

# International MODIS/AIRS Processing Package (IMAPP)

Where do we go from here?

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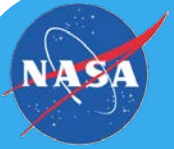
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# Collaborations



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- Boston University
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- German Weather Service (DWD)
- NASA Langley
- NASA SPoRT
- Met Office
- NWS
- Taiwan Central Weather Bureau, Taipei
- Australian Bureau of Meteorology
- Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary
- East China Normal University, Shanghai, China
- GINA Alaska
- EUMETSAT
- BMKG, Indonesian Agency for Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics
- CSIR South Africa
- INPE/CPTEC Brazil
- Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL)



# What is IMAPP?

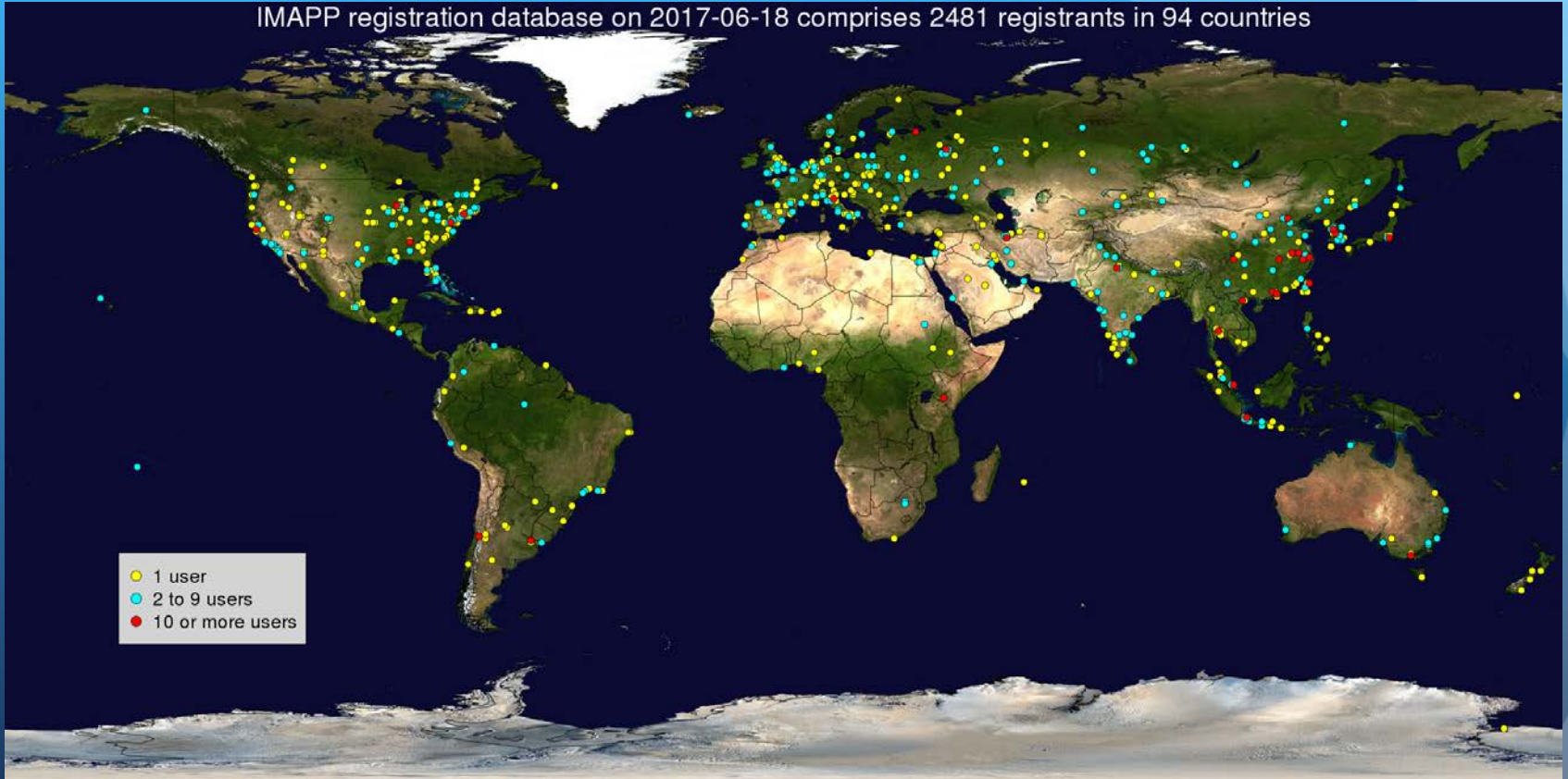
- The International MODIS/AIRS Processing Package is a collection of software systems for processing data from NASA Aqua and Terra satellites.
- The primary goal of IMAPP is to facilitate and promote the use of Level 1 and Level 2 products for environmental applications.
- Funding is supplied by NASA.



# IMAPP Registrants



IMAPP registration database on 2017-06-18 comprises 2481 registrants in 94 countries





## International MODIS/AIRS Processing Package

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The International MODIS/AIRS Processing Package (IMAPP) allows ground stations capable of receiving direct broadcast data from the NASA [Terra](#) and [Aqua](#) spacecraft to create a suite of products from [MODIS](#), [AIRS](#), [AMSU](#), and [AMSRE](#). The IMAPP software is freely available, and is supported on Intel Linux host platforms.

IMAPP is also available as a Virtual Appliance for Windows, OS X, and Linux, offering a complete processing system for direct broadcast atmosphere, land, and ocean products from Terra and Aqua.

### MODIS products (Terra and Aqua)

#### Atmosphere and Polar Products

- Cloud mask
- Cloud top pressure and temperature
- Cloud effective radius and cloud optical thickness
- Temperature and moisture profiles
- Total precipitable water
- Stability indices
- Aerosol optical depth (3km and 10km)
- Ice Surface Temperature
- Snow Mask
- Ice Cover and Ice Concentration
- Inversion Strength and Inversion Depth

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#### Land Products

- Land surface reflectance  
[Learn more ...](#)
- Nadir BRDF-adjusted reflectance  
[Learn more ...](#)

#### Image Products

- True color GeoTIFF and KML  
[Learn more ...](#)
- MODIS and VIIRS L1B and True Color GeoTIFF  
[Learn more ...](#)

### AIRS and AMSU Products (Aqua)

#### Sensor Products

- Calibrated and geolocated radiances and reflectances (AIRS)
- Calibrated and geolocated antenna temperatures (AMSU)

### NWP Products

The Direct Broadcast CIMSS Regional Assimilation System (DBCRAAS) is a regional numerical weather prediction model that assimilates MODIS products in real time and creates forecasts up to 72 hours at 48 km and 16 km resolution.

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### GeoTIFF Web Mapping Service (WMS) MODIS Display Tool

This package provides users with the capability to display and share GeoTIFF products through a web browser in a Google Maps interface. It is designed specifically for display of MODIS and VIIRS default GeoTIFF files created by the [Polar2Grid](#) reprojection software package. It is distributed as a virtual machine (VM).

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### Aviation/Severe Weather Forecast Products

- The IMAPP Overshooting Tops (OT) software package identifies regions of MODIS data that contain convective cloud tops that have broken through the tropopause into the lower stratosphere because of a strong updraft. Convective storms with OTs have the potential to produce severe weather at the ground (heavy rain, damaging winds, hail and tornadoes) as well as aviation hazards including lightning and turbulence.

### What's New

- MODIS/VIIRS Polar2Grid Reprojection Software v2.1
- MODIS/VIIRS Aerosol/Air Quality Forecast Software v1.2
- MODIS Infrared Band Destriping Software v1.3
- MODIS Aerosol Visibility and Fog/Low Stratus Aviation Weather Hazard Software v1.0
- MODIS/AIRS HYDRA2 Multispectral Data Analysis Toolkit v2.0
- MODIS Overshooting Tops Aviation Weather Hazard Software v1.1
- MODIS DB Processing System Virtual Appliance v2.0



<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/imapp/>



# Suite of Products



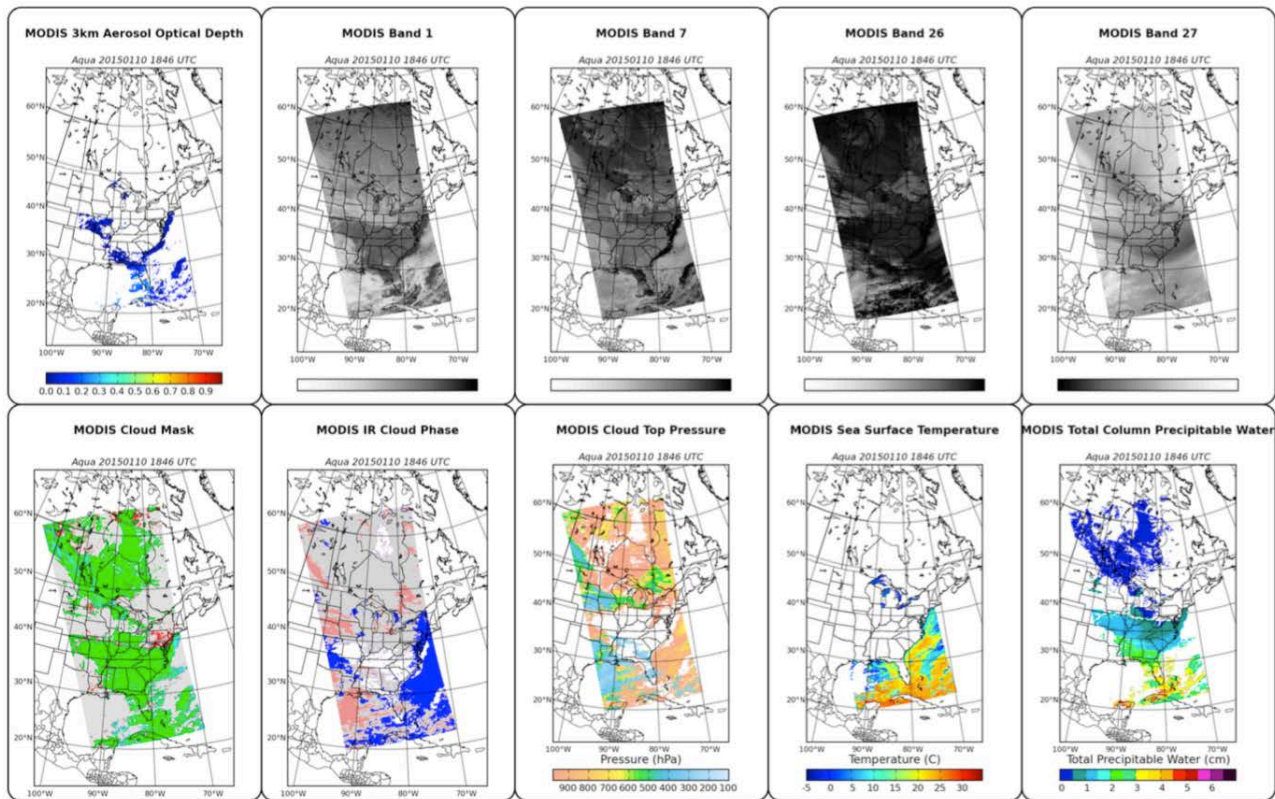
## MODIS Products (Terra and Aqua)

- **Atmosphere Group Collect 6 - MODIS Science Team Software**
  - Cloud mask (MOD35)
  - Cloud top pressure and temperature (MOD06CT)
  - Cloud effective radius and cloud optical thickness (MOD06OD)
  - Temperature and moisture profiles (MOD07)
  - Total precipitable water (MOD07)
  - Stability indices (MOD07)
  - Aerosol optical depth (3km and 10km) (MOD04)
  - Bright Target Aerosol Optical Depth (Deep Blue) (MOD04)
- **Polar Products from Jeff Key (NOAA Cryosphere Scientist)**
  - Ice Surface Temperature
  - Snow Mask
  - Ice Cover and Ice Concentration
  - Inversion Strength and Inversion Depth

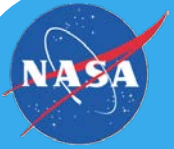




# IMAPP MODIS Level 2 Products





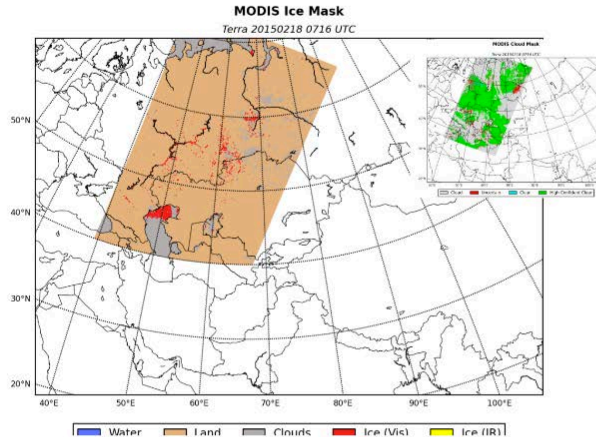


# MODIS Polar Product Use in Russia

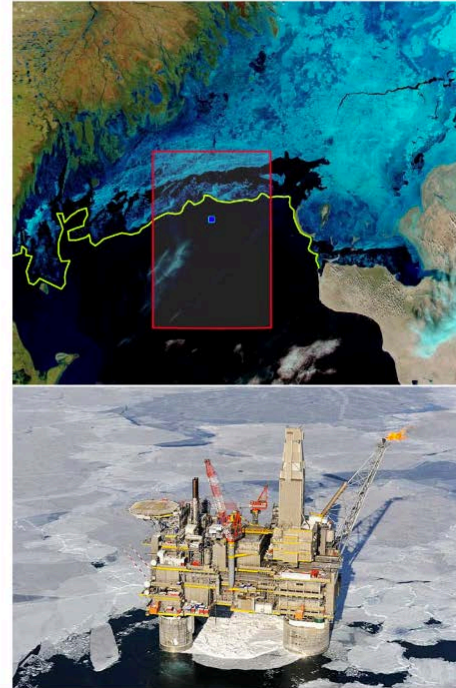


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## IMAPP Polar products below 60N



Using MODIS images and data for sea-ice monitoring for navigation and oil extraction safety





# Suite of Products



## MODIS Land Products (Terra and Aqua)

- MODIS Surface Reflectance (MOD09)
- Nadir Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF) MCD43
  - Working with Crystal Schaaf

## MODIS Image Products

- Polar2Grid reprojection software - David Hoese Poster
- True Color Reprojection for Display in Google Earth (DB Google Earth) - Full Resolution

## AIRS and AMSU Products (Aqua) from NASA Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL)

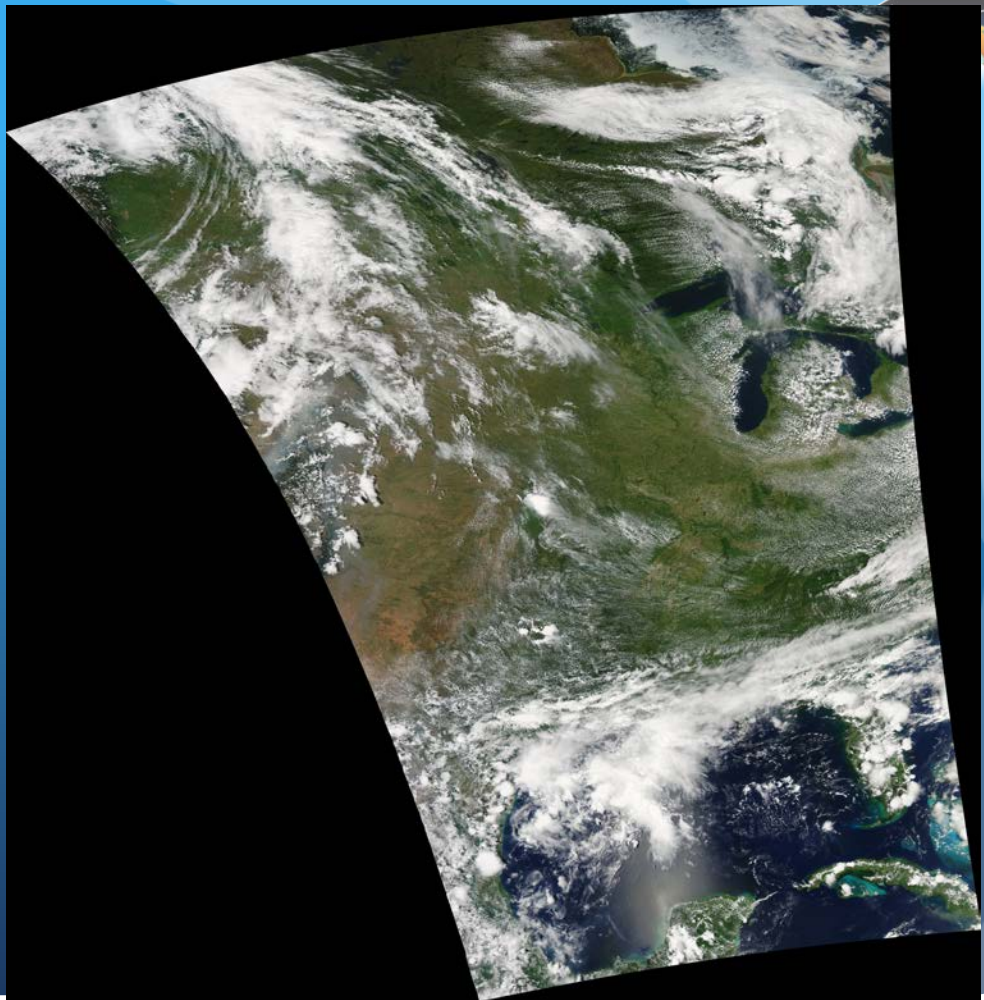
- Calibrated and geolocated radiances (AIRS)
- Calibrated and geolocated antenna temperatures (AMSU)



# Polar2Grid

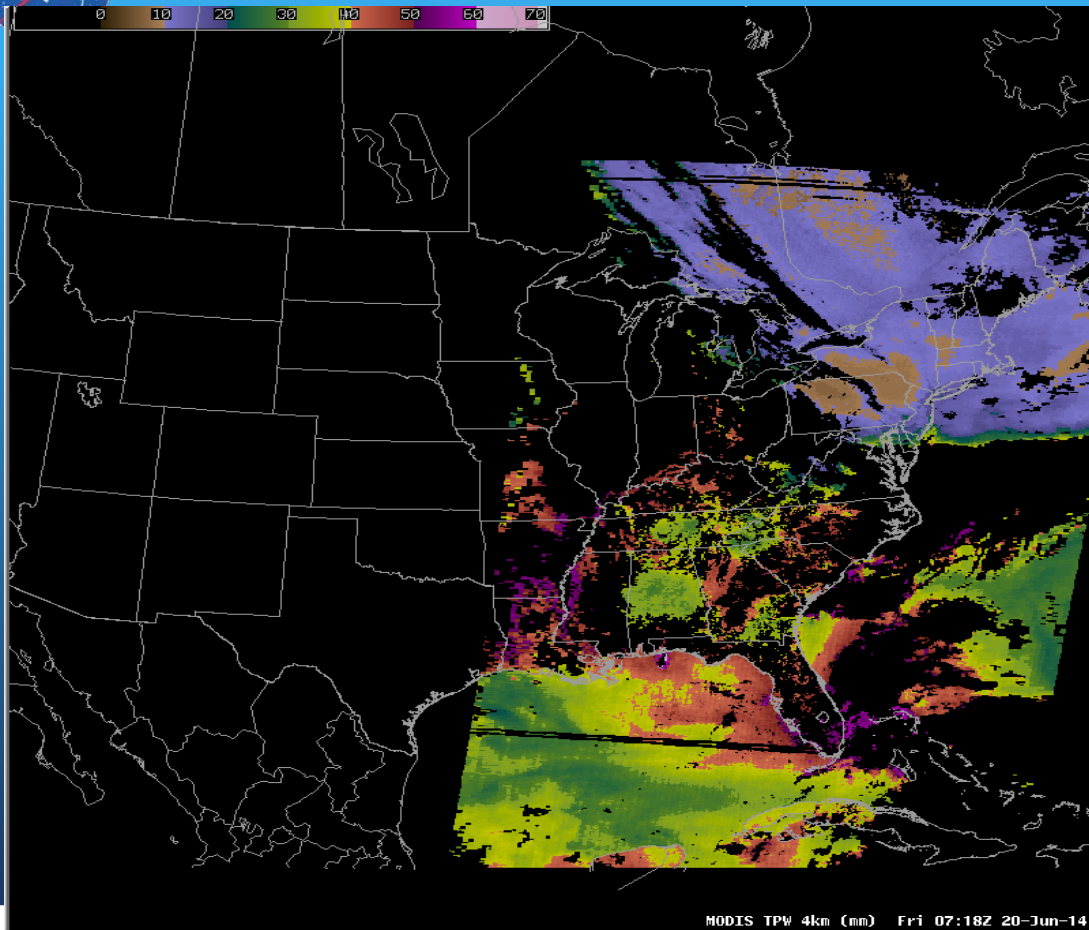
Easy to use interface to create  
high quality polar orbiter  
satellite data reprojections

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polar2grid.sh modis crefl -f <dir>
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# AWIPS Forecasting POPs



AREA FORECAST DISCUSSION  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
BROWNSVILLE TX  
359 AM CDT FRI JUN 20 2014

FOR THE FORECAST BASED IT AROUND A SCENARIO WHERE THE GULF TROUGHINESS IS NOT QUITE AS PRONOUNCED...BUT THE DEEP 30 KNOT EASTERLY WINDS IN THE 850/700MB LAYER DO NOT GET QUITE AS CARRIED AWAY EITHER. THE WAVES IN QUESTION ARE CLEARLY PRETTY PRONOUNCED ON SATELLITE IMAGERY BUT NOT ASSOCIATED WITH MUCH PRECIP AT THE MOMENT AND **AMSU/SSM/I AND MODIS TOTAL PRECIPITABLE WATER IMAGERY APPEAR TO SUGGEST THERE IS NOT AS MUCH AVAILABLE MOISTURE AS THE ECMWF INITIALIZED**. EVEN IF THE SYNOPTIC ECMWF SOLUTION WERE TO VERIFY THE 40 AND 50 PCT POPs PRESENTED BY ECX MOS APPEAR FAR TOO HIGH AND THUNDER WOULD BE DIFFICULT/IMPOSSIBLE IN A ZONE WITH LAPSE RATES AS POOR AS SHOULD BE IN PLACE. SO PAINTED LOW GRADE POPs/SHOWERS STARTING IN THE MORNING ALONG THE COAST WORKING INLAND THROUGH THE DAY AND INTO THE MORE FAVORED SEABREEZE ZONES BY AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AND HUGGED BACK TOWARDS A DRIER SOLUTION ON FRIDAY.

MODIS TPW 4km (mm) Fri 07:18Z 20-Jun-14



## Area Forecast Discussion

National Weather Service Milwaukee/Sullivan WI

949 AM CDT Thu Jun 1 2017

.MARINE...Light and variable winds over the nearshore waters will be turning onshore in the next 1-3 hours as lake breeze develops. Light pressure gradient due to nearby high pressure will result in wind speeds remaining mostly less than 10 knots. Latest MODIS imagery shows Lake Michigan surface temperatures have warmed into the upper 40s to lower 50s in the near shore waters as well as to mid-lake. Average Lake Michigan surface water temperature running close to the long-term average for June 1st.





## Involved Weather Forecast Offices

59  
TOTAL

Bohemia, New York (ERH)  
Kansas City, Missouri (CRH)  
Fort Worth, Texas (SRH)  
Salt Lake City, Utah (WRH)

Milwaukee, Wisconsin (MKX)

Billings, Montana (BYZ)  
Buffalo, New York (BUF)  
Charleston, South Carolina (CHS)  
Chicago, Illinois (LOT)  
Eureka, California (EKA)  
Glasgow, Montana (GGW)  
Grand Rapids, Michigan (GRR)  
Green Bay, Wisconsin (GRB)  
La Crosse, Wisconsin (ARX)  
Las Vegas, Nevada (VEF)  
Marquette, Michigan (MQT)  
Medford, Oregon (MFR)  
Minneapolis, Minnesota (MPX)  
Northern Indiana (IWX)  
Phoenix, Arizona (PSR)  
Raleigh, North Carolina (RAH)  
Salt Lake City, Utah (SLC)  
San Diego, California (SGX)  
Spokane, Washington (OTX)  
State College, Pennsylvania (CTP)  
Wichita, Kansas (ICT)

Aberdeen, South Dakota (ABR)  
Amarillo, Texas (AMA)  
Binghamton, New York (BGM)  
Blacksburg, Virginia (RNK)  
Boulder, Colorado (BOU)  
Burlington, Vermont (BTV)  
Cleveland, Ohio (CLE)  
Columbia, South Carolina (CAE)  
Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas (FWD)  
Davenport, Iowa (DVN)  
Des Moines, Iowa (DMX)  
Duluth, Minnesota (DLH)  
El Paso, Texas (EPZ)  
Greenville, South Carolina (GSP)  
Indianapolis, Indiana (IND)  
Kansas City, Missouri (EAX)  
Lincoln, Illinois (ILX)  
Lubbock, Texas (LUB)  
Memphis, Tennessee (MEG)  
Midland, Texas (MAF)  
Monterey, California (MTR)  
Newport, North Carolina (MHX)  
Norman, Oklahoma (OUN)  
Pendleton, Oregon (PDT)  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (PHI)  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (PBZ)  
Reno, Nevada (REV)  
Riverton, Wyoming (RIW)  
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Topeka, Kansas (TOP)  
Tulsa, Oklahoma (TSA)  
Spaceflight Meteorology Group

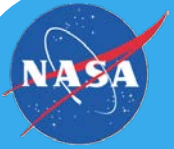


Last updated on Jul 6, 2012



4 Distribution Node 1 ≥250 MODIS AFDs Issued 21 ≥1 AFD Issued 33 Receive MODIS Imagery





# Suite of Products



## AIRS and AMSU Products (Aqua)

- 3x3 AIRS FOV retrievals – JPL (Collect 5)
- UW Dual Regression single FOV retrievals (AIRS, CrIS, IASI)
- Collocated AIRS/MODIS FOVs
- AIRS/AMSU HDF4 to BUFR Converter with UK Met Office (Meeting request from John Le Marshall at BOM)

## AMSR-E Products

- Calibrated and Geolocated Antenna Temperatures
- Rain Rate
- Soil Moisture
- Snow Water Equivalent



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**HYDRA2 Multispectral Data Analysis Toolkit - Paul Menzel Talk on Thursday**

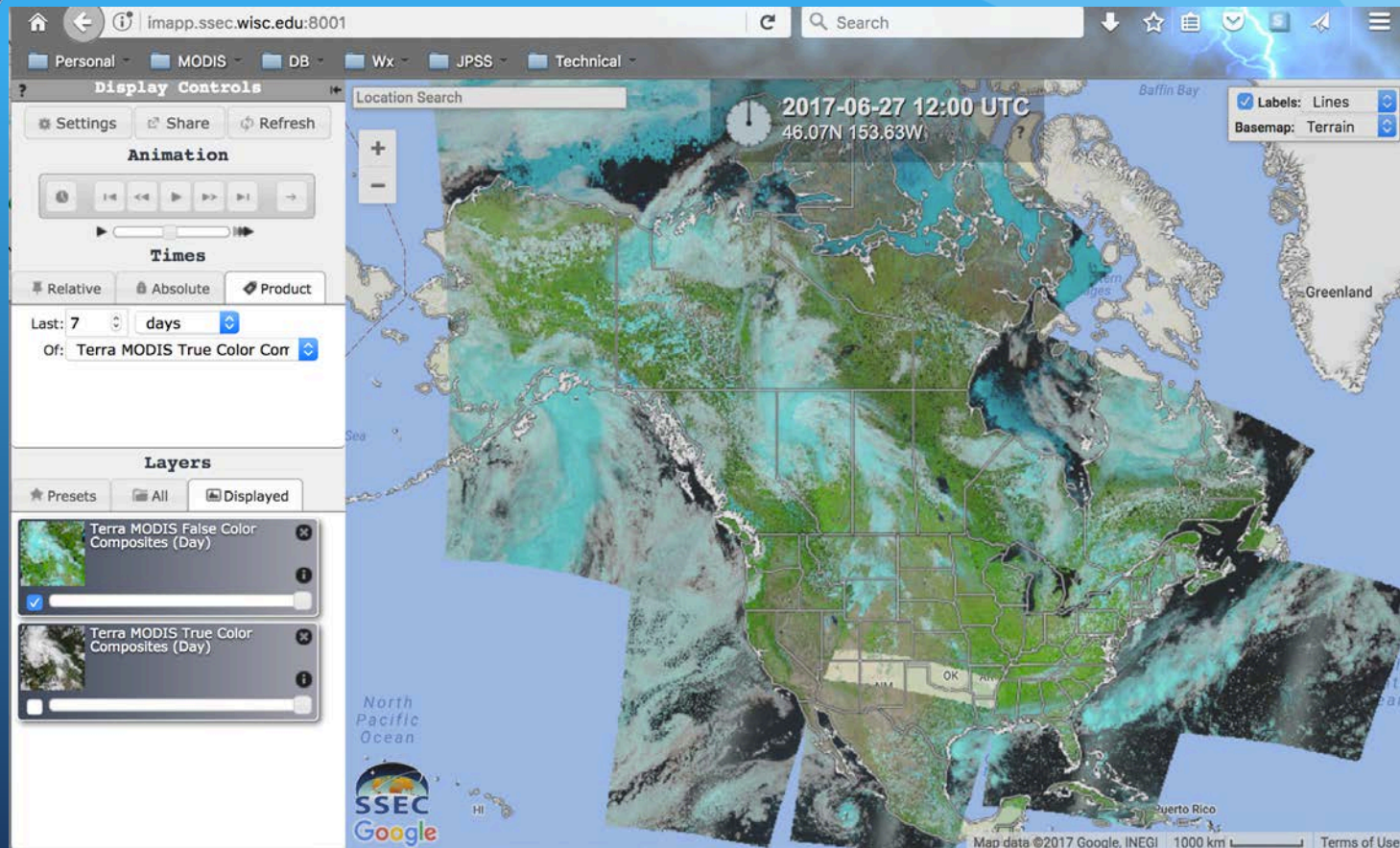
**Web Mapping Service (WMS) for display of local GeoTIFFs created by Polar2Grid**

**Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) Model DBCRAS**

- Direct Broadcast CIMSS Regional Assimilation system (DBCRAS).
- Globally configurable NWP at 48 km resolution
- Nested grid at 16 km.
- 72 hour forecast of gridded meteorological fields.
- Assimilates MODIS Cloud (MOD06) and Moisture (MOD07) Retrievals to improve initial conditions in the model.
- Output includes forecast IR and Water Vapor Satellite Imagery.
- Used in several sites around the world including ISRO India.

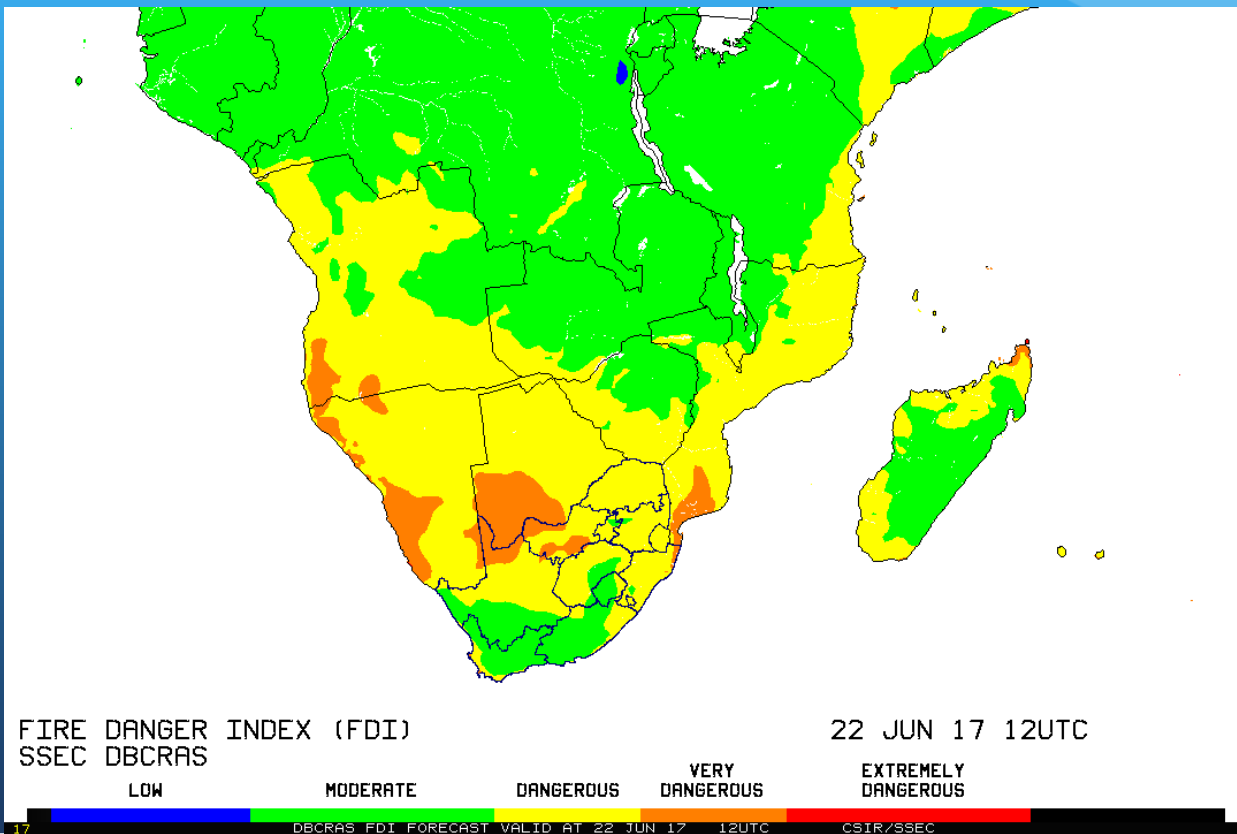


# IMAPP wms





# DBCRA South Africa Domain





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## **Overshooting Tops Aviation Hazard Software**

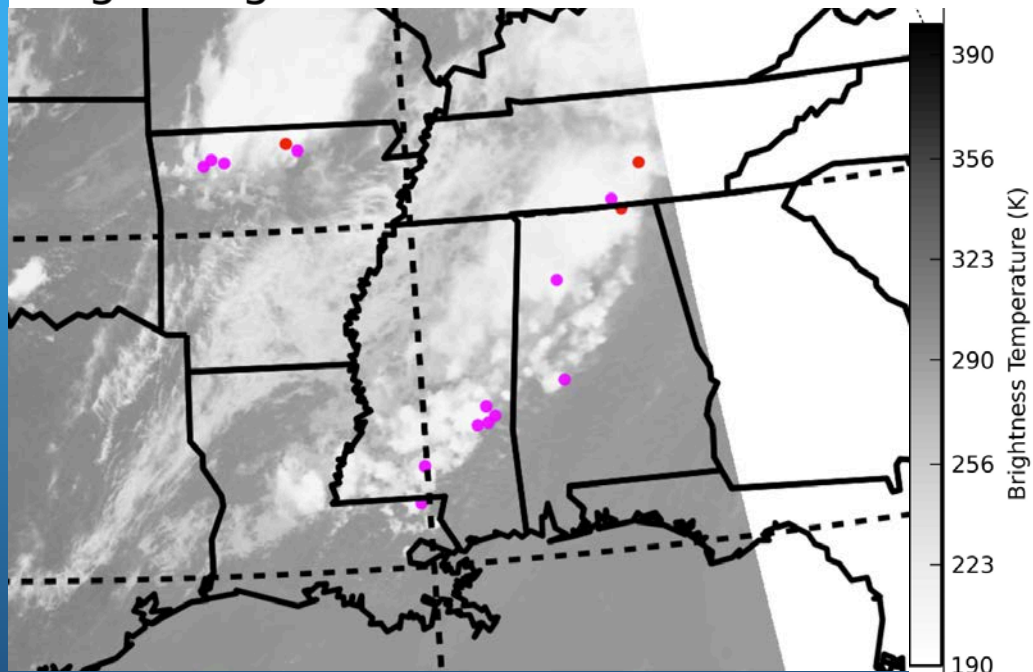
- Identifies potentially dangerous convection that protrudes into the stratosphere.
- Using NASA Scientist Dr. Kris Bedka algorithm applied to IR bands.
- Creates output product images that include areal coverage of danger of lightning and turbulence.

## **Infusing satellite Data into Environmental Applications - International (IDEA-I)**

- Globally configurable package for Air Quality Forecasters
- MODIS Aerosol Pollution forecast trajectories, using MOD04 products with web interface and control of animations.
- AIRS Stratospheric Ozone intrusions trajectories, using AIRS upper tropospheric ozone retrievals with web interface and control of animations.



## Lightning Risk: 2017-06-23 at 19:41 UTC



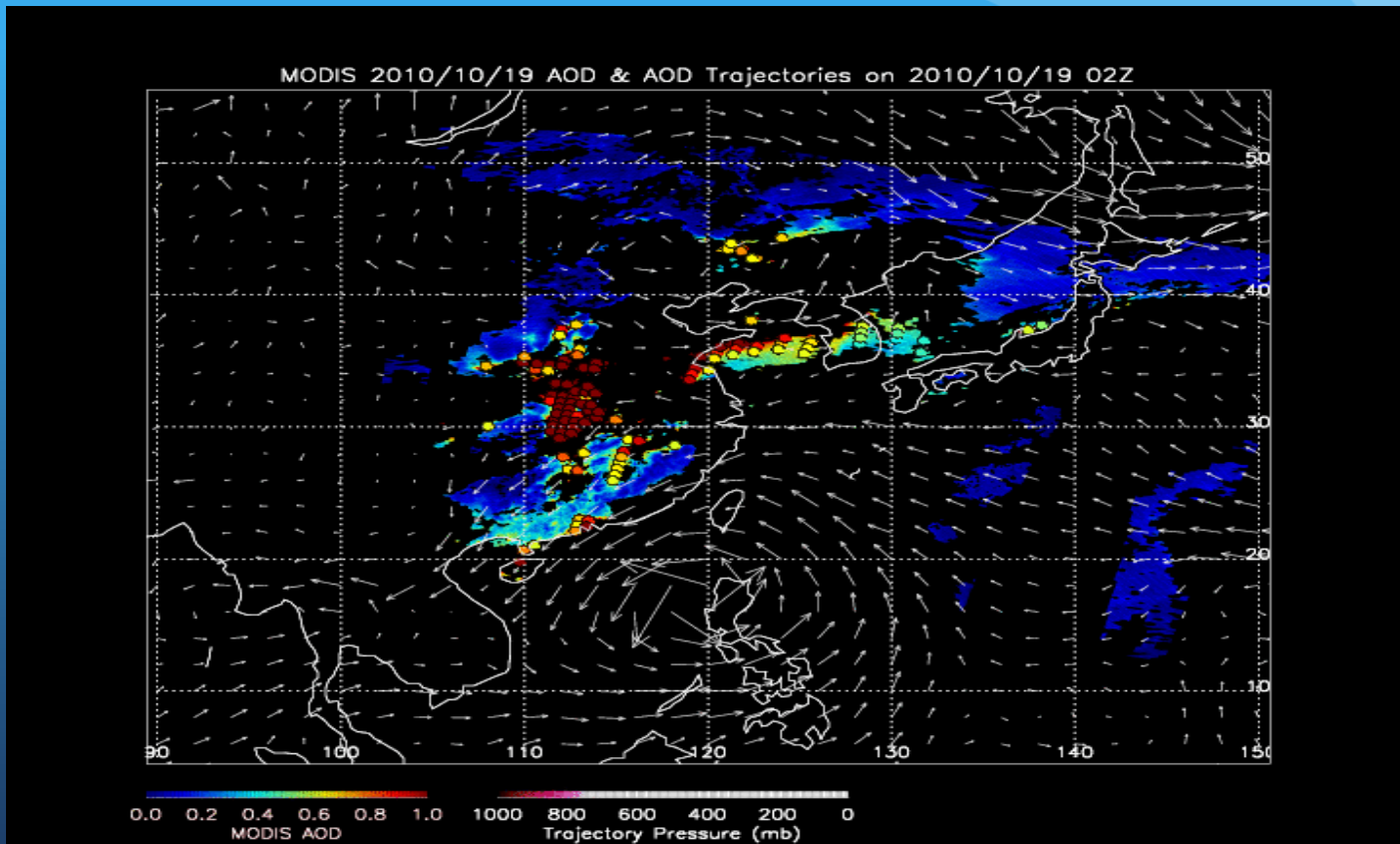
70 65 50 35  
Lightning Risk within 10 km of overshooting top (%)

IMAPP  
Overshooting  
Top Lightning  
Risk Image  
Product





# IDEA-I Trajectory 48 hour forecast





# IDEA-I

Infusing satellite  
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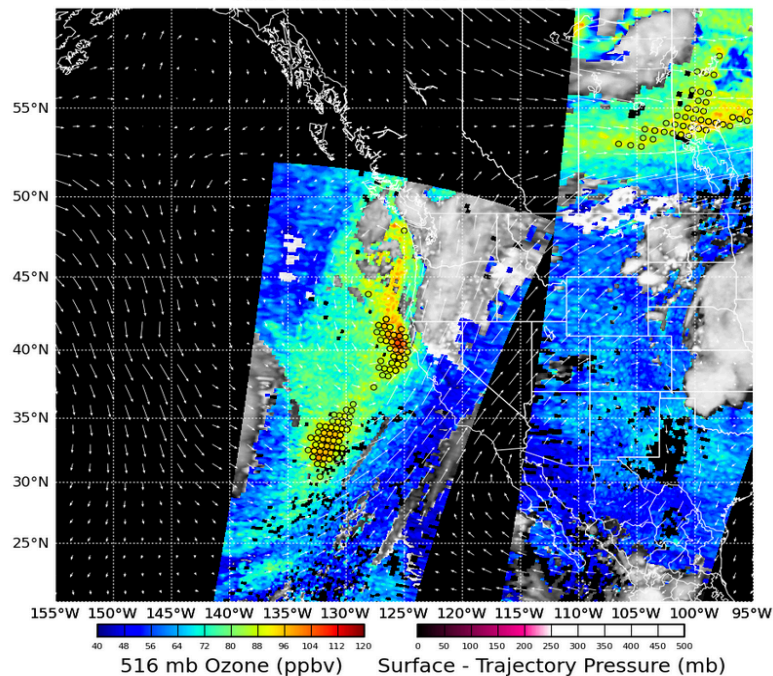
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## Ozone Forward Trajectory Forecast

Sensor: ☒ AIRS ☐ CrIS ☐ IASI » Node: ☐ Ascend ☒ Descend » Date: 18-Jun-2016

AIRS Ozone & Ozone Trajectories on 2016-06-18 09Z  
AIRS swath start times: 848Z 1029Z

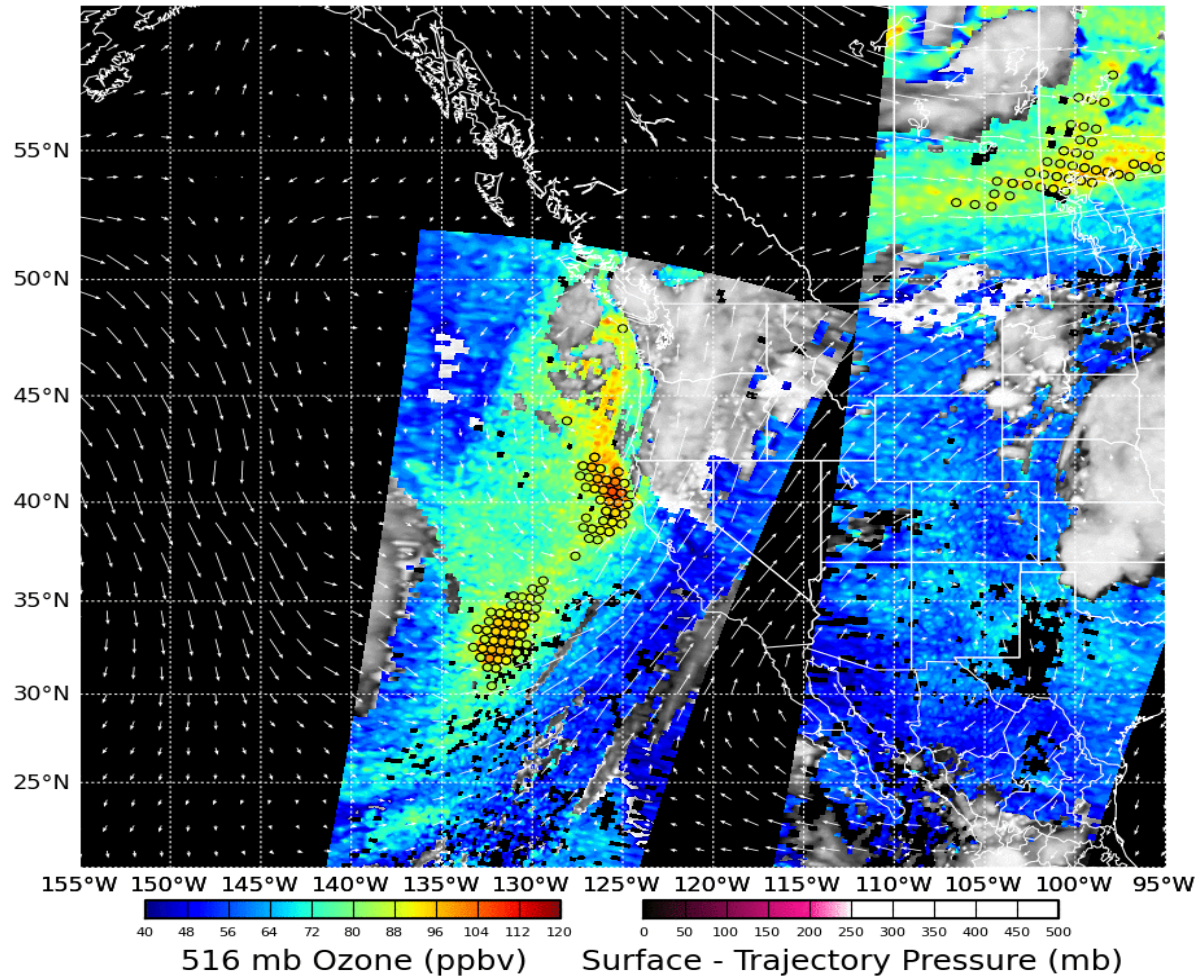


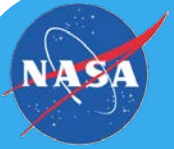
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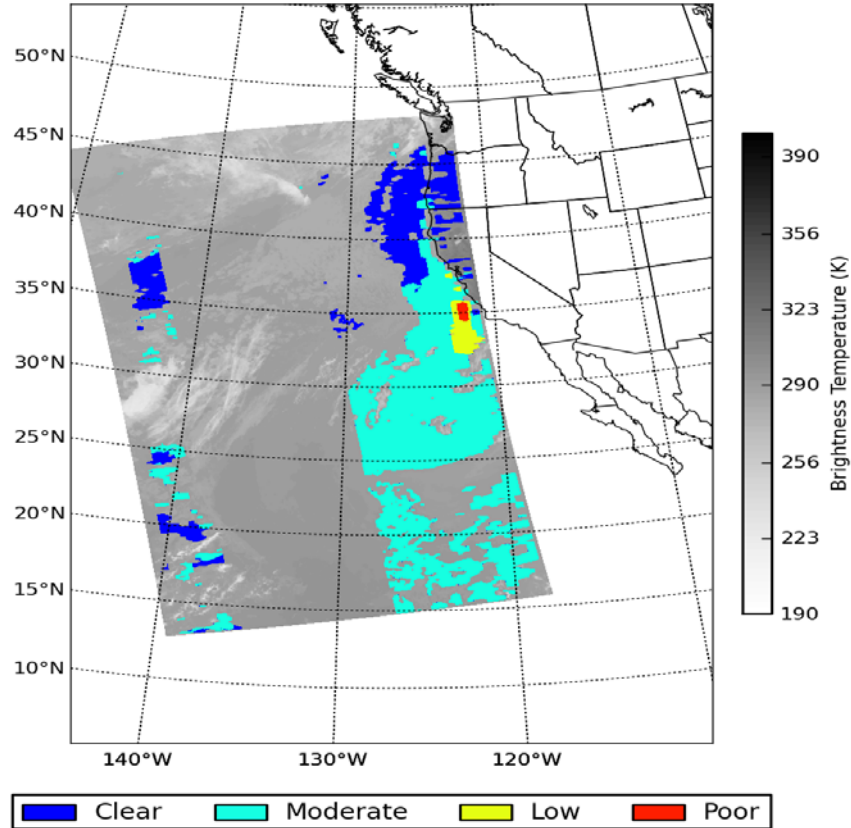


## Visibility Products - Aviation Applications

- Aerosol Visibility Product - Brad Pierce - NOAA/STAR
- Fog/Low Status Product
  - Aviation Visibility output products - Software provided by Michael Pavolonis -NOAA/STAR



Aerosol Visibility: 2016-06-21 at 22:01 UTC

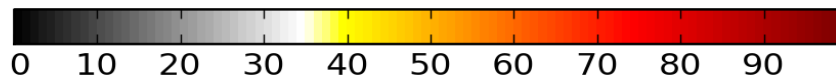
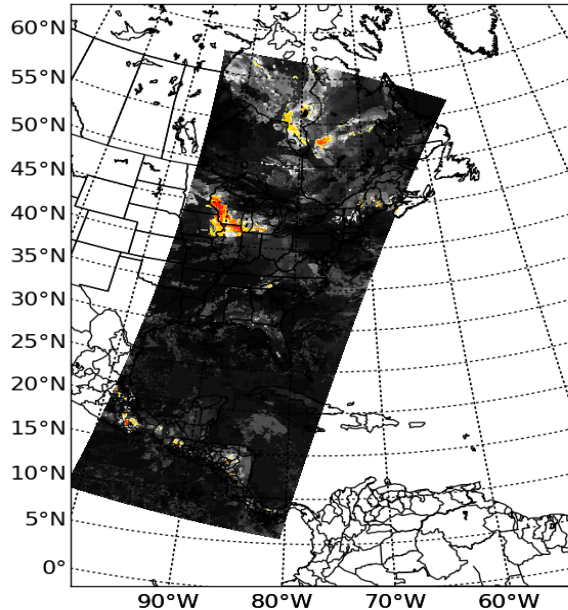


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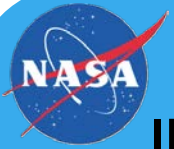


LIFR fog probability: 2016-06-23 at 07:27 UTC



MODIS Fog and Low Stratus Product





# Suite of Products



## IMAPP Virtual Appliance

- A complete free Aqua and Terra DB processing system (Level 0 to Level 2 products plus quicklooks) in the form of a Virtual Appliance which can be installed and run on:
  - Microsoft Windows (7, Vista, XP)
  - Linux
  - Apple OS X
- Uses most of the freely available software that is available from IMAPP, SeaDAS and NASA DRL
- Easy to install and run full-featured processing system Level 0 - Level 2 plus browse images



# IMAPP Training Workshops



# Global Direct Broadcast Application Workshops



- Promote the local use of satellite data
  - Lectures and hands-on labs determined by student interest/needs
  - Lectures, labs, data and software freely distributed

<http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/dbs>

- How can the data inform decision making?
  - Remote sensing complemented by local knowledge
- Encourages international collaborations both between NASA/global science community as well as and community to community
- Teach the principles of remote sensing to foster the next generation of scientists



## Timeline of DB Training Courses



- 2004 - Nanjing, China
- 2004 - Perth, Australia
- 2005 - Taipei, Taiwan
- 2005 - Beijing, China
- 2006 - Andenes, Norway
- 2006 - Pretoria, South Africa
- 2007 - Cachoeira Paulista, Brazil as part of **GEOSS**
- 2009 - Stellenbosch University, South Africa
  - IGARSS Short Course 4: MODIS direct broadcast data for enhanced forecasting and real-time environmental decision making**
- 2011 - June - Shanghai, China
- 2011 - September - Indonesia
  - WMO Region V Training workshop on satellite applications for meteorology and climatology**
- 2013 - September - Honolulu, Hawaii
  - Hawaii VIIRS / MODIS Direct Broadcast Applications Workshop**
- 2015 - February - Miami, Florida
  - AOML Miami VIIRS / MODIS Direct Broadcast Applications Workshop**
- 2016 - April - Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
  - Mayaguez Direct Broadcast Applications Workshop - NOAA CREST**
- 2016 - October - Korea as part of the 7th Asia/Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users' Conference (AOMSUC-7)
- 2016 - November - University of Moscow, Russia
- 2017 - June - Hampton University, Virginia, USA



# Hampton University Direct Broadcast Applications Workshop 6-9 June 2017





## **Hampton University Satellite Direct Broadcast Workshop: Polar Orbiter Satellites in Support of Real-Time Environmental Applications**

**Location: Hampton University, Virginia**

**Date: 6-9 June 2017**

### **Workshop Agenda**

**Day One   Polar Orbiter Imager Sensors - including MODIS and VIIRS**  
**6 June 2017   Kathy Strabala and Jessica Braun**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Lecture:** Introduction to Polar-Orbiting Satellites and Sensors

- Properties of Polar-Orbiting Satellite sensors
- Bowtie effects and data aggregation
- SDR and Level 1B products and formats
- Software for visualization of SDRs and Level 1B files
- Overview of Direct Broadcast system at Hampton University
- Overview of Software for SDR and L1B file generation
- CSPP – Community Satellite Processing Package

**Noon – 1:00 PM   Group Lunch and Loading of Lab Data onto Laptops**

**1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Lab Session:** Exploring MODIS and VIIRS L1B data in Hydra

- Learning Hydra
- Exploring S-NPP SDR and MODIS L1B using direct broadcast data
- Exploring VIIRS Day/Night Band Capabilities.









# Funding

- 3 year cycle ended 6 June 2017
- Cost extension provided through November, 2017
- New NASA ROSES amendment includes real time algorithms for Aqua, Terra and S-NPP



# IMAPP Short Term Updates

- IMAPP MODIS Level 2 Atmosphere Products
  - Update algorithms to NASA Collect 6.1
- New DBVM Version 3.0
- New AIRS/AMSU Version 6 L1 and Version 5 L2 from JPL
- New Version of the IMAPP wms
  - See Sam Batzli talk on RealEarth (Thursday)



# What do we see in the future?



- Addition of support for S-NPP (and JPSS-1)
  - Kris Bedka Overshooting Tops for VIIRS?
- BRDF product update with Crystal Schaaf (Boston University)
- Improve latency of processing
- Focus on Applications software
  - Aniko's winter wheat yield and forecast algorithm?
  - Replace DBCRAS NWP model with WRF
  - Update to IDEA-I using high spatial resolution trajectory model
- More Direct Broadcast Workshops!
  - Leads to numerous long-lasting collaborations



# Questions?

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