Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) mission

Precipitation Processing System (PPS)

GPM Mission Gridded Text Products

Provide Surface Precipitation Retrievals

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Obtaining All GPM Mission products

- **Must be a registered PPS user**
  - Register at URL: [http://registration.pps.eosdis.nasa.gov](http://registration.pps.eosdis.nasa.gov)
  - Must provide information
    - Valid, reachable email
    - Affiliation
    - GPM product interest
  - Will receive an email to the registered address and must then validate

- **Registered email address is username AND password for both the query and search interface**
  - STORM: [http://storm.pps.eosdis.nasa.gov](http://storm.pps.eosdis.nasa.gov)
  - ftp location: arthurhou.pps.eosdis.nasa.gov

- **All data included gridded text products are online and available in either of the ways**

- **Ftp access is really a special anonymous ftp implementation.**
  - For Linux and MAC it is possible to make a .netrc entry
  - Such an entry will facilitate access via scripts without requiring manual entry of username and password.
## GPM Production Swath Products

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Gorbit- Southernmost part of orbit to southernmost
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<td>I-MERG 30-minute (.1 x .1 grid) (early and Late)</td>
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- 1C for each contributing radiometer (size depending upon instrument)
- GPROF for each contributing radiometer (size depending upon instrument)
Background of Gridded Text Product

- First provided during the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM) (3G series of products) to provide just surface precipitation retrievals in an easy to use format

- Was determined that space delimited fields of ASCII text terminated by a newline character was the easiest to use

- In TRMM the 3G products had an internal compression scheme that made lines have different number of fields on a line.
  - NOT done in GPM gridded text product
  - In GPM gridded text product every line always has same number of fields

- In TRMM text products so become among the most popular products for users

- Basic objectives
  - Keep format simple
  - Provide just basic information about the surface precipitation
  - Maintain hourly information (helps with diurnal studies)
  - Package as a daily file to minimize number of download necessary
  - Use information from the swath products directly
Content of GPM Gridded Text Products

- Details of product including calculations used in poster 2015-1387
- Five lines of metadata describing the product
- Hourly grids at .25 deg x .25 deg

Each data line contains
- Row number of global grid, column number of global grid
- Hour (starting at 0), Minute (starting at 0)
- Four surface precipitation retrievals in grid box
  - GMI GPROF
  - KU
  - DPR matched (Ku/Ka) swath (dual-frequency retrieval)
  - Combined matched (GMI/Ku/Ka) swath
- Each retrieval type (of the four used) has:
  - Total pixels
  - Number of precipitating pixels
  - Mean precipitation rate
  - Convective fraction
  - Liquid fraction
  - Retrieval quality
Available tools for the Gridded Text Products

- **Tool High-resolution Observation Review (THOR)**
  - Data viewing and analysis tool
  - Allows looking through the gridded text product and finding the value of variables
  - See image (next slide)
  - Download URL: pps.gsfc.nasa.gov

- **Combining tool**
  - C programs
  - Allows combining all the daily gridded text products into a single file
  - Can retain the hourly grids or collapse all hours into a single hour grid (thereby providing a total aggregation)
  - If interested email: erich.f.stocker@nasa.gov
  - Within 6 months will be available in python
Example of THOR with Gridded Text Product
Plans for Future Gridded Text Products

- Current plans call for two additional type of gridded text products to be produced in time for the first major GPM reprocessing in September 2015

- **GPROF retrievals from partner constellation microwave conical scanning radiometers**
  - SSMIS (F16-F19)
  - AMSR2
  - This expected to be available by the beginning of August

- **GPROF retrievals from partner constellation cross track radiometers**
  - MHS (NOAA18, NOAA19, MetopA, MetopB)
  - Saphir
  - ATMS
  - Not expected to be ready until September