

A Forward Operator for SEVIRI VIS/NIR Satellite Radiances

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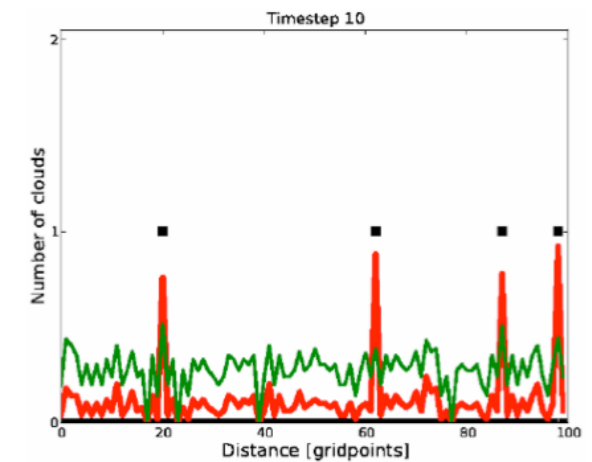
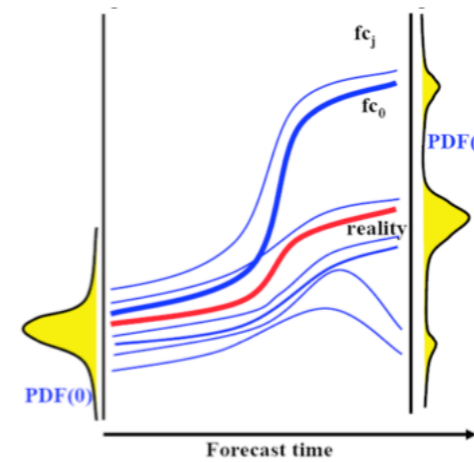
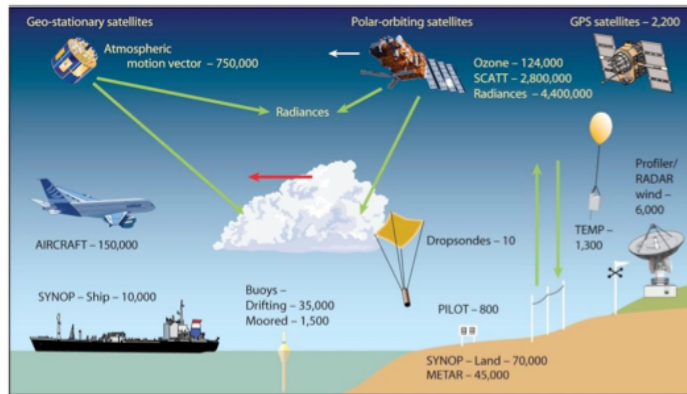
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Observation impact

Tools to quantify the analysis and forecast impact of observations in EnDA

Monitoring of observations

Optimized use of observations

Satellite observations

Direct assimilation of MSG SEVIRI VIS+NIR radiances in KENDA

AMV height correction with lidar observations

(Lightning)
(ADM-Aeolus)

Ensemble forecasts (talk C. Kühnlein, 16:30)

Improved representation of forecast uncertainty

KENDA initial perturbations

Flow-dependence and impact time of perturbations

DA methods

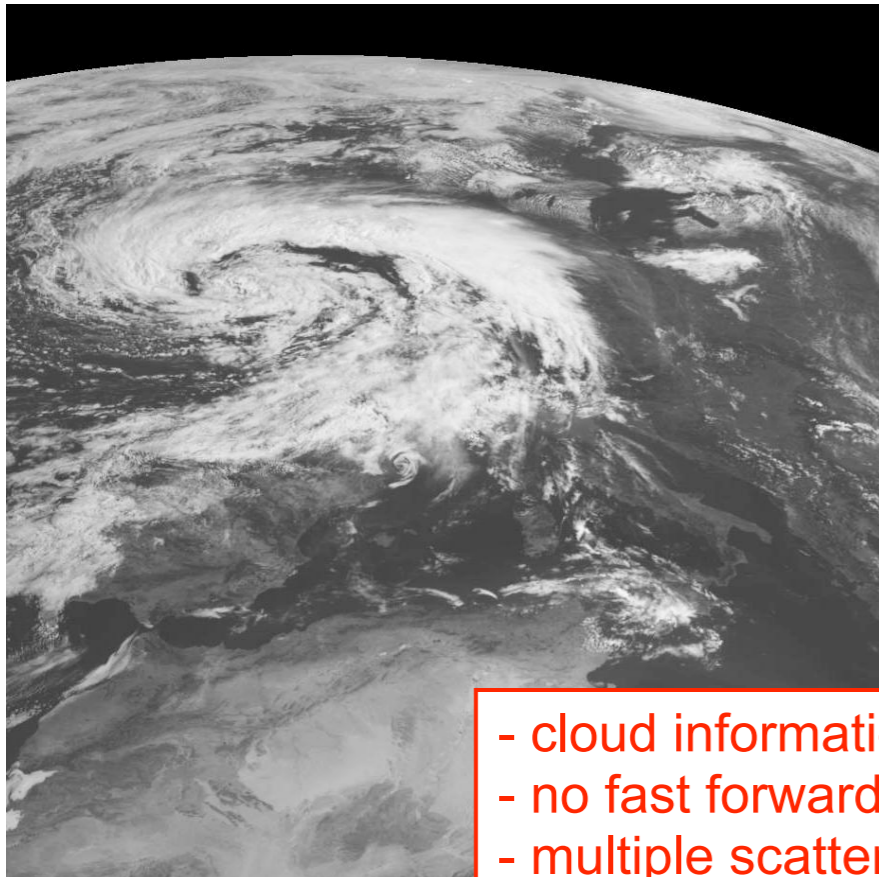
Methods for convective-scale DA

Idealized tests with non-Gaussian error statistics (toy models)

Robust methods for highly non-linear systems

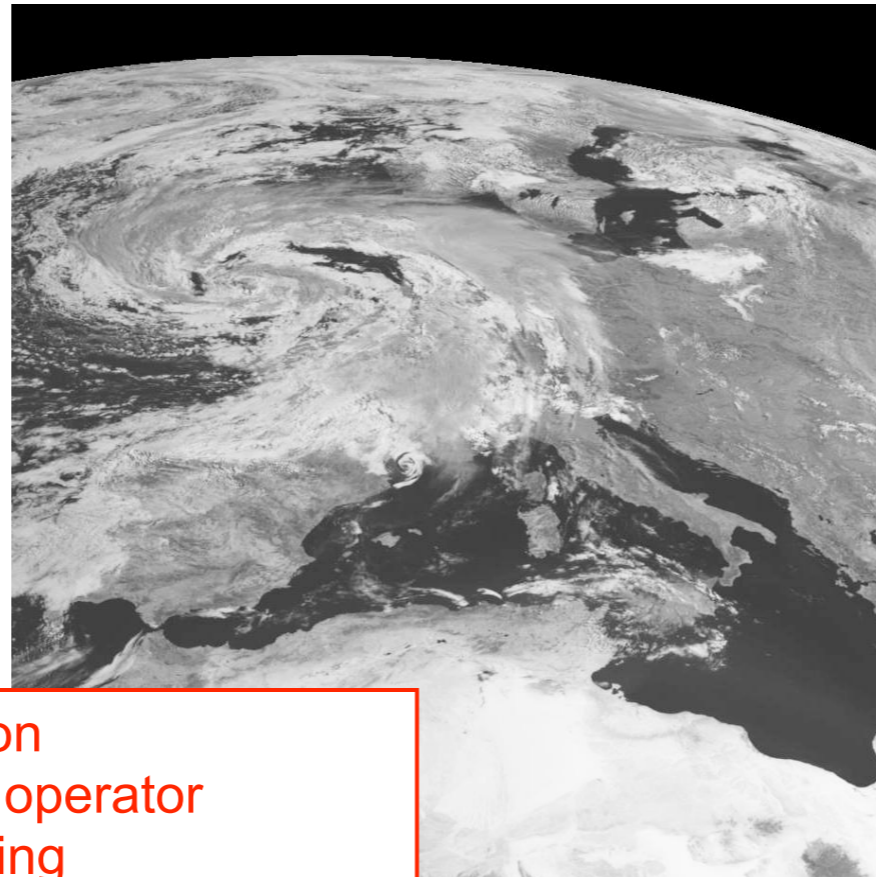
Assimilation of VIS/NIR Radiances

VIS (0.6 μm)

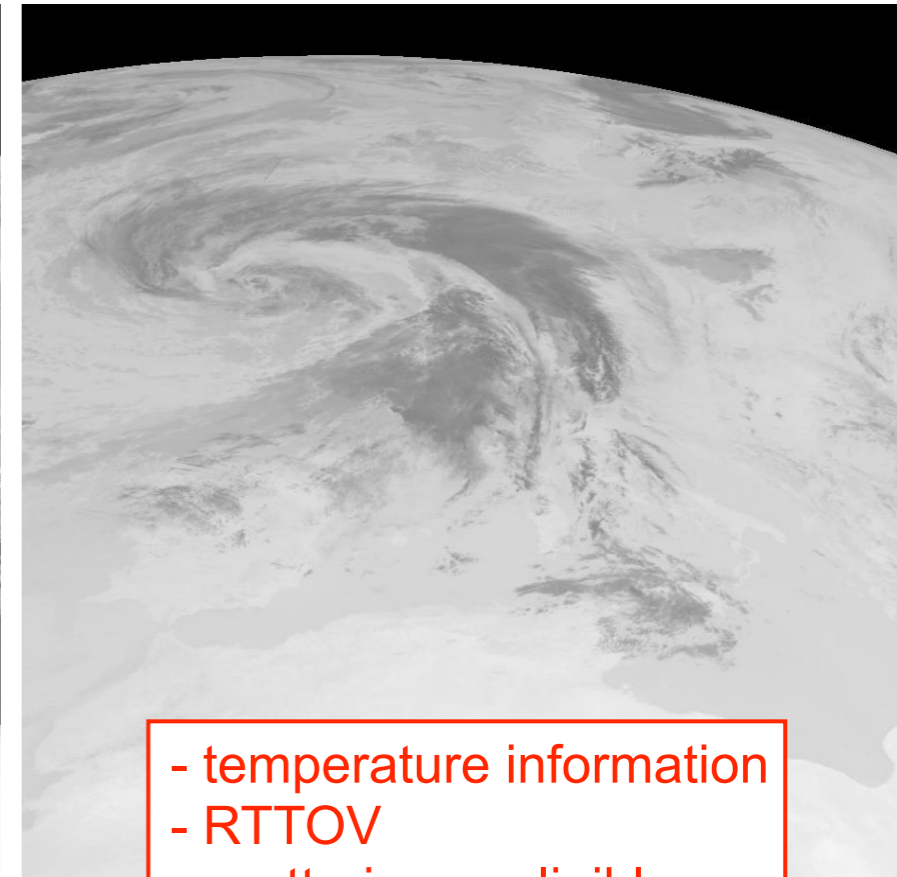


- cloud information
- no fast forward operator
- multiple scattering
- only forward operator in EnDA

NIR (1.6 μm)



IR (10.8 μm)

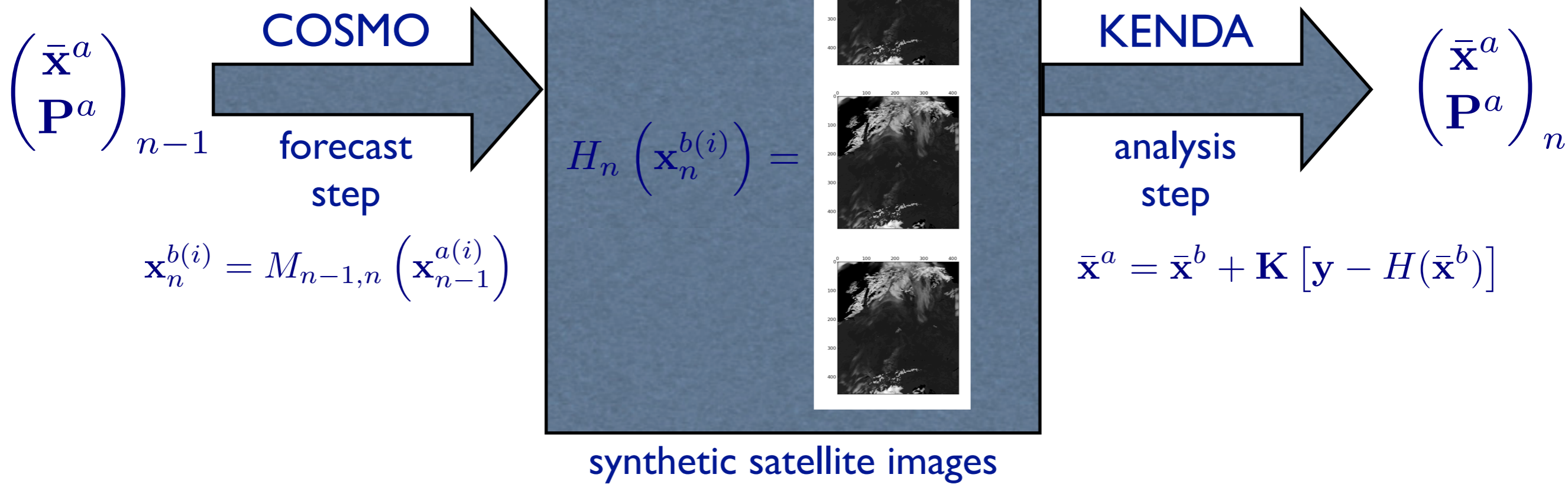


- temperature information
- RTTOV
- scattering negligible

Project: Ensemble Data Assimilation (LETKF)

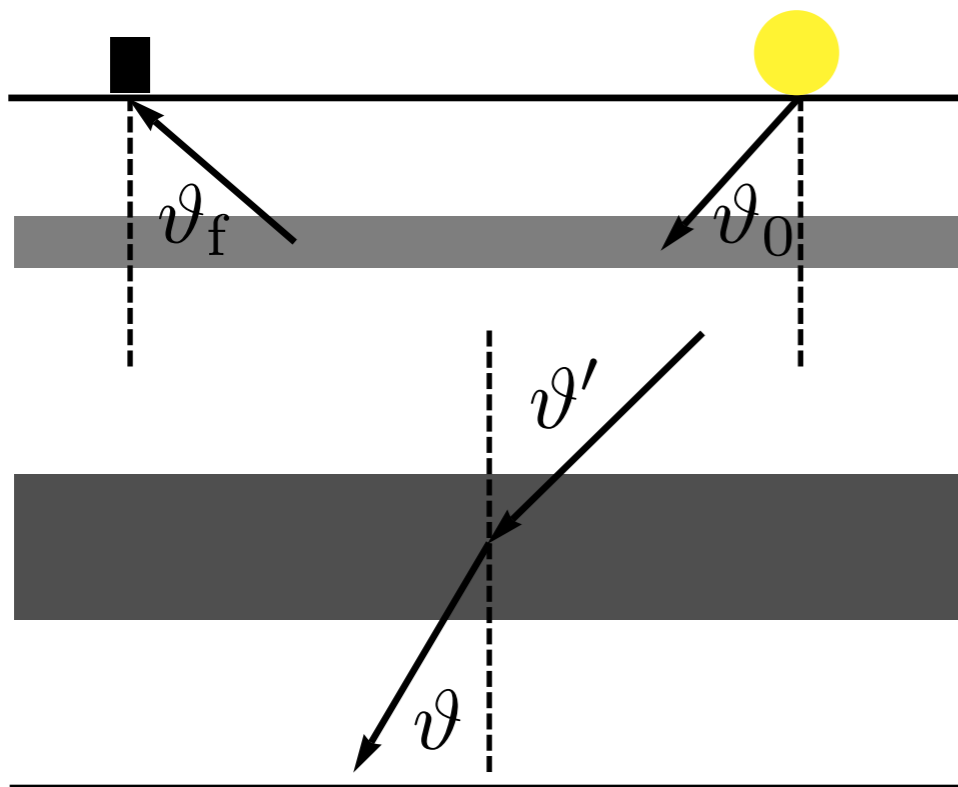
[Hunt et al. 2006]

MSG-SEVIRI radiances



Observation Operator based on libRadtran

[Mayer, Kylling 2005]



- COSMO-DE model fields:
qv, qc, qi, qs, clc, htop/hbas_sc, (ps, t)
- MODIS albedo and satellite geometry
- discrete ordinate method [Stamnes et al. 1988]
- mapping to observation space

absorption

scattering

incoming

emission

$$\mu \frac{dI}{d\tau} = -I + \frac{\omega}{4\pi} \int d\varphi' d\mu' \mathcal{P}(\dots) I(\dots) + \frac{\omega}{4\pi} \mathcal{P}_0(\dots) S_0 e^{-\tau/\mu_0} + (1 - \omega) B(\tau)$$

Cloud Microphysics

- **liquid clouds:** [Zinner et al. 2008]

$$1 \mu\text{m} < R_{\text{eff}} < 25 \mu\text{m}$$

- **ice clouds:** [Wyser 1998]

$$20 \mu\text{m} < R_{\text{eff}} < 90 \mu\text{m}$$

- **model snow:** [Seifert, private comm.]
about factor 10 larger than ice

$$q_{\text{ice}} = q_i + 0.1 q_s$$

Sub-gridscale Clouds in COSMO

stratiform clouds:

0.5% of saturation mass fraction are condensed water

shallow convective clouds:

1.0% of saturation mass fraction or at least 0.2g/kg are condensed water where Tiedtke scheme operative [Tiedtke 1989]

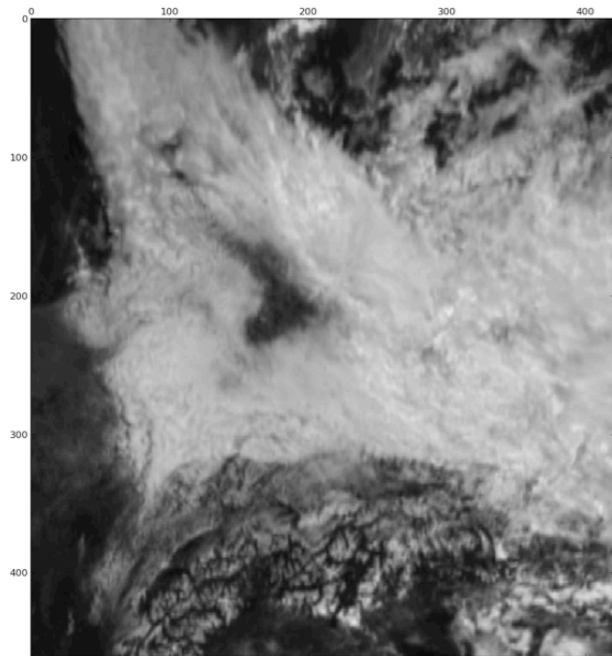
total cloud water/ice:

$$q_{\text{tot}} = q_{\text{con}} \mathcal{N}_{\text{con}} + q_{\text{strat}} \mathcal{N}_{\text{strat}} (1 - \mathcal{N}_{\text{con}})$$

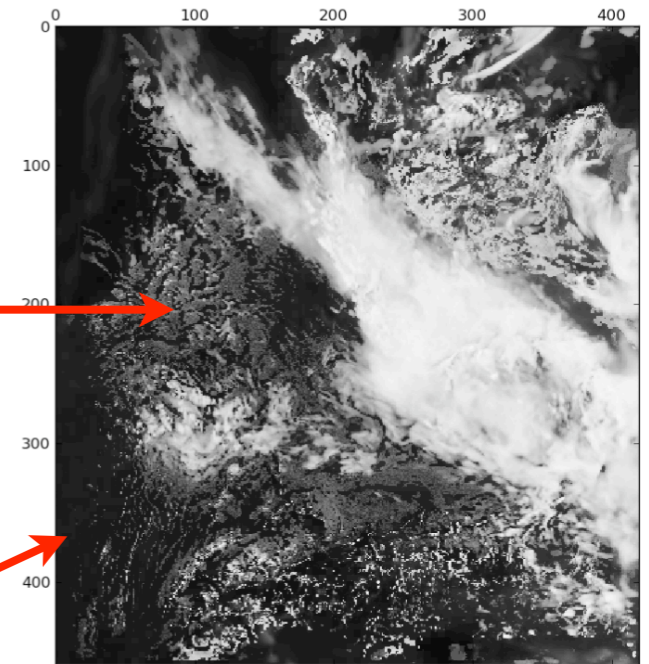
SEVIRI observation

Operator simulation (5-10 min.)

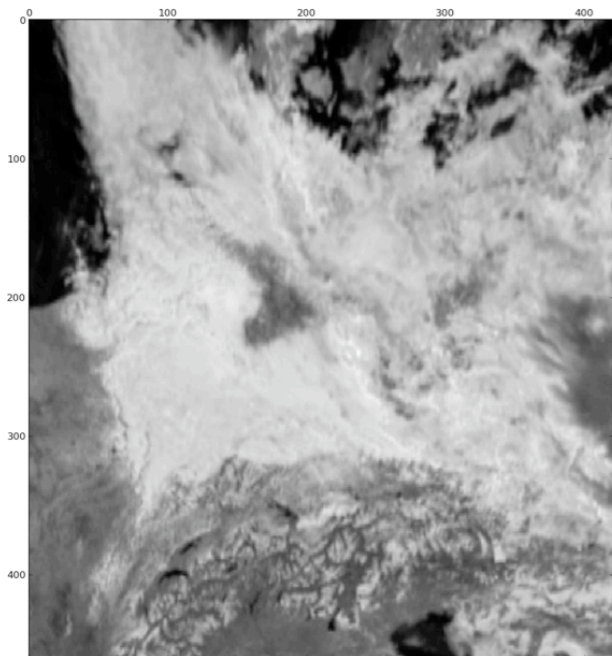
**VIS
006**



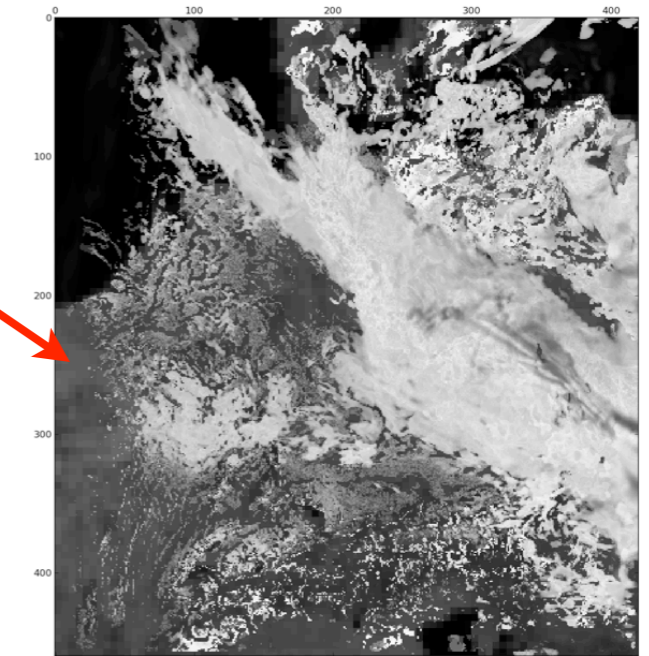
**sub-gridscale
shallow convective clouds**



**NIR
016**



**albedo
wavelength-dependent**

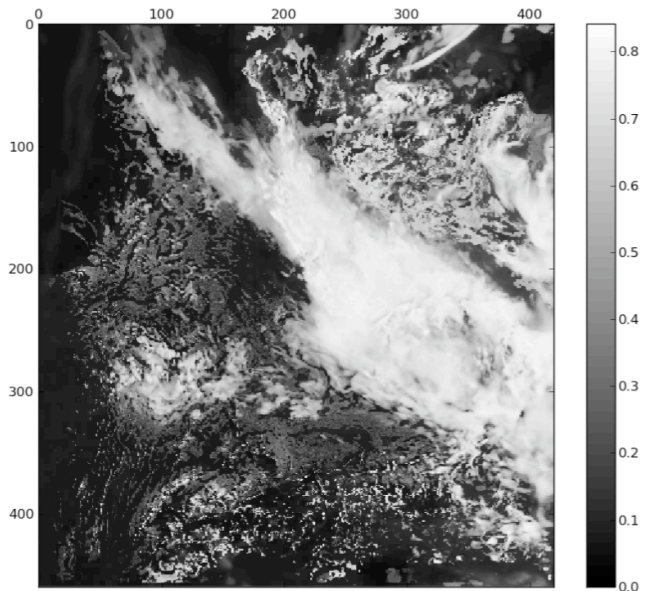


**use operator to study
possible model errors?**

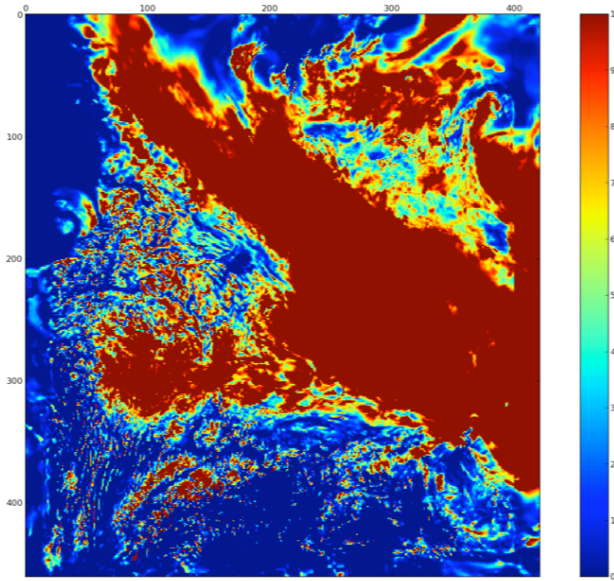
Comparison to Infrared Channel

(31.07.2011, 12:00 UTC)

**water
clouds**

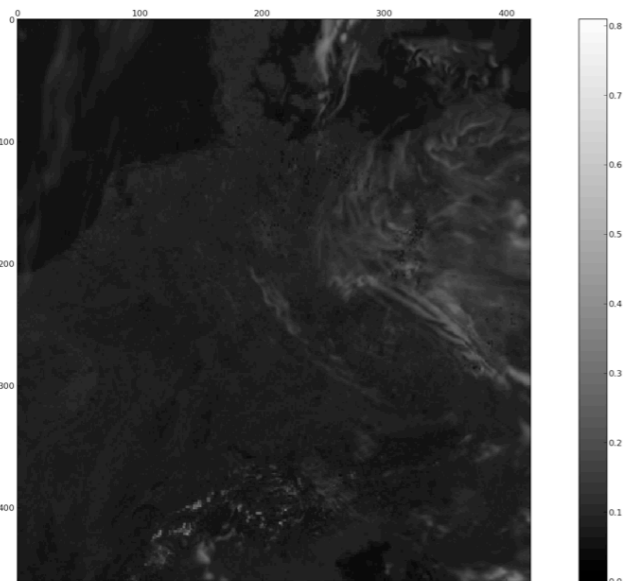


VIS operator

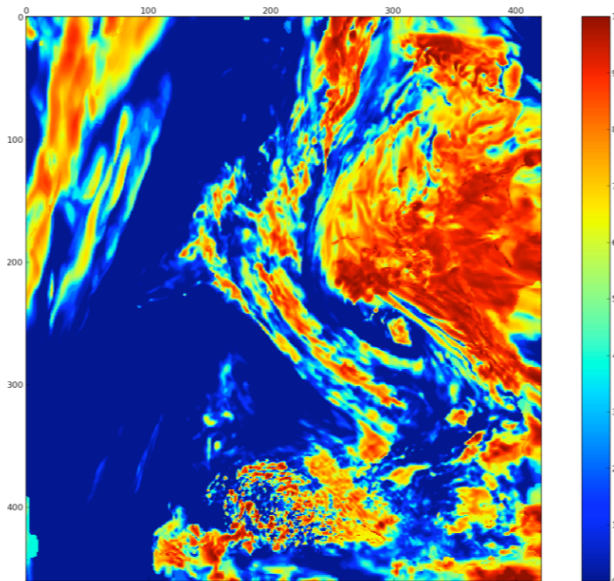


low clc (> 800 hPa)

**ice
clouds**



VIS operator

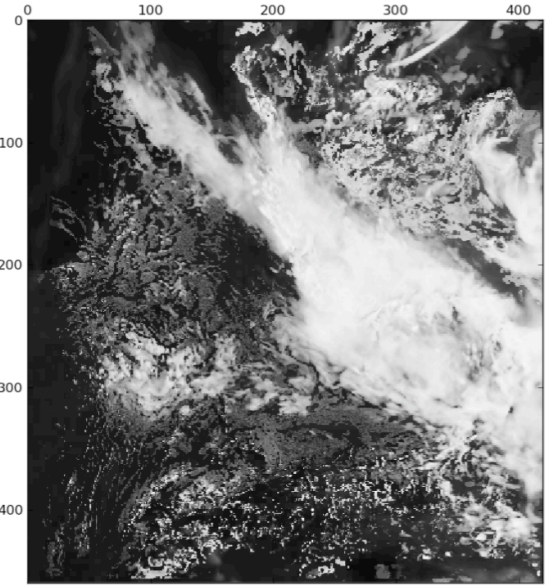


high clc (< 400 hPa)

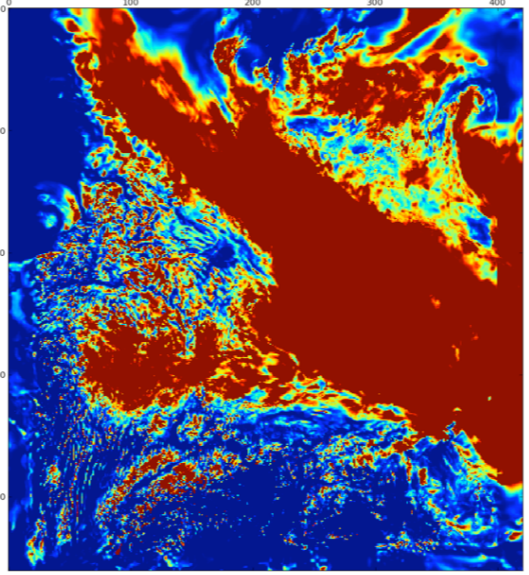
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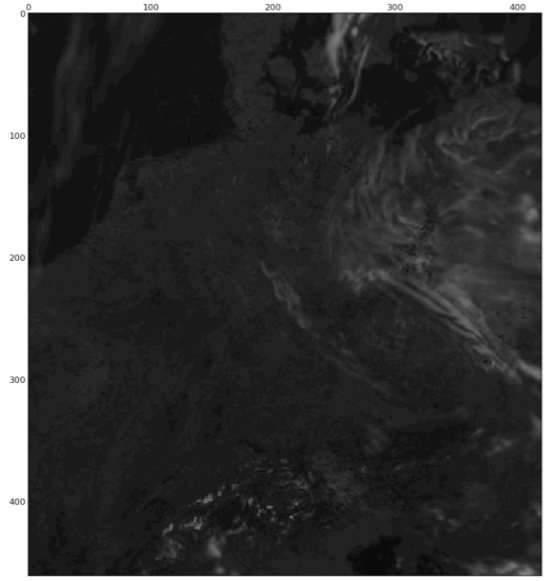


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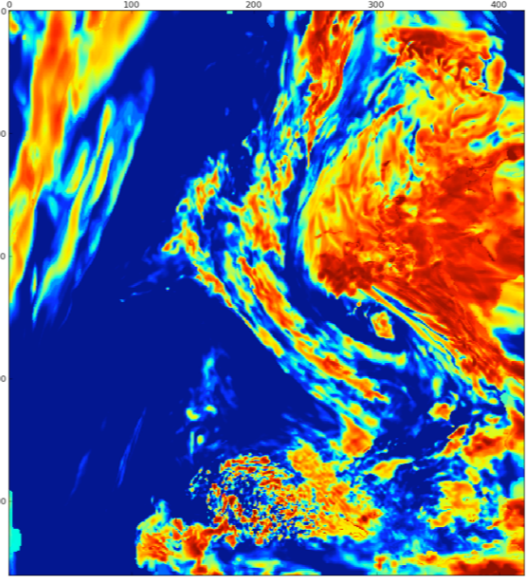
**inverted
COSMO
RTTOV
IR108**



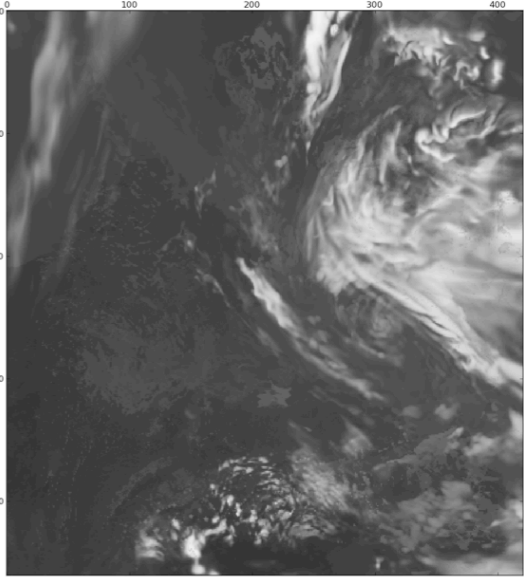
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VIS operator

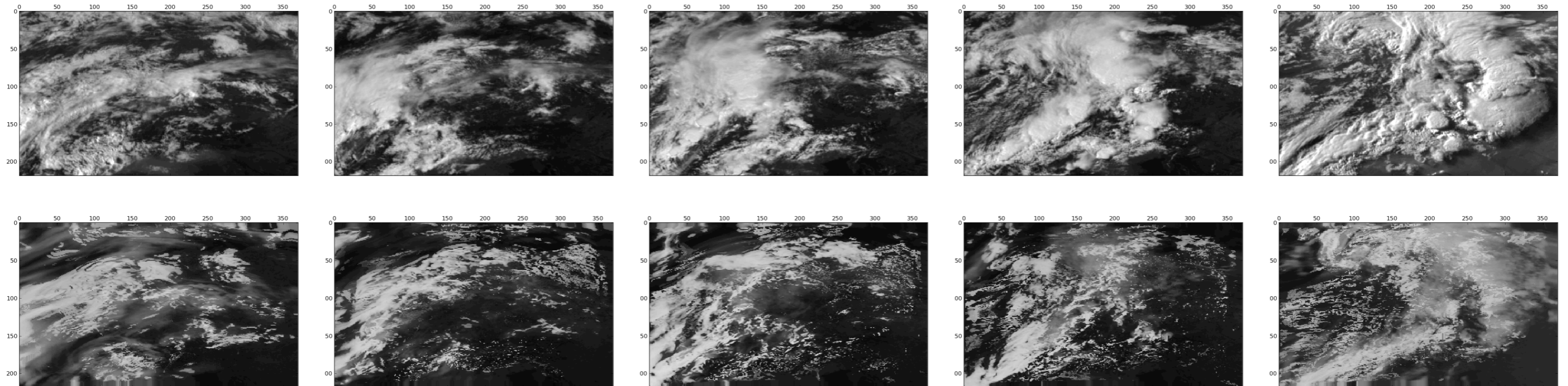


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Time Series: Observation vs. 3h-Forecasts

(22.06.2011, VIS006)



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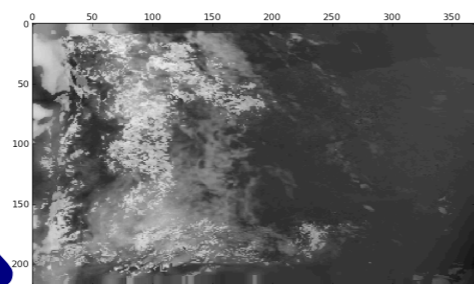
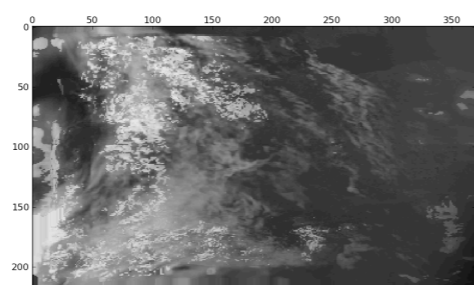
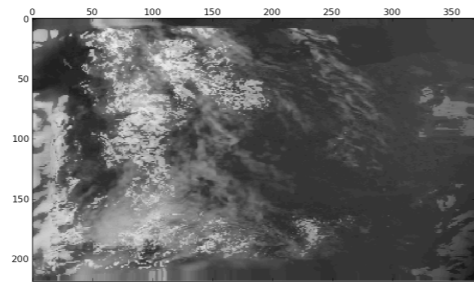
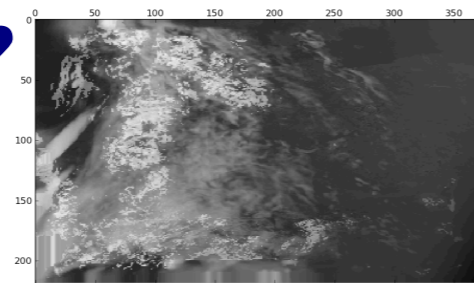
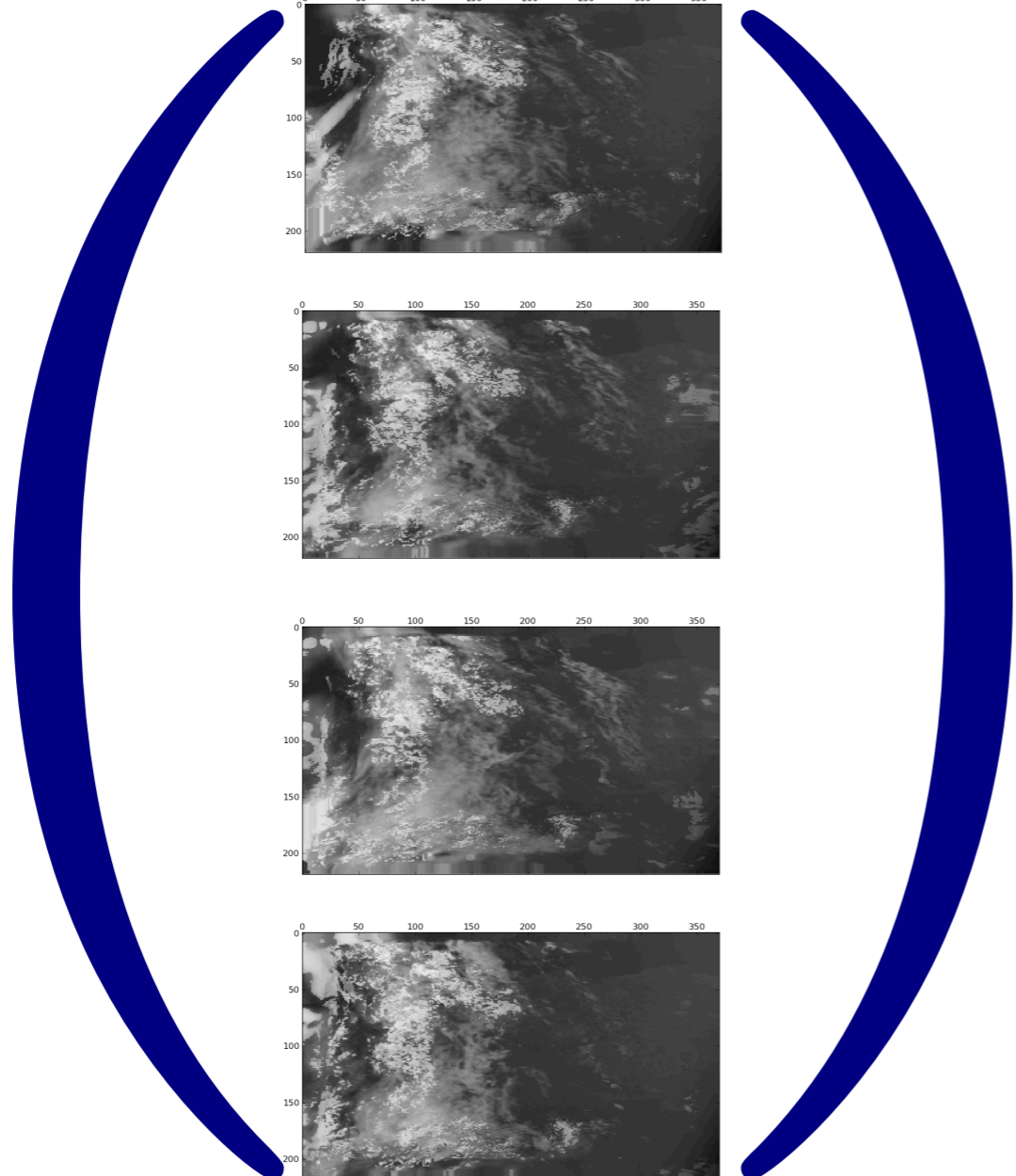
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- overall cloud structures well represented by operator
- clouds are not always well represented by model

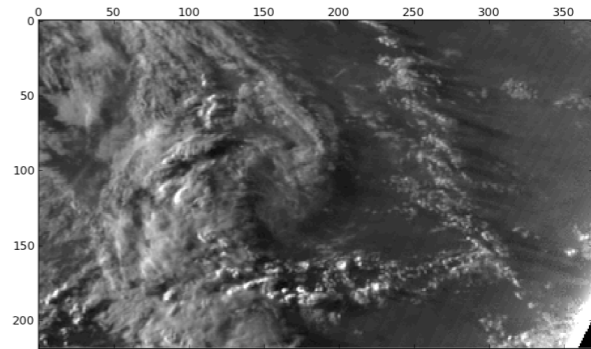
First KENDA-Run in Munich

(KENDA test period 07.08.2009, 18:00 UTC)

$$H \left(x^{b(i)} \right) =$$



$$y =$$



- KENDA+VIS works technically
- first test experiment running
- to demonstrate fc-improvement:
 - correct error covariance
 - bias correction (?)
 - adaption of KENDA (?)
 - long period, fast operator, ...

Future Plans

- apply operator to selected set of test-cases in summer 2011
- assessment of operator accuracy with 3D simulation (MYSTIC)
- assimilate VIS/NIR radiances in KENDA for a longer period
- study observation impact of assimilating additional radiances
- implement and test operationally feasible operator