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Enclosed are 25 DVD's containing the SSM/I data recovered from 8mm tapes in the CIRA archives, spanning 1987-1992. There is a small number of missing tapes which we continue to seek here, but generally we were quite successful in reading these ~ 15 year old tapes. We also have some Fortran code to read the data on the enclosed CD and to print out a few sample fields. The data is now ready to begin the process of scientific data stewardship.

The data have filenames of the form F08\_Aug1987\_001.dat, 1 file per orbit, where the 001 indicates the first orbit. So there are roughly 420 files per month per satellite (~ 14 orbits/day X 30 days). Part of the stewardship effort should involve checking the name and satellite ID from information embedded in the file, and constructing a more standard filename. Each DVD contains roughly 2 or 3 months of data, not necessarily in time order.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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# CIRA SSM/I Data Recovered from 8mm Tapes and Restored to DVD; December 2005

Month/Year	F8	F10	F11
Jul, 1987	●	●	●
Aug, 1987	●	●	●
Sep, 1987	●	●	●
Oct, 1987	●	●	●
Nov, 1987	●	●	●
Dec, 1987	●*	●	●
Jan, 1988	●	●	●
Feb, 1988	●	●	●
Mar, 1988	●	●	●
Apr, 1988	●	●	●
May, 1988	●	●	●
June, 1988	●	●	●
Jul, 1988	●	●	●
Aug, 1988	●	●	●
Sep, 1988	●	●	●
Oct, 1988	●	●	●
Nov, 1988	●	●	●
Dec, 1988	●	●	●
Jan, 1989	●	●	●
Feb, 1989	●	●	●
Mar, 1989	●	●	●
Apr, 1989	●	●	●
May, 1989	●	●	●
June, 1989	●	●	●
Jul, 1989	●	●	●
Aug, 1989	●	●	●
Sep, 1989	●	●	●
Oct, 1989	●	●	●
Nov, 1989	●	●	●
Dec, 1989	●	●	●

Month/Year	F8	F10	F11
Jan, 1990	●	●	●
Feb, 1990	●	●	●
Mar, 1990	●	●	●
Apr, 1990	●	●	●
May, 1990	●	●	●
June, 1990	●	●	●
Jul, 1990	●	●	●
Aug, 1990	●	●	●
Sep, 1990	●	●	●
Oct, 1990	●	●	●
Nov, 1990	●	●	●
Dec, 1990	●	●	●
Jan, 1991	●	●	●
Feb, 1991	●	●	●
Mar, 1991	●	●	●
Apr, 1991	●	●	●
May, 1991	●	●	●
June, 1991	●	●	●
Jul, 1991	●	●	●
Aug, 1991	●	●	●
Sep, 1991	●	●	●
Oct, 1991	●	●	●
Nov, 1991	●	●	●
Dec, 1991	●	●	●

**\*Instrument powered off  
month of 12/87**

Month/Year	F8	F10	F11
Jan, 1992	●	●	●
Feb, 1992	●	●	●
Mar, 1992	●	●	●
Apr, 1992	●	●	●
May, 1992	●	●	●
June, 1992	●	●	●
Jul, 1992	●	●	●
Aug, 1992	●	●	●
Sep, 1992	●	●	●
Oct, 1992	●	●	●
Nov, 1992	●	●	●
Dec, 1992	●	●	●

- = Copied off tape and on to DVD
- = Tape missing or corrupt
- = Satellite not in operation
- Tape found in 2007; Sent to NESDIS



TABLE 1. Number of complete days missing from the raw SSM/I data for the F08 satellite from 9 July 1987 to 31 December 1991.

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	Total days
January	NA	1st–12th	19th	—	—	13
February	NA	—	—	—	—	0
March	NA	—	—	—	—	0
April	NA	—	—	—	—	0
May	NA	6th–8th	—	—	—	3
June	NA	—	8th	—	20th–23rd	5
July	1st–8th	—	23rd–24th	—	NA	10
August	25th–26th	—	—	25th–26th	NA	4
September	—	23rd	—	—	NA	1
October	6th–7th	23rd	23rd	—	NA	4
November	—	—	—	—	NA	0
December	1st–31st*	25th–27th	—	22nd–26th	NA	39
Total days	43	20	5	7	4	79

F-8 SSM/I data availability 1987–1991 (from Jackson and Stephens; 1995, J. Climate). Missing CIRA months circled.

\*Instrument powered off month of 12/87