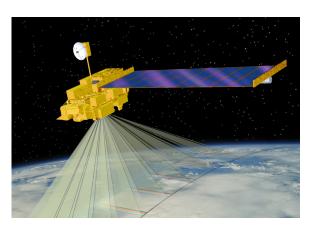
# MODIS Direct Broadcast Products and Software

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### **Outline**

- 1. What is MODIS **Direct Broadcast** (DB)?
- 2. MODIS DB Image Products
- 3. MODIS DB **Atmosphere** Products
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### What is Direct Broadcast?

- Direct Broadcast is the real-time transmission of earth observation data from the spacecraft to the ground (via Xband on Terra and Aqua)
- On Terra, only MODIS is broadcast
- On Aqua, all data is broadcast
- Data are free and clear with no encryption
- All you need is an antenna and receiver!
- "Terra and Aqua are a great gift to the world" (Vladimir Gershenzon, ScanEx)

#### Terra

Launched: Dec. 18, 1999

10:30 am descending



ASTER: Hi-res imager

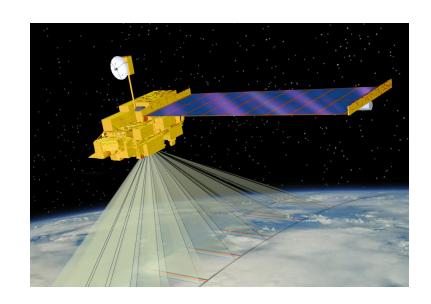
CERES: Broadband scanner

MISR: Multi-angle imager

MODIS: Multispectral imager

MOPITT: Limb sounder

#### Only MODIS is available by DB



#### Aqua

Launched: May 4, 2002

1:30 pm ascending



AIRS: Infrared sounder

AMSR-E: Microwave scanner

AMSU: Microwave scanner

**CERES**: Broadband scanner

**HSB**: Microwave sounder

MODIS: Multispectral imager

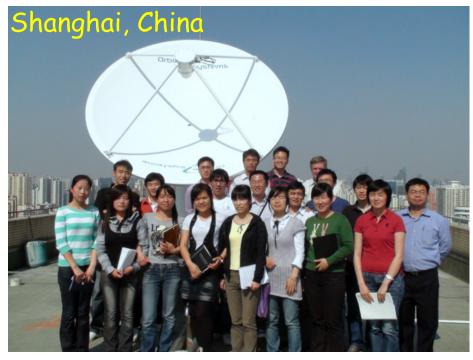
#### All sensors are available via DB



## **How do I get Direct Broadcast?**

- Direct Broadcast X-band ground stations are available from a number of vendors
- Cost is around \$100-300K USD
- NWS/UH operates an X/L-band ground station, and data is freely available
- There are more than 150 of these stations worldwide (on every continent)

There are other ways to get MODIS data...









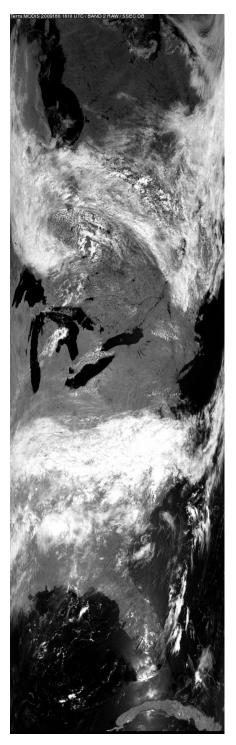
## Worldwide X-band Sites



## DB Coverage from Madison, WI



Terra, 2009/07/05





## **Advantages of DB**

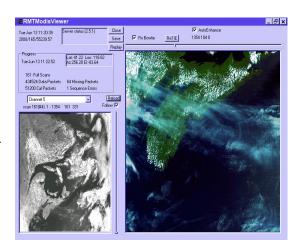
#### Satellite



- Local control gives users the freedom to tailor operations to suit local needs
  - Timeliness for responding to natural hazards and providing information for decision makers
  - Local researchers are free to develop and refine algorithms tuned for local conditions



**Ground Station** 



**Processing Software** 



**Products and Applications** 

## Terra and Aqua DB Product Suite

#### MODIS Level IB Products (MODISLIDB)

Level 0 quicklook images (visible and infrared) Level IB IKM, HKM, and QKM radiances and geolocation Sea Surface Temperature (SST) Destriping corrections for Level IB IKM infrared radiances

#### MODIS Atmosphere Level 2 Products (IMAPP)

Cloud Mask Cloud Top Pressure, Phase, Emissivity, Optical Depth Aerosol Optical Depth Temperature and Water Vapor Profiles

Total Column Precipitable Water Vapor Total Column Ozone Level 2 browse images for all Atmosphere Products

#### **MODIS Land Products (DRL)**

Corrected Reflectance IKM, HKM, QKM Fire Detection / Thermal Anomalies Land Surface Temperature (LST) Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI) Land Surface Reflectance

#### **MODIS Ocean Products (SeaDAS)**

Chlorophyll-A Concentration

#### **MODIS Images (HDFLook)**

Level IB browse images (visible, infrared, true color) Level 2 Land browse images (NDVI, LST) Level 2 Ocean browse images (Chlorophyll-A, SST)

#### **MODIS Google Earth KML (IMAPP)**

MODIS 250 meter resolution true color JPEG images and **KML** 

#### AIRS Level 1 and Level 2 (IMAPP)

Level IB data (including AIRS IR, AIRS VIS, and AMSU) Level 2 retrievals of temperature and moisture

#### AMSR-E Level I and Level 2 (IMAPP)

Geolocated and calibrated antenna temperatures Rain Rate Soil Moisture Snow Water Equivalent

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## **MODIS DB Level 1 Image Products**

Software: MODISL1DB

Developers: MODIS Characterization Support Team, MODIS Science Team, NASA Ocean Biology Processing Group

Distributor: NASA Ocean Biology Processing Group

Platforms: Linux, OS X, Windows (VM)

http://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/seadas/modisl1db/

Free Download



#### MODISL1DB 1.7 (Released January 5, 2011)

**MODISL1DB** is a MODIS Level-1 Direct Broadcast software package capable of processing MODIS Aqua and Terra Level 0 data to Level 1A and Level 1B.

This software is a culmination of various efforts made by the MODIS Science and Calibration Teams, including the latest processing source codes from the MODIS Science Data Support Team (SDST), the MODIS Characterization Support Team (MCST), and the Ocean Biology Processing Group (OBPG). Thanks also goes out to SSEC for continued support.

Processing MODIS data with MODISL1DB will result in identical products to those produced by the OBPG if the same calibration LUTs are used.

Notable changes in this release are:

- Updated to the l1agen and geogen programs
- Added 64bit Linux support
- Processing scripts have been modified:
  - modis\_L0\_to\_L1A\_GEO.csh -> modis\_L1A.csh (GEO creation removed)
  - modis\_L1A\_to\_GEO.csh -> modis\_GEO.csh
  - modis\_L1A\_to\_L1B.csh -> modis\_L1B.csh

#### For more details see the Version History.

The main MODISL1DB user support medium is the MODIS Direct Broadcast Support Forum (one of the Ocean Color Forums). If you would like to contact us directly, please feel free to send questions or comments to seadas at seadas.gsfc.nasa.gov.

### What does MODISL1DB do?

Purpose: Convert raw MODIS telemetry files to calibrated and geolocated Level 1B image products

Input Data: Level 0 CCSDS Packet Files containing APID 64 (MODIS) for Terra and Aqua; and APID 957 (GBAD) for Aqua

Output Data: MODIS Level 1B 1KM, HKM, QKM, and Geolocation (HDF4 format)

#### **MODIS Level 1B Data**

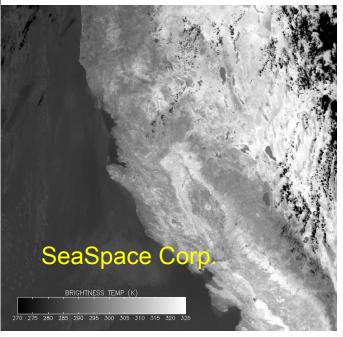
- MODIS Level 1B data contains calibrated and geolocated radiance or reflectance values observed by the instrument (top of atmosphere)
- MYD02 is the Aqua product ID (Terra=MOD02)
- MYD021KM = 1000 meter resolution
   (1354 pixels across track by 2030 pixels along track for a standard 5-minute granule or scene)
- MYD02HKM = 500 meter resolution (2708 x 4060)
- MYD02QKM = 250 meter resolution (5416 x 8120)

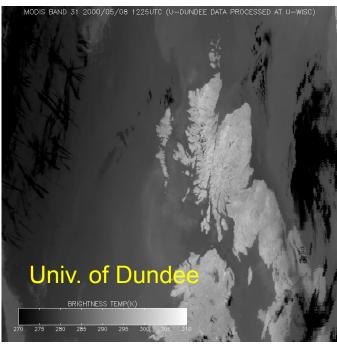
DB granules may be larger (up to 14 minutes long)

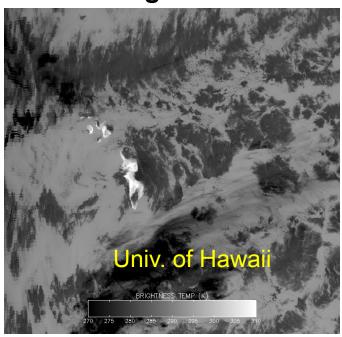
## **MODIS Level 1B Contents**

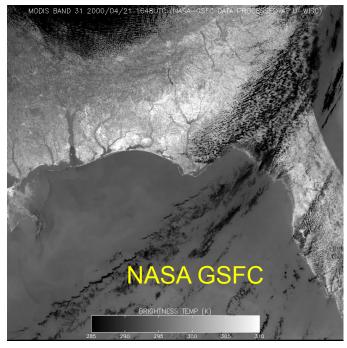
- Format is Hierarchical Data Format v4 (HDF4)
- Image data are stored as scaled integers, with linear slope and intercept to convert to calibrated radiance or reflectance
- Geolocation data at 1000 meter resolution are stored in a separate file (MYD03), along with sensor viewing geometry and solar geometry
- Daytime 1KM granules contain all 36 bands at 1000 meter resolution
- Nighttime 1KM granules contain bands 20-36 only
- HKM and QKM granules are daytime only

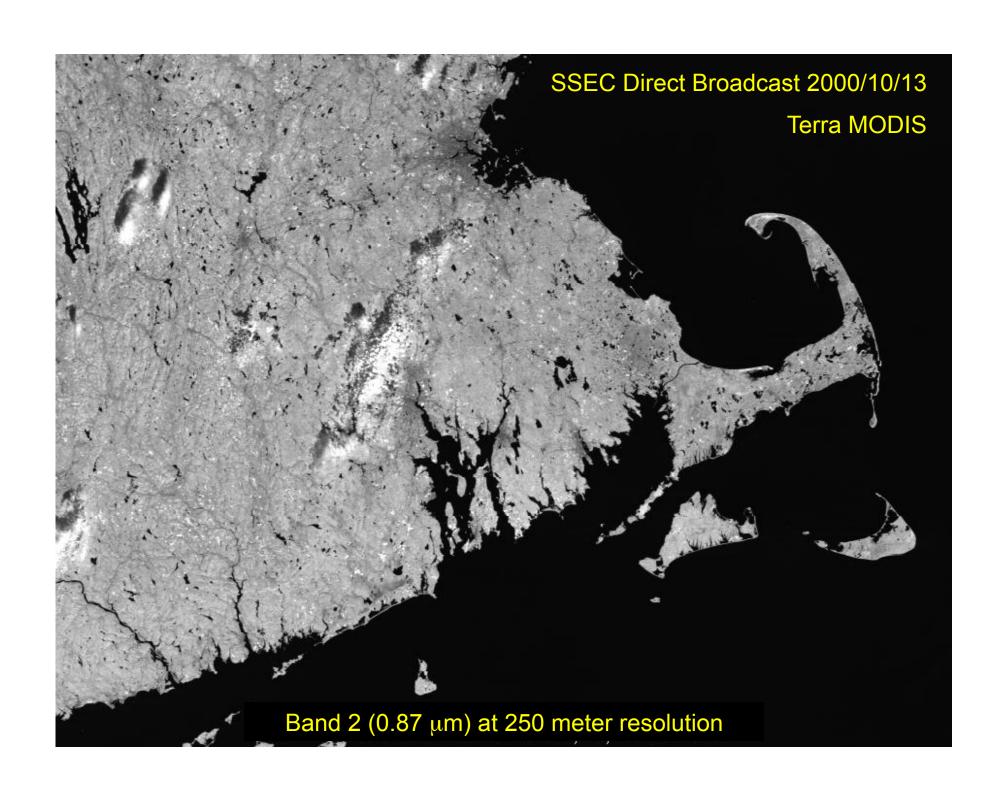
#### MODIS Band 31, Acquired by four different DB ground stations



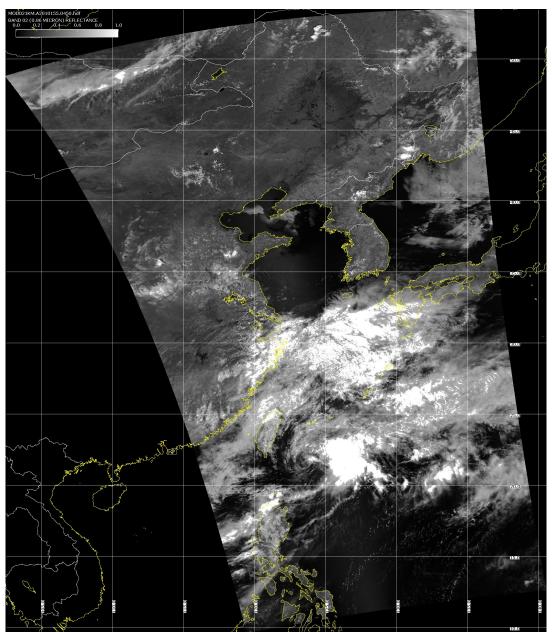






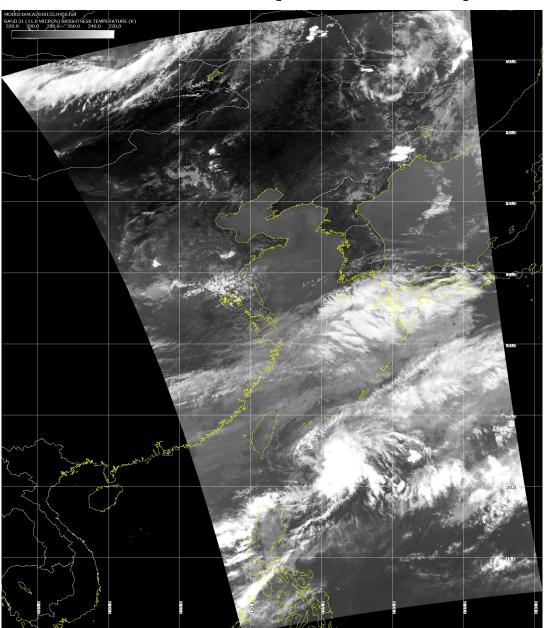


## Band 2 (visible)



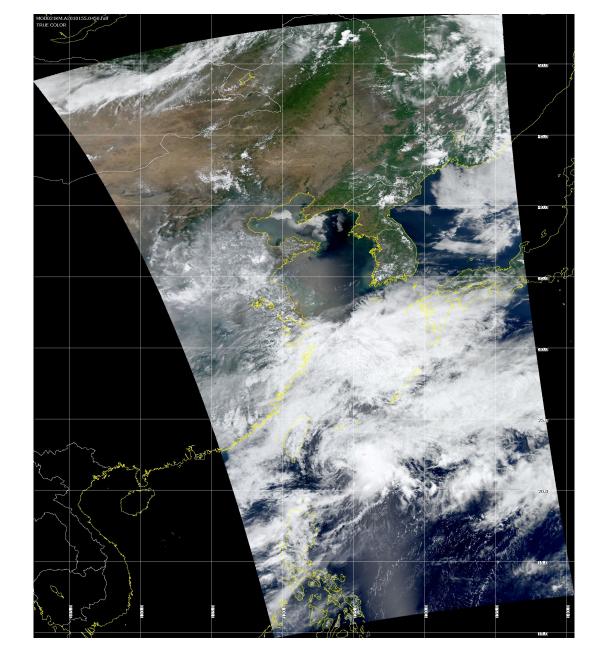
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## **Band 31 (infrared)**



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## **True Color**



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## **MODIS DB Atmosphere Products**

Software: International MODIS/AIRS Processing Package (IMAPP)

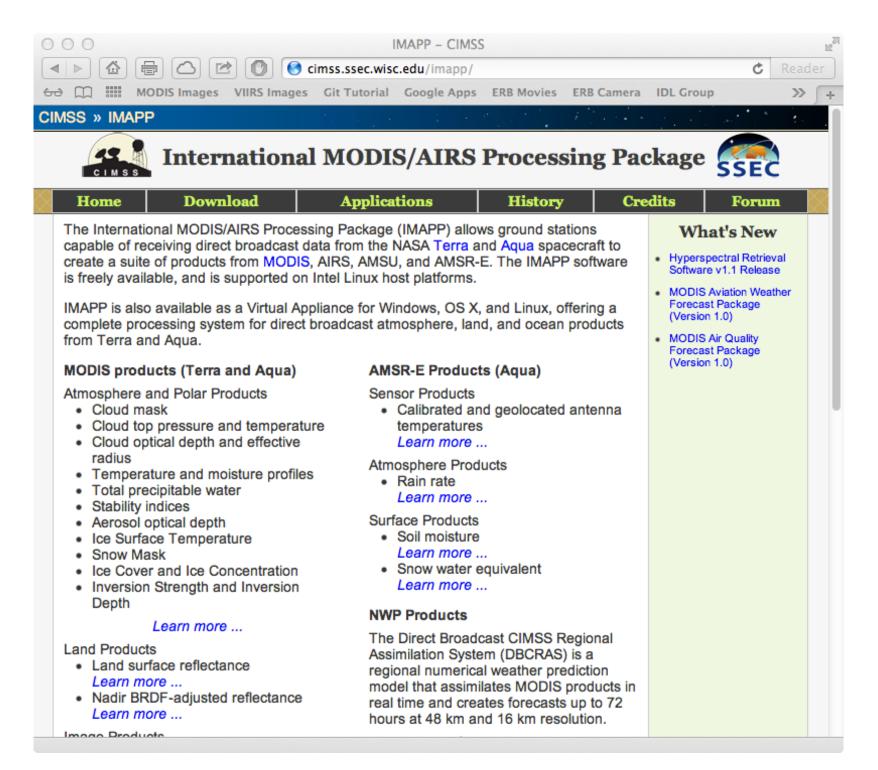
Developers: University of Wisconsin-Madison, MODIS Science Team, Remote Sensing Systems, Free University of Berlin

Distributor: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Platforms: Linux, Windows (VM)

Website: http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/imapp/

Free Download



### **IMAPP Product List**

#### **MODIS Products:**

- Cloud Mask (MOD35)
- Cloud Top Properties (MOD06CT)
- Atmospheric Profiles (MOD09)
- Aerosol Optical Depth (MOD04)
- Sea Surface Temperature
- Near Infrared Water Vapor
- Level 1B Destriping
- True Color Images for Google Earth
   AIRS/IASI/CrlS Single FOV
- Nadir BRDF Adjusted Reflectance
- Ice Surface Temperature
- Snow Mask
- Ice Cover and Concentration
- Inversion Strength and Depth

#### **Other Products:**

- AIRS/AMSU Level 1B Calibrated And Geolocated Radiances
- AIRS/AMSU JPL Atmospheric Profiles
- AIRS/MODIS Single FOV Atmospheric Profiles (Clear and Cloudy)
- AIRS/IASI/CrIS Single FOV Retrievals
- DBCRAS Numerical Weather Prediction Model
- Aviation & Severe Weather Products
- Air Quality Forecast Products

### What does IMAPP do?

Purpose: Creates MODIS atmosphere, utility, and image products (and AIRS, AMSU, AMSR-E)

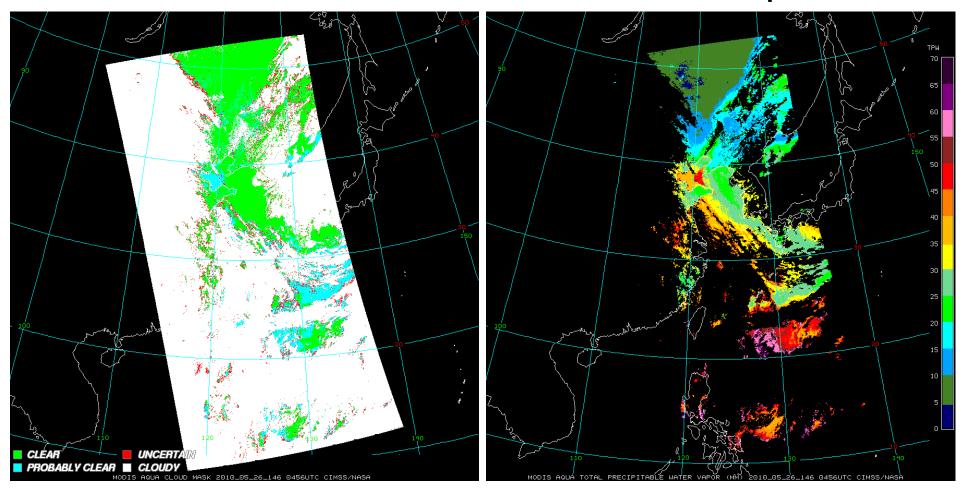
Input Data: MODIS Level 1B 1KM, HKM, QKM, and Geolocation (HDF4 format)

Output Data: MODIS Level 2 Cloud Mask, Cloud Top Properties, Atmospheric Temperature and Water Vapor Profiles, Total Ozone, Total Precipitable Water Vapor (HDF4 format)

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Cloud Mask

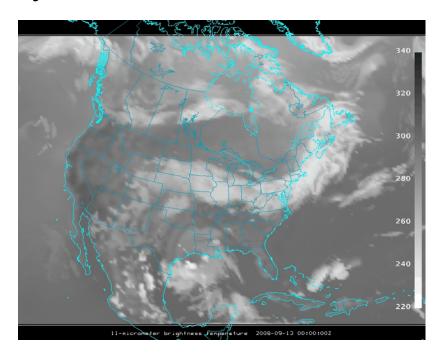
Water Vapor



### **DBCRAS NWP Model**

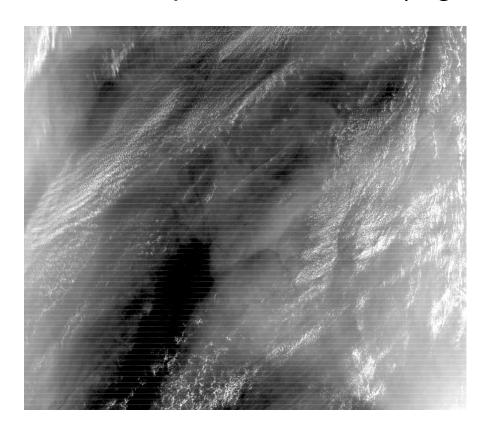
- Easy to install and easy to execute on modest PCs
- NWP domain centered on your DB location
- Assimilates IMAPP MOD07 TPW and MOD06CT Cloud Top Pressure and Cloud Effective Emissivity in order to adjust the cloud and moisture fields in the GFS.
- Output is standard meteorological parameters in GRIB2
- Creates forecast satellite imagery

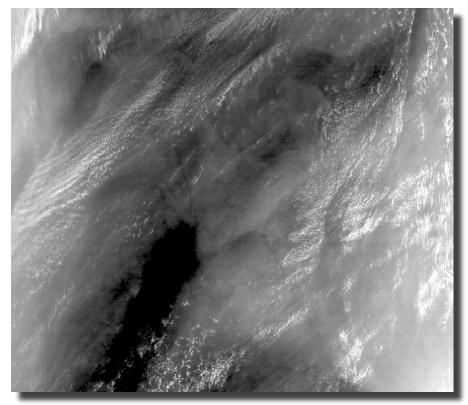
72 hour forecast of 11 micron brightness temperature (3 hour time step)



## **Level 1B 1KM Destriping**

- Removes stripes from 1KM thermal infrared bands
- Each detector is adjusted to match a reference detector
- Destriping is recommended before creating IMAPP Atmosphere Products (e.g., Cloud Mask)





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## **True Color Images for Google Earth**

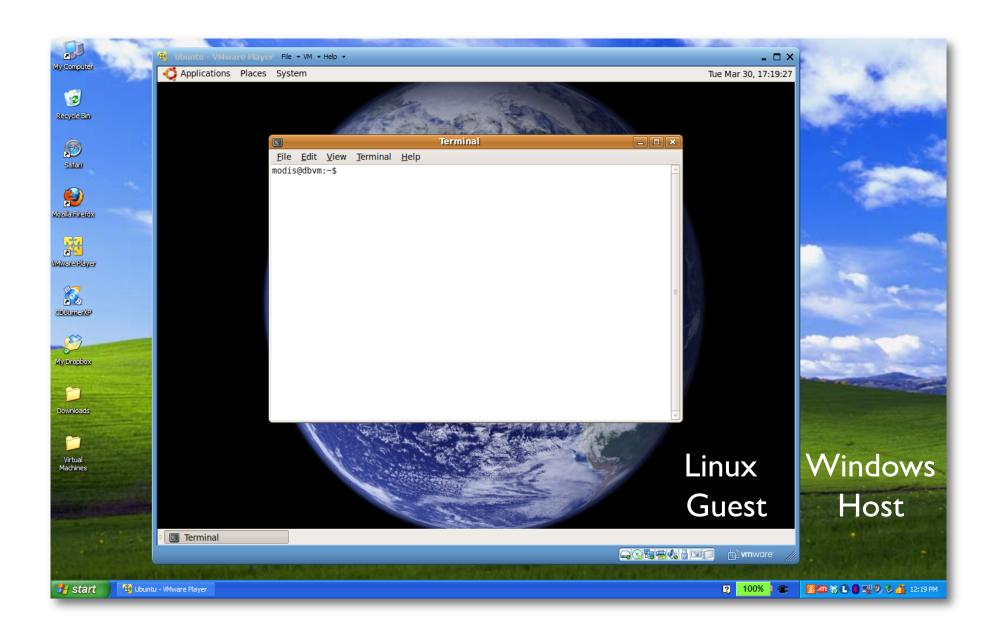


Images can be ready within 30 minutes of acquisition

## IMAPP Virtual Appliance

The IMAPP VA makes it simple to install and run a DB processing system to create a range of atmosphere, land, and ocean products from the MODIS sensor onboard Terra and Aqua, and the AIRS, AMSU, and AMSR-E sensors onboard Aqua.

- Supports Windows (XP, Vista, 7), Apple OS X, Linux
- Install and run within 10 minutes
- Easy to configure (e.g., turn on MODIS Land, turn off AIRS)
- Easy to maintain (automated lookup table updates)
- Designed for simplicity (no DBMS, no Java, no COTS; just Bash scripts)
- Allow reliable automated processing
- Use only open source software packages (e.g., IMAPP, SeaDAS, etc.)
- Software package downloads are automated as part of the install process
- Easy to add user-created processing software



## IMAPP VA Installation (Windows)

- 1. Download and run IMAPP VA self-extracting archive
- 2. Download and install VMware Player (free)
- 3. Start VMware Player and select IMAPP VA

MODIS Level 1 and Atmosphere processing packages are pre-installed.

Other packages can be added by editing a configuration file, and running an installer script.



Version 1.1 is now available on the IMAPP website

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#### **MODIS DB Land Products**

Software: Science Processing Algorithms (SPA)

Developers: MODIS Science Team

Distributor: NASA Direct Readout Laboratory

Platforms: Linux, Windows (VM)

Website: http://directreadout.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/





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#### **DRL Software/Algorithms**

DOWNLOADS		
- TECHNOLOGY		
+ DATA		
+ NEW USER		
+ DOWNLOAD GUIDELINES		

#### **DRL Highlights**

L2GEN SPA V5.9.7 Released H2G\_SPA V1.5a Released CRECBuilder V1.0 Released IMAPP\_SPA V2.0 L2GEN\_SPA V5.8.9 Simulcast V4.1 Released MODLST SPA V4.14 L2GEN\_SPA V5.8.3 MOD09\_SPA V5.3.18 MODISL1DB\_SPA V1.5 IPOPP Alpha Test Program GBAD SPA V2.6 Released RT-STPS V4.1 Released CREFL SPA V1.4.2 Simulcast V4.0 Released IMAPP SPA V2.0 Released RT-STPS V4.0 Released MSL12\_SPA V5.7.1 MODISL1DB\_SPA V1.4 MODIS Product Gallery NDVIEVI SPA V2.2 MOD14\_SPA V5.0.1 MODLST SPA V4.13 MODISI 1DB SPA V1.3

1	Category	Software Name	Description	Platform	Version
	Level 1 (GEO/CAL)	AIRS	AIRS processes downlinked data from the AIRS, AMSU-A and HSB instruments on the Aqua spacecraft from RAW packets in PDS format to Level 1- B calibrated radiances.	Linux, Sun	5.2
	Protocol Processing / Level 0	Construction Record Lister	Prints the contents of a PDS/EDS Construction Record.	Linux, Windows	1.01
	Utilities	CRECBuilder	The CRECBuilder utility is a Java application that reads a MODIS Level-0 packet file and recreates the corresponding Production Data Set (PDS) (packet file + construction record/metadata file).	Linux	1.0
	Level 2	CREFL_SPA	The crefl_SPA processes MODIS Aqua and Terra Level 1B DB data into the MODIS Level 2 Corrected Reflectance product. The algorithm performs atmospheric correction with MODIS visible and near-infrared bands (bands 1 - 7), and it also corrects for molecular scattering and gaseous absorption.	Linux	1.4.2
	Protocol Processing / Level 0	GBAD_SPA	The Aqua GBAD Ephemeris and Attitude Data Converter (GBAD) SPA creates ephemeris and attitude files.	Linux	2.6
			The H2G_SPA is specially designed for		

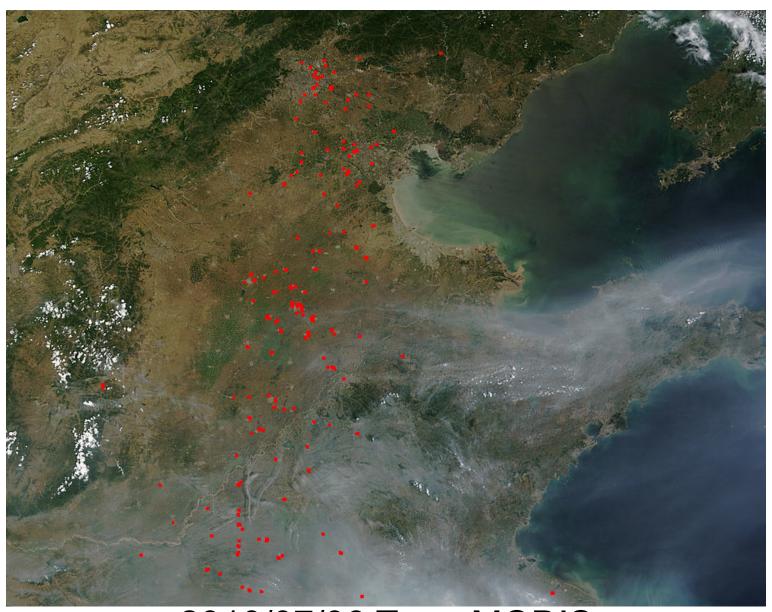
## What does SPA do?

Purpose: Creates DB customized Land products

Input Data: MODIS Level 1B 1KM, HKM, QKM, and Geolocation (HDF4 format)

Output Data: MODIS Level 2 Active Fires, Corrected Reflectance, NDVI, EVI, Land Surface Temperature, Land Surface Reflectance (HDF4 format)

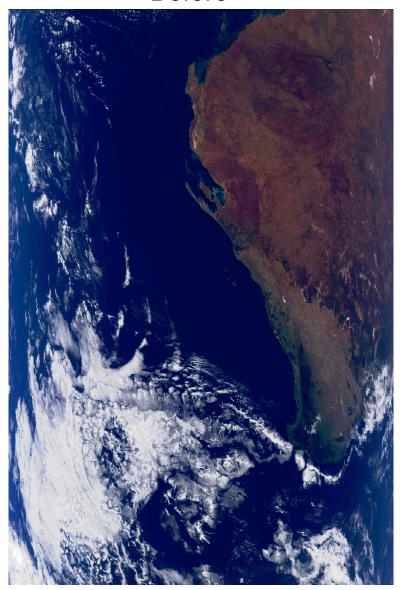
## **Active Fires**

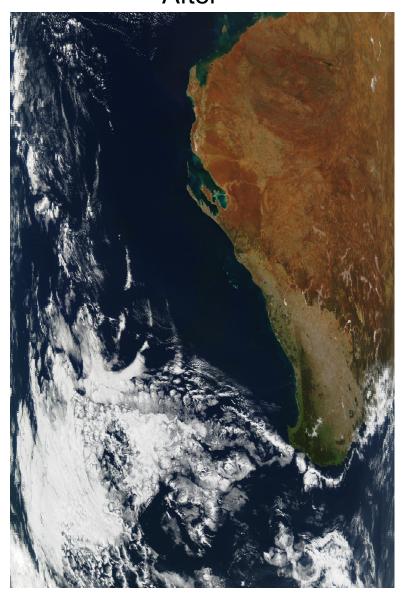


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## **MODIS Corrected Reflectance**

Before After

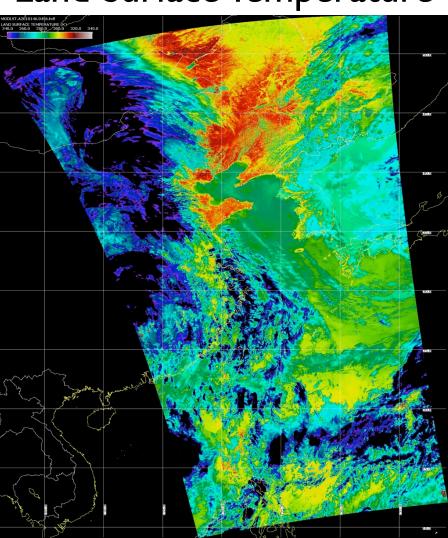




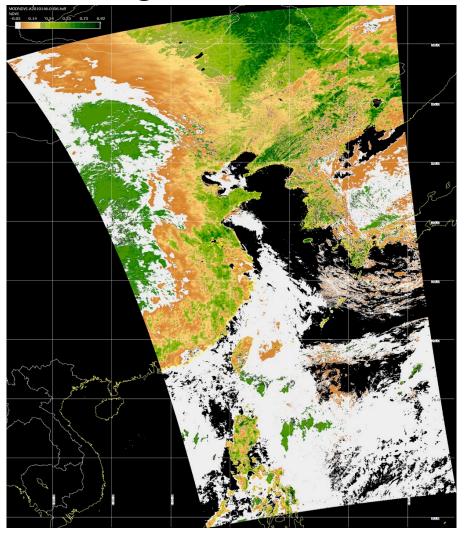
## **MODIS Land Products**

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Land Surface Temperature



Vegetation Index



## **Land Surface Reflectance**

MODIS Land Surface Reflectance Algorithm (MOD09) code was adapted for DB by Eric Vermote and Jim Ray. Standard HDF4 format with metadata is created.

### Changes for DB included:

- Code pre-compiled for 32-bit Intel Linux; source code is also available
- Handles arbitrary granule sizes
- Able to use NCEP GFS forecast data instead of NCEP GDAS analysis data
- Automatically discovers and downloads required ancillary data at runtime
- Handles bad geolocation data
- Night granules are handled gracefully in wrapper script

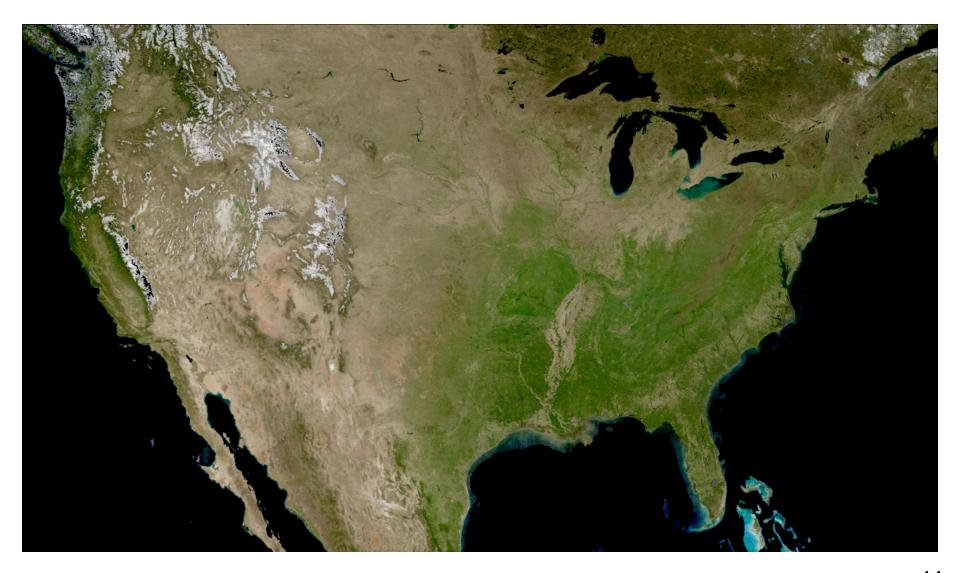


MOD09 True Color Aqua DB

## **MODIS NBAR**

- MOD43B4 Nadir BRDF-Adjusted Reflectance (NBAR) Product is computed for MODIS spectral bands (1-7) at the mean solar zenith angle of each 16 day period.
- View angle effects are removed from the directional reflectances.
- Applications include vegetation indices, land cover change, and burned area mapping.

## 16-day Composite from DB NBAR Algorithm (True Color) visualized by HDFLook



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## **MODIS DB Ocean Products**

Software: SeaDAS

Developers: NASA Ocean Biology Processing Group, MODIS Science Team

Distributor: NASA Ocean Biology Processing Group

Platforms: Linux, OS X, Windows (VM)

Website: http://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/seadas/

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#### SeaDAS Web

#### **Support**

Ocean Color Web **Ocean Color Forum Ocean Mailing Lists** 

#### Download and Installation

#### Linux and Mac:

- Online Auto-Installation
- Manual Download
- Manual Installation

#### Windows:

- SeaDAS Virtual Appliance

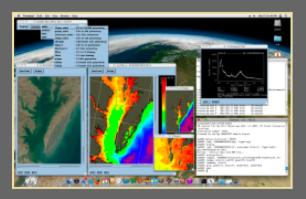
#### Satellite Data Info

**Data Product Specifications Data Format Specifications Processing Versions Chart** 

**Satellite Data Access** 

#### What is SeaDAS

The SeaWiFS Data Analysis System (SeaDAS) is a comprehensive image analysis package for the processing, display, analysis, and quality control of ocean color data.



Supported satellite sensors are MODIS, SeaWiFS, OCTS, and CZCS.

- Features
- Requirements
- Online Help
- SeaDAS FAQ
- **User Contributed Software**

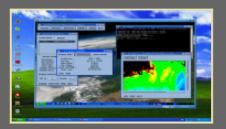
#### What's New

#### **SeaDAS Virtual Appliance** released for Windows!

SeaDAS VA 5.4 allows SeaDAS to be run on Microsoft Windows XP and Vista systems within a virtual Linux machine.

This is a fully functional version of SeaDAS and processing benchmarks show very impressive performance.

SeaDAS VA is simple to install and requires the free VMware Player.



#### **User Contributed Software**

Do you have programs to share?

## What does SeaDAS do?

Purpose: Creates standard ocean color and ocean temperature products. Allows interactive display and analysis of ocean products.

Input Data: MODIS Level 1B 1KM, HKM, QKM, and Geolocation (HDF4 format)

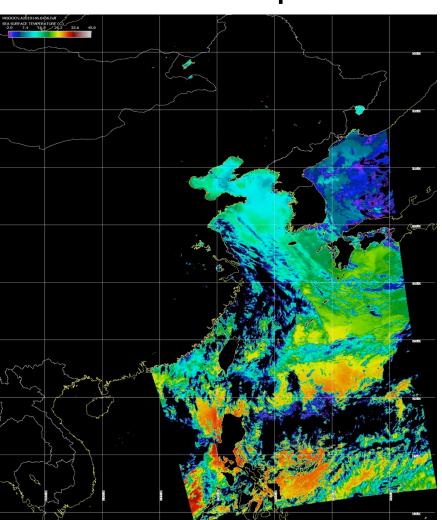
Output Data: MODIS Level 2 Water Leaving Radiance, Chlorophyll concentration, Sea Surface Temperature (HDF4 format)

## **SeaDAS Standard Products**

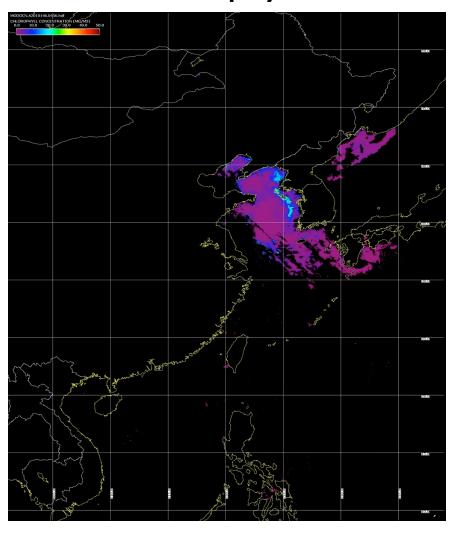
Geophysical Parameter Name	Description
nLw_412	Normalized water-leaving radiance at 412 nm
nLw 443	Normalized water-leaving radiance at 443 nm
nLw_488	Normalized water-leaving radiance at 488 nm
nLw_531	Normalized water-leaving radiance at 531 nm
nLw_551	Normalized water-leaving radiance at 551 nm
nLw_667	Normalized water-leaving radiance at 667 nm
Tau_869	Aerosol optical thickness at 869 nm
Eps_78	Epsilon of aerosol correction at 748 and 869 nm
Chlor_a	OC3 Chlorophyll a concentration
K490	Diffuse attenuation coefficient at 490nm
Angstrom_531	Angstrom coefficient, 531-869 nm
SST	Sea Surface Temperature: 11 micron
SST4	Sea Surface Temperature: 4 micron (night only)

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Sea Surface Temperature



## Chlorophyll-A



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## **Software for Interpreting DB Products**

- MODIS products are stored in a specialized format named Hierarchical Data Format (HDF) version 4.
- Some of the MODIS products (e.g., Level 1B) have complex internal structures
- Specialized software is required to read and interpret the HDF4 format correctly
- Software is designed for (a) Interactive Display,
   (b) Quantitative Analysis, or (c) Both
- Software is either (a) Free; or (b) Expensive

## Software from Univ. of Wisconsin

- Hydra is a free application for MODIS, AIRS, and SEVIRI data exploration in classroom settings
- Mc-LITE is a free application for automated generation of MODIS image products (available as an add-on to IMAPP)
- McIDAS-V is a free application for interactively exploring MODIS and many other satellite and meteorological data products

http://www.ssec.wisc.edu/

## **Free Software**

- MRTSwath is a Linux application for reprojecting MODIS Level 1B and Level 2 products to a map grid (removes bowtie artifacts)
- HDFLook is a Linux application for interactive and automated display and reprojection of MODIS Level 1B and Level 2 products
- MS2GT is a Linux application for reprojecting MODIS Level 1B data and any other satellite imager data (AVHRR, MERSI, VIIRS)

Just Google the names...

## **Commercial Software**

- ENVI is a Windows/Linux/OSX application interactive display and analysis of many satellite products, including MODIS Level 1B and Level 2
- IDL and Matlab are Windows/Linux/OSX interactive programming environments for quantitative analysis, and they can read MODIS Level 1B and Level 2 products in HDF4 format

Just Google the names...

# HDF4 Application Programming Interface (API)

- The HDF4 API is available for C, C++, FORTRAN-90, Java, and Python
- Documentation, binaries, and source code are available

http://www.hdfgroup.org/

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# SNPP, Aqua, and Terra DB Products from HCC Antenna

The HCC antenna provides real-time VIIRS, CrIS, ATMS, MODIS, AIRS, and AMSU products (Level 0 through Level 2) for the last 30 days at

http://soest-hcc1.hcc.hawaii.edu/

All data collected at HCC is available on this site!

## **MODIS Products from NASA**

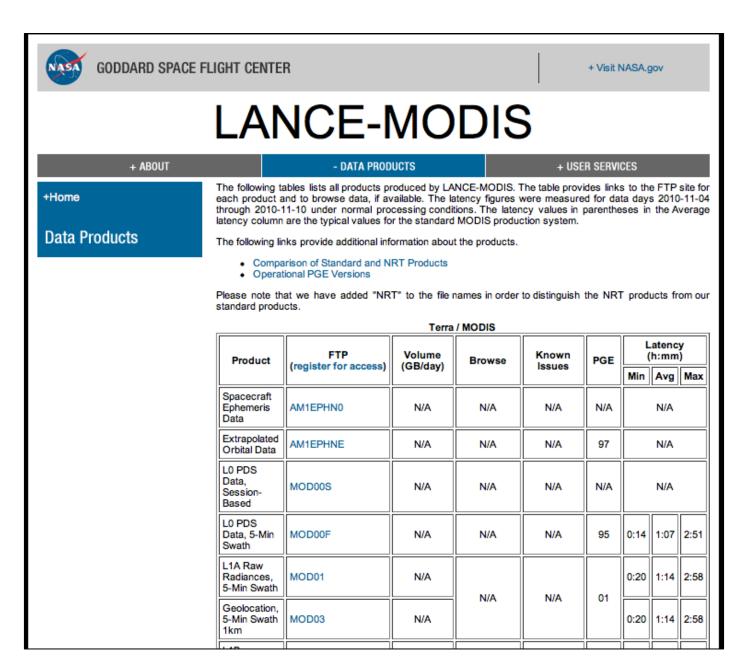
NASA provides MODIS Level 0, Level 1B, Land, Ocean and Atmosphere Products at no cost

Global near real-time products (about 90-120 minutes delay) are available from LANCE

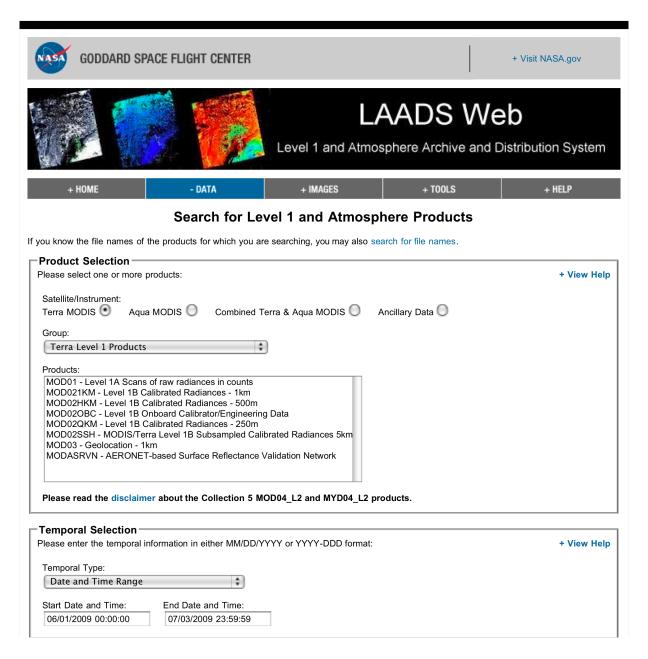
Best for obtaining products in real-time; regional subscriptions are available.

Global long-term archive products (about 24 hours delay) are available from LAADS

Best for obtaining long-term historical data.



http://lance-modis.eosdis.nasa.gov/data\_products/



http://ladsweb.nascom.nasa.gov/data/search.html

## MODIS Ocean Level 2 Products are available from http://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov/



# MODIS Land Level 2/3 Products are available from http://lpdaac.usgs.gov/

