

Improvements To and Status of the Data Quality Health and Status System

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Introduction

The Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) Data Quality Office (DQO) has made a number of improvements and additions over the past year to its main tool for inspecting and assessing ARM data quality—the Data Quality Health and Status (DQ HandS) system (<http://dq.arm.gov/>). Among the improvements and additions, some of which are shown below, are the inclusion of ARM Mobile Facility (AMF) data; a new plot browser to facilitate the viewing of DQ HandS diagnostic plots; an improved method for writing and databasing weekly data quality assessment reports; a new automated daily alert, an improved method for searching ARM report databases (see Doty and Wagener’s abstract in this proceeding); addition of more instrument and value-added products output, and creation of a development version of DQ HandS that allows the present system to become a true production tool.

ARM Mobile Facility Data in Data Quality Health and Status

AMF data from the Point Reyes deployment are currently being displayed in DQ HandS. Metrics tables and diagnostic plots are updated hourly. This allows analysts to quickly assess the quality of data collected at AMF sites. The flags in Figure 1 alert an analyst of potential problems. Figure 2 shows SKYRAD plots available for the Richland, Washington (RLD), beta test deployment.

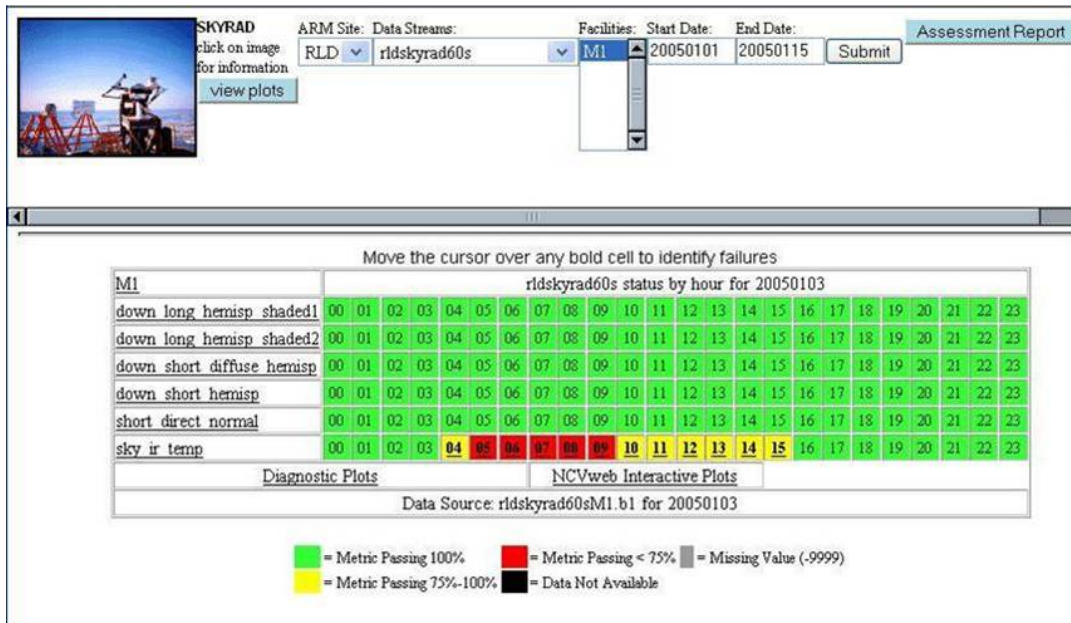


Figure 1. RLD skyrad60s on January 3, 2005.

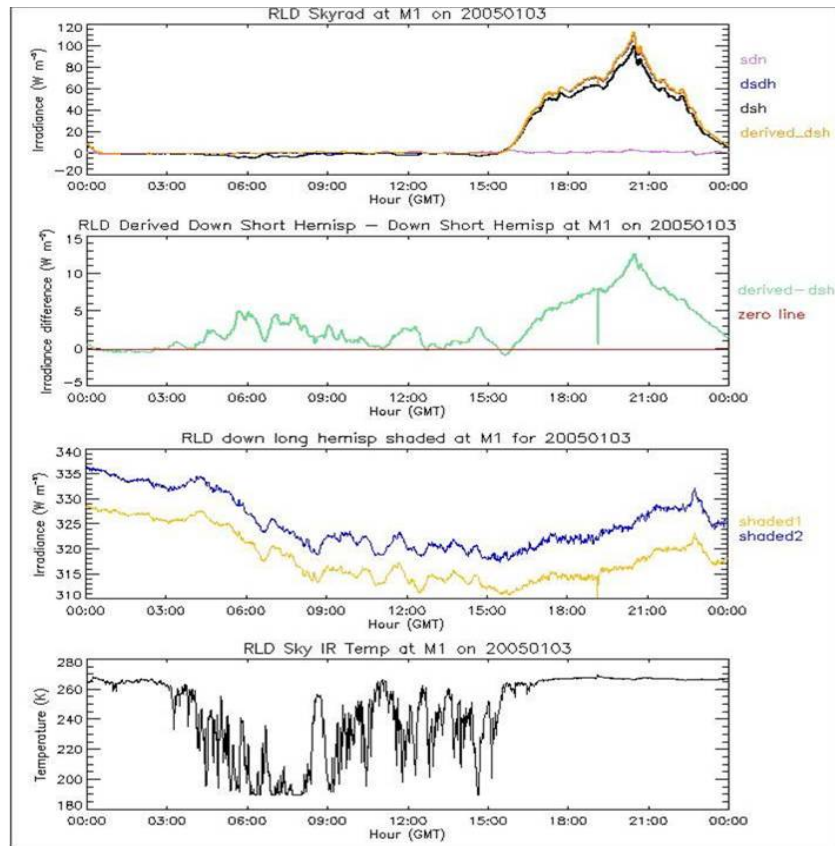


Figure 2. Skyrad60s plots for RLD.

Data Quality Plot Browser

The new diagnostic plot browser (<http://dq.arm.gov/plotbrowser/>) developed by Mission Research Corporation (MRC) has greatly enhanced data quality assessment for DQO analysts and mentors. A link from the main DQ Hands page allows users quick access to plots for a specified site, instrument, and time period. Figure 3 shows the front page of the browser and Figure 4 displays the result of selecting RLD skyrad60s from January 3 to January 15, 2005.

Welcome to Plot Browser Version: 20041020. Start your search by selecting a site from the 'Search Site' List.

ARM DQ Hands Plot Browser

Operation is as follows:

1. Start your search by selecting a site at the top left of your screen. Operation tips are displayed in the top frame as you proceed.
2. Data streams for your selected site will be displayed. Choose one or more data streams from the list. Typically, multiple selections are achieved while holding down the shift or control keys.
3. Choose a search date, or leave the default (which gives the most recent plots). Only valid dates for your datastream selection will be available.
4. Decide whether you want to search by list, or by thumbnail. Thumbnails exist back to 1-Jan-2004.
5. By default, seven days will be displayed at a time. You may change this to any number between 1 and 30.
6. Click on 'Get Plots'

At this point, your search results will be returned in the right or center frame of the screen. You can filter the results by facility and/or plot type. You can also easily get the next or previous set of days without setting up a new search.

In list mode, the selected plots will show up in the right frame. In thumbnail mode, most of the screen is used to display thumbnails and clicking on the thumbnail will bring up the plot in its own window.

This application has been coded with speech-accessible tags in order to be operational by users of voice recognition software. See these [detailed instructions](#).

Problems or Comments? Email Sean Moore at moore@mrcsb.com

Figure 3. DQ Hands plot browser.



Figure 4. Thumbnail plots available.

New Data Quality Database

Data Quality Assessments (DQA) are now being stored in a database that allows analysts to recall previously entered assessments and see related Data Quality Problem Reports, problem identification forms, and baseline change requests. Figure 5 shows the web entry linked form DQ HandS where analysts make weekly assessments. This tool allows easier searching of all relevant ARM reports, including Engineering Change Requests (ECRs) and Engineering Work Orders (EWOs); Figure 6 shows the search page of the DQA database.

DATA QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT			
Assessment Originator: Karen Sonntag			
Site(s): RLD	Source: SKYRAD	Facilities: M1	Time Range: 01/03/2005 - 01/15/2005
When your assessment is distributed (emailed), the following standard text will be added to the distribution message:			
<p>Data evaluated based on visual inspection of DQ Health and Status tables, found at http://dq.arm.gov/cgi-bin/dqmenu.pl. These reports are produced by the ARM Data Quality Office at the University of Oklahoma. Questions can be sent to Karen Sonntag (k.sonnitag@ou.edu) or Randy Peppler (rpeppler@ou.edu)</p> <p>*** new developments are highlighted in bold ***</p>			
Please enter the textual portion of your assessment report below:			
<p>Note: Information such as site, instrument and time range will automatically be included with your report when distributed. You need not re-enter it below</p> <p>M1 (Richland, WA): rldskyrad60s: sky_1r_temp fails the min on 1/14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28. down_long_hemis_shaded1 and 2 fail the min on 1/15, 16.</p>			
<p>Save Save and Email Recall a saved assessment</p> <p>Enter DQPR Enter PIF Enter DQR</p>			
Related DQPRs, PIFs and DQRs -			
<p>DQPRs:</p> <p>[DQ Problem Date Range: 01/03/2005-01/15/2005] [Quality: All] [Submitter: All]</p> <p>No DQPRs for specified criteria</p>			
<p>PIFs</p> <p>[Subm. Date Range: 07/01/1993 - 03/02/2005] [Submitter: All] [Assignee: All]</p> <p>No PIFs for specified criteria</p>			
<p>DQRs</p> <p>[DQ Problem Date Range: 01/03/2005 - 01/15/2005] [Quality: All] [Submitter: All]</p> <p>No DQRs for specified criteria</p>			
<p>BCRs: State - Open</p> <p>0 BCR(s) returned</p>			
<p>ECRs: State - Open</p> <p>0 ECR(s) returned</p>			

Figure 5. DQA web entry form.

Retrieve DQAs by:

DQA Number: Any

Originator: Any

DQA Report Date Range - Start: 20050206 End: 20050306

Site	Instrument	Facility
Any	Any	Any
NSA: North Slope Alaska	BRS	C1 - Central Facility, Barrow AK (NSA)
SGP: Southern Great Plains	EBBR	C2 - Central Facility, Atkasuk AK (NSA)
TWP: Tropical Western Pacific	GNDRAD	B1 - Hillsboro, KS (SGP)

Based on the above selected criteria,
 sort DQAs by: Date in Ascending Descending order

Get DQAs Reset

[Return to DQA Main Menu](#)

Figure 6. DQA database search page.

Daily Automated Statistics

To alert DQO staff of immediate problems, we created an automated notification of instrument performance. A “nuisance flag” filtered summary of failing flags, per hour, is emailed to key DQO staff. This allows us to investigate a problem quickly, reducing the amount time used in collecting potentially incorrect data. Figure 7 shows such a report for Southern Great Plains (SGP).

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SGP
==>sgpsirs
-->C1 Metrics Table
 down_short_hemisp FAILING 4 hours/day
 short_direct_normal FAILING 4 hours/day
 down_short_diffuse_hemisp FAILING 4 hours/day

==>sgpbrs
-->C1 Metrics Table
 short_direct_normal FAILING 4 hours/day
 down_short_hemisp FAILING 4 hours/day
 down_short_diffuse_hemisp FAILING 5 hours/day

==>sgp5ebbr
-->E12 Metrics Table
 hum_top FAILING 7 hours/day
 hum_bot FAILING 8 hours/day

==>sgp915rwptempcon
-->I1 Metrics Table
 virtual_temp_corr FAILING 5 hours/day
-->I3 Metrics Table
 virtual_temp_corr FAILING 2 hours/day

==>sgp30ecor
-->E14 Metrics Table
 k FAILING 5 hours/day
-->E24 Metrics Table
 k FAILING 6 hours/day
-->E3 Metrics Table
 ustar FAILING 4 hours/day
 k FAILING 8 hours/day
-->E5 Metrics Table
 k FAILING 10 hours/day
-->E6 Metrics Table
 k FAILING 7 hours/day

==>sgpswats
-->E27 Metrics Table
 tsoil_E_125 FAILING 4 hours/day
    
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Figure 7. Automated stats report.

Work in Progress

In addition to developing tools to assist the analysts in assessing data quality, we are also working on ways to study trends in instrument performance by analyzing historical data (see Moore and Hughes extended abstract in this proceeding). Future plans to expand operations to monitor value-added products and Quality Measurement Programs are in discussion. We are also looking into using value-added products and Quality Measurement Programs as a tool to detect problems with instrument-level datastreams that would otherwise go undetected.

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