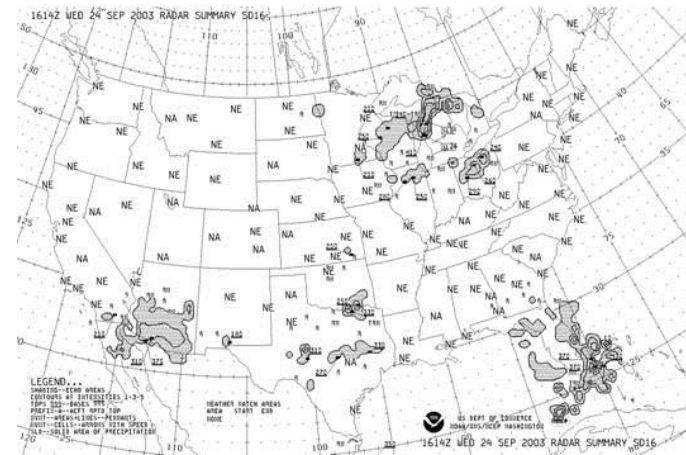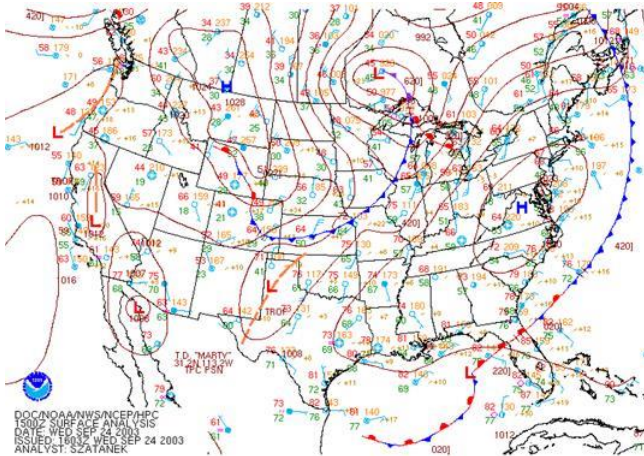Unidata TDS Workshop

THREDDS Data Server Overview

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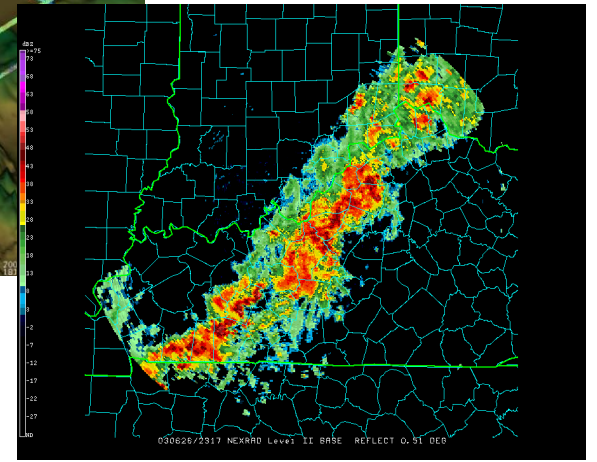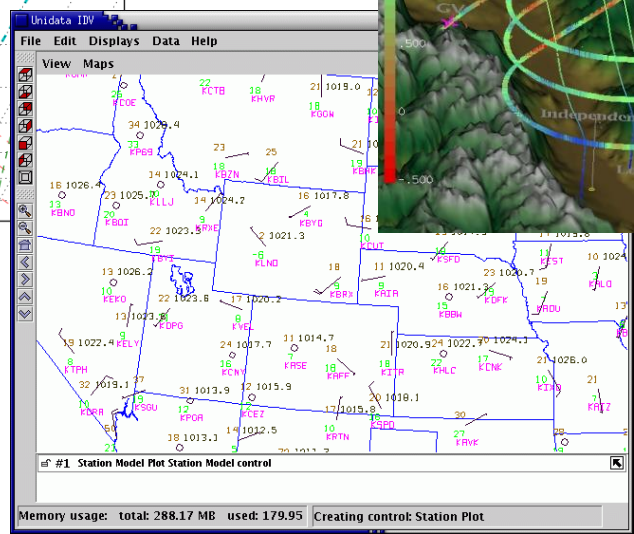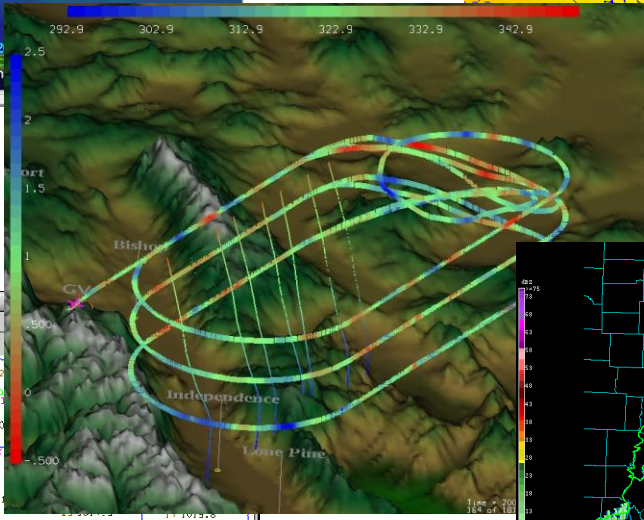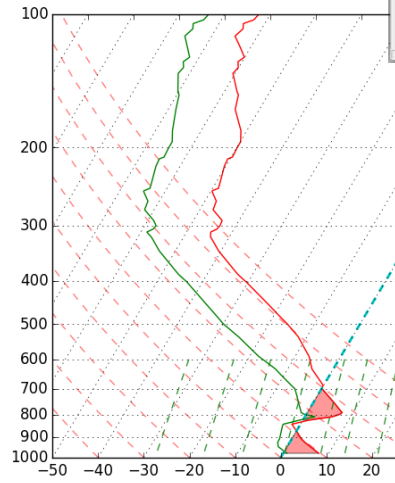
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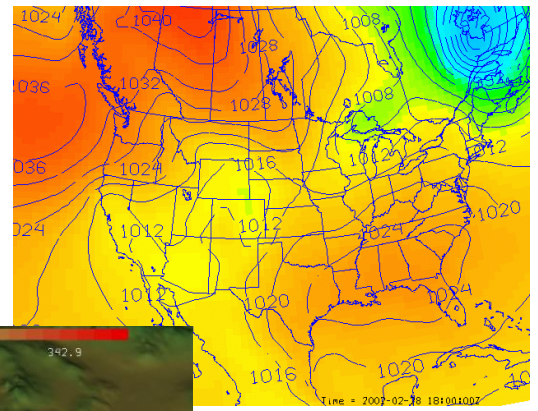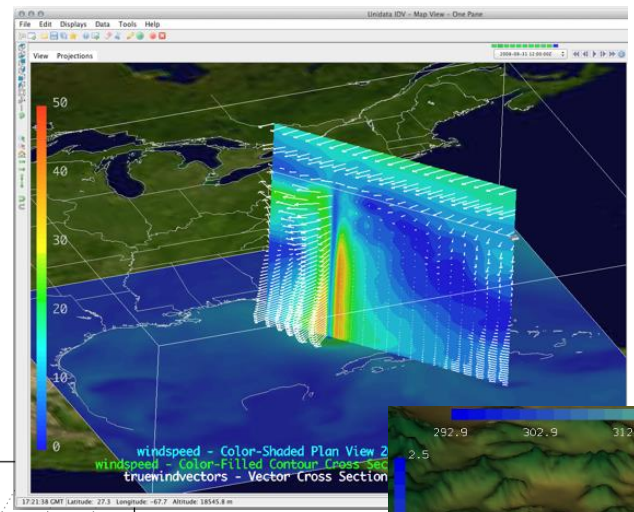
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Push
IDD: Real-Time Data Distribution

Unidata IDD Topology 061205/132C

Over 200 sites. Approx 15 GB/hour

Unidata's LDM
- Protocol and client/server software
- Event-driven data distribution
- Supports subscription to subsets of data feeds

Unidata: Facilitate access to real-time data Pull

- IDD data from Unidata available via
  - Servers:
    - McIDAS ADDE
    - TDS
    - RAMADDA
  - Protocols:
    - HTTP, FTP
    - ADDE, OPeNDAP
    - OGC WCS and WMS

- The Unidata TDS server thredds.ucar.edu "archives" latest 30 days or so of IDD data

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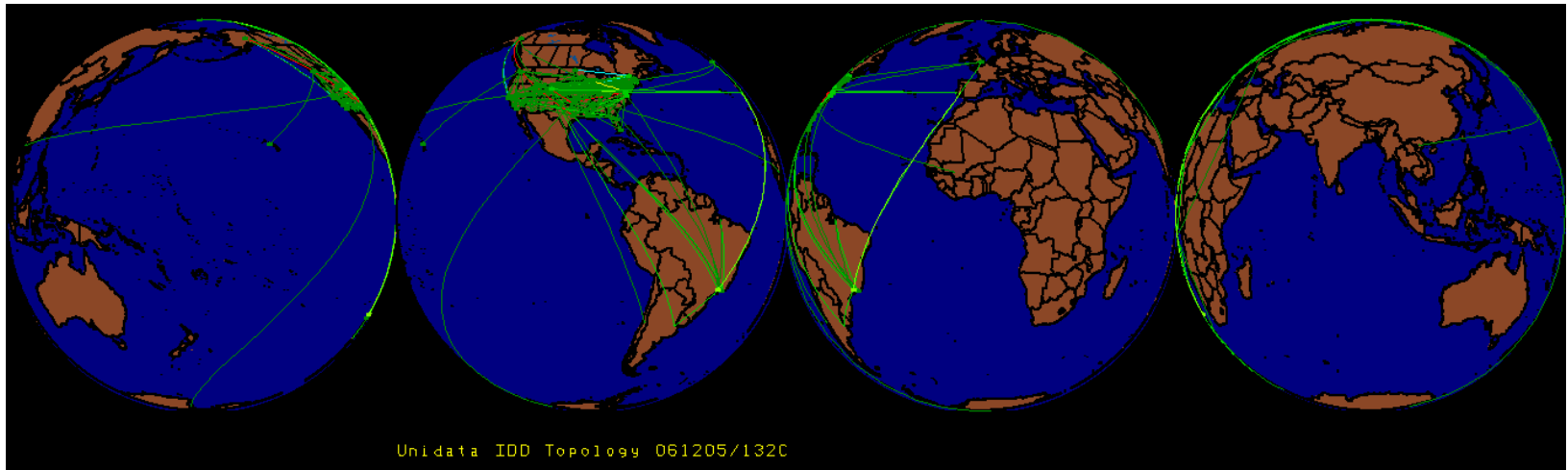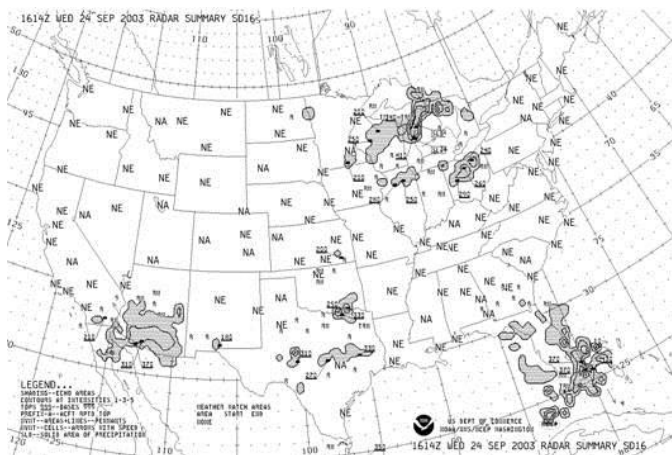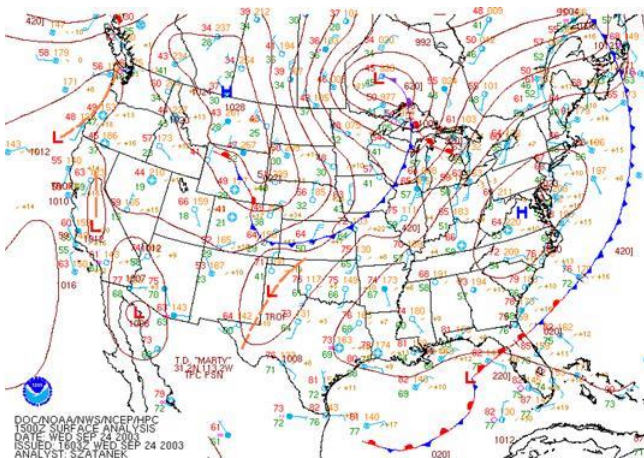
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- Develop open source tools and infrastructure for data access, analysis, visualization, and data management
- Advance metadata standards for the earth science community
- Support users of our technologies

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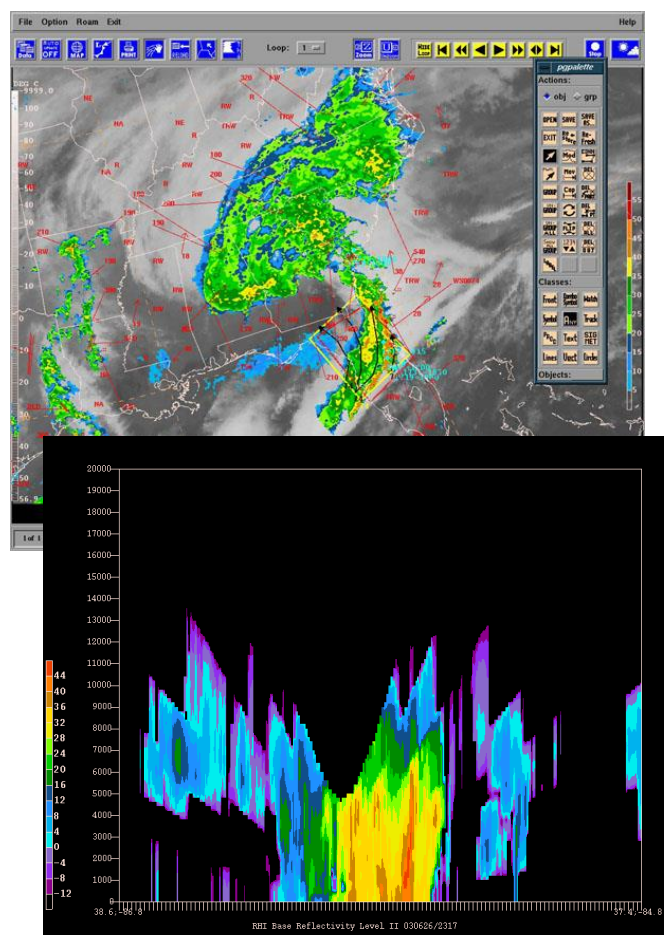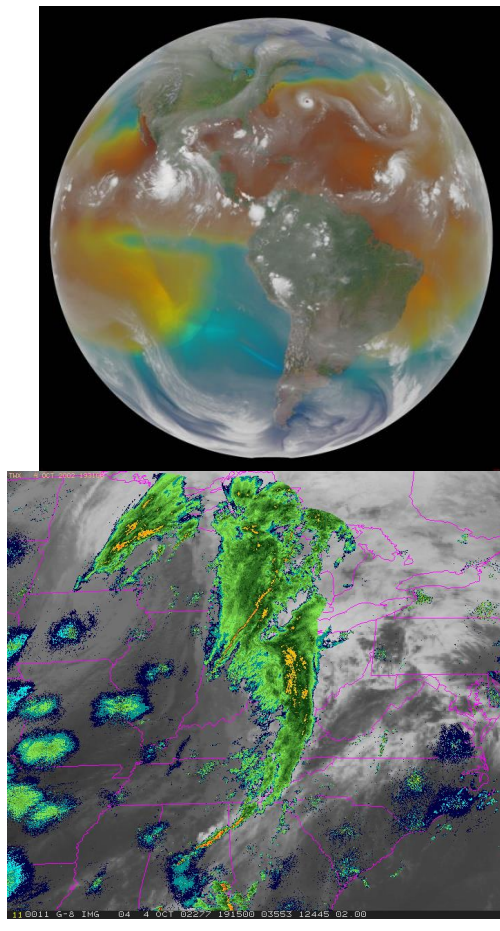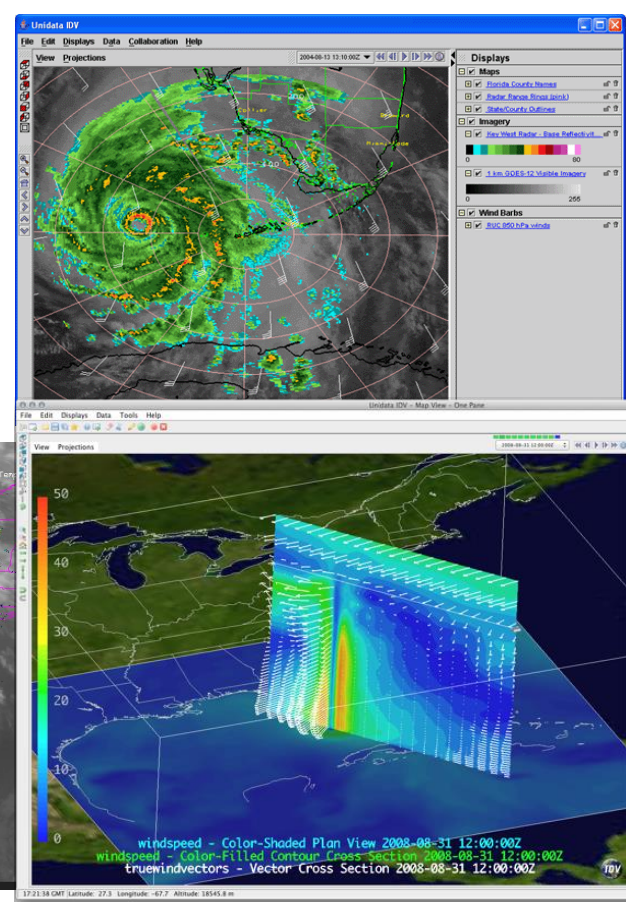
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Unidata User Community

- Support the community
  - User Workshops
  - Training Workshops
  - Mailing lists
    - For specific software packages
    - "community" email list – for Unidata community announcements
- Represent and advocate for the community
- More: http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/

Why TDS?
Users

- As a user, some things I want to be able to do:
  - Easily 'see' information regarding the dataset, without the need to download any files
    - Temporal / spatial ranges, available variables, contact info, dataset details
  - Get only the data I need/want
    - Temporal, spatial, and variable subsetting
  - Get data remotely in a variety of ways
  - Download one file, even if data span multiple files

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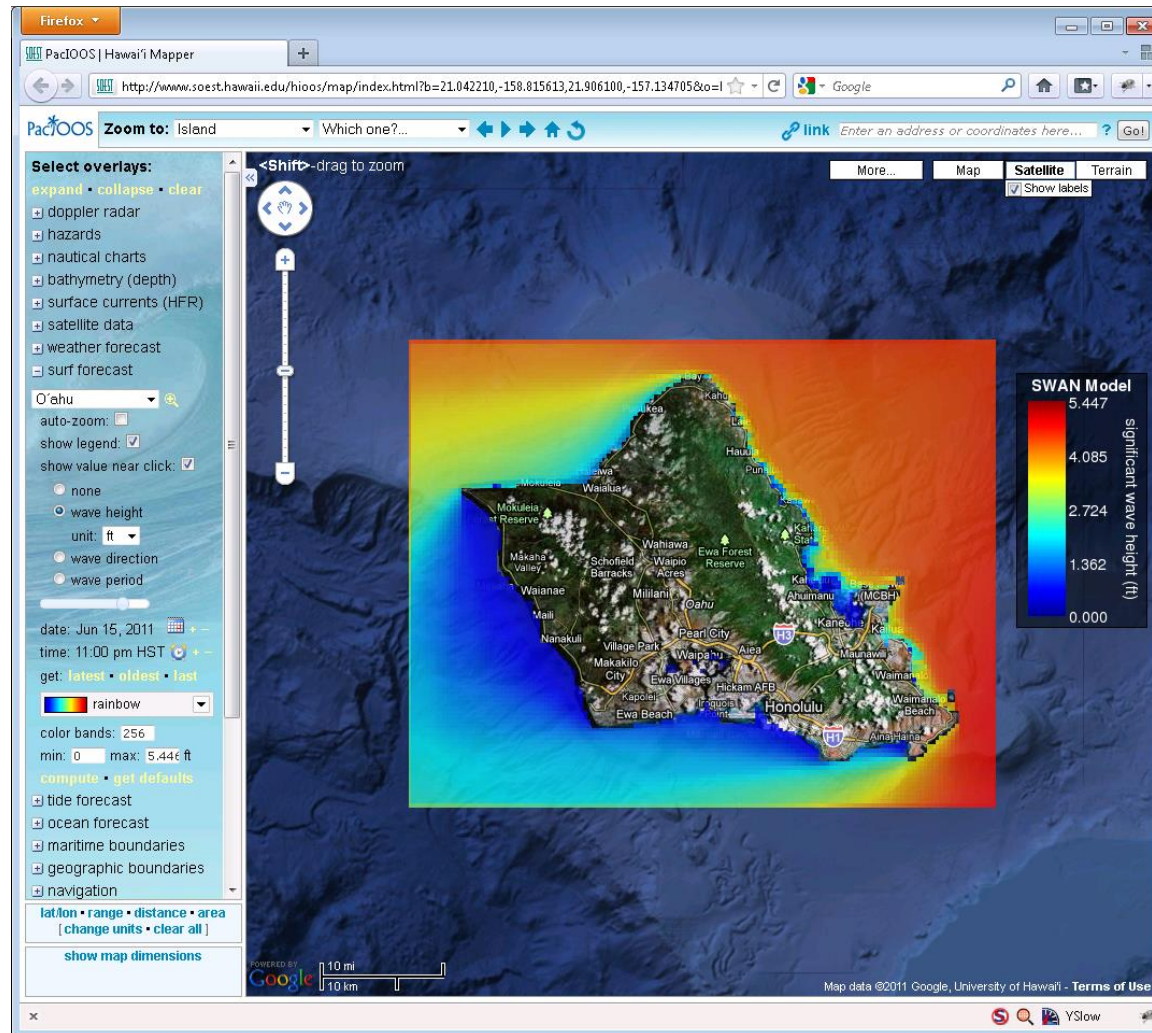
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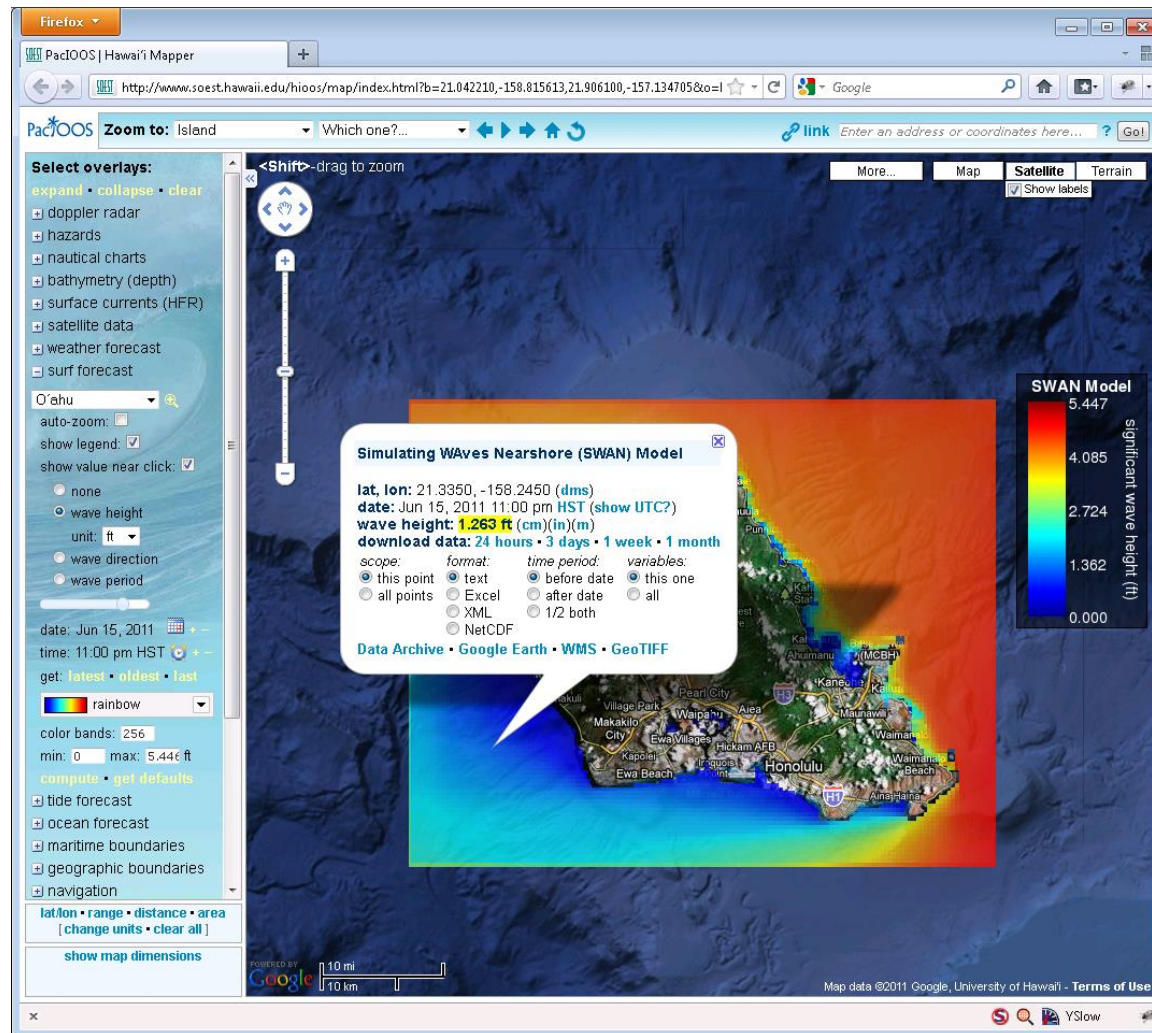
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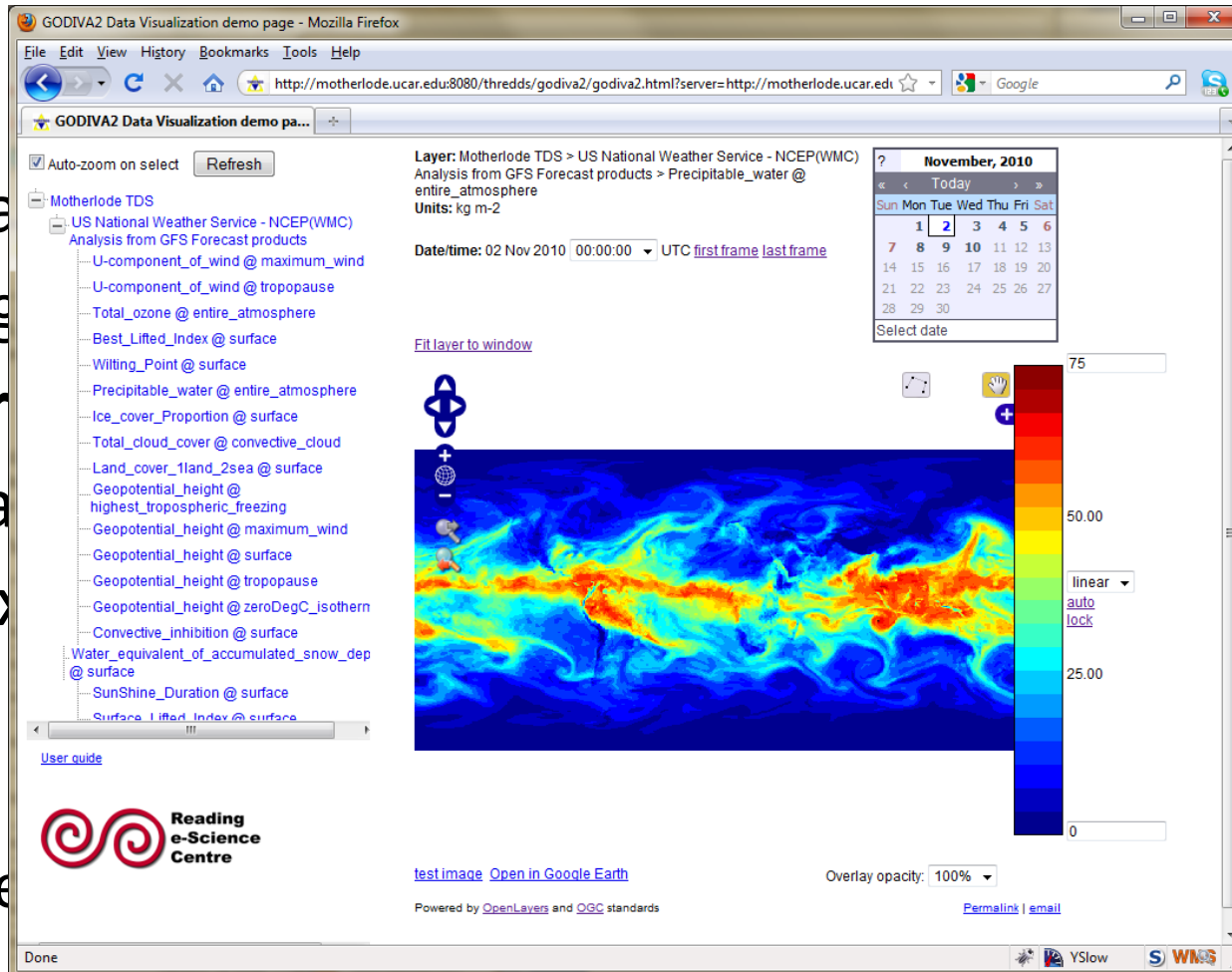
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THREDDS Data Server (TDS)

- Web server for scientific data (written in 100% Java*)
- Can serve any dataset the netCDF-Java library can read
  - E.g., netCDF-3, netCDF-4, HDF-4, HDF-5, HDF-EOS, GRIB-1, GRIB-2
- Advertise available datasets and services via catalogs
- Data access (subset) services:
  - OPeNDAP
  - OGC WMS and WCS
  - NCSS
- Data collection services
  - Aggregation
  - Point/station collection
- Metadata services
  - THREDDS Catalog XML
  - ncISO: ISO, UDDC, NcML

* Writing netCDF-4 requires the netCDF-C library

THREDDS Data Server

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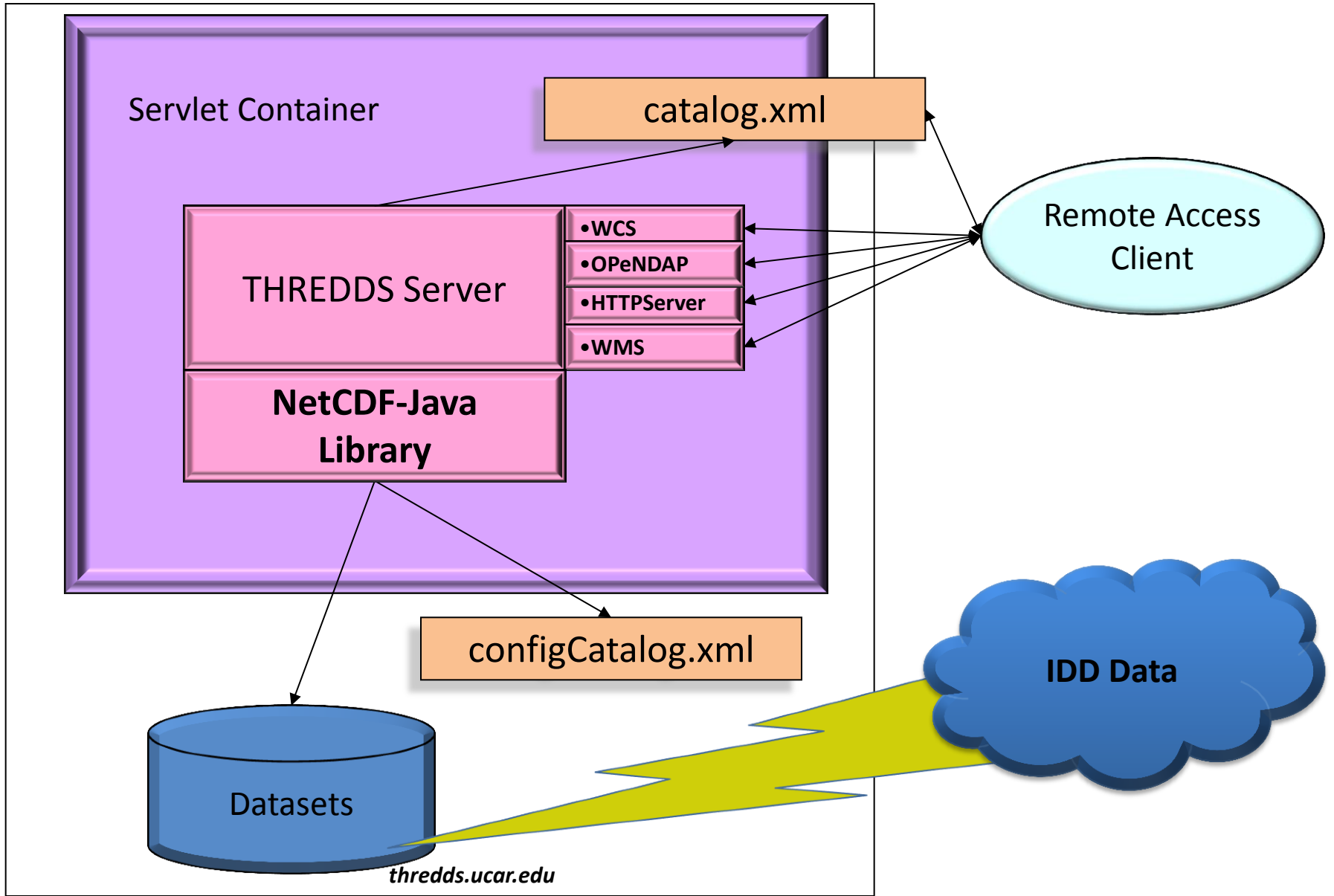
THREDDS Data Server
Getting Started

- TDS is written in 100% Java

- TDS uses the Java Servlet framework
  - Need to Install Tomcat or other servlet container
    - Tomcat used in many places (The Weather Channel, Netflix, LinkedIn, to name a few)
    - Note: many cloud services can use servlets (e.g. Amazon Web Services, CloudBees, Google App Engine, Windows Azure Compute, etc.)

- First up: Install and configure Tomcat