Cloud Products for KMA Satellites:

COMS & Geo-KOMPSAT-2A (GK-2A)

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Utilization of Current Satellite : COMS

Current Geo-Satellite : COMS

COMS(Communication, Ocean, and Meteorological Satellite)

- Orbit : 128.2E (Launched on June 26, 2010)
- * Two years extended operation (1 April 2018 ~ 31 March 2020)
- MI: 5 Channel VIS/IR Meteorological Imager
- MI data Service via Satellite : Broadcast to M/SDUSs with H/LRIT
- 16 Products (CMW, Fog, AOD, cloud amount, Convective rainfall rate....)
- Service via Landline [Website] KMA/NMSC homepage(for registered users)

[FTP] Access to NMSC FTP(for organization with MOU)





COMS Meteorological Products

16 Baseline Products are in operation (Apr. 2011-)



COMS Cloud Products

Cloud Detection



Cloud Top Temperature



Cloud Amount







Cloud Top Pressure

Cloud Top Height



Cloud Optical Thickness



Geo-KOMPSAT-2A Advanced Meteorological Imager and level-2 products

GK-2A, the New Generation of Korean Geo-Meteorological Satellite



Advanced Meteorological Imager (AMI)

The GK2A is scheduled to be launched in 05:30 ~ 06:30 5th December 2018

GK-2A : **Advanced Meteorological Imager** and Space Environment monitoring GK-2B : Ocean Color (GOCI2) and Atmospheric Trace Gas (GEMS) monitoring

1	Center wavelength (µm)			
1	AMI (Resolution)		ABI	AHI
	1 blue	0.47 (1km)	0.47	0.46
9	2 green	0.511 (1km)		0.51
	3 red	0.64 (0.5km)	0.64	0.64
0	4	0.856 (1km)	0.865	0.86
	5	1.38 (2km)	1.378	
	6	1.61 (2km)	1.61	1.6
9			2.25	2.3
	7	3.830 (2km)	3.90	3.9
	8	6.241 (2km)	6.185	6.2
	9	6.952 (2km)	6.95	7.0
	10	7.344 (2km)	7.34	7.3
	11	8.592 (2km)	8.50	8.6
	12	9.625 (2km)	9.61	9.6
	13	10.403 (2lkm)	10.35	10.4
	14	11.212 (2km)	11.2	11.2
	15	12.364 (2km)	12.3	12.3
	16	13.31 (2km)	13.3	13.3

 \times vs. AHI \rightarrow addition 1.38 μ m (NIR), subtraction 2.3 μ m (NIR) 1.38 μ m : favorable for cirrus cloud detection, cloud type and amount 2.3 µm : favorable for Land/cloud Properties



- Higher spectral resolution with 16 channels can retrieve variable meteorological products
- New and rapid updated information can be given every 10 min for Full Disk and every 2 min for East Asia with low latency below 1 min



Expectation of Rapid Scan Observations

Provide significant improvements in the real time monitoring of hazardous weather with 2-min rapid scan imagery

Ex) Convective Initiation using rapid scan data (b, c) has a possibility of earlier detection of convective clouds than that using regular scan data (a, d)





GK-2A/AMI Level-2 Products



Status of Algorithm Development

Development Level-2 product algorithms

- Develop the level-2 product algorithms in the test-bed system
- Solution Investigate the accuracy if meet the users requirements and evaluate their maturities

II Improve the algorithms and processing system through feedback process between users and developers

- > To begin with analyze the performance of the related products in cooperation with KMA users
- Improve the algorithms through review processes with the developers and the international review team

III Implement Level-2 product processing system

Implement the integrated algorithms in the operational demonstration environment for a longterm period (-ing)



Geo-KOMPSAT-2A Cloud Products

Cloud Top Properties



CLOUD PHASE

Products

> Thermodynamic state of cloud particles > WATER, ICE and UNCERTAIN phase

Retrieval Method

> BTD (8.6-11.2) Test

> Spectral cloud emissivity ratio (Beta) between Channels [8.6, 11] & [11, 12]

CLOUD TOP TEMPERATURE CLOUD TOP PRESSURE CLOUD TOP HEIGHT

Products

> TEMPERATURE, PRESSURE, HEIGHT of cloud tops, precisely the infrared emission level that can be slightly (up to few meters) below the actual morphologic cloud tops

Retrieval Method

- > CTT : Cloud emissivity obtained from a look-up table of Ch14, 15 and 16
 - : Effective black-body temperature(EBBT) method (only water cloud)
- > CTP : Converted from cloud top temperature based on NWP temperature-pressure profile
- $> \mbox{CTH}$: Calculated from cloud top pressure using hydrostatic equation



Cloud Optical Properties

CLOUD OPTICAL THICKNESS

Products

- > Indication of the extinction of light passing through clouds Retrieval Method
- > Optimal Estimation
- > The ratio of VIS & NIR



NCOT (Night COT) > Retrieved by infrared cloud emissivity

Liquid Water **P**ath

Products

> Total amount of liquid water present between two points in the atmosphere

Retrieval Method

> Empirical relation with COT and CER



CLOUD EFFECTIVE RADIUS

Products

- > Area weighted radius of the cloud particles
- > Related to radiative and microphysical properties of cloud

Retrieval Method

- > Optimal Estimation
- > The ratio of VIS & NIR

ICE WATER PATH

Products

> The integral of the ice water content through the depth of an ice cloud layer

Retrieval Method

> Empirical relation with COT and CER

Applications of Cloud Products

- To predict the growth of strong convective clouds
- To analyze the intensity and tracking of typhoons
- To help determine flight routes based on weather conditions and risk information
- To be used as input data for the GK-2A level-2 products such as AMV
- To study for Earth's radiation transfer
- To help reduce uncertainties in climate research as well as weather forecasts







Thank you for your listening!



