

OCEAN SURFACE TOPOGRAPHY RELEVANT SERVICES AT

PO.DAAC

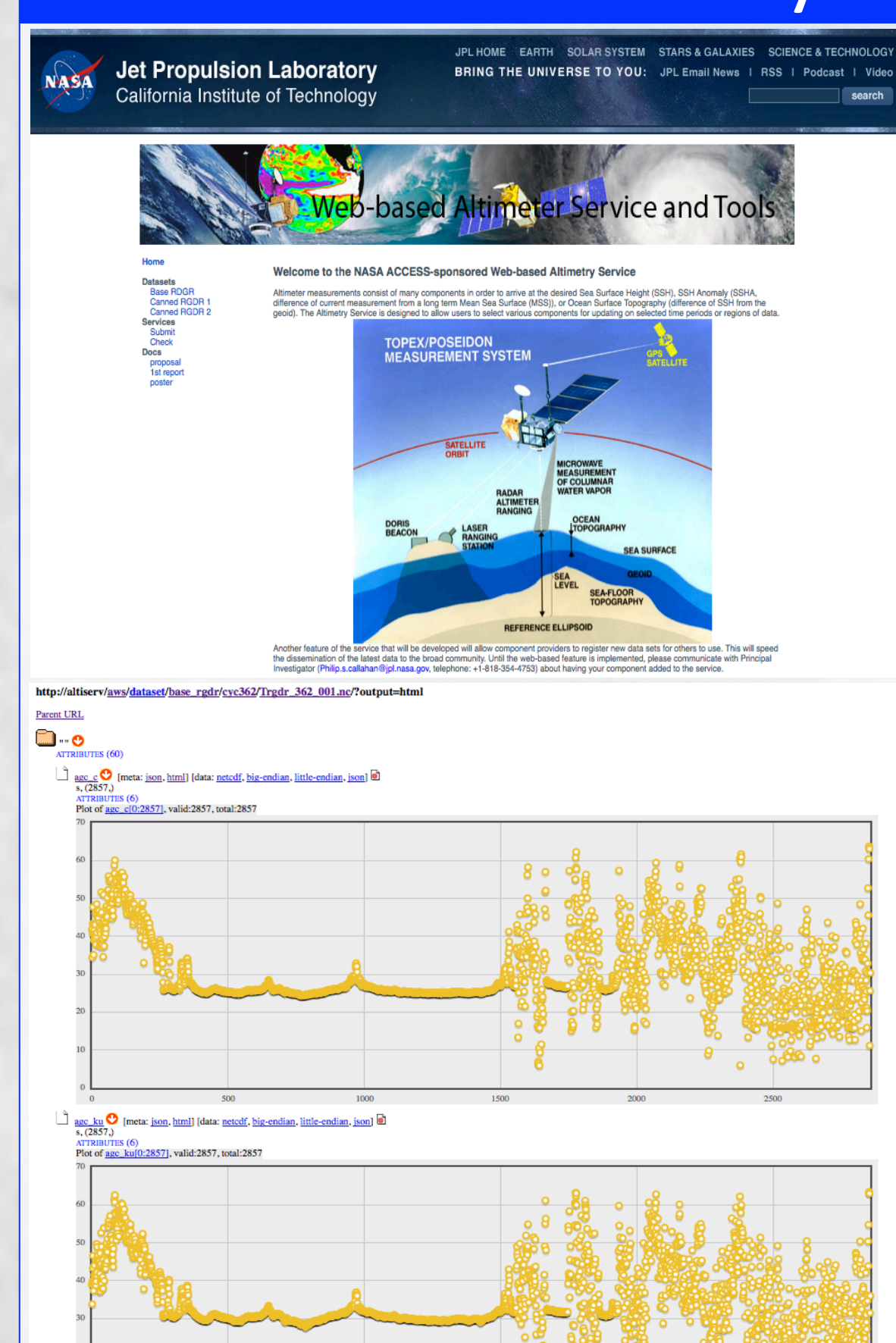
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The NASA Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center (PO.DAAC) has supported sea level missions over the last three decades, acquiring a vast knowledge base and level of expertise that is provided to and utilized by the user community. PO.DAAC is the archive, distribution, and user services center for satellite oceanographic data. Relevant to sea level, PO.DAAC data holdings include sea surface height and gravity from past and current NASA missions (i.e., Seasat, TOPEX/Poseidon, Jason-1, OSTM/Jason-2, and GRACE), as well as NASA PI-generated and programmatic-driven datasets. PO.DAAC distributes sea level relevant data through current technologies (OPeNDAP and THREDDS) and develops new technologies for quick search, visualization, and extraction.

To find out more about PO.DAAC tools or datasets please visit the “Ocean Surface Topography Datasets and Services at PO.DAAC” talk Thursday at 2:50 pm during the Outreach, Education and Altimetric Data Services Session.

Web-Based Altimetry Service http://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/PODAAC_LABS

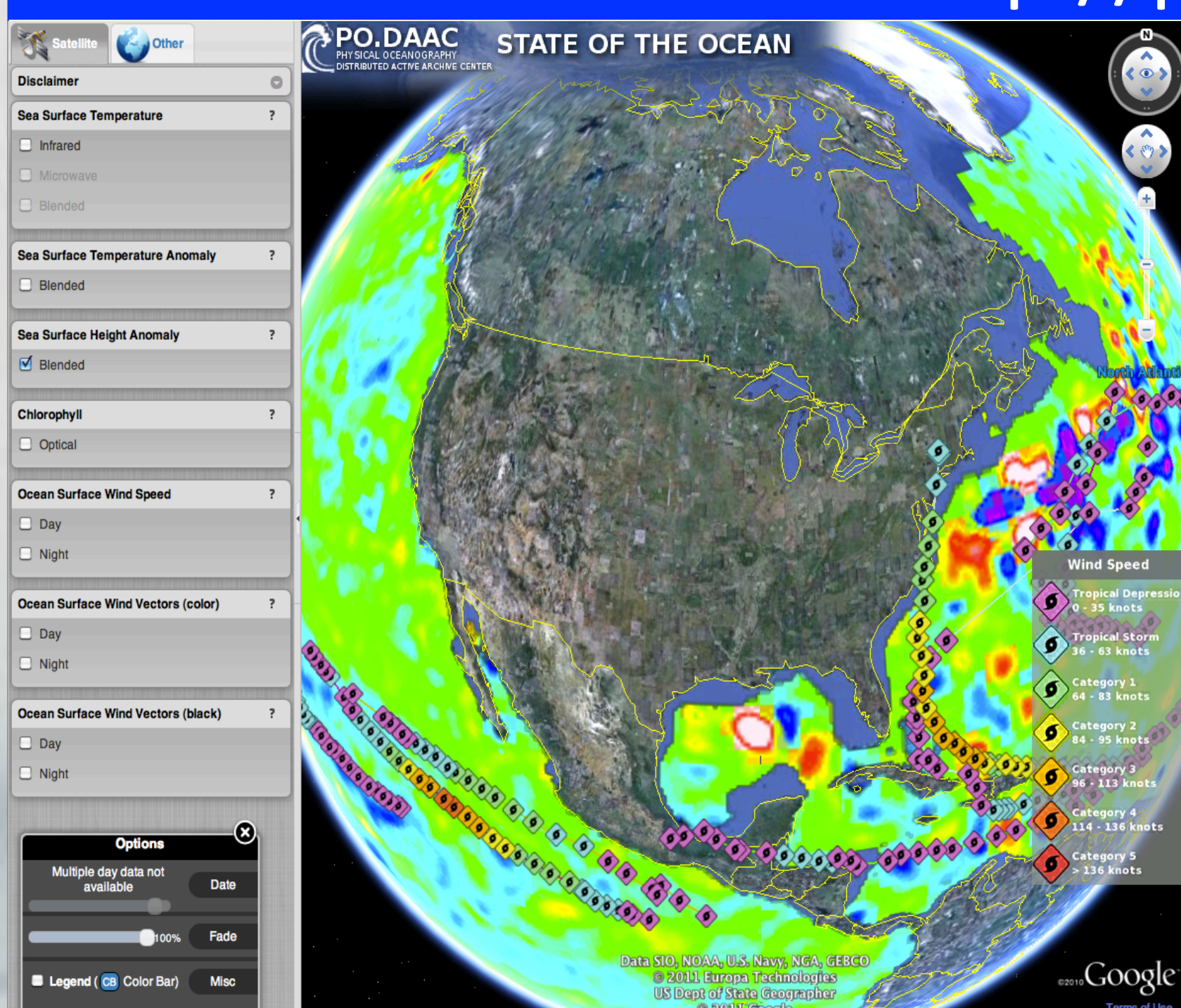


The web-based Altimetry Service (AltiServ) is a NASA ACCESS service by Phil Callahan. It provides retracked Geophysical Data Records (GDR) of TOPEX/Poseidon. It also provides a service that will calculate Sea Surface Height (SSH) and SSH Anomalies (SSHA) with user defined components (region, time, etc) and corrections that are available in AltiServ. Data are available via ftp with email notification to the user. The ftp contains webification which allows users to view variables, number of data points and time series plots without data download. AltiServ is available from PO.DAAC labs and <http://altiserv.jpl.nasa.gov/aws/index>.

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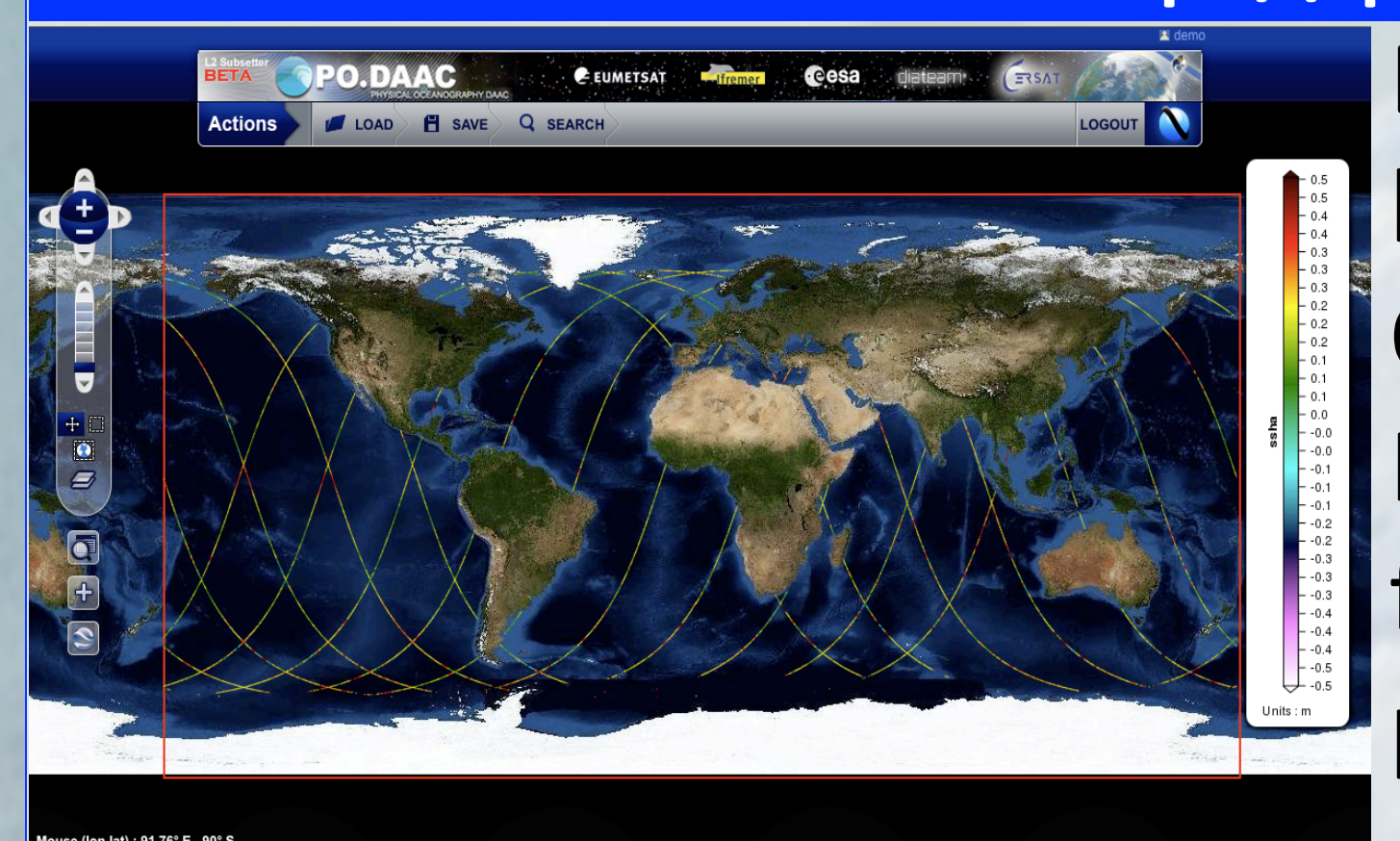
PO.DAAC Labs is where new tools can be found in beta version. This way users can access new tools and provide feedback on what they think of the functionality and if any changes need to be made. Currently PO.DAAC Labs features web-based altimetry service, datacasting (RSS feed) and Virtual Ocean Data Center (VODC). VODC provides a Google-like search capability for ocean datasets.

State of the Oceans <http://podaac-tools.jpl.nasa.gov/soto/>



State Of The Oceans (SOTO) is a near-real-time (within 5 days) data viewer that uses a Google Earth web interface. It currently contains Sea Surface Temperature, SSHA, Chlorophyll and Ocean Surface Winds mapped data. SOTO is capable of displaying multiple datasets at once. It also displays storm tracks for the last 30 days and data locations from the National Data Buoy Center. SSHA and storm tracks displayed on SOTO.

Dataminer <http://podaac-tools.jpl.nasa.gov/dataminer>



Dataminer is a swath (L2) subsetter of historical OSTM/Jason-2, ASCAT, QuikSCAT, AIRS, AMSRE, and MODIS data. It allows for editing of the data by quality flags and min/max values of various parameters.

OSTM/Jason-2 SSHA displayed in Dataminer.

POET <http://poet.podaac.jpl.nasa.gov>

POET is a gridded or mapped (L3 or L4) subsetter of historical sea surface temperature, ocean winds and ocean current data. Data can be subset both temporally and spatially, and is exported in several different data formats.

Other Data Access <http://podaac.jpl.nasa.gov/dataaccess>

There are many ways to obtain data from PO.DAAC other than the ones mentioned above. FTP is always an option, but there are other protocols that allow for data subsetting. OPeNDAP provides data discovery, subsetting and webification. THREDDS (Thematic Real-time Environmental Distributed Data Services) is middleware to bridge the gap between data providers and data users. THREDDS at PO.DAAC is a web server that provides metadata, data access, aggregation and subsetting of scientific datasets, using OPeNDAP, OGC WMS and WCS, HTTP, and other remote data access protocols.

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