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# THE EUMETSAT SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION OF ATMOSPHERIC MOTION VECTORS CLIMATE DATA RECORDs

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# Atmospheric motion vector – AMV – for climate

- AMVs are assimilated in weather and climate models and have a significant impact on the forecast skills and quality of the climate reanalysis
- AMV CDR can also be used for climate understanding and monitoring (e.g. monsoon or jet stream evolution)
- AMV is one of the 40 GCOS ECVs that can be retrieved from satellite, it is the variable called **atmospheric upper-air wind speed and direction**
- Despite its importance, there are only a few AMV climate data records (4 existing and 7 planned) in the ECV inventory database (<https://climatemonitoring.info/ecvinventory>) from the joint CEOS-CGMS WGClimate

The screenshot shows the 'ECV Inventory v4.10' interface. It has tabs for 'Datasets (Existing)', 'Datasets (Planned)', and 'existing'. A search bar contains 'Upper-air win'. The table below lists four existing records:

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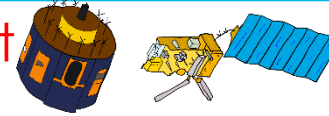


# Terminology Near Real Time versus Climate Data Record

Near Real Time

Level 0

Measurement



electric signal (voltage, count) = **count**

Level 1 / level 1a

First calibration/geolocation

**radiance** / brightness temperature  
backscatter coeff / bending angles

Level 1.5 / level 1b/1c

Refinements of

calibration/geolocation/rectification

radiance + **latitude** + **longitude** + **time**

Level 2

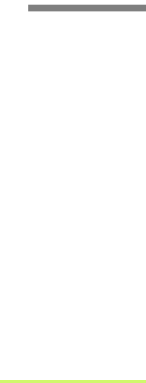
Retrieval/algorithm + auxiliary data – model

**geophysical product: e.g. AMV**

Level 3

Temporal and spatial averaged  
(e.g. grided)

Reprocessing / climate



**Fundamental Data Record (FDR)/  
Fundamental Climate Data Record (FCDR)**

**Thematic Climate Data Record (TCDR)**



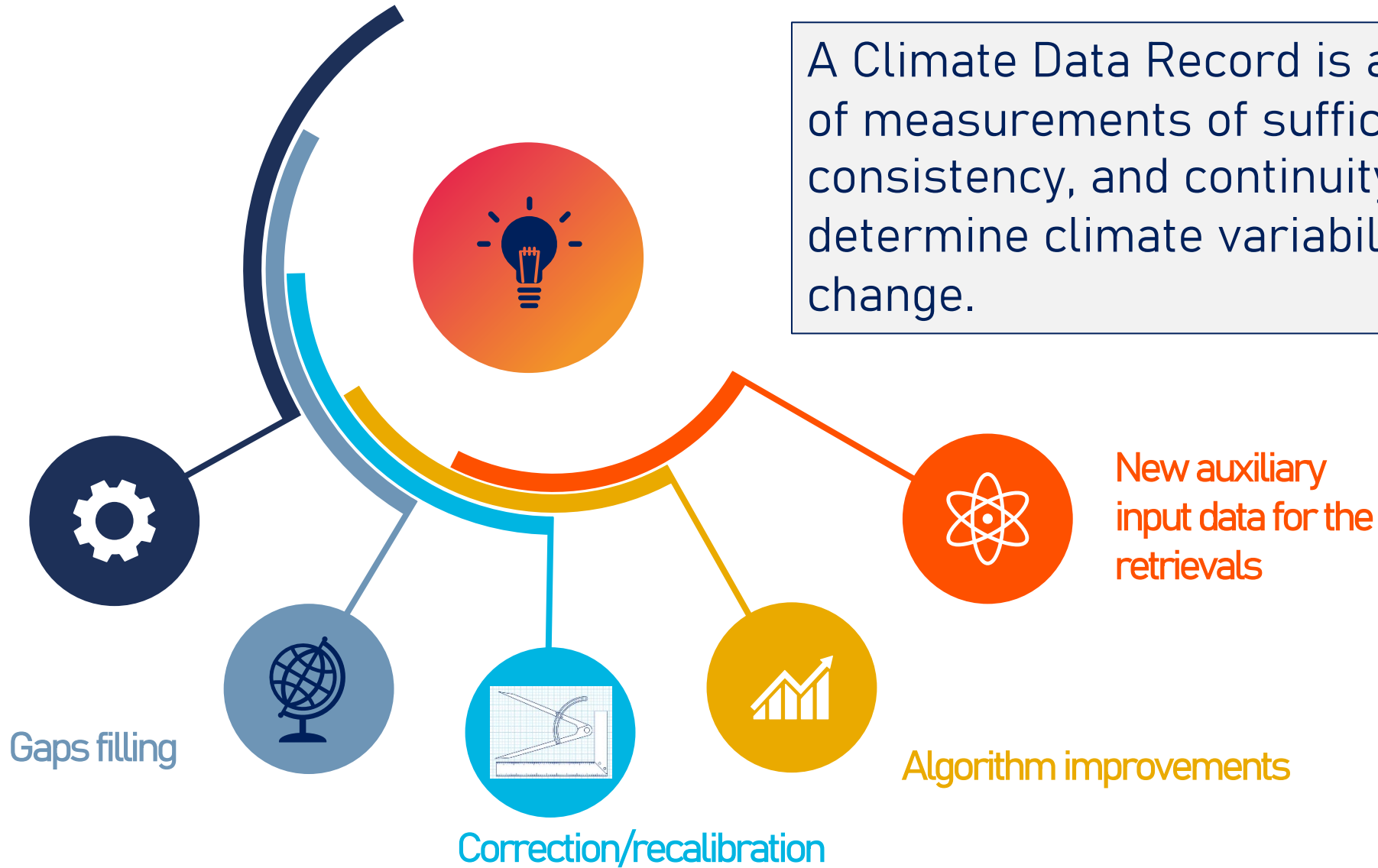




# Reprocessing CDR – the main reasons to do it

A Climate Data Record is a time series of measurements of sufficient length, consistency, and continuity to determine climate variability and change.

Did not exist in NRT for earlier periods





# Meteosat GEO AMV Climate Data Record at 0°

We wanted a **seamless production of AMVs** from Meteosat first and second generation: we derive AMVs using only the **2** MVIRI and SEVIRI **'common' channels** IR10.8 and WV6.2. The full spectral capability of SEVIRI is not utilised to estimate the wind vectors altitude.

Input data: Meteosat images

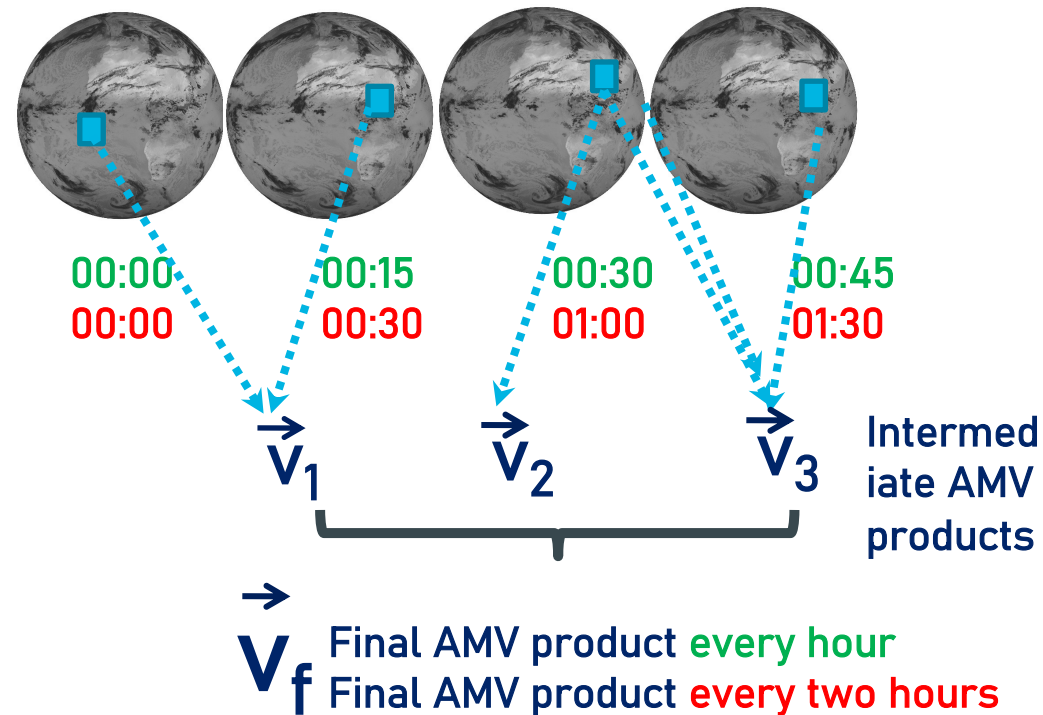
First generation MVIRI (Meteosat 1-7)	Second generation SEVIRI (Metosat 8-11)
2 channels	12 channels
30 minutes	15 minutes
5km	3km

Cloud height information

- Cloud mask CMSAF Cloud Fractional Cover (DOI: [10.5676/EUM\\_SAF\\_CM/CFC METEOSAT/V001](https://doi.org/10.5676/EUM_SAF_CM/CFC_METEOSAT/V001))
- CTH for each pixel: EBBT + IR/WV ratio for semi transparent clouds + low level inversion

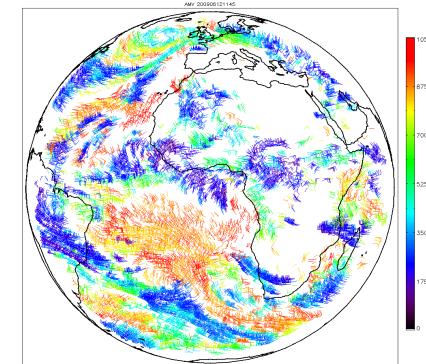
CCC method used for both MVIRI and SEVIRI

Model information: ERA-interim



CDR AMVs for 2 channels:

- IR1 0.8
- WV 6.2



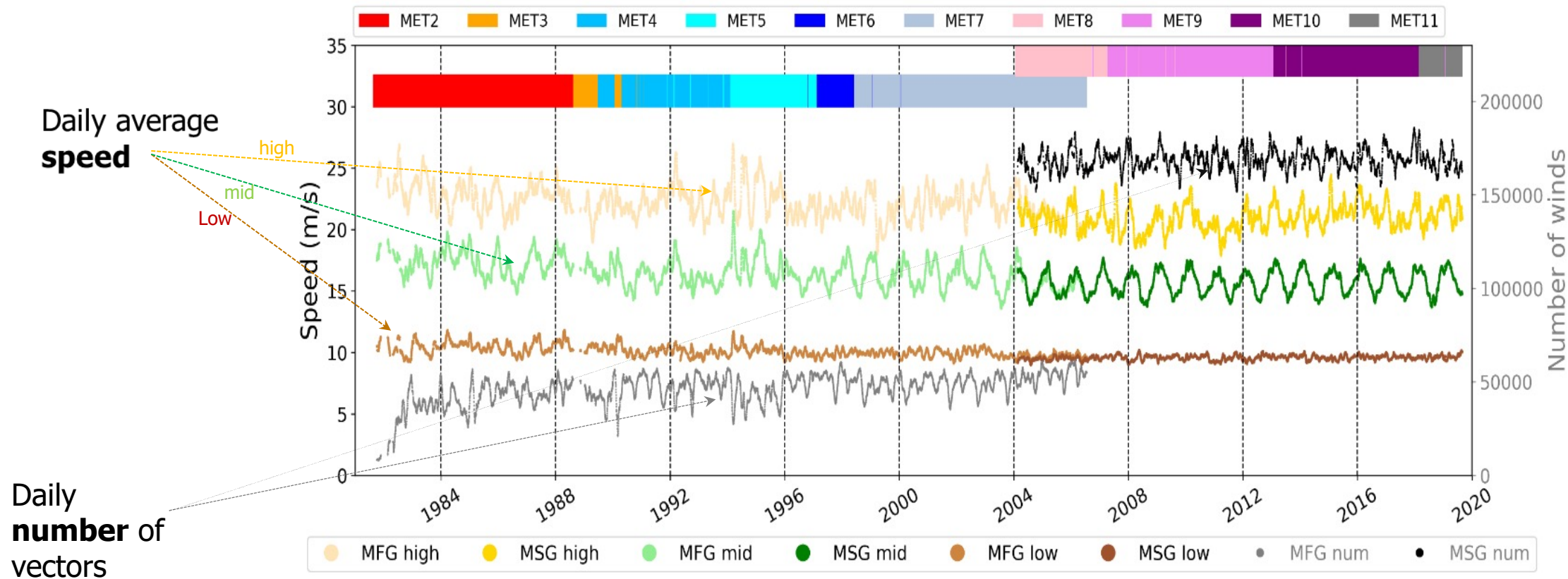
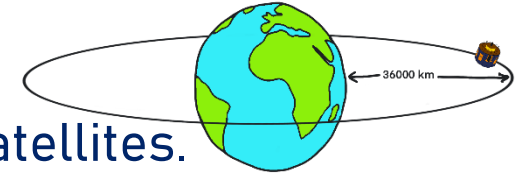
About 10000 SEVIRI winds/final vectors per hour are detected



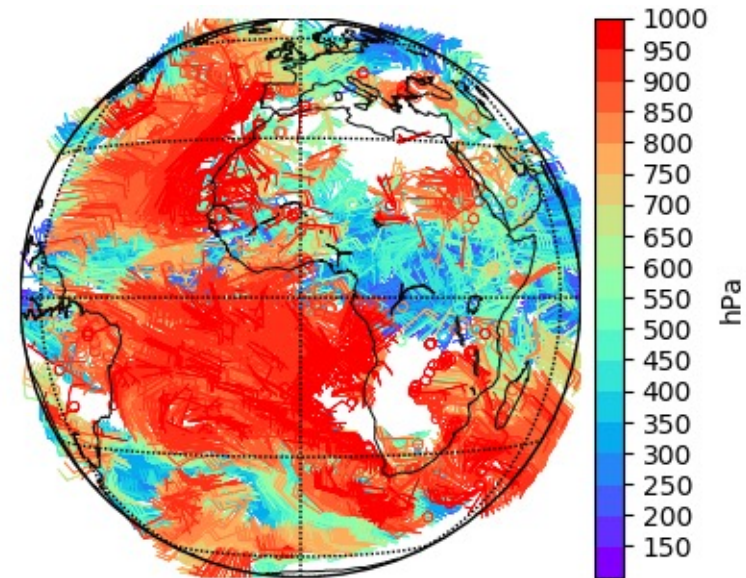
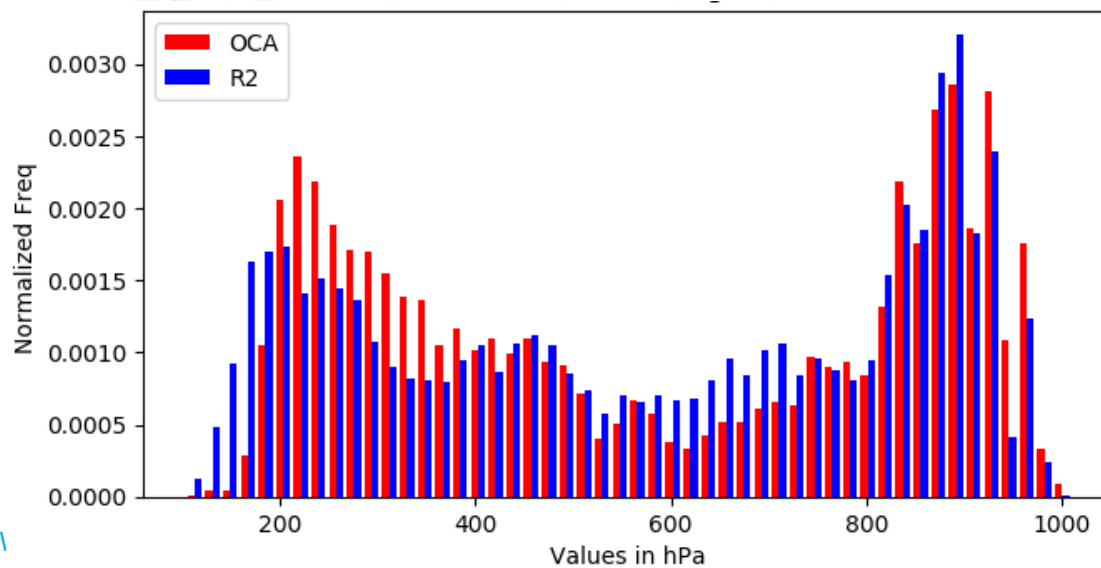


# Meteosat IR GEO AMV climate data record at 0°

- A unique Climate Data Record of geostationary AMV using the operational EUMETSAT algorithm adapted for time series processing;
- First AMV CDR based on cross-calibrated geostationary radiances;
- 38 years (1982–2019) years of Atmospheric Motion Vectors from 10 Meteosat satellites.



- The current AMV CDR is homogeneous but only used 2 channels. This is perfect for usage in climate application.
  - The full spectral capability of SEVIRI was not utilised to estimate the wind vectors altitude.
- A new MSG/SEVIRI AMV using the information from the 12 channels is in preparation. This will allow a better height assignment and microphysical properties.
- OCA as input for the cloud top height + microphysical properties (phase, optical thickness and effective radius)

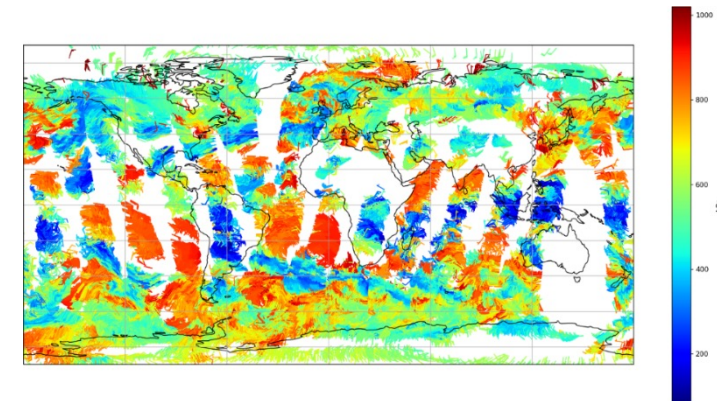
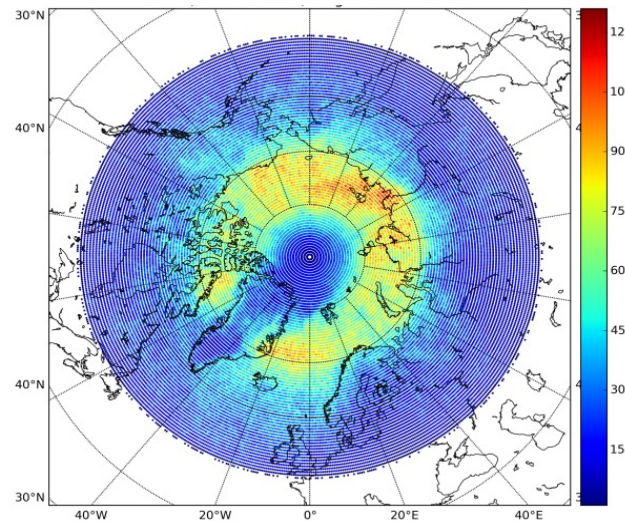
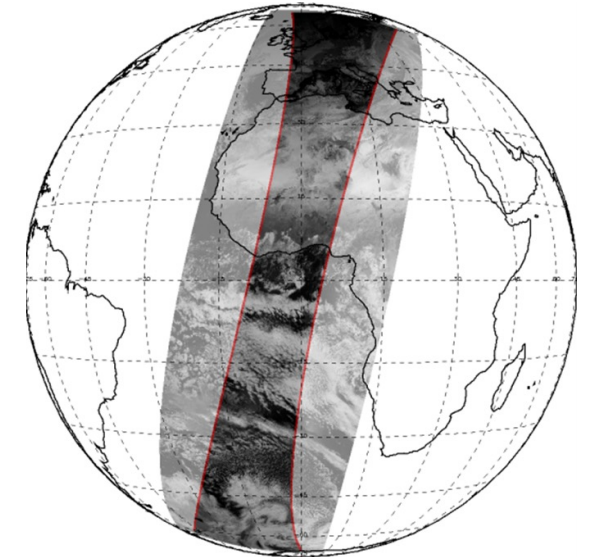
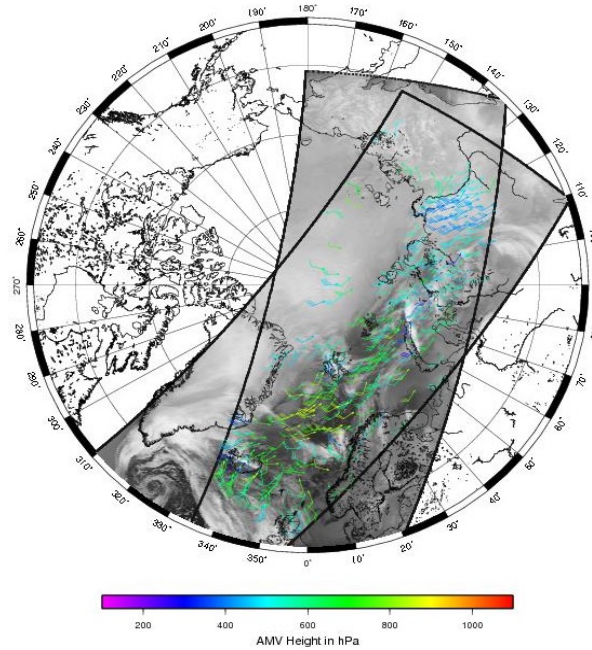
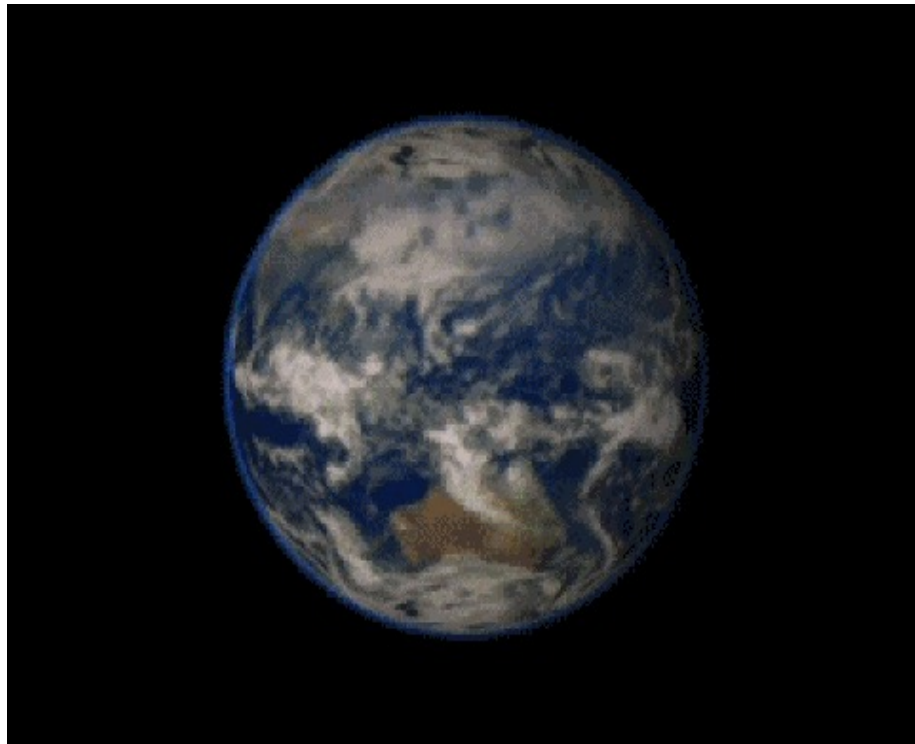




# CDR AMV from LEO/polar satellites

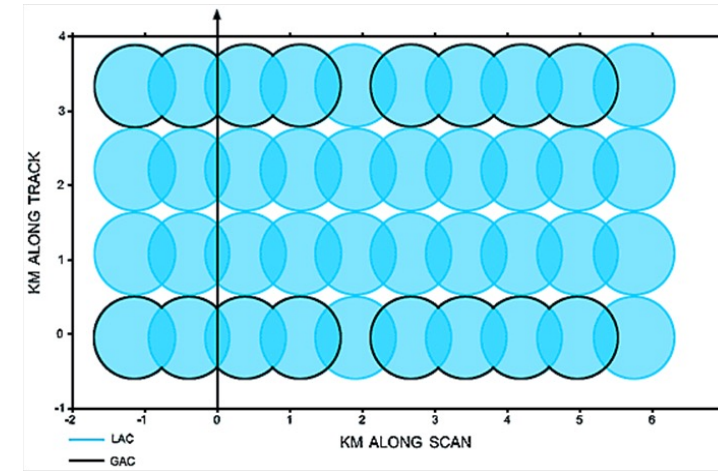
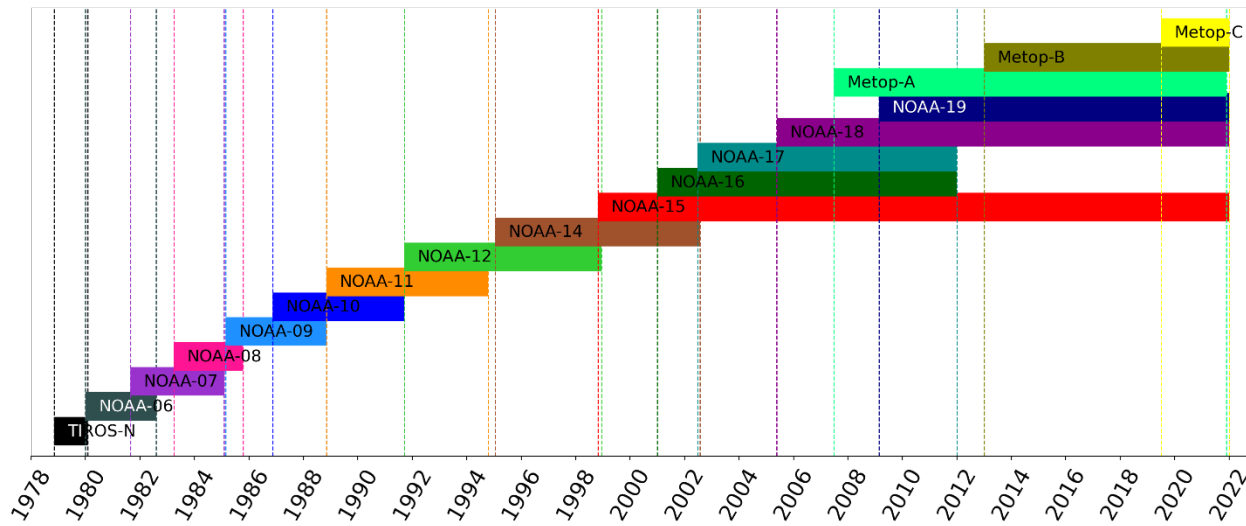
LEO satellites ~ 800 km

AVHRR on Metop + NOAAs



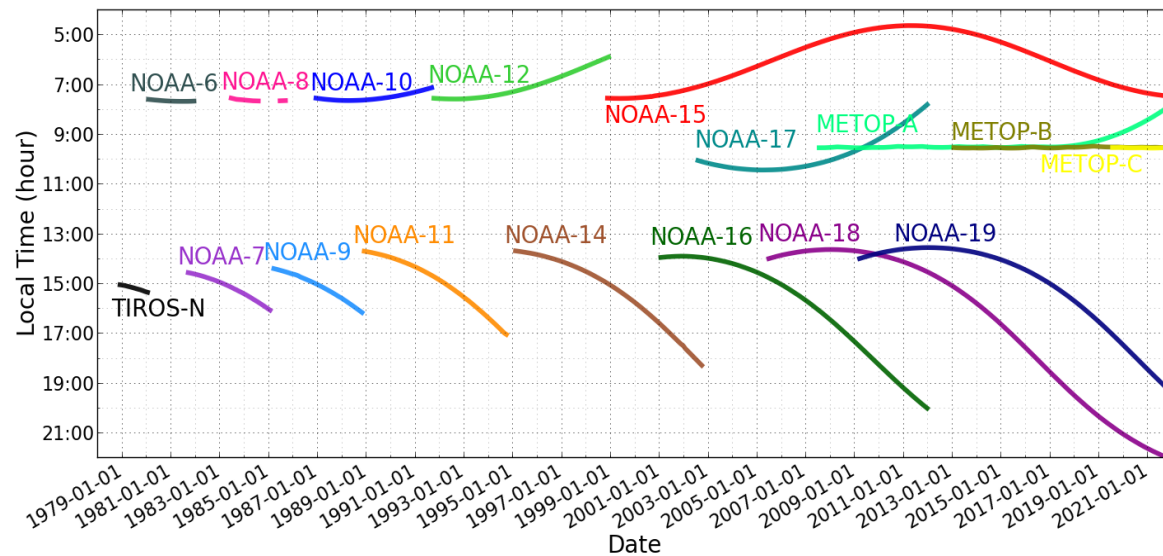
Global using **2** or more LEO satellites Metop-A/-B (limited to 2013-2018)

Over the polar areas using **one single** satellite

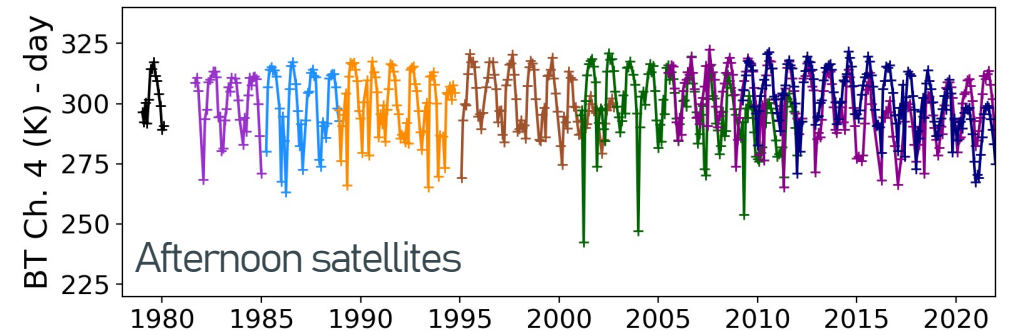
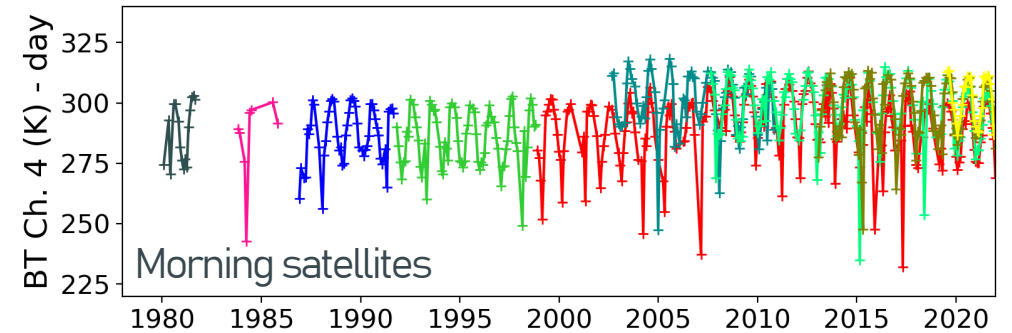


LAC resolution:  
1050mx1050m at nadir

GAC resolution



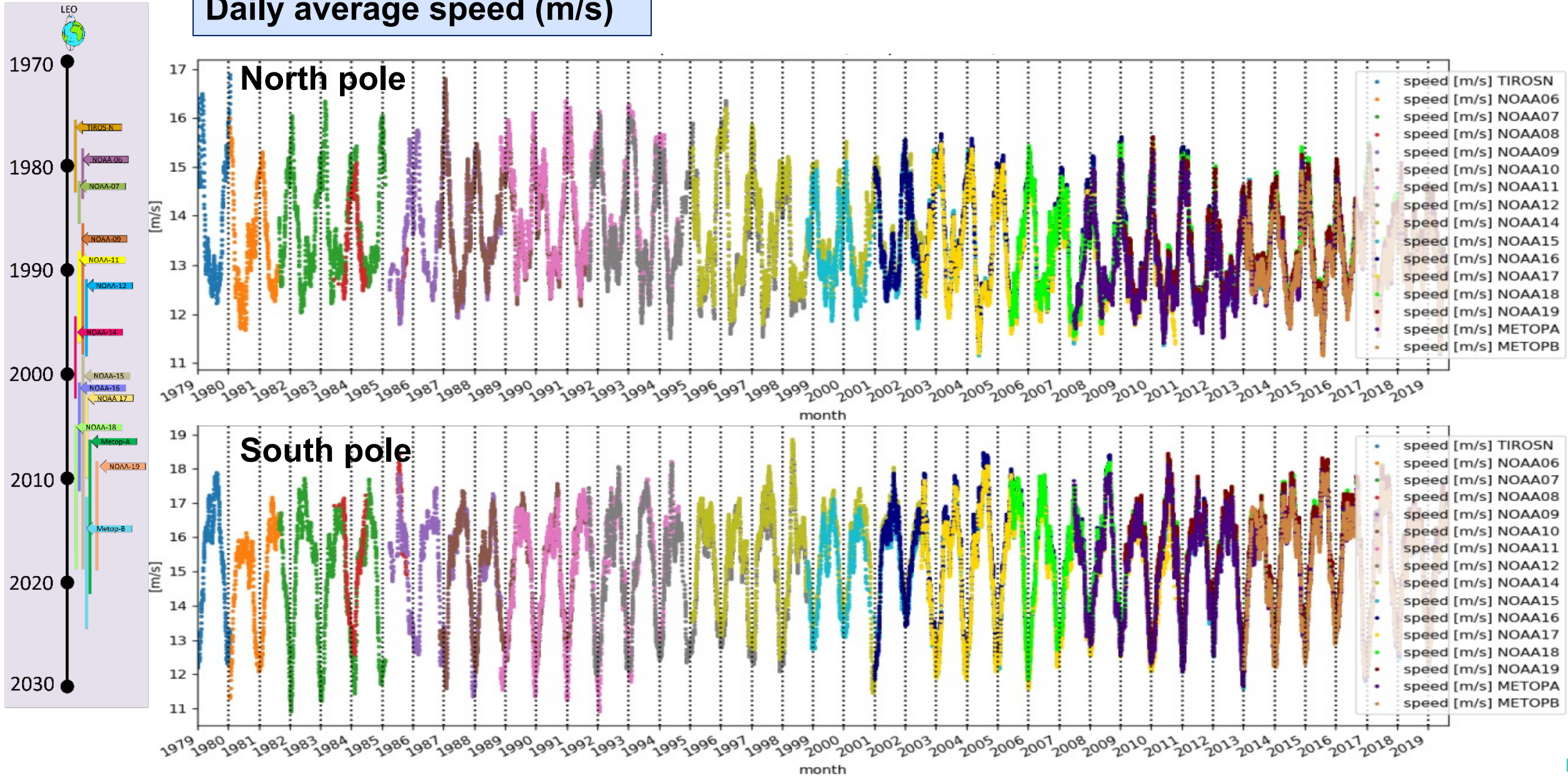
## Evolution of the channel 4 over Egypt:





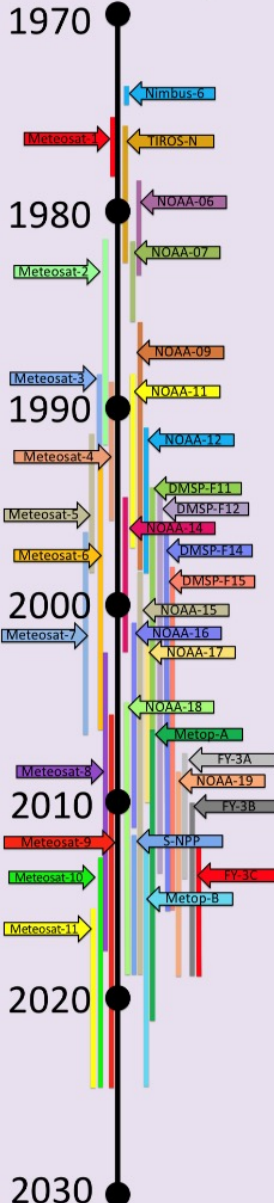
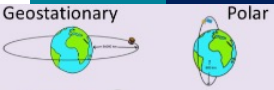


## Daily average speed (m/s)





# Existing EUMETSAT AMV CDR



To get data browse the EUMETSAT data store.

links: <https://data.eumetsat.int/> and our old PN <https://navigator.eumetsat.int/>,

→ You need to register to access to the EUMETSAT datastore: <https://eoportal.eumetsat.int/>

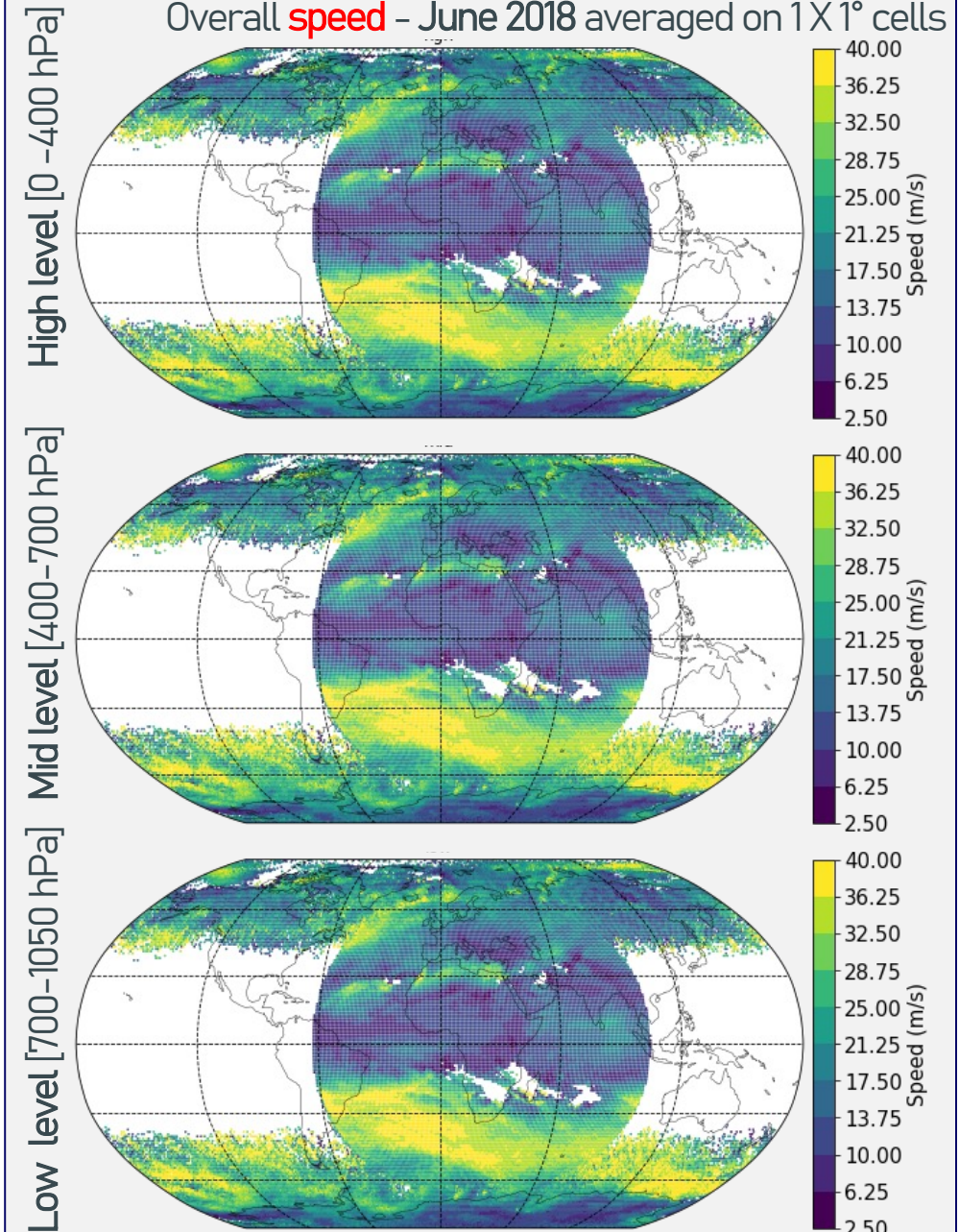
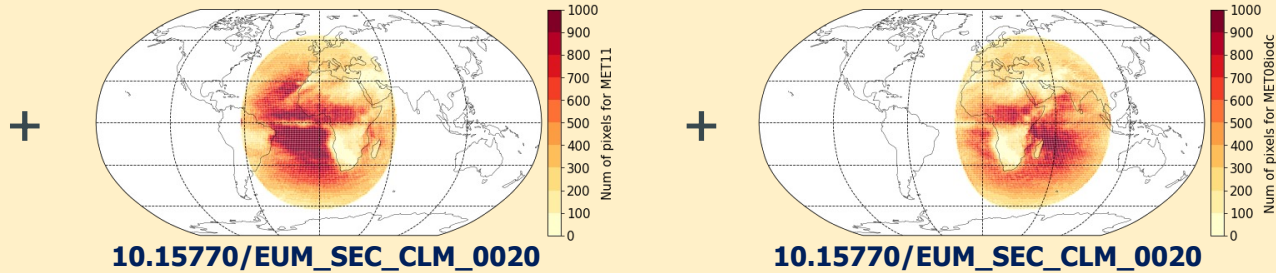
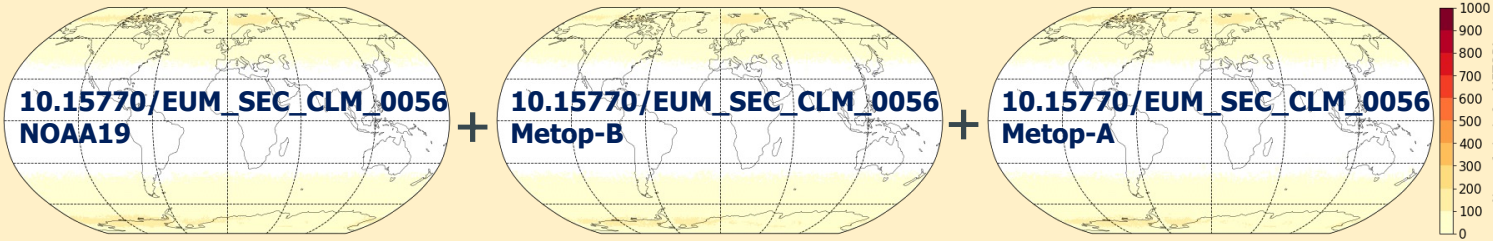
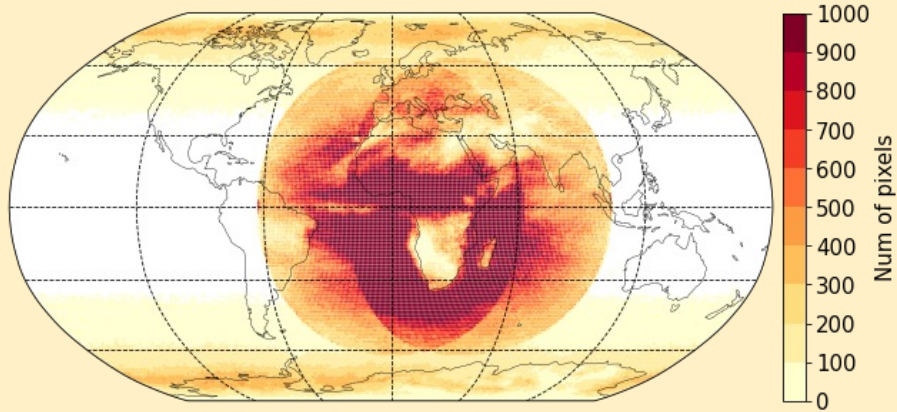
Product	Release: period	Coverage	Reference doi
MSG AMV 0°	R1: 2004-2012	lat 60°-60°, lon 60-60°	10.15770/EUM_SEC_CLM_006
MSG/MFG AMV 0°	R2: 1982- 2019	lat 60°-60°, lon 60-60°	10.15770/EUM_SEC_CLM_0020
MSG/MFG AMV IODC <i>(will be released in 2023)</i>	R1: 1998 - 2019	IODC ssp 63°, 57°, and 41.5°	10.15770/EUM_SEC_CLM_0022+ EUM_SEC_CLM_0021 EUM_SEC_CLM_0054 : in Q2 2023
LAC Metop-A and -B AVHRR AMV EUMETSAT algo	R1: 2007-2014	Poles: lat > 40°	10.15770/EUM_SEC_CLM_0016
LAC Metop-A and -B AVHRR AMV CIMSS algo	R1: 2007-2014	Poles: lat > 65°	10.15770/EUM_SEC_CLM_0040
LAC Metop-A and -B AVHRR single	R2: 2007-2017	Poles: lat > 40°	10.15770/EUM_SEC_CLM_0037
LAC Metop-A/B B/A AVHRR dual	R1: 2013-2017	Entire globe	10.15770/EUM_SEC_CLM_0038
GAC from 13 AVHRR	R1: 1979-2012	Poles: lat > 40°	10.15770/EUM_SEC_CLM_0055
GAC from 16 AVHRR	R2: 1979-2019	Poles: lat > 40°	10.15770/EUM_SEC_CLM_0056





# A complete coverage combining all CDRs - to analyse wind pattern

Number of AMVs - June 2018 averaged on 1X1° cells



'Easy' to mix GEO AMVs but it requires more attention to mix with LEO



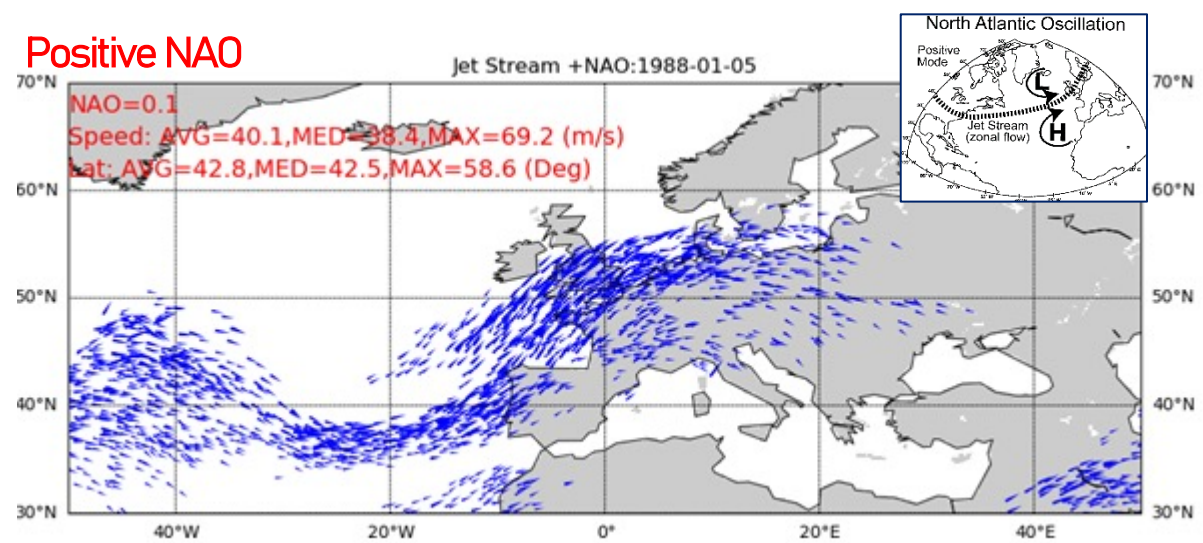
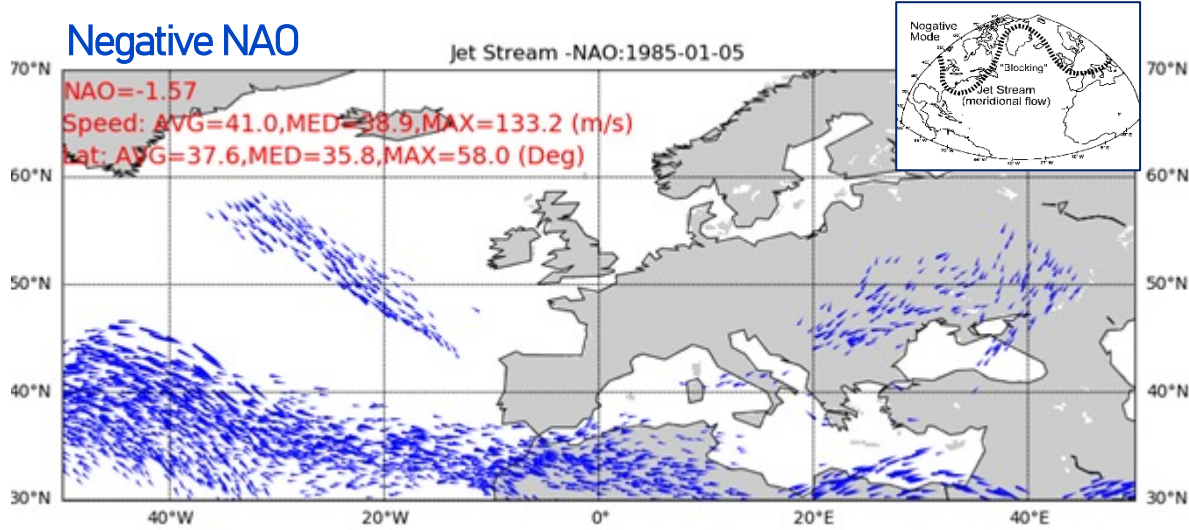


# Application: analysing climate pattern – jet stream

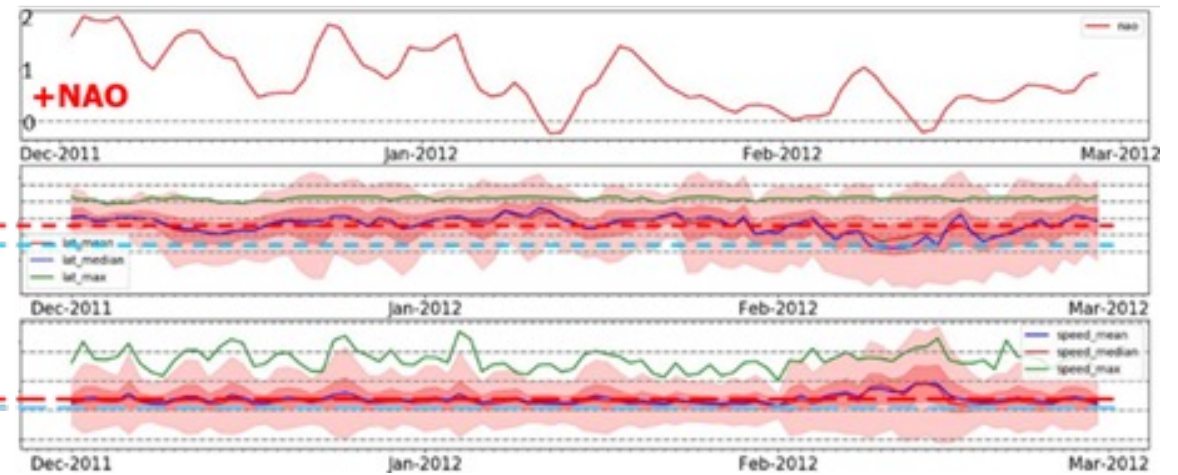
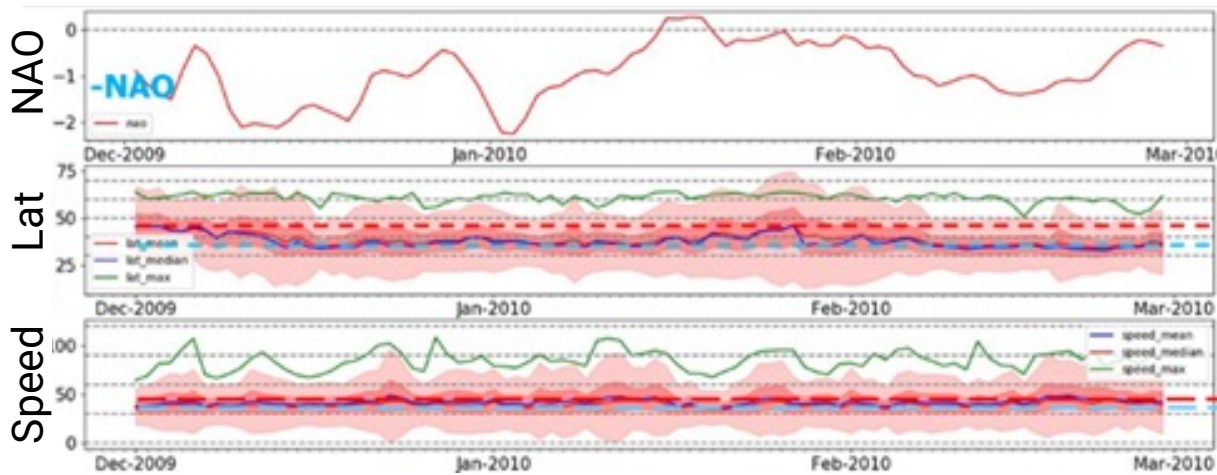


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GEO 0° AMV CDR from **Meteosat** observations: speed, direction and height with associated quality indicator of winds covering the period 1981–2019



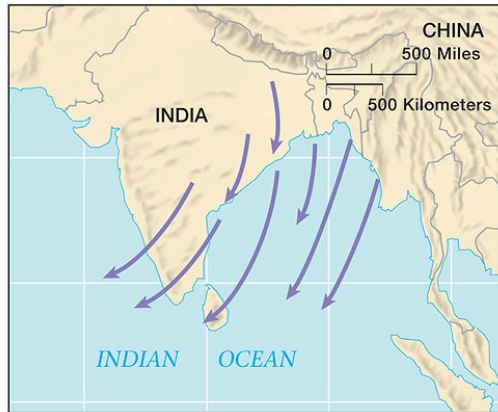
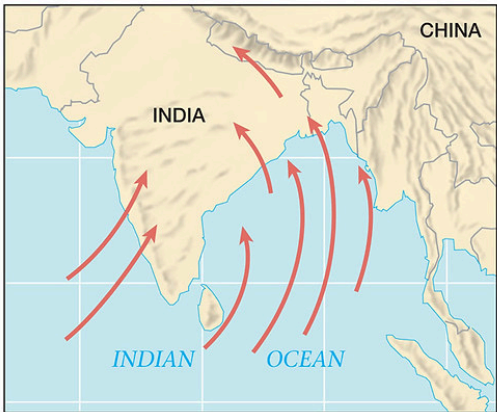
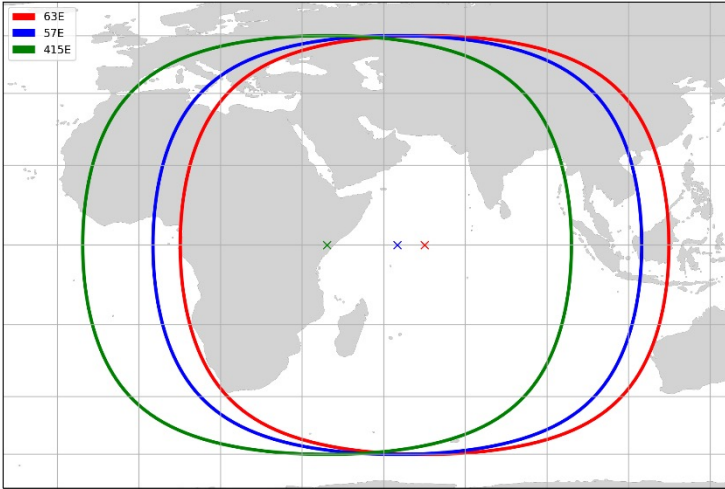
Polar jet stream selection from GEO AMV : Latitude > 30° North    Height < 400 hPa    Speed > 30 m/s    QI > 60





# Application: analysing climate pattern Indian monsoon

GEO AMV CDR IODC Release 1 will be released in 2023. It includes three Meteosat satellites (M5, M7 and M8) over three close locations over the Indian Ocean from 1998 to 2019.

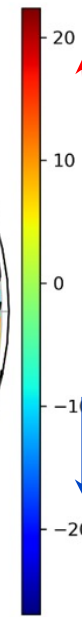
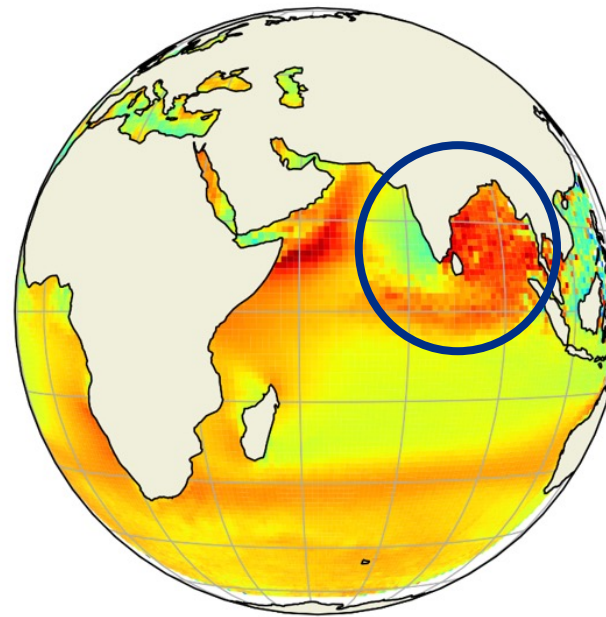


Summer

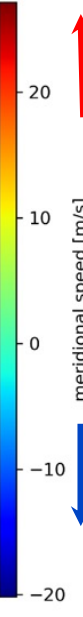
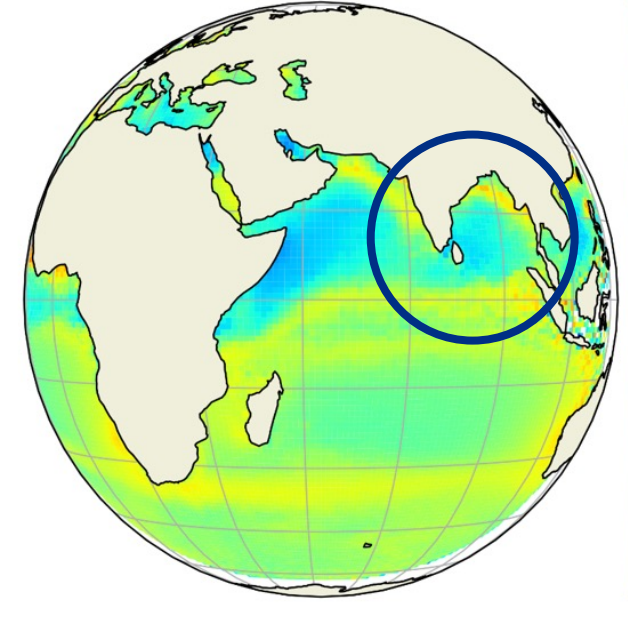
Winter

Averaged meridional component ( $\bar{v}$ ) of the low level AMVs 1988 – 2009 from Meteosat IR MVIRI and SEVIRI measurements – speed > 5m/s and QI > 60

Summer (JJA)



Winter (DJF)

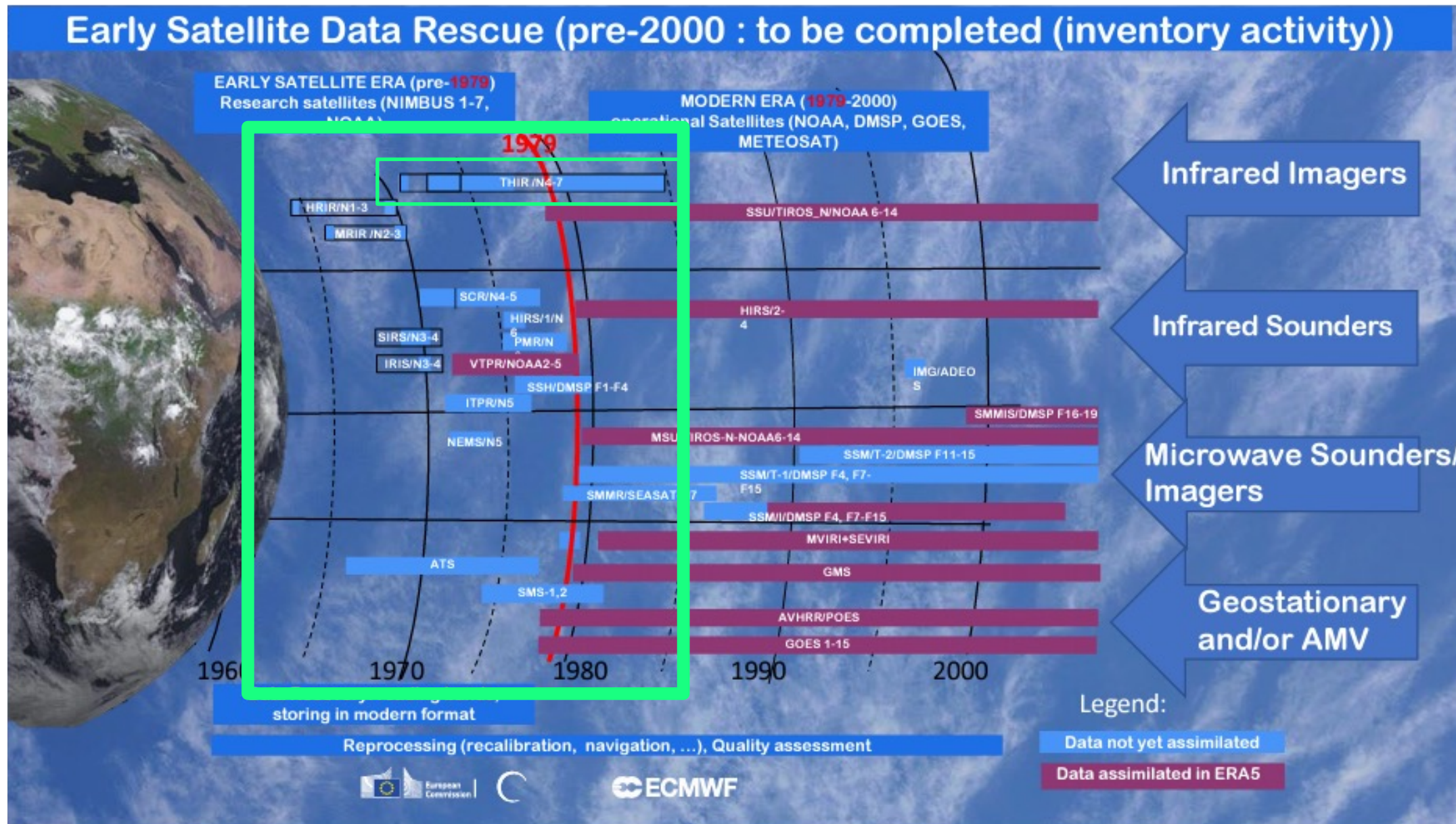




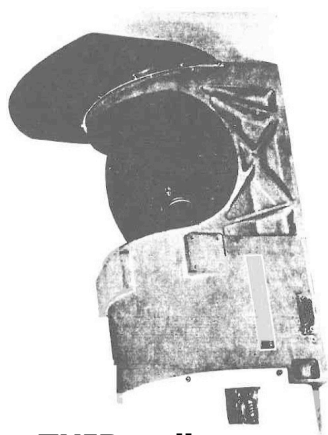


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# C3S311c – early era satellite data rescue







THIR radiometer  
from Hwang, NIMBUS 7  
THIR data user's guide,  
NASA/Goddard Space  
Flight Center, 1982.

- As part of its C3S2.0 activities EUMETSAT performs a feasibility study to assess the quality of Temperature-Humidity Infrared Radiometer imager data to retrieve AMVs in the 1970s. If feasible, AMV CDR will be produced for future C3S global reanalysis.
- These new AMVs would represent an important addition to global reanalyses, given the scarce in situ upper-air observing network over the polar regions and the general paucity of satellite data prior to 1979.

THIR was operating day and night.

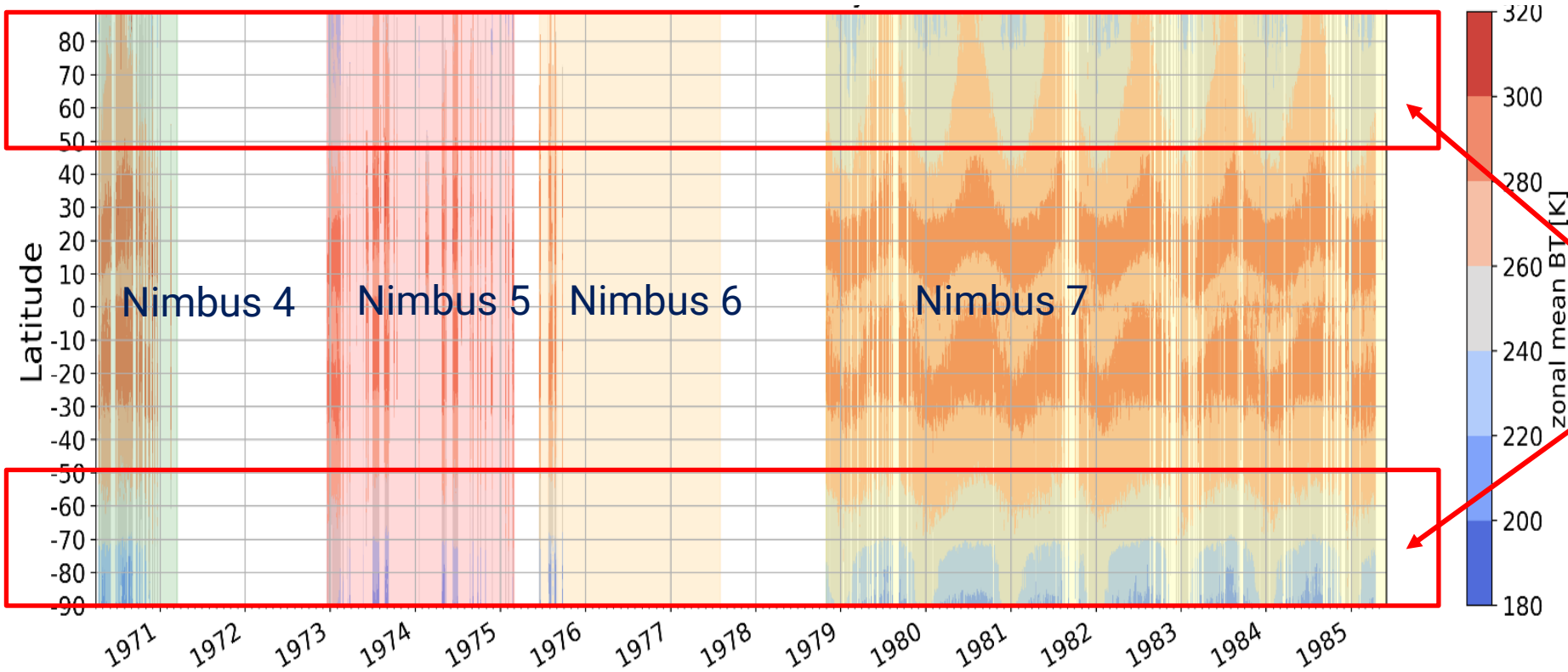
It had two channels:

- Water vapour:  $6.7 \mu\text{m}$  ( $6.5 \mu\text{m} - 7.0 \mu\text{m}$ ), resolution: 22km at ssp **not used for AMVs retrieval**
- Infrared:  $11.5 \mu\text{m}$  ( $10.5 \mu\text{m} - 12.5 \mu\text{m}$ ), resolution: 8km (Nimbus 4, 5 and 6), 6.7km (Nimbus 7)

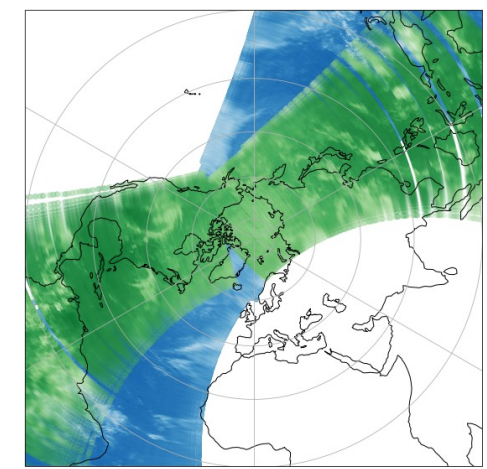
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Nimbus 4	13 April 1970	31 March 1971	1743
Nimbus 5	19 December 1972	1 March 1975	2414
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Nimbus 7	30 October 1978	13 May 1985	30370



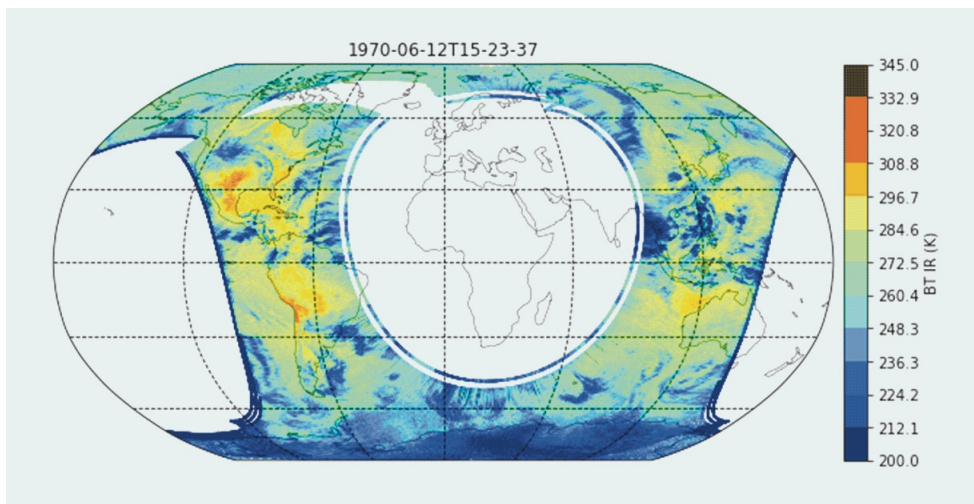
# Potential for Atmospheric Motion Vectors (AMVs) in the 1970s



“Traditional”  
LEO-AMV  
retrieval area



Thanks to THIR large swath it should be possible to retrieve AMV globally from 2 successive THIR orbits

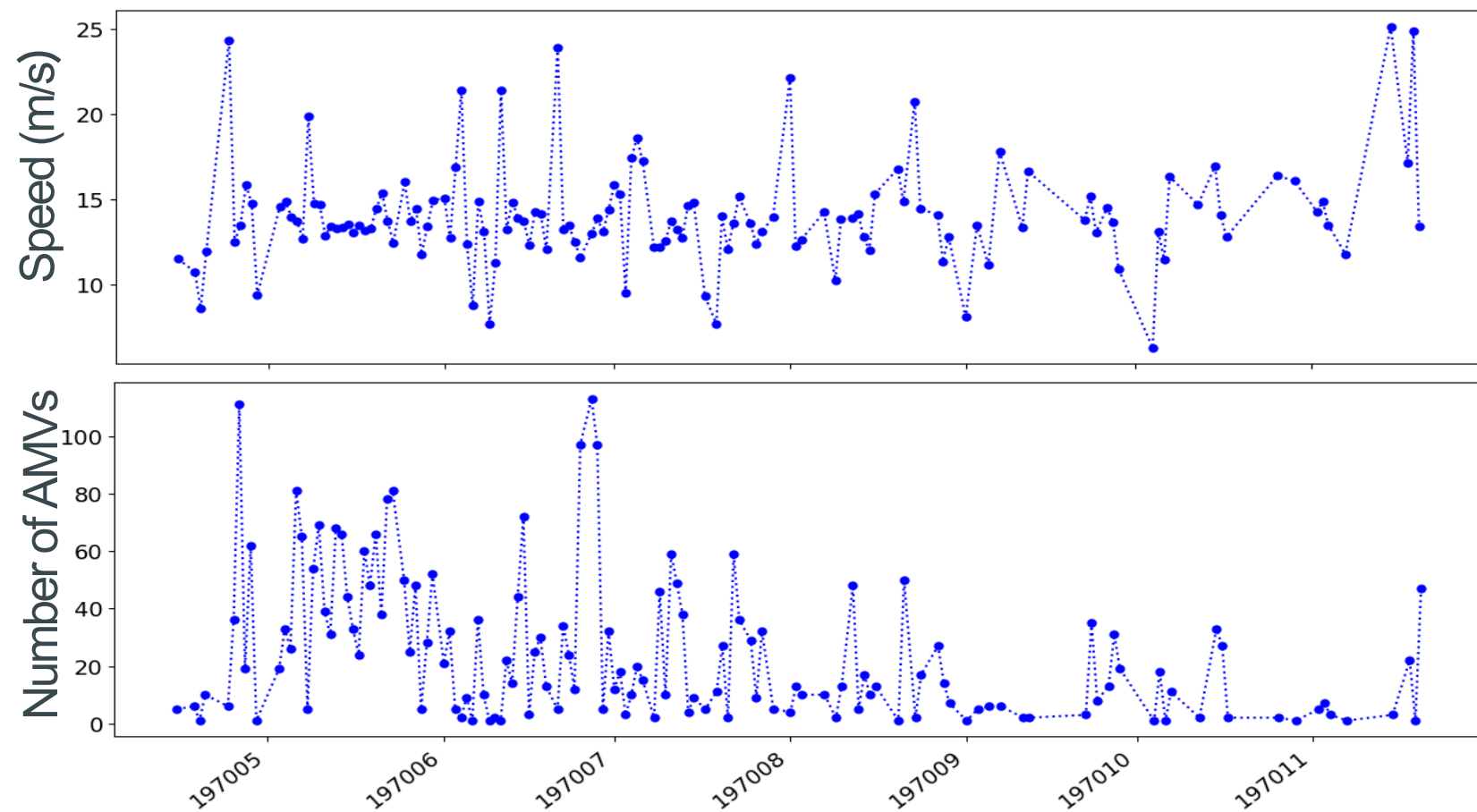




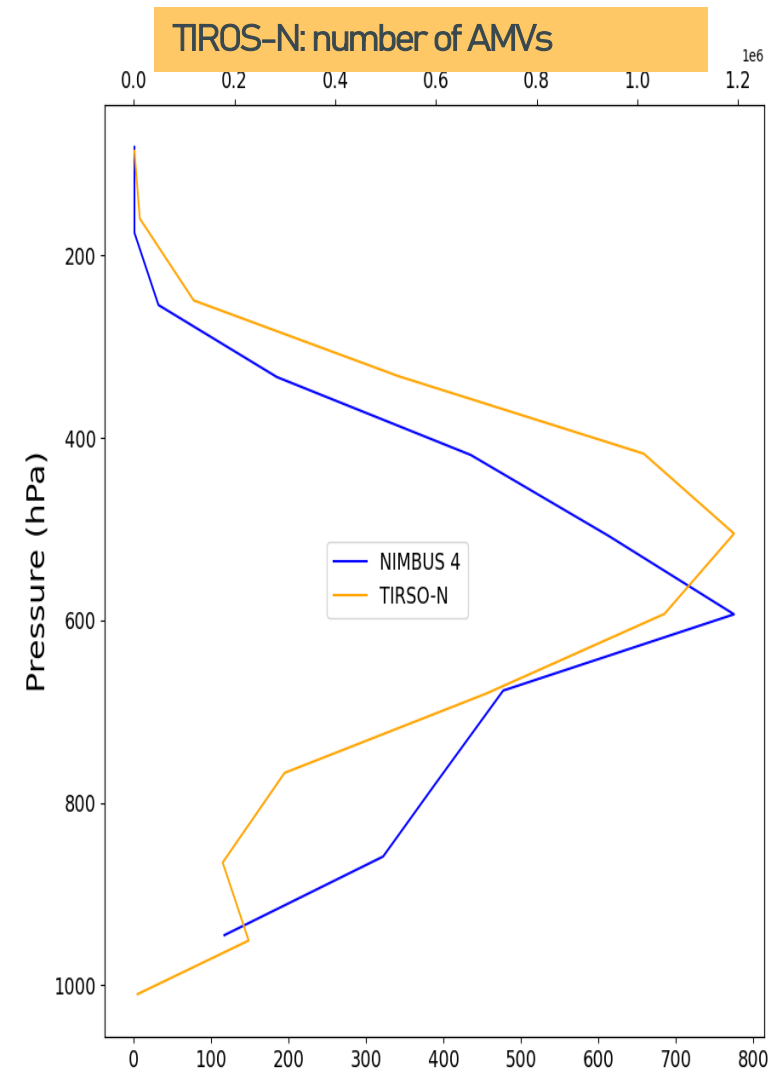
# NIMBUS 4 time series



Daily average for AMV with a QI > 80



Apr-Dec 1970 and 1979



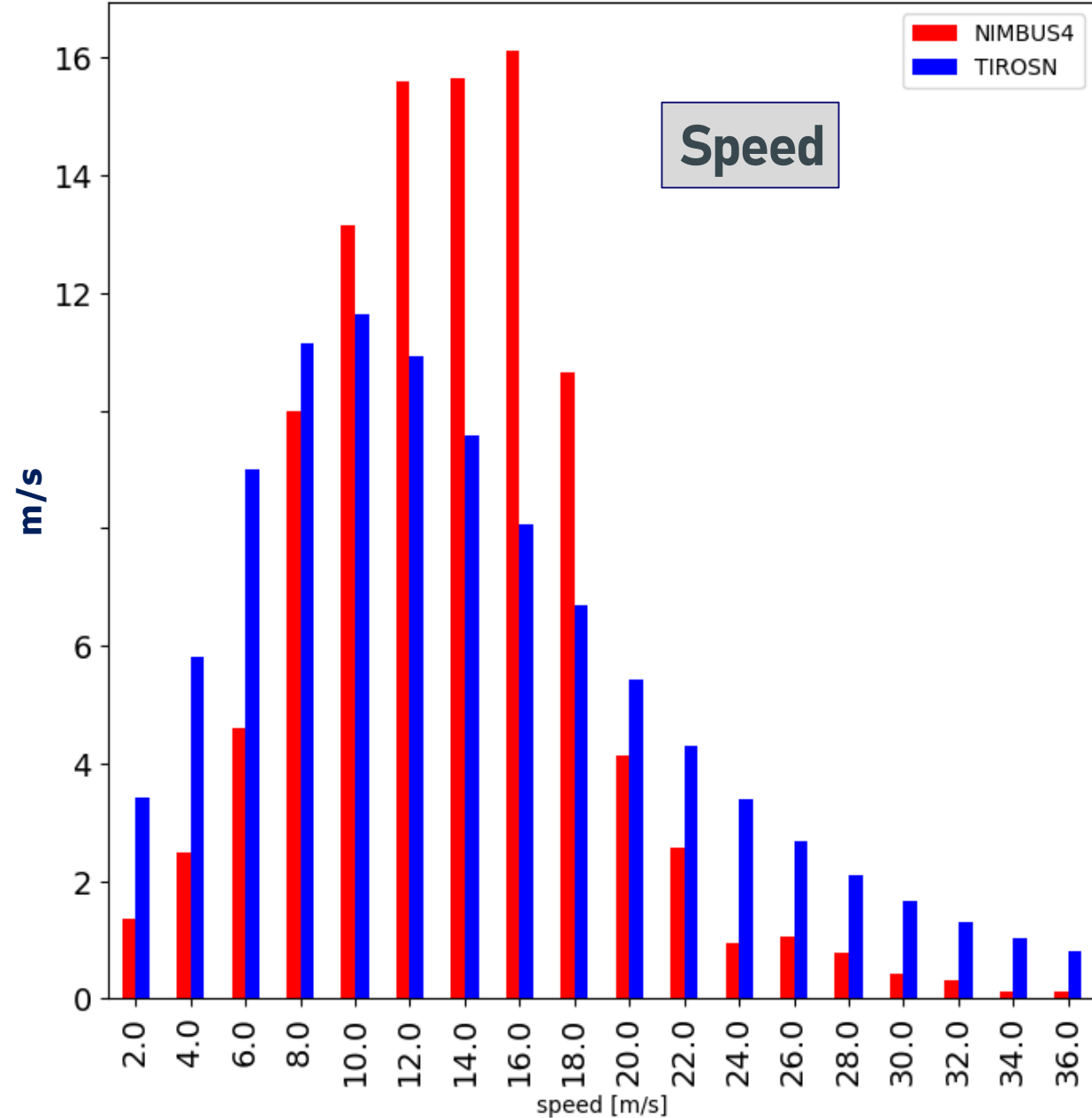
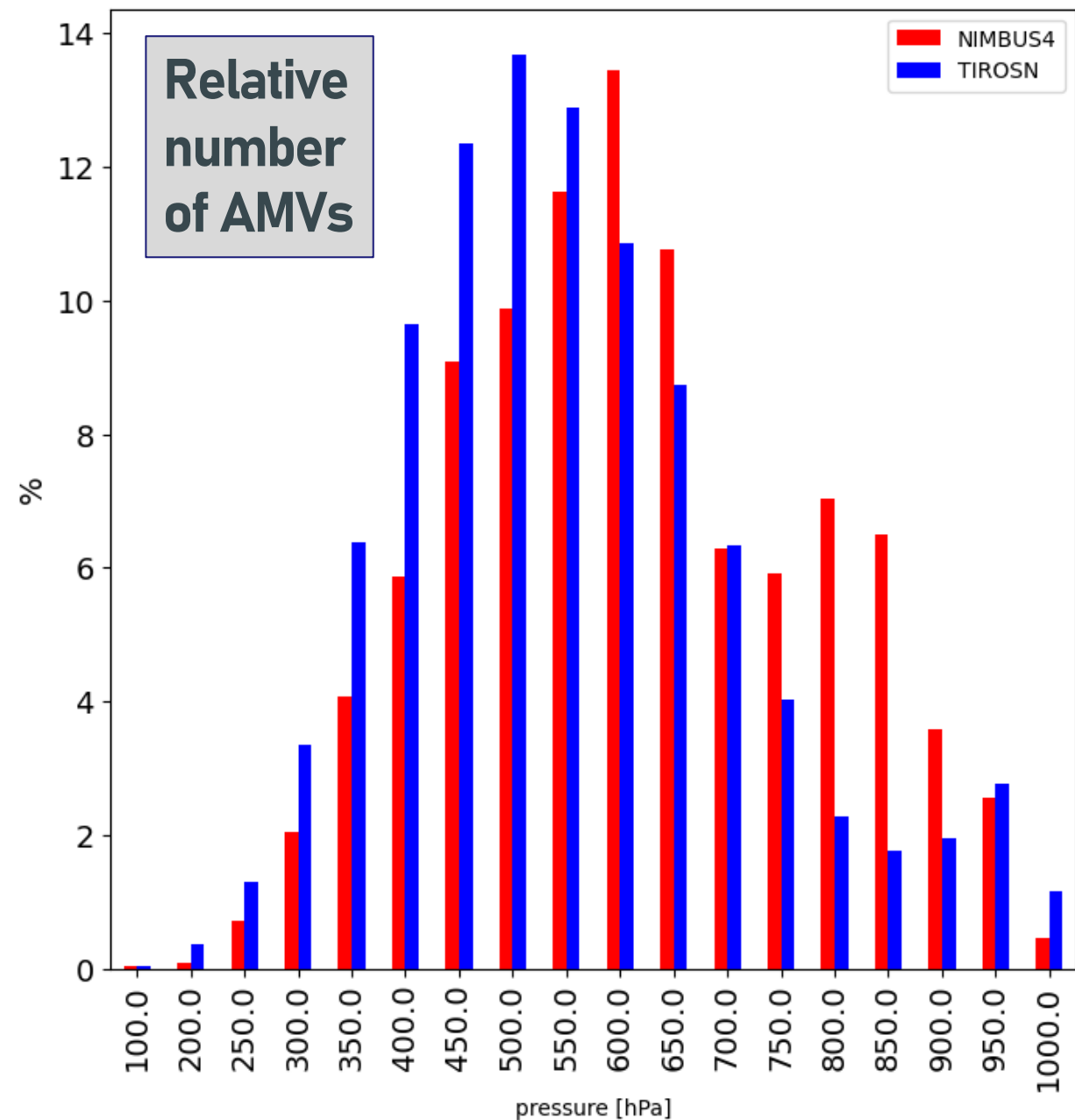
NIMBUS 4: number of AMVs



# Histograms for number of AMVs and speed for NIMBUS 4 and TIROS-N



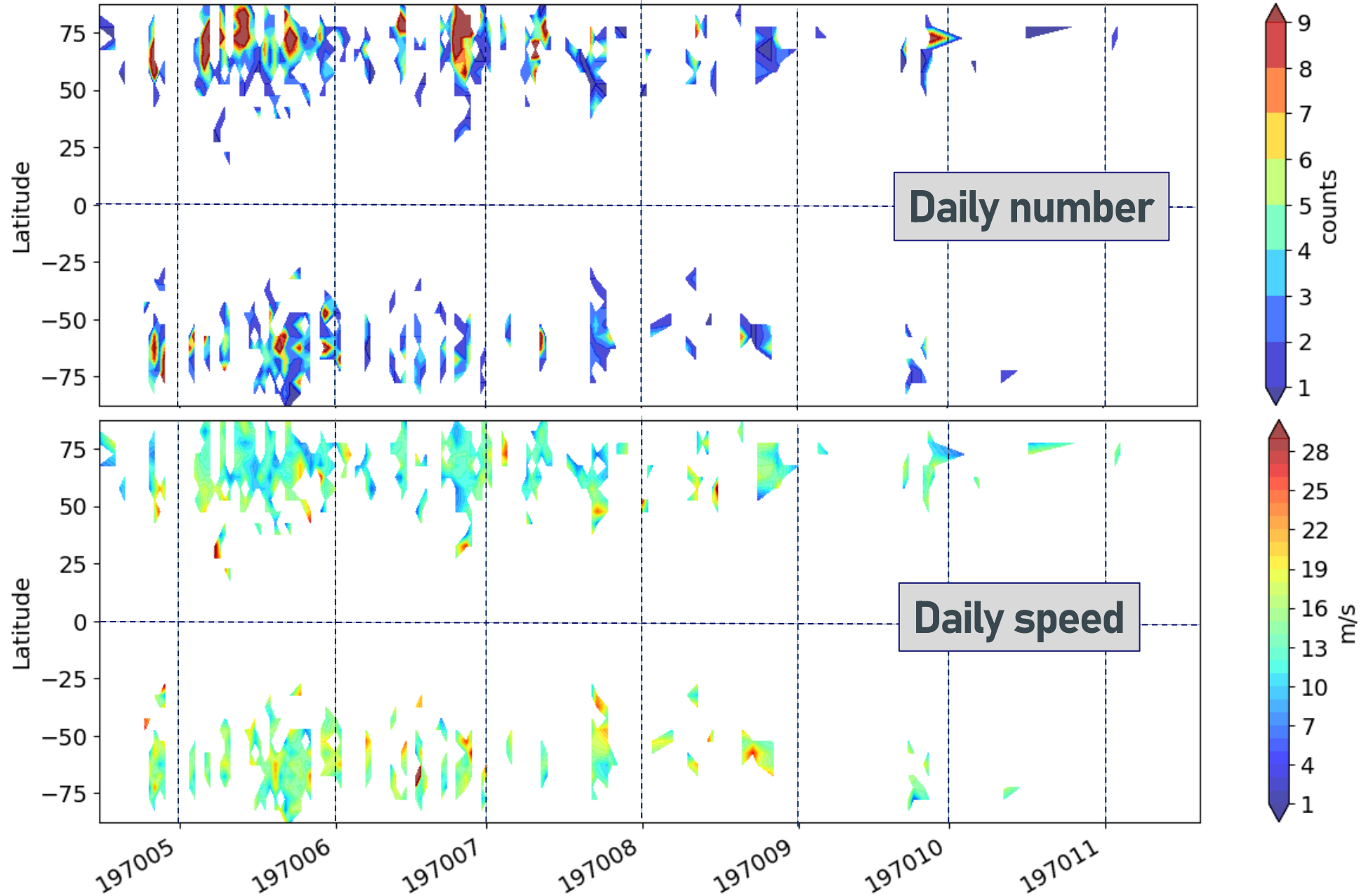
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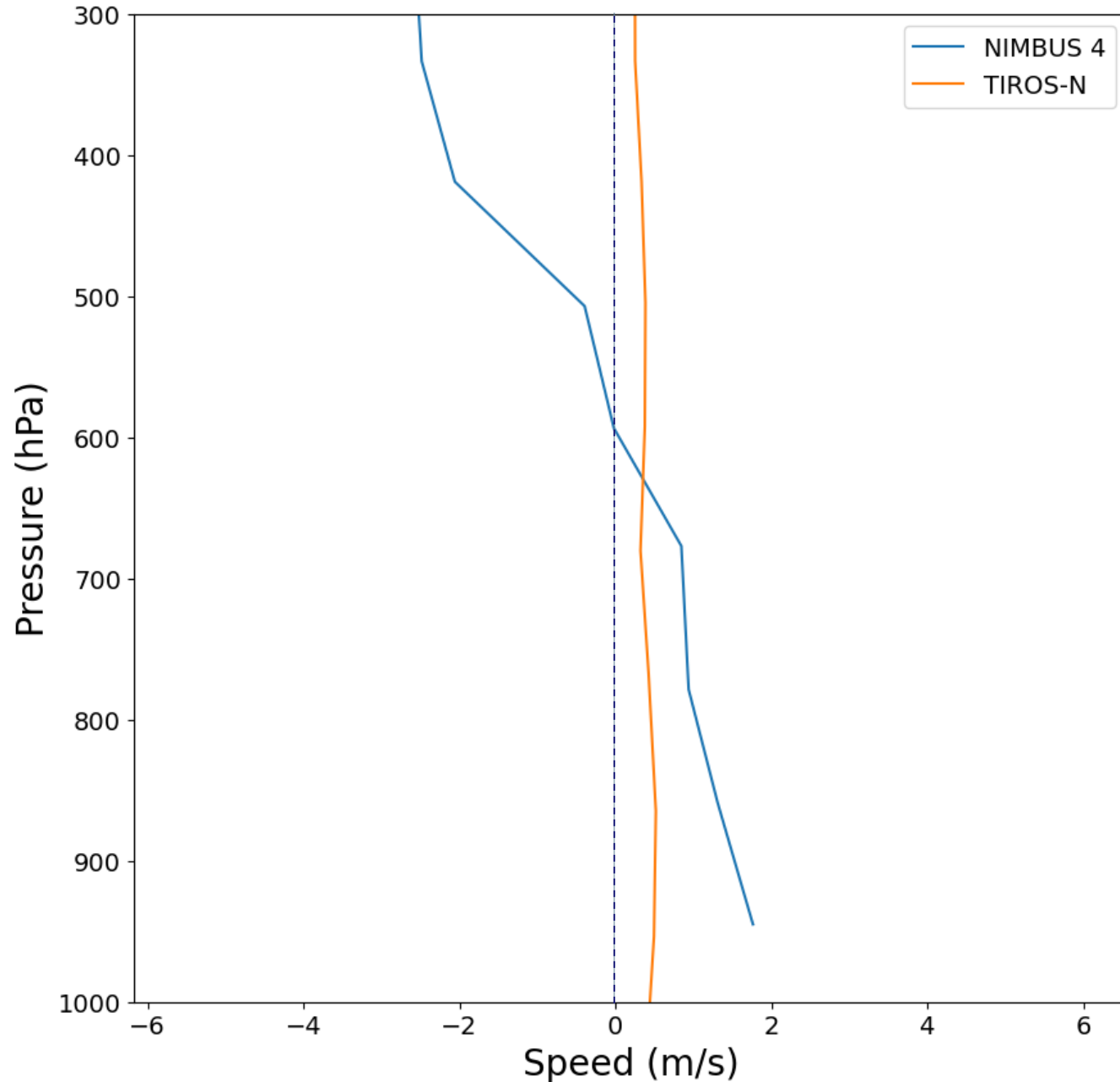


# NIMBUS 4 AMVs numbers and speed as Hovmoeller plot (QI>80)





# AMV – ERAinterim (speed bias)



- **Apr-Dec 1970:**  
NIMBUS 4:  $\pm 2$ m/s, lower AMV speeds higher in the atmosphere
- **Apr-Dec 1979:**  
TIROS-N: speed bias slightly positive and constant with height



- EUMETSAT CDR production is based on the long history of EUMETSAT NRT AMVs software
- Climate data records are now produced at EUMETSAT from imagers onboard both LEO and GEO satellites
- CDR have been extensively validated and are of good quality to be used for the production of reanalysis and climate analyses. We have demonstrated that AMV CDR can play a role in analyzing climate patterns and in assessing their evolution
- Thanks to the recent production of reprocessed Fundamental Data Records of early imaging satellites by C3S, feasibility studies are ongoing for extending the CDR AMVs prior to 1980. The AMV from the early era satellite era pre-1980 are very important for reanalyses .
  - AMV from THIR (on-board Nimbus 4, 5, 6 and 7) is in development and testing at EUMETSAT
    - The temporal coverage is sparse for Nimbus 4 to Nimbus 6
    - The first tests show that the difference to TIROS-N and reanalyses are quite large for Nimbus 4
  - Feasibility study to derive AMV from earlier instruments will start next year (HRIR Nimbus 1-3, 1964-1972; SR NOAA 1-5 1970-1979, and VHRR NOAA 2-5, 1972-1979)
- New global homogeneous GEO AMV CDR using the upcoming GEO Ring in 2027
- The sustained production of CDR will continue with the new generation of instruments to sustain the climate series



Thank you !  
Merci !

Question ?