





MTG LI Level 2 Accumulated Products

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Lightnings





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Lightning is the discharge of accumulated electrical charges between a cloud and the ground, between two clouds or even between two opposite charged areas of the same cloud. It appears when electrified clouds develop and it serves as their discharging mechanism. The lightning is accompanied by a mechanical disturbance of the air around it called thunder. Depending on the two endpoints of the lightning we can divide lightning in 3 main groups. The Cloudto-Ground (CG) discharges where the lighting connects a charged area of a cloud with the ground, the Cloud-to-Cloud (CC) discharges where the lightning connects charged areas of two different clouds and the Intra-Cloud (IC) discharges where the lightning connects two charged areas of the same cloud.

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With the advancement of technology and observation systems, forecasting intense lightning activity has become possible in meteorology. Nevertheless, it is impossible to predict every lightning strike, because these phenomena can be frequent, unpredictable, and widespread.

Lightnings

Natural phenomena observed under various extreme conditions, such as volcanic eruptions, blizzards, hurricanes, and thunderstorms.



Figure 1. Charge distribution in storm clouds.



Because lightning is frequently associated with storms—which can bring extreme weather such as torrential rain, hail, strong winds, and tornadoes—it holds great importance in meteorology, offering insights into atmospheric chemistry, extreme-event prediction, climatic influence, atmospheric and electrical dynamics, and data for improving forecasts. și date pentru îmbunătățirea prognozei.

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Understanding lightning can help assess its impact on atmospheric composition and pollution. Global nitrogen cycles can indirectly influence the climate.





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The production of nitrogen oxides (NOx) can contribute to ground-level ozone formation and affects air quality.

Generating these oxides also promotes higher concentrations of greenhouse gases such as methane and ozone, which play an important role in climate change.



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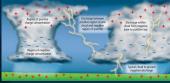


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Lightning-detection systems supply near-real-time data that are then fed into weather-forecasting models.

These data improve the accuracy of storm predictions and, at the same time, allow meteorologists to monitor the storm life cycle—from formation to dissipation.

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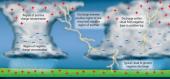


Figure 1. Charge distribution in storm cloud:

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MET-12 and its instruments





Figure 1. The first image of the complete Earth disk taken by MET-12.

☐ Launch in 2022, located at 0° longitude; ability to monitor over Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and parts of South America, as well as the surrounding waters.

1. Flexible Combined Imager (FCI)

- Has an essential role in providing more accurate information about fog, volcanic ash, air mass characteristics, clouds, aerosols, and wildfires;
- □ has channels over 16 spectral ranges covering visible to infrared wavelengths;
- □ The spectral channels VIS 0.6, NIR 2.2, IR 3.8 and IR 10.5 are delivered both in Normal Resolution (NR) and High Resolution (HR) spatial sampling configurations, Spatial Sampling Distance (SSD) at 1km and 0.5km (HR).







Figure 2. Animation of the FCI scanning patterns in support of the full disc service (FDSS) (left) and the rapid scanning service (RSS) (right).

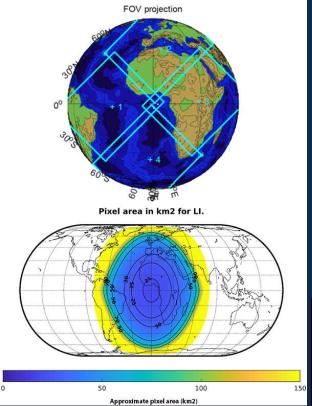
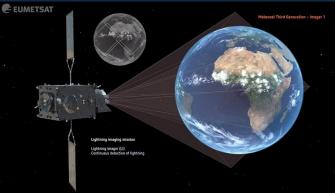


Figure 3. Shows how each optical camera observes a different portion of the Earth disc: the required FOV coverage for the mission is 84% of the Earth disc observable from the 0° longitude geostationary position, and 100% of the territories of all the EUMETSAT member states.

2. Lightning Imager (LI)



- is an imaging filter spectrometer with on-board data processing for detecting lightning by measuring the lightning optical pulse signal from the top of the atmosphere;
- ☐ The so-called <u>LI Optical Head (LOH)</u> includes four identical optical cameras (OC). Each OC is composed of a baffle for stray light, an optical system, a focal plane assembly with a 1000×1170 pixels CMOS detector and front-end electronics, including the real-time pixel processors for the onboard processing;
- Spectral band: narrowband filter centered over the neutral oxygen triplet at 777.4nm with 1.9nm bandwidth;
- Spatial sampling: the sampling at sub-satellite point is 4.5km, ie, smaller than typical dimensions of optical pulses expected from lightning activity, while over central Europe it is about 10km
- Temporal sampling: the integration time of 1ms period is comparable to the typical duration of pulses and twice the duration of the 'peak phase' (ie, about 0.5ms).





Figures 4, 5. A 3D representation of the Lightning Imager Instrument.



- C topological test





The prototype of the developed code in the C programming language.

Data and Prototype code





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The main functions used



Types of data level 2

- ☐ Lightning flashes-LFL
- ☐ Lightning groups-LGR
- ☐ Accumulated Flash Area (AFA)
- -provides information about the area covered by the optical emission of each lightning strike.
- ☐ Accumulated Flashes (AF)
- -it complements AFA by providing information about the variation in the number of events in an area of interest where lightning activity has been observed.
- Accumulated Flash Radiance (AFR)
 -it provides information about the pixelby-pixel variation of accumulated optical emissions
 over a 30-second period.

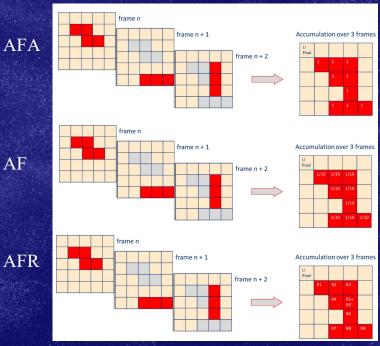


Figure 6,7,8. Graphical representation of the accumulation of lightning events, contributing to AFA, AF, and AFR. On the left, we have different groups that make up the lightning event and its representative acquisition frame, where the gray shows the accumulated events up to the accumulation degree, and the red indicates the events added to the accumulation at each frame. On the right, we have the final result of the accumulation.



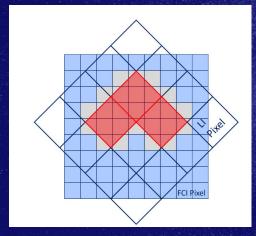


Figure 9. The diagram illustrates the reprojection of three accumulated LI pixels (red pixels within the grid tilted at 45°; pixel size 4.5 km) onto the FCI level 1c grid (gray pixels within the light blue-colored grid; pixel size 2 km).

Data Used

- Lightning groups—Full Disc (LGR-FD): <u>61 files per cycle</u> (60 body chunks and one trail file)
- Lightning Flashes–Full Disc (LFL-FD): <u>61 files per cycle</u> (60 body chunks and one trail file)
- Accumulated Flash Radiance–Full Disc (AFR-FD): **21 files per cycle** (20 body chunks and one trail file)
- Accumulated Flashes–Full Disc (AF-FD): <u>21 files per cycle</u> (20 body chunks and one trail file)
- Accumulated Flash Area–Full Disc (AFA-FD): **21 files per cycle** (20 body chunks and one trail file)
- The developed code can also be used for all <u>LI Level 2 to accumulate</u> <u>products for 10 minutes</u>: Accumulated Flash Area (AFA), Accumulated Flashes (AF) and Accumulated Flash Radiance (AFR).



The prototype of the developed code in the C programming language.

Advantages

- Ensures increased control over the processed data.
- -Allows efficient resource management and optimization of the workflow, which are essential aspects for achieving precise and effective results.

Disadvantages

- High complexity, strict requirements, and the need for a meticulous approach, as the programmer must have a deep understanding of both memory allocation and its manipulation.

Table 1. Main Stages of Program Execution

Nr.	Main Steps	Description
1.	Reading the	Reading the necessary information to identify the
١.	configuration files	satellite's position as well as the bands used
2.	The initialization	Allocating the necessary memory for matrices to
۷.	of variables	ensure the proper execution of the program
		Reading satellite data over a configurable time
3.	Reading input	period using the variables t_minus and t_plus,
3.	files	which represent the start and end times of the
		data of interest for processing.
4.	Data	Populating a common matrix set with all the data
4.	accumulation	read in the previous step.
5.	Writing output	Generating a NetCDF file that contains the final
5.	files	data.
		In the C programming language, it is necessary
6.	Free memory	to both allocate and free the used memory at the
		end of execution.



NWCLIB Library	Makefile	Result	Functionalities
NWCLIB is a specialized library developed as part of the EUMETSAT Nowcasting Satellite Application Facility (NWCSAF) initiative. It is designed to support nowcasting and very short-term forecasting activities using satellite data and is widely used in meteorological and atmospheric research, particularly with data from geostationary satellites.	Writing a makefile that contains rules and instructions for compiling the entire code, specifying the files that need to be included, and defining the dependencies between them. Using rules, the makefile helps in building the project more quickly and allows for easy modification of files for compilation, so that the project can be run more efficiently.	The result obtained is a NetCDF file containing data in the form of a 5568x5568 two-dimensional matrix with rows and columns. The obtained data contains positive values, greater than or equal to 0.	 Computing elements in linear and discrete domains for one-dimensional and two-dimensional data. Performing statistical calculations such as standard deviation, matrix arithmetic, and more.

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ParallaxCorrection.c ReadData.o

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WriteLIMetrics.c WriteLIProduct.o WriteLIMetrics.o WriteNcdf.c



The main functions used

Nr.	Function	Function description	Input Files
1.	<u>NwcTimeSetStr</u>	Set all elements of the Utc structure according the date/time provided in YYYYMMDDThhmmssZ format; A single Utc structure stores a single date in different formats, including: YYYYMMDDThhmmssZ, YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ, seconds since 1JAN1970, Julian Date and struct tm.	"str": Input representing the date/time in the format: YYYYMMDDThhmmssZ.
2.	NwcMemMallocF2D	Allocates a 2D matrix of float.	"nlines": Number of rows. "ncols": Number of columns.
3.	<u>NwcRegionSet</u>	Initiates the processing region; Returns an array of region structures for all 3 generic satellite resolutions (NR: Nominal = Low Resolution, HR: High Resolution, VHR: Very High Resolution) For example for SEVIRI, NR is VISIR and HR is HRVIS. VHR does not apply for SEVIRI. The regions defined in each satellite/band resolution perfectly match Each region structure stores information about the resolution and navigation coefficients.	"region_file": The name of the configuration file representing the region.
4.	<u>NwcNavGetLatLon</u>	Computes the latitude and longitude for each pixel in the processing region. Allocates and returns two 2D matrices storing the latitude and longitude of the center of each pixel in the processing region.	"region": A vector of processing regions (values initialized using the NwcRegionSet() function). "res": Required for the satellite resolution.
5.	NwcAuxReadSatL1L2	Receives LI Level 2 products: LFL and LGR. Taking into account the time and region constraints, this function outputs the number of lightning events and a vector containing information about them. Additionally, it supports reading products from MTG-LIL2 and GLM.	"region": A vector of structures describing the processing regions (for all resolutions). "slot": The timestamp for processing. "t_minus": The start time for reading data intended for processing, calculated in minutes as slot - t_minus. "t_plus": The stop time for reading data intended for processing, calculated in minutes as slot + t_plus. "product": Defines the type of lightning product to be read: { LFL, LGR }.
6.	nwcAuxReadAccL1L2	This is a generic function used to read lightning products including LFL and LGR. The function return the number of lightning data (nb_l) and the array with lightning data (l) read from LIL2 lightning products matching the time and region constrains. This function supports reading MTG-LIL2 and GLM data products.	"region": A vector of structures describing the processing regions (for all resolutions). "slot": The timestamp for processing. "t_minus": The start time for reading data intended for processing, calculated in minutes as slot - t_minus.
7.	NwcMemFreeF2D	Frees a 2D matrix of float.	I: Pointer to a two-dimensional matrix of type Float_32. O: NULL.



Nr.	Function	Function description	Input Files
8.	NwcLog	Sends a Notification message. A parameter defines the type of message (Info, Debug, Warning, Error or Progress)	"type": Message type ('I'nfo, 'W'arning, 'E'rror, 'D'ebug, 'P'rogress)."sender": Notification sender (NWC/GEO module)."version": Sender version fmt": Message (formatted similarly to the printf ()
9.	nc_def_dim	Define a dimension in the NetCDF file (lat/lon).	"ncid": Identification number of a previously used file, associated with one of the functions nc_open(), nc_create(), nc_def_grp(), or nc_inq_ncid()."name": The name of the dimension to be created."len": The length of this dimension. Use the NC_UNLIMITED macro for unlimited dimensions."idp": A pointer to the memory location where the dimension ID will be stored.
10.	nc_def_var	Define the required variables.	"ncid": Identification number of a previously used file, associated with one of the functions nc_open(), nc_create(), nc_def_grp(), or nc_inq_ncid()."name": The name of the NetCDF variables."xtype": Data type of the variables."ndims": Number of dimensions for the variables. dimidsp": Array of dimension IDs (ndims) corresponding to the dimensions of the variables."variable": A pointer to the memory location for the returned variable ID.
11.	nc_put_att_float	Function to write attributes.	int ncid, int varid, const char *name, nc_type xtype, size_t len, const float *value
12.	nc_enddef	Finalize the definition mode after all dimensions and variables have been declared in the file.	"ncid": Identification number of a previously used file, associated with one of the functions nc_open() or nc_create().
13.	nc_put_var_float	Write floating-point data to the memory location allocated for the specified variable.	"ncid": Identification number of a previously used file, associated with one of the functions nc_open(), nc_create(), nc_def_grp(), or nc_inq_ncid()."varid": The ID of the variable."op": A pointer to the memory location from which the data will be copied.
14.	NwcProdWriteInit	Initializes (creates) a NWC/GEO product to be further built using other NwcProdWrite* functions.	This function writes the common attributes and dimensions.
15.	WriteLIMetrics	Write products metrics to a NetCDF file	Float_32 *completeness – A pointer to a floating-point variable representing completeness .Float_32 *quality – A pointer to a floating-point variable representing quality.Float_32 **dataAFA – A 2D array of floating-point values, possibly related to a specific dataset .Float_32 **dataAF – Another 2D array, possibly storing "AF" metrics.Float_32 **dataAFR – Another 2D array, possibly storing "AFR" metrics.Float_32 **dataAFR – A 2D array representing latitude values.Float_32 **lon – A 2D array representing longitude values.
16.	nc_close	Close the NetCDF file, save the changes, and release the allocated memory resources.	"ncid": Identification number of a previously used file, associated with one of the functions nc_open(), nc_create().
17.	RotateMatrix180	Rotate the matrix with 180 degree.	Float_32 **data – A pointer to a pointer representing a matrix of 32-bit floating-point numbers. Psing_region *region – A pointer to a Psing_region structure, which likely defines the region of the matrix to be rotated.



3.

Results

Software QGIS

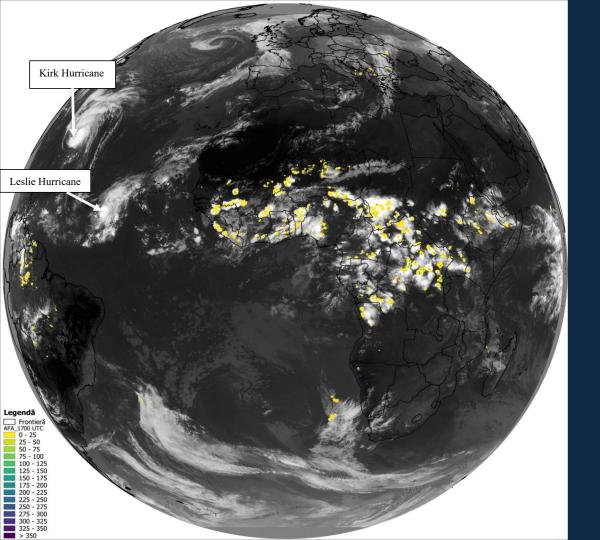




Figure 10. Animation over Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and parts of South America displaying the Level 2 LI Accumulated Flash Area (AFA) product for October 5, 2024, from 17:00 to 19:00 UTC. The base layer uses FCI HRFI IR 10.5 µm data from EUMETSAT. iewer?v=default.



Figure 11. Animation over Europe and northern Africa displaying the Level 2 LI Accumulated Flash Area (AFA) product for October 5, 2024, from 17:00 to 19:00 UTC. The base layer uses FCI HRFI IR 10.5 μm data from EUMETSAT. https://view.eumetsat.int/productviewer?v=default.



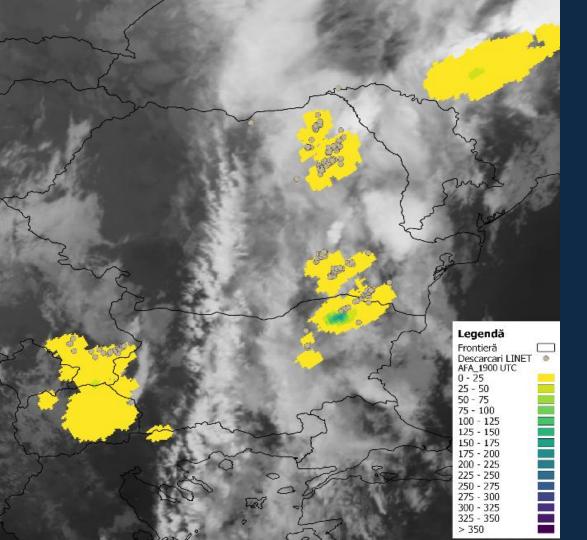


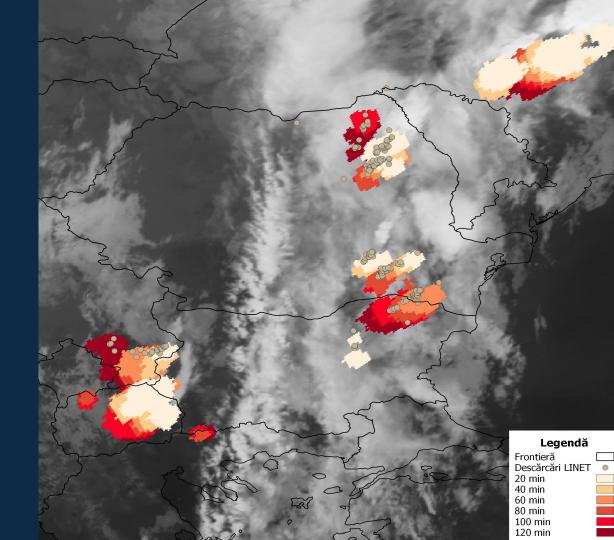


Figure 12. Comparison between the Level 2 LI Accumulated Flash Area (AFA) with data from the Romanian ground-based Lightning Location Network for October 5, 2024, from 17:00 to 19:00 UTC. The base layer uses FCI HRFI IR 10.5 µm data from EUMETSAT.

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Figure 13. Another comparison between the Level 2 LI Accumulated Flash Area (AFA) with data from the Romanian ground-based Lightning Location Network for October 5, 2024, from 17:00 to 19:00 UTC. The base layer uses FCI HRFI IR 10.5 µm data from EUMETSAT. https://view.eumetsat.int/productvie wer?v=default



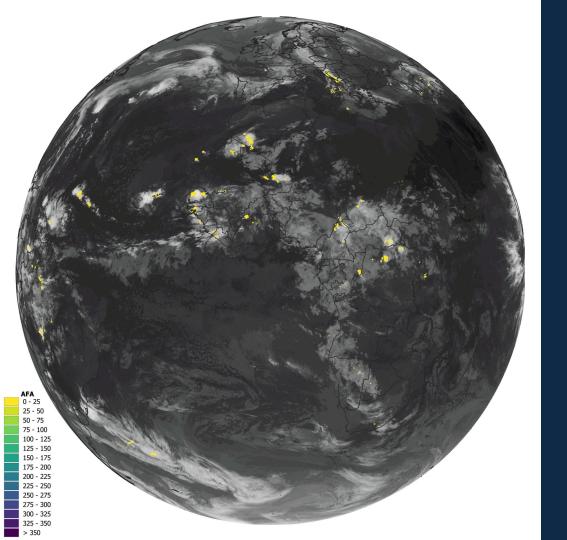




Figure 14. Animation over Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and parts of South America displaying the Level 2 LI Accumulated Flash Area (AFA) product for September 24, 2024, from 05:00 to 07:00 UTC. The base layer uses FCI HRFI IR 10.5 μm data from EUMETSAT. https://view.eumetsat.int/product viewer?v=default.

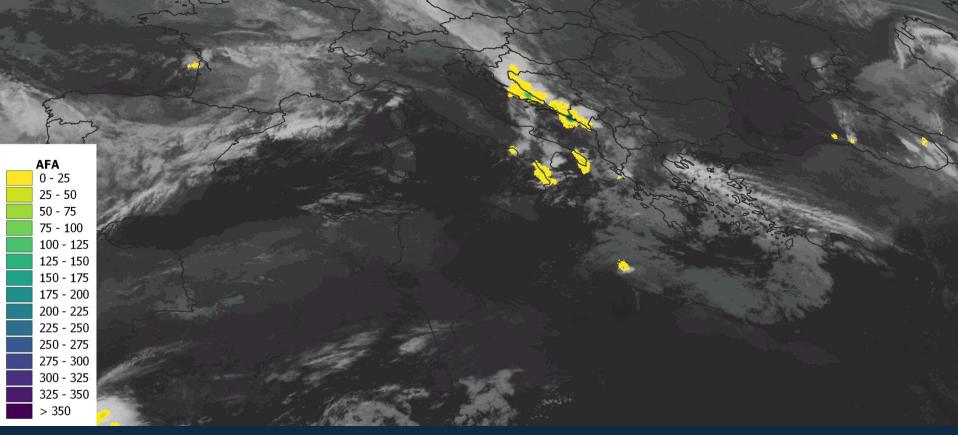
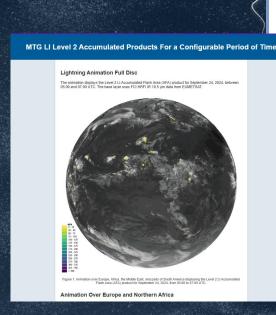


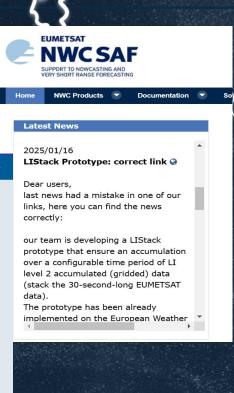
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ADAGUC Viewer Training





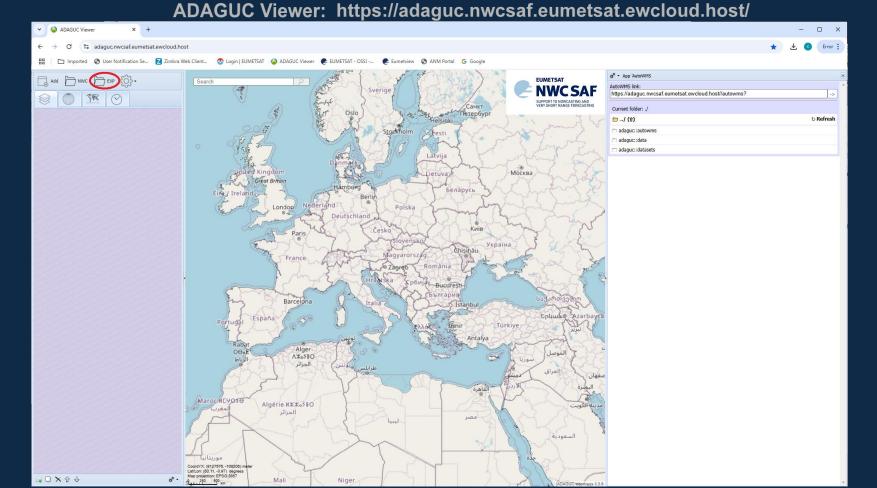
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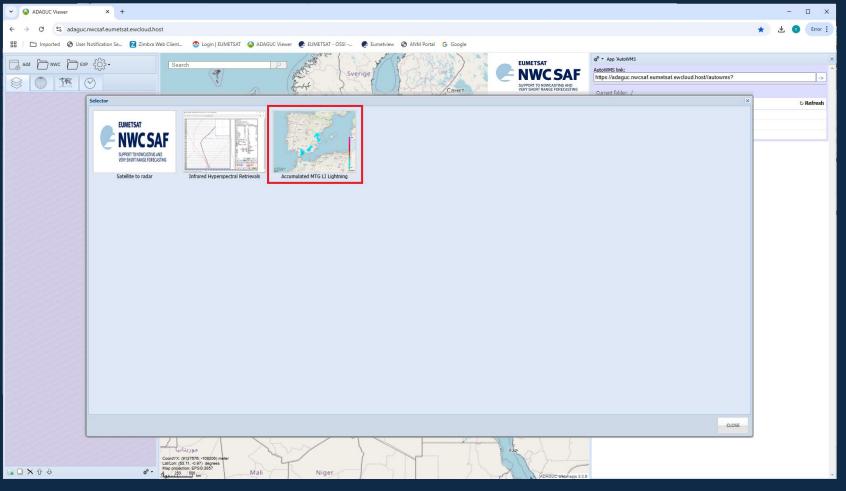
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A Python prototype has been already implemented on the European Weather Cloud (EWC) and its results (for the last 3 hours, 10 minutes accumulations) are available by accessing

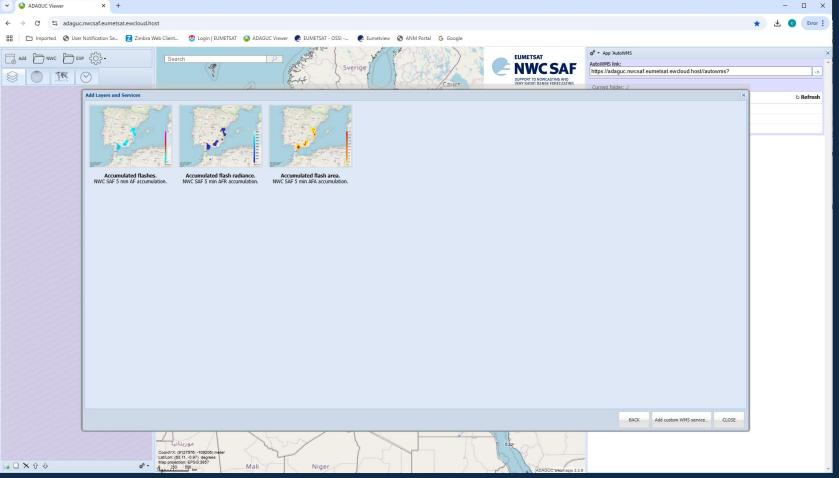




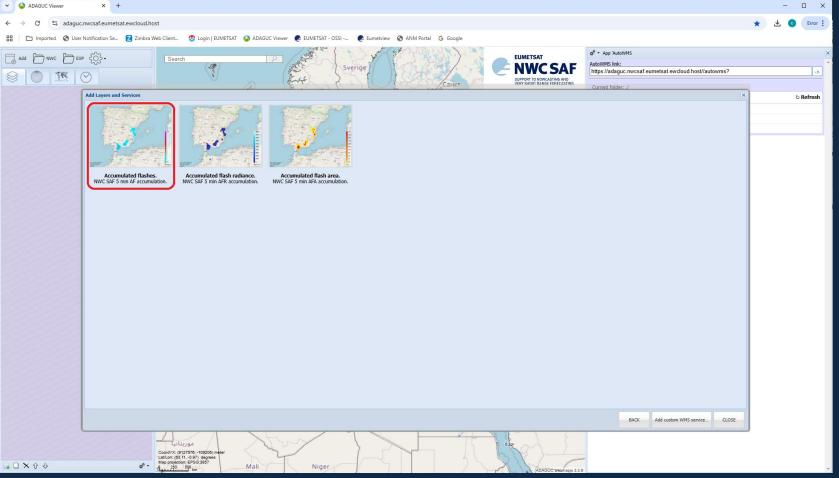


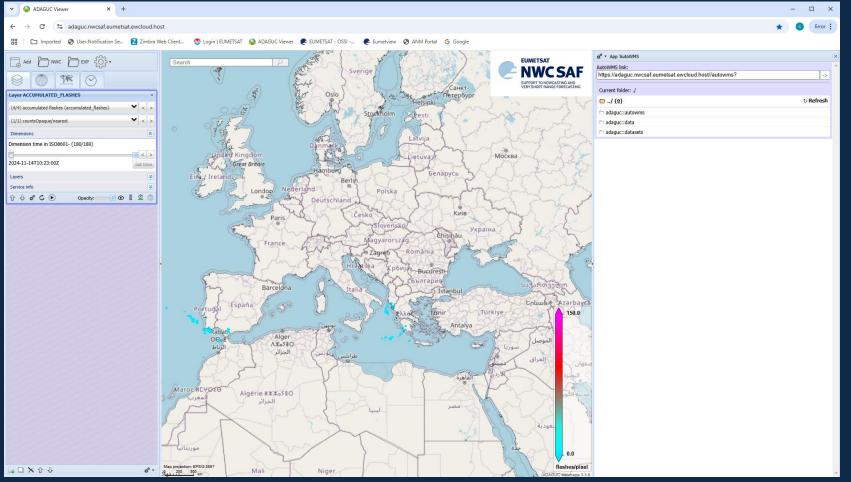






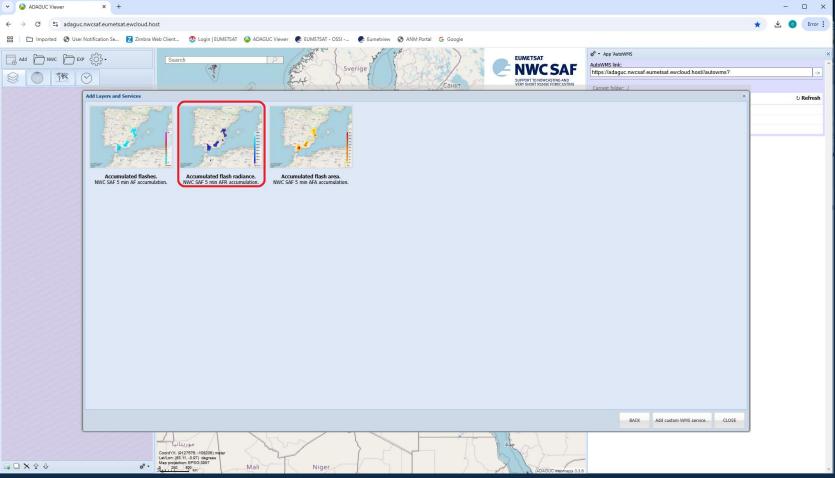




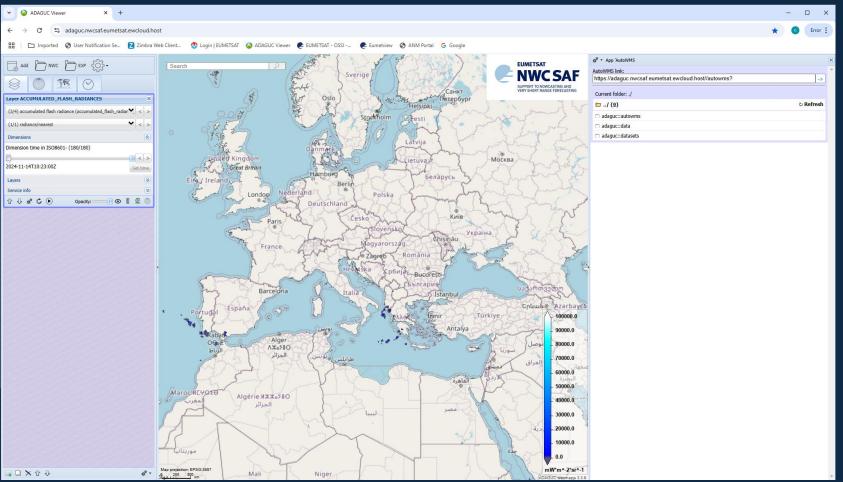




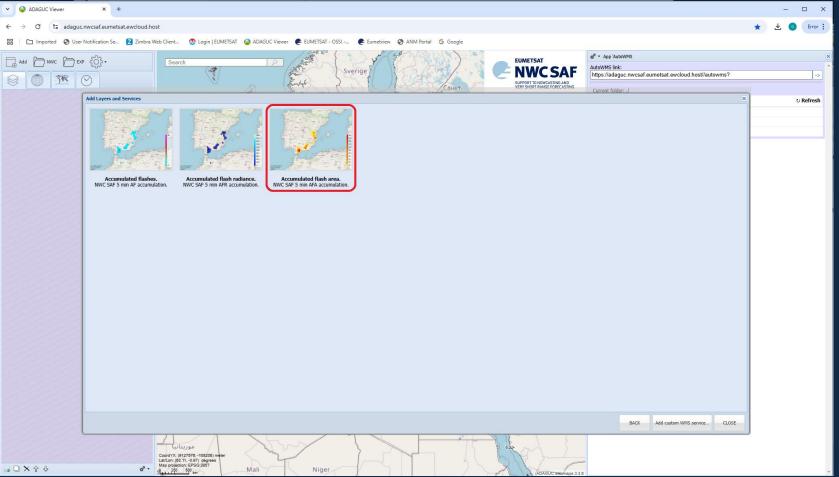




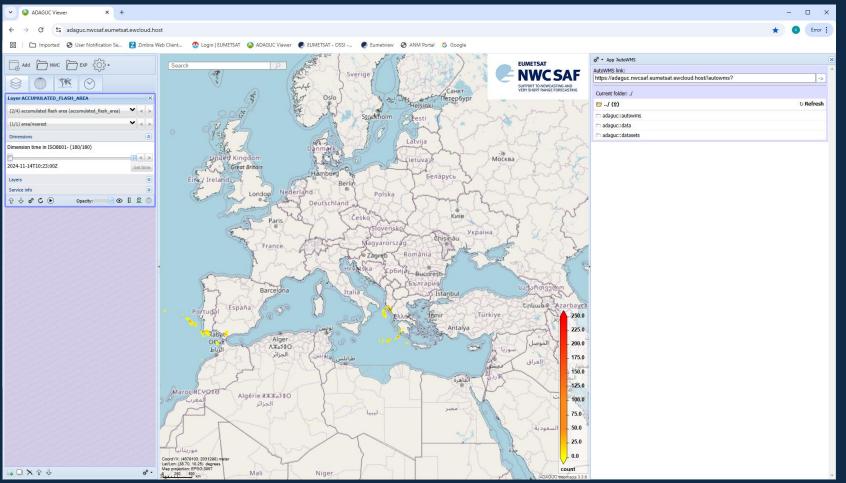




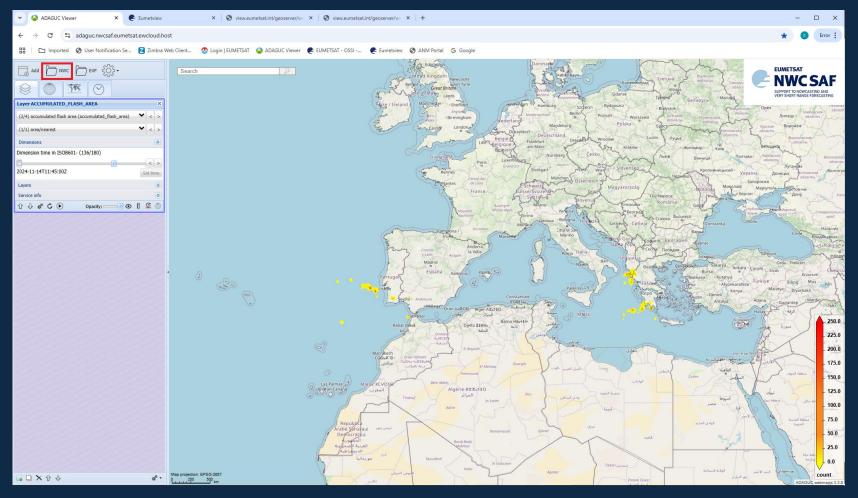




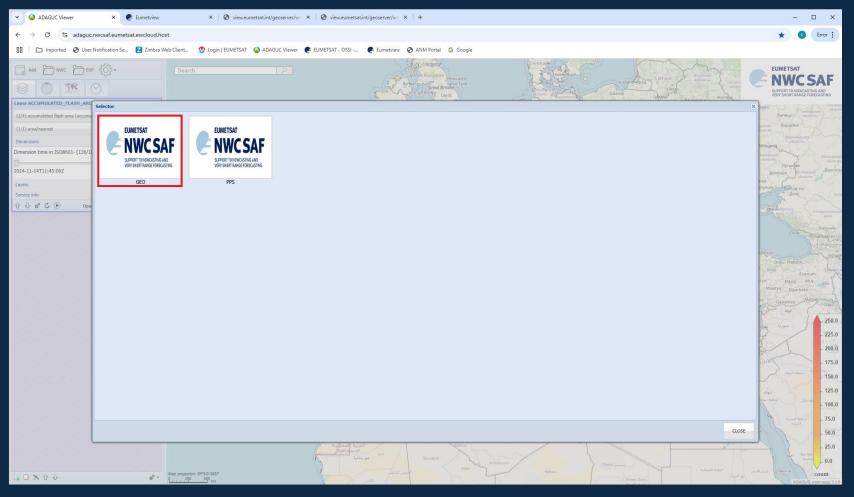


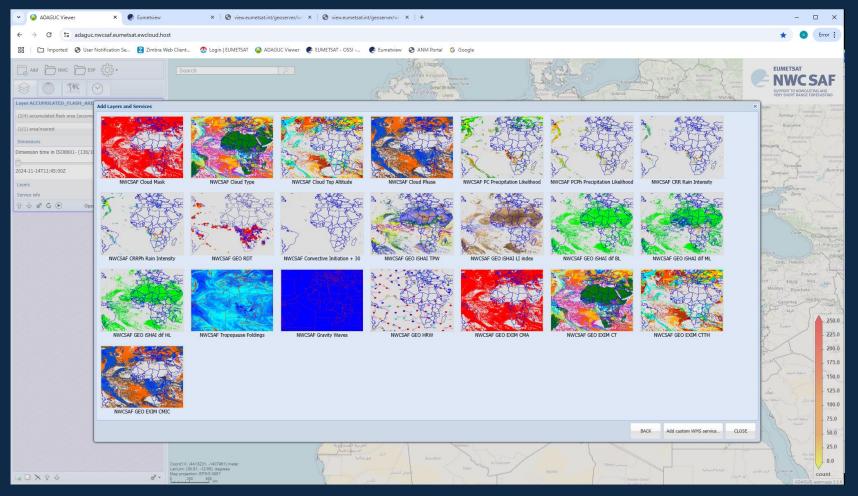




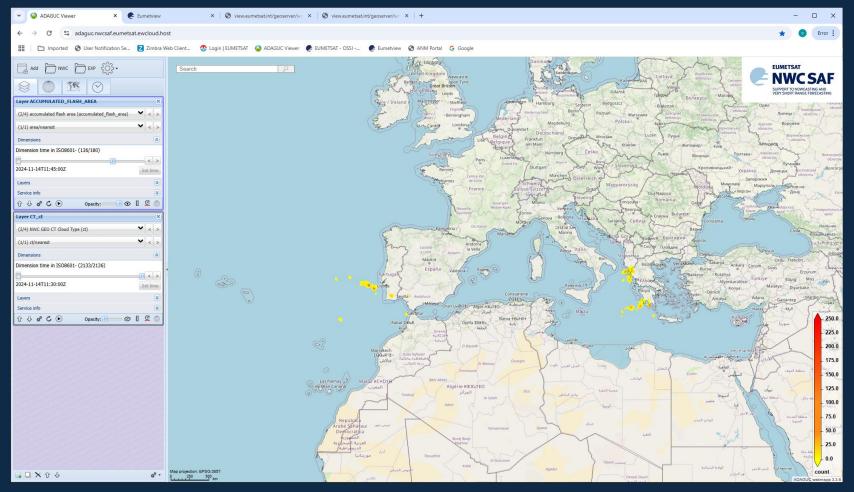




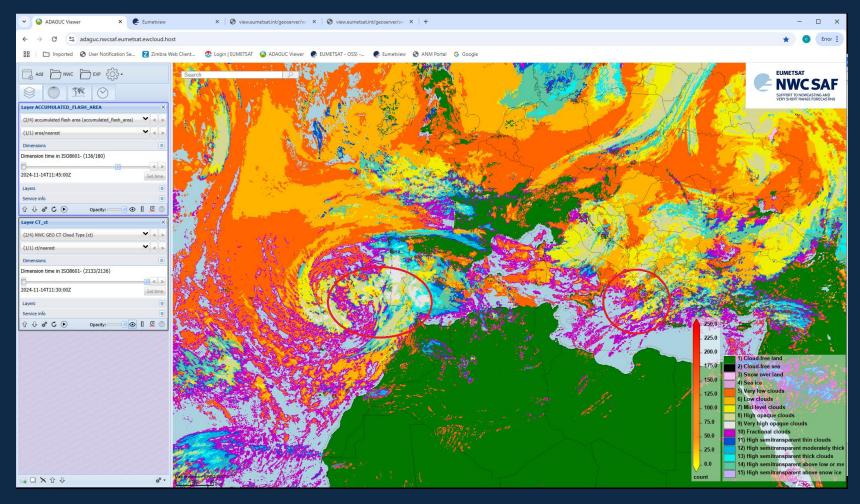




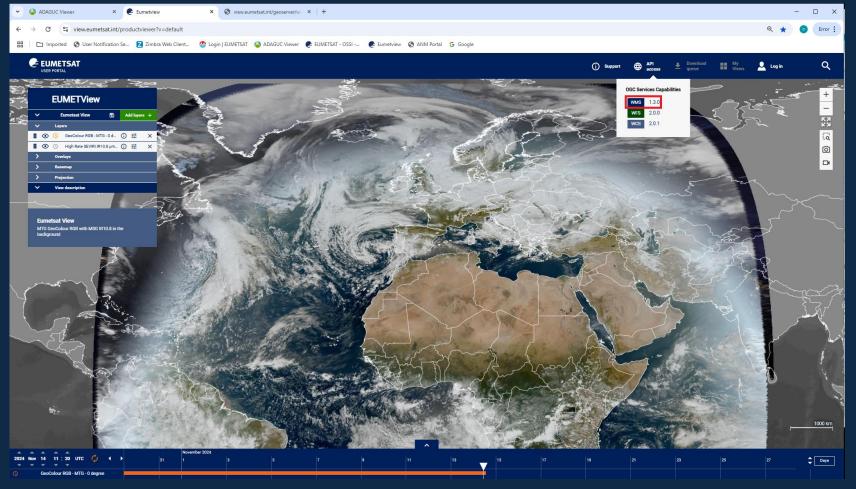




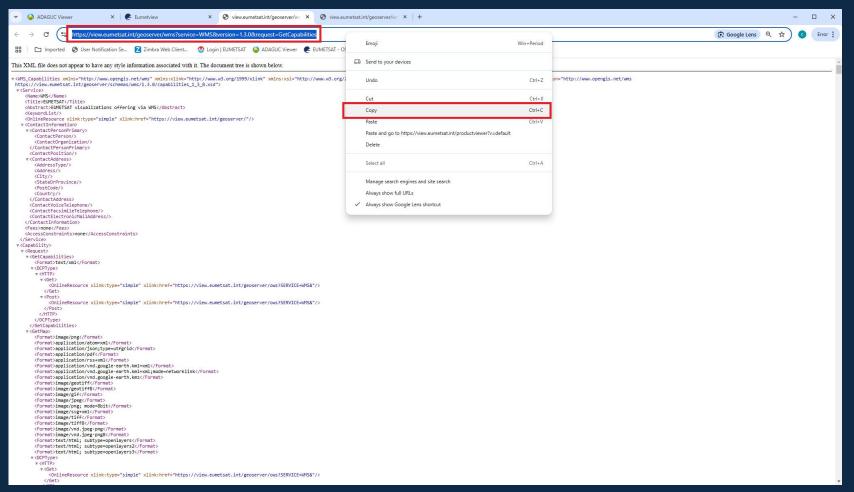




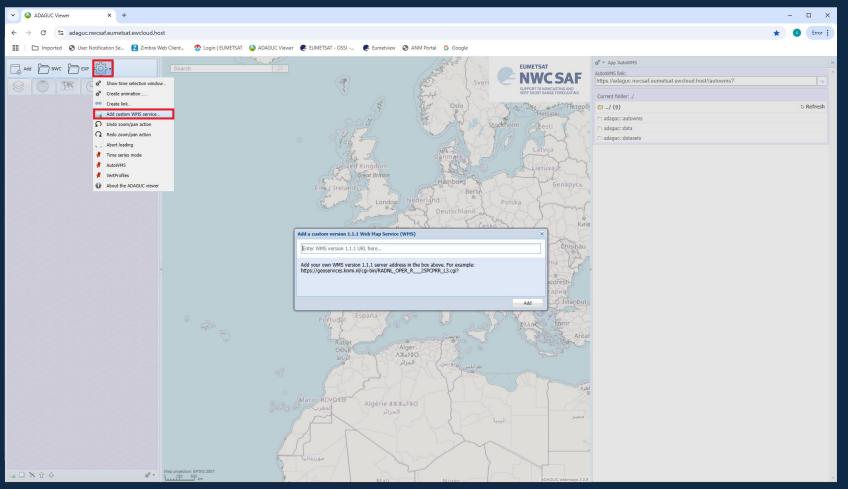




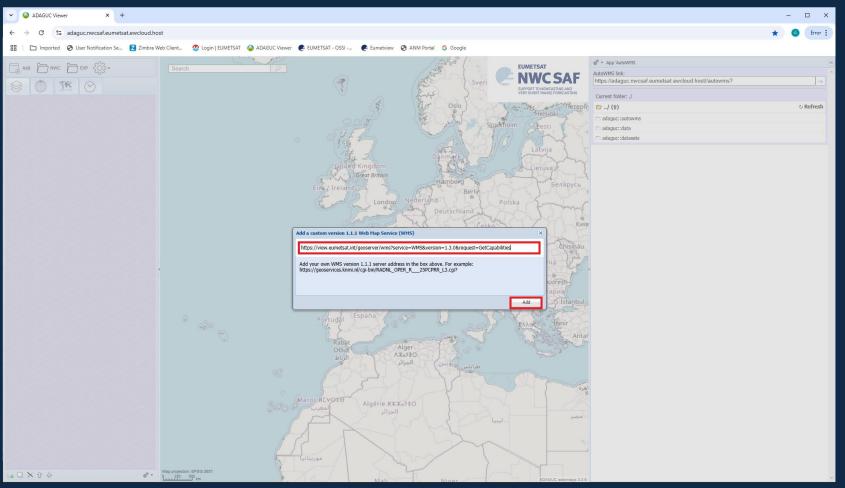




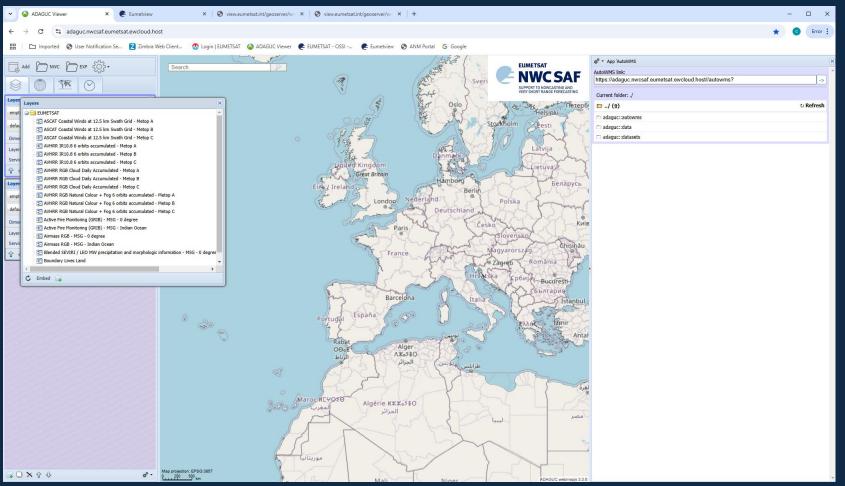




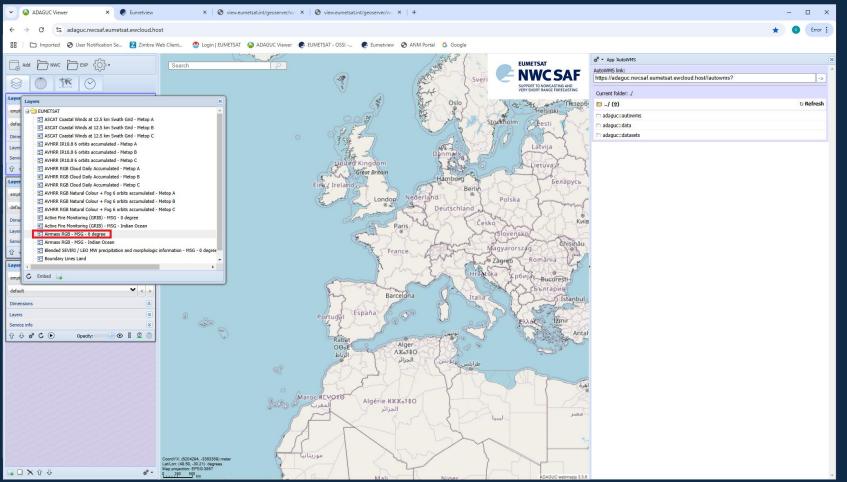




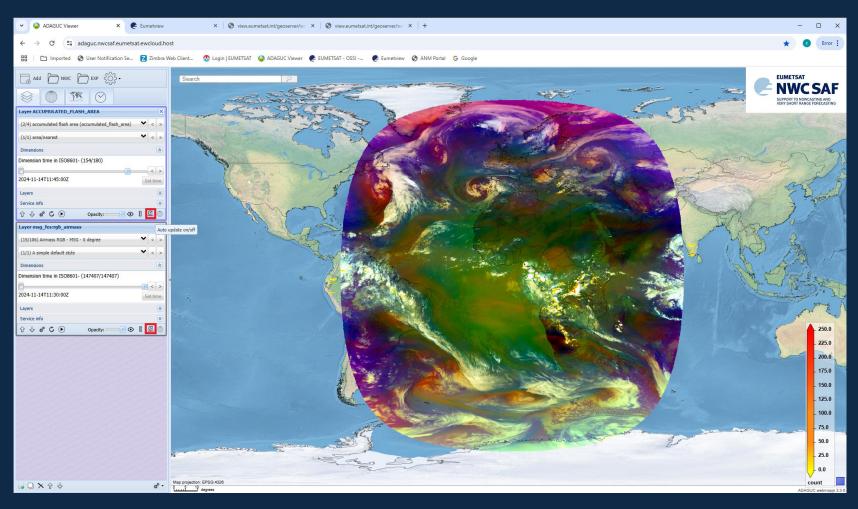




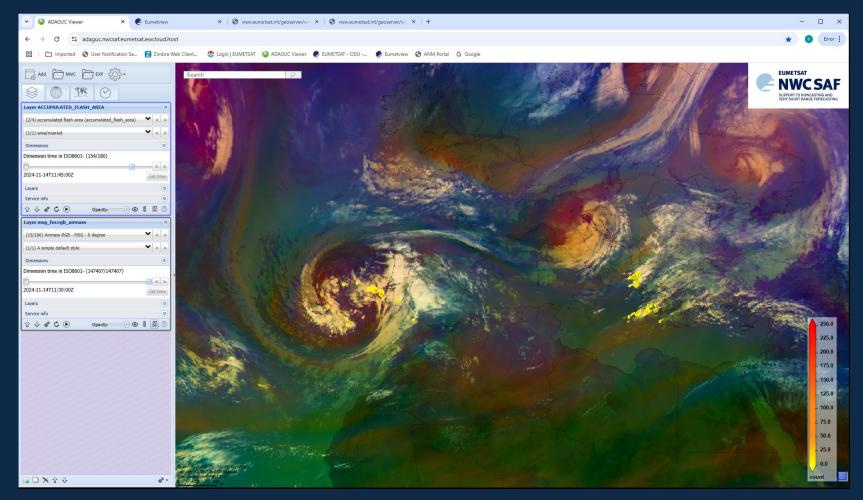




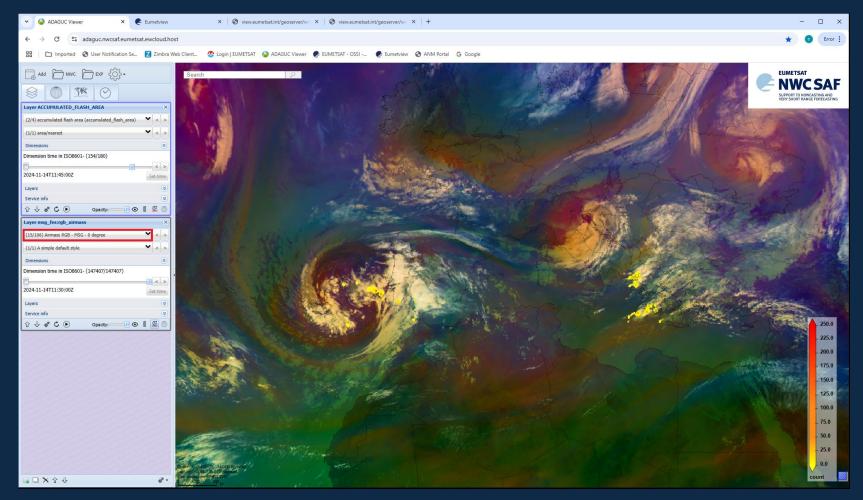




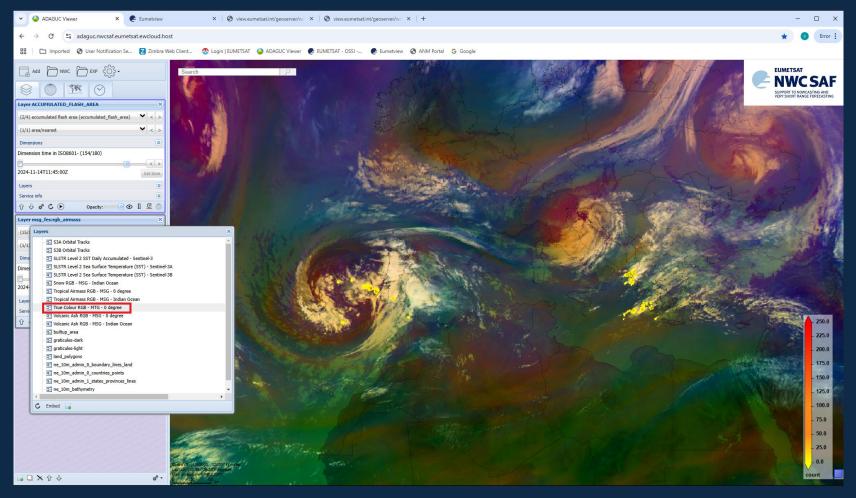




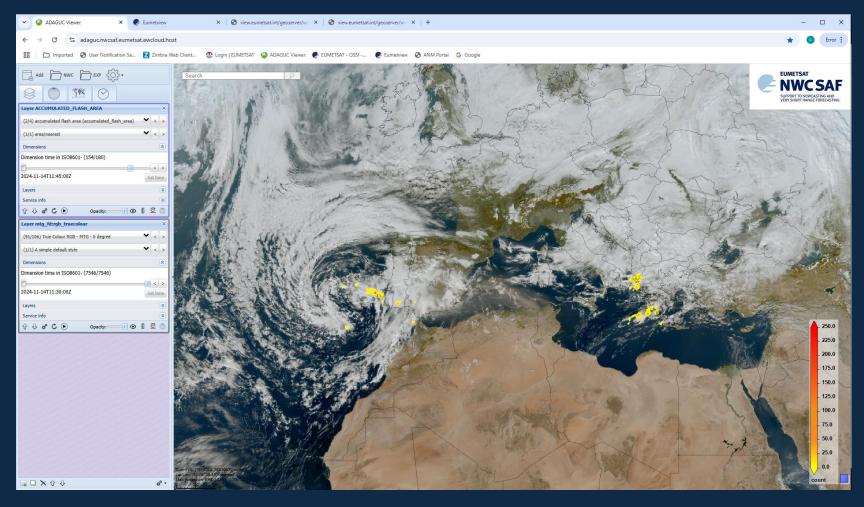


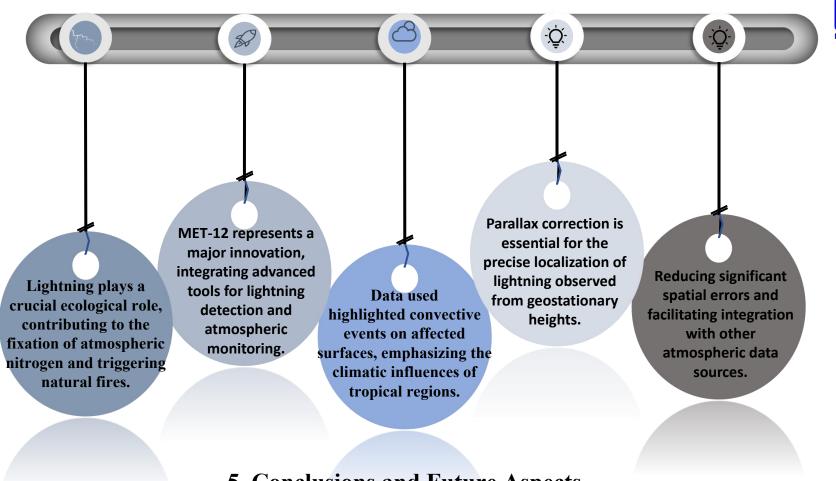














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