

Joint Communications Efforts: ESDIS/GHRC DAAC

October 20, 2022- November 1, 2023

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Data User Profiles

User Profile: Dr. Timothy Lang

NASA's GHRC DAAC helps scientists like Dr. Timothy Lang use lightning data to better understand the processes in convective storms.

Nov 16, 2022

Dr. Timothy Lang, Lead Research Aerospace Technologist in the Earth Science Branch at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center

Research Interests: Lightning, convection, precipitation, and ocean winds. Given his work on ocean winds, storms, and transient luminous events like sprites, Lang likes to say that he "studies everything between the surface of the ocean and the base of the ionosphere."

Research Highlights: Ben Franklin might have been the first to prove the electrical nature of lightning with his famous kite experiment, but in more modern times, it was the work of Scottish physicist and meteorologist Charles Thomson Rees Wilson who made the most significant contributions to our understanding of the phenomenon. Wilson, winner of the 1927 Nobel Prize in Physics for the invention of the cloud chamber, was the first to use electric field measurements to estimate the structure of thunderstorm charges involved in lightning discharges, and his work remains at the center of current lightning research.

Today, scientists have a better understanding of where and why lightning occurs, what lightning patterns exist over the globe, and what lightning tells us about atmospheric convection (i.e., the vertical movement of heat and moisture in the atmosphere). Yet, there is still more to learn about the electrical characteristics of storm systems, convection, and precipitation and how their interaction affects the development of severe weather.

Topics

Atmosphere
 Atmospheric Winds | Clouds | Convection | Convective Cloud/Systems | (Observations) | Lightning | Weather Events | Wind Dynamics

Ocean
 Ocean Winds

Sensors

AMPR | DDMI | GLM
 ISS-RapidScat | LIS

Data Archives

GHRC DAAC

Featured
 NASA provides unrestricted access to air quality data

About the Profiles

- Published 4th Thursday of each month
- Each monthly profile features a different DAAC UWG member and his/her research
- Promoted via NASA Earthdata social media

<https://earthdata.nasa.gov/profiles>

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<https://go.nasa.gov/3FE2PRL>

Coming Soon! GHRC DAAC Data Tool in Focus

About this new feature:

- New monthly article series for NASA Earthdata called “Data Tool in Focus: [Insert Tool Name here].”
- Provide an introduction to and overview of the tool for users who might not be familiar with it.
- Provides links to resources that show data users how to work with it.

The first six in the series focused on AppEEARS (LP DAAC), OpenScienceLab (ASF DAAC), TESViS (ORNL DAAC), and State of the Ocean (SOTO) for PO.DAAC, Data Rods for Hydrology (GES DISC), and SeaDAS (OB.DAAC).

Here are a few links to previous DTiF for your reference:

<https://www.earthdata.nasa.gov/learn/articles/soto-po-daac>

<https://www.earthdata.nasa.gov/learn/articles/data-tool-focus-osl>

<https://www.earthdata.nasa.gov/learn/articles/appeears-data-tool-focus>

<https://www.earthdata.nasa.gov/learn/articles/seadas-obdaac>

****Note: GHRC DAAC Focus will be the Field Campaign Explorer or the Lightning Dashboard****

Feature Articles & Dataset Announcements

Global Hydrometeorology Resource Center Distributed Active Archive Center (GHRC DAAC)

Geostationary Lightning Mapper (GLM) Level 3 Gridded Products Dataset Published

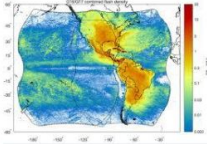
The GLM Level 3 data will serve as an excellent companion dataset to existing lightning data distributed by NASA's GHRC DAAC, particularly the International Space Station Lightning Imaging Sensor. The GHRC DAAC data team notes that this publication represents the first end-to-end cloud publication of an ongoing dataset. This means that the entire process—from data ingest to metadata extraction to publication—used GHRC's cloud-based workflow exclusively. Further, as an ongoing dataset, new GLM data that arrive each day will continue to use this cloud-based workflow.

[GLM data access and more information](#)

Goddard Earth Sciences Data and Information Services Center (GES DISC)

Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2 Releases Level 2 Lite File Version 11.1r

The Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2 (OCO-2) mission team released a new version of the Level 2 Lite data product, version 11.1r. The data have been released in formats similar to past Level 2 Lite datasets. In addition, an update to the [OCO-2/OCO-3 Data User's Guide](#) has been released, which contains more information on the version 11.1r data



Map of lightning flash density over North and South America based on GLM data acquired by the NOAA GOES East and GOES West satellites. Red areas indicate greater lightning density; blue areas indicate lesser density. Credit: NOAA.

Lightning Imaging Sensor's Nearly 25-Year Data Record Ends


The Lightning Imaging Sensor measured the amount, rate, and radiant energy of lightning around the globe both day and night.

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Joseph M. Smith
Oct 31, 2023

At any given moment, more than 2,000 thunderstorms producing on the order of 50 lightning flashes per second are active throughout the world. That's a lot of lightning, and while no single space-based instrument could ever



Last 12-Hour Browse Image

Data Archives

July 2023, Data Roundup
<https://go.nasa.gov/3PFgTR6>

Coming next week....

GHRC DAAC Specific/Related Published 10/20/22 -11/2/23

- 1 Feature (coming soon) ISS LIS Decommissioning
- 2 NASA Earth Science Data Roundups (since May 2023)

Earthdata Webinars

Lightning in a Flash— Using Cloud and Open Source Capabilities to Improve Data Access and Analysis



Metrics/Live Webinar Event held 5/3/23

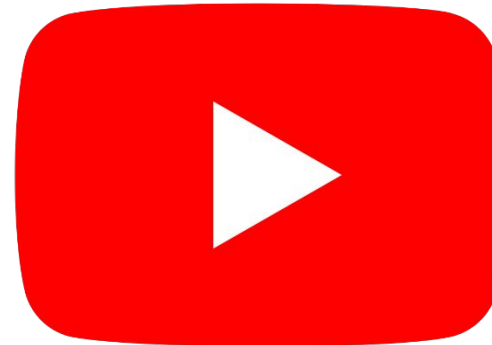
- 151 Participants, Education 54%, Government 26%, Commercial 13.33%, Non-Profit 6.67%; Country: 54% U.S. and 46% International from 33 other countries

YouTube Webinar Metrics:

- 608 Views, 44 Hours of Watch Time Since Published 5/8/23 (Metrics pulled 11/2 11:10 AM EDT)

NASA Earthdata YouTube Channel

www.youtube.com/NASAEarthdata



- 12,014 Subscribers (+225 in the last 28 days)
- 358 total videos to include data discovery and access webinars, short data tutorials, special feature videos, applications workshop videos and more housed within 26 unique playlists.

Social Media- Twitter (@NASAEarthdata)

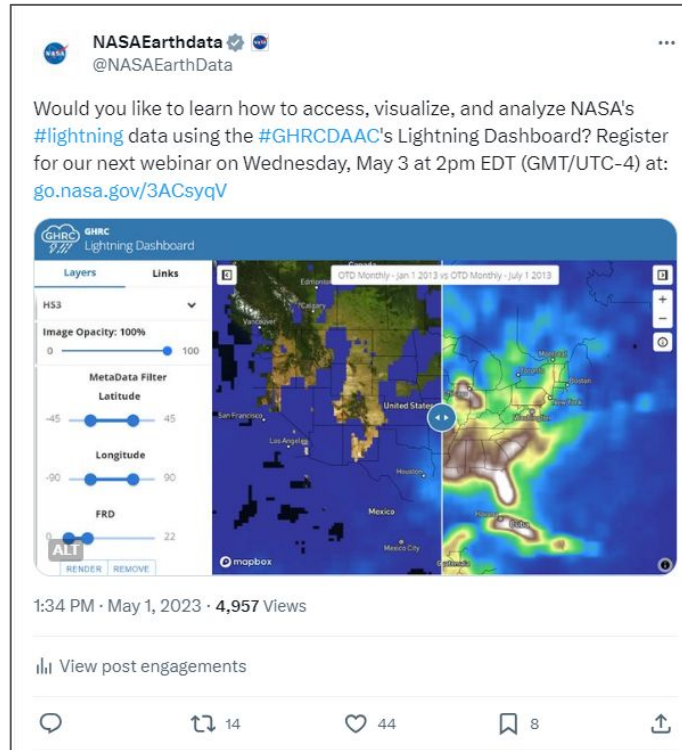
Time period: 10/18/22 - 11/1/23

- ❖ 7 GHRC DAAC specific/related tweets announcing new data products, data tool or data service updates and webinars.
- ❖ Impressions 11,583
- ❖ Engagements 310

NASA Earthdata Twitter Account

- 39,048 Followers on 11/2/23 (pulled at 11:19 AM EDT)
- The most popular content on our Twitter account is data recipes, data scripts, Jupyter Notebooks, etc.

We welcome more of it! We need more GHRC DAAC related content.



Highest Impressions
4,958 Impressions, 135 Engagements
2.7% Engagement Rate
<https://twitter.com/NASAEarthData/status/1686132458637438976>




Highest Engagement Rate
16 % Engagement Rate
50 Impressions, 8 Engagements
<https://twitter.com/NASAEarthData/status/1584729440806121473>

Social Media- Earthdata Facebook


Time period: 10/20/22 - 11/2/23

- ◆ 7 GHRC DAAC specific/related posts announcing new data products, data tool or data service updates and webinars.
- ◆ 9,524 Post Impressions, 643 Engagements from May 21, 2022 - September 29, 2023
- ◆ NASA Earthdata Facebook www.facebook.com/NASAEarthdata
59,362 Followers on 11/2/23
(Pulled at 11:25 AM EDT)

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"My work in lightning addresses the fundamental use of lightning data in understanding processes in convective storms. When storms produce lightning, that tells us very specific, quantitative things about what is happening within them. Even the absence of lightning is itself information about what is happening within storms."



Most Engaging Post **3,097** impressions,
and **14.9 %** Engagement Rate
[https://www.facebook.com/NASAEarthData/
posts/438137421822763](https://www.facebook.com/NASAEarthData/posts/438137421822763)

Contact Us!

The ESDIS Communications Team is here to help! Have a data story idea? Would you like us to address a data product, service, or tool on social media? Would you like to hold a webinar? Have some new Jupyter Notebook tutorials or other data recipes you want to promote? We'd love to hear from you!

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