

GRUAN Implementation in Xilinhot and Round-trip drifting sounding system(RDSS)

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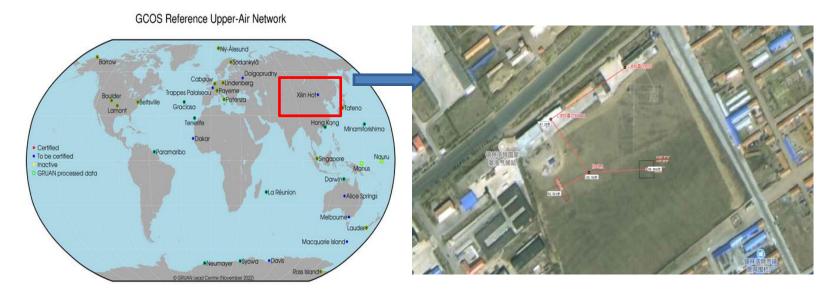






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1.1 Basic information of Xilinhot site





GRUAN Site Report for Xilinhot (XIL), 2023

Reported time range is Jan 2023 to Dec 2023 Created by the Lead Centre Version from 2024-01-31

1 General GRUAN site information

Object	Value
Station name	Xilinhot
Unique GRUAN ID	XIL
Geographical position	43.9500 °N, 116.1200 °E, 1013.0 m
Operated by	IMWB Inner Mongolia Weather Bureau
Main contact	Luo, Hao Wen
WMO no./name	54102 XILINHOT
Operators	currently 0, changes +0 / -0
Sounding Site	1
GNSS	1

representativeness : mid-temperate semi-arid continental monsoon grassland climate in Asia
 metadata: submitted to LC-GRUAN yearly by CMA

 \blacktriangleright observation: participated actively in international comparison in 2022

started GRUAN observation and exploitted GDP on March 2023



1.2 Building observation capacity

no	GRUAN priority 1 and 2 ECVs	Observation equipments	Xilinhot Implement
		RS41 radiosonde as reference	The RS41 is compared with the GTH3 twice a week, Tuesday at 00 UTC, Saturday at 12 UTC
		sounding	The GTH3 is launched once a day at 00,12UTC
1	Vertical profiles of temperature, pressure, water vapour,	Ozone sounding	CYT-1 ECC ozone sounding sensor was connected, releasing once a week on Wednesday or Thursday
	wind speed and direction, and ozone.	Cryogenic Frost-point	It has been played twice in November and December 2023,
1Vertical p wind spe1Vertical p wind spe2Other targe profiles of 		Hygrometer(CFH)	and once a month after June 2024, with RS41 and GTH3
		Surface weather station	The automatically operation is in good condition, the data is
		GNSS/MET	uploaded normally, and the GDP is to be formed.
		Microwave radiometer	
	Other target variables of lower priority comprise vertical	Vertical profiles of aerosol attributes	September 2024
	profiles of aerosol attributes including	Surface net radiation	Yes
2	optical depth, total mass concentration, chemical mass concentration, scattering, and absorption; methane columns; surface net radiation, shortwave downward radiation, shortwave upward radiation, longwave downward radiation, longwave upward radiation, and radiances; cloud properties including cloud amount/frequency, base height, layer heights and thicknesses.	Cloud properties	Millimeter wave cloud radar



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1.3 Preparing for certification

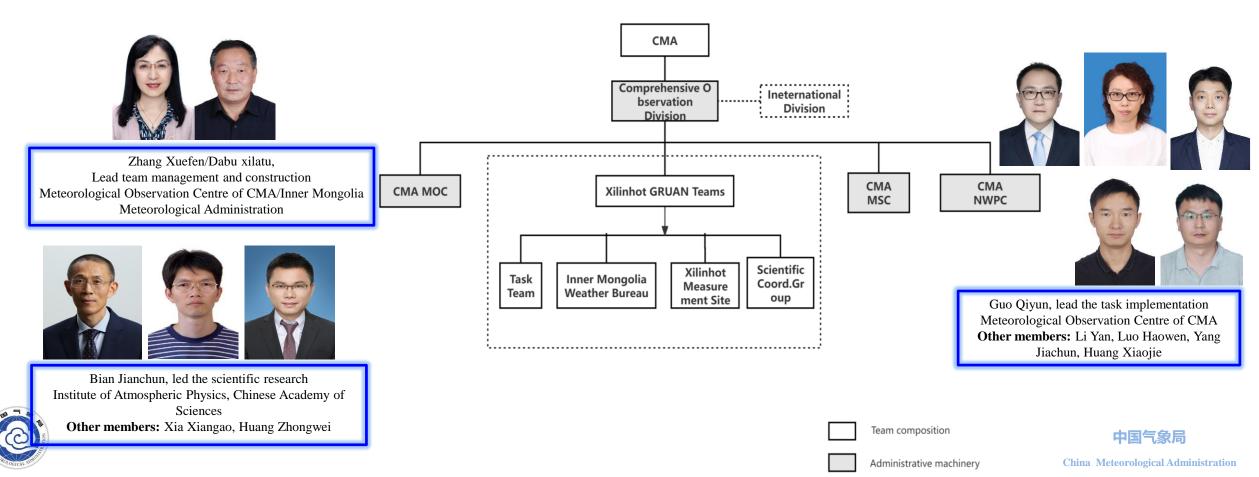
- fulfils mandatory operating protocols in GCOS-171 Section 5.3
- submit GRUAN certification according to GRUAN-TN-5 as soon as possible

▶ get help from GCOS, WG-GRUAN and LC-GRUAN

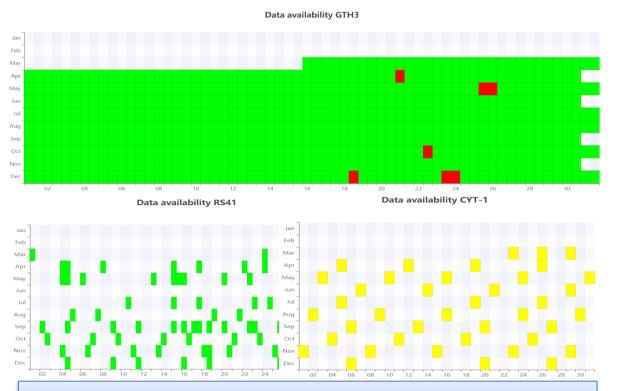
Serial number	Specifics regarding site assessment and certification Mandatory operating protocols	Xilinhot implementation					
1.Traceable	 Calibration traceable to an SI unit or to an internationally accepted standard. Provide traceable ground/instrument checks at the time of each profile measurement, independent of the manufacturer, for any instruments which provide vertical profiles extending from the surface. 	 According to GRUAN-TD-5, the temperature and humidity traceability chain of GTH3 has been established to trace the source to international standards Compare HP32 with 0%SHC and 100%SHC before each GTH3 and RS41 release 					
2.Measurement uncertaint y	A comprehensive uncertainty analysis that includes all known sources of random error, has corrected for known systematic errors, and has documented those sources of uncertainty which could not be quantitatively accounted for.	 According to GRUAN-TN-13, the uncertainty of the temperature, humidity and wind pressure per second of the vertical profile of RS41 was established According to the international comparison results of GRUAN-TD-5 and GTH3, the GTH3 uncertainty analysis method was initially established 					
3.Peer-reviewed literature	Readily accessible documentation of the measurement process and the derivation of the measurement uncertainty with a preference for publications in the peer-reviewed literature.	After the guidance of LC, confirm the rationality of the measurement uncertainty and then write the paper					
4.Processing chain	Availability of complete metadata which provides sufficient information to fully describe the context of the measurement. This necessarily includes the raw data and sufficient details of the processing chain.	The raw data sets of RS41 and GTH3 have been established, and data exchange is to be established Xilinhot metadata has been submitted to GRUAN LC by email					
5.Redundant observations	Validation of the measurement and its uncertainty e.g. through intercomparisons with redundant observations.	The three kinds of ground uncertainty laboratory equipment will be learned in 2024 In real-time redundant measurement with ground-based vertical remote sensing equipment at the same site, it is necessary to learn quality constraints and uncertainty measurement transfer					
6.Annual reports	Provide annual reports summarizing GRUAN operations at the site.	Submit Xilinhot annual report to GRUAN_LC every year					
7.Documented	Conduct measurement programmes with an operational philosophy of continually striving to sustain the measurement quality at a given level. If improvements to measurement accuracy can be achieved, these need to be documented and their adoption agreed with the Lead Centre.	Actively record changes in measurement procedures					
8.Manage and Maintain	 Manage changes in instrumentation, operating procedures, and processing algorithms proactively to avoid introducing spatial or temporal biases in GRUAN data products. Maintain reference instruments and working standards for validating and, where possible, calibrating the measurement systems. 	Manage changes and Maintain reference instruments					
20 Communication	 Actively communicate with other GRUAN groups such as the Lead Centre, WG-GRUAN, task teams and/or other sites, (e.g. through participation in meetings, responding to communications, blog postings etc.). Participate actively in the work of the task team of site representatives. Have a site representative on this task team and a reserve contact for GRUAN purposes 	 Exchanged emails with GRUAN Lead Centre (Dr. Ruud Dirksen) for 23 times this year A site representative on this task team is Guo Qiyun and Luo Haowen 					

1.4 Attaching importance to team building

- \succ in conjunction with universities, research institutes ...
- > 2 managers, 3 scientists and 5 engineers are responsible for implementation, certification and research



1.5 Starting fixed sounding observation



RS41, GTH3, ozone(CYT-1) radiosonde data statistics (by December 31, 2023)

Ozone sounding and intercomparison of GTH3, CFH and RS41

➢ start time: March 16, 2023



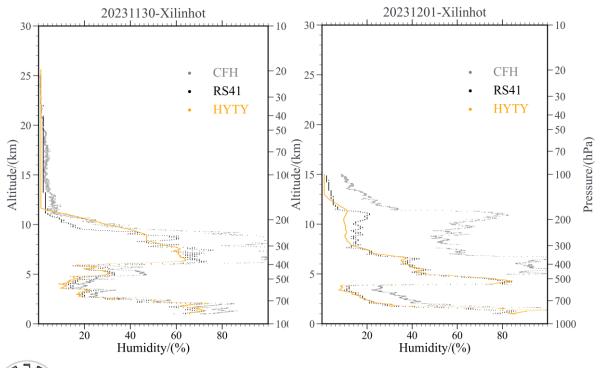
observation frequency: GTH3 twice a day, RS41 twice a week, and ozone once a week

samples: GTH3(720), RS41(86), and ozone(50), up to March 12,2024

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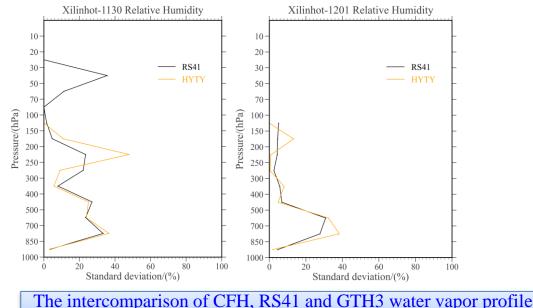
1.6 Comparison to CFH(and RS41)

- times: respectively once in November and December 2023
- ➢ consistency: the performance of GTH3 is consistent with CFH and RS41 below 15km
- Follow-up arrangement: once comparison every month from June 2024



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Xa represents the measurement results of the test meteorosonde, Xb represents the measurement results of CFH low temperature frost point hygrometer, and n represents the total amount of detected data



(standard deviation)



The intercomparison of CFH, RS41 and GTH3 water vapor profile

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1.7 Comparison to RS41

times: twice a week, every Tuesday 00UTC and Saturday 12UTC

GDP: about 65 sets according to the GRUAN RsLaunch Client

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Vaisala RS41-SG radiosonde

Vaisala base box

intercomparison of RS41and GTH3

The GDP file of 65 sets of RS41 has been completed in 2023



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1.8 Preprocessing GRUAN data

- > quality control : rawdata of GTH3 radiosondes was carried out
- > comparison: GTH3 with ground-based microwave radiometer and FY-3 satellite was carried out



1.9 Developing GTH3 GDP progress-UAII2022

- > GTH3 represented operational sounding to participate in international comparison (nonoperational : CF-06-AH)
- It was assessed to be suitable for applications in aeronautic meteorology, near/ultra-short term forecasting, global numerical weather forecasting and real-time monitoring applications



atmospheric temperature and relative humidity measurements $\Lambda^{\delta}_{\ \sigma(\delta)\ \pm\ \varepsilon}$

	Atmospheric	temperatue [K]	1		Relative hum	idity [%RH]	
PBL	FT	UTLS	MUS	PBL	FT	UTLS	MUS
Day $0.18 \frac{-0.05}{0.17} \pm 0.03$	$0.12^{+0.05}_{0.11} \pm 0.0$	$4 \ 0.09 \ _{0.08}^{+0.01} \pm 0.02$	$0.27 \ _{0.16}^{-0.22} \pm 0.10$	$7.00_{4.41}^{-5.43} \pm 0.74$	$8.75 {}^{-3.50}_{8.02} \pm 0.60$	$7.73{}^{-1.55}_{7.58}\pm 0.40$	$1.69{}^{+1.48}_{-0.82}\pm 0.46$

Night $0.38_{0.34}^{-0.17} \pm 0.05 \ 0.15_{0.15}^{+1.02} \pm 0.02 \ 0.12_{0.10}^{+0.02} \pm 0.05 \ 0.10_{0.10}^{-0.03} \pm 0.02$ $1.72_{4.66}^{+0.16} \pm 0.15 \ 0.13_{6.02}^{-0.12} \pm 0.05 \ 1.74_{0.16}^{+1.54} \pm 0.26 \ 1.71_{0.74}^{+1.54} \pm 0.28$

The night valuer of the GTH3 s slightly larger than that of the day, and the temperature value is smaller than that of other radiosondes, so the GTH3 has better temperature detection performance

			Geopo	otential height	[m]	Pressure [hPa]					
		PBL	FT	FT	UTLS	MUS					
GTH3					$\begin{array}{c} 29.5 {}^{+23.4}_{17.9} \pm 4.2 \\ 26.7 {}^{+20.7}_{16.8} \pm 4.2 \end{array}$						
The geopo	tential h	neight	and the pressu	ire measuremen	t error is small ar	nd at t	he average lev	el			

	j.	Wind (hor	rizontal) direct	ion [°]	V	/ind (hori	zontal) speed	[ms ⁻¹]	W	ind (horiz	ontal) vector	[ms ⁻¹]
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The GTH3 wind accuracy is high and stable

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Humidity sensor performance at Th room conditions







Humidity and temperature sensor performance at low temperature

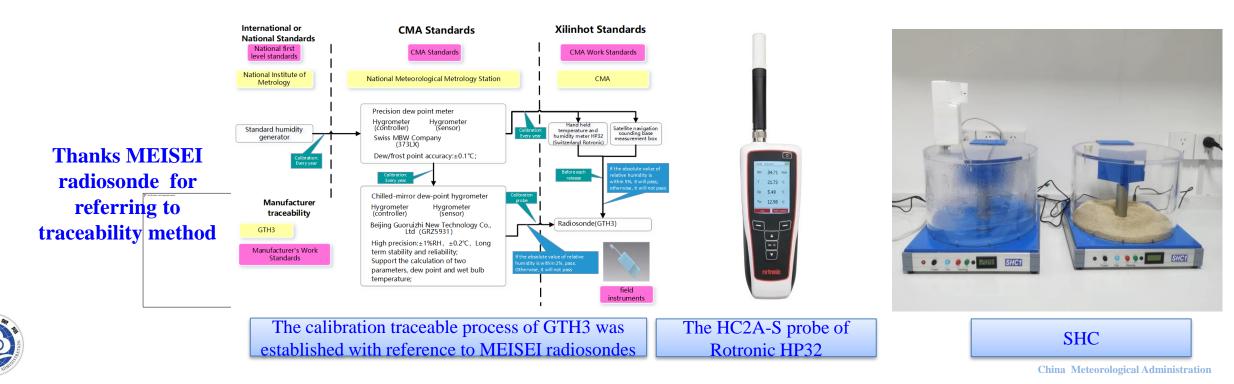


Radiation sensitivity of air temperature measurement

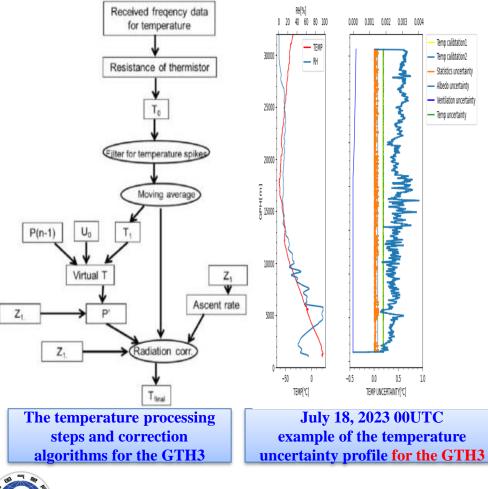
1.9 Developing GTH3 GDP progress-calibration traceable

manufacturer traceability: Before ex-factory, the manufacturer is required to calibrate T, U and P sensors
 site traceability: Site technicians compare GTH3 with the HC2A-S probe of Rotronic HP32 in 0% and 100% standard humidity room check (SHC) for 10 mins before releasing GTH3 and RS41

instrument traceability: The HC2A-S probe of Rotronic HP32 are calibration traceable to an SI unit every year



1.9 developing GTH3 GDP progress-temperature

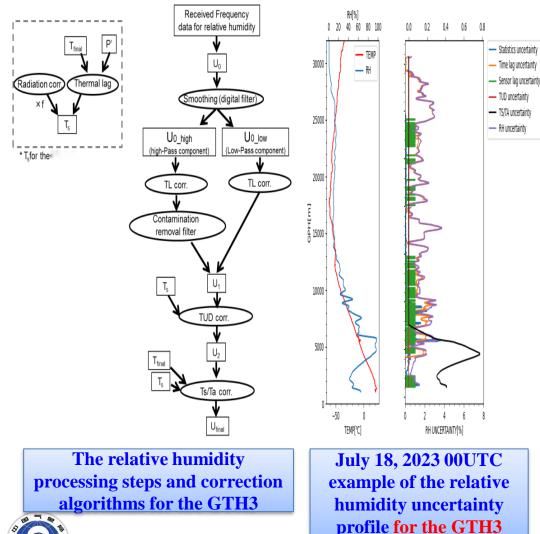


due to the lack of radiation sensitivity of temperature measurement, based on the GRUAN-TD-5, the Meisei RS-11G and iMS-100 uncertainty sources, and the UAII2022 Lindenberg results, the uncertainty sources and values for GTH3 temperature processing steps was studied and established (thanks to WMO, GCOS, GRUAN and JMA, etc.)

Components	Value [K]	Reference
Solar radiation (albedo)	$\left I_{clear}-I_{cloudy}\right /(2\sqrt{3})$	The albedo is corrected by 0.1 (e.g., sea surface), 0.2 (assumed in the actual correction algorithm), and 0.6 (e.g., under cloudy conditions) at 100 hPa and 10 hPa pressures, respectively.
Solar radiation (ventilation)	$\Delta T(Ascent rate + 3m/s)/\sqrt{3}$	With reference to Meisii's correction of 6 m/s and 9 m/s for balloon ascent/ventilation at 100 hPa and 10 hPa pressure, the final temperature will have a thermal deviation of ~0.5 K in the stratosphere when highly reflective clouds are present.
Thermistor calibration	0.173	Calibrate the variability of the thermistor and record the calibration values of 35 ° C, 0 ° C, -40 ° C and -80 ° C for six months. The annual variation range must be within 0.3K
Variability in the calibration chamber	0.075	At the same time, 10 sensors are calibrated, and the spatial variability of the calibration chamber is between -85°C and +40°C
Heat spike	0	A 600g balloon with a 10-meter rope length is used, and the typical uncertainty value of thermal peak filtering is 0.1 to 0.2K. Xilinhot 30m rope length can uncorrected
Evaporative cooling	-	The uncertainty generated by thermistor after passing through the supercooled droplet cloud. Uncorrected 信意局

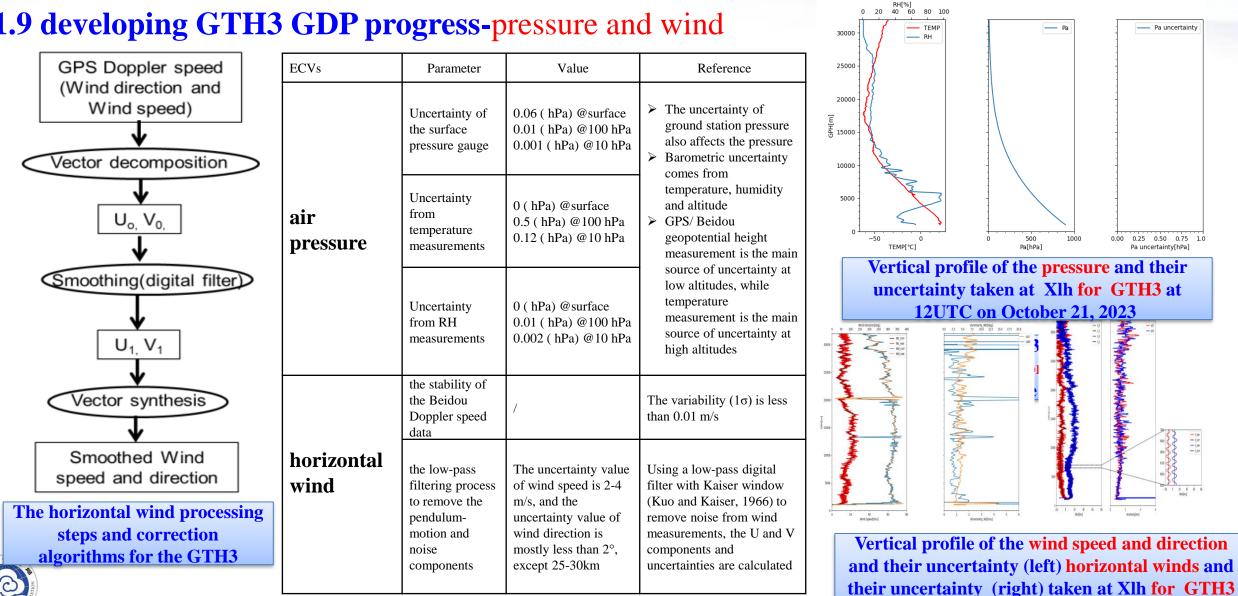


1.9 developing GTH3 GDP progress-relative humidity



based on the GRUAN-TD-5, the Meisei RS-11G and iMS-100 uncertainty sources, and the UAII2022 Lindenberg results, the uncertainty sources and values for GTH3 relative humidity processing steps was studied and established (thanks to WMO, GCOS, GRUAN and JMA, etc.)

Components	Value[%RH]	Reference
Sensor calibration	1.15	At 25°C, 15%RH, 30%RH, 50%RH, 70%RH, 90%RH and 95%RH were calibrated for each batch of sonde humidity sensors, and 1.15 was obtained after 6 months of statistics
SHC 100 %RH check	1.23	HP32 Calibration uncertainty at 0% and 100% humidity
GC check	0.173	Reference to the uncertainty of calibration of Beidou sounding base test box
Time-lag correction	$U(u_{\tau}) \\ u_{\tau} = \tau \times 0.25 \\ \tau = 1.5692EX \\ P(-0.078T)$	The uncertainty of the reference delay correction (the lower the temperature, the larger the delay correction) mainly comes from the uncertainty of the response time constant of the humidity-sensitive capacitor.
TUD correction	1.2	The reference temperature compensation value is 1.2, and temperature compensation is performed for the relative humidity deviation under the condition of -80-40 degrees
Ts/Ta correction	U(△T) where△T 0.3K/√3	According to the formula, the thermal lag and solar radiation heating above 600hPa are significant, and the E+E humidity sensor has no temperature resistance, so it is necessary to develop humidity sensor for heating temperature measurement
Hysteresis	1.8	The reference value is 1.8. 中国气象局
Contamination	_	Correction amount itself (depending on weather conditions)



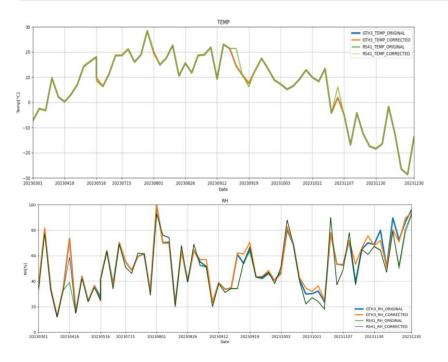
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1.9 developing GTH3 GDP progress-pressure and wind

1.9 developing GTH3 GDP progress-overall performance

raw and corrected value of 850hPa temperature and humidity

GRUAN Observation Index requirements (GCOS-134)



Variables	Temperature	Water vapour	Pressure	Wind speed	Wind direction
ECVs			Priority 1		
Measurement range	170-350 K	0.1-90000 ppmv	1-1100 hPa	0-200 m/s	0-360°
Vertical range	0-40 km	0-40 km	0-40 km,0-30 km is routinely achievable with radiosondes	0-40 km	0-40 km
Vertical resolution	0.1km (≤30km) 0.5km (> 30km)	0.05km (≤5km) 0.1km (5~30km)	0.1 hPa	0.05km (troposphere) 0.25km (stratosphere)	0.05km (troposphere) 0.25km (stratosphere)
Random error	0.2 K	2% (troposphere)5% (stratosphere)	0.01 hPa or WMO CIMO 8	0.5 m/s (troposphere) 1.0 m/s (stratosphere)	1° (troposphere) 5° (stratosphere)
Systematic error (bias)	0.1K (troposphere) 0.2K (stratosphere)	2% (troposphere and stratosphere) WMO-No. 8 recommends 5%	0.1 hPa or WMO-No. 8	0.5 m/s	5°
Stability	ty 0.05 K 1% (0.3%/ten years) Better than a quarter of the random error quoted above. 0.1 m/s (tro		0.1 m/s (troposphere) 0.5 m/s (stratosphere)	1° (troposphere) 5° (stratosphere)	

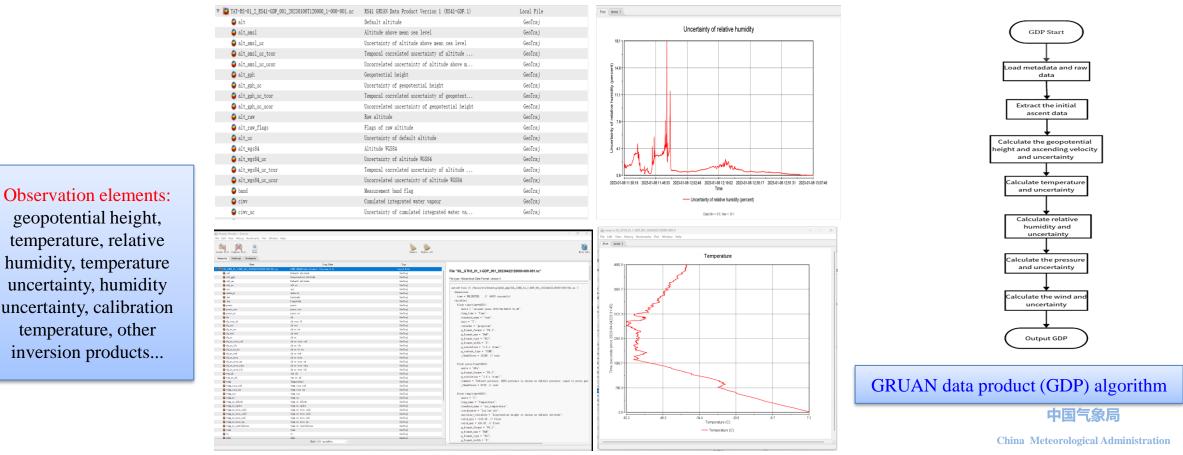
GRUAN uncertainty analysis technique was applied to 65 sets of RS41 and GTH3 from March to December in 2023

Temperature uncertainty of GTH3 was 0.19°C, relative humidity (WV) uncertainty was 1.38%RH,

wind speed uncertainty was 0.31m/s, and wind direction uncertainty was 1.51°

1.9 developing GTH3 GDP progress- data flow

- According to NetCDF Data format of GDP, 65 sets of GTH3 and RS41 have been formed
- GDP will be submitted to the LC-GRUAN by May 2024, and start certification of Xlh and GTH3



geopotential height, temperature, relative humidity, temperature uncertainty, humidity uncertainty, calibration temperature, other inversion products...

1.10 Next work and suggestions

- Before May 2024, CMA will submit GDP of intercomparison of 65 sets of GTH3 and RS41 in 2023 to LC-GRUAN for certification
- From June 2024, Xlt will strat CFH intercomparison and stratospheric weather balloon observation
 (≥40km) once per month
- Before December 2024, three sets of sounding ground laboratory, including investigations of humidity and temperature sensor at low temperatures, six of relative humidity calibration checks (SHCs), and wind tunnel setup for radiation experiments, will be built in Inner Mongolia
 Meteorological Bureau to support GRUAN uncertainty analysis and certification
- By 2025, CMA will complete certification of the GTH3 and Xlh, and start the certification of remote sensing and other observation GDP



1.10 Next work and suggestions

- It is suggested that GCOS, WG-GRUAN and LC-GRUAN can arrange technical experts come to China help Xlh in 2024, and conduct in-depth technical guidance with certification.
- CMA will do his best to achieve certification of Xlh site and GTH3 radiosonde by 2025, and will send someone to Lindenberg for studying between 2024 and 2025.







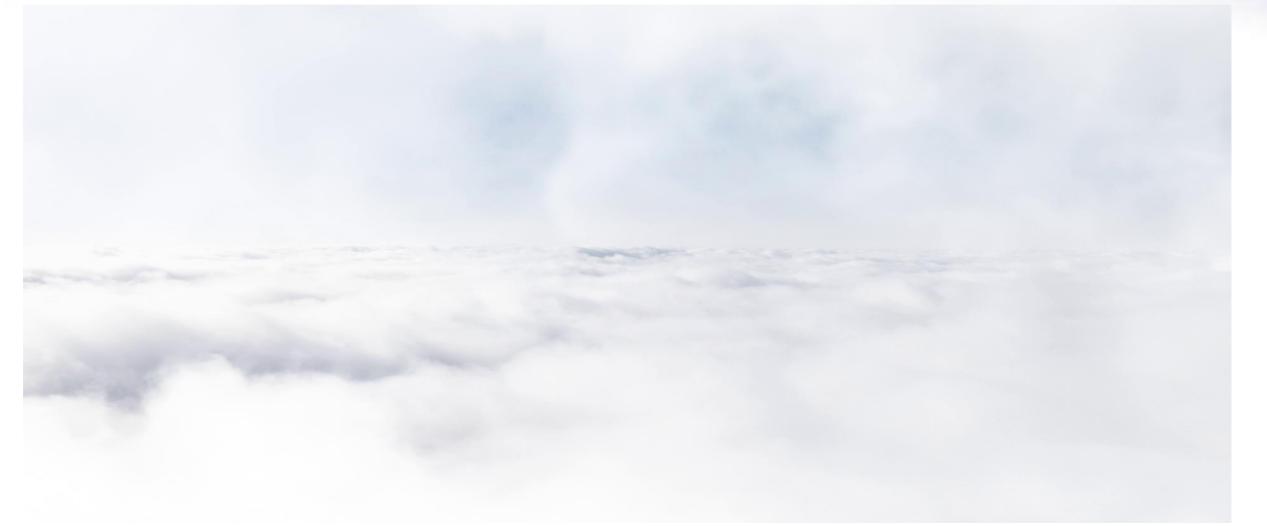








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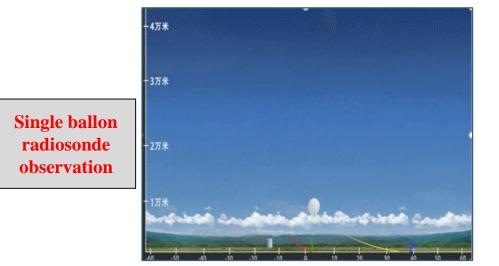






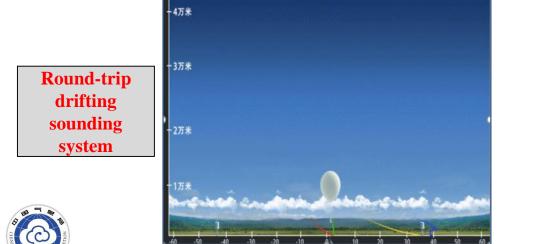
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2.1 Comparison of sounding mode

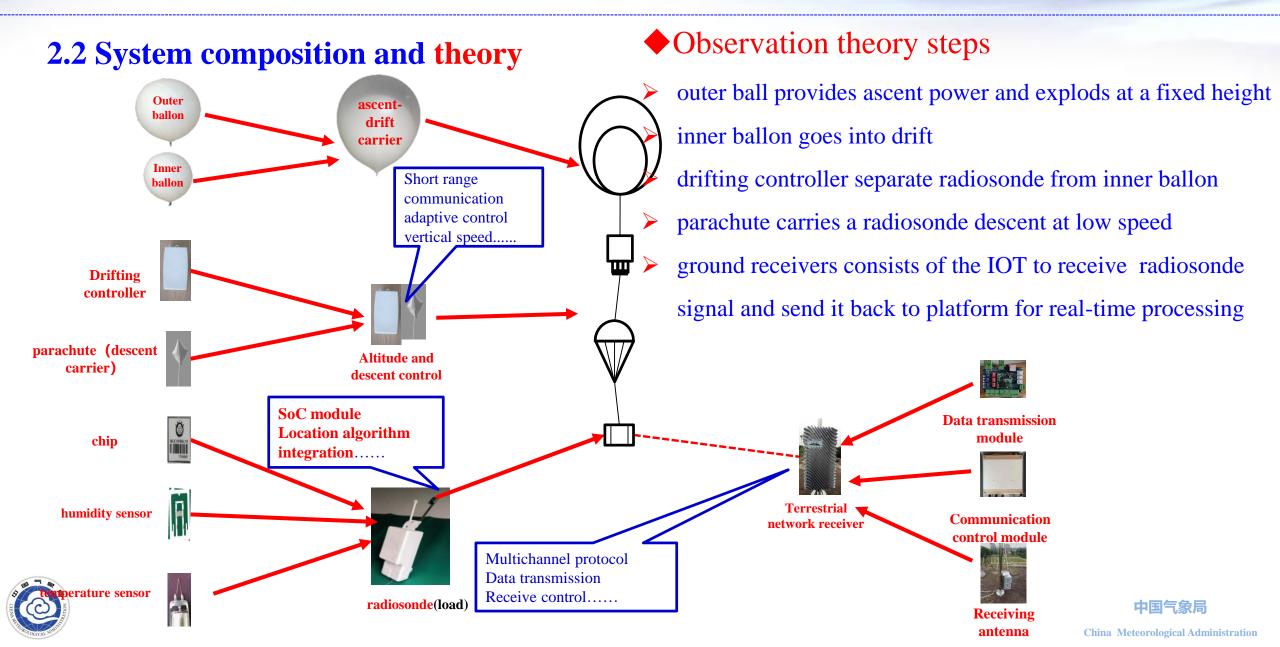




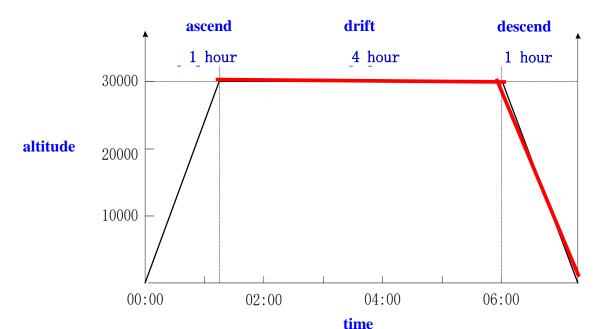
- single point balloon release single point semi-automatic tracking radiosonde
- one profile data was obtained from one observation
- 26-28km altitude, 1 hour ascent observation
- navigation positioning wind measurement
- single point balloon release Ground to upper air Iot reception multi-station network automatic tracking radiosonde
- 2 profiles (ascent descent) +1 drift section data were obtained in one observation
- 24-28km altitude, 4 hours drift observation and 1hour descent observation



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2.3 Observation process

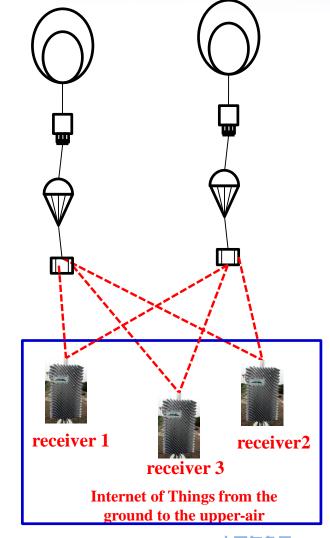


based on the first ascent sounding, the drift and descent observation have been expanded

 \succ it promote development of numerical weather prediction model such as GRAPES (







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2.4 Early technology development



A round-trip drifting sounding system with three observation stages of ascent-drift- descent is developed

2018

In the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River, the RDSS observation experiment has been carried out, and the key technology has been overcome

2020 -2023

Guangdong has successfully carried out phased pilot operational and data application.

The observation, data and application departments of the China Meteorological Administration have worked together to establish a full business process for data collection, transmission and application

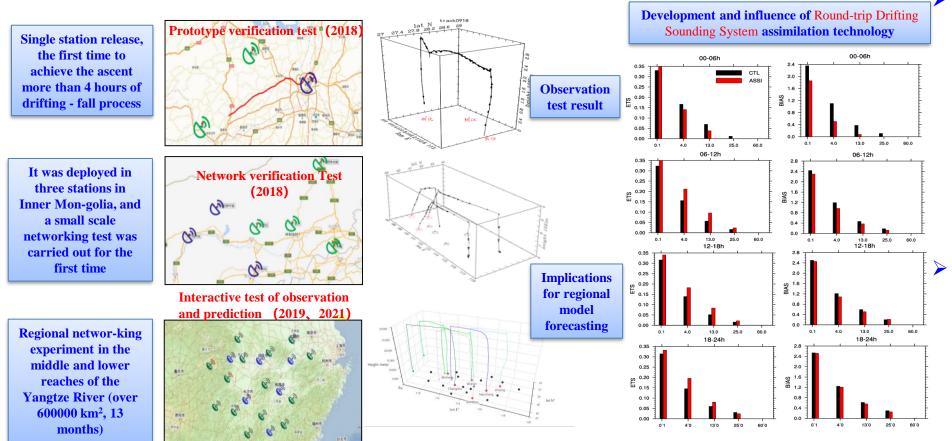
- > more than 7,000 tests was carried out in the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River, Guangdong and Inner Mongolia
- > operation of hardware and software, data processing ,and assimilation of RDSS have been comprehensively tested



• CMA will actively carry out joint applications with other countries to promote the in-depth application of data of RDSS

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2.5 Typical regional observation and assimilation



Result benefit:

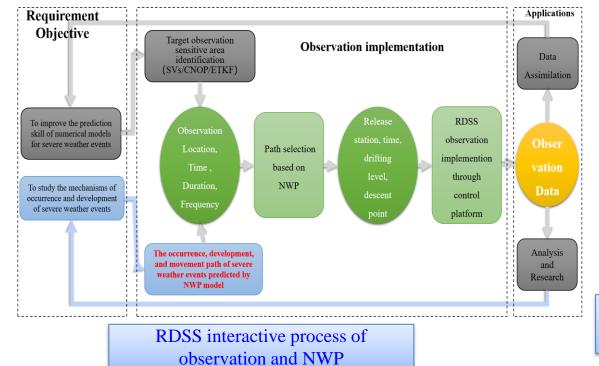
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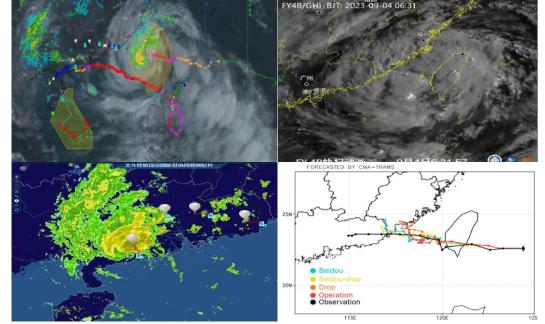


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2.6 Typical target observation and assimilation applications

- > drift-descent observation can achieve intensive scientific sounding and collaborative observation
- Radiosondes can be controlled to implement target observation in a specific area, to achieve observation and NWP linkage.





At 12:00 UTC on September 3, Affected by Typhoon "Haikui" carried out the Beidou RDSS observation in the Guangdong 4 upper-air sounding stations.and the 60-90 hour track forecast is improved, and the 72 hour and 90 hour track errors are reduced by 66.8km and 82.4km, respectively



2.6 Technology promotion and sharing

- RDSS was presented to WMO Secretariat in October 2022, published in wigos Newsletter Vol.9 No.1 in January 2023
- > In March 2023, it was written into the WIGOS 2040 high-level guidance document to emphasize new technologies
- > RDSS review paper has been submitted to BAMS journal, hoping to further promote the application and promotion
- > CMA will actively contribute experts to promote and demonstrate use of RDSS in WMO specifications and guidelines

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We need help from GCOS, WG-GRUAN and LC-GRUAN... guide to certification of XLH site and GTH3 radiosonde.

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> On the basis of the relationship between balloon size and explosion diameter, an algorithm of the relationship between balloon size and take-off height is established by introducing temperature coefficient.

