

# Nadir and limb UV-visible satellite observations of volcanic clouds

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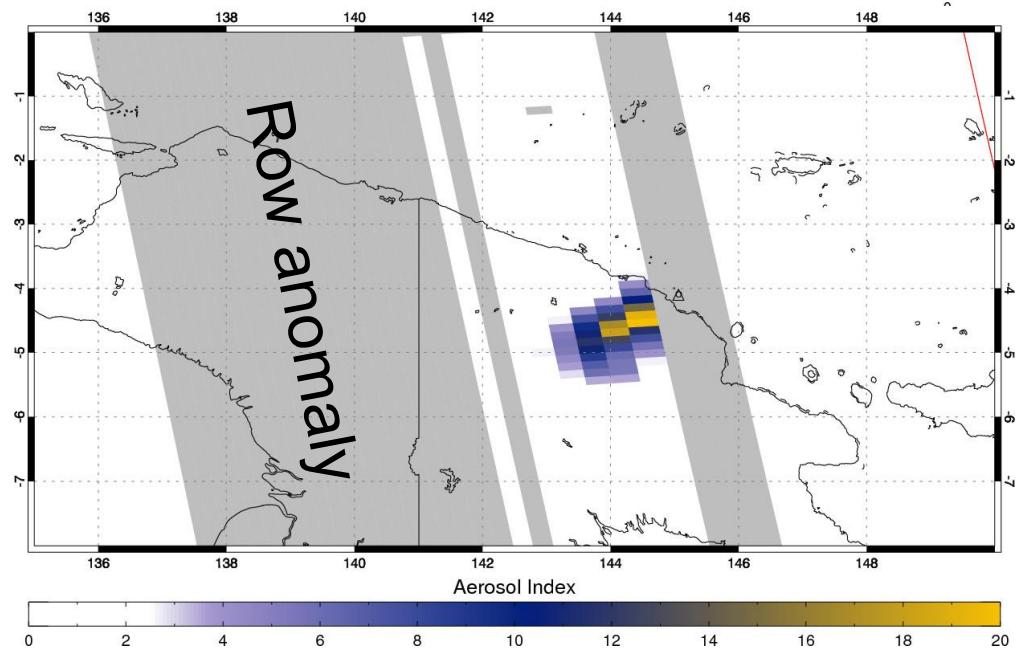
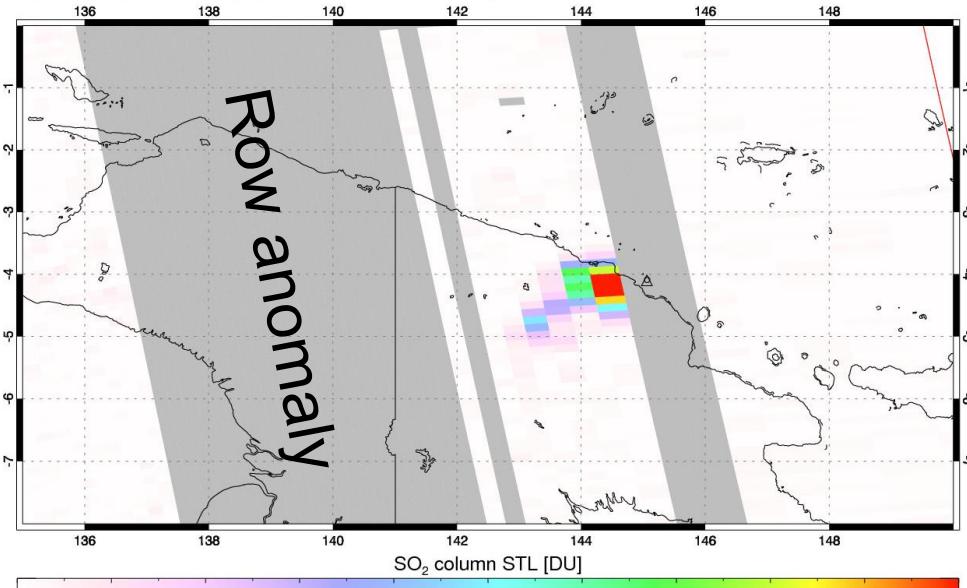
# UV satellite instruments currently in orbit

Instrument	Satellite(s)	Overpass	Nadir footprint area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Data coverage
<i>Polar orbiters (LEO)</i>				
Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI)	Aura	1:45 pm	312 (13 × 24)	Sep 2004 - present
Global Ozone Monitoring Experiment-2 (GOME-2)	MetOp-A/B	9:30 am	3200 (40x80)	Oct 2006 - present
Ozone Mapper and Profiler Suite (OMPS)	Suomi NPP	1:30 pm	Standard: 2500 (50 × 50) Zoom: 100 (10 × 10)	Apr 2012 - present
<i>L<sub>1</sub> Lagrange Point</i>				
Earth Polychromatic Imaging Camera (EPIC)	DSCOVR	Full disk every ~90 mins	576 (24 × 24)	From late 2015

(Geostationary UV sensors planned for later this decade)

# Current OMI measurements

- OMI measurements of Manam (PNG) eruption on July 31, 2015
- OMI spatial coverage since 2008 affected by row anomaly data gap – global coverage achieved every 2 days
- Good data in useable parts of swath



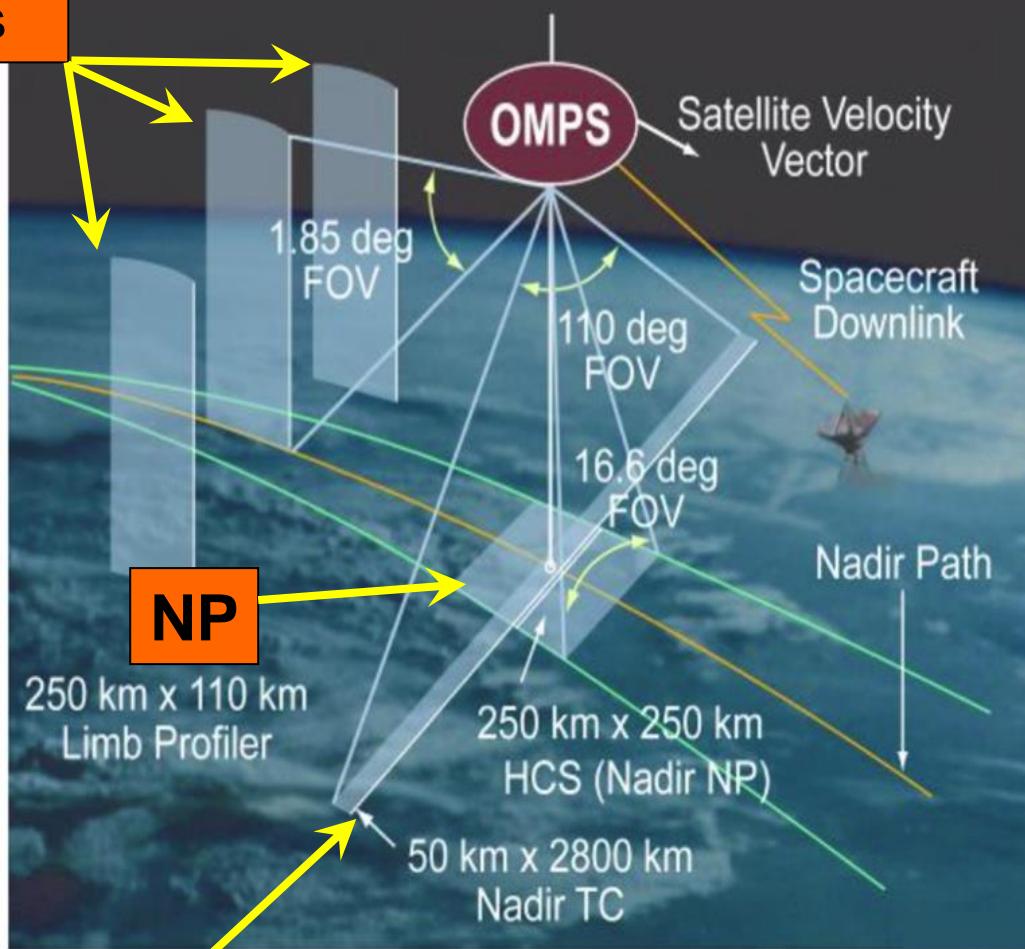
- UV satellite products:
- SO<sub>2</sub> column amount
  - Sensitive to tropospheric and stratospheric SO<sub>2</sub>
- UV Aerosol Index (UVAI)
  - Semi-quantitative indication of ash presence
  - Sensitive to any UV-absorbing aerosol (ash, smoke, dust)



# Suomi-NPP/OMPS Sensors

## Limb Profiler (LP): Aerosol and Ozone profiles

- 3 OMPS instruments
  - Nadir Mapper (NM;  $\approx$  OMI)
  - Nadir Profiler (NP)
  - Limb Profiler (LP)
- 13:30 LT ascending node
- OMPS LP:
  - Looks aft, following nadir view by  $\sim$ 7 minutes
  - 3 vertical slits with 250 km spacing
  - Spectral range: 290-1000 nm
  - $\sim$ 2 km vertical resolution; surface to  $\sim$ 105 km altitude



Nadir Mapper (NM):  
swath similar to OMI

Launched October 2011

Aura (2004-)

**OMI** - SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, BrO

**TES** - SO<sub>2</sub>

**MLS** - strat. SO<sub>2</sub>, HCl

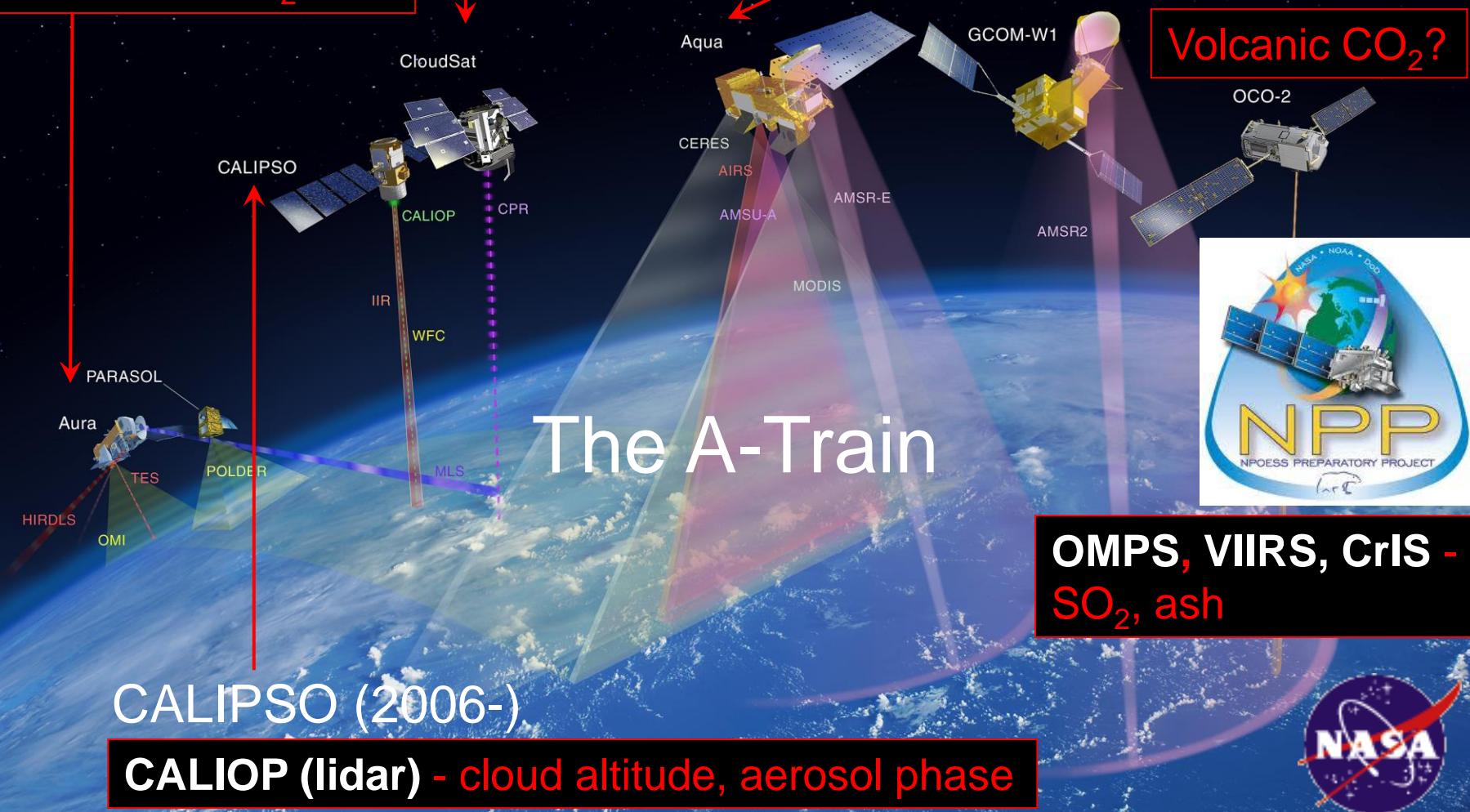
CloudSat (2006-)

**CPR (radar)** –  
precipitation,  
hydrometeors

Aqua (2002-)

**MODIS** - SO<sub>2</sub>, ash, sulfate

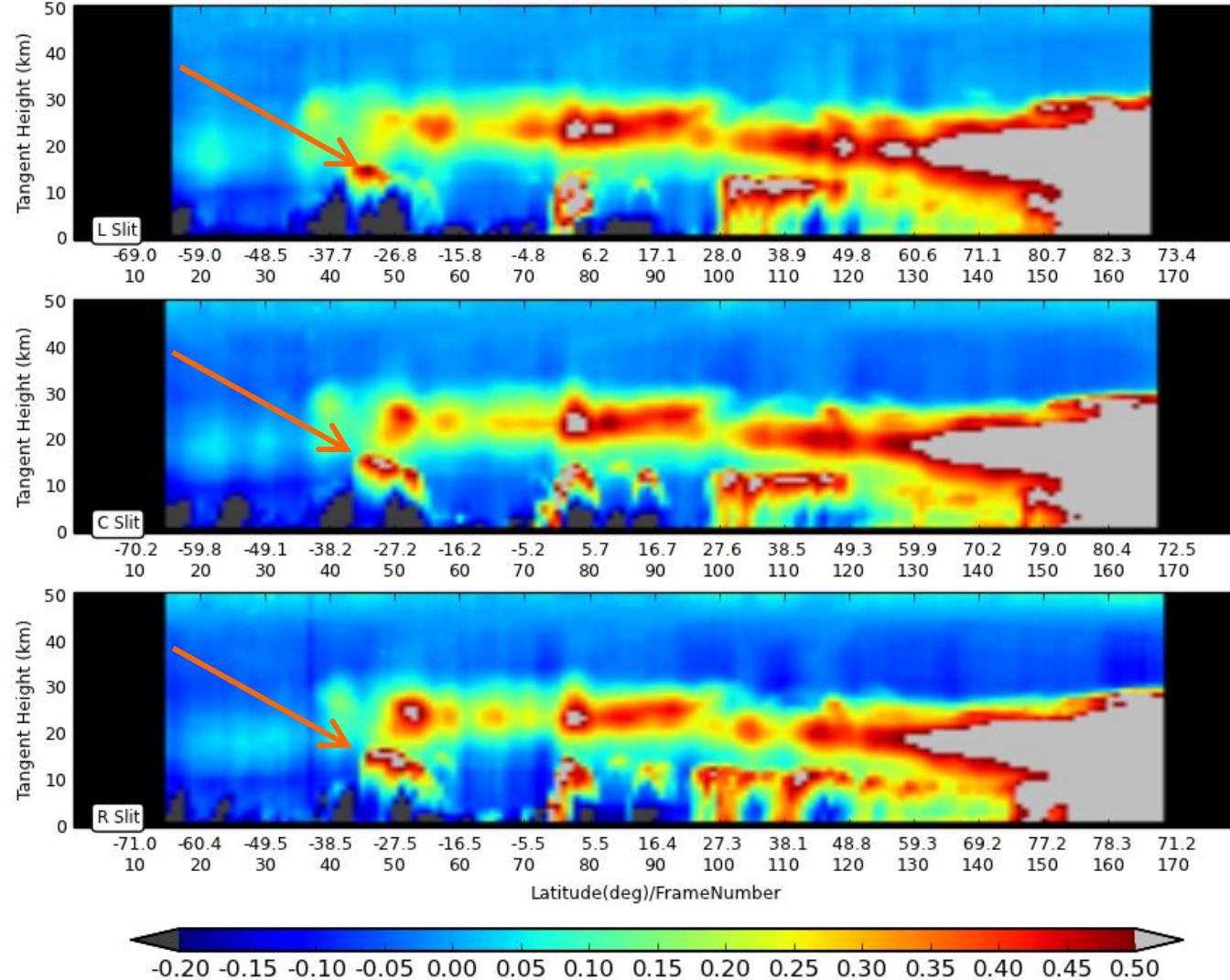
**AIRS** - UTLS SO<sub>2</sub>, ash



# OMPS-LP Aerosol Scattering Index (ASI)

Calbuco (Chile) plume on April 26, 2013

ASI at 674nm (unitless) for Orbit 18107 (STB version 0.8)  
StartTime: Sun 2015-04-26T14:42 EndTime: Sun 2015-04-26T16:24



Aerosol Scattering  
Index (ASI)

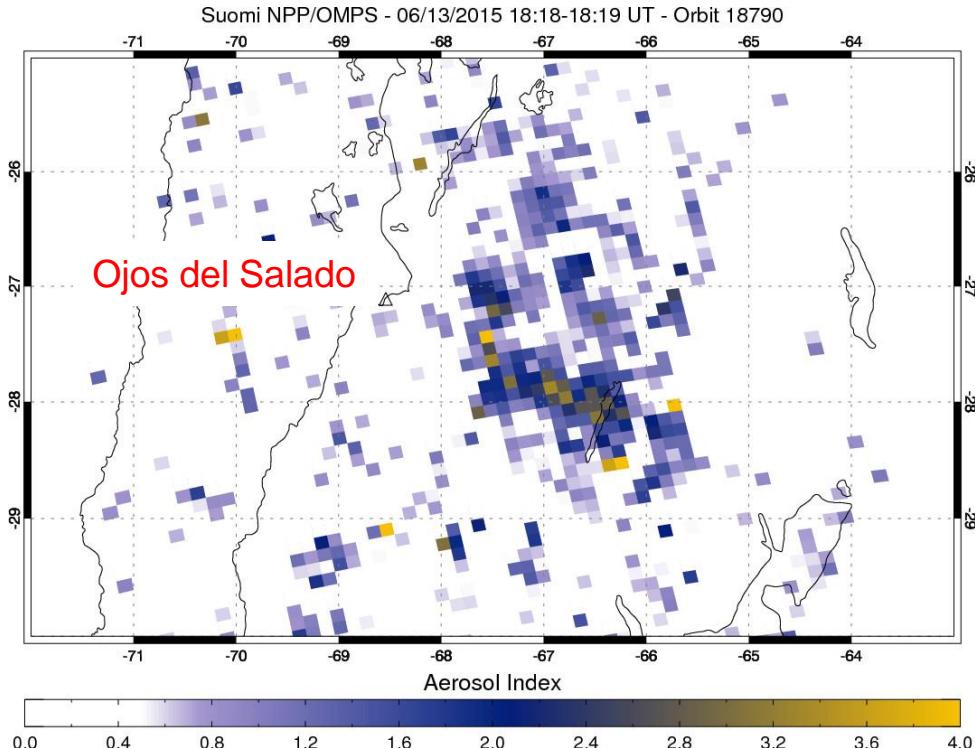
$$ASI = \ln \frac{\frac{I_0}{\epsilon}}{\frac{I_R}{\epsilon}}$$

$I_0$  = observed radiance  
 $I_R$  = modeled Rayleigh  
radiance

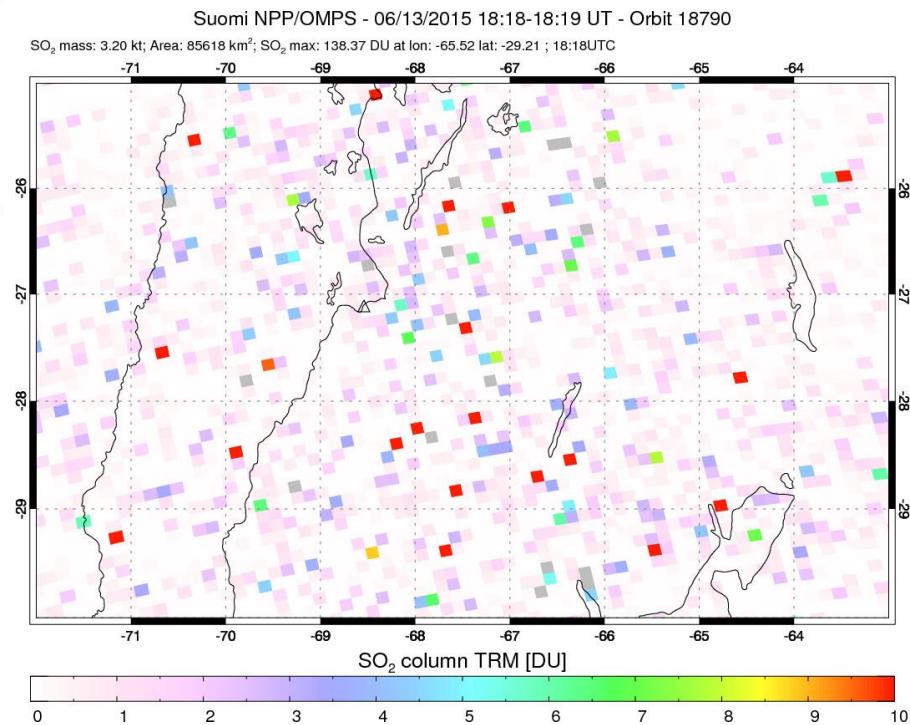
ASI is not a retrieval,  
but a semi-quantitative  
Indication of  
aerosol/cloud presence

Scattering angle  
effects important

# OMPS (zoom): Ojos del Salado ‘plume’ – June 13, 2015



- OMPS-NM zoom mode observations of Ojos del Salado ‘plume’ on June 13, 2015
- No global OMPS-LP data during OMPS-NM zoom mode operation (bandwidth)

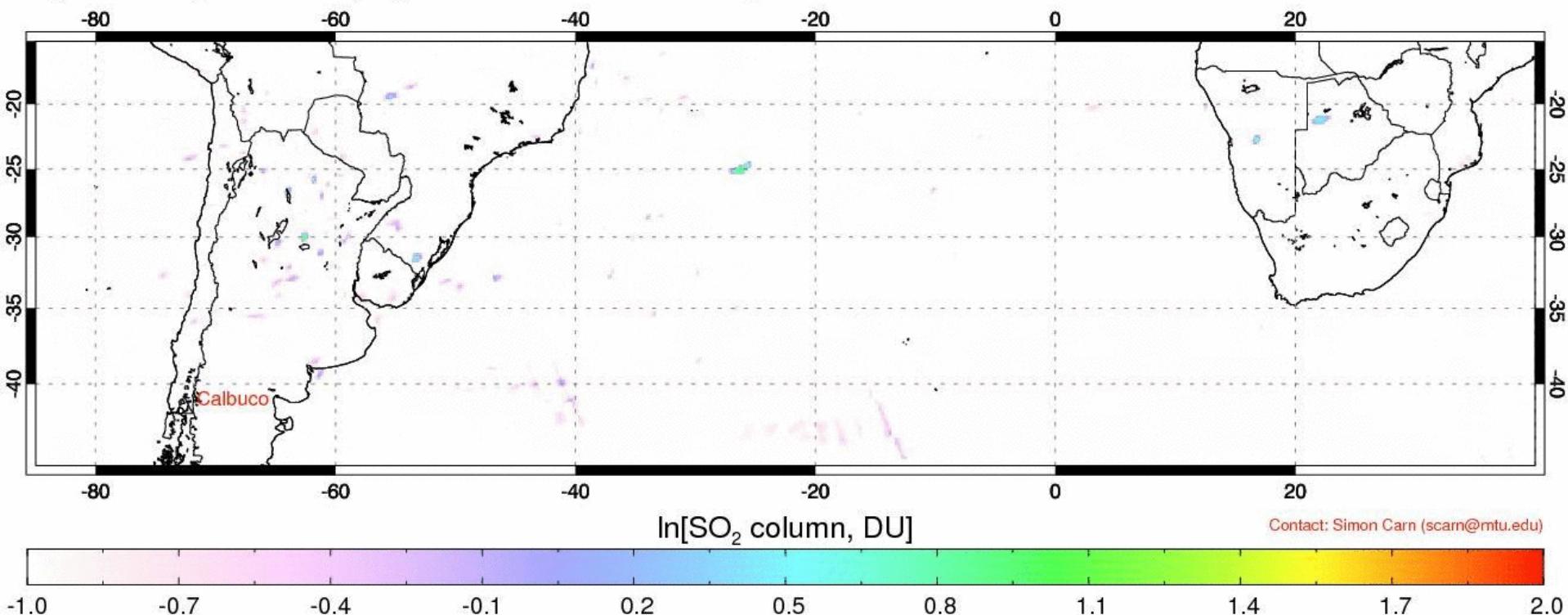


- Clear OMPS UVAI signal
- No coincident OMI UVAI anomaly (spatial resolution effect?)
- No OMPS or OMI  $\text{SO}_2$  signal
- Volcanic eruption source unlikely

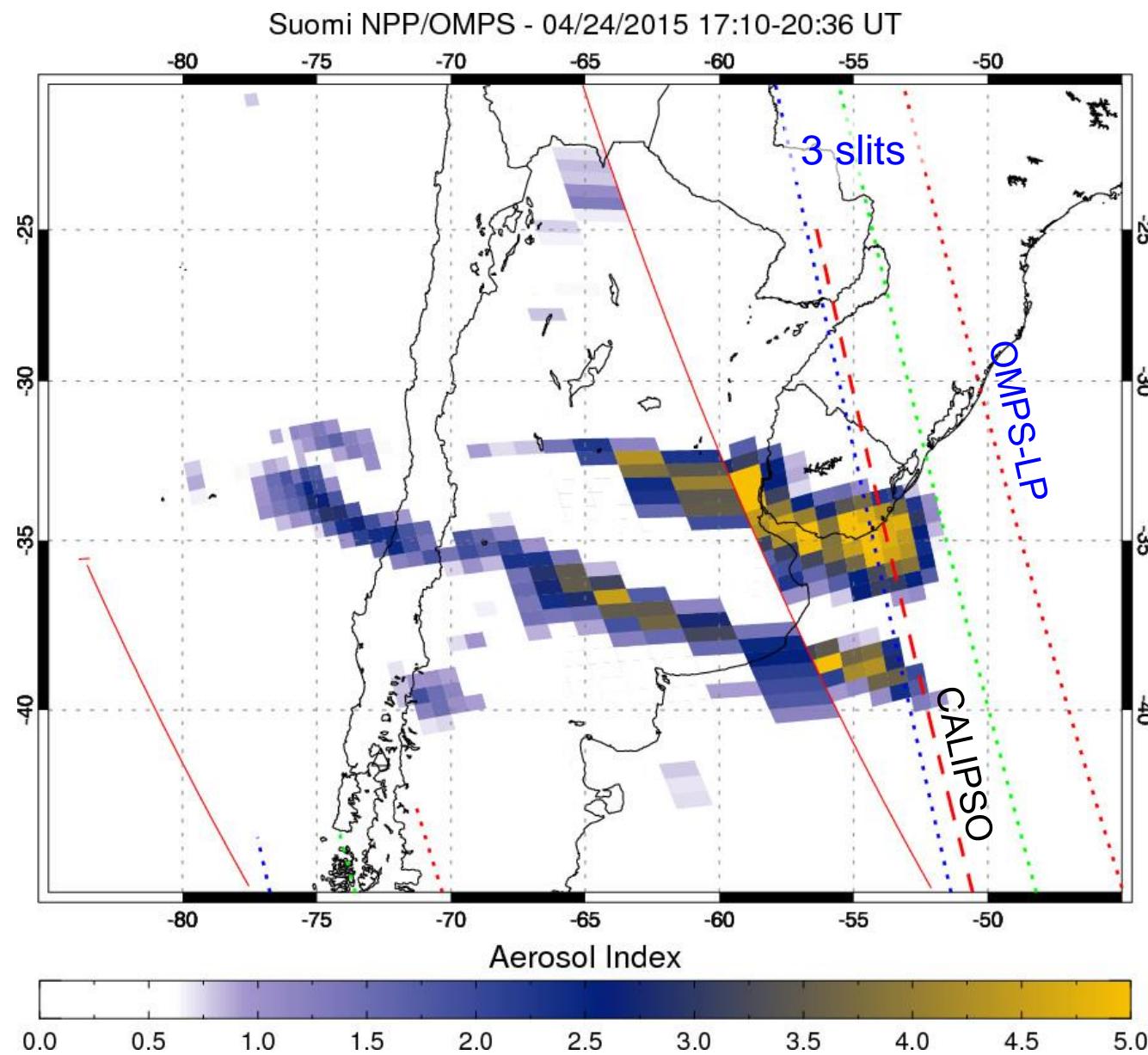
# OMPS-NM SO<sub>2</sub> – Calbuco (Chile), Apr 22 – May 20, 2015

Suomi NPP/OMPS - 04/22/2015 11:03-19:38 UT

SO<sub>2</sub> mass: 0.482 kt; Area: 27770 km<sup>2</sup>; SO<sub>2</sub> max: 3.68 DU at lon: -26.24 lat: -25.10 ; 16:12UTC



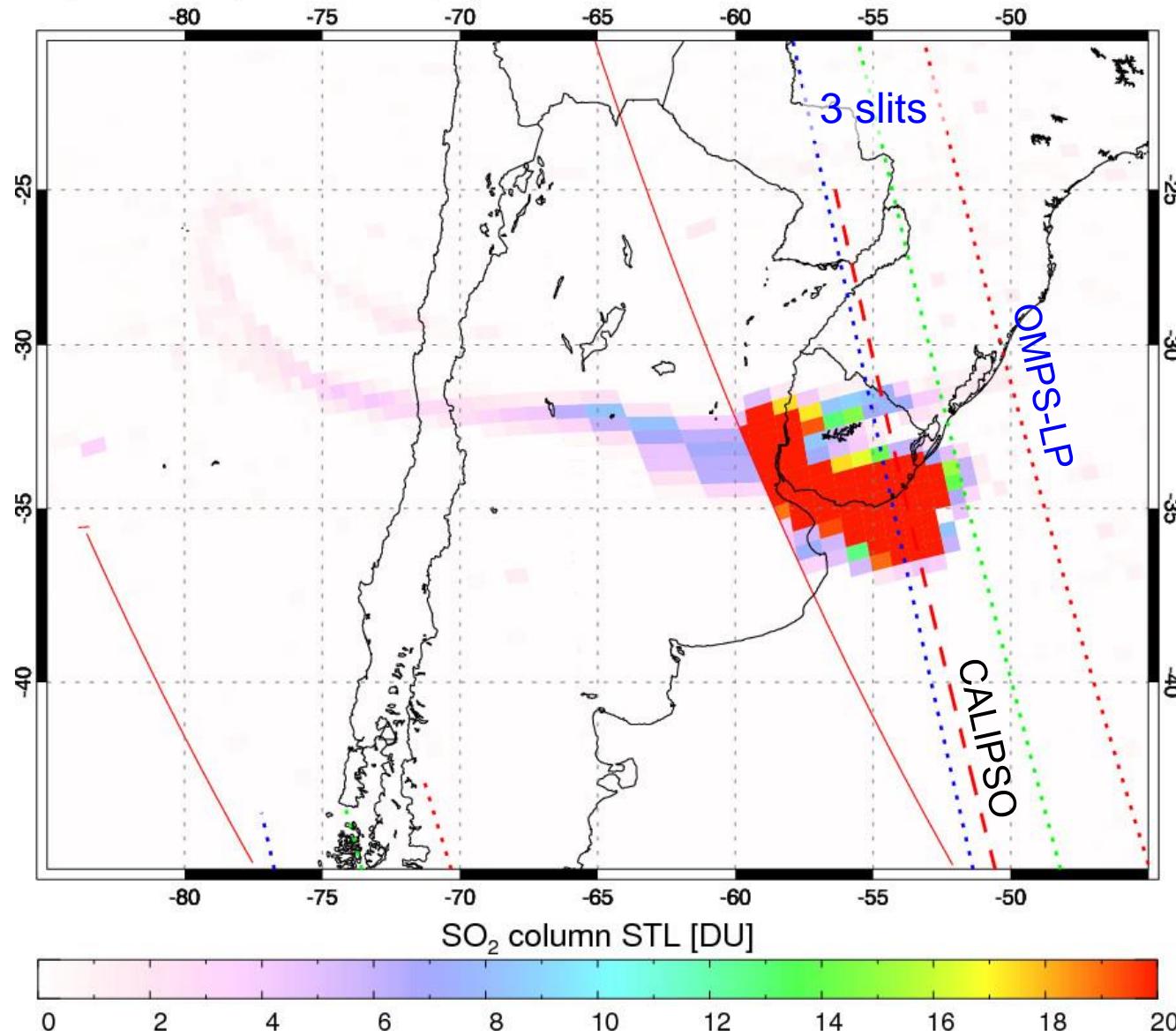
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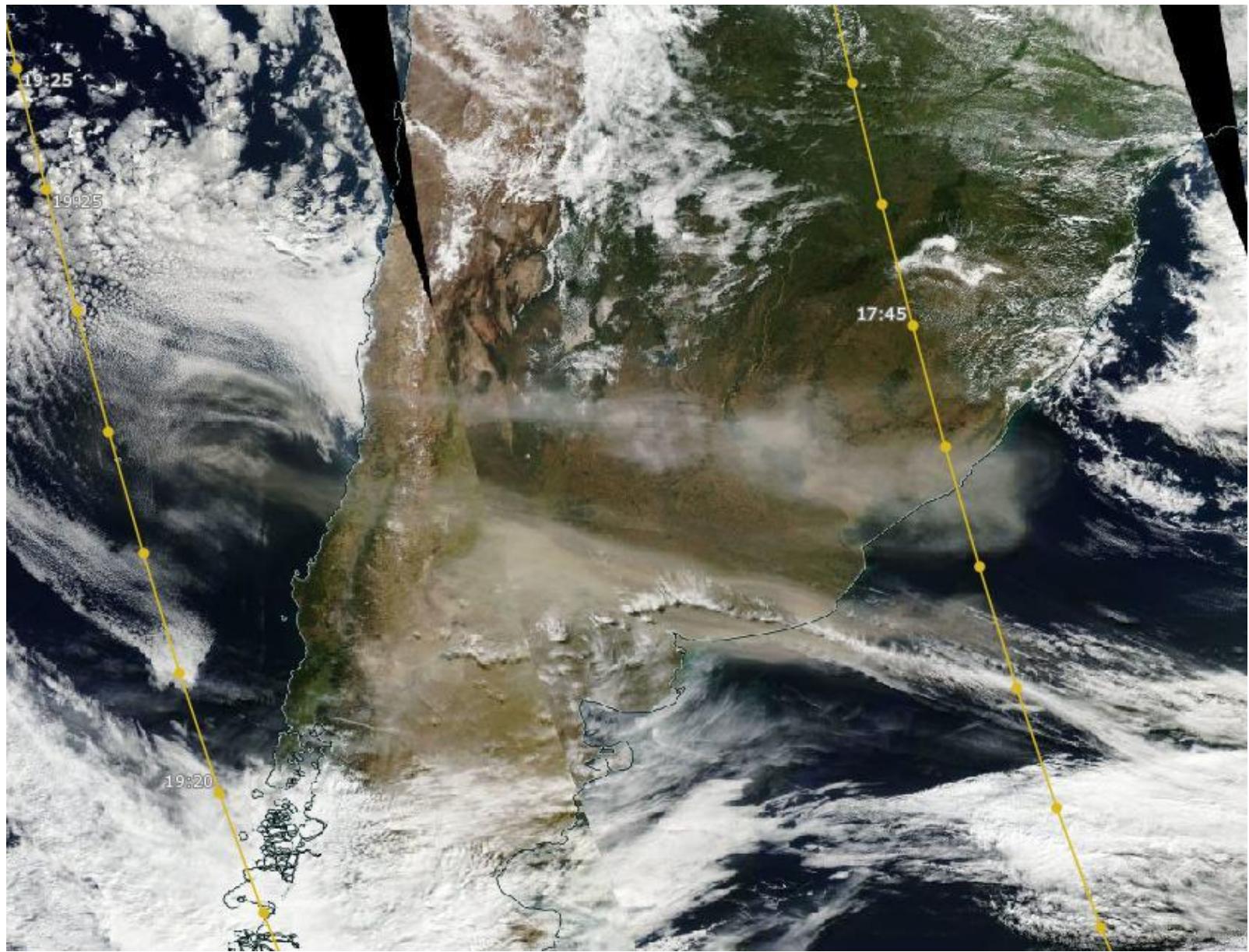
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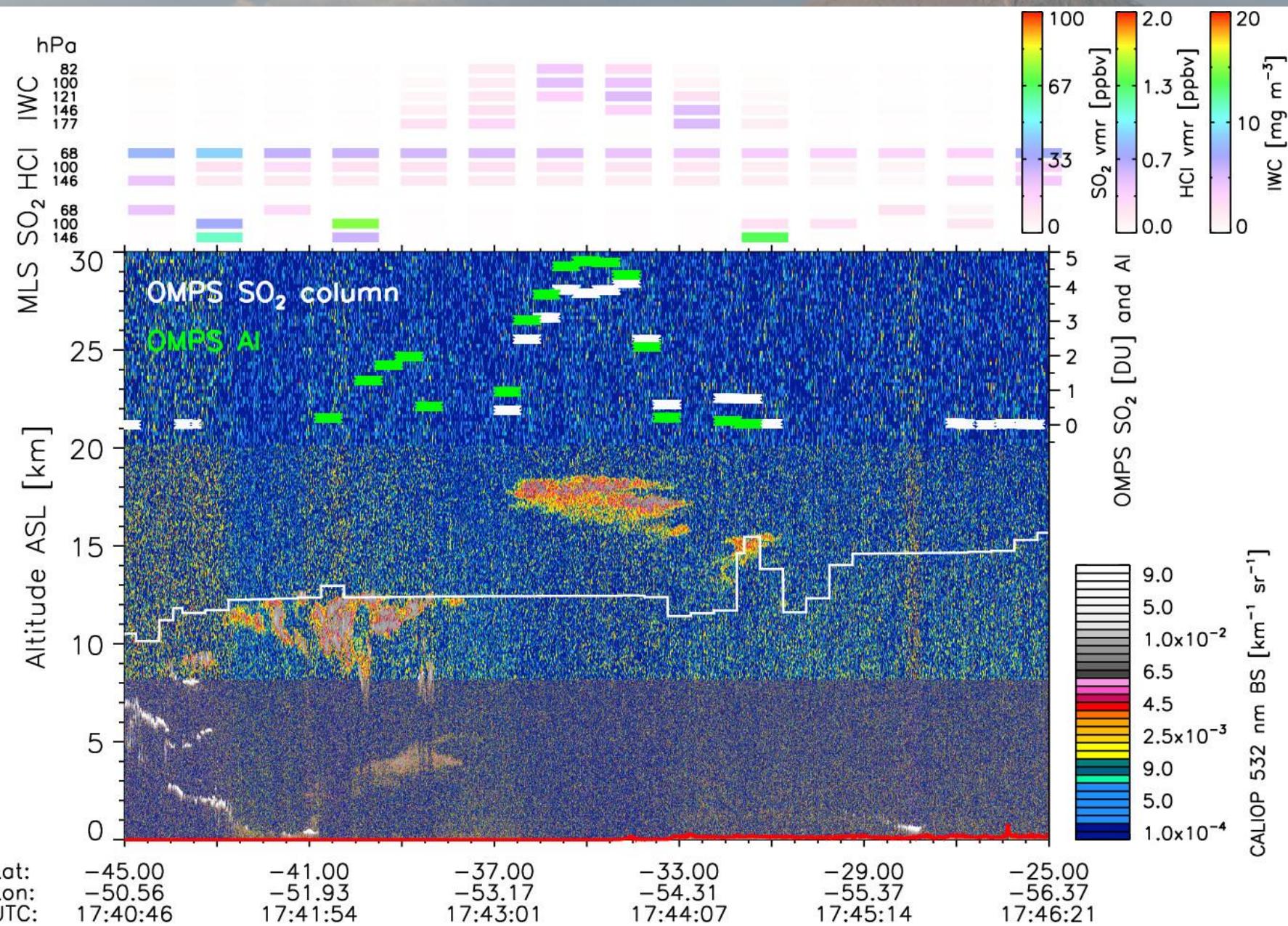
SO<sub>2</sub> mass: 279.64 kt; Area: 1856179 km<sup>2</sup>; SO<sub>2</sub> max: 50.35 DU at lon: -59.97 lat: -33.25 ; 17:14UTC



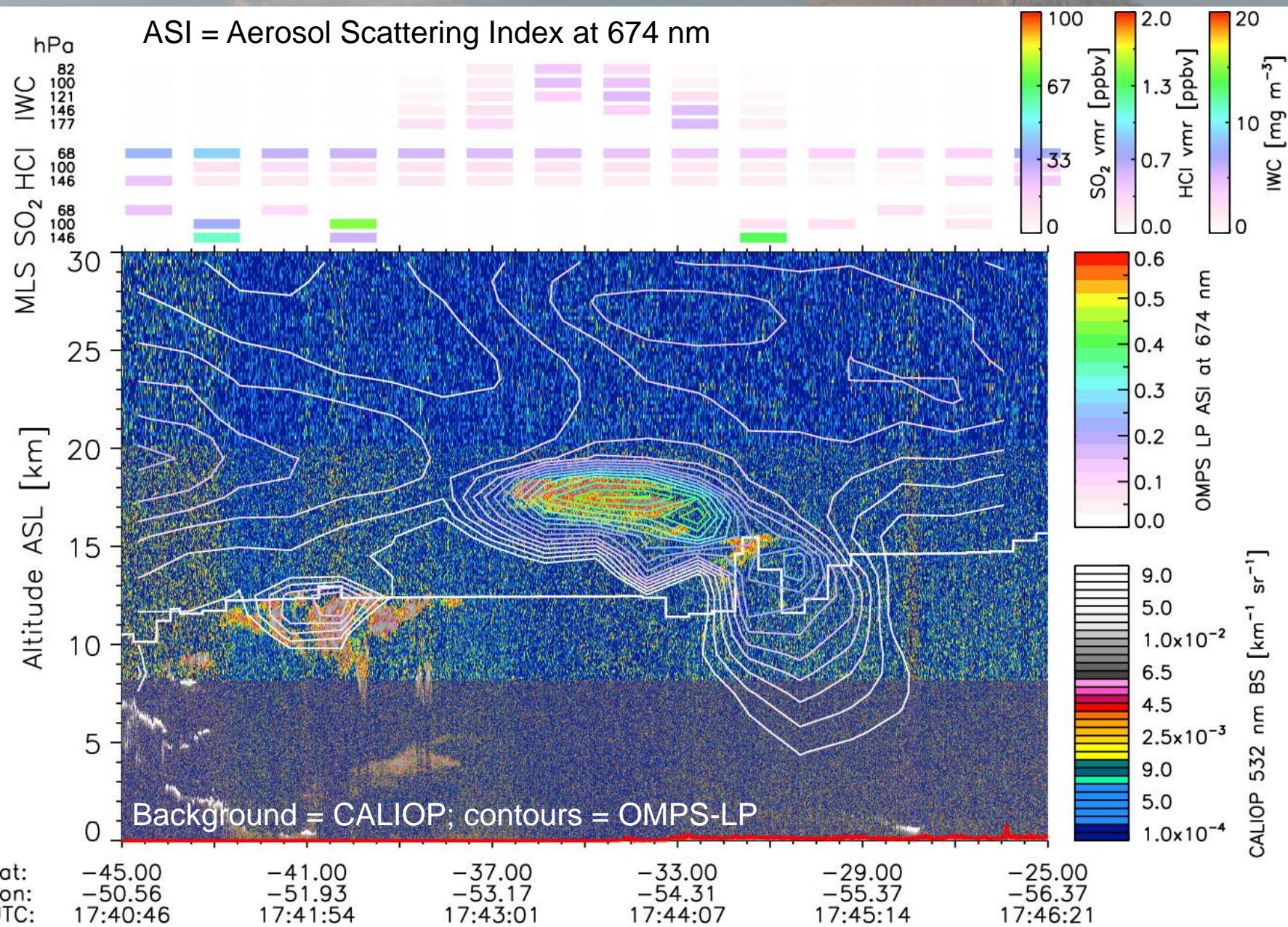
# Aqua/MODIS showing Calbuco ash – April 24, 2015



# CALIPSO + OMPS-NM – Calbuco (Chile), April 24, 2015



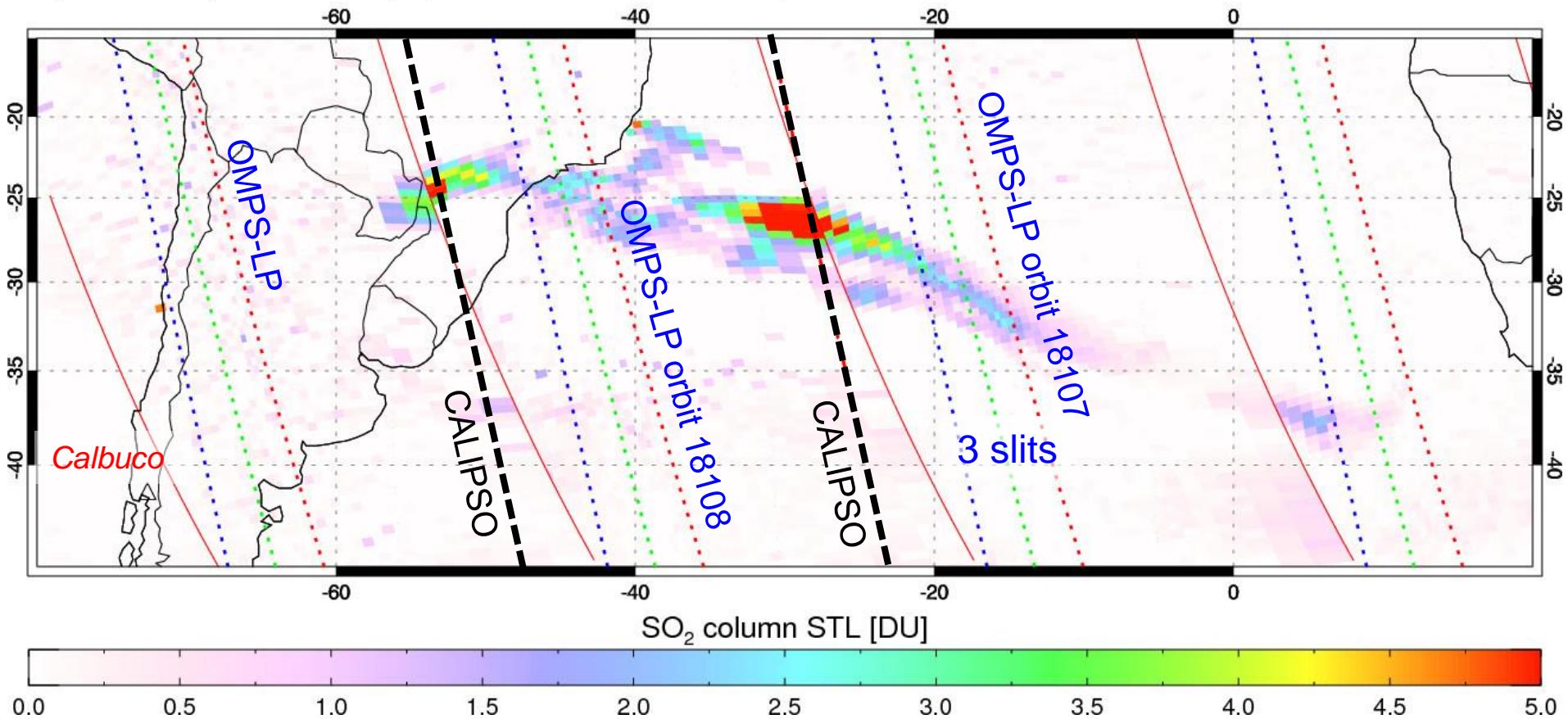
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# OMPS-NM SO<sub>2</sub> – Calbuco (Chile), April 26, 2015

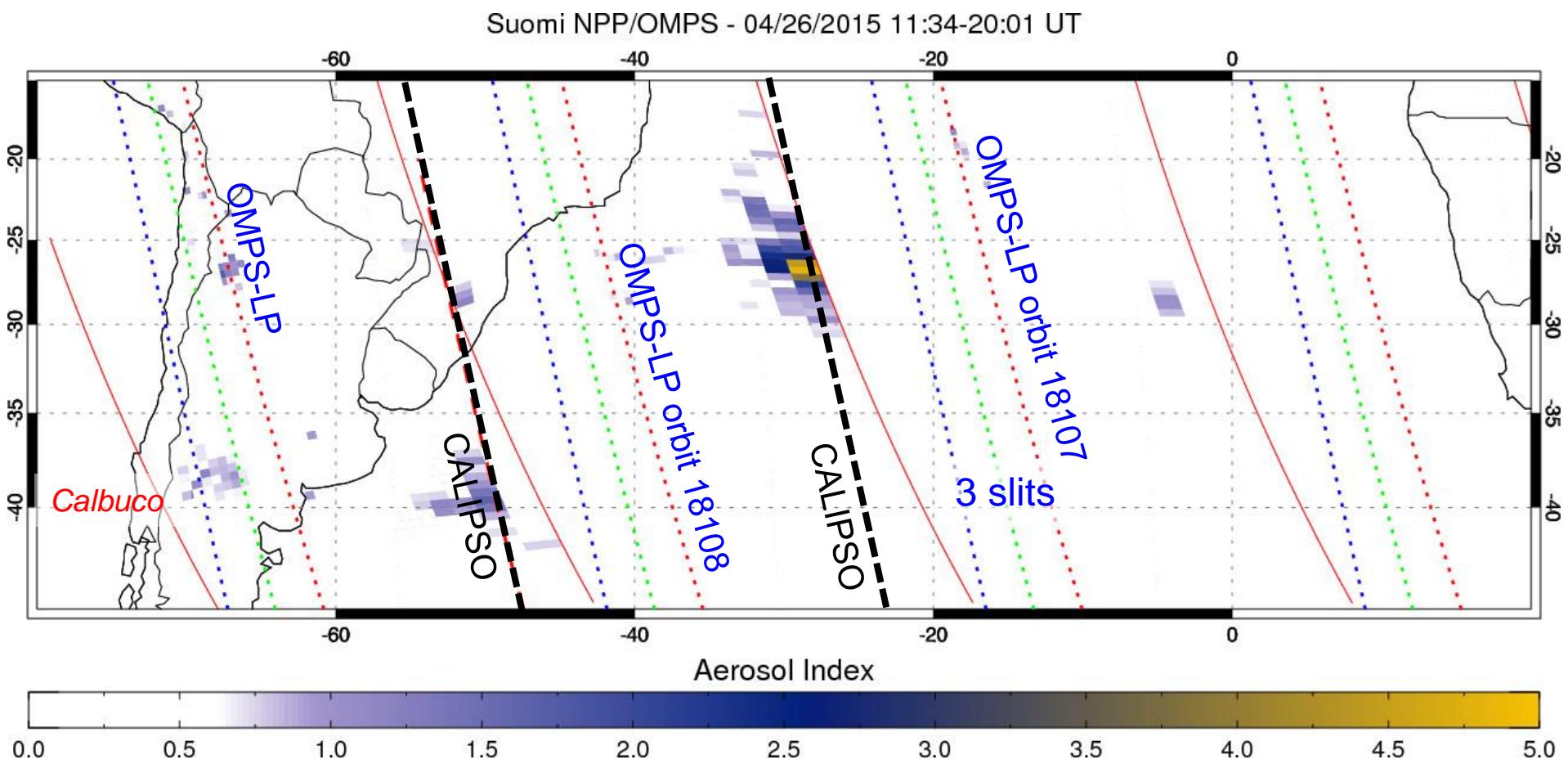
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SO<sub>2</sub> mass: 127.70 kt; Area: 5666621 km<sup>2</sup>; SO<sub>2</sub> max: 8.67 DU at lon: -28.69 lat: -26.81 ; 16:37UTC



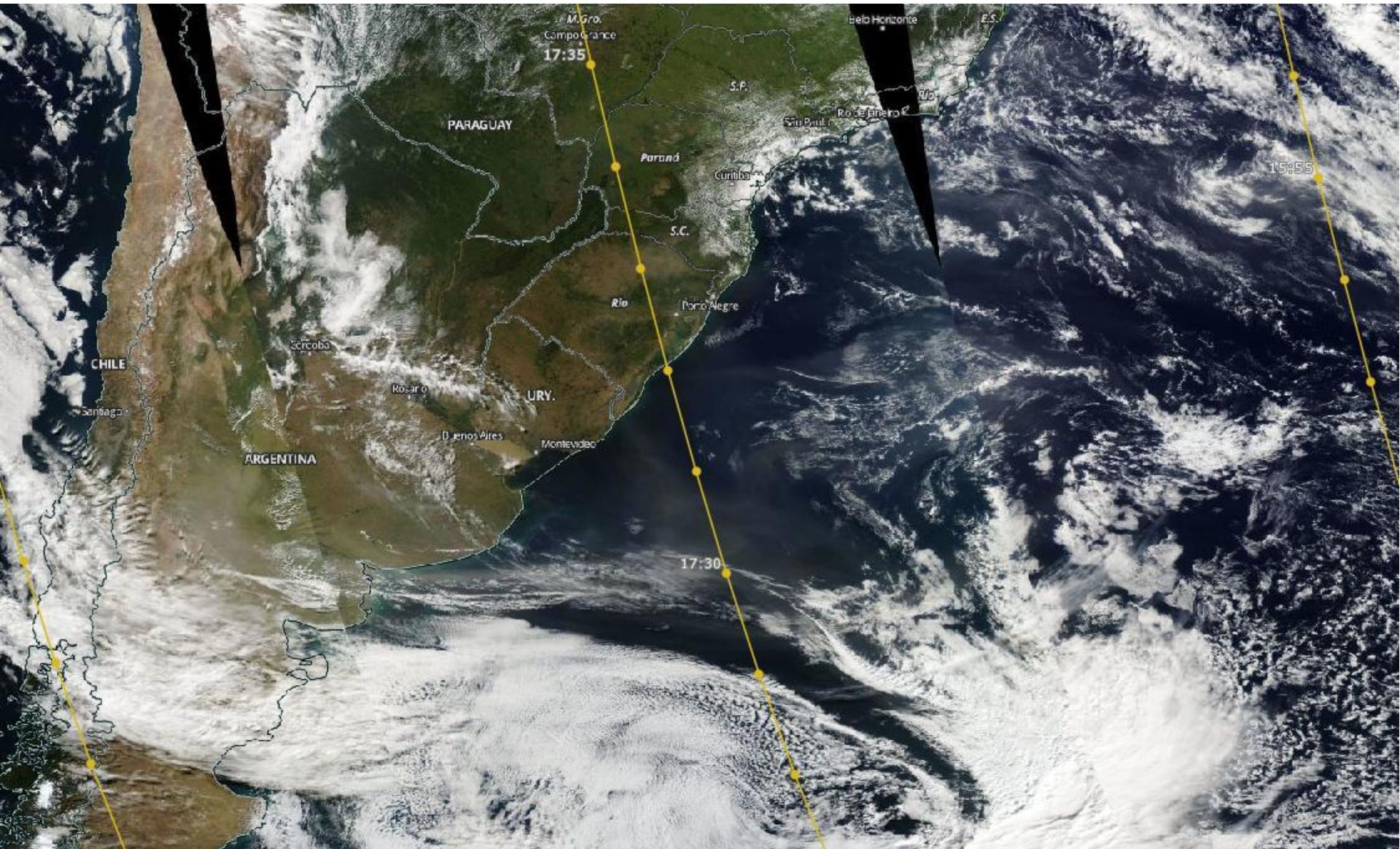
OMPS-LP slits and CALIPSO tracks

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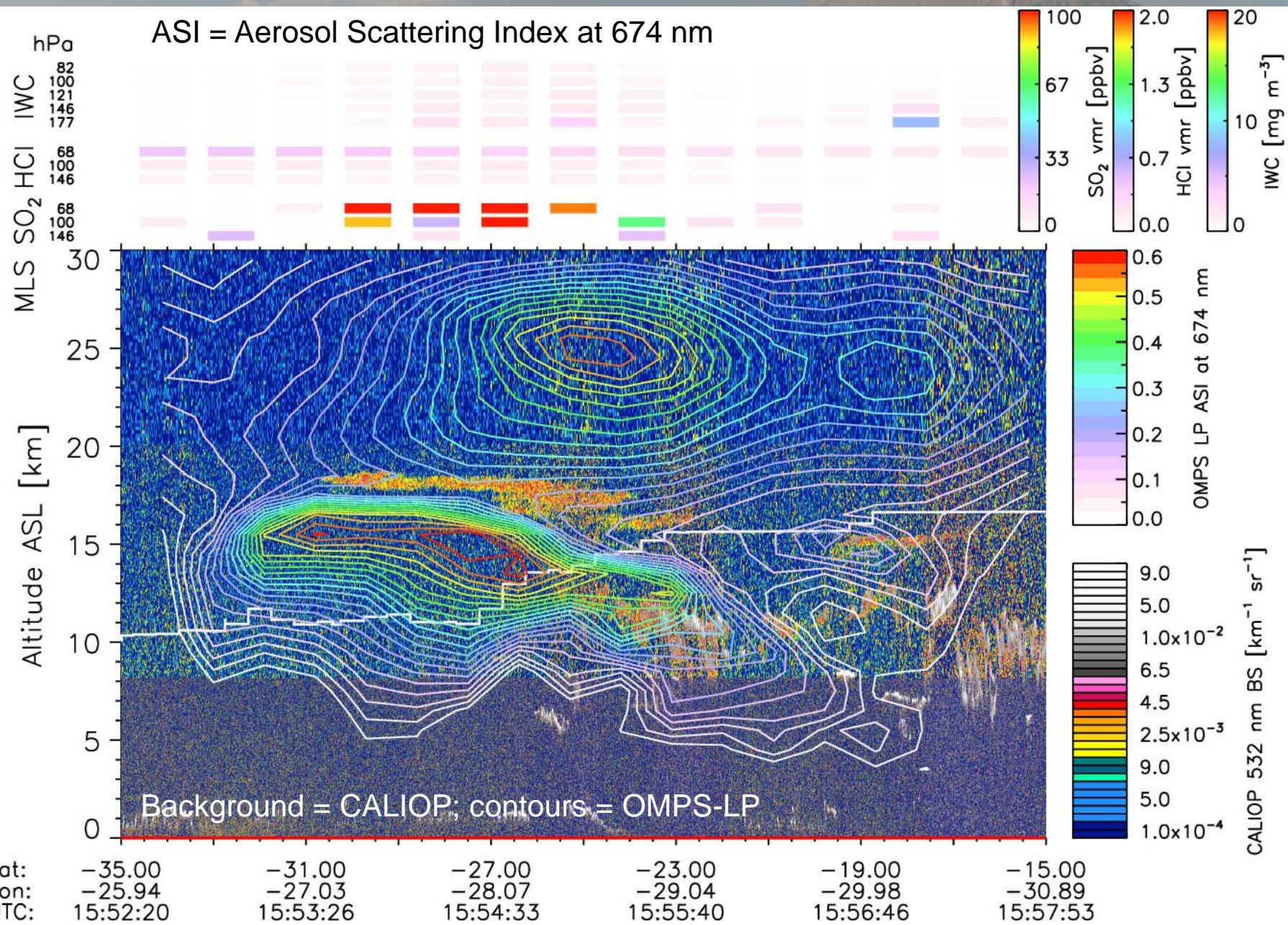


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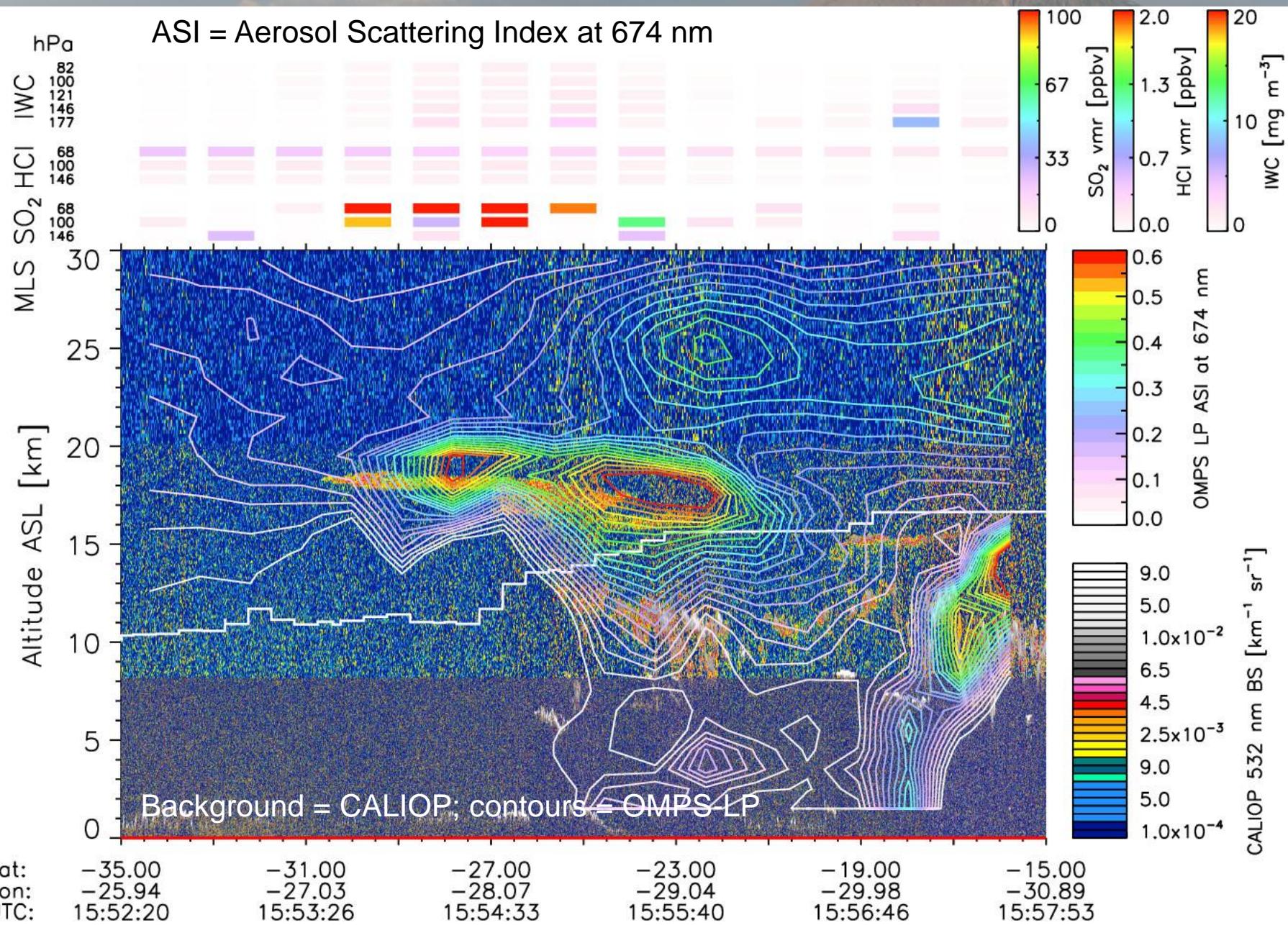
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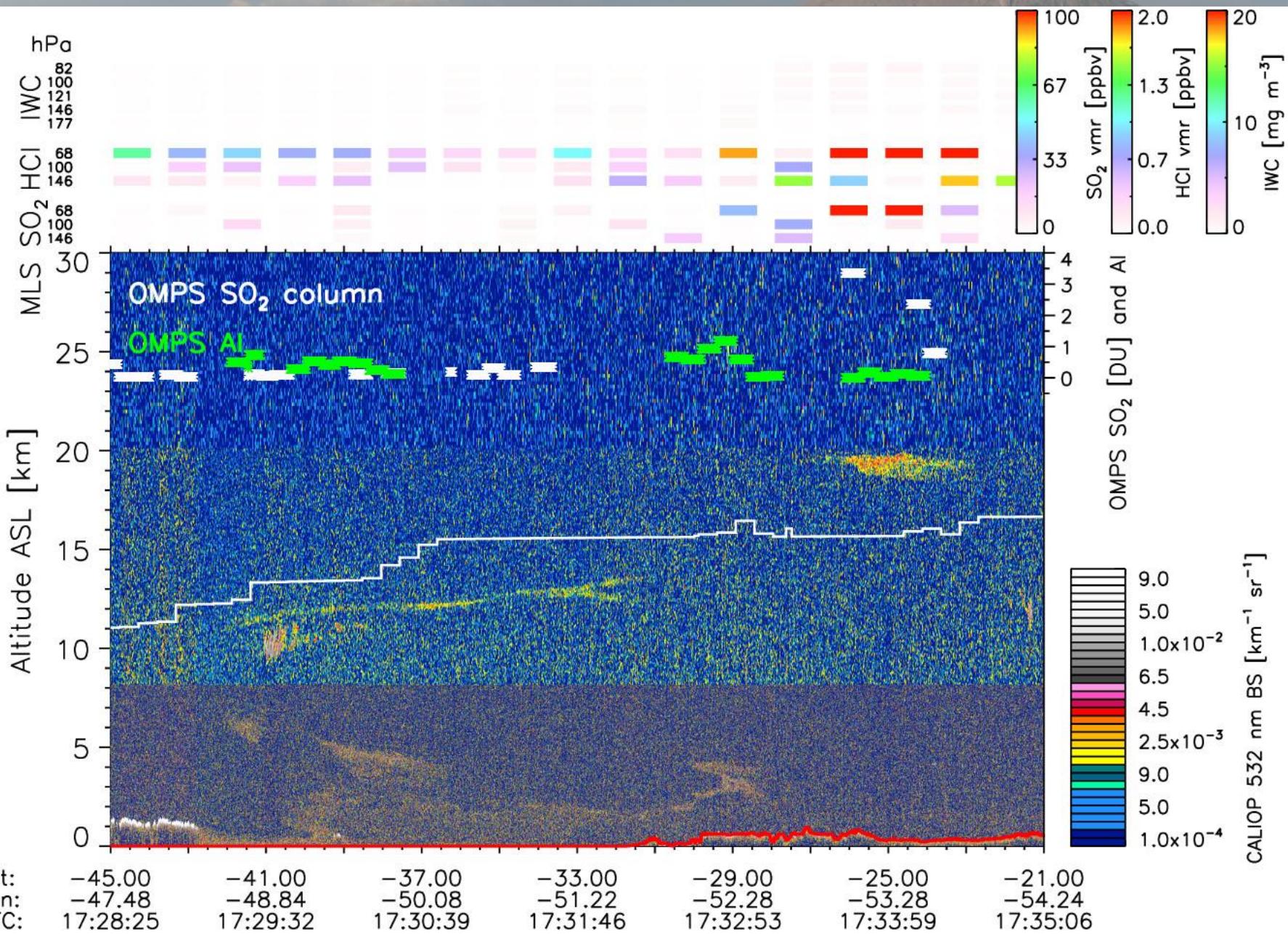
# CALIOP backscatter and OMPS-LP ASI (to east)



# CALIOP backscatter and OMPS-LP ASI (to west)



# CALIOP backscatter and OMPS-NM



# OMPS Direct Broadcast data for the North Atlantic

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Satellite Measurements from Polar Orbit  
- Instantly delivered Direct Readout products



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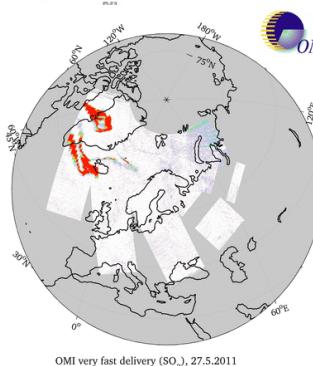
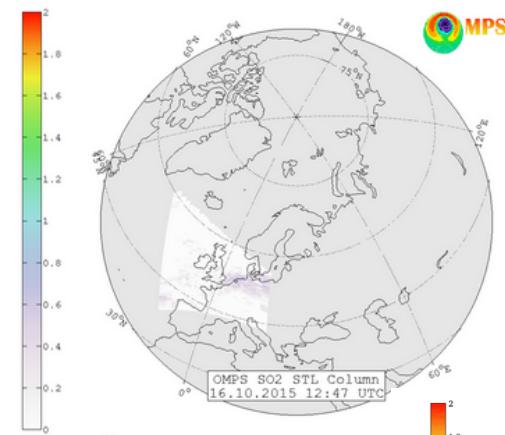
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OMPS			OMI		
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AI = Aerosol Index

CF = Cloud Fraction

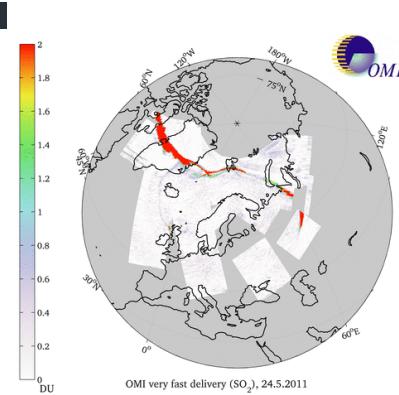
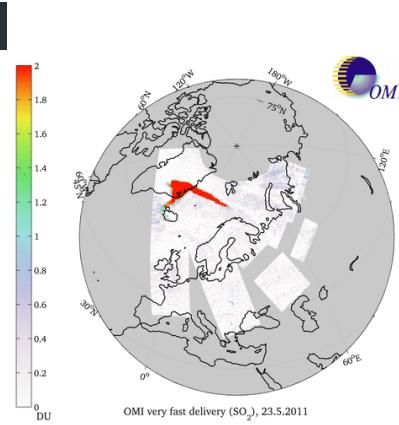
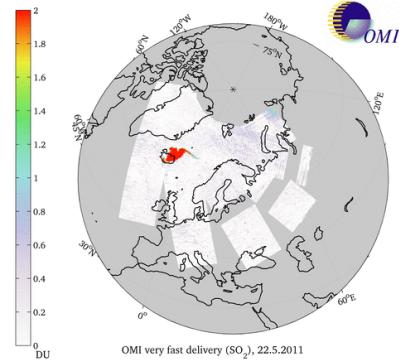


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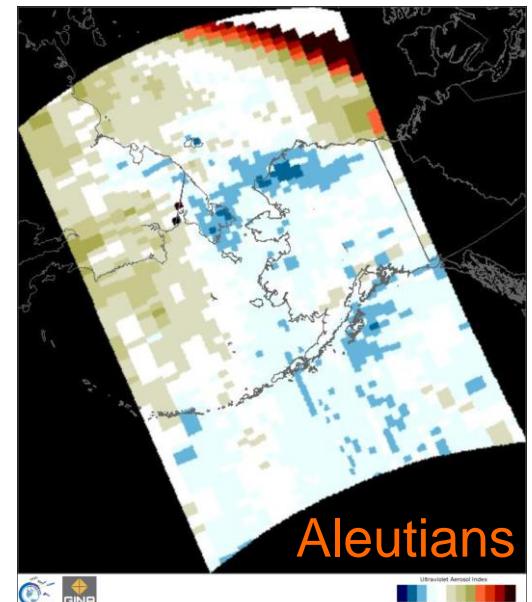
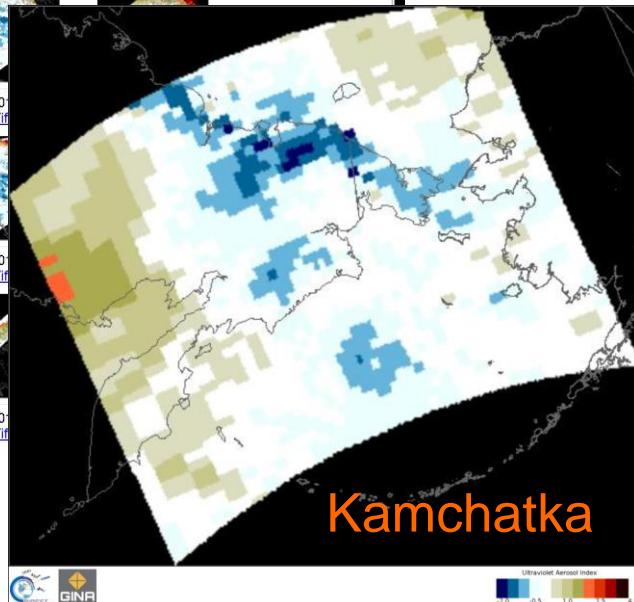
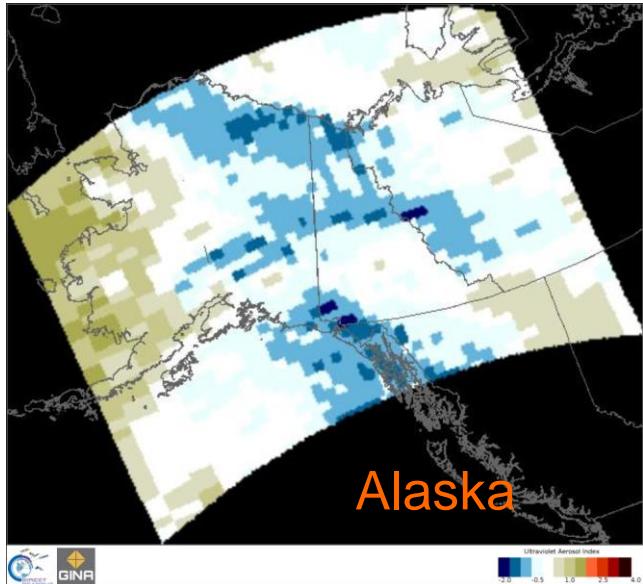


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<http://sampo.fmi.fi/volcanic.html>

# OMPS Direct Broadcast data for the North Pacific

The screenshot shows the NASA Direct Readout Laboratory website. The header features the NASA logo and the text "DIRECT READOUT LABORATORY". Below the header, there's a banner for the "NASA Direct Readout Conference (NDRC-9) · Rabat, Morocco · March 8 - 11, 2016". The left sidebar contains links to various sections like DRL Home, About DRL, Technology, Recent Data Products (which is currently selected), Gallery, Downloads, Documents, and Links. The main content area is titled "RECENT DATA PRODUCTS" and shows a dropdown menu "Select Sites...". Below it, specific parameters are set: "GINA: UV AEROSOL INDEX", "SUOMI NPP", "Instrument: OMPS", and "Product: UVAEROSOL". It also includes a note about viewing KML files via Google Earth. A grid of thumbnail images displays aerosol index data for different dates in October 2015, each with a "Tiff" link below it. The thumbnails show various patterns of blue, green, and red over the North Pacific and surrounding landmasses.



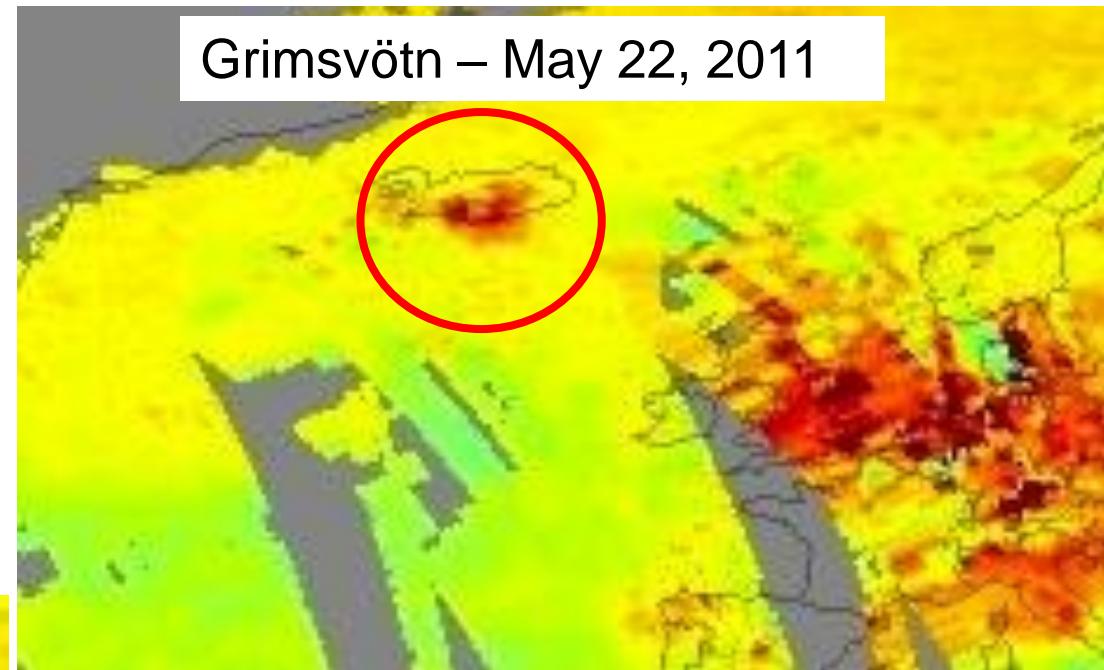
Geographic Information Network  
of Alaska (GINA)

<http://directreadout.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/?id=dspContent&cid=159>

# Detection of NO<sub>2</sub> in volcanic eruption plumes

- OMI detected NO<sub>2</sub> in 2011 Grimsvötn and 2008 Okmok volcanic clouds
- NO<sub>2</sub> known to be generated by lightning in thunderstorms
- Signal of plume electrification at overpass time
- Indicates air (N<sub>2</sub>) entrainment

Okmok – Jul 12, 2008



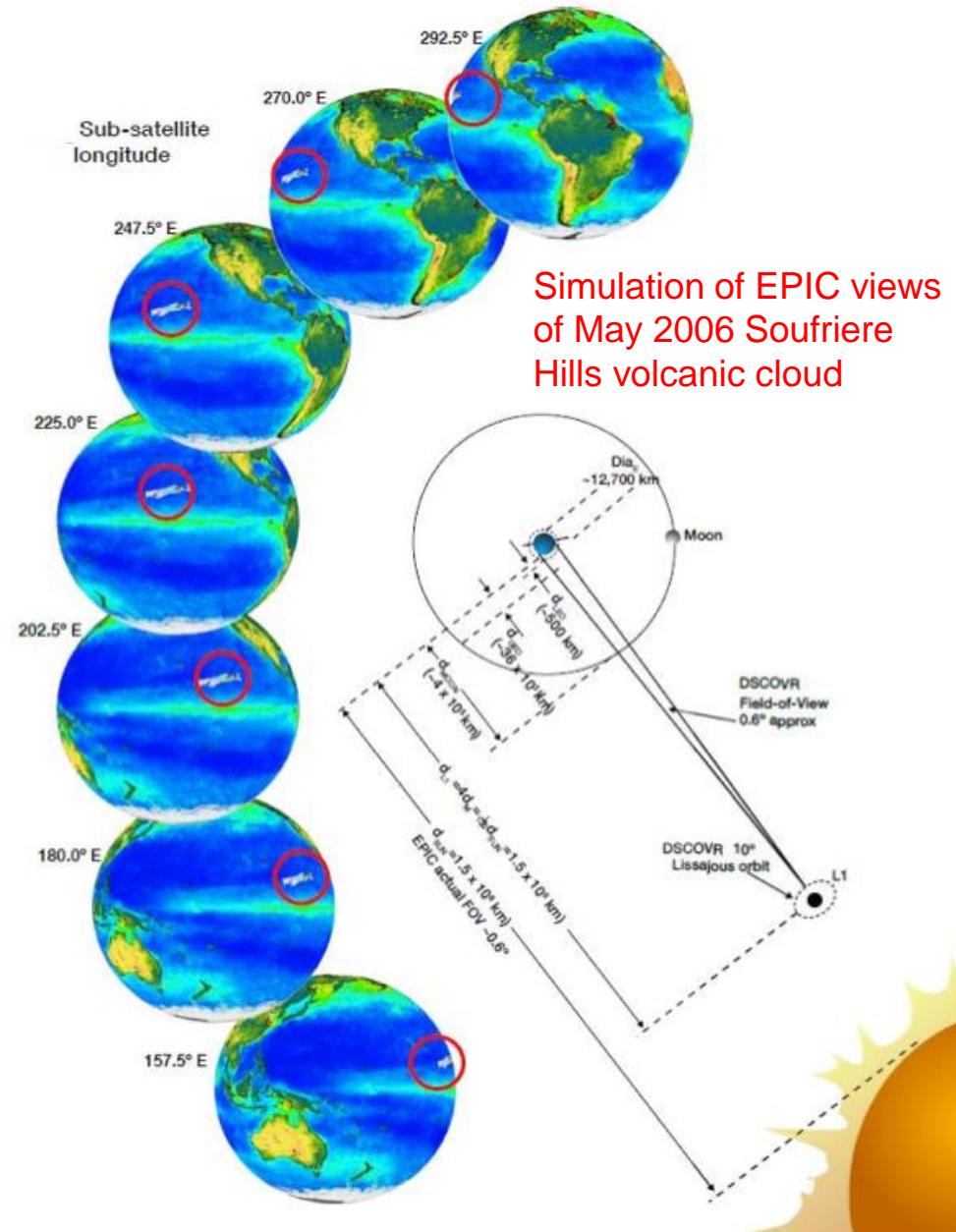
- Both the Grimsvötn and Okmok eruptions featured distinct vertical separation of gas (SO<sub>2</sub>) and ash
- Plan to analyze NO<sub>2</sub> data for other explosive eruptions and coincident WWLLN lightning detections

# Deep Space Climate Observatory (DSCOVR) at L<sub>1</sub>

<http://epic.gsfc.nasa.gov>



- **Earth Polychromatic Imaging Camera (EPIC)**
  - ~90 min temporal resolution
  - Spatial resolution similar to OMI at sub-satellite point
  - SO<sub>2</sub>, UVAl and volcanic ash retrievals planned



# Summary

- OMI still providing high quality data outside data gaps
- OMPS-NM zoom mode (Saturdays) provides increased sensitivity to volcanic ash and SO<sub>2</sub>
  - Ojos del Salado resuspended ash plume detected in UVAl; no SO<sub>2</sub>
  - Future OMPS instruments on JPSS may be 100% zoom mode
- OMPS-LP: useful new tool for analysis of volcanic plumes
  - Additional plume altitude information between CALIOP overpasses
  - Aerosol type information?
  - Aerosol scattering signal in LP profiles even in young plumes
- Lightning-generated NO<sub>2</sub> detected in some eruption plumes
  - Additional technique for eruption detection
  - Indicative of strong convection and plume electrification at satellite overpass time
- DSCOVR/EPIC soon to be operational at L<sub>1</sub>
  - Volcanic SO<sub>2</sub> and UVAl data with ~90-minute temporal resolution

# Ash spectral refractive indices in the UV-visible

