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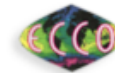
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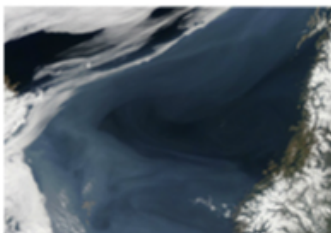
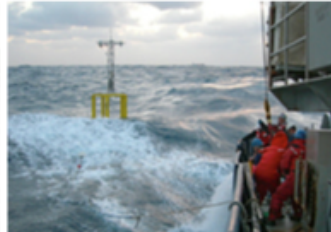
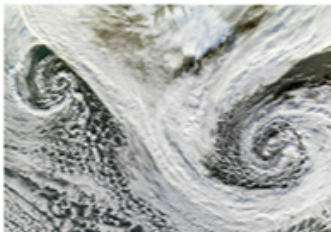
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THE ECCO CONSORTIUM

ECCO was established in 1998 as part of the World Ocean Circulation Experiment ([WOCE](#)) with the goal of combining a general circulation model (GCM) with diverse observations in order to produce a quantitative depiction of the time-evolving global ocean state. The importance of such an endeavor is recognized by numerous national and international organizations, such as the WMO's World Climate Research Programme ([WCRP](#)) and UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission ([IOC](#)). These programs have all noted the necessity of synthesizing the diverse remotely-sensed and in-situ observations with known dynamics and thermodynamics through a GCM. ECCO products are in support of the Climate Variability and Predictability ([CLIVAR](#)) programme and the Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment ([GODAE](#)).

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ECCO PRODUCTS

ECCO products as well as input fields and quality-controlled observations are freely available from several data servers through various applications (including DODS/OPeNDAP, LAS, GDS, Dapper, SRB, Ingrid).

[A summary of available ECCO products and data servers can be found here.](#)

ECCO'S GENERAL CIRCULATION MODEL

The ECCO code is based on the MIT general circulation model (MITgcm), a numerical model designed for study of the atmosphere, ocean, and climate. It comes with a variety of packages including physical parameterizations, a sea-ice model, biochemical components, and allows flexible porting across various HPC platforms.

[For more details on the MITgcm click here.](#)

AUTOMATIC/ALGORITHMIC DIFFERENTIATION (AD)

Since the mid-1990's, groups at MIT, SIO, JPL and GFDL have applied automatic/algorithmic differentiation (AD) tools for generating tangent linear and adjoint code for ocean circulation and climate studies. ECCO relies heavily on the AD tool TAMC and its commercial successor TAF. The ECCO group is also involved in the development of a new open-source AD tool OpenAD.

[More details can be found here.](#)

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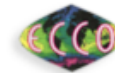
July 2017: ECCO version 4 release 3, covering 1992-2015, now available online:

The [new release 3](#) extends the Version 4 estimate using additional observations. The product also incorporates improvements in modeling and estimation. A [summary document](#) describes details of the changes. Also available are descriptions of [how to evaluate property budgets](#) and [how to reproduce the results](#) and generate additional fields using MITgcm..

June 2017: A new 20-yr ECCO climatology is now available online:

ECCO version 4 has been used to calculate a uniform 20-year climatology as a time-mean over the period 1994-2013. The climatology is

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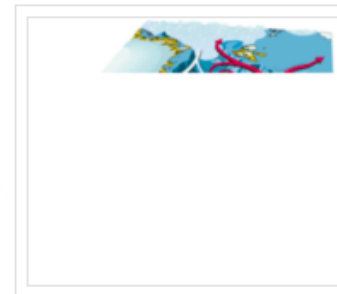
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PRODUCTS

ECCO products listed below are freely available through several types of [servers](#) (a direct link is provided below via each product's 'Release Name' in the product table). We kindly ask users to refer to the citable identifier associated with the product they choose to use (provided below via the 'Release identifier' links). The products are listed below in an order that reflects their time of publication (see 'Release identifier'). The following products are currently being extended: ECCO-v4 (JPL/AER/MIT), SOSE (UCSD), ECCO2 (JPL), ECCO-JPL (JPL), and GECCO2 (UH).
















ECCO products are primarily released in the form of monthly field time series. These fields are primarily distributed on their native model grid to allow for accurate transport and budget computations. However fields interpolated to a simple longitude latitude grid may also be provided, which can most easily be plugged into third party software. Some of the products further provide the associated observational inputs, which allow users to e.g. assess model-data misfits. Examples of these supplementary data sets are indicated by a '>' under the associated 'Release identifier'.

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Product	Release Identifier	Release Name	Covered Time Period	Model Grid	Depth Levels	Estimation Method	Software Generation	Comments
ECCO-V4	I.D.	Release 3	1992-2015	LLC90	50	adjoint	4	Documentation
	>	Interpolated climatology	1993-2014	1/2 deg.	50	-	-	Report
ECCO-V4	I.D.	Release 2	1992-2011	LLC90	50	adjoint	4	README; eccov4.pdf
	>	interpolated fields	1992-2011	1/2 deg.	50	-	-	
	>	T-S tendency terms	1992-2015	LLC90	50	-	-	
	>	in-situ profile data sets	1992-2015	pointwise	19 to 55	-	-	
ECCO-V4	I.D.	Release 1	1992-2011	LLC90	50	adjoint	4	NL free surface; real FWF
GECCO2	I.D.	Release 1	1948-2014	0.3 to 1 deg.	50	adjoint	-	
SOSE	I.D.	iteration 100	2005-2010	1/6 deg.	42	adjoint	3	Southern Ocean only

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ECCO Version 4: Third Release [ECCO v4-r3] [ftp://ecco.jpl.nasa.gov/Version4/Release3/]

- This directory contains the 'ECCO version 4, release 3' state estimate files:

README	This file
doc	basic documentation of the state estimate
nctiles_grid	LLC90 grid (in nctiles and MITgcm input formats)
nctiles_monthly	monthly mean fields (LLC90 grid)
nctiles_monthly_snapshots	monthly snapshots at end of each month (LLC90 grid)
nctiles_daily	daily mean fields (LLC90 grid)
profiles	estimated profiles (model equivalent of observed profiles)
interp_monthly	monthly mean fields (interpolated to regular lat-lon grids)
input_forcing	atmospheric forcing input for MITgcm/pkg/exf
input_ecco	data constraint and error files
input_init	files needed to re-run the state estimate
other	unadjusted atmospheric forcing and ocean angular momentum

quantities

- References:

Forget, G., J.-M. Campin, P. Heimbach, C. N. Hill, R. M. Ponte, and C. Wunsch, 2015:
ECCO version 4: an integrated framework for non-linear inverse modeling and global ocean
state estimation. Geoscientific Model Development, 8, 3071-3104, doi:10.5194/gmd-8-3071-2015
Forget, G., J.-M. Campin, P. Heimbach, C. N. Hill, R. M. Ponte, and C. Wunsch, 2016:
ECCO version 4: Second Release, <http://hdl.handle.net/1721.1/102062>

- Software:

The ECCO v4-r3 files were produced using the "checkpoint65u" versions of the general
circulation
model (MITgcm and ECCO v4 settings) and Matlab analysis toolboxes (gcmfaces and MITprof).
These software versions are available at http://mitgcm.org/download/other_checkpoints/
and http://mit.ecco-group.org/opendap/ecco_for_las/version_4/checkpoints/contents.html

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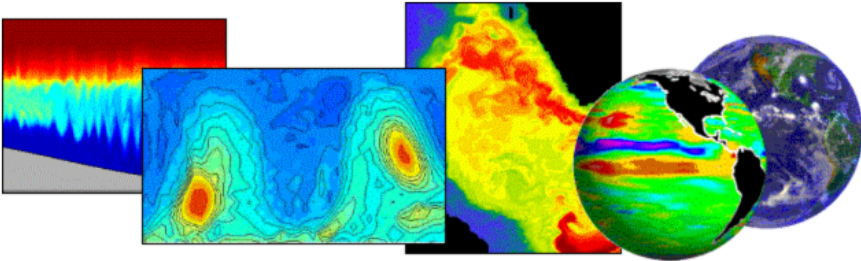
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The **MITgcm** (MIT General Circulation Model) is a numerical model designed for study of the atmosphere, ocean, and climate. Its non-hydrostatic formulation enables it to simulate fluid phenomena over a wide range of scales; its adjoint capability enables it to be applied to parameter and state estimation problems. By employing fluid isomorphisms, one hydrodynamical kernel can be used to simulate flow in both the atmosphere and ocean.

You are welcome to **download** and use MITgcm.

Papers charting the development of MITgcm **can be found here**.


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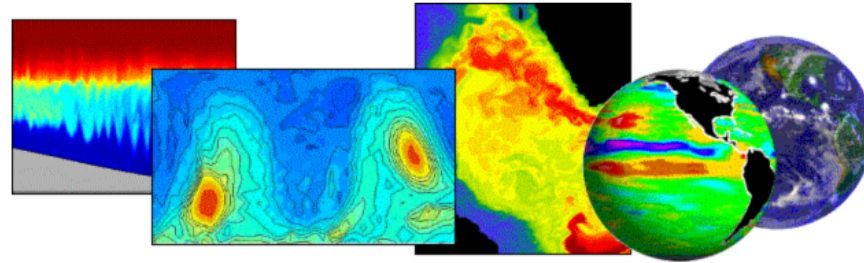
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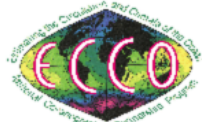
The MITgcm code and documentation are under continuous development. The last official release was called "Release1_patch8" and the current development is stabilizing in anticipation of a "Release2_beta" announcement. Both the last stable release and the current CVS contents can be obtained at:

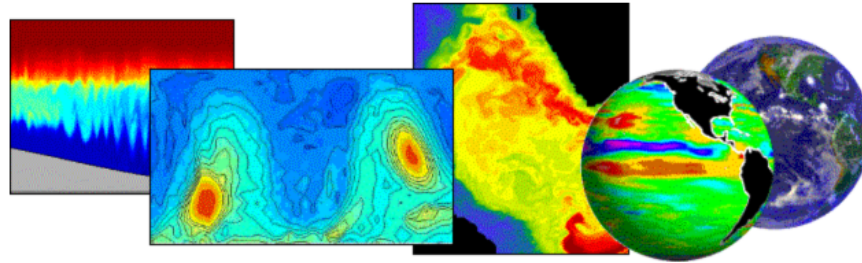
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bash or sh shell:
$ export CVSROOT=':pserver:cvsanon@mitgcm.org:/u/gcm-pack'
$ cvs login
( enter the CVS password: "cvsanon" )
$ cvs co -P MITgcm
```

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tcsh or csh shell:
$ setenv CVSROOT ':pserver:cvsanon@mitgcm.org:/u/gcm-pack'
$ cvs login
( enter the CVS password: "cvsanon" )
$ cvs co -P MITgcm
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- Download the most recent checkpoint [as a "tar" file](#).
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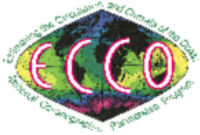




Several documents are currently available:

- The [most recent](#) online documentation
- The [Release-1](#) online documentation (stable)
- Our [on-line code browser](#) provides a view of the various subroutines, functions and variables, showing how they are called and used.
- An MITgcm "Developer's HOWTO" manual is available in multiple formats:
 - [Single-page](#) or [Multi-page](#) (html)
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MITgcm is freely available to all; we encourage you to download it, use it, and give us [feedback](#) to help us improve it.

MITgcm:

- can be used to study both [atmospheric](#) and [oceanic](#) circulation
- has a [non-hydrostatic](#) capability
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3. Getting started with MITgcm

This chapter is divided into two main parts. The first part, which is covered in sections [3.1](#) through [3.7](#), contains information about how to run experiments using MITgcm. The second part, covered in sections [3.9](#) through [3.20](#), contains a set of step-by-step tutorials for running specific pre-configured atmospheric and oceanic experiments.

We believe the best way to familiarize yourself with the model is to run the case study examples provided with the base version. Information on how to obtain, compile, and run the code is found here as well as a brief description of the model structure directory and the case study examples. Information is also provided here on how to customize the code when you are ready to try implementing the configuration you have in mind. The code and algorithm are described more fully in chapters [2](#) and [4](#).

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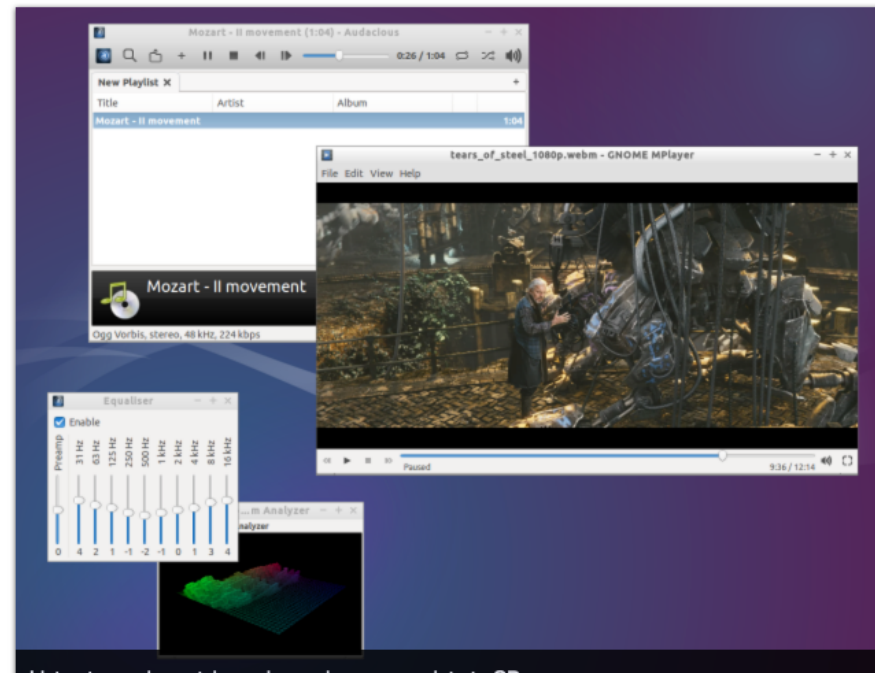
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