

# Global aerosol forecast and assimilation at ECCC: current status and future directions

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# ECCE atmospheric models and their aerosol sub-models

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## GEM, Meteorology Research Division, ECCE

- **GEM** is the operational regional and global weather forecast model
  - Daily, monthly and seasonal forecasts from urban to global scale
  - Aerosol climatology for radiative transfer and cloud droplet activation

## GEM-MACH, Air Quality Research Division, ECCE

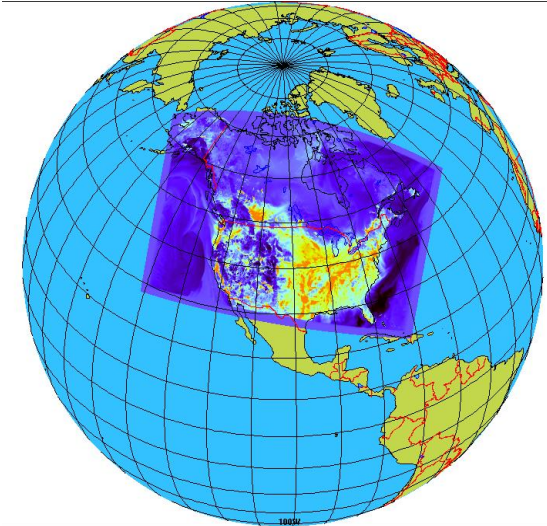
- **GEM-MACH** is the operational regional (North America) air quality forecast model
  - Canadian Aerosol Model (CAM) with updates (Gong et al., 2003)
    - Single-moment sectional approach
- **GEM-MACH-Interactive** [air quality-meteorology feedbacks experimental version]
  - GEM-MACH with fully interactive meteorology with chemistry and aerosol [Makar et al, 2015(a, b)]
- **GEM-MACH-FireWorks** [April-October parallel operational forecast model]
  - GEM-MACH with real-time forest fire emissions (Chen et al. 2019)
- **Daily Air Quality Surface Analysis** using GEM-MACH

## CanESM, Climate Research Division, ECCE

- **CanESM** is the operational climate model; also supports ensemble seasonal forecast
  - Bulk aerosol (von Salzen et al. 2013)
  - Piecewise log-normal approximation Aerosol Model (PAM) (Von Salzen, 2006; Peng et al. 2012; Ma et al., 2008)
    - 2-moment sectional-modal hybrid approach

# Global Environmental Multiscale - Modelling Air quality & Chemistry (GEM-MACH) model

- **GEM-MACH-Operational** regional grid covers much of North America
  - 10 km horizontal grid spacing
  - 80 vertical levels with top at 0.1 hPa
  - 2-bin sectional representation of PM size distribution (i.e., 0-2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  and 2.5-10  $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - twice-daily 48-hour operational forecasts of  $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ , and Air Quality Health Index (AQHI)
- **GEM-MACH-FireWork** operational configuration
- **GEM-MACH-Interactive** 2.5 km horizontal resolution and 12 size bins for aerosol dynamics
- **GEM-MACH** is an In-line model with one-way coupling with meteorology and includes comprehensive physicochemical processes of atmospheric gases and aerosols. 8 internally-mixed species are sulfate, ammonium, nitrate, primary organic carbon, secondary organic carbon, elemental carbon, dust and sea-salt.





# GEM-MACH Chemistry

## ADOM Cloud Chemistry

### Reactions 1 to 18:

$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$   
 $\text{HNO}_3$ ,  $\text{ROOH}$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  
DUST Dissolution and  
Acid Equilibria

### Reactions 19-22:

$\text{HSO}_3^-$  oxidation by  $\text{O}_3$ ,  
 $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{ROOH}$ , metals  
to sulfate

Adds acidity to clouds

(1)	$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq})$	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq}) + 2 \text{H}^+(\text{aq})$
(2)	$\text{SO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{HSO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}^+(\text{aq})$
(3)	$\text{HSO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}^+(\text{aq})$	$\text{SO}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
(4)	$\text{O}_3(\text{g})$	$\text{O}_3(\text{aq})$
(5)	$\text{O}_3(\text{aq})$	$\text{O}_3(\text{g})$
(6)	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{g})$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{aq})$
(7)	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{aq})$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{g})$
(8)	$\text{HNO}_3(\text{g})$	$\text{NO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}^+(\text{aq})$
(9)	$\text{NO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}^+(\text{aq})$	$\text{HNO}_3(\text{g})$
(10)	$\text{ROOH}(\text{g})$	$\text{ROOH}(\text{aq})$
(11)	$\text{ROOH}(\text{aq})$	$\text{ROOH}(\text{g})$
(12)	$\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$	$\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
(13)	$\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$	$\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$
(14)	"DUST"	$\text{FEMN}(\text{aq}) + \text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + \text{CAT}1^+(\text{aq})$
(15)	$\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$	$\text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}^+(\text{aq})$
(16)	$\text{HCO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}^+(\text{aq})$	$\text{CO}_2(\text{g})$
(17)	$\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$
(18)	$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$	$\text{H}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{OH}^-(\text{aq})$
(19)	$\text{HSO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + \text{O}_3(\text{aq})$	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}^+(\text{aq})$
(20)	$\text{HSO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2(\text{aq})$	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}^+(\text{aq})$
(21)	$\text{HSO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + \text{ROOH}(\text{aq})$	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}^+(\text{aq})$
(22)	$\text{HSO}_3^-(\text{aq}) + (\text{FEMN})$	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq}) + \text{H}^+(\text{aq})$

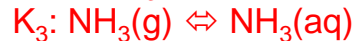
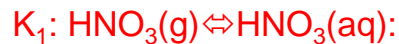
+ 3 more reactions designed to approximate heterogeneous effects...



# GEM-MACH gas-aerosol partitioning

## Inorganic aerosol thermodynamics – HETV (based on ISORROPIA; Makar et al, *Atm. Env.*, 2015)

- Equilibrium bulk thermodynamics scheme
- HETV solves local subsystems in TA/TS to relative humidity, to determine the new particle composition.

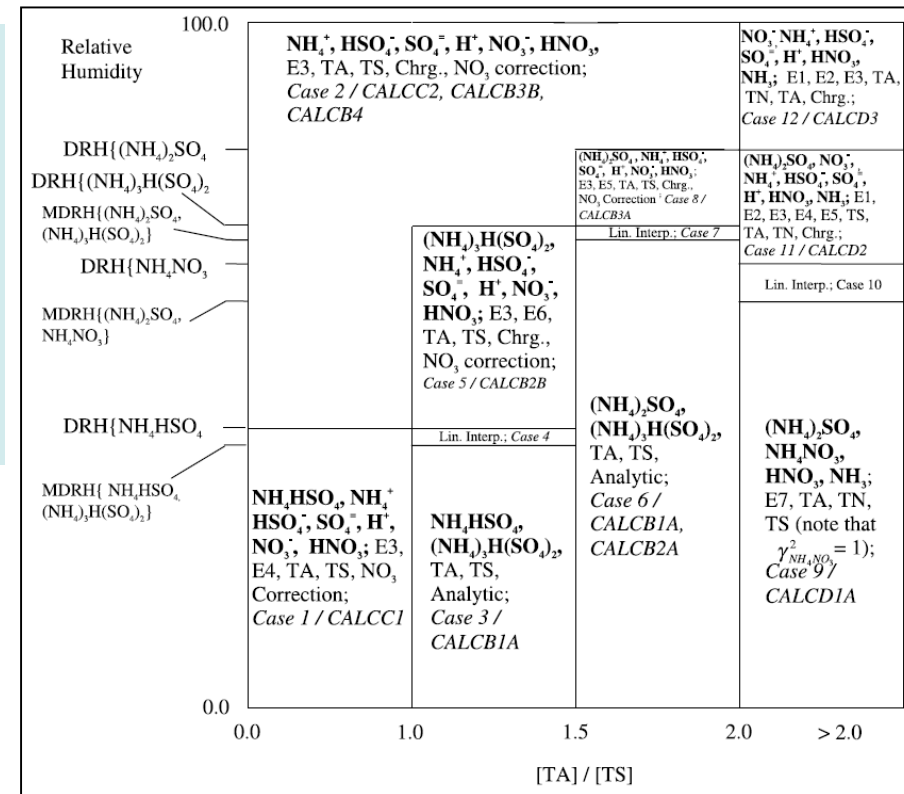


Conservation of S:  $[\text{TS}] = [(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4(\text{s})] + 2[(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{H}(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{s})] + [\text{NH}_4\text{HSO}_4(\text{s})] + [\text{HSO}_4^-(\text{aq})] + [\text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})]$

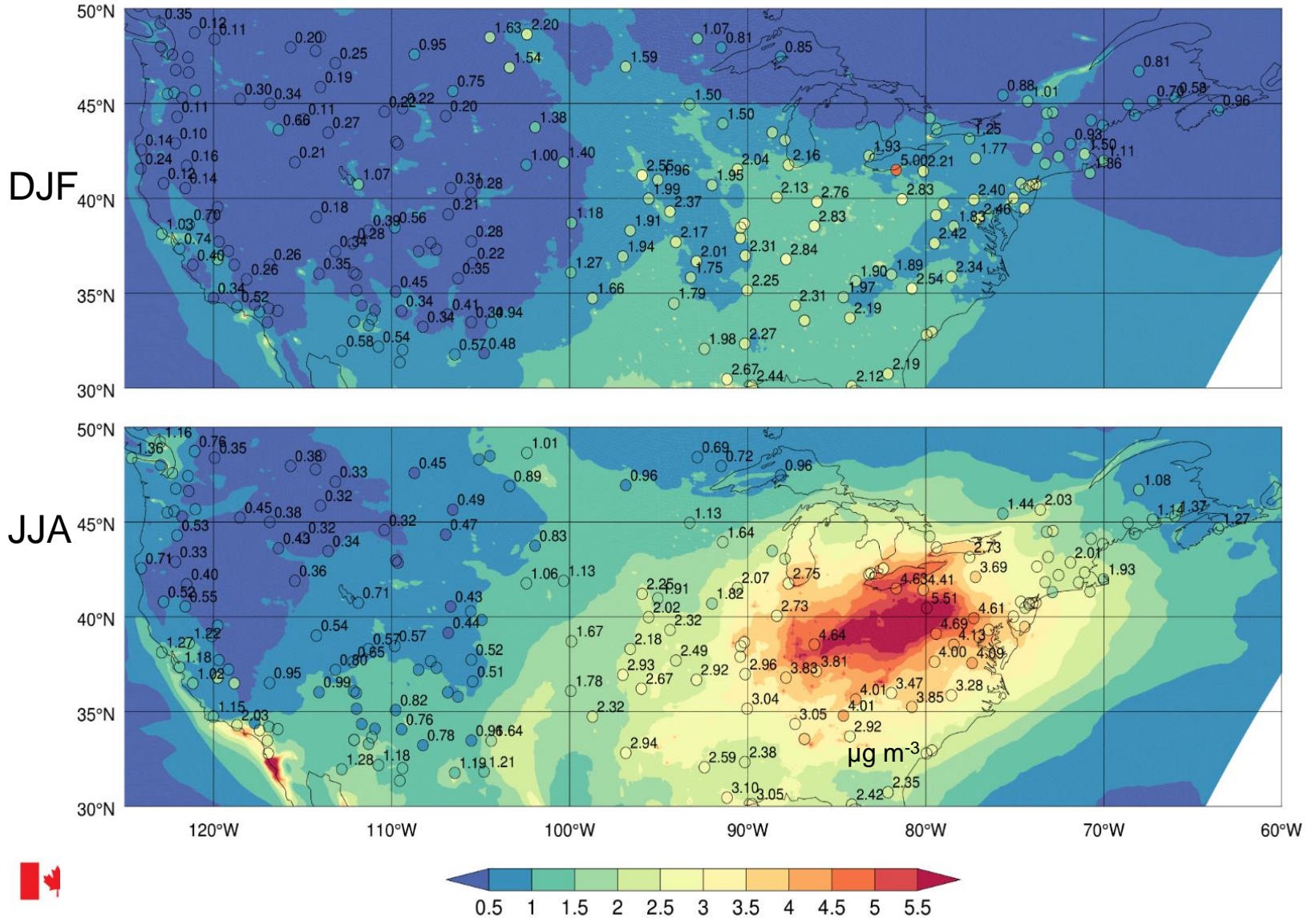
Conservation of Nitrate:  $[\text{TN}] = [\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3(\text{s})] + [\text{HNO}_3(\text{g})] + [\text{NO}_3^-(\text{aq})]$

Conservation of Ammonia:  $[\text{TA}] = 2[(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4(\text{s})] + 3[(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{H}(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{s})] + [\text{NH}_4\text{HSO}_4(\text{s})] + [\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3(\text{s})] + [\text{NH}_3(\text{g})] + [\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq})]$

Conservation of Charge:  $[\text{H}^+(\text{aq})] + [\text{NH}_4^+(\text{aq})] = 2[\text{SO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})] + [\text{HSO}_4^-(\text{aq})] + [\text{NO}_3^-(\text{aq})] + [\text{OH}^-(\text{aq})]$

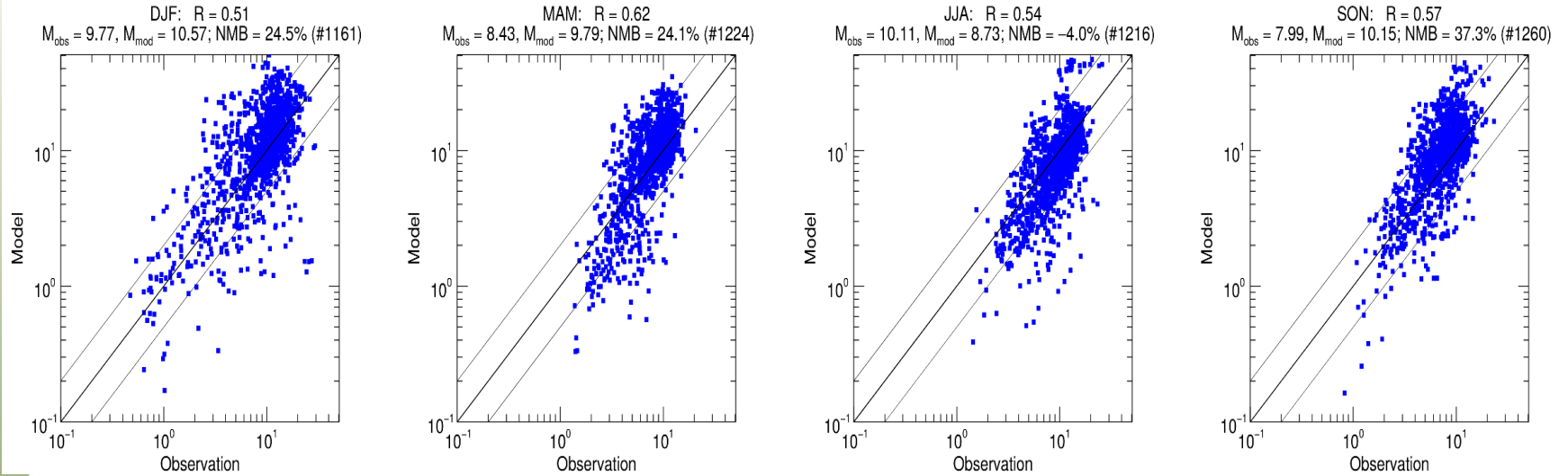


# GEM-MACH fine particulate Sulfate forecast evaluation with surface observations in 2010

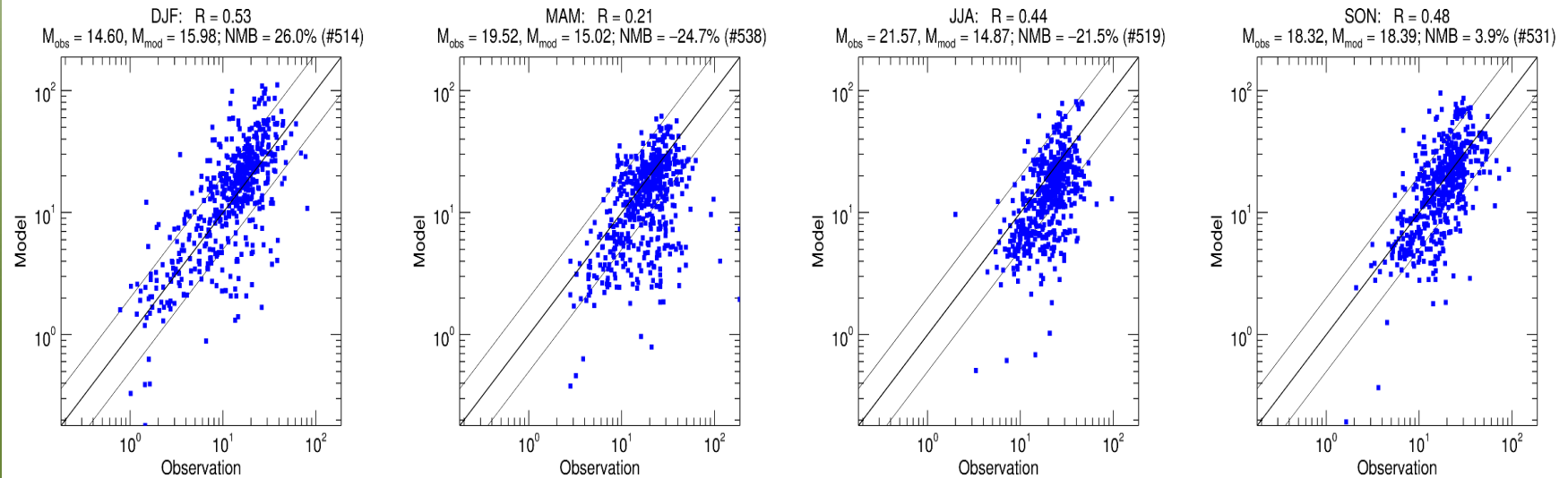


# GEM-MACH PM2.5 and PM10 forecast evaluation with surface observations in 2010

Seasonal PM<sub>2.5</sub> N America ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) – R = 0.53;  $M_{\text{obs}} = 8.94$ ,  $M_{\text{mod}} = 9.77$ ; NMB = 19.4% (#4861) – TEST1



Seasonal PM<sub>10</sub> North America ( $\mu\text{g sm}^{-3}$ ) – R = 0.37;  $M_{\text{obs}} = 18.45$ ,  $M_{\text{mod}} = 15.75$ ; NMB = -6.5% (#2102) – TEST1





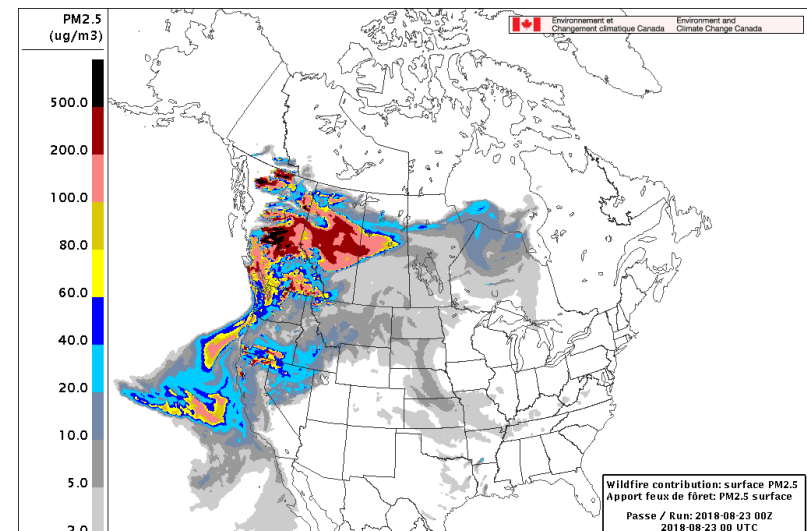
# GEM-MACH Operational forest fire air quality forecast system - FireWork

- Official operational system since April 2016 - <https://weather.gc.ca/firework>
- System runs twice daily (00/12 UTC) during Canadian fire season from April to October
- Near-real-time fire data from Canadian Wildland Fire Information System (CWFIS) – bottom-up approach
- Hourly fire emissions (PM, VOC, NO<sub>x</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, CO, SO<sub>2</sub>) are input by FireWork, a clone of the ECCC Regional Air Quality Deterministic Prediction System (Pavlovic et al. JA&WMA, 2016)
- **New forest fire emissions system, Canadian Forest Fire Emissions Prediction System (CFFEPS) (also bottom-up), will replace CWFIS in near term (Chen et al. GMD 2019)**

## FireWork products

- 1)  $PM_{2.5}/PM_{10}$  maps and animations from fire sources
- 2) AQHI based on FireWork forecasts
- 3) Accumulated  $PM_{2.5}$  impacts over 24h
- 4) Total column  $PM_{2.5}/PM_{10}$
- 5) Other specialized products upon request (e.g., special fire activity near urban areas)

<http://collaboration.cmc.ec.gc.ca/cmc/air/firework>



Hourly surface fire-PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations for 23 Aug. 2018

# GEM-MACH-Interactive Forest Fire Forecast system for FIREX-AQ

GEM (RDPS)  
Meteorology:  
Boundary Conditions (48 hours)

Satellite  
Retrievals

Hotspot\_cffeps.csv

CFFEPS inputs provided by NRCan/CWFIS to model fire behaviour and fuel consumption.

- Hotspots based on satellite retrievals
- Land-cover-related data based on the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System (CFFDRS)

**CFFEPS 4.0, Off-line for initialization**

- Injection height using all GEM temperature levels.
- Off-line used to create initial conditions for next on-line forecast.

GEM (RDPS)  
Meteorology: 18 hour  
forecast

**GEM Dynamics (Tracer Advection)**

**GEM Physics**

Abdul-Razzak & Ghan CCN

Mie Theory aerosol optical properties (water+dry aerosol)

P3 Cloud Convection

CCCmaRAD Radiative Transfer

**GEM-MACH "Chemistry"**

**CFFEPS 4.0, In-line**

- On-line F90 code.
- Fire spread/growth
- Injection height using all GEM-MACH temperature levels.

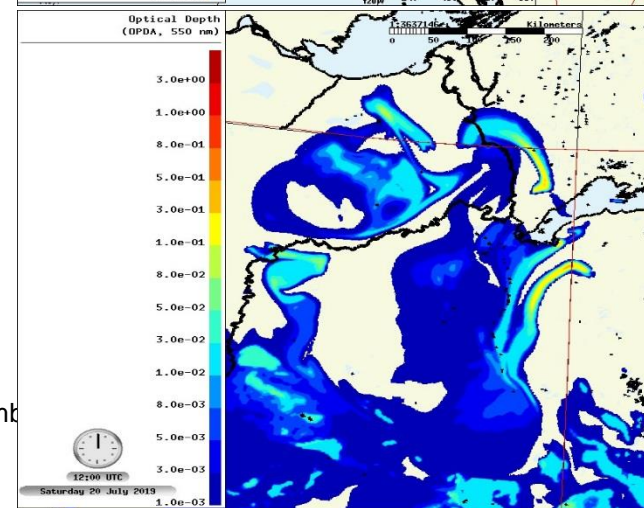
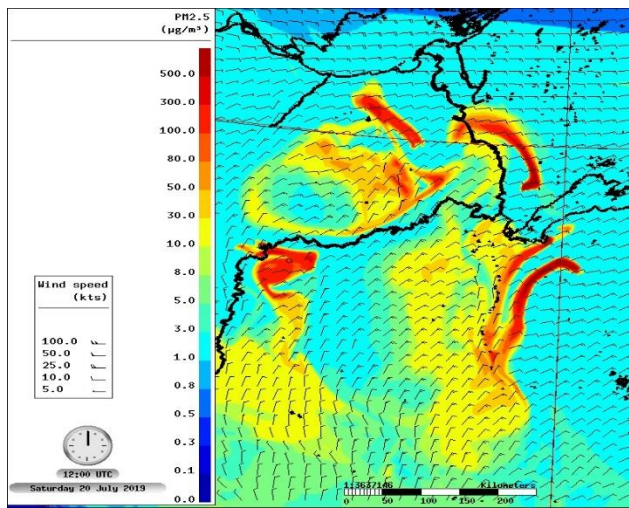
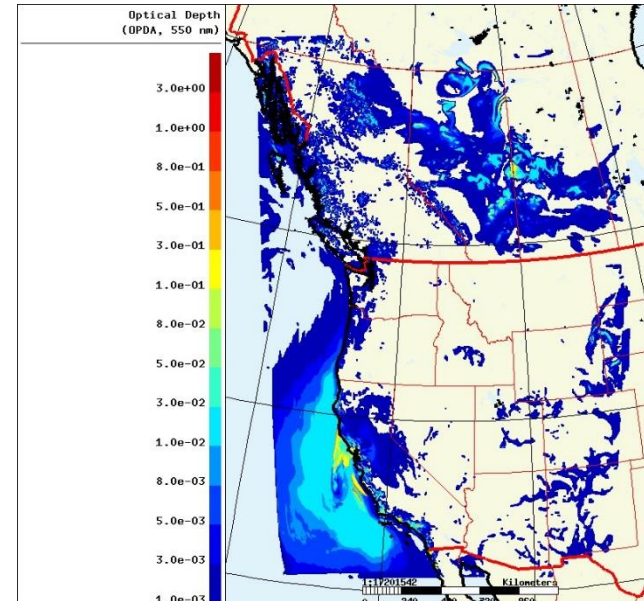
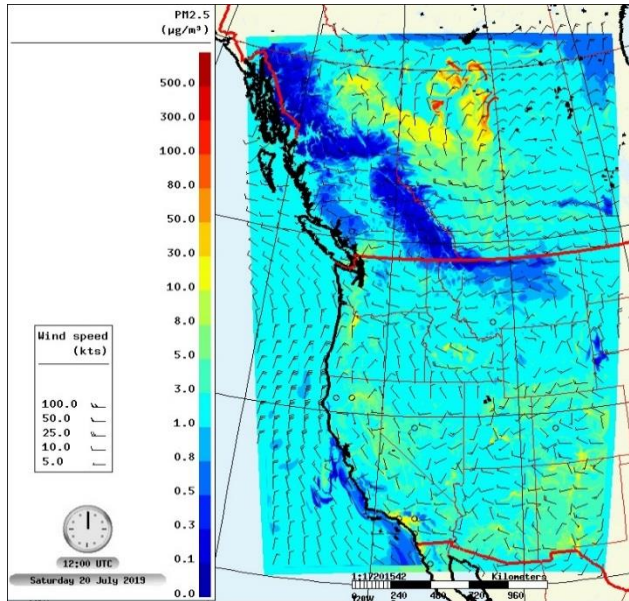
Anthropogenic Emissions

Vertical Diffusion + Area Emissions + dry deposition

Gas-Phase Chemistry + SOA

Aerosol and Cloud Processes (Nucleation, Condensation, Coagulation, Settling, inorganic thermodynamics, cloud processing of gases and aerosols)

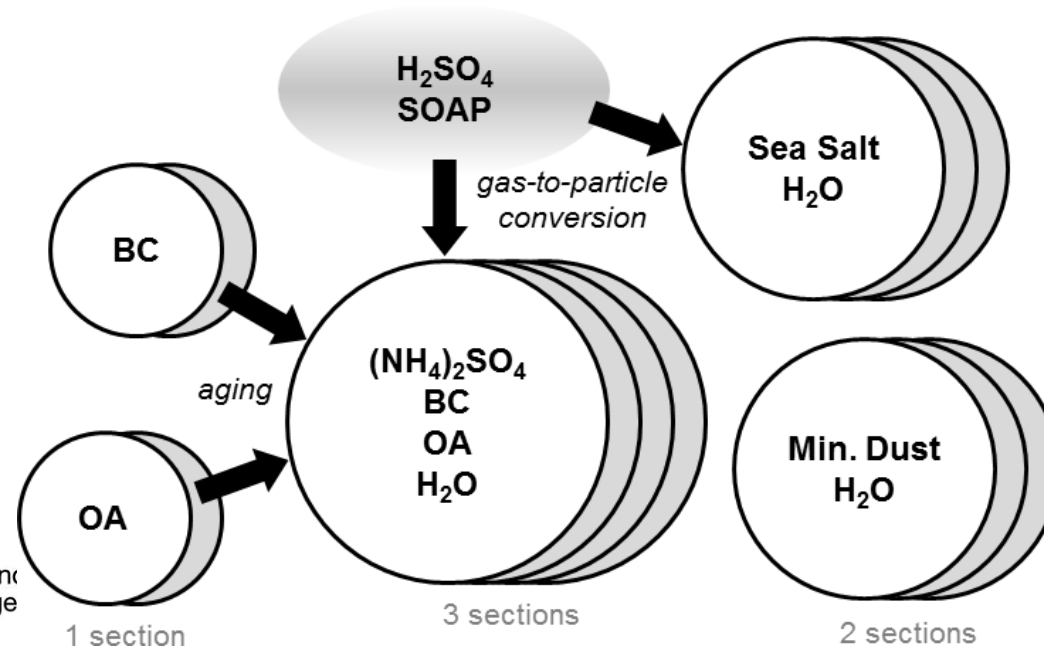
# GEM-MACH Experimental FIREX-AQ Forecast - July 20<sup>th</sup>, 12 UT, 2019



# Canadian Earth System Model (CanESM) - Piecewise lognormal-approximation Aerosol Model (PAM) (von Salzen ACP, 2006; von Salzen et al. Atmos. Ocean 2013)

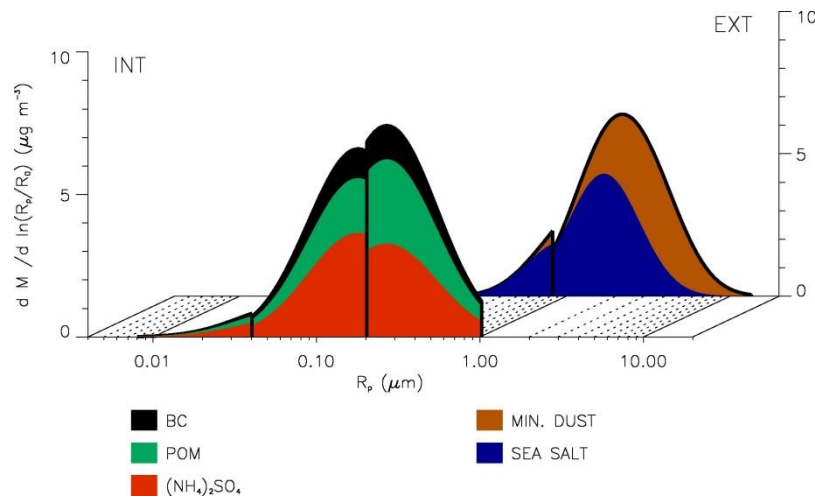
- CanESM is an entirely separate model developed at Canadian Center for Climate modeling and analysis (CCCma), Climate Research Division, ECCC, with its own dynamics core and physicochemical processes representations.
- CanESM supports IPCC and AMAP Assessments and Canadian Seasonal to Interannual Prediction System (CanSIPS)

## Aerosol Chemical Species and mixing state in PAM



# Piecewise Lognormal Approximation (PLA) method Aerosol Model (PAM)

- 2-moment numerical scheme for simulation of aerosol size distributions based on combination of bin and modal schemes
- External and internal mixing of aerosol chemical species
- Sulfur chemistry including DMS
- Aerosol optical properties and radiative forcings depend on particle size and aerosol mixing state
- Includes model for cloud droplet nucleation and aerosol indirect effects



PAM hybrid bin-PLA bins

# Piecewise Log-normal Approximation (PLA)

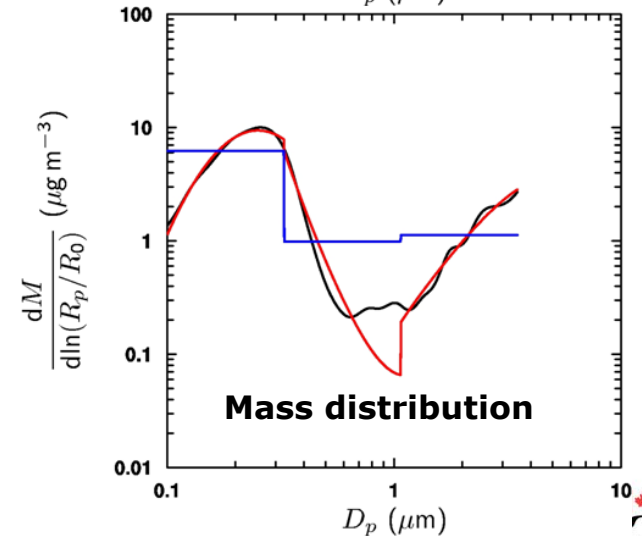
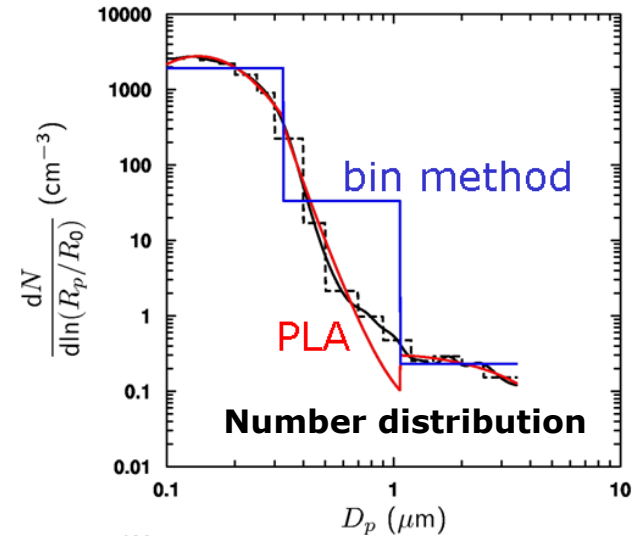
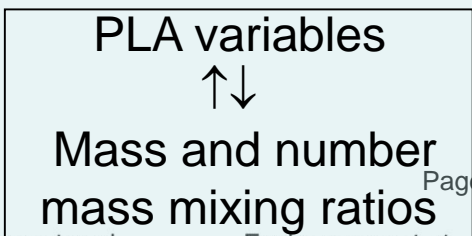
## Aerosol number size distribution

$$n(\varphi) = \sum_i n_i(\varphi) \quad , \text{ with } \varphi = \ln(R/R_0)$$

$$n_i(\varphi) = n_{0,i} \exp\left[-\psi_i(\varphi - \varphi_{0,i})^2\right] H(\varphi - \varphi_{i-1/2}) H(\varphi_{i+1/2} - \varphi)$$

(section boundaries at  $\varphi_{i\pm 1/2} = \ln(R_{i\pm 1/2}/R_0)$ )

- Series of truncated, non-overlapping log-normal distributions within fixed particle size sections
- 2 independent PLA parameters (mode size  $\varphi_{0,i}$  , mode number  $n_{0,i}$ )
- Requires variable conversions



# PAM Sea-salt source parameterization

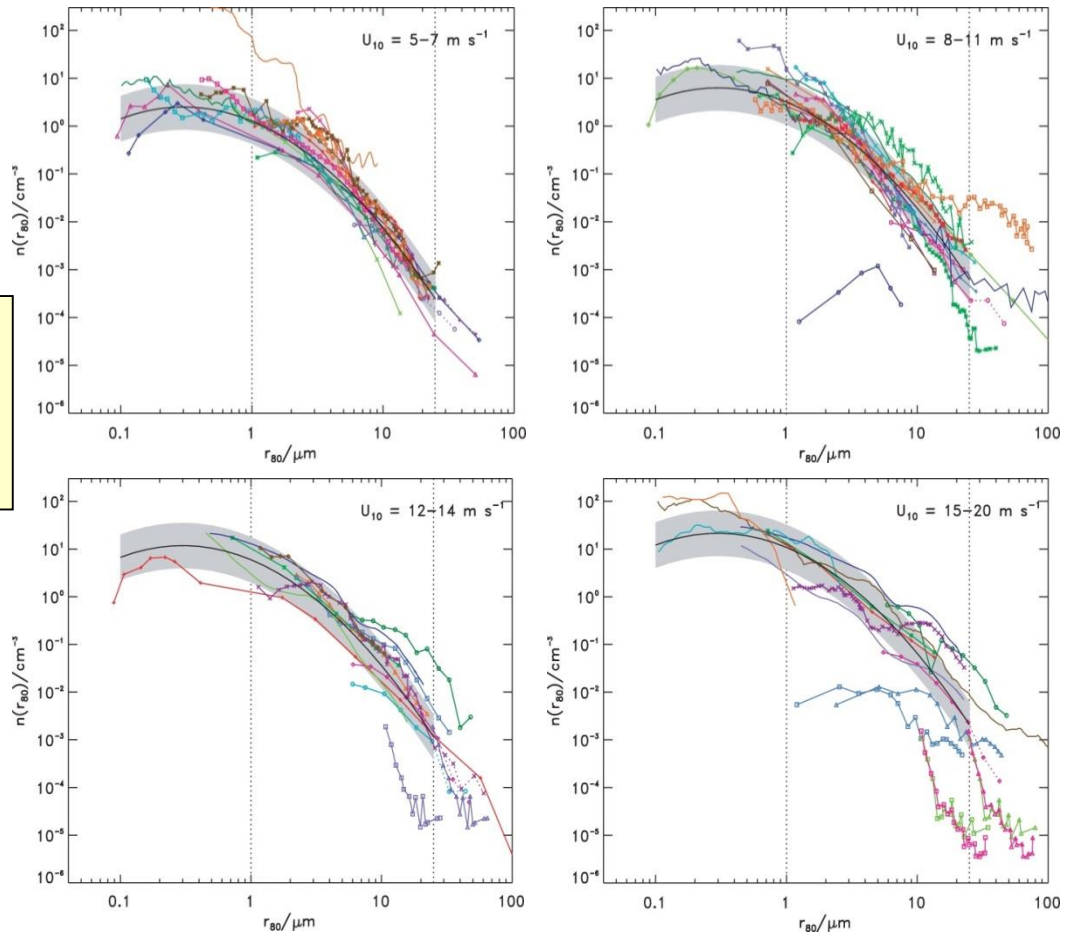
## Near-Surface Sea Salt Aerosol Size Distribution

Lewis and Schwartz (2004)

$$\frac{dN}{d \log r_{80}} = 0.07 U_{10}^2 \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\ln(r_{80} / 0.3)}{\ln 2.8} \right]^2 \right\}$$

( $N$  in  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ,  $r_{80}$  in  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  $U_{10}$  in  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ )

Uncertainty  $\times / \div 3$   
 $0.1 \mu\text{m} < r_{80} < 25 \mu\text{m}$   
 $5 \text{ m s}^{-1} < U_{10} < 20 \text{ m s}^{-1}$



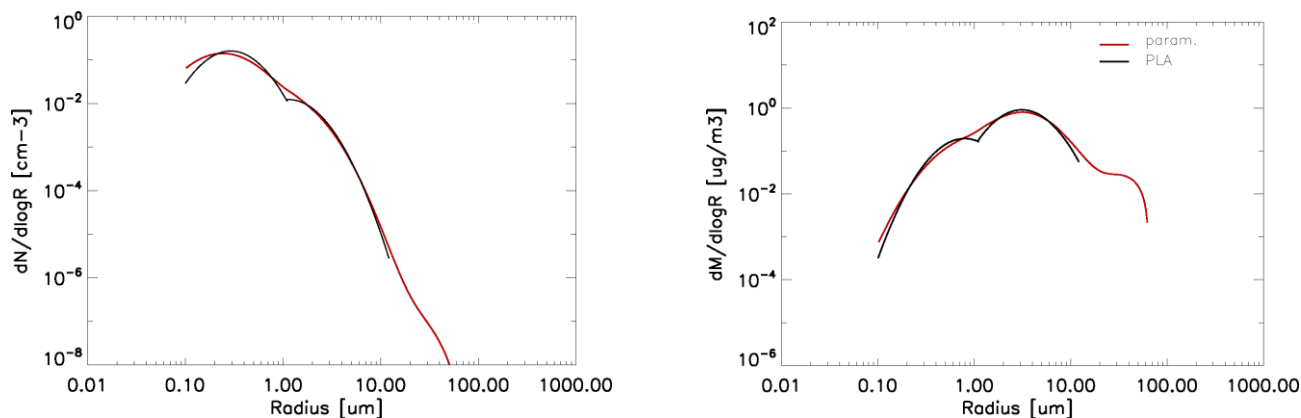
# PAM Mineral Dust Emission

## Physically-based emission scheme (Peng et al., 2012)

Parameterized emission flux depends upon:

- Friction velocity ( $U_*^3$ ) - above friction velocity threshold
- Emission particle size distributions for 17 different soil types
- Soil properties (roughness length, soil moisture content)

### *Size distributions of emitted aerosol*



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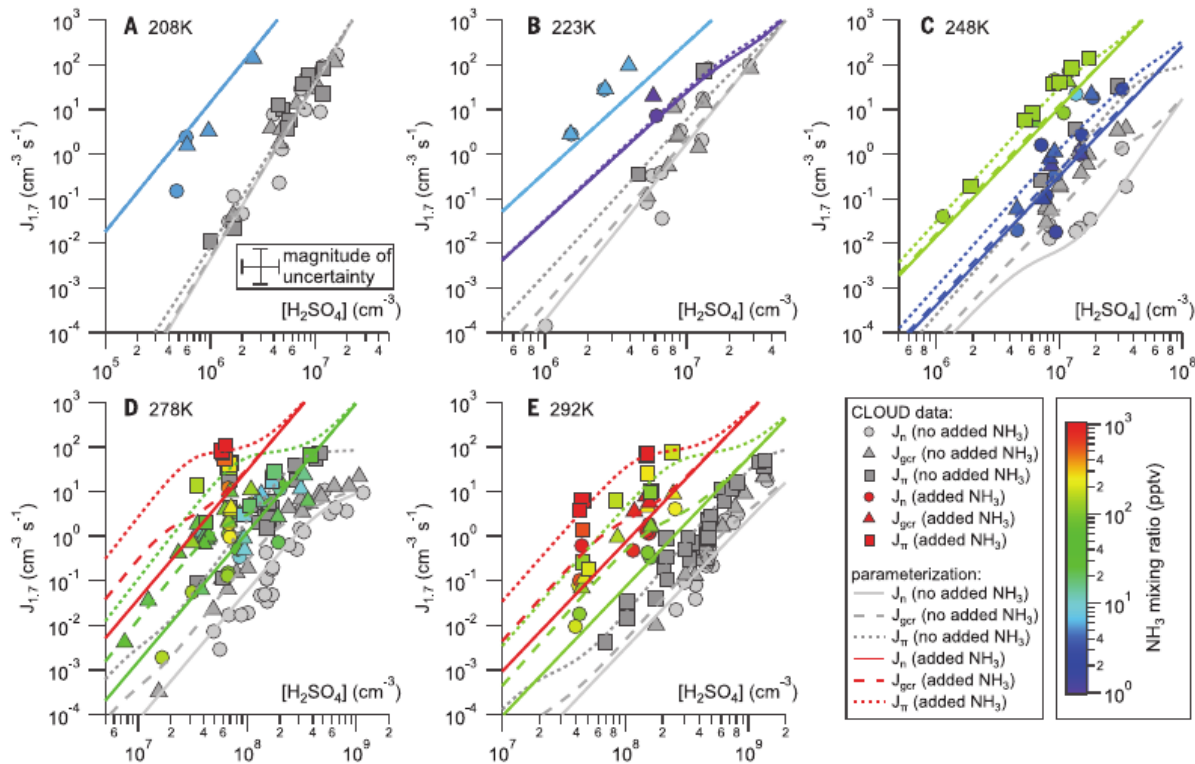
# PAM Aerosol Nucleation representation

CERN CLOUD (Cosmics Leaving Outdoor Droplets) chamber data

Dunne et al. (2016);  
Hamish Gordon (Leeds University)

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_{b,n} &= k_{b,n}(T)[\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4]^{p_{b,n}} \\
 J_{t,n} &= k_{t,n}(T)f_n([\text{NH}_3], [\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4]) \\
 J_{b,i} &= k_{b,i}(T)n_-[\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4]^{p_{b,i}} \\
 J_{t,i} &= k_{t,i}(T)n_-f_i([\text{NH}_3], [\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4]) \\
 J_{org} &= k_{t,org}[\text{BioOxOrg}][\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4]^2
 \end{aligned}$$

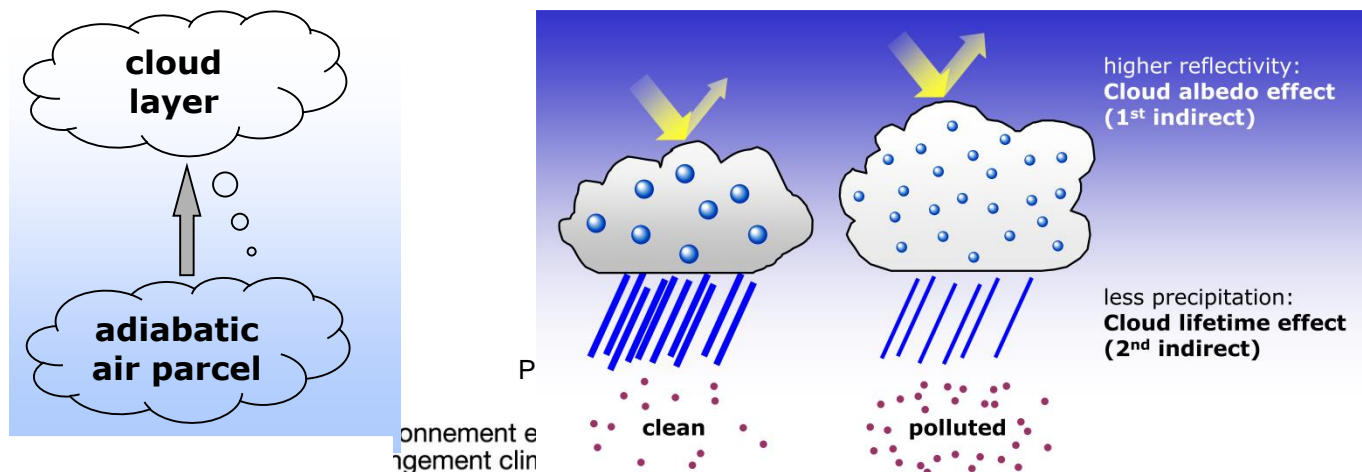
$n_-$ : Concentration of GCR-induced ions



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# PAM Aerosol-Cloud Interactions

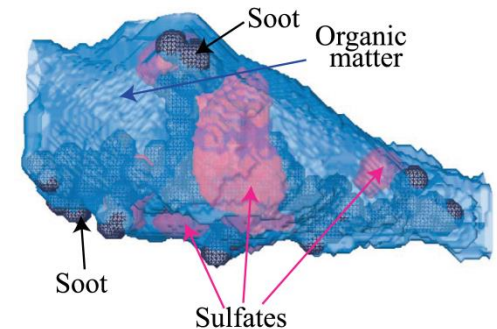
- Novel adiabatic cloud parcel model for calculation of cloud droplet number concentration in stratiform (layer) clouds
  - Input: PLA Aerosol size distribution at cloud base and effective updraft velocity above cloud base
  - Model simulates activation of aerosol and condensation of water vapour on cloud droplets
  - Numerically efficient iterative approach
- Cloud droplet number concentration affects optical properties of clouds and conversion of cloud water to precipitation
- Integrated with parameterization of aerosol wet scavenging



# PAM Aerosol-radiation interaction

- Direct, semi-direct, BC snow-albedo, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> indirect effects included

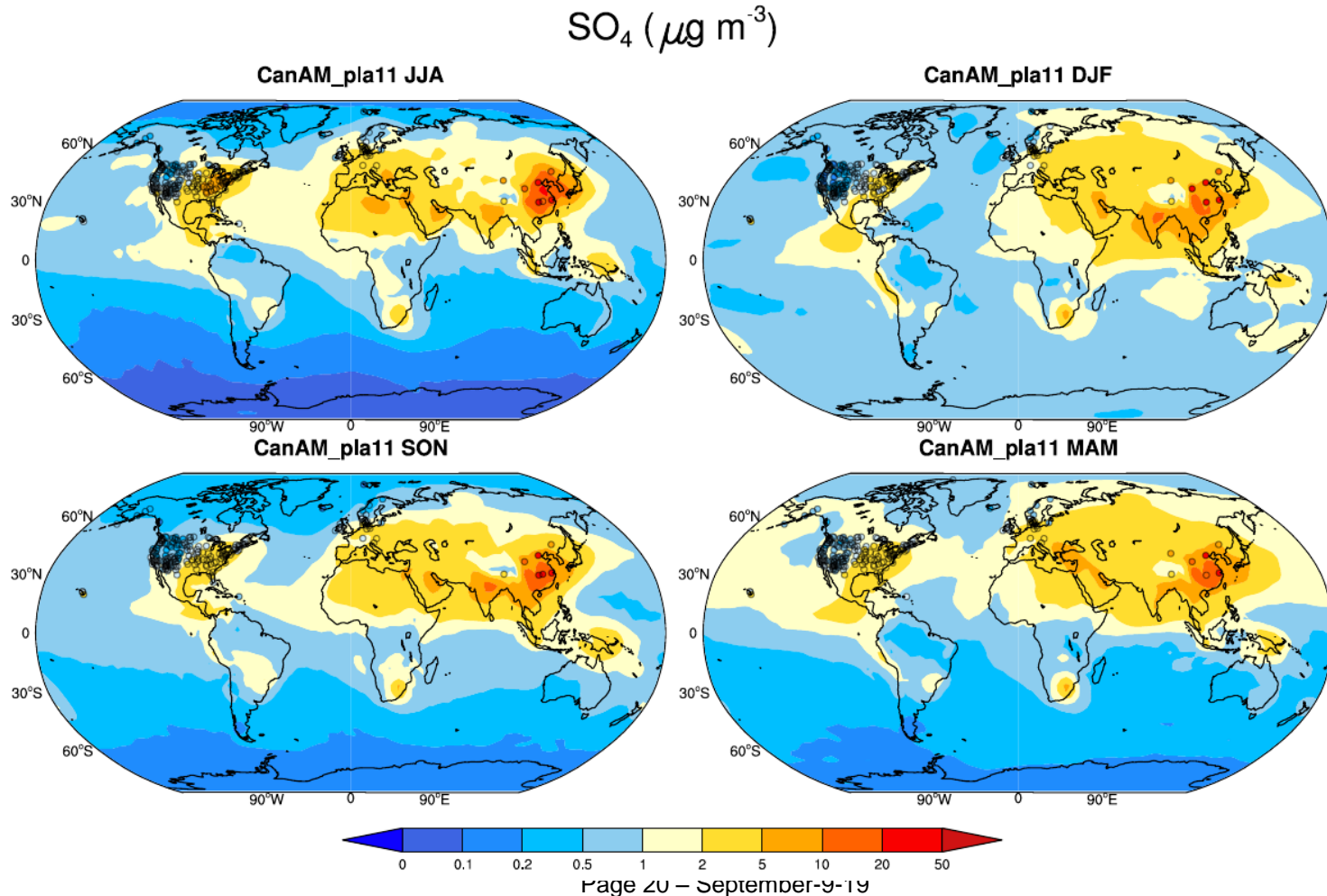
- New parameterization with size-dependent aerosol optical properties for internally (Maxwell-Garnett mixing rule) and externally mixed types of aerosols. Look-up table generated by Mie code
- Calculates wet size optical properties for aerosols
- Enhancements in absorption of solar radiation by BC when BC is coated (internal mixing with sulphate, organic carbon, liquid water)
- Updated BC refractive index and BC density



Microscopic image of a tropospheric aerosol particle (Adachi et al., 2010)

# PAM Evaluation

## Near-Surface Sulfate Concentration



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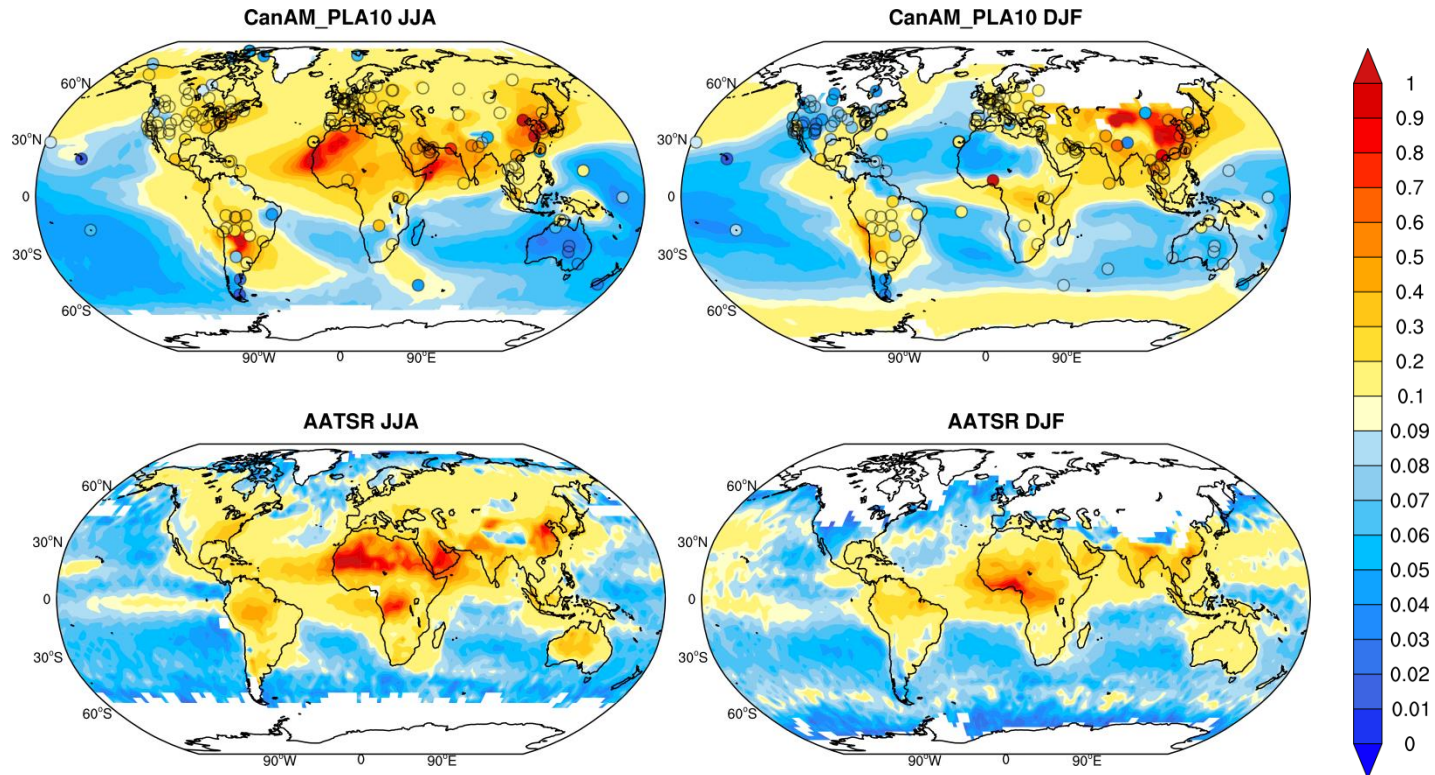
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# PAM Evaluation

## Aerosol Optical Depth (550 nm) 2004-2008

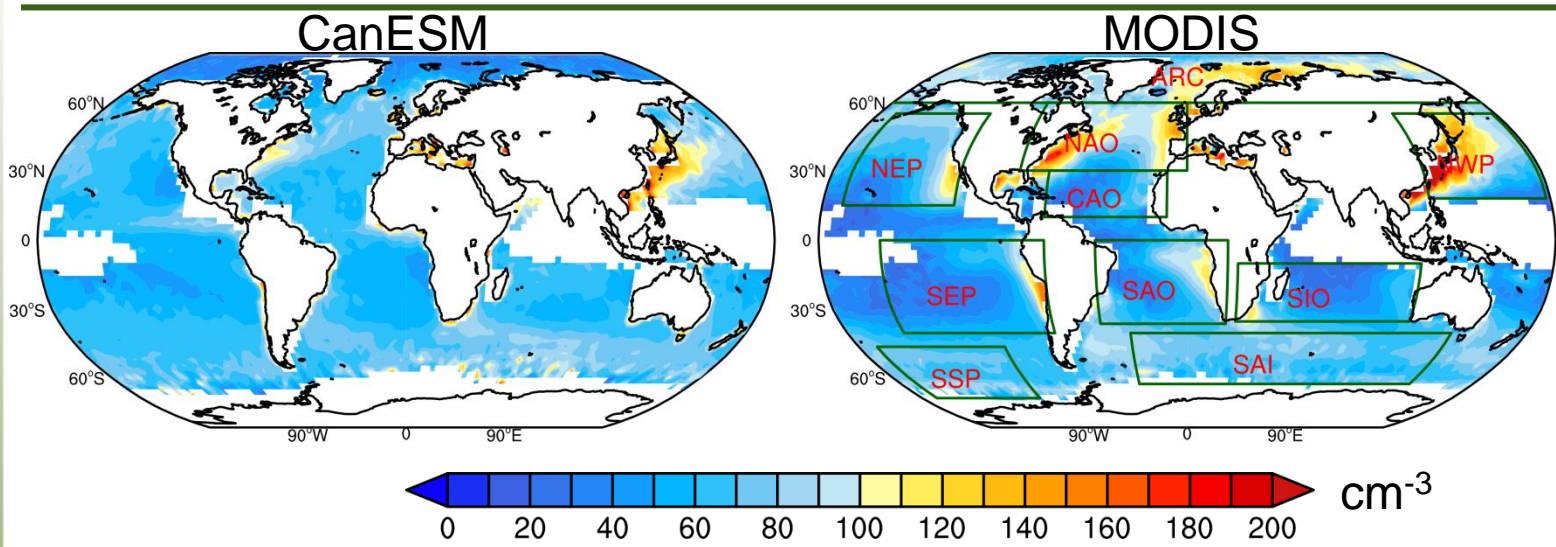


- Good overall agreement of CanESM with observations
- Regional biases: Emissions of mineral dust from South America and African biomass burning

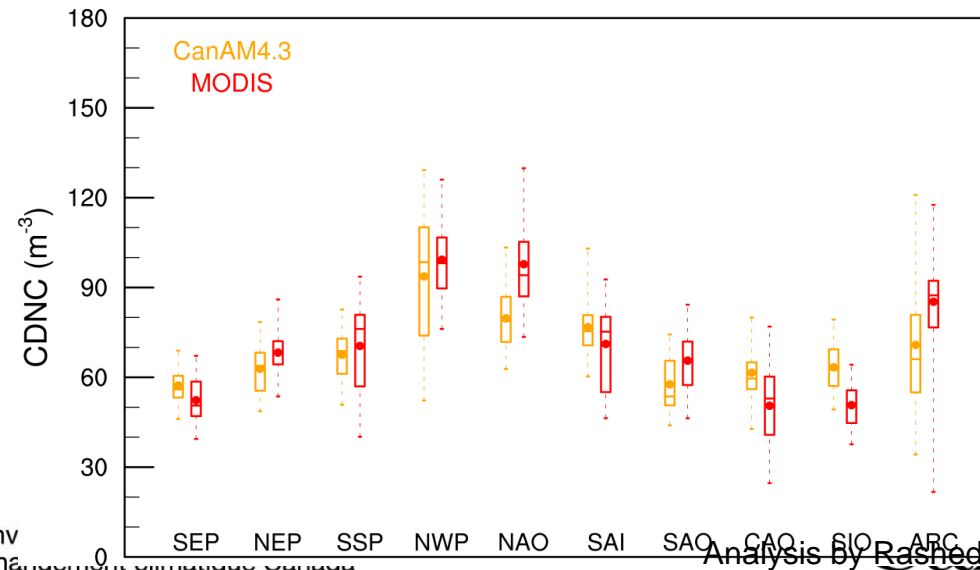
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# PAM Evaluation: Cloud Droplets Concentration in Low Clouds 2004-2008



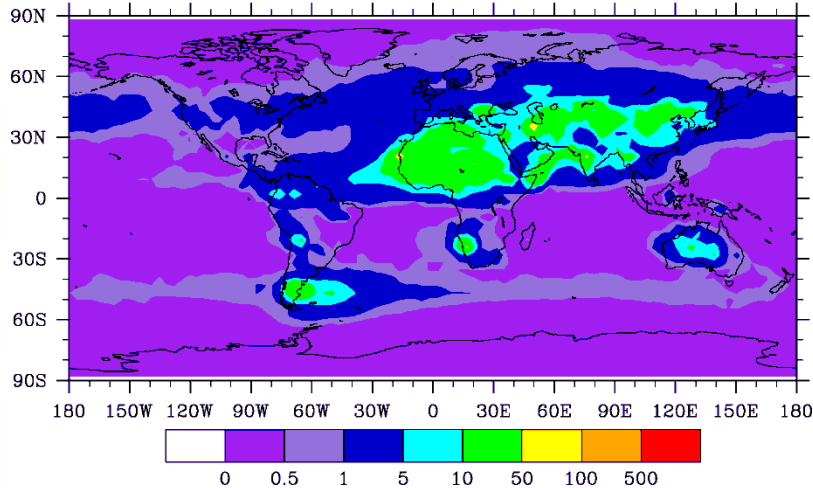
Observations:  
Bennartz and Rausch (2017)



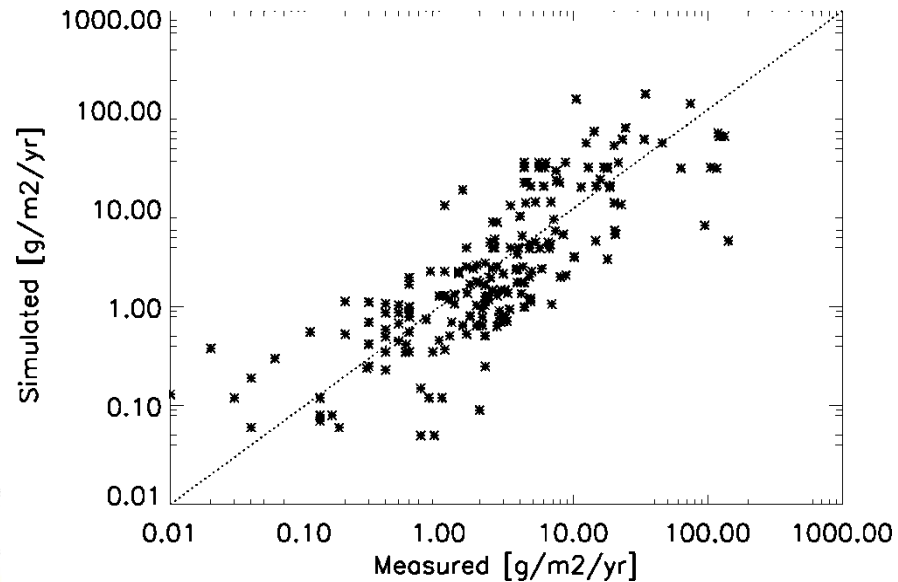
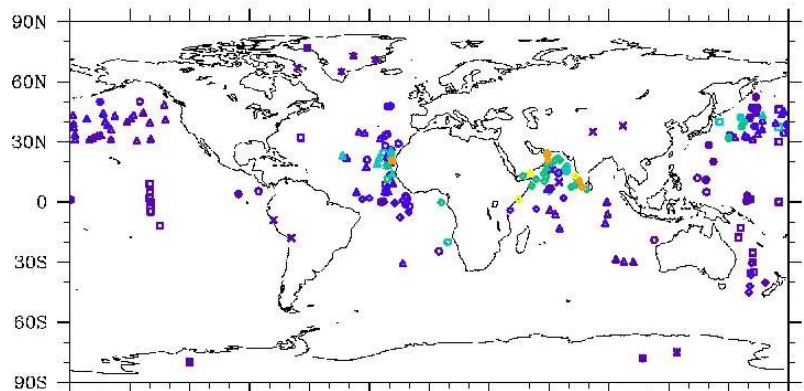
# PAM Evaluation

## Mineral Dust Deposition Flux

Model Dust deposition rate pld058 (g/m<sup>2</sup>/yr)



Observations (DIRTMAP)



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# Secondary Organic Aerosol

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- **CanESM:**
  - Condensation of terpene to account for formation of SOA using AEROCOM fields (15% yield = 19 Tg POM/year)
- **GEM-MACH:**
  - SOA yield calculated within model as a function of temperature and existing organic aerosol mass based on a 2-product fit to smog chamber data (Odum et al. 1996). Different emitted precursors considered, based on their function groups, such as aromatics, alkenes and alkanes. Once formed, the SOA is considered non-volatile. The SOA yields are also NO<sub>x</sub>-dependent.
  - **Advanced VBS version of SOA model is in progress**





# ECCE Aerosol Modeling Systems:

## Major Gaps

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- Two separate dynamics core models and their aerosol sub-models
- No operational global aerosol forecast system
- No regional or global aerosol assimilation system
- No routine GEM-MACH aerosol forecast evaluation with remote sensing data
- No operational interactive prognostic aerosol weather prediction model



# ECCE Aerosol Modeling Coordination: In progress (better focused since January 2018)

- Consolidation of models across ECCE (Unified modeling approach) is ongoing
  - Common dynamical core is expected to be GEM dynamics
  - Common library of physicochemical processes representations

## ECCE Working Group on Cooperative Aerosol Modeling (**ECCE WG-CALM**)

**Objective:** Coordinate aerosol (and its interactions) modeling between weather, air quality and climate groups. **Coordinator:** Ashu Dastoor

- Aerosol model development for climate simulation (PI: Knut von Salzen)
- Global and regional aerosol model development for air quality simulation (PI: Ashu Dastoor)
- GEM-MACH organic and cloud-phase aerosol chemistry representations (PI: Craig Stroud)
- GEM-MACH Interactive chemistry-aerosol-meteorology simulation (PI: Paul Makar)
- GEM-MACH Fire emissions system (PI: Jack Chen)
- GEM Cloud microphysics representation (PI: Jason Milbrandt)
- GEM-MACH emissions (PI: Mike Moran)
- Radiative transfer (PI: Howard Barker)
- Regional and global aerosol assimilation system (PI: Richard Ménard)
- Remote sensing of atmospheric composition (PI: Chris McLinden)
- and others

# Global GEM-MACH aerosol forecasting development **in progress**

- **Implementation of PAM in GEM-MACH for global aerosol forecast (First version expected by Fall 2020)**
  - Relatively efficient and accurate 2-moment aerosol dynamics
  - A well-tested aerosol model on global scale and fully coupled with meteorology
  - Nitrate and ammonium species need to be added
  - Comprehensive in-line gas-phase chemistry need to be added
- **Model for Simulating Aerosol Interactions and Chemistry(MOSAIC) aerosol model developed at PNNL, Zeveri et al. 2008, JGR, has been implemented in GEM-MACH**
  - Two-moment aerosol dynamics
  - Advanced aerosol thermodynamics (i.e., gas-aerosol partitioning)
  - A good test-bed for improving aerosol modeling at various scales
  - Regional and global configurations are being tested
- **ECCC seasonal forecast system produces global aerosol forecast with CanESM (bulk aerosol scheme) but needs updating and testing**
- **Implementation of SAPRC-CS07A gas-phase chemistry (47 species and 140 reactions) (being tested)**
  - Advanced organic chemistry
  - More photolysis reactions ( $\text{HNO}_4$ , PAN,  $\text{NO}_3$ )
  - Will support improved SOA and heterogeneous chemistry

# MOSAIC aerosol model in GEM-MACH

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Model for Simulating Aerosol Interactions and Chemistry(MOSAIC) - Zaveri et al. JGR 2008

- Sectional two-moment **dynamic gas-aerosol mass transfer** including Kelvin effect using an efficient Adaptive Step Time-split Euler Method (ASTEM; Zaveri et al., 2008).
- **Size-segregated thermodynamics**
  - Activity coefficients are computed by Multicomponent Tyler Expansion Method, shown to be more accurate than widely used Bromley mixing rules and improves estimation of particle pH (MTEM; Zaveri et al. 2005a).
  - The intraparticle solid-liquid phase equilibrium is calculated using a computationally efficient Multicomponent Equilibrium Solver for Aerosols (MESA; Zaveri et al. 2005b).
  - Explicit treatment of Na, Cl, Ca, CO<sub>3</sub>, MSA in aerosol thermodynamics. More realistic over oceans and in coastal regions.
  - Better treatment of aerosol water and water hysteresis

# New Cloud Microphysics Parameterization - Improved Ice-Phase Microphysics (Milbrandt et al.)

## Traditional bulk approach:

### Partition Ice phase into representative categories

with prescribed bulk physical properties

- bulk density
  - shape
  - fall speed-diameter ( $V$ - $D$ ) relations
  - etc.
- mass-diameter ( $m$ - $D$ ) relations

e.g.



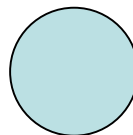
#### **CLOUD "ICE"**

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_s &= 500 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \\ m &= (\pi/6 \rho_s) D^3 \\ V &= a_i D^{bi}\end{aligned}$$



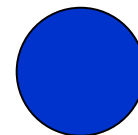
#### **"SNOW"**

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_s &= 100 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \\ m &= c D^2 \\ V &= a_s D^{bs}\end{aligned}$$



#### **GRAUPEL**

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_g &= 400 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \\ m &= (\pi/6 \rho_g) D^3 \\ V &= a_g D^{bg}\end{aligned}$$



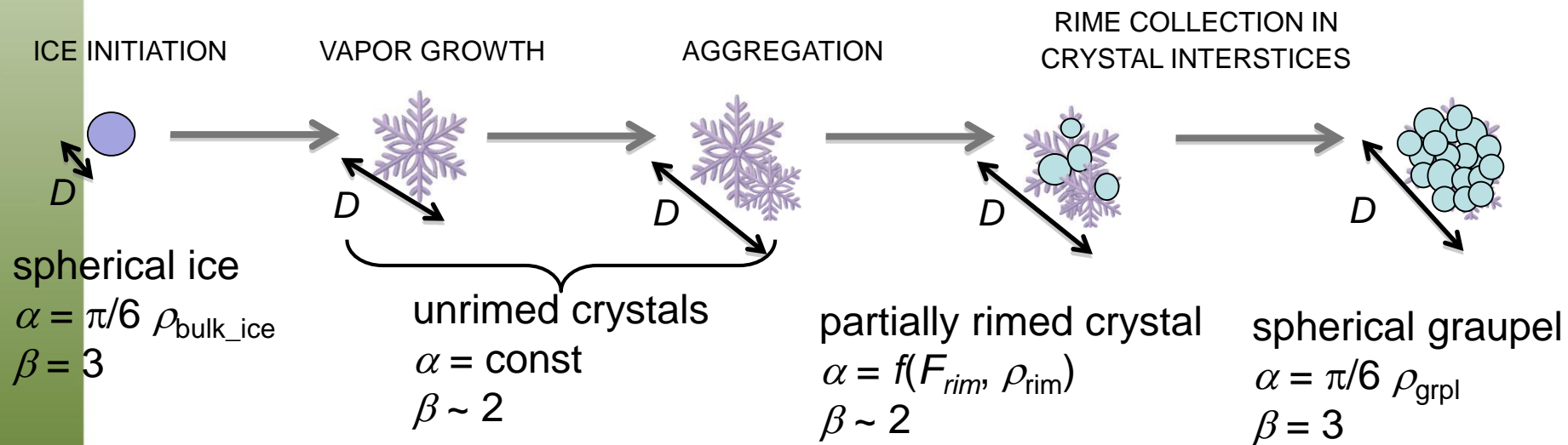
#### **HAIL**

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_h &= 900 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \\ m &= (\pi/6 \rho_h) D^3 \\ V &= a_h D^{bh}\end{aligned}$$



# New Cloud Microphysics Scheme: Predicted Particle Properties (P3)

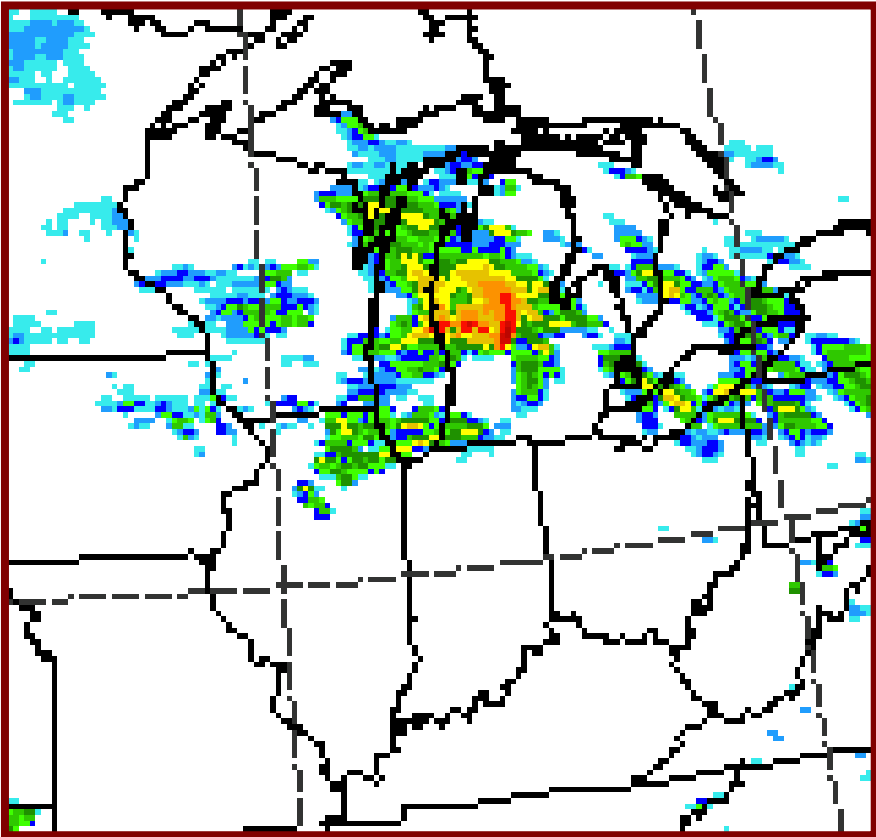
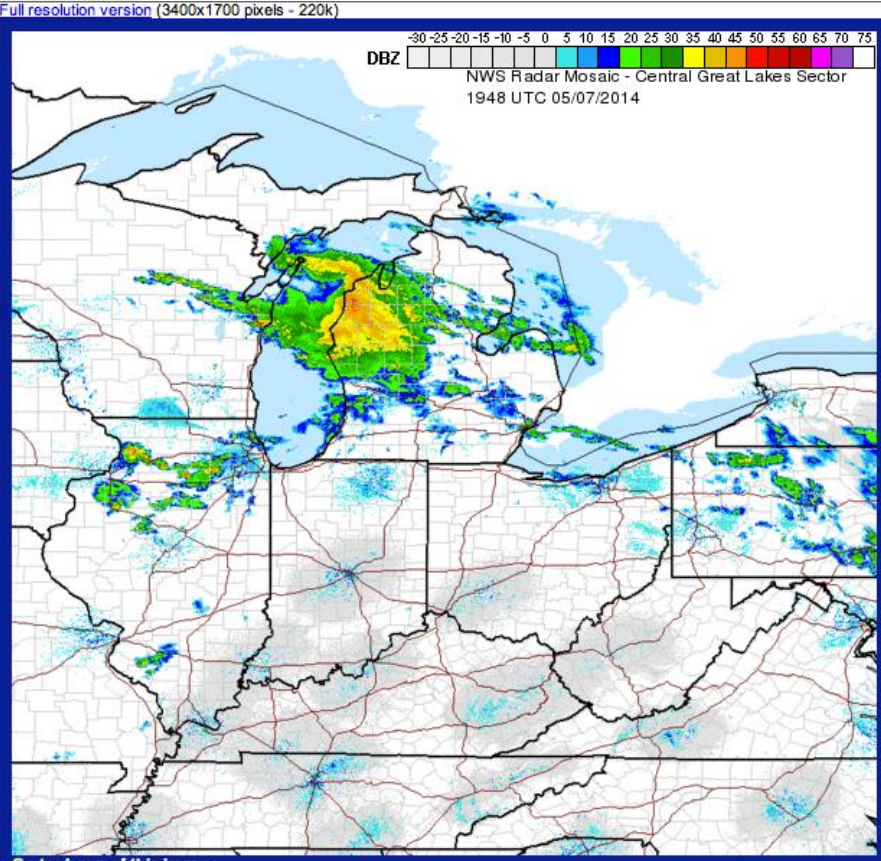
- Freely evolving hydrometeor types and prediction of particle properties (e.g. mass-Diameter relations;  $m(D) = \alpha D^\beta$ ) for process rate calculations based on conceptual model of particle growth (Heymsfield 1982); 2-moment bulk scheme
- Operational since Sept. 2018
- Supports better treatment of cloud radiative effects
- Implementation of prognostic aerosols for droplet nucleation is in progress



Morrison and Milbrandt (2015), Morrison et al. (2015), Milbrandt and Morrison (2016)



# P3 Evaluation: Example



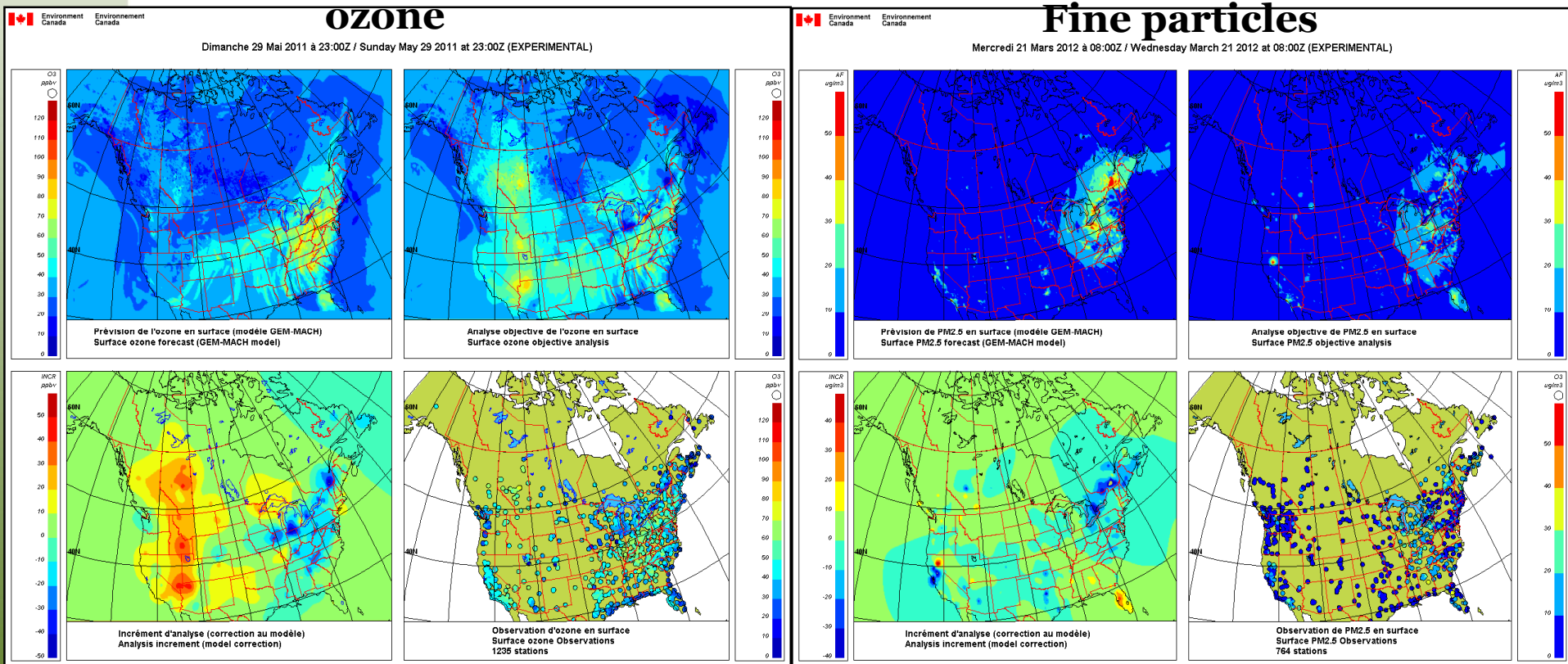
Radar Observations  
(1 km CAPPI)

Model Reflectivity  
(P3 - 1 ice category)

# ECCC Operational Air Quality Analysis

## O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub> and Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) each hour

*Experimental since 2002, operational since Feb 2013*





# ECCE Regional Air Quality Assimilation System (based on GEM-MACH)

- Issues with current ECCE operational air quality analysis
  - Only surface observations
  - Isotropic correlation model
  - Variances in observation space
  - Independent PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> analysis
  - No assimilation cycle
- ECCE new air quality analysis (operational implementation in fall 2019)
  - Climatological correlations
  - Model error variances in model space
  - Joint PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> aerosol analysis
  - New validation process
- Regional chemical assimilation cycle (first version in 2020)
  - likely using (a variant of) the 4D-EnVar scheme used for meteorology assimilation cycle
- Global/Regional assimilation of satellite observations is expected in 2020-2021

# New air quality analysis

The Gain  $\mathbf{K}$  contains correlations and variances (Ménard and Deshaies-Jacques 2018a &b)

$$\mathbf{K} \sim \frac{\langle \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_b \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_b \rangle}{\langle \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_b \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_b \rangle + \langle \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_o \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_o \rangle}$$

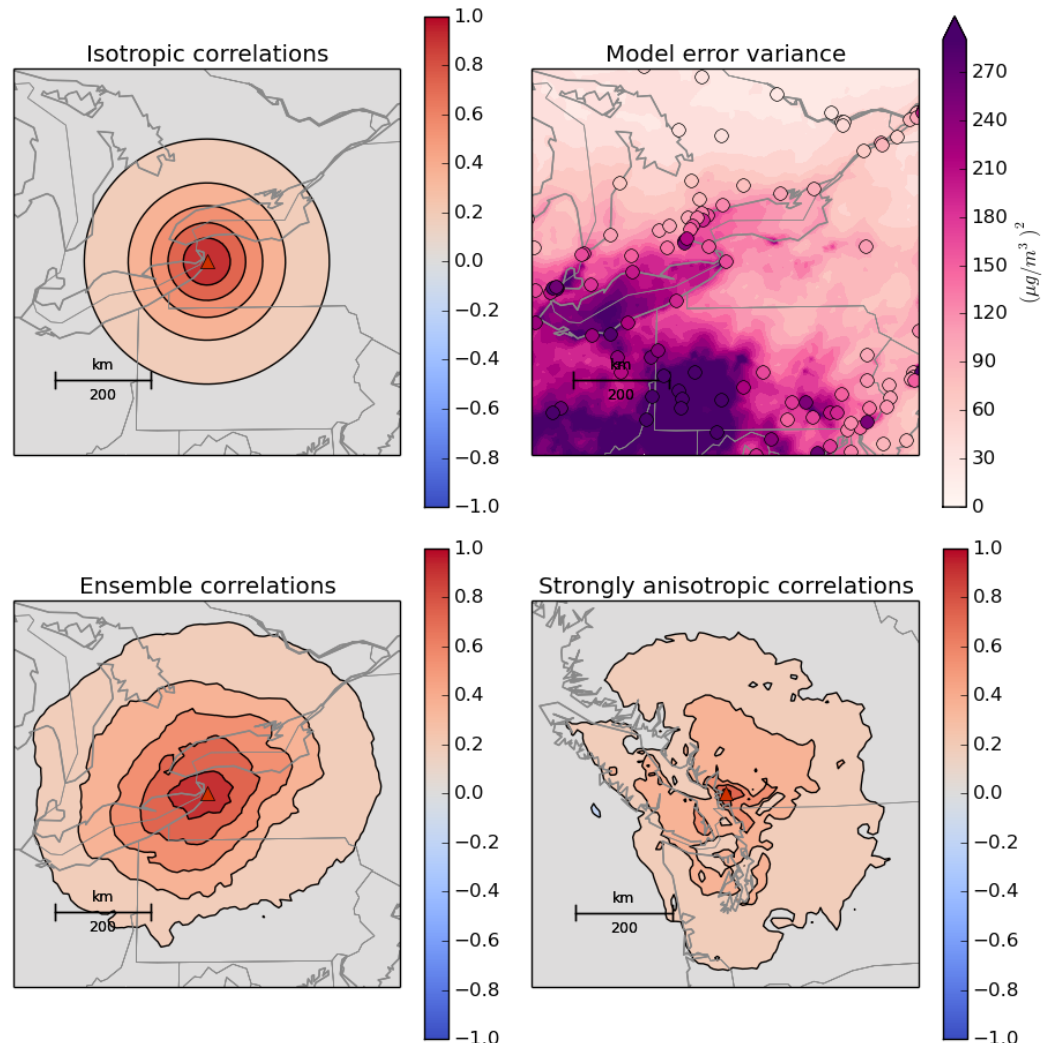
$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{H}^T(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})^{-1}$$

From information on

- Model error in model space  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_b$ , and observation space  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_o$
- Observation error,  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_o$

We estimate or model

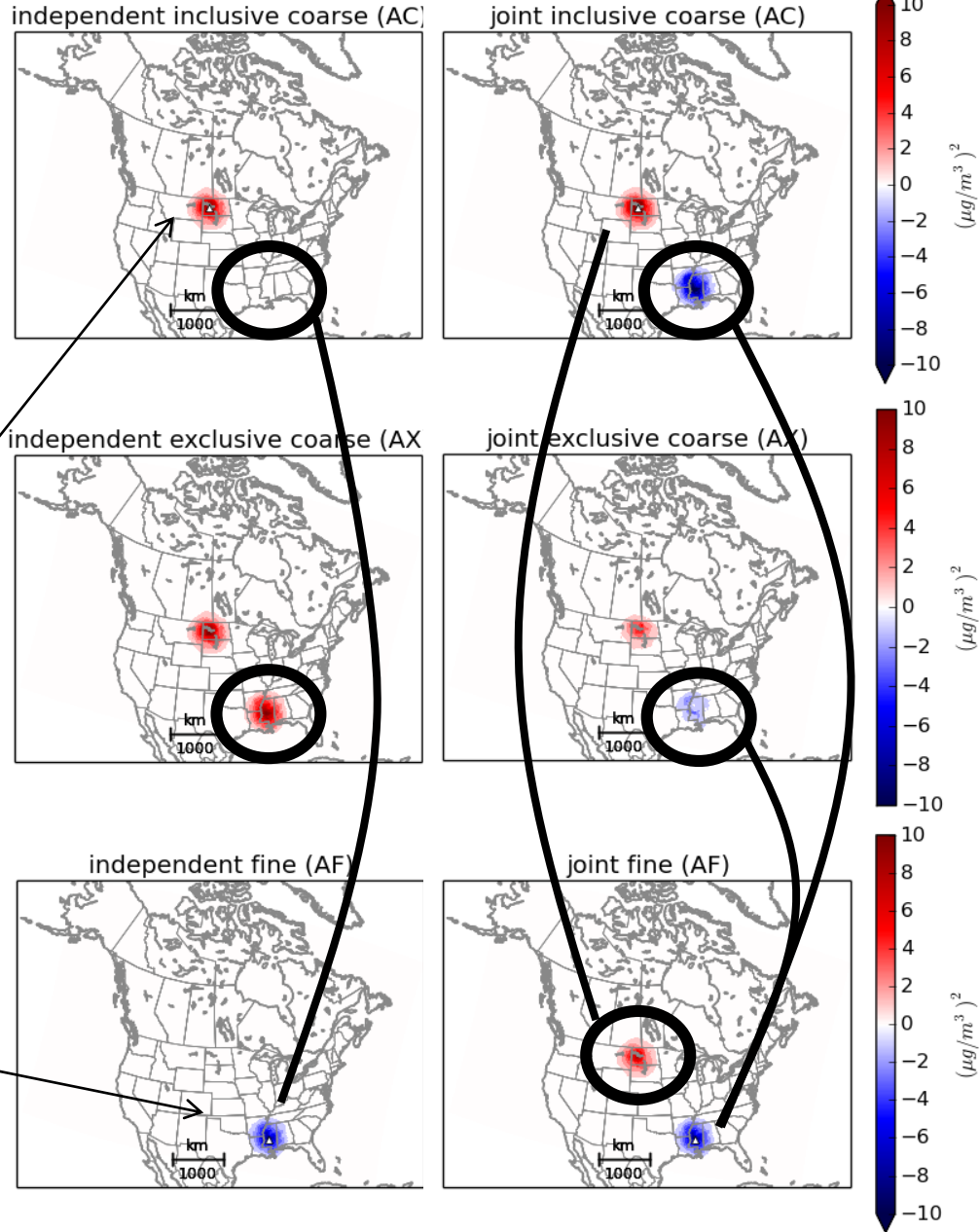
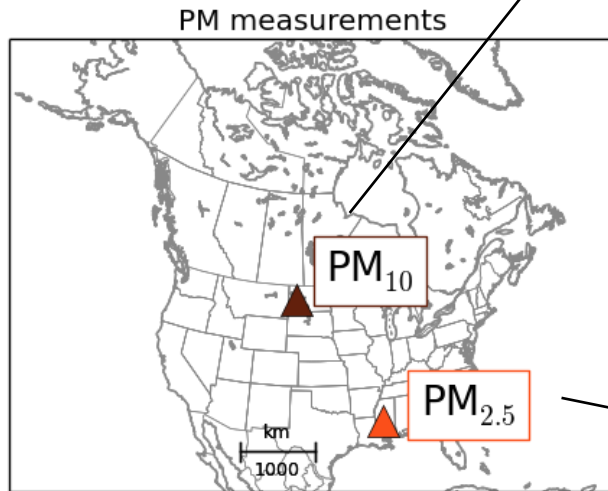
- Variances  $\sigma_b^2$ ,  $\sigma_o^2$ 
  - Statistical weight
- Correlation
  - Propagates information



# Aerosol cross-correlation

- 2 far apart stations
  - The northern measuring  $PM_{10}$
  - The southern measuring  $PM_{2.5}$

Model coarse model PM(10 – 2.5)



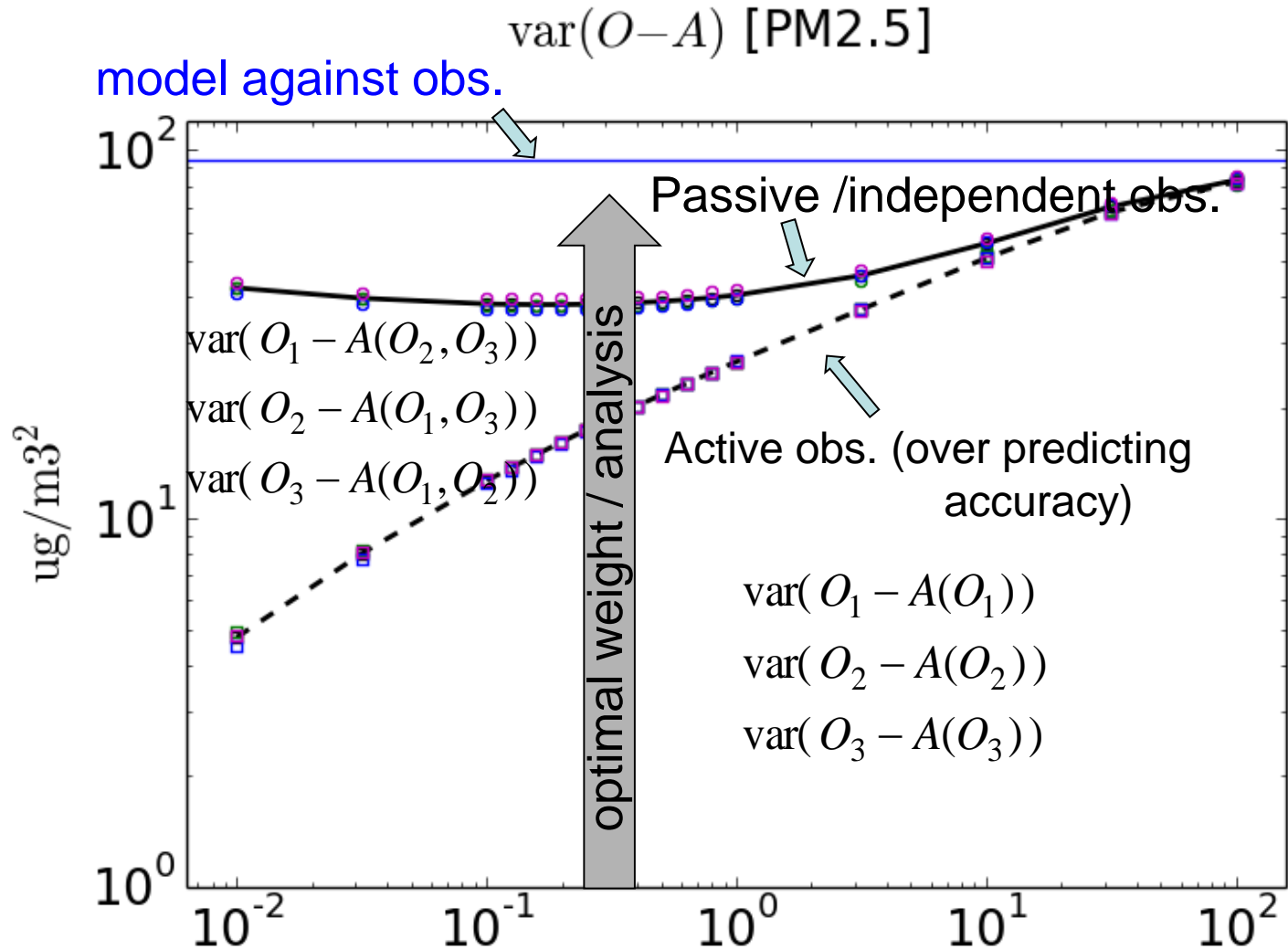
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# Evaluation of analysis by cross-validation

3 sets of spatially random distributed observations  $O_1$ ,  $O_2$  and  $O_3$  are used (Ménard and Deshaies-Jacques 2018a &b)



large observation weight  $\sigma_o^2 / \sigma_b^2$  small observation weight

# Thank you for inviting!

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- ICAP team experience is valuable to ECCC aerosol prediction system development!
- We hope to contribute to ICAP-MME in near future!

