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Initial retrieval inter-comparison of the European AQUA Thermodynamic Experiment (EAQUATE)

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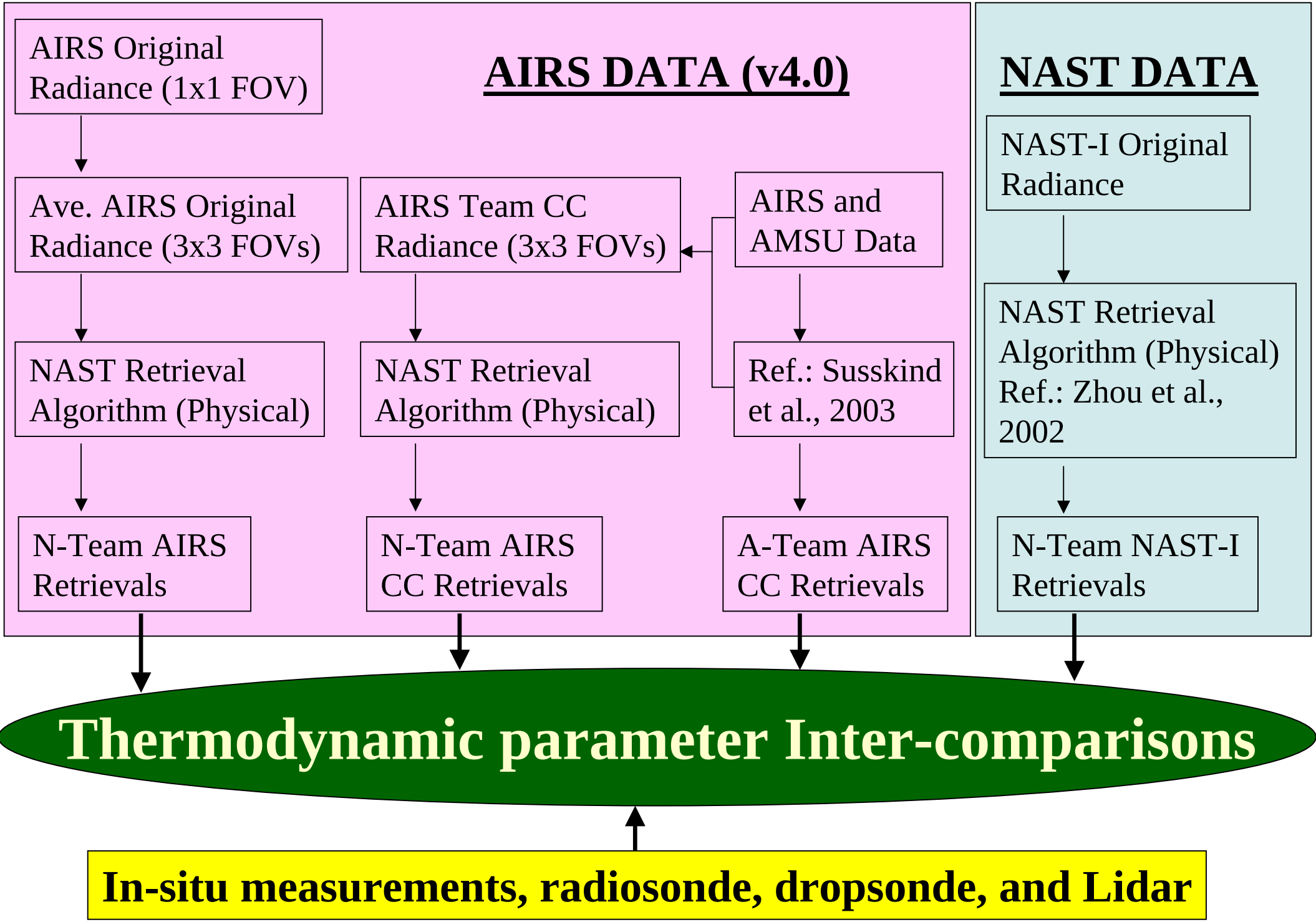
Data and Algorithm Used for Inter-Comparisons



NAST-I Data Products

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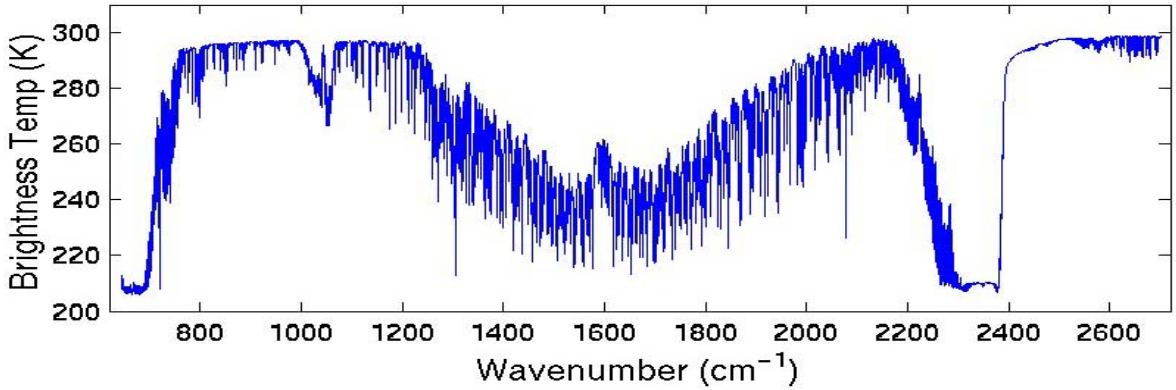

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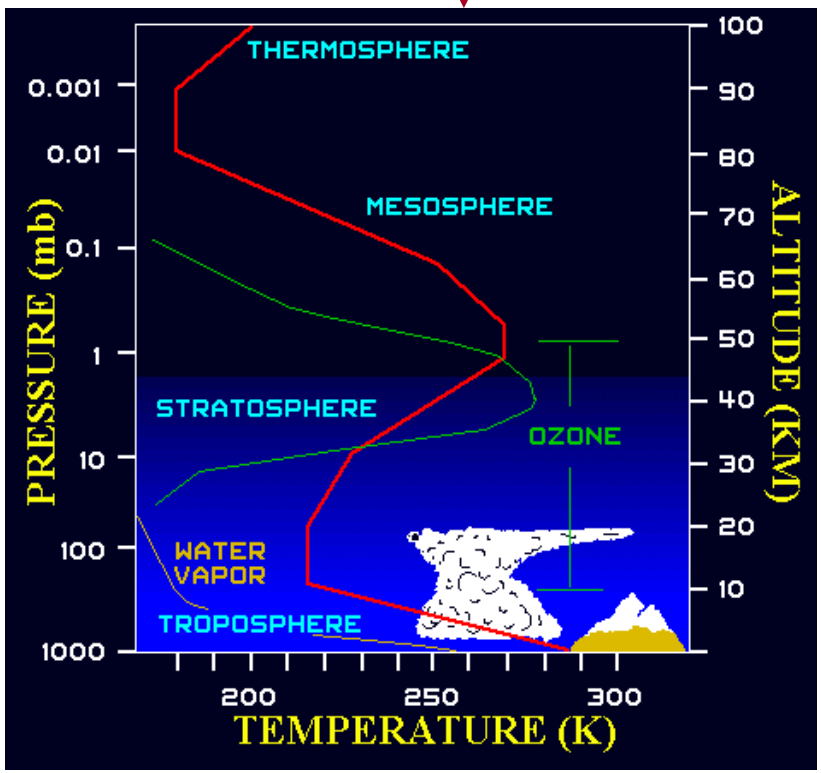

Vertical Sounding and Surface Properties, Cloud Properties

Retrievals under clear conditions:

- Surface skin properties.
- Atmospheric temperature and moisture profiles.
- Atmospheric CO and O_3 abundances.

  [Zhou et al. (2002), *Applied Optics*, **41**, 6957–6967]
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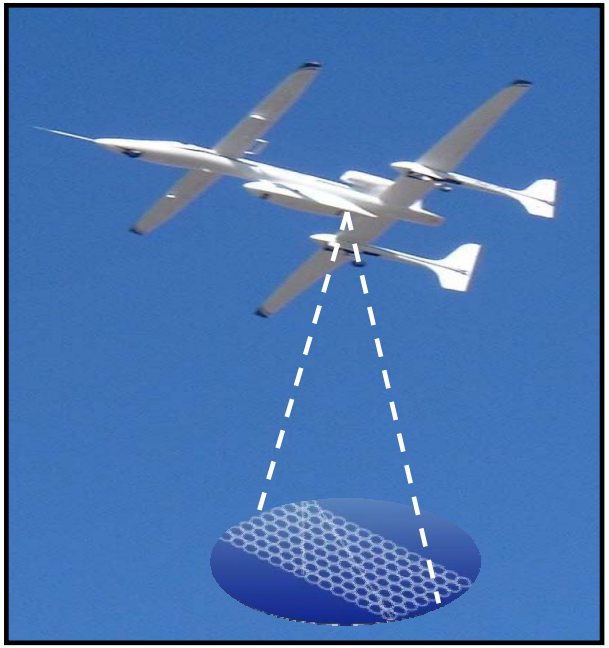
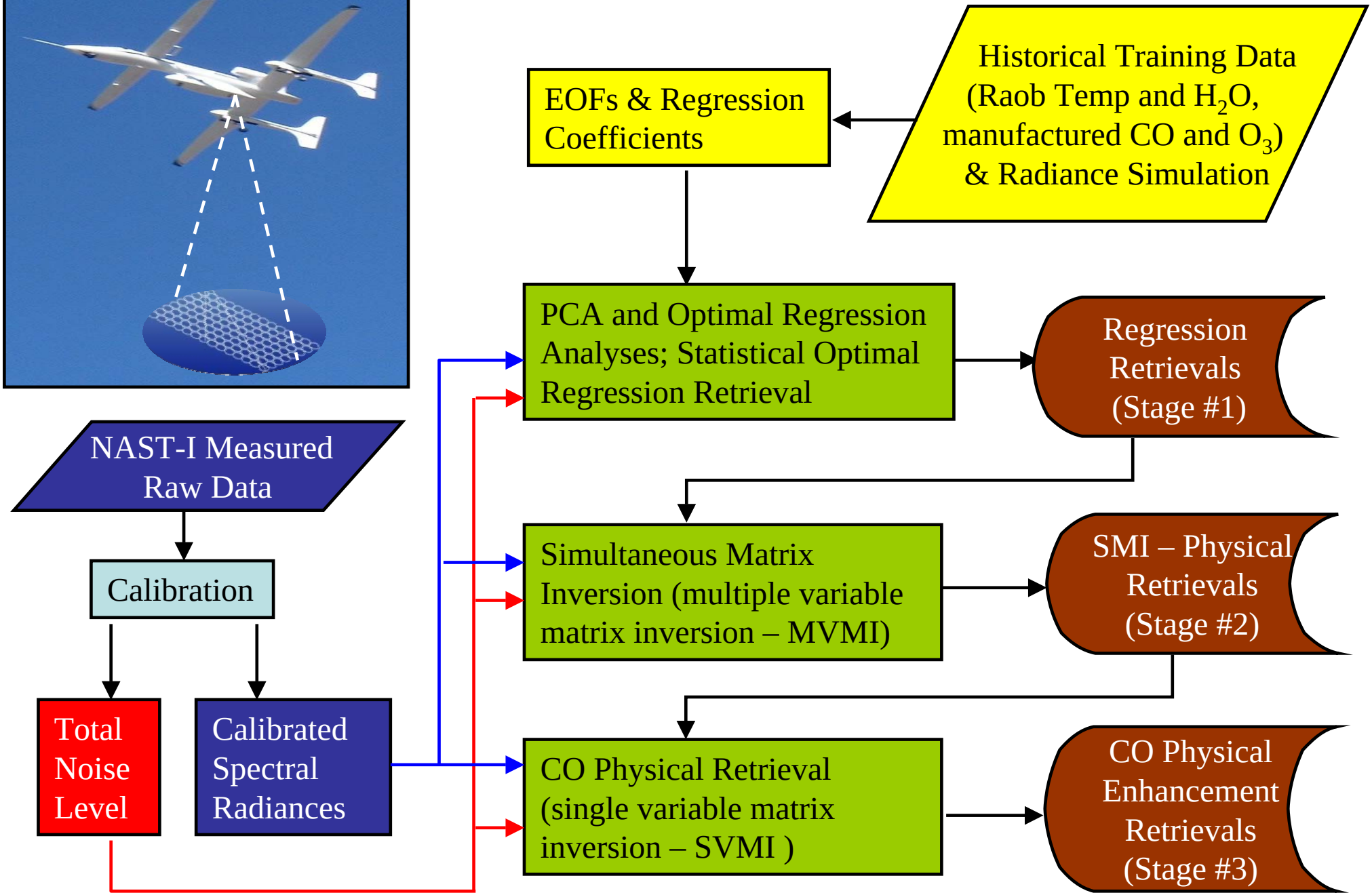
Retrievals under cloudy conditions:

- 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).

  [Zhou et al. (2005), submitted to *Geophys. Res. Lett.*]

Flow Diagram for NAST-I Data





NAST-I Retrieval, Radiosonde, and Dropsonde

NAST-I Retrieval sounding validation from the EAQUATE Field Mission (Sept., 2004). A total of six flights: four from Italy and two from the UK.

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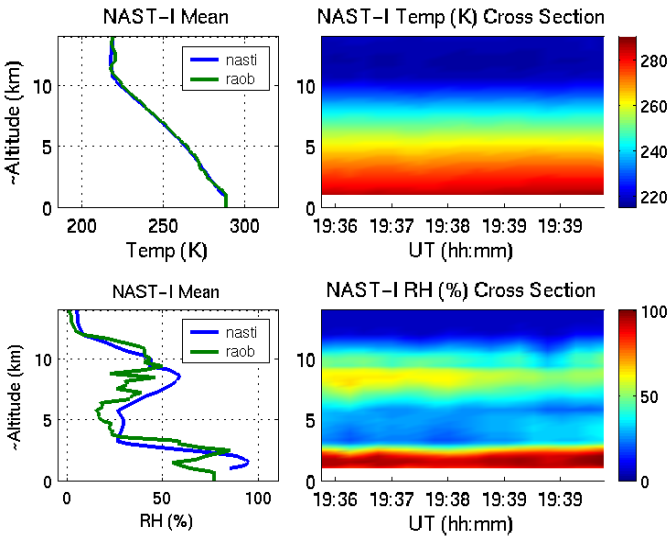

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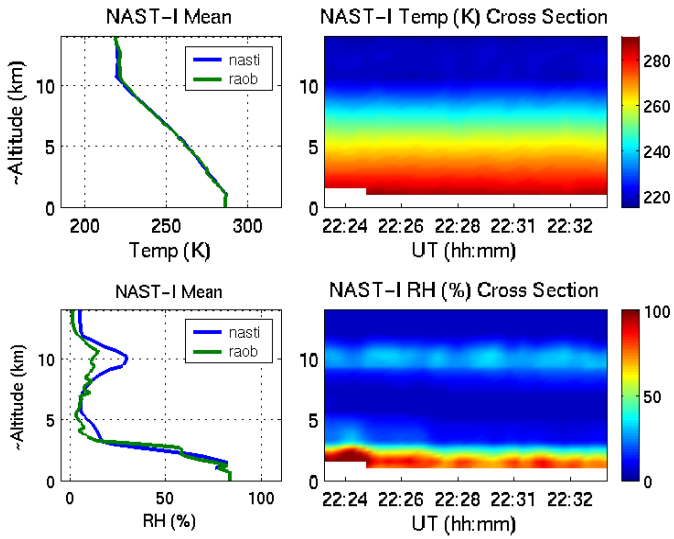

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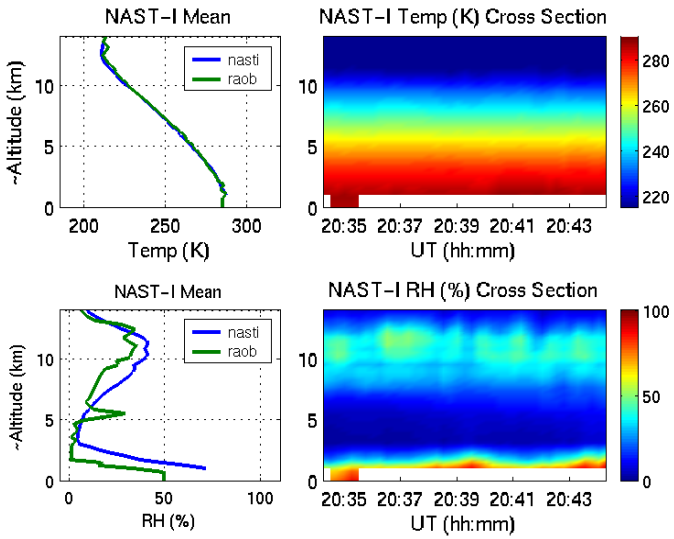

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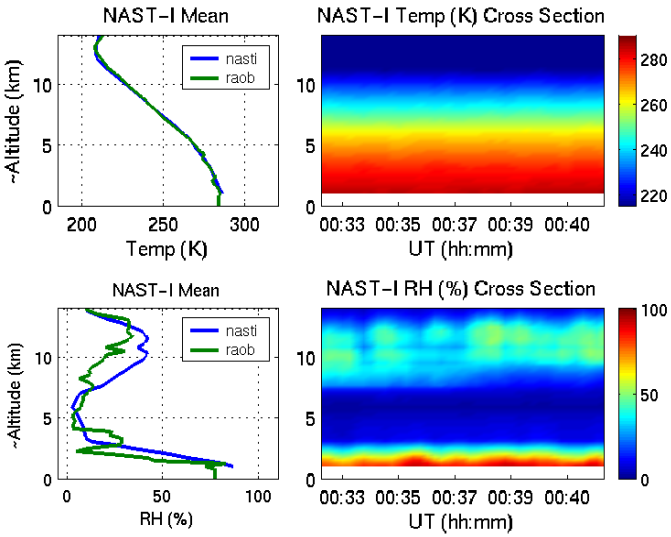

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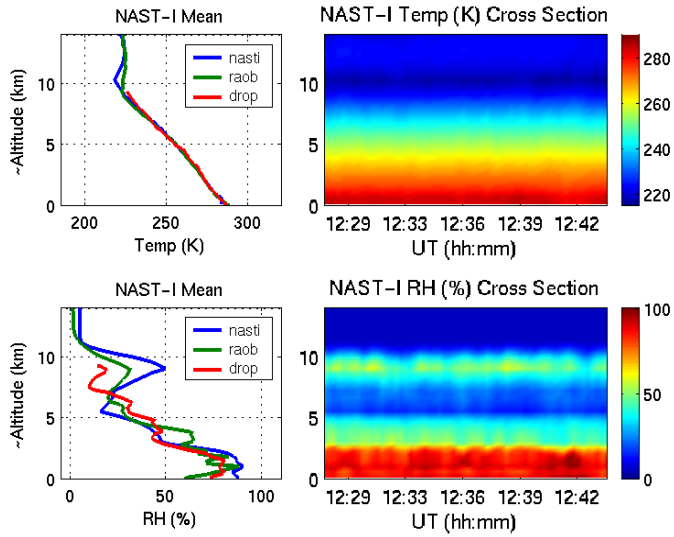

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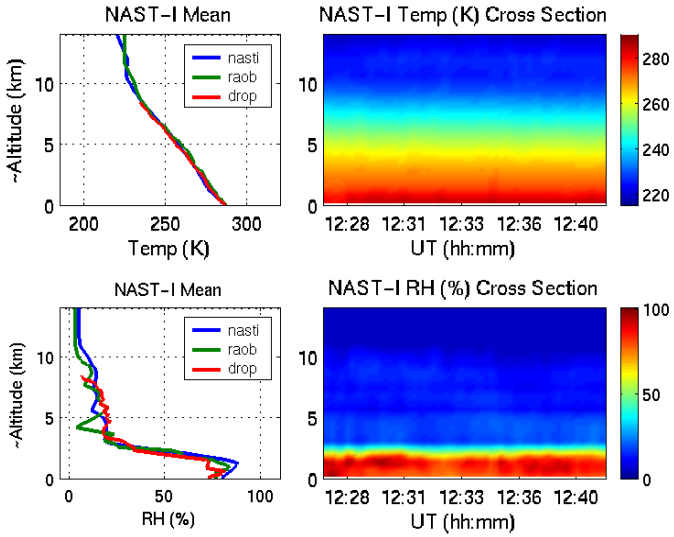
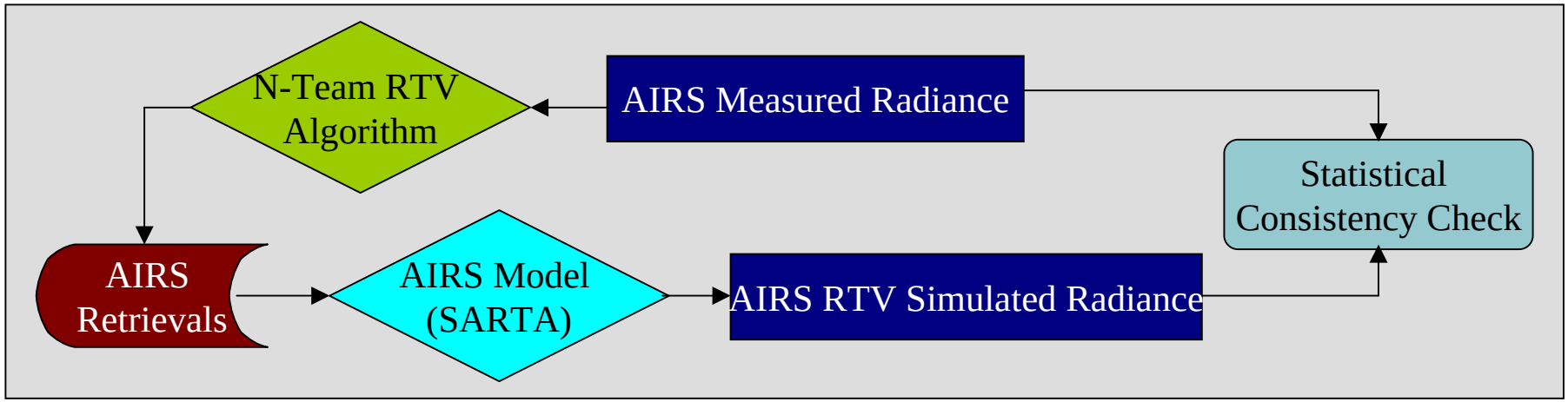
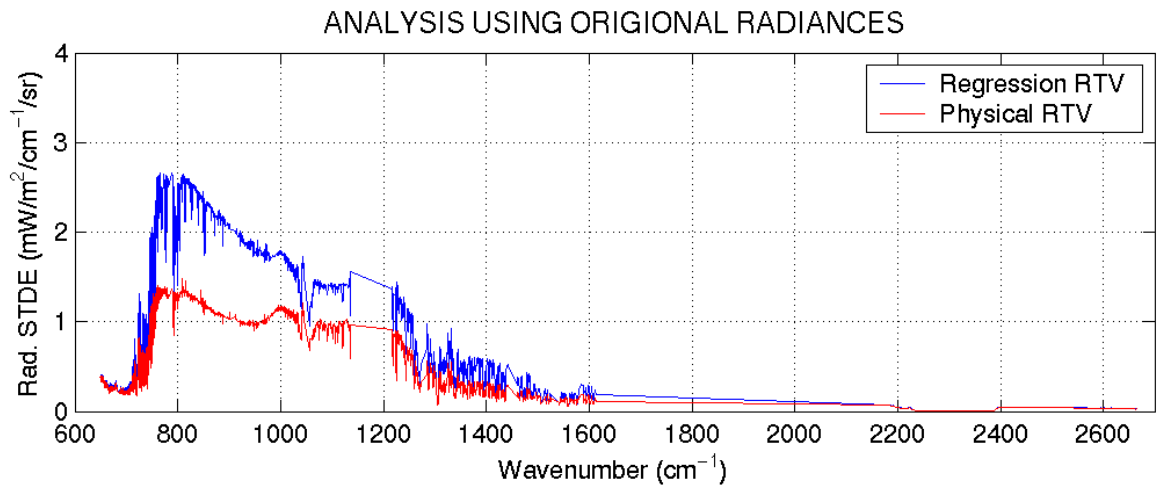
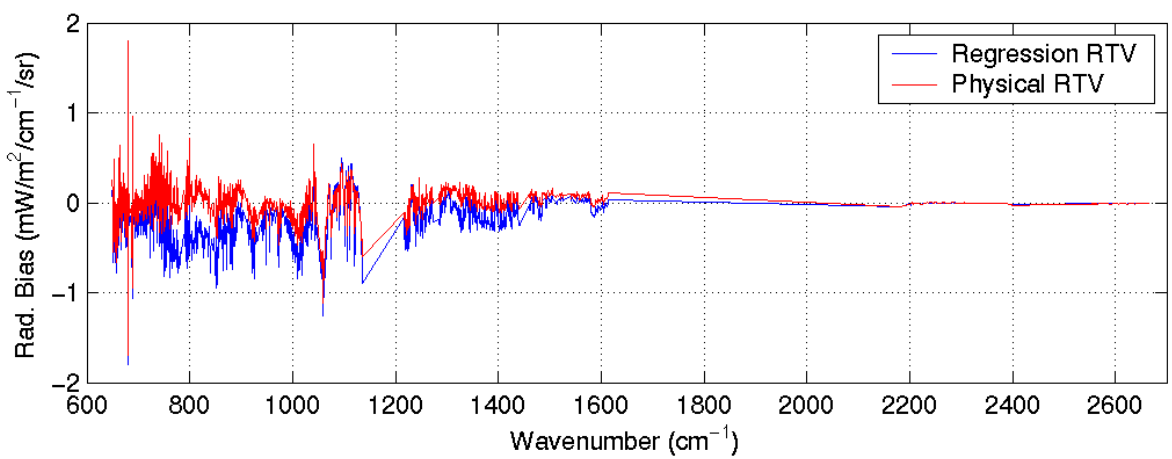


AIRS Retrieval Consistency Check







One AIRS granule (2004.09.08.011) data set shows retrieval quality using the NAST-team retrieval algorithm.

Retrieval-simulated radiance and measured radiance convergence from regression to physical process.

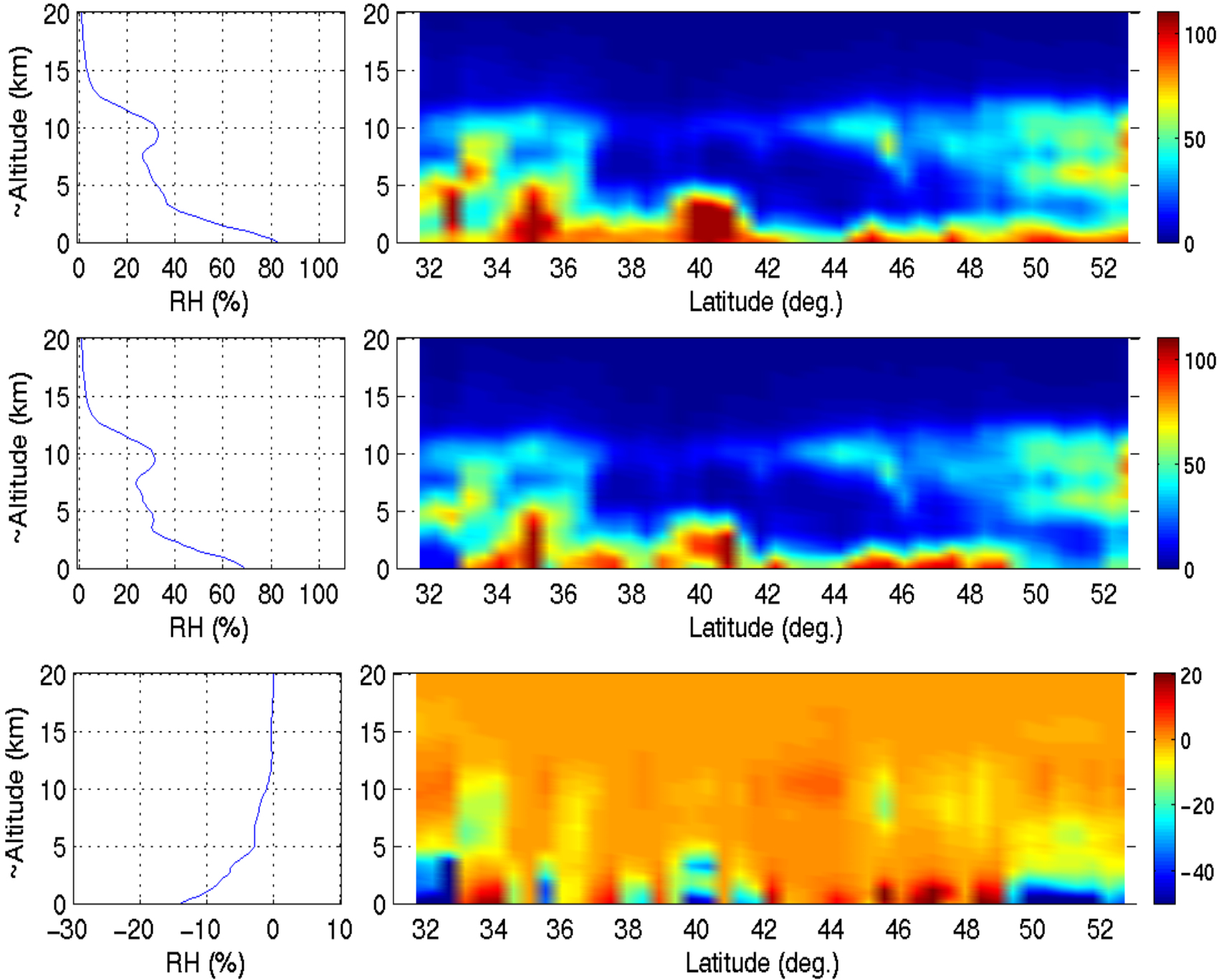
AIRS Moisture: from Reg. to Phys. Ret. (04.09.08)

NAST-Team Retrieval Algorithm:

Regression Retrieval

Physical Retrieval

Phys. Ret. – Reg. Ret.



AIRS-Team Level 2 Version Progress: Moisture (04.09.08)

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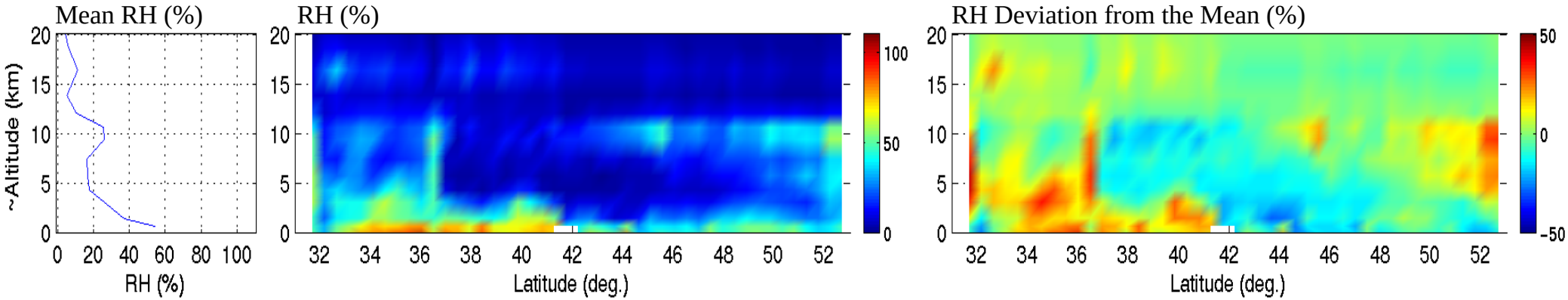

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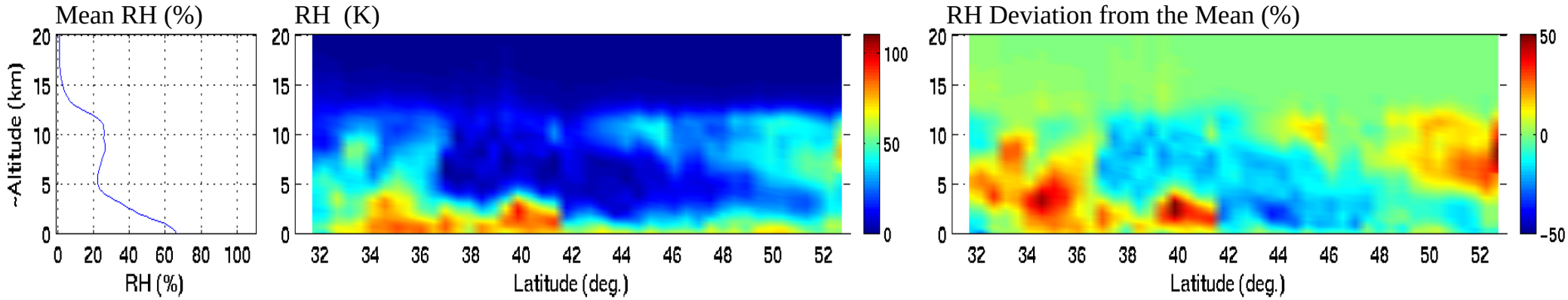

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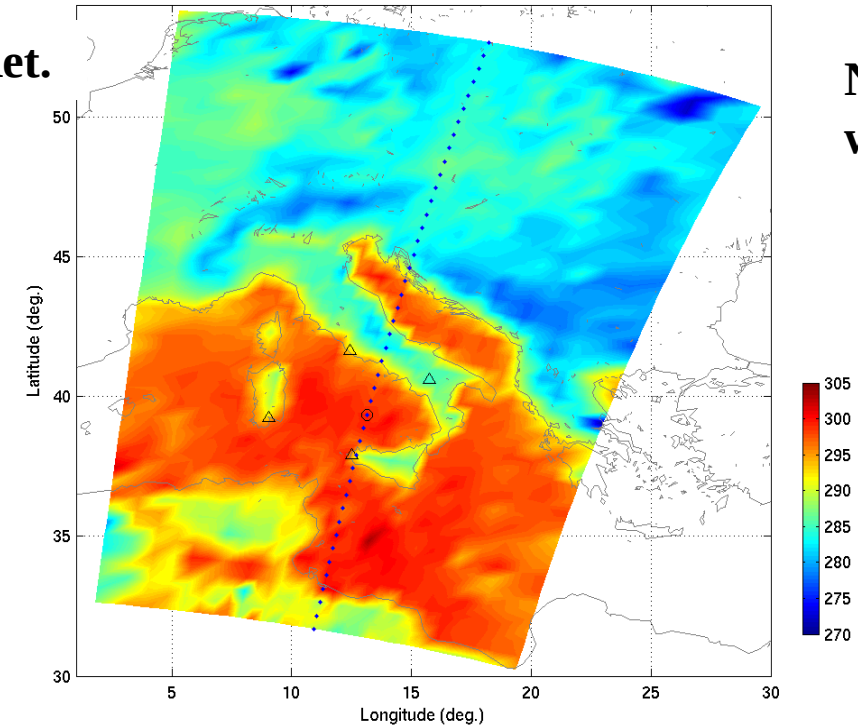

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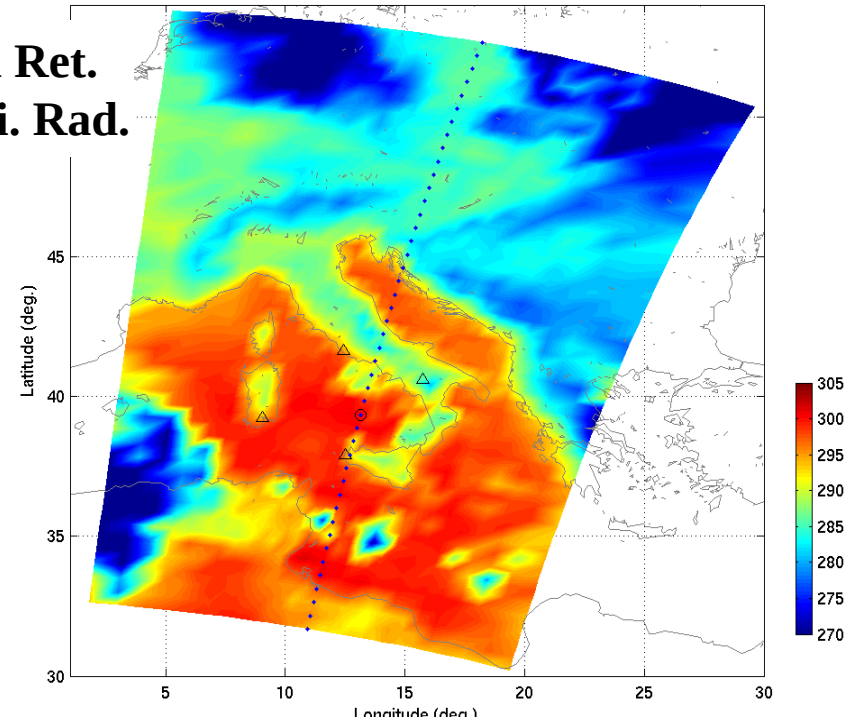

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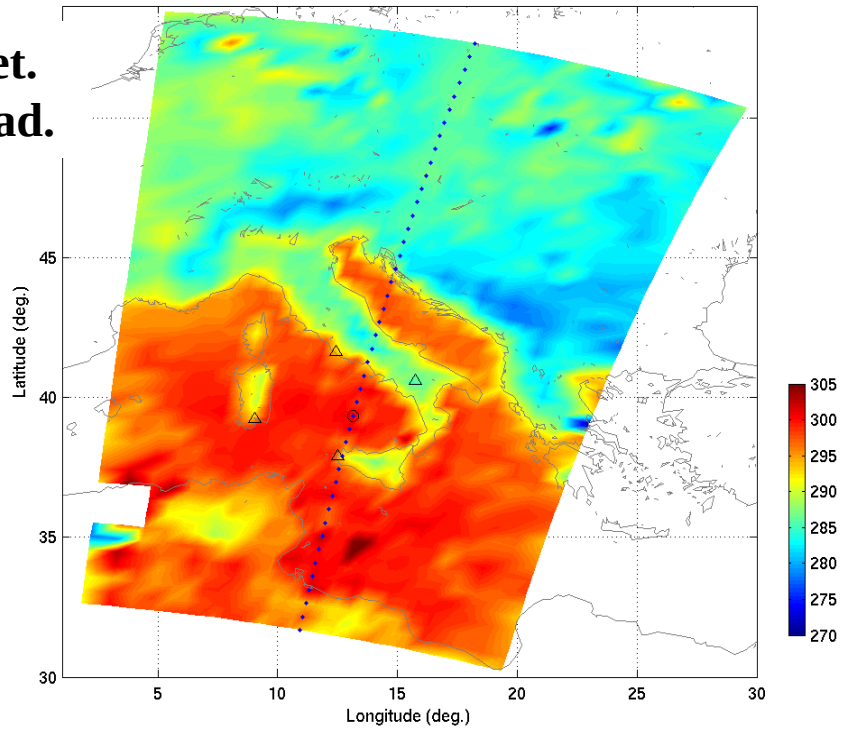

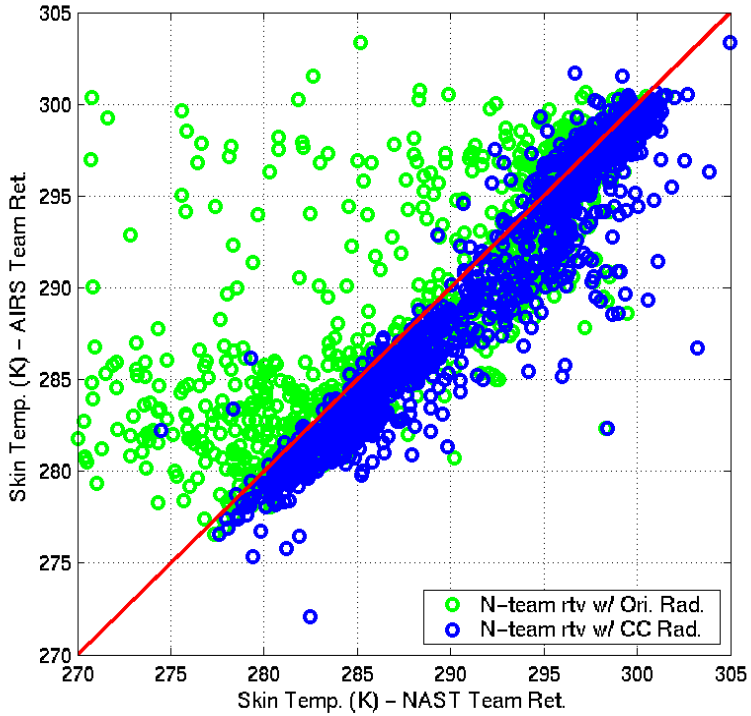

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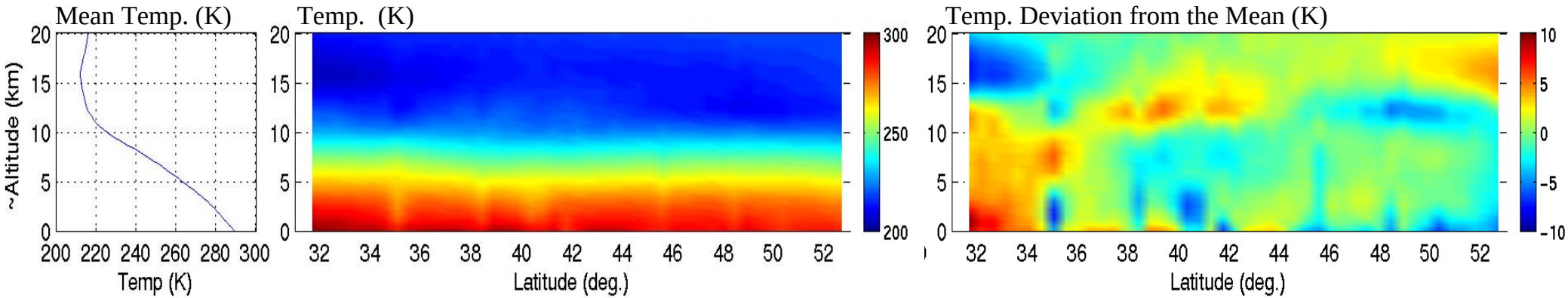

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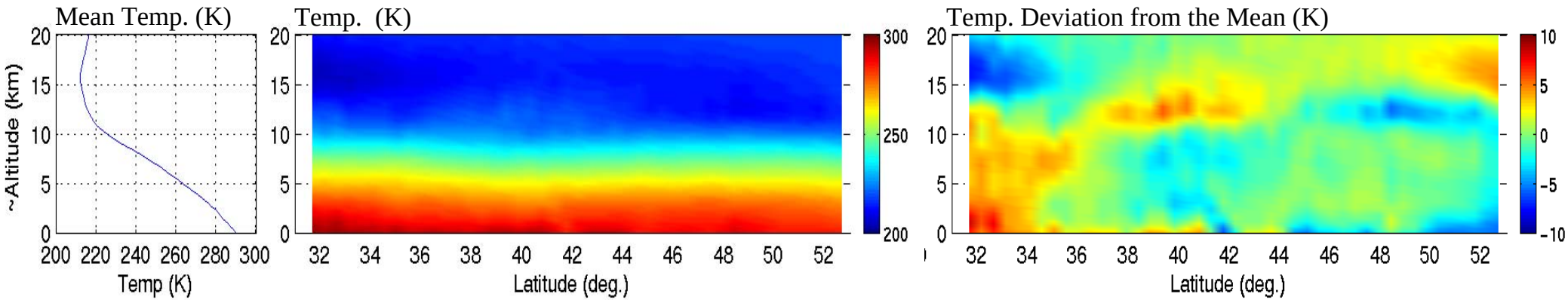

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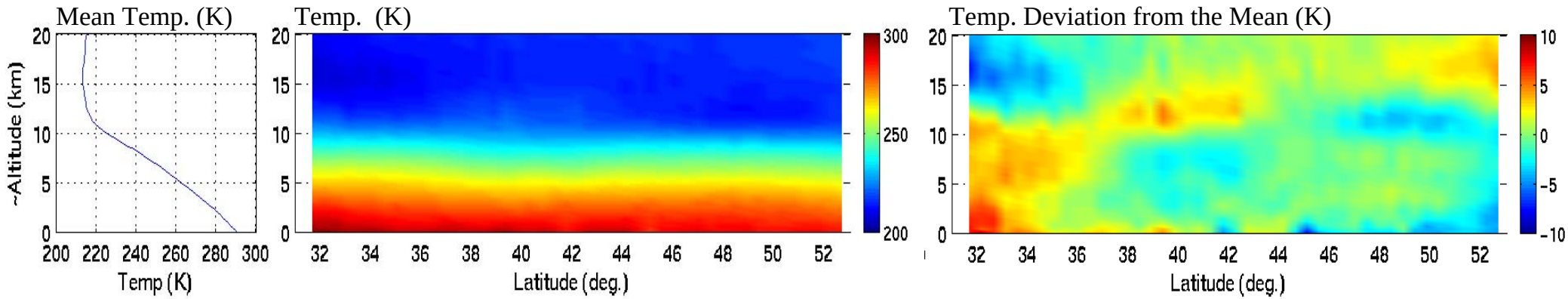

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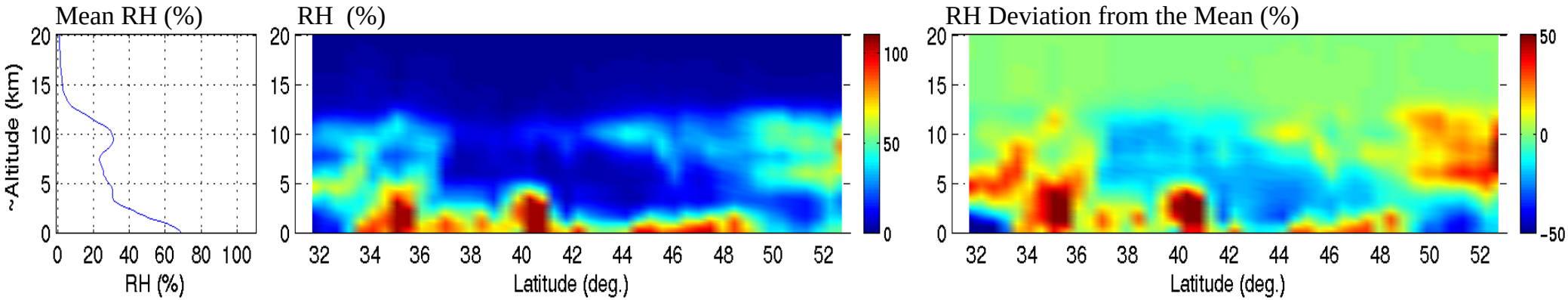

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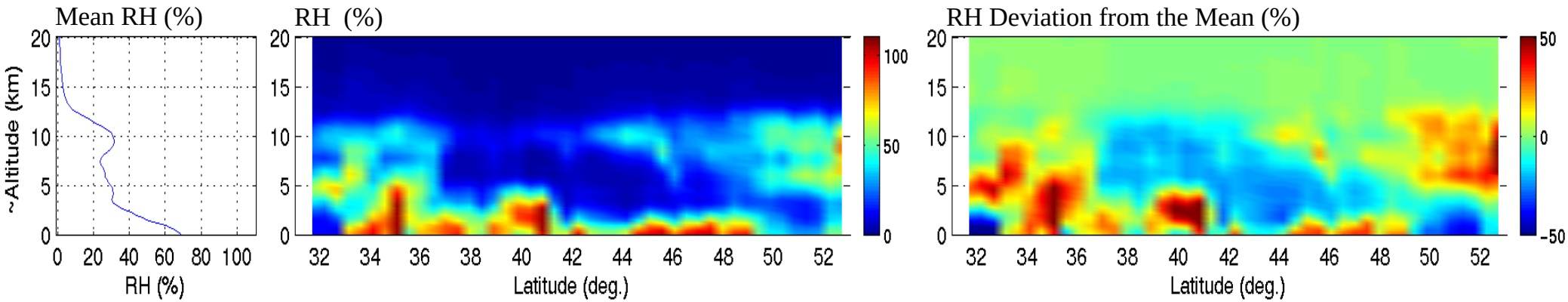

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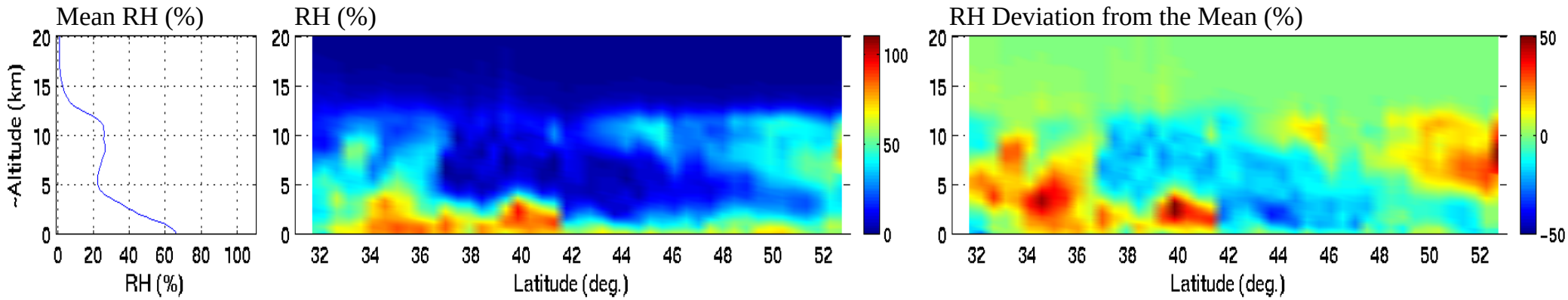

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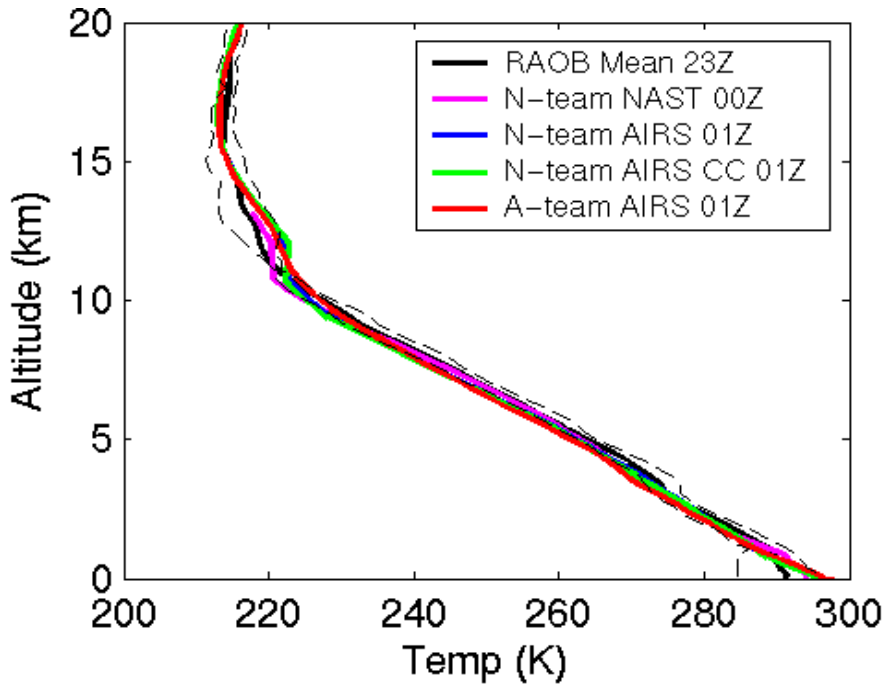
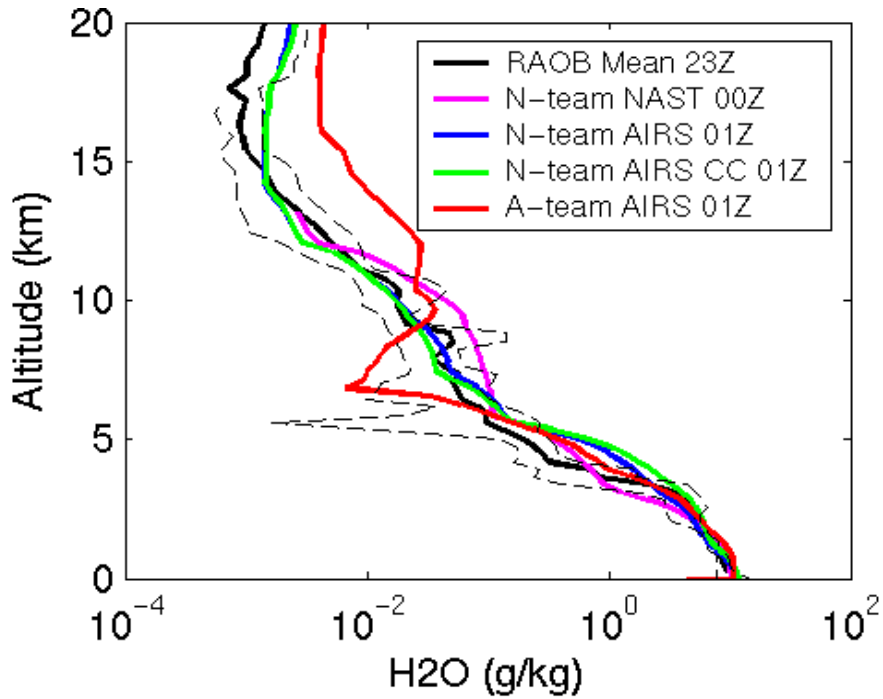
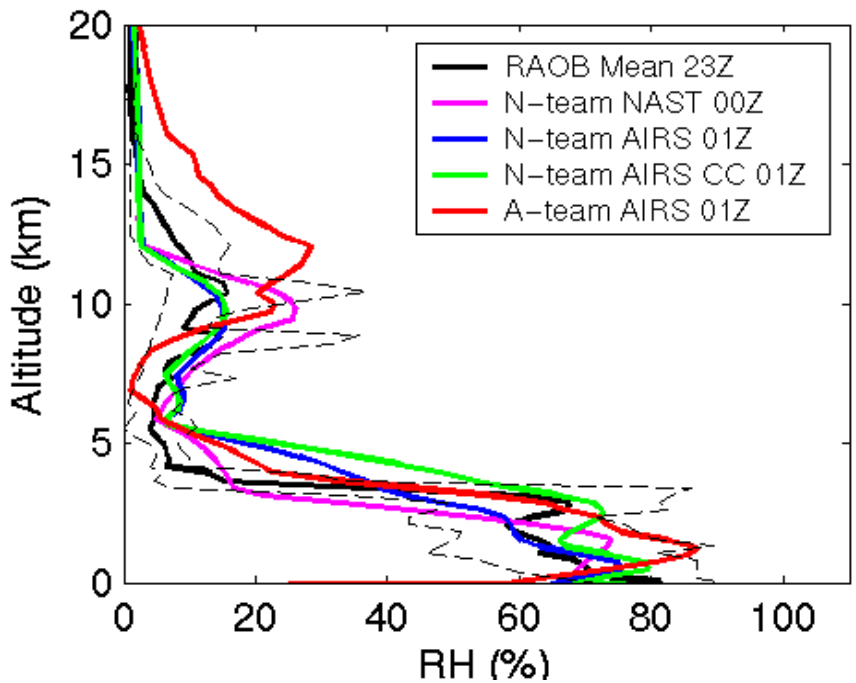
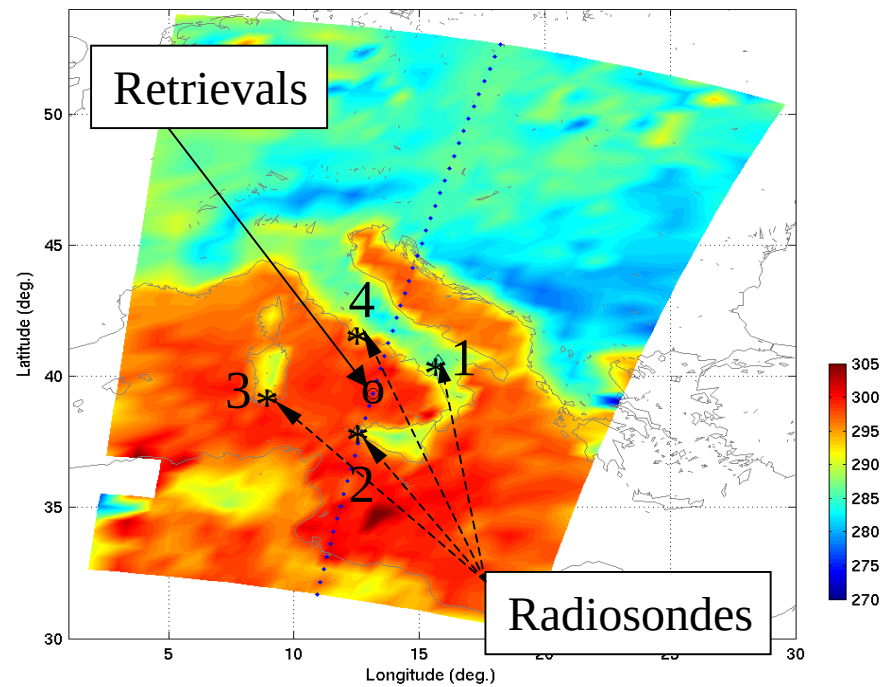
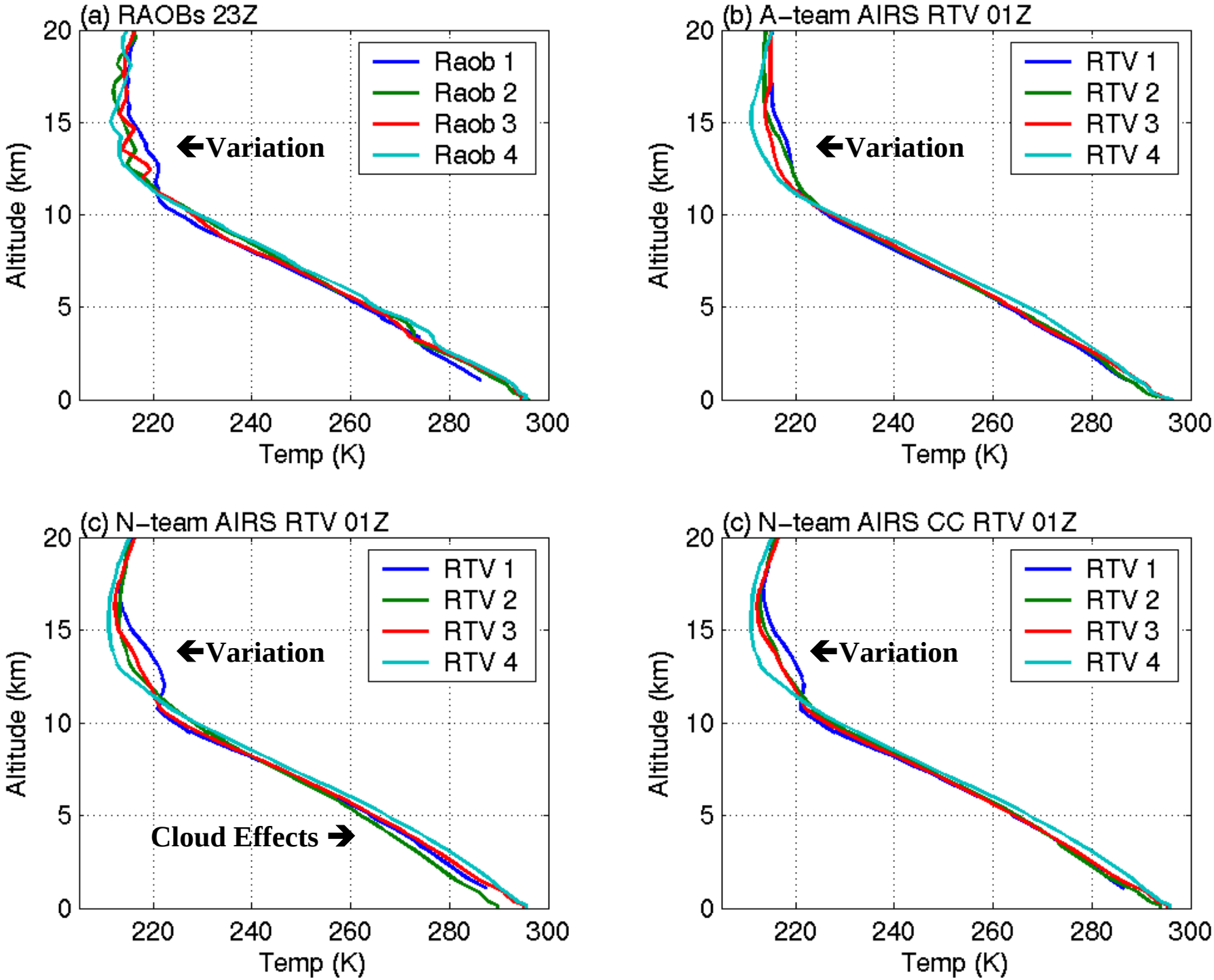








Sounding Variation and Retrieval Sensitivity (04.09.08)



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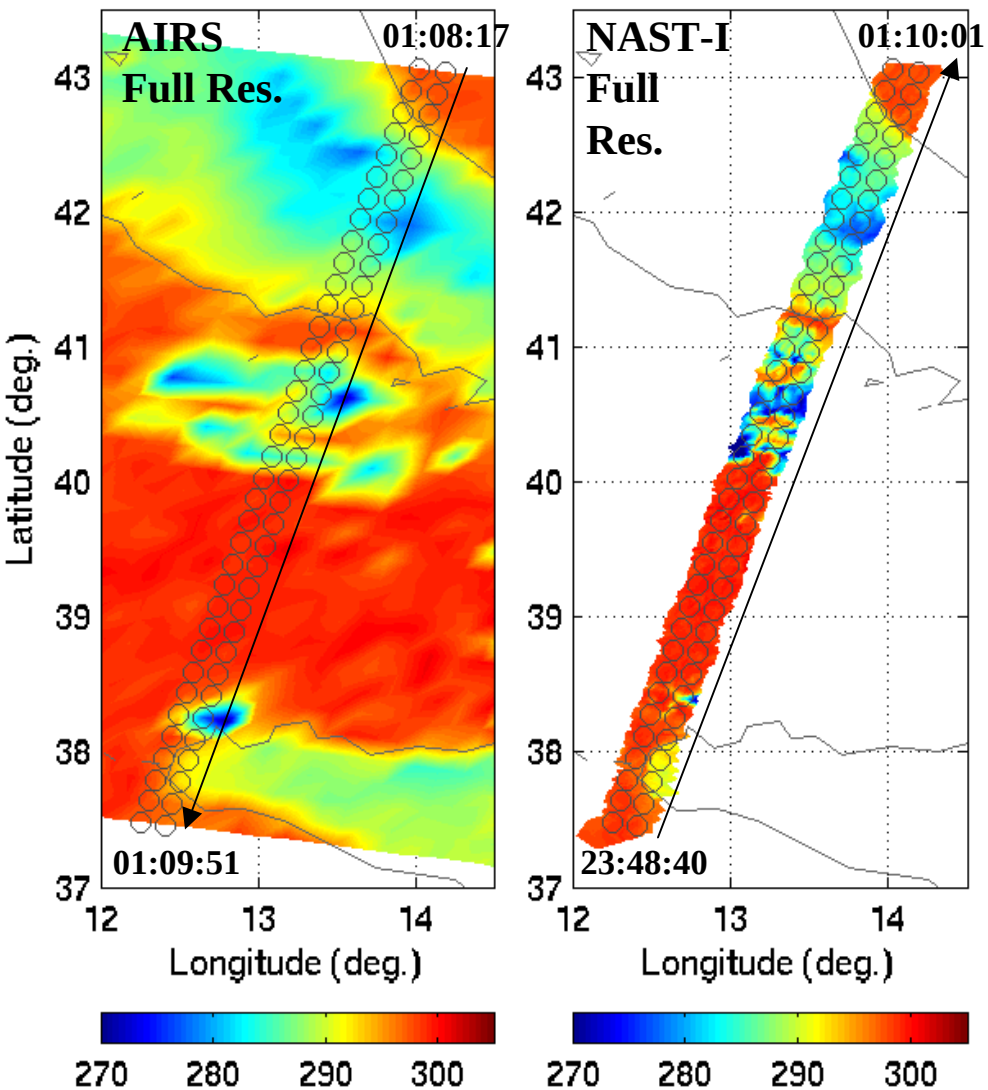

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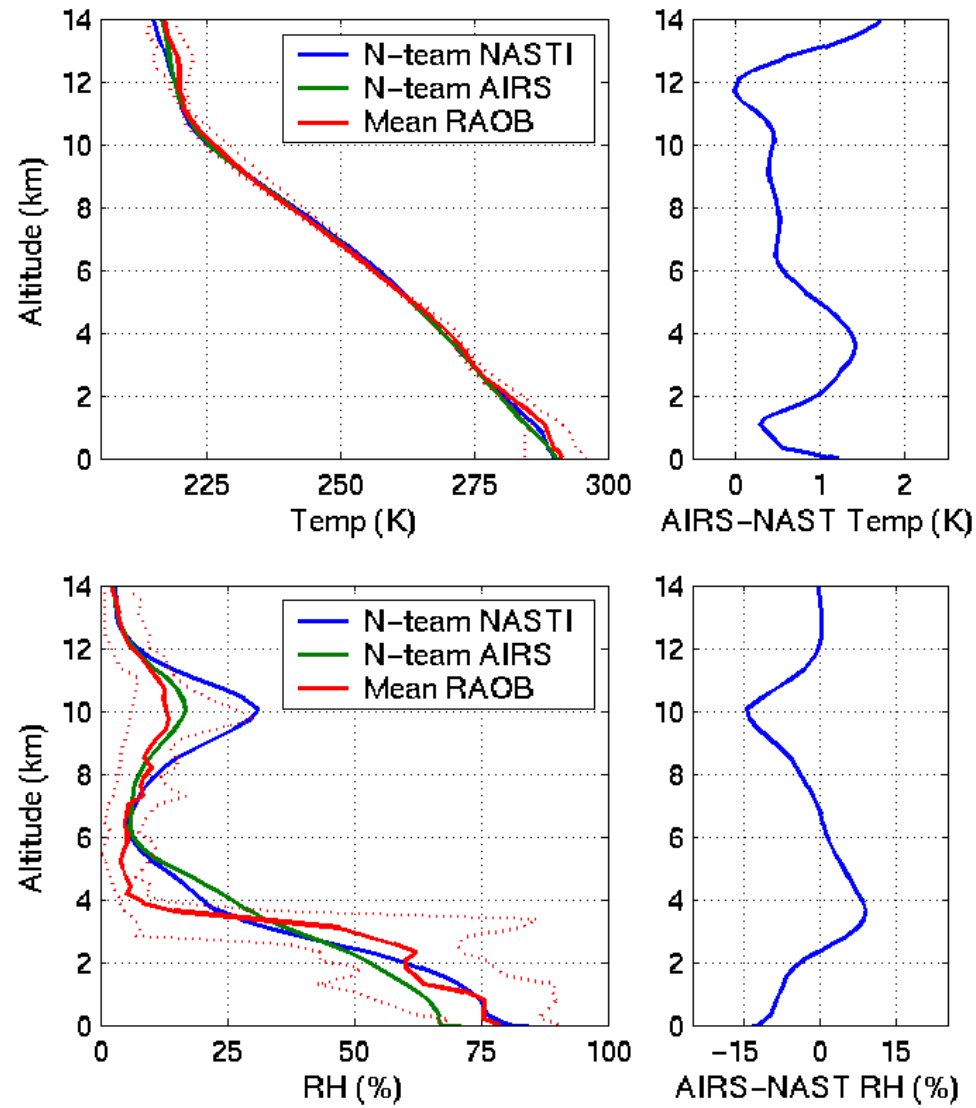

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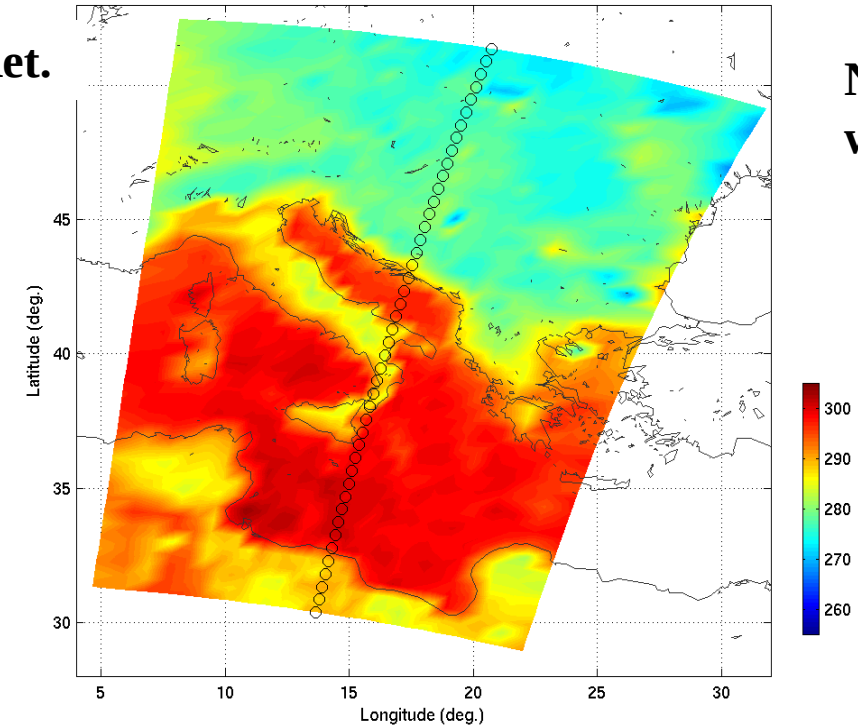

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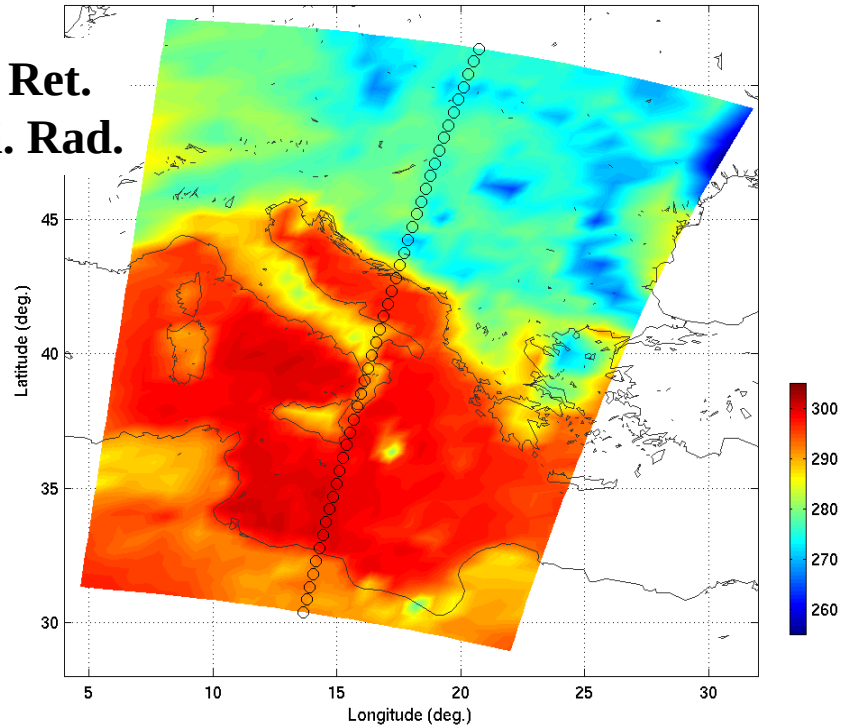

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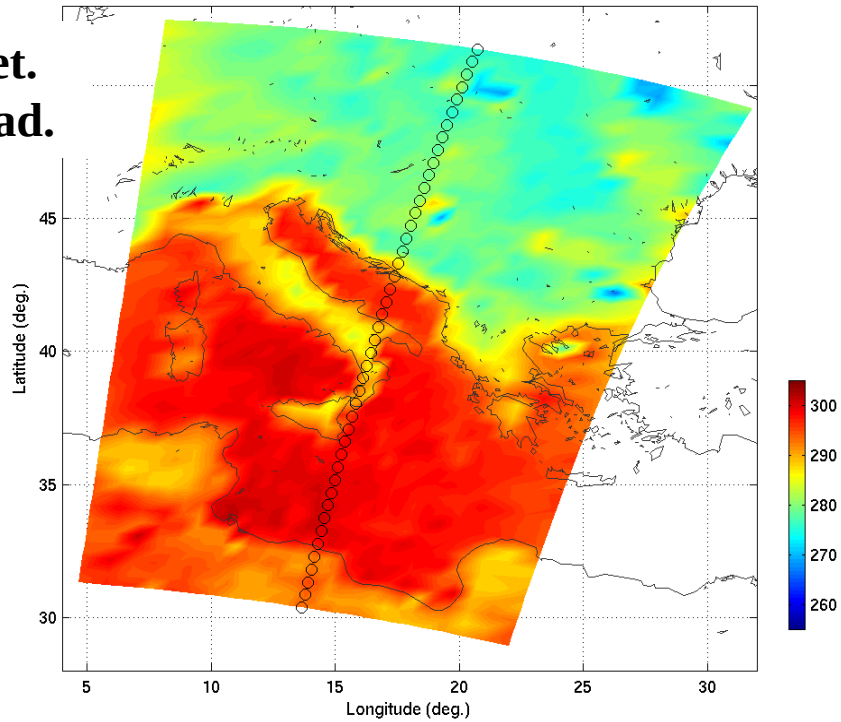

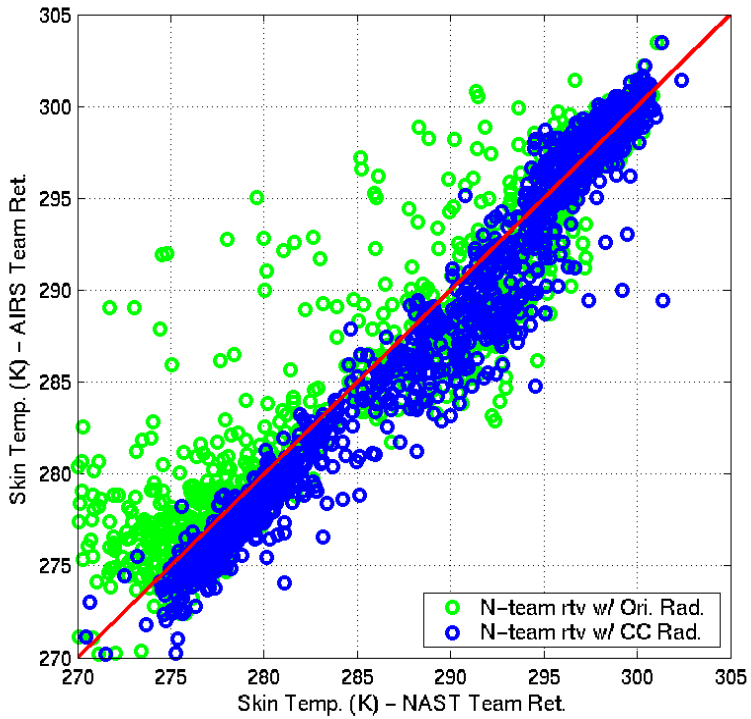

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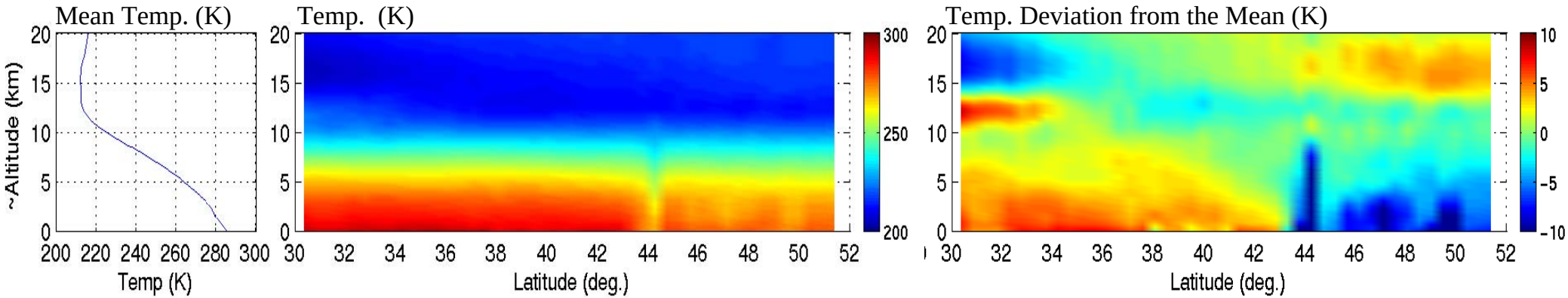

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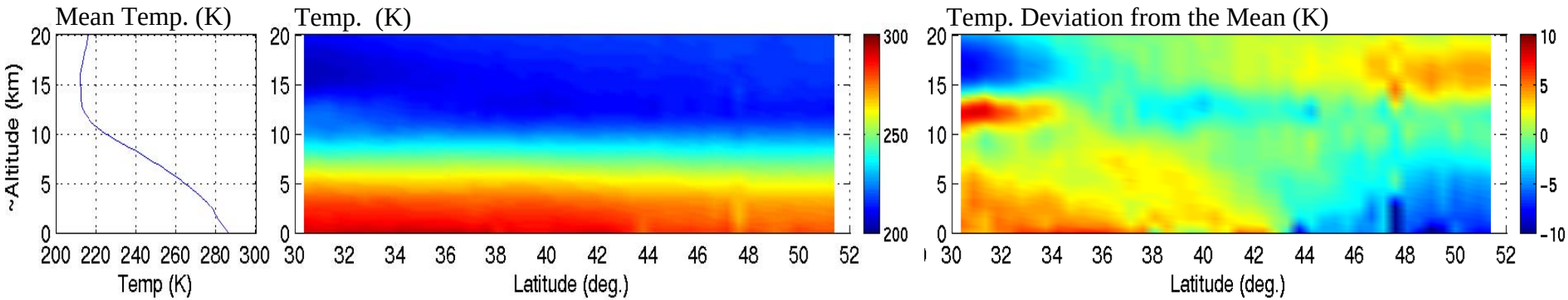

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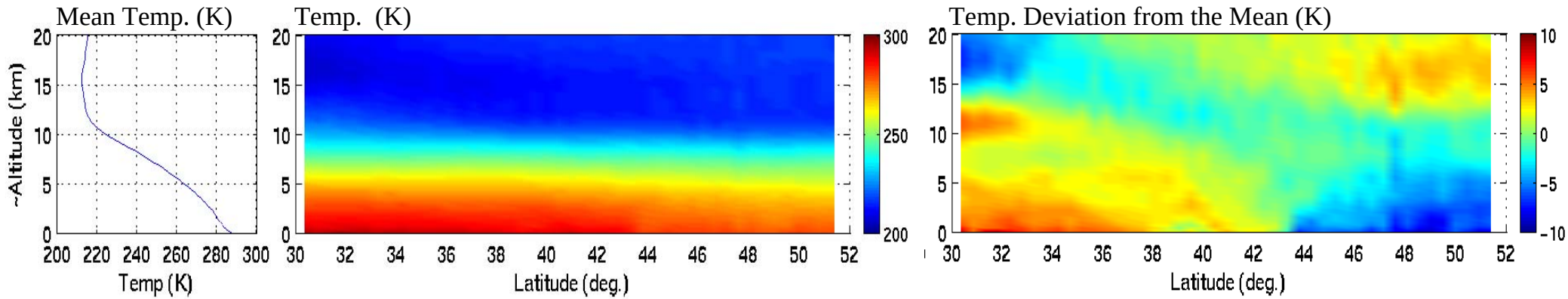

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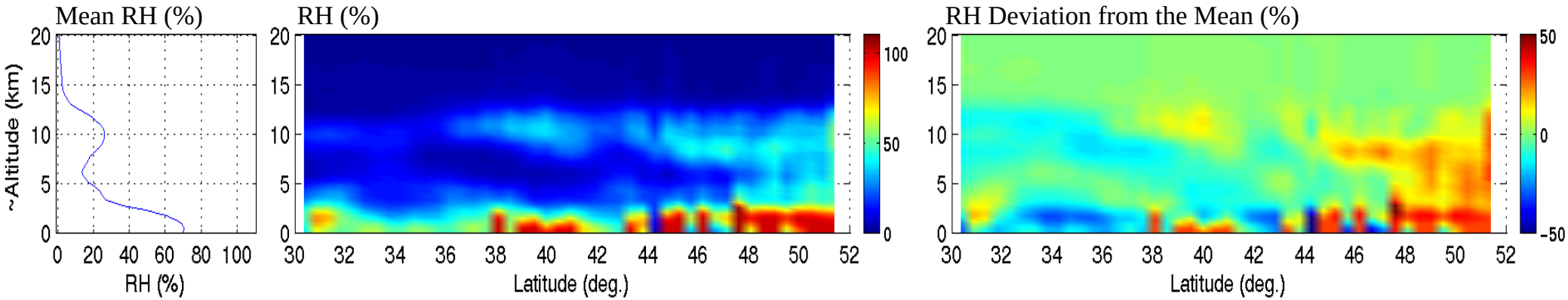

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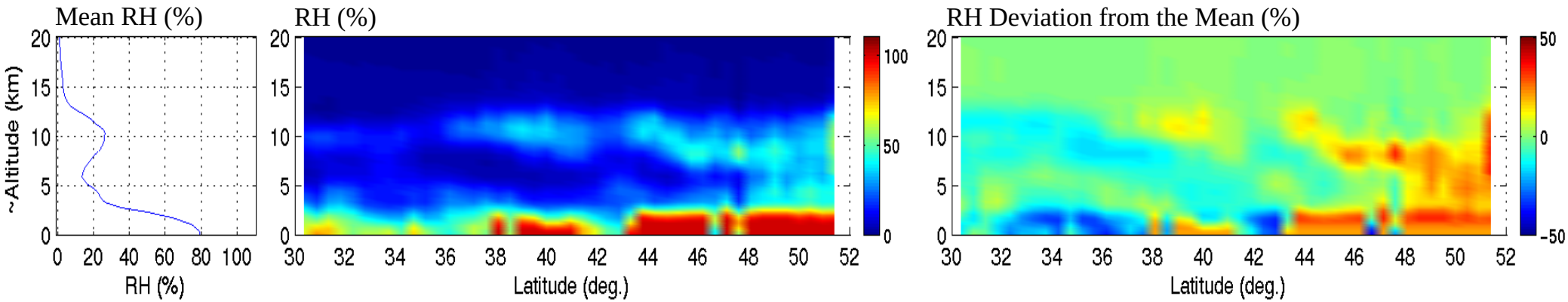

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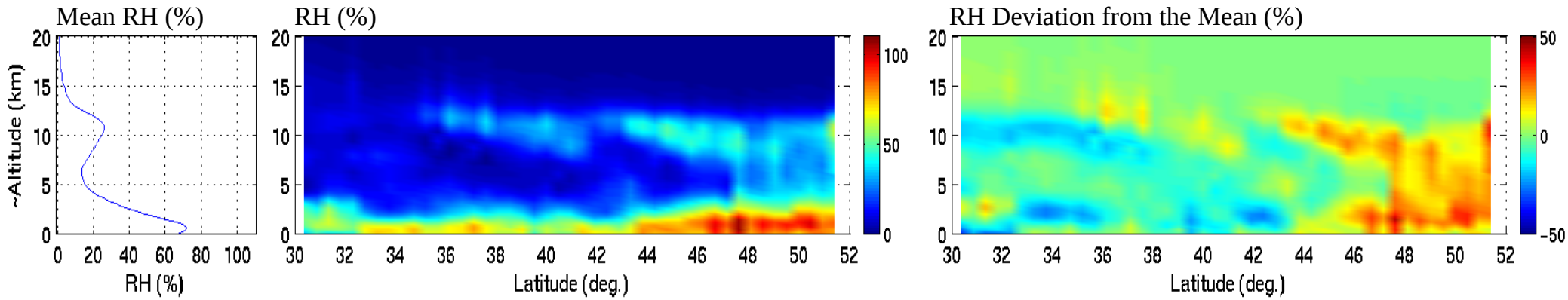

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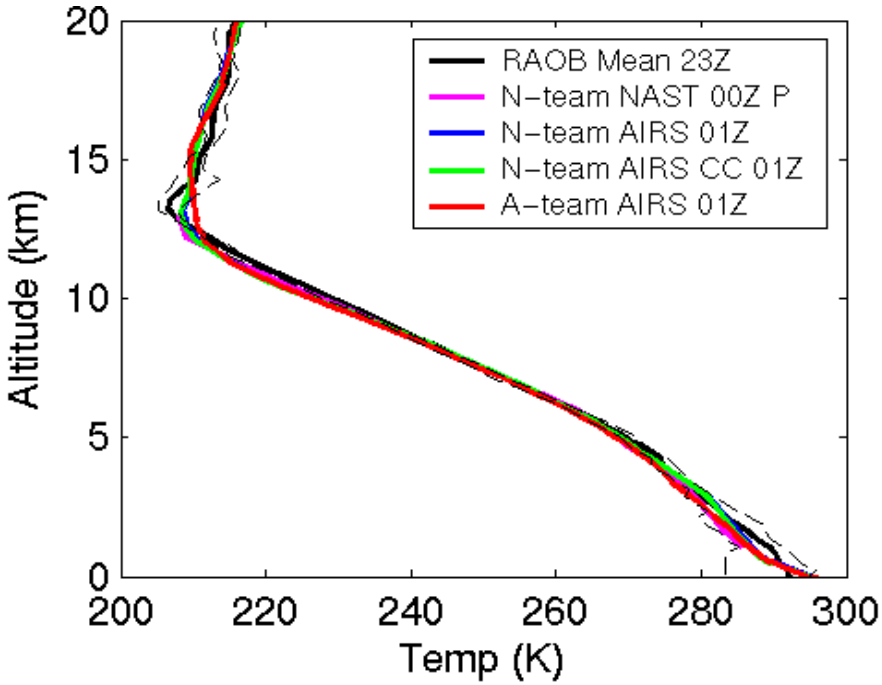

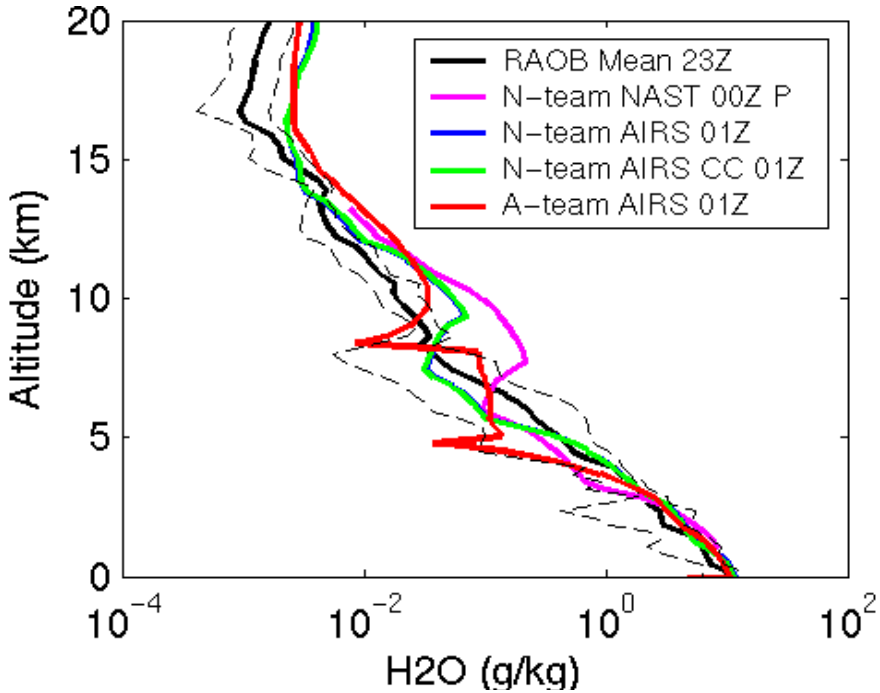

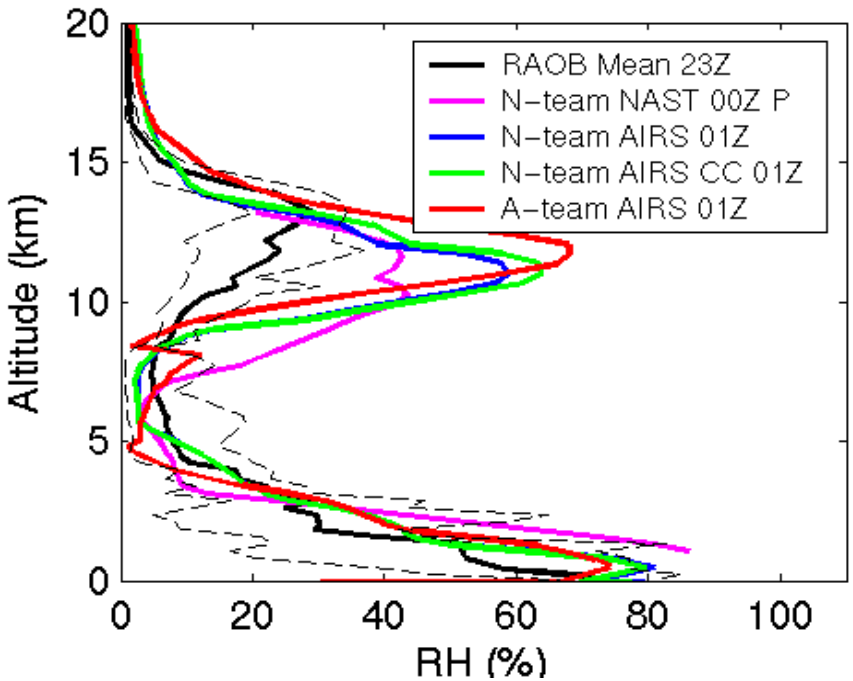

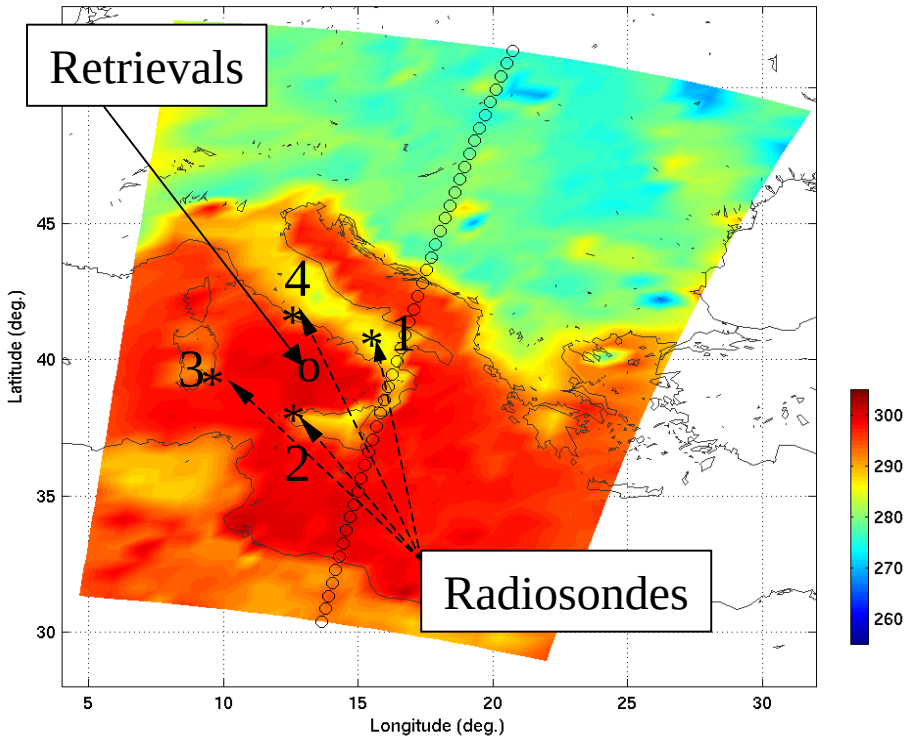

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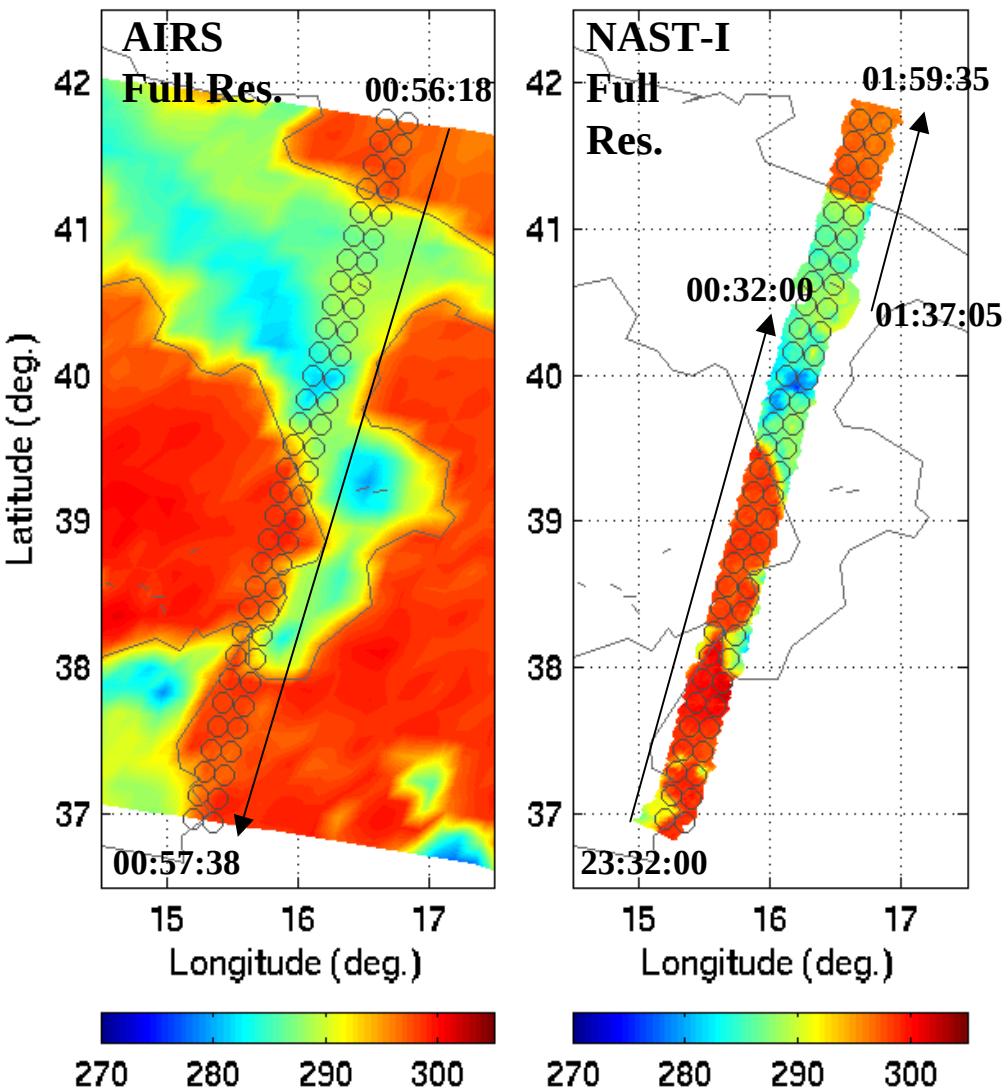

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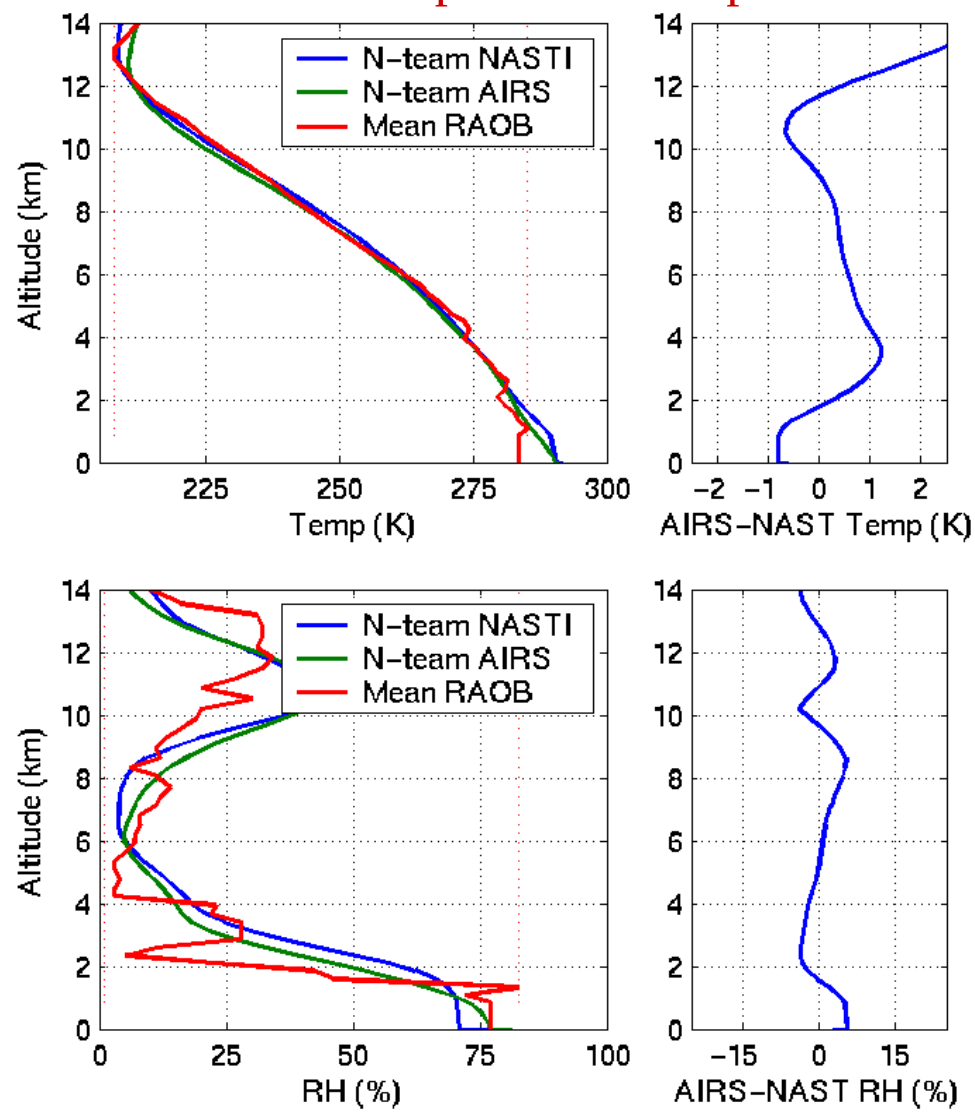

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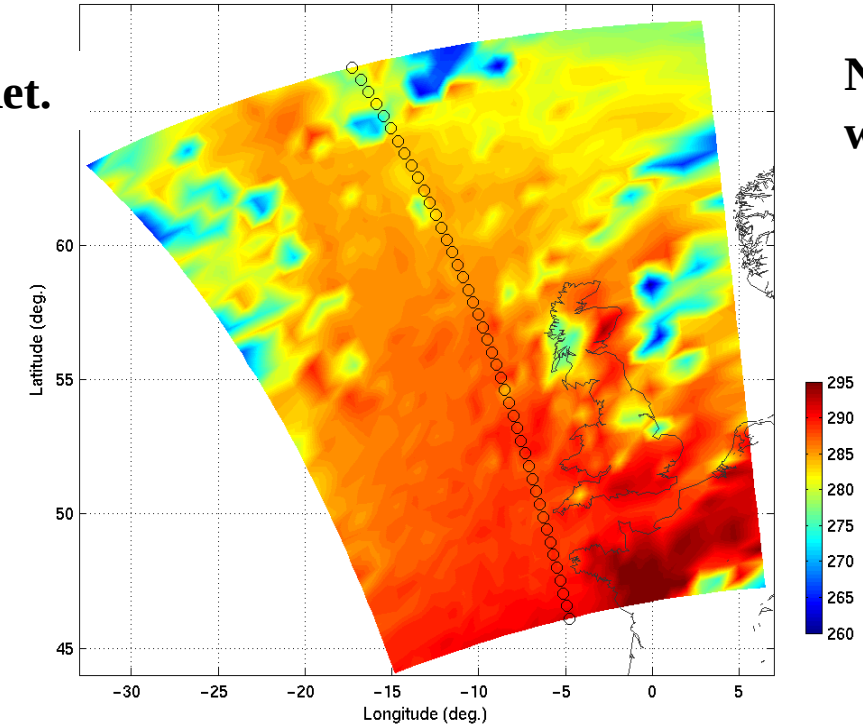

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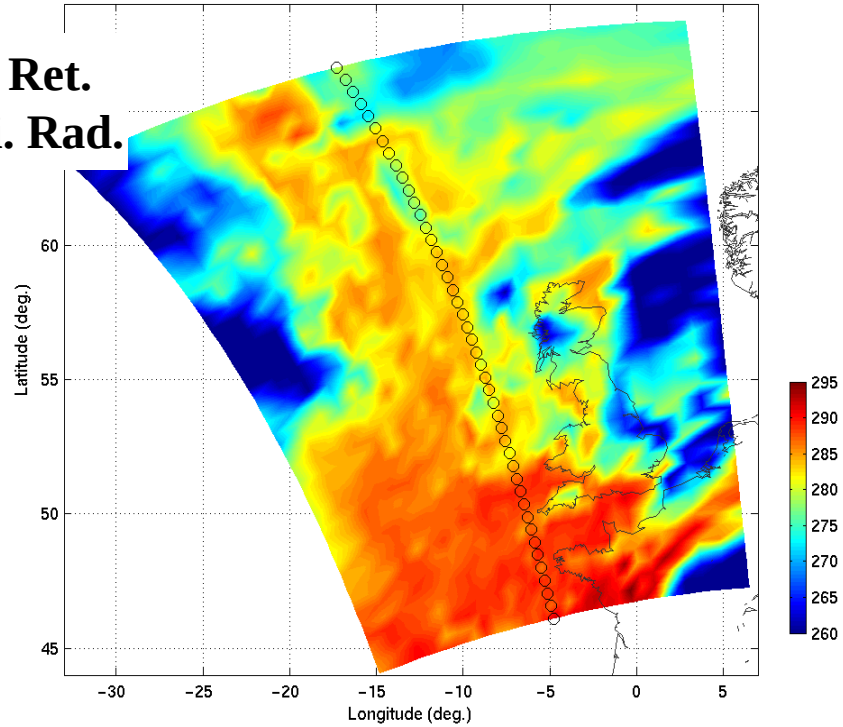

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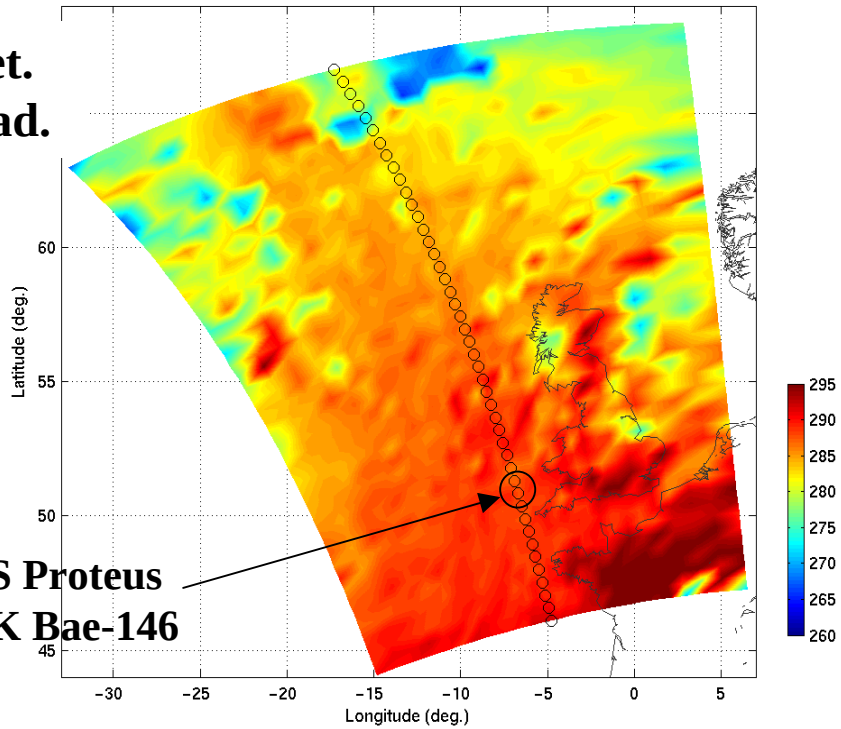

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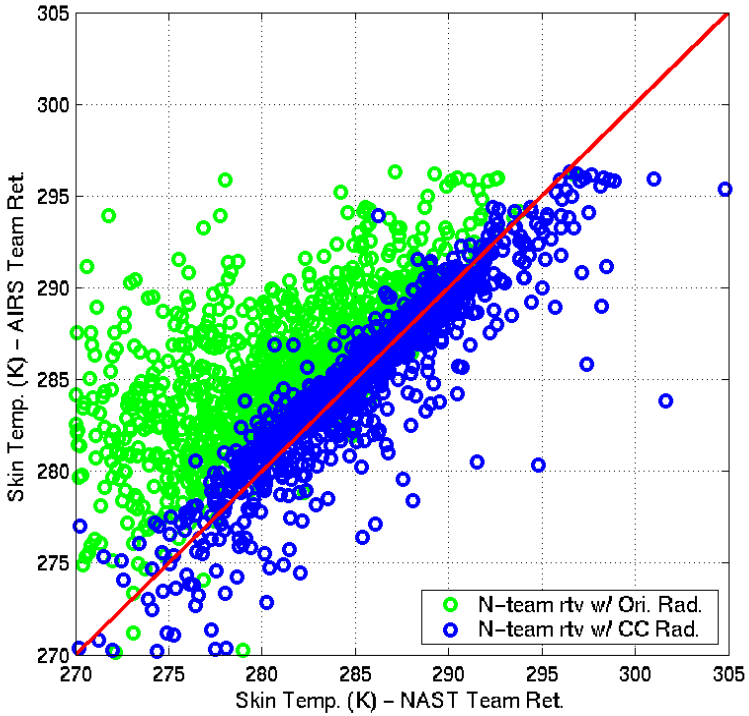

Temp. Cross Section Inter-Comparison (04.09.14)

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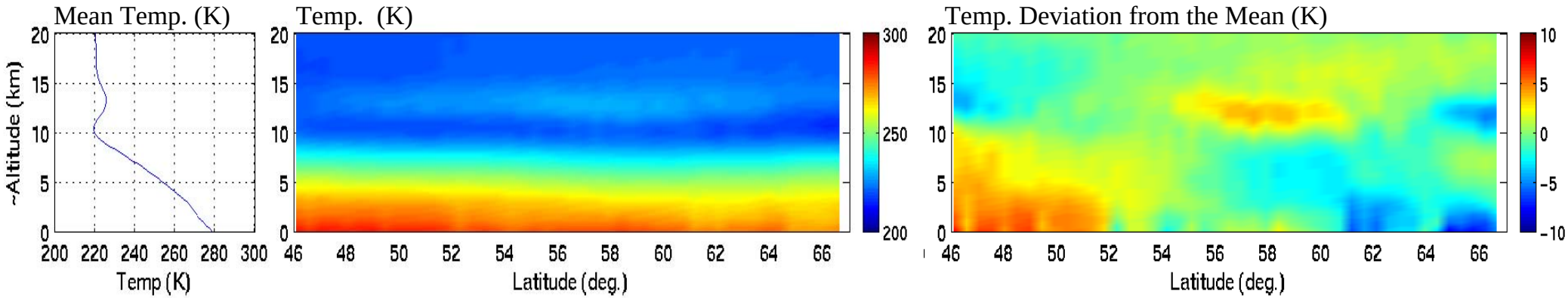

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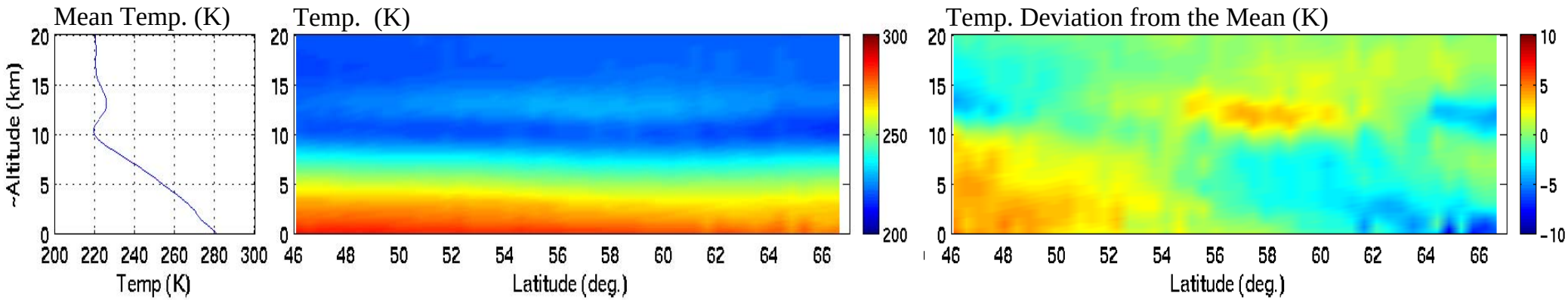

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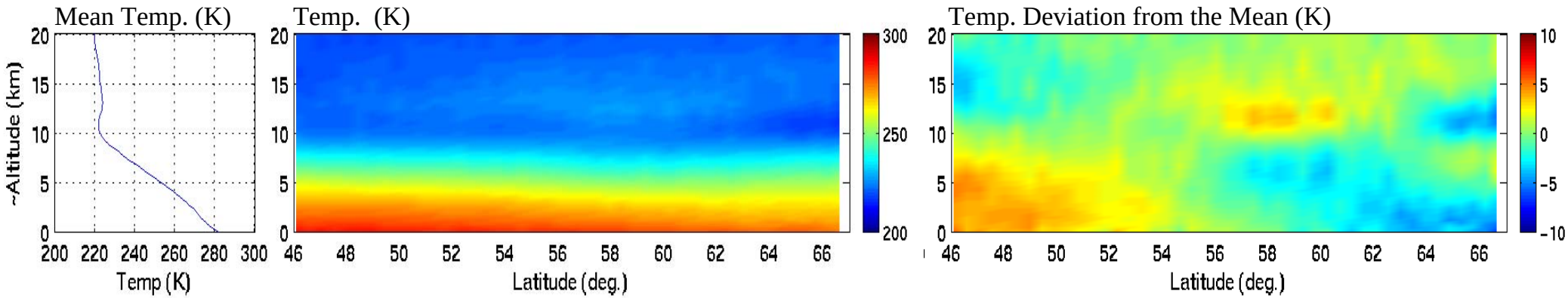

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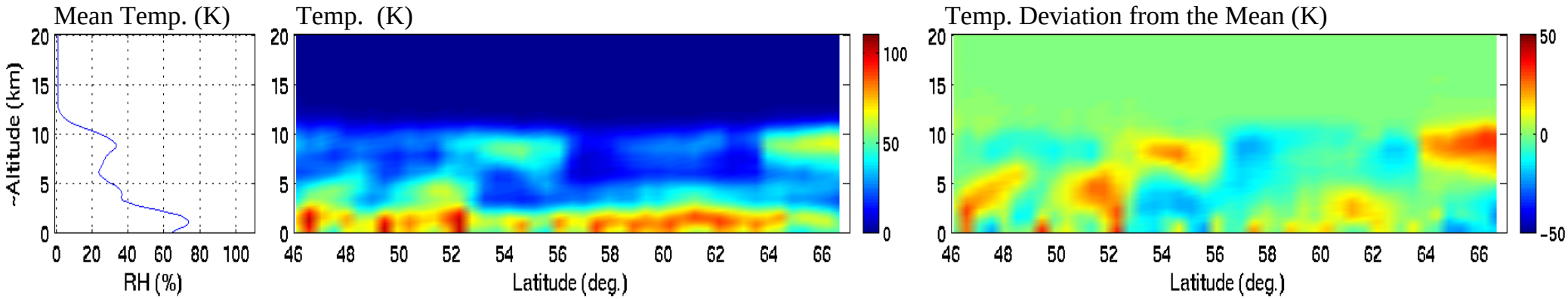

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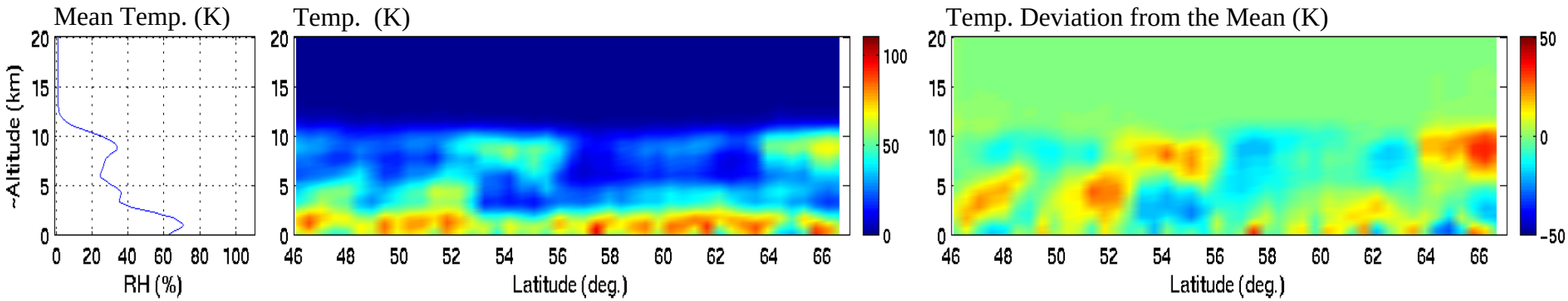

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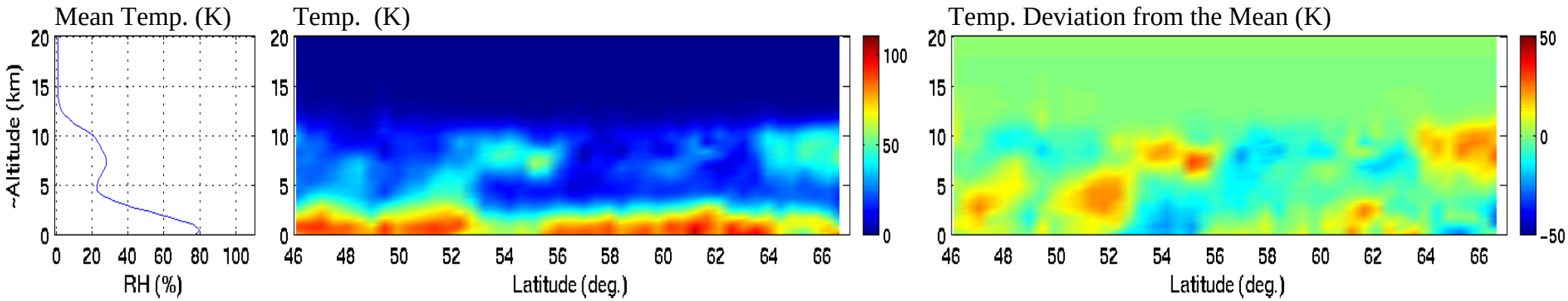

Surface Skin Temp. Inter-Comparison (04.09.18)

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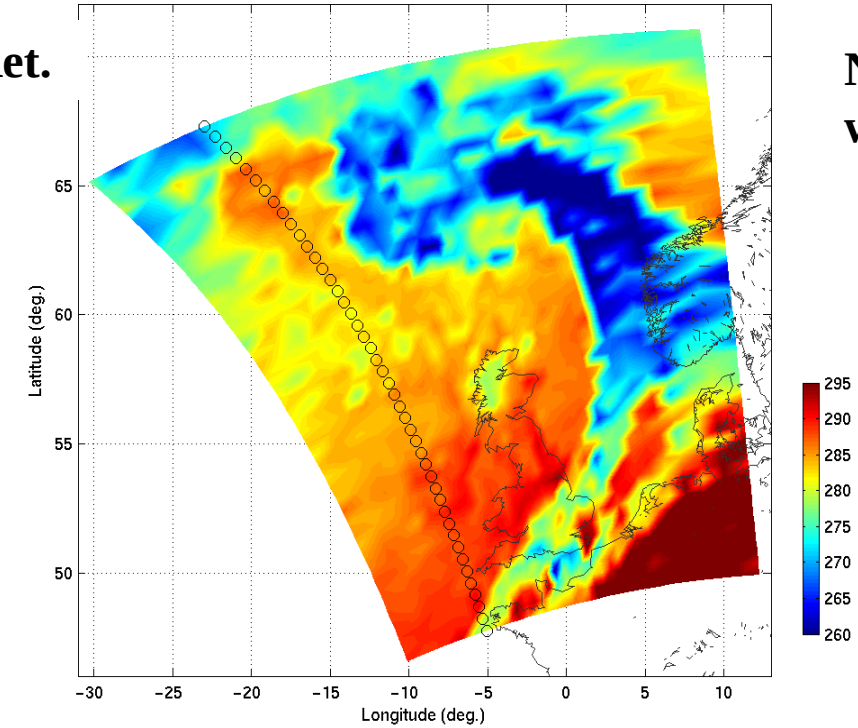

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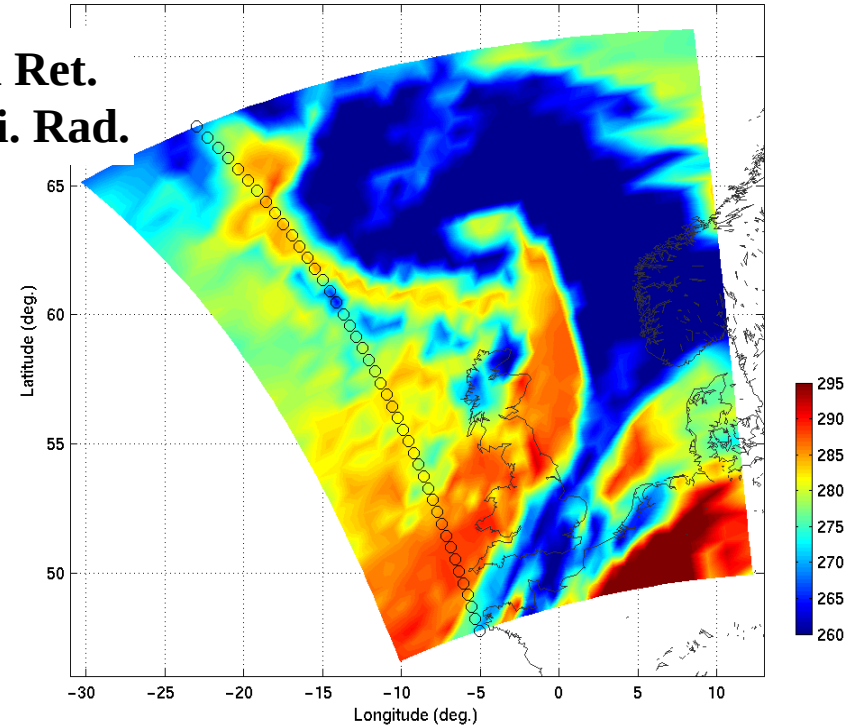

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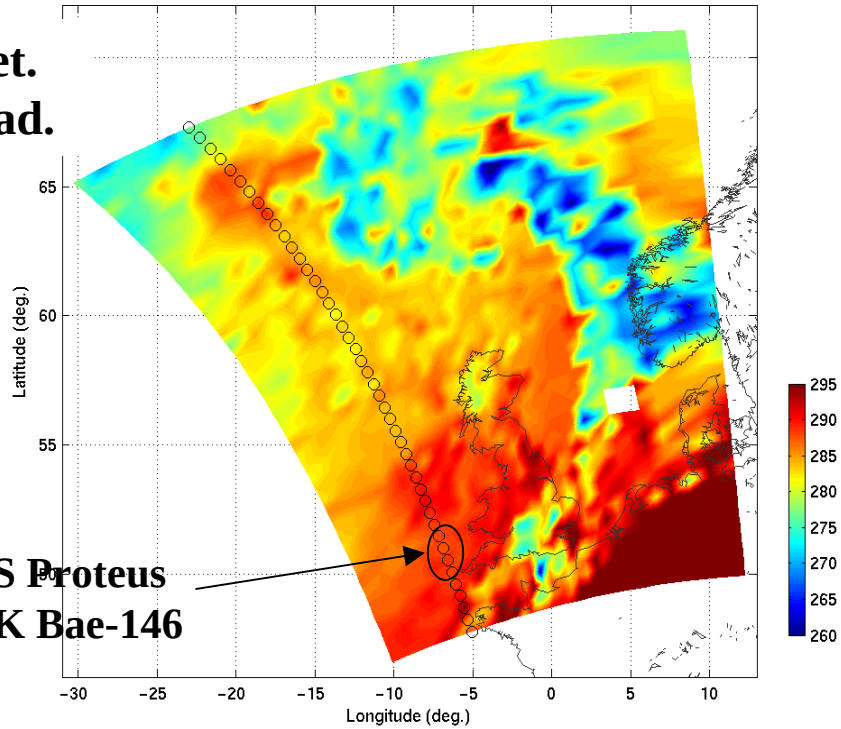

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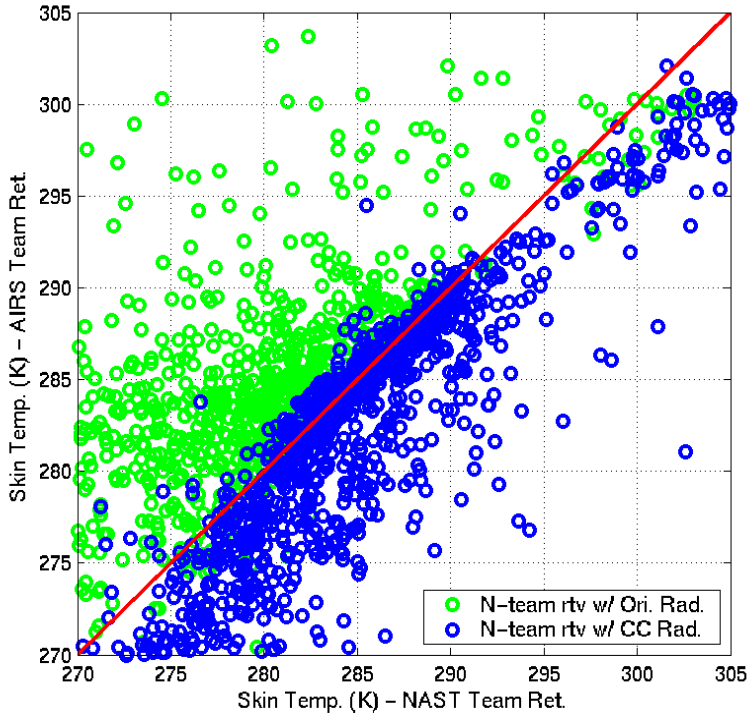

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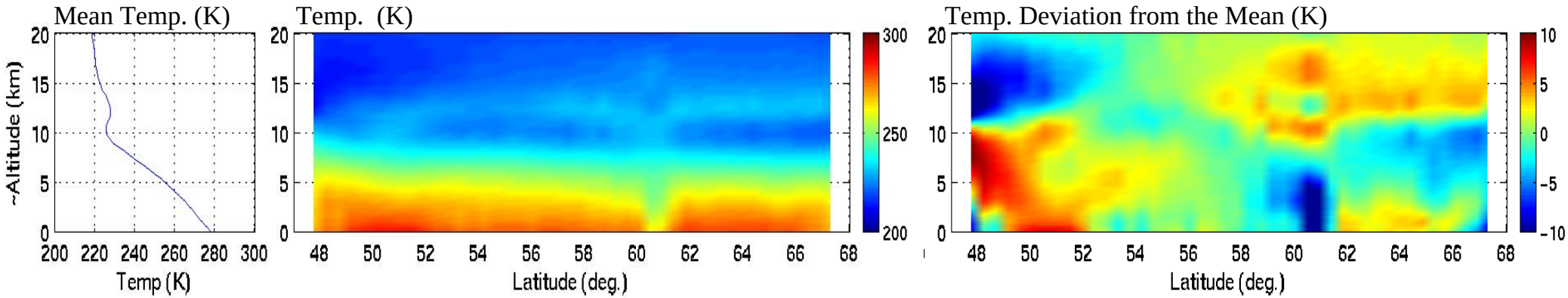

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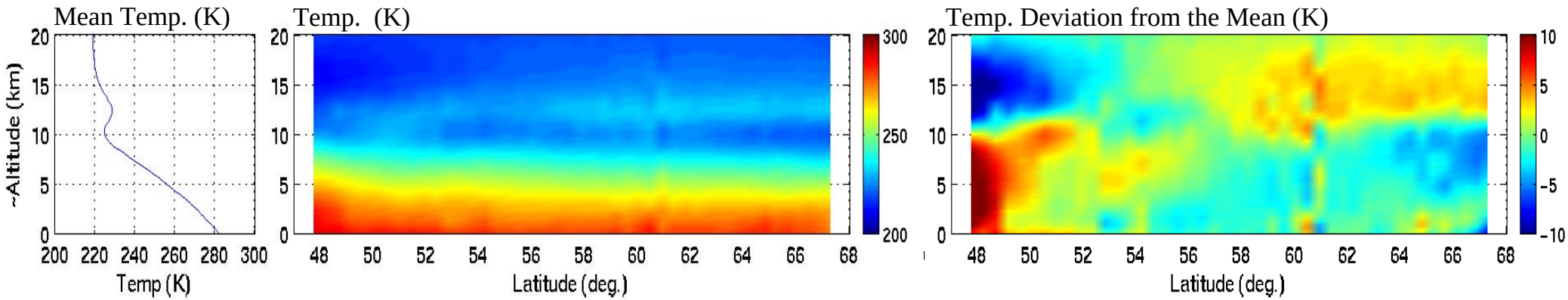

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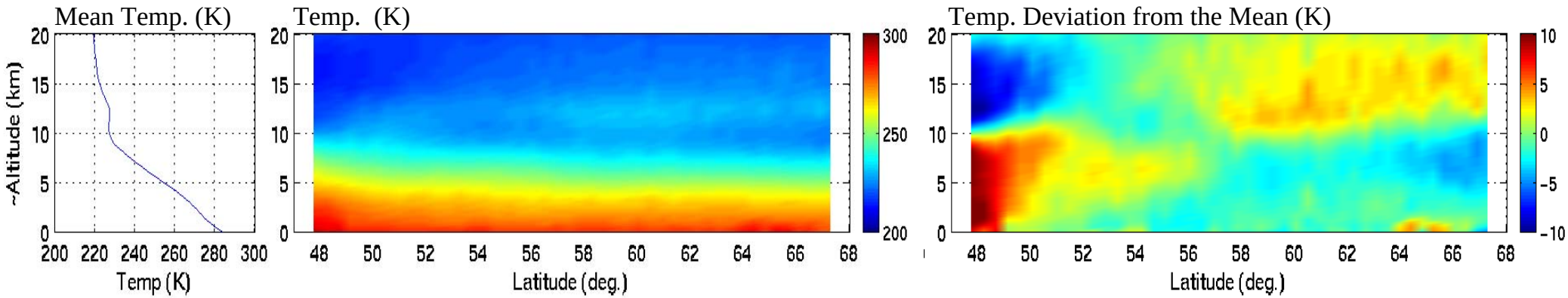

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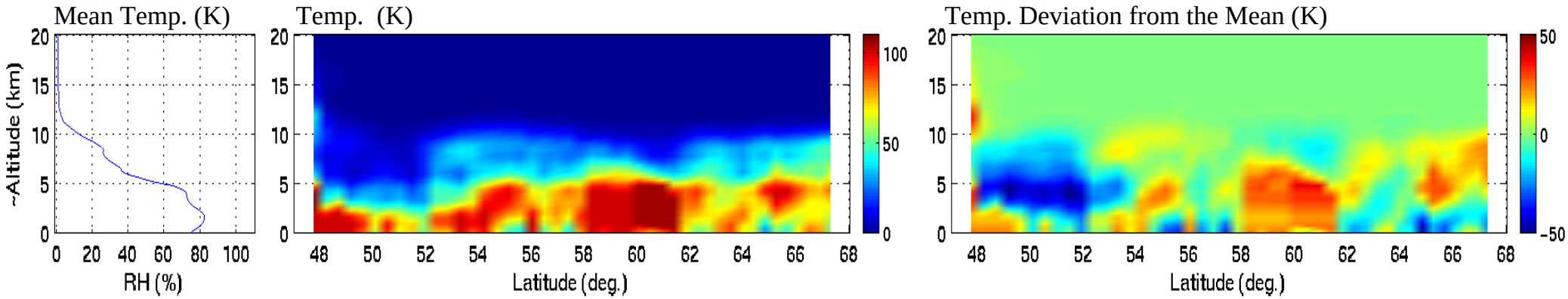

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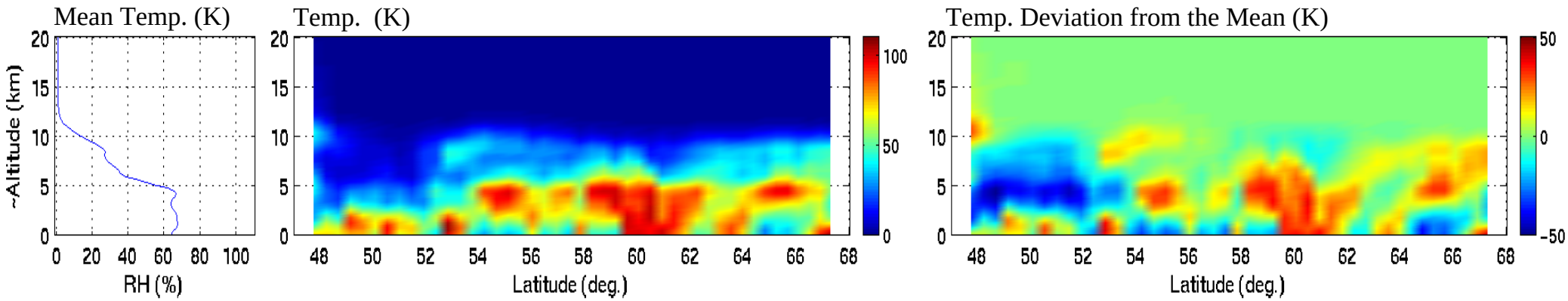

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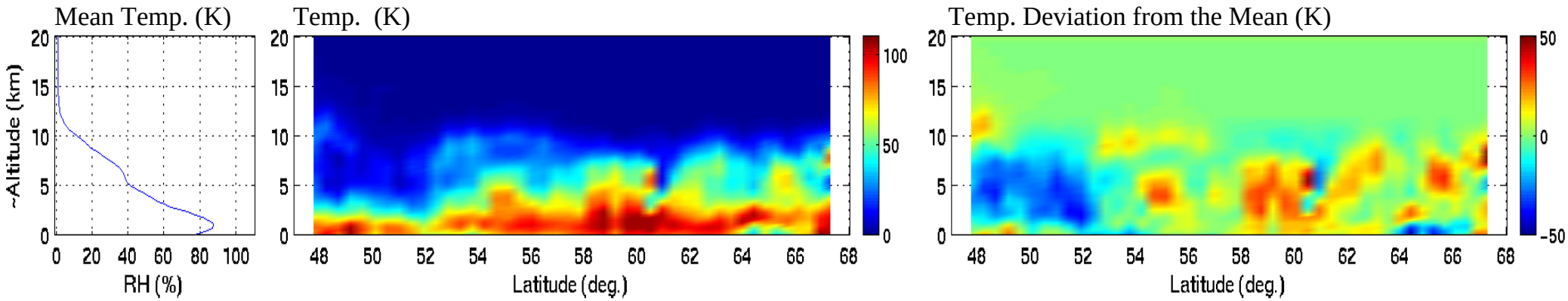
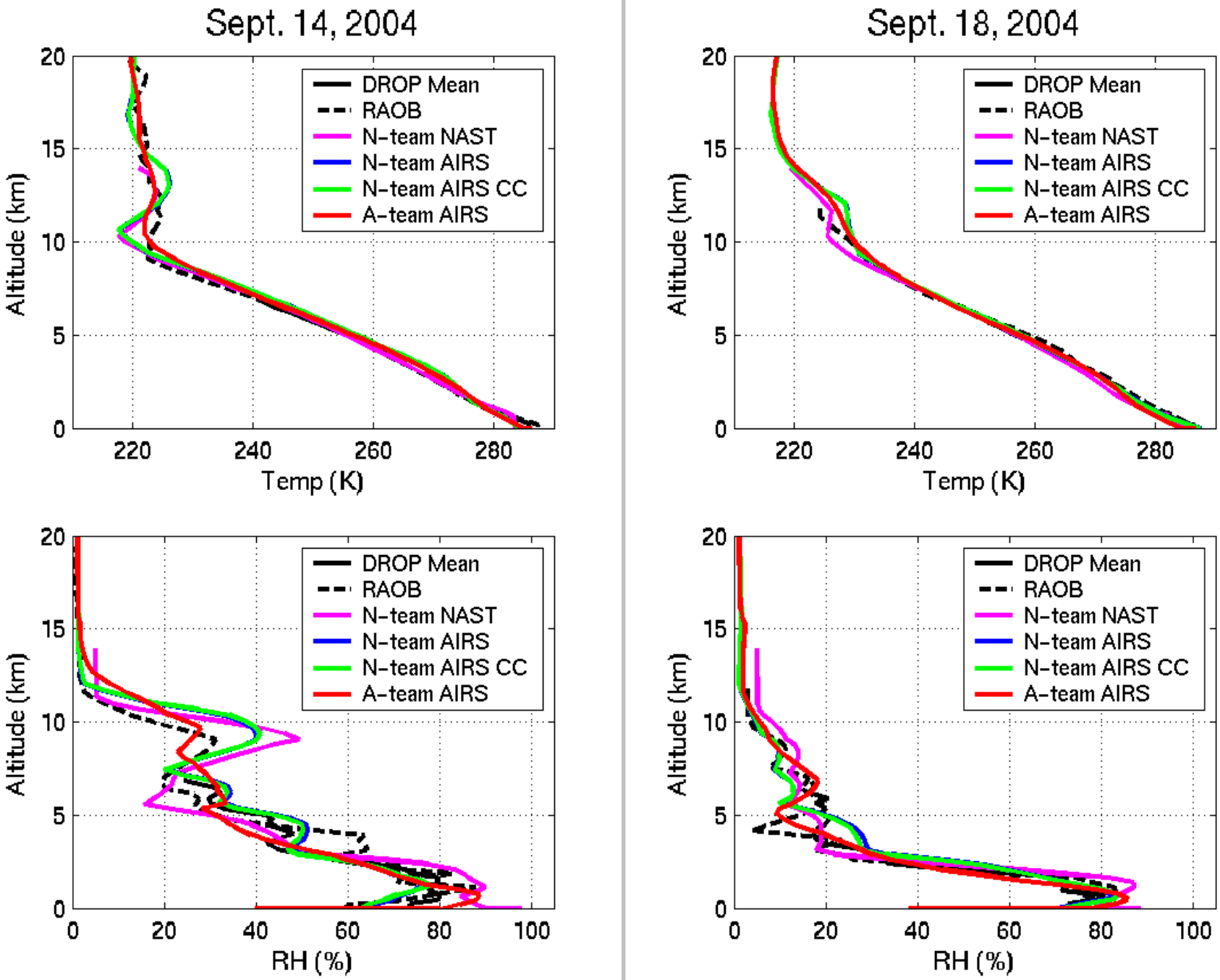


Sounding Inter-Comparison (04.09.14 vs. 04.09.18)

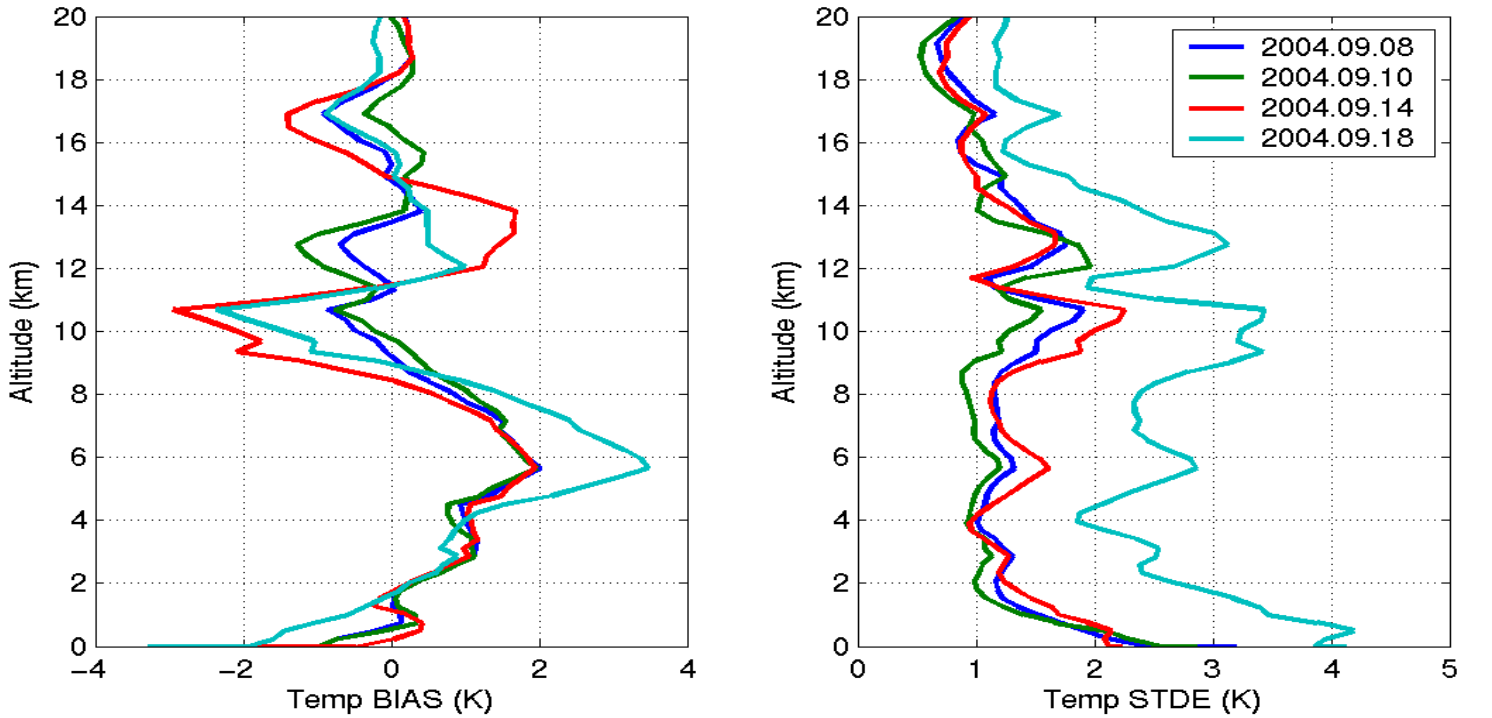


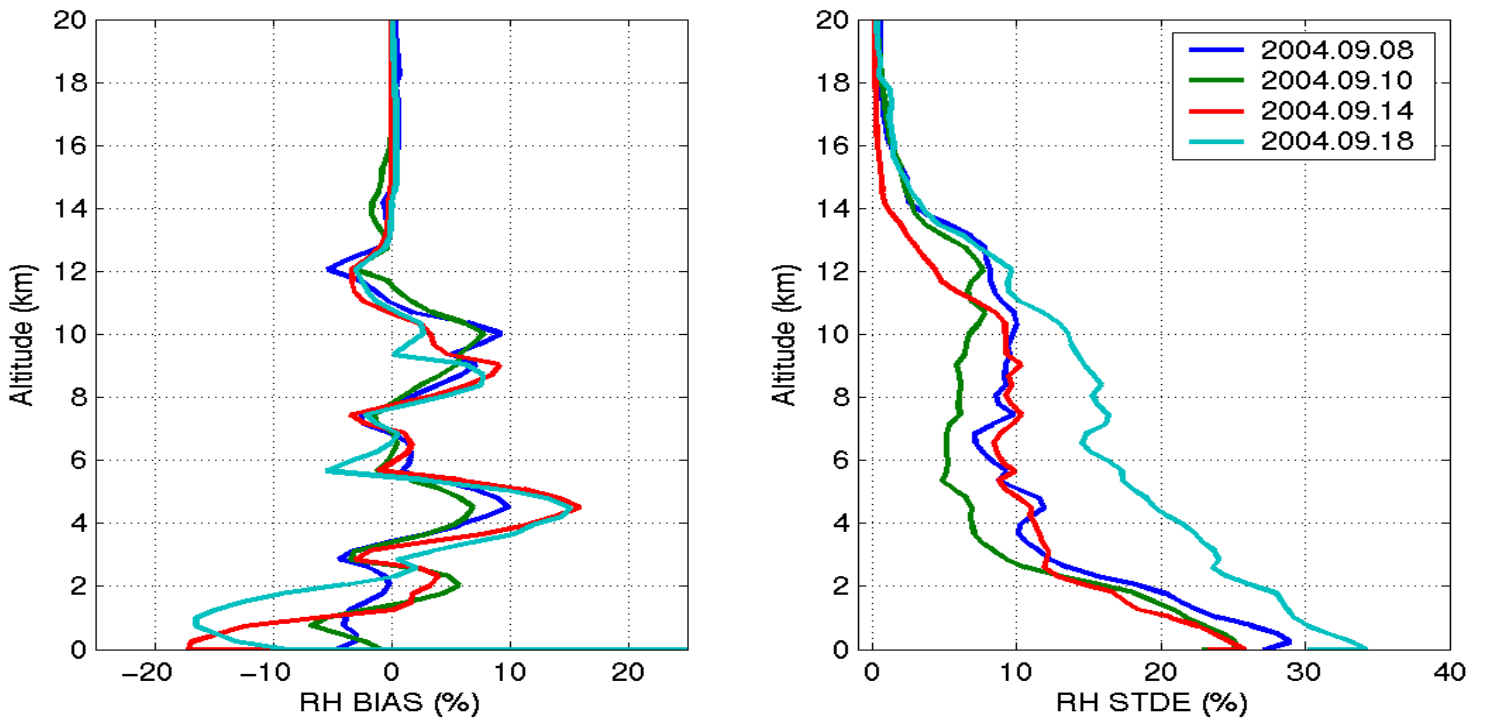
Retrieval Statistical Analysis between 2 Algorithms (1)

Using all the data in the granule; the results are affected by the cloud clearing error and surface emissivity error.

Temperature

Moisture

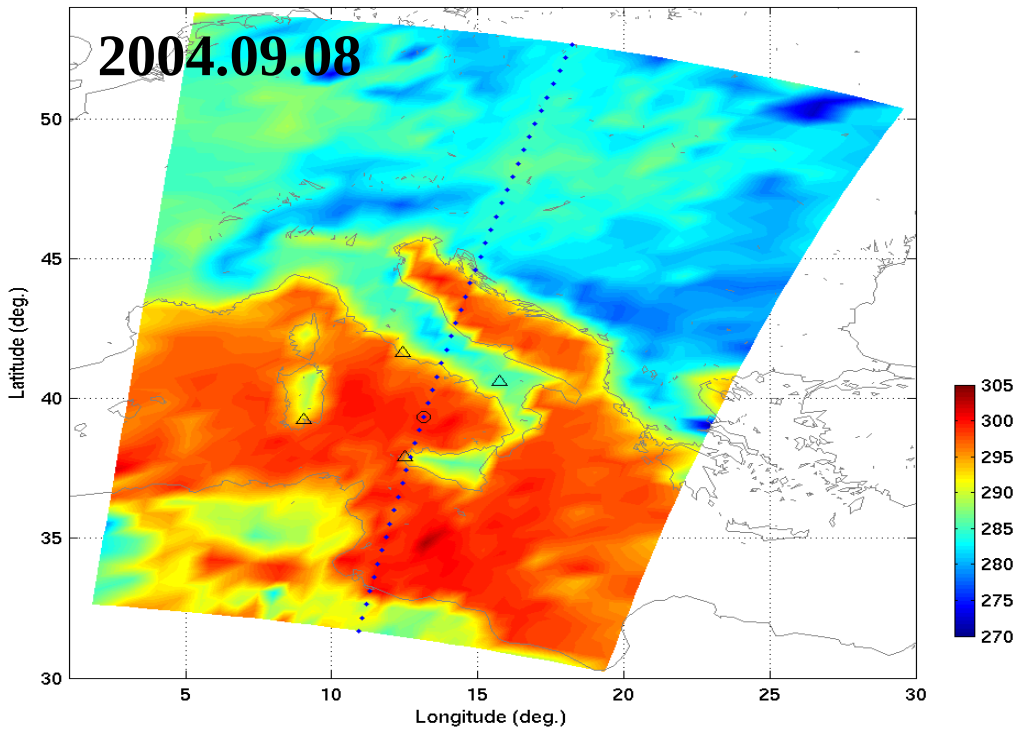


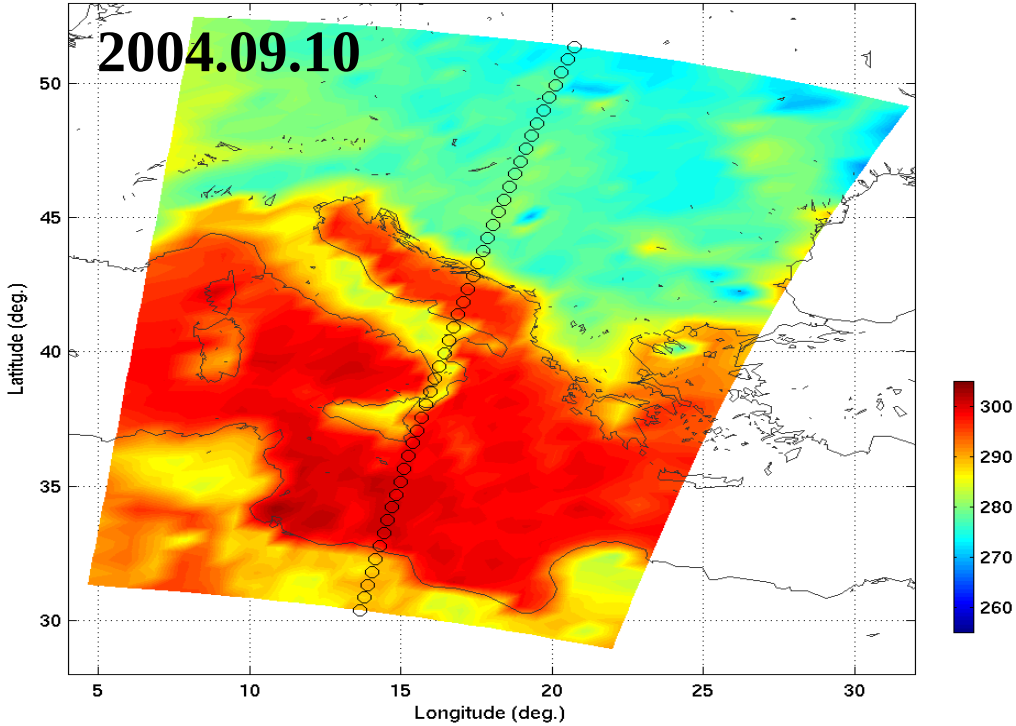


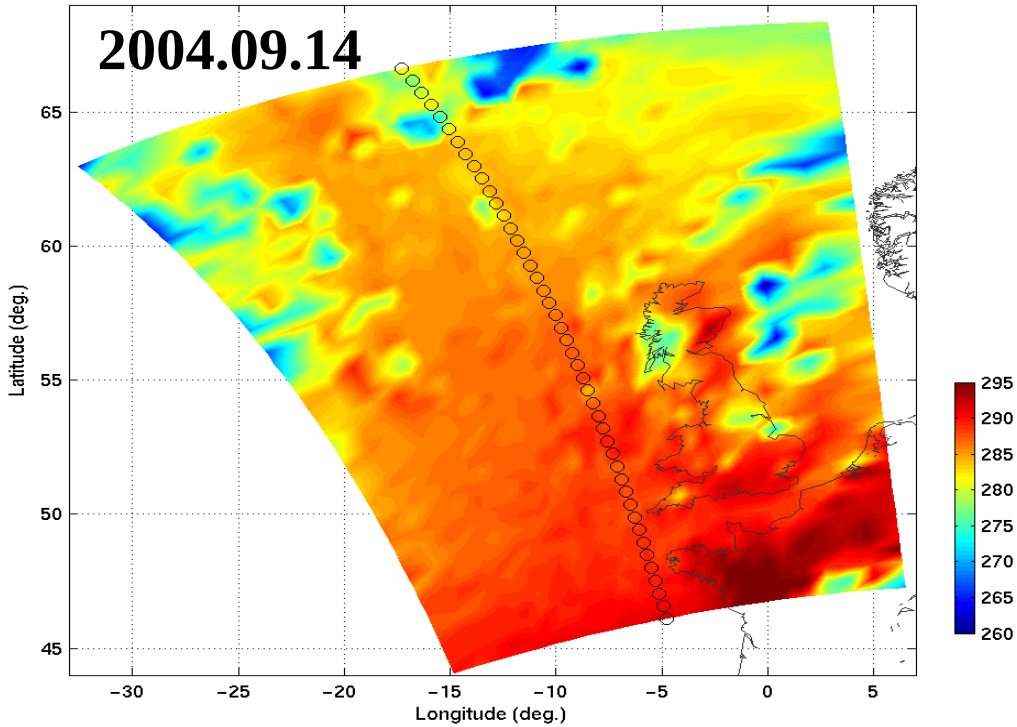
Surf. Skin Temp.

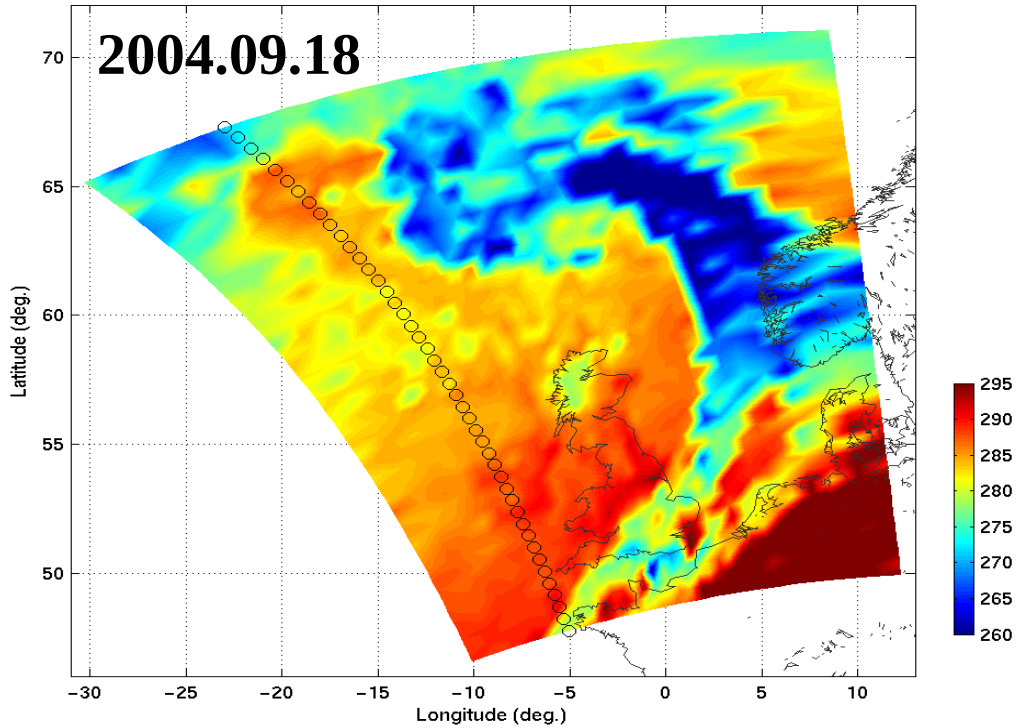
Date	BIAS(K)	STDE(K)
09.08	1.31	2.08
09.10	0.86	1.81
09.14	0.31	2.02
09.18	2.90	4.34

Surface Skin Temp. Retrieved from CC Radiance







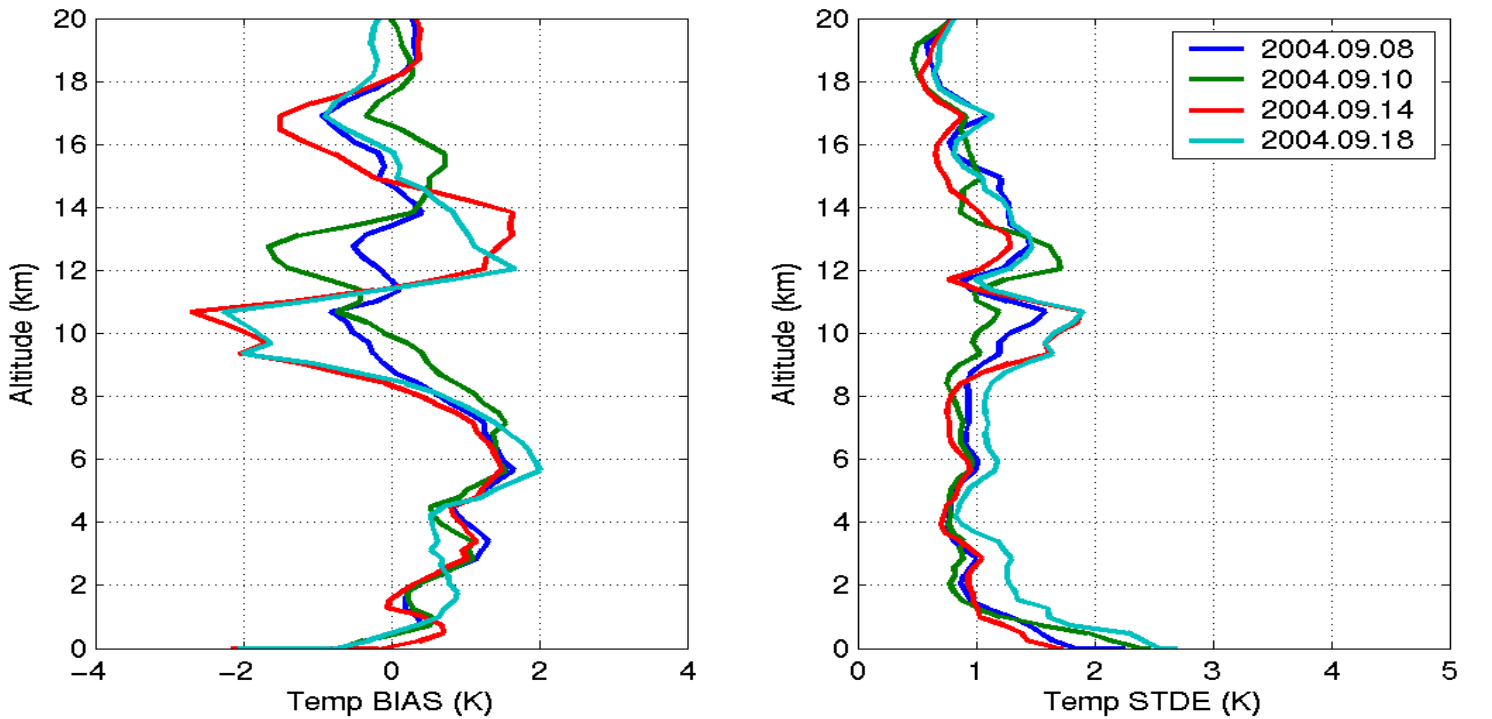


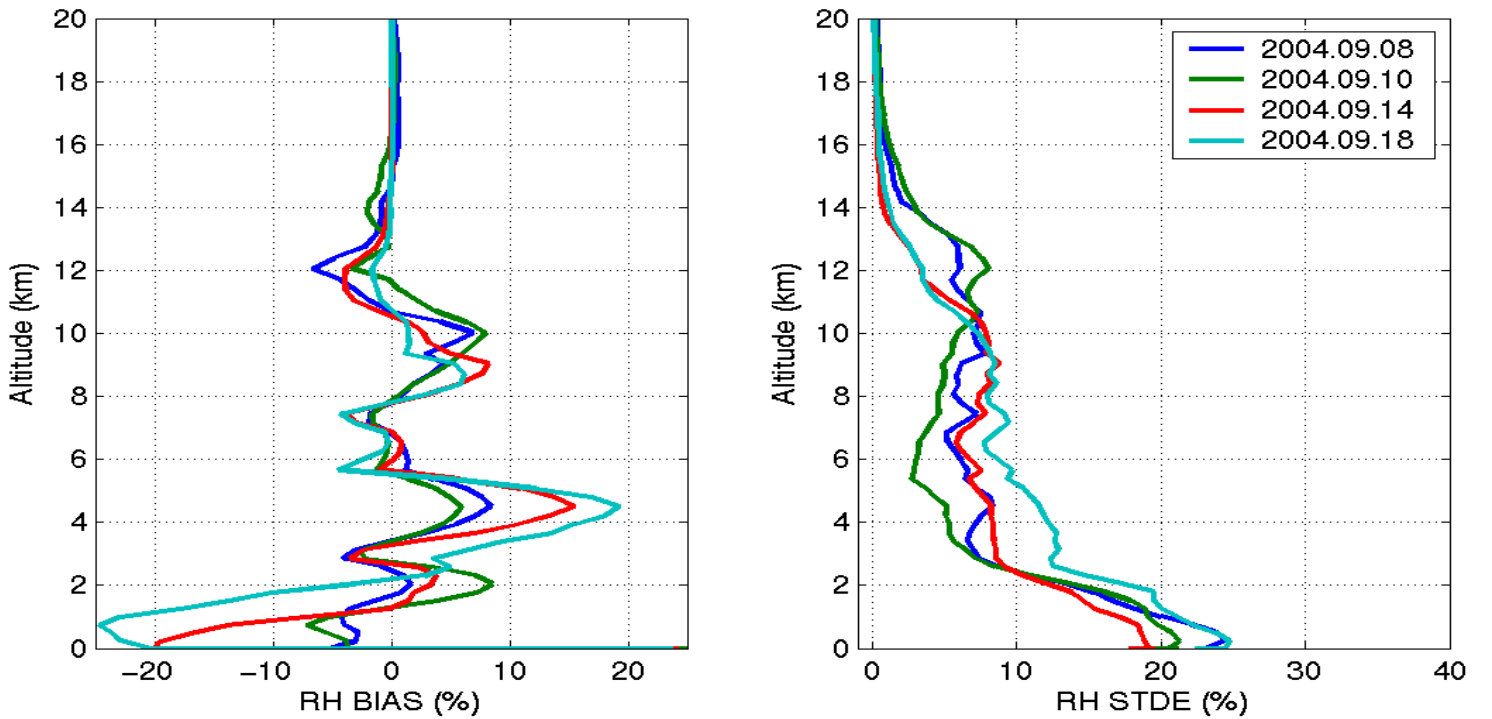
Retrieval Statistical Analysis between 2 Algorithms (2)

To avoid cloud clearing error: Ts>250K
To avoid emissivity error: ΔTs<1.0K;

Temperature

Moisture





Surf. Skin Temp.

Date	BIAS(K)	STDE(K)
09.08	0.25	0.52
09.10	0.11	0.55
09.14	-0.07	0.51
09.18	0.11	0.52

Summary

- AIRS retrievals obtained from 2 inversion algorithms (AIRS-Team and NAST-Team) are used for retrieval algorithm inter-comparison.
- Retrievals of 2 instruments (AIRS and NAST-I) obtained by the NAST-Team retrieval algorithm are used for instrument performance inter-comparison.
- AIRS and NAST-I retrievals are compared with the radiosondes, dropsondes, aircraft in-situ measurements, and ground-based measurements (e.g., Lidar – on going efforts).
- Results show a general agreement between retrieval algorithms of AIRS team and NAST-I team (1K for temp. above the TBL and 2K in the TBL; 10% for RH above the TBL and 20% in the TBL).
- Results also show a good agreement between the retrieval products (AIRS and NAST-I) and radiosondes (and/or dropsondes).
- A similar atmosphere spatial variation was observed by both AIRS and NAST-I.
- AIRS surface skin temperature offset between two retrieval algorithms is more pronounced over the land – under investigation.