

HYCOM Data Service

**New Datasets, Functionality and
Future Development**

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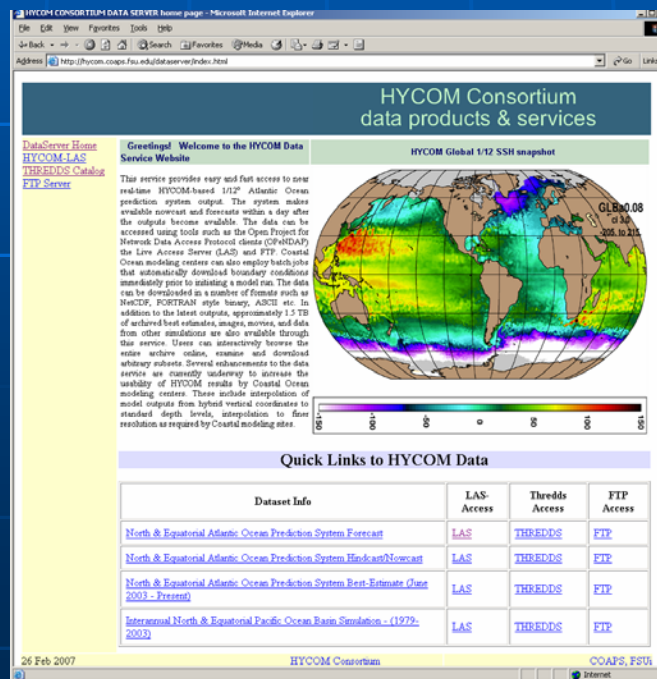
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Home Page
(soon to be replaced)

HYCOM Data Service: History and Current Status

- ❑ Launched in 2002 in Miami.
Served HYCOM Outputs via FTP, LAS & OPeNDAP
- ❑ Started Serving Near Real Time Atlantic data in 2003
- ❑ Hosted ~3 TB of data until Dec, 2006
- ❑ Jan, 2007 – moved to FSU.
Expanded to a 100 TB SAN.
- ❑ Ready to serve global near real time outputs.

Recent Additions and Available Datasets

Now: 1/12° Global Free Run output 2003-2005

Now: 1/12° Global Assimilative Run 2003/10-2004/05

Soon: Near real-time 1/12° global prediction system output

Soon: Several 1/12° Gulf of Mexico Simulations for
inter-comparing data assimilation schemes (HYDAE)

Near real-time 1/12° Atlantic Ocean prediction system output
(June 2003 – Present)

Monthly mean 1/12° Pacific Ocean Simulation output (1979-2003)

HYCOM outputs for MERSEA/GODAE
(sub-sampled outputs interpolated to depth levels)

TOP 5 Data Management Priorities

1. The HYCOM data services should include a reliable capability to deliver custom netCDF subsets (user specifies region and variables)
 - done
2. Procedures to better inform the HYCOM Consortium members of new data management capabilities, new datasets, etc.
 - Data shopper catalog. Mailing list. Updated website soon.
3. The HYCOM data services should provide OPeNDAP, LAS, and FTP access to all data. Outputs should be available on native grids as well as engines for format transfer and regridding
 - done (native grid and regridded to standard depth levels)
4. In order to make "nesting" from HYCOM to HYCOM models simpler provide "packaged access" (ability to request a tar file) of all files needed to set up the nested run
 - tested. Will be implemented shortly
5. Provide access to detailed model run metadata – model domain; source code configuration; forcing fields, BCs, ICs; PI name -
blkdat.input, regional.grid, regional.depth and info available

Moving the Data Service: Timeline

■ Dec-2006

- Installed and tested the new hardware/OS etc. at FSU

■ Jan-April, 2007

- Downloaded 13 TB of data from NAVO and Miami -- Global, Atlantic and Pacific (*Thanks to Skinman and Joe Metzger for suggesting ways to speed up the transfer from NAVO!*)
- Software installation
- Rewrite of the programs that update the server weekly due to changes in the THREDDS server configuration

■ April-20-22, 2007

- FSU service completely operational. Global data added. Website updated.

Hardware

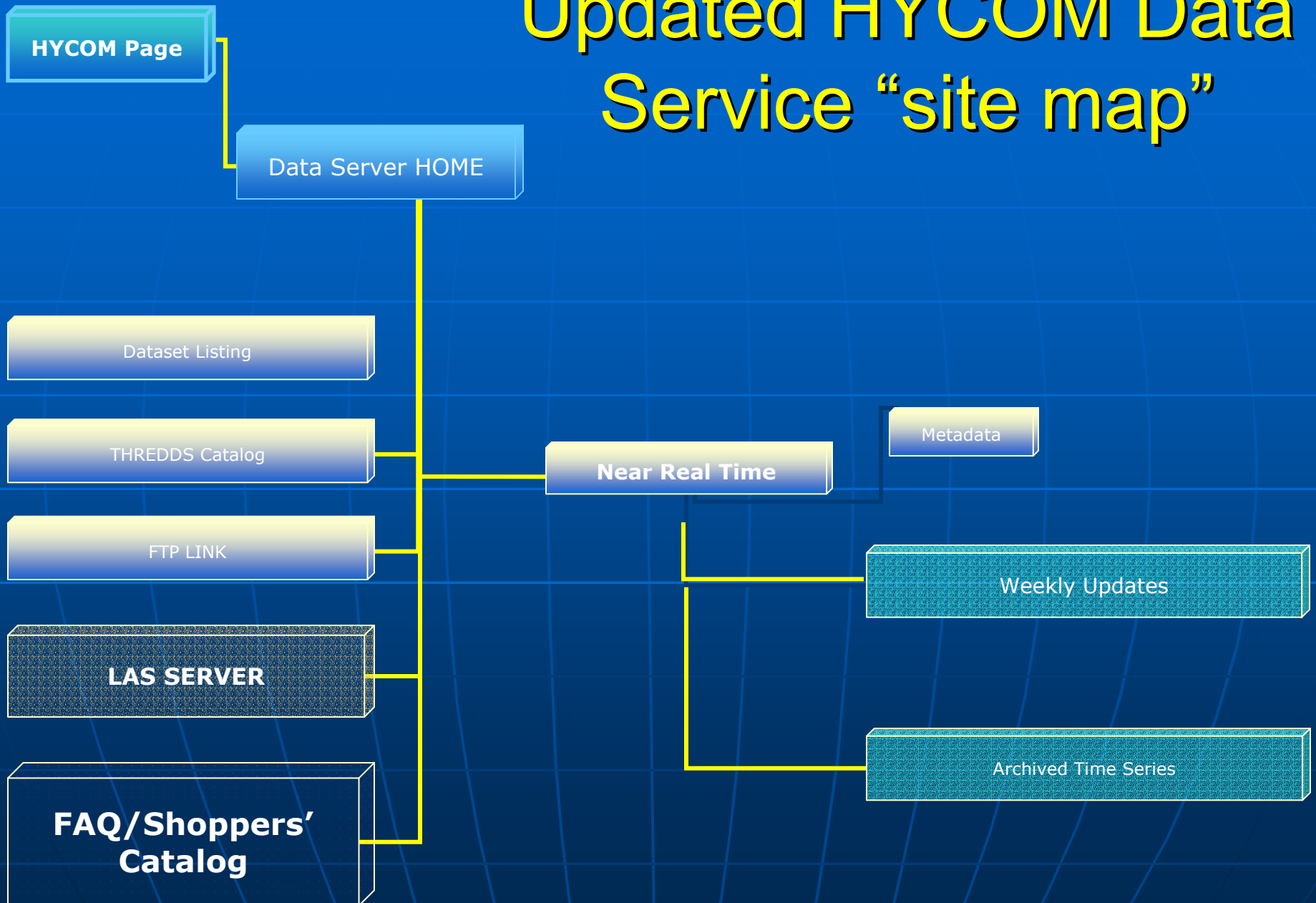


- ❑ 100 TB Fibre Channel SAN
- ❑ Three 8 CPU machines
- ❑ 32 GB RAM/machine
- ❑ Network throughput: 50 GB/hr

- Software

- Red Hat Linux
- Red Hat cluster suite and Global File System
- Apache Web Server
- THREDDS
- LAS Server
- Vsftpd server

Updated HYCOM Data Service “site map”



Review of LAS ...

GODAE Model Intercomparison - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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GODAE Model Intercomparison

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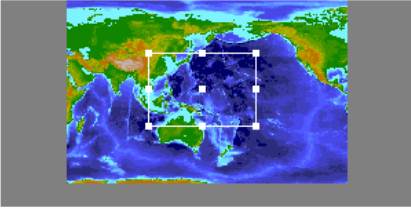
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Select output: Color plot

Select region: Full Region [Use the two-click map](#) [Help](#)



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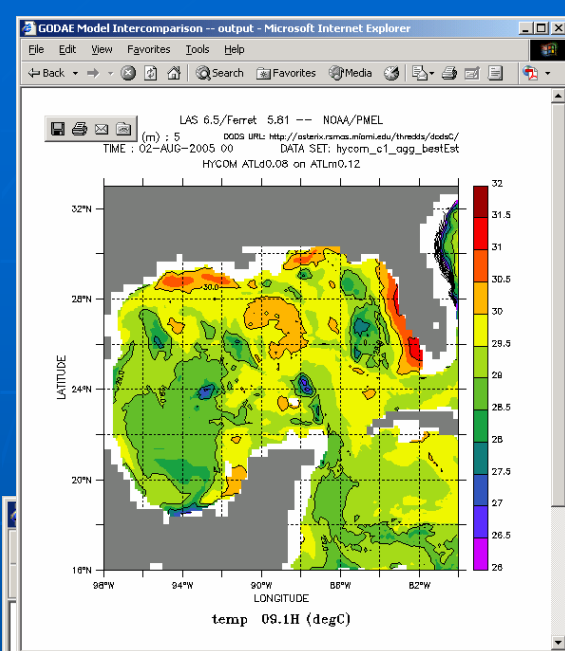
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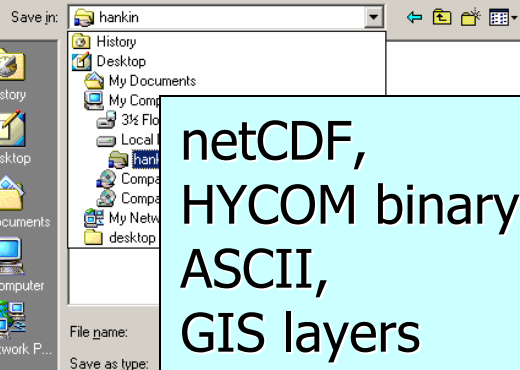
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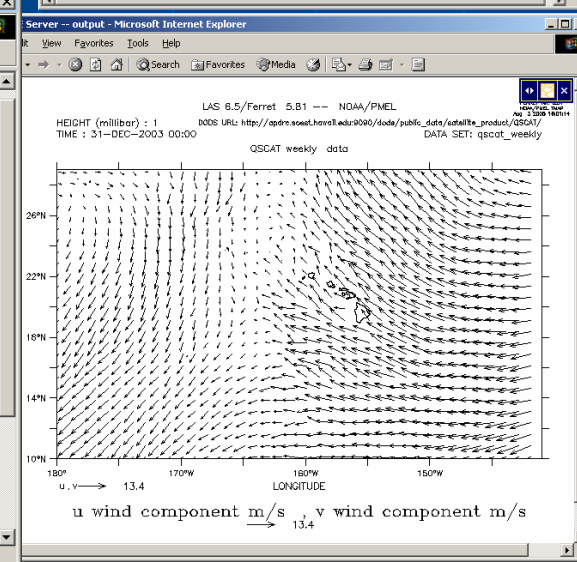
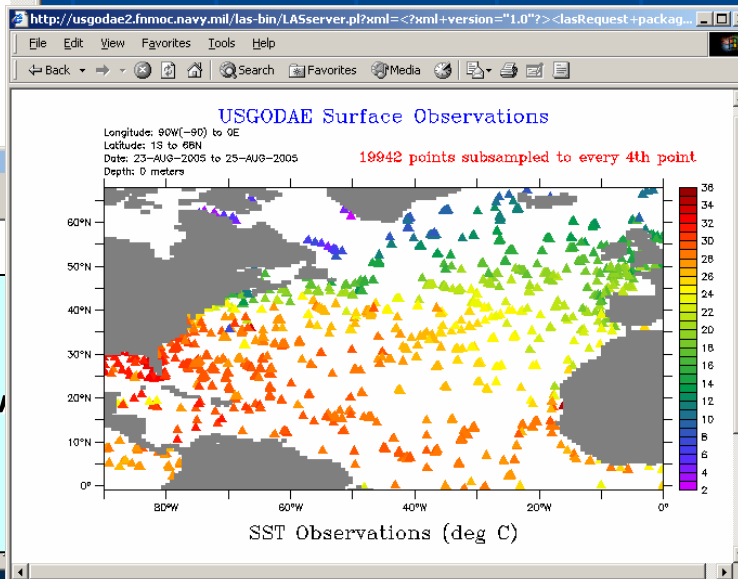
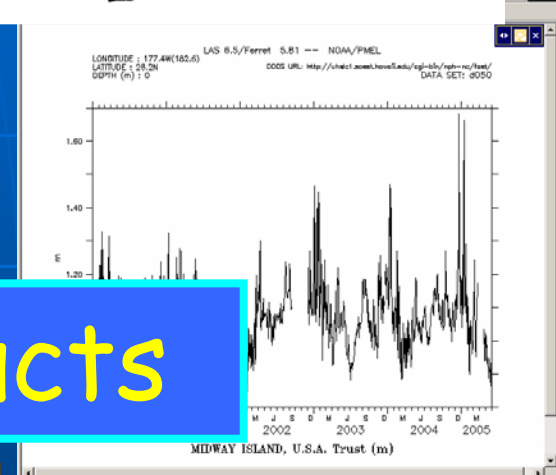
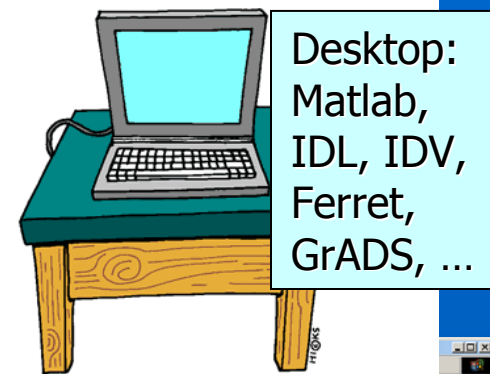
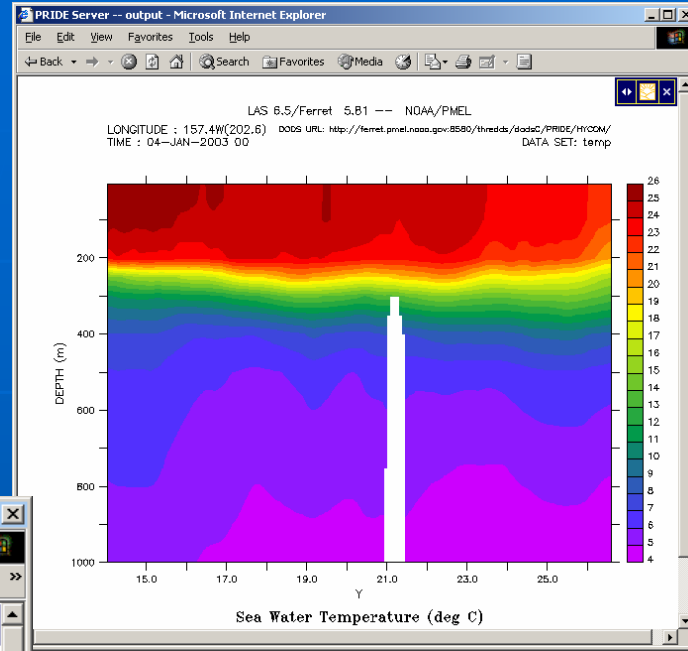
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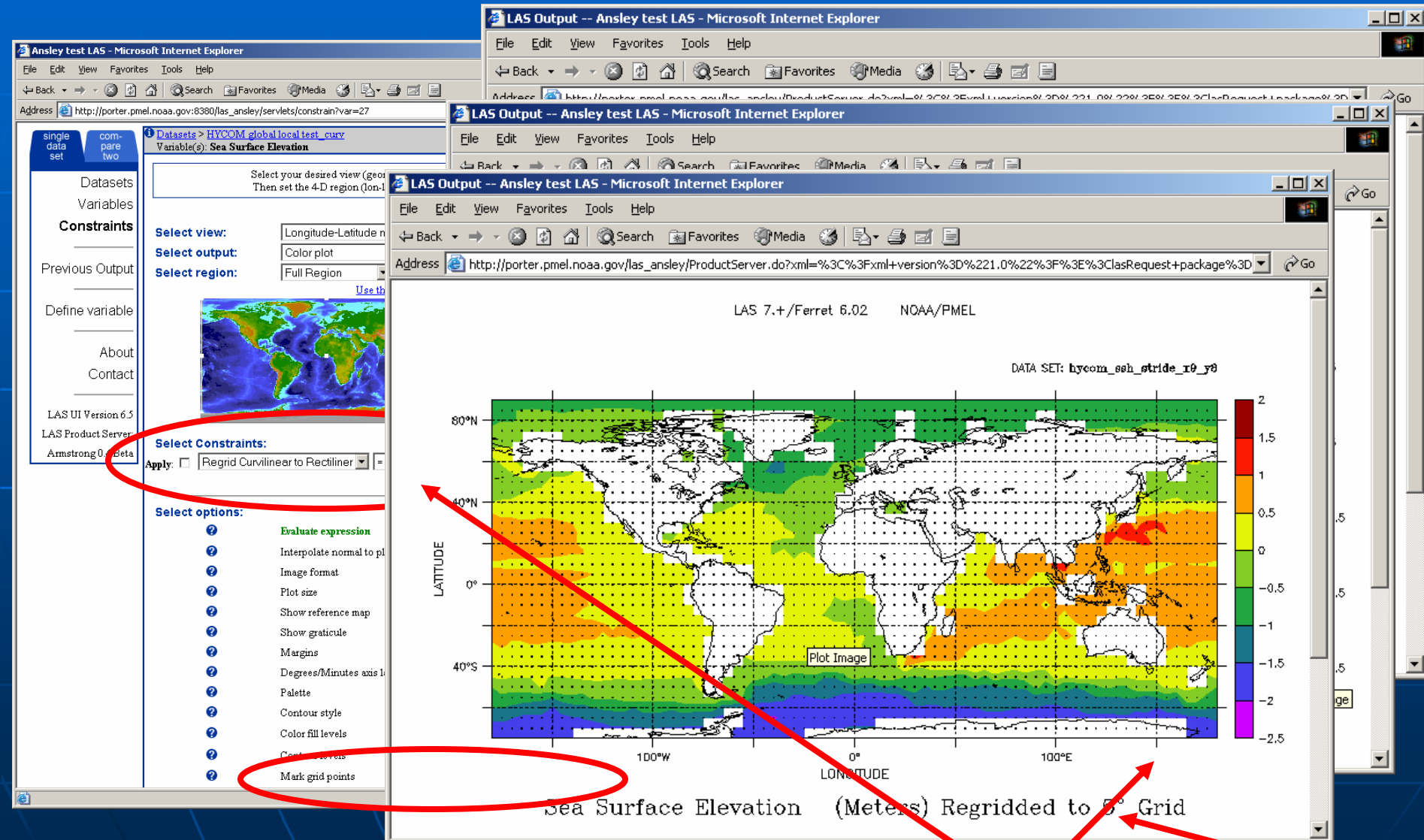
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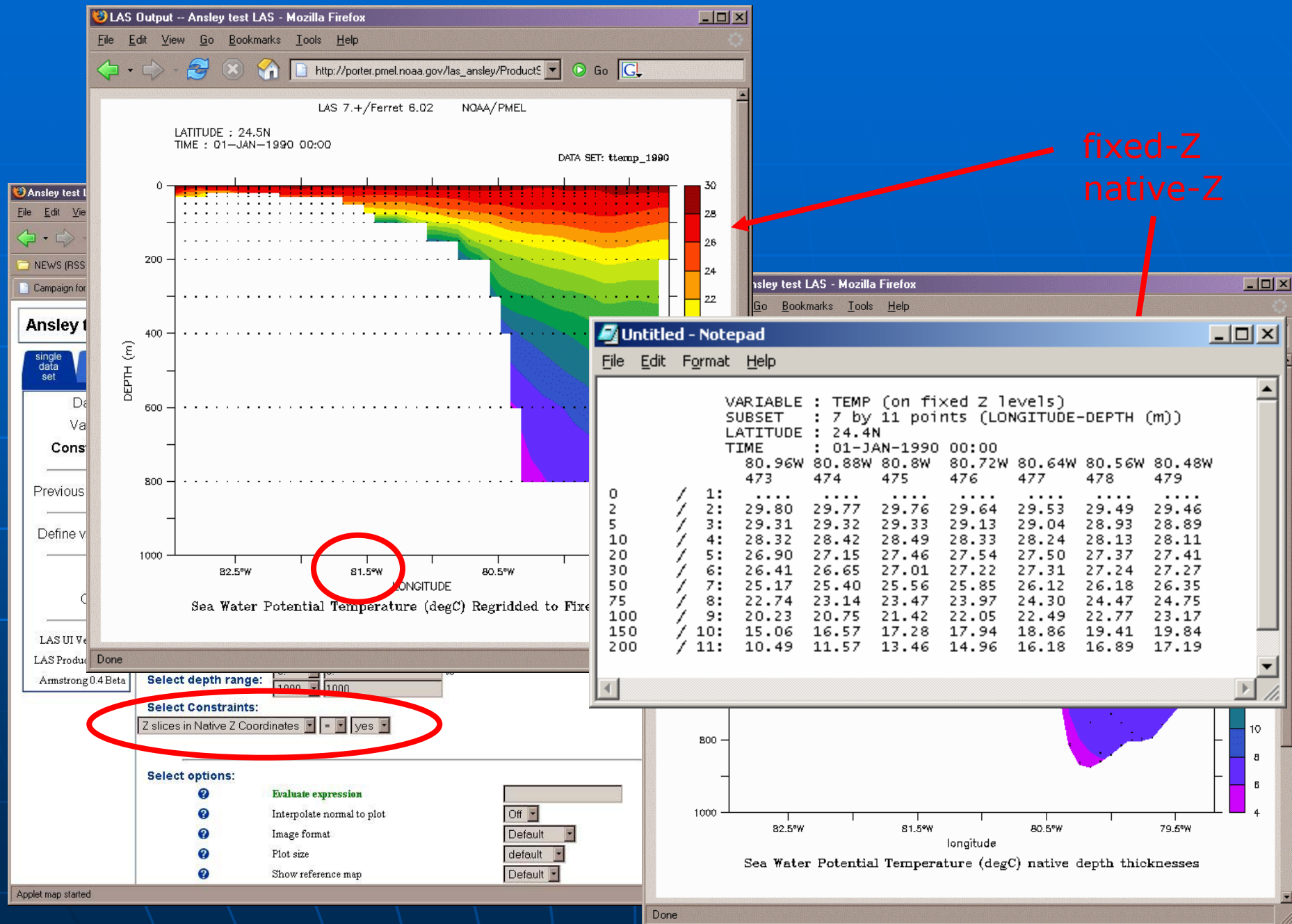


netCDF,
 HYCOM binary,
 ASCII,
 GIS layers



Access to native coordinates and regridded fields

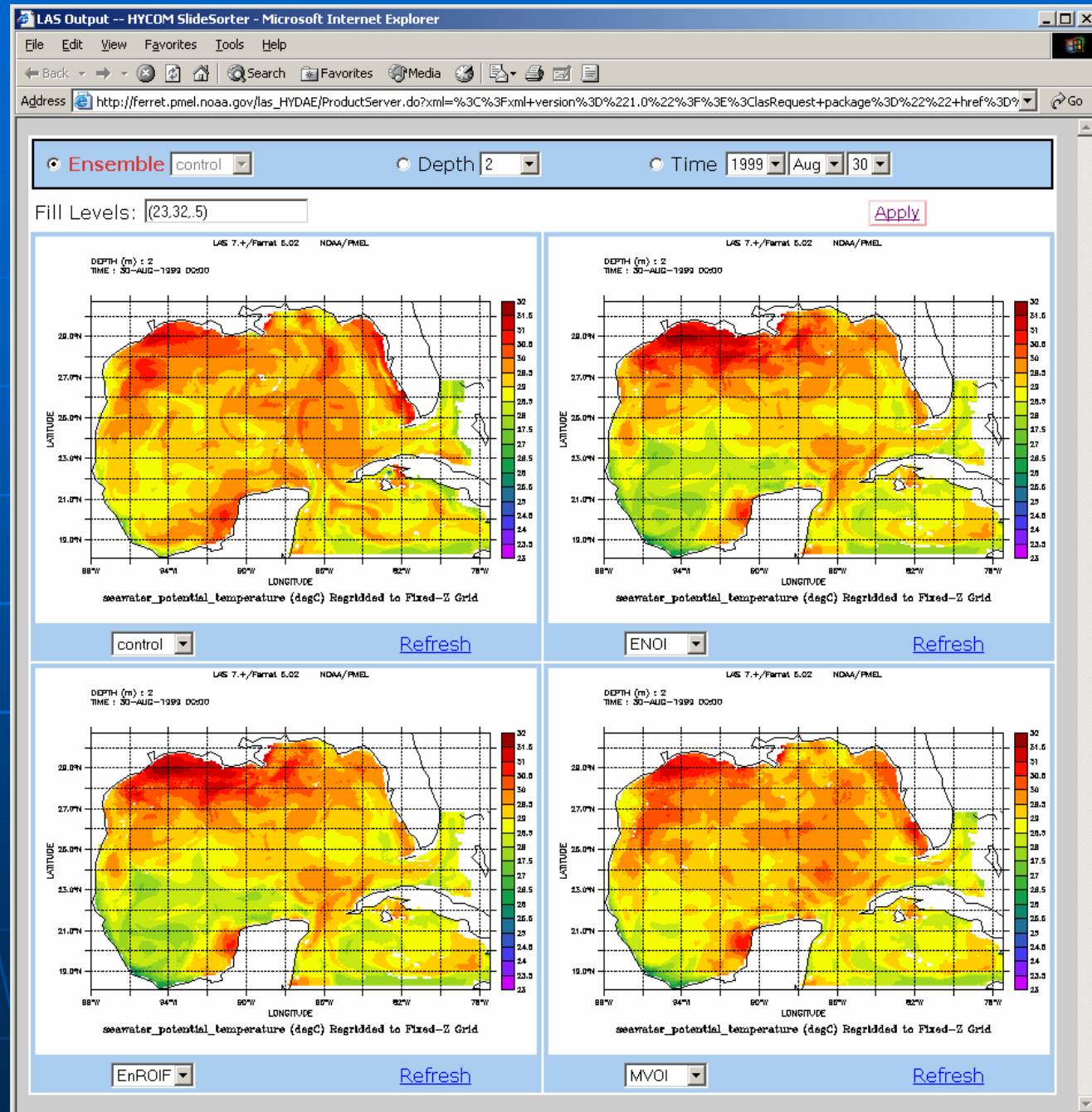


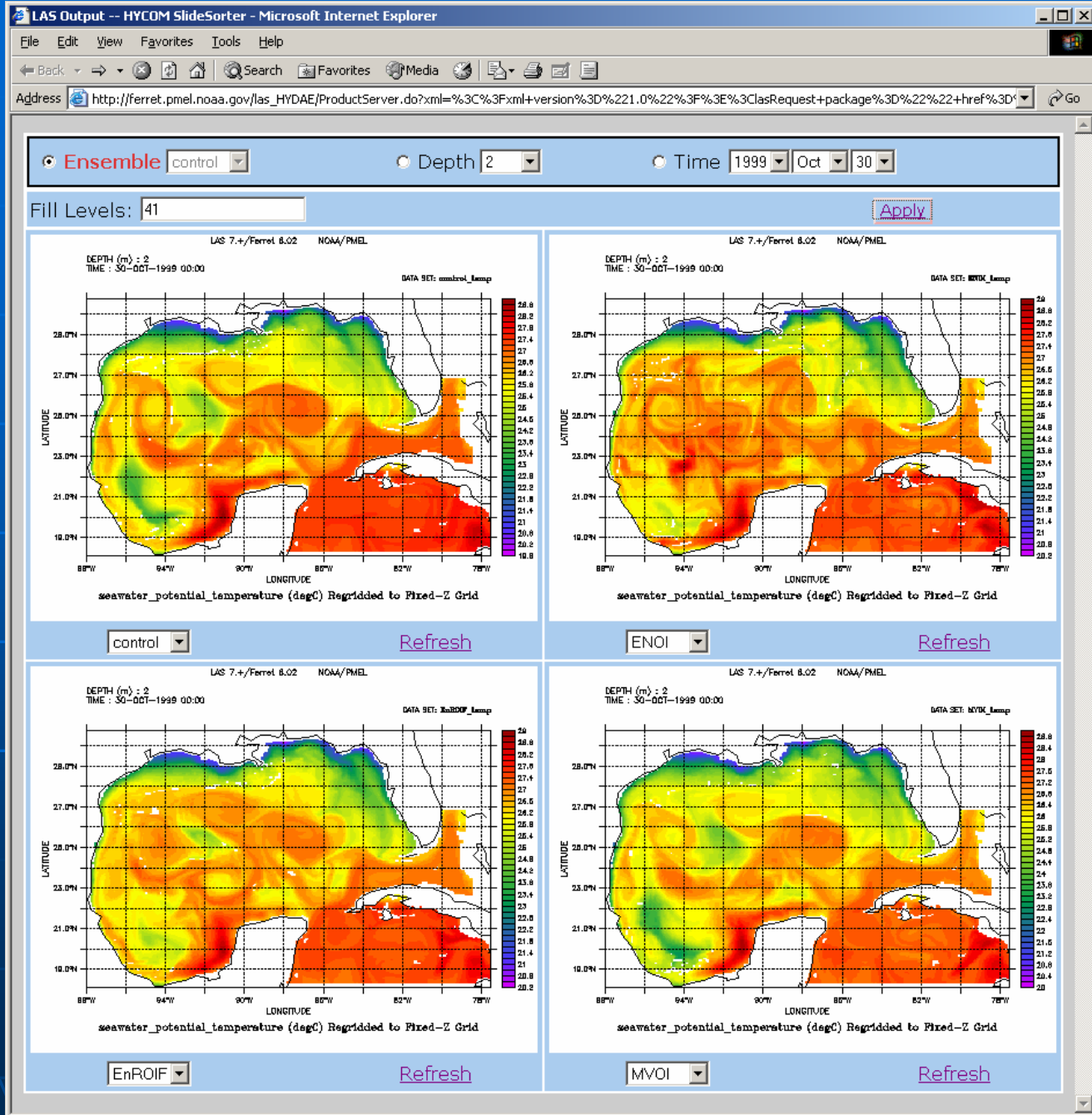


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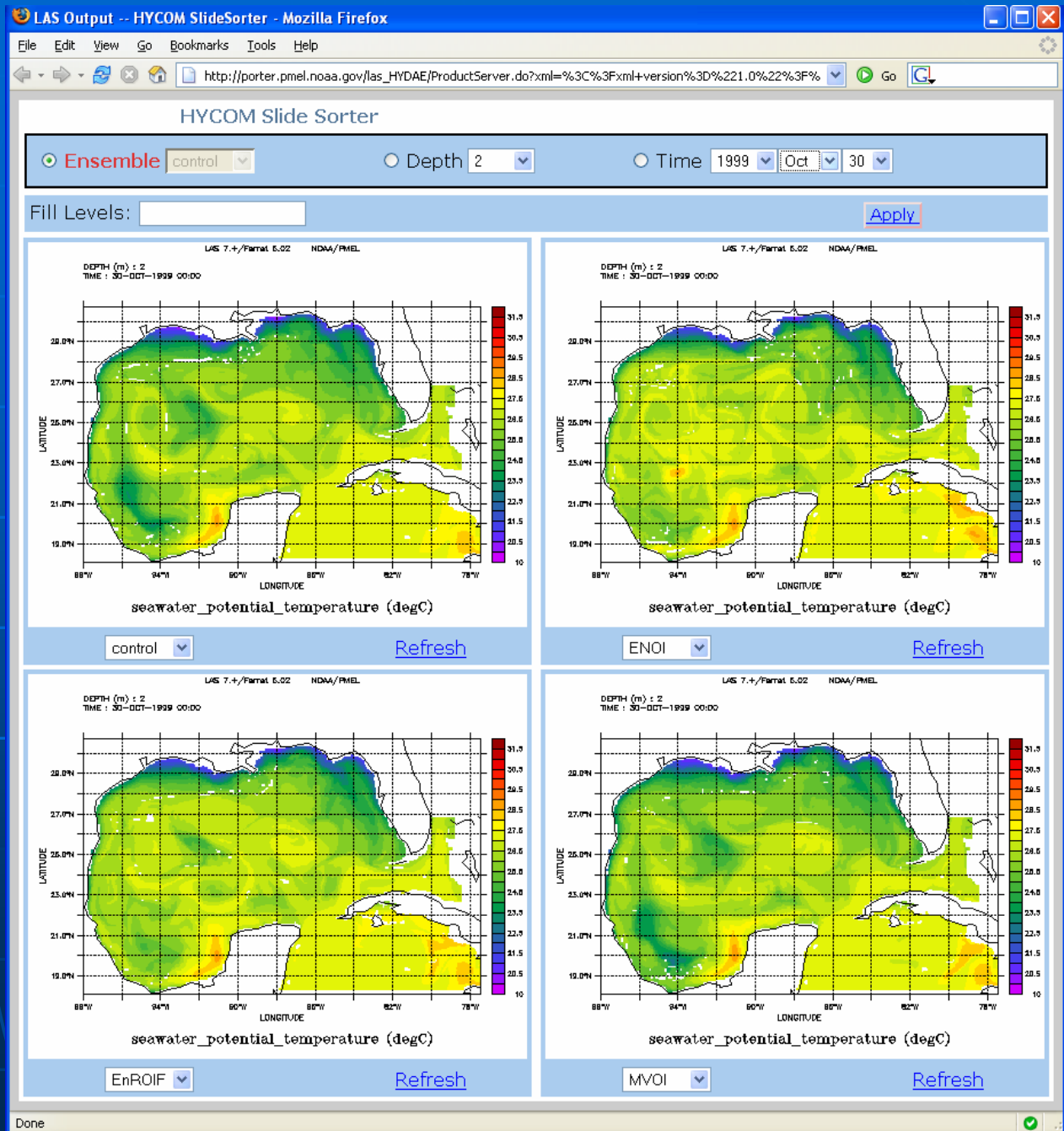
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On-line Demo



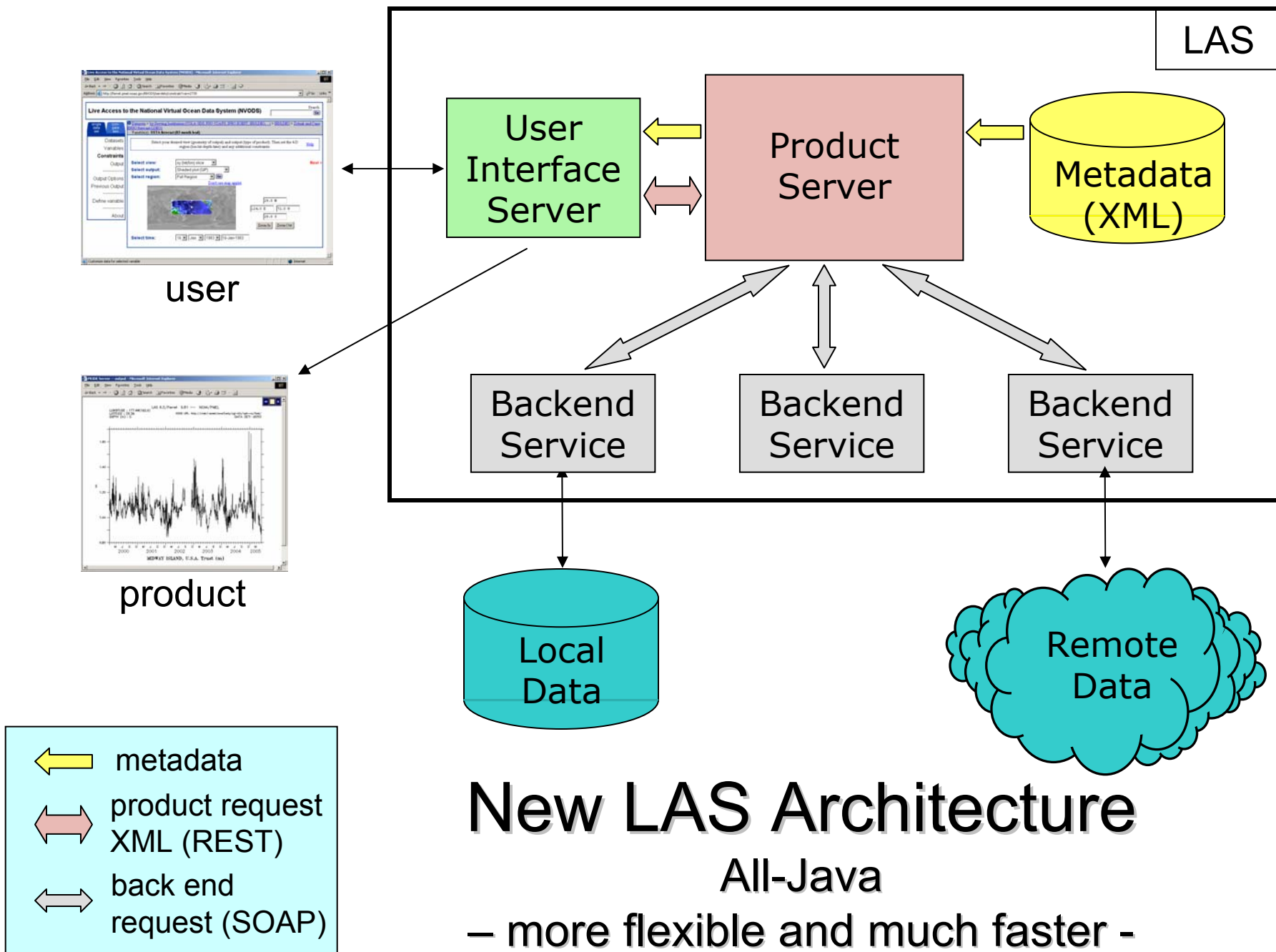


HYDAE model intercomparison



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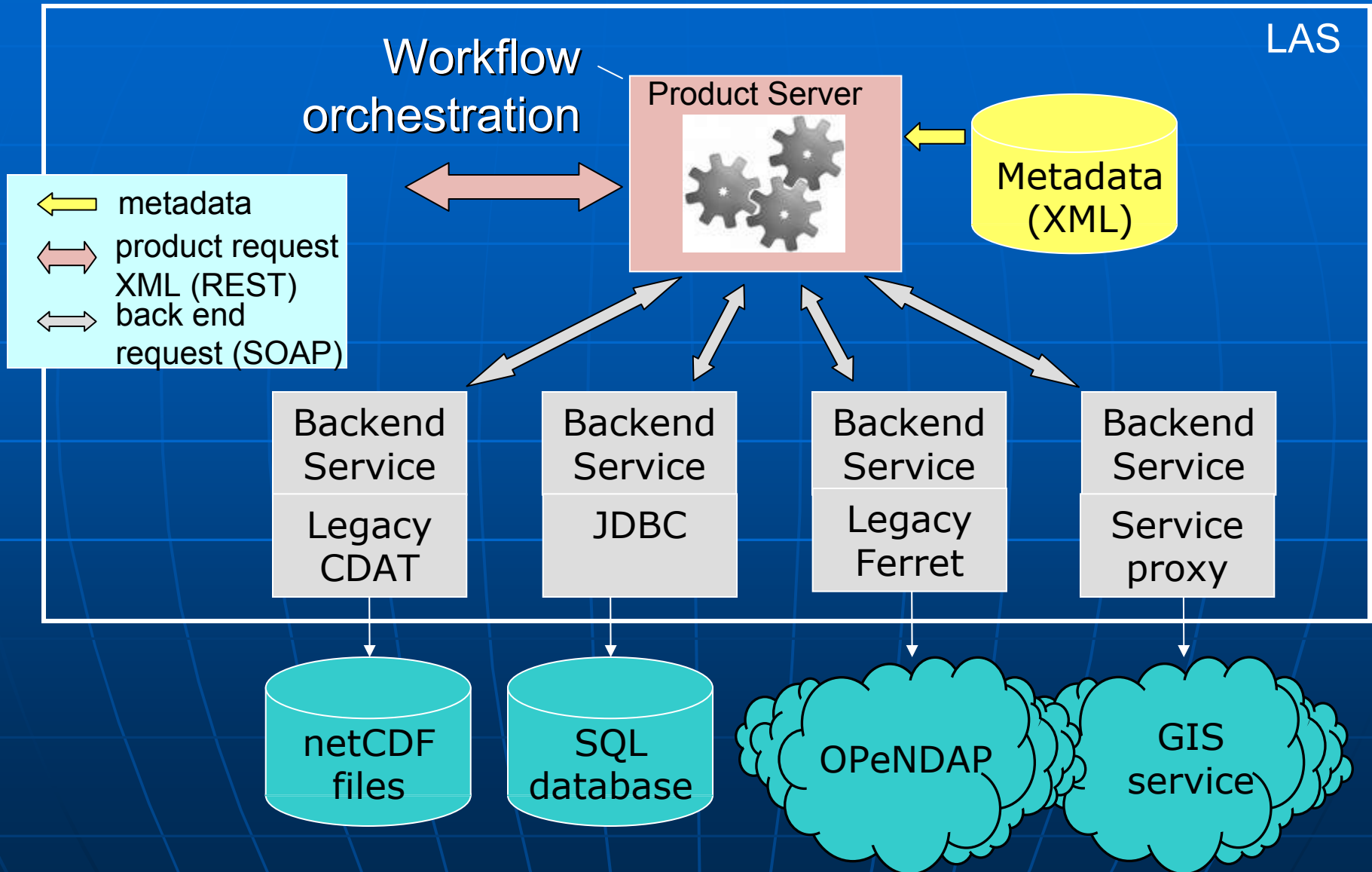
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How does LAS work? (cont'd)

- Back-end services can also perform special functions, such as accessing data from a database.
- Services can be chained together into work-flows.

A more detailed look at back end services



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single data set **compare two**

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Variable(s): Sea Surface Height

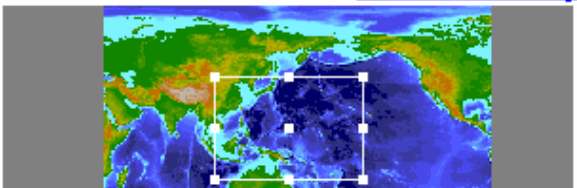
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Select view: Longitude-Latitude map (xy)

Select output: Desktop application data access scripts

Select region: Full Region

[Use the two-click map](#) [Help](#)



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LAS: Desktop Application Data Access Scripts - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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[Ferret](#)

```
SET DATA "http://ferret.pmel.noaa.gov/GODAE-FDS/LAS/NLOM/ssh"  
SHOW DATASET  
SET REGION/x="106.0":"200.0"/y="-21.0":"44.0"/k=1/t="29-Aug-2005 00:00:00":"29-Aug-2005 00:00:00"
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```
loadadds('http://ferret.pmel.noaa.gov/GODAE-FDS/LAS/NLOM/ssh?SSH[1185:1185][0:0][816:1856][796:1866]')
```


HYCOM data at the desktop

(for Matlab, IDL, Ferret, GrADS, ...)

F-TDS is an OPeNDAP server

- Based on Unidata's "THREDDS Data Server"
- Analyses and regridding on the server

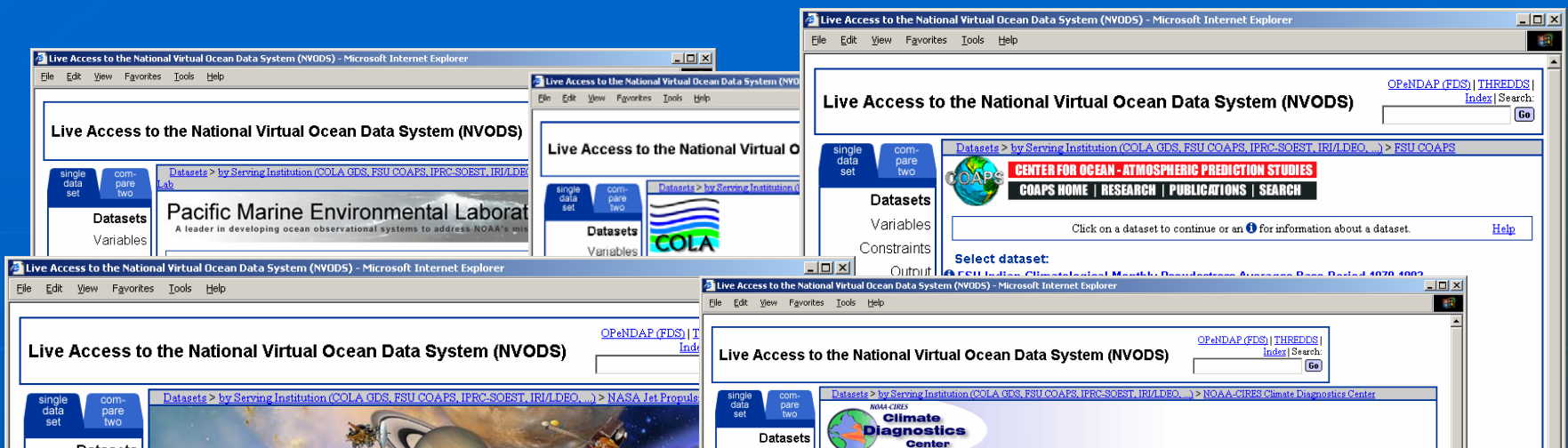
Custom server-side analysis expressed as part of the "filename" (actually, a URL)

E.g. Vertical average of variable "TEMP"

`OPEN("http://server/_expr_{model}{Tave=TEMP[Z=@AVE]}")`

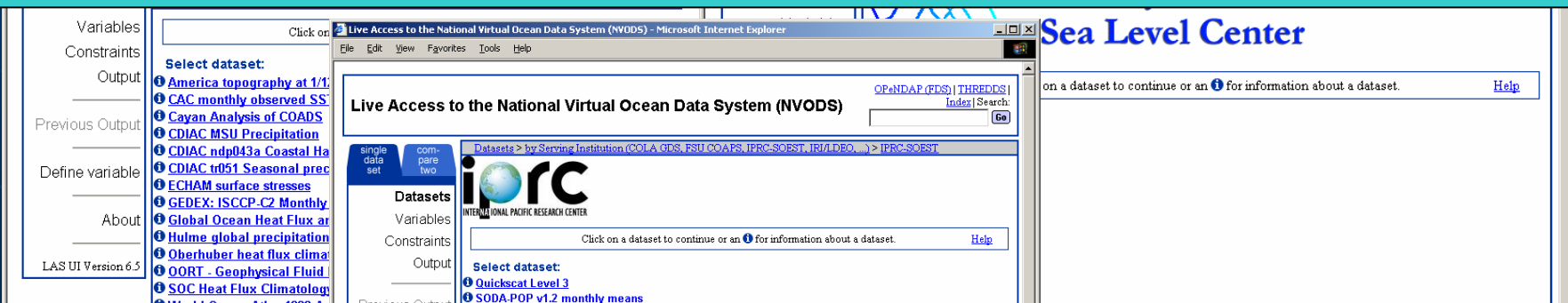
F-TDS

- Greatly reduces network data volumes
- “Delayed evaluation”
 - Entire domain appears to be transformed
 - Calculations are on-demand, “surgical”
- Regridding on-the-fly



Proposal: we implement standard metrics (à la GODAE)

- interpolations to standard coordinates
 - Class 1 (3D grids)
 - Class 2 (tracks and profiles)
- comparisons with observations
 - Class 4 (on-going)

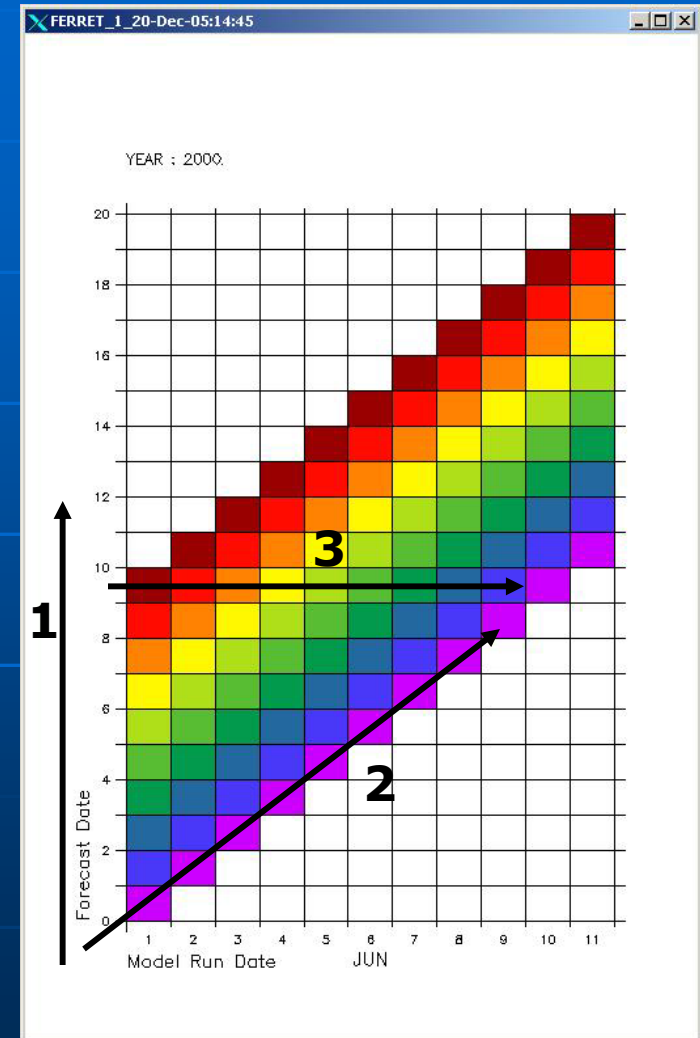


Handling Forecast Data

Forecast aggregation capabilities of TDS ...

Soon HYCOM will offer forecast views along 3 types of time axes

<http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/ncml/v2.2/FmrcAggregation.html>



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New LAS user interface (currently “alpha” level)

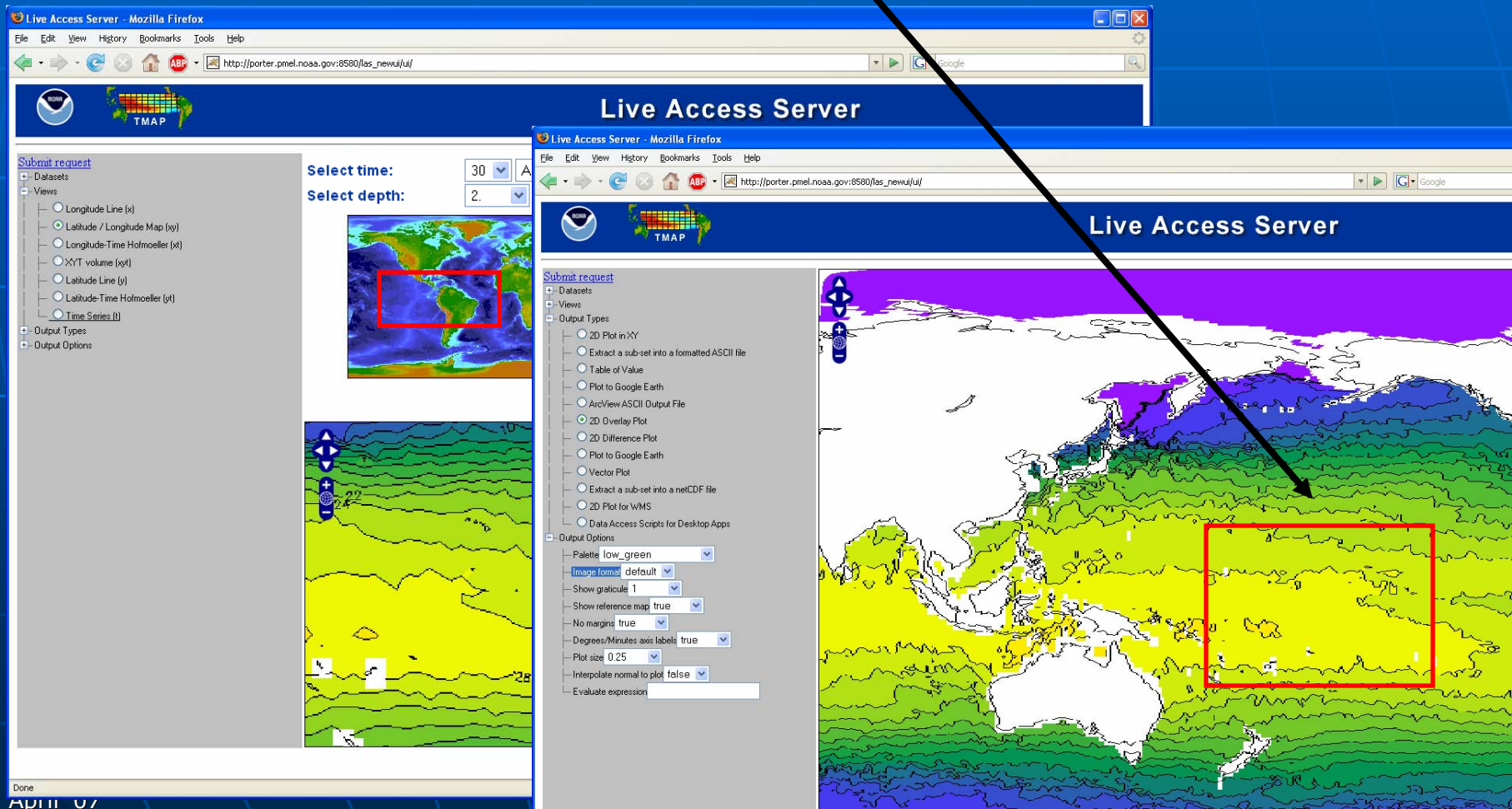
Interact with the graphics

The image displays four overlapping screenshots of the Live Access Server (LAS) user interface, demonstrating its capabilities for data selection and visualization. The interface is accessed via a web browser (Mozilla Firefox) at the URL http://porter.pmel.noaa.gov:8580/las_newui/ui/.

Key UI Elements and Interactions:

- Submit request:** A sidebar menu on the left allows users to select datasets (e.g., HYCOM, Levitus Climatology, NCEP Pacific Ocean Analysis) and views (e.g., Longitude Line, Latitude / Longitude Map, XYT volume).
- Select time:** A dropdown menu for time selection, currently set to 30 Aug 1999.
- Select depth:** A dropdown menu for depth selection, currently set to 2.
- Max Lat:** A dropdown menu for maximum latitude selection, currently set to 90.
- Output Options:** A sidebar menu on the right allows users to select output types (e.g., 2D Plot in XY, Extract a sub-set into a formatted ASCII file, Table of Value, Plot to Google Earth, ArcView ASCII Output File, 2D Overlay Plot, 2D Difference Plot, Plot to Google Earth, Vector Plot, Extract a sub-set into a netCDF file, 2D Plot for WMS, Data Access Scripts for Desktop Apps) and output options (e.g., Palette low_green, Image format default, Show graticule 1, Show reference map true, No margins true, Degrees/Minutes axis labels true, Plot size 0.25, Interpolate normal to plot false, Evaluate expression).
- Visualizations:** The main display area shows a map of the Pacific Ocean with a red box highlighting a specific region. Below the map, a 2D plot of the selected data is displayed, showing a color-coded map of the Pacific Ocean with a red box highlighting a specific region.

HYCOM output will reach broader community through standard GIS protocols (“WMS” and “WCS”)



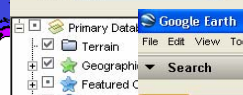
HYCOM output via Google Earth

The image displays two screenshots of the 'Live Access Server' web interface, accessed via Mozilla Firefox. A black arrow points from the title 'HYCOM output via Google Earth' to the 'Plot to Google Earth' option in the 'Output Types' menu.

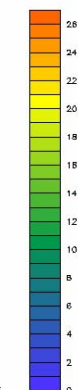
Left Screenshot: The 'Submit request' page shows the 'Views' section with 'Latitude / Longitude Map (xy)' selected. The 'Select time' dropdown is set to '30' and 'Select depth' is set to '2'. A small map of the Pacific Ocean has a red rectangle highlighting a region. Below this, a larger map shows a cross-section of the ocean with depth contours.

Right Screenshot: The 'Output Types' section is expanded, and 'Plot to Google Earth' is selected and circled in red. Other options include '2D Plot in XY', 'Extract a subset into a formatted ASCII file', 'Table of Values', 'Plot to Google Earth', 'ArcView ASCII Output File', '2D Overlay Plot', 'Cross-Reference Plot', 'Extract a sub-set into a netCDF file', '2D Plot for WMS', and 'Data Access Scripts for Desktop Apps'. The 'Output Options' section includes settings for 'Palette' (low_green), 'Image format' (default), 'Show graticule' (1), 'Show reference map' (true), 'No margins' (true), 'Degrees/Minutes axis labels' (true), 'Plot size' (0.25), 'Interpolate normal to plot' (false), and 'Evaluate expression'.

Both screenshots show a large map of the Pacific Ocean with a red rectangle highlighting a region in the central Pacific. The map is color-coded, with purple representing the northernmost part and yellow/green representing the southern part.



- Alternative Place Names
- Dining



The image shows a Google Earth window displaying a grid of temperature data points (represented by thermometer icons) over the Atlantic Ocean. The grid covers a region from approximately 45°N to 19°N and 52°W to 17°W. Latitude and longitude coordinates are labeled on the grid. A sidebar on the left shows the Google Earth Experimental Server interface, which includes a search bar, a list of datasets (COADS climatology), and a section for selecting a view, output, and region. The interface also includes a map of the selected region and a time range selector.

Google Earth Experimental Server Interface:

- Search:** Fly To, Find Businesses, Directions. e.g., New York, NY.
- Google Earth Experimental Server:** OPeNDAP (FDS) | THREDDS | Index | Search: [] Go
- single data set** | **compare two**
- Datasets** | **Variables** | **Constraints**
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- LAS UI Version 6.5
- LAS Product Server: Armstrong 0.3 Beta
- Datasets > COADS climatology**
- Variable(s): AIR TEMPERATURE**
- Select your desired view (geometry of output) and output (type of product). Then set the 4-D region (lon-lat-depth-time) and any additional constraints. [Help](#)
- Select view:** xyt volume
- Select output:** Table of values (text)
- Select region:** Full Region [Go](#) [Use the two-click map](#) [Help](#)
- Select time range:** 15-Jan 15-Jan to 15-Dec 15-Dec
- Select options:** [Evaluate expression](#)

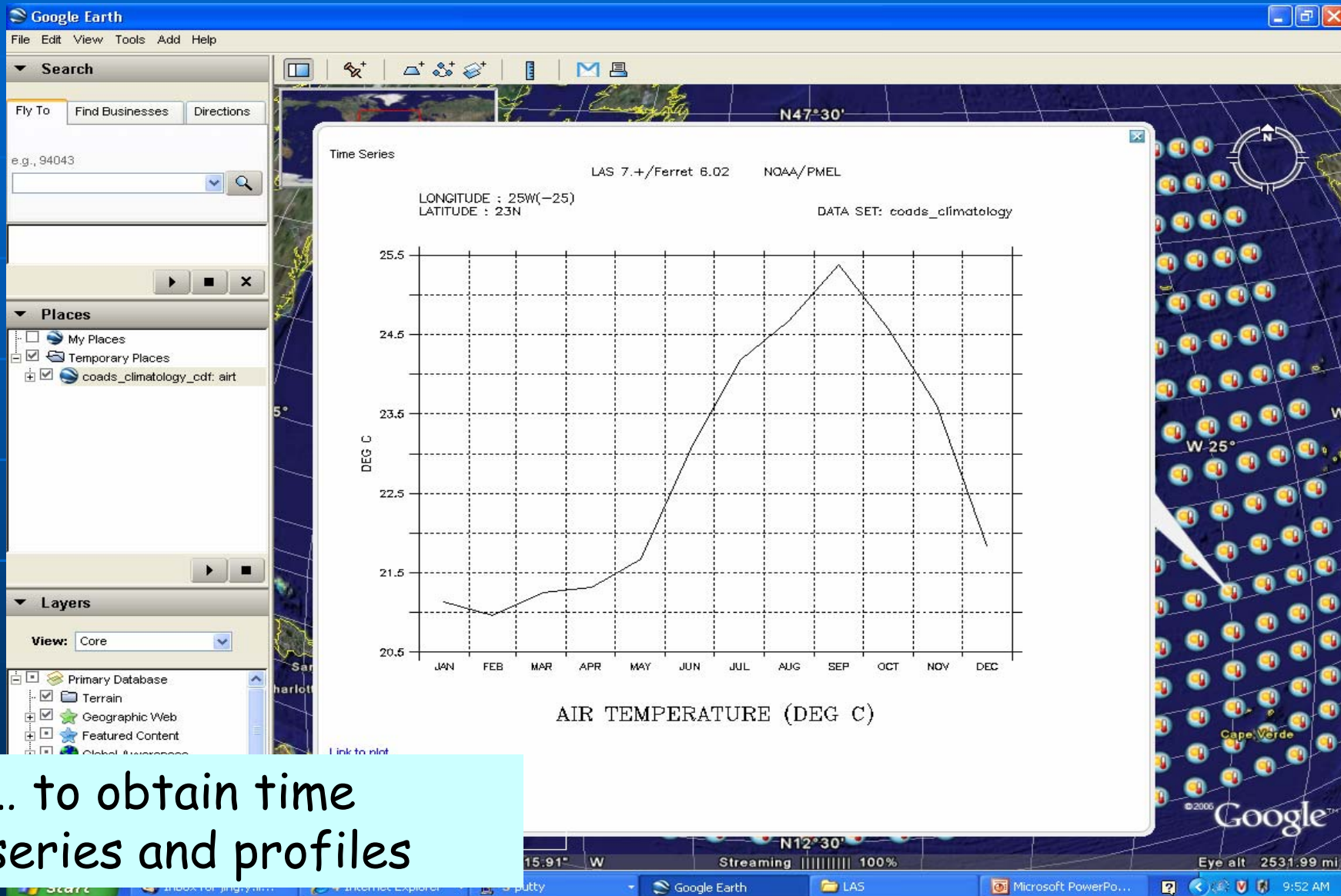
Grid Data Labels:

- Latitude: N47°30', N42°30', N37°30', N27°30', N22°30' (Tropic of Cancer), N17°30'
- Longitude: W 52°30', W 47°30', W 42°30', W 37°30', W 32°30', W 27°30', W 22°30', W 17°30'

Map Details:

- Image © 2007 NASA
- Image © 2007 TerraMetrics
- © 2007 Europa Technologies
- Streaming 100%
- Eye alt 2328.77 mi
- Pointer: 24°02'26.10" N 24°43'40.57" W
- 1015 mi
- Scale bar: 0 to 1000
- Compass: N
- Google logo

Can mark grid points on the globe
(COADS climatology example)



... to obtain time series and profiles

View plot/data on browser

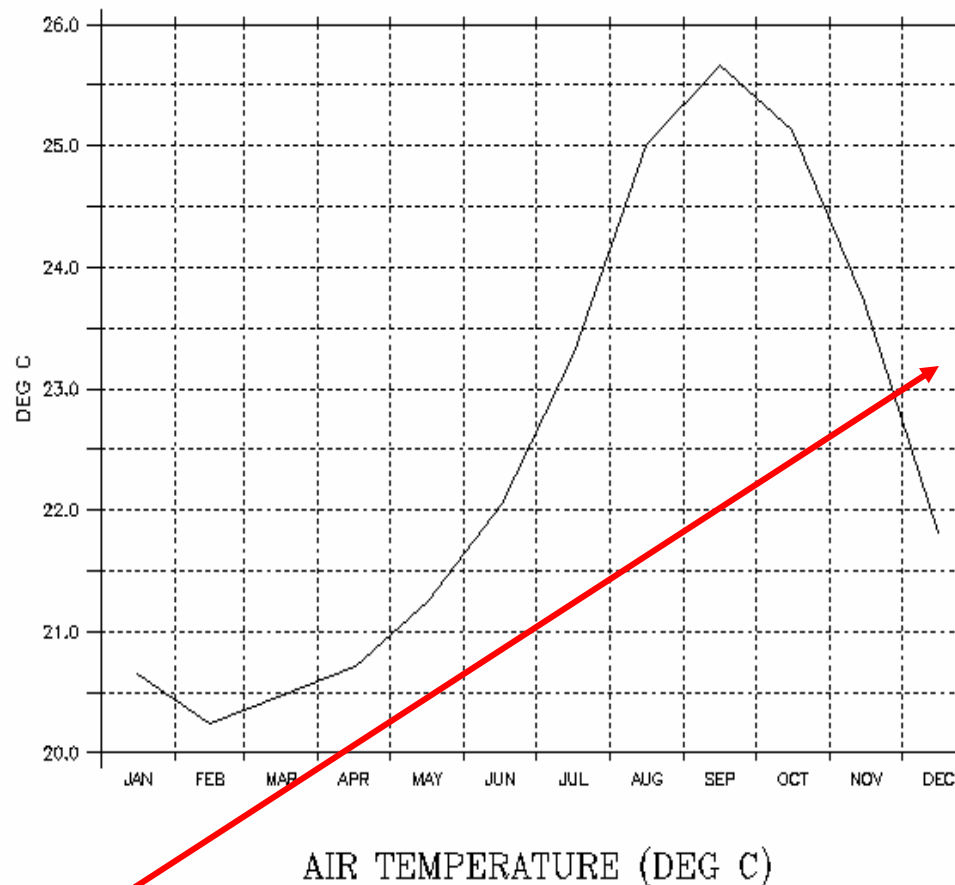
Time Series

LAS 7.+ / Ferret 6.02

NOAA/PMEL

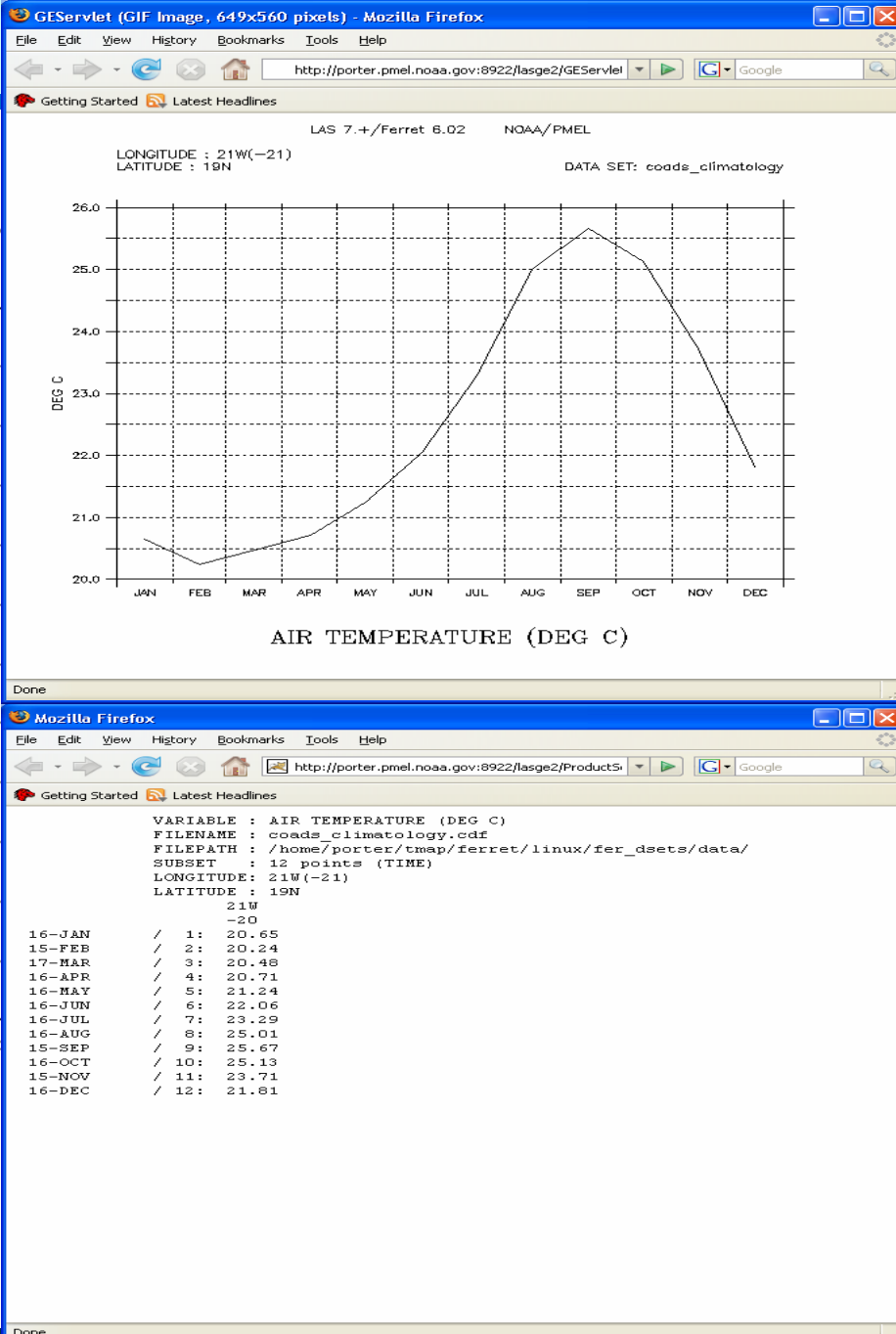
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LATITUDE : 19N

DATA SET: coads_climatolo

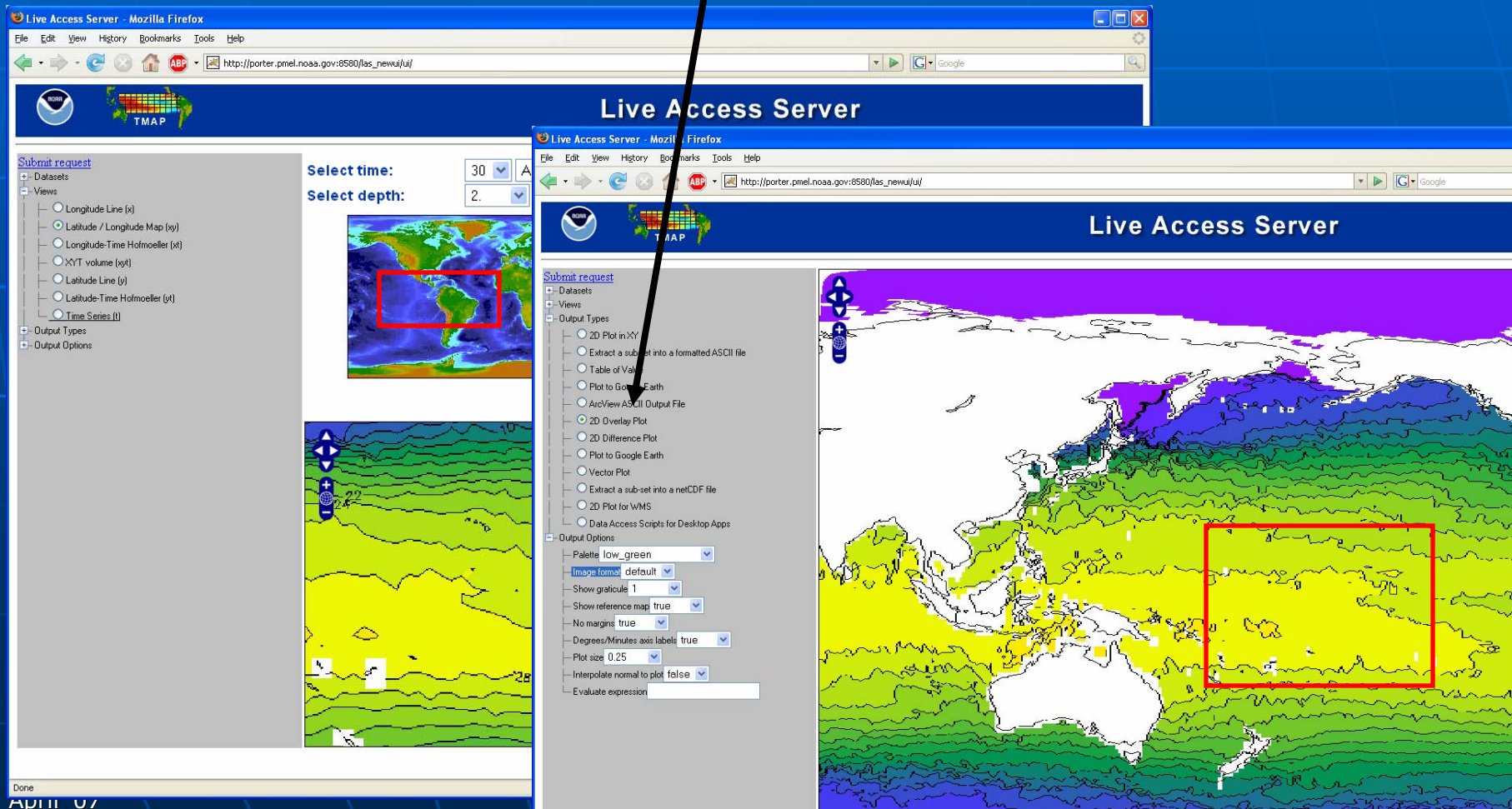


[Link to plot](#)
[View data](#)

Directions: [To here](#) - [From here](#)



Future: FTP access can be integrated in.
A single, uniform interface for many services.



Priorities for the next year

- Serve 1/12° global HYCOM as available
 - Add SlideSorter to HCOM LAS
 - Add access via Google Earth, WMS, WCS
 - Implement metrics (details tbd)
 - incl. reference fields (e.g. GHR SST, Reynolds)
 - Modernize user interface
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- Other HYCOM Consortium suggestions ...

Thank you