

# **Introdução à Assimilação de Dados (MET 563-3)**

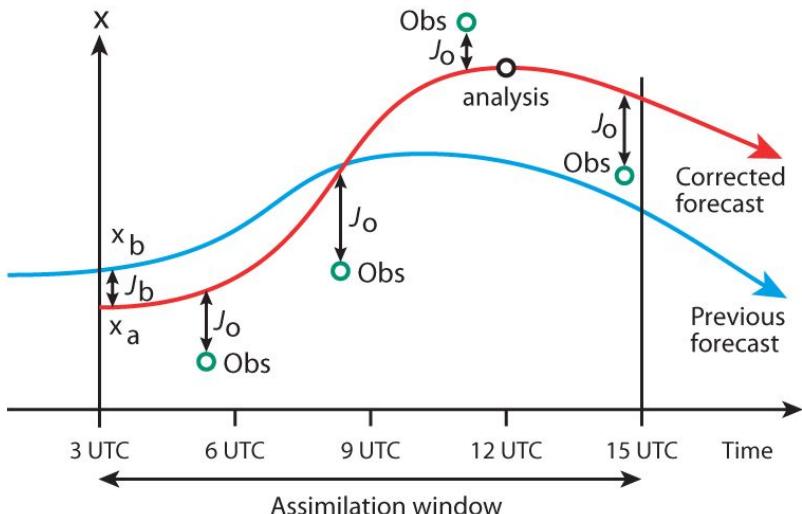
## Radiâncias e impacto de observação

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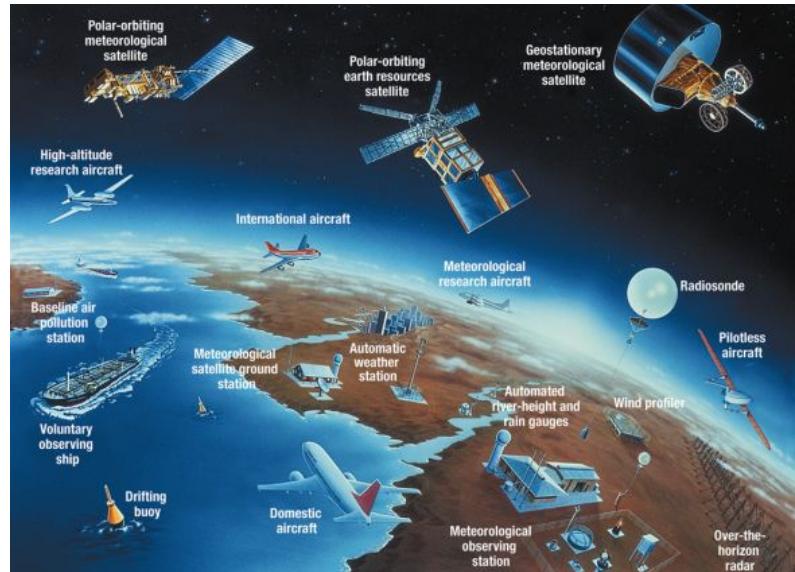
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- Porque precisamos de dados?
  - Porque precisamos de dados de satélites?
  - Quais são os principais desafios na assimilação de radiâncias?
  - O que temos de mais importante?
  - Como estimar o impacto dos dados?
  - Existe aplicação?

# Assimilação de dados

Estamos interessados nas condições iniciais



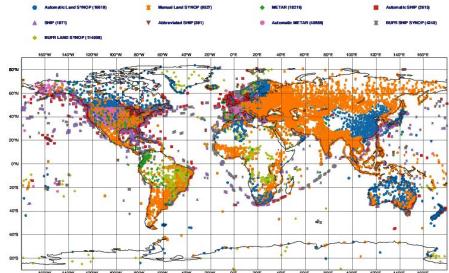
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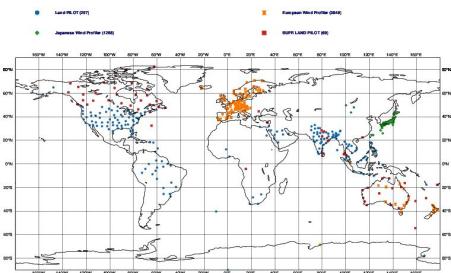
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# Dados ‘convencionais’

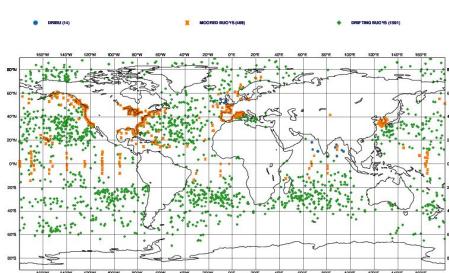
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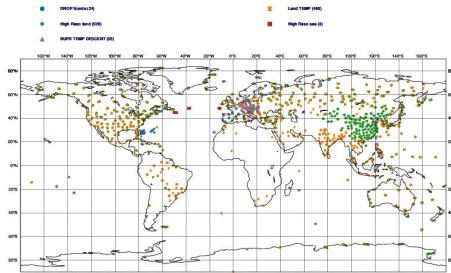
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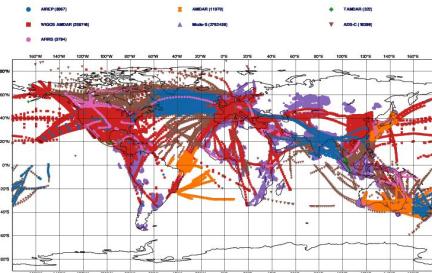
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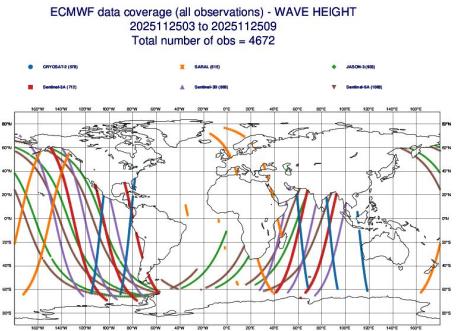


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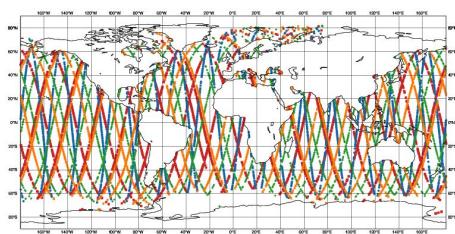


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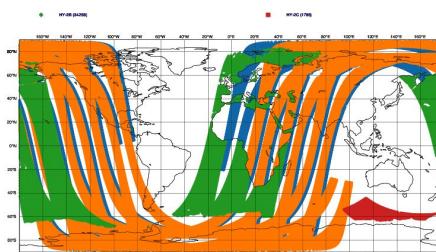
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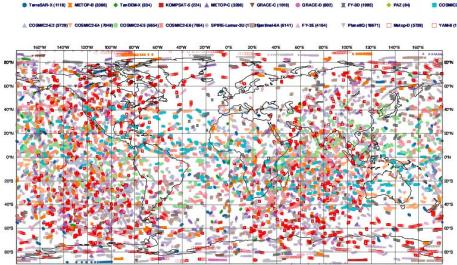
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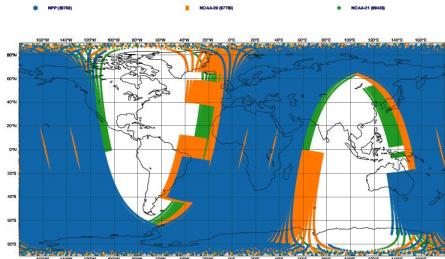


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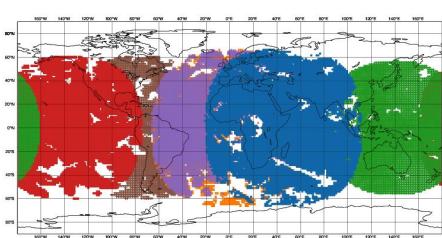


# Satélite - Radiância

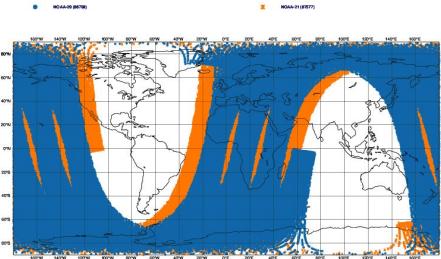
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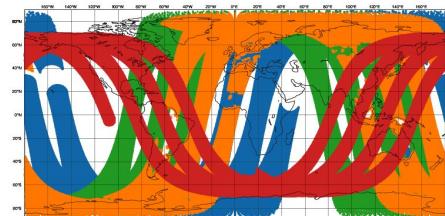
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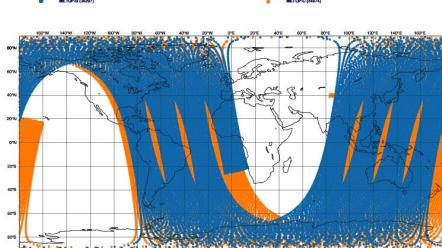
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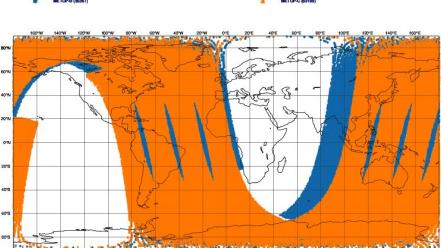
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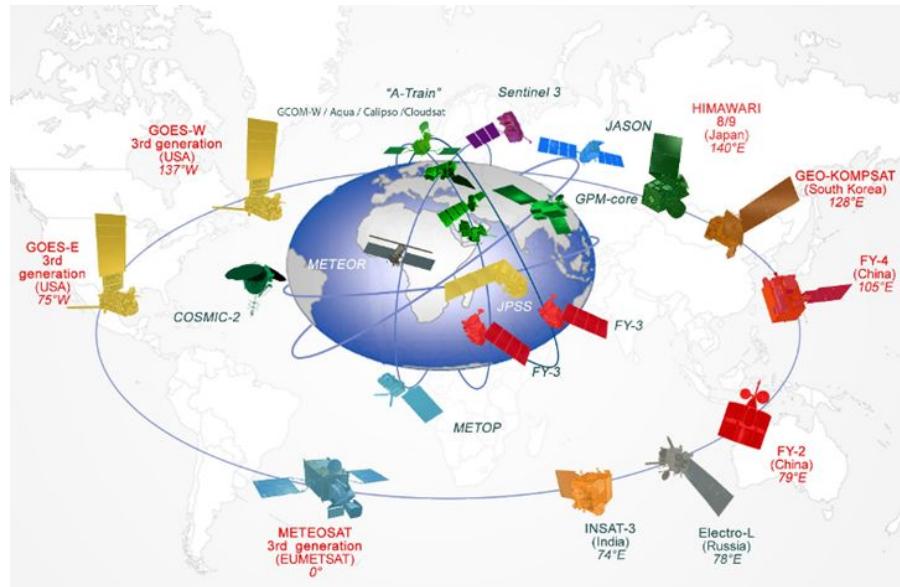


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# Satélite

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- Posicionamento
- Frequência de dados



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# Desafios

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- Medida
- Operador observação - MTR
- Erros do modelo
- Erros das observações
- Correção de viés
- Seleção de dados
- Controle de qualidade

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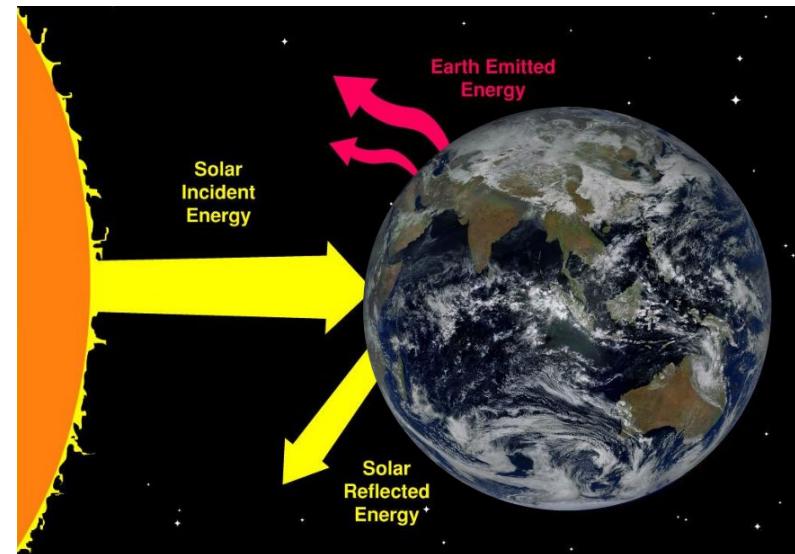
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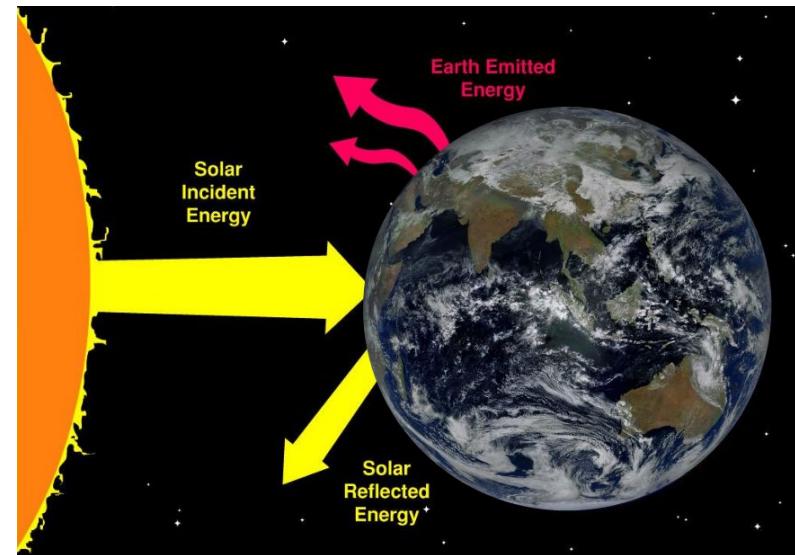
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$$(y - H[x_b]) \boxed{?}$$



# Modelo de transferência radiativa

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Os instrumentos de satélite medem a radiação  $L$  que atinge o topo da atmosfera em uma determinada frequência  $\nu$ .

A radiância medida está relacionada a variáveis atmosféricas por meio da **equação da transferência radiativa**

$$L(\nu) = \underbrace{\int B(\nu, T(z)) \left[ \frac{d\tau(\nu)}{dz} \right] dz}_{\text{medido pelo satélite}} + \underbrace{\text{Emissão da superfície}}_{\text{Função de Planck}} + \underbrace{\text{Reflexão/espalhamento da superfície}}_{\text{Transmitância com relação a altura}} + \underbrace{\text{Contribuição das nuvens/chuva}}_{\dots} + \dots$$

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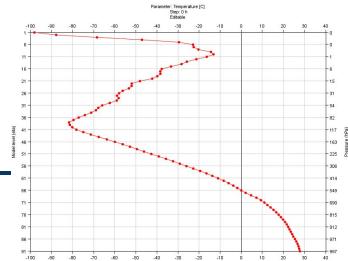
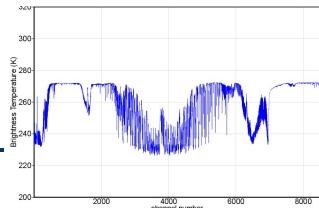
1DVar

$H$  - operador observação

medido pelo satélite

descrição da atmosfera

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3DVar

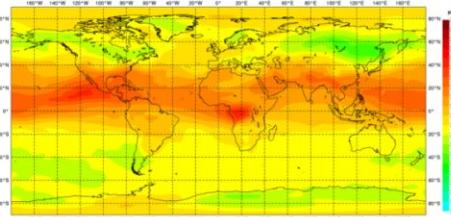
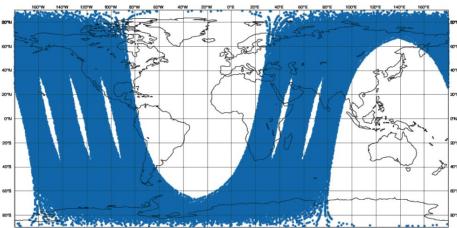
$$H - \text{operador observação}$$

medido pelo satélite

( $y - H[x_b]$ )

descrição da atmosfera

$$L(v) = \int B(v, T(z)) \left[ \frac{d\tau(v)}{dz} \right] dz + \begin{array}{l} \text{Emissão da superfície} \\ + \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{Reflexão/espalhamento da superfície} \\ + \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{Contribuição das nuvens/chuva} \\ + \dots \end{array}$$



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4DVar

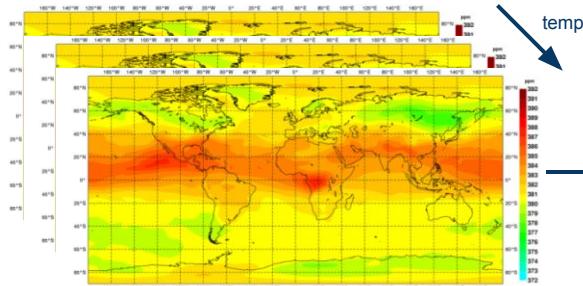
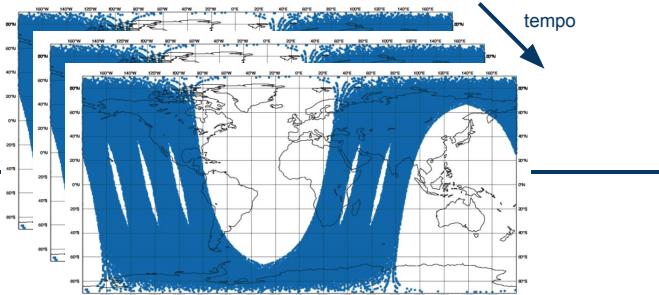
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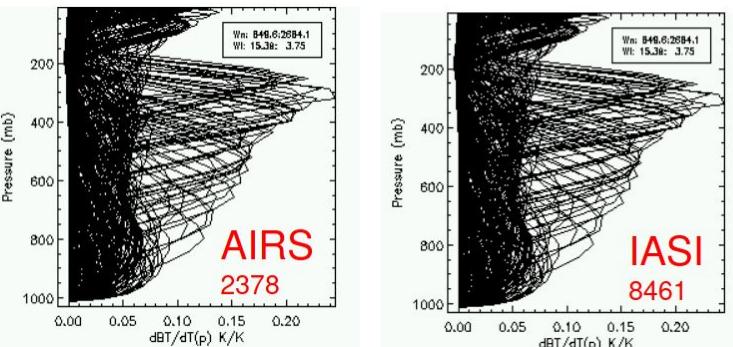
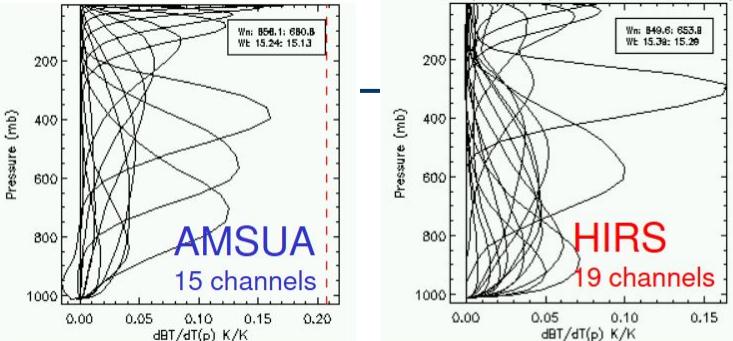
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# Seleção de canais

$$L(\nu) = \int_0^{\infty} B(\nu, T(z)) H(z) dz$$

Função peso

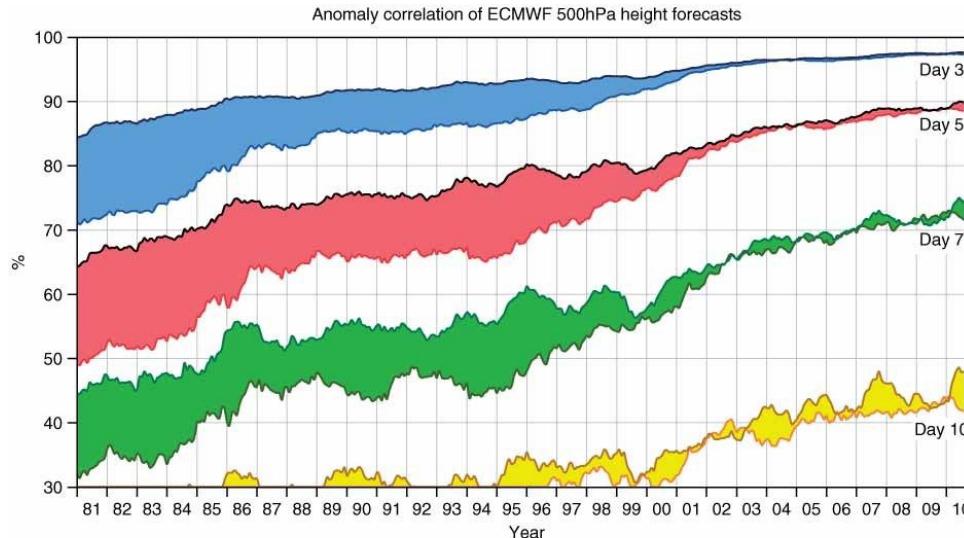


- canais de sondagem
- sensíveis a superfície

# Impacto

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Qual a importância desses dados?



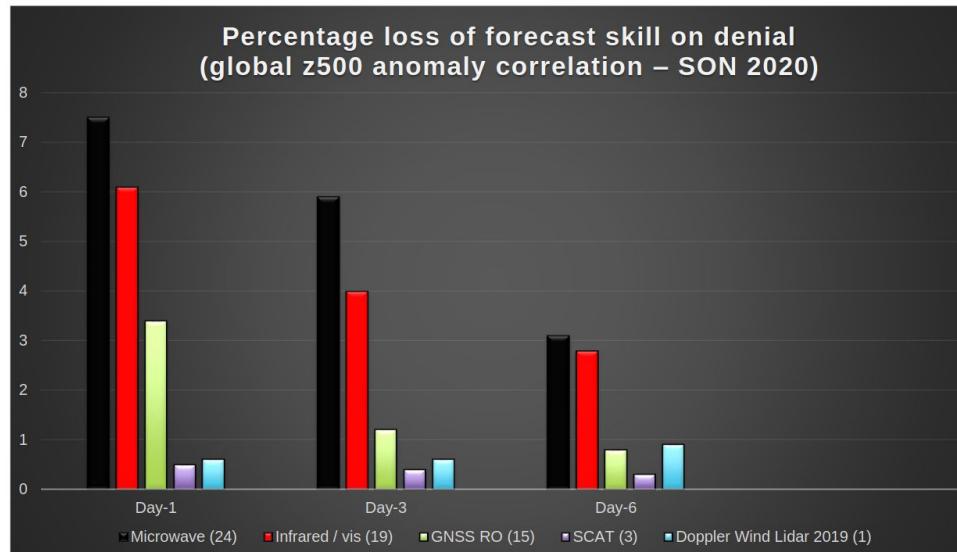
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Collard et al., 2011  
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# Impacto

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Quais são as observações de satélites mais importantes para a PNT?



# Impacto

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Sim!

- DFS (Degree of Freedom for Signal)
- OSE (Observing System Experiments)
- OSSE (Observing System Simulation Experiments)
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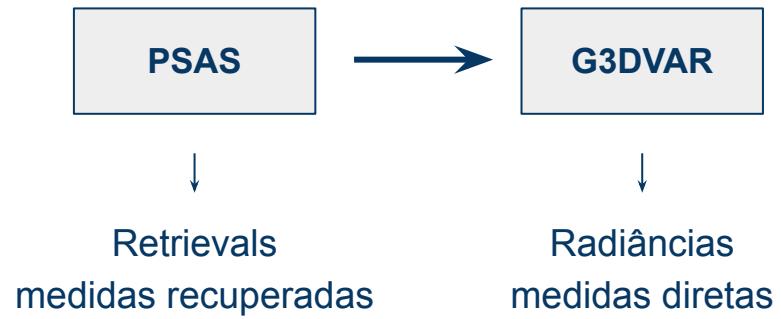
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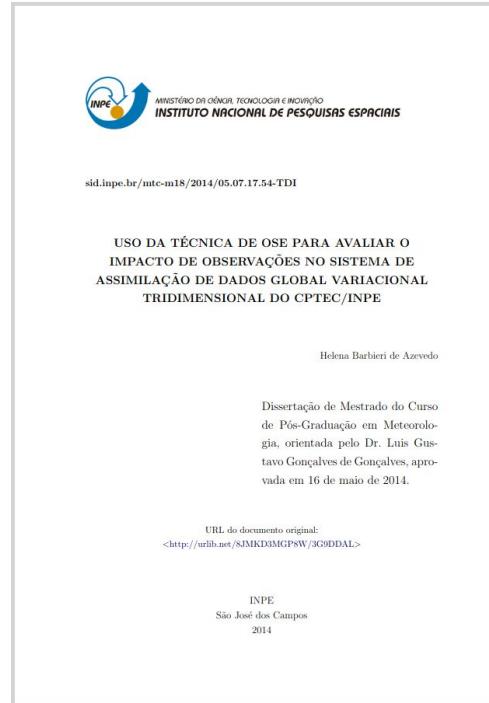
# Motivação

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# Observing System Experiments (OSE)

- Uso da Técnica de OSE para Avaliar o Impacto de Observações no Sistema de Assimilação de Dados Global Variacional Tridimensional do CPTEC/INPE



# Experimentos

- MCGA CPTEC/INPE
- Gridpoint Statistical Interpolation (GSI) - 3DVar
- G3DVAR
- ~~dezembro de 2012 e janeiro de 2013~~

Descrição	MCGA/CPTEC
Configuração do modelo	T299L64
Resolução horizontal	44km
Resolução vertical	64 níveis

Observações convencionais	Radiâncias de satélites/ Temperatura de brilho
Radiossondas	SBUV: n17, n18, n19
Vento sintético	GOES_IMG: g11, g12
Balão Piloto	HIRS: metop-a, metop-b, n17, n19
Perfiladores de vento	AIRS:aqua
Aeronaves	AMSU-A: metop-a, metop-b, n15, n18, n19
Dropsonda	AMSU-B: metop-b, n17
Vento por satélite	MHS: metop-a, metop-b, n18, n19
Precipitação estimada por satélite	SSMI: f14, f15
Vento por radar	SSMIS: f16
Velocidade radial Doppler	AMSRE: aqua
GPS radio occultação	ATMS: NPP
GPS água precipitável	SNDR: g12
Observações sobre superfície continental	CRIS: NPP
Observações sobre superfície oceânica	IASI: metop-a, metop-b
Ozônio	GOME: metop-a, metop-b OMI: aura SEVIR: m08, m09, m10

# Experimentos

- Análises e previsões (120h)
- Data denial experiments
- Observing system experiments
- RMSE
- Correlação de anomalia
- Estudo de caso

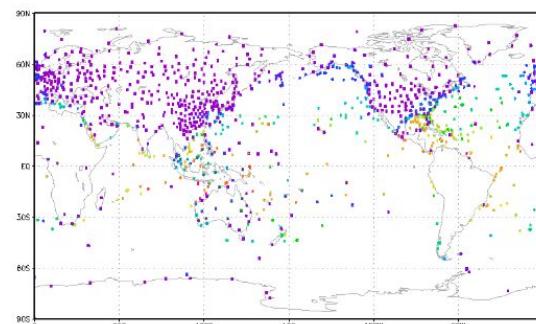
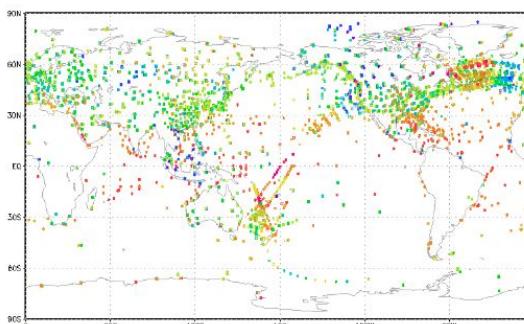
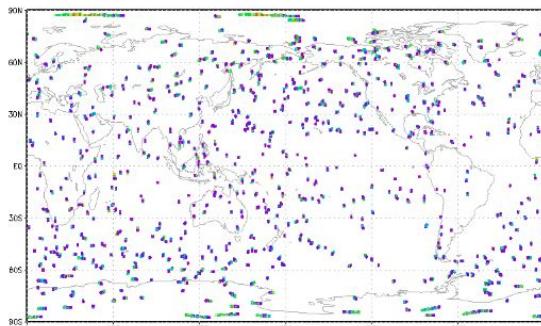
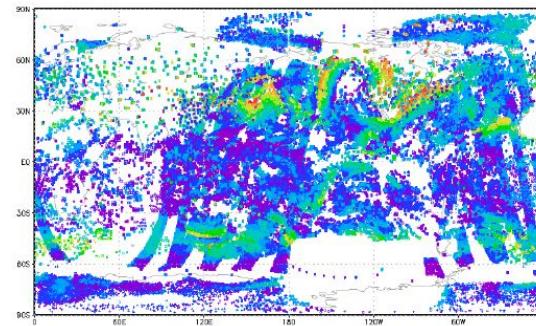
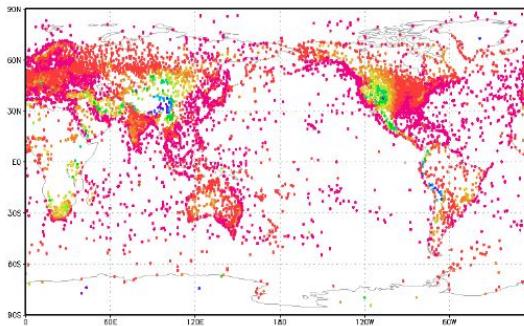
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Dropsonda	•	•	•	•
Balão Piloto	•	•	•	•
Perfiladores	•	•	•	•
Superfície Continental	•	•	•	•
Aeronave	•	•	•	•
Vento por Satélite	•	•	•	•
Superfície Oceanica	•	•	•	•
Sintéticos	•	•	•	•
Vento por Radar	•	•	•	•
GPS RO	•	•	•	-
AMSU-A *	•	•	-	•
MHS *	•	•	-	•
HIRS-4 *	•	•	-	•
IASI *	•	•	-	•
AIRS *	•	•	-	•

\*dados de radiâncias

# Dados

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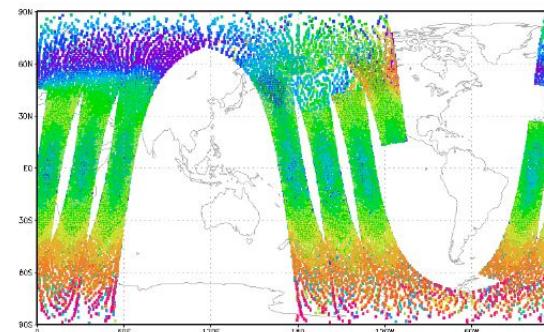
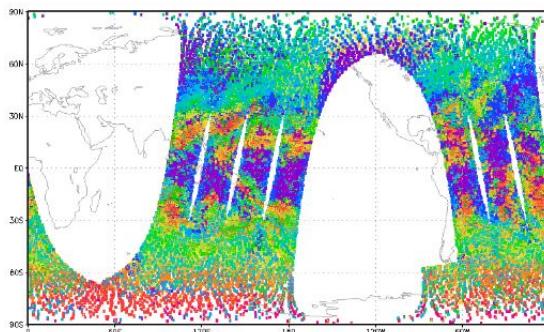
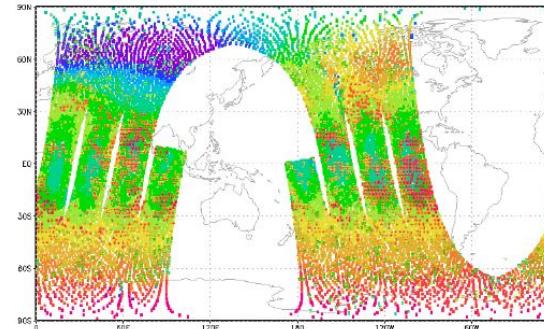
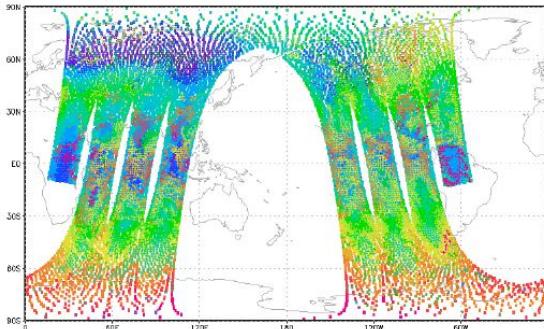
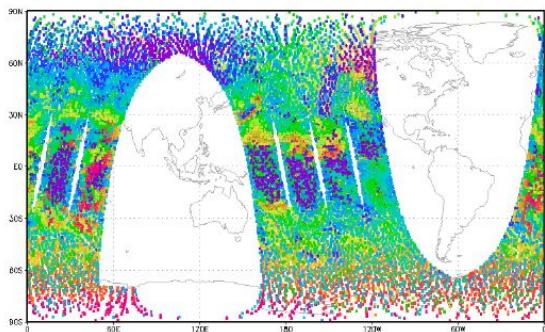
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- componente zonal e meridional do vento
- refratividade
- temperatura
- umidade



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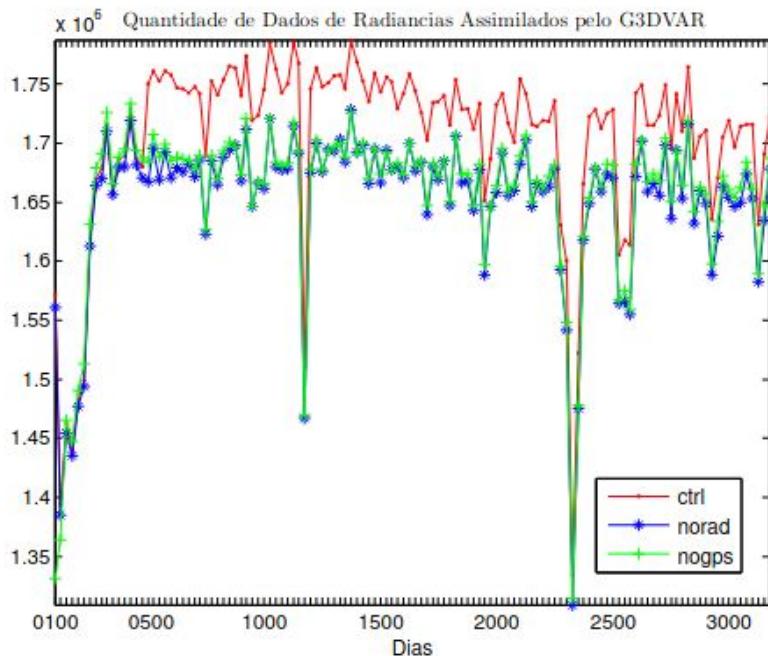
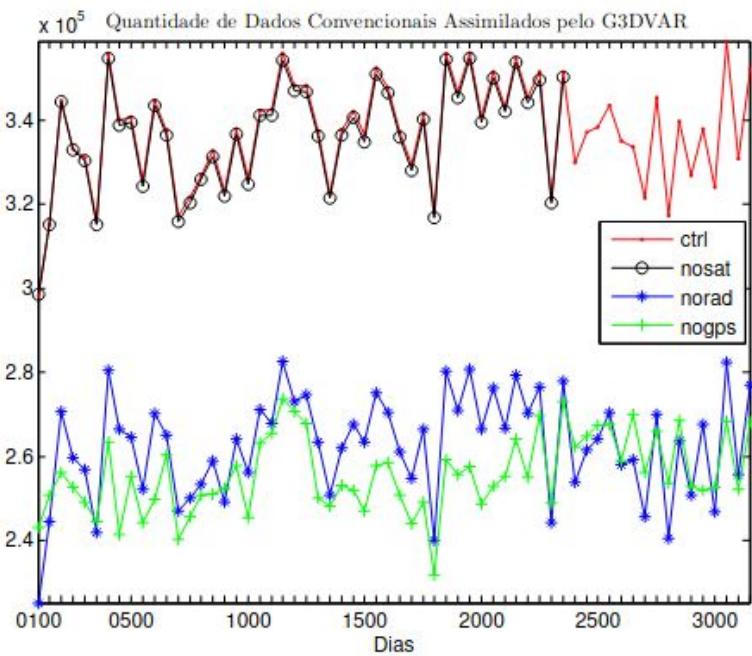
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- NOAA-15
- NOAA-18
- NOAA-19
- METOP-A
- AQUA



# Dados

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# Resultados

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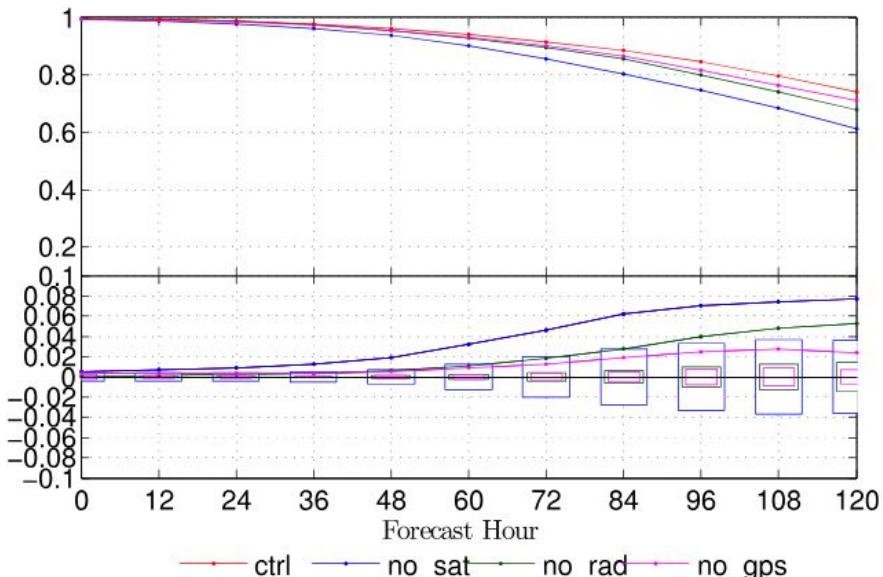
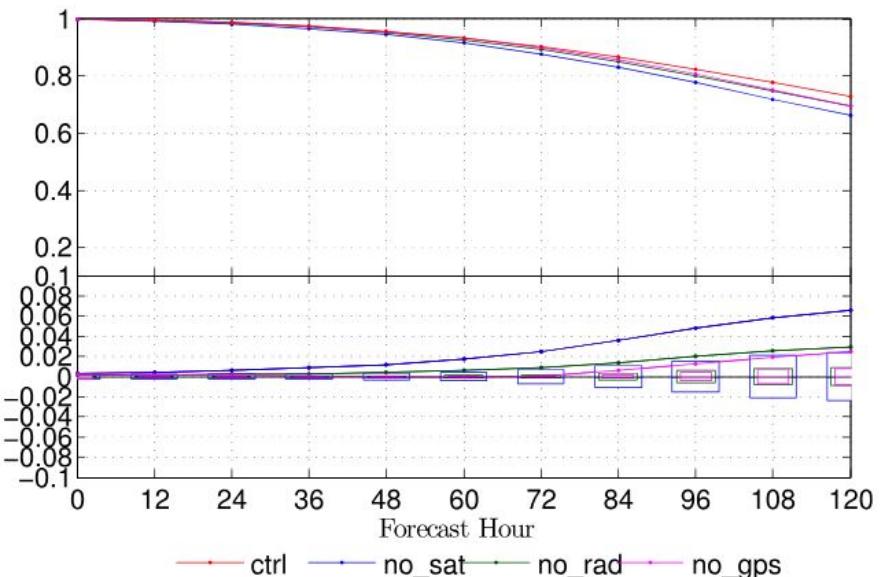


FIG. 4. As in Fig. 1, but for the SAAO.

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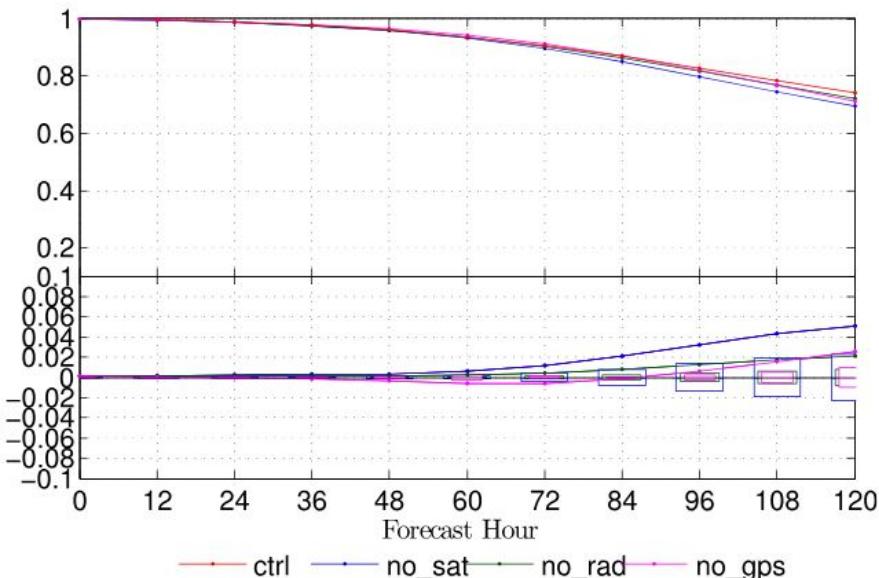


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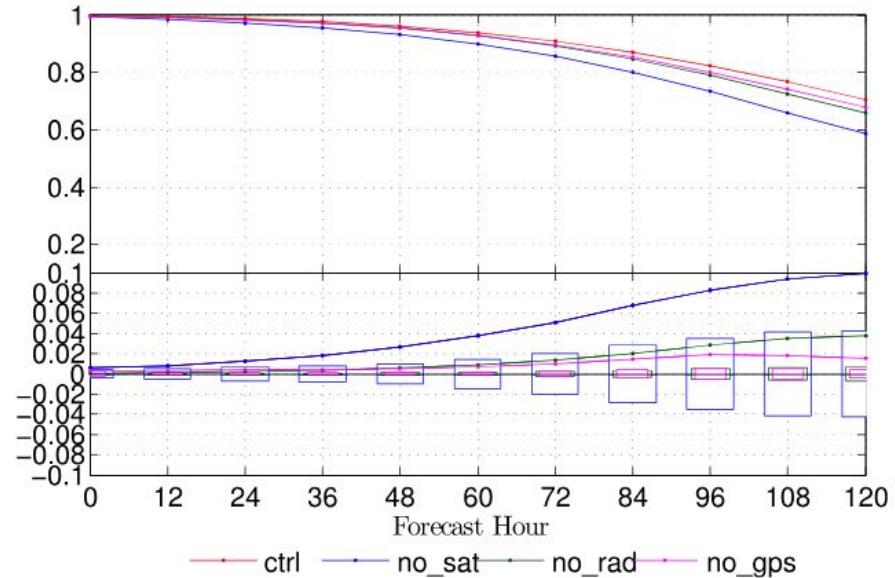


FIG. 3. As in Fig. 1, but for the SH.

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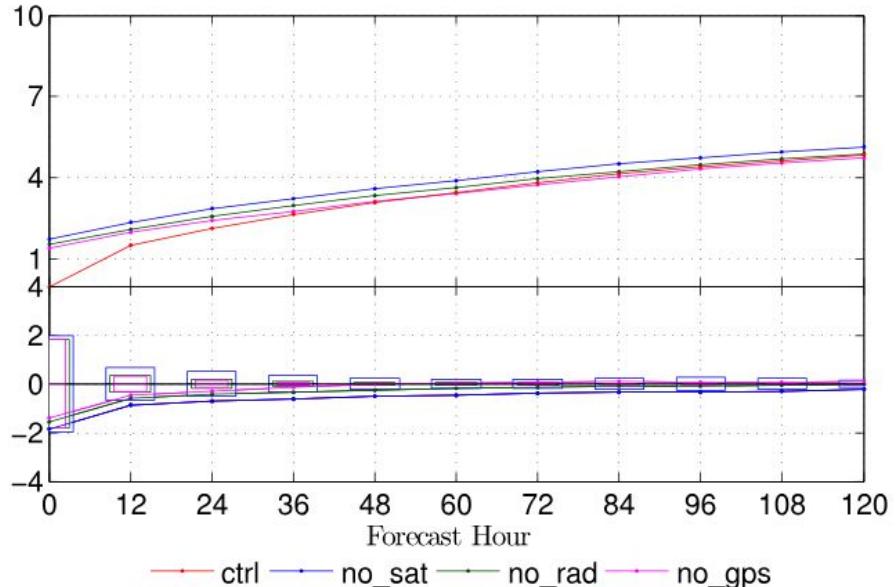
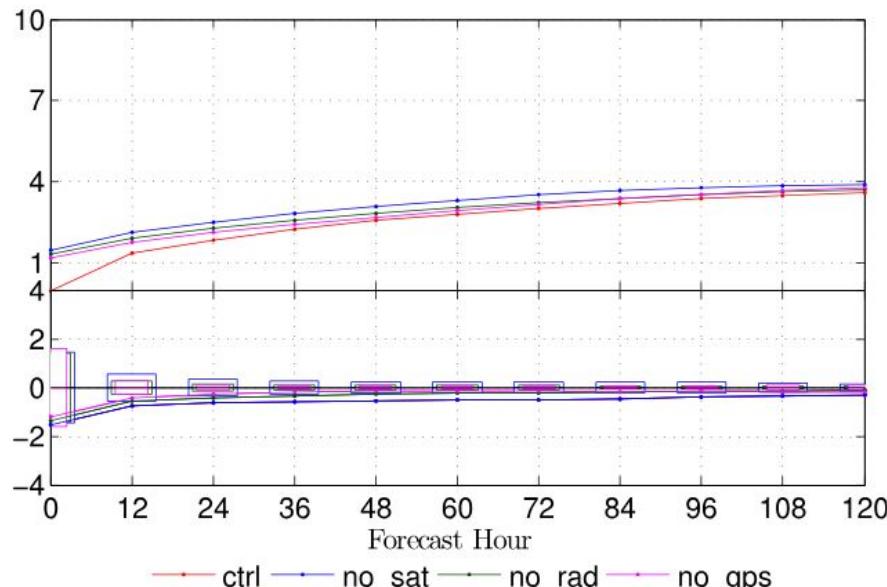


FIG. 7. As in Fig. 5, but for the meridional wind at 850 hPa.

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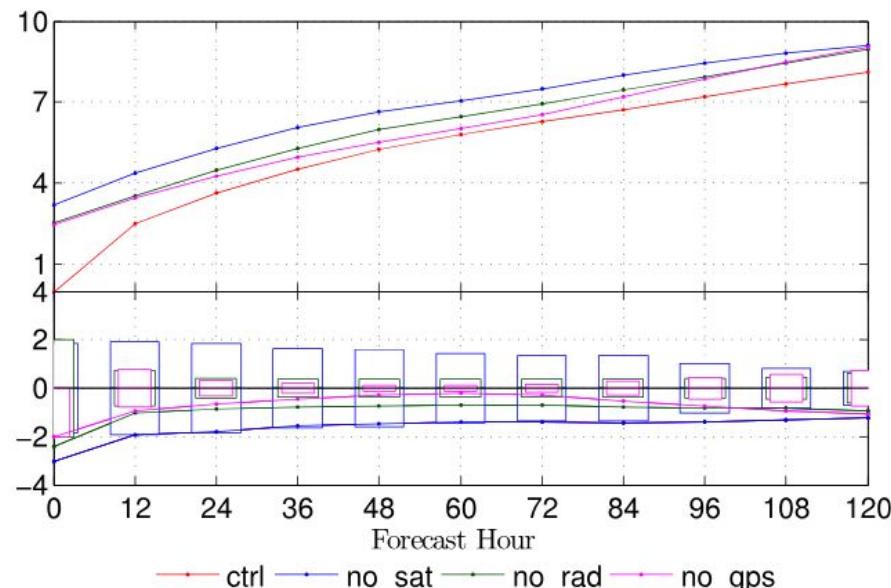


FIG. 8. As in Fig. 5, but for the meridional wind at 250 hPa.

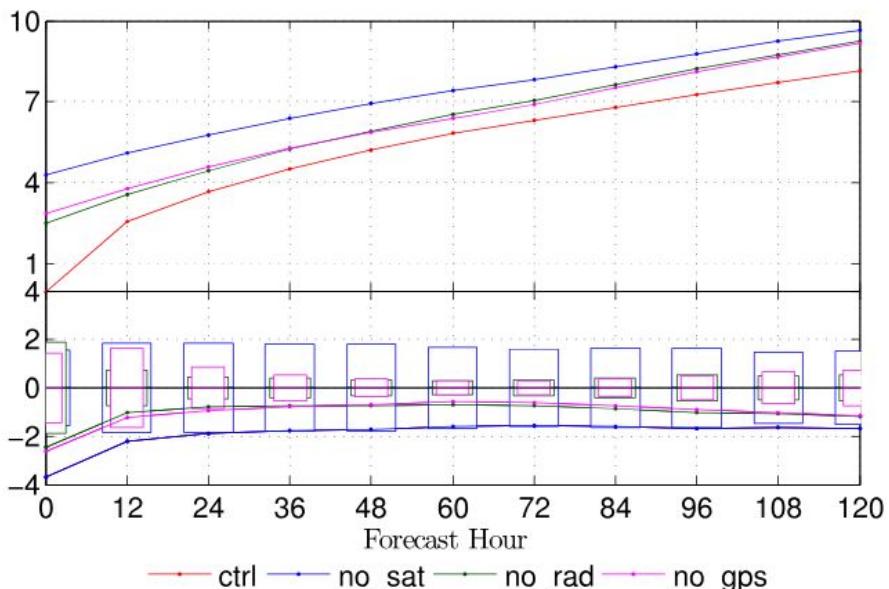
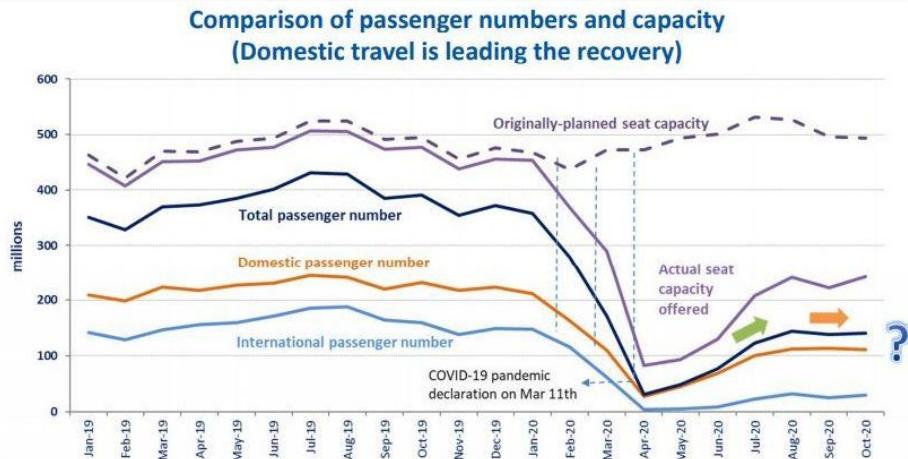


FIG. 6. As in Fig. 5, but for the zonal wind at 250 hPa.

# Covid-19



<https://www.netweather.tv/weather-forecasts/news/10584-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-weather-observations-used-by-weather-models>

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## Geophysical Research Letters

RESEARCH LETTER  
10.1029/2020GL080699

**Special Section:**  
The COVID-19 pandemic: linking health, society and environment

**Key points:**

- Aircraft meteorological observations have been badly affected by the pandemic but satellite observations have continued.
- Tests show that the largest impact of aircraft on forecasts is at 10–12 km altitude at short range.
- There is no obvious dependence of forecast skill on aircraft variations in predictability and aircraft variations or other observations play a role.

**Supporting Information:**  
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## The Impact of COVID-19 on Weather Forecasts: A Balanced View

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**Abstract** Aircraft reports are an important source of information for numerical weather prediction (NWP) systems. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a large loss of aircraft that had despite it is difficult to see any evidence of significant degradation in the forecast skill of global NWP systems. This apparent disparity is partly because forecast skill is very variable, showing both day-to-day noise and lower frequency dependence on the mean state of the atmosphere. The definitive way to clearly assess aircraft impact is using a data denial experiment, which shows that the largest impact is in the upper troposphere. The method used by Chen (2020, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020GL080613>) to estimate the impact of COVID-19 is oversimplistic. Chen understates the huge importance of satellite data for modern weather forecasts and raises more alarm than necessary about a drop in forecast accuracy.

**Plain Language Summary** Aircraft reports are important for weather forecasting, but satellite data are more important and satellite data have continued as normal during the hiatus due to COVID-19. The signal from loss of aircraft data is not clear above the noise from random variations in forecast skill and longer-term trends. One of the strengths of modern weather forecasting is its robustness arising from the large range of observations used.

### 1. Introduction

To put matters into context, we briefly describe the way that global weather forecasting is improving over time (Section 2). Parts of the system are not yet as good as they could be, for example the 2020 saw a large decrease in aircraft observations but also increases in satellite observations (Section 3). This paper is in part a response to Chen (2020), which the authors regard as flawed in some respects. Our main aim are that observation impacts can best be quantified through denial studies (Section 4), and that interannual variability of forecast skill (Section 5) complicates the comparison of the 2020 performance with previous years. We discuss previous publications on the subject (Section 6) and finish with conclusions (Section 7). More details about aircraft data and a “no aircraft” study from a different forecast center can be found in the supporting information.

### 2. Context: The Success of Global Weather Forecasting

Bauer et al. (2015) describe “the quiet revolution” of numerical weather prediction (NWP) improving forecasts such that useful skill is retained one day into the forecast range for every decade of research and development. This is illustrated in their Figure 1, but even this smoothed time series hints at fluctuations in skill as a result of variations in predictability. One component of NWP is the data assimilation system which combines a previous forecast with information from the latest observations to create an “analysis”, a set of fields that forms the initial conditions for the next forecast.

Magnusson and Källén (2013) note that improvements in NWP skill arise from model changes, improved data assimilation methods and new observations. They showed that over the period 1980–2012 new/ improved observations gave less forecast improvement than model or assimilation changes. However,

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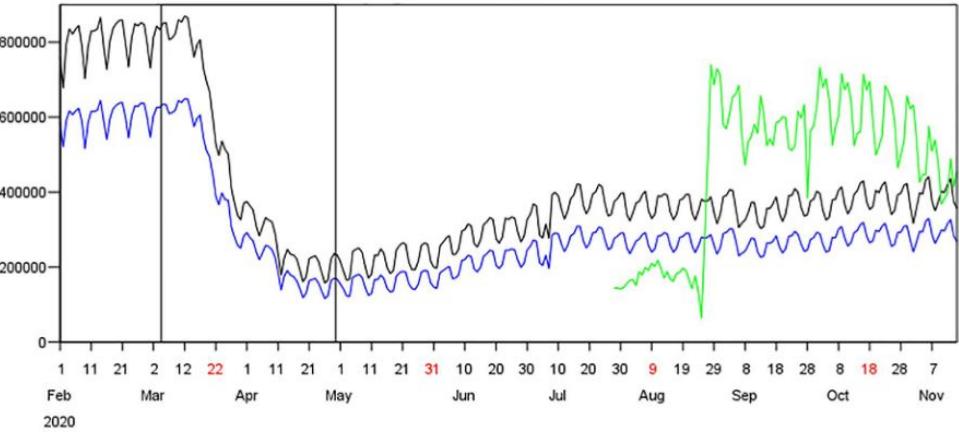
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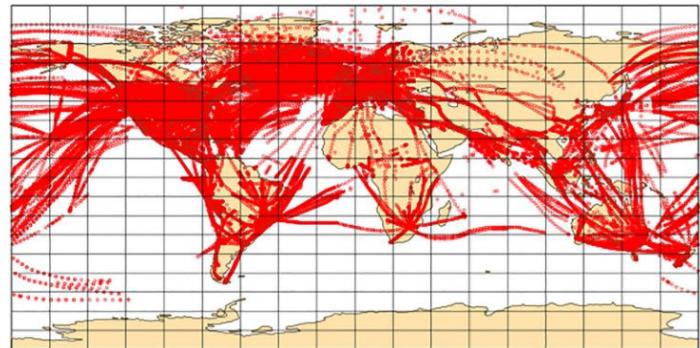
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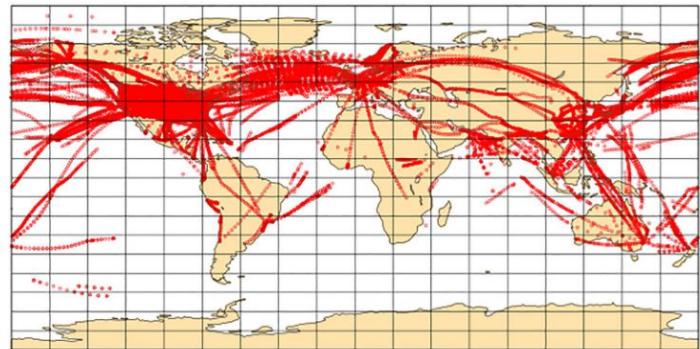
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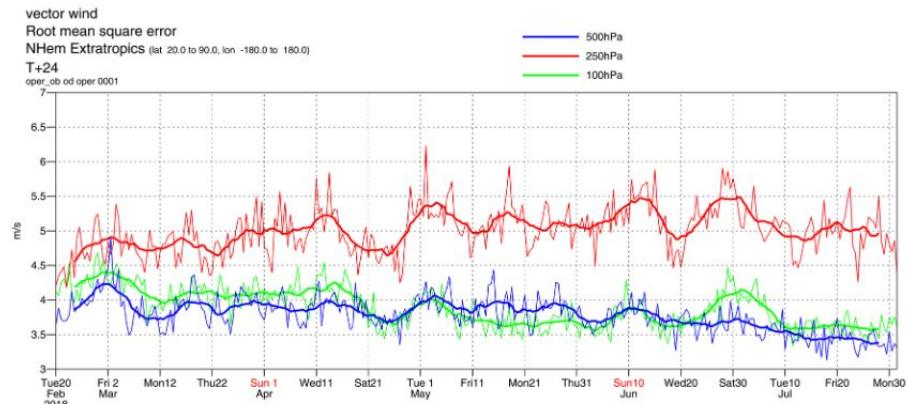
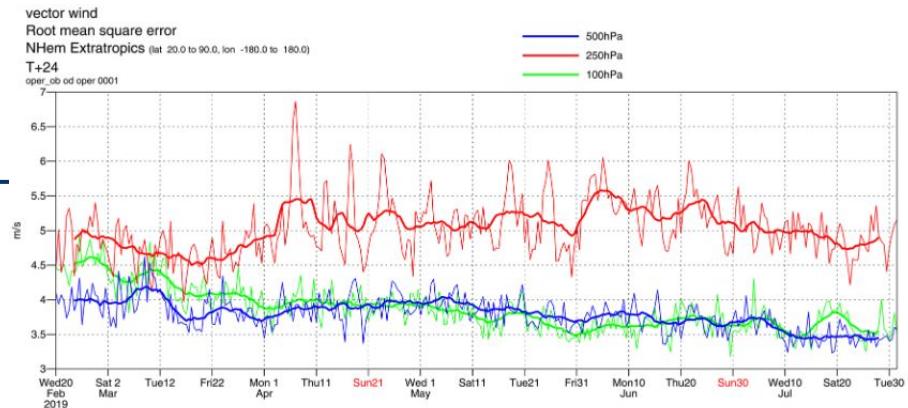
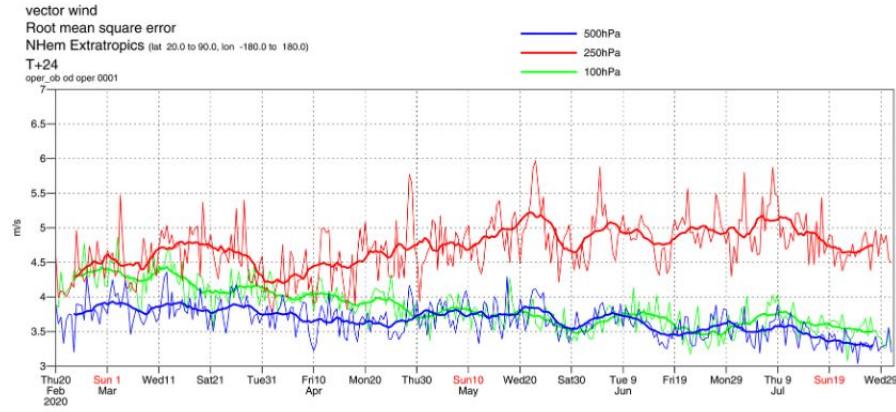
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**Figure 1.** (a) Number of aircraft wind reports processed (black) and used (blue) at ECMWF—excluding Mode-S, green line shows the number of used Mode-S winds. The vertical lines show the dates used in (b) and (c). (b) and (c) Positions of used aircraft reports in a 12-h period (09-21 UTC) on 2020-03-04 and 2020-04-29, respectively.

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**Figure 3.** Verification of operational ECMWF 24-h wind forecasts for 20°N-90°N against analyses at three levels for 2018 (bottom), 2019 (middle), and 2020 (top). The thin lines show values every 12 h, the thick lines a 7-day running mean.

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- Radiosondas extras
- Aeolus (janeiro)
- Mode-S aircraft
- RO COSMIC-2 (março)

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