

Recent work using Satellite winds at the Deutscher Wetterdienst (DWD)

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- Introduction
- Recent changes in satellite wind usage
- New products (IASI AMVs, Dual Sentinel-3 AMVs)
- Operational use of Aeolus HLOS wind data
- Use of scatterometer data
- Summary

The *deterministic* NWP-System of DWD



Global-Modell ICON

grid size: 13 km
vertical levels: 90
Grid area: 173 km²

Hybrid DA

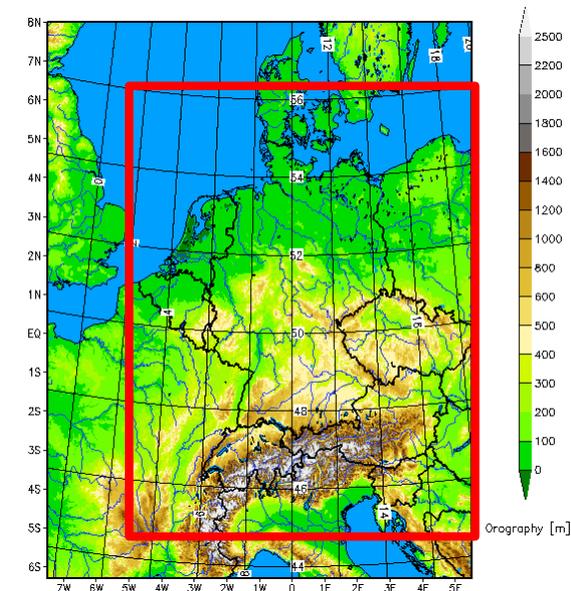
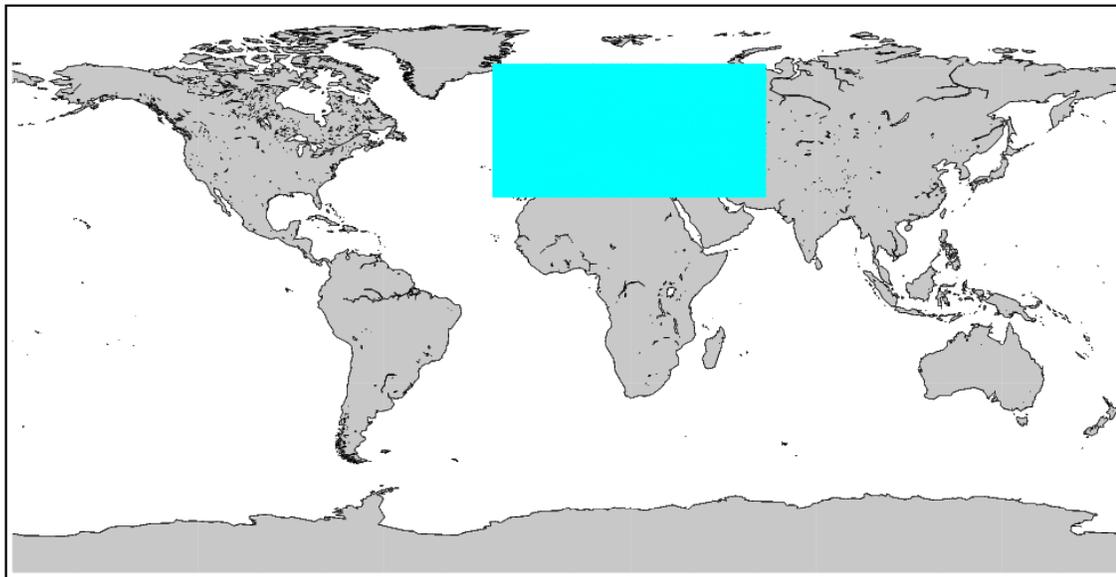
- 13km VarEnKF
- Flow dependent B:
 $B_{\text{VarEnKF}} = \alpha B_{\text{LETKF}} + (\alpha - 1) B_{\text{3DVAR}}$
- Incremental analysis update
- SST, SMA and snow ana

ICON-EU Nest over Europe

grid size: 6.5 km
Vertical levels: 60
forecasts:
Grid area: 43 km²

COSMO-DE (convection resolving)

grid size: 2.8 km
vertical levels: 50
forecasts: 3-hourly
Grid area: 8 km²
Det LETKF replaced nudging



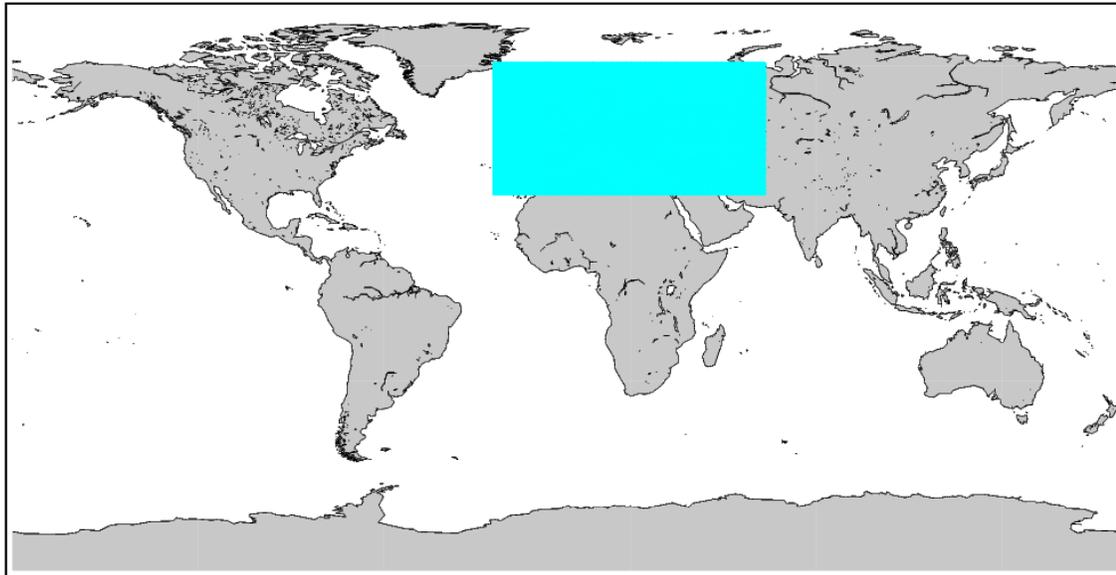
The *probabilistic* NWP-System of DWD

ICON-EPS; M40

grid size: 40 km
vertical levels: 90
grid area: 1638 km²

Ensemble DA

- 40 member 40km LETKF.
- Horizontal localization radius 300km.
- Relaxation to prior perturbations (0.75).
- Adaptive inflation (0.9 - 1.5).
- SST perturbations Soil moisture perturbations (experimental)



ICON-EU Nest over Europe

grid size: 20 km
vertical levels: 60
forecasts:
grid area: 407 km²

COSMO-DE-EPS; M20

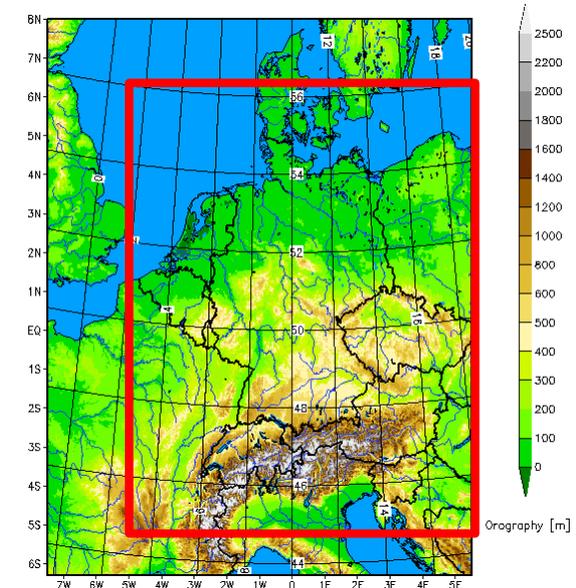
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vertical levels: 50
Forecasts: 3-hourly
grid area: 8 km²

Ensemble DA

40 member 2.8 km LETKF

SST perturbations

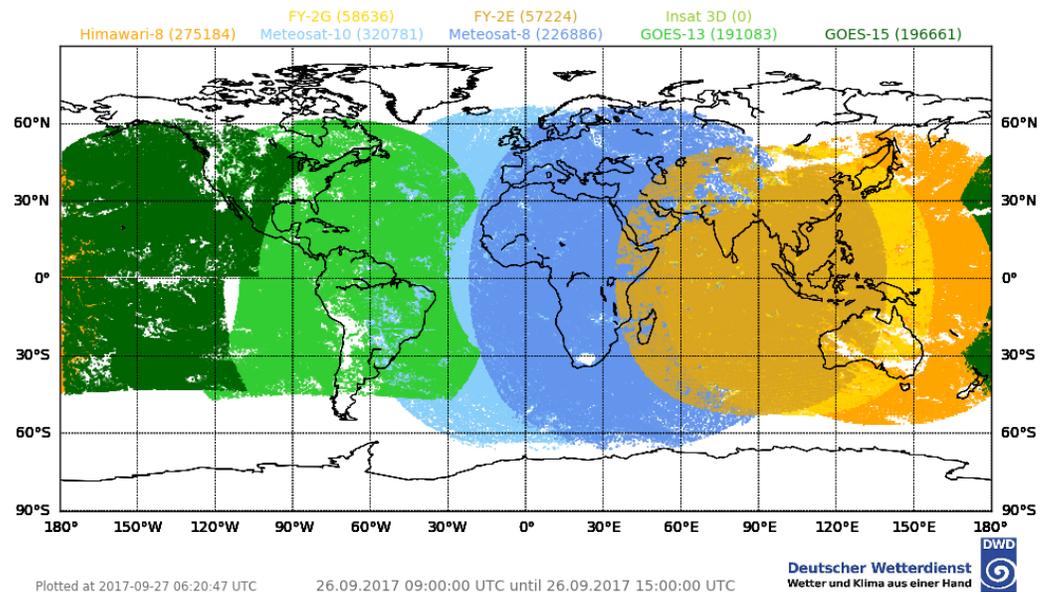
Soil moisture perturbations



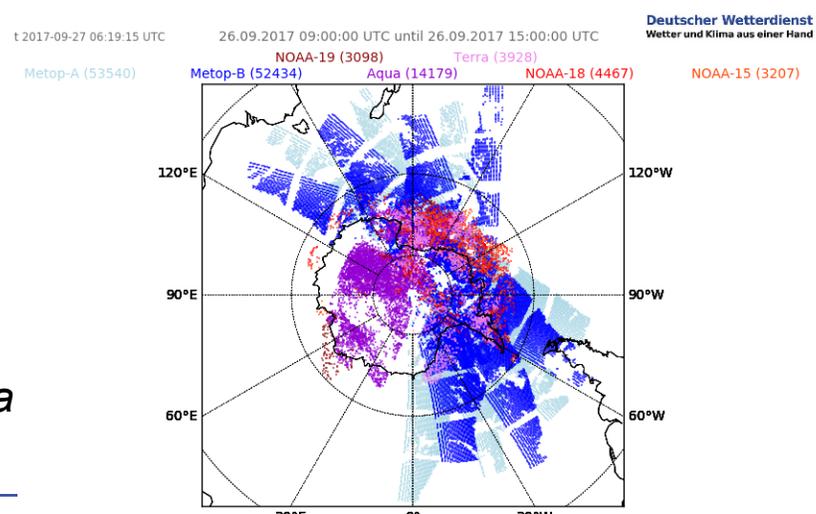
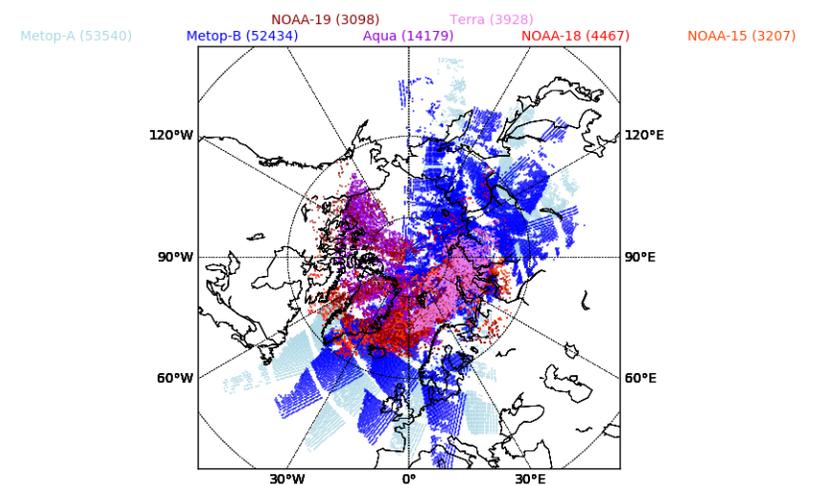
Data coverage AMVs



DWD observation coverage Geostationary AMVs
26.09.2017 12 UTC



DWD observation coverage Polar orbiter AMVs
26.09.2017 12 UTC

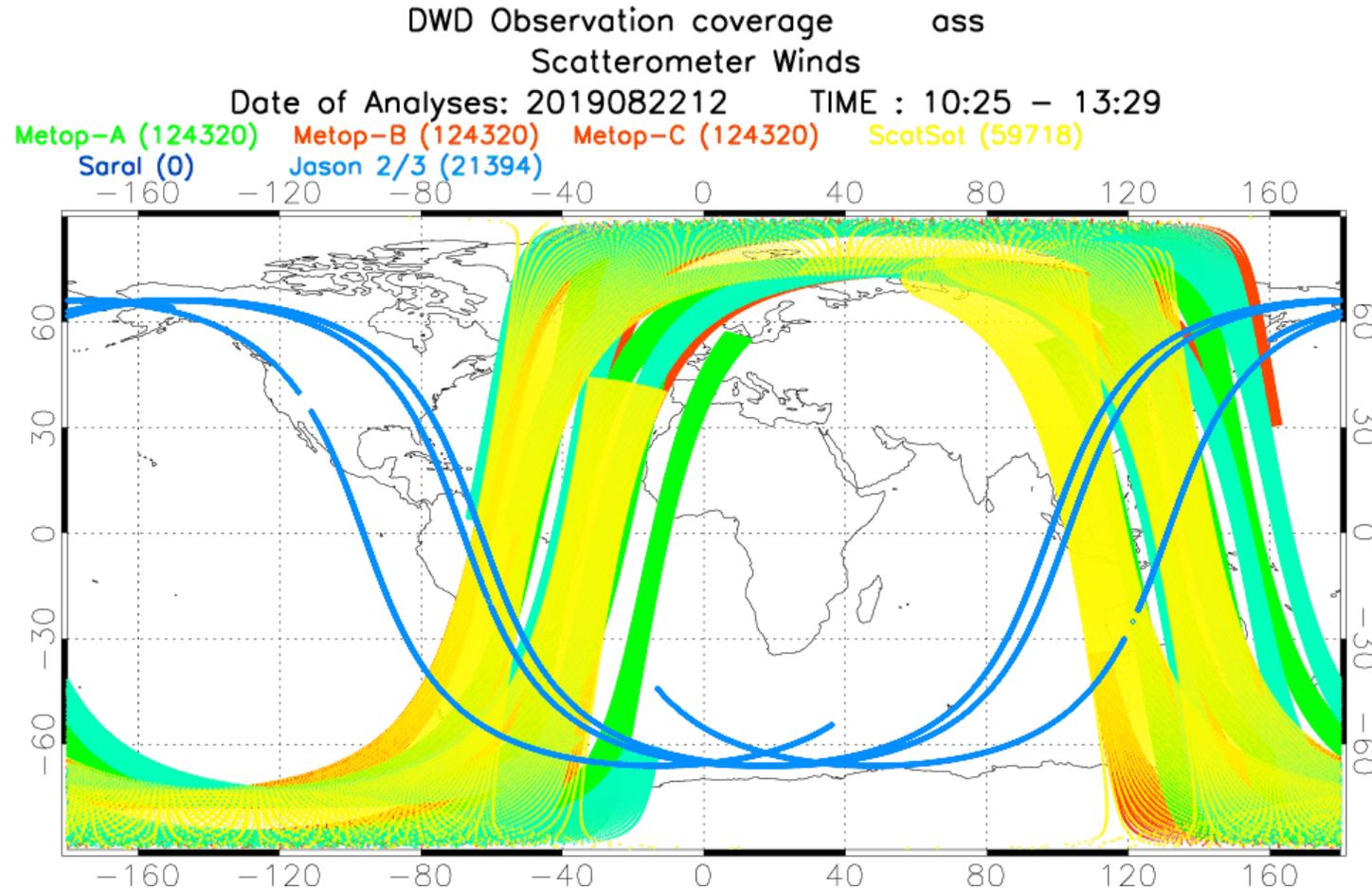


Operational

Geo: GOES 16/17 Metop 8/11 Himarawi-8
Polar: AVHRR from Metop 3/4/5 single and dual,
the NOAA series, MODIS from Terra and Aqua
VIIRS from NOAA 19, NPP



Data coverage scatterometer/altimeter



Operational scatterometer: ASCAT-METOP A/B/C and ScatSat, Monitoring HY-2A/B
Operational altimeter: Jason 2/3 and SARAL Monitor: Sentinel A/B

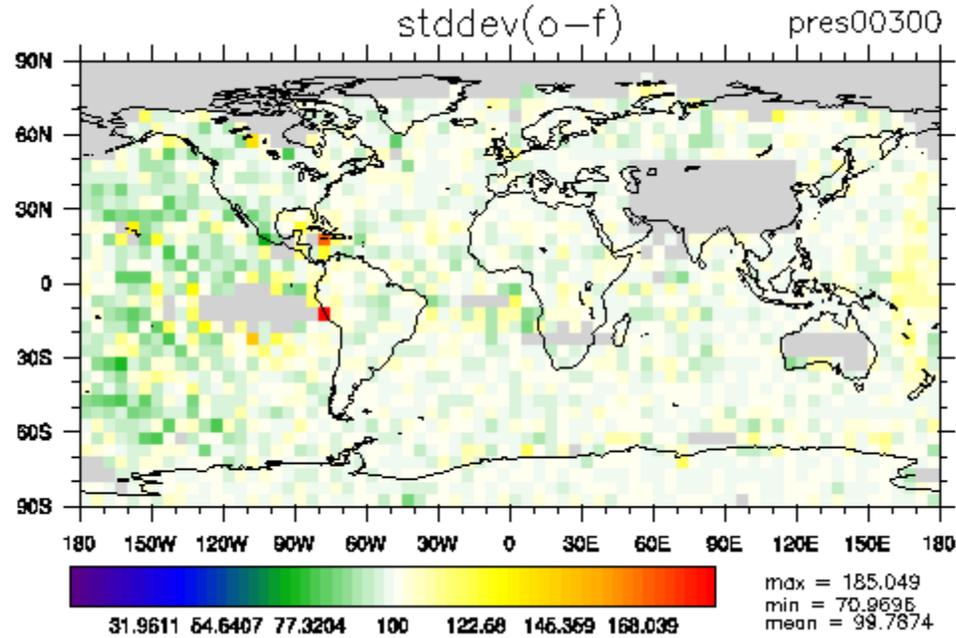
Changes in operational usage of satellite winds since the last meeting



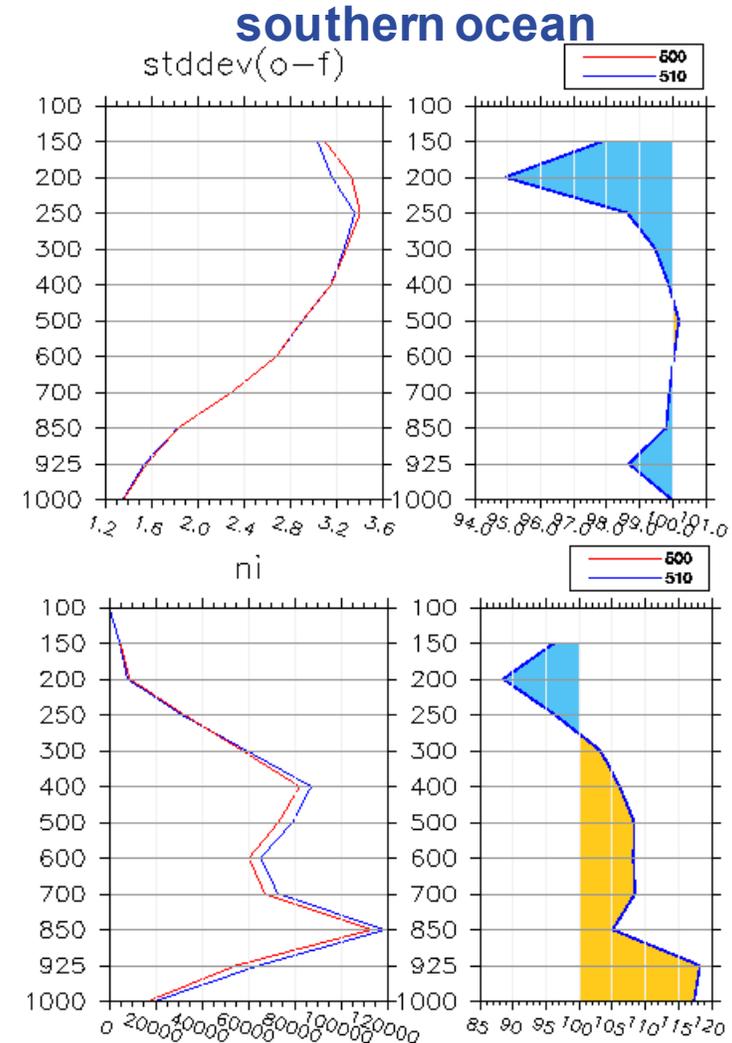
- Operational use of Dual Metop AMV winds
- Use of GOES 16 and GOES 17 AMVs with new Bufr template
- Use of the new AMV Bufr template for Eumetsat AMV
- Operational use of Aeolus HLOS wind observations
- Operational use of ScatSat ocean winds
- Monitoring of IASI wind retrievals and dual Sentinel-3 test data sets
- Experimental use of HY-2A/B scatterometer winds



Replace GOES 15 by GOES 17 AMVs Assimilation Experiment



Small positive impact replacing GOES 15 by GOES 17. Largest in upper troposphere



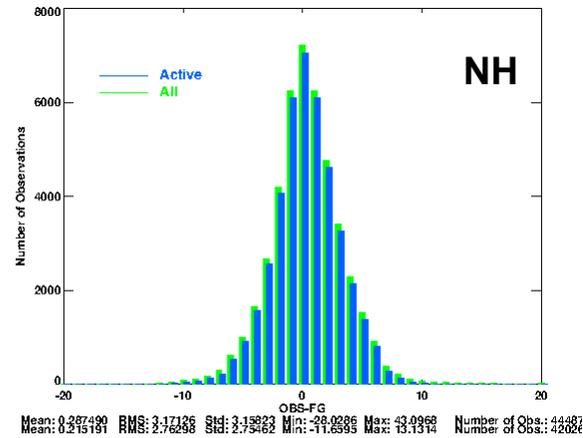
Dual Sentinel-3 AMV product

Aug.-Sep. 2020

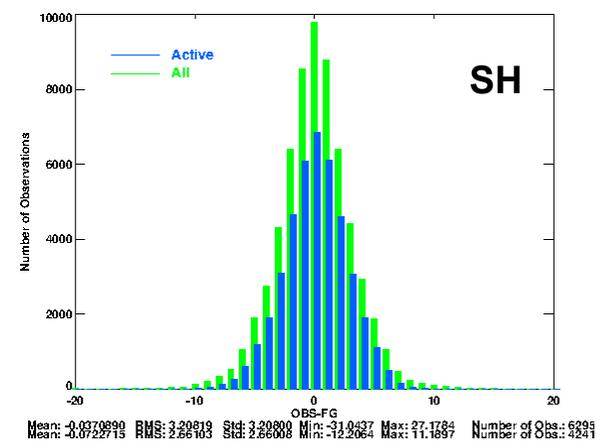
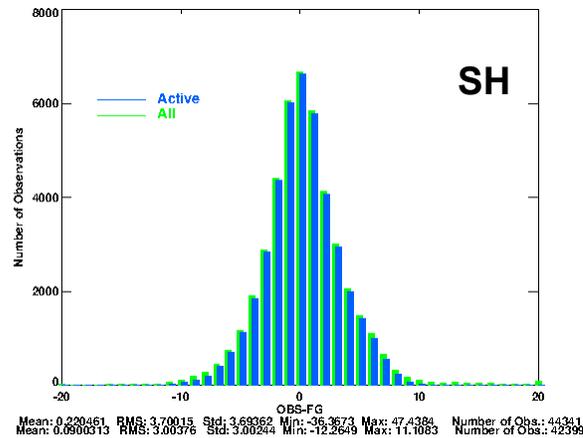
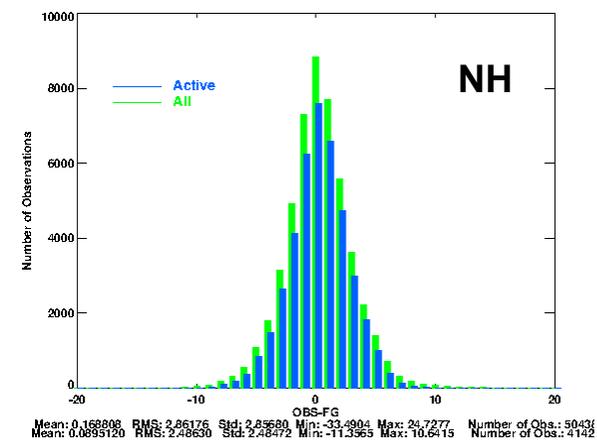
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Sentinal-3



Dual Metop





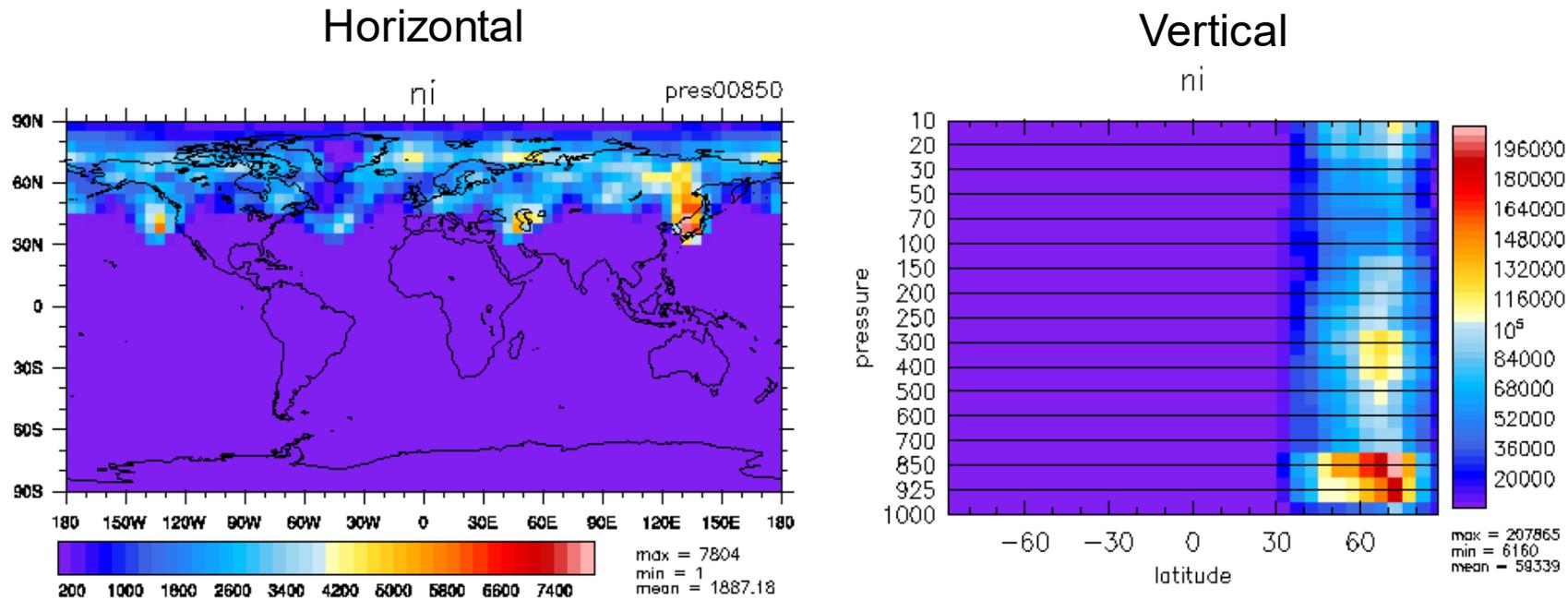
Introduction

- IASI Wind retrieval data provided by Eumetsat
- One month of data in yml – Format
- Data not in Bufr Format problematic
- Development of python script to convert yml format into „Pseudo pilot bufr“
- „Pseudo pilot bufr“ format used in global data assimilation system to produce Obs minus FG statistics
- One week of data investigated so far
- As a first approach observation error as for „pilots“ used (not appropriate for IASI wind retrievals)



IASI wind retrieval statistics

Observation distribution



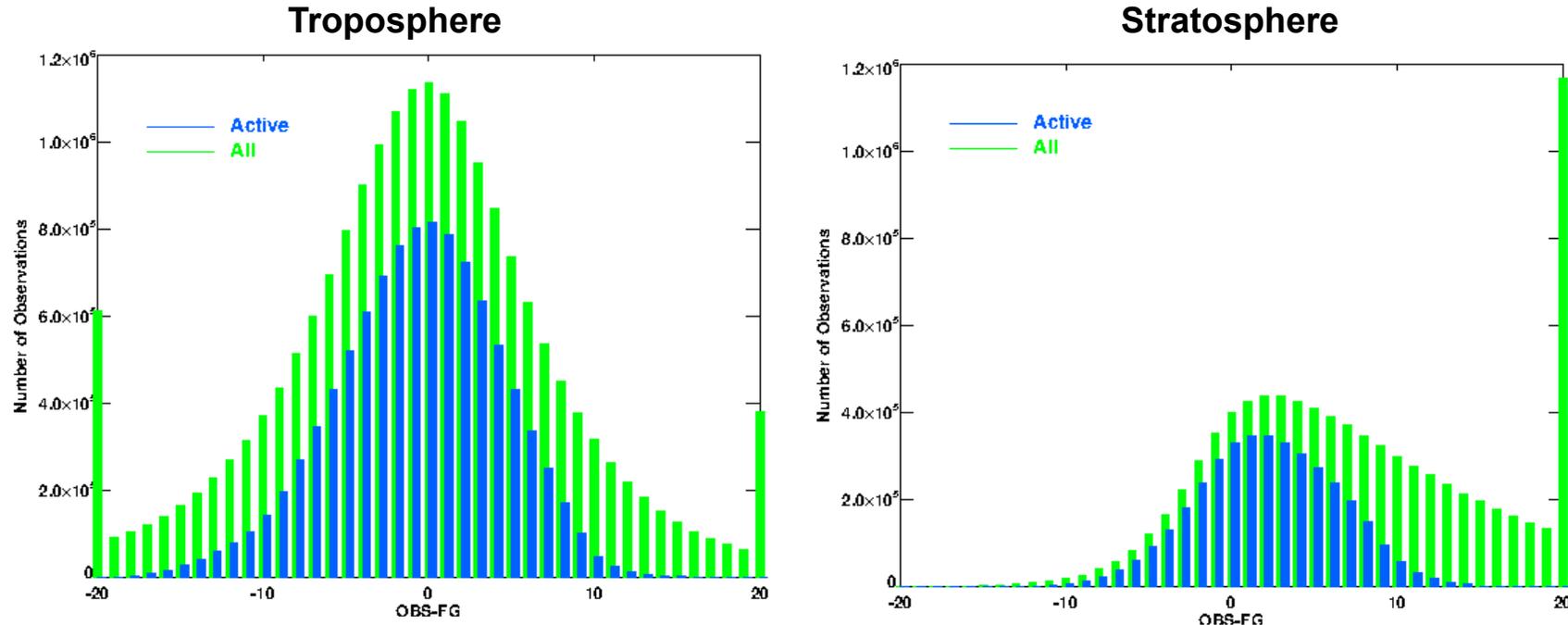
- Number of observations highest in lower troposphere
- Secondary maximum in jet level niveau
- Large number of observations at southern edge of the regional distribution
- Local minimum over Greenland



IASI wind retrieval statistics

Obs minus FG frequency distributions

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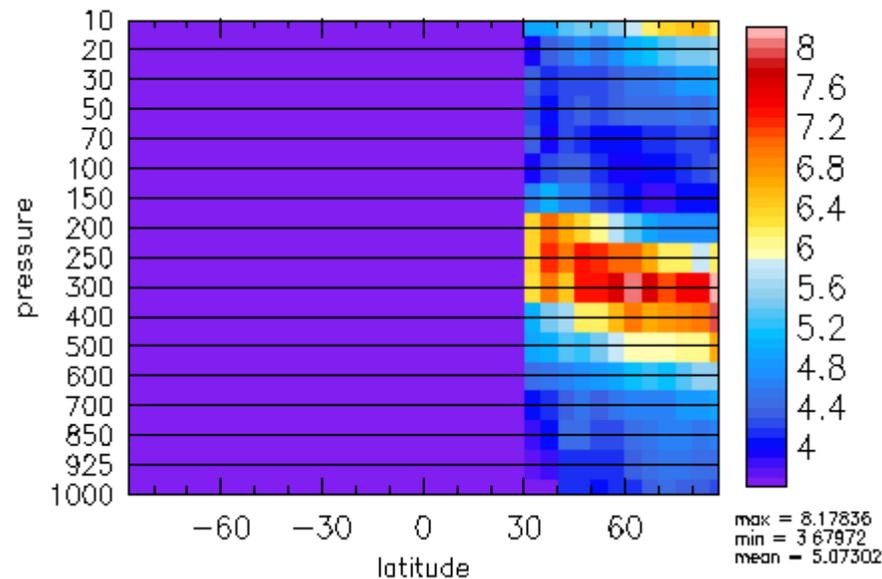
- **Active means after the first guess check**
- **Frequency distribution in troposphere looks reasonable (gaussian)**
- **Skewed distribution in stratosphere with large biases (non-gaussian)**
- **Many outliers in both distributions (over 100 m/sec)**
- **Large number of profiles => correlated errors**

Obs minus FG statistics standard deviation

Statistics after FG check

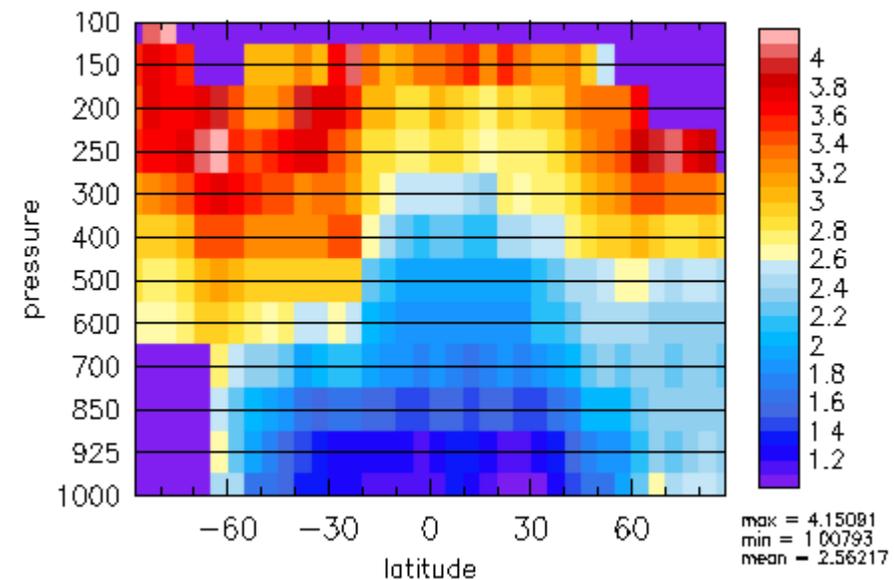
IASI Wind Retrieval

stddev(o-f)



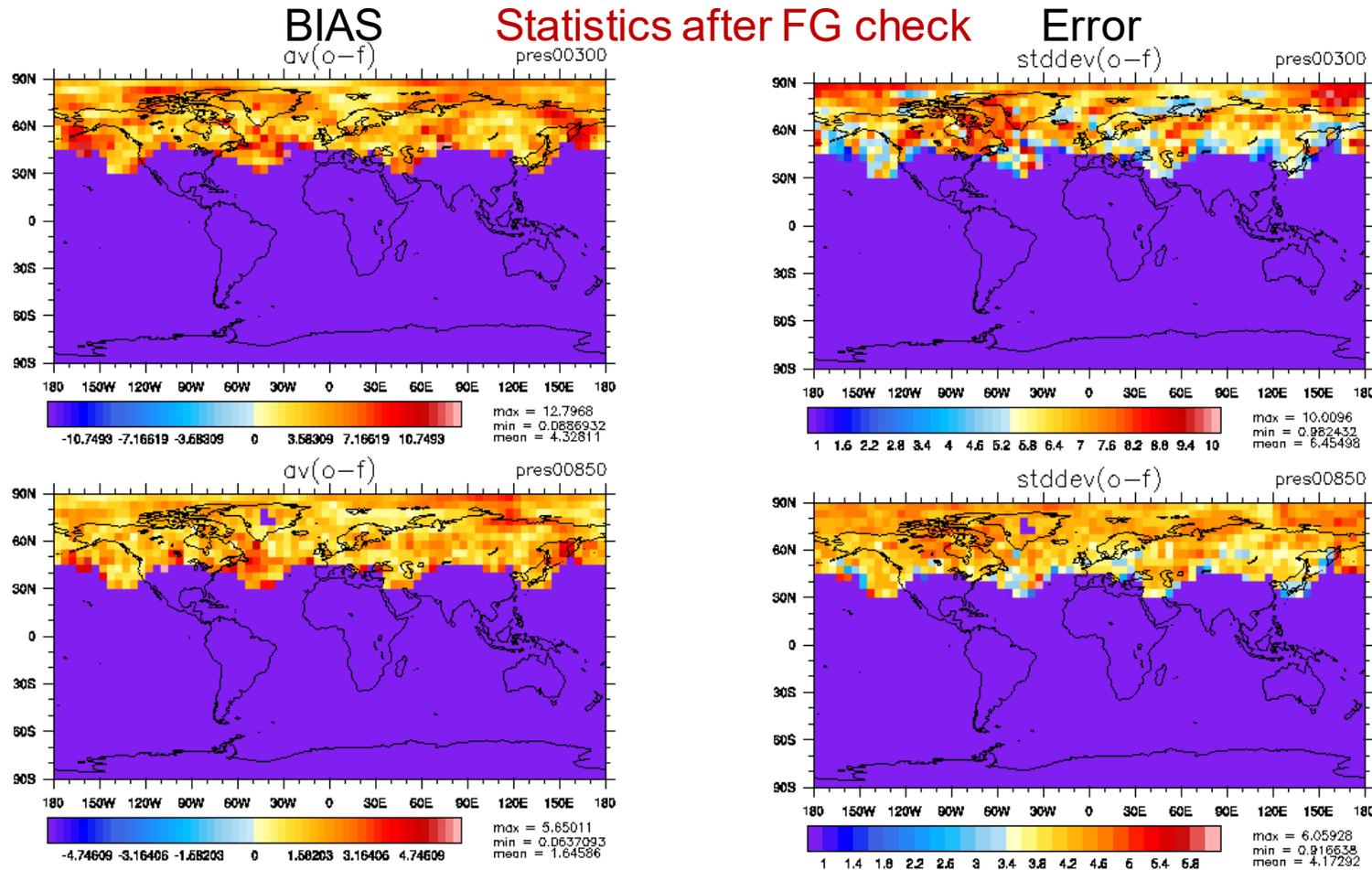
AMV wind retrieval

stddev(o-f)



- Both, IASI and AMV wind retrieval show largest stddev in jet level niveau
- Stddev of IASI wind retrieval is up to twice as large as AMV wind retrieval

Obs minus FG statistics standard deviation

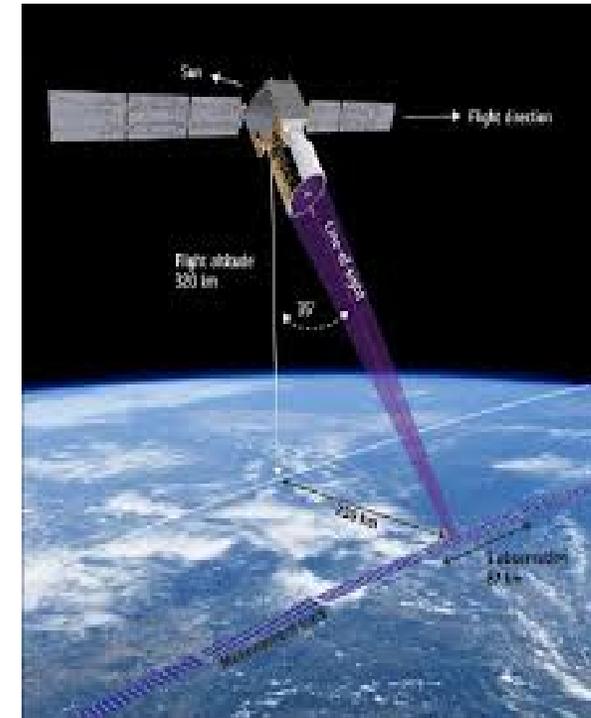


- Biases and errors large in upper troposphere
- Large upper tropospheric biases over east siberia, Alaska, canadian Arctic, southern Atlantic
- Large errors over north-east Canada and eastern polar regions

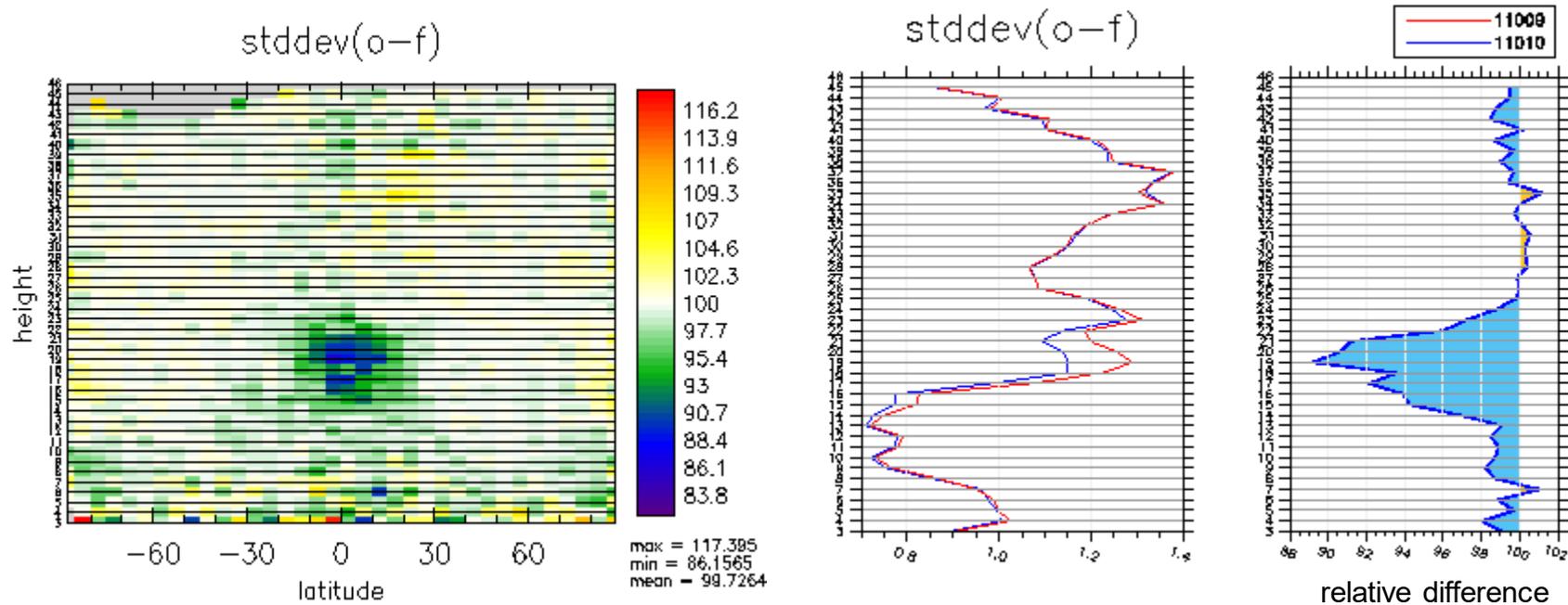
Aeolus Wind Lidar work

- ***Aeolus launched in August 2018***
- ***Observation variable: HLOS***
- ***Level 2B Cal/Val dataset provided by ECMWF***
- ***Data are provided in Bufr Format***
- ***First laser operated till beginning of June 2019***
- ***Second laser data available in July 2019***
- ***German activities bundled in Project EVAA***
(Experimental Validation and Assimilation of Aeolus data)
- ***Several impact experiments conducted with data from first and second laser***
- ***All the activities resulted in the:***

➤ ***Operational use of Aeolus wind observations since 19th May 2020***



Radio Occultation

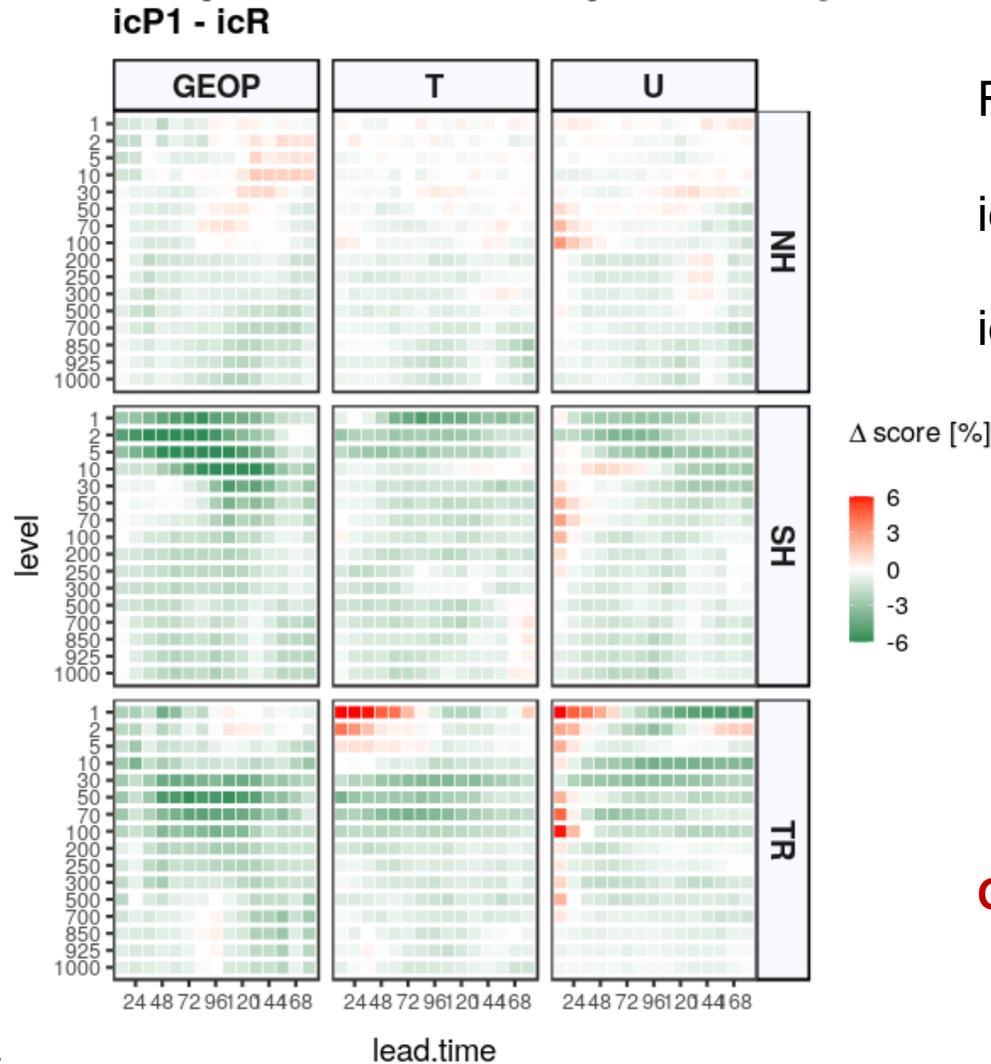


Green/blue: Improvement of using Radio Occultation data by using Aeolus data
Improvement in the tropical upper troposphere/lower stratosphere over 10 %

Score Card

Verification against own analyses

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Final test before operational use

icP1: Experiment with operational setup including Aeolus data

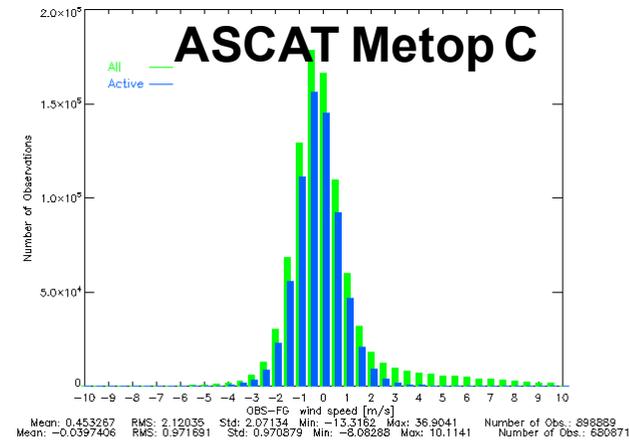
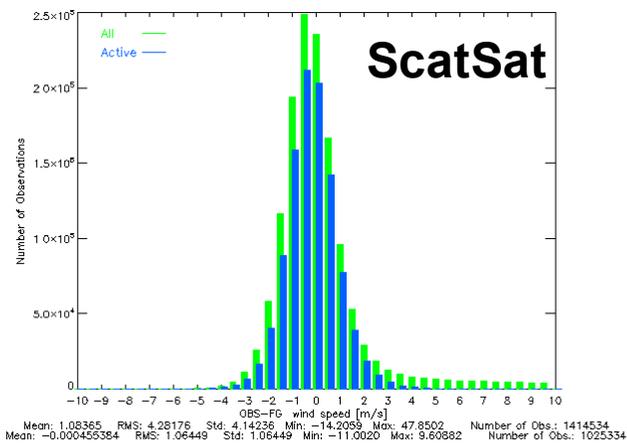
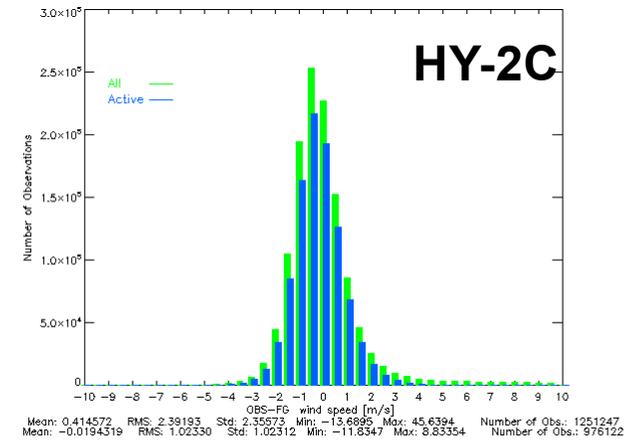
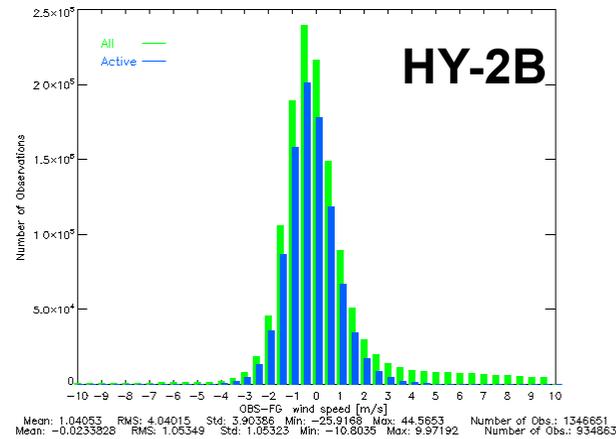
icR: Operational setting without Aeolus data

Green: positive impact of icP1
red: negative impact of icP0

Clear positive impact using
Aeolus HLOS wind data

Operational use since 19th May 2020

HY-2 B/C scatterometer monitoring Obs – FG comparison



Summary



- **Satellite winds are an important contribution to the global observing system**
- **High impact in data assimilation and forecasting system of DWD**
- **Integration of new satellite wind products are ongoing work**
- **Open for collaboration with EUMETSAT to test new products**
 - **Test of IASI AMV test data**
 - **Monitoring of dual Sentinel-3 AMV product**
- **Integration of Aeolus wind lidar observation successful**
 - **Large impact in the upper troposphere lower stratosphere in the tropics and on both hemisphere**
 - **Operational use since May 2020**
- **Monitoring and use of new scatterometer data like HY-2B/C**



Thank you for listening

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