Progress on Single-Footprint AIRS retrievals

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Single-footprint – forward model comparison
Simultaneous Retrievals with D4S or TwoSlab

- **Delta-4-Stream (D4S)**
  - One cloud layer
  - Described in Ou et al., 2013
  - Same as used by Irion et al. (2018), but with updated SARTA that affects stratospheric ozone
    - BUT no 10μm ozone band in retrieval
  - Uses ECMWF forecast and MODIS cloud data in a priori
  - Retrieves effective cloud-top temperature, particle size, optical depth

3 elements in the state vector

- **TwoSlab**
  - Two cloud layers
  - Described in DeSouza-Machado et al. (2018)
  - (My version) uses ECMWF forecast data for a priori
    - No MODIS, no reanalysis used
  - Models and retrieves two cloud layers
    - Cloud-top and bottom pressures, particle size, water content
    - Cloud 1 and 2 fractions, and cloud overlap
    - Assumption is (at most) one ice cloud and (at most) one liquid water cloud

11 elements in the state vector

- Gas absorption calculations from SARTA the same in D4S and TwoStream in following results
  - Differences are in the cloud calculations and cloud priors

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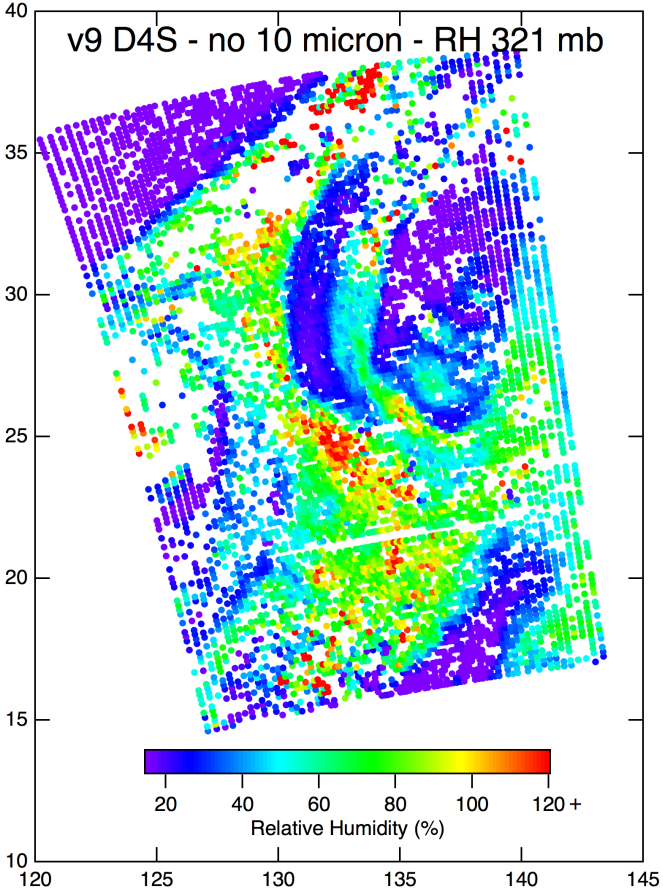
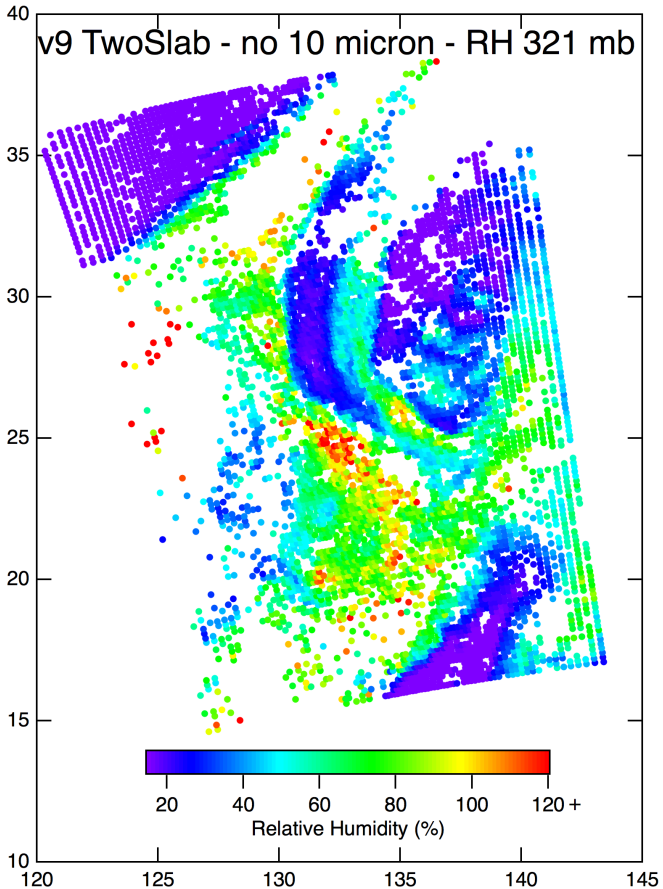
Granule 44 9/6/2002 **321 mb** - QC is normal convergence and chiSq < 3





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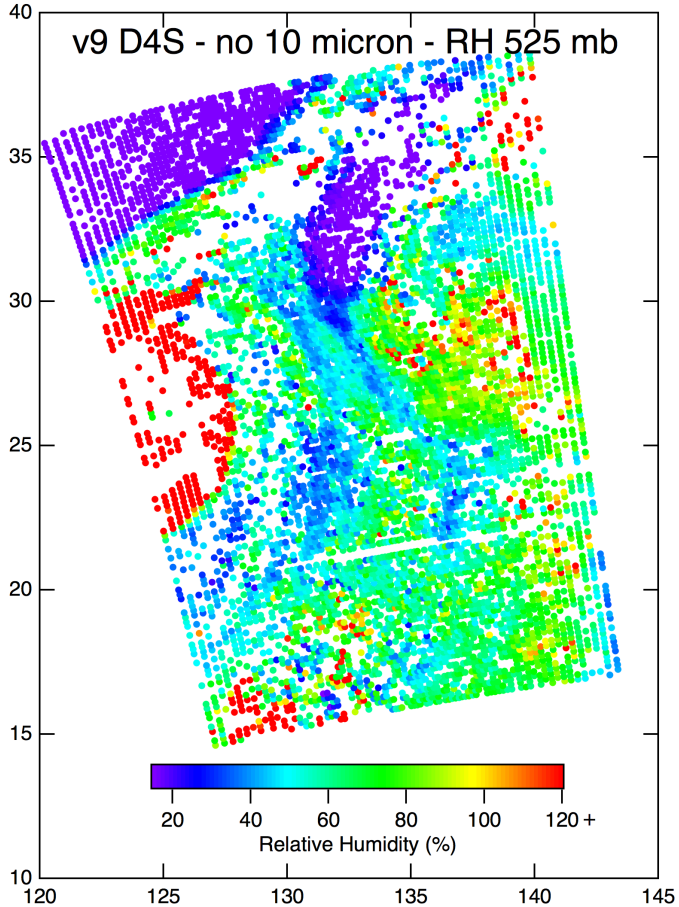

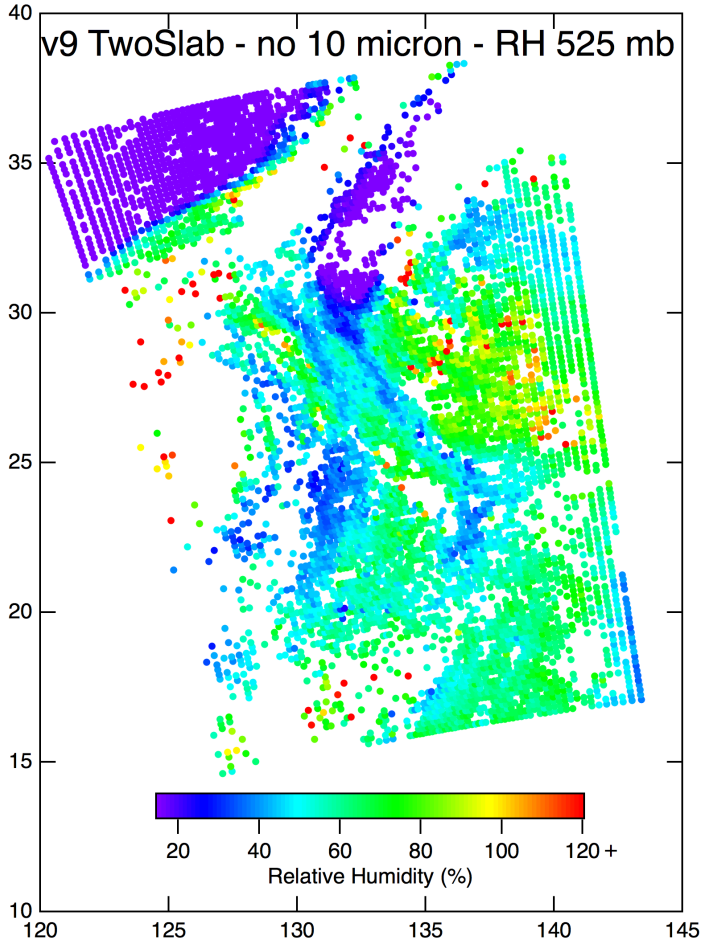

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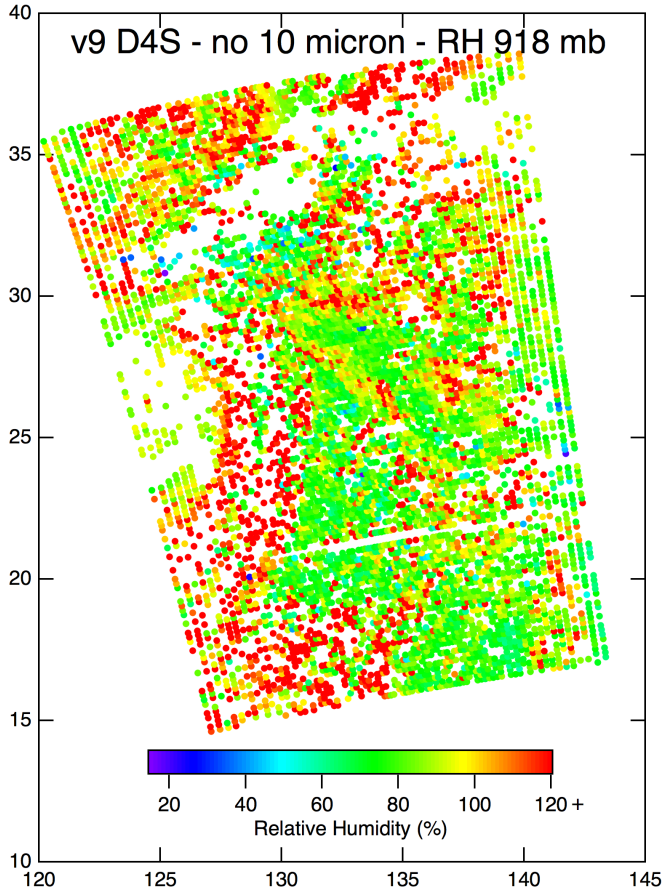
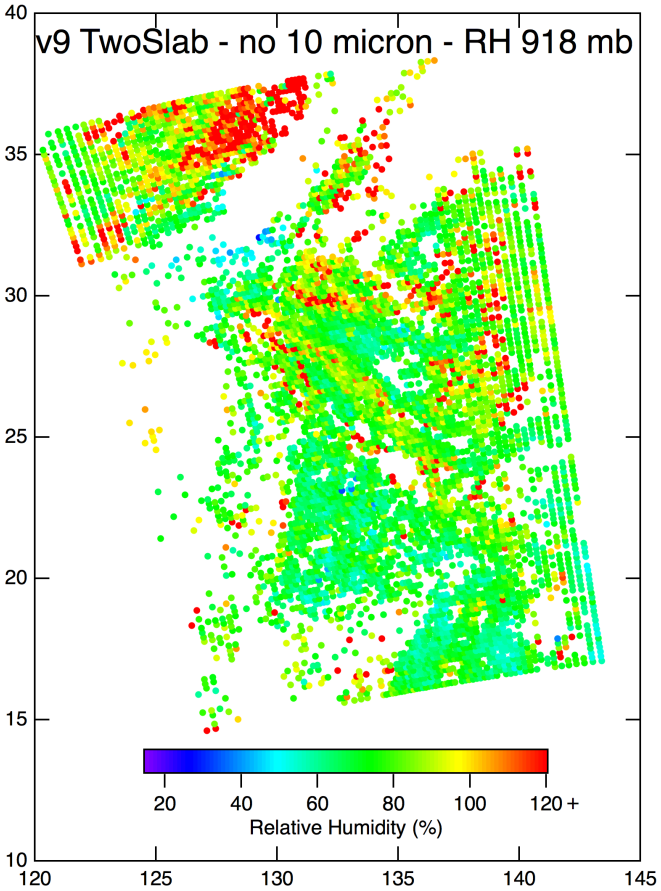
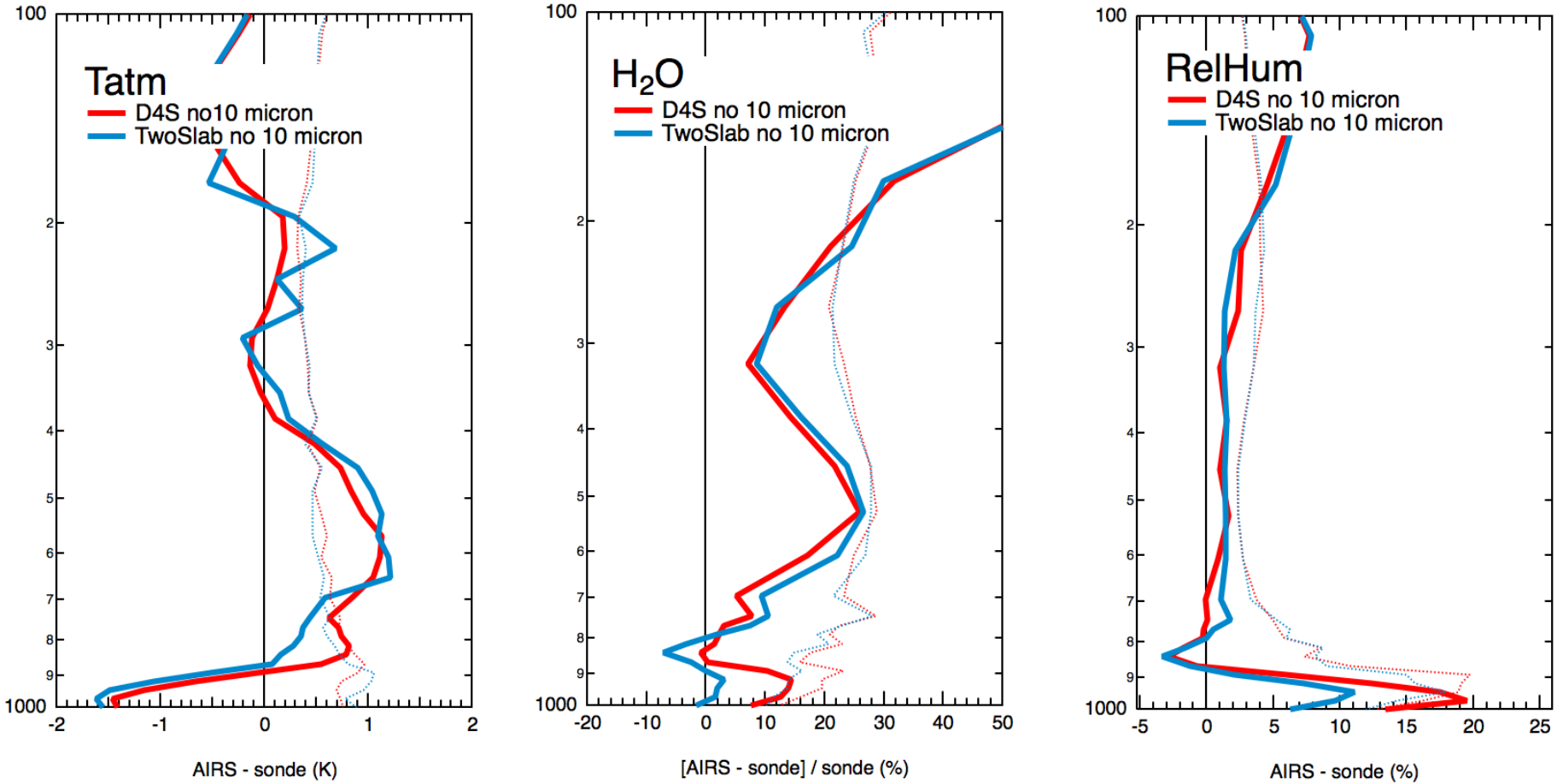




AIRS comparison to MAGIC sondes ("median of medians")

Thin lines are median absolute deviation

Matchup within 100 km and 3 hrs. **QC is normal convergence and chiSq < 3**



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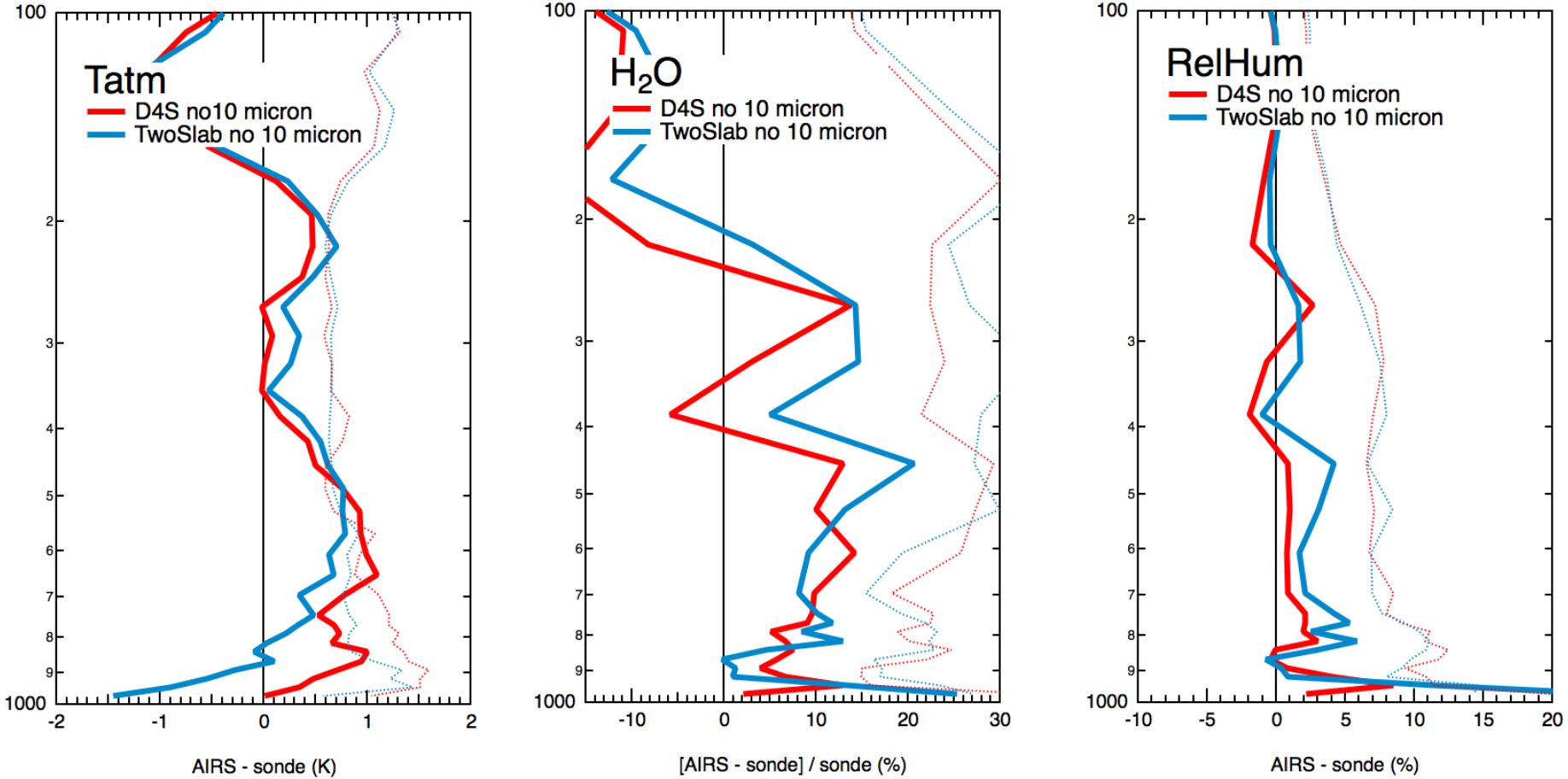

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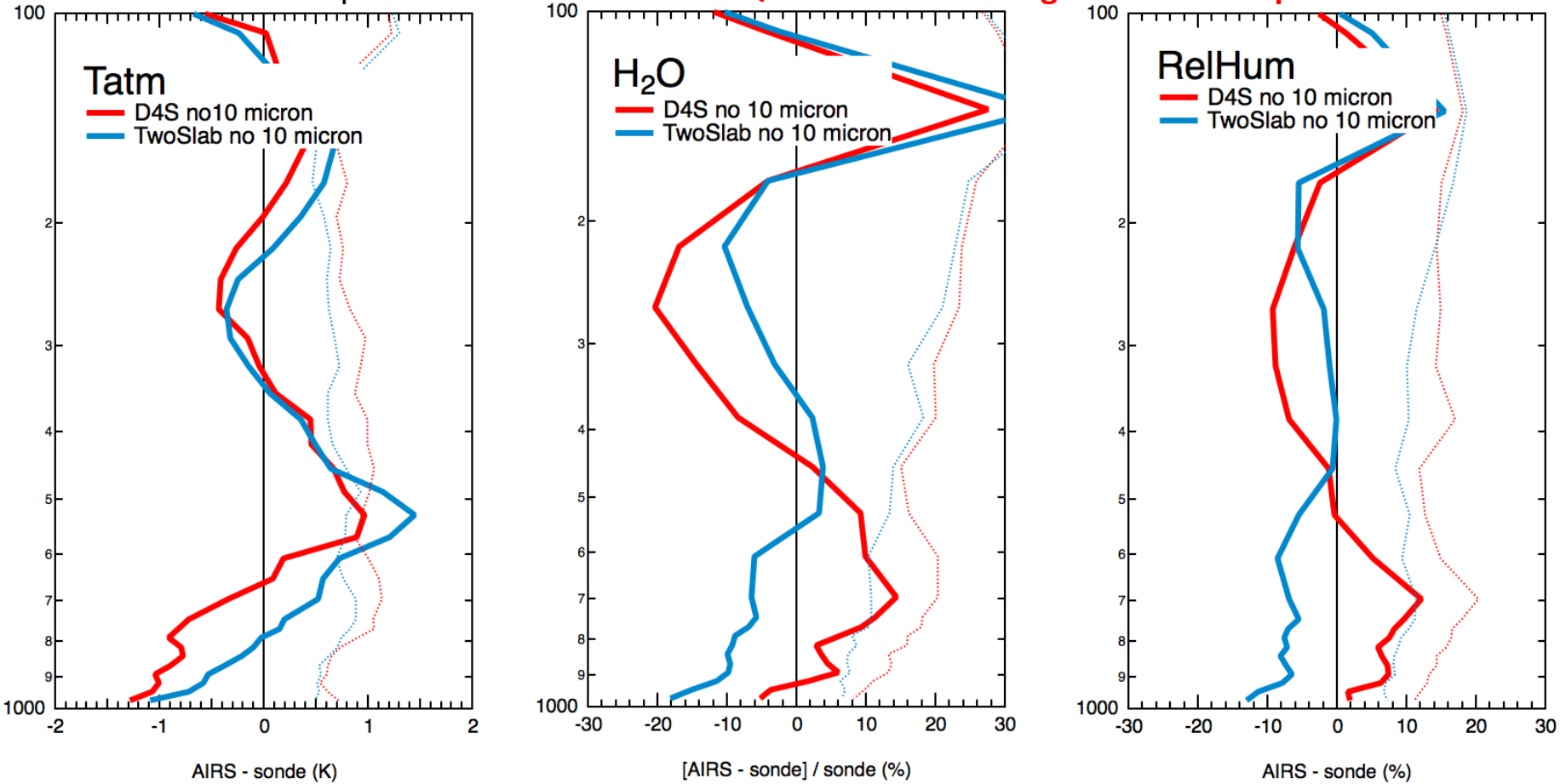

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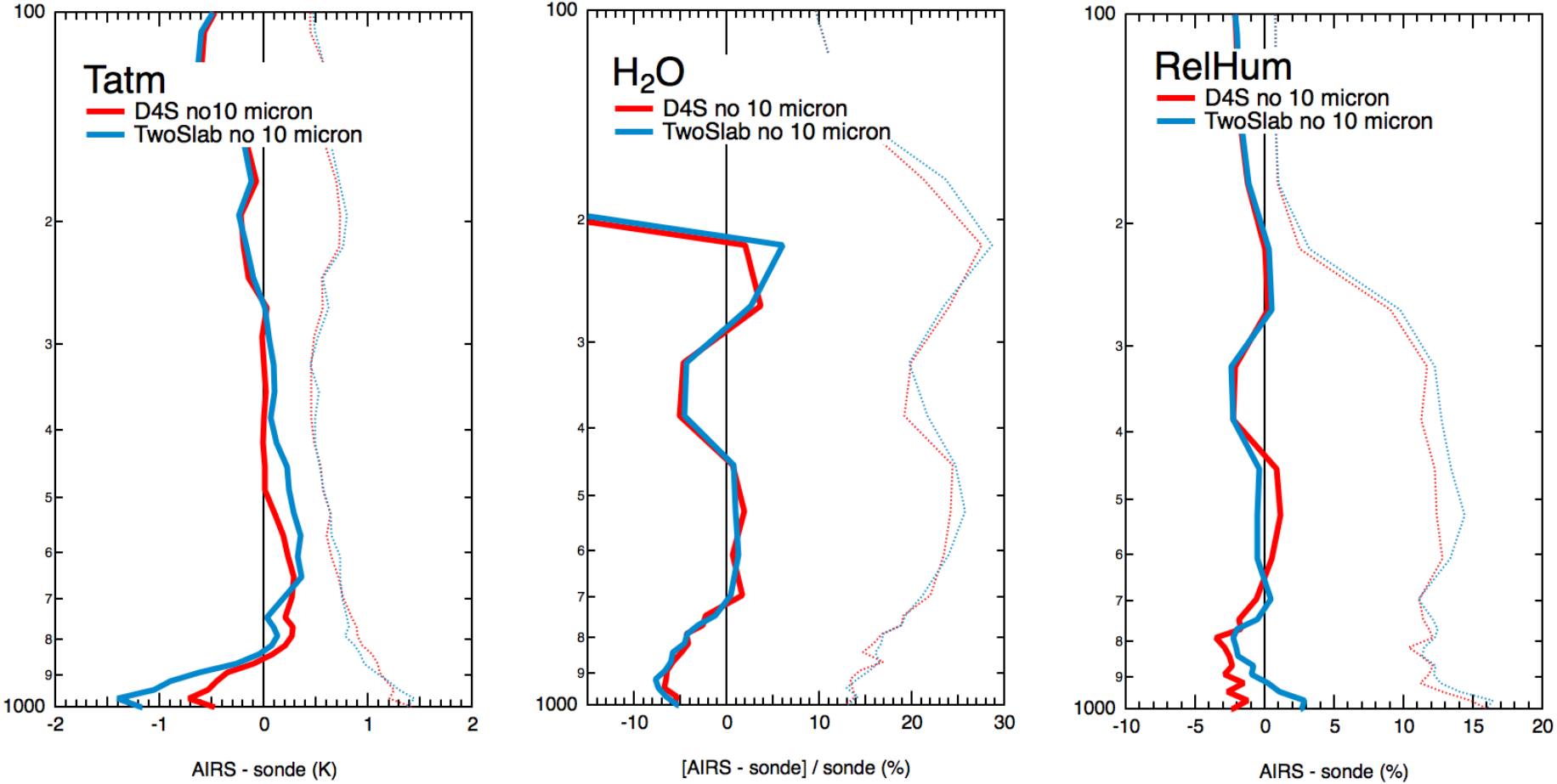


What's better? Delta-4-Stream and TwoSlab?

- TwoSlab not the magic bullet, but "not too bad."
- Quality Control using TwoSlab not well developed.
- TwoSlab may have lower yield (at least in my implementation).

  But where TwoSlab retrieval fails, the D4S retrieval is often QC'd out anyway.
- TwoSlab has more headroom for development than D4S …but will take a lot of work.

  Use reanalysis instead of forecast?

  Add in MODIS as prior to TwoSlab retrievals?

Switching gears …

Adding AMSU (and HSB) to single-footprint retrieval by adding microwave to the cost function.

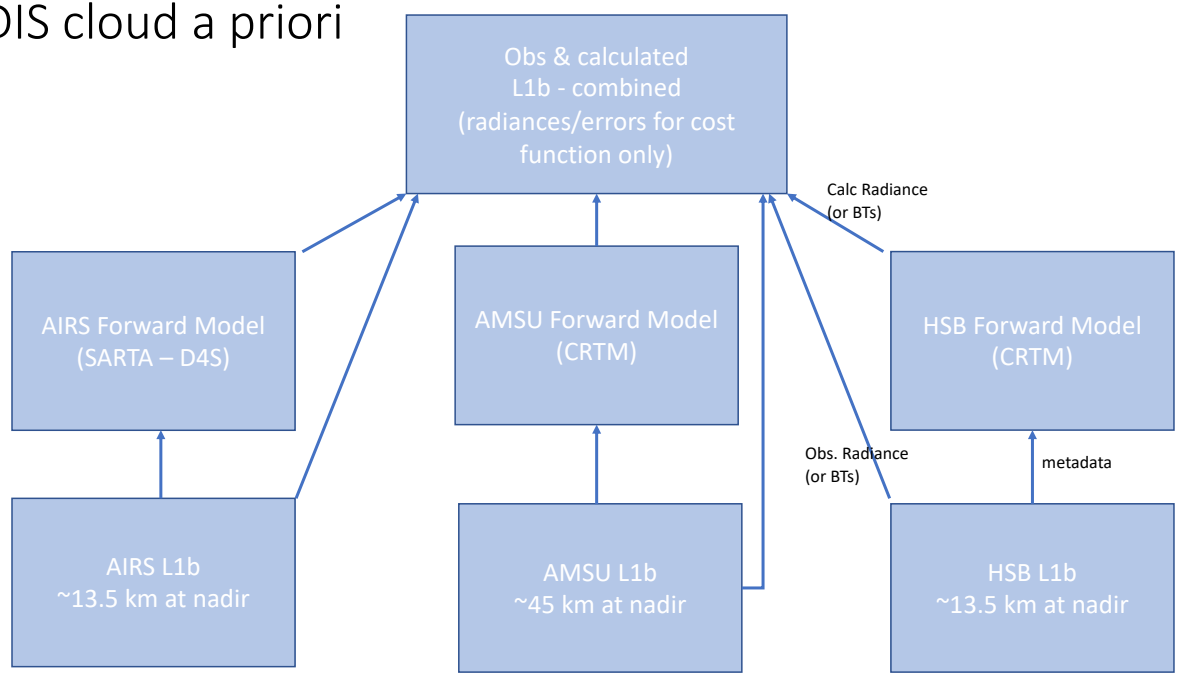
ECMWF forecast and MODIS cloud a priori

Is this a way to get better retrievals below the clouds?

Using CRTM to forward model AMSU/HSB always as “clear”

No AMSU ch 7.

Using AMSU naively -- e.g., forecast winds, and no brightness temperature corrections for scan angle.



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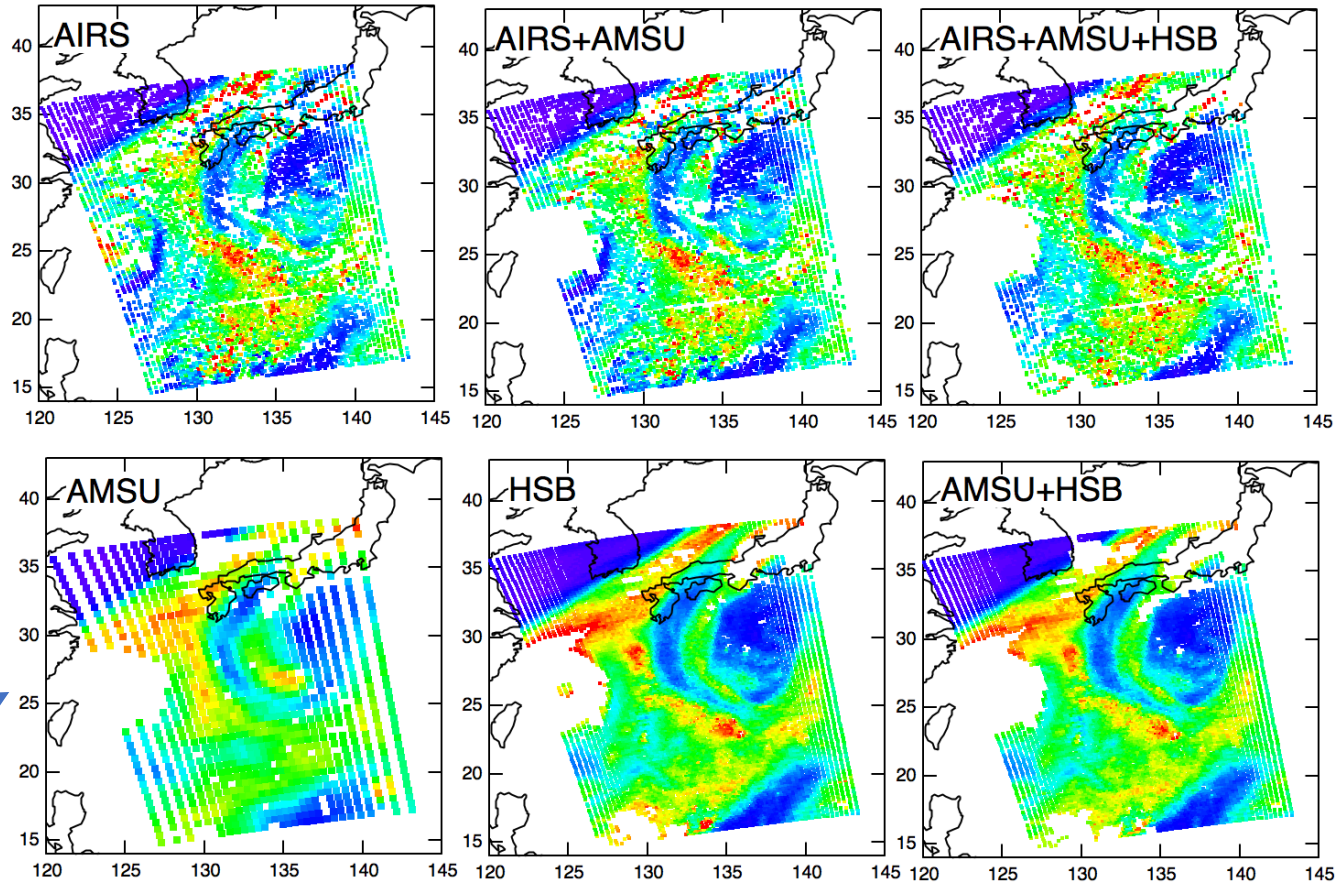

Looks like the ECMWF forecast a priori

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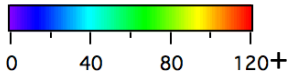

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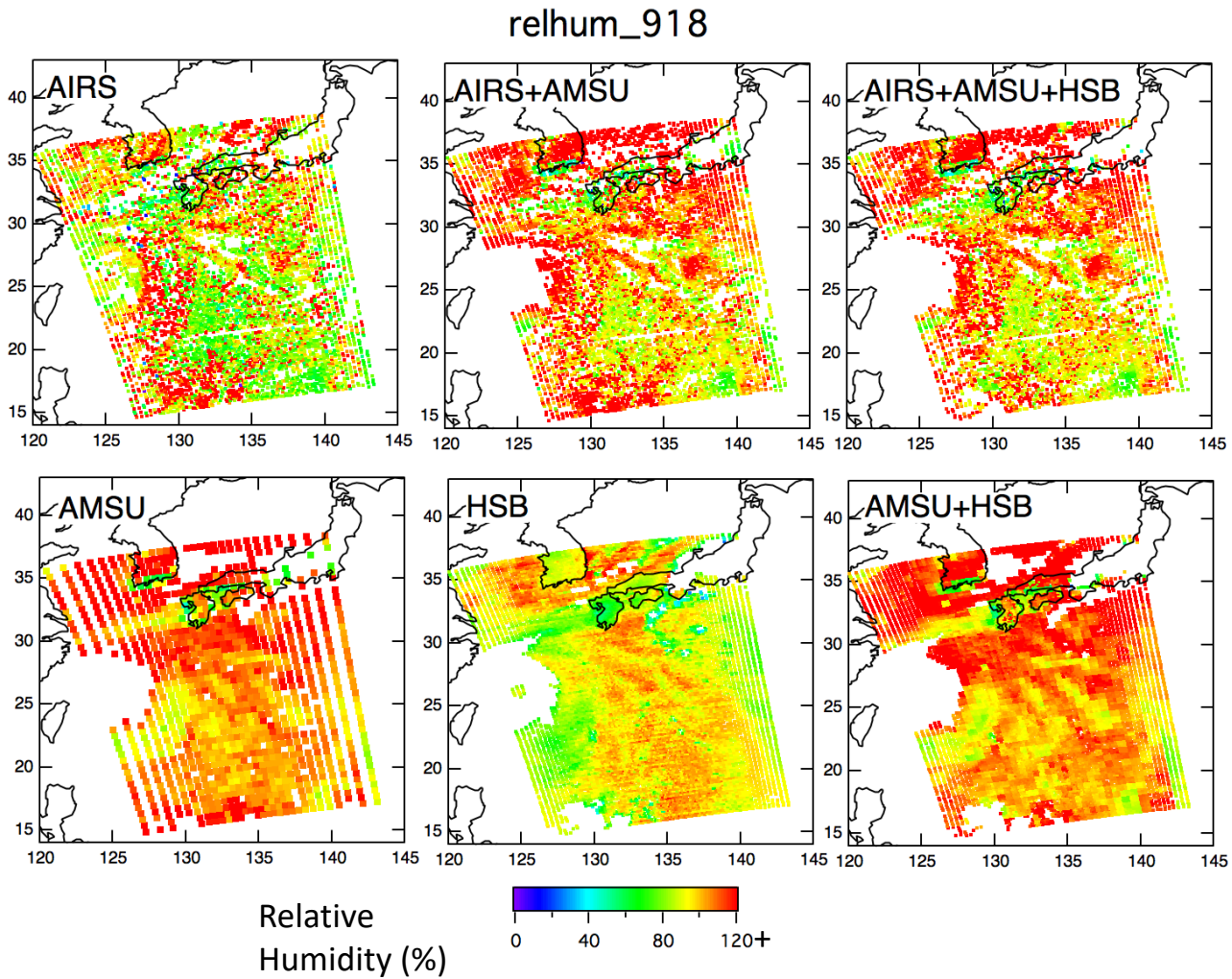

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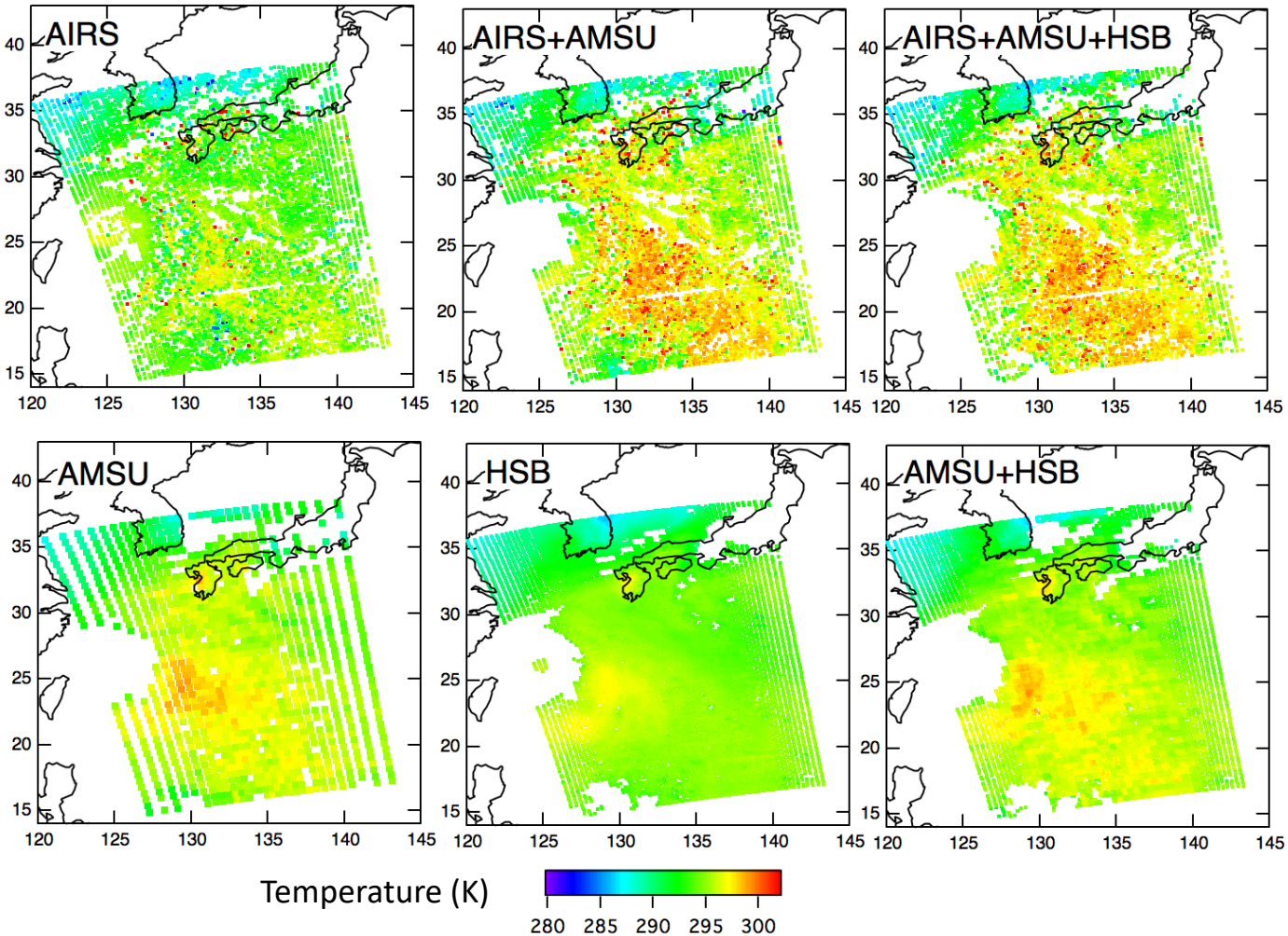

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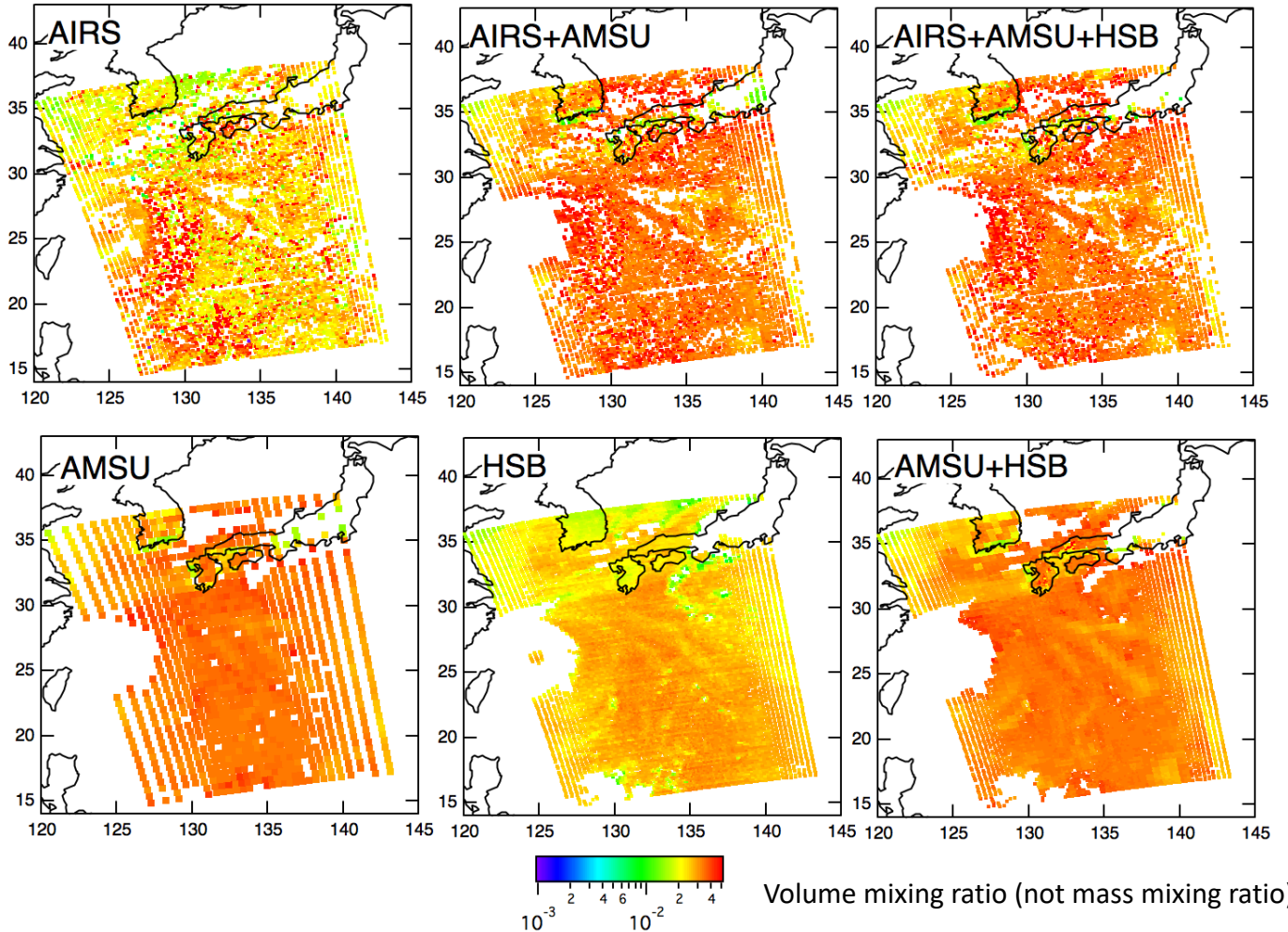

Volume mixing ratio (not mass mixing ratio)

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Retrievals below clouds require T_{surf} AK > 0.6

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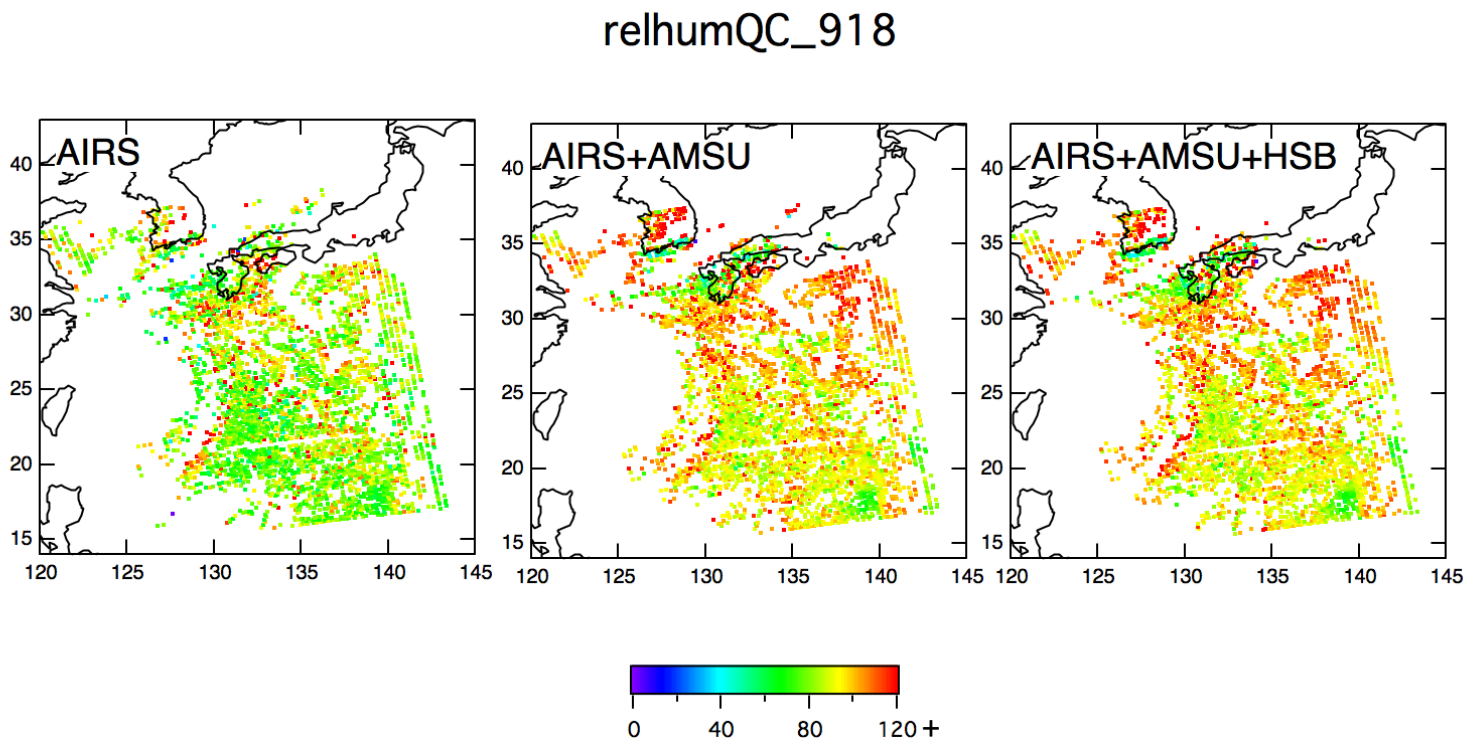

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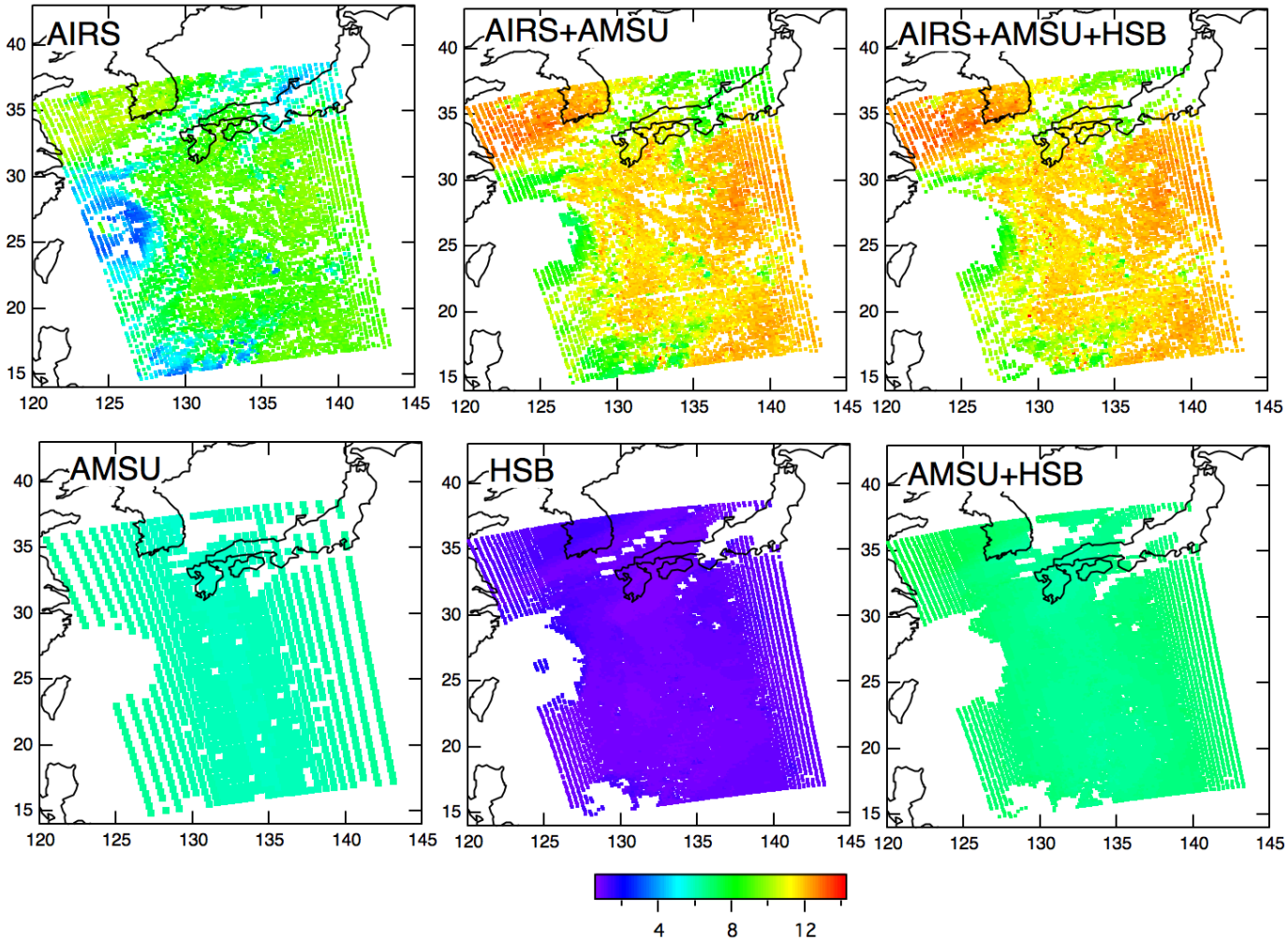
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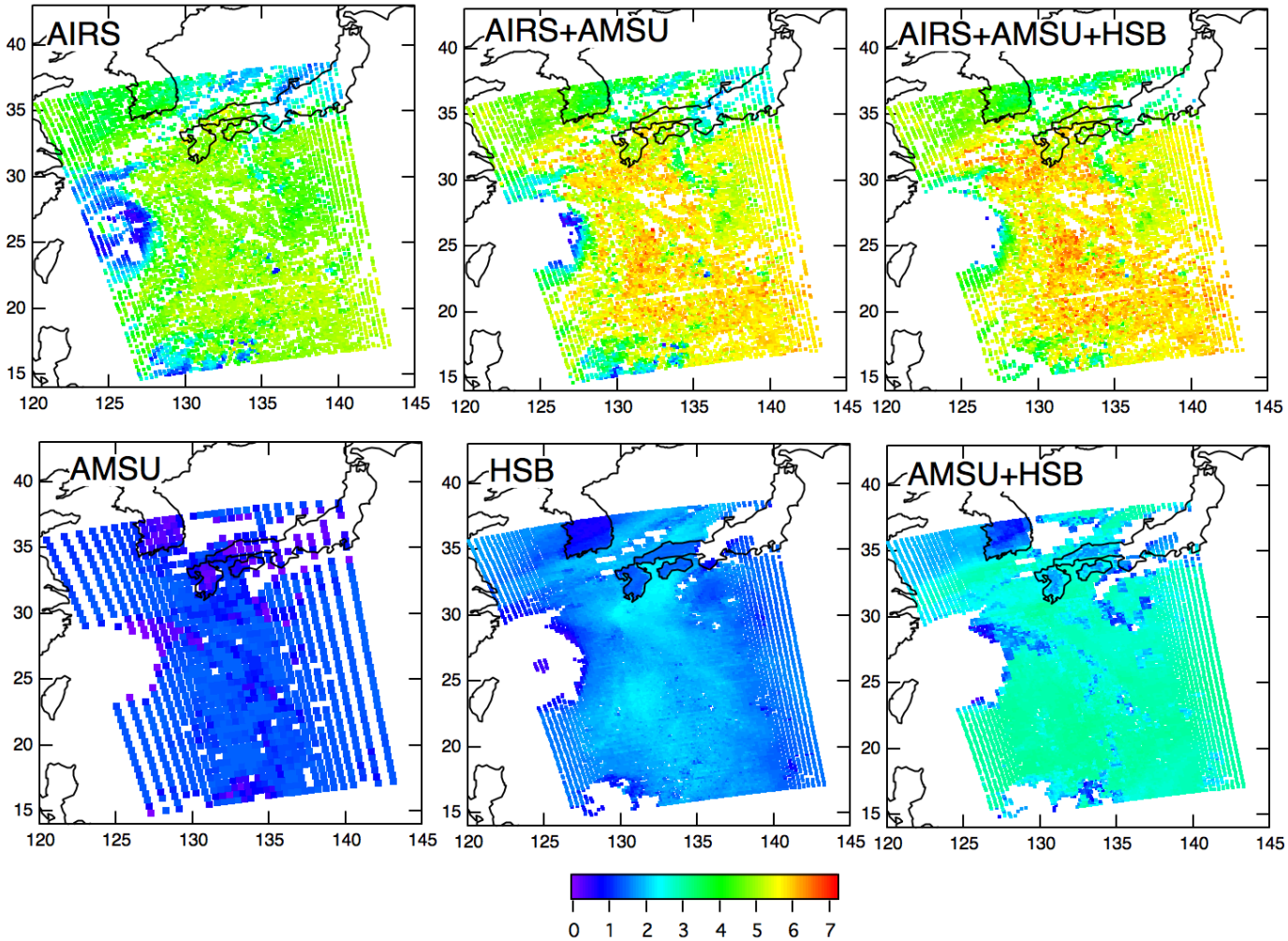
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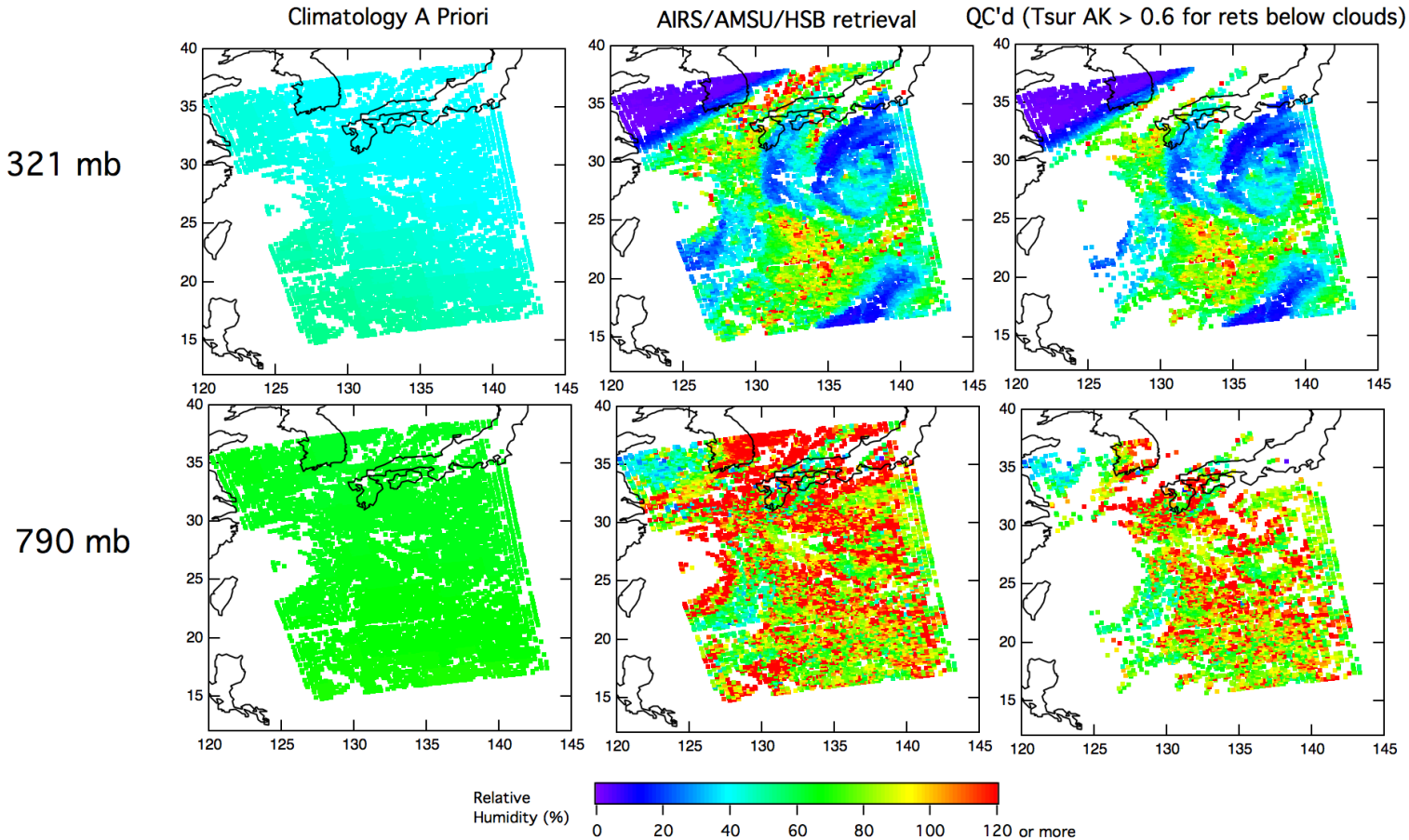
Sanity check using climatological a priori
(but still using MODIS for the clouds)



Adding in AMSU (and/or HSB) in simultaneous retrievals with AIRS…

- Not (yet?) the magic bullet for retrievals below clouds.

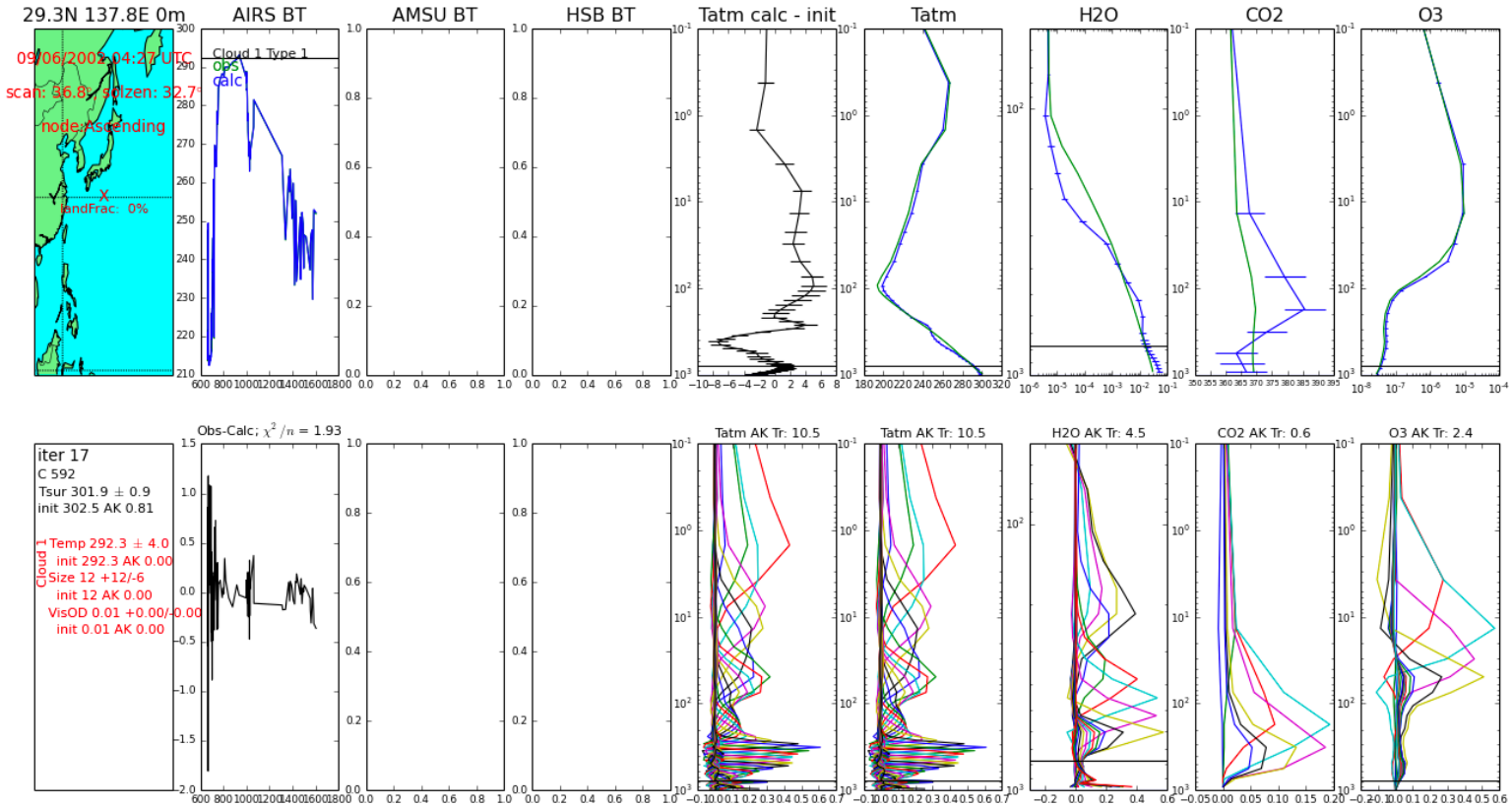
- H_2O (and RH) is biased higher in and near boundary layer
  Emissivity issues?

- Significant increase in T_{atm} and H_2O DOFS
  Decrease in retrieval error and/or increase in vertical resolution
  Quantifying this is work-in-progress

- Loss in horizontal resolution TBD

Questions?

retrievals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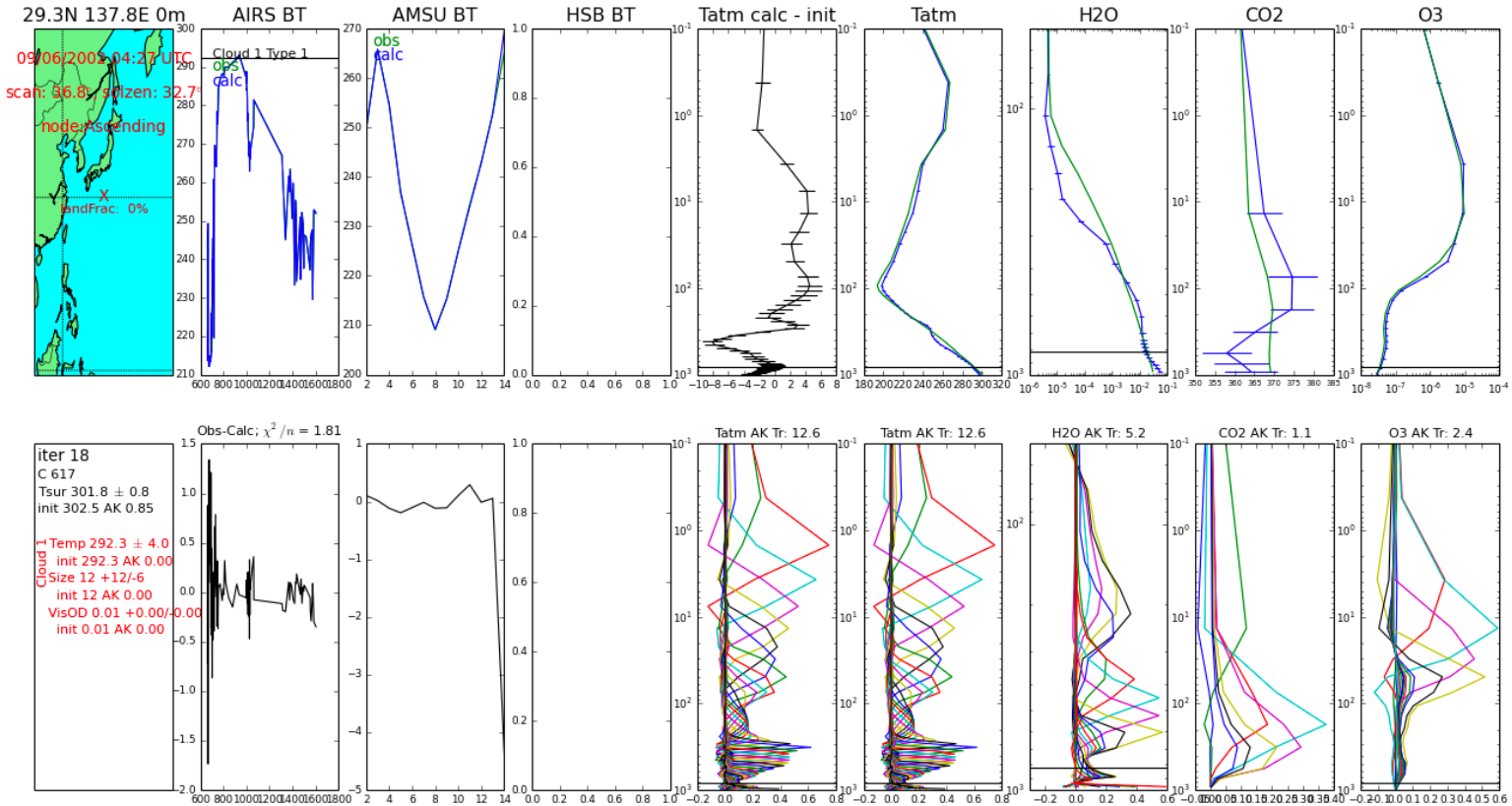
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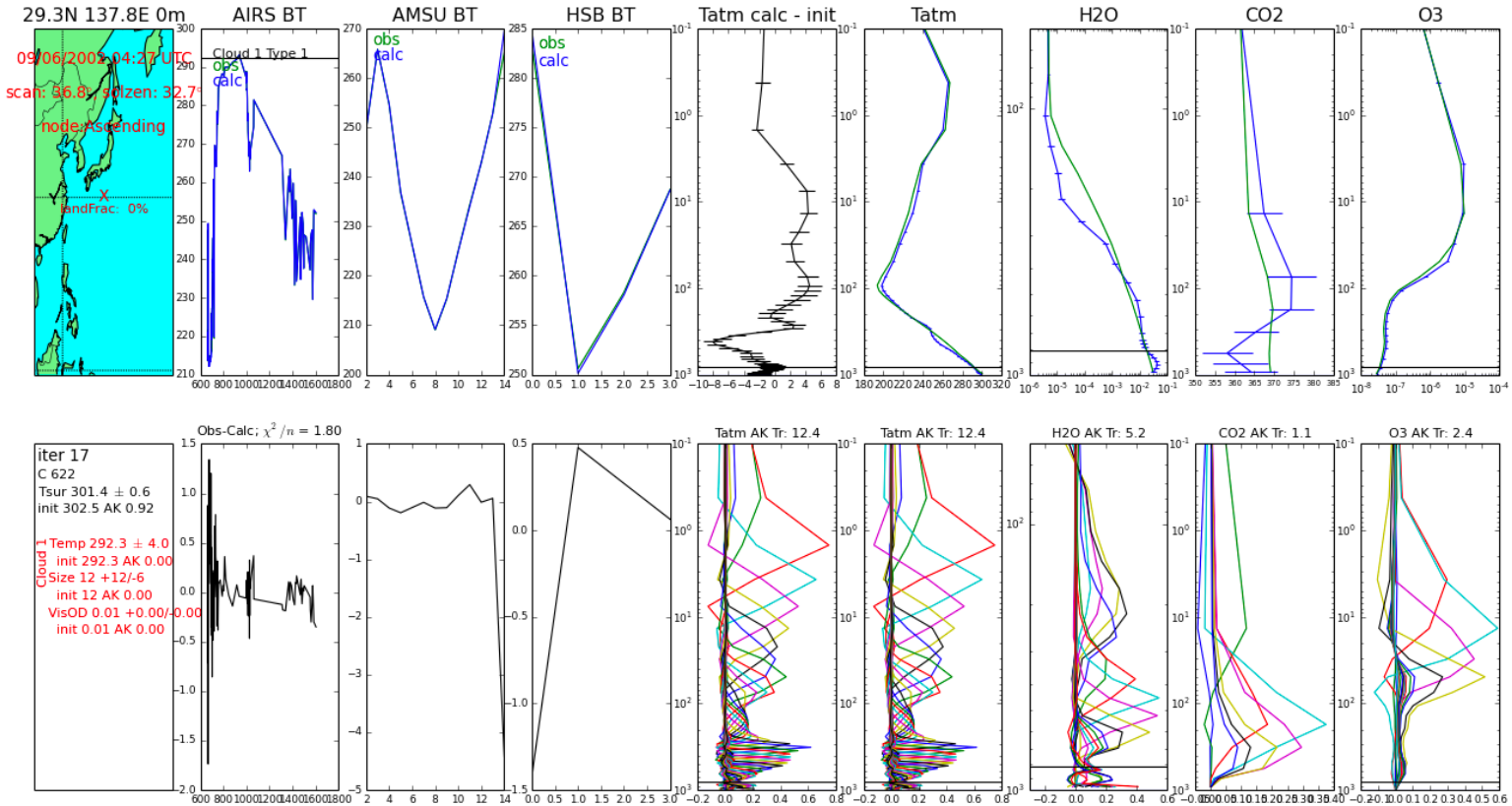
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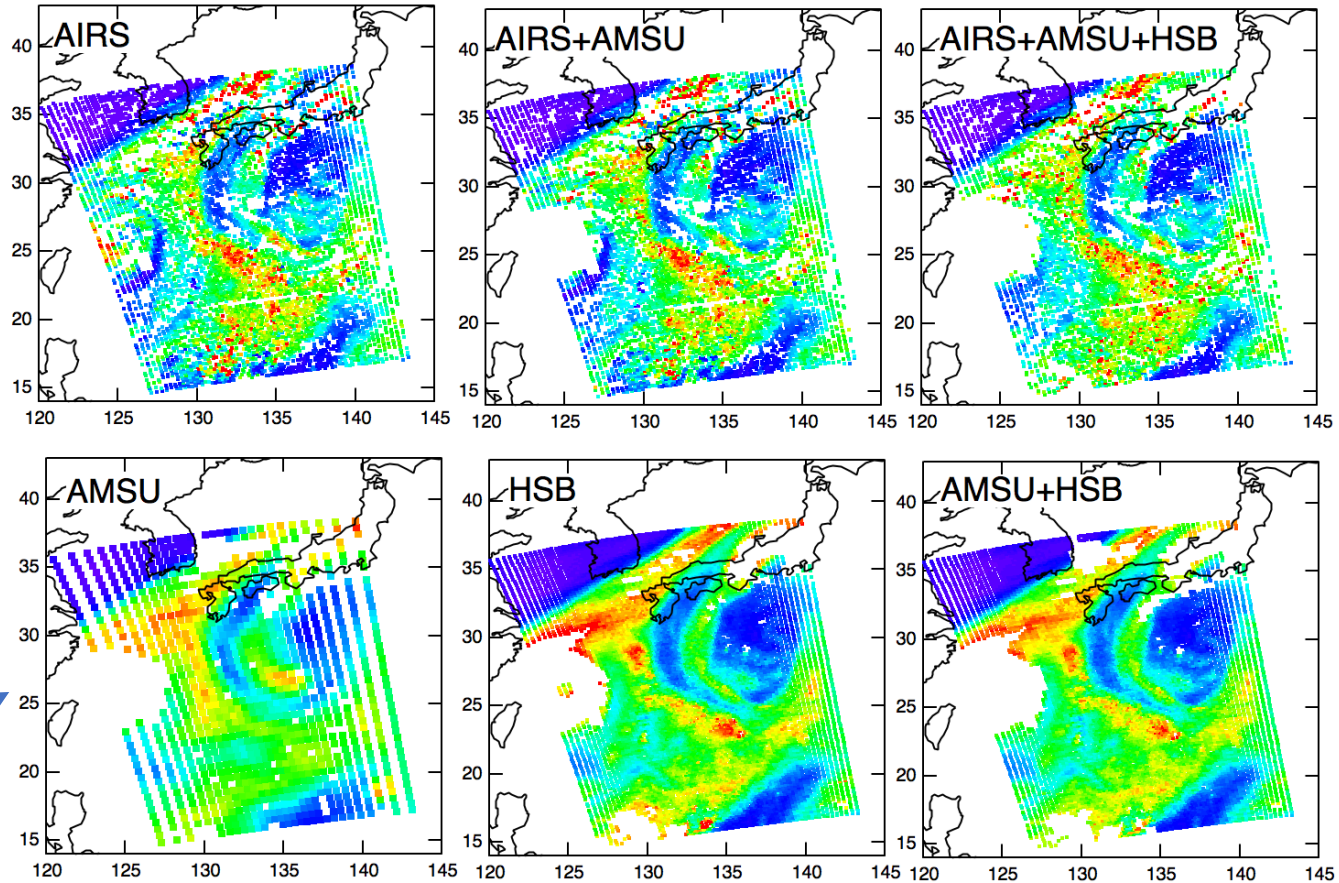

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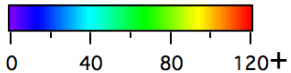

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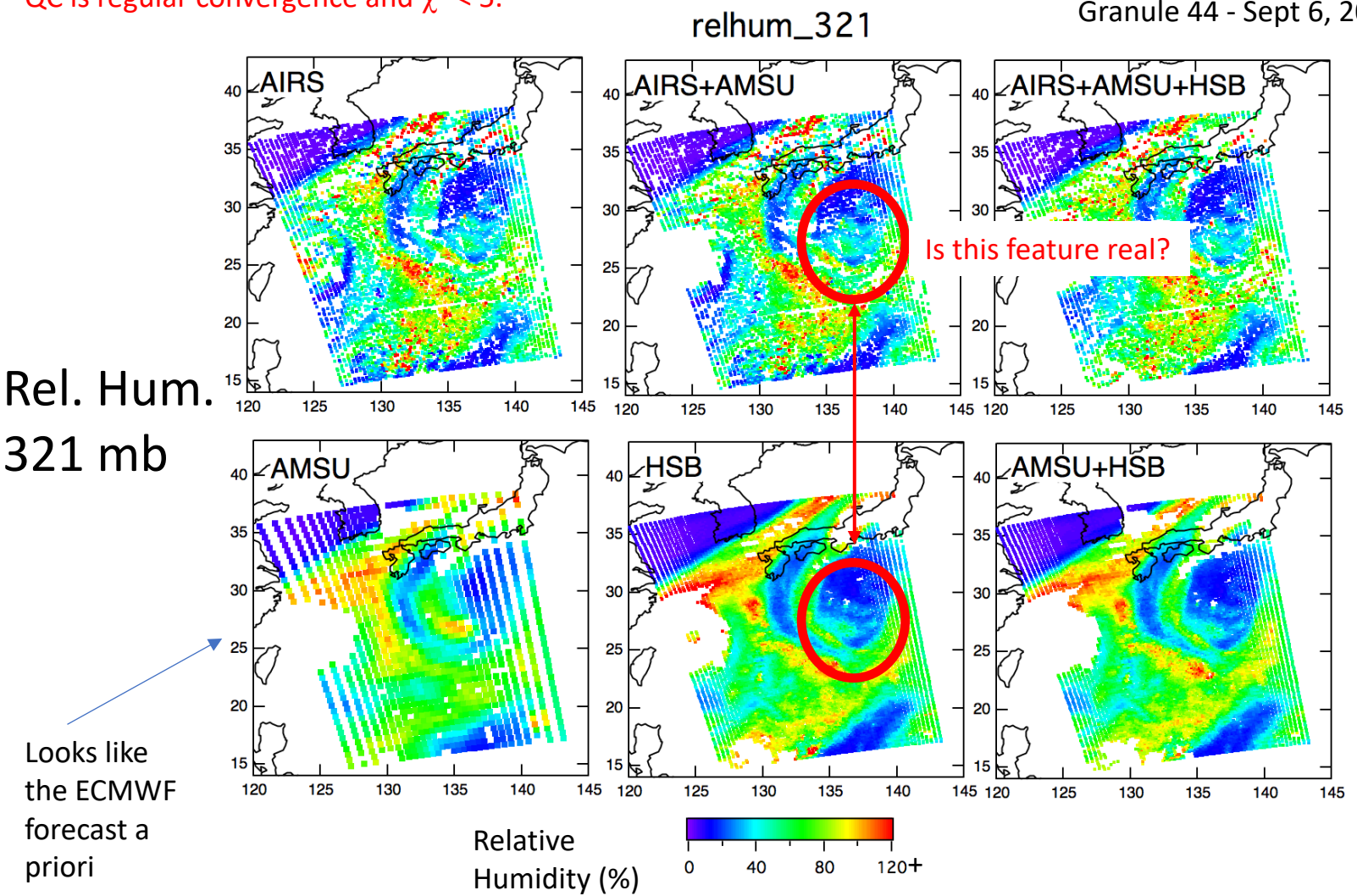

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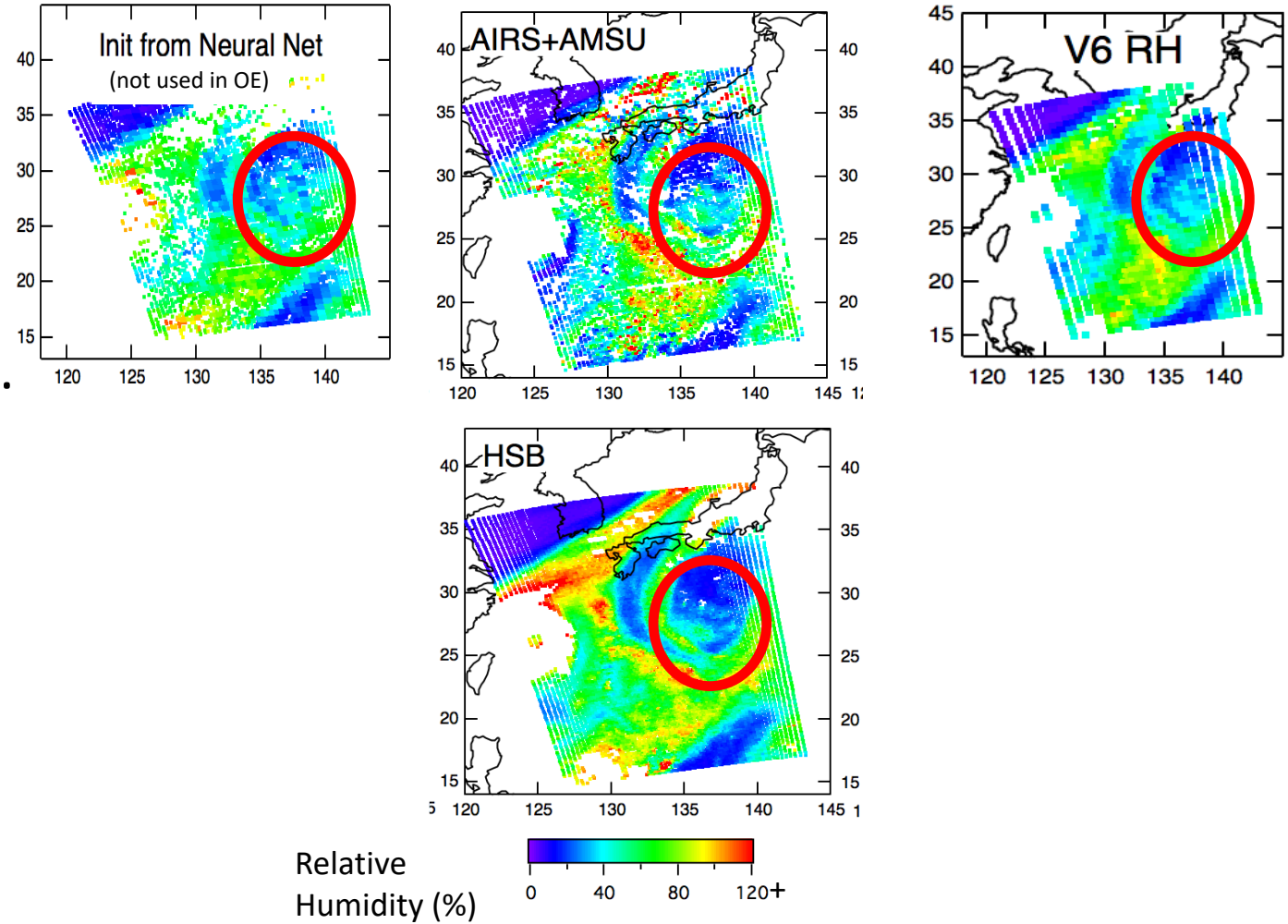
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