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Finding your TEMPO: An introduction to the mission, products, and data services for air quality observations over N. America

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Agenda

- Mission introduction
- Data product details
- Accessing TEMPO data on Earthdata Search
 - Finding documentation
 - Searching and filtering
 - Subsetting and concatenating
- Additional TEMPO information resources
- Asking questions on Earthdata Forum
- How to learn more
- Q&A



Mission Intro



Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Pollution

- Hourly daytime air pollution
 measurements over North America
- NASA's first Earth Venture Instrument (EVI), selected in 2012
- Geostationary orbit means TEMPO can scan the continent continuously

 → High temporal resolution
 → High spatial resolution
- Baseline data products:
 - Ozone
 - Nitrogen dioxide
 - Formaldehyde



Credit: NASA's Scientific Visualization Studio

Atmospheric Composition Geostationary Constellation

TEMPO (hourly) Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Pollution

Sentinel-4 (hourly)

GEMS (hourly) Geostationary Environmental Monitoring Spectrometer

GaoFen-5 (once per day)

Sentinel-5P (once per day)

Source: NASA LaRC



TEMPO Timeline

Kick-off	January 2013
Instrument delivered	November 2018
Integrated to Intelsat 40e	June 2022
Launch	7 April 2023
First light 2 August 20	
Nominal operations	October 2023
Radiances and 3 weeks of unvalidated trace gas files released to public	February 2024
Public data release	May 2024
Near real time products	Mid-2025



* Baseline mission is 20 months, then up for extensions through NASA Senior Reviews

TEMPO Operations

Nominal scans

2048 North/South pixels 1181 East/West steps per hour 2 x 4.75 km² at center of field of regard

Optimized scans

Higher temporal resolution AM and PM scans over coasts (40 minutes)

Twilight scans (city lights)

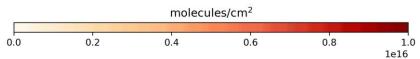
Performed during darkness, before morning scans

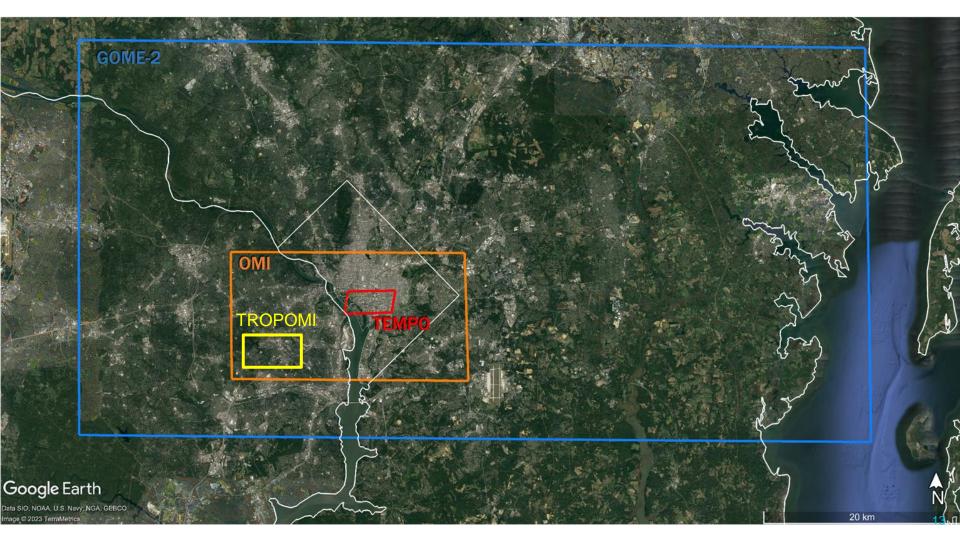
High-time scans

- Frequent scans (5 to 10 minutes) over selected longitudes
- Rare \rightarrow can be requested but require science team approval

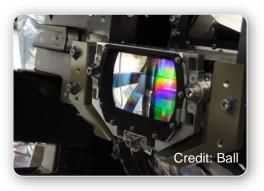
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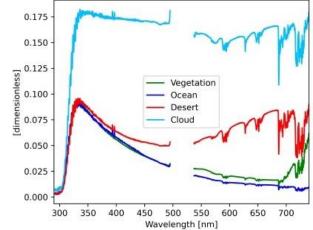




TEMPO Spectra



Sun-normalized radiance



Data Products

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TEMPO Level 1 products

Product	Level	Description	Nominal sampling frequency	Maturity level
DRK	1a	Dark exposure	Variable (typically sampled before the beginning of the other types of exposure)	Beta
RAD	1b	Geolocated Earth radiances	Once per hour or more frequent (during daylight hours)	Beta
RADT	1b	Geolocated Earth radiances (twilight)	Variable	Beta
IRR	1b	Solar irradiance (working diffuser)	Once per week	Beta
IRRR	1b	Solar irradiance (reference diffuser)	Once per 3 months	Beta

Beta: "The product is minimally validated but may still contain significant errors;... publication of research based on Beta maturity products is not recommended and highly discouraged"

TEMPO Level 2 & Level 3 products

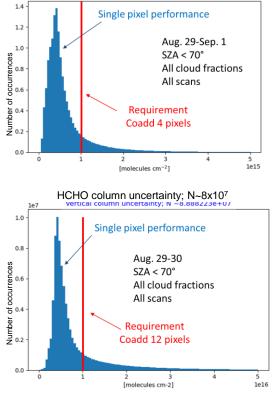
Product	Level(s)	Description	Most relevant variables in level 2 and level 3 file	Maturity level
NO2	2&3	Nitrogen dioxide total, tropospheric, and stratospheric columns	vertical_column_troposphere, vertical_column_stratosphere	Beta
нсно	2&3	Total formaldehyde columns	vertical_column	Beta
озтот	2&3	Total ozone columns	column_amount_o3	Beta
CLDO4	2&3	Cloud parameters	cloud_fraction, cloud_pressure	Beta

Level 2: Information provided at TEMPO's native resolution (hourly sampling frequency or less; ~10 km²); usually one hour East-West scan is broken in 9 to 10 level 2 files. **Level 3:** All level 2 data from a TEMPO East-West scan on a regular grid (0.02° x 0.02°)

Level 2 product requirements

NO₂ tropospheric column uncertainty; N~2x10⁷

Product	Required precision	Temporal revisit*	
0-2 km O ₃ (selected scenes)	10 ppbv	2 hour	
Tropospheric O ₃	10 ppbv	1 hour	
Total O ₃	3%	1 hour	
Tropospheric NO ₂	1 x 10 ¹⁵ molecules cm ⁻²	1 hour	
Tropospheric HCHO	1 x 10 ¹⁶ molecules cm ⁻²	3 hour	
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* number of hourly measurements to be averaged to achieve required precision

There are ongoing efforts to expand the suite of TEMPO operational products with aerosol information (AOD, layer height, UVAI) and traces gases (SO₂, CHOCHO, BrO, H_2O and HONO) in the near future.

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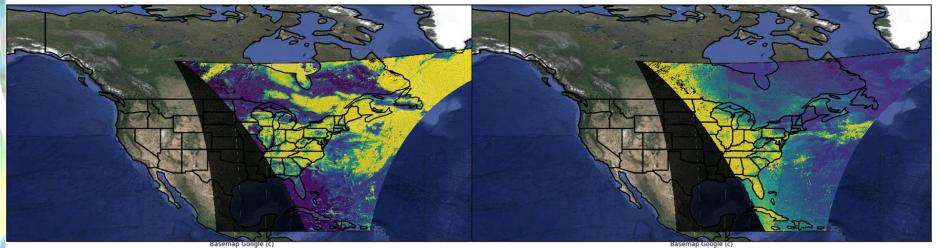
One day of HCHO retrievals: filtering data

To perform qualitative studies it is essential to perform quality control on the data; multiple variables in the level 2 and level 3 files (main_data_quality_flag, cloud_fraction, vertical_column_uncertainty, snow_ice_fraction...) provide suitable information to filter data depending on the user's application.

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Cloud fraction

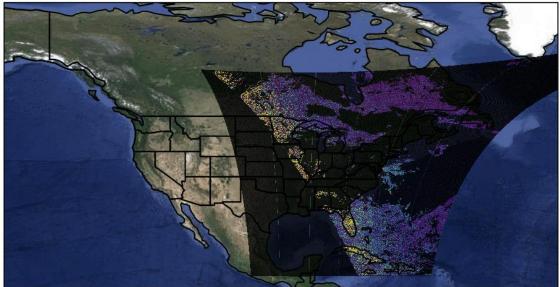
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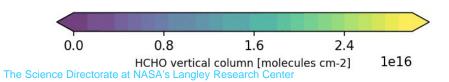
Vertical column uncertainty

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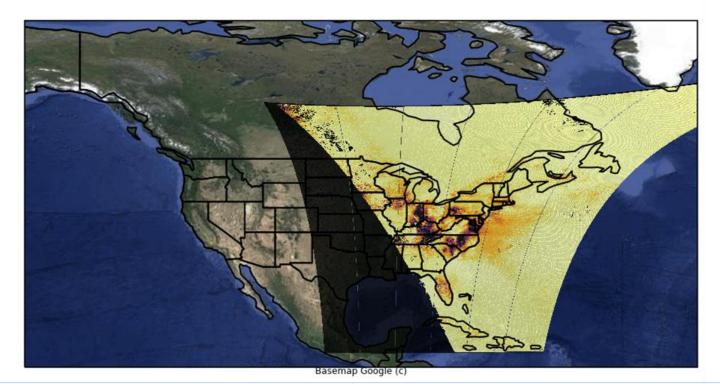
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Basemap Google (c)



One day of NO₂ retrievals (unfiltered) 2024-05-09 10:41:07 to 2024-05-09 11:14:16; SCAN S001



As mentioned previously it is important to filter data using the criteria described in the user guides

How to find TEMPO data products on Earthdata Search



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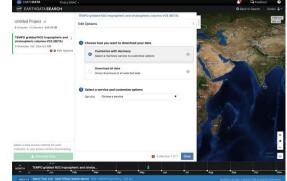
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Demonstration

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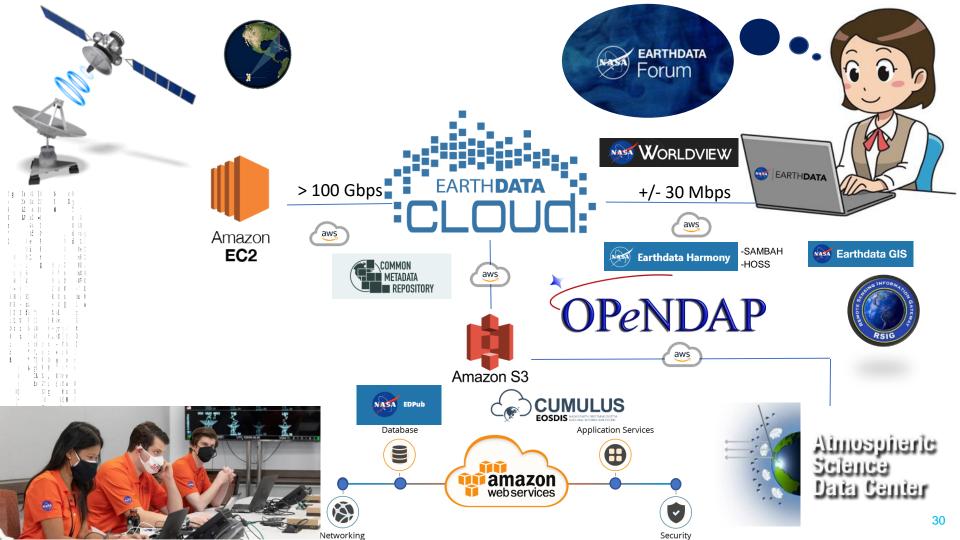
- Earthdata Search: <u>https://search.earthdata.nasa.gov</u>
- **TEMPO Project landing page:** <u>https://asdc.larc.nasa.gov/project/TEMPO</u>
- NASA Earthdata Cloud information: https://www.earthdata.nasa.gov/eosdis/cloud-evolution
- NASA CMR STAC API tutorial: https://nasa-openscapes.github.io/2021-Cloud-Hackathon/tutorials/02_Data_Discovery_CMR-STAC_API.html
- Panoply:

https://www.giss.nasa.gov/tools/panoply/

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TEMPO Resources at ASDC

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Earthdata Forum

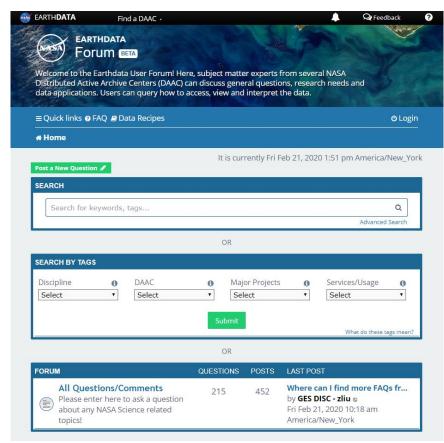
Science Data Users can seamlessly search for information even if they do not know which DAAC the data belongs to.

Scientists & Data Providers can

effectively assist their user community in more accurately using their products.

DAACs & Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) can quickly link users to existing resources.

DAAC User Services can swiftly provide inquirers with an authoritative source related to DAAC data products & services.



https://forum.earthdata.nasa.gov/

ASDC Webpage



The Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Pollution (TEMPO) instrument is a grating spectrometer, sensitive to visible (VIS) and ultraviolet (UV) wavelengths of light with a spectral range of 290-490 + 540-740 nm and 0.6 nm spectral resolution. The TEMPO instrument is attached to the Earth-facing side of a commercial telecommunications satellite (Intelsat 40e) in geostationary orbit over 91° W longitude (about 22,000 miles above Earth's equator). This allows TEMPO to maintain a continuous view of North America so that the instrument's light-collecting mirror can make a complete east-to-west scan of the field of regard hourly during daylight hours. By measuring sunlight reflected and scattered from the Earth's surface and atmosphere back to the instrument's detectors, TEMPO's ultraviolet and visible light sensors will provide measurements of ozone, nitrogen dioxide, and other constituents involved in the chemical dynamics of Earth's atmosphere.

The primary mission objectives of TEMPO involve understanding the dynamics of air quality, pollution sources, and their impact on climate change. By providing near real-time data and comprehensive atmospheric composition measurements, TEMPO will assist scientists in studying pollution patterns, evaluating the efficacy of environmental policies, and predicting future trends in air quality.

TEMPO was launched on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Florida's Cape Canaveral Space Force Station on the commercial Maxar Technologies manufactured communications satellite Intelsat 40e on April 7, 2023. The instrument beamed back its first images on August 2nd, 2023. The TEMPO mission is a collaboration between the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and NASA, supported by the NASA Science Mission Directorate.

The TEMPO Science Team released a limited set of unvalidated TEMPO data products on February 5, 2024. The primary purpose of this release is for users to become familiar with the file format and

https://asdc.larc.nasa.gov/project/TEMPO

Additional Resources

Harmony Services

https://harmony.earthdata.nasa.gov/

🥳 Earthdata Harmony

Harmony allows you to seamlessly analyze Earth observation data from different NASA data centers

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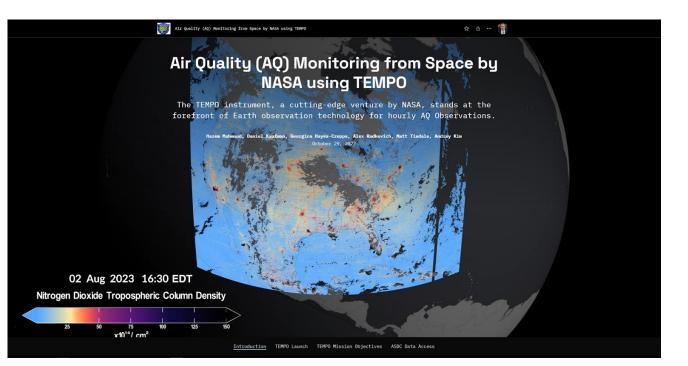


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TEMPO Storymap





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Extra Slides Follow



Daily Log

TEMPO Daily Log during Nominal Operation (10/17/2023-present)

Jean Fitzmaurice, John Houck, Xiong Liu

Last updated on 3/21/2024

TEMPO_nominal-operation_dataproducts_daily_log - Google Docs

•(<u>http://github.com/JeanFitzmaurice/TEMPO-</u> <u>Observation-Log</u>)

Date	Log
10/17/2023	SDPC v4.1 operational processing started (9 hrs)
10/18/2023	Frequent data dropouts (missing data), INR might fail and no subsequent data products
10/19/2023	Solar cal Working Diffuser (WD) Frequent data dropouts (missing data), INR might fail and no subsequent data products
10/20/2023	Frequent data dropouts (missing data), INR might fail and no subsequent data products
10/21/2023	Frequent data dropouts (missing data), INR might fail and no subsequent data products
10/23/2023	Some data dropout
10/26/2023	Solar cal WD
10/29/2023	Bad INR almost all day (no L2 data products) (R2.3.8 restart issue), will be reprocessed later with SDPC v4.2.

Additional Resources

- Point to programmatic access tools (ASDC GitHub, earthaccess, Harmony-py)
- Opendap access
- Worldview GIBS
- Imagery in AGOL
- Training, tutorials, storymap, rsig to share



Questions?



deadlines

Webinar Date: 05/29/24 2pm EDT

Presenter Training: April 29 through May 3, 2024 First Dry Run- Week of May 13-17,2024 Second Dry Run- Week of May 20-24,2024

05/02/24:

- Agenda,
- Webinar banner imagery,
- Title and Talk Abstract,
- Name, professional title, bio, and photo(s) of the speaker(s)

05/09/24: List of invitees

05/24/24: Polling questions (short answer, multiple choice, multiple answer)

Hazem Mahmoud Science Lead at NASA LaRC ASDC ADNET



Bio: Dr. Hazem Mahmoud, the DAAC Scientist at the Atmospheric Science Data Center, brings a wealth of expertise in geophysics and environmental engineering to his role. His primary focus lies in utilizing both orbital and suborbital instruments for remote sensing of the Earth's atmosphere. Dr. Hazem specializes in analyzing radiation budget, cloud formations, aerosol distribution, and tropospheric composition. His ultimate goal is to achieve near real-time air quality monitoring from space and study the impact of the air we breathe on our health. His passion for this field ignited when he confronted the challenge of limited Earth data availability early in his career, compelling him to dedicate his research to remote sensing applications. He firmly advocates for the integration of remote sensing data into scientific endeavors, believing it to be a crucial step in advancing global research efforts.

Name: Caroline Nowlan

Job Title: Atmospheric Physicist / Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian Bio: Dr. Caroline Nowlan is an atmospheric physicist at the Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian, where she works on remote sensing of the Earth's atmosphere using satellite and aircraft instruments. She is a member of the team leading the Smithsonian/NASA next-generation air quality monitoring instrument TEMPO (Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Pollution), which recently began making measurements of air pollutants over North America from geostationary orbit. Dr. Nowlan is also responsible for global formaldehyde measurements from a suite of NASA/NOAA satellite instruments, and has been an investigator on projects examining urban air pollution in the U.S. and South Korea using remote sensing of the atmosphere from aircraft. She holds a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Toronto.

Name: Gonzalo Gonzalez Abad

Job Title: Atmospheric Physicist / Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian Bio: Gonzalo Gonzalez Abad received his B. Sc. degree in physics in 2008 from the Universidad de Valencia, Spain and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of York, York, UK in 2012. He is currently a physicist at the Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. His main research interest is the development of trace gas retrieval algorithms applicable to observations by space-borne ultraviolet and visible solar light backscattered spectrometers. He leads the development of Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Pollution (TEMPO) satellite instrument formaldehyde retrievals and is a member of the Atmospheric Composition Instrument (ACX) science team. Name: Daniel Kaufman

Job Title / Affiliation: ASDC TEMPO Lead Data Scientist / Booz Allen Hamilton

Bio: Dr. Daniel Kaufman received his B.Sc. in physics from the University of Maryland and a Ph.D. in Marine Science at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary. Daniel's research and data science work has included analyses and assimilation of biogeophysical data from autonomous ocean gliders, formulating diagnostics of atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations as simulated in global climate models, and the development of a large-scale mathematical optimization model and decision support tool for watershed pollution management. Daniel supports NASA's Atmospheric Science Data Center (ASDC) as one of the center points of contact for TEMPO, serves as a Center Champion for NASA's Transform to Open Science (TOPS) initiative, and co-develops tools that provide user-friendly access to satellite-based atmospheric science data. The Science Directorate at NASA's Langley Research Center

TEMPO Resources at ASDC

- (~5 min)
 - Data pages
 - Data log
 - <u>https://asdc.larc.nasa.gov/project/TEMPO</u>
 - <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X06_F2FjVGgwad3Ya70_GSxbpausgak</u> 04_M8bUYkiO0/edit
 - <u>https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/01e82aefbc8b4d7a951fe089c818bc0c</u>

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