

Status and Plans for Finalization of SRT's Contribution to AIRS Version-7 and Version-7 AO

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Background

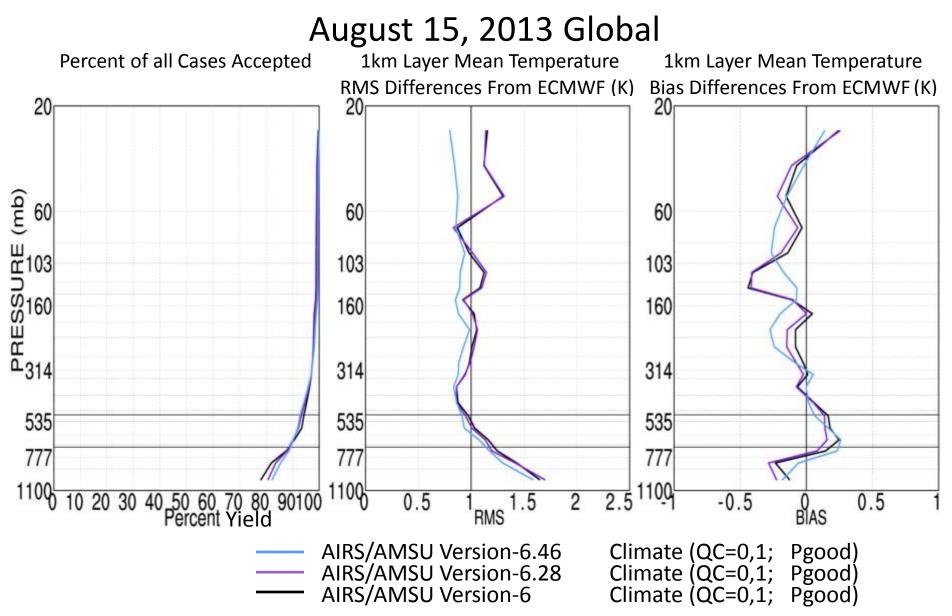
- A previous AIRS operational Version at JPL was Version-6.28, which was presented at the March 2016 AIRS Science Team Meeting.
- Version-6.28 performed much better than Version-6 especially with regard to water vapor profiles and total precipitable water.
- We call our current SRT system Version-6.46. Version-6.46 is significantly better than Version-6.28 for T(p), q(p), O₃(p).
 Version-6.46 AO performs about as well as Version-6.46.
- SRT Version-6.46 is now installed at JPL and is called Version-6.4.6.
 Version-6.4.6 AIRS/AMSU and Version-6.4.6 AIRS Only (AO) have been run at JPL for January 2015 and July 2015.
- A scientifically equivalent Version-6.46 CrIS/ATMS retrieval system is now installed at the Sounder SIPS. Monthly retrievals have not been run yet.

Success Criteria

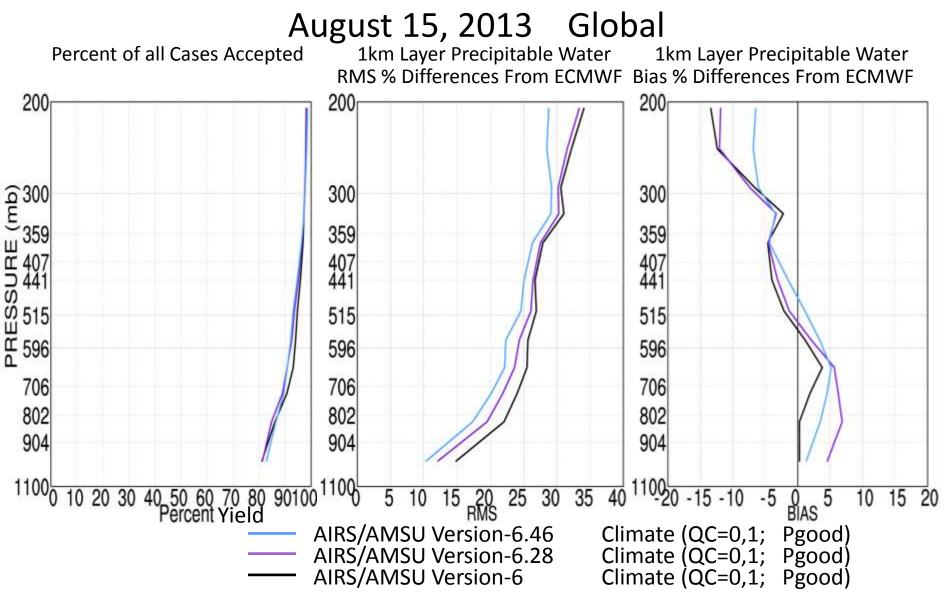
The SRT objective is to generate accurate AIRS and CrIS monthly mean level-3 climate data sets.

- AIRS Version-7 and Version-7 AO monthly mean level-3 products, and their interannual differences, should be more accurate than AIRS Version-6.28 or AIRS Version-6.
- AIRS Version-7 AO products should at worst be only slightly poorer than those of AIRS Version-7.
- CrIS/ATMS monthly mean products, and especially their interannual differences, should match those of AIRS Version-7, and Version-7 AO, as best as possible.

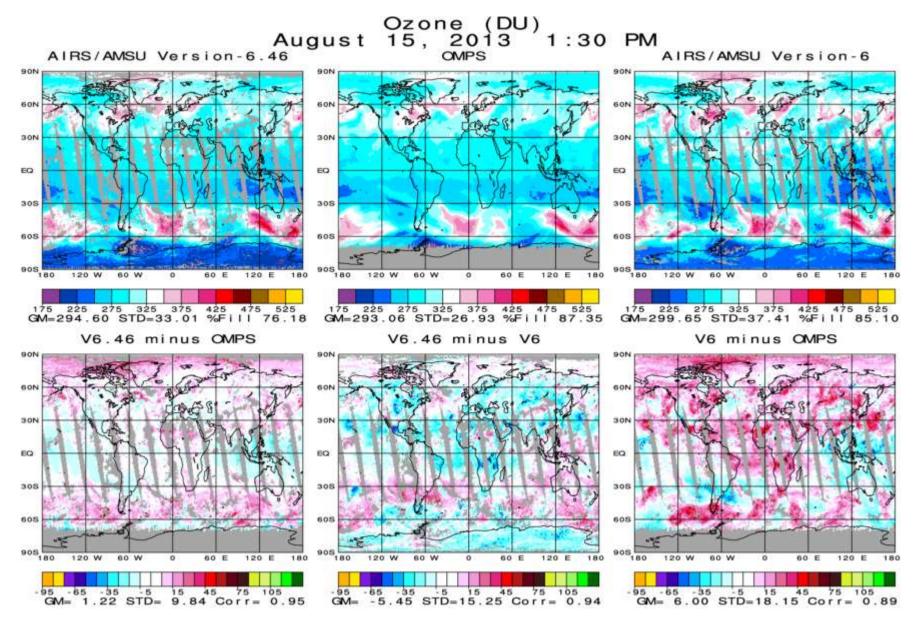
We will address each of these in turn.



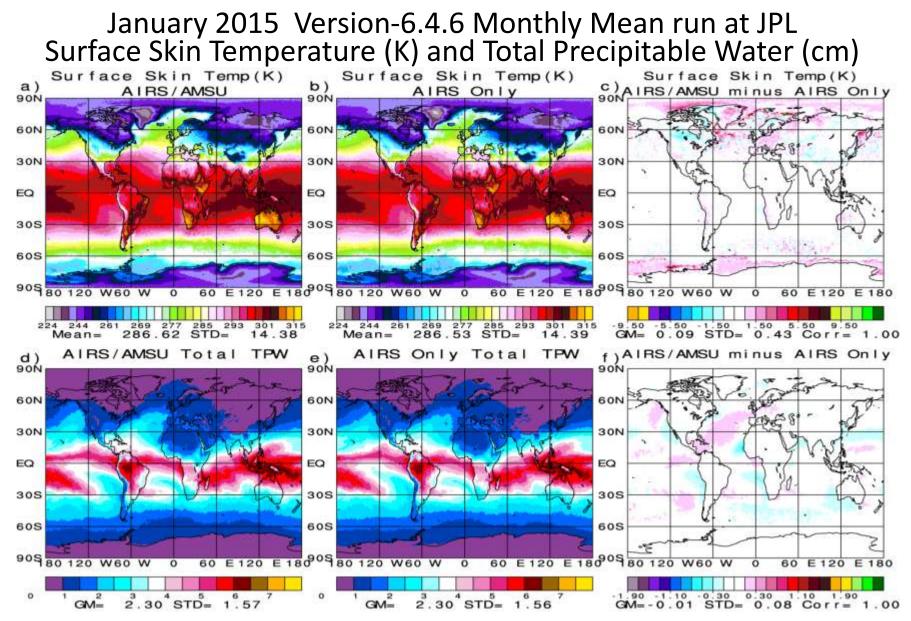
Version-6.46 *T(p)* products passing climate QC are significantly more accurate than those of Version-6.28 or Version-6, with higher yields.



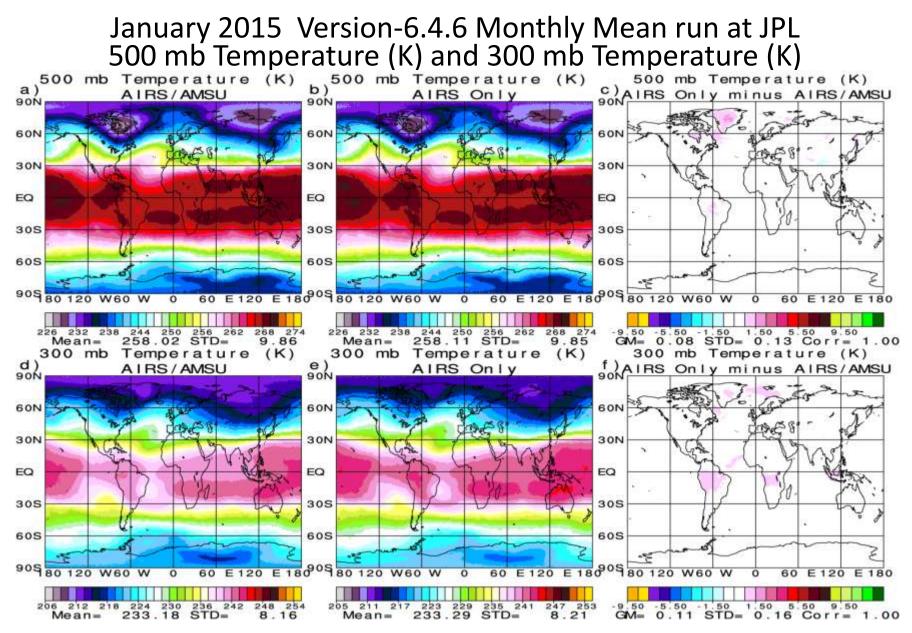
AIRS Version-6.46 water vapor profiles are significantly more accurate than those of Version-6.28 or Version-6. AIRS Version-6.46 water vapor profiles are biased dry in the upper troposphere, but by a lesser amount than previous Versions.



AIRS Version-6.46 total O_3 is in excellent agreement with OMPS and is much better than Version-6 total O_3 . Note also that the ozone hole over Antarctica is much deeper in Version-6.46 than it was in Version-6. AIRS Version-6.46 total O_3 is also better than Version-6. 28. Joel Susskind, John Blaisdell, Lena Iredell, Louis Kouvaris

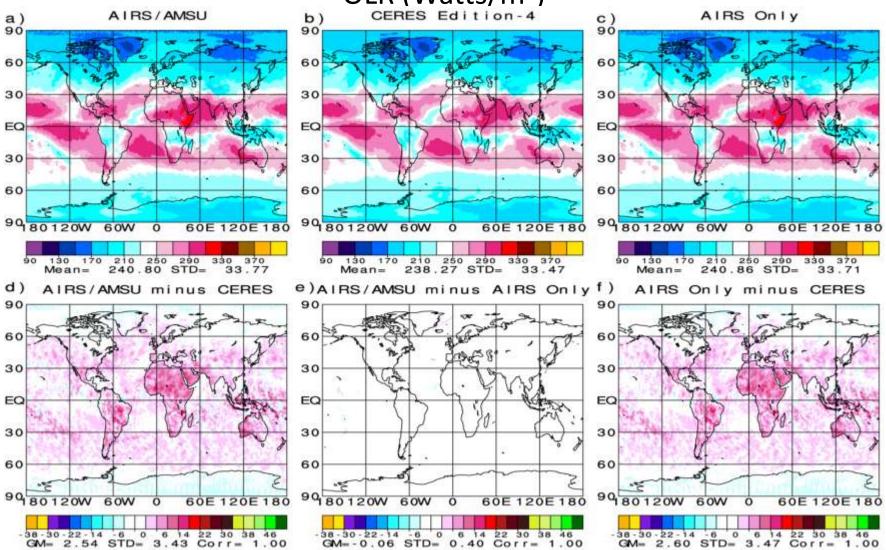


Version-6.4.6 AIRS/AMSU and AIRS Only monthly mean surface skin temperatures and total precipitable water agree well with each other.



Monthly mean Version-6.4.6 AIRS/AMSU and AIRS Only 500 mb and 300 mb temperatures agree extremely well with each other.

January 2015 Version-6.4.6 Monthly Mean run at JPL OLR (Watts/m²)



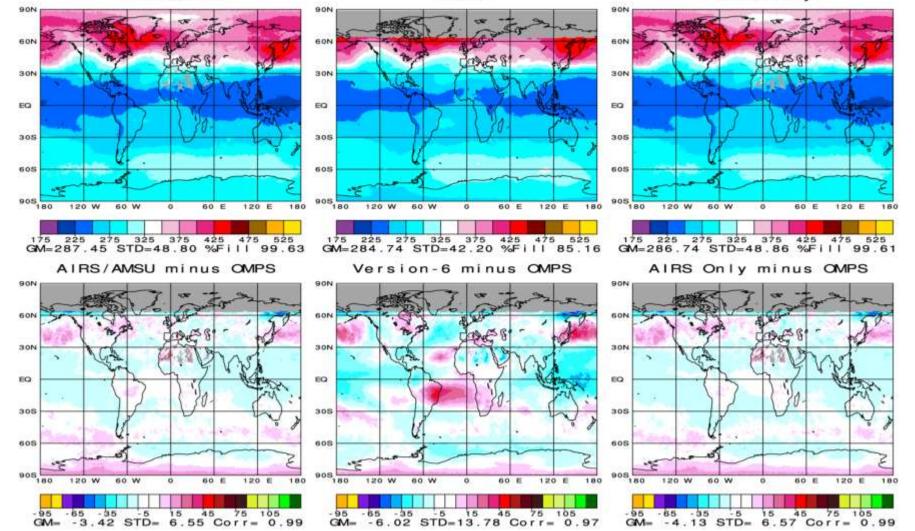
Version-6.4.6 AIRS/AMSU and Version-6.4.6 AIRS Only OLR agree extremely well with each other and agree well with CERES.

January 2015 Version-6.4.6 Monthly Mean Ozone (DU) run at JPL

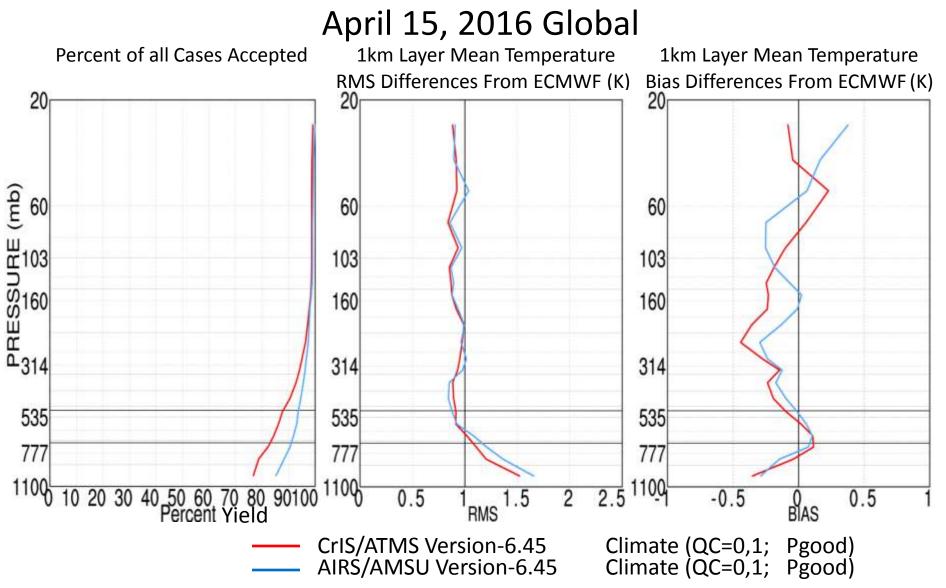
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OMPS

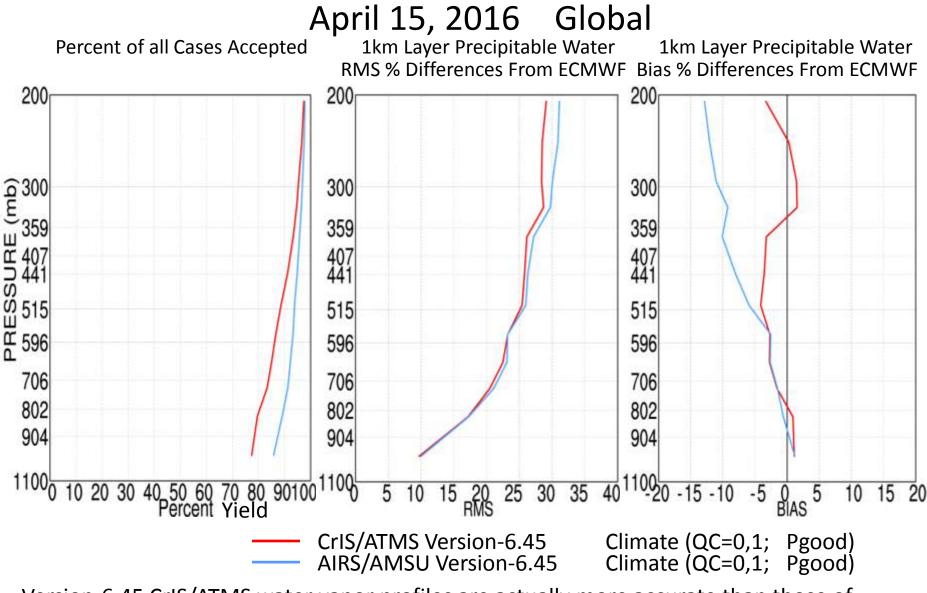
AIRS Only



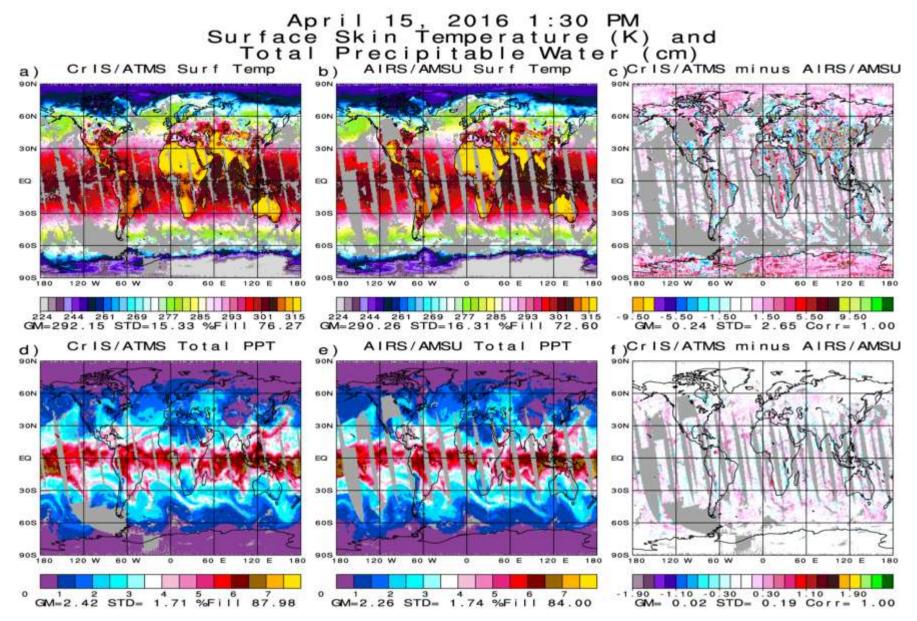
Version-6.4.6 AIRS/AMSU and Version-6.4.6. AIRS Only total ozone agree extremely well with each other and with OMPS. Version-6.4.6 AO total O_3 is significantly better than Version-6. The major improvement in total O_3 is the biggest reason for production of Version-7 to start in the near future.



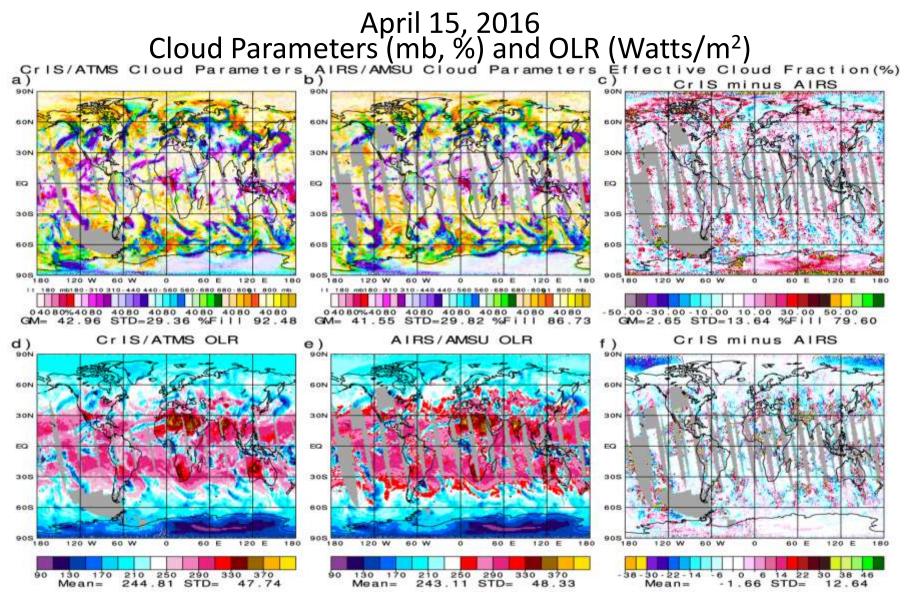
CrIS/ATMS Version-6.45 temperature profiles passing climate QC are of comparable accuracy to those of AIRS. We don't have this result for Version-6.46. The differences between 6.46 and 6.45 would not affect accuracies.



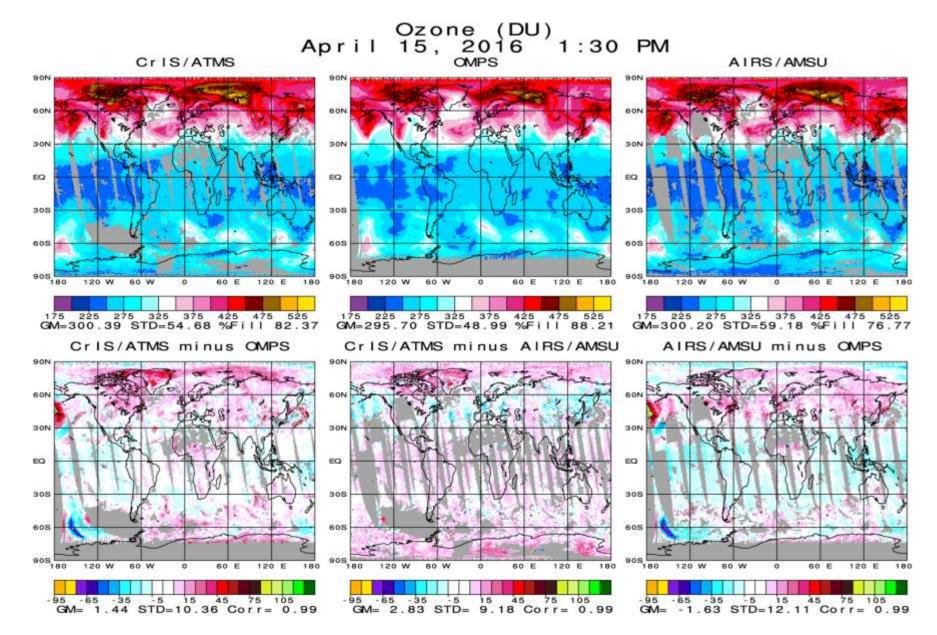
Version-6.45 CrIS/ATMS water vapor profiles are actually more accurate than those of AIRS/AMSU and do not show a dry upper tropospheric bias.



CrIS/ATMS surface skin temperatures agree very well with AIRS/AMSU over ocean, but have some differences with AIRS/AMSU over land, especially over the poles. Measurement times in a given location are not the same.



CrIS/ATMS cloud and OLR products agree well with each other, especially given the fact that measurement times and zenith angles are not the same as each other. The problem poleward of 75N on either side of the dateline is a result of different samples being included in the two data sets.



CrIS/ATMS total ozone products match OMPS even better than do AIRS/AMSU.

Scientific Findings and Recommendations

- Version-6.46 temperature profiles, water vapor profiles, and especially total O₃, are very much improved compared to Version-6. With minor tweaking, Version-6.46 is a good candidate for use in Version-7.
- JPL Version-6.4.6 and Version-6.4.6 AO monthly mean products agree extremely well with each other. Version-6.4.6 AO is accurate enough that there is not necessarily a need to process both Version-7 and Version-7 AO data sets.
- Single day comparisons show Version-6.46 CrIS/ATMS and Version-6.46 AIRS/AMSU products agree extremely well with each other. We need to demonstrate agreement of Version-6.46 CrIS/ATMS and Version-6.46 AO products on a monthly mean basis for different months and years. CrIS/ATMS and AIRS/AMSU monthly mean comparisons showed excellent agreement using a previous version.