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MACC Biomass Burning Emissions and Plumes



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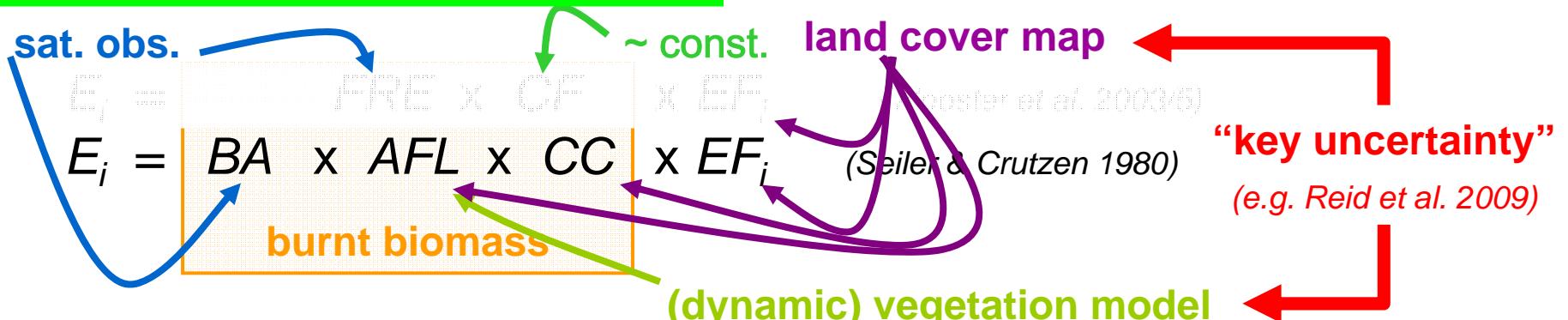
Russia, August 2010



Introduction

Bottom-Up Estimation of Fire Emissions

promising best accuracy: MACC real time



most established, in particular GFED (*van der Werf et al. 2010*): MACC retrospective

E_i = emission of species i [kg(species i)]

BA = burnt area [m^2]

AFL = available fuel load [kg(biomass) / m^2]

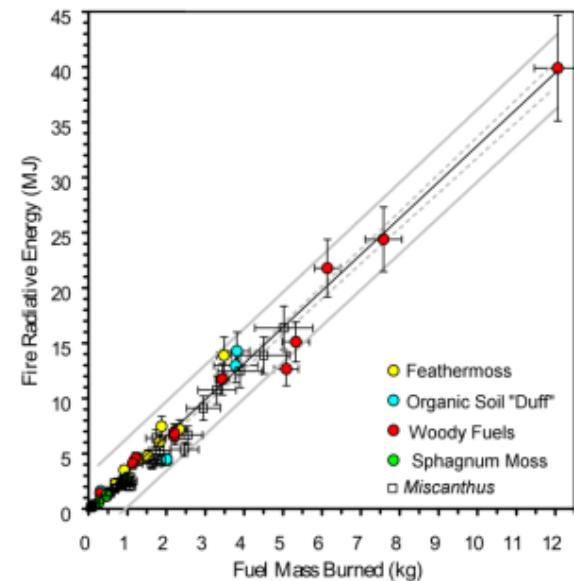
CC = combustion completeness [kg(burnt fuel) / kg (available fuel)]

EF i = emission factor for species i [kg(species i) / kg(biomass)]

FRP = fire radiative power [W]

FRE = fire radiative energy [J] = $\int FRP(t) dt$

CF = conversion factor [kg(biomass) / W(FRE)]



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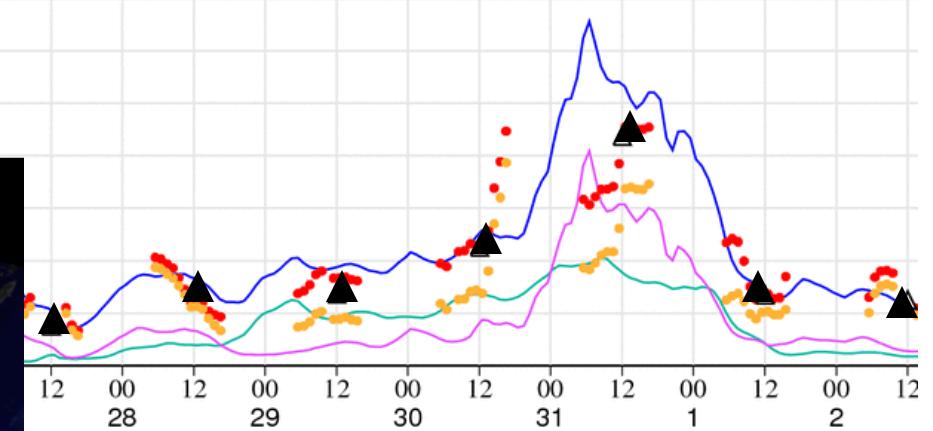
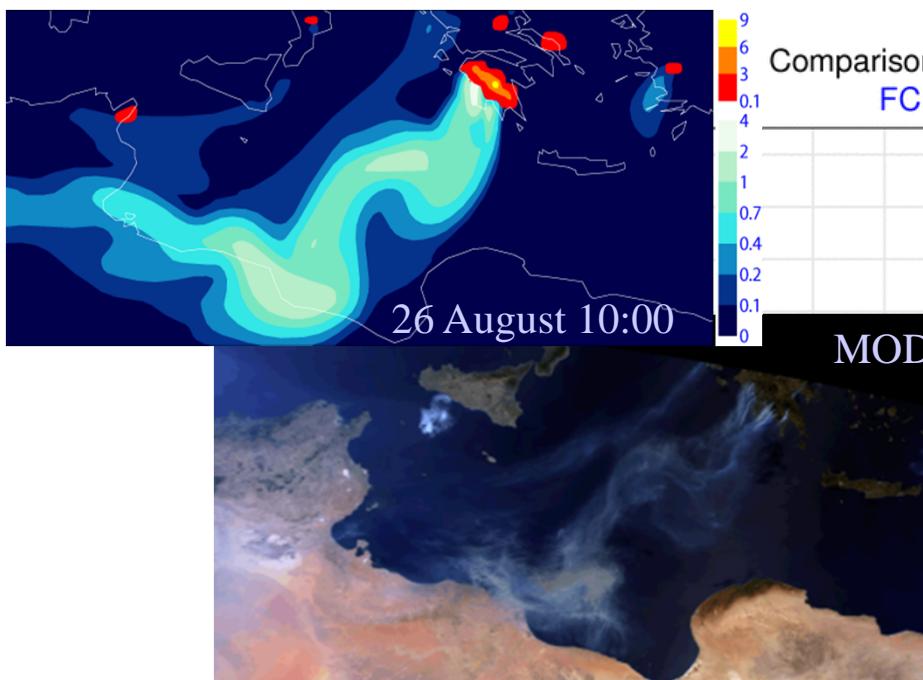
Modelled AOD of Greek Fire Plumes, August 2007



Emissions calculated from Fire Radiative Power observed by SEVIRI on Meteosat.

Emission factors from *Andreae & Merlet 2001* and *Ichoku & Kaufman 2005*.

Run at 25km global resolution, which is typical for regional models.





MACC's GFAS: The Global Fire Assimilation System

photo: M. Andreae

Global Fire Assimilation System (GFASv1.0)

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1. FRP observation input:
 - MODIS Aqua/Terra
 2. gridding on global 0.5/0.1 deg grid
 - including FRP ≥ 0 corrects partial cloud cover
 3. merging in 1-day slots
 4. removal of spurious observations, e.g. gas flares
 5. quality control
 6. observation gap filling with Kalman filter, assuming
 - variance according to representativity error
 - errors spatially uncorrelated
 - fire persistence
 7. fire type-dependent conversion to combustion rate
 8. emission calculation
 - 40 gaseous & particulate species

Alberta, Canada, May 2010 (edmontonjournal.com)

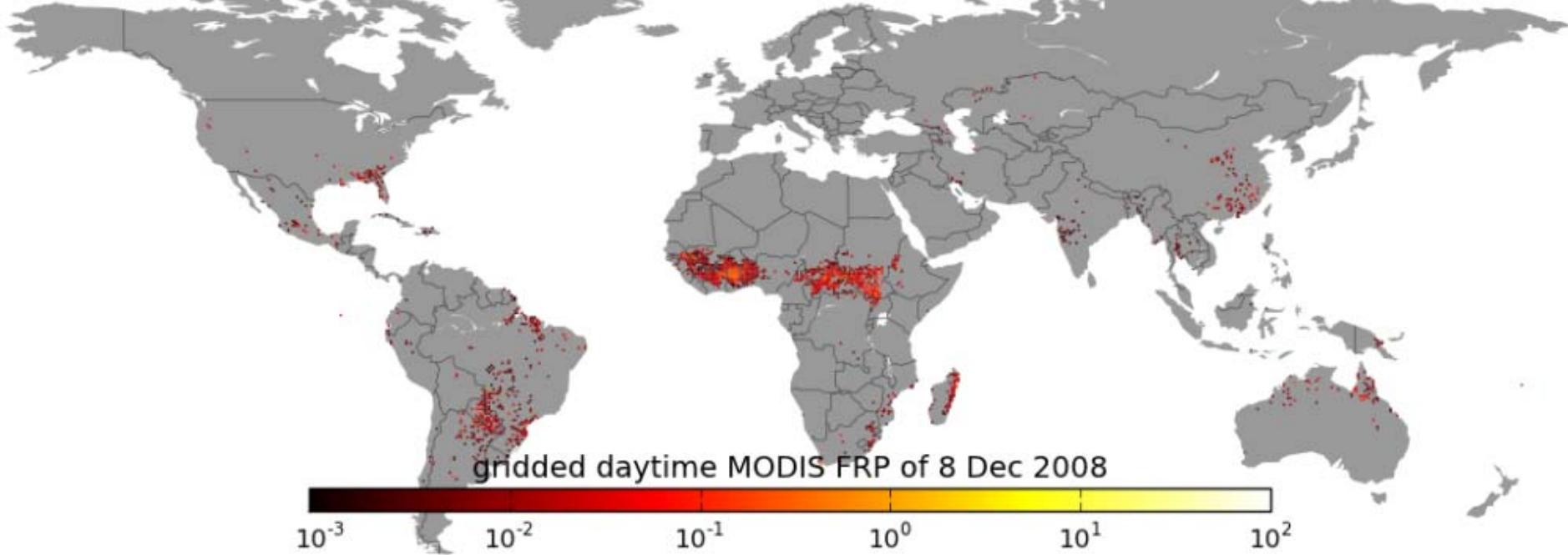
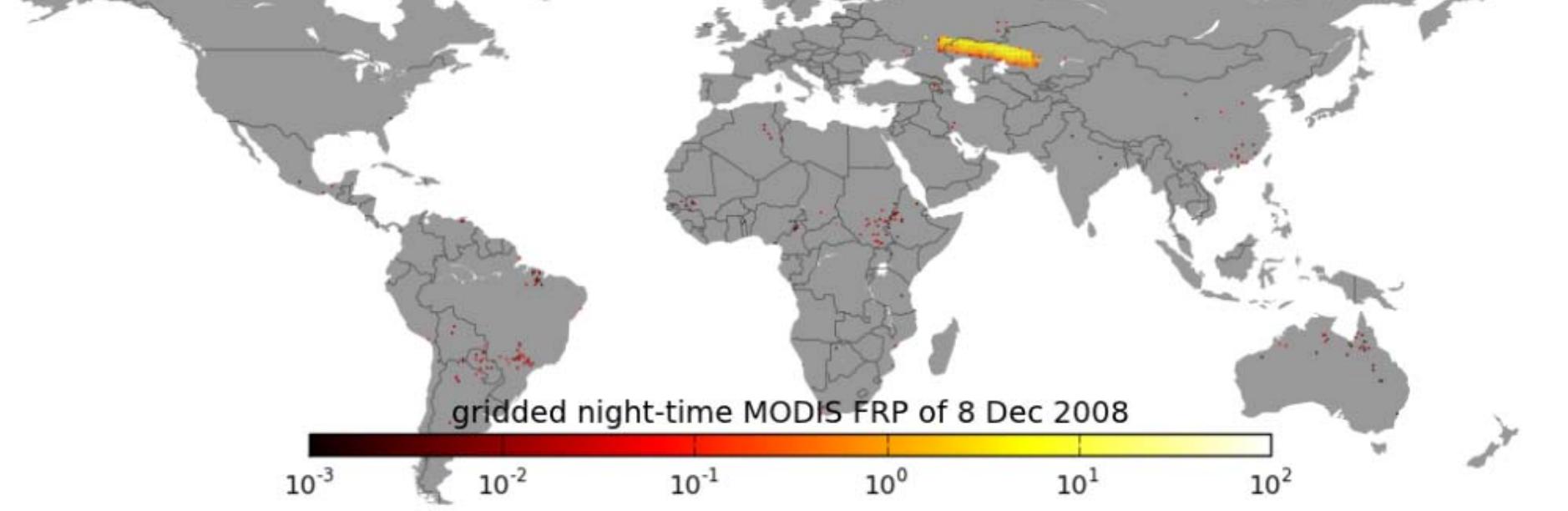
Gridding of FRP Observations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{FRP / unit area} \quad \varrho_j &= \frac{\langle F \rangle_j}{\langle A \rangle_j} && \text{FRP / pixel} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{i \in j} F_i \cos^2(\theta_i)}{\sum_{i \in j} A_i \cos^2(\theta_i)} && \begin{array}{l} \text{viewing angle} \\ \text{pixel area} \end{array} \\
 \text{accuracy indicator} \quad \gamma_j &= \frac{\sum_{i \in j} A_i \cos^2(\theta_i)}{a_j} && \text{grid cell area}
 \end{aligned}$$

(Kaiser et al. 2009, 2012)

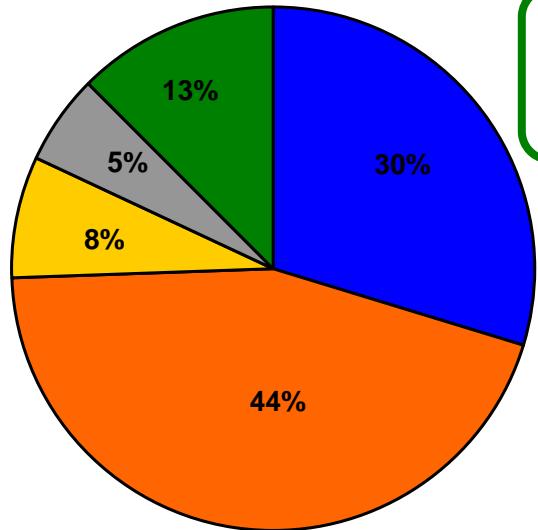
- use $\text{FRP} \geq 0$ observations
 - assume same fire distribution throughout partially cloudy grid cell
 - tolerate double counting near MODIS swath edges
 - flatten accuracy indicator across MODIS swath, using viewing angle
 - interpretation of accuracy indicator as inverse variance allows subsequent consistent merging using optimal interpolation

Quality Control: Threshold for Daily FRP Fields

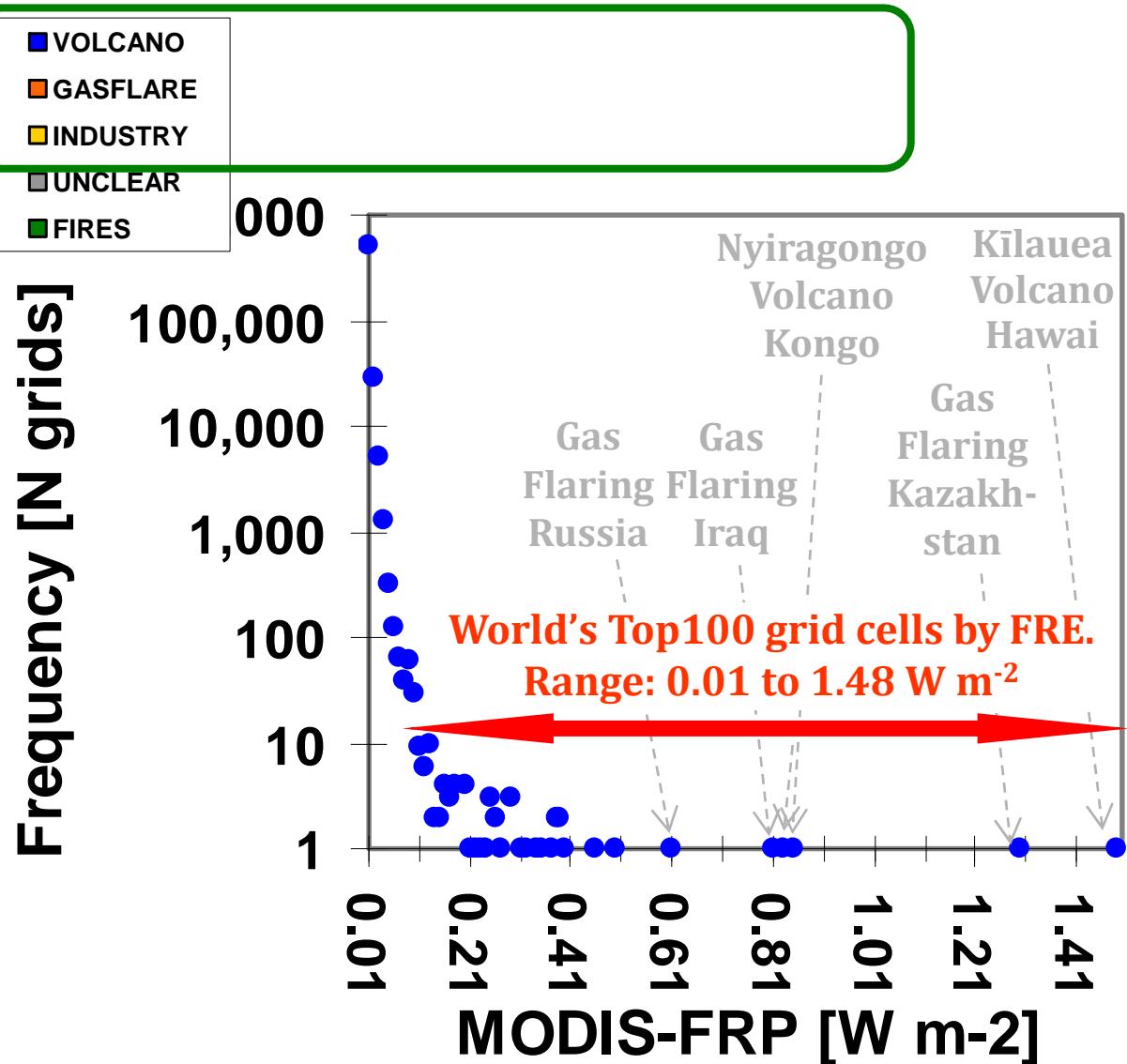


World's Top 100 Grid Cells by FRE: ~1.3% of Total

Top100 FRP: Source Categories
Contribution to total dry matter burned 2003-2009 equivalent
(Sum Top100 FRP grid cells: 172 Tg)



masked in GFASv1.0



MODIS FRP Assimilation

accuracy indicator

FRP

night-time
observations

night-time observational coverage of 20120110
0.0 0.6 1.2 1.8 2.4 3.0 3.6 4.2 4.8 5.4

observed night-time FRP [mW/m²] of 20120110
 10^0 10^1 10^2

daytime
observations

daytime observational coverage of 20120110
0.0 0.6 1.2 1.8 2.4 3.0 3.6 4.2 4.8 5.4

observed daytime FRP [mW/m²] of 20120110
 10^0 10^1 10^2

24-hour
analysis

analysis observational coverage of 20120110
0.0 0.6 1.2 1.8 2.4 3.0 3.6 4.2 4.8 5.4

analysis FRP [mW/m²] of 20120110
 10^0 10^1 10^2

NRT production of daily FRP and Emissions

GFASv0

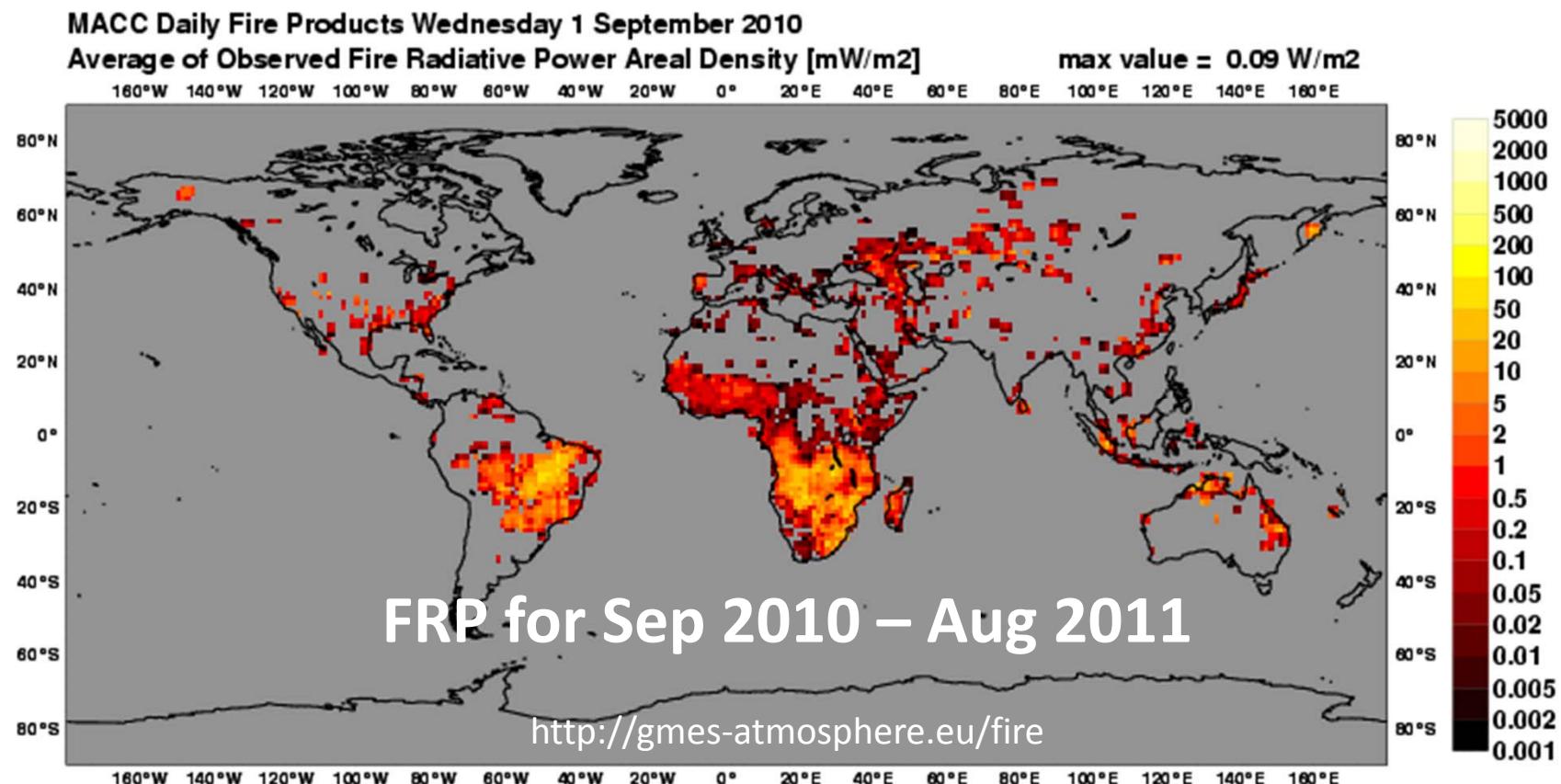
since GEMS
MODIS & SEVIRI FRP
observations
~125 km resolution

GFASv1.0

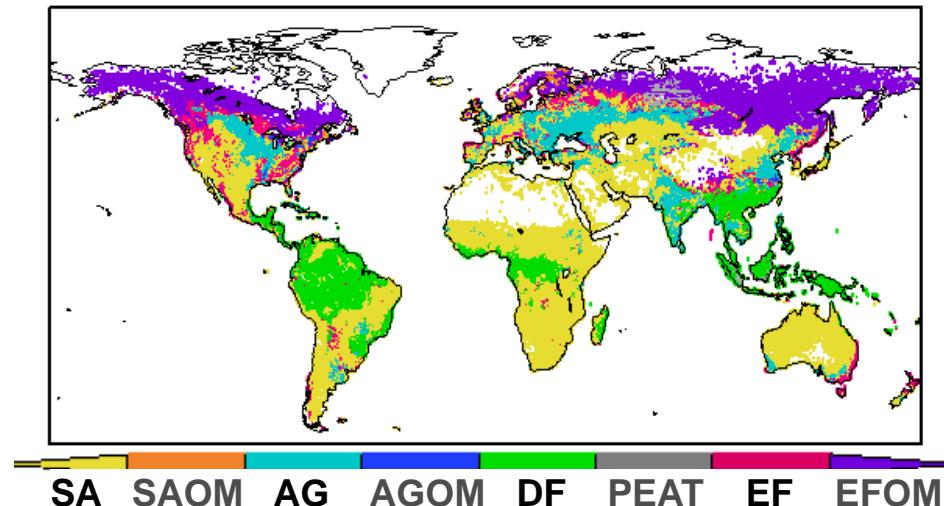
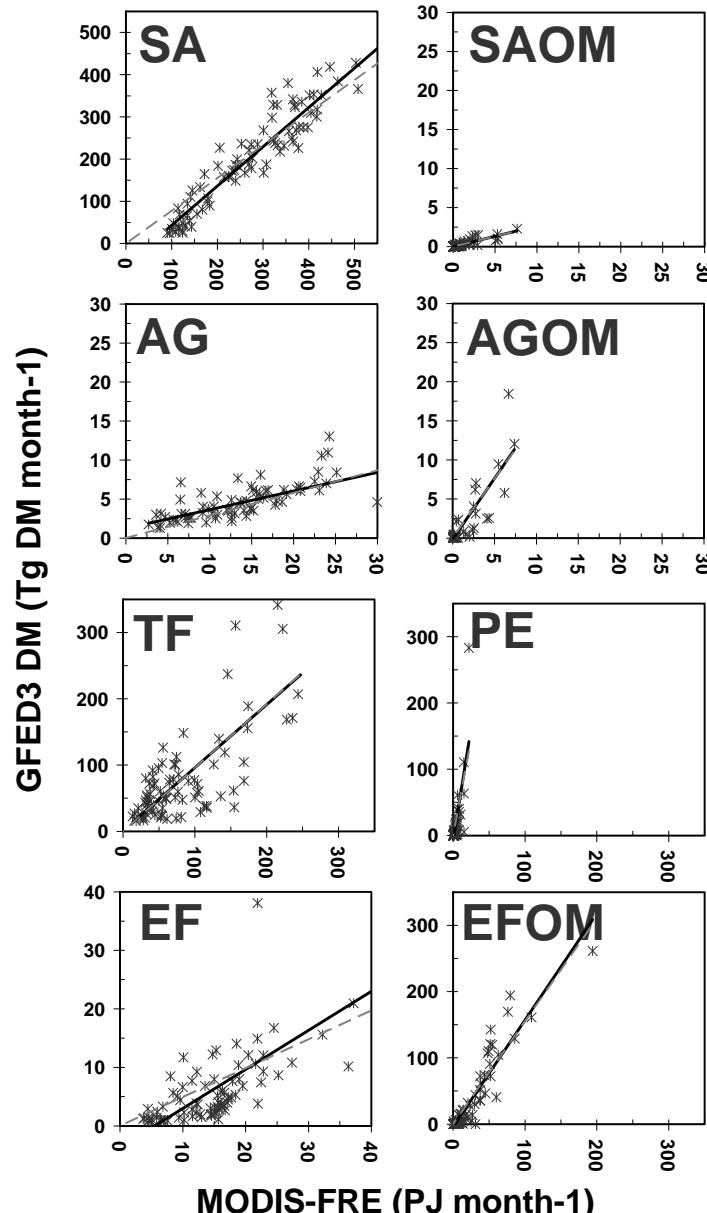
since 17 May 2011
MODIS FRP assimilation
~50 km resolution

GFASv1.1

since 9 November 2011
MODIS FRP assimilation
~10 km resolution



FRP conversion factor analysis against GFEDv3



SA: Savanna fires

SAOM: SA with potential OM burning

AG: Agricultural fires

AGOM: AG with potential OM burning

DF: Tropical fires

PEAT: peat burning

EF: Extratropical fires

EFOM: EF with potential burning]

**Conversion factor depends on
dominant fire type!**

(adapted from Heil et al., ECMWF TM628, 2010)

Land-cover specific conversion is a combined approach.

- consistent with GFED3 inventory (within its accuracy)
- advantages
 - quantitative information
 - low detection threshold
 - real-time availability

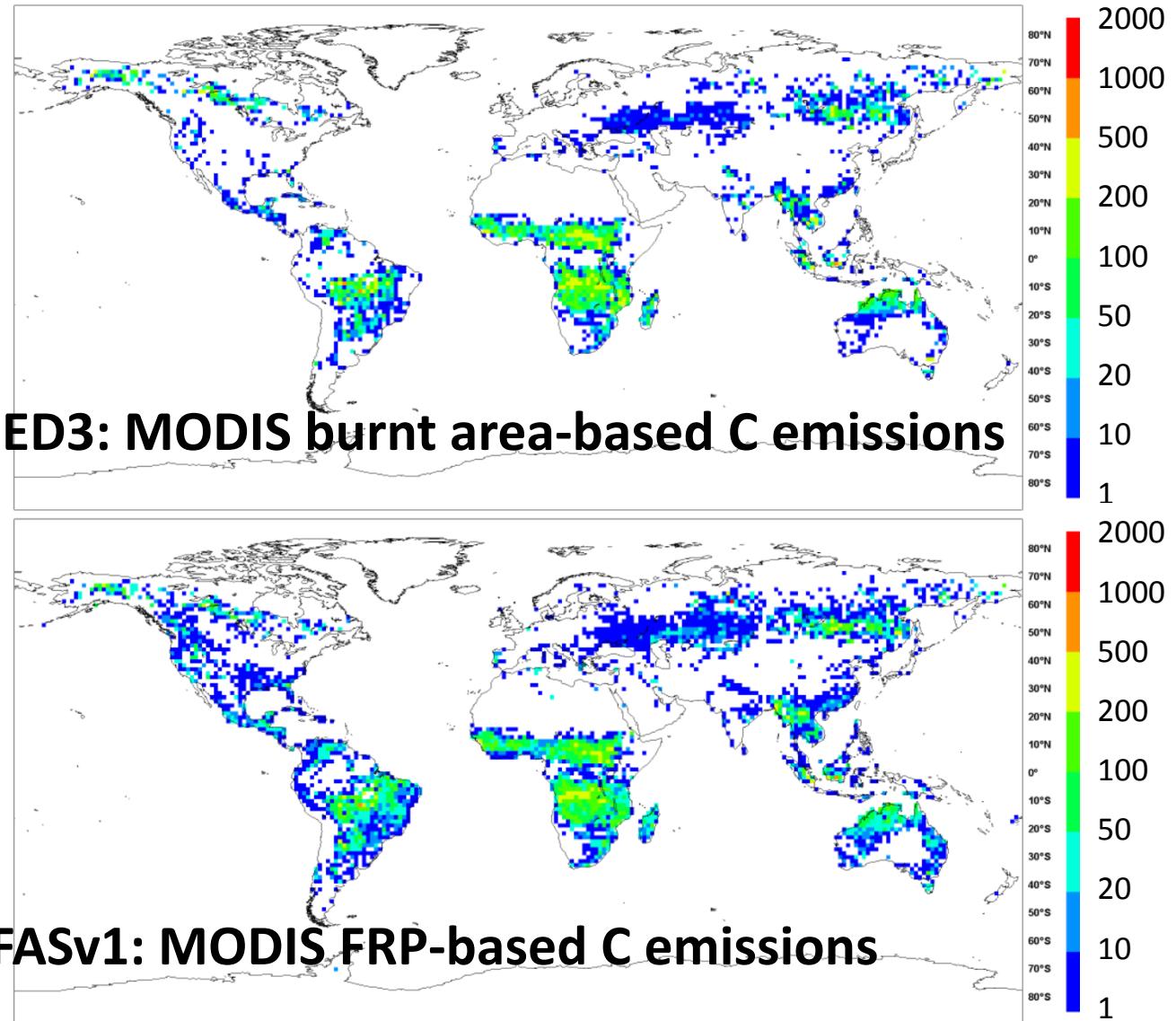
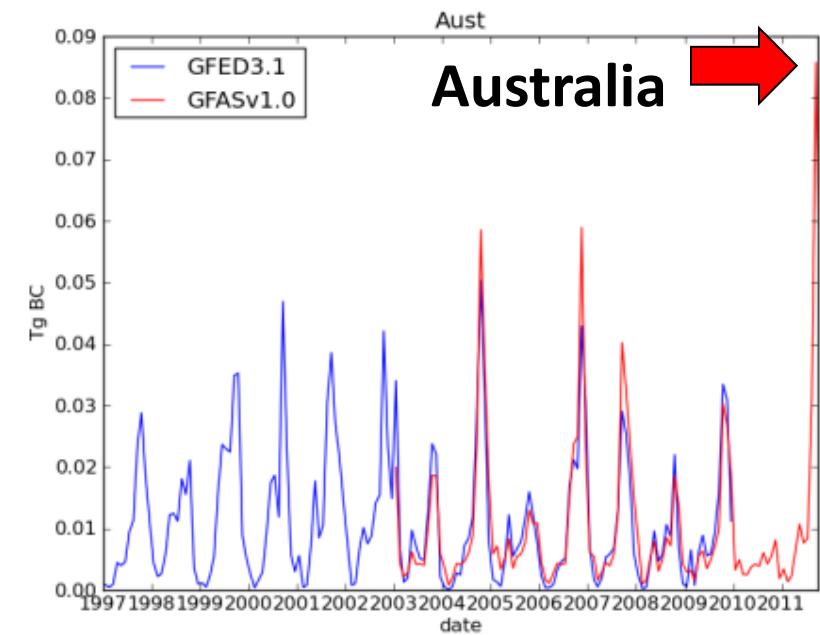
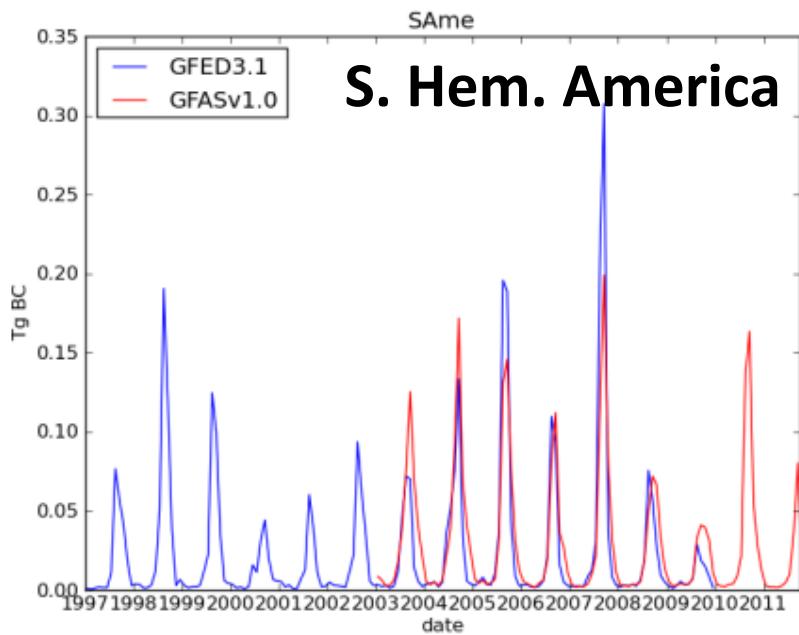
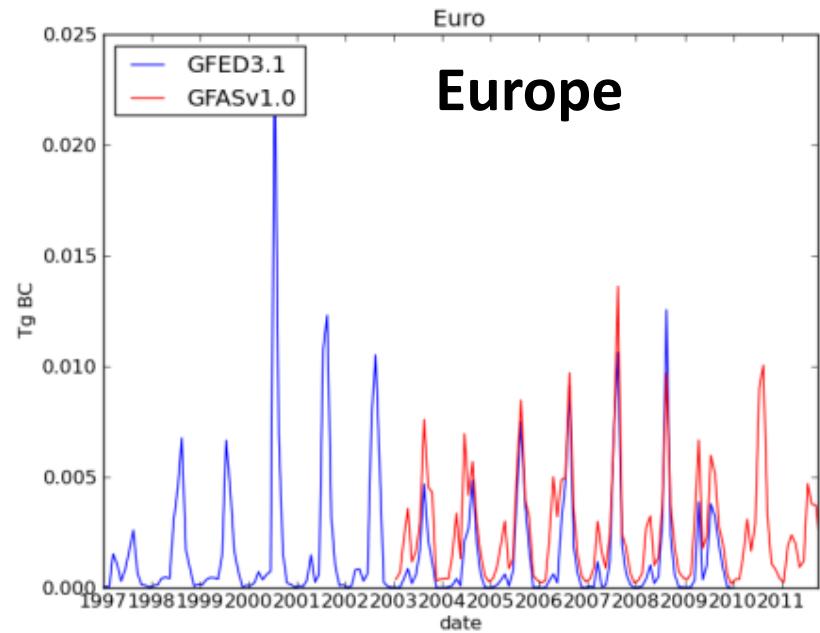
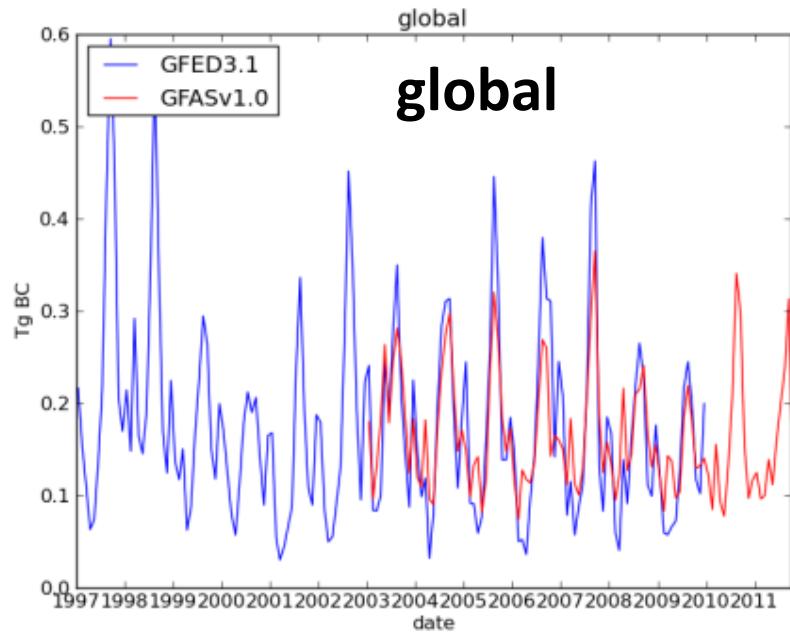


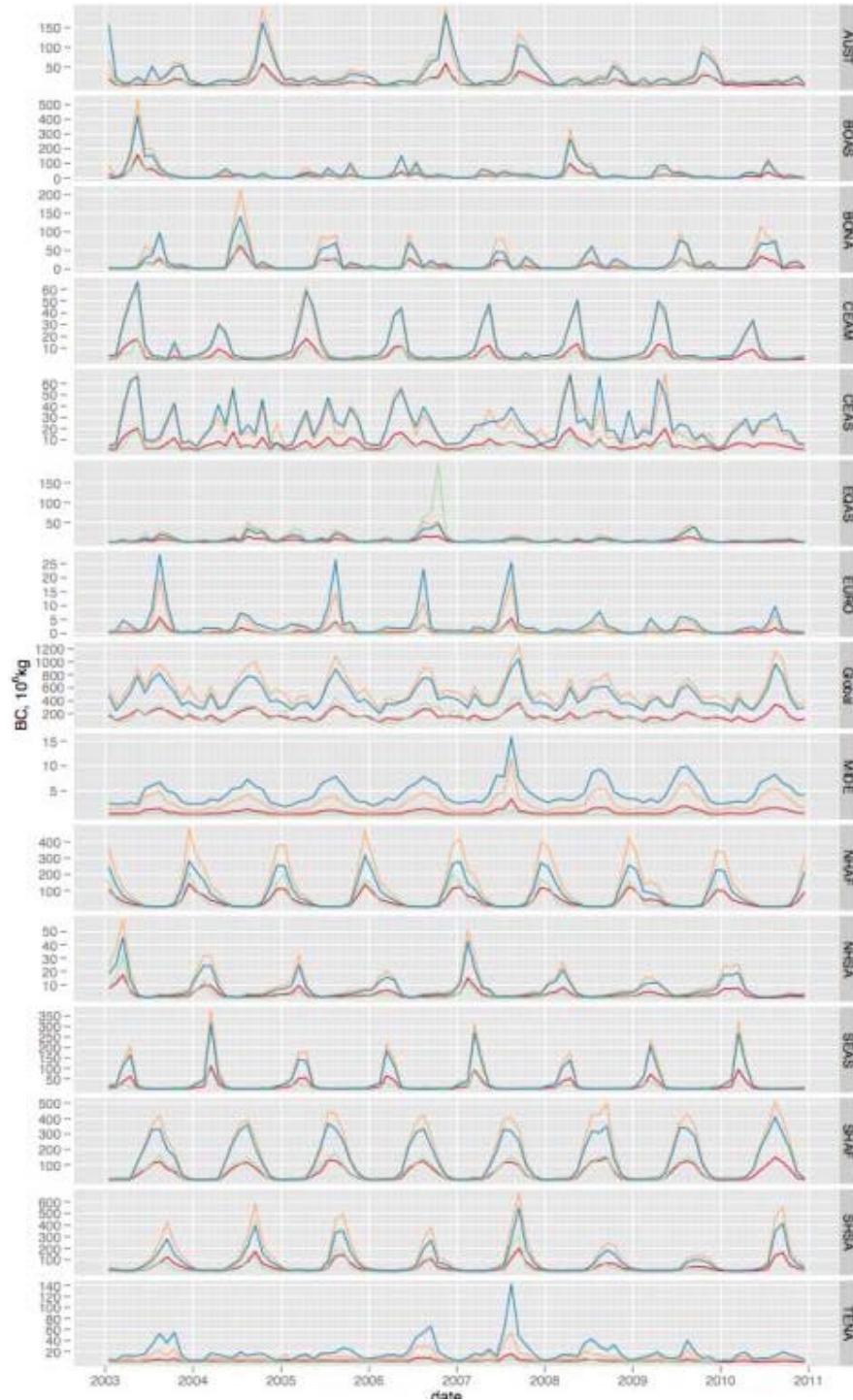
Fig. 5. Average distribution of carbon combustion [$\text{g}(\text{C}) \text{ a}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$] during 2003–2008 in GFED3.1 (top) and GFASv1.0 (bottom).
(Kaiser et al. 2012)

Monthly C emission up to September 2011



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Black Carbon Cross-validation



GFASv1.0 (with aerosol enhancement)
compares well with NASA's
QFEDv2.2.



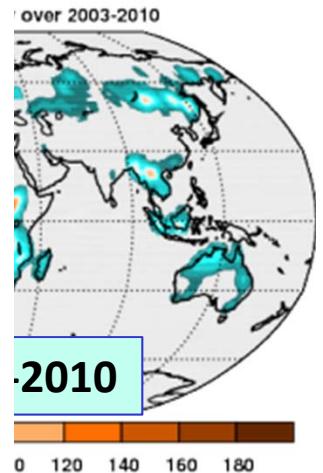
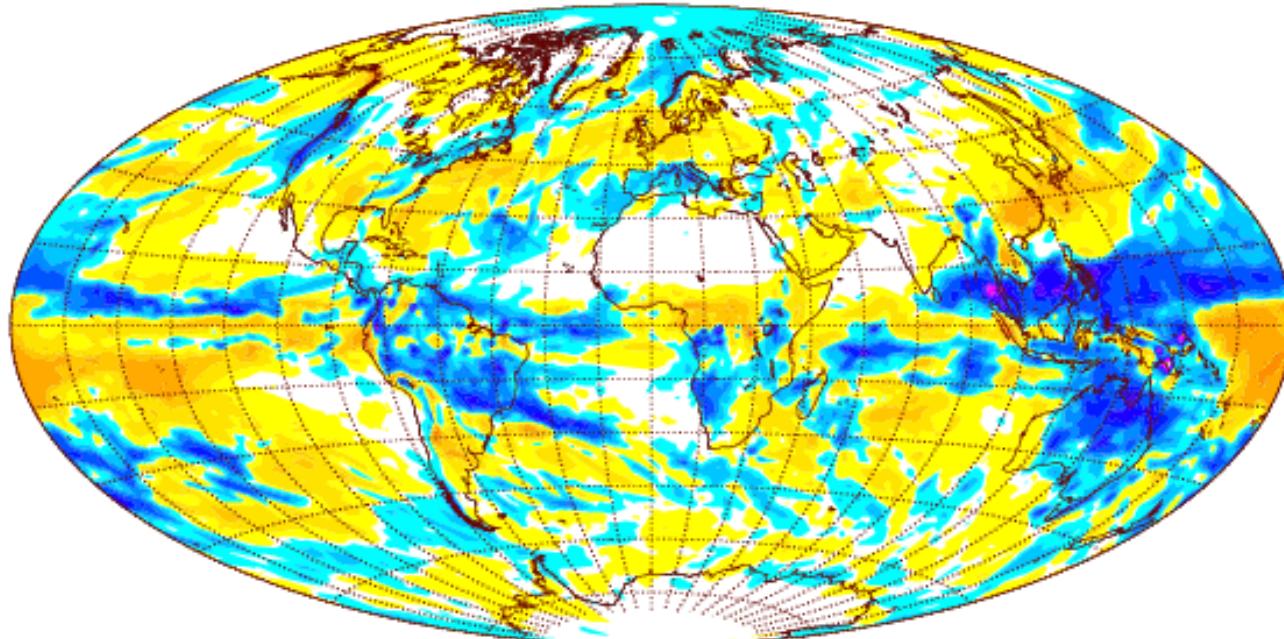
(courtesy A. da Silva)



Applications & Validation

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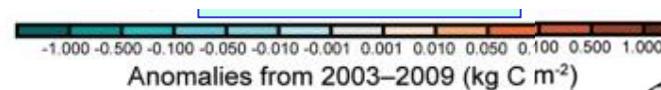
ERA-Interim. 1473 monthly/daily accumulation. 201103 +12h.
Total precipitation anomalies from 1989-2001



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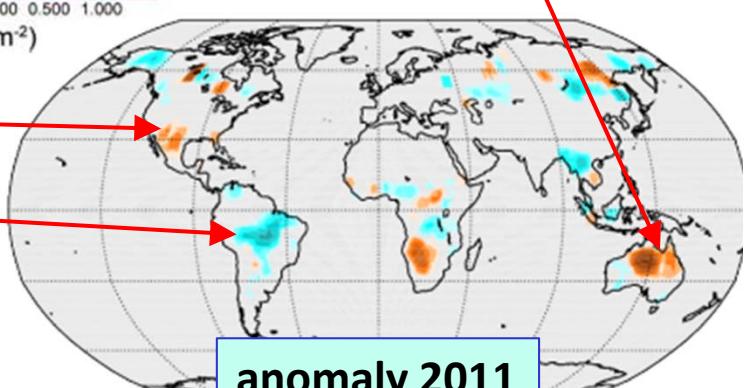
late 2010,
Mar 2011

in a group



reduced deforestation

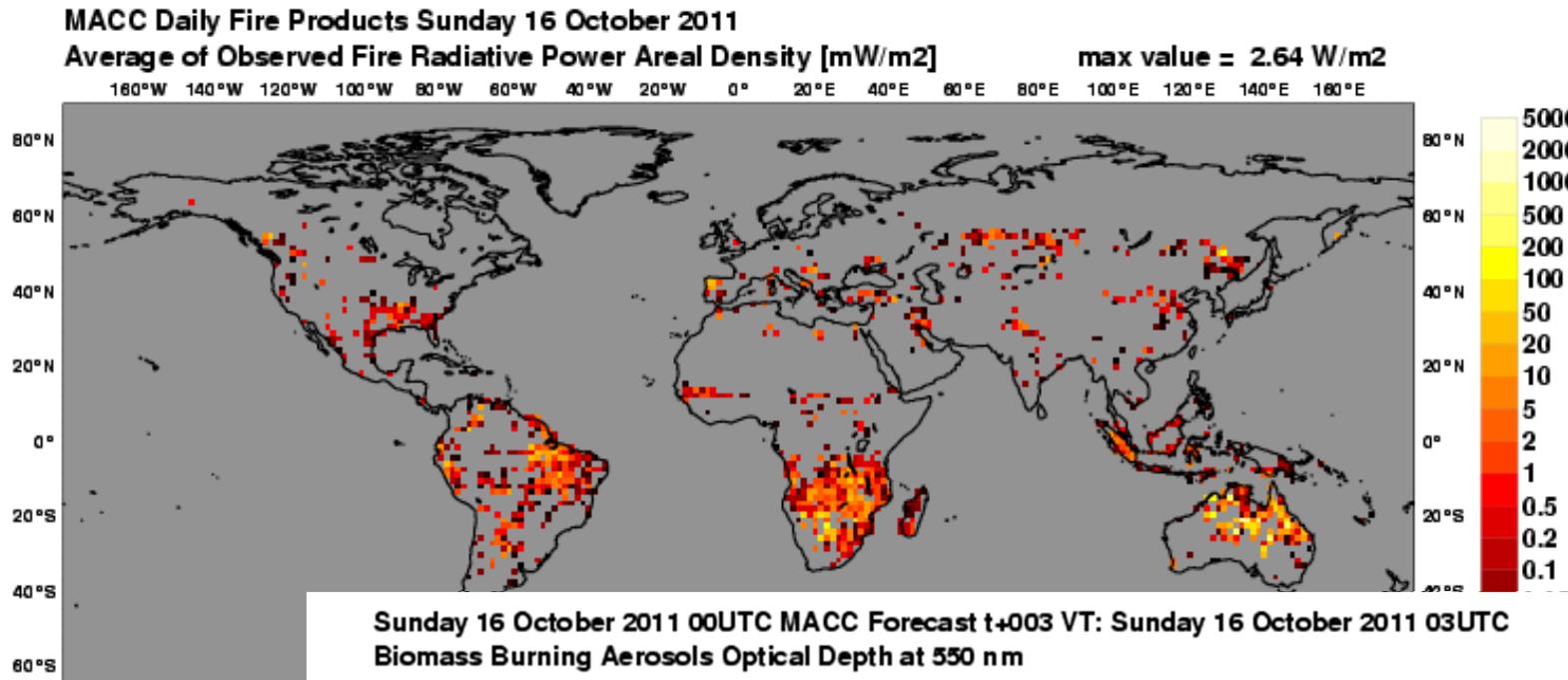
hot and dry



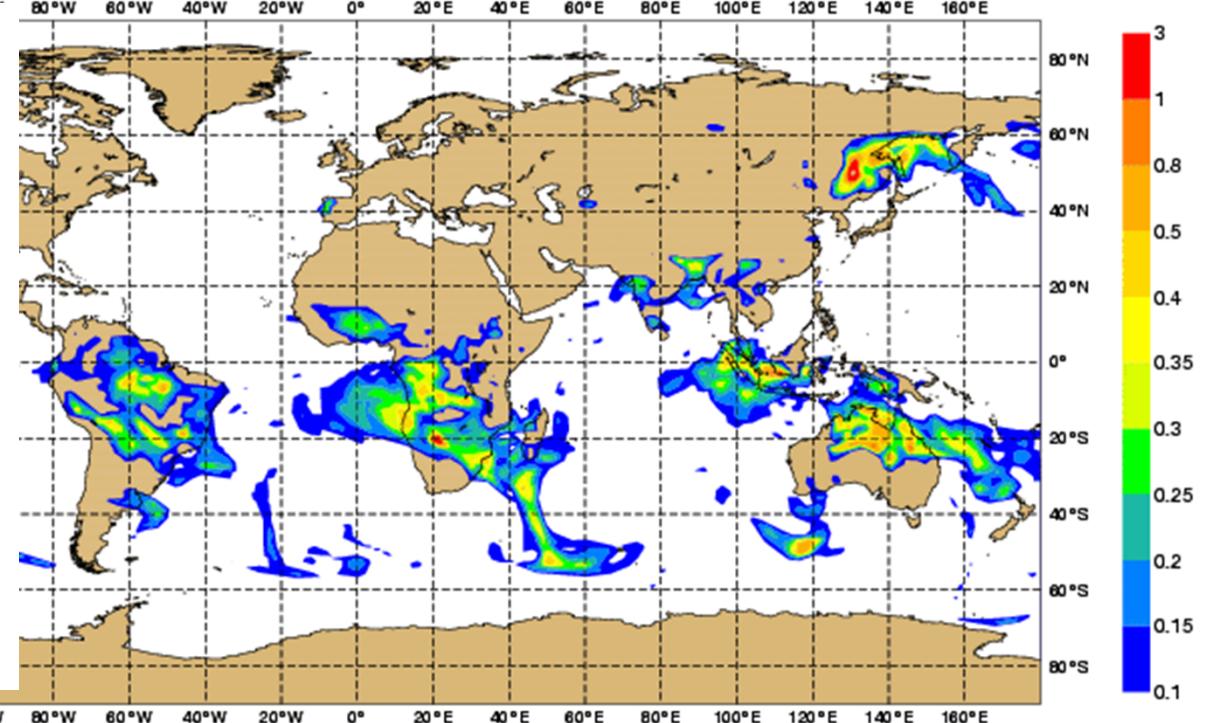
anomaly 2011

Annual fire anomalies in NOAA's *State of the Climate* reports. [Kaiser et al. *BAMS* 2010, 2011, 2012]

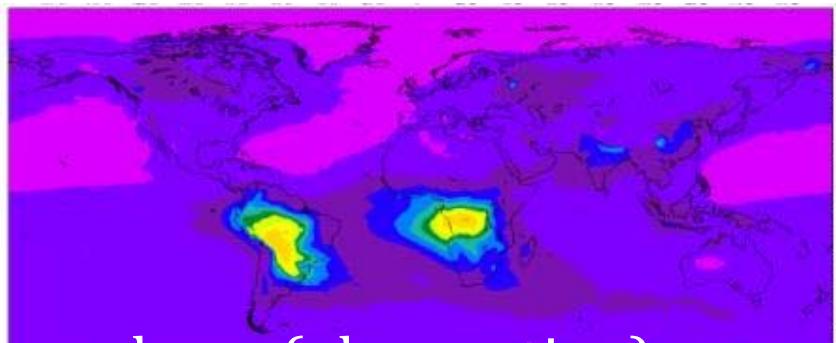
D-FIRE Emissions in MACC Systems



- MACC GFASv0/1.0:
 - global NRT AER
 - delayed-mode GHG, AER
 - reanalysis (2009-10)
 - CO-tracer forecasts
 - MOZART/TM5 offline runs
- GFEDv3.1:
 - GRG production
- GFEDv3.0 redistributed:
 - reanalysis (2003-9)



Validation of Fire Emissions: AOD(OM) + AOD(BC)

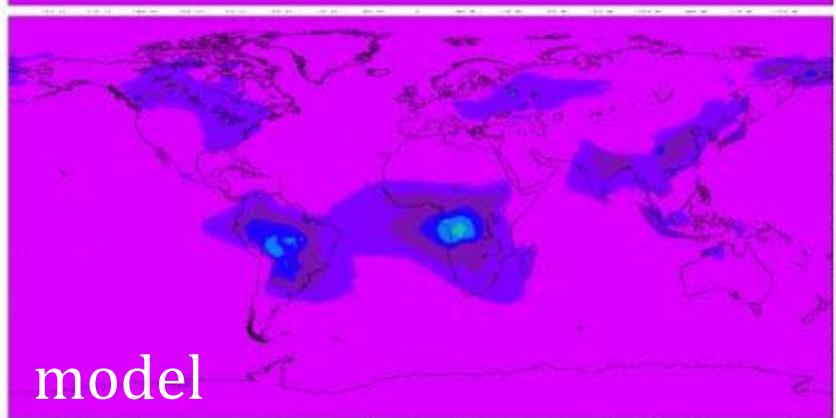


assimilation of MODIS AOD

active: “analyses”

passive: “model”

average of 15 Jul – 31 Dec 2010



similar to other top-down estimates:

NASA (GFED2.2)

NRL (Reid et al. 2009)

LSCE (N. Huneeus et al. 2012)

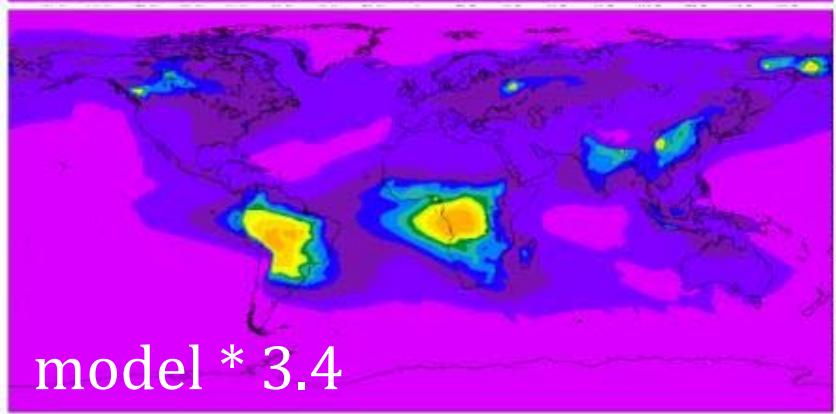
FMI (Sofiev et al. 2009)

inconsistent with bottom-up estimates:

GFED2/3 (van der Werf et al. 2006/10)

published emission factors (e.g. Andreae & Merlet 2001)

INPE/CPTEC (Freitas et al. 2005)



recommendations:

correct emissions by factor 3.4

do multi-parameter analysis

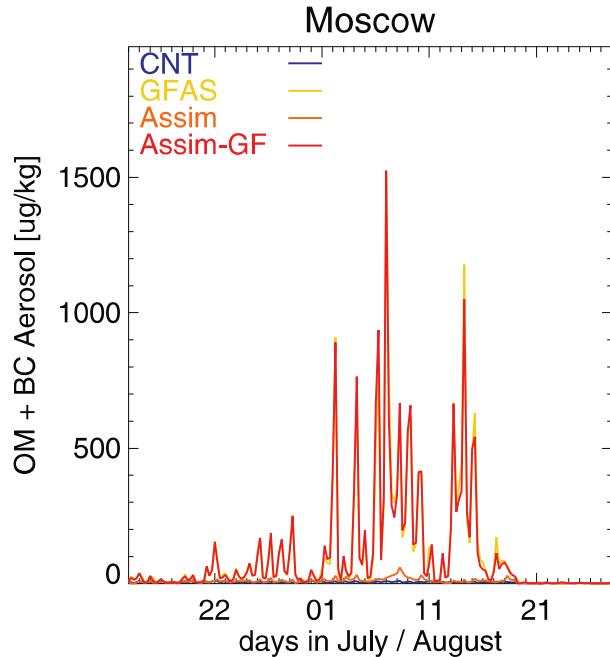
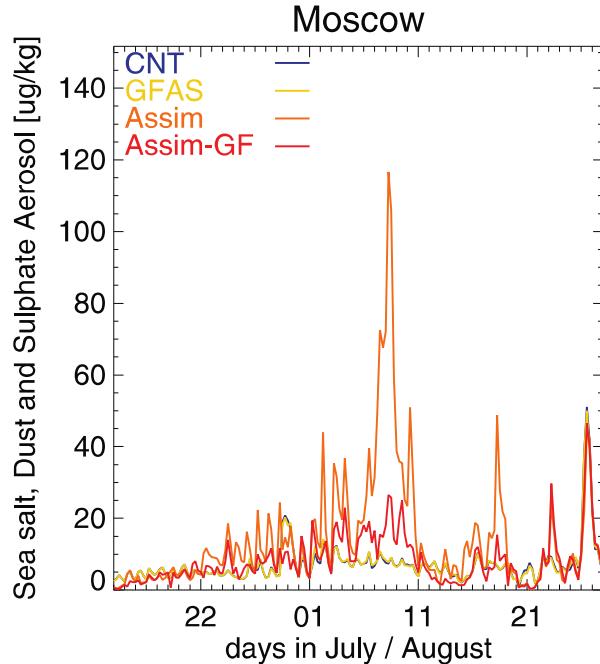
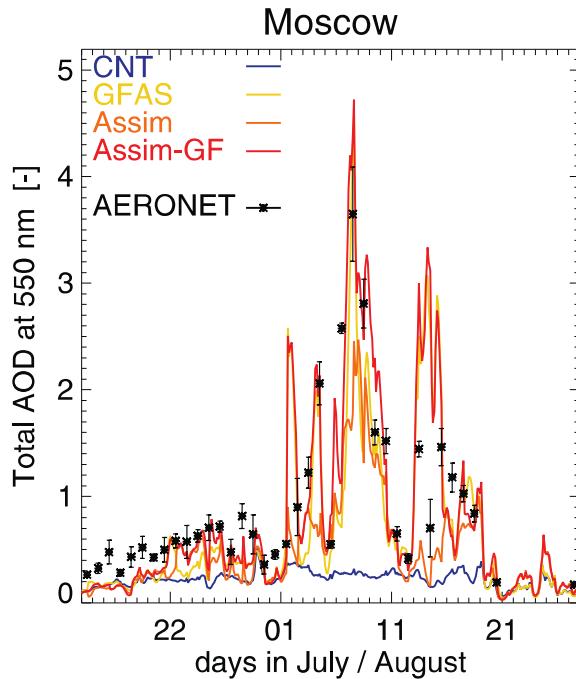
[Kaiser et al. 2012]

Russian Fires of Summer 2010

- Assimilation of MODIS FRP
 - in GFASv1.0
- Assimilation of MODIS AOD
 - using enhanced GFASv1.0



AOD Simulations with IFS

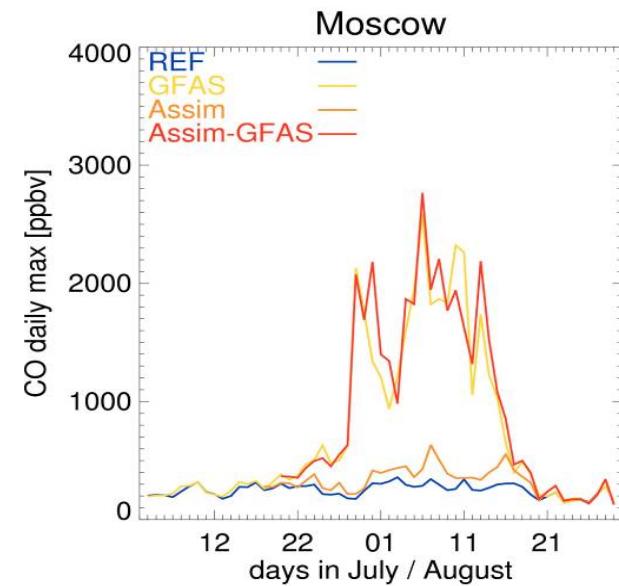
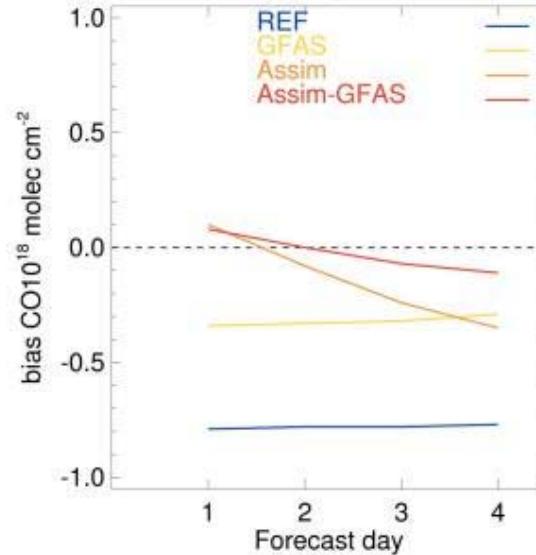
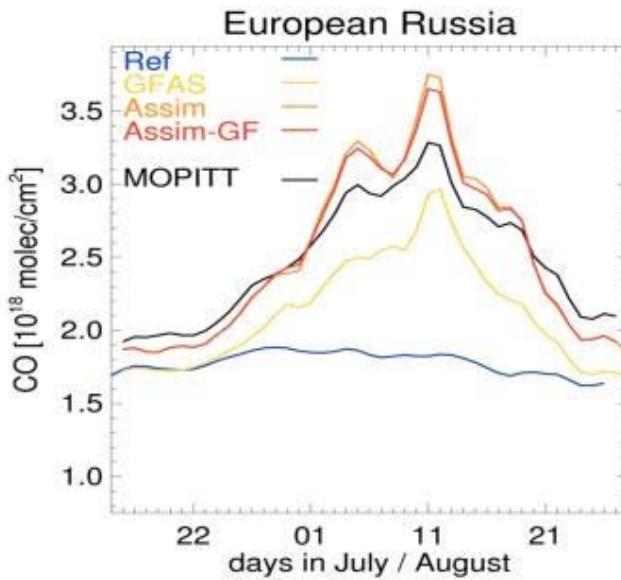


- Assimilation adapts total AOD.
- Speciation is determined by emissions.
- Forecasts near sources strongly depend on emissions.

- Model, with climatological emissions
- Model, with analysed emissions
- Assimilation of AOD, with climatological emissions
- Assimilation of AOD, with analysed emissions

[Huijnen et al. 2012]

CO Simulations with IFS-TM5



- Much of the signal in CO column is captured by **either** emissions or assimilation.
- Accurate column forecasts require **both**.
- Surface concentrations are dominated by emissions.
- Forecasts suffer from poor fire predictions.

- Model, with climatological emissions
- Model, with analysed emissions
- Assimilation of IASI CO, with climatological emissions
- Assimilation of IASI CO, with analysed emissions

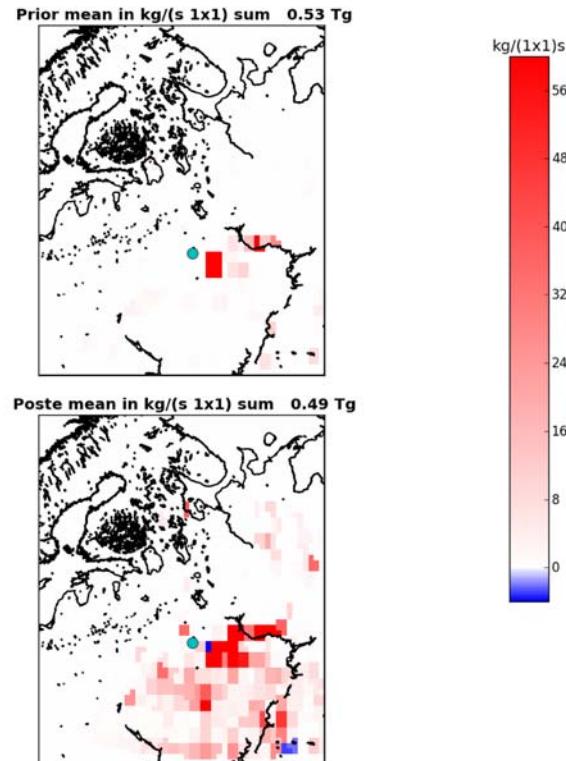
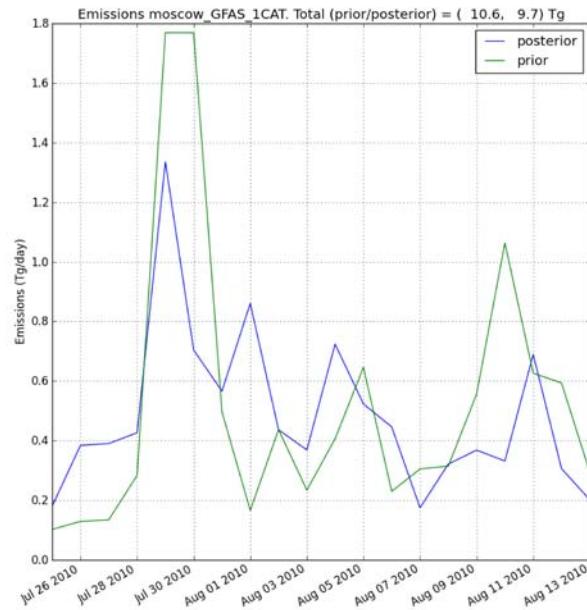
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IASI-CO based Inversion in ESA ALANIS *Smoke Plumes*

- confirms GFASv1.0 emission estimates for Russian fires of 2010



Optimized from GFAS prior

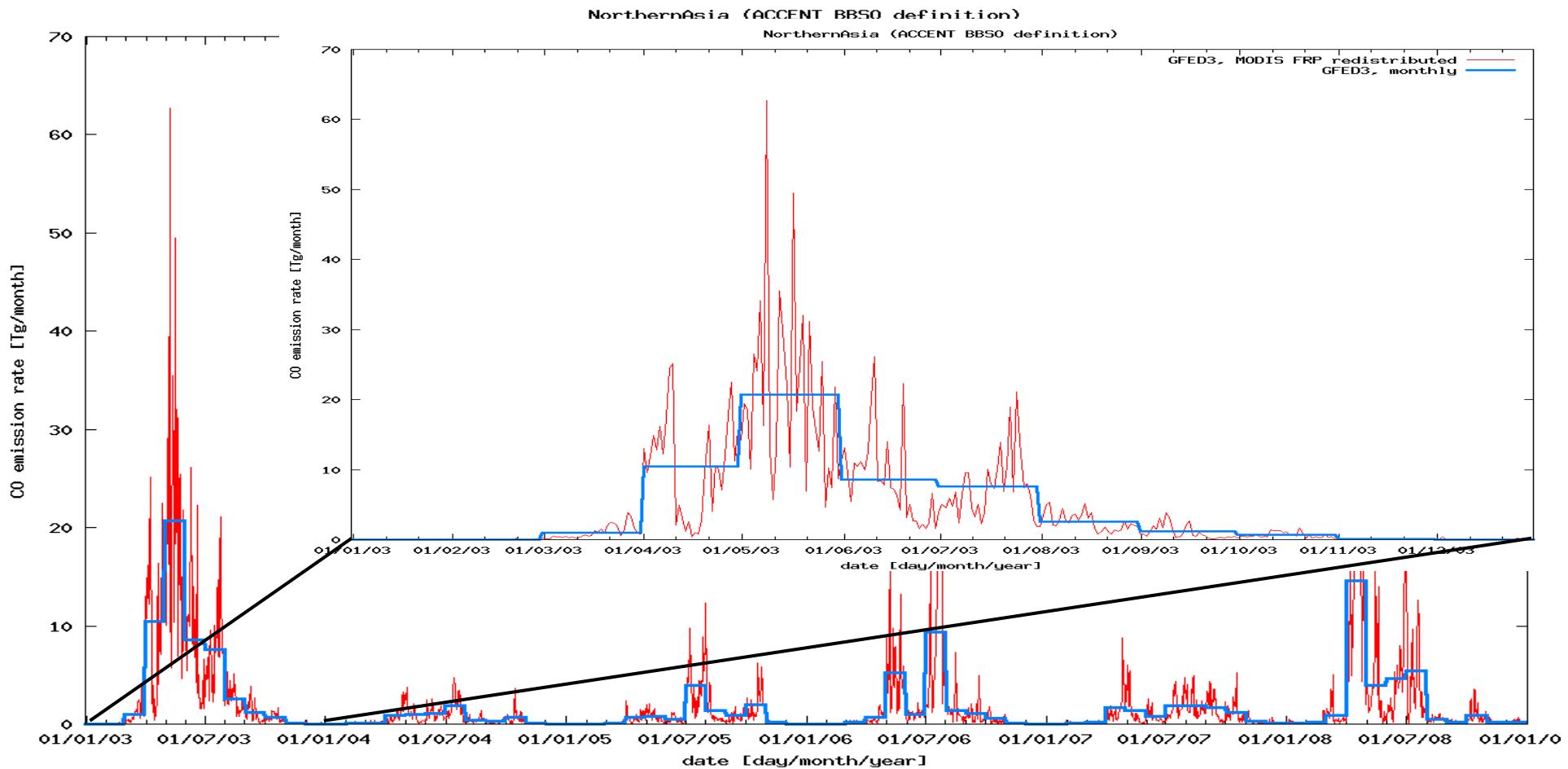




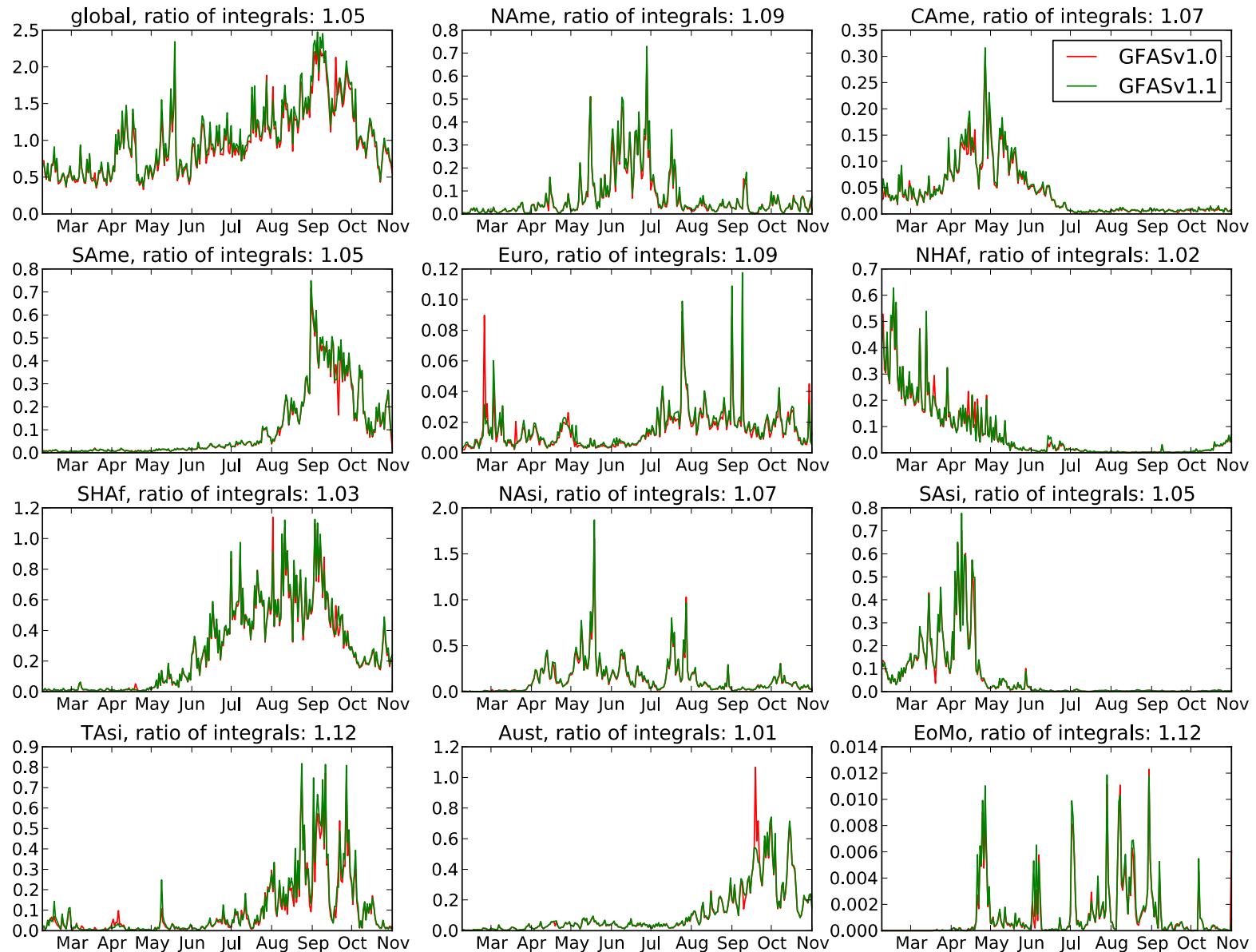
Derived Products

2003-8 Fire Emissions for MACC Reanalysis

- redistribute GFED3.0 according to reprocessed MODIS FRP
- to achieve
 - consistency with GFED3.0 (1 month, 0.5 deg resolution)
 - improved of resolution of 1 day, 0.1 deg



Daily CO Emissions [Tg] of GFASv1.0(0.5deg) and GFASv1.1(0.1deg) in 2011



Ongoing Developments

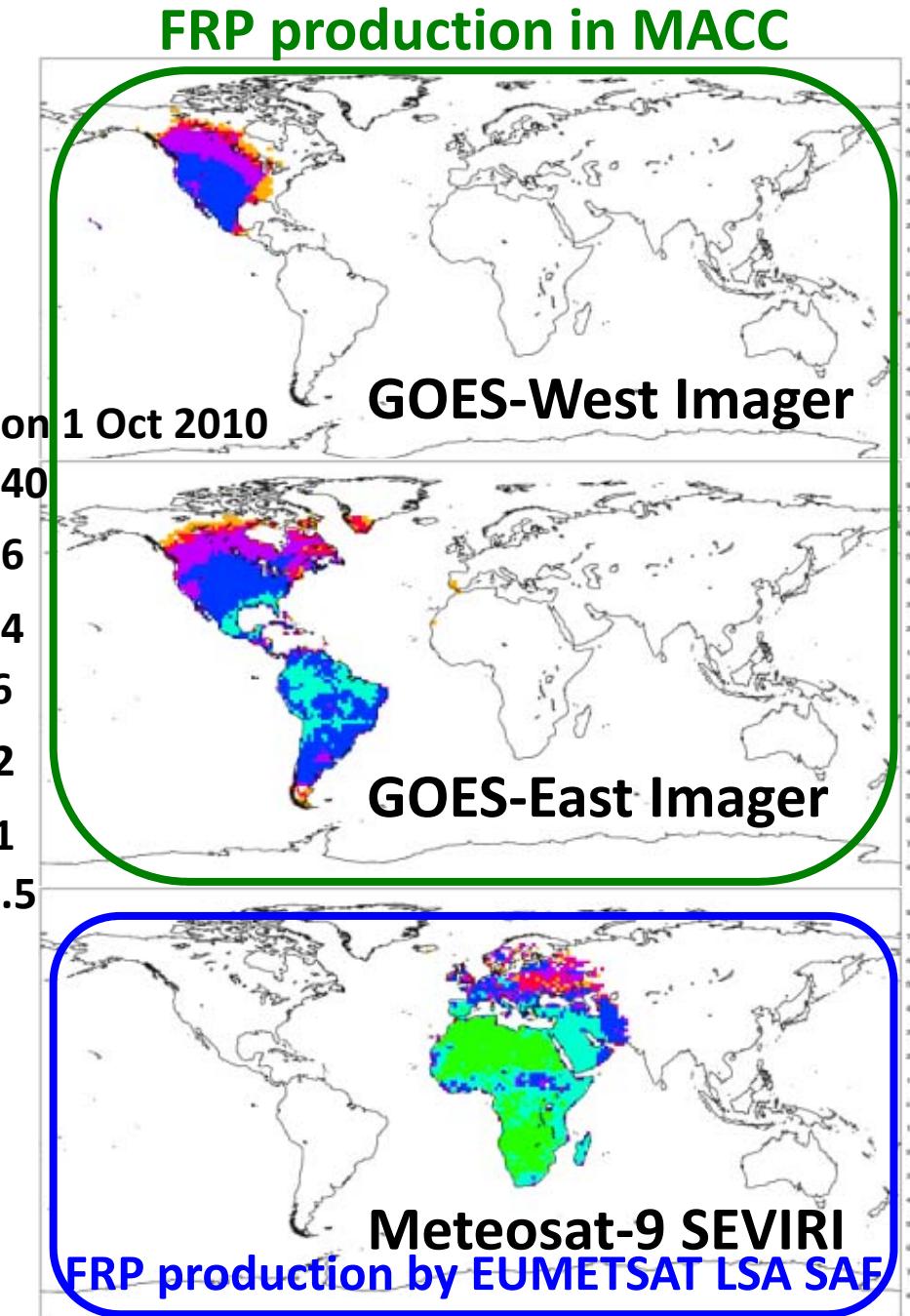
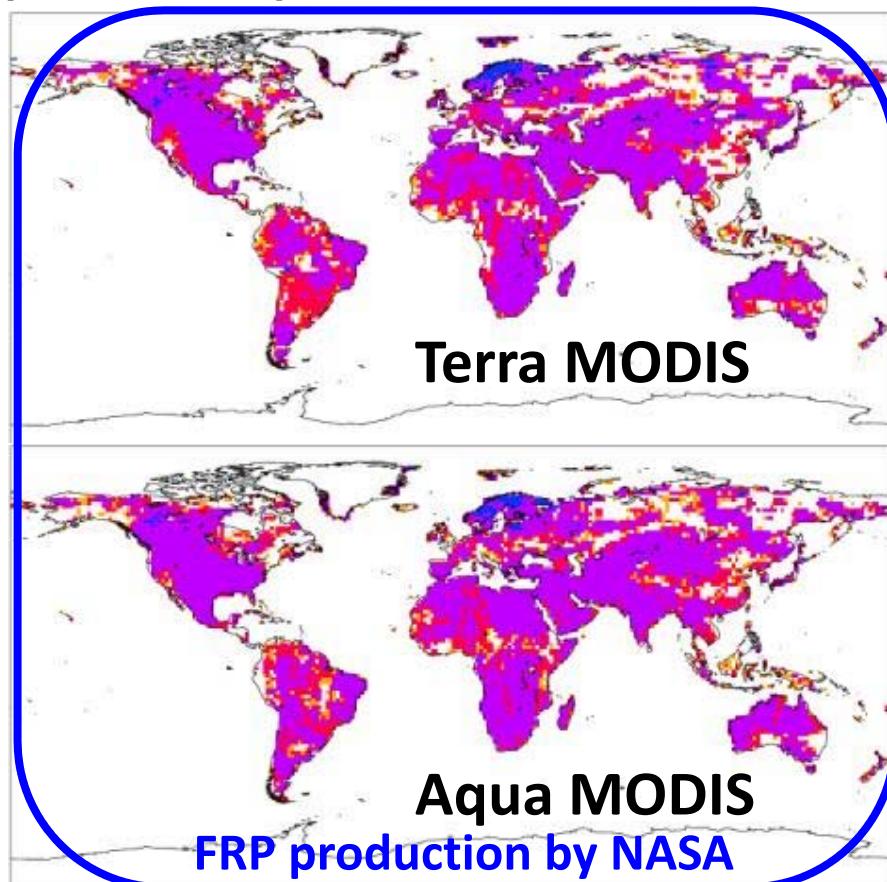


www.wildlandfire.com

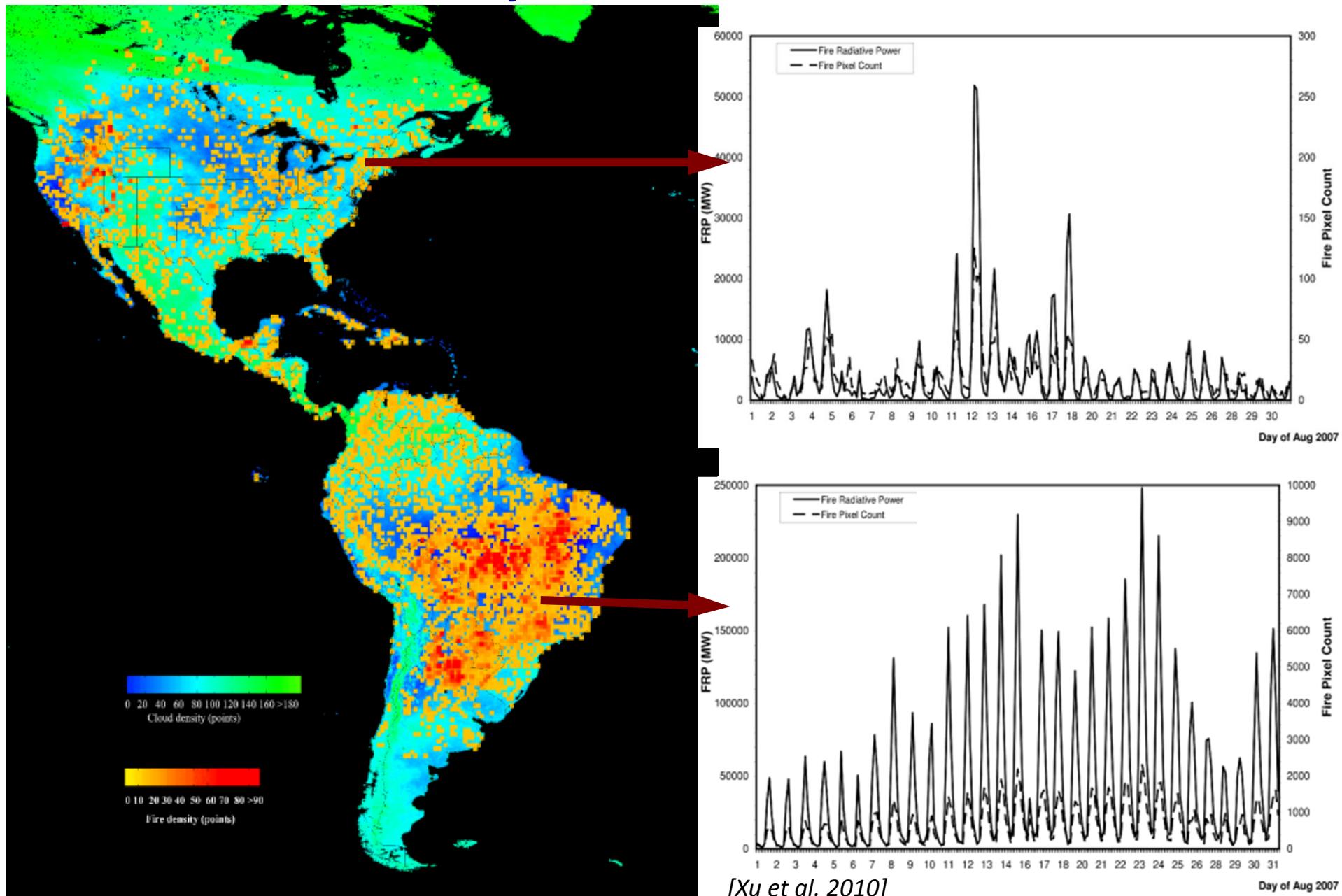
Observational FRP Coverage

- average number of observations
 - damped for large VA
- of any area in 0.5 deg grid cell
- during 1 day

[Kaiser et al. 2011]

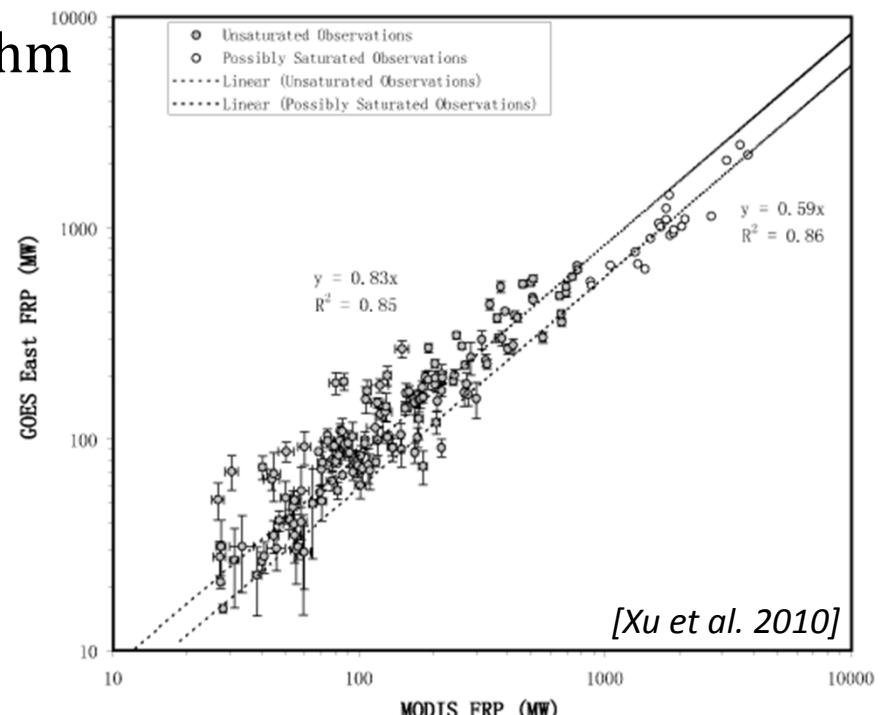


Fires Diurnal Cycle in Americas from GOES-W

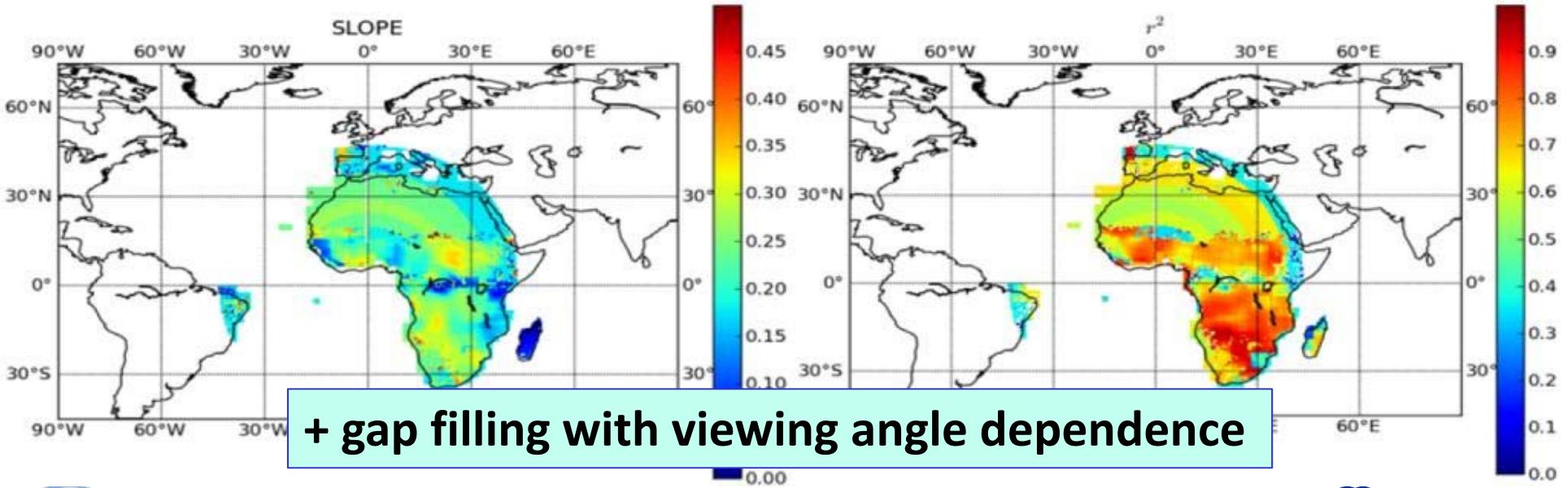
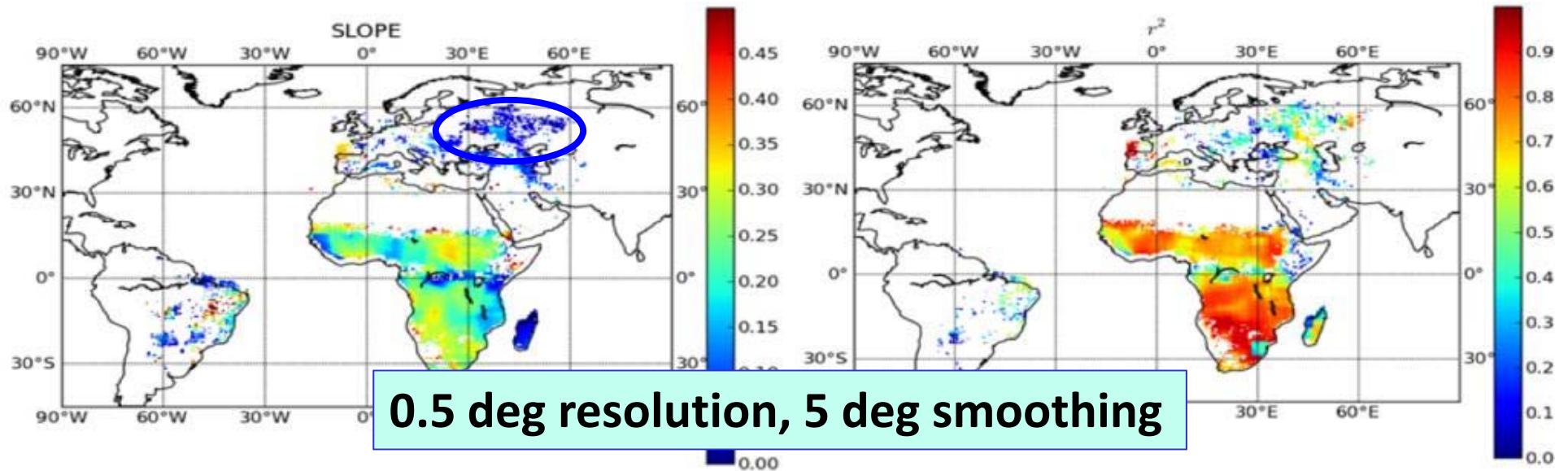


GOES-East/-West FRP Product Generation in MACC-II

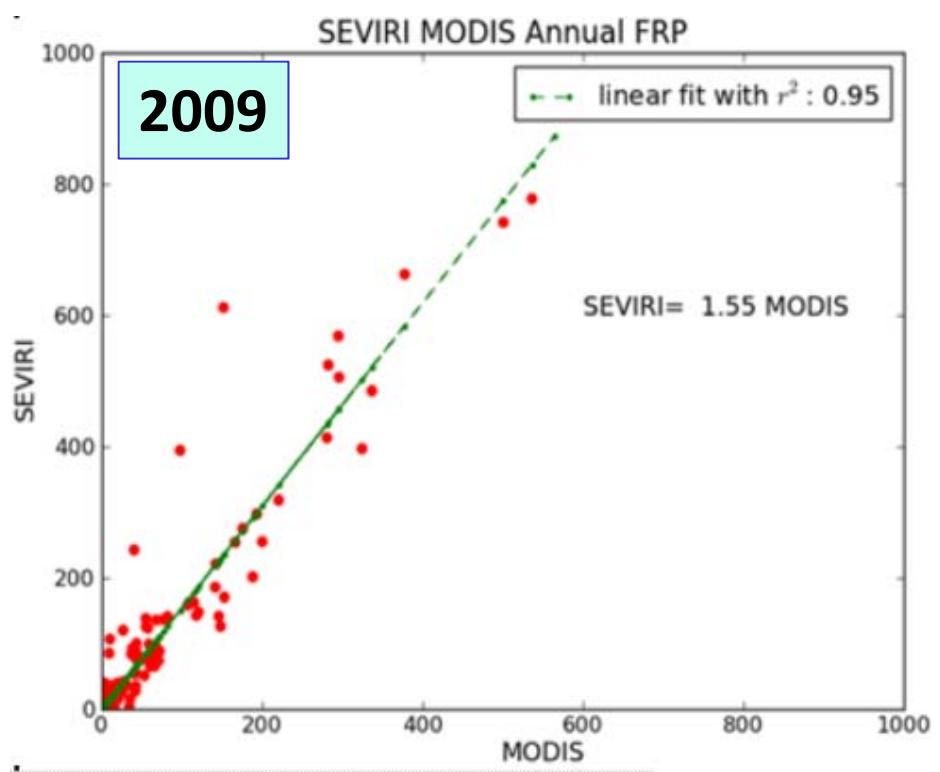
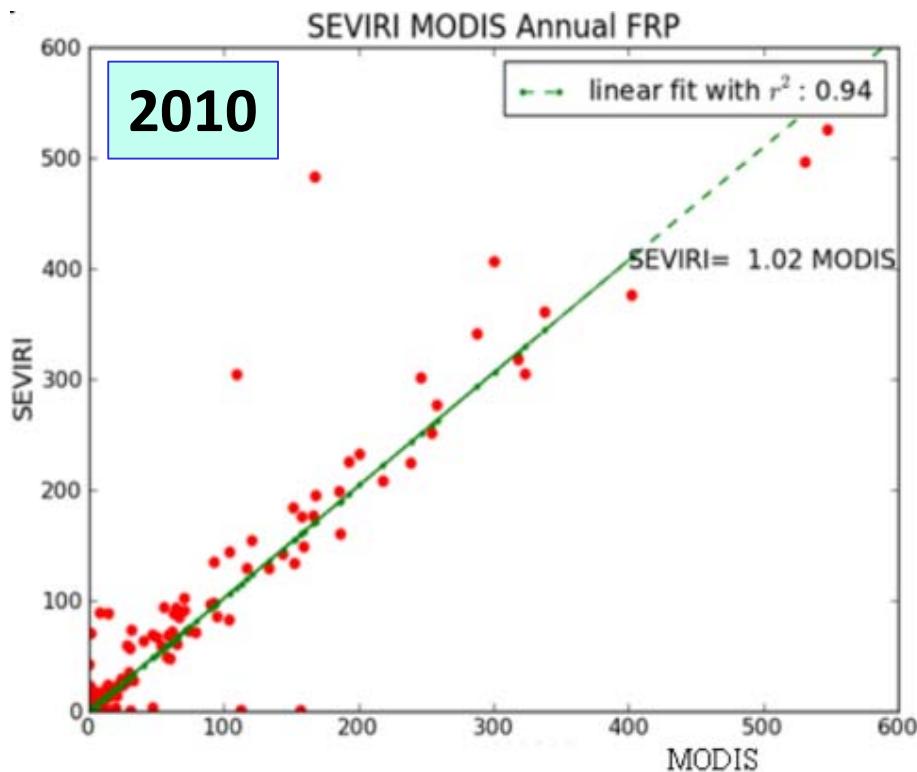
- real time
- processing to be moved from KCLto IM Lisbon
- input:
 - GOES radiances from UCAR(www.ucar.edu)
 - water vapour from operational forecast of ECMWF
- based on SEVIRI processing algorithm
- validation against MODIS:
 - relatively low false alarm rate
(compared to SEVIRI FRP)
 - strong correlation: $R^2 = 0.86$
 - biased low



Linear Regression: SEVIRI over MODIS areal FRP in 2010



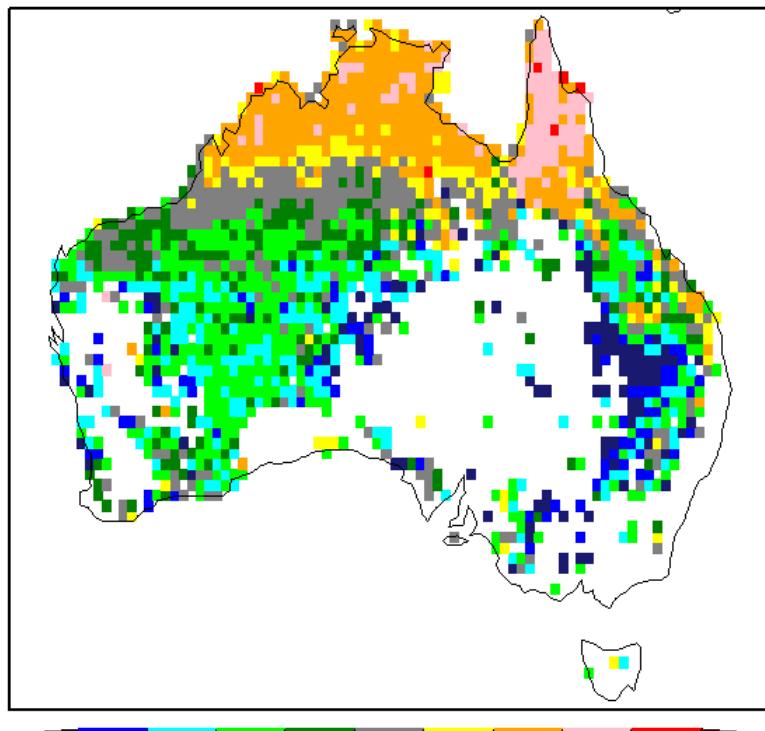
Corrected SEVIRI FRP over MODIS FRP



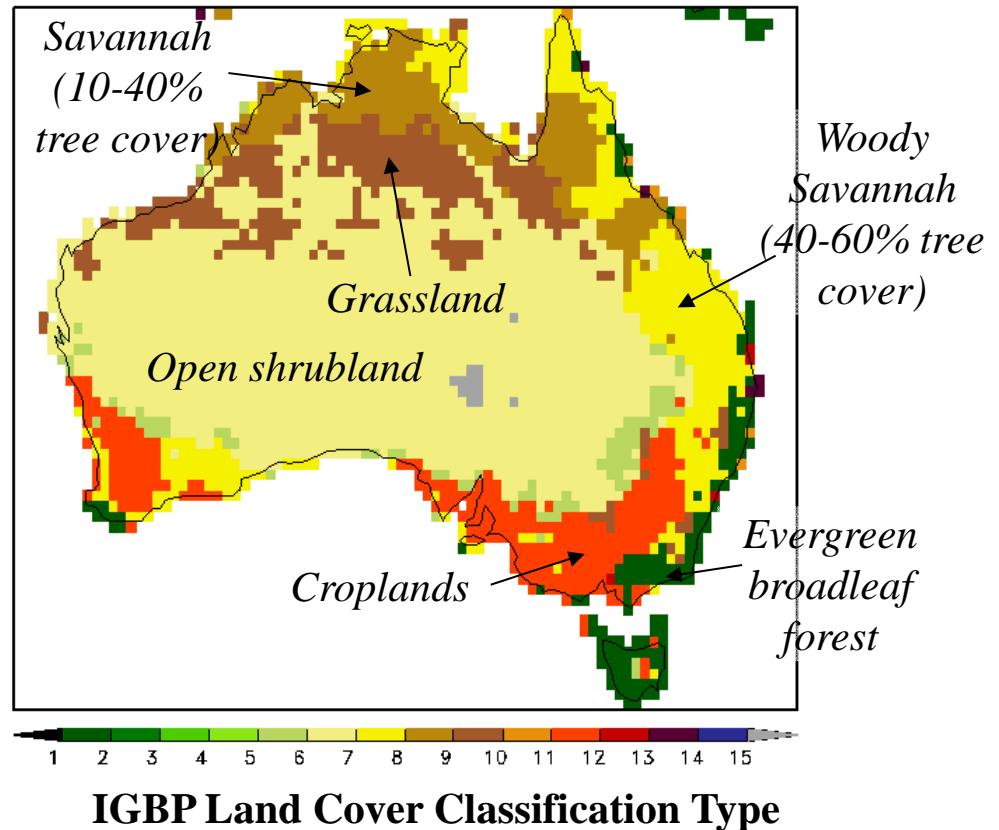
- strong regional variations
- strong temporal variations
- static bias correction impossible
- dynamic, “on the fly” approach needed

Ratio of GFED3 to GFASM

Ratio for Savannah Fuel (SA) of Australia

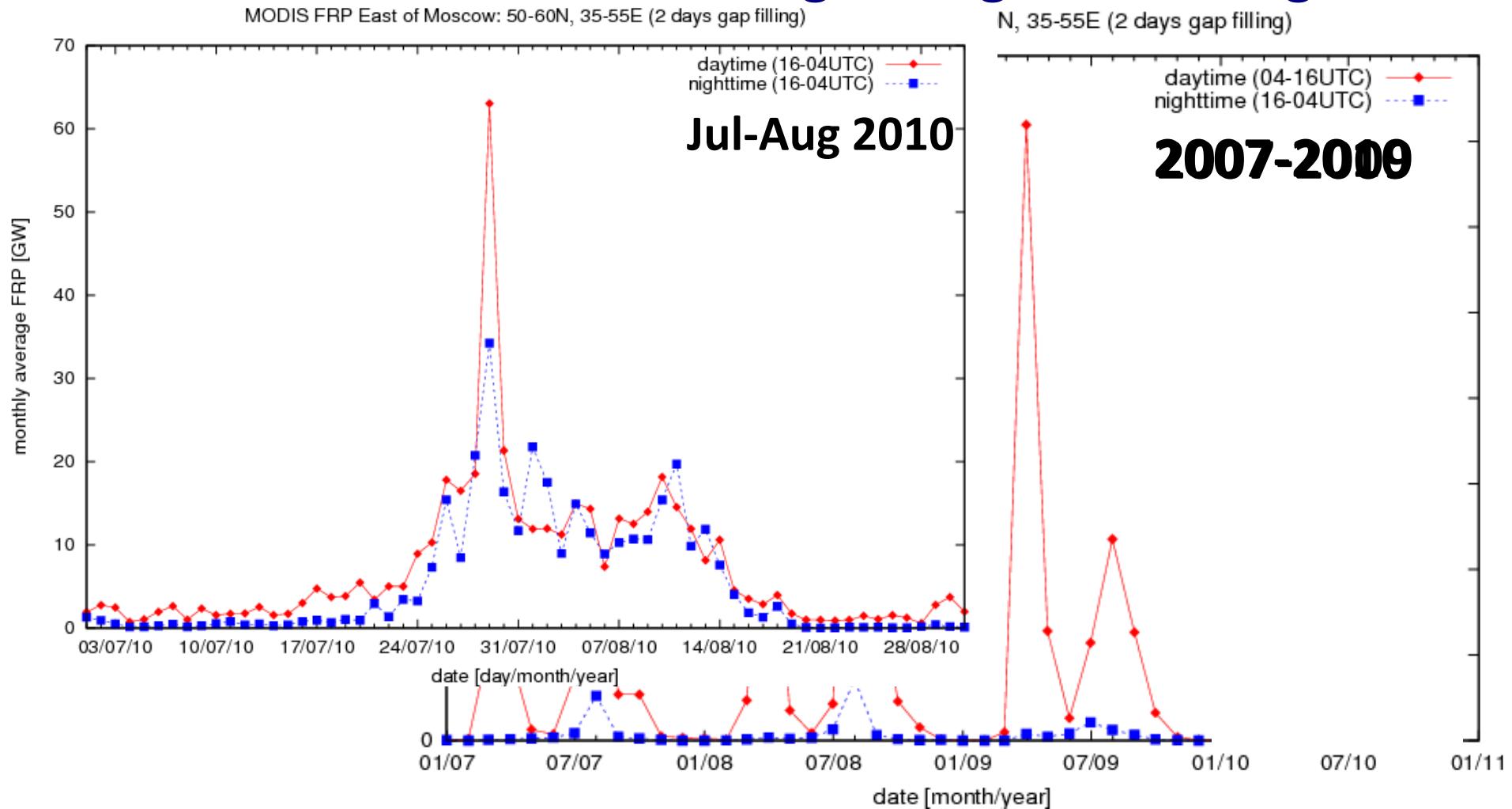


MCD12C1 Predominant MODIS/Terra+
Aqua Land Cover Type Year 2005



- Increasing GFED3/GFASM ratio with increasing fractional tree cover
- Indication of attenuation of FRP signal by tree canopy

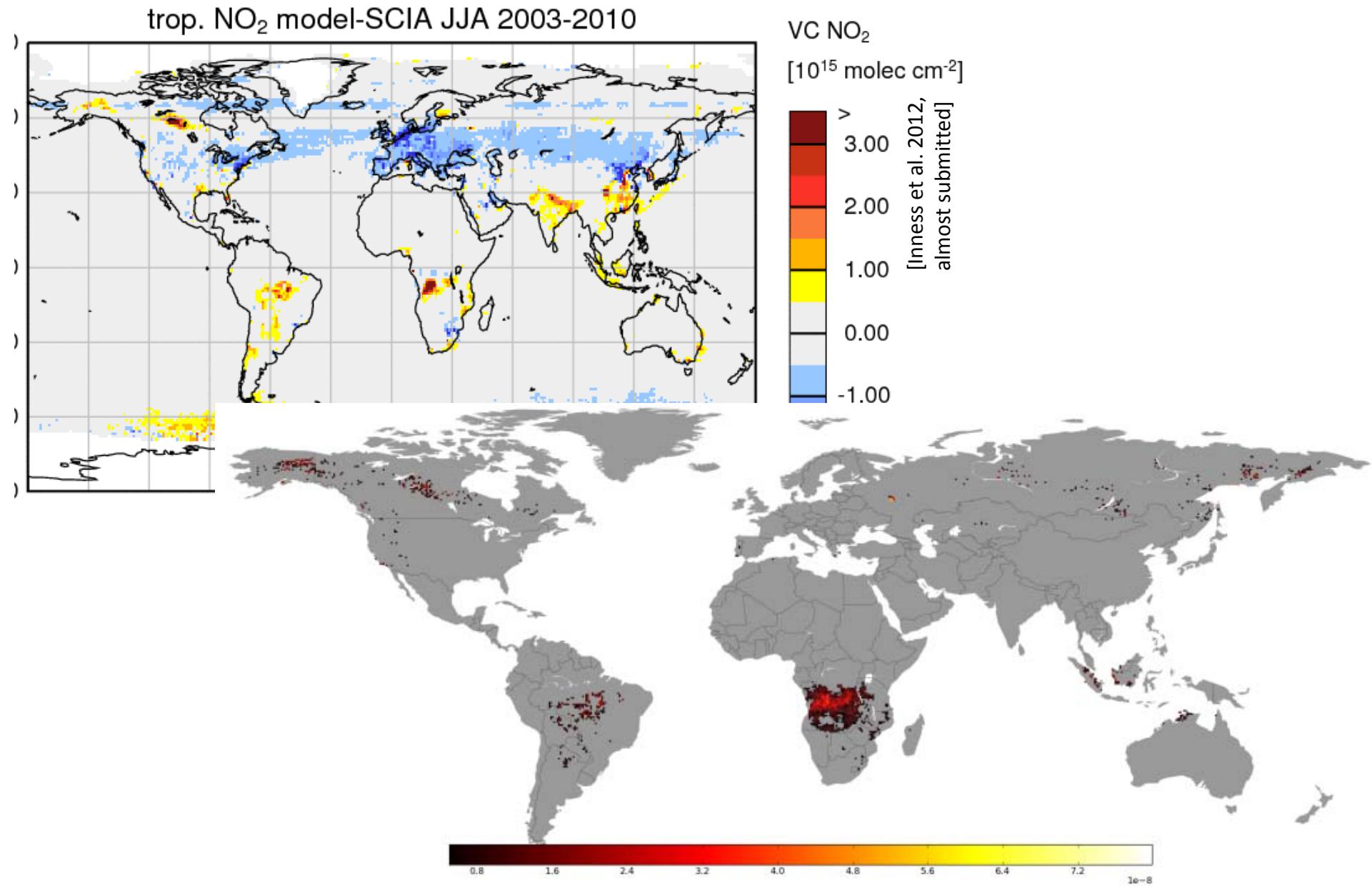
2010 Fires in Russia: Burning throughout the Night!



- according to FRP, probably smouldering sub-surface fires
- Conversion and emission factors need to be adapted dynamically.

[Kaiser et al. 2011]

Are NO₂ emission estimates too high?



Injection Heights: Plume Rise Model

- Convective zone

Atmospheric interaction

Wind Drag
→
→
→

Pyroconvection

PBL

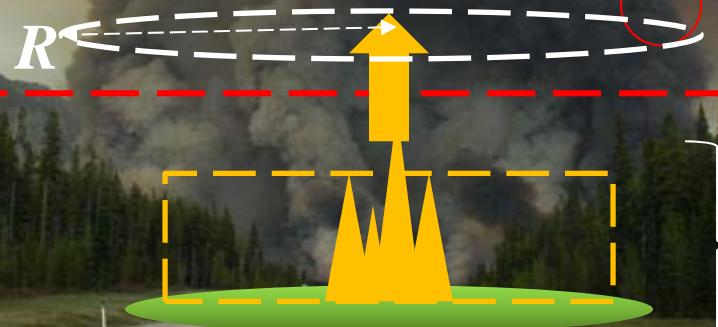
entrainment

Convective Flux

Plume Rise Model
Freitas et al 2007

Fire Radiative Power
Active Fire Area

- Combustion Zone
- Vegetation



Conclusion and Perspective on Plume Rise

Conclusions so far:

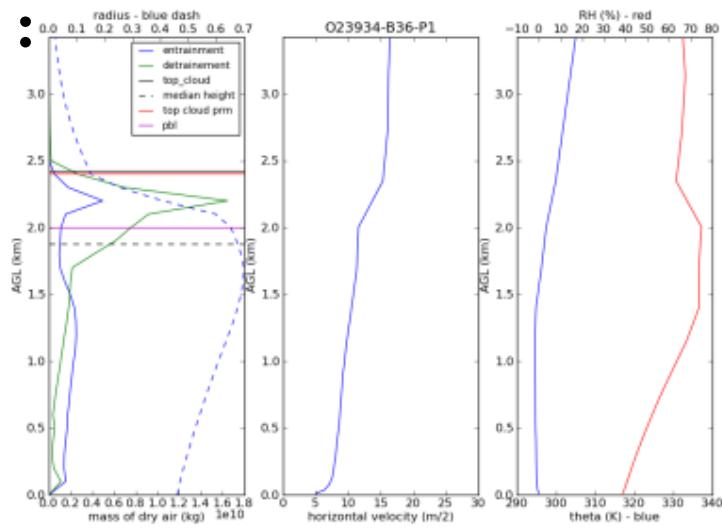
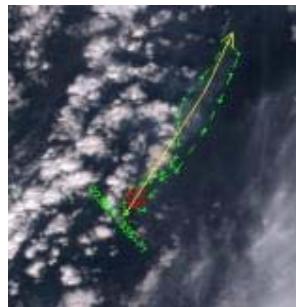
- Literature shows a need for more robust parameterization
- So far, the plume rise model approach seems the most adequate
- Current Work:
 - comprehensive MISR validation / training data set
 - new assumption in the model
 - Optimization and Validation are still undergoing

Perspective:

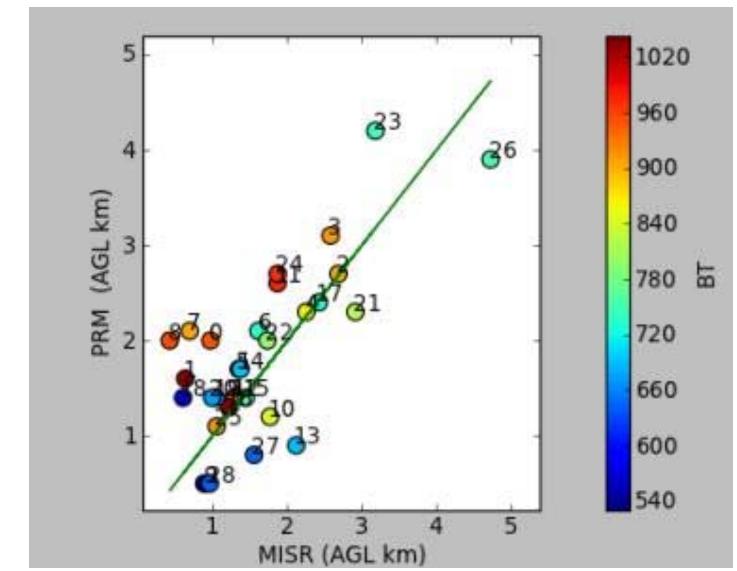
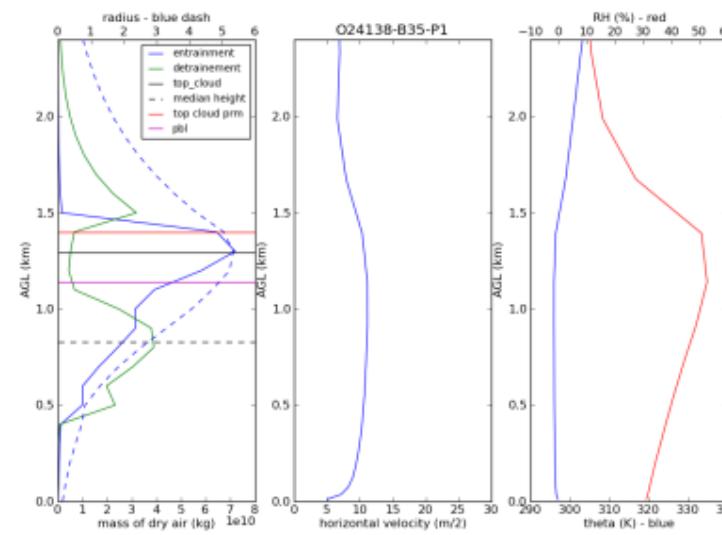
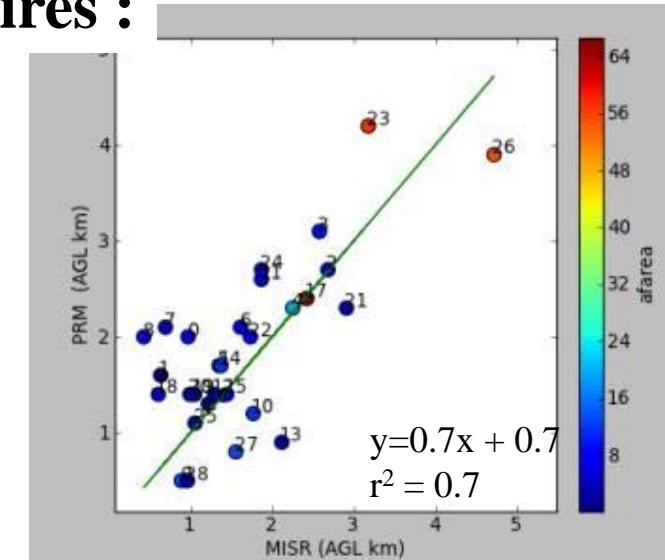
- Use of more MISR Observation: other vegetation type and geographical location
- Possible collection of more detailed data (SAMBBA) usable for validation
- Use of high resolution model? [Trentmann 2002]
- Validation at both fire event and regional scale

Plume Rise Model: Result

Single fire :



29 fires :



detrainment zone and time dependence?



Summary

FIRE Product Overview

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D-FIRE Global Fire Monitoring	EXPV Time Range	Temporal Resolution	Spatial Resolution	Type	Species	Edit
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Today's Forecasts	f98v 1997-2008*	1 month	1.0 deg	GFED2	a,b	Copy
Reactive Gases	f98v 2001-2007	8 days	1.0 deg	GFED2	a,b	Version
Aerosols	fa5z 1997-2008*	1 month	0.5 deg	GFED3.0	a,b,c	My Data
European Air Quality	fagg 2003-2008	1 day	0.1 deg	redistributed GFED3.0a,b,c		Services
UV Index	fhhi 1997-2009*	1 month	0.5 deg	GFED3.1	a,b, DM	Europe
	ffxr 2003-present	1 day	0.5 deg	MODIS FRP-NRT (GFASv1.0)	a,b,c,d	Global
	fl6z 7 Feb 2011 - present	1 day	0.1 deg	MODIS FRP-NRT (GFASv1.1)	a,b,c,d	Compliance

* also multi-year averages with time stamps of year 1904

a = BC, CO2, CO, CH4, OC, PM2.5, SO2, TPM, C

b = H, NOx, N2O, NMHC

c = dry matter combustion rate, total carbon emission, C2H4, C2H4O, C2H5OH, C2H6, C2H6S, C3H6, C3H6O, C3H8, C5H8, CH2O, CH3OH, Higher_Alkanes, Higher_Alkenes, NH3, Terpenes, Toluene_lump

d = C7H8, C6H6, C8H10, C4H8, C5H10, C6H12, C8H16, C4H10, C5H12, C6H14, C7H16

The NOx emissions refer to NOx (as NO) as we use the NOx (as NO) emission factors from Andreae&Merlet (2001, last updated 2009) for the calculation.

The GRIB identification codes and units for all species are listed in the [GRIB Parameter Database](#). They cover the paramId range 210080-210118,210231-210241. You may want to start off by modifying our example [MARS retrieval script](#), which can be executed on egcate. We also recommend the [web-based MARS catalogue](#) for checking data availability and example batch requests. If the previous sentences do not make sense to you, please contact our [user support](#).

■ GFASv1.0 products also publicly available in NetCDF format from

- <http://macc.icg.kfa-juelich.de:50080>
- <http://geiacenter.org>

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Summary

- global FRP observations allow fire emission estimation
 - consistently with burnt area-based estimates of GFED3
 - with additional quantitative information
 - day-to-day variability
 - small fires
- Accurate emission estimates are essential for accurate air quality monitoring and forecasting.
- MACC-II publicly provides for 2003 – yesterday: (amongst others)
 - daily global FRP-based emission data
 - global smoke plume analyses and forecasts
- bottom-up and top-down smoke aerosol estimates disagree by a factor of 2-4.
- emission validation with atmospheric plume observations

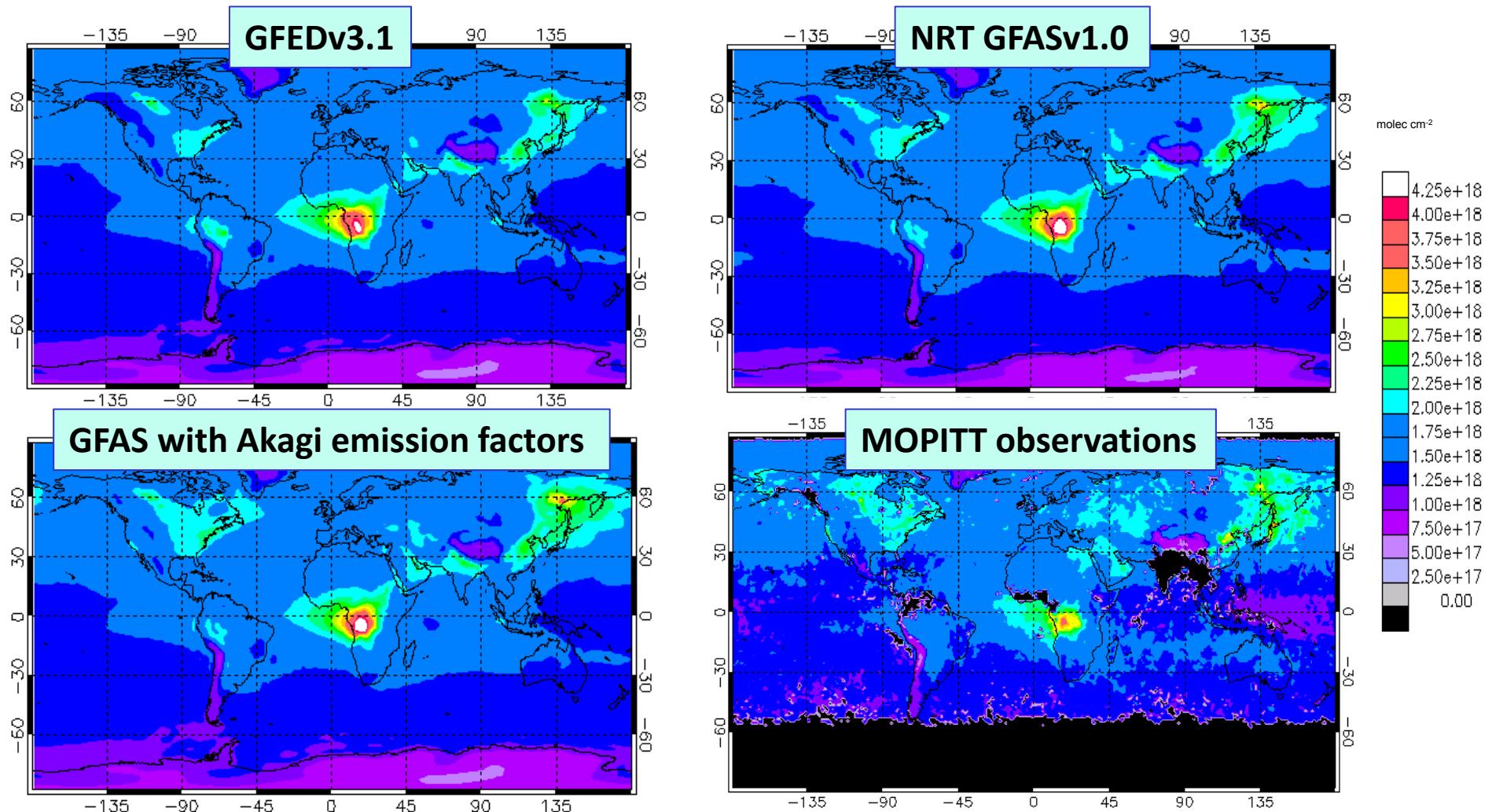
Outlook: Lots of Potential for Improvements

- Plume rise models will give realistic injection heights.
- Merging GEOs and LEOs will improve sampling and diurnal cycle estimation.
 - LEOs can serve as transfer standards between GEOs.
 - A dynamic bias correction will be needed.
- Weather forecasts carry information for 5-day fire forecasting.
- FRP-conversion factors and emission factors might be
 - based on physical model
 - fire observations like maximal FRP and diurnal cycle
- FRP products above ocean would help to monitor emissions from gas flares.
- SEVIRI above Indian ocean would help.
- BIRD-like sensors could provide a standard for comprehensive FRP error characterisation.
- **FRP products from VIIRS and Sentinel-3 SLSTR are urgently needed!**



This topics remains interesting!

MOZART CO Column Simulations of July 2008



- good pattern
- good consistency between GFED and GFAS
- possibly overestimation in Africa, too be analysed in detail