INFRARED-DERIVED ATMOSPHERIC PROPERTY VALIDATION

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OUTLINE

- Satellite Derived Product Overview
- Validation Efforts
- Overview of Satellite/Aircraft/Groundbased Infrared Thermodynamic Retrieval Products
- Summary and Future Efforts



To evaluate quality of current satellite, aircraft and, groundbased infrared derived atmospheric properties such as stability and cloud products using latest in situ and remotely sensed meteorological validation data. Then relate current IR-derived atmospheric products to future GIFTS retrieval products.

Derived Products from IR Data

- Total Precipitable Water Vapor (TPW)
 - Important for NWP assimilation and nowcasting
- Stability Indices
 - Lifted Index (LI) measure of instability magnitude
 - Convective Available Potential Energy/ Convective Inihibition (CAPE/CIN) – amount of energy available
 - Functions of the average equivalent potential temperature within the PBL and temperature profile
 - Important for nowcasting convection
- Cloud Top Pressure

Important for NWP assimilation and short-term forecasting

Validation of GOES/MODIS/AIRS and

GIFTS Atmospheric Products Using DOE ARM



Satellite Derived Product Validation



Example of Validation of GOES-8 Sounder Hourly 3x3 TPW Validation Using ARM Microwave Radiometer (Black - MWR; Red - GOES TPW; Blue - ETA First Guess)



Example of Near Realtime Validation of GOES-12 Sounder Hourly 3x3 TPW Validation Using ARM Microwave Radiometer



VALIDATION OF GOES SOUNDER DERIVED PBL EQUIVALENT POTENTIAL ENERGY AND LI



GOES-11 1x1 IHOP DERIVED PRODUCTS 30 - minute SFOV Sounder and 5 - minute Imager

Total Precipitable Water



Lifted Index



GOES-11 International H2O Program Validation

• GOES-11 reactivated for IHOP at 5-min imager and 30-min sounder resolution

• Evaluation of GOES-11/GOES-8 total precipitable water (TPW) versus DOE ARM microwave radiometers and radiosondes from all five SGP ARM sites

• Determine the improvement of 1x1 GOES derived imagery products (LI, TPW, ..) compared to 3x3 GOES DPI using DOE ARM high frequency radiosonde launches and microwave radiometer





GOES-11

SFOV LI







GOES vs MODIS Derived Products 24 June 2002 TPW



GOES Sounder Temporal resolution - Hourly Spatial resolution – 10 km

MODIS Total Precipitable Water Vapor (mm) : MODIS June 24, 2002 JD175 1705 UTC



MODIS Derived Product Validation 24 June 2002 TPW



Aircraft Derived Product Validation









NAST-I IHOP 9 June 2002 Total Precipitable Water



IHOP S-HIS Retrieval Validation



NASA LaRC LASE DIAL Water Vapor*

S-HIS Water Vapor*

* Courtesy of Rich Ferrare NASA LaRC and Paolo Antonelli CIMSS/SSEC

Groundbased Derived Product Validation



AERI SPECIFICATIONS

- Spectral Resolution better than 1 cm⁻¹ wavenumber from 520-3000 cm⁻¹ (3 - 20 um)
- Calibrated to 1% ambient radiance (better than 1 K ambient temperature)
- Automated and environmentally hardened
- Time resolution: 6 10 minutes (adjustable)
- Ground-based and portable

AERI SYSTEMS AROUND THE WORLD



U Idaho P-AERI - 1 (Antarctica)

AERI CHANNEL RETRIEVAL SPECTRAL REGIONS



DOE ARM SGP AERI LOCATIONS



AERIplus Cross Section Examples





AERIplus and Radiosonde Comparisons

Hillsboro



Purcell





West – East AERI water vapor cross sections for IHOP

AERI Retrieved IHOP water vapor time height cross sections from 12 June 2002 indicating rapid water vapor oscillations also indicated by GPS retrieved integrated water vapor

AERIPLUS Retrieved



IHOP AERIPIUS Retrieval RMS Statistics



IHOP AERIplus Retrieval RMS Statistics



AERI VS RADIOSONDE 100 MB SURFACE PARCEL ENERGY AND LIFTED INDEX



Real-time Retrievals

Six AERI systems (including MSN) are currently processing PBL retrievals in near real-time, allowing "on the fly" validation:



Future Research Plans

Continue to assess GOES and MODIS meteorological derived products with DOE ARM data in near realtime

Study precursors of convective initiation from AERI/NAST-I/S-HIS retrievals during IHOP and THORPEX

Evaluate AIRS derived stability products once available

Use DOE ARM Tropical Western Pacific site at Nauru and Manus Islands in South Pacific to evaluate GOES-9, MODIS, and AIRS retrieved products

AERIplus, RUC-2, GOES Statistics

