

# Entender y Obtener Productos de Datos de la NASA a través de POWER

Colaboración entre NASA POWER y NASA ARSET

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# ¿Qué es POWER?

## ¿Cuál es el propósito de POWER?

- POWER son las siglas de “Prediction of Worldwide Energy Resources” (Predicción de Recursos Energéticos a Nivel Mundial)- un proyecto financiado por la NASA para ayudar a facilitar el uso de observaciones de la tierra, análisis y modelos de la NASA para tratar cuestiones claves para la sociedad.
- POWER procura mejorar la capacidad pública/privada de la nación para integrar datos ambientales de las observaciones de la Tierra e investigaciones d la NASA, *particularmente, irradiancia superficial solar*, para apoyar un aumento de:
  - desarrollo de energía renovable,
  - eficiencia y sostenibilidad energética y,
  - aplicaciones agroclimatológicas.



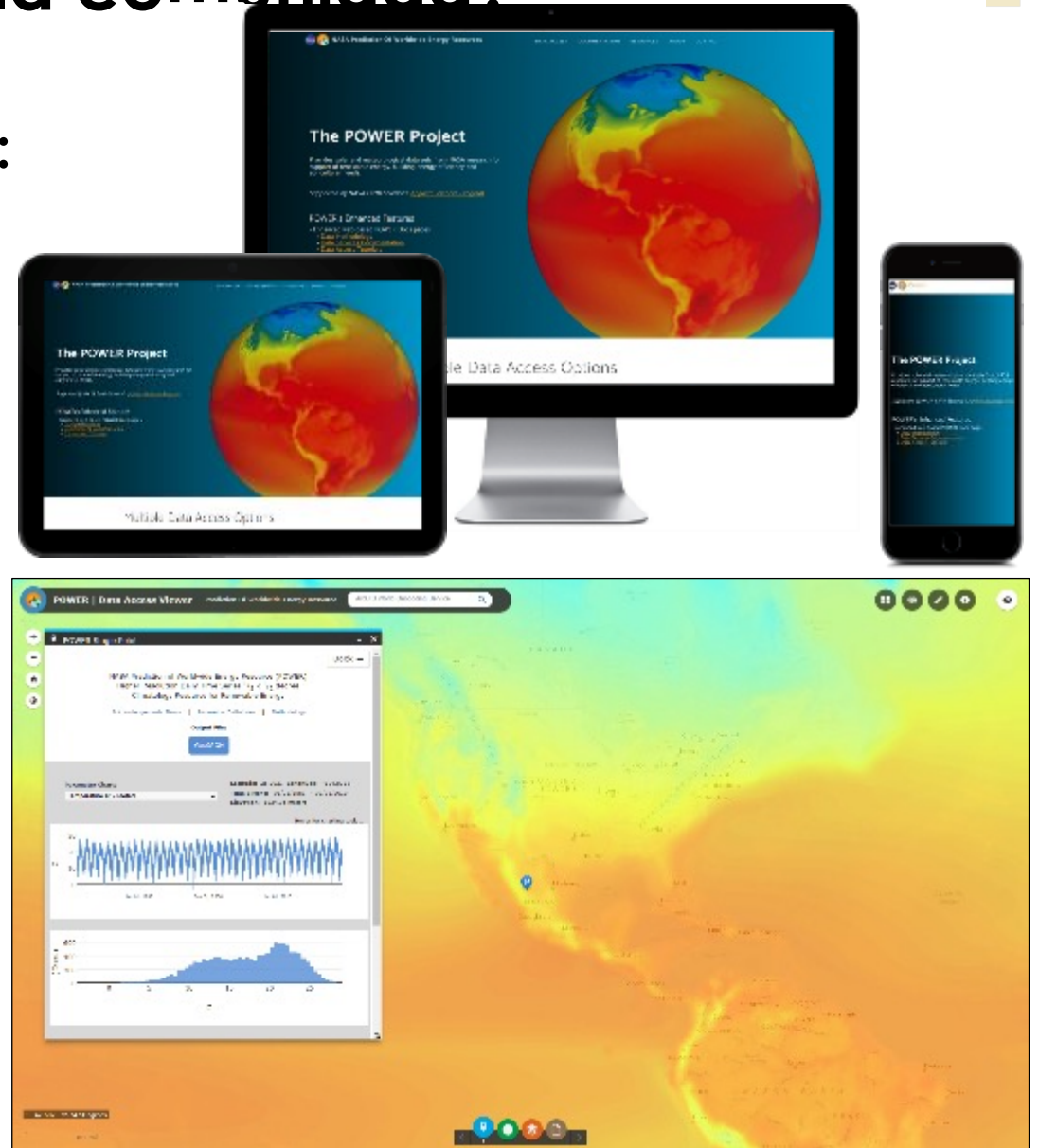
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# ¿Cuál es el papel de POWER's en la comunidad?

## POWER apoya a la comunidad a través de:

- El acceso eficiente, abierto al público y la distribución conveniente de datos de las observaciones de la Tierra de la NASA mediante un? suite de servicios integrado.
- Societal benefit area-specific content guided by interaction with and feedback from professional community members and organizations.
- Key partnerships with scientific data providers and user groups providing actionable and community feedback for improved future data products.





# What questions can be answered with Earth Observations made available through POWER Web Services?

- What is typical variability of the sunlight, temperature, and winds over the past 25-30 years in a region?
- What is the anticipated level of production for an installed photovoltaic (PV) field? Is there an optimal tilt angle that considers cloud patterns?
- Is this regional area potentially suitable for wind power generation?
- How can we understand the variability of building environment climate parameters needed to determine current and future building standards?



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- How can we determine if incorporating renewable technologies makes sense from an environmental and economic perspective?
- Can I monitor the performance of my building and see if retrofitting renewable technologies is feasible and afterwards effective?
- How can I introduce a class to the principles and effectiveness of implementing solar technologies anywhere in the world?

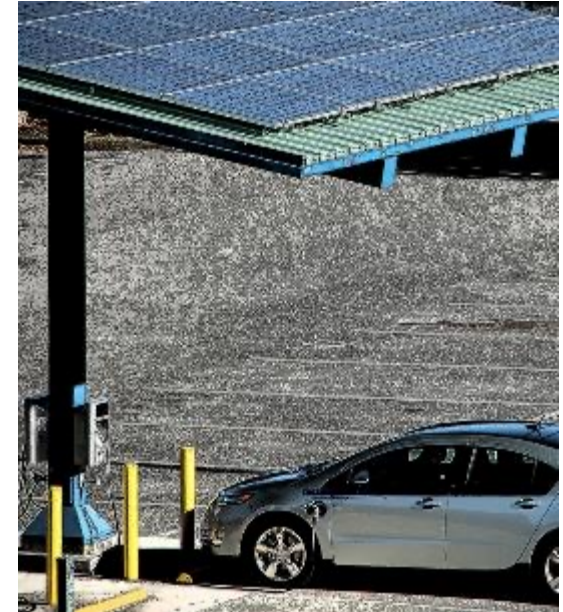


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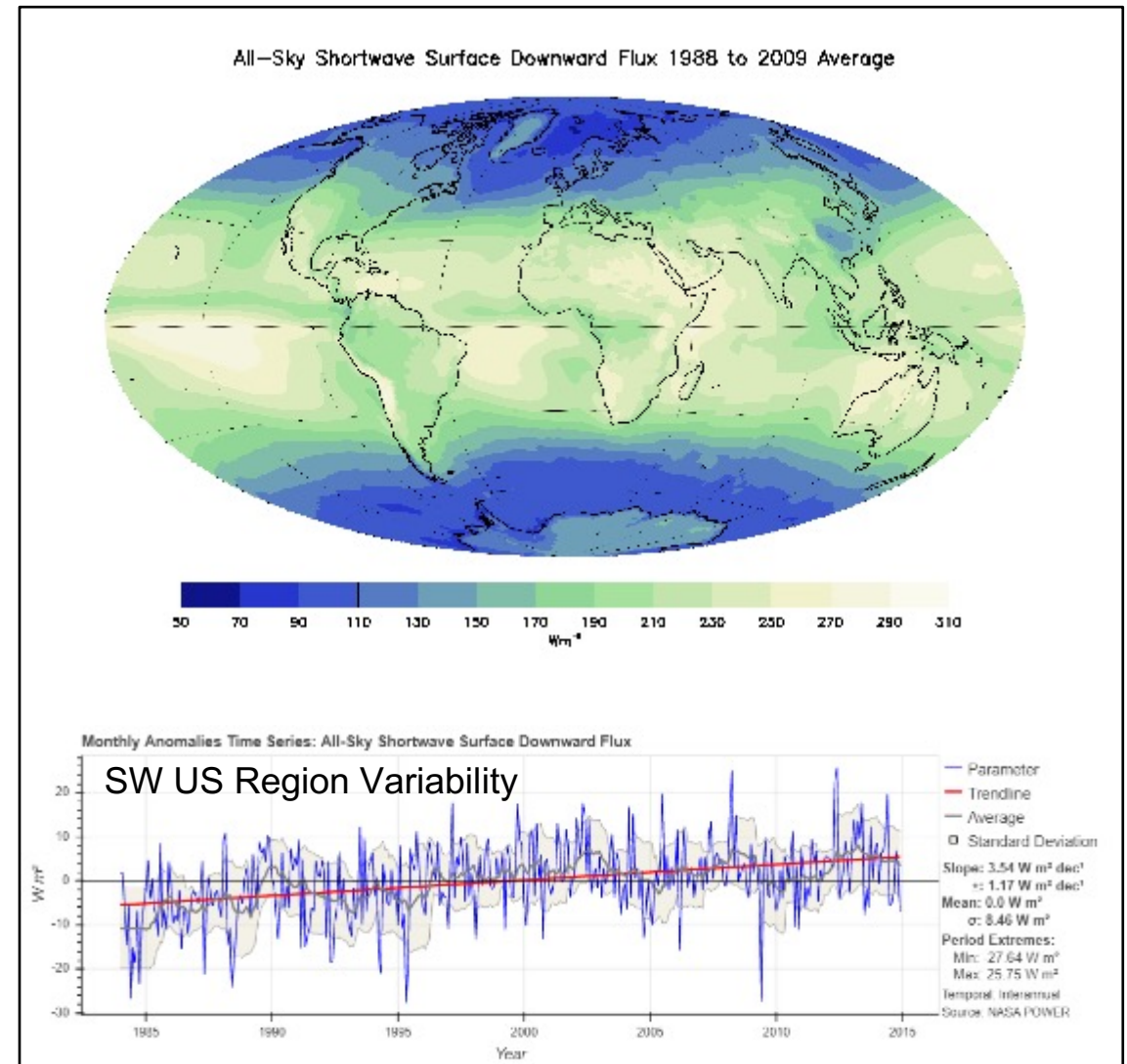
# What information does the community need to answer those and other questions?

Among the most widely needed data are long records to near real-time of:

- Sunlight Information: Solar irradiance and related components (i.e., direct, diffuse, solar angles, surface albedo)
- Surface Temperature and Humidity (max and min T, dewpoint, RH, etc.)
- Wind Speed and Direction
- Cloud Coverage, Thickness, and Type

Time series of parameters are needed including:

- Hourly, Daily, Monthly, Annual
- Long-Term Averages

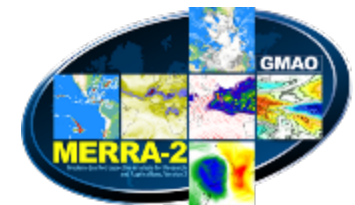


# What NASA EOs can provide these data parameters?

The POWER Data Archive uses NASA research and modeling data products plus value added data processing and services to customize parameters for community use.

Current POWER version at: <https://power.larc.nasa.gov>

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	Start	End	Input	Output	
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<u>CERES FLASHFlux</u>	End of SRB Rel 3	Near Real-Time	Daily	Daily, Monthly, Annual, Multi-Year	Satellite analysis of CERES (reflected solar) and MODIS (cloud imager) measurements (on Terra and Aqua satellites)
<u>MERRA-2</u>	Jan. 1, 1981	End of MERRA-2 (current)	Hourly	Daily, Monthly, Annual, Multi-Year	Atmospheric reanalysis with assimilated observations (1-2 months behind real-time)
<u>GMAO FP-IT (GEOS 5.12.4)</u>	End of MERRA-2	Near Real-Time	Hourly	Daily, Monthly, Annual, Multi-Year	Atmospheric reanalysis with less assimilated observations, available within 2 days of real-time



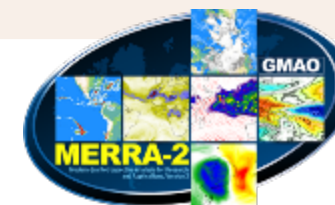


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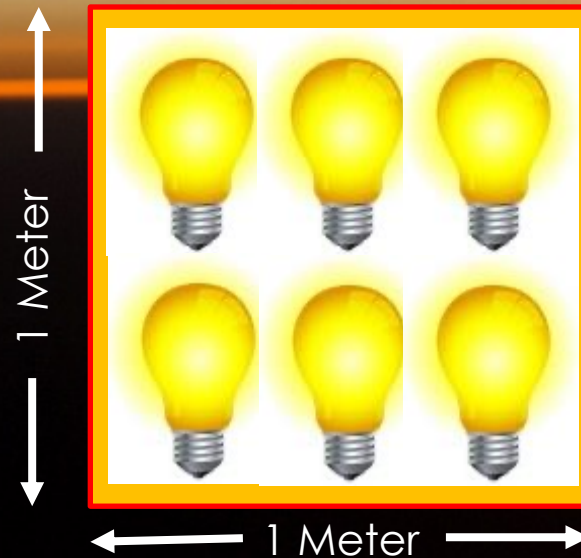
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# What is solar irradiance?

- Solar irradiance is the rate at which solar energy falls onto a surface, per unit area. The units are power per area: Watts per square meter, abbreviated as  $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ .
- Solar irradiance is transmitted through the atmosphere and is vital for understanding climate variability and surface heating.
- Surface solar irradiance is an important factor in the sizing of both solar panels and battery backup systems, solar cooking applications, and building design.

Did you know?: The amount of sunlight that reaches the Earth's atmosphere is equal to approximately 6 60W light bulbs for every square meter of the surface ( $\sim 341 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ ).

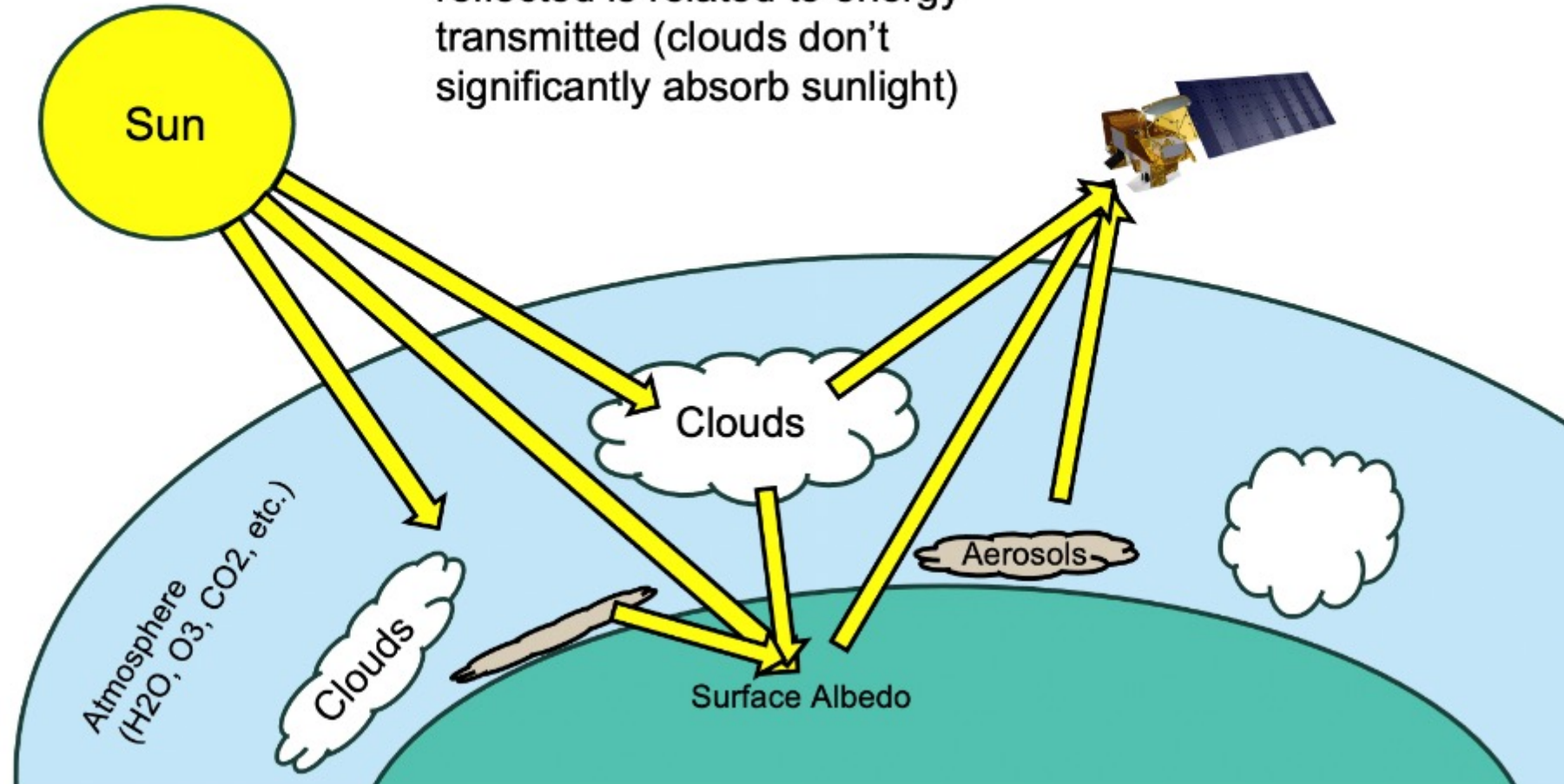


# How is surface solar irradiance calculated from Earth observations?

## Need to know the:

- Amount energy that comes from the sun
- Total received energy for various satellite sensors
- Concentration of atmospheric gases that absorb and scatter light (H<sub>2</sub>O, O<sub>3</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, etc.)
- Amount, thickness, and type of clouds and aerosols that reflect, absorb and scatter light
- Reflective nature of the surface (i.e., albedo)

**Key relationship:** Energy reflected is related to energy transmitted (clouds don't significantly absorb sunlight)

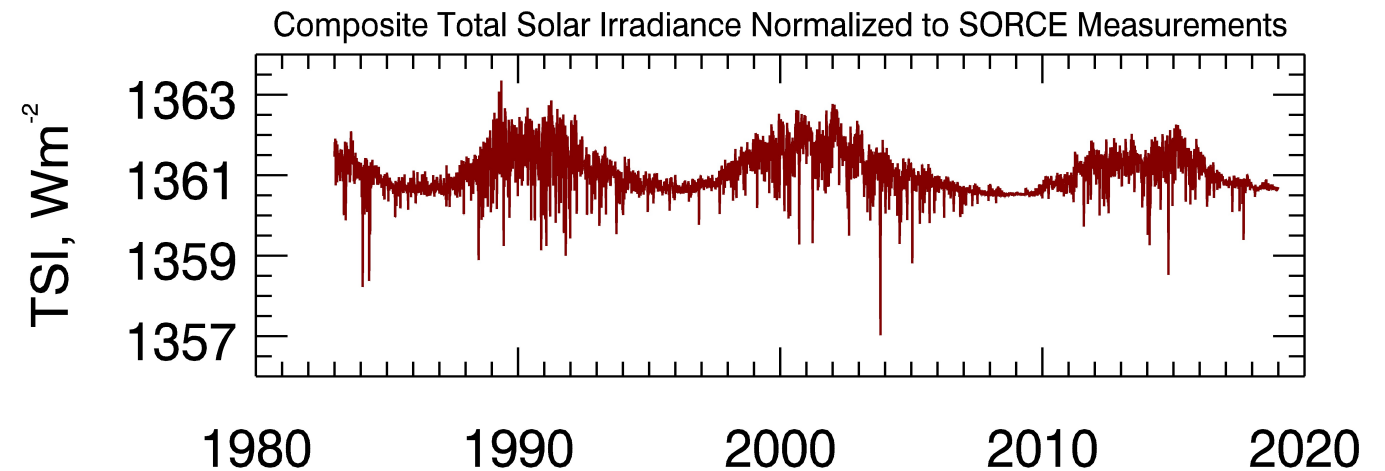
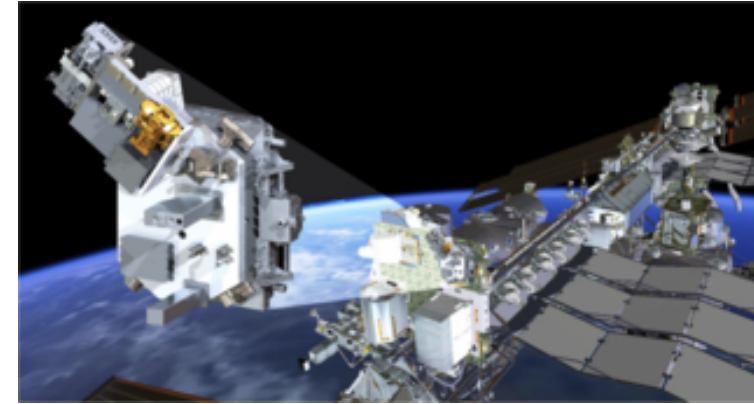
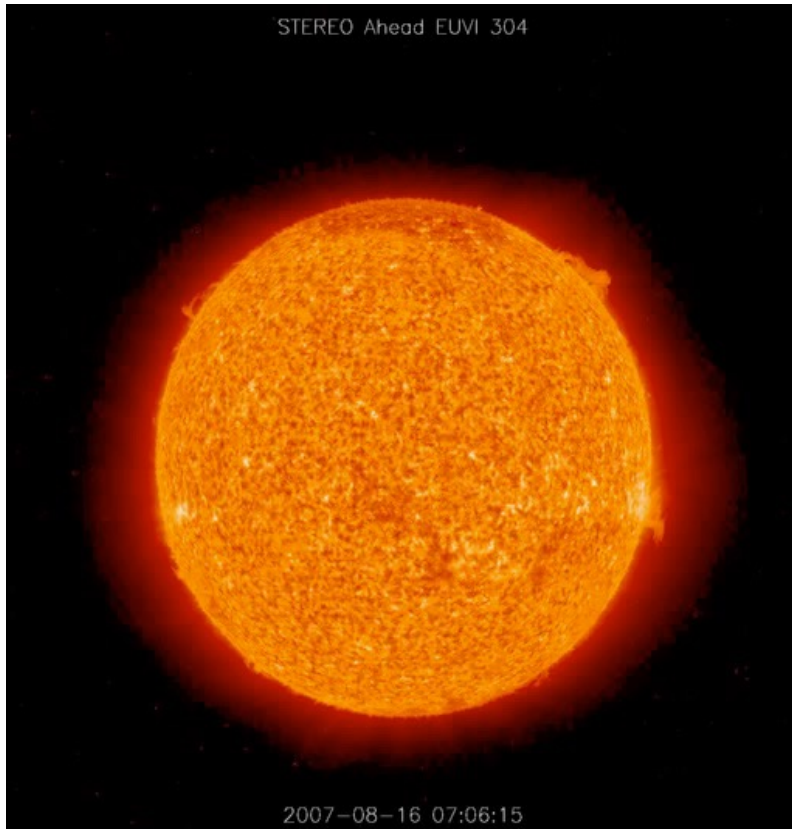




# Estimating solar irradiance at the surface starts at the top!

First, measure the energy from the Sun received at the Top Of Atmosphere (TOA) Total Solar Irradiance (TSI).

NASA's SORCE Mission is now replaced by TSIS-1 on board the ISS.

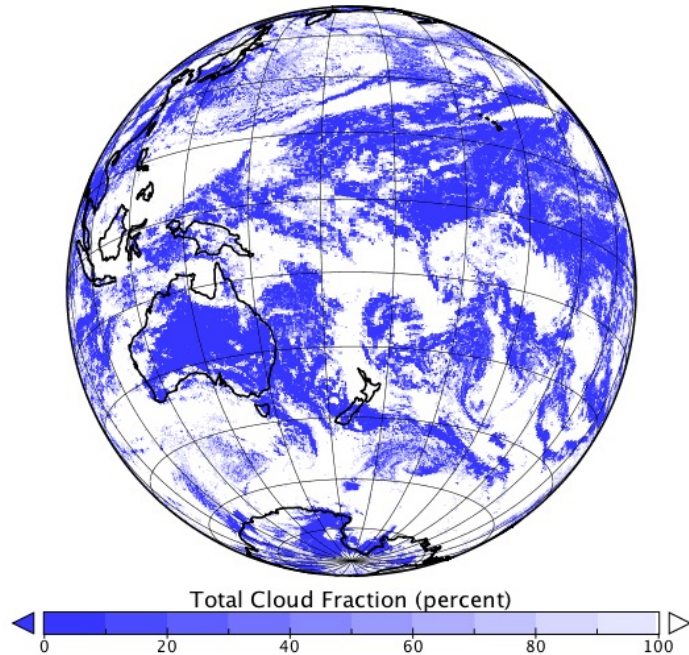


# GEWEX Surface Radiation Budget Project (SRB): Start with Clouds

## Obtain 3-hourly Global Cloud Properties from World's GEO and LEO Imagers

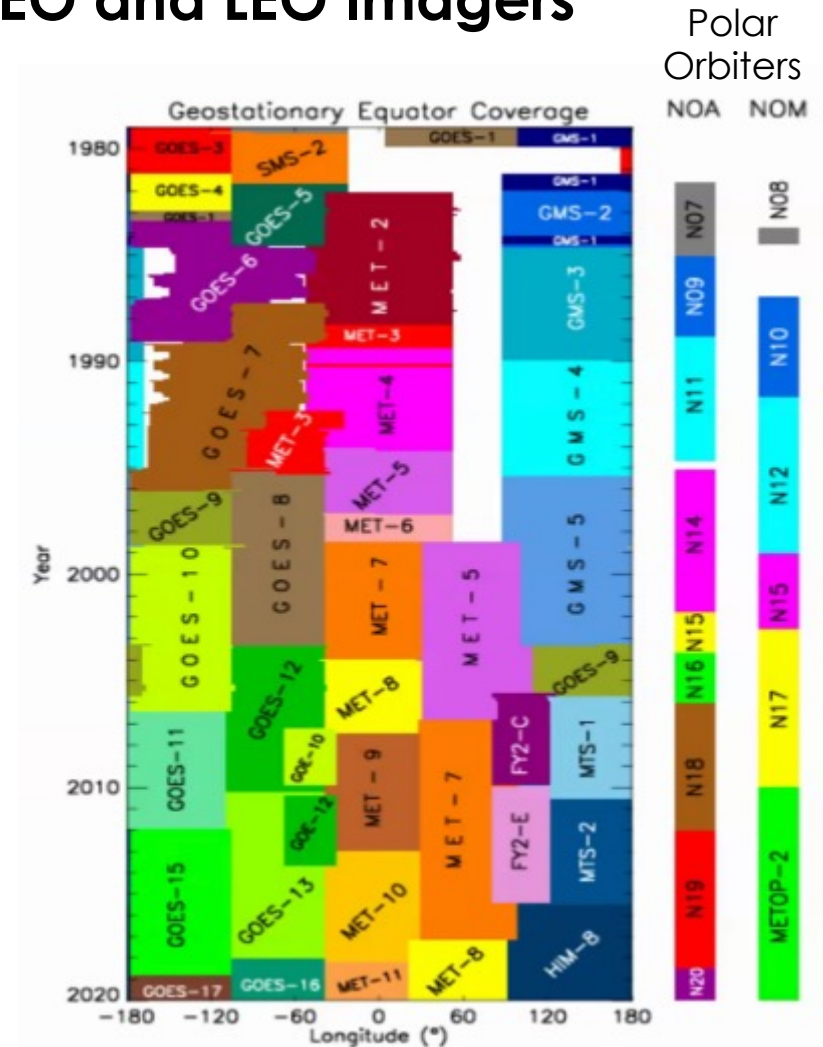
- International Satellite Cloud Climatology Project (ISCCP)

Total Cloud Fraction 16 Feb 2017 0045 UT



(A global cloud composite example, complements of LaRC SatCORPS for DSCOVR Satellite Mission)

- Multi-satellite imager data cross-calibrated together from both geosynchronous (GEO) and low earth orbit (LEO)
- Satellite visible reflectance/thermal infrared emission, cloud and surface reflectance information output
- Processed globally every 3 hours from July 1984

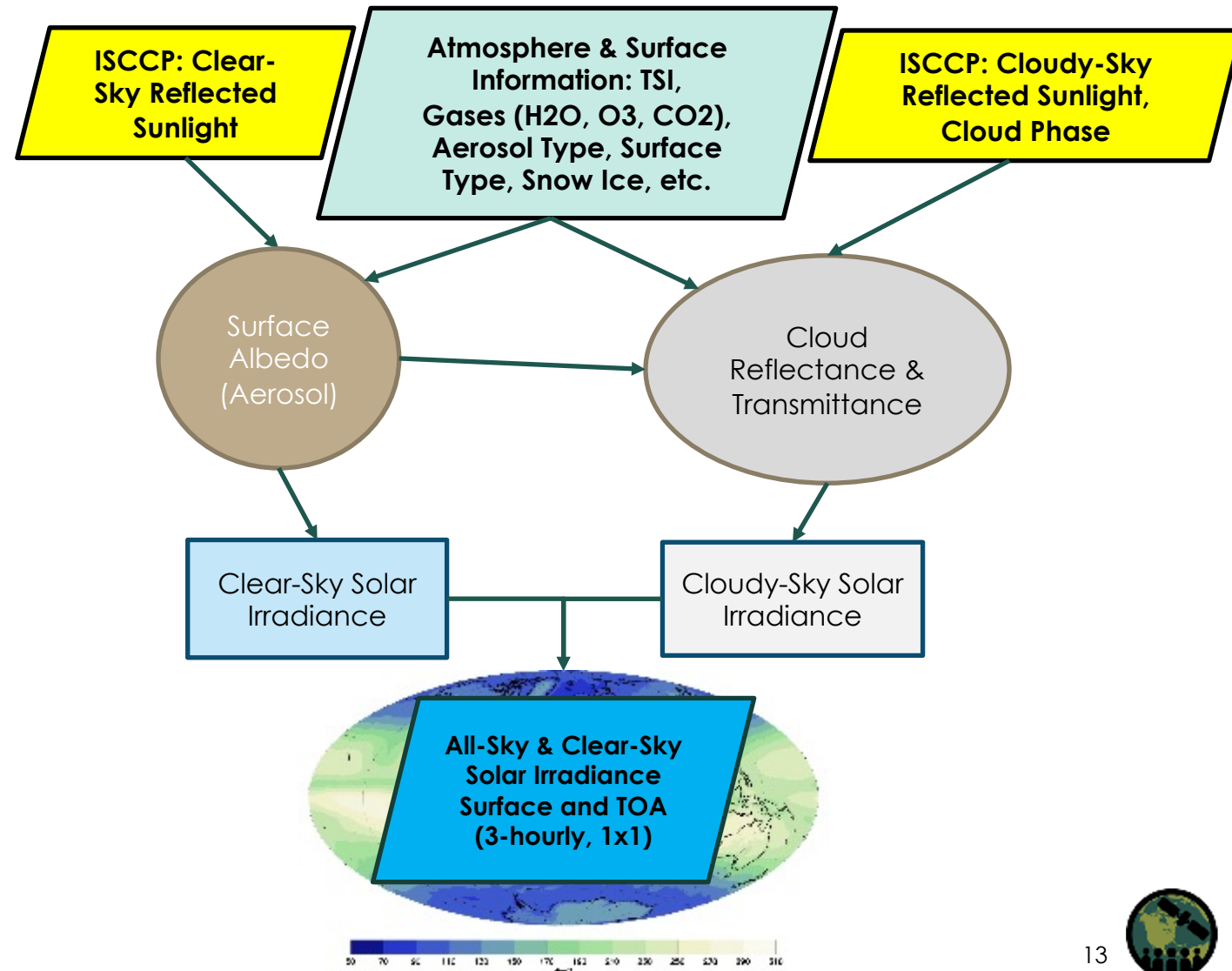


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# GEWEX SRB: Compute the Surface Solar Irradiance

- ISCCP satellite products provide measured reflected sunlight for clear and cloudy skies: cloud detection and phase.
- Other ancillary information including TSI, gases, aerosols, surface types, etc. is input.
- The GEWEX shortwave (SW) model uses an iterative technique to infer the clear and cloudy sky solar irradiance.
  - Estimates albedo from clear-sky using aerosol information
  - Estimates cloud reflectance and transmission of sunlight
  - Computes fluxes given time and location





# CERES Top-of-Atmosphere Measurements



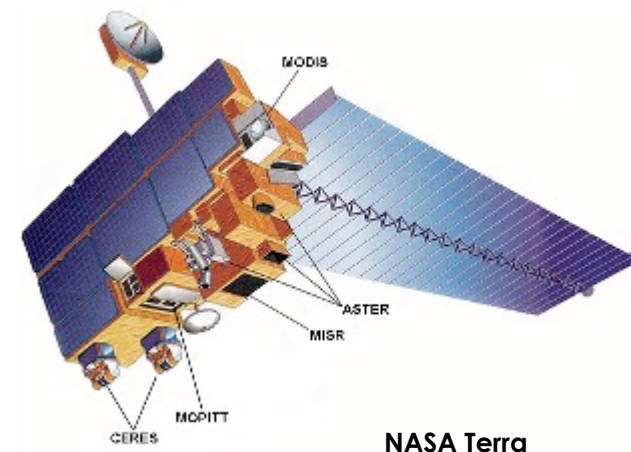
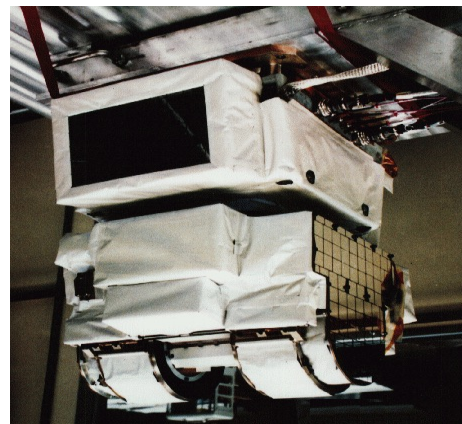
## Clouds and Earth's Radiant Energy System (CERES) Starting in 2000

- CERES measures reflected solar and emitted thermal infrared energy at the top-of-atmosphere to:
  - Monitor balance of energy
  - Determine effects of clouds on climate
  - **Much higher accuracy and stability**
- CERES flies on satellites with imagers used to produce cloud properties (like ISCCP H) but has far better resolution and more spectral channels.
  - Terra (AM overpass): MODIS\*
  - Aqua (PM overpass): MODIS
  - NPP (PM overpass): VIIRS\*\*
  - NOAA-20 (PM overpass): VIIRS

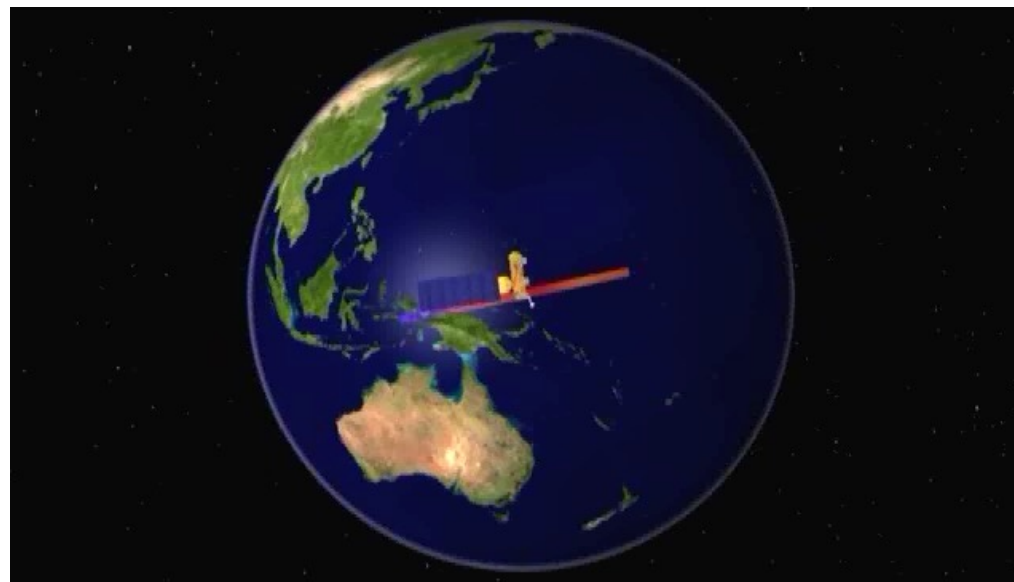
\*MODIS = MODERate resolution Imaging Spectrometer

\*\*VIIRS = Visible Infrared Imaging Spectrometer

NASA's Applied Remote Sensing Training Program

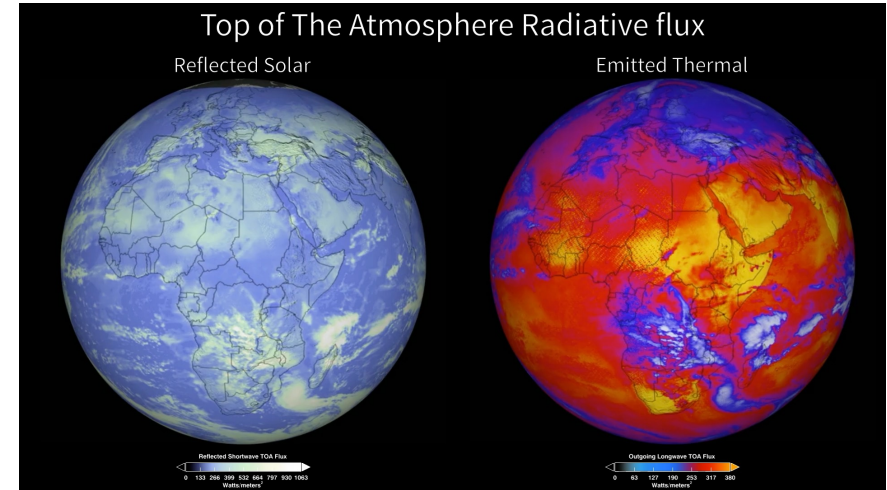


NASA Terra

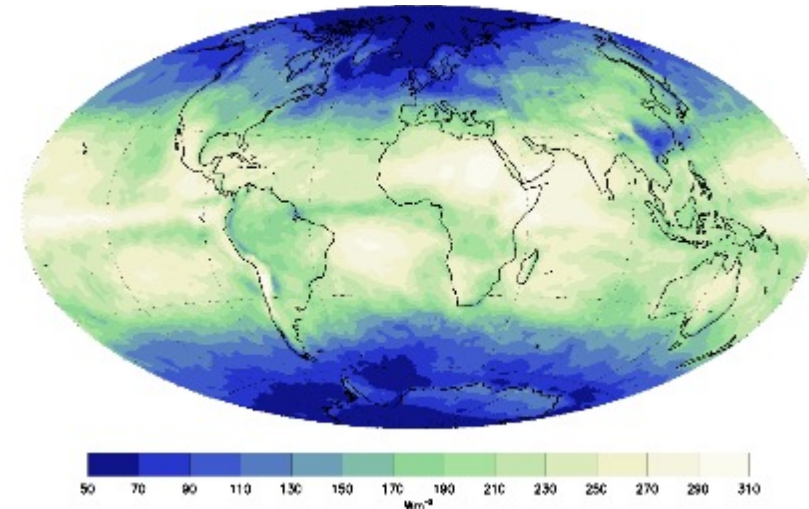


# CERES Surface Solar Irradiance: SYN1Deg Data Products

- Computed fluxes from CERES SYN1Deg (synoptic  $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ ) are produced using a radiative transfer model with MODIS and geosynchronous satellite-derived cloud properties.
- SYN1Deg provides hourly surface solar irradiance from March 2000 to within a few months of present.
- SYN1Deg products incorporate:
  - Terra/Aqua using CERES instruments with fused MODIS
  - GEO properties cross-calibrated to MODIS supplement
- Other key inputs include TSI, NSIDC Ice/Snow, surface types, NASA atmospheric reanalysis properties (3D temperature, humidity, ozone), aerosol optical properties, and surface albedo

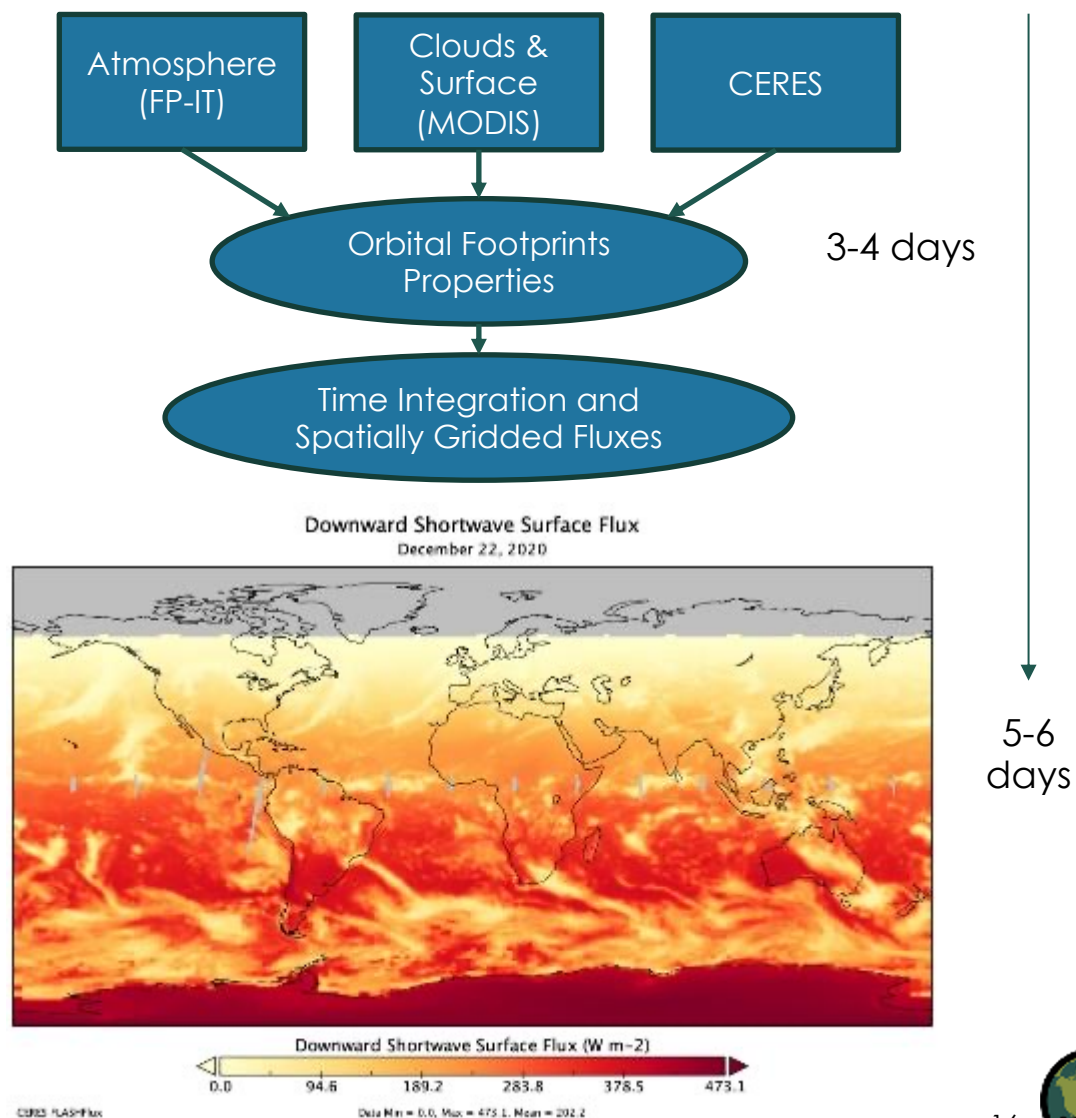


CERES SYN1Deg Surface Solar Irradiance Average



# CERES Near-Real Time: FLASHFlux Data Products

- Due to the needs of POWER data users for the most up-to-date solar irradiance data available, a second CERES Product, FLASHFlux, is utilized.
  - FLASHFlux uses the same inputs as SYN1deg but faster with a **target latency of 7 days**.
  - Data product quality is assessed independently for each source.
  - Day-to-day variability is sufficiently consistent for applications.
  - For the Beta, FLASHFlux data are overwritten with climate quality SYN1deg as soon as the data are available.

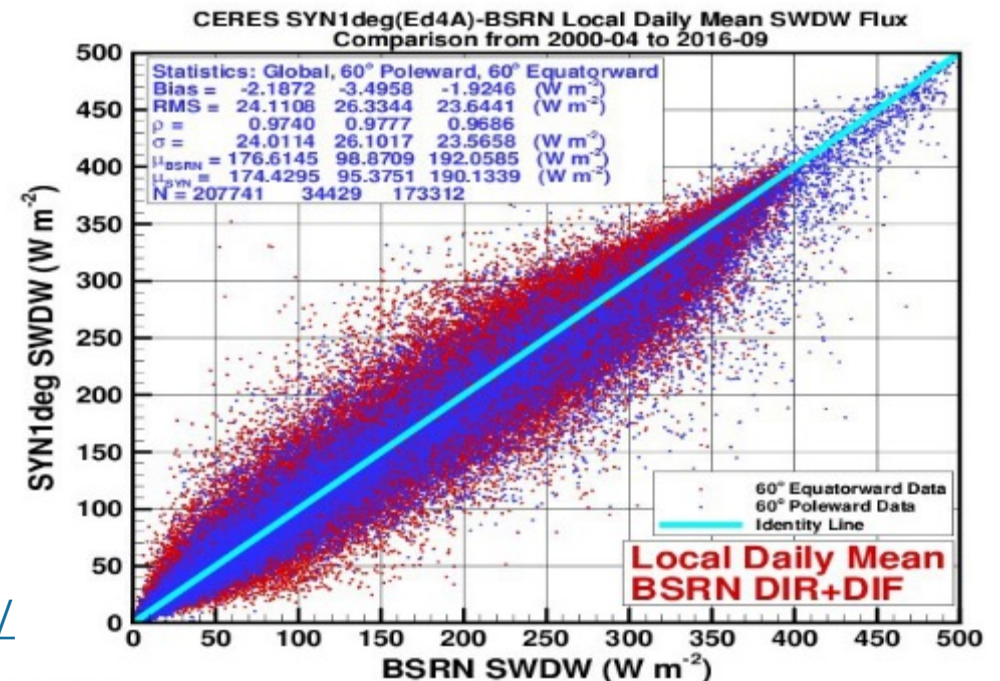
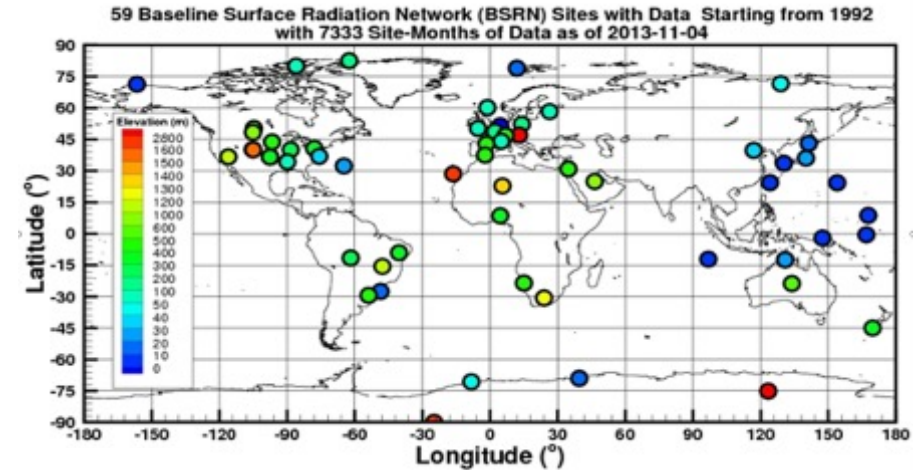




# How do we determine solar irradiance data quality?

- Solar irradiance data quality can be evaluated through:
  - Validation by comparison to surface measurements from networks like BSRN, ARM, and GEBA.
  - Ensemble and time averaged statistics are calculated.
  - Comparisons to other datasets such as CERES compared to SRB and/or to other independent data sets.
- See “Methodology Documentation” pages for more information and statistics

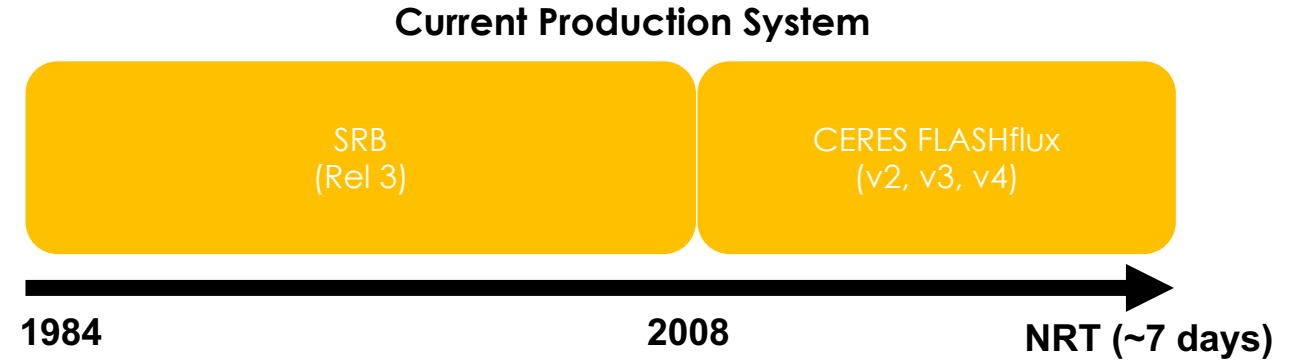
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# Time Span of POWER Solar Data Products

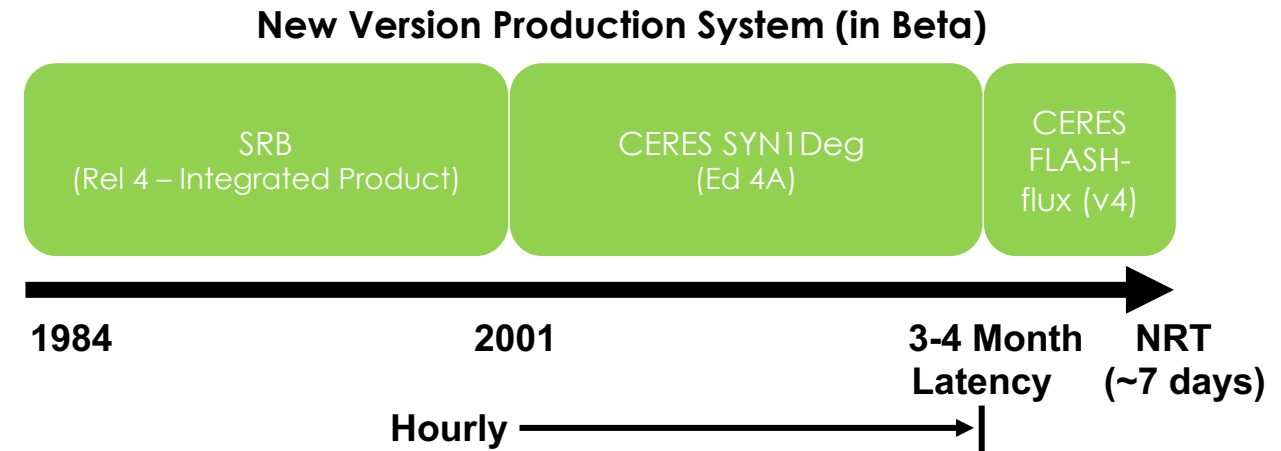
- **Current Version:**

- Daily solar data products from 1984 provided through 7 days of real-time
- SRB Rel 3 to CERES FLASHFlux (v4A)
- MERRA-2 to FP-IT



- **New Version Production System:**

- Daily solar data products from 1984 provided through 7 days of real-time
- SRB to CERES SYN1Deg, to FLASHFlux
- Hourly from 2001 through 3-4 months of observation
- MERRA-2 to FP-IT

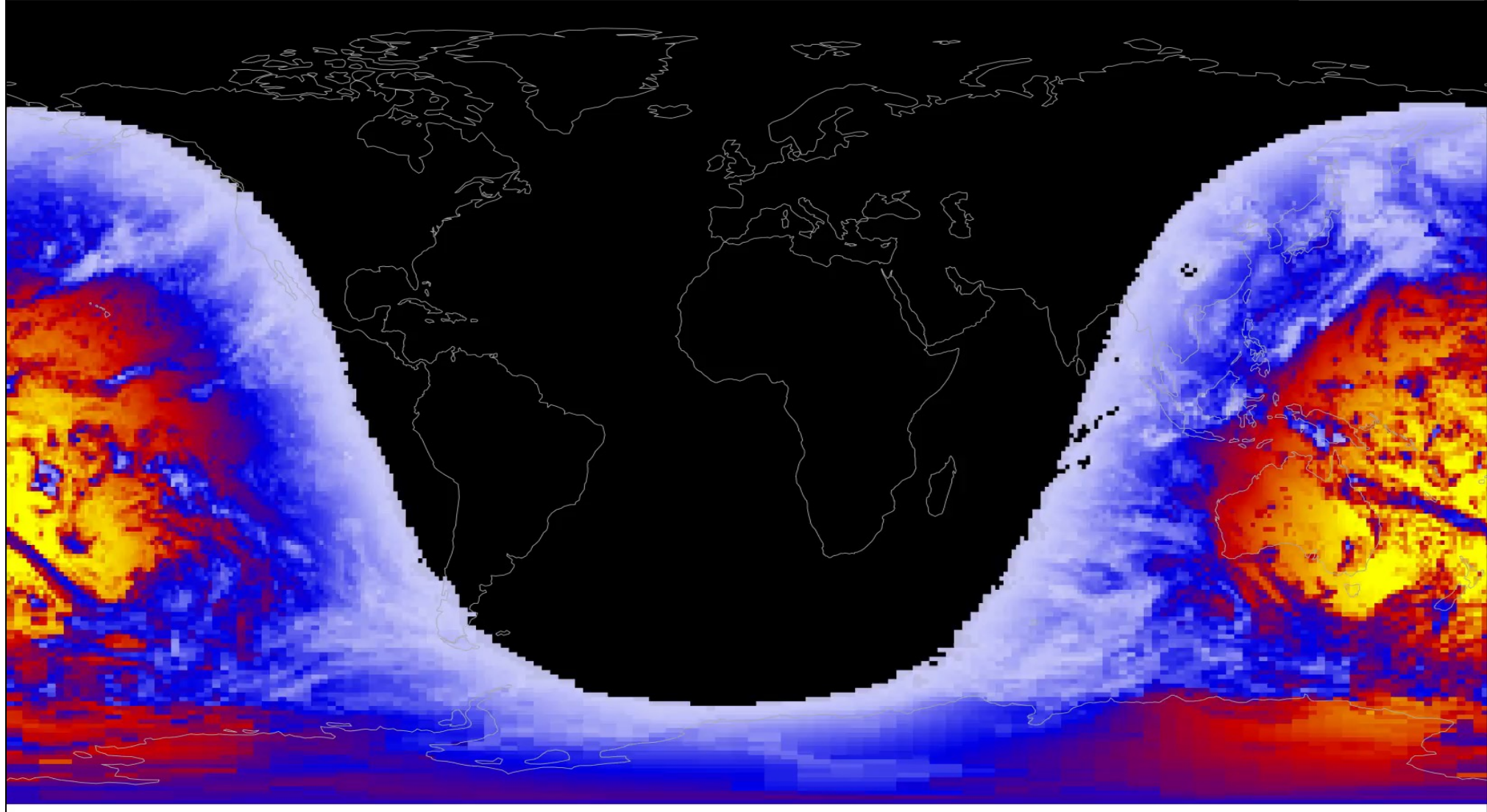


*Interpret long time series with caution due to concatenation of data products.*



# Daily Solar Irradiance – Hourly Video

All Sky Surface Shortwave Downward Irradiance: 2001-01-01 00:00 (UTC)



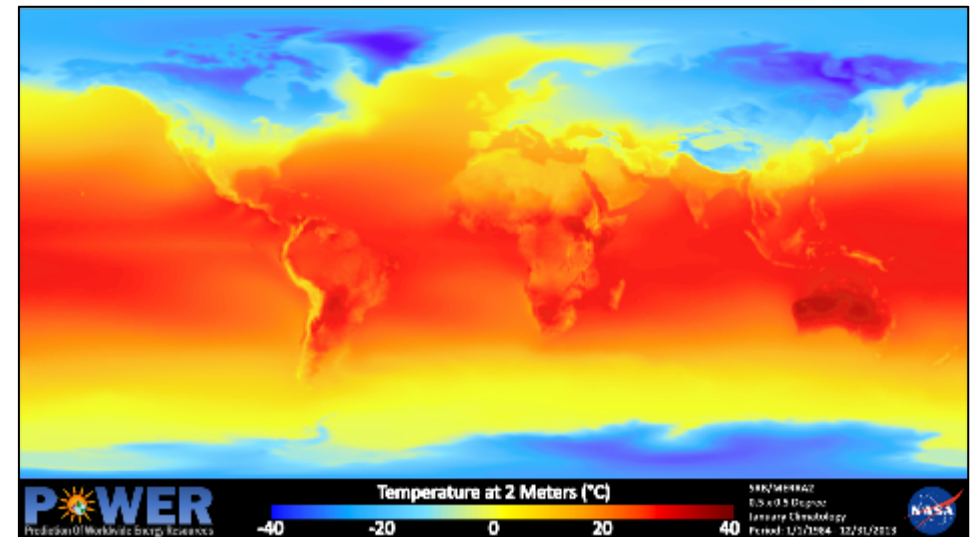
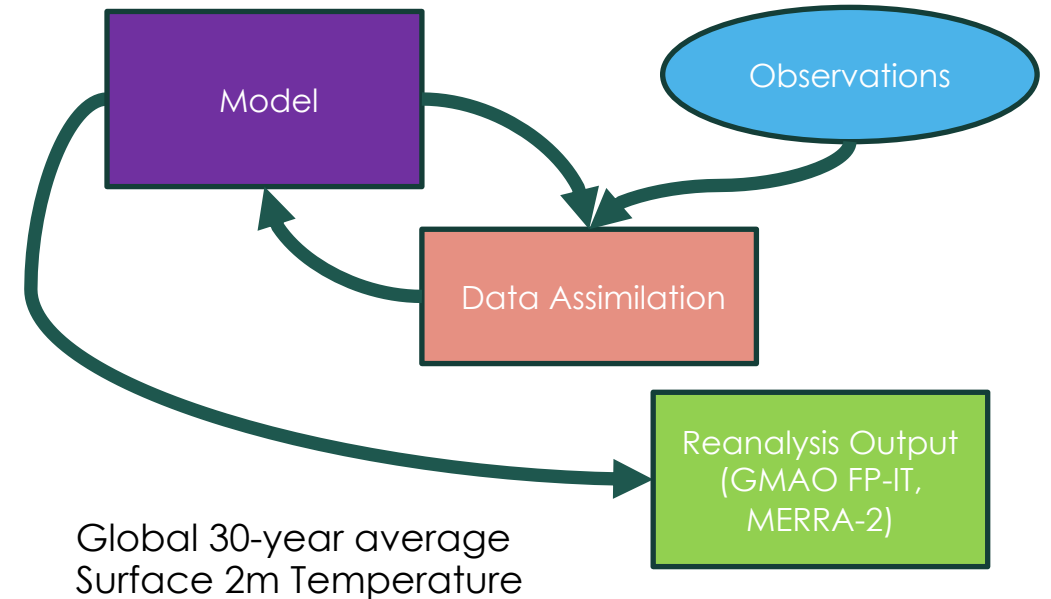


# Where can we obtain surface meteorological parameters?

## NASA's Global Modeling and Assimilation Office (GMAO) Data Products

What is an atmospheric data assimilation?

- Global atmospheric models run iteratively.
  - Model 6hr forecasts are adjusted within thresholds to observations
  - Model forecasts rerun to produce products
- GMAO produces:
  - Near real-time (FP-IT; 2 days)
  - Long-term MERRA-2 (Modern Era Retrospective analysis for Research and Applications)
- MERRA-2 has assimilated 50 Billion observations over 40 years.



# What sorts of observations are assimilated?

<https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/search/?search=mccarty>

- Surface measurements including:
  - Weather Stations and Buoys, Ships
- Airborne on radiosondes and commercial aircraft
- Satellites (large variety):
  - Spectral imagers
  - Microwave instruments
  - Atmospheric sounders
  - GPS occultation

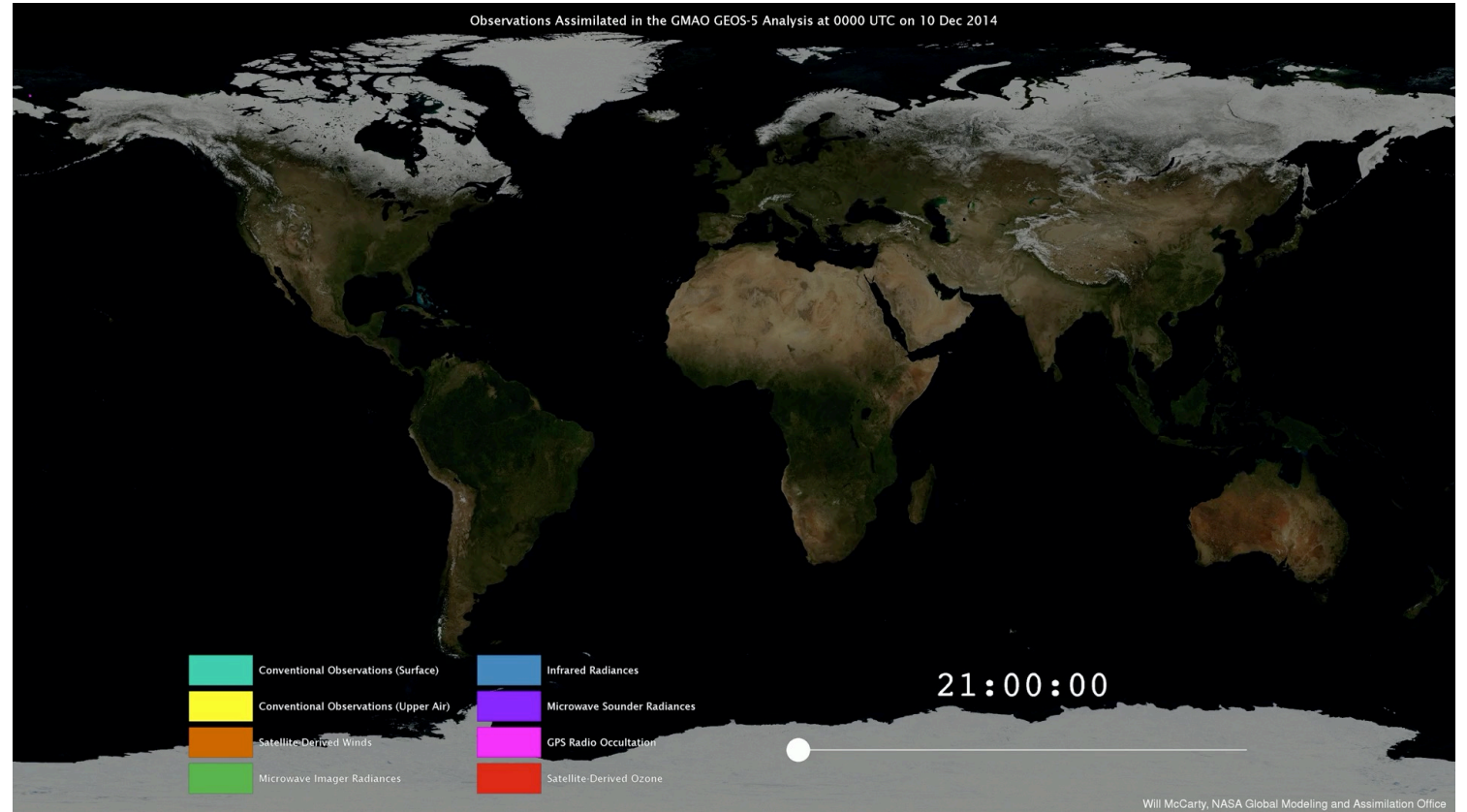


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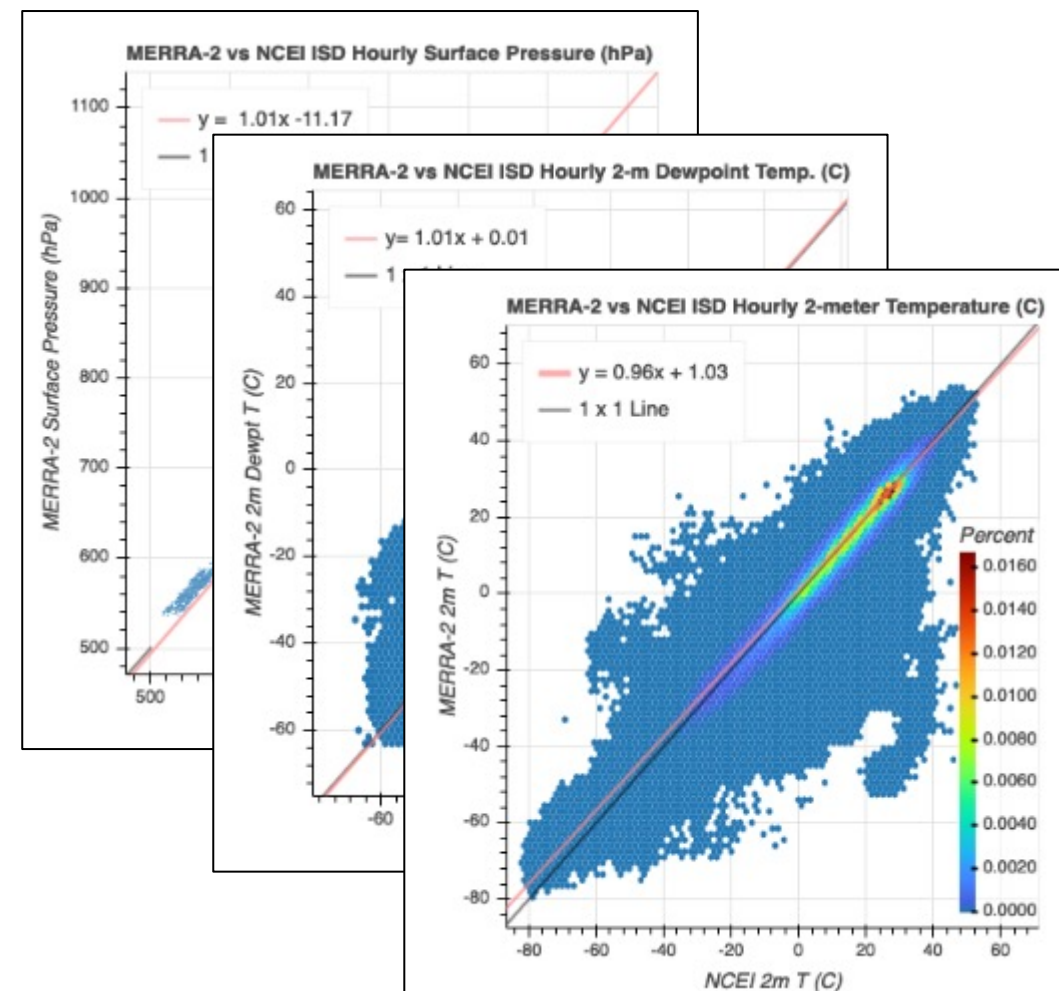


Photo Credit: NASA Aqua



# How do we determine MERRA-2 data quality?

- The POWER Project conducts additional parameter data validation for basic parameters with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Center for Environmental Information (NCEI) surface measurements:
  - Global Summary of the Day (GSOD) for daily validation
  - Integrated Surface Database (ISD) for hourly validation
- Producing histograms and scatterplots conducted by month and surface type produced in 4-year blocks and both aggregated and site-specific static reports/histograms



<https://power.larc.nasa.gov/docs/methodology/meteorology/>





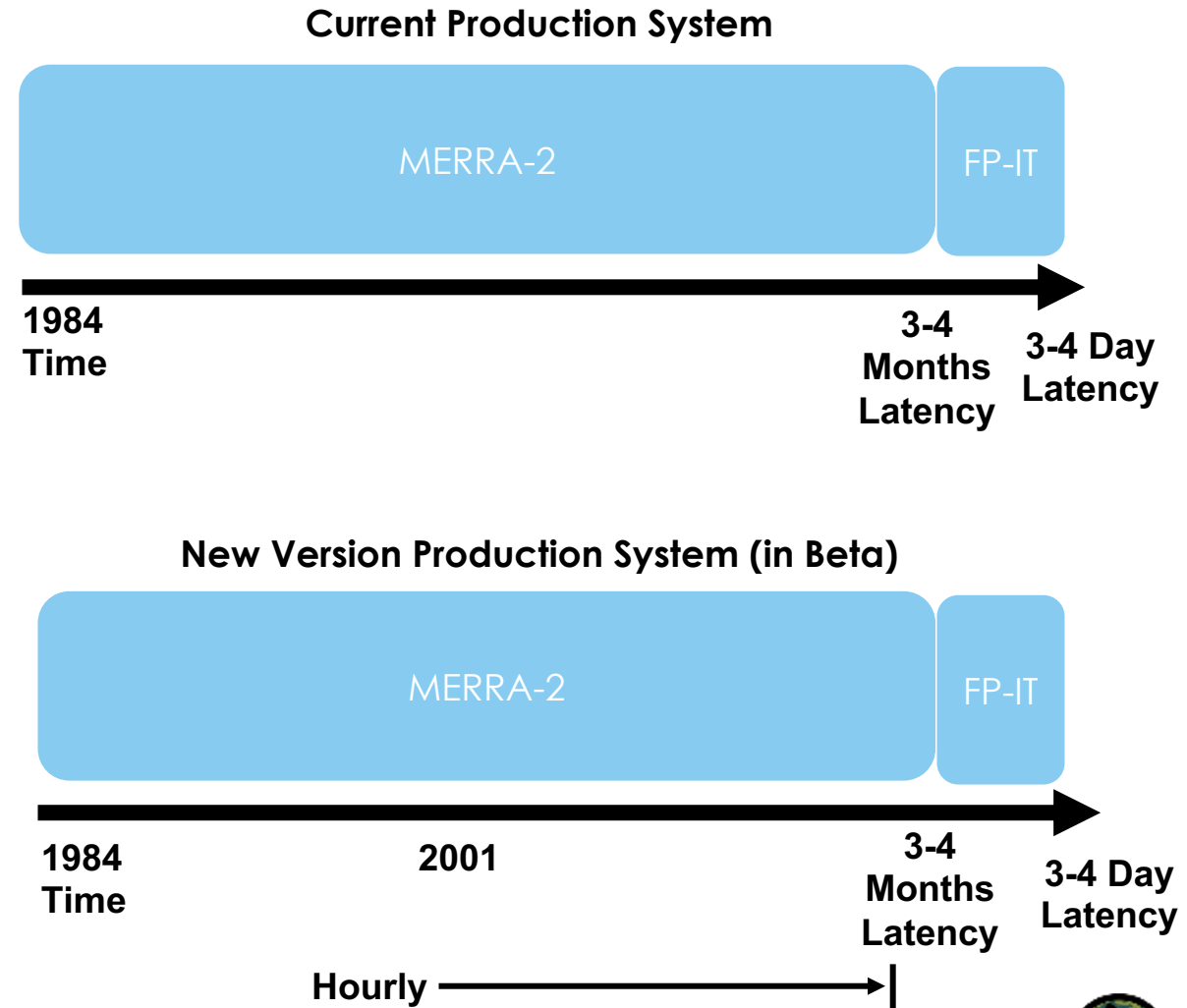
# Time Span of POWER Surface Meteorological Data Products

- **Current Production System:**

- Meteorological products from MERRA-2 begin Jan 1984 (with solar) to 3-4 months of real-time
- Near real-time is from a separate assimilation called FP-IT (Forward Processing-Instrument Team)
  - Subset of the parameters for optimization
  - No precipitation adjustments implemented like MERRA-2
  - Available via POWER at 3-4 days latency

- **New Version Production System (Now Beta):**

- Same as above except:
  - Hourly from Jan 2001 through Long-Term data replaces FP-IT with MERRA-2
  - FP-IT to be replaced by new version within the next year; MERRA-2 within 3-4 years



# Introduction POWER Web Services Portal

NASA Prediction Of Worldwide Energy Resources

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Multiple Data Access Options



# POWER Data Access Methods

POWER enhances data discovery, access, and distribution as Analysis Ready Data (ARD) for direct application of inputs to decision to support tools, modeling and forecasting packages, and as inputs to scientific research is provided via three basic services:

**API:** *The RESTful Application Programming Interfaces (API) through a single endpoint (i.e., formatted URL string); delivery directly through user browser and/or application.*

**Data Access Viewer (DAV):** *The DAV provides a web map with a simple user interface via widgets that allow users to select community specific parameters, units, time periods, and the output formats (invokes the API).*

**ArcGIS:** *The RESTful Esri® ArcGIS® Image and Feature Services that support geospatially-enabled data distribution for direct use in Geographic Information System (GIS) and related tools.*

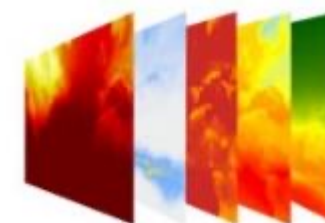
## APIs



## Data Access Viewer



## Geospatial Services

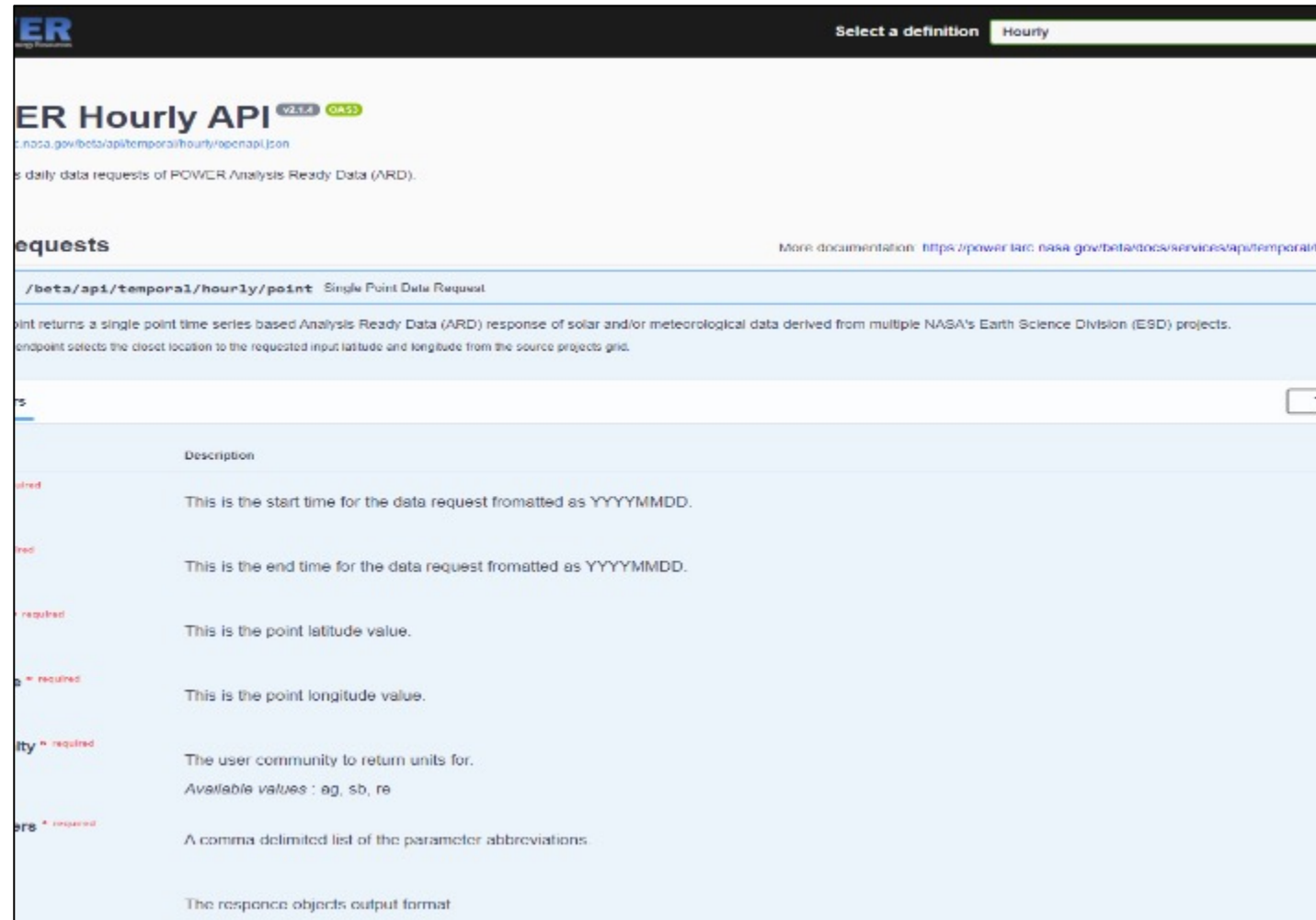




# What does the POWER Application Programming Interface (API) do?

The POWER API delivers Analysis Ready Data (ARD) for inputs to decision support tools, modeling and forecasting packages, and as inputs to scientific research by providing:

- Complete access to the entire database without any other services.
- Direct integration into external applications; users can submit a request and a response will be returned without leaving their application!
- User specified subsets converted into user community specific units and provides formats like ASCII, ICASA, CSV, GeoJSON, NetCDF, and more!



The screenshot shows the documentation for the NASA Earth Resources (ER) Hourly API. The page title is "ER Hourly API v2.1.4 (GA23)". Below the title, it states "This API provides daily data requests of POWER Analysis Ready Data (ARD)." and provides a link to the API endpoint: "https://power.larc.nasa.gov/beta/api/temporal/hourly/point".

The main heading is "requests" and the specific endpoint is "/beta/api/temporal/hourly/point Single Point Data Request". The description states: "This endpoint returns a single point time series based Analysis Ready Data (ARD) response of solar and/or meteorological data derived from multiple NASA's Earth Science Division (ESD) projects. The endpoint selects the closest location to the requested input latitude and longitude from the source projects grid."

A table of parameters is provided:

Parameter	Description
start	This is the start time for the data request formatted as YYYYMMDD.
end	This is the end time for the data request formatted as YYYYMMDD.
lat	This is the point latitude value.
lon	This is the point longitude value.
units	The user community to return units for. Available values : ag, sb, re
params	A comma delimited list of the parameter abbreviations.
format	The response objects output format



# What is the POWER Application Programming Interface (API)?

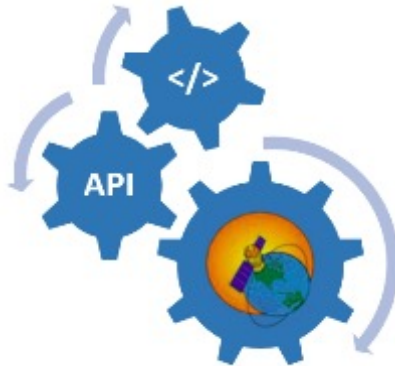
## Example Temporal API Requests

[Hourly Point API Request URL](#)

[Daily Point API Request URL](#)

[Monthly Point API Request URL](#)

[Climatology Point API Request URL](#)



## Example for Daily API

### Uniform Resource Locator (URL):

<https://power.larc.nasa.gov/beta/api/temporal/daily/point>

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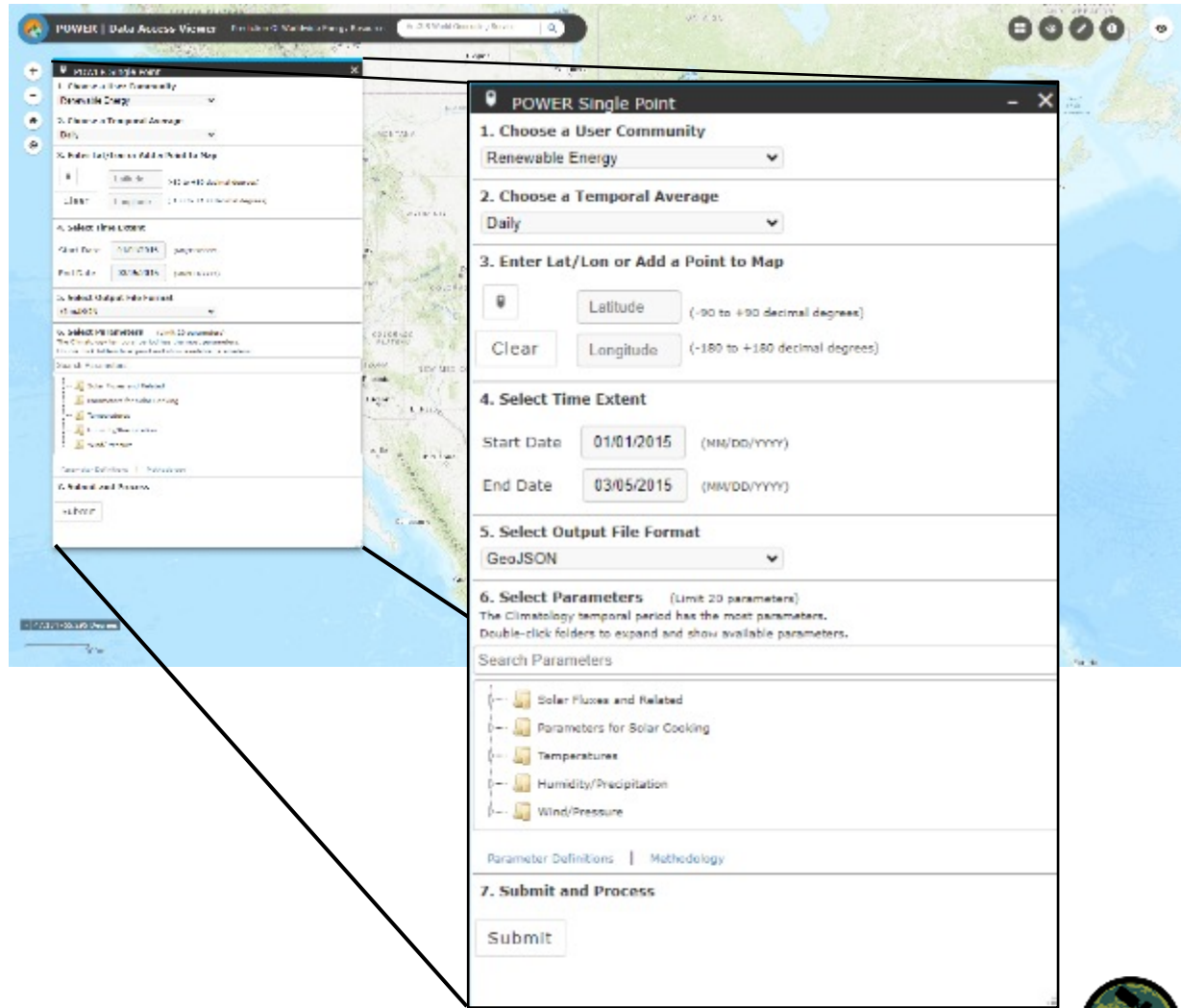
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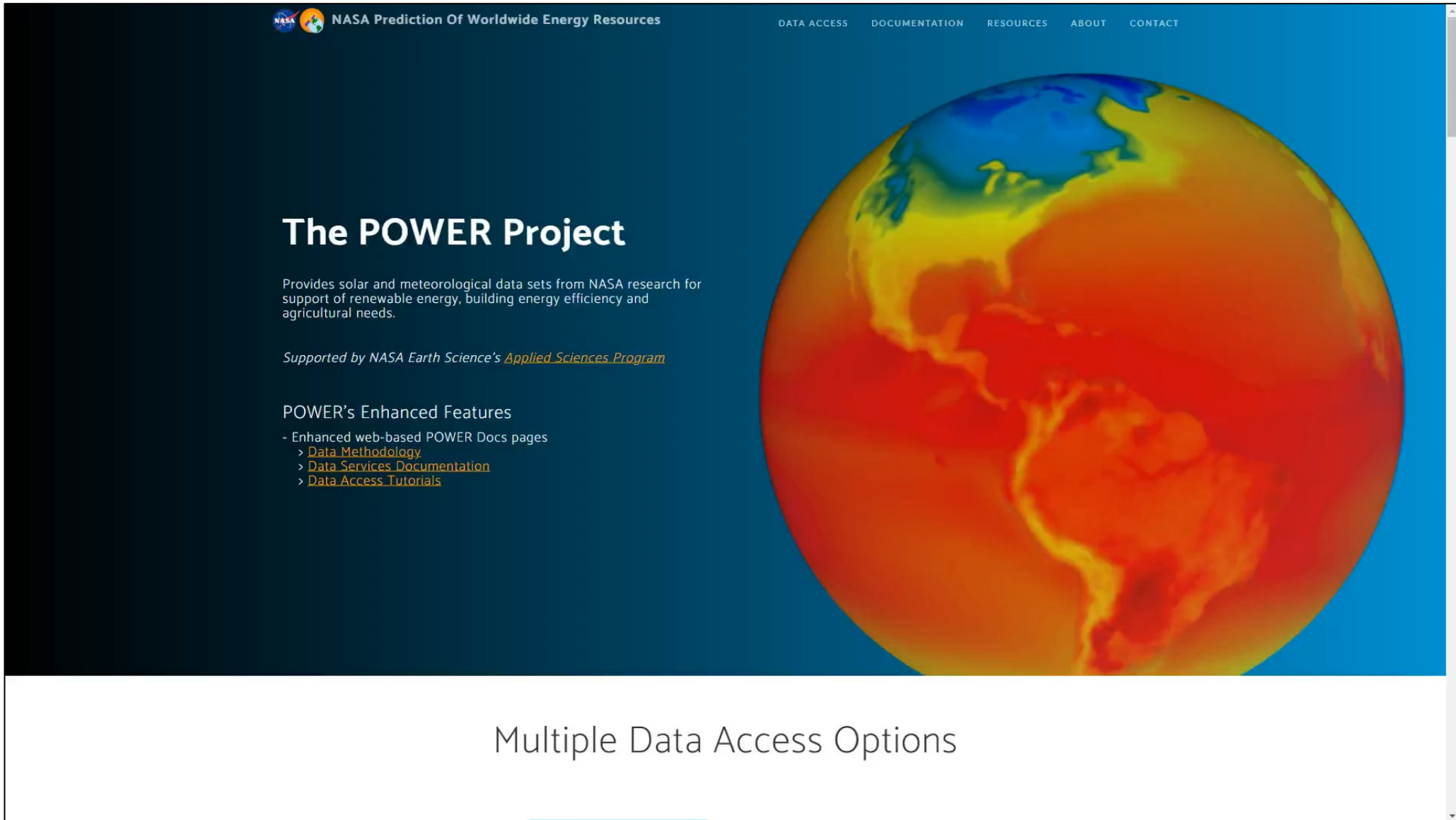
# What is the POWER Data Access Viewer (DAV)?

- Provides a front-end web map with a simple user interface via integrated widgets that is responsive and built for mobile and desktop use
- Allows users to select community specific parameters, units, time periods, and the output formats to efficiently retrieve data from the Application Programming Interface (API)
- Enables users to follow a set of questions (without programming knowledge), to create the API request URL and download the requested data
- Displays global ArcGIS Image and Feature Services of data parameters and provides simple graphing capabilities





# How do you use the POWER Data Access Viewer (DAV)?



NASA Prediction Of Worldwide Energy Resources

DATA ACCESS DOCUMENTATION RESOURCES ABOUT CONTACT

## The POWER Project

Provides solar and meteorological data sets from NASA research for support of renewable energy, building energy efficiency and agricultural needs.

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POWER's Enhanced Features

- Enhanced web-based POWER Docs pages
  - > [Data Methodology](#)
  - > [Data Services Documentation](#)
  - > [Data Access Tutorials](#)

Multiple Data Access Options

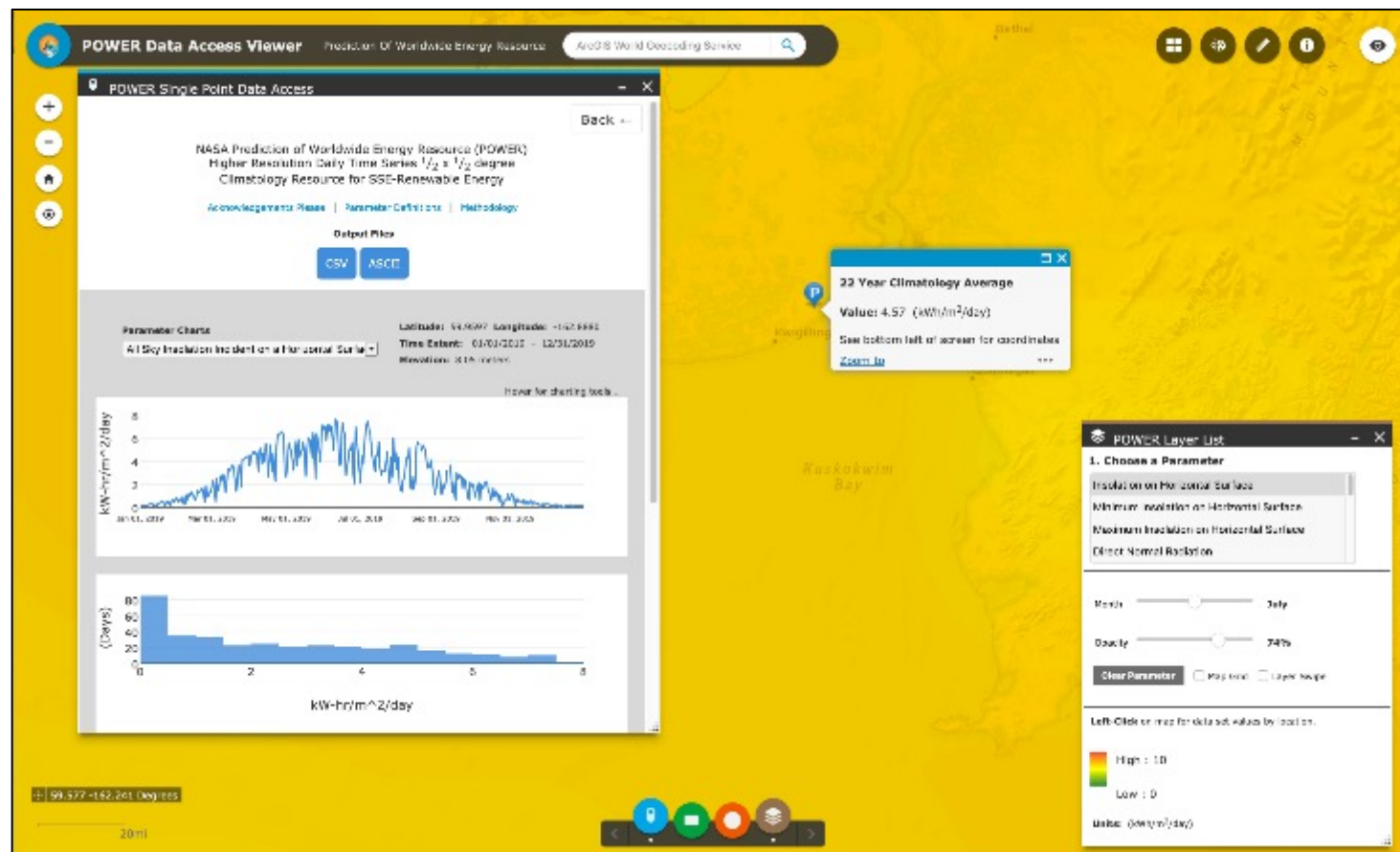


# How do you use the POWER Data Access Viewer (DAV)?

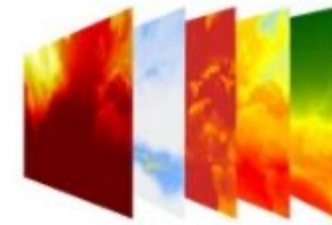
## Layer List Image Services:

- Climatological average maps services for 20+ key variables
- Monthly and annual averages available
- Interactive values displayed for any location when clicked
- Integrated opacity control to view terrain below

Solar Irradiance for July in Kongiganak, Alaska, US



# What GIS Services does POWER provide?



POWER provides Esri® ArcGIS Image and Feature Services that allow users to efficiently interact with the POWER data in Geographic Information System (GIS) applications and related tools.

- **Image Services:** Global climatology-based solar and meteorological parameters
- **Feature Services:** Global long-term ASHRAE® building climate thermal-moisture zones, 4-year rolling thermal zones, and period differences

## Available on:

- NASA ArcGIS Online (AGOL)
- ASDC ArcGIS Online
- Esri Living Atlas

## Prediction Of Worldwide Energy Resources (POWER)

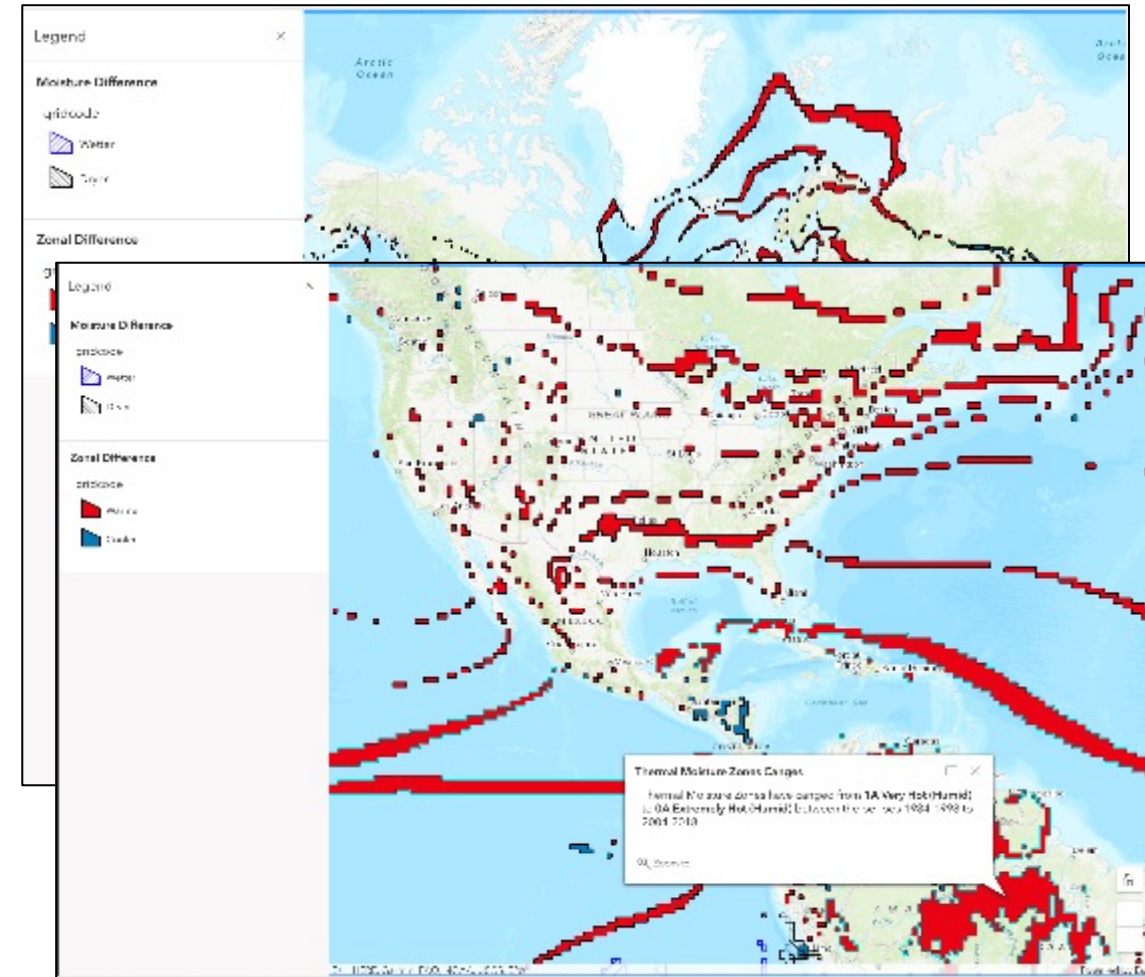
The screenshot displays the POWER web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Gallery', 'Map', 'Scene', and 'Groups' options, along with a search bar and a 'Log In' button. The main content area features a header for 'Prediction Of Worldwide Energy Resources (POWER)' with 'Overview', 'Content', and 'Members' tabs. Below this, there is a description of the project, its logo, and a 'Join this group' button. The interface is divided into several panels, each showing a different climate data layer with a thumbnail image and a detailed description. The layers include: 'Insolation Incident on a Horizontal Surface (30-Year Climatology)', 'Temperature at 2 Meters (30-Year Climatology)', 'Four Year Rolling Thermal Moisture Zones', and 'Thermal Moisture Zones'. Each panel provides a description of the data, its source, and its metadata. The 'Thermal Moisture Zones' panel also includes a 'Details' section with social media icons and a 'Share' button.





# What GIS services does POWER provide?

- The Web maps and StoryMaps® allow users to more efficiently explore, modify, and interact with the POWER Data without need for additional software
- Responsive and scalable; built for mobile and desktop use
- Examples:
  - Reviewing regional data quality by comparing to surface measurements
  - Long-term differences in ASHRAE® building climate zones



# What are POWER's analytic data services?

*New in power/beta ...*

POWER provides single location, user specified time period reports to assess long-term variability:

- **Anomaly Report**
  - Time series plots and climatological assessments
  - ASHRAE® building climate zone indicators change plots for climate monitoring
- **Building Climate Design Conditions Report**
  - Developed with ASHRAE® from the Design Condition report
- **Windrose Report**
  - Average wind speeds reported in tables classified according to NREL using wind energy thresholds

POWER Reports

1. Choose a Report Type  
Climatic Design Conditions

2. Enter Lat/Lon or Add a Point to Map  
Latitude (Decimal Degrees)  
Longitude (Decimal Degrees)  
Clear

3. Select Time Extent  
Start Date 2001 (YYYY)  
End Date 2018 (YYYY)

4. Choose a Report Type  
HTML

5. Submit and Process  
Click Submit to Download a Report.  
This request will take up to a minute to complete.  
Submit

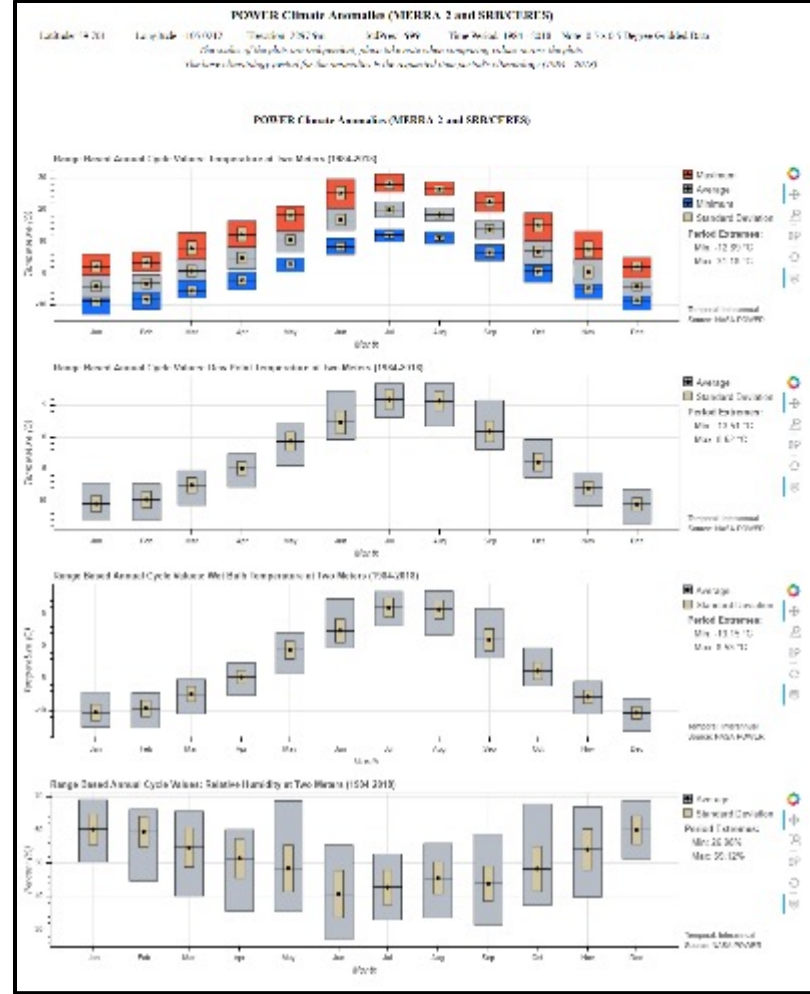


# Analytic Data Services – Report Outputs

## Building Climatic Design Conditions

POWER Climatic Design Conditions (MERRA-2 and SRB/CERES)											
Latitude: 29.6106	Longitude: -82.2603	Elevation: 28.3	StdPres: 14.68	Time Period: 2014 - 2019	Note: 0.5 x 0.5 Degree Gridded Data						
<b>Annual Heating and Humidification Design Conditions</b>											
Coldest Month	Heating DB	Humidification DP/MCDB and HR				Coldest month WS/MCDB	MCWS/PCWD to 1%		99.6% DB		
1	99.6%	99%	DP	HR	MCDB	WS	MCDB	WS	MCDB	MCWS	PCWD
	-0.2	1.8	-5.6	0.0	-3.2	0.0	2.7	0.0	2.7		
<b>Annual Cooling, Dehumidification, and Enthapy Design Conditions</b>											
Hottest Month	0.4%	Cooling DB/MCWB				Evaporation WB/MCDB		MCWS/PCWD to 1%		0.4% DB	
7	12.5	35.8	34.7	33.6	28.4	28.1	27.8				
<b>Extreme Annual Design Conditions</b>											
Extreme Annual WS											
1%	2.5%	5%									
6.0	5.2	4.5									
<b>Monthly Climatic Design Conditions</b>											
Temperatures, HDD10.0, Degree-Days and Degree-Hours											
Wind											
Precipitation											
Monthly Design Dry Bulb and Mean Coincident Wet Bulb Temperatures											
Monthly Design Wet Bulb and Mean Coincident Dry Bulb Temperatures											
Mean Daily Temperature Range											
Clear Sky Solar Irradiance											
All-Sky Solar Radiation											

## Climate Variability and Anomalies Report



## Windrose Report Table by NREL Classes

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-BEGIN HEADER-
NASA/POWER wind Rose MERRA2/GEOS 5.12.4 (FP-IT) 0.5 x 0.5 Degree Daily Averaged Data
Dates (month/day/year): 01/01/1984 through 12/31/2018
Single Point Total
Location: Latitude 38.9531 Longitude -77.028
Elevation from MERRA-2: Average for 1/2x1/2 degree lat/lon region = 83.32 meters Site = na
Value for missing model data; cannot be computed or out of model availability range: -999
Parameter(s):
WR10M Wind Rose at 10 meters (percent)
CLASS_1: 0-1.5 m/s
CLASS_2: 1.5-3.0 m/s
CLASS_3: 3.0-4.4 m/s
CLASS_4: 4.4-5.1 m/s
CLASS_5: 5.1-5.6 m/s
CLASS_6: 5.6-6.0 m/s
CLASS_7: 6.0-6.4 m/s
CLASS_8: 6.4-7.0 m/s
CLASS_9: 7.0-9.4 m/s
CLASS_10: 9.4+ m/s
WR50M Wind Rose at 50 meters (percent)
CLASS_1: 0-1.5 m/s
CLASS_2: 1.5-3.0 m/s
CLASS_3: 3.0-5.6 m/s
CLASS_4: 5.6-6.4 m/s
CLASS_5: 6.4-7.0 m/s
CLASS_6: 7.0-7.5 m/s
CLASS_7: 7.5-8.0 m/s
CLASS_8: 8.0-8.9 m/s
CLASS_9: 8.8-11.9 m/s
CLASS_10: 11.9+ m/s
WD_PCT Wind Direction Percent (percent)
WD_AVG Wind Direction Average Wind Speed (m/s)
DIRECTION This consists of 16 22.5 degree swaths; the center point being defined. (degrees)
CLASS The NREL Wind Classifications with enhanced low-end wind levels that have different cutoffs for 10m and 50m Heights.
PARAMETER DIRECTION CLASS_1 CLASS_2 CLASS_3 CLASS_4 CLASS_5 CLASS_6 CLASS_7 CLASS_8 CLASS_9 CLASS_10 WD_PCT WD_AVG
-END HEADER-
WR10M 000.0 1.59 4.03 1.60 0.33 0.16 0.03 0.05 0.02 0.03 0.00 7.83 2.50
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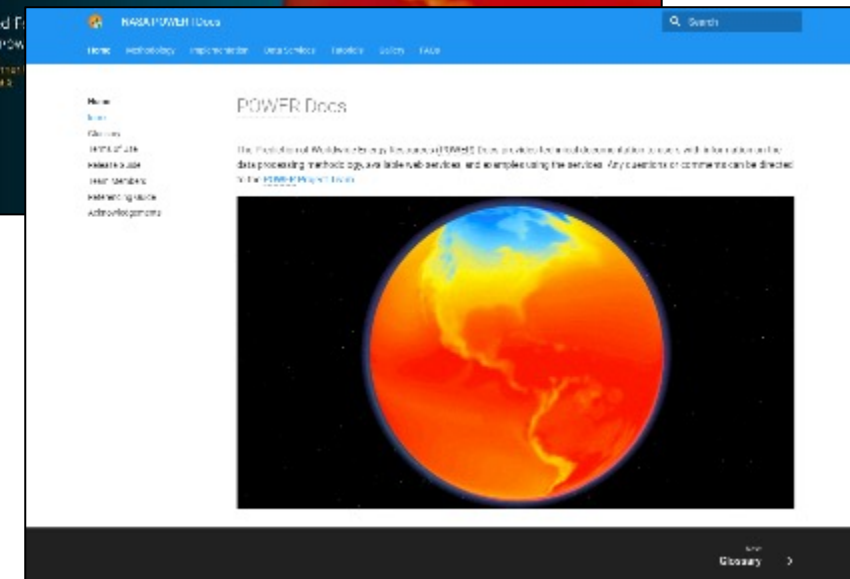
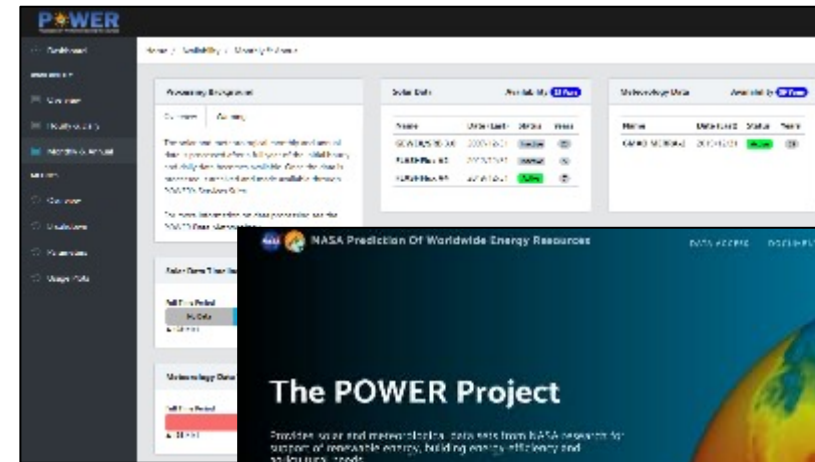




# Where is the POWER documentation?

The POWER Documentation consists of four main sites that are built for both mobile and desktop use:

- **Homepage:** The project overview with links to all POWER resources.
- **Dashboard:** A series of dynamic webpages that provide real-time status information on data processing.
- **Pages:** The API landing pages that use the OpenAPI specification to create interactive pages for the API endpoints.
- **Docs:** The project's documentation and methodology providing accurate and detailed information to users.



# What Have We Learned?

**NASA Earth Observations (EO) data products are customized through POWER to address energy related data needs.**

- Global solar irradiance estimates are made using specialized measurements:
  - Of the sun from SORCE/TIS
  - Calculated using information from a combination of NASA CERES instruments and satellite imagers
  - Estimates are made within a week of observation
- Surface meteorological parameters are made available from atmospheric reanalysis from NASA's MERRA-2
  - Estimates of these quantities are available within a few days
- The POWER Web Services Portal:
  - Uses NASA's EO and modeling to customize datasets for energy related applications
  - Spans from 1984 to within a few days of the current time
  - Daily, Monthly, Annual, and Climatological averages provided
  - Data is made available through:
    - API for direct usage
    - DAV for interactive selection
    - Web image and feature services
  - New version features hourly data since Jan. 2001





**Thank You!**

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# ACRONYMS

<b>3D</b>	Three Dimensional
<b>API</b>	Application Programming Interface
<b>ARD</b>	Analysis Ready Data
<b>ARM</b>	Atmospheric Radiation Measurement
<b>ASCII</b>	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
<b>BSRN</b>	Baseline Surface Radiation Network
<b>CERES</b>	Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System
<b>CSV</b>	Comma Separated Values
<b>DAV</b>	Data Access Viewer
<b>DSCOV</b>	Deep Space Climate Observatory
<b>EO</b>	Earth Observation
<b>FLASHFlux</b>	Fast Longwave and Shortwave Flux
<b>FP-IT</b>	Forward Processing-Investigator Team
<b>GEBA</b>	Global Energy Balance Archive
<b>GEOS</b>	Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite
<b>GEWEX</b>	Global Energy and Water Exchanges Project
<b>GIS</b>	Geographic Information System
<b>GMAO</b>	Global Modeling and Assimilation Office
<b>GSOD</b>	Global Summary of the Day
<b>ISCCP</b>	International Satellite Cloud Climatology Project
<b>ISD</b>	Integrated Surface Database
<b>ISS</b>	International Space Station
<b>LaRC</b>	Langley Research Center
<b>MAC</b>	Max-Planck Aerosol Climatology

<b>MERRA-2</b>	Modern-Era Retrospective analysis for Research and Applications, Version 2
<b>MODIS</b>	MODerate resolution Imaging Spectrometer
<b>NASA</b>	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
<b>NCEI</b>	National Center for Environmental Information
<b>NetCDF</b>	Network Common Data Form
<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
<b>NREL</b>	National Renewable Energy Laboratory
<b>NSIDC</b>	National Snow and Ice Data Center
<b>PAR</b>	Photosynthetically Active Radiation
<b>POWER</b>	Prediction of Worldwide Energy Resources
<b>PV</b>	Photovoltaic
<b>SatCORPS</b>	Satellite CLOUD and Radiation Property retrieval System
<b>SORCE</b>	SOLAR Radiation Climate and Experiment
<b>SRB</b>	Surface Radiation Budget Project
<b>TOA</b>	Top Of Atmosphere
<b>TSI</b>	Total Solar Irradiance
<b>TSIS</b>	Total and Spectral Solar Irradiance Sensor
<b>URI</b>	Uniform Resource Identifier
<b>URL</b>	Uniform Resource Locator
<b>VIIRS</b>	Visible Infrared Imaging Spectrometer



# POWER Data: What Parameters are Provided?

## Base and Derived Parameters for POWER GIS v2 (Beta) All parameters are available globally at the source data resolution.

Source Data (Hourly)	Daily, Monthly, & Annual	Climatological
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All-Sky &amp; Clear-Sky Surface Solar Insolation on Horizontal Surface</li> <li>Surface Reflected Solar Flux</li> <li>All Sky Downward Longwave Radiative Flux</li> <li>Top-Of-Atmosphere Insolation</li>   <li>Air Temperature at 2 m, 10 m</li> <li>Specific Humidity at 2 m, 10 m</li> <li>Surface Dewpoint at 2 m</li> <li>Surface Pressure</li> <li>Surface Skin Temperature</li> <li>U, V, Wind Speed, &amp; Wind Direction at 2 m, 10 m, and 50 m</li> <li>Precipitation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear &amp; Cloudy Clearness Indexes</li>   <li>Air Temperature Average, Min, Max, Range at 2 m, Wet Bulb</li> <li>Temp Frost point at 2 m</li> <li>Relative Humidity at 2 m</li> <li>Wind speed and Direction at 10m, 50 m</li> <li>Max/Min Wind Speed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar geometry, Surface albedo, Direct Normal, Diffuse, Tilted surface solar parameters</li> <li>3-hourly solar fluxes and cloud parameters,</li> <li>No-sun Days, min insolation over day periods</li>   <li>Heating/Cooling Degree Days (for 0° C, 10° C, 18.3° C standards),</li> <li>Skin Temperature max/min/range, Frost Days,</li> <li>Total Column Precipitable Water</li> <li>ASHRAE® Building Climate Thermal &amp; Moisture zones</li> </ul>

### Source Data:

- [Global Energy and Water Exchange Project \(GEWEX\) Surface Radiation Budget \(SRB\)](#)
- [Fast Longwave And Shortwave Radiative Fluxes \(FLASHFlux\)](#)
- [Modern Era Retro-analysis for Research and Applications \(MERRA-2\)](#)
- [Forward Processing – Instrument Team FP-IT \(GEOS 5.12.4\)](#)

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