

Update on the NOAA FV3GFS-Chem Global Aerosol Model

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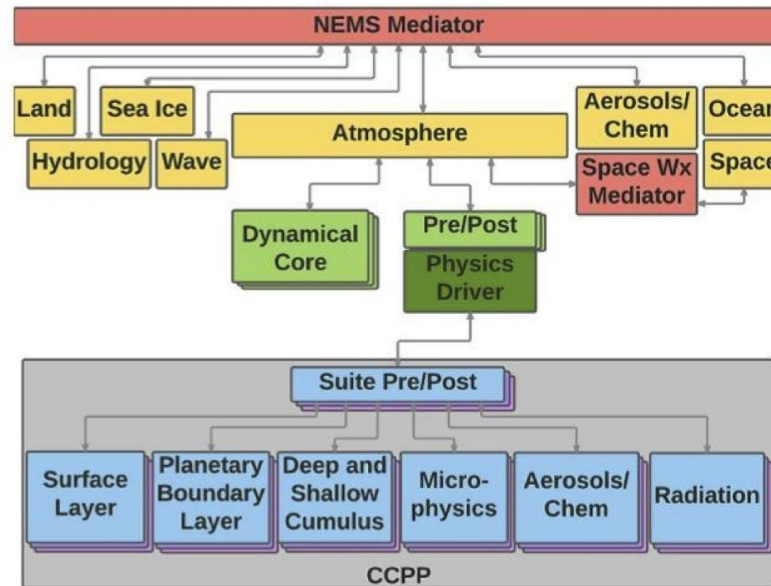


Unified Forecast System for Operational Earth System Prediction (2018)



ESMF/NUOPC/NEMS architecture enables unified global and regional coupled modeling and DA

Consistent with broader community (CESM) and US National ESPC



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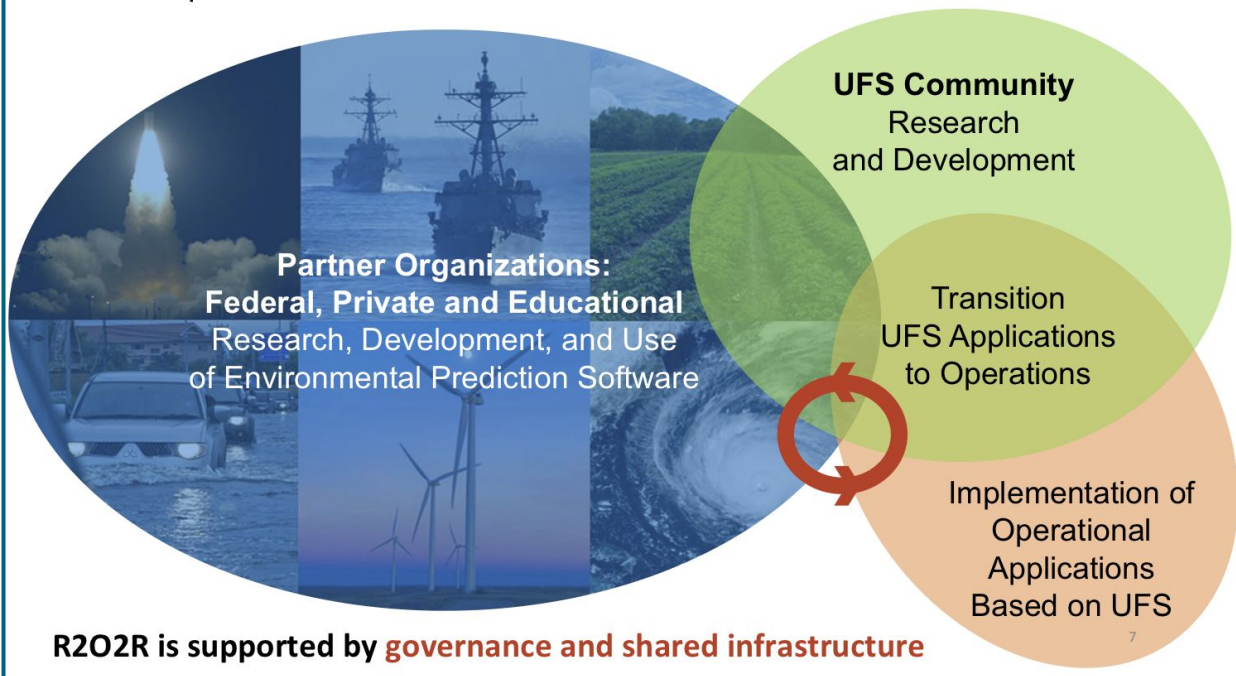
GEFS-Aerosols (FV3GFS-Chem) slated to replace NGAC as a control member of the Global Ensemble Forecast System (GEFS) v12 in late summer 2020





Community-Based Development

The Unified Forecast System (UFS) is a comprehensive, **community-based** Earth modeling system, designed as both a research tool and as the basis for NOAA's operational forecasts.

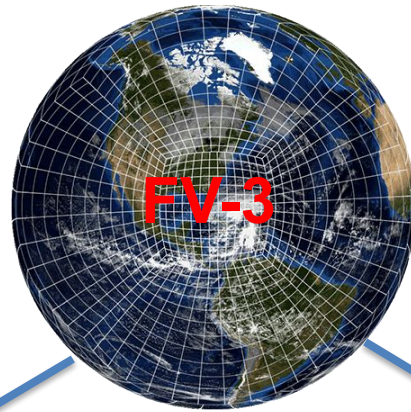


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Earth Prediction Innovation Center (EPIC) Community Workshop Aug 6-8 in Boulder



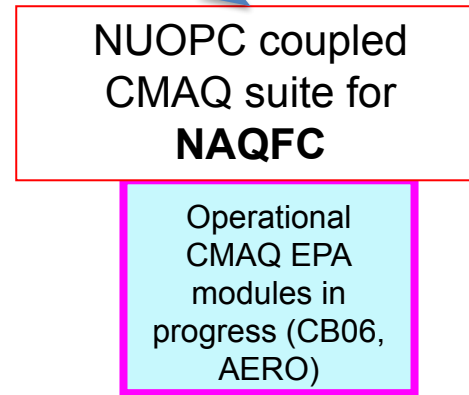
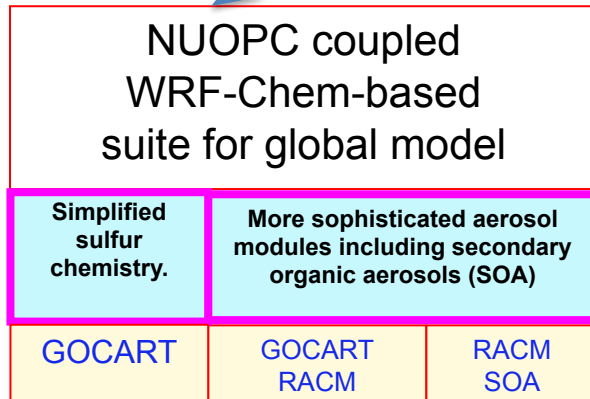
GFS
physics,
including
sub-grid
scale tracer
transport



Other more
advanced physics
options are available
through Common
Community Physics
Package (CCPP)

GEFS-Aerosols
initially only
GOCART

Coupled chemistry suites

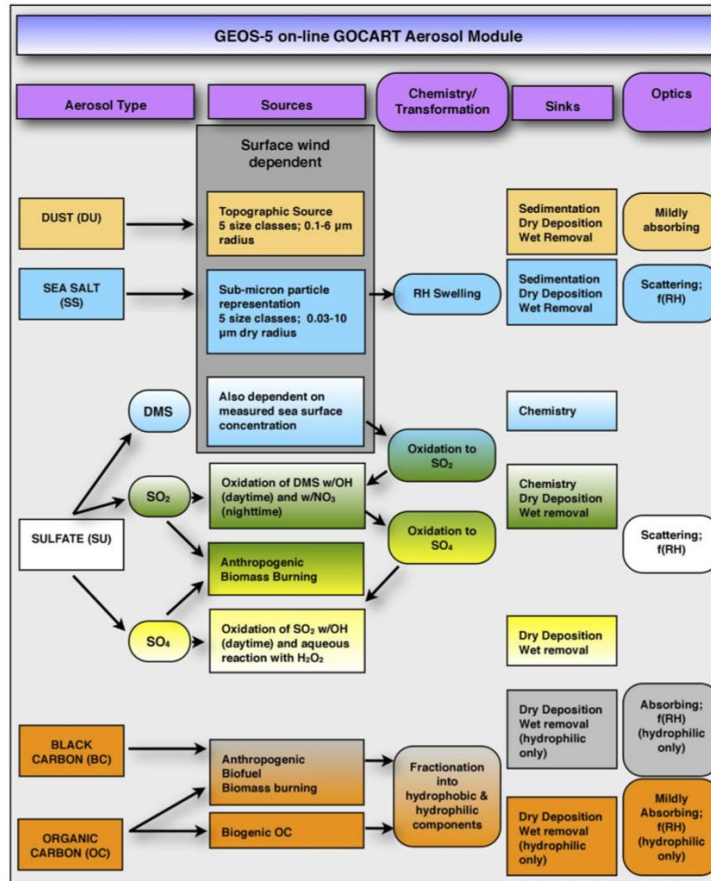


GOCART Module

In-line chemistry advantage

- **Consistency:** no spatial-temporal interpolation, same physics parameterization
- **Efficiency:** lower overall CPU costs and easier data management
- **Interaction:** Allows for feedback to meteorology

GOCART diagram provided by Peter Colarco (GSFC)



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Configuration for GEFS-Aerosols in GEFS v12

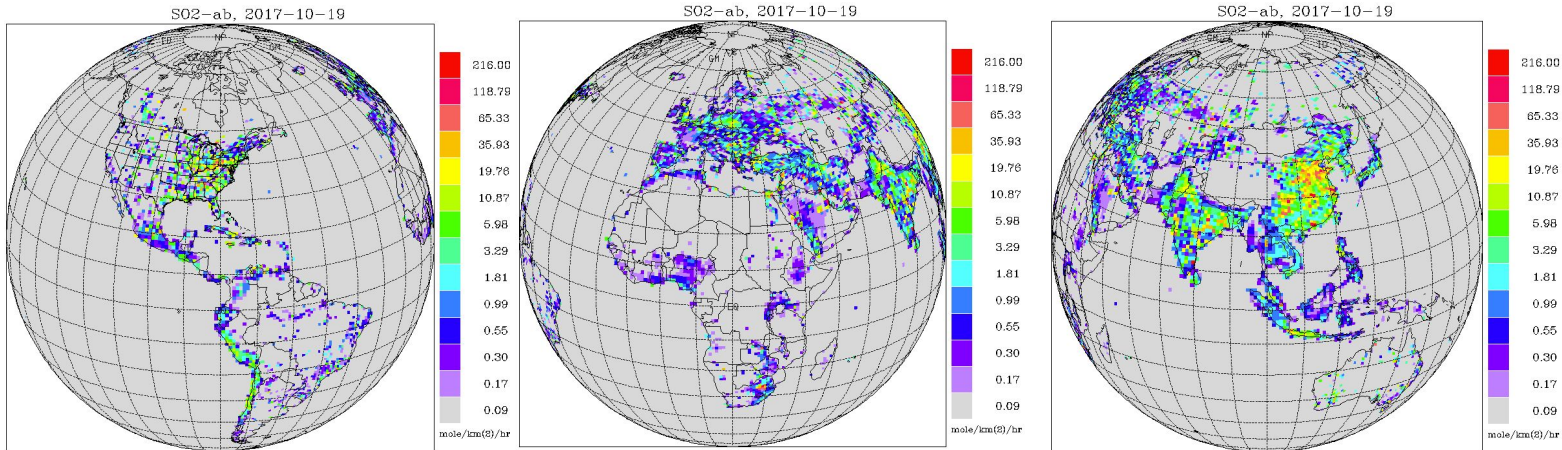
- **Resolution:** C384, L64 to 120 hrs 4x/day
- **Transport:**
 - Grid-scale transport provided by FV3
 - Sub-grid transport by PBL and convection in chemistry component or GFS physics
- **Deposition:**
 - Wet deposition (for aerosols and sulfate) and dry deposition (all species)
- **Anthropogenic Emissions:** CEDS-2014 (SO₂, PSO₄, POC, PEC)
- **Biomass burning:** NESDIS Global Biomass Burning Emission Product (GBBEPx) used for fire size and location; 1d shear-dependent cloud model used to calculate injection heights and emission rates online
- **Dust:** 2 options available; 5 size bins
 - AFWA dust scheme : Marticorena and Bergametti scheme provides bulk vertical dust flux; size distribution from Kok 2010 (PNAS)
 - FENGSHA dust scheme: scheme used in current NAQFC (Tong et al; Baker et al.)
- **Sea-salt:** NASA GEOS-5 GOCART
- **Marine Dimethyl Sulfide:** GOCART w/ monthly values as in Lana et al. (2011)
- Chemistry cycled for initial conditions
- Meteorological initial conditions from FV3GFS analysis



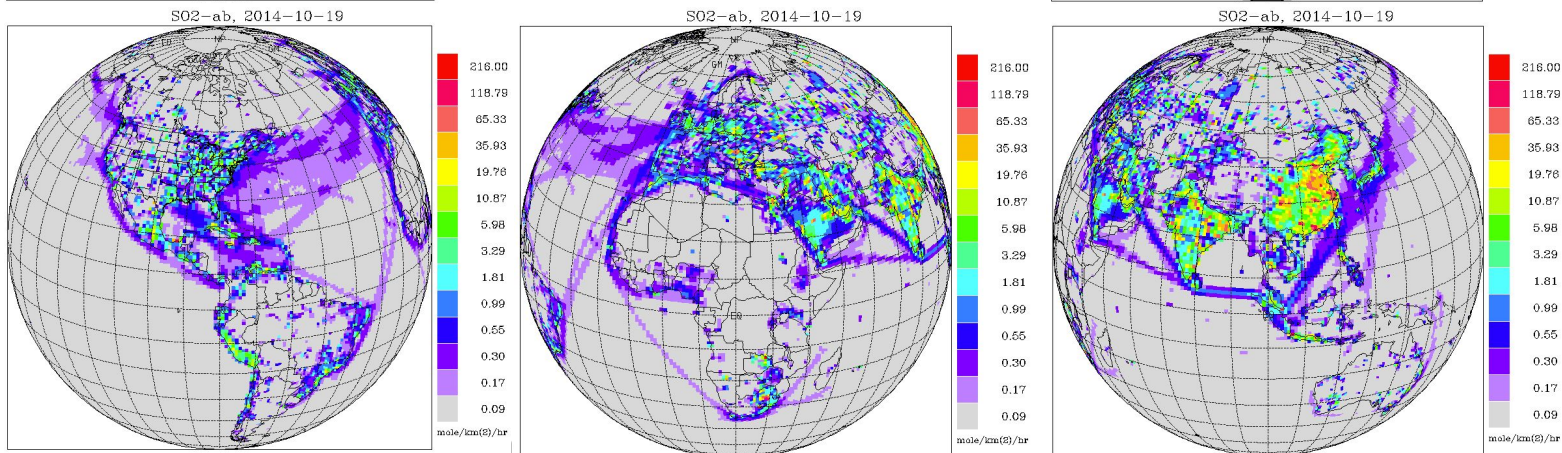
Emissions Upgraded to CEDS-2014 (CEDS-2016 as soon as available)

Anthropogenic SO₂ Emissions on FV3 grid (C96)

HTAP-2010

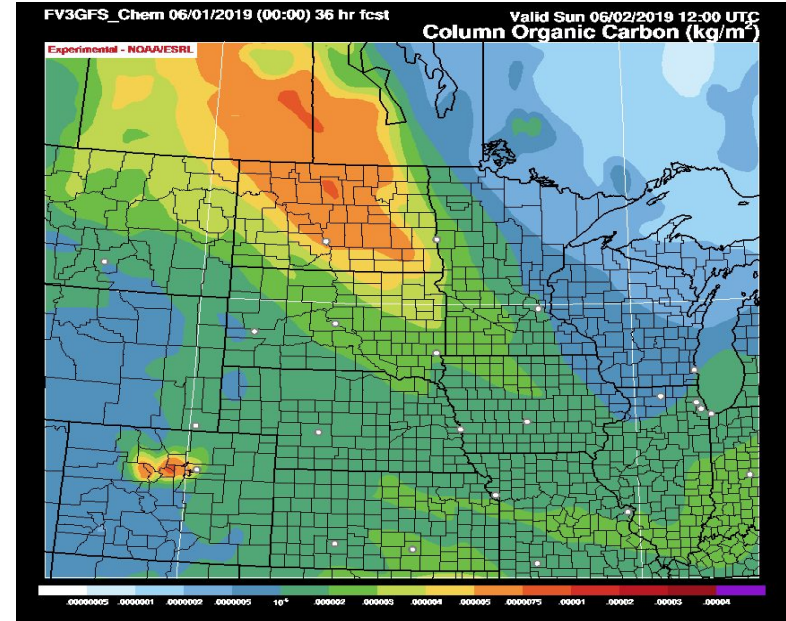
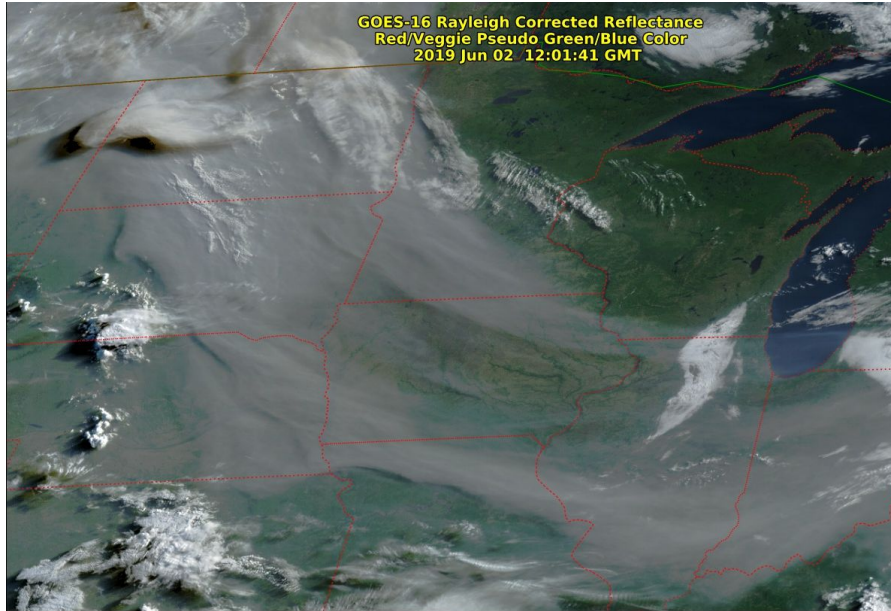


CEDS-2014



Real-Time Forecasts of North American Wildfires: Prelude to FIREX-AQ

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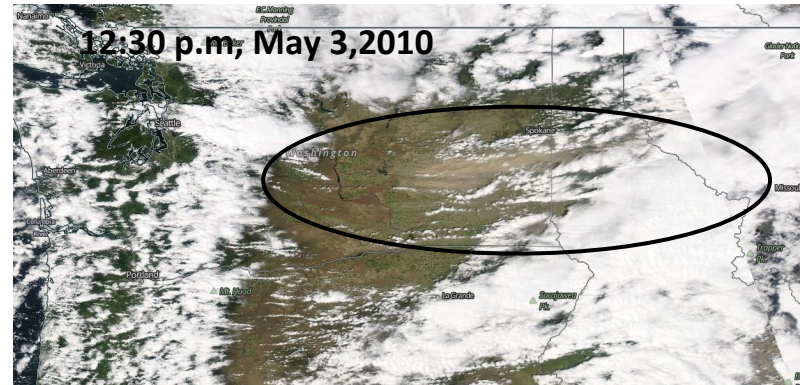
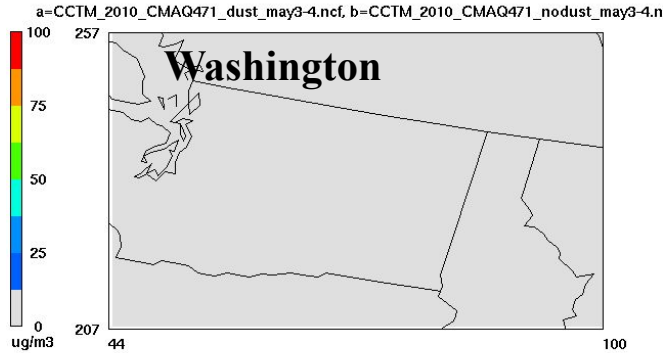


- Transport of Northern Alberta smoke reproduced well.
- 5 to 7.5 mg/m² column Organic Carbon over central ND.
- Compared to HRRR-Smoke: 50 to 80 mg/m² .
- Compared to RAP-Smoke: 30 to 60 mg/m² .

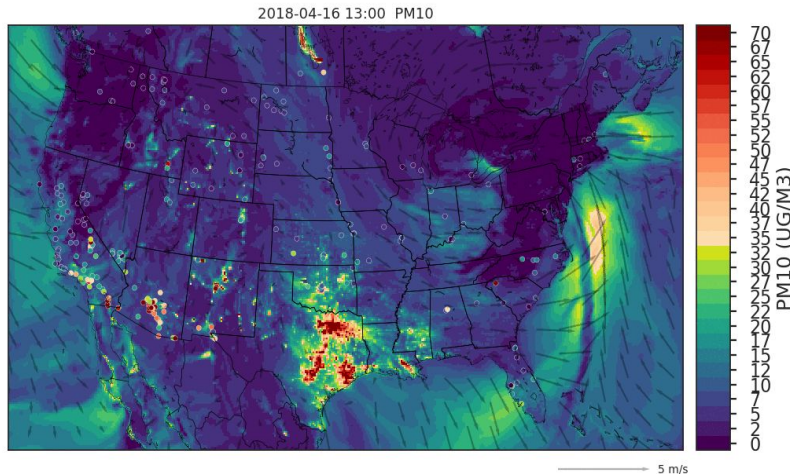
<https://fim.noaa.gov/FV3chem>

FENGSHA - National Air Quality Forecast Capability (NAQFC)

Dust PM2.5 on May 3, 2010



MODIS-AQUA True Color NASA Worldview



FENGSHA used in NAQFC to forecast dust emissions from cropland, rangeland, and deserts.

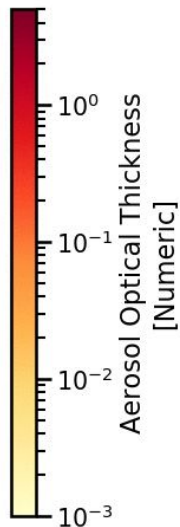
FENGSHA dust scheme (Tong et al., Baker et al. in prep.)

Vertical
Dust Flux

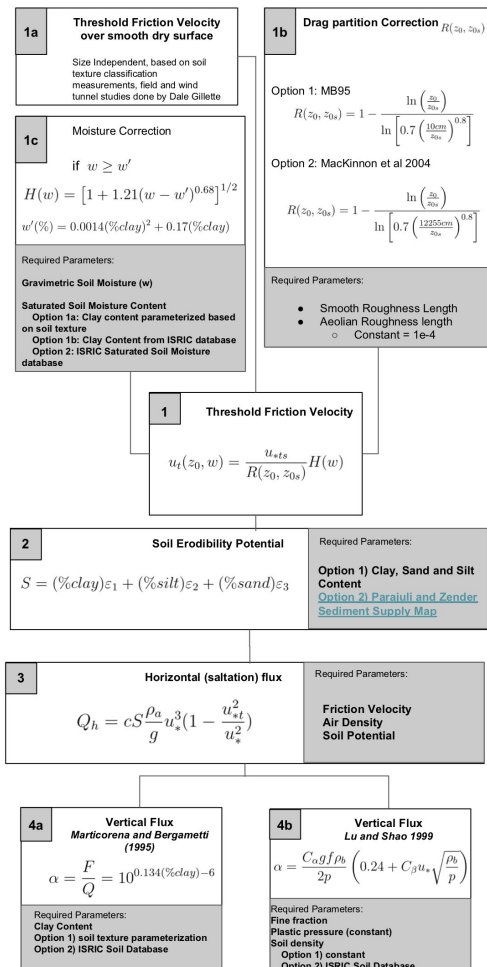
$$F = \alpha \times A \times S \times \frac{\rho}{g} u_{*T}^3 \left(1 - \left(\frac{u_{*t}}{u_{*T}} \right)^2 \right)$$

Surface Friction Velocity
Surface Threshold Velocity

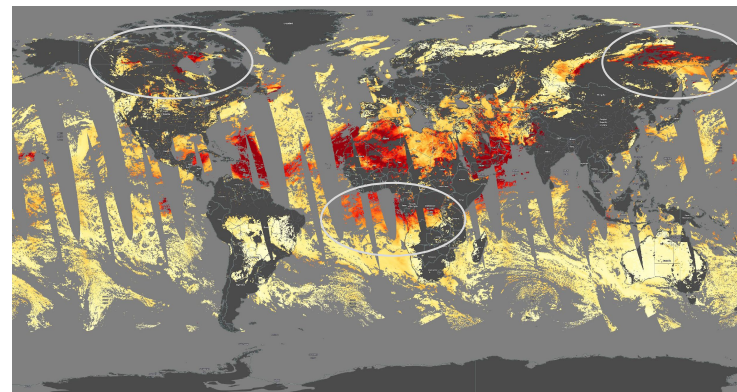
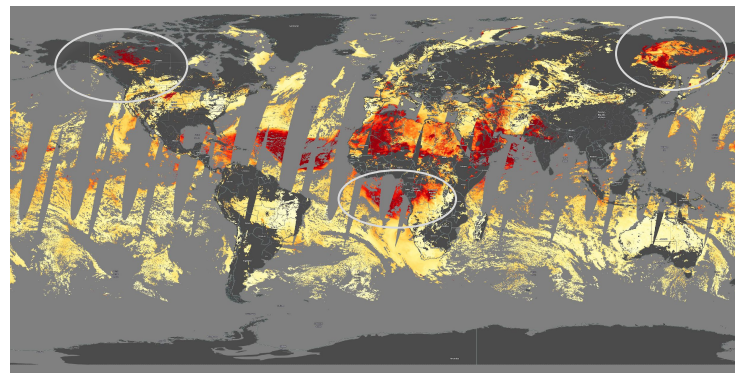
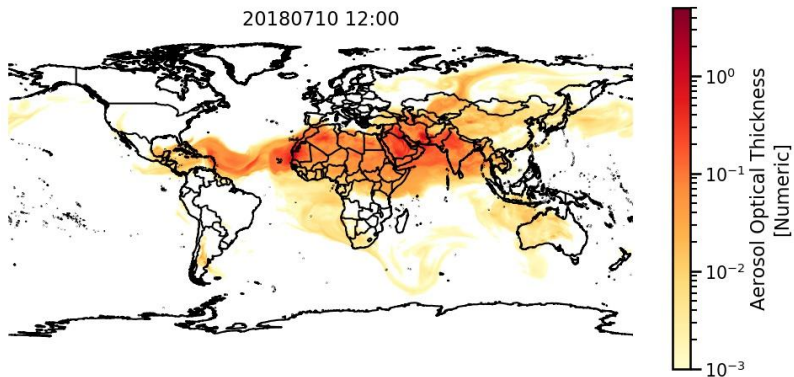
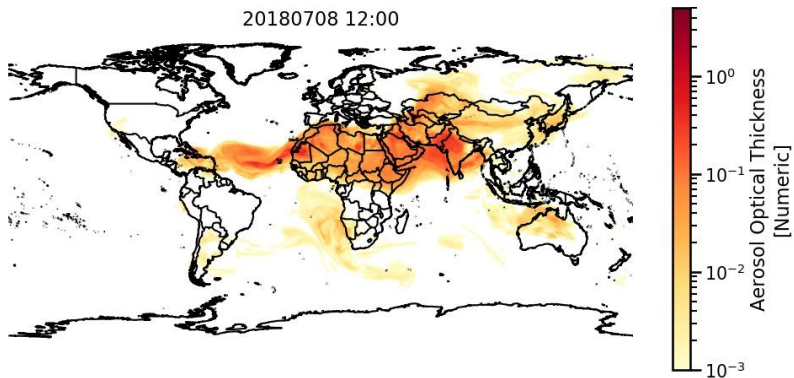
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FENGSHA Parameterization Options



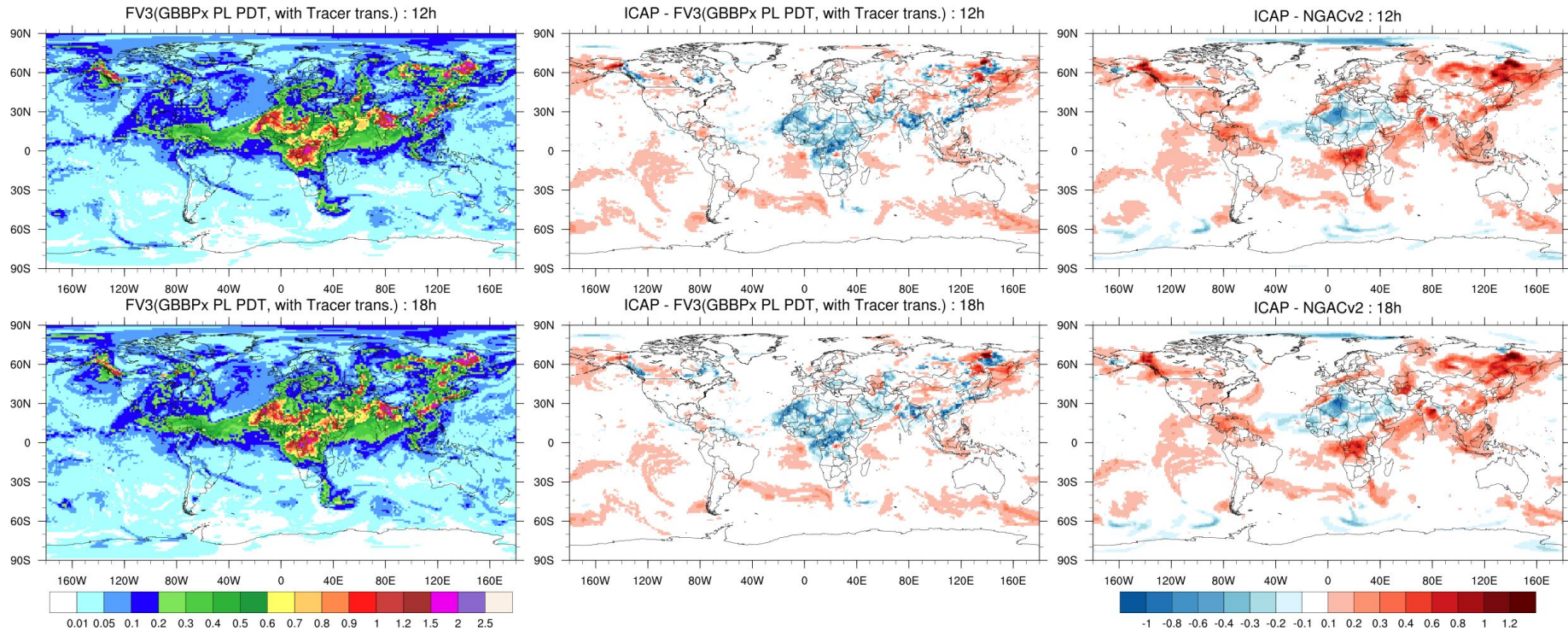
FENGSHA - FV3GFS-Chem



Likely fire locations circled



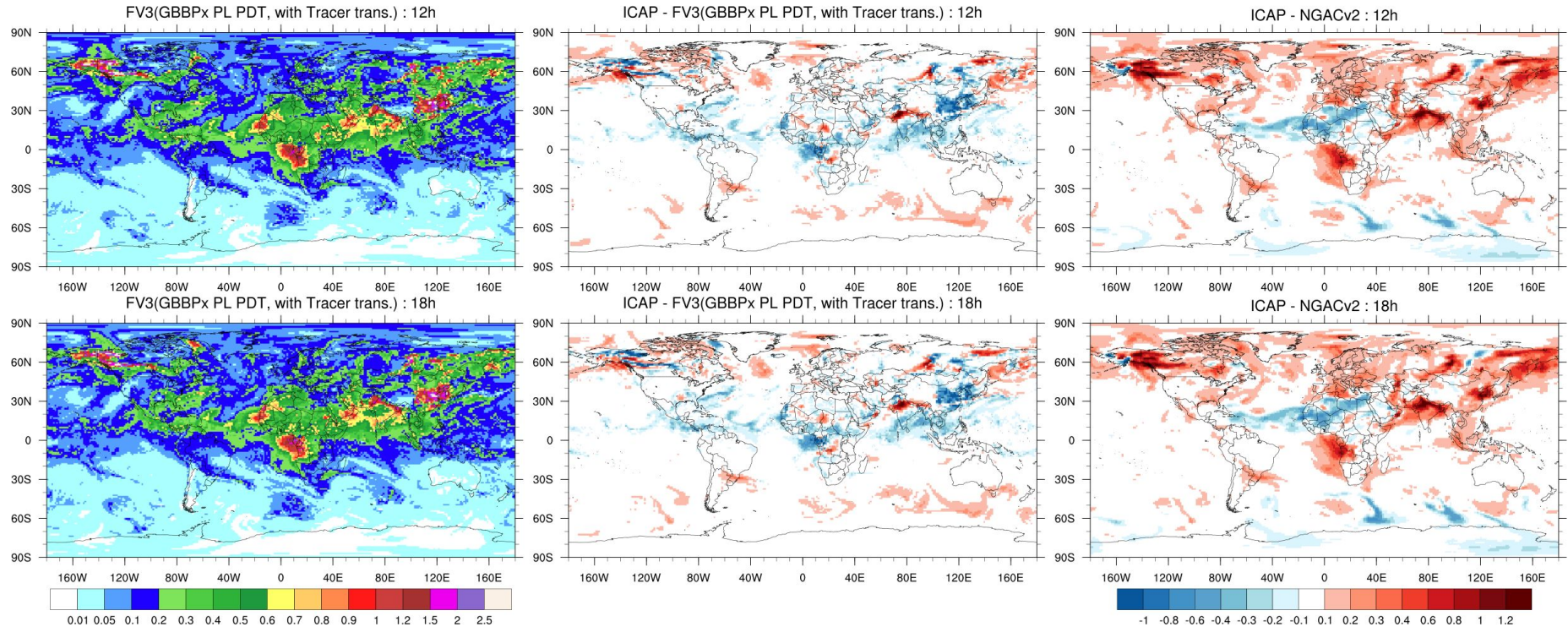
Total AOD at 550 nm - July 1, 2019



Clear improvement over NGACv2



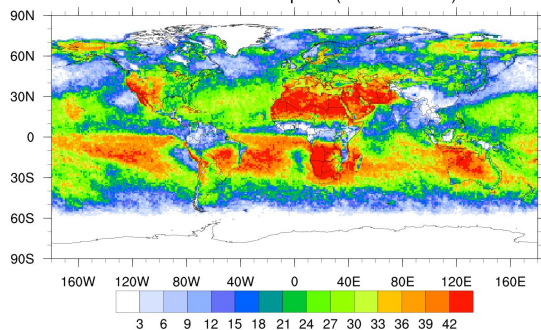
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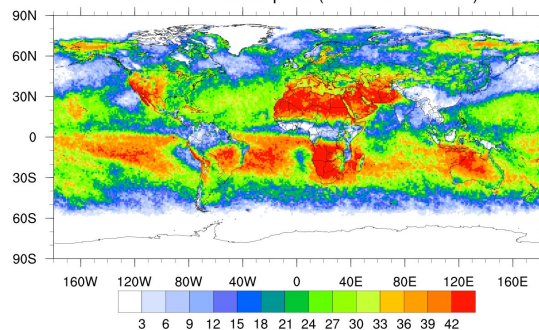
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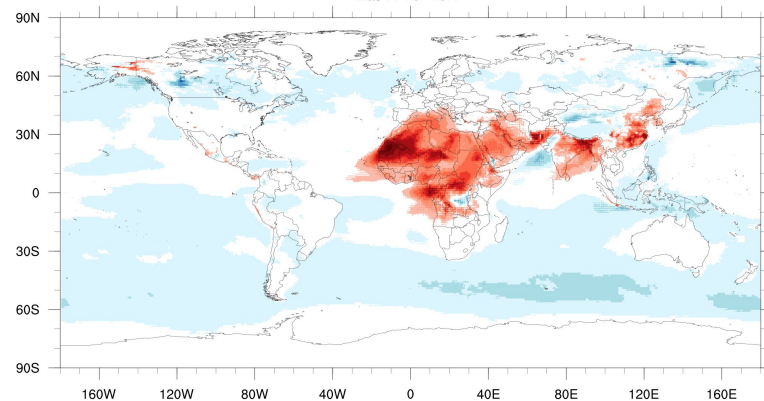
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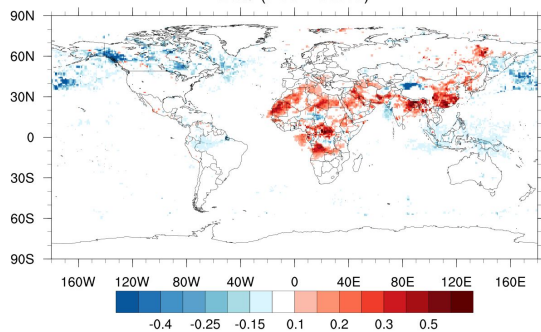
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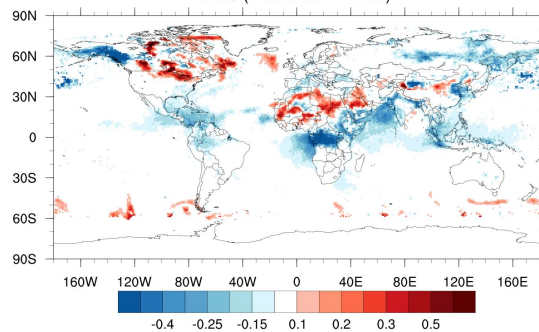
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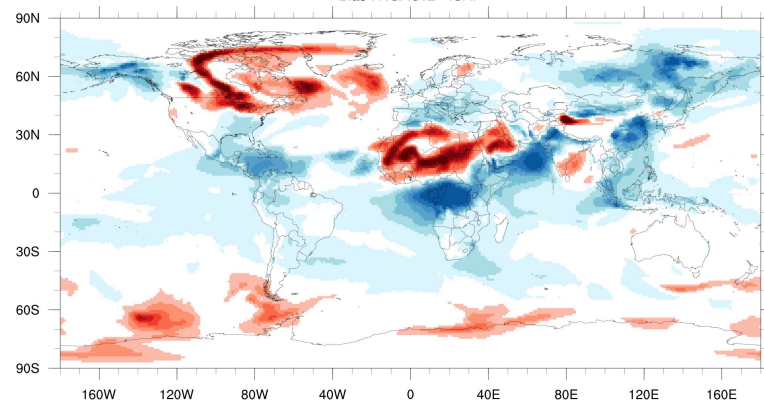
Bias (FV3 - VIIRS)



Bias (NGACv2 - VIIRS)

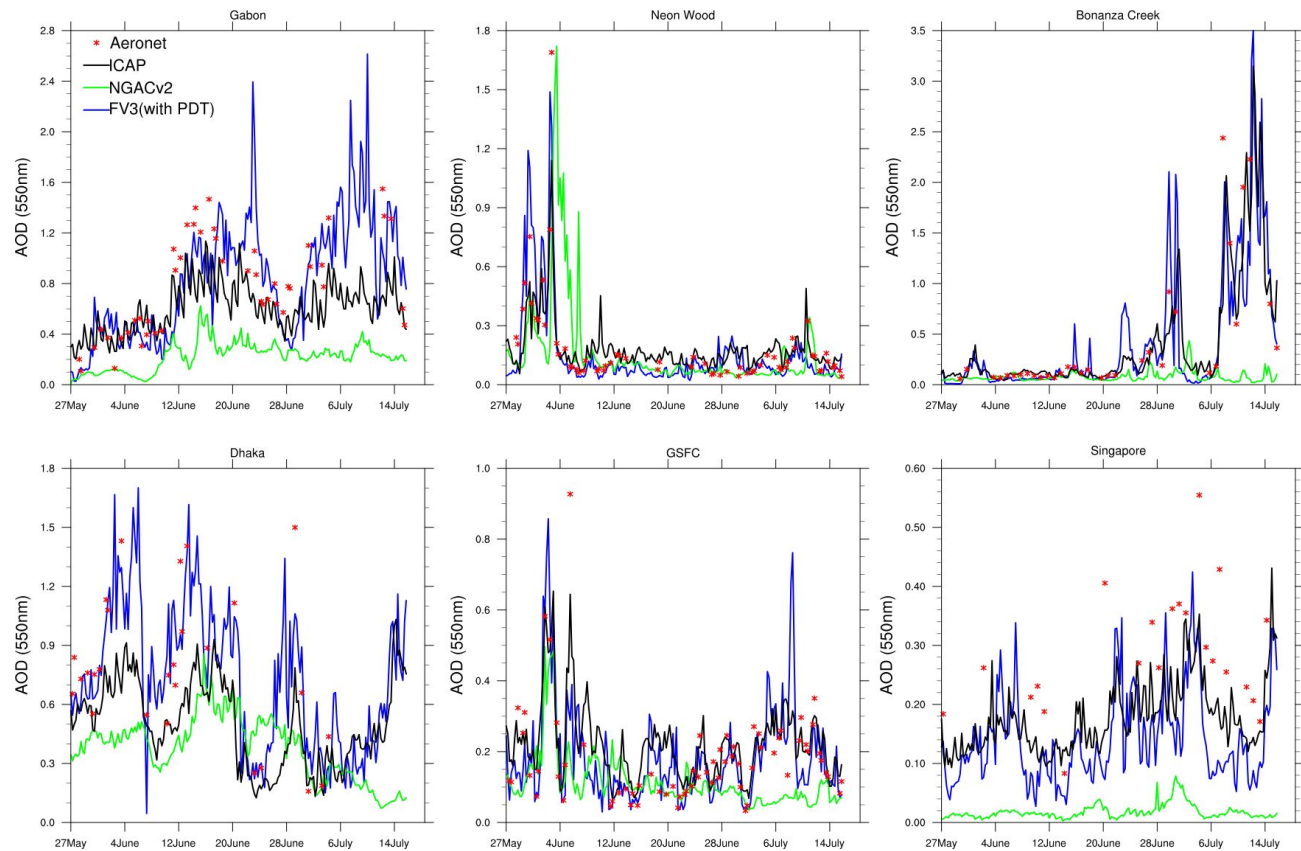


Bias : NGACv2 - ICAP



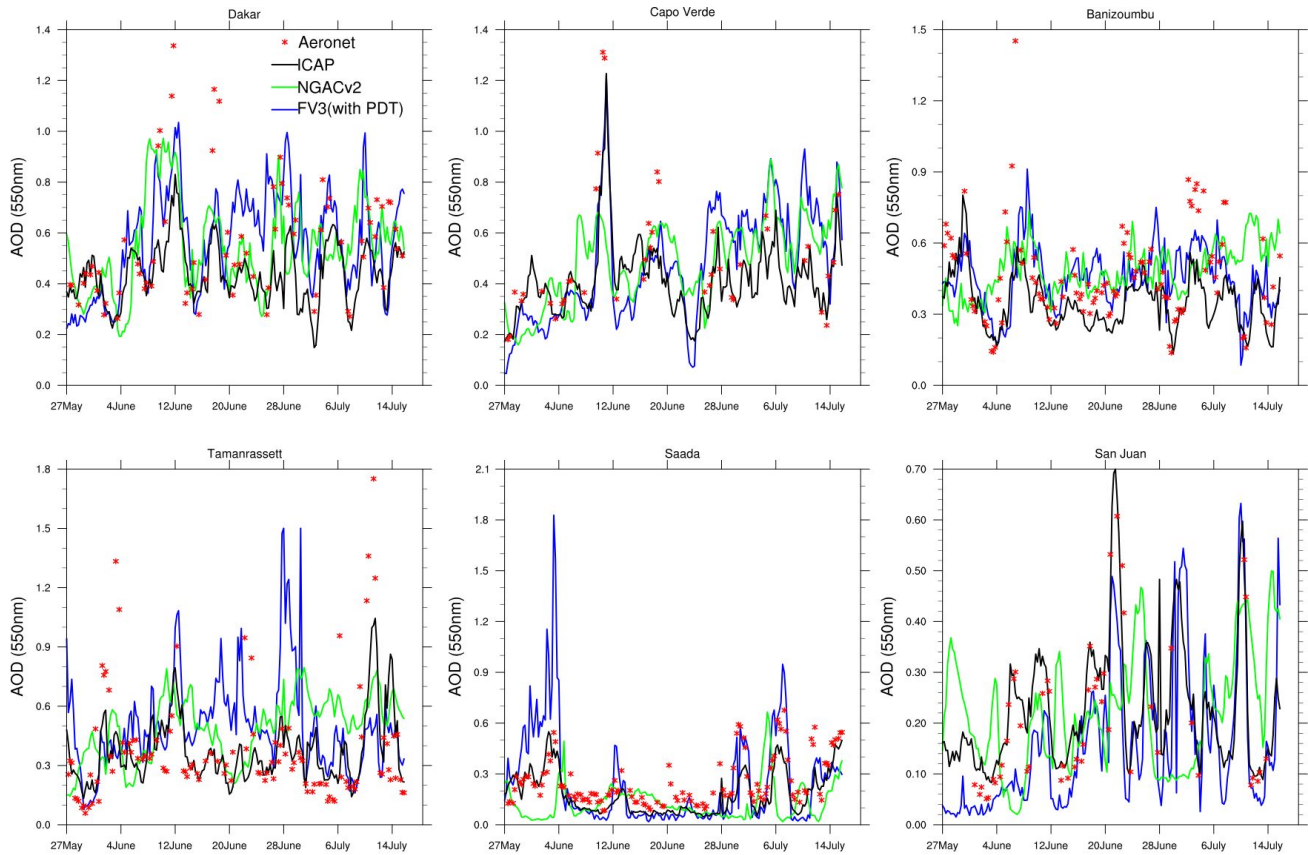
Comparison against ICAP forecasts and independent satellite (VIIRS Deep blue) indicate improvement with FV3





BB dominated AERONET locations (top row) and over urban areas w/ mixed aerosols (bottom row) illustrate improvement over NGACv2





Dust dominated AERONET locations both near source and downwind sites, FV3 matches more closely with ICAP and should improve further with FENGSHA

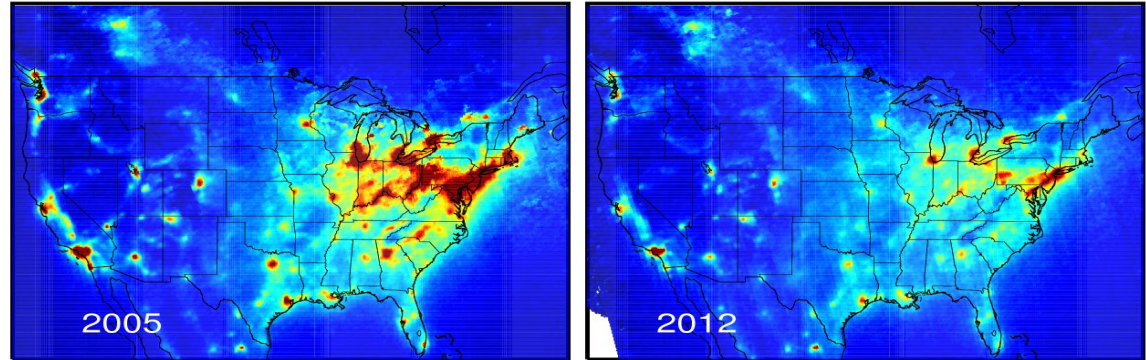


Future Developments: Emissions Data Assimilation

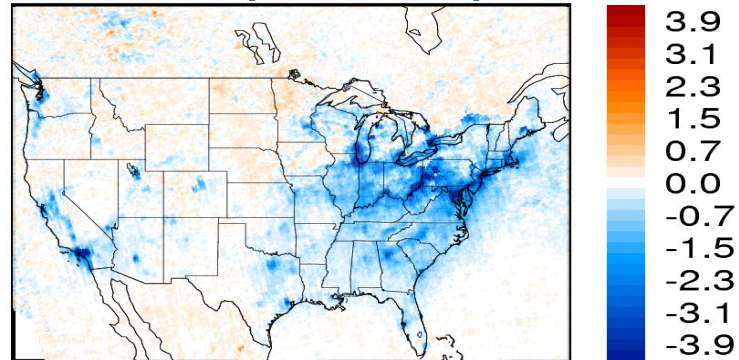
Satellite data (OMI/OMPS) used to adjust base year emissions of SO₂ to near real time.

Emissions Data Assimilation (EDA) techniques developed at NOAA Air Resources Laboratory and used in NAQFC.

Tropospheric NO₂ [10^{15} molec cm⁻²]

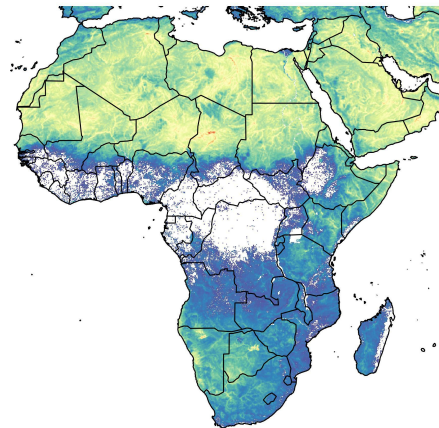
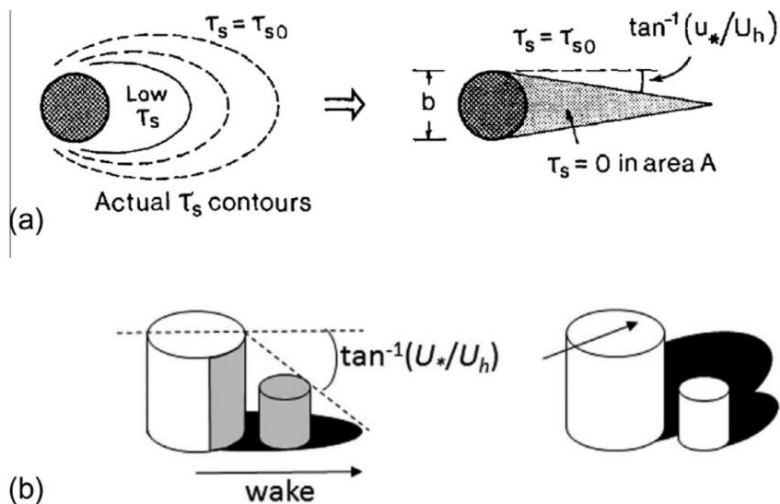


difference [10^{15} molec cm⁻²]



Future Developments: FENGSHA albedo

Use an albedo-based approximation of aerodynamic sheltering (L_w) to adjust surface roughness and dust emissions (Chappell et al., 2016).



Parajuli & Zender (2017) sediment supply map

Low contrast between high dust sources and low dust sources

Static (no seasonality)

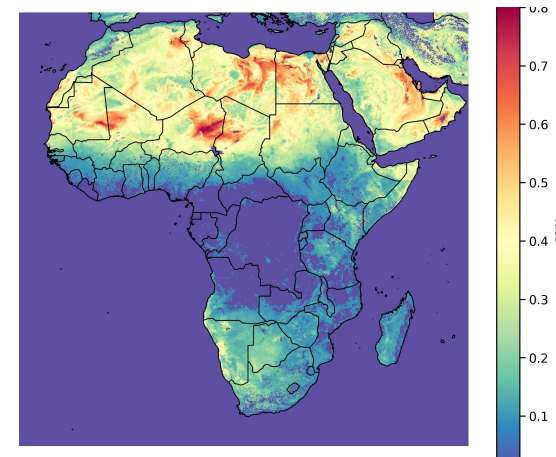
Coastal values biased low

Baker & Schepanski sediment supply map

Higher contrast between high and low dust sources

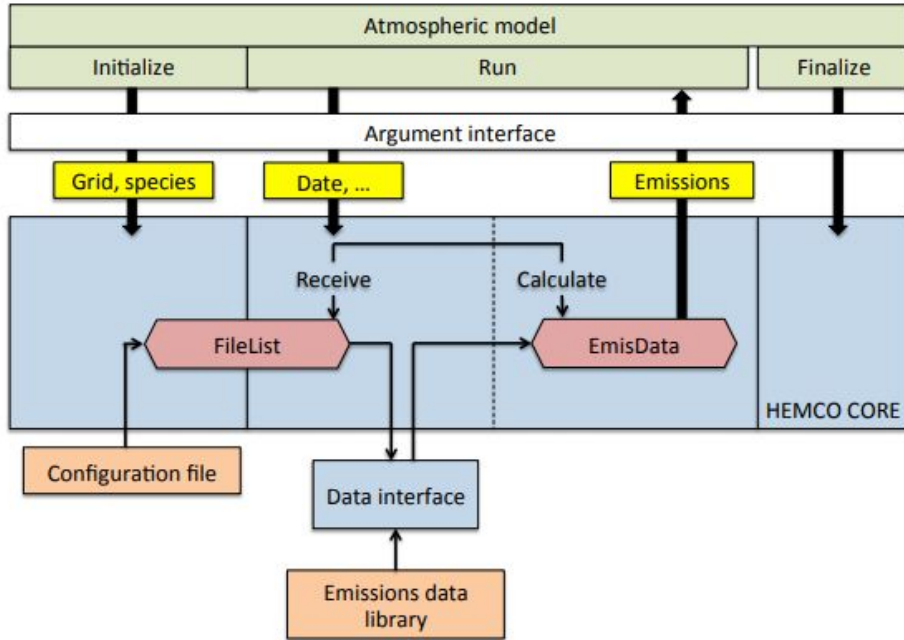
Seasonal (satellite albedo)

Better representation of coastal source regions



Future Developments: NOAA Emissions and eXchange Unified System (NEXUS)

Features



Keller, C. A., et al.: HEMCO v1.0: a versatile, ESMF-compliant component for calculating emissions in atmospheric models, *Geosci. Model Dev.*, 7, 1409-1417, 2014.

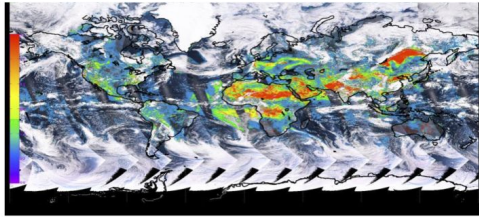
- Derived from NASA/Harvard HEMCO
- ESMF compliant for use inline with NUOPC and NGGPS.
- Self described input and output files (netCDF)
- Able to handle many different datasets (HTAP, CEDS, NEI, etc.).
- Update rapidly with new inventories or satellite/ground observations.
- Apply temporal, speciation, and spatial/mask profiles.
- Run online or offline driven by different datasets and models.
- Provide consistent interface to other Earth system components (land, ocean, etc).
- Include deposition in gas phase and aerosol phase.
- Include bi-directional processes for NH_3 and more.
- Include inline emissions, dust, fire, marine, biogenics, etc.



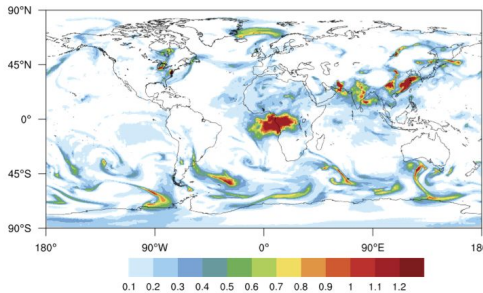
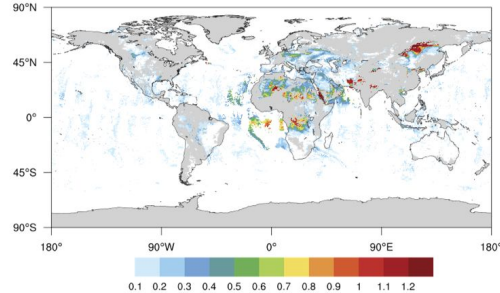
Future Developments: Aerosol Data Assimilation

Example: AOD 550 nm 20150810

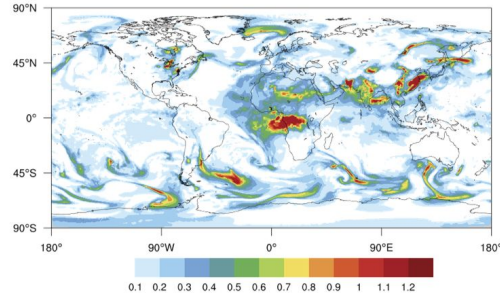
VIIRS



MODIS NNR



Free-run forecast 12 UTC



Analysis 12 UTC

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USWRP Project led by Mariusz Pagowski, NOAA Boulder

- Calculate “climatological” background error statistics from operational GEFS-Aerosols and deploy near real-time 3D-Var (GSI) based assimilation of MODIS and VIIRS AOD retrievals at 550 nm
- Develop ensemble perturbation strategies specific for aerosols and evaluate the quality of the ensemble and 3D-VarEns in comparison with 3D-Var
- Verify forecasts against MERRA-2 and CAMSIRA, multi-channel NNR and VIIRS AOD retrievals and surface observations
- Implement AOD assimilation within the JEDI framework
- Deploy a cycled aerosol data assimilation system for the national real-time aerosol forecasting.

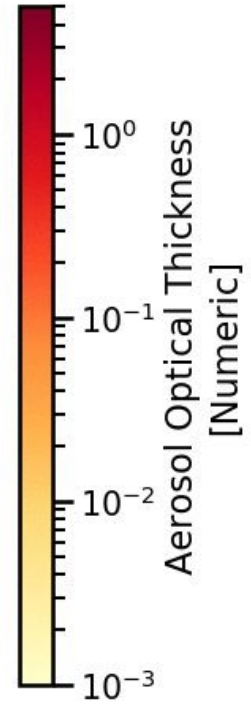


Challenges

- Operational constraints on model complexity (computational efficiency) vs. best representation of known science
- Consistency and continual improvement of emissions inputs
- Two-way coupling of aerosols and composition with meteorology
- Aerosol data assimilation and post-processing of model products
- Consistency of atmospheric composition simulations between global and regional domains
- Evaluation of model results beyond standard large-scale or long-term metrics
- Consistency in land surface-atmosphere interactions for both physical (surface energy, momentum and moisture fluxes) and chemical (emissions and deposition) processes
- Limited resources for model improvements, transition to operations and model maintenance
- Limited HPC resources



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