

GPM, TRMM, and Other Global Precipitation Products and Services at NASA GES DISC

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Introduction

- Precipitation is a key environmental variable. For example, in agriculture, precipitation, temperature, water (soil moisture), solar radiation, NDVI, etc., are key variables.
- Rainfed agriculture major farming practices that rely on rainfall for water.
- Rainfed agriculture: >95% of farmed land (sub-Saharan Africa); 90% (Latin America); 75% (Near East and North Africa); 65% (East Asia); 60% (South Asia).
- Droughts and floods can cause severe crop loss.
- The Goddard Earth Sciences (GES) Data and Information Services Center (DISC), one of 12 NASA data centers, is located in Greenbelt, Maryland, USA.
- The NASA GES DISC is a major data archive center for global precipitation, water & energy cycles, atmospheric composition, and climate variability.



In Kenya 2016 http://venturesafrica.com/kenya-battles-drought/



In the U.S. https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/heat-droughtcontinues-threaten-us-corn-crops/





- GPM (Global Precipitation Measurement)
- TRMM (Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission)
- GPCP (Global Precipitation Climatology Project) of MEaSUREs
- MERRA-2 (Modern-Era Retrospective analysis for Research and Applications, Version 2)
- NLDAS (North America Land Data Assimilation System)
- FLDAS (Famine Early Warning System Network Land Data Assimilation System)
- GLDAS (Global Land Data Assimilation System).





Global Precipitation Products (more details)

- Single sensor (microwave, radar, and combined instrument) products from TRMM (1997 2015; 40° N-S) and GPM (2014 present; 65° N-S): orbital and gridded
- TRMM Multi-satellite Precipitation Analysis (TMPA, 0.25-deg. 3-hr, monthly, 1998 present; 50° (60° NRT) N-S)
- Integrated Multi-satellitE Retrievals for GPM (IMERG, NRT and research, 0.1-deg., 0.5-hr, monthly, 2014 – present), Version 05. Retrospective processing (back to the TRMM era, available soon).
- GPCP (Global Precipitation Climatology Project). Version 3 is coming soon.
- GLDAS (Global Land Data Assimilation System, 0.25-deg., 3-hourly and 1-deg., monthly, 1948-2010 (v 2.0), 2000-present (v 2.1))
- NLDAS (North America Land Data Assimilation System, 0.125-deg., hourly and monthly, 1979 present)
- FLDAS (Famine Early Warning System Network Land Data Assimilation System, 0.1 deg., daily, monthly, 1982 present)
- MERRA-2 (Modern-Era Retrospective analysis for Research and Applications, Version-2, 0.5 x 0.625 deg. hourly, 3-hourly, monthly, 1980-present)





- TMPA (PMW, IR, GPCC, etc.)
- IMERG (PMW, IR, GPCC, etc.)
- GPCC (gauges only, sampling)
- GPCP (PMW, IR, GPCC, etc.)
- GLDAS (TMPA, PERSIANN, CMAP, CMORPH, NRL, GTS)
- MERRA-2 (CMAP, GPCP)





- Over oceans, passive microwave (PMW) retrievals are found to rival radar retrievals. Over land, it is more difficult (variations of the surface emissivity, in particular over snow and ice)
- IR techniques relate cloud top temperatures to surface rainfall (underestimation of warm rain, false alarms for anvils and thick cirrus clouds with cloud brightness temperatures)
- Precipitation radar: Attenuation correction, complex terrain and minimum detectable signals (snow, light rain, etc.)
- Algorithm changes; multi-satellite, multi-sensor, multi-algorithms, etc.
- Complex terrains, orographic effect, snow and ice surface, lacking gauges and radars, light rain, blowing snow, etc.
- Lack of ground observations for bias correction
- A challenge to capture and document data quality information.
- Effective communication with users.





- NASA/JAXA mission (Nov. 1997 – Apr. 2015) to monitor and study tropical rainfall
- Precipitation related instruments (TMI, PR, LIS, VIRS)
- Orbital and gridded datasets
- Single sensor, multi-sensor, multi-satellite datasets.





GPM (Global Precipitation Measurement)

- NASA/JAXA mission (Feb. 2014 present) to monitor and study global precipitation (rain and snow)
- Quantify rainfall rates from 0.22 mm h⁻¹ to 110 mm h⁻¹ (60 mm h⁻¹ for microwave imager) and detect falling snow at instrument footprint scales (from Walter Petersen)
- Precipitation related instruments (GMI, PR)
- GPM constellation of international satellites
- Orbital and gridded datasets. Single sensor, multi-sensor, multi-satellite datasets.





Data Services (How to find data?)



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Data Services (cont.)

- TRMM, GPM, NLDAS, GLDAS, MERRA
- precipitation, soil moisture, temperature, etc.





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Data Services (cont.)

Explore...

Data Collections -

ions - TRMM

Browse Data by Category -

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Aerosols Air Quality Altitude Atmospheric Chemistry Atmospheric Phenomena Atmospheric Pressure Atmospheric Radiation Atmospheric Temperature Atmospheric Water Vapor Atmospheric Winds Atmospheric/Ocean Indicators Clouds Cryospheric Indicators **Ecological Dynamics** Ecosystems Frozen Ground Glaciers/Ice Sheets Ground Water

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■ Data Collections - trmm



Atmospheric Composition, Water & Energy Cycles and Climate Variability

Data Collections Showing 1 - 25 of 71 datasets associated with trmm

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Data Services (cont.)

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Data Collections - 3b43

Atmospheric Composition, Water & Energy Cycles

and Climate Variability

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TRMM_3B43: TRMM (TMPA/3B43) Rainfall Estimate L3 1 month 0.25 degree x 0.25 degree V7



The 3B43 dataset is the monthly version of the 3B42 dataset.

This product is created using TRMM-adjusted merged microwave-infrared precipitation rate (in mm/hr) and root-mean-square (RMS) precipitation-error estimates.

It provides a ?best? precipitation estimate in a latitude band covering 500 N to 500 S, an expansion of the TRMM region, from all global data sources, namely high-quality microwave data, infrared data, and analyses of rain gauges. The granule size is one month.



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		DOI:	10.5067/TRMM/TMPA/MONTH/7
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		Temporal:	1 month





- Dataset and information search
- Subsetting (spatial and parameter)
- Format conversion (NetCDF, ASCII)
- Time series (Data Rods)
- Machine to machine (OPeNDAP, https, THREDDS, GDS)
- GIS support (in-house GIS specialists)
- Online visualization and analysis (explore and evaluate datasets without downloading software and data)





Data Services (cont.)

Projects & Missions

Cloud Absorption Radiometer (CAR)

The Cloud Absorption Radiometer (CAR) is an airborne multi-wavelength scanning radiometer that can perform several functions including: d...

MEaSUREs

MEaSUREs: Making Earth System Data Records for Use in Research Environments, is a NASA project, solicited through Research Opportunities in ...

SSBU

The Shuttle Solar Backscatter Ultraviolet (SSBUV), nearly identical to Nimbus-7 SBUV and NOAA SBUV/2 instruments flown on eight space shuttl...

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Lake Oroville Precipitation, February 1-10, 2017

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Release of GPS Radio Occultation Boundary Layer Depth Products Oct 25, 2018



OCO-2 Releases Lite product V9r Oct 17, 2018



New Version 01 TSIS-1 Level 3 Products Released to Public Oct 5, 2018

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Science Focus Areas

Atmospheric Composition Water & Energy Cycles Climate Variability

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AIRS NRT Viewer
OGC Web Map Service
OPeNDAP and GDS

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Console





- FAQs, How-To (recipes), Glossary, etc.
- Social media (Twitter, YouTube, User Forum)
- Help desk (phone, email, online feedback)
- Training materials (ARSET => Applied Remote Sensing Training)





Giovanni (<u>https://giovanni.gsfc.nasa.gov</u>) - Data visualization

and analysis without downloading data and software)

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Example (Hurricane Maria)



Source: NASA Worldview

Total IMERG-Final rainfall map (in mm) in Puerto Rico (top right) and difference maps (in mm) between IMERG-Early and IMERG-Final (middle) and between IMERG-Early and IMERG-Late (bottom) on September 20, 2017. Time Averaged Map of Daily accumulated precipitation (combined microwave-IR) estimate - Final Run daily 0.1 deg. [GPM GPM_3IMERGDF v05] mm over 2017-09-20, Region 67.4341W, 17.8235N, 65.5444W, 18.6365N



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Example (California Droughts)





NLDAS Total Precipitation Anomaly in Giovanni





Summary

- Global and regional precipitation datasets (satellite-based and data assimilation)
- Other datasets are available (temperature, wind, soil moisture, etc.)
- Data services (search, subsetting, format conversion, GIS, etc.)
- Giovanni (online tool for visualization, analysis, evaluation, etc.)
- User services





- Data information and services: <u>https://disc.gsfc.nasa.gov/</u> Search for: TRMM (GPM, TRMM, IMERG, NLDAS, GLDAS, MERRA)
- Giovanni: <u>https://giovanni.gsfc.nasa.gov</u> or Google search "NASA giovanni" Search for "GPM", "TRMM", "MERRA", "GLDAS"
- Comments and suggestions: <u>gsfc-help-</u> <u>disc@lists.nasa.gov</u>

