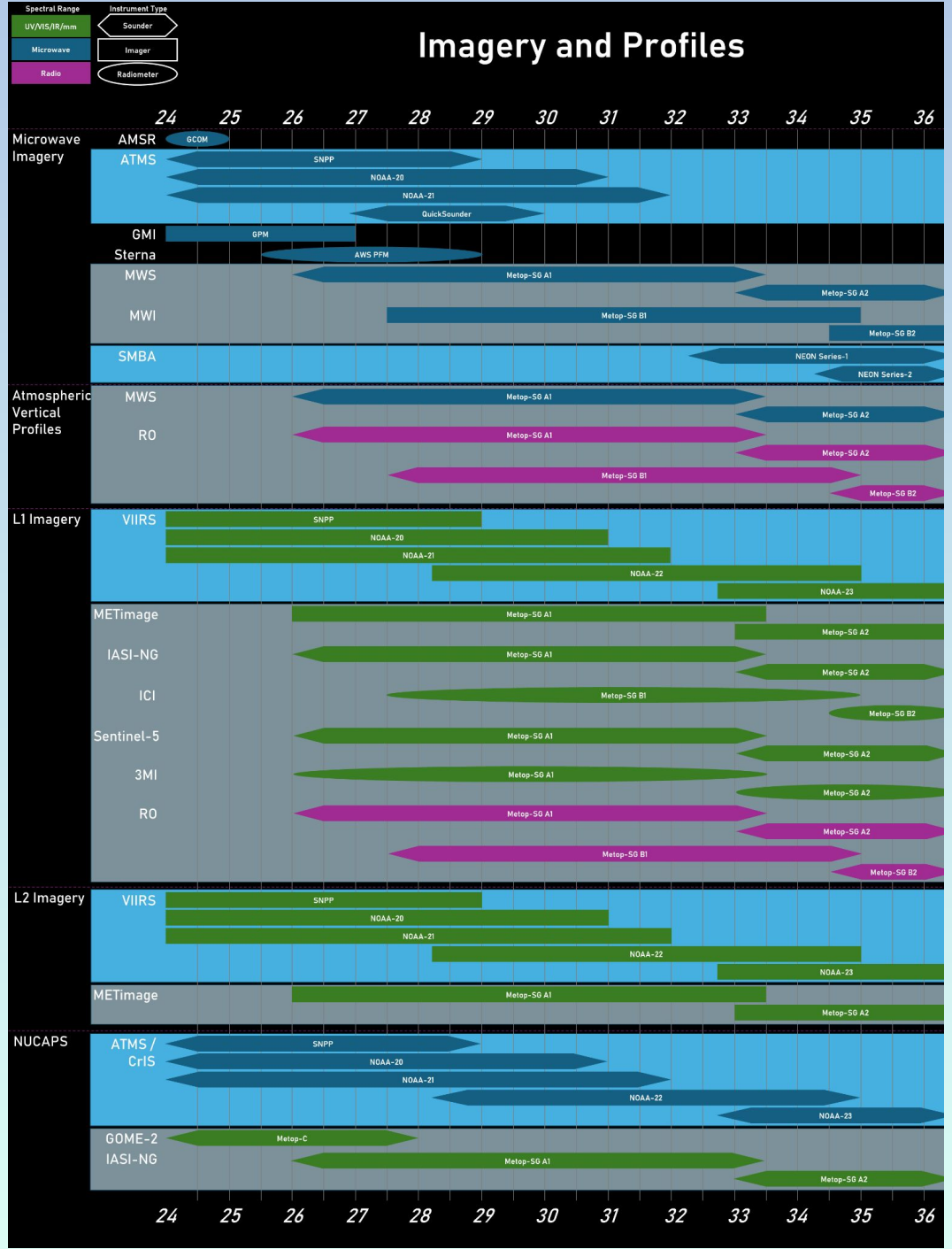
NWS LEO Readiness Plan

Defining the needs, capabilities, and strategies for Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite products in NWS

What is Day-1 readiness?

Visualizing the product portfolio and timelines (example draft seen here ->)

Metop-SG is the focus of this first document



Documentation / Communication / Outreach



Satellite Book Club (SBC) Seminar Series

SATELLITE BOOK CLUB (SBC) VIDEO SEARCH TOOL

Total Operational Weather Readiness-Satellites (TOWR-S) Team
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SBC Session 127 - Synthetic Aperture Radar over Extratropical Cyclones

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SBC Session 127 - Synthetic Aperture Radar ...

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Automatic Requests of Synthetic Aperture Radar Ocean Wind Images over Extratropical Cyclones | A Ocean Prediction Center

Author: Javier Arreaga Villegas Bravo
NOAA Ocean Prediction Center Satellite Liaison
NOAA Satellite Book Club 1/19/2023

Watch on

Selected Video: Transcriptions & Timestamps: 22

Timestamp	Transcript
22:44	tropical Cyclone work foreign
19:56	tropical Cyclones so I haven't observed this myself but I

Video Results of Keyword: 54

SBC Session 40 - Communicating Tropical Cyclone Hazards with Satellite Data
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SBC Session 60 - Near Real Time Tropical Cyclone Winds from Synthetic Aperture Radar SAR
u-sUuLxCpho

SBC Session 31 - Examples of Mesoanalysis in Winter Weather using GOES Imagery
8-Zla5Mw7EA

SBC Session 54 - ABI Fire Detection: The Mesoscale Fire Detection and Characterization Product
u-sUuLxCpho

- Thursdays, usually at Noon ET
- Usage examples shed light on user requirements for satellite data products and capabilities.
- Recordings are on [YouTube](#) and the [NWS Commerce Learning Center \(CLC\) website](#).
- SBC videos are now searchable by keyword: <https://vlab.noaa.gov/web/towr-s/sbc-video-search>

Upcoming sessions:

June 27: *The April 29, 2022 EF-3 Tornado: Lessons from a Near Miss* | Kelly Butler (ICT)

July 11: *GLM Background Imagery and Data Quality* | Eric Bruning (Texas Tech), Joseph Patton (CISESS), Kevin Thiel (CIWRO)

July 18: *GOES ASOS SCP Products* | Stuti Deshpande (TOWR-S)

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TOWR-S Product Baseline



TOWR-S PRODUCT BASELINE

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

Search:

Product Name	Satellite	Sensor	Geophysical Domain	Parameter	Sector (Refresh Rate)	Distribution Path	Distribution Source	WMO Header
88GHz Qv Imagery	SNPP/NOAA-20	ATMS	Foundational	Imagery	Granules (90 min)	IDP ISatSS -> OPC/SAB	PDA	N/A
ABI Flood Maps	GOES East/West	ABI	Land	River Ice & Flooding	Regional Mosaics (1 hr)	Regional LDM	PDA/AWC	N/A
Aerosol Detection	GOES East/West	ABI	Atmosphere	Aerosols	Full Disk (10 min), CONUS (10 min), Mesoscale (5 min)	SBN EXP	PDA	IXTA[89]9 KNES
Aerosol Detection	SNPP/NOAA-20	VIIRS	Atmosphere	Aerosols	Granules (10 hr)	TBD	PDA	N/A
Aerosol Optical Depth	GOES East/West	ABI	Atmosphere	Aerosols	Full Disk (10 min), CONUS (5 min)	SBN EXP	PDA	IXTB[89]9 KNES

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TOWR-S maintains a table of all satellite data products that we are involved with integrating into NWS forecast operations.

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

Many rows link to [Dataset Guides](#) with AWIPS details.

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

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



TOWR-S Product Baseline

Graphical overview (Geophysical themes + Satellite sources)

Atmosphere	Clouds	Land	Cryosphere	
Aerosols ABI Aerosol Detection; Aerosol Optical Depth VIIRS Aerosol Detection; Optical Depth; Volcanic Ash	Cloud Layers ABI Cloud Cover Layers	Fires ABI Fire Hot Spot VIIRS Active Fires	Ice Age, Concentration, Thickness ABI Ice Age & Thickness ABI Ice Concentration & Extent AMSR2-SEAICE-NH ATMS/CrIS MiRS Ice VIIRS Ice Age, Concentration, Thickness	
Cloud Liquid Water ATMS/CrIS MiRS CLW AMSR2-OCEAN	Cloud Mask ABI Cloud Mask Himawari AHI Clear Sky Mask VIIRS Cloud Mask	Land Surface Temperature ABI LST VIIRS LST	Snow Cover ABI Snow AMSR2-SNOW ATMS/CrIS MiRS Snow VIIRS Snow Cover	
Convection ABI Derived Stability Indices	Cloud Optical Depth ABI Cloud Optical Depth Himawari AHI Cloud Optical Depth VIIRS Cloud Optical Depth	River Ice & Flooding ABI Flood Maps VIIRS Flood Mapping		
Derived Motion Winds ABI DMW Himawari AHI DMW VIIRS DMW	Cloud Particle Size ABI Cloud Particle Size	Soil Moisture AMSR2-SOIL		
Fog & Low Stratus ABI FLS	Cloud Phase ABI Cloud Phase Himawari AHI Cloud Top Phase VIIRS Cloud Phase			
Lightning GLM Flash Extent Density; Minimum Flash Area	Cloud Top Height ABI Cloud Top Height Himawari AHI Cloud Top Height VIIRS Cloud Top Height	Ocean	Foundational	
Profiles ABI Soundings (Legacy Vertical Moisture Profile; Legacy Vertical Temperature Profile) ATMS/CrIS NUCAPS Metop B/C GOME-2 NUCAPS	Cloud Top Pressure ABI Cloud Top Pressure Himawari AHI Cloud Top Pressure VIIRS Cloud Top Pressure	Altimetry Cryosat-2 SIRAL Wave Altimetry JASON-3 Wave Altimetry Sentinel-3A/B SRAL Wave Altimetry Sentinel-6A Poseidon-4 Wave Altimetry	Imagery 5 Geo Comp GMGSI Longwave IR; Visible; Water Vapor ABI SCMI Tiles AMSR2-MBT ATMS 88GHz Qv Imagery GPM GMI Microwave Imagery Himawari AHI Imagery SEVIRI VIS/IR/SWIR/WV SSMIS Microwave Imagery VIIRS Img. EDRs	
Rain Rate/Qualitative Precipitation Estimation ABI RR/QPE; Global Hydro-Estimator AMSR2-OCEAN; AMSR2-PRECIP ATMS/CrIS MiRS RR Blended Hydro Suite RR Himawari AHI RR/QPE	Cloud Top Temperature ABI Cloud Top Temperature Himawari AHI Cloud Top Temperature VIIRS Cloud Top Temperature	Sea Surface Temperature ABI SST AMSR2-OCEAN SST Himawari AHI ACSPO SST VIIRS ACSPO SST		
Total Precipitable Water ABI TPW AMSR2-OCEAN ATMS/CrIS MiRS TPW Blended Hydro Suite TPW; %TPW	Sky Cover ABI ASOS SCP	Sea Surface Winds AMSR2-OCEAN Winds Cryosat-2 SIRAL Winds JASON-3 Winds Metop B/C ASCAT Winds OSCAT-3 Winds Sentinel-3A/B SRAL Winds		
Turbulence ABI CIMSS Turbulence				



New VLab Resources

			Bands																Channel Differences										
RGB Name	Use Case	Simple/ Adv./Old	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	5-2	7-13	8-10	9-10	10-8	12-13	13-7	13-11	14-11	15-13	Other
Air Mass	Inferring cyclogenesis; Identifying air masses	A							xd		d		d	d							x				x				
Ash	Ash detection; SO2 identification	A											d		xd	d	d										x		x
CIMSS Natural Color	Human perspective from space	A	x	x																									x
CIRA Geocolor	Human perspective from space	A	x	x	x				d						xd										x				x
Day Cloud Convection	High convection clouds, low-mid water clouds, land surface distinction	S		xx											x														
Day Cloud Phase	Convective initiation; Snow squalls	S		x			x								x		x												

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x = included xx = two colors from same band included d = included in a channel difference xd = included as both a single band and channel difference

Table of GOES RGBs with Quick Guides, Use Cases and Bands

Table of GOES L2 products on the SBN with WMO Headers and PDA Shortnames

GOES-R L2 Products on SBN					
The table below lists the GOES-R L2 products that are available via NOAAPort (Satellite Broadcast Network)					
WMO Headers (East)	WMO Headers (West)	Product	PDA Shortname: Full Disk	PDA Shortname: CONUS	PDA Shortname: Meso1,2
IXTA99 KNES	IXTB89 KNES	Aerosol Detection	ABI_L2_ADPF	ABI_L2_ADPC	ABI_L2_ADPM
IXTB99 KNES	IXTB89 KNES	Aerosol Optical Depth	ABI_L2_AODF	ABI_L2_AODC	
IXTC99 KNES	IXTC89 KNES	Cloud Cover Layers	ABI_L2_CCLF	ABI_L2_CCLC	ABI_L2_CCLM
IXTD99 KNES	IXTD89 KNES	Cloud Top Phase	ABI_L2_CTPF	ABI_L2_CTPC	
IXTE99 KNES	IXTE89 KNES	Fog & Low Stratus		ABI_L2_GFLSC_AWIPS	
IXTF99 KNES	IXTF89 KNES	Rain Rate / Quant. Precip. Est.	ABI_L2_RRQPEF		
IXTG99 KNES	IXTG89 KNES	Cloud Top Height	ABI_L2_ACHAF	ABI_L2_ACHAC	ABI_L2_ACHAM
IXTH99 KNES	IXTH89 KNES	Cloud Mask	ABI_L2_ACMF		ABI_L2_ACM
IXTI99 KNES	IXTI89 KNES	Cloud Top Temperature	ABI_L2_ACHTF	ABI_L2_ACMC	ABI_L2_ACHTM
IXTJ99 KNES	IXTJ89 KNES	Fire Detection	ABI_L2_FDCCF	ABI_L2_FDCC	ABI_L2_FDCM

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TOWR-S monthly news



- Supplements the quarterly TOWR-S Update briefings and the weekly / occasional TOWR-S mailers.

See [latest edition](#)

- Emailed to TOWR-S Update attendees, SOOs, stakeholders, and posted to VLab.
(<https://vlab.noaa.gov/web/towr-s/communications>)

- Over 530 recipients
- Comes out 1st or 2nd week of the month
 - June edition sent out on June 6
 - Expect July edition on July 10

TOWR-S COMMUNICATIONS

June News

Updated June 6, 2024

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- [ICYMI \(In Case You Missed It\)](#)
- [GOES-U Launch](#)
- [OceanSat-3 Ocean Surface Wind Vectors](#)

Recent Updates

TOWRpro v25 Release


Updates to the TOWR-S RPM and AWIPS Pre-Processor (APP) will be bundled and deployed as TOWRpro v25. The package is now out to a few test sites, with wider release expected in early July. Changes include support for

- GOES-East, -West ABI Flood Maps for CONUS
- Oceansat-3 Scatterometer (OSCAT-3) wind vectors
- Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) wind speeds
- "Split Window Moisture" Channel Difference
- New GOES Aerosol Detection product
- Improved NESDIS Snowfall Rate colormap and labels
- NUCAPS soundings for Region 6 ([see reference image here](#))
- GOES-19 GLM, Geocolor, and L2 derived products
- GOES imagery from the GOES Storage slot position at 105W Longitude
- APP updates
 - Geocolor production during GOES Mode 4 operations
 - RHEL 8 support (with AWIPS 23.4.1 release)

More details can be found in the [Satellite Book Club](#) presentation from April 25. Contact [Lee Byerle](#) or [Emily Maddox](#) with questions.

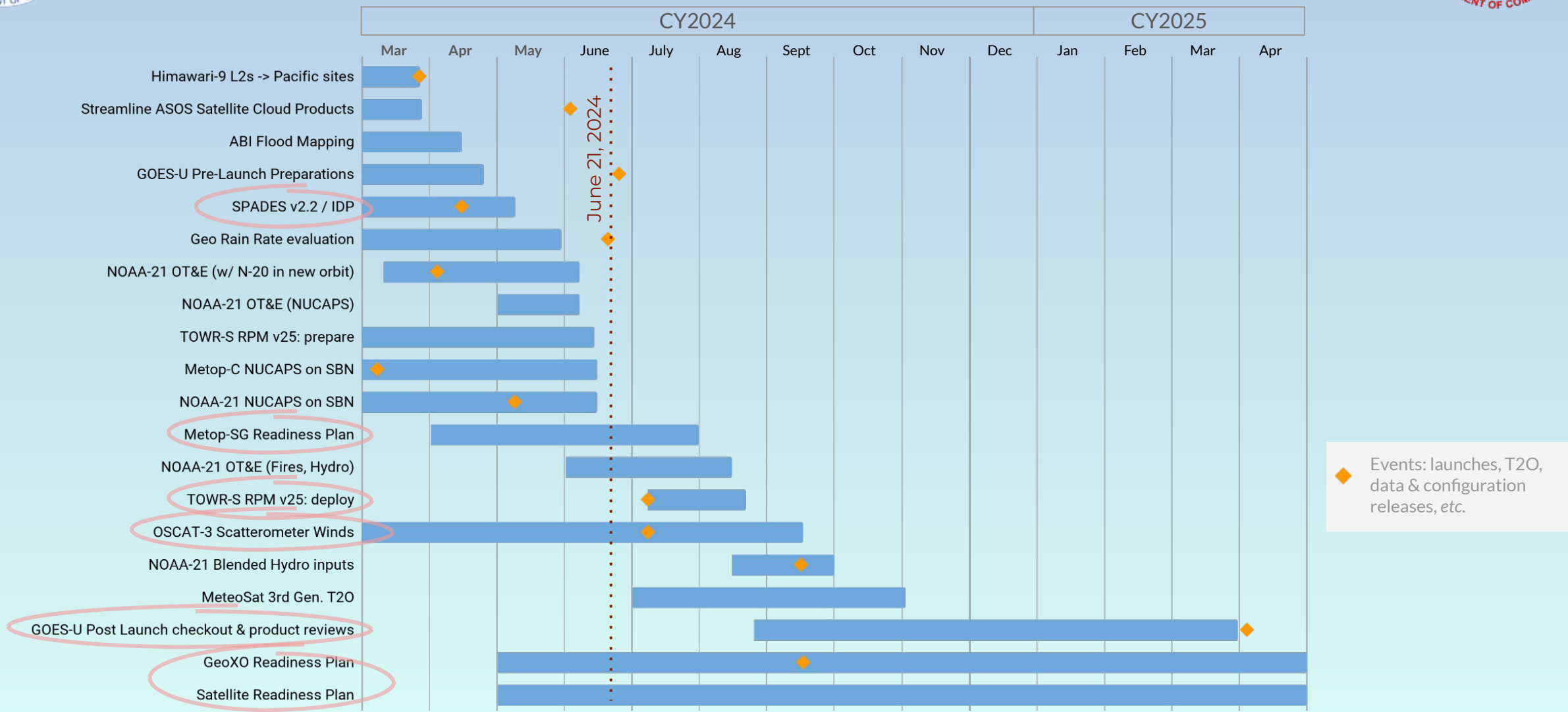
NOAA-21 NUCAPS Soundings Now in AWIPS

Atmospheric soundings, known as the NOAA Unique Combined Atmospheric Processing System (NUCAPS), became available in AWIPS from the NOAA-21 satellite on May 6, 2024. NOAA-21





TOWR-S Activity Plan




◆ Events: launches, T2O, data & configuration releases, etc.



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 - [NWSSChat 2.0 #towr-s Channel](#) 
 - [TOWR-S on VLab \(https://vlab.noaa.gov/web/towr-s\)](https://vlab.noaa.gov/web/towr-s)



Next TOWR-S Update



(tentative)
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