The Cross-Calibrated Multi-Platform (CCMP) Ocean Vector Wind Analysis (V2.1)

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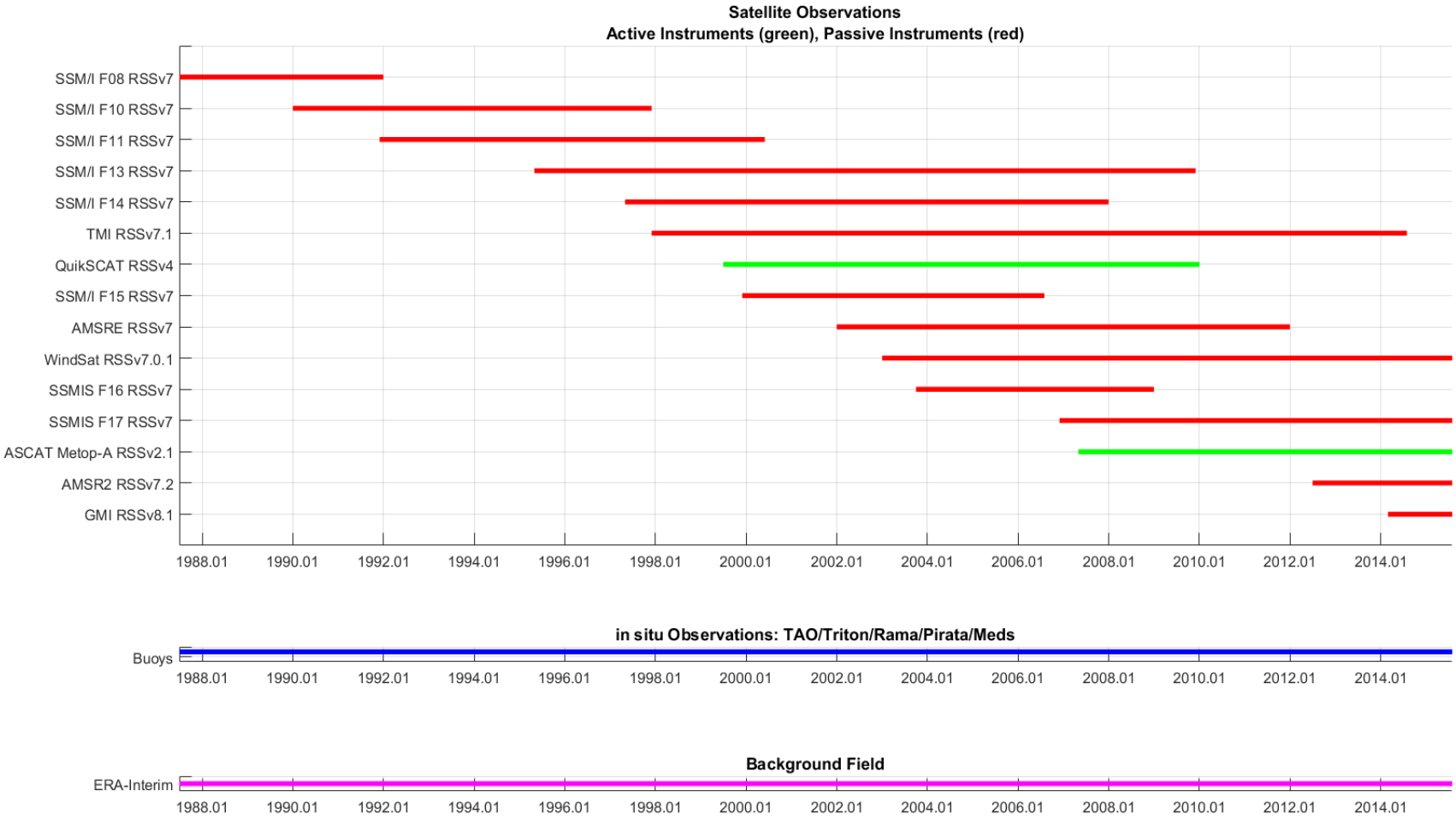
CCMP Winds

- CCMP: A satellite-based gridded wind vector analysis dataset produced using a background model wind field and in-situ (buoys)
- GRID: 6-hourly global maps at 0.25 deg resolution, 1987-2015.
- FOCUS: provide users with satellite-based consistent and gap-free surface wind over the globe at high spatial and temporal resolution.
- USES: Well suited for model comparisons, and wind daily to interannual variability analysis.
- CCMP V1: The original dataset CCMP V1.1 was developed by Robert Atlas and his team (Atlas et al, 1996, Hoffman et al, 2003, and Atlas et al, 2011). First-look product, some inconsistencies in satellite data versions
- CCMP V2: Funding for the original CCMP ended in 2012. Motivated by the considerable demand for the continuation of this widely used dataset, in 2015 the processing code was transferred to Remote Sensing Systems with the objective of producing an updated, improved, and consistently reprocessed version of the vector wind analysis, CCMP V2.0 [Scott et al, 2016].


Satellite Observations
Active Instruments (green), Passive Instruments (red)
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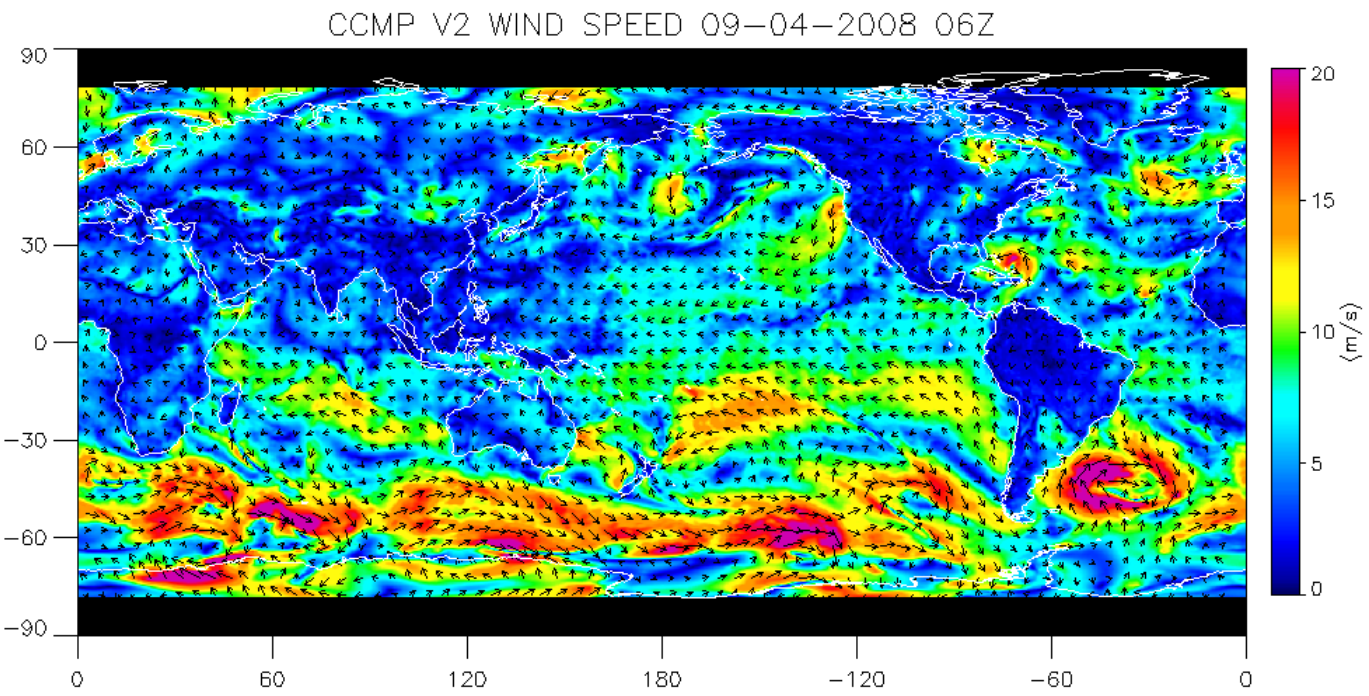
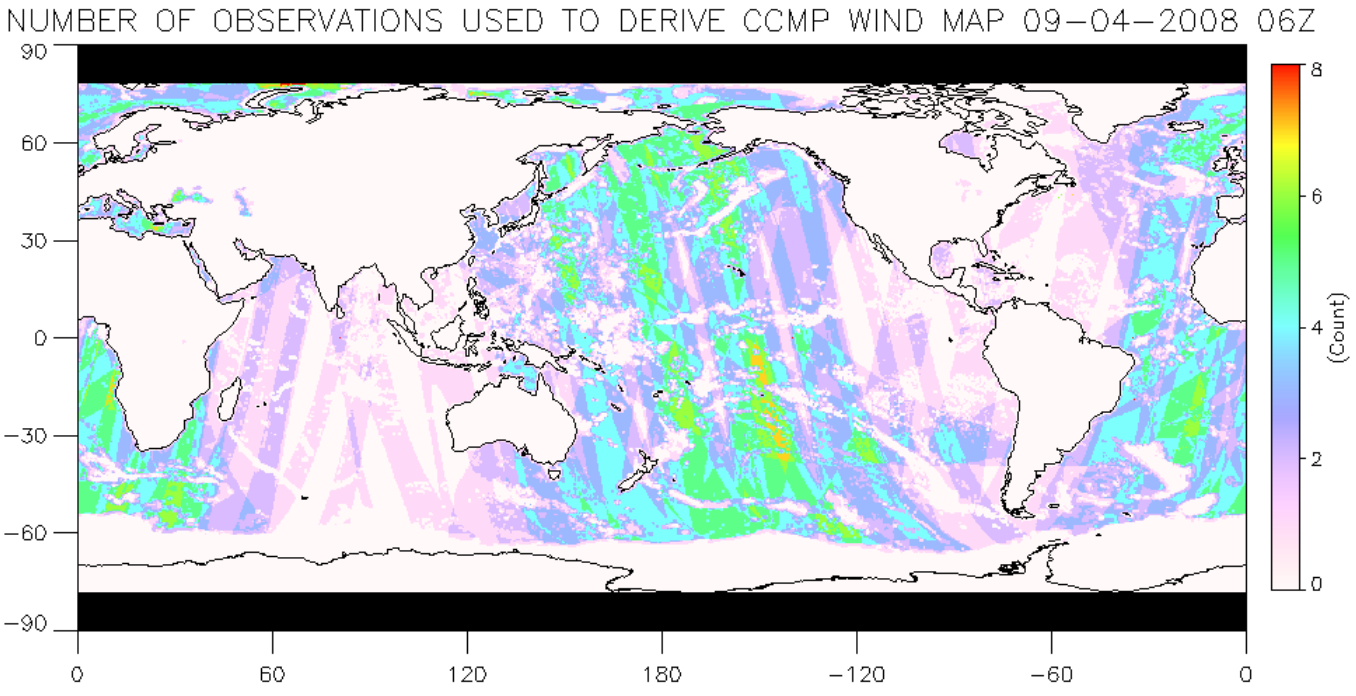
in situ Observations: TAO/Triton/Rama/Pirata/Meds
Buoys
Background Field
ERA-Interim

	CCMP V2.0	CCMP V1.1 First-Look
Satellite data version	RSS RTM V7 and higher	RSS RTM pre-version 7 (depending on year and instrument)
Instruments	(15) SSM/I F08, F10, F11, F13, F14, F15; SSMIS F16, F17; AMSRE, AMSR2, TMI, GMI, WindSat, QuikSCAT, ASCAT-A	(12) SSM/I F08, F10, F11, F13, F14, F15; AMSRE, TMI, WindSat, QuikSCAT, SeaWinds
Model background	0.25 deg ERA-Interim Wind reanalysis	1-deg ERA-40 Wind Reanalysis (1987-1999) and 1-deg ECMWF Operational Wind Analysis(1999-2011)
In Situ data	Quality-filtered moored buoys from TAO/Triton, RAMA, NDBC, Pirata, Meds	GTS buoys and ship data
Years	July 1987 to July 2015	July 1987 to Dec ember 2011
Products	Gridded daily file (L3) (25 Mb/file)	Orbital (L2.5) Gridded daily file (L3) Gridded pentad and monthly (L3.5)
Data Format (L3)	NetCDF 4 CF 1.6 compliant	NetCDF 3
Data in file	U and V wind components (0-50 m/s), 10m neutral equivalent winds; Number of observations	
Data Producers	RSS	AER/NASA GSFC
Data Access	www.remss.com/measurements/ccmp	Podaac.jpl.nasa.gov

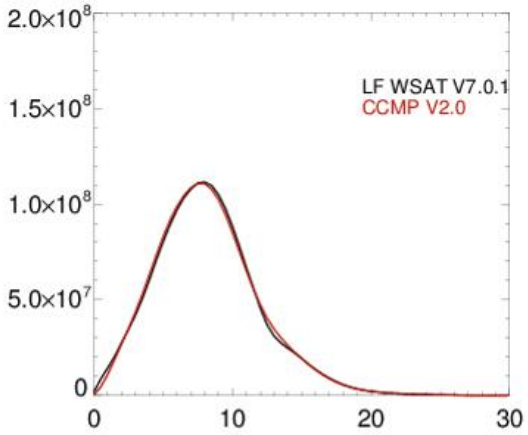


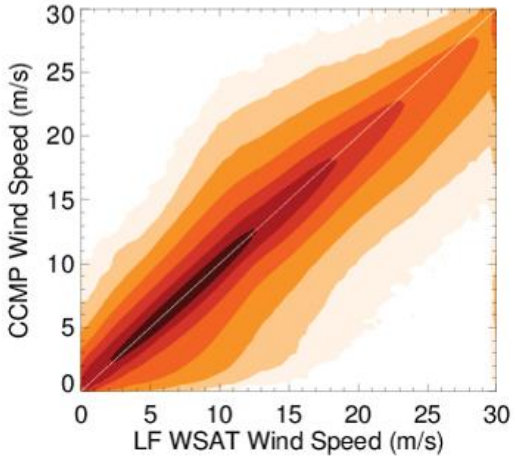
Sample
6-hourly
Wind map

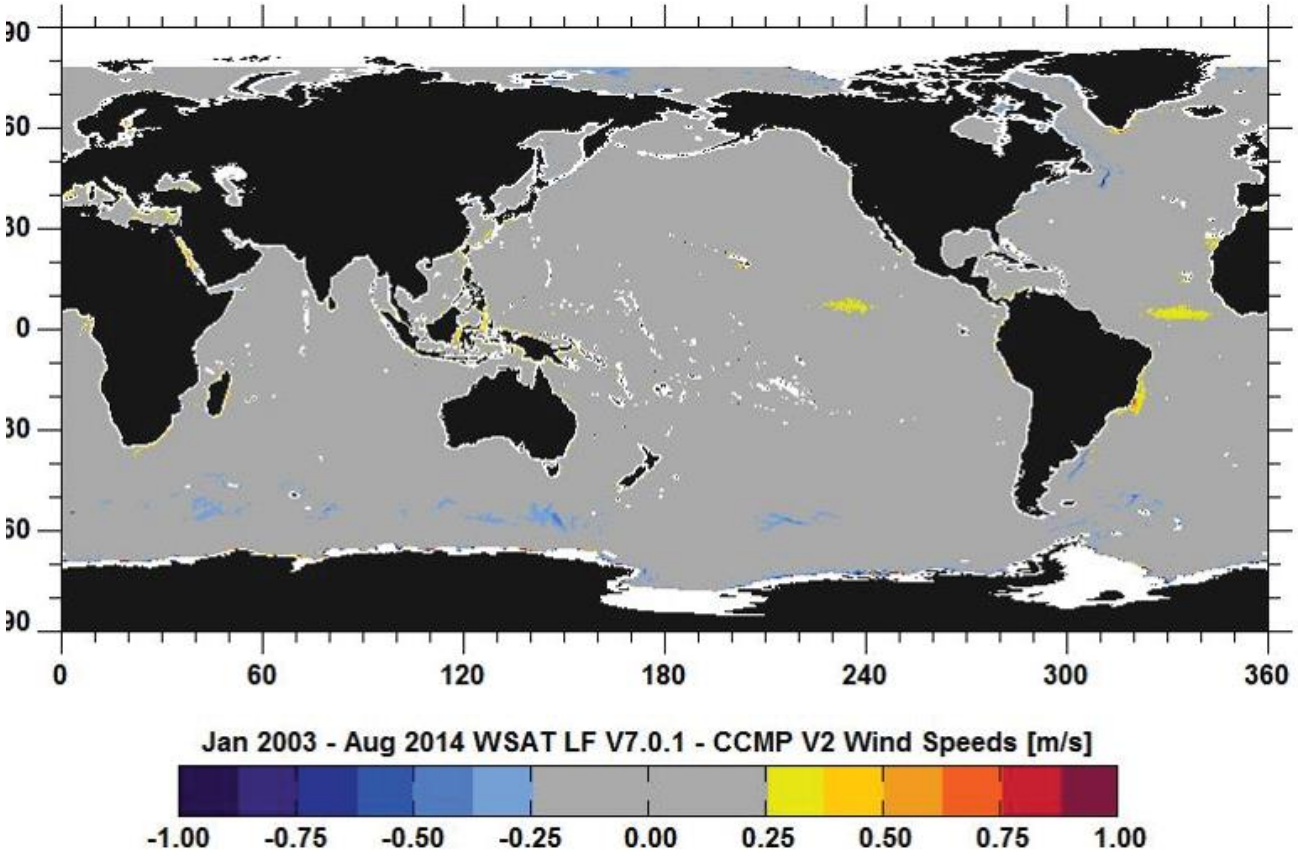


Satellite Obs
Per gridpoint
For sample map

CCMP – WindSat wind speeds

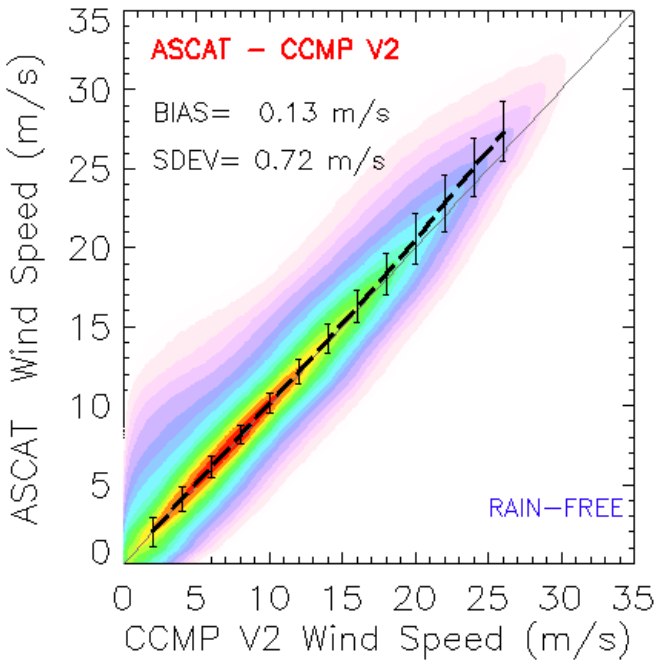


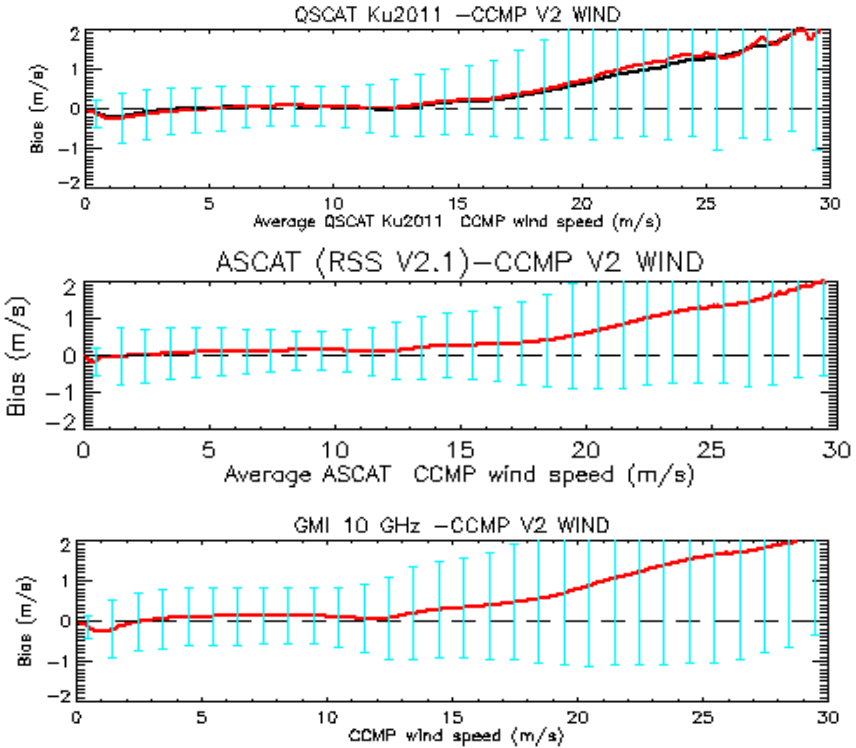




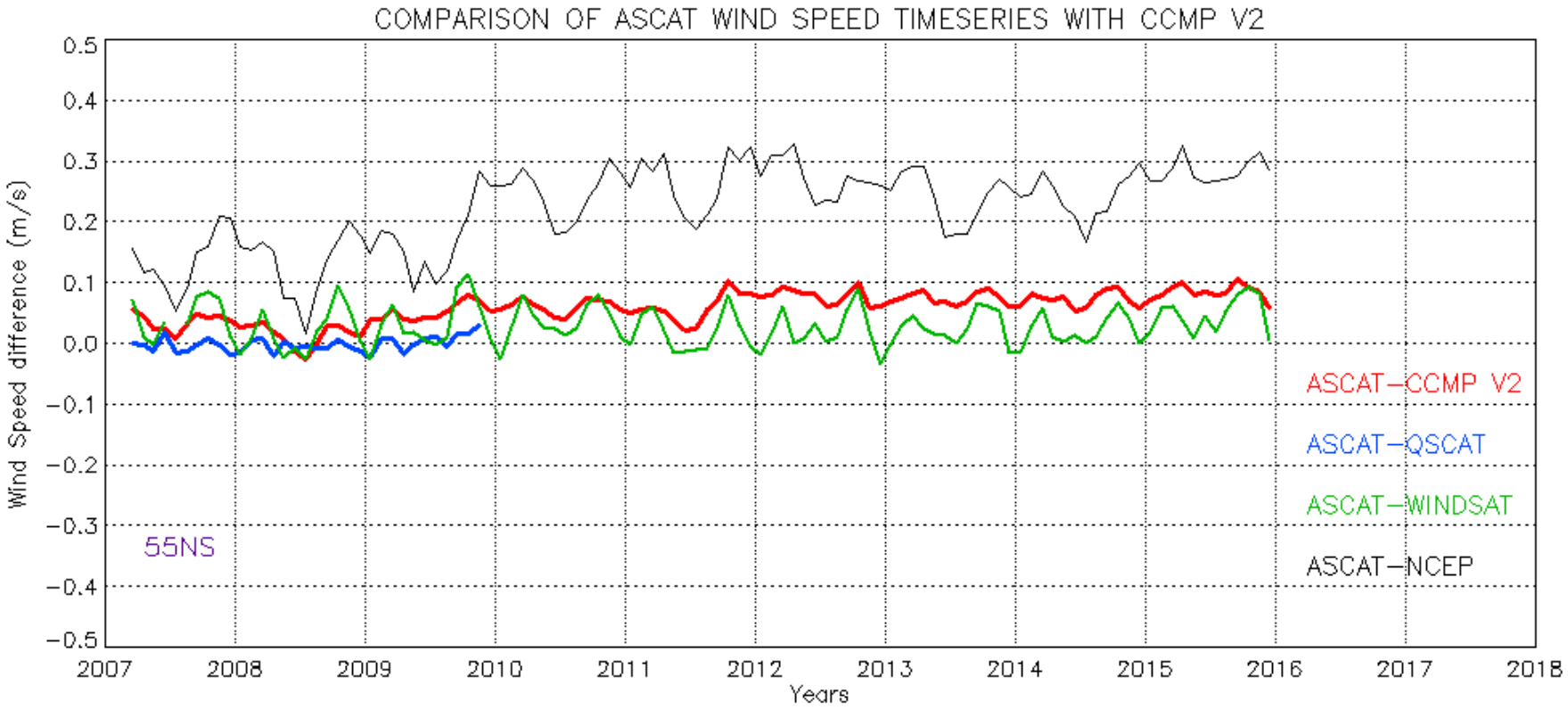
CCMP at High winds

- At high winds, CCMP V2.0 < satellite observations by about 5%.
- ERA-Interim used as background field < satellites at high winds.
- VAM integrates satellite and background field→ CCMP high winds < satellite-only
- In CCMP V2.0 no correction has been applied to any input, including the Era-Interim.
- Next CCMP reprocessing: adjustment will be applied to Era-Interim at high winds





CCMP Timeseries Stability



Example: El-Nino winds

Comparison with SSMI rain-free, buoy, and NCEP (colocated with SSMI @ buoy location).

97/98
El Nino

buoy
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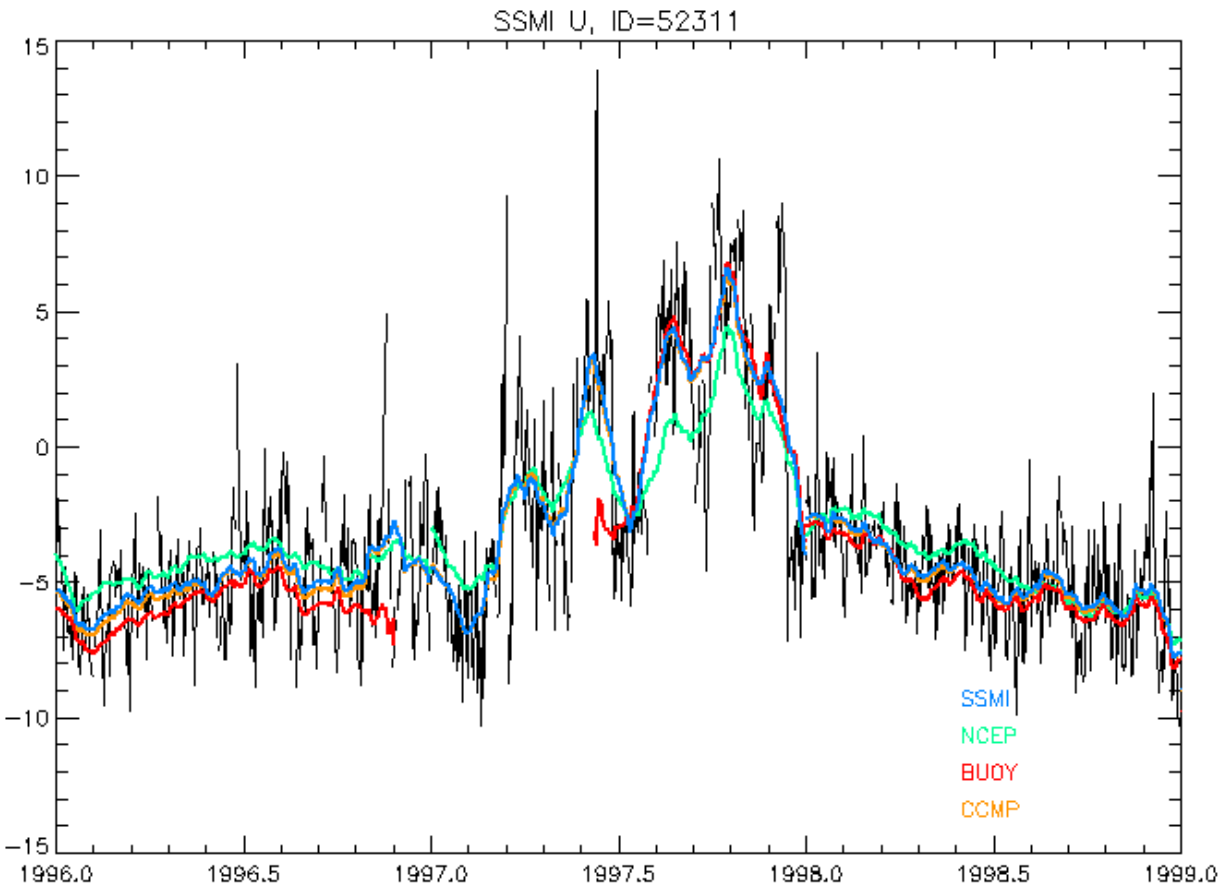
(0N, 180E)



From Capotondi and Ricciardulli, AGU Oceans 2016

Key Strengths

- Data continuity, no gaps, 1987-2015.
- Global coverage 78NS
- Satellite-based, based on recently intercalibrated satellite data.
- Stability of the temporal record
- Gridded, high spatial and temporal resolution: 0.25 deg, 6-hourly.
- Well established and documented methodology
- Timeseries being produced past 2015.
- Well-suited for analysis of high frequency (daily) to interannual variability, ENSO events, both at global and regional scale.

Limitations

- Data latency: Processed with a data latency of 6-12 months (buoy update).

- Future reprocessing: Version V2.0 methodology was kept very similar to V1.1. A new version is planned for 2017 (adjustments of the model background winds at high wind)

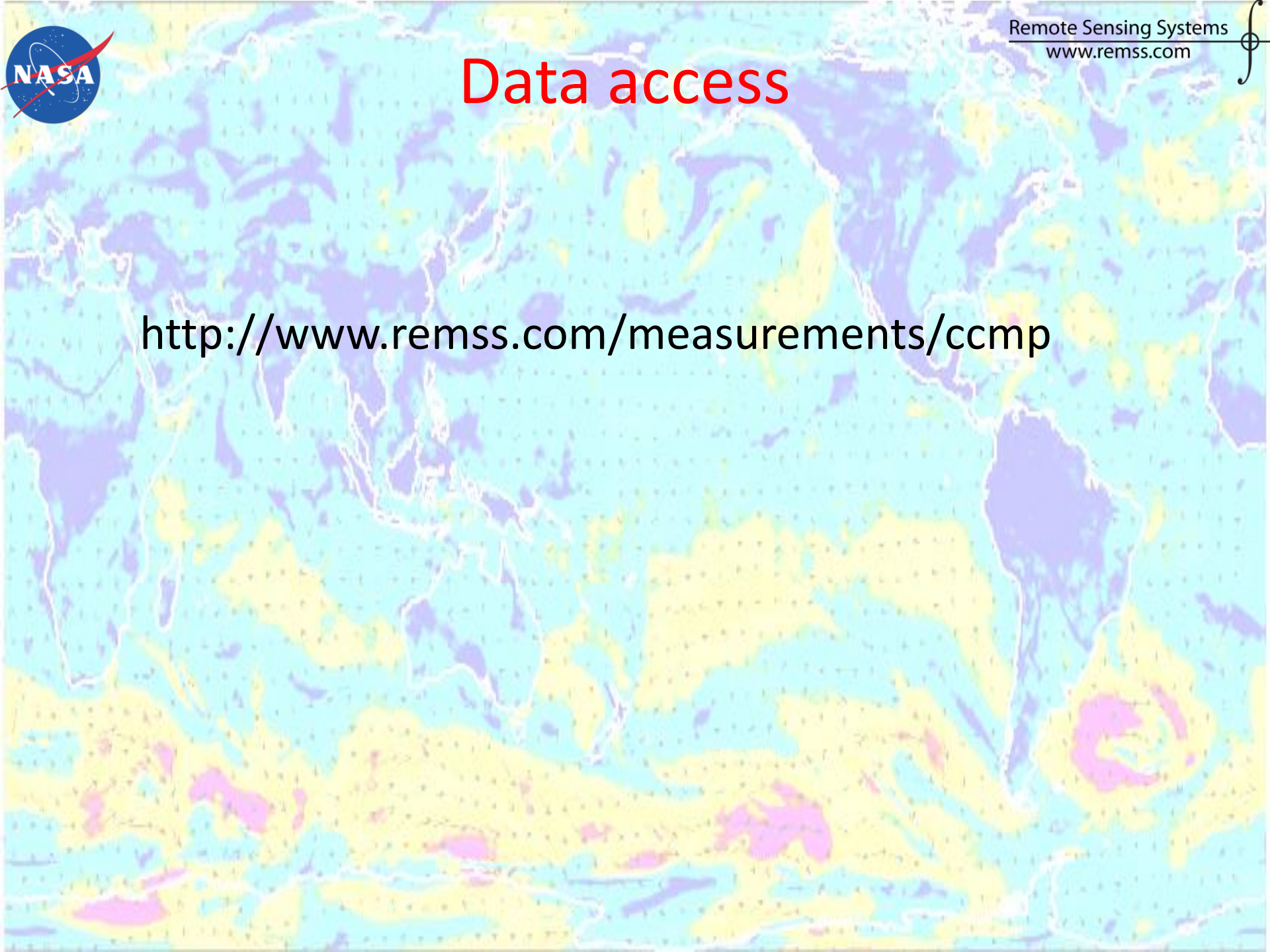
- Global Trends: Not advised to use CCMP V2.0 for analysis of global wind trends (trend signal is extremely small). ERA-interim background wind field has some small spurious biases that occur when the new observing systems are added.

- High winds: Caution is advised for data in high winds (greater than 15 m/s).

- Observations in rain: Satellite observations in rain are not incorporated

- Version 2.0 is different from V1.1. Users should not mix the two datasets.

- Data not available in the Polar Regions



Data access

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