

GHRC Outreach

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Introduction



- GHRC focuses on a series of science and outreach efforts to accomplish the following:
 - Make GHRC data and critical resources more discoverable for users
 - Enable unfamiliar users to become more informed on GHRC data, instruments, and science focus areas
 - Increase the usability of GHRC data to address user needs
- Ways we work towards these efforts:
 - Micro Articles
 - Data Recipes
 - Mastheads
 - Webinars
 - Website changes or improvements
 - Attend conferences

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Instrument: Cloud Radar System (CRS)

Description

The Cloud Radar System (CRS) is a 94 GHz, W-band polarimetric Doppler radar designed to operate aboard the NASA ER-2 high-altitude research aircraft or as a ground-based radar. Its very high frequency and short 3 mm wavelength make it very sensitive; perfect for cirrus cloud studies in particular as it has the ability to collect more detailed cloud and precipitation observations than traditional weather radars. Since CRS was specifically tailored to operate from the NASA ER-2 aircraft, the instrument is compact, does not require pilot operation. and can capture measurements useful for the validation of satellite estimates. The CRS is housed inside the tailcone of either ER-2 superpod, located in the midsections of the aircraft wings. Because the ER-2 flies at a 20 km altitude, within the lower stratosphere, CRS in located in close proximity with its targets, decreasing measurement effects that would occur at a larger distance. It can detect clouds and precipitation from flight level down to the surface. When CRS is operating airborne, its downward pointing beam takes profiles of radar reflectivity and Doppler velocity. Its polarimetric capabilities enable it to measure the horizontal and vertical dimensions of cloud and precipitation particles, revealing cloud microphysical properties and processes. The CRS can also effectively detect the intense signal returned by the ocean's surface, making the ocean an ideal target for calibrating the instrument. The specialized capabilities of CRS make it very useful for observing cloud microphysics and dynamics. Observations by CRS and other instruments mounted on the ER-2 aircraft also provide important insight into cloud radiative properties impacting Earth's global energy budget.





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Instrument: Lightning Mapping Array (LMA)

Description

A Lightning Mapping Array (LMA) is a network of antennas, GPS receivers, and processing systems that detect total lightning. This includes both lightning that occurs within the clouds (CC) and lightning that reaches the ground (CG); although typically not the actual point at which the flash comes to ground. The system is able to determine the location and time of lightning discharge based on the time it takes the very high frequency (VHF) signal radiated by the discharge to arrive at the various antenna stations.* The LMA VHF antennas detect the signal within a locally unused VHF telecommunications band. These antenna stations are typically placed 15 to 20 km apart over a region 60 to 80 km in diameter. Around 7 to 20 LMA antennas surround a central station that calculates the time and location of the lightning source. LMA antennas are typically placed at remote locations with minimal signal interference where they can effectively detect the lightning VHF signals. The antennas are equipped with a GPS receiver for time synchronization and wirelessly connected to the central station, permitting real-time data processing and display. Each antenna is adjusted to only capture events with a signal magnitude above a certain threshold, indicating lightning activity. When a signal is detected, the antenna station transmits the time at which it received the signal back to the central station. The LMA processing system then calculates the time, latitude, longitude, and altitude of the lightning source using the known distances between each antenna and the difference in the signal time-of-arrival at each of the VHF antennas. These antennas can detect hundreds of sources per lightning

flash over a domain extending around 200 km from the central point of the antenna network. The system detects

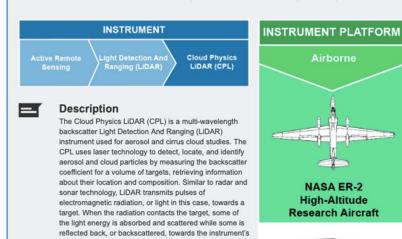


Lightning Mapping Array



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Instrument: Cloud Physics LiDAR (CPL)

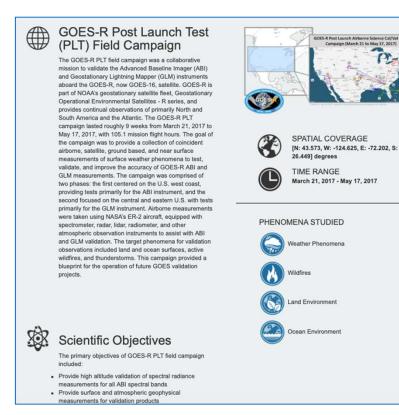
receiver. The time that it takes this reflected energy to return to the receiver indicates the target's distance from the instrument (i.e., its location), and the characteristics of the returned signal give information regarding the target's properties. The CPL uses three operating wavelengths: 1,064 nm, 532 nm, and 355 nm. These relatively short wavelengths give CPL the ability to detect the minute particles that make up aerosols and cirrus clouds. Its laser pulse has a high repetition frequency and is low energy, allowing CPL to use photon-counting detection; a technique for providing a more accurate target location by counting the number of photons returned in the backscattered signal. CPL's high-resolution measurements of aerosol and cirrus cloud properties can be applied to various operational and research areas including air quality monitoring and climate studies.





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Atmospheric Rivers

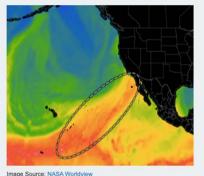


WHAT IS AN ATMOSPHERIC RIVER?

The term atmospheric river is used to indicate narrow, elongated corridors of concentrated moisture transport associated with extratropical cyclones. Atmospheric rivers are the largest transport mechanisms of freshwater on Earth. This moisture transport occurs under particular combinations of wind, temperature, and pressure conditions. Atmospheric rivers are typically located within the low-level jet, an area of strong winds in the lower levels of the atmosphere, ahead of the cold front in an extratropical cyclone. Based on satellite observations, an atmospheric river is greater than ~2,000 km (1,245 miles) long, less than 1,000 km (620 miles) wide, and averages 3 km (1.8 miles) in depth. A study by Ralph et al. (2013) found that typical atmospheric river conditions last around 20 hours over an area on the coastline. Strong landfalling atmospheric rivers interact with topography and can deposit significant amounts of precipitation in relatively short periods of time leading to flooding and mudslides. Atmospheric rivers also can have beneficial impacts by contributing to increases in snowpack, such as in the western United States. An example of an atmospheric river is provided in the image to the right from 14 February 2019. This atmospheric river extends from Hawaii to California as highlighted by the dashed oval. The observations are from one day of observations from the Special Sensor Microwave Imager / Sounder (SSMIS) on the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP) satellites DMSP-16 and -17 as well as from the Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer 2 (AMSR2) on the Global Change Observation Mission - Water (GCOM-W1).

The science behind atmospheric rivers





How do atmospheric rivers occur?

Atmospheric rivers are a part of the larger system of extratropical cyclones that transport heat and moisture from the tropics toward the poles. There are many factors that contribute to the formation of atmospheric rivers. Conditions usually include high humidity levels, strong low level winds, and a moist neutral atmospheric profile, which allows for extensive precipitation production when air is lifted

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NASA DEVELOP's Hindu-Kush Himalayan Disasters

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Intense thunderstorms and an increase in population throughout the Hindu-Kush Himalayan (HKH) region have resulted in an upsurge of lightning-related deaths. Partnering with the NASA Global Hydrology Resource Center Distributed Active Archive Center (GHRC DAAC), NASA SERVIR Science Coordination Office, Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD), Nepal Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM), and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, this study investigated the lightning risks in the HKH region and the correlation between precipitation and lightning. Lightning flash point data collected by the Lightning Imaging Sensor (LIS) onboard both the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM) satellite and the International Space Station (ISS) from January 2001 to December 2017 were plotted to determine the locations where the highest concentrations of lightning (UNISDR) Global Assessment Report for 2015 (GAR15), Oak Ridge National



Laboratory (ORNL) Landscan 2016 global population dataset, and NASA's Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) were used to assess the factors that contribute to a population's vulnerability to lightning activity. Additionally, the team used the TRMM Precipitation Radar (PR) data to identify areas with the highest precipitation rates over Bangladesh and Nepal. A Lightning Risk Map (LRM), created to highlight lightning-prone areas and regions with vulnerable populations, showed that communities in western Nepal and northerm Bangladesh are at an increased risk for lightning related injury. A Precipitation and Lightning Corelation was calculated to verify whether areas experiencing heavier precipitation also experienced higher lightning totals. These end products will assist the BMD and the DHM to increase hazed awareness and issue earlier warning times to reduce lightning casualities.

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Integrated Precipitation and Hydrology Experiment (IPHEx) Field Campaign The Integrate Precipitation and Hydrology Experiment

(IPHEx) was a NASA field campaign that took place in the summer of 2014 to support the Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) Ground Validation (GV) project. The study area for the field campaign was in the Southern Appalachians of North Carolina in the Southeastern United States. The goal of the field campaign was to gain further understanding of how mountainous areas influence and interact with summertime precipitation before, during, and after rainfall occurs. This includes how rain runoff behaves in mountainous regions. To accomplish this goal, radars, weather stations, and other precipitation measuring instruments were set up throughout the mountainous region and out into the Piedmont and Coastal Plain regions. Simultaneous data were collected using instruments on scientific research aircraft and satellites. This was the first GPM GV field campaign after the launch of the GPM Core Satellite and therefore, results from IPHEx played an important role in improving algorithms used to retrieve rainfall data from space.

XX Scientific Objectives

The primary objectives of IPHEx field campaign included:

- . The development, evaluation, and improvement of remote-sensing precipitation algorithms in support of the Global Precipitation Measurement Mission (GPM) The evaluation of Quantitative Precipitation Estimation (QPE) products for hydrologic forecasting and water
- resource applications in the Upper Tennessee. Catawba-Santee, Yadkin-Pee Dee and Savannah river basins • To characterize warm season orographic precipitation regimes and the relationship between precipitation
- regimes and hydrologic processes in regions of complex terrain





TIME RANGE May 5, 2014 - July 15, 2014

PHENOMENA STUDIED

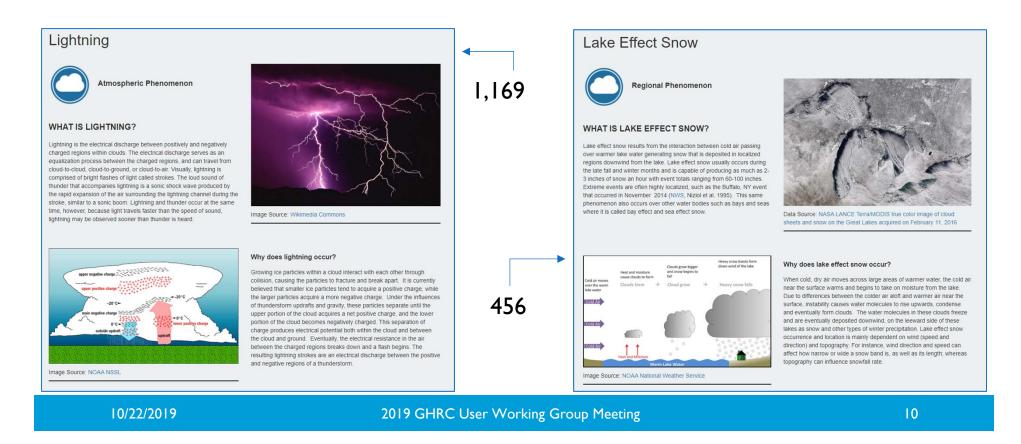


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Micro Article Metrics



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GOES-R Post Launch Test Integrated Precipitation and (PLT) Field Campaign Hydrology Experiment The GOES-R PLT field campaign was a collaborative mission to validate the Advanced Baseline Imager (ABI) (IPHEx) Field Campaign and Geostationary Lightning Mapper (GLM) instruments aboard the GOES-R, now GOES-16, satellite. GOES-R is The Integrate Precipitation and Hydrology Experiment (IPHEx) was a NASA field campaign that took place in the part of NOAA's geostationary satellite fleet. Geostationary 3:08 Operational Environmental Satellites - R series, and summer of 2014 to support the Global Precipitation provides continual observations of primarily North and Measurement (GPM) Ground Validation (GV) project. The and the state study area for the field campaign was in the Southern South America and the Atlantic. The GOES-R PLT Appalachians of North Carolina in the Southeastern campaign lasted roughly 9 weeks from March 21, 2017 to United States. The goal of the field campaign was to gain May 17, 2017, with 105.1 mission flight hours. The goal of SPATIAL COVERAGE further understanding of how mountainous areas the campaign was to provide a collection of coincident [N: 43.573, W: -124.625, E: -72.202, S: influence and interact with summertime precipitation airborne, satellite, ground based, and near surface 26.449] degrees before, during, and after rainfall occurs. This includes how measurements of surface weather phenomena to test, rain runoff behaves in mountainous regions. To validate, and improve the accuracy of GOES-R ABI and TIME RANGE SPATIAL COVERAGE accomplish this goal, radars, weather stations, and other GLM measurements. The campaign was comprised of [N: 38.0, W:-86.0, E: -75.0, S:32.0] degrees March 21, 2017 - May 17, 2017 precipitation measuring instruments were set up two phases: the first centered on the U.S. west coast. throughout the mountainous region and out into the providing tests primarily for the ABI instrument, and the Piedmont and Coastal Plain regions. Simultaneous data second focused on the central and eastern U.S. with tests TIME RANGE were collected using instruments on scientific research primarily for the GLM instrument. Airborne measurements May 5, 2014 - July 15, 2014 aircraft and satellites. This was the first GPM GV field were taken using NASA's ER-2 aircraft, equipped with PHENOMENA STUDIED campaign after the launch of the GPM Core Satellite and spectrometer, radar, lidar, radiometer, and other therefore, results from IPHEx played an important role in atmospheric observation instruments to assist with ABI improving algorithms used to retrieve rainfall data from and GLM validation. The target phenomena for validation Weather Phenomena space. observations included land and ocean surfaces, active PHENOMENA STUDIED wildfires, and thunderstorms. This campaign provided a blueprint for the operation of future GOES validation XX Scientific Objectives Precipitation Wildfires projects. The primary objectives of IPHEx field campaign included The development, evaluation, and improvement of and Environment remote-sensing precipitation algorithms in support of the 2:42 Global Precipitation Measurement Mission (GPM) The evaluation of Quantitative Precipitation Estimation (QPE) products for hydrologic forecasting and water Ocean Environment XX resource applications in the Upper Tennessee, Catawba-Scientific Objectives Santee, Yadkin-Pee Dee and Savannah river basins · To characterize warm season orographic precipitation The primary objectives of GOES-R PLT field campaign regimes and the relationship between precipitation included regimes and hydrologic processes in regions of complex Provide high altitude validation of spectral radiance terrain measurements for all ABI spectral bands. Provide surface and atmospheric geophysical measurements for validation products 2019 GHRC User Working Group Meeting 11 10/22/2019

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Data Recipes

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ISS LIS Lightning Flash Location Quickview using Python 3.0 and GIS

Description | How to Use | Dataset Information | Key Parameters

Description

The Lightning Imaging Sensor (LIS) onboard the International Space Station (ISS) retrieves optical lightning measurements over the majority of the Earth. This data recipe guides the user through a Python script that enables visualization of ISS LIS lightning flash locations. It is designed to compile information from a series of userselected ISS LIS swath data files and generate a gridded heat map plot of lightning flash locations. In addition, a CSV file vil generated containing the lightning flash coordinates in a format that can be input into other software. For this data recipe, the CSV file will be used to plot lightning flash locations in ESRI's ArcMap GIS software.



Hemispheric view of all ISS LIS lightning flash data captured from January 4, 2018

 Data Recipe Type
 Supporting Software Information

 TYPE
 ACCESS

 Python 3 Script
 ArcMap 10.2+

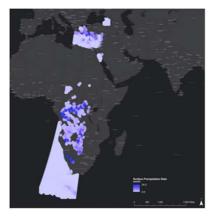
LANCE NRT AMSR2 L2B Global Swath Rain Ocean Data Quickview using Python and GIS

Description | How to Use | Dataset Information | Key Parameters

Description

The LANCE Near Real-Time (NRT) AMSR2 Level 2B Global Swath Rain Ocean Data include surface precipitation, wind speed over ocean, water vapor over ocean, and cloud liquid water over ocean retrieved from measurements of the Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer 2 (AMSR2) instrument on the Global Change Observation Mission - Water 1 (GCOM-W1). These rain and ocean products were created using the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) PROFiling algorithm (GPROF) 2010 version 2 by the Land Atmosphere Near real-time Capability for EOS (LANCE) at the AMSR Science Investigator-Ied Processing System (AMSR SIPS). This Python-based data recipe steps the user through code that compiles information from a series of NRT AMSR2 Swath data files and generates a CSV file containing surface precipitation rates with locations to enable use with other software. For this data recipe, the CSV file will be used to plot surface precipitation rates in ESRI ArcMap.

Surface precipirate rate image created using the LANCE NRT AMSR2 L2B Global Swath Rain Ocean Data in ArcMap 10.2



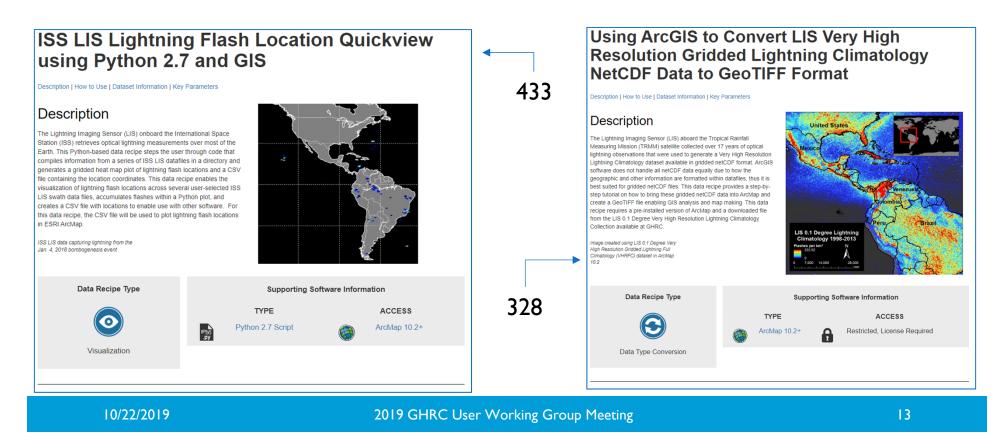


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Data Recipe Metrics



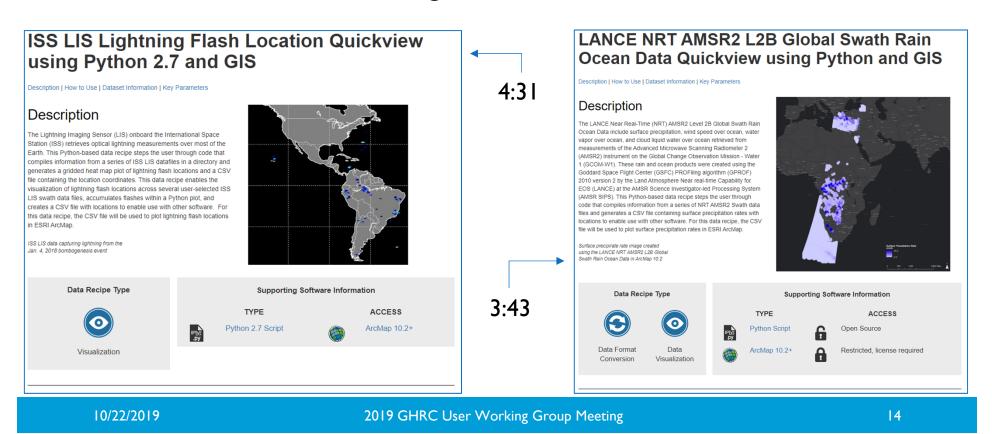
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Data Recipe Metrics

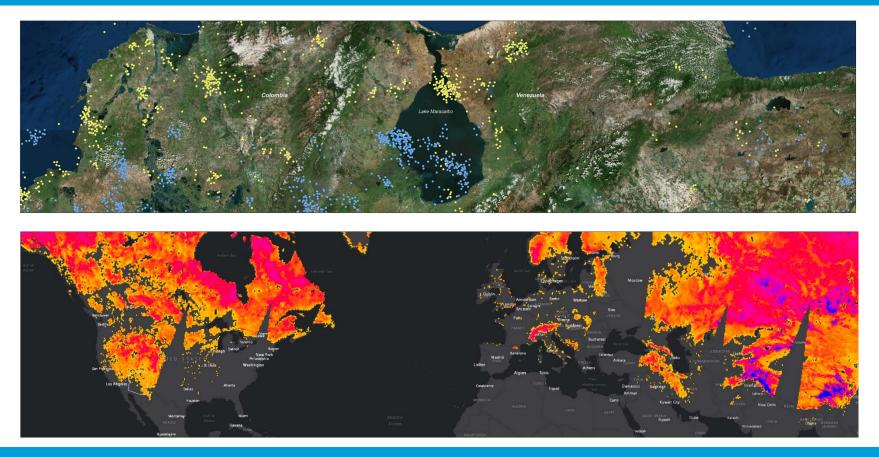


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Webinars



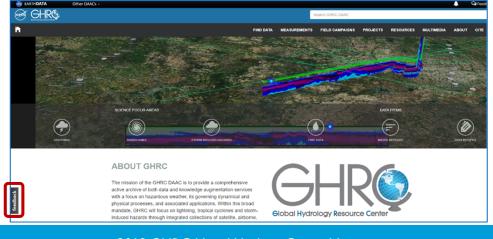
- "Discover NASA ISS Lightning and Associated Validation Data from GOES-R" on May 8, 2019
- Provided an introduction to NASA's ISS LIS instrument and data, and showed viewers how to discover and access these datasets at GHRC. Additional topics included a discussion of the importance of lightning observations- for seasonal and long-term trends in lightning activity, applications of ISS data, and highlights from a lightning safety use case in Nepal and Bangladesh. Finally, our speaker provides an overview of the GOES-R Post Launch Test Field campaign validation data and with a focus on how these data might be useful for your research or applications.

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User Feedback

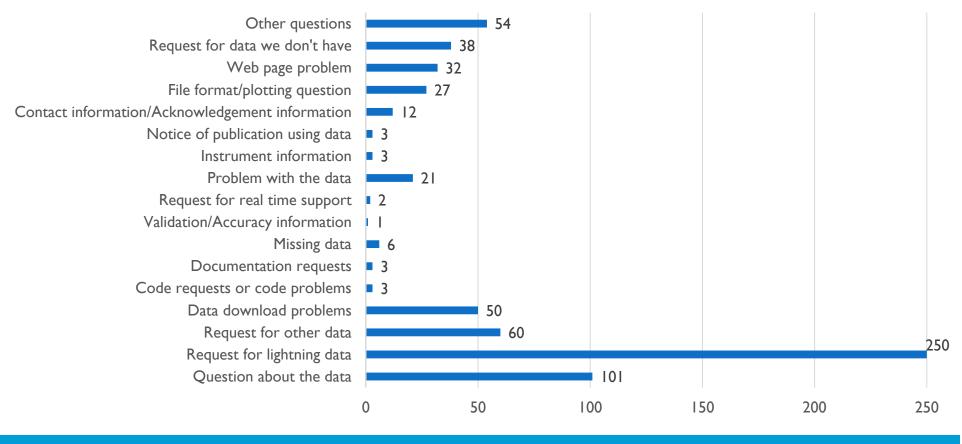


- Find out about issues a user is experiencing through the 'Feedback' button on the GHRC webpage or thru the GHRC User Services email (supportghrc@earthdata.nasa.gov)
 - Sent to us through Kayako
- Kayako is a customer service ticket portal that helps user services organize issues tickets and properly communicate with users





Kayako Metrics



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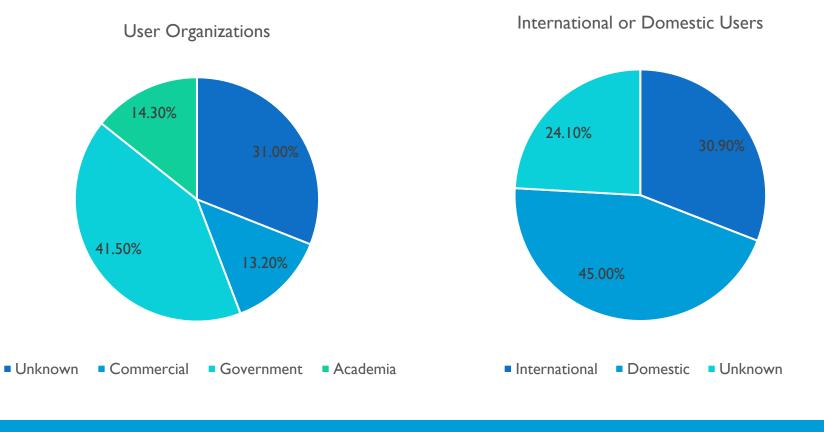
Questions Lead to Action

Question Type	Recommended Actions
Question about the data	Make a FAQ
Request for Lightning Data	Guide user to data or contact lightning team
Request for other data for a particular date/time/location	Guide user to data
Data download problems	Make a FAQ, add to HyDRO Help Page
Code requests or code problems	Fix code issue
Documentation requests	Provide documentation, improve user guide, improve web content
Missing data	Alert DMG
Validation/Accuracy information	Provide information, alert DMG if error
Request for real time support	Notify leadership
Problem with the data	Alert DMG, contact PI, fix problem
Instrument information	Provide information, improve user guide, improve web content
Notice of publication using data	Add to publication list
Contact information/Acknowledgement information	Provide information, update content
File format/plotting question	Make a FAQ, create a Data Recipe
Web page problem	Contact web team
Request for data we don't have	Point to alternative
Other questions	Create FAQ if needed

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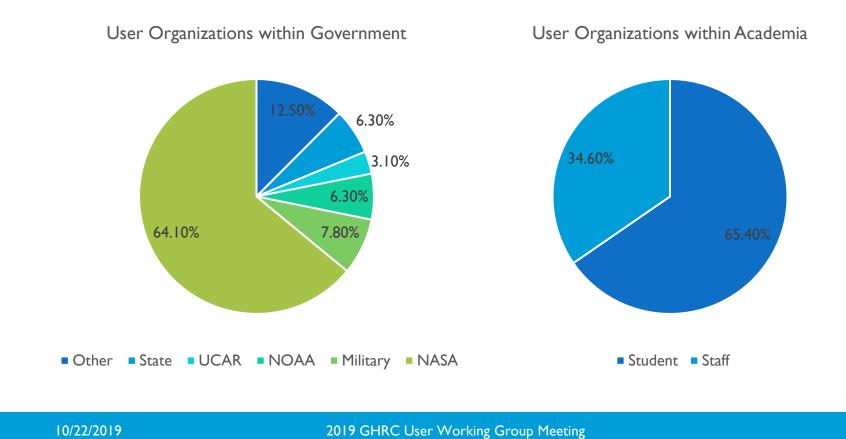
User Characterization





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Earthdata User Log Metrics



• FY19:

- 7,341
- All time
 - 15,502

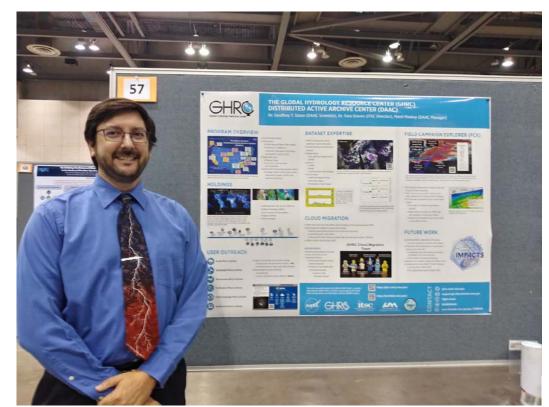
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Attended Conferences/Meetings GHR®

- GLM Science Team Meeting
- National Weather Association (NWA)
- AGU
- AMS
- ESIP
- LP DAAC/ORNL UWG
- SEDAC UWG



FY2020 Planned Activities



- Planned Conferences/Meetings
 - AGU
 - AMS
 - GLM Science Meeting
 - UN TIM Meeting
 - IMPACT Science Team Meeting
 - ESIP
 - ESDSWG
- Create more Data Recipes and Micro Articles
- Improve web content/consistency

- Create more mastheads
- NASA Webinar
- Suggestions on topics to cover?

AGU Talks and Sessions

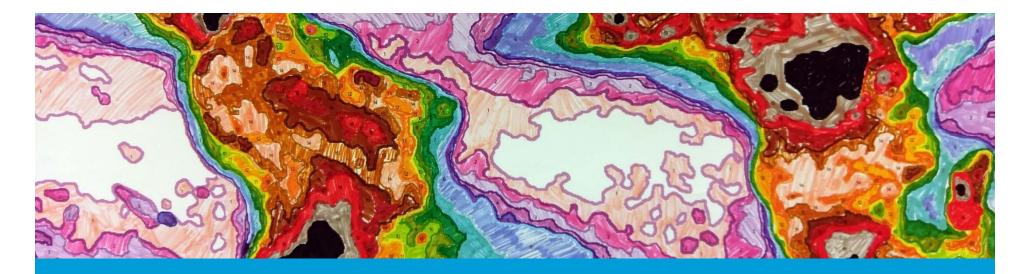


- December 10th
 - Poster "Near Real-Time Distribution of Land, Atmosphere Near real-time Capability for EOS (LANCE) ISS LIS Lightning Data available at the Global Hydrology Resource Center (GHRC) Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC)"
 - Oral "Operating a Cloud-Native Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC)"
- December IIth
 - Poster "A New, Cloud Native Visualization Tool for Earth Science Data at the Global Hydrology Resource Center (GHRC) Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC): Field Campaign Explorer and Others"

AMS Talks and Sessions



- January 13th
 - Oral "Near Real-Time Distribution of LANCE ISS LIS Lightning Data available at the Global Hydrology Resource Center (GHRC) Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC)"
- January 16th
 - Oral "Operating a Cloud-Native Distributed Active Archive Center (DAAC)"



THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?





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