

Application of hourly COMS AMVs in KMA operation

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Introduction of KMA NWP system

- ❖ KMA decided to import the Unified Model as a next-generation NWP system (Q4 '07)
- ❖ Routine operation of global/regional UM started (Q2 '08)
- ❖ Numerical Model: UM
 - Spatial Resolution: N512(≈25km)L70
 - Target length : 252hr(00, 12UTC), 72hr(06,18UTC)
- ❖ Analysis Scheme : 4-DVAR
 - Analysis Time : 00, 06, 12, 18 UTC
 - Cut-off Time : 2 hours 25 minutes for Early Analysis
6 hours 25 minutes for Update Analysis
 - Spatial Resolution (Inner Model) : N144(≈80km) L70
 - Assimilation Window : -3 hours to +3 hours of Analysis Time
 - Observation : Sonde, Surface, Aircraft, Satwind, Scatwind
ATOVS, AIRS, IASI, SSMIS, GPSRO

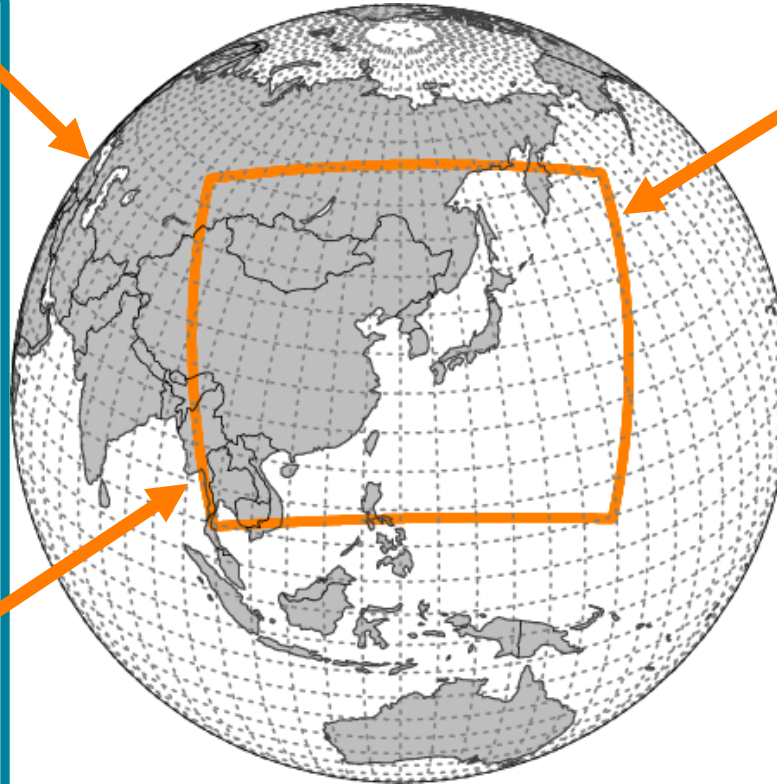
Global & Regional Models

Global (UM)

- Resolution
N512L70
(~25km / top = 80km)
- Target Length
252hrs (00/12UTC)
72hrs (06/18UTC)
- Initialisation : 4DVAR
- Version : UM 7.7

E.Asia (UM)

- Resolution
12kmL70
(0.11°x0.11° / top=80km)
- Target Length
72hrs (6 hourly)
- Initialisation : 4DVAR
- Version : UM 7.7



E.Asia (WRF)

- Resolution
10kmL40
(top ~ 50hPa)
- Target Length
72hrs (6 hourly)
- Initialisation : 3DVAR
- Version : WRF 3.1

Operational Deterministic UM Systems♪

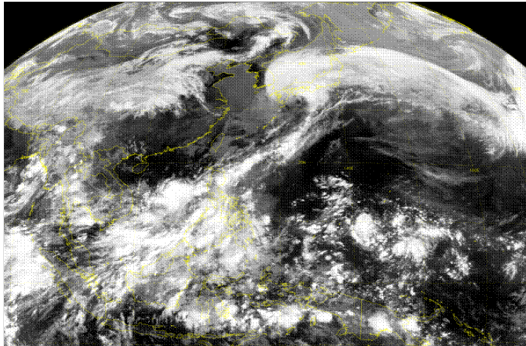
Status of COMS AMV



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The specifications for KMA AMV algorithm applied to COMS

Target size (pixels)	24 X 24 (96 x 96 km) (120x120 km over Korea)
Time interval between satellite images	15-minute
Target selection method	Optimal method
Search area	Dynamic range (based on FG)
Height assignment	EBBT, STC, IR/WV int. for IR and VIS AMV EBBT, NTC, NTCC for WV AMV
Area of AMV generation	Extended Northern Hemisphere 

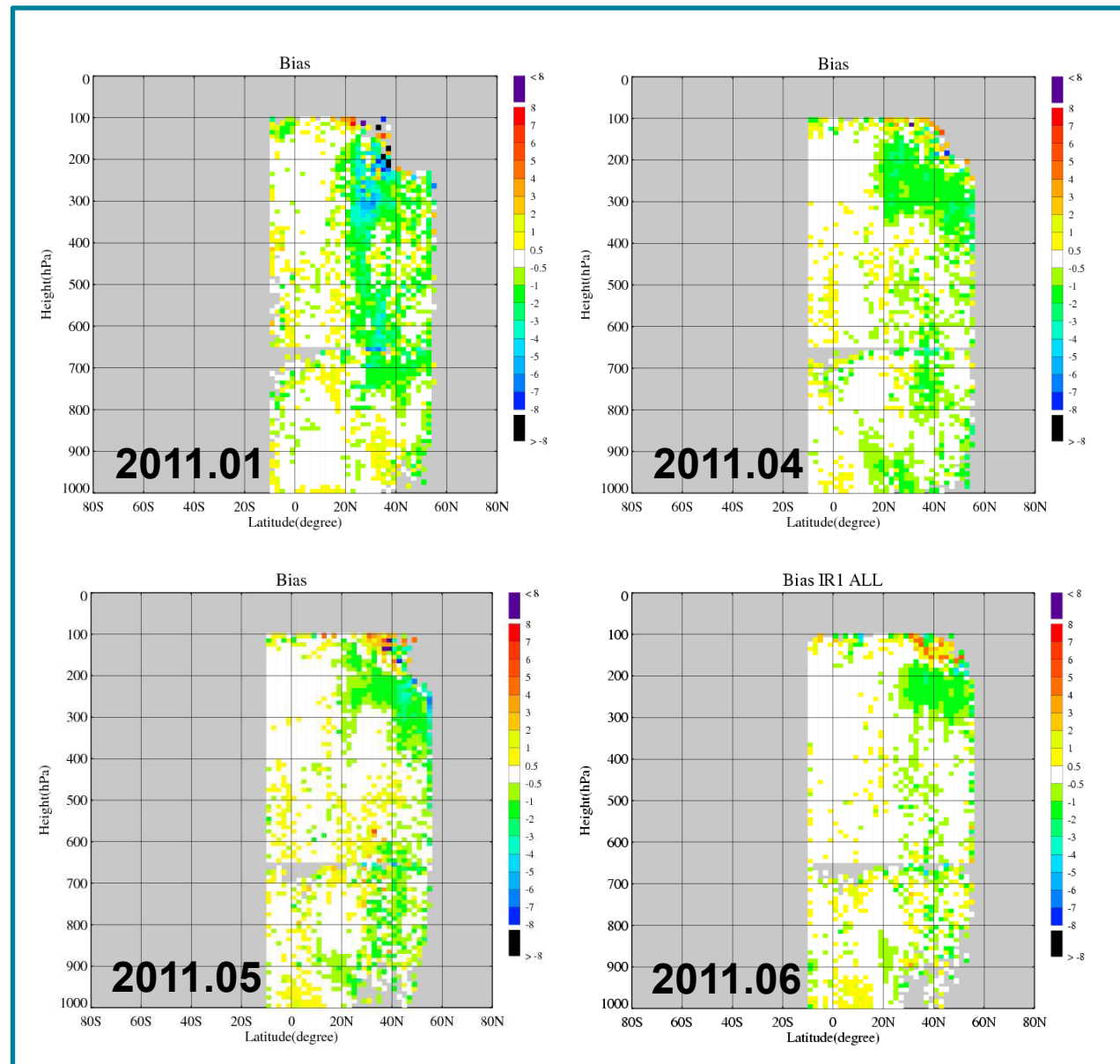
Seasonal variation of COMS AMV bias

❖ Satwind data

- Infrared channel
- HA method: EBBT

❖ Annual variations

- Mid-latitude
- Upper troposphere
- slow bias in winter



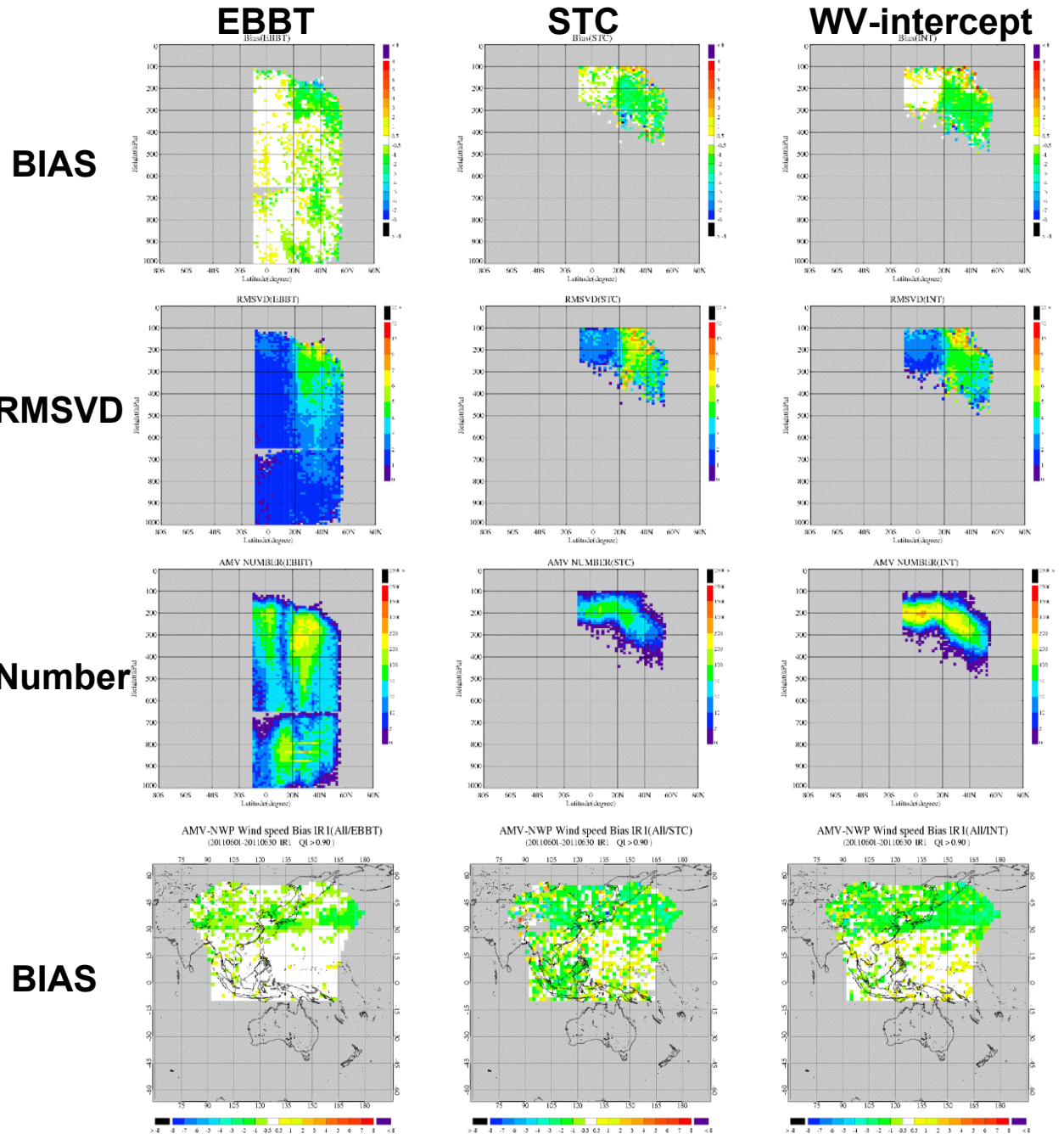
Statistics

❖ Validation according to...

- HA
- Height
- Latitude

❖ Different nominal QI

- EBBT: QI=85
- STC & WV-int: QI=90



Preliminary results for implementation

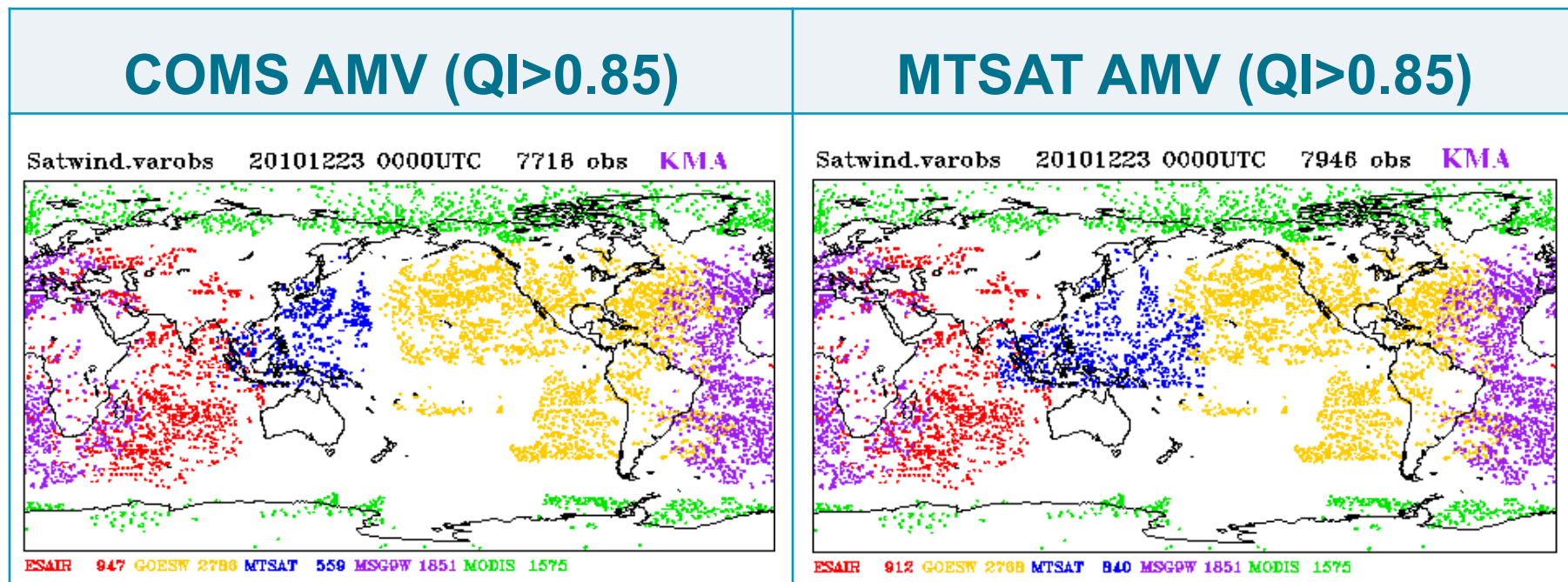


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DA Module test

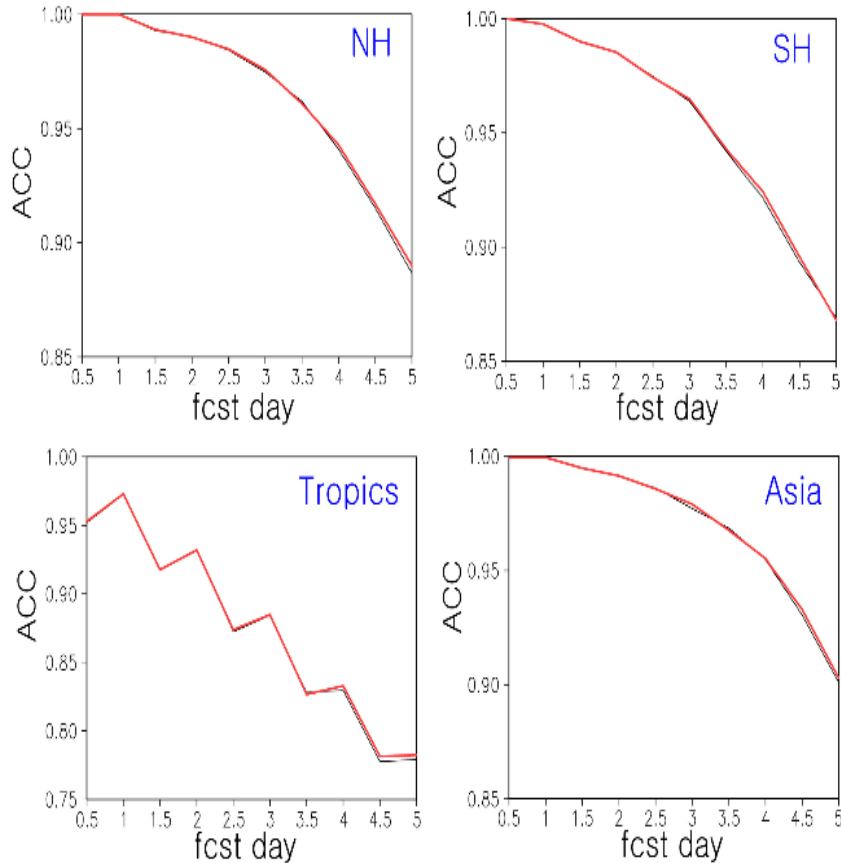
- period : 2010.12.22 ~ 2011.1.7 (sampled during IOT)
- To test DA module for COMS and validate COMS AMV
- COMS: Use 6-hourly AMVs from COMS hourly AMV
- MTSAT: limited area only from MTSAT full disk AMV



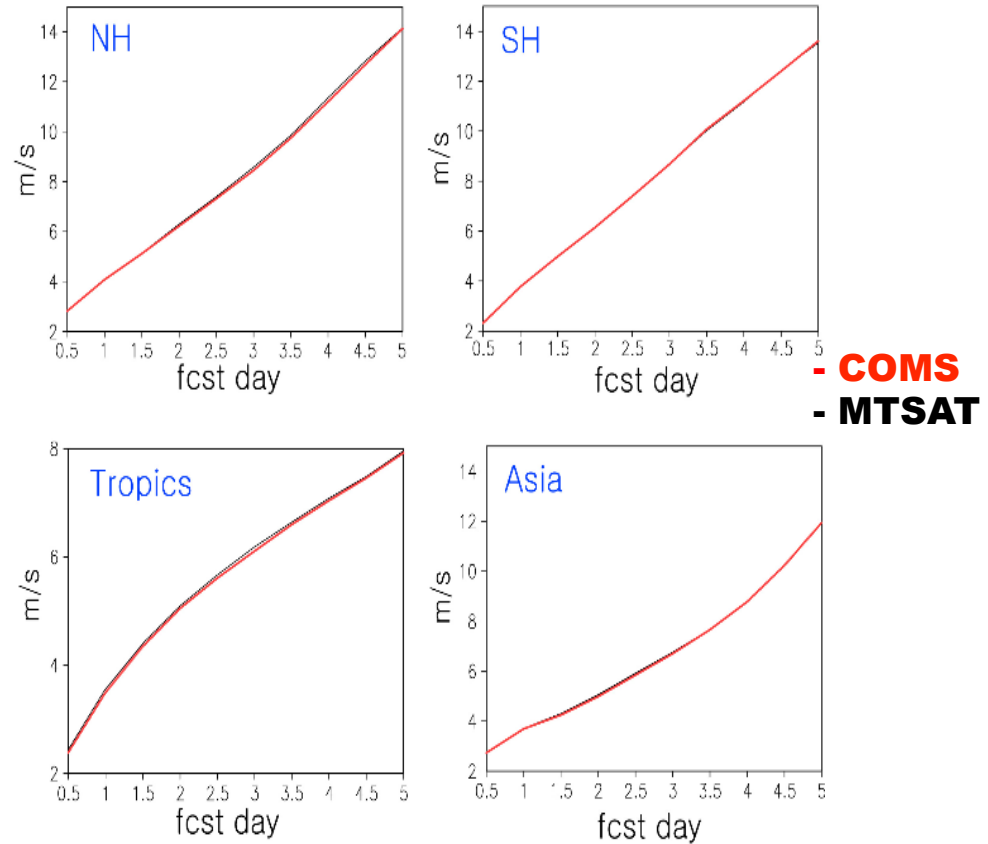
Data coverage plots showing assimilated data

Result of 6hourly COMS AMV

ACC of 500hPa Height



RMSE of winds at 250hPa



This result verifies COMS module in KMA DA system works normally and COMS data can apply to KMA NWP system

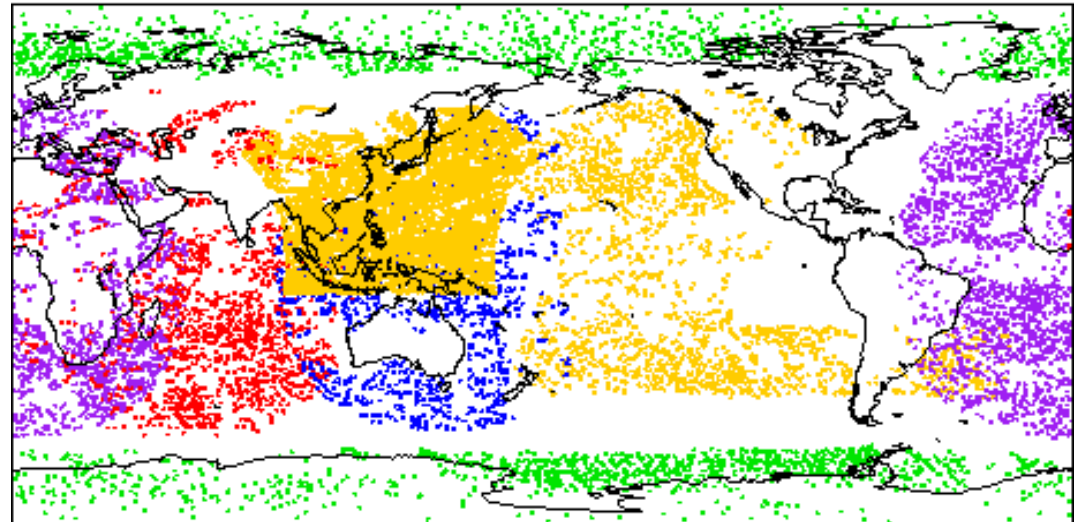
MTSAT+COMS

- ❖ According to the result, KMA tried to use COMS AMV with MTSAT
- ❖ COMS gives hourly AMVs but its limitation for spatial coverage can be compensated with MTSAT AMV
- ❖ To test hourly COMS AMV, 2 different experiments are designed

1. Only using COMS & MTSAT at analysis time

2. Using hourly COMS within assimilation time window

Satwind.varobs 20110401 0600UTC 19904 obs KMA

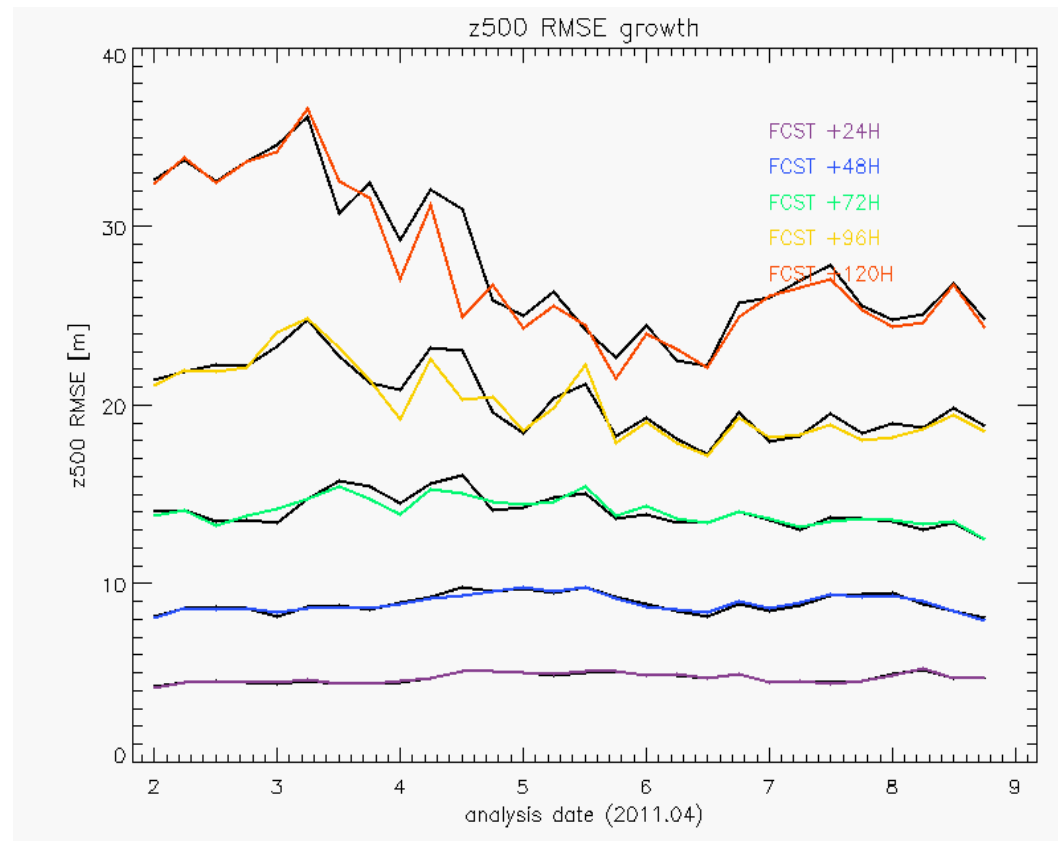


ESR 1426 GOESW 1961 MTSAT 1147 MSG 2652 ??? 10593 MODIS 2125

MTSAT+COMS

Test of 1 hourly COMS AMV

- ❖ NMSC/KMA continuously provided COMS data from April 2011.
- ❖ Validation of GPH at 500 hPa
 - RMSE of 1~5 day forecast
- ❖ MTSAT + COMS AMVs
 - Black line: only using data at analysis time
 - Colored line: hourly COMS with +/- 3 hours
- ❖ Preliminary result
 - Decrease of RMSE at the case using hourly COMS AMVs

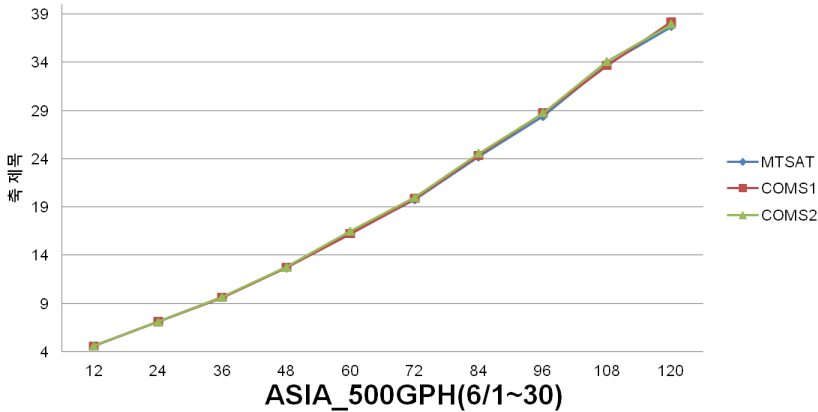


Test for 1 hourly COMS data

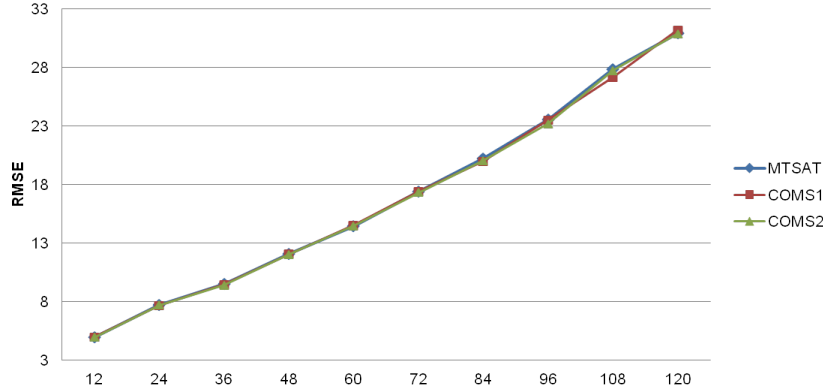
❖ Preliminary validation result

- Neutral in global, but positive impact in East Asia (typhoon)

NH_500GPH(6/1~30)

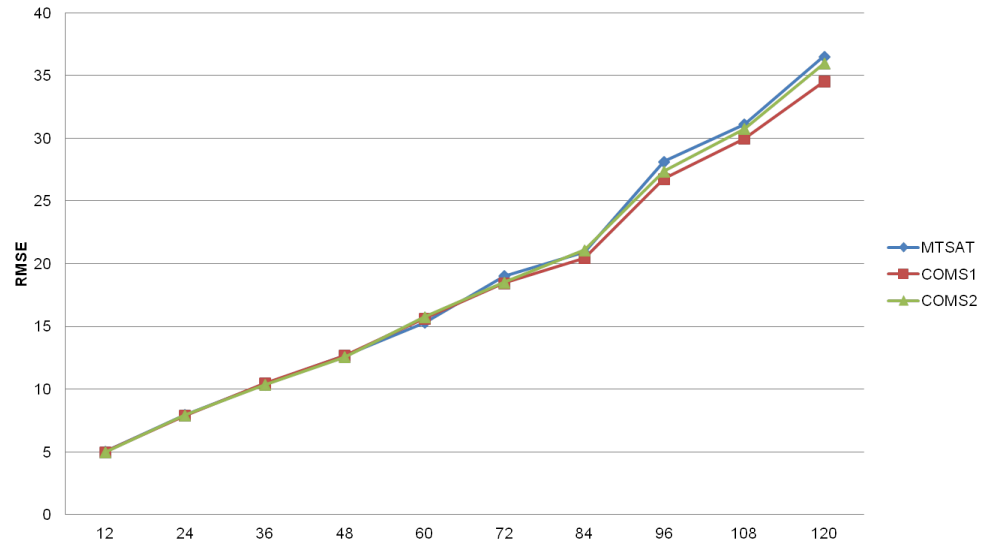


ASIA_500GPH(6/1~30)



Exp. Name	assi. window / temp. thinning	Satellites
CTRL	±00h / -	MTSAT(QI85) only
COMS1	±02h / 7200s	COMS(QI90)+MTSAT(QI85)
COMS2	±03h / 3600s	COMS(QI90)+MTSAT(QI85)

ASIA_500GPH(6/20~6/24:Typhooncase)



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Quality Control

- ❖ The AMV assimilation approach at most NWP centres involves applying QI thresholds, spatial and temporal blacklisting, thinning the data and removing data which deviate too far from the background.
- ❖ At the preliminary results, KMA used the quality control criteria provided from UMMO. About COMS data, we set up the criteria same as MTSAT.
- ❖ For application of COMS data in operation, we should generate quality control basis reflecting COMS data characteristics.
- ❖ QC index (based on QI plot and Statistics analysis)
 - IR : EBBT QI1>85, WVint QI1>90
 - WV : EBBT QI1>90, NTC QI1>90
 - VIS : EBBT QI1>87
 - Reject COMS WV below 400hPa
 - Reject COMS VIS and IR low level over land
 - Reject WV intercept below 400hPa

AMV errors

- ❖ In UMS, estimating the total AMV obs error allows for both an error in the u/v vector components and an error in the u/v vector components due to a height assignment error (Forsythe & Saunders 2008)
- ❖ The error in u/v due to the error in height can be calculated using the model background wind profile and an estimate of the height error
- ❖ Height Error Profile during summer
 - The height errors of COMS AMV are divided by *channel*, *HA method* and *surface type*

! JMA geostationary (MTSAT)

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! KMA geostationary(COMS)

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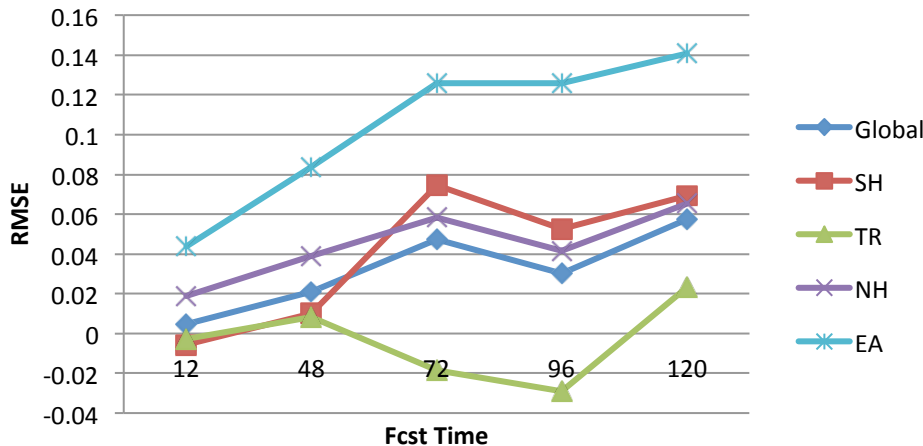
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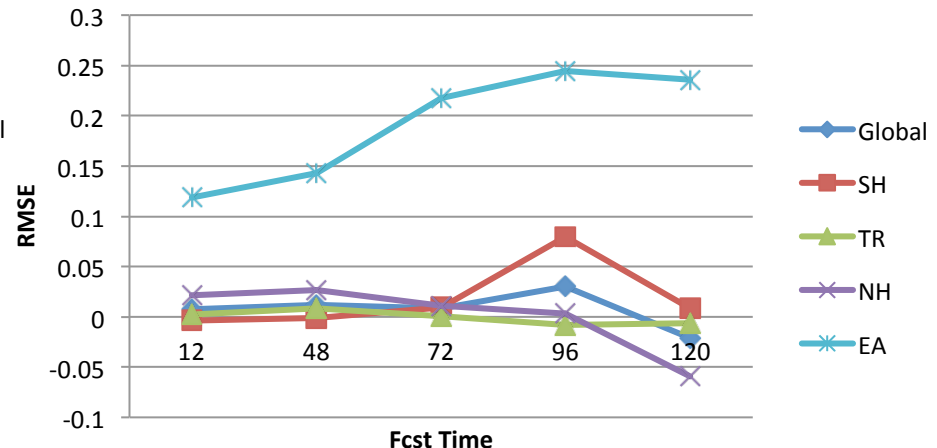
Results of hourly COMS AMV

- ❖ The QC criteria of COMS is applied to COMS experiment.
- ❖ result compared with operation(without COMS:Cntl)
- ❖ period: 2011.9.1 ~ 2011.10.31
- ❖ time window: ± 120 min
- ❖ Difference of RMSE (positive means improvement)
- ❖ Overall positive & especially in East Asia

500GPH RMSE diff(Cntl-COMS)-00UTC



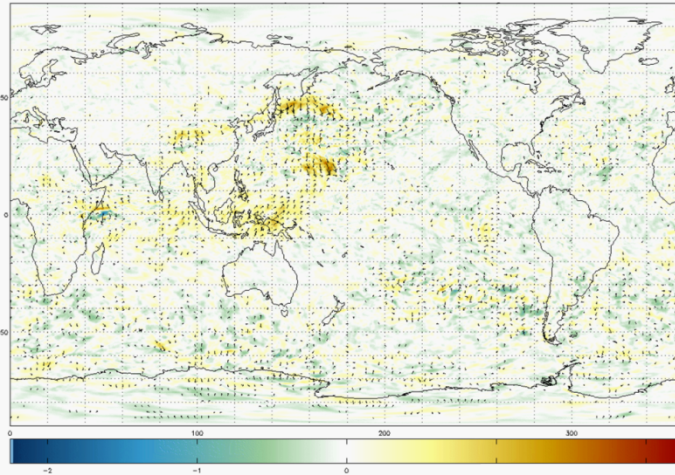
500GPH RMSE diff(Cntl-COMS)-12UTC



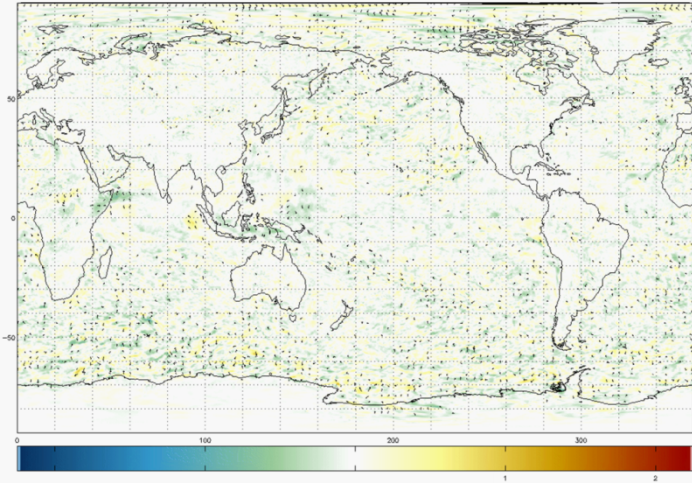
Analysis increment

EXP(COMS): MTSAT+COMS, **OP(Cntl):** MTSAT only

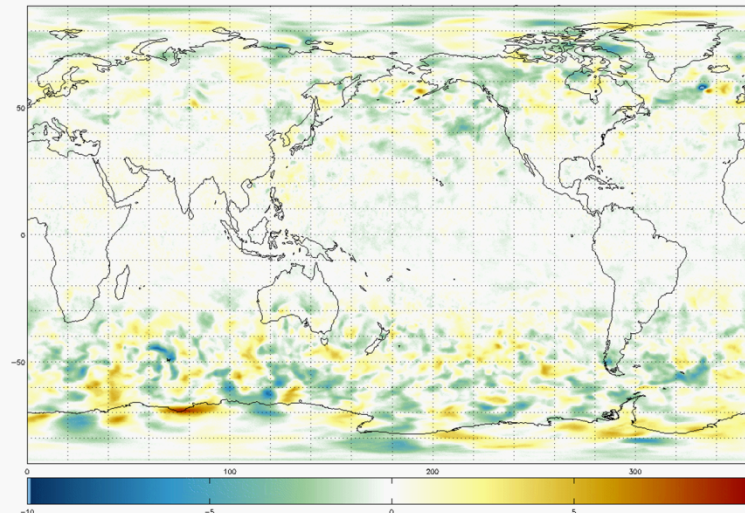
Diff. of Analysis wind fields (250 hPa, EXP – OP)
at 12UTC (2011.9.1 to 2011.9.30)



Diff. of Analysis wind fields (850 hPa, EXP – OP)
at 12UTC (2011.9.1 to 2011.9.30)



Diff. in T+48 FCST Error (z500 RMSE, OP – EXP)
at 12UTC (2011.9.1 to 2011.9.30)
GL:0.0072 SH:0.0167 TR:-0.0156 NH:0.0108 EA:0.1206 (m/s)



Result in T+48 FCST

Difference of z500 RMSE
at T+48 12UTC

Summary

- ❖ According to the result using COMS data replacing MTSAT, *the module for COMS in UMS works normally.*
- ❖ At the preliminary results of hourly COMS AMVs **within ± 2 hours** from analysis time show a **small improvement in East Asia** (using default error and QC index same as MTSAT).
- ❖ Using UKMO monitoring system, COMS AMV statistics were produced during summer 2011.
- ❖ **After application of hourly COMS AMV with its own height error and QC index**, the experiment results showed **general improvement** except for TR and **especially positive impact in East Asia.**
- ❖ KMA started operation with hourly COMS AMV in last December.

Future Plan

- ❖ For regional DA, COMS AMV with **reduced target size**(16 x 16) are producing now. After impact test, it will be applied to KMA NWP system.
- ❖ Additionally, KMA will test **1km VIS data from COMS** for regional, local area model.
- ❖ **Quality control file reflecting seasonal variation** will be generated and validated.
- ❖ Advanced usage will be tested considering **various HA method and QI**.

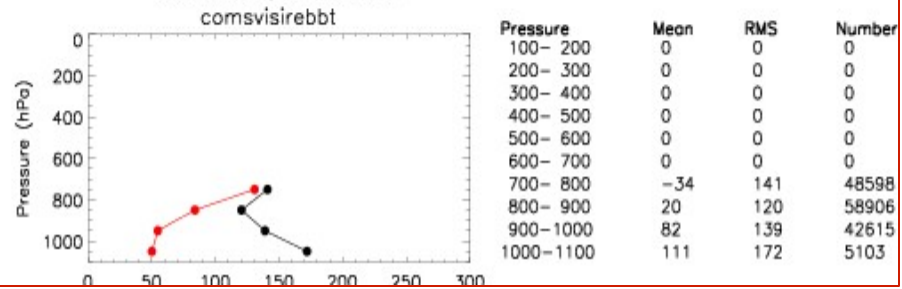
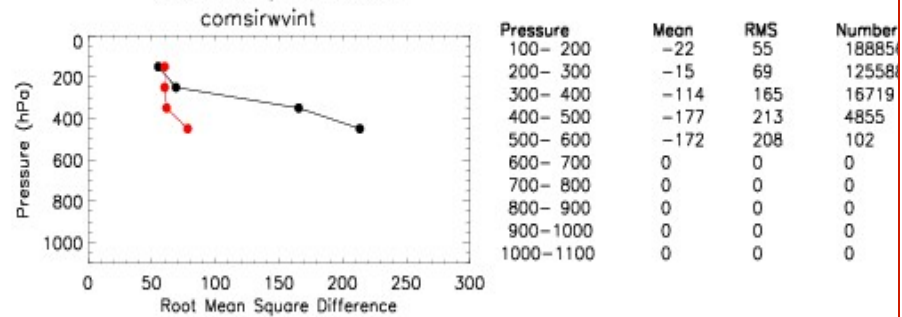
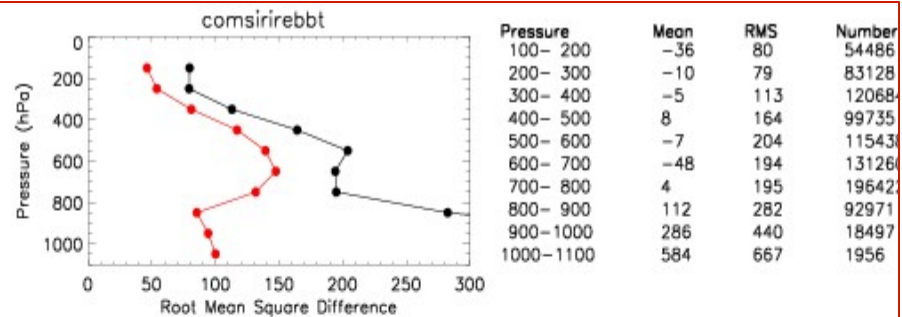
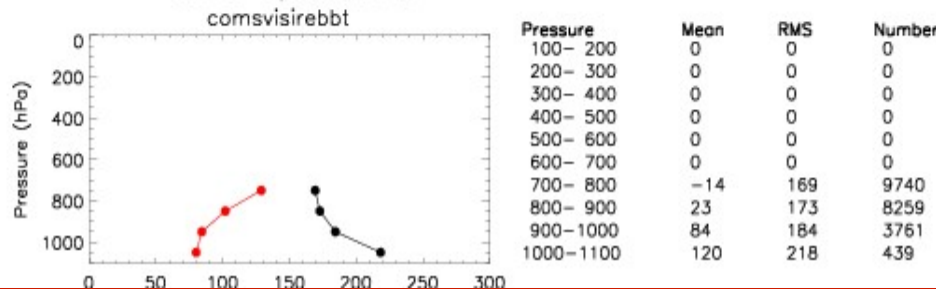
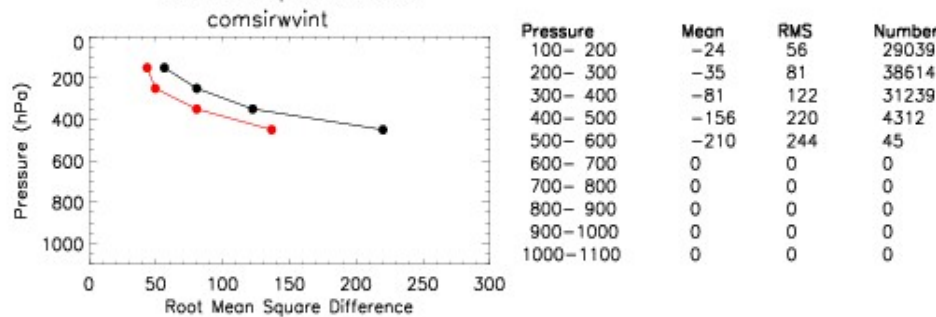
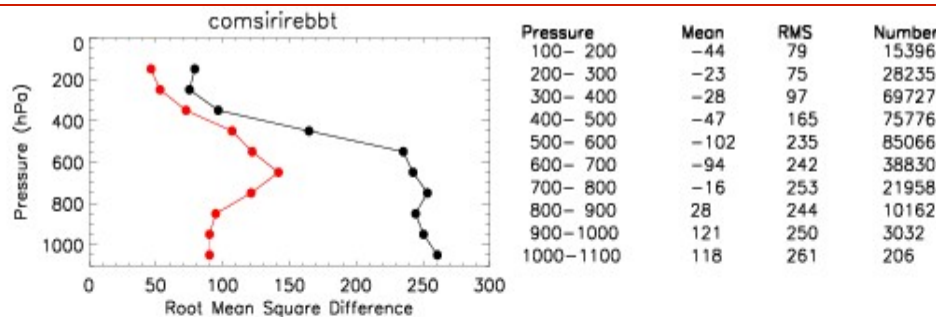


Thank you!

Best-fit Pressure (QI2>85, Jan 2012)

All Lat over Land

All Lat over Sea



Best-fit Pressure (Q11>85, Jan 2012)

All Lat over Land

All Lat over Sea

