



# **CENTER FOR WEATHER FORECASTS AND CLIMATE STUDIES CPTEC/INPE - BRAZIL**

**Update of CPTEC activities :**

**2014-2015**

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# CPTEC/INPE supercomputer 2010-2015



Cray XT6 supercomputer

1272 nodes, 2 six-core AMD Opteron, 192 Gflops, 32 GB, SeaStar2

Performance: 244 Tflops (storage capacity: 3,84 PB)

Sustained: 15.8 Tflops (CPTEC benchmark)

Peak performance: ~ 250 Tflops

# Models configuration

MODEL – FOCUS - DOMAIN – FORECAST TIME LENGHT	Year 2014	Year 2015
BRAMS – severe weather – 500x500 km <sup>2</sup> over S. America – 1 ½ day (on-demand)	1 km	1 km
BRAMS – weather– S. America – 3.5 days (00 and 12 UTC)	5 km	5 km
Eta - weather – S. America - 11 days (00 and 12 UTC)	15 km	15 km
CCATT – weather + Air Quality (on-line) – S. America – 3 days (00 UTC)	25 km	15 km
AGCM with NCEP analysis – weather – Global – 7 days	T299L64	T666L96
AGCM with 3dVAR/GSI analysis – weather – Global- 7days	T299L64	T299L64
OA-GCM– 30 days– global	T126L28	80 km / L42
Eta – seasonal climate – S. America - 5 days	40 km	40km
AGCM – Ensemble 15 members – 15 days	T126L28	T126L28
Ocean Waves – 3 days – global domain	0.25 degree	0.25 degree

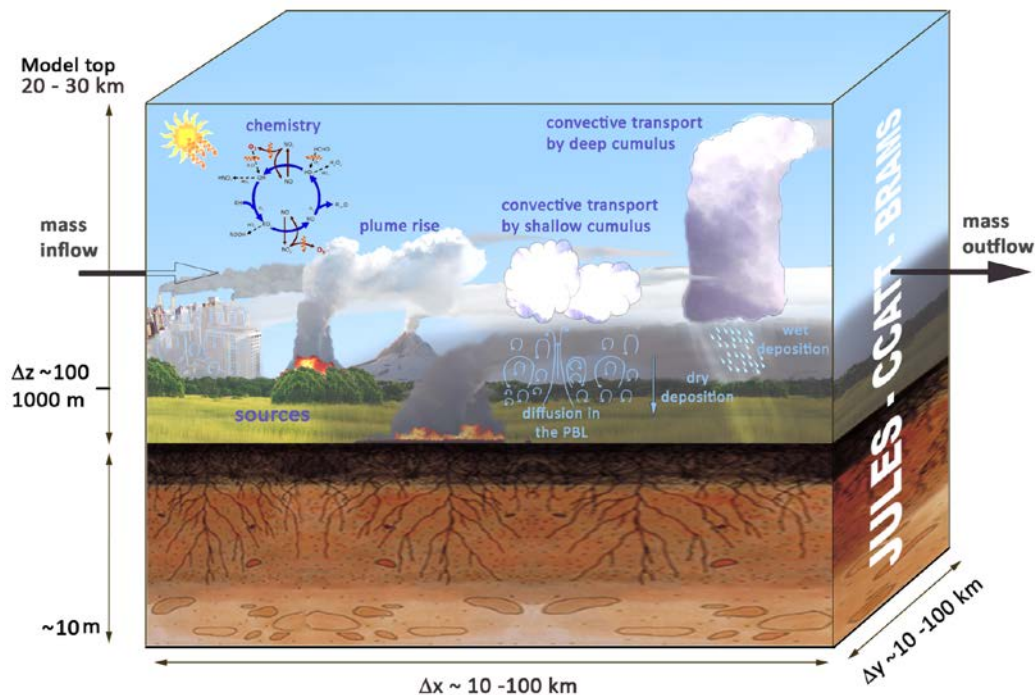




- Regional Scale



# Brazilian developments on the RAMS Model version 2015



- Regional to local scales.
- Chemistry – aerosols - on-line with meteorology and including feedbacks.
- monotonic advection for scalars, 2-moment cloud microphysics, scale and aerosol aware convective parameterization, TEB urban surface scheme, MYNN turbulence scheme
- Running over a massive parallel system using MPI
- Includes JULES surface scheme: fully interactive carbon cycle; urban surface
- Includes now RRTMG radiation scheme and MATRIX aerosol model

# Regional weather forecast for South America on 5km resolution with BRAMS model

(2nd year)

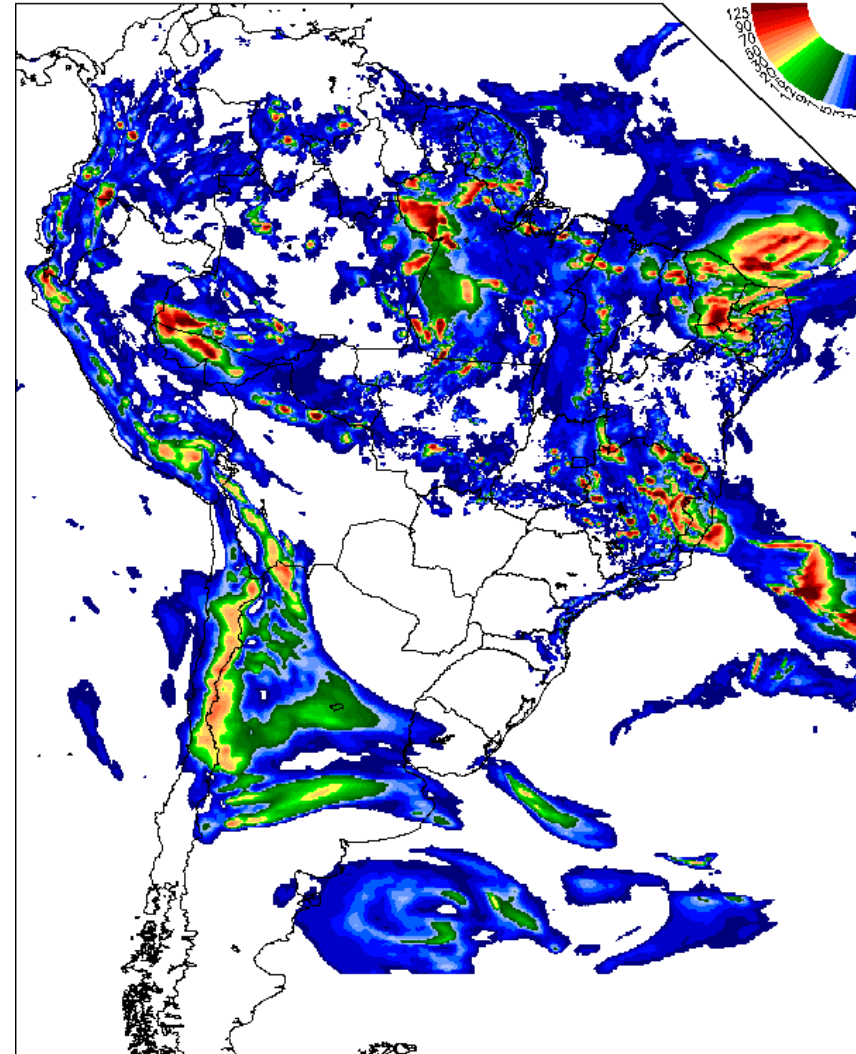
BRAMS 05 km

Modelo executado em: 23/3/2015, 12 UTC (Segunda-feira) Válida para: 25/3/2015, 00 UTC (Quarta-feira)

Variável: Precipitação Acumulada em 24h

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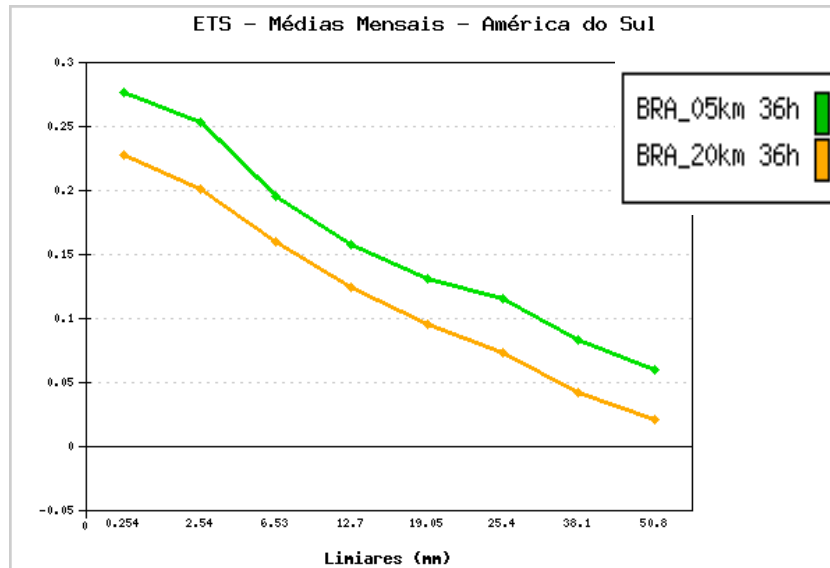
- Grid spacing:
  - Horizontal: 5 km x 5 km.
  - Vertical: 50 to 800 meters
- Time step: 15 seconds
- Model domain:
  - # grid points: 1360 x 1489 x 55  
~  $100 \times 10^6$
  - Model top at 21 km height ASL
- Forecast length:
  - 3 ½ days, starting at 00, 12 UTC.
- Execution time :
  - 20 mn on 9600 cores produces 1 day forecast (I/O is the bigger bottleneck)



# Evolution of ETS and BIAS of precipitation forecast of with BRAMS 05 km at CPTEC/INPE

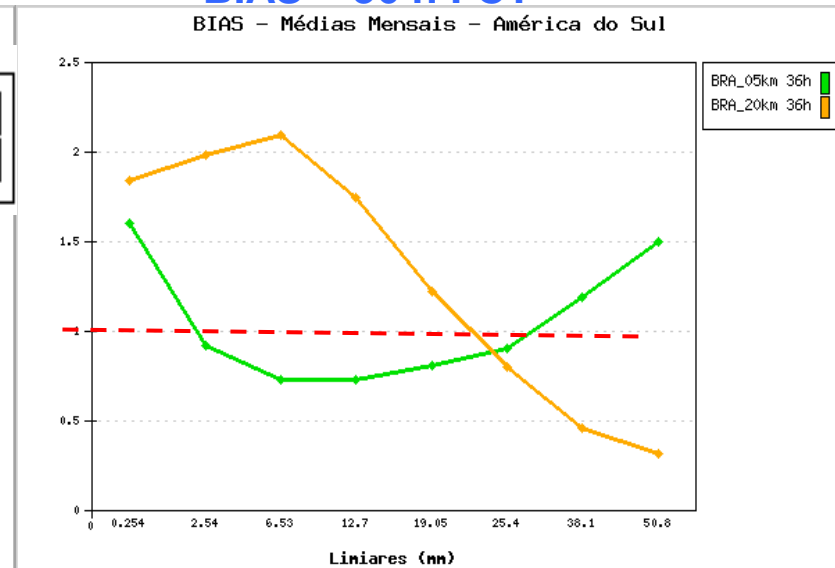
Evaluation data for South America (2013-2014)

ETS – 36 h FCT



Threshold (mm)

BIAS – 36 h FCT



Threshold (mm)

OLD 20km NEW 05km

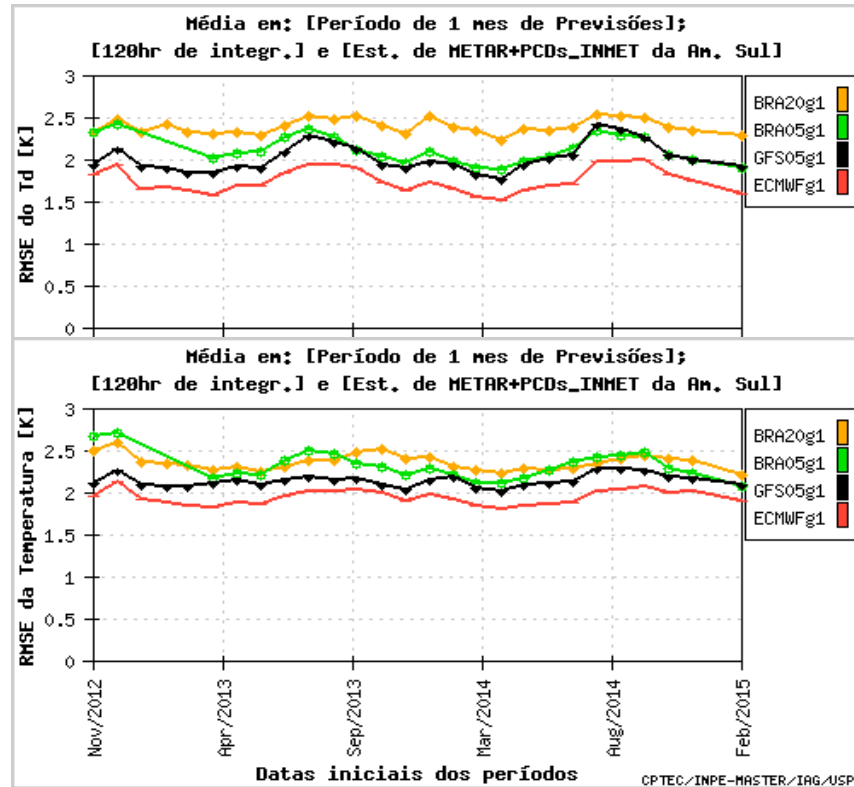
# Evolution of RMSE with BRAMS at CPTEC/INPE

## 2meters – T and Td for S. America

New BRAMS 5km (BRA05), old BRAMS 20km (BRA20), GFS and ECMWF

RMSE 2m-  
Dew-Point Temp

RMSE 2m-Temp



BRA20g1

BRA05g1

GFS05g1

ECMWFg1

NOV  
2012

FEB  
2015

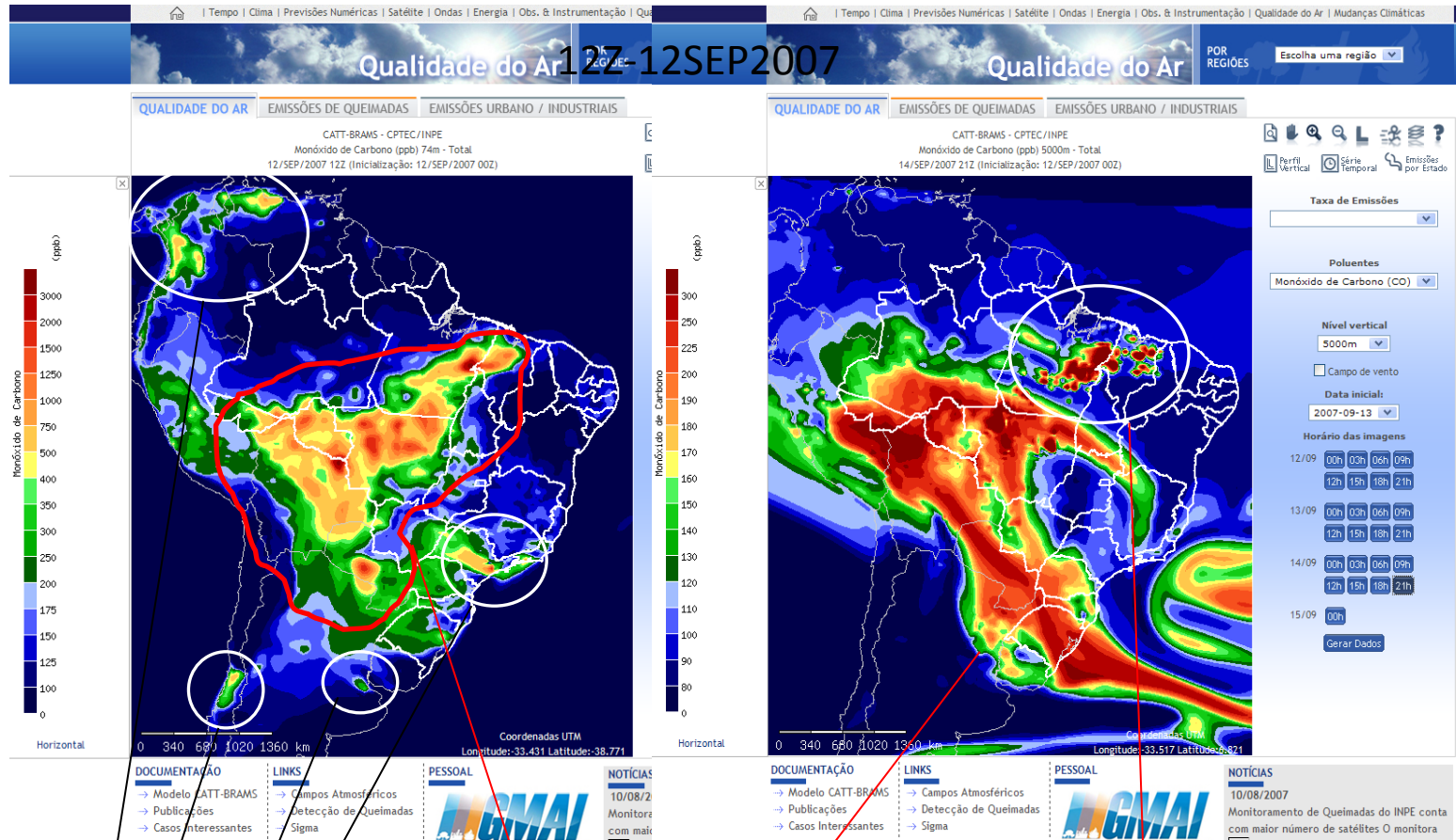
New surface scheme (JULES)



# Real Time Air Quality and Weather Forecasts for South America: <http://meioambiente.cptec.inpe.br>

Surface level CO (ppbv)

500 hPa CO (ppbv)



Mega Cities pollution

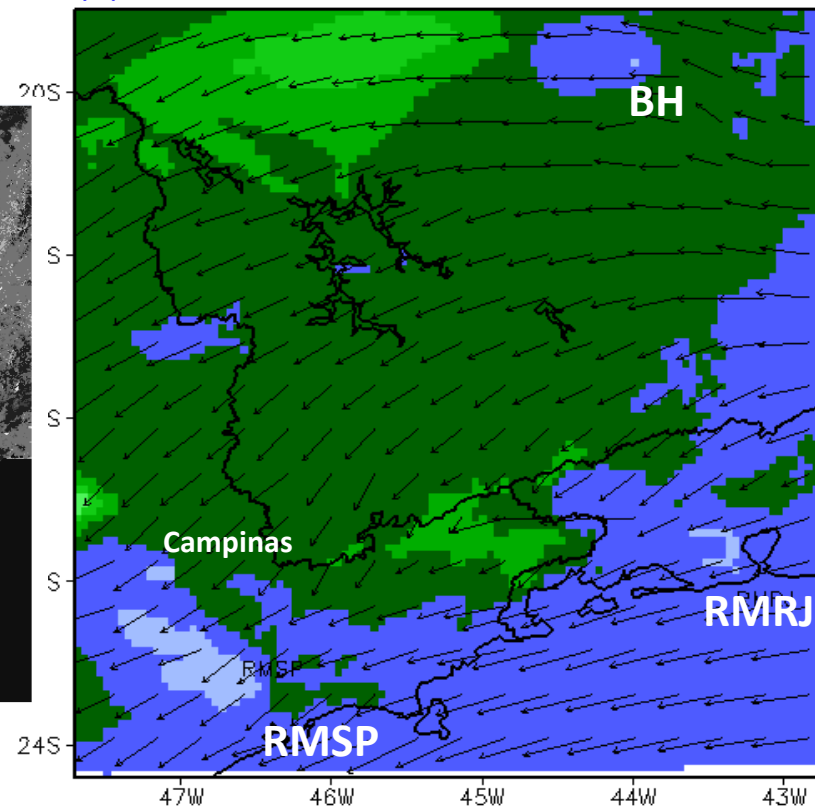
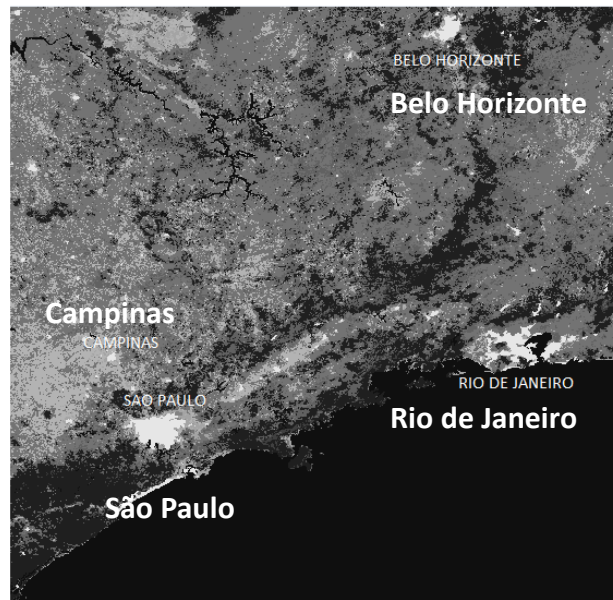
Old biomass burning pollution plumes

new fresh plumes injected by pyrocumulus

# High resolution air quality forecast for the main metropolitan areas of Brazil

## Near surface Ozone (ppbv)

dia:30 hora:01Z



September-2005

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# Biomass Burning Smoke and the main urban areas of Amazonia and Central part of Brazil 17-18/08/2010



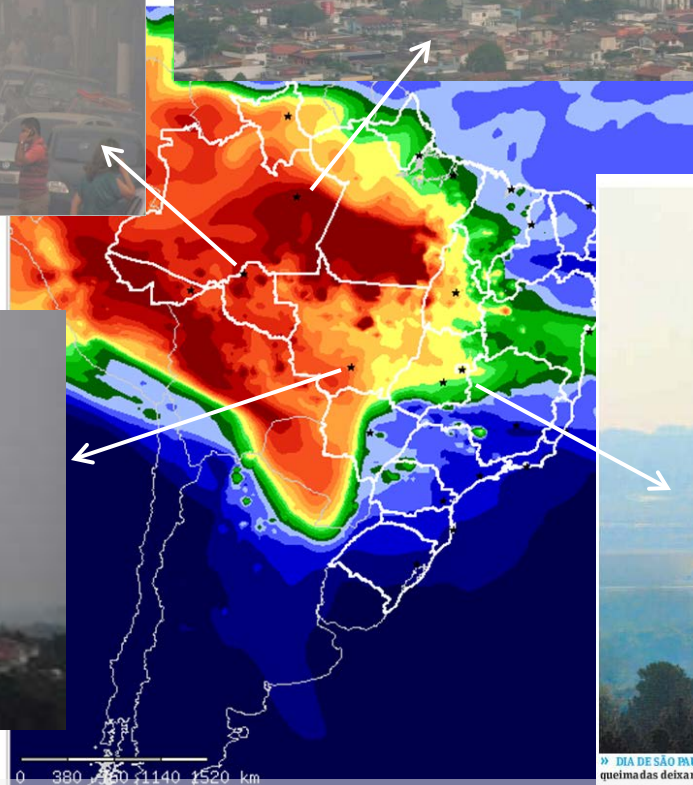
Porto Velho 18/08



Manaus 17/08



Cuiabá 17/08



Brasília 17/08

» DIA DE SÃO PAULO Névoa seca encobre o horizonte usualmente limpo de Brasília; queimadas deixaram nível de poluição na cidade similar ao da capital paulista Pág. 04

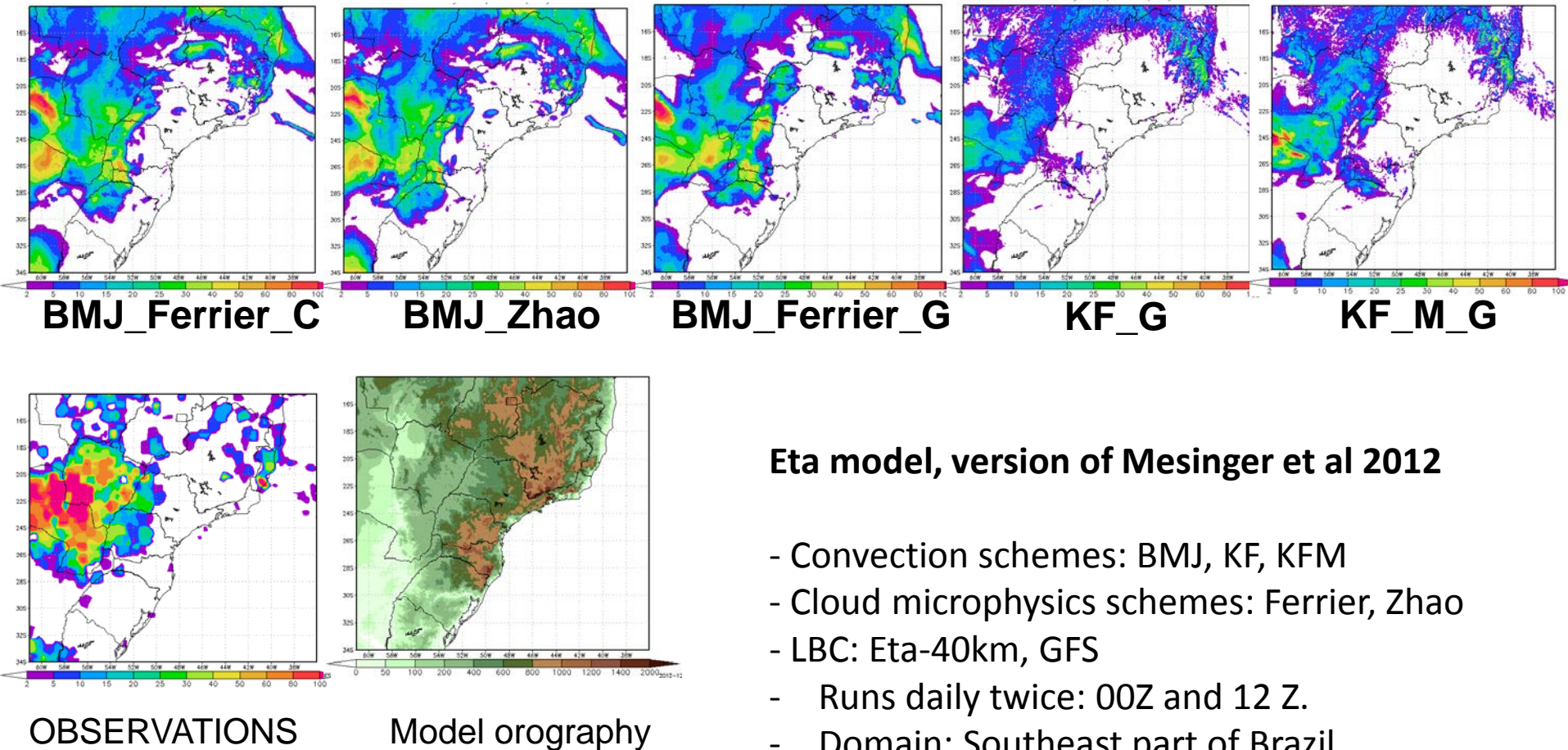
CATT-BRAMS PM2.5 surface concentration  
Forecast for 18UTC 17/08/2010 – Initialized on 00UTC 16/08/2010



# Mesoscale Eta/INPE model

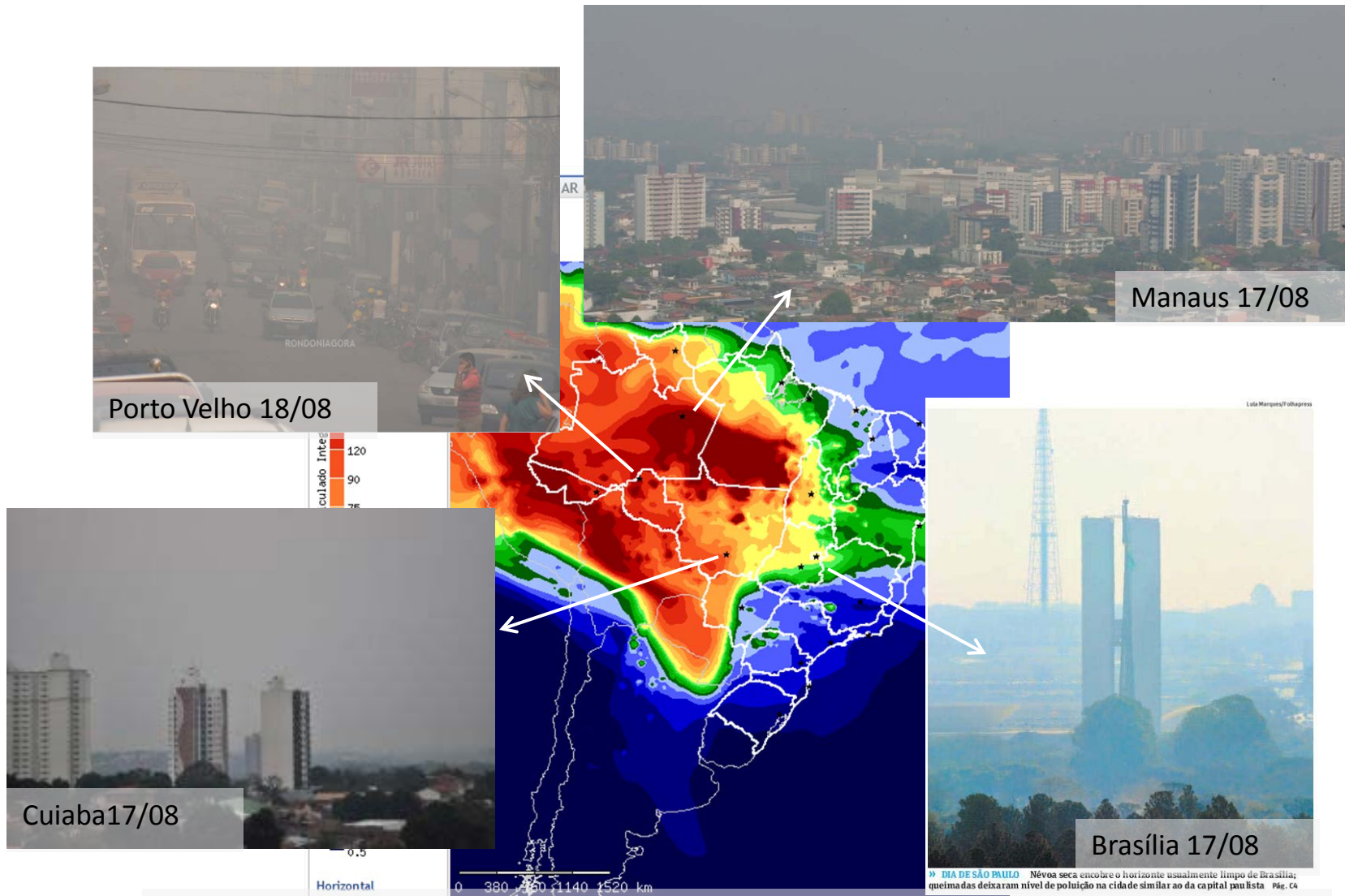
## High-resolution (5 km) physics ensemble

5 members by combination of 3 convection and 2 cloud microphysics schemes





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## Global scale atmospheric modeling

### IMPROVEMENTS on CPTEC AGCM

A new version of the CPTEC AGCM has been developed recently:

- transport using a semi-Lagrangian scheme
- new physical parameterizations:
  - double-moment microphysics,
  - cumulus parameterization with six mass flux closures,
  - IBIS surface scheme, including dynamic vegetation,
  - non-local PBL,
  - RRTMG radiation,
  - gravity-wave with low level blocking.
- Evaluation of the new version in weather and long term time-scale are in progress.

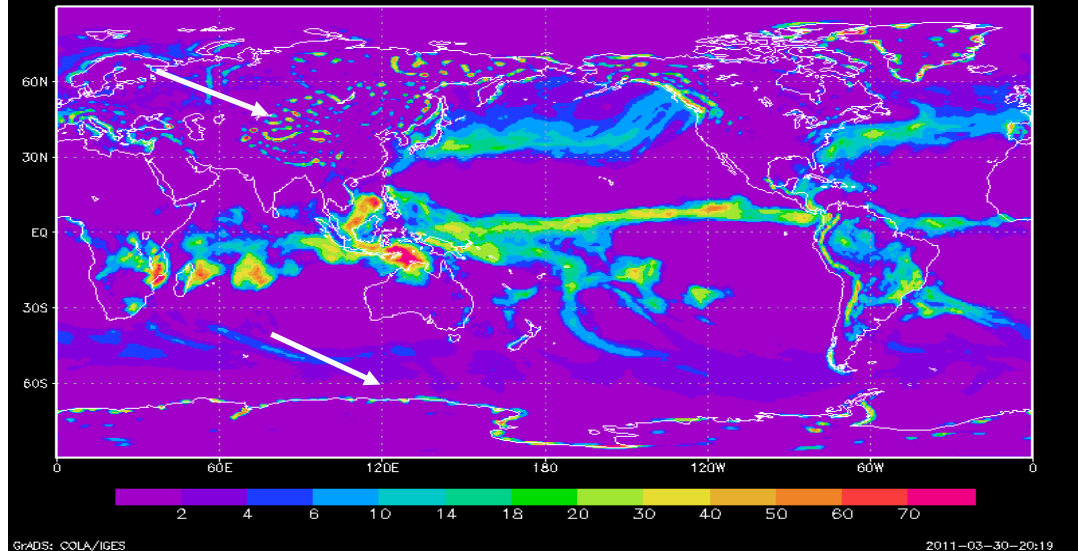
## OLD DYNAMIC CORE CPTEC AGCM

The previous dynamics core is a Eulerian spectral model in a Divergence-Vorticity formulation.

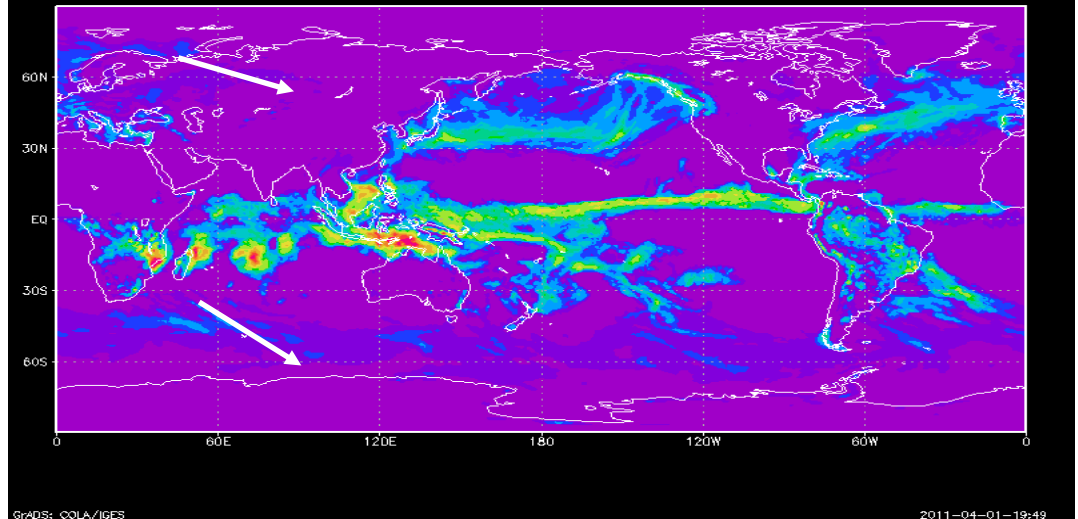
## NEW DYNAMIC CORE CPTEC AGCM (2014)

The new dynamics core contains a spectral U-V formulation with a semi-implicit scheme with options for semi-Lagrangian or Eulerian integrations, and a semi-Lagrangian monotonic scheme for the transport of moisture and tracers (details in Figueroa et al. 2015)

### OLD AGCM



### NEW AGCM

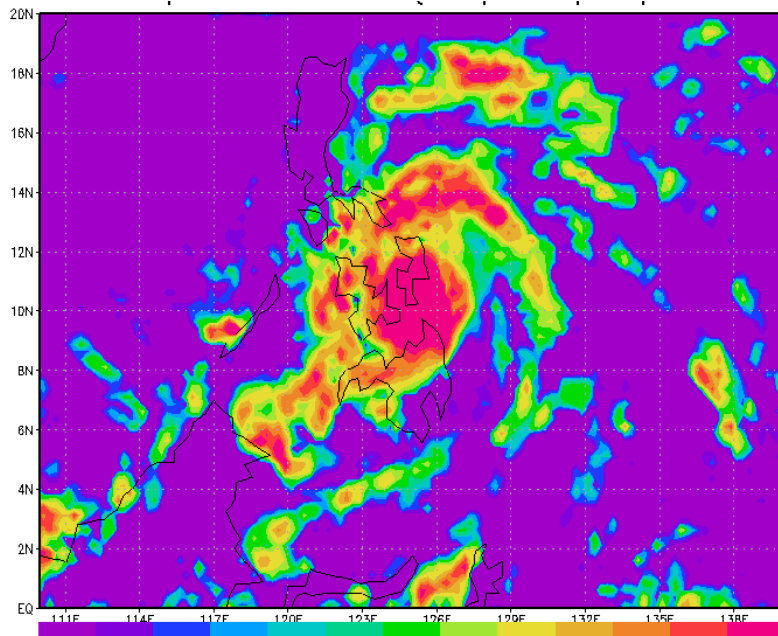


# Super Typhoon Haiyan (Philippines) 24 h FCST\* by the new CPTEC –AGCM (20 km and 64 vertical levels).

Dynamics: Semi-Lagrangian transport scheme, 400s timestep.

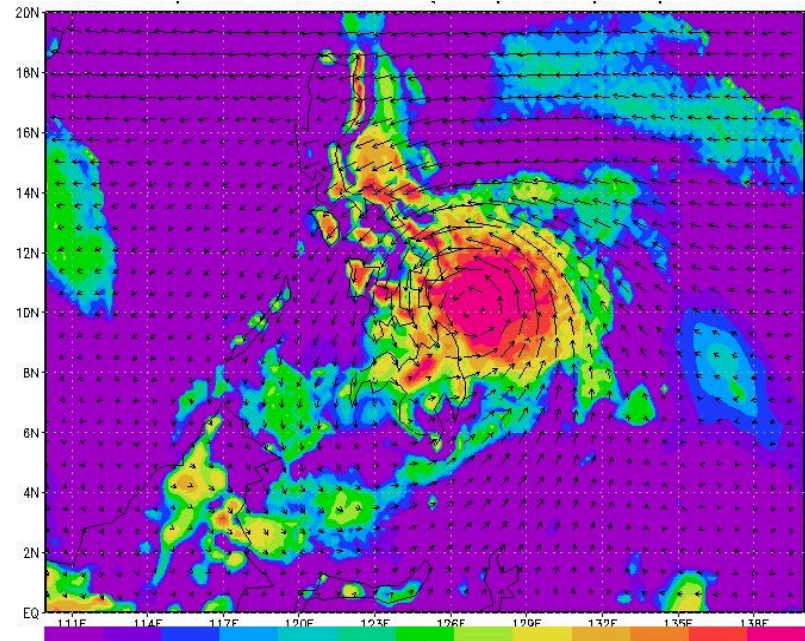
Physics: land surface scheme the Integrated Biosphere Simulator (IBIS), non-local Mellor-Yamada diffusion scheme, new orography gravity-wave scheme with low-level blocking, Morrison double moment microphysics scheme, RRTMG short and long-wave radiation scheme.

24-h Accumulated Precip (TRMM, mm)



GRADS: COLA/IGES 2013-11-26-10: GRADS: COLA/IGES

24-h Accumulated Precip (AGCM/CPTEC, mm)



GRADS: COLA/IGES 2013-11-08-03:02

\* Not in real time

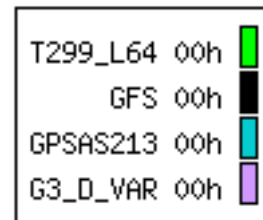


# Current Status of Data Assimilation at CPTEC/INPE

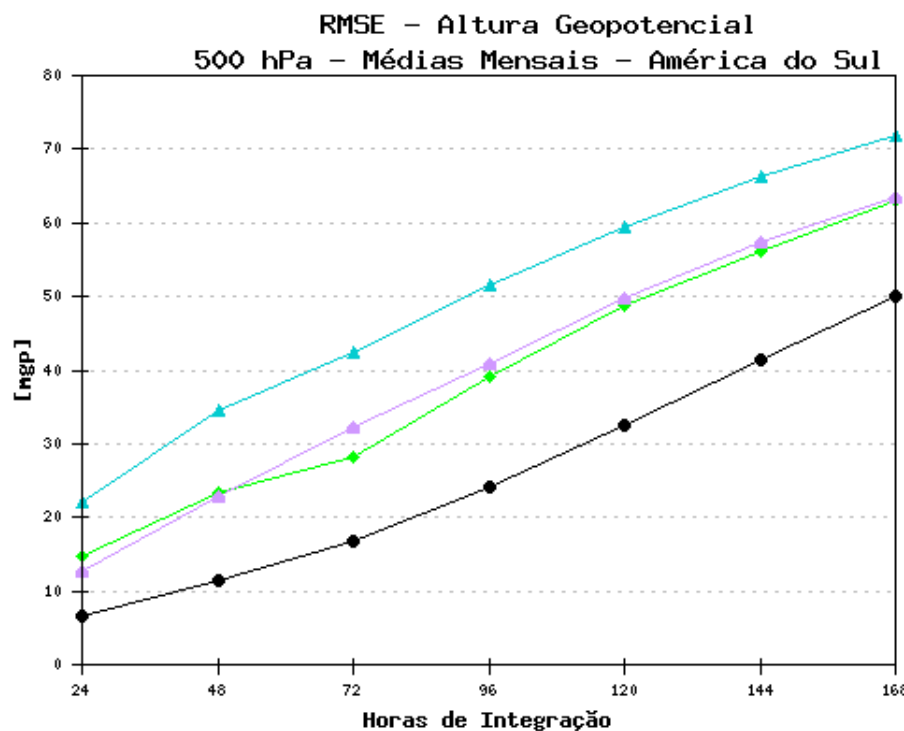
## Data Assimilation Systems:

- **PSAS** – *Physical-space Statistical Assimilation System* (Variacional 3D, Observer  $\sim 10^4$ , Global/Regional) **FORMER OPERATIONAL (discontinued on Jan/2013)**
- **GSI** – *Gridpoint Statistical Interpolation* (Variacional 3D/4D, Observer  $\sim 10^5$ , Global) : **OPERATIONAL since 2013 (T299)**.
- **LETKF** – *Local Ensemble Transform Kalman Filter* (Sequential, Observer  $\sim 10^5$ , Global) **RESEARCH MODE (since 2008)**

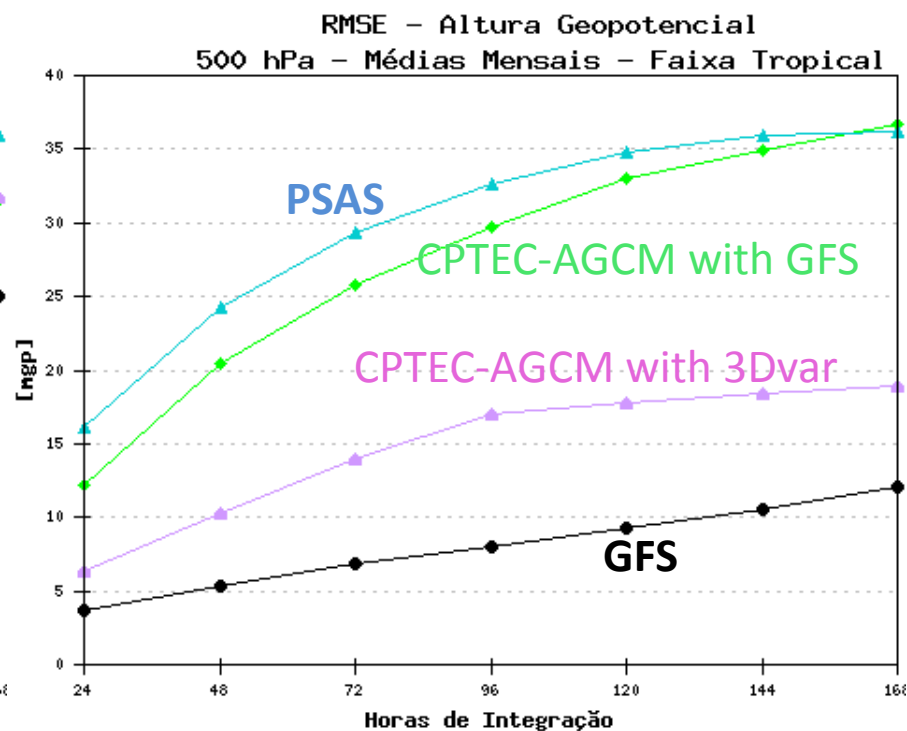
# Performance of GSI - 3dVAR versus PSAS RMSE of Geopotential Height at 500 hPa



South America



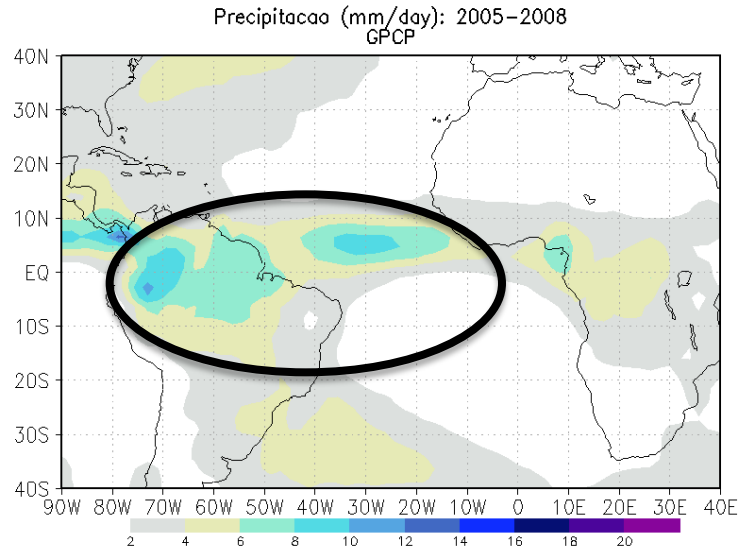
Tropical Area (30S-30N)



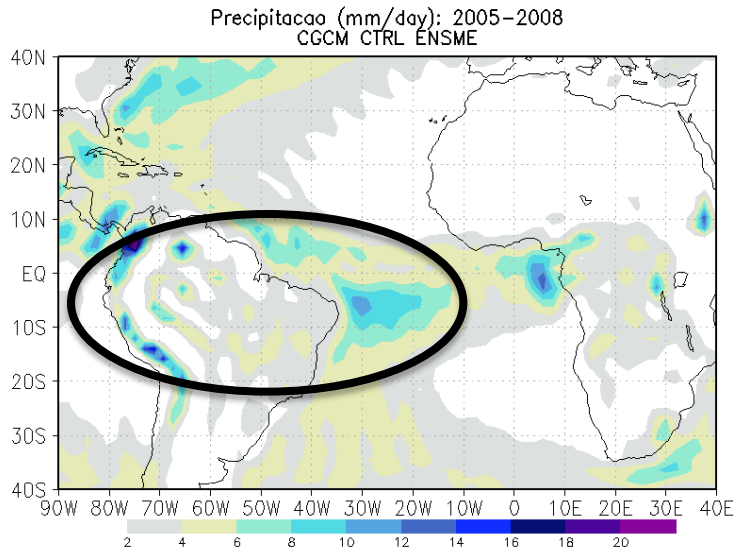
# Brazilian Earth System Model (BESM) Ocean-Atmosphere Recent Developments

# BESM Rainfall over the Amazon

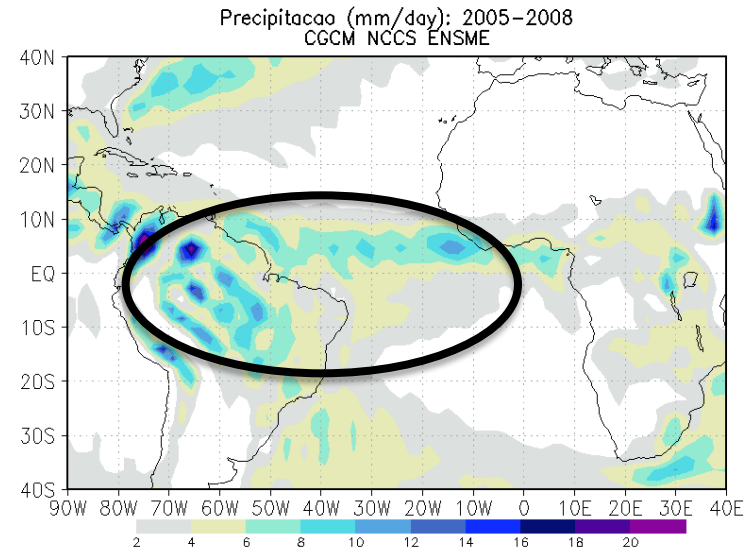
## GPCP



## BESM 2.3



## BESM 2.3.1

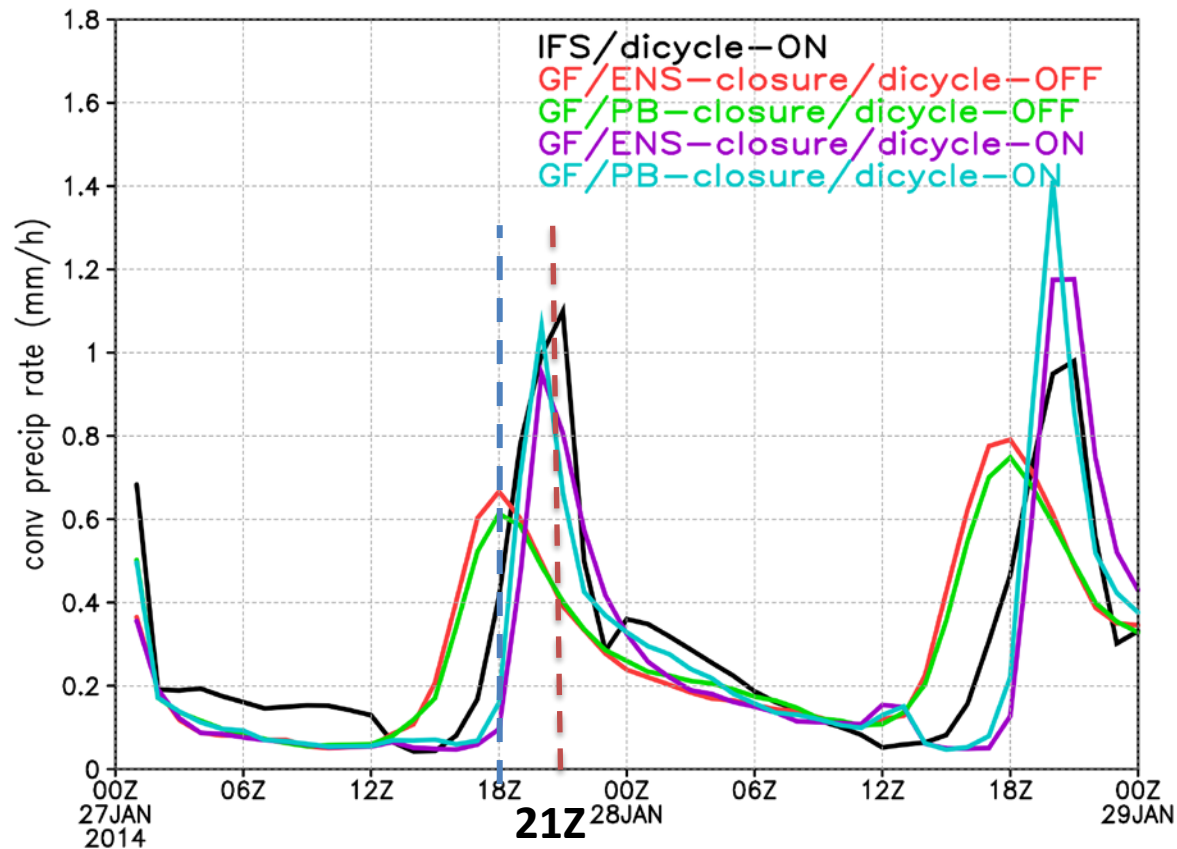




- Recent developments

Improving the simulation of the  
diurnal cycle of the convection  
over the Amazonia with  
GF convective parameterization

# Conv prec rate (mm/h) (area average over Amazonia domain)

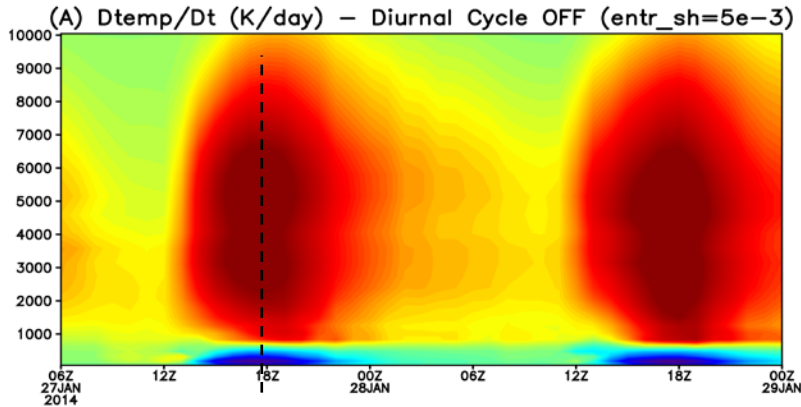


Representing Equilibrium and Nonequilibrium Convection in Large-Scale Models  
Bechtold et al., 2014 JAS.

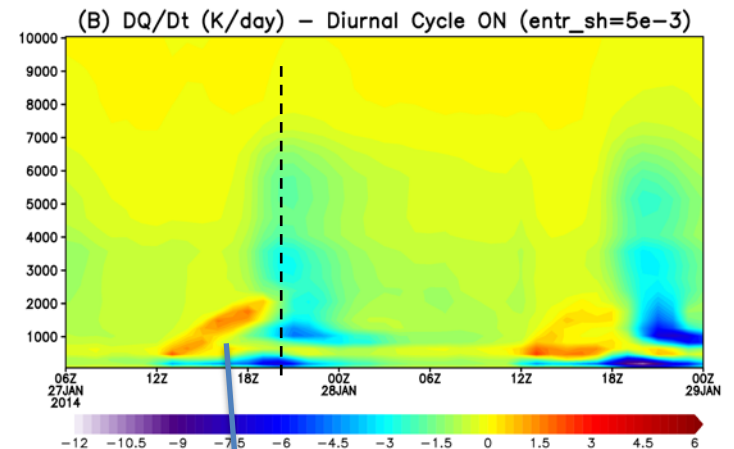
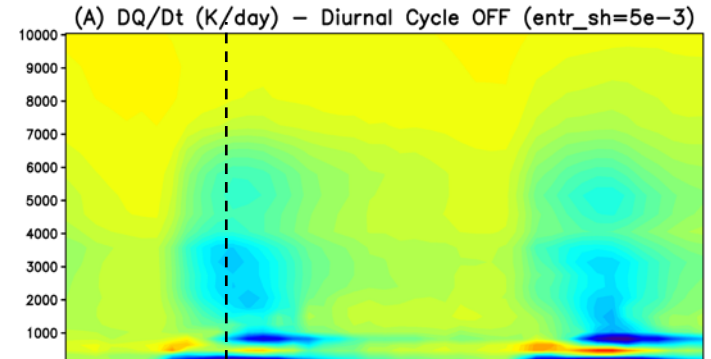
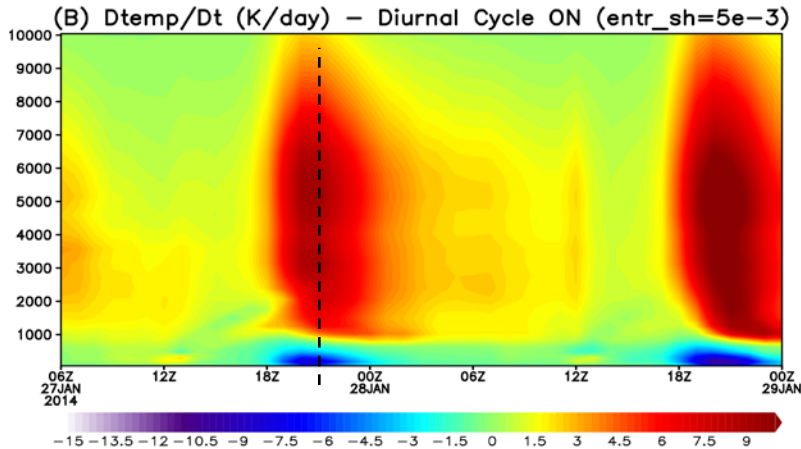
Temperatura Tendency (K/day)

Water vapor Tendency (K/day)

No diurnal  
cycle  
closure



diurnal  
cycle  
closure



Transition from shallow to deep convection



**Thanks for your attention !**

**Questions ?**

# Some conclusions

## CPTEC recent activities:

- 1 year of a NWP using BRAMS on 5 km resolution covering the entire South America has been completed. Rainfall and several meteo fields forecast presented large improvements.
- BRAMS also has been also integrated with JULES surface scheme.
- On a global scale, preliminary results using an new set of physical parameterizations indicated better scores. More robust evaluation will appear soon.
- The GSI 3d-VAR data assimilation approach has been adopted by CPTEC and this system was applied to the AGCM. The new analysis presents large improvement in comparison with the PSAS system. This year, the same methodology will be applied for regional weather forecasting with BRAMS.
- Global scale ensemble forecast has been improved with new methodology for the application of random perturbations developed at CPTEC and it is operational since 2013.
- Brazilian E. System Model is also under development showing improvements.
- Developments on a regional scale with new time-stepping scheme and aerosol/scale aware cumulus scheme are being made.

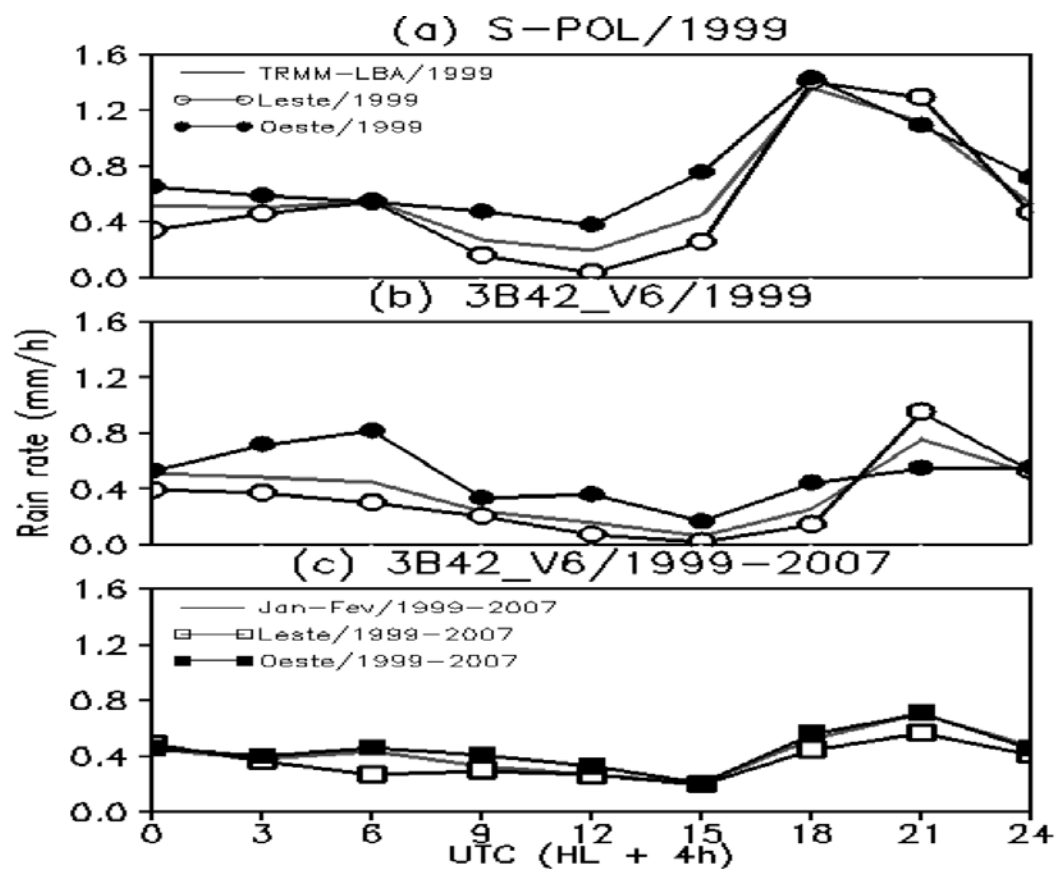


Figura 6.6 – Ciclo diurno: (a) a partir da precipitação do radar S-POL durante o experimento TRMM-LBA dividido em regime de Leste e de Oeste; (b) idêntico a (a), mas para o algoritmo 3B42\_V6; (c) idêntico a (b), mas para os anos de 1999 a 2007.



# Outline

- Report developments/status on:
  - Regional Atmospheric and Environmental Modeling
  - Global Atmospheric Modeling
  - Data Assimilation, Ensemble Prediction
  - Development of an Earth System Model
- Going-on developments and research

