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Aerosol emission processes in Africa

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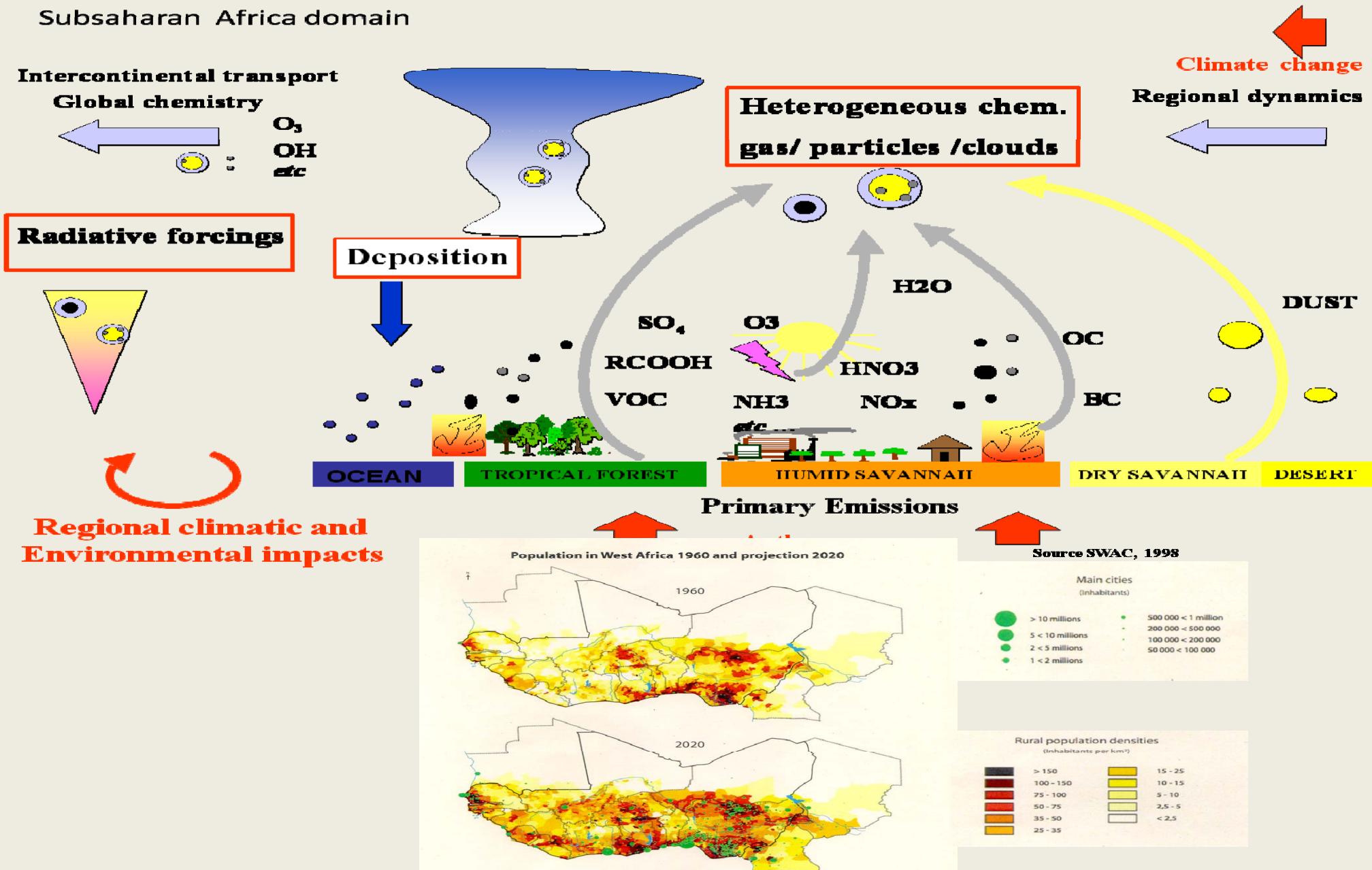
Important aspects of Aerosol emission modelling over Africa

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Interaction between atmospheric chemistry, climate, and biogeochemical cycles in a changing environment.

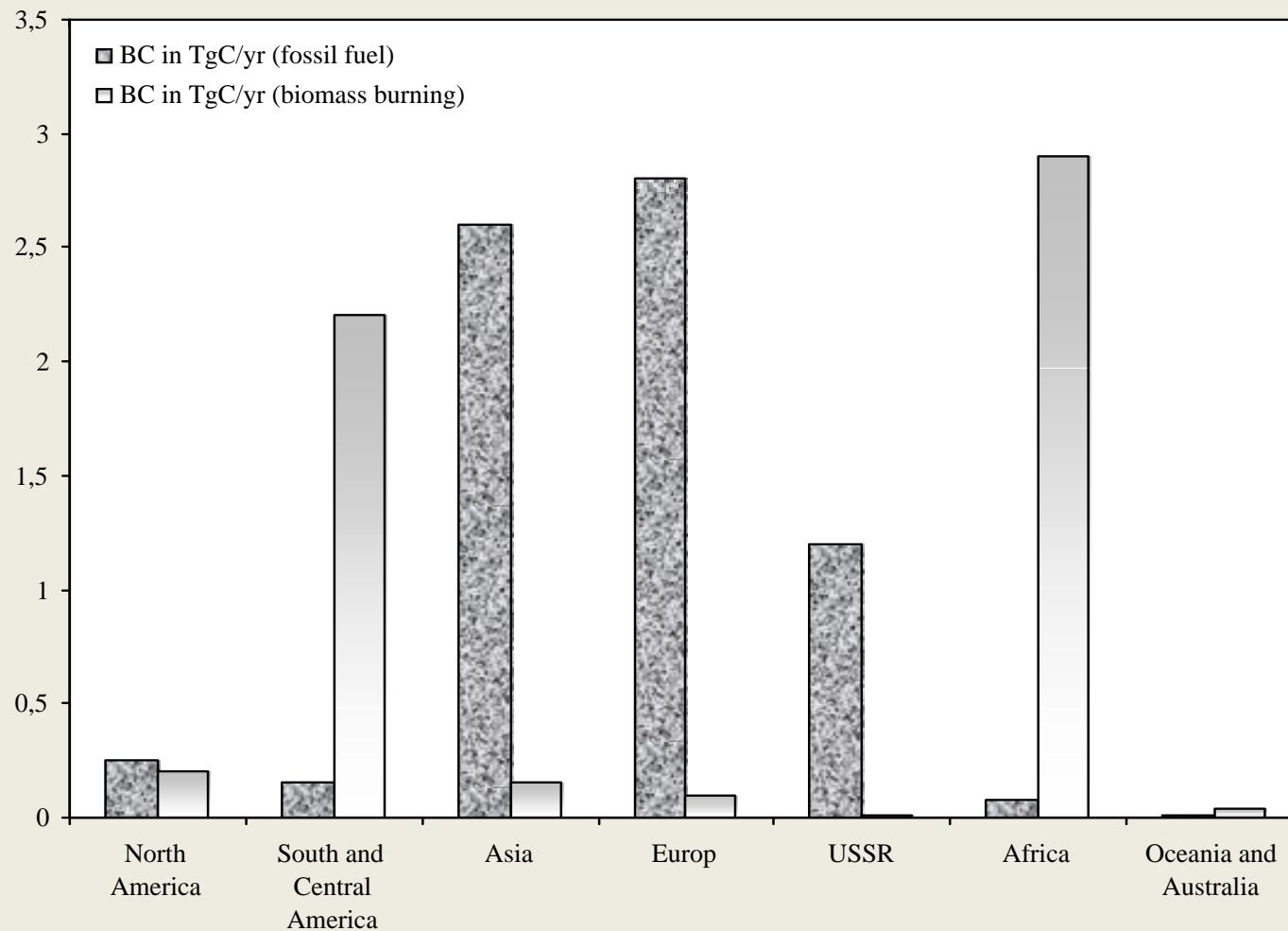


Biomass burning emissions

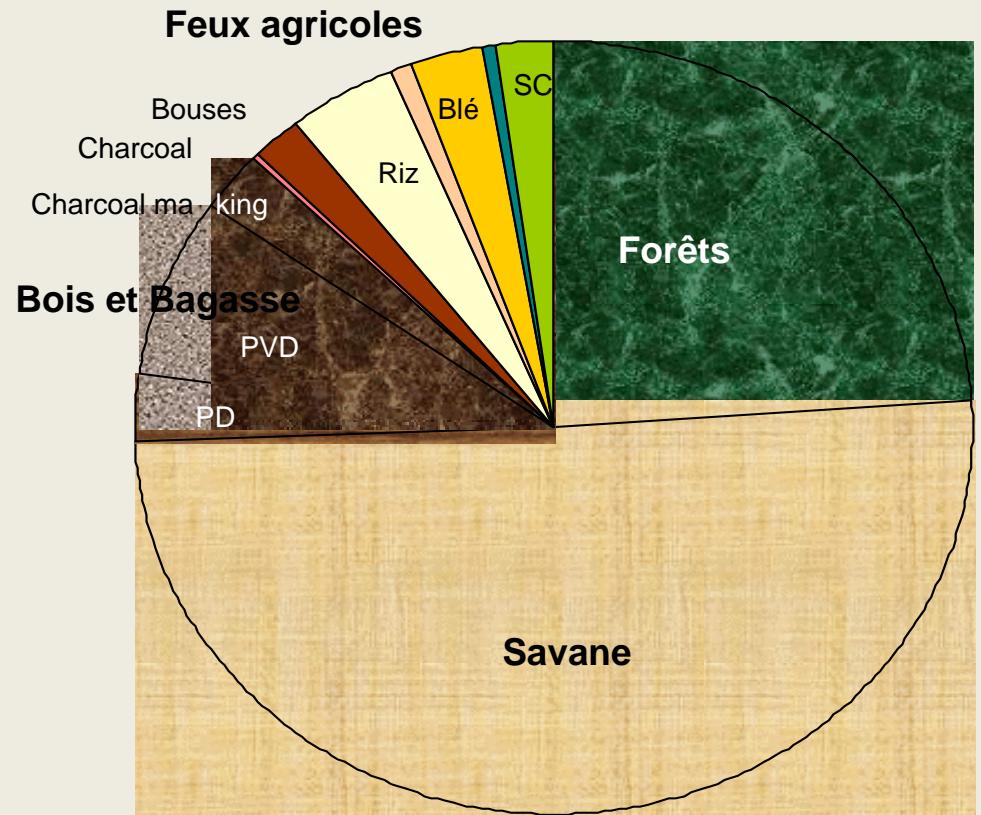
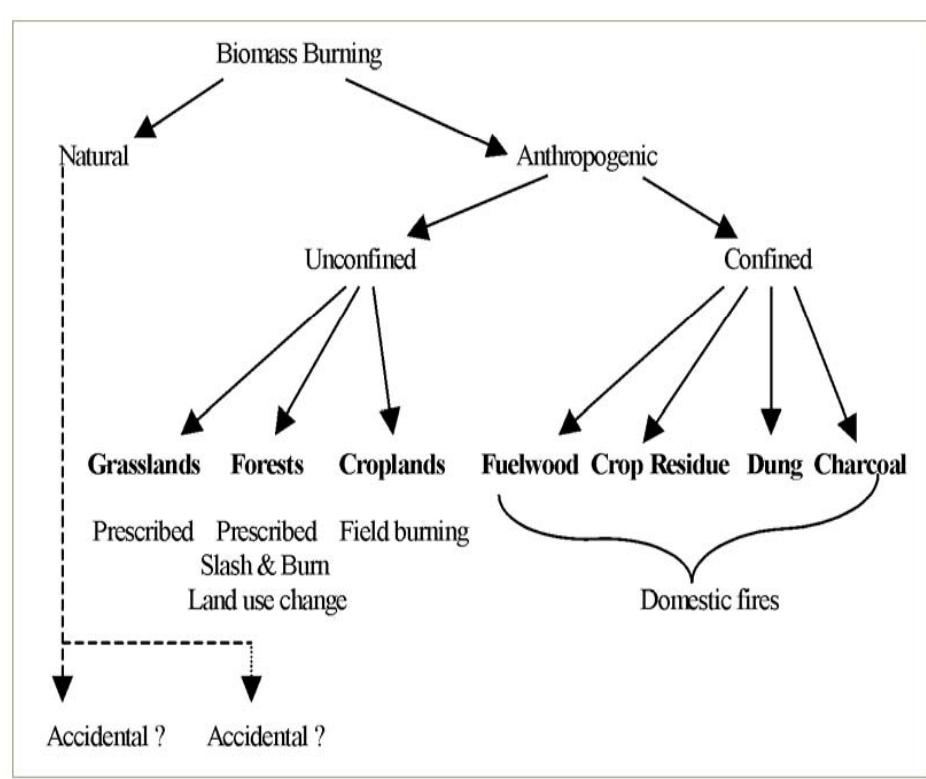


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Relative contribution of Biomass Burning vs anthropogenic emissions for black carbon (BC) combustion tracer



Relative contribution of different biomass burning sources (5293 Tgdm /year)



Gas
Aerosols (carbonaceous BC / OC)

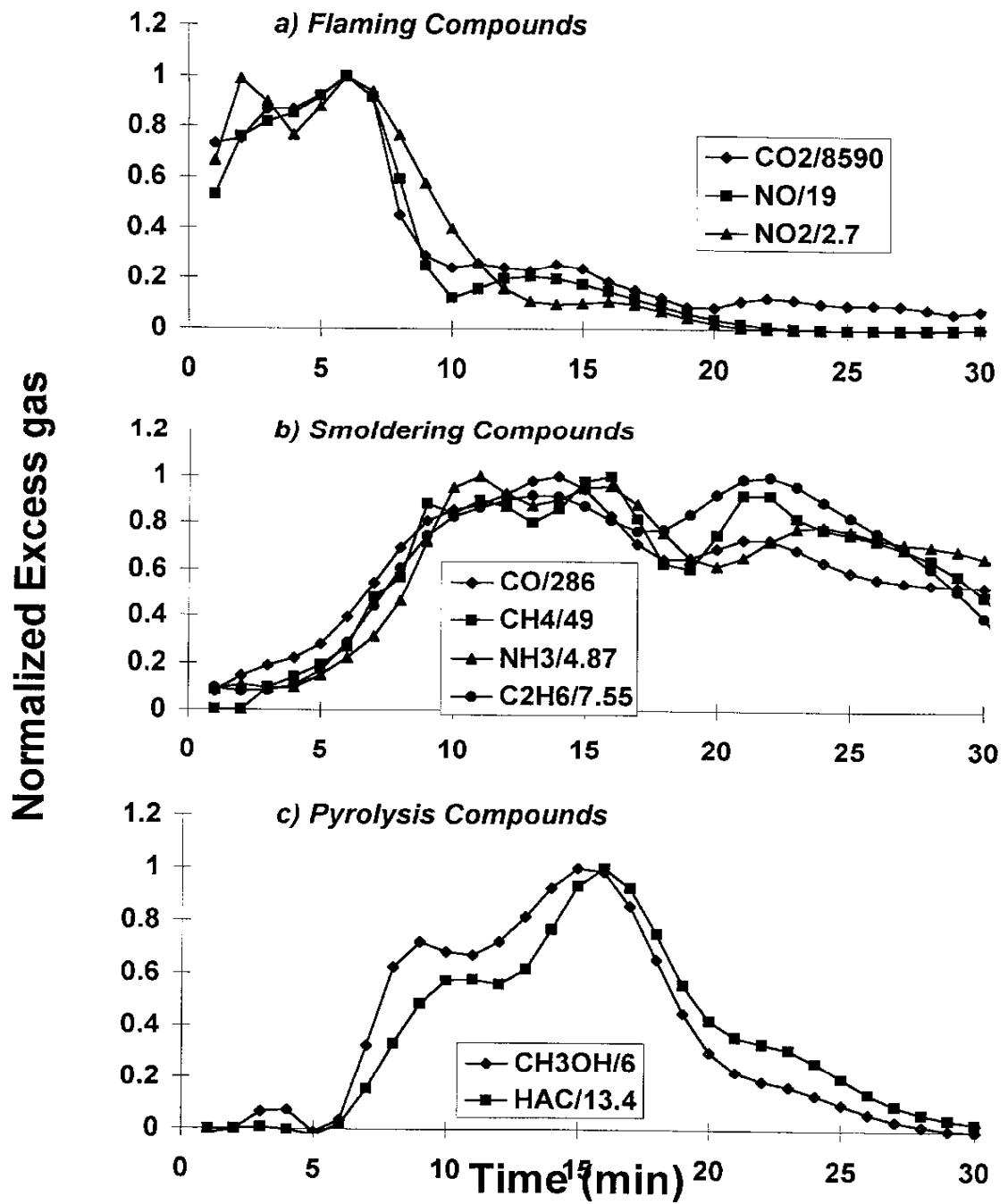
Combustion steps

- Drying
- Flaming + Glowing + Pyrolysis
- Glowing + Pyrolysis (Smoldering)
- Glowing
- Extinction

- The quantity of burned fuel during each step depends on meteo, nature of the fuel
- However a same fire regime can be observed by ecosystem types

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- Extinction

[from Yokelson et al. (1994)]



Biomass burning emissions

In most global and regional inventories gas and aerosols emissions are calculated as :

$$Q(X) = M \times EF(X)$$

- M is the biomass burned (kgdm/m^2)
- $EF(X)$ is the chemical species emission factor X in gX/kgdm

Emission Factor

$$EF_x = \frac{M_x}{M_{biomass}} = \frac{M_x}{M_C} \cdot [C]_{biomass}$$

- M_x = amount of a released compounds X
- $M_{biomass}$ = amount of biomass consumed
- M_C = mass of carbon emitted
- $[C]_{biomass}$ = carbon concentration of the burned biomass

- Emission estimation possible from the burned biomass
- Needs to measure the consumed fuel mass and the emitted mass of x: difficult measurements in the field !



Emission Factor (often used approximation, Andreae and Merlet, 2001)

$$EF_x \cong \frac{[x]}{\sum ([C_{CO_2}] + [C_{CO}] + [C_{CH_4}] + [C_{VOC}] + [C_{aeros}] + \dots)} \cdot [C]_{biomass}$$

- Only concentrations are used.
- Still need to know the biomass carbon quantity effectively burned (variable parameter)

Emission Ratios

$$ER_x = \frac{\Delta[x]}{\Delta CO} = \frac{x_{smoke} - x_{ambiant}}{CO_{smoke} - CO_{ambiant}}$$

- Define ER from CO measurements

Estimation of EF by default

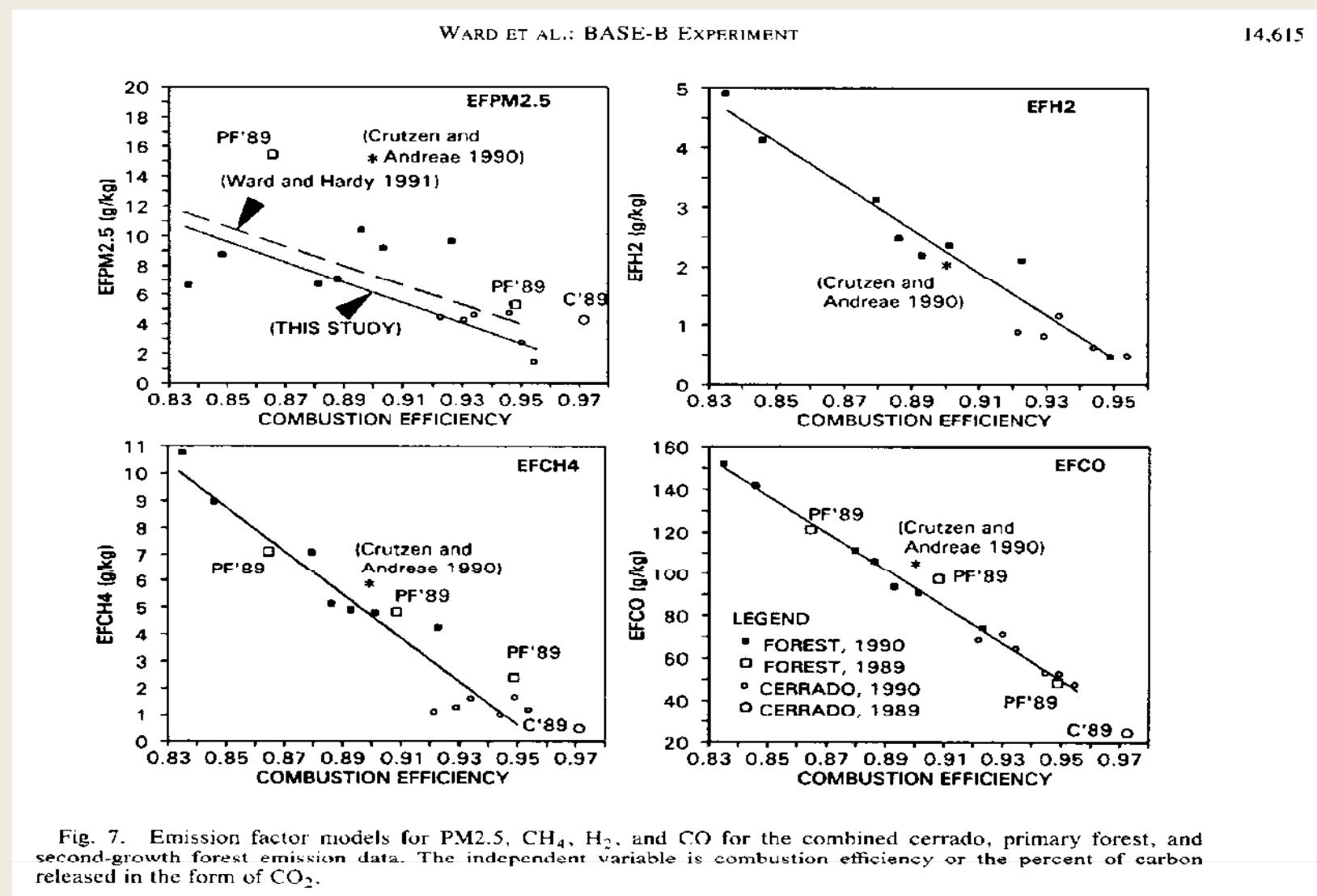


Fig. 7. Emission factor models for PM_{2.5}, CH₄, H₂, and CO for the combined cerrado, primary forest, and second-growth forest emission data. The independent variable is combustion efficiency or the percent of carbon released in the form of CO₂.

EF(BC)g/kgdm	Andreae	Liousse	Cooke	Streets	POM/BC in % (Liousse)
Forest	0.66	1.53	1.1	--	8.6
Savanna	0.48	0.81	0.5	--	7.2
Biofuel wood	0.59	1.25	--	1.0	5.7
Dung	--	1.0	--	--	16.3
Charcoal making	--	1.84	--	--	16.8
Charcoal burning	1.5	1.5	--	--	4.5
Agricul. fires on field	0.69	0.75	--	0.75	4.1
Agricul. fires-biofuel	--	0.95	--	--	6.8
Extratropical forest	0.56	0.75	0.5	--	19.9

See also Andreae and Merlet , 2001, GBC

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M? for savannah and forest fires

$$M = A \times B \times \alpha \times \beta$$

*A is the burned area
B biomass density
 α , biomass surface fraction
and β , combustion efficiency.*



Still big uncertainties for B , α et β

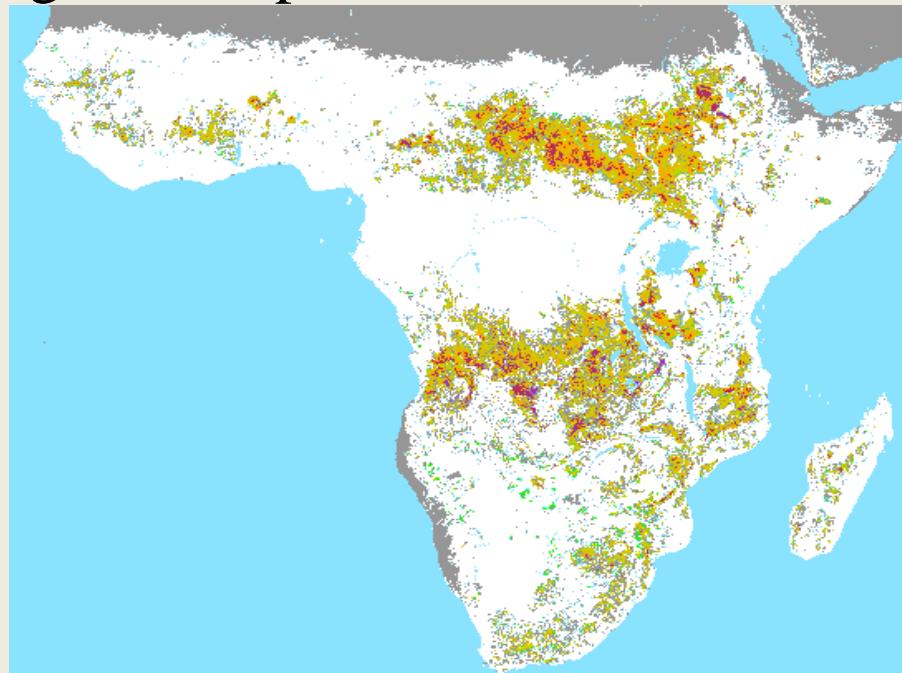


Good progress for the determination of A

Biomass burning emissions: burned area

- Determination from statistic data (*Hao et al., 1991*) => uncertainty factor of 2 to 3 on A
- Improvement in satellite detection of burned area, improvement of temporal variability of inventories

e.g. L3JRC product (Tansey et al., 2008)

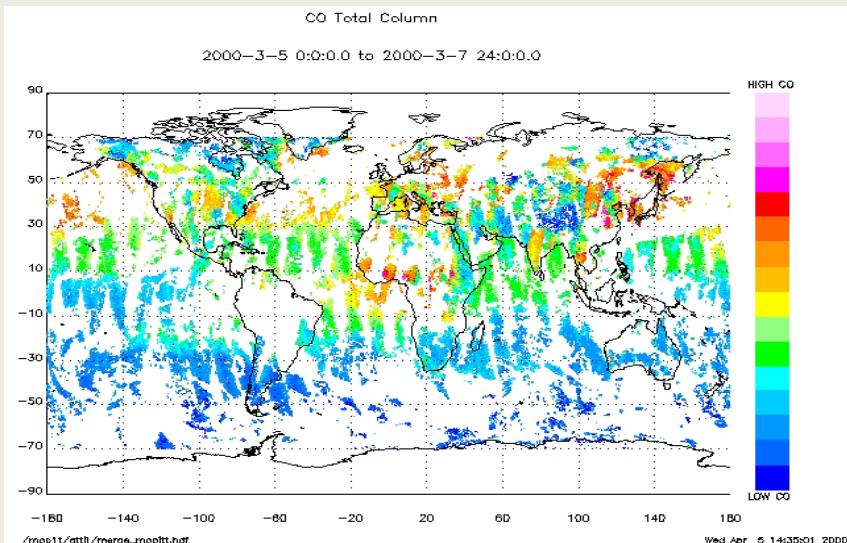


remaining uncertainties:

- There still might be an unburned fraction in the pixel
- Low intensity fires are not seen by satellites (agricultural fires)

Indirect Methods to estimate sources

- Use of CO tracer
 - Biomass burning : important CO source
 - Existing data bases at the regional and global level
 - EF et ER(CO)
 - Good knowledge of CO sinks



	<i>Emission estimate</i>	<i>Inverse Model</i>
Global Total	750	663 - 807
Trop. Forest	139	483 - 633
Savanna	206	140 - 245
Burning at latitude > 30N	68	0 - 87

Bergamaschi et al., 2000

- Use of MODIS fire radiance to determine smoke emissions (Ichoku And Kaufman 2005,)

Practically...available inventories

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Emission Data portal -

The **GEIA ACCENT** data portal provides gridded emission data; emission data are usually separated into three main categories : anthropogenic emissions, biomass burning emissions, and natural emissions:

- anthropogenic emissions include emissions from fossil fuel and biofuel consumption, industry and agricultural sources.
- biomass burning emissions include emissions from forest fires, savannah fires, and sometimes large croplands fires.
- natural emissions include emissions from vegetation and oceans.

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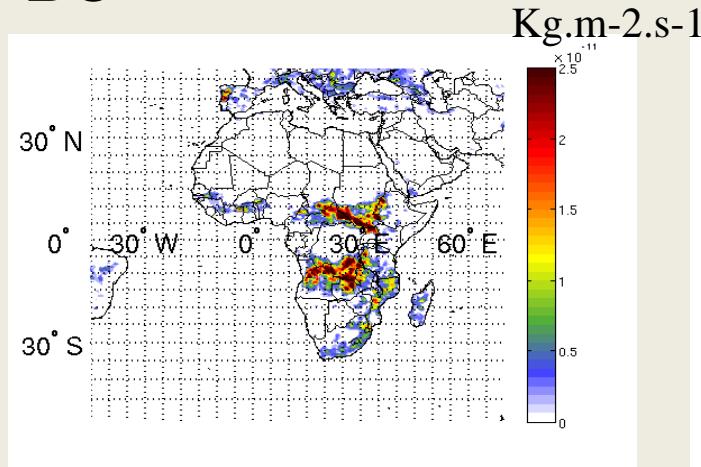
Global emissions					
inventory (release year)	period covered	categories	temporal variability	grid size	provider
ACCMIP (2010)	1850 -2000	● anthropogenic ● biomass burning	-annual -annual	0.5 x 0.5	ACCMIP; Lamarque et al. 2010
RCPs (scenarios) (2010)	2000 -2100	● anthropogenic ● biomass burning	-annual -annual	0.5 x 0.5	RCP database
EDGAR 3.2FT2000 (2005)	2000	● anthropogenic ● biomass burning	-annual -annual	1 x 1	EDGAR
RETRO (2005)	1960 - 2000	● anthropogenic ● biomass burning	-monthly -monthly	0.5 x 0.5	RETRO
EDGAR-HYDE 1.3 (2001)	1890 -1990	● anthropogenic	decadal	1 x 1	EDGAR
GFED3 (2010)	1997 - 2009	● biomass burning	monthly	0.5 x 0.5	GFED
GFEDv2 (2005)	1997 - 2005	● biomass burning	monthly 8 day (on GFEDv2 page)	1 x 1	GFED
GICC (2010)	1990 -2000 (decade) 1997 -2005	● biomass burning	monthly	1 x 1	LATMOS
MEGANv2_biomass (2009)	2000 decade	● biogenic	monthly	0.5 x 0.5	NCAR
MEGANv2_1-CH3OH (2011)	2003-2009	● biogenic	monthly	0.5 x 0.5	A
GEIA v1	species dependent	● anthropogenic ● biomass burning ● natural	species dependent	1 x 1	GEIA
Global emissions built for specific projects					
MACCity (2010)	1990 -2010	● anthropogenic	-monthly	0.5 x 0.5	macc
POET (2003)	1990 -2000	● anthropogenic ● biomass burning ● natural	-annual -monthly -monthly	1 x 1	POET
Global emissions providing specific species					
Andres_CO2 (2007)	1751 -2003	● anthropogenic	annual	1 x 1	CDAC
AMAP_Hg (2005)	1995, 2000	● anthropogenic	annual	0.5 x 0.5	AMAP
Regional emissions					
AMMABB (Africa) (2009)	2000 -2006	● biomass burning	-daily	0.5 x 0.5	IA
EMEP (Europe) (2007)	1970 -2020	● anthropogenic	annual	0.5 x 0.5	emep
REAS (Asia) (2007)	1980 -2020	● anthropogenic	annual	0.5 x 0.5	RGAS
ABBI (Asia) (2005)	March-May 2000, March-May 2001	● biomass burning	daily	1 x 1	IA

<http://www.geiacenter.org/>

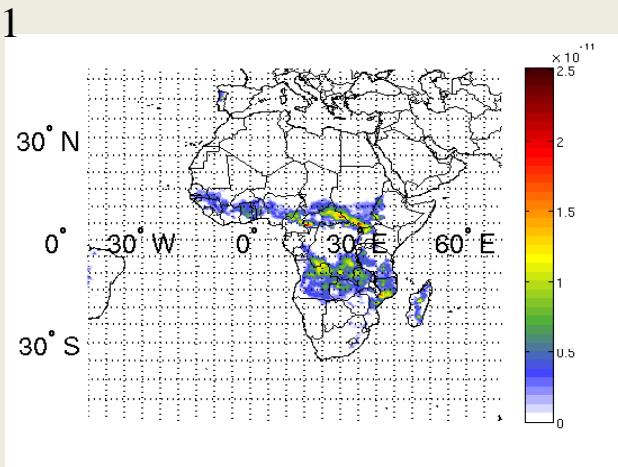
Comparison between recent inventories (year 2005 average)

AMMABB (2005)

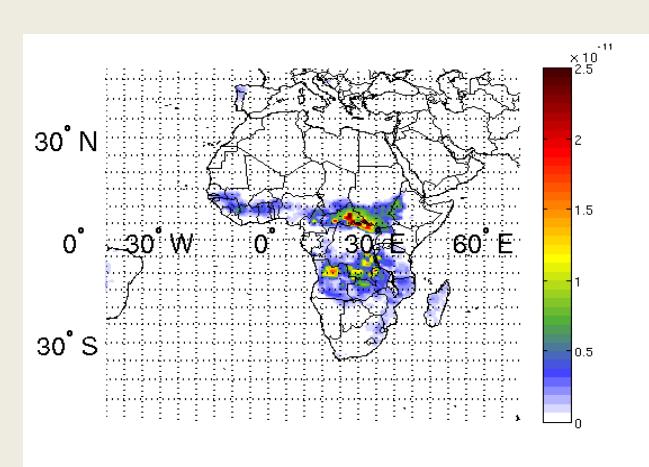
BC



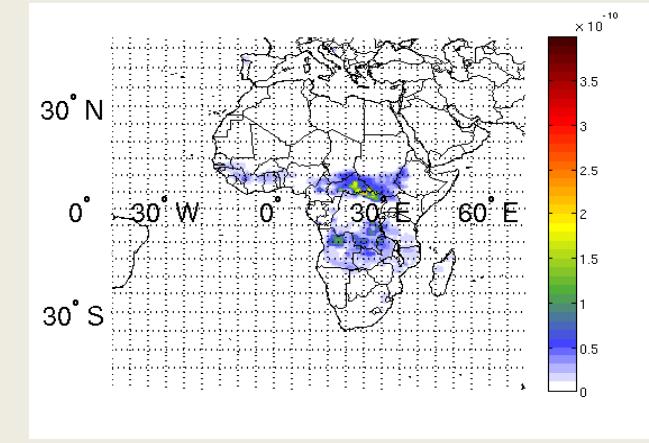
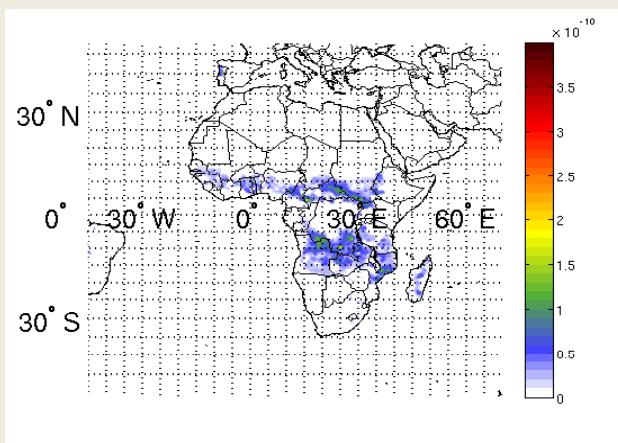
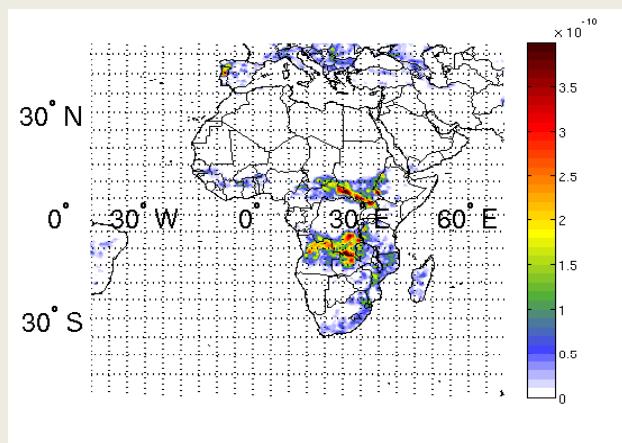
GFEDv3 (2005)



RCP26 (2000-decade)

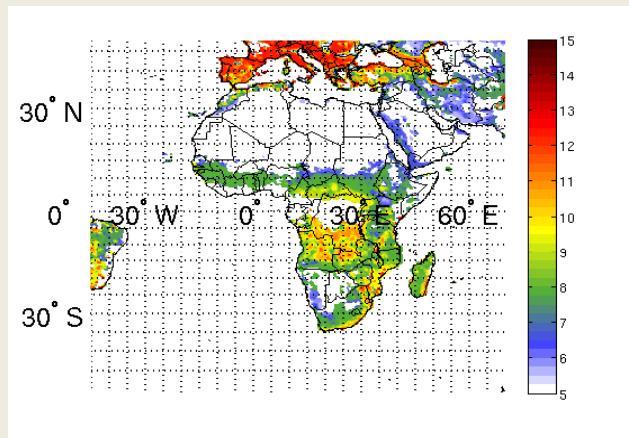


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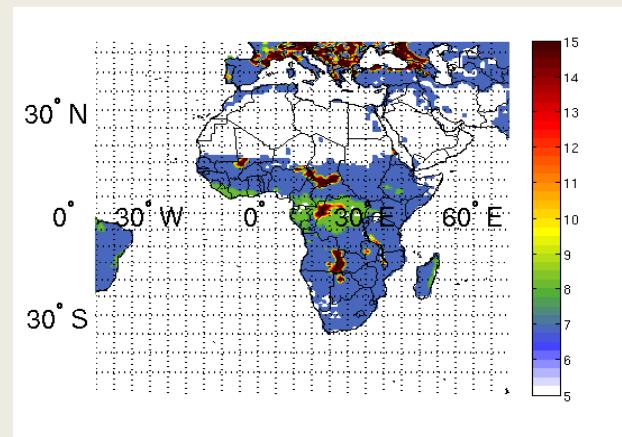


BC/OC emission ratios

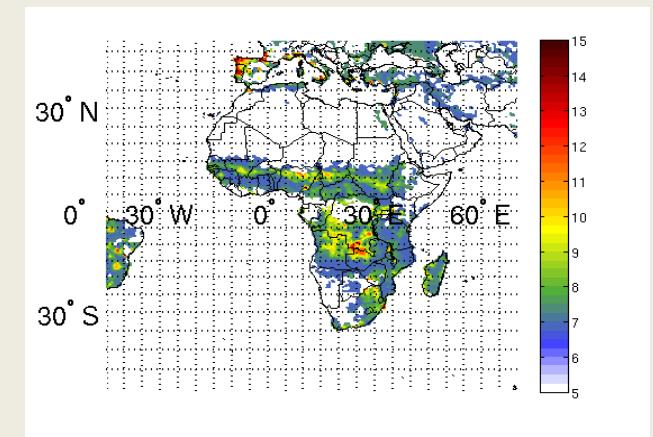
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RCP26 (2000-decade)



Implications for radiative forcing and climatic feedbacks (e.g. Tummon et al., 2010)

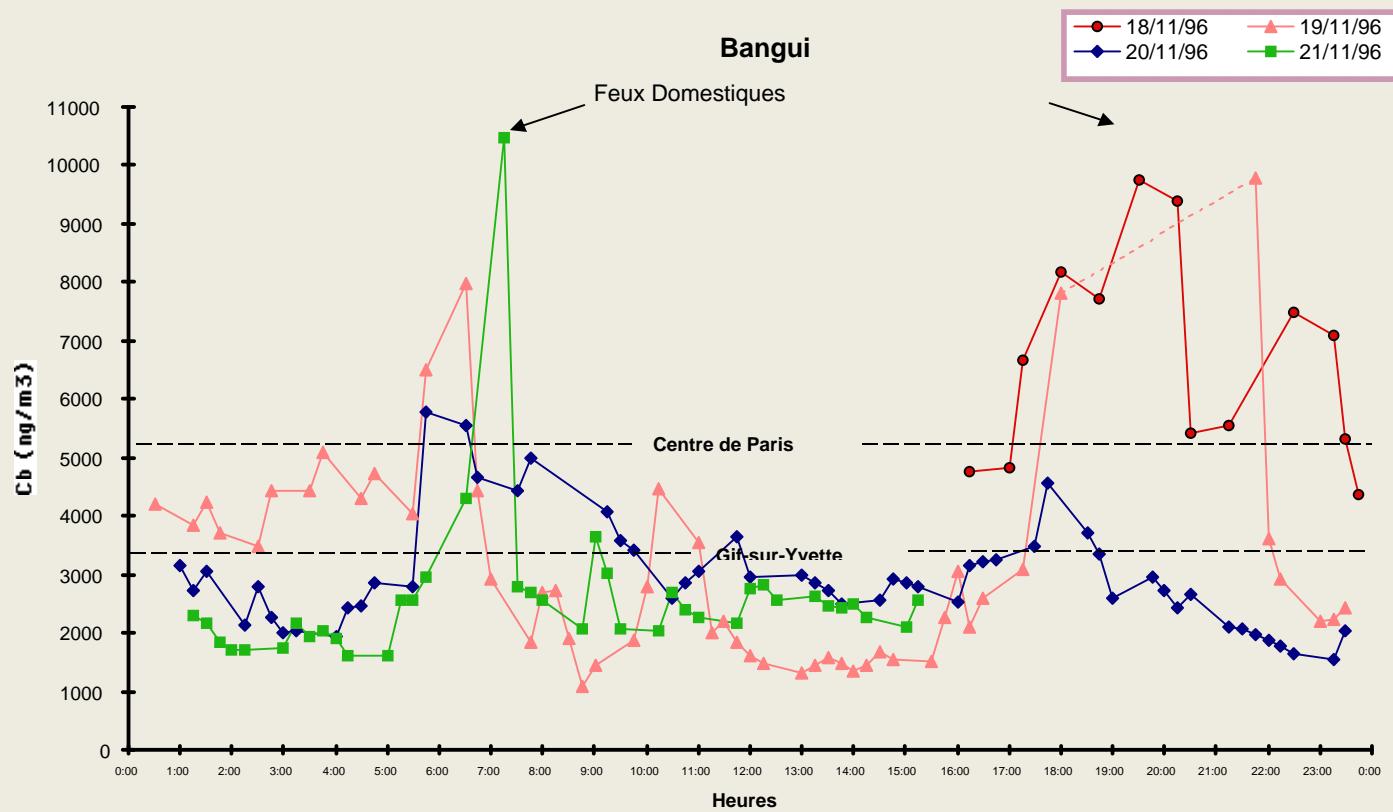
M? Other kind of tropical fires

Agricultural fires

$$M = P \cdot W/P \cdot Wf/W \cdot Ce$$

P Harvest biomass quantity, W, waste fraction,
Wf, waste burned , Ce, combustion efficiency

Domestic fires : very important for Africa

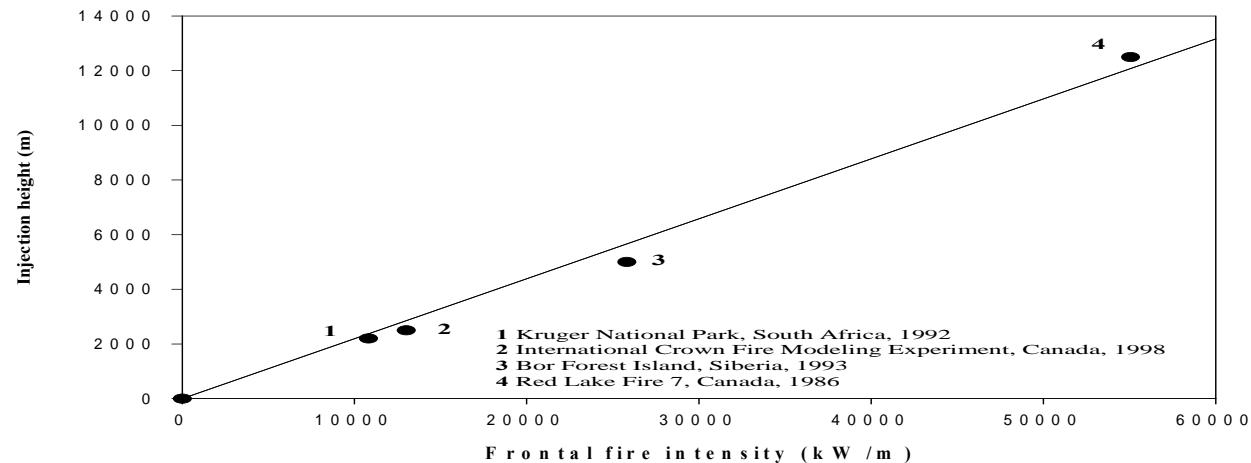


Injection Height

$$I = H \cdot w \cdot r$$

where I : frontal intensity of a fire; H , the fuel low heat of combustion; w , the amount of fuel consumed and r , the rate of fire propagation on the ground

For boreal fires, relationship may be simplified as: $Hi = 0.23 \cdot I$
(Lavoué et al., 2000)



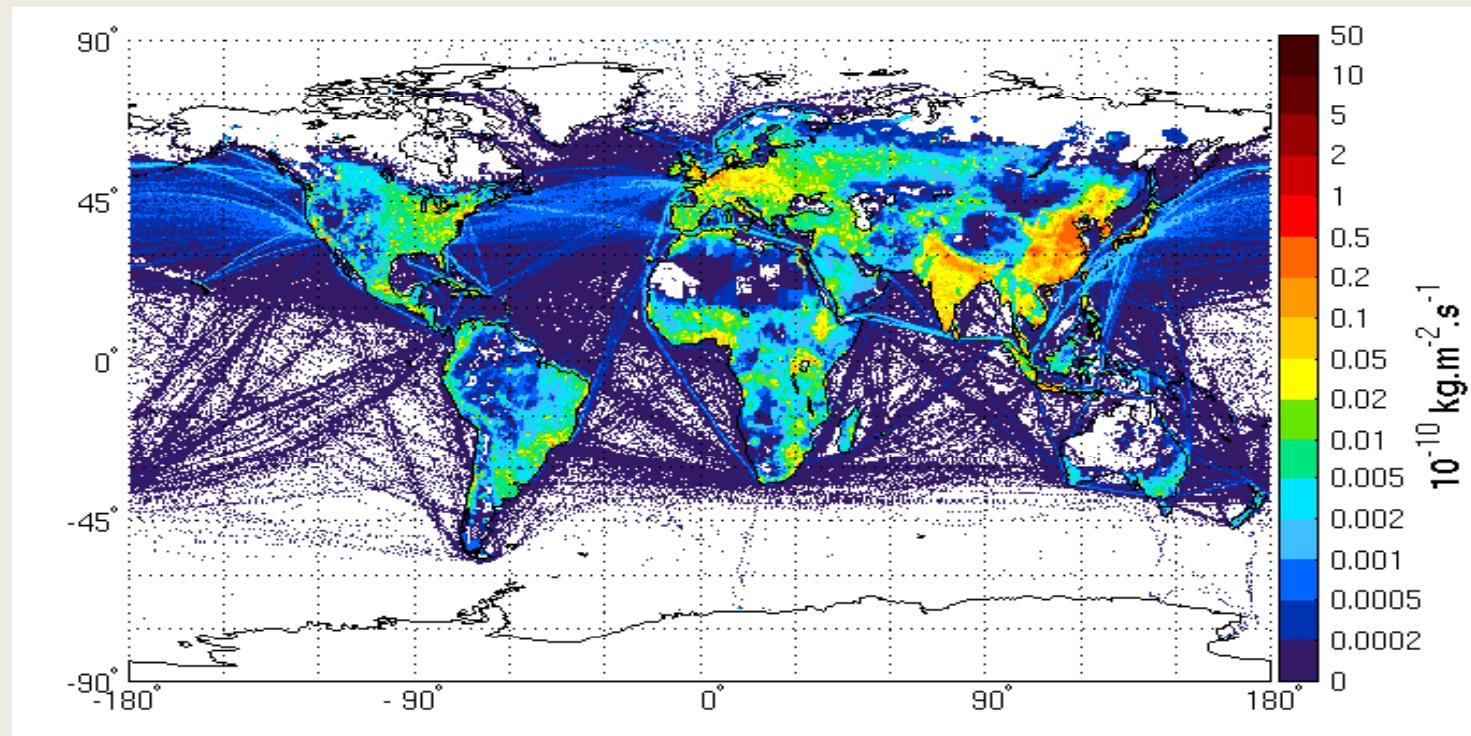
Explicit models: Freitas ?

Fossil fuel emissions

$$EF(X) = \text{Consumed fuel} \times EF(X)$$

- Fuel data base (23 different types) (ONU, IEA..) □
- Great complexity of emission factors EF : 9 EF by fuel type (function of development stage, specific fuel use ...)

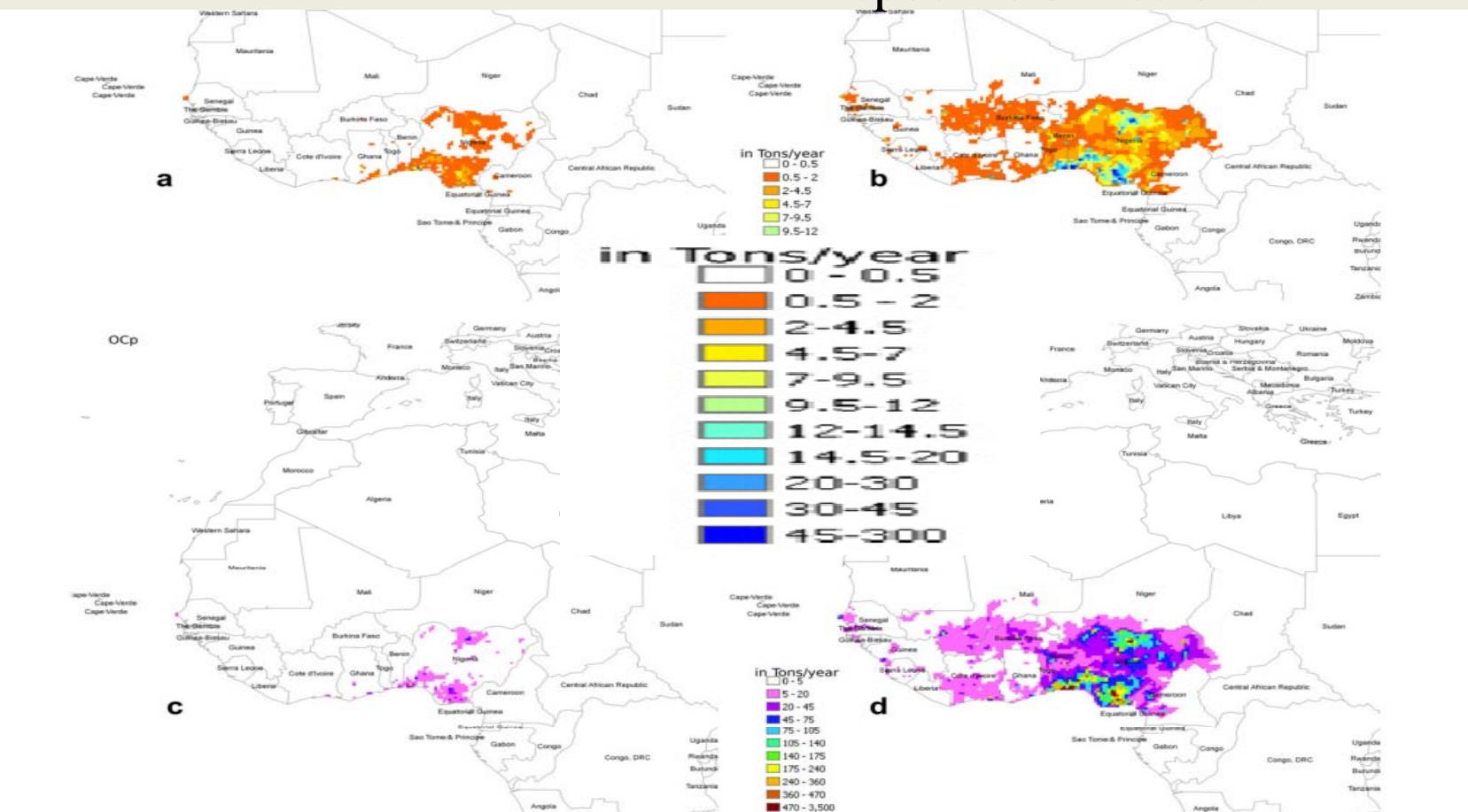
Eg:
MACcity
BC ff
emission
2005



For Africa uncertainties as illustrated for example in Assamoi et al., 2010)
study about the impact of two-wheel two-strokes engines in some west African cities

Junker and Liousse, global inventory (year 2002)

BC



Junker and Liousse, Accouting for two wheels specific emissions

OCP

Fig. 7. BC and OCP emissions in West Africa in 2002. a and c: Junker and Liousse calculated for 2002. b and d: our maximum assumption for two-wheel vehicles added to Junker and Liousse calculated for 2002

Dust emission



- Use of dust climatologies
- More and more climate models incorporate now on line dust emission schemes

Dust emission parameterization

Texture	Mode 1			Mode 2			Mode 3		
	n	MMD	σ	n	MMD	σ	n	MMD	σ
Sand	0.90	1000	1.6	0.10	100	1.7	0.00	10	1.8
Loamy Sand	0.60	690	1.6	0.30	100	1.7	0.10	10	1.8
Sandy Loam	0.60	520	1.6	0.30	100	1.7	0.10	5	1.8
Silt Loam	0.50	520	1.6	0.35	100	1.7	0.15	5	1.8
Silt	0.45	520	1.6	0.40	75	1.7	0.15	2.5	1.8
Loam	0.35	520	1.6	0.50	75	1.7	0.15	2.5	1.8
Sandy Clay Loam	0.30	210	1.7	0.50	75	1.7	0.20	2.5	1.8
Silty Clay Loam	0.30	210	1.7	0.50	50	1.7	0.20	2.5	1.8
Clay Loam	0.20	125	1.7	0.50	50	1.7	0.30	1	1.8
Sandy Clay	0.65	100	1.8	0.00	10	1.8	0.35	1	1.8
Silty Clay	0.60	100	1.8	0.00	10	1.8	0.40	0.5	1.8
Clay	0.50	100	1.8	0.00	10	1.8	0.50	0.5	1.8

Soil granulometry
 $10 \mu\text{m} - 10000 \mu\text{m}$

Horizontal saltation flux (Marticorena and Bergametti, 1995):

$$G = E * \frac{\rho_a}{g} * U^{*3} * \int_{D_p} \left(1 + \frac{U_t^*(D_p, Z_0, z_0)}{U^*} \right) \left(1 - \frac{U_t^*(D_p, Z_0, z_0)^2}{U^{*2}} \right) dS_{rel}(D_p) dD_p$$

$dS_{rel}(D_p)$: fraction of soil aggregate of diameter D_p / dtotal distribution

threshold friction velocity

$$u_t^*(D_p) = u_{ts}^*(D_p) \cdot f_{eff} \cdot f_w$$

Threshold friction velocity

Vitesse de vent nécessaire pour créer un flux de salatation horizontal, et donc un flux vertical de particules : dépend de la nature du sol caractérisé par sa granulométrie

Environment	Threshold wind (mph)
Fine to medium sand in dune covered regions	10-15
Sandy areas	20
Fine material, desert flat	20-25
Alluvial fans and crusted salt flats (dry lake beds)	30-35
Well developed desert pavement	40



Vertical dust emission flux

Physical approach (e.g. Alfaro and Gomes, 2001)

$$dF_{kin}(D_p) = \beta * dG(D_p).$$

$$dN_i(D_p) = dF_{kin}(D_p) * \frac{p_i(D_p)}{e_i}$$

$$F_i = \int_{D_p} \frac{\pi}{6} * \rho_p * D_i^3 * dN_i(D_p)$$

i refers to predefined log-normal emission mode characterized by cohesion energy ei

Gives a distributed emission flux. The distribution depends on wind intensity.

Estimation and mapping of the required parameters is difficult.

A more empirical approach (e.g Laurent et al, 2008)

$$\alpha = \frac{F}{G} = c_{alpha} \cdot 10^{0.134 \cdot \% clay - 6}$$

Does not give information on F size distribution

- Use of observed regional distribution (e.g. AMMA, Crumeyrolle et al., 2009)

Recently Kok (2011a, 2011b ACPD) proposed that dust emission is analogous to brittle fragmentation with a resulting invariant emission size distribution.

$$\frac{dV_d}{d \ln D_d} = \frac{D_d}{c_V} \left[1 + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{\ln(D_d/D_s)}{\sqrt{2} \ln \sigma_s} \right) \right] \exp \left[- \left(\frac{D_d}{\lambda} \right)^3 \right]$$

$$D_s = 3.4 \pm 1.9 \mu m \text{ and } \sigma_s = 3.0 \pm 0.4 \mu m.$$

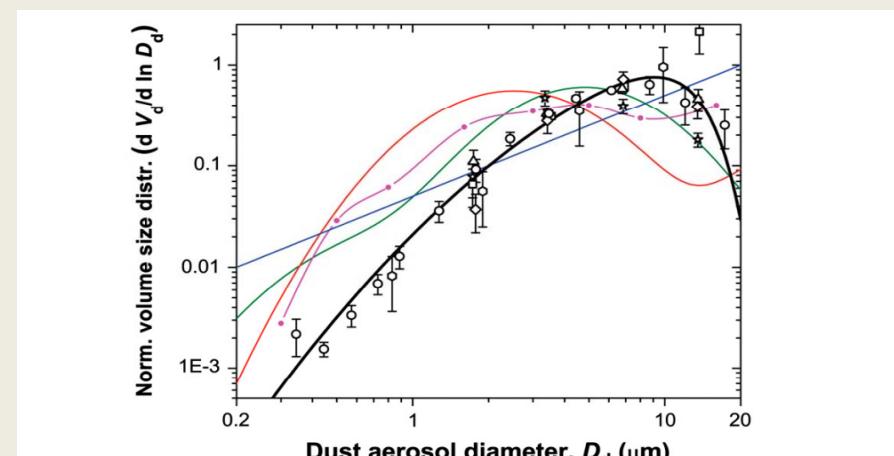
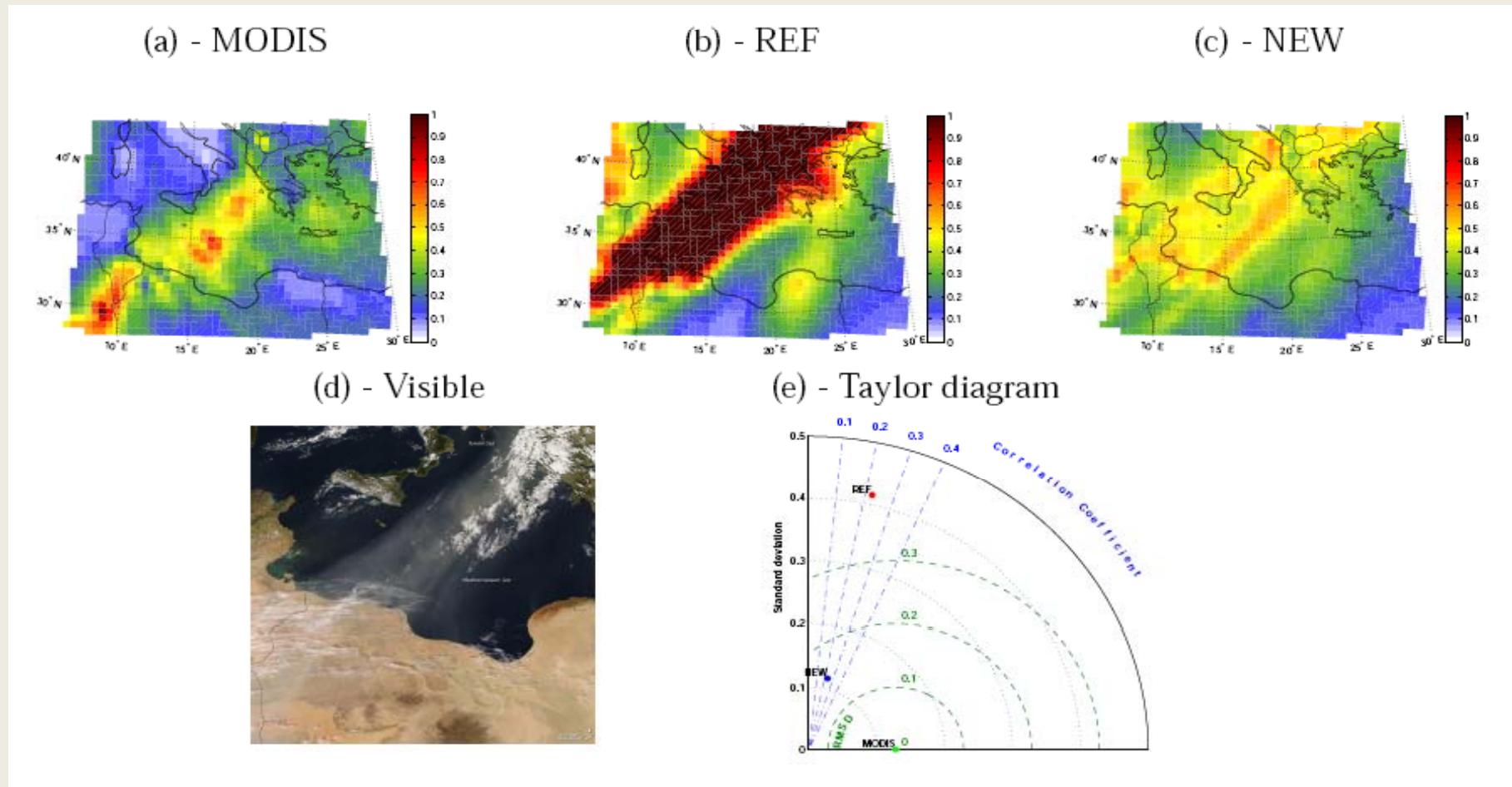


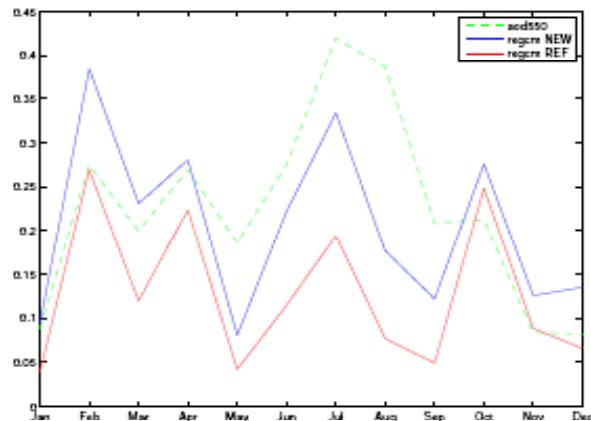
Fig. 3. The normalized volume size distribution of emitted dust aerosols used in 4 GCM studies [magenta line and circles (3), and blue (20), green (12), and red (13) lines]. The thick black line denotes the theoretical PSD of Eq. 6, and symbols and error bars denote measurements as defined in Fig. 2.

Comparison of the two approaches using the RegCM model

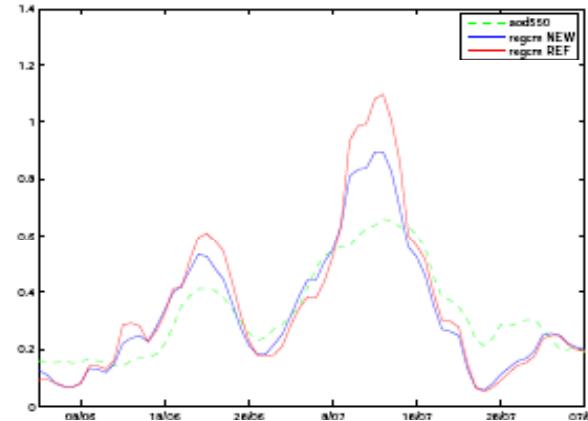
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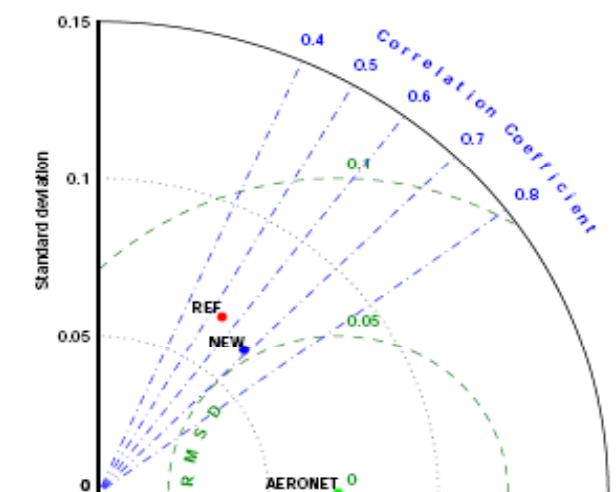
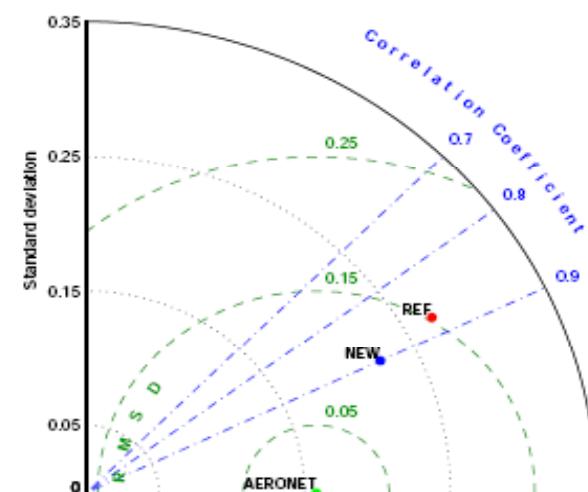
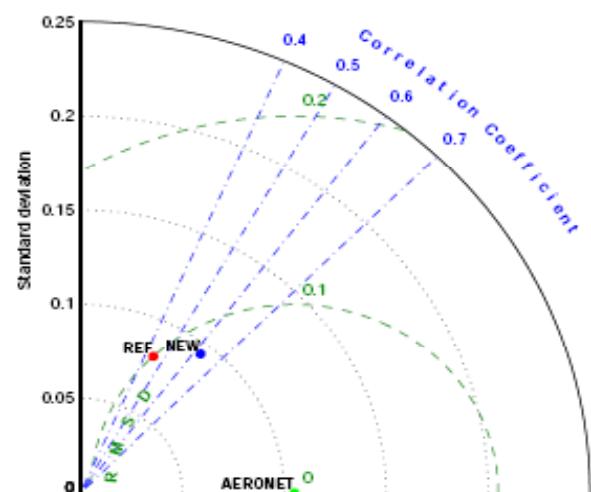
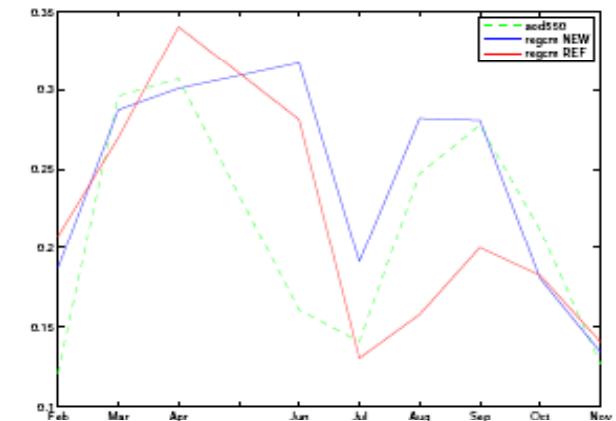
(a) Saada, 2008



(b) Blida, 03/06 - 07/08 2008



(c) Sede-Boker, 2008



Conclusion

Still significant factor of uncertainties on anthropogenic emissions in Africa.

Biomass burning : significant progress have been made, using different approaches.

Other types of combustions (fossil fuel, domestic, waste burning ..) needs some basic data on emission factors (country and region specific).

Different inventories available for climate chemistry studies. This allows to perform sensitivity studies and ensemble simulations.

Calcul de la vitesse de seuil (Marticorena and Bergametti 1995)

$$u_t^*(D_p) = u_{ts}^*(D_p) \cdot f_{eff} \cdot f_w \quad D_p = \text{diamètre de l'aggrégat}$$

Vitesse seuil ‘idéale’ , issue d’expérience en soufflerie

$$u_{ts}^*(D_p) = \begin{cases} 0.129 \cdot K \cdot [1 - 0.0858 \cdot \exp\{-0.0617 \cdot (\text{Re} - 10)\}] & \text{R}_e > 10 \\ \frac{0.129 \cdot K}{(1.928 \cdot \text{Re}^{0.092} - 1)^{0.5}} & 0.03 < \text{R}_e \leq 10 \end{cases}$$

$$R_e = aD_p^x + b \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Reynolds number} \\ \text{caractérisant l’écoulement sur l’aggrégat} \end{array}$$

$$K = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot g \cdot \rho_p \cdot D_p}{\rho_a} \cdot \left[1 + \frac{0.006}{\rho_p \cdot g \cdot (2 \cdot D_p)^{2.5}} \right]}.$$

Facteur de corrections (issus de lois empiriques)

$$f_{eff} = 1 - \left[\frac{\ln \left(\frac{z_m}{z_{0s}} \right)}{\ln \left(0.35 \left(\frac{10}{z_{0s}} \right)^{0.8} \right)} \right] \quad \text{rugosité}$$

Humidité du sol

$W' = f(\% \text{ clay})$

$$f_w = \begin{cases} \left[1 + A \cdot (w - w')^B \right]^{0.5} & \text{for } w > w' \\ 1 & \text{for } w < w' \end{cases}$$