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Time Correlated Wind/Atmosphere Profile Database for NASA DOL Assessments

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Background

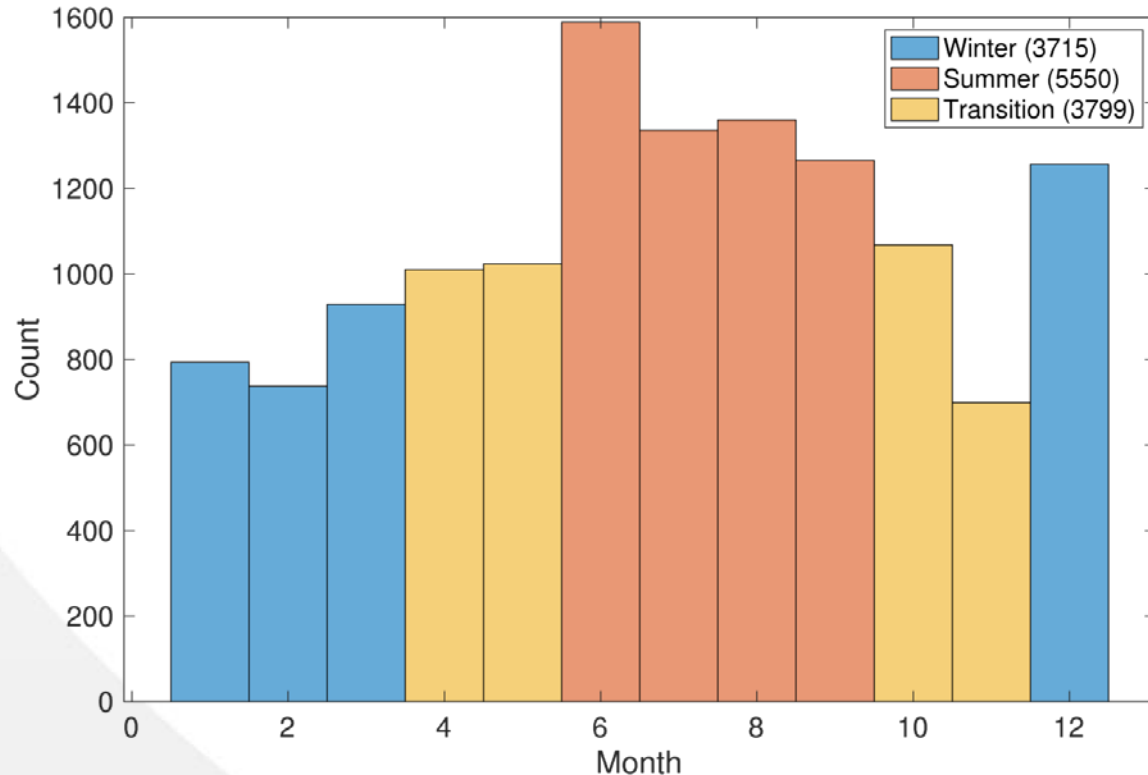
- **MSFC Natural Environments previously developed multiple databases for SLS and Orion MPCV ascent assessments:**
 - KSC Seasonal Atmospheric Profile Triplets
 - Summer, Transition, and Winter seasons
 - 4000 triplets per season
 - L-2, L-1, L-0
 - KSC Seasonal Atmospheric Profile Quintuplets
 - Summer, Transition, and Winter seasons
 - 2000 triplets per season
 - L-2, L-1, L-0, L+1, L+2
 - The L-0, L+1, and L+2 profiles are a subset of the triplets
- **DOLILU Integrated Ad Hoc Team (DOLIAHT) requested a more robust database, which could be used to assess multiple time lines, and to develop knockdowns for various time intervals**

KSC Seasonal Atmospheric Profile Duodecaplets

- Decision was made to develop a set of 12 profiles (duodecaplets)
- Profiles are separated by 30 minutes from L-3 to L+2
- An additional profile is added at L-6
- L-6, L-3, L-2.5, L-2, L-1.5, L-1, L-0.5, L-0, L+0.5, L+1, L+1.5, L+2
- MSFC has large database of spliced 915 MHz and 50 MHz Doppler Radar Wind Profiler (DRWP) wind profiles
- Select as many duodecaplets as possible for each season
 - Summer: 5550
 - Transition: 3799
 - Winter: 3715
- All DRWP profiles reach at least 15 km, with a max of 18.45 km
- DRWP profiles are spliced into Earth GRAM generated wind profiles up to 250 km
 - Wind value at the top of the L-6 profile is used to initialize Earth GRAM
 - Correlated profile function within Earth GRAM used to generate subsequent profiles
 - Ran the same process which was used to develop the triplets and quintuplets
- Thermodynamic profiles (temperature, pressure, and density) are generated from Earth GRAM

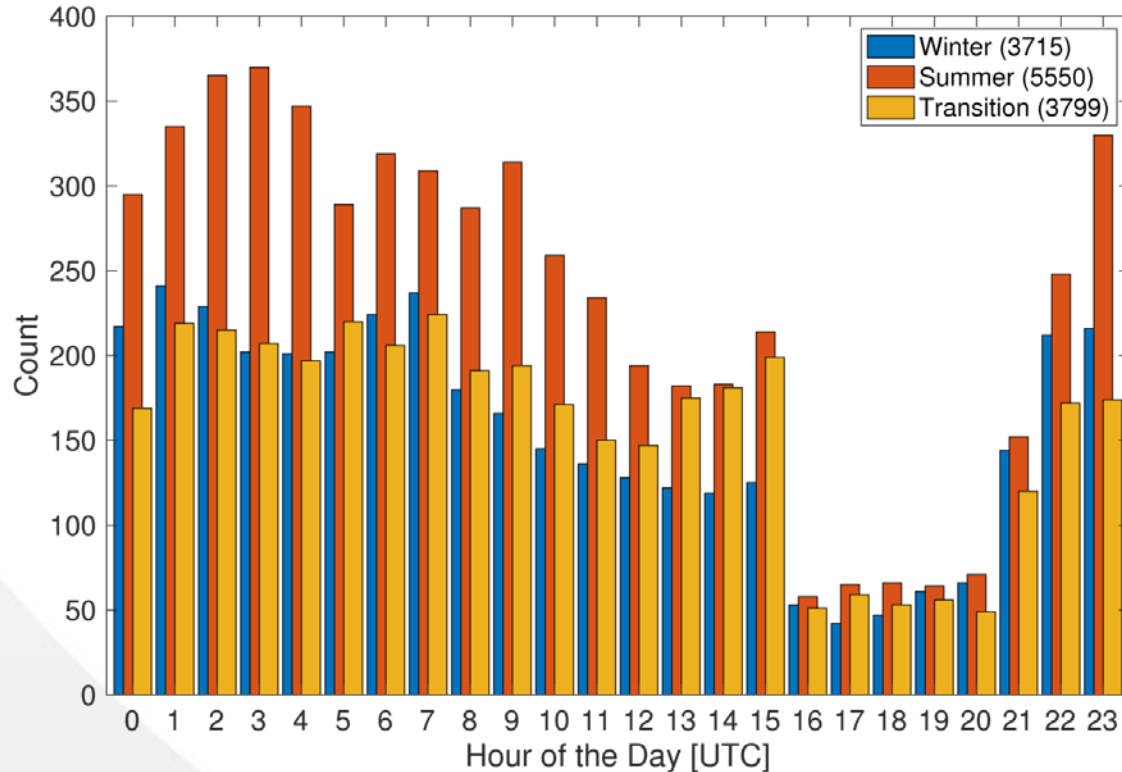
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- Monthly distribution of the duodecaplets for each season (first profile, L-6)



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- Hourly distribution of the duodecaplets for each season (first profile, L-6)



KSC Seasonal Atmospheric Profile Duodecaplets

- Summary
- Seasonal duodecaplets generated for use in DOL assessments
 - Summer: 5550
 - Transition: 3799
 - Winter: 3715
- Number per season can be cut down if desired (e.g., 2000 per season)
- Minimum time between duodecaplets not considered
- Questions?