Session scope, and hosting ICSU-WDS International Program Office in Japan

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Data in Earth, planetary and space sciences is growing in size explosively, is becoming heterogeneous in nature, and is requiring multidisciplinary interactions to related scientific fields and more general society. As the importance of the data is increasingly stressed, further efforts to use and publish such data in various ways are expected for communications with general society. Database or data center works in individual institutes have become more active; at the same time discussions to make interdisciplinary cooperation or fusion between databases, organizations, and data systems are strongly required. While international unions, programmes, and bodies such as IUGG, IPY, IRDR, WMO, UNESCO, etc., have been launching their own data activities and/or are showing the interest in data issues separately, they are now discussing or approaching collaboration with related activities. A new programme, ICSU World Data System (WDS), was launched in 2008, where one of the most important goals is to realize “system of data systems”. In November 2010 ICSU decided to establish its international programme office (IPO) in Japan. This session welcomes reports and discussions on domestic and international data activities, and development of system of data systems and key technologies for international data sciences and data systems, as well as it fosters and facilitates various exchanges and mutual understanding between multidisciplinary science data activities/programmes/institutes; also this session welcomes discussions on activities and communities in Japan and how they can interact with ICSU-WDS and other related activities to aim at the shared interests and goals.

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ICSU World Data System—Global Data for Global Science
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Perhaps the most compelling arguments for the long-term curation of scientific data sets is embodied in the current debate about the "anthropocene," and the extent to which human activity changes our planet. The time scales associated with such change are of course central to the discussion, and can only be ascertained if continuous time series of sufficient duration are collected and maintained. Consequently, scientific research relevant to that debate is increasingly data driven: from data assimilation to long-term time series and beyond. It is now well established that data have an intrinsic value that outlast current science foci.

Although new information and communication technologies encourage innovation and permit individual scientists and institutions to make data and information easily available, the web is constantly changing and somewhat chaotic. URLs disappear and previously available information can be lost without trace overnight. Data can be managed by individuals or groups in voluntary distributed systems on the internet but quality assurance and long-term accessibility issues are frequently neglected. For instance, reliable and systematic migration of data holdings to new storage technologies is often beyond the resources of all but the best supported data repositories. Thus, data sets collected only every few decades for instance, data from the International Polar Year are potentially at risk, unless concerted efforts are made to guarantee their long-term, sustainable curation.

A primary goal of the ICSU World Data System is to foster such efforts, and to support the long-term ICSU vision for a world in which science is used for the benefit of all, with universal and equitable access to high-quality scientific data. This, we argue, is closely linked both to scientific progress and technological advances, and calls for a fresh view of the concept of "publishing" carefully vetted data sets in trustworthy repositories with long-term sustainability prospects.

Keywords: Data management, Data stewardship, Data repositories, Data publication, Open access to scientific data

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Contribution of Data Community of Japan to ICSU World Data System
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Current activities of the national committee of the ICSU World Data System (WDS) of the Science Council of Japan are reported. The First ICSU WDS Conference “Global Data for Global Sciences” was held in Kyoto on 3 - 6 September, 2011. Around 155 participants (including 86 local participants) from over 22 countries attended. Participants included representatives of data centers and data services covering a wide range of scientific disciplines, data scientists and engineers working in a variety of fields such as natural sciences, social sciences and information technologies, as well as data publishers. The 23 invited talks, 36 contributed talks, over 70 poster papers, and 5 exhibits enabled the nascent WDS community to engage in effective scientific collaboration and provided a constructive forum for lively exchanges of views and ideas. Important feedback was also provided to the WDS Scientific Committee during an open forum, that will certainly influence and help shape the World Data System in the future. The Proceedings of the conference will be published as a special issue of the Data Science Journal of CODATA. Another important WDS-related movement in Japan is establishment of the WDS International Program Office (WDS-IPO) in 2012. This office is hosted by the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT). After these activities, the WDS community in Japan has a plan to establish a network of data centers to enforce Japanese contribution to the WDS.

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Scientific Information Commons and World Data System (tentative)

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Data Integration and Information Fusion towards the Integrated Human Security

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To achieve Integrated Human Security, including the security of water, food, energy, health and ecosystem services, nations first need to share comprehensive and accurate data and information, then prepare various measures to prepare for threats and disasters in advance of their occurrence, provide society with timely support and sound decision making, and establish trans-boundary safety networks towards a resilient society. We need data integration infrastructure which enables scientists, practitioners, decision-makers, citizens and other stakeholders to work together toward end-to-end cooperation.

To promote effective multi-sectoral, interdisciplinary collaboration based on coordinated and integrated efforts, the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) is now developing a "GEOSS Water Cycle Integrator (WCI)". which integrates "Earth observations", "modeling", "data and information", "management systems" and "education systems". GEOSS/WCI sets up "work benches" by which partners can share data, information and applications in an interoperable way, exchange knowledge and experiences, deepen mutual understanding and work together effectively to ultimately respond to issues of both mitigation and adaptation. GEOSS/WCI enhances the coordination of efforts to strengthen individual, institutional and infrastructure capacities, especially for effective interdisciplinary coordination and integration.
Inter-University Upper Atmosphere Global Observation Network (IUGONET)

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IUGONET is a joint project aiming at establishment of a data exchange system for the Earth’s upper atmosphere observations. The participating members are the National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR), Tohoku University, Nagoya University, Kyoto University, and Kyushu University. We have built a metadata database (MDB) of ground-based observations that have been continued by means of a global network of radars, magnetometers, optical sensors, helioscopes, and so on. MDB provides contacts and basic information about the observed data. We intend to provide researchers with a seamless data environment linking databases spread across the member institutions. This MDB will be of great help in conducting comprehensive analyses with various observational data to clarify the mechanisms of the long-term variations in the upper atmosphere, which may be affected by global warming, solar activities, etc. In particular, IUGONET will greatly contribute to CAWSES (Climate and Weather of the Sun - Earth System), which is an international collaborative program promoted by SCOSTEP.

Keywords: CAWSES, metadata, upper atmosphere
The framework of sharing and utilizing planetary data archive has just started since early in 2000’s. Historically, NASA has been facilitated the data archives along with planetary explorations, Planetary Data System (PDS). The PDS is sophisticated but it is difficult to implement for other countries due to demandingness. While NASA is promoting PDS as an archive system, ESA has developed its own data archiving system, Planetary Science Archive (PSA). The format of PSA and PDS is almost same, but the review process for documents is different. NASA and ESA discussed about the differences between PSA and PDS and considered to make a new standard. At the same time, other countries such as Japan, China, India, and etc. has started the Moon Race, and expected to obtain a huge dataset of the Moon. The activities of NASA and ESA extended to the international collaborations, and International Planetary Data Alliance, IPDA, was established. Japanese members join the IPDA and discuss about the new framework of how to share the planetary data archives.

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International and Interdisciplinary Data Access: the IPY Experience

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Consistent with existing international guidelines, the International Polar Year 2007-2008 (IPY) adopted a free and open data access policy. This policy received wide agreement from leaders of IPY Projects as well as endorsement from national data centres and from international sponsoring organizations ICSU and WMO. However, implementing and supporting a free and open access policy across the breadth of IPY science and across the range of participating data centres proved difficult. The barriers and challenges encountered during IPY will seem familiar to many World Data Centres, while some of the IPY solutions, including a Polar Information Commons and renewed attention to data publication, offer new possibilities and new insights into practical aspects of open data access. These lessons from IPY should inform the goals and practices of the new ICSU World Data System initiative.

Keywords: Data access, International Polar Year, Polar Information Commons, Data publication
Diverse data accumulated by many science projects make up the most significant legacy of the International Polar Year (IPY2007-2008). The Polar Data Center (PDC) of the National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR) has a responsibility to manage these data for Japan as a National Antarctic Data Center (NADC) and as the World Data Center (WDC) for Aurora. During IPY, a significant number of multidisciplinary metadata records have been compiled from IPY-endorsed projects with Japanese activity. A tight collaboration has been established between the Global Change Master Directory (GCMD), the Polar Information Commons (PIC), and the newly established World Data System (WDS).

The status of IPY data-management in Japan has been summarized in this presentation. Many dedicated data service tasks have been conducted by the staffs of PDC in NIPR as a member of NADC under SCAR. Several different aspects of scientific data collected in the polar region have great significance for global environmental research in this century. To construct an effective framework for long-term strategy of the polar data, data must be made available promptly and new Internet technologies such as a repository network service like the PIC must be employed.

In addition to the activities in polar science communities of SCAR and the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC), tighter linkages must be established with other cross-cutting science bodies under ICSU, such as CODATA, and WDS. Linkages among these data-management bodies need to be strengthened in the post IPY era.

Keywords: International Polar Year, National Antarctic Data Center, Data Management, Metadata Portals, Polar Information Commons, World Data System
北極観測データの新たな展開
Toward a new phase of Arctic research data activity

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北極域は、地球温暖化によって様々な変動が起こりつつある。これまでの研究で、北極海の海氷面積の減少、シベリア域での地温の上昇、永久凍土融解、河川流出量の増加、積雪面積の減少等が明らかになってきた。またこれらの変化に伴う生態系及び人間活動への影響も懸念されている。北極圏の環境変化の実態やメカニズムはいまだ解明されていない部分も多々あり、実態把握およびメカニズムの解明が求められている。これまでの研究では、大気、海洋、陸域によって別々に行われてきた。北極圏は大気と海洋と陸面と雪氷を含むシステムであり、これらのシステムはそれぞれ時間スケール、及び空間スケールの異なる現象を含む。これらの異なる時空間スケールでの変動、および異なる分野の変動が複雑に絡み合う北極域の環境変動を明らかにするためには、学際的な研究を通じて、これら複数分野にまたがる観測データや研究結果を集積したデータベースを用いて研究が求められている。

本発表では、国立極地研究所が北極域に焦点を当てた研究プロジェクトで行っているデータ公開の方向性について紹介する。

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GEOSS と GEO Grid の活動
Activities on the development of GEOSS and GEO Grid

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The Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) is an intergovernmental initiative under the intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations (GEO). GEOSS will proactively link together existing and planned Earth observing systems around the world, and support the development of new systems where gaps currently exist. GEOSS aims to provide decision-support tools to a wide variety of users. This system of systems will promote common technical standards so that data from the thousands of different instruments can be combined into coherent data sets. The GEO Grid, which is the AIST initiative. Its concept and goal are similar to that of GEOSS. In the presentation, these activities and the relationships will be introduced.
Keywords: Global Earth Observation System of Systems, Group on Earth Observations, GEO Grid
Integration of heterogeneous data sources of Russian-Ukrainian WDS Segment based on ontology and agent-oriented approach

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科学データシステムのためのアプリケーションレイヤ：「デジタル台風」と「2011年東日本大震災」のケーススタディ
Application Layer in Science Data Systems: Case Study of ”Digital Typhoon” and ”2011 Great Tohoku Earthquake”

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本稿は「アプリケーションレイヤ」というキーワードで、科学データシステムがより有効に活用されるため方法論について論じた。データそのものは通常は数学の集まりでしかなく、その数値をどう読んでも、どう処理して、どう解釈すればいいかという文脈を共有する人々にしか使えない。このような文脈の問題は、一般の人々だけの問題ではなく、他の研究領域の研究者にとっても重要性が高い。よりアクセスしやすく使いやすい科学データシステムは、データを読み、処理し、解釈するための文脈を提供するアプリケーションレイヤをうまく設計すべきであると考える。そこで我々の二つのプロジェクト「デジタル台風」と「2011年東日本大震災」を紹介し、アプリケーションレイヤをどのように設計できるかを、情報アーキテクチャ、データ統合、情報可視化、ソーシャルメディア等の観点から論議する。

キーワード: 科学データシステム, アプリケーションレイヤ, 情報アーキテクチャ, データ統合, 情報可視化, ソーシャルメディア

Keywords: science data system, application layer, information architecture, data integration, information visualization, social media
Toward a Big Data Science: A challenge of Science Cloud

During these 50 years, along with appearance and development of high-performance computers (and super-computers), numerical simulation is considered to be a third methodology for science, following theoretical (first) and experimental and/or observational (second) approaches. The variety of data yielded by the second approaches has been getting more and more. It is due to the progress of technologies of experiments and observations. The amount of the data generated by the third methodologies has been getting larger and larger. It is because of tremendous development and programming techniques of super computers. Most of the data files created by both experiments/observations and numerical simulations are saved in digital formats and analyzed on computers. The researchers (domain experts) are interested in not only how to make experiments and/or observations or perform numerical simulations, but what information (new findings) to extract from the data. However, data does not usually tell anything about the science; sciences are implicitly hidden in the data. Researchers have to extract information to find new sciences from the data files. This is a basic concept of data intensive (data oriented) science for Big Data.

As the scales of experiments and/or observations and numerical simulations get larger, new techniques and facilities are required to extract information from a large amount of data files. The technique is called as informatics as a fourth methodology for new sciences.

Any methodologies must work on their facilities: for example, space environment are observed via spacecraft and numerical simulations are performed on super-computers, respectively in space science. The facility of the informatics, which deals with large-scale data, is a computational cloud system for science.

This paper is to propose a cloud system for informatics, which has been developed at NICT (National Institute of Information and Communications Technology), Japan. The NICT science cloud, we named as OneSpaceNet (OSN), is the first open cloud system for scientists who are going to carry out their informatics for their own science.

The science cloud is not for simple uses. Many functions are expected to the science cloud; such as data standardization, data collection and crawling, large and distributed data storage system, security and reliability, database and meta-database, data stewardship, long-term data preservation, data rescue and preservation, data mining, parallel processing, data publication and provision, semantic web, 3D and 4D visualization, out-reach and in-reach, and capacity buildings.

Figure is a schematic picture of the NICT science cloud. Both types of data from observation and simulation are stored in the storage system in the science cloud. It should be noted that there are two types of data in observation. One is from archive site out of the cloud: this is a data to be downloaded through the Internet to the cloud. The other one is data from the equipment directly connected to the science cloud. They are often called as sensor clouds.

In the present talk, we first introduce the NICT science cloud. We next demonstrate the efficiency of the science cloud, showing several scientific results which we achieved with this cloud system. Through the discussions and demonstrations, the potential performance of sciences cloud will be revealed for any research fields.

Keywords: Big Data, Science Cloud, OneSpaceNet
Access and scientific exploitation of planetary plasma datasets with the CDPP/AMDA web-based facility

The field of planetary sciences has greatly expanded in recent years with space missions orbiting around most of the planets of our Solar System. The growing amount and wealth of data available make it difficult for scientists to exploit data coming from many sources that can initially be heterogeneous in their organization, description and format. It is an important objective of the Europlanet-RI and IMPEx projects (supported by EU within FP7) to add value to space missions by significantly contributing to the effective scientific exploitation of collected data; to enable space researchers to take full advantage of the potential value of data sets. To this end and to enhance the science return from space missions, innovative tools have to be developed and offered to the community. AMDA (Automated Multi-Dataset Analysis, http://cdpp-amda.cesr.fr/) is a web-based facility developed at CDPP Toulouse in France (http://cdpp.cesr.fr) for on line analysis of space physics data (heliosphere, magnetospheres, planetary environments) coming from either its local database or distant ones. AMDA has been recently integrated as a service to the scientific community for the Plasma Physics thematic node of the Europlanet-RI IDIS (Integrated and Distributed Information Service, http://www.europlanet-idis.fi/) activities, in close cooperation with IWF Graz (http://europlanet-plasmanode.oeaw.ac.at/index.php?id=9). We will report the status of our current technical and scientific efforts to integrate in the local database of AMDA various planetary plasma datasets (at Mercury, Venus, Mars, Earth and moon, Jupiter, Saturn) from heterogeneous sources, including NASA/Planetary Data System (http://ppi.pds.nasa.gov/). We will also present our prototype Virtual Observatory activities to connect the AMDA tool to the IVOA Aladin astrophysical tool to enable pluridisciplinary studies of giant planet auroral emissions.

Keywords: planetary plasma, data archive, virtual observatory, tool, access, conditional search
Substorm Zoo - a browser-based tool for space weather research and teaching

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Large amount of high-resolution measurements are nowadays available from different heliospheric locations. It has become an issue how to best handle the ever-increasing amount of information about the near-Earth space weather conditions, and how to enable the social data analysis. To resolve the problem, we have developed an interactive web interface, called Substorm Zoo (www.substormzoo.org), which we expect to become a powerful tool for scientists and a useful tool for public. The aim is to (1) provide a combined data repository for different heliospheric measurements including the geomagnetic activity indices with a possibility to customized views, (2) enable the use of pre-identified event lists, creation and sharing of own lists, (3) allows discussion on individual activity events e.g. substorms from the users of the site, and (4) enable the interactive data analysis on-line with a possibility to write and share comments. In this paper, we will present the basic features of Substorm Zoo and give examples of the use for educational, scientific and public outreach purposes.

Keywords: Interactive web interface, Tool for data analysis, Space weather, Substorms, Event lists