Fine atmospheric structure retrieved from IASI and AIRS under all weather conditions

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Talk Outline

1. IR-only Retrieval Algorithm Introduction
2. Retrieval Simulation Analysis
3. Retrieval Demonstration
4. Validation with Radiosondes and Dropsondes (JAIVEx)
5. IASI, AIRS, and NAST-I Inter-comparison (JAIVEx)
6. Summary

LaRC IR Retrieval Algorithm

PART A: REGRESSION RETRIEVAL (Zhou et al., GRL 2005)

Using an all-seasonal-globally representative training database to diagnose 0-2 cloud layers from training relative humidity profile:

A single cloud layer is inserted into the input training profile. Approximate lower level cloud using opaque cloud representation.

Use parameterization of balloon and aircraft cloud microphysical data base to specify cloud effective particle diameter and cloud optical depth:

Different cloud microphysical properties are simulated for same training profile using random number generator to specify visible cloud optical depth within a reasonable range. Different habitats can be specified (Hexagonal columns assumed here).

Use LBLRTM/DISORT "lookup table" to specify cloud radiative properties:

Spectral transmittance and reflectance for ice and liquid clouds interpolated from multi-dimensional look-up table based on DISORT multiple scattering calculations.

Compute EOFs and Regressions from clear, cloudy, and mixed radiance data base:

Regress cloud, surface properties & atmospheric profile parameters against radiance EOFs.

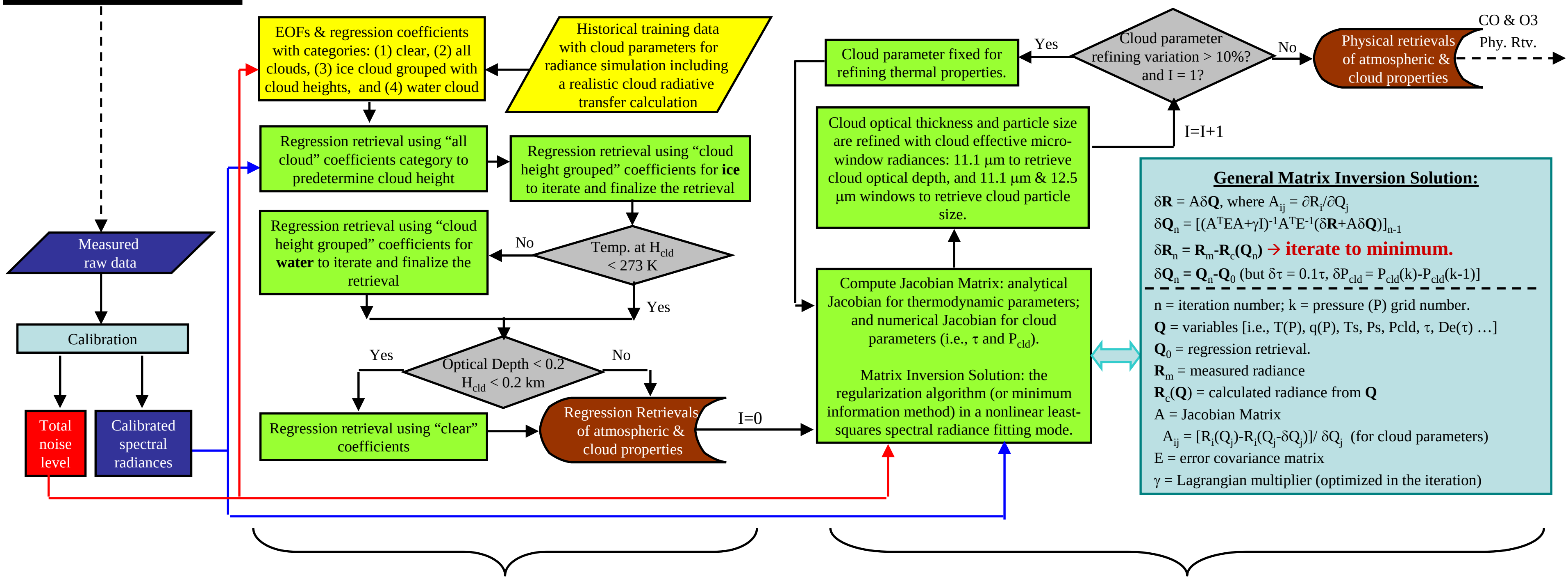
PART B: 1-D VAR. PHYSICAL RETRIEVAL (Zhou et al., JAS 2007)

A one-dimensional (1-d) variational solution with the regularization algorithm (i.e., the minimum information method) is chosen for physical retrieval methodology which uses the regression solution as the initial guess.

Cloud optical/microphysical parameters, namely effective particle diameter and visible optical thickness, are further refined with the radiances observed within the 10.4 μm to 12.5 μm window region.

LaRC Algorithm Flowchart

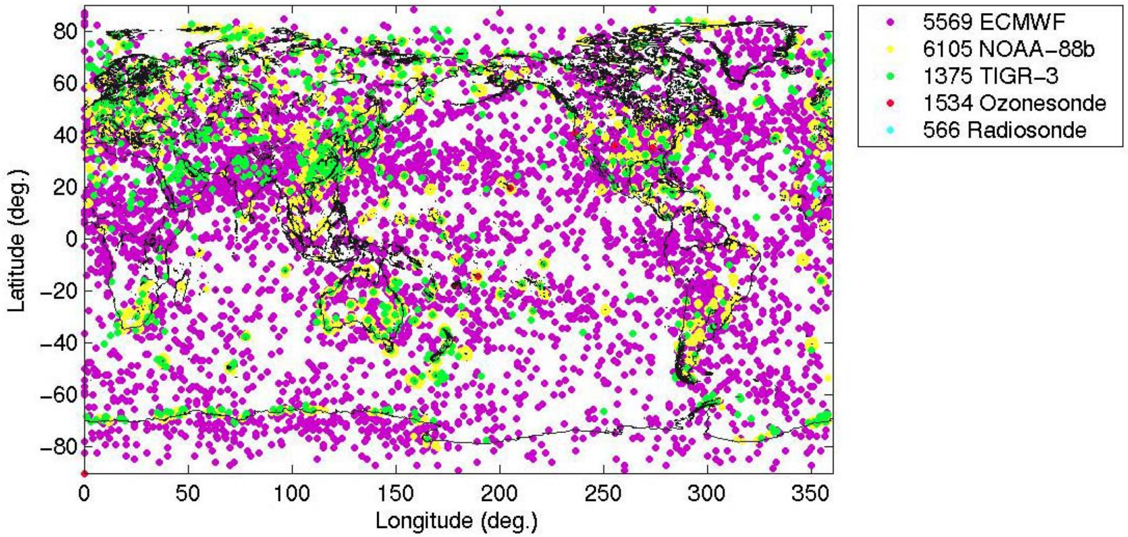
Hybrid Retrieval Algorithm Flowchart

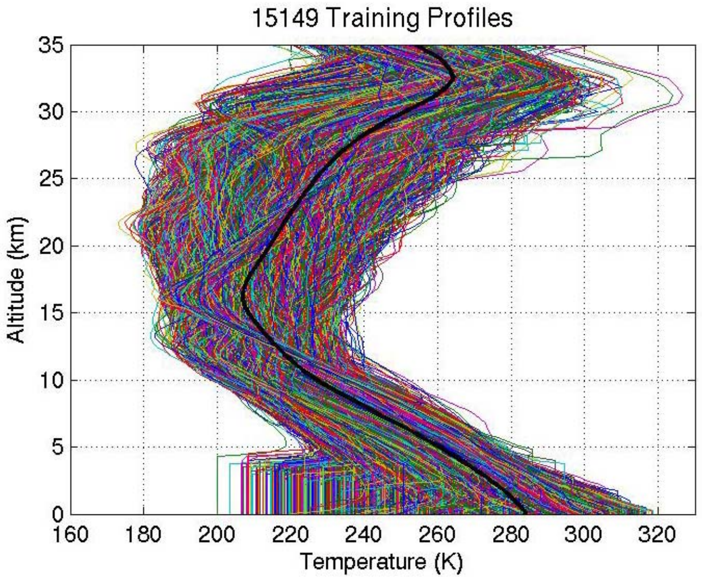


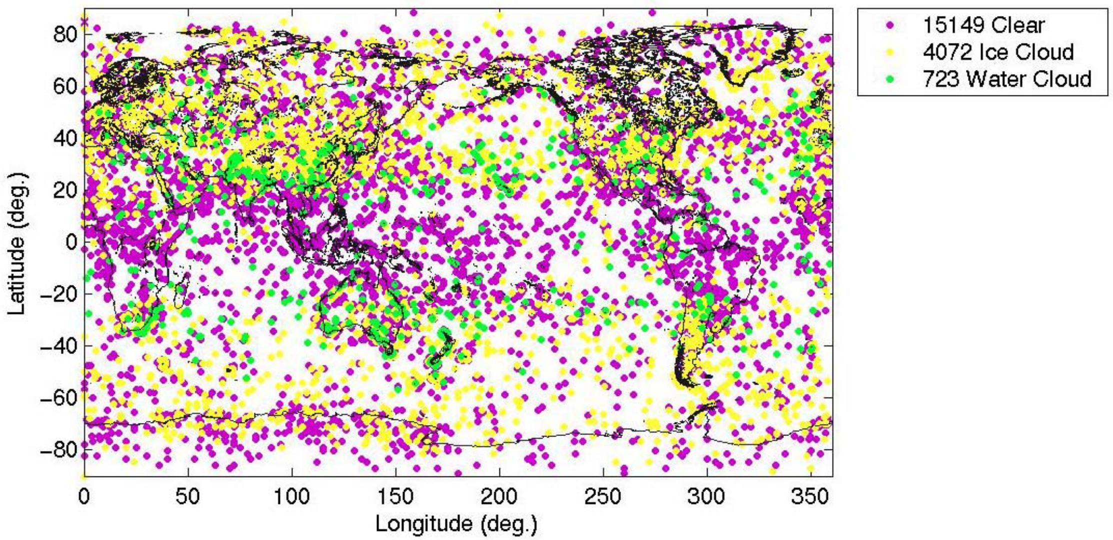
Statistical EOF Physical Regressions

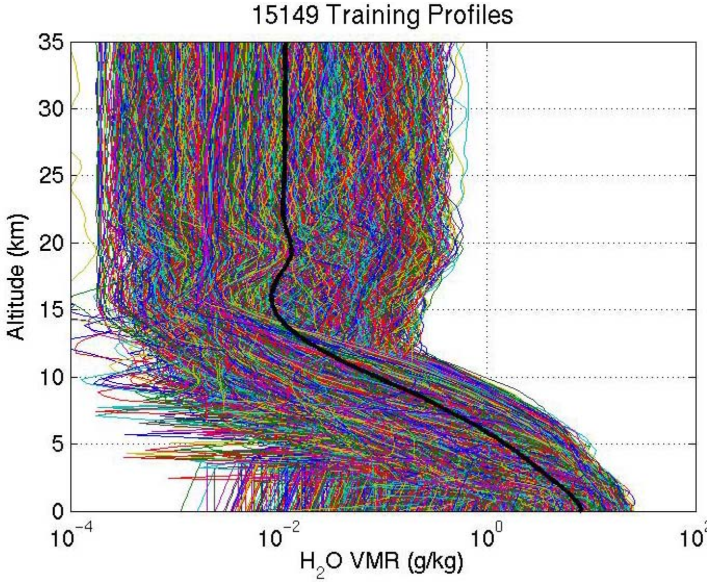
Simultaneous 1-D Var. Iterative Matrix Inversion

Globally Representative Training



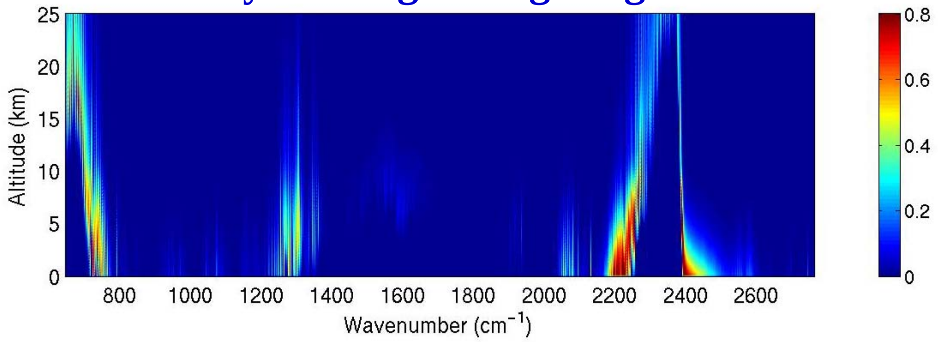




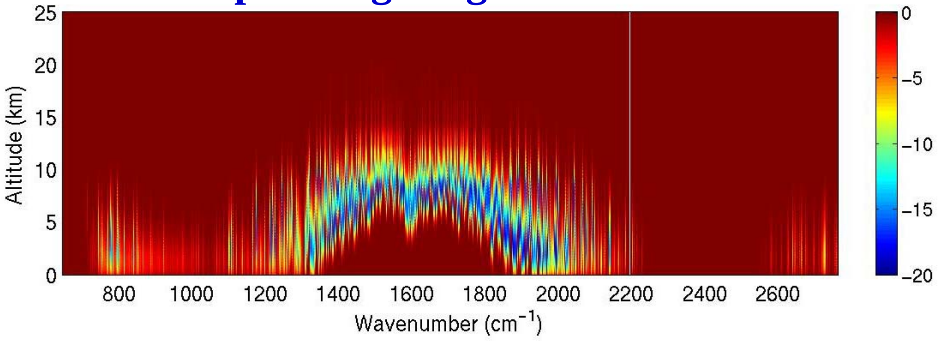


Channel Used in LaRC Retrieval Algorithm

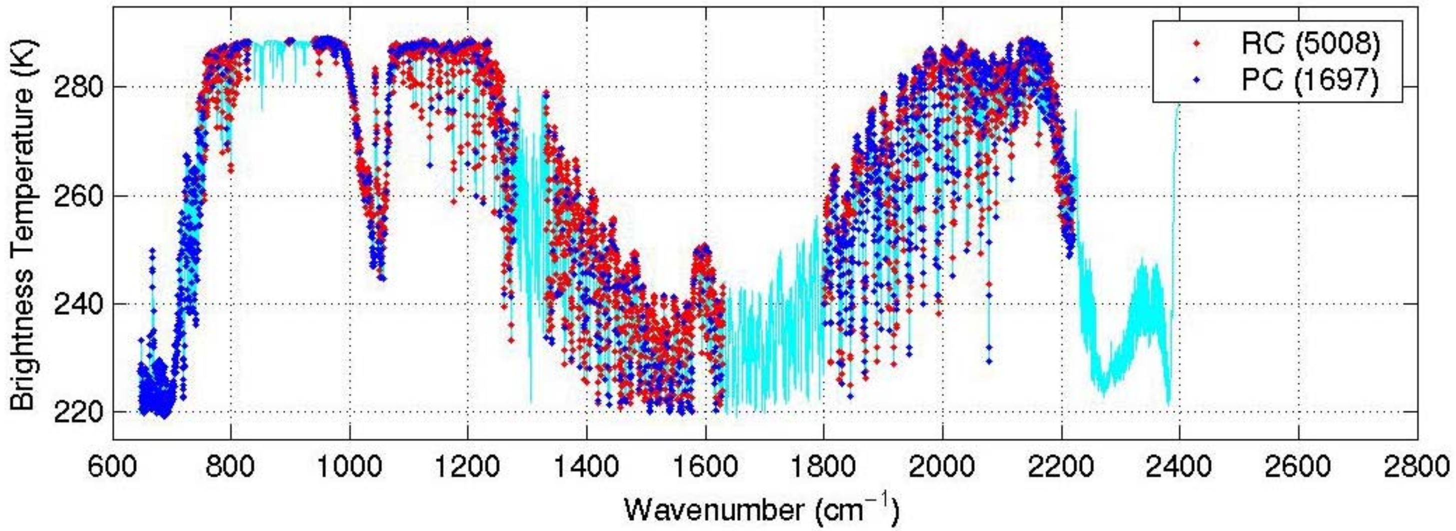
Uniformly mixed gas weighting function



Water vapor weighting function

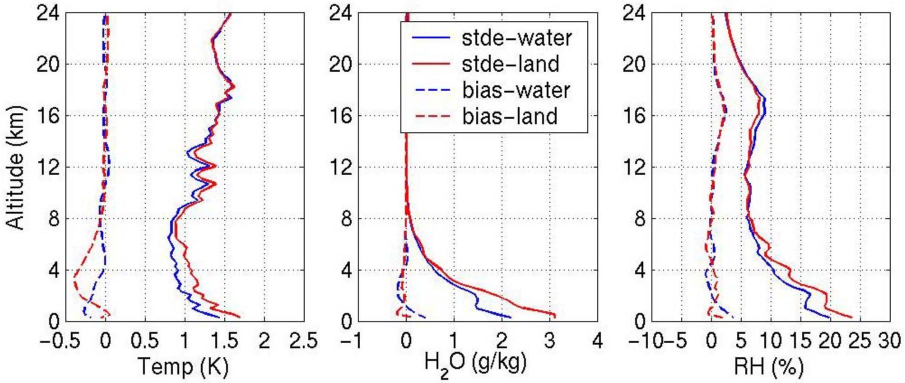


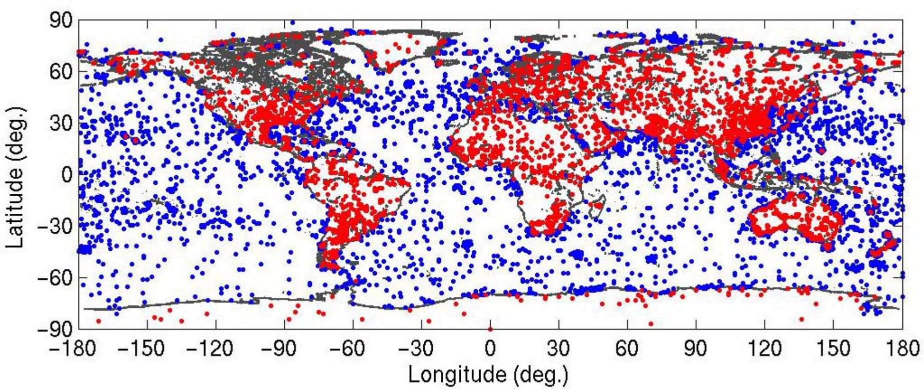
IASI: 5008 channels for regression, 1697 channels for physical retrieval



IASI Clear Retrieval Analysis

Synthetic analysis: the truth profile (i.e., the radiosonde observation) is known and the retrieval can be directly compared with the truth to define retrieval accuracy due to (1) instrumental noise and (2) retrieval error introduced mainly by so-called “ill-posed” retrieval model. The disadvantage of this approach is that forward radiative transfer model error is not included.





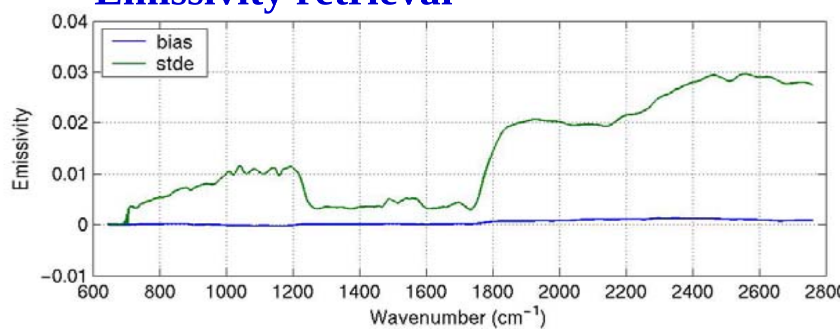
Under Clear Conditions over Water:

No. of Samples:	5210
Ts Bias:	0.14 K
Ts STDE:	0.57 K

Under Clear Conditions over Land:

No. of Samples:	5300
Ts Bias:	0.58
Ts STDE:	1.51

Emissivity retrieval



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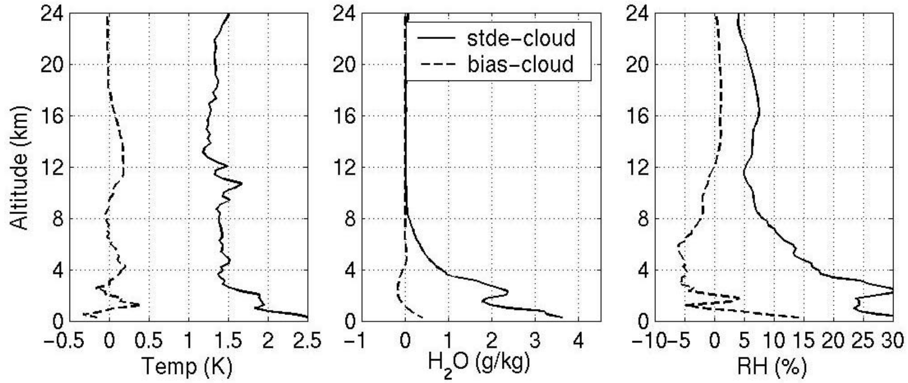
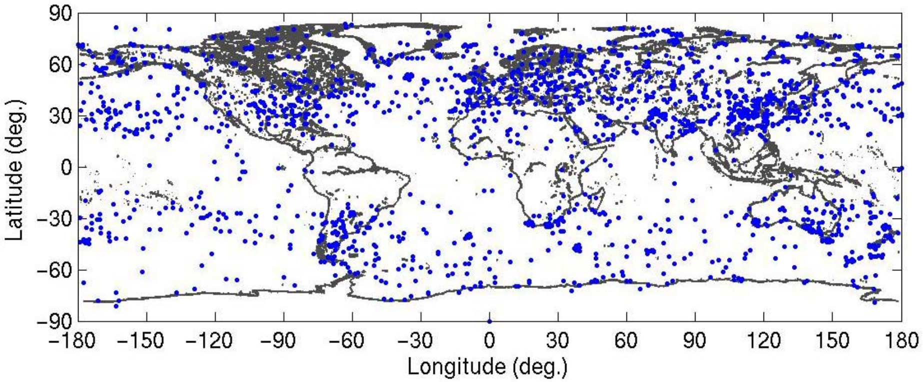
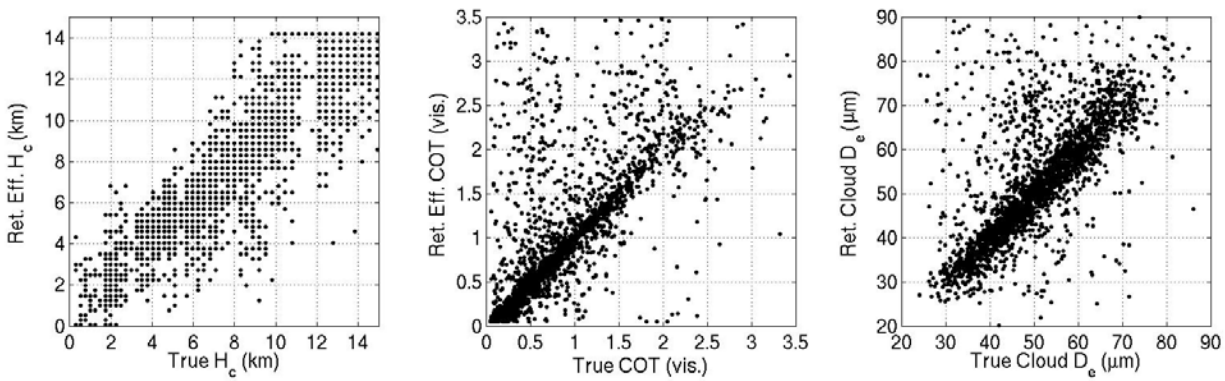
IASI Cloudy Retrieval Analysis





Under Cloudy Conditions:

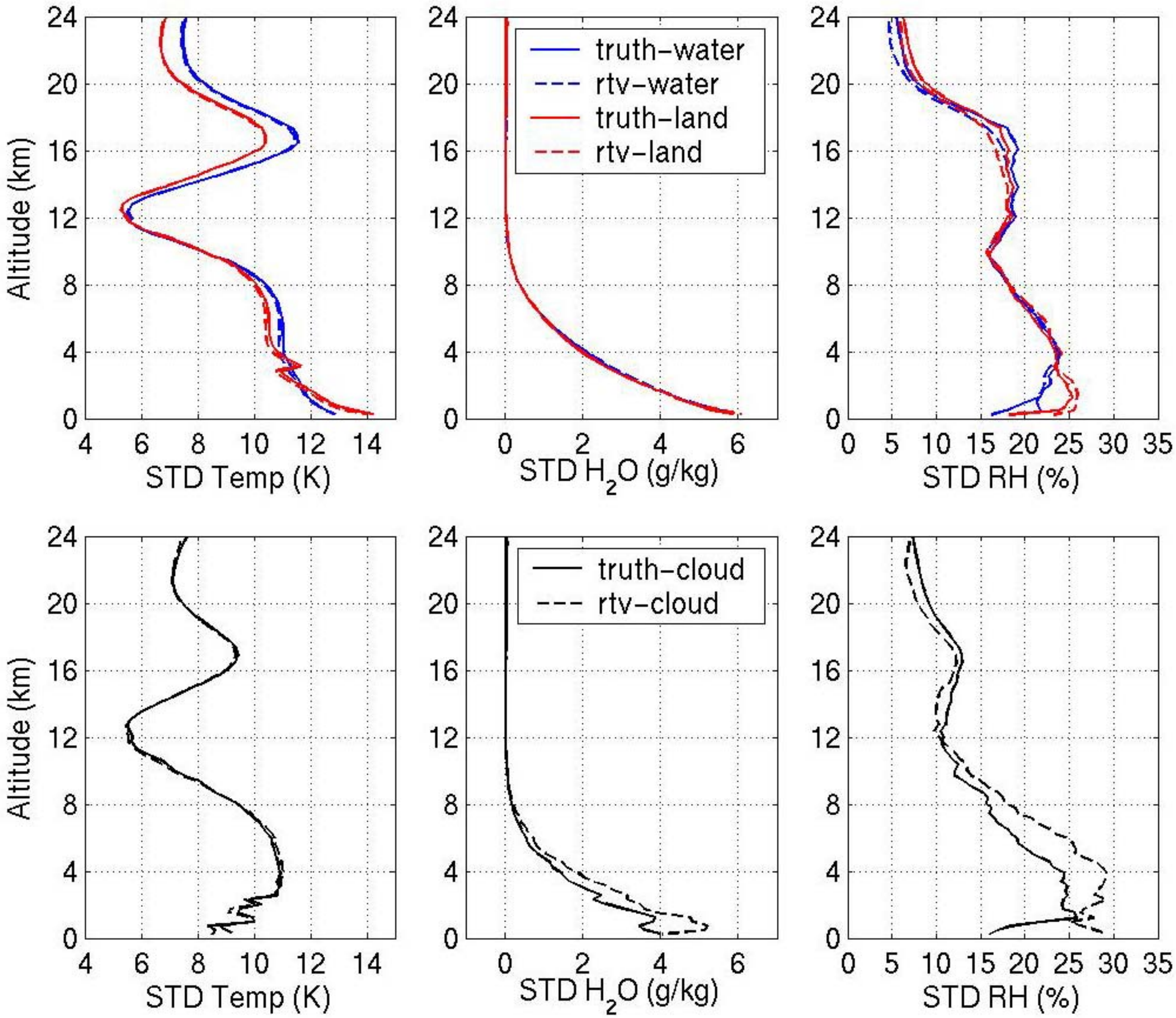
No. of Samples:	2337
Hc Bias:	0.29 km
Hc STDE:	1.67 km
COT Bias:	0.21
COT STDE:	0.73
De Bias:	-1.98 μm
De STDE:	11.21 μm



Variance of Test Dataset and IASI Retrievals

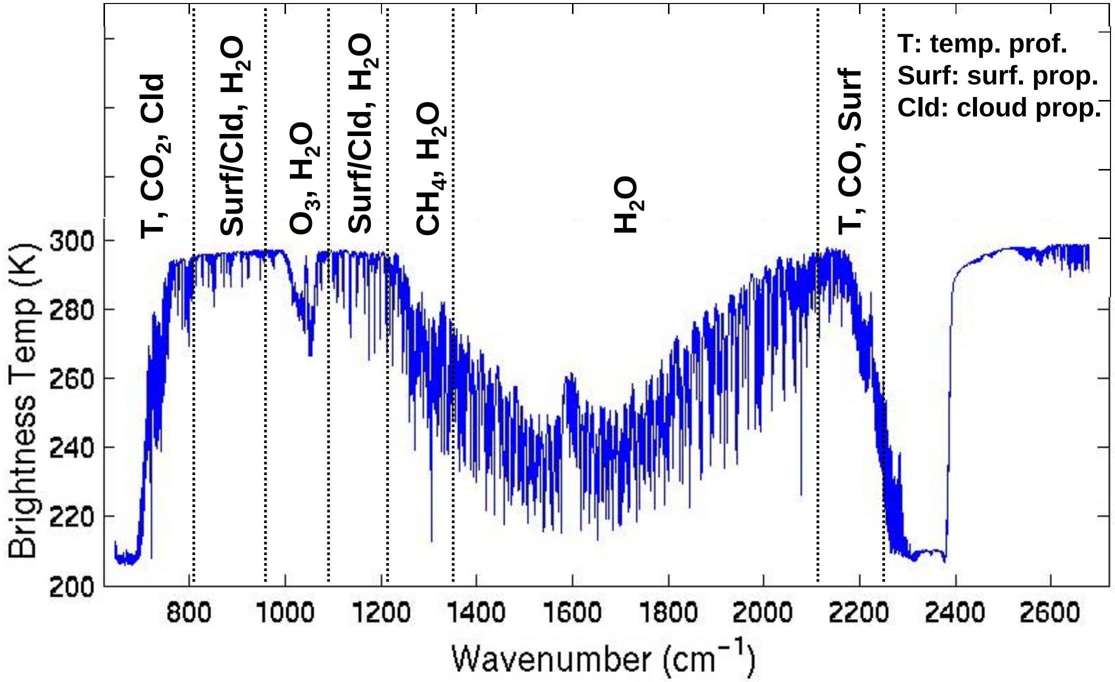
Under Clear Conditions

Under Cloudy Conditions

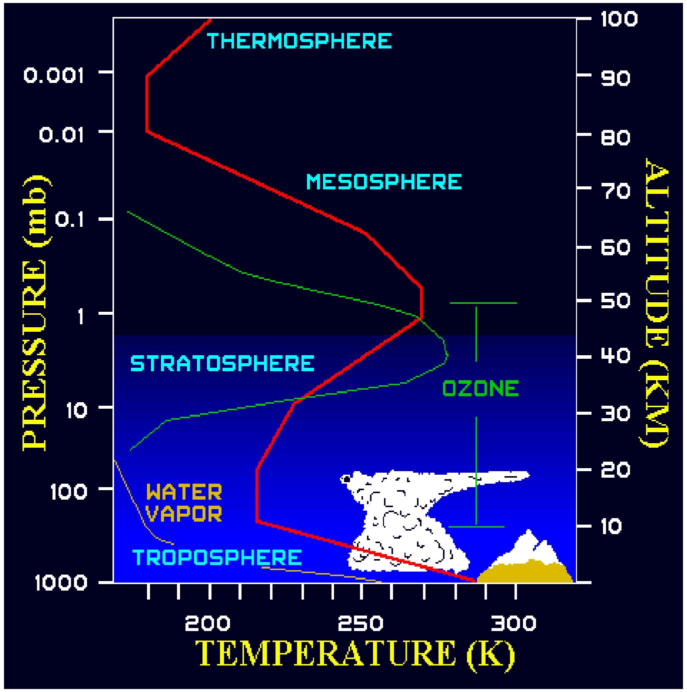


Retrieval Parameters from this System

Brightness Temperature or Radiance Spectrum



Geophysical Parameters



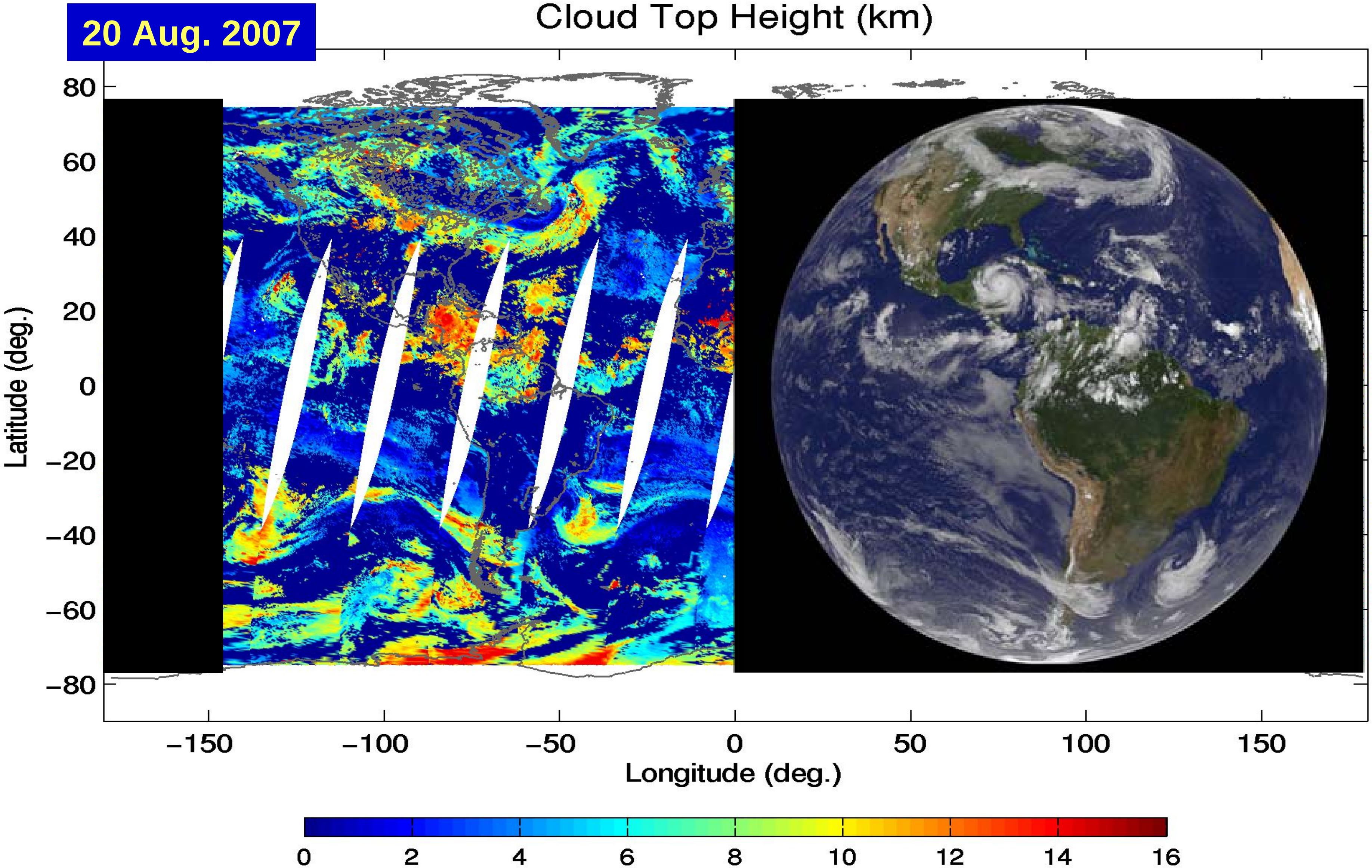
Retrievals under clear conditions:

- Surface properties (skin temp and emissivity).
- Atmospheric temperature and moisture profiles.
- Atmospheric CO and O_3 abundances.

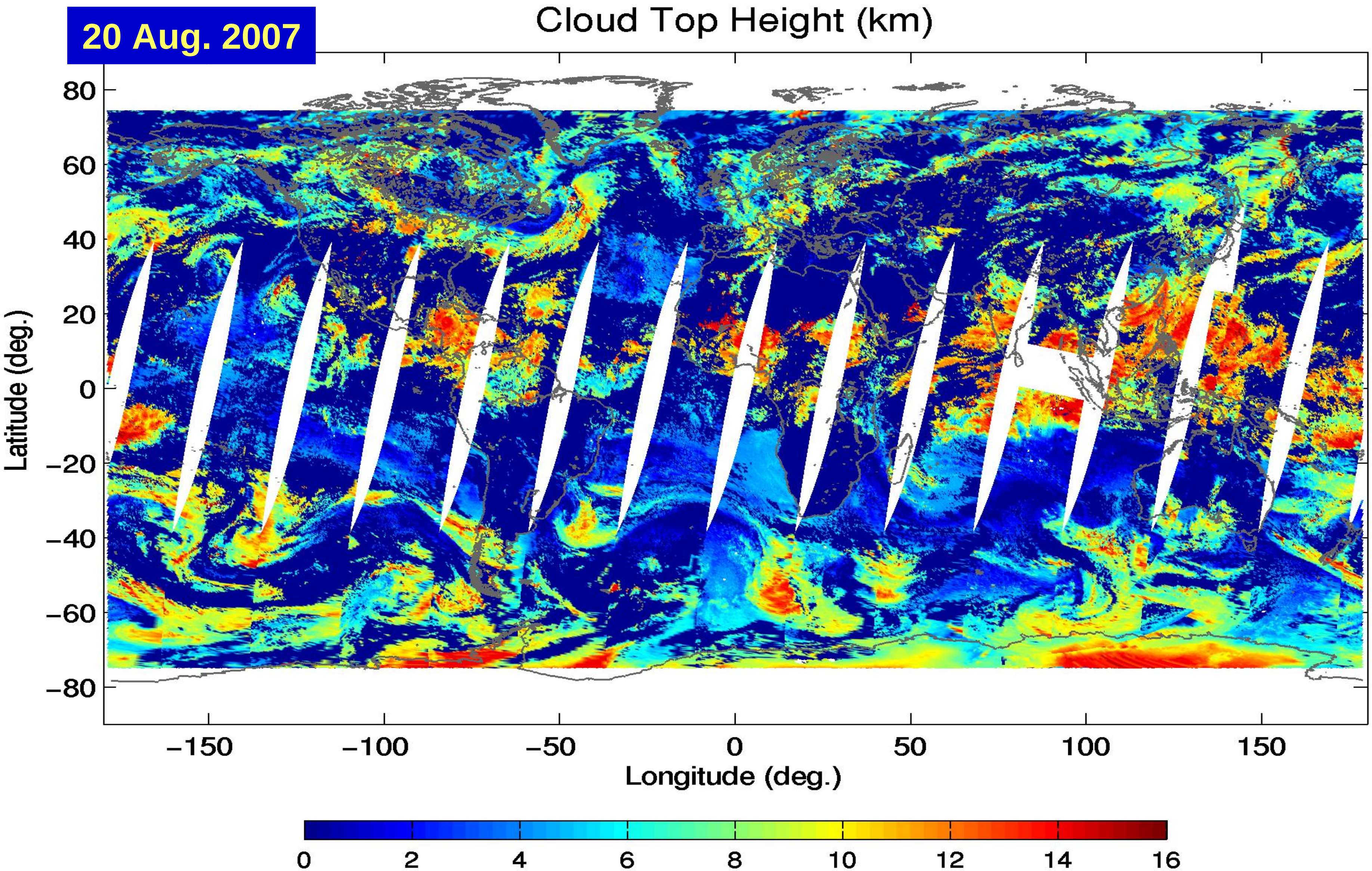
Retrievals under cloudy conditions:

- Atmospheric profile through optically thin cirrus clouds and above optically thick clouds.
- Effective cloud parameters (i.e., cloud top pressure, particle size, and optical depth).

IASI vs. GOES-12: Cloud



IASI Retrieval Demo: Cloud Top Height



IASI Retrieval Demo: Cloud Optical Depth

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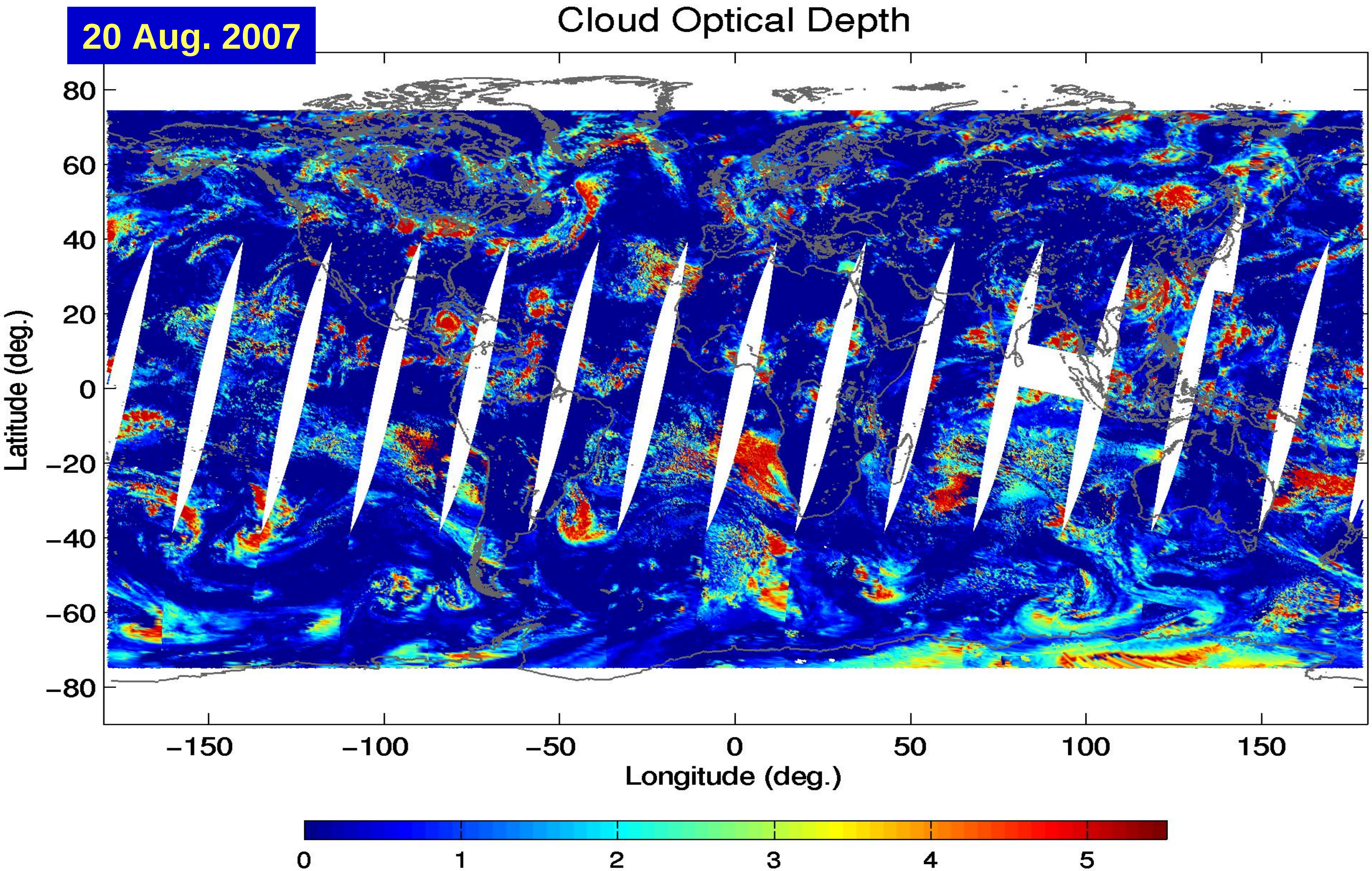

IASI Retrieval Demo: Cloud Particle Size

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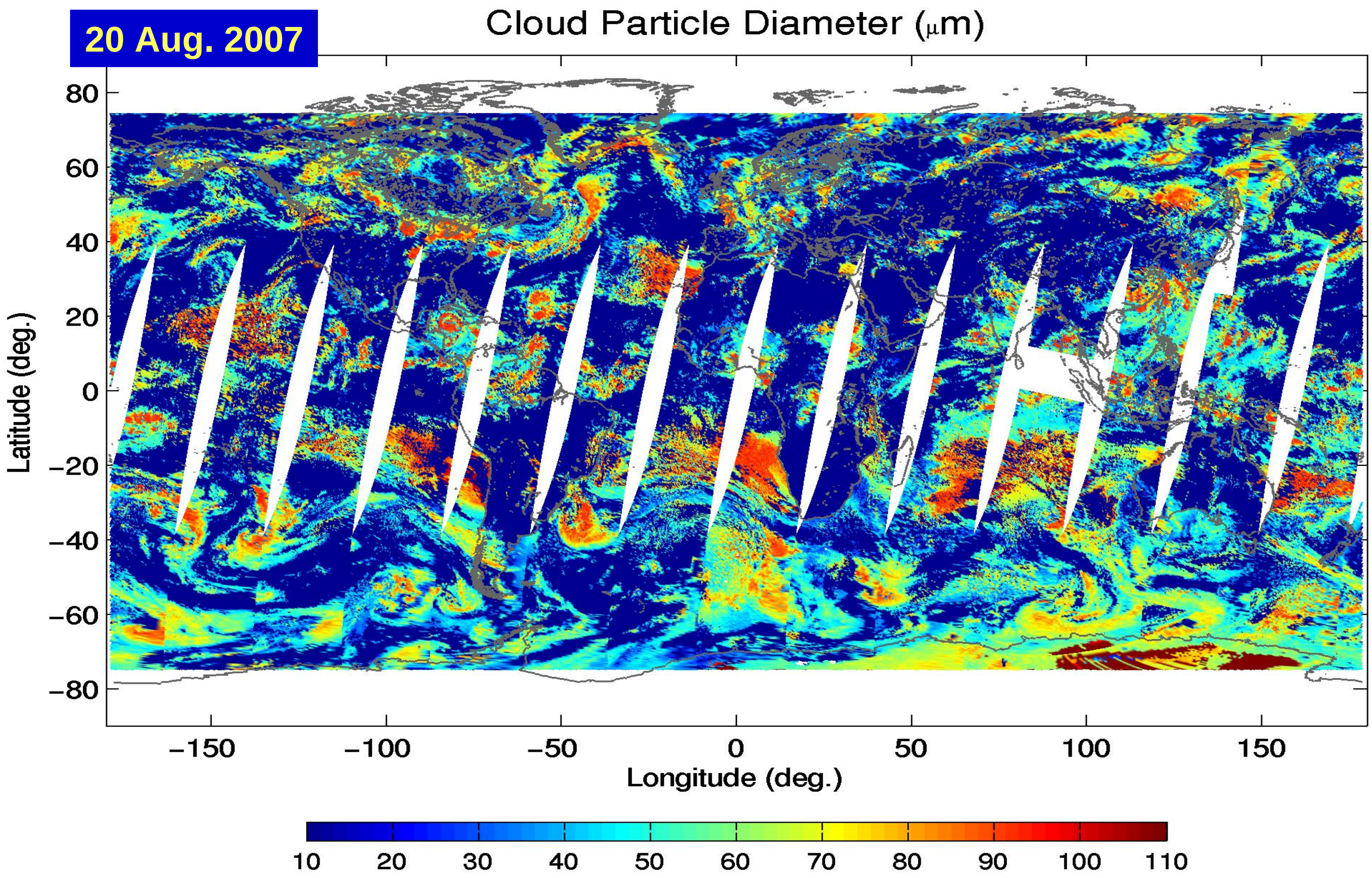

IASI Retrieval Demo: Surface Skin Temp

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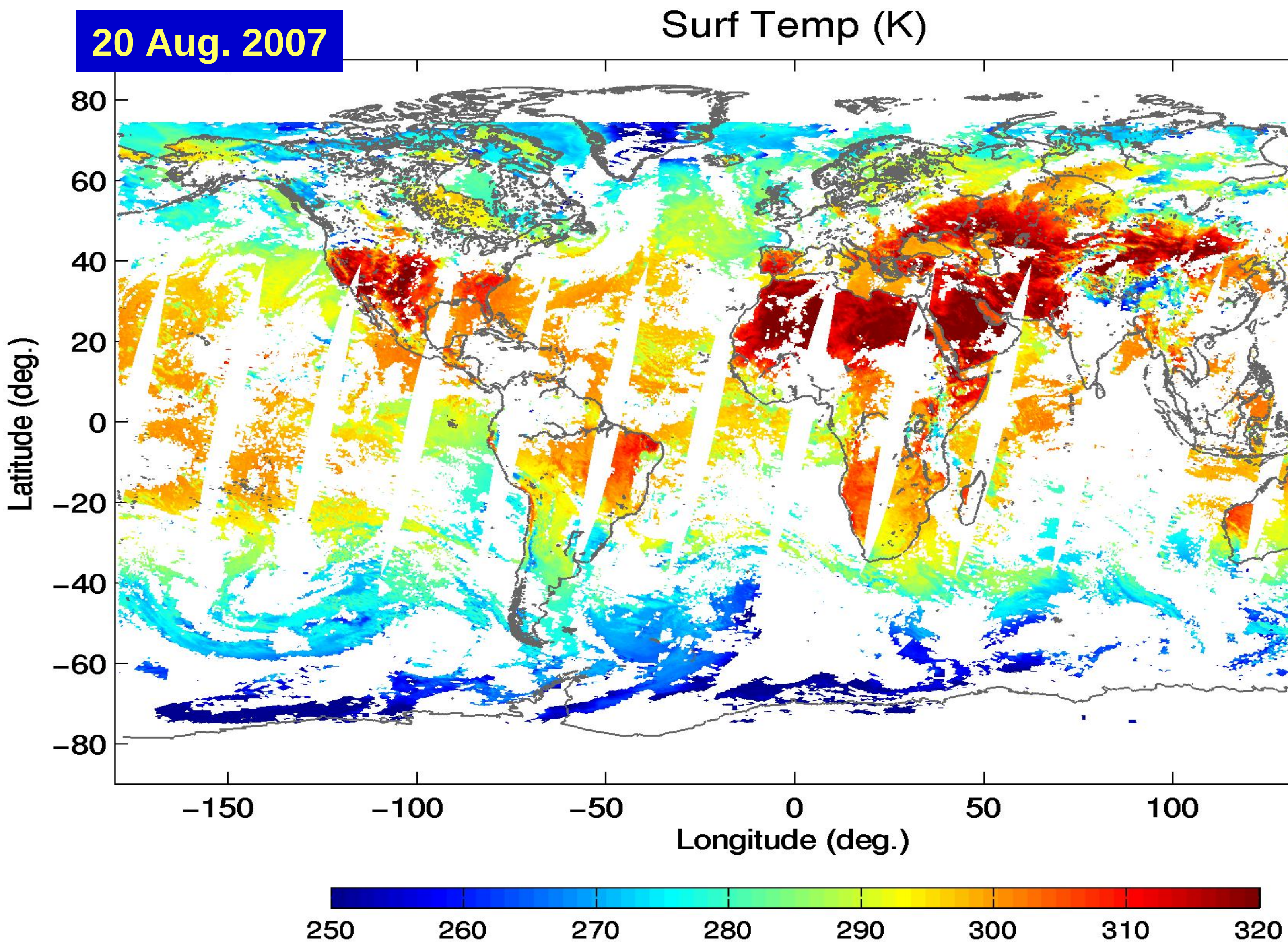

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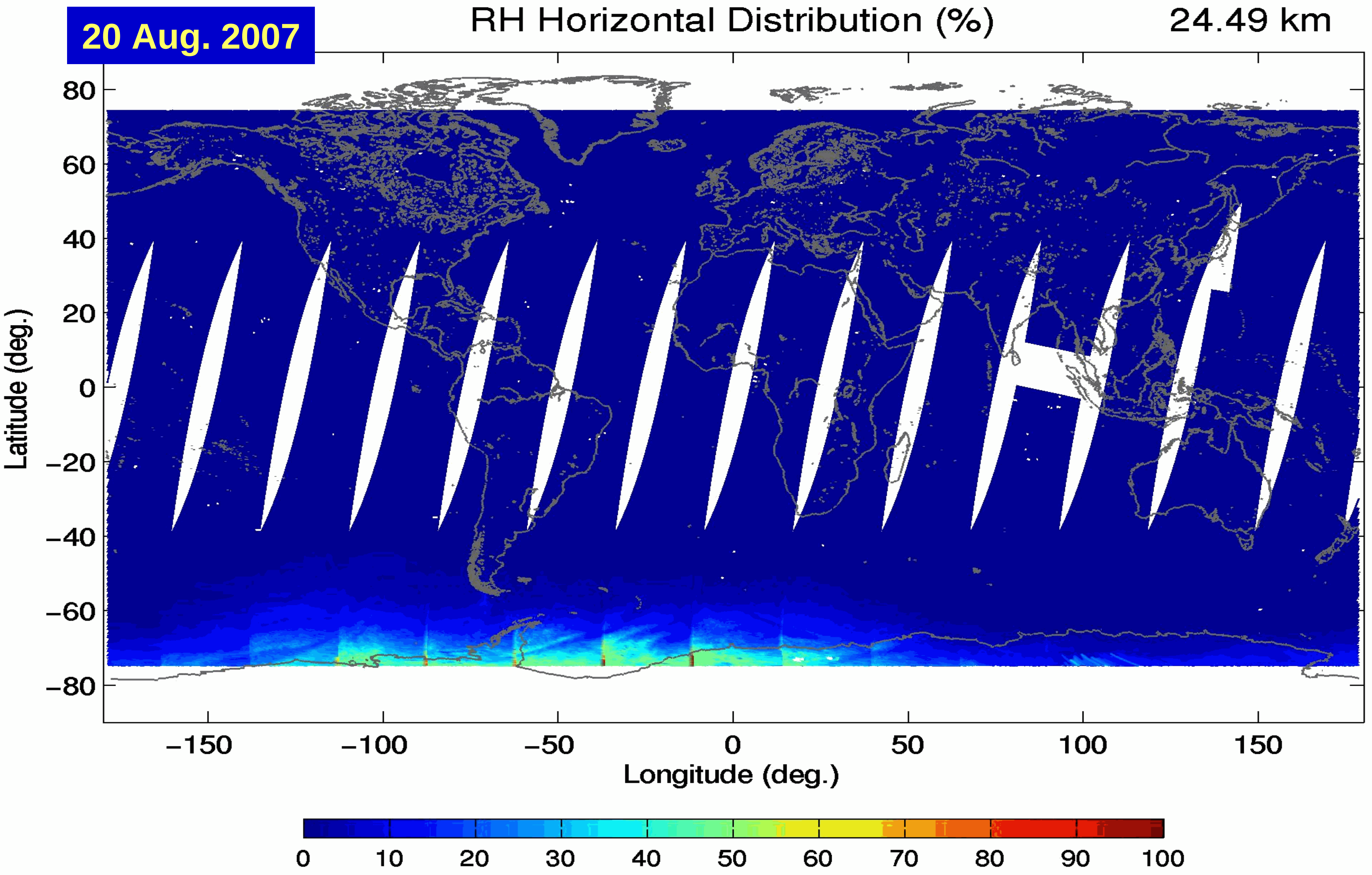
IASI Retrieval Demo: Moisture Distribution



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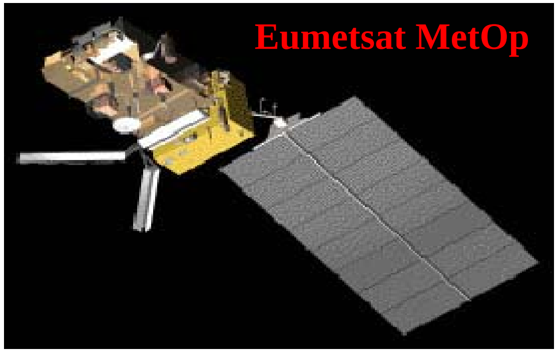
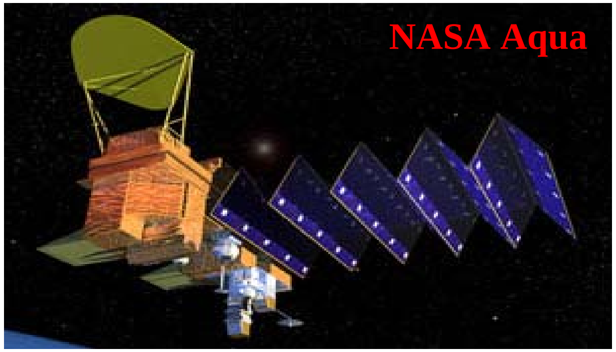
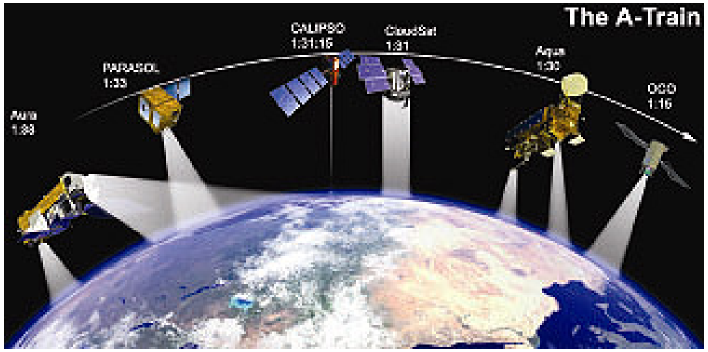
Joint Airborne IASI Validation Exp. (JAIVEx)







Location/dates:

Ellington Field (EFD), Houston, TX, 14 Apr – 4 May, 2007.

Aircraft:

NASA WB-57 (NAST-I, NAST-M, S-HIS);

UK FAAM BAe146-301 (ARIES, MARSS, SWS; dropsondes; in-situ cloud phys. & trace species; etc.).

Satellites:

Metop (IASI, AMSU, MHS, AVHRR, HIRS).

A-train (Aqua AIRS, AMSU, HSB, MODIS; Aura TES; CloudSat; and Calipso).

Ground-sites:

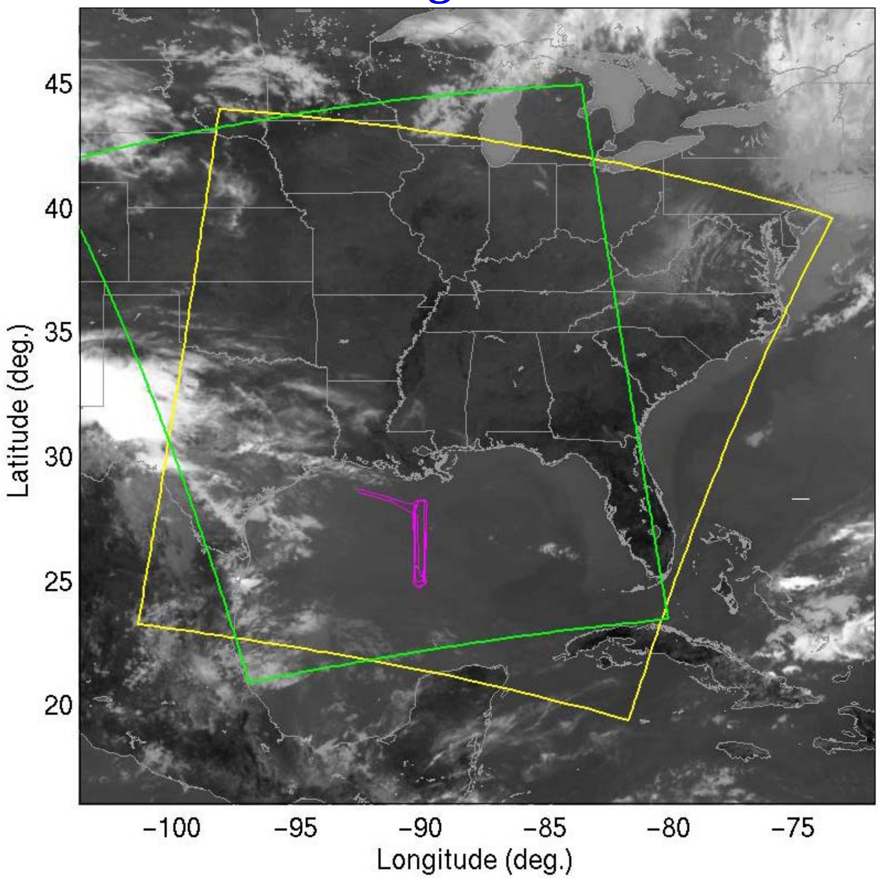
DOE ARM CART ground site (radiosondes, lidar, etc.)

Participants:

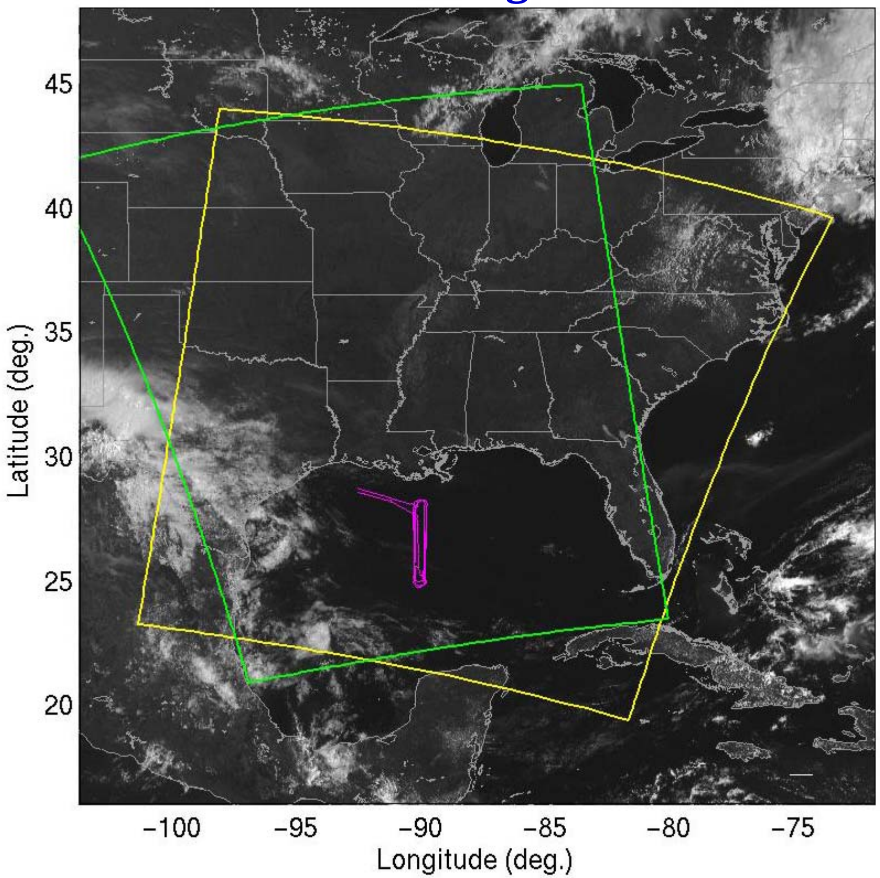
include NASA, UW, MIT, IPO, NOAA, UKMO, EUMETSAT, ECMWF, …

JAIVEx Case Validation (2007.04.29)

GOES-12 IR image



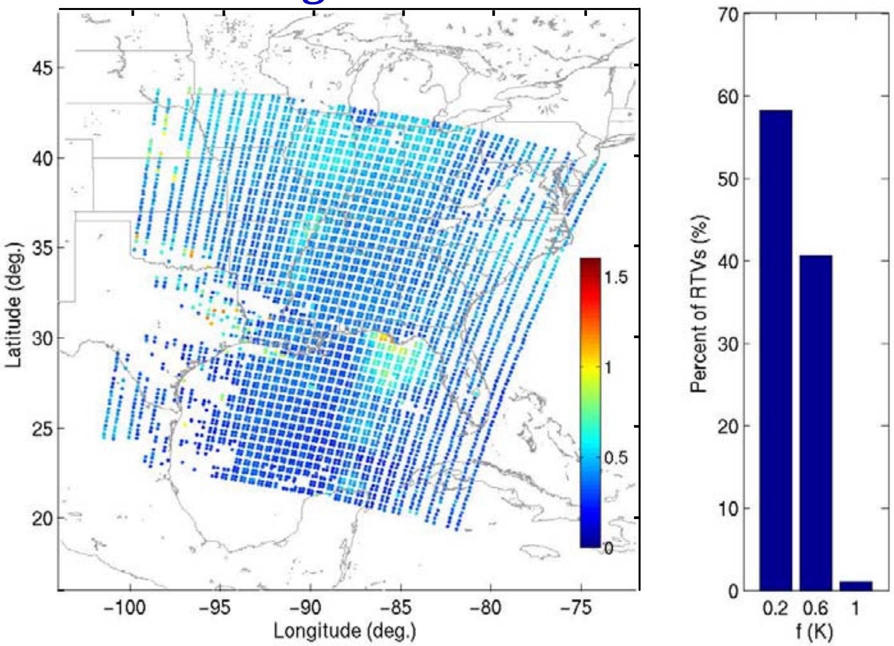
GOES-12 visible image



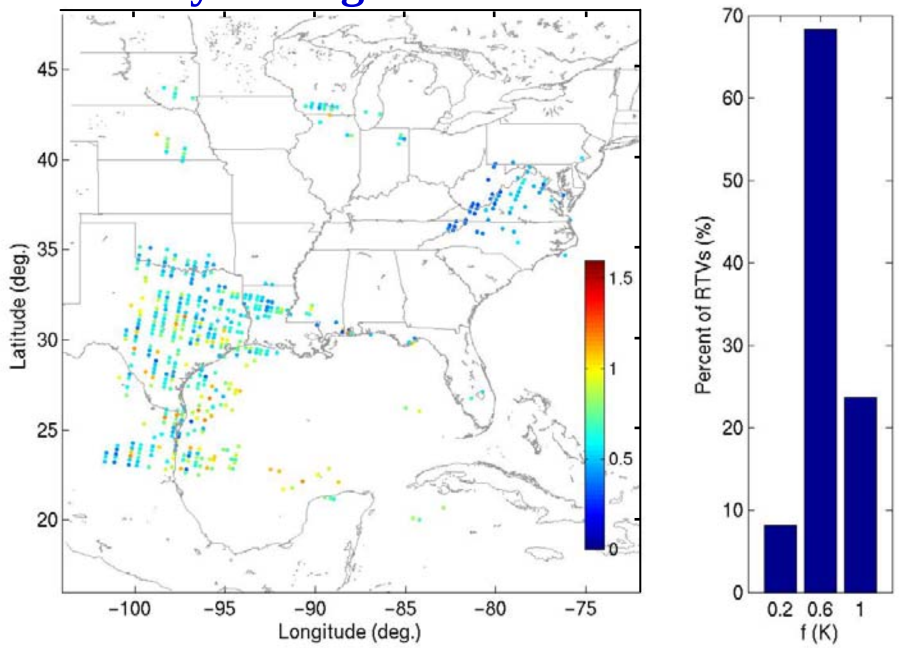
Retrieval Consistency Check: fitting residual

<u>Fitting Residual:</u> STD of the difference between measured and retrieval simulated brightness temperature over physical retrieval channels.

Clear Fitting Residual

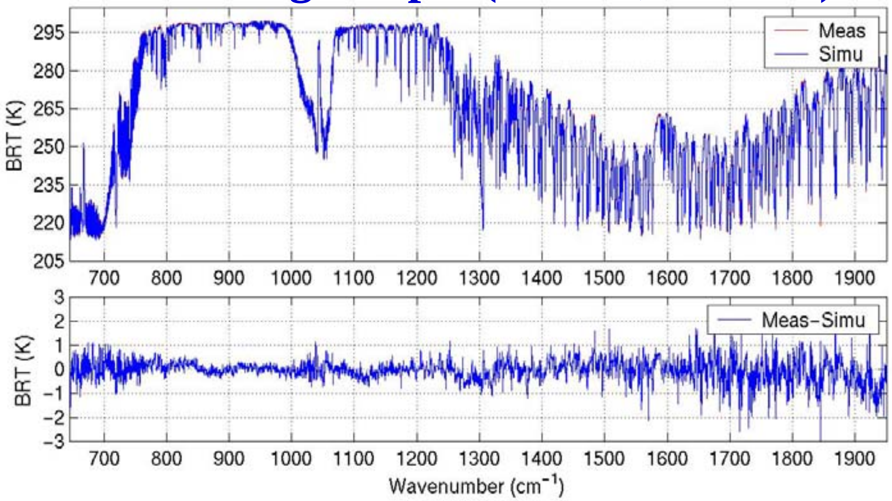


Cloudy Fitting Residual

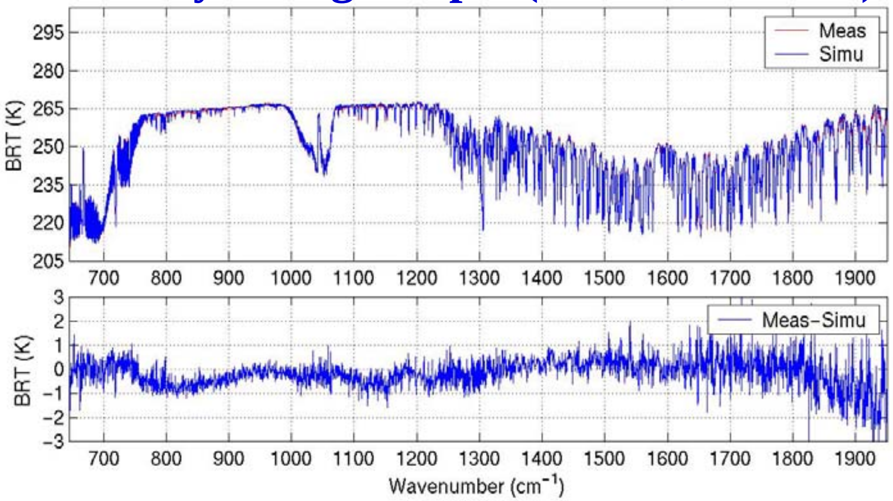


Consistency Check: Fitting Samples & Statistics

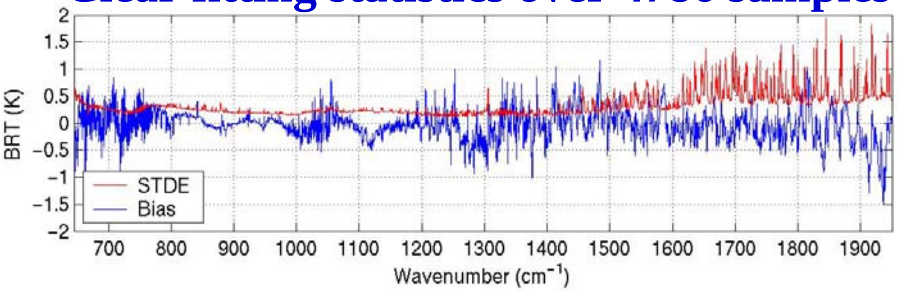
Clear fitting sample (35.36N, 93.67W)



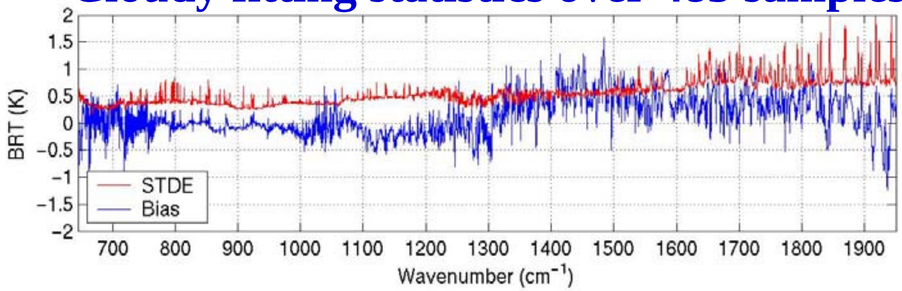
Cloudy fitting sample (27.51N, 96.18W)



Clear fitting statistics over 4786 samples

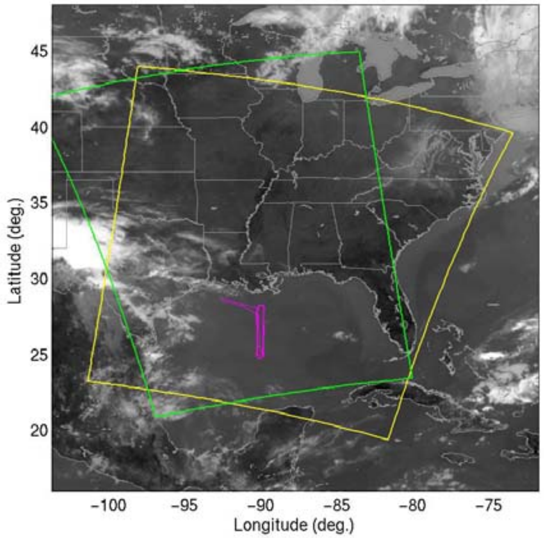


Cloudy fitting statistics over 483 samples

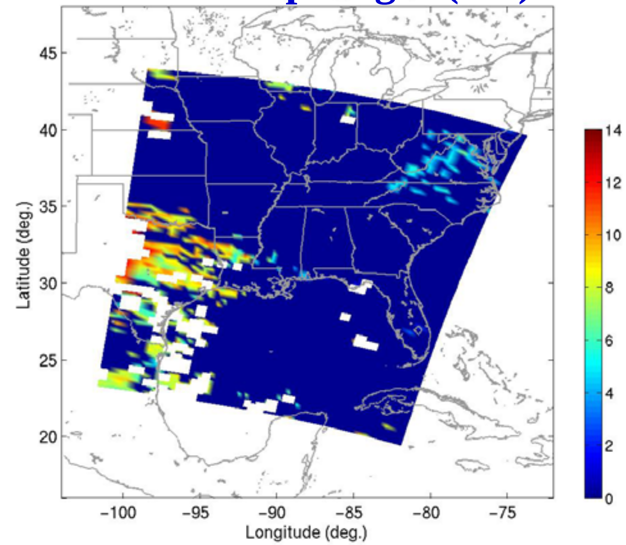


IASI Retrieval: Cloud Parameters

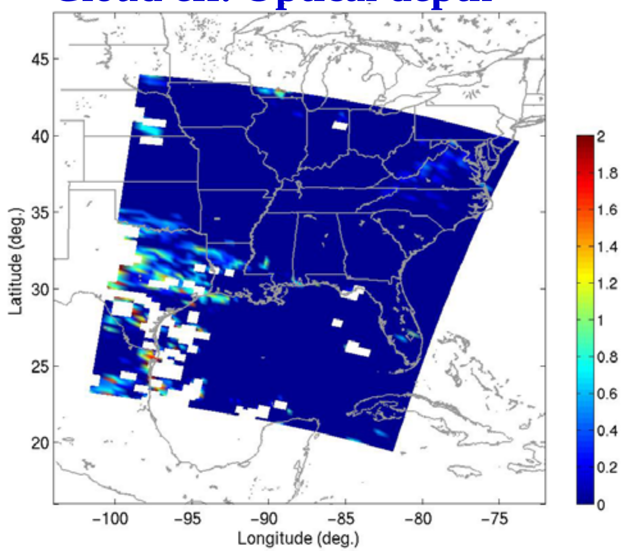
GOES-12 IR image



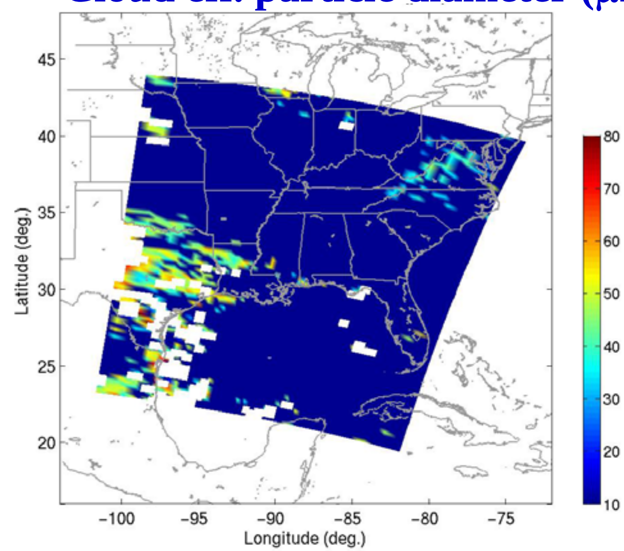
Eff. cloud top height (km)



Cloud eff. Optical depth

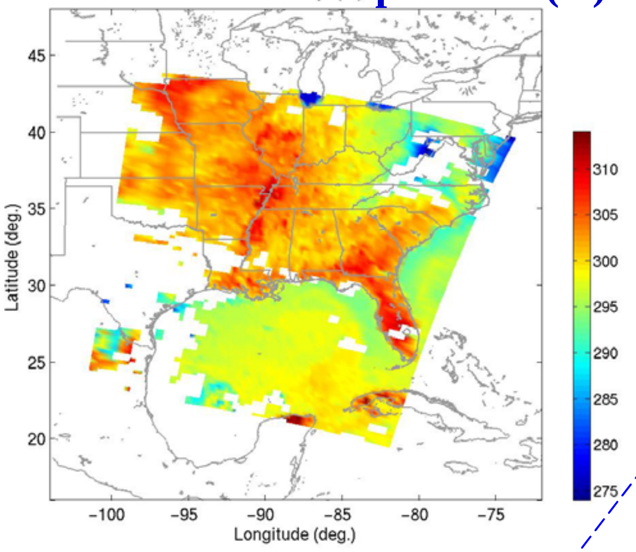


Cloud eff. particle diameter (μm)

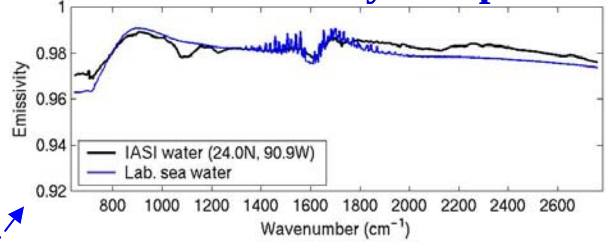


IASI Retrieval: Surface Parameters

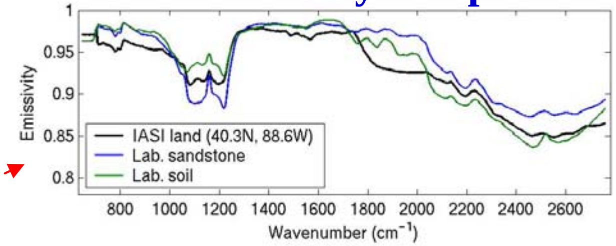
Surface Skin Temperature (K)



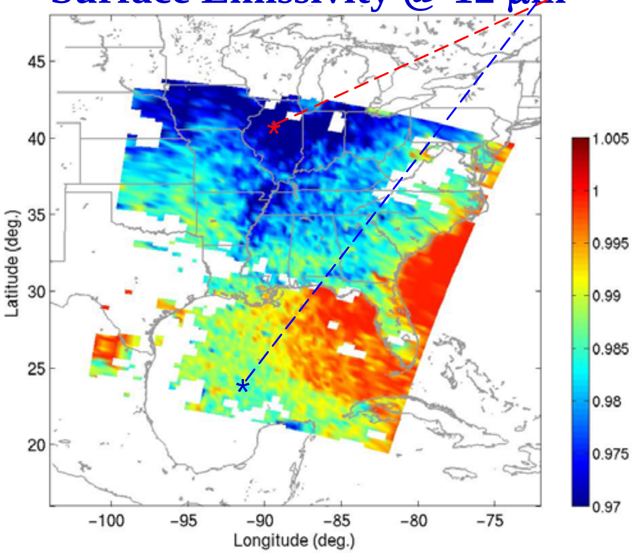
Water Emissivity Sample



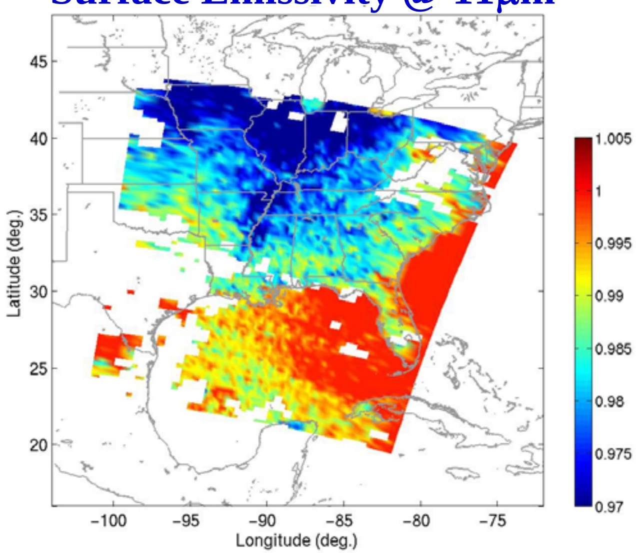
Land Emissivity Sample



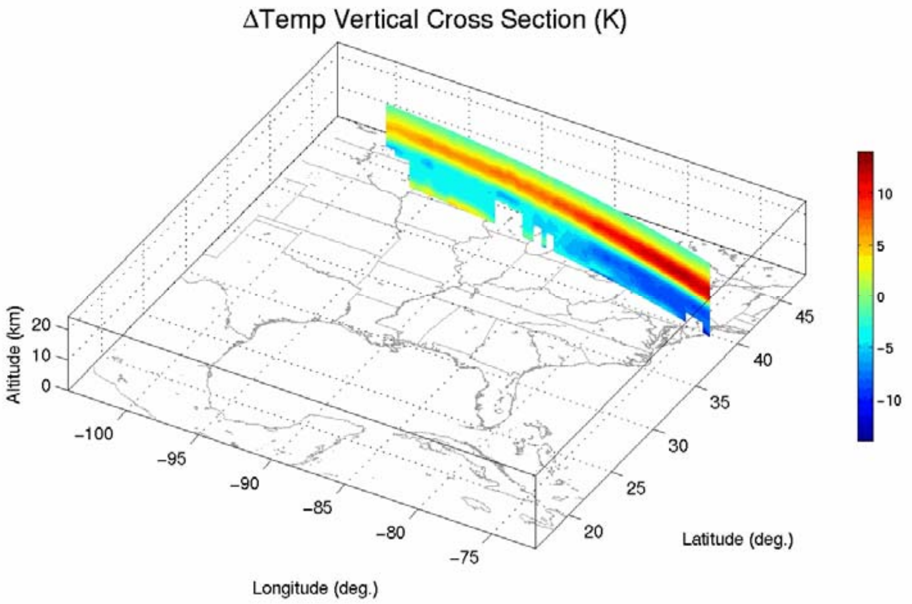
Surface Emissivity @ 12 μm

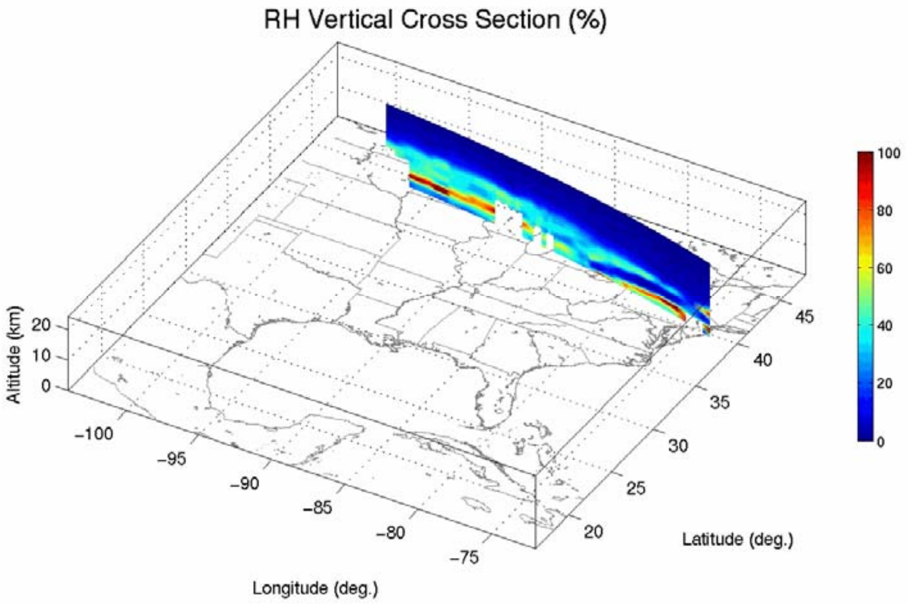


Surface Emissivity @ 11μm



IASI Retrieval: ΔTemp and RH Fields





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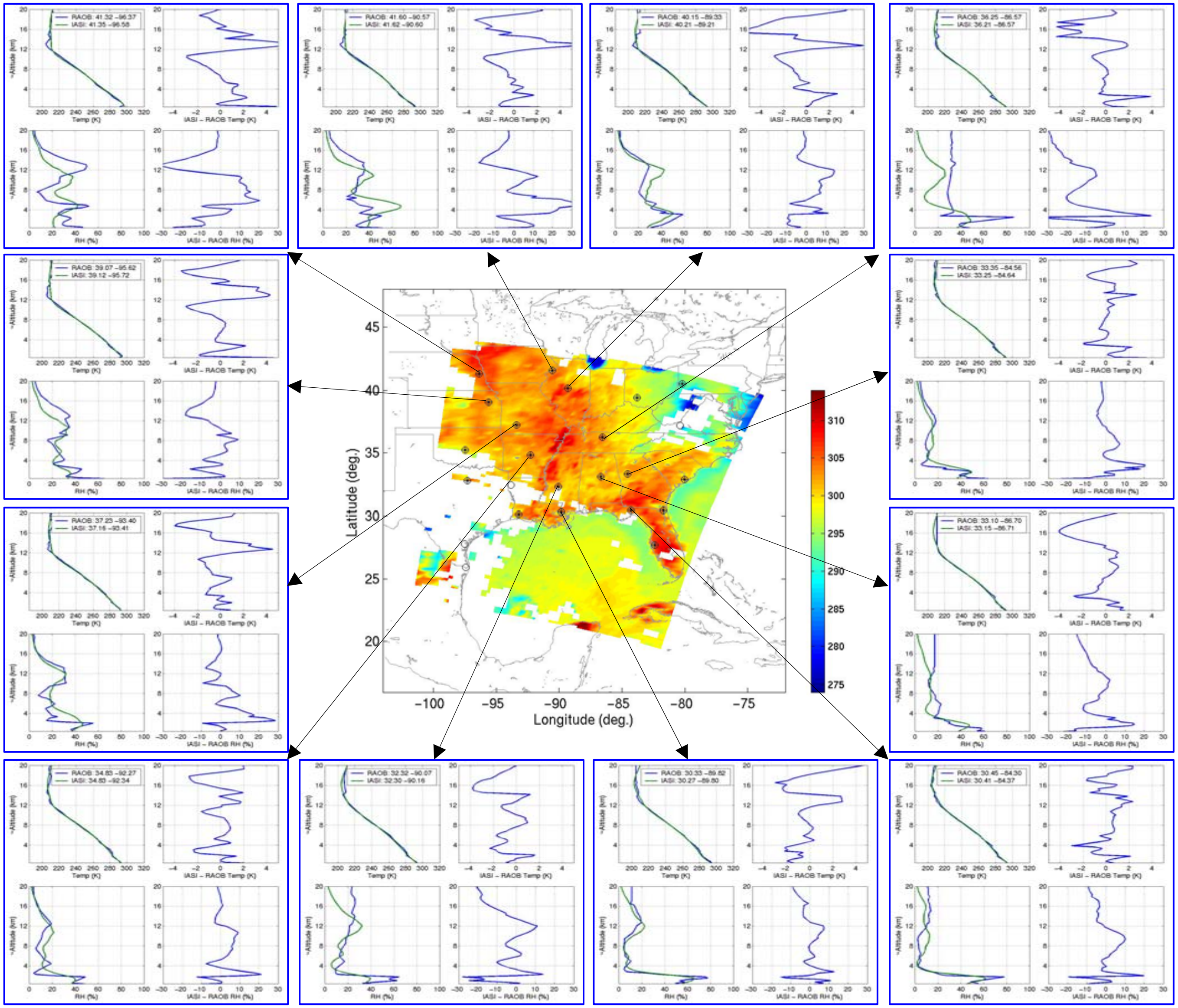
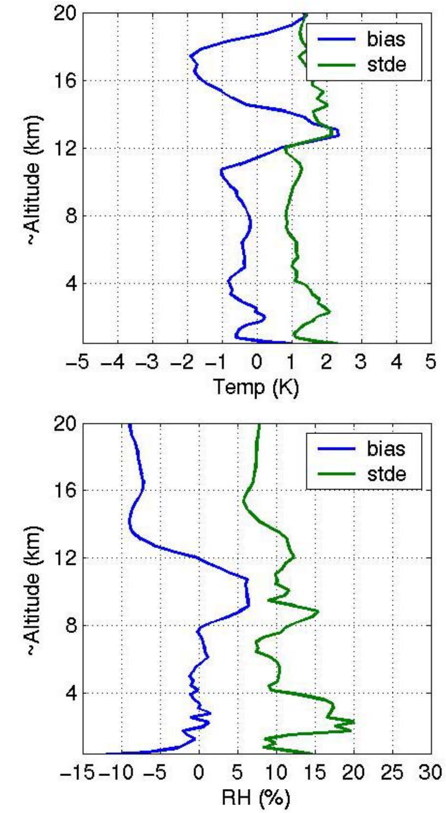
IASI Retrievals vs. Radiosondes

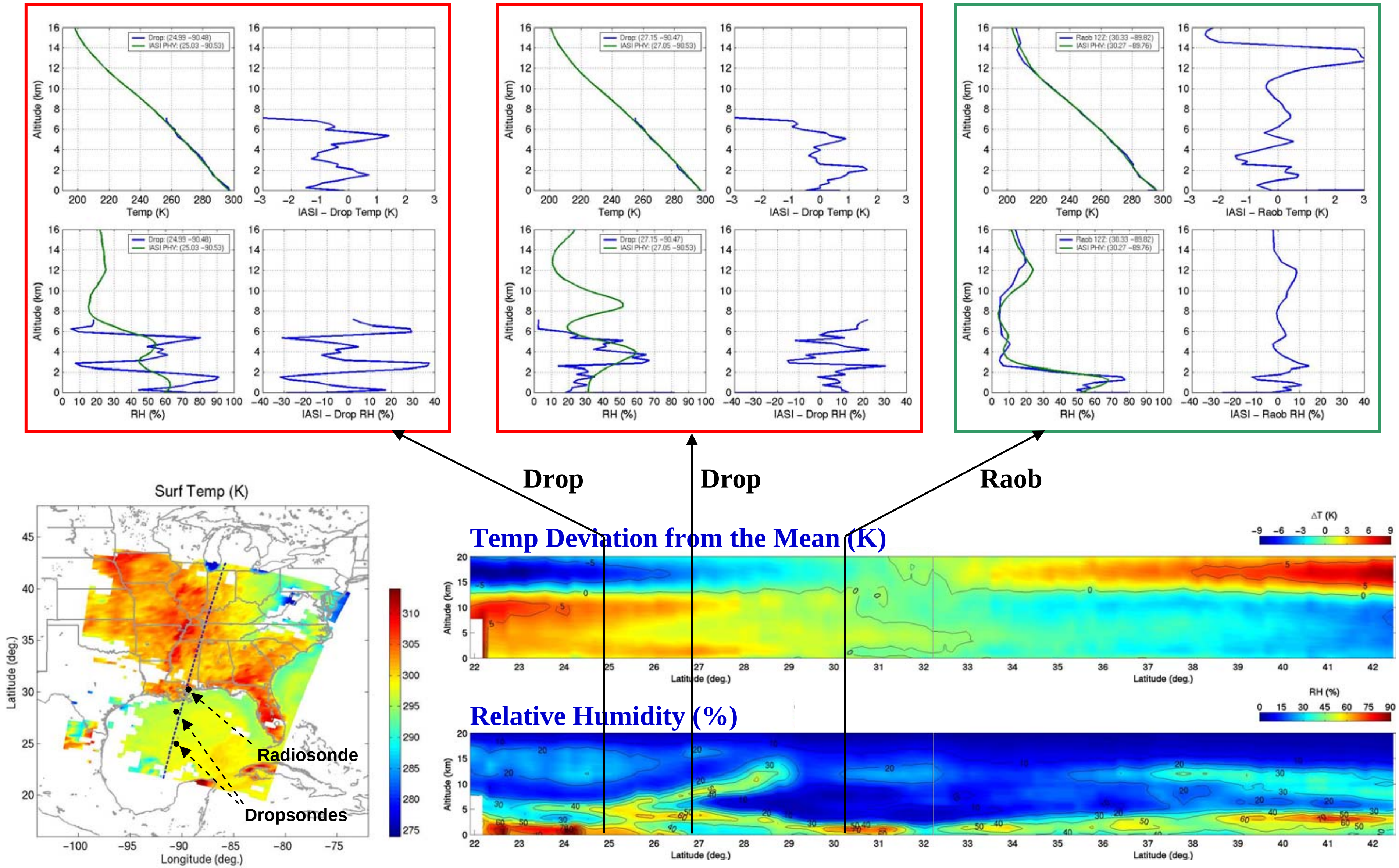


Note:
12:00 UTC = 07:00 Local
15:48 UTC = 10:48 Local

Radiosonde and IASI retrieval comparison and statistical profiles over 20 radiosondes



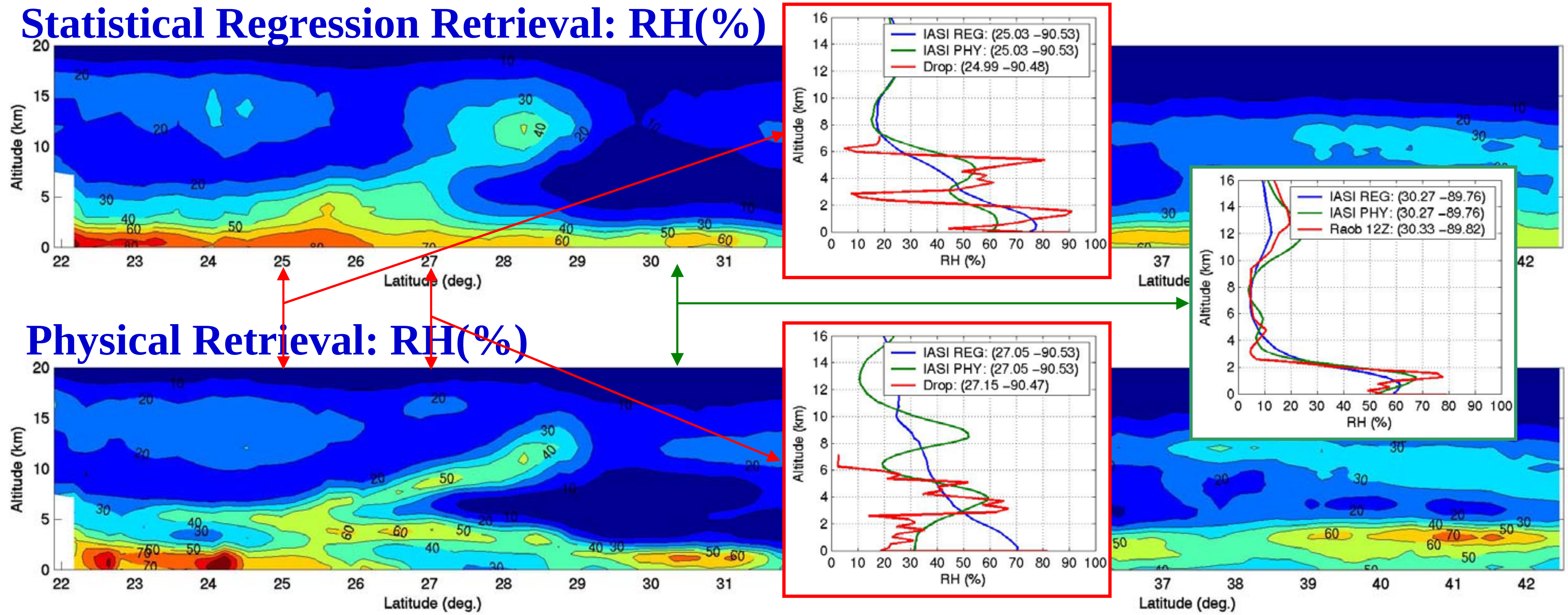
High-Vertically-Resolved Retrievals



IASI Regression vs. Physical Retrieval

Statistical Regression Retrieval: RH(%)

Physical Retrieval: RH(%)



1. The retrieval improvement based on the EOF statistical regression through physical iterative retrieval is only contributed by IASI measurements as the minimum information methodology used.

2. A high-vertically-resolved atmospheric structure is captured very well by IASI measurements and/or retrievals; not only in the troposphere, but also in the boundary layer.

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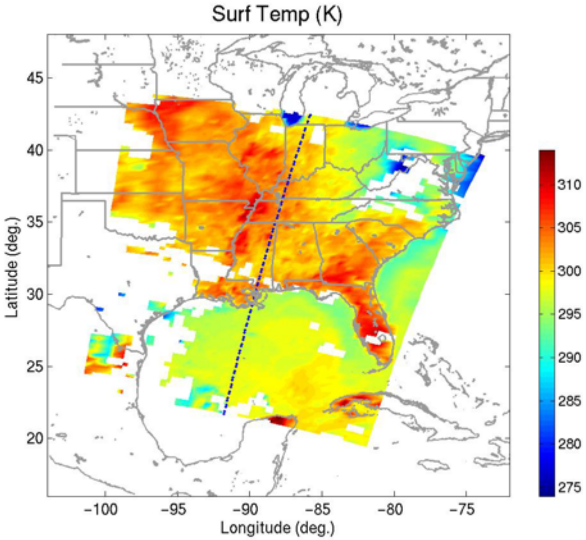
IASI (15:48 UTC) vs. AIRS (19:30 UTC)



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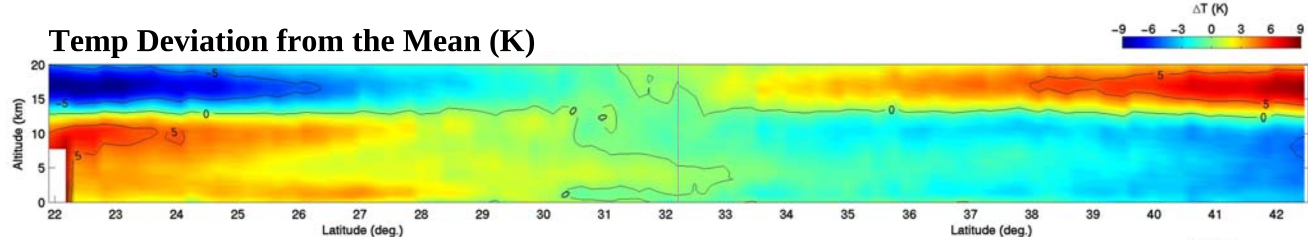
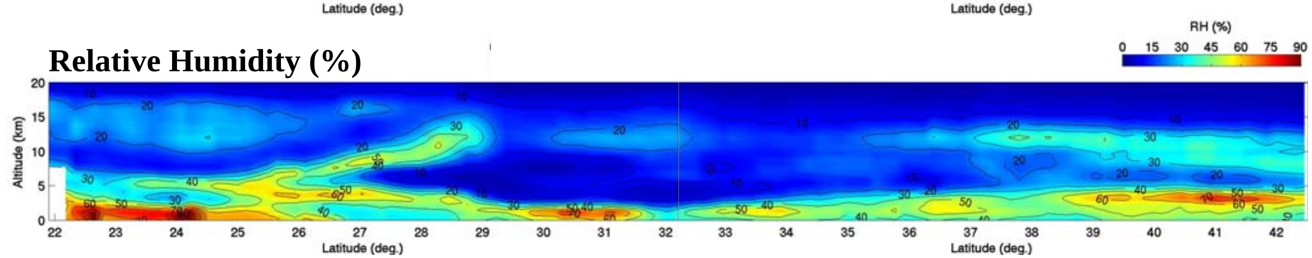
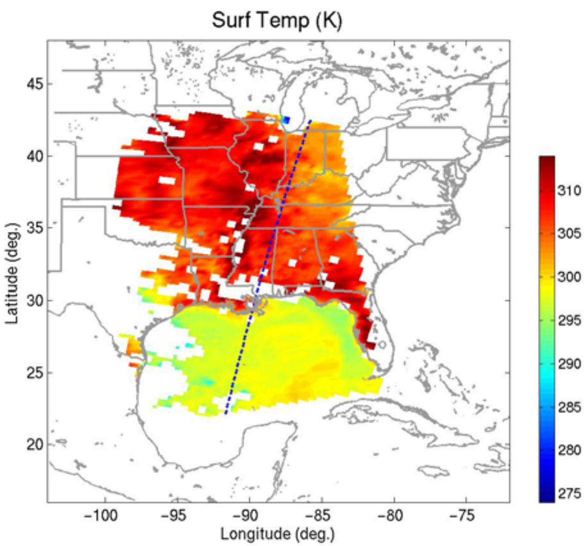
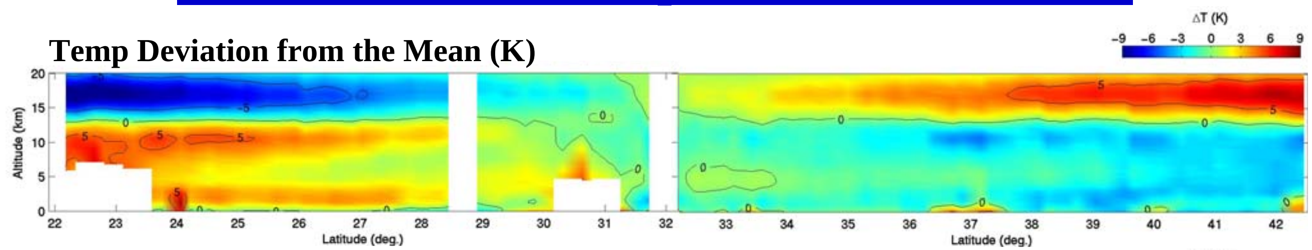
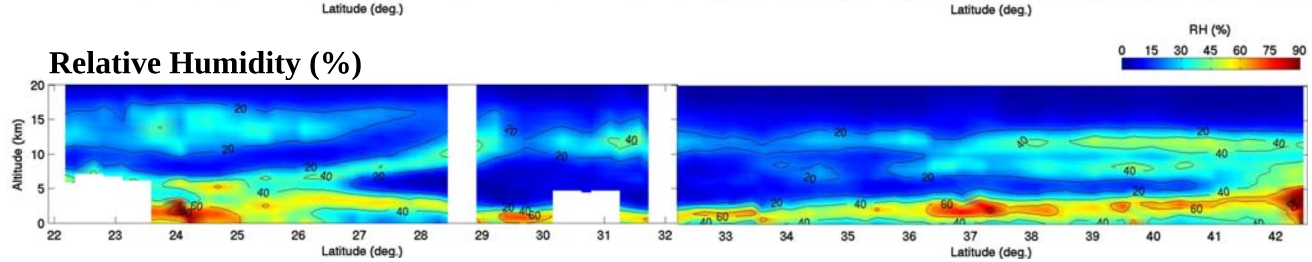




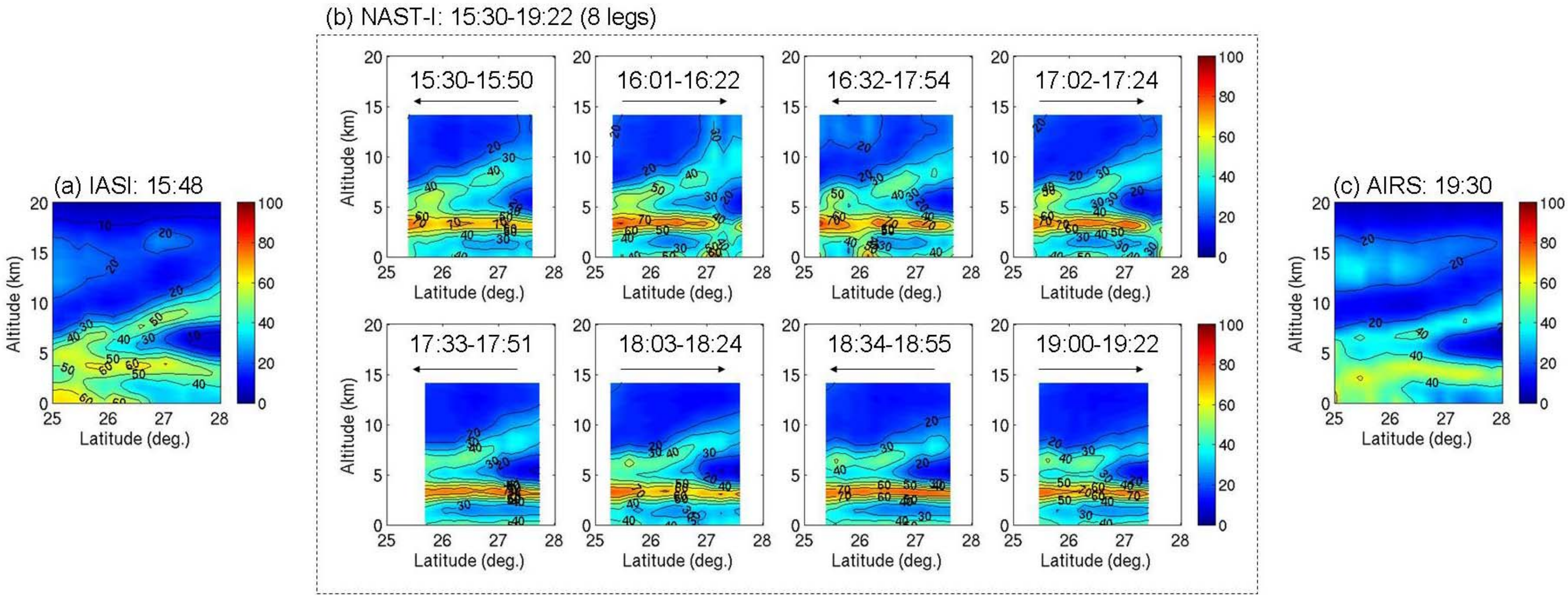


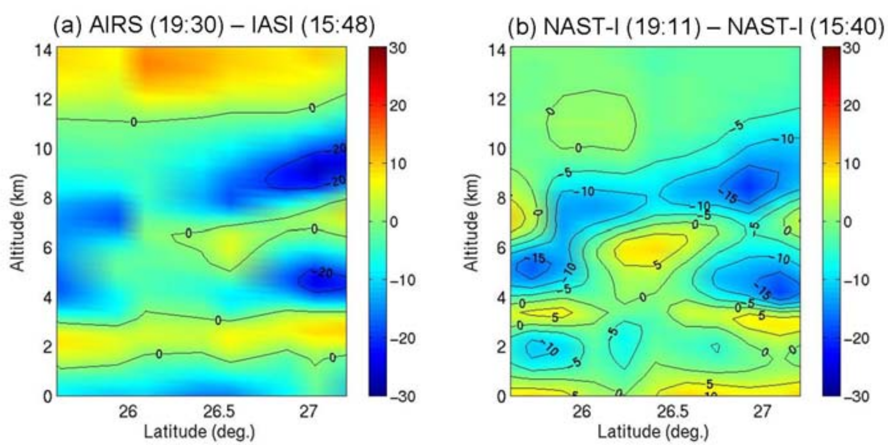
AIRS Retrieval Interpolated to IASI FOV





NAST-I: Connection between IASI and AIRS





Difference is mainly due to

- **instrument difference between IASI and AIRS,**
- **spatial resolution difference between NAST-I and IASI (or AIRS), and**
- **retrieval uncertainty including radiative transfer models difference.**

Summary and Future Work

1. A state-of-the-art IR-only retrieval algorithm has been developed with an all-seasonal globally representative EOF physical regression and followed by 1-D Var. physical iterative retrieval for IASI, AIRS, and NAST-I.
2. The benefits of this retrieval are to produce atmospheric structure with a single FOV horizontal resolution (12 km for IASI and 14 km for AIRS), accurate profiles above the cloud (at least) or down to the surface, surface parameters, and/or cloud microphysical parameters.
3. Initial case validation indicates that surface, cloud, and atmospheric structure (include TBL) are well captured by IASI and AIRS measurements. Coincident dropsondes during the IASI and AIRS overpasses are used to validate atmospheric conditions, and accurate retrievals are obtained with an expected vertical resolution.
4. JAIVEx has provided the data needed to validated retrieval algorithm and its products which allows us to assess the instrument ability and/or performance.
5. Retrievals with global coverage are under investigation for detailed retrieval assessment. It is greatly desired that these products be used for testing the impact on Atmospheric Data Assimilation and/or Numerical Weather Prediction.

Fine-scale atmospheric horizontal features with high vertical resolution from satellite global observations are first achieved with advanced hyperspectral instruments.