

# The Monitoring and Evaluation of Thematic Information from Space (METIS) framework for validation of EUMETSAT SST products

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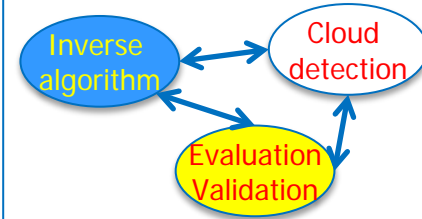




# S3A SLSTR SST example

## The Problem Statement

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(once L1B data are available)



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<https://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/sod/sst/squam/>

Dash, Ignatov, Kihai, Sapper, 2010. JTECH. The SST Quality Monitor



1. Concept with example case studies
2. METIS
  1. Online interface and various modules
  2. Some more case studies
  3. Spin-offs, extreme events
  4. Potential further diagnostic

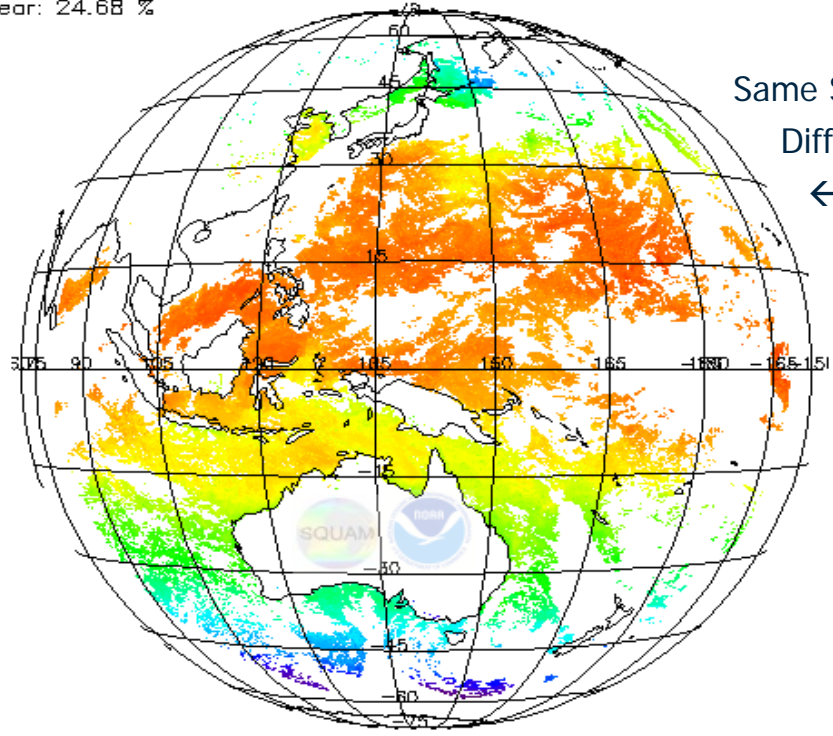


# Concept case: Himawari-08 BT anomaly

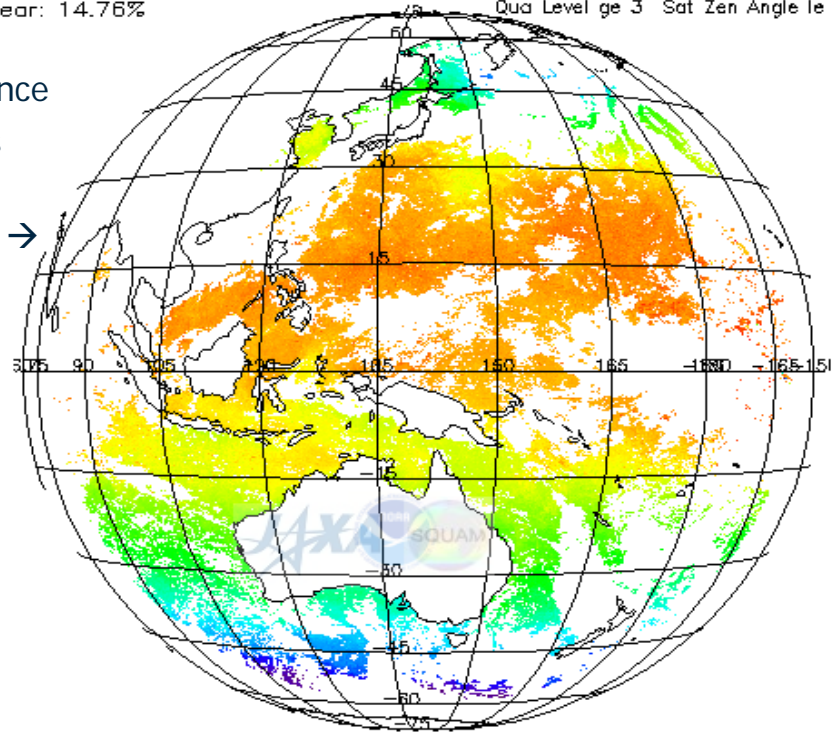
State (product) space

Regression SST, Himawari-8 AHI (ACSP0),v2.41b02,201508301630  
Clear: 24.68 %

Skin SST, Himawari-8 AHI (JAXA),v1.0-v02.0-fv01.0,201508301630  
Clear: 14.76%  
Quad Level ge 3 Sat Zen Angle le 67



Same Scene/Sensor/Reference  
Different SST Processors  
← NOAA ACSP0  
JAXA →



-4 0 4 8 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 (°C)

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Himawari 8 (NOAA ACSP0), Cl. sky covg = 24.7%  
(ACSP0 CM, Petrenko et al., JTech, 2010)

Himawari 8 (JAXA), Cl. sky covg = 14.8%  
(Bayesian CM, Kurihara et al., GRL, 2016)

**SST (product) maps:**

- Useful to check for coverage and large image quality issues
- Not necessarily good for product(s) evaluation/comparison

Adapted from: Dash, Ignatov, Kihai; 19-Nov-2015; Presentation at EUMETSAT HQ  
[http://www.eumetsat.int/website/home/VisitingScientists/SciencePresentations/DAT\\_2908128.html](http://www.eumetsat.int/website/home/VisitingScientists/SciencePresentations/DAT_2908128.html)



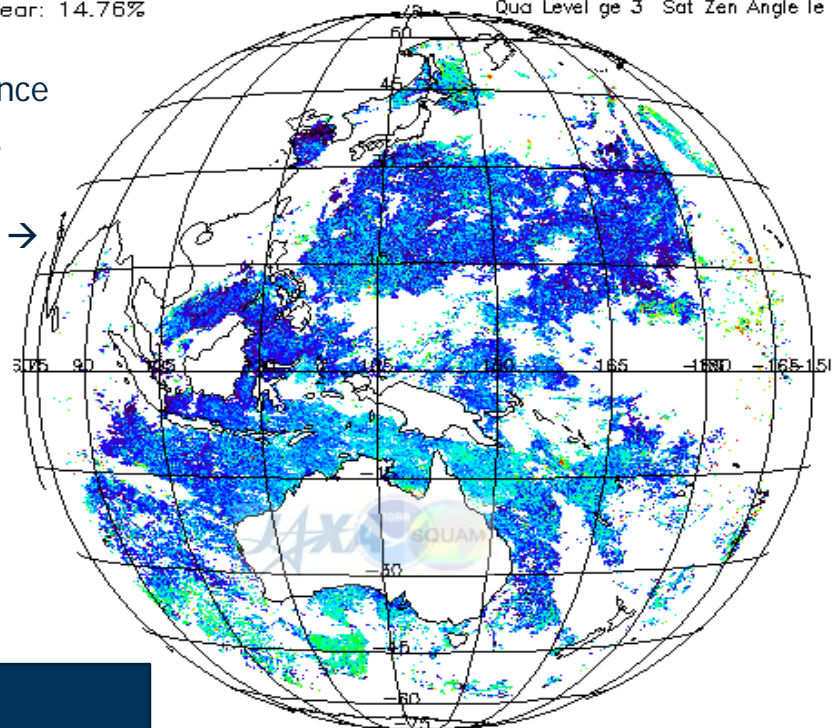
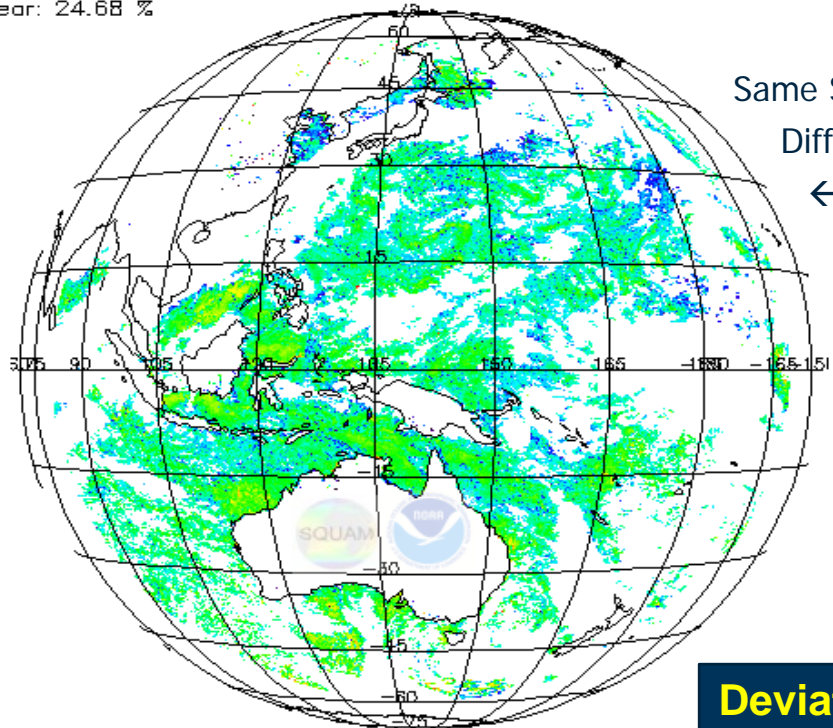


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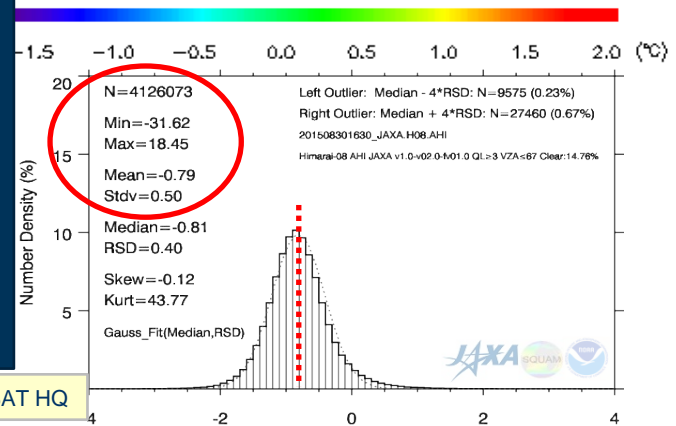
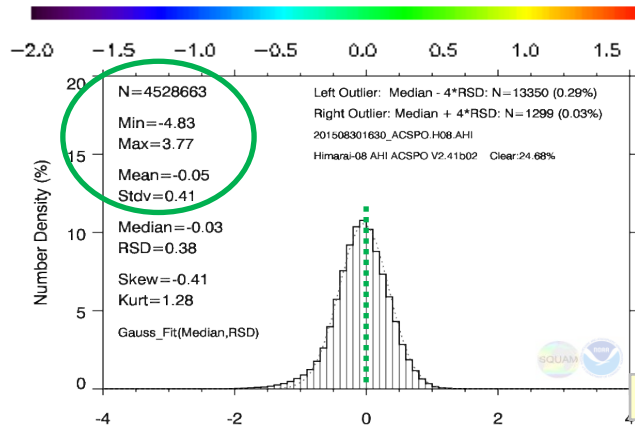
## Residual (difference) space

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**Deviation from Ref:**

- Relative product performance?
- Cloud leakages?
- Data anomalies/issues?
- SST stable in space? Time?

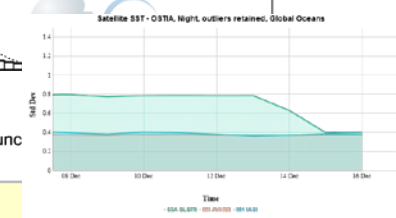
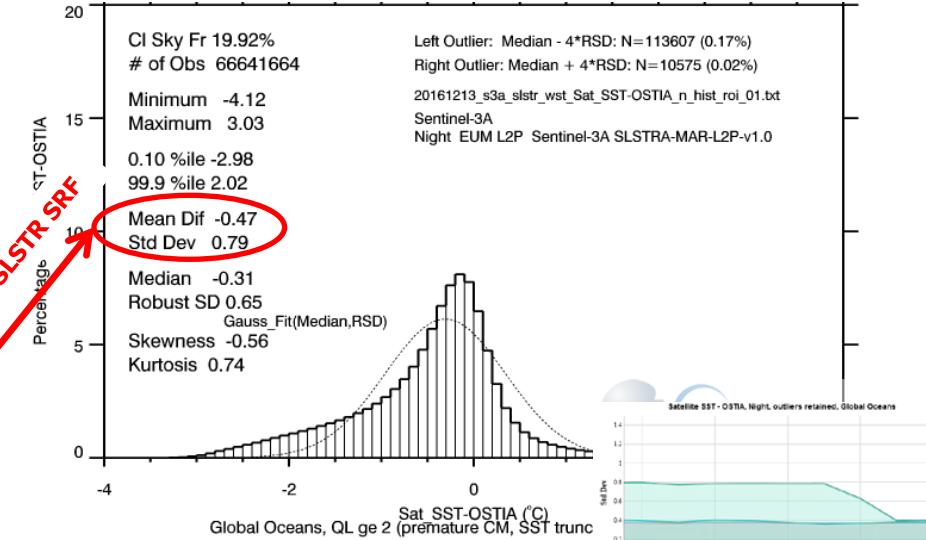
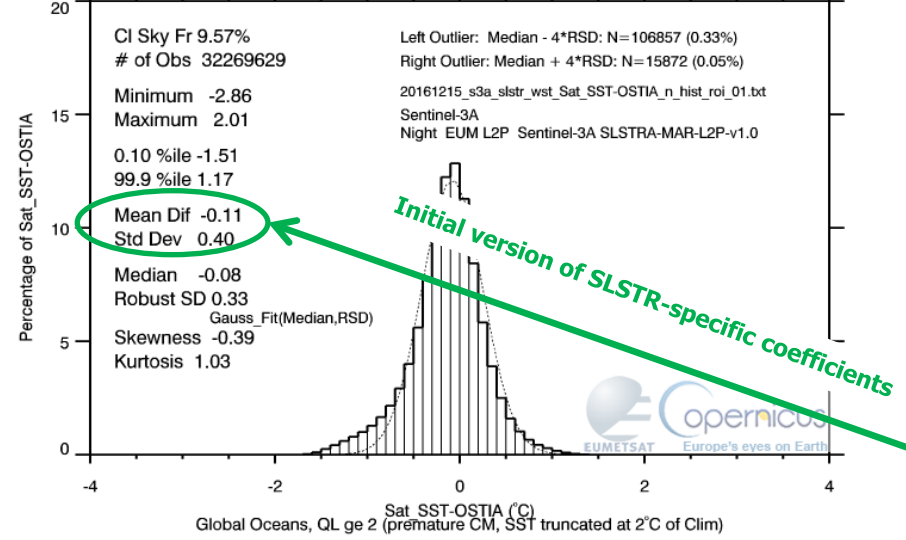
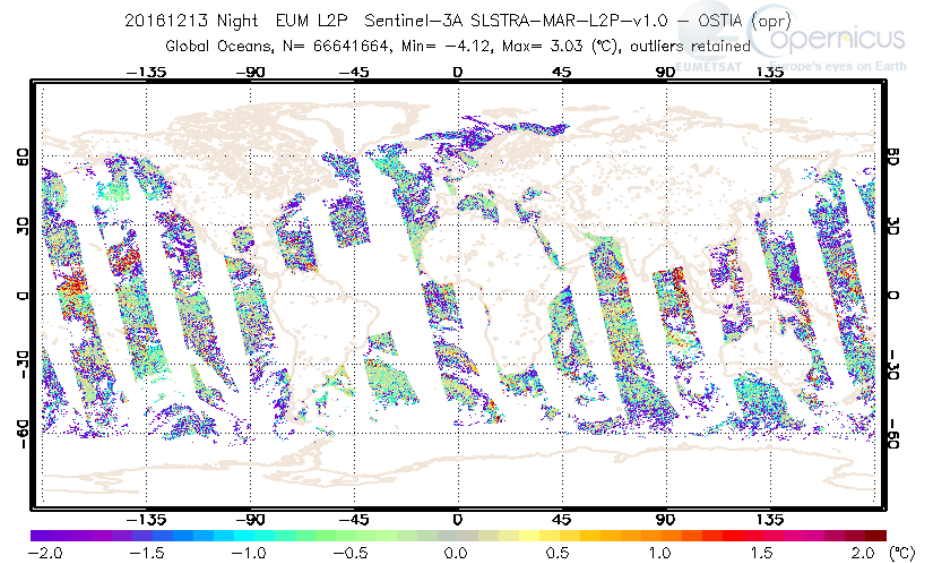
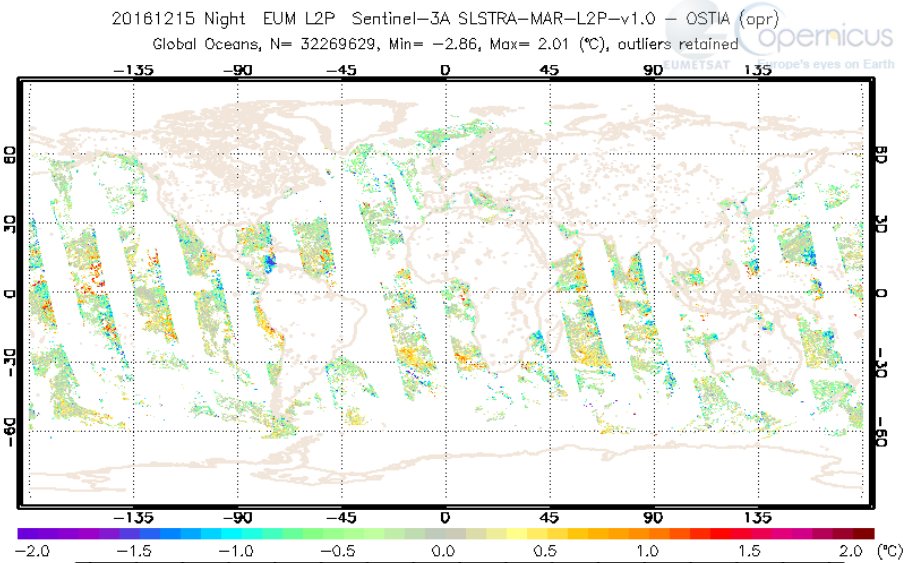
**Approach:**

- Distribution Normal  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$ ?
- Compare/trend moments of N

adapted from: Dash, Ignatov, Kihai; 19-Nov-2015; EUMETSAT HQ



# Concept case: Sentinel-3A SLSTR SST coefficient update



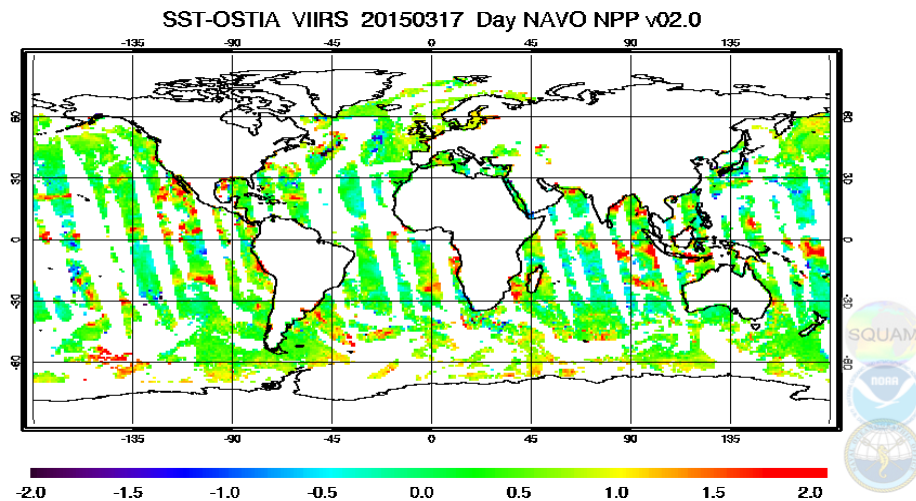
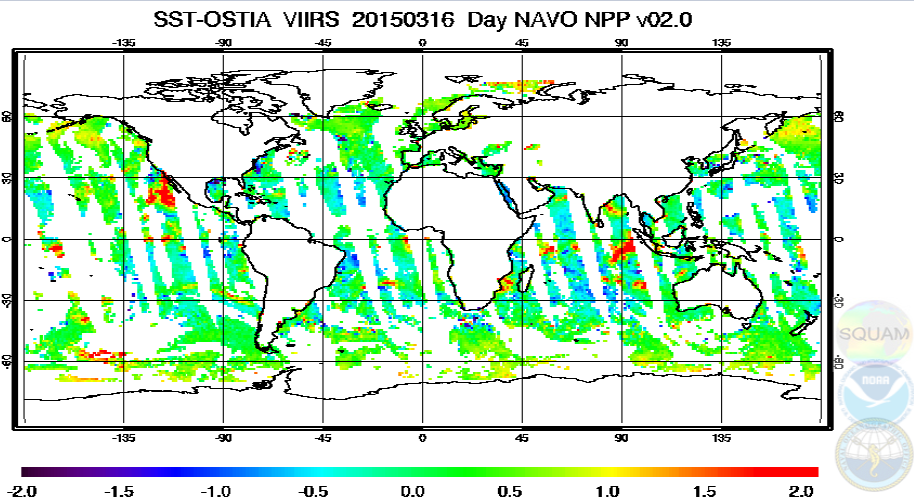
S3A SLSTR WST Product during development phase; <http://metis.eumetsat.int/sst/index.html>



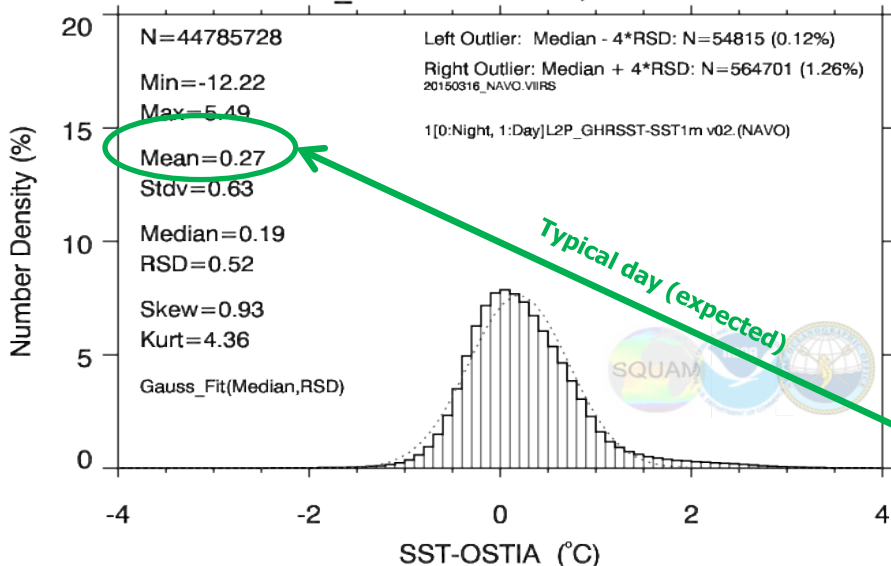
# Concept

## case: impact on SST of WuCd event for NPP VIIRS

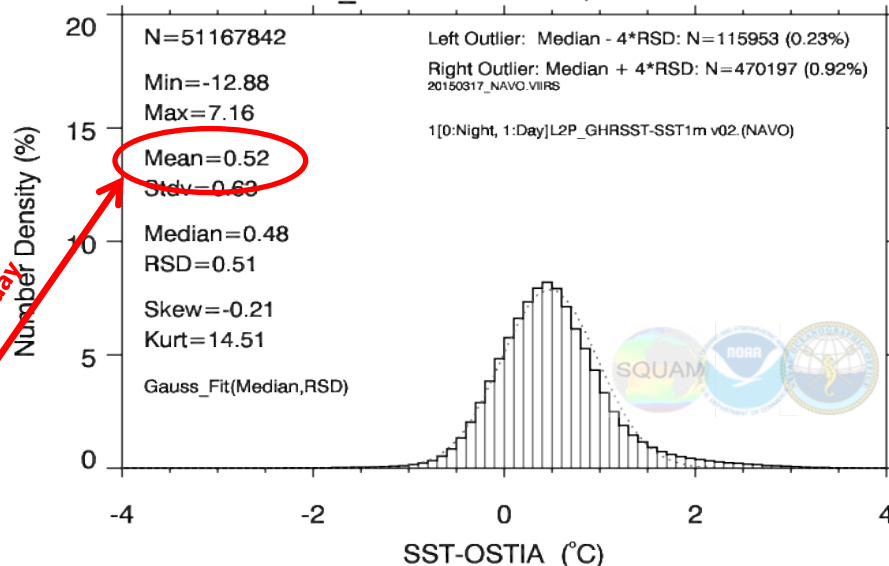
Difference space



VIIRS\_NAVO - OSTIA, 20150316



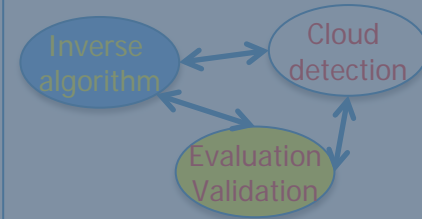
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Adapted from: Dash, Vazquez, Corlett; Identifying Gaps in GHRSSST services to the users and their applications; July-2015; Presentation at GHRSSST Science Team Meeting, The Netherlands



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## METIS

### Monitoring & Evaluation of Thematic Information from Space (METIS)

The Monitoring and Evaluation of Thematic Information from Space (METIS) tool is developed to monitor EUMETSAT operational remotely sensed products for stability, quality and performance on a global and regional basis in routine. The current METIS modules are:



#### METIS-SST

METIS-SST, the Sea Surface Temperature component of Monitoring & Evaluation of Thematic Information from Space (METIS), provides near-real time diagnostics of EUMETSAT operational level-2 (L2) satellite SSTs.

Current Satellite SST Products monitored in METIS-SST are from: Sentinel-3A SLSTR, Metop-B (M1) AVHRR and M1 IASI.



#### METIS-OC

METIS-OC, the OC component of Monitoring & Evaluation of Thematic Information from Space (METIS), provides near-real time diagnostics of EUMETSAT operational level-2 and level-3 satellite Ocean Colour products.

Current Satellite OC Products monitored in METIS-OC are from: Sentinel-3A OLCI, Aqua (AQ) MODIS, OrbView-2 SeaWifs, Envisat MERIS and Suomi-NPP VIIRS.

**METIS-SST** Daily maps, histograms, time-series, geophysical dependence, Global and 15 regional analyses in routine  
**METIS-OC** work underway (9 RoI) ... Contact: Ewa.Kwiatkowska, Malcolm.Taberner @eumetsat.int





# METIS-SST : Global + 15 Regional ROIs

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online interface and various modules : <http://metis.eumetsat.int/sst/index.html>



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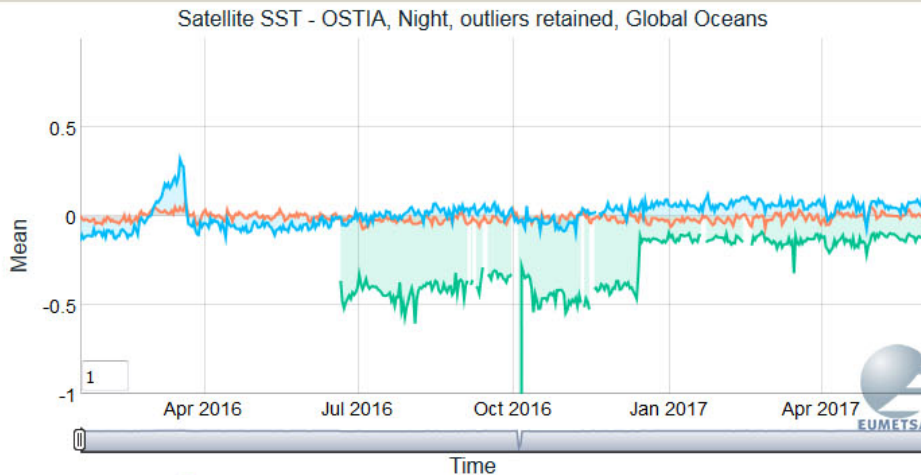
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- METIS-SST
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- Plots 5
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- Histograms
- Time-series Statistics
- Double Differencing
- Geophy Dependence
- References
- Quickstart Guide

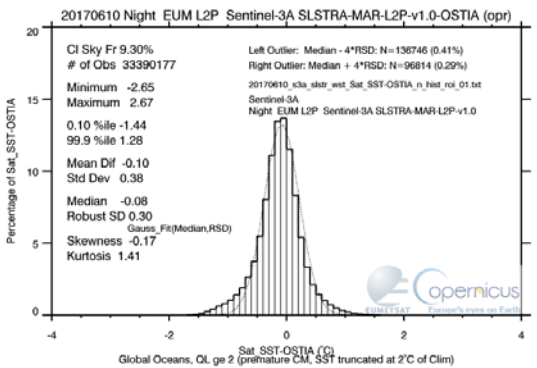
### Statistical Parameters

- CSF %  Num
- Min  0.01 percentile
- Max  99.99 percentile
- Mean  Median
- StdDev  RSD
- Skew  Kurt
- Low out  High out

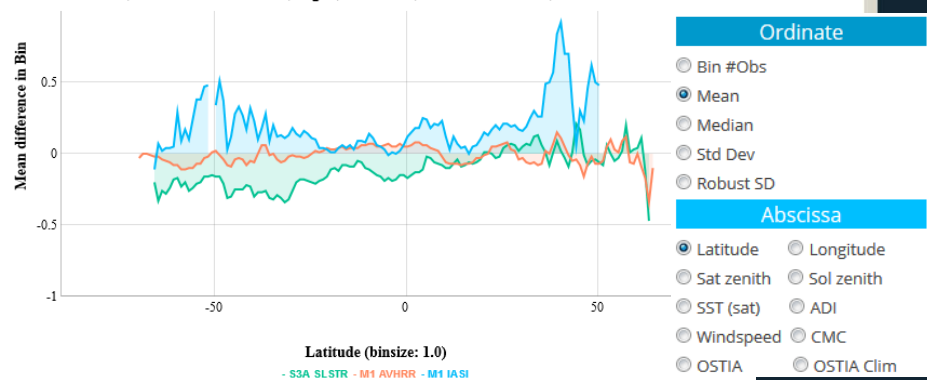
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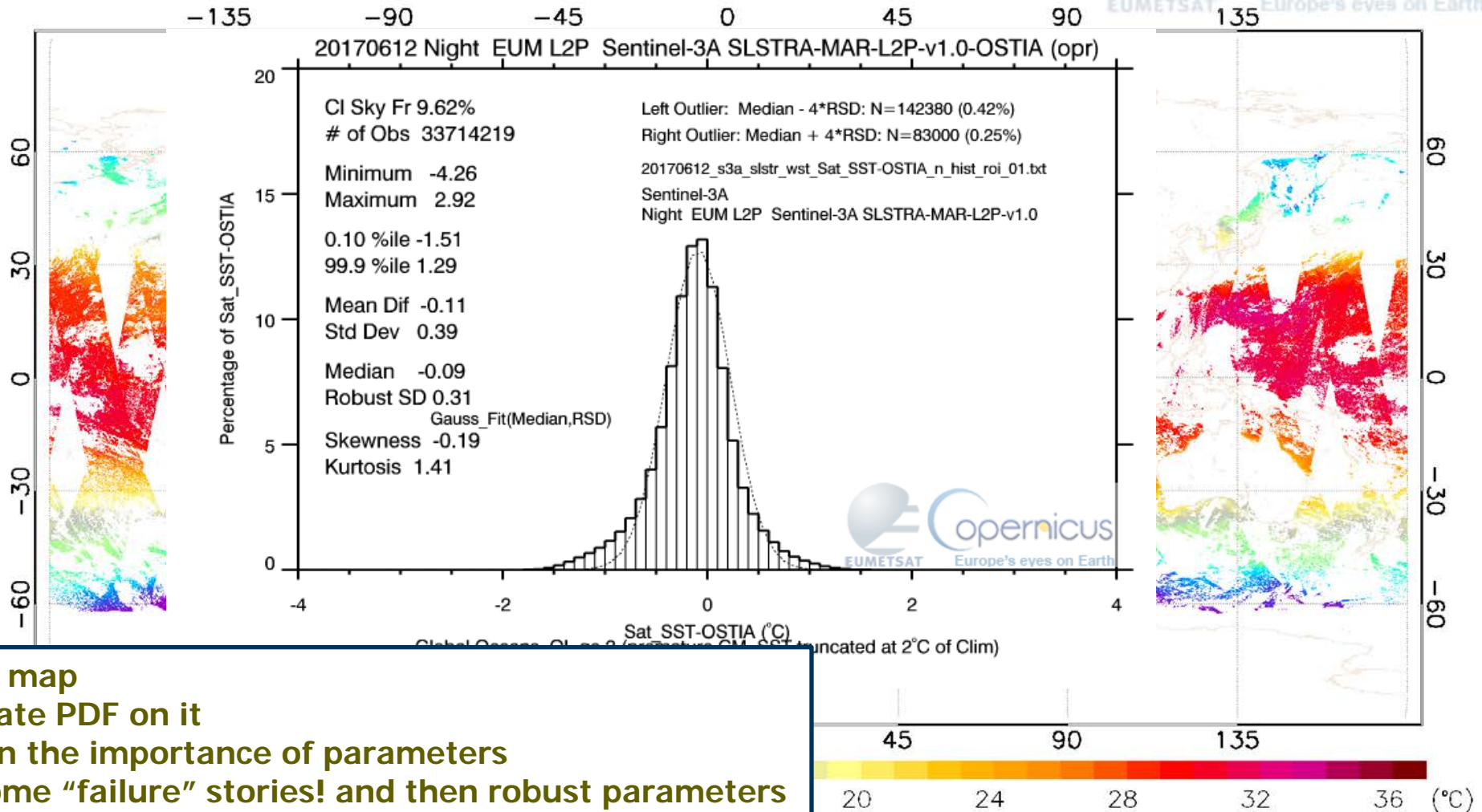
Mean, Satellite SST - OSTIA, Night, 20170610, outliers retained, Global Oceans





revisiting the parameters of a probability density function: the data will tell their story...

20170612 All orbits (ascending + descending) Sentinel-3A SLSTR Sea Surface Temperature  
N= 63525062, Min= -2.99, Max= 34.19 (°C), Clear-Sky Fraction= 8.11 %



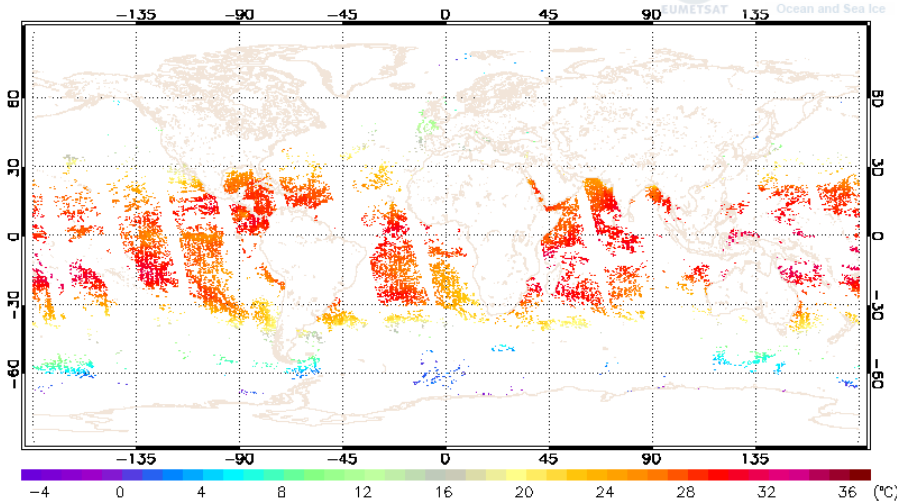
**Latest map**  
**Annotate PDF on it**  
**Explain the importance of parameters**  
**Tell some "failure" stories! and then robust parameters**



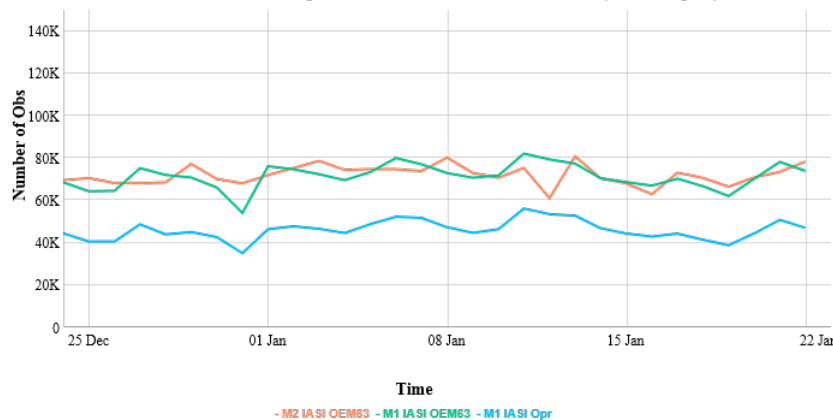
## Some more case studies: IASI version update & improvements (internal)

### Operational

20170122 Night EUMETSAT OSISAF Metop-B IASI v02.0 QL  $\geq 3$  SSES  $\mu$  applied OSISAF  
 Global Oceans, N= 47307, Min= -0.98, Max= 31.11 (°C), CSF= 11.25 %



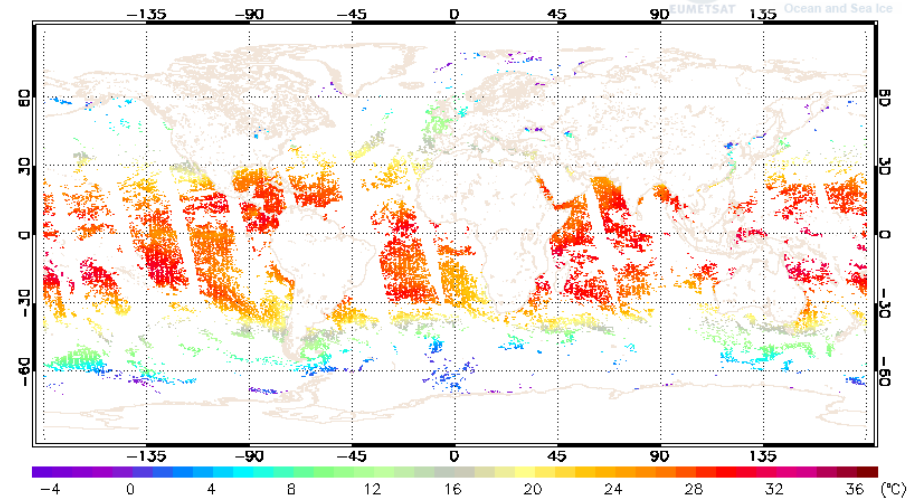
Satellite SST - OSTIA, Night, outliers retained, Global Oceans (new: QL ge 3)



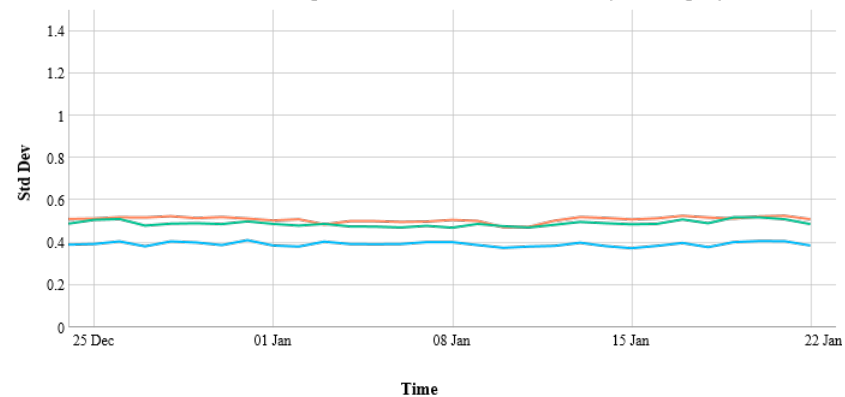
- M2 IASI OEM63 - M1 IASI OEM63 - M1 IASI Opr

### Experimental (internal)

20170122 Night EUM OSISAF Metop-B IASI v6.3n Quality Level  $\geq 3$  OSISAF  
 Global Oceans, N= 75074, Min= -1.80, Max= 30.93 (°C), CSF= 15.36 %



Satellite SST - OSTIA, Night, outliers retained, Global Oceans (new: QL ge 3)



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**Story: coverage doubled; trade-off with std dev; almost double coverage, 0.1K Std Dev increase**





## Some more case studies: Sentinel-3A WST REF/OPE transition (internal)

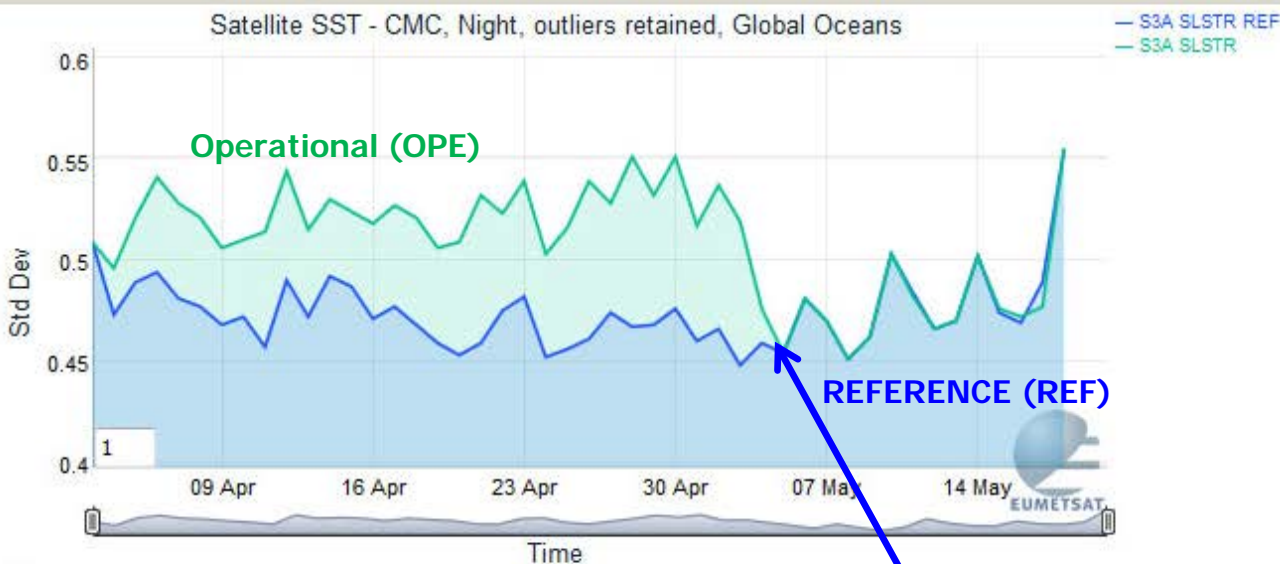
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#### Area of Interest

Global

#### Reference SST

CMC 10km Daily

#### Outlier handling

Retained  Removed

#### Scene

Night  Day

#### Product of Interest

- Sentinel-3A SLSTR (REF)
- Sentinel-3A SLSTR
- Metop-B AVHRR
- Metop-B IASI
- Select all

(download png) (download csv) (preset range or heuristics)

Update PB from REF to OPE

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## Some more case studies: S3A WST sensitivity to QL/SSES etc (internal)

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### MAPS: GLOBAL OCEANS

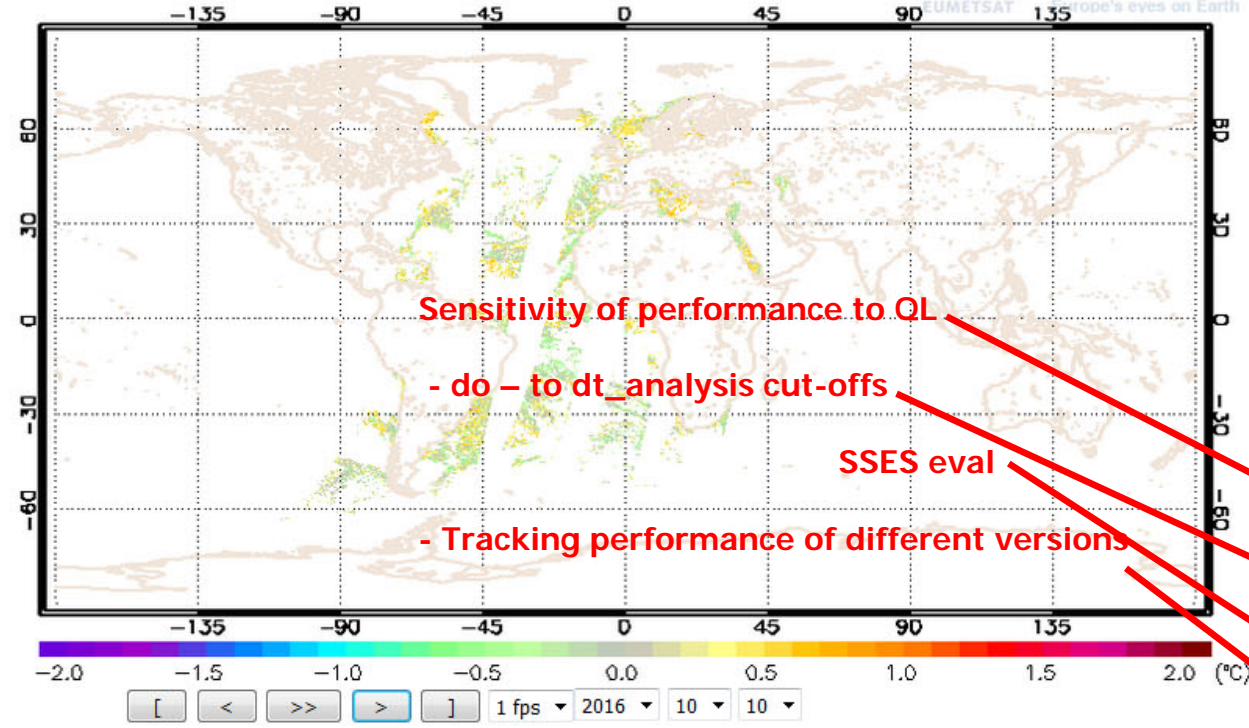
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- Map type
- Residual space (SST-REF)
  - Subtypes (visual analysis)
    - Retrieval space (SST)
    - Theoretical uncertainty
    - Dual-Nadir SST

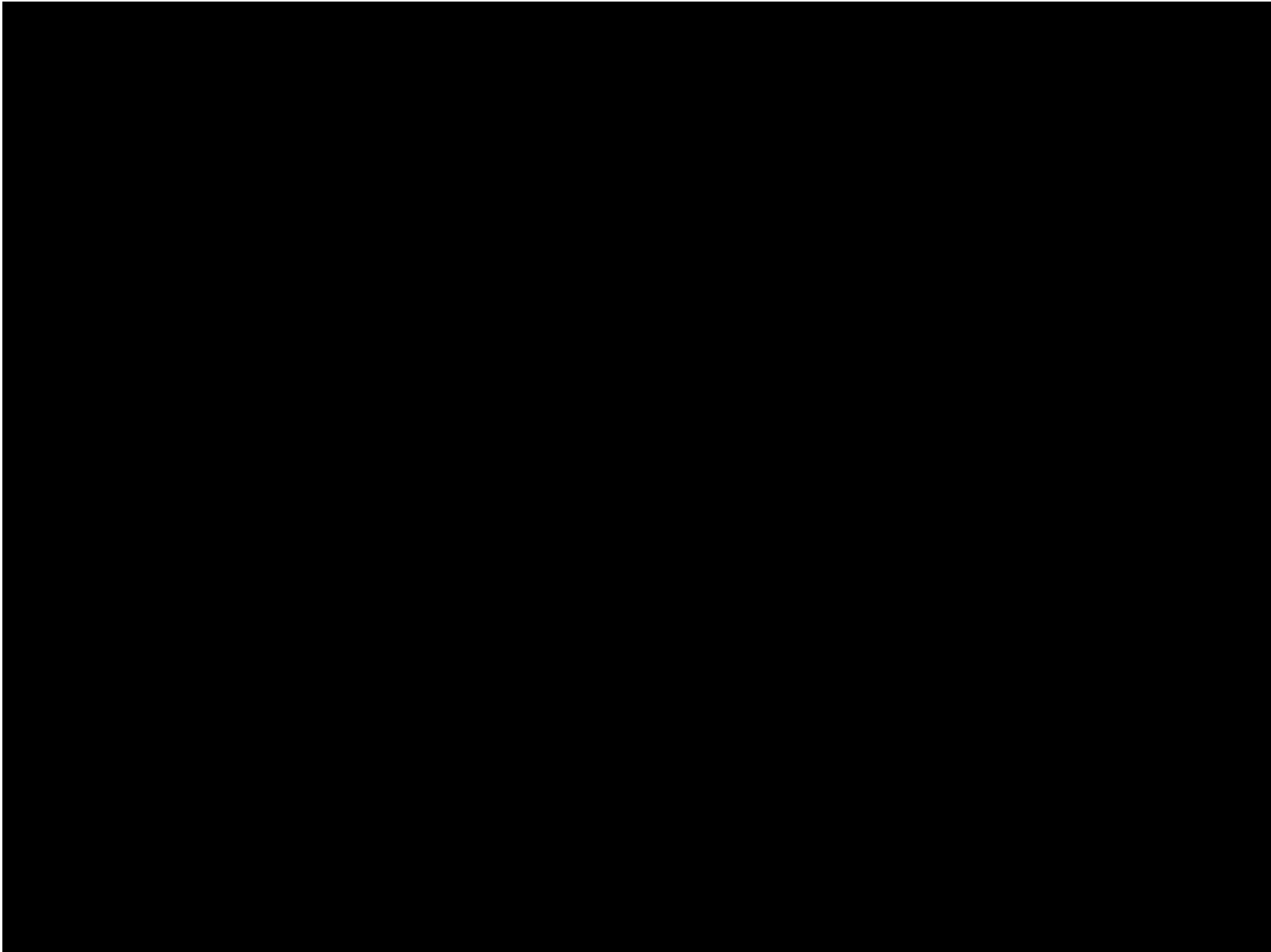
Sentinel-3A SLSTR L2P SST minus UKMO OSTIA L4, Day, 20161010, outliers retained, Global Oceans

20161010 Day EUM L2P Sentinel-3A SLSTR-MAR-L2P-v1.0 - OSTIA (opr) Qual Lev  $\geq 2$

Global Oceans, N= 4752529, Min= -3.74, Max= 2.37 (°C), outliers retained no cutoff wrt dt\_analysis [-2,2]°C clim



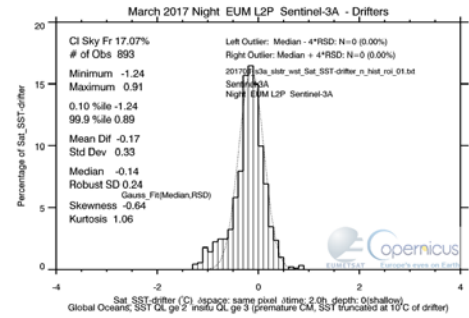
- Area of Interest: Global
- Reference SST: OSTIA 5km Daily
- Aggregation Time:  Daily  Monthly
- Outlier handling:  Retained  Removed
- Scene:  Night  Day
- Product of Interest:  Sentinel-3A SLSTR  Metop-B AVHRR  Metop-B IASI
- GDS Quality Level:  2  3  4  5  ge 2
- dt\_analysis cutoff (°C):  2  3  4  5  none
- Apply climate cut-off
- Apply SSES Bias (\*new)
- MPC Proc BL (WST):  TDS 22 May 2017  2.13 (31 Mar)  2.12 (16 Mar)



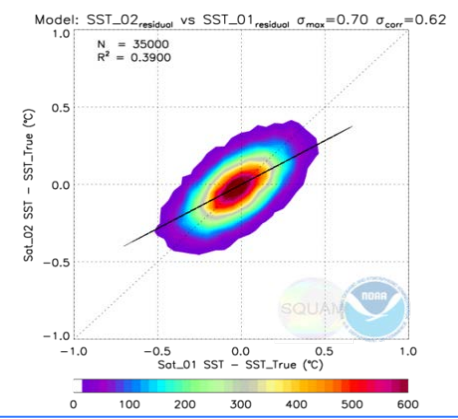
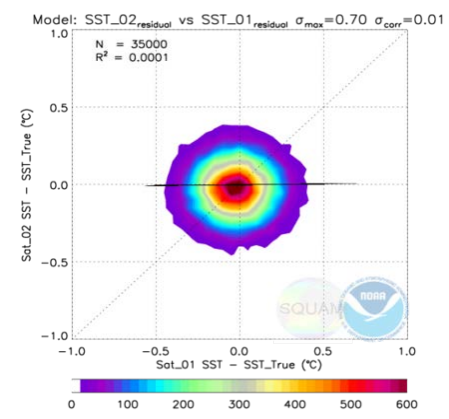
Peruvian coast  
Coastal El Nino, Feb-Mar 2017  
SST anomaly exceeding 5°C  
Caused intense flooding



- In situ (Felyx) recently added for S3A; extending time-series and for other sensors
- WCT analysis (internal), work in progress
- Triple-collocation (ts, spatial)
- Correlated error analysis
- CM analysis (test case S3)
- Analyses of BT in SST bands
- Geo capability



Two  $\Delta$  ( $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ )



$\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  uncorrelated;  $\sigma_{corr} = \sim 0.0$   
 Ideal case for independent SST  
**Imp for TANDEM Data S3A/S3B**

$\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  uncorrelated;  $\sigma_{corr} = \sim 0.62$   
 $R^2 = \sim 0.39$ ; moderate linear  
 Practical case

# Thanks