

Morning glory clouds in the Bay of Carpentaria, Australia

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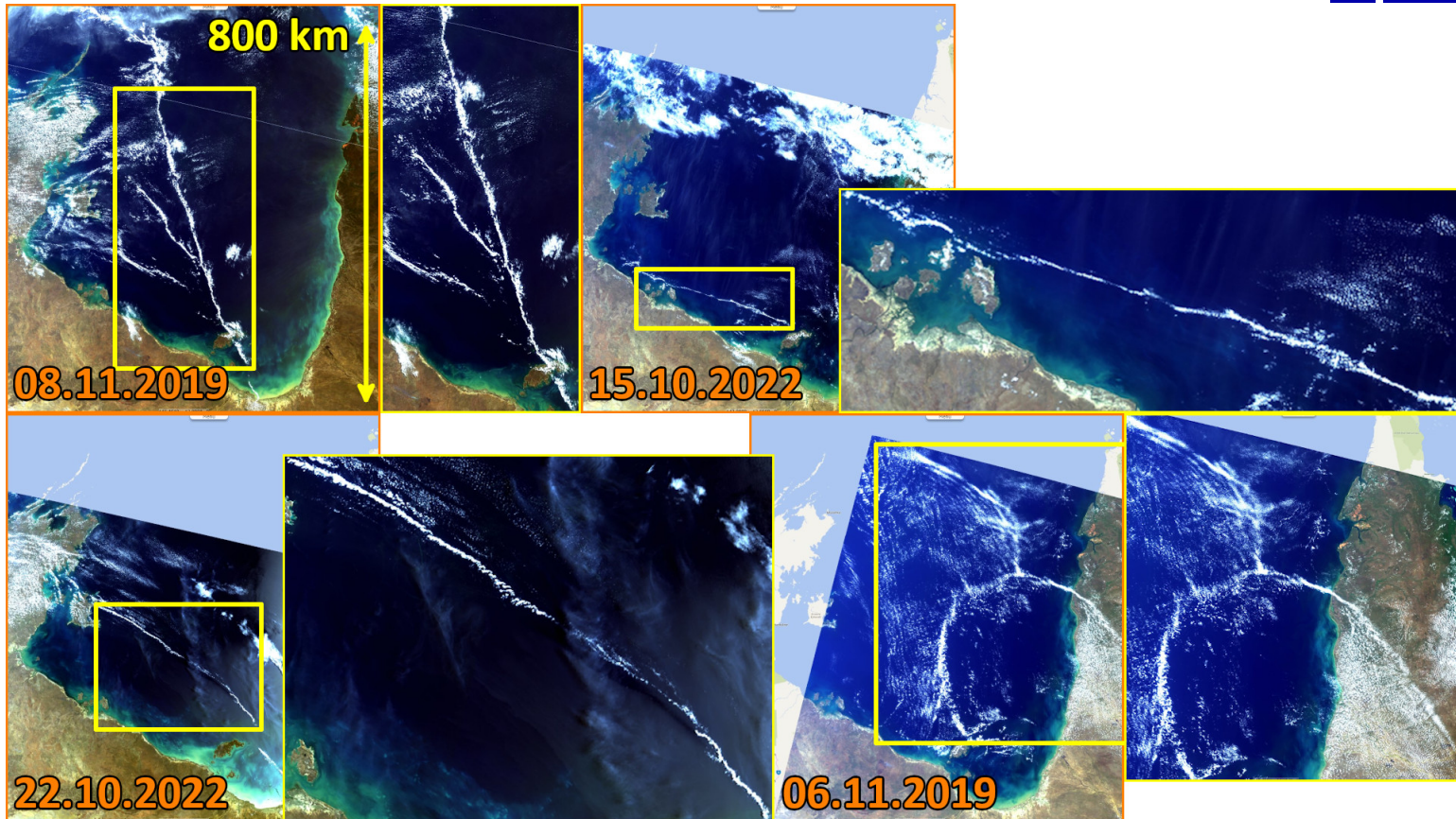
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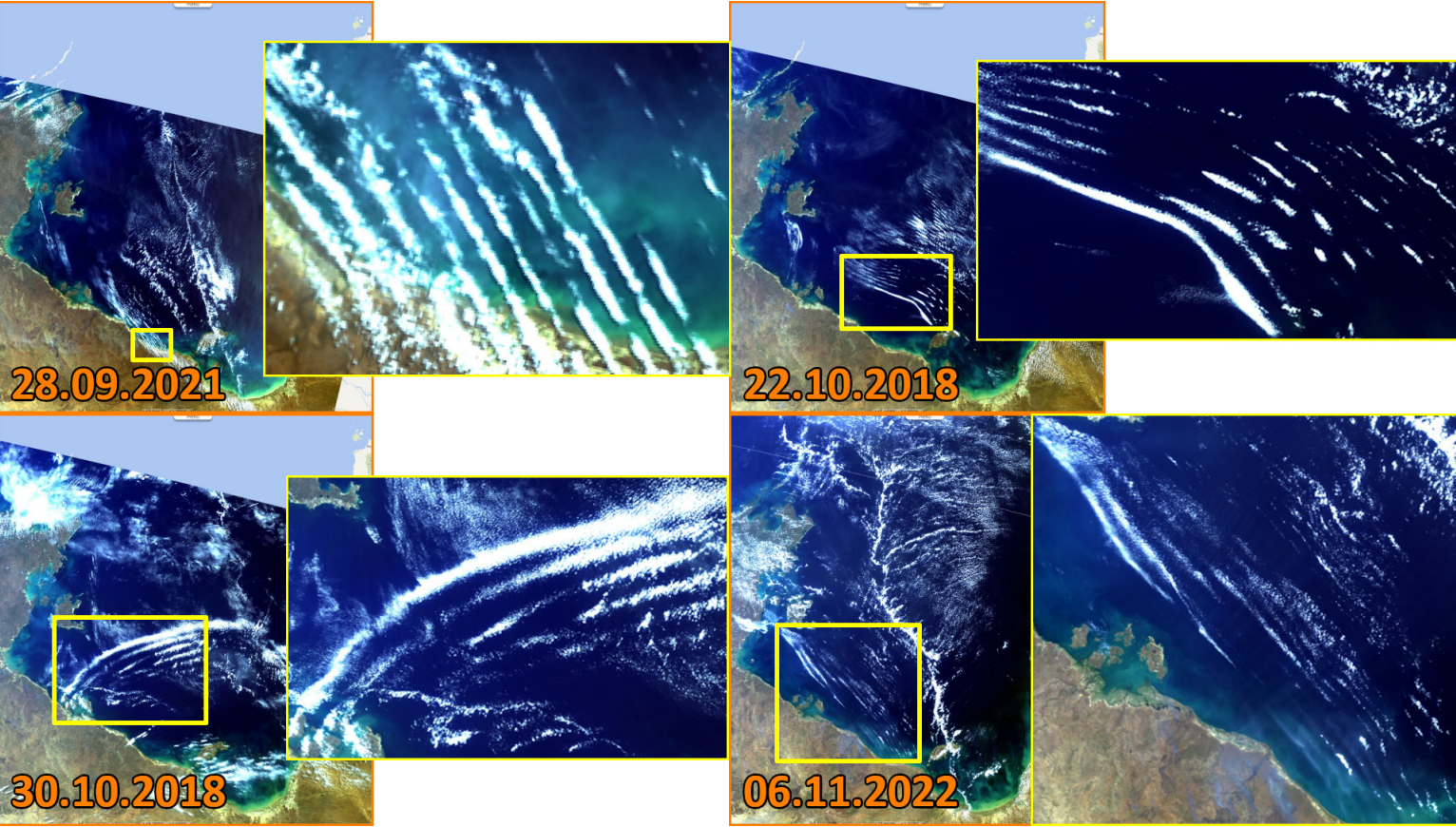
Fig. 1 - S3 OLCI (08.11.2019; 15.10.2022; 22.10.2022; 06.11.2019) - Single, hundreds of kilometres-long morning glory clouds.

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The volutus extra long cloud better known as morning glory cloud is a rare phenomenon consisting of a low-level atmospheric solitary wave and associated cloud. The southern part of the Gulf of Carpentaria in Northern Australia is the only known location where it can be observed regularly.

Fig. 2 - S3 OLCI (28.09.2021; 22.10.2018; 30.10.2018; 06.11.2022) - Morning glory clouds in the form of bands of parallel rolls. [3D view](#) [3D view](#) [3D view](#) [3D view](#)



The wave often occurs as an amplitude-ordered series of waves forming bands of roll clouds.

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