



NASA Report to Unidata Policy Committee

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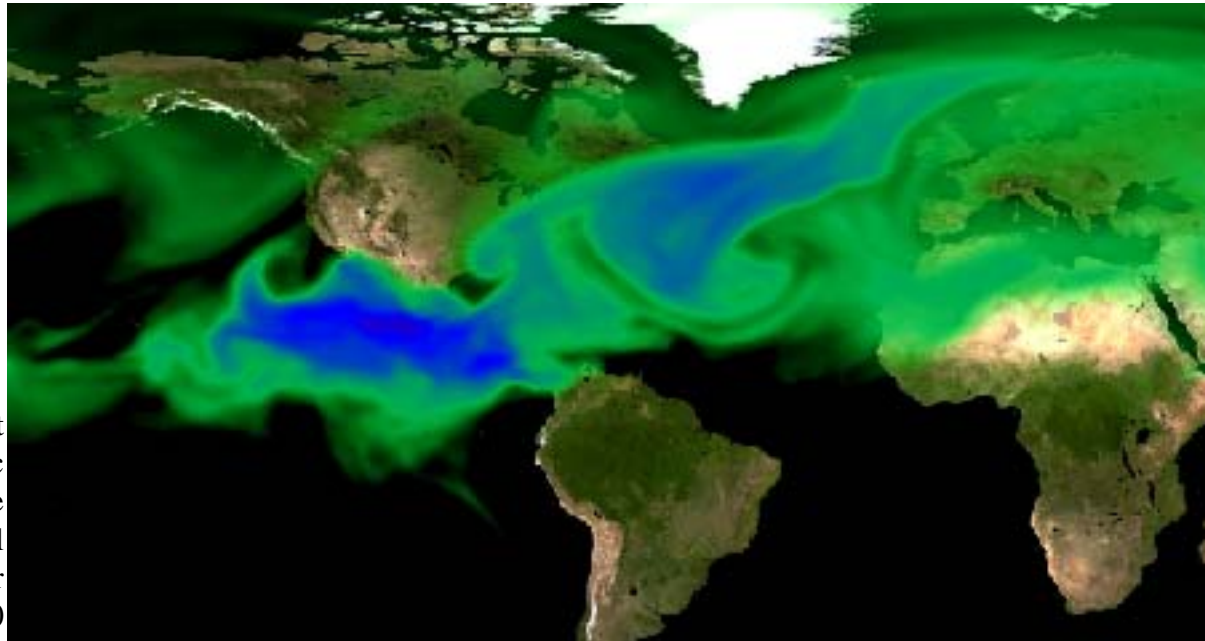


Image: Forecast
of anthropogenic
carbon monoxide
from Central
America for
2007-10-25 00:30

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NASA Unidata Mailing List

- List established July 2007**
- Communicate Unidata information to NASA stakeholders**
- Solicit input from NASA to Unidata**
- Modest membership so far (15 members)**



GES DISC OpenDAP Servers

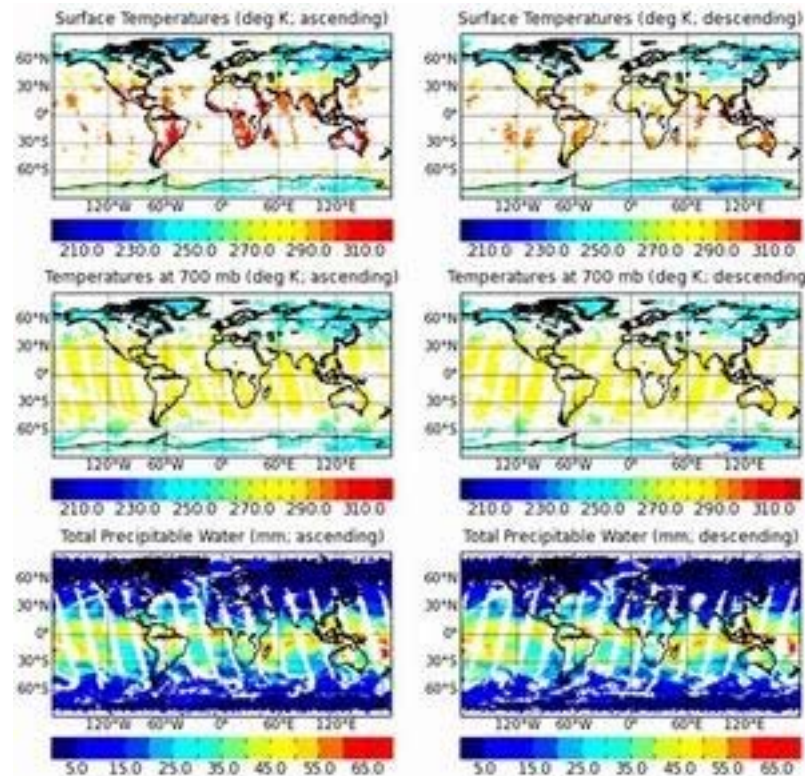
- NASA Goddard Earth Sciences (GES) Data and Information Services Center (DISC)**
 - Operates GES Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC)
- Specifically using OpenDAP 4 Data Server (Hyrax)**
- OpenDAP usage roughly comparable to access via OGC Web Map Service (WMS) and Giovanni web-based tool**
- Positive feedback:**
 - OpenDAP installation package very good
 - Direct access to HDF-EOS (HDF4) also good
- Negative feedback:**
 - none
- Desired feature:**
 - server-side processing capability
- 4 Public OpenDAP servers**
- THREDDS catalog**

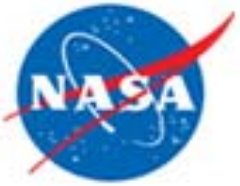




AIRS - Atmospheric Infrared Sounder

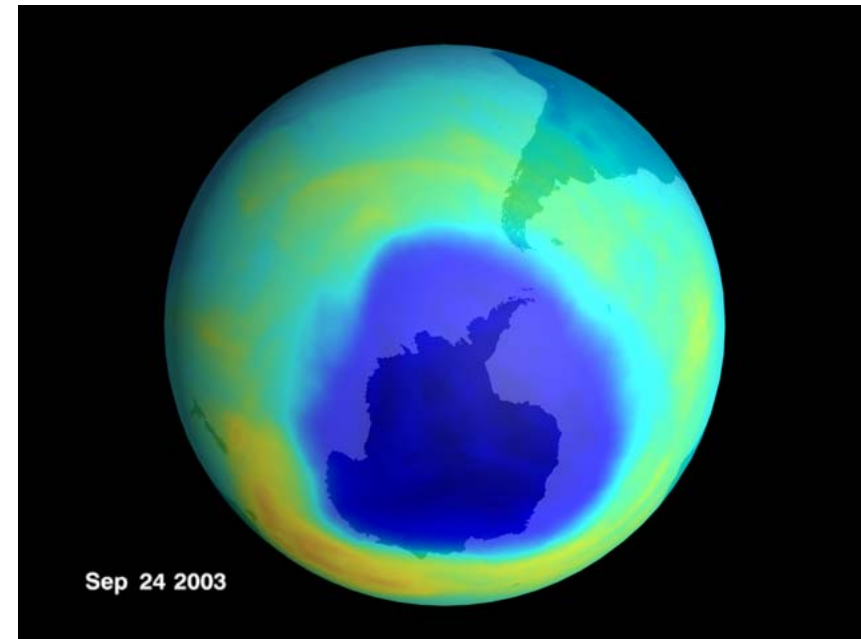
- Daily, 8-day and monthly products
- Global coverage at 1x1 degree
- 2002-present
- 24 vertical pressure levels
- Geophysical parameters:
 - Air Temperature
 - Skin Temperature
 - Sea Surface Temperature
 - Tropopause
 - Precipitable Water, Water Vapor
 - Cloud Amount/Frequency, Cloud Height, Cloud Vertical Distribution, Cloud Top Pressure, Cloud Top Temperature
 - Reflectance, Emissivity
 - Ozone
 - Surface Pressure





TOMS - Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer

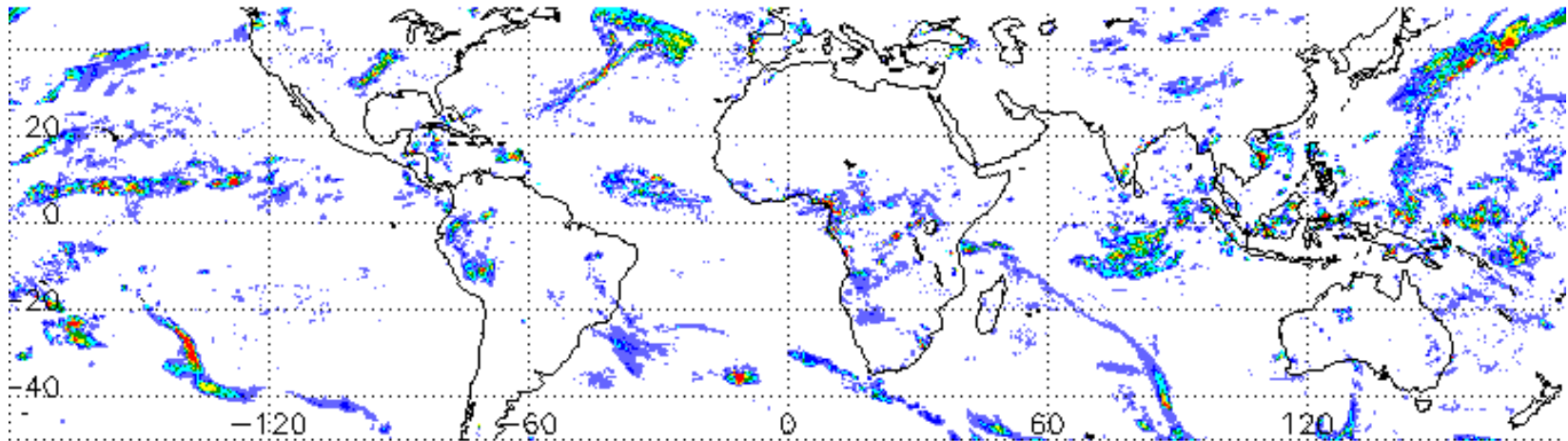
- Daily total column ozone and reflectivity**
- Global coverage at 1.25x1.0 degree**
- 1996-present (Earth Probe satellite),
1978-1993 (Nimbus 7 satellite)**





TRMM - Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission

- 3-hour 0.25x0.25deg rainfall
- Monthly 0.25x0.25deg rainfall
- Monthly surface (0.5x0.5deg) and oceanic (5x5deg) rainfall





MSU - Microwave Sounding Unit

- Daily products**
- 2.5x2.5 degree grid**
- 1979-1994**
- Lower tropospheric temperature (global)**
- Upper tropospheric temperature (latitudes 30N-30S)**
- Lower stratospheric temperature (global)**
- Oceanic precipitation (latitudes 60N-60S)**
- Note: MSU, not more recent AMSU**



Education and Public Outreach

Division Support Groups

- Proposals to support the coordination and integration of NASA Education and Public Outreach (E/PO) activities**
- Address teaching and learning:**
 - Undergraduate
 - Secondary
 - Elementary
 - Informal education
 - Public understanding of science and technology
- 4 awards, 1 of which will be in Earth Science**
- ~\$3.5M/yr divided among 4 awards**
- Cooperative agreement (CAN)**
- Proposals due 2007-12-07 (NOIs 2007-10-02)**
- <http://nspires.nasaprs.com/>**



NASA ROSES 2007

- ❑ **ROSES - Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Science**
- ❑ **Open solicitations:**
 - Ocean Surface Topography (2007-10-31)
~25 awards @ ~\$4.5M/yr
 - Earth Surface & Interior (2007-11-26)
~16 awards @ ~\$3.5M/yr
 - EarthScope InSAR & Geodetic Imaging Component (2007-11-26)
~9 awards @ ~\$1.8M/yr
 - Terrestrial Hydrology (2007-11-14/2008-01-15)
~5 awards @ ~\$750k/yr
 - Energy & Water Cycle (t.b.d.)
 - Ocean Biology & Biogeochemistry (t.b.d.)
- ❑ **Not solicited in 2007:**
 - E.2. Applied Information Systems Research (deferred to ROSES-2008)
 - A.24. Advanced Information Systems Technology
 - A.23. Making Earth System Data Records for Use in Research Environments
- ❑ **<http://nspires.nasaprs.com/>**