

# VIIRS in RTG SST HR

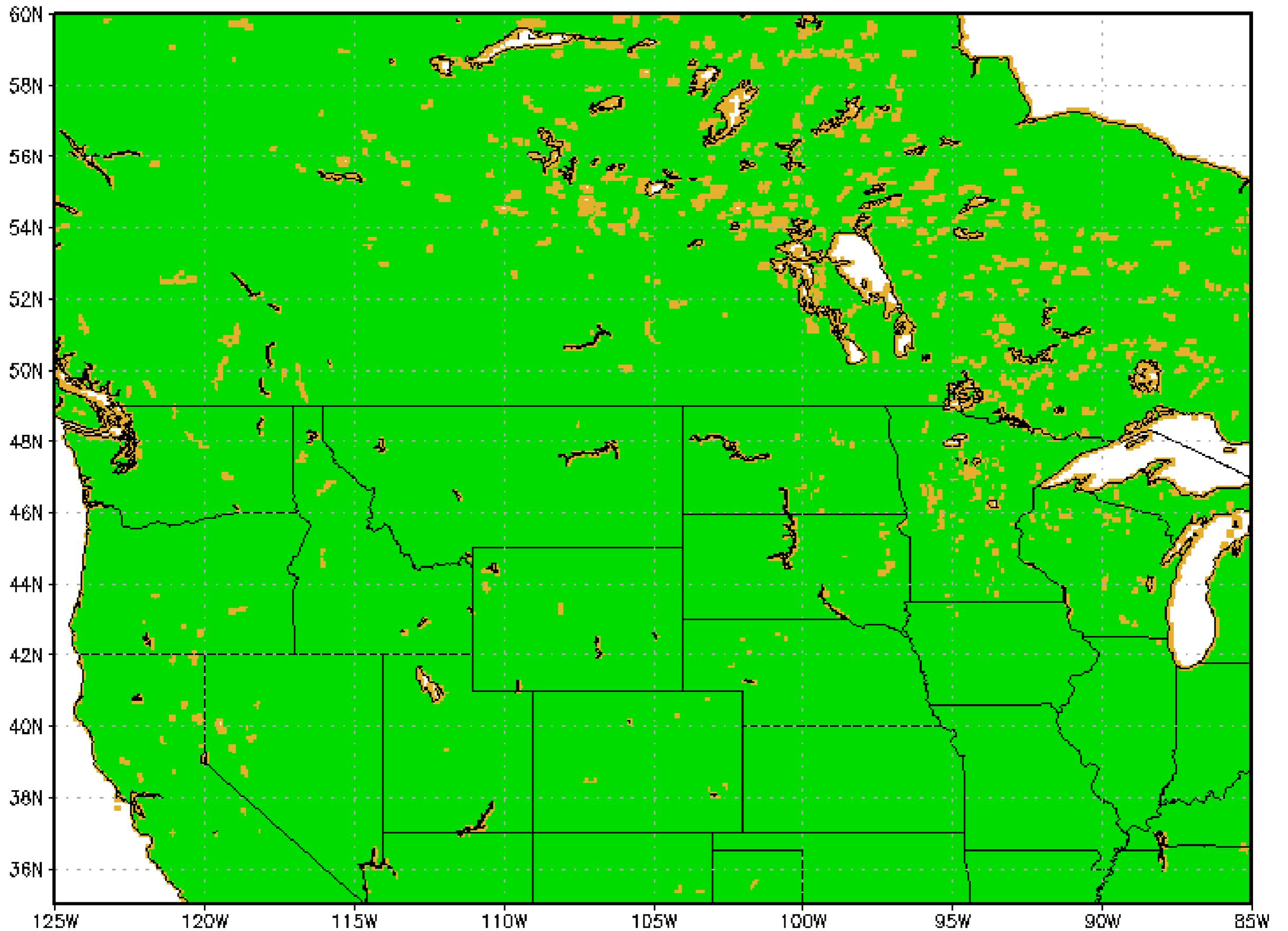
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# RTG Data Sources

- In Situ
  - Buoys, Ships, CMAN, (to come: ARGO, Walrus, )...
- Satellite
  - AVHRR — L1b — physical retrievals (NOAA-18, 19; Metop A, B)
  - GOES-13,15 — L3 — NESDIS composited retrievals
  - VIIRS — L2 (to come) — High resolution retrievals (~1 km)
  - AMSR2 — L2 (to come+1) — Microwave (large footprint, but see through clouds)

# RTG Analysis Grids

- Being retired — half degree
- Operational — 1/12th degree, 5 arcmin, ~10 km
  - Future — N. America at 2.5 km?
- Masking via bounding curves to arbitrary target
- Daily average, buoy depth
  - Future — buoy depth and ?skin temperature
  - Future — resolve diurnal cycle (6 hrs or more frequent analysis)



# VIIRS

L2 ACSPO -- SST Retrievals

GHR SST (CF 2.0) NetCDF

Rely on SSES

BUFR

NWS Operations

Challenges of volume + format

# Verification

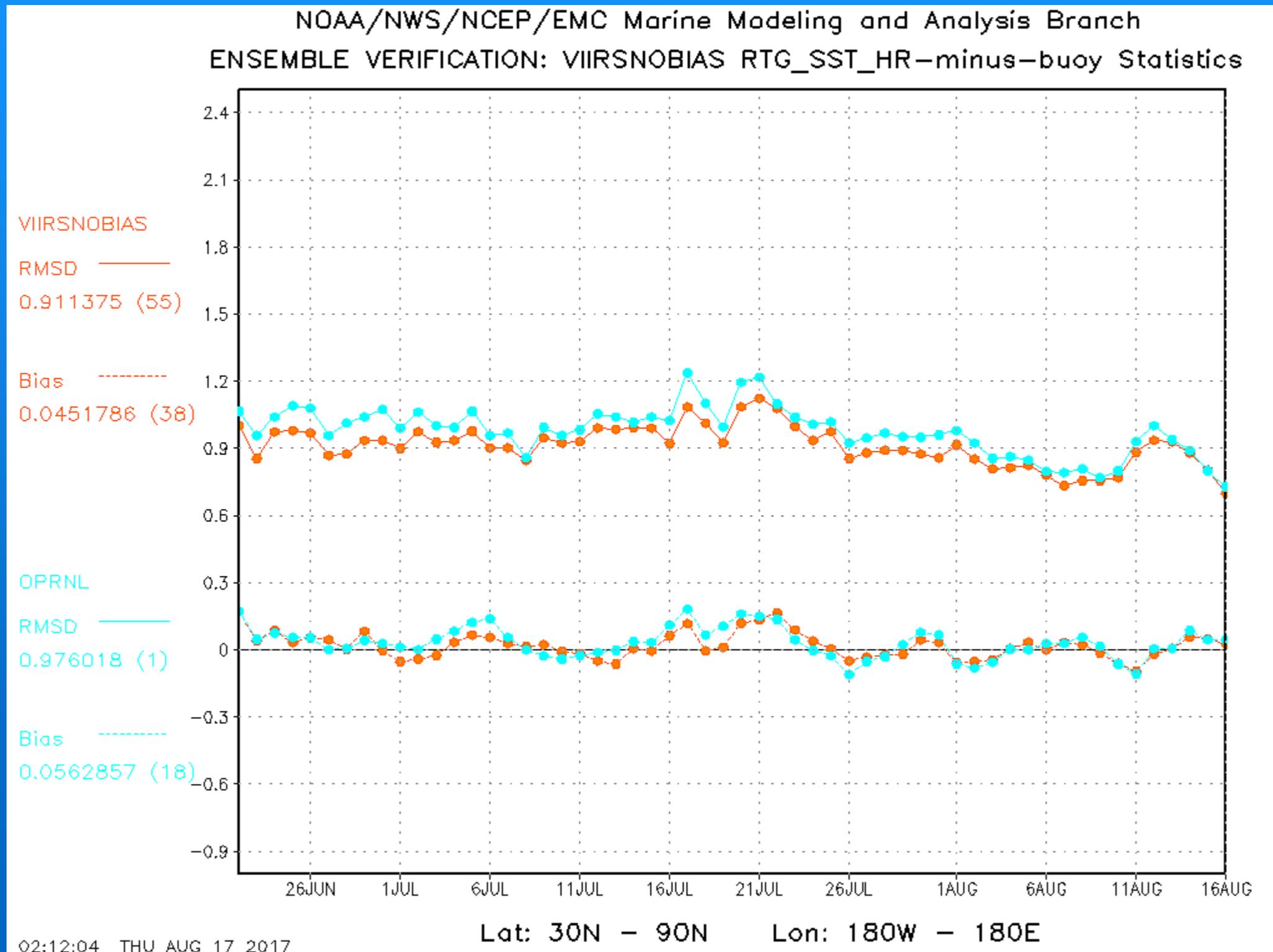
33 subdomains

5 repeated, independent, analyses with 20% of in situ withheld

Score against withheld data

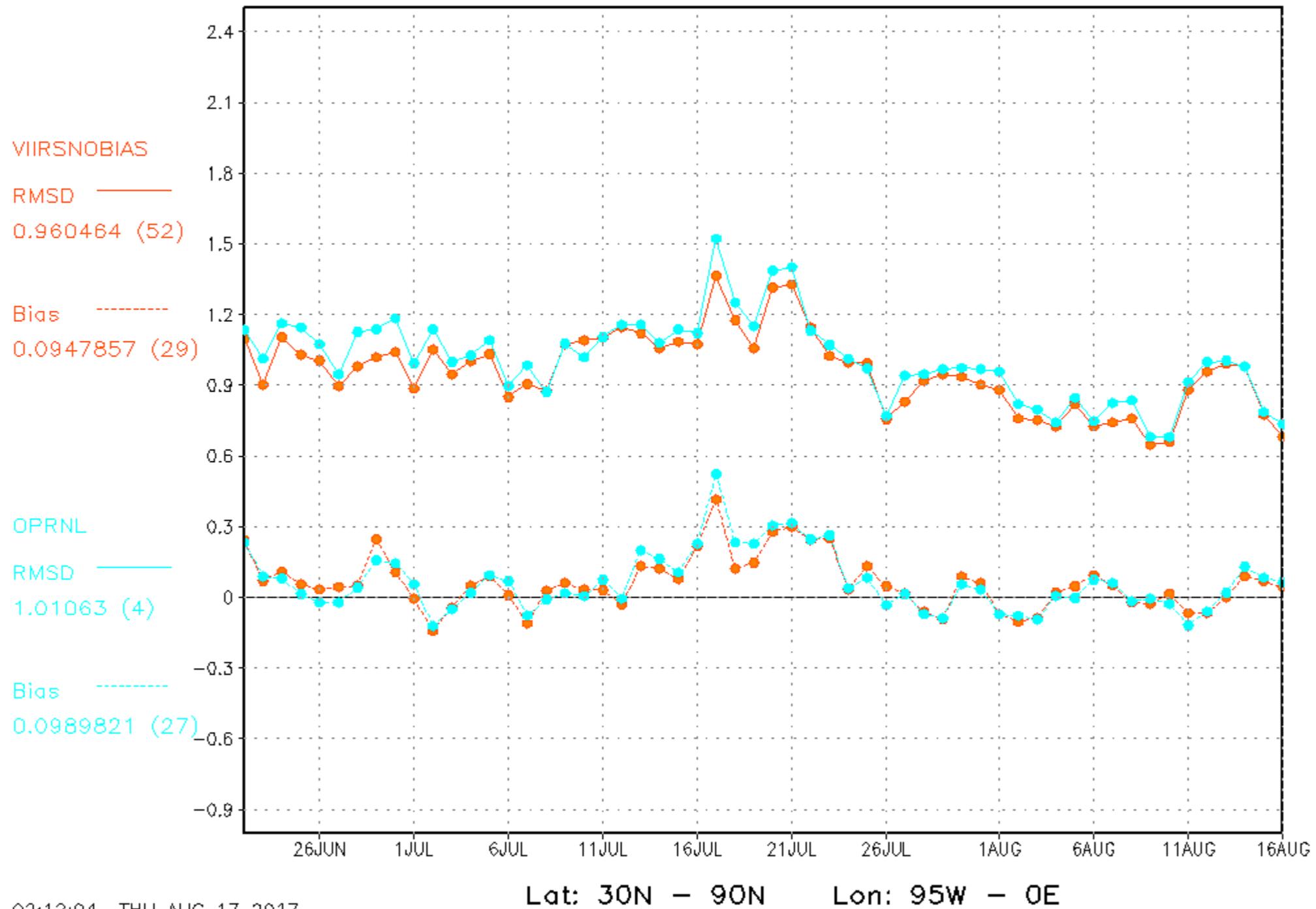
Bernoulli trial assessment

# Verification -- NH extratropical



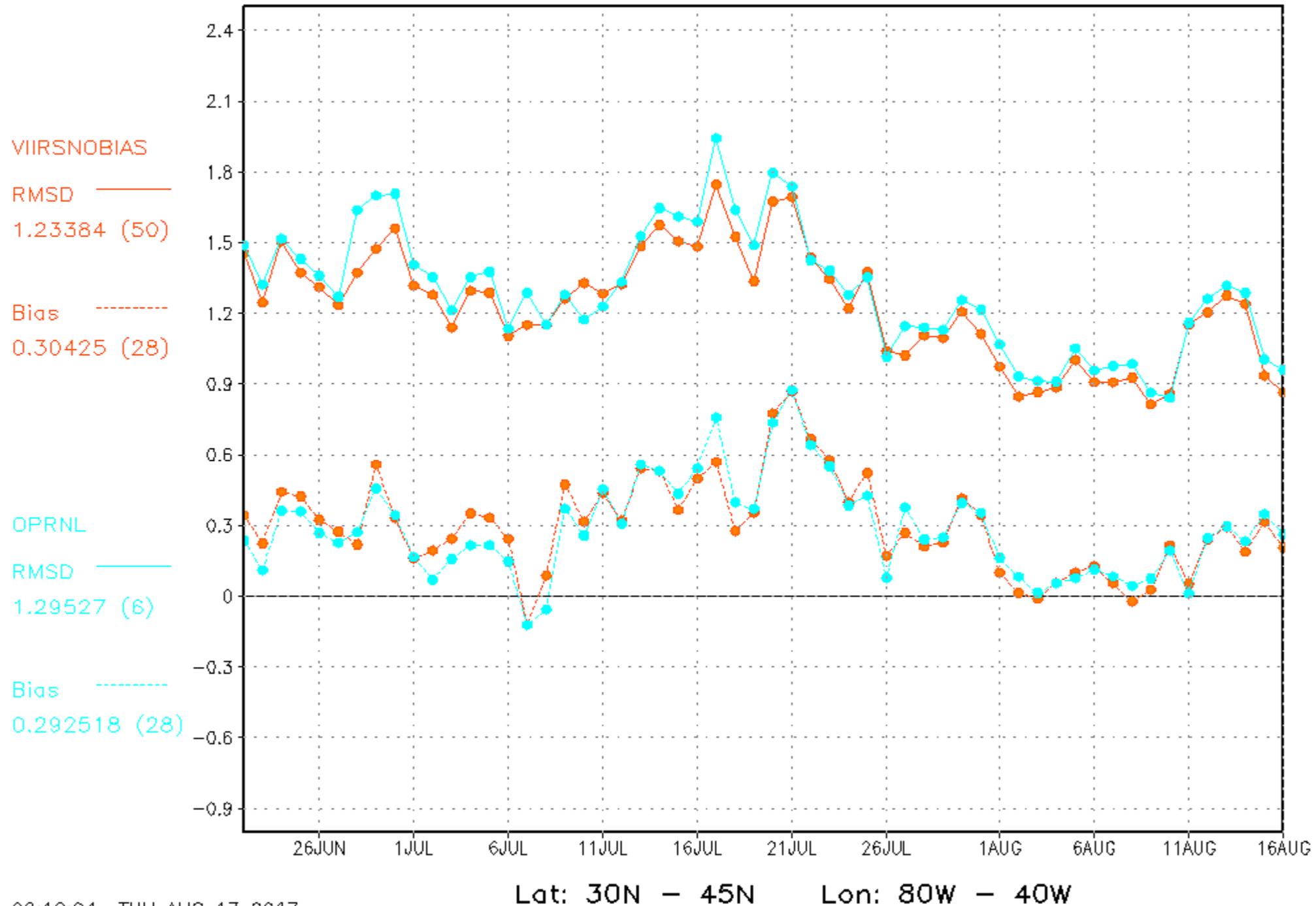
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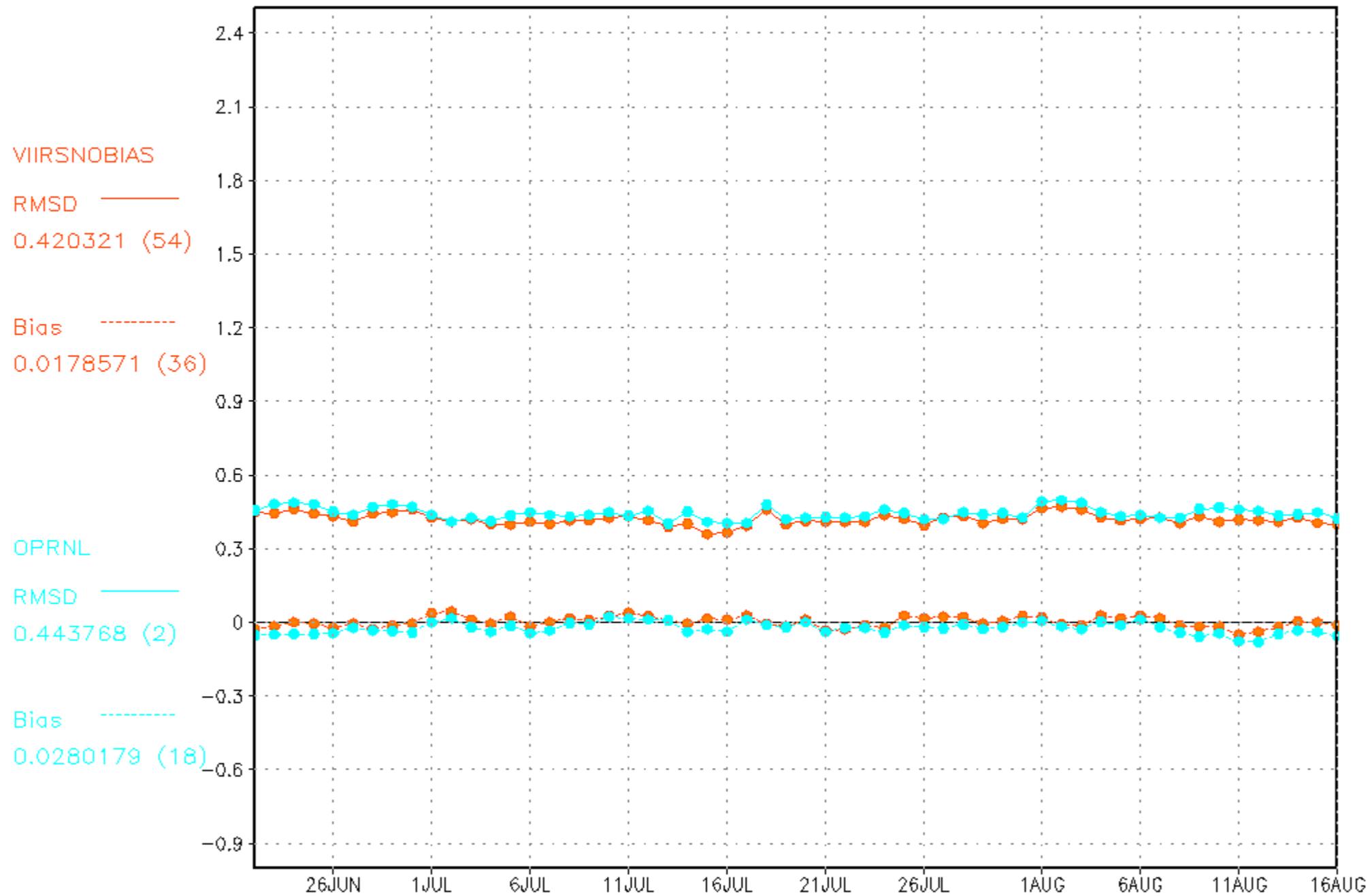
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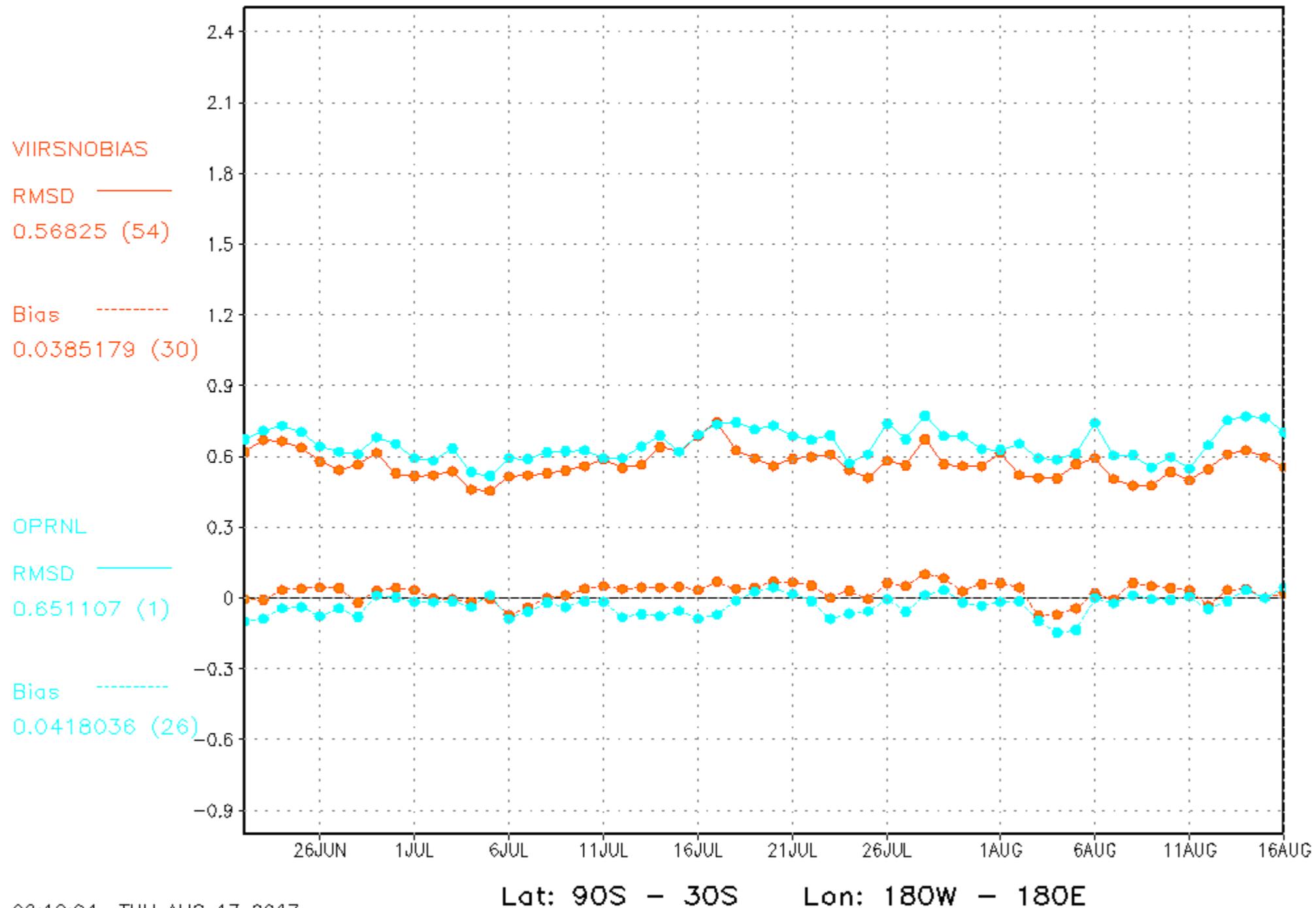
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# SH Extratropical

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# Conclusions

Clear winner

Implementation ~Fall 2017

Thank you