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# LAGRANGIAN PARTICLE DISPERSION MODELING IN MESOSCALE APPLICATIONS

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## **OUTLINE**

### **1. Introduction**

- short overview of Lagrangian particle dispersion (LPD) modeling
- advances in computer technology
- advances in meteorological mesoscale modeling

### **2. Mesoscale atmospheric dispersion**

- main features
- examples

### **3. Implementation of LPD models for mesoscale applications**

- simplifications: Markov chain & fully random walk
- hybrid models
  - particle model  $\Rightarrow$  grid model
  - particle model  $\Rightarrow$  particle model
  - particle/puff model
- source- and receptor-oriented modeling
- benchmark tests

### **4. Meteorological input**

- turbulence parameterization

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- kernel density estimator
- demonstration of a simple uniform kernel
- effect of grid resolution and smoothing

## **6. Physical parameterizations**

- transformations and removal processes
- dry deposition
- heavy particles
- buoyancy

## **7. Receptor-oriented dispersion modeling**

- variational formulation of K-theory dispersion model
- receptor-oriented approach in Lagrangian framework
- examples - idealized sea breeze case

## **8. Examples of applications**

- mesoscale and regional air quality (MOHAVE, Black Triangle)
- operational systems (RAMS-ERDAS, PROWESS)

# LAGRANGIAN PARTICLE DISPERSION MODELS



## EXAMPLES

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| (Obukhov, 1959) | atmospheric dispersion as |
| (Smith, 1968)   | a Markov chain process    |

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| (Hall, 1975)             | surface layer &     |
| (Reid, 1979)             | vegetation canopies |
| (Wilson et al., 1981)    |                     |
| (Legg and Raupach, 1982) |                     |
| (Ley and Thomson, 1983)  |                     |

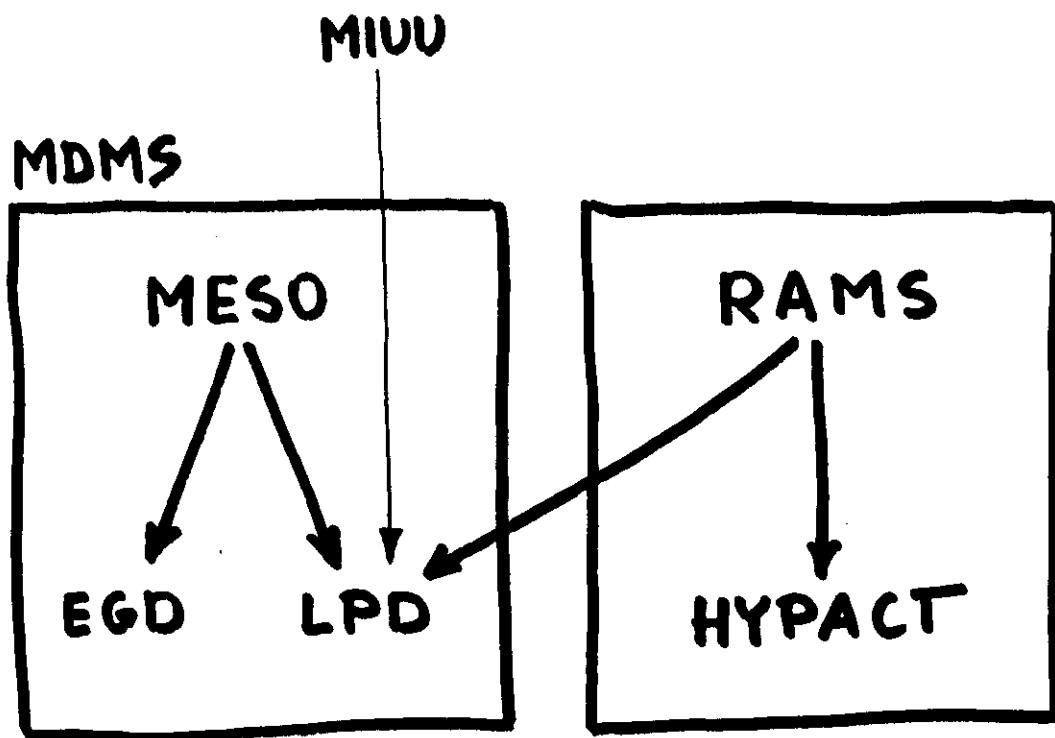
|                                 |                           |
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| (Davis, 1983)                   | neutral boundary layer    |
| (Lamb, 1978)                    | convective boundary layer |
| (Bærentsen and Berkowicz, 1984) |                           |
| (De Baas et al., 1986)          |                           |
| (Luhar and Britter, 1990)       |                           |
| (Hurley and Physick, 1993)      |                           |

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| (McNider, 1981)           | mesoscale systems |
| (Pielke et al., 1983)     |                   |
| (Ettling et al., 1986)    |                   |
| (Segal et al., 1988)      |                   |
| (Yamada and Bunker, 1988) |                   |
| (Pielke et al., 1991)     |                   |
| (Uliasz, 1994)            |                   |

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**MDMS** - Mesoscale Dispersion Modelling System

**RAMS** - Regional Atmospheric Modelling System

**LPD** - Lagrangian Particle Dispersion model

**HYPACT** - Hybrid Particle and Concentration Transport

**EGD** - Eulerian Grid Dispersion model

**MESO** - 3D mesoscale meteor. model

**MIUU** - Uppsala University mesoscale model



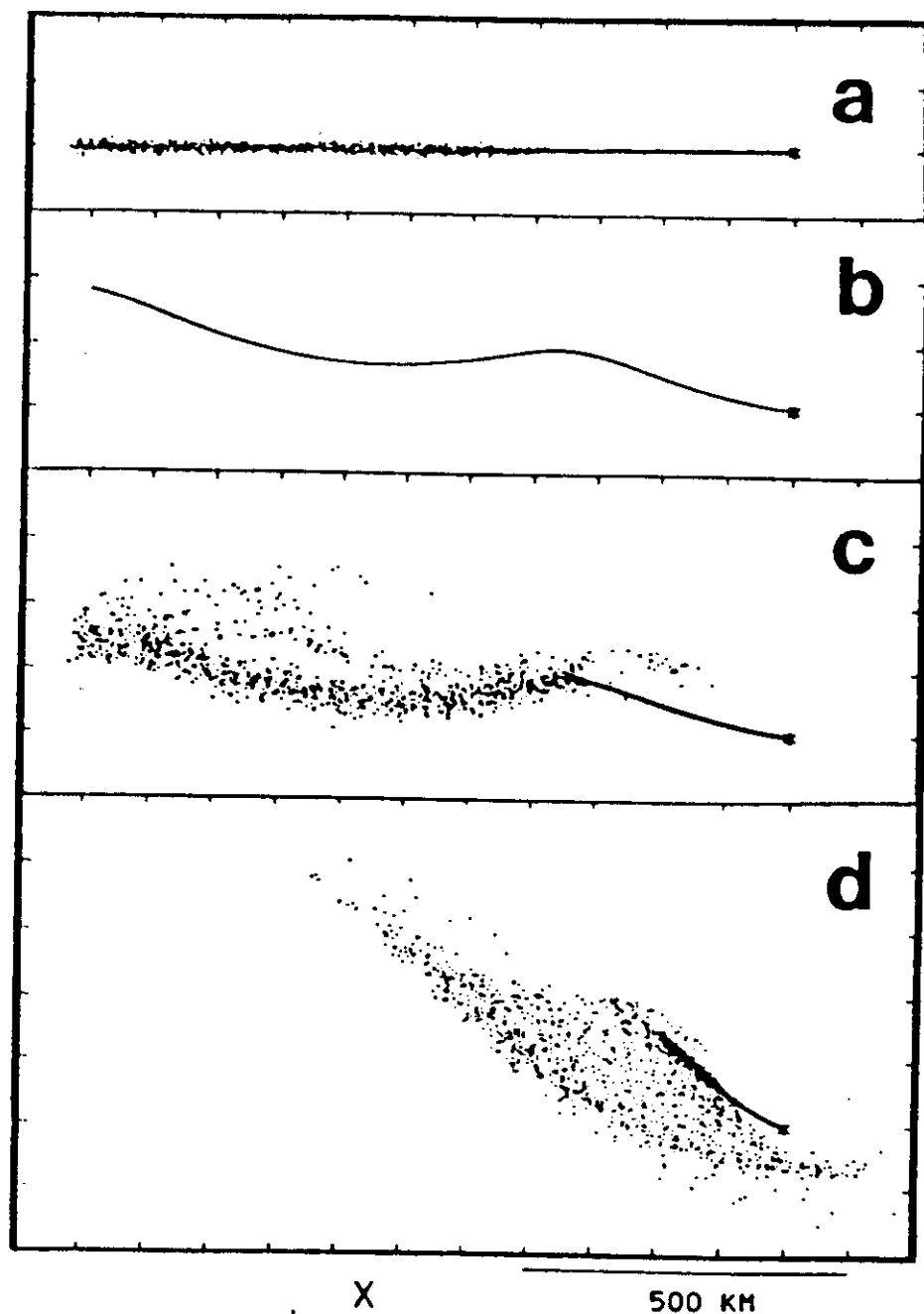


Figure 1.10: Instantaneous depiction of Mt. Isa plume simulation after 42 h for four increasingly realistic flow fields: (a) PBL turbulence but no PBL shear, Coriolis force, or horizontal temperature gradient; (b) Coriolis force and PBL shear but no PBL turbulence or horizontal temperature gradient; (c) PBL turbulence, PBL shear, and Coriolis force but no horizontal temperature gradient; (d) same as (c) except with a north-south horizontal temperature gradient (from McNider et al., 1988).

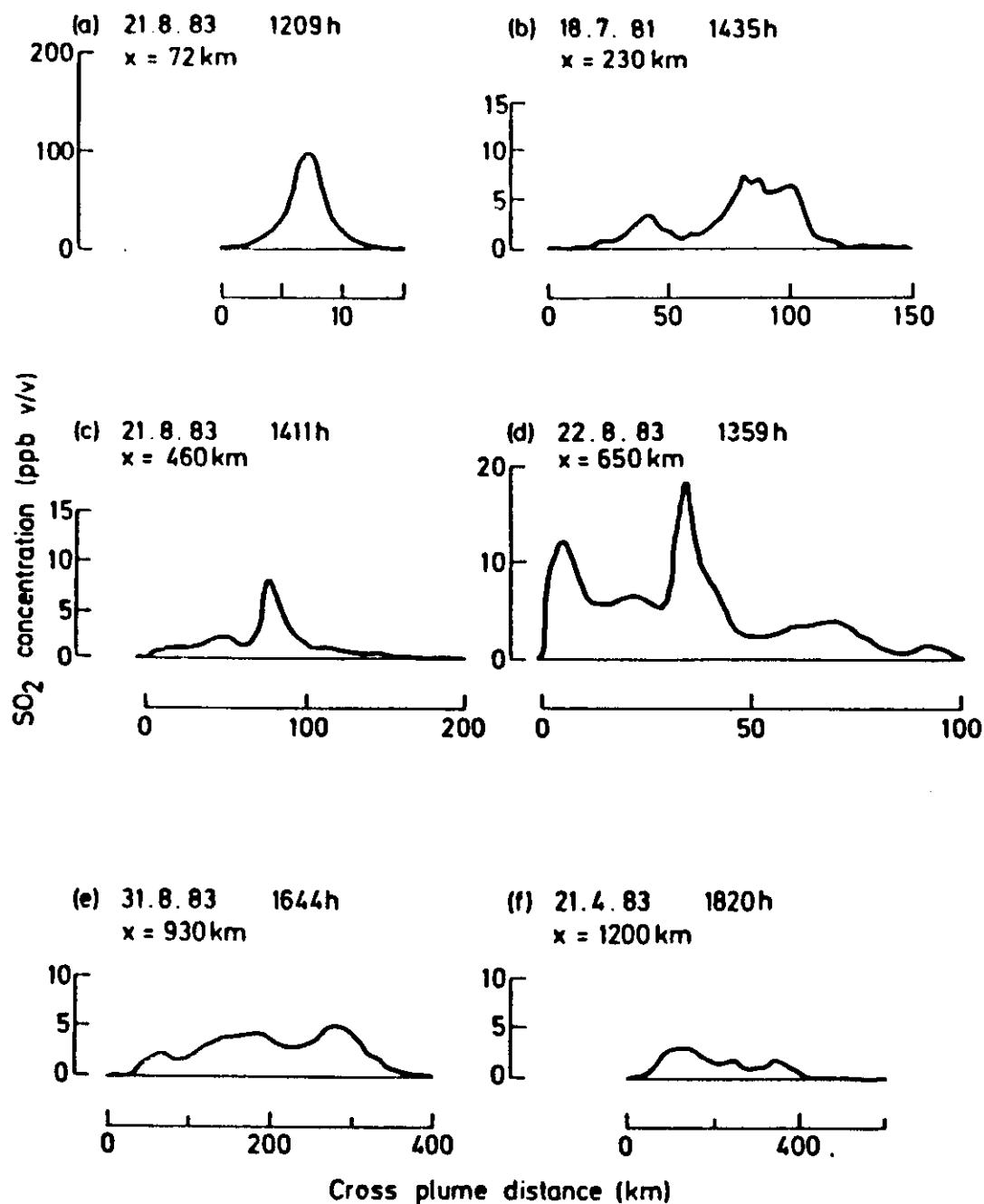


Figure 1.2: Variations of Mt. Isa plume  $\text{SO}_2$  crosswind concentration distributions with distance from source as measured by aircraft (from Carras and Williams, 1988).

**SAMPLE RESULTS:**  
**AIR POLLUTION IN SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK**  
 (complex terrain in the eastern United States)

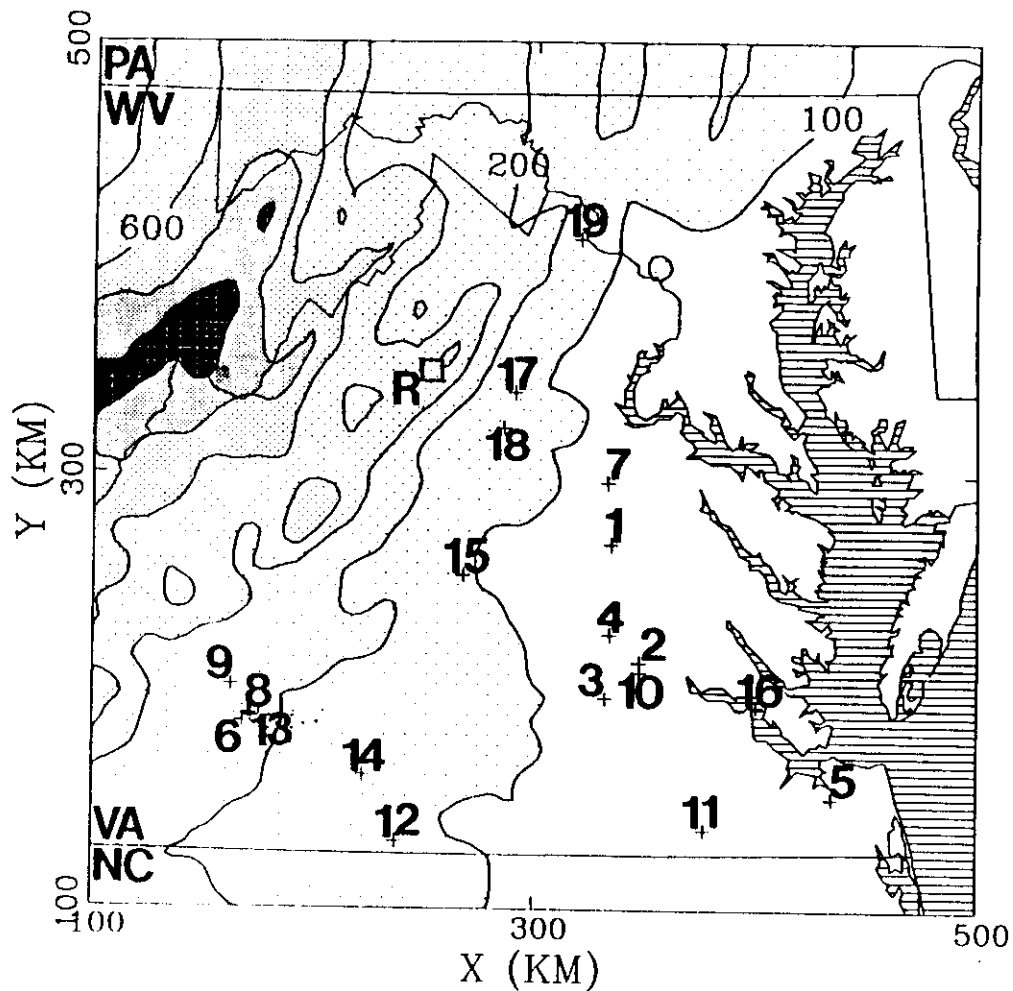


Figure 2. Central part of the modeling domain with terrain topography and locations of the emission sources (crosses - numbers) and the receptor in Shenandoah National Park (square - R). Water surfaces are indicated by horizontal hatching. Terrain height contours are 100, 200, 400, 600, 800, 1000 m.

# Shenandoah simulation

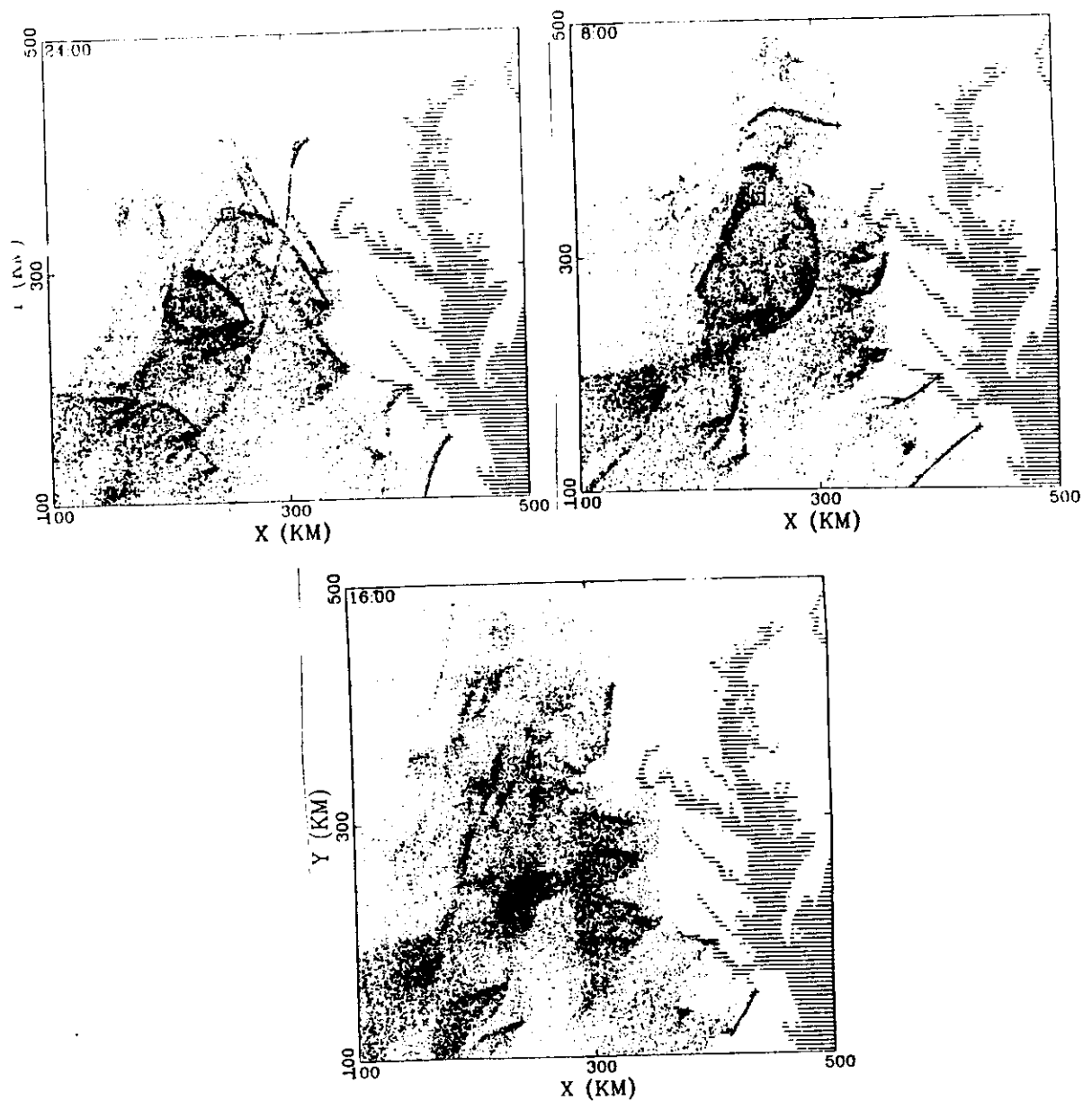
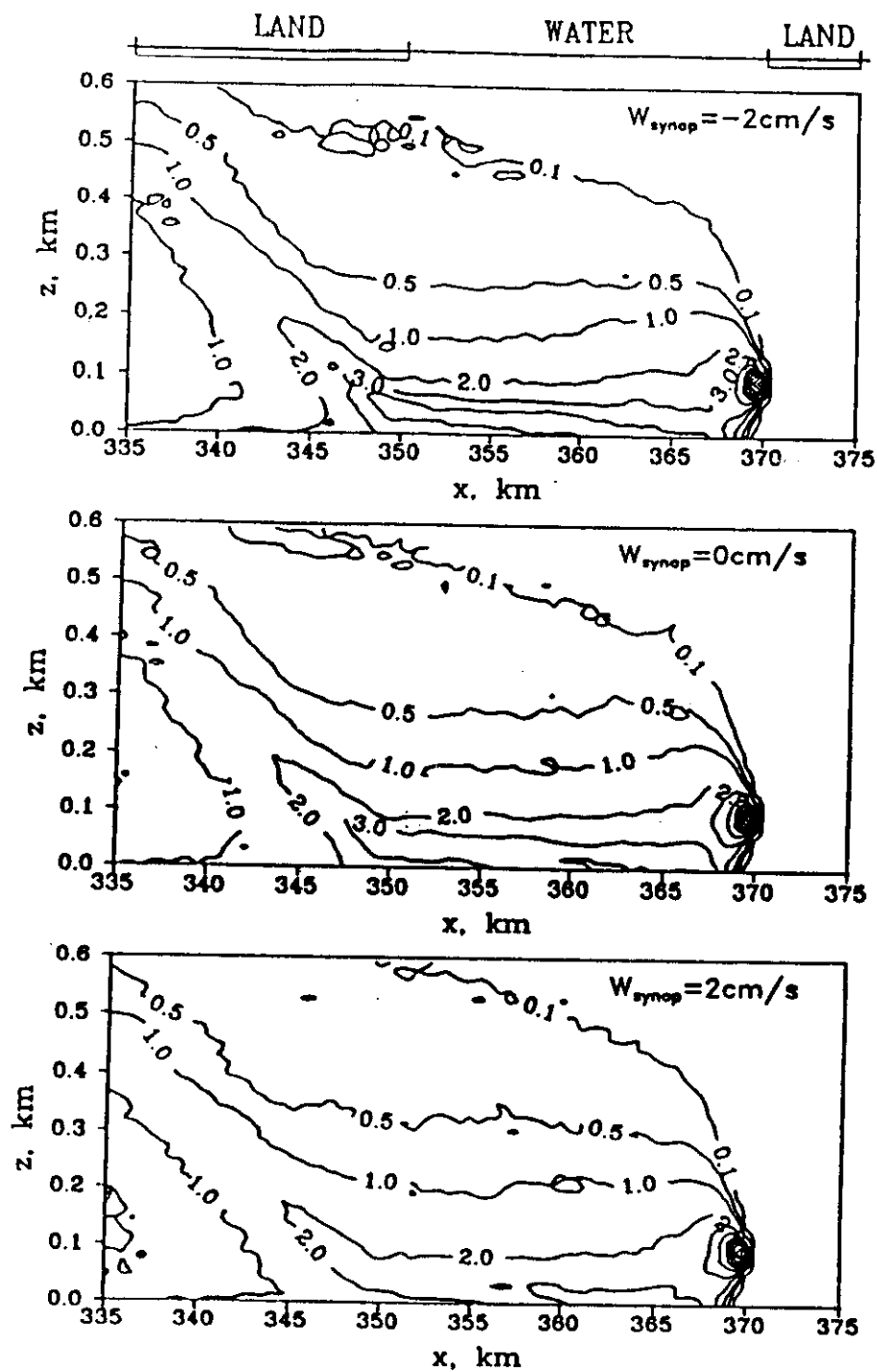


Figure 3. Plan-view projections of distribution of airborne particles at 2400 LST on day 2, and 0800 and 1600 LST on day 3.



Simulated crosswind integrated concentration  
in the Øresund tracer experiment on  
June 4, 1984 for various synoptic vertical  
motions

## CONCENTRATION CALCULATIONS

### • counting particles in a sampling volume

$$c(x, y, z, t) = \frac{1}{\Delta x_s \Delta y_s \Delta z_s} \sum_{i=1}^N m_{pi} I \quad (1)$$

where

$$I = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } |X_i - x| < \Delta x_s/2 \text{ and } |Y_i - y| < \Delta y_s/2 \text{ and } |Z_i - z| < \Delta z_s/2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### • kernel density estimator

$$c(x, y, z) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{m_{pi}}{h_{xi} h_{yi} h_{zi}} [K(r_x, r_y, r_z) + K(r_x, r_y, r'_z)] \quad (2)$$

where the kernel  $K$  satisfies the condition

$$\frac{1}{h_{xi} h_{yi} h_{zi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} K dx dy dz = 1 \quad (3)$$

and

$$r_x = (X_i - x)/h_{xi}, \quad r_y = (Y_i - y)/h_{yi}, \quad r_z = (Z_i - z)/h_{zi}, \quad r'_z = (Z_i + z)/h_{zi}.$$

### • Gaussian kernel

$$K(r_x, r_y, r_z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{r_x^2}{2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{r_y^2}{2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{r_z^2}{2}\right) \quad (4)$$

### • parabolic kernel

$$K(r_x, r_y, r_z) = \frac{15}{8\pi} (1 - r^2) I, \quad I = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } r^2 = r_x^2 + r_y^2 + r_z^2 < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

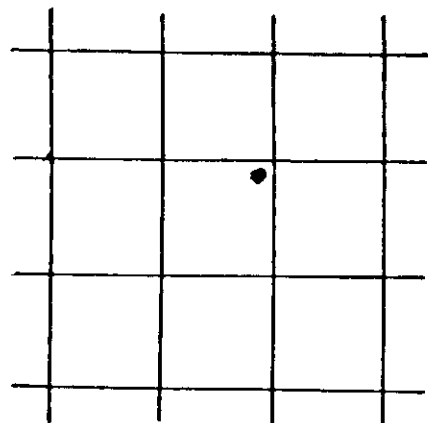
### • uniform kernel:

$$K(r_x, r_y, r_z) = \frac{1}{8} I_x I_y I_z, \quad I_\alpha = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } r_\alpha^2 < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad \alpha = x, y, z \quad (6)$$

$$h_x \ll \Delta x$$

particle position: .4 .4 .5  
bandwidths hx,hz: .0 .0

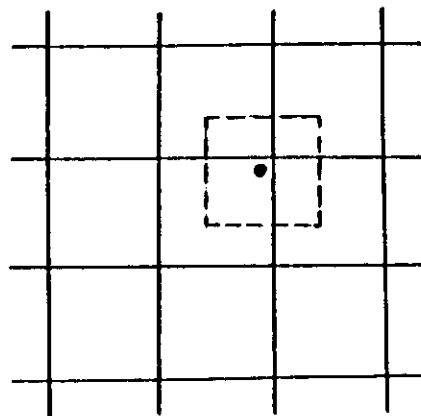
| z= .5 |      |      |       |     |     |
|-------|------|------|-------|-----|-----|
| 2.0   | .0   | .0   | .0    | .0  | .0  |
| 1.0   | .0   | .0   | .0    | .0  | .0  |
| .0    | .0   | .0   | 100.0 | .0  | .0  |
| -1.0  | .0   | .0   | .0    | .0  | .0  |
| -2.0  | .0   | .0   | .0    | .0  | .0  |
| Y/X   | -2.0 | -1.0 | .0    | 1.0 | 2.0 |



$$h_x = 0.5 \Delta x$$

particle position: .4 .4 .5  
bandwidths hx,hz: 1.0 .0

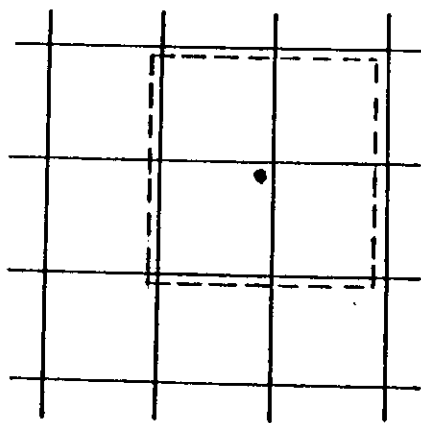
| z= .5 |      |      |      |      |     |
|-------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 2.0   | .0   | .0   | .0   | .0   | .0  |
| 1.0   | .0   | .0   | 24.0 | 16.0 | .0  |
| .0    | .0   | .0   | 36.0 | 24.0 | .0  |
| -1.0  | .0   | .0   | .0   | .0   | .0  |
| -2.0  | .0   | .0   | .0   | .0   | .0  |
| Y/X   | -2.0 | -1.0 | .0   | 1.0  | 2.0 |



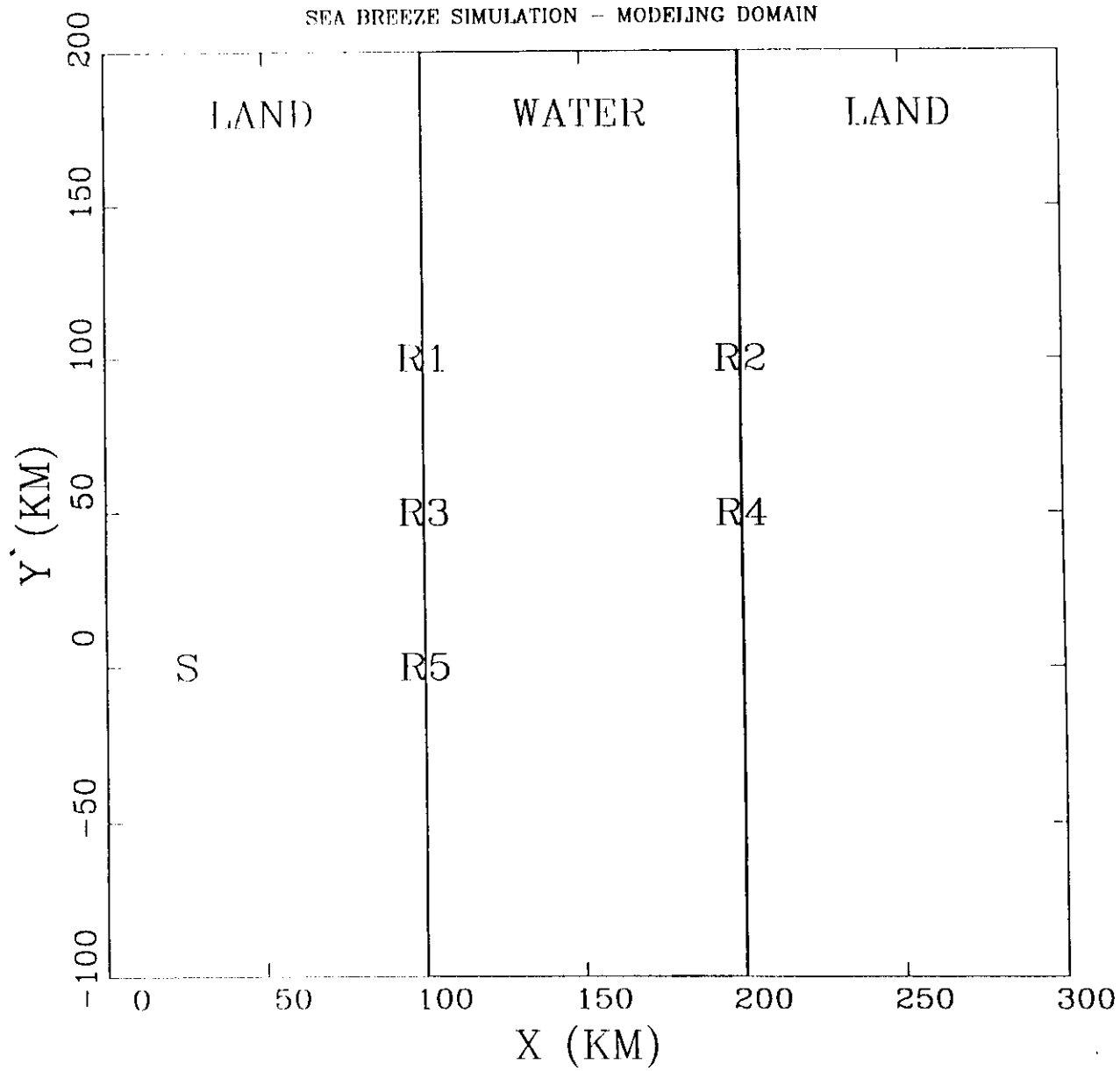
$$h_x = \Delta x$$

particle position: .4 .4 .5  
bandwidths hx,hz: 2.0 .0

| z= .5 |      |      |      |      |     |
|-------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 2.0   | .0   | .0   | .0   | .0   | .0  |
| 1.0   | .0   | 2.3  | 22.5 | 20.3 | .0  |
| .0    | .0   | 2.5  | 25.0 | 22.5 | .0  |
| -1.0  | .0   | .3   | 2.5  | 2.3  | .0  |
| -2.0  | .0   | .0   | .0   | .0   | .0  |
| Y/X   | -2.0 | -1.0 | .0   | 1.0  | 2.0 |

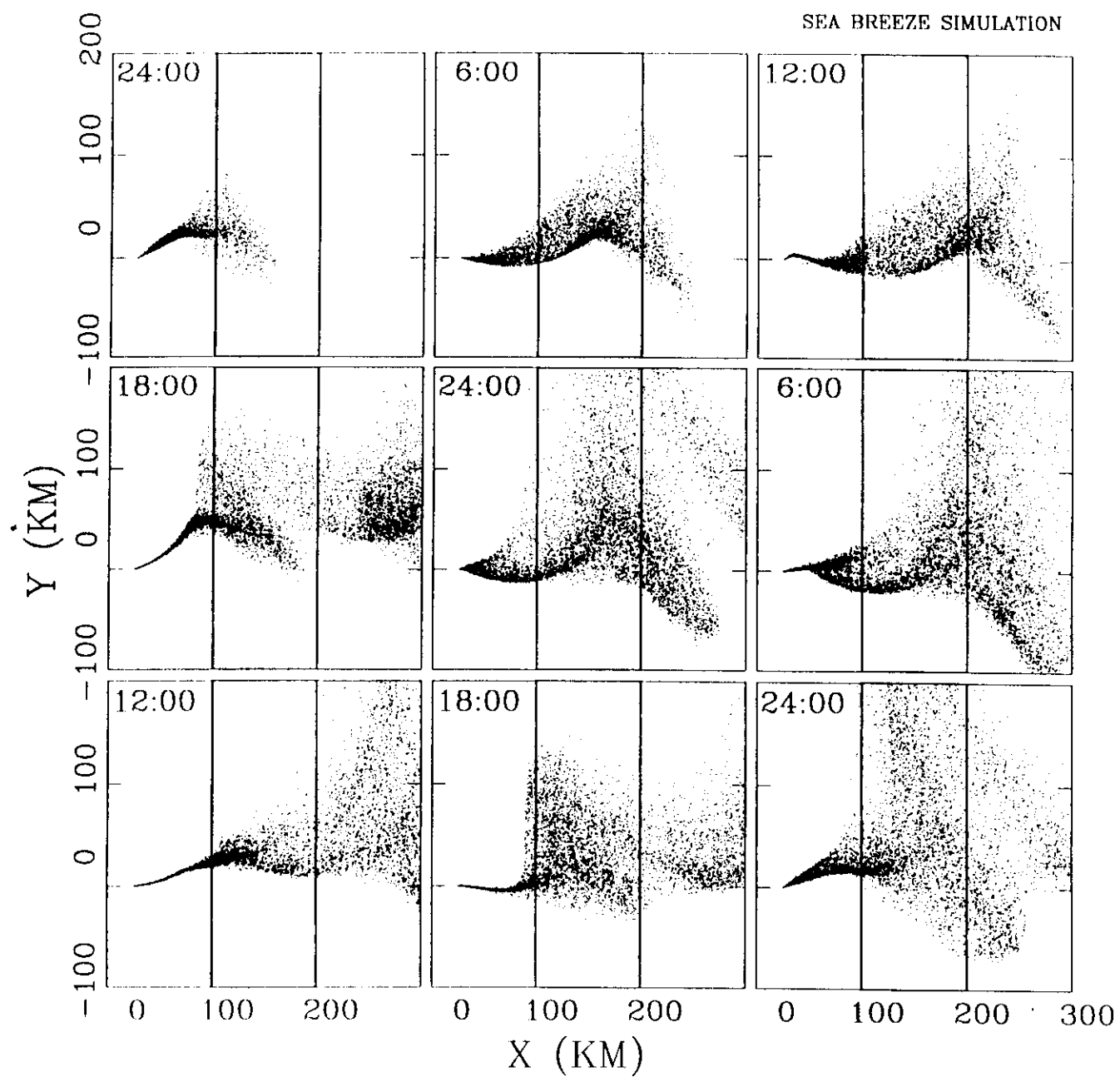


SEA BREEZE SIMULATION - MODELING DOMAIN

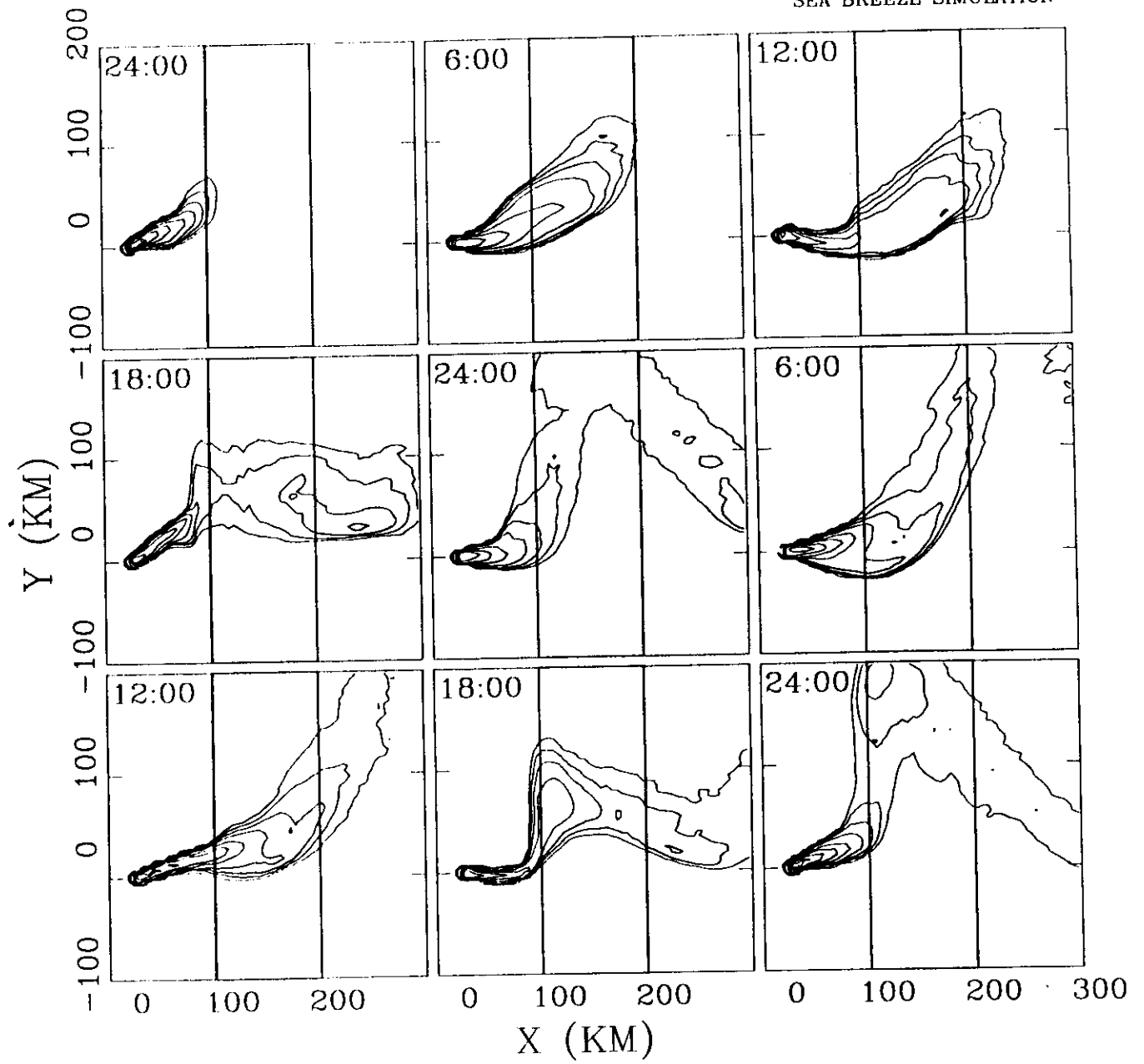




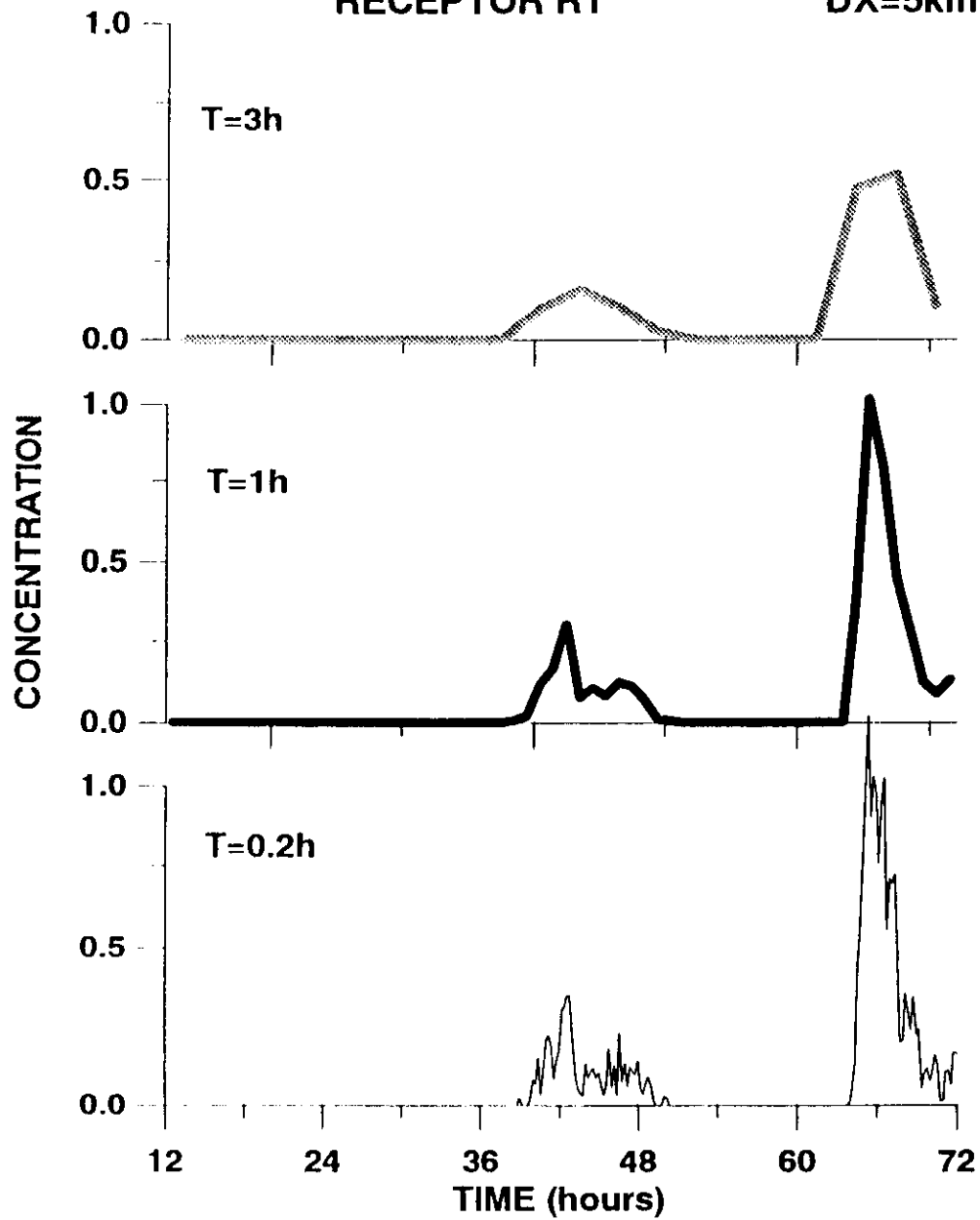
# SEA BREEZE SIMULATION



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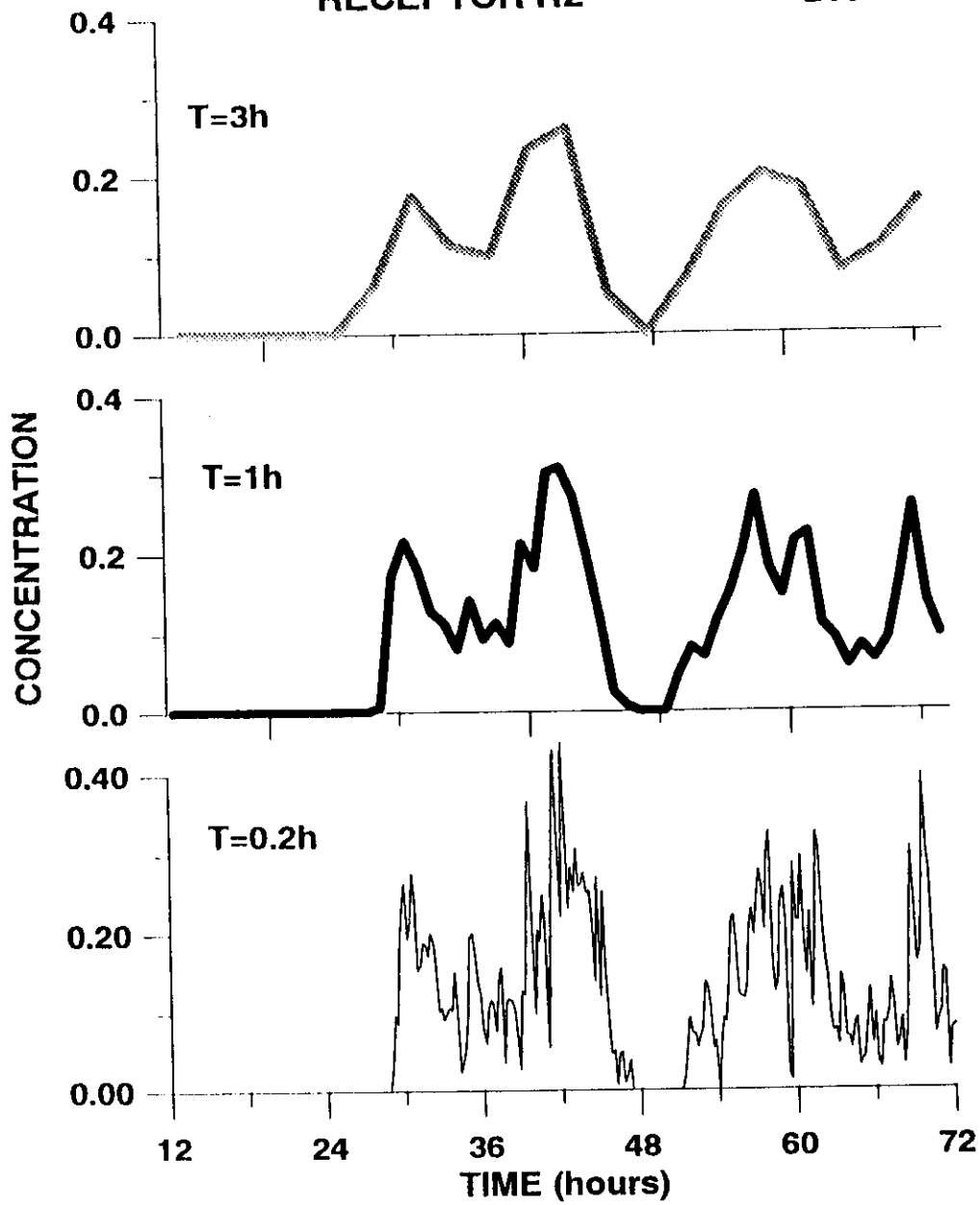


**EFFECT OF AVERAGING INTERVAL T  
SEA BREEZE SIMULATION  
RECEPTOR R1** **DX=5km**

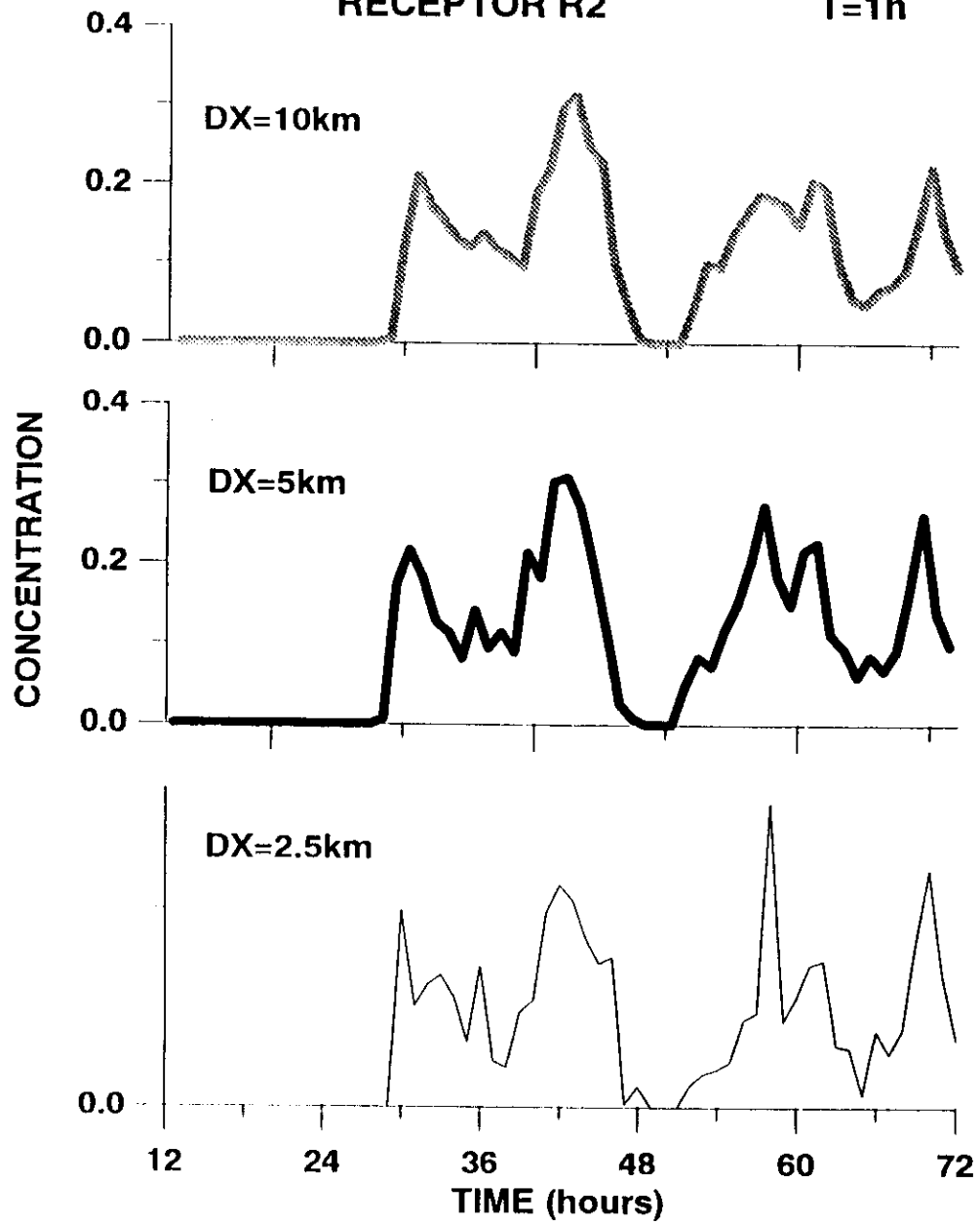


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RECEPTOR R2**

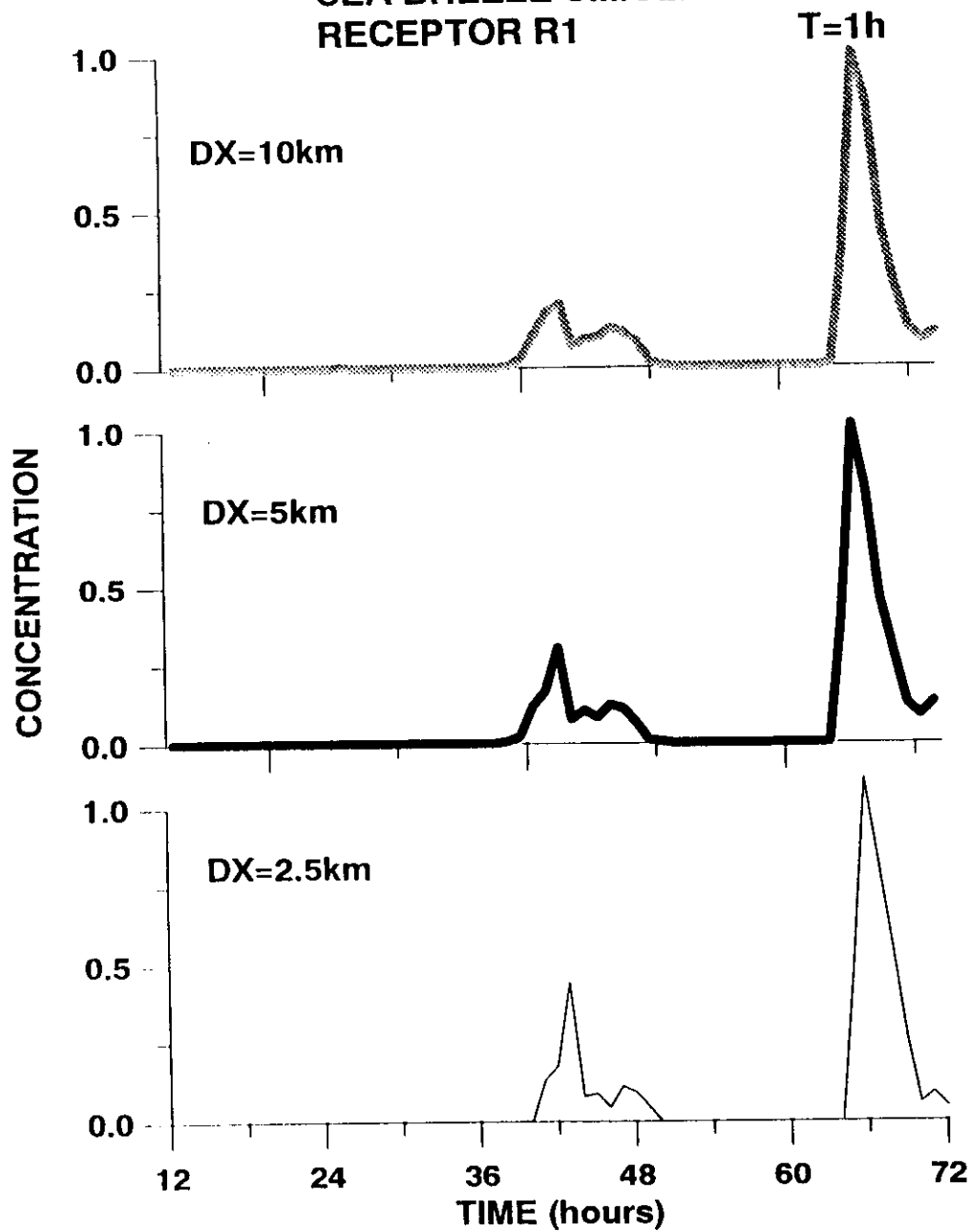
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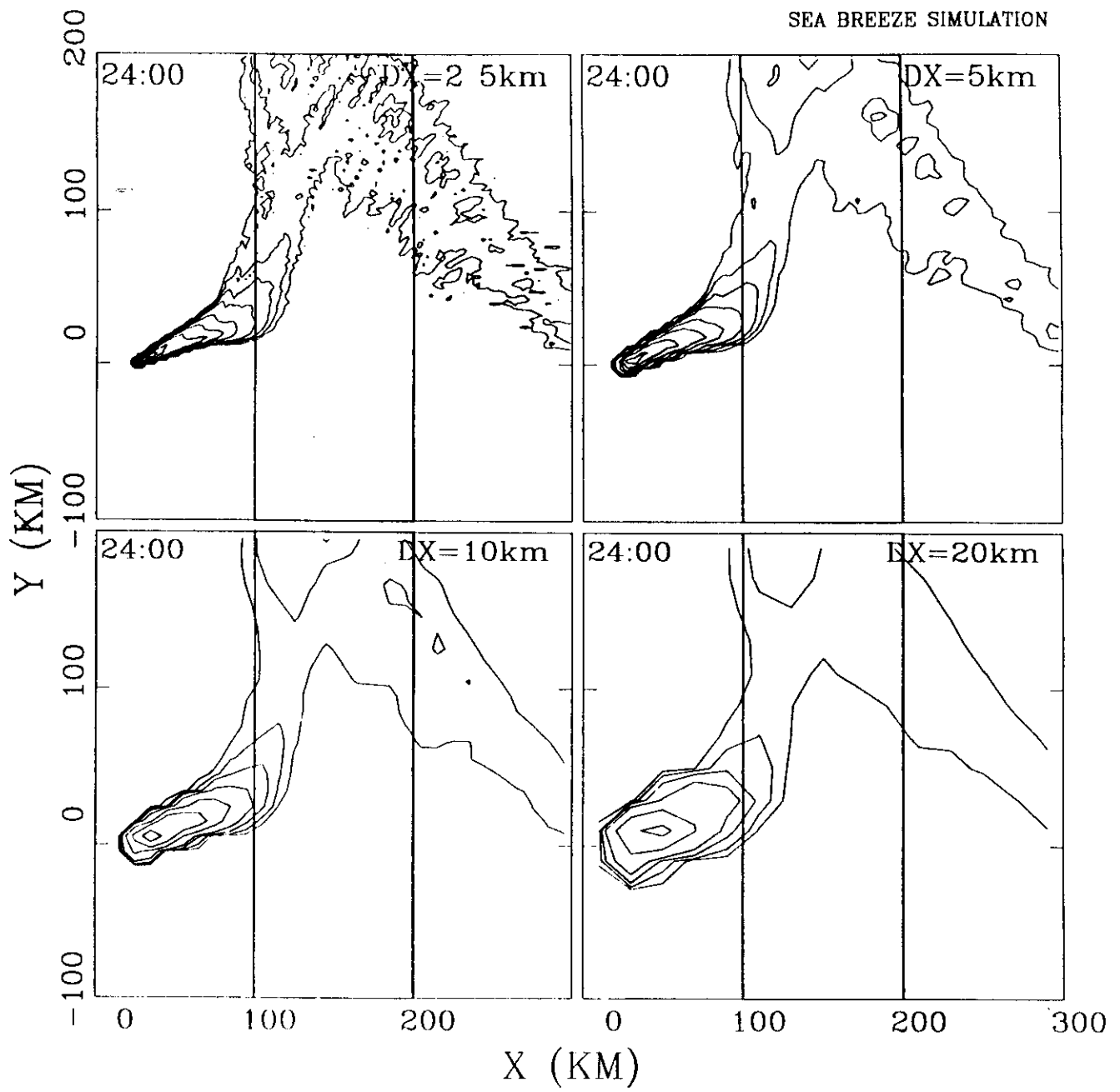
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RECEPTOR R2 T=1h**



**EFFECT OF GRID RESOLUTION  
SEA BREEZE SIMULATION  
RECEPTOR R1**

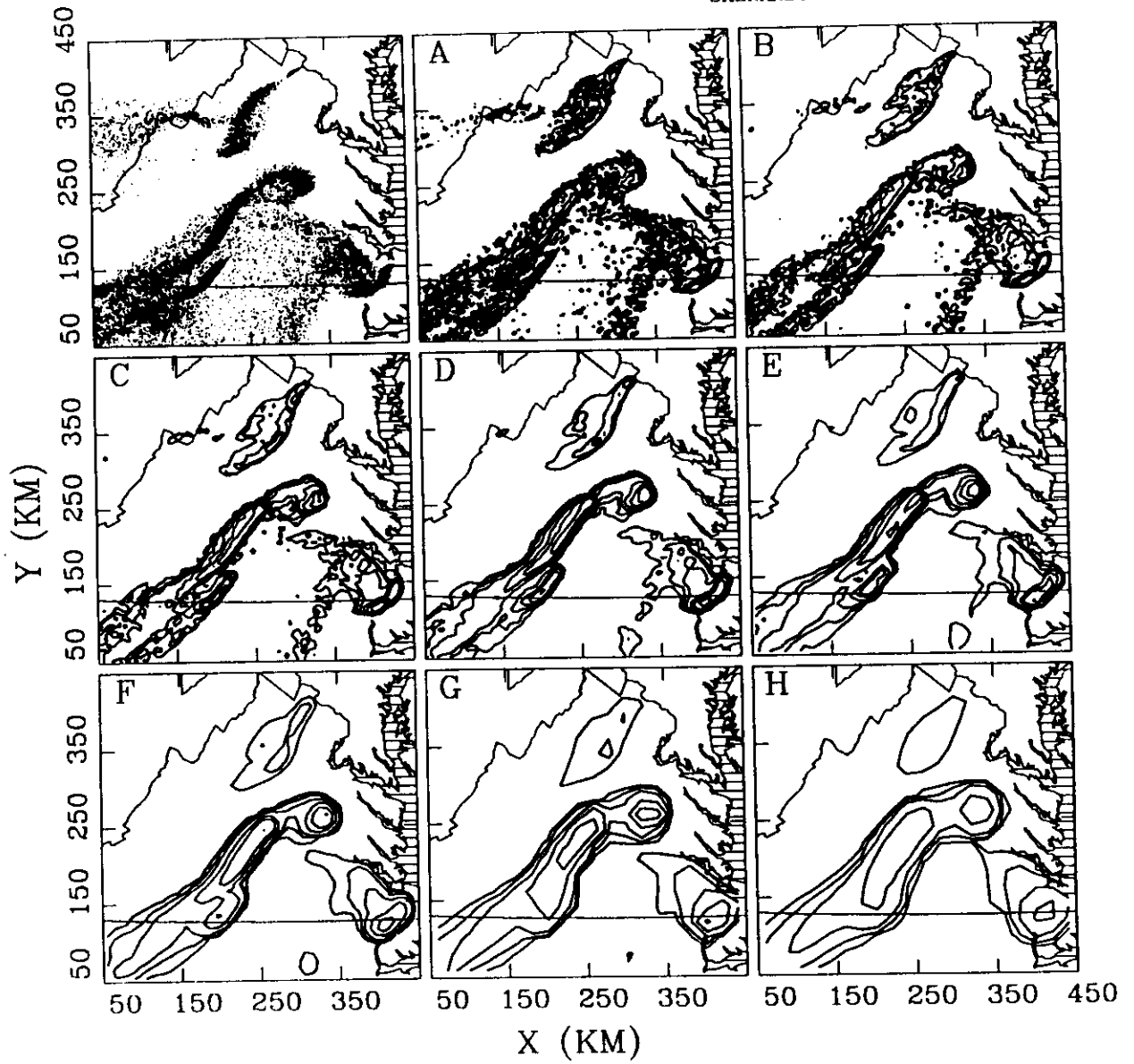


# SEA BREEZE SIMULATION



SHENANDOAH

TIME=1200-1500





## RECEPTOR-ORIENTED DISPERSION MODELING

### AIR POLLUTION AT THE RECEPTOR

$$\Phi[C] = \int \int R(\underline{x}, t) C(\underline{x}, t) d\underline{x} dt \quad (1)$$

$C(\underline{x}, t)$  - pollution concentration

$R(\underline{x}, t)$  - receptor function (location and geometry of the receptor, sampling time)

### EXAMPLE: 2-D K-THEORY DIFFUSION EQUATION

#### MODEL EQUATION

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + w \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} = Q \quad (2)$$

$$t = 0, \quad C = C_0 \quad (3)$$

$$x = 0, \quad C = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$z = 0, H, \quad \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (5)$$

period of simulation:  $0 \leq t \leq T$

modeling domain:  $0 \leq x \leq L, 0 \leq z \leq H$

## DERIVATION OF AN ADJOINT EQUATION

- multiply equation (2) by the function  $C^*$  to be defined later

$$\left( \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + w \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \right) C^* = Q C^* \quad (6)$$

- integrate over modeling domain and period of simulation

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \int_0^L \int_0^H \left( \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + w \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \right) C^* dz dx dt = \\ \int_0^T \int_0^L \int_0^H Q C^* dz dx dt \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

- integrate by parts and introduce initial (3) and boundary conditions (4-5)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} C^* dt = C C^* \Big|_0^T - \int_0^T C \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial t} dt = \\ C C^* \Big|_T - C_0 C^* \Big|_0 - \int_0^T C \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial t} dt \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^L u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} C^* dx = u C C^* \Big|_0^L - \int_0^L C u \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial x} dx = \\ u C C^* \Big|_L - \int_0^L C u \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial x} dx \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^H \left( w \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \right) C^* dz = \\ C \left( w C^* + K \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z} \right) - K \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} C^* \Big|_0^H - \int_0^H C \left( -w \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z} \right) dz = \\ C \left( w C^* + K \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z} \right) \Big|_0^H - \int_0^H C \left( -w \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z} \right) dz \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

- rewrite equation (10)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^T \int_0^L \int_0^H \left( \underbrace{-\frac{\partial C^*}{\partial t} - u \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial x} - w \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z}}_R \right) C dz dx dt + \\
& \int_0^L \int_0^H (C C^*|_T - C_0 C^*|_0) dz dx + \\
& \int_0^T \int_0^H u C C^*|_L dz dt + \int_0^T \int_0^L C \left( w C^* + K \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z} \right) \Big|_0^H dx dt = \\
& \int_0^T \int_0^L \int_0^H Q C^* dz dx dt \tag{11}
\end{aligned}$$

- formulate equation for  $C^*$

$$-\frac{\partial C^*}{\partial t} - u \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial x} - w \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z} = R \tag{12}$$

$$t = T, \quad C^* = 0 \tag{13}$$

$$x = L, \quad C^* = 0 \tag{14}$$

$$z = 0, H, \quad K \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z} = 0, \quad (w = 0) \tag{15}$$

- rewrite equation (11)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \underbrace{\int_0^T \int_0^L \int_0^H R C dz dx dt}_{\Phi[C]} - \int_0^L \int_0^H C_0 C^*|_0 dz dx = \\
& \int_0^T \int_0^L \int_0^H Q C^* dz dx dt \tag{16}
\end{aligned}$$

## AIR POLLUTION AT THE RECEPTOR

source- and receptor-oriented approach

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi[C] &= \underbrace{\int_0^T \int_0^L \int_0^H RC dz dx dt}_{\text{source-oriented}} \\ &= \underbrace{\int_0^T \int_0^L \int_0^H QC^* dz dx dt + \int_0^L \int_0^H C_0 C^*|_0 dz dx}_{\text{receptor-oriented}}\end{aligned}$$

## LAGRANGIAN FRAMEWORK

$$C(\underline{x}, t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \int p(\underline{x}, t | \underline{x}', t') Q(\underline{x}', t') d\underline{x}' dt' \quad (17)$$

$$C(\underline{x}, t) = \int_0^t \int p(\underline{x}, t | \underline{x}', t') Q(\underline{x}', t') d\underline{x}' dt' + \int p(\underline{x}, t | \underline{x}', 0) \langle C(\underline{x}', 0) \rangle d\underline{x}' \quad (18)$$

## MODEL EQUATIONS

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + w \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} = Q \quad (19)$$

$$t = 0, \quad C = C_0 \quad (20)$$

$$x = 0, \quad C = 0 \quad (21)$$

$$z = 0, H, \quad \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (22)$$

## AND ADJOINT EQUATIONS

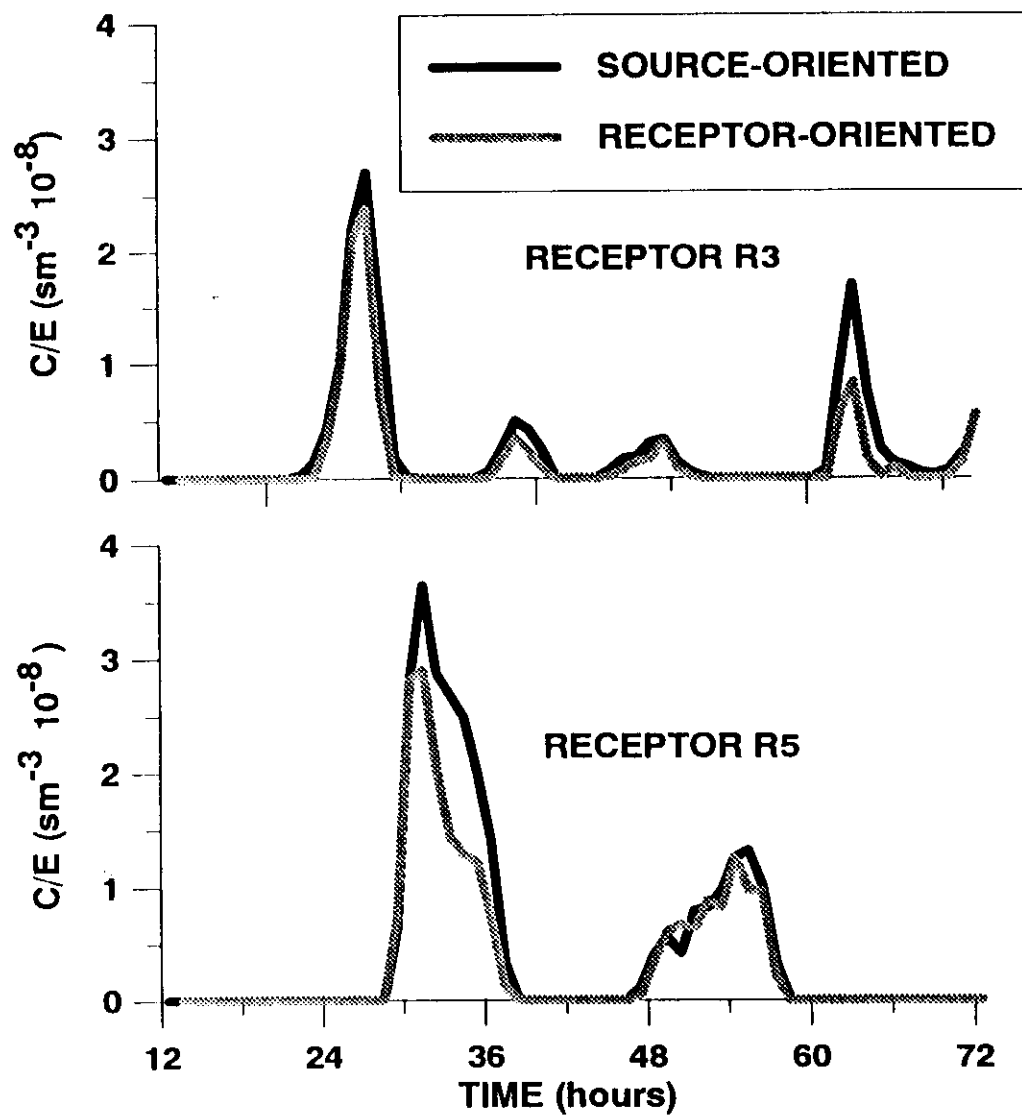
$$-\frac{\partial C^*}{\partial t} - u \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial x} - w \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} K \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z} = R \quad (23)$$

$$t = T, \quad C^* = 0 \quad (24)$$

$$x = L, \quad C^* = 0 \quad (25)$$

$$z = 0, H, \quad K \frac{\partial C^*}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (26)$$

**SOURCE- AND RECEPTOR-ORIENTED APPROACH  
SEA BREEZE SIMULATION  
DX=5km T=1h**



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SEA BREEZE SIMULATION  
DX=5km T=1h**

