



#### Supplement of

#### Diurnal variation of tropospheric relative humidity in tropical regions

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### **1 RH Spatial Distribution**

Figure 1. Spatial distribution of layer-averaged  $RH_I$  derived using SAPHIR data for December and January. Depicts from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



**Figure 2.** Spatial distribution of layer-averaged  $RH_I$  derived using SAPHIR data for the Month March. Depicts from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



**Figure 3.** Spatial distribution of layer-averaged RH<sub>I</sub> derived using SAPHIR data for June and July. Depicts from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



**Figure 4.** Mean difference of daily average of  $RH_L$  calculated using only data from 01:30/13:30 local time and the daily average calculated using all hourly data. Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



Figure 5. Mean difference of daily average of  $RH_L$  calculated using only data from 09:30/21:30 local time and the daily average calculated using all hourly data. Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.

# 2 RH Peak and Amplitudes (Measurements)



**Figure 6.** Spatial distribution of diurnal amplitude of tropospheric humidity over liquid (based on measurements). Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



**Figure 7.** Spatial distribution of diurnal amplitude of tropospheric humidity over ice (based on measurements). Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



**Figure 8.** Diurnal peak time (based on measurements with respect to liquid) for upper to lower tropospheric channels (SAPHIR channels 1-6 from top to bottom) in local time.



**Figure 9.** Diurnal peak time (based on measurements with respect to ice) for upper to lower tropospheric channels (SAPHIR channels 1-6 from top to bottom) in local time.

## 3 RH Peak and Amplitudes Derived From Fourier Series



**Figure 10.** Spatial distribution of diurnal amplitude of tropospheric humidity over liquid (based on the Fourier series fit). Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



**Figure 11.** Diurnal peak time (with respect to liquid and based on Fourier series fit) in local time. Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.

### Fourier Series



Figure 12. The coefficient  $a_1$  (with respect to liquid) for the Fourier series fit. Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



Figure 13. The coefficient  $b_1$  (with respect to liquid) for the Fourier series fit. Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



Figure 14. The coefficient  $a_2$  (with respect to liquid) for the Fourier series fit. Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



Figure 15. The coefficient  $b_2$  (with respect to liquid) for the Fourier series fit. Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



Figure 16. The coefficient  $a_1$  (with respect to ice) for the Fourier series fit. Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



**Figure 17.** The coefficient  $b_1$  (with respect to ice) for the Fourier series fit. Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



Figure 18. The coefficient  $b_2$  (with respect to ice) for the Fourier series fit. Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



Figure 19. The coefficient  $b_2$  (with respect to ice) for the Fourier series fit. Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



**Figure 20.** Diurnal cycle of layer-averaged  $RH_L$  as well as Fourier series fit for the selected regions. Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



**Figure 21.** Mean absolute difference (with respect to liquid) between measurements and the fit for Fourier series. Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.



**Figure 22.** Cumulative probability distribution functions for relative humidity. Plots from top to bottom are for SAPHIR channels 1-6, respectively.