

# Climate Chemistry simulation using RegCM4.5

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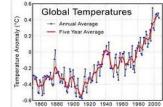
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# Objective

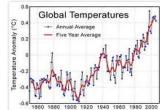
To show the current capabilities of RegCM4.5 to simulate the atmospheric chemistry of gases and aerosol and their feedbacks

## Outline

- Climate system (atmospheric chemistry perspective)
- Regional climate chemistry model
- Ozone modeling
- Aerosol modeling



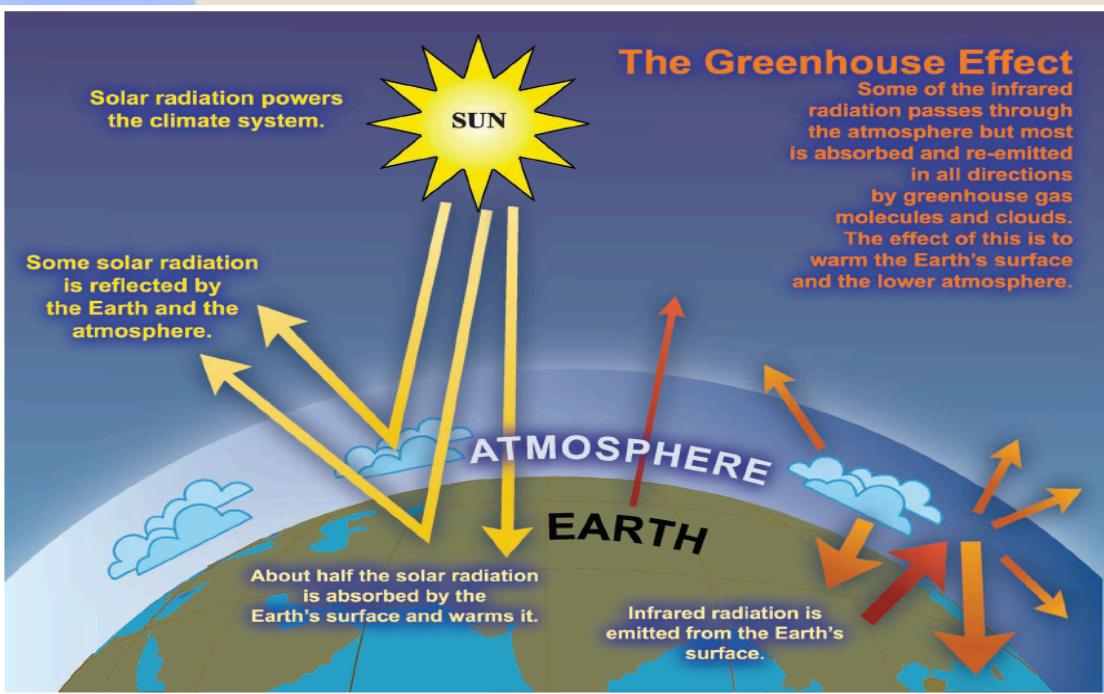
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# Why Chemistry Modeling?

## Basic Components

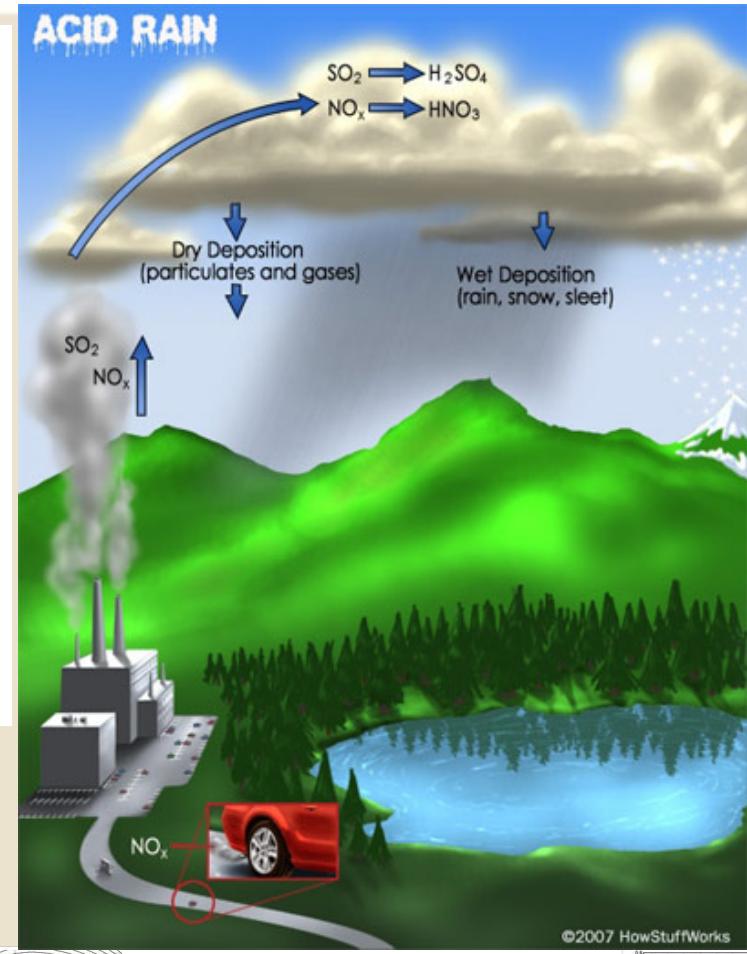
Green House Gases: CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, O<sub>3</sub>, CFC

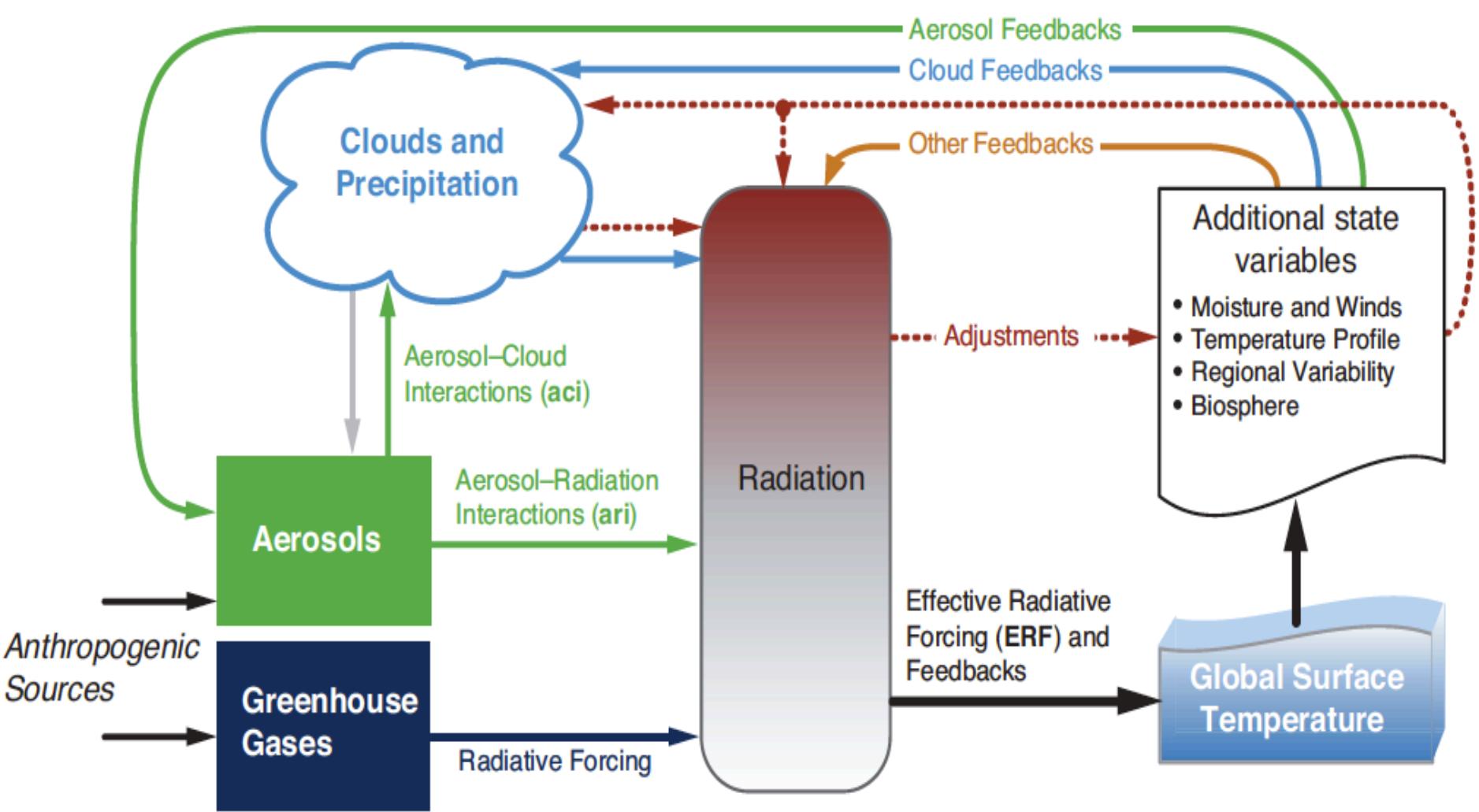


Aerosols: Sulfate, OC, BC, Dust, SOA



Acids: H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, HNO<sub>3</sub>, HCl

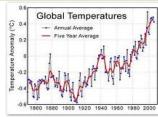




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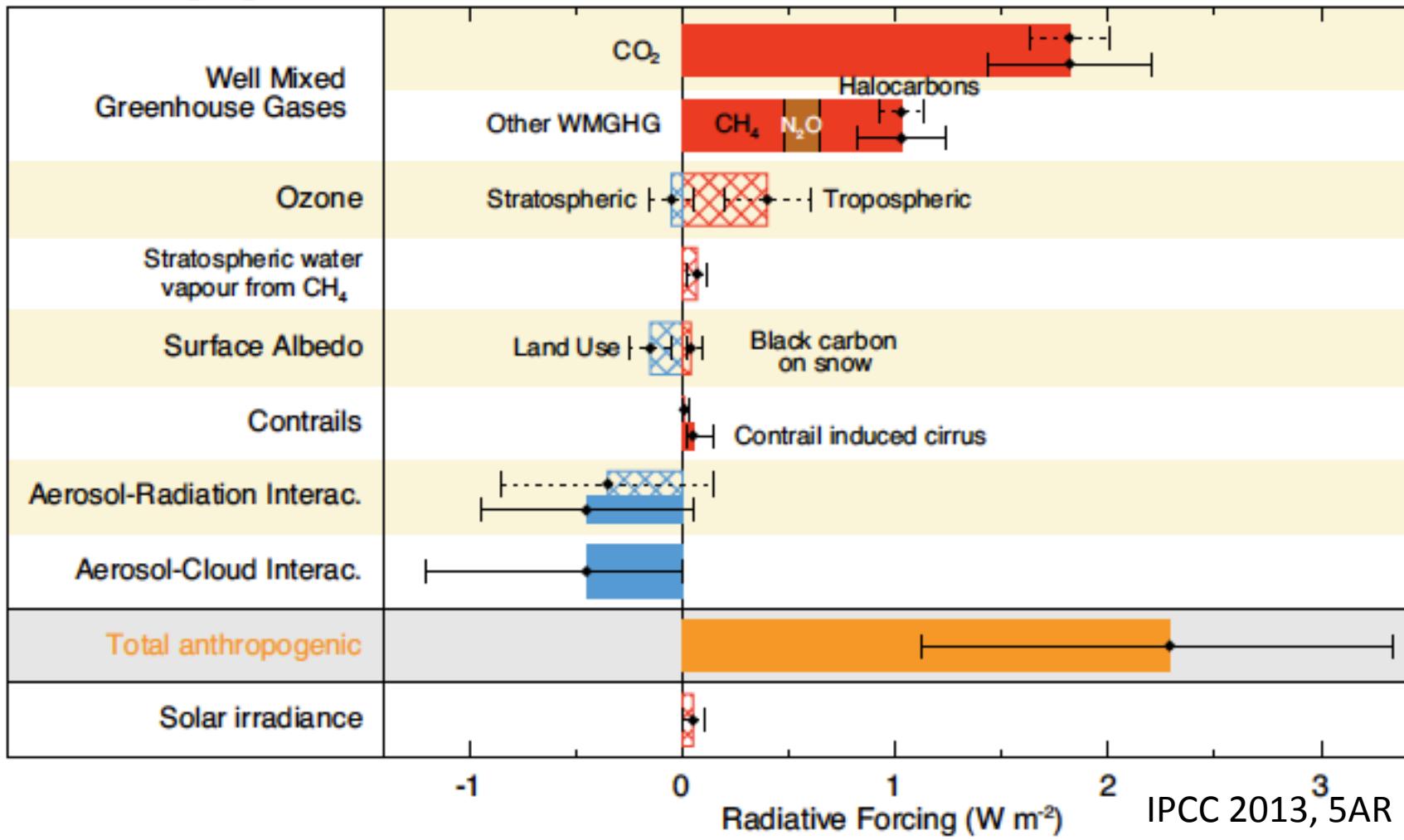
Irradiance Changes from  
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Irradiance Changes from  
Aerosol-Cloud Interactions (aci)

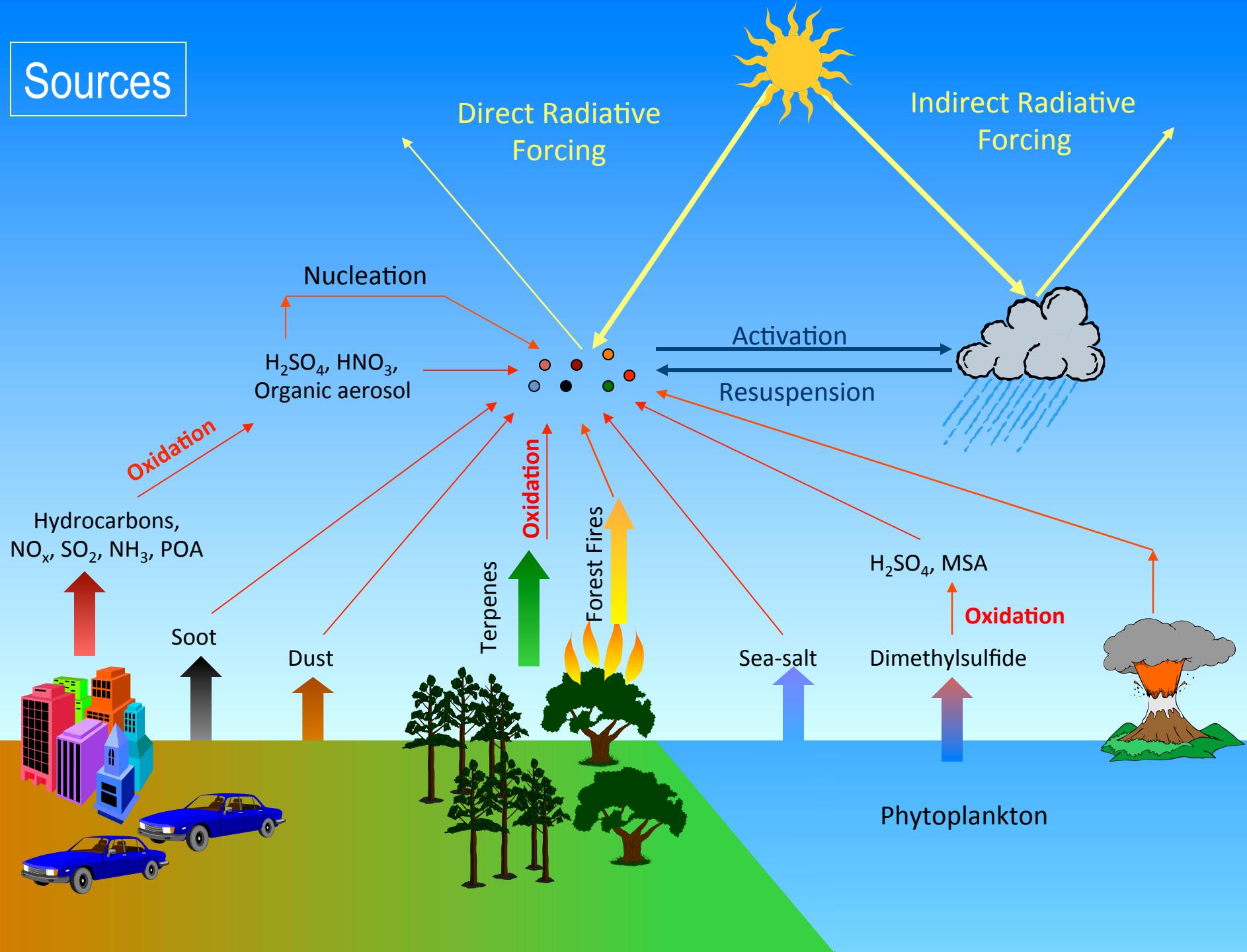
## Radiative forcing of climate between 1750 and 2011 Forcing agent

Anthropogenic

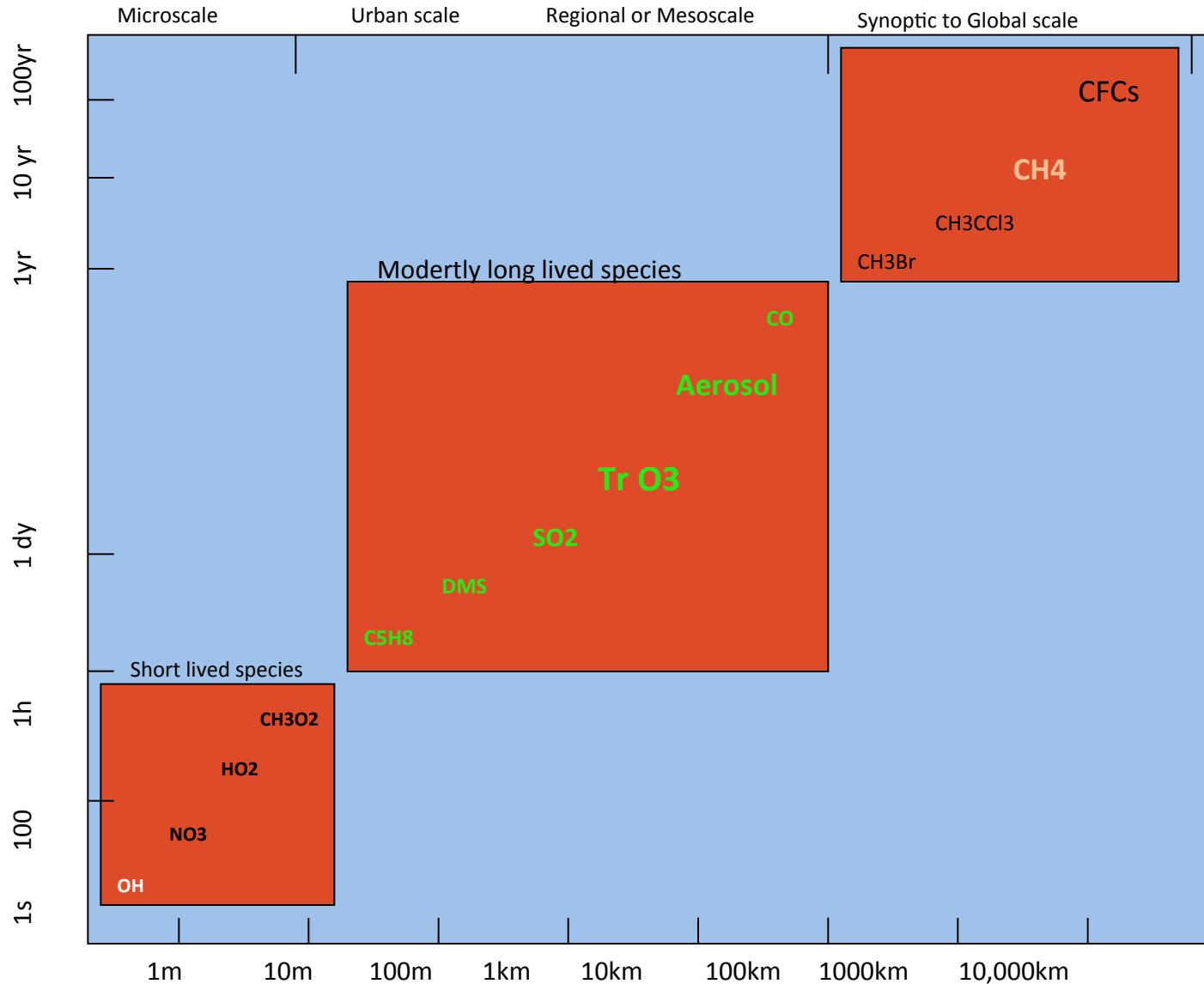
Natural



# Sources



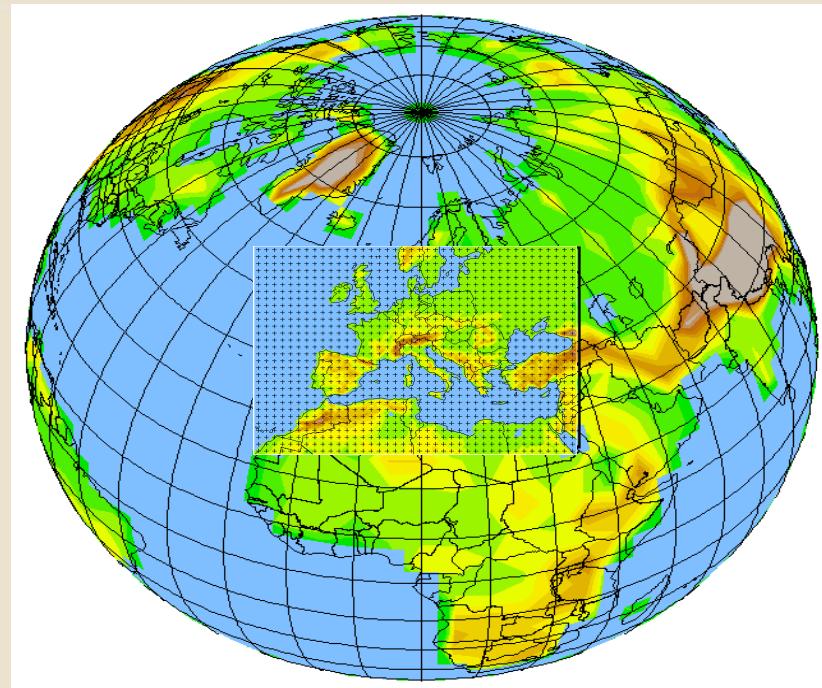
# Spatial and Temporal Scales for atmospheric composition

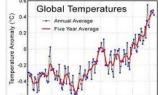


# RegCM4 Regional Climate Model

Global Climate model is an Initial Value problem (we need to specify the initial values and then let the model goes forward)

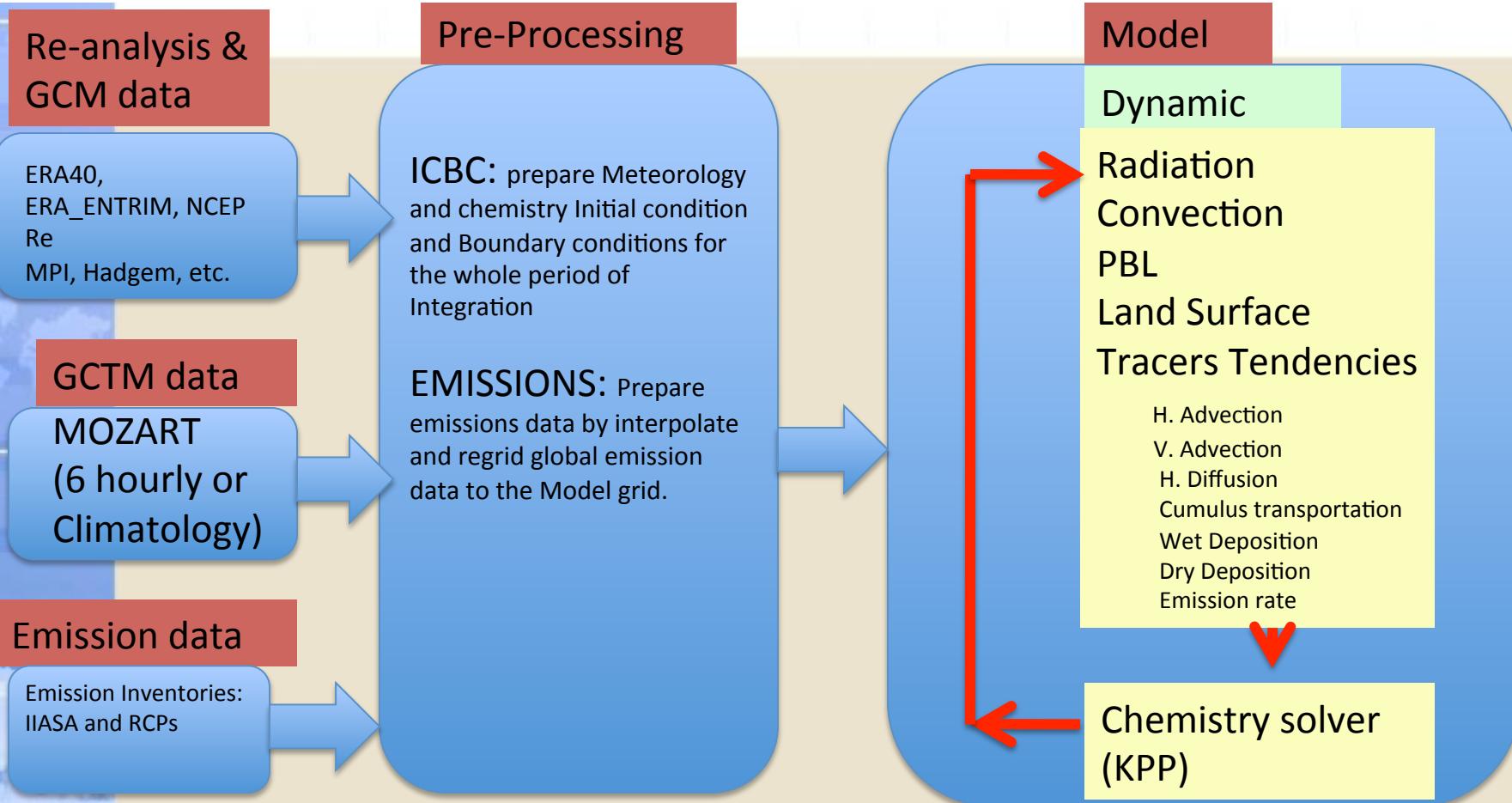
Regional climate model is boundary value problem (we need to know the boundary conditions for the whole period of simulation) and the model will deduce the fine details (the added value) .



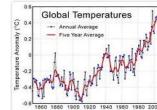
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# RegCM4.5 framework

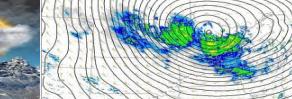
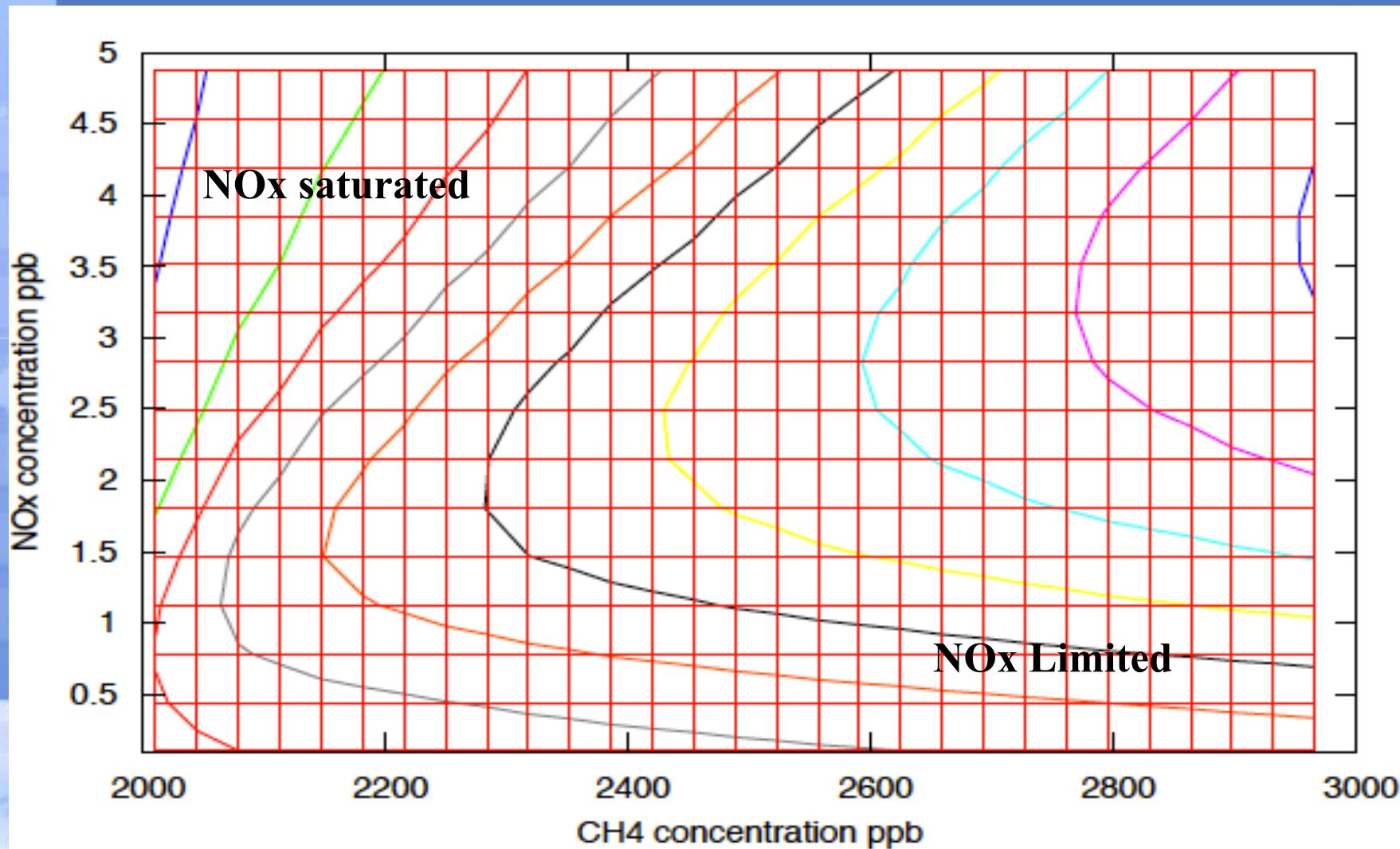
$$\frac{\partial \chi}{\partial t} = -\bar{V} \cdot \nabla \chi + F_H + F_V + T_{CUM} + S_\chi - R_{w,ls} - R_{w,cum} - D_{dep} + \sum Q_p - Q_l$$



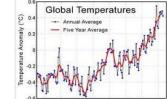
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# NOx-VOC-Ozone (source of air pollution)

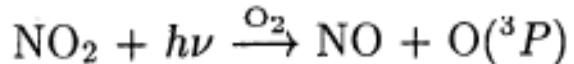
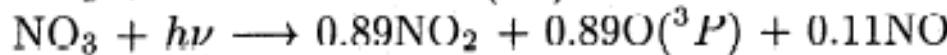
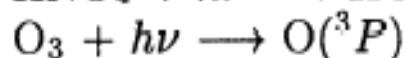
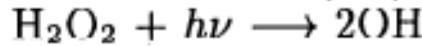
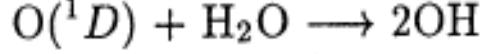


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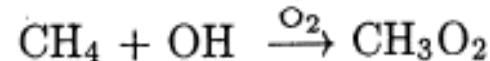


# What is CBMZ chemical mechanism?

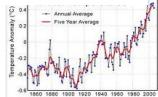
## Inorganic Chemistry

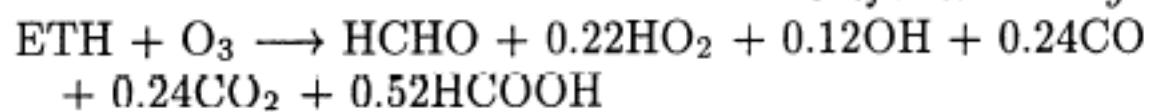
 $J_{\text{NO}_2}$  $J_{\text{NO}_3}$  $J_{\text{HNO}_2}$  $J_{\text{HNO}_3}$  $J_{\text{HNO}_4}$  $J_{\text{O}_3\text{a}}$  $J_{\text{O}_3\text{b}}$  $J_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_2}$  $3.2 \times 10^{-11} \exp(70/T)$  $1.8 \times 10^{-11} \exp(110/T)$  $2.2 \times 10^{-10}$ 

## Paraffin Chemistry

 $T^{0.667} 2.8 \times 10^{-14} \exp(-1575/T)$  $T^2 1.5 \times 10^{-17} \exp(-492/T)$  $8.1 \times 10^{-13}$  $6.7 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-600/T)$ 

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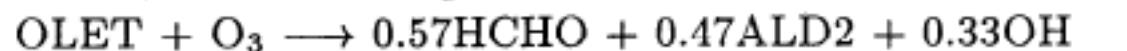


*Olefin chemistry*

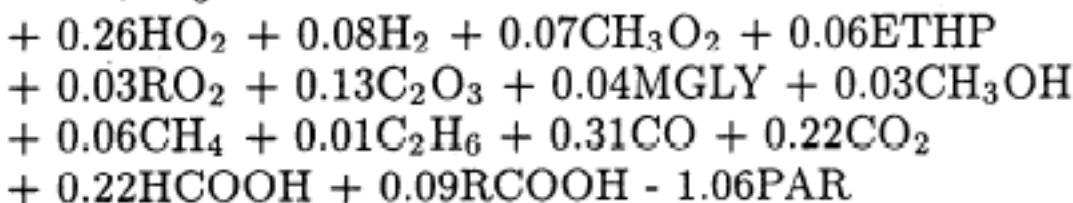
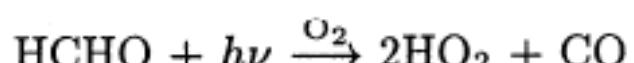
$$1.2 \times 10^{-14} \exp(-2630/T)$$



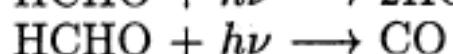
$$F(1.0(-28), 0.8, 8.8(-12), 0.0)$$



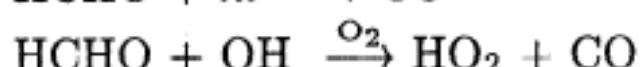
$$4.2 \times 10^{-15} \exp(-1800/T)$$

*Carbonyl Chemistry*

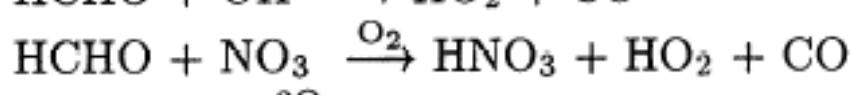
$$J_{\text{HCHOa}}$$



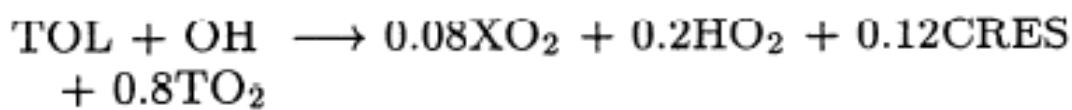
$$J_{\text{HCHO}\ddot{\text{b}}}$$



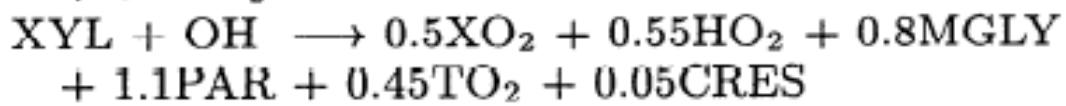
$$1.0 \times 10^{-11}$$



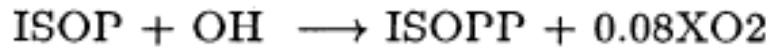
$$3.4 \times 10^{-13} \exp(-1900/T)$$

*Aromatic Chemistry*

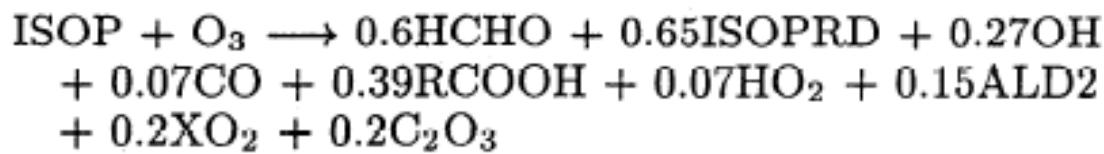
$$2.1 \times 10^{-12} \exp(322/T)$$



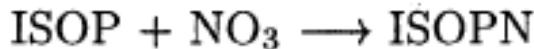
$$1.7 \times 10^{-11} \exp(116/T)$$

*Isoprene Chemistry*

$$2.55 \times 10^{-11} \exp(409/T)$$



$$1.2 \times 10^{-14} \exp(-2013/T)$$



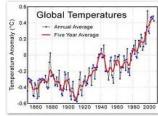
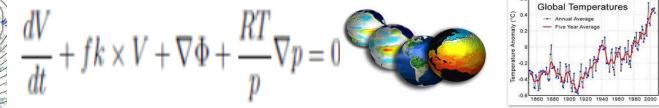
$$3.0 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-446/T)$$



$$\frac{d[X_i]}{dt} = \sum_i \text{source} - \sum_i \text{sink}$$

<b>Number of reaction</b>	<b>132</b>
Total number of Species	58
Number of transported species	30
Number of Alkane	3 (CH4, C2H6, PAR)
Number of Alkene	3+1(Isoprene)
Number of Aromatic	3 (TOLU, XYL, CRES)

Calculating the time evolution of gas-phase chemistry requires an integration of a set of stiff ordinary differential equations and is among the most computationally expensive operations performed in a climate chemistry model.



# Global Emission

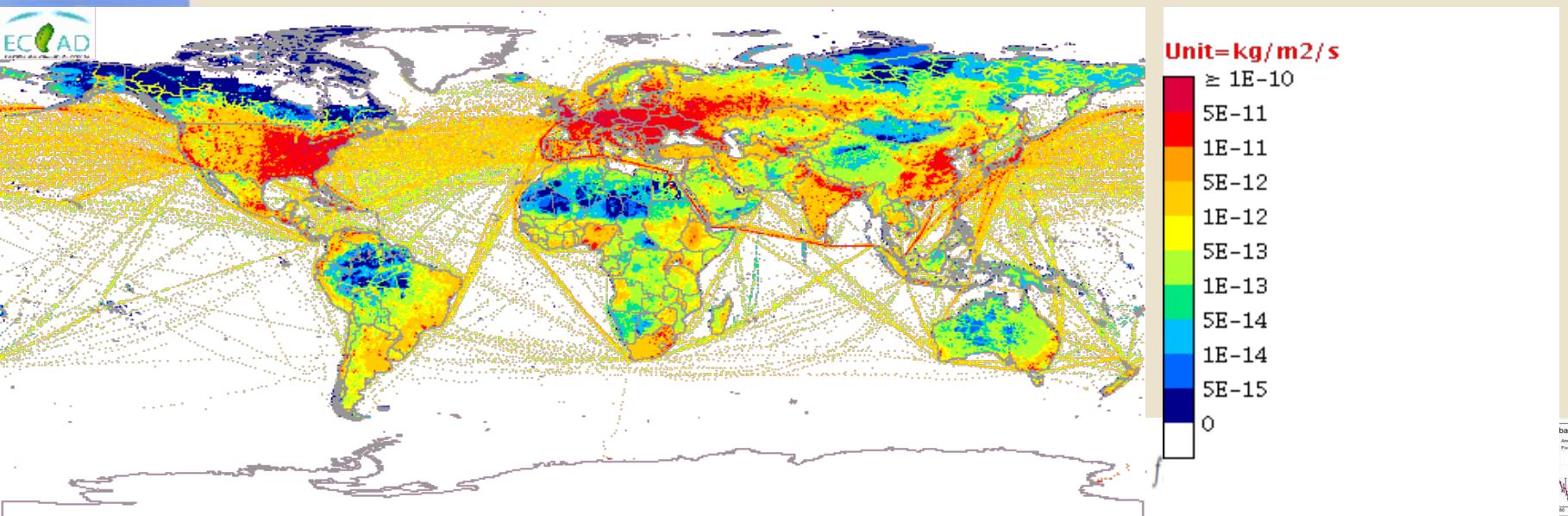
IIASA emission is global 0.5 degrees resolution, which has nine substances, SO<sub>2</sub>, total VOC, CH<sub>4</sub>, CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, BC, OC, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and it is consistent with RCP (Representative Concentration Pathway) sectors (industry, energy, transport, etc.)

IIASA emissions available for 2005, 2010, 2030, and 2050

1-RegCM4.5 interpolate and regrid these global map to the model grid.

2-derives the corresponding VOCs in a consistent way from the Total VOC.

Anthropogenic NO<sub>x</sub> 2005

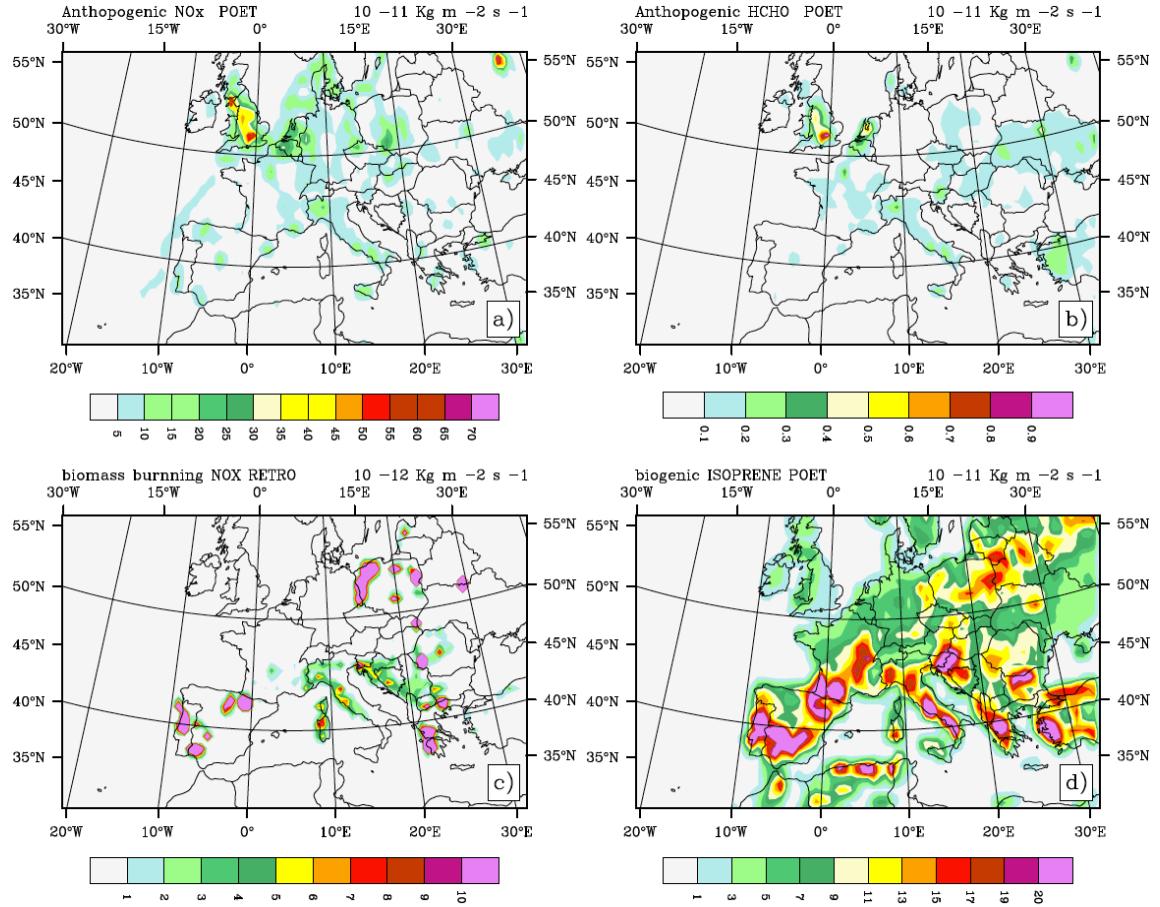


# RegCM4.5 framework (cont.)

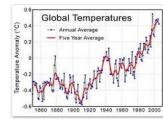
## Emissions data (IIASA emission)

Sample data represents the emissions used by RegCM4.5

- a)Anth. NOx
- b)Anth. HCHO
- c)Biomass NOx
- d) Biogenic ISOPRENE



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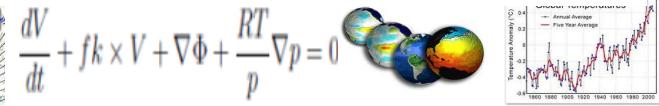
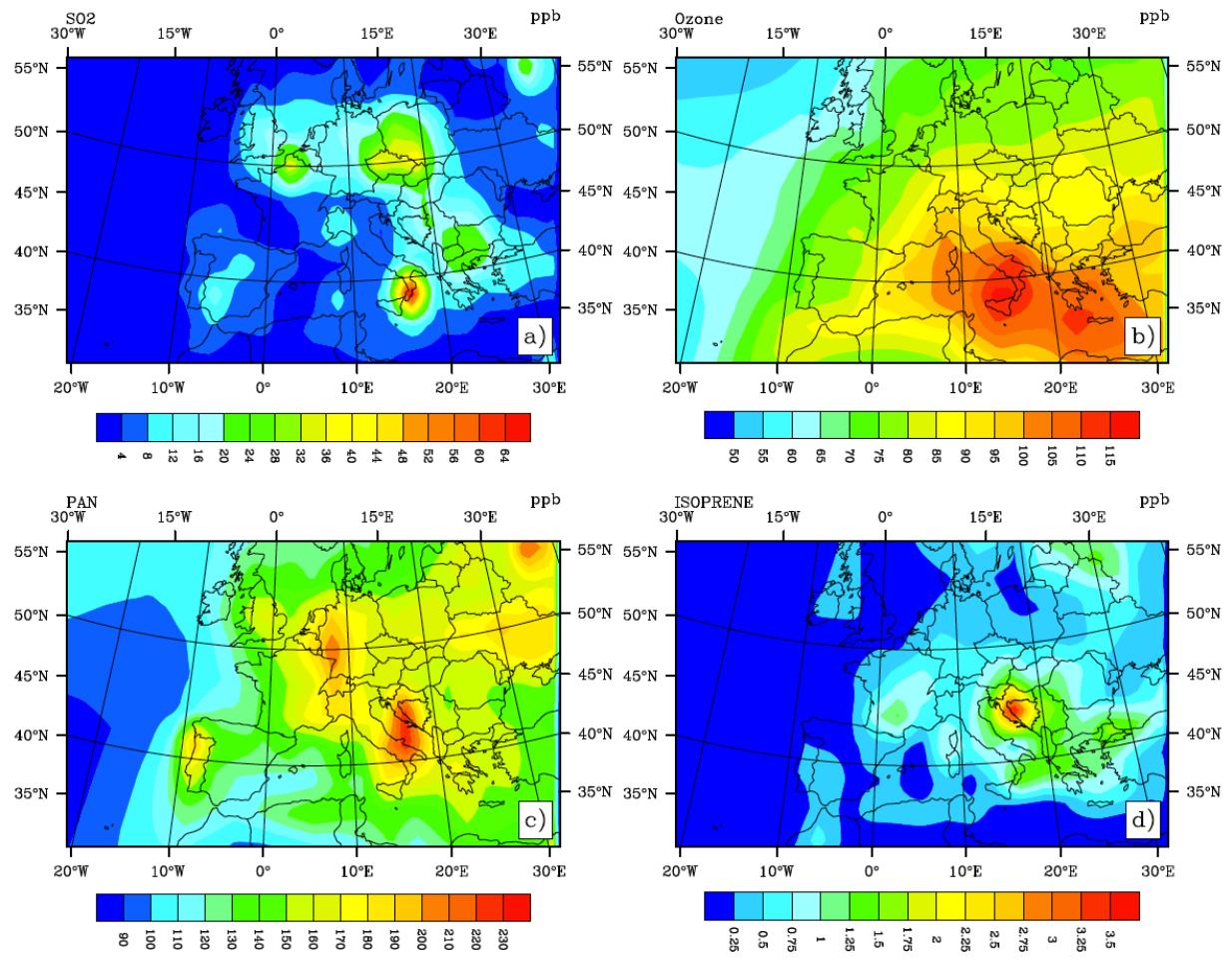


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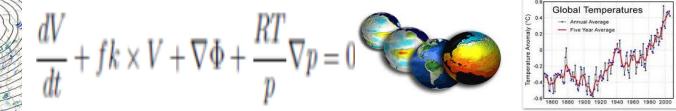
## Chemistry Boundary Conditions

Sample from chemistry boundary conditions file, represents SO<sub>2</sub>, Ozone, PAN, ISOPRENE.

MOZART global chemistry model has been used to provide the initial and boundary condition for RegCM4.5  
There are two option  
1-use 6 hourly boundary conditions  
2-use climatology of 10 year (1999-2009)

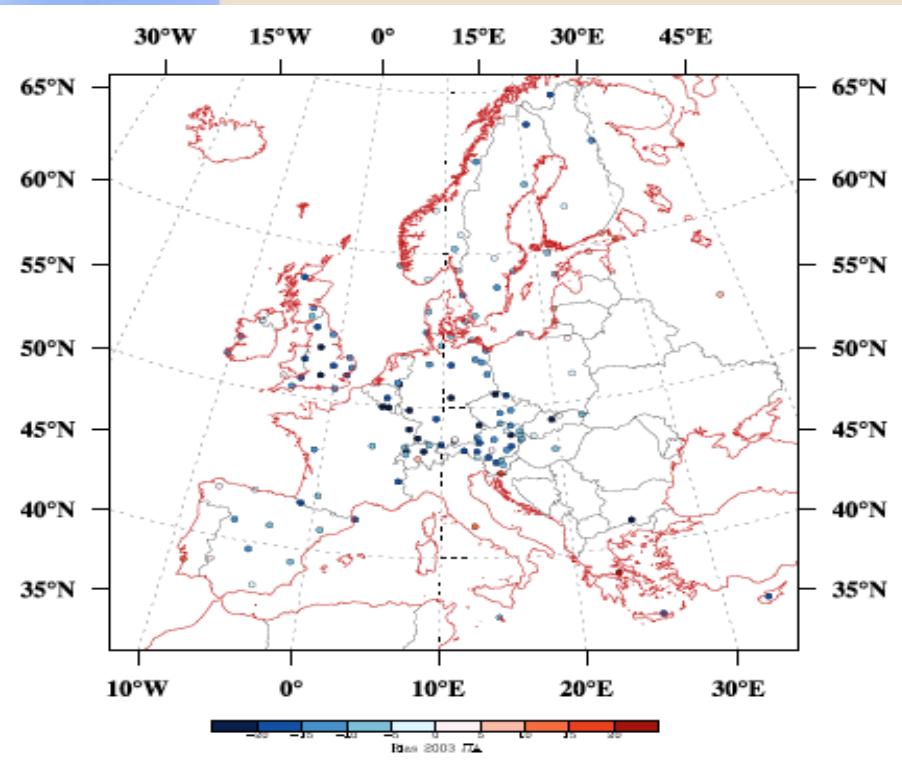


# Ozone simulation

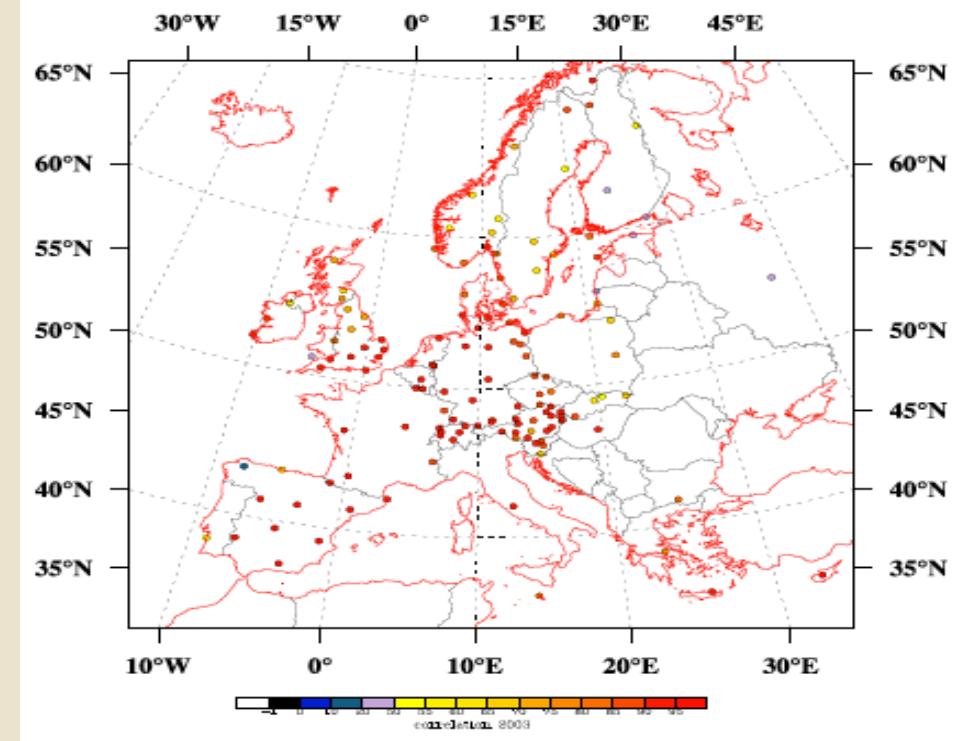


# Ozone simulation: present and future climatology

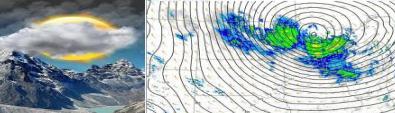
Surface ozone evaluation against EMEP network, for 2003



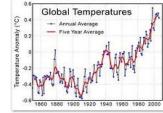
Surface ozone bias JJA 2003



Surface Ozone correlation 2003

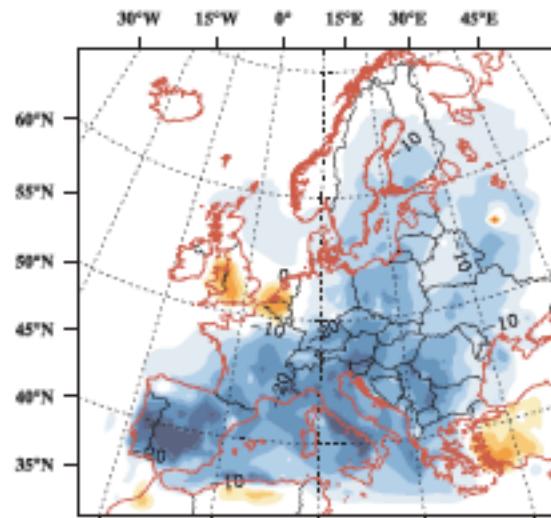


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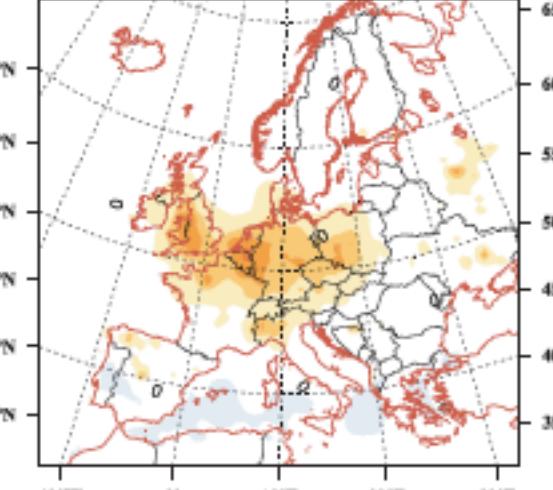
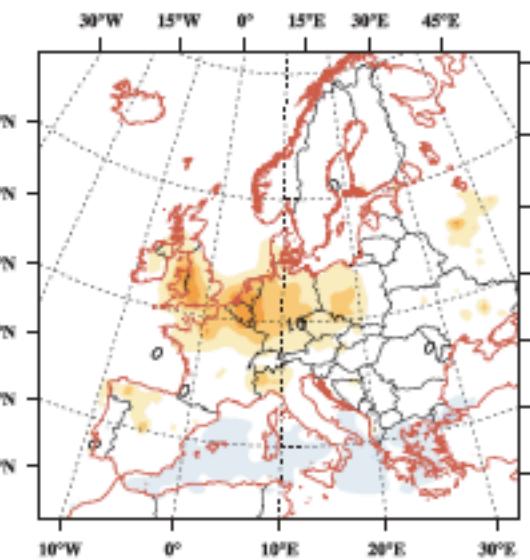
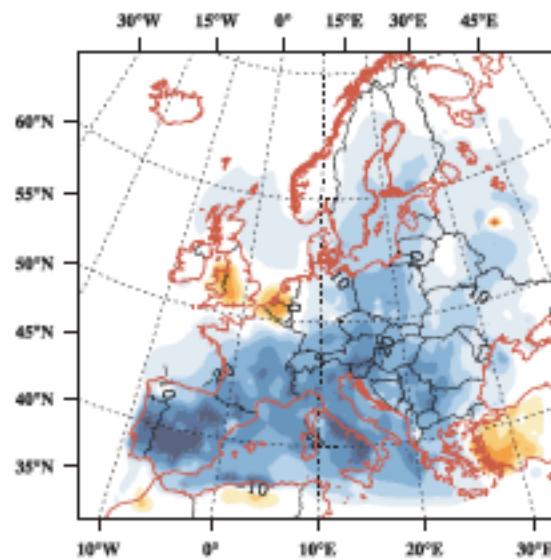
Diff. RCP45 Max. Ozone JJA (ug/m<sup>3</sup>)

Diff. RCP45 Max. Ozone SON (ug/m<sup>3</sup>)



Diff. RCP85 Max. Ozone JJA (ug/m<sup>3</sup>)

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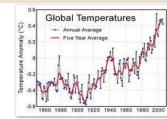


Future scenarios of  
ozone (2045-2055)  
Using RCP4.5 and  
RCP8.5

With the future  
emission of IIASA  
2050

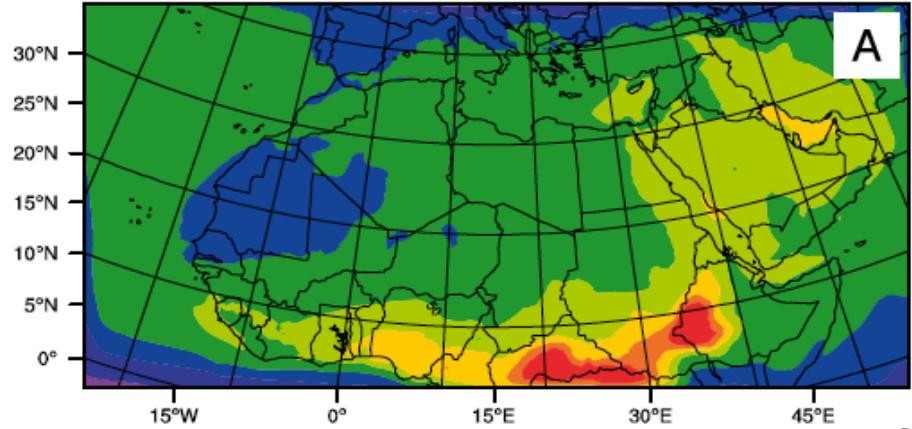


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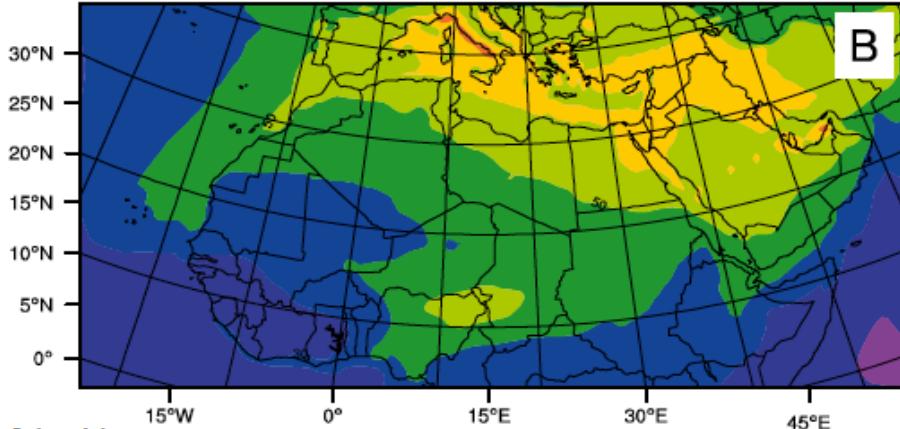
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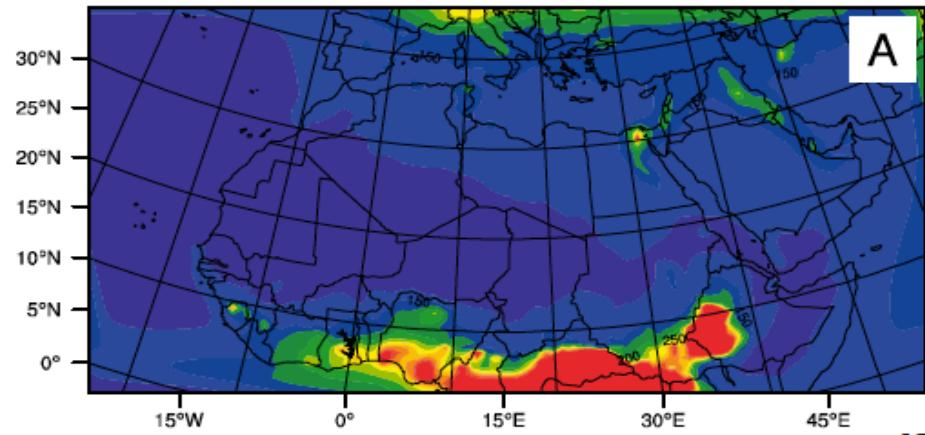
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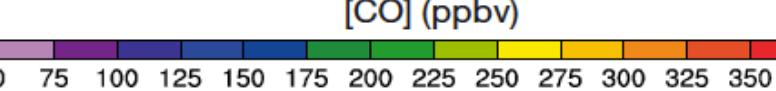
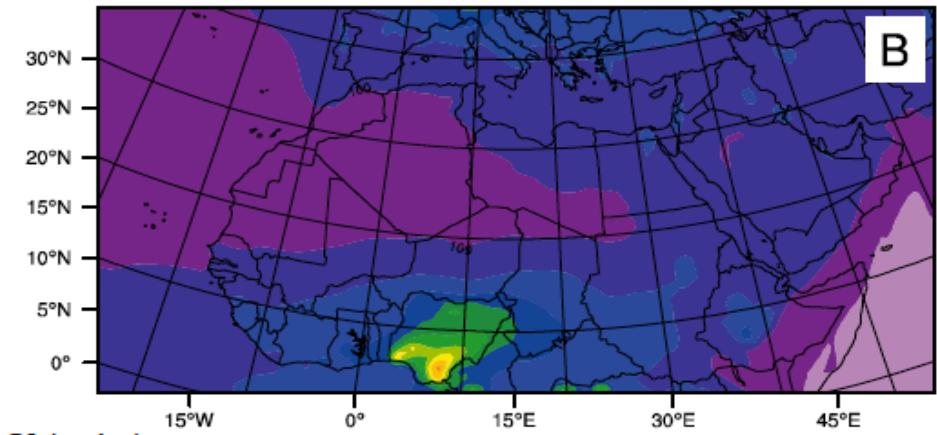
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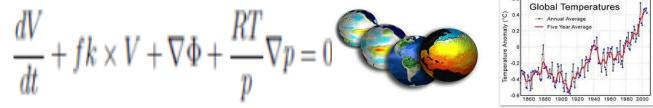


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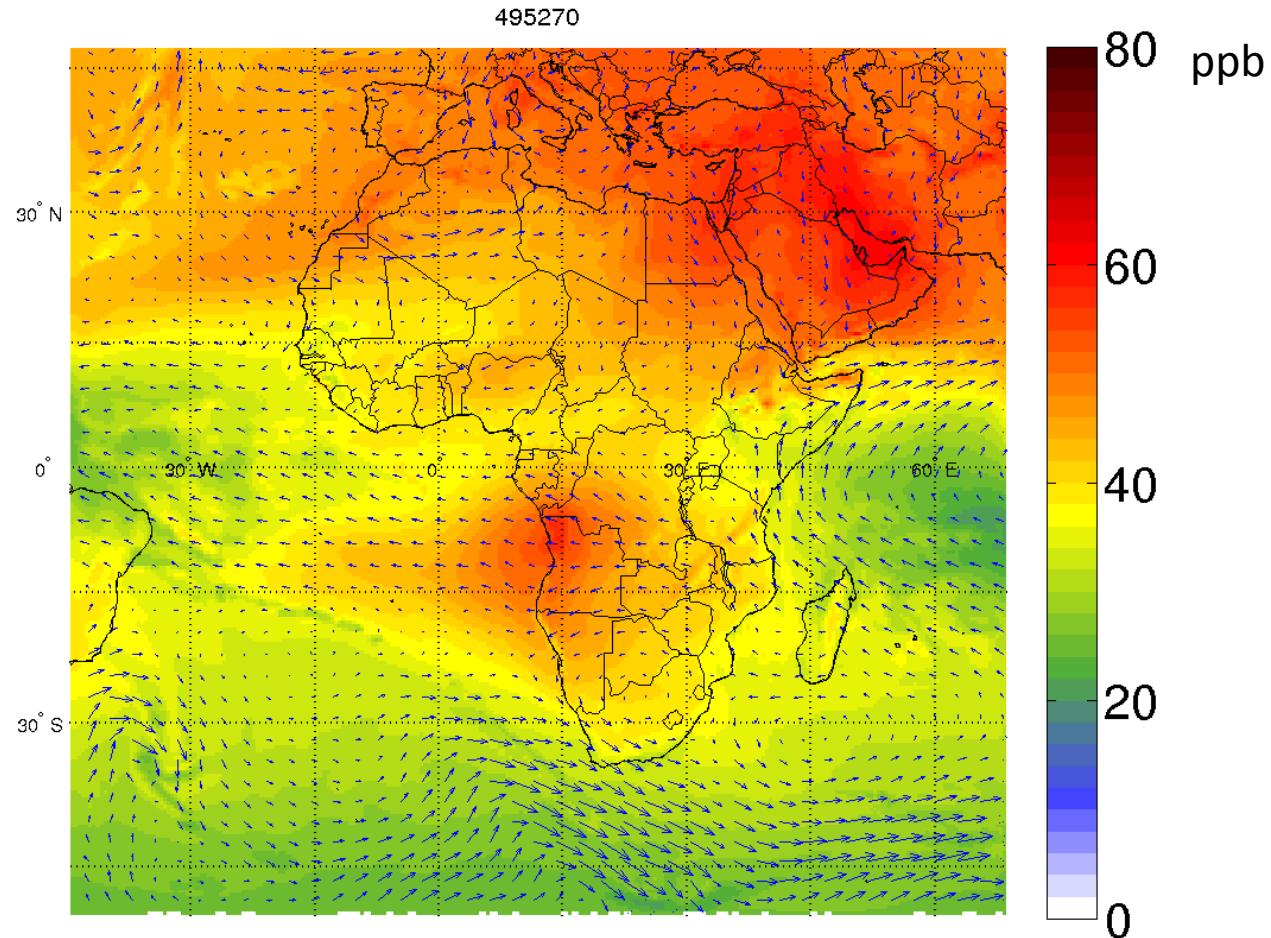


Steiner et al, 2014 CR.

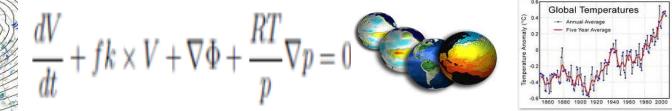


## Ex: Simulated Ozone concentration evolution at 750 hpa – June 2006

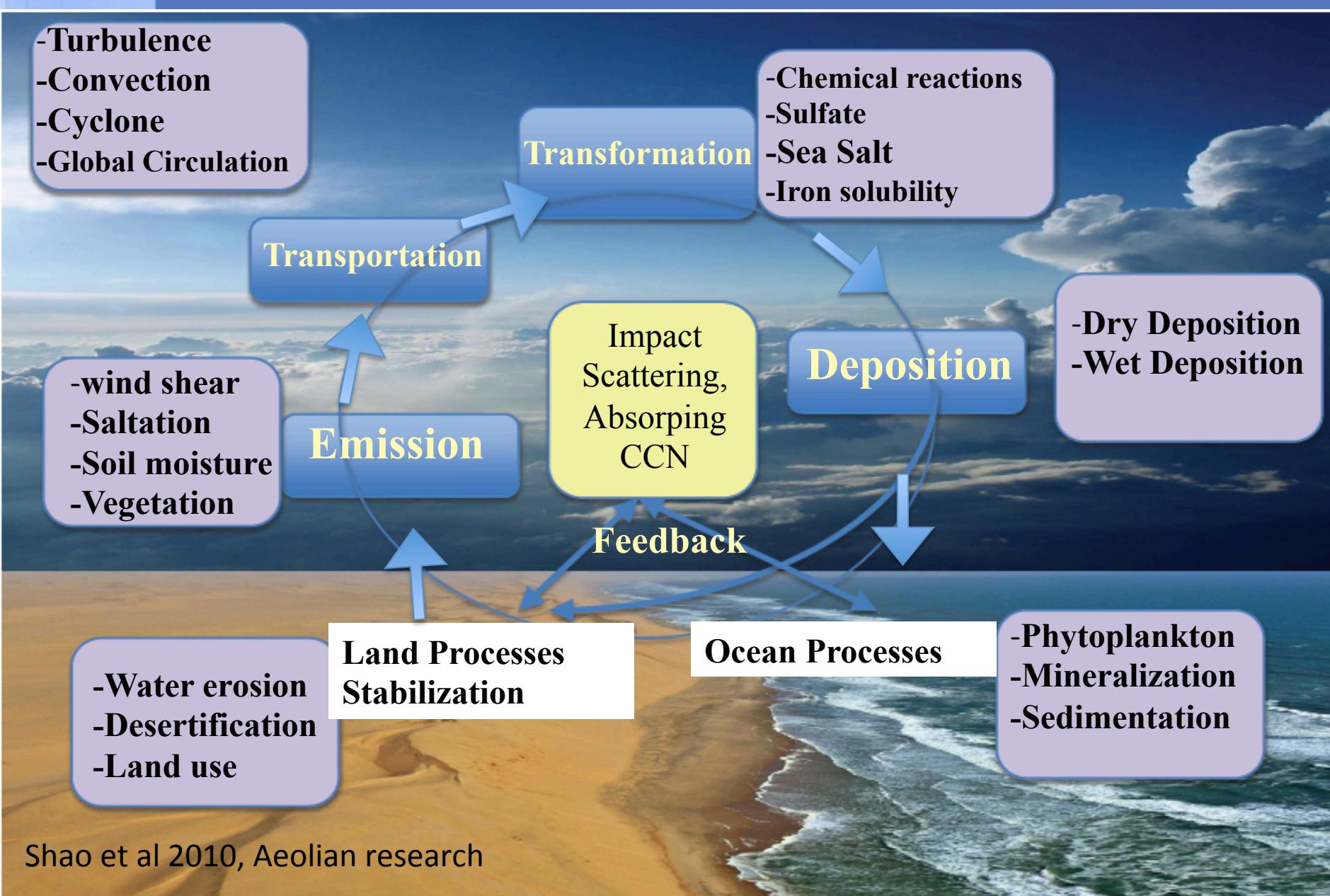
African biomass burning producing high concentration of tropospheric ozone over the tropical Atlantic (a well known seasonal anomaly of global atmospheric chemistry)



# Aerosol simulation



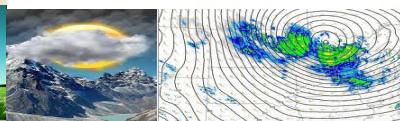
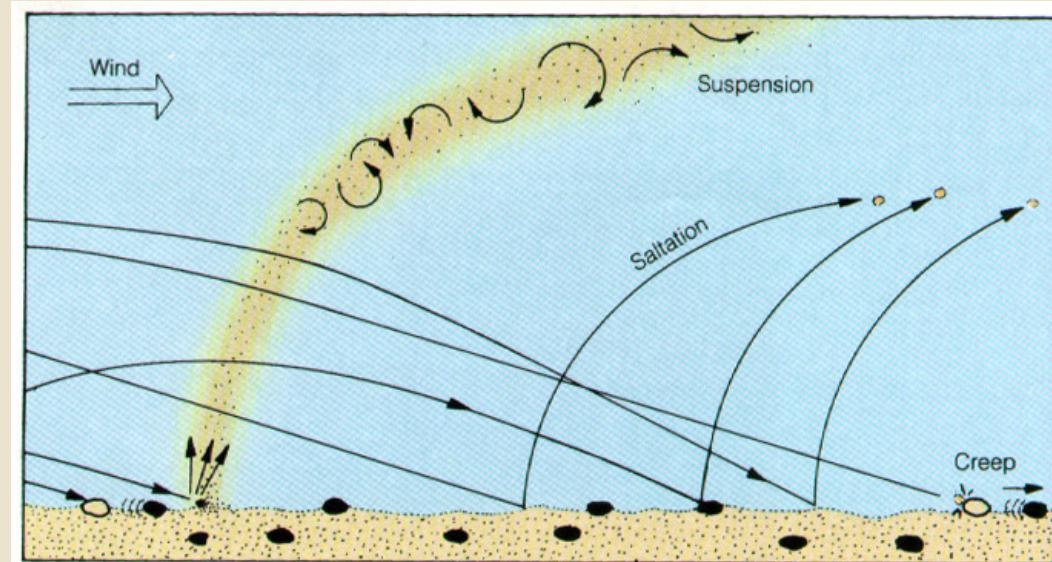
# Dust Processes (Dust life cycle)



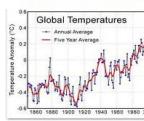
# Physical Processes in a Dust Storm (Saltation and Sandblasting)

- The forces acting on the dust particles are:  
1-particle weight; 2-wind shear stress; 3-interparticle cohesion force.
- Saltation of large particles is initiated when the friction velocity exceed the threshold value. (**Saltation**)
- Large particles bombard fine particles aggregates causing breaking of the binding force within the aggregate and leading to suspension. (**Sandblasting**)

The vertical dust flux is proportional to the horizontal dust flux, which in turn depends on friction velocity.

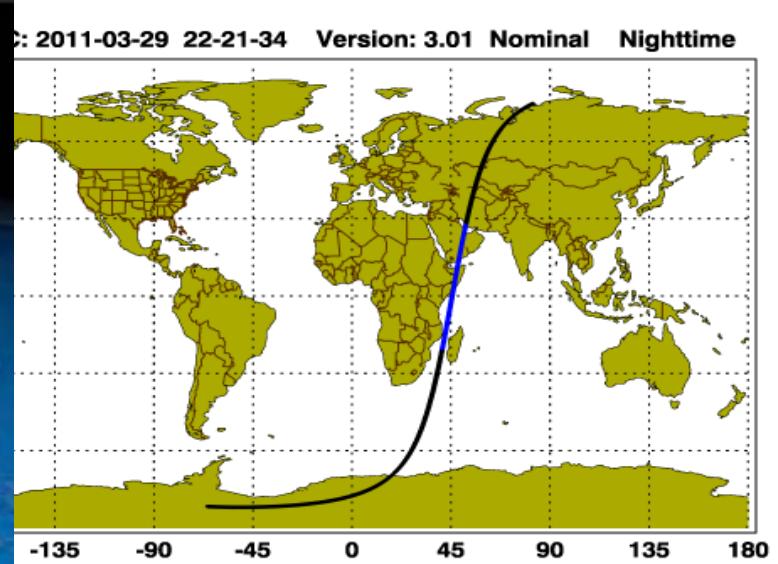
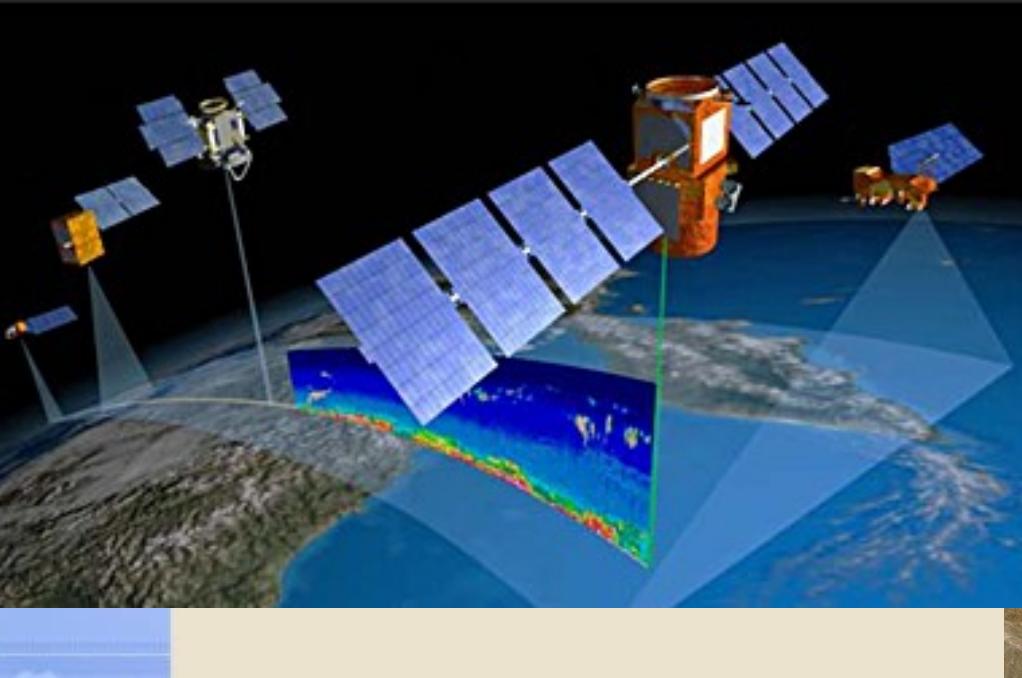


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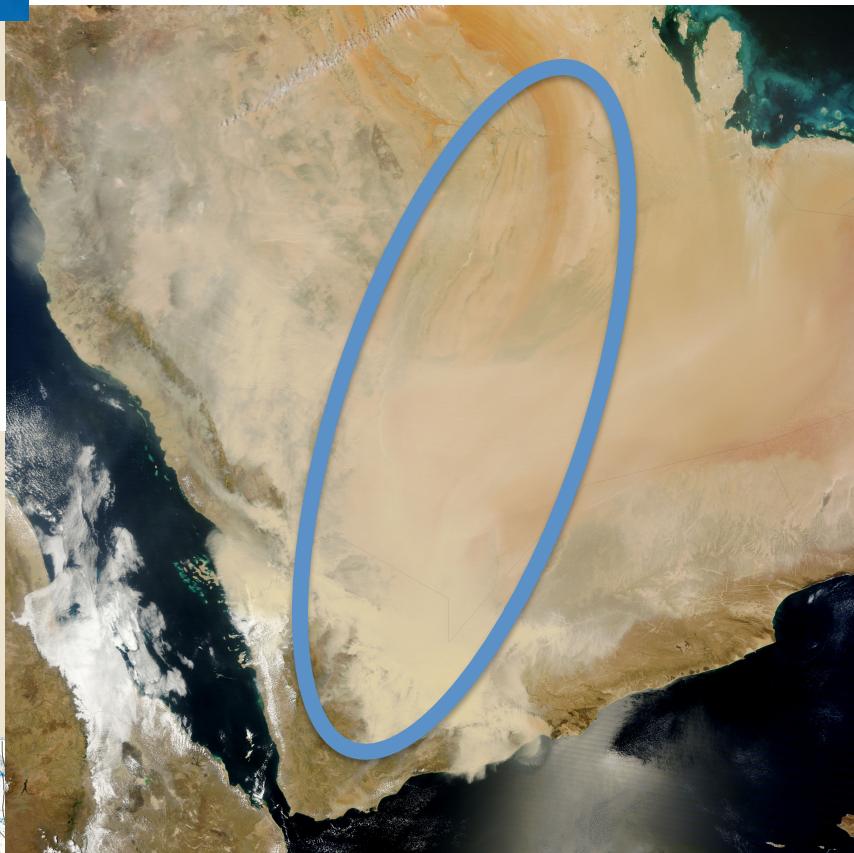
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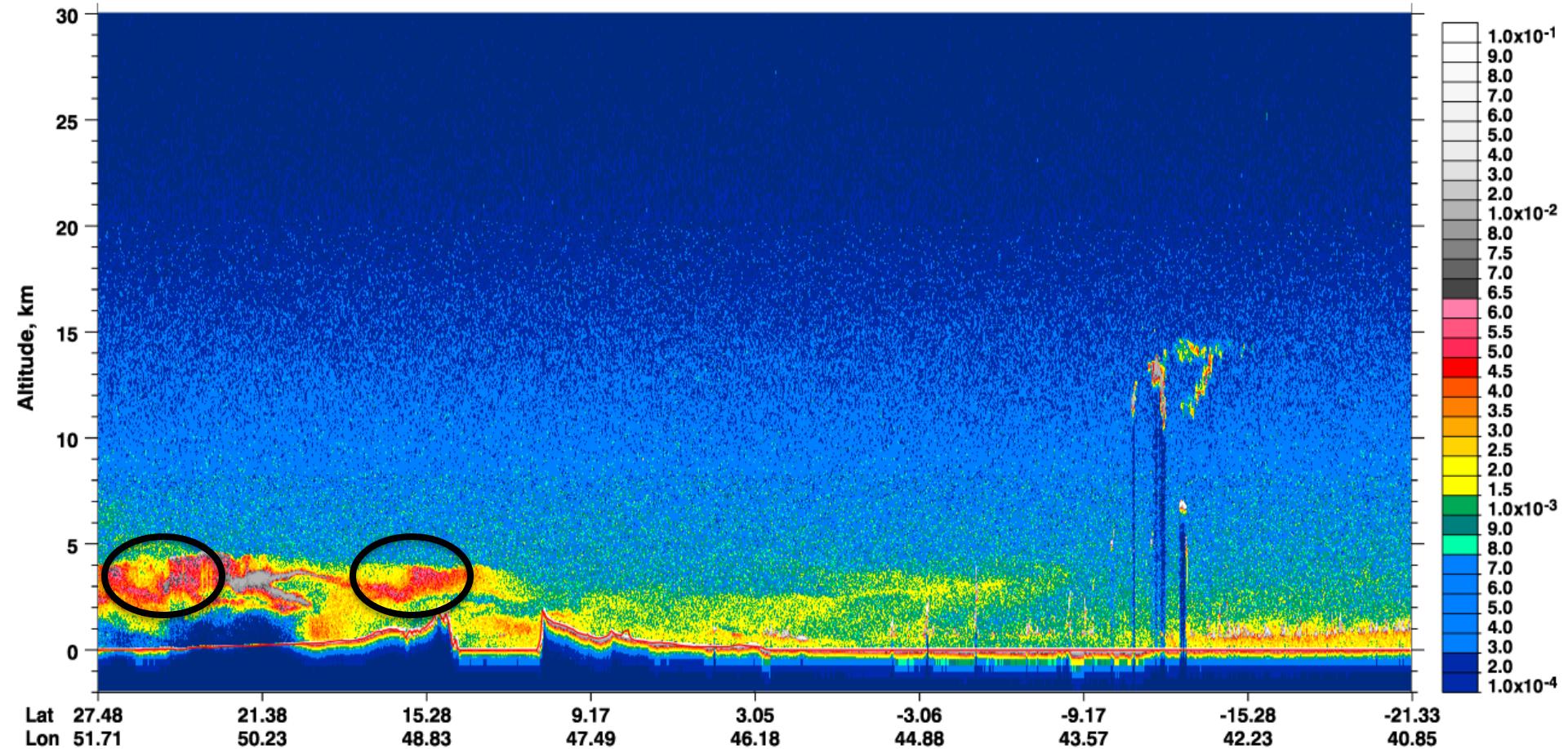


# CALIPSO

## The Cloud Aerosol Lidar and Infrared Pathfinder Satellite Observation

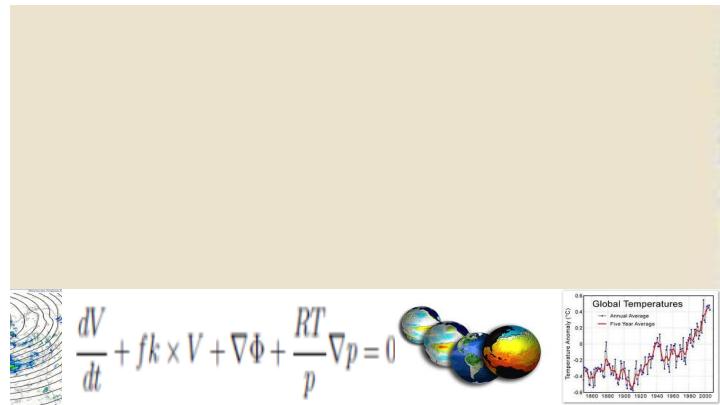


532 nm Total Attenuated Backscatter,  $\text{km}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$  UTC: 2011-03-29 22:35:02.5 to 2011-03-29 22:48:31.2 Version: 3.01 Nominal Nighttime



Detailed Information can be retrieved from  
CALIPSO

- 1-Aerosol concentration and height
- 2-Aerosol type (Absorbing or Scattering )
- 3-Aerosol shape (spherical or non-spherical)

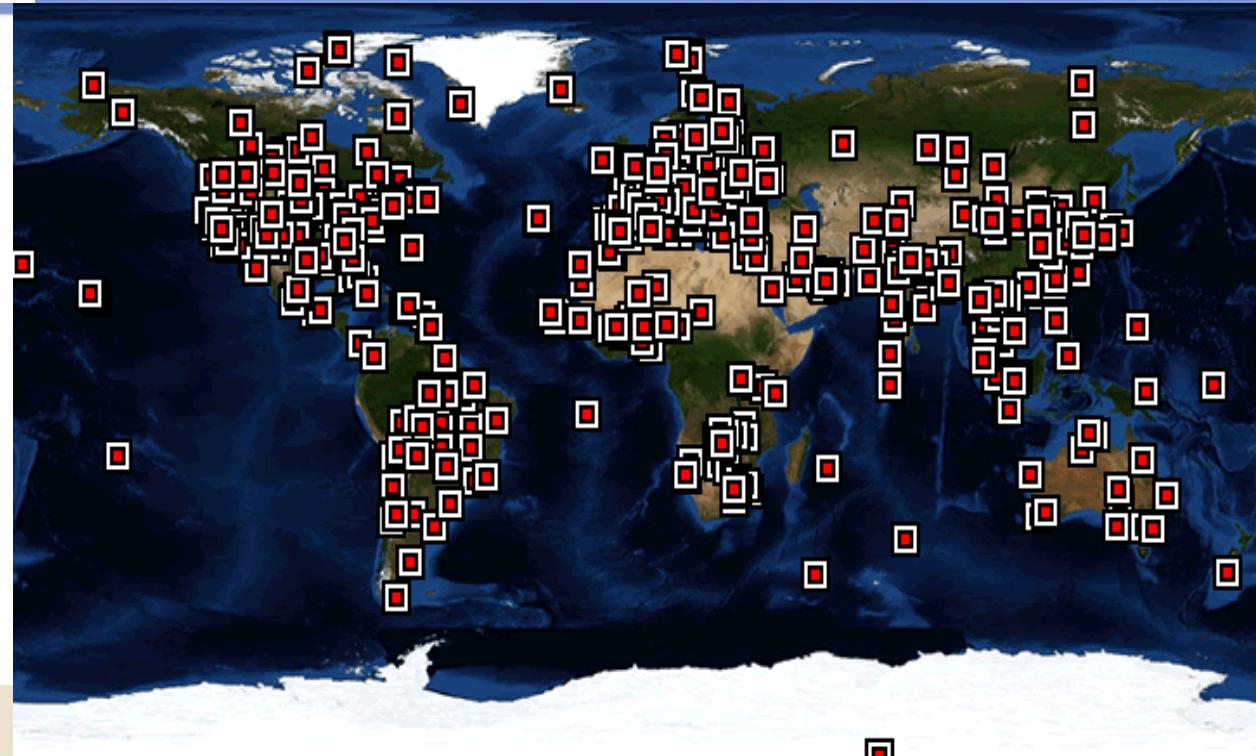


# AErosol RObotic NETwork (AERONET)

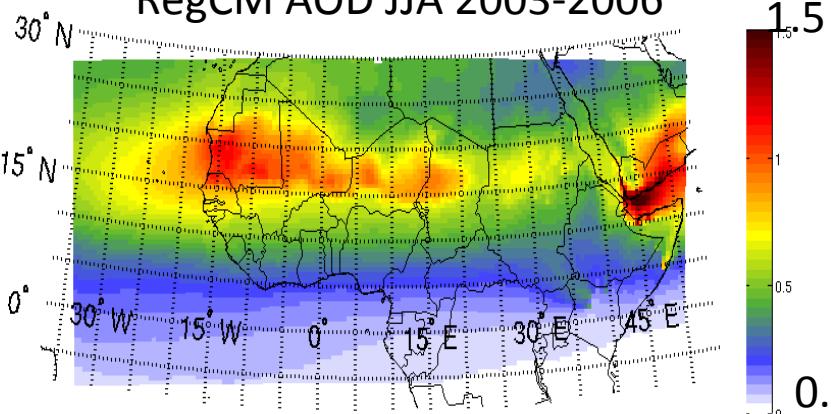
<http://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

AERONET provides the most valuable information about the atmospheric aerosols.

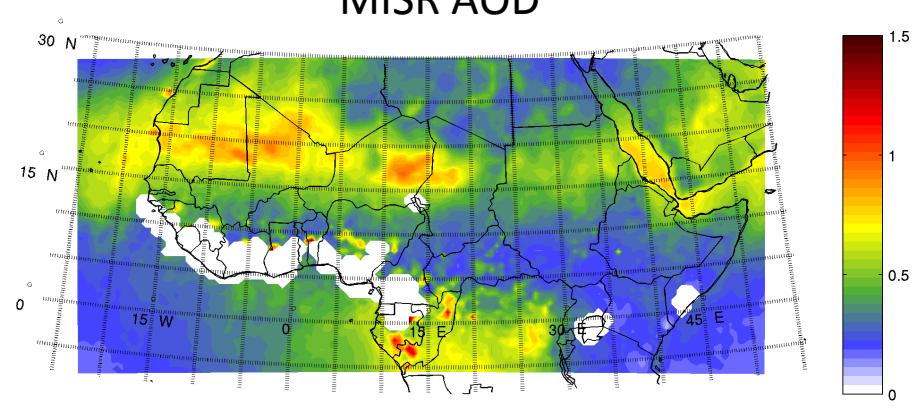
- 1-The aerosol optical depth (aerosols densities)
- 2-The aerosol size distribution (aerosols type)
- 3-The aerosol radiative effects (Cooling and heating rates)



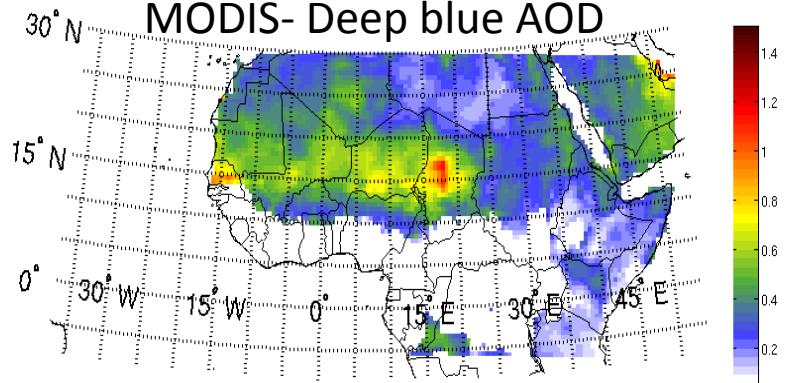
RegCM AOD JJA 2003-2006



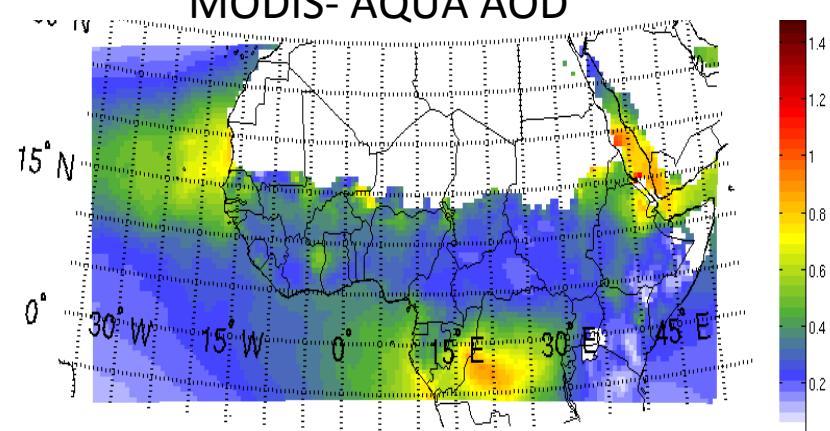
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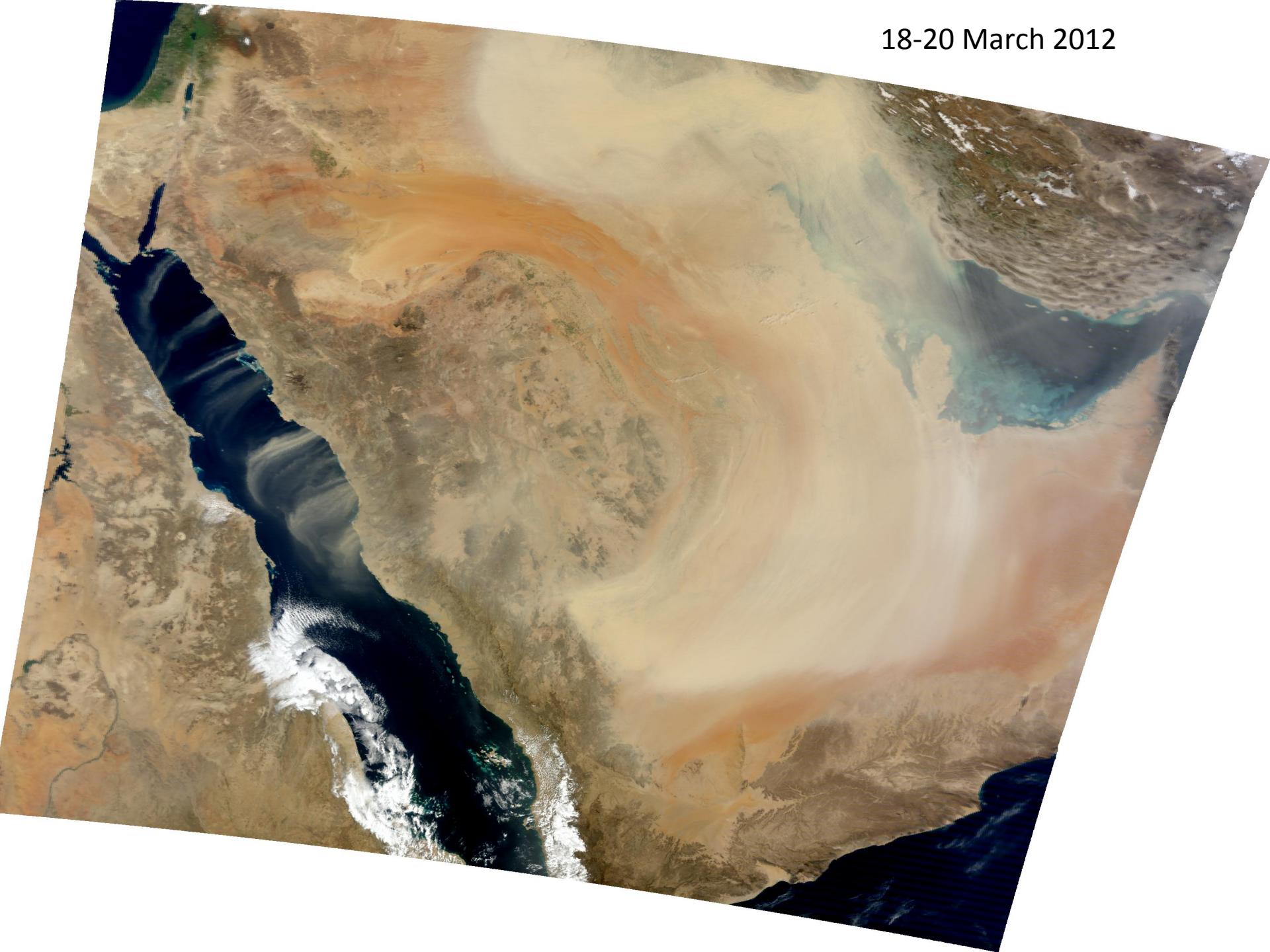
MODIS- Deep blue AOD



MODIS- AQUA AOD

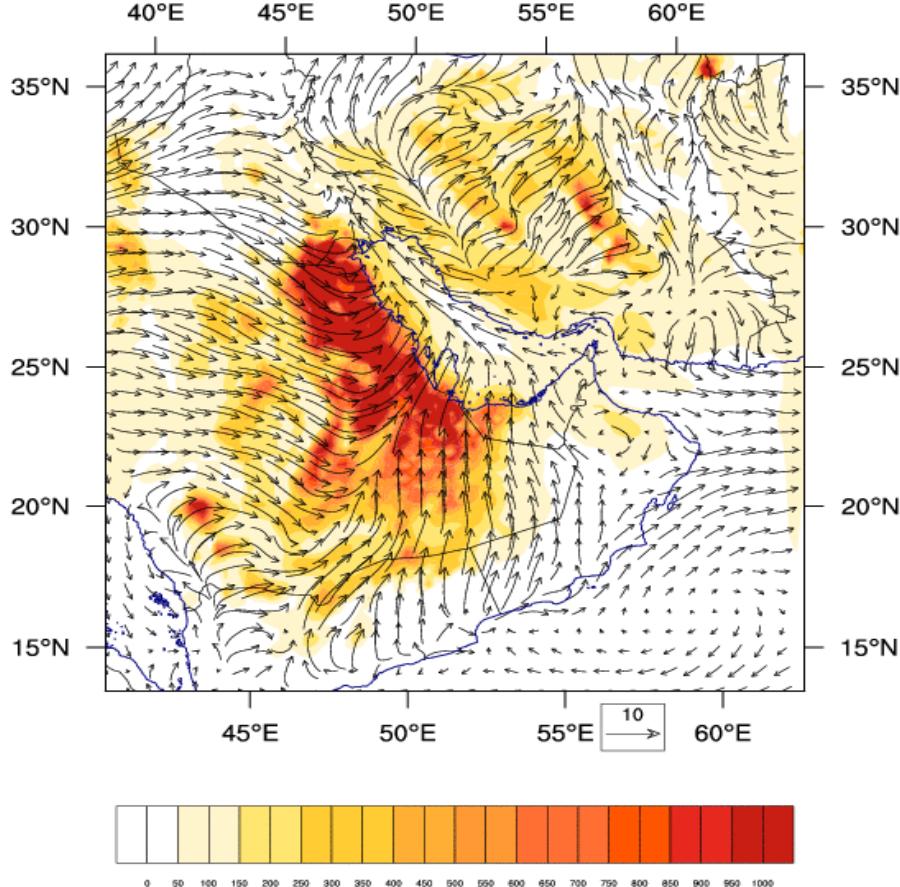


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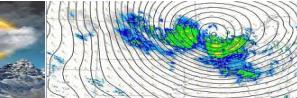
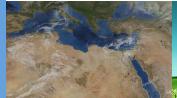
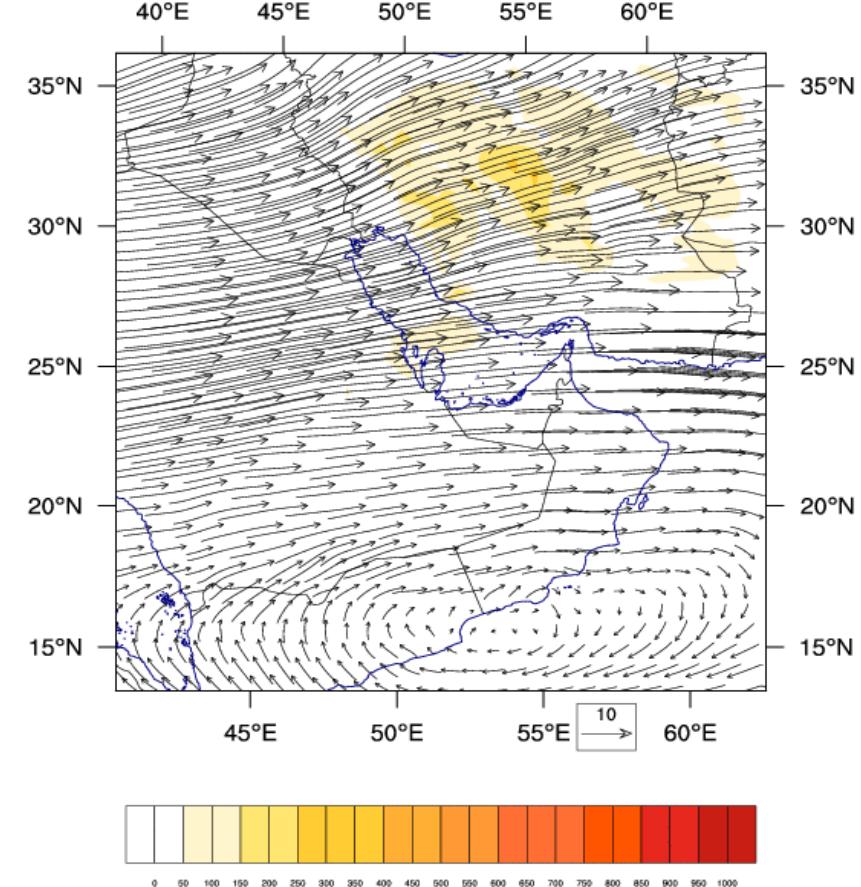


# Surface and Upper Air Wind in Spring

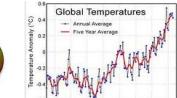
Dust04 concentration and surface wind  
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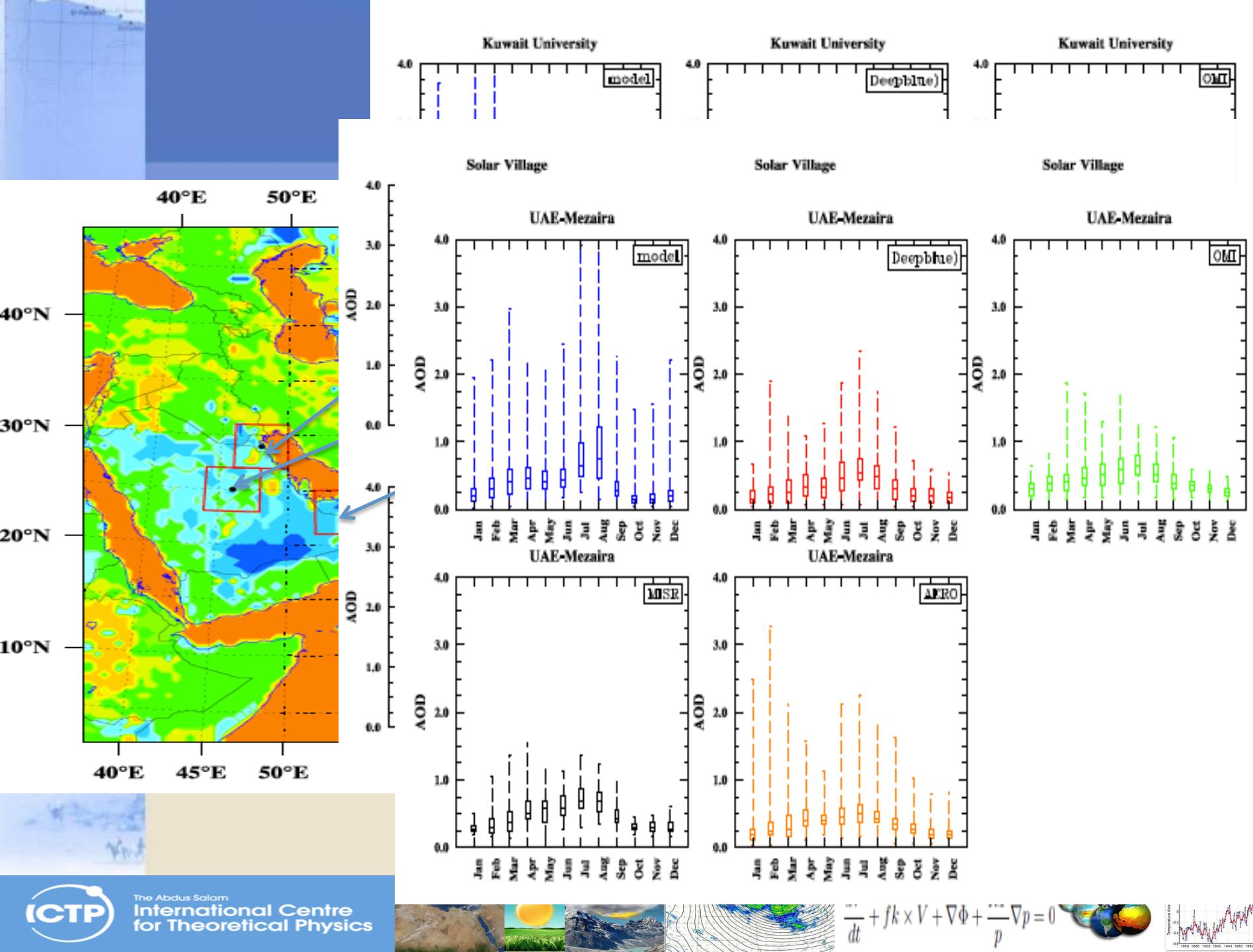


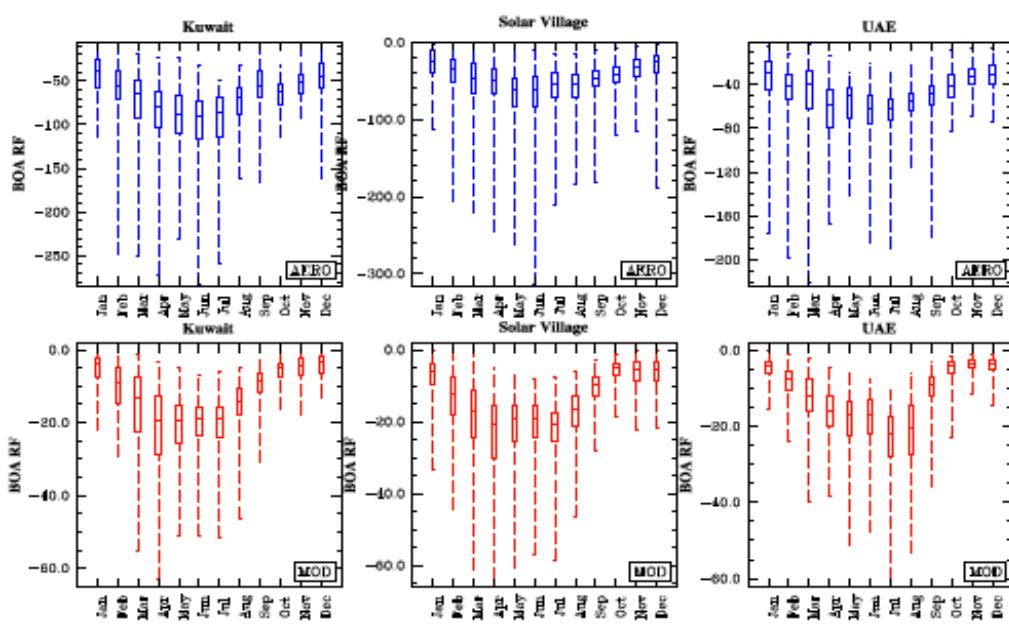
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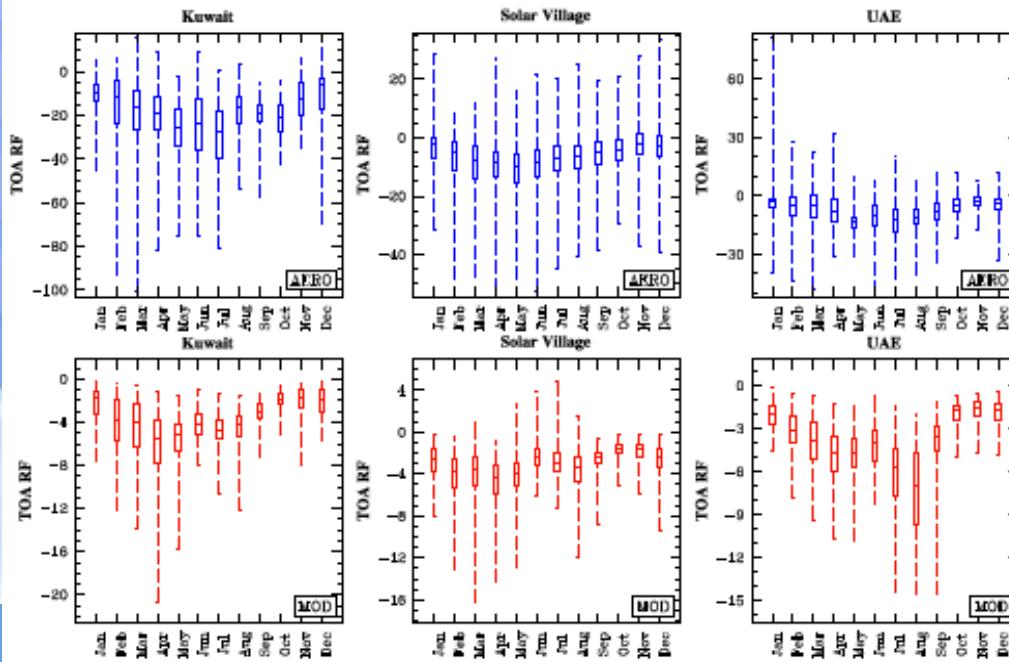






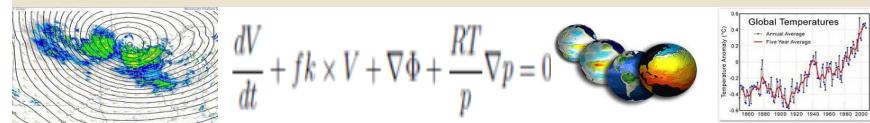
The Bottom of the atmosphere  
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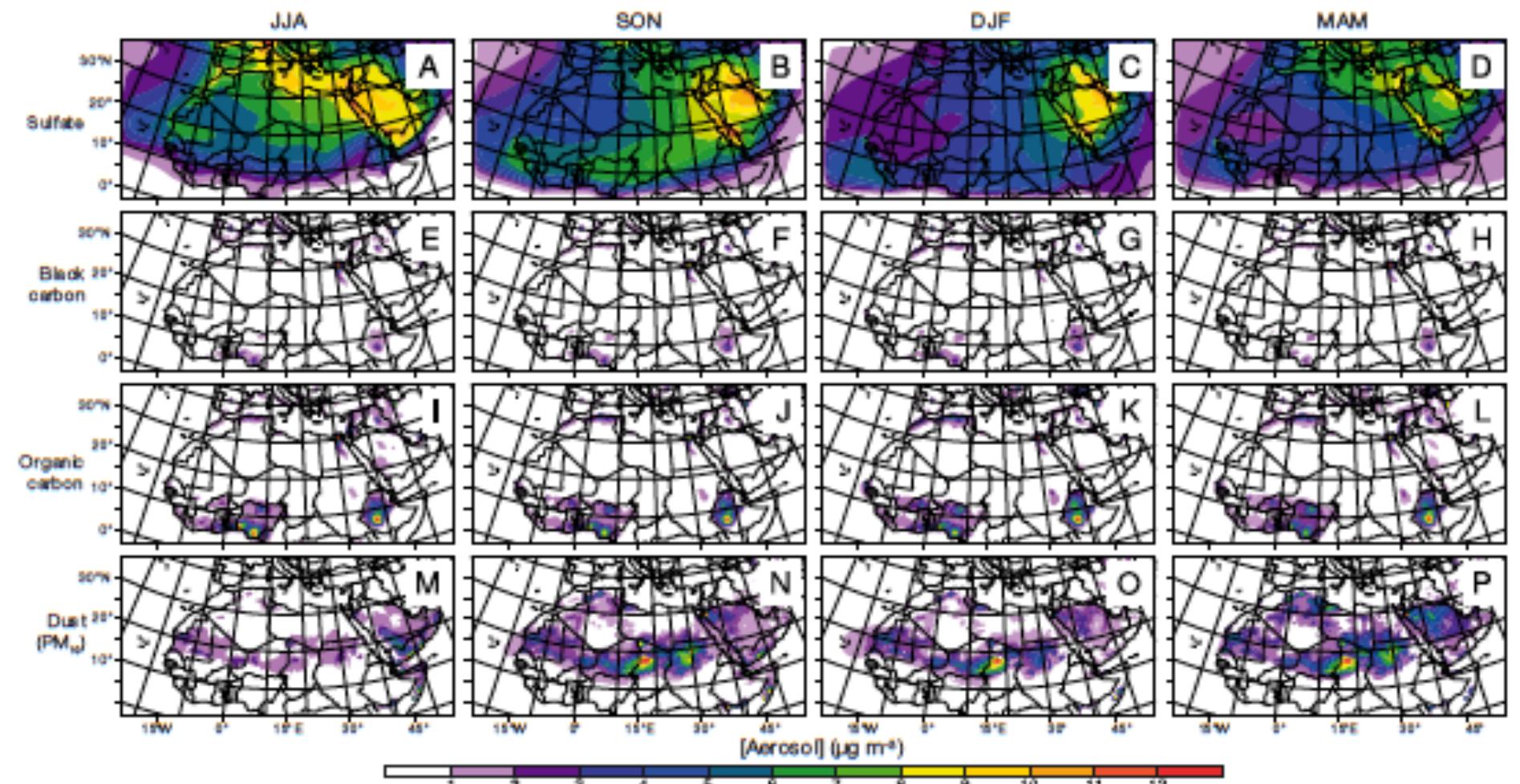
The model underestimates the  
Radiative forcing in BOT and  
TOA



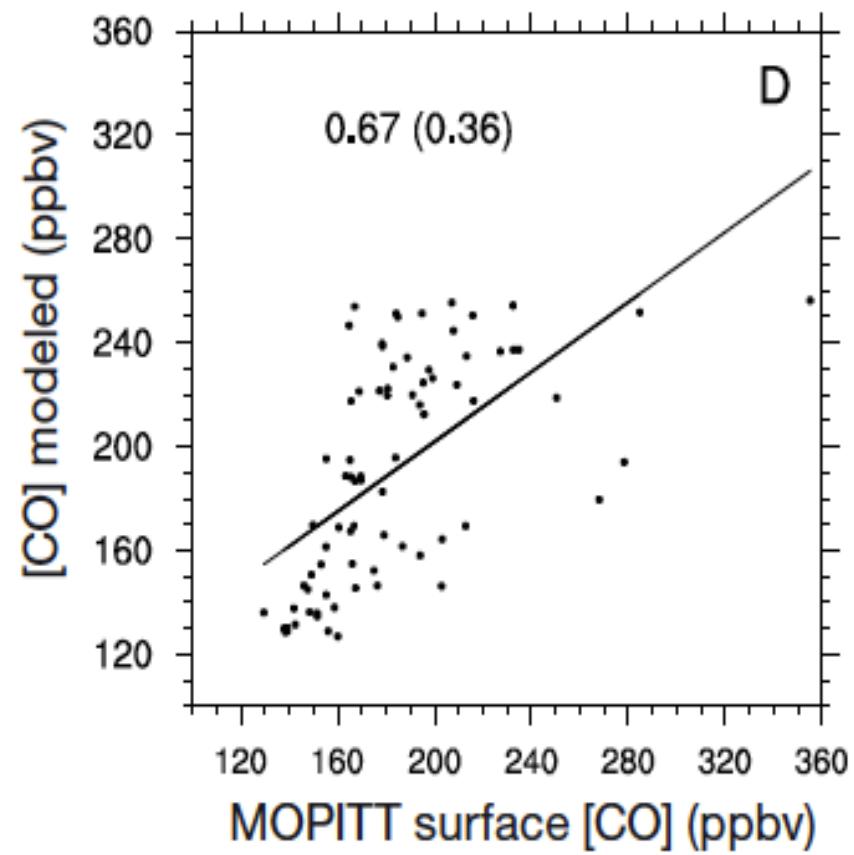
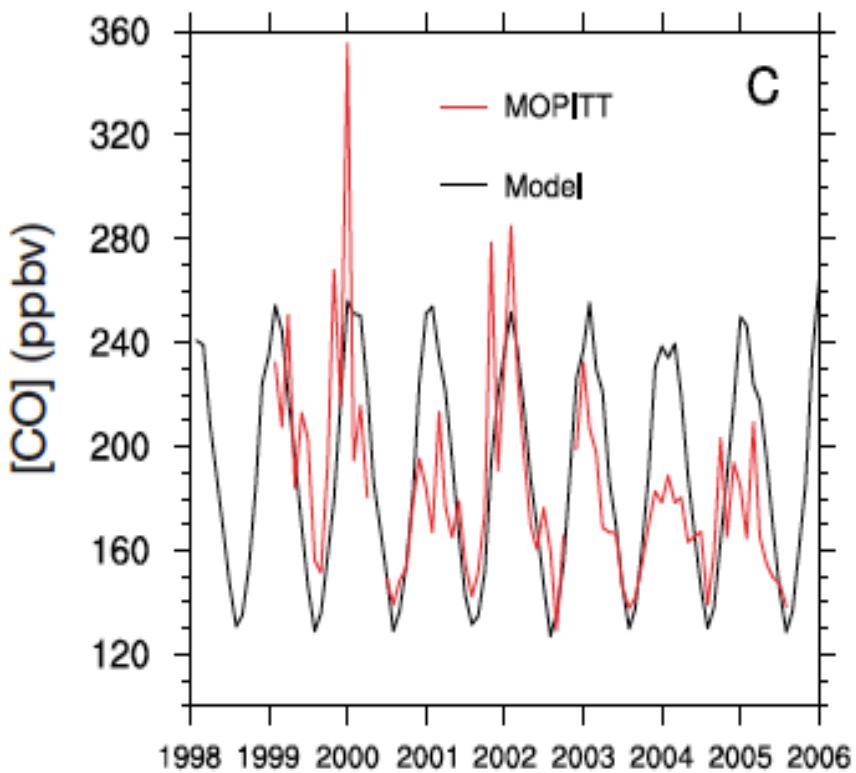
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This result shows a pronounced  
difference between northern  
and southern climatology of  
dusty season





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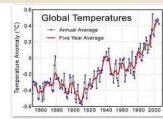


Comparison between Satellite data MOPIIT and model output over Great Cairo.

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# Thank you for your attention



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