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Introduction

In its role as a Regional WIGOS Centre (RWC) in Regional Association (RA) II, China Meteorological Administration (CMA) has issued the monthly report on the radiosonde observation quality monitoring of August 2026. The report includes a consolidated list of suspect stations that produced low-quality observation data.

CMA was designated as a Regional WIGOS Centre in RA II. The Centre is responsible for monitoring the quality of meteorological observations and maintaining consolidated lists of suspect stations of reporting low-quality observation data together with adequate evidence. The lists are to be passed on to the WMO secretariat and monitoring centres participating in the activity as well as to Members of RA II for their reference.

1. Data Acquisition

Radiosonde observation data are collected at GTS, including 2 times: 00 and 12(UTC). The observation elements are geopotential height(GPH), vector wind (WIN_S) and wind direction (WIN_D).

2. Monitoring Standard

2.1 Geopotential Height

*Standard of comparison: First guess field from CMA_GFS model

*Observation times: 00, 12 UTC

*Levels monitored: Standard levels from 1000 - 30 hPa

*Element monitored: Geopotential Height (m)

*Parameters monitored:

NUM OBS: Number of observations received excluding duplicates

NUM GRS: Number of observations with gross errors

% REJ: Percentage of observations rejected by quality control

SD: Standard deviation of differences of observations from first guess field

BIAS: Mean difference of observations from first guess field

RMS: Root mean square of differences of observations from first guess field

(SD, BIAS and RMS are estimated excluding observations with gross errors)

*GROSS ERROR LIMIT:

Level (hPa)	Geopotential Height (m)
1000	100
925	100
850	100
700	100
500	150
400	175
300	200
250	225
200	250
150	275
100	300
70	375
50	400
30	450

***SELECTION CRITERIA:**

at least 3 levels with NUM OBS ≥ 10 and 100 m weighted RMS

only the worst level is shown (with unweighted RMS)

2.2 Vector Wind

*Standard of comparison: First guess field from CMA_GFS model

*Observation times: 00, 12 UTC

*Levels monitored: Standard levels from 1000 - 100 hPa

*Element monitored: Vector Wind (m/s)

*Parameters monitored:

NUM OBS: Number of observations received excluding duplicates

NUM GRS: Number of observations with gross errors

% REJ: Percentage of observations rejected by quality control

U,V BIAS: Mean difference of observations from first guess field

RMS: Root mean square of differences of observations from first guess field

(BIAS and RMS are estimated excluding observations with gross errors)

***GROSS ERROR LIMIT:**

Level (hPa)	Vector Wind (m/s)
1000	35
925	35
850	35
700	40
500	45
400	50
300	60
250	60
200	50
150	50
100	45

***SELECTION CRITERIA:**

at least 1 level with NUM OBS ≥ 10 and RMS ≥ 15 m/s

standard level (1000 - 100 hPa) with highest RMS is shown

2.3 Wind Direction

*Standard of comparison: First guess field from CMA_GFS model

*Observation times: 00, 12 UTC

*Levels monitored: Standard levels from 500 - 150 hPa

*Element monitored: Wind Direction (degrees, clockwise)

*Parameters monitored:

NUM OBS: Minimum number of observations received excluding
duplicates at each level

(excluding gross errors and data with wind speed < 5 m/s)

BIAS: Mean difference of observation from first guess field, averaged over
the monitoring levels

MAX SPREAD: Maximum absolute difference of SD at any level from SD
at all levels

SD: Standard deviation of differences of observations from first guess field
at all levels

(BIAS, MAX SPREAD and SD are estimated excluding observations with
gross errors and low wind speed)

*GROSS ERROR LIMIT:

Level (hPa)	Wind Direction (°)
500	45
400	50
300	60
250	60
200	50
150	50

*SELECTION CRITERIA:

NUM OBS ≥ 5 and
|BIAS| ≥ 10 degrees with
SD < 30 degrees and
MAX SPREAD < 10 degrees

3. Monitoring Results

3.1 Non-Reporting Stations with Operational Status

Table 1 List of non-reporting stations with operational status from August

INDEX	STATION_CODE	STATION_NAME	MEMBER	LAT	LON
1	23078*	NORIL'SK	Russian Federation	69.35	88.26
2	24944	OLEKMINSK (24944-1)	Russian Federation	60.37	120.42
3	25428*	OMOLON	Russian Federation	65.23	160.53
4	31168	AYAN	Russian Federation	56.45	138.15
5	31538*	SUTUR	Russian Federation	50.07	132.13
6	32150*	JUZHNO-SAHALINSK	Russian Federation	46.95	142.72
7	32477*	SOBOLEVO	Russian Federation	54.30	155.92
8	38836	DUSHANBE	Tajikistan	38.58	68.73
9	38954	KHOROG	Tajikistan	37.50	71.50
10	40582*	KUWAIT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (40582-1)	Kuwait	29.24	47.97
11	40650	BAGHDAD INT. AIRPORT	Iraq	33.30	44.40
12	40938	HERAT	Afghanistan	34.22	62.22
13	40948	KABUL AIRPORT	Afghanistan	34.55	69.22
14	41217*	ABU DHABI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	United Arab Emirates (the)	24.43	54.65
15	41594	SARGODHA (41594-0)	Pakistan	32.05	72.67

16	41661	QUETTA (SHEIKH MANDA)	Pakistan	30.27	66.92
17	43311	AMINIDIVI	India	11.12	72.73
18	43333	PORT BLAIR	India	11.67	92.72
19	43369	MINICOY	India	8.28	73.06
20	48042*	MANDALAY	Myanmar	21.94	96.09
21	48097*	YANGON	Myanmar	16.86	96.15

This list includes the non-reporting stations with operational status during August, please check the status of the stations. If it is closed or silent, please update the declared status in OSCAR/Surface. In addition, “*” represents GBON station. Note: 5 Iranian non-reporting stations are not listed in this table; they were caused by force majeure.

3.2 Geopotential Height (GPH)

3.2.1 List of Suspect Stations

Table 2 List of GPH suspected in August 2026

INDEX	STATION_CODE	MEMBER	OBS TIME	LEVEL	NUM OBS	NUM GRS	REJ (%)	BIAS	SD	RMS
1	25913*	Russian Federation	00	30	27	0	0	-155.2	112.4	191.6
2	25913*	Russian Federation	12	30	24	0	0	-214.5	90.3	232.8
3	29231*	Russian Federation	00	70	14	0	0	52.1	126.5	136.8
4	29839*	Russian Federation	00	50	28	0	0	105.2	69.7	126.2
5	29839*	Russian Federation	12	30	21	0	0	168	68.1	181.3
6	30054*	Russian Federation	12	30	12	0	0	-131.2	144.7	195.3
7	30758*	Russian Federation	00	50	10	0	0	90.7	88.2	126.5
8	31873*	Russian Federation	00	30	26	0	0	231.4	33.7	233.8
9	31873*	Russian Federation	12	30	23	1	0	147.9	105.2	181.5
10	42348	India	00	925	25	0	0	49.6	6.9	50

3.2.2 Suspect Station Analysis

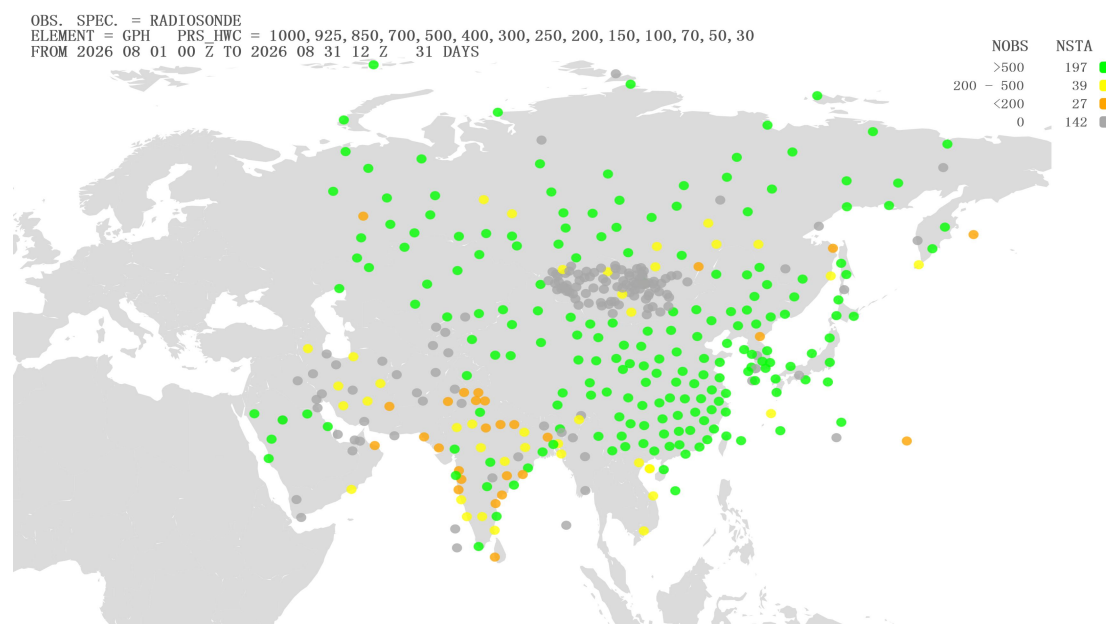


Figure 1 Location of all radiosonde stations reporting geopotential height observations in Region II over the month of August 2026. NOBS shows the total number of observations received at RWC-Beijing, corresponding total number of stations (NSTA) and color scale are shown at the top of the figure, color green refers to NOBS is higher than 500, color yellow refers to NOBS is between 200 and 500(including 500), color orange refers to NOBS is between 0 and 200(including 200), and color gray refers to NOBS is 0

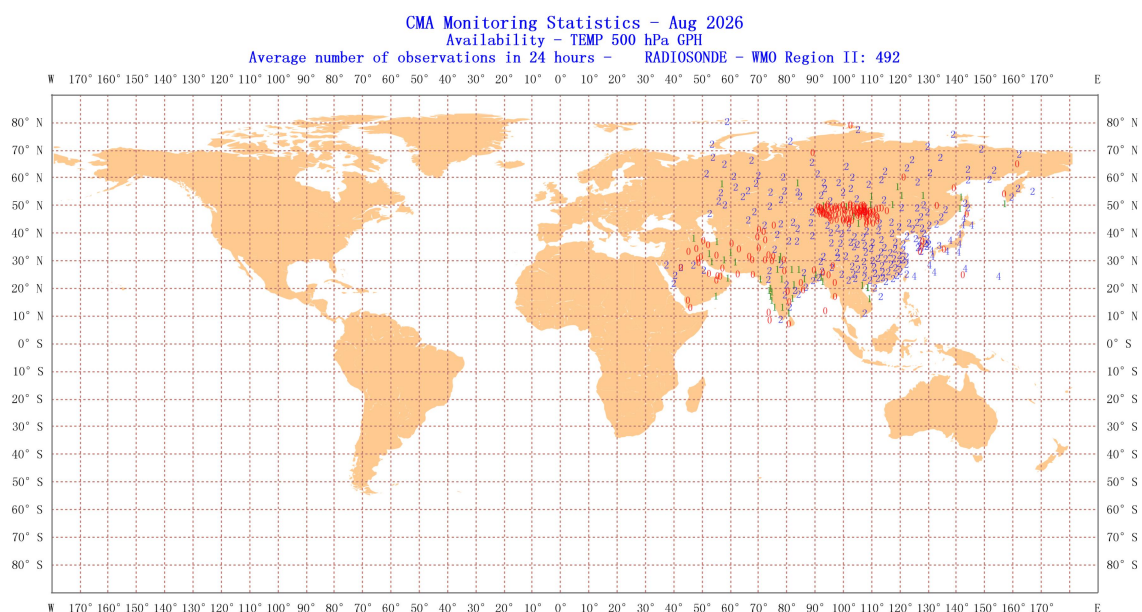


Figure 2 Location of all radiosonde stations reporting geopotential height average number of observations in 24 hours in Region II over the month of August 2026

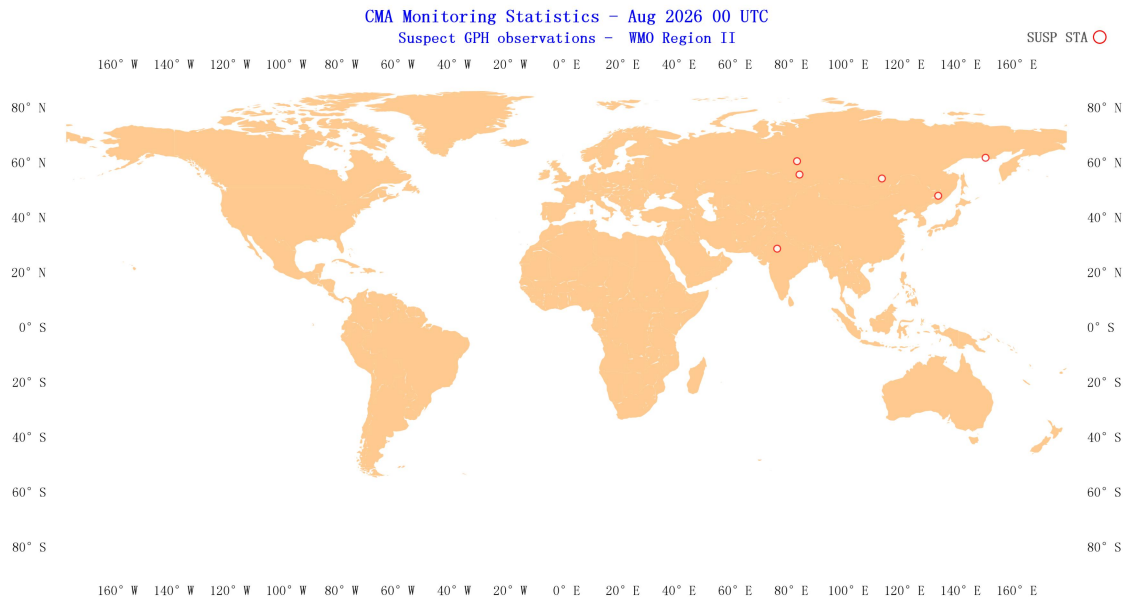


Figure 3 Distribution of suspect stations - Geopotential Height 00 UTC

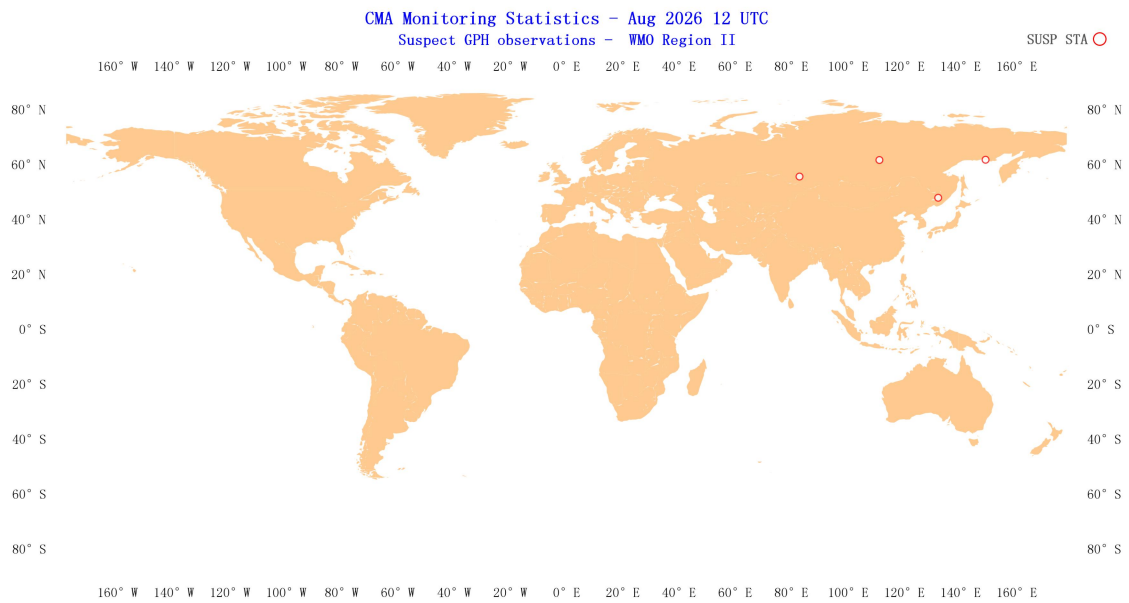


Figure 4 Distribution of suspect stations - Geopotential Height 12 UTC

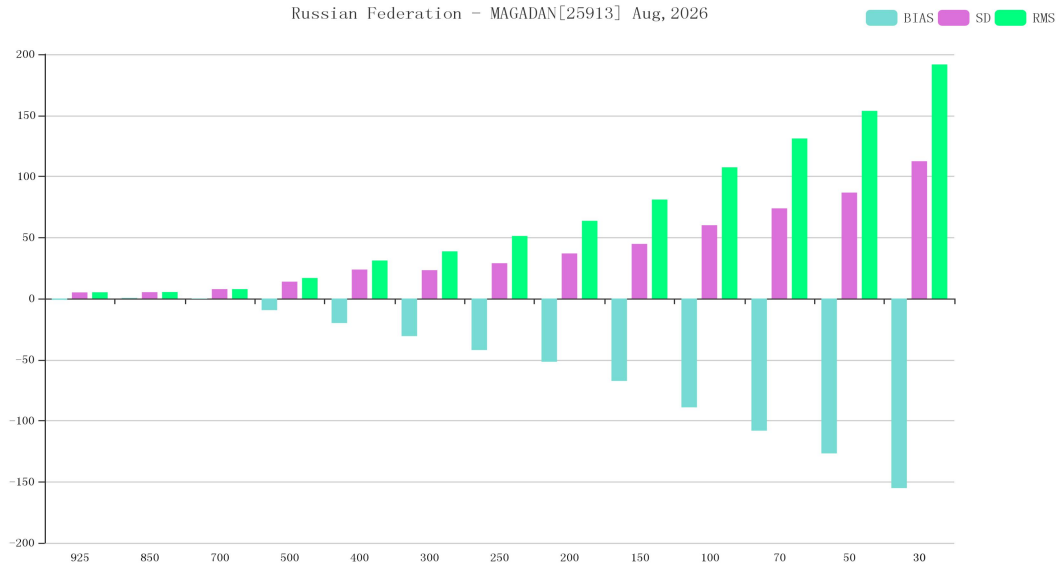


Figure 5 BIAS、SD and RMS of GPH for station 25913*(OBS-TIME:00)

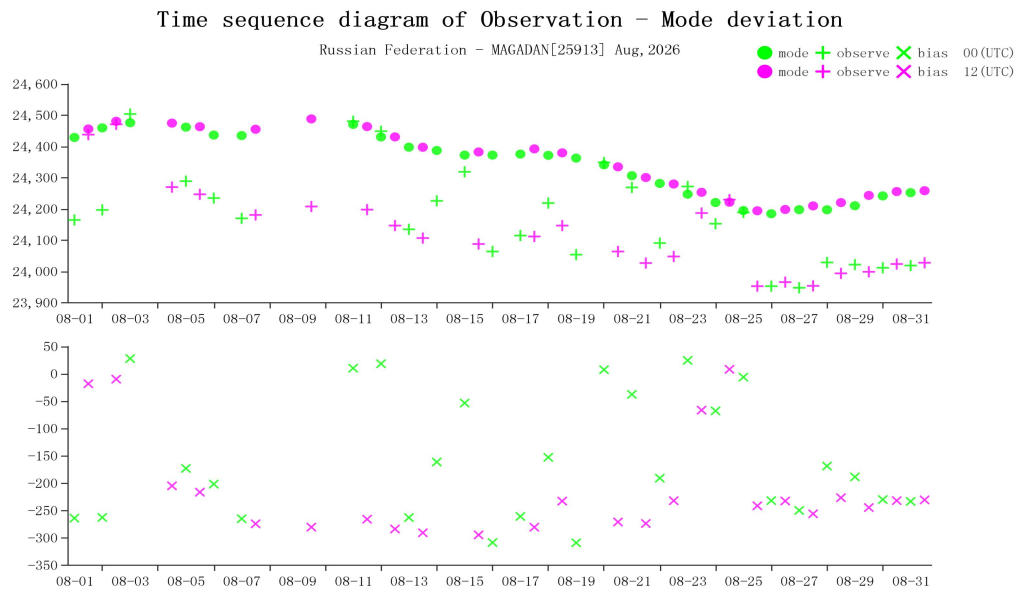


Figure 6 Time-series representation of GPH Obs minus first guess for station 25913*(Level:30)

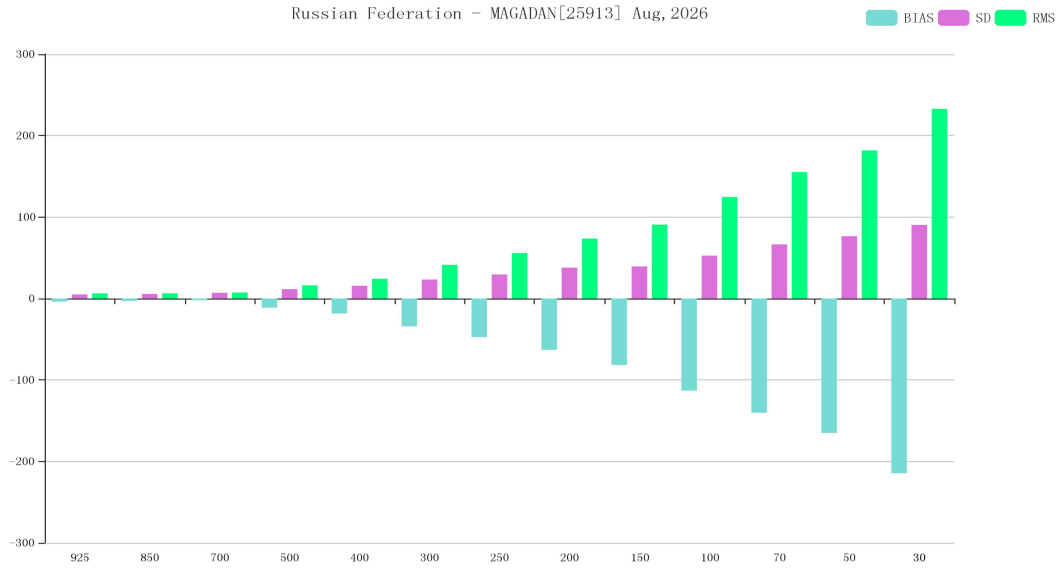


Figure 7 BIAS、SD and RMS of GPH for station 25913*(OBS-TIME:12)

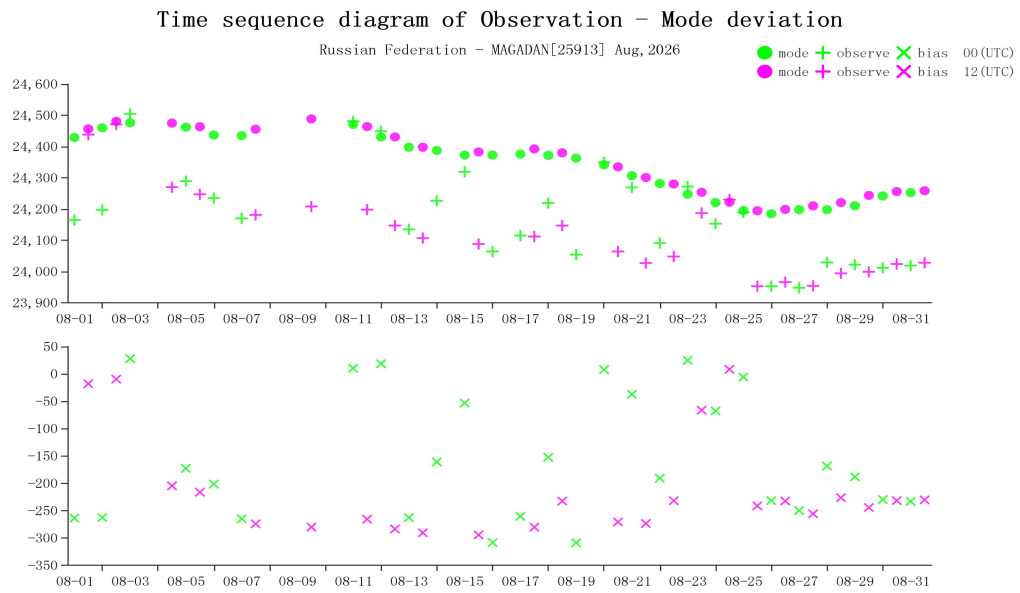


Figure 8 Time-series representation of GPH Obs minus first guess for station 25913*(Level:30)

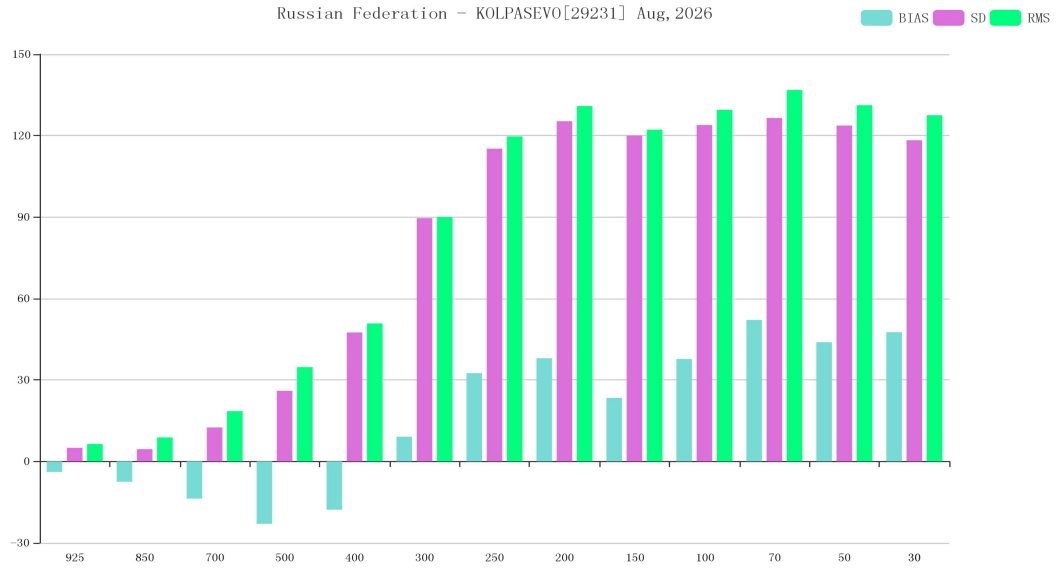


Figure 9 BIAS、SD and RMS of GPH for station 29231*(OBS-TIME:00)

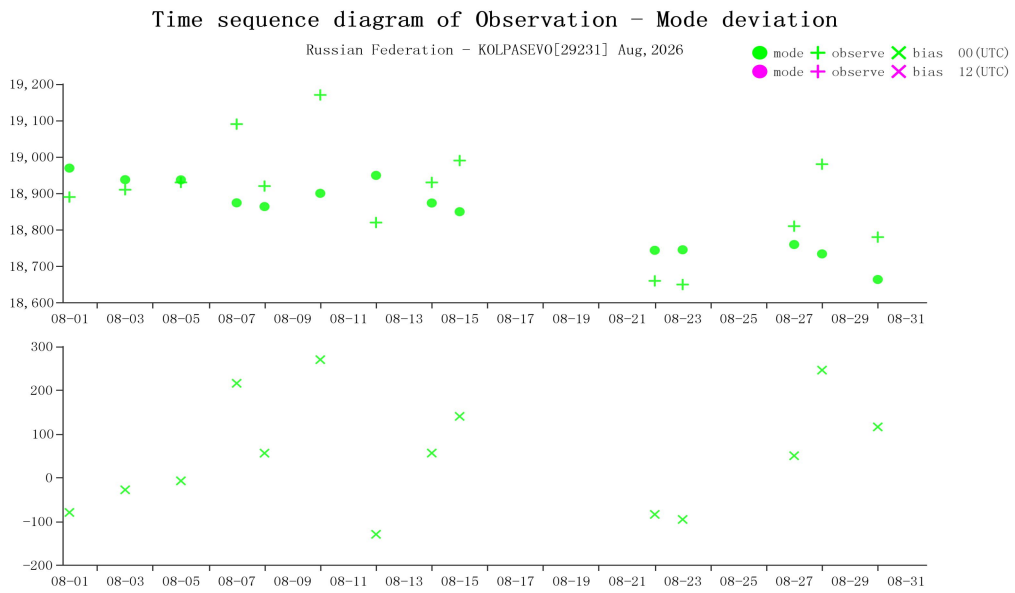


Figure 10 Time-series representation of GPH Obs minus first guess for station 29231*(Level:70)

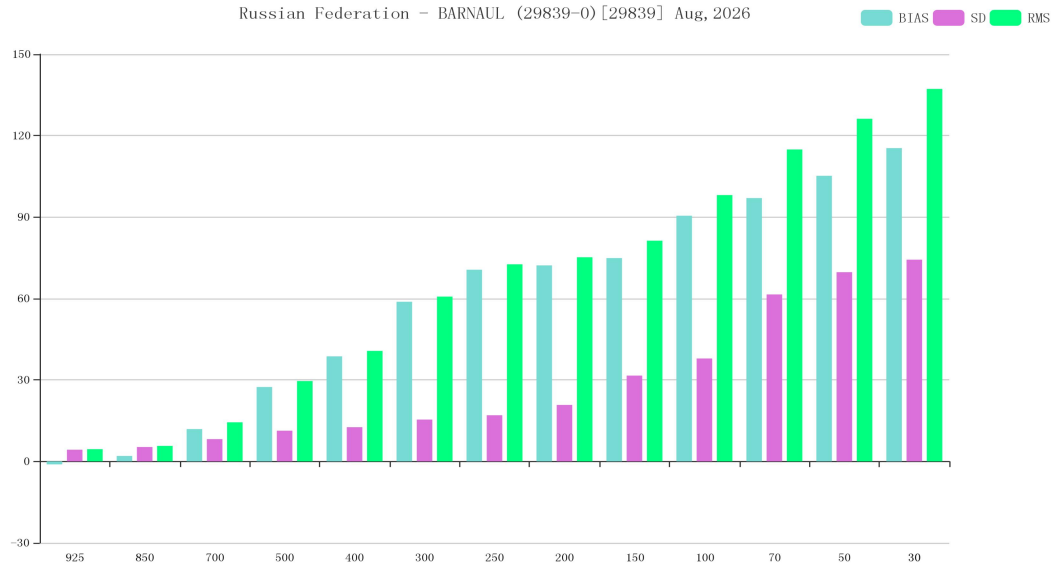


Figure 11 BIAS、SD and RMS of GPH for station 29839*(OBS-TIME:00)

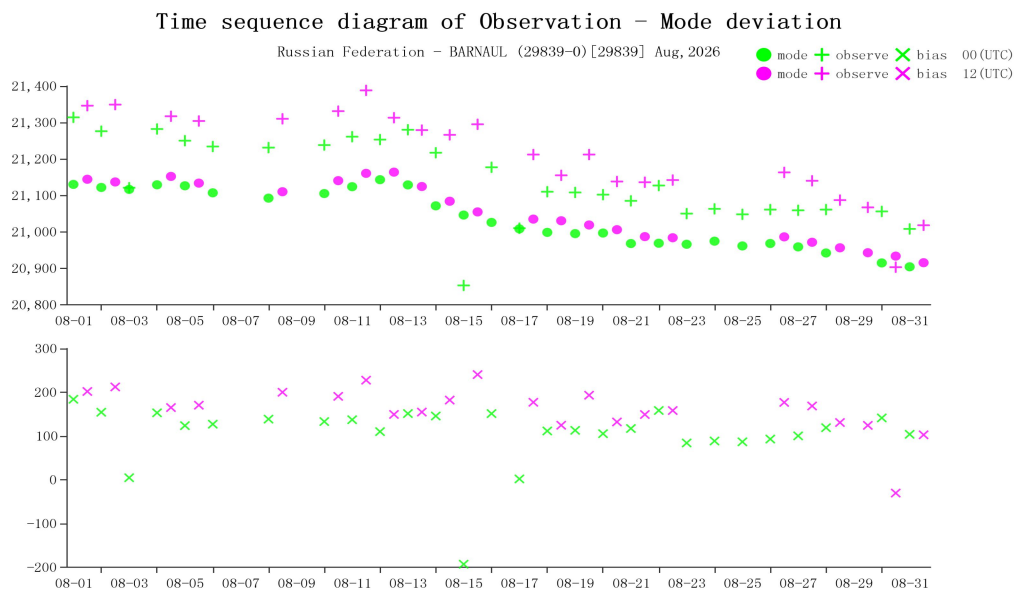


Figure 12 Time-series representation of GPH Obs minus first guess for station 29839*(Level:50)

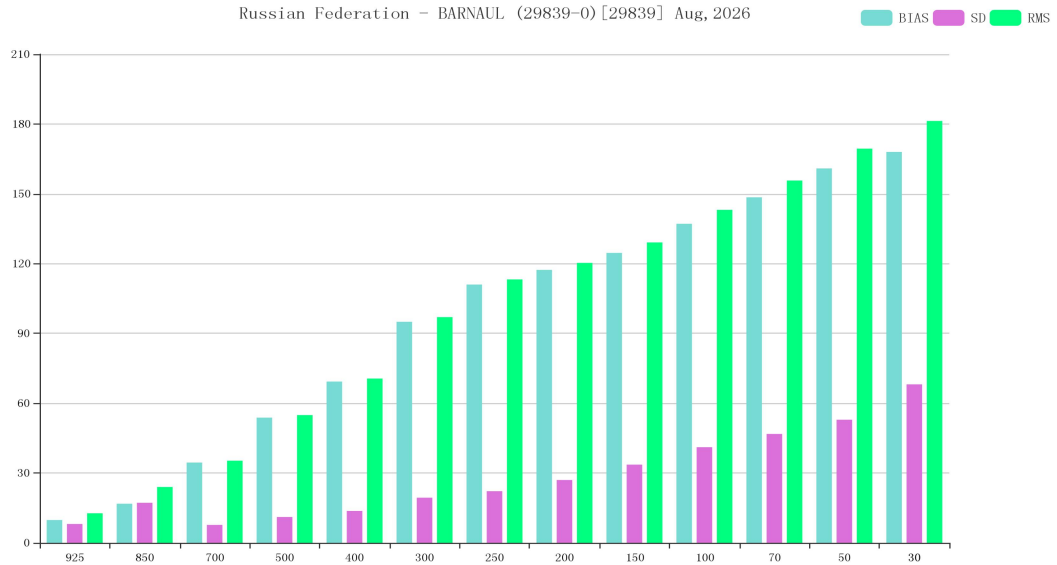


Figure 13 BIAS、SD and RMS of GPH for station 29839*(OBS-TIME:12)

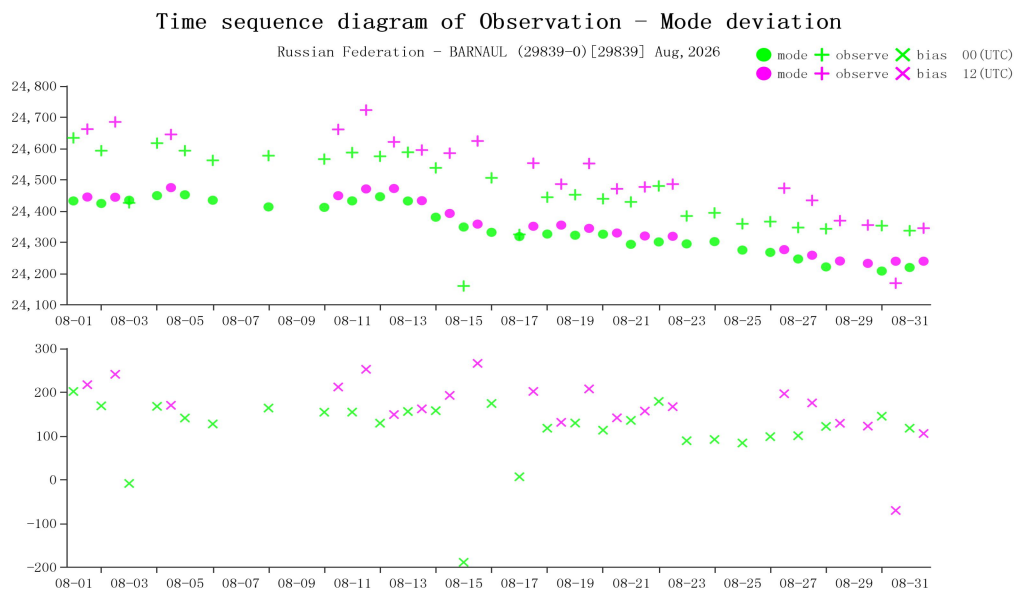


Figure 14 Time-series representation of GPH Obs minus first guess for station 29839*(Level:30)

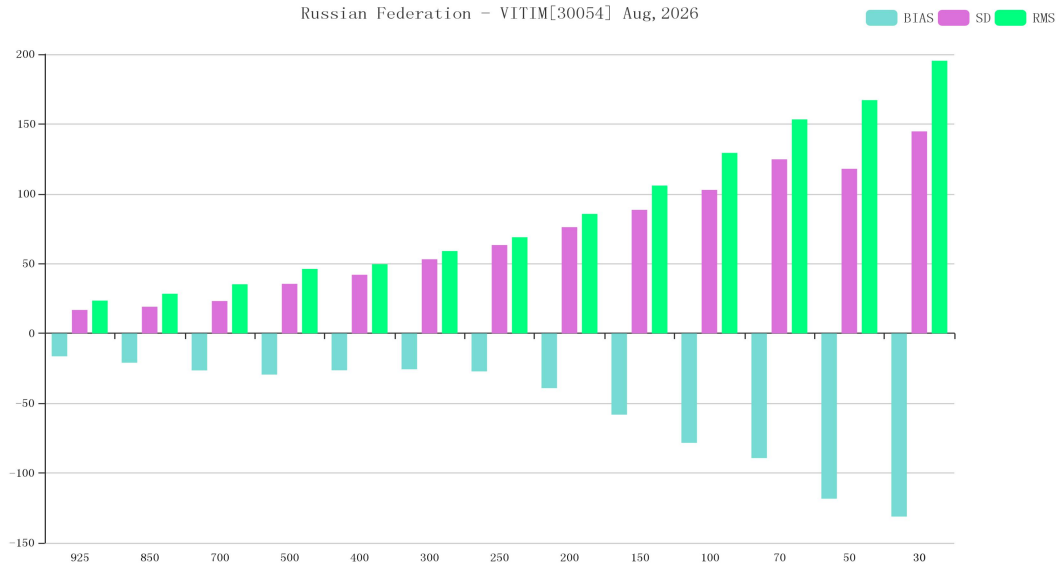


Figure 15 BIAS、SD and RMS of GPH for station 30054*(OBS-TIME:12)

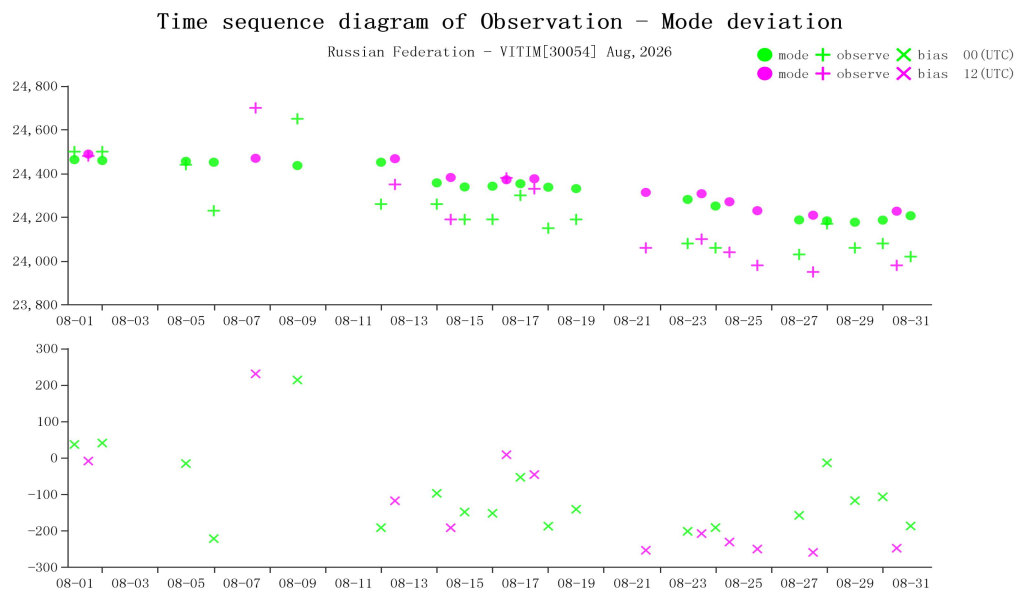


Figure 16 Time-series representation of GPH Obs minus first guess for station 30054*(Level:30)

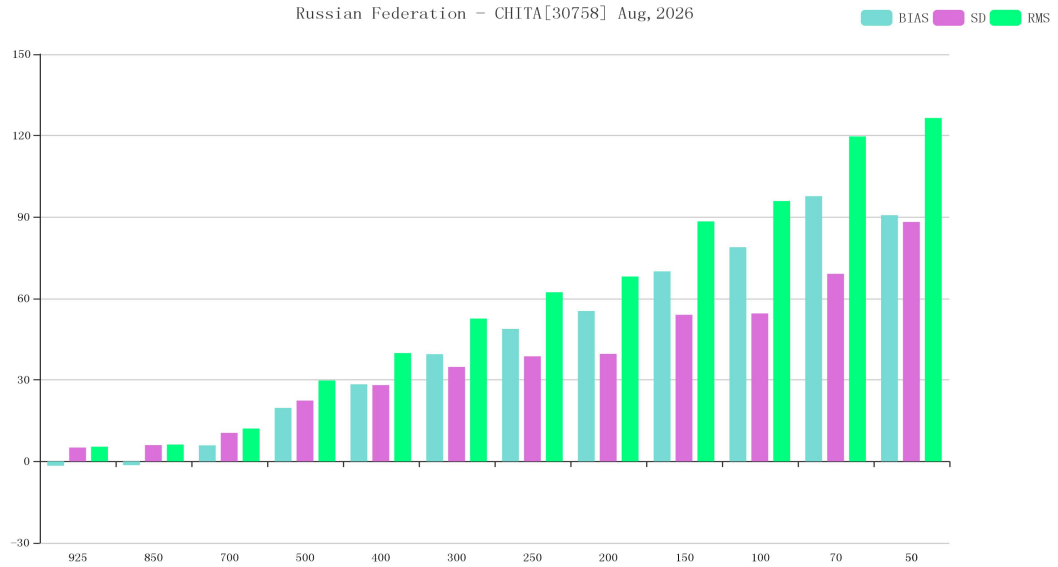


Figure 17 BIAS、SD and RMS of GPH for station 30758*(OBS-TIME:00)

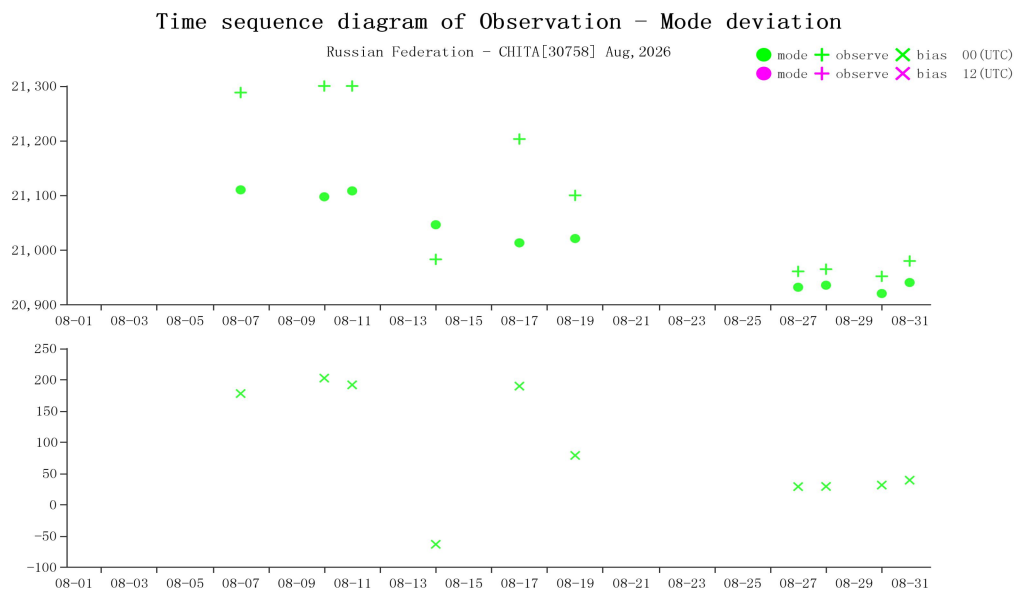


Figure 18 Time-series representation of GPH Obs minus first guess for station 30758*(Level:50)

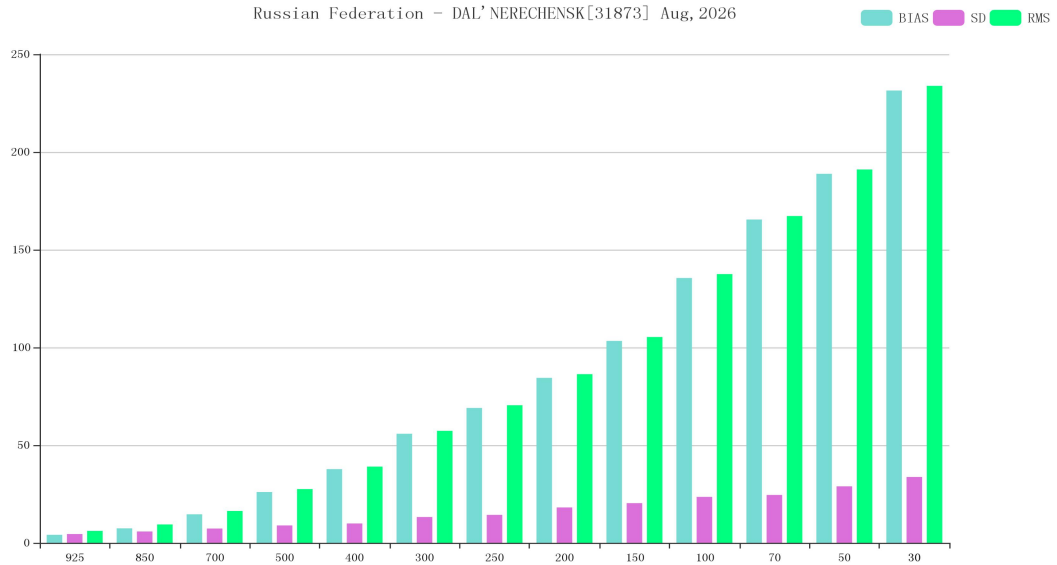


Figure 19 BIAS、SD and RMS of GPH for station 31873*(OBS-TIME:00)

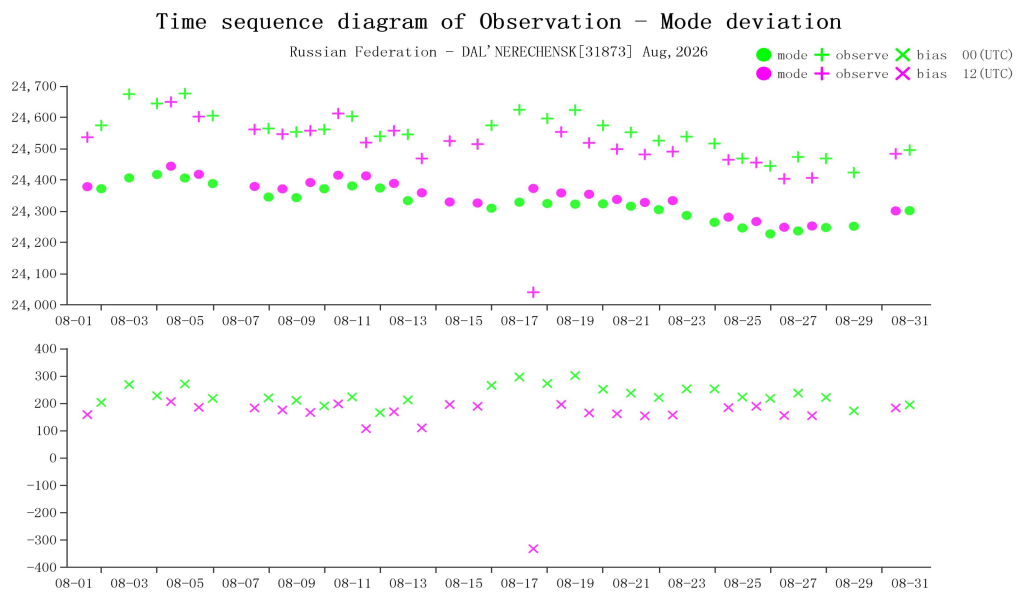


Figure 20 Time-series representation of GPH Obs minus first guess for station 31873*(Level:30)

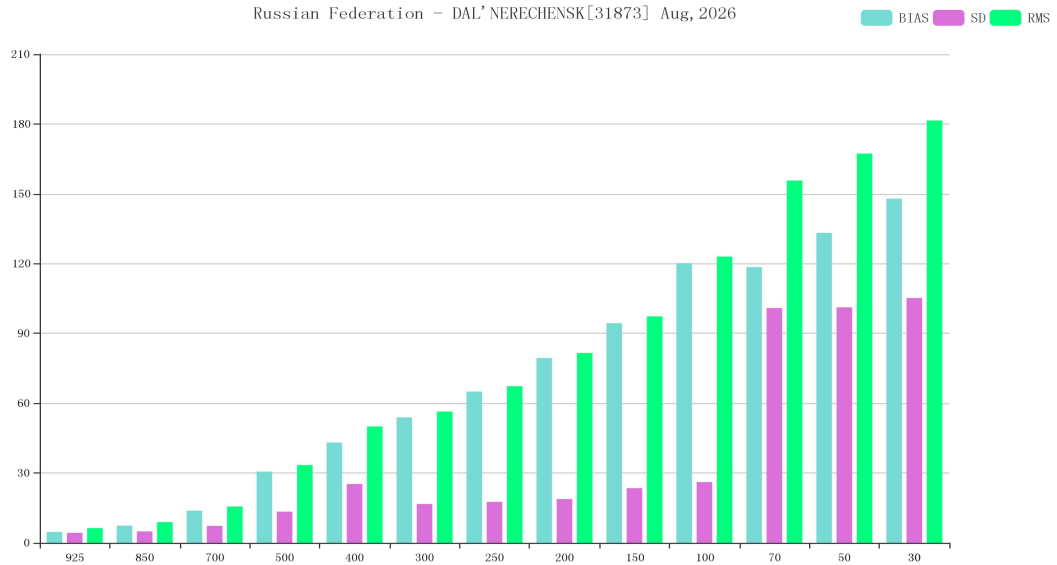


Figure 21 BIAS、SD and RMS of GPH for station 31873*(OBS-TIME:12)

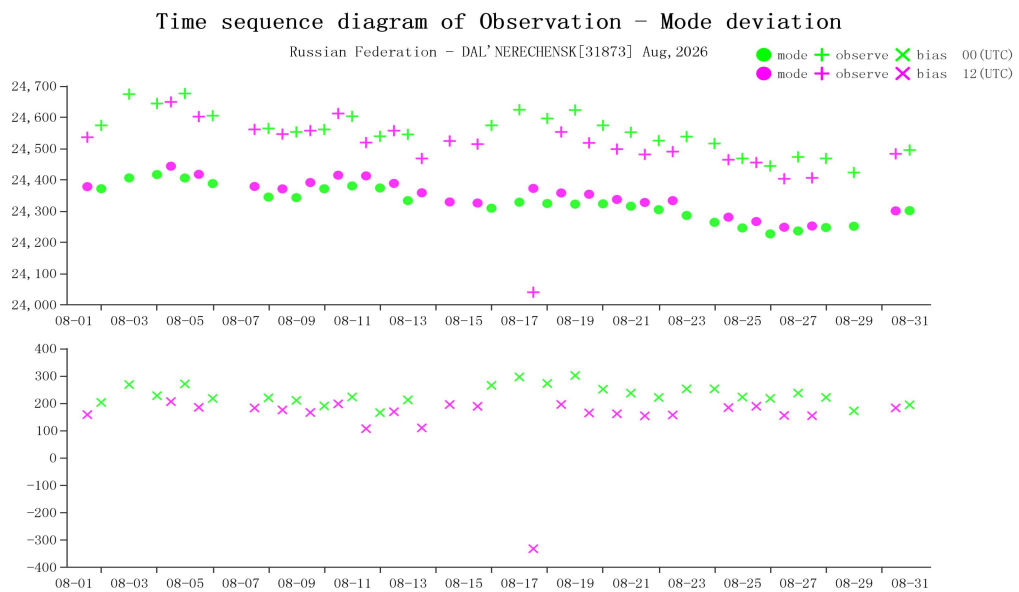


Figure 22 Time-series representation of GPH Obs minus first guess for station 31873*(Level:30)

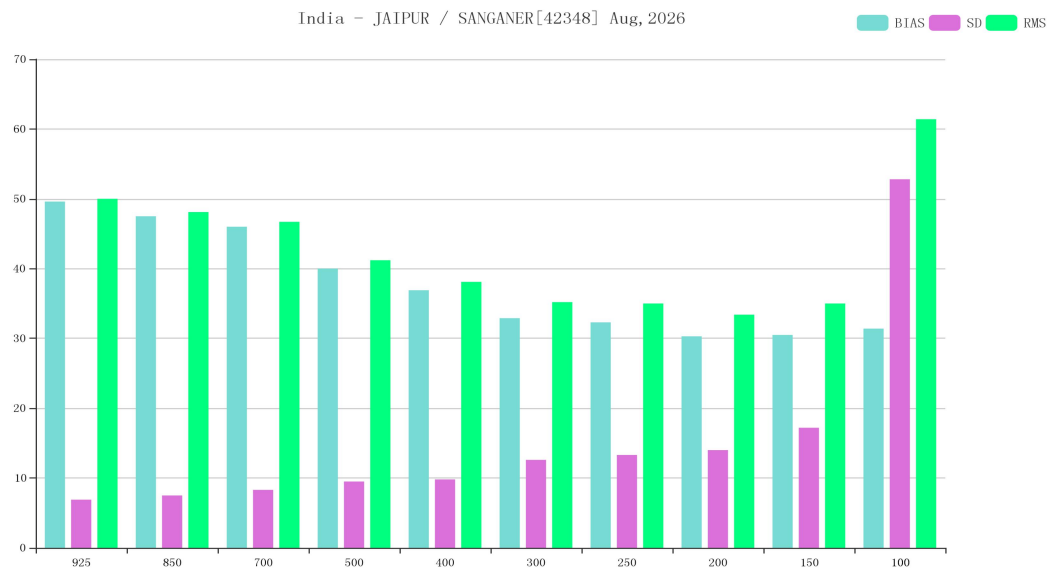


Figure 23 BIAS、SD and RMS of GPH for station 42348(OBS-TIME:00)

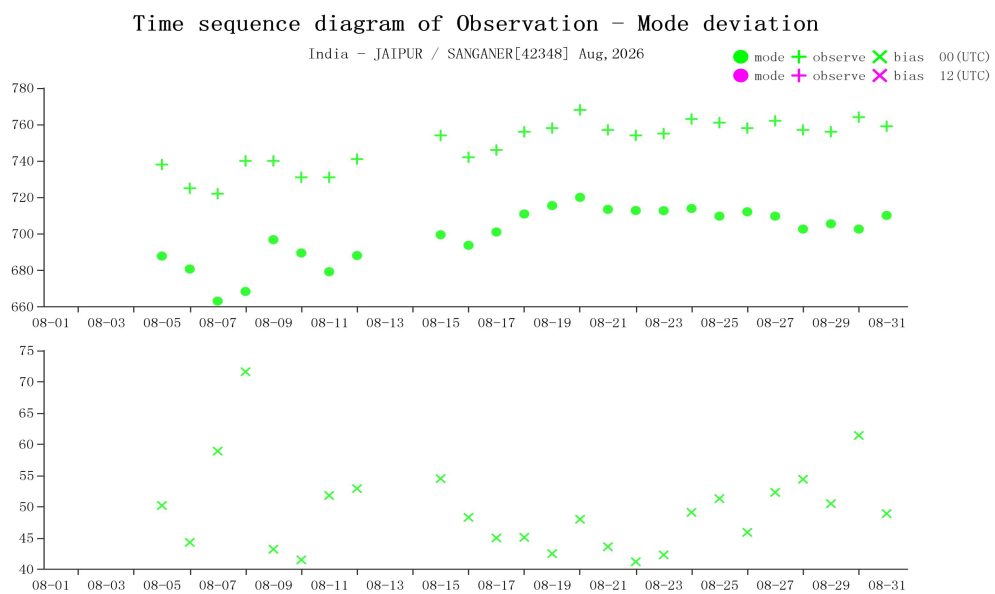


Figure 24 Time-series representation of GPH Obs minus first guess for station 42348(Level:925)

3.3 Vector Wind (WIN_S)

3.3.1 List of Suspect Stations

Table 3 List of WIN_S suspected in August 2026

INDEX	STATION_CODE	MEMBER	OBS TIME	LEVEL	NUM OBS	NUM GRS	REJ (%)	BIAS	SD	RMS
1	41923*	Bangladesh	12	250	13	0	0	5	14.4	15.3

3.3.2 Suspect Station Analysis

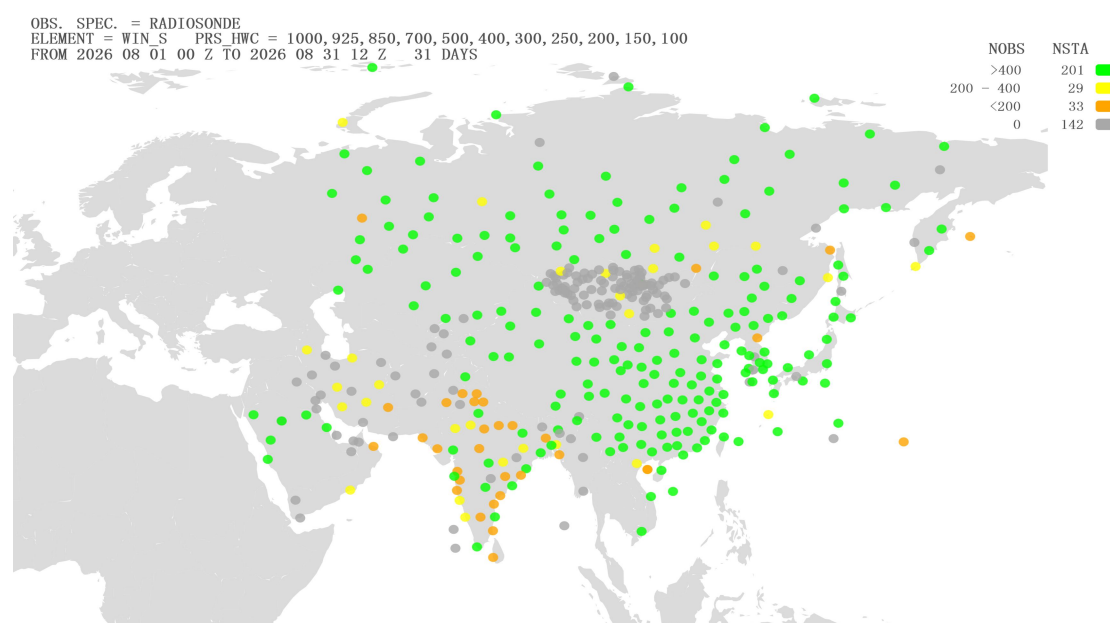


Figure 25 Location of all radiosonde stations reporting vector wind observations in Region II over the month of August 2026. NOBS shows the total number of observations received at RWC-Beijing, corresponding total number of stations (NSTA) and color scale are shown at the top of the figure, color green refers to NOBS is higher than 400, color yellow refers to NOBS is between 200 and 400(including 400), color orange refers to NOBS is between 0 and 200(including 200), and color gray refers to NOBS is 0

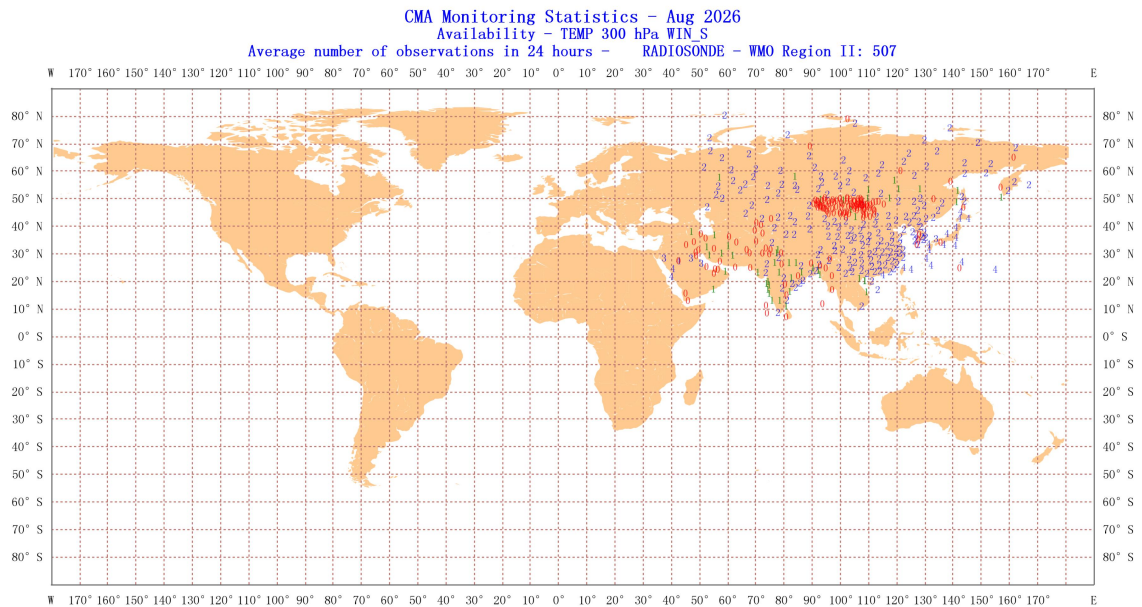


Figure 26 Location of all radiosonde stations reporting vector wind average number of observations in 24 hours in Region II over the month of August 2026

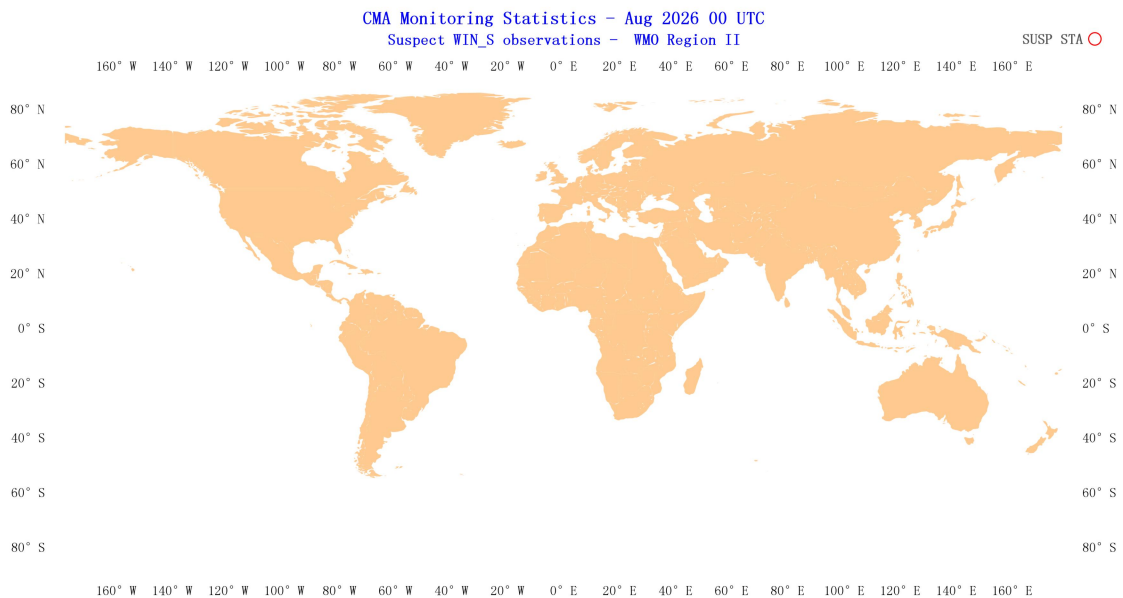


Figure 27 Distribution of suspect stations - Vector Wind 00 UTC

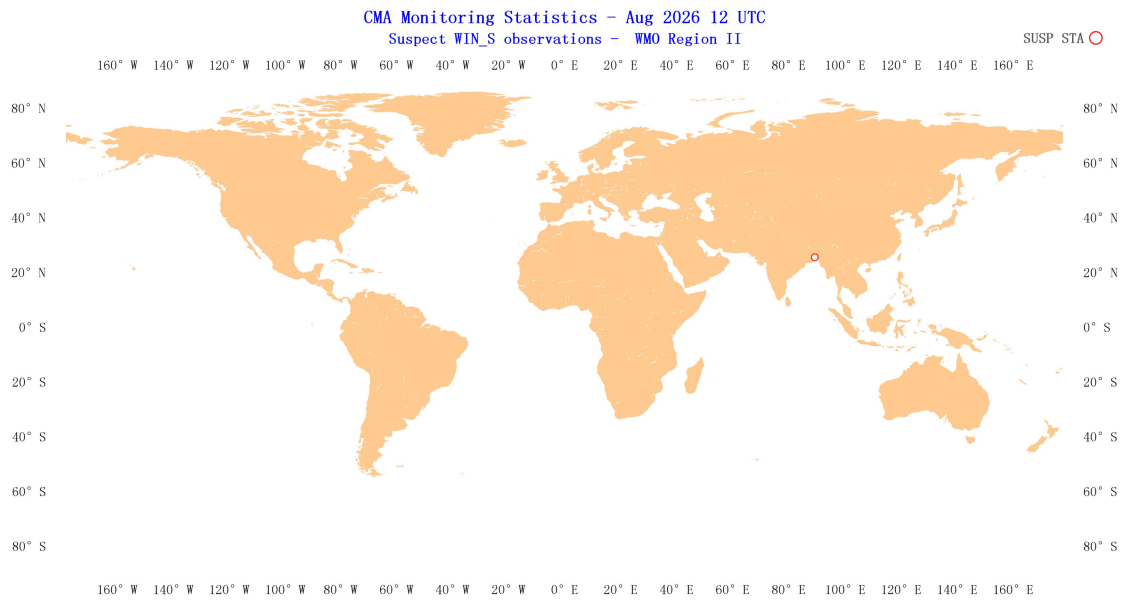


Figure 28 Distribution of suspect stations - Vector Wind 12 UTC

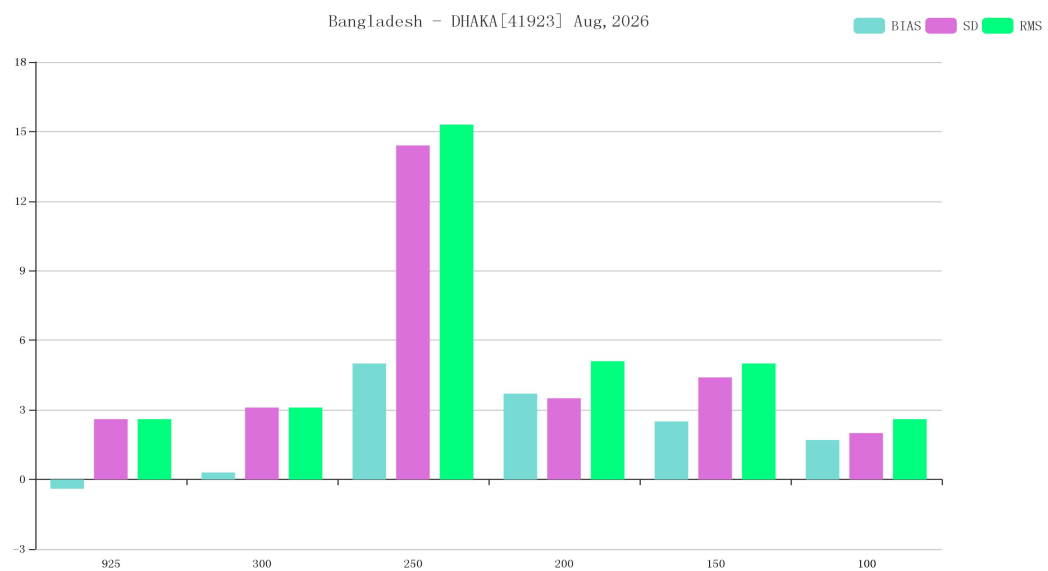


Figure 29 BIAS、SD and RMS of WIN_S for station 41923*(OBS-TIME:12)

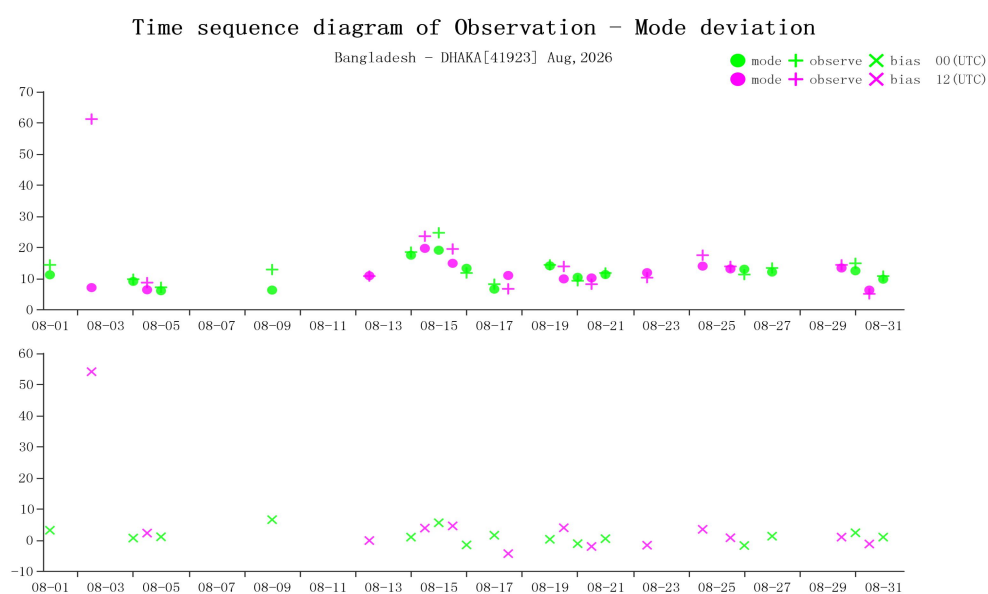


Figure 30 Time-series representation of WIN_S Obs minus first guess for station 41923*(Level:250)

3.4 Wind Direction (WIN_D)

3.4.1 List of Suspect Stations

Table 4 List of WIN_D suspected in August 2026

INDEX	STATION_CODE	MEMBER	OBS TIME	NUM OBS	BIAS	SD	MAX SPREAD
1	29231*	Russian Federation	12	11	11.9	14.1	0.7
2	42111	India	12	10	15.7	13.6	0.7
3	42339	India	12	10	15.1	14.9	0.8

3.4.2 Suspect Station Analysis

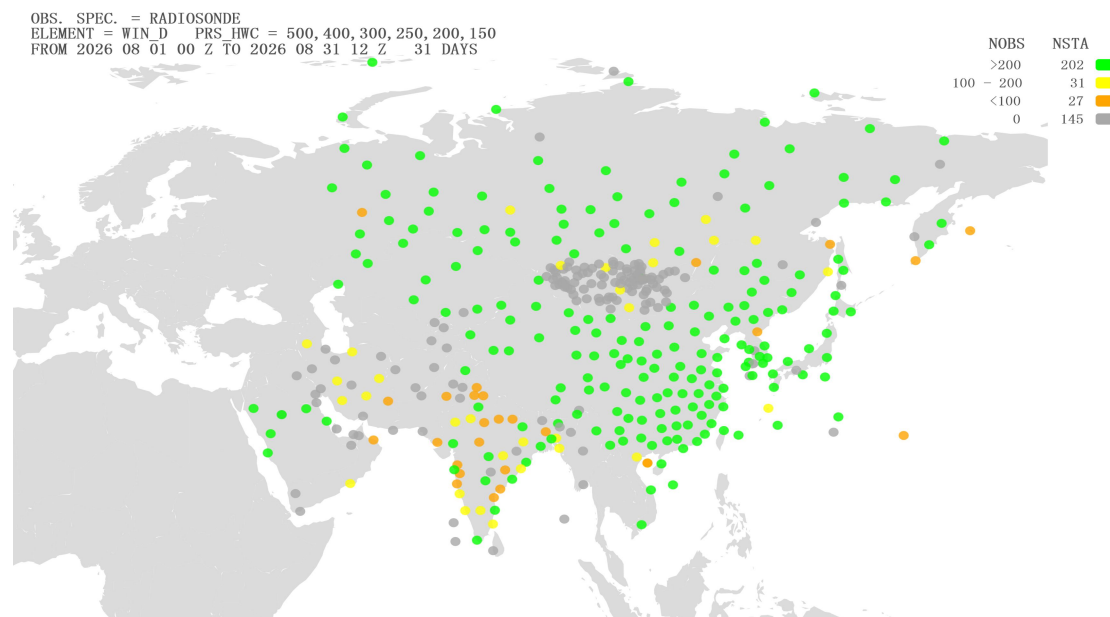


Figure 31 Location of all radiosonde stations reporting wind direction observations in Region II over the month of August 2026. NOBS shows the total number of observations received at RWC-Beijing, corresponding total number of stations (NSTA) and color scale are shown at the top of the figure, color green refers to NOBS is higher than 200, color yellow refers to NOBS is between 100 and 200(including 200), color orange refers to NOBS is between 0 and 100(including 100), and color gray refers to NOBS is 0

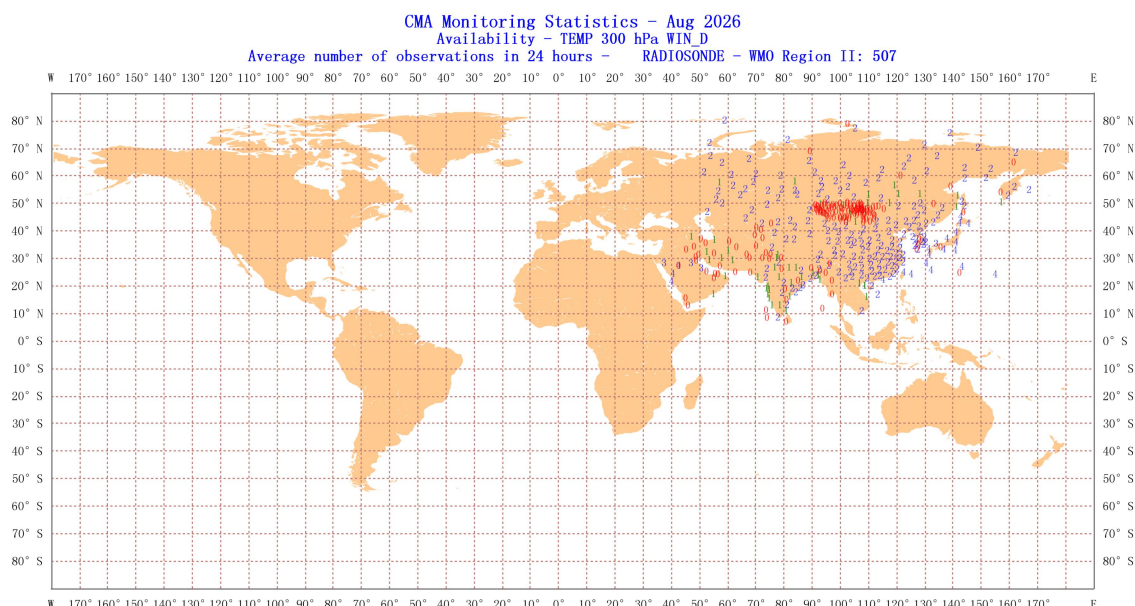


Figure 32 Location of all radiosonde stations reporting wind direction average number of observations in 24 hours in Region II over the month of August 2026

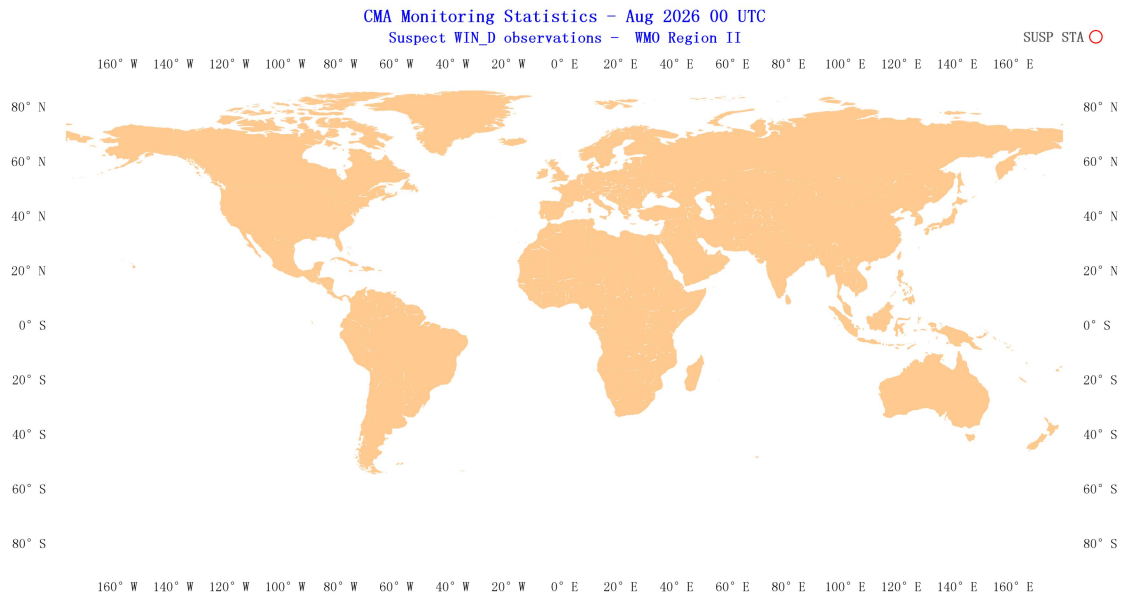


Figure 33 Distribution of suspect stations - Wind Direction 00 UTC

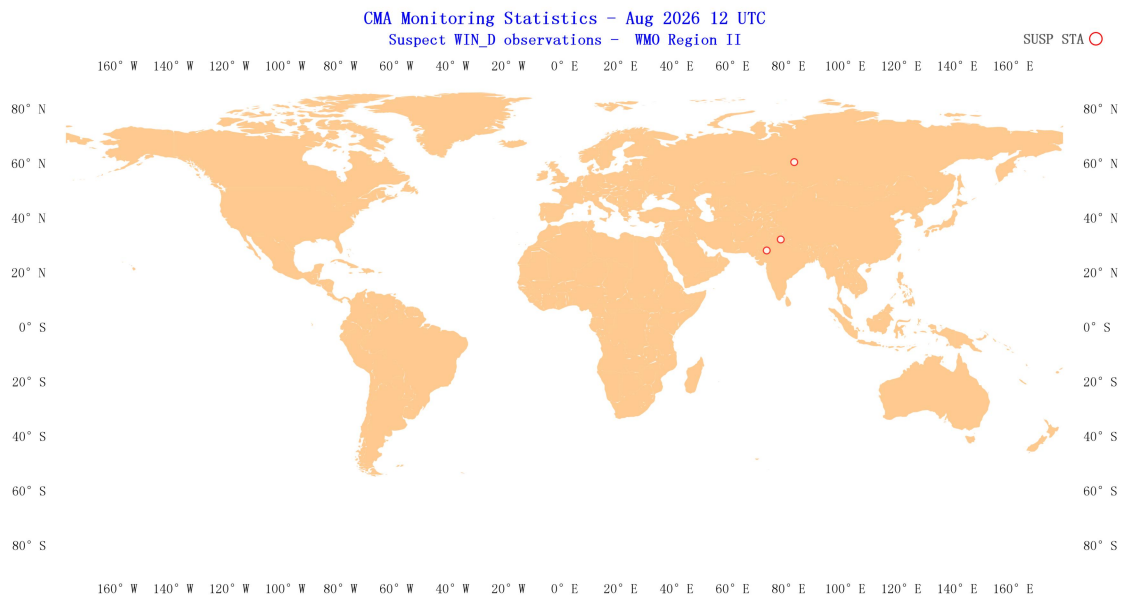


Figure 34 Distribution of suspect stations - Wind Direction 12 UTC

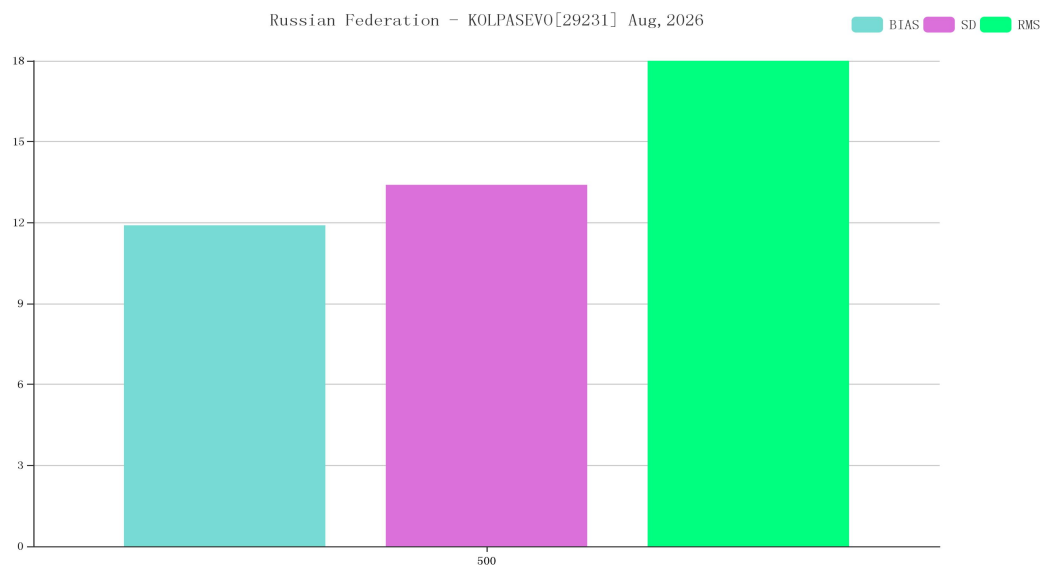


Figure 35 BIAS、SD and RMS of WIN_D for station 29231*(OBS-TIME:12)

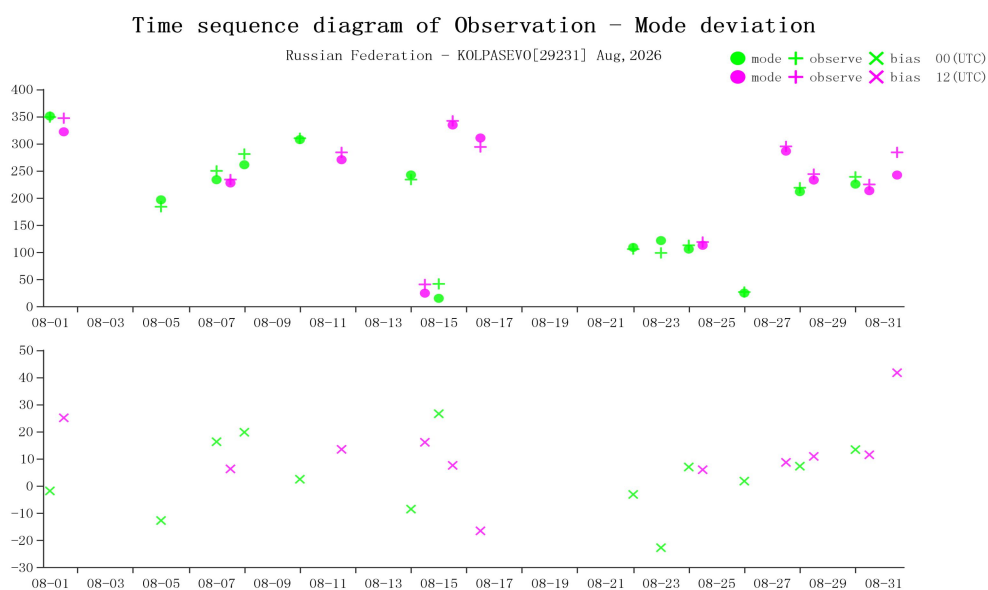


Figure 36 Time-series representation of WIN_D Obs minus first guess for station 29231*(Level:500)

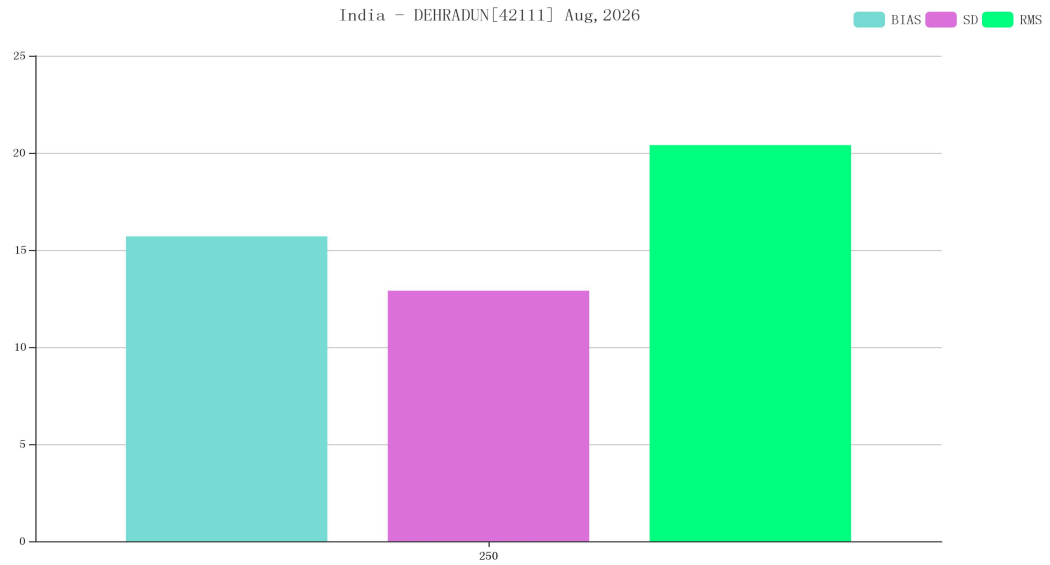


Figure 37 BIAS、SD and RMS of WIN_D for station 42111(OBS-TIME:12)

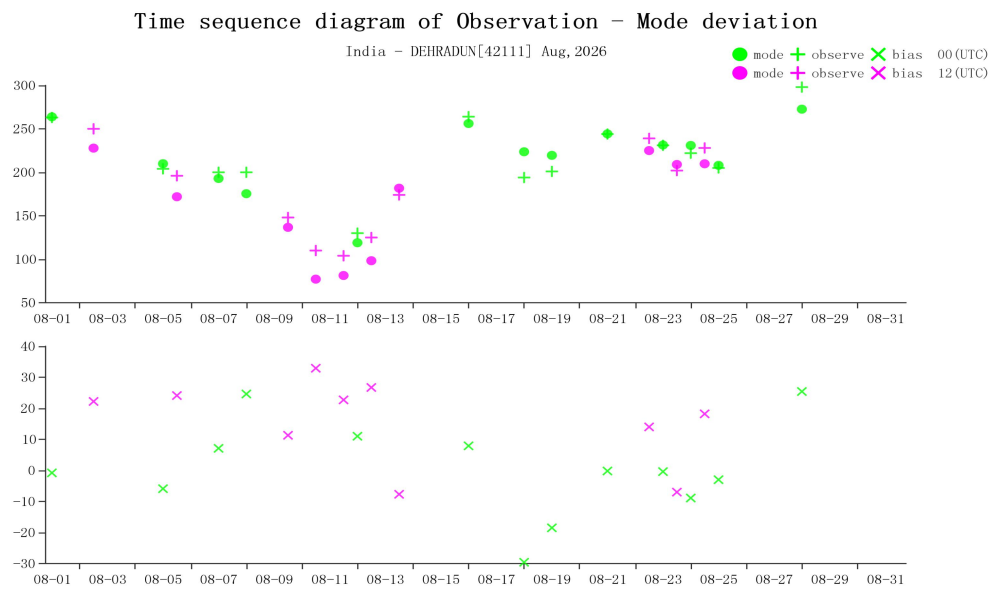


Figure 38 Time-series representation of WIN_D Obs minus first guess for station 42111(Level:250)

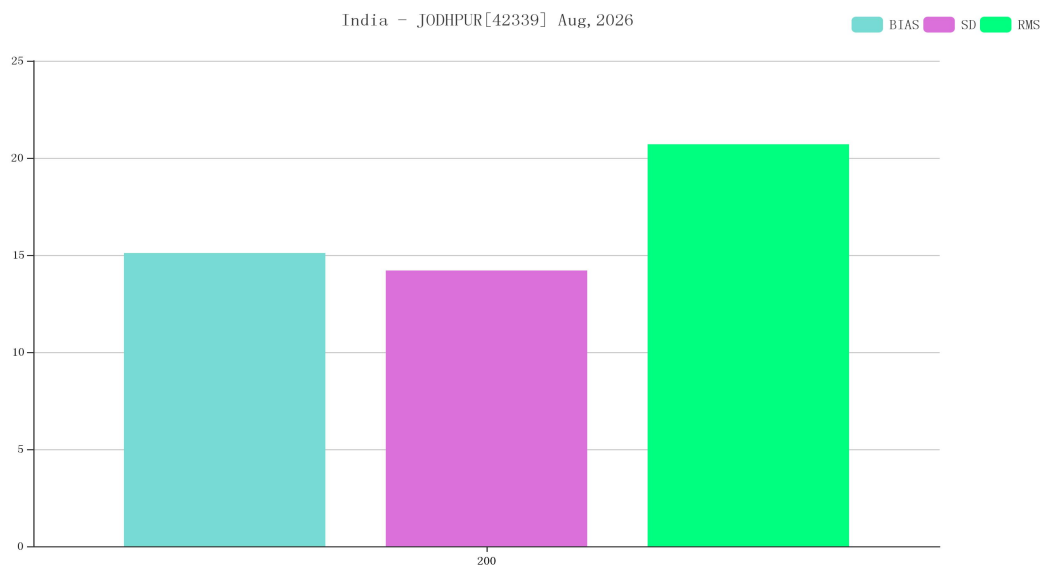


Figure 39 BIAS、SD and RMS of WIN_D for station 42339(OBS-TIME:12)

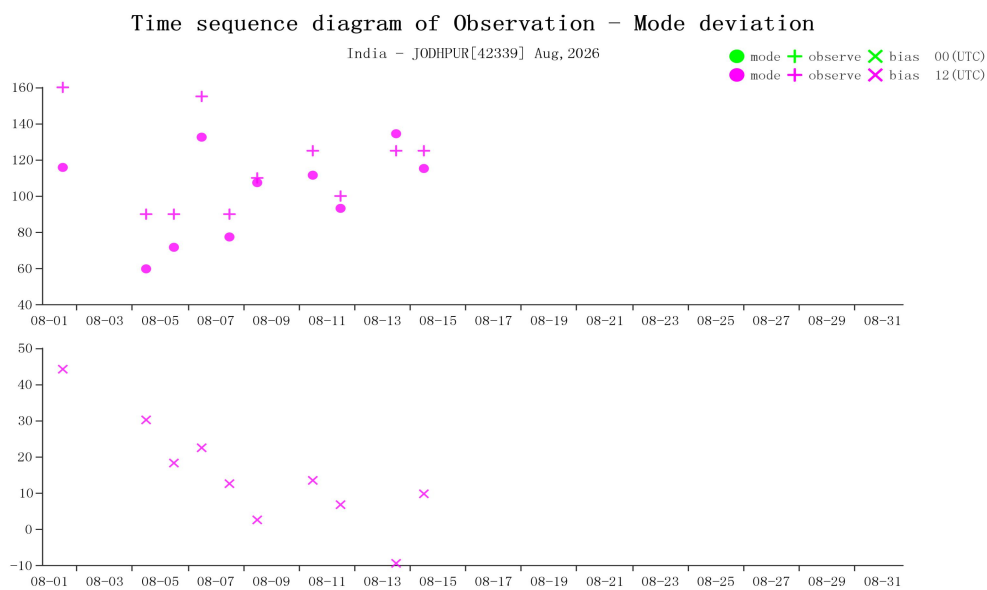


Figure 40 Time-series representation of WIN_D Obs minus first guess for station 42339(Level:200)

4. Comparison with Other Results

Element	CMA				EC				JMA			
	Member	Station	Time	Level	Member	Station	Time	Level	Member	Station	Time	Level
Geopotential Height					Russian Federation	23933	00	250	Russian Federation	23933	00	250
					Russian Federation	23933	12	250	Russian Federation	23933	12	250
	Russian Federation	25913	00	30	Russian Federation	25913	00	50	Russian Federation	25913	00	50
	Russian Federation	25913	12	30	Russian Federation	25913	12	30	Russian Federation	25913	12	30
	Russian Federation	29231	00	70	Russian Federation	29231	00	250	Russian Federation	29231	00	250
	Russian Federation	29839	00	50								
	Russian Federation	29839	12	30	Russian Federation	29839	12	250	Russian Federation	29839	12	250
	Russian Federation	30054	12	30	Russian Federation	30054	00	50	Russian Federation	30054	00	50
					Russian Federation	30054	12	70	Russian Federation	30054	12	50
	Russian Federation	30758	00	50								
	Russian Federation	31873	00	30	Russian Federation	31873	00	50	Russian Federation	31873	00	50
	Russian Federation	31873	12	30	Russian Federation	31873	12	50	Russian Federation	31873	12	200
	India	42348	0	925	India	42079	00	30				
					India	42348	00	925				
					India	42634	00	150				
Vector Wind	Bangladesh	41923	12	250								
Wind Direction	Russian Federation	29231	12									
	India	42111	12									
	India	42339	12									

5. Possible Causes of Remarkable Biases

The following are possible causes of remarkable and sustained biases:

- (1) The radiosonde has significant error.
- (2) The latitude, longitude or altitude of the station in OSCAR/Surface has not been updated in a timely and appropriate manner. This could result in remarkable biases because it may cause incorrect calculated first-guess field values.
- (3) Biases are specific to the NWP model used in quality monitoring.

Technical Support

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