Combining GPS occultations with AIRS infrared measurements for improved atmospheric sounding

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- Results
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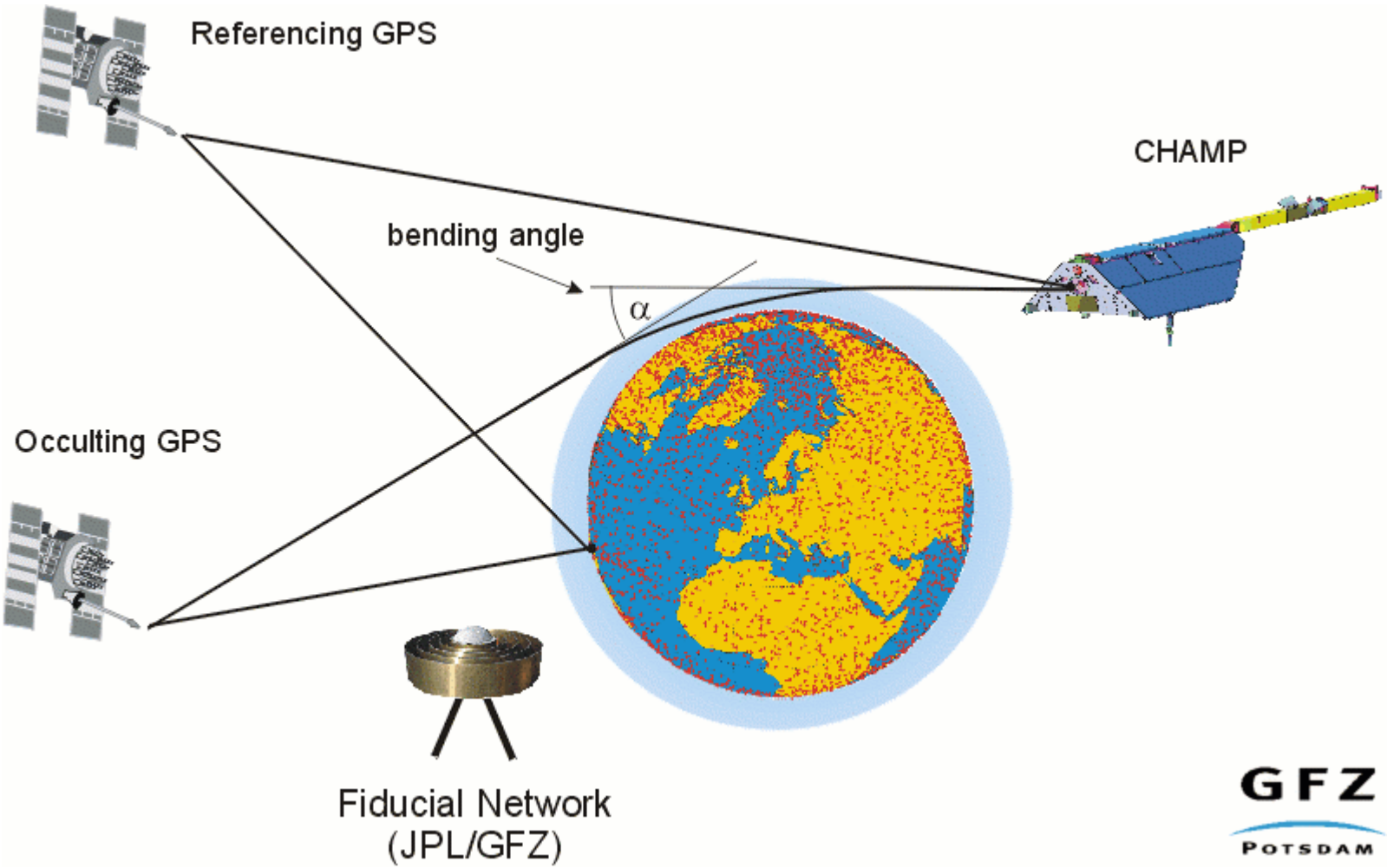
Geometry of radio occultation



Motivation

GPS/RO

- –good absolute accuracy
- –very high vertical resolution, poor horizontal resolution
- –information in upper troposphere and stratosphere
- –high accuracy around tropopause
- –“all weather” instrument

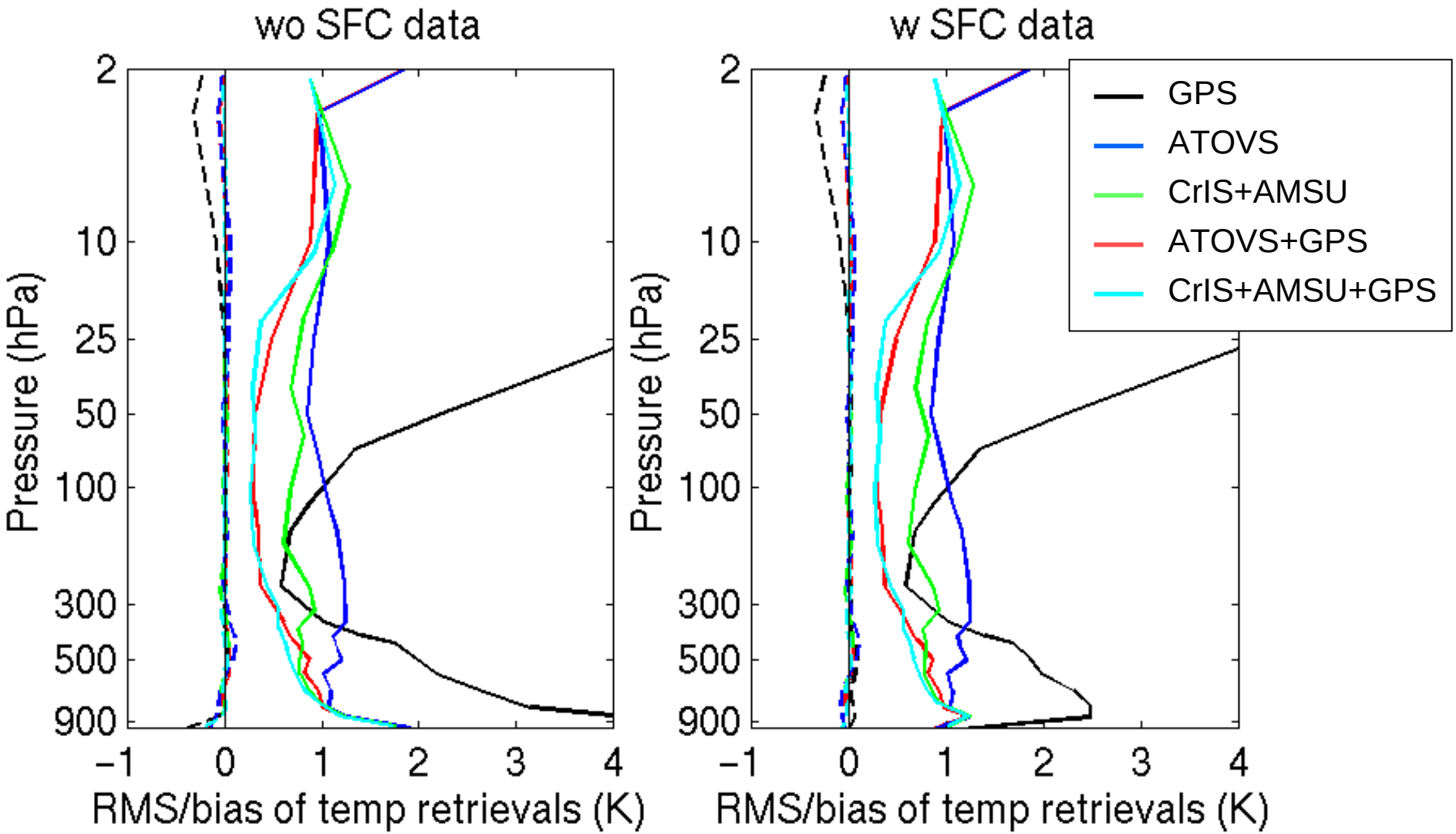
IR and MW (ATOVS)

- –high horizontal resolution, poor vertical resolution
- –information from the total atmospheric column
- –more information on lower tropospheric temperature
- –less information around the tropopause

Results of simulation study

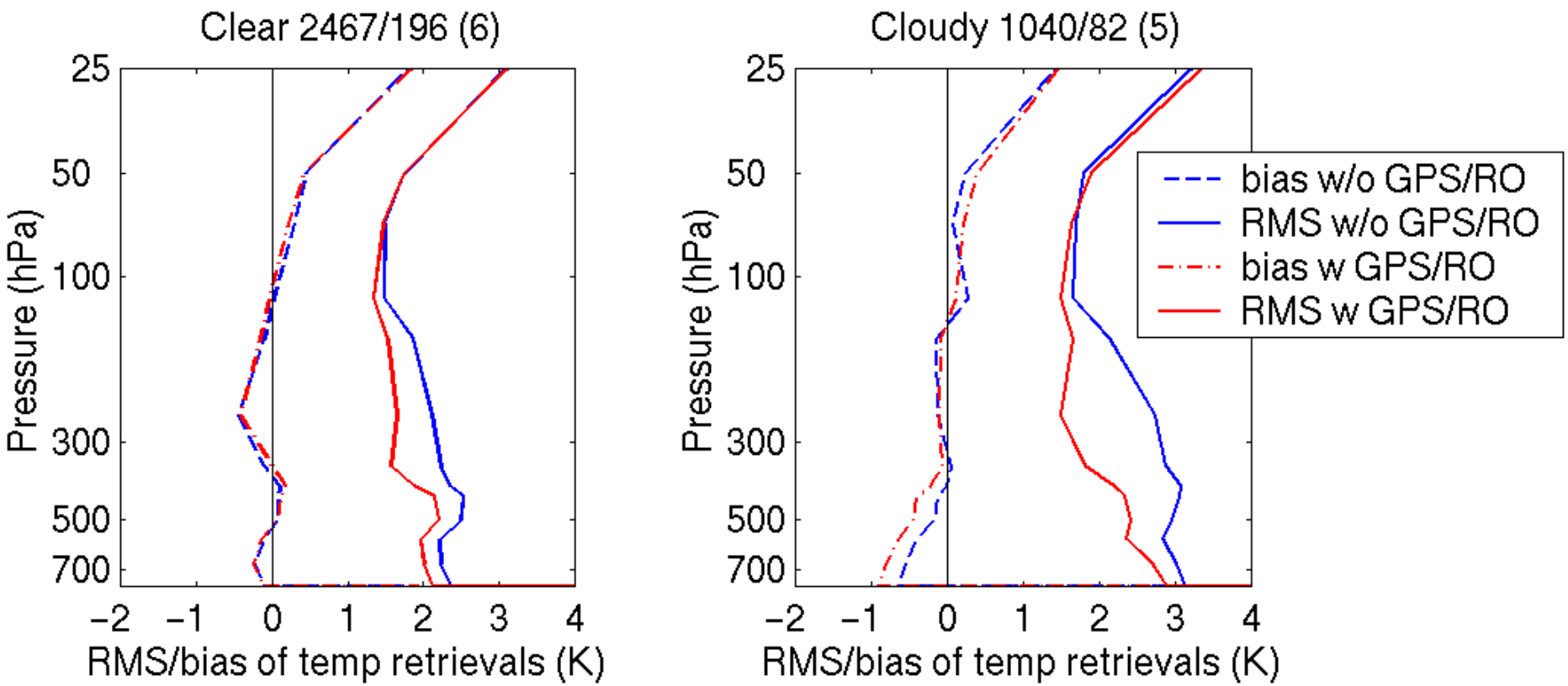
Results of real ATOVS+CHAMP/SACC study

RMS/bias diff of simulated temp retrievals from various systems



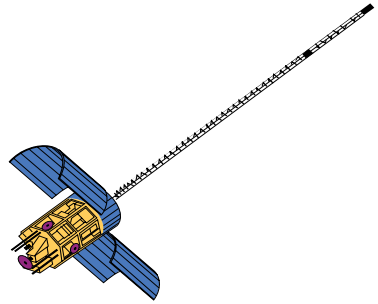
RAOB validation of SACC + ATOVS T(p)

Oct 2001, Jan, Apr and July 2002



GPS/RO (SACC) data improves the radiometric (ATOVS) temp retrievals around the tropopause by 0.5 K (larger impact over the cloudy skies)

Input data



Time period: Sept 2002 – Oct 2003

AIRS+RAOB matchup (**100,266** collocations)

GPS data (SAC-C) July 2001 and Dec 2003: **66,989** occultations

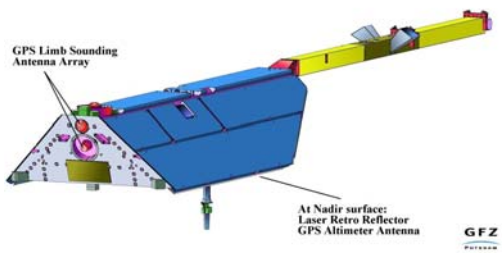
GPS data (CHAMP) May 2001 and Dec 2003: **106,609** occultations

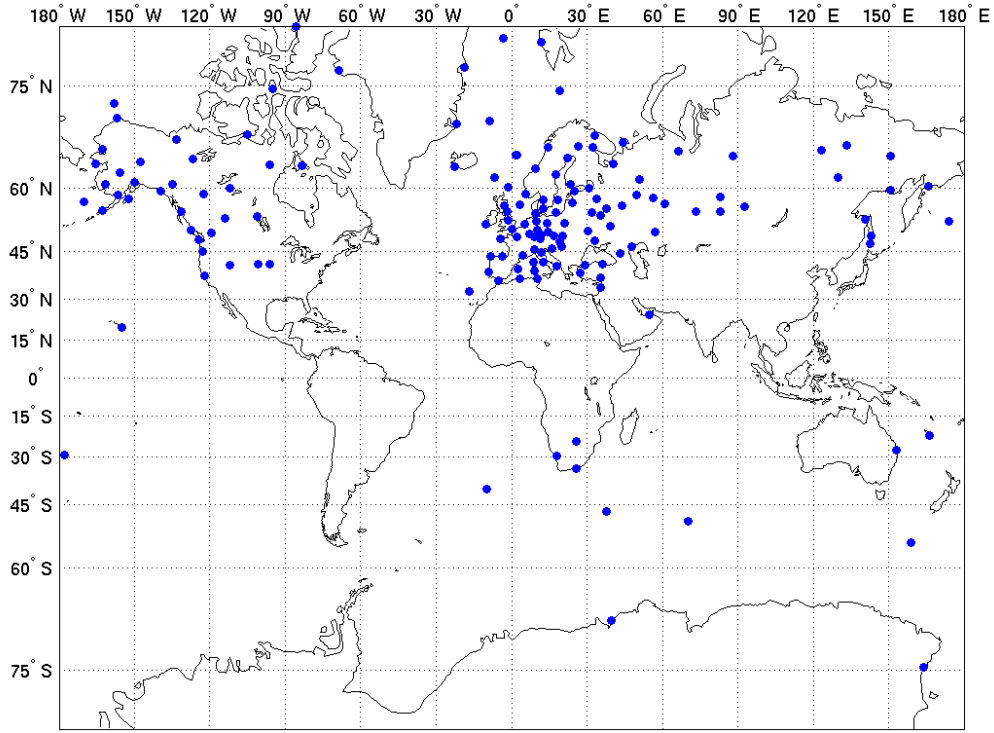
AIRS+RAOB+GPS collocation:

1980 (382 clear sky)

AMSU (AQUA): v3.0.8.0

AIRS level 2: v3.0.8.0





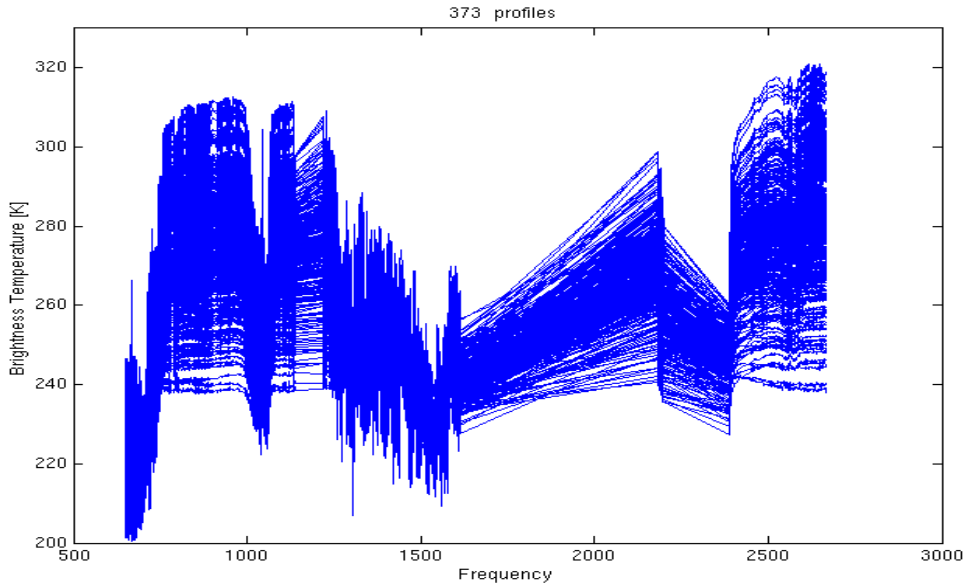
Location of AIRS+AMSU+RAOB+GPS collocations

Method

Test of different cloud masks:

Clear: if BT(obs) –BT(calc) <= 7

for less than 10 selected channels



Test of different set of selected channels and retireval methods:

Clear sky PC statistical regression method

number of PCs:30

6 BT and 11 scan angle classification

with 1688 selected channels

Class	BT@1000 cm^{-1} training	BT@1000 cm^{-1} observations
1	BT ≤ 260	BT ≤ 255
2	250<BT≤270	255<BT≤265
3	260<BT≤280	265<BT≤275
4	270<BT≤290	275<BT≤285
5	280<BT≤300	285<BT≤295
6	290 < BT	295 < BT

AIRS+AMSU+GPS Clear Sky retrieval

Regression Retrieval of T, q, O3, Ts, Ps, and ε_s under clear conditions

Regression Model: $X = C\ Y$

Least squares regression solution: $C = X\ Y^T\ (Y\ Y^T)^{-1}$

X…Atmospheric State,

C…Coefficients,

Y…Measurements: **AIRS & AMSU BTs and GPS refractivity profiles**

Forward Model Calculations

AIRS BTs: SARTA model

AMSU BTs: Paul van Delst's implementation of Liebe MPM line-by-line model (Channels: 6-14)

GPS refractivity profiles**:** (Healy & Eyre, 2000) with vertically correlated measurements errors (200m vertical resolution)

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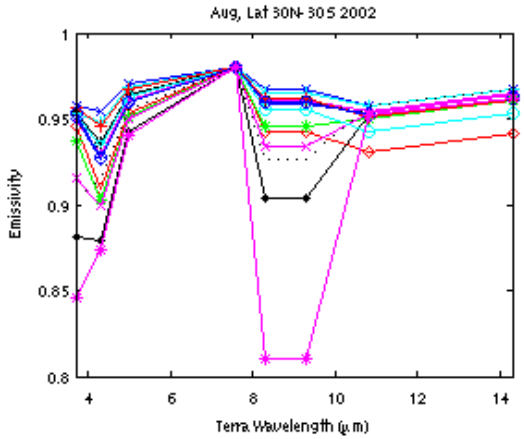
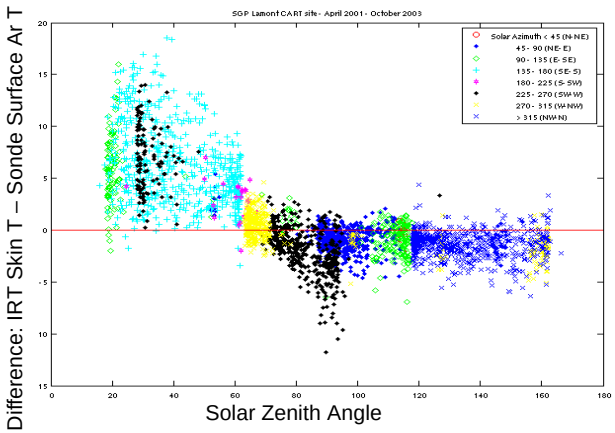
Training Data

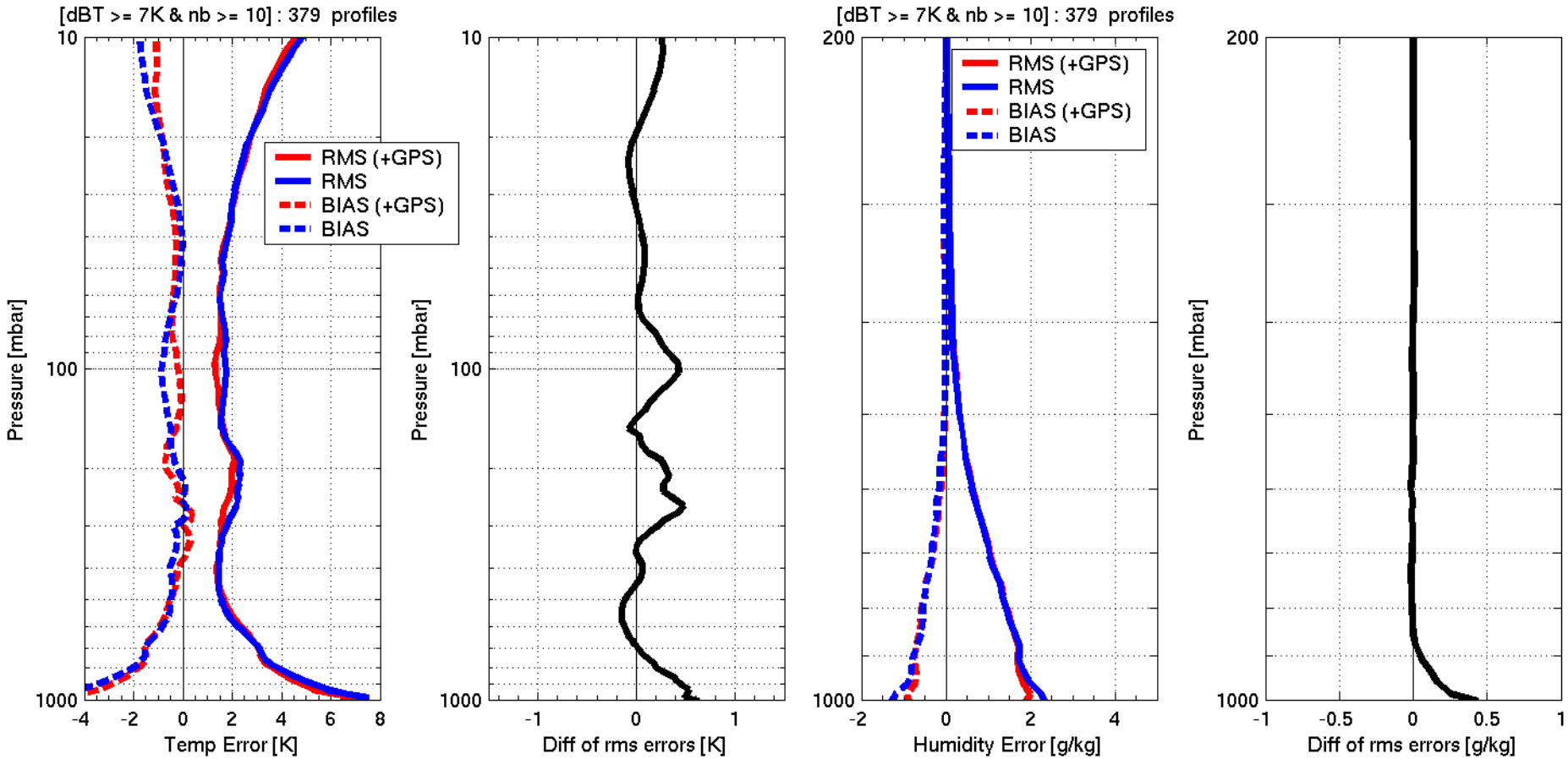


- 12,245 global atmospheric profiles
- Profiles are taken from the
  NOAA-88, ECMWF training set, TIGR-3, ozonesondes, desert radiosondes
- All with saturation checks and other QC
- New Surface Skin Temperature assigned to profiles
- New ecosystem-based Surface Emissivity assigned to profiles



Electrochemical concentration cell (ECC) Ozonesondes weekly launches, 1997 to present at 8 sites through the Climate Monitoring and Diagnostics Laboratory (CMDL)

RAOB validation of AIRS+AMSU retrievals with and without GPS data



GPS between 8 and 26 km

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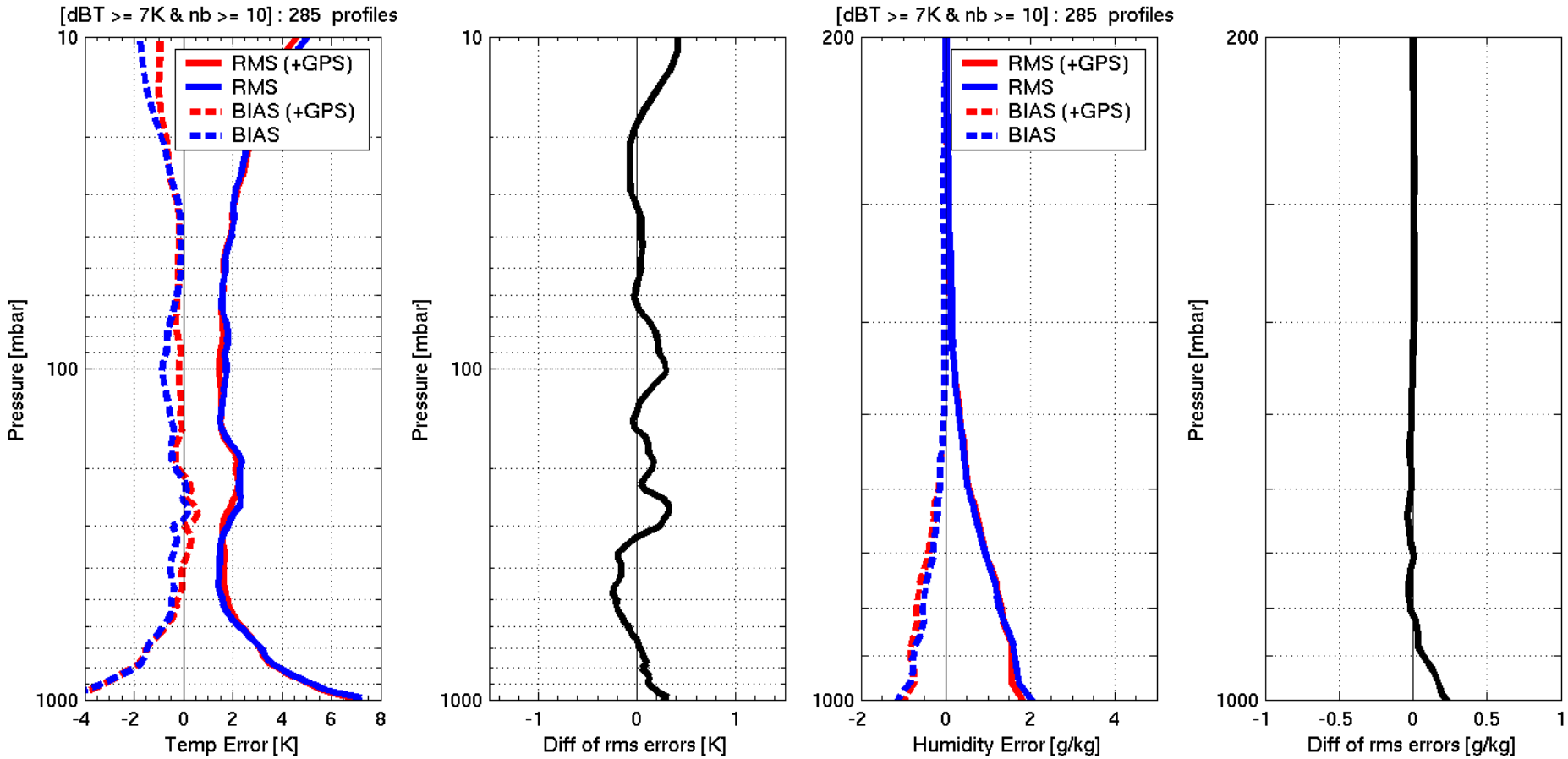
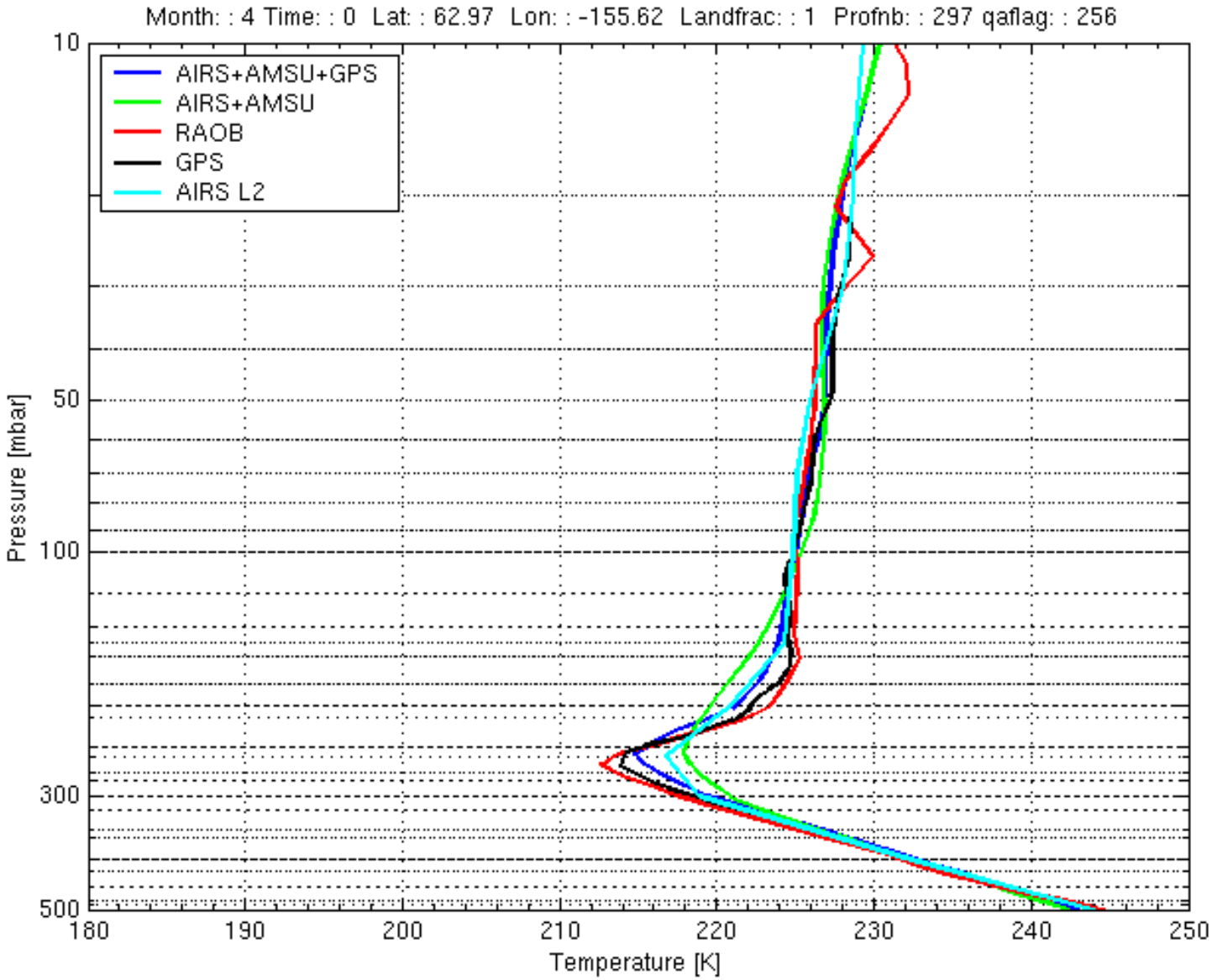


GPS between 1 and 26 km (3Xσ3Xnoise)

Comparison of temperature profiles



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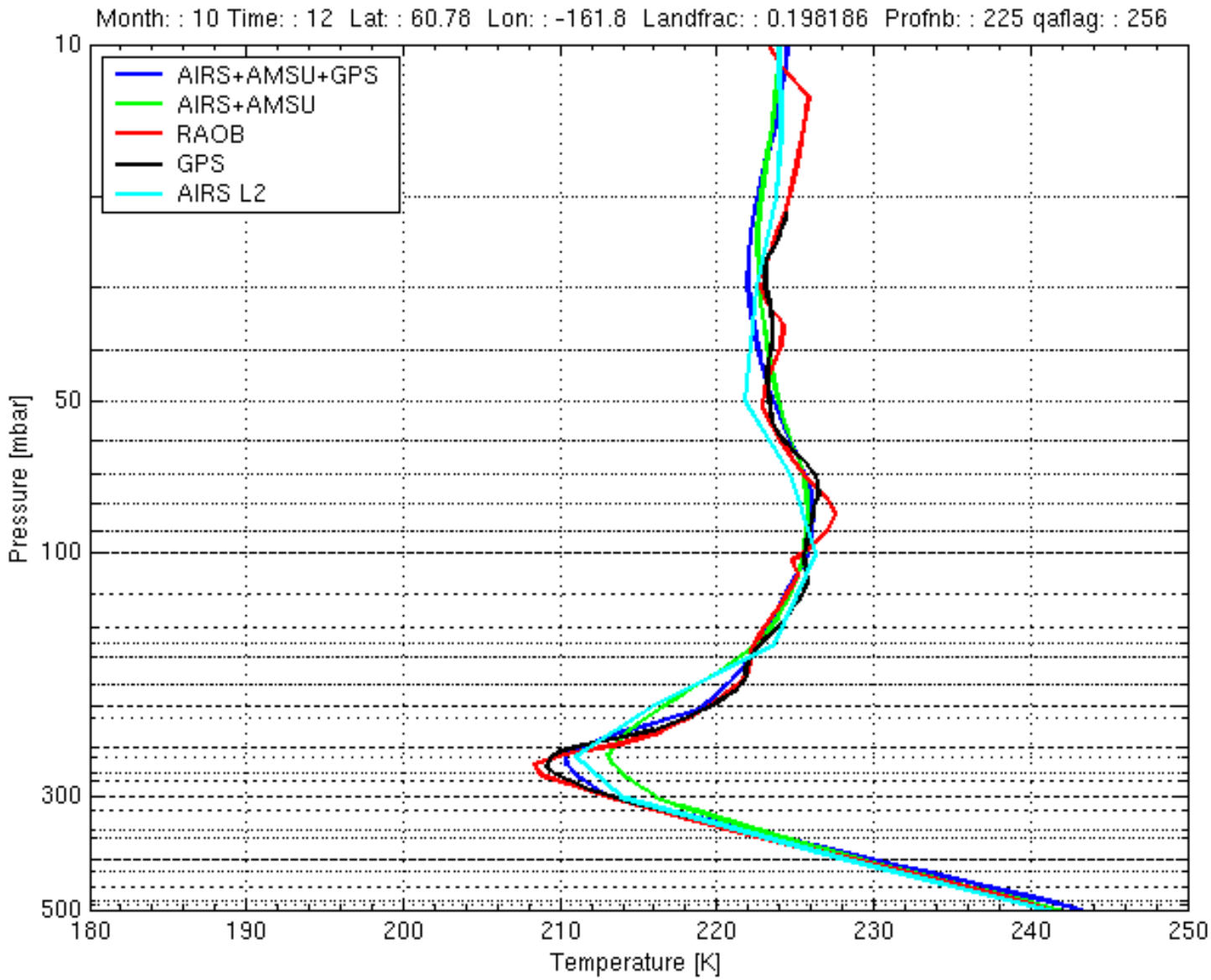
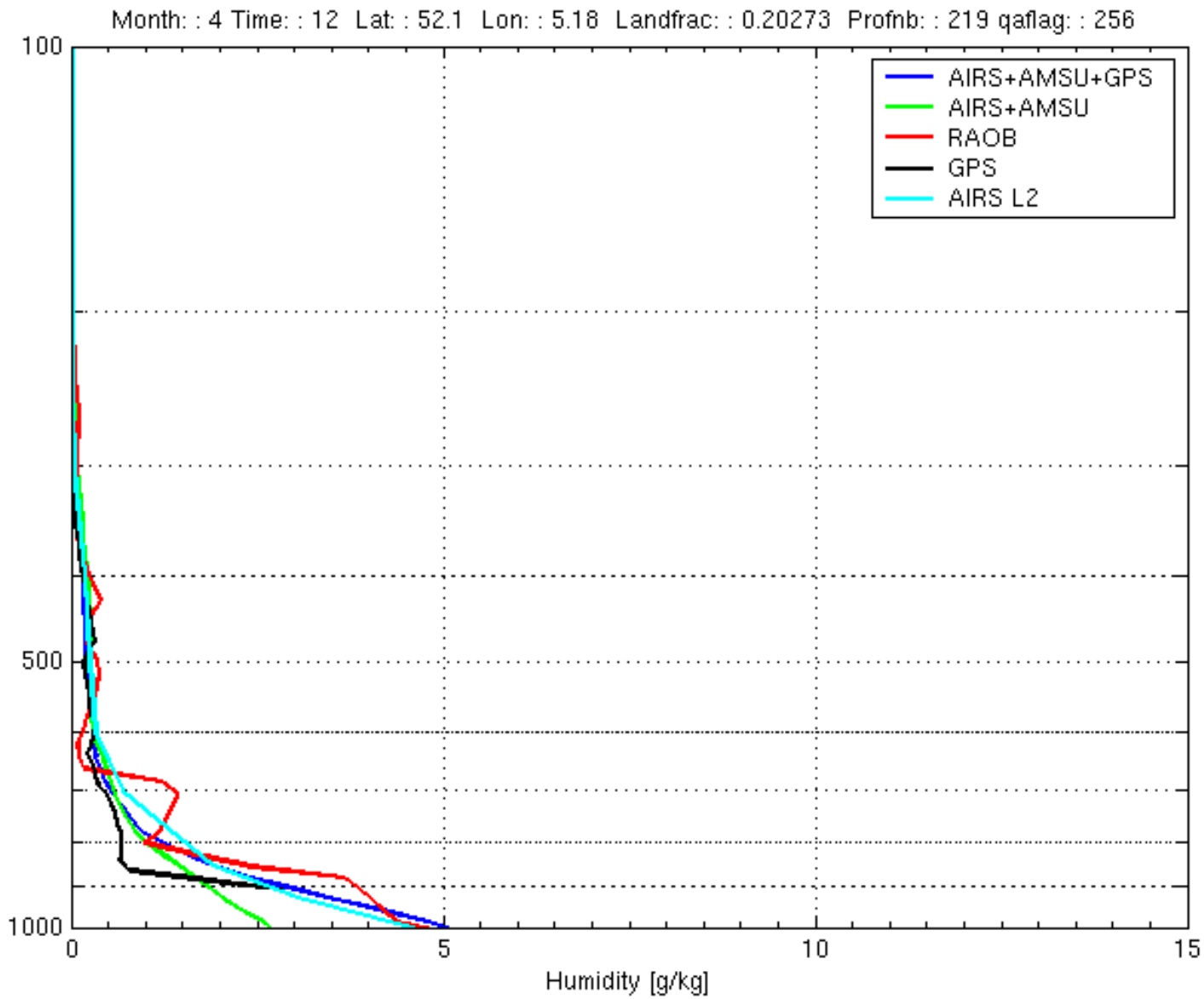


Comparison of moisture profiles



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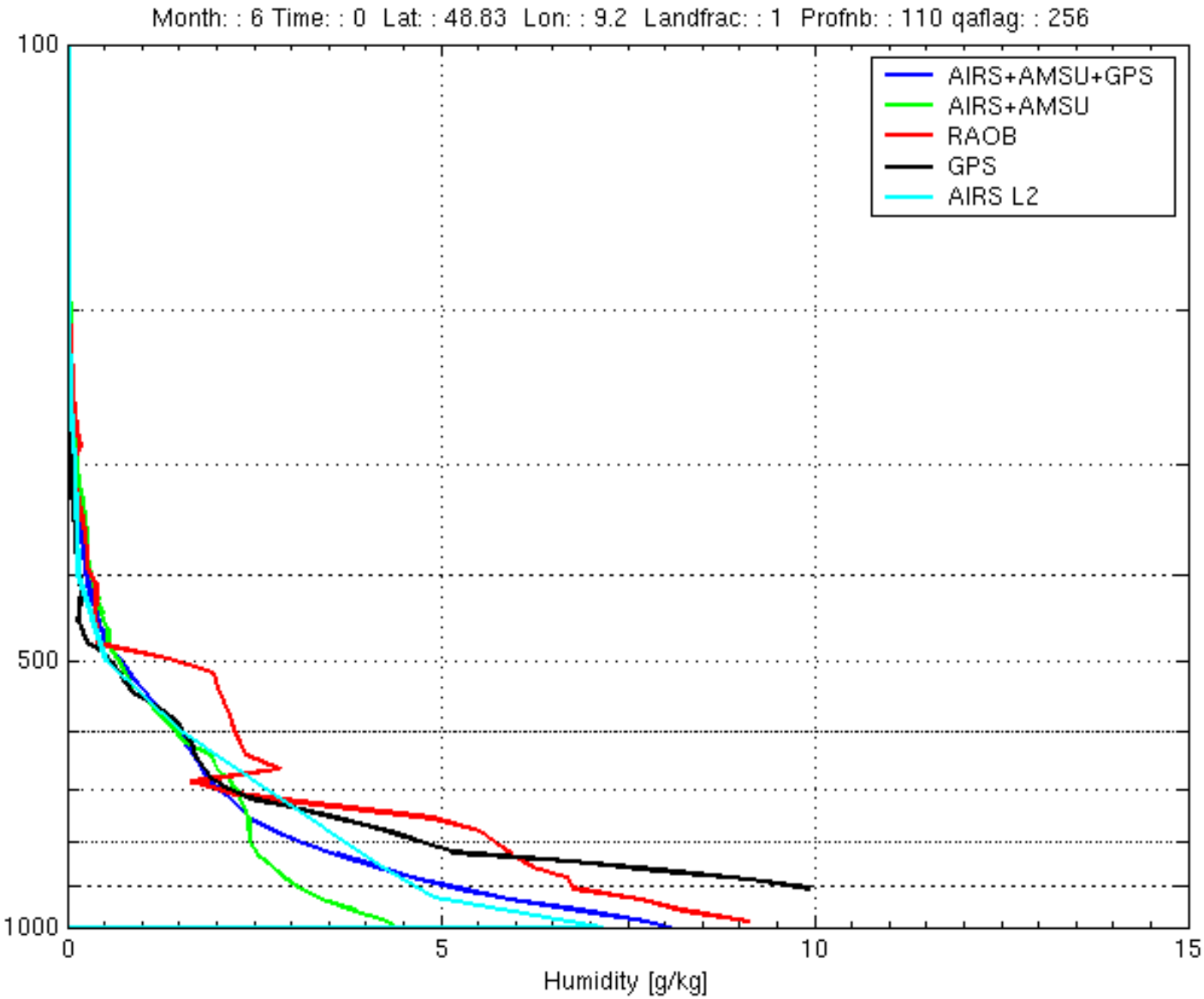


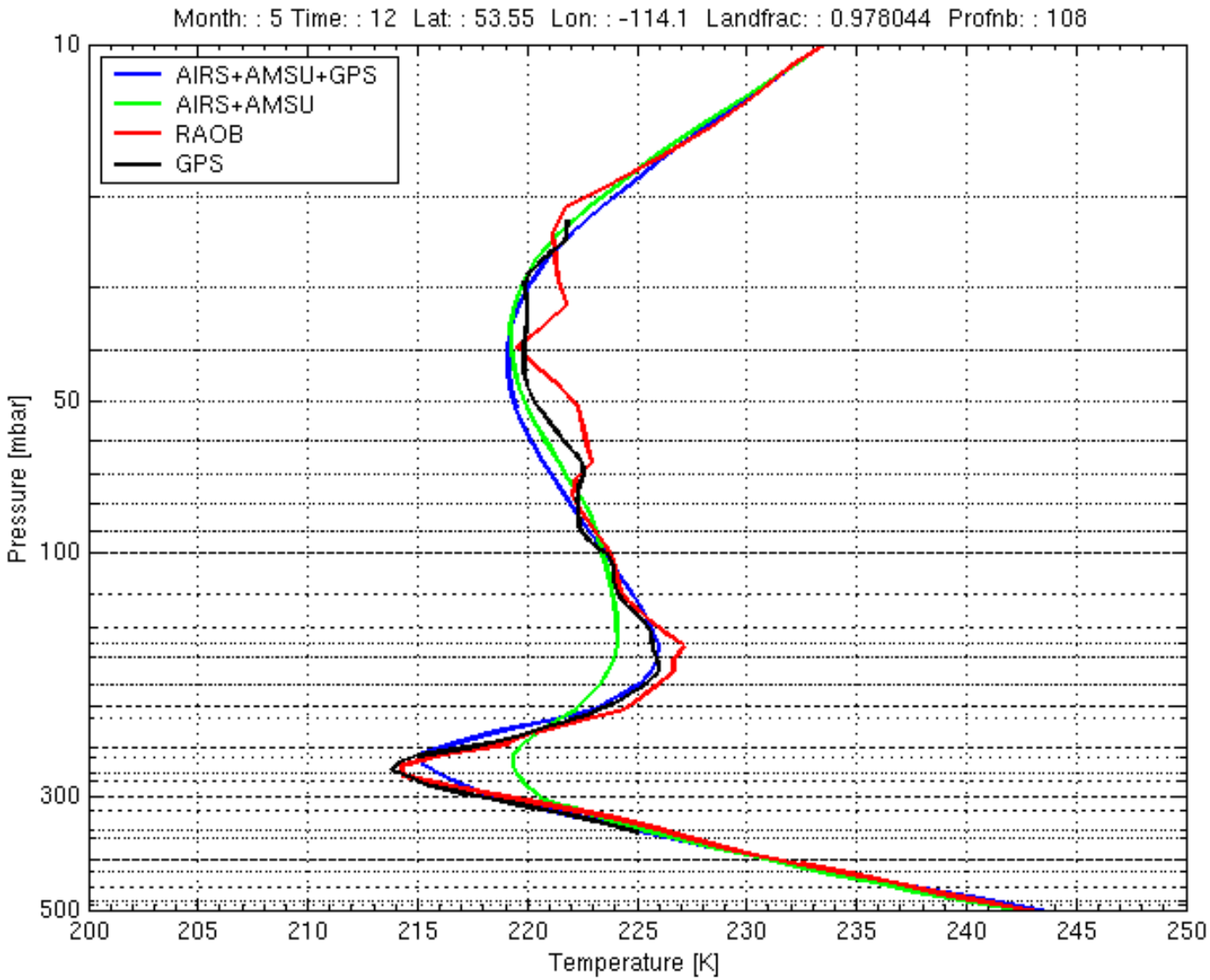
Conclusions

In clear sky conditions, AIRS L2 v3 temperature retrievals perform better than AIRS+AMSU regression retrievals but worse than AIRS+AMSU+GPS. The part of the atmosphere that shows the greatest improvement from inclusion of GPS is the tropopause.

For moisture, AIRS L2 is the best, followed by AIRS+AMSU+GPS and last is AIRS+AMSU (without GPS)

Future Plans

- Expand the dataset with more collocations
- Investigate the lower troposphere more
- Compare with operational AIRS L2 retrievals when v4 is available
- Use v4 software to integrate GPS (if source code becomes available)
- Integrate GPS data in cloudy retrievals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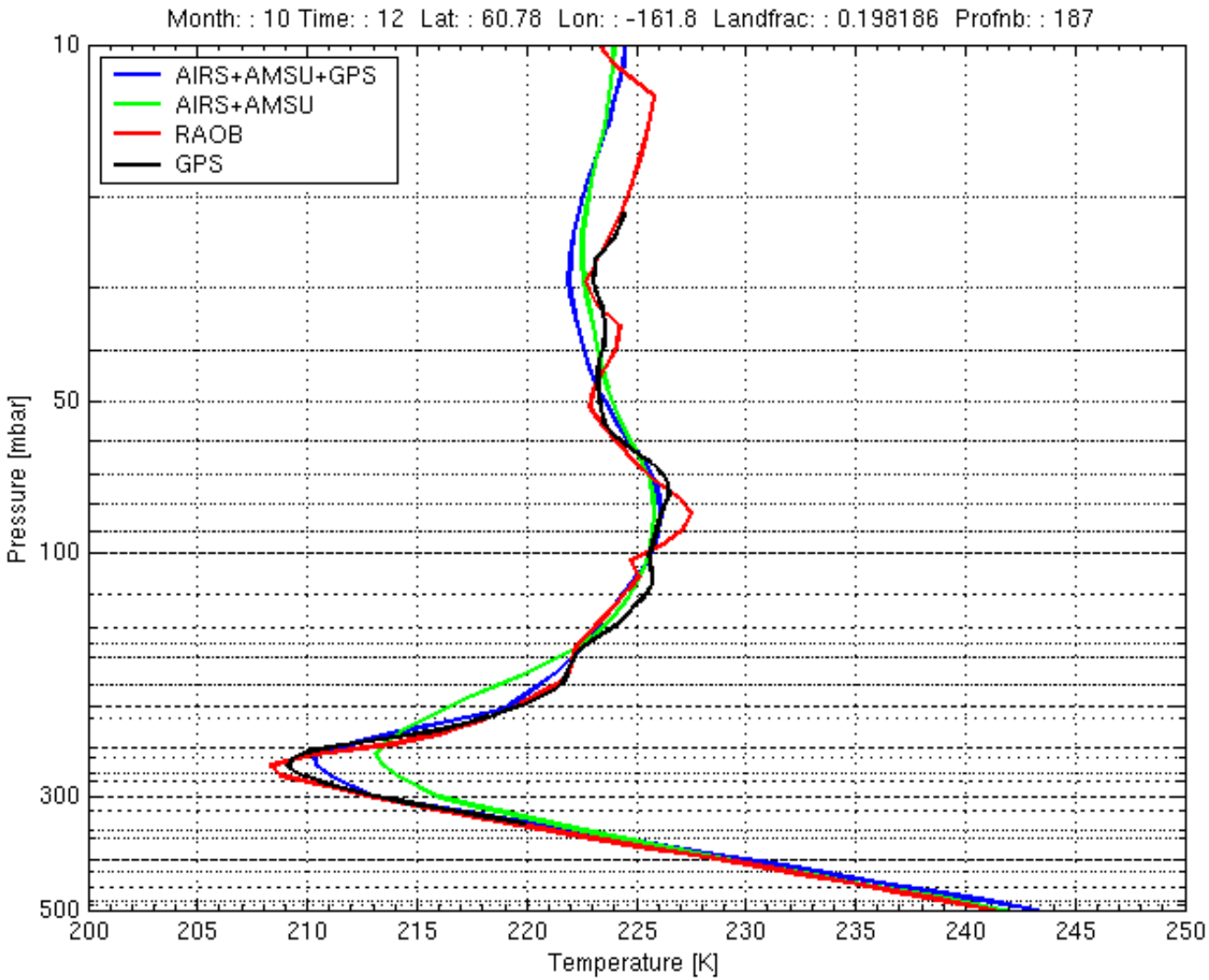
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