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BIG STORIES in Earth Science

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Increasing Focus on the Details

Solar Energy

Precipitation

Ocean Color

Water Vapor

Carbon Dioxide

Land Cover

Temperature

Albedo

Wind

Biomass

Aerosols

Clouds

Glaciers

Ozone

Ocean Salinity

Sea Ice

Fires

Soil Moisture

Snow Cover

Big questions of NASA Earth System Science



The Bretherton Diagram (mid 1980's)

- How is the global *Earth system* changing?
- What causes these changes in the *Earth system*?
- How will the *Earth system* change in the future?
- How can *Earth system* science provide societal benefit?

An Evolving System to Observe the Earth System



Emerging Approaches: Earth Science from the ISS

- Increasing number of Earth Observing instruments:
 - 2017: SAGE III, LIS, TSIS-1
 - 2018: GEDI, ECOSTRES
 - 2019: OCO-3



New Observation Modes: TEMPO (goal 2019/21? launch)



First space-based instrument to monitor major air pollutants across the North American continent every daylight hour at high spatial resolution.

Increasing role for CubeSats



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CubeSat example: TEMPEST-D and RainCube



• September 28, 2018, TEMPEST-D and RainCube overflew Typhoon Trami < 5 minutes apart

- RainCube nadir Ka-band reflectivity shown overlaid on TEMPEST-D 165 GHz brightness temperature illustrating complementary nature of these sensors in constellation for observing precipitation
- Trami observed shortly after it had weakened from Cat 5 to Cat 2



... and Constellations

GPM: International network of satellites anchored by the core observatory





CYGNSS 8-satellite constellation



Increasing usability: EarthData https://search.earthdata.nasa.gov/search



Connecting the Public to NASA Earth Science Stories, Data, People

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Global Maps Articles







Blogs



Image of the Day for Feb 10, 2019



Ancient Rocks, Modern Dunes

In the arid interior of Yemen, ancient rocks stand astride dry river beds and mighty sand dunes.



Featured Article Published Dec 5, 2018

Shrinking Aral Sea

Once the fourth-largest lake in the world, the Aral Sea has been slowly disappearing since the 1960s. View how the lake has shrunk over the past few decades.





















Global Maps Feb 2000 - Nov 2018

Land Surface Temperature

Land surface temperatures rise and fall with the heat of the Sun, and they represent how hot or cold the surface would feel to touch. These maps show daytime land temperatures as measured from space.

Land

Heat



Global Maps Mar 2000 - Feb 2017

Carbon Monoxide

When fuels such as coal. wood, and oil burn incompletely, they produce carbon monoxide. The gas is spread by winds and circulation. These maps show monthly averages of CO in the lower atmosphere.

Atmosphere



Global Maps

Mar 2000 - Nov 2018

Fire

Whether started by humans (farming, logging, or accidents) or by nature (lightning), fires are always burning somewhere on Earth. These maps show the locations of fires burning around the world each month.

Land

Global Maps

Feb 2000 - Nov 2018

Land Surface **Temperature Anom**

These maps depict anoma in land surface temperatur (LSTs): that is, how much hotter or cooler a region w compared to the long-term average. LST anomalies c indicate heat waves or colspells.

Heat





Global Maps Jan 1998 – Aug 2016

Total Rainfall

These maps depict monthly total rainfall around the world. Rainfall is the primary source of fresh water for humans.



Global Maps Jan 2005 - Sep 2016

Aerosol Size

Sea salt, volcanic ash, dust, wildfire smoke, and industrial pollution are types of airborne aerosols. Natural aerosols tend to be larger than human-made



Global Maps

Feb 2000 - Nov 2016

Net Primary Productivity

These maps show the 'metabolism" of Earth's plants and trees. Net primary productivity is the difference between the amount of carbon



Land

Jun 2002 - Sep 2011

Sea Surface **Temperature Anomaly**

These maps depict how much hotter or cooler an ocean basin was compared to the long-term

NASA Earth Observations (NEO)



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Mission Mosquito

Upcoming Webinar: Join the Mosquito Mapping Project and build a mosquito trap! February 20, 2:00 p.m. ET / 11:00 a.m. PT

This webinar launches the GMM Phenology project where citizen scientists in this campaign will create a map of first appearances of mosquitoes in USAand changes in the mosquito season in the Southern Hemisphere. We will provide a short tutorial on how to use the app and make a mosquito trap.

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