



SYNERGY

Infrared + Microwave satellite observations

Statistical study of bayesian retrjeval
in a simulated framework

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01

PROBLEMATICS



Combining IR and MW all
sky data

WHAT IS NOW ASSIMILATED in ARPEGE

IR	- All observations in clear-sky only
MW	- Observations from MHS, MWHS2, GMI, AMSR2 in the ECMWF all-sky route - Observations from AMSUA, ATMS, SSMI/S in clear-sky

COMPLEMENTARITY of IR & MW observations

sensitivity

IR	Top of clouds, TOA, Cloud fraction	
MW	Cloud ice (submm) Precipitations, Cloud sounding	

PhD objective : Assimilation of IR data within clouds with a specific focus on synergy between IR and MW data.

PROBLEMATICS

Consistently assimilate IR observations in addition to MW observations?

DIFFICULTIES

Inconsistencies in RT modelling
between IR and MW

NWP model uncertainties

METHODS

Evaluating the **relative importance**
of RT inconsistencies compared to
model uncertainties with the
comparison of **retrieved profiles** in
a simulated 1D framework

02

METHODS

Building 1D framework with simulated observations
(controlled sources of errors in RTTOV
SCATT and in NWP parameterisations)

SPACE MISSIONS



MICROWAVE

EUMETSAT POLAR SYSTEM (EPS) SECOND GENERATION

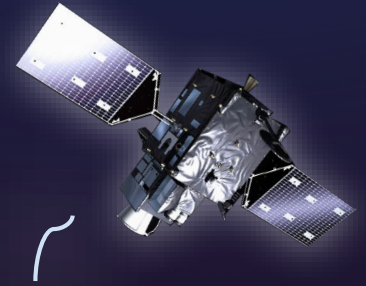
MetOp-SG-B (early 2025)

Microwave Imager
(MWI)

18.7 – 183.31 GHz

Ice Cloud Imager
(ICI)

183.31 – 664 GHz



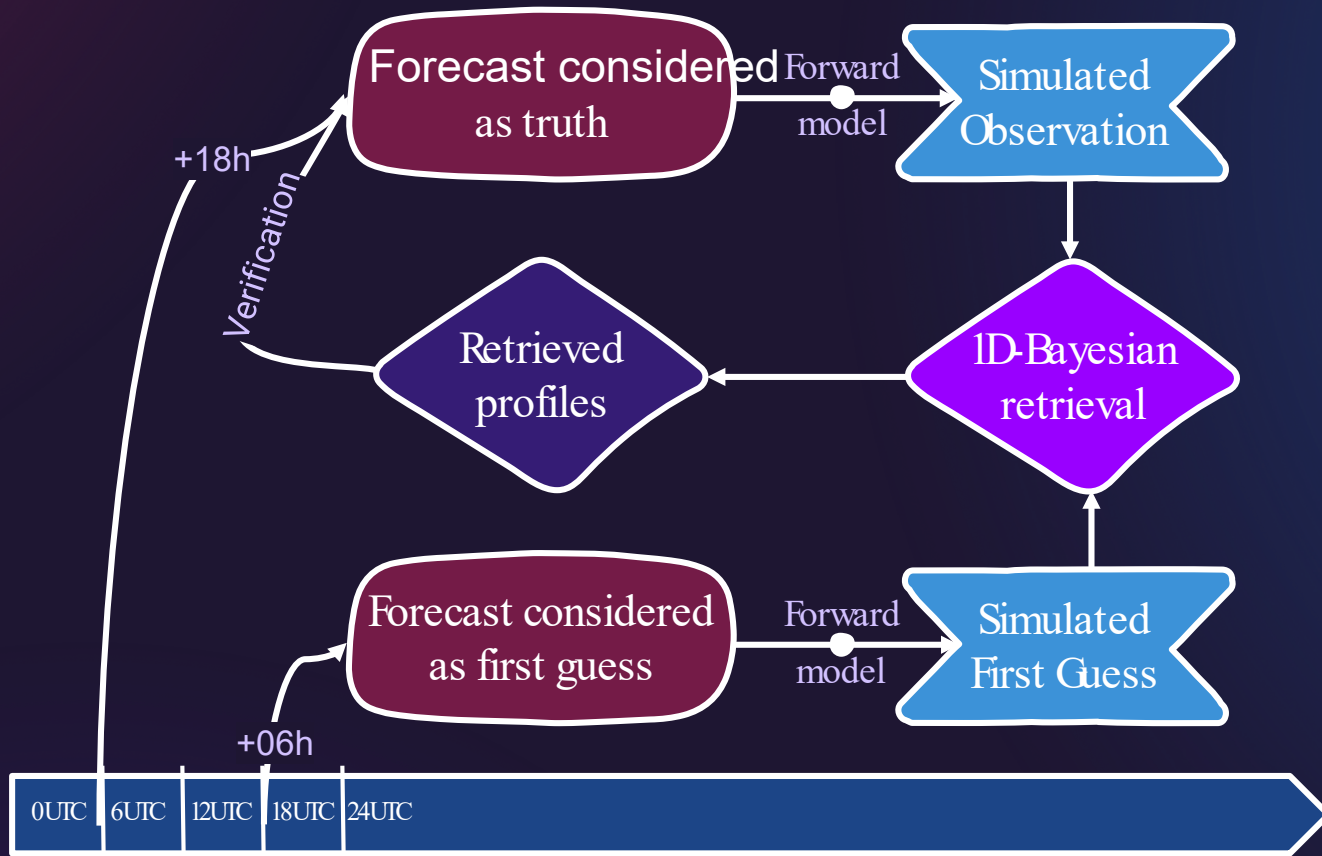
INFRARED

METEOSAT THIRD GENERATION

MTGI (dec. 2022)

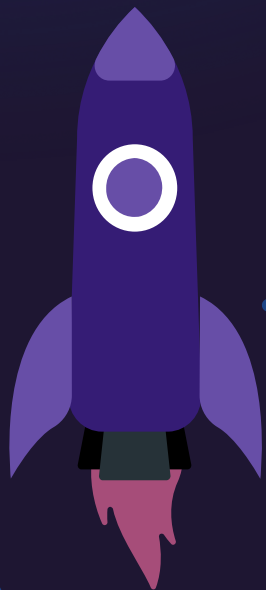
Flexible Combined Imager
(FCI)

3.8 – 13.3 μm



FRAMEWORK

noERR experiment



- 01** FG vs OBS
SAME SETTINGS
between FG and OBS simulations
- 02** RTTOV v13
FG and OBS
fully simulated with RTTOV
- 03** RTTOV OPTIONS
HYDROMETEORS
simulated with the most realistic settings
- 04** GOAL
ELIMINATE
the sources of inconsistencies

SOURCES OF INCONSISTENCIES

Radiative Transfer model

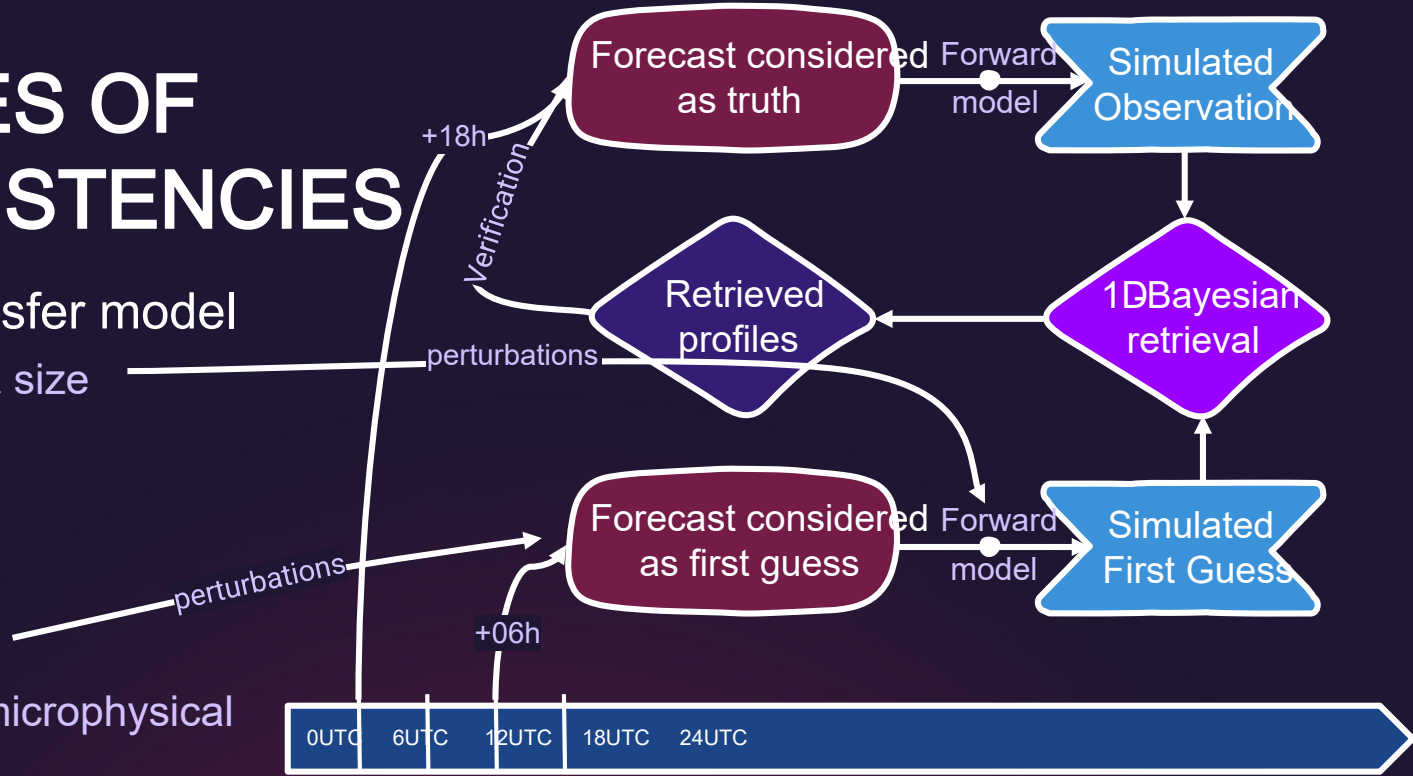
Particles shape & size distribution

mRT

NWP model

Uncertainties in microphysical scheme

mMOD



ADDING PERTURBATIONS:

mRTexperiment

Default

Geer et al. 2021
PSD & shapes



Perturbations in FG

Geer and Baordo 2014
PSD & shapes



Baran 2018

Baum 2011

mMODexperiment

Default

Default value of operational
ARPEGE forecast model
– microphysical and
convection
parameterisations

Perturbations in FG

Replace the default value in
parameterisations by a
random value in a range
defined by ARPEGE
ensemble prediction
system

mALL experiment

mRT perturbations
(in RTTOV)

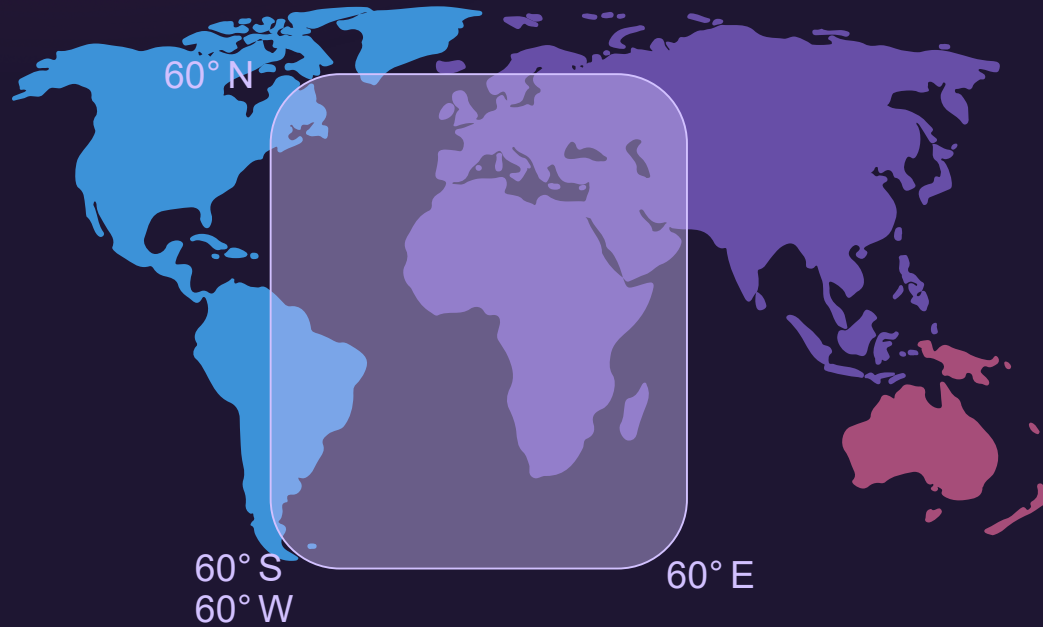


mMOD perturbations
(in ARPEGE)

Which one predominates ?

Do the differences in the radiative transfer modelling have a significant impact on retrievals ?

STATISTICAL STUDY



June 2020						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

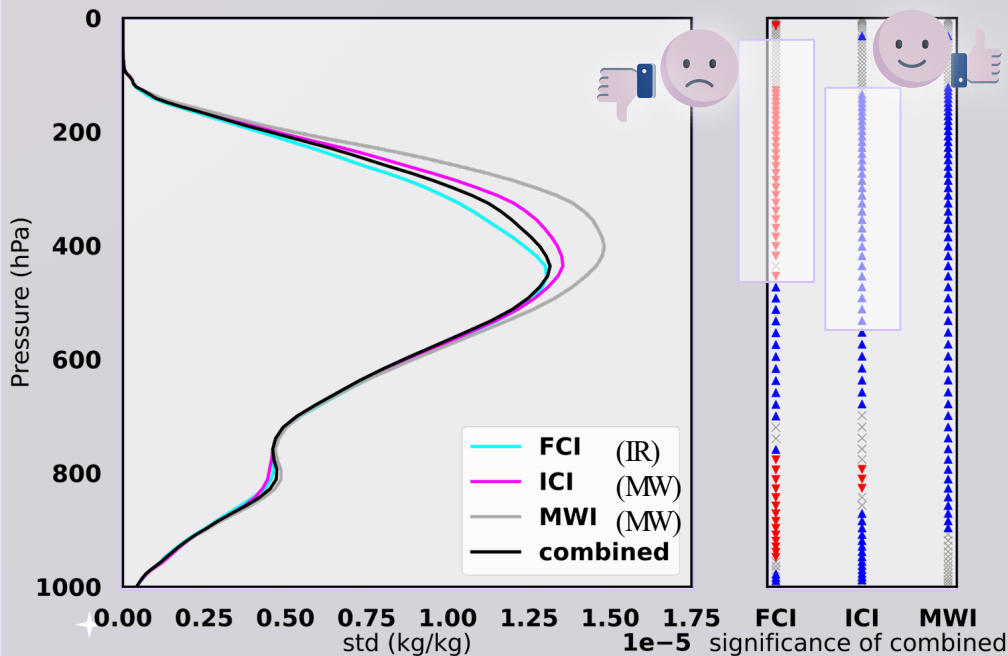
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03

RESULTS

Can we build a synergy?

CIW- noERR



STD (OBSRET)

Levene's test
(significance)

noERR experiment: STD study

STD of OBServation RETrieval

Significance test between combined
(IR+MW) inversion and single
instrument inversion

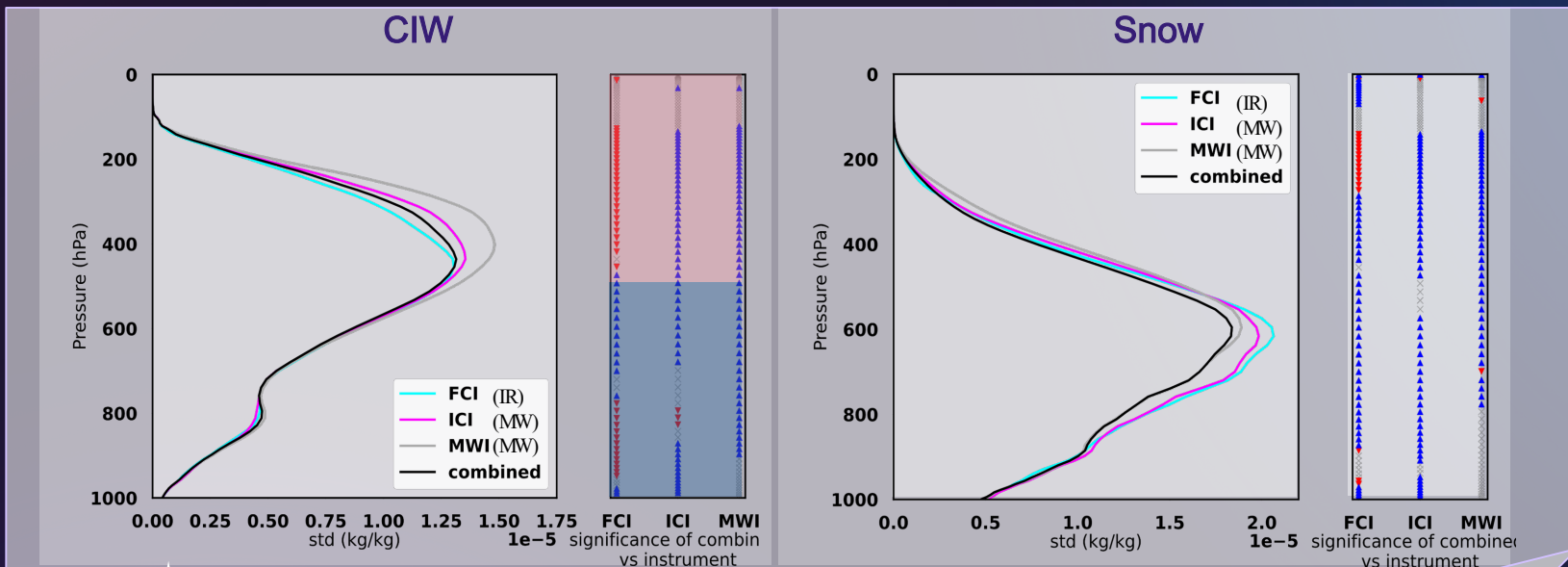
Conclusion:

Positive impact of IR in higher altitude and of MW in lower altitude?

Premitting hydrometeor is improvement of IR and compromise from MW or?

Synergy? Yes

noERR experiment: STD study



High altitude : improvement of MW
Low altitude : improvement of IR

Improvements of all instruments at all levels

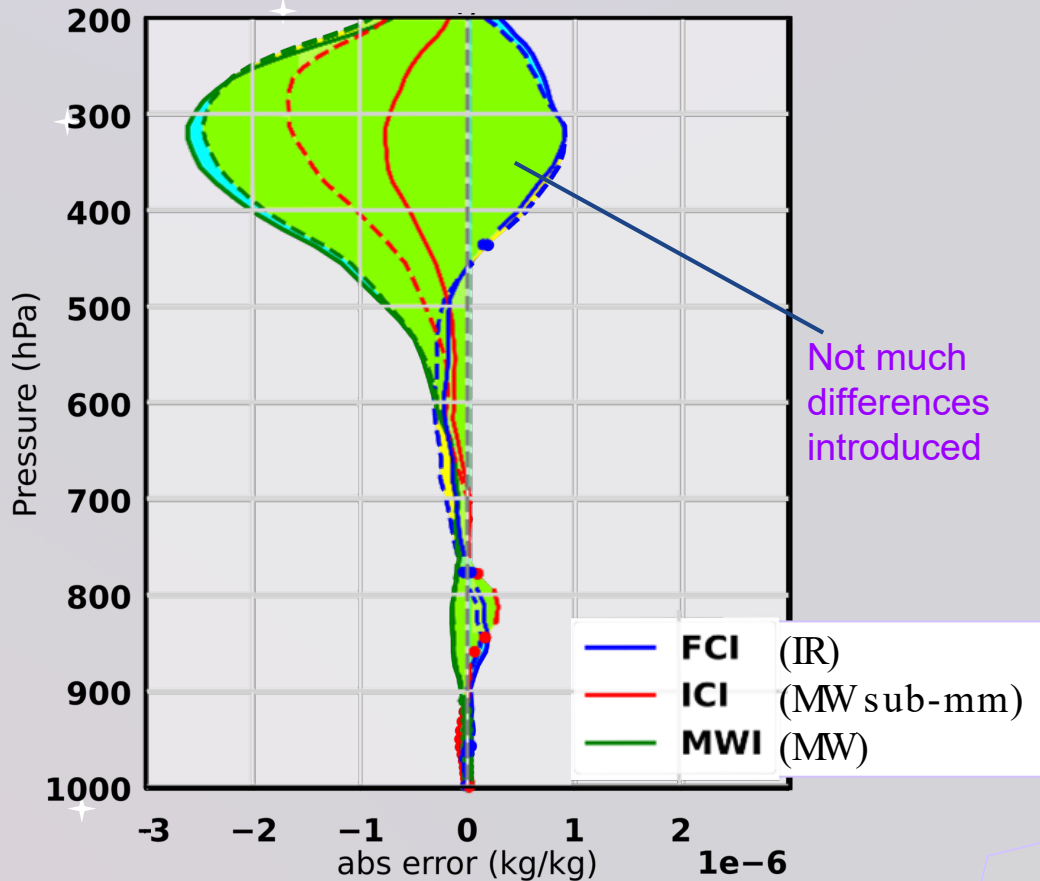
How do the perturbations affect the synergistic effect?

STD differences

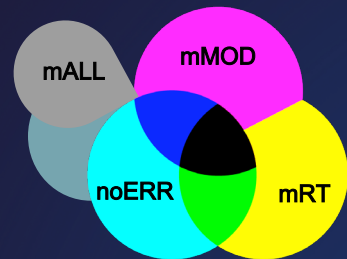
$$DIFF_{mEXP} = STD_{mEXP}^c - STD_{mEXP}^i$$

> 0 if combined inv. less good than sing. inst. inv.
< 0 if combined inv. better than single inst. inv.

QW-noERR

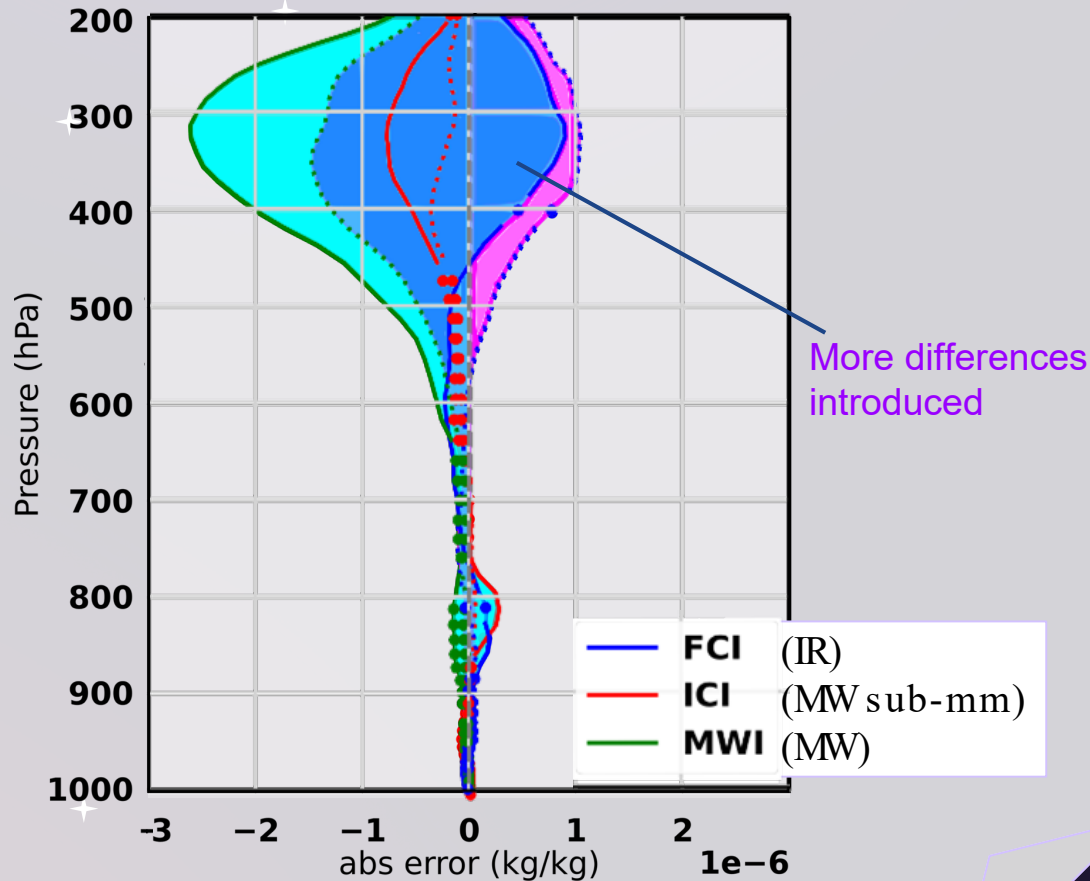


Perturbations impacts

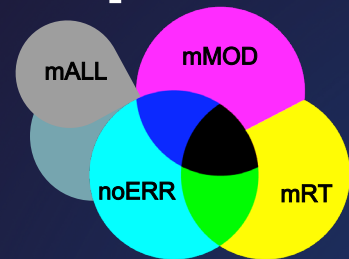


Coloured areas superposition gives information on the amount of differences introduced by the perturbations

CCWV-noERR



Perturbations impacts



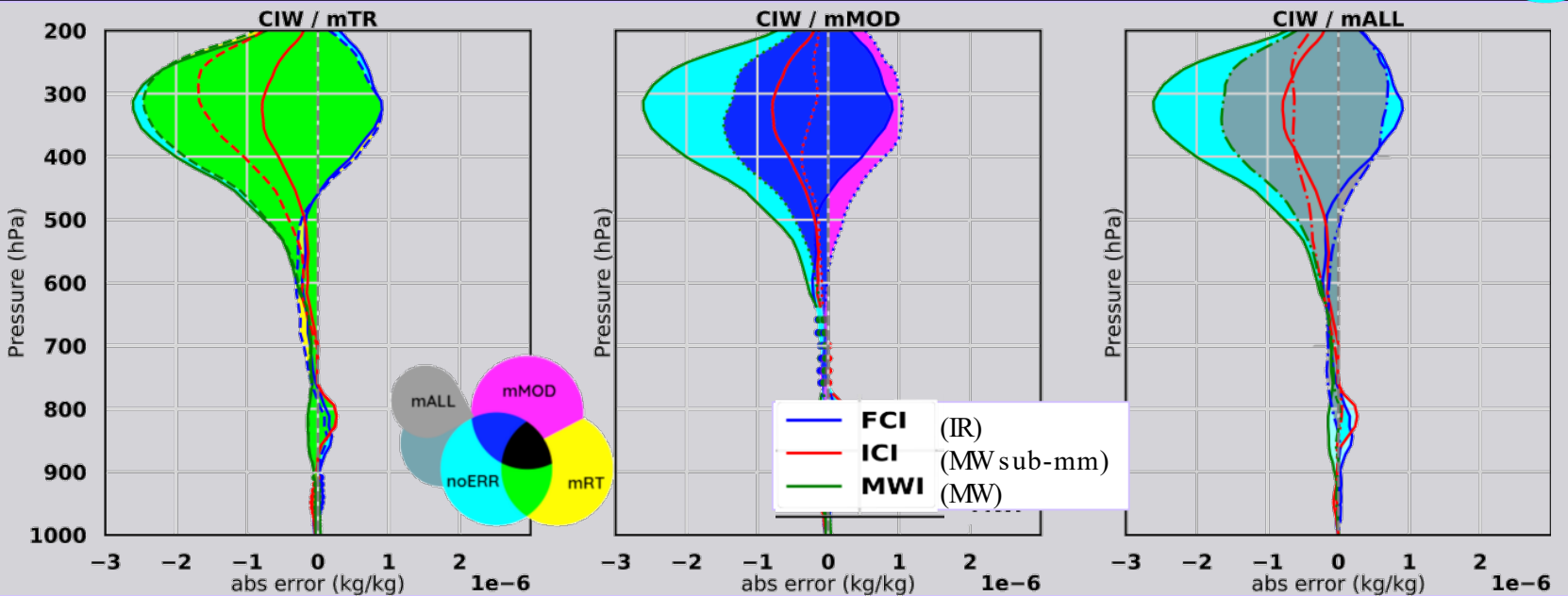
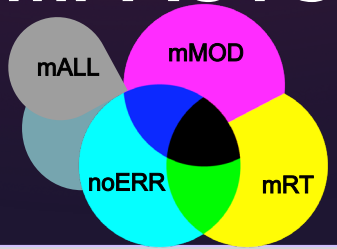
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Conclusions

mMOD has more impact than mRT on CIW.

PERTURBATIONS IMPACTS

CIW

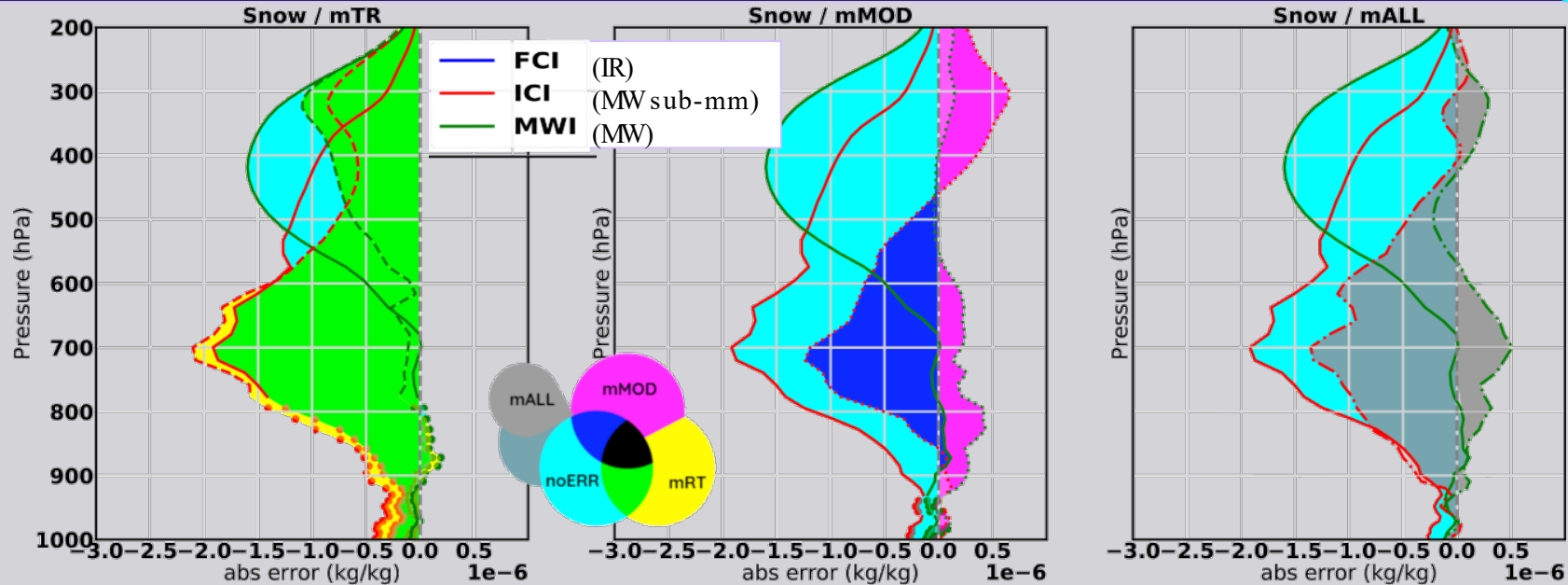
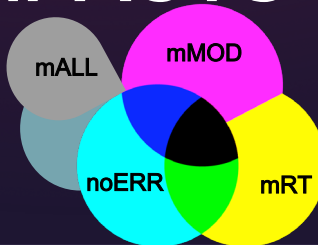


Conclusions

mMOD has more impact than mRT on Snow.

PERTURBATIONS IMPACTS

Snow



Conclusions

Combination IR+MW
=> gathering of benefits
leading to a better
retrieval

Adding perturbations
=> combination of
IR+MW still leads to a
better retrieval

Inconsistencies in RT
modelling do not prevent
IR and MW synergy

Adding both perturbations
leads to a more moderated
response. One of the
perturbations is
predominant on the other.

noERR synergy

mEXP synergy

Consistency

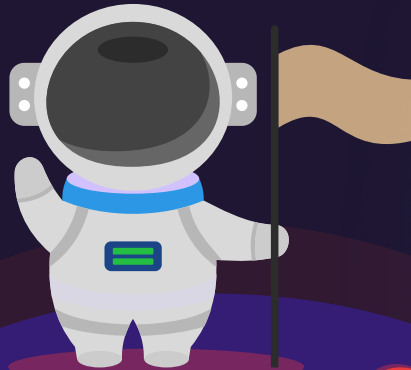
mALL experiment

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04

FUTURE WORKS

**Implementing all-sky IR
GOES16/ABI
raw radiances
in 4D-Var assimilation
system**

Starting point: code branch that
Alan Geer shared with us and
used in his paper on IASI all-sky
assimilation (2019)

Any questions?

Combination IR+MW
=> gathering of benefits
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retrieval

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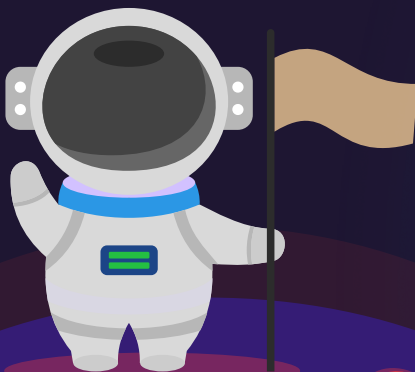
mALL experiment

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APPENDIX

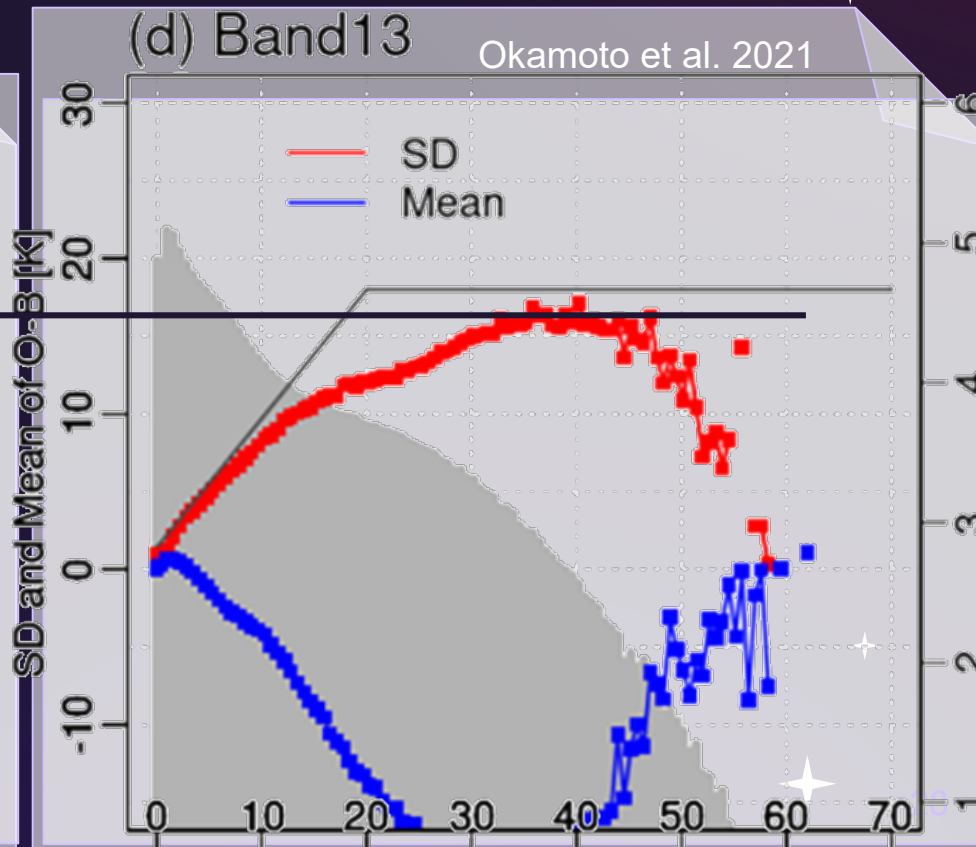
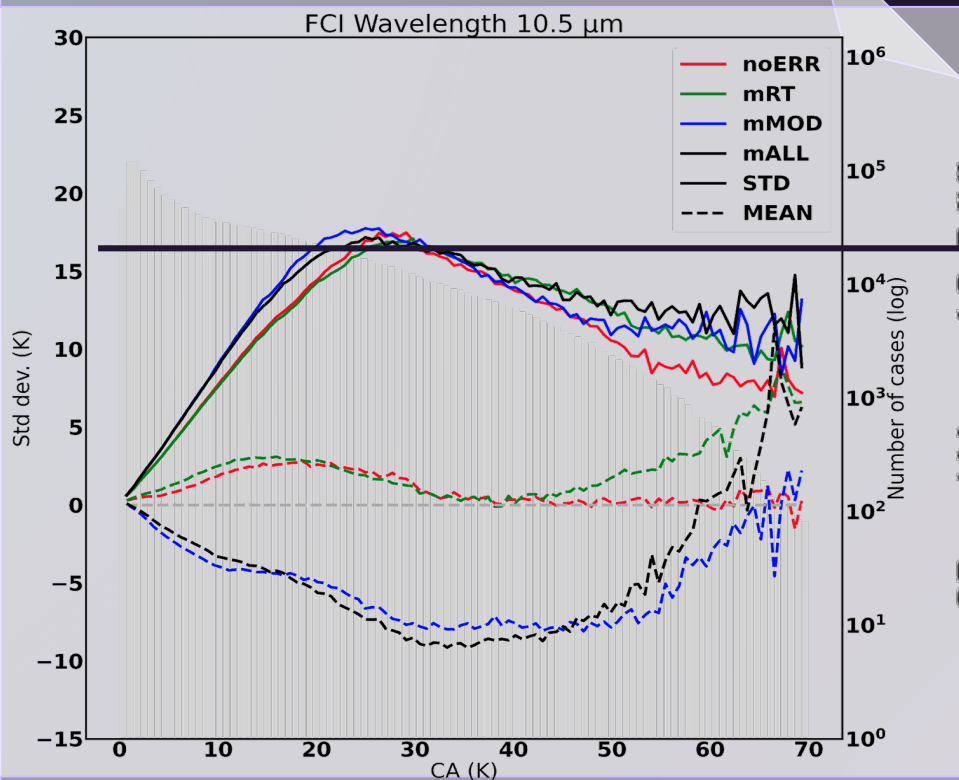




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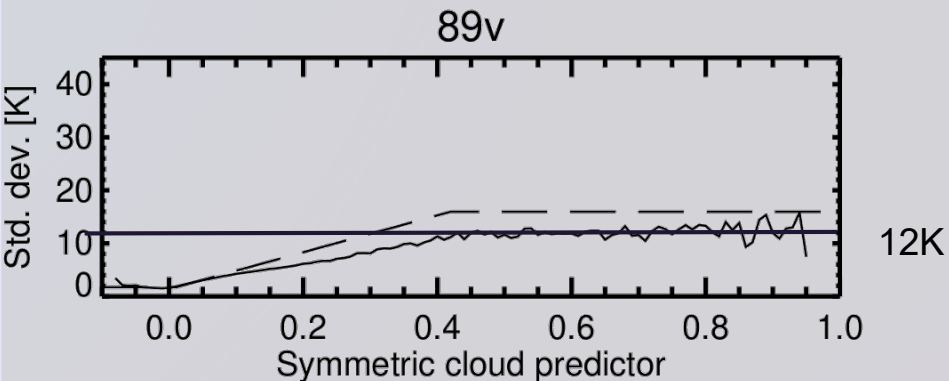
VALIDATION

Cloud predictor (IR)



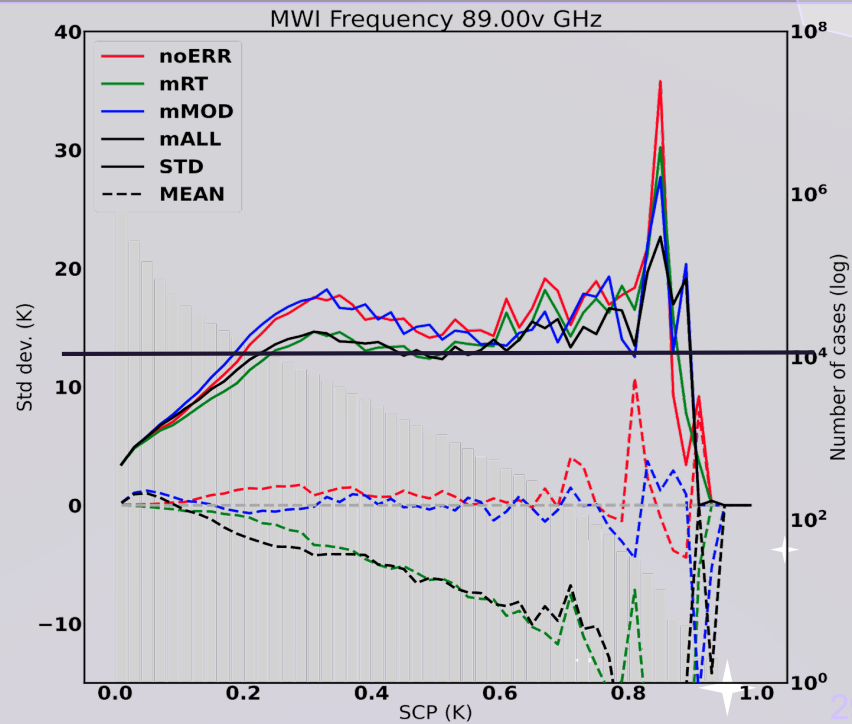
Cloud predictor (MW)

Lean et al. 2017



----- Observation error model

_____ Std. dev. of FG departures



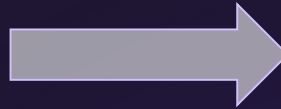
Desroziersdiagnostic (Desroziers et al. 2005)

To determine observation errors

$$Dx = \sqrt{(BT_{OBS} - BT_{FG}) \times (BT_{OBS} - BT_{RET})}$$

Several iterations

1. Simulate BTs with NEdT as observation error
2. Compute D_1 for each channel
3. Simulate BTs with D_1 as observation error
4. Compute D_2 for each channel
5. ...
6. Stop when D_n and D_{n-1} do not differ anymore



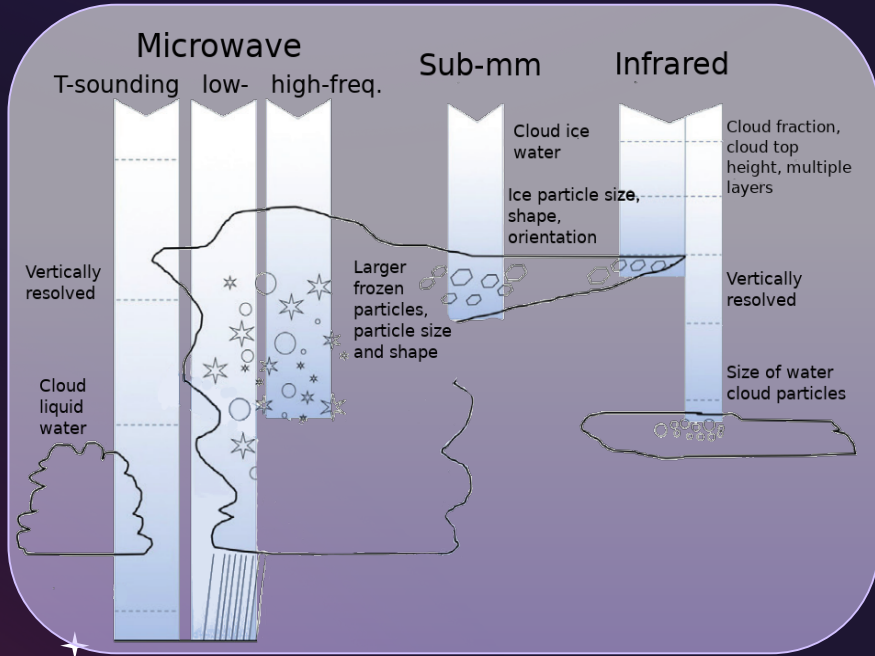
Use D_n as observation error in the experiments



A2

PERTURBATIONS

STARTING POINT



COMPLEMENTARITY of IR and MW

MW : Precipitations, cloud sounding ;
MW sub-mm : cloud ice

IR : Top of clouds, TOA, cloud fraction

Microphysical closure, Recent progress in sky radiance assimilation,
Geer A. et al. 2019 (modified)

ADDING PERTURBATIONS: mRT experiment

Shapes in FG

PSD in FG

MW

noERR
Geer et al. 2021

mRT
Geer and Baordo
2014

CIW

Large Column
Aggregate
(ARTS)



Mie Sphere



Graupel

Column (ARTS)



Sector
Snowflake
(ARTS)



Snow

Large plate
aggregate
(ARTS)



Sector
Snowflake
(ARTS)



MW

noERR

mRT

Ice water
parameters

$$\mu = 0$$

$$\Lambda = 1.10^4$$

$$\gamma = 1$$

$$\mu = 2$$

$$\Lambda = 2.05 \cdot 10^5$$

$$\gamma = 1$$

PSD modified
gamma
distribution

$$\Gamma(x) \propto x^\mu \cdot \exp(-\Lambda x^\gamma)$$



Parameterisation
in FG

ADDING PERTURBATIONS: mRT experiment

IR

noERR

mRT

Ice water
parameterisation

Baran 2018

Baum + Wyser (2011, 1998)

ADDING PERTURBATIONS: mMOD experiment

Parameters

noERR

Default value (operational model ARPEGE)

Random value in a range defined within the ARPEGE (ensemble prediction system)
(Descamps et al. 2014)


mMOD

Microphysical scheme:

sedimentation velocity (cloud ice, cloud water, snow, rain), ice-to-conversion (cloud ice into snow, cloud water into rain, minimum ice content, maximum ice content, critical water content), coefficients (accretion, stratification and ice aggregate, aggregation, calculation of water/ice partitioning, calculation of relative humidity, calculation of cloud liquid water into rain conversions, maximum evaporation rate)

Convection scheme:

downdraft mass flux, entrainment rate, detrainment rate



A3

GRAUPELS

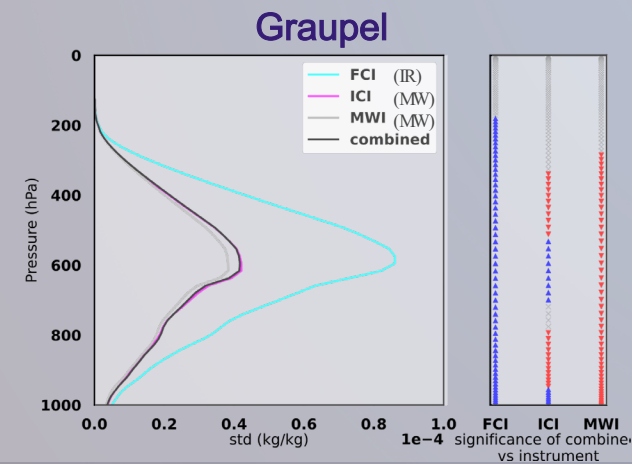
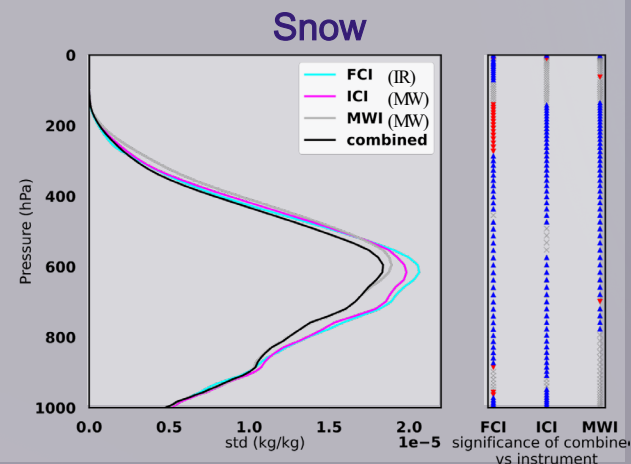
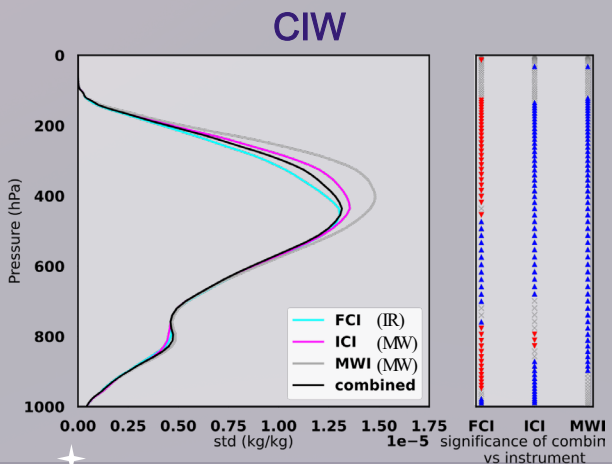
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Precipitating hydrometeors: improvement of IR and compromise for MW

Synergy?

noERR experiment: STD study



High altitude : improvement of MW
Low altitude : improvement of IR

Improvements of all instruments at all levels

FCI : great errors (x2)

Combined inversion sticks to MW

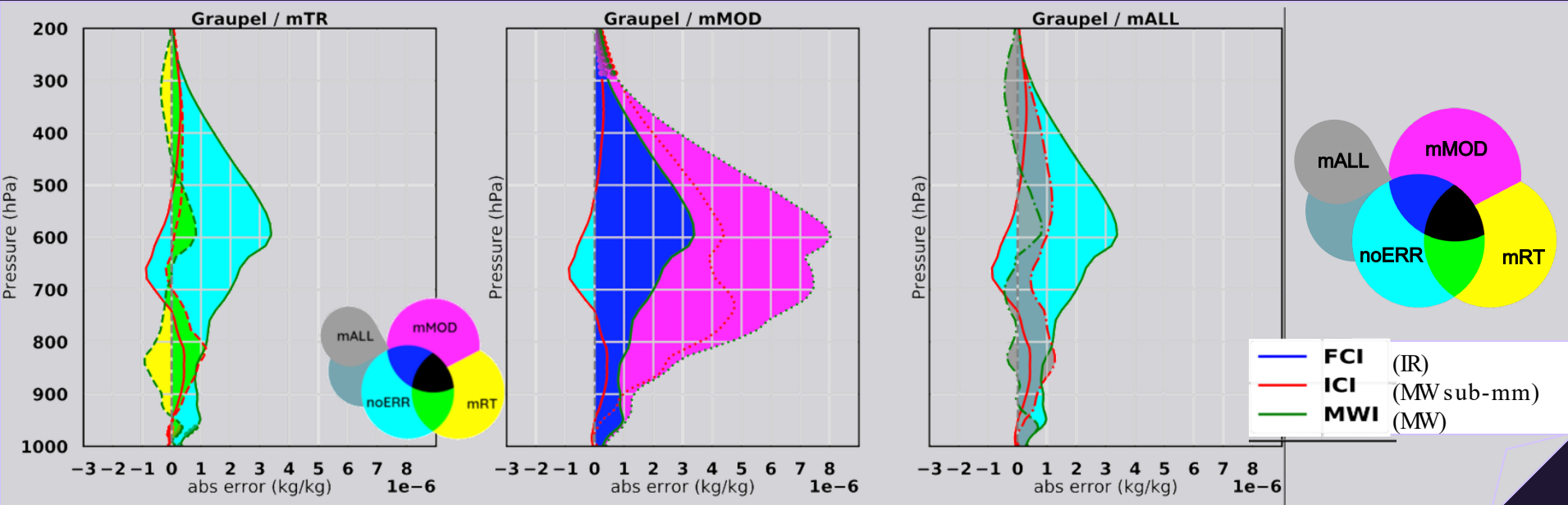
Conclusions

mRT has more impact than mMOD on Graupel.

=> reduce negative effects of mMOD

PERTURBATIONS IMPACTS

Graupel



Geer et al. 2021 *Bulk hydrometeor optical properties for microwave and submillimetre radiative transfer in RTTOV-SCATT v13.0*
 figure 9.a (modified)

Perturbations impacts

Impact of hydrometeors shape modifications

