Advances in AMSR2 Precipitation Retrievals: Validation and Monitoring Tools

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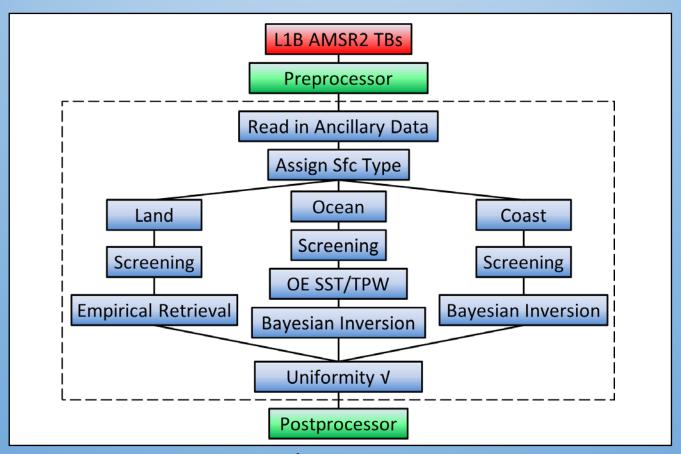
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Operational AMSR2 Retrievals



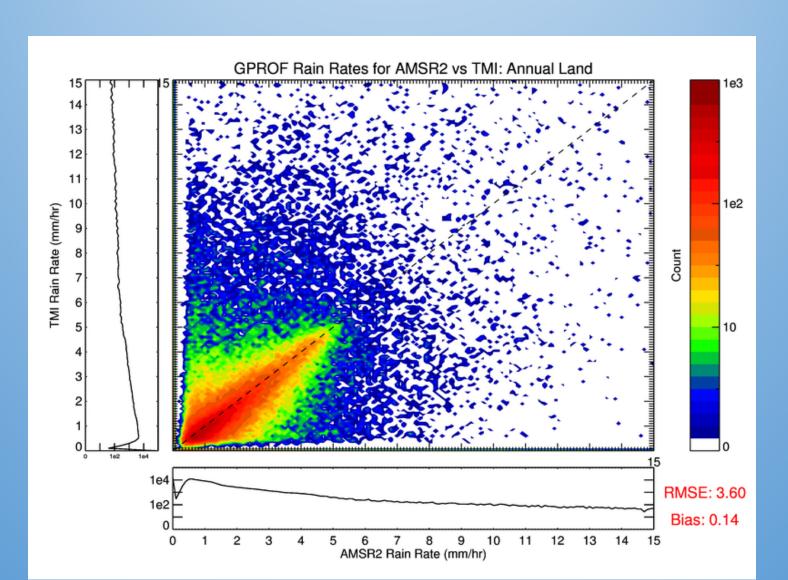
- Operational precipitation product distributed by STAR
- Meeting all latency/accuracy requirements
- Day-2 algorithms for Snow / Sea Ice / Soil Moisture retrievals transitioning to ops
- Meeting with JAXA GCOM Team next week

AMSR2 GPROF2010V2 Structure

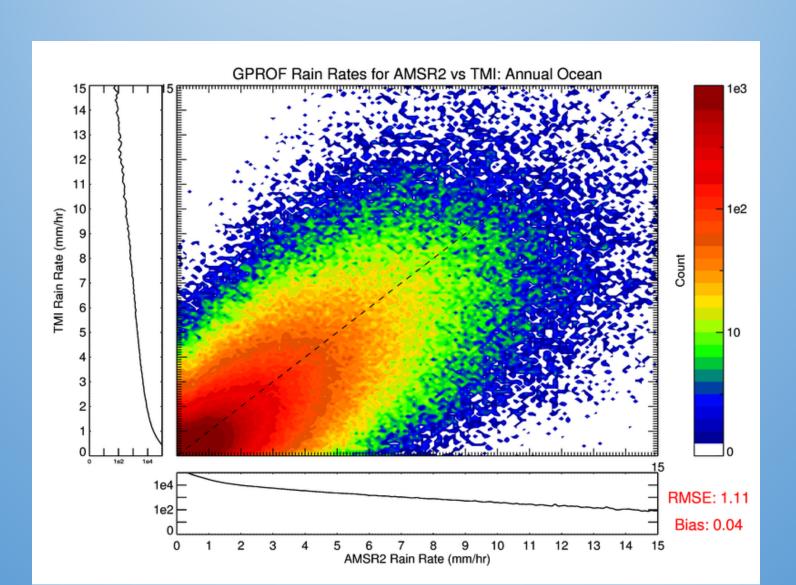


- Validated against TRMM/TMI: Similar sensors, similar algorithm
- Collocation within 30 minutes and 10 km
- Removed pixels flagged for RFI, coast, snow, bad SST/TPW values

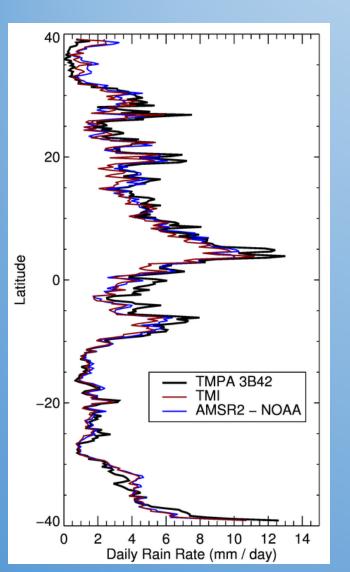
AMSR2/TMI Validation: Rain over Land



AMSR2/TMI Validation: Rain over Ocean



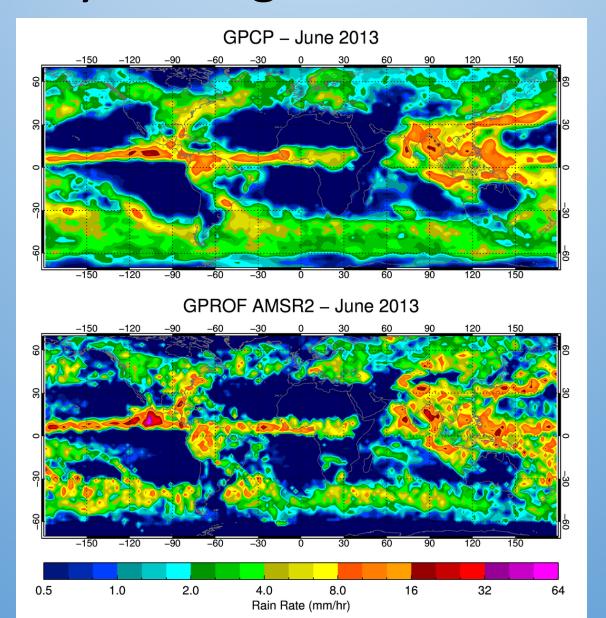
AMSR2 Validation with TRMM



- AMSR2 Level 2 swath retrievals
- 2A12: Level 2 TMI rain retrievals
- 3B42: Level 3 3-hr estimate from multiple satellites

RMSD (mm/hr)	Land	Ocean	Overall
Requirements	5.0	2.0	-
TMI & TMPA	3.1	1.2	1.6
AMSR2 & TMI	3.6	1.2	1.8
AMSR2 &TMPA	3.1	1.4	1.9

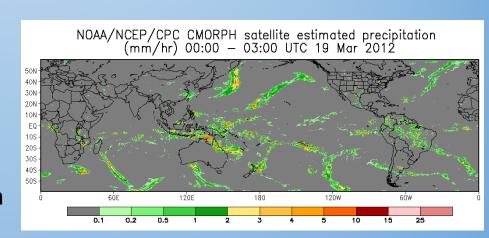
Monthly Averages: GPCP vs AMSR2

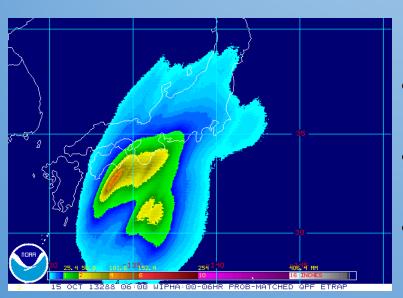


AMSR2 Applications

CPC Morphing Technique (CMORPH)

- Global precipitation analysis at high spatial/temporal resolution
- Precipitation estimates from PMW propagated by geostationary IR motion vectors

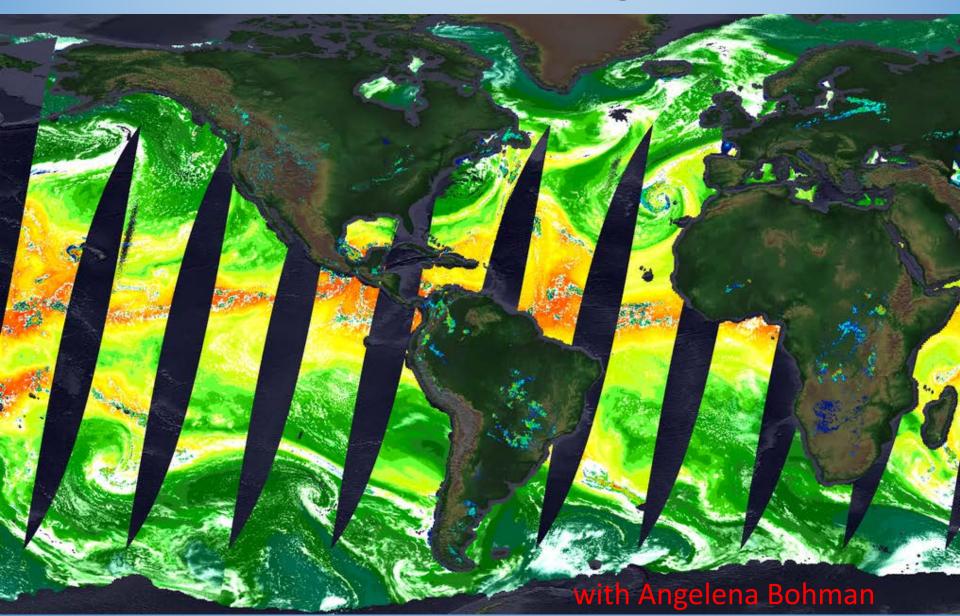




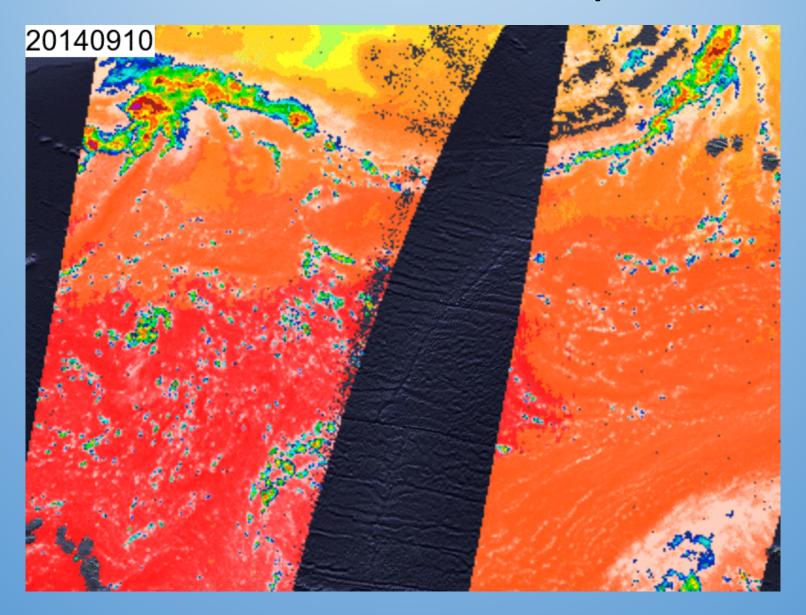
Ensemble Tropical Rainfall Potential (eTRaP)

- Cumulative 6-hr rainfall estimate from an ensemble of PWM radiometers
- Produces probabilistic and deterministic forecasts of precipitation for tropical cyclones
- Typhoon Wipha 15 Oct 2013 (left)

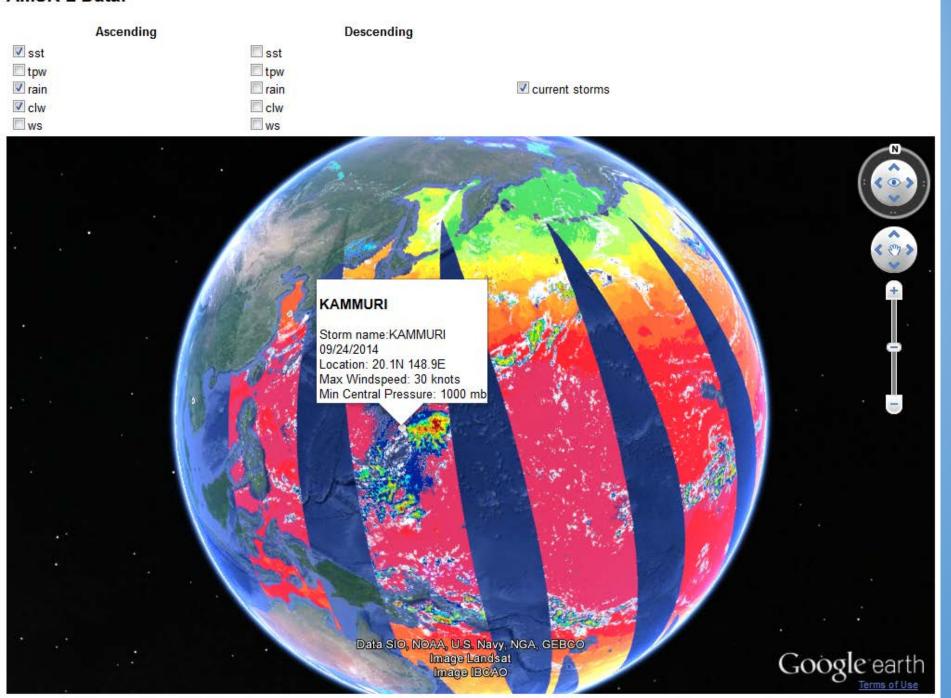
AMSR2 Monitoring Tools



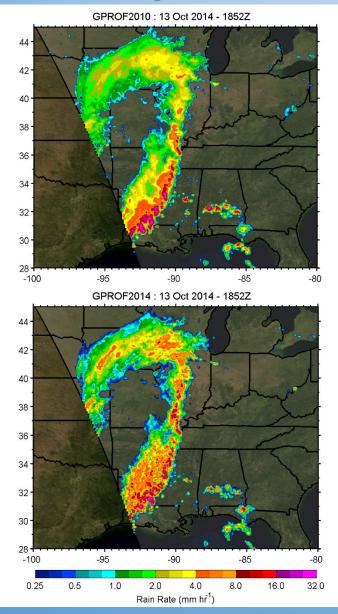
Hurricane Edouard – Sept 2014

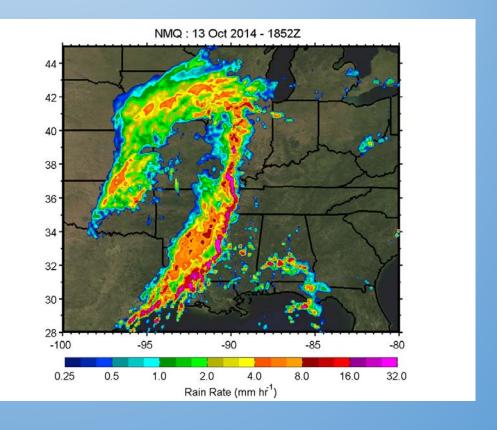


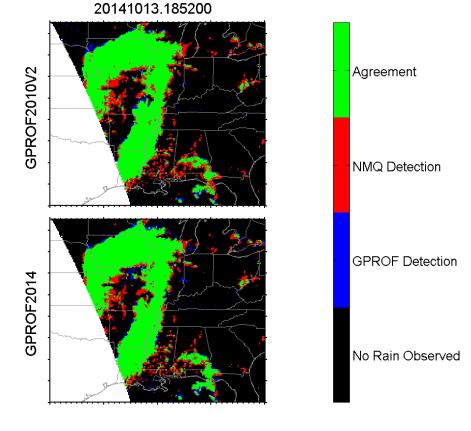
AMSR-2 Data:



Moving to the GPM Era: GPROF2014

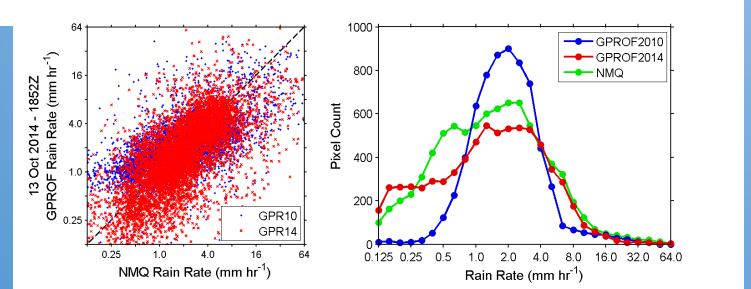






Swath-based Monitoring

	GPROF2010	GPROF2014
Bias	-0.54 mm/hr	-0.54 mm/hr
r	0.51	0.43
RMSE	4.30 mm/hr	4.70 mm/hr
POD	76%	80%
FAR	6%	7%



Summary

- GPROF2010V2 is operational for AMSR2
- Latency and accuracy requirements met
- Several monitoring/validation tools developed for automated display
- Please contact for data visualization