

CMA NWP Impact Assessment of Satellite data

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Main Instruments

Satellite		No. of Instruments	Name in Abbrev.
FY-1	FY-1 A/B	2	5-channel VIRR
	FY-1 C/D	2	10-channel VIRR
FY-2	FY-2 A/B	1	3-channel VISSR
	FY-2 C/D/E	1	5-channel VISSR
FY-3	FY-3 A/B	10	10-channel VIRR
			MERSI
			IRAS
			MWTS
			MWHS
			MWRI
			SBUS
			TOU
			ERM
			SIM
	FY-3C	11	GNOSS
FY-3D	10	HIRAS	
		GAS	
FY-4	FY-4A	3	AGRI
			GIIRS
			LMI

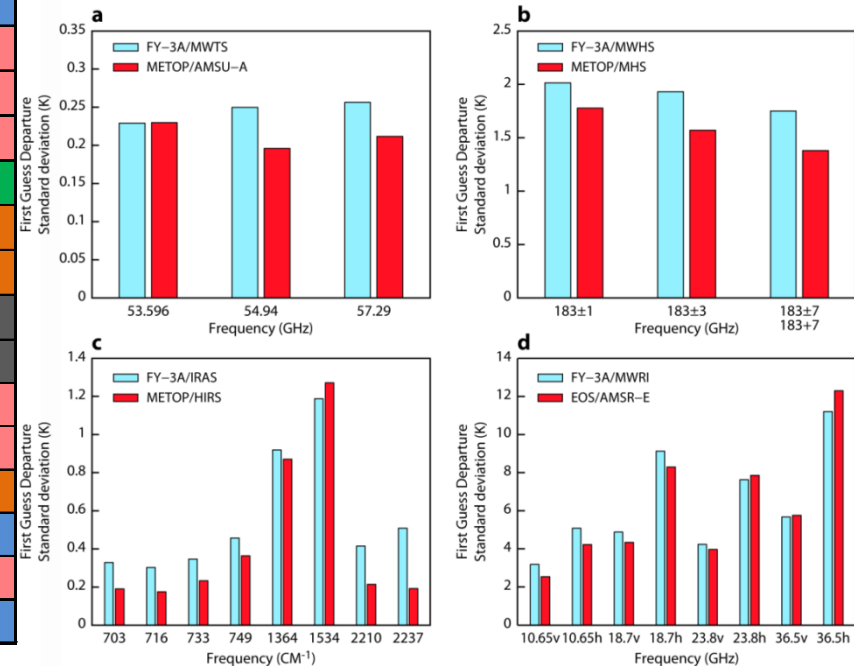
Optical Imager

Atmospheric Sounder

Microwave Imager

Atmospheric Composition

Radiation Budget



ECMWF, 2011: The data quality is now comparable to that from equivalent US and European meteorological satellites

Impact assessment

- **CMA**
 - ✓ **NWP**
 - ✓ **Global Reanalysis**
- **International NWP Communities**
 - ✓ **ECMWF**
 - ✓ **UK MetOffice**
 - ✓ **Others**

GRAPES

(Global/Regional Assimilation and Prediction System)

GRAPES_GFS

Grid size: 25 km

Layers: 87 (~0.1hPa)

Forecast range:

cyclic system

240 h fcst. at 00 and 12 UTC

DA: 4DVar

GRAPES_Meso

System	GRAPES_MESO	GRAPES_TYM
Domain	70°~145°E, 15°~64°N	90°~171°E, 0°~51°N
Model Top	50hPa	50hPa
Resolution	0.10°/L50	0.10°/L50
Initial Time	3-hourly cycle	00UTC、12UTC
Analysis	3DVAR + cloud analysis	GFS
Vortex initialization	NO	Relocation+ BOGUS
Forecast length	00 & 12UTC 84h	120h
Physics	RRTM LW Dudhia SW WSM 6 KF-eta Monin-Obukhov NOAH MRF PBL	RRTM LW Dudhia SW WSM 6 SAS Monin-Obukhov SLAB YSU

GRAPES_Meso-3km

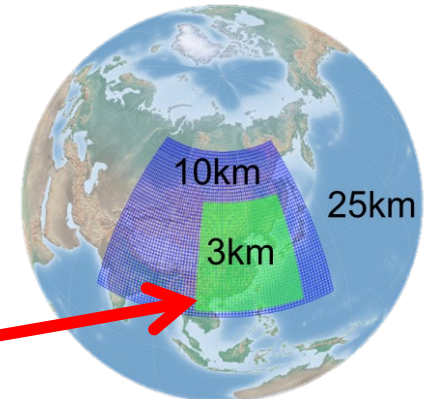
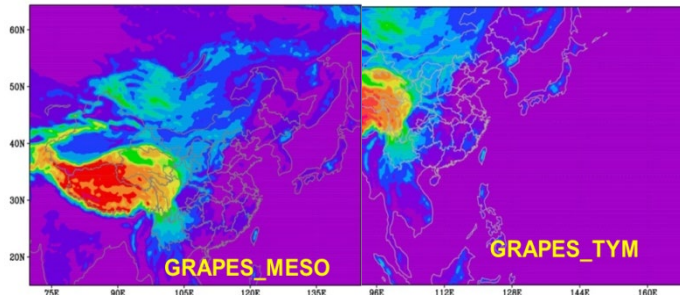
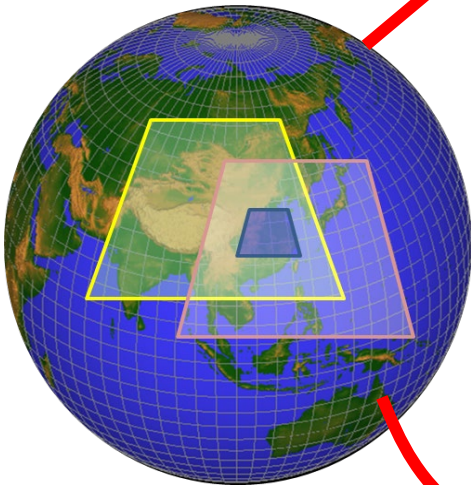
Grid size: 3 km

Layers: 50 (~50hPa)

Forecast range:

36h at 00, 12UTC

Analysis	GRAPES_GFS + cloud analysis
Physics	RRTM LW Dudhia SW WSM 6 Monin-Obukhov NOAH MRF PBL



Satellite observations assimilated in GRAPES

Foreign satellites

Instruments	Observations
AMSU-A (NOAA-15/18/19, Metop-A/B)	Microwave (T), Radiance
MHS (NOAA-18,19, Metop-A/B),	Microwave (H), radiance
ATMS(NPP)	Microwave (T, H), radiance
AIRS (Aqua),	Infrared (T), radiance
IASI (Metop-A/B)	Infrared (T), radiance
RO (COSMIC-1/2, Metop-A/B/C, PAZ, KOMPSAT-5, TerraSAR-X, TanDEM-X)	Refractivity
ASCAT(Metop-A/B)	Wind
AMV(METEOSAT-9,MODIS, etc)	Wind

Polar-Orbiting

MWTS-2 (MicroWave Temperature Sounder-2)
MWHS-2 (MicroWave Humidity Sounder-2)
HIRAS (Hyperspectral Infrared Atmospheric Sounder)
MWRI (Micro-Wave Radiation Imager)
GNOS (GNSS Radio Occultation Sounder)

Fengyun satellites

Instruments	Observations
MWTS-2 (FY-3D)	Microwave (T), radiance
MWHS-2 (FY-3C/D)	Microwave (H), radiance
HIRAS (FY-3D)	Infrared (T), radiance
MWRI(FY-3D)	Microwave (H), radiance
GNOS (FY-3C/D)	refractivity
GIIRS(FY-4A)	Infrared (T), radiance
AGRI (FY-4A)	Infrared (H), radiance
VISSR(FY-2H)	Infrared (H), radiance
AMV(FY-2)	wind

Geostationary

GIIRS (Geostationary Interferometric Infrared *Sounder*)
AGRI (Advanced Geostationary Radiation Imager)
VISSR (Stretched Visible and Infrared Spin Scan Radiometer)

Impact experiment of Fengyun satellite observations

Assimilation Experiments Settings:

System: GRAPES_GFS 4Dvar

Time period: 2019050103UTC – 2019063021UTC

Experiments: CTL experiment, TEST experiment

Experiments	Data assimilated
CTL	conventional observation (sound, synop, ships, air, satob), AMSU-A(NOAA-15/18/19, Metop-A/B), ATMS,AIRS, IASI(Metop-A/B), MWHS-2(FY-3C/D), GIIRS(FY-4A) and GPS RO, ASCAT
TEST	CTRL+FY-3D HIRAS, MWTS-2, MWRI, FY-2H VISSR, FY-4A AGRI, FY-3D GNOS

HIRAS (Hyperspectral Infrared Atmospheric Sounder)

MWTS-2 (MicroWave Temperature Sounder-2)

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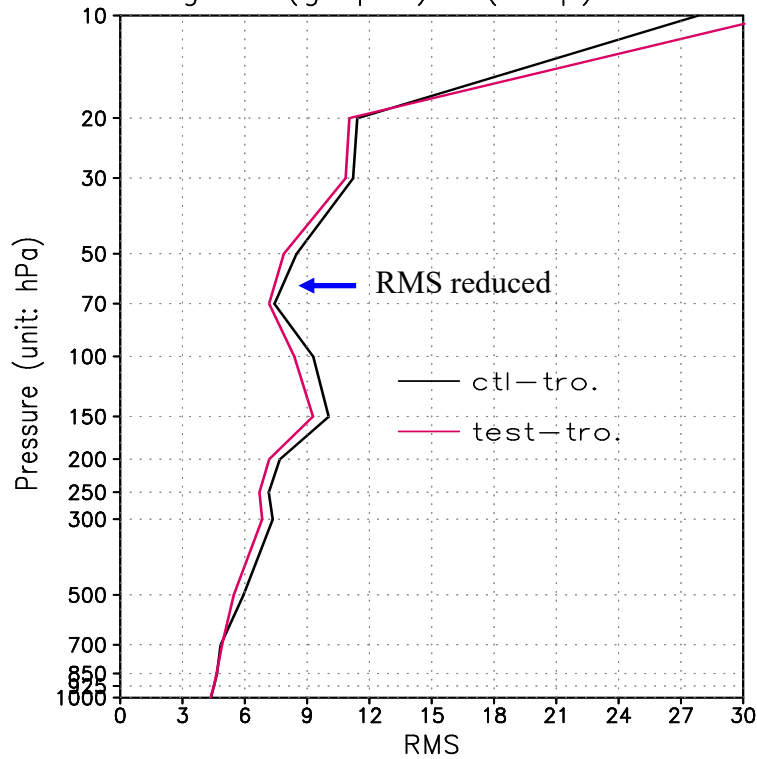
Impact on analysis field

positive impact

20190501-0630 H RMS

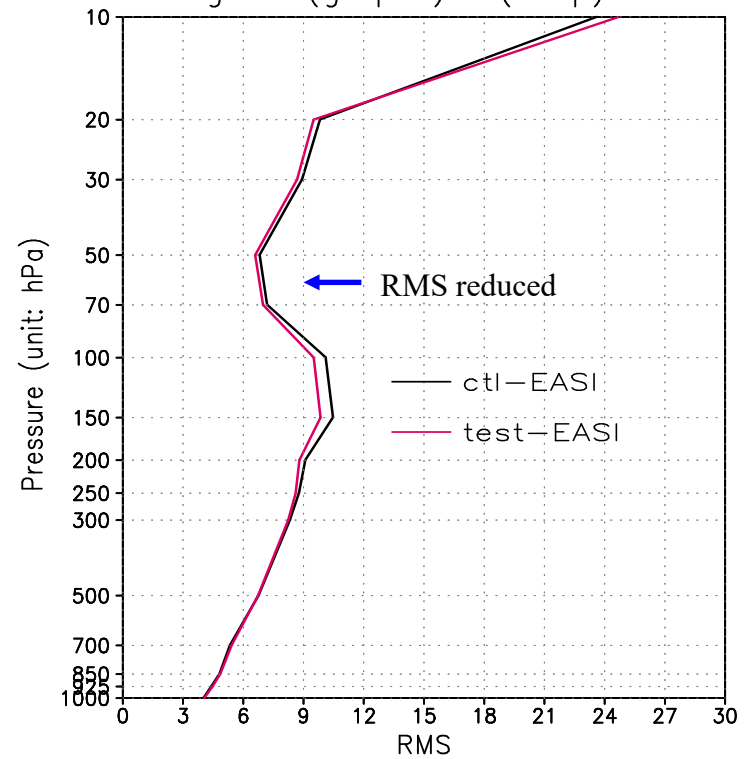
Tropics

time-averaged H(grapes)-H(ncep) RMS of Tropics



East Asia

time-averaged H(grapes)-H(ncep) RMS of EASI



RMS of geopotential height from the analysis field difference between CTL and NCEP (black), TEST and NCEP (red)

Impact on forecasts

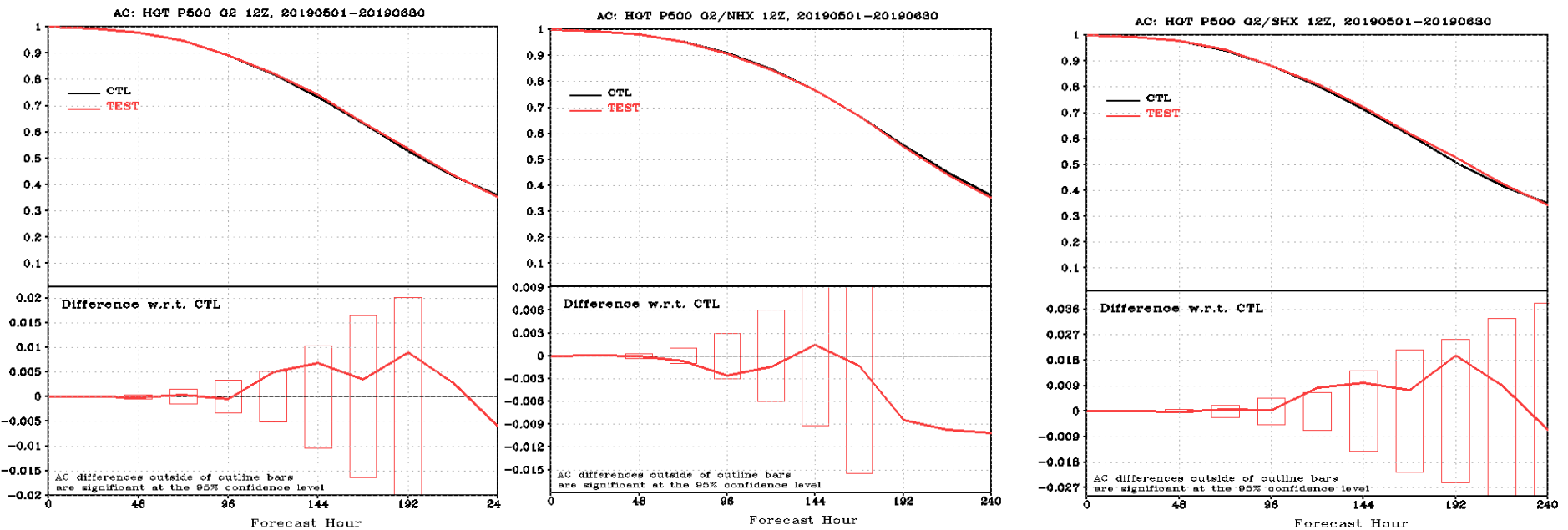
Neutral to positive impact

20190501-0630 500hPa H ACC

Global

Northern Hemisphere

Southern Hemisphere



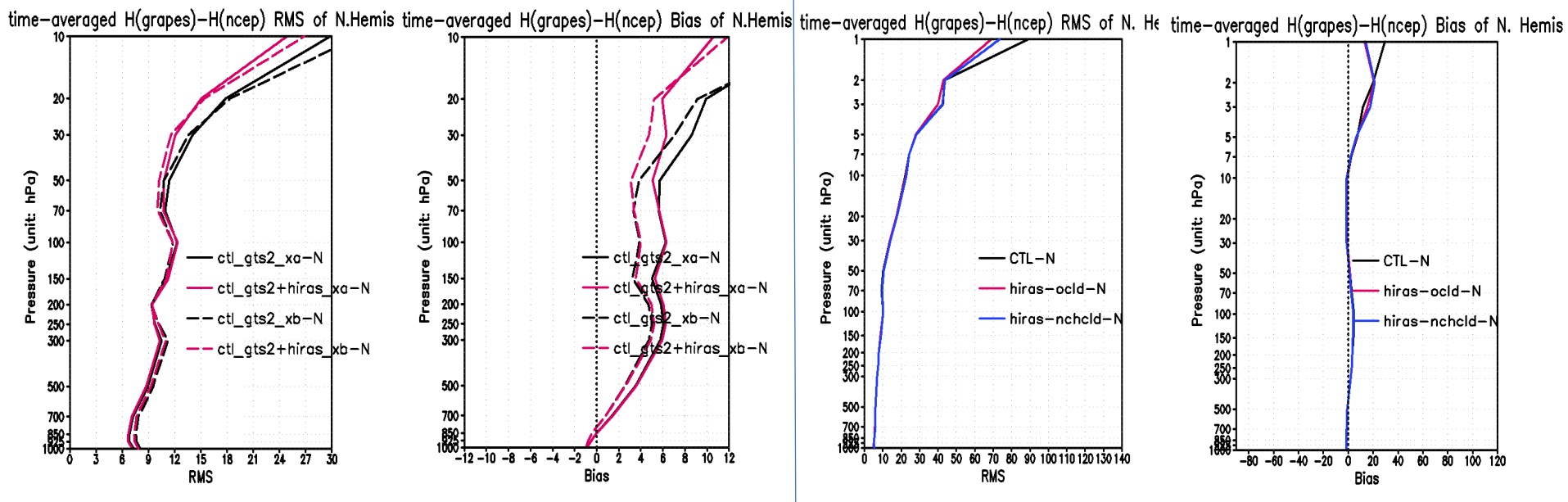
Mean ACC of 500 hPa geopotential height of CTL (black) and TEST (red)



Impact of FY-3D HIRAS (June 2019)

Conventional observations + FY-3D HIRAS

All observations + FY-3D HIRAS



RMS of geopotential height from the analysis field difference between CTL and NCEP (black), TEST and NCEP (red)

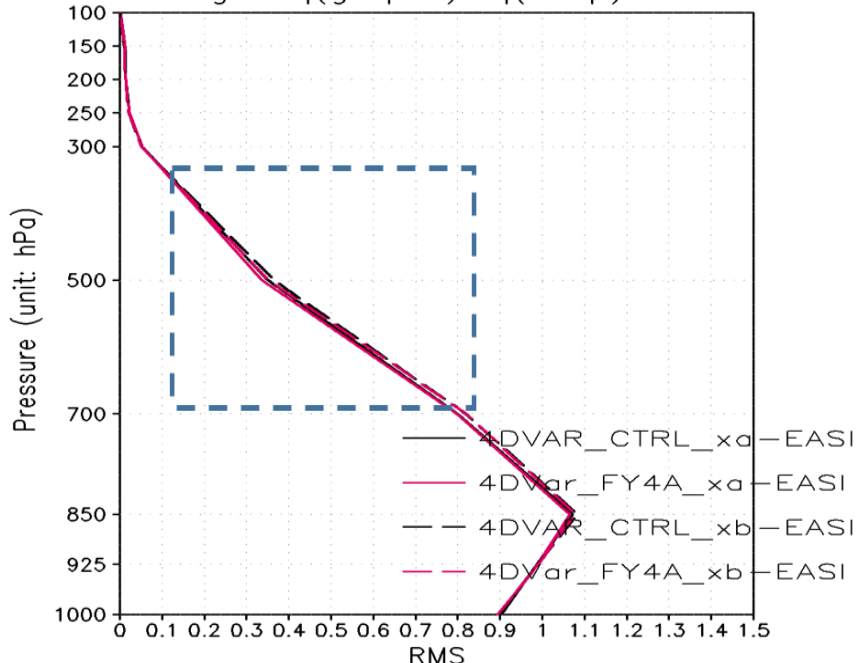
Positive impact

Neutral to positive impact

Assimilation effect of AGRI data

Root mean square of East Asia vapour field of background and analysis

time-averaged $q(\text{grapes}) - q(\text{ncep})$ RMS of EASI



Between 700hPa and 300 hPa, assimilating AGRI data has some positive effect on the humidity field

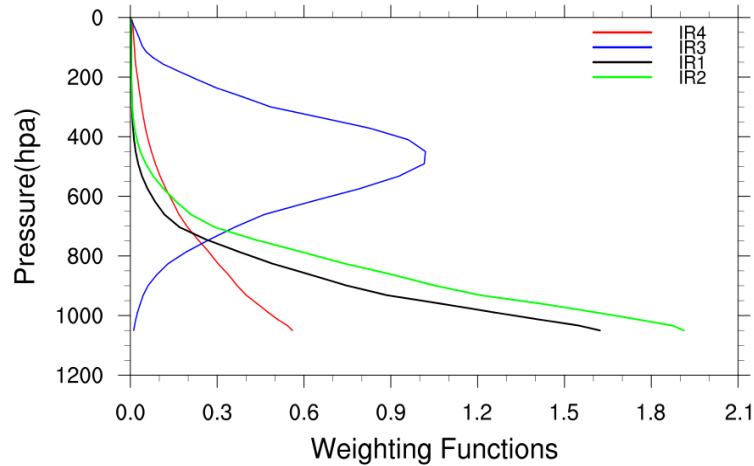
Score Card for agri against ctrl

Domain	Parameter	Level	Anomaly Correlation			RMS Error		
EASI	UWIND	250						
		500	▲	▲				
		850						
	VWIND	250						
		500	▲	▲				
		850						
	TEMP	250						
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		850						
	HGT	250						
		500						
		700	▲	▲				
NH	UWIND	250						
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	TEMP	250						
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	HGT	250						
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SH	UWIND	250						
		500						
		850						
	VWIND	250						
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	TEMP	250						
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	HGT	250						
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	HGT	250						
		500						
		700						

▲ : Far better ▲ : Better ■ : Better but not significant ■ : Equality
 ▼ : Far worse ▼ : Worse ■ : Worse but not significant

Compared with the control test. The forecast results are generally neutral and positive. For East Asia and the Tropic, is generally positive, while the northern hemisphere and the southern are neutral.

FY2H VISSR data Quality Control and Assimilation effect



Quality Control Scheme	Specific content of the scheme
1. Abnormal brightness temperature test	Eliminate pixels with brightness temperature less than 50K and higher than 550K
2. Surface type inspection	Eliminate mixed pixels
3. Zenith Angle Quality Control	Eliminate pixels with a zenith angle greater than 60°
4. Observation error test	Eliminate pixels with O-B greater than 3 times the observation error
5. Cloud detection	(1) Match L2 cloud detection products (2) 10.8μm window zone channel threshold control
6. Observation residual test	Eliminate pixels with observation residuals greater than 1.5K

Score Card for visar against ctrl

Domain	Parameter	Level	Anomaly Correlation			RMS Error		
EASI	UWND	250	▲	▲	▲	▼	▼	▼
		500	▲	▲	▲	▼	▼	▼
		850	▲	▲	▲	▼	▼	▼
	VWND	250	▲	▲	▲	▼	▼	▼
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		850	▲	▲	▲	▼	▼	▼
	HGT	250	▲	▲	▲	▼	▼	▼
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		700	▲	▲	▲	▼	▼	▼
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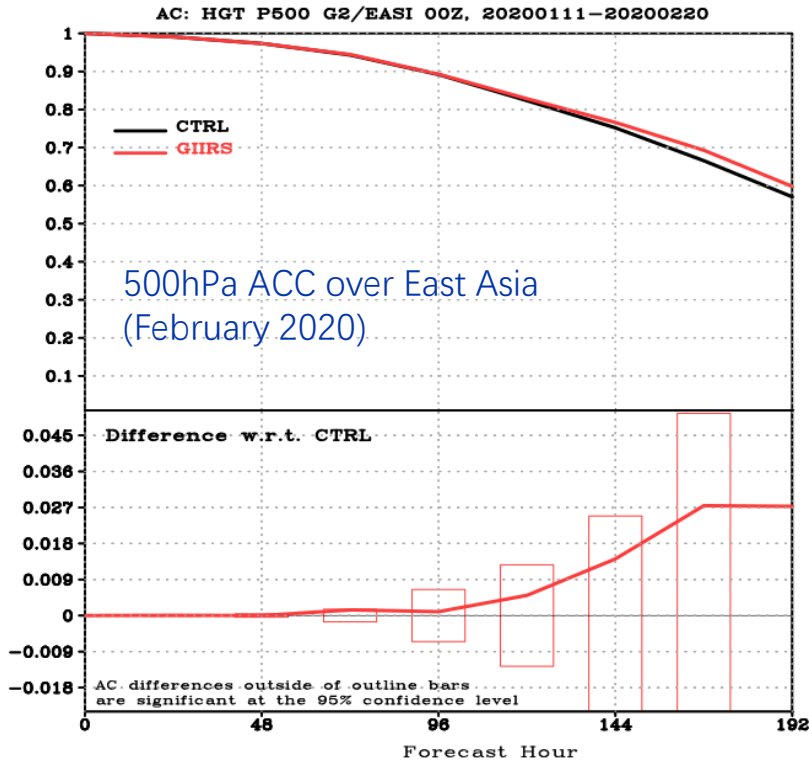
Impact of FY-4A GIIRS on Forecast over East Asia

GRAPES global 4D-Var

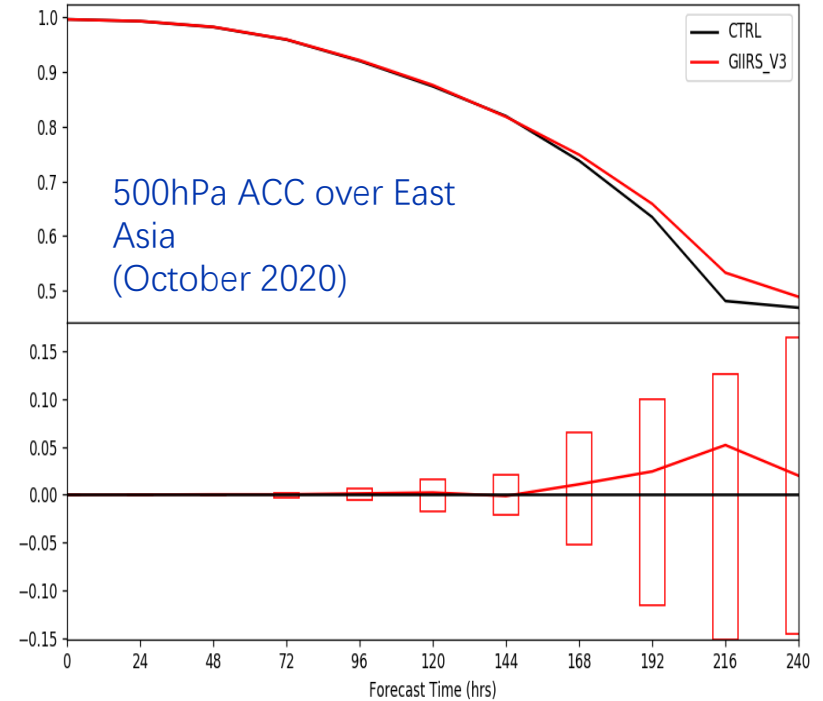
CTRL : OPER

GIIRS : OPER + GIIRS Temp. Sounding Radiances

➔ Neutral to positive impact

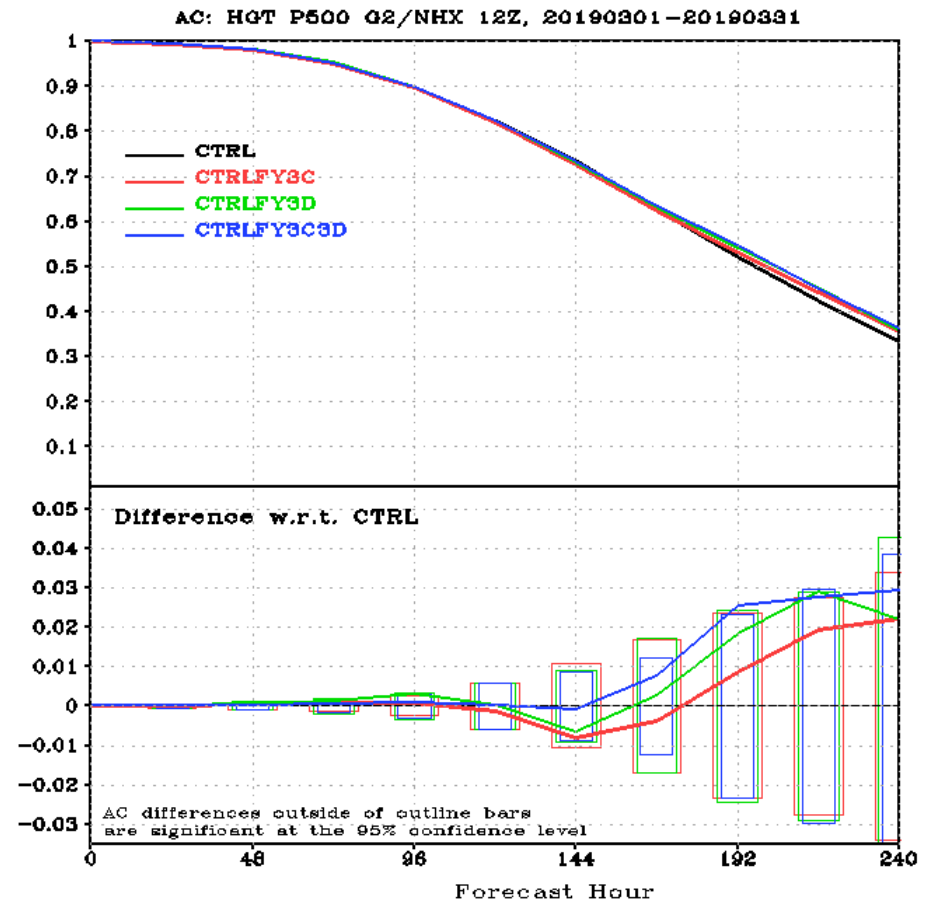


Anomaly Correlation: 500hPa geopotential
EASI(lat:15 to 65,lon: 70 to 145)
Date:20201017-20201116 vs:FNL



Assimilation of GNOS Data in GRAPES

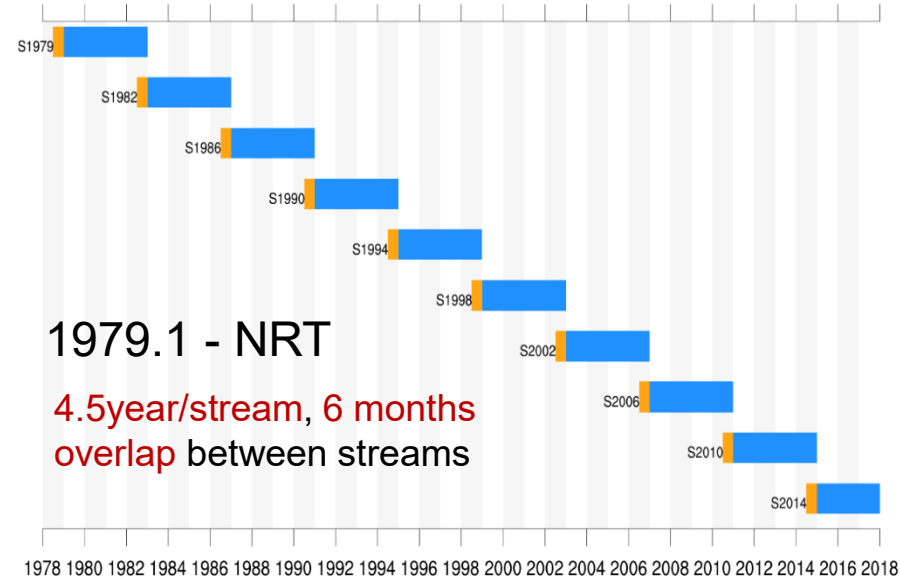
- *Anomaly correlation as a function of forecast day for four different experiments:*
 - CTRL (assimilation of all operational obs. except for GNOS)
 - **CTRLFY3C** (CTRL+FY3C)
 - **CTRLFY3D** (CTRL+FY3D)
 - **CTRLFY3C3D** (CTRL+FY3C+FY3D)
- *Assimilation of GNOS data in GRAPES produces a positive impact on global medium range forecast .*



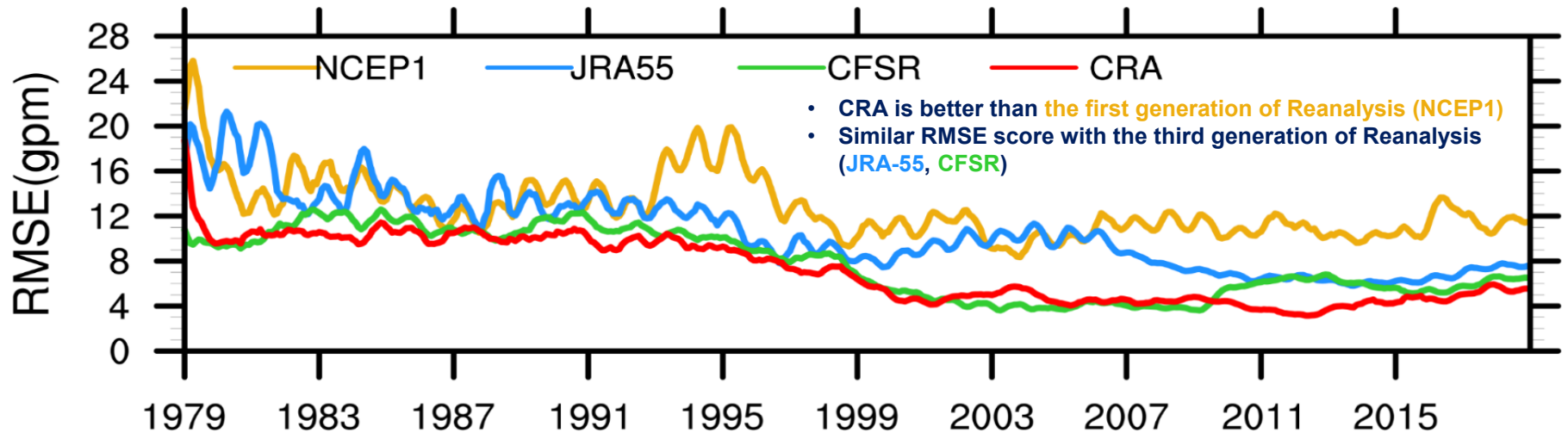
CMA Global Reanalysis

Courtesy of Lipeng Jiang

- Started in **early 2014**, led by the National Meteorological Information Center (NMIC) of CMA
- Include **Atmosphere and Land component**
- Forecast Model: GFS
 - T574 (~ 34km),
 - 64L, top at 0.27hPa (~55km)
- Data Assimilation: GSI3Dvar-FGAT
 - 6-h time window
 - VarBC for aircraft T and satellite radiances
- Finished the production in **2019**

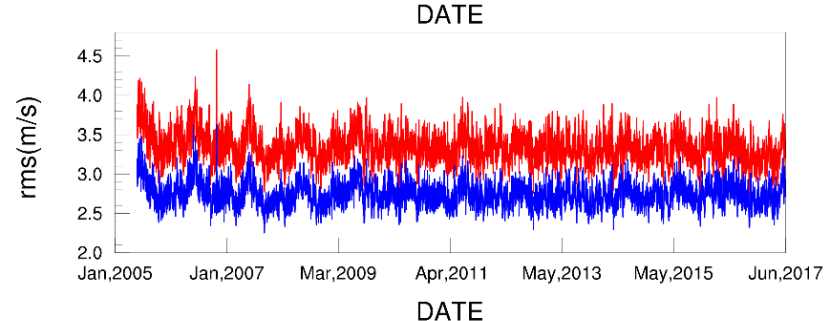
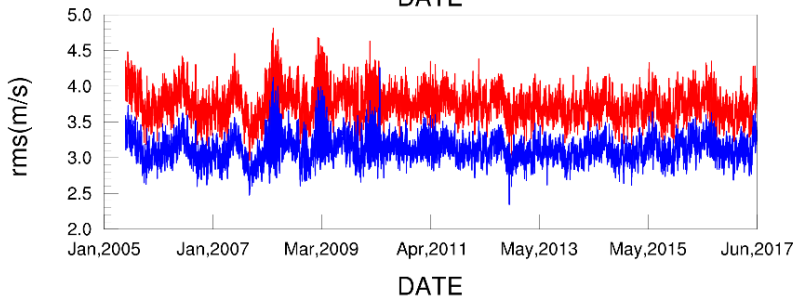
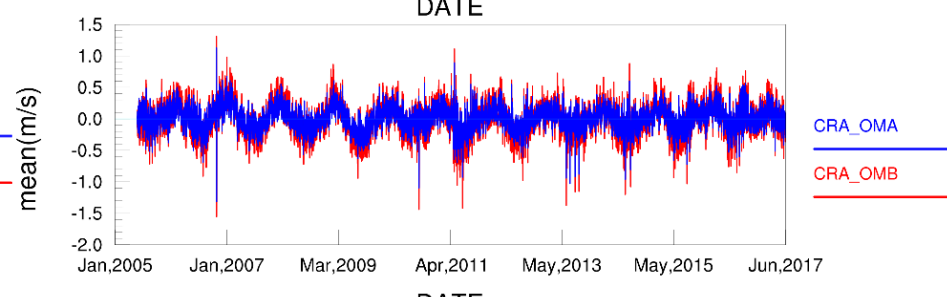
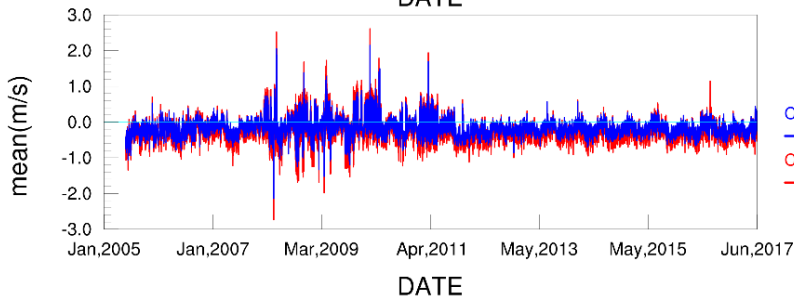
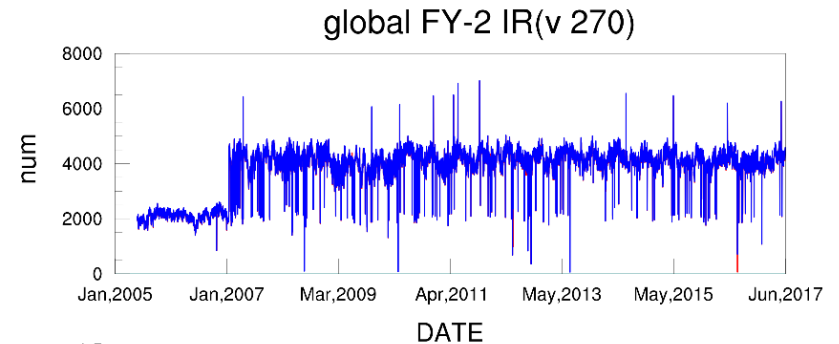
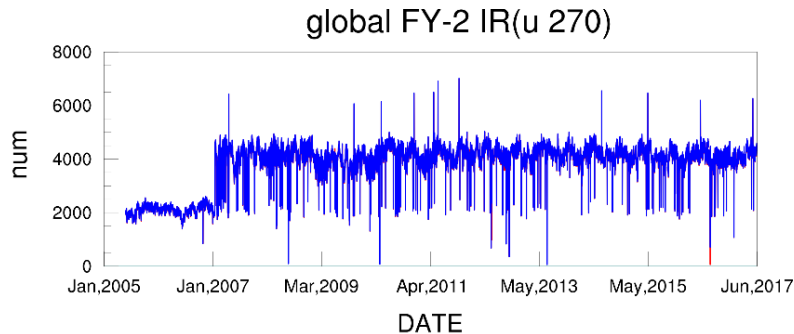
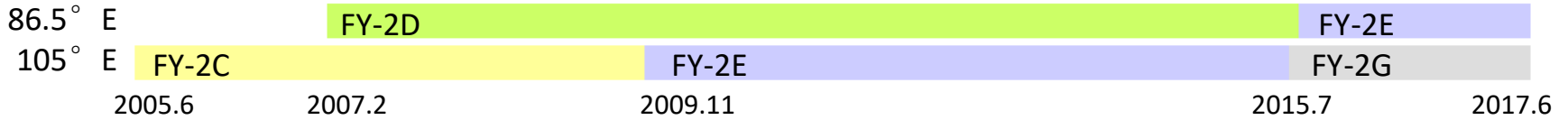


500hPa Geopotential height Error w.r.t. ERA5



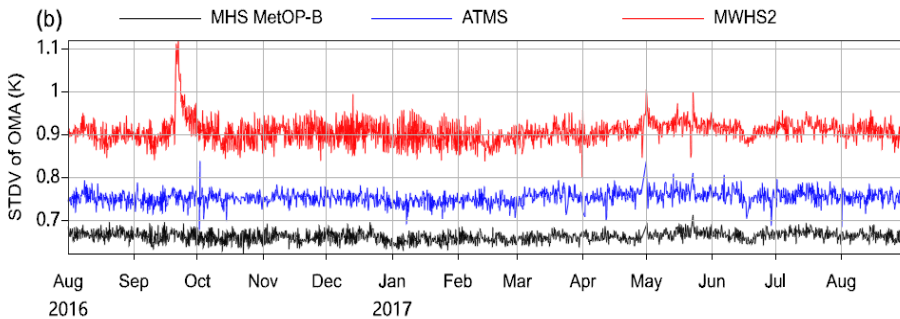
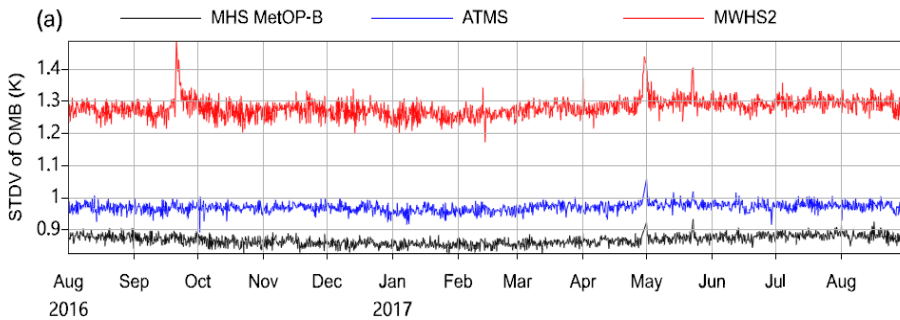
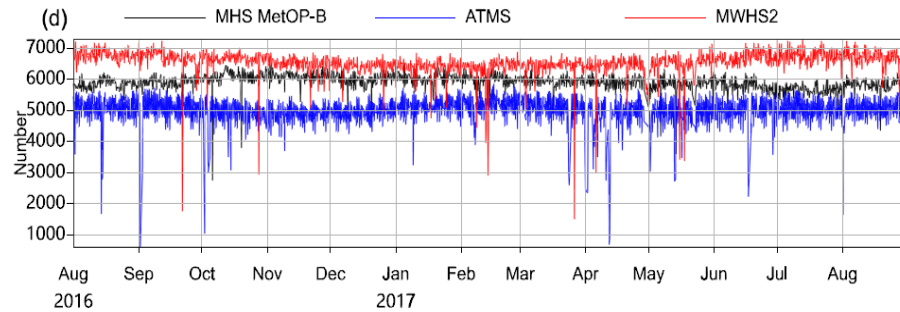
13 years of Reprocessed FY-2 AMV by NMSC were assimilated in CRA

- Reprocessed FY-2C/D/E/G IR AMV (2005.6-2017.6) AMV were used in CRA
- The mean and rms of “O-B” and “O-A” are stable.



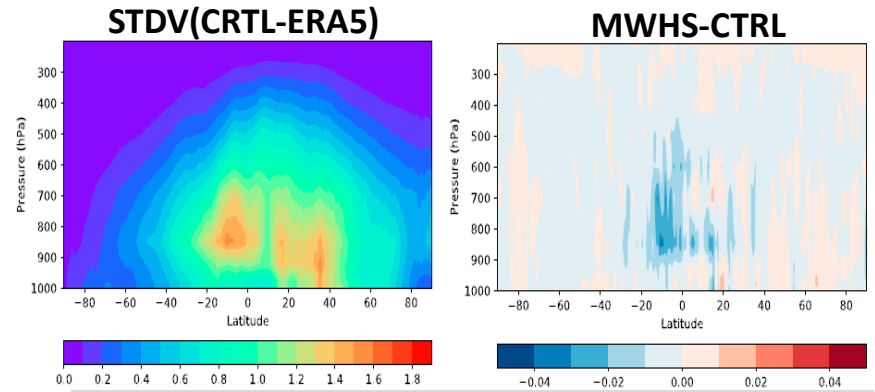
FY-3C MWHS-2 were assimilated in CRA since July, 2016

- The number of observations passed QC is stable
- Comparable STDV with ATMS and MHS w.r.t. CRA 6h forecast

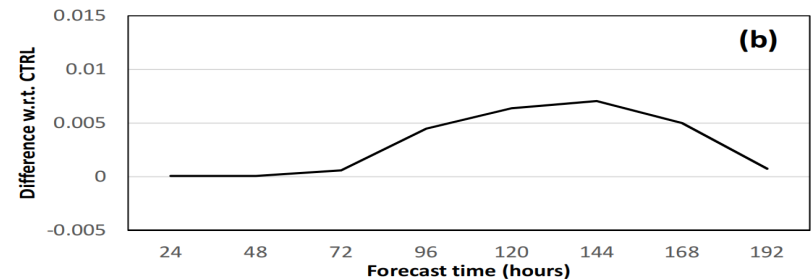
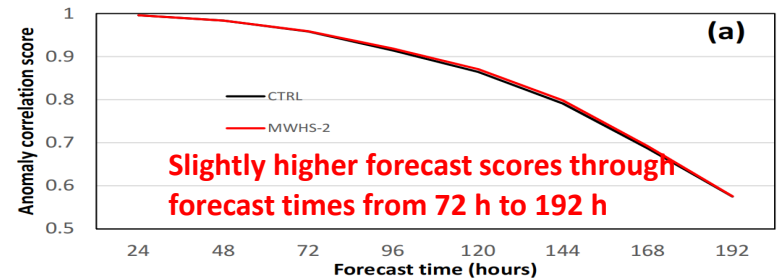


Impacts of MWHS-2 on 6h Forecasts

Improve 6h forecast scores compared with ERA5. Error reduction can be up to 0.04g/kg in tropical region.

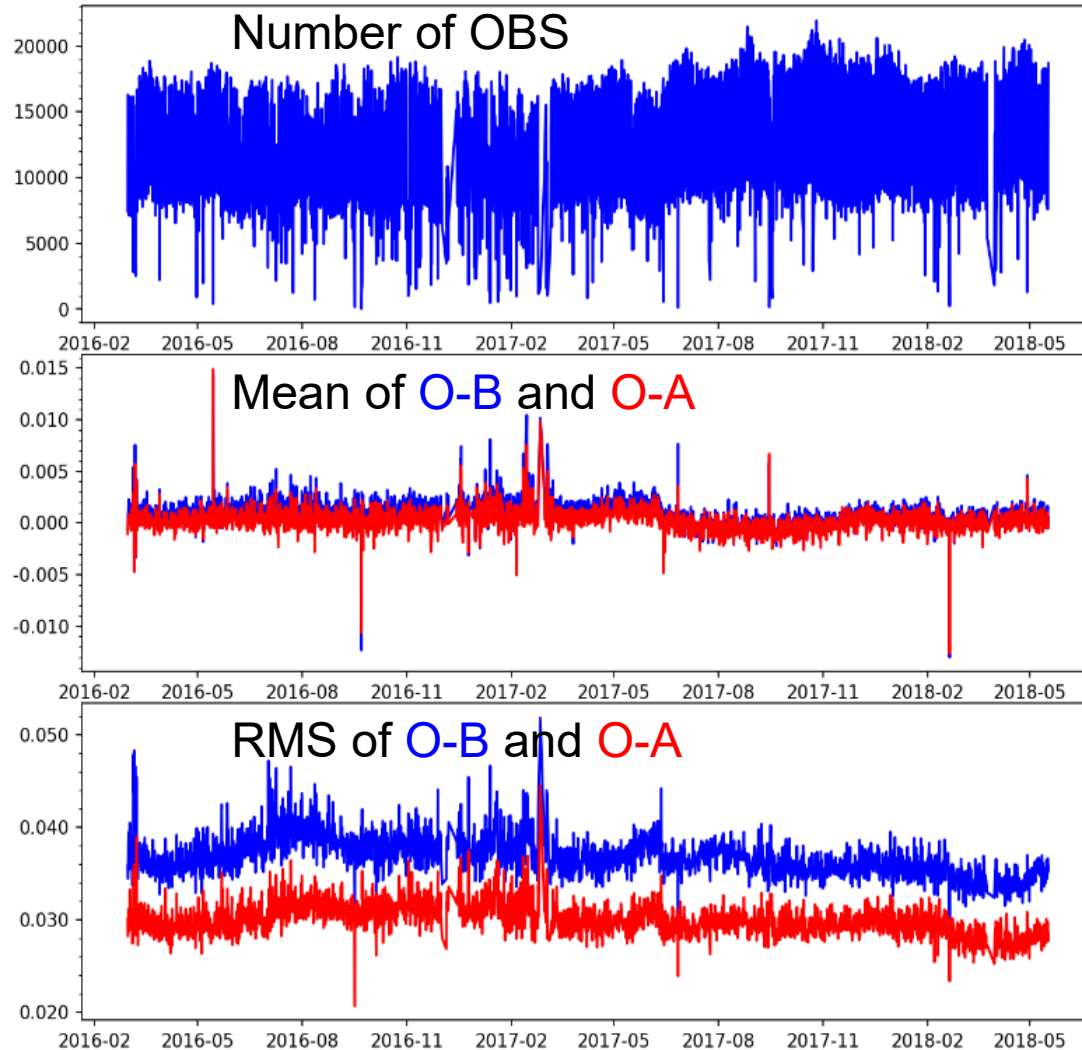


Zonal-mean cross-section of specific humidity 6h forecast

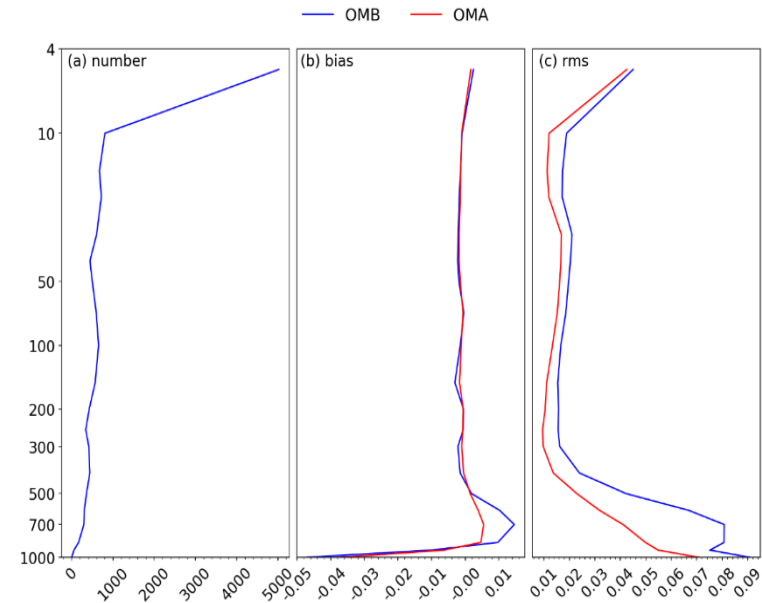
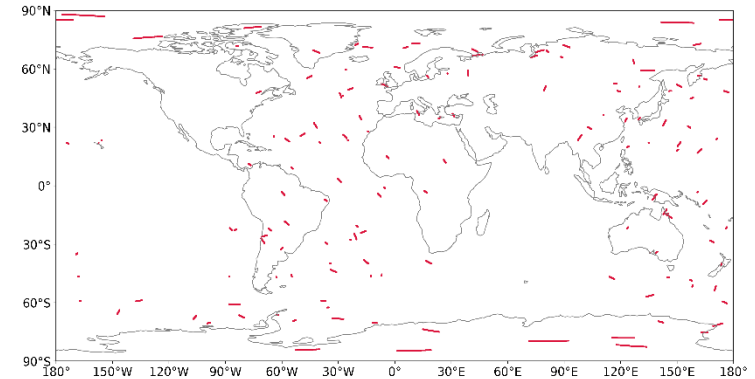


FY-3C GPS-RO were assimilated in CRA since March, 2016

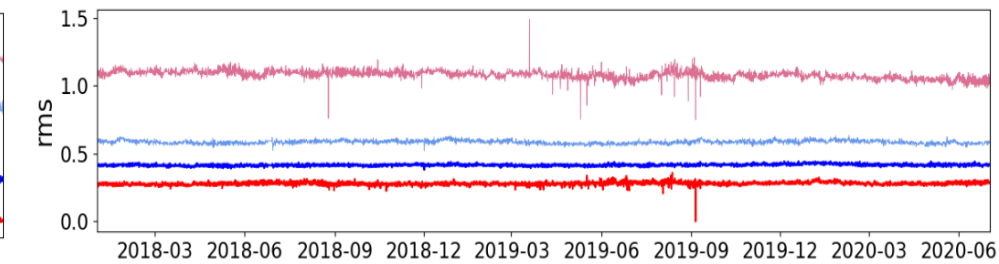
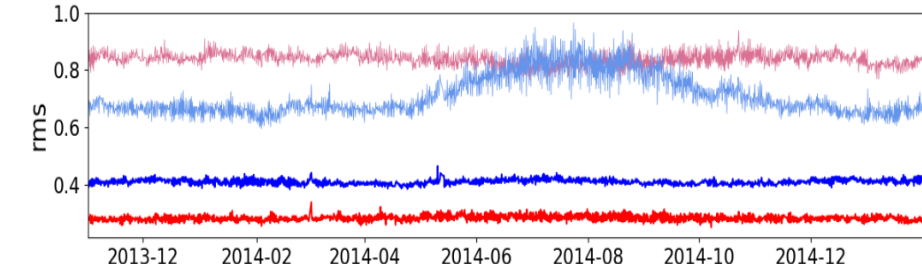
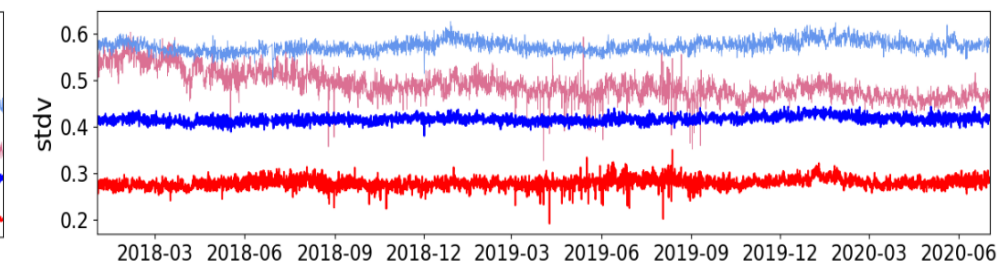
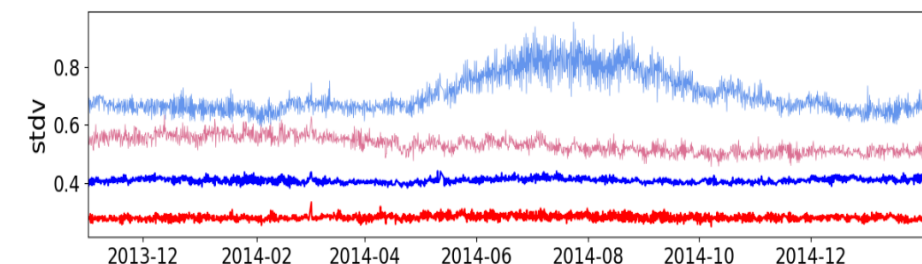
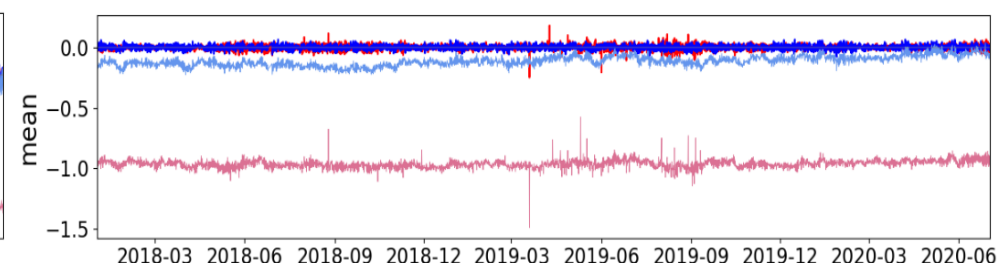
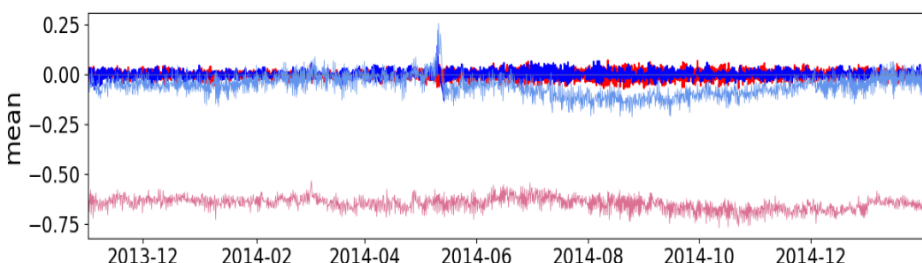
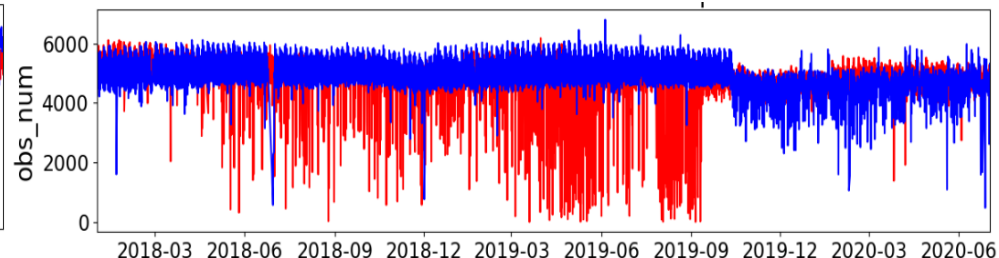
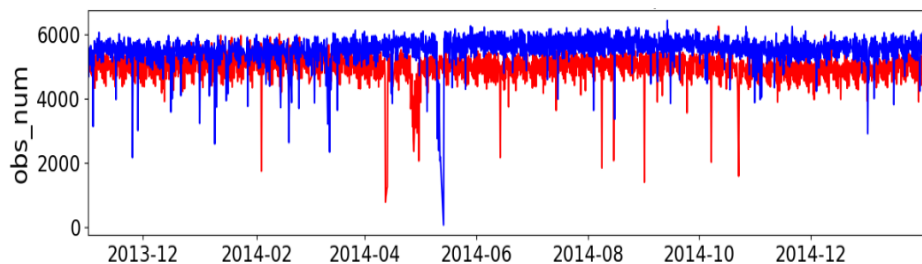
- **GPS-RO bending angle** were assimilated.
- The bias and RMS are stable.



**Spatial distribution within 6h time window
(2017-10-25 9-15UTC)**



Evaluation of Reprocessed FY-3C/D MWTs against CRA



— MWTS2/FY3C CH3 OMB (with bias correction)
— MWTS2/FY3C CH3 OMB (without bias correction)
— ATMS/SNPP CH5 OMB (with bias correction)
— ATMS/SNPP CH5 OMB (without bias correction)

— MWTS2/FY3D CH3 OMB (with bias correction)
— MWTS2/FY3D CH3 OMB (without bias correction)
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International NWP Communities

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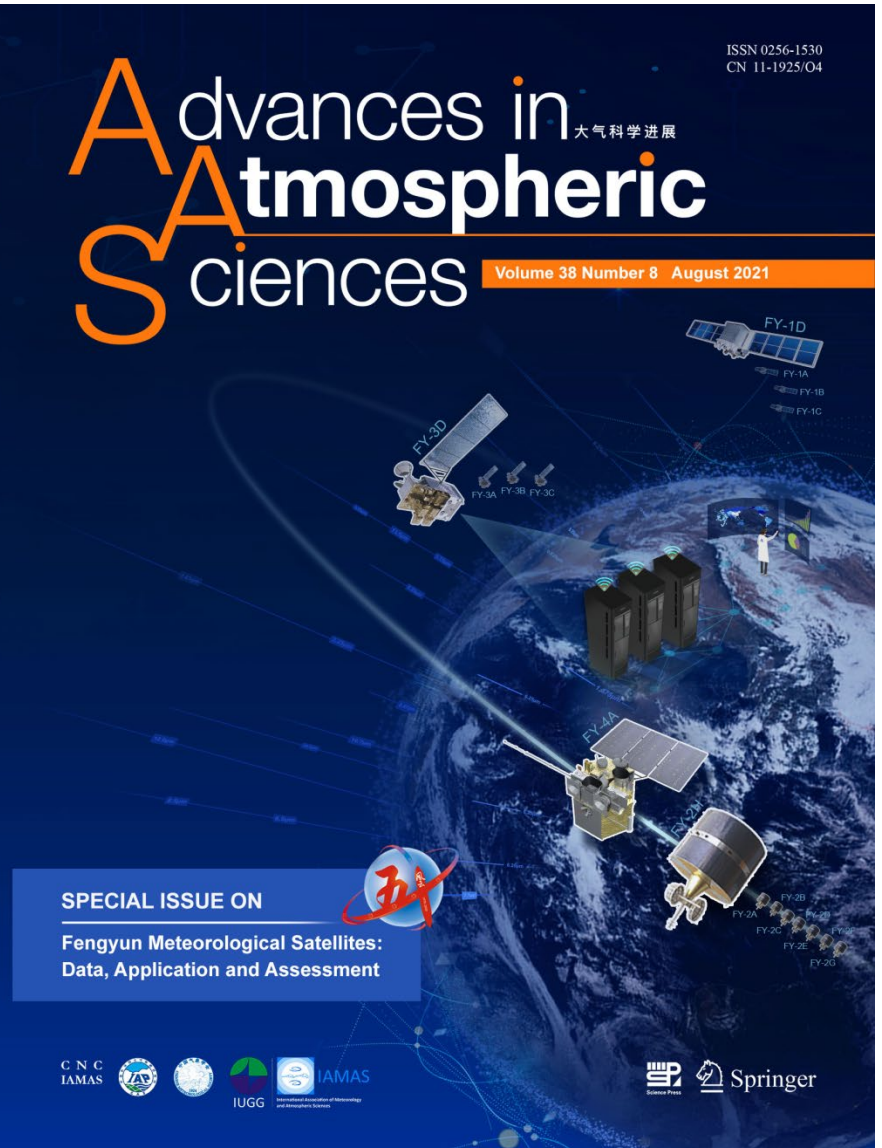



















Table 1. FY-3 instruments assimilated in the operational ECMWF system.

Satellite	Launch	Instrument	Main impacts	Period of use
FY-3B (afternoon satellite, present ECT of 1600)	4 Nov 2010	MWHS-1	Mid- and upper-tropospheric humidity, dynamics	24 Sep 2014 to 1 Jun 2020 ^a
FY-3C (morning satellite, present ECT of 0900)	23 Sep 2013	MWHS-2	Mid- and upper-tropospheric humidity, clouds, dynamics	Since 4 Apr 2016
		GNOS	Upper-tropospheric/lower- stratospheric temperature/dynamics	6 Mar 2018 to 17 May 2020 ^b
FY-3D (afternoon satellite, present ECT of 1400)	14 Nov 2017	MWHS-2	See above	Since 2 Dec 2019
		MWRI	Total column water vapor, clouds, dynamics	Since 13 May 2020
		GNOS	See above	Activation planned 2021

A-Assimilated,
P-Passively Monitored
E-Under Evaluation
X=Failed/withdraw

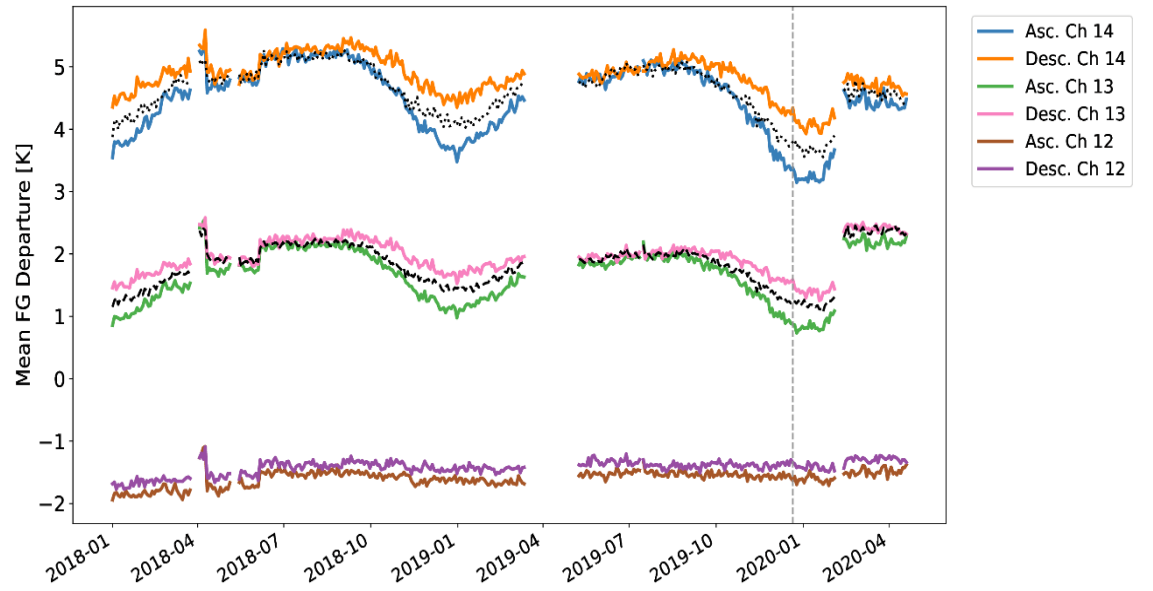
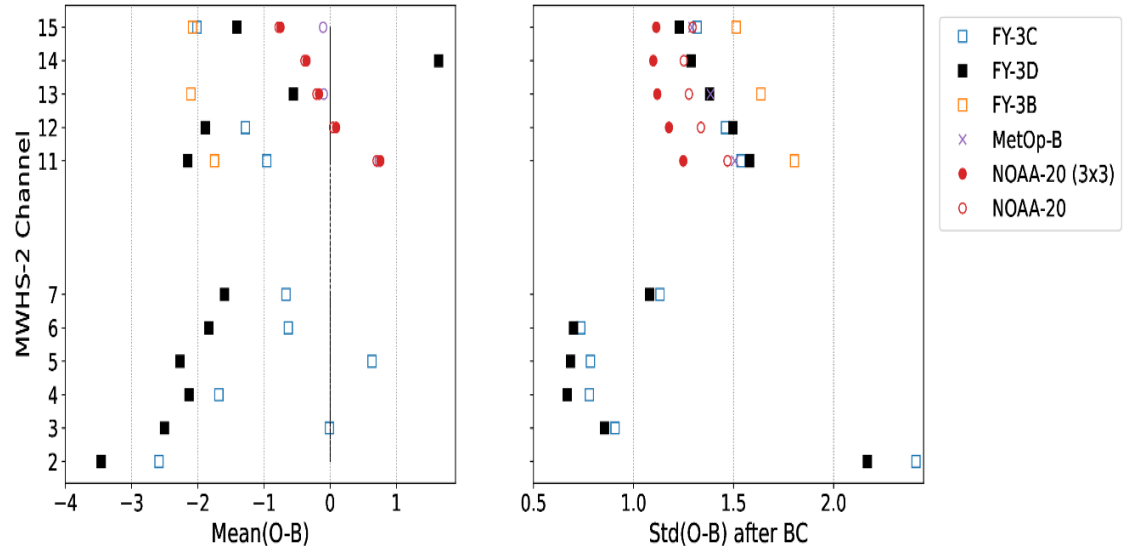
 – All-sky treatment

Satellite	Present orbit position (LON, approx.)	MMW temperature sounder	MMW humidity sounder	MMW imager	IR broadband sounder or imager	IR hyper-spectral sounder
NOAA-15	15:00	A	X		X	
NOAA-18	21:00	A	X		X	
NOAA-19	17:00	A	A 		P	
NOAA-20	13:30	A	A			A
Aqua	13:30	A	X			A
S-NPP	13:30	A	A			A
Metop-A	21:00	A	A 		P	P
Metop-B	21:30	A	A 		P	A
Metop-C	21:30	A	A 			A
FY-3B	16:00	X	A	X		
FY-3C	10:00	X	A 	P 		
FY-3D	13:30	P & E	P & E 	P & E 		E
Meteor-M N2	20:30					E
DMSP-F17	18:30		A 	A 		
DMSP-F18	17:00		A 	P 		
GOIM-W1	13:30			A 		
Coriolis	18:00			P 		
GPM	Low-incl.		A 	A 		
Megha-Tropiques	Low-incl.		P 			
Meteosat-8	41.5°E				A	
Meteosat-11	0°				A	
GOES-13	128°W				A	
GOES-16	75.2°W				A	
Himawari-8	140.7°E				A	
FY-4A	105°E					E

FY-3 MW data quality assessment



The data show mostly stable characteristics, with expected noise performance and adequate accuracy.

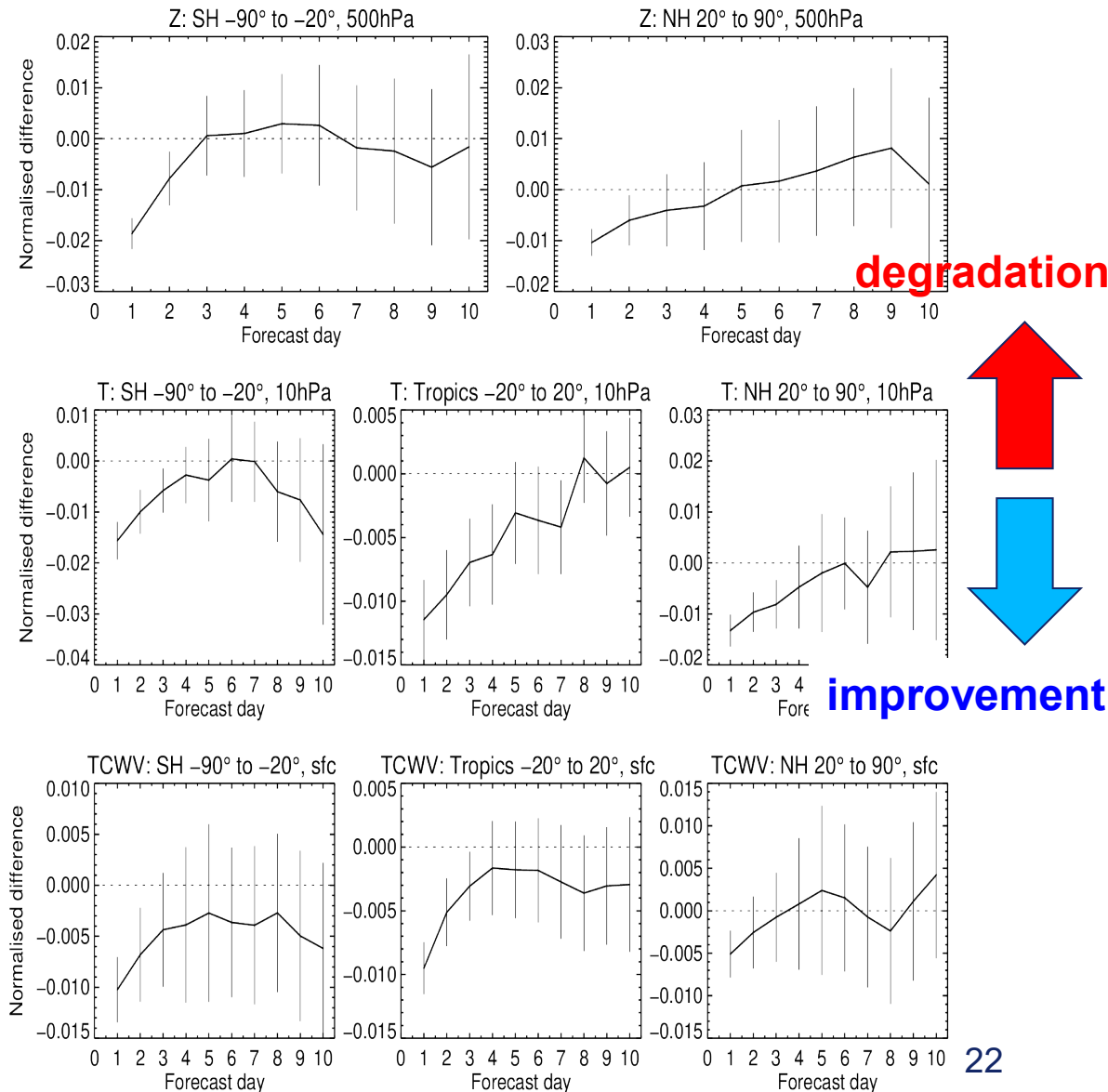


Bormann et al., 2021

Combined impact of FY-3 data on ECMWF system



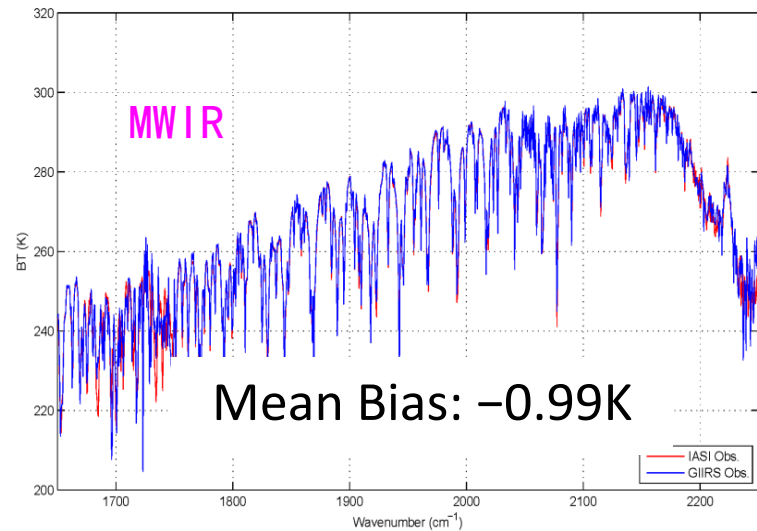
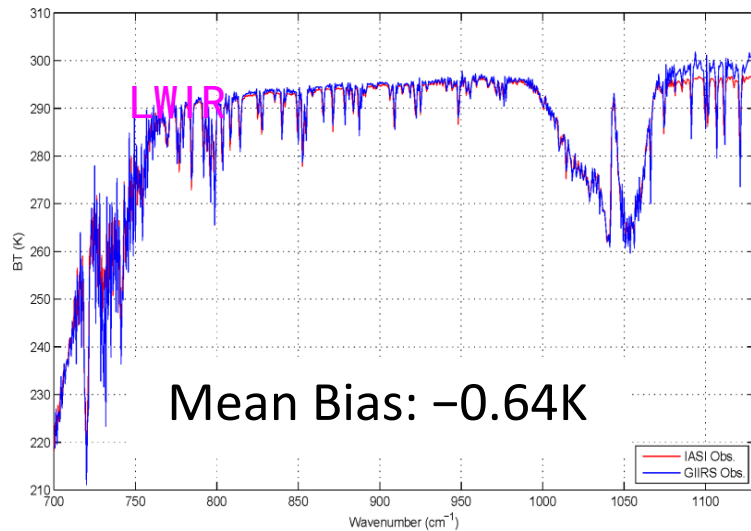
- An observing system experiment shows that the FY-3 instruments jointly contribute significantly to the forecast skill in the ECMWF system.
- Positive impact of up to 2% is seen for most variables out to the day 2 forecasts over hemispheric scales
- significant benefits for total column water vapour or in the stratosphere out to day 4



The initial evaluation results of GIIRS

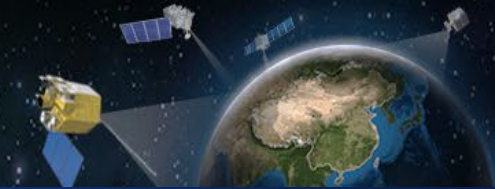


- The on-orbit spectral resolution for LWIR and MWIR are 0.625cm^{-1} , better than the specified ($0.8/1.6\text{ cm}^{-1}$), similar to NPP/CrIS;
- The NEDT for all the 1650 channels except some contaminated channels, generally is less than 0.1K , consistent with the specified;
- The comparisons of LWIR and MWIR with the counterpart channels from METOP-A/IASI shows that the calibration difference is about 0.64K and 0.99K separately, spectral difference is about 8ppm .



Spectrum Comparison with METOP/IASI

GIIRS progress and plans in ECMWF



❖ many channels are now useable.

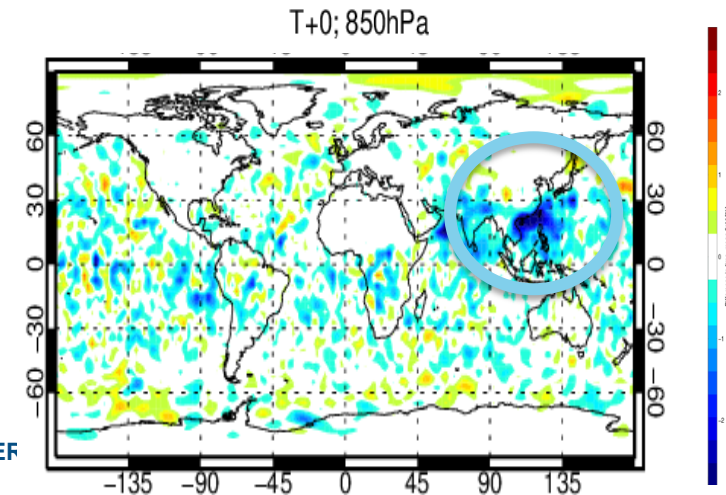
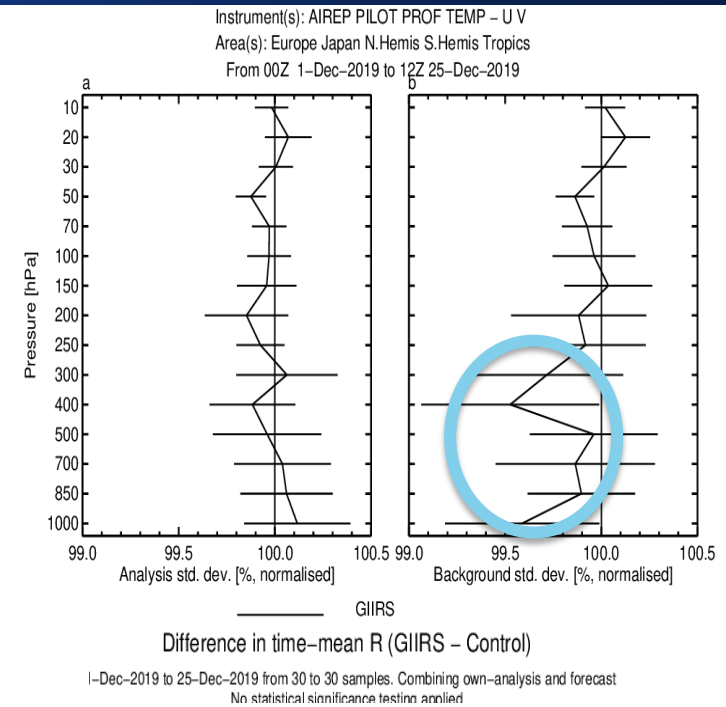
❖ IFS is set up and several experiments are running, testing:

- Channel selection
- Spatial thinning
- Observation errors
- Cloud detection

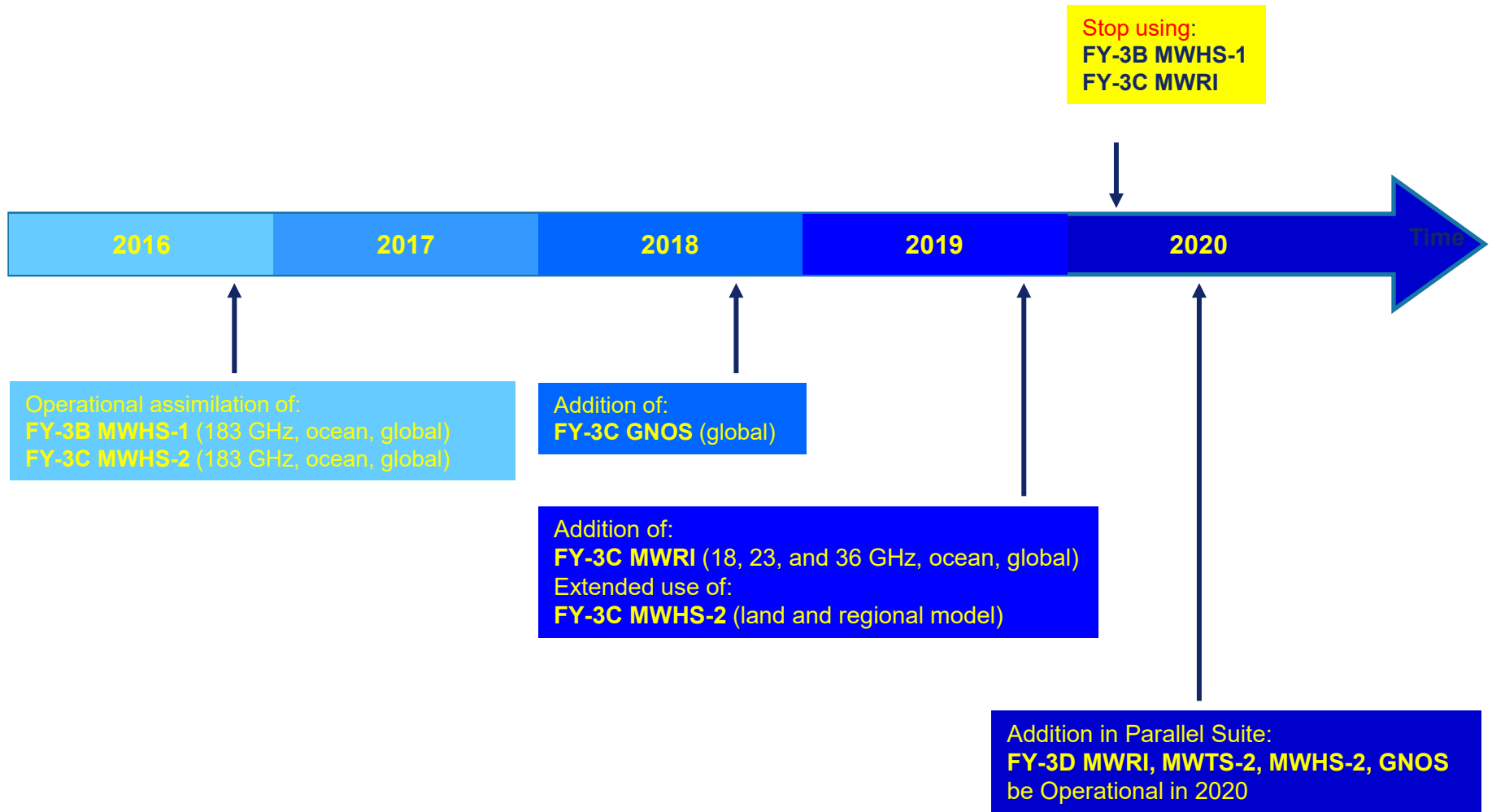
❖ Early days for such a new observation type, so mixed results initially, but a project has just started with EUMETSAT to take this further and converge on an optimal assimilation strategy.

FG fit to winds improved

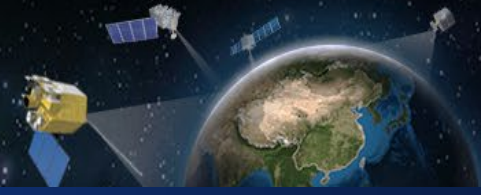
Mean change in T and R over GIIRS domain. RMSE ~neutral.



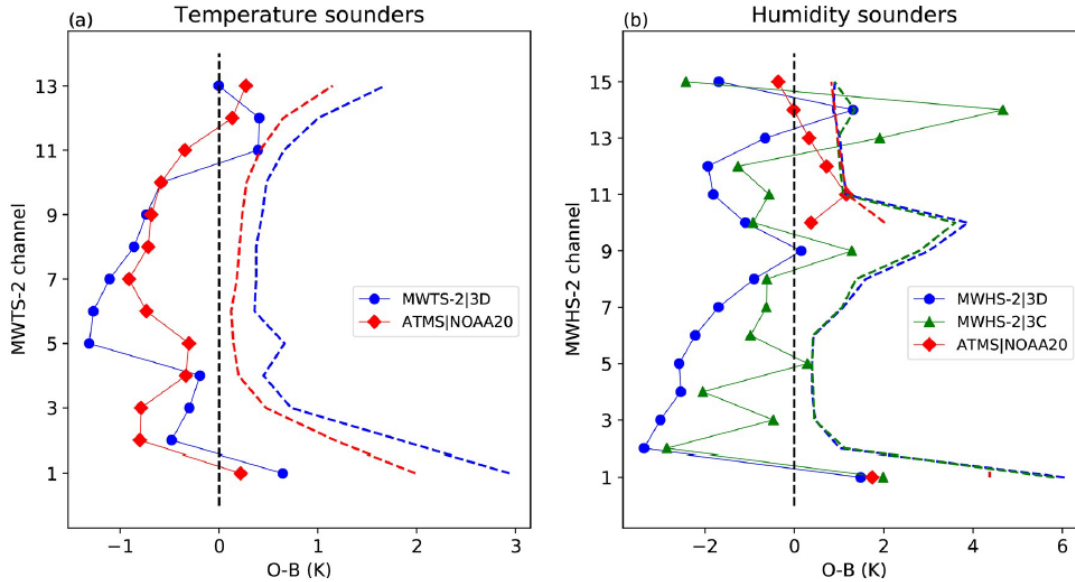
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Impact of MWHS-1 & MWHS-2



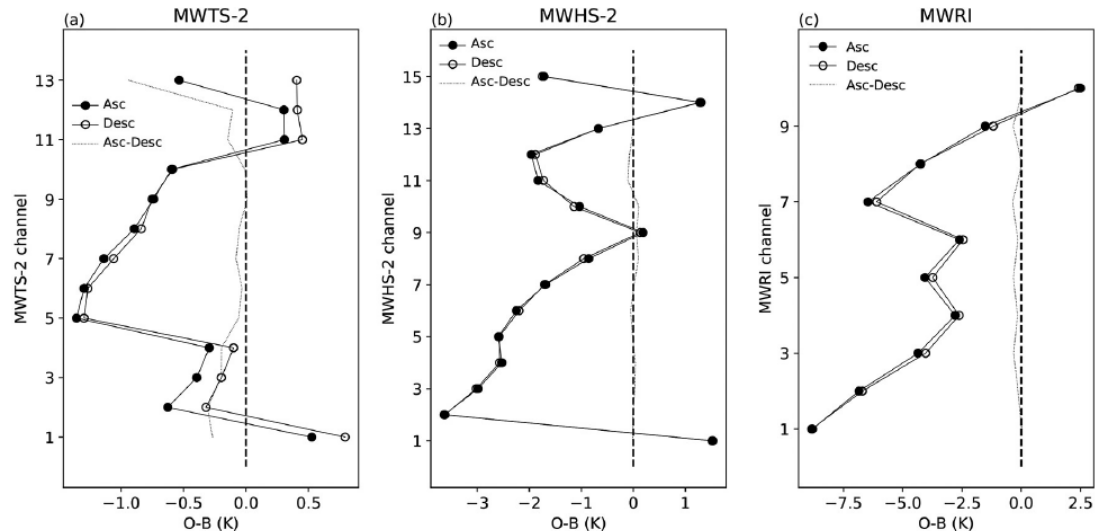
Carminati et al., 2021



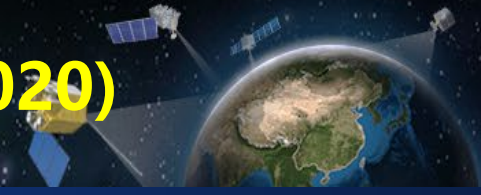
(a) Mean background departure (O-B) and standard deviation of O-B for FY-3D MWTS-2 (blue) and NOAA-20 ATMS (red) low-scattering oceanic scenes averaged between 15 June and 15 September 2019. Solid lines show the mean and dashed lines the standard deviation. (b) As in (a) but for FY-3D MWHS-2 (blue), FY-3C MWHS-2 (green), and NOAA-20 ATMS (red).

The combined impact of FY-3B MWHS-1 and FY-3C MWHS-2 was > 2% in January 2020.

(a) FY-3D MWTS-2 mean background departure from the ascending node (filled circles) and descending node (open circles) for low-scattering oceanic scenes averaged over August 2019. The gray line shows the difference, i.e., O-B ascending minus O-B descending. (b) As in (a) but for FY-3D MWHS-2. (c) As in (a) but for FY-3D MWRI.

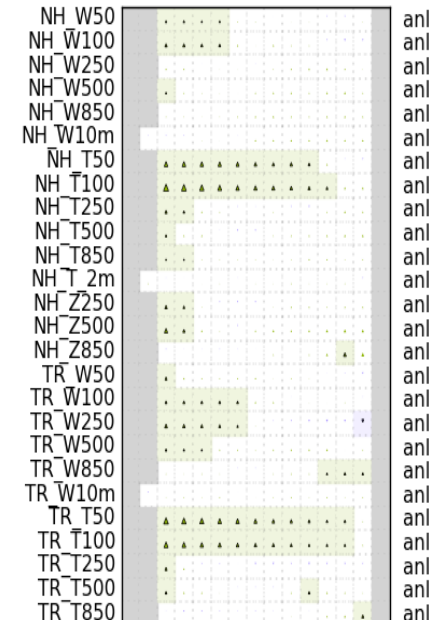


Assimilation of FY-3D instruments (2020)

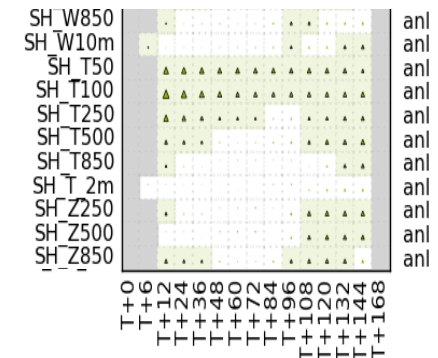


Upward-pointing green triangles denote improvement and downward-pointing purple triangles denote degradation. Shading shows significant changes

RMSE difference against control

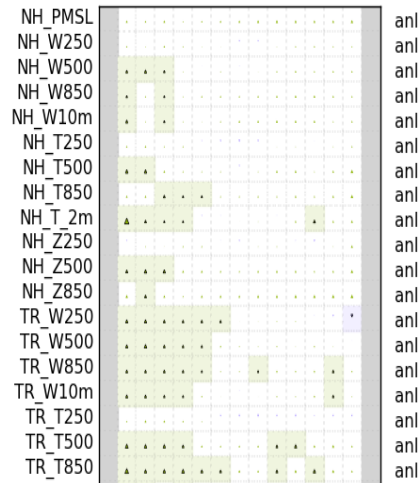


0.19% reduction in RMSE when assimilating GNOS data from FY-3D (data above 40km excluded).

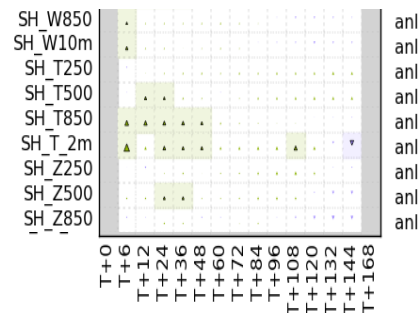


GNOS

RMSE difference against control

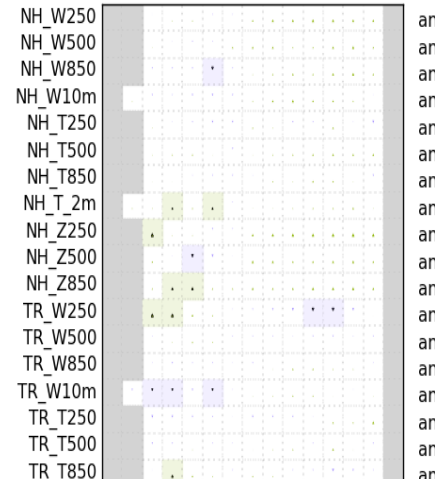


0.1% reduction in RMSE when assimilating MWTS-2 and MWHS-2.

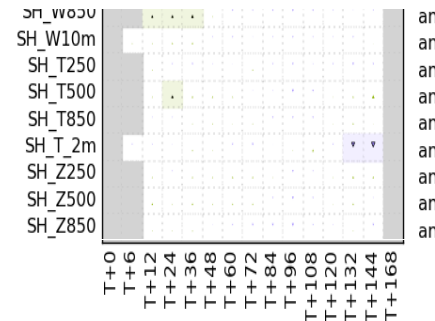


MWTS-2 + MWHS-2

RMSE difference against control



Neutral change in RMSE when assimilating FY-3D MWRI.



MWRI

Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute

Lindskog et al., 2021

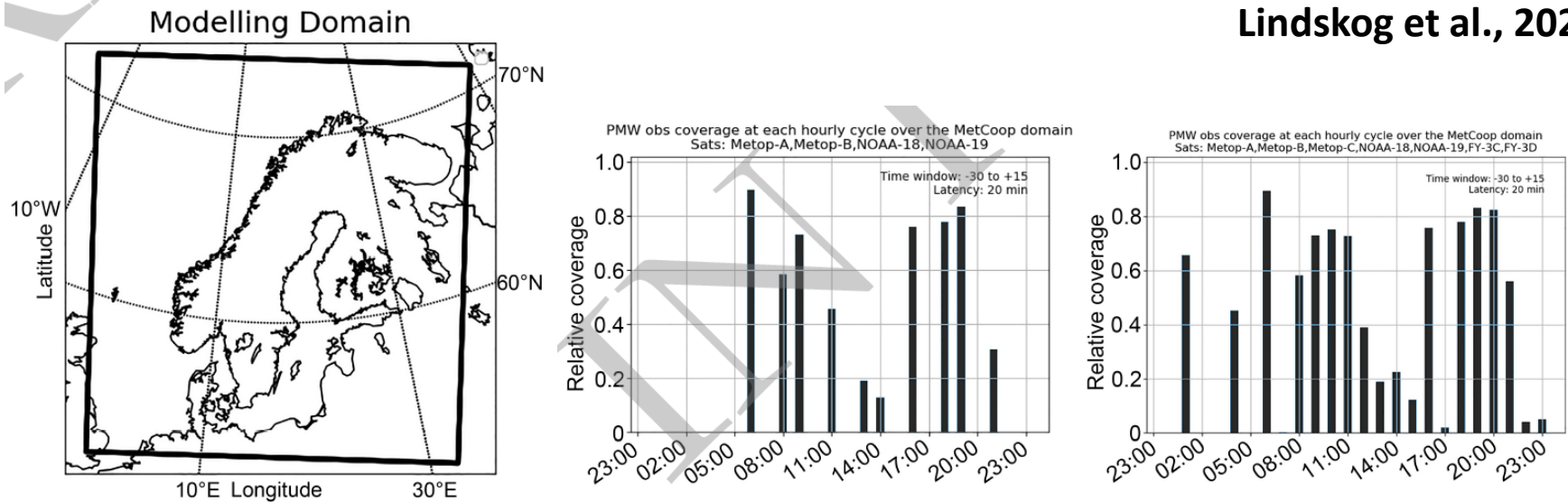
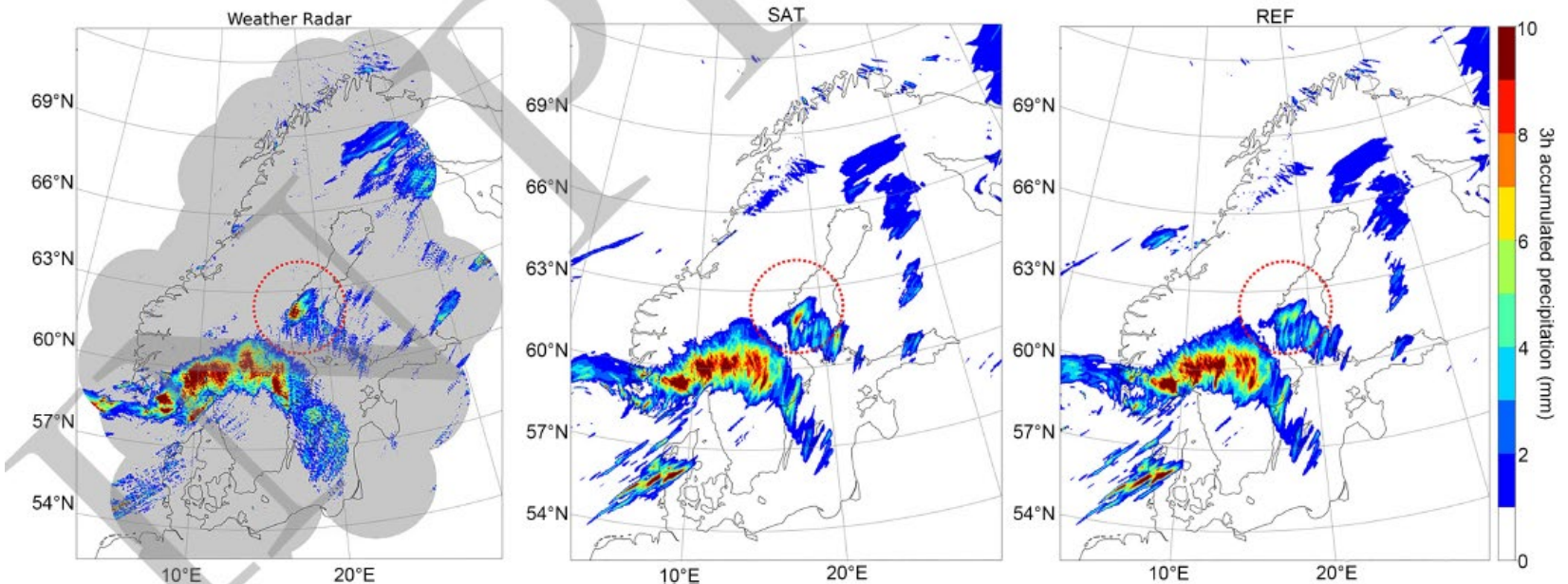
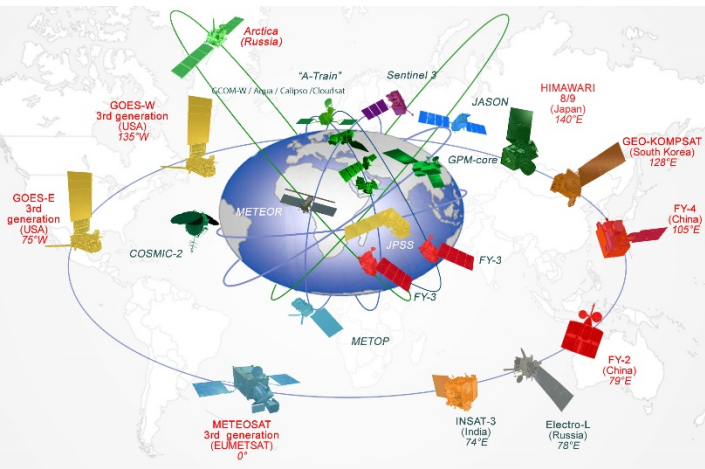


Fig. 1. MetCoOp modelling domain used in this study.





Thanks for your attention.