



Utilization of GPSRO in the NOAA sounding Products Validation System (NPROVS)

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Outline

- NOAA sounding Products Validation System (NPROVS) introduction
- Demonstrate GPSRO application
 - GPSRO in Vaisala RS92 to RS41 transition
 - GPSRO in 3G (GRUAN, GSICS, and GNSS-RO) climate monitoring
 - NPROVS utility to routinely access and assess atmospheric profiles from COSMIC-2 (and commercial)





NOAA Products Validation System (NPROVS)



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N P R O V S: Conventional RAOB



Typical Global Radiosonde Launches (1000 per day) August-September 2019



Vaisala RS92 (10%)

Vaisala RS41 (25%)





GRUAN & JPSS-funded Dedicated RAOBs: NPROVS Special







N P R O V S: Special Radiosonde



GRUAN and JPSS funded Dedicated (S-NPP) RAOB Sites (Jan 2013 thru Mar 2019) Of 56,500 RAOBs, 9000 are synchronized (4000 via JPSS/ARM) Half of the raobs from ocean campaigns are synchronized with MetOp





RS92 to RS41 Transition Study

- Accuracy assessment of RS41 vs. RS92 using January 2015-March 2019 data
 - NWP (CFSR BG and ANAL; ECMWF ANAL)
 - Dual (41/92) launches at
 6 GRUAN sites
 - GPS RO "Tdry" (UCAR COSMIC and ROM SAF DMI GRAS)



"On the accuracy of Vaisala RS41 versus RS92 upper air temperature observations"; Sun et al., (2019), J. Atmos. Ocean. Tech.

Implications for satellite data (2019), J. Atmos. Ocean. Tech.
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Spatial distribution of RS41 vs RS92 (4 yrs of collocation data)



RS41: 65,876 launches





COSMIC-1 (UCAR) and GRAS (ROM SAF DMI) RO (April 8, 2017)





UCAR COSMIC RO profiles: 618 (top) ROM SAF GRAS RO profiles: 1200 (bottom)





RS92-minus-RO COSMIC 2015.01-2019.03

Solar Elevation Categories

- NIGHT (<-7.5 deg)
- DAWN/DUSK (-7.5 7.5 deg)
- LOW (7.5 22.5 deg)
- HIGH (>22.5 deg)



Solar Elevation Categories











RS92-minus-RO GRAS RS41-minus-RO GRAS

(Day and night...all the data)





Consistency of different observing systems in climate monitoring

- GRUAN
 - GDP (Dirksen et al., 2014)
- Polar Satellite Microwave
 - FCDR (NOAA/STAR, Cheng-Zhi Zou et al., 2018)
- GPSRO
 - CDR (ROM SAF DMI, Joe Nielsen 2018)
- Sites used as examples
 - Lindenberg, Germany
 - Barrow, AK, USA











Barrow, GRUAN, Satelite Microwave, GPS RO







NOAA Products Validation System (NPROVS)



Ready to "add" COSMIC-2 to this collocation validation system





EDGE Analytical Interface ...







NOAA Products Validation System (NPROVS)

Dewpoint / Temperature (deg K)



SONDE 72768 (182) SONDE SONDE 72768 (182) GFS 6 Hour ECMWF COSMIC UCAR Raw Dry NUCAPS NPP MIRS NPP (0) MIRS NPP GRAS 8/22/2019 23:04:00Z 8/22/2019 23:04:00Z 8/23/2019 0:00:00Z (0.9 hours) 8/22/2019 21:31:24Z (-1.5 hours) 8/22/2019 20:10:44Z (-2.9 hours) 8/22/2019 20:10:47Z (-2.9 hours) 8/23/2019 01:36 Z (2.5 hour) 48.2 N / 106.6 W 48.2 N / 106.6 W 48.2 N / 106.8 W (9.7 km) 49.8 N / 105.7 W (193.2 km) 48 N / 106.6 W (19 km) 48.2 N / 106.6 W (5.3 km) 50.1 N / 104.9 W (249.7 km)

GRUAN, GFS, ECMWF, COSMIC Tdry, GRAS Tdry, NUCAPS and MiRS Profiles

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Tdry at 71.5 hPa vs global RAOBs



SAMPLE SIZE-





Summary / Path forward

- Utilization of GPSRO in NPROVS:
 - RO Tdry used in assessment of RS92-to-RS41 radiosonde transition
 - Consistency of climate monitoring: support 3G [GRUAN, GSICS (polar satellite microwave), GPSRO] activity
- NPROVS supports COSMIC-2 implementation; ongoing

- Bring ROM SAF CDR, UCAR (and other agencies) reprocessed GPSRO profiles into NPROVS
- Monitor, assess, facilitate feedback among agencies





On the accuracy of humidity observations assessed in hyperspectral infrared radiance space



Cited from "GSICS use of GRUAN humidity observations in the context of satellite sensor assessment" by Sun, Calbet, Reale, and Bali, GSICS Quarterly Newsletter, Vol. 13, No. 3, 2019, doi:10.25923/63j6-sb72

RS41 is less dried (by ~1.5%) than RS92 (GDP) during daytime.