

EUMETSAT Short Courses: Weather-related satellite data with Jupyter Notebooks

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Jupyter Notebooks – a short introduction

SEVIRI data visualization with SatPy

Severe convection - SEVIRI, MODIS, CloudSat and VIIRS

You will see how you can:

- Load and display satellite data using Jupyter Notebooks
- Visualize single channels and channel combinations (RGB products)
- Analyse cloud types and basic weather patterns in visualized images

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```
1 # SEVIRI data visualisation with SatPy
2
3
```

This Lab will show some of the basic functionalities of SatPy, including opening files, displaying different channels and channel composites, resampling, etc. At the same time, you will be able to briefly analyze a convective cloud system over South Africa / Botswana with Meteosat -8 (MSG) SEVIRI data.

SatPy

a Python Library for Weather Satellite data processing.

Satpy is a python library for reading, manipulating, and writing data from remote-sensing earth-observing meteorological satellite instruments.

Satpy provides users with readers that convert geophysical parameters from various file formats to the common Xarray DataArray and Dataset classes for easier interoperability with other scientific python libraries.

Satpy also provides interfaces for creating RGB (Red/Green/Blue) images and other composite types by combining data from multiple instrument bands or products.

Various atmospheric corrections and visual enhancements are provided for improving the usefulness and quality of output images. Output data can be written to multiple output file formats such as PNG, GeoTIFF, and CF standard NetCDF files.

Satpy allows users to resample data to geographic projected grids (areas).

Satpy Documentation, examples, quickstart: <https://satpy.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>



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How to import data?

For this Notebook, we use SEVIRI data in NATIVE format. The file, MSG3-SEVI-MSG15-0100-NA-20151106141242.255000000Z-20151106141259-1504186.nat, contains SEVIRI data in all 12 channels for 6 November 2015.

First import needed libraries, location of the image/scene (make sure that you are using backslash) and load the scene with the respective reader.

```
In [ ]: 1 from satpy.scene import Scene
2 from satpy.resample import get_area_def
3 from satpy import find_files_and_readers
4 from datetime import datetime
5 import glob
6 import warnings
7 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
8 import warnings
9 warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
10
11
12 # Date format in YYYYMMDDhhmm. Change the link to the corresponding folder. Make sure to change "\" (backslash) into forward
13 fnames = glob.glob('/data/Weather/Summer-School-Bracciano_13-17_Sep_2021/Data/JN_data/JN_lab1_introduction/seviri/*201511061
14
15 scn = Scene(reader='seviri_l1b_native', filenames=fnames)
16
17
```



List available readers for more information.

```
In [2]: 1 from satpy import available_readers
        2 available_readers()
```

```
Out[2]: ['abi_l1b',
         'abi_l1b_scmi',
         'abi_l2_nc',
         'agri_l1',
         'ahi_hrit',
         'ahi_hsd',
         'ahi_l1b_gridded_bin',
         'amsr2_l1b',
         'amsr2_l2',
         'amsr2_l2_gaasp',
         'avhrr_l1b_aapp',
         'avhrr_l1b_eps',
         'avhrr_l1b_hrpt',
         'avhrr_l1c_eum_gac_fdr_nc',
         'electrol_hrit',
         'fci_l2_nc',
         'glm_l2',
         'goes-imager_hrit',
         'goes-imager_nc',
         'gpm_imerg',
         'hy2_scat_l2b_h5',
         'iasi_l2',
         'jami_hrit',
         'maia',
         'mirs',
         'modis_l1b',
         'modis_l2',
         'mts2-imager_hrit',
         'mviri_l1b_fiduceo_nc',
         'nwcsaf-geo',
         'nwcsaf-msg2013-hdf5',
         'nwcsaf-pps_nc',
         'olci_l1b',
         'olci_l2',
         'omps_edr',
         'safe_sar_l2_ocn',
         'satpy_cf_nc',
         'seviri_l1b_hrit',
         'seviri_l1b_icare',
         'seviri_l1b_native',
         'seviri_l1b_nc',
         'slstr_l1b',
         'slstr_l2',
         'vaisala_gld360',
         ...]
```

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```
seviri_l1b_native',
'seviri_l1b_nc',
'slstr_l1b',
'slstr_l2',
'vaisala_gld360',
'viirs_compact',
'viirs_edr_flood',
'viirs_sdr']
```

List available dataset/bands from the loaded scene

```
In [3]: 1 scn.available_dataset_names()
Out[3]: ['HRV',
'IR_016',
'IR_039',
'IR_087',
'IR_097',
'IR_108',
'IR_120',
'IR_134',
'VIS006',
'VIS008',
'WV_062',
'WV_073']
```

Load wanted dataset and show its attributes/keys. You can also load the dataset by entering the specific wavelength- in this case ([10.8])

```
In [ ]: 1 scn.load(['IR_108'], upper_right_corner='NE')
2
3 scn.keys()
```



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```
In [4]: 1 scn.load(['IR_108'], upper_right_corner='NE')
        2
        3 scn.keys()
```

```
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INFO:satpy.readers.yaml_reader:Flipping Dataset unknown_name leftright.
```

```
Out[4]: [DataID(name='IR_108', wavelength=WavelengthRange(min=9.8, central=10.8, max=11.8, unit='µm'), resolution=3000.403165817, calibration=<calibration.brightness_temperature>, modifiers=())]
```

You can check the area attributes with the following code.

```
In [5]: 1 scn['IR_108'].attrs['area']
```

```
Out[5]: Area ID: msg_seviri_fes_3km
Description: MSG SEVIRI Full Earth Scanning service area definition with 3 km resolution
Projection: {'a': '6378169', 'h': '35785831', 'lon_0': '0', 'no_defs': 'None', 'proj': 'geos', 'rf': '295.488065897014', 'type': 'crs', 'units': 'm', 'x_0': '0', 'y_0': '0'}
Number of columns: 3712
Number of rows: 3712
Area extent: (-5568748.2758, -5568748.2758, 5568748.2758, 5568748.2758)
```

Or you can print the metadata of the loaded image.

```
In [6]: 1 print(scn)
```

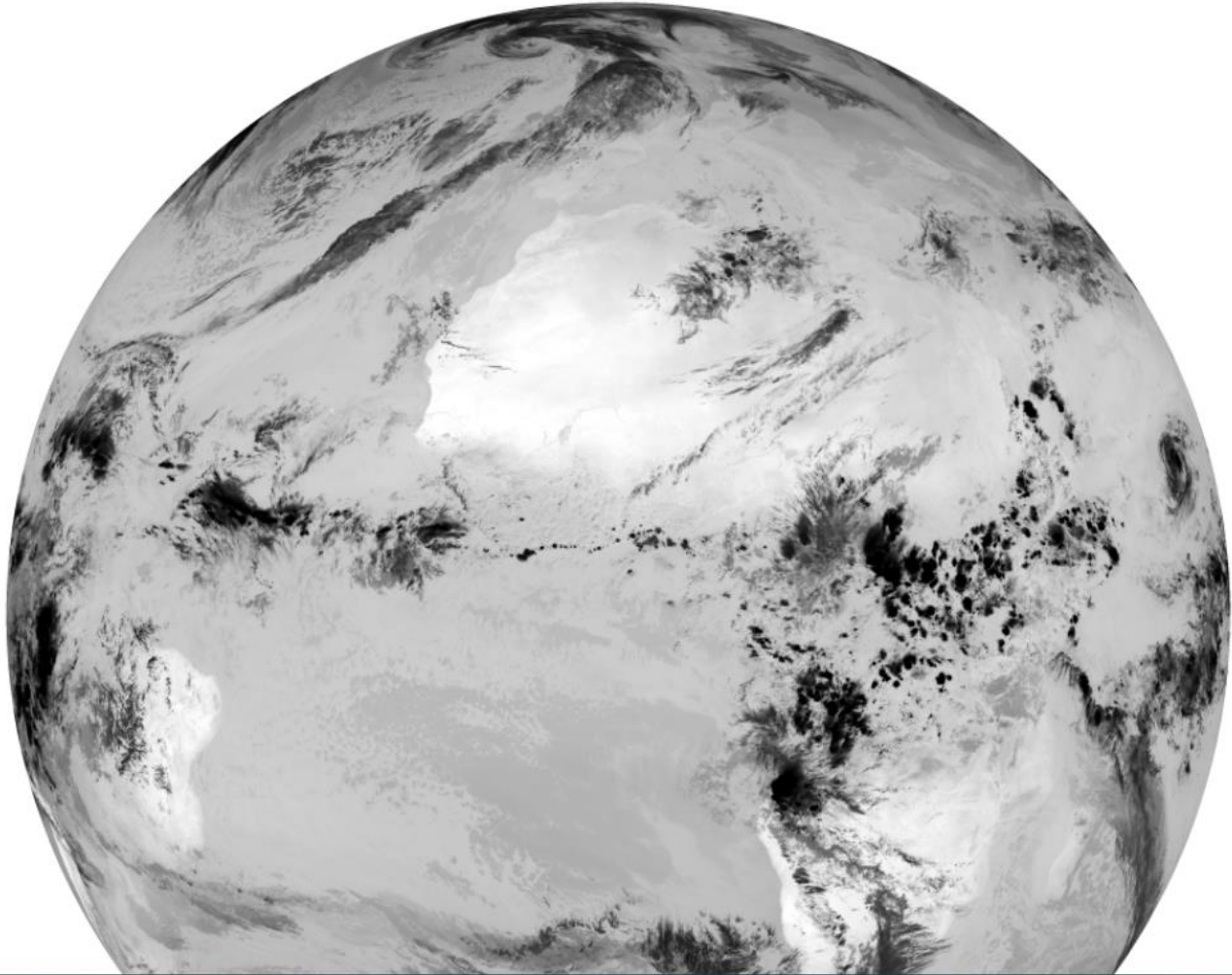
```
<xarray.DataArray 'reshape-c30c2dcdc3017228e42635090d93974c' (y: 3712, x: 3712)>
dask.array<getitem, shape=(3712, 3712), dtype=float32, chunksize=(3712, 3712), chunktype=numpy.ndarray>
Coordinates:
  acq_time   (y) datetime64[ns] NaT NaT NaT NaT NaT NaT ... NaT NaT NaT NaT NaT
  crs        object PROJCRS["unknown",BASEGEOGCRS["unknown",DATUM["unknown",...
  * y        (y) float64 5.567e+06 5.564e+06 ... -5.564e+06 -5.567e+06
  * x        (x) float64 -5.567e+06 -5.564e+06 ... 5.564e+06 5.567e+06
Attributes: (12/17)
  orbital_parameters: {'projection_longitude': 0.0, 'projection_latit...
  units:               K
  wavelength:          10.8 µm (9.8-11.8 µm)
  standard_name:       toa_brightness_temperature
  platform_name:       Meteosat-10
  sensor:              seviri
  ...
  name:                IR_108
  resolution:          3000.403165817
  calibration:         brightness_temperature
  modifiers:           ()
  _satpy_id:           DataID(name='IR_108', wavelength=WavelengthRang...
  ancillary_variables: []
```




Now show the loaded band.

```
In [7]: 1 scn.show('IR_108')
```

Out[7]:



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SatPy also comes with many built-in functions to create image composites. To see the available ones, use this:

```
In [8]: 1 scn.available_composite_names()
```

```
Out[8]: ['airmass',  
         'ash',  
         'cloudtop',  
         'cloudtop_daytime',  
         'colorized_ir_clouds',  
         'convection',  
         'day_microphysics',  
         'day_microphysics_winter',  
         'dust',  
         'fog',  
         'fog',  
         'green_snow',  
         'hrv_clouds',  
         'hrv_fog',  
         'hrv_severe_storms',  
         'hrv_severe_storms_masked',  
         'ir108_3d',  
         'ir_cloud_day',  
         'ir_overview',  
         'ir_sandwich',  
         'natural_color',  
         'natural_color_nocorr',  
         'natural_color_raw',  
         'natural_color_with_night_ir',  
         'natural_color_with_night_ir_hires',  
         'natural_enh',  
         'natural_with_night_fog',  
         'night_fog',  
         'night_ir_alpha',  
         'night_ir_with_background',  
         'night_ir_with_background_hires',  
         'night_microphysics',  
         'overview',  
         'overview_raw',  
         'realistic_colors',  
         'snow',  
         'vis_sharpened_ir']
```

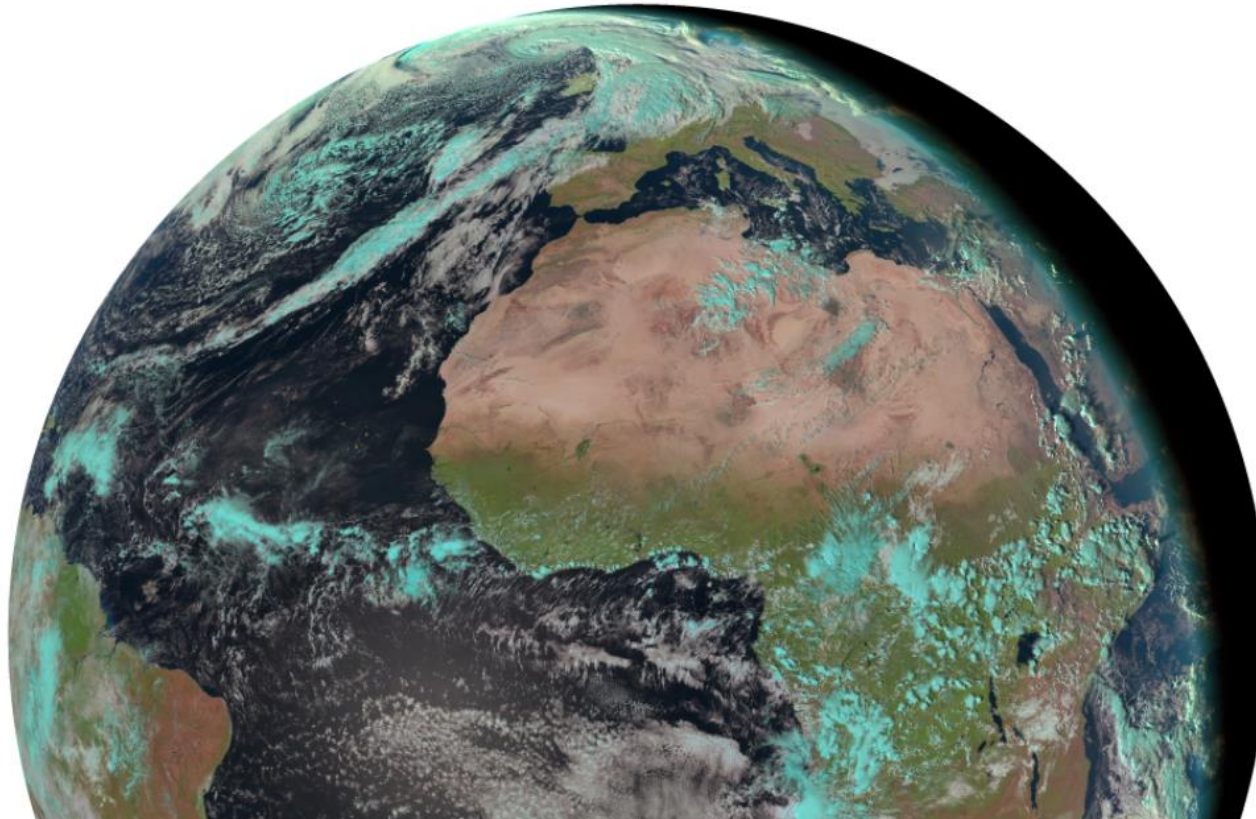


As with the single bands, you have to load a composite into the Scene object first, if you want to work with it:

```
In [9]: 1 scn.load(["natural_color"], upper_right_corner='NE')
        2 scn.show("natural_color")
```

```
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INFO:satpy.readers.yaml_reader:Flipping Dataset unknown_name leftright.
INFO:satpy.readers.yaml_reader:Flipping Dataset unknown_name upsidedown.
INFO:satpy.readers.yaml_reader:Flipping Dataset unknown_name leftright.
INFO:satpy.readers.yaml_reader:Flipping Dataset unknown_name upsidedown.
INFO:satpy.readers.yaml_reader:Flipping Dataset unknown_name leftright.
```

Out[9]:



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Check the min/max values and plot the data

Use the code below to calculate the maximum vaule in existing data.

```
In [11]: 1 scn['IR_108'].max().compute()
```

Out[11]: xarray.DataArray 'reshape-c30c2dc3017228e42635090d93974c'

array(324.0386, dtype=float32)

Coordinates:

crs () object PROJCRS["unknown",BASEGEOGCRS["u...

Attributes: (0)

Or the minimum value.

```
In [12]: 1 scn['IR_108'].min().compute()
```

Out[12]: xarray.DataArray 'reshape-c30c2dc3017228e42635090d93974c'

array(185.59685, dtype=float32)

Coordinates:

crs () object PROJCRS["unknown",BASEGEOGCRS["u...

Attributes: (0)

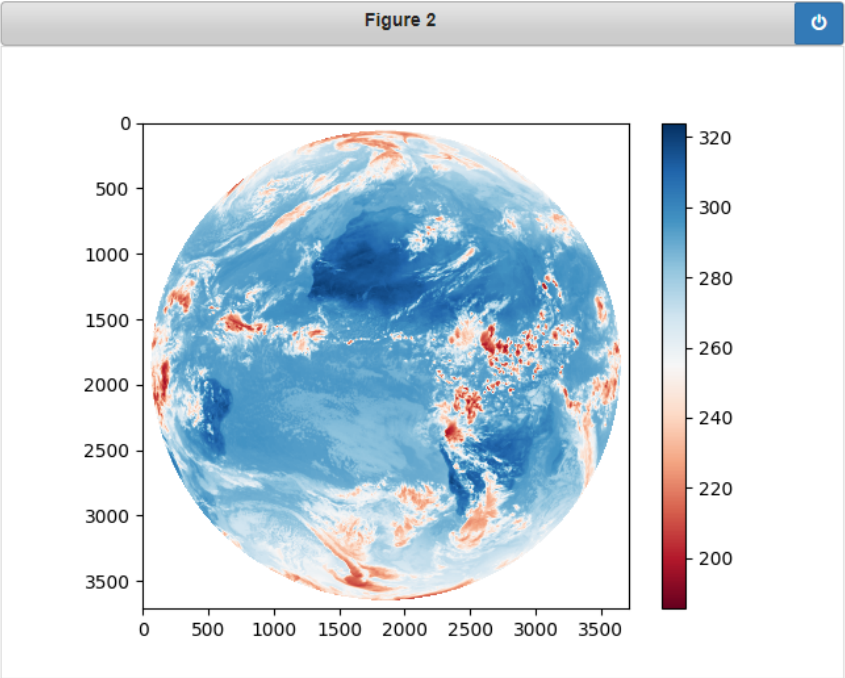
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But this is a default view and colorbar. To add a custom colormaps use the code below. Change the cmap to "RdBu". Try it. More color maps can be found here: <https://matplotlib.org/stable/tutorials/colors/colormaps.html>

```
In [14]: 1 plt.figure()
2 plt.imshow(scn['IR_108'].values, cmap="RdBu")
3 plt.colorbar()
```

Figure 2



Out[14]: <matplotlib.colorbar.Colorbar at 0x7f9571075cc0>



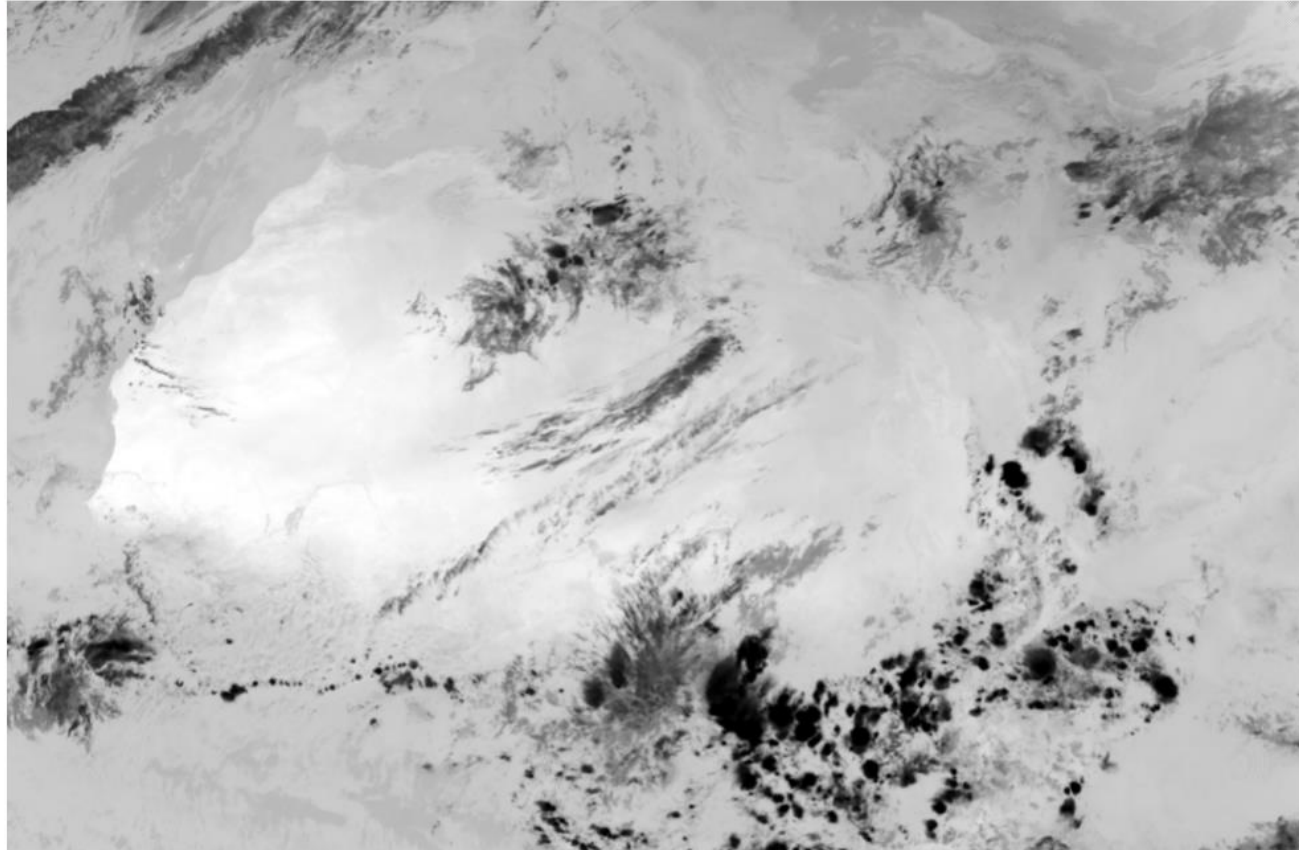
Resample

Now, lets resample to a smaller region-Africa. Predefined areas are located here <https://github.com/pytroll/satpy/blob/main/satpy/etc/areas.yaml>. For creating a new area, please refer to the SatPy documentation.

```
In [15]: 1 local_scene = scn.resample("africa")
         2 local_scene.show('IR_108')
         3
```

INFO:satpy.resample:Using default KDTree resampler

Out[15]:



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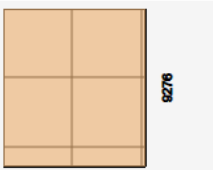
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Check the metadata

```
In [16]: 1 local_scene['IR_108']
```

```
Out[16]: xarray.DataArray 'my_index-cf14d93119c76e2673ac250c91b95020' (y: 9276, x: 8350)
```

	Array	Chunk
Bytes	295.47 MiB	64.00 MiB
Shape	(9276, 8350)	(4096, 4096)
Count	278 Tasks	9 Chunks
Type	float32	numpy.ndarray



Coordinates:

crs	()	object	PROJCRS["unknown",BASEGEOGCRS["u...	
y	(y)	float64	4.48e+06 4.479e+06 ... -4.795e+06	
x	(x)	float64	-4.458e+06 -4.457e+06 ... 3.891e+06	

Check again for the minimum value. **Note it.**

```
In [17]: 1 local_scene['IR_108'].min().compute()
```

```
Out[17]: xarray.DataArray 'my_index-cf14d93119c76e2673ac250c91b95020'
```

array(185.59685, dtype=float32)

Coordinates:

crs	()	object	PROJCRS["unknown",BASEGEOGCRS["u...	
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Attributes: (0)



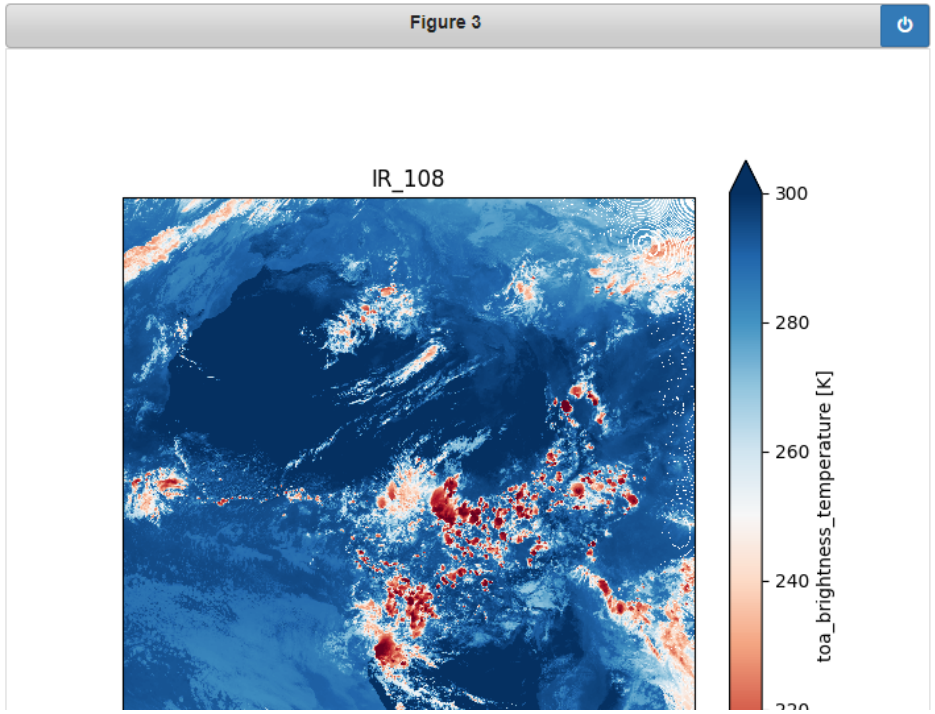
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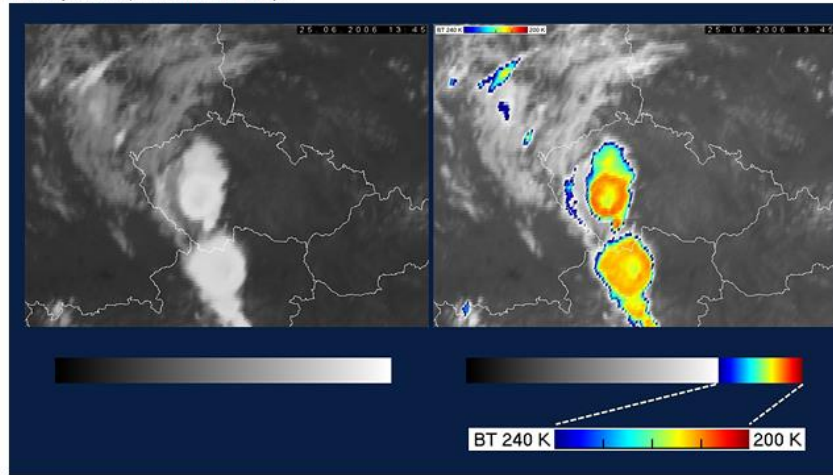
Memory: 12.3 GB

```
1 Now plot again just resampled data. You can also set the size of the figure (figsize) or change the colormap (cmap) or
  change opacity with alpha or range with vmin/vmax.
2
3 For instance, to see the coldest areas change vmin and vmax to a range from 185 - 210 K and run again this cell.
4
5 <mark>**Try to find the coldest pixel- minimum value in the plot.**</mark>
```

```
In [18]: 1 plt.figure(figsize=(7, 7))
        2
        3 crs = local_scene['IR_108'].attrs['area'].to_cartopy_crs()
        4 ax = plt.axes(projection=crs)
        5
        6 local_scene['IR_108'].plot.imshow(cmap="RdBu", vmin=200, vmax=300, alpha=1) #, vmin=185, vmax=210
        7 plt.title("IR_108")
        8 plt.show()
        9
```



You probably heard of (or at least you saw) Setvak color map.



"The enhancement of grey or color scales, used for visualization of thermal IR-window imagery, has been utilized since the early days of weather satellites. The purpose of this technique is obvious – to provide a human eye more details in a specific range of temperatures, details which otherwise would remain hidden." More info here: <https://cwg.eumetsat.int/color-enhancements/>

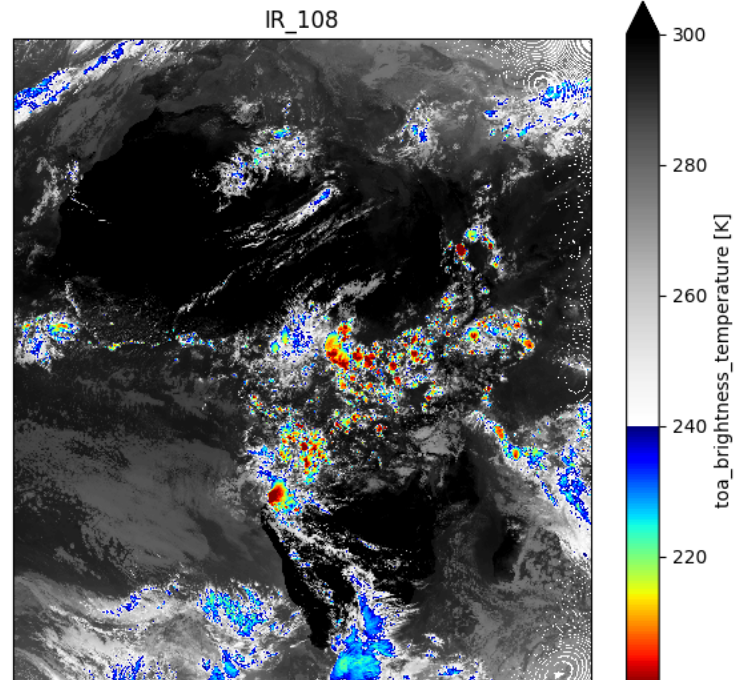
Let's create this colormap

```
In [ ]: 1 # Create new colormap- SETVAK
2 import numpy as np
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4 from matplotlib import cm
5 from matplotlib.colors import ListedColormap, LinearSegmentedColormap
6
7 bottom = cm.get_cmap("Greys", 98)
8 top = cm.get_cmap('jet_r', 148)
9
10 newcolors = np.vstack((top(np.linspace(0, 1, 98)),
11                        bottom(np.linspace(0, 1, 148))))
12 newcmp = ListedColormap(newcolors, name='Setvak')
13
```

1 Now plot again with new colormap.

```
In [20]: 1 plt.figure(figsize=(7, 7))
2
3
4 crs = local_scene['IR_108'].attrs['area'].to_cartopy_crs()
5 ax = plt.axes(projection=crs)
6
7 local_scene['IR_108'].plot.imshow(cmap=newcmp, vmin=200, vmax=300, alpha=1)
8 plt.title("IR_108")
9 plt.show()
10
```

Figure 4





Display the SEVIRI HRV Image and compare to IR10.8 image

SEVIRI have 3 different calibrations per band- brightness_temperature, reflectance and radiance.

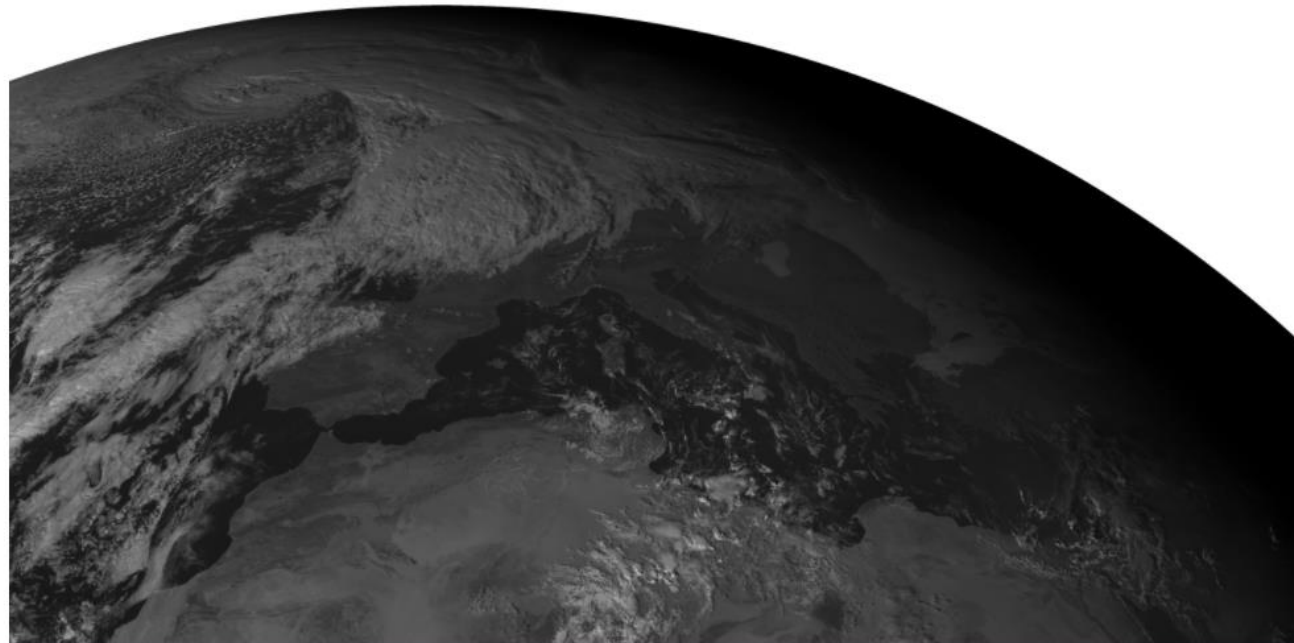
Load HRV band and only reflectance.

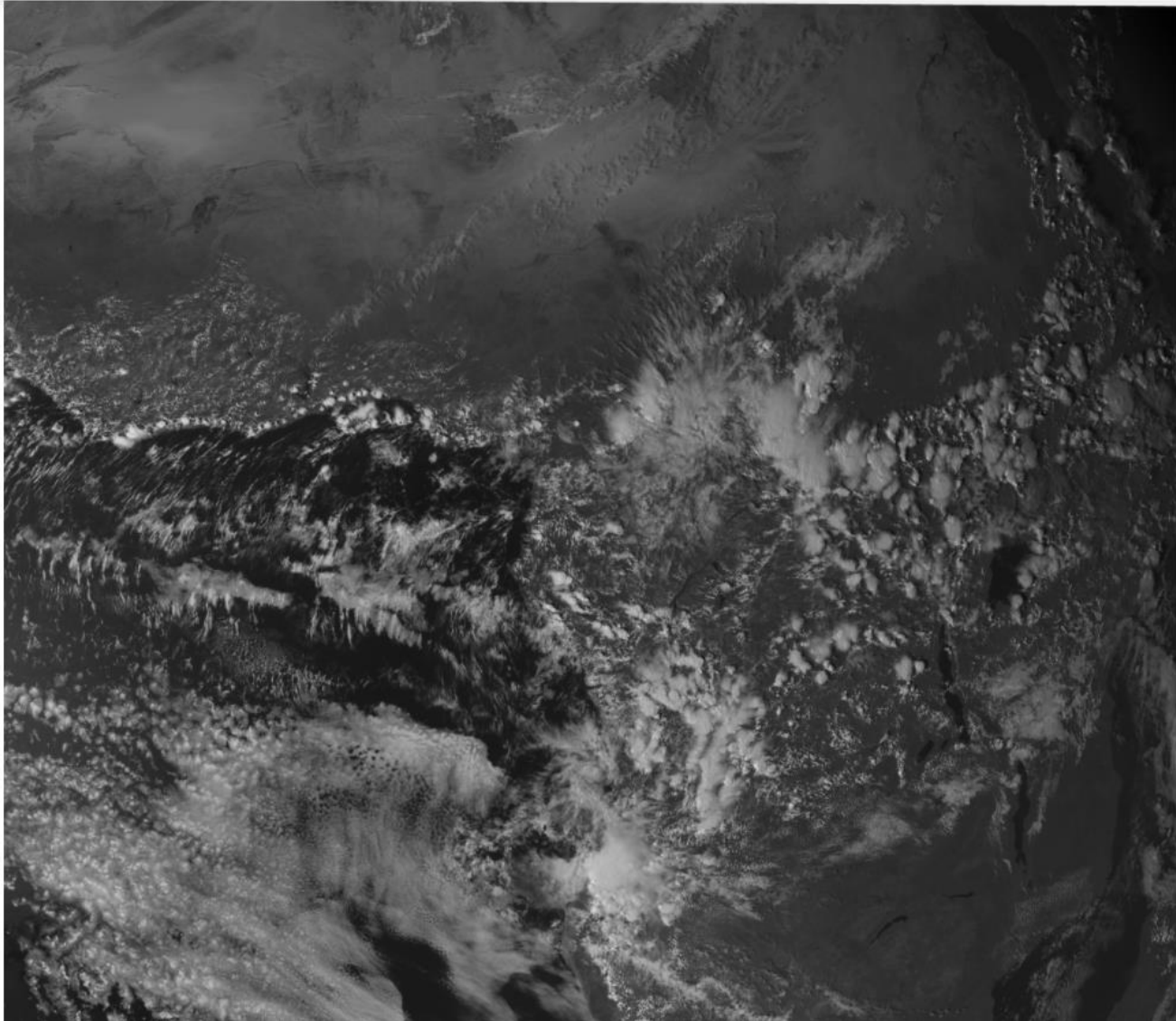
```
In [21]: 1 scn.load(['HRV'], calibration=["reflectance"], upper_right_corner='NE')
         2
         3 print(scn.attrs['end_time'])
         4
         5 scn.show('HRV')
```

```
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INFO:satpy.readers.yaml_reader:Flipping Dataset unknown_name leftright.
```

```
2015-11-06 14:15:10.122358
```

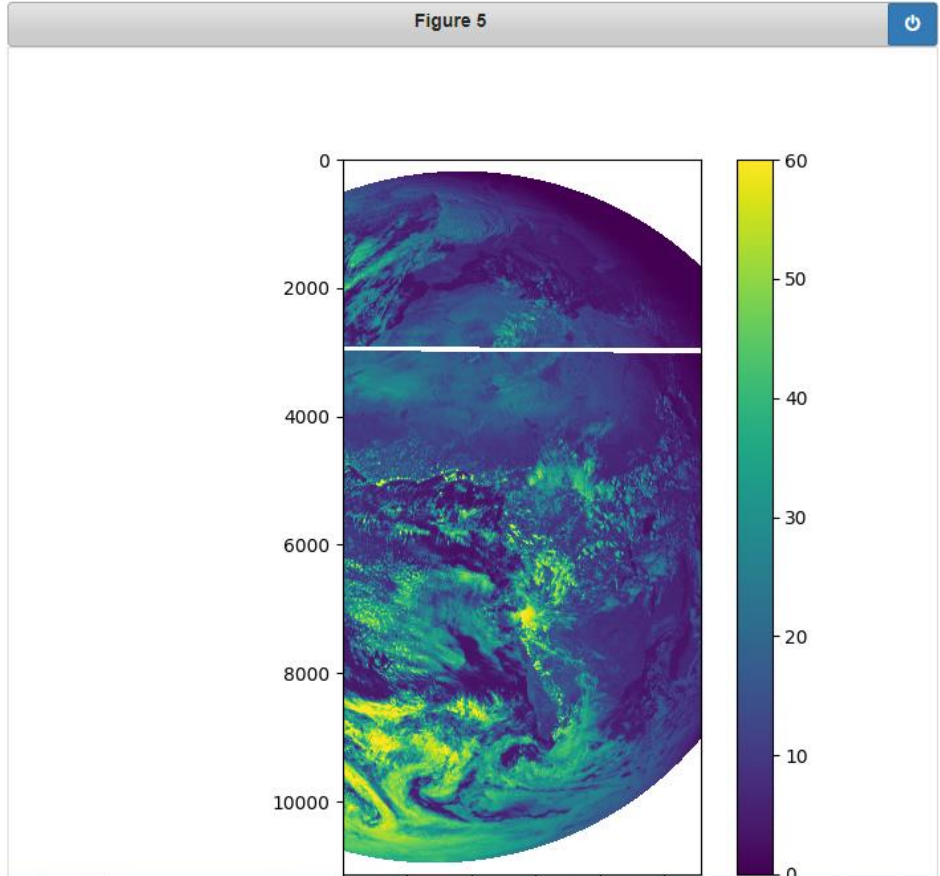
Out[21]:





```
1 When you plotted the figure you could see that **it is dark, right?**  
2 You can change the value range by adding vmin=0, vmax=60 after: ['HRV']
```

```
In [23]: 1 plt.figure(figsize=(7, 7))  
2  
3 #plt.imshow(scn['HRV'])  
4 plt.imshow(scn['HRV'],vmin=0, vmax=60)  
5  
6 plt.colorbar()
```





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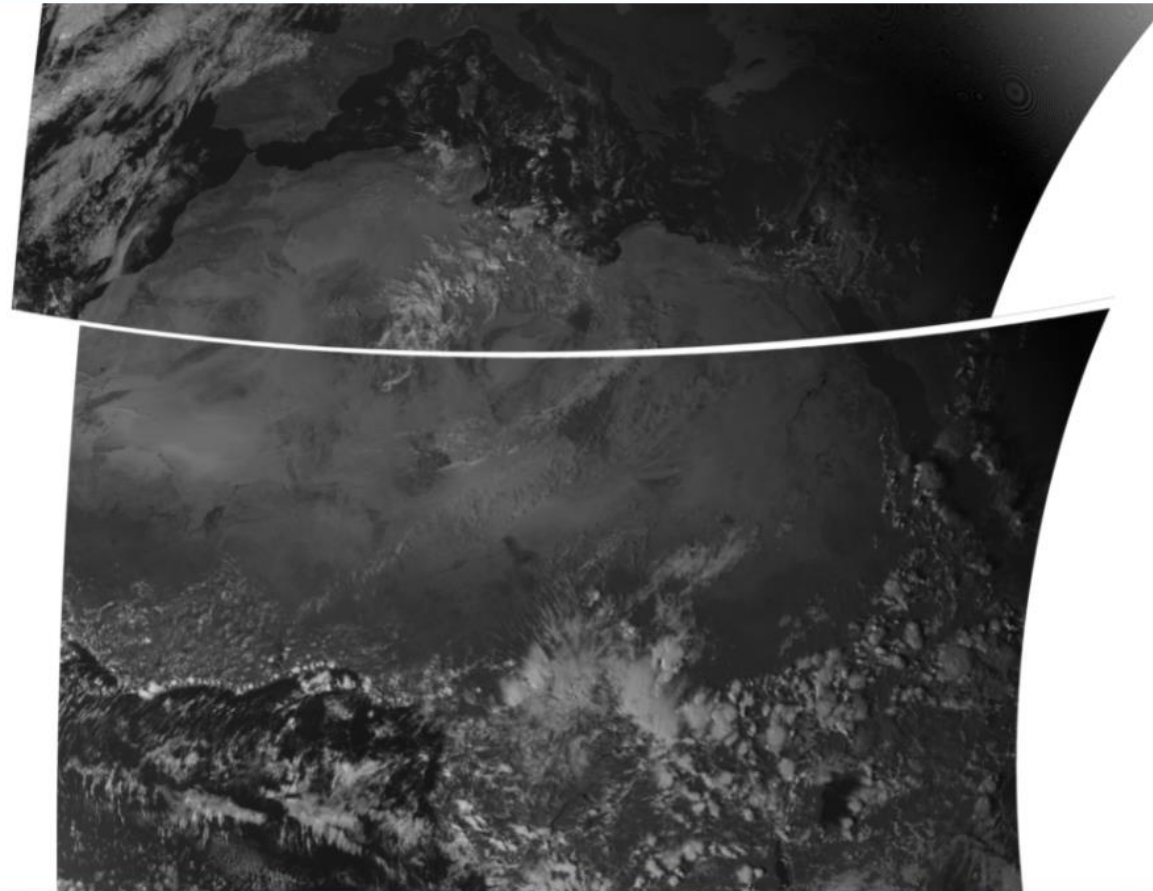
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Resample to african continent:

```
In [24]: 1 local_scene = scn.resample("africa")
         2 local_scene.show('HRV')
```

```
INFO:satpy.scene:Not reducing data before resampling.
INFO:satpy.resample:Using default KDTree resampler
INFO:satpy.resample:Using default KDTree resampler
```

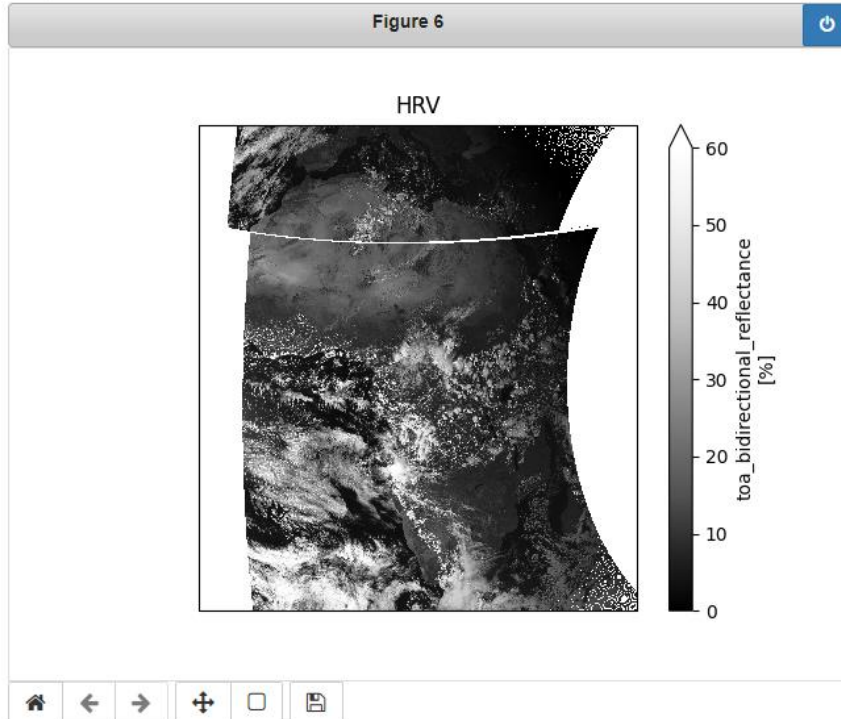
Out[24]:



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Plot the figure as for IR_108, but with reversed grey scale.

```
In [26]: 1 plt.figure()
2
3
4 crs = local_scene['HRV'].attrs['area'].to_cartopy_crs()
5 ax = plt.axes(projection=crs)
6
7 local_scene['HRV'].plot.imshow(cmap="Greys_r", vmin=0, vmax=60)
8 plt.title("HRV")
9 plt.show()
10
```

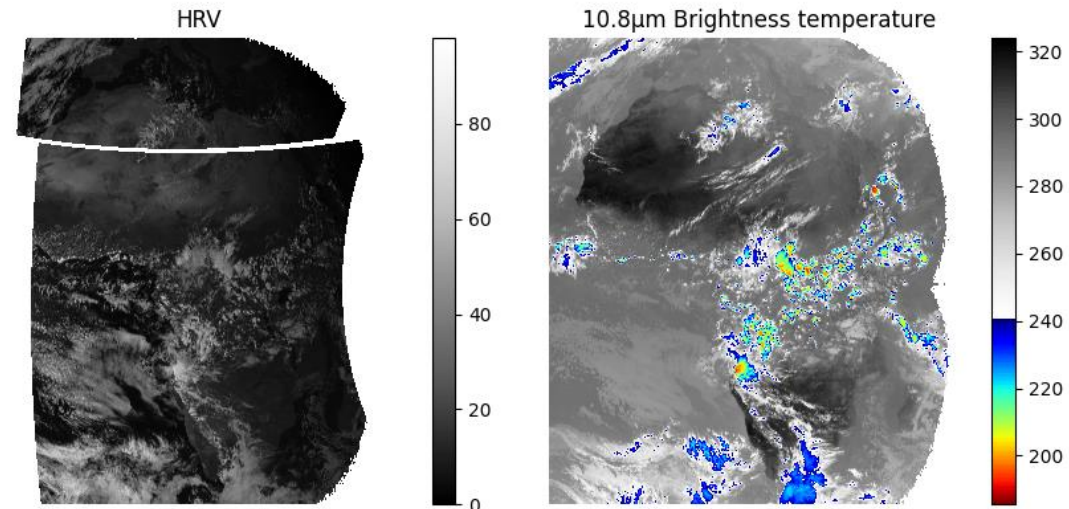


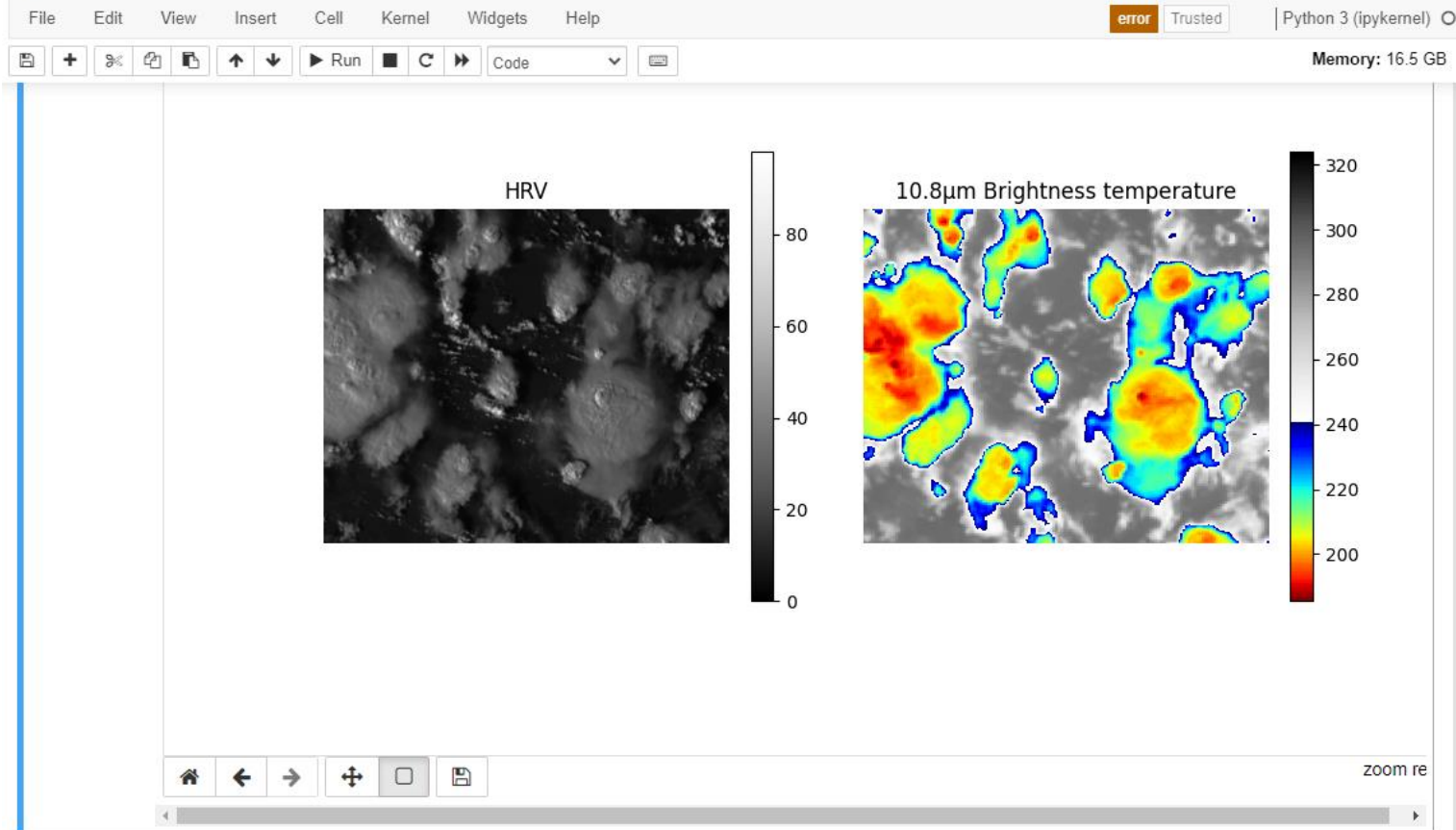


To compare the plots you can use exported plots/figures or plot them side by side (problem with a memory could arise), or plot one below another.

```
In [29]: 1 fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10,6), sharex=True, sharey=True)
2
3 im1 = ax1.imshow(local_scene['HRV'], cmap="Greys_r")
4 ax1.set_axis_off()
5 im2 = ax2.imshow(local_scene["IR_108"], cmap=newcmp)
6 ax2.set_axis_off()
7
8 ax2.set_title("10.8µm Brightness temperature")
9 ax1.set_title("HRV")
10
11 fig.colorbar(im1, ax=ax1, fraction=.05)
12 fig.colorbar(im2, ax=ax2, fraction=.05)
13
14 plt.show()
```

Figure 8





Zoom on the convective storms and compare the HRV and the IR images. What extra features do you see in the HRV image that you cannot see in the IR image

```
In [ ]: 1 # save the figure. note that we can do it without setting dpi
        2 plt.savefig('HRV vs 10.8.png')
```

Question: conceptually, what feature are the cold storms over northern South Africa and southern Botswana? Can you see any structures? And, what do you think (which synoptic situation) has caused these convective storms?

To answer these questions, you may display the VIS0.8 and WV6.2 images. And, you could display the following composites 'airmass', 'dust' and/or 'hrv_severe_storms'.



- <https://trainhub.eumetsat.int/>