some recent Radiance Validation efforts at CIMSS/SSEC



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ARM

The Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Program

... the ultimate goal of improving the parameterizations of clouds and radiation used in climate models.



Vaisala radiosondes



AERI



Raman Lidar



Microwave Radiometer (MWR)



Water vapor absorption modeling



Lower Troposphere Water Vapor Measurement Goal: <2% in precipitable water vapor

Based on desire to improve clear sky absorption models and to resolve significant climate changes, such as the effect of CO_2 doubling on surface radiation budget.

For midlatitude conditions, a 10% H₂O perturbation results in a ~7 W/m² change in downwelling Flux at the surface. 2% is order (1 W/m²)



Line-by-line Radiative Transfer Model improvements initially limited by radiosonde water vapor uncertainties



Note strong correlation between the uncertainty in the sonde water vapor (**B**) and the longwave radiance residuals (**C**)

AERI Observed minus Calculated versus Total Column Water 1998-2001 AERI/LBLRTM QME dataset



The Rosetta Stone, 1997 WVIOP







Self-broadened Water Vapor Continuum Coefficients



Effect of new Continuum on AERI obs-calcs 1998-2001 AERI/LBLRTM QME dataset



Effect of HITRAN2000 H₂O line parameters



1998-2001 AERI/LBLRTM QME dataset

HIS CAMEX 3/29/93 Case

"JPL-extended" HITRAN2000

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960

920







Temperature Dependence of C_f⁰



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UW Scanning-HIS: 1998-Present

(HIS: High-resolution Interferometer Sounder, 1985-1998)

Characteristics

Spectral Coverage: 3-17 microns Spectral Resolution: 0.5 cm⁻¹ Resolving power: 1000-6000 Footprint Diam: 1.5 km @ 15 km Cross-Track Scan: Programmable including uplooking zenith view





Applications:

- Radiances for Radiative Transfer
- Satellite validation
- Temp & Water Vapor Retrievals
- Cloud Radiative Prop.
- Surface Emissivity & T
- Trace Gas Retrievals

Terra/Aqua Experiment-2002

19:40 UTC (daytime), Gulf of Mexico 11/21/2002



MAS Quicklooks flight leg 5

0.65mm 1.90mm 3.74mm 11.01mm RGB



MODIS 12 micron Band & near-nadir AIRS FOVs



8 AIRS FOVs used in the following comparisons

AIRS / SHIS Comparisons

A detailed comparison should account for:

- instrumental noise and scene variations
- Different observation altitudes (AIRS is 705km, SHIS is ~20km on ER2, ~14km on Proteus)
- Different view angles (AIRS is near nadir, SHIS is ~±35deg from nadir)
- Different spatial footprints (AIRS is ~15km at nadir, SHIS is ~2km at nadir)
- Different spectral response (AIRS $\Delta v = v/1200$, SHIS $\Delta v = ~0.5$ cm⁻¹) and sampling



AIRS / SHIS Comparison steps

- O. <u>Average SHIS data within AIRS FOV(s) & compare</u>
 No attempt to account for view angle, altitude, spectral differences.
- 1. <u>Compare Residuals from calculations</u>: (obs-calc)_{SHIS} to (obs-calc)_{AIRS}
 - SHIS and AIRS calcs each done at correct altitudes, view angles, spectral resolution and sampling.
 - Monochromatic calcs done using same forward model, atmospheric state, and surface property inputs.
- 2. Difference Residuals: Spectral Resolutions made similar
 - valid comparison except for channels mainly sensitive to upper atmosphere, above aircraft altitude

"comparison 0" 8 AIRS FOVs, 448 SHIS FOVs, PC filtering



AIRS Compared to S-HIS, 21 Nov 2002



"Comparison 2" (21 November 2002) Excluding channels strongly affected by atmosphere above aircraft



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AIRS Obs-Calcs using Global Radiosondes

focus day number 1, 6/14/02, clear sky, nighttime ocean



25-Jul-2002 08:35 ARM SGP Overpass Best Estimate



• "Best estimate" atmospheric profiles for AIRS overpasses of the ARM sites are constructed from various ARM measurements, including RS-90 radiosondes launched near the overpass time.

ARM site AIRS obs-calcs

SGP site, 9/02-02/03, "nearby, semi-clear", day and night













ARM site AIRS obs-calcs

Summary / Issues

• Uplooking, ground-based observations are well suited for forward model development and validation studies of transparent (surface) channels.

- Window region C_s⁰ measurements are converging
- Need further investigation of T dependence of C_f⁰

• AIRS radiance validation with Scanning-HIS shows very good agreement. Along with other studies, this suggests no significant instrument calibration contributions to AIRS obs-calcs.

• AIRS obs-calcs with ARM site best estimates are providing validation and further information for refinement of the AIRS forward model.

- Should pursue further validation of LBLRTM with downlooking data, and
- Should pursue further validation of kCARTA with uplooking data.
- Upper level water vapor is still an issue on the ~10 percent level. Can physical retrieval with current forward model further reduce 1400-1600 cm⁻¹ obs-calcs ?

• In general, retrievals should converge with spectral residuals similar to those shown here (or better), without the need for IR forward model spectral biases or tuning.