

# Aerosol retrievals over oceans from MSG/SEVIRI for the use in GERB radiation budget analyses

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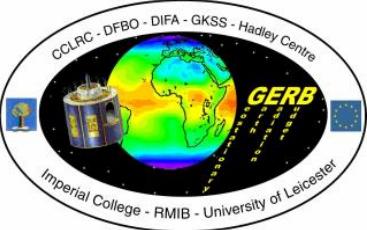
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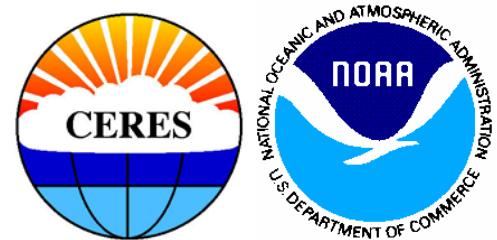
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## Aerosol Product from SEVIRI in RMIB GERB Processing (RGP)

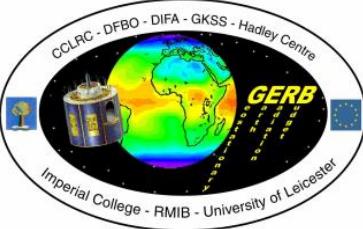


Meteosat-8 launched 28 Aug 2002

- GERB: Sister-instrument to CERES
- RMIB GERB Processing (RGP) operational at RMIB
- Aerosol product on GERB datasets needed for aerosol forcing studies

### [AVHRR-like Aerosol product from SEVIRI: Incorporated in RGP](#)

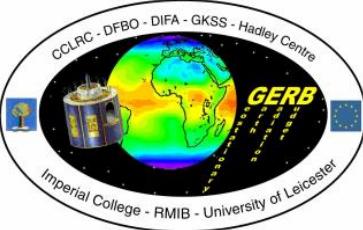
- SEVIRI: AVHRR-like imager (Aerosol bands 0.63, 0.83, 1.61  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- AVHRR-like aerosol product
  - 3 AODs independently derived in 3 bands using single-channel algorithm
  - Angstrom exponent estimated from spectral AODs
  - Extensively tested with AVHRR and MODIS; Reported on TRMM (primary) and Terra and Aqua CERES SSFs (back-up product)
  - Tested with SEVIRI for dust cases (Brindley and Ignatov 2006)



## Outline of talk



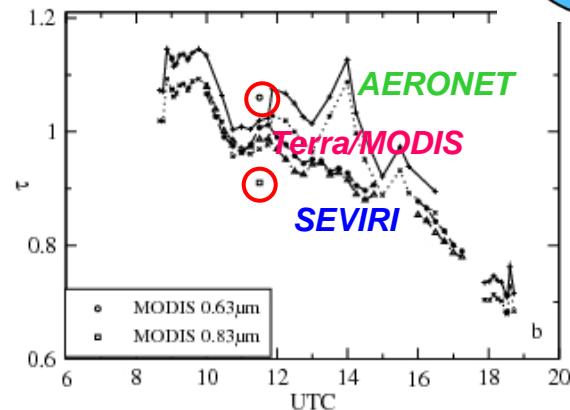
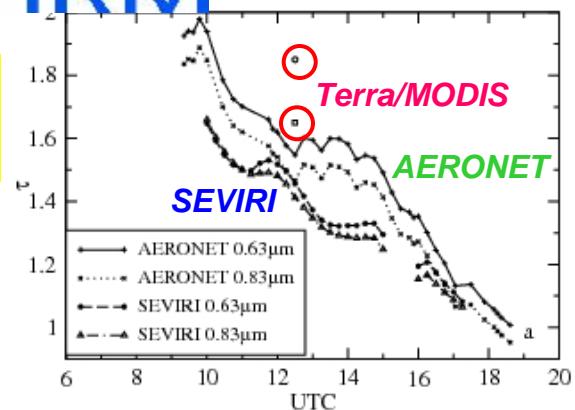
1. Validation of AVHRR-like Aerosol Product from SEVIRI against AERONET in confidently clear-sky conditions
2. RMIB Cloud Mask & Comparison with MPEF & SAFNWC CMs
3. Examples of RGP SEVIRI aerosol products
4. Comparisons with Terra/Aqua MODIS
5. Conclusion and future work



# Validation of SEVIRI AOD1 and AOD2 against AERONET (confidently clear conditions)

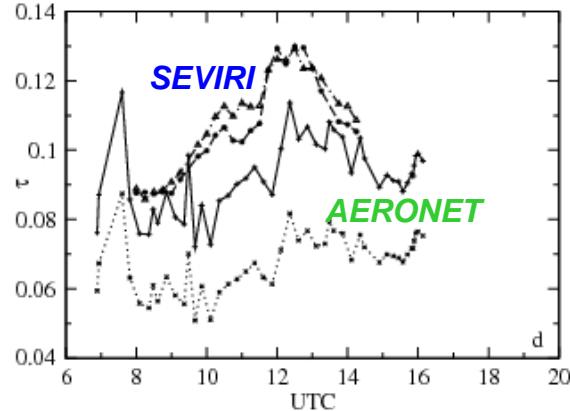
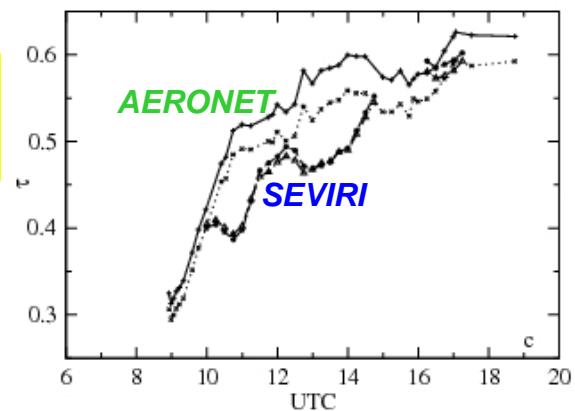


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5 March 2004



Cape Verde,  
6 March 2004

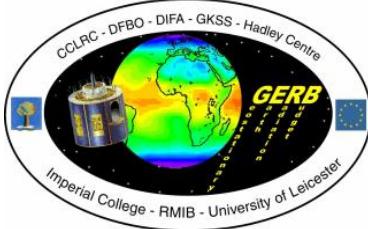
Cape Verde,  
7 March 2004



Lampedusa,  
12 March 2004

Case studies comparisons with AERONET/MODIS: SEVIRI Aerosol reasonable. However:

- Dust (Cape Verde): Low bias. Insufficient aerosol absorption (Brindley Ignatov 2006)
- Low Aerosol (Lampedusa): High bias (SEVIRI calibration?)
- Spectral dependence in SEVIRI product suppressed (SEVIRI cal? Aerosol model?)



## RMIB Cloud Mask: Comparison with MPEF and SAFNWC CMS

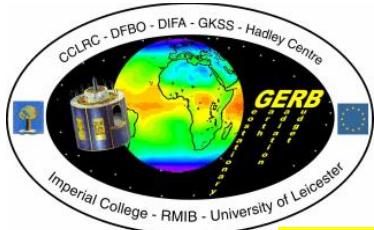


### RMIB Cloud Mask over oceans

- Threshold Cloud Optical Depth @ $0.83 \mu\text{m}$  ~0.6 (Ipe et al., 2004)
- Use dust tests to restore “cloud” to “clear” (Brindley Russell 2006)  
(NB: No restoral tests for other aerosol categories with high AOD, such as smoke)
- Use  $11-12 \mu\text{m}$  brightness temperature difference to identify cirrus

**MPEF** (Meteorological Product Extraction Facility; Lutz 1999) and  
**SAFNWC** (Satellite Application Facility in support of NOWcasting and very short forecasting; Derrien and Legleau 2005)

- Threshold solar reflectances and their inter-band differences
- Threshold brightness temperature and their inter-band difference (including using RTM to set up thresholds, dynamically)
- Spatial uniformity tests
- Test for sun-glint and snow

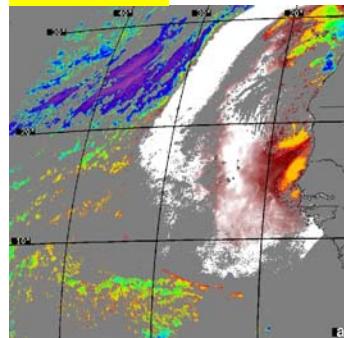


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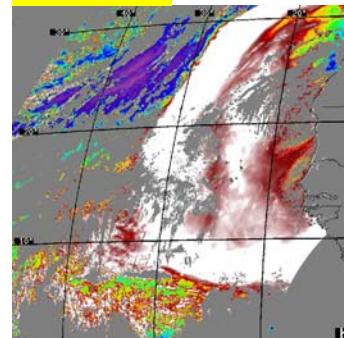


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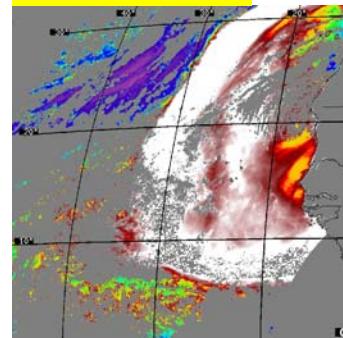
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(0.63  $\mu$ m)



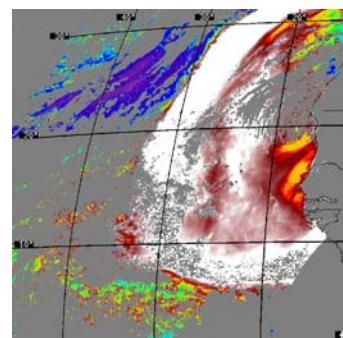
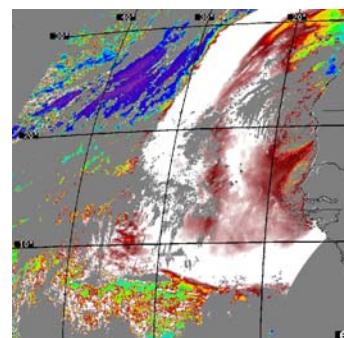
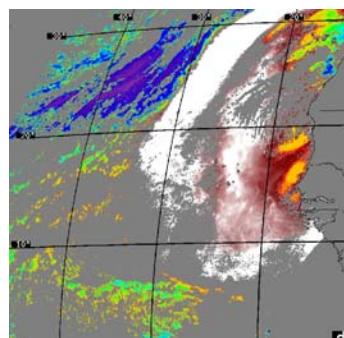
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SAFNWC

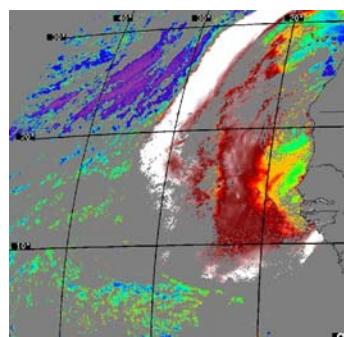


AOD2  
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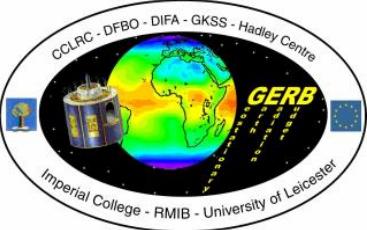
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(1.61  $\mu$ m)

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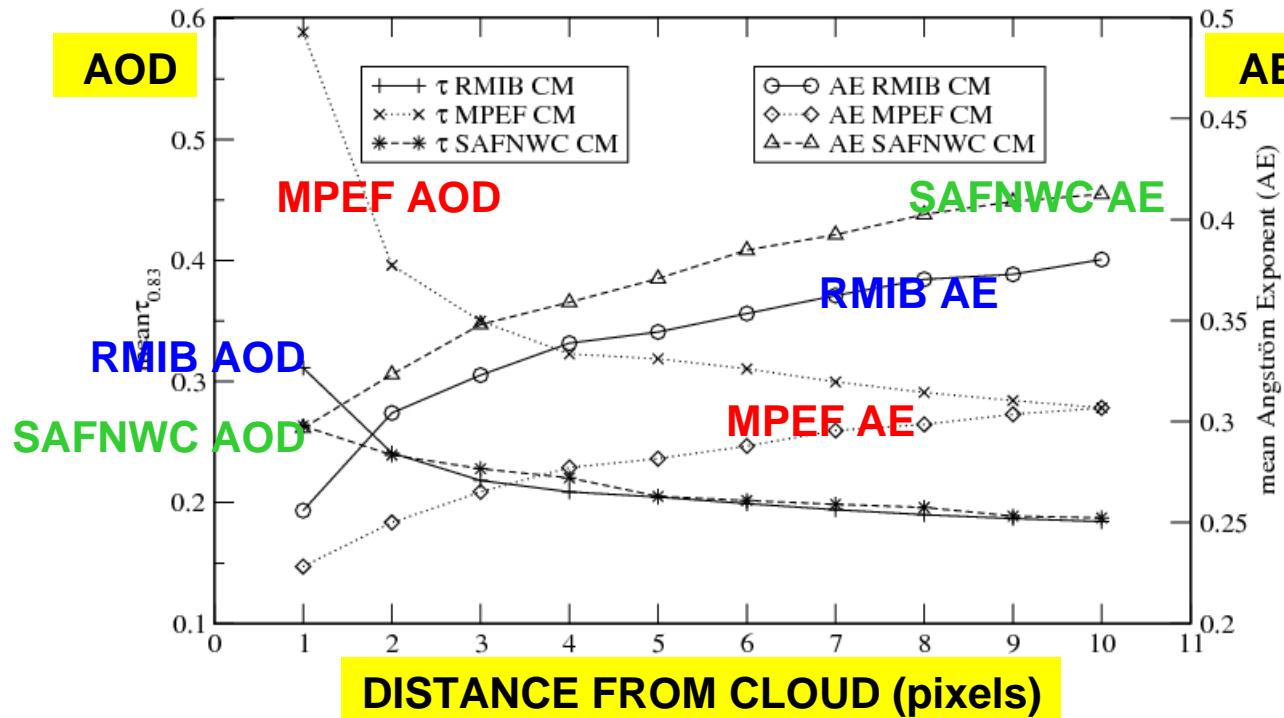


CERES2 STM-7 24-26 April 2007



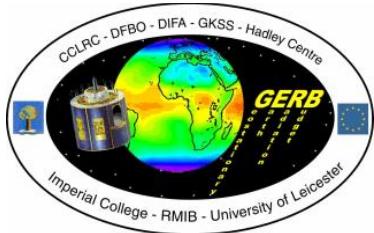


## Effect of proximity to cloud on AOD and Angstrom Exponent



RMIB CM was selected for operational GERB Processing because it:

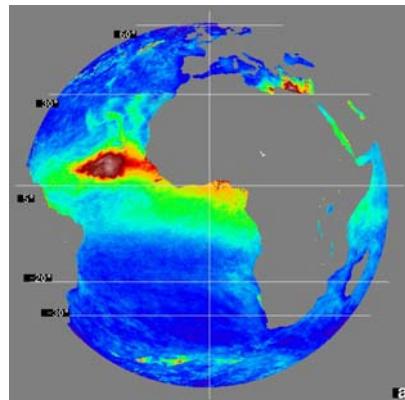
- Compares well with SAFNWC & Outperforms MPEF CM
- Simple, robust, computationally efficient, easy to maintain/improve



## Seasonal maps of AOD2 from 21 Dec 2005 – 20 Dec 2006

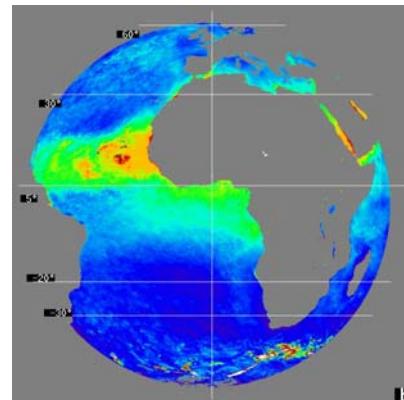


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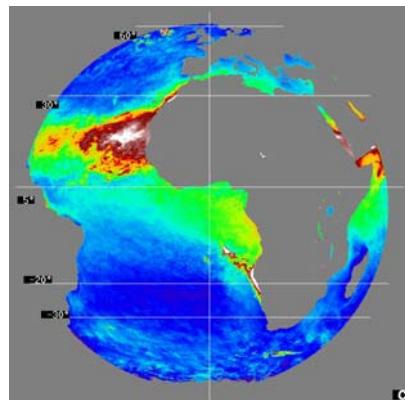
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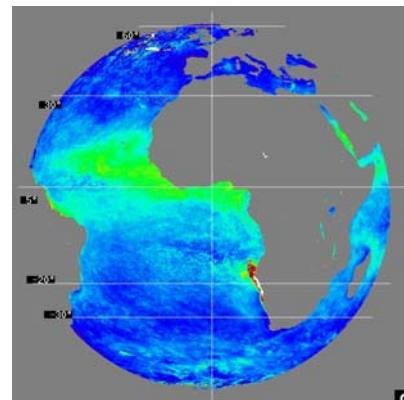
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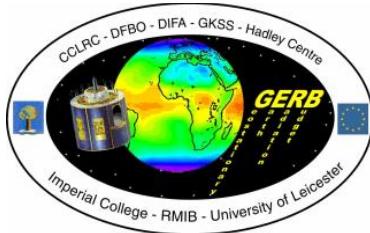
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Fall

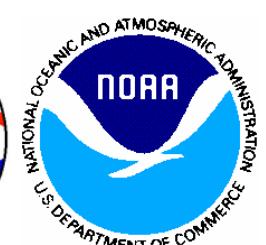


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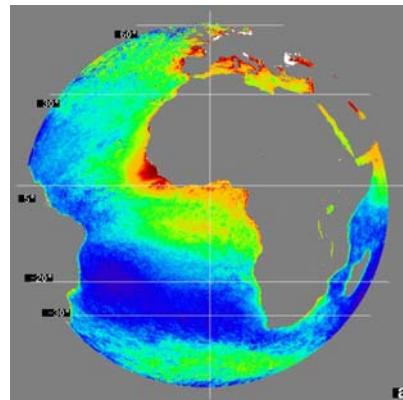




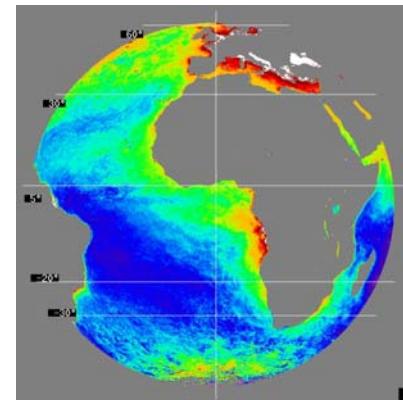
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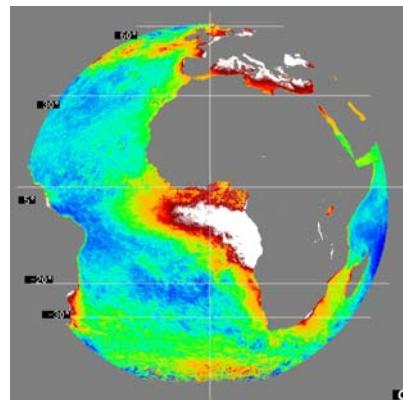
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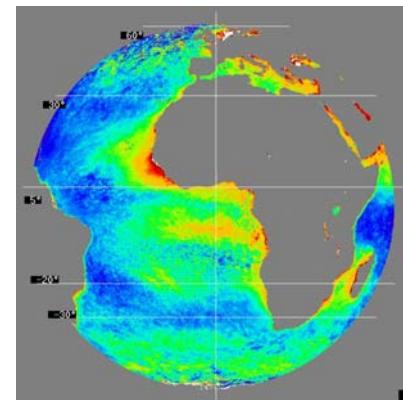
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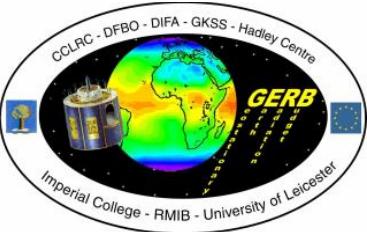


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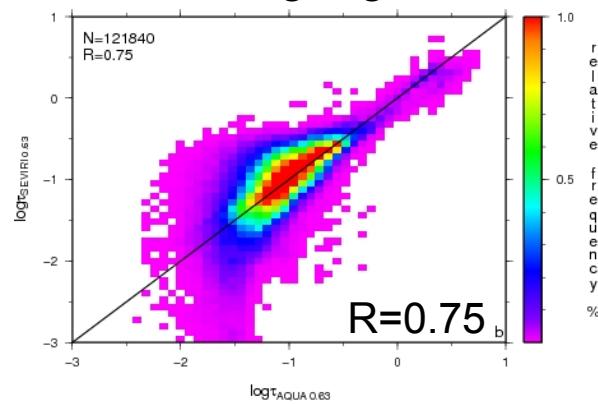
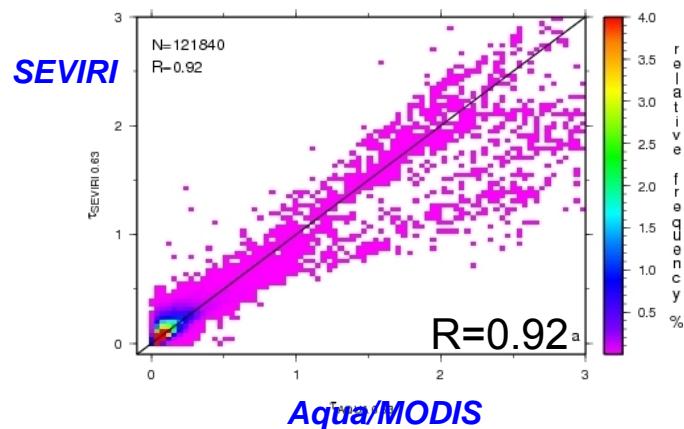
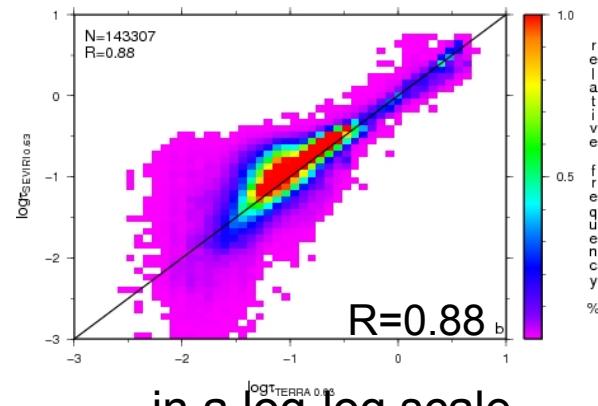
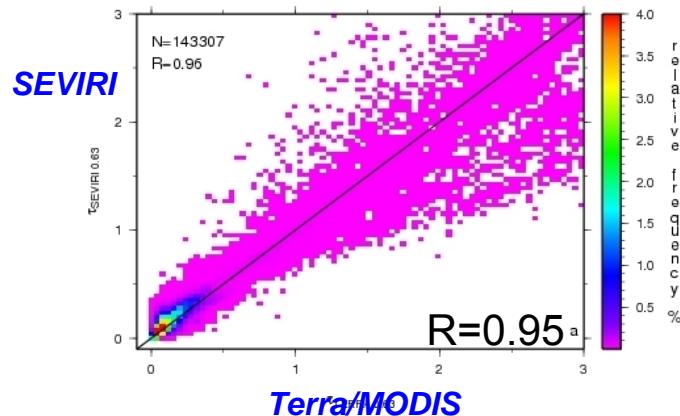




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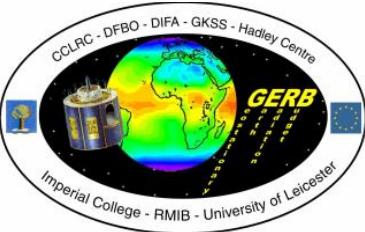


Comparisons done in “double-rectified” conditions (cloud-free pixels in both products.) May not tell a complete story.



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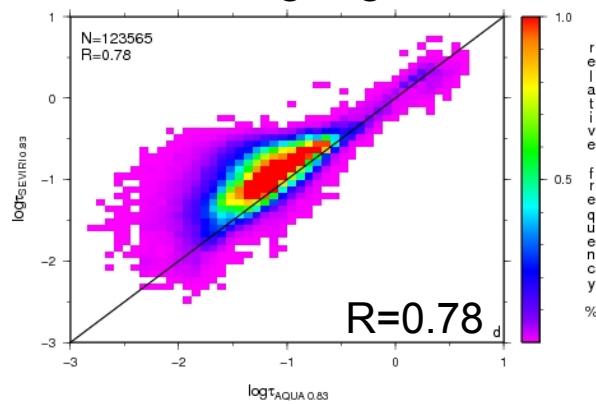
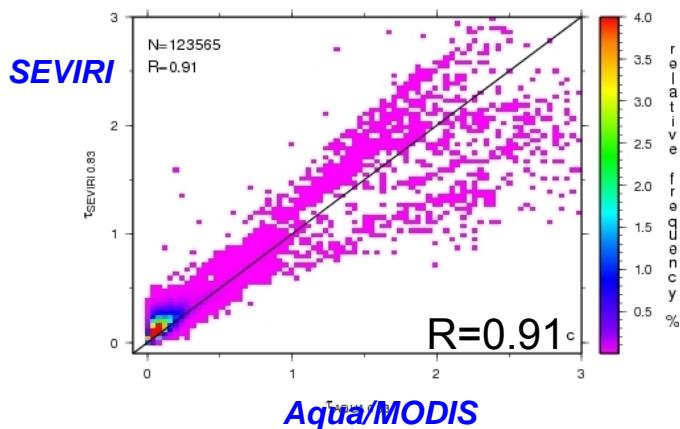
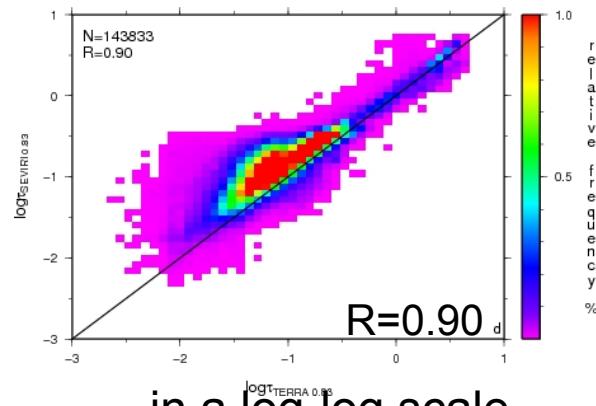
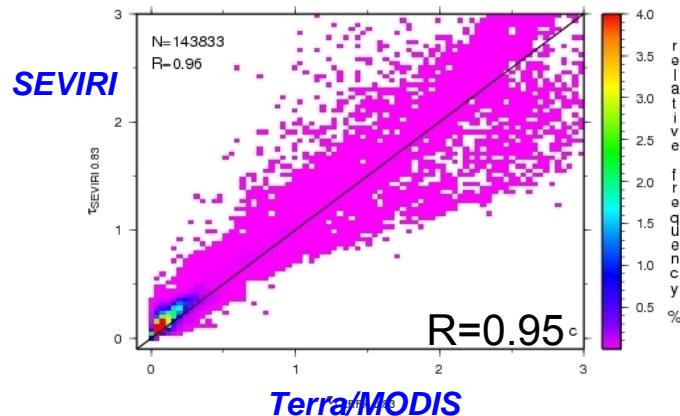
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- SEVIRI AOD is noisier than MODIS



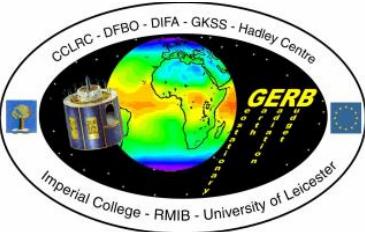
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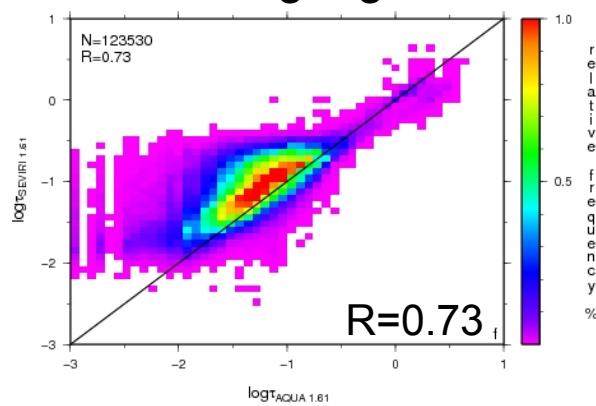
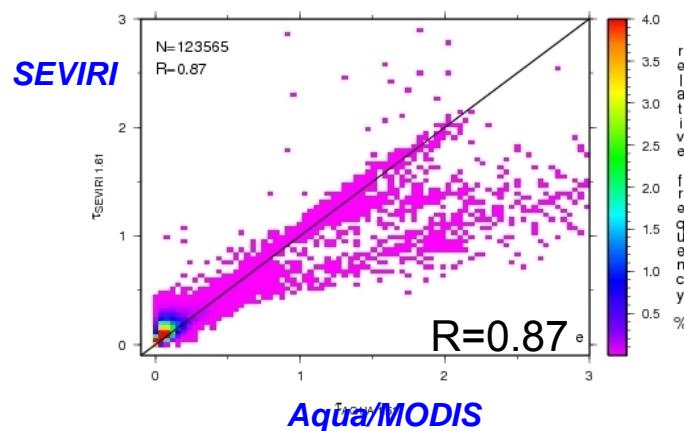
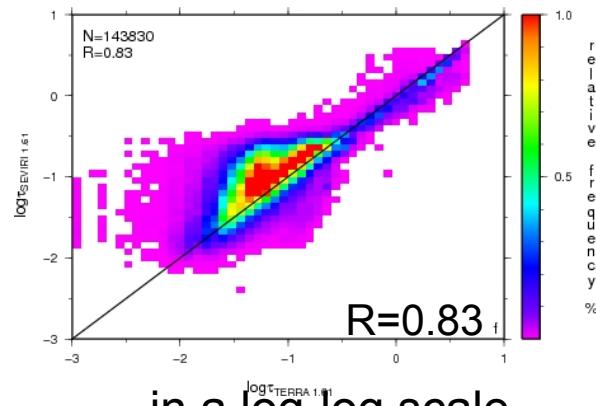
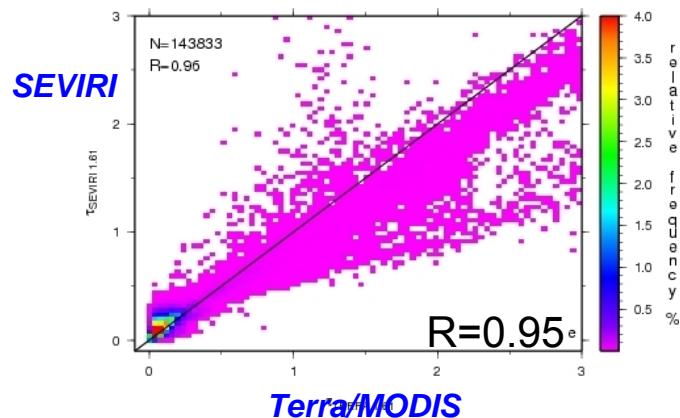
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- SEVIRI Band 2: Cal biased high w/rt to Terra/Aqua?



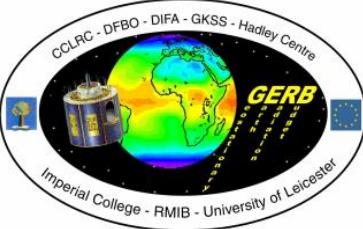
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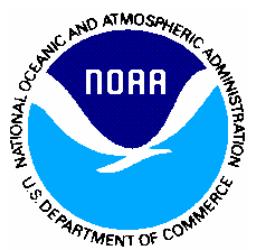
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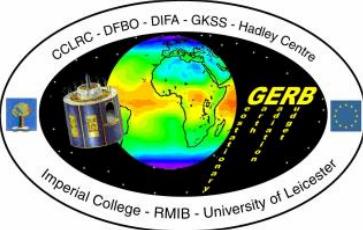
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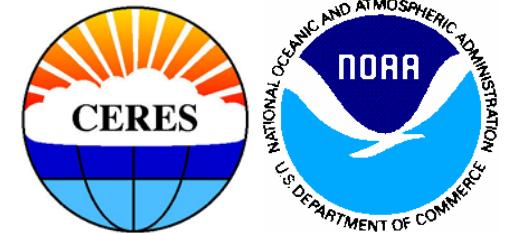
## Conclusion



- ❑ End-to-end SEVIRI Aerosol product integrated in RMIB GERB Processing
  - ✓ It is based on RMIB Cloud Mask; and
  - ✓ NESDIS 3<sup>rd</sup> gen AVHRR-like Aerosol Algorithm
  - ✓ Better suited to start looking into direct aerosol forcing (indirect forcing limited)
- ❑ High spatial and temporal GEO resolution & Spectral AOD and AE
  - ✓ Resolves fine structure and dynamic of aerosol concentration and size
  - ✓ Helps suppress noise (particularly important for Angstrom Exponent)
- ❑ Comparison with AERONET & MODIS
  - ✓ SEVIRI Aerosol product looks reasonable
  - ✓ Possible improvements
    - Cloud Mask: Better handle of non-dust high-AOD cases
    - SEVIRI Calibration (Bands 2-3 high with respect to MODIS)
    - Aerosol model (dust AOD underestimated)

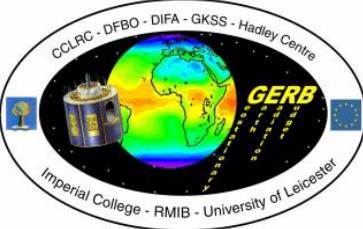


## Future work

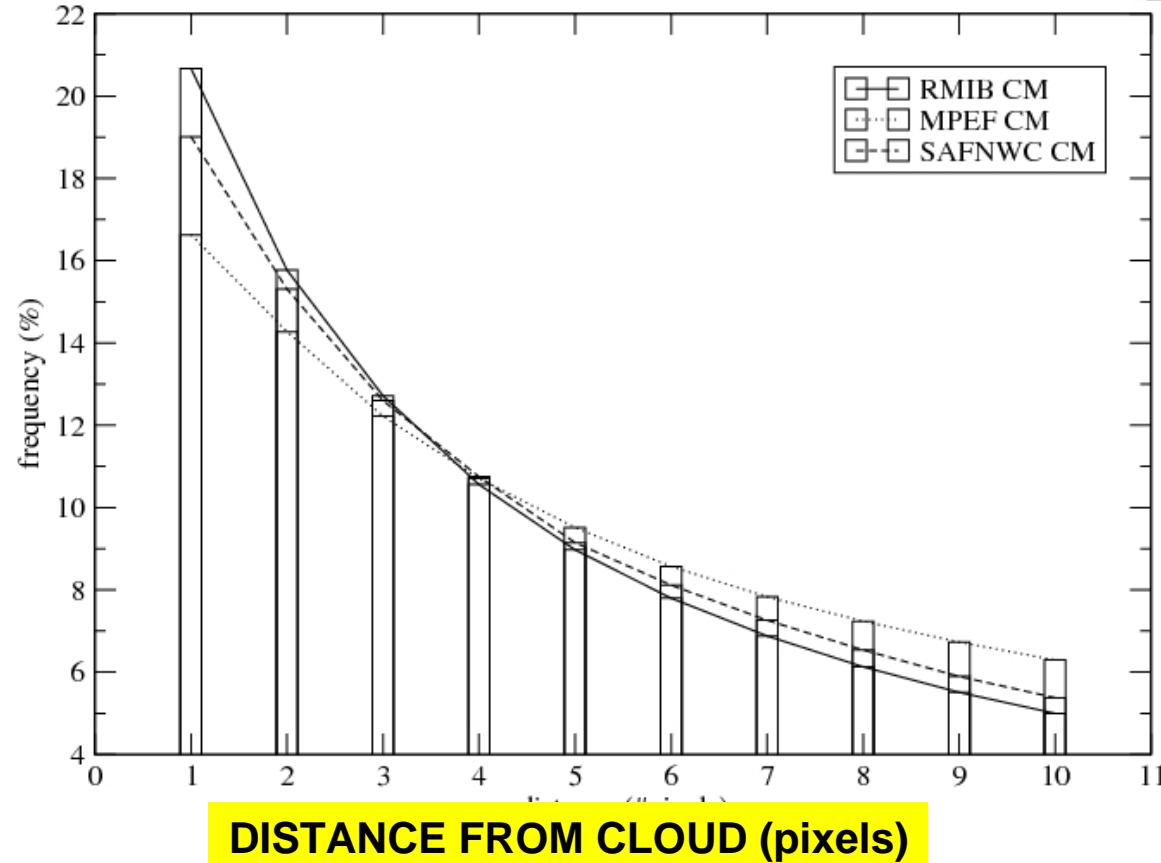


- ❑ Cloud Mask for SST/Aerosol for GOES-R/ABI
  - ✓ Use MSG/SEVIRI as prototype for GOES-R/ABI
  - ✓ Explore CLAVR-x based AVHRR Clear-Sky Processor for Oceans (ACSPO)
  - ✓ Explore Pat Minnis's group Cloud Mask for SEVIRI
- ❑ Calibration in SEVIRI Aerosol bands
  - ✓ Use AVHRR-like AOD from SEVIRI for diagnostic
  - ✓ Explore Angstrom Exponent which is very sensitive to Cal errors
- ❑ Fine-tune AVHRR 3<sup>rd</sup> gen aerosol model
  - ✓ Explore non-spherical model of Dubovik (cf. Brindley and Ignatov 2006)
- ❑ Communicate/Sync new developments with RMIB/GERB and EUMETSAT colleagues

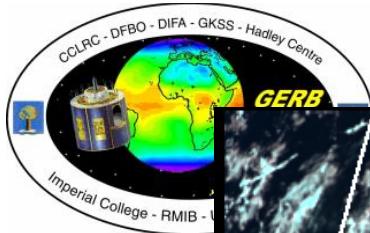
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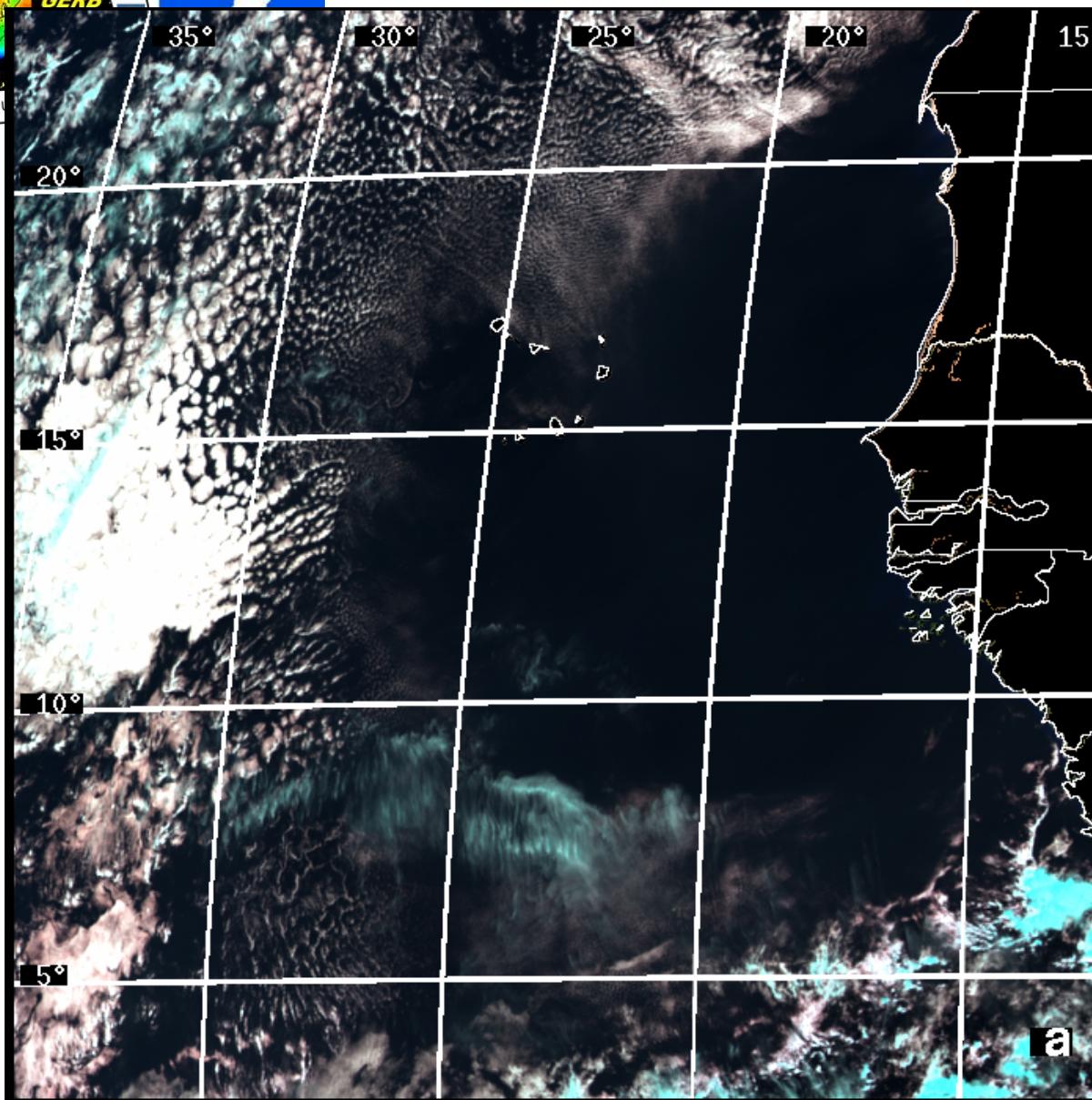
## PDF of proximity to cloud for 3 cloud masks



From 17-21% aerosol pixels are within one pixel of cloud boundary; from 14-16% are within 2 pixels, etc



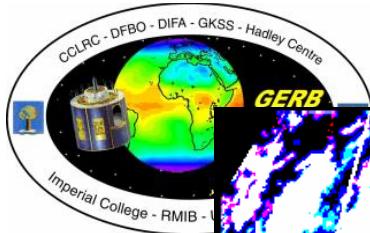
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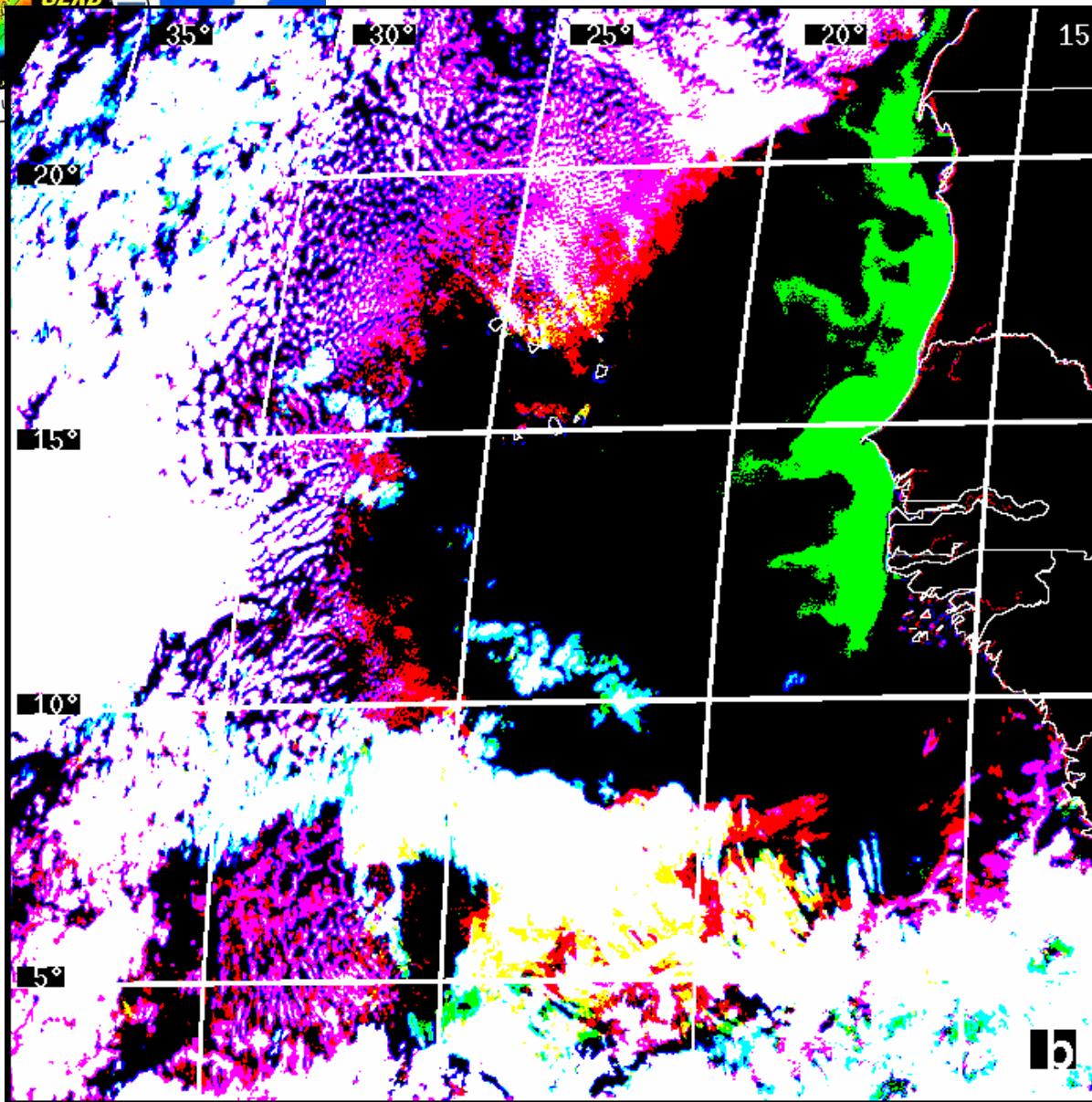
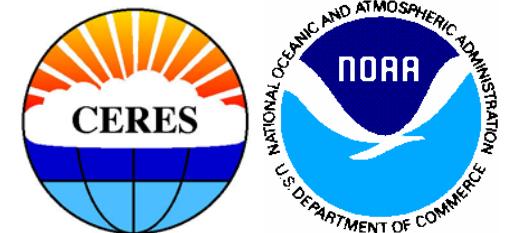
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MPEF/SAFNWC  
both say "clear"

Green: RGB(0,256,0)  
MPEF says "cloud"  
RMIB/SAFNWC  
both say "clear"

Blue: RGB(0,0,256)  
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both say "clear"

