



**GNSS-RO Data Processing for  
Climate Applications:**

**Assessing the  
performance of the  
next-generation  
obs4mips atmospheric  
products**

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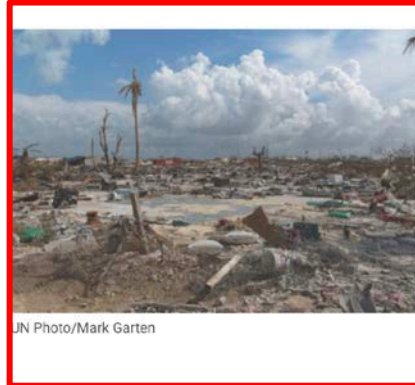
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# Why here, why now?



The New York Times

Major Climate Report Describes a Strong Risk of Crisis as Early as 2040



### In visit to hurricane-ravaged Bahamas, UN chief calls for greater action to address climate change

13 September 2019 | Americas

World leaders attending the upcoming [UN Climate Action Summit](#) are being urged to show up armed not with speeches but with plans to achieve carbon neutrality, reduce emissions and improve adaptation.



# NASA Facts!

## Shrinking Ice

**Sheets:** The rate of Antarctica ice mass loss has tripled in the last decade

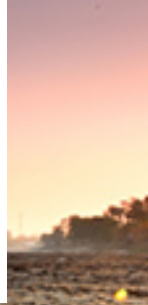


## Global Temperature

**Rise:** The planet's average surface temperature has risen about 1.62 degrees Fahrenheit (0.9 degrees Celsius) since the late 19th century,

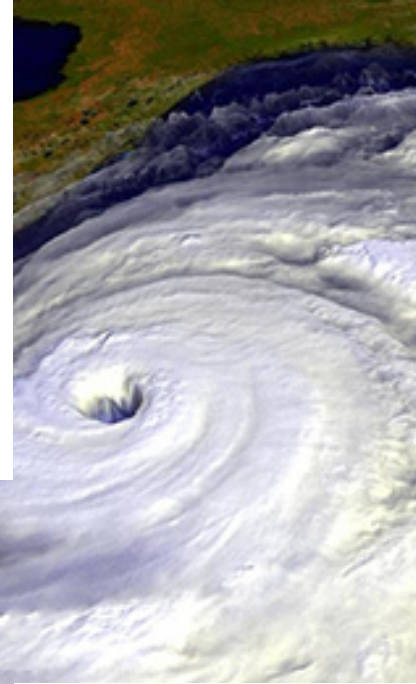
## Rising Temperatures:

The number of record high temperature events in the United States has been increasing, while the number of record low temperature events has been decreasing.



## Decreased Snow

**Cover:** Satellite observations reveal that the amount of spring snow cover in the Northern Hemisphere has decreased over the past five decades and that the snow is melting earlier.



## Warming Oceans:

Warming of more than 0.4 degrees Fahrenheit since 1969

## Declining Arctic

**Sea Ice:** *Arctic sea ice minimum, the lowest on record*

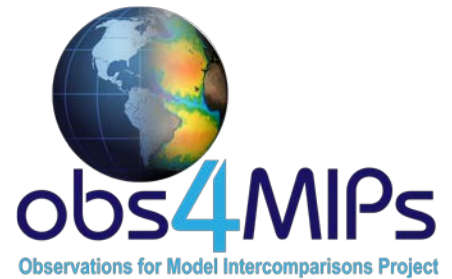
## Glacial Retreat:

Glaciers are retreating almost everywhere around the world — including in the Alps, Himalayas, Andes, Rockies, Alaska and Africa.

Instrument	Pros	Cons
Wx Stations	Accurate measurements	Poor spatial resolution
Radionsondes	High vertical resolution	Spatio-temporal resolutions
LIDAR	Accurate vertical and temporal resolution	Cost/Spatial resolution
IR Satellites	Good Coverage	Sensitive to aerosols/clouds. Limited vertical resolution
MW Sensors	Can penetrate clouds	Vertical resolution is poor i.e 2-3km

**We need accurate, high resolution instruments (and products!), that are not biased by clouds/aerosols and can sample globally!**

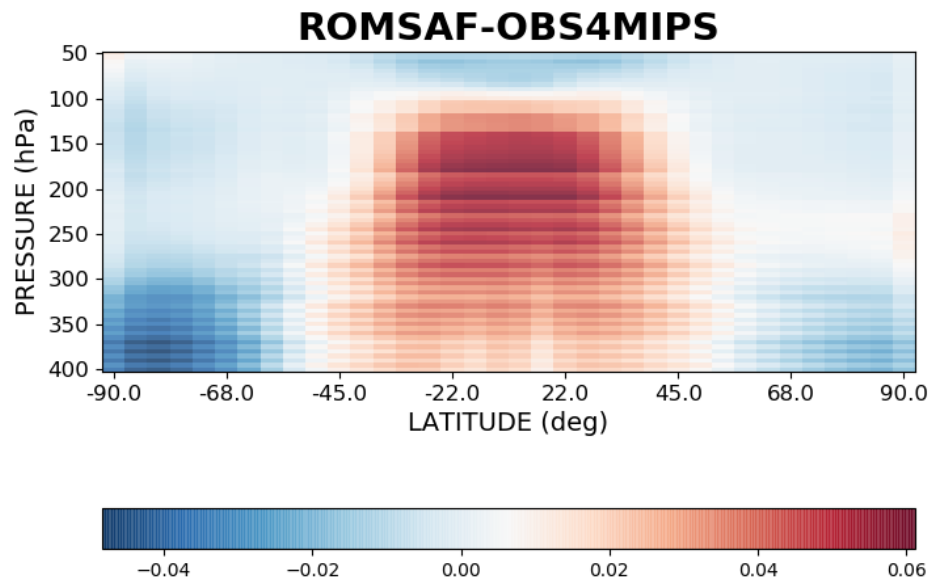
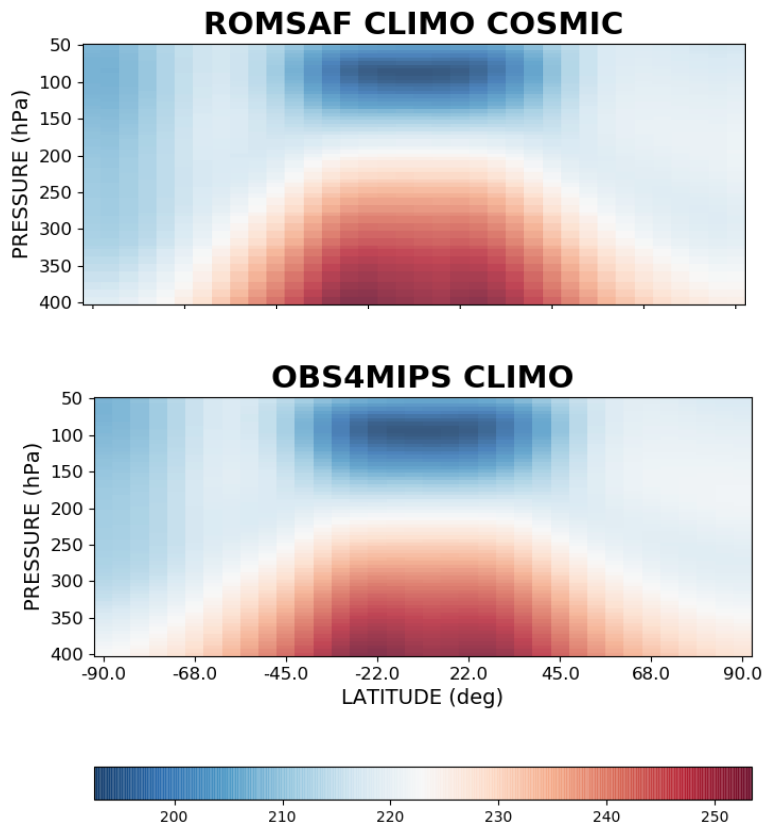
# OBS4MIPS



- Gridded "Climate Record" of observations targeted at Climate/Model Intercomparison.
- Combines various RO missions (Champ, Cosmic, Grace, Champ, etc.).
- Monthly averaged gridded GPH at different pressure levels were produced using the Bayesian interpolation method with spherical harmonic basis functions [*Leroy et al.*, [2012](#)].
- Dry and Wet Pressure/Temperature Products Available.
- Products: gridded GPH (Level 3) data in 5° zonal means and 5°×5° latitude-longitude grids used here can be downloaded from <http://genesis.jpl.nasa.gov>.

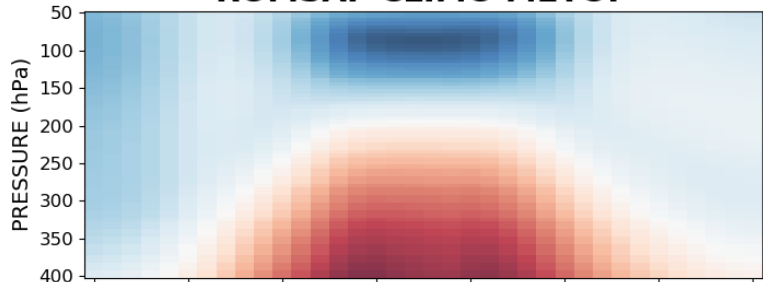
# Dry Temperature Retrievals

# OBS4MIPS vs. COSMIC-1

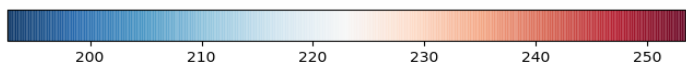
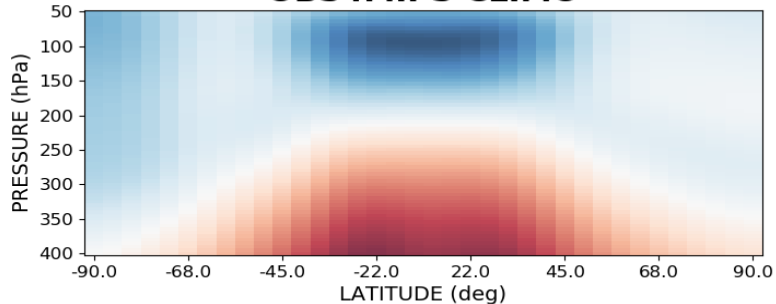


# OBS4MIPS vs. METOP

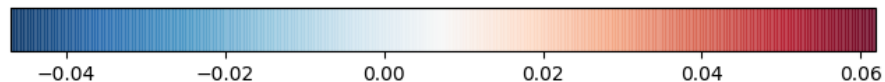
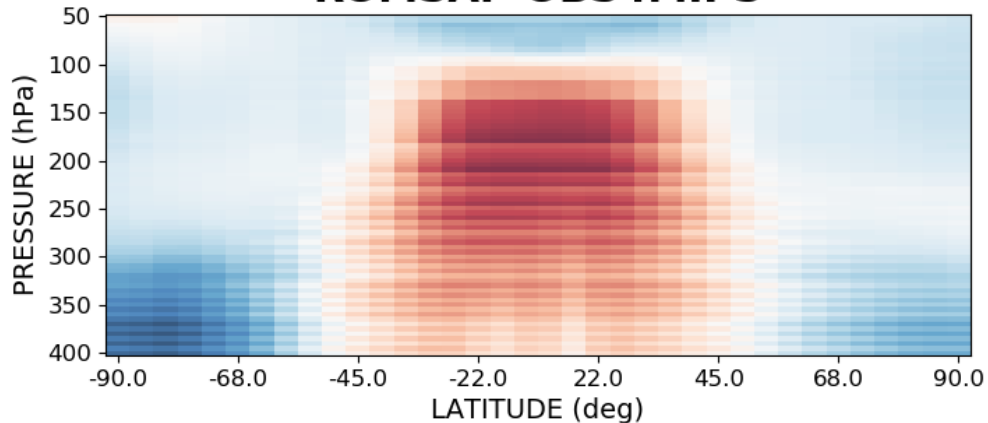
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## OBS4MIPS CLIMO

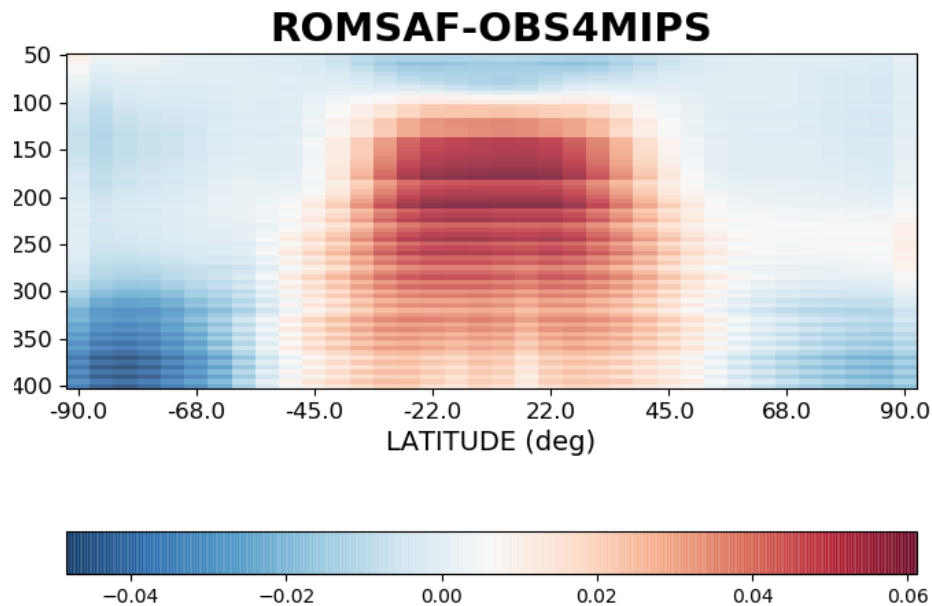
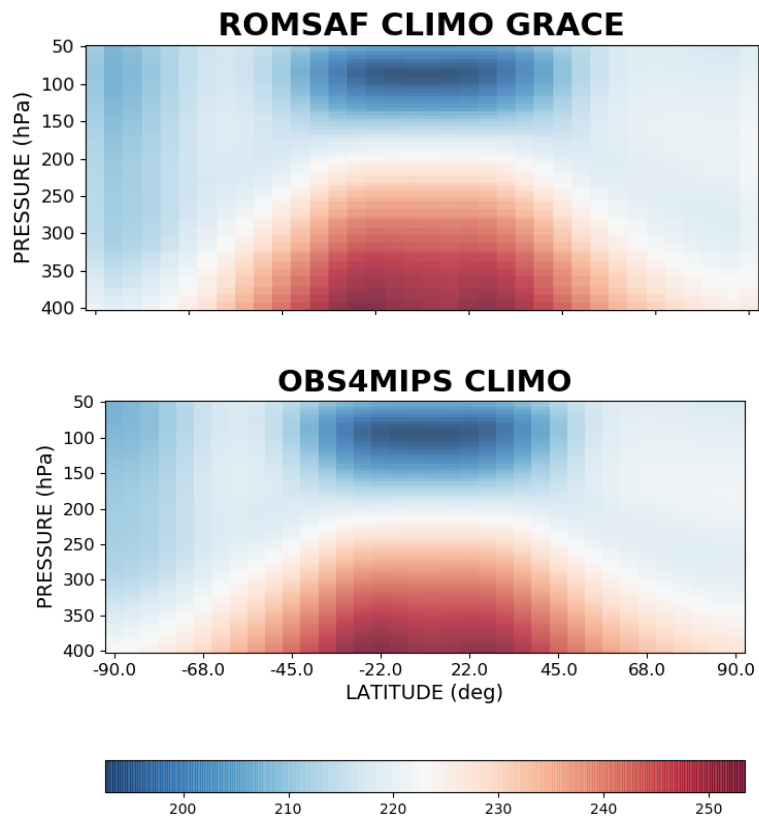


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# OBS4MIPS vs. GRACE



# Wet Retrievals



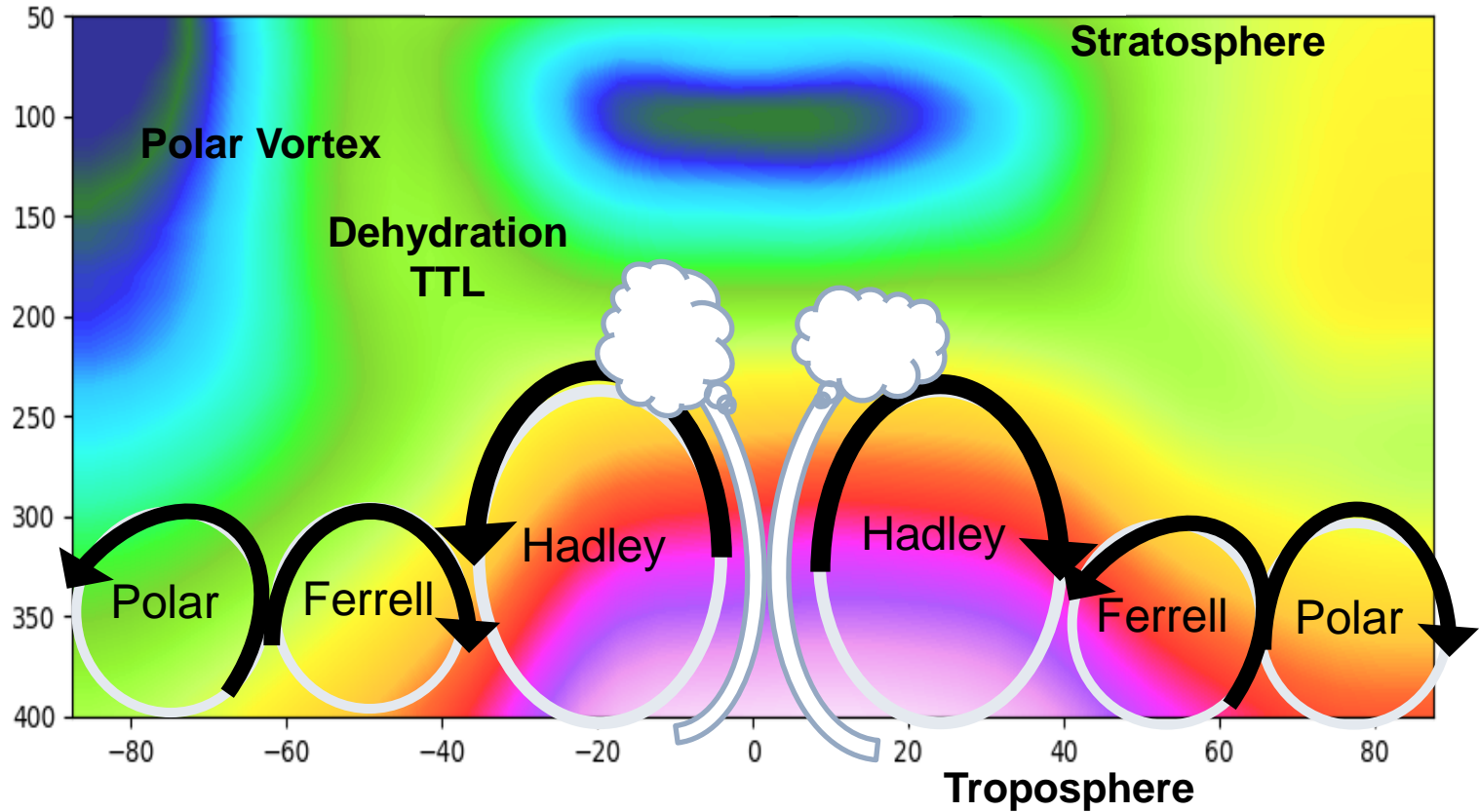






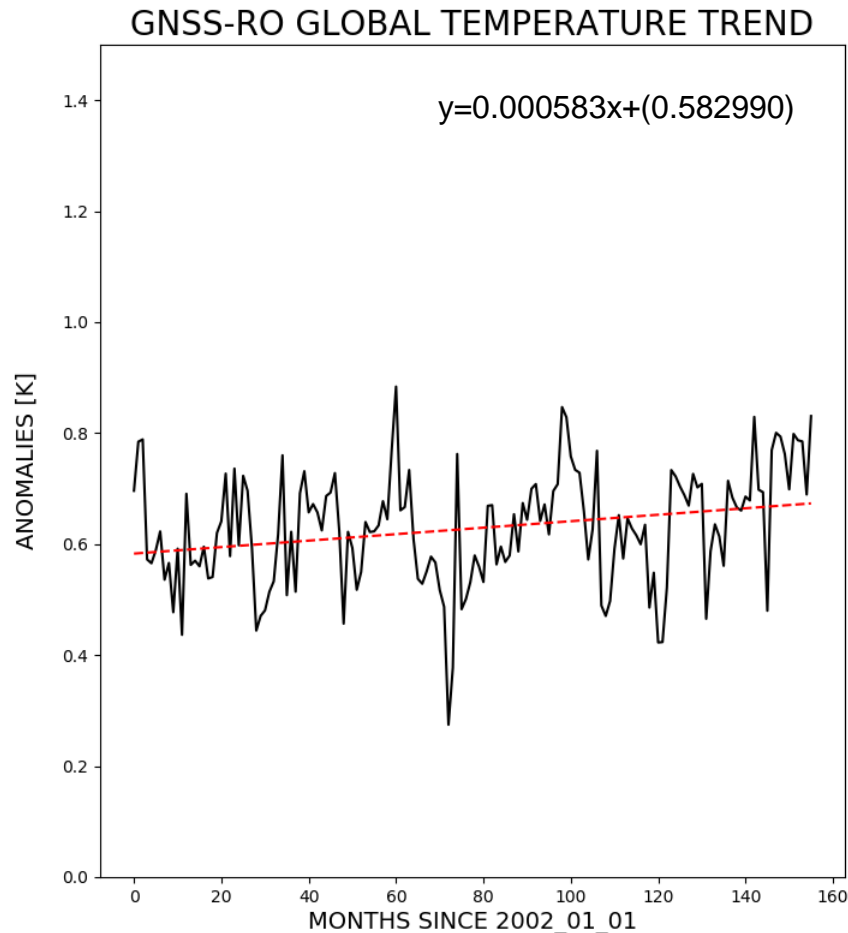
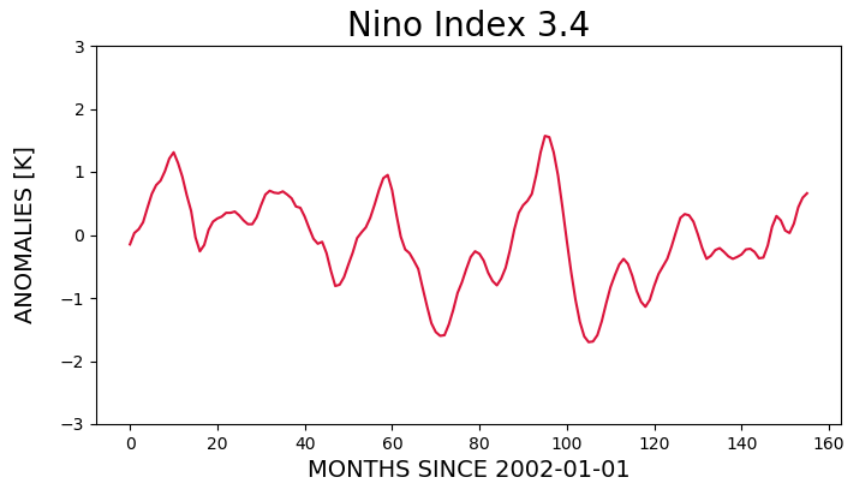
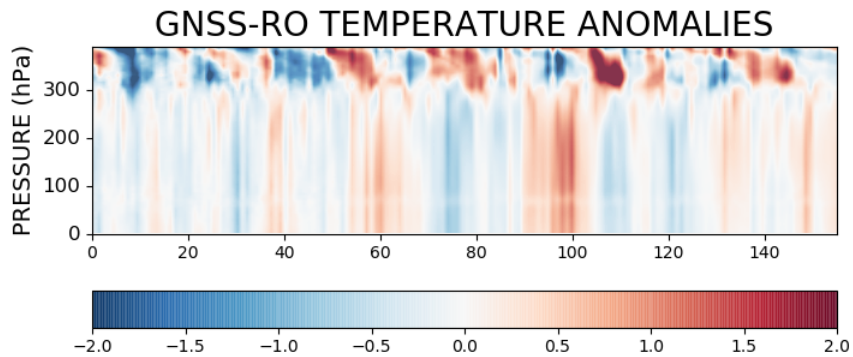
# Temperature Trends

# Brewer-Dobson Circulation

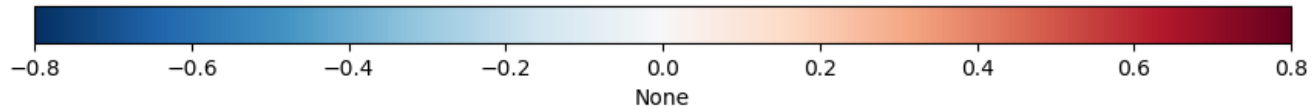
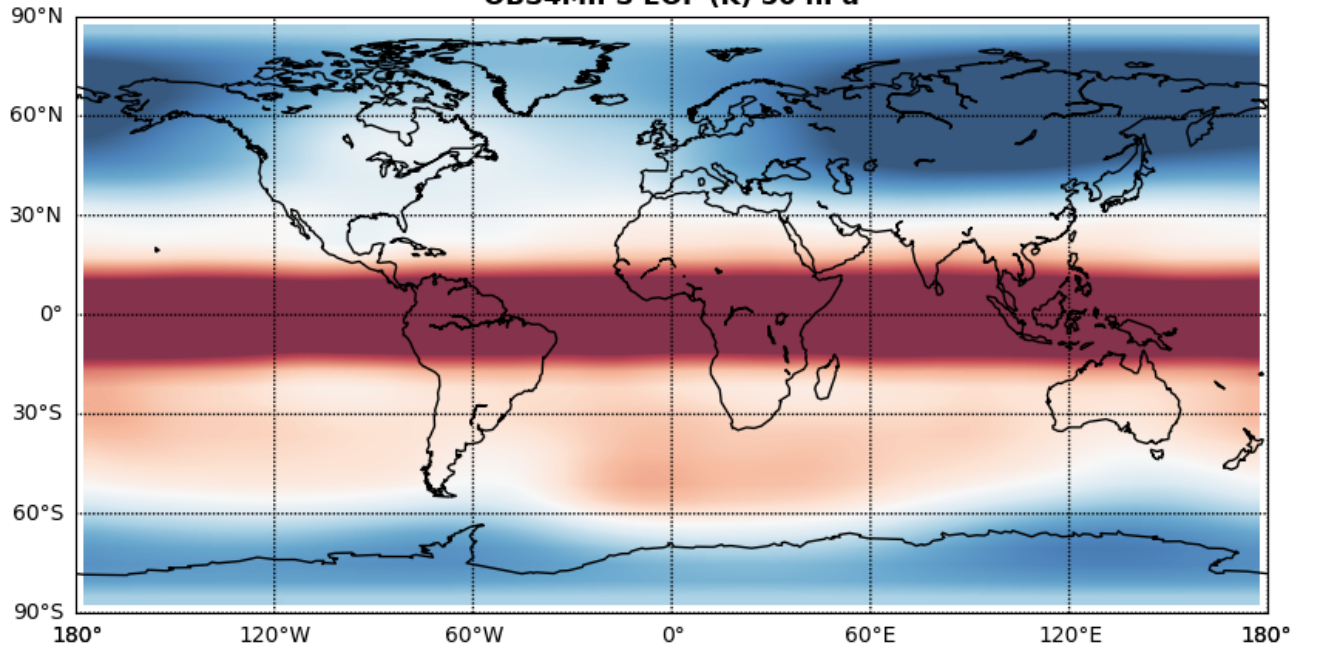




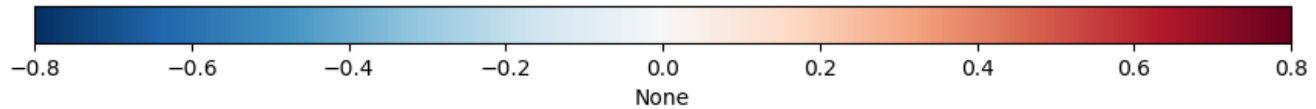
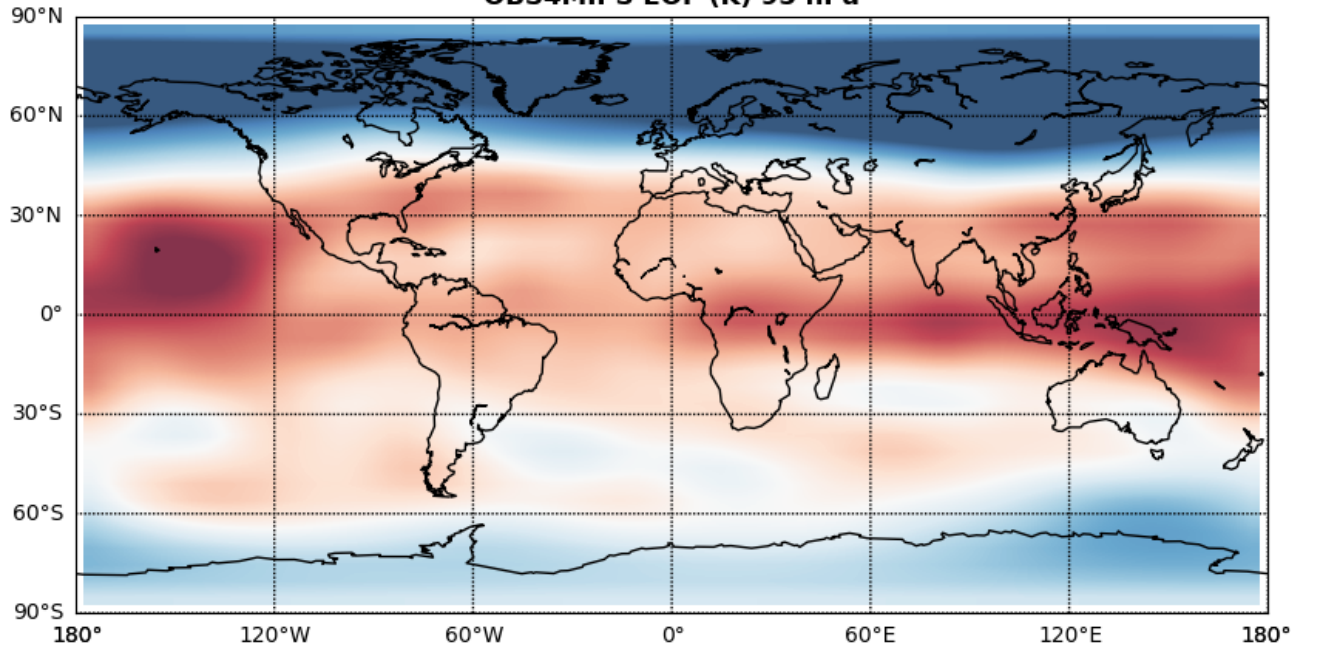




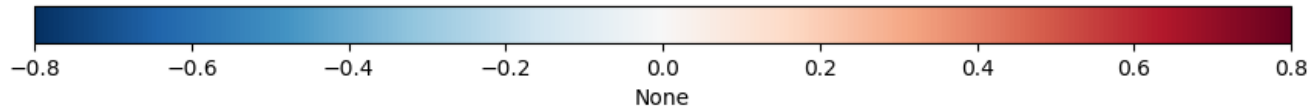
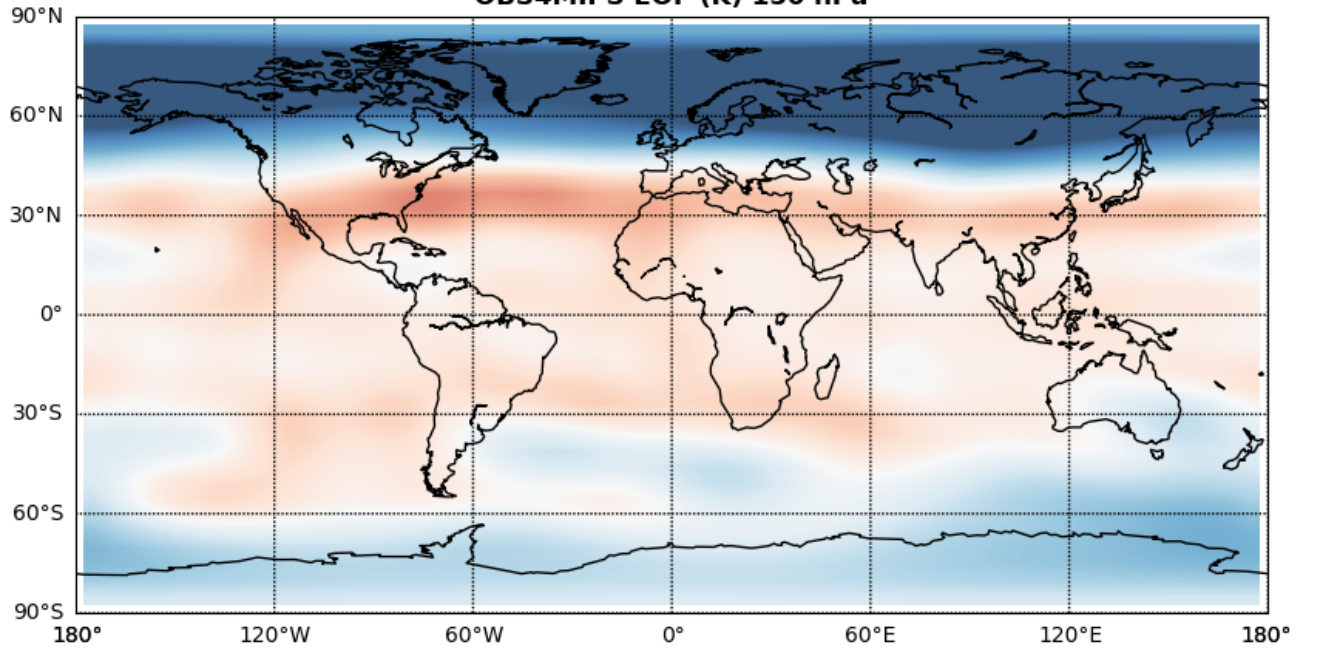
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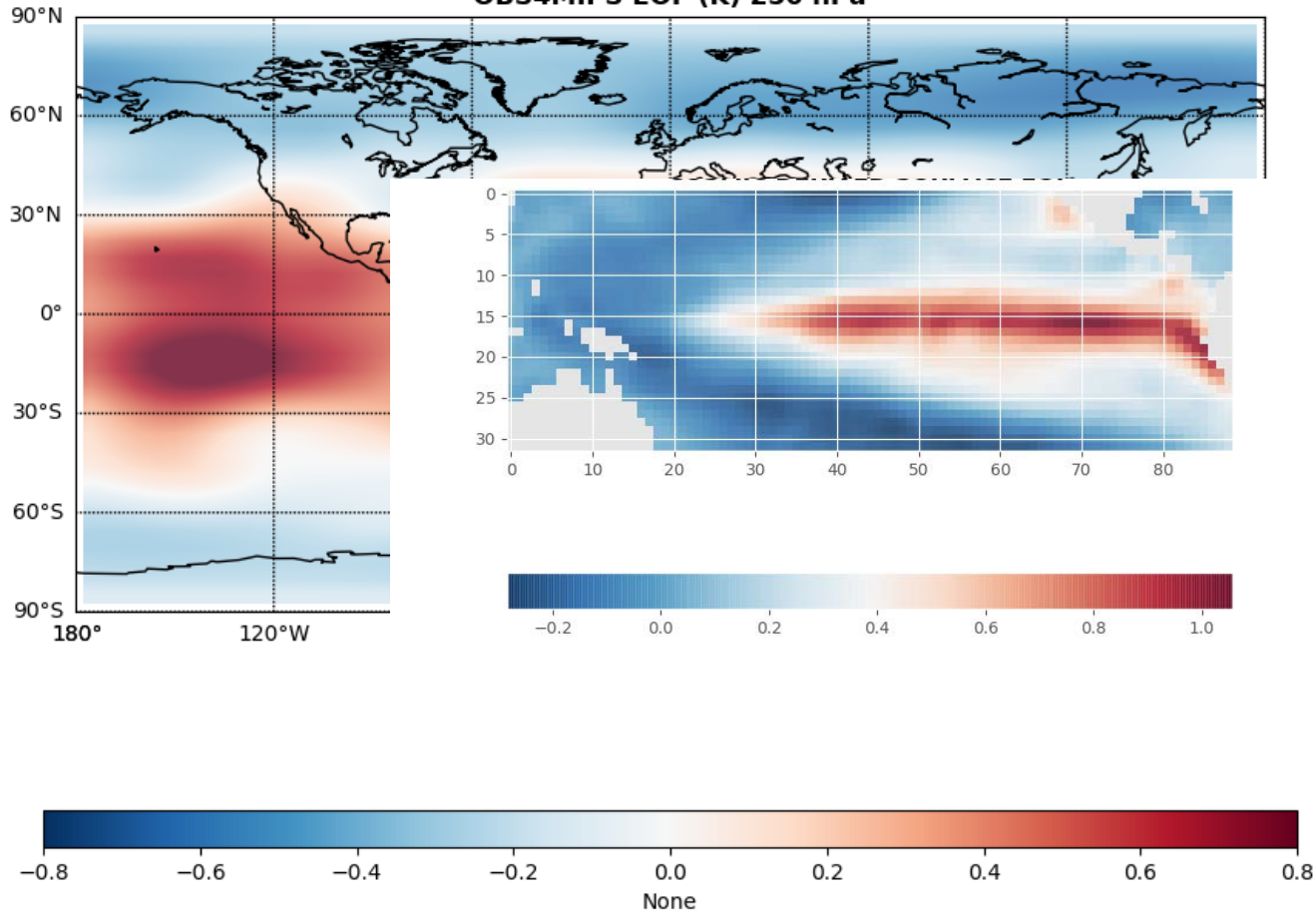
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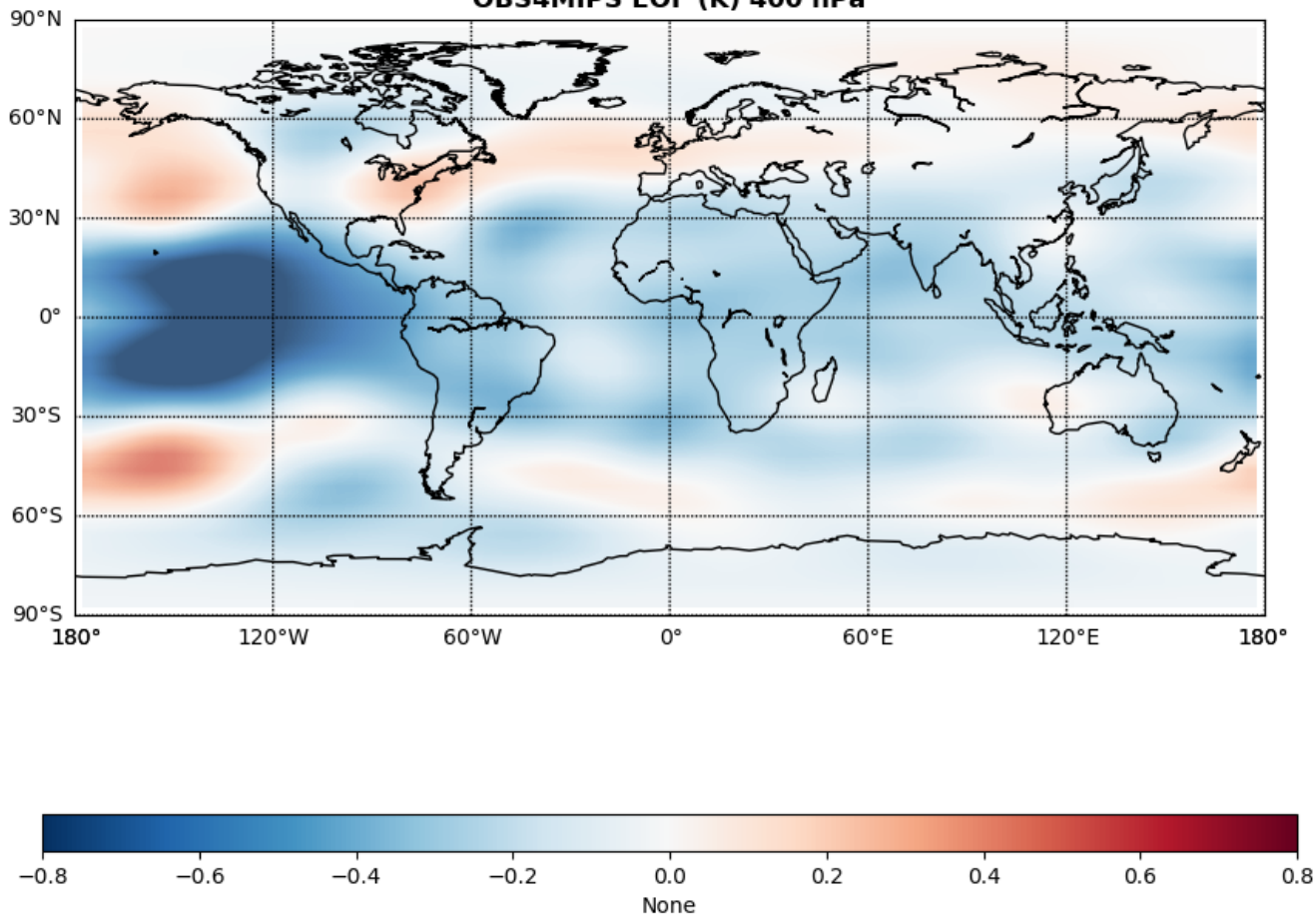
OBS4MIPS EOF (K) 150 hPa



### OBS4MIPS EOF (K) 250 hPa



OBS4MIPS EOF (K) 400 hPa





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- Supporting geodetic research and scholarly publications
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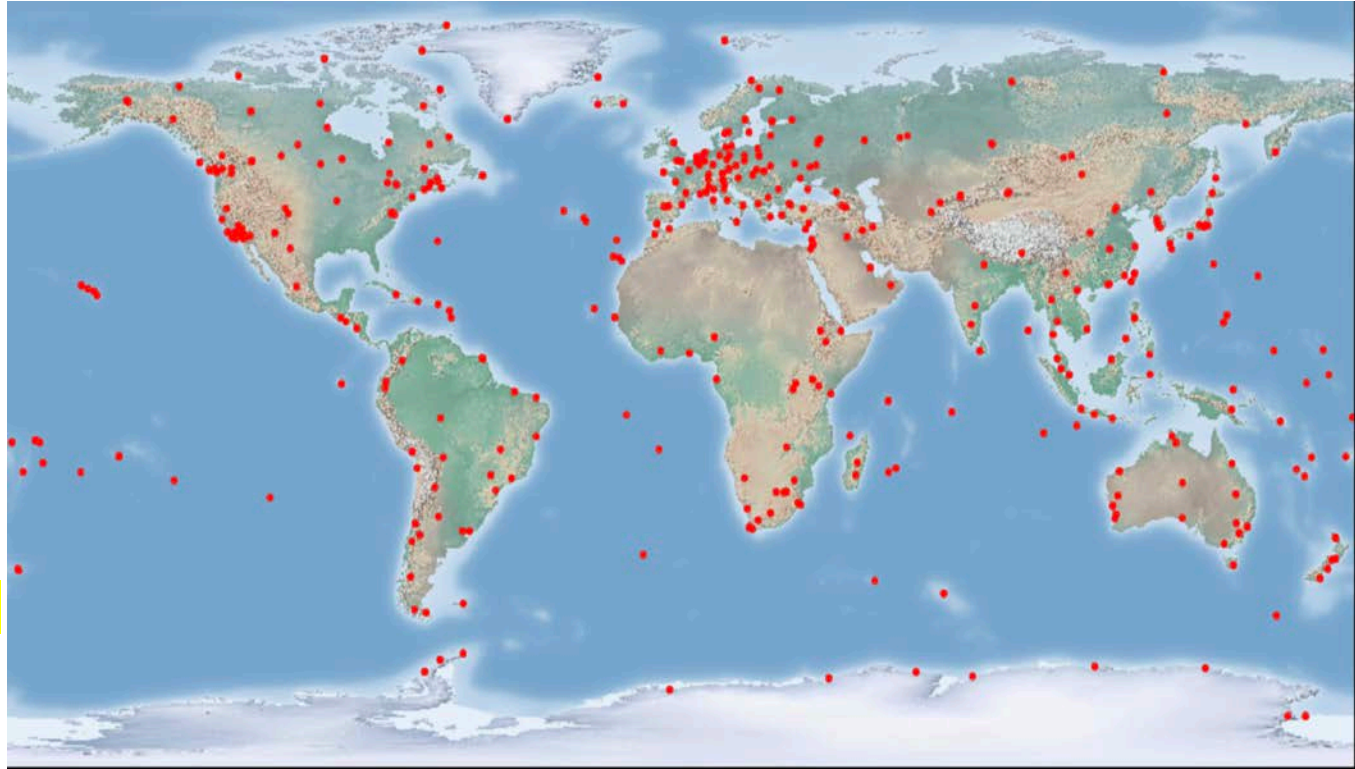


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## Ground Station Network

509 sites  
142 organizations  
45 countries

[www.igs.org/network](http://www.igs.org/network)





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# Third Associate Member & Working Group Open Meeting

*“AMs in the AM”*

8 December 2019 - 9:00 AM

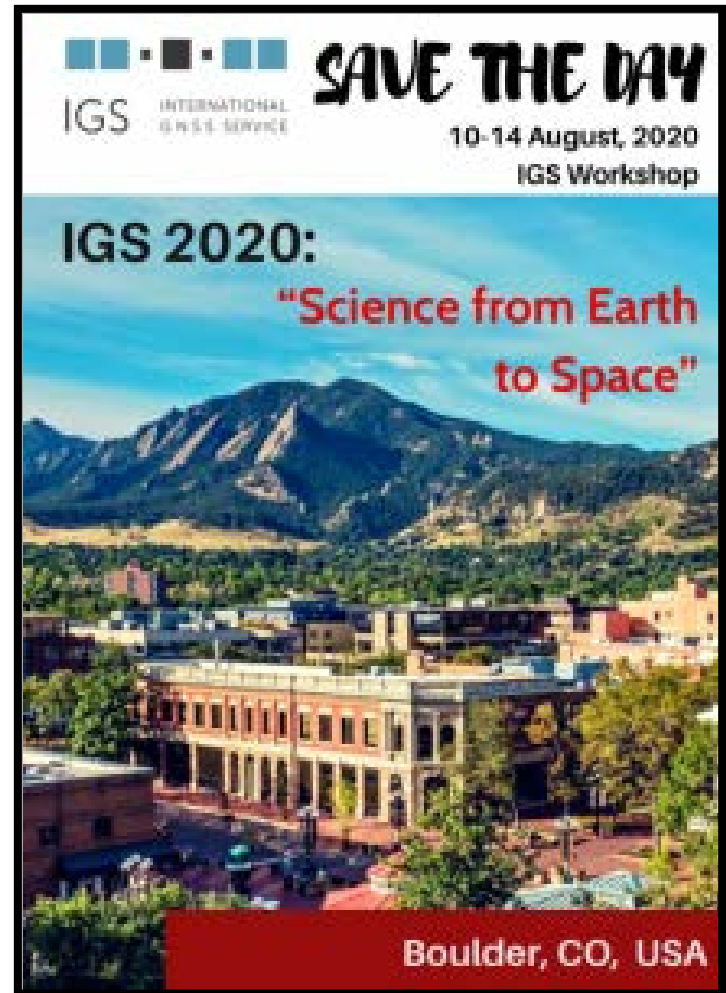
(Sunday prior to the AGU Fall Meeting in San Francisco)



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## IGS Workshop 2020 “*Science From Earth to Space*”

- 10-14 August 2020
- Boulder, Colorado, USA
- Additional information will be announced soon via:
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