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Quick Google Poll

POLL1

- How do you access GOES-R satellite data today?
  - On-prem via NOAA
  - Cloud
  - Both/ Either
  - 3rd party/Web-based Viewer
  - None/ Other

POLL2

- My primary goal for attending today is:
  - Technical use and access of GOES-R data
  - To learn about cloud access to data (e.g. NODD Program)
  - Meet and engage with NOAA staff scientists
  - Learn about Microsoft Cloud access and tools
NODD Disseminates NOAA Line Office Data

Open & Free

NOAA data is growing exponentially...

FULL & OPEN PUBLIC ACCESS

Catalyzes innovation in environmental services

Enables interoperability

TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION

Reduces stress on NOAA's on-premise dissemination systems

Improves services for Users

- Open data with value to the public
- No use restrictions or user registration
- Appropriate Metadata included

Supports Federal Data Strategy & Evidence Act

Open Data Requirements

No egress costs

ENABLES & ENGAGES USERS

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GOES-R (GOES-16) - Launched on November 19, 2016 at 6:42 p.m. EST
- Replaced GOES-13 as the operational GOES-East satellite on December 18, 2017
- Located at 75.2 degrees west

GOES-S (GOES-17) - Launched on March 1, 2018 at 5:02 p.m. EST
- Replaced GOES-15 as the operational GOES-West satellite on February 12, 2019
- Relocated to storage at 104.7 degrees west following it’s replacement as GOES-West

GOES-T (GOES-18) - Launched on March 1, 2022 at 4:38 p.m. EST
- Replaced GOES-17 as the operational GOES-West satellite on January 4, 2023
- Located at 137 degrees west

GOES-U scheduled to be launched in April 2024
- Carries a new sun-facing instrument called Compact Coronagraph (CCOR)
- Will be renamed GOES-19 and replace GOES-16 as the operational GOES-East satellite

GOES-R Series Instruments
- Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI)
- Geostationary Lightning Mapper (GLM)
- Extreme Ultraviolet X-Ray Irradiance Sensor (EXIS)
- Magnetometer (MAG)
- Space Environmental In-Situ Suite (SEISS)
- Solar Ultraviolet Imager (SUVI)
GOES Constellation

Current

- GOES-West
  - GOES-18
  - 137.0°W
- Co-Standby
  - GOES-14
  - 108.2°W
- Standby
  - GOES-17
  - 104.7°W
- GOES-East
  - GOES-16
  - 75.2°W

GOES-U

- GOES-West
  - GOES-18
  - 137.0°W
- Co-Standby
  - GOES-14
  - 108.2°W
- Standby
  - GOES-17
  - 104.7°W
- Checkout
  - GOES-U/19
  - 89.5° West
- GOES-East
  - GOES-16
  - 75.2°W

Post-Launch Testing
GOES-R Ground Segment Product Portfolio

**ABI L1b in GRB, PDA, CLASS, NODD**
- Radiances
- GLM L2 in GRB, PDA, CLASS, NODD
- Lightning: Events, Groups, Flashes
- SEISS L1b in GRB, PDA, CLASS, NODD
  - Energetic Heavy Ions
  - Magnetospheric e/p*: Low Energy
  - Magnetospheric e/p*: High Energy
  - Solar & Galactic Protons
- EXIS L1b in GRB, PDA, CLASS, NODD
  - Solar Flux: EUV
  - Solar Flux: X-ray Irradiance
- SUVI L1b in GRB, PDA, CLASS, NODD
  - Solar EUV Imagery
- GMAG L1b in GRB, PDA, CLASS, NODD
  - Geomagnetic Field

**ABI L2+ Products in PDA, AWIPS, CLASS, NODD**
- Cloud and Moisture Imagery (CMI) and Sectorized CMI (KPP)
- Aerosol Detection (Smoke & Dust)
- Aerosol Optical Depth
- Clear Sky Mask *
- Cloud Cover Layers *
- Cloud Optical Depth *
- Cloud Particle Size Distribution *
- Cloud Top Height *
- Cloud Top Phase *
- Cloud Top Pressure *
- Cloud Top Temperature *
- Derived Motion Winds
- Derived Stability Indices
- Downward S/W Radiation: Surface

Legend: * Enterprise Algorithm

Some products also delivered via HRIT/EMWIN and GNC-A

**GLM L2+ Products in AWIPS**
- Gridded Flash Extent Density, Minimum Flash Area, Total Optical Energy
- Ice Age & Thickness *
- Ice Concentration & Extent *
- Ice Motion *
- Land Surface Albedo *
- Land Surface Reflectance *
- Land Surface Temperature *
- Legacy Vertical Moisture Profile
- Legacy Vertical Temperature Profile
- Rainfall Rate/QPE
- Reflected S/W Radiation: TOA
- Sea Surface Temperature
- Snow Cover *
- Total Precipitable Water

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The Cryosphere
The cryosphere collectively describes elements of the earth system containing water in its frozen state and includes:

- solid precipitation,
- snow cover,
- sea ice,
- lake and river ice,
- glaciers,
- ice caps,
- ice sheets,
- ice shelves,
- permafrost,
- and seasonally frozen ground.

The cryosphere is global, ~100 countries.
Impacts of a Changing Cryosphere

Changes in ice impact shipping, fisheries, coasts, wildlife, and weather
Impacts of a Changing Cryosphere

Changes in snow cover and temperature impact water supply, agriculture, infrastructure, wildlife, and weather.
Impacts of a Changing Cryosphere

Changes in ice sheets affect sea level, which impacts coasts.
The Cryosphere in NOAA/NESDIS

- River and lake ice
- Sea ice
- Snow

- Ice sheets, ice caps, ice shelves
- Permafrost and seasonally-frozen ground
- Glaciers
Operational ABI Snow and Ice Products

Products:
- Snow cover, binary (Peter Romanov)
- Snow fraction
- Ice concentration (Yinghui Liu)
- Ice surface temperature (intermediate product)
- Ice thickness and age (Xuanji Wang)
- Ice motion (not covered here)
GOES-R ABI Snow Products

Two Products: **Binary Snow** and **Snow Fraction**
- Binary Snow: Yes/No characterization of snow cover
- Snow Fraction: Fraction of snow within sensor FOV (subpixel fraction)

Produced hourly, at daytime, for clear-sky scenes, for GOES-East and -West
2 km spatial resolution at nadir (~4 km over midlatitudes)
Cover North and South America up to 65° -70° latitude N and S
Available from NOAA CLASS
Algorithm Details

Snow Identification (Binary Snow Mask):
- Threshold-based image classification + set of consistency tests
- External cloud mask used

Snow Fraction:
- Linear unmixing technique, uses reflectance in the visible band (0.6 µm)

\[
\text{SnowFraction} = \frac{(R - R_{\text{Land}})}{(R_{\text{Snow}} - R_{\text{Land}})}
\]

- $R$ - Observed TOA reflectance in the visible band
- $R_{\text{Land}}$ - Predicted TOA reflectance of snow-free land surface
- $R_{\text{Snow}}$ - Predicted TOA reflectance of snow-covered land

This is “viewable” snow fraction, it is affected by tree canopy and is related to albedo
Product Example: Binary Snow

- Indicates presence of snow cover
- Gaps in coverage due to clouds
- Similar to products from MODIS, VIIRS, AVHRR
- 90-95% accuracy vs in situ obs.

GOES-16 ABI
2023-01-27
17:00 UTC

MODIS RGB

Water
Cloud
No retrieval
No coverage
High snow fraction = High albedo
Reduced snow fraction indicates
- Patchy/shallow snow packs or
- Snow masking by tree canopy

Over non-forested areas snow fraction is directly related to the snow depth

25-30% accuracy
Extension of Product Applications: Animation

Daily snow product animation help visualizing and evaluating diurnal changes of the snow cover extent
Extension of Product Applications: Daily Compositing

Daily clear-sky compositing provides daily snow products with reduced cloud contamination and improved effective area coverage. Diurnal variations are lost.

Daily clear-sky compositing of hourly products results in ~ 5-20% improvement in the effective area coverage.
Extension of Product Applications: Snow Melt Identification

Combining ABI snow product with ABI observations in the infrared helps to identify areas of active snow melt.

Snow melt may not be captured by polar orbiting satellite sensors which provide only one daytime observation.
ABI Snow Products: Summary

- **Binary Snow** and **Snow Fraction** are routinely generated from GOES-R ABI.
- Hourly products are available from GOES-East and -West.
- Limitations: clouds, nighttime, high latitudes.
- Cloud gaps may be reduced by daily product compositing.
- Products have been validated and accuracy estimates are available.
GOES-R ABI Ice Concentration

- One Operational Product: Ice Concentration
  - Ice Concentration: Fraction of the sea or lake surface covered by ice
  - Ice surface temperature (Intermediate Product): Skin temperature of the ice-covered surface
  - Ice Map (Ice Mask): Yes/No an ABI pixel covered by ice
- Produced every 3 hours, day and night, clear-sky scenes, for GOES-East and GOES-West
- 2 km spatial resolution at nadir (~4 km over midlatitudes)
- Quantitative out to at least 67 degrees Local Zenith Angle and qualitative at larger LZA
- Cover up to $65^\circ$ - $70^\circ$ latitude N and S
- Available from NOAA CLASS

GOES-East (GOES-16) and GOES-West (GOES-18) orbital positions.
Algorithm Details

• Read in the sensor data, ancillary data (land/sea mask), and derived product (cloud mask);

• Calculate the surface temperature using split-window approach

\[ T_s = a + bT_{11} + cT_{12} + d [(T_{11} - T_{12})(\text{sec}\theta - 1)] \]

- \( T_s \): estimated surface skin temperature (K),
- \( T_{11} \) and \( T_{12} \): brightness temperatures (K) at 11 μm and 12 μm bands,
- \( \theta \): sensor scan angle,
- \( a, b, c, \) and \( d \): retrieval coefficients.

• Apply threshold tests to detect ice covered pixels based on NDSI (Normalized Difference Snow Index), reflectance at 0.86 μm, and surface temperature in daytime and surface temperature test at nighttime;

• Derive the ice concentration using a tie point algorithm.

\[ C_p = (B_p - B_{\text{water}})/(B_{\text{ice}} - B_{\text{water}}) \]

- \( C_p \): ice concentration
- \( B_{\text{water}} \): reflectance or temperature of pure water pixels,
- \( B_{\text{ice}} \): reflectance or temperature of pure ice pixels (tie point reflectance or temperature),
- \( B_p \): observed reflectance or temperature of the pixel.
Product Example: Ice Concentration

- Gaps in coverage due to clouds
- 10% accuracy
- 25% precision
Extension of Product Applications: Animation

Daily ice concentration animation help visualizing and evaluating diurnal changes of the ice concentration. Changes in the spatial coverages are due to changes in cloud cover.

GOES-17 FD ice concentration from Jan 10-18 2021

GOES-16 FD ice concentration from Jan 11-18 2021
GOES-R ABI Ice Concentration: Summary

- Ice concentration and Intermediate Product ice surface temperature are routinely generated.
- Products are available every 3 hours for day and night at 2 km spatial resolution at nadir.
- Products have gaps due to clouds and do not cover polar areas.
- Cloud gaps may be reduced by daily product compositing.
Ice Thickness and Age Product Overview

- Ice thickness is the vertical distance from the bottom to the top of the ice. Ice age is the time period of ice existence. The mission requirement is for ice age categories, not age per se. For ABI, the three categories are first-year ice, older ice, and ice-free.

- Ice thickness is retrieved by the One-dimensional Thermodynamic Ice Model (OTIM), which is based on energy budget theory at the ice/snow surface.

- Ice age is determined in terms of ice thickness.

- GOES-16,-17, and -18 ice thickness and age EDR is a Full Disk (FD) product.

- User needs:
  - One of the Essential Climate Variables (ECVs) in the Third version of the ECV Inventory by the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) of the WMO
  - The Alaska Sea Ice Program request for monitoring ice conditions
  - Other applications: long-term global ice monitoring, hydrological monitoring, numerical model prediction, ecosystem monitoring, and climate studies, etc.
Ice Thickness and Age Algorithm Overview

One-dimensional Thermodynamic Ice Model (OTIM)

Based on the surface energy budget at thermo-equilibrium state, the fundamental equation is

\[(1-\alpha_s)(1-i_0)F_r - F_r^{up} + F_r^{dn} + F_s + F_e + F_c = F_a(\alpha_s, T_s, V, h_i, C, h_s, \ldots)\]

After parameterizations of thermal radiation \((F_r, F_r^{up}, F_r^{dn})\) and turbulent (sensible & latent) heat \((F_s, F_e)\), ice thickness \(h_i\) becomes a function of 12 model controlling variables plus two factors:

\[h_i = f(\alpha_s, i_0, S_z, T_s, T_p, T_a, P_a, h_w, V, C, h_s, F_a, R_t, R_p),\]

where \(R_t, R_p\) are ice thermal and physical dynamic processes adjustment factors.
ABI ice thickness is compared to National Ice Center ice charts (qualitatively), and other thickness data from other satellites such as NOAA-20, CryoSat-2, and SMOS directly and indirectly (quantitatively).

Note that the requirement is for correct classification in three categories: ice free, first-year ice, and older ice. In the Great Lakes and Hudson Bay, all ice is first-year ice! Meeting that requirement is relatively easy, so we have chosen to validate many more age categories as well as ice thickness.

❖ Mission required ice age classification (3 categories):

Ice free (<0.1 cm), new/first year ice (0.1 ~ 180 cm), old ice (>180 cm).

❖ More ice age classification (8 categories):

Ice free (<0.1 cm), new ice (0.1 ~ 10 cm), grey ice (10 ~ 15 cm), grey-white ice (15 ~ 30 cm), thin first ice (30 ~ 70 cm), median first year ice (70 ~ 120 cm), thick first year ice (120 ~ 180 cm), old ice (>180 cm).
GOES-16 and -17 daily composite full disk ice thickness on Feb. 19, 2022.

Product Quality Evaluation/Validation
GOES-16 daily composite Hudson Bay (left) and Great Lakes (right) ice thickness on Feb. 19, 2022.
With regard to the mission requirements, validating ice age categories (first-year and older ice) is simply a validation of the ice mask in the Great Lakes and Hudson Bay. Ice concentration validation showed that the ice mask has an accuracy well over 80%.

Given that ice age is here defined in terms of ice thickness, we have gone beyond the basic requirement by validating ice thickness itself and additional age categories through comparisons to products from NIC ice chart, IceBridge ice thickness, VIIRS ice thickness, and more in the future.

Overall, the GOES-R ice age/thickness product meets requirements. However, it appears that cloud contamination is still an issue.
Microsoft Planetary Computer

- About 60 PB of publicly available Earth Systems data
- STAC API for querying the data
What does 60 PB of data look like?

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Making data queryable

```python
catalog = pystac_client.Client.open(
    "https://planetarycomputer.microsoft.com/api/stac/v1/",
)

search = catalog.search(  
collections="noaa-mrms-qpe-24h-pass2",  
datetime="2022-07-23T01:00:00Z",  
query={"noaa_mrms_qpe:region": {"eq": "CONUS"}},
)

items = search.item_collection()
```
Cloud Native Geospatial

Local client

Compute

jupyter

Blob Storage

High bandwidth
Demo
Questions and Discussion

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Resources

We invite you to stay engaged with NOAA!

- **NOAA GOES-R:**
  - [https://www.goes-r.gov/](https://www.goes-r.gov/)
  - [https://noaasis.noaa.gov/index.html](https://noaasis.noaa.gov/index.html)

- **NOAA Open Data Dissemination:**
  - [noaa.gov/nodd](http://noaa.gov/nodd)
  - Email: NODD@noaa.gov

- **Microsoft GOES-R:**
  - [https://planetarycomputer.microsoft.com/](https://planetarycomputer.microsoft.com/)