



# The Community Radiative Transfer Model Ocean Emissivity Modeling Overview

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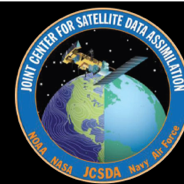
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- **Requirements for fast models**
  - fast vs. accurate
  - missing elements (BRDF, Polarization, ICI, UV)
- **Community Surface Emissivity Model (CSEM, Ming Chen)**
- **IRSSE (Nick Nalli)**
- **Reflection Correction (Emily Liu, Ming Chen)**
- **SMAP SSS Analysis (Hamideh Ebrahimi)**
- **IRRTM**

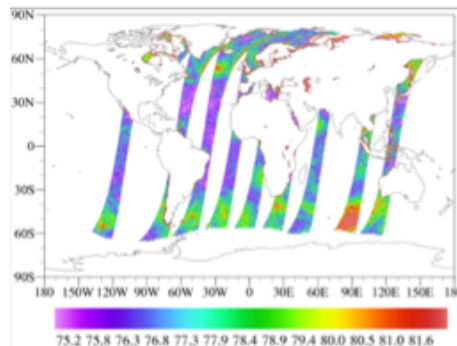
# CSEM :: Surface Emissivity (Chen, Nalli)



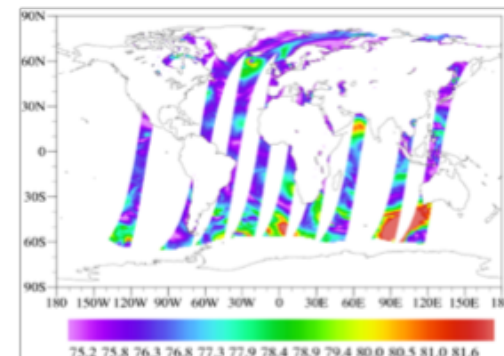
## Highlights:

- 1) IRSSE model upgrade (Nalli)
- 2) CSEM top-down interfaces were refined to support upper-level vectorised RT solvers.
- 3) Integrated CRTM-CSEM version was successfully implemented in ProdGSI
- 4) The tangent linear and adjoint modules of the physical MW land model implemented.
- 5) Implementation of L-band in CRTM has been tested with the integrated CRTM-CSEM.
- 6) The testing of CRTM-CSEM in FV3 GFS/GSI is in progress.
- 7) Implementation of the JPL SMAP Level-3 monthly sea surface salinity (SSS) atlas into CSEM to account for the impact of SSS on the forward Tbs simulation and to improve the first guess accuracy in DA, especially for the L-band Tb.

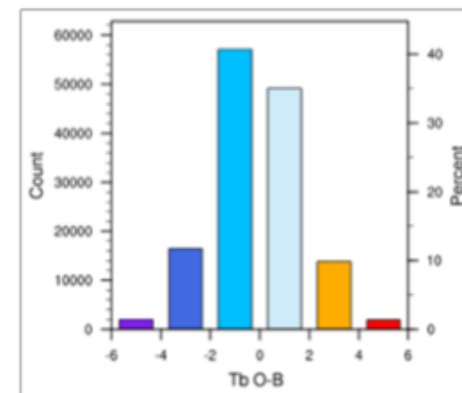
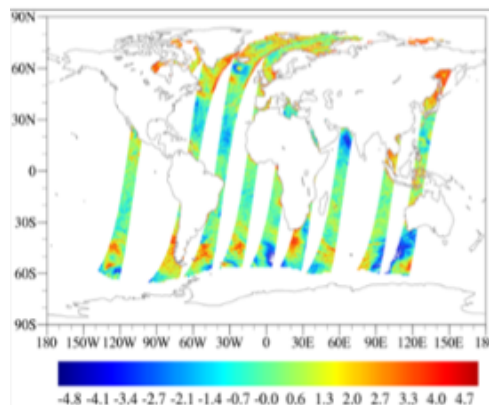
SMAP Observation



CRTM Simulation



SMAP-CRTM

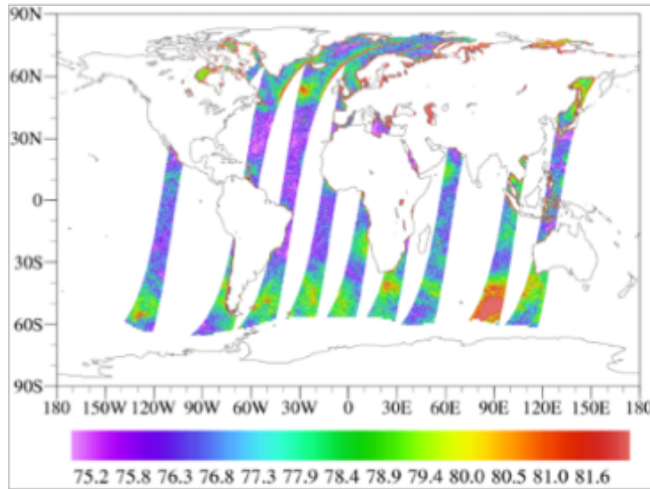




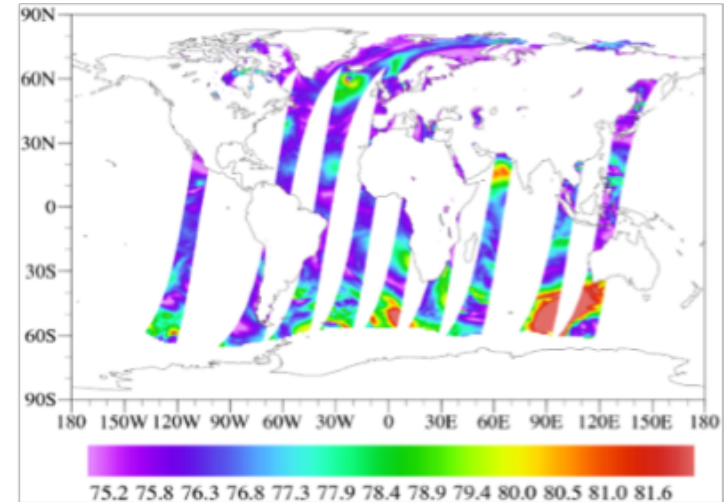
# CSEM :: Surface Emissivity (M. Chen, Y. Zhu)



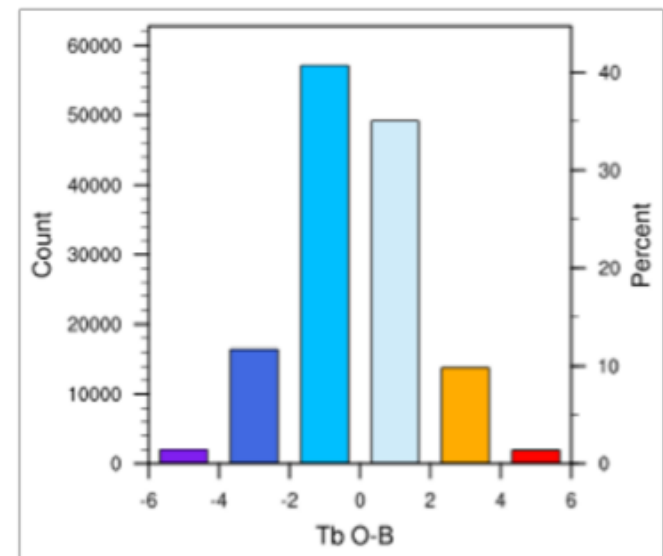
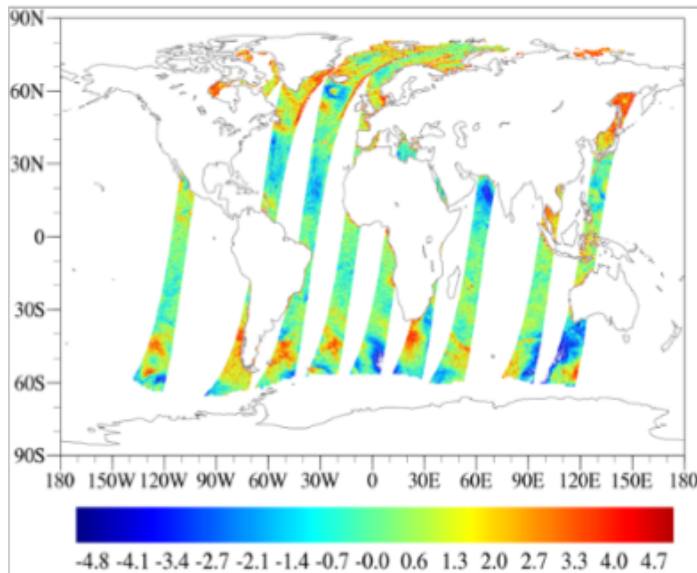
### SMAP Observation



### CRTM Simulation



### SMAP-CRTM





# Comparison of MW Ocean Model ( $\theta=30^\circ$ )

A new FASTEM version (NFASTEM) has been developed to cover L-band to submillimeter channels.

It agrees very well with FASTEM 6 at channels lower than 200GHz, as well as with TESSEM at channels over 200GHz.

## FASTEM-6 limits:

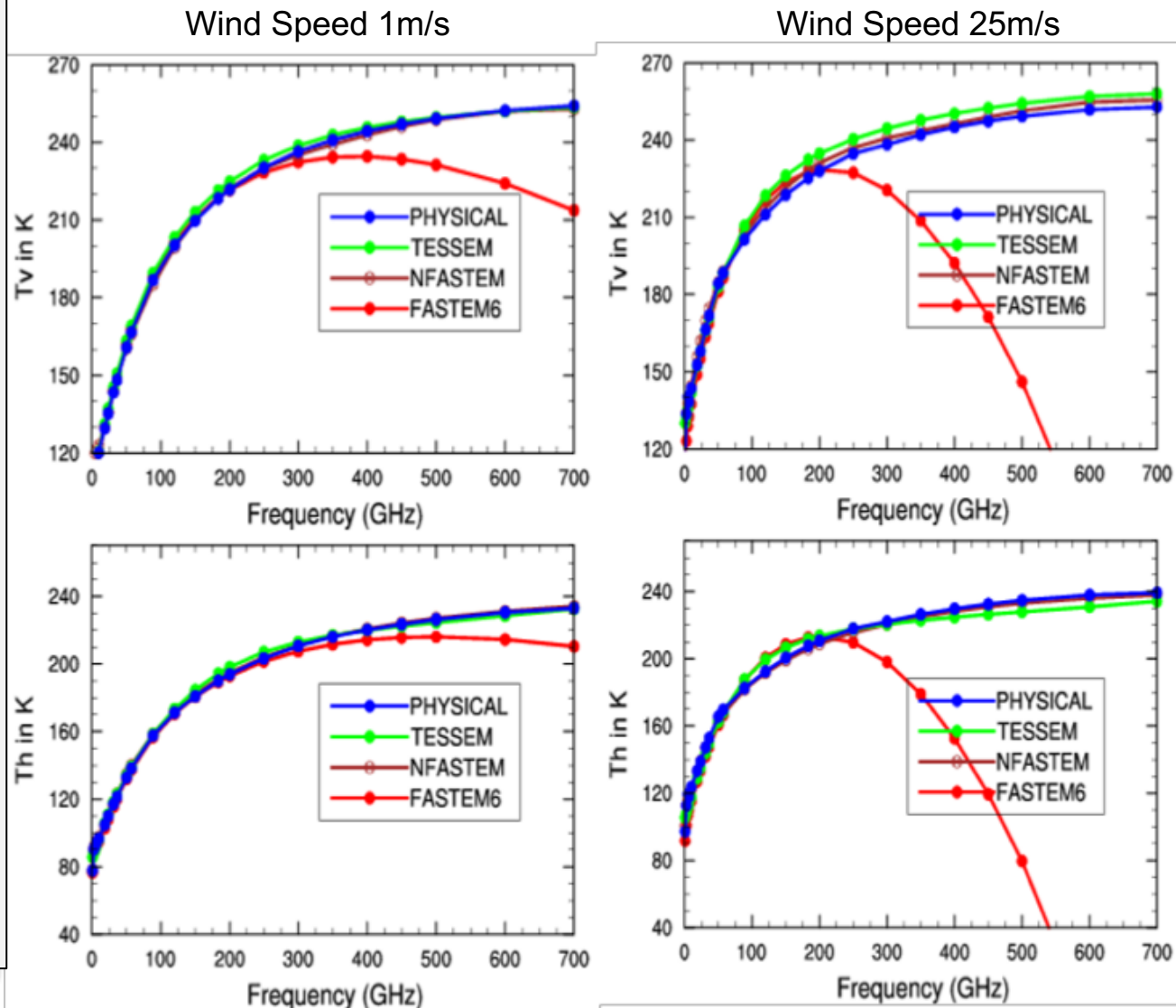
- 19GHz to 200GHz
- View angle  $< 60^\circ$
- Only V-pol and H-pol

## RTTOV-TESEM limits:

- 19GHz to 700GHz
- Only V-pol and H-pol

## NFASTEM limits:

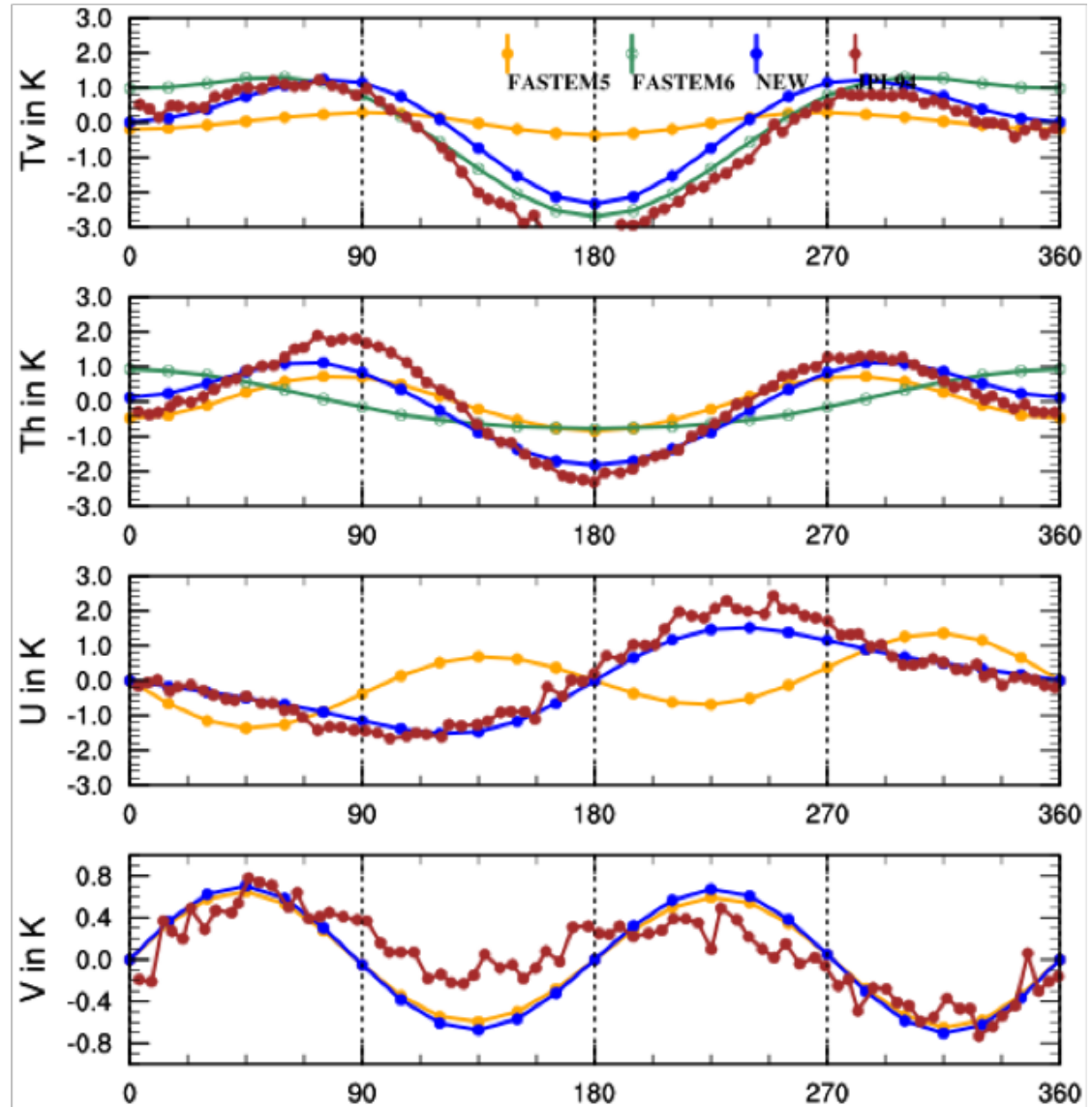
- 1GHz to 700GHz
- View angle  $< 85^\circ$
- Full Stokes



# Comparison of FASTEM with JPL WINDRAD Observations (theta=65°)

In general, the previous FASTEM versions were developed for zenith/view angles less than 60 degree. FASTEM 6 also turned off the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Stokes components. TESSEM is similar to FASTEM 6 except for the frequency extension to submillimeter channels.

The **NFASTEM** provides **full-Stokes component calculations**. The azimuthal variations in NFASTEM now agree well with the observations (Red) in both magnitude and phase change.



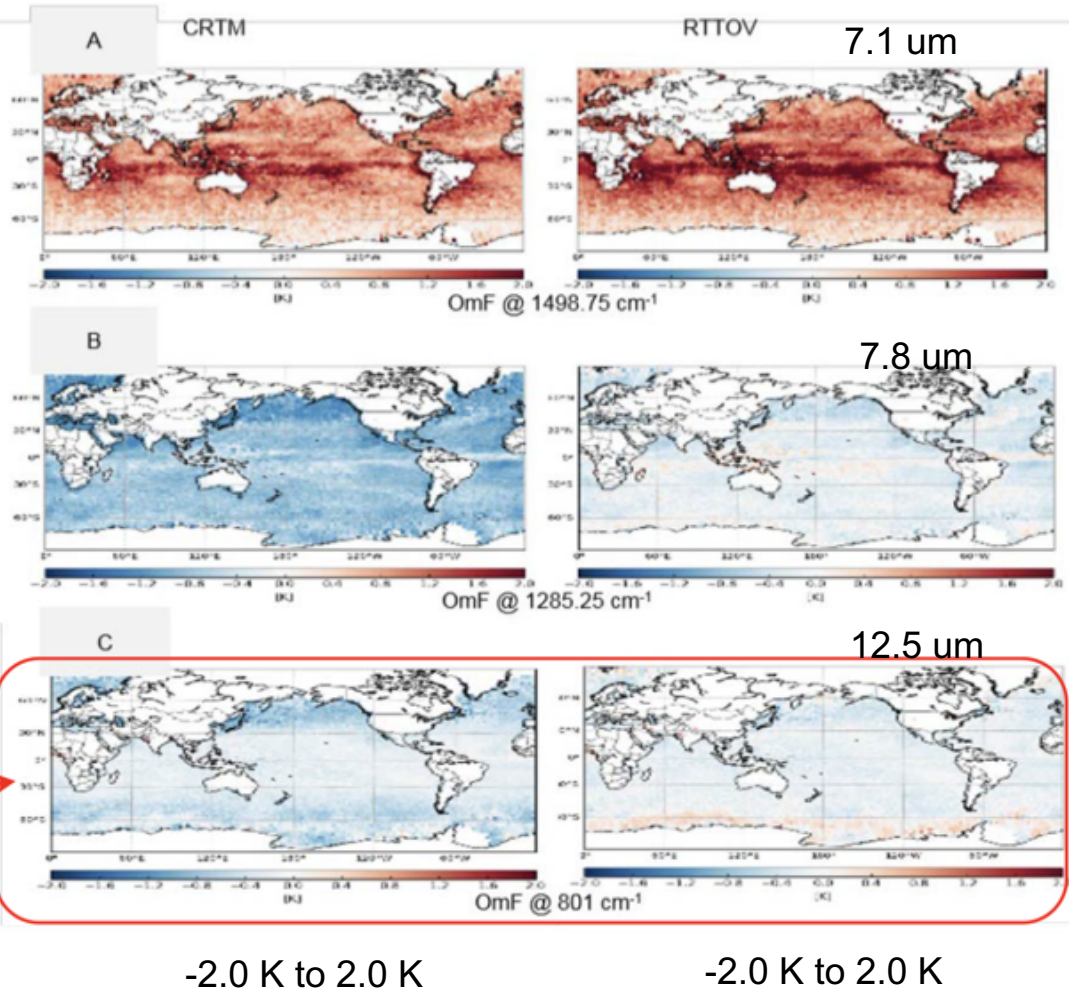
# IR Sea Surface Emissivity [Nick Nalli (STAR)]



## Temperature Dependence Found in Global Data

- We were aware in 2008 of the temperature dependence of the IR optical constants on IRSSE
  - Nalli et al. (2008b): “In agreement with other recent work on the subject, we found a significant temperature dependence, which, if unaccounted for, can lead to spectral SLR errors of the same order of magnitude as those we have sought to correct. Therefore, additional work is desirable to derive an optimal seawater refractive index dataset...”
  - Unfortunately, however, this work was not supported at the time
- However, recent findings of Liu et al. (2019) have shown a significant systematic bias (on the order of 0.5 K) on a global scale, thus bringing this issue back into focus for support

From Liu et al. (2019)

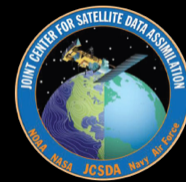


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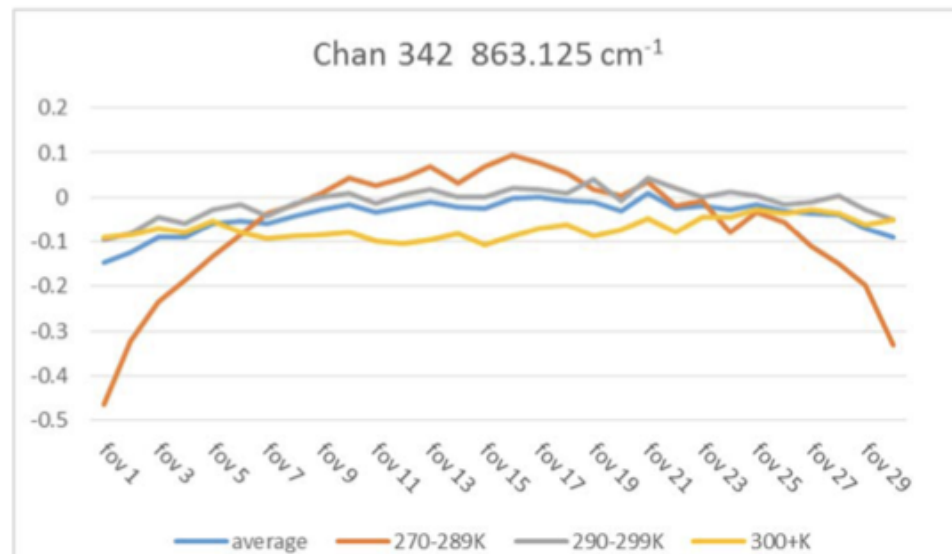
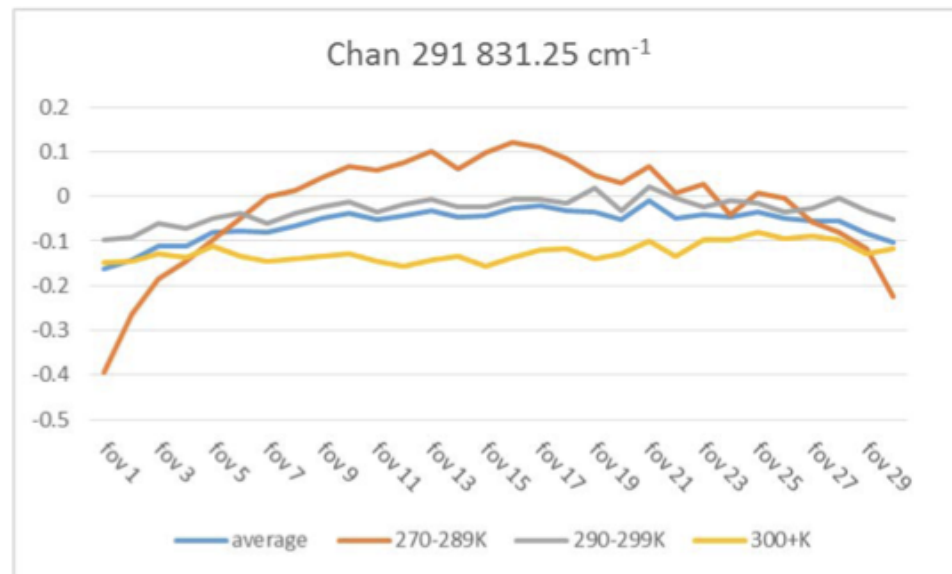


# IR Sea Surface Emissivity [Nick Nalli]



- 2-weeks global NOAA-20 CrIS data (OBS) versus CRTM model calculations (CALC)
- Shown are microwindow-channel double-differences of OBS – CALC in regions of varying surface temperature dependence observed in the IR spectrum
- The **double-differences** serve to place control on the unknown atmospheric path uncertainties (e.g., model bias, cloud contamination, H<sub>2</sub>O errors, etc.)
- **Significant surface-temperature dependence is clearly visible on the order of >0.5 K**
  - This is of **first order significance** within the context of the total forward model uncertainty

## Observed Angular Dependence

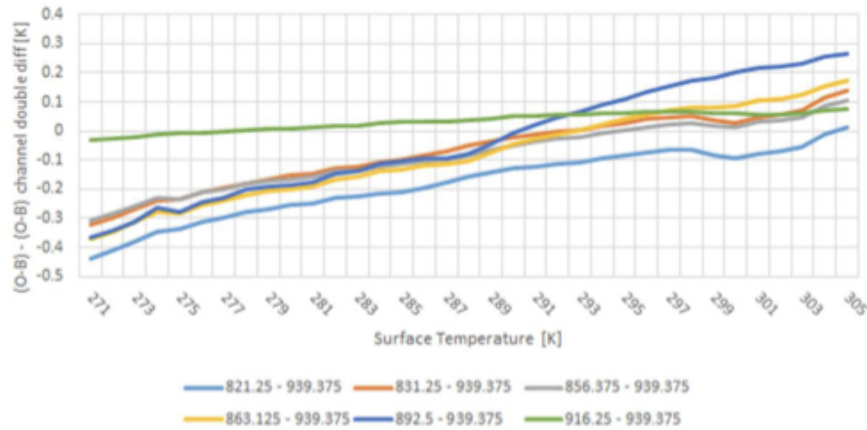


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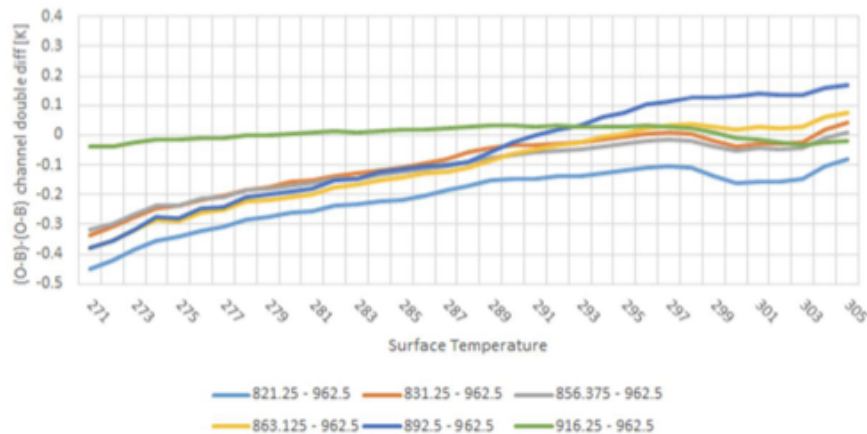


## Observed SST Dependence

Emissivity Channel Double Difference  
939.25 cm<sup>-1</sup> CrIS N2O

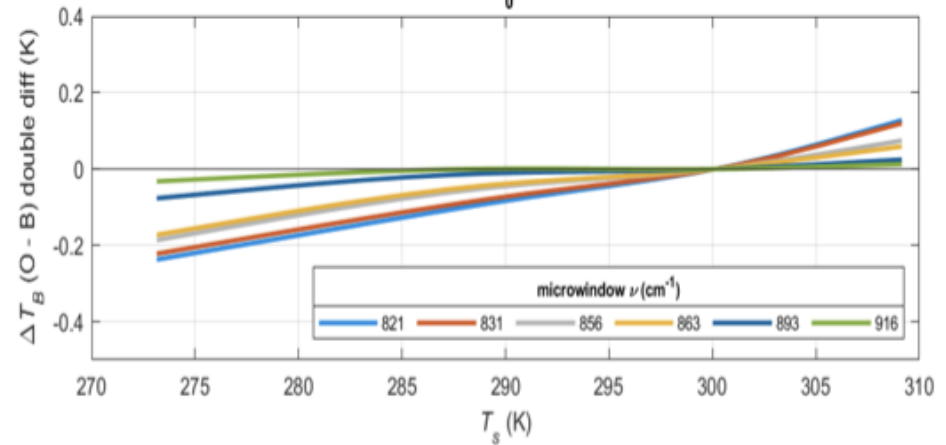


Emissivity Channel Double Difference  
962.5 cm<sup>-1</sup> CrIS N2O

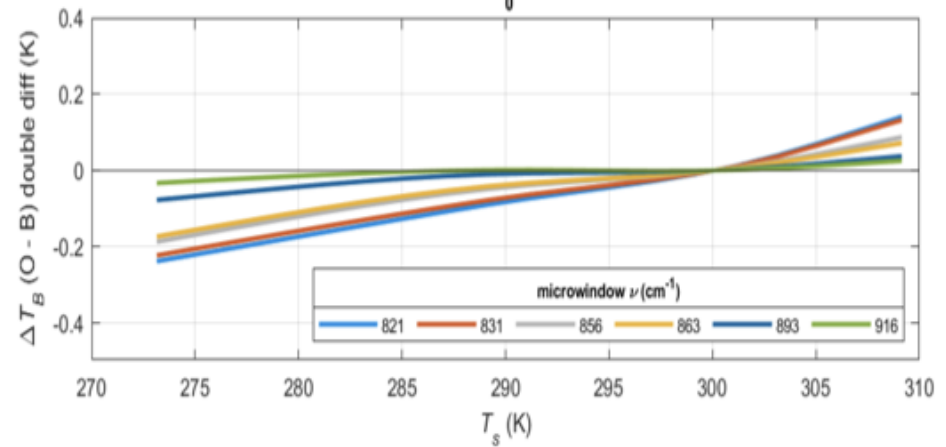


## Modelled SST Dependence

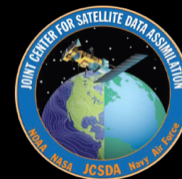
Reference  $\nu_0 = 939 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



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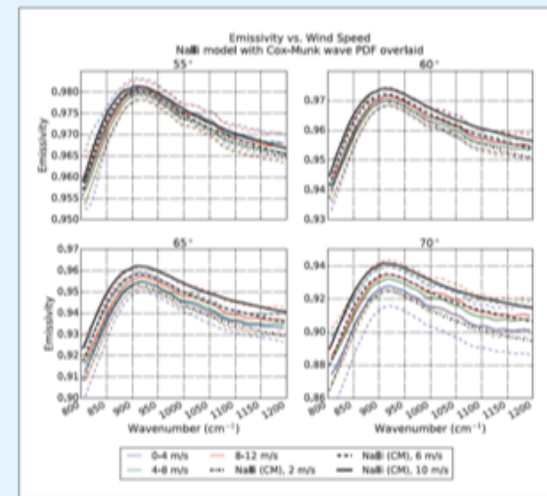
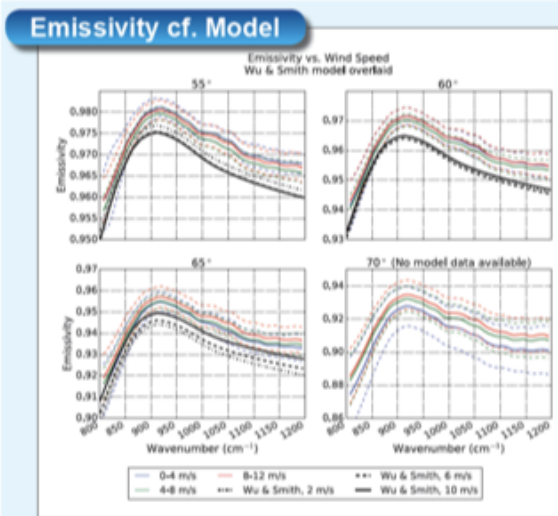
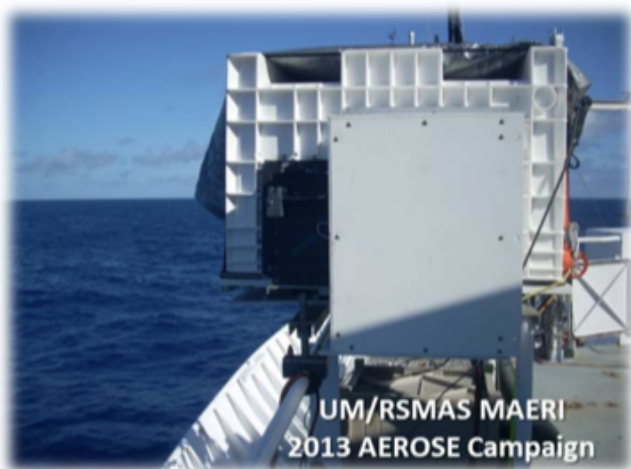
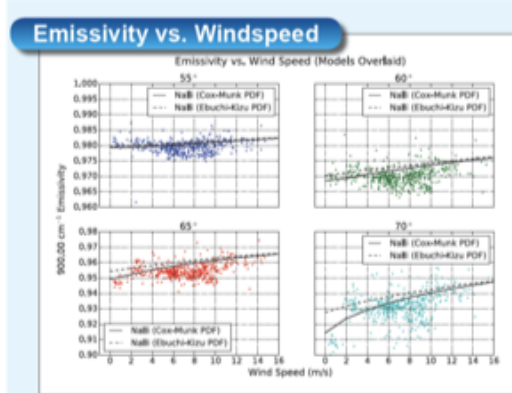


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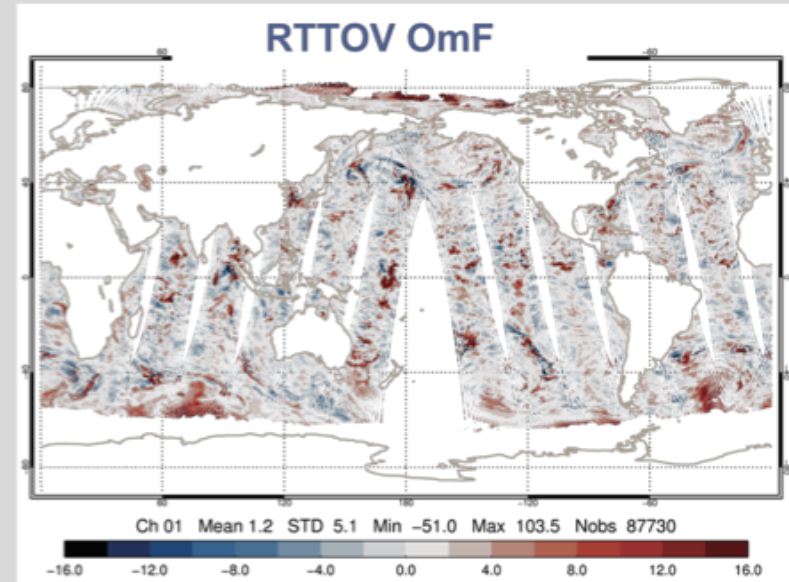
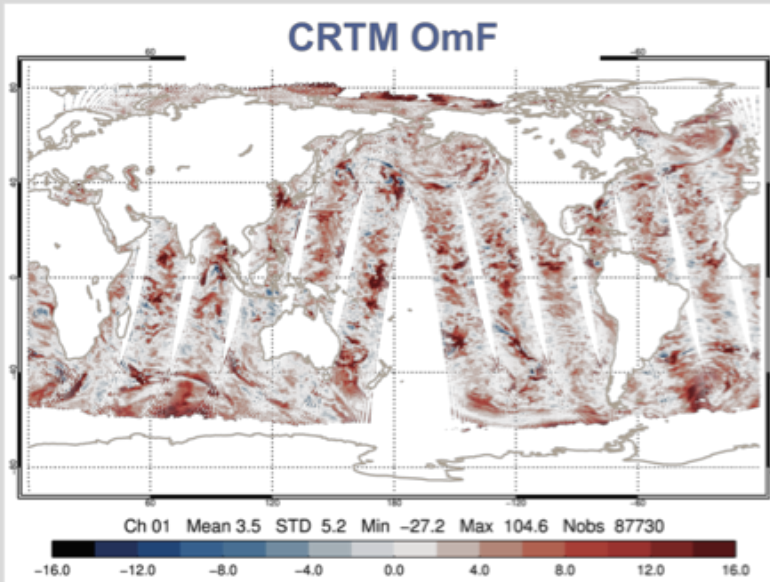
## IRSSE Model Validation Plan

From Gero et al. AGU Fall Meeting (2016)

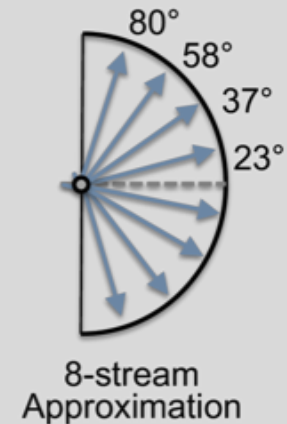




# Issue – CRTM Simulated BTs are too cold in general



- CRTM is a multi-stream radiative transfer solver using Advanced Doubling Adding (ADA) scheme
- It is found that the off-diagonal terms of the surface reflectivity matrix is zero so that there is no diffuse radiation being reflected towards the viewing direction



$$L_V(\mu, 0) = \underbrace{\epsilon_{v,sfc} \cdot B_v(T_{sfc})}_{\text{Surface Emission}} + \underbrace{\rho_{v,sfc} \cdot R_{v,sfc}^\downarrow}_{\text{Downward Radiation Reflected at Surface}} + \underbrace{\rho_{\odot,v,sfc} \cdot R_{\odot,v,sfc}^\downarrow}_{\text{Downward Direct Solar Radiation Reflected at Surface}}$$

Boundary  
Condition

Surface  
Emission

Downward Radiation  
Reflected at Surface

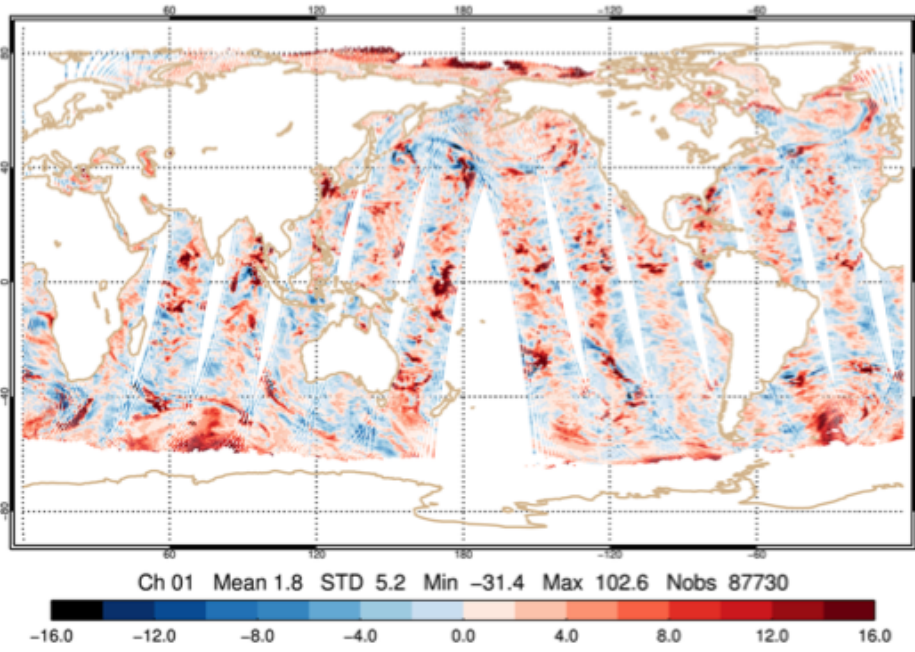
Downward Direct Solar  
Radiation Reflected at Surface

# Fixed O-F, no BC

Channel 1 AMSU-A (23.8 GHz)

CRTM

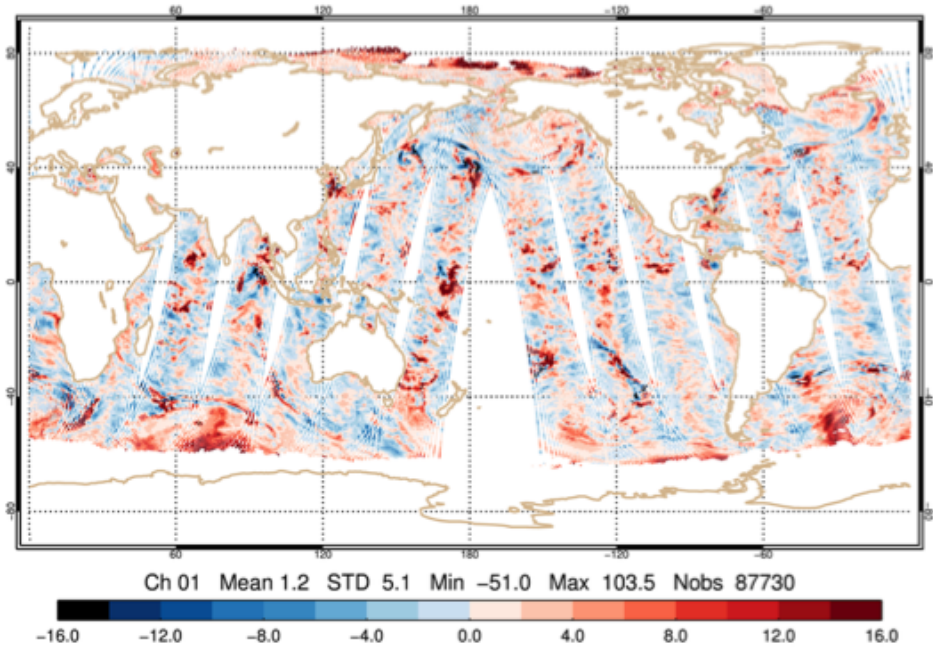
All-Sky OMF No BC CRTM



-16 K to 16 K

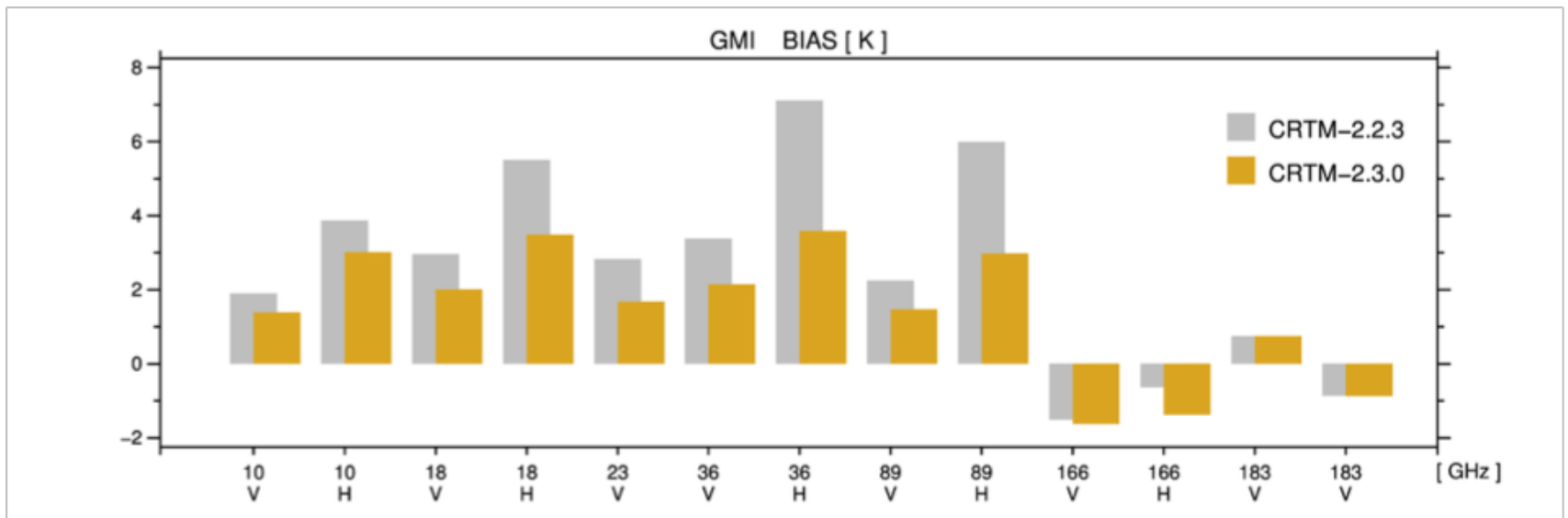
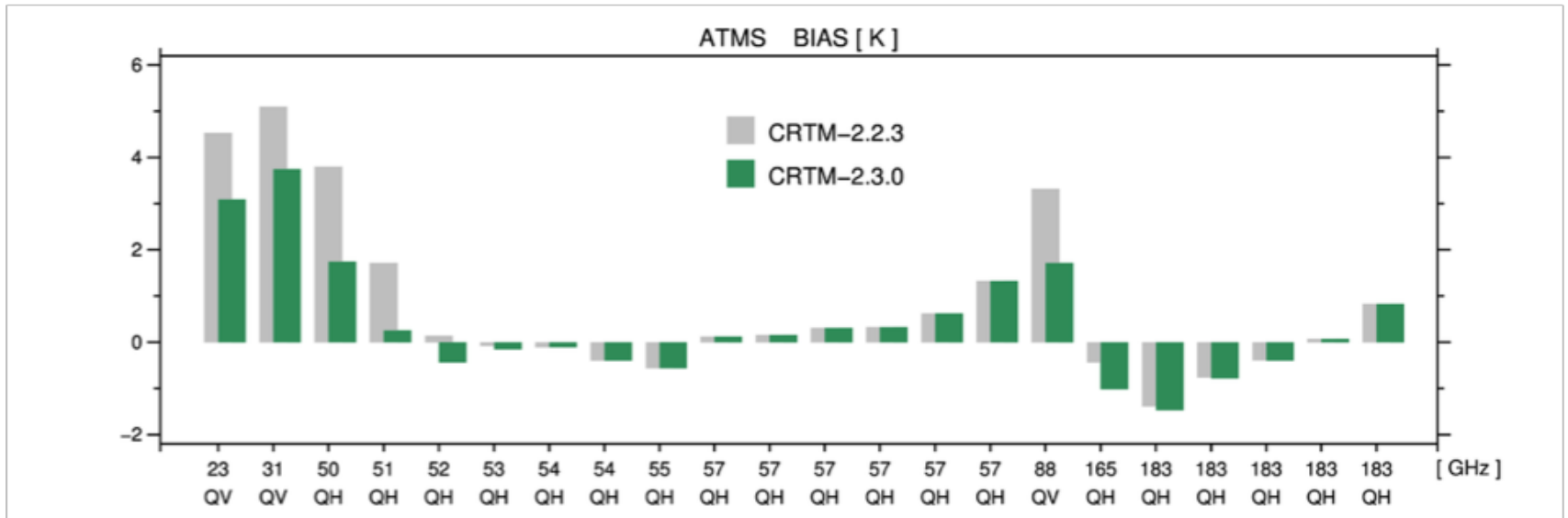
RTTOV

All-Sky OMF No BC RTTOV



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# Impact of Scattering Correction

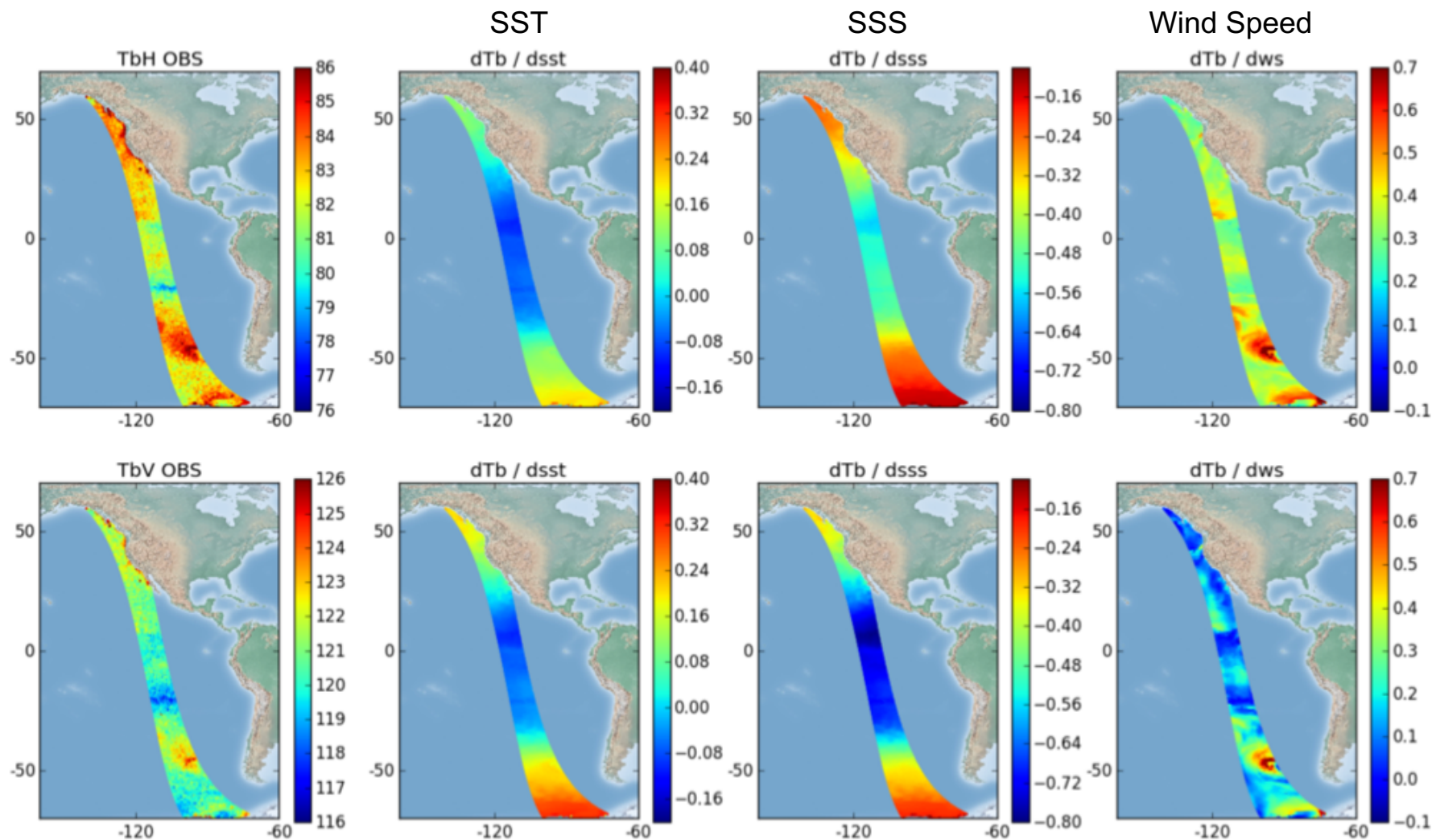




# Impact of SSS on CRTM H(x) for SMAP

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## SMAP Jacobians

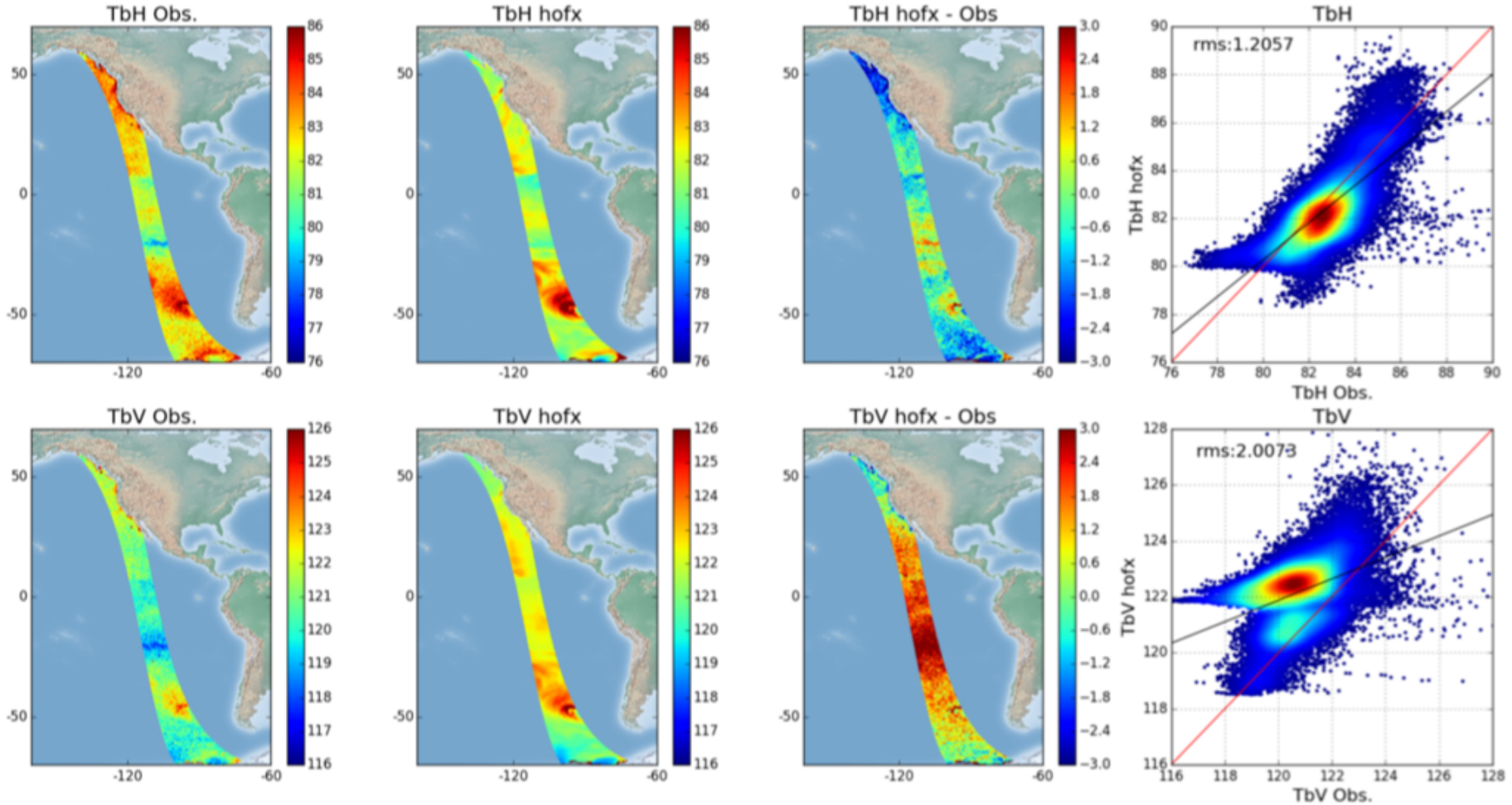


# SMAP, GFS H(x) using FASTEM with SSS=33

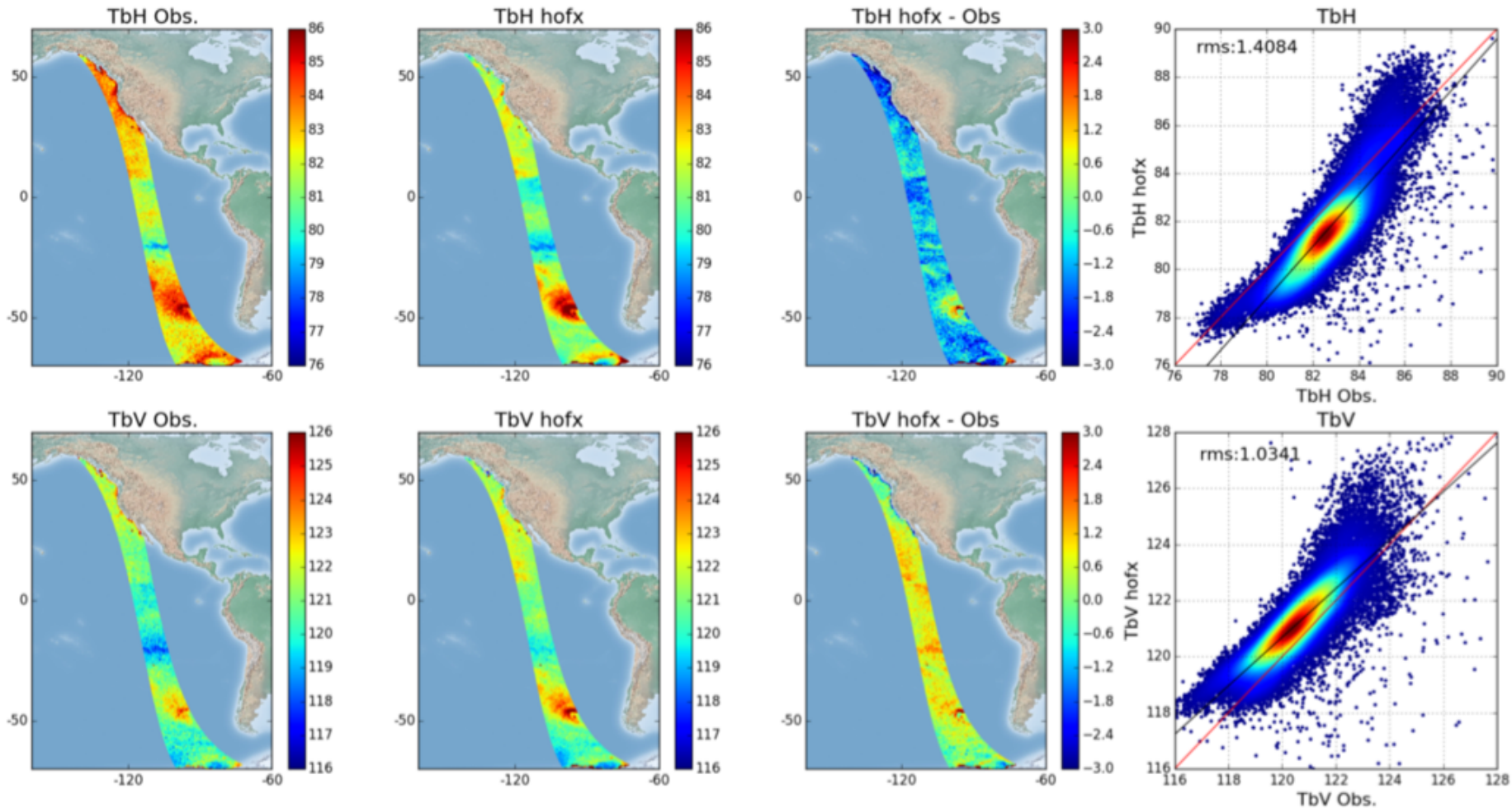
Observation

Simulation

Obs - Sim

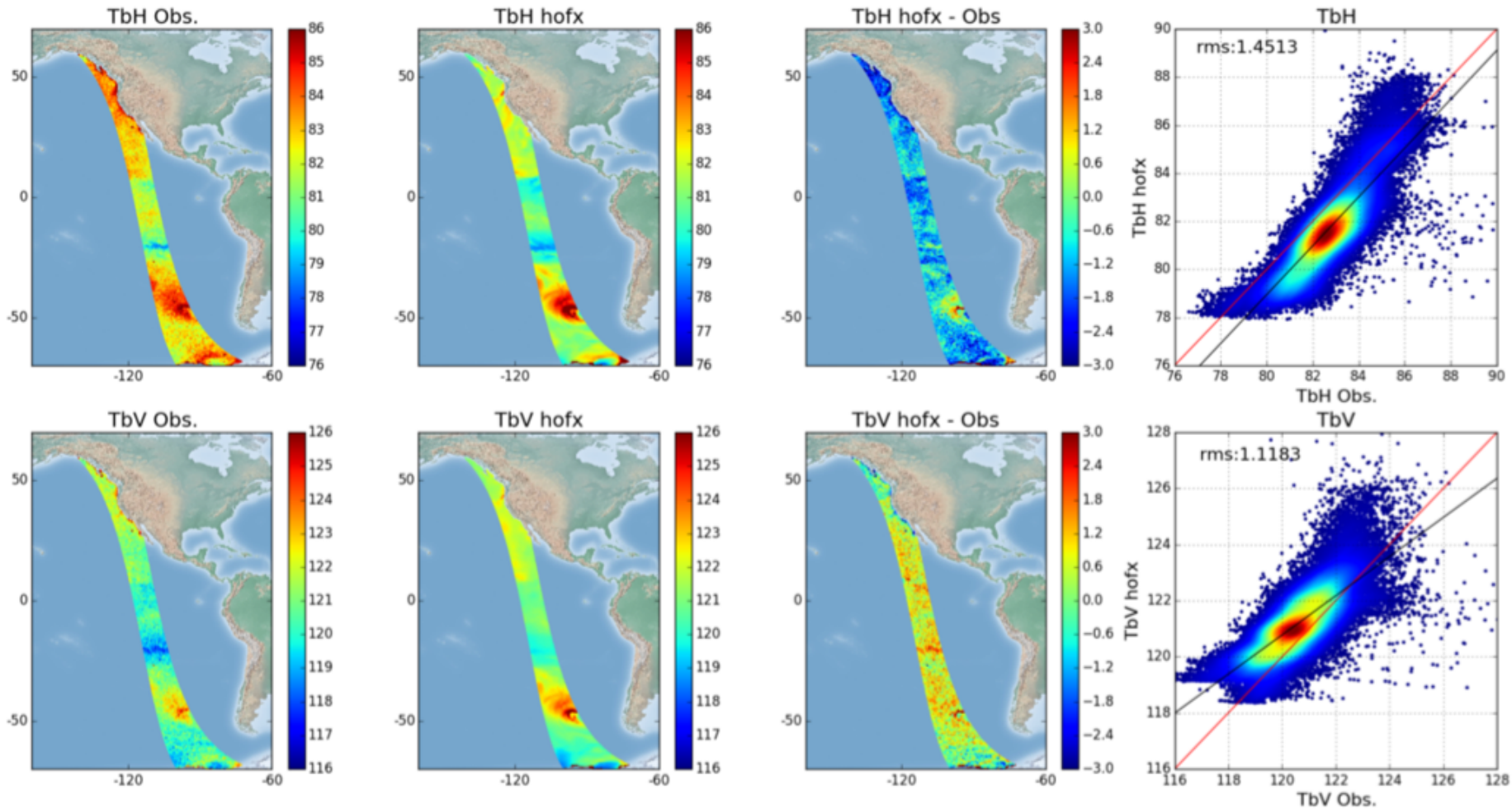


# SMAP, GFS H(x) using FASTEM with HYCOM SSS

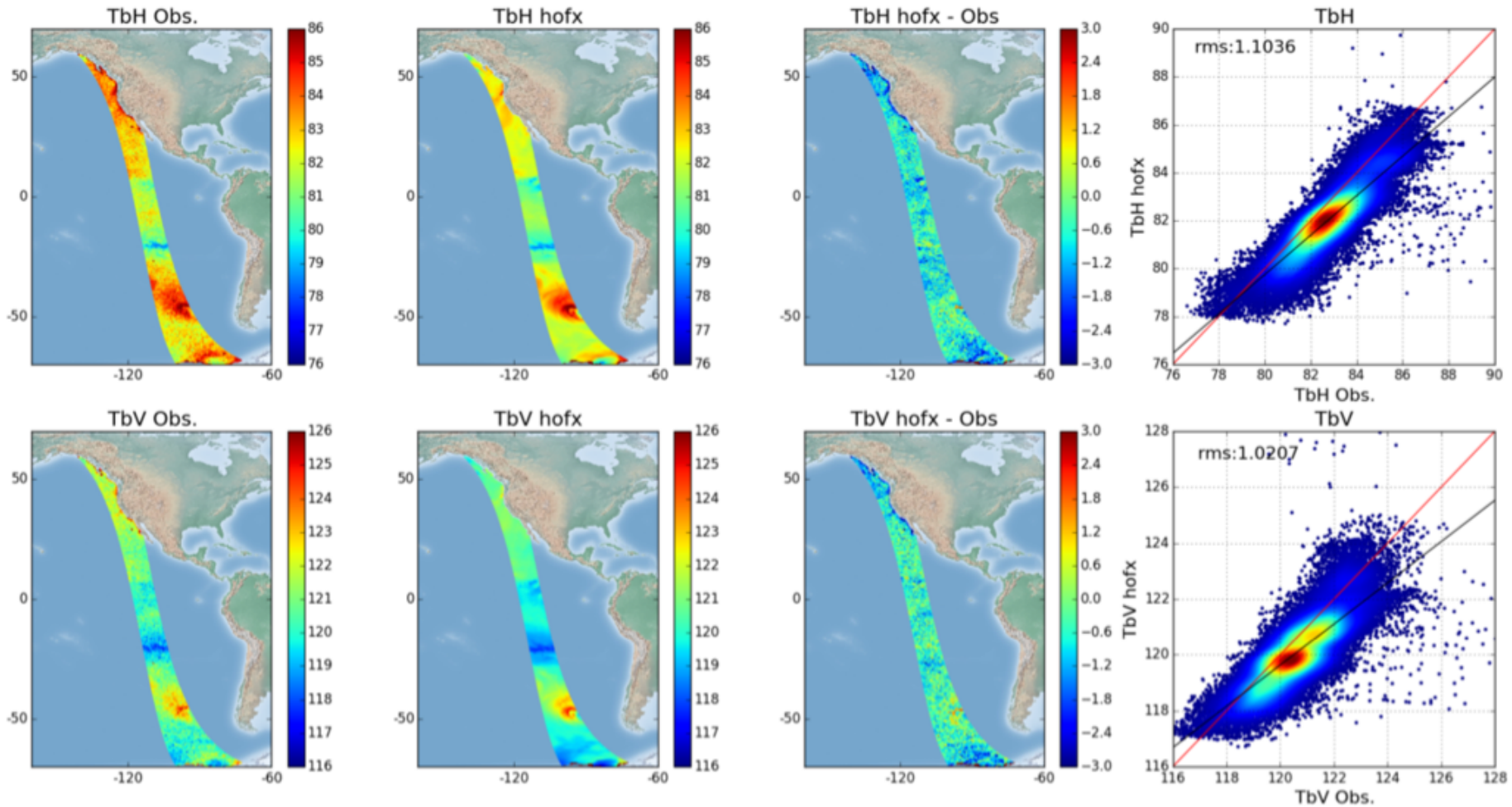




# SMAP, GFS H(x) using FASTEM with World Ocean Atlas SSS



# SMAP, GFS H(x) using RSS model with WOA SSS



# Future Work (near term)

## Ongoing tasks toward CRTM 3.0 [1/2]



- **Cloudy Radiance** (P. Stegmann, E. Liu, Johnson)
  - Adding backscattering coefficients for CRTM active sensor capability.
  - Produce (Polarized) CRTM Scattering Coefficients from BHMIE and T-Matrix spheroids in binary and NetCDF
  - Start systematic investigation of “optimal” single-scattering properties for CRTM applications
- **Surface** (M. Chen, Y. Zhu)
  - Test CRTM-CSEM in GFS/GSI, focusing on the comparisons among model options.
  - Analyze and document the tests of CRTM-CSEM in GFS/GSI.
  - Initial implementation of MW ocean surface BRDF model.
  - Continued testing of CSEM in GSI
- **Full Polarization Solver Capability** (T. Greenwald, Q. Liu, B. Johnson, C. Cao)
  - UV capable solver + polarization support under development
  - Need to touch each element of CRTM to support UV capabilities – still establishing scope of effort required.



# Future Work (near term)

## Ongoing tasks toward CRTM 3.0 [2/2]



- **NLTE corrections** (Z. Li)
- **SW / IR improvements in CRTM**
  - IR Sea surface emissivity improvement (N. Nalli, M. Chen)
  - Aerosol + solar impacted IR (expert needed!)
- **Aerosols update** (Johnson, Stegmann, S. Lu, M. Pagowski, B. Scherllin-Pirscher, A. Naeger, NRL, GMAO, others).
  - Update of CHYM to work with aerosol tables (Johnson, Stegmann)
  - Improved aerosol indices of refraction (via D. Turner and J. Gasteiger)
  - Update toward CMAQ specifications (Team)
  - Improve Lidar backscattering and attenuation calculations (Pagowski, Scherllin-Pirscher)
- **Fast coefficient generation** (Johnson, Stegmann, Moradi, Q. Liu)
  - Modernized physically-based approach
  - AI / Machine Learning-based approach

# Questions / Comments?



**Please join our new CRTM google groups:**

Developer Discussion:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/crtm-developers>

Support:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/crtm-support>

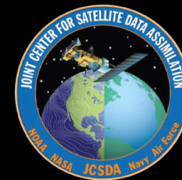
New support email:

[crtm-support@googlegroups.com](mailto:crtm-support@googlegroups.com)

This will post to the support forum, so anything you email will be available to the members of the support group.

Email: [Benjamin.T.Johnson@noaa.gov](mailto:Benjamin.T.Johnson@noaa.gov) for direct support, questions, and comments

# CRTM 2.3.0 Status



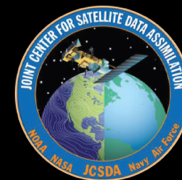
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1. **All-Sky radiance simulation under cloud\_fraction conditions.**
2. Use of **all-sky transmittances in FASTEM-X reflection correction.**
3. **Improve surface reflectance for Microwave under scattering conditions.**
4. Add **ATMS SeaIce emissivity** module.
5. Fixed the simulation near **3.9 micron by adding solar contribution** in ADA\_Module.
6. Updates of **CRTM Coefficients for ABI\_GOES-R, AHI\_Himawari-8.**
7. Updates of **CRTM antenna correction coefficients for MHS\_N19/Metop-a.**
8. Update **AIRS coefficients for including NLTE correction.**
9. Add **new coefficients** for: CrIS-fsrB1/B2/B3\_NPP, CrIS\*\_N20, CrIS-fsr431\_npp/n20, AHI\_Himawari-9, ABI\_G16, VIIRS-JPSS1, ATMS\_N20, ATMS\_N20-SRF, COWVR, tropics\_designed\_v1.

In this release, there is a new feature for the simulation of all-sky (cloudy) radiance, which utilizes Fortran class function, and now CRTM will be supported by advanced compilers with class function, such as ifort 14.0+, 15.0+, 16.0+, 18.0+, gfortran (gcc 4.8.5, 5.4, 6.4, 7.2, 8.2), pgi/15.1, 16.5, 17.3, 18.5, ftn/2.3.0.



# CRTM 2.3.1-beta Status



December 28, 2018:

## \* New/Updated Coefficients:

1. Earth Observing Nanosatellite-Microwave: eon\_mw.v1
2. Sentinel-3A Sea and Land Surface Temperature Radiometer: slstr\_sentinel3a
3. Meteosat-11 SEVIRI: seviri\_m11
4. New coefficient for ABI\_G17, and updated IDs from ABI\_GR to ABI\_G16
5. New coefficients for Metop-C sensors: AVHRR3\_Metop-C, IASI(b1,b2,b3)\_Metop-C, IASI300\_Metop-C, IASI316\_Metop-C, IASI616\_Metop-C
6. L-Band sensors at 1.413 GHz: SMAP and SMOS (V, H, 3rd, 4th Stokes)
7. Tempest-D\_cubesat: 5 microwave bands at 87, 164, 173, 178, and 181 GHz
8. Updated for a shifted WV band SRF of MI-L\_COMS.v2

## \* Integrated Bug fixes:

1. Bug in CRTM\_CloudCover\_Define.f90, fixing "Intent(in)" to "Intent(inout)" error for using gfortran compiler.
2. Bug in CRTM\_CloudCover\_Define.f90, when using the "Maximum-Random" scheme to calculate Total Cloud Cover.
3. Bug in ATMS\_SnowEM\_module, commented out uninitialized (also unused) variables and calculations.
4. Fix a CRTM\_AtmosOptics\_type uninitialized error in CRTM\_AtmosOptics\_Define.f90.
5. Update the libsrc/make.dependencies file for using make -j option.
6. Fix a bug in Common\_RTSolution.f90, for calculating surface emissivity Jacobian.