

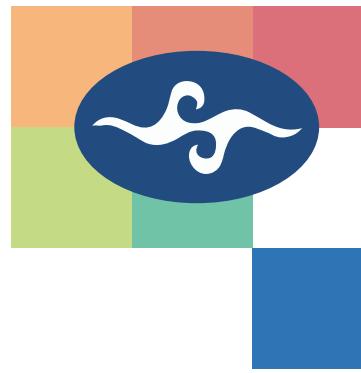
Assimilation impact of the FORMOSAT-7/COSMIC-2 GNSS radio occultation data with the CWB Global Forecast System

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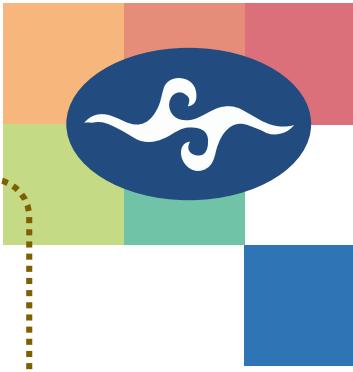
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Outline

- The results from the parallel semi-operational experiment (August 2019 ~ February 2020)
 - Innovation statistics
 - Impact of the global forecast
 - EFSOI estimated data impact
- Impact of the low-level (< 4 km impact height) RO data
- Summary

FORMOSAT-7/COSMIC-2 data for NWP at CWB



Taiwan Analysis Center
for COSMIC (TACC)

FS7 raw data

CDAAC
retrieval algorithm

atmPrf, wetPrf

NCEP BUFR
(300 levels)

Central Weather Bureau
Global Forecast System
(CWBGFS)

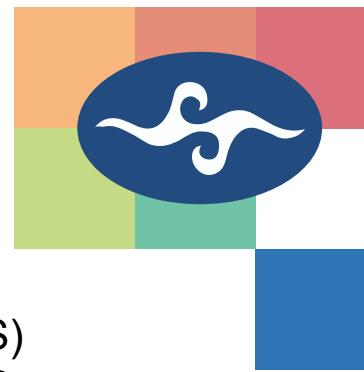
CWBGFS model
(T511; 25km)

GSI-default QC and superobing;
GSI-default and CWB-tuned
observation errors

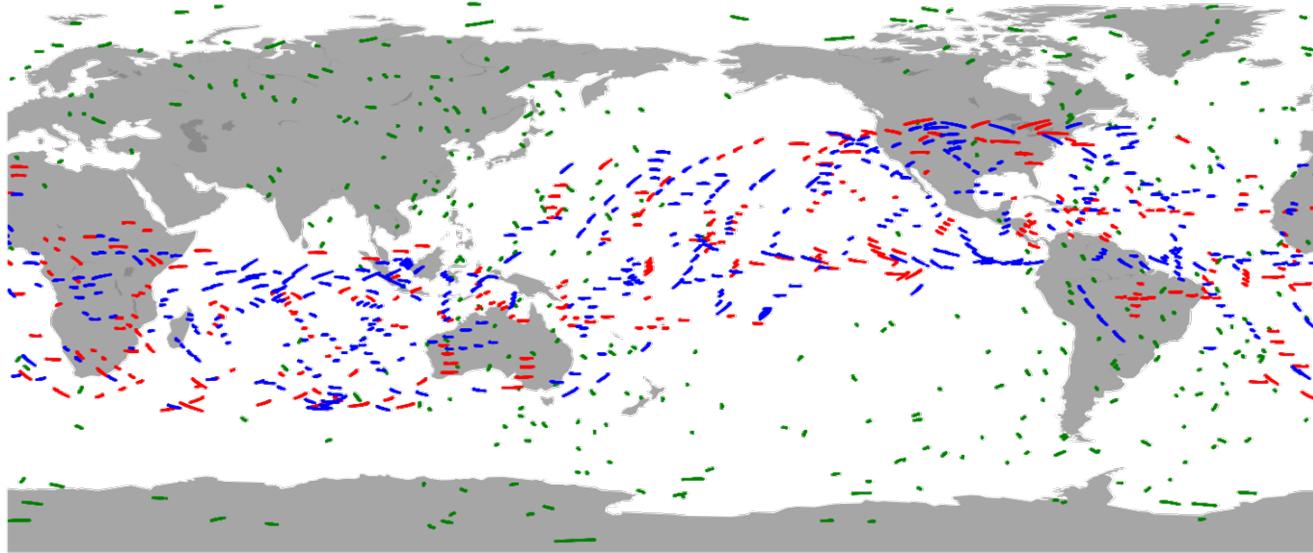
NCEP GSI
(hybrid 3DEnVar)

Bending
angle

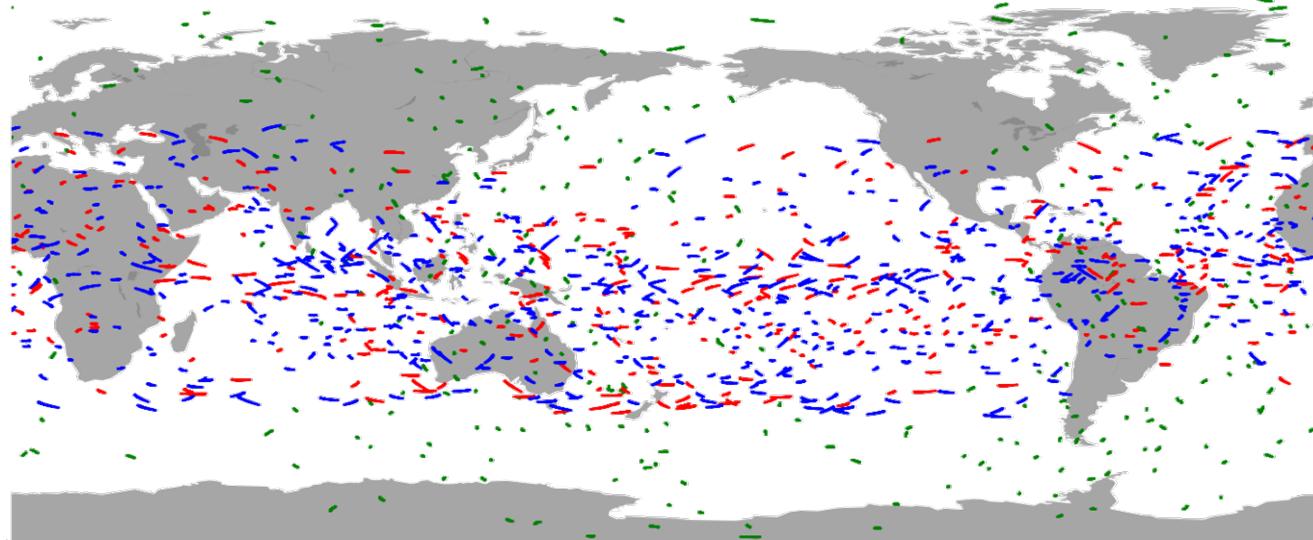
Data distribution status for NWP at CWBGFS



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2020051012 GPS Radio Occultation Assimilated



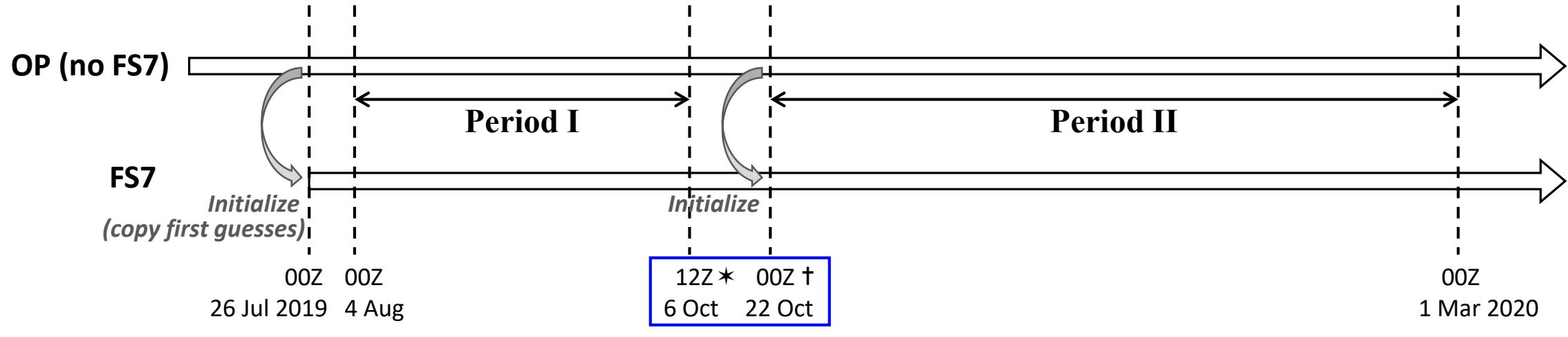
福衛七號 175,138(GPS、GLONSS)
102,238、72,900

其他衛星 81,163 ●

福衛七號 241,970(GPS、GLONSS)
153,226、88,564

其他衛星 48,824 ●

CWBGFS operational (OP) and parallel semi-operational experiment (FS7)



* Adjust RO obs errors in FS7, reject <4 km impact height FS7 data
† Adjust RO obs errors in OP

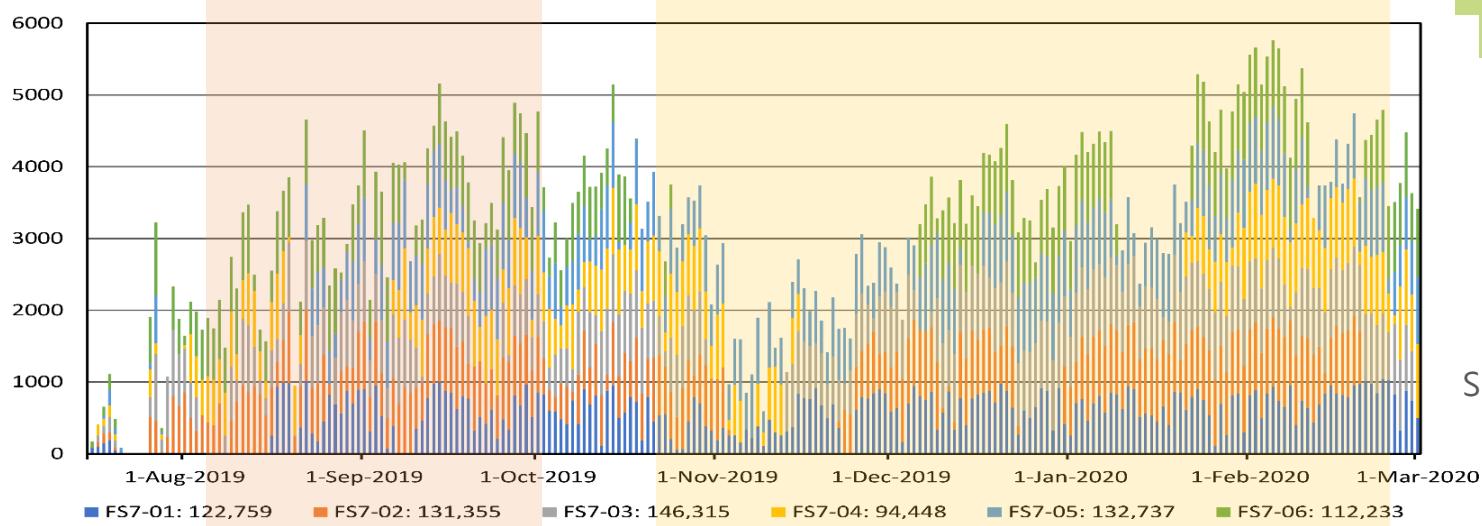
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- The estimation and sensitivity of GNSS-RO bending angle observation errors in the GSI hybrid data assimilation system (黃子茂)

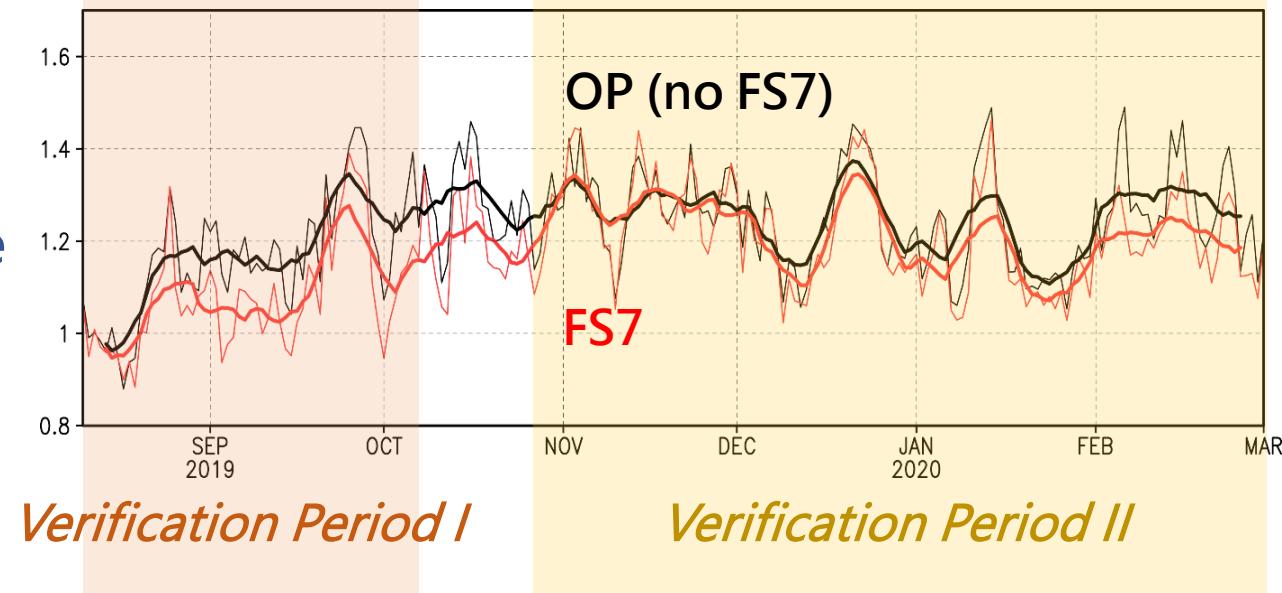
Daily data count and assimilation impact



Daily counts of
FS7/C2 RO profiles



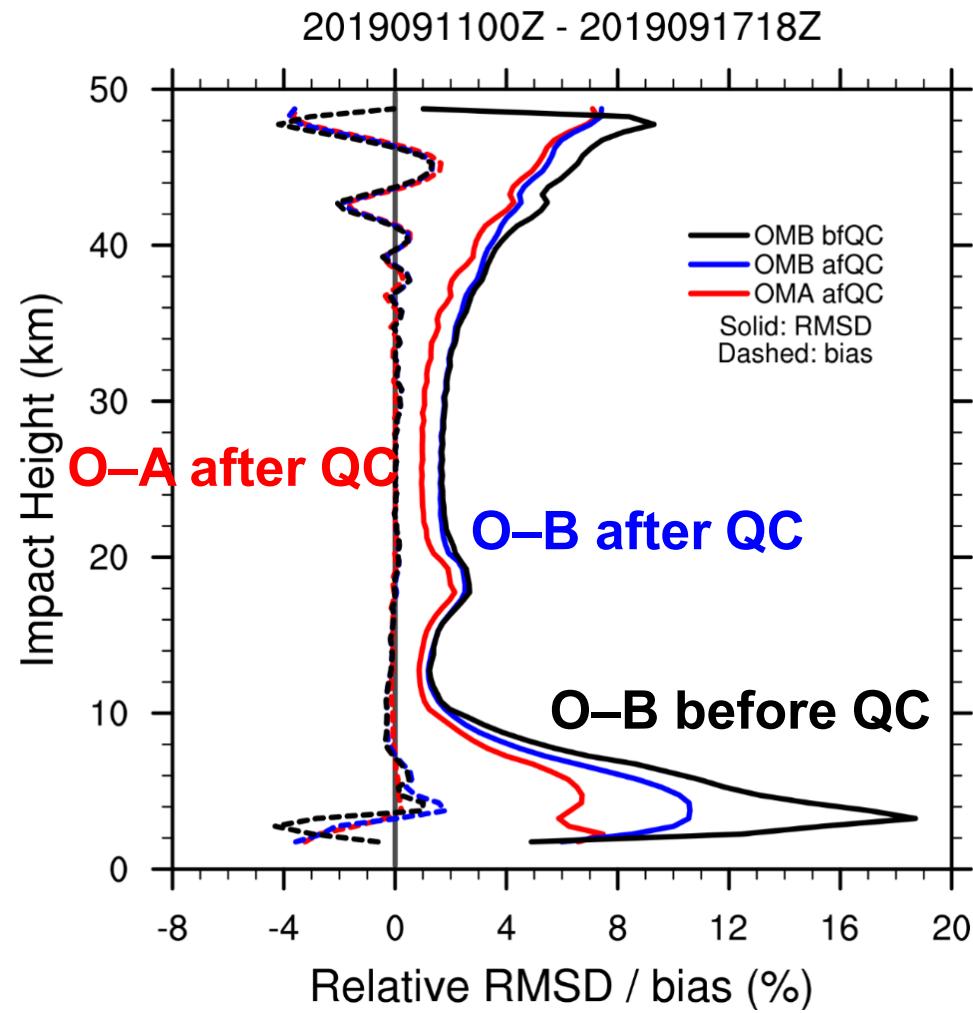
5-day forecast errors of
tropical 500-hPa temperature
(lower is better)



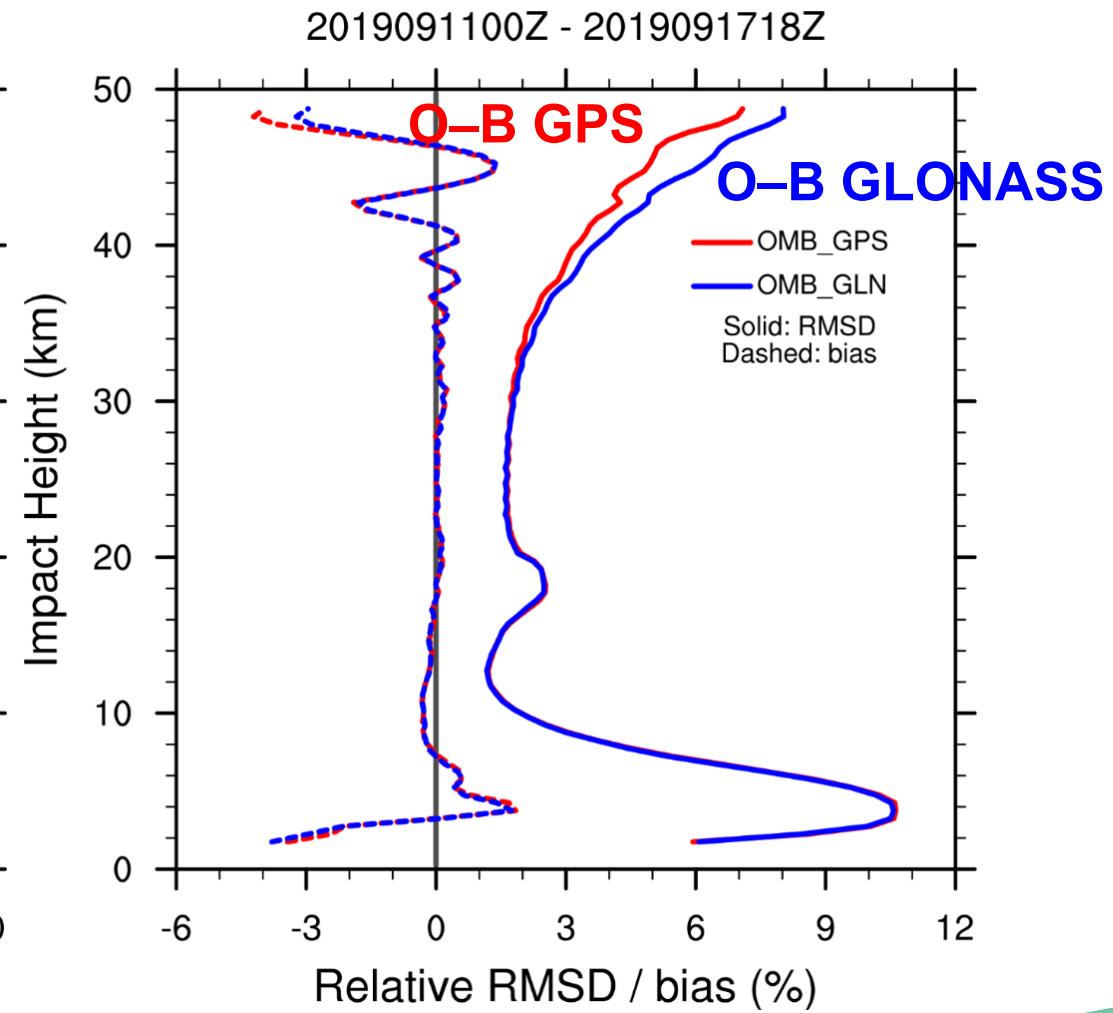
Innovation statistics (O-B, O-A; bending angle)



ALL



GPS vs. GLONASS



Impact to the global forecast — verified against the NCEP analysis



Significant positive impact in tropics; neutral-to-positive impacts in other regions

With two different observation error settings (Periods I and II), similar positive impacts are obtained.

Scorecards –

Green/Red :

FS7 is better/worse

than OP

RMSE

Bias

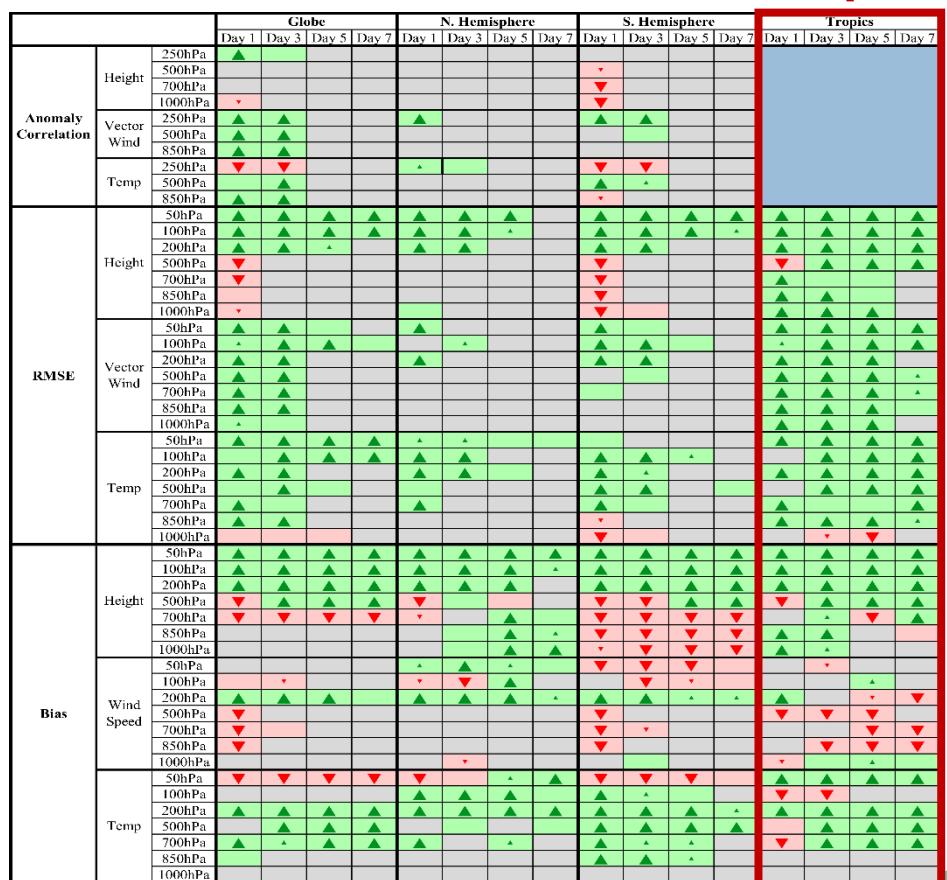
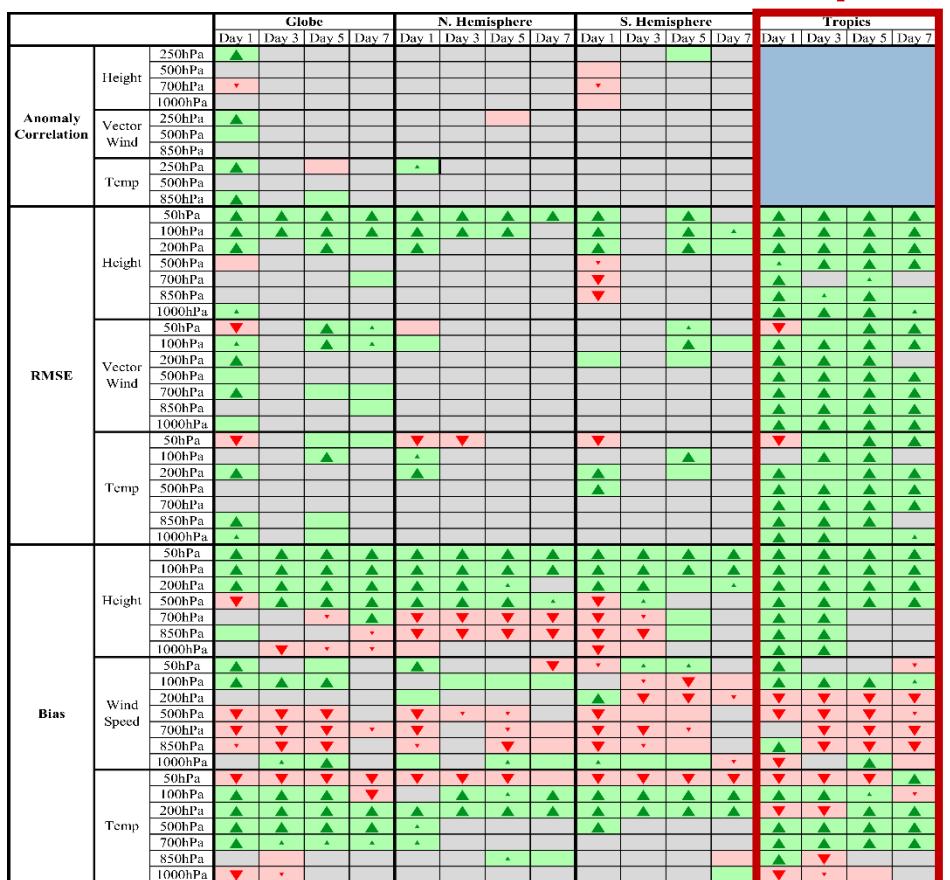
	Better at 99.9% significance level
	Better at 99% significance level
	Better at 95% significance level
	Not statistically significant
	Worse at 95% significance level
	Worse at 99% significance level
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	Not applicable

Period I

Tropics

Period II

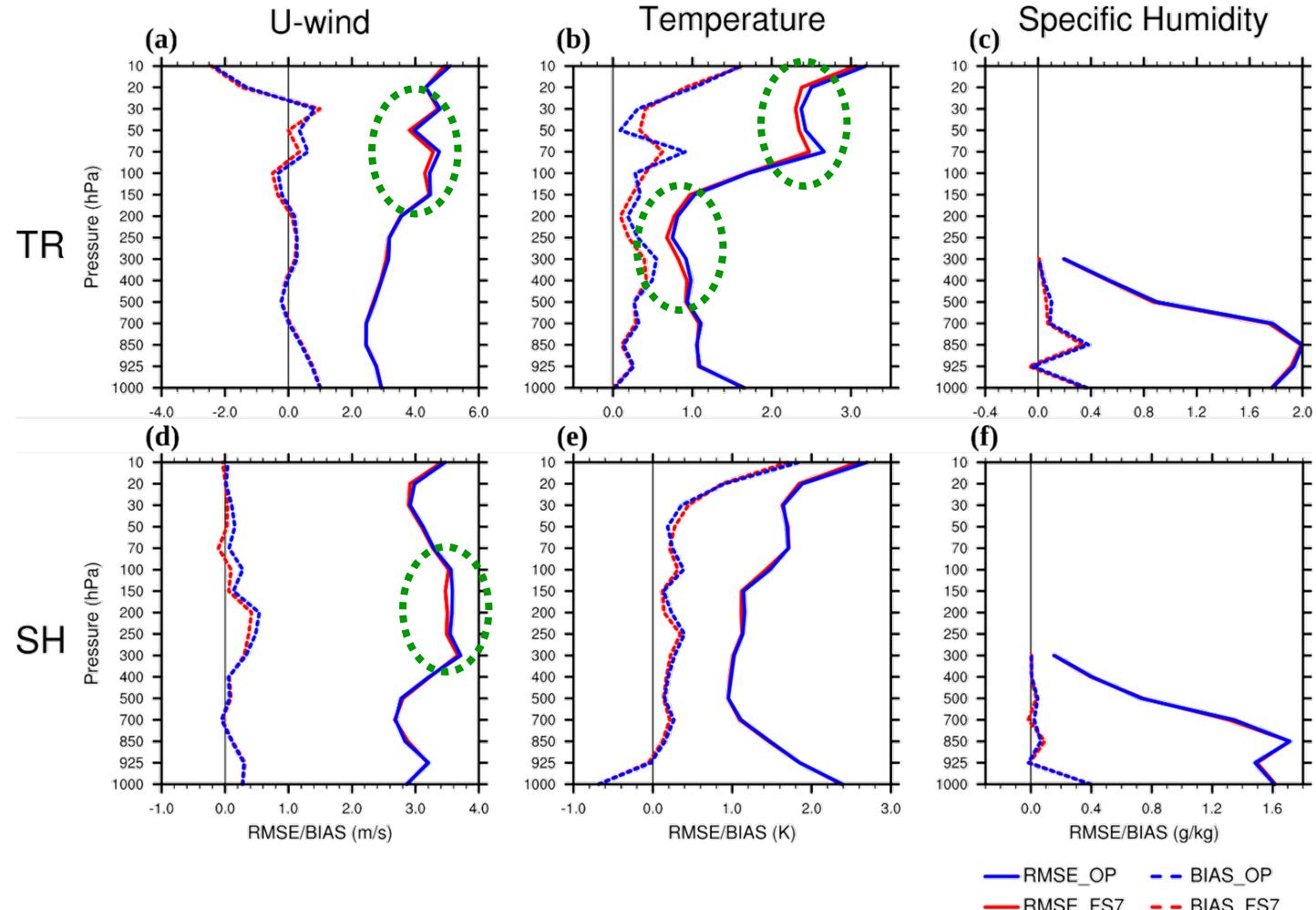
Tropics



Impact to the global forecast

— verified against radiosonde observations

Clear positive impacts of the fit to tropical radiosonde temperature over the lower stratosphere and upper troposphere; For winds, positive impacts are seen near the jet level.

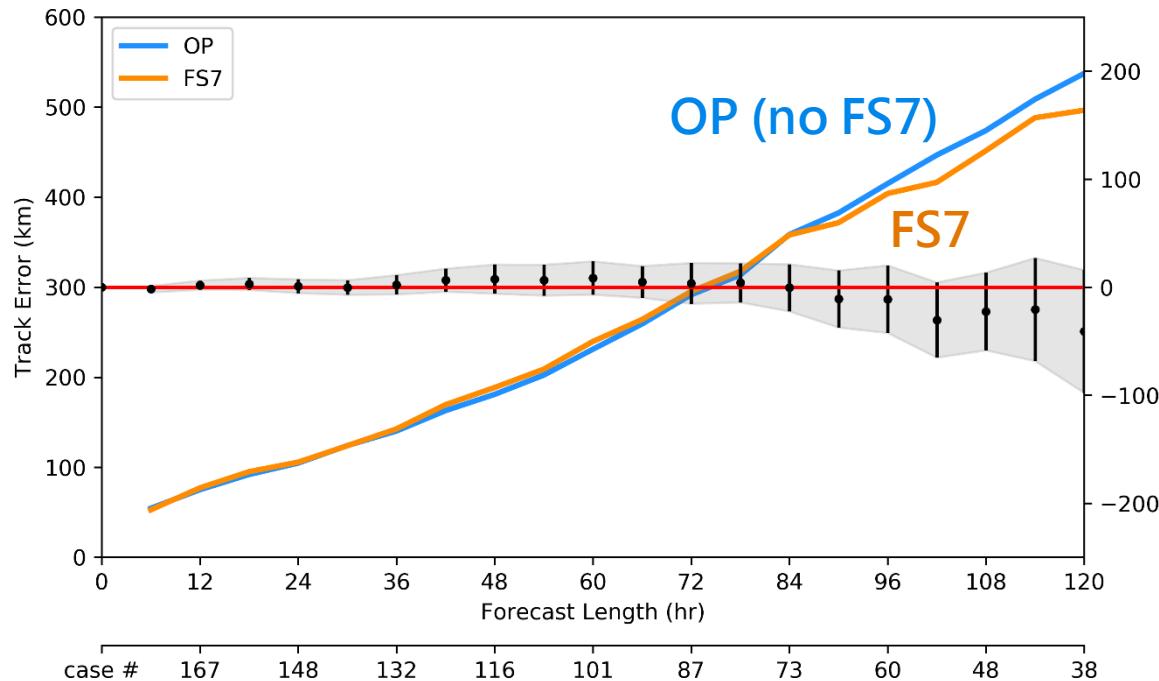


Impact to typhoon track forecast

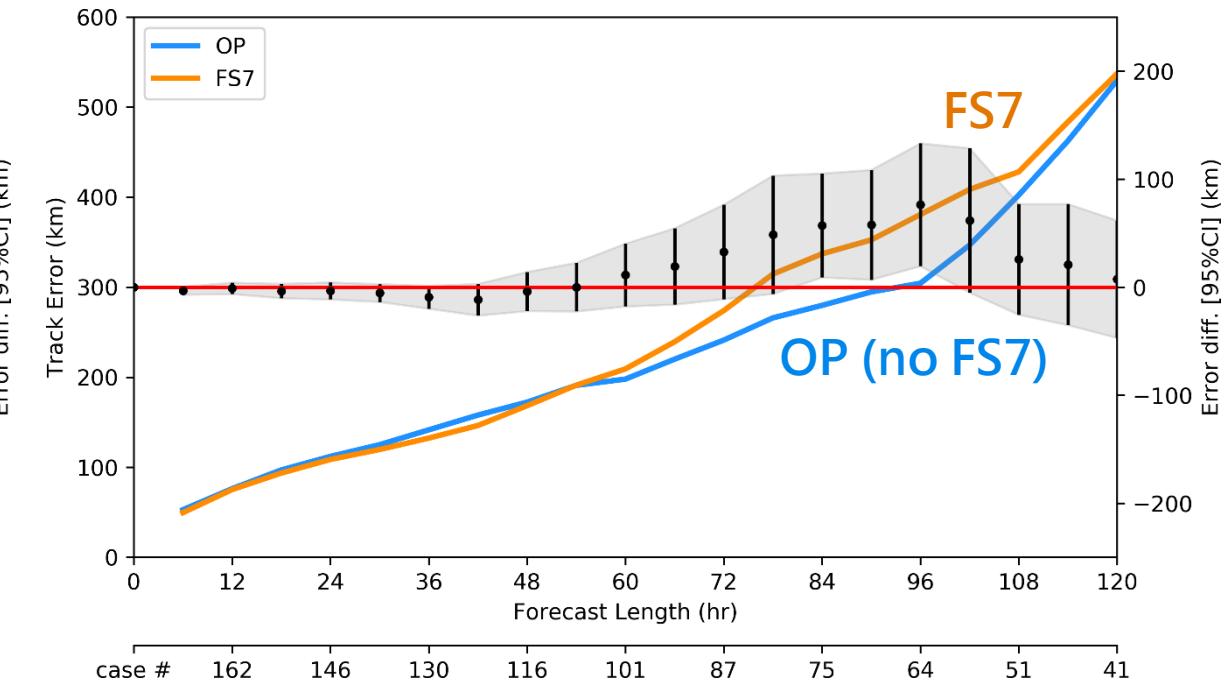


Mixed results, statistically insignificant at most of forecast times

Average track forecast errors
– *Period I* (10 typhoons)

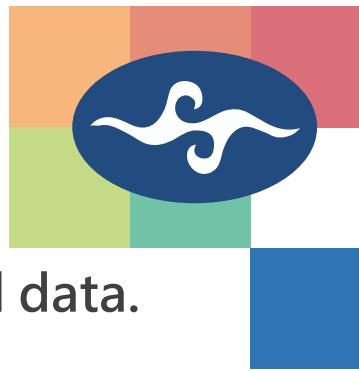


Average track forecast errors
– *Period II* (8 typhoons)



EFSOI estimated data impact

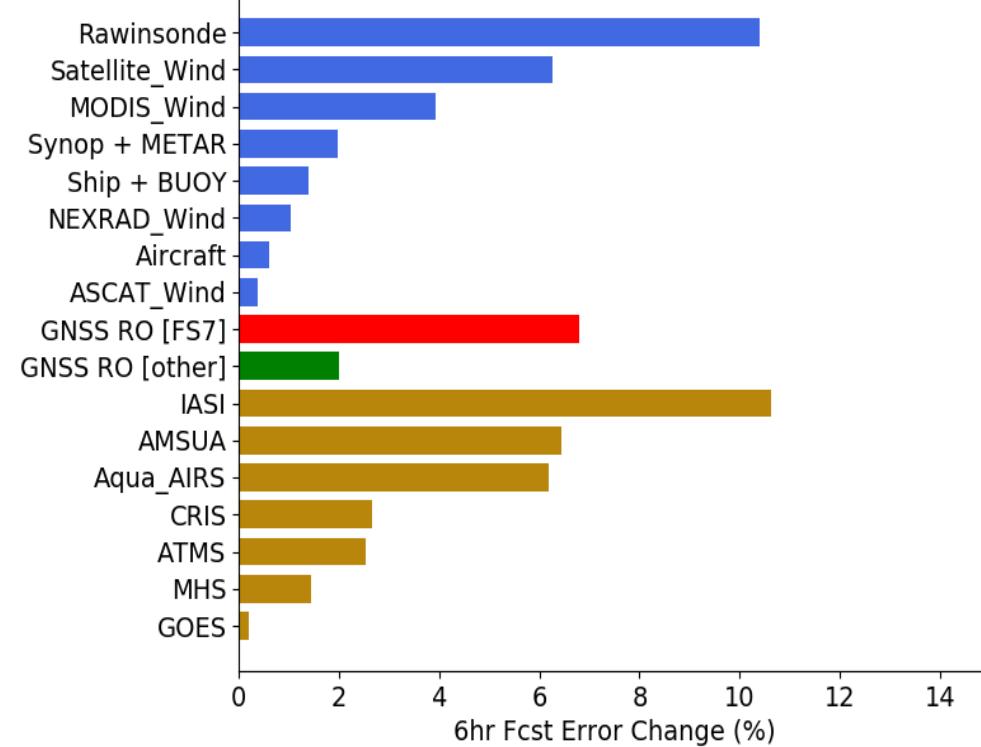
— comparison to other data assimilated in the CWBGFS system



FS7/C2 GNSS RO data contributes to about 6~8% of the total impact of all assimilated data.

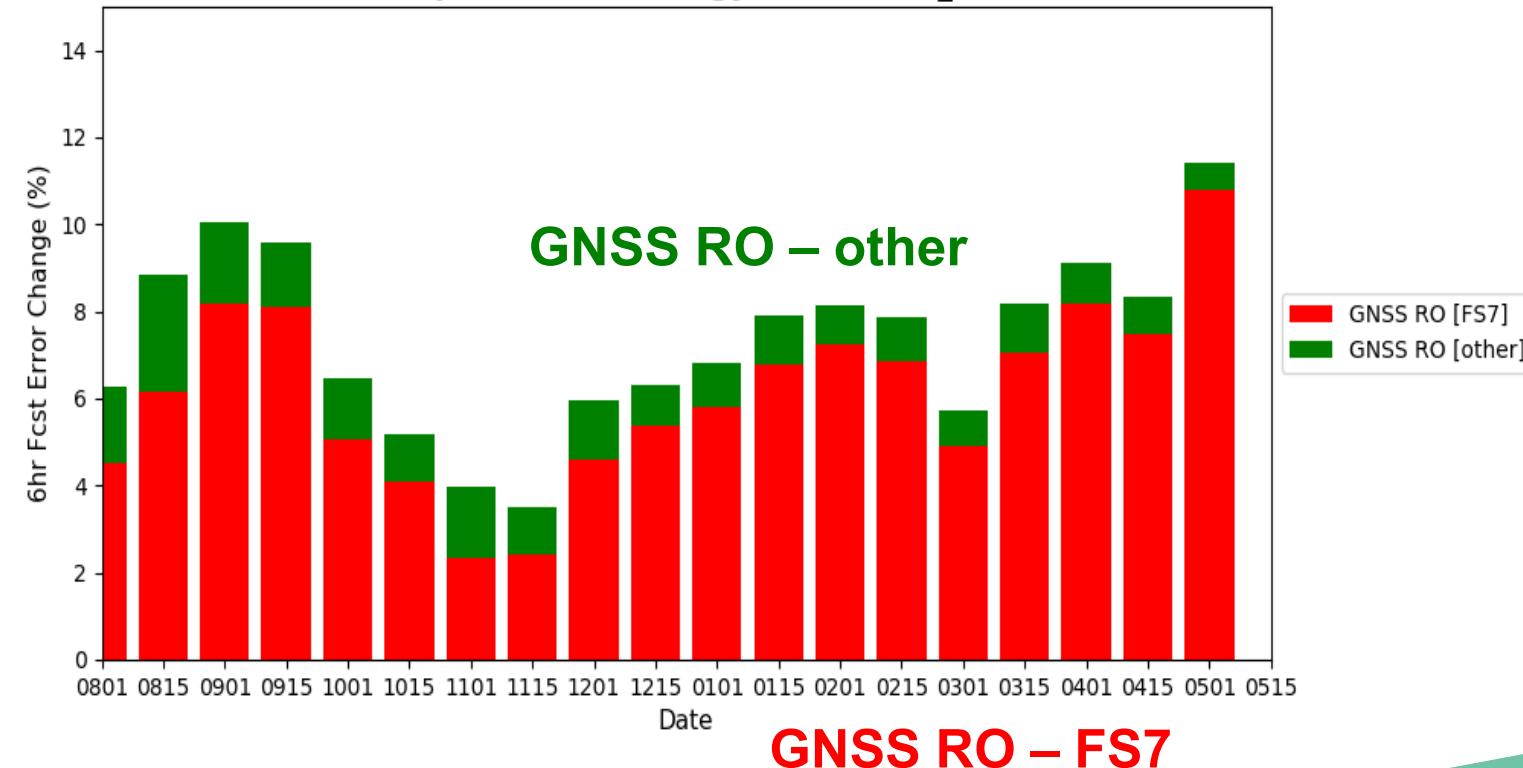
Period I

Average Total EFSOI



Aug 2019 – May 2020 (each 1/2-month interval)

Total Impact (Moist energy) in 201908_202005

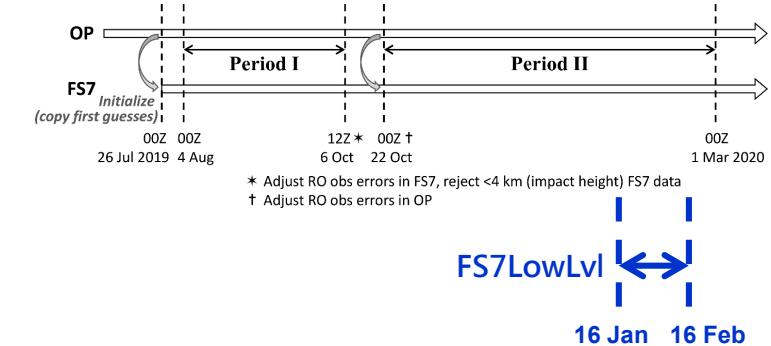


Impact of the low-level height threshold

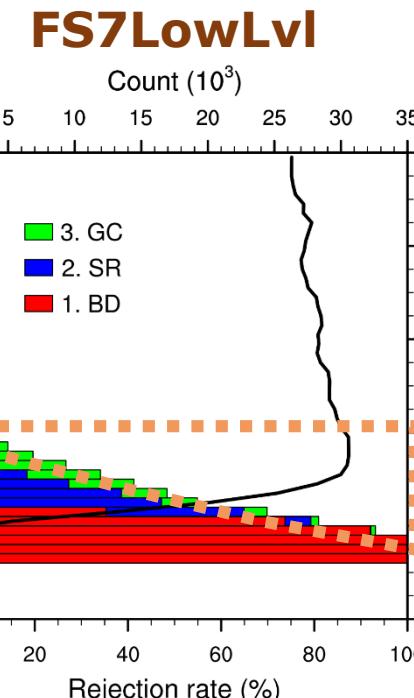
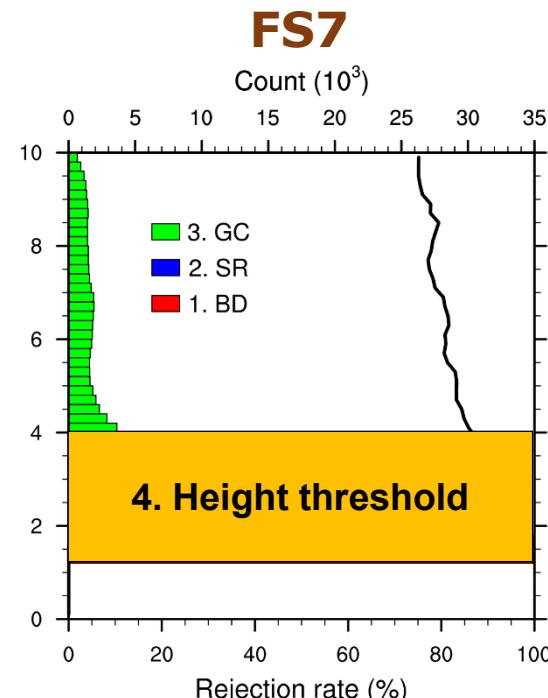
An additional experiment is conducted for a one-month period within Period II.
(16 January to 16 February 2020)



Experiment name	Obs errors for RO data	Low-level height threshold QC for FS7/C2 RO data
FS7	CWB estimated	4 km (impact height)
FS7LowLvl	CWB estimated	No



QC rejection rates of FS7/C2 data



3. GC: Gross error check
2. SR: Super-refraction check
1. BD: Out-of-model-boundary check

Some data below 4-km impact height can be used (GSI default QC setting)

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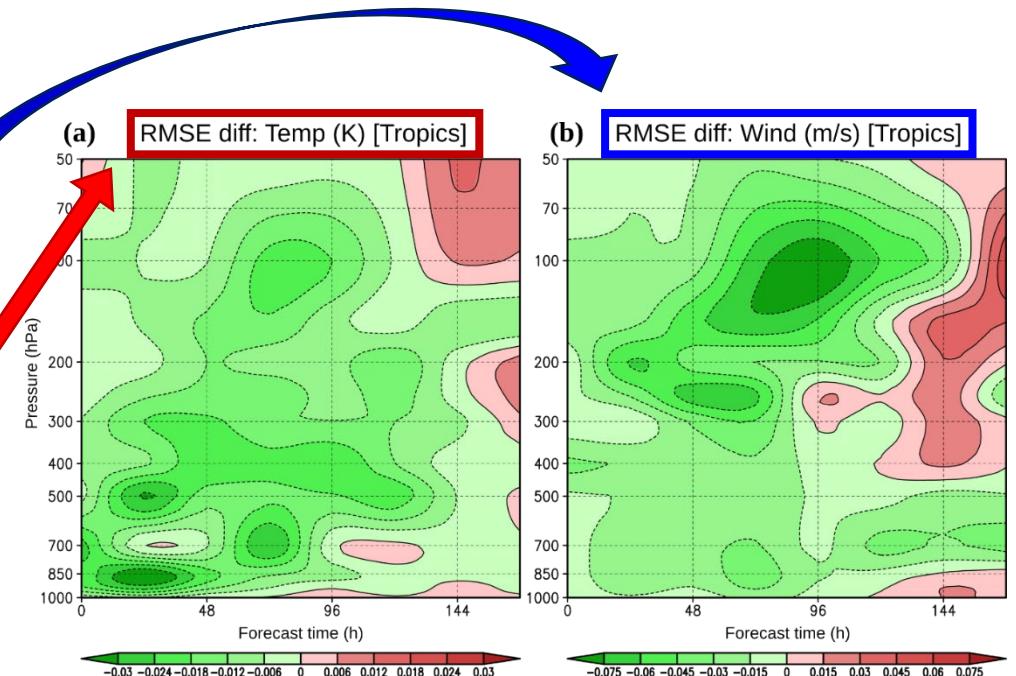
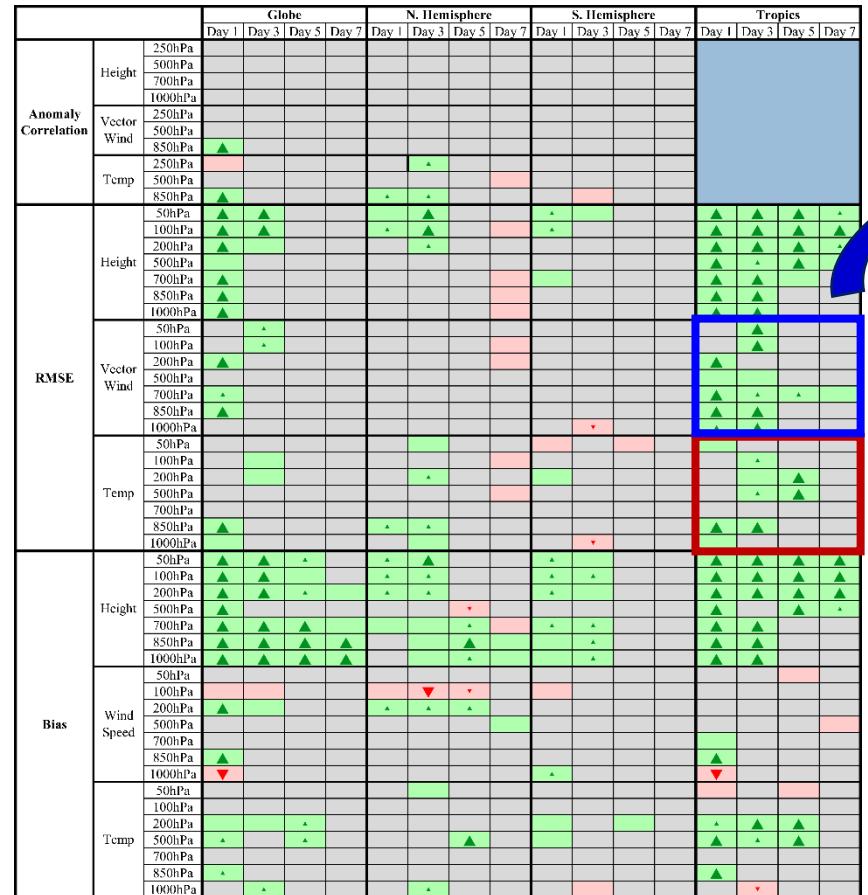


The 4-km impact height threshold seems not necessary, which suggest that the QC built in GSI can already function well for the FS7/C2 data down to the surface

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Summary



- Results from the parallel semi-operational experiment (~7 months) with CWBGFS / GSI:
 - O-B, O-A characteristics similar to other existing RO data (both GPS and GLONASS).
 - Significant positive impact in all variables in tropics.
 - Neutral-to-positive impacts in other regions.
 - Mixed results for the typhoon track forecasts (but is understandable).
 - The EFSOI estimated impact of FS7/C2 RO data is impressive (6~8 % of the total assimilation impact).
- Use of the low-level RO data:
 - It seems not necessary to impose a strict height threshold for low-level FS7/C2 data. The default QC built in GSI can already function well.
- The FS7/C2 RO data have been operationally used in CWBGFS since 15 September 2020.
- Lien, G.Y. et al,2020: Assimilation impact of early FORMOSAT-7/COSMIC-2 GNSS radio occultation data with Taiwan's CWB Global Forecast System. Submitted to Mon. Wea. Rev.



Innovation statistics - FS7 vs. FS3

