



# Data Stewardship Maturity Matrix (DSMM) – Introduction and Application

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# What Is the DSMM?

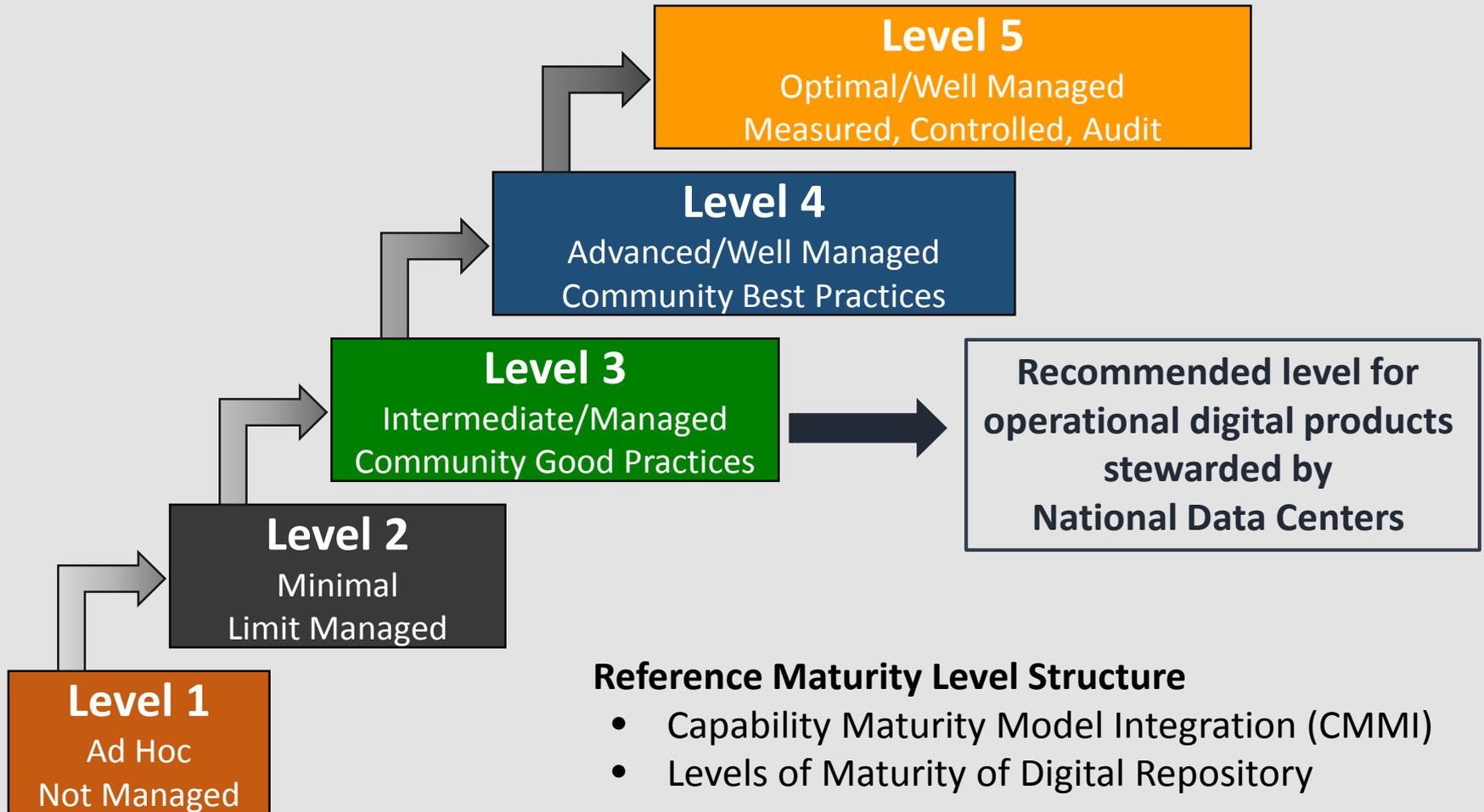


*A Unified Framework for Measuring  
Stewardship Practices Applied to  
Individual Data Products*

**Developed by CICS-NC/NCEI & By Domain Subject Matter Experts,  
Leveraging**

- Institutional Knowledge
- Community Best Practices and Standards

# DSMM Follows CMMI Level Structure



## Reference Maturity Level Structure

- Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI)
- Levels of Maturity of Digital Repository

# DSMM – Key Components

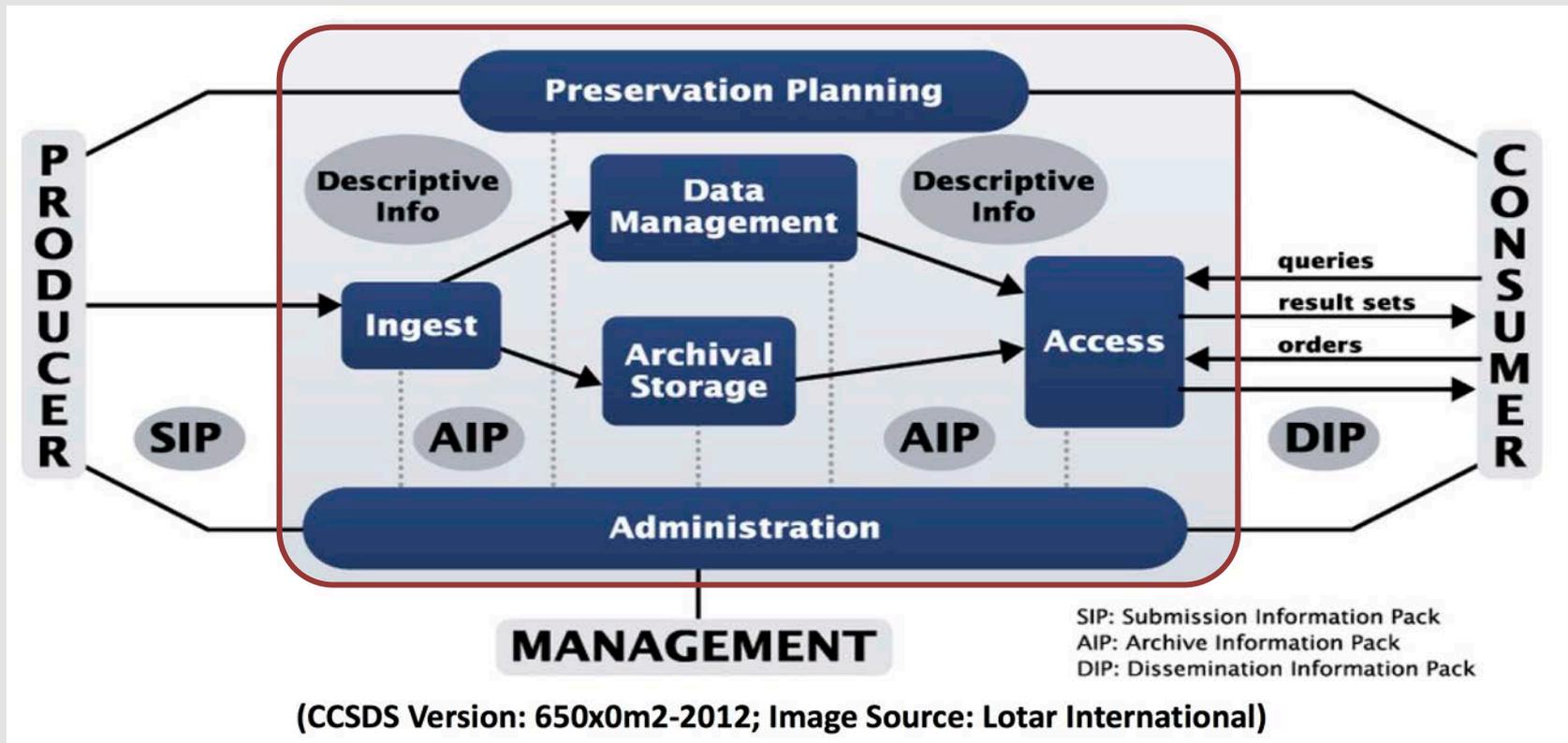
## Practices in *Nine* Quasi-Independent Key Components



- *Preservability*
- *Accessibility*
- *Usability*
- *Production Sustainability*
- *Data Quality Assurance*
- *Data Quality Control/Monitoring*
- *Data Quality Assessment*
- *Transparency/Traceability*
- *Data Integrity*

# Scope of DSMM

## Functional Entities of the Open Archival Information System (OAIS)





# DSMM Vetting Process

- **Community Engagement: Feedback and Collaboration**
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- **Use Case Studies**
  - NCEI Core Datasets – Different data types managed by same organization
  - ESIP DSC Datasets – Different disciplines managed by different organizations

## Selected NCEI Core Datasets

Data Type	Dataset	Status
Satellite – polar ocean	NOAA/NSIDC Sea Ice Concentration CDR	Baselined
GIS - regional	NCEI-CO Digital Elevation Models (DEM)	Revised assessment draft review
Station - in situ - land	GHCN-M	Baselined
Station - gridded - land	National Climate Division (nCliDiv)	Not yet started
Satellite – global ocean	Optimum Interpolation Sea Surface Temperature (OISST) CDR	Baselined
Physical Records - In Situ Monthly Summaries	Local Climatological Data	Initial assessment draft review
Paleo – global land	NOAA/WDS International Tree-Ring Data Bank (ITRDB)	Baselined

## Selected ESIP Datasets

Data Type	Dataset	Status
Model Reanalysis	NCAR Global Climate Four-Dimensional Data Assimilation Hourly 40km Reanalysis	Baselined *
Ecological Data	DataOne Member Node SBC LTER (Long Term Ecological Research) Network	Revised assessment draft review
Long-tail Data	NSF ACADIS (Advanced Cooperative Arctic Data and Information Service)	Initial assessment draft
Socioeconomic Data	NASA Socioeconomic Data	Initial assessment draft
Paleo Data	Australia Borehole Data	Not yet assessed

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NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION



## “OneStop Ready”

Readiness Metric	Requirement
ISO Compliant Collection-level Metadata	Every collection level record in the data group has an ISO compliant metadata record.
ISO Completeness Collection-level Rubric V2	Every collection level record in the data group shall have a completeness score of at least 90%.
OneStop Collection-level Readiness Rubric	Browse graphic, GCMD science keywords...
Standardized metadata exists for each granule or is embedded within each granule	ISO compliant record and ACDD and CF conventions for embedded metadata
ISO Compliant metadata contains the minimum <i>OneStop</i> -required content for each granule	See ISOLite granule template
Machine Independent Data File Format	Each granule is formatted in a machine readable format, such as netCDF
Each granule is accessible via a URL	Minimally, direct download https/ftps but prefer interoperable services (USGEO Common Framework)
Data Stewardship Maturity Matrix ( <a href="#">DSMM</a> )	Assessment is complete and documented in collection-level metadata record
Product Maturity Matrix (PMM)	Optional. If PMM exists, then document results in collection level metadata

% readiness for a data group assessed in each of **Collection Metadata**, **Granule Metadata**, **Data Formats**, **Data Access**, **DSMM**. Data group as a whole considered “OneStop Ready” when it reaches 95% overall or higher.

- OneStop Ready
- OneStop DSMM Implementation
  - Best practices,
  - Workflows,
  - Tools

DataOne User Group Meeting Poster:

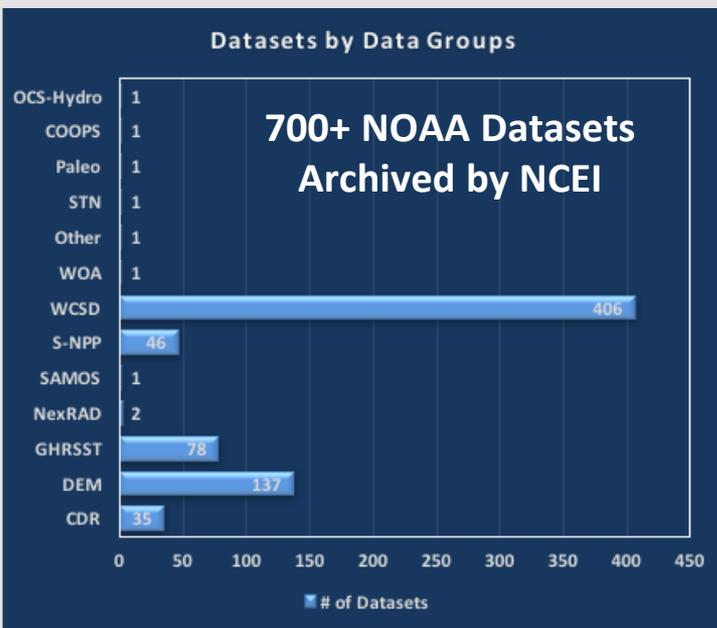
[tinyurl.com/DSMM-OneStop-Poster](http://tinyurl.com/DSMM-OneStop-Poster)

Courtesy of Kenneth Casey, OneStop Program Manager



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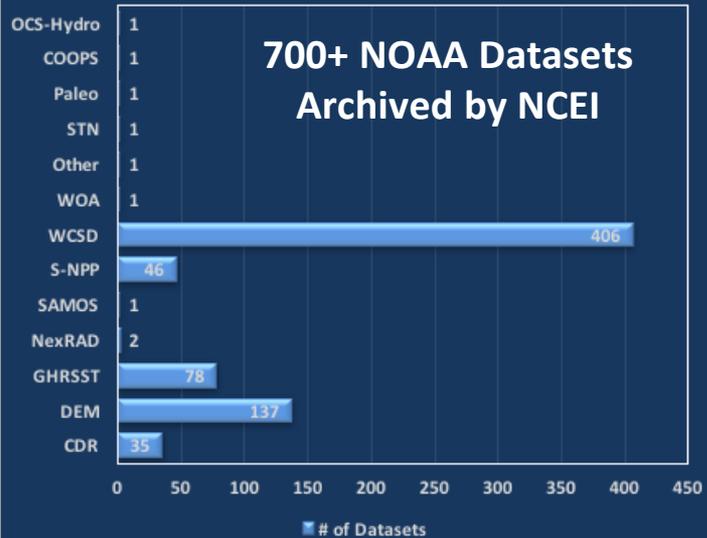
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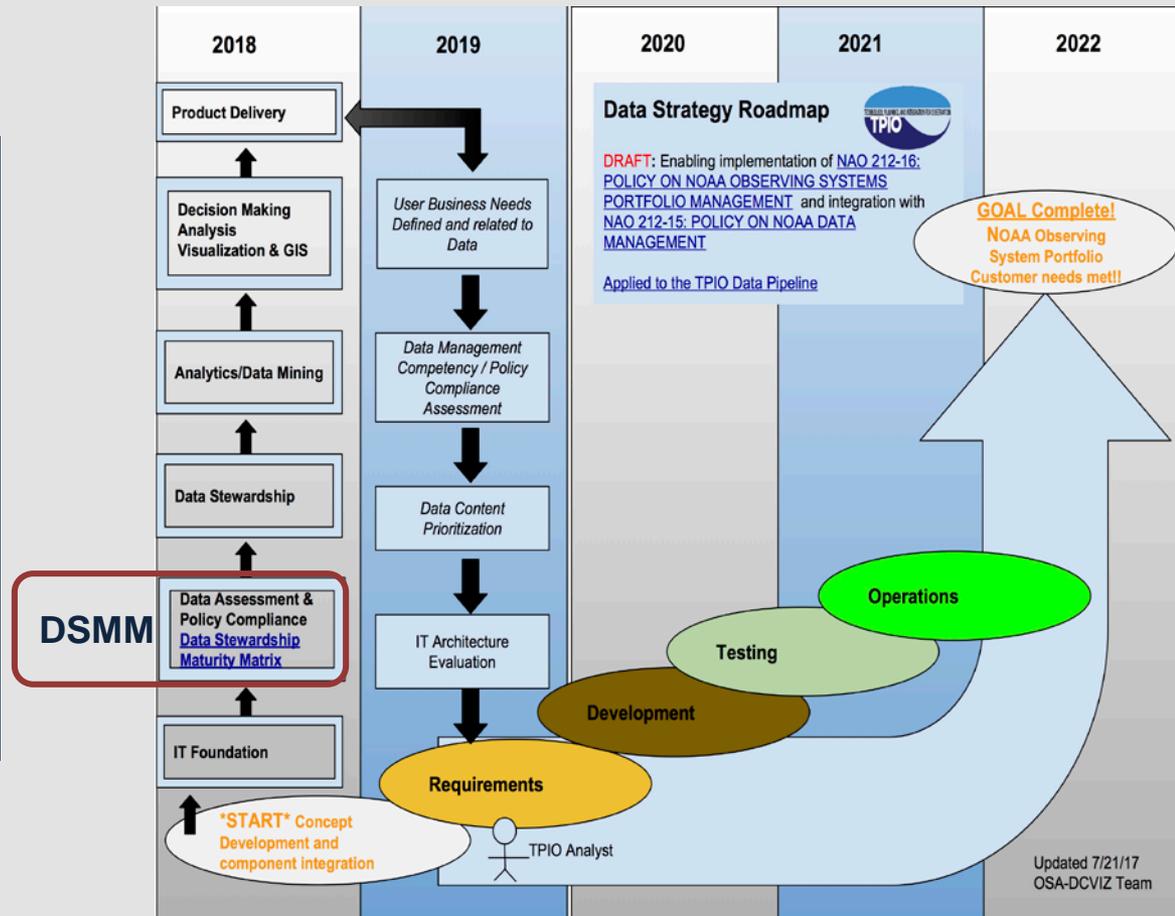
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Datasets by Data Groups

**700+ NOAA Datasets  
Archived by NCEI**



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NOAA TPIO Data Strategy Roadmap  
(Courtesy of Matthew Austin, Team Lead)

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## Assessment results and Rating



Stewardship Maturity Rating for GEOSS DMP Implementation Guidelines					
Preservation	★	★	★	★	★
Accessibility	★	★	★	★	☆
Usability	★	★	★	★	★
Production Sustainability	★	★	★	★	☆
Data Quality Assurance	★	☆	☆	☆	☆
Data Quality Control/Monitoring	★	★	★	★	☆
Data Quality Assessment	★	★	★	★	☆
Transparency/Traceability	★	★	★	★	★
Data Integrity	★	★	★	★	★

Dark solid filled stars – completely satisfied  
 Light solid filled stars – partially satisfied  
 Non-filled stars – not satisfied

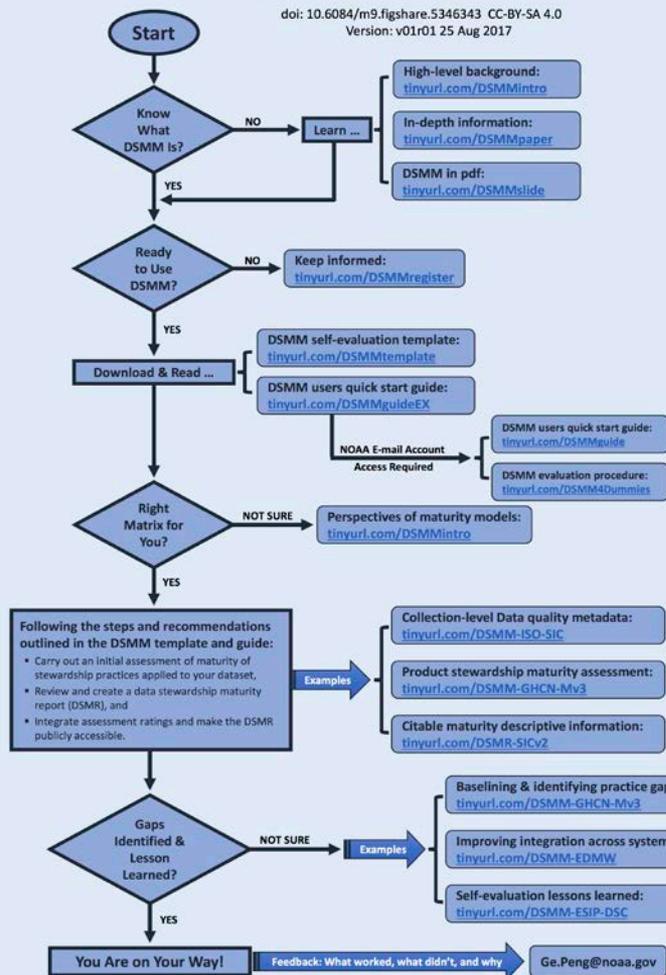
- Data Stewardship Maturity Matrix is highly compatible with GEO DMP Principles.
- Possible areas of improvement for the Data Management Principles identified.

Data Stewardship Interest Group  
 WGISS-42 Meeting, ESA-ESRIN, Frascati, 19-22 September 2016

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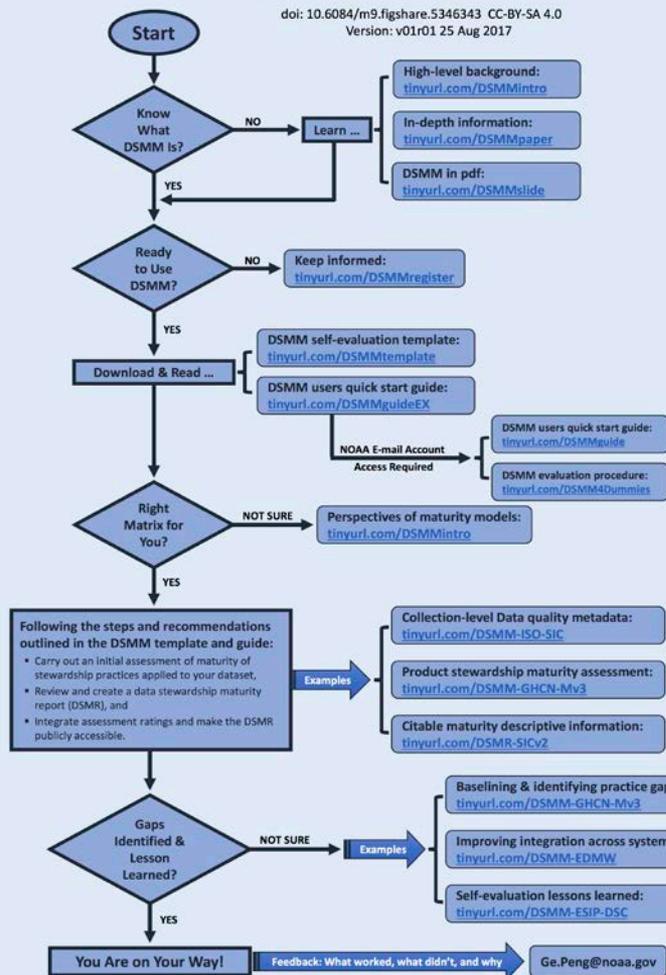
Evaluating GEO Data Management Principles by European Space Agency (ESA) Data Stewardship Interest Group (Albani 2016)

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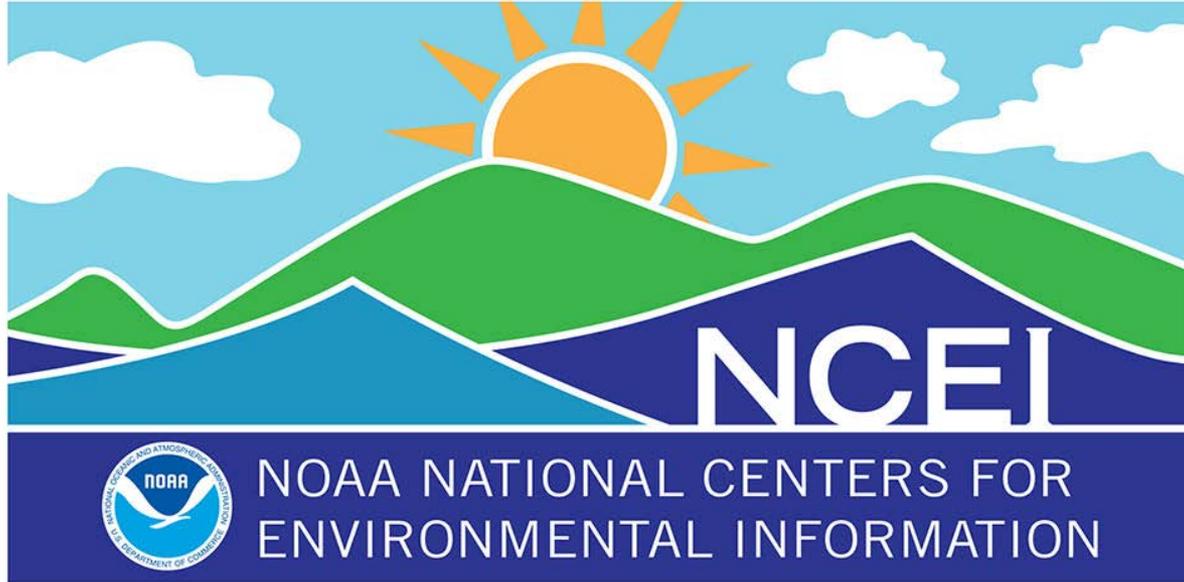


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# THANK YOU



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# Why Do We Need a DSMM?

## A more formal approach to stewardship that supports rigorous compliance verification

- *U.S. Information Quality Act (2001);*
- *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information (OMB 2002);*
- *Open Data and Data Sharing Policy (OMB, 2013; OSTP, 2013);*

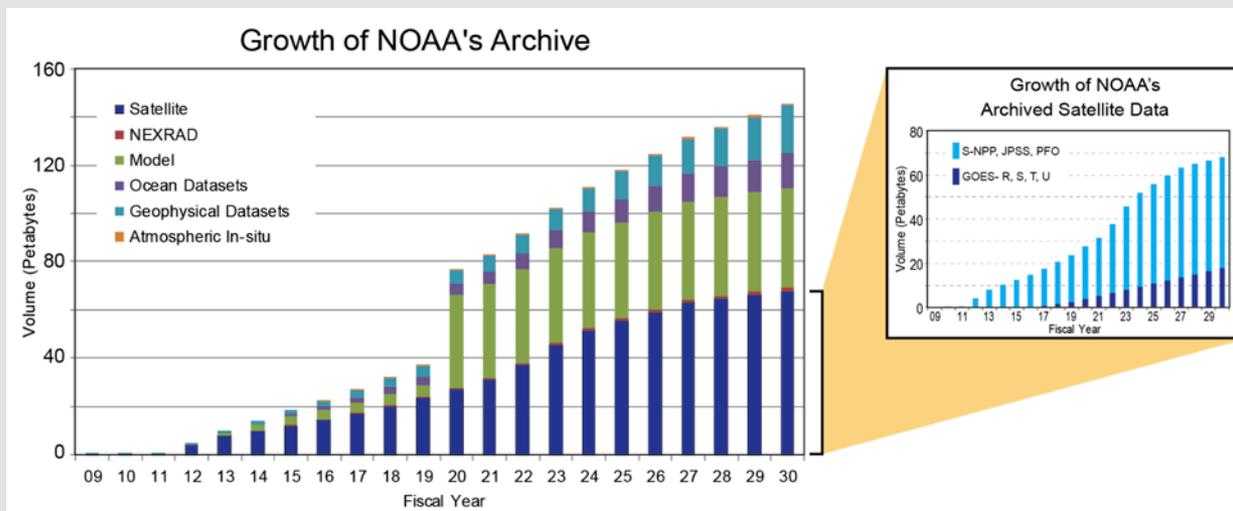


### **Ensure the federally funded data are**

- **preserved and secure**
- **available, discoverable, and accessible**
- **credible and understandable**
- **usable and useful**
- **sustainable and extendable**
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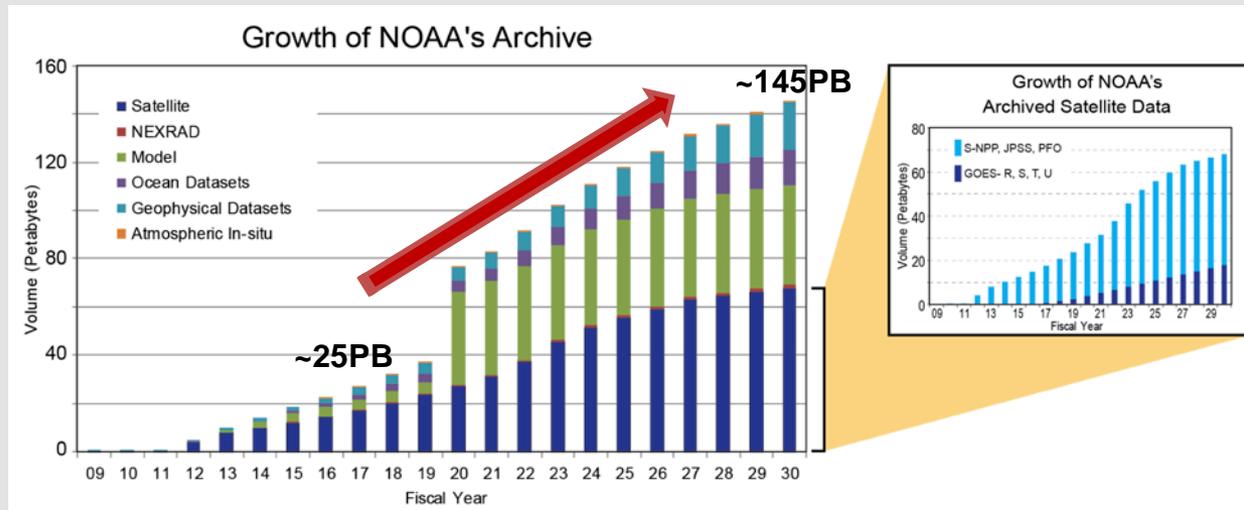


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## Data Stewardship

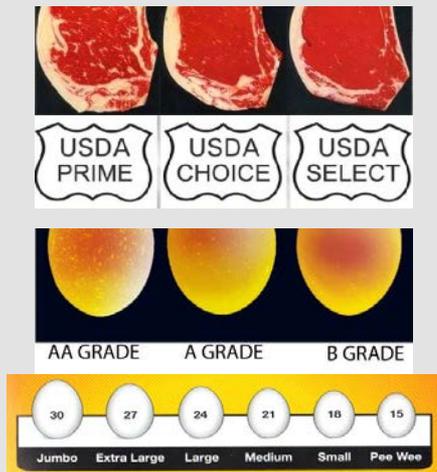
- Scalable
- Transparent
- Content-rich
- Interoperable
- Timely

# Why Do We Need a Consistent Framework?



**Statement: This is a good, big apple.**

- What does “good” mean?
- What does “big” represent?



## WE KNOW

**USDA Prime is better quality than USDA Select!**  
(<http://meat.tamu.edu/beefgrading/>)

**Extra Large is indeed larger than Large!**

➤ **well-defined, implemented & audited**

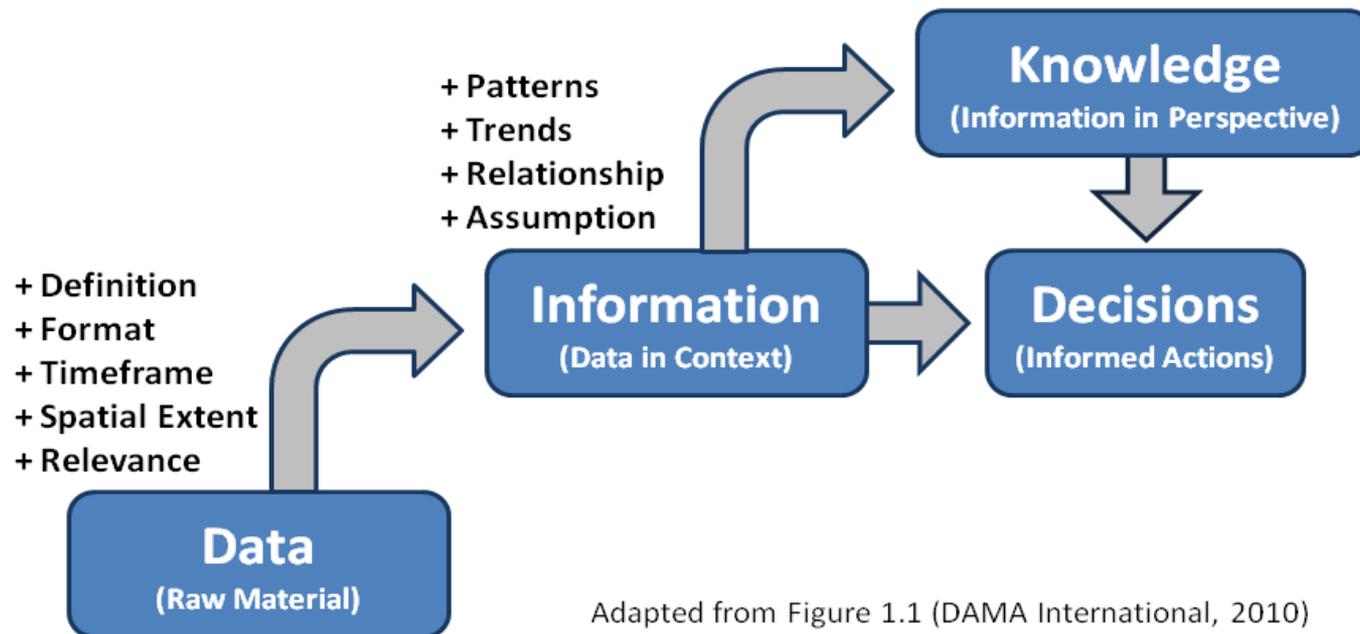
**The Same Goes for Individual Datasets!**

# DSMM Defines Measureable, Five-Level Progressive Practices in *Nine* Quasi-Independent Key Components

Maturity Scale Key Component	Level 1 - Ad Hoc Not Managed	Level 2 - Minimal Managed Limited	Level 3 - Intermediate Managed Defined, Partially Implemented	Level 4 - Advanced Managed Well-Defined, Fully Implemented	Level 5 - Optimal Level 4 + Measured, Controlled, Audit
<b>Preservability</b>	<i>The state of being preservable</i>				
<b>Accessibility</b>	<i>The state of being publicly searchable and accessible</i>				
<b>Usability</b>	<i>The state of data product being easy to understand and use</i>				
<b>Production Sustainability</b>	<i>The state of data production being sustainable and extendable</i>				
<b>Data Quality Assurance</b>	<i>The state of data product quality being assured/screened</i>				
<b>Data Quality Control / Monitoring</b>	<i>The state of data product quality being controlled and monitored</i>				
<b>Data Quality Assessment</b>	<i>The state of data product quality being assessed</i>				
<b>Transparency / Traceability</b>	<i>The state of being transparent, trackable, and traceable</i>				
<b>Data Integrity</b>	<i>The state of data integrity being verifiable</i>				

# Why Should We Care?

## Pathway to Sound Decisions from Raw Data



**Sound decisions rely on sound data and information!**

# Ways to Utilize DSMM & Results

- To know the current state of your dataset(s) – **maturity scoreboard**
- To know where you want or need to be – **stewardship requirements**
- To know how to get there – **roadmap forward** (informed, actionable steps)

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Preservability					█
Accessibility			<b>Need to Be</b>	█	
Usability		█	⇒ Documentation about product and how to use data (including data and processing flow diagrams) are available online.		
Production Sustainability				█	
Data Quality Assurance			█ Documentation about quality assurance procedures and metrics online		
Data Quality Control/Monitoring			█ Documentation about quality monitoring/control procedures and metrics online		
Data Quality Assessment			█ Evaluation of the operational product is carried out and results are available online.		
Transparency/Traceability		█	⇒ Documentation about retrieval or product algorithm are available online. Data and documents are configuration managed (unique identifiers assigned and tracked).		
Data Integrity	█		⇒ Data providers to create manifest files for each data file with file name and checksum for NGDC to validate against during ingest.	⇒ Data archive integrity checked already!	

**Current**

Stewardship Maturity Scoreboard and Roadmap Forward

- A reference model for stewardship planning and resource allocation – informed decision-making support
- A consolidate source and transparency for information about stewardship practices – assessment with detailed justifications
- Content-rich quality metadata – enhanced discoverability and usability

# NCEI/CICS-NC Data Stewardship Maturity Matrix

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Version: Rev. 1. 12/09/2014

**Dataset Name**

**Maturity Level as of  
mm/dd/yyyy**

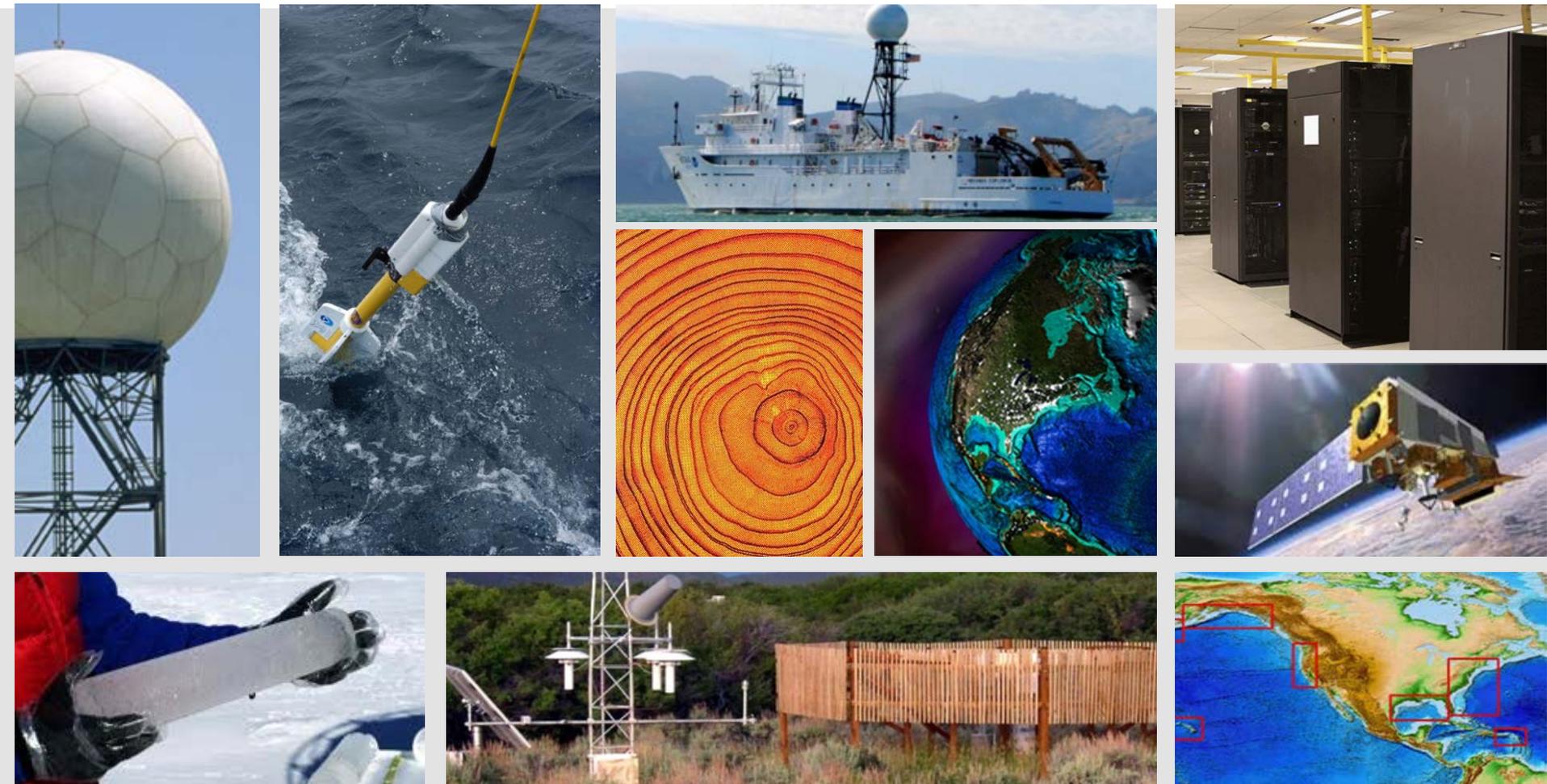
## Stewardship Maturity Matrix for Digital Environmental Data Products

Maturity Scale	Preservability	Accessibility	Usability	Production Sustainability	Data Quality Assurance	Data Quality Control/Monitoring	Data Quality Assessment	Transparency /Traceability	Data Integrity
<b>Level 1 – Ad Hoc Not Managed</b>	Any storage location Data only	Not publicly available Person-to-person	Extensive product-specific knowledge required  No documentation online	Ad Hoc or Not applicable No obligation or deliverable requirement	Data quality assurance (DQA) procedure unknown or none	None or Sampling unknown or spotty Analysis unknown or random in time	Algorithm/method/model theoretical basis assessed (method and results online)	Limited product information available Person-to-person	Unknown or no data ingest integrity check
<b>Level 2 - Minimal Managed Limited</b>	Non-designated repository Redundancy Limited archiving metadata	Publicly available Direct file download (e.g., via anonymous FTP server) Collection/dataset level searchable	Non-standard data format Limited documentation (e.g., user's guide) online	Short-term Individual PI's commitment (grant obligations)	Ad Hoc and random DQA procedure not defined and documented	Sampling and analysis are regular in time and space Limited product-specific metrics defined & implemented	Level 1 + Research product assessed (method and results online)	Product information available in literature	Data ingest integrity verifiable (e.g., checksum technology)
<b>Level 3 - Intermediate Managed Defined, Partially Implemented</b>	Designated archive Redundancy Community-standard archiving metadata Conforming to limited archiving process standards	Level 2 + Non-standard data service Limited data server performance Granule/file level searchable Limited search metrics	Community Standard-based interoperable format & metadata Documentation (e.g., source code, product algorithm document, processing or/and data flow diagram) online	Medium-term Institutional commitment (contractual deliverables with specs and schedule defined)	DQA procedure defined and documented and partially implemented	Level 2 + Sampling and analysis are frequent and systematic but not automatic Community metrics defined and partially implemented Procedure documented and available online	Level 2 + Operational product assessed (method and results online)	Algorithm/method/model Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD) & source code online Dataset configuration managed (CM) Unique Object Identifier (OID) assigned (dataset, documentation, source code) Data citation tracked (e.g., utilizing Digital Object Identifier (DOI) system)	Level 2 + Data archive integrity verifiable
<b>Level 4 - Advanced Managed Well-Defined, Fully Implemented</b>	Level 3 + Conforming to community archiving standards	Level 3 + Community-standard data services Enhanced data server performance Conforming to community search metrics Dissemination report metrics defined and implemented internally	Level 3 + Basic capability (e.g., subsetting, aggregating) & data characterization (overall/global, e.g., climatology, error estimates) available online	Long-term Institutional commitment Product improvement process in place	DQA procedure well documented, fully implemented and available online with master reference data Limited data quality assurance metadata	Level 3 + Anomaly detection procedure well-documented and fully implemented using community metrics, automatic, tracked and reported Limited quality monitoring metadata	Level 3 + Quality metadata assessed (method and results online) Limited quality assessment metadata	Level 3 + Operational Algorithm Description (OAD) online, OID assigned, and under CM	Level 3 + Data access integrity verifiable  Conforming to community data integrity technology standard
<b>Level 5 - Optimal Level 4 + Measured, Controlled, Audit</b>	Level 4 + Archiving process performance controlled, measured, and audited Future archiving standard changes planned	Level 4 + Dissemination reports available online Future technology and standard changes planned	Level 4 + Enhanced online capability (e.g., visualization, multiple data formats) Community metrics of data characterization (regional/cell) online External ranking	Level 4 + National or international commitment Changes for technology planned	Level 4 + DQA procedure monitored and reported Conforming to community quality metadata & standards External review	Level 4 + Cross-validation of temporal & spatial characteristics Physical consistency check Conforming to community quality metadata & standards Dynamic providers/users feedback in place	Level 4 + Assessment performed on a recurring basis Conforming to community quality metadata & standards External ranking	Level 4 + System information online Complete data provenance available online	Level 4 + Data authenticity verifiable (e.g., data signature technology) Performance of data integrity check monitored and reported

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# NCEI Ingests and Archives Environmental Data from U.S. and International Sources



Data spans stone-age to space-age ... from the depths of the ocean to the sun ... and across the globe



# NCEI Products Span From Local to Global and Weekly to Decadal Scales



# NCEI Data & NOAA BigData Initiative

- NOAA has a lot of data – often under-utilized
- Five major data alliances
- Weather/Climate/Model data and products
- 27 October 2015 - Amazon Web Service provides full access, for the first time, to the entire Level II data from the NOAA's Next Generation Weather Radar (NEXRAD) network – over 300 terabytes – growing at about 50 terabytes per year
- NOAA GOES-16 Provisional data – Amazon Web Services & Open Cloud Consortium.



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