



Direct Assimilation of Satellite SST Radiances

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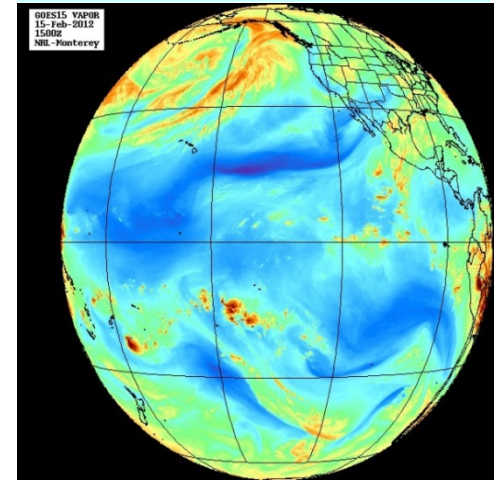
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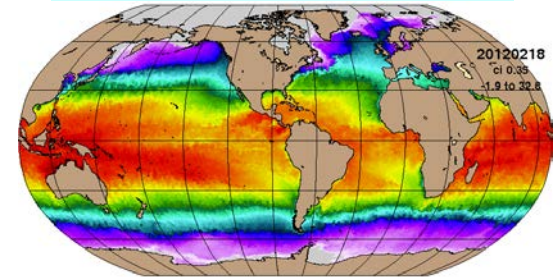
SST Radiance Assimilation: Objectives

- develop method for direct assimilation of satellite SST radiances using radiative transfer modeling:
 - incorporate impact of real atmosphere above SST field
 - remove atmospheric signals in SST radiance data
- incremental approach - requires prior information on variables known to affect satellite SST radiances:
 - prior atmospheric information (T_a , Q_a) from Navy NWP (NAVGEM, COAMPS)
 - prior SST from ocean model forecast (HYCOM, NCOM)

GOES-15 Water Vapor



HYCOM SST Forecast



SST Radiance Assimilation: **Implementation**

Atmospheric Correction:

- prior SST is NAVOCEANO SST retrieval
- atmospheric priors (T_a , Q_a) from Navy global NWP
- computes “atmospheric correction” to the prior SST
- correction is saved with SST and applied prior to analysis

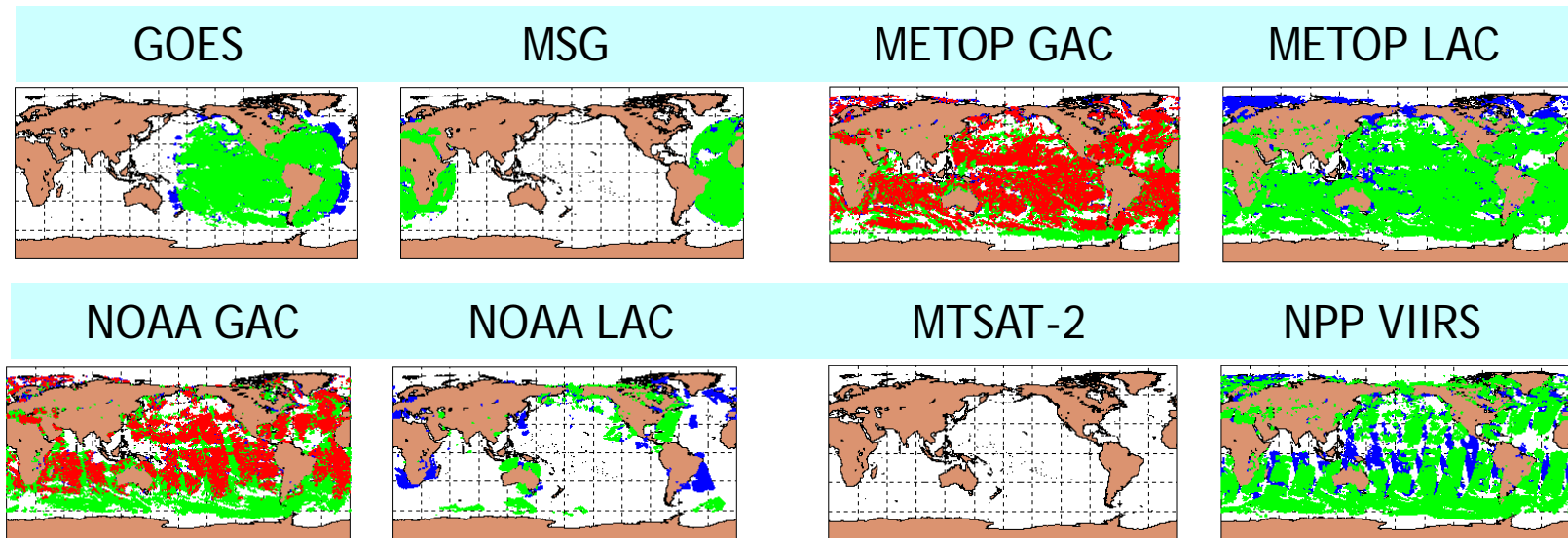
Variational Analysis:

- prior SST from ocean model forecast (no need for empirical SST retrievals)
- atmospheric priors from NWP model (global or regional) used to force the ocean model
- ideally the NWP and ocean models have evolved in coupled mode (true coupled DA problem)

SST Radiance Assimilation: Observing Systems

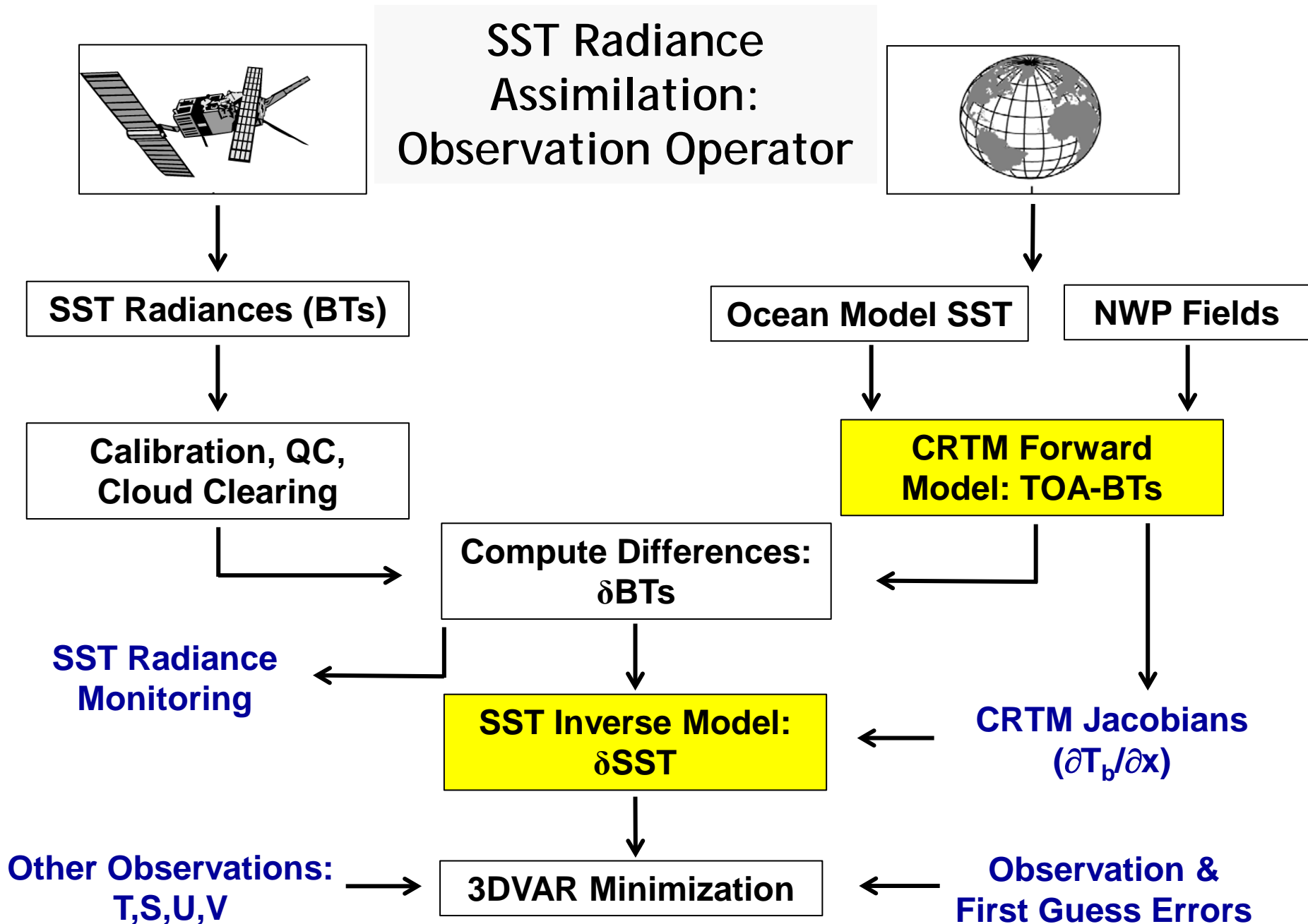
Navy Global NWP Model: 13 June 2013

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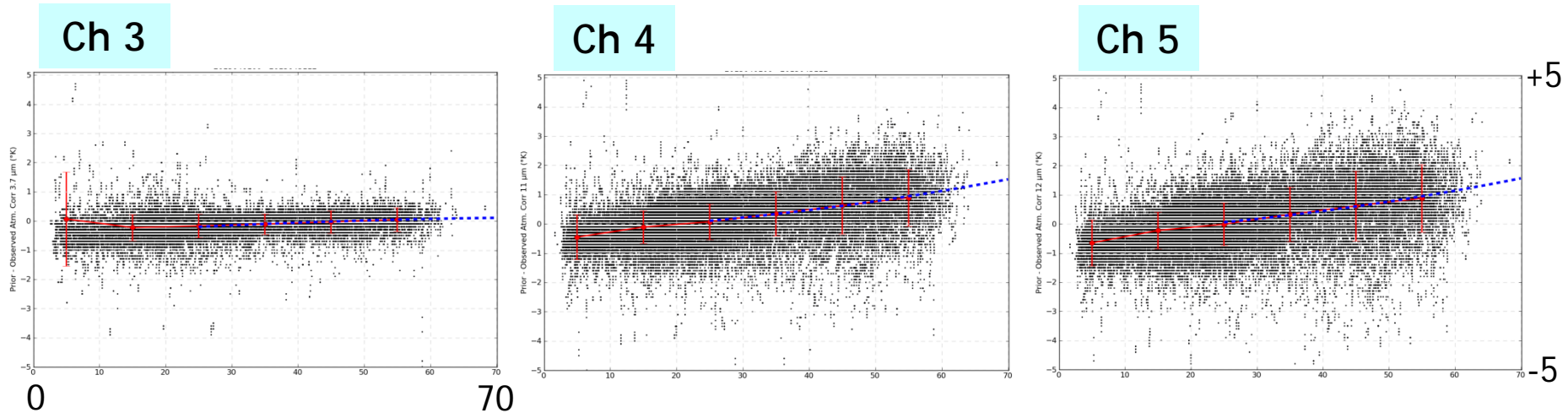


- NAVOCEANO: GOES (13,15), NOAA (18,19), METOP (A,B), NPP-VIIRS
- OSI-SAF: MSG
- NESDIS: MTSAT-2 (not used)

NAVOCEANO SST data include cloud cleared radiances
No radiance data available for MSG & MTSAT-2
Should radiance data be a requirement for L2P?



Bias Correction: Navy NWP Priors



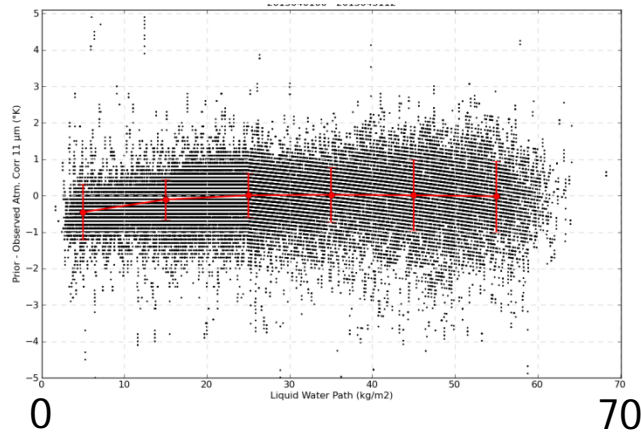
Prior minus Observed Corrections vs. NAVGEM Liquid Water Path
(NAVO_SST - CRTM_BT) - (BUOY_SST - METOP_BT)

- prior corrections are increasingly greater than observed as water vapor content increases (channel 3 not affected)
- bias a result of NWP water vapor profiles being too moist in what otherwise should be cloud free areas based on satellite data
- bias detection and corrections based on April 2013 NAVO buoy match-up database for METOP-A

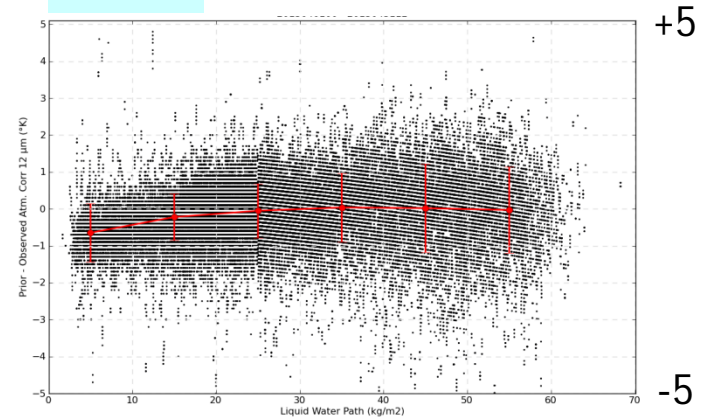
Bias Correction: Navy NWP Priors

After NAVGEM water vapor bias correction

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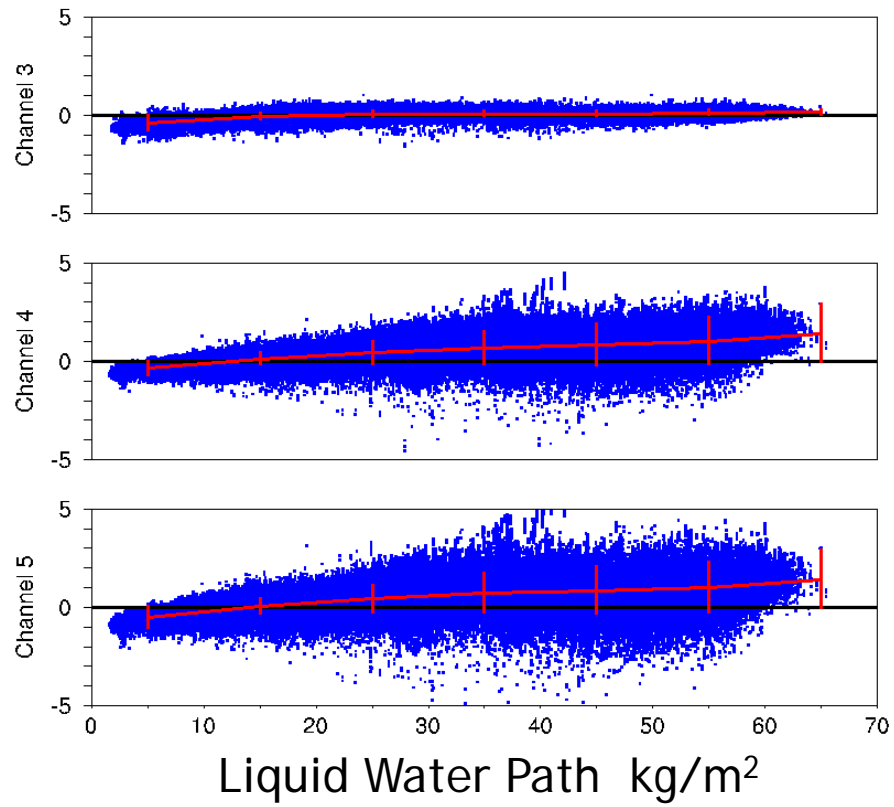
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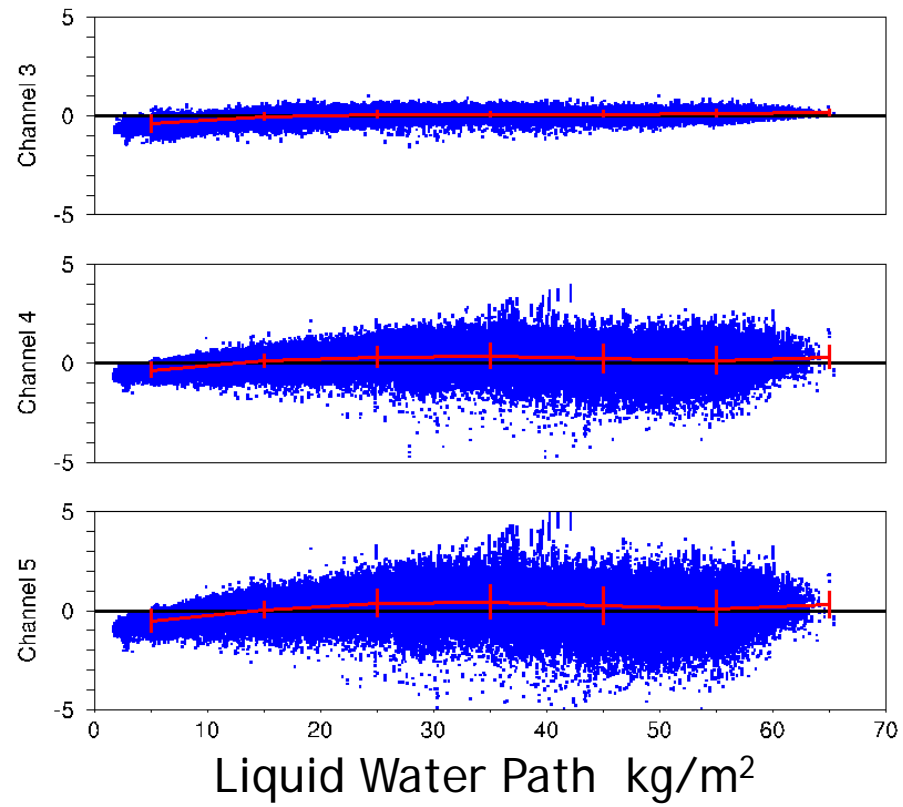
- bias correction minimizes differences across channels simultaneously
- bias parameters updated daily:
 - 30-day sliding time window of NAVO buoy match-up data
- automated updating scheme captures changes in water vapor distribution of NAVGEM model and NAVDAS 4DVAR assimilation

CRTM Forward Model: METOP-A

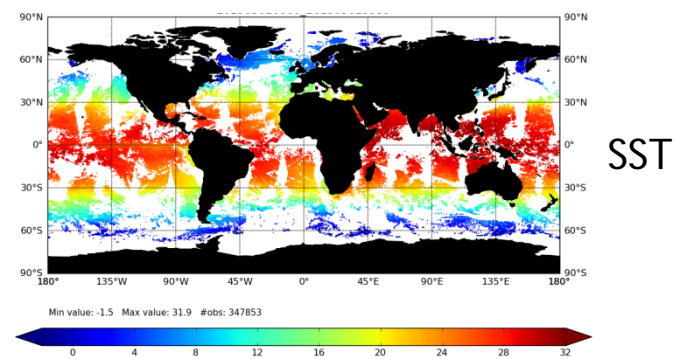
Uncorrected Prior



Bias Corrected Prior



METOP-A minus CRTM
simulated TOA-BT:
 δ BT innovations
1 May 2013



SST Inverse Model

Computes SST correction (δT_{sst}) given TOA BT innovations (δBT) and CRTM Jacobians (J):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta BT \cdot J_{sst} \\ \delta BT \cdot J_t \\ \delta BT \cdot J_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{sst} + J_{sst} \cdot J_{sst} & J_{sst} \cdot J_t & J_{sst} \cdot J_q \\ J_t \cdot J_{sst} & \epsilon_t + J_t \cdot J_t & J_t \cdot J_q \\ J_q \cdot J_{sst} & J_q \cdot J_t & \epsilon_q + J_q \cdot J_q \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta T_{sst} \\ \delta T_a \\ \delta Q_a \end{bmatrix}$$

Requires specification of prior error statistics:

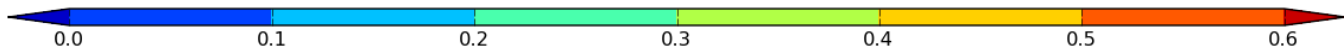
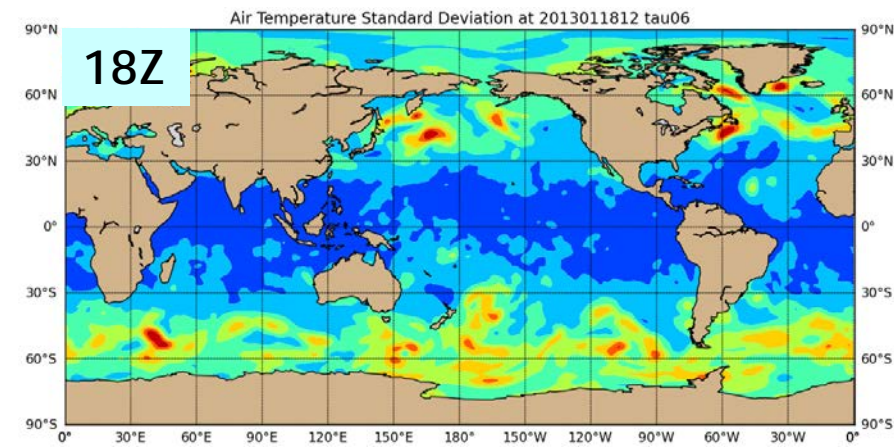
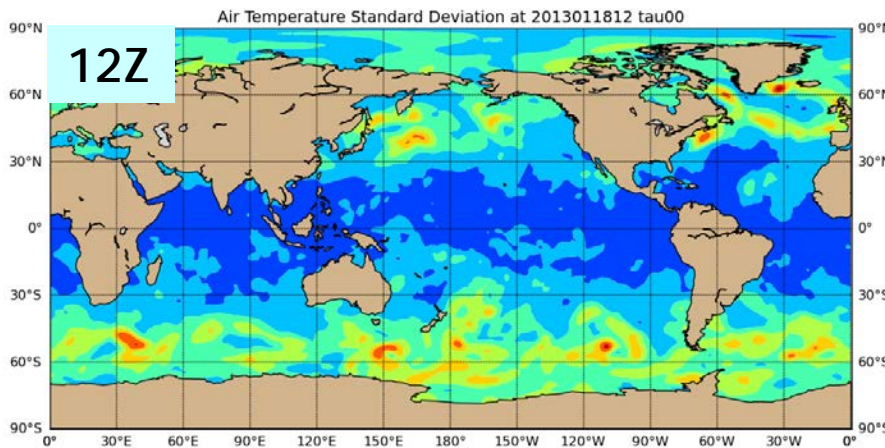
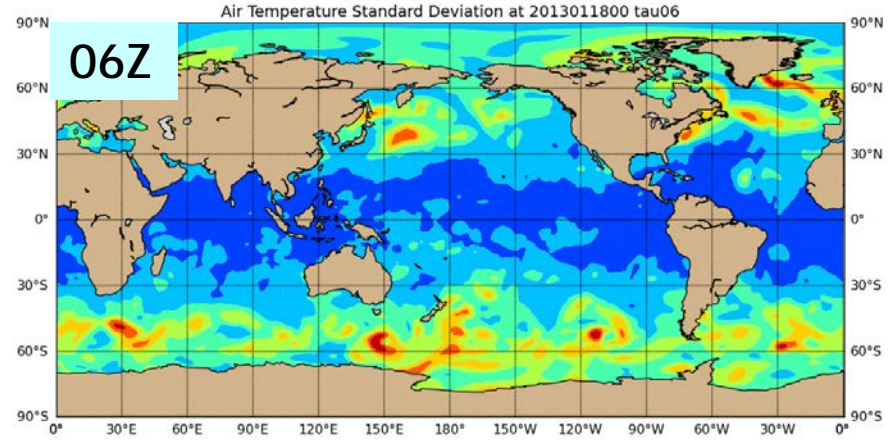
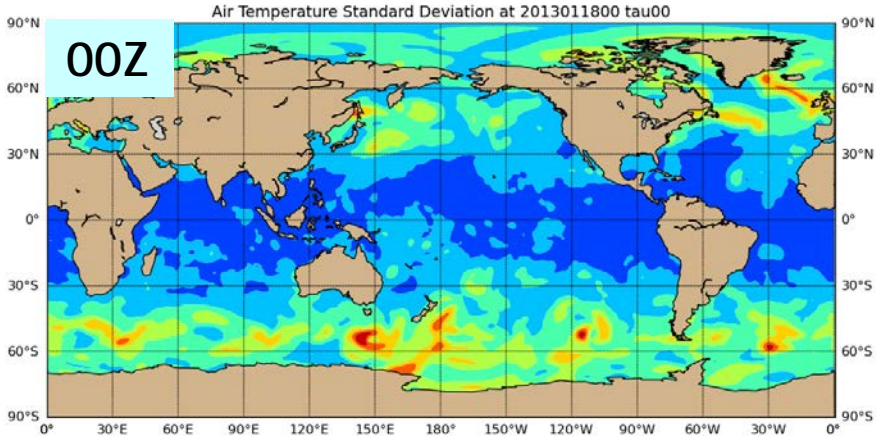
- air temperature: ϵ_t
- specific humidity: ϵ_q
- sea surface temperature: ϵ_{sst}
- satellite BTs + radiometric error: ϵ_{bt}

δBT innovations are partitioned into δT_{sst} , δT_a , δQ_a corrections based on the error statistics

SST Inverse Model: **Prior Errors**

NOGAPS Ensemble: Air Temperature 18 Jan 2013

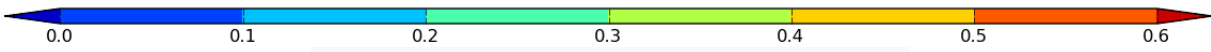
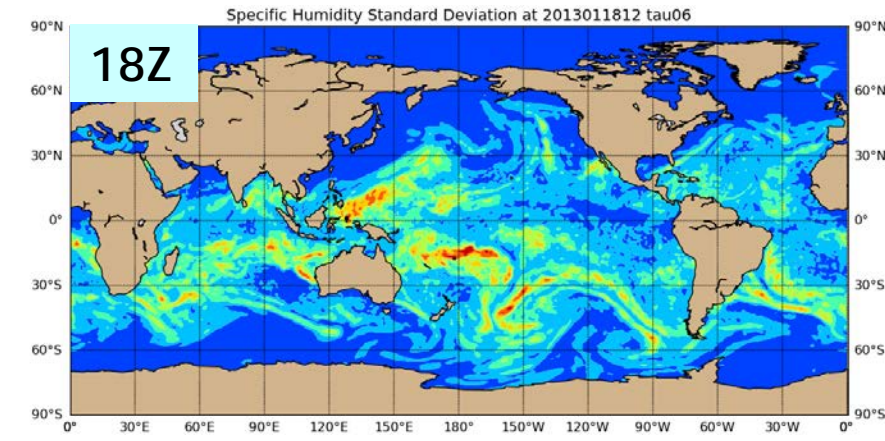
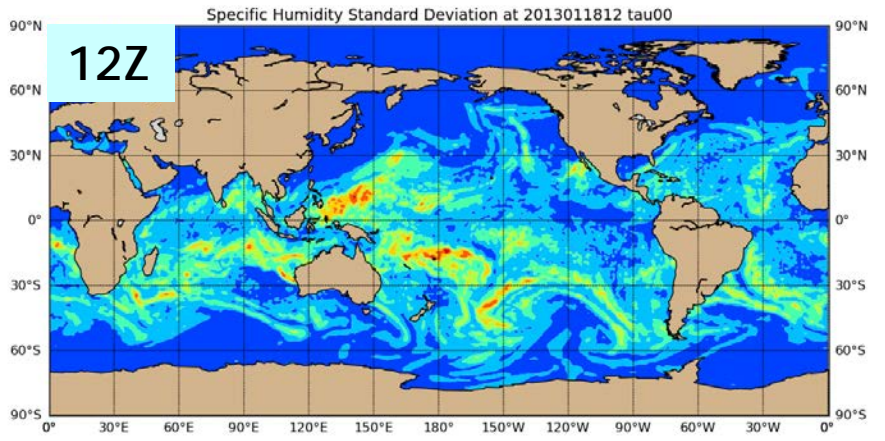
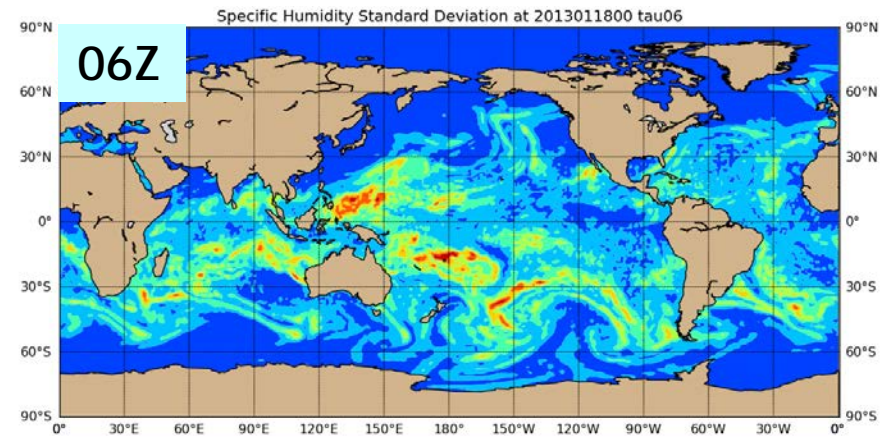
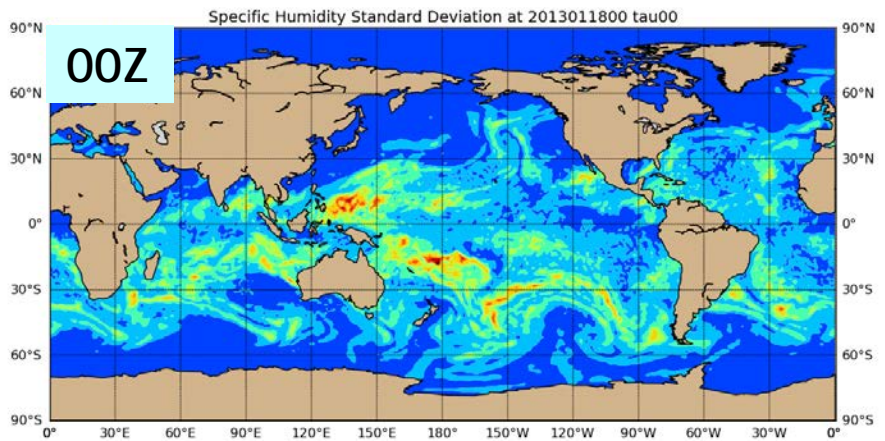
Situation Dependent Uncertainty of Atmospheric Forecasts



Standard Deviation

SST Inverse Model: **Prior Errors**

NOGAPS Ensemble: Specific Humidity 18 Jan 2013 Situation Dependent Uncertainty of Atmospheric Forecasts



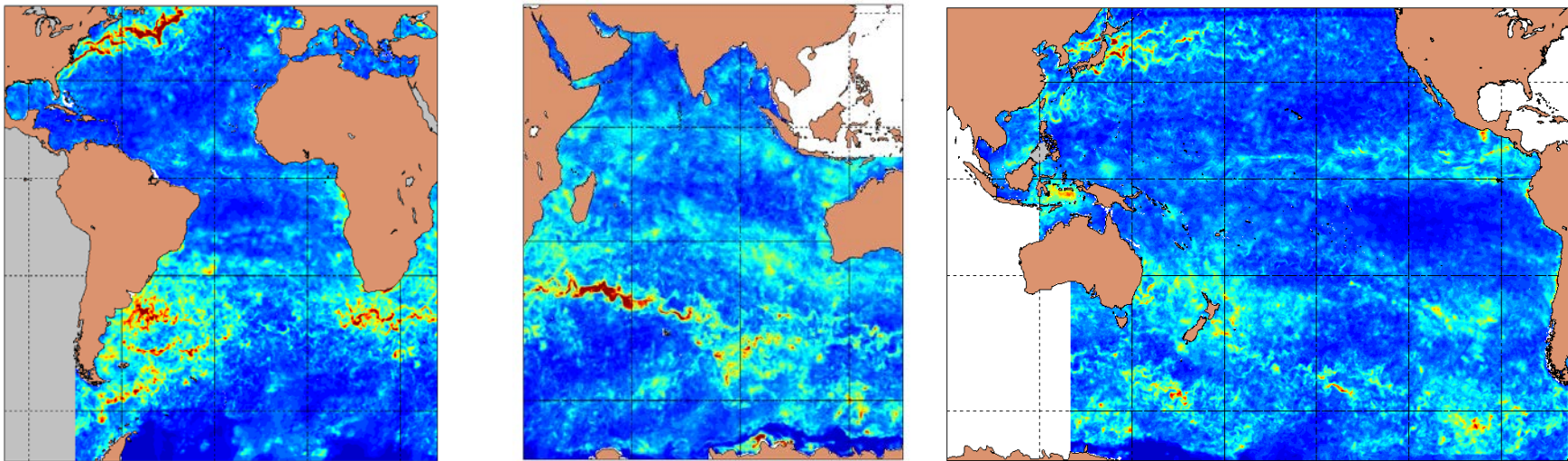
Standard Deviation

SST Inverse Model: SST Errors

Atm Correction Option: SST Errors from Buoy Matchups

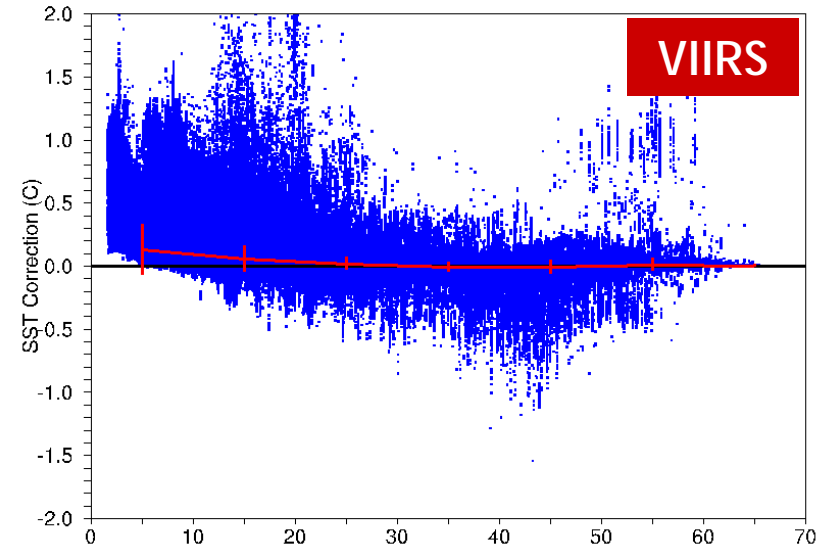
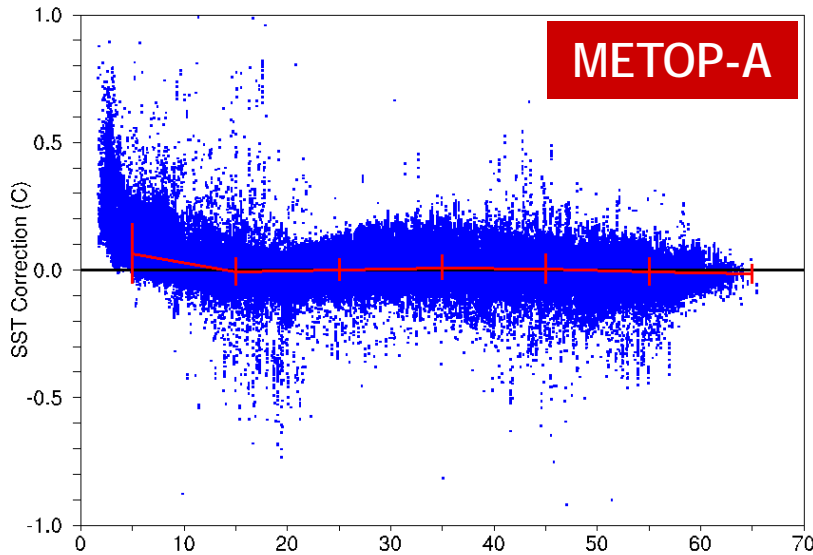
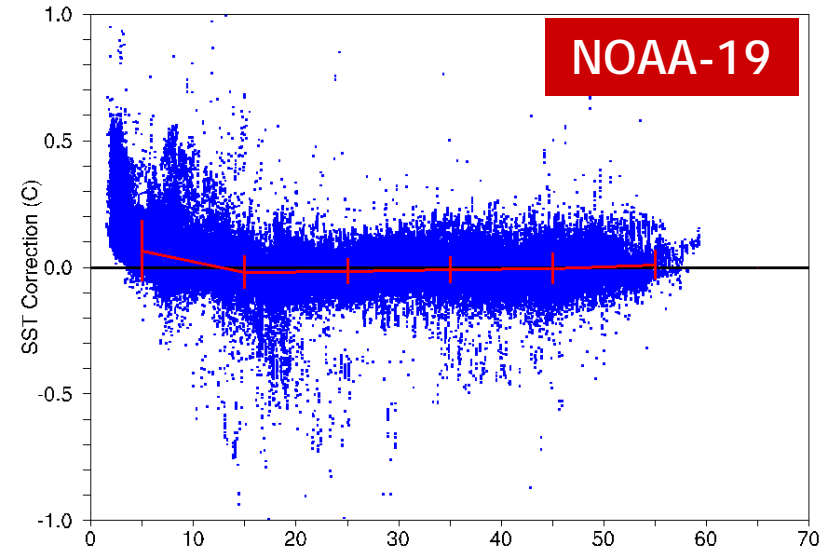
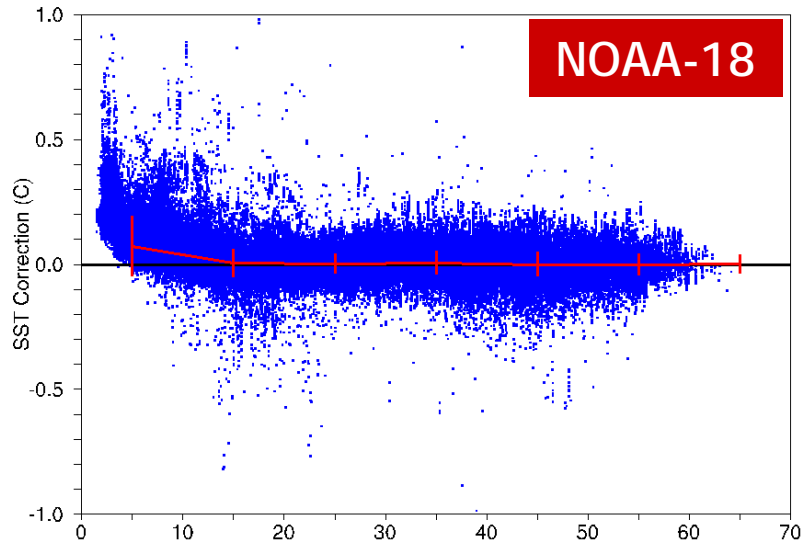
	NOAA-18	NOAA-19	METOP-A	GOES-13	GOES-15	VIIRS
Day	0.416	0.461	0.433	0.989	0.612	0.522
Night	0.440	0.411	0.395	0.587	0.544	0.405
Rlx Day	0.494	0.463	0.459	-	-	-

3DVAR Option: SST Errors from HYCOM Forecast



29 Dec 2012

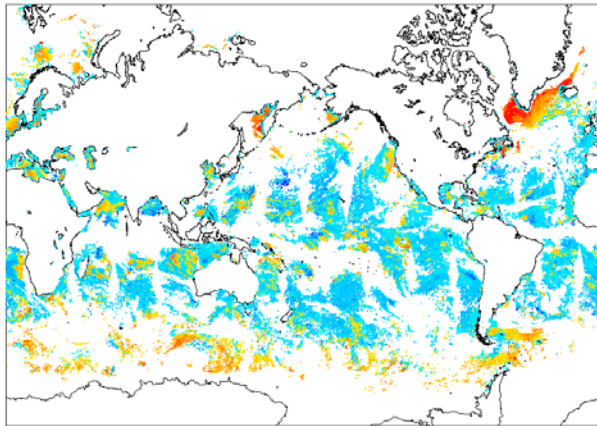
SST Corrections: NAVO prior SST



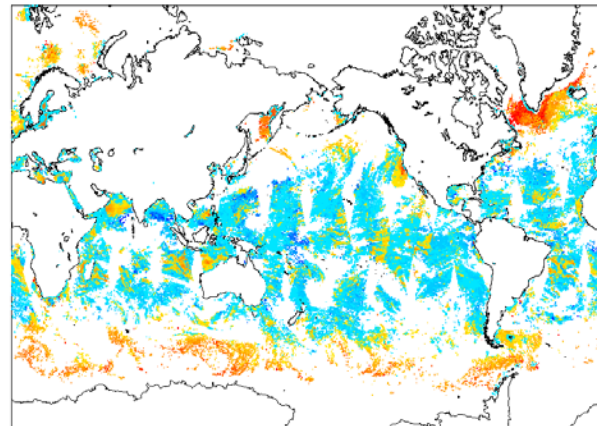
δT_{sst} vs. Liquid Water Path — 1 May 2013

SST Corrections: NAVO prior SST - 1 May 2013

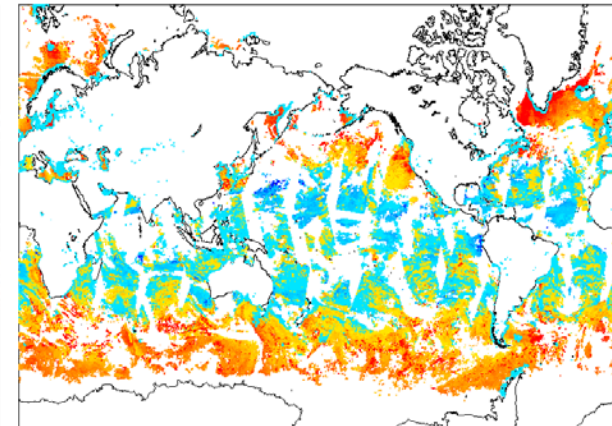
NOAA-19



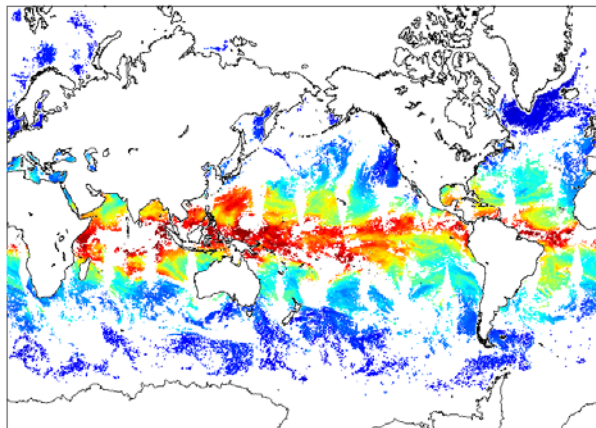
METOP-A



VIIRS



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NAVGEM Water Vapor at
METOP-A Locations

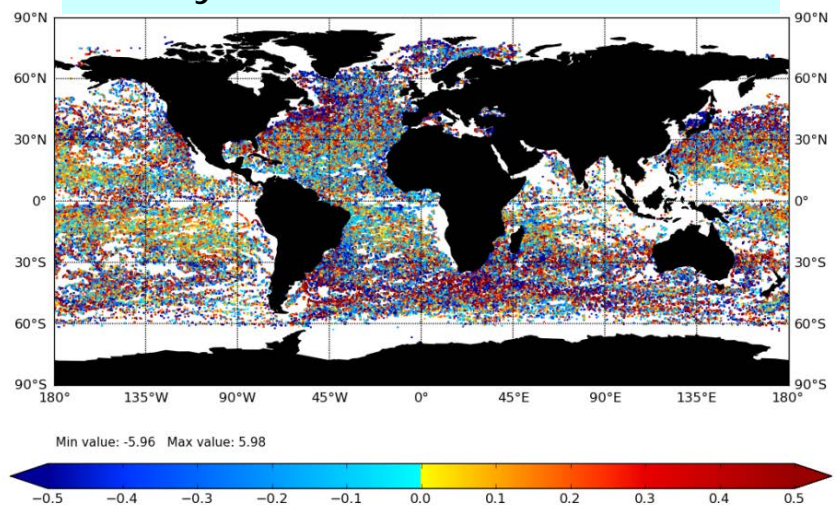
- large positive SST corrections at high latitudes where atmosphere is dry
- globally defined NAVO SST empirical retrieval algorithm is biased in certain regimes of application
- drifting buoy network limited at high latitudes

SST Radiance Verification: **ESA CCI**

Mean Error of Prior and Corrected SST vs. Drifting Buoys

- METOP radiances
- NWP priors from ECMWF (T_a , Q_a)
- SST prior from UKMO

Buoy Locations: METOP 2010



Month	Count	Prior Error	Correct Error
Jan	12,074	-0.030	-0.004
Feb	11,577	-0.023	0.001
Mar	12,218	0.064	0.031
Apr*	12,218	-0.003	0.021
May	13,354	-0.028	-0.002
Jun	12,269	-0.058	-0.032
Jul	14,016	-0.048	-0.024
Aug	13,401	-0.048	-0.025
Sep*	13,237	-0.009	0.013
Oct	11,986	-0.021	0.004
Nov	11,547	-0.052	-0.025
Dec	11,941	-0.058	-0.031

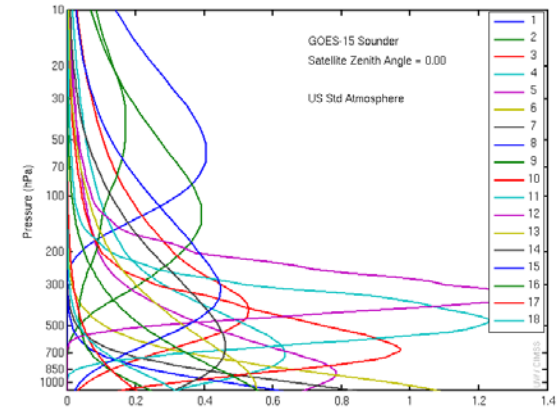
*error corrected SST > error prior SST

METOP 2010 Data Count	Error Prior SST	Error Corrected SST	Per Cent Improvement
149,383	-0.0314	-0.0062	80.2%

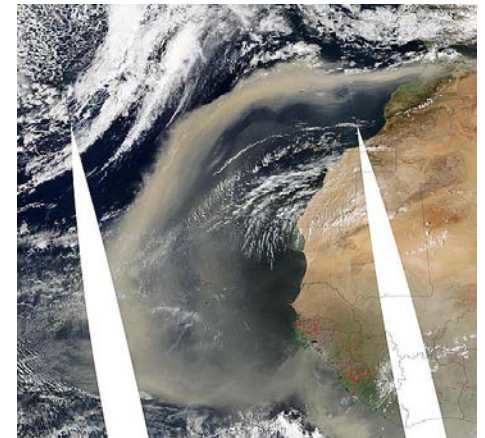
SST Radiance Assimilation: Future Capabilities

- Improve Navy NWP lower boundary condition:
 - atmosphere correction removes temporal inconsistencies in NAVO SST retrievals
 - allows use of surface sensitive sounding channels in atmospheric 4DVAR
- Extend method to MW sensors and ice covered seas:
 - corrections for both sea surface and ice surface temperatures
 - some progress using VIIRS IST EDR as prior
- Include NAAPS aerosols as prior information in forward and inverse models:
 - dust is optically active in infrared - creates cold bias when present

GOES-15 Channel Weighting Functions



Saharan Dust Event



Questions?