Assimilation of radiance data at JMA: recent developments and prospective plans

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## NWP models of JMA (Nov.2007~)

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<td>TL959 (20km)/60(0.1hPa)</td>
<td>5km/50 (21.8km)</td>
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Satellite data assimilated

- **Sounders**
    - Including AP-RARS and EARS
  - Temperature retrieval from NOAA15-18 and Metop/ATOVS in MDAS

- **Microwave Radiometers (MWRs)**
  - Radiance from DMSP/SSMI, TRMM/TMI and Aqua/AMSR-E in GDAS
  - Total Column Water Vapor (TCWV) and Rain Rate retrieval in MDAS

- **Scatterometer**
  - Ocean surface wind vector from QuikSCAT/SeaWinds in GDAS & MDAS

- **GPS-RO (Radio Occultation)**
  - Refractivity from CHAMP in GDAS

- **AMV (Atmospheric Motion Vector)** from Aqua+Terra/MODIS in GDAS

- **Geostationary satellites**
  - AMV from MTSAT-1R, Meteosat7,9, GOES11,12 in GDAS & MDAS
  - CSR (clear sky radiance) from MTSAT-1R in GDAS

GDAS : Global Data Assimilation System
MDAS : Meso-scale Data Assimilation System
MW window channel assimilation

- Operationally assimilate less cloud affected radiances of SSM/I, TMI and AMSR-E in GDAS since May 2006
  - V.Pol only
  - VarBC

- test1: Improve QC and BC
  - Stricter cloud screening & addition of total column cloud liquid water predictor in VarBC
  - Small but consistent positive impact on the forecast of T850

- test2: Add SSMIS+test1
  - 19V, 22V, 37V, 92V
  - Neutral impact from SSMIS window ch
AIRS assimilation (ongoing development)

- Assimilate radiances 54ch/324ch over the sea
  - Channel selection using Entropy Reduction (Rodgers 2000)
  - Detect cloud-affected radiances based on McNally and Watts (2003)
    - Comparison with CloudSat showed performance enough for QC (in poster)
  - Bias correction scheme is the same as ATOVS except predictors in VarBC
    - $T_{b_{obs}}, 1/cos\theta, \text{const}$
- Positive impact on analysis but neutral or negative on forecast
  - reduces model biases of temperature and moisture.
AIRS radiance assimilation

- Degrades forecast skills of the lower tropospheric temperature
- Possibly caused by the conflict of analysis increment with model trend

Time sequence of RMSE of 1- & 5-day forecasts verified against the initials
Other topics on Poster 6.9

- Metop/ATOVS impact
- AP-RARS & EARS impact
- Clear Sky Radiances (CSRs) of WV-ch from geostationary satellites
  - 1 geo vs. 5 geo
- AIRS radiance assimilation
  - CloudSat comparison
- Plans
End
Metop/AMSU-A & MHS assimilation

- Assimilate radiances in GDAS
  - Less cloud-affected, less land-surface-dependent radiances
  - Implement a static scan-dependent Bias Correction (BC) and adaptive air-mass dependent BC
    - Variational BC (VarBC) applied to air-mass BC
- Significantly positive impacts on forecasts, especially, of the geopotential height
- Moreover, great benefits of early and stable data dissemination

**Forecast Improvement Rate wrt RMSE for 1-9 day forecasts**

cntl-test)/cntl

test : using Metop, cntl : no Metop

- Psea
- T850
- Z500
- Wsp850
- Wsp250


Statistically significant

Better
Worse
EARS impacts on forecasts

**Forecast Improvement Rate** average over 6/11-7/6 2007

- **Psea**
- **T850**
- **Z500**
- **Wsp850**
- **Wsp250**

Temperature improvement rate

FT=24 (left) and 120 (right)

Modified Rate (Vertical Zonalmean) \( R(x) = \frac{E(Cntl) - E(test)}{E(Cntl) + E(Test)} \times 0.5 \) %

Test: EARS Cntl: CNTL for EARS

Period: 2007 06/11 - 2007 07/08

Score

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[Graph showing comparison of forecast improvement rates for different variables over forecast hours]
5 Geo.Sat. WVch CSRs added
- Increase humidity in the mid- to upper troposphere, and even in the lower troposphere in dry areas
- Make analysis/guess closer to RAOB around 500hPa in RH and to AMSU-B&MHS channel 3 in TB
- Positive impact on forecast, especially at day 1 to 3
- 5 geo.sat. CSR assimilation has greater positive impact than one (MTSAT-1R)

Monthly averaged TCWV diff. by WV-CSR assimilation

Time sequence of TB O-B STD