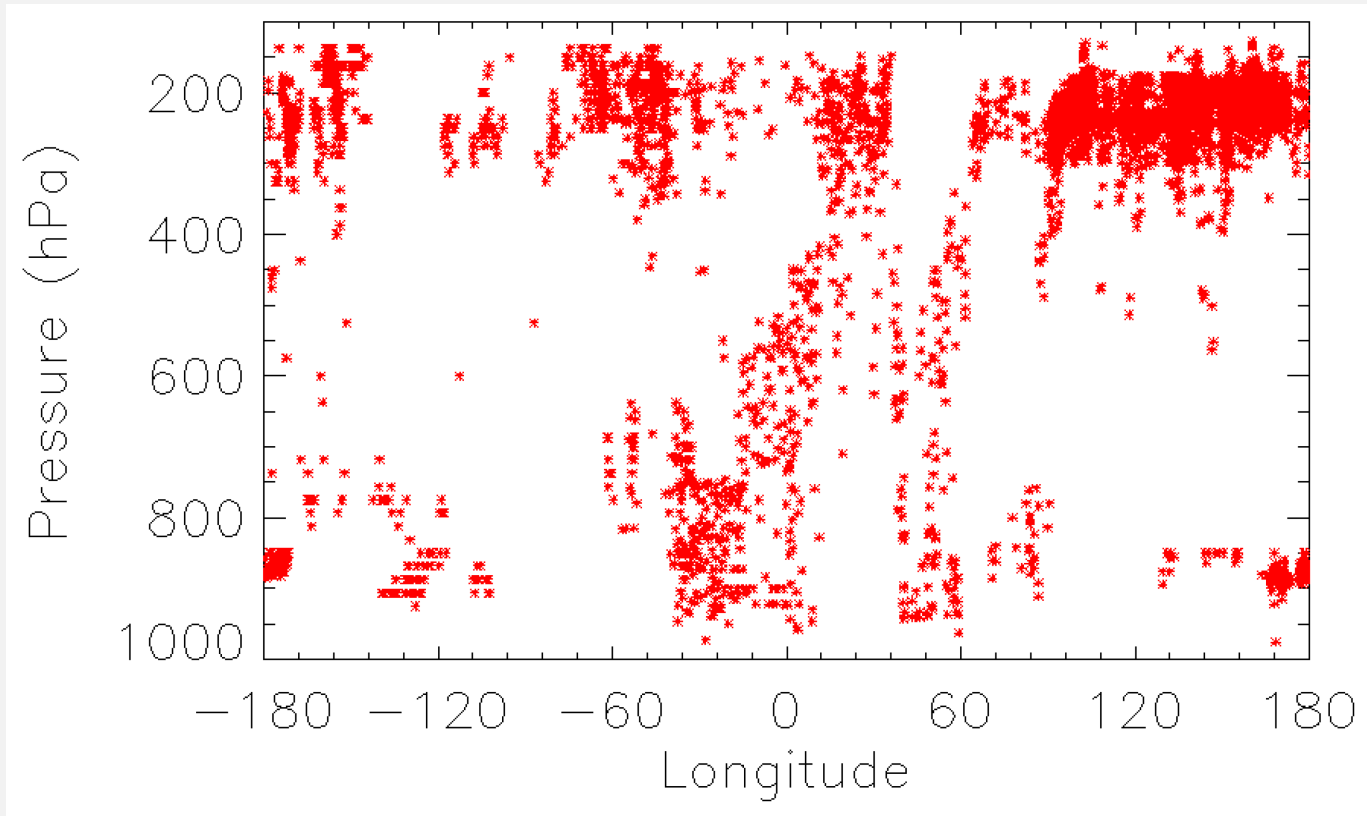


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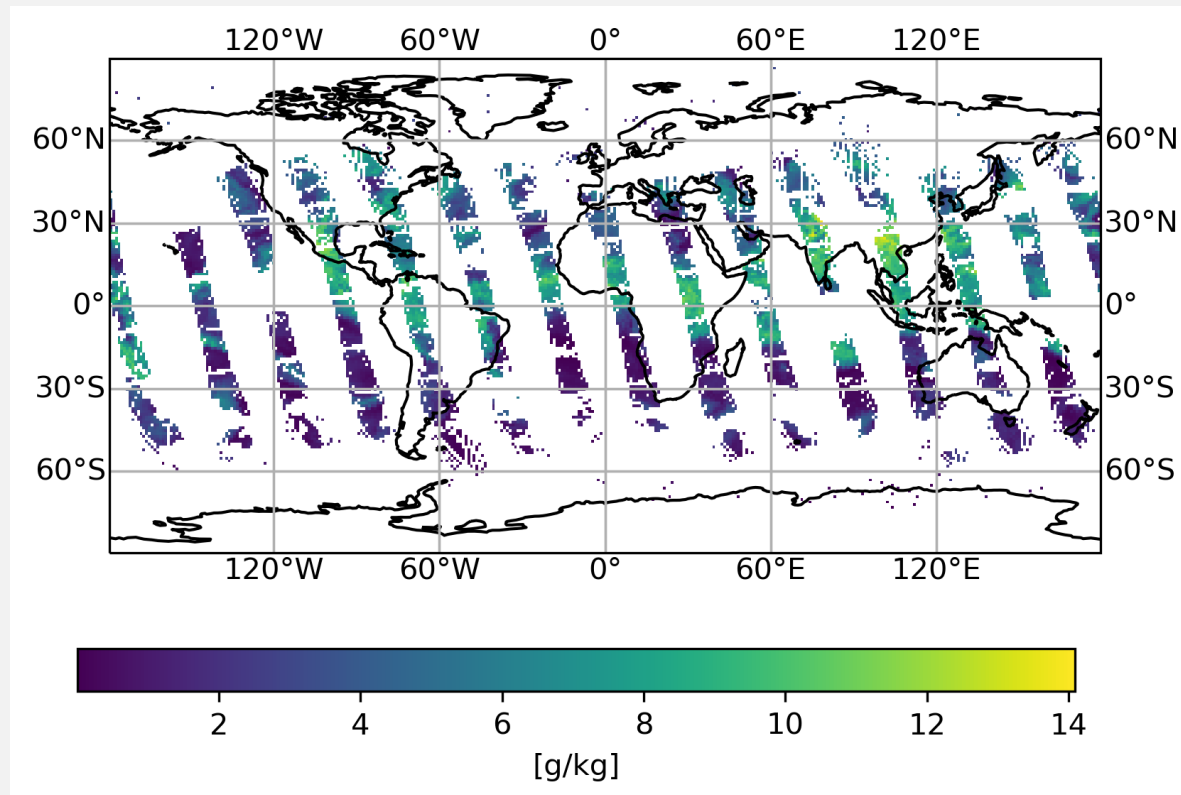
Cloud tracking AMVs leave a gap in the troposphere. Vertical cross section, 00 UTC on 10 December 2014



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We use 3D humidity fields (CLIMCAPS, 49 pressure levels) from Cross-track Infrared Sounder (CrIS) in Suomi-NPP/NOAA-20 (50 min separation) to calculate 3D AMVs from satellite overlap.

Moisture overlap patches (quality controlled) for P=706 hPa, July 1, 2020 for Suomi-NPP, resolution= 1 degree

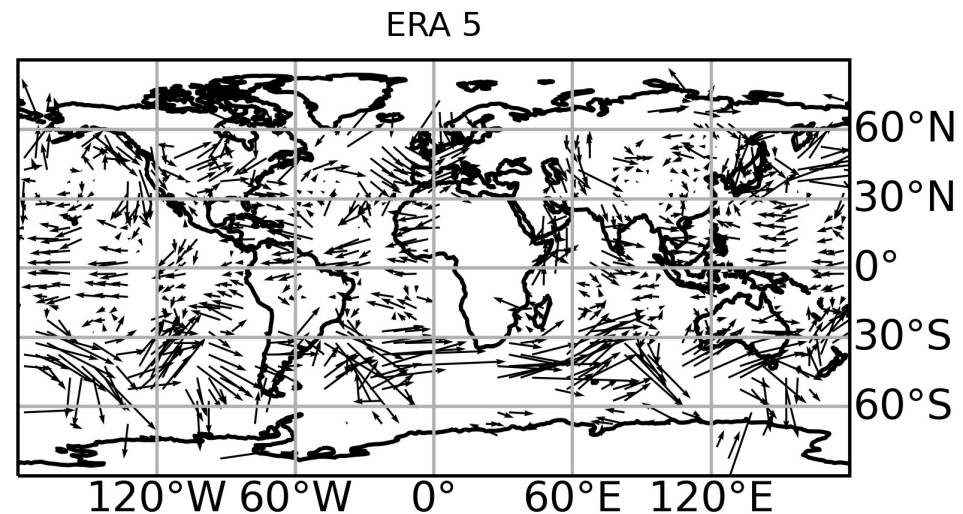
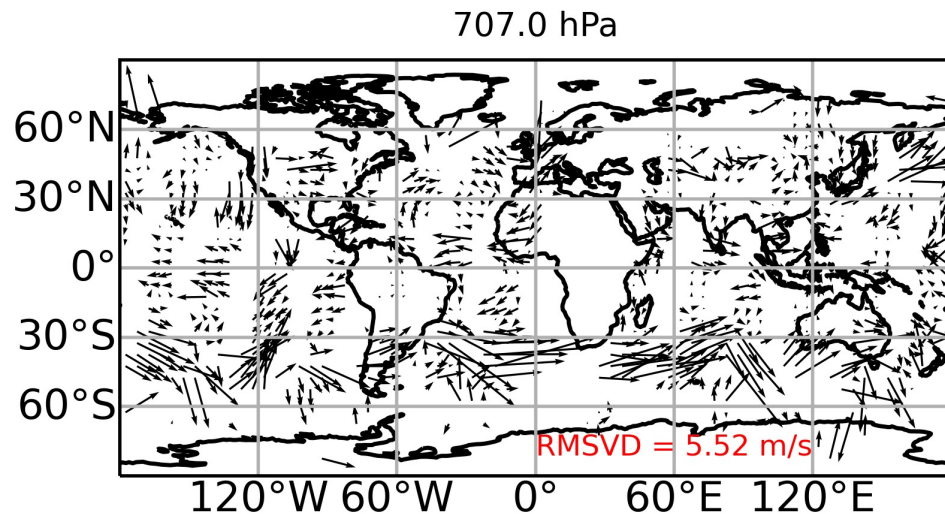


For quality control we use a threshold ($\delta = 10$ m/s) for difference between AMVs and ERA5 (July 1, 2020, descending orbit). We also coarsen original 49 levels into 9 level, 1 deg resolution.

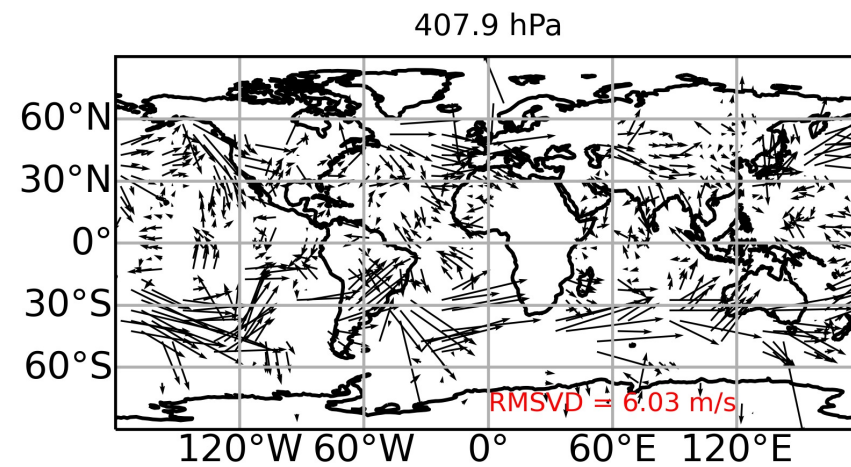
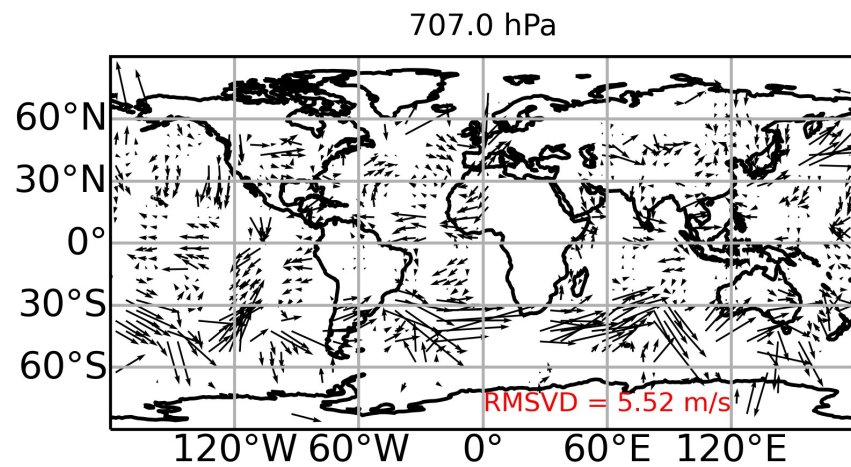
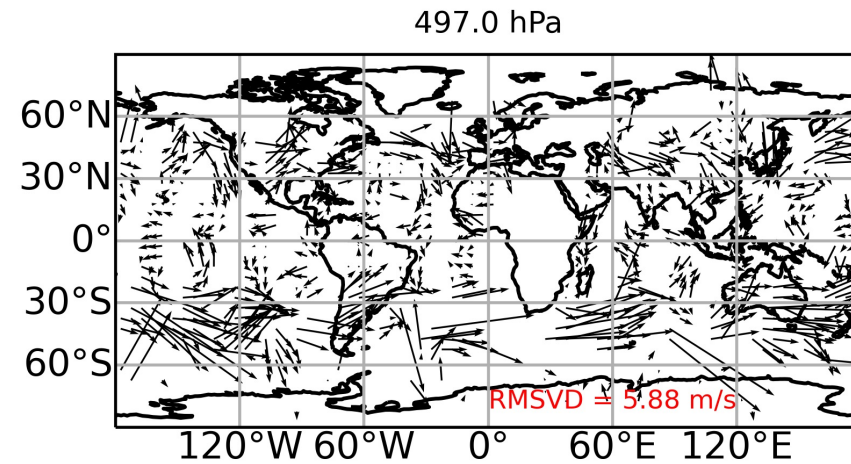
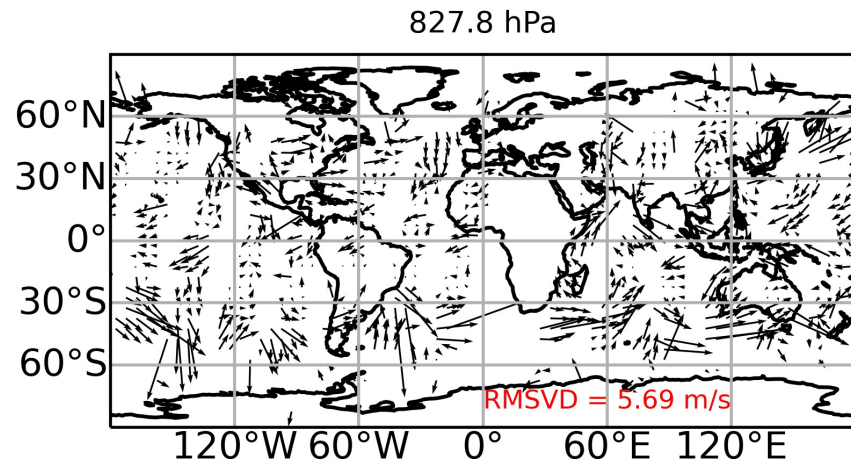
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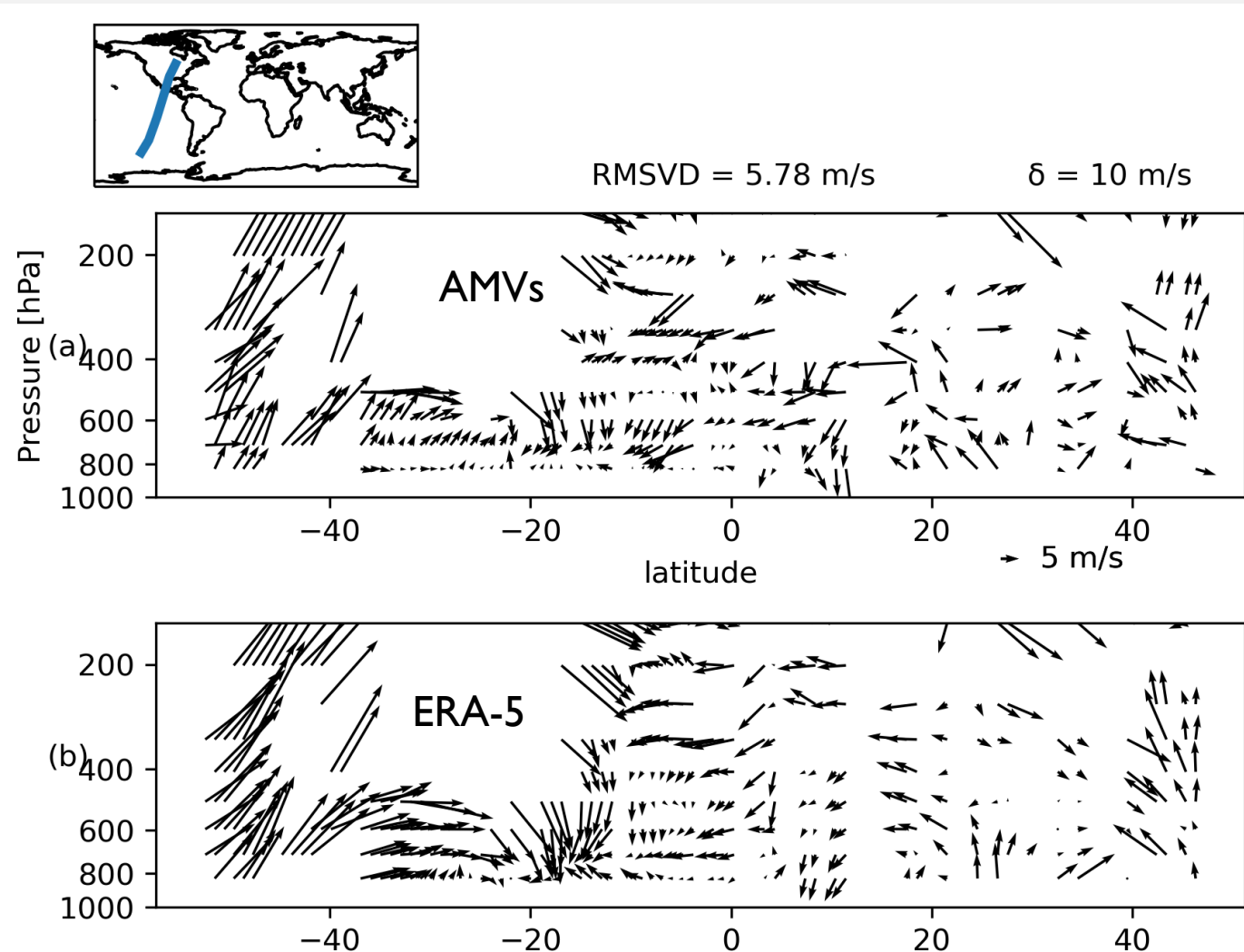
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Results: First 3D AMVs that capture tropics and mid-latitudes (July 1, 2020)



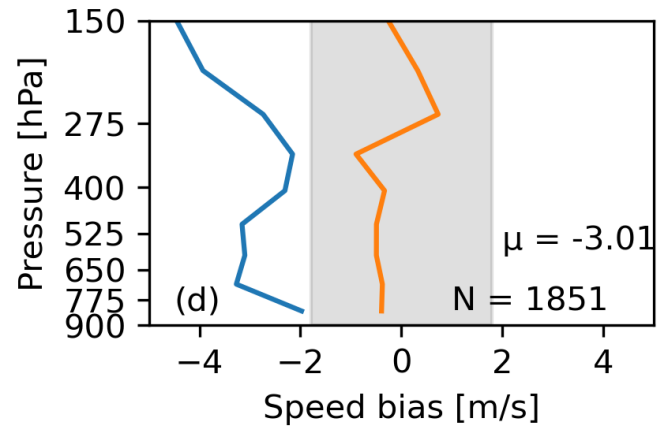
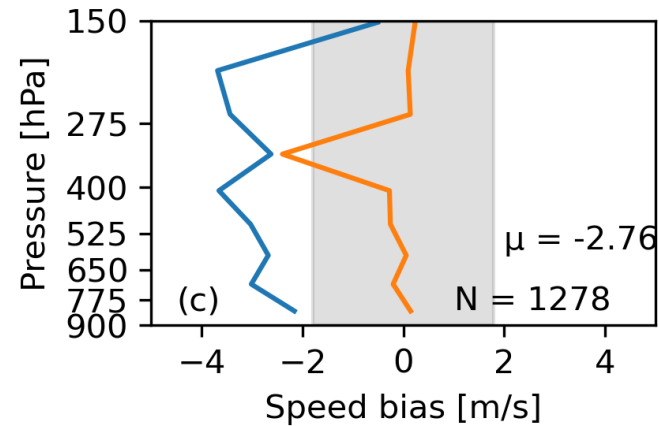
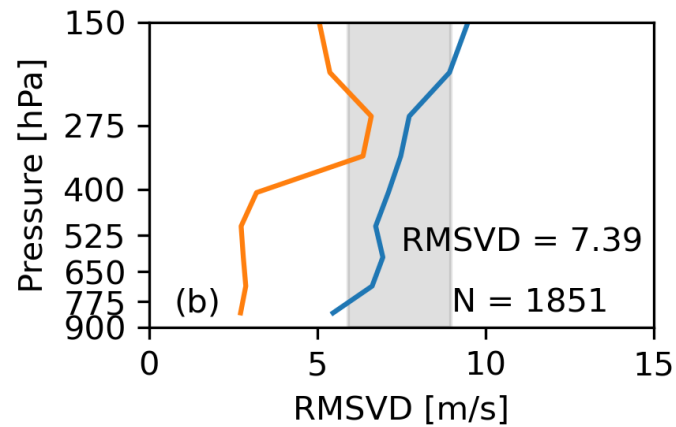
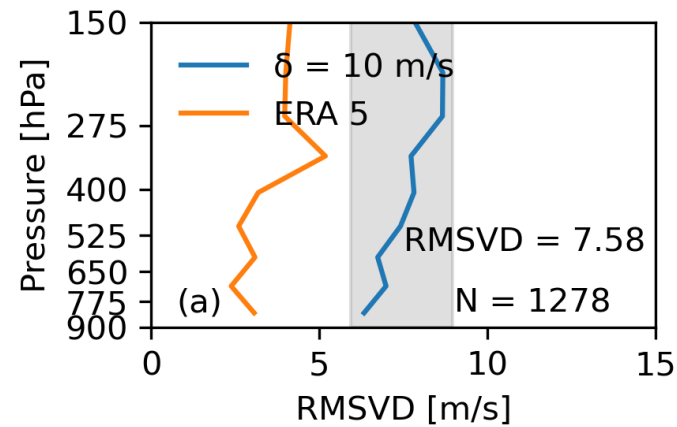
3D AMVs computed for 9 pressure levels, captures vertical profile (descending orbit).



When compared to radiosondes, 3D AMVs within RMSVD of operational GEO AMVs (grey region). However, speed bias is large.

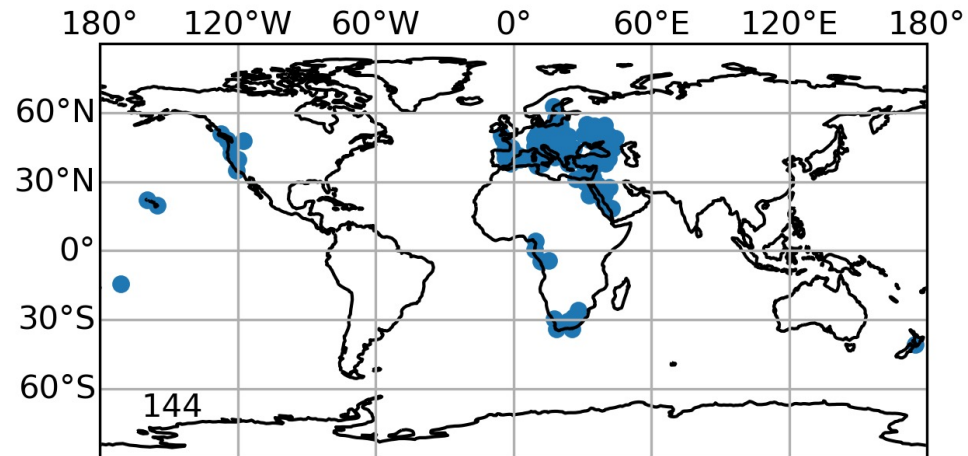
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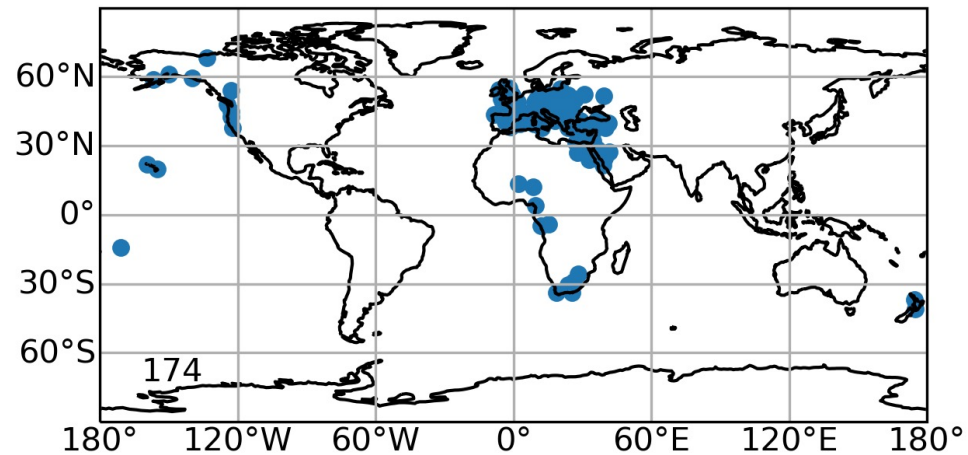


Maps of radiosondes used

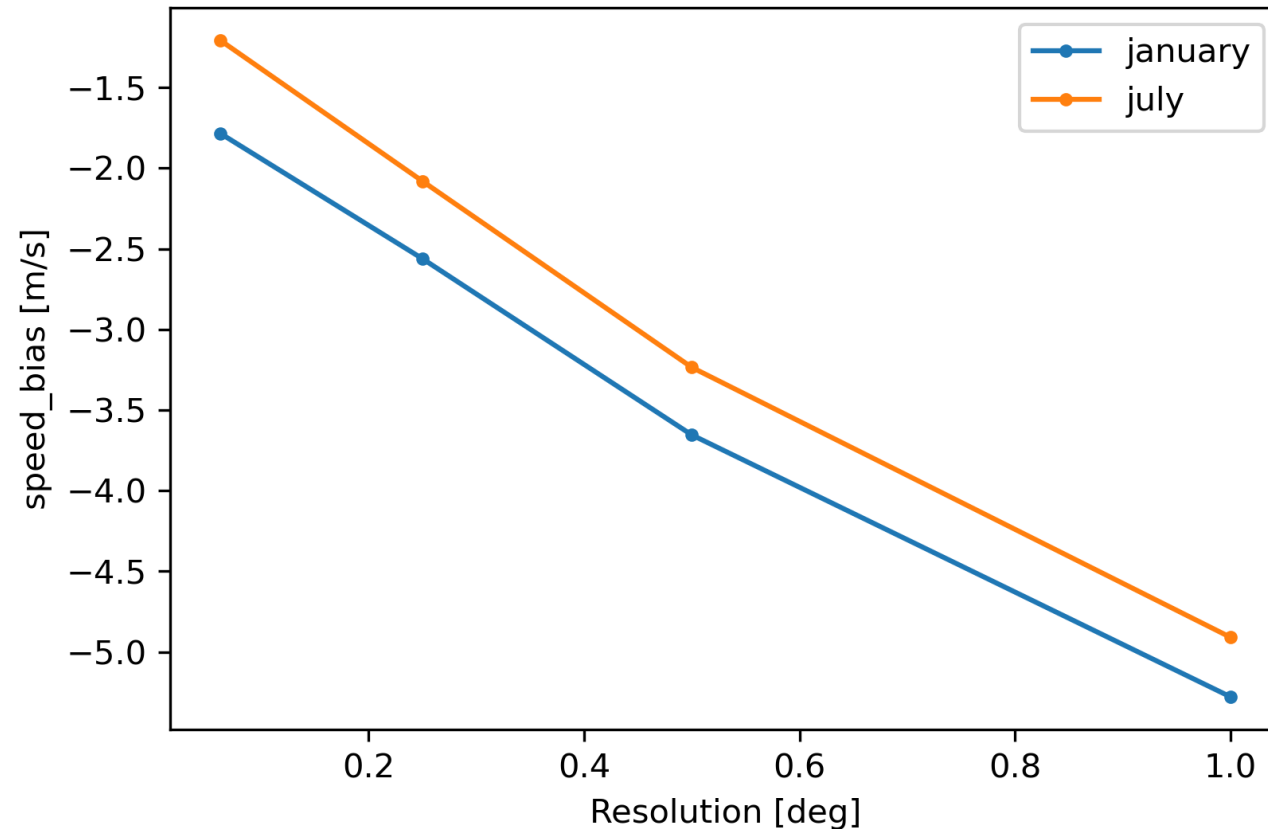
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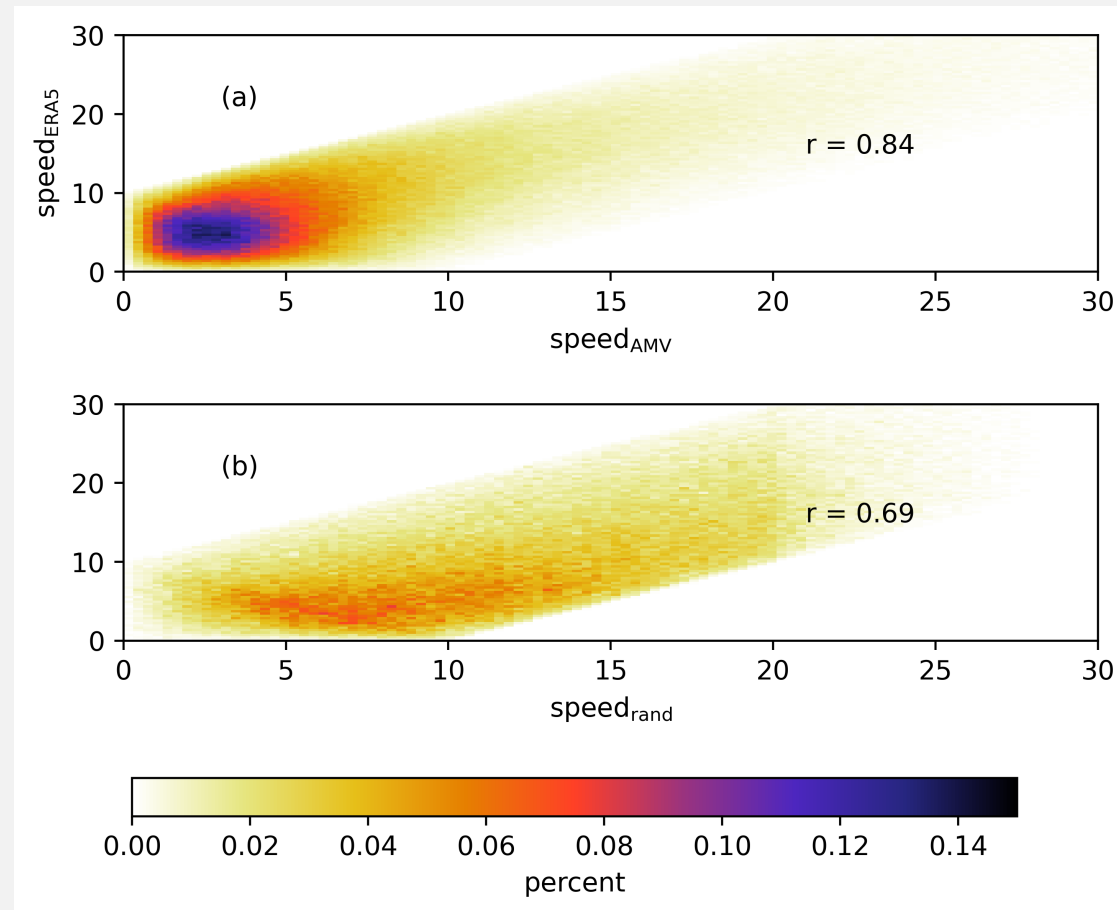
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Experiments with G5NR show that speed bias depends on resolution, therefore large speed bias of 3D AMVs related to coarse resolution



Even if coarse error check correlates AMVs with ERA-5, they are more informative than error-checked random vectors



Conclusion

- Produced 3D AMVs from 70S to 70N for the first time through CrIS (CLIMCAPS) from SNPP and NOAA-20 satellite overlap.
- Algorithm outputs ~10,000 wind profiles per day.
- Coarse resolution (1 deg) leads to large slow speed bias.
- To reduce slow speed bias, higher resolution hyperspectral infrared instruments needed.