



Request for CrIMSS EDR Beta Maturity

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- U. S. Users:
 - NCEP- National Centers for Environmental Prediction (Jim Jung/Dennis Keyser)
 - GMAO- Global Modeling and Assimilation Office (Emily Liu)
 - NRL Naval Research Laboratory (Ben Ruston)
 - FNMOC Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center (Yiping Wang)
 - STAR Center for Satellite Applications and Research (Tony Reale, Murty Divakarla)
 - CLASS Comprehensive Large Array-data Stewardship System (John Bates)
 - AWIPS-II Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (Brian Gockei)

• Foreign Users:

- UK Met Office (Nigel Atkinson)
- JMA- Japan Meteorological Agency (Yoshiaki Takeuchi)
- ECMWF- European Center for Medium range Weather Forecasting (Tony McNally)
- DWD- Germany's National Meteorological Service (Reinhold Hess)
- Meteo-France- France's National Weather service (Lydie Lavanant)
- CMC- Canadian Meteorological Center (Louis Garand)
- EUMETSAT Simon Elliott





- Early release product.
- Minimally validated.
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- Available to allow users to gain familiarity with data formats and parameters.
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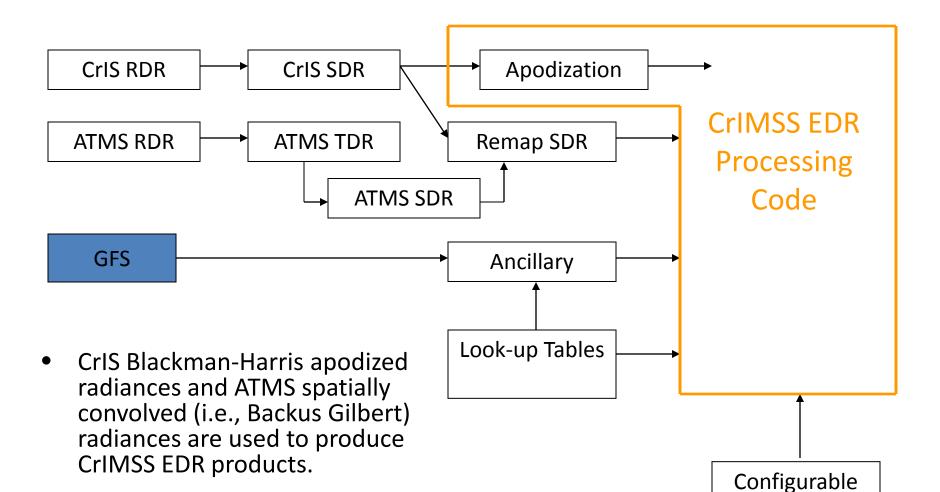




- The CrIMSS EDR algorithm utilizes all of the radiances from CrIS and ATMS within a CrIS field-of-regard (FOR) to produce a single sounding of the AVTP, AVMP
- The FOR is derived from ~25 ATMS fields-of-view (FOV) that are optimally averaged along with an optimal spatial combination of the 9 CrIS FOVs (called cloud clearing) within a single interferogram sweep.
- The AVPP product is derived from geopotential height computed from AVTP and AVMP.
- The CrIMSS EDRs are heavily dependent on the upstream SDRs as well as empirically derived bias corrections with respect to the CrIMSS forward model (called the Optimal Spectral Sampling or OSS model).
- As calibration of the CrIS or ATMS SDRs improves, so does the quality of the CrIMSS EDR.





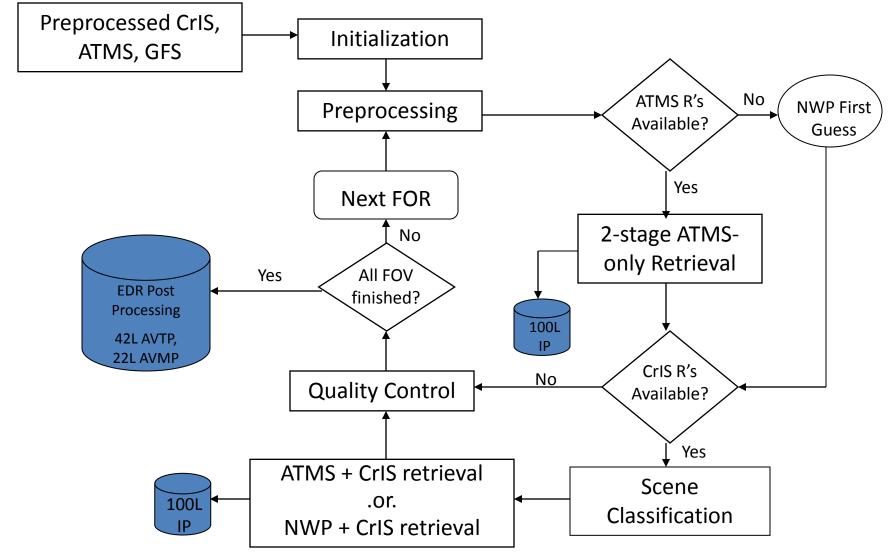


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Parameters











- The CrIMSS EDR derives AVTP, AVMP, AVPP, O3-IP, surface temperature, surface emissivity simultaneously.
 - AVTP reconstructed from 20 EOF's, AVMP from 10 EOF's
 - Also 1 surface temperature, 5 MW EOF's, 12 IR emissivity and reflectivity hingepoints, MW cloud top pressure and cloud liquid water path
 - These products are not currently in HDF5 file(s)
 - There is an inter-dependence within products
 - Therefore, entire atmospheric state needs to be assessed in order to validate these products.
- Assumption for EDR validation is that CrIS and ATMS SDRs are calibrated.
 - Beta versions of SDR will be used to help algorithm and instrument assessments during EOC
 - Assessment is "hierarchal" using NWP model(s) and operational RAOBs for global assessment and dedicated radiosondes for detailed site characterization.
 - Characterization improves as more *in-situ* data is acquired.



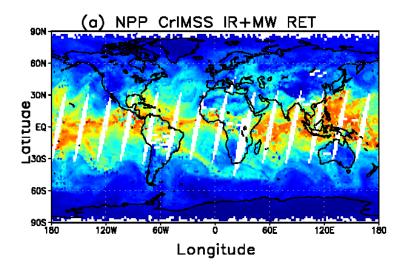


Atmospheric Vertical Moisture Profile (AVMP).

Used for initialization of high-resolution NWP models, atmospheric stability, etc.

Lower tropospheric moisture layers are Key Performance Parameters (KPPs).

Parameter (KPP in Blue)	IORD-II, JPSS-L1RD				
AVMP Partly Cloudy, surface to 600 mb	Greater of 20% or 0.2 g/kg				
AVMP Partly Cloudy, 600 to 300 mb	Greater of 35% or 0.1 g/kg				
AVMP Partly Cloudy, 300 to 100 mb	Greater of 35% or 0.1 g/kg				
AVMP Cloudy, surface to 600 mb	Greater of 20% of 0.2 g/kg				
AVMP Cloudy, 600 mb to 300 mb	Greater of 40% or 0.1 g/kg				
AVMP Cloudy, 300 mb to 100 mb	Greater of 40% or 0.1 g/kg				



Example of AVMP (shown as total precipitable water) on May 15, 2012 from the CrIMSS offline EDR Results are from the coupled algorithm without QC



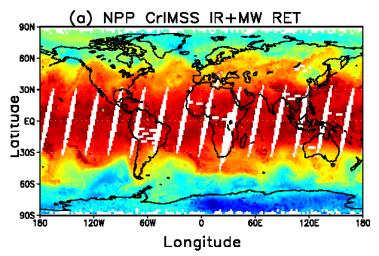


Atmospheric Vertical Temperature Profile (AVTP).

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Lower tropospheric temperature are KPPs.

Parameter (KPP in Blue)	IORD-II, JPSS-L1RD
AVTP Partly Cloudy, surface - 300 mb	1.6 K/1-km layer
AVTP Partly Cloudy, 300 to 30 mb	1.5 K/3-km layer
AVTP Partly Cloudy, 30 mb to 1 mb	1.5 K/5-km layer
AVTP Partly Cloudy, 1 mb to 0.5 mb	3.5 K/5-km layer
AVTP Cloudy, surface to 700 mb	2.5 K/1-km layer
AVTP Cloudy, 700 mb to 300 mb	1.5 K/1-km layer
AVTP Cloudy, 300 mb to 30 mb	1.5 K/3-km layer
AVTP Cloudy, 30 mb to 1 mb	1.5 K/5-km layer
AVTP Cloudy, 1 mb to 0.05 mb	3.5 K/5-km layer



Example of AVTP at 500 hPa on May 15, 2012 from the CrIMSS off-line EDR Results are from the coupled algorithm without QC





- Pressure product is a EDR derived product that requires validation.
 - Derived from AVTP and AVMP
- Ozone is an intermediate product (IP) used by the OMPS team.
 - performance specification for CrIMSS
- CO and CH4 are pre-planned product improvements(P³I, Not part of JPSS-funded cal/val program)
 - SOAT has recommended fullresolution RDR's for CrIS SW (and MW) bands to support the science community.

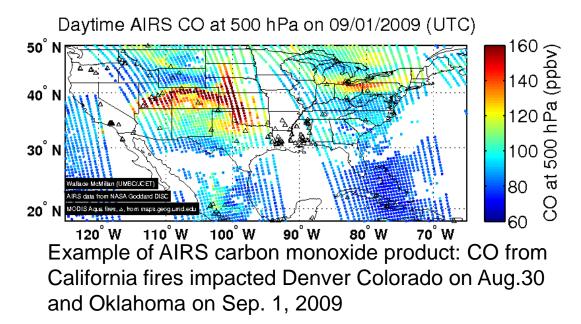


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Parameter (P ³ I in Blue)	IORD-II / JPSS-L1RD
Pressure Profile	4 mb threshold, 2 mb goal
CH4 (methane) column	1% \pm 5% / 1% \pm 4% (precison \pm accuracy)
CO (carbon monoxide) column	$3\% \pm 5\%$ / $35\% \pm 25\%$ (precision \pm accuracy)

History of Algorithm changes/updates



Date	Update/DR#	Reason	Completed
Nov. 2010	4068 & 4079	Precip flag is out of date	In-work
Dec. 2010	4090 (same as 4045)	Derivatives w.r.t. emissivity	Cancelled
Feb. 2011	4207 & 4208	Interpolation of AVTP/AVMP is incorrect, bottom layer missing	Have not confirmed that this is a real problem
Mar. 2011	4233	Surface pressure has Gaussian Noise (for simulation)	Completed and closed
Mar. 2011	4234	State.2 (increased spatial resol.)	Deferred to J1
Aug. 2011	4325	ATMS bias correction	Proposed for Mx6.3
Aug. 2011	4334	CrIS bias correction	Code complete (Mx5.0), LUT update proposed for Mx6.3
Aug. 2011	4335	Updates of post-launch LUTs	OSS (both IR and MW) completed in Mx5.3, emissivity covariance LUT proposed for Mx6.3
Sep. 2011	4346	Pressure inconsistencies at TOA	Closed
July 2012	(to be submitted)	Code bug: non-LTE indexing	Causes rejection in daytime

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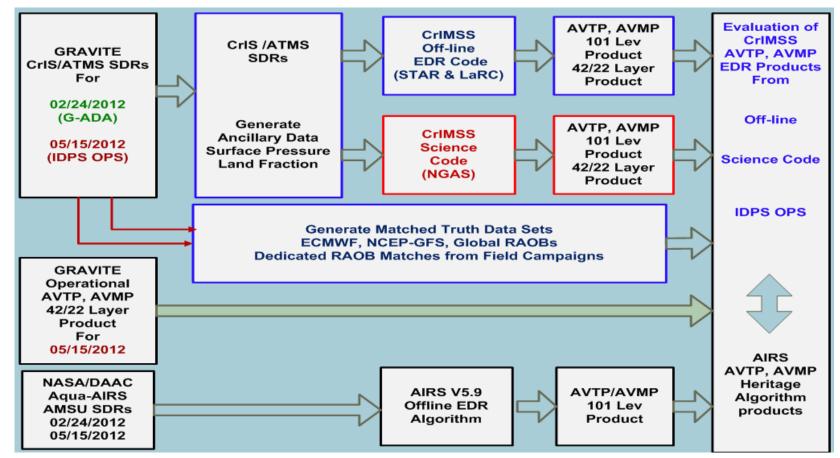


- The graphic on the next page shows the various pathways of data that have been used to analyze the CrIMSS EDRs
- Most of the analysis of the CrIMSS EDR has been done with the "Off-line" version of the IDPS
 - This is our sand-box where we can make changes and run many granules (focus days, matchup-ups, etc.). Most validation is done with 100L IP's.
 - In Off-line version it is easy to add diagnostic printout and I/O.
 - Results from this system will only be shown under the "caveats" section of this document.
 - Once we have familiarity and functionality with ADL we will abandon use of the Off-line code (we are not proficient with ADL at this time and ADL is cumbersome to use to process large numbers of granules).
- NGAS has used their science code to do similar evaluations
 - Science code is the original source of the IDPS code.
 - We have confirmed that the NGAS science-code and off-line code get the same answers
 - Results from this system will not be shown in this document.
- Beginning in mid-April, reasonable CrIMSS EDRs were also available on IDPS
 - The evaluation of these EDRs is what is covered in this section.





 Graphic to illustrate CrIMSS EDR data pathways (discussed on previous slide)





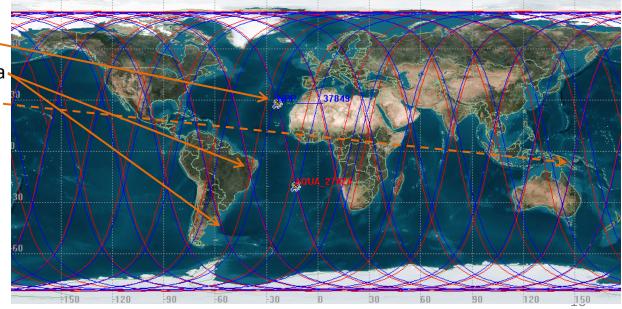


- Focus days Comparison to other products
 - ECMWF is used as a proxy for "truth"
 - It is also used as a "transfer standard" for other retrieval systems such as AIRS and NUCAPS
 - May 15th is the primary focus day because both ATMS and CrIS were calibrated and at the beta maturity level.
 - Feb. 24^{th} and 25^{th} was also used
 - NOTE: Feb. 25th is same orbit configuration as May 15th)
 - We plan on collecting 4 focus days per year
 - Focus day collections include Aqua, Metop SDRs and EDRs, ECMWF, GFS, etc.
- Comparisons to GPS RO Products
 - Large number of days were used in May, to get reasonable statistics.
- Primary validation is dedicated radiosondes
 - Very few radiosondes have been launched to date
 - ~500 sondes were purchased by the JPSS project office and will be launched at 3 sites (Alaska, Oklahoma, Tropical Pacific) in support of provisional and stage.1 validation activities beginning in late July.
 - 20 radiosondes were launched by Aerospace Corp. from Hawaii in May.





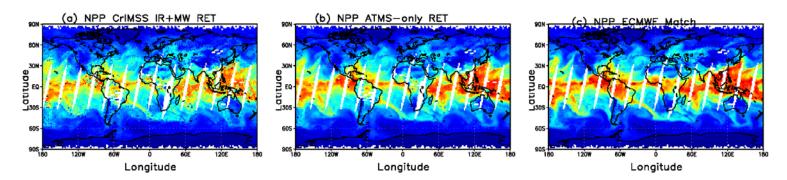
- May 15 focus day was chosen because:
 - It had very good overlap between NPP and Aqua satellites
 - It was same the orbital configuration as the previous focus day (Feb. 25, 2012)
 - Simultaneous nadir overpasses with Aqua occurred in many places:
 - west coast of Africa -
 - East coast of S.America
 - Northeast of Australia
 - Many polar cases

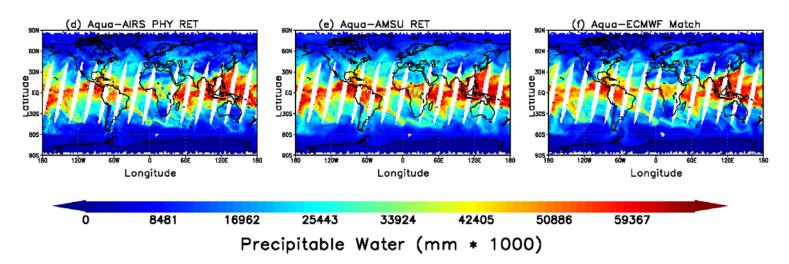






- AVMP total precipitable water product for May 15, 2012
 - CrIMSS IR+MW (upper left) and MW-only (upper middle)
 - AIRS IR+MW (lower left) and AMSU-only (lower middle)
 - Co-located ECMWF for CrIS (upper right) and AIRS (lower right)

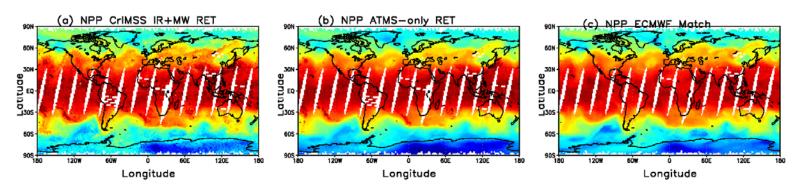


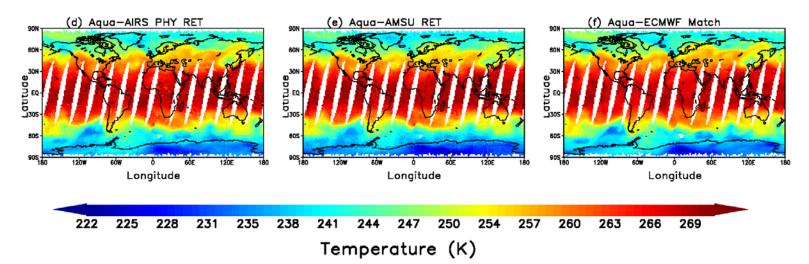






- AVTP (850 hPa-surface) temperature product for May 15, 2012
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 - AIRS IR+MW (lower left) and AMSU-only (lower middle)
 - Co-located ECMWF for CrIS (upper right) and AIRS (lower right)

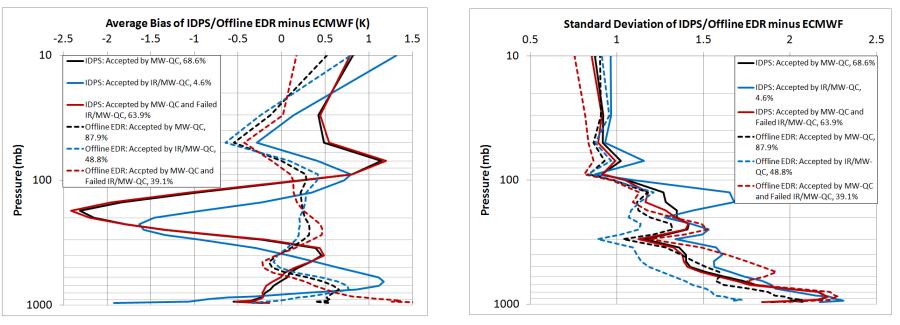








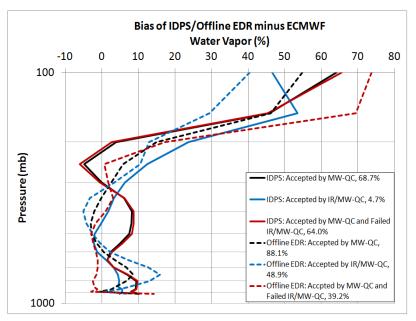
- Global statistics for the May 15, 2012 focus day: CrIMSS 42 layer AVTP EDR from the IDPS (solid lines) with respect to ECMWF (closest forecast or analysis in space and time).
 - IDPS yield is low due to sub-optimal noise estimates, radiance bias corrections, and emissivity covariance matrix
 - MW-only yield (red lines) is 64.0%, IR+MW yield (blue) is 4.7%
 - Off-line code with optimization (not implemented in IDPS at this time) improves both yield (39.2% MW + 48.9% IR) and performance (dashed lines).

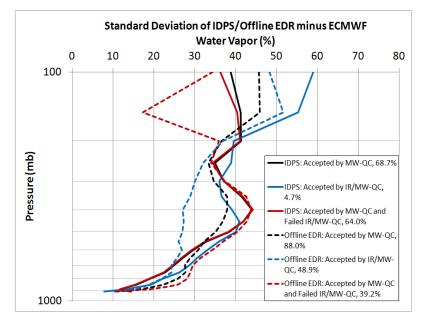






- Global statistics for the May 15, 2012 focus day: CrIMSS 22 layer AVMP EDR from the IDPS (solid lines) with respect to ECMWF (closest forecast or analysis in space and time).
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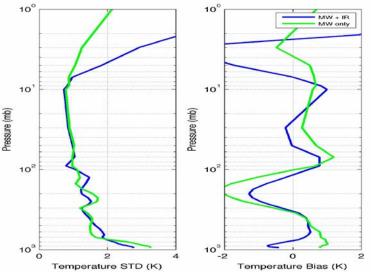




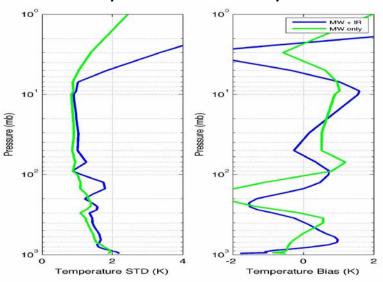


- CrIMSS Off-line AVTP (slides courtesy of Xu Liu, NASA/LaRC)
 - 100 level IP product was converted to 42 EDR AVTP layers
 - In this case, IR+MW acceptance is equal to the IDPS QC
 - The MW-only QC is the same, but this plot includes all the accepted MW-only retrievals (including the cases accepted by the IR retrieval).

Land Cases (global) 4.7% yield for IR_MW 63.4% yield for MW-only



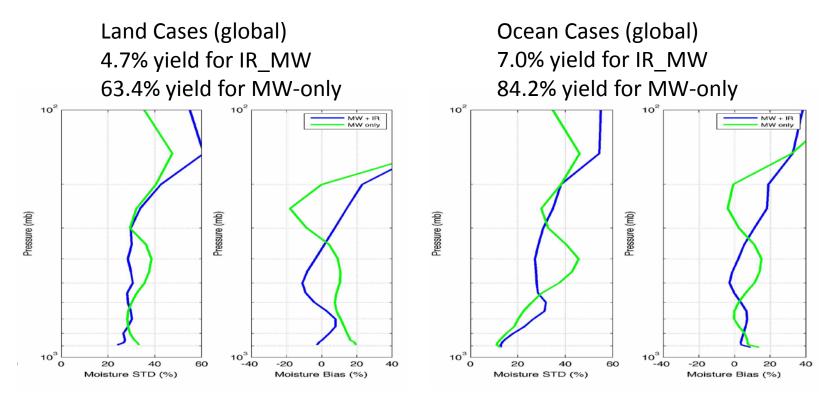
Ocean Cases (global) 7.0% yield for IR_MW 84.2% yield for MW-only







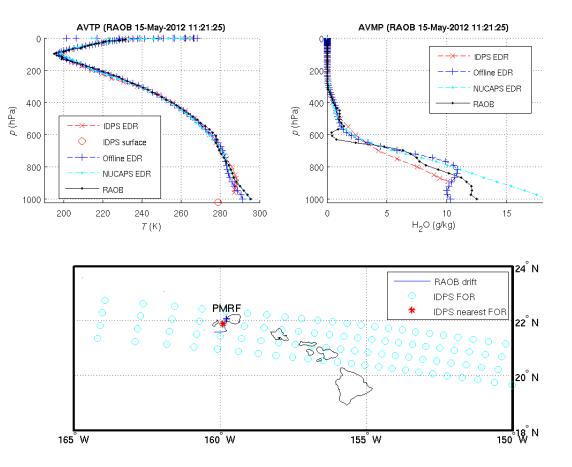
- CrIMSS Off-line AVMP (slides courtesy of Xu Liu, NASA/LaRC)
 - 100 level IP product was converted to 22 EDR AVMP layers
 - In this case, IR+MW acceptance is similar, but not exactly the IDPS QC
 - The MW-only QC is the same, but this plot includes all the accepted MW-only retrievals (including the cases accepted by the IR retrieval).







- In May, Aerospace Corp. launched 20 sondes from Hawaii.
- At right is one sonde (black), the Off-line optimized CrIMSS EDR result (blue), the IDPS EDR (red), and NUCAPS EDR (cyan) for ATVP (left) and AVMP (right)
- While these results are preliminary, we are investigating the possibility that the EDR product, which is reported on coarse layers, is offset (DR4207/4208).







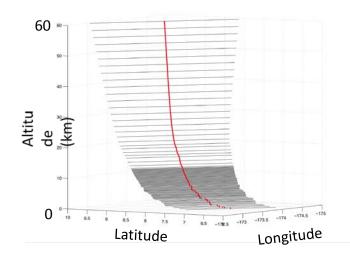
- Next Set of slides (courtesy of Bob Knuteson, Univ. of Wisconsin) show IDPS CrIMSS EDR products relative to co-located GPS sondes
 - AIRS results are shown in top panels
 - CrIMSS results are shown in bottom panels
- GPS comparisons are only valid from ~300 hPa to 30 hPa
 - In general, GPS results are an independent confirmation of what we have shown relative to ECMWF
 - Statistics are similar to the heritage AIRS EDR products
 - CrIMSS EDR has larger biases
 - Because IDPS system does not have ATMS bias corrections)
 - CrIMSS EDR has slightly larger standard deviation (SDV)
 - IDPS code is not fully optimized

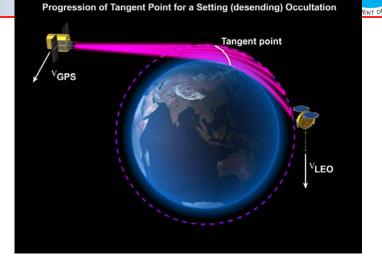


Beta Maturity Evaluation (13/19)

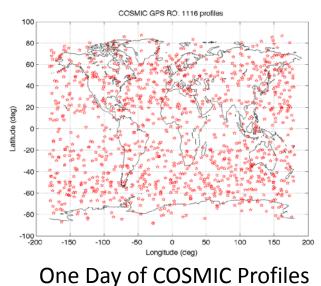
Matchups were found between COSMIC and CrIMSS retrievals of temperature (collocated and within 1 hour). The COSMIC data is used a common reference to compare CrIMSS and AIRS retrievals on a daily basis. The COSMIC dry temperature is valid in the range 30 – 300 mb.

COSMIC Dry Temperature Profile





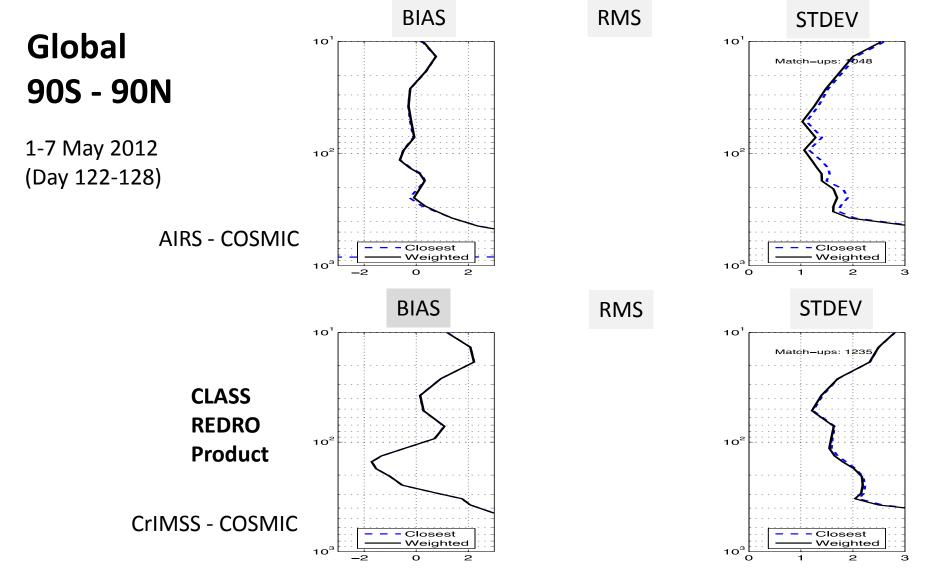
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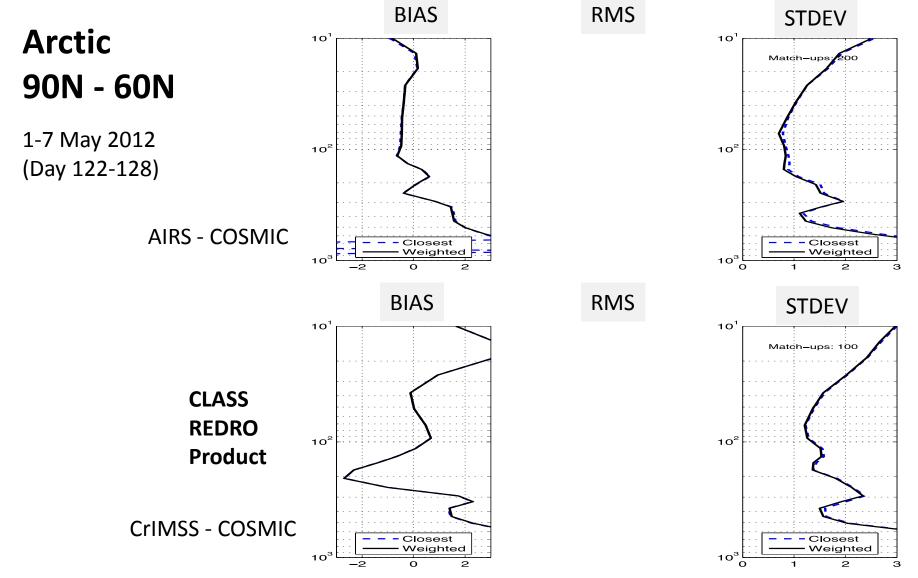






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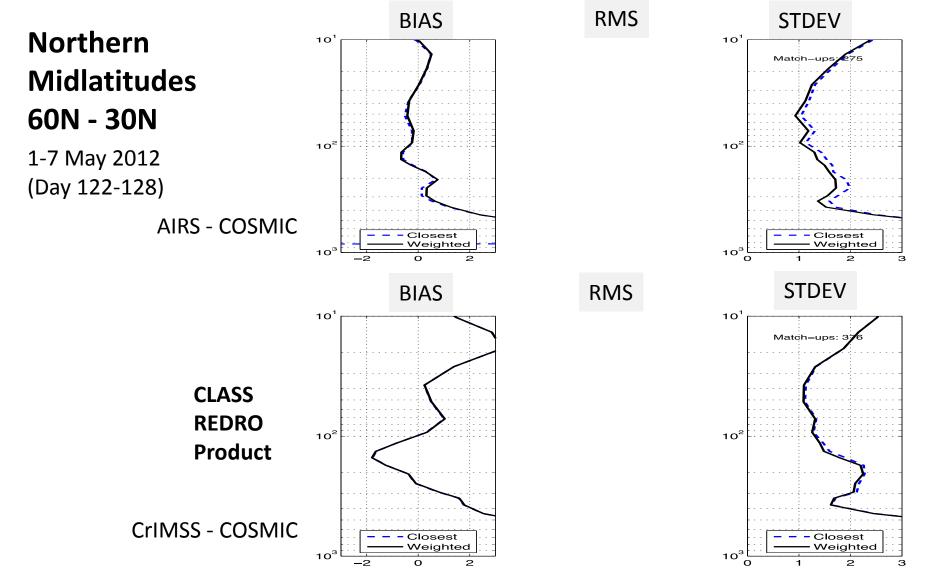






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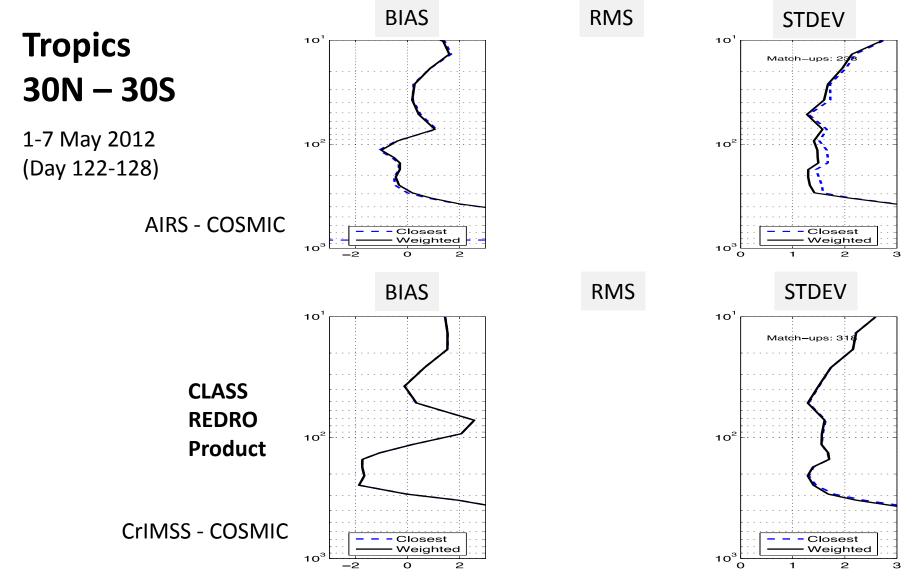






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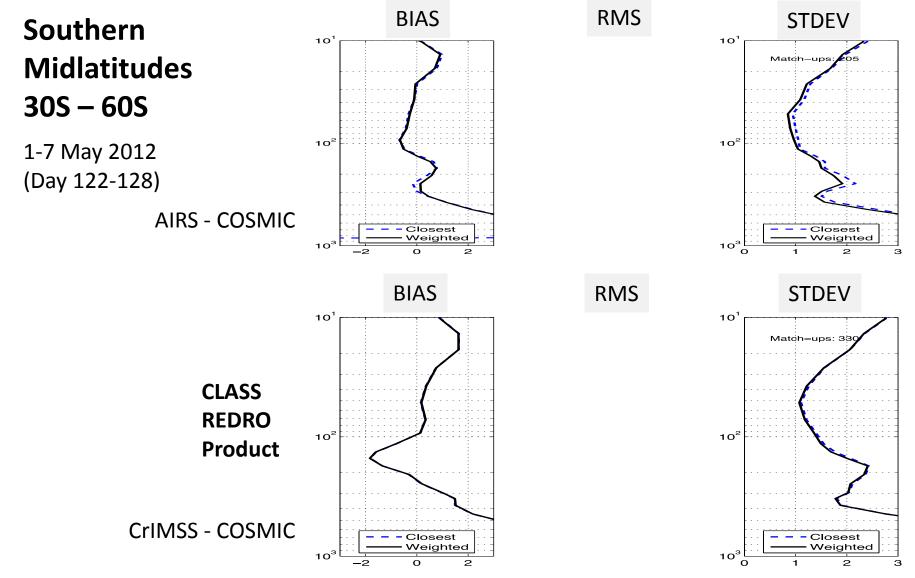






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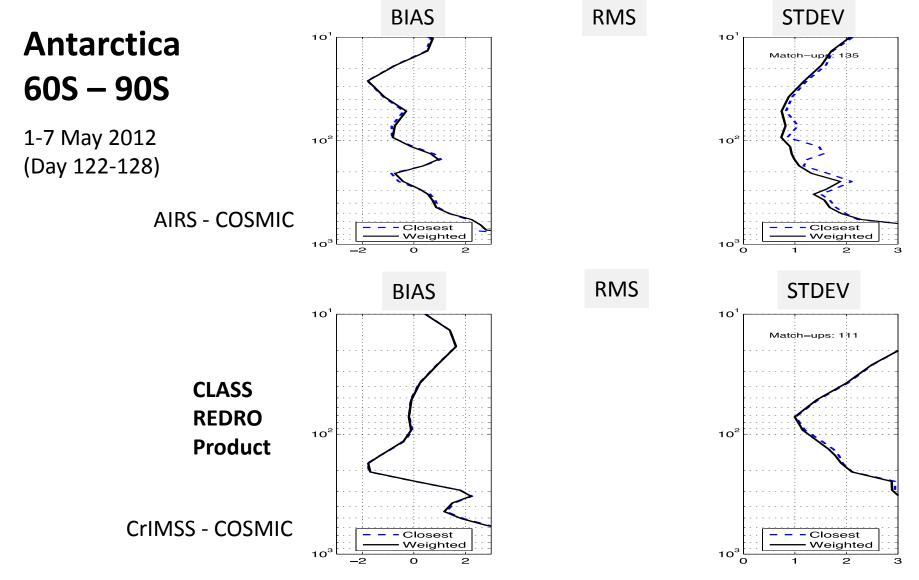






Beta Maturity Evaluation (19/19)









- Criteria: Early release product
 - CrIMSS EDR is dependent on ATMS and CrIS SDRs
 - ATMS SDR reached beta maturity in Feb. 2012
 - ATMS SDR does not have instrument bias corrections (side-lobe corrections) applied at this time
 - CriS 1st light occurred on Jan. 20, approximated 42 days delay
 - CrIS SDR reached beta maturity in Apr. 2012
 - No post-launch changes have been made to the CrIMSS EDR
 - Mx6.3 should have ATMS and CrIS bias corrections
 - Mx7.0 should have changes to improve yield and quality of retrievals
- Criteria: Minimally validated
 - Majority of evaluation is based on three focus days (global comparisons for ECMWF and AIRS retrieval products).
 - Nov. 11, 2011 focus day, ATMS was functioning
 - Feb. 24, 2012 focus day, CrIS SDR still had major calibration issues
 - May 15, 2012 focus day, both CrIS and ATMS were functioning well
 - Some analysis has been done on other days
 - comparisons to GPS on a number of days in May, 2012
 - available dedicated radiosondes at specific locations





- Criteria: Available to allow users to gain familiarity with data formats and parameters
 - CrIMSS EDR team has evaluated IDPS EDR products available from CLASS
 - Yield is low (both IR+MW and MW-only) and there are large biases
 - Users can ignore MW-only QC and product compares reasonably with heritage products (from AIRS and IASI) for all non-precip cases
 - CrIMSS EDR team has also evaluated an off-line, LINUx version of the IDPS code and made those outputs available to the cal-val team and NASA-funded researchers.
 - Yield is significantly higher and performance is better when changes are implemented.
 - Therefore, there does not appear to be any issues with the ATMS or CrIS radiances or the CrIMSS EDR algorithm.
 - Beta release will allow other users within the community to gain experience with the data formats and parameters.
 - This is important to allow users to complement the validation activity.



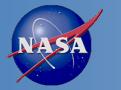


- Criteria: Product is not appropriate as the basis for quantitative scientific publication studies and applications
 - The product has known flaws (see caveats slides later in this presentation), but these products are of sufficient quality to justify use by a broader community
 - Most of the issues revolve around failed convergence
 - Due to sub-optimal bias corrections and noise values
 - Users can ignore or relax the quality flags and if they do, the products are comparable to other operational systems (Aqua/AIRS/AMSU and EUMETSAT/IASI/AMSU/MHS products)
 - With the changes proposed for Mx6.3 (could be implemented in September timeframe) these products could be considered provisional.





- Does not have any bias correction for ATMS (DR4325)
 - Causes scan angle dependent biases in AVMP and AVTP
 - Causes low yield in coupled CrIS/ATMS retrieval
 - Adding this bias correction to off-line code increased yield by ~6%.
- Has a sub-optimal emissivity co-variance matrix (DR 4335)
 - Causes poor KPP performance, especially in polar scenes
 - In off-line code replacing this LUT increased yield by ~30%
- Has pre-launch bias correction for CrIS (DR 4334)
 - Based on IASI-proxy data, should be reasonable





- Pre-launch values of CrIS and ATMS instrument noise LUTs is based on pre-launch, idealized performance
 - Affects convergence and is causing low yields for both the microwave and coupled retrieval
 - Modifying this in off-line code increased yield by ~25%
- Scene stratification is not performing well
 - Determination of "warm ocean" logic needs to be changed
- Scene selection module is not performing well
 - As a consequence of sub-optimal bias corrections and instrument noise estimates scenes are determined to be clear when they are cloudy.
 - Causes poor convergence and rejection of the coupled retrieval and microwave retrieval, especially over polar regions.
 - Fixed in off-line code by forcing cloud clearing for all cases.

Table on the next page summarizes the improvements of yield with respect to a number of changes discussed here.

Caveats for Operational EDR (3/6)

	Caveats for Operational EDR (3/6)														
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A1											44.45%	9.57%	53.41%	6.87%	: COMMER
A2	\checkmark										43.40%	19.60%	59.84%	12.35%	
A3		\checkmark									55.40%	23.70%	83.92%	17.09%	
A4			\checkmark								44.44%	9.55%	53.41%	6.84%	
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B1	\checkmark	\checkmark	√	\checkmark							75.25%	47.33%	87.14%	46.00%	
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- (1) New Bias Files
- (2) New Climatology LUT
- (3) readStdInputs reads Sol. Zen. Angle
- (4) calcCrimssProfiles: daytime noise*4
- (5) calc_ir_noise: stdt error *2

- (6) calc_ir_noise: ozone-methane stdt*4
- (7) set_irmw_invert: new ir noise calc.
- (8) calcCrimssProfiles: no stratification
- (9) setCovBack: warm ocean definition
- (10) fovsel: forced cloud clearing

Caveats for Operational CrIMSS EDR (4/6)

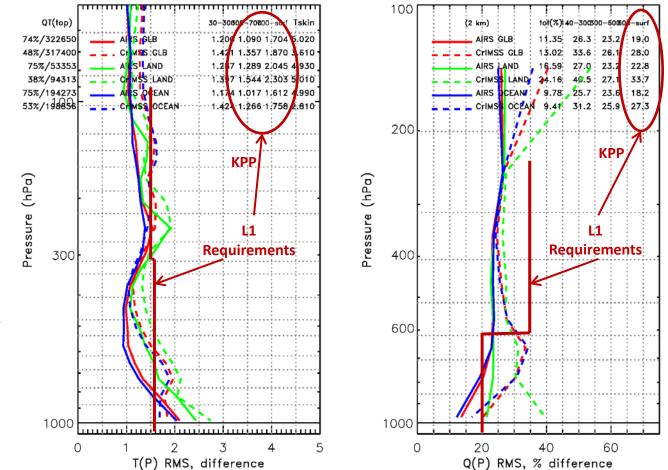


 Comparson of the IR+MW EDR w.r.t. ECMWF for May 15, 2012 -- if all the changes are installed (Off-line runs)

•Global (red), land (green) and ocean (blue) statistics for the CrIMSS EDR (dashed) and heritage AIRS product (solid).

•CrIMSS EDR has lower yield (38-53%) than AIRS (~75%) at this time

•KPP performance is close to requirements (1.6K) for AVTP, but we still have work to do for AVMP (global is 28% vs. 20% requirement)



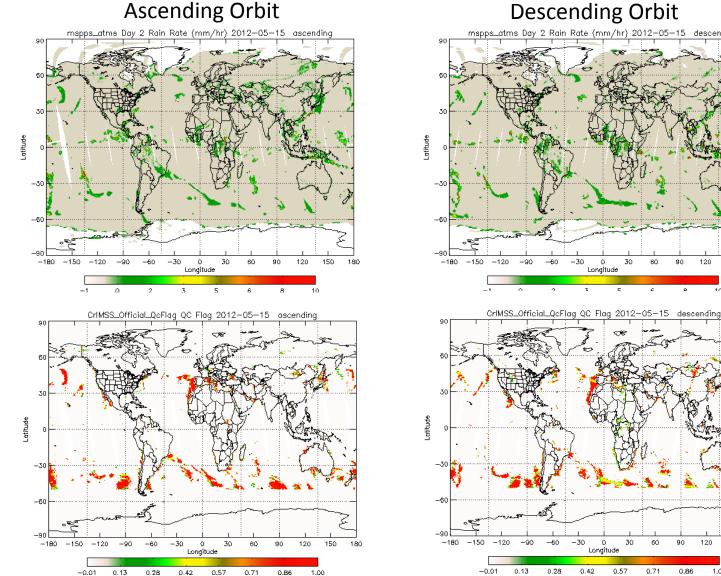




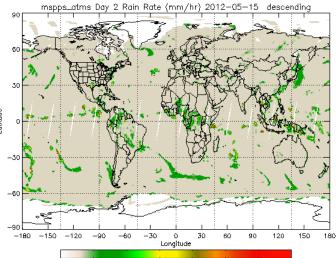
- Daytime scenes have lower (~20%) yield than nighttime due to a software error in the indexing of channels affected by non-LTE
 - Recently discovered bug and changes required are understood.
 - The fix has not been implemented in any figures shown herein.
- Precipitation flag is sub-optimal
 - Precipitation flag is needed for excluding cases from the performance statistics.
 - Current flag is using out of date algorithm and incorrect coefficients (AMSU coefficients used)
 - Appears to be producing reasonable values, most of the time but does have high failure rate (both false positives and negatives).
 - We will have a report on its performance in Sep. 2012 and implementation of code/coefficient changes in Jan. 2013

Caveats for Operational CrIMSS EDR (6/6) (example of precip flag on 5/15





Descending Orbit



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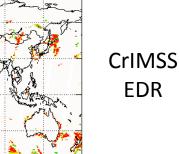
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Additional Supporting Documentation



- Apr. 4, 2012 Presentation at CrIS beta review (120404_crimssedr_barnet.pptx)
- June 26, 2012 Telecon presentation
 - Degui Gu, discussion of changes proposed for Mx6.3 (120626crimss_degui.pptx)
 - Bob Kunteson, comparison to GPS (120626crimss_knuteson.ppts)
 - Murty Divakarla, off-line EDR comparison to ECMWF (120626crimss_murty.ppt)
 - Wenze Yang + Ralph Ferraro, Analysis of CrIMSS Rain Flah (120626crimss_yang.ppt)
- Weekly reports
 - Feb. 15, ATMS empirical bias correction and statistics of ATMS-only retrieval (120215adp_weekly_barnet.docx)
 - Apr. 25, off-line global EDR statistics w.r.t. NUCAPS (120425adp_weekly_barnet.docx)
 - May 29, off-line global EDR statistics w.r.t. AIRS (120530adp_weekly_barnet.docx)
 - Jun 27, off-line global EDR statistics with proposed changes for Mx7.0 (120627adp_weekly_barnet.docx)





- We are working to get these changes into the IDPS
 - The 45 day dry-run (7/31-9/12) and 90 day TPI testing (mid-Oct to mid-Jan) of IDPS will prevent upgrades of the IDPS EDR before provisional or stage.1 validation is scheduled for completion.
 - Therefore, it is very likely that only the Off-line code will meet performance requirements until all changes can be implements (mid-2013 ??).
 - Therefore, a high priority, near-term task is to confirm that off-line code can completely emulate the IDPS configuration.
- Detailed performance characterization requires dedicated radiosondes
 - We will continue the analysis with the 20 Aerospace radiosondes launched in May from Hawaii
 - The ARM-CART radiosonde launches from North Slope of Alaska, Southern Great Plains, and Tropical Western Pacific are beginning now.
 - Radiosondes will be launched for ~90 overpasses over the next 3 months
 - We will also use radiosondes from the 2012 AEROSE Atlantic Cruise
 - ~100 radiosondes and ~25 ozone sondes will be launched along an Atlantic Ocean path in Sep. 2012.
- Radiosonde analysis will be part of the provisional maturity justification scheduled for the Nov/Dec 2012 timeframe.





- CrIMSS EDR has met the beta stage based on the definitions and the evidence shown
 - It exceeds the definition of beta in most cases
 - Off-line EDR product performance is close to meeting requirements at this time (and continuing to improve).
- Many issues have been uncovered during validation and solutions are being evaluated.
 - Scan angle dependent biases and yield issues will be mitigated when DR 4325, 4334, 4335 is fully implemented (Mx6.3 ??)
 - Low yield of products is due mostly to poor quality control and we have solutions working in the off-line code (hopefully implemented in Mx7.0)