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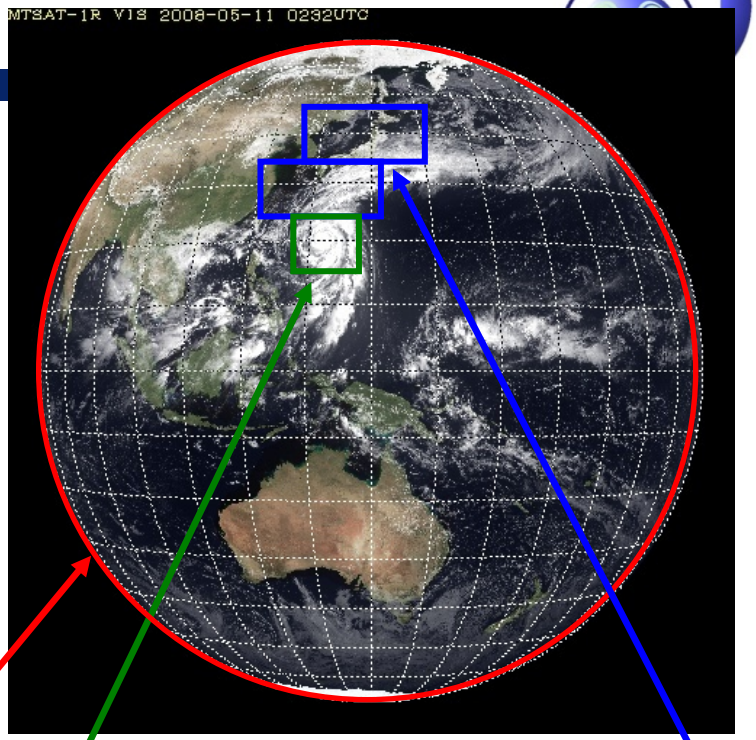
- Current operation
  - MTSAT-2 (Himawari-7) : Imaging operation at 145E since 1 Jul. 2010
  - MTSAT-1R (Himawari-6) : Imaging operation standby at 140E, direct broadcast and DCS (Data Collection System) operations
    - Rapid scan observation around Japan during daytime in the summer for aviation users
- Himawari-8
  - Launch in summer 2014 and start operation in summer 2015
  - Himawari-9: launch in 2016 and start operation in 2022
  - AHI (Advanced Himawari Imager)
    - Enhance channel number, spatial resolution and measurement frequency
    - ➔ Improve current products and create new products
      - AMV, CSR, SST, aerosol, volcanic ash, and Instability Index
    - Simulation data is available on the JMA website
    - Data dissemination via the Internet (and a telecommunication satellite)
      - Pre-operational imagery data available in early 2015

Himawari-8/9: Specification of Observation

Channel	Central Wavelength [μm]	Spatial Resolution
1	0.43 – 0.48	1 km
2	0.50 – 0.52	1 km
3	0.63 – 0.66	0.5 km
4	0.85 – 0.87	1 km
5	1.60 – 1.62	2 km
6	2.25 – 2.27	2 km
7	3.74 – 3.96	2 km
8	6.06 – 6.43	2 km
9	6.89 – 7.01	2 km
10	7.26 – 7.43	2 km
11	8.44 – 8.76	2 km
12	9.54 – 9.72	2 km
13	10.3 – 10.6	2 km
14	11.1 – 11.3	2 km
15	12.2 – 12.5	2 km
16	13.2 – 13.4	2 km

Number of Channels: 5 → 16
Spatial Resolution 1, 4km → 0.5,1, 2km



Full disk
Interval: **10 minutes** (6 times per hour)

Region: Japan
Interval: **2.5 minutes** (4 times in 10 minutes)
Dimension: EW x NS: 2000 x 1000 km x 2

Region: Typhoon
Interval: **2.5 minutes** (4 times in 10 minutes)
Dimension: EW x NS: 1000 x 1000 km

Interval: 30/60 min. → 10min.

- Current operation
  - PR on TRMM : first space-borne precipitation since 1997 radar and still active!
  - GOSAT : FTS for GHG (CO2 & CH4)
  - AMSR2 on GCOM-W : microwave imager
    - Launched on 18 May 2012
  - DPR on GPM core: Dual-frequency Precipitation Radar (KuPR + KaPR)
    - Launched on 28 Feb. 2014
- Plans
  - ALOS2 (24 May 2014): SAR
  - CPR on EarthCARE (2016) : Cloud profiling radar
  - SGLI on GCOM-C (2016): High-res. multi-ch. optical imager
  - GOSAT2 (2017)
- Under discussion
  - GCOM-W2/AMSR3
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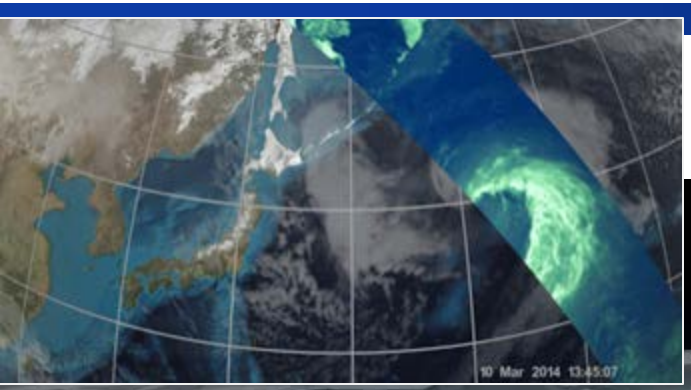
GPM/DPR first image released on 25 March



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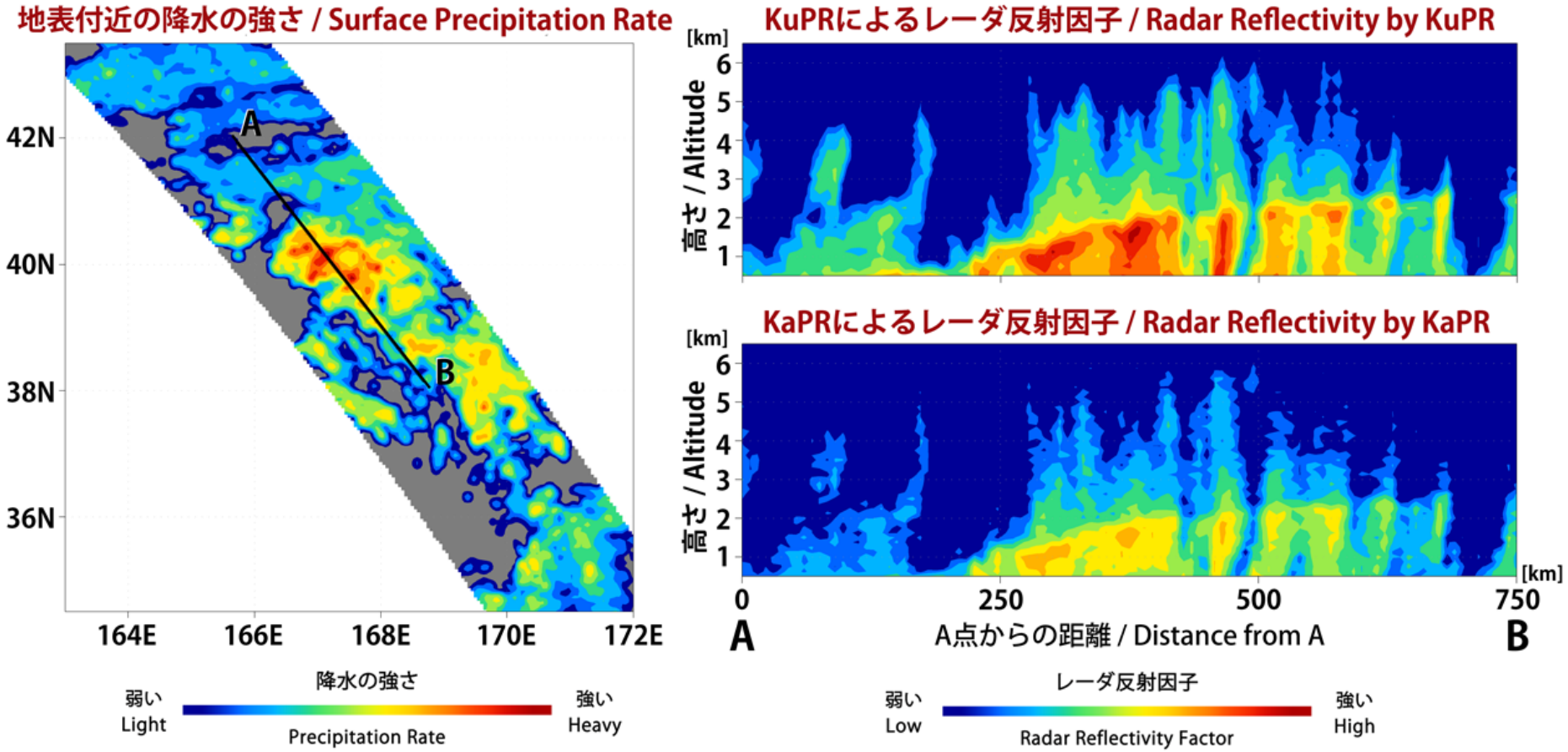

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