

# Impact of HSIR on NWP

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# NWP Satellite use...context for HSIR...

OBSERVATION	CONTROL (ECMWF OPS)	EUROPE	USA	ASIA
<b>Atmospheric Motion Vectors</b>	METOP A,B,C,DUAL (AVHRR) METEOSAT 8,11 (SEVIRI) HIMAWARI 8 (AHI) NPP, NOAA 20 (VIIRS) NOAA 15,18,19 (AVHRR) GOES 15,16 (I/ABI) AQUA (MODIS)	METOP A,B,C + DUAL (AVHRR)  METEOSAT 8,11 (SEVIRI)	NPP, NOAA 20 (VIIRS) NOAA 15,18,19 (AVHRR) AQUA (MODIS)  GOES 15,16 (ABI)	HIMAWARI 8 (AHI)
<b>Atmospheric Sounding radiances</b>	METOP A,B,C (AMSU/MHS/IASI)* NPP, NOAA 20 (ATMS/CrIS)* NOAA 15,18,19 (AMSU/MHS) AQUA (AMSUA/AIRS)* FY3-B,C,D (MWHS/MWHS2)  METEOSAT 8,11 (SEVIRI) HIMAWARI 8 (AHI) GOES 15,16 (I/ABI)  GCOM-W (AMSR-2) GPM (GMI) DMSP 17,18 (SSM/IS)	METOP A,B,C (AMSU/MHS/IASI)  METEOSAT 8,11 (SEVIRI)	NPP, NOAA 20 (ATMS/CrIS) NOAA 15,18,19 (AMSU/MHS) AQUA (AMSUA/AIRS)  GOES 15,16 (I/ABI)  DMSP 17,18 (SSM/IS)	FY3-B,C,D (MWHS/MWHS2) (+FY-3D MWRI)  HIMAWARI 8 (AHI)  GCOM-W (AMSR-2)
<b>GPS-RO</b>	METOP A,B,C (GRAS) COSMIC TERRASAR / TANDEM FY3 (GNOS) KOMPSAT5 (GNOS)	METOP A,B,C (GRAS) (+ Spire RO)	COSMIC*	FY3 (GNOS) KOMPSAT5
<b>Scatterometer</b>	METOP 3,4,5 (ASCAT)	METOP A,B,C (ASCAT)		

+ numerous marine satellites (altimeters) and composition satellites (COP)

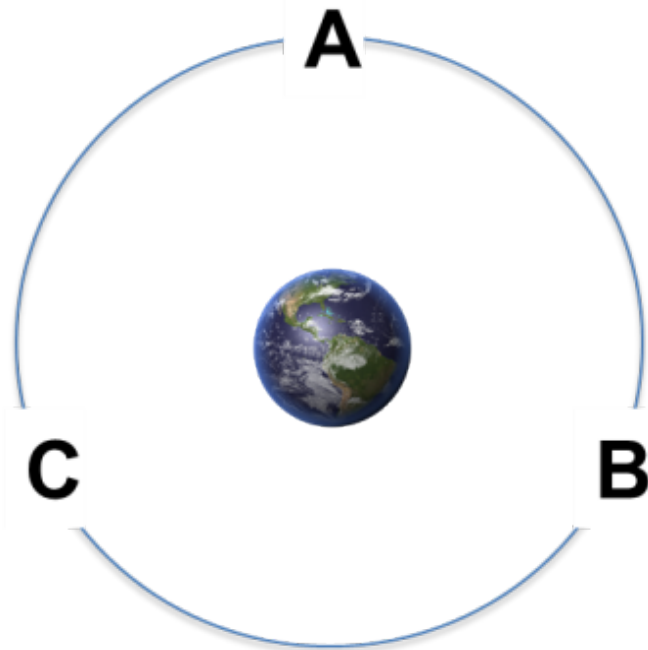
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- Current NWP impact of HSIR
- Expanding the network of HSIR

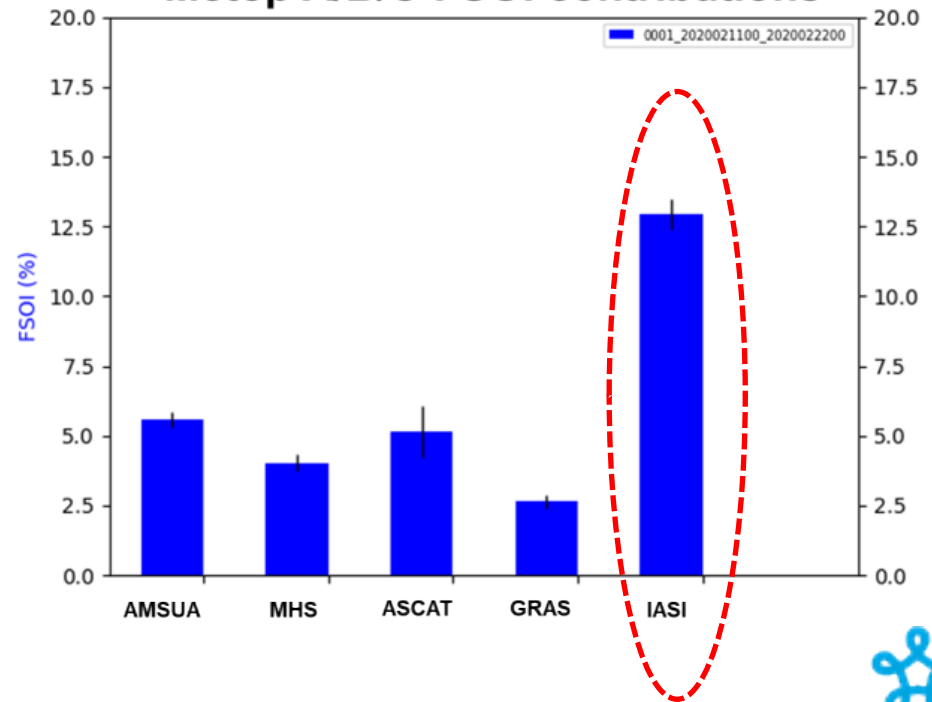
# HSIR dominates NWP impact on each individual satellite

Temporary Tristar Formation



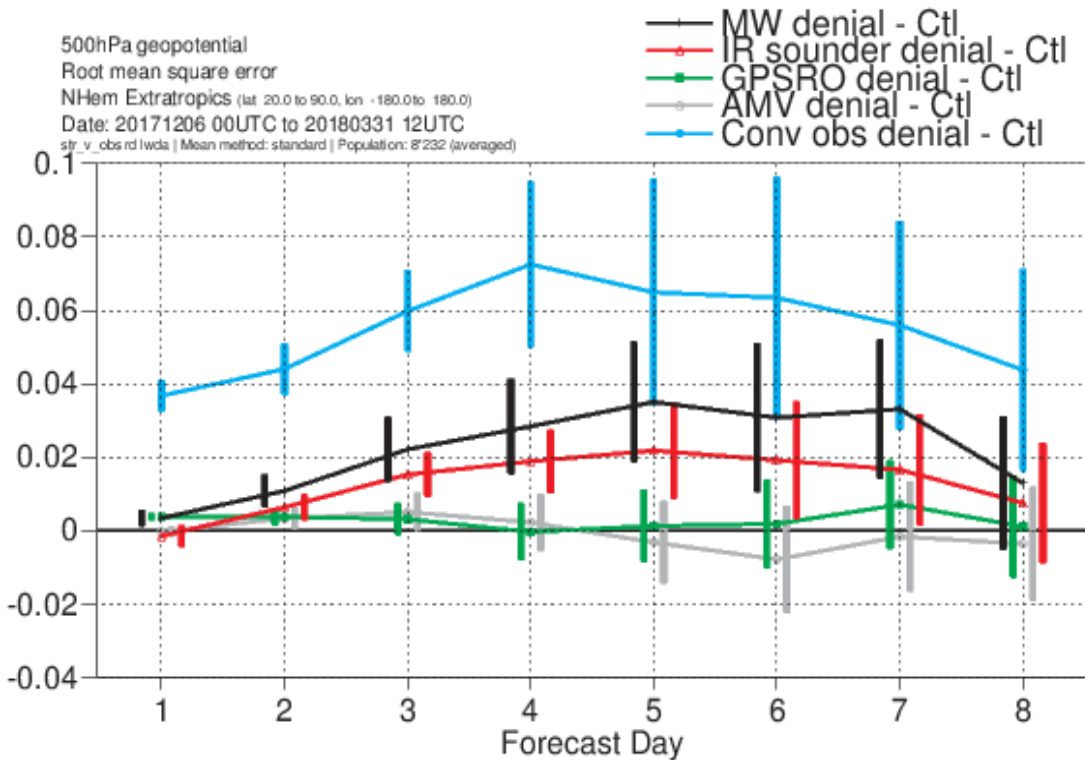
Relative sensor impacts

Metop A/B/C FSOI contributions

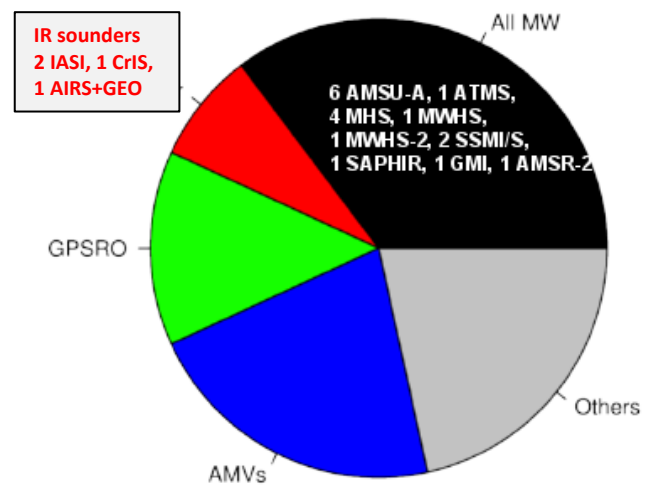


# ...but HSIR lags behind MW overall as we do not have enough HSIR satellites...

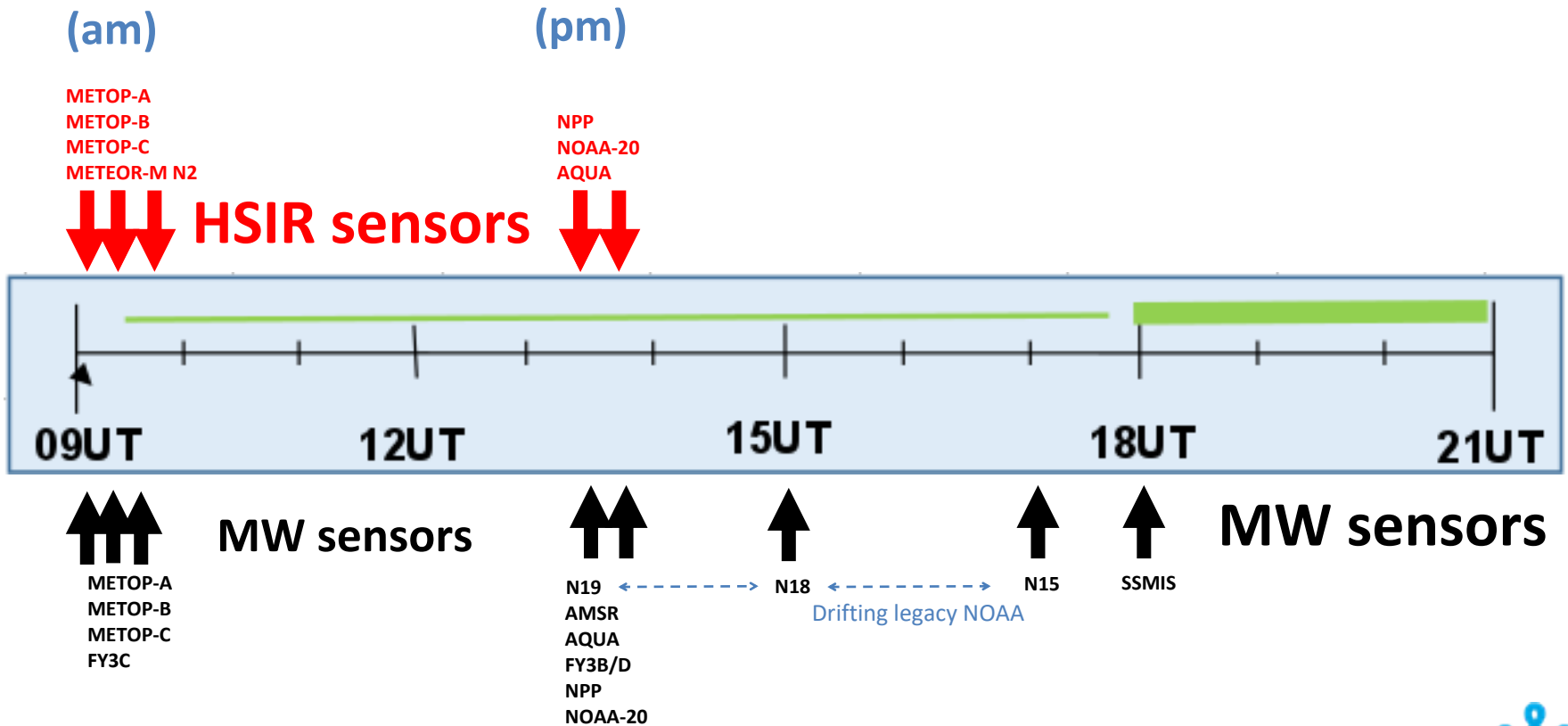
## NH forecast impact



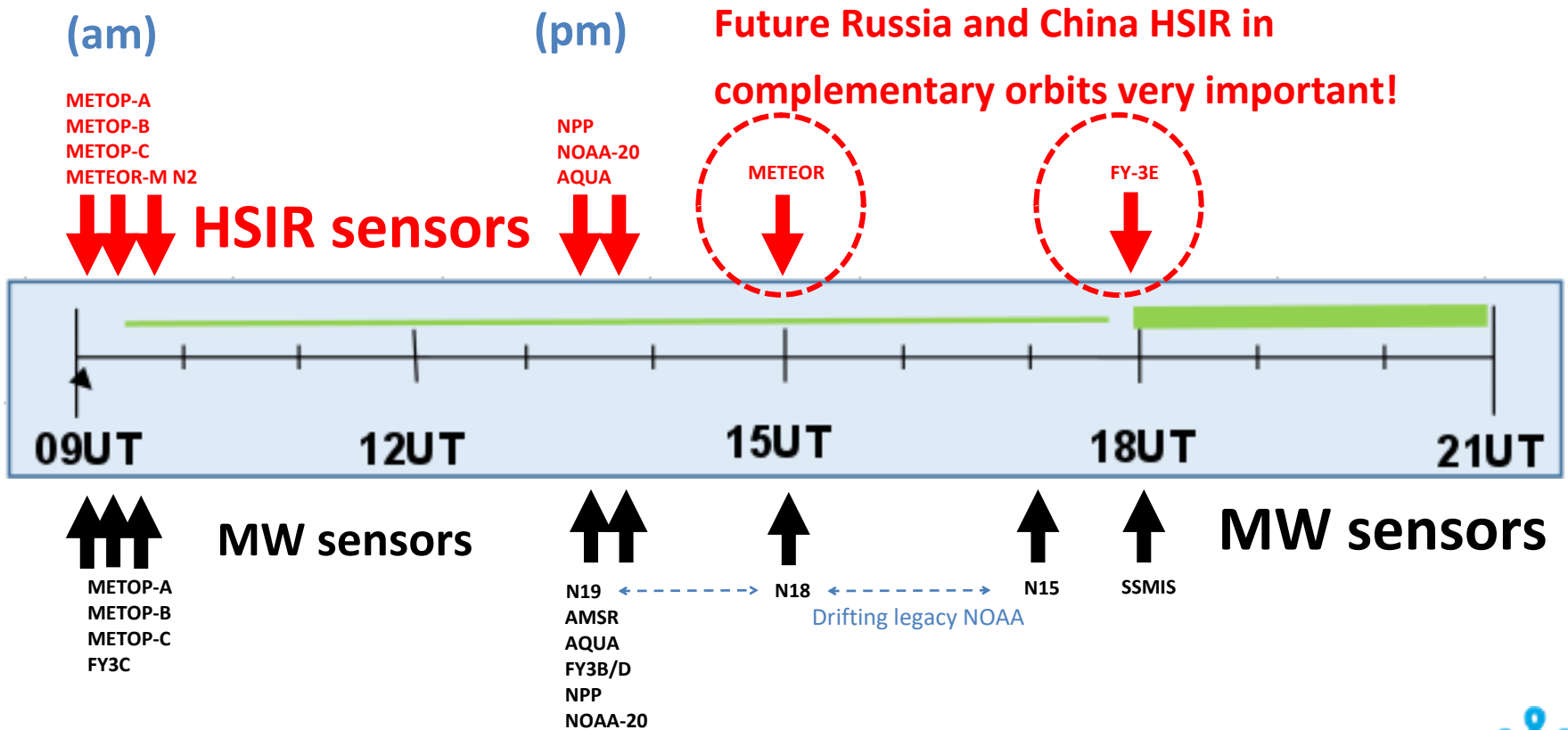
## Number of sensors



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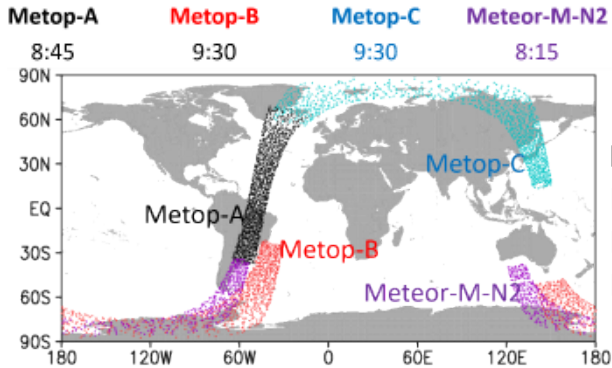


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# Positive impact of Russian IKFS at ECMWF

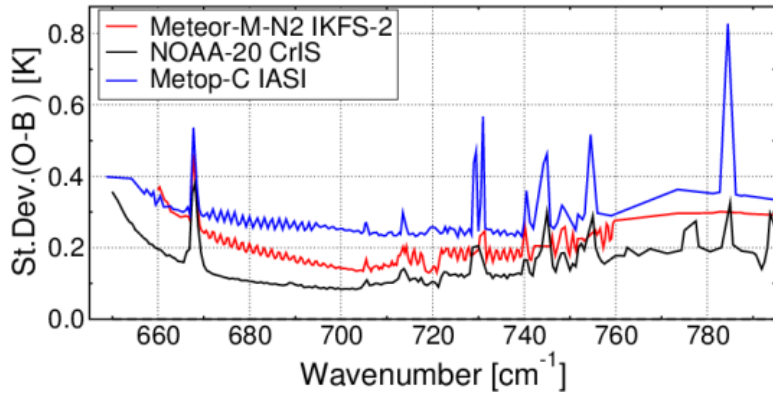


**Meteor M-N2 series**  
N2  
N2-1 failed,  
N2-2 lost IKFS

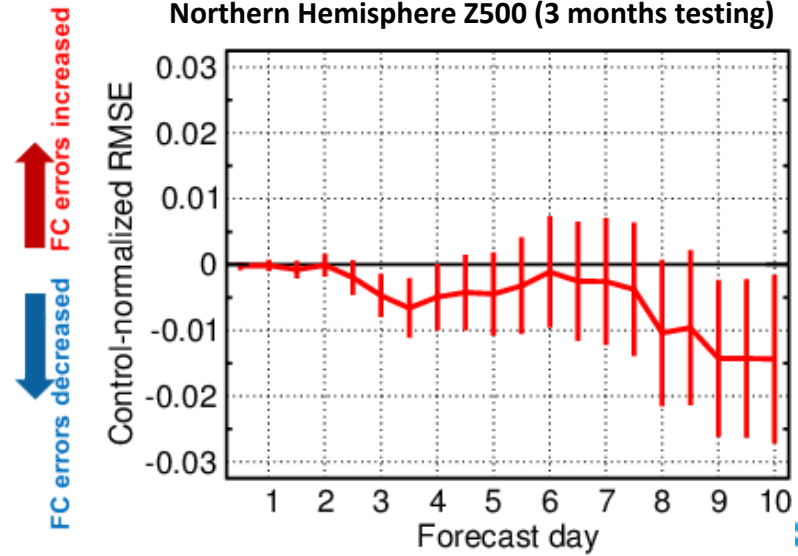
Hyperspectral IR data from Meteor M-N2 is excellent quality and already provides a measurable positive impact (with the prospect of future complementary orbital planes).

But operational exploitation at ECMWF is on hold until NRT data **delivery can be improved**

**IKFS instrument noise performance is excellent**



**Northern Hemisphere Z500 (3 months testing)**



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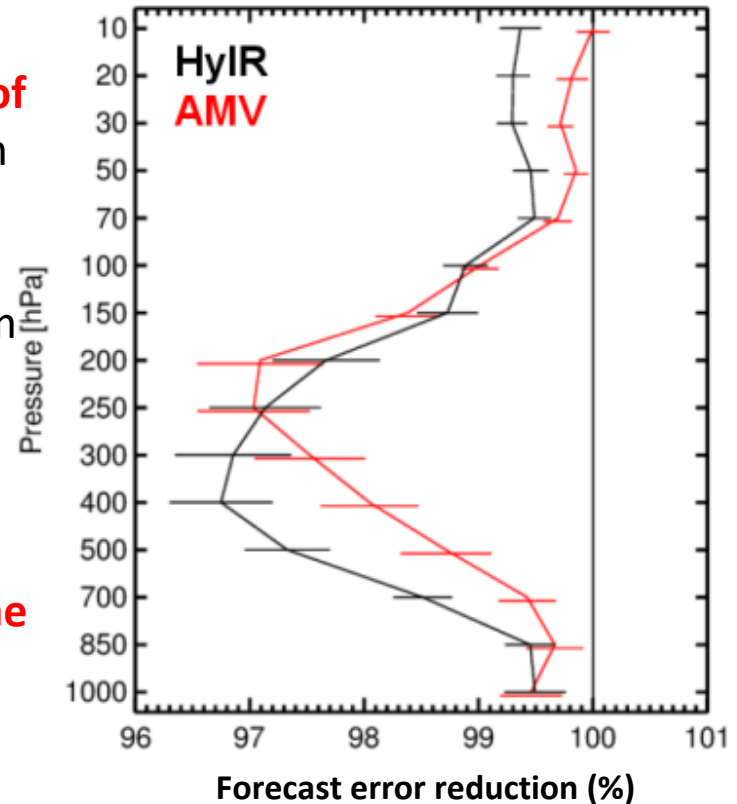
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# 4D-Var humidity wind tracing from HSIR

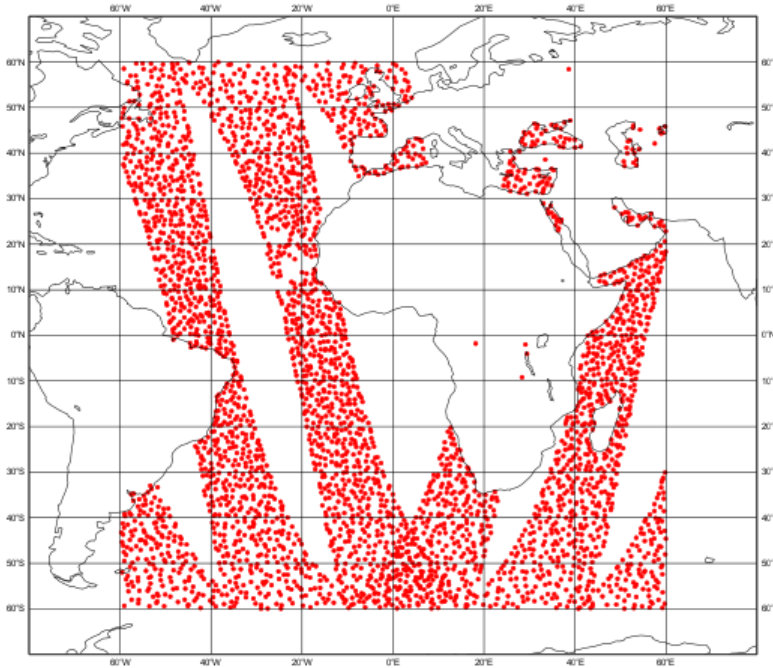
- Current hyperspectral IR sounders onboard LEO spacecraft provide a **significant amount of wind information** to the ECMWF NWP system (more than the entire AMV network)
- Most of this this wind information comes from **4D-Var tracing** the movement of in atmospheric humidity structures in the radiance data
- This impact increases with **more frequent time sampling**

Global impact on wind forecasts verified by comparison radiosonde network

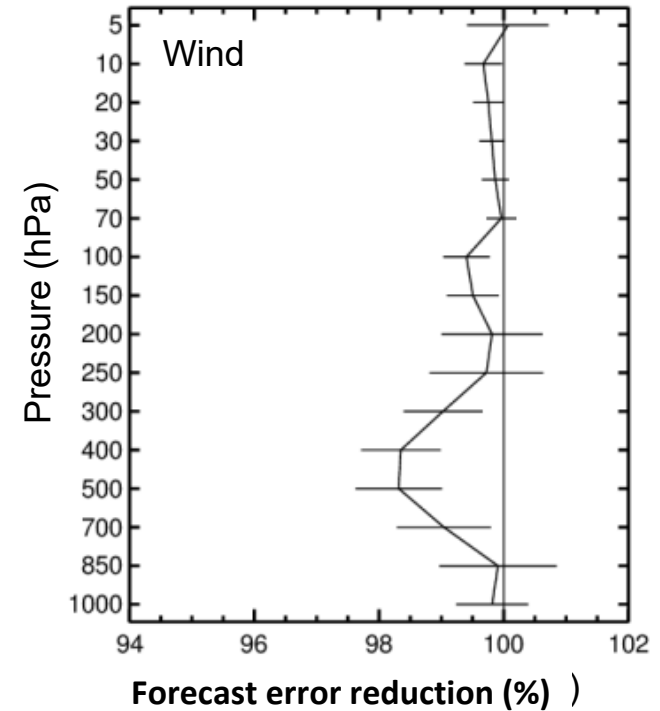


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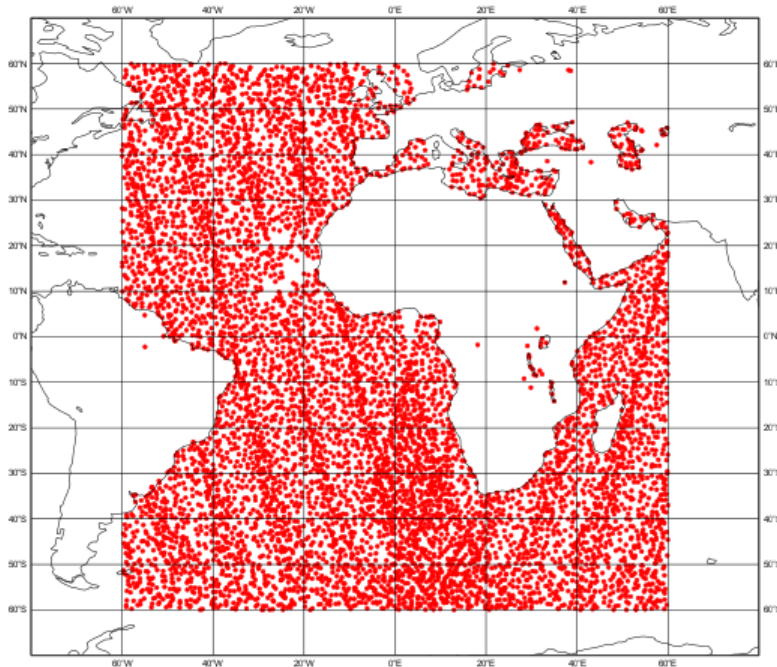
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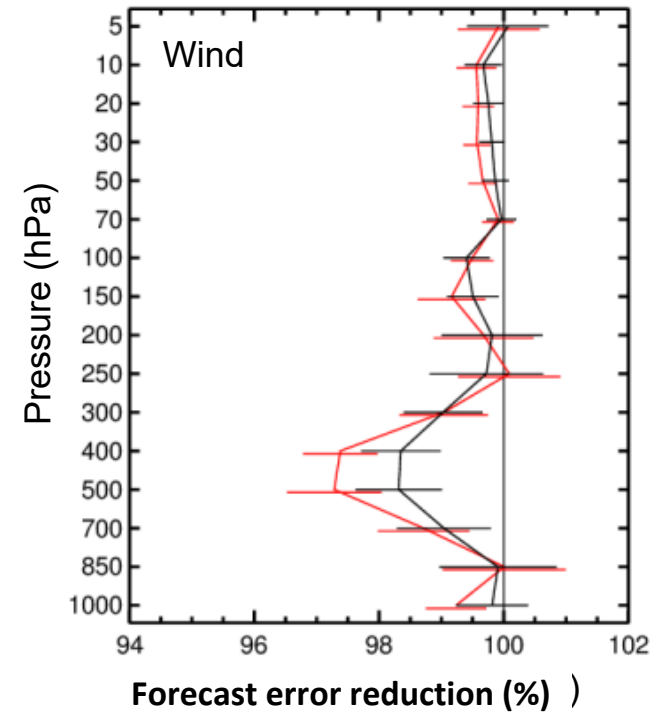
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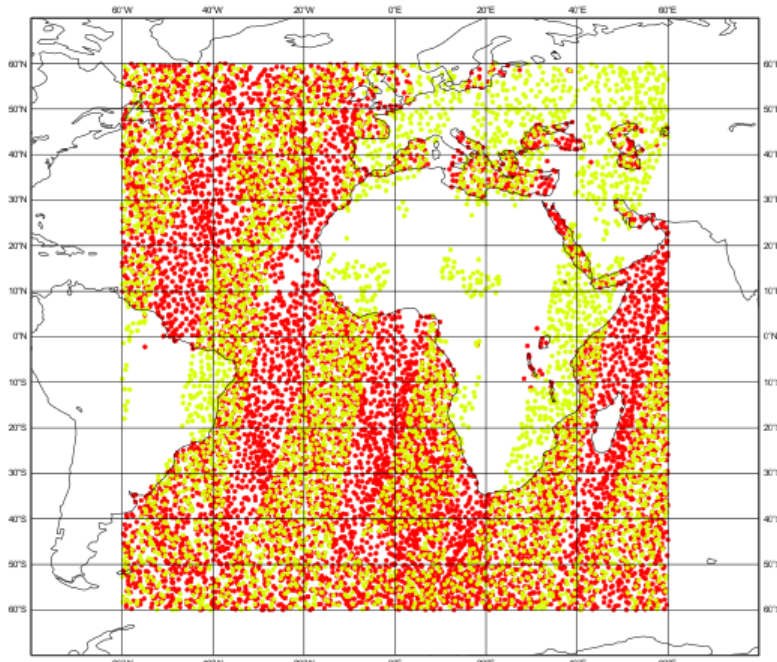
Metop-A Metop-B



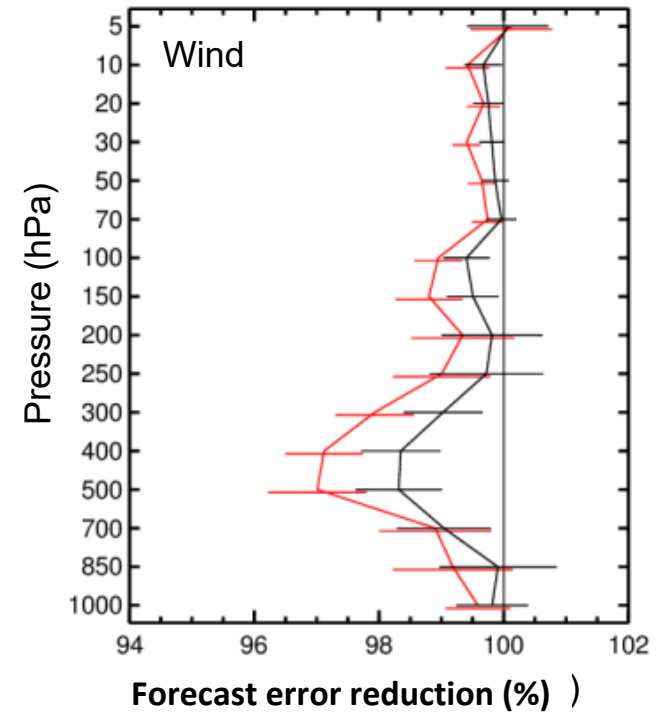
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CTL: Conv + AMSU-A  
EXP: CTL + 2 IASI + CrIS



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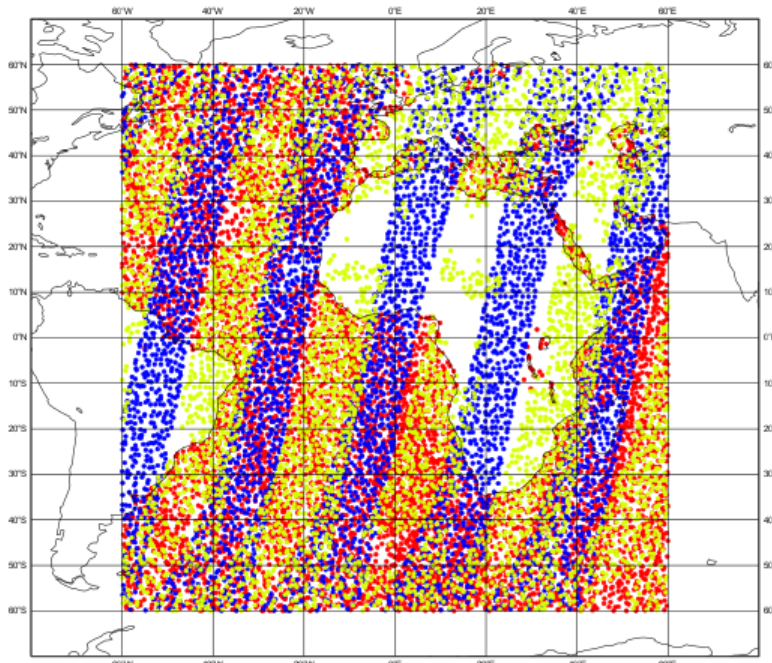


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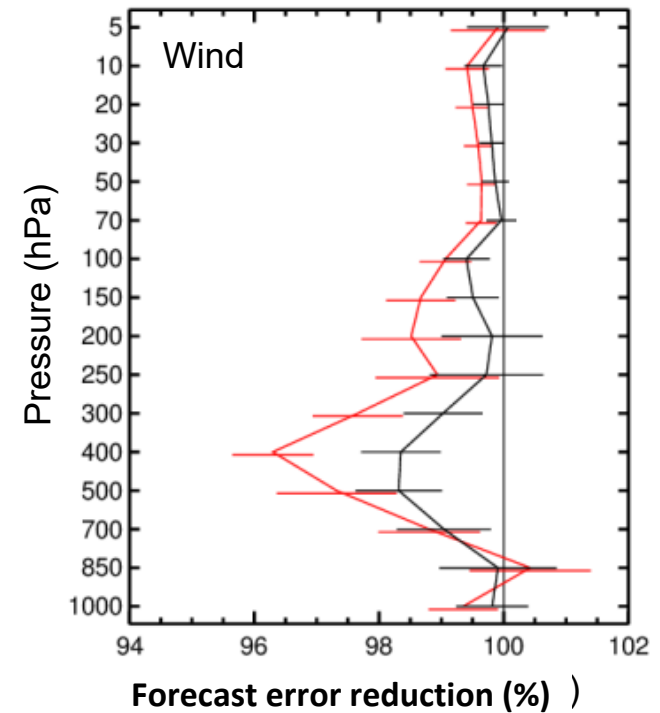


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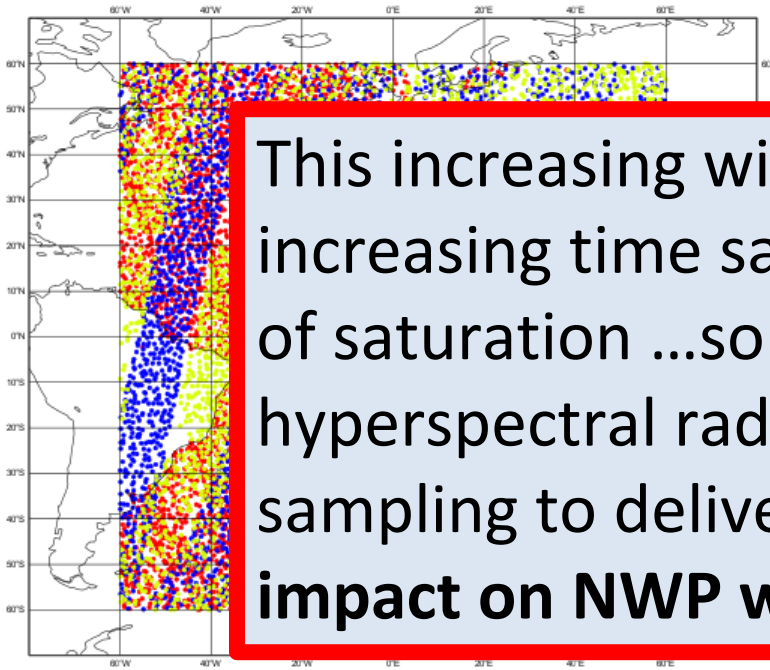
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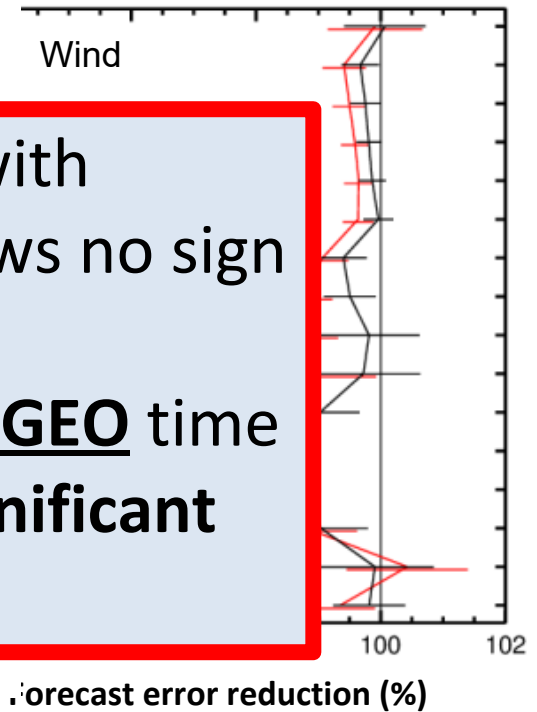
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# We expect a very significant wind impact from GEO HSIR

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This increasing wind impact with increasing time sampling shows no sign of saturation ...so we expect hyperspectral radiances with **GEO** time sampling to deliver a **very significant impact on NWP winds!**



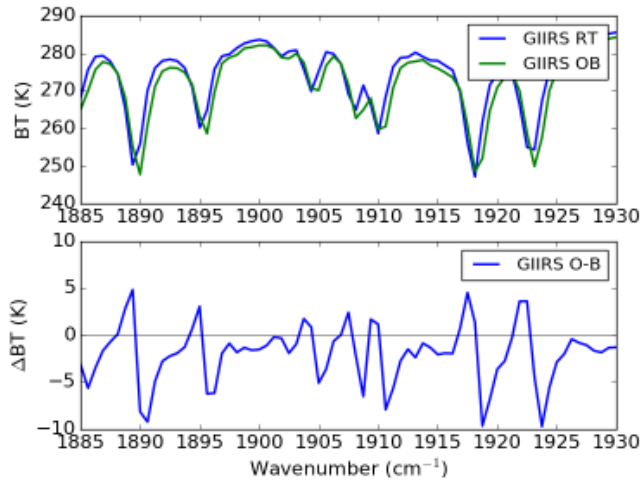
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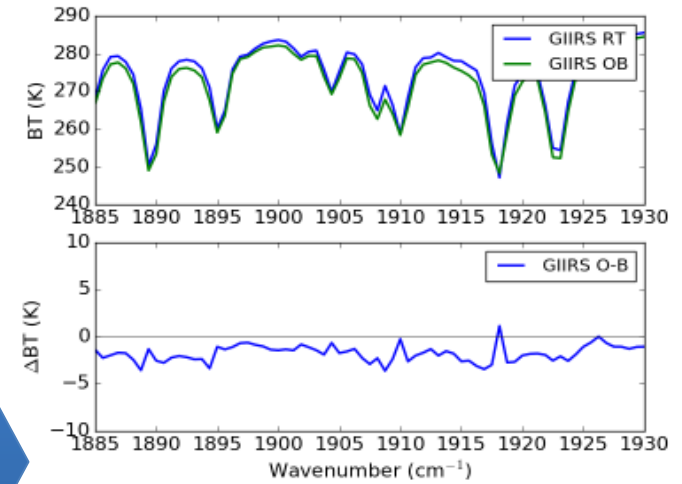
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# Significant improvements to FY-4A GIIRS

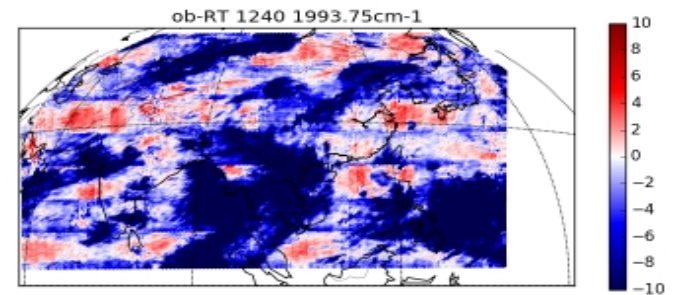
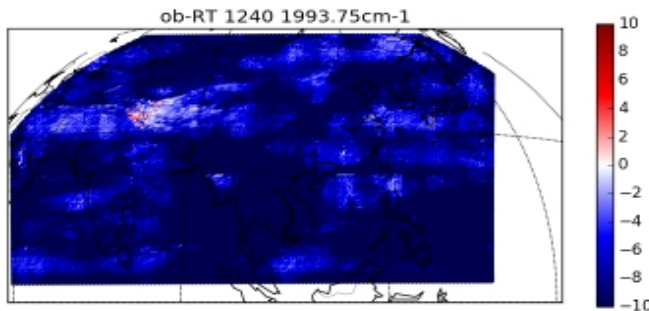
**Before** spectral correction (>5K biases)



**After** spectral correction



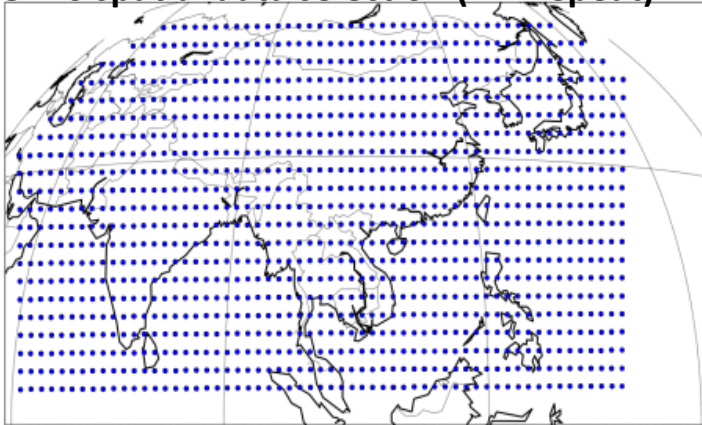
After spectral correction, the cloud-free regions have substantially reduced biases.



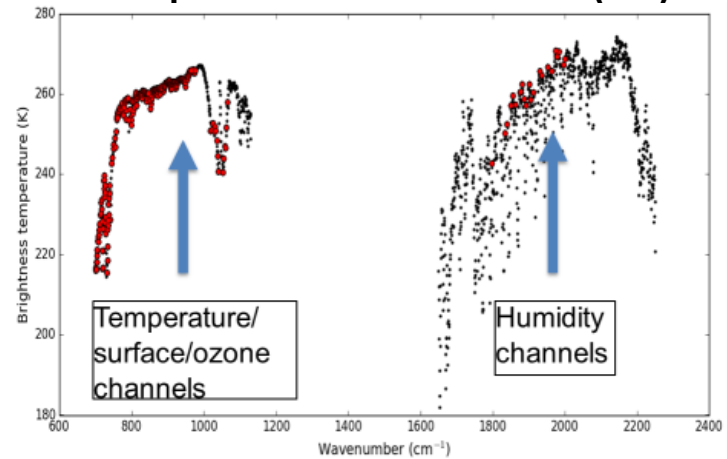
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# Preliminary NWP impact of FY-4A GIIRS

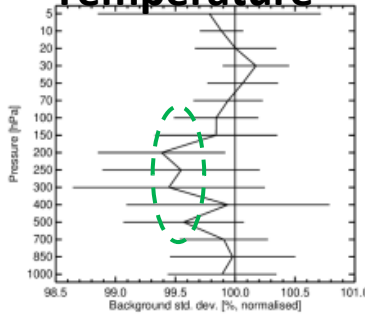
GIIRS spatial data selection (2hr repeat)



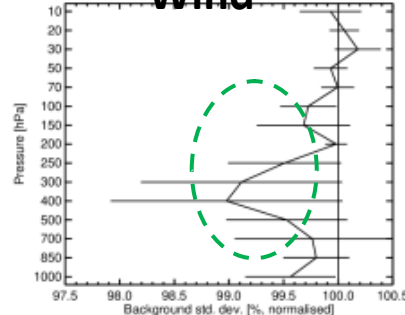
GIIRS spectral channel selection (red)



Temperature



Wind



The GIIRS hyperspectral GEO already showing a positive impact!

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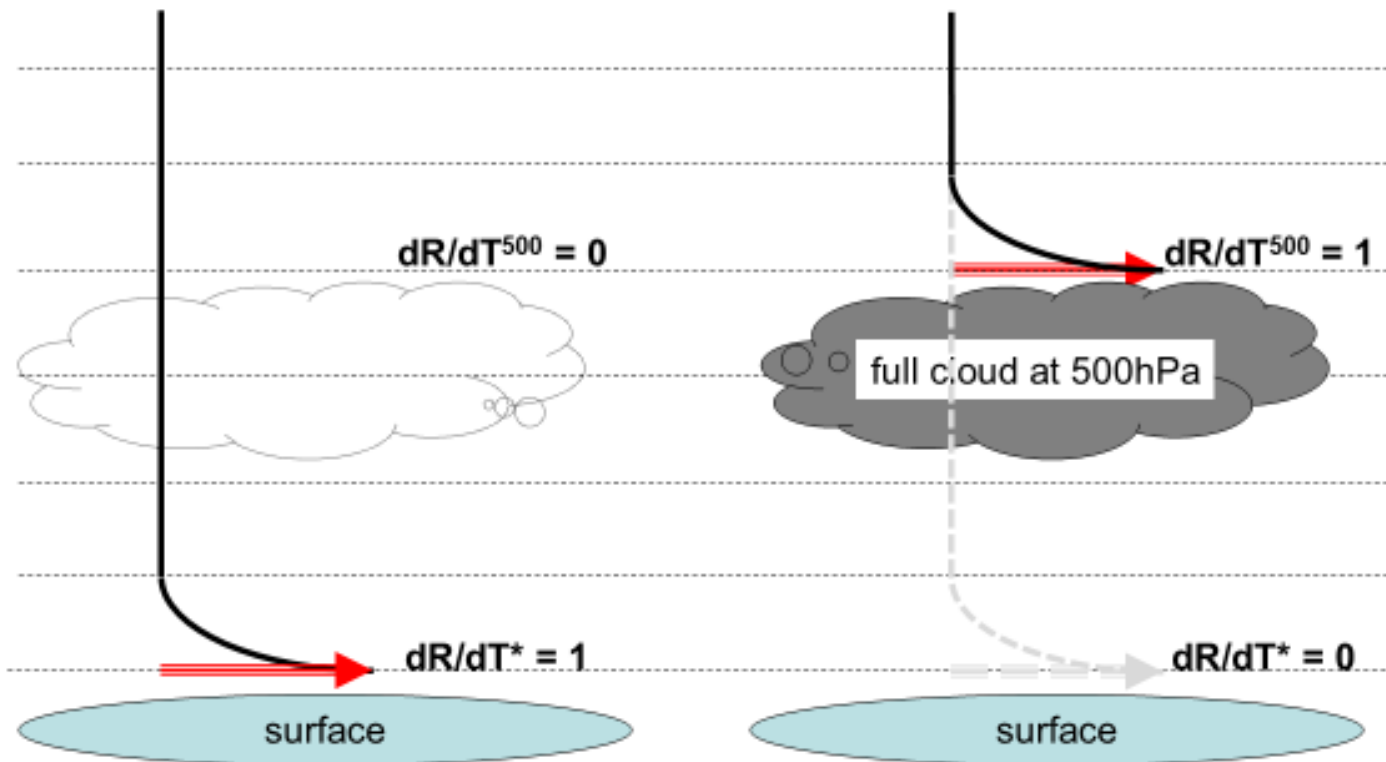
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# Weighting Functions in clear and cloudy sky

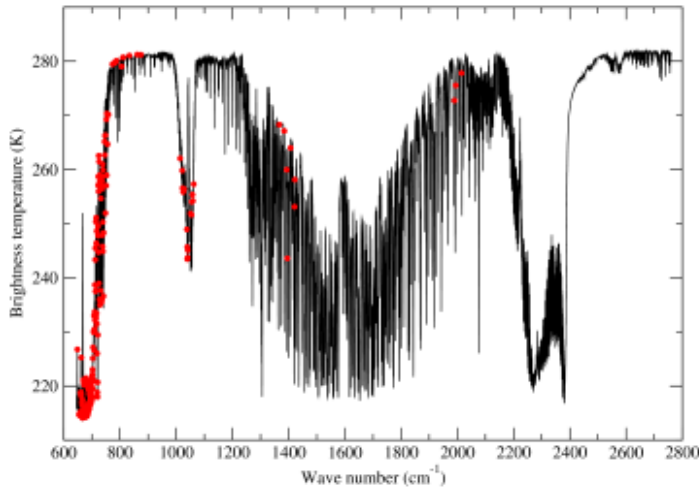


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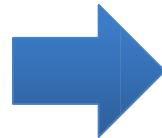
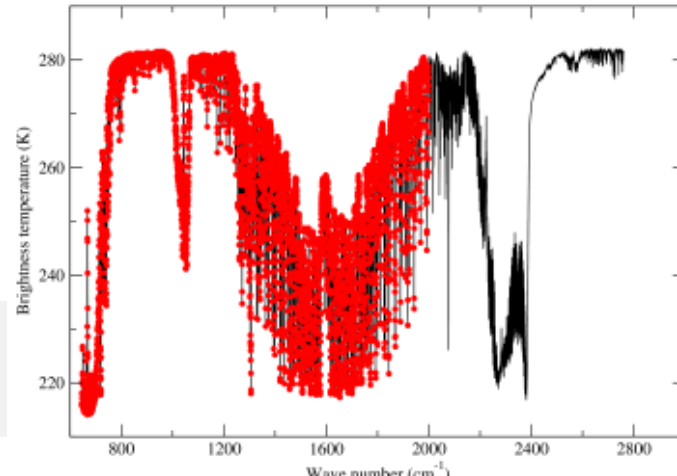
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# Exploit spectral (vertical) resolution with PCA

The 220 operational IASI channels



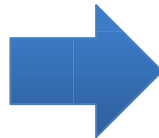
Information of 5421 IASI channels



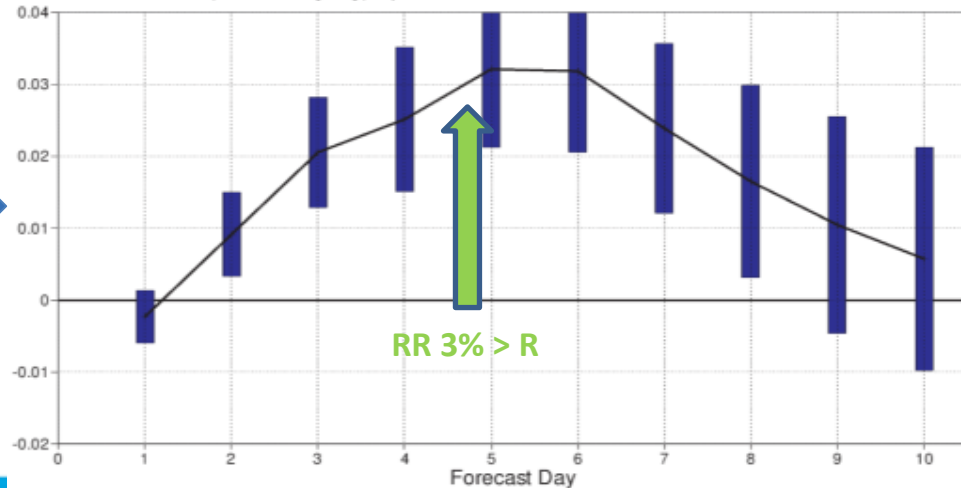
Assimilating  
400  
reconstructed  
radiances

By assimilating the full IASI LW/MW spectrum via reconstructed radiances derived from truncated PCA we can extract even more forecast impact from these observations.

Latest results show PCA/RR consistently outperforming traditional radiance channels assimilation



Date: 20161201 00UTC to 20170420 12UTC  
T+24 T+48 ... T+240 | Confidence: [95.0] | Population: 282

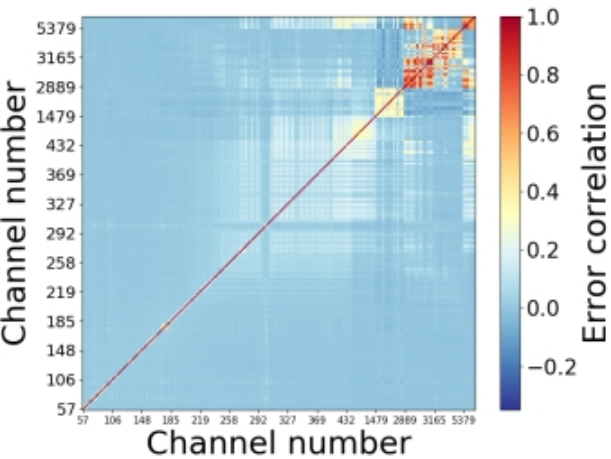


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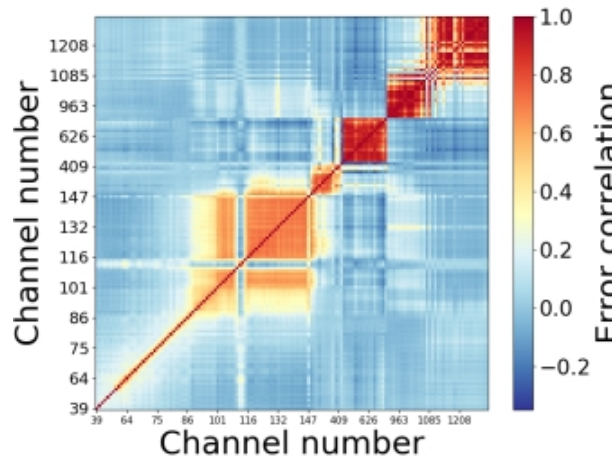
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# Complex error covariance modelling

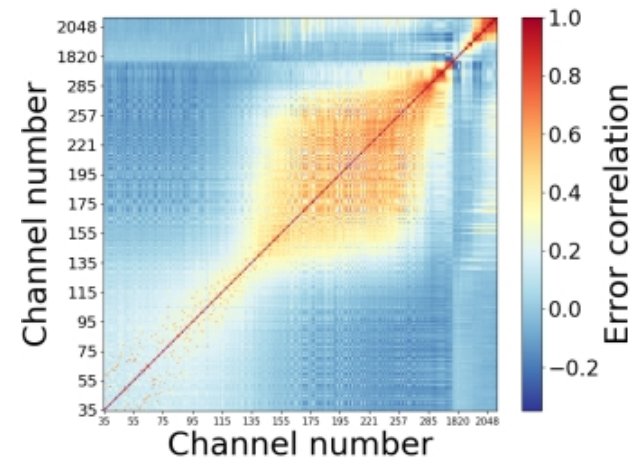
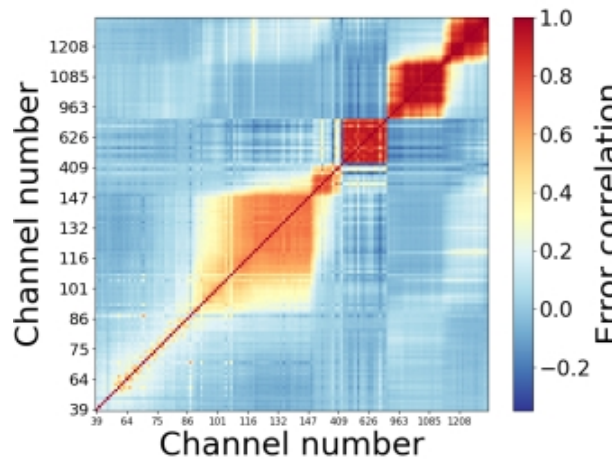
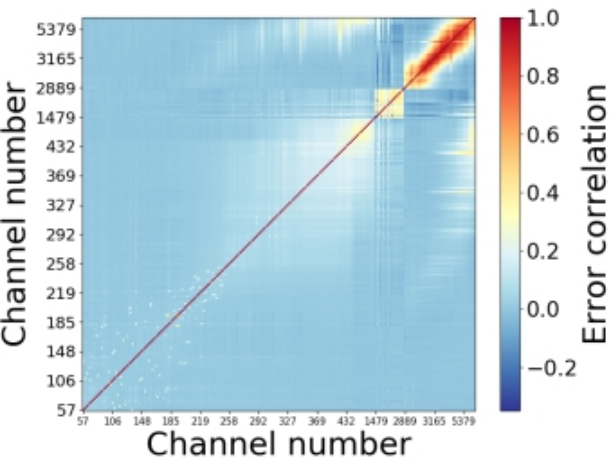
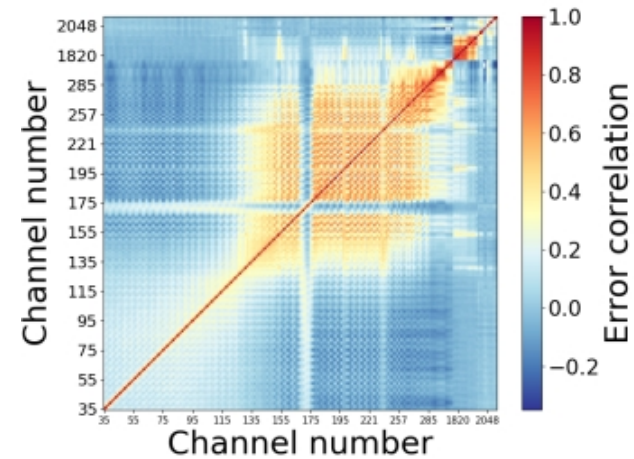
**IASI**



**CrIS FSR**



**IKFS-2**



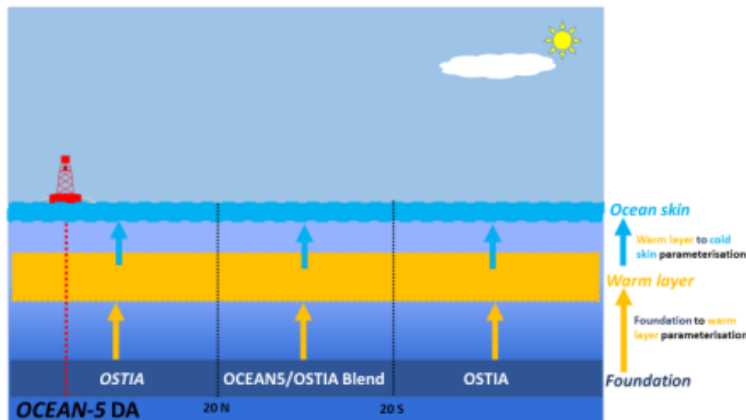
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# HSIR key to development of the ECMWF in-house SST

## Current system:

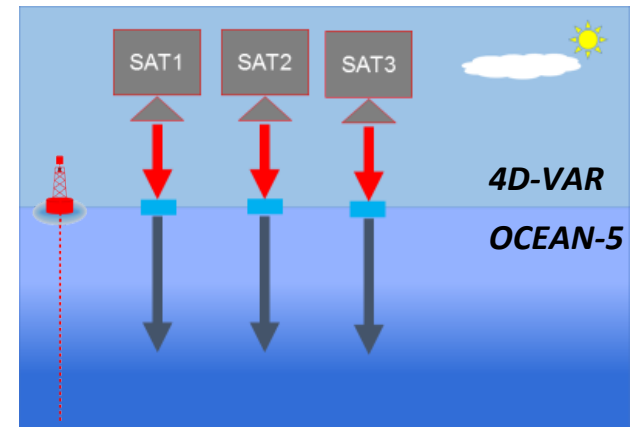
OCEAN-5 SST constrained by OSTIA from below



Satellite information introduced to OCEAN-5 via OSTIA...

## Proposed future system:

OCEAN-5 SST constrained by 4D-Var SKT from above



Satellite information introduced to OCEAN-5 via 4D-Var...

## Summary:

- LEO HSIR are the most influential sensors for NWP but impact limited by poor orbital coverage (satellites)
- Simulations suggest GEO HSIR wind impact will be substantial- early experience with GIIRS supports this
- There are still very significant science challenges limiting NWP impact of HSIR



## NWP wish list for HSIR:

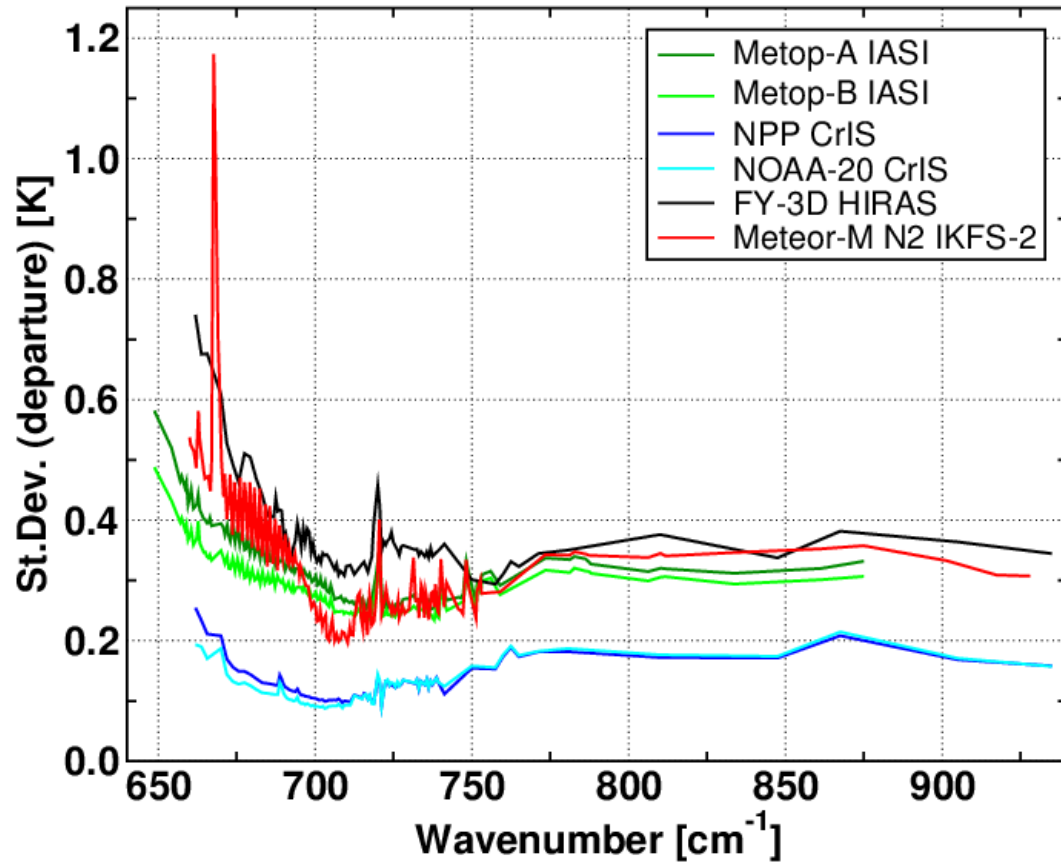
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# Spare slides

## Hyper-spectral IR data from Russia and China



Evaluation of sample radiance data from IKFS (Meteor-M) and HIRAS (FY-3D) suggest that data quality is comparable to that from existing hyper-spectral IR sounders.