McIDAS Program Status

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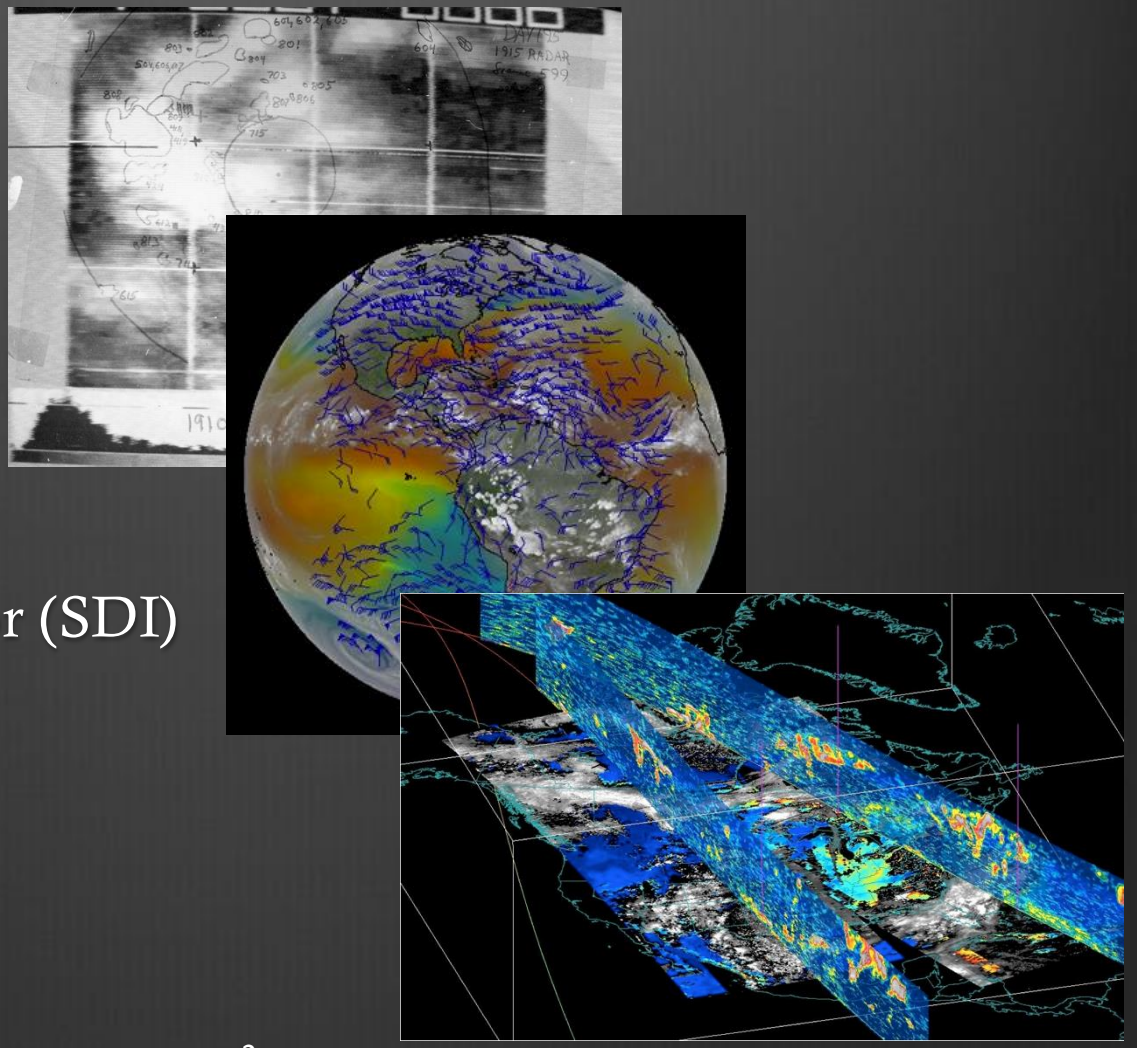
McIDAS Status

- McIDAS-X
- McIDAS-XCD
- McIDAS-XRD
- McIDAS-V
- SSEC Data Ingestor (SDI)



McIDAS-X Current

- Periodic updates (1-2 times per year)
- Improvements to display
  - More channel combination tools (RGB)
  - Product enhancements
- Capability with newest and future satellites:
  - ADDE server for MTG Flexible Combined Imager (FCI) and Lightning Imager (LI)
  - ADDE server for Metop-SG METimage

ADDE Servers

- Implementing Python-based ADDE servers
  - Easier for others to write servers
    - Servers based on Satpy, which has readers for many different types of satellite data
  - Compatible with McIDAS-X and –V

McIDAS-X Future

- MUG responsible for general improvements, bug fixes, maintenance (updates for current and new satellites), and OS and external library updates
  - Considering current Korean satellite GEO-KOMPSAT-2
  - Planning Metop-SG (Second Generation) METimage server, which is the replacement for the current Metop AVHRR series
- Unique enhancements continue to be funded outside the MUG and code contributed by internal projects and external sites
- McIDAS-X is expected to be supported into the 2030s for the GOES-R series satellites. No sunset date in sight.
  - Beginning to look into the next series (2030s to 2050s): Geostationary Extended Observations (GeoXO)

McIDAS-XCD
Conventional Data

- Ingest conventional weather data from NOAAPORT
- Stay tuned for Kevin's talk on the status of *McIDAS-XCD*

McIDAS-XRD
Research and Development

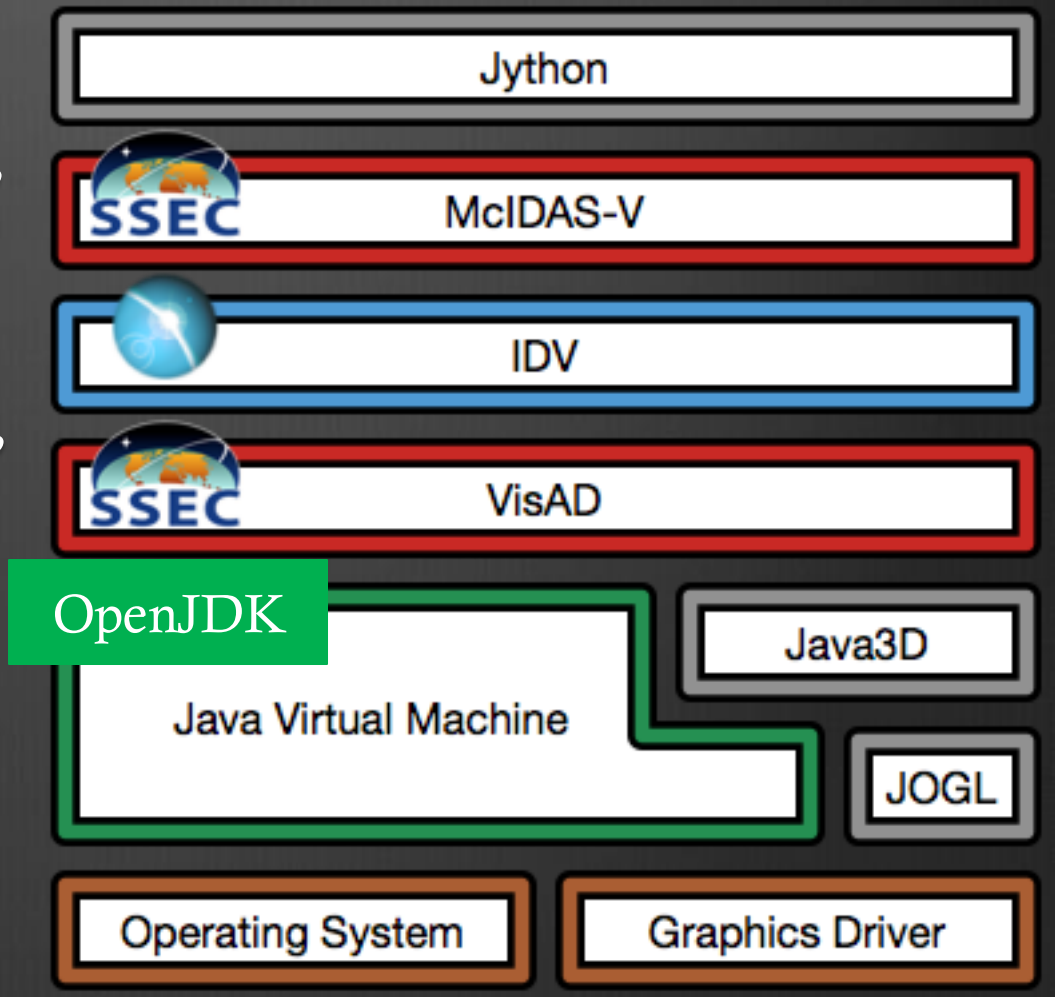
- A collection of R&D code that is not formally tested by McIDAS User Services:
  - Over 100 McIDAS commands
  - Over 15 ADDE servers
  - Testing is limited to ensuring code builds on supported platforms
  - Occasionally promote to core
- Status: Current support level continues
- Future: Coincides with McIDAS-X future

SDI
SSEC Data Ingestor

- SDI (SSEC Desktop Ingestor) 1997 - 2005
- SDI-104 (SSEC Data Ingestor) 2005 – ?
- SDI-GRB Appliance 2016 - ?
- Status: SDI-GRB fully supported; SDI-104 limited support
- Future:
  - SDI-104: Limited support while GOES GVAR satellites are operational or backup
  - SDI-GRB Appliance: throughout the GOES-R era

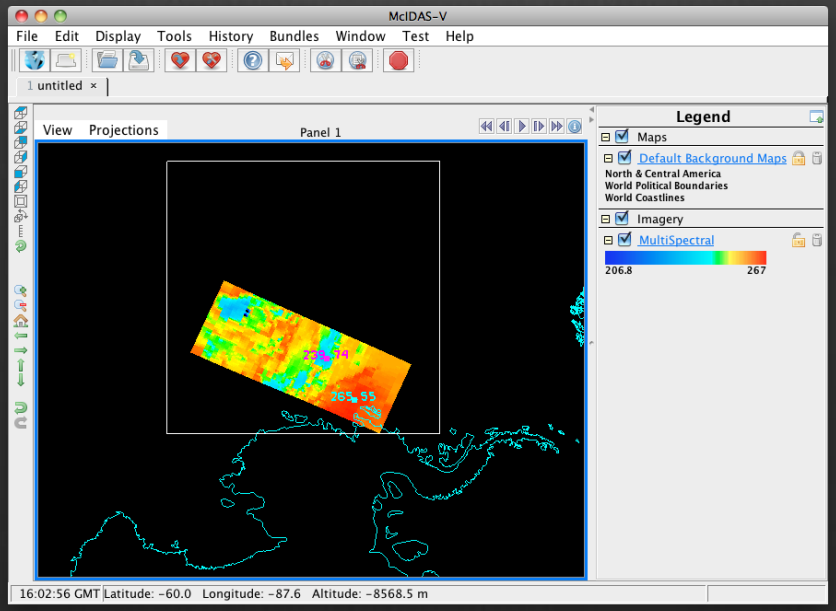
McIDAS-V Status

- Major components by Unidata, SSEC, OpenJDK, open source community
- Additional components include file format libraries, math libraries, packaging and build utilities; all open source
- OS vendors Linux, Windows, Mac
- Hardware drivers from manufacturers



McIDAS-V Funding

- MUG
- CIMSS grant from VIIRS Imagery Team through 2025
- On the watch for other proposal opportunities (e.g., NASA)

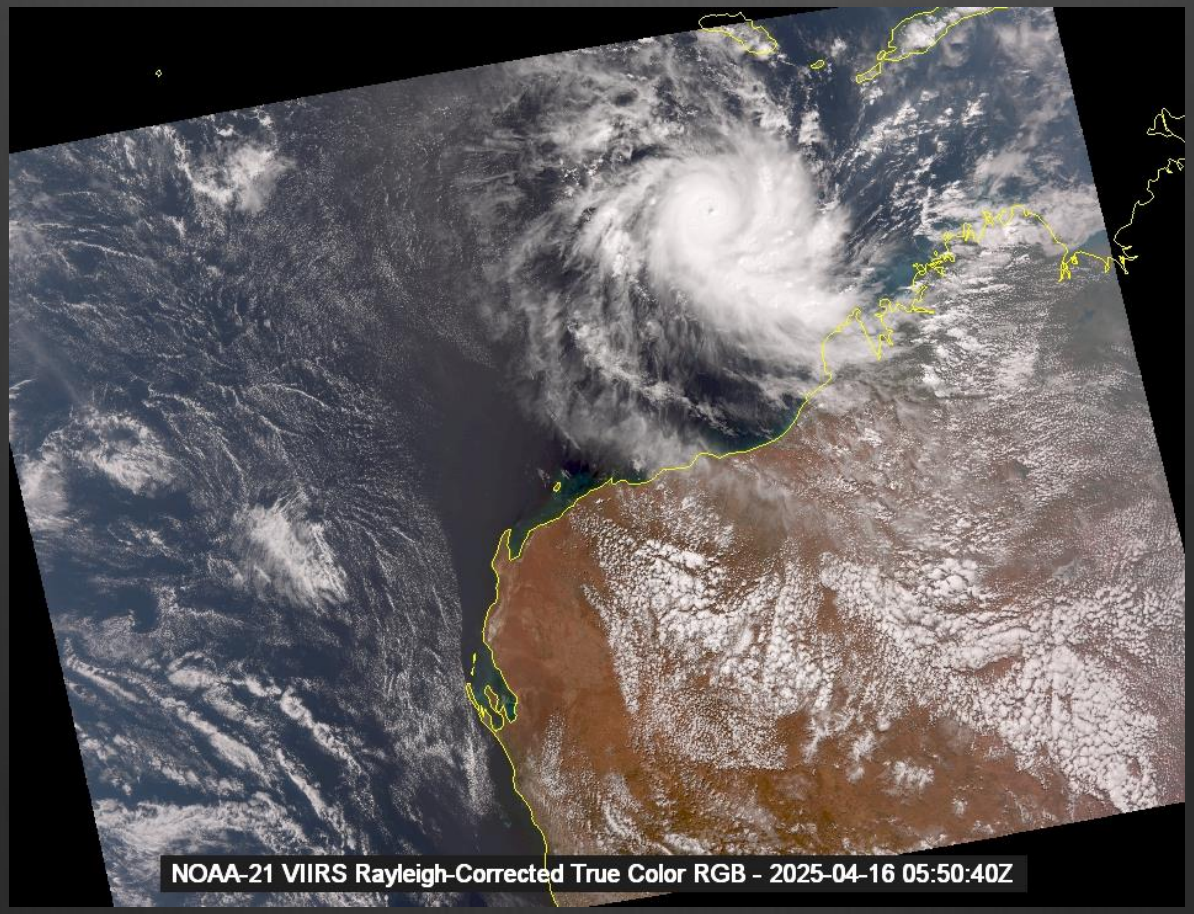


McIDAS-V
MUG Support

- User-level Infrastructure: User interface, scripting
- Bug fixes: Prioritize, coordinate internally and with Unidata
- Testing
- Documentation: Includes maintaining tutorials
- Help Desk: Includes maintaining forums

McIDAS-V
CIMSS Grants

Rayleigh corrected VIIRS true color images

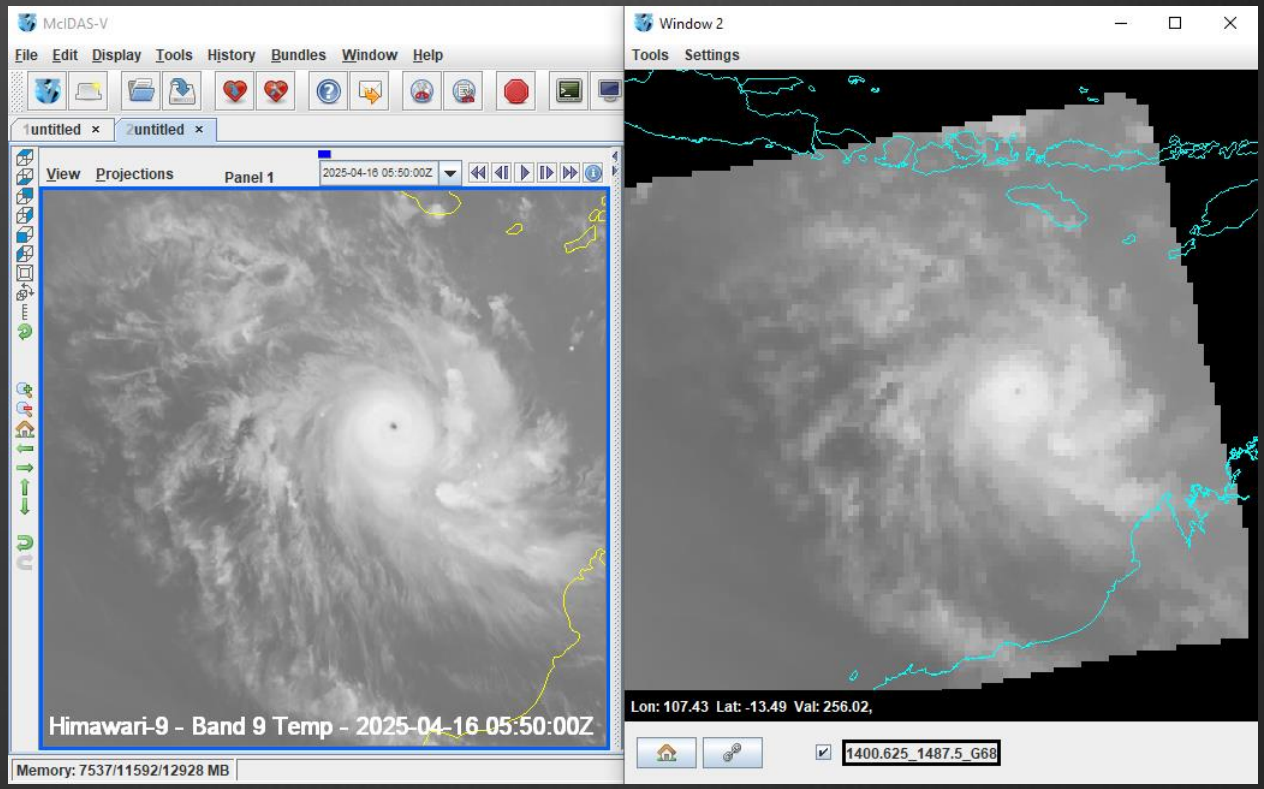


McIDAS-V
CIMSS Grants

CrIS visualization and *channel* combinations to create simulated imager *bands*

Left: Himawari AHI band 9 (6.9 μm water vapor band) brightness temperature

Right: Convolved CrIS channels simulating AHI band 9



McIDAS-V Priorities

- Fix Critical and Quick bugs (MUG, Unidata)
- Incorporate enhancements from CIMSS projects, especially those that are not possible in McIDAS-X (CIMSS, MUG)
- Ensure new data sources are usable (MUG, CIMSS)
  - Geo and Leo missions
  - Test with new data in standard formats (netCDF, HDF, BUFR, GRIB)
- Maintain compatibility with Unidata's IDV (Unidata, MUG)

McIDAS-V Future

- Continue to engage new researchers:
  - Workshops and training
  - Classroom
- Appeal to researchers:
  - Input/output data formats
  - Scripting
  - More data fusion
- Distributed as a signed application
  - Compliance with ever-changing OS security standards