A satellite in space, likely the FORMOSAT-7/COSMIC-2, is shown against the backdrop of Earth's blue and white atmosphere. The satellite has a complex structure with various instruments and antennas. The text is overlaid in large, bold, red font.

# **COSMIC-2/FORMOSAT-7 Product Validation at NESDIS/STAR Using Satellites and Global Radiosonde Observations**

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# Outline

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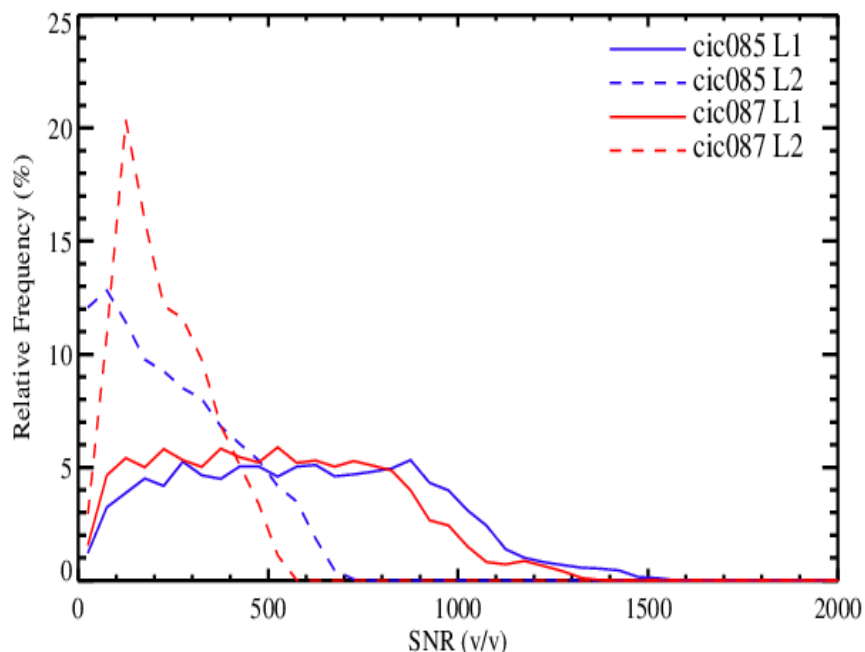


- Penetration depth
- Precision
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- RO-RAOB comparisons
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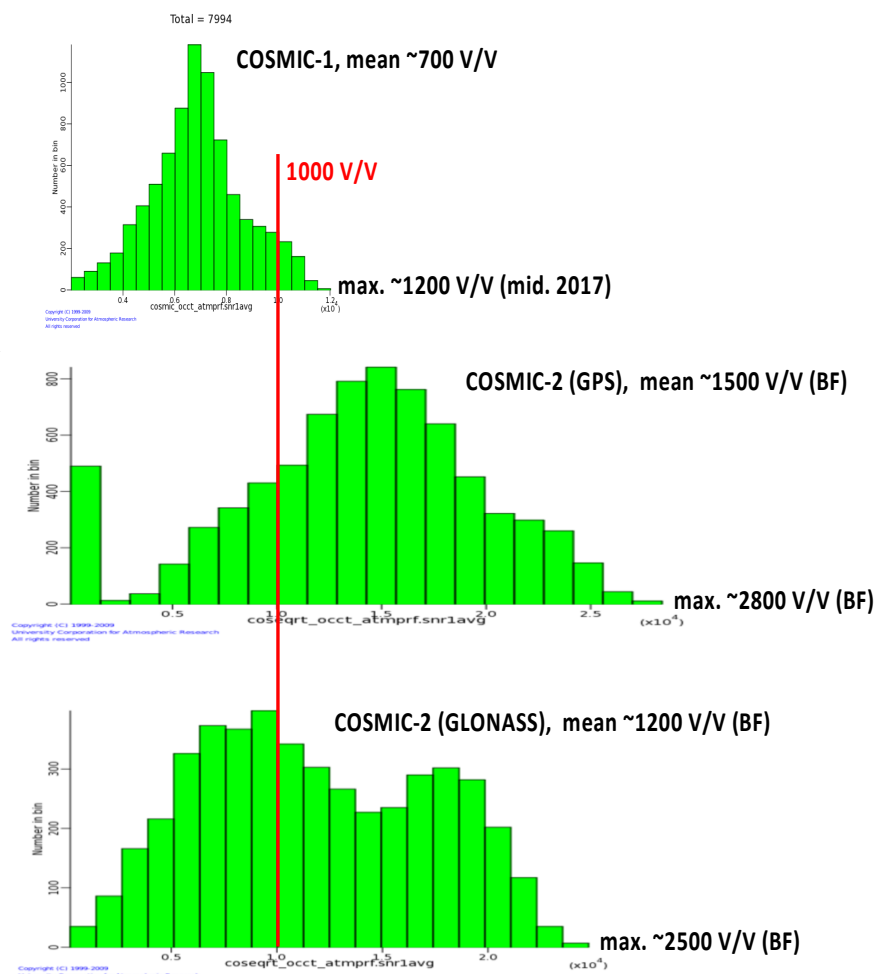
# Supporting Materials



## COSMIC-1 vs COSMIC-2 SNRs



**Mean v/v for KOMSAT-5 = 700**  
**Mean v/v for SPIRE = 500**







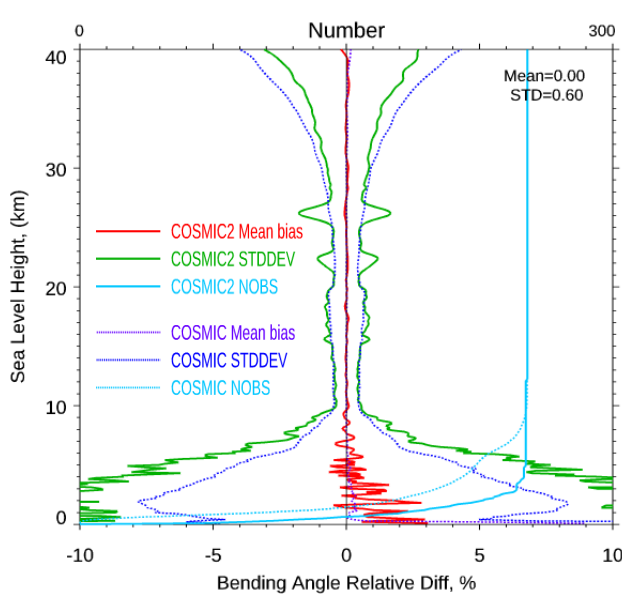
- **The lowest penetration height of 80% of the total data for different RO missions at different latitudinal zones All the data are from July 2019.**

	10N-10S	10N-30N	10S-30S	30N-45N	30S-45S	45N-60N	45S-60S	60N-90N	60S-90S
Metopa	3.2	7.2	4.0	4.9	2.1	3.2	1.2	3.0	3.6
Metopb	2.6	4.5	3.7	4.0	2.0	2.6	1.3	2.6	3.6
Metopc	2.8	4.7	4.0	4.9	1.8	3.2	1.4	3.0	3.5
Cic085	1.3	0.8	1.2	2.3	0.7	1.6	0.4	1.5	2.8
Cic087	1.4	1.6	1.3	2.1	0.7	1.6	0.4	1.6	2.7
Cosmic	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.9	0.6	1.9	0.4	1.5	2.2
Cosmic2	1.2	0.5	1.1	1.8	0.6				
kompsat5	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.8	0.6	1.2	0.3	1.1	2.8

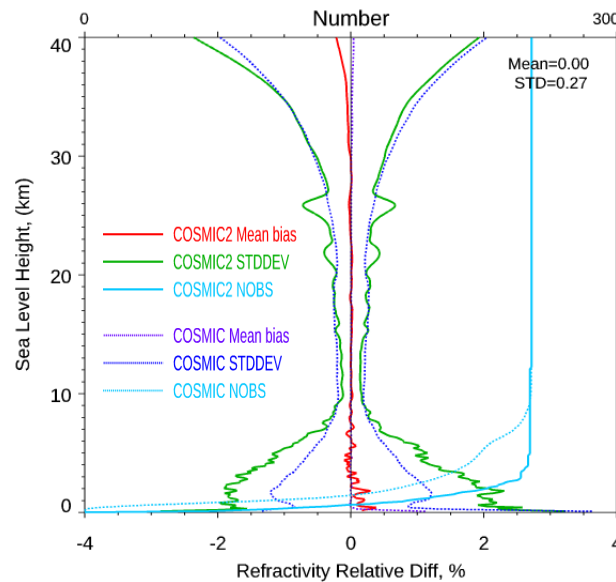
## 2. Precision : COSMIC-1 and COSMIC-2



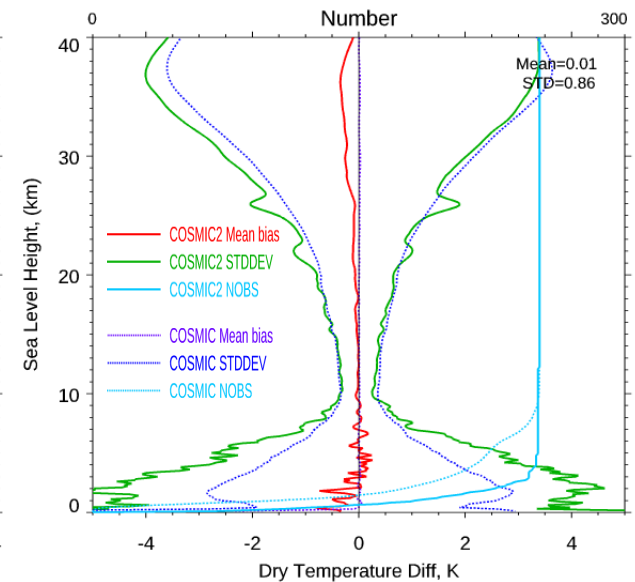
COSMIC2: 2019-07-16 to 2019-07-20, C2E1 and C2E4, in solid line  
COSMIC: 2006-04-22 to 2006-10-20, FM3 and FM4, in dashed line,  
COSMIC number is scaled to that of COSMIC2



Bending angle  
fractional difference (%)



Refractivity  
fractional difference (%)



Temperature  
Difference (K)

**All matches are within 30 km and 30 mins**

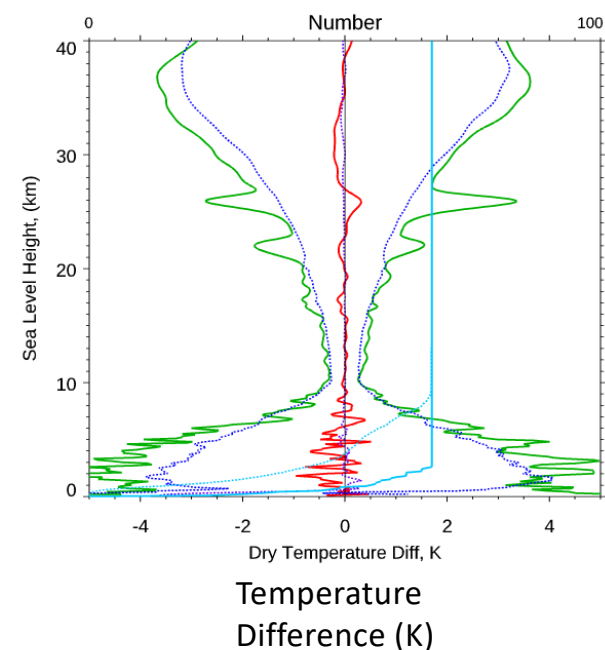
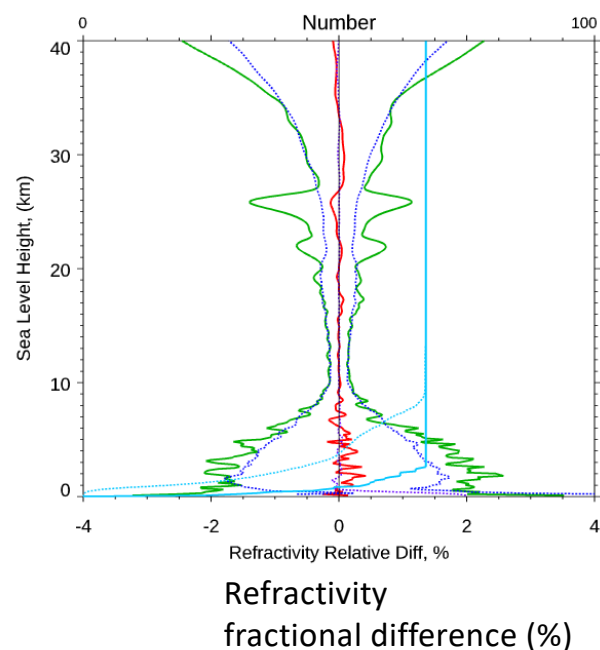
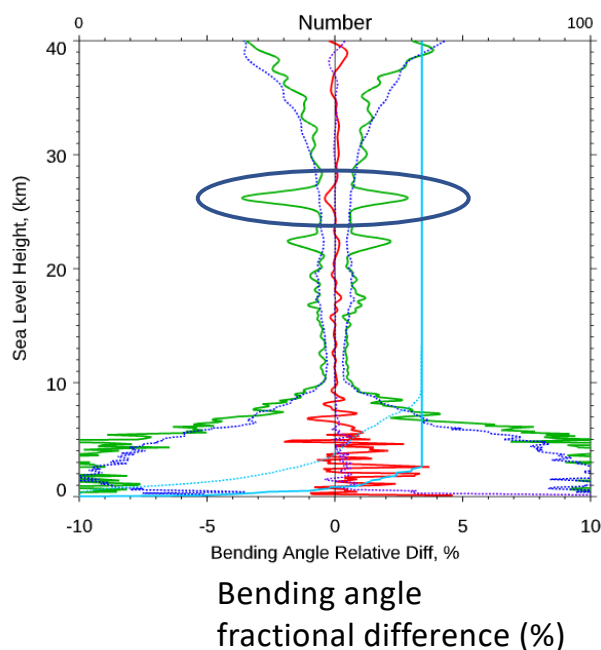
**And are within 45 N and 45 S**

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### 30 N to 10 N

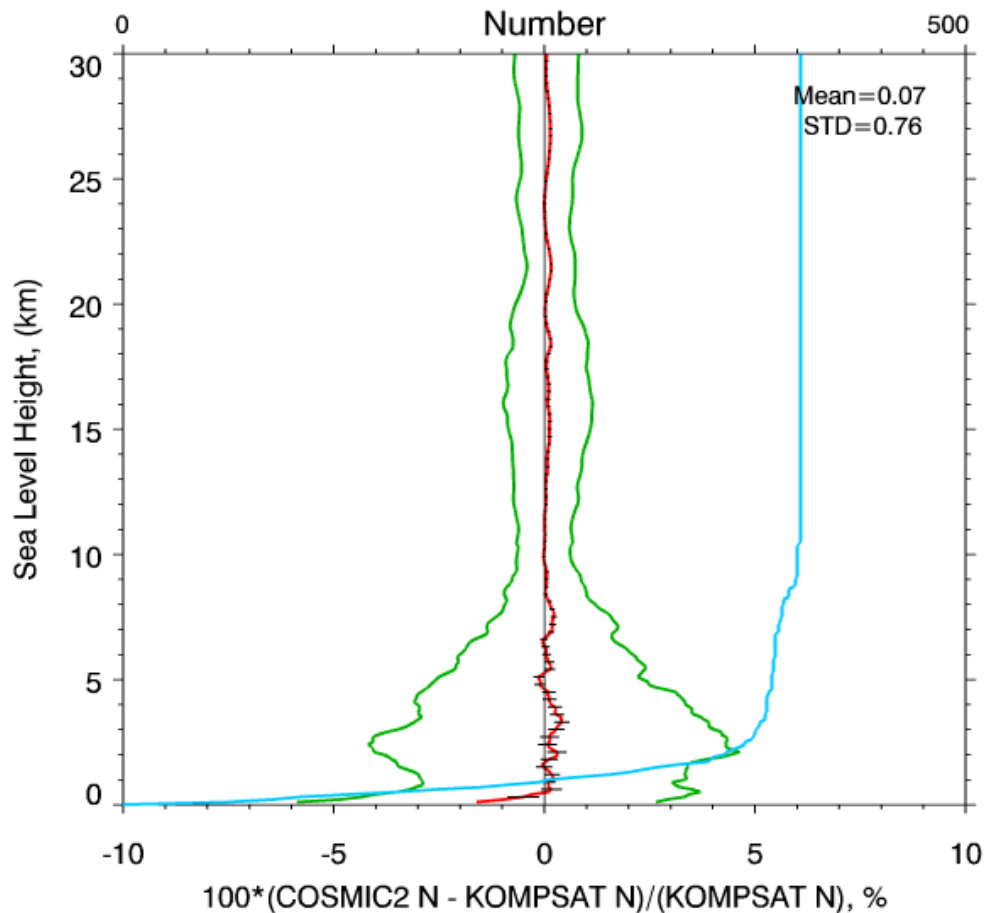


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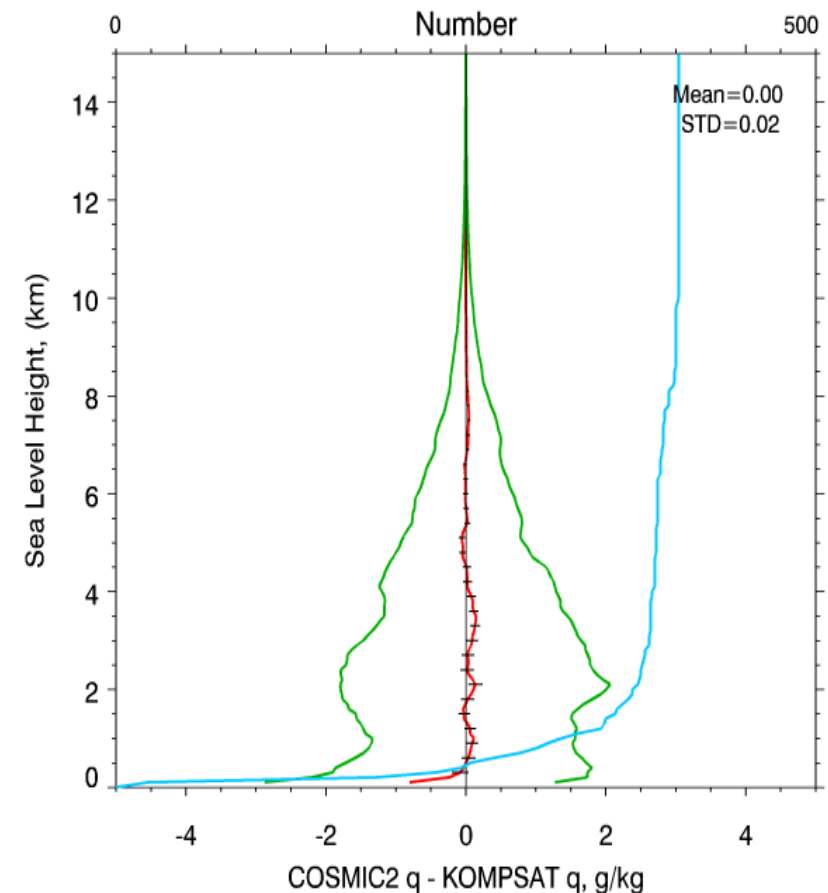
### 3. Checking the long term stability: comparisons between C2 and KOMSAT-5 (within 300 km and 2 hours)



#### Fractional refractivity differences UCAR KOMSAT-5 vs. UCAR C2



#### Specific humidity KOMSAT-5 vs. COSMIC-2



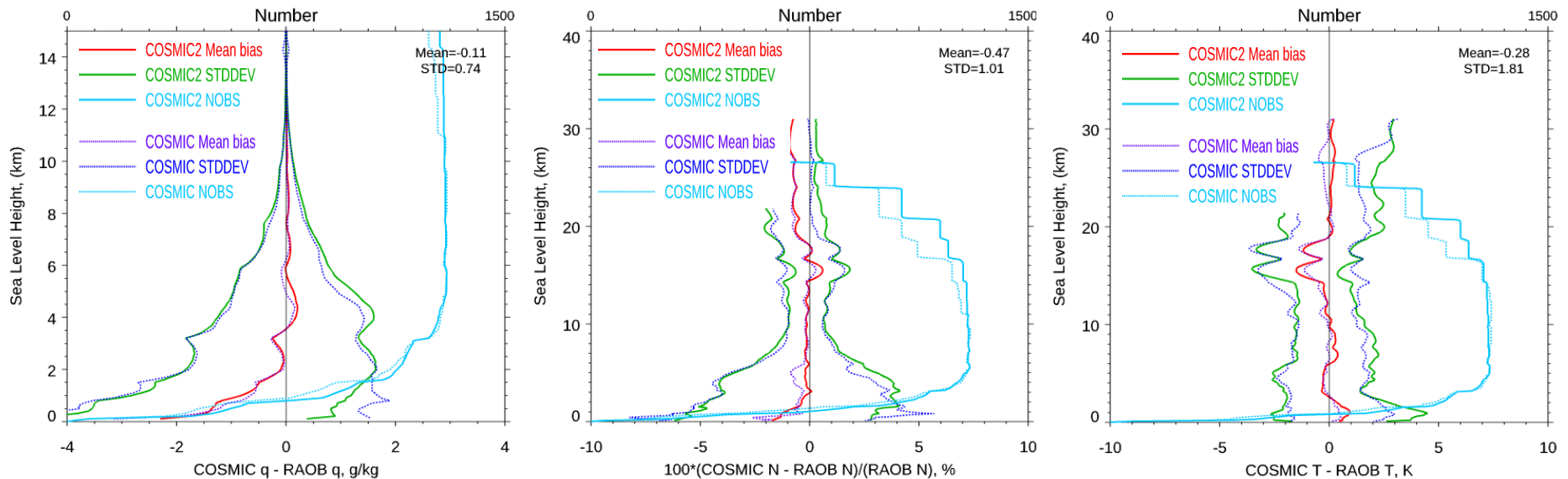
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# 4. COSMIC-2/COSMIC vs. RAOB



COSMIC2: Oct 2019, in solid line  
COSMIC: all Oct from 2010 to 2019, in dashed line  
number is scaled to those of COSMIC2



**COSMIC-2 vs. RAOB RS41  
Within 300 km and 2 hours  
Within 45 N and 45 S**

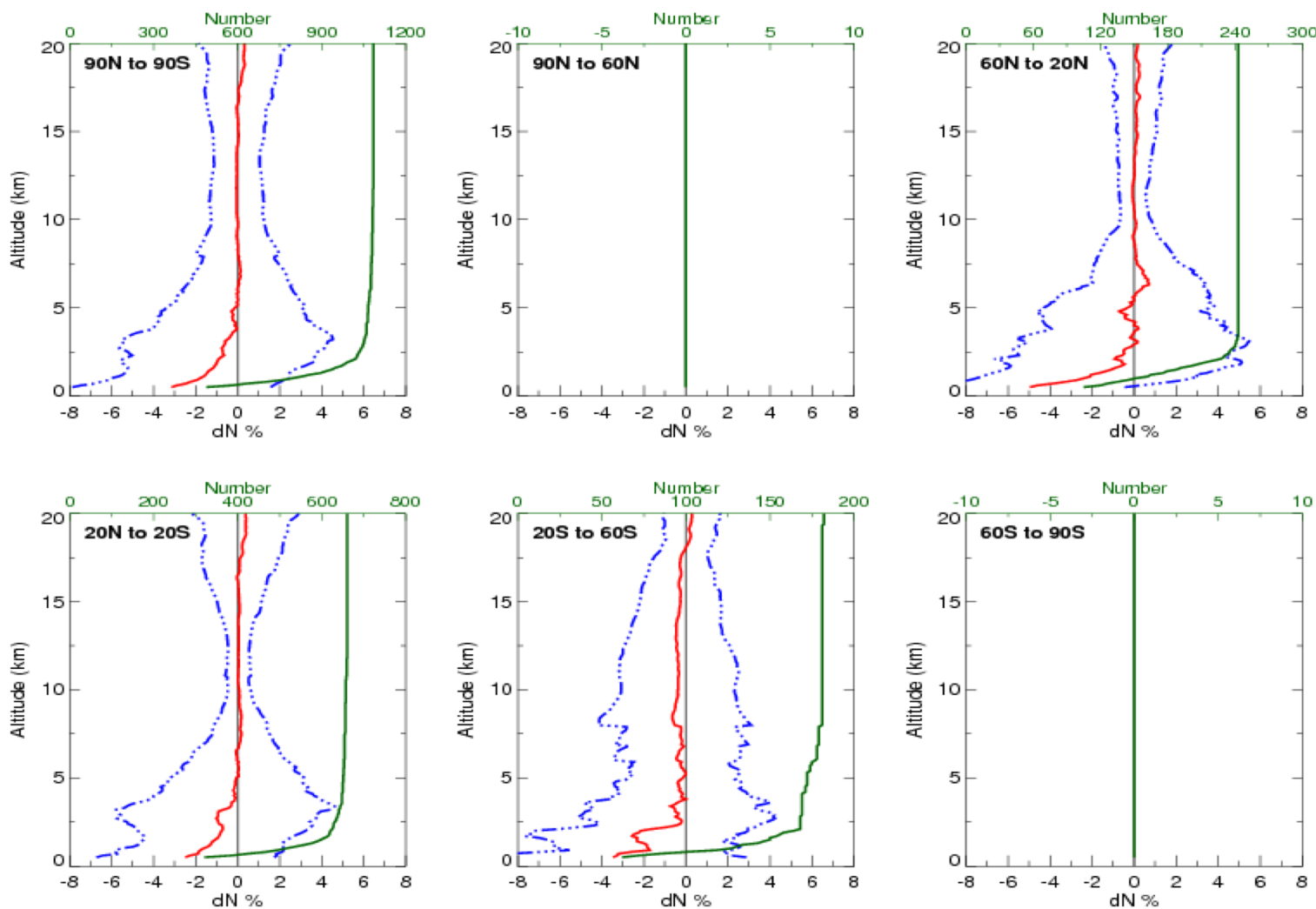
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# UCAR COSMIC2 N – RAOB N

$N_{UCAR}$

Residual  $N_{UCAR} - N_{SIM}(RAOB)$ : COSMIC2 2019.197 - 2019.239

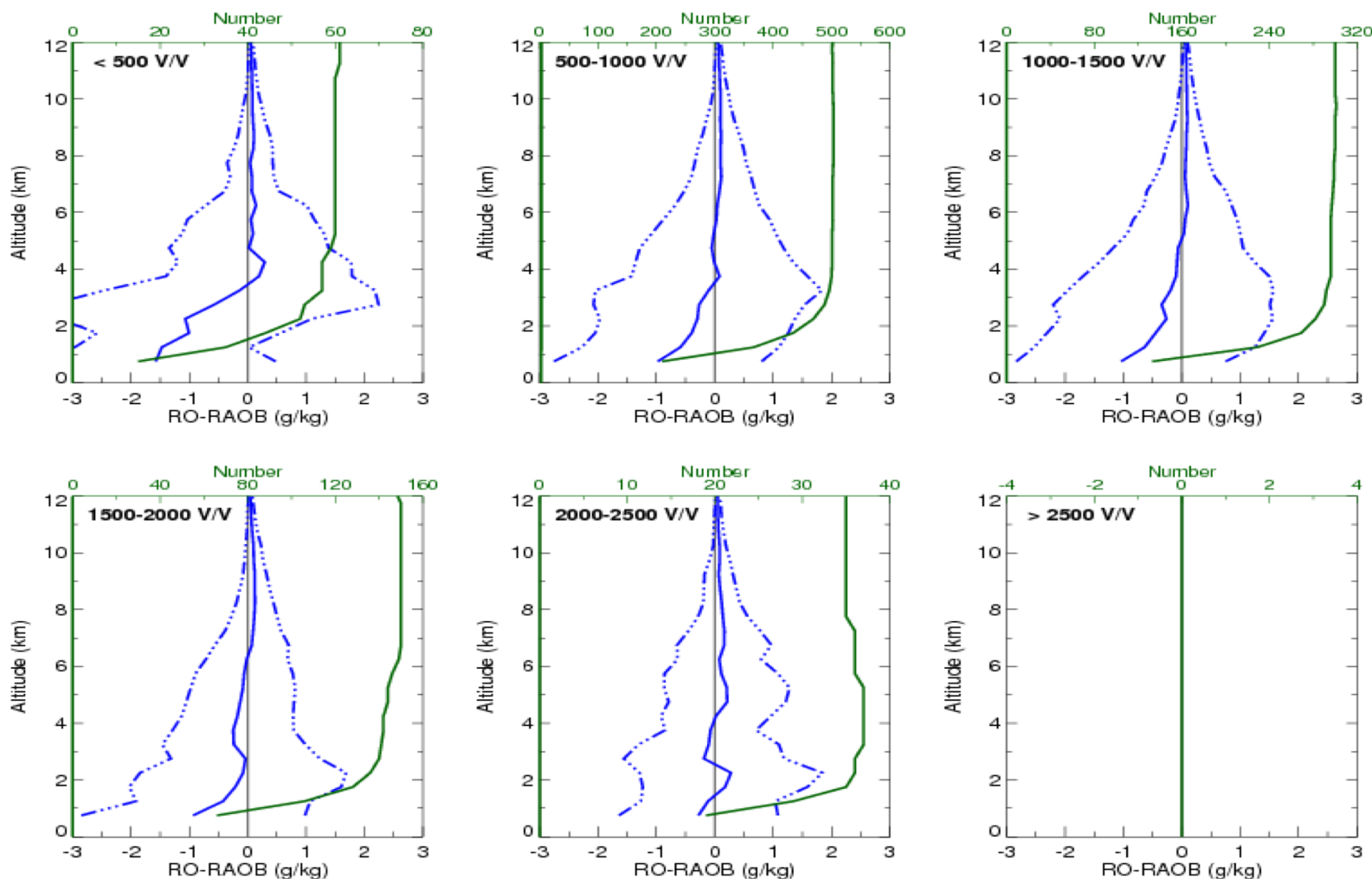


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## UCAR COSMIC 2 W – RAOB W

$$\Delta H = H_{RTR}(N=N_{UCAR}) - H_{RAOB}: \text{COSMIC2 2019.197 - 2019.239}$$



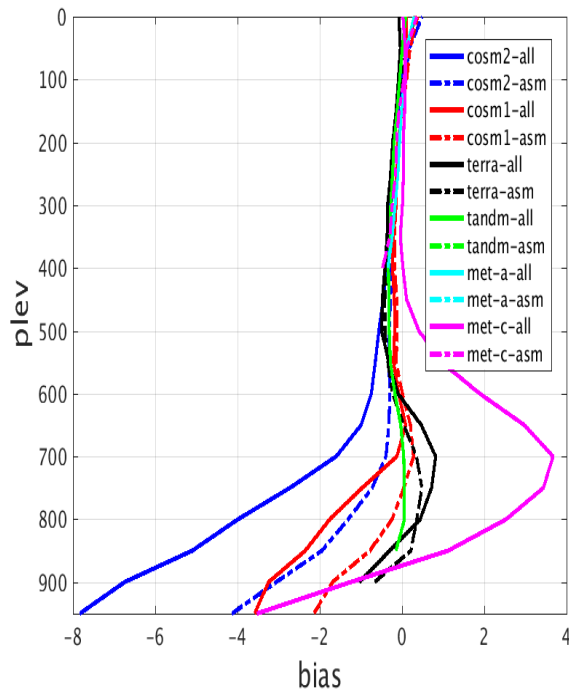
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# 5. COSMIC-2/COSMIC vs. GFS-6 hr forecast

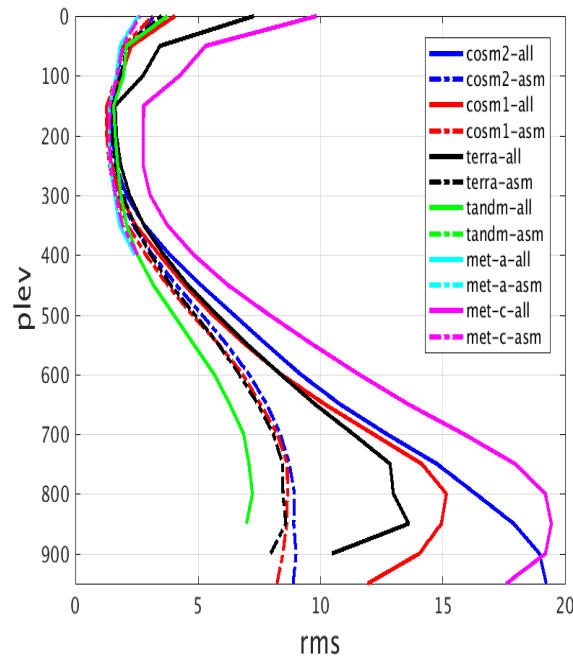


extra-tropics north' [30, 45] Oct. 2020

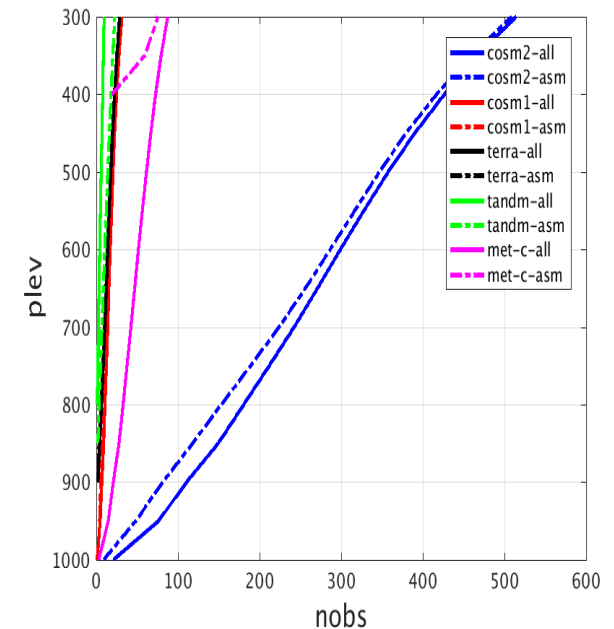
Bias



RMS



Obs Number



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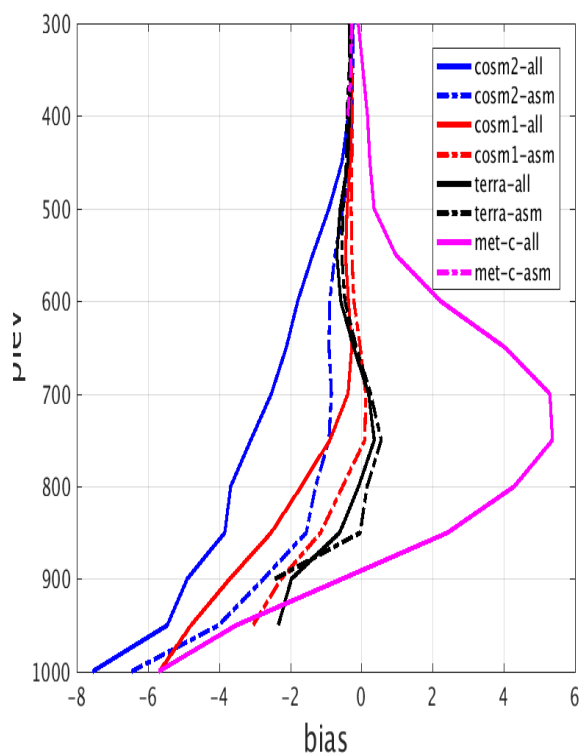
1. Observation is outside the vertical boundary of the sigma levels.
2. Observation is at a height above 50 km. from the ground.
3. [incremental bending angle > a cutoff value].
4. Observation close to or inside model SR(Super Refractivity) layer.
5. Observations below 8km. are rejected.

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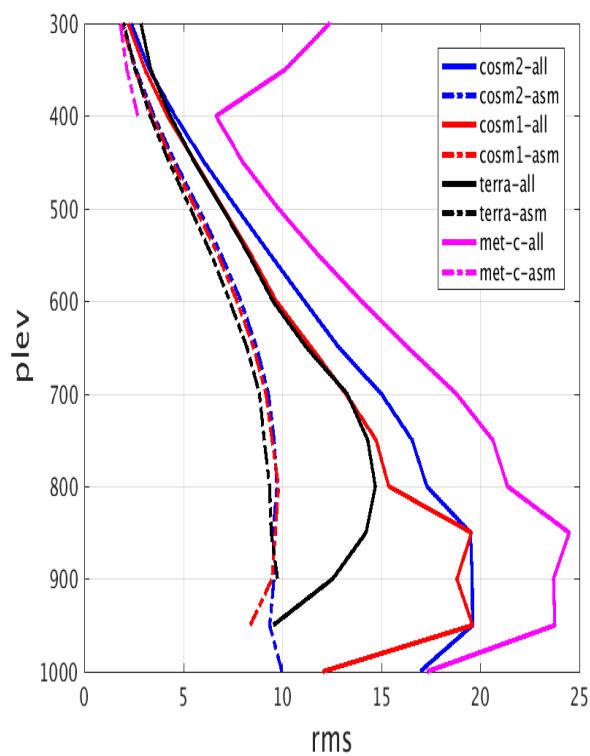


## extra-tropics south' [-30, -10]

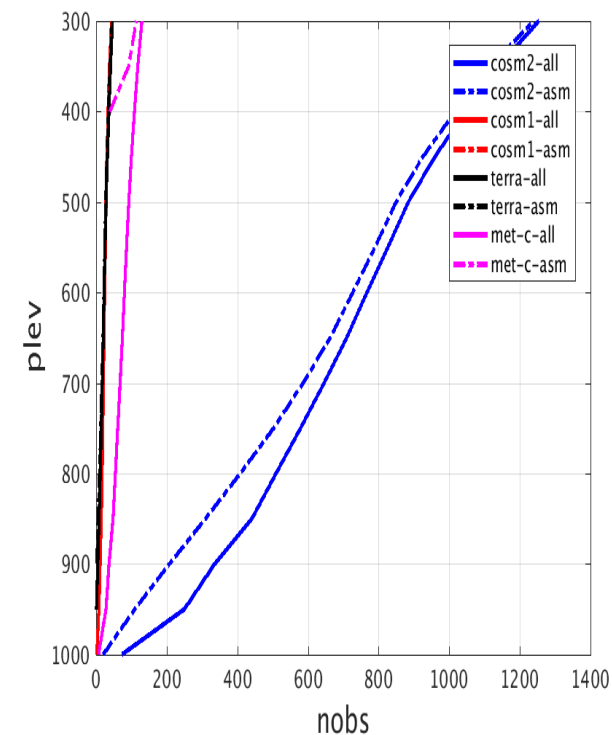
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### RMS



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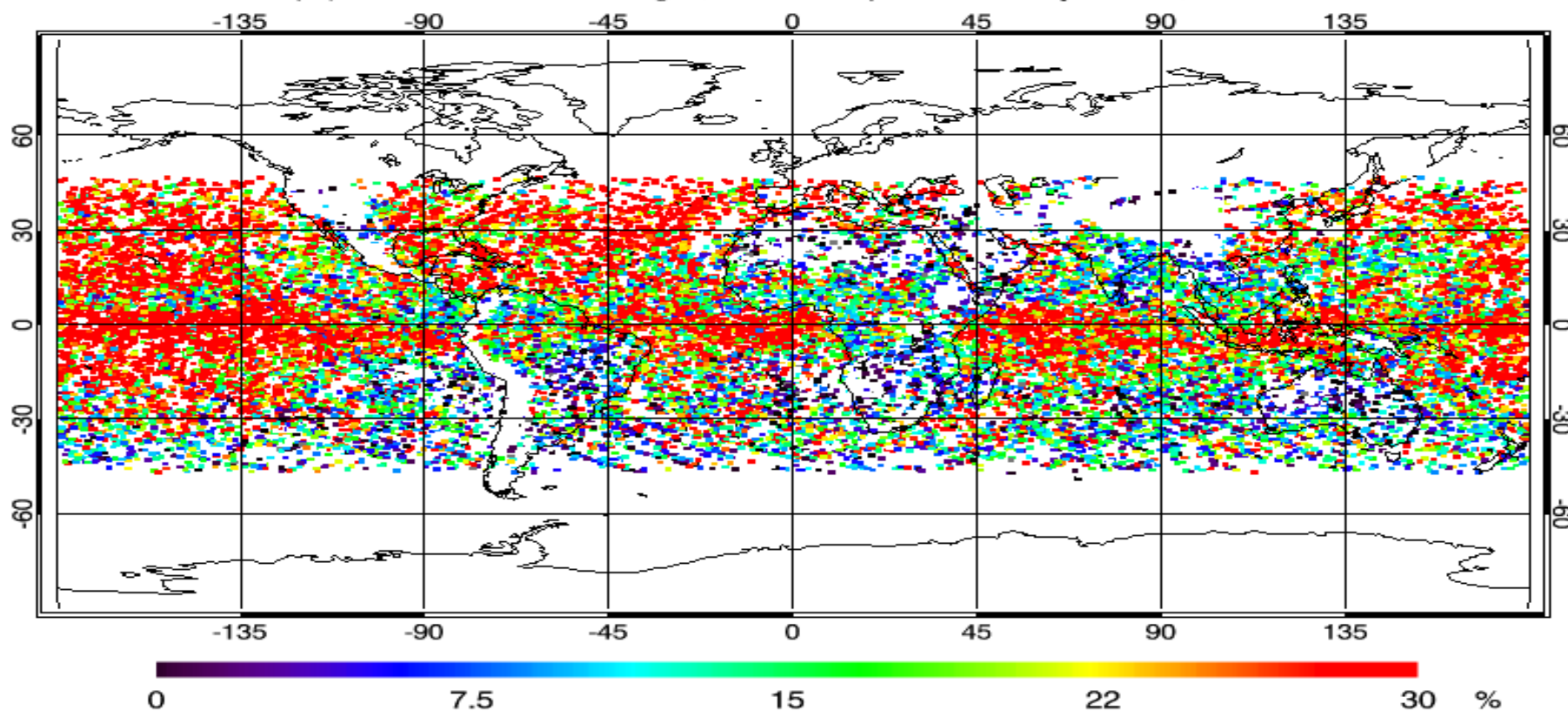
# 6. Estimate of observation uncertainty Fractional DBAOE comparisons



Fractional DBAOE is defined as  $100\% \times \text{LSW}/2 / \text{bending angle}$

## COSMIC2

Fractional DBAOE (%) in 2km sea level height, cosmic2 processed by UCAR, 07/16/2019 - 08/15/2019



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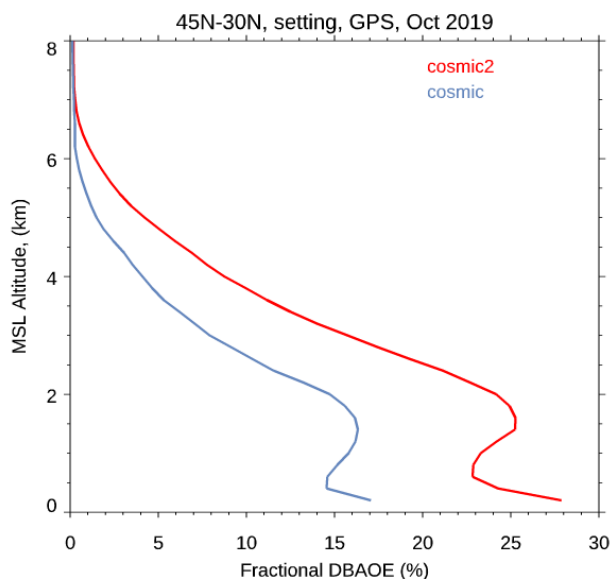


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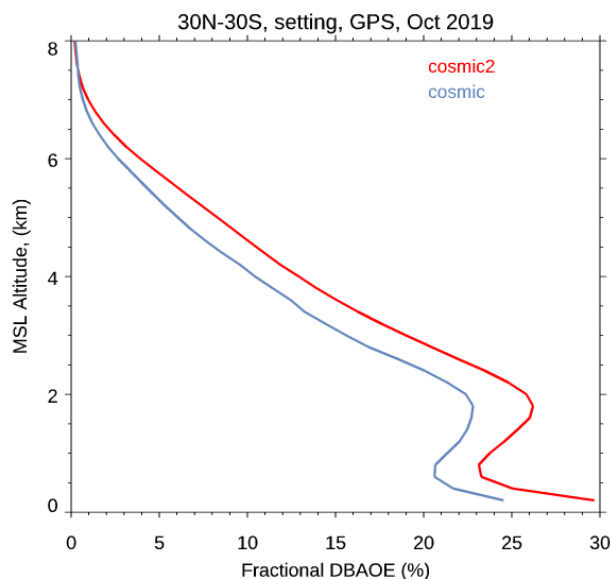
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## Mean Fractional DBAOE, Oct 2019

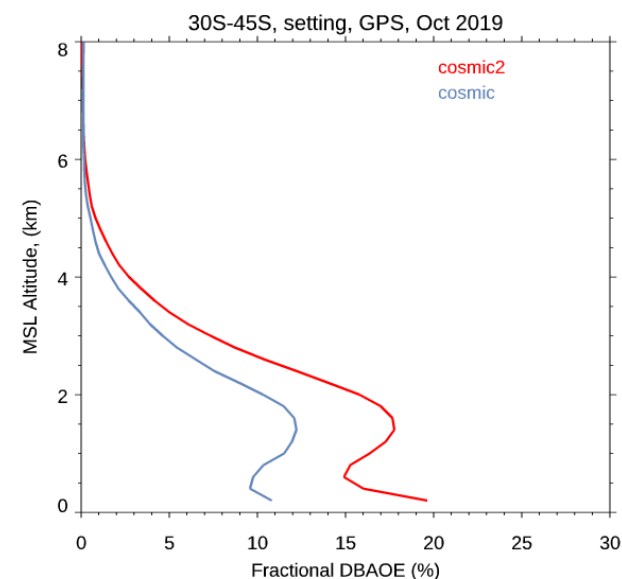
### 45N-30N



### 30N-30S



### 30S-45S

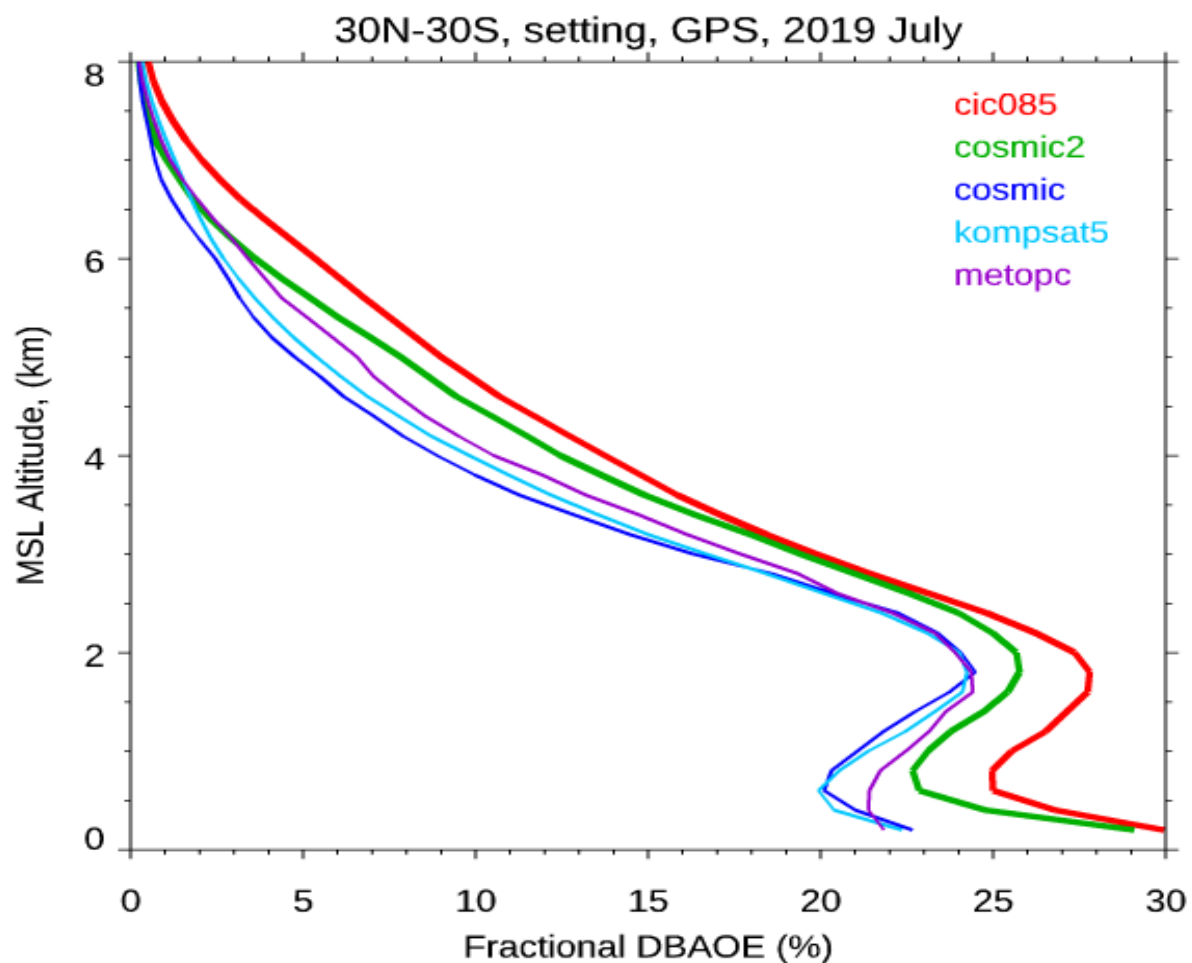


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# Conclusions

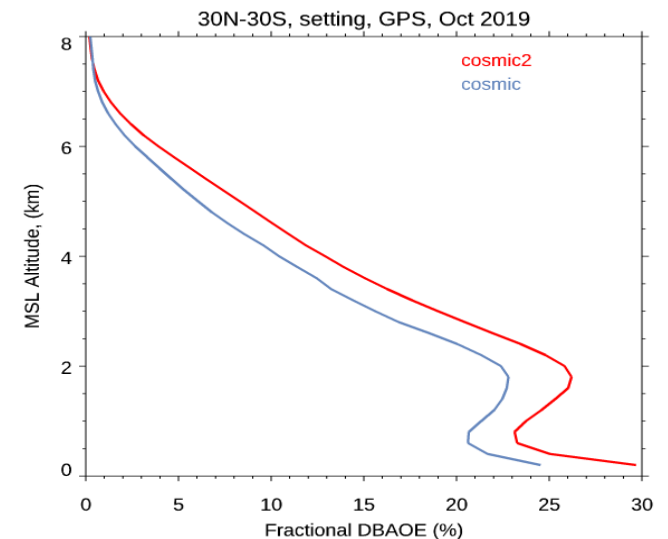
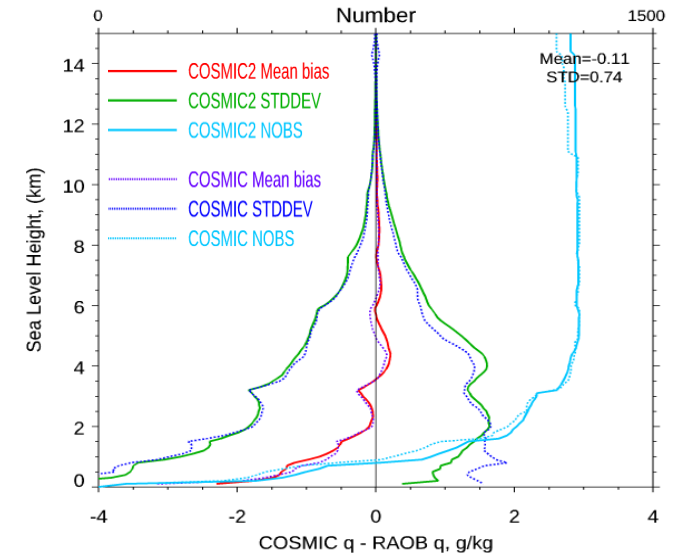


We are sure

1. COSMIC-2 penetration depth is slightly better (~0.2 – 0.5 km) than COSMIC
2. Stability : COSMIC-2 (launched in 2019/06) data is very consistent with KOMSAT-5 (launched in 2011)
3. Accuracy : C2 vs. RS41 has a similar biases and std as those from COSMIC
4. O-B results show that C2 seems has slightly larger uncertainty (O-B)/B before and after comparing to Similar comparisons for C1.

We are mostly sure that

1. COSMIC-2 observation uncertainty below 10 km seems 10%-30% larger comparing to COSMIC
2. The LSW for COSMIC-2 is larger than that from COSMIC-1.

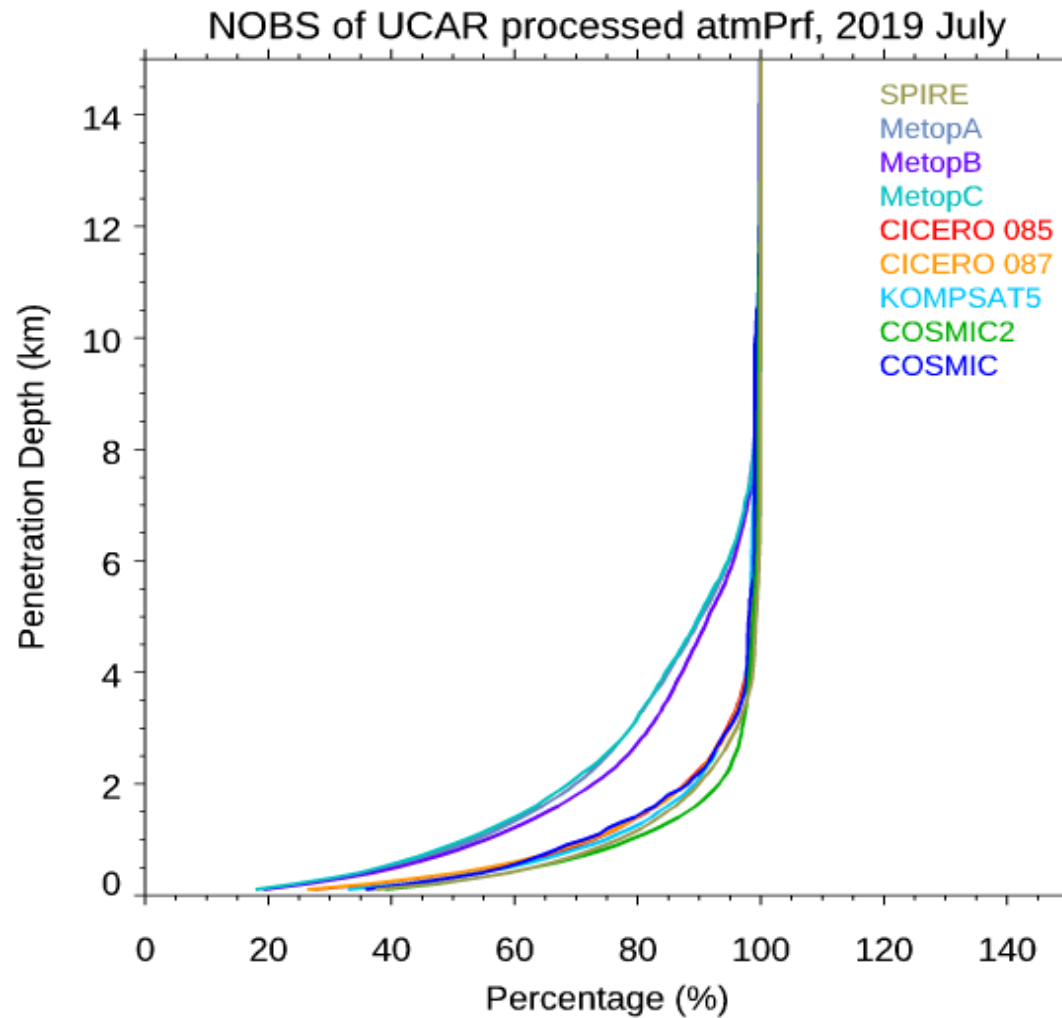


# Future Study Area



- 1. Conduct studies to demonstrate whenever the deeper COSMIC-2 penetration help for PBL H detection (penetration depth for other RO missions is only slightly higher)**
- 2. Studies to show how SNR will affect the bias and uncertainty especially in the lower tropical troposphere**
- 3. Continue to quantify the SNR related biases comparing to RAOB, IR, and MW data**
- 4. Develop the optimal method to methods to correct COSMIC-2 observation biases and working with JCSDA, EMC, and CWB to ensure the optimal usage of RO data from COSMIC-2 (CWDP and other all available RO missions).**
- 5. Continue to process and re-process COSMIC-2 and other RO data and improve the STAR RO ICVS long term monitoring functions for RO data**

# Summary



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komsat5	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.8	0.6	1.2	0.3	1.1	2.8