
Subject: HDF-EOS Sinusoidal Grid

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Hi All,

I am in the process of choosing a file format for storing Level 3 remote-sensing images, and I would like to use IDL to create those images. The grid that is commonly used in that case uses a sinusoidal equal-area projection (e.g. SeaWIFS and I believe MODIS L3 also ... but not sure :-()).

I am currently exploring the HDF-EOS. On page 1-7 in the following document:

HDF-EOS Library Users Guide for the ECS Project Volume 2 Function Reference Guide

I can read

"The Intergerizedd sinusoidal projection is not part of the original GCTP package. It has been added by ECS."

and in the IDL documentation I don't see any reference to that projection.

Since the sinusoidal grid is considered to be best grid for storing L3 image data, and also since the SeaWIFS project has been producing L3 images for several years already, I would be very much surprised that the IDL HDF-EOS routines don't support that projection. Therefore, I am very optimistic and hope that the sinusoidal grid is supported ... but not properly documented. Could anybody tell me if I'm right? or wrong :-(((?

By advance thanks,
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