Interactive comment on “Remote sensing of cloud top pressure/height from SEVIRI: analysis of ten current retrieval algorithms” by U. Hamann et al.

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Several of the algorithms presented use the 13.4 micron channel of Meteosat/SEVIRI to provide information on cloud top height. This channel has been found to have a calibration bias with respect to Metop/IASI by inter-calibration [Hewison and Mueller, 2013]. The bias is believed to be mostly due to a build-up of ice on the optics, which modifies the instrument’s spectral response function. The resulting calibration bias varies with time and depends on the scene’s radiance spectrum, but can typically be $\sim$1K. Empirical corrections are available, based on the Global Space-based Inter-Calibration System (GSICS) from http://gsics.wmo.int.

Would it be possible to perform a sensitivity study to investigate the impact of this bias
on the cloud top height retrievals?
