



Evaluating aerosols impacts on Numerical Weather Prediction: 3rd report

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outline

- Introduction/Goals
- Brief description of the proposed case studies and protocols
- Centers participants and a brief description of their modeling systems
- Some highlighted results
- Webpage and tools under development for data analysis
- Discussion and planning.



Goals of the Exercise

- This project aims to improve our understanding about the following questions:
 - How important are aerosols for predicting the physical system (NWP, seasonal, climate) as distinct from predicting the aerosols themselves?
 - How important is atmospheric model quality for air quality forecasting?
 - What are the current capabilities of NWP models to simulate aerosol impacts on weather prediction?



The general approach of the proposed work is:

- Select strong or persistent events of aerosol pollution worldwide that could be fairly represented in the current NWP model allowing the evaluation of aerosol impacts on weather prediction.
- Perform model runs both including and not the feedback from the aerosol interaction with radiation and clouds.
- Evaluate aerosol simulation
 - AOD or related parameter
 - Verification: AERONET, MODIS, MISR
- Evaluate aerosol impact on meteorology:
 - 2-meter temperature, dew point temperature, 10-meter wind
 - rainfall, surface energy budget, etc.



Protocol: Variables

- Variables to compare:

Variable name on 3 hours interval	Dimensionality	units	obs
2m-Temperature	x,y	K	
10m-wind direction and magnitude	x,y	Degree m/s	
Aerosol optical depth at 550 nm	x,y	-	
total aerosol mass column integrated	x,y	Kg/m ²	
Precipitation (from convective parameterization)	x,y	mm	
Precipitation (from cloud microphysics at grid scale)	x,y	mm	
shortwave and longwave downwelling radiative flux at the surface.	x,y	W/m ²	
temperature tendency associated to the total radiative flux divergence.	x,y,z	K/s (or dy)	
Temperature	x,y,z	K	
Relative Humidity	x,y,z	-	
Cloud drop number concentration	x,y,z	cm ⁻³	

- Output should be using a lat-lon rectangular grid. The preferred format is NETCDF.



Protocol: Experiments

Experiment	Direct Effect	Indirect Effect	No aerosol Interaction
1	X		
2		X	
3	X	X	
4			X



Participants

Participants	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Type of model	Status of the data	People Involved
CPTEC			X	R	aerosol direct effect only	Saulo Freitas, Mauricio Zarzur
JMA	X	X	X	G	ind, dir, ind+dir, no-aer	Taichu Tanaka, Chiasi Muroi
ECMWF	X	X	X	G	(aerosol direct effect only)	Angela Benedetti, Samuel Remy, Jean-Noel Thepaut
Météo-France/Met. Serv. Algeria	X			R	aerosol direct effect only	Morad Mokhtari, Bouyssel Francois
ESRL/NOAA		X	X	R	aerosol direct effect only	Georg Grell
NASA/Goddard	X	X	X	G	(direct effect only)	Arlindo da Silva
NCEP	X			G	(direct effect only)	Sarah Lu, Yu-Tai Hou, Shrinivas Moorthi, and Fanglin Yang
Barcelona Super. Ctr.	X			R	(aerosol direct effect only)	Oriol Jorba Casellas



Participating Models

Institution Model	Domain Resolution	Aerosol Species	A & BB Emissions	Aerosol Physics	Cloud Physics	Aerosol Assimilation
CPTEC BRAMS LAM+CCAT	Regional 10 km	BC, Sea-Salt, OC, SO4	EDGAR 4. 3BEM	bulk	2-mom	no
JMA MASINGAR	Global TL319L40	Dust, Sea-Salt, BC, OC, SO4	MACCity GFAS 1.0	2-mom	2-mom	no
ECMWF Global	Global T511L60			Bulk	Bulk	yes
Météo-France ALADIN + ORILAM	Regional 7.5 km	Dust	DEAD model	3-mom log-no normal	Bulk	no
ESRL/NOAA WRF-Chem	Regional cloud res.	(many)	EDGAR 4. 3BEM	Bulk and Modal	2-mom	no
NASA/GSFC GEOS-5+GOCART	Global 25 km	Dust, Sea-Salt, BC, OC, SO4	EDGAR 4.1 QFED 2.4	Bulk	Bulk or 2-mom MG	yes
NCEP NGAC+GOCART	Global T126	Dust, Sea-Salt, BC, OC, SO4	Climatological Aerosols	Bulk	Bulk	no
Barcelona SC	regional	dust	BSC-dust model	8 dust size bins	Same as in WRF	no



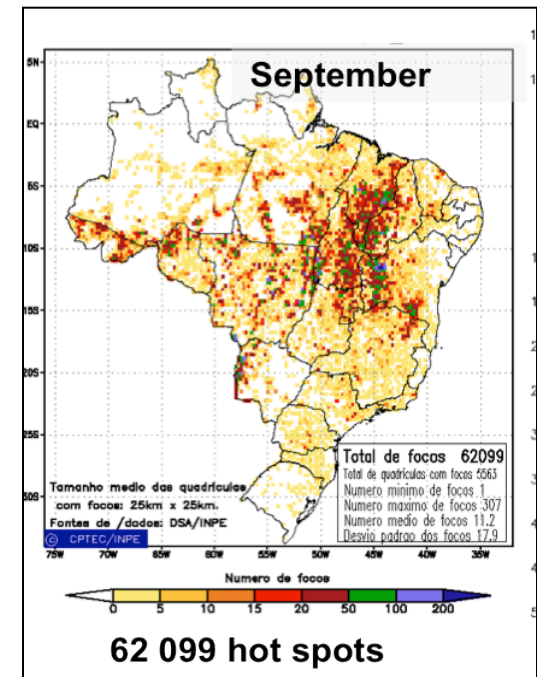
Case Studies



1) Dust over Egypt: 4/2012



2) Pollution in China: 1/2013



3) Smoke in Brazil: 9/2012



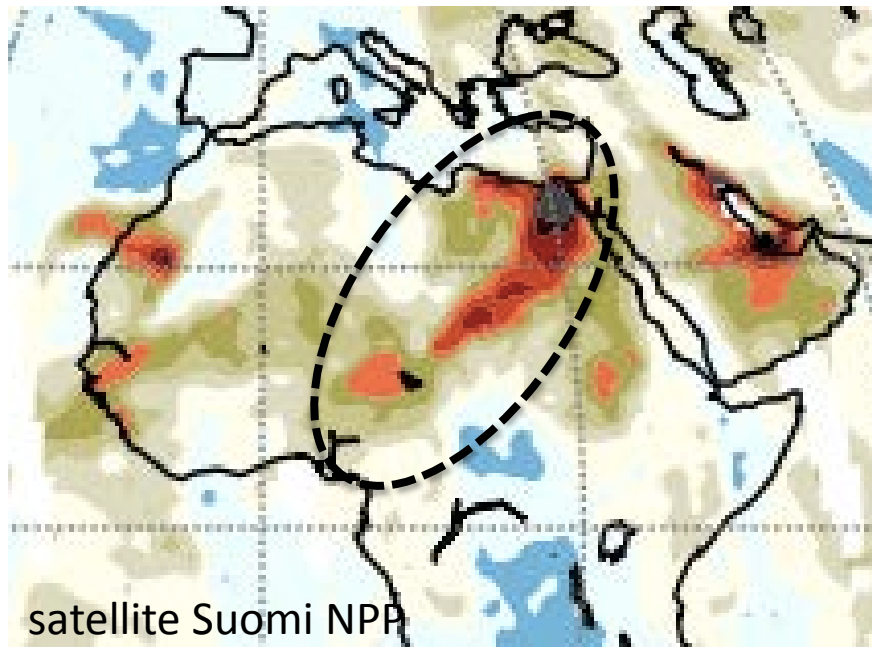
Case 1: Dust Plume over Egypt

- 18 April 2012
- Forecasts
 - April 13-23 2012
 - From 0 or 12 UTC
 - 10 day forecasts
- Center of domain
 - 30E, 25N
- Model configuration
 - Same as for NWP
- **Direct effects only**

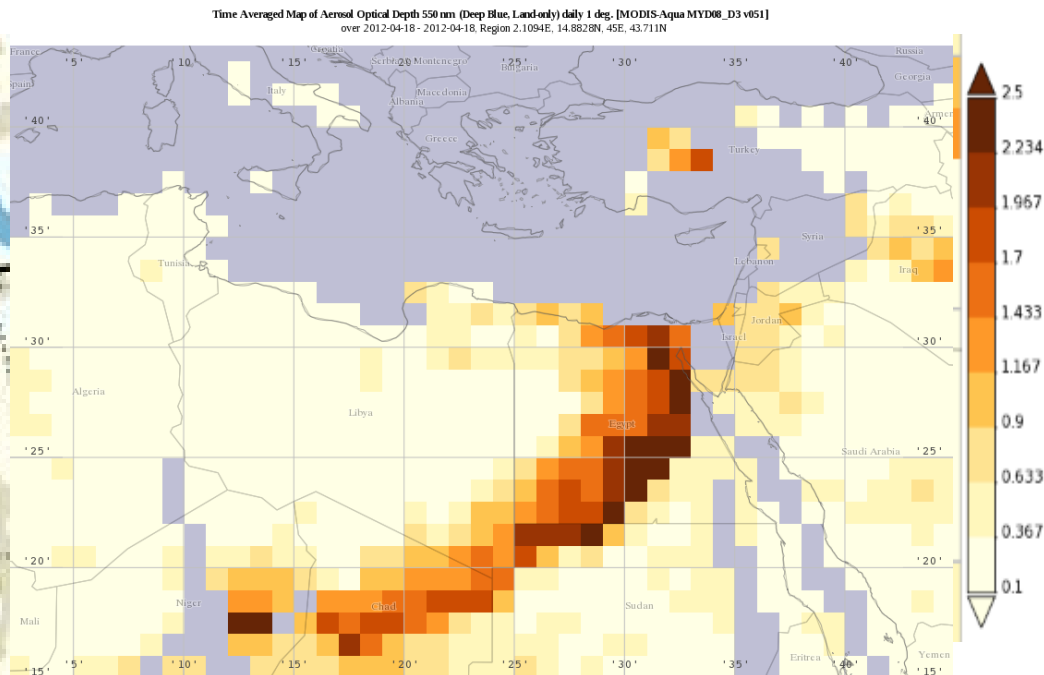




OMPS UV Aerosol Index 18 April 2012



MYD08_Aerosol_Optical_Depth_550_Land 18 April 2012



-Selected date range was 2012-04-18 06:00Z - 2012-04-18 06:00Z. Title reflects the date range of the granules that went into making this result.

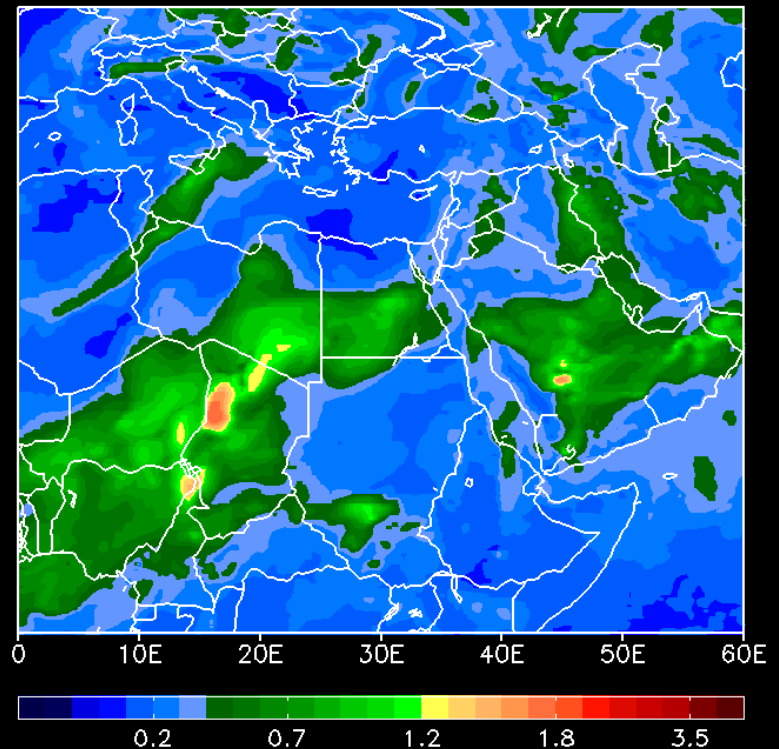
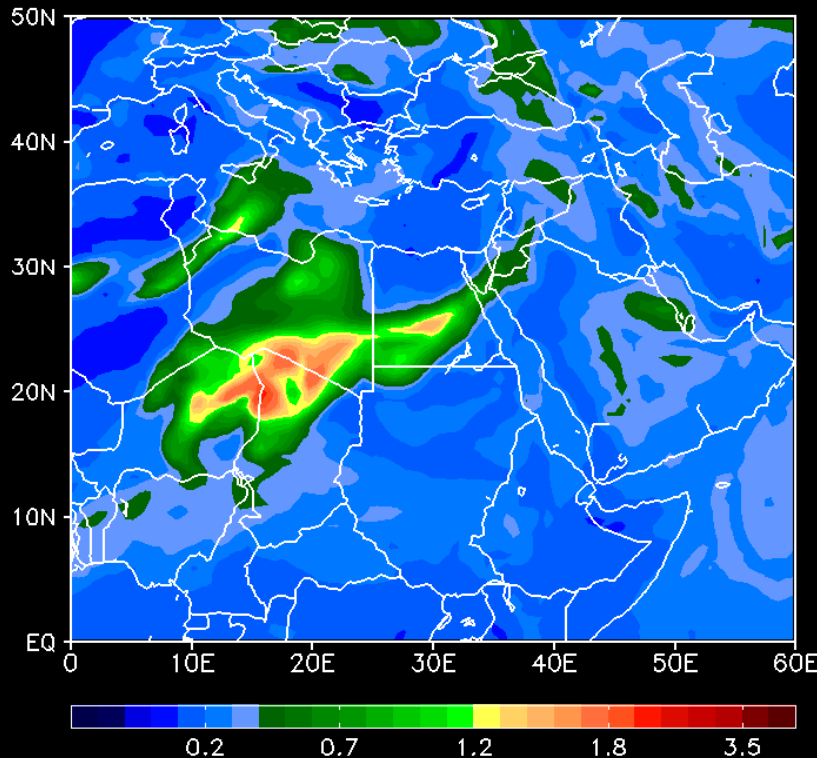


CASE 1 – DUST

JMA and NASA AOD (550 nm) FCT

(A) JMA – AOD @ 550nm

(B) NASA – AOD @ 550nm – 00Z16APR2012



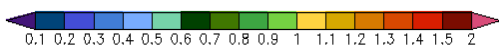
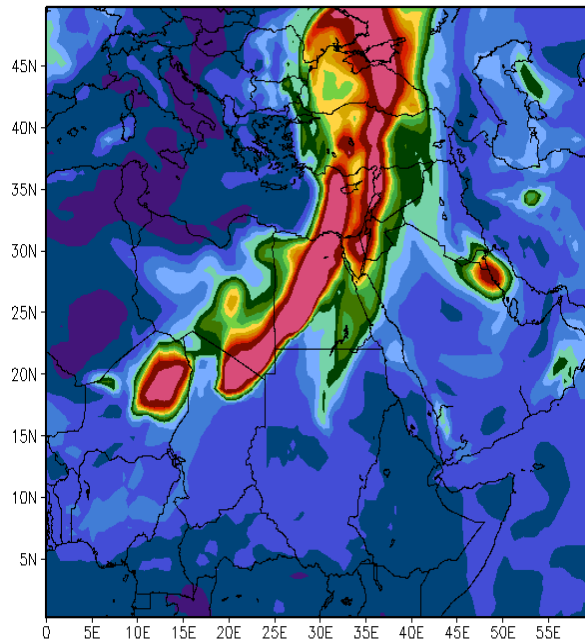


AOD Forecast from JMA: 09UTC18Apr2012

Init.: 00UTC16 (57h)

Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
JMA (with interactive aerosols)

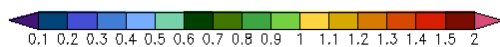
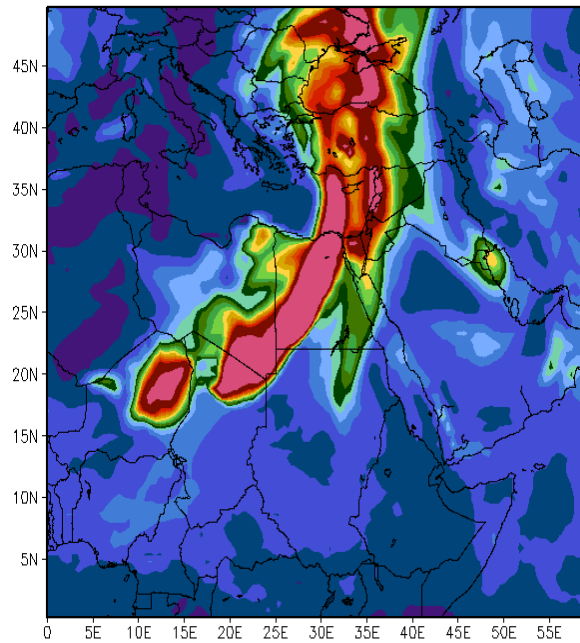
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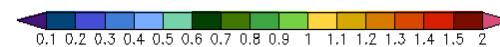
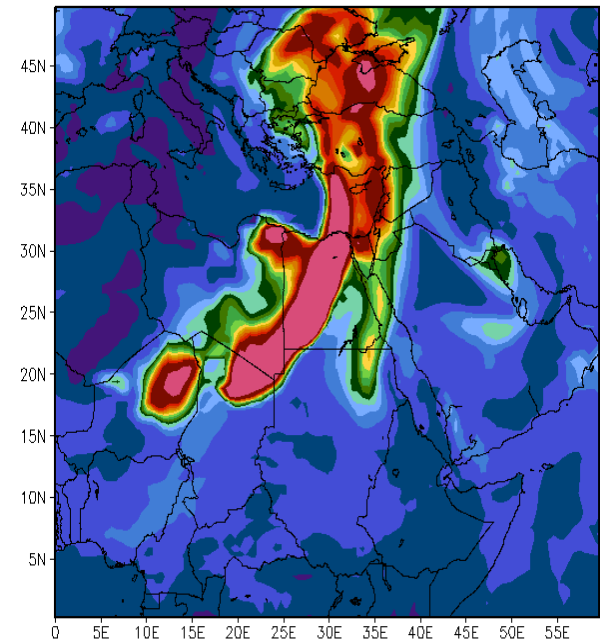
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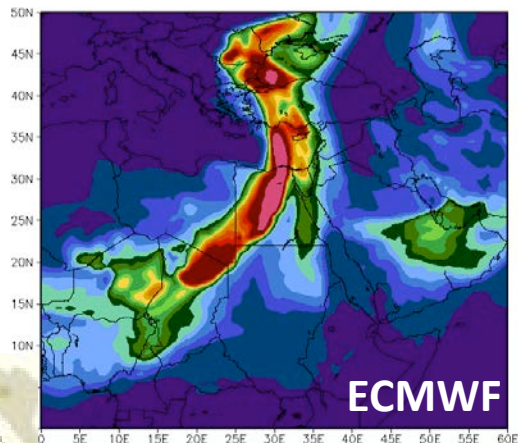
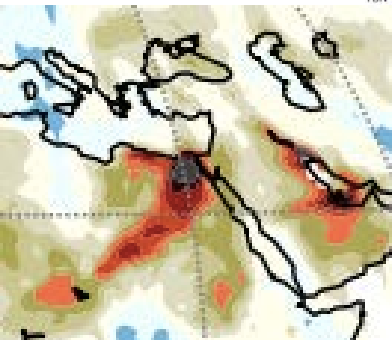
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Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
JMA (with interactive aerosols)

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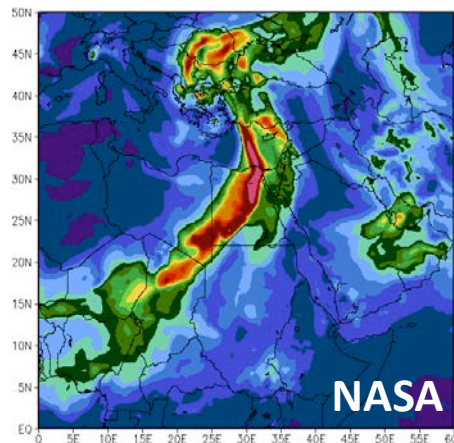


AOD at 550nm: Forecast 09UTC18apr2012 Init: 00UTC17apr2012



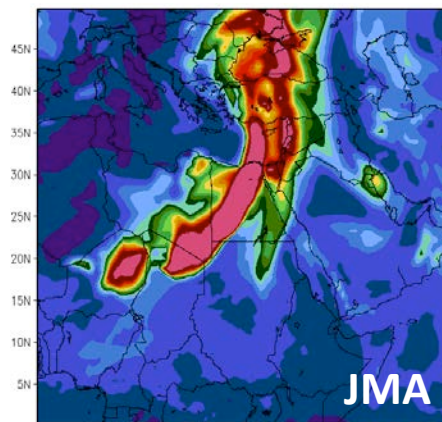
Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
NCEP (with interactive aerosols)

Forecast: 09Z18apr2012
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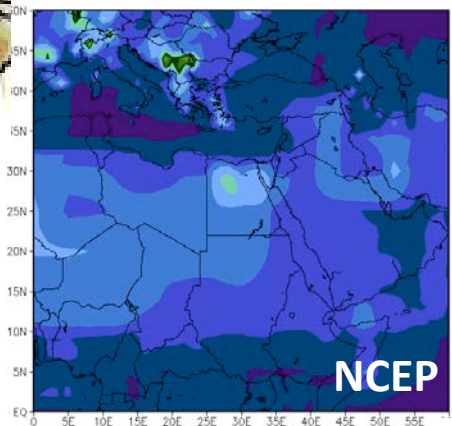
Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
BSC (with interactive aerosols)

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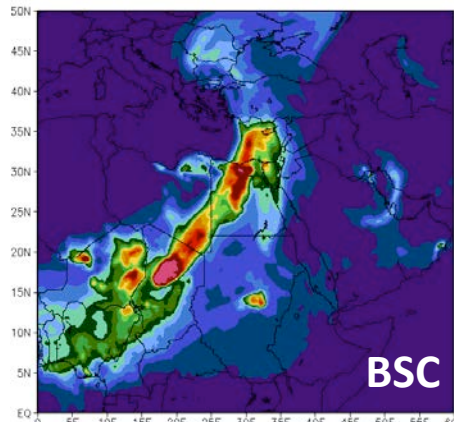


Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
Meteo France (with interactive aerosols)

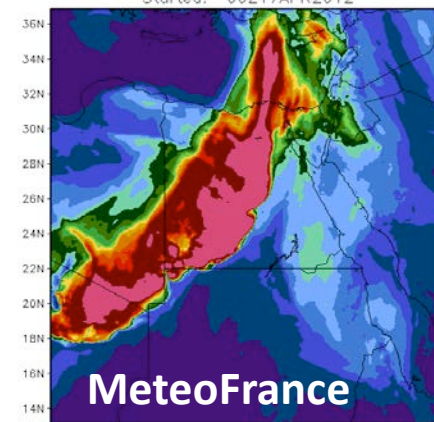
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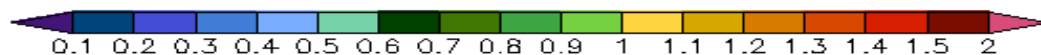
NCEP



BSC



MeteoFrance



- NCEP : climatology does not capture the strong event (as expected).
- Another centers have similar pattern in terms of spatial distribution.
- AOD values : MF > JMA ~ ECMWF > NASA ~ BSC

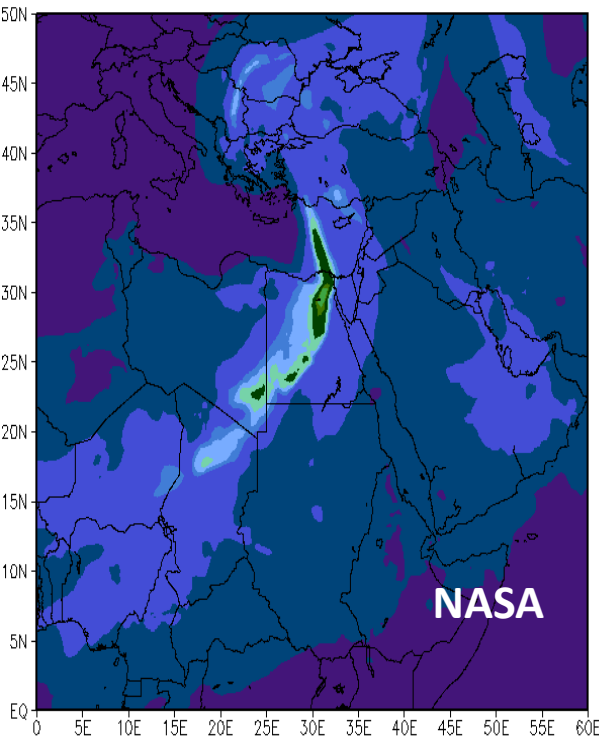
Column Integrated mass of dust

Large differences on dust mass:

max values ranging from 4g/m^2 (NASA) up to 20g/m^2 (JMA).

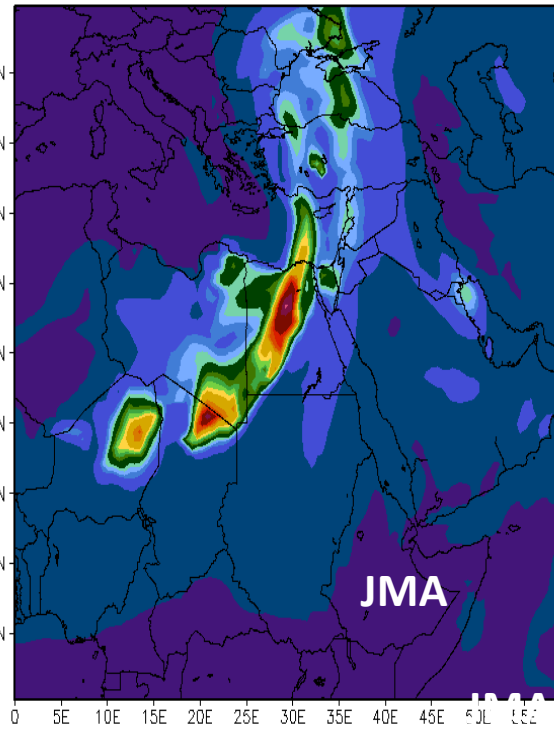
Dust Aerosol Mass Column Integrated
NASA (with interactive aerosols)

Forecast: 09Z18APR2012
Started: 00Z17APR2012



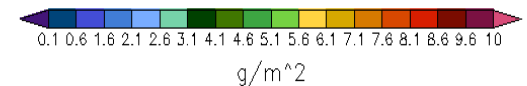
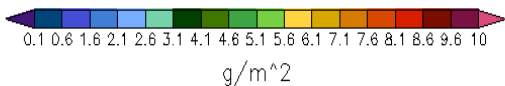
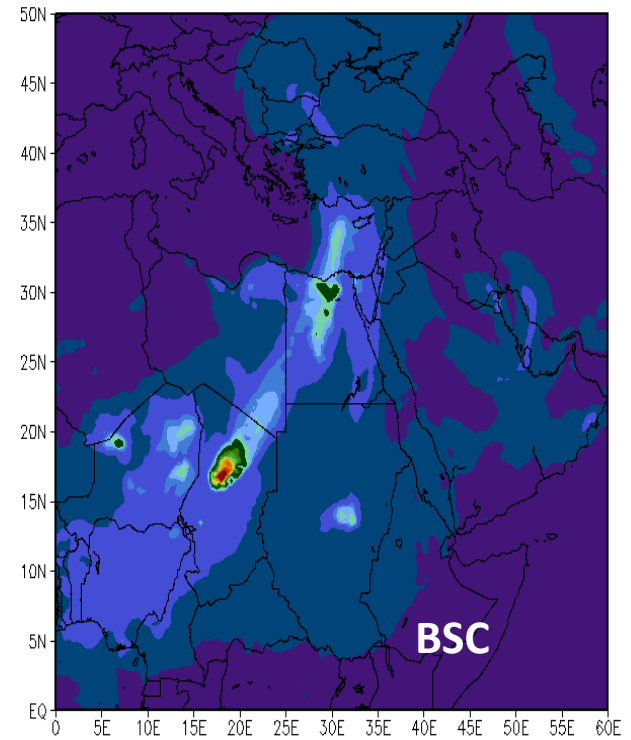
Dust Aerosol Mass Column Integrated
JMA (with interactive aerosols)

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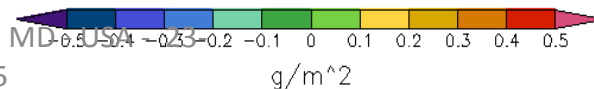
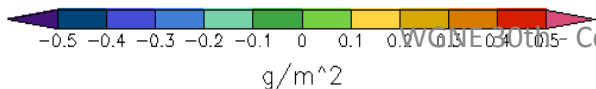
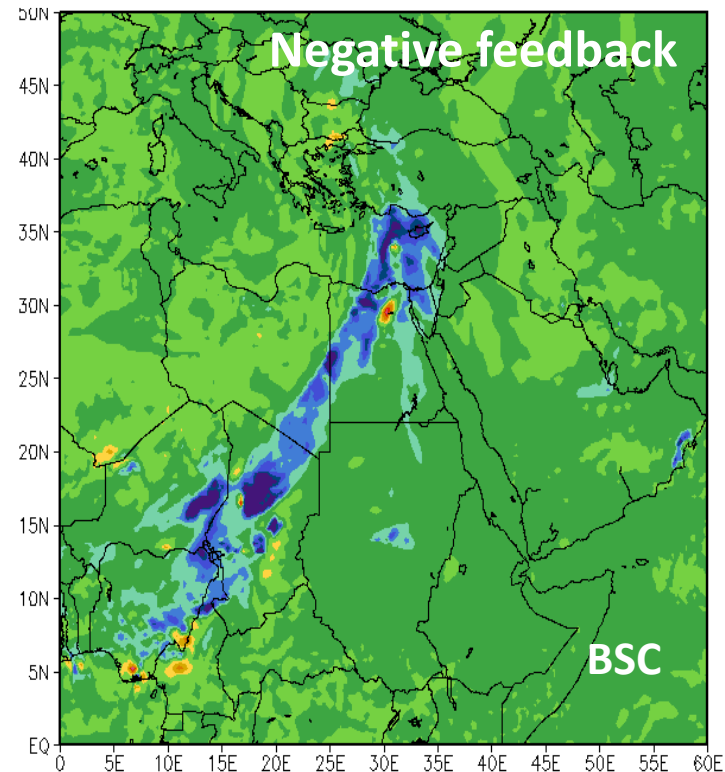
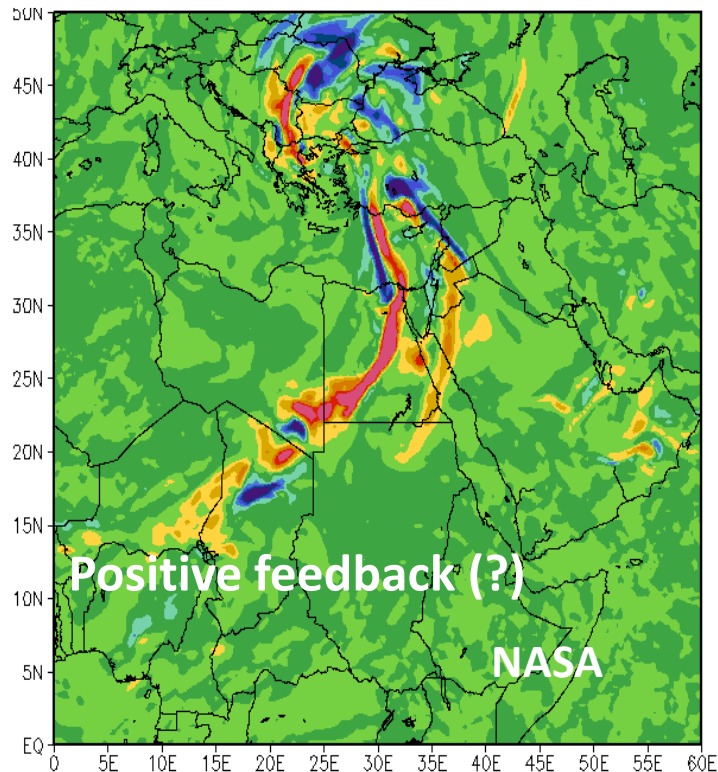
Dust Aerosol Mass Column Integrated
BSC (with interactive aerosols)

Forecast: 09Z18APR2012
Started: 00Z17APR2012



How much interactive aerosol dust changes dust concentration itself?

Mass of dust column integrated (AER-NOAER)
forecast 09UTC18APR2012
Init.:00UTC17APR2012



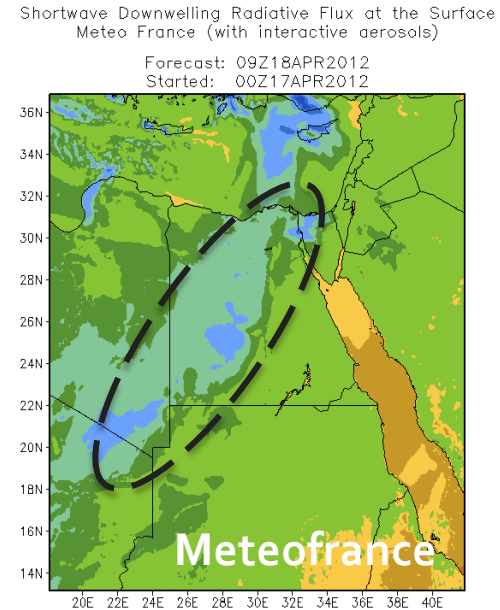
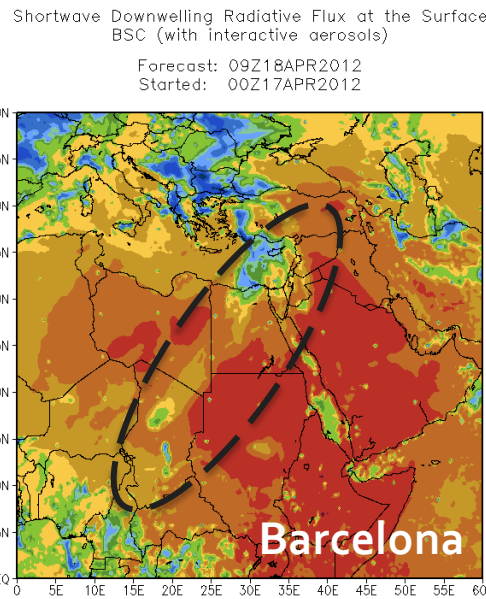


Impacts on weather forecasting

- Radiative short/longwave flux at surface
- Air temperature at 2m

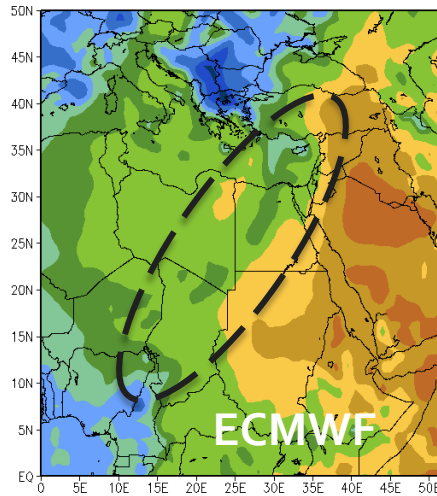
SW Rad @ Sfc Intercomparison

- 9 UTC (morning)
- Large discrepancies among centers



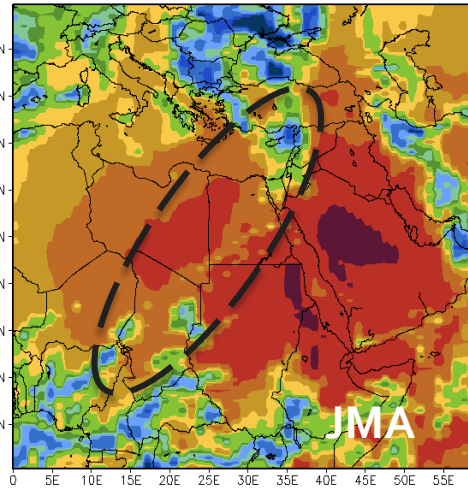
Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
ECMWF (direct effect only)

Forecast: 09Z18APR2012
Started: 00Z17APR2012



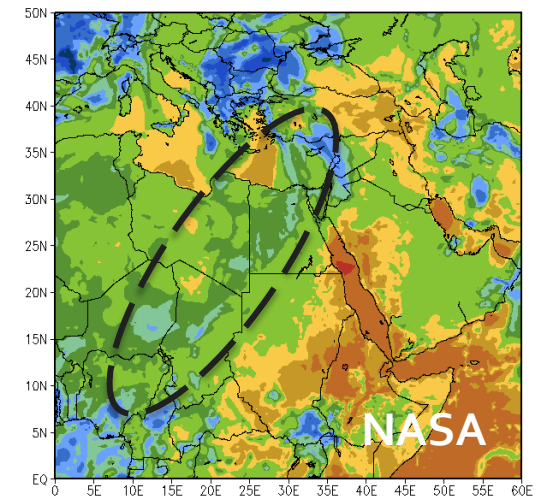
Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
JMA (with interactive aerosols)

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Started: 00Z17APR2012

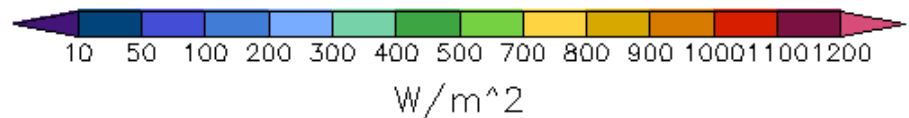
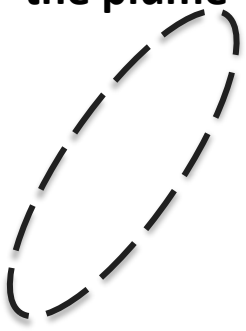


Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
NASA (with interactive aerosols)

Forecast: 09Z18APR2012
Started: 00Z17APR2012



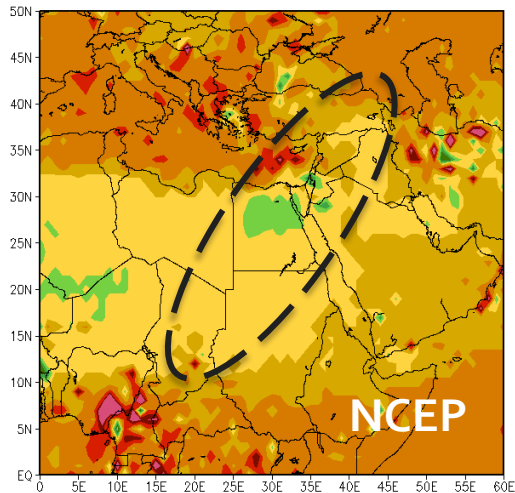
Location of the plume



18APR2012
09 UTC
(morning)

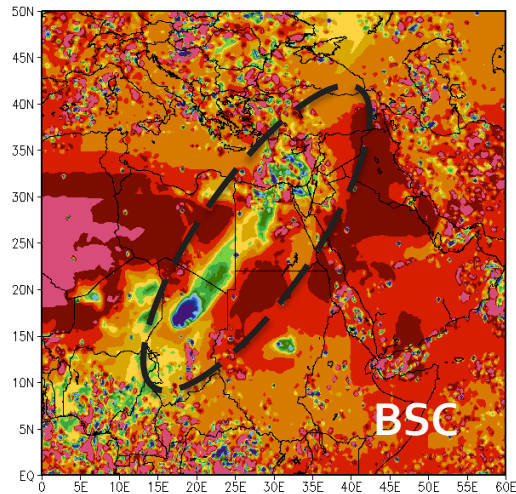
Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
NCEP (IA - XA)

Forecast: 09Z18APR2012
Started: 00Z17APR2012



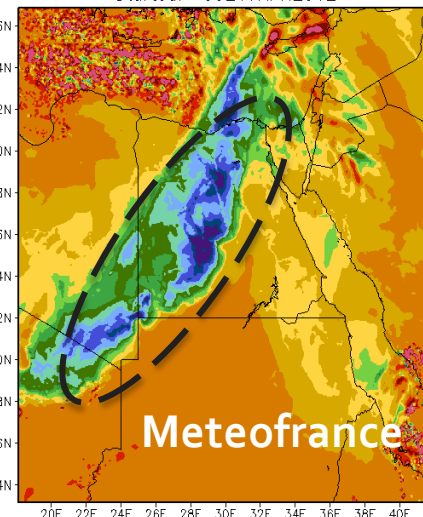
Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
BSC (IA - XA)

Forecast: 09Z18APR2012
Started: 00Z17APR2012



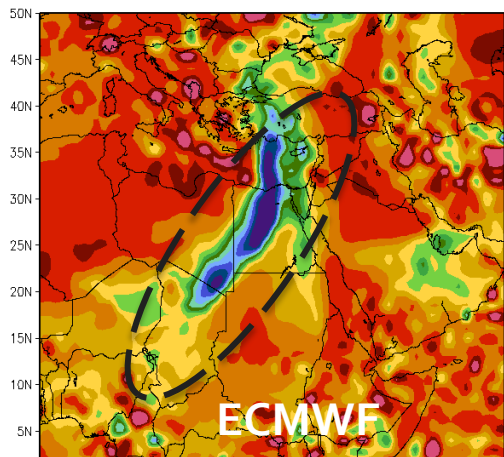
Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
Meteo France (IA - XA)

Forecast: 09Z18APR2012
Started: 00Z17APR2012



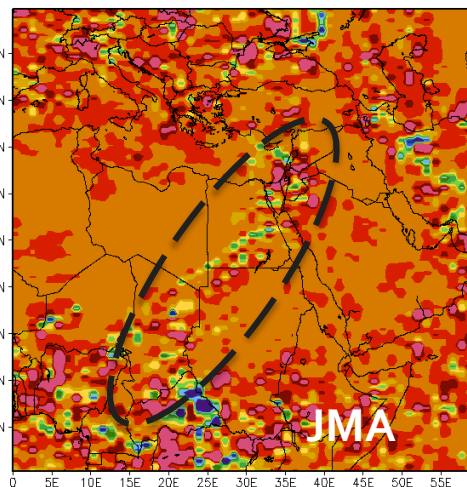
Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
ECMWF (DE - XA)

Forecast: 09Z18APR2012
Started: 00Z17APR2012



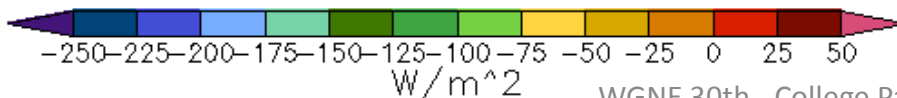
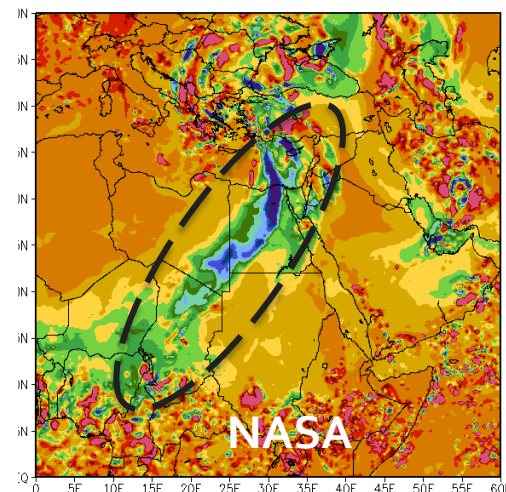
Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
JMA (IA - XA)

Forecast: 09Z18APR2012
Started: 00Z17APR2012



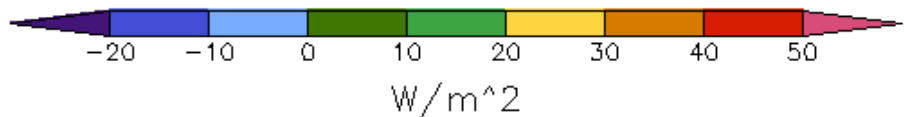
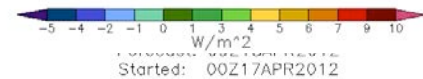
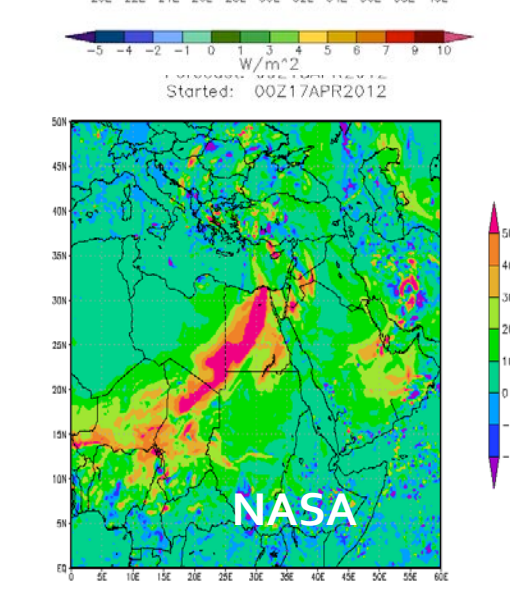
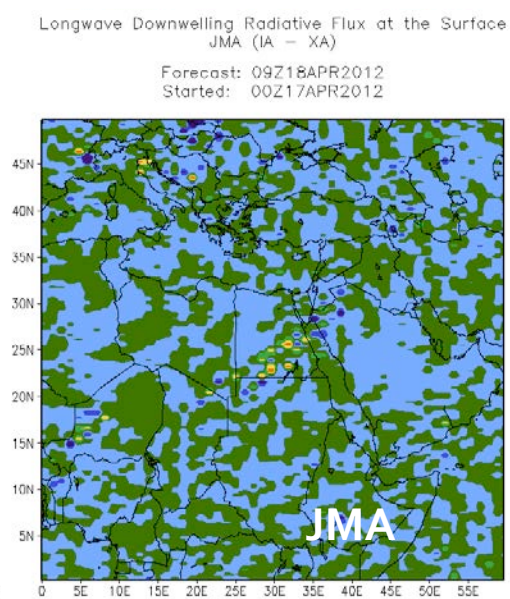
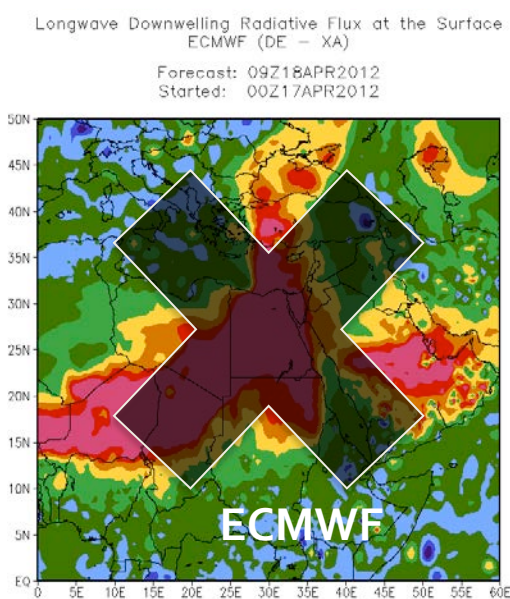
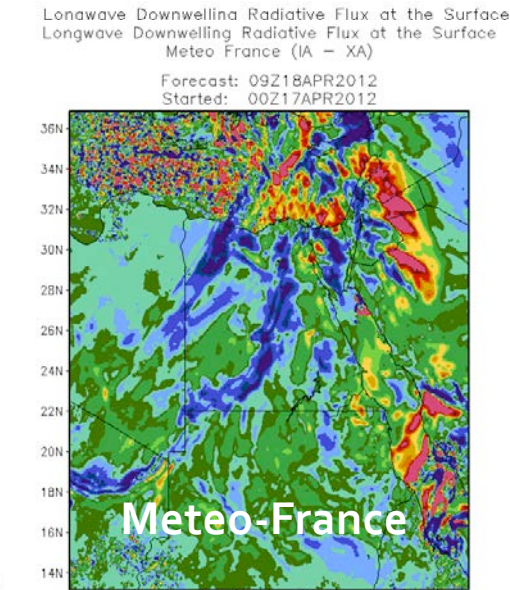
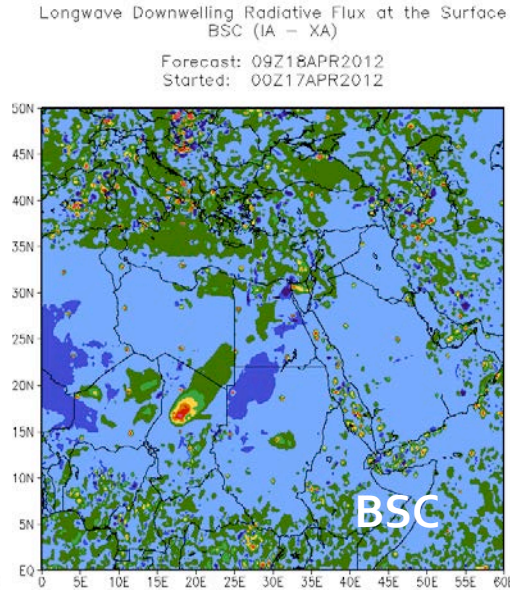
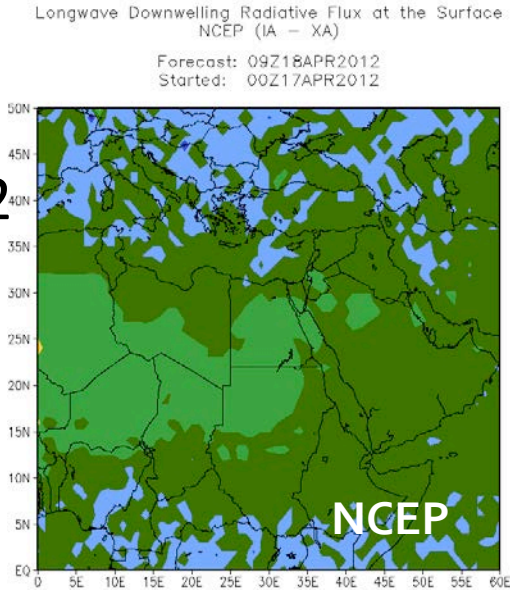
Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
NASA (IA - XA)

Forecast: 09Z18APR2012
Started: 00Z17APR2012



DIFF of SW Rad @ Sfc
AER-NOAER

18APR2012
09 UTC
(morning)



DIFF of LW down Rad @ Sfc
AER-NOAER

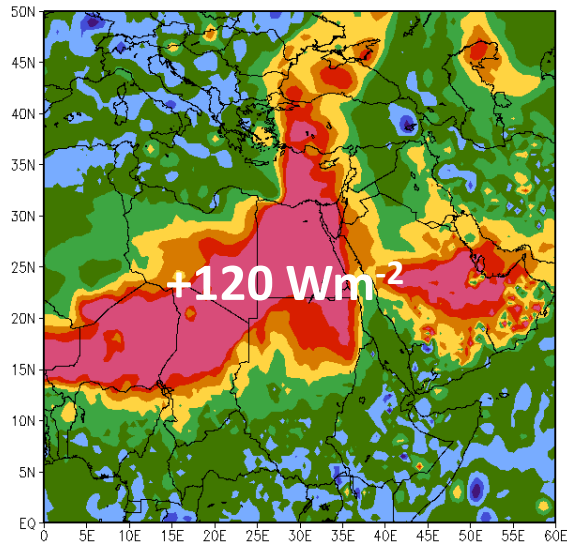
DIFF of LW downward radiation at surface AER-NOAER

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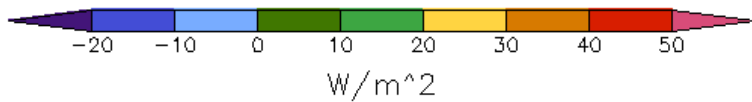
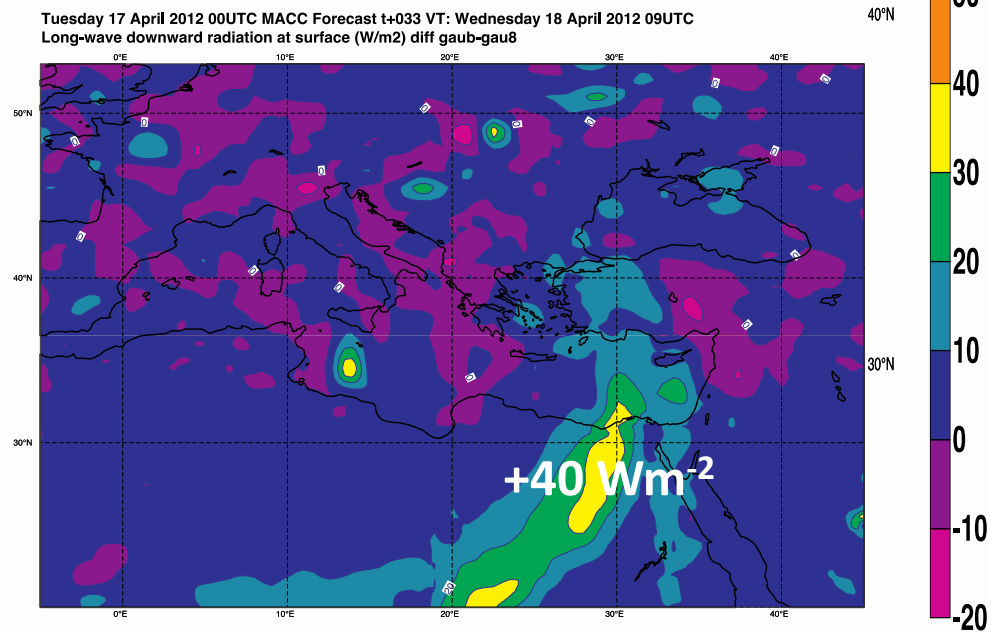
Longwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
ECMWF (DE - XA)

Forecast: 09Z18APR2012
Started: 00Z17APR2012



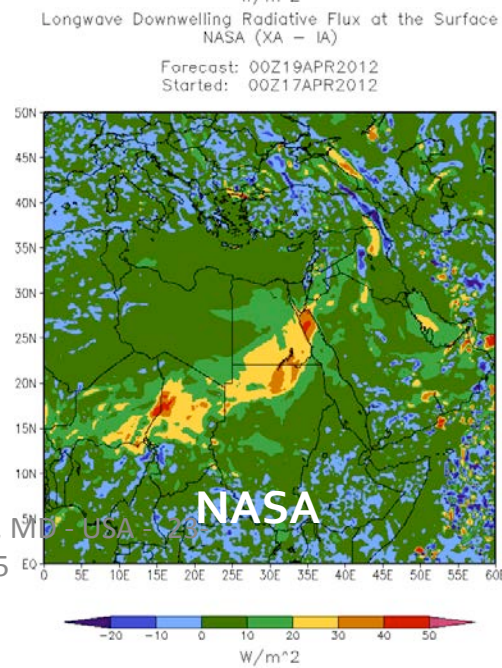
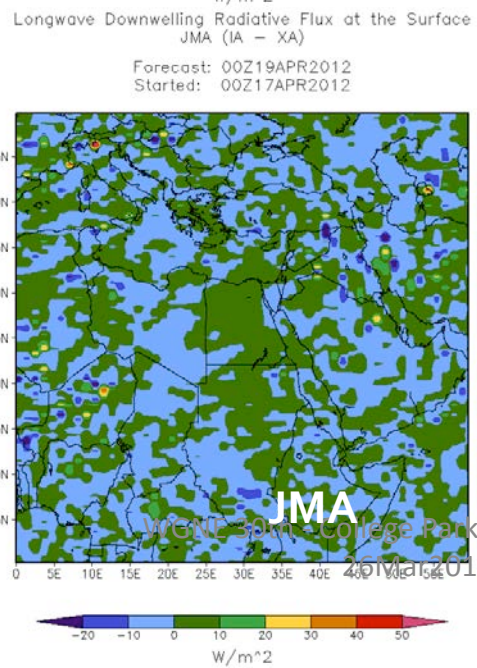
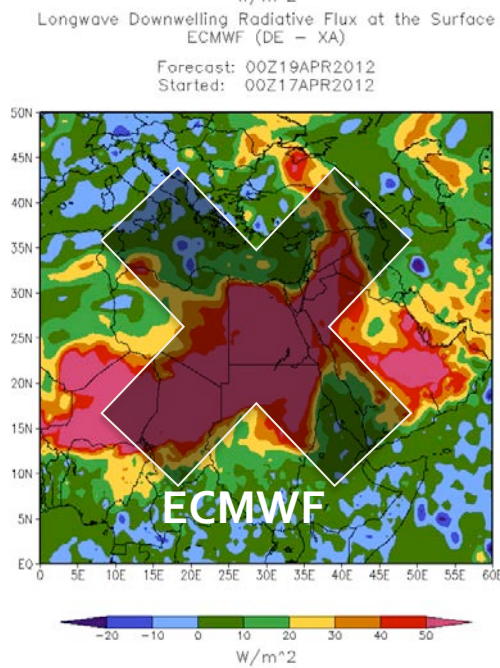
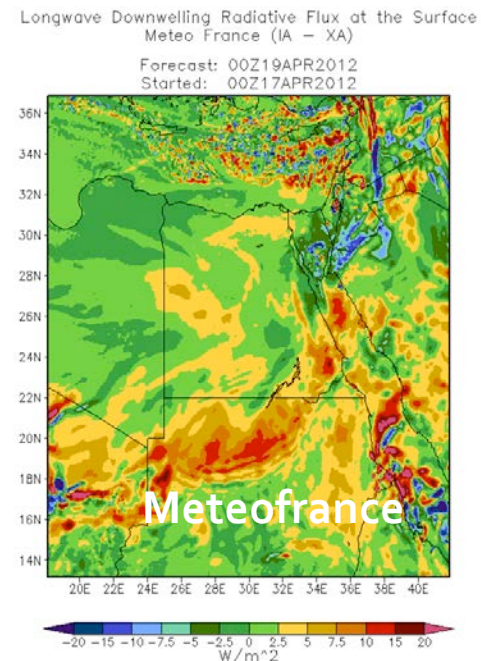
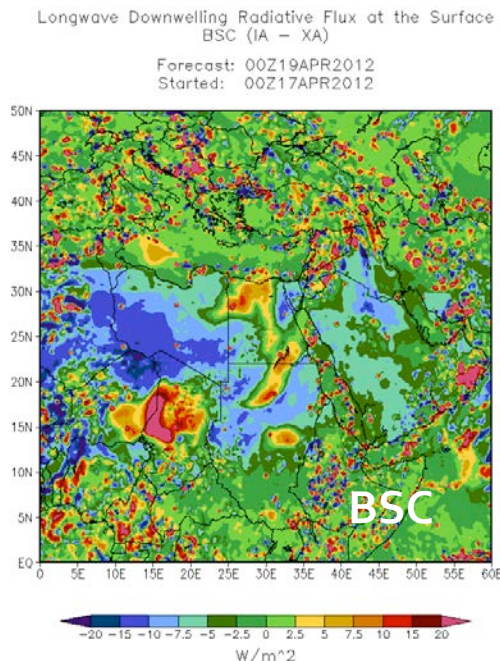
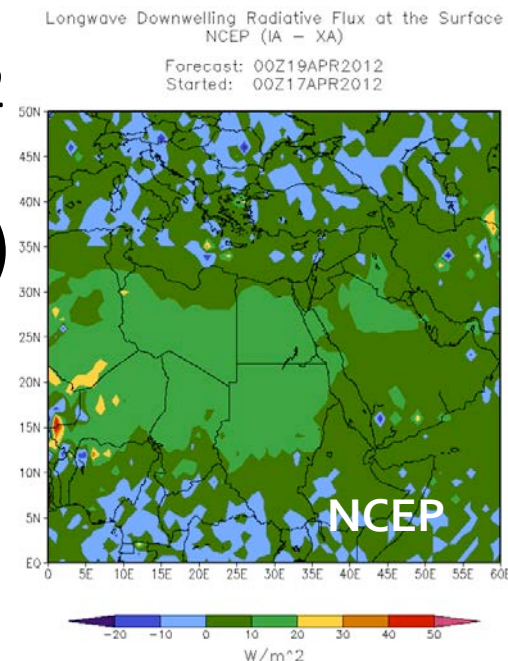
After bug fix

Tuesday 17 April 2012 00UTC MACC Forecast t+033 VT: Wednesday 18 April 2012 09UTC
Long-wave downward radiation at surface (W/m²) diff gaub-gau8



DIFF of LW down radiation at surface: AER-NOAER

19APR2012
00 UTC
(nighttime)
48h
forecast



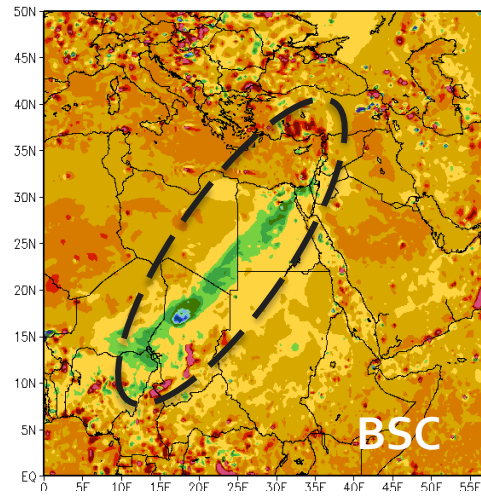
WRF - 3km - College Park, MD - USA - 29
20 Mar 2015

DIFF of Temp @ 2-m

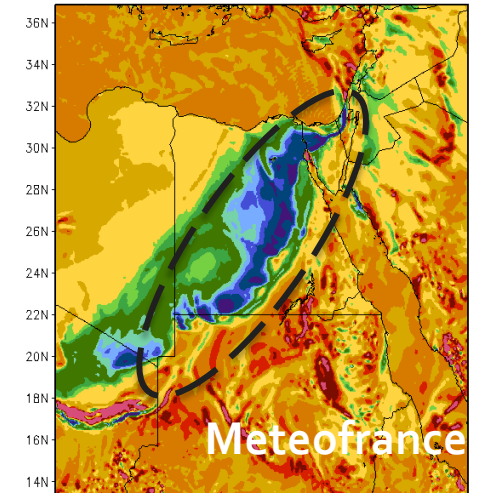
AER-NOAER

- 12 UTC (morning)
- Large discrepancies among centers

Temperature at 2m
BSC (IA - XA)
Forecast: 12Z18APR2012
Started: 00Z17APR2012

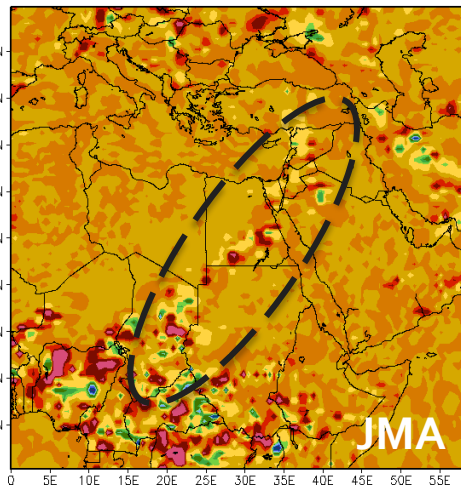


Temperature at 2m
Meteo France (IA - XA)
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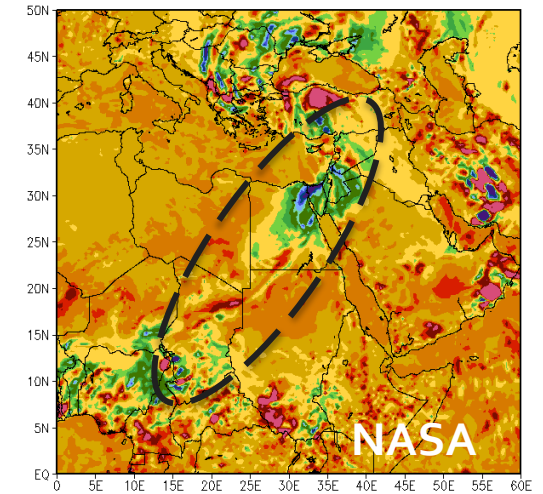


Opposite signal

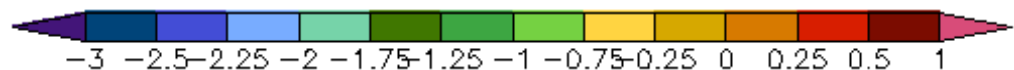
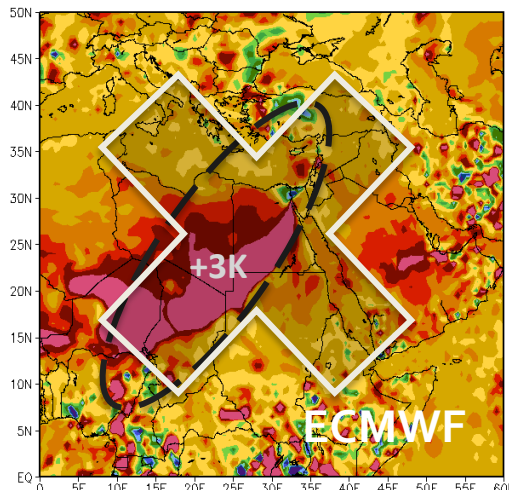
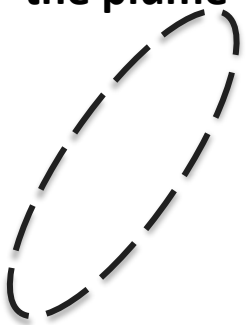
Temperature at 2m
JMA (IA - XA)
Forecast: 12Z18APR2012
Started: 00Z17APR2012



Temperature at 2m
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Forecast: 12Z18APR2012
Started: 00Z17APR2012



Location of the plume



K

DIFF of Temp @ 2-m

AER-NOAER

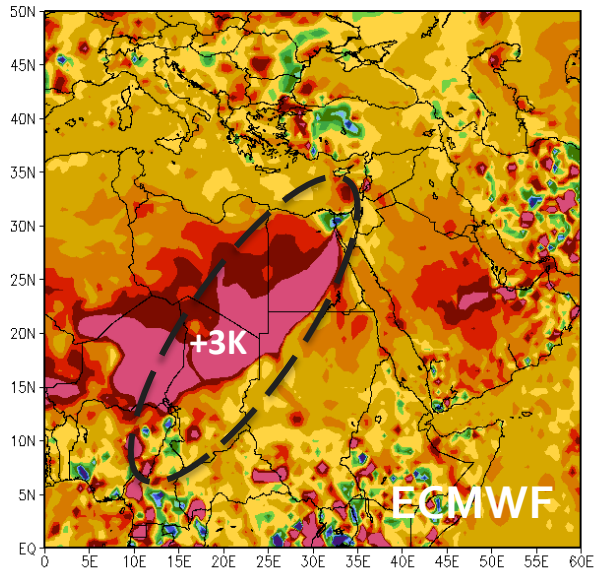
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Before

Temperature at 2m
ECMWF (DE - XA)

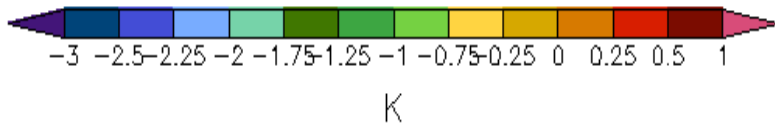
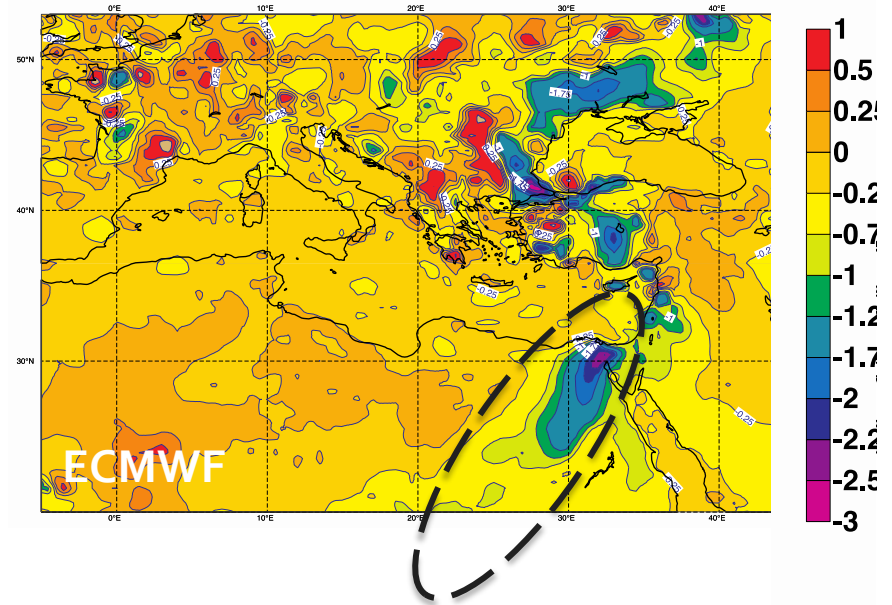
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Location of
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After bug fix

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2m temperature (K) diff gaub-gau8





Case 2

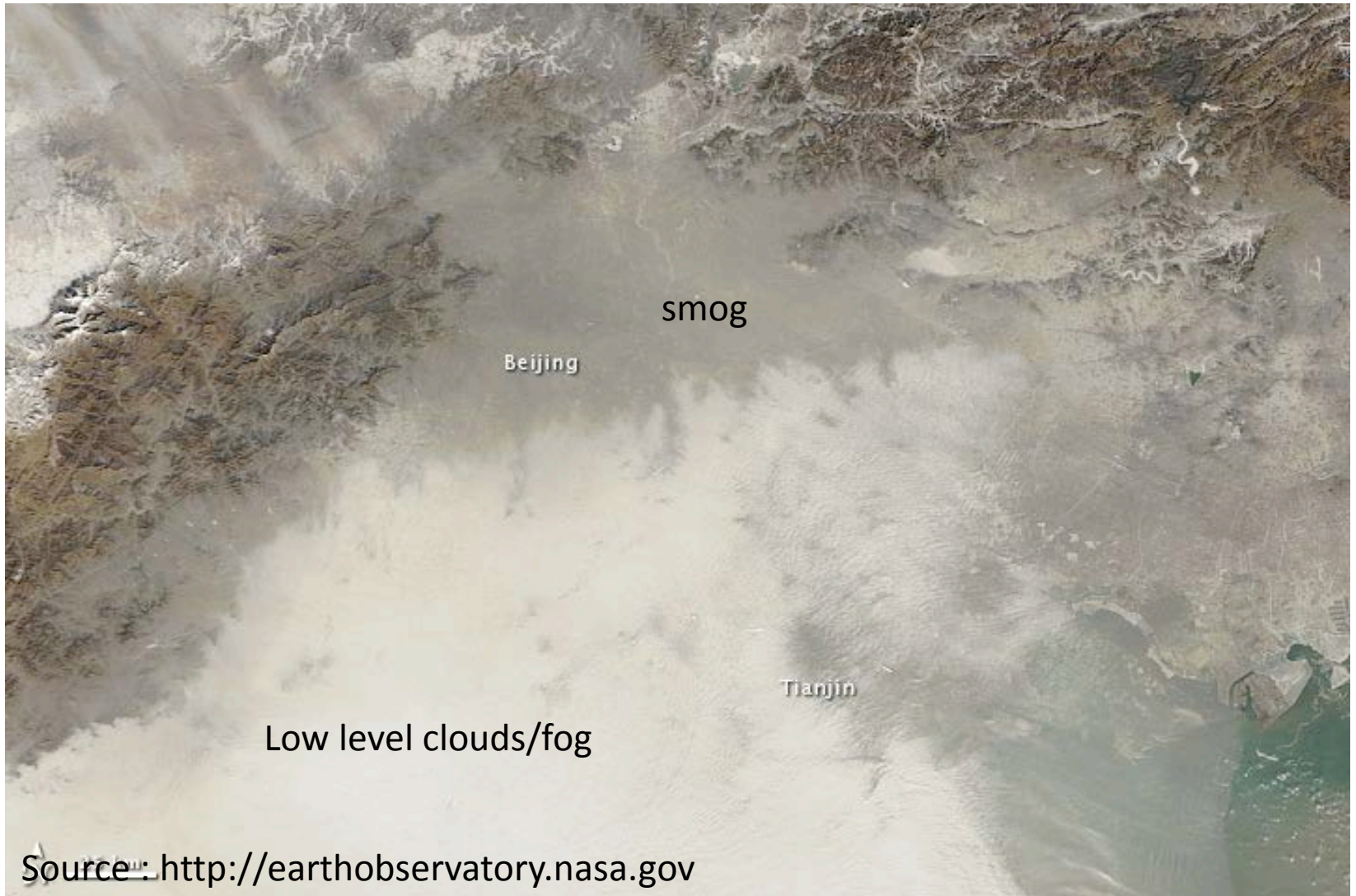
Extreme Pollution in Beijing

- January 2013
- Forecasts
 - January 7-21 2013
 - From 0 or 12 UTC
 - 10 day forecasts
- Center of domain
 - 116E, 40N
- Model configuration
 - Same as for NWP
- Direct & Indirect effects



So far, only JMA has submitted Indirect effect experiments.

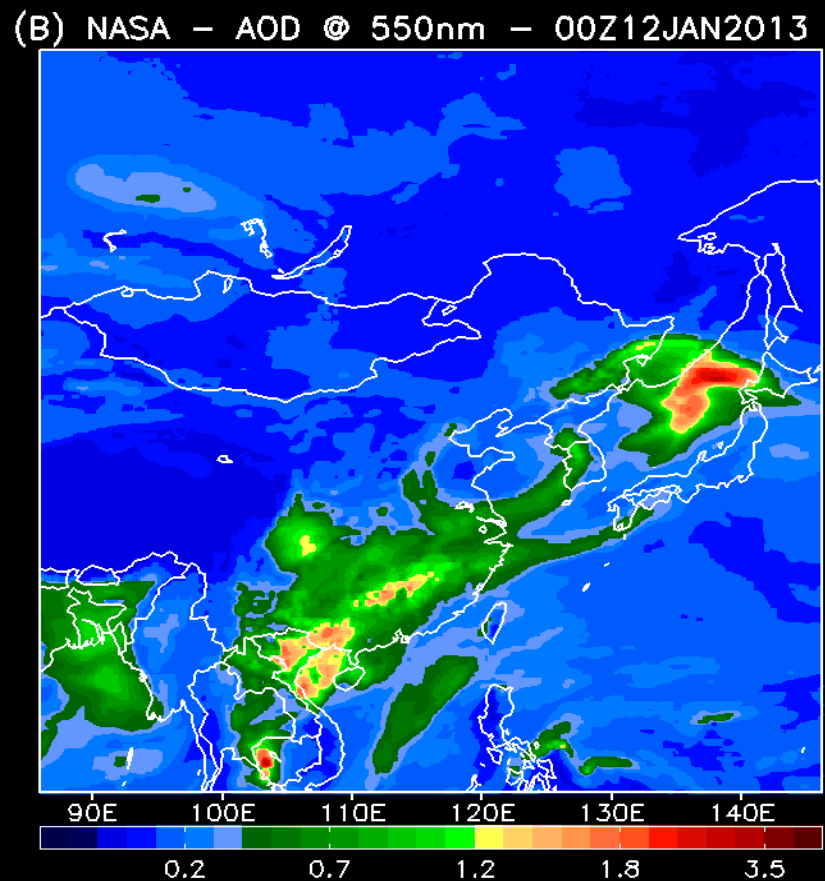
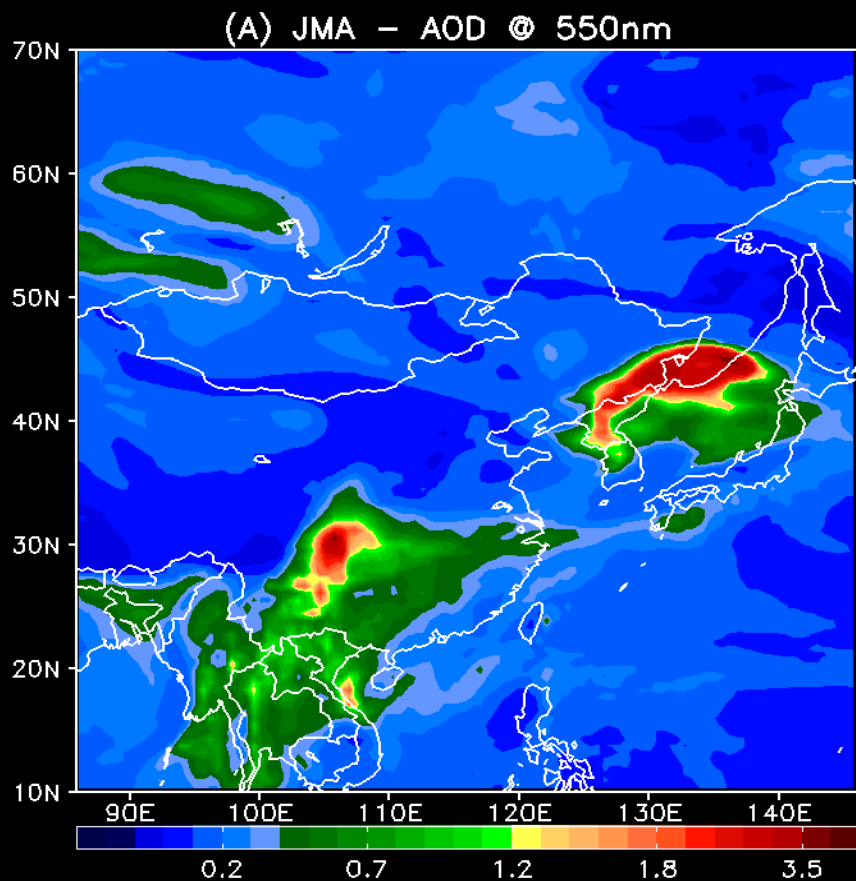
Case 2 – Urban Pollution



Source: <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov>

Case 2: Pollution in China

JMA & NASA Forecasts

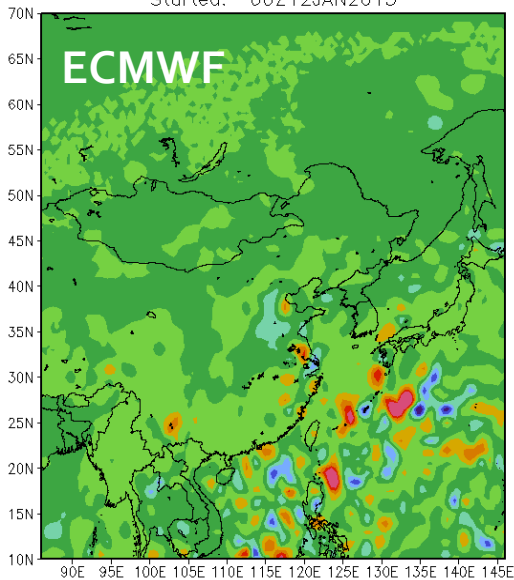


SW Radiation @ Surface Impact (Aero-NoAero) 3 UTC 14 Jan 2013

- 3 UTC (day time)

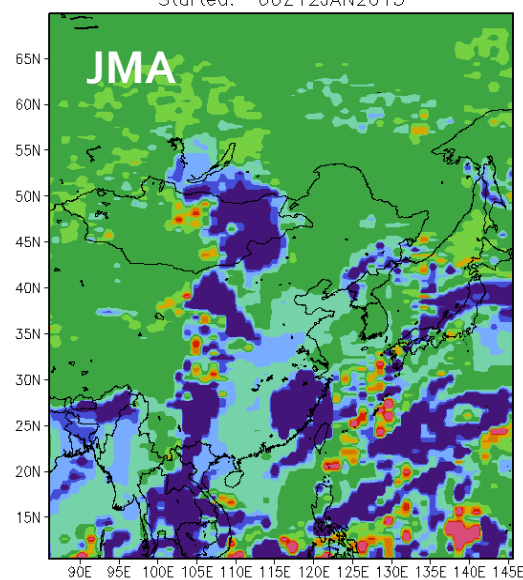
Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
ECMWF (DE - XA)

Forecast: 03Z14JAN2013
Started: 00Z12JAN2013



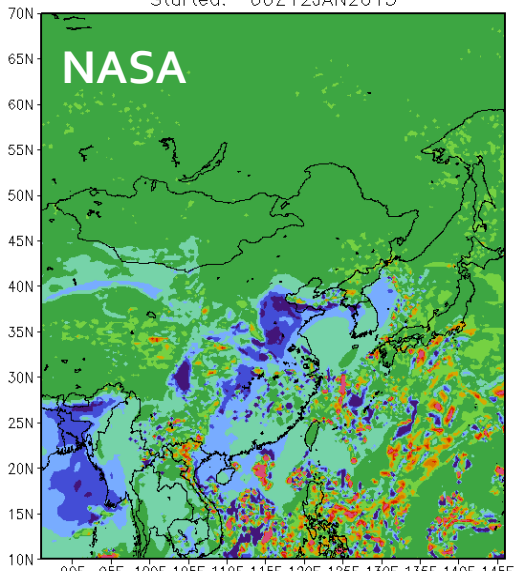
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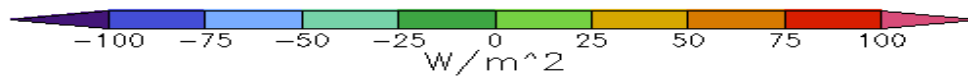
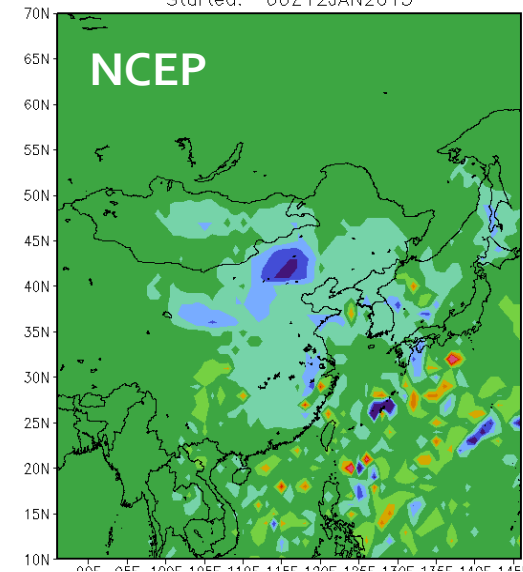
Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
NASA (IA - XA)

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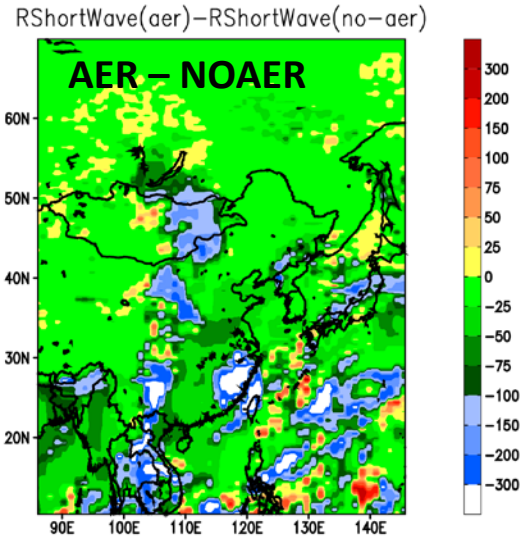
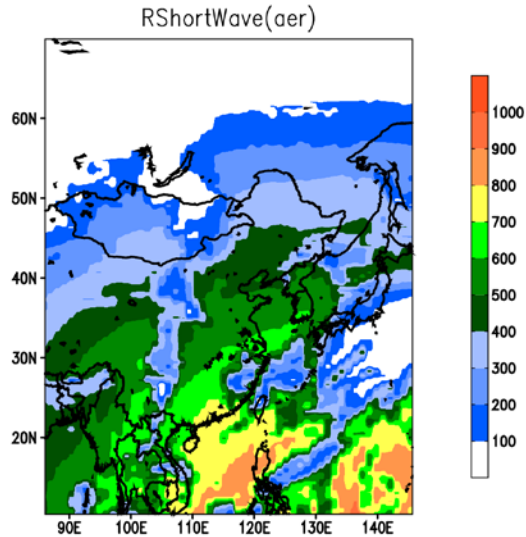
Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
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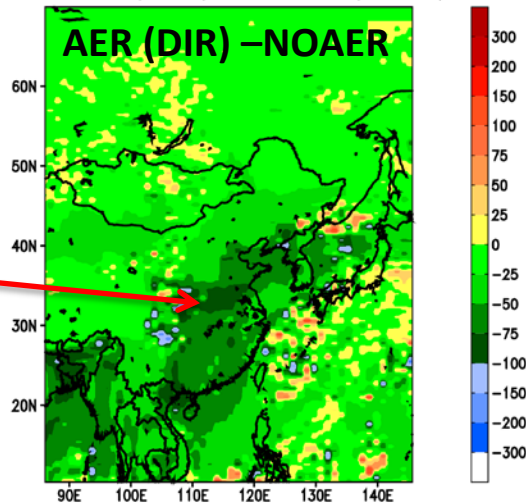
JMA – Rad shortwave at sfc ($W m^{-2}$)

Init 00UTC12JAN FCT: 03UTC14JAN



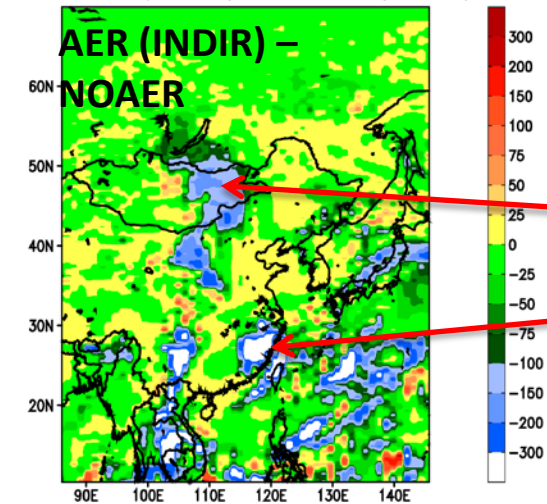
INDIR effect has more pronounced effect on sfc rsw extinction

RShortWave(direct) - RShortWave(no-aer)



DIR effect:
-25 to
-100 $W m^{-2}$

RShortWave(indirect) - RShortWave(no-aer)



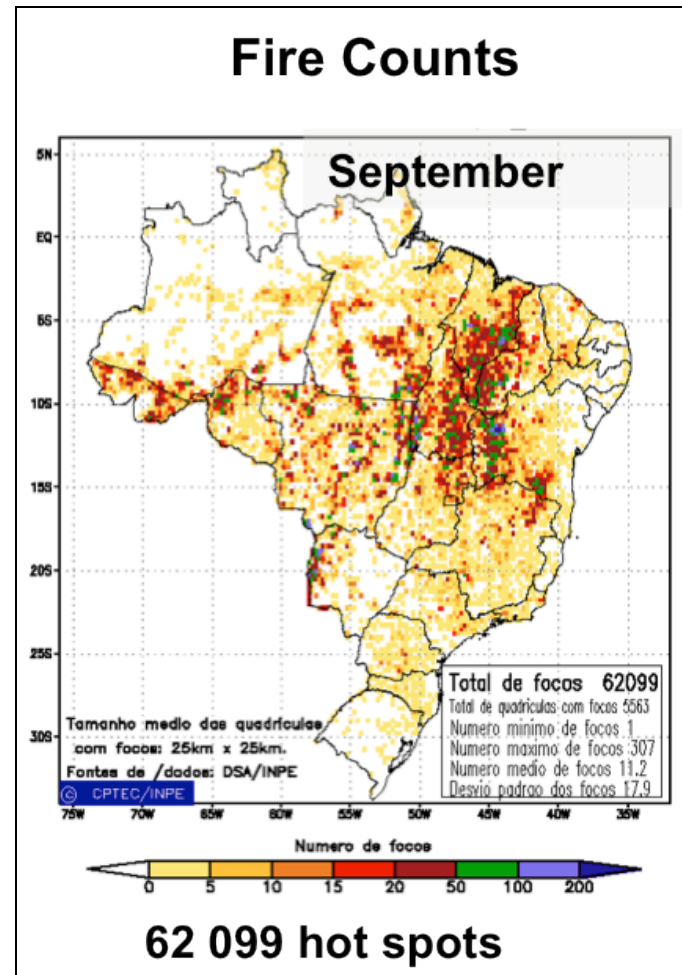
INDIR effect:
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-300 (or less)
 $W m^{-2}$



Case 3

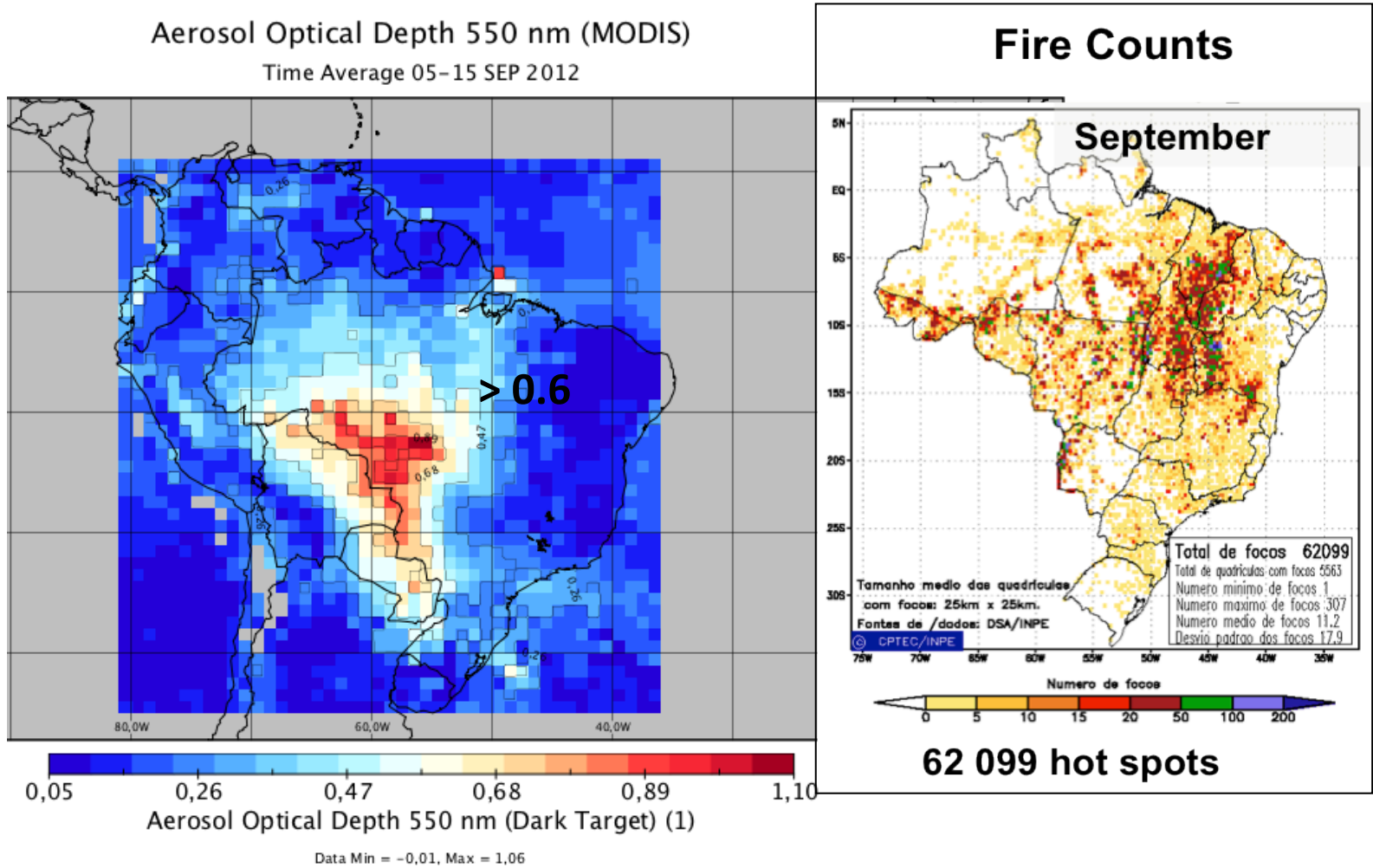
Persistent Smoke in Brazil

- September 2012
- Forecasts
 - September 5-15, 2012
 - From 0 or 12 UTC
 - 10 day forecasts
- Center of domain
 - 116E, 40N
- Model configuration
 - Same as for NWP
- Direct & Indirect effects



Case 3- Persistent Smoke in Brazil

MODIS AOD at 550 nm and Fire Counts (Sep 2012)

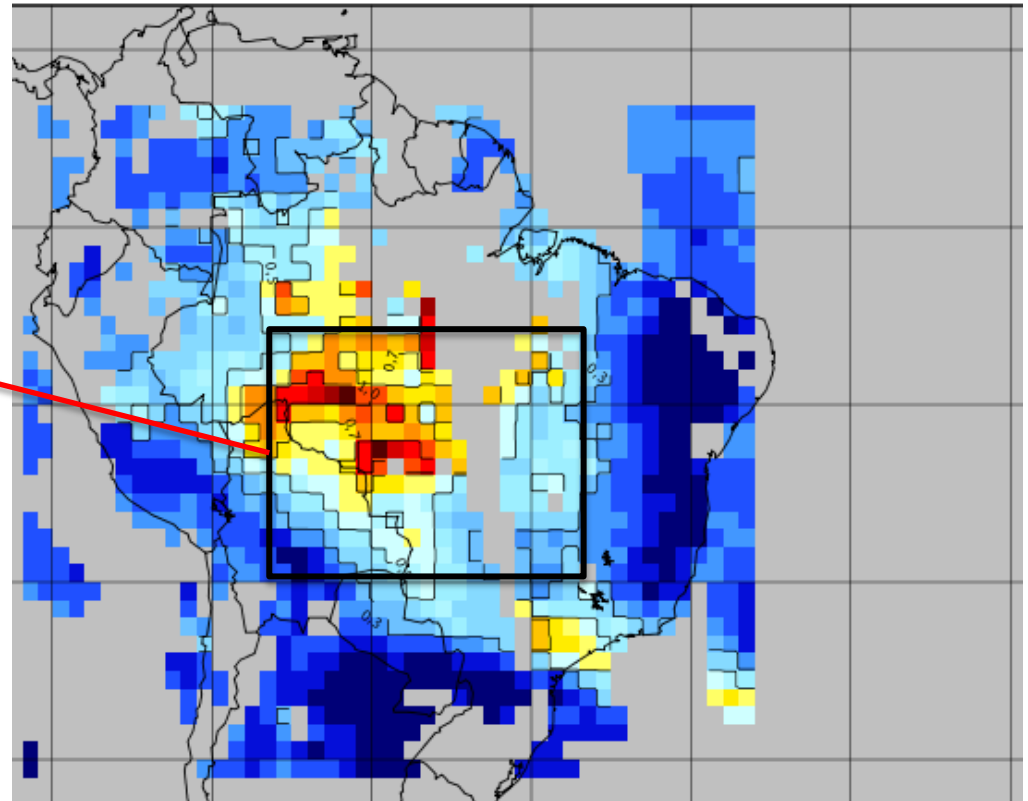
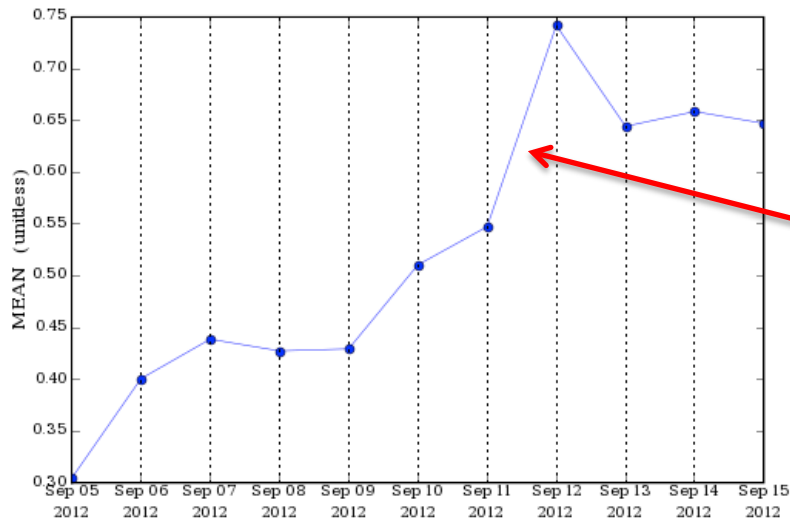


Case 3- Persistent Smoke in Brazil

MODIS AOD at 550 nm

Aerosol Optical Depth 550 nm (MODIS)
11 SEP 2012

Time Series, Area Average
(Region: 65W-46W, 20S-7S)
Aerosol Optical Depth at 550 nm (MYD08_D3.051)



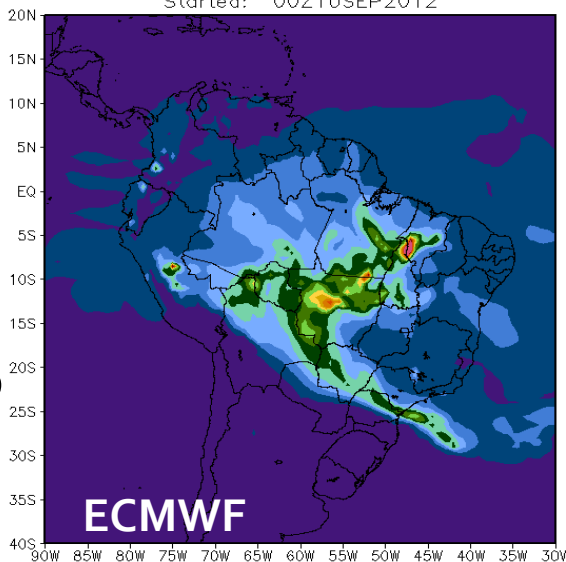
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AOD at 550 nm Forecast for 15UTC11SEP Init.: 00UTC10SEP

■ 15 UTC (~noon)

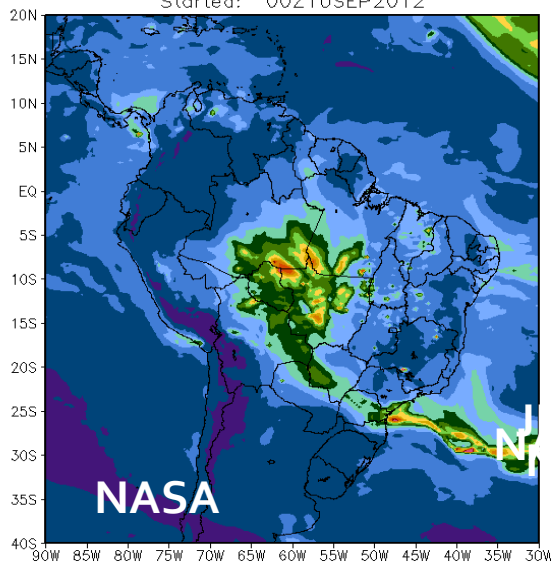
Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
ECMWF (direct effect only)

Forecast: 15Z11SEP2012
Started: 00Z10SEP2012



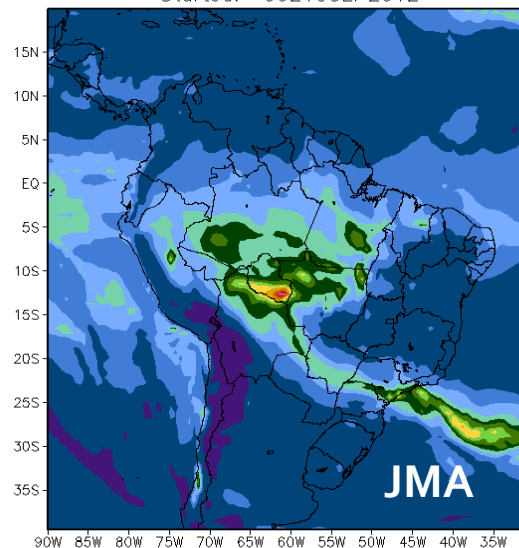
Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
NASA (with interactive aerosols)

Forecast: 15Z11SEP2012
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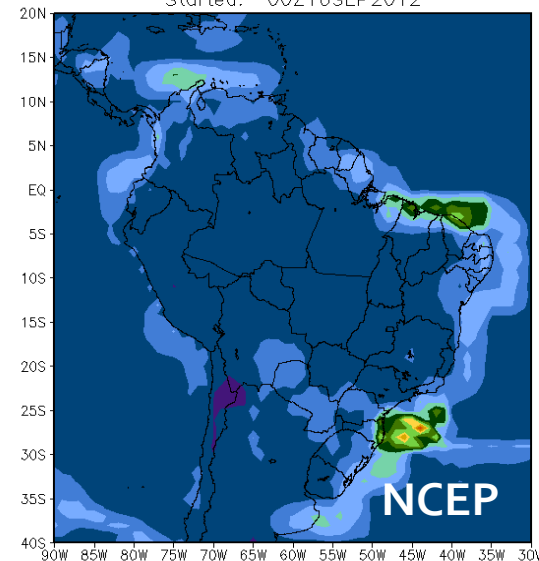
Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
JMA (with interactive aerosols)

Forecast: 15Z11SEP2012
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Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
NCEP (with interactive aerosols)

Forecast: 15Z11SEP2012
Started: 00Z10SEP2012

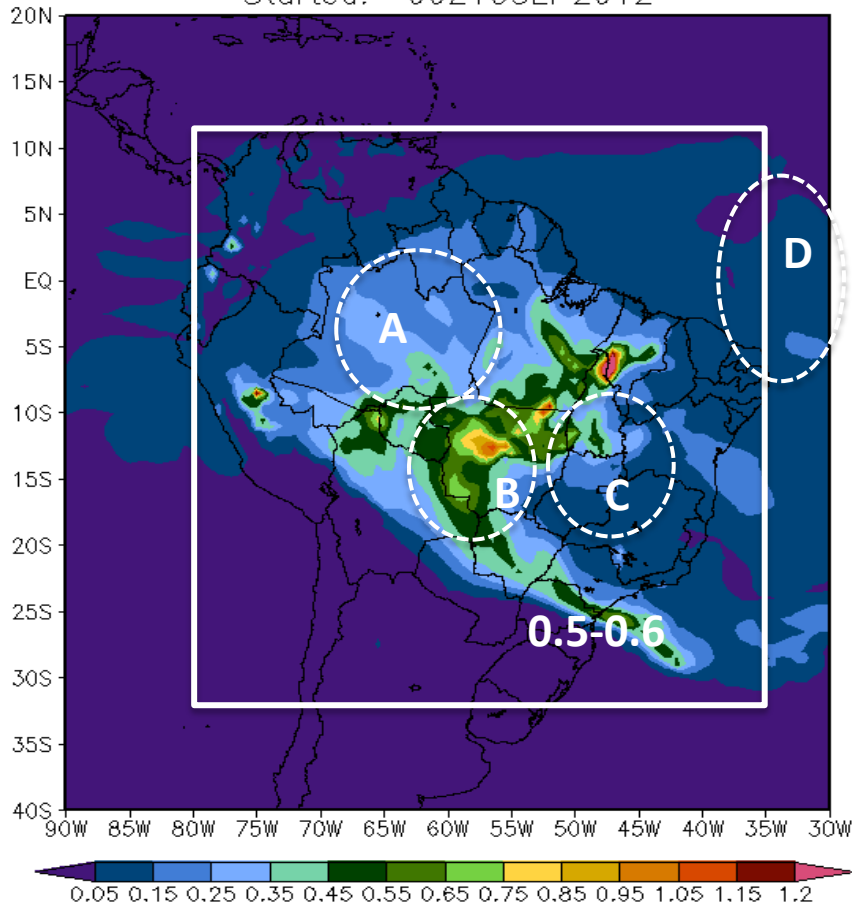


ECMWF : AOD at 550 nm

Forecast for 15UTC11SEP - Init.: 00UTC10SEP

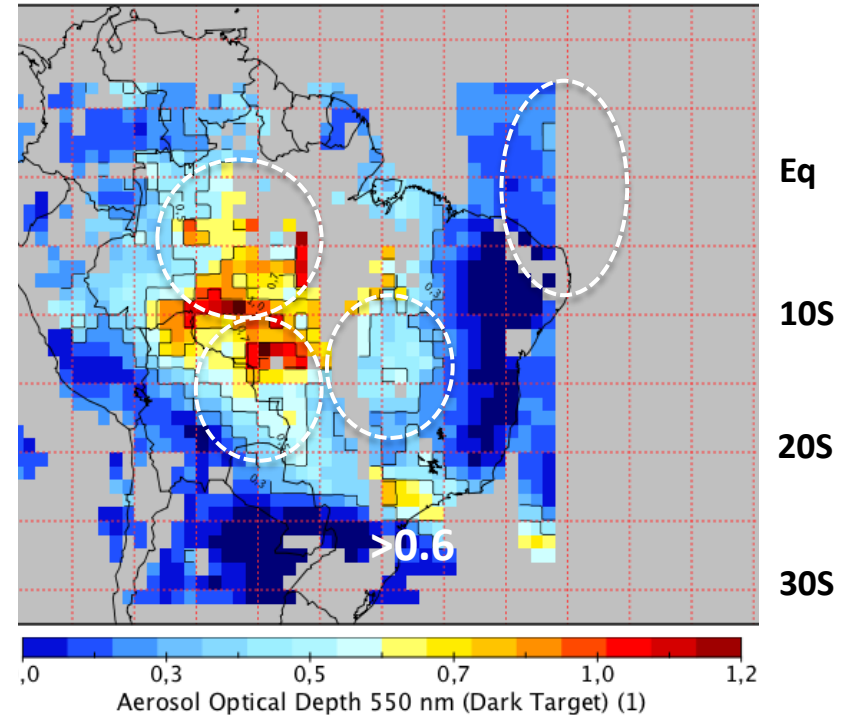
Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
ECMWF (direct effect only)

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Aerosol Optical Depth 550 nm (MODIS)

11 SEP 2012



A: AOD is underestimated in the interior of Amazon basin (underwood fires?)

B: gradient from NW-SE is well represented, but with lower AOD

C: AOD is also underestimated (might be related to missing fires, savanna area)

D: Smoke inflow from African fires looks also underestimated

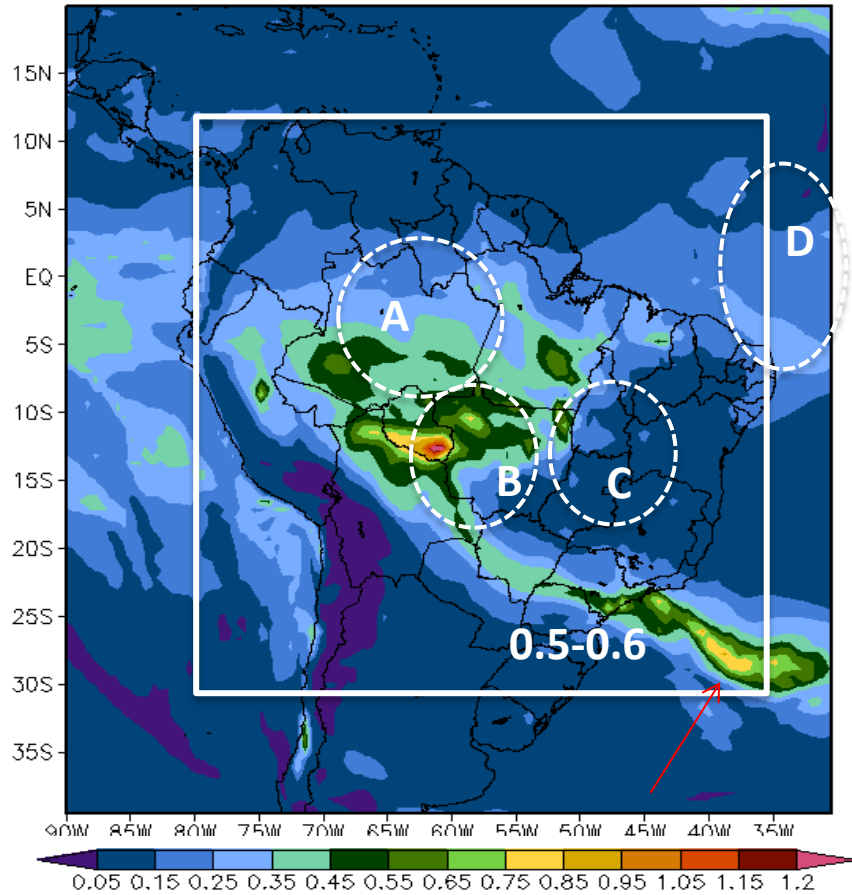
E: SE outflow looks fine (mag and location)

JMA : AOD at 550 nm

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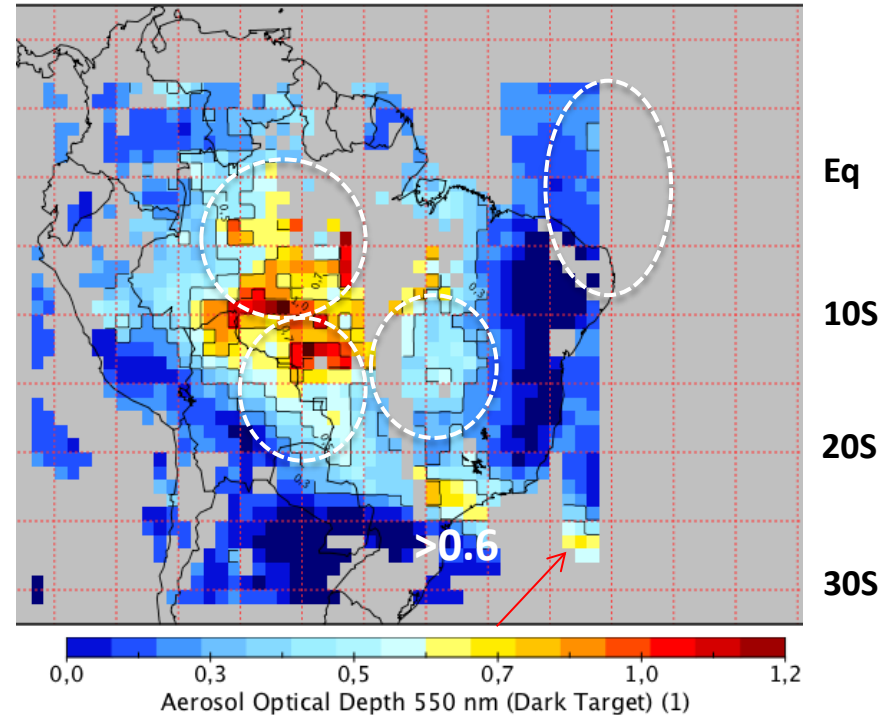
Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
JMA (with interactive aerosols)

Forecast: 15Z11SEP2012
Started: 00Z10SEP2012



Aerosol Optical Depth 550 nm (MODIS)

11 SEP 2012



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C: AOD has the larger underestimation

D: Smoke inflow from African fires looks fine

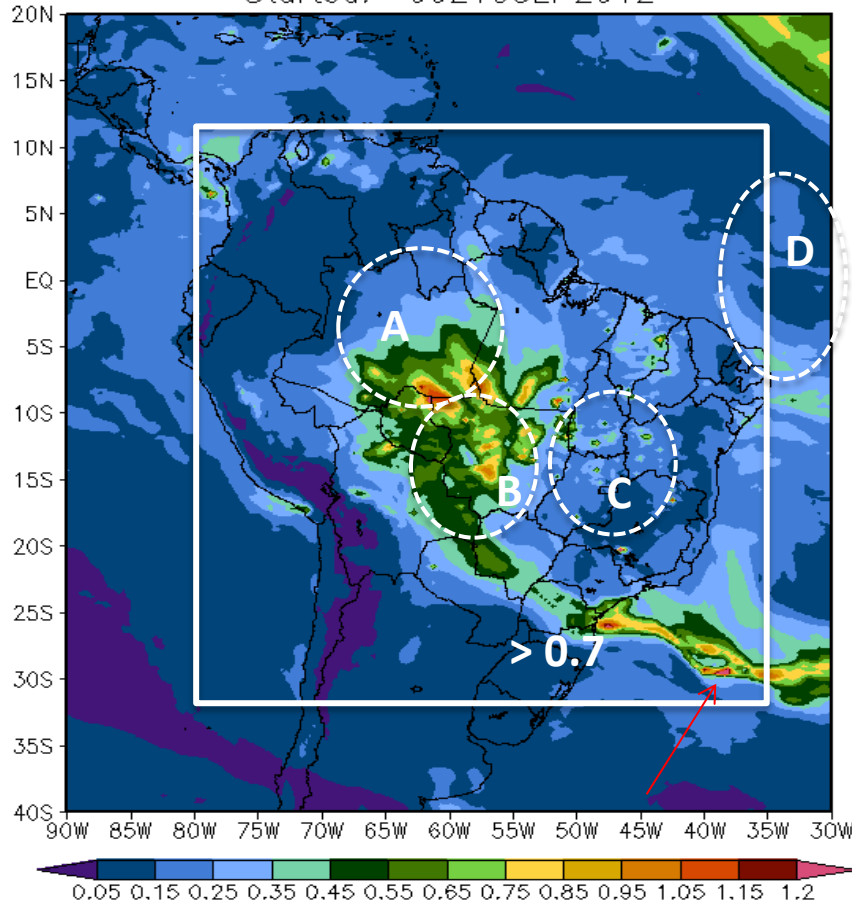
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NASA : AOD at 550 nm

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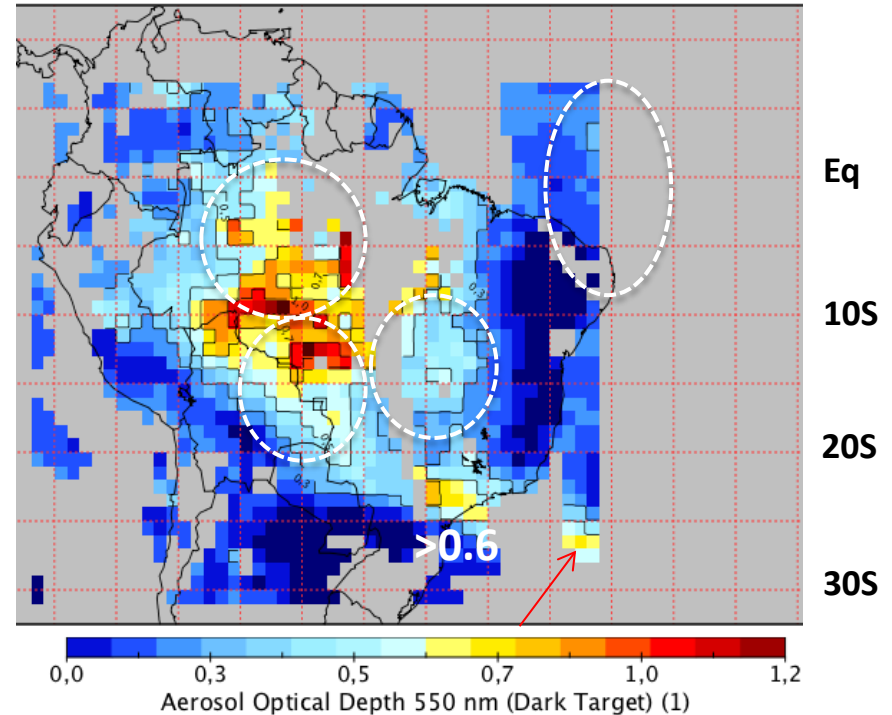
Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
NASA (with interactive aerosols)

Forecast: 15Z11SEP2012
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Aerosol Optical Depth 550 nm (MODIS)

11 SEP 2012



A: AOD is better represented in the interior of Amazon basin

B: gradient from NW-SE is well represented, but with lower AOD

C: AOD is also underestimated (might be related to missing fires, savanna area)

D: Smoke inflow from African fires looks better represented

E: SE outflow looks fine (mag and location)

AOD @550 nm Forecast from JMA model

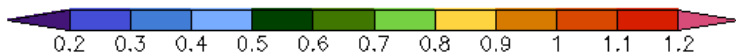
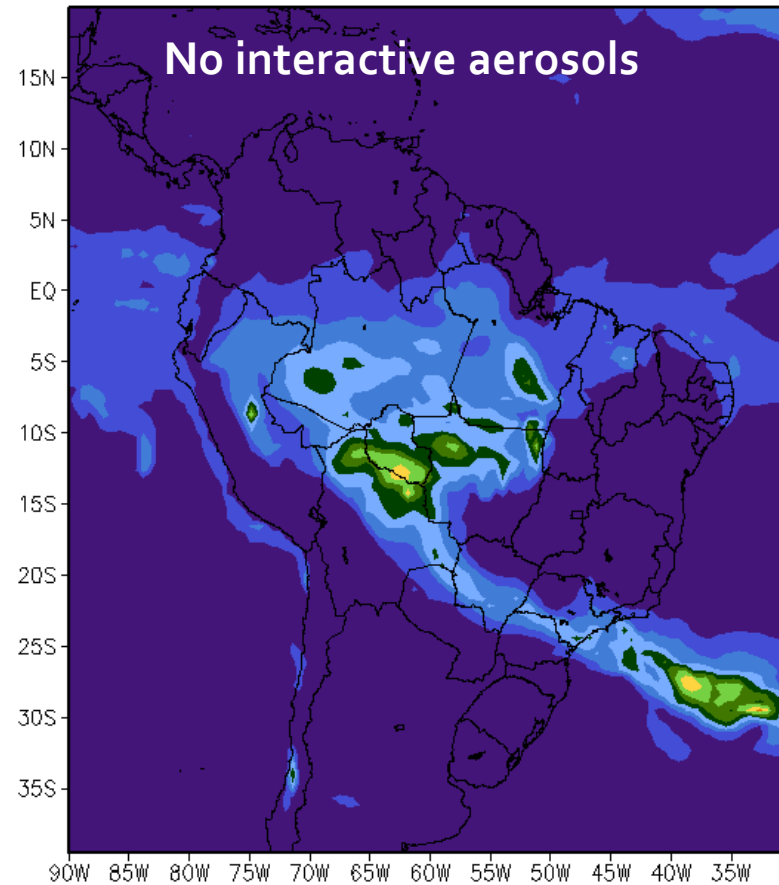
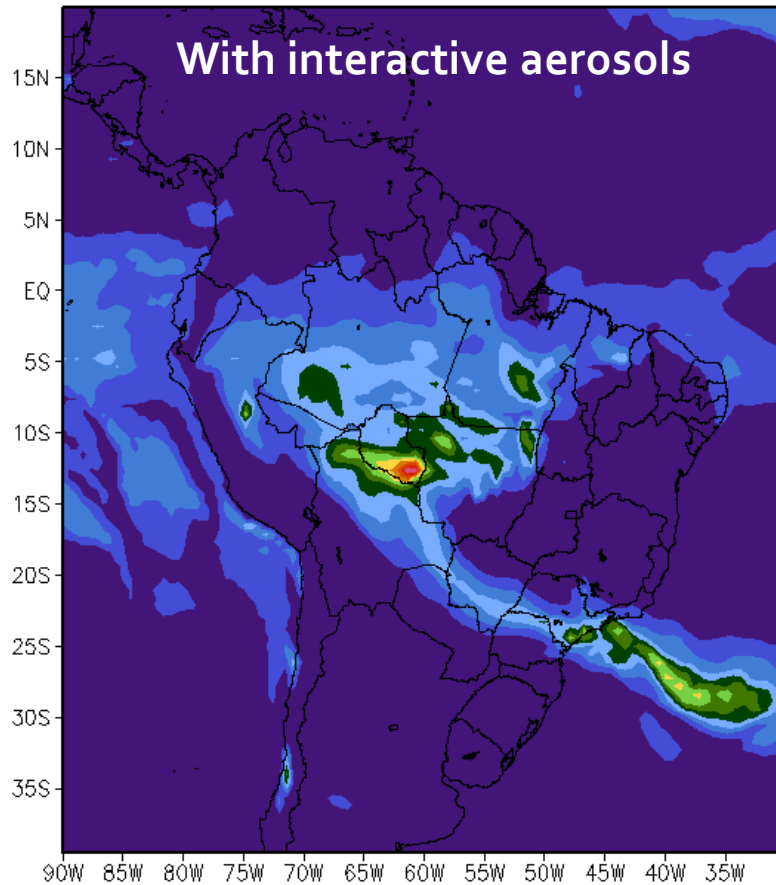
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Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
JMA (with interactive aerosols)

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Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
JMA (no aerosol interaction)

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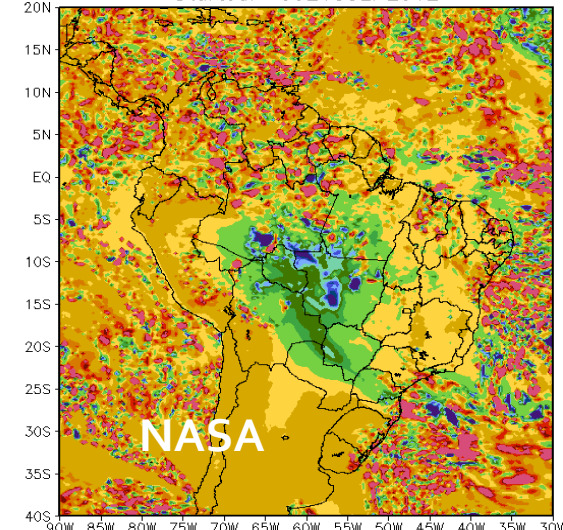
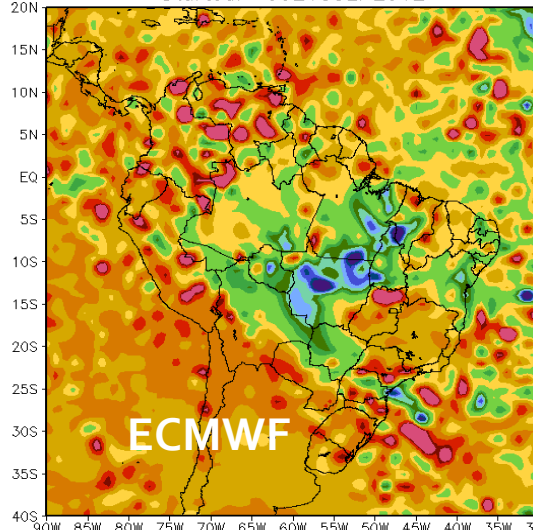
SW down Radiative Flux (AER-NOAER)

Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
ECMWF (DE - XA)

Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
NASA (IA - XA)

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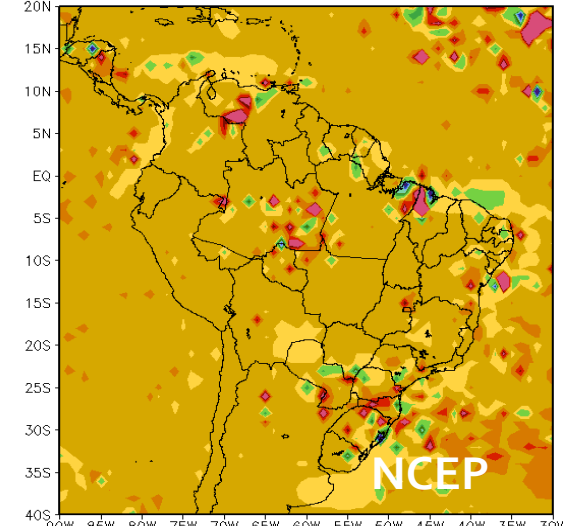
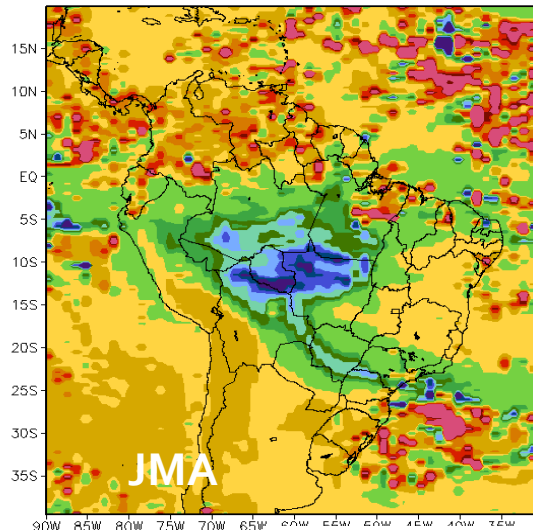


Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
JMA (DE - XA)

Shortwave Downwelling Radiative Flux at the Surface
NCEP (IA - XA)

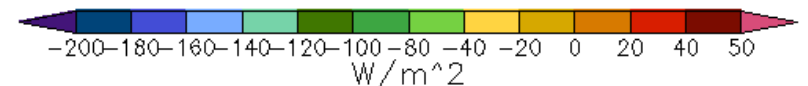
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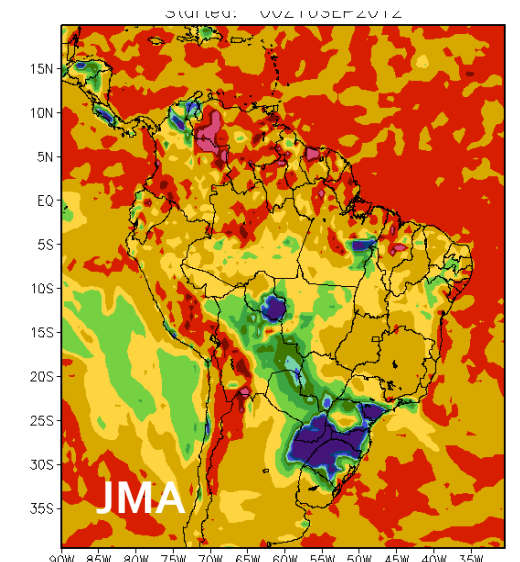
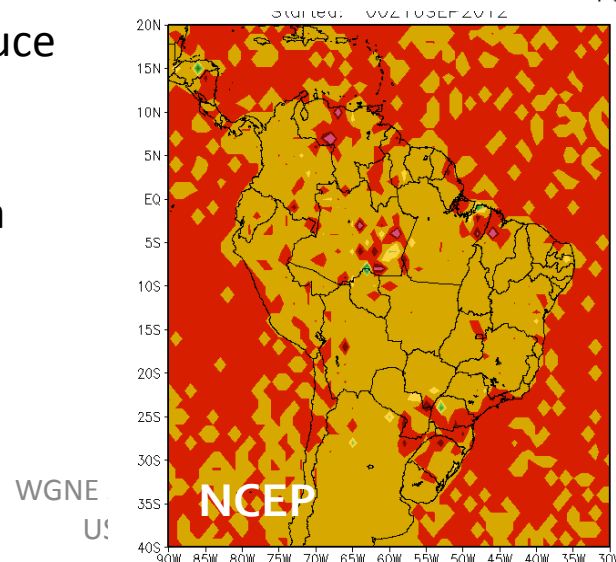
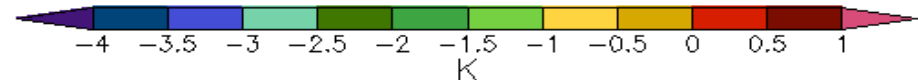
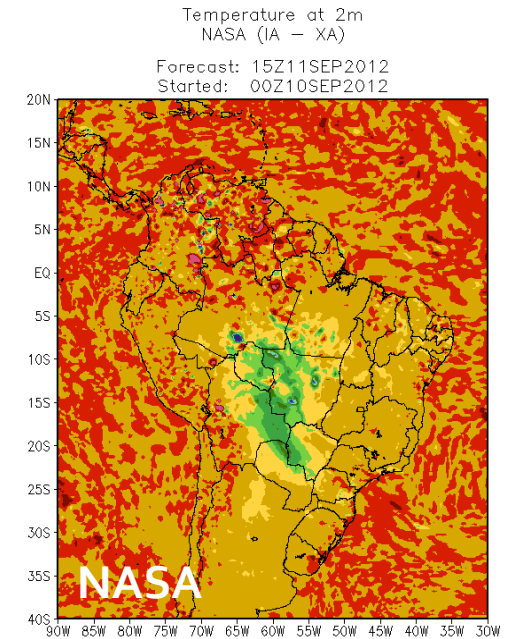
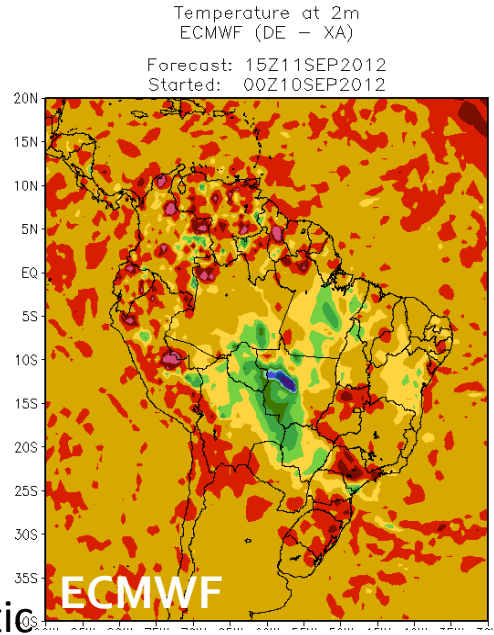
- Direct effect can produce a reduction of up to $\sim 200 \text{ W/m}^2$ when using prognostic aerosols
- The use of climatological data implies on much lower impact.



2-m Temperature Difference (AER-NOAER)

Forecast for 15UTC11SEP
- Init.:00UTC10SEP

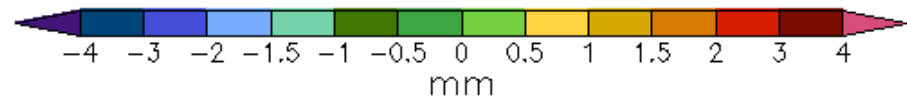
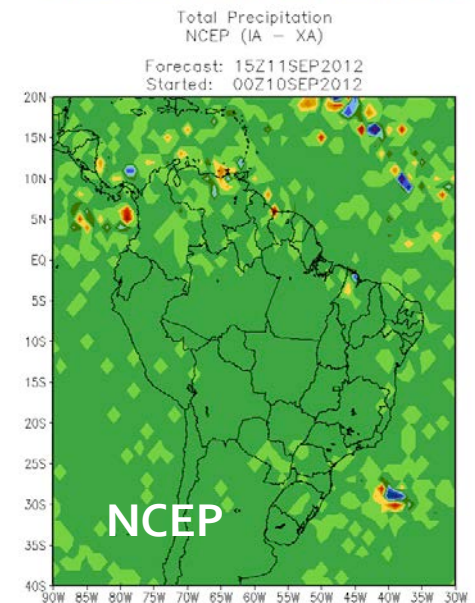
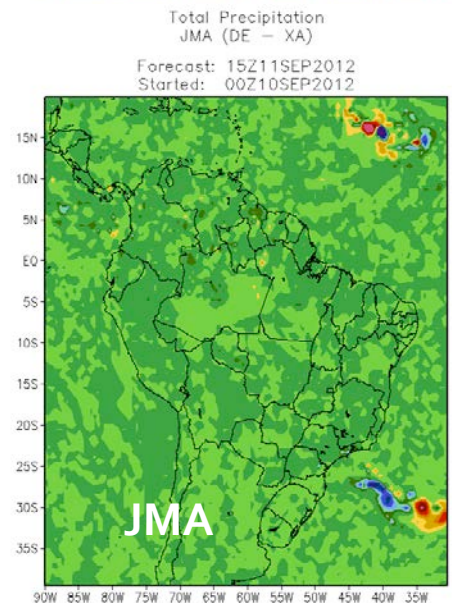
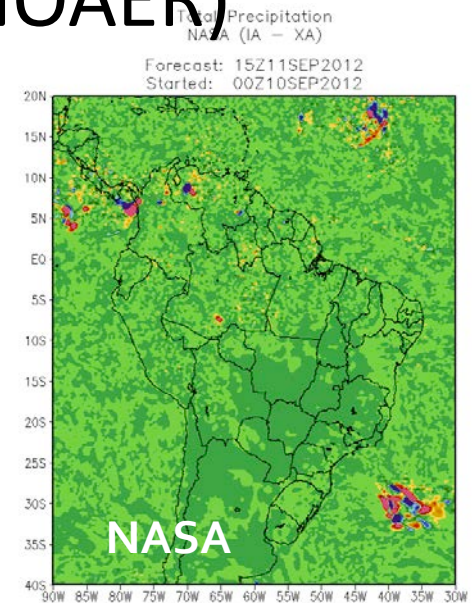
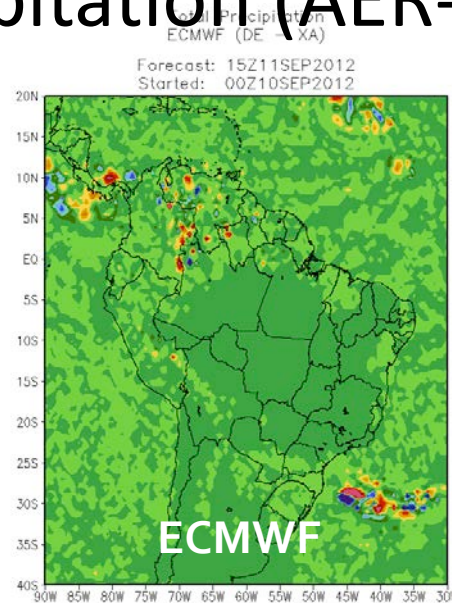
- Direct effect can produce cooling of up to ~ 4 K when using prognostic aerosols
- Indirect effect can even produce larger reduction on T2m
- The use of climatological data implies on less cooling.



Grid-scale Precipitation (AER-NOAER)

Forecast for 15UTC11SEP -
Init.:00UTC10SEP

- The differences are related to the clouds position only.
- The same holds for convective precip.

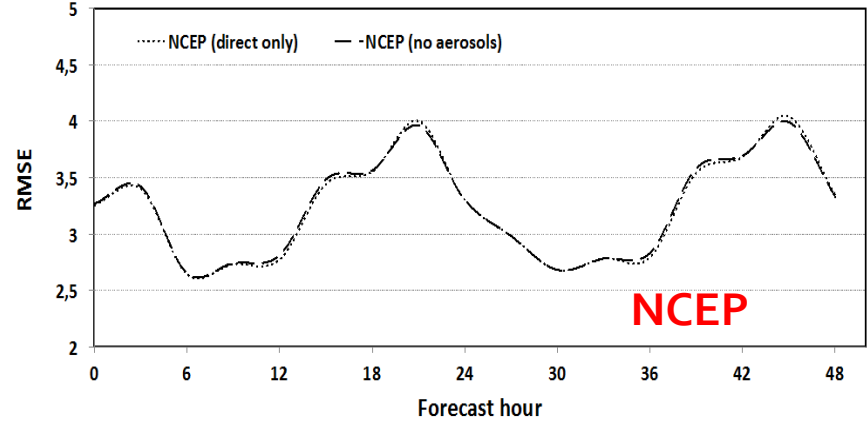
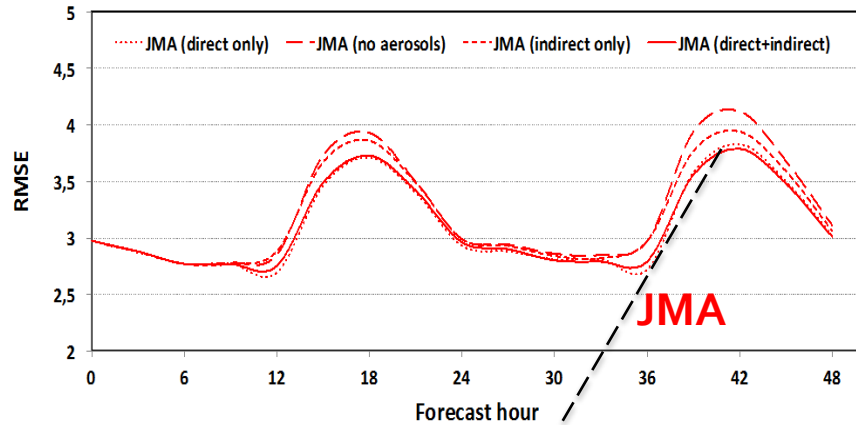
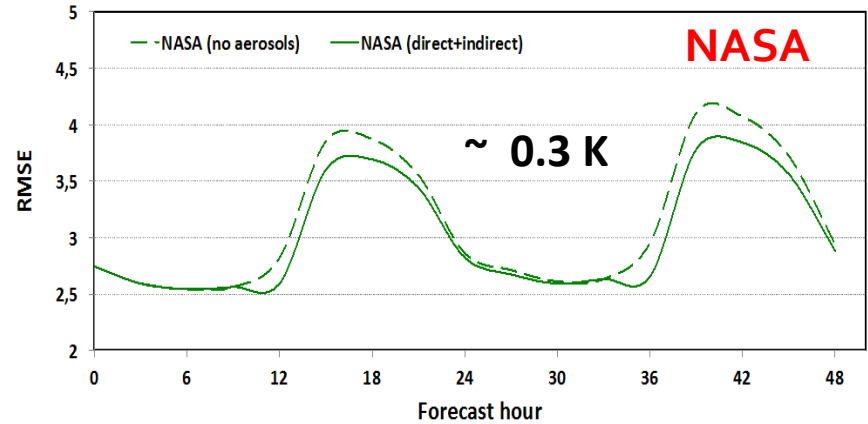
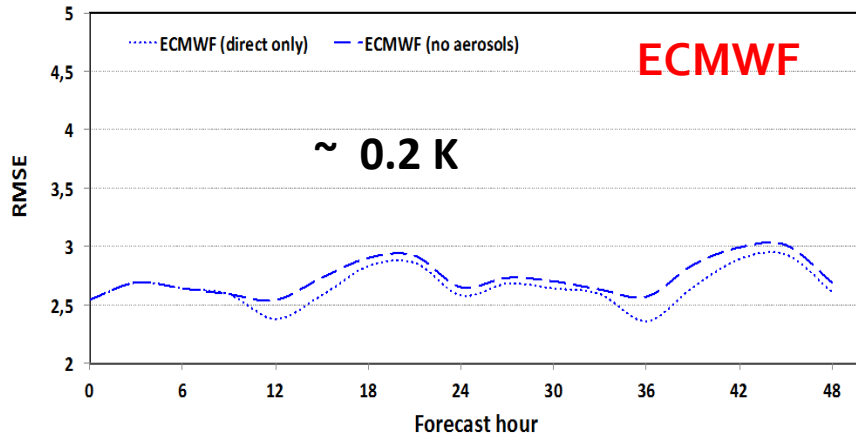


Preliminary quantitative evaluation for the SAMBBA case

- Parameter: 2-meter temperature.
- Observational data: up to 1200 meteo surface stations over S. America.
- Interpolation method: nearest neighbored.
- Analyzed time period: 5 – 14 SEP, up to 48 hours forecast.



RMSE: 2-m Temperature

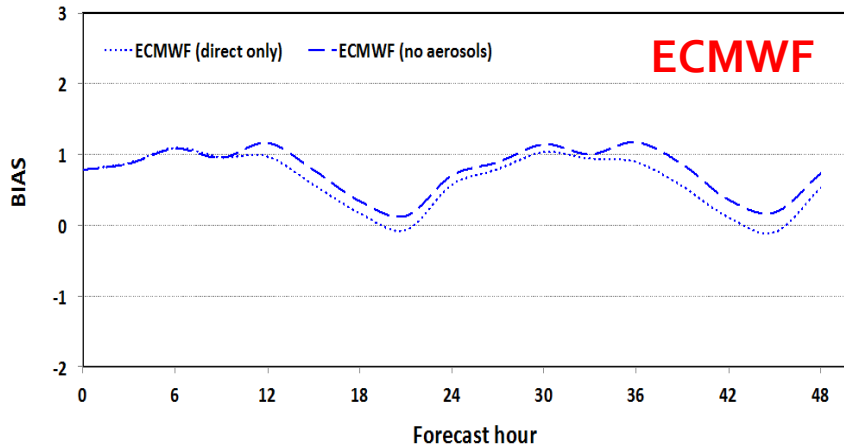


4.12 – no interaction
 3.94 – indirect only
 3.83 – direct only
 3.79 – IND + DIR

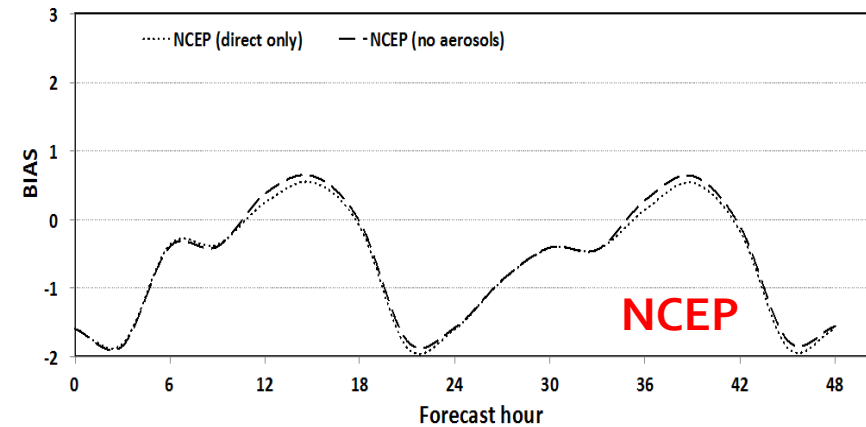
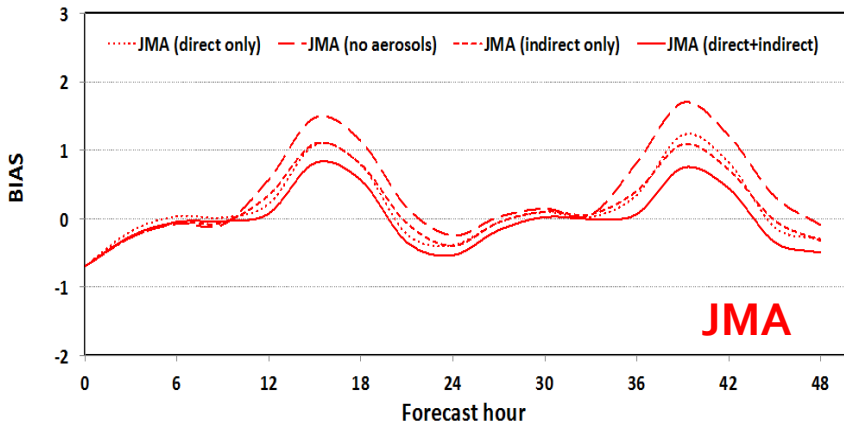
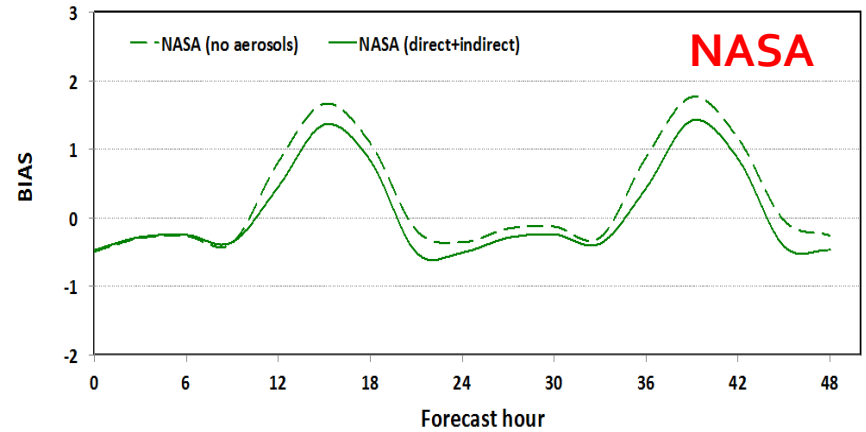
- ECMWF, NASA, JMA: Consistent and significant RMSE reduction
- NCEP : negligible change
- JMA : RMSE reduction increases with the aerosol treatment complexity

BIAS: 2-m Temperature

Consistent bias reduction



Bias decreases during the day, but increases at night



Consistent bias reduction with increasing aerosol treatment complexity during the day, with a slight increase during the night.

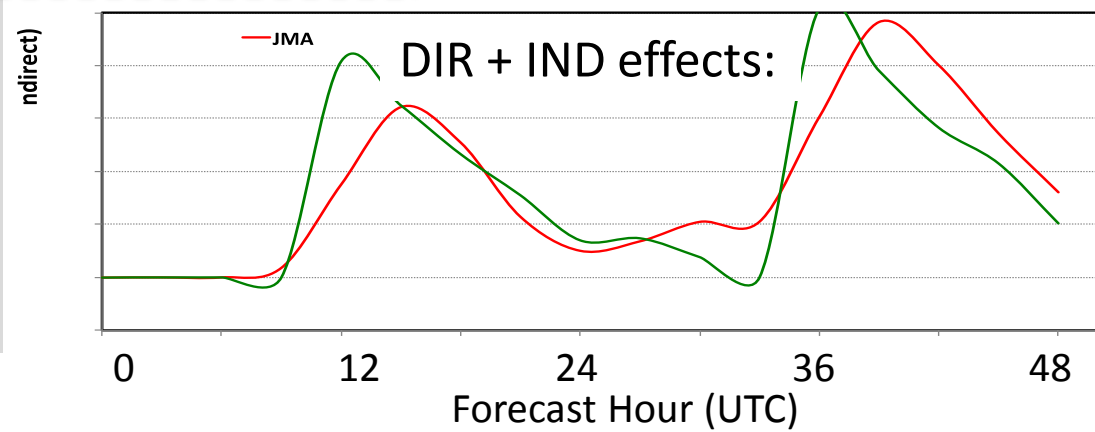
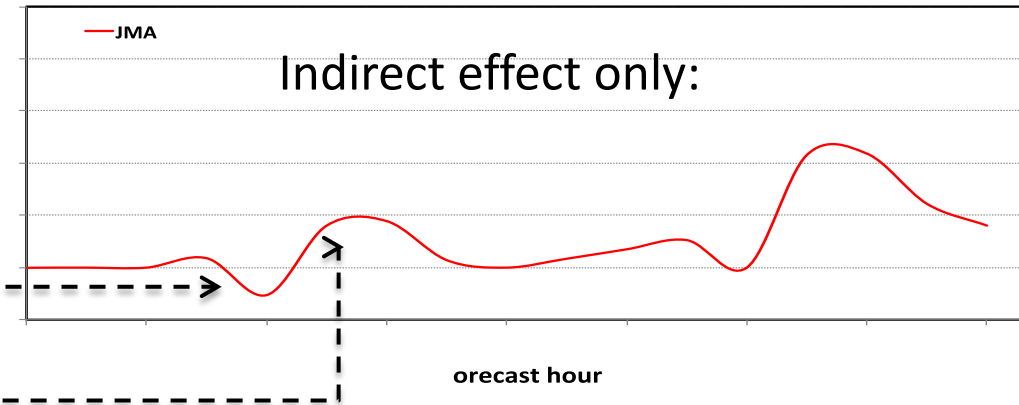
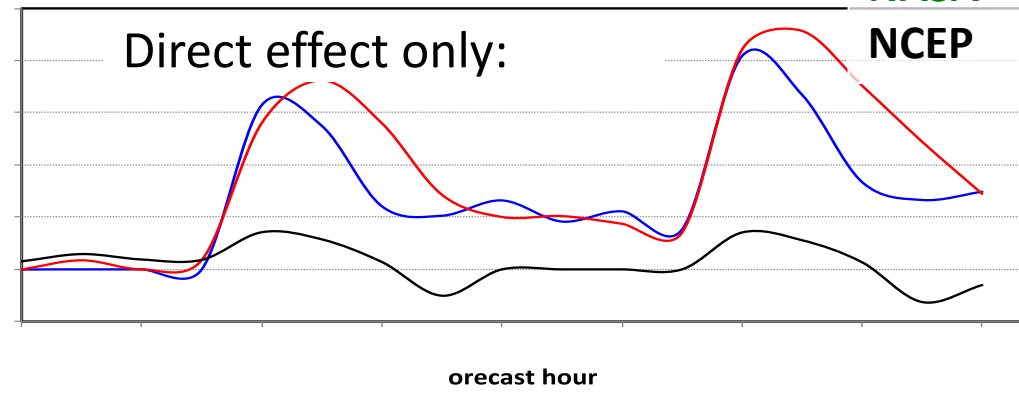
Slight decrease of bias during 12-18 UTC

Relative Variation of RMSE

ECMWF
JMA
NASA
NCEP

100 (NOAER-AER)/NOAER

- prognostic/interactive aerosol can improve RMSE up to 10%.
- For this case (dry season), direct effect has the larger impact on the improvement.
- Indirect effect imposes an initial deleterious RMSE increase in morning
- but further improvement on afternoon.
- Perhaps, this indicates a misrepresentation of the diurnal cycle of convection?



Ongoing work at NOAA/ESRL

- Georg Grell's group is applying WRF-Chem model for SAMBBA and Beijing cases
- WRF-Chem 3.6.1 version
 - 590 * 420 grid cells @ 15km resolution (similar for 5km resolution runs), 50 vertically stretched levels
 - 1-way nested domain with 5km resolution, similar number of grid points
 - ERA Interim Daily meteorological data
 - MACC reanalysis data – Boundary and Input conditions
 - MEGAN biogenic emissions, EDGAR & RETRO anthropogenic emissions, MODIS & WF-ABBA Fire emissions
 - For full chemistry run: Modal aerosols, gas-phase chemistry (RACM), aqueous phase chemistry (aqchem, and transport of all aqueous phase species)
 - RRTMG short and long wave radiation
 - Morrison double moment microphysics
 - GF for convection, one run with aerosol awareness turned on, always scale-aware, also used on 5km resolution domains

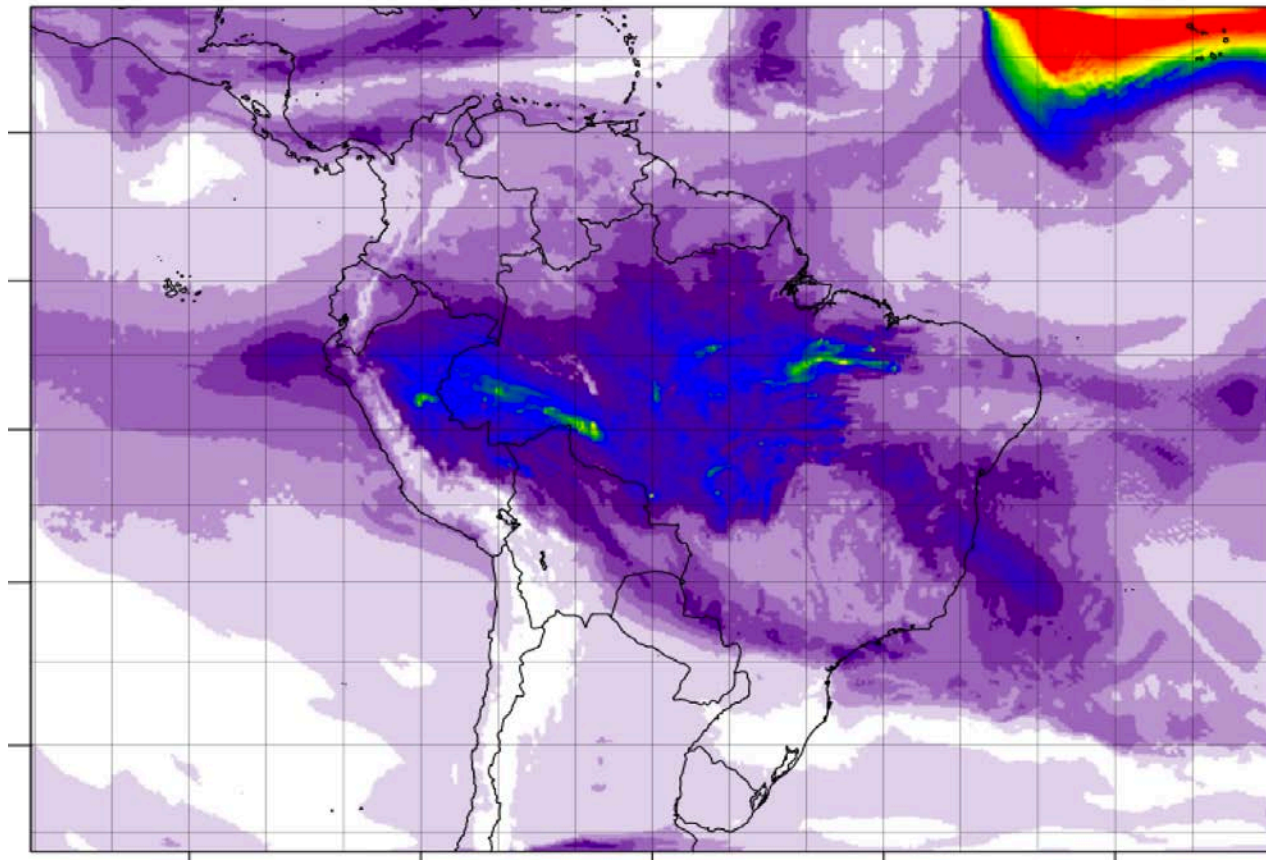
Some initial thoughts and Planned Methodology

- ① **Aerosol impacts on NWP:** Use sophisticated cloud resolving simulations, then decrease complexity and resolution (15, 5 and 1.7 km) to what is used in operational systems.
- ② How different are simple, lower resolution simulations from complex simulations? Observations?
- ③ Many studies of indirect effect use resolutions that require **convective parameterizations**. Unless the CP includes aerosol interactions, conclusions are at best suspect.
- ④ Conclusions are also suspect with a CP that includes aerosol interactions – unless we can show agreement with cloud resolving simulations



Typical vertically averaged PM2.5 distribution

Vertically averaged PM25



Vertically averaged PM25

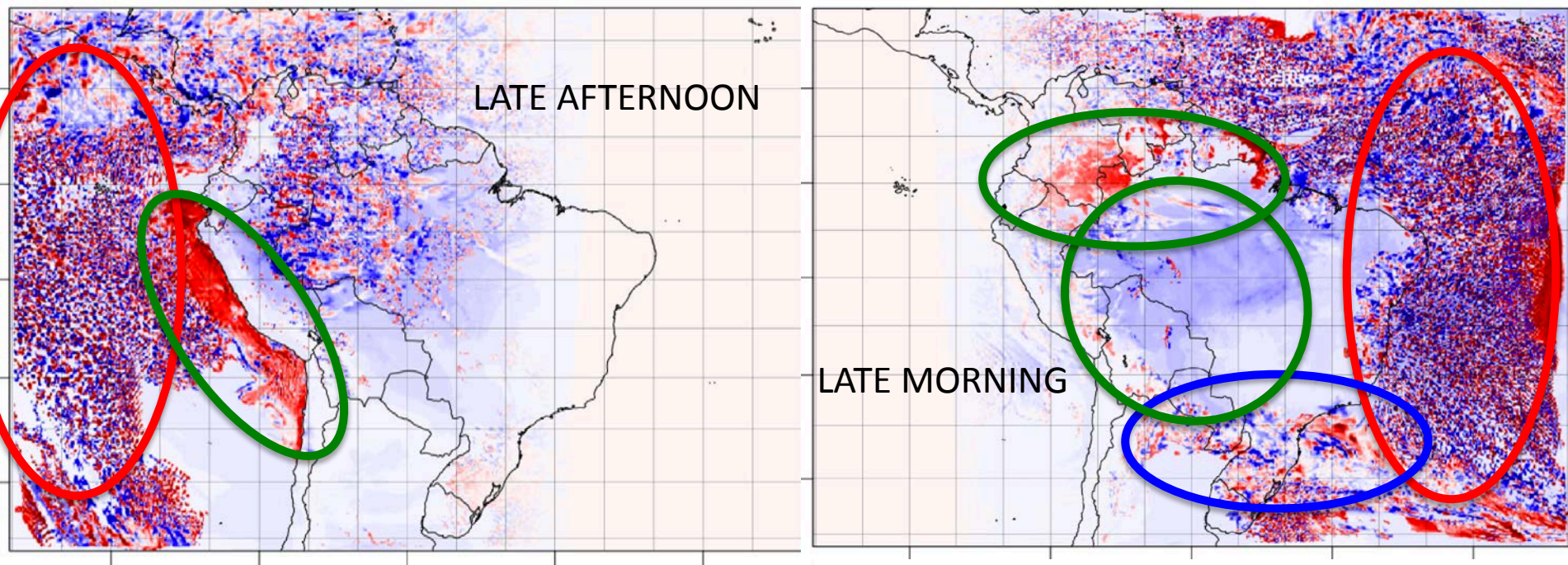


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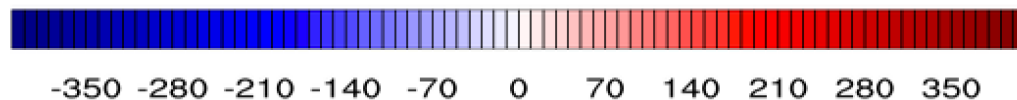
Systematic and random SW differences

(Chem – Met) (almost every run, 20 runs, 3-day forecasts)
(AER – NOAER)

Random changes, caused by different location
of stations in clouds, ground based vs in flight
concentrations



15 km

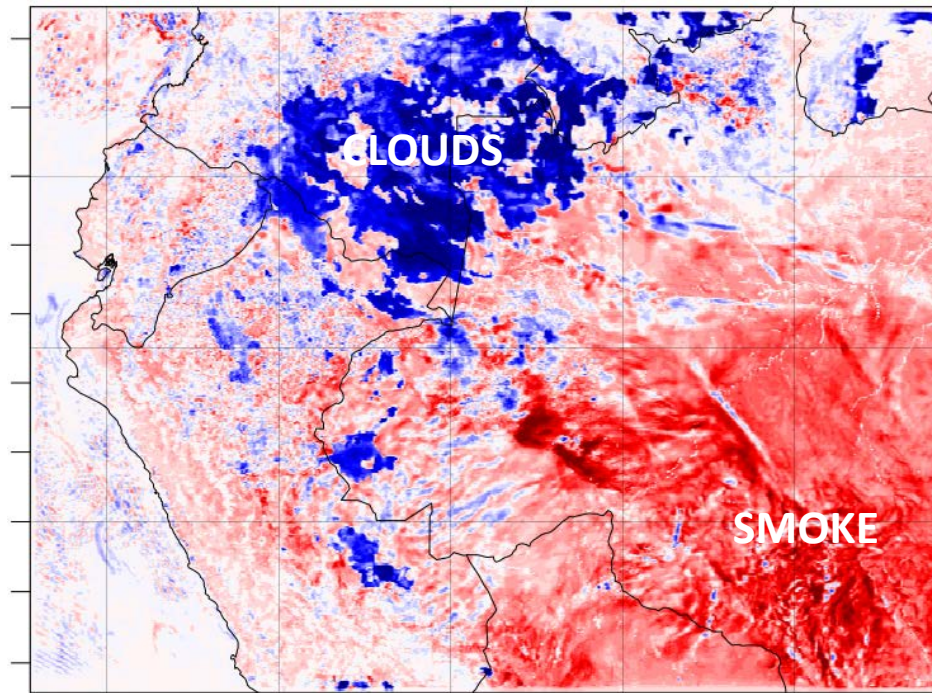


First results from 5km resolution simulation, T2m differences, MET-CHEM (NOAER - AER)

Aerosol impact differences, Met - Chem

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Valid: 2012-09-10_12:00:00

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5 km

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Warmer

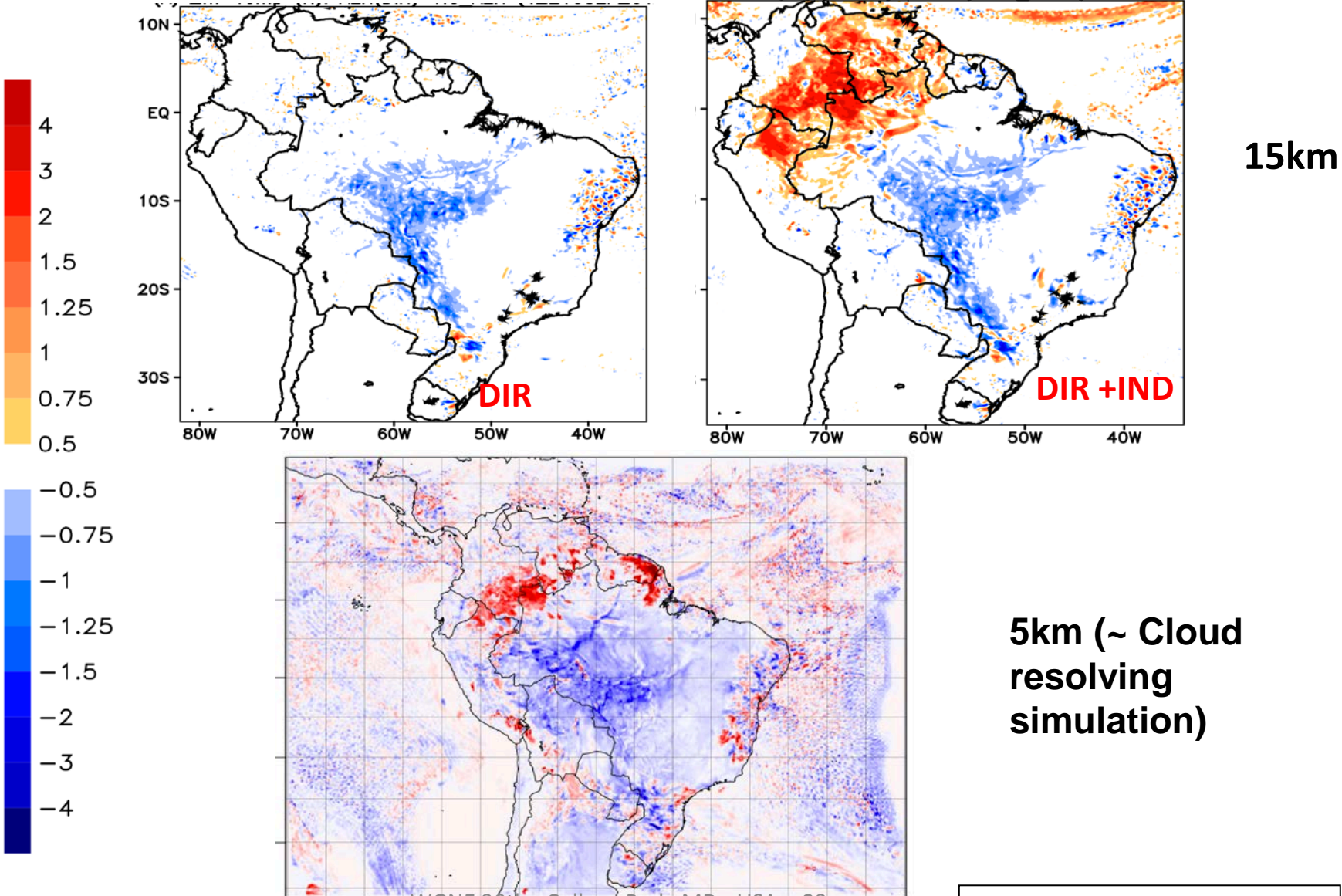
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So what happens if you try this with aerosol-awareness turned on in the GF convective parameterization?

First run with $dx=15\text{km}$, Sep 9, 12Z initialization

T2M difference fields, September 10, 1200UTC- mid-morning. Positive (red) is warmer compared to MET – simulation with convective parameterization



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Analyzing the data with GrADS Online

Webpage hosted by CPTEC/Brazil for data analyzing and visualization

<http://meioambiente.cptec.inpe.br/wgne-aerosols/>

The screenshot shows the GrADS Online web interface for aerosol analysis. The browser window title is "MODIS Website" and the address bar shows "aerosols/". The page features logos for CPTEC and GMAI. The main heading is "WGNE Exercise Evaluating Aerosols Impacts on Numerical Weather Prediction". Below this is a navigation menu with options: "Operations:", "Display", "Difference", "Time Series", and "Vertical Profile".

The "Display Variable" section includes a "Case Selection" area with "Case 1: Dust" selected and "Participant" set to "Japan Meteorological Agency". The "Variable Selection" area has "Aerosol Optical Depth (550nm)" selected, with "Level" set to "1". The "Start of Forecast" section shows "Date" as "2012-04-16" and "Hour" as "00". The "Time of Forecast" section shows "Date" as "2012-04-18" and "Hour" as "09". A "Show Images" button is located below these settings.

The main visualization area displays two maps. The top map is titled "Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm JMA (with interactive aerosols)" and shows a forecast for "09Z18APR2012" starting on "00Z16APR2012". The map shows a color-coded distribution of aerosol optical depth over the region from 0 to 55E longitude and 5N to 45N latitude. A color scale below the map ranges from 0.1 (blue) to 2.0 (red). The bottom map is titled "Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm JMA (no aerosol interaction)" and shows the same forecast period, but without aerosol interaction.

At the bottom left, there is a "PDF" icon and a link to download a specification file. The footer of the page reads "© CPTEC/INPE".



Current status of observational data

Case	Surface*	Radiosonde	TRMM	Merge	MODIS/ AERONET AOD
Case 1	**				X
Case 2	CMA	CMA			X
Case 3	CPTEC	CPTEC	CPTEC	CPTEC	X

X – data set has already been downloaded

X – data set is available but has yet to be downloaded

- *Pressure, temp, dew-point temp, wind, AOD, PM2.5, 24-h accumulated rainfall
- **Will Contact S. Remy (ECMWF) for sharing the data used on his recent submitted paper (ACP)



Quantitative Evaluation Process

- Georgios Tsegas visited CPTEC/INPE in the week of 8-14 of February, 2015 as a STSM funded by COST ES 1004 – Action.
- The STSM involved a collaboration of the Laboratory of Heat Transfer and Environmental Engineering of the Aristotle University Thessaloniki with the Center for Weather Forecasting and Climate Research with the aim of establishing an analysis database and web platform for the assessment of model calculations, including the addition of new features supporting the comparison of model output with observations.
- A standard format for the WGNE data sets was defined (to conform with EuMetChem's)
- Scripts were developed to convert meteo station data to a format compatible with CPTEC's GrADS Online
- Work is being put into converting the WGNE sets into the standardized NetCDF format
- We're looking into OpenDAP/GDS to supply simulation data and as meta-information to the public
- Georgios will talk with the BSC and check if GrADS Online might be a viable solution for their web interface.



Next Steps

- Perform data evaluation using
 - Atmospheric observational data from CPTEC/Brazil, CMA/China, ECMWF(?).
 - Retrieved/Analyzed/Observed AOD data from NASA/Goddard provided by A. Silva and from AERONET.
 - TRMM/meteo station rainfall data.
- Produce a report and a paper.
- Propose a second phase (?):
 - Revised runs and datasets (if needed).
 - Constrain initial and boundary conditions using a unified data/procedure by data assimilation.
 - Improves the diagnostic approach of indirect effect (e.g. clear definition of the physical process(es) being represented, more detailed information about the representation of aerosols (e.g. speciation, extinction coefficients, etc.)



Merge with similar initiatives (?)

- Merging with the initiative in Asia/G. Carmichael – MICS: Model Intercomparison Study—Asia – phase III.
 - Similar case (Beijing)
 - We will share information, tools for diagnostic, mainly for the indirect effect.
 - There will be a workshop at end of this year. WGNE is invited to participate.
- G. Carmichael suggested a meeting to integrate the initiatives GAW/WGNE and others to design a route for the future work/collaboration between them.



- We are open to new participants.
- Thanks for your attention!
- Questions ?

Appendix 1

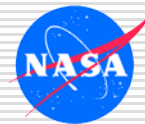
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Centers participants and a general description of their modeling systems: Global Scale

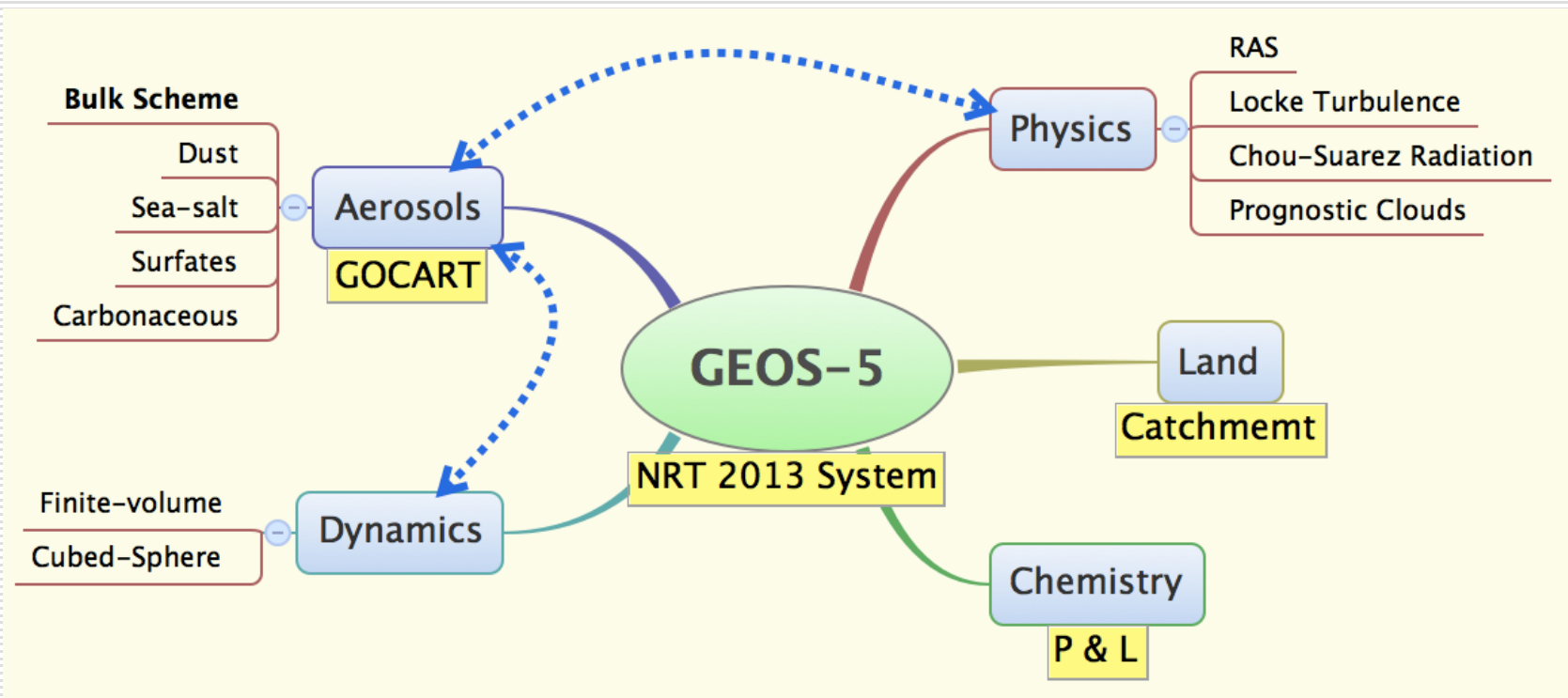
- NASA/Goddard
 - GEOS-5 with GOCART aerosol model.
 - GOCART bulk model for dust, sea-salt, sulfates, carbonaceous
 - Global, 25 km, 72 levels, top at 0.01hPa
- JMA
 - MASINGAR mk-2 aerosol model + MRI-AGCM3 (dynamics)
 - 2-moment bulk cloud model w/ explicit aerosol effects
 - Interactive components: sulfate, BC, organics, sea-salt and dust.
 - Prescribed emissions from MACCity and GFAS 1.0
 - Global TL319L40, top at 0.4 hPa
- NCEP
 - NOAA/NCEP Global Forecast System (GFS)
 - Radiation based on Rapid Radiative Transfer Models (RRTM)
 - A climatological aerosol distribution at 5° resolution (Hess et al., 1998)
 - Only consider direct radiative effect.
 - Global model T574L64, top at 0.32 hPa.

Centers participants and a general description of their modeling systems: Limited Area Models

- **Meteo-France and Met. Service of Algeria**
 - ALADIN LAM coupled with Dust Entrainment and Deposition (DEAD) model.
 - Dust transport and optical properties are calculated using the three-moment Organic Inorganic Log-normal Aerosol Model (ORILAM) (Tulet et al. 2005)
 - Radiation RRTM for LW and FMR for SW.
 - Only direct effect.
 - Resolution 7.5 x 7.5 km and 70 levels
 - IC/BC from ARPEGE global model.
 - Case 1 only.
- **CPTEC/Brazil**
 - BRAMS LAM coupled with the CCATT aerosol-chemistry model.
 - Focus on biomass burning aerosol (Case 3)
 - Brazilian biomass burning emission model coupled with an interactive plumerise model
 - Direct effect using CARMA radiation parameterization
 - Indirect effect included at 2-moment bulk cloud scheme (under development)
 - Indirect effect included at cumulus convection scheme
 - Resolution: 10 x 10 km, 50 levels
 - IC/BC from GFS + MACC

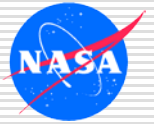


2013 NRT GEOS-5 Configuration

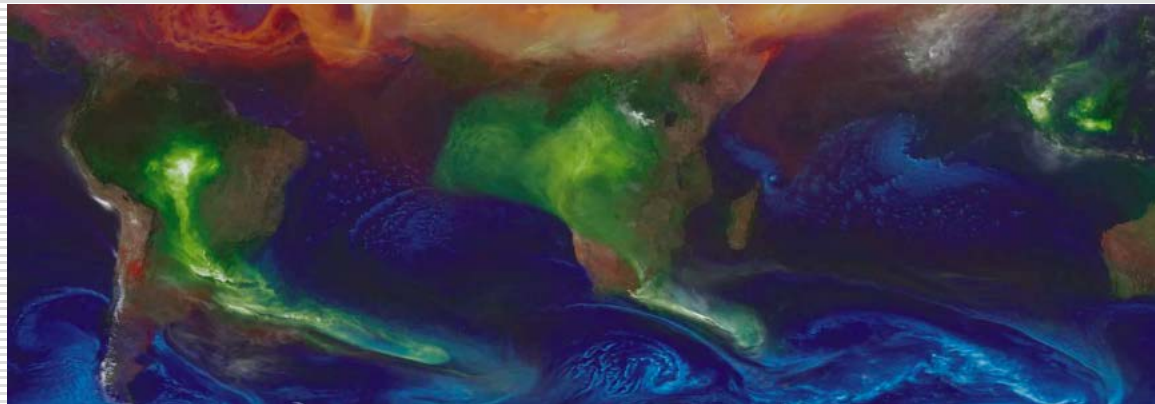


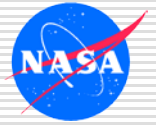
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QFED: Quick Fire Emission Dataset

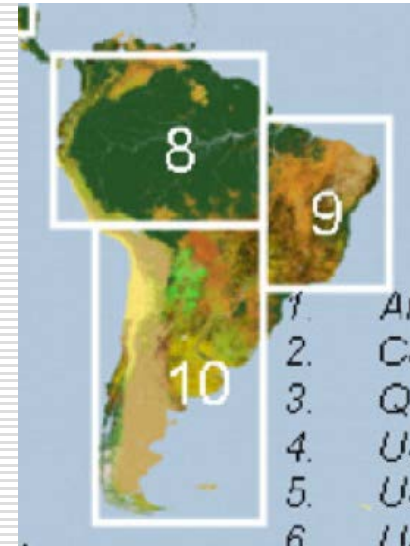
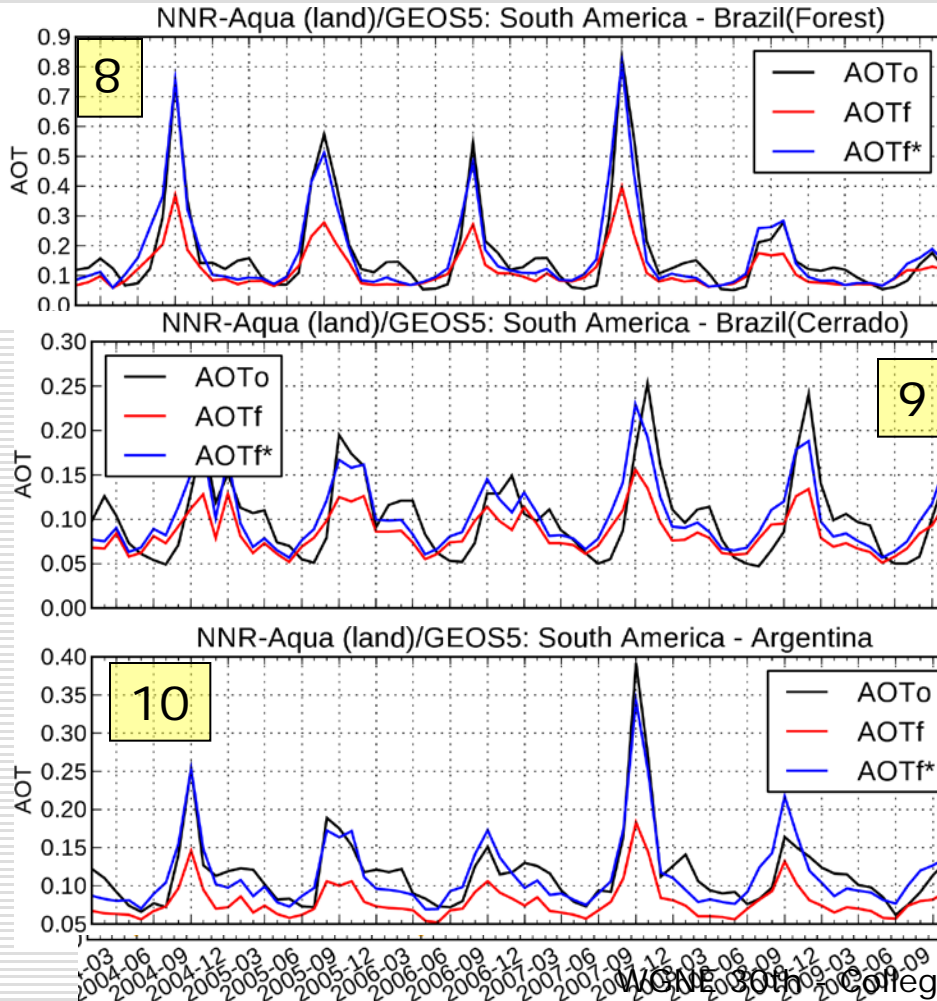


- ❑ Top-down algorithm based on MODIS Fire Radiative Power (AQUA/TERRA)
- ❑ FRP Emission factors tuned by means of inverse calculation based on MODIS AOD data.
- ❑ Daily mean emissions, NRT (thanks to LANCE)
- ❑ Prescribed diurnal cycle





QFED Calibrated by MODIS AOD



GEOS-5 Aerosol Optical Depth

- QFED (GFED Calibrated)
- QFED (MODIS Calibrated)
- MODIS Retrievals

NCEP's contributions to the WGNE aerosol-NWP experiment

- NOAA/NCEP Global Forecast System (GFS):
 - The cornerstone of NCEP's operational production suite, providing deterministic and probabilistic guidance out to 16 days over a global domain, four times daily at 00, 06, 12, and 18 UTC
 - Global spectral model with a comprehensive physics suite (<http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/GFS/doc.php>)
- GFS Configuration (current operation → planned FY14 upgrade)
 - Eulerian dynamics → Semi-Lagrangian dynamics
 - T574 Eulerian (~ 27 km) out to 8 days; T190 Eulerian (~ 70 km) from 8 to 16 days → T1534 SLG (~ 13 km) out to 10 days; T574 SLG (~ 35 km) from 10 to 16 days
 - 64 vertical levels up to 0.32 mb
- GFS physics relevant to this WGNE experiment
 - **Radiation parameterizations are based on Rapid Radiative Transfer Models (RRTMG_LW v2.3 and RRTMG_SW v2.3) with NCEP's modification and optimization**
 - **A climatological aerosol distribution at 5° resolution (Hess et al., 1998) is used.**
 - Cloud microphysics is based on Zhao and Carr (1997)
 - **Only consider direct radiative effect**

NCEP's contributions to the WGNE aerosol-NWP experiment

- GFS experiment setup:
 - Use the latest GFS source code (targeted for the FY14 upgrade)
 - Same configuration as the operational GFS (e.g., T574 L64, Eulerian dynamics) except for output/zero-out frequency
 - Output every 3 hour, with the same 3-hourly interval for time averaging and accumulation
 - Initialized from 00Z analysis from Global Data Assimilation System (GDAS)
- Experiments conducted at NOAA R&D supercomputer (Zeus)
 - CTRL: with radiation feedback using climatological aerosols
 - EXPT: without radiation feedback
- Three cases are completed:
 - Dust: 10-day forecast for the 2012-04-13 to 2012-04-23 period
 - Pollution: 10-day forecast for the 2013-01-07 to 2013-01-21 period
 - Smoke: 5-day forecast for the 2012-09-05 to 2012-09-15 period
- GFS output (in GRIB1 format) are mapped from Gaussian grids to 1x1 deg
- The NCEP/EMC team contributing to this experiment: Sarah Lu (the NCEP POC), Yu-Tai Hou, Shrinivas Moorthi, and Fanglin Yang

JMA/MRI: Model description

- Model: MRI/JMA Global model MRI-AGCM3 (dynamics) + MASINGAR mk-2 (aerosol)
 - Grid resolution: TL319L40 (horizontal: 640x320, Vertical η -coordinate from the ground to 0.4 hPa)
 - Dynamics framework: conservative semi-Lagrange method.
 - Tiedtke-like cloud convection scheme
 - 2-moment bulk cloud scheme that explicitly represents aerosol effects on liquid and ice clouds
 - Optical properties of aerosols: OPAC (Hess et al., 1998).
 - Hygroscopic growth factors: Chin et al. (2002).
 - Interactive aerosol components: sulfate, BC, OA, Sea salt and Dust

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JMA/MRI: Model configurations

- Anthropogenic emissions: MACCity emissions
- Biomass burning emissions: GFAS v1.0 (Kaiser *et al.*, 2012)
- Analysis:
 - Horizontal wind components are nudged toward the JMA global analysis fields.
 - SST: COBE-SST (Ishii *et al.*, 2005)

Submitted outputs are cropped to the region of the interest.

Case 1: 0 – 60 E, 0 – 50 N

Case 2: 86 – 146 E, 10 – 70 N

Case 3: 270 – 330 E, 20 – 40 S

Meteo-France and Meteo-Service of Algeria

ALADIN: Aire Limitée, Adaptation dynamique, Développement InterNational
(Limited Area, dynamical Adaptation, InterNational Development)

- ❑ Primitive equations model using a two-time-level semi-Lagrangian semi-implicit time integration scheme and a digital filter initialisation (Bubnová et al. 1995; Radnóti 1995)
- ❑ Lambert conformal projection with a bi-Fourier spectral representation and elliptical truncation.
- ❑ Coupled with ARPEGE global model every 3 hours

Physics:

- ❑ Prognostic TKE turbulence « CBR » (Cuxart, Bougeault, Redelsperger, 2000)
- ❑ Non local mixing length « BL89 » (Bougeault and Lacarrere, 1989)
- ❑ Mass flux shallow convection based on CAPE closure (Bechtold et al., 2001)
- ❑ Mass flux deep convection based on moisture convergence closure (Bougeault, 1985)
- ❑ RRTM (Rapid Radiative Transfer Model) scheme for long wave radiation (Mlawer et al. 1997)
- ❑ FMR (Fouquart-Morcrette Radiation) scheme for shortwave radiation with the 6 spectral bands (Fouquart et al. 1980, Morcrette 1991)
- ❑ Lopez microphysics with four prognostic hydrometeors (auto-conversion, collection, evaporation, sublimation, melting, freezing and sedimentation) (Lopez, 2002)
- ❑ Surface processes are calculated by the externalized surface scheme SURFEX (Masson et al., 2013) which includes the Interaction Soil Biosphere Atmosphere (ISBA) scheme (Noilhan and Planton 1989, Noilhan and Mahfouf 1996)

Meteo-France and Meteo-Service of Algeria

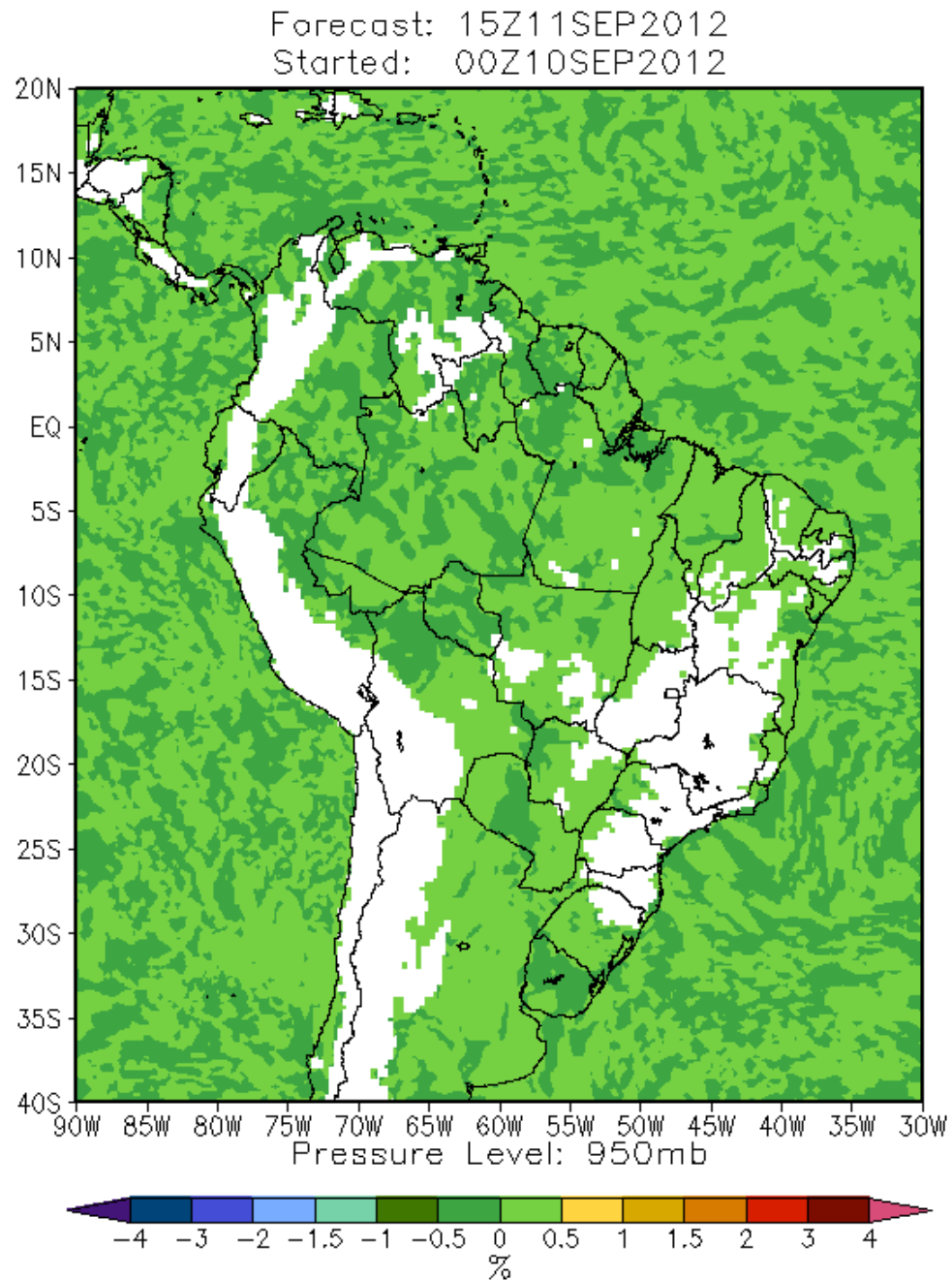
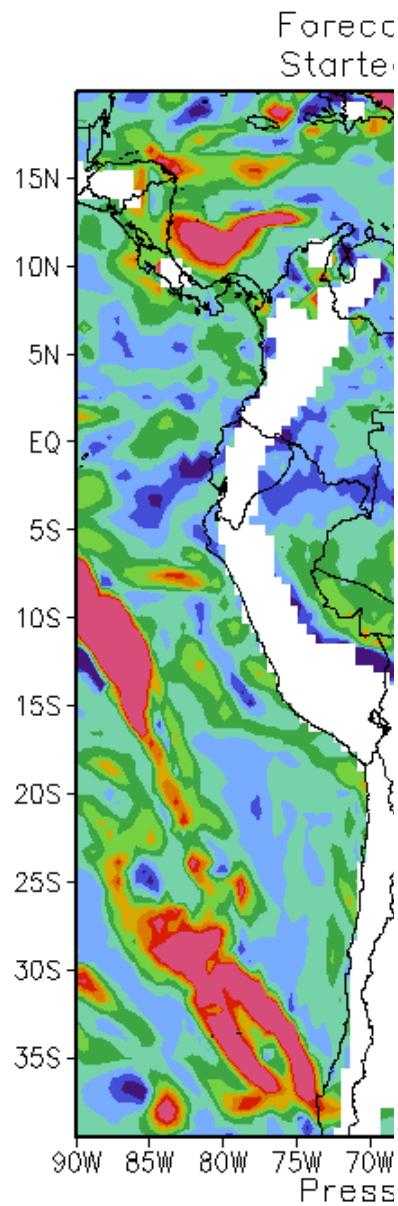
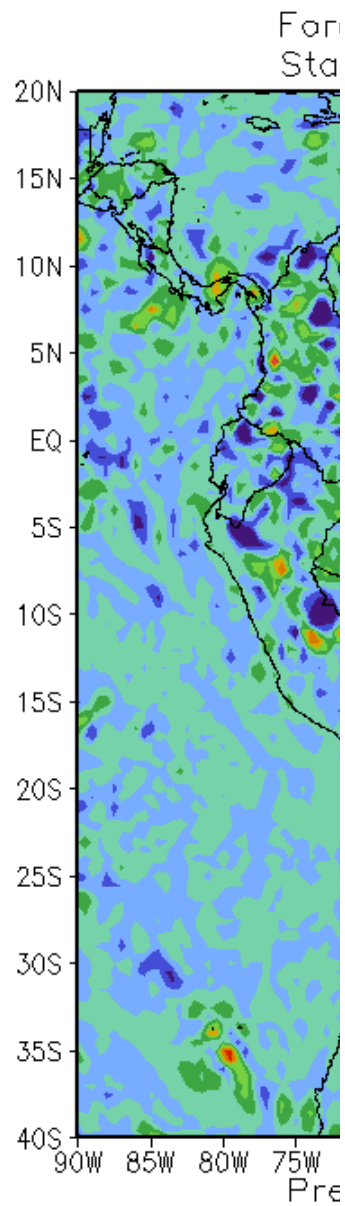
Dust emission and transport model

- ❑ Dust fluxes are calculated using the Dust Entrainment And Deposition (DEAD) model (Zender et al. 2003a) coupled to SURFEX scheme by Grini et al. (2006) and recently improved by Mokhtari et al. (2012).
- ❑ Saltation flux is calculated following the Marticorena and Bergametti (1995) scheme
- ❑ Vertical flux is done using the Shao (1996) relationship
- ❑ Erodible soil fraction is represented by the covers COVER004 and COVER005 derived from the global 1 km ECOCLIMAP database relating to bare and rock soil, respectively (Masson et al. 2003)
- ❑ Mass fractions of clay, sand and silt are provided from the global 10 km FAO soil database (Masson et al. 2003)
- ❑ Soil texture is classified following the USDA (1999) (United States Department of Agriculture) textural classification with 12 basic textural definitions
- ❑ Dust transport and optical properties are calculated using the three-moment Organic Inorganic Log-normal Aerosol Model (ORILAM) (Tulet et al. 2005)

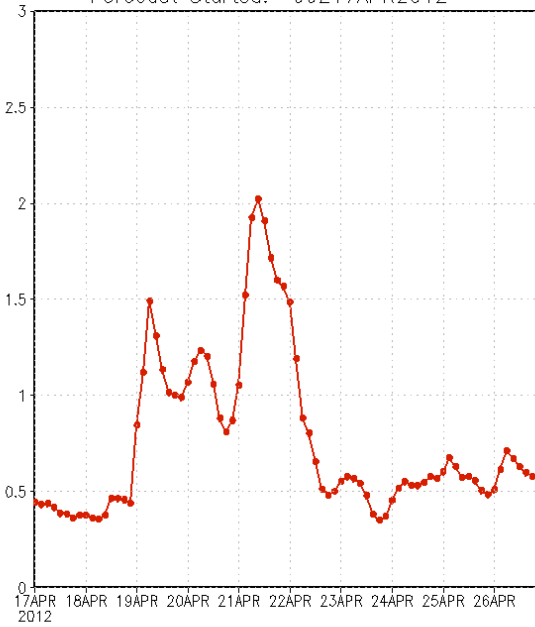
Model configuration

- ❑ Horizontal resolution: 7.5 x 7.5 km
- ❑ Vertical resolution: 70 levels
- ❑ Number of points: 400 x 400
- ❑ Georeference information for post processing:
 - Number of points is 340x340
 - Resolution lat/lon (deg): $0.07^\circ \times 0.07^\circ$
 - Latmin=13.135, Latmax=36.86, Lonmin=18.135, Lonmax= 41.86
 - Centre of domaine: (lat, lon) = (25° N, 30° E)

Backup slides

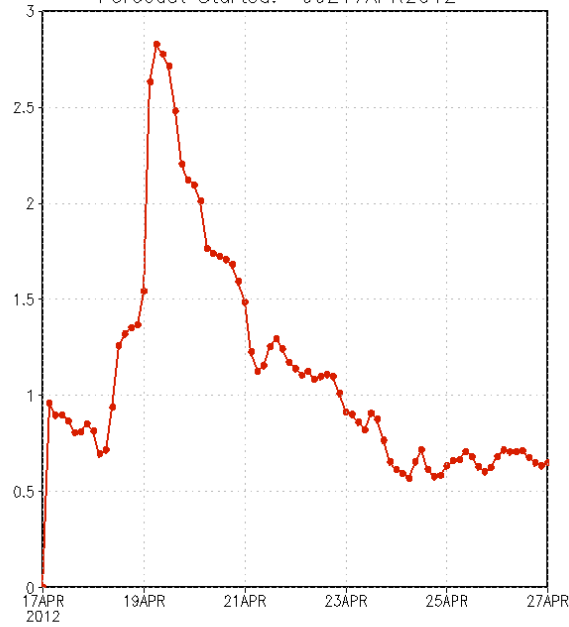


Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
JMA (with interactive aerosols)
Forecast Started: 00Z17APR2012



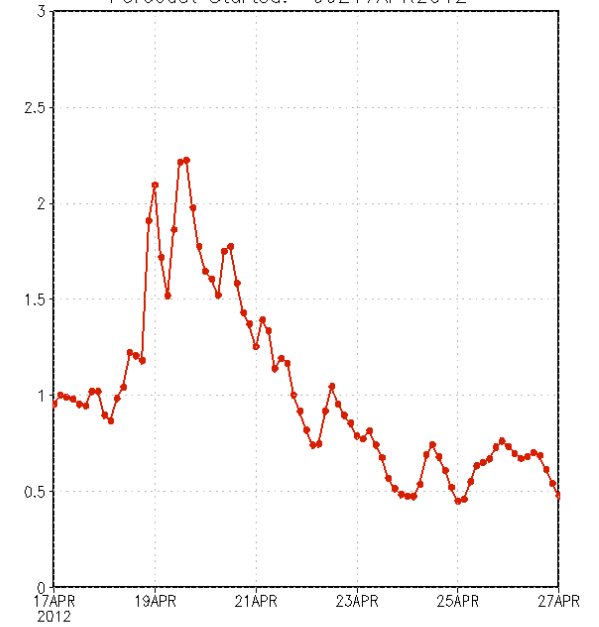
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Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
ECMWF (direct effect only)
Forecast Started: 00Z17APR2012



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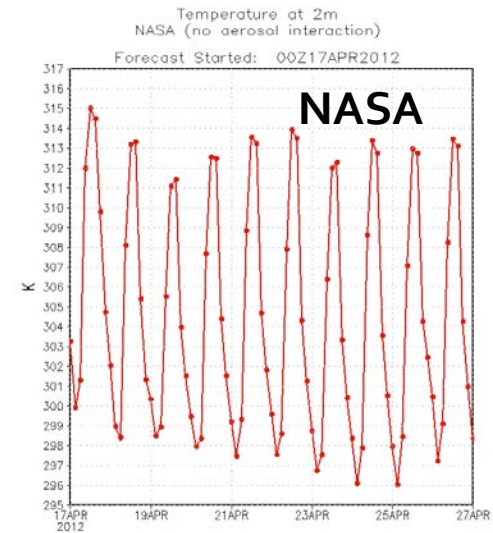
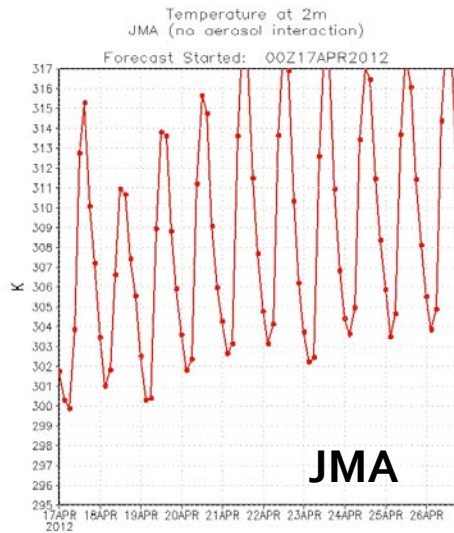
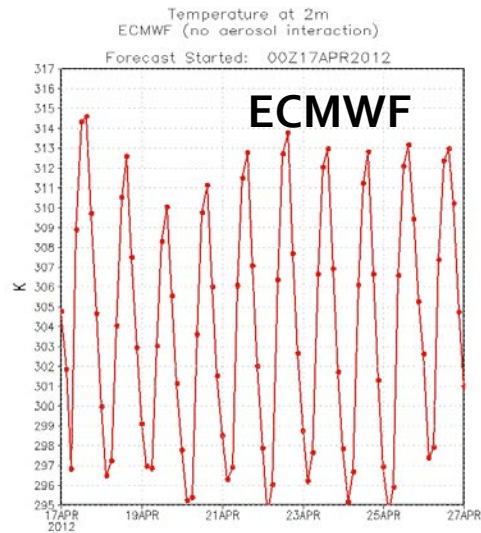
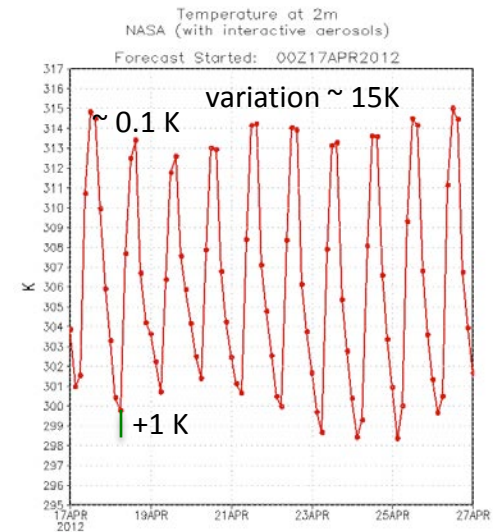
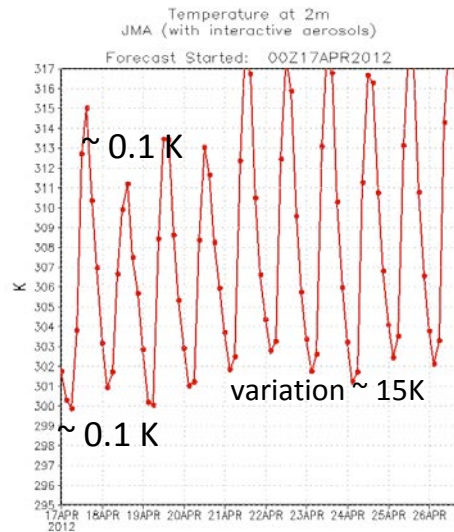
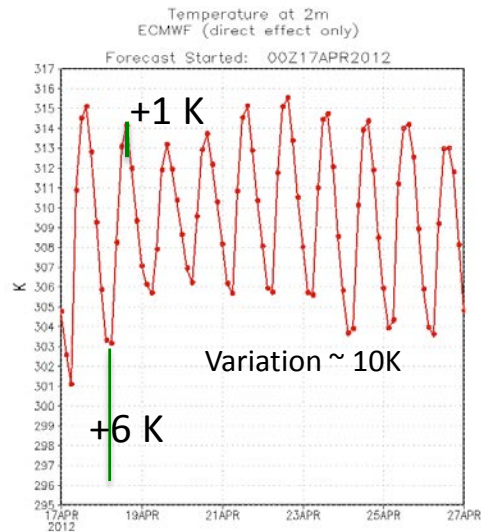
Aerosol Optical Depth at 550nm
NASA (with interactive aerosols)
Forecast Started: 00Z17APR2012



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2m-Temp

10 days forecast (start:00UTC17APR2012)



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Grell-Freitas Convective Param

- **Scale-aware/Aerosol-aware (Grell and Freitas, 2014, ACP)**
 - Stochastic approach adapted from the Grell-Devenyi scheme (Grell and Devenyi, 2002, GRL; but many of the more computationally expensive ensembles have been cut for efficiency)
 - Scale awareness through Arakawa approach (2011) or spreading of subsidence
 - transitions to precipitating shallow-cumulus scheme as grid spacing decreases (can even use it at $dx=1\text{km!}$)
 - First temperature & moisture tendencies decrease as resolution increases
 - At very high resolution ($dx < 3\text{km}$) parameterized convection becomes much shallower – cloud tops near 800 mb (down from 200-300 mb).
 - Tendencies in general become very small, practically shutting off below 5 km grid spacing.

Aerosol awareness

Constant autoconversion rate is changed to aerosol (CCN) dependent Berry conversion

Evaporation of raindrops is changed (Jiang and Feingold) based on empirical relationship

$$\left(\frac{\partial r_{rain}}{\partial t} \right)_{\text{autoconversion Berry, 1968}} = \frac{(\rho r_c)^2}{60 \left(5 + \frac{0.0366 \text{ CCN}}{\rho r_c m} \right)}$$

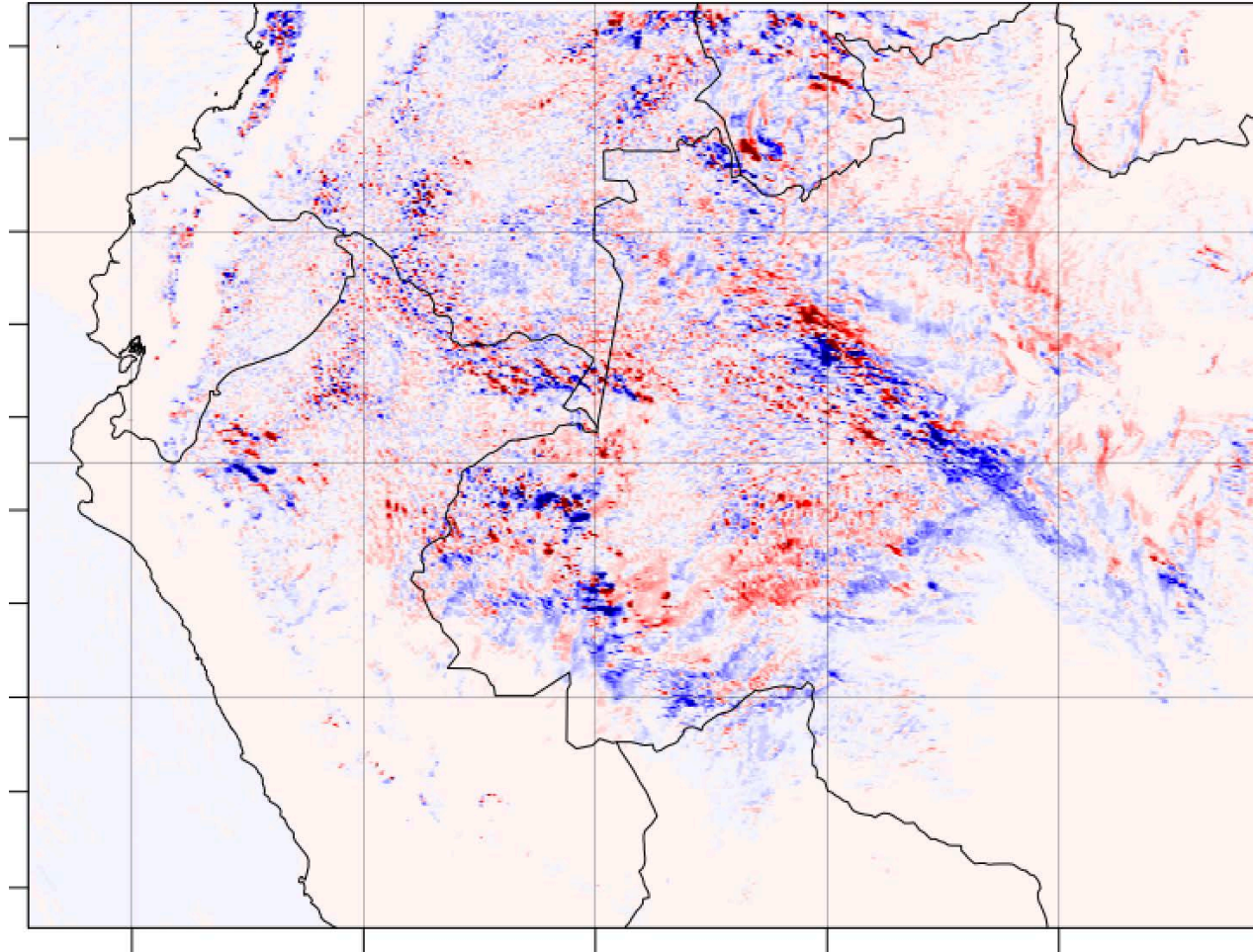
$$PE \sim (I_1)^{\alpha_s - 1} (\text{CCN})^\zeta = C_{pr} (I_1)^{\alpha_s - 1} (\text{CCN})^\zeta$$

CCN can be from complex model results (WRF-Chem), or simply from observed AOD (global or regional analysis)

Evaporation effect will have a strong impact on downdrafts, but is limited by other environmental conditions (e.g., If the precipitation efficiency is already very low, it cannot get much lower, and vice versa)

3-hourly precipitation differences at Sep 10, 21Z (MET-CHEM)

Precipitation Differences(total) from 2012-09-10_18:00:00 to 2012-09-10_21:00:00 (mm)



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