

Refinement of the technical aspects of the second generation CMORPH

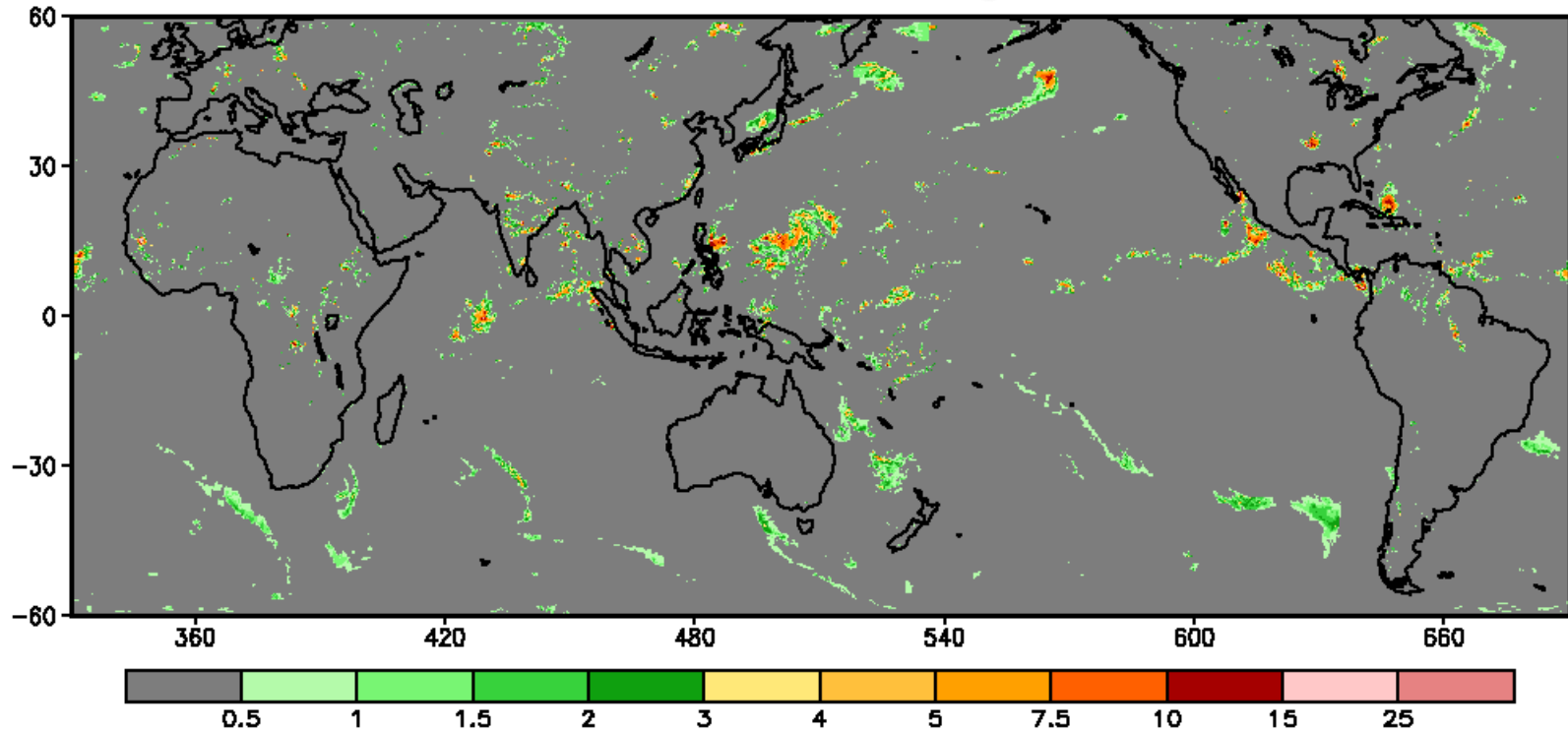
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EUMETRAIN Precipitation Event Week, 23 November 2015

Current CMORPH

14:00-14:30 UTC 24, August 2011



- **PMW based satellite estimated precipitation**
 - PMW precipitation derived from all available sensors
 - IR derived cloud motion vectors
 - Forward and backward PMW propagation and morphing
- **Products and availability**
 - 30 min 8km [1998-current]
 - 3 hrly 0.25 deg [1998-current]

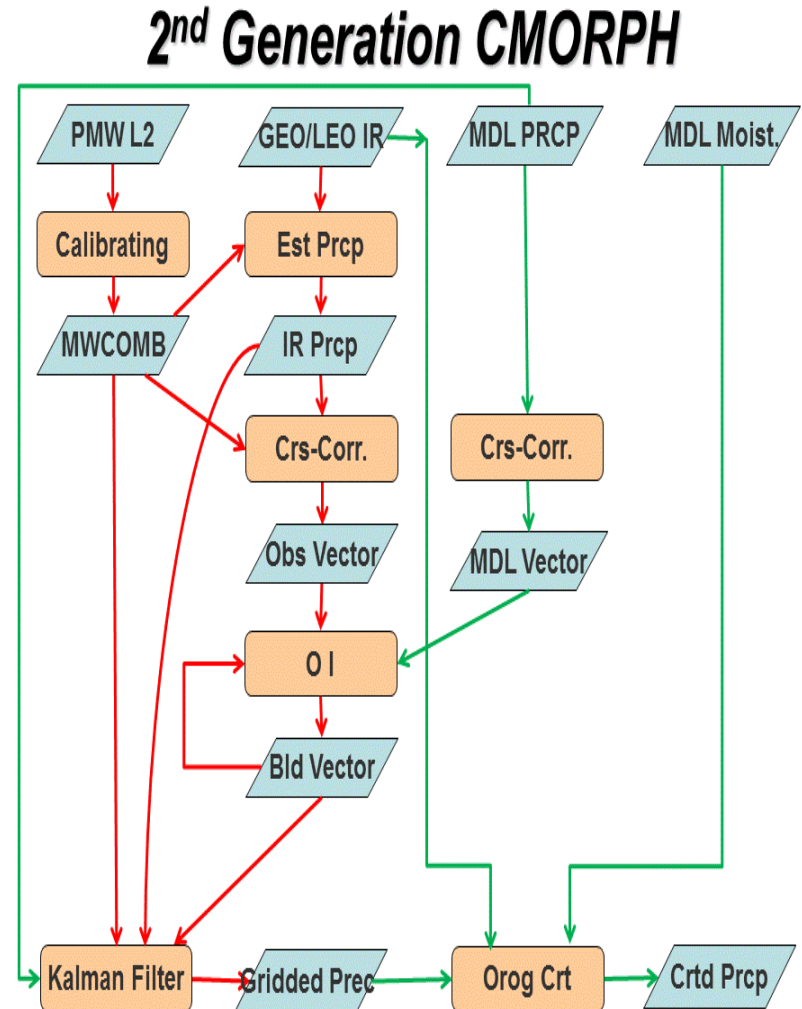
The 2nd Generation CMORPH Strategy

- **INPUT Precip**
 - PMW L2
 - GEO/LEO IR-based estimates
 - CFSR

- **Precipitation motion vectors**
 - Cross-correlation from GEO/LEO IR based precip
 - Cross-correlation from CFSR
 - Blended analysis through OI

- **Integration Framework**
 - Kalman Filter based algorithm

- **Other components**
 - Orographic effects..

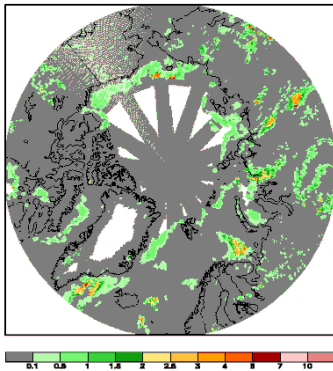


Challenges Beyond 60° Parallels

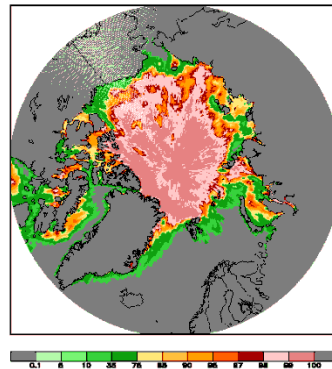
- Source information for **PRECIPITATION** (rainfall + snowfall)
 - **PMW:**
 - **IR/AVHRR:**
 - **Model / Reanalysis:**
- Motion vectors over high latitudes
 - **Vectors over regions with no GEO IR data?**
 - **Vectors from PMW/IR/Model precipitation fields?**
 - **Transition from tropics, subtropics and mid-, and hi-latitudes**

PMW Retrieval Problems over Polar Caps

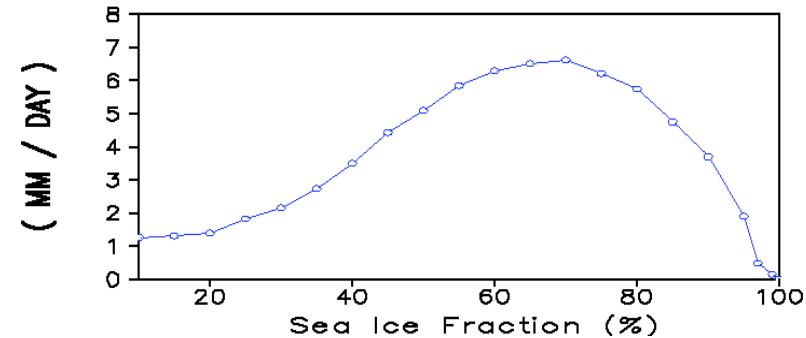
NOAA-15 AMSU precip
1 July 2009 mm/hr



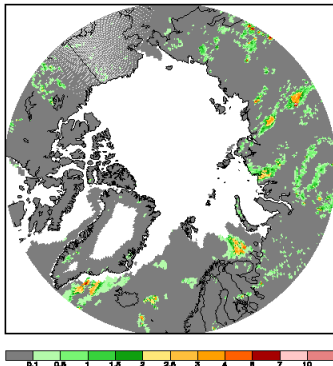
AVHRR V2 Sea Ice Fraction
1 July 2009 [%]



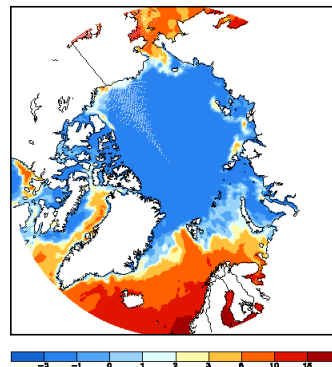
PMW precipitation relative to
AVHRR V2 Sea Ice Fraction
60N-90N: July 2009 mm/hr



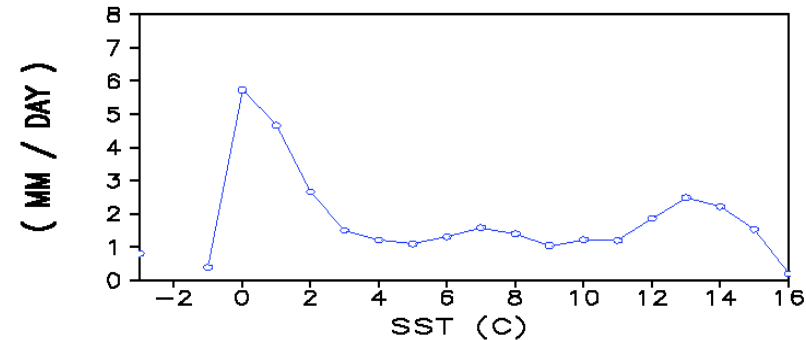
Sea ice + SST screened precip
1 July 2009 mm/hr



AVHRR V2 SST
1 July 2009 [C]

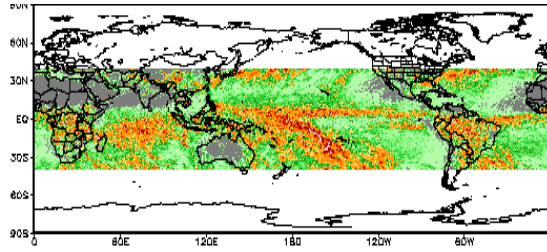


PMW precipitation relative to
AVHRR V2 SST
60N-90N: July 2009 mm/hr

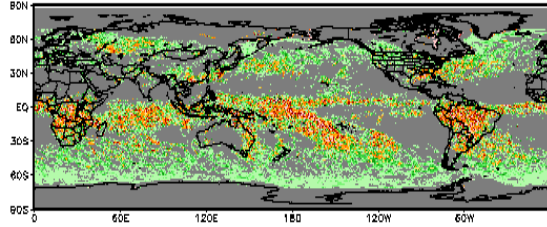


March 2014 PTP Precipitation [mm/dy] (no screening)

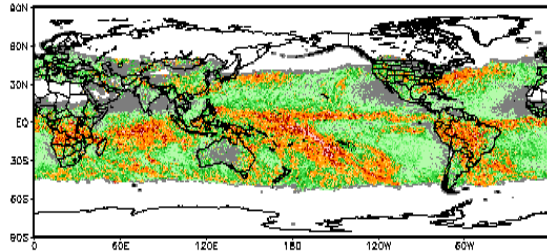
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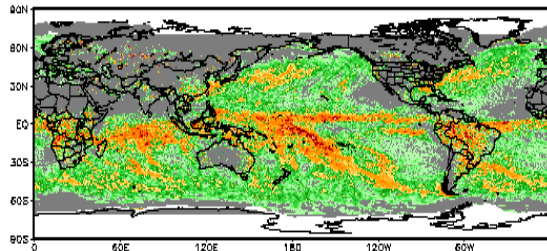
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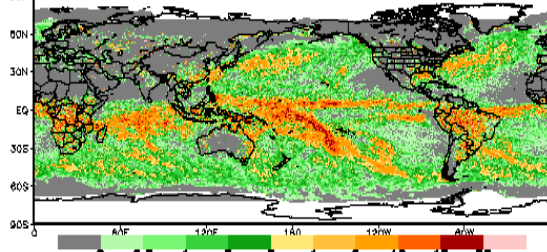
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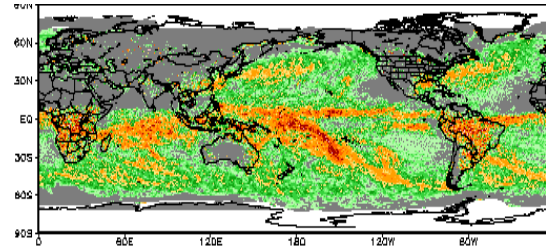
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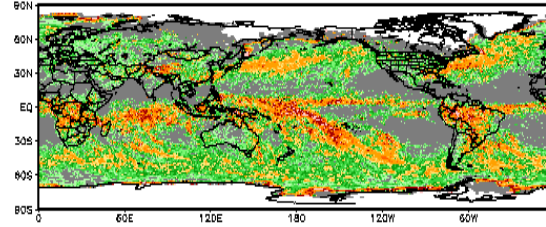
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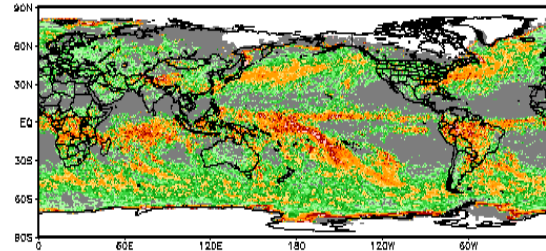
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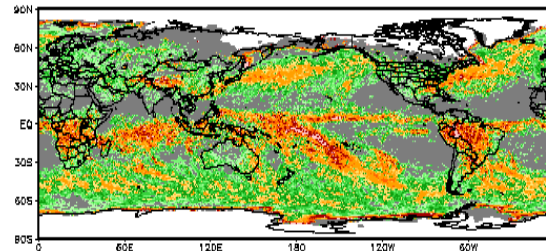
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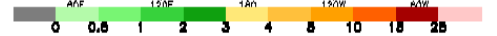
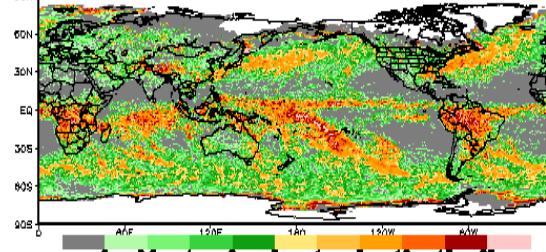
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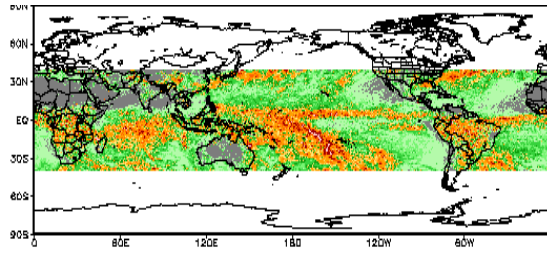


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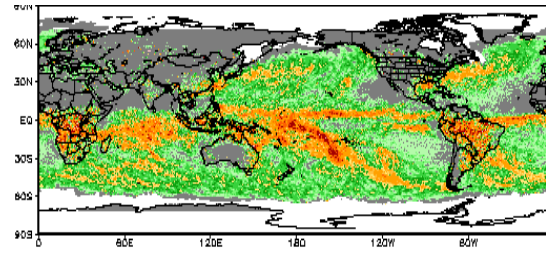


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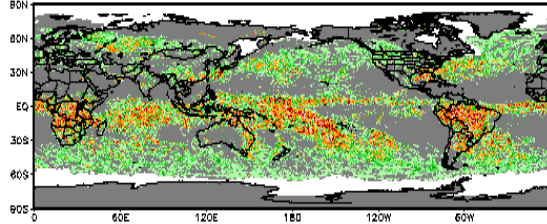
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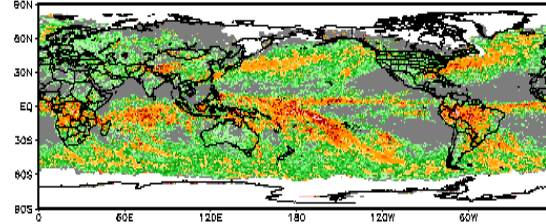
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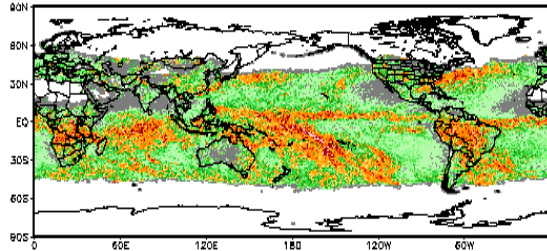
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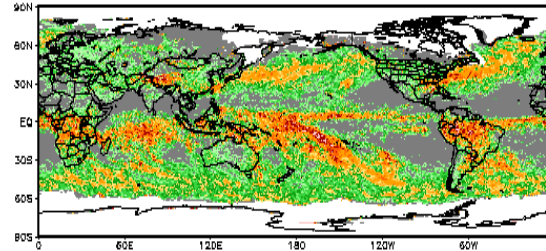
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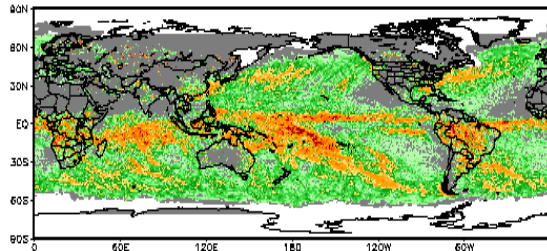
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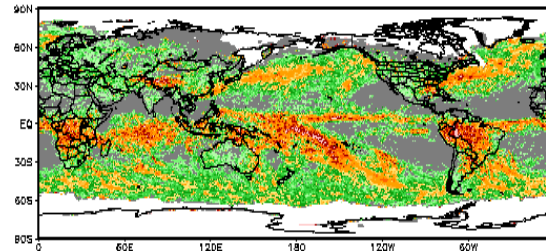
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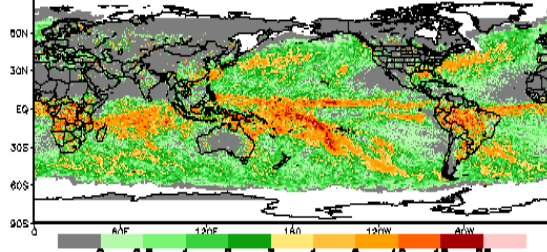
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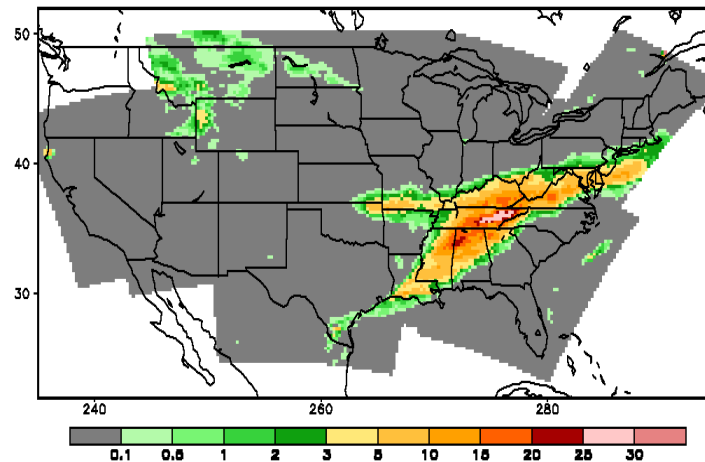
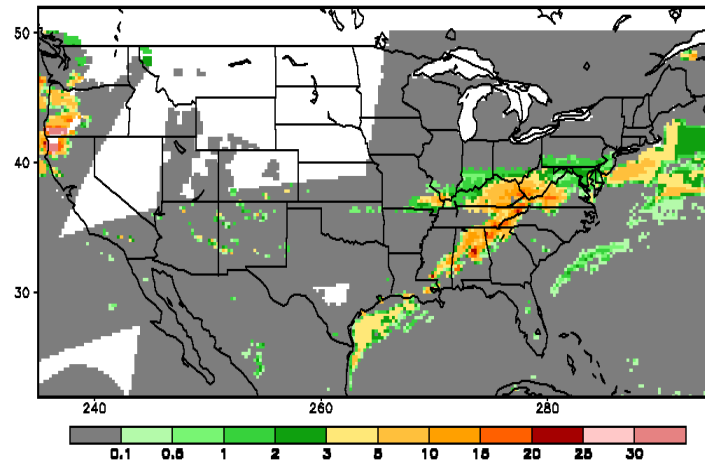


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Combined PMW Snowfall + Rainfall Retrievals (top)

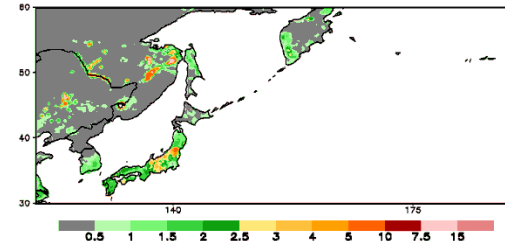
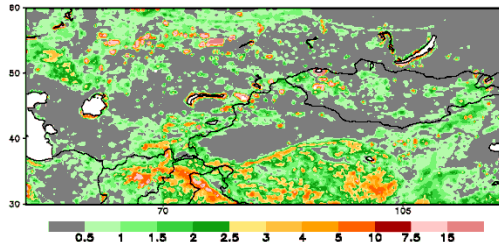
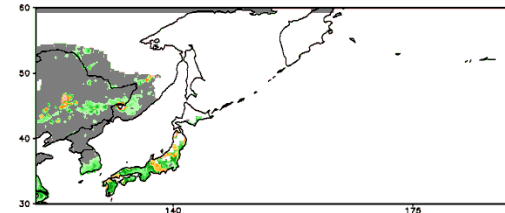
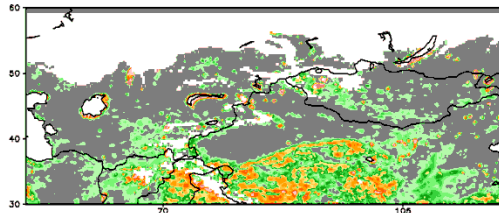
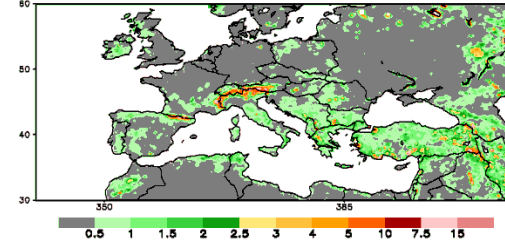
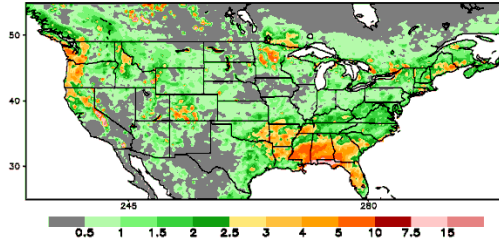
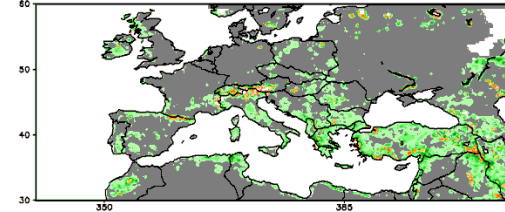
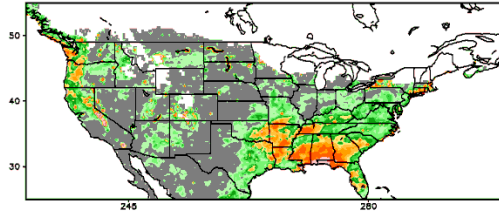
03:00 – 09:00 UTC 3 March, mm/6 hr
Correlation = 0.622

Stage IV radar precipitation (bottom)

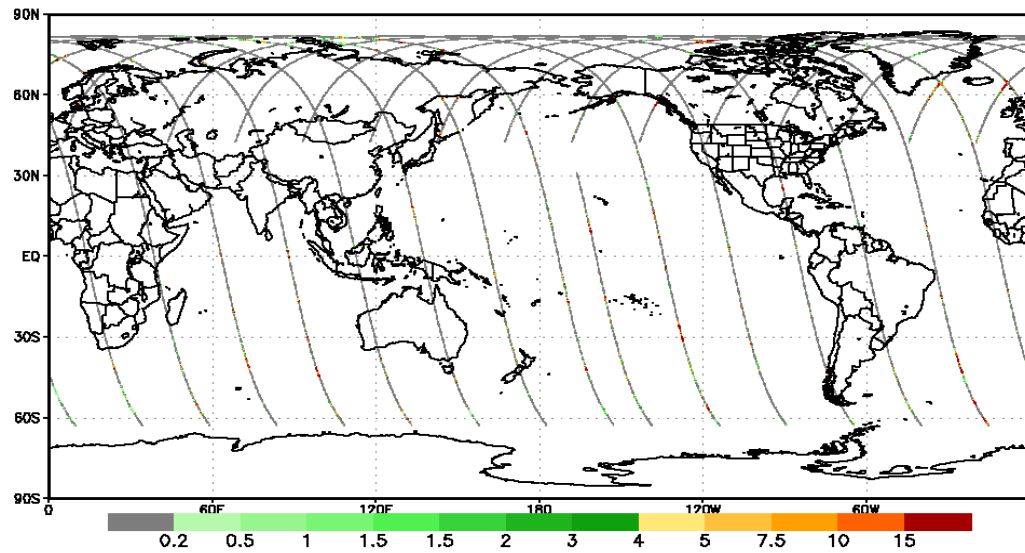
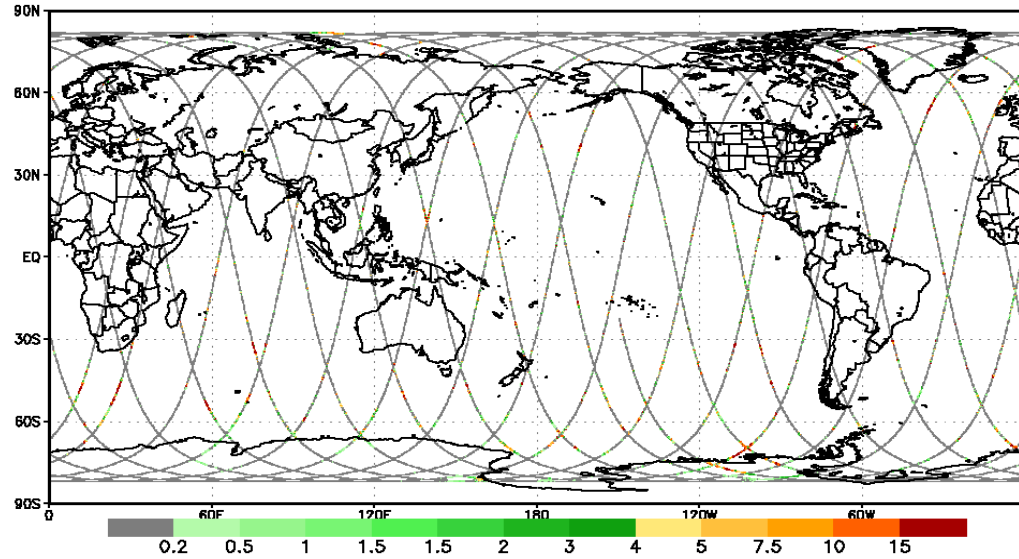


Operational MWCOMB (top panels) March 2014 [mm/day]

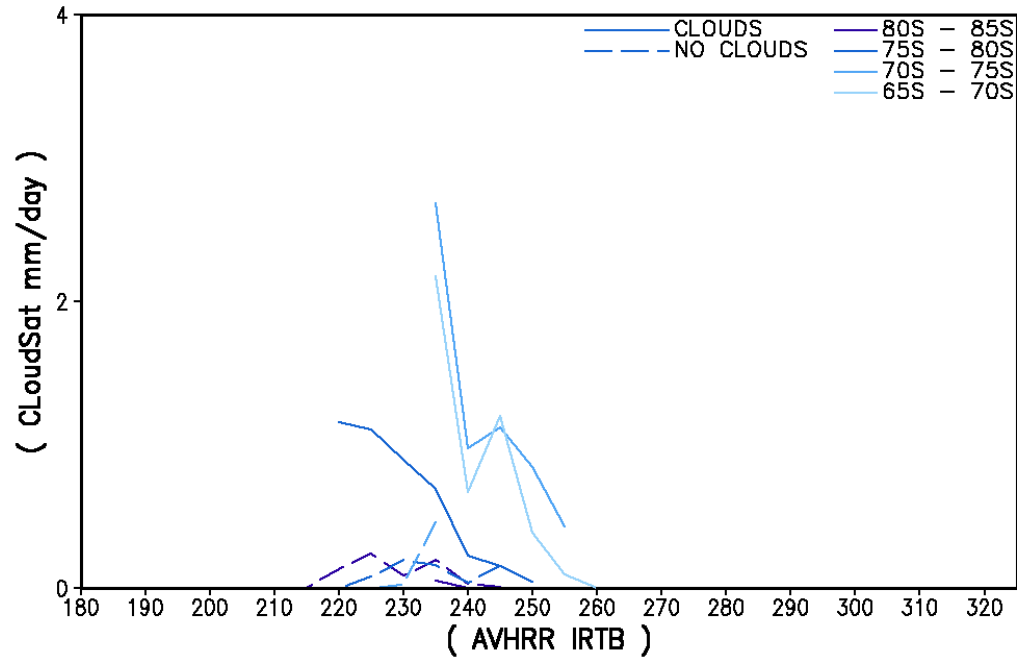
PMW snowfall Enhanced MWCOMB (bottom panels)



CloudSat precipitation 1 August 2009 (top) 1 August 2014 (bottom) [mm/day]

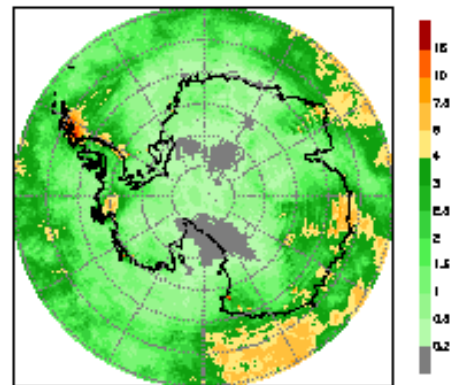
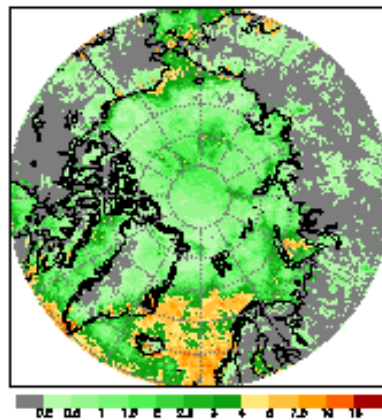
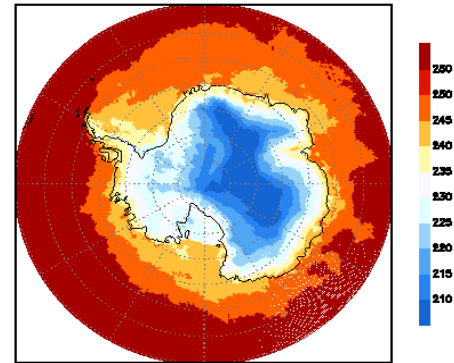
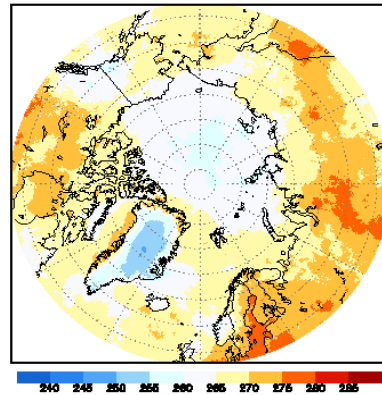


CloudSat radar snow-sea ice cover precipitation for AVHRR IRTB: September – October 2009 [mm/day]

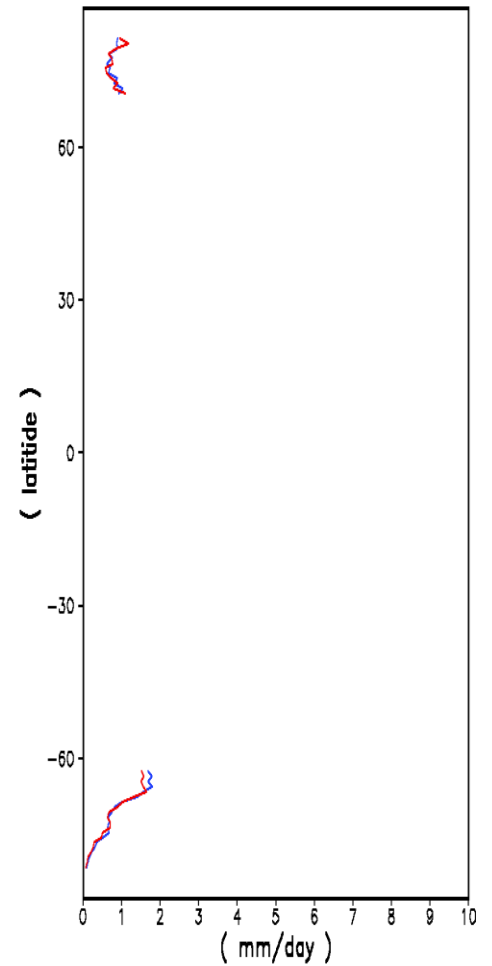
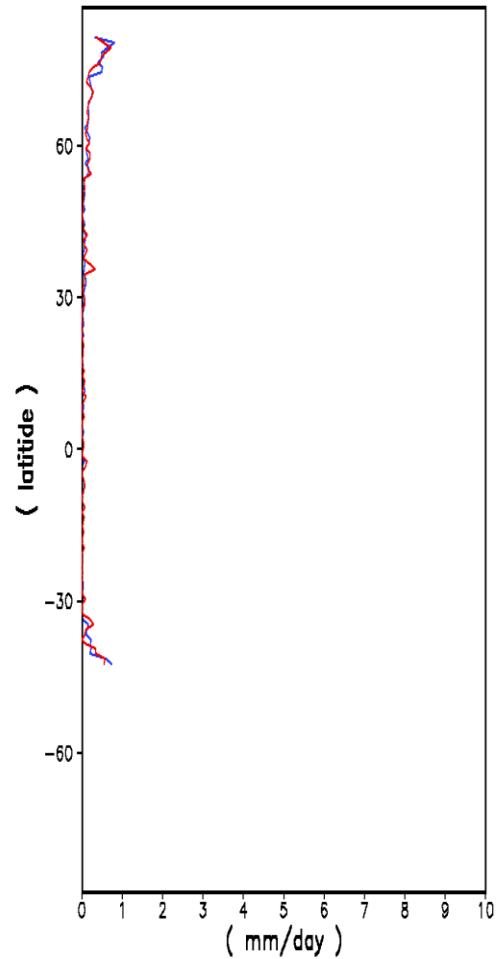
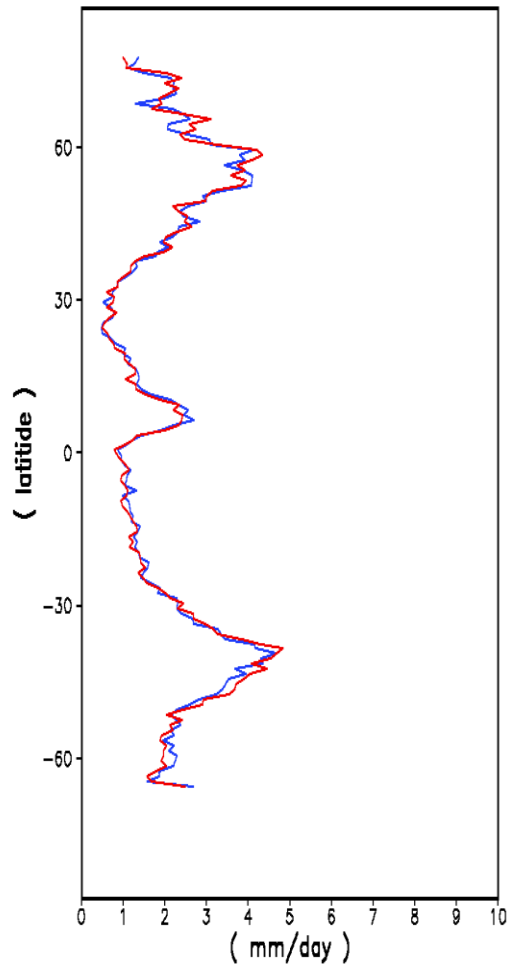


AVHRR IRTB (top) 1-10 August 2009

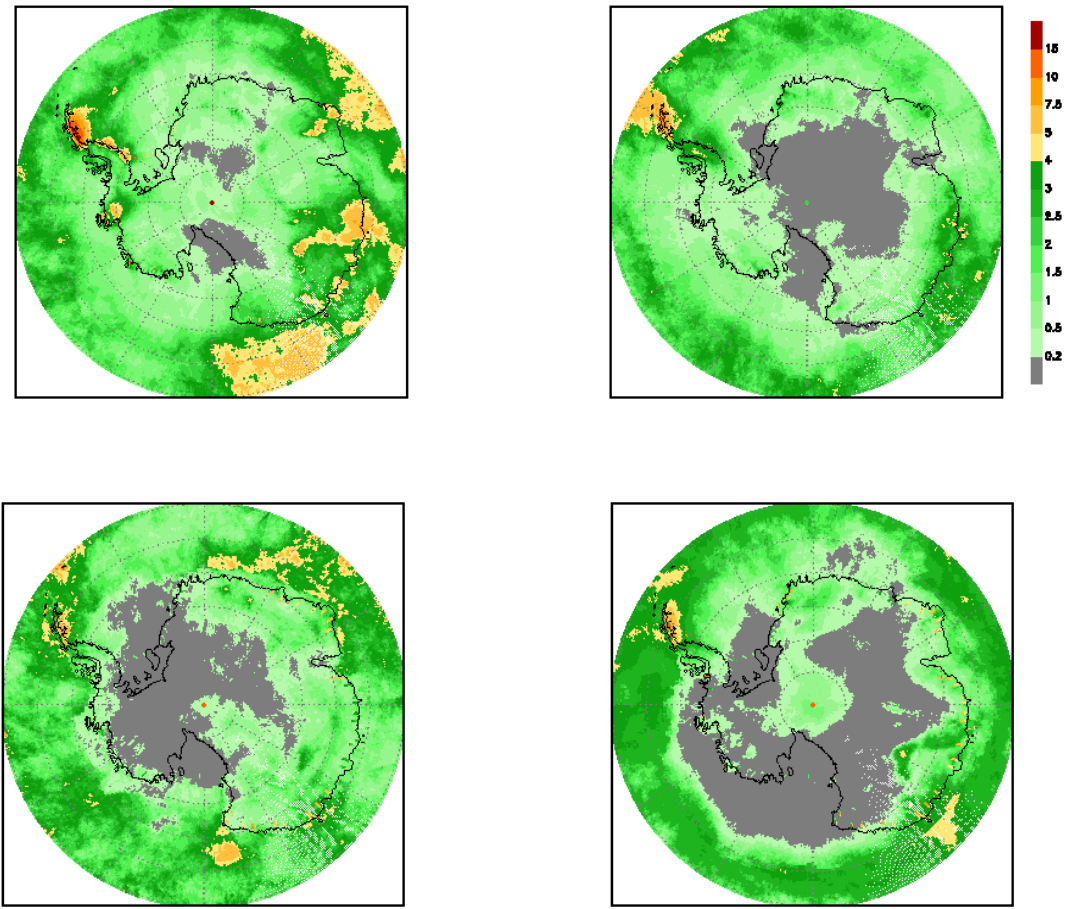
AVHRR IRFREQ + using cloud classification 1-10 August 2009 (bottom)



CloudSat/AVHRR August precipitation (red/blue) [ocean, land, snow sea ice] July – September 2009

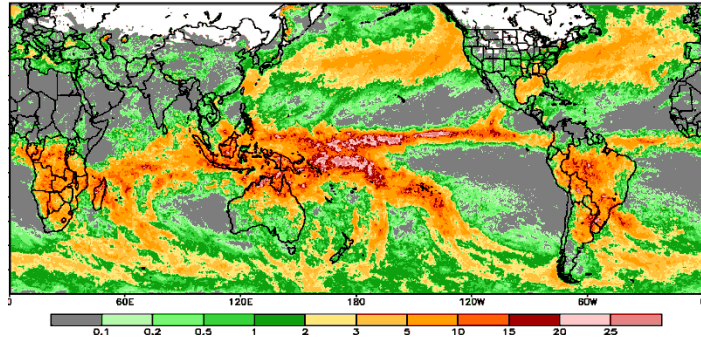


**CloudSat calibrated AVHRR IRFREQ August precipitation Aug 2009 (upper left),
Nov 2009 (upper right), Feb 2010 (lower left), May 2010 (lower right)**

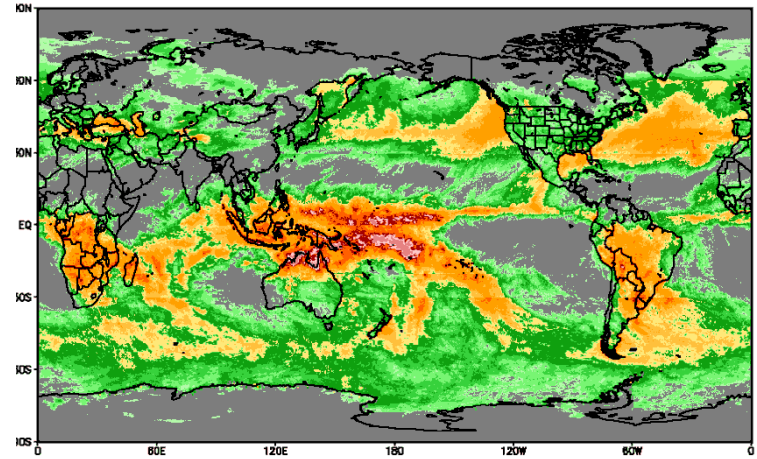


Satellite derived precipitation: Jan 2010 (mm/day)

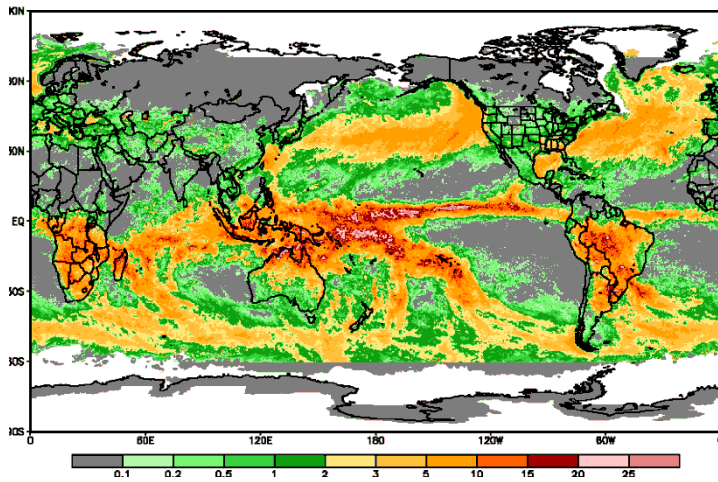
CMORPH 60N-60S



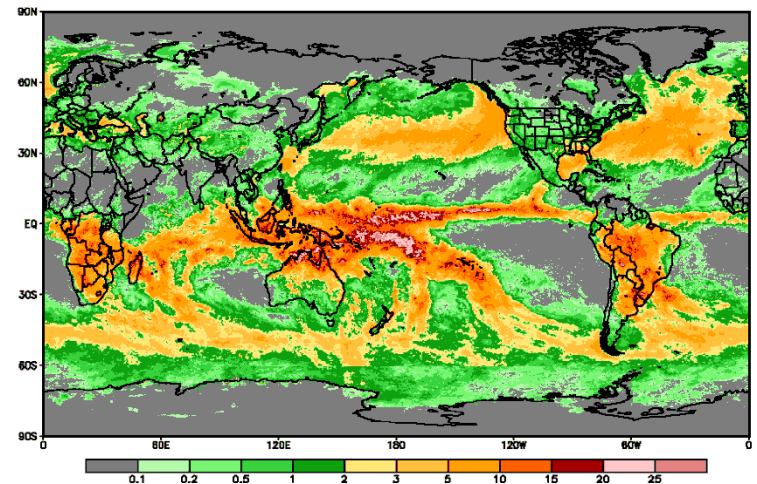
AVHRR PTP



CMORPH PTP Extended



CMORPH + AVHRR PTP



Summary of Source Precipitation Info

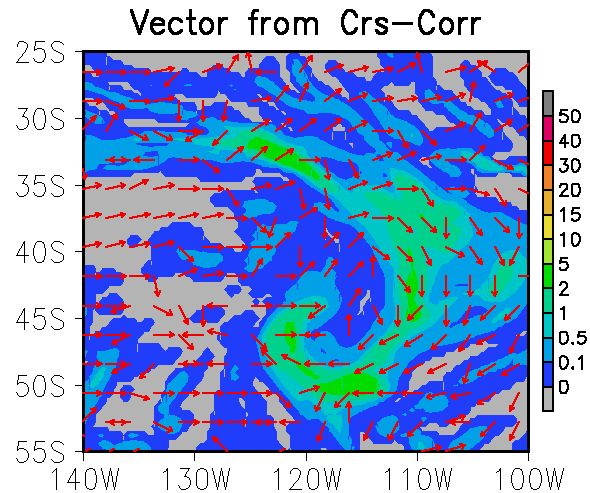
- **Current PMW retrievals do not provide accurate spatial coverage over the entire globe**
- **PMW based snowfall retrievals promising but need to go through comprehensive tests before they may be utilized as inputs**
- **Estimates derived from AVHRR IR cover the polar caps with reasonable (usable) accuracy using CloudSat for calibration**
- **Model based precipitation fields are important source of information for cold season / high latitude precipitation**

Precipitation Motion Vector of 2nd Generation CMORPH

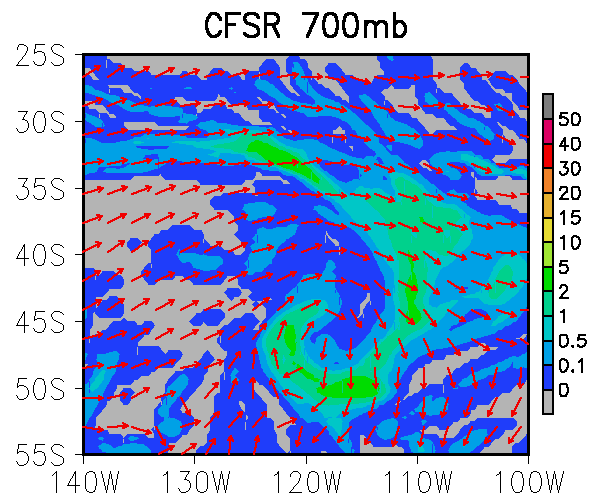
Motion vectors can be computed from consecutive fields of **PRECIPITATION** using the cross-correlation method

- **GEO IR based precipitation from 60°S to 60°N**
- **Model (CFSR) precipitation fields from 90°S to 90°N**
- **LEO PMW & IR based precipitation estimates from 90°S to 90°N**
[Did not test in this preliminary examination]
 - Much more technically challenging
 - *Narrow strips*
 - *changing observation times*
 - *Computing vectors using PMW / AVHRR separately or jointly?*

Vectors Derived from CFSR Hourly Precip Fields Appear Reasonable



- Defining motion vectors through computing cross-correlation between precipitation fields at two close time steps



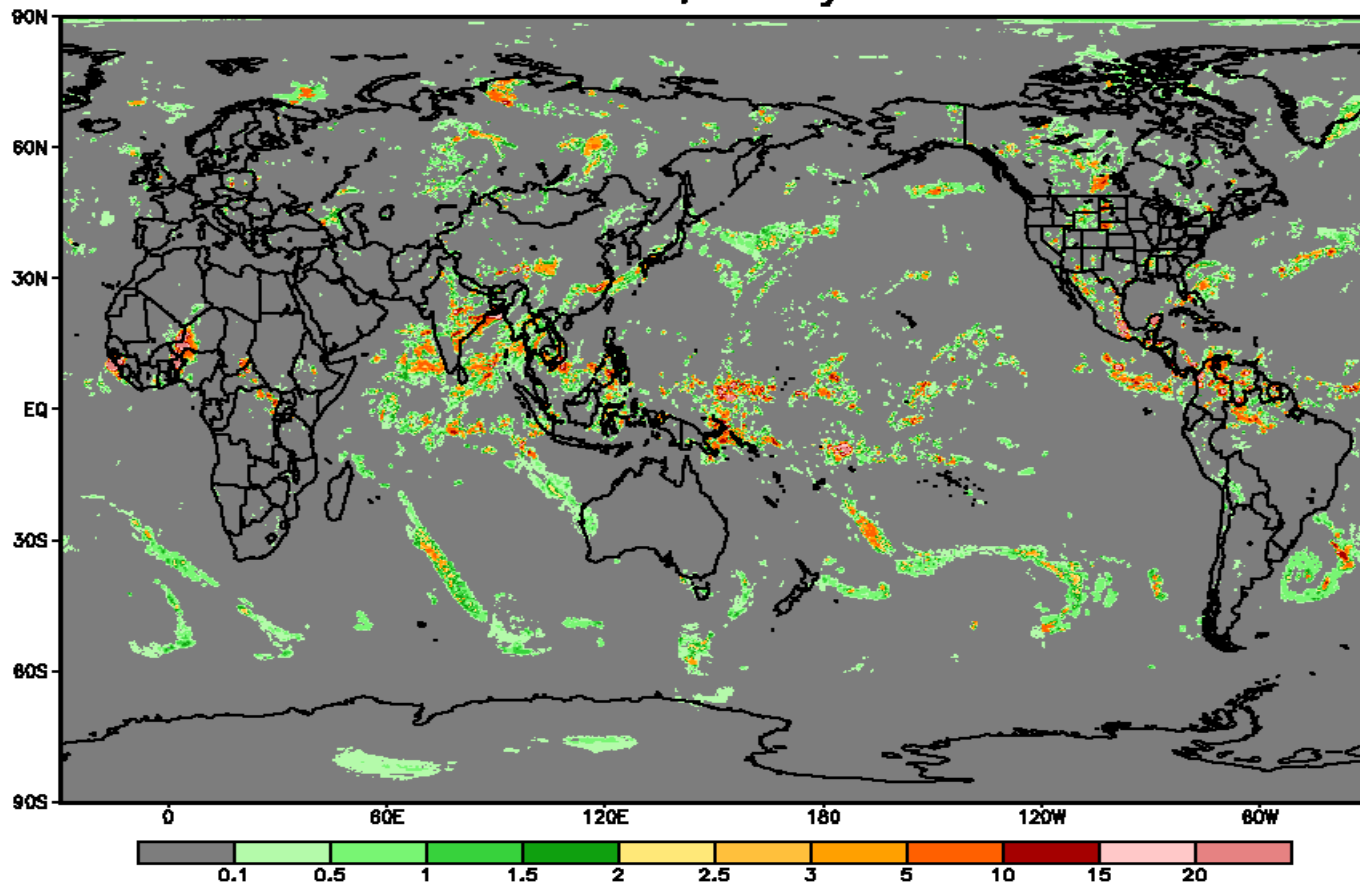
- Cloud motion vectors derived from CFSR hourly precipitation fields present reasonable quality

PTP Feasibility Tests:

- **0.05°lat/lon over the globe**
- **Input Precip:**
 - *PMW precipitation*
 - *AVHRR precip over high latitudes*
- **Motion vectors**
 - *Weighted mean of CFSR based and GEO IR based vectors*
- **Integration algorithm**
 - *Original CMORPH*

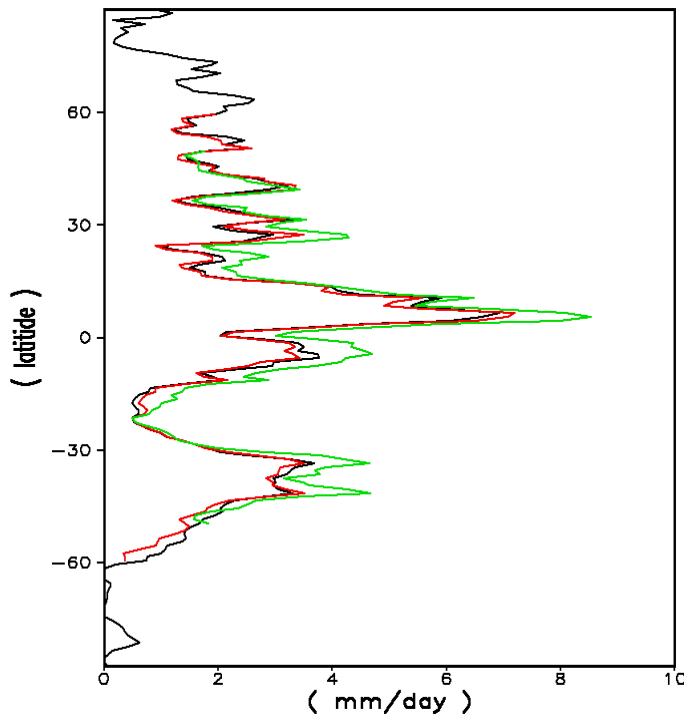
PTP CMORPH

00:00 UTC, 1 July 2009



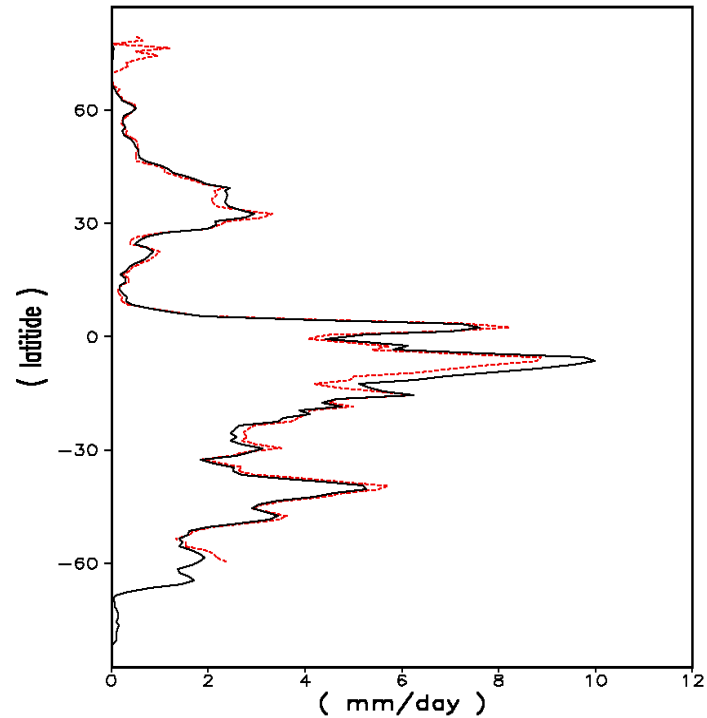
Latitudinal profiles of zonal mean precipitation (mm/hr)

1 July 2009



TMPA -----
PMW + AVHRR -----
PMW only (CMORPH) -----

1-31 Jan 2010



PMW + AVHRR -----
PMW only (CMORPH) -----

Remaining Technical Challenges

- Deriving regionally/seasonally CloudSat calibrations for AVHRR IRTB
- Refining vectors from hourly model fields
- Deriving vectors from combined LEO platforms
- Combining vectors from different sources