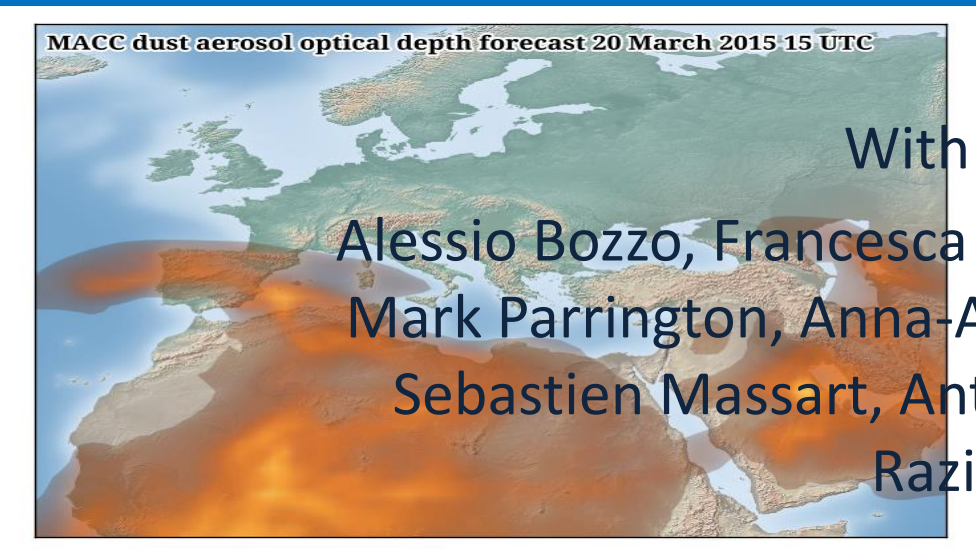
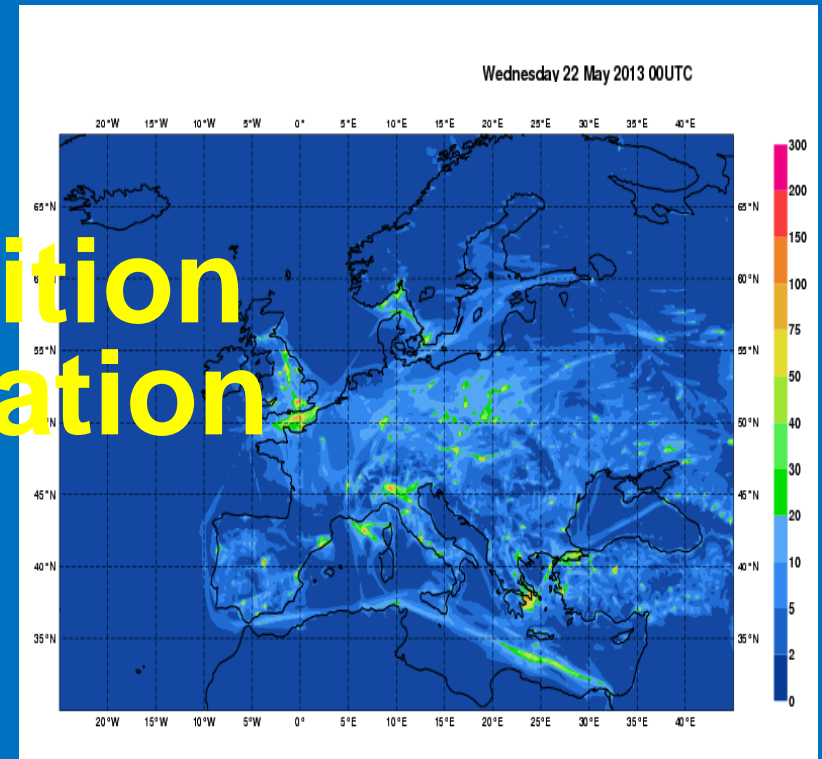




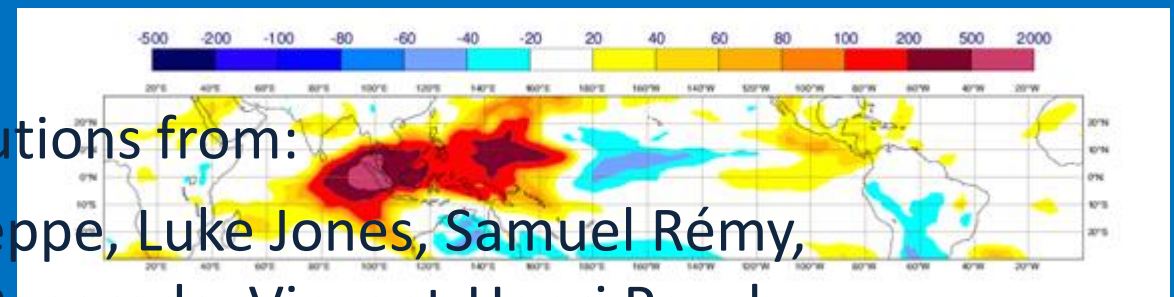
Atmospheric Composition Modelling and Assimilation at ECMWF

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OUTLINE

- General introduction to the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring System (CAMS)
- Data products and catalogue
- Interesting cases: the Indonesian Fire season of 2015
- Overview of modelling and data assimilation efforts with focus on aerosols
- Impact of aerosols on NWP (medium-range and long-range)
- Summary and future perspectives in aerosol prediction

THE COPERNICUS ATMOSPHERE MONITORING SYSTEM (CAMS)



Atmospheric composition is a pivotal element between human activities and the Earth Environment



emissions
mitigation



aerosol
ozone *PM*
greenhouse
gases
NOx

air quality
climate change
ozone hole
numerical weather
prediction

exposure
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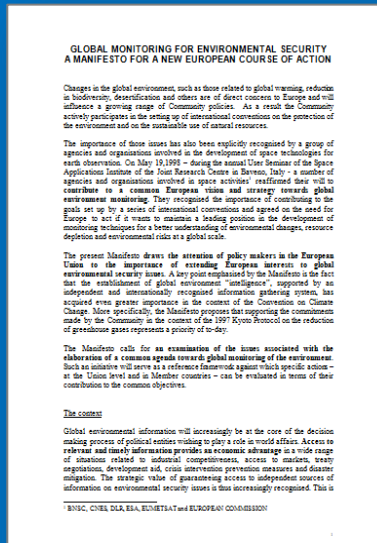
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Atmospheric composition and its changes affect our health and well-being

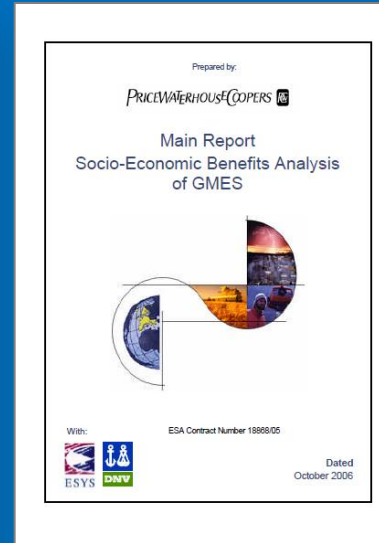
CAMS: A Significant Heritage

- A decade-long series of R&D projects and an internationally respected European achievement (GEMS, MACC, -II, -III)
- An equally long experience in engaging with users and potential users in Europe and across the world (PROMOTE, MACC, -II, -III)

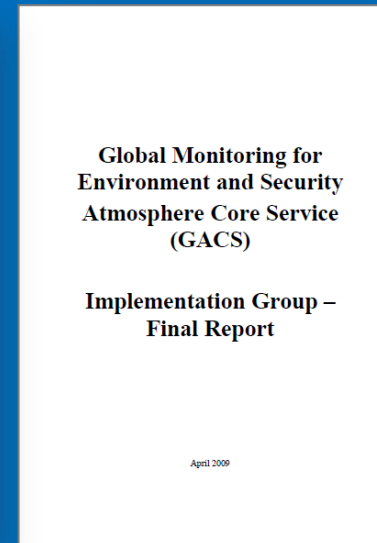
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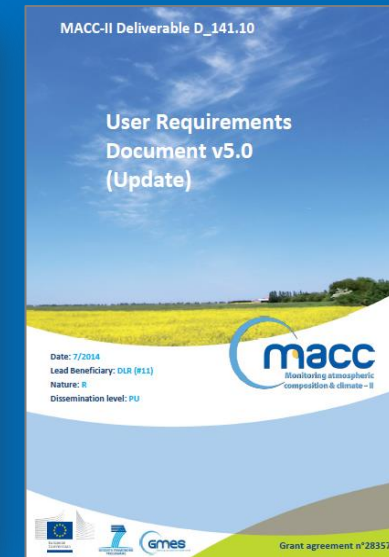
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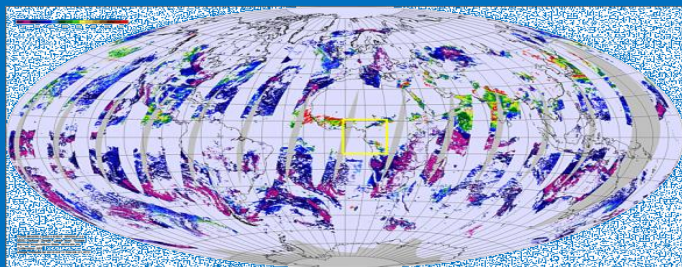
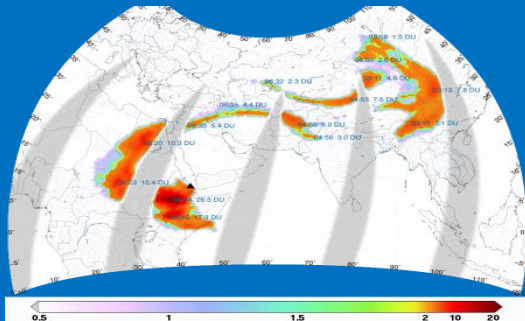


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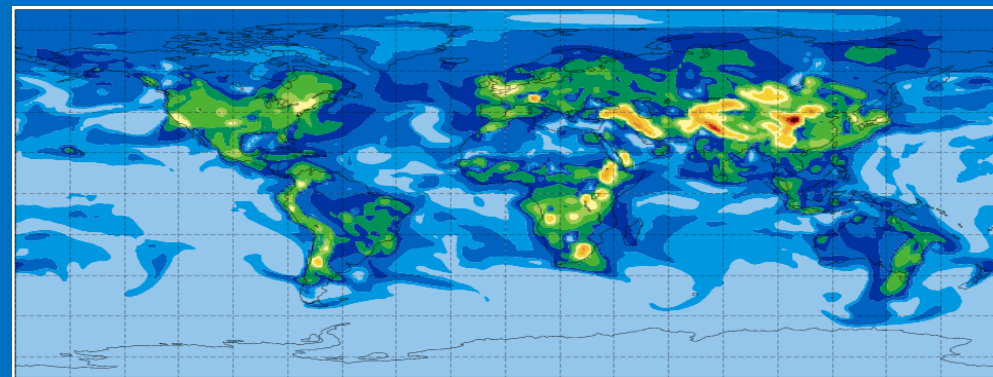
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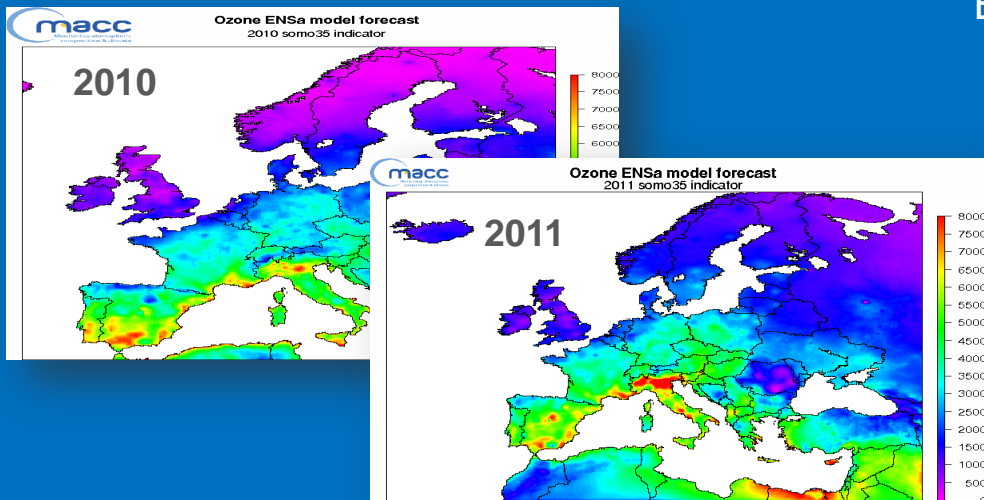


Over 70 EO instruments are assimilated in the global system

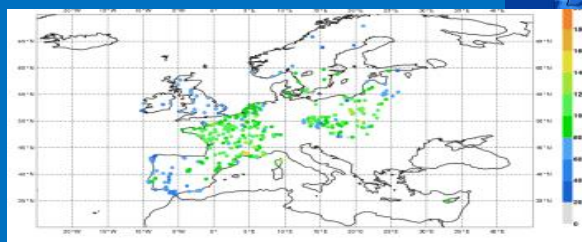
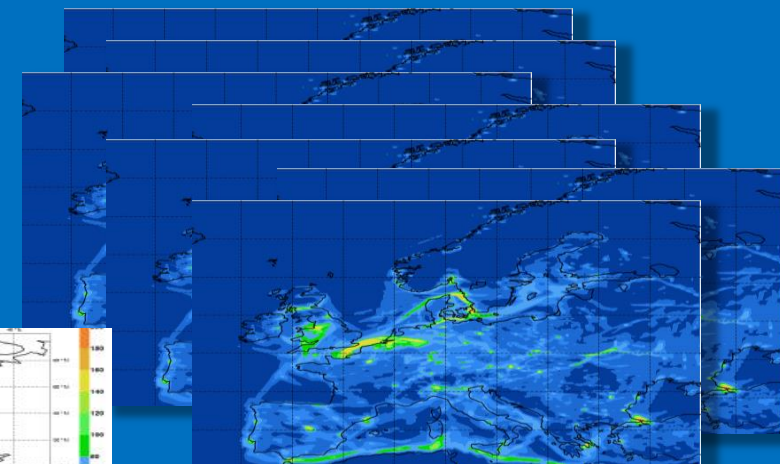
From Earth Observation to policy-quality products



Boundary conditions feed an ensemble of high-resolution European AQ systems (in order to assess uncertainties)



More data are assimilated (in particular in situ) and used for extensive validation



Policy-relevant (here health indicator for ozone) products are delivered. They are “maps with no gaps”, which observations alone don’t provide and are essential to assess impacts.

CAMS Portfolio



AIR QUALITY AND ATMOSPHERIC COMPOSITION

European air quality analyses, forecasts and assessments in support of reporting and policy making, pollen forecasts, global transport of constituents/pollutants.



CLIMATE FORCING

Distributions of aerosol components and their radiative impacts, other radiative forcings.



OZONE LAYER AND UV

Monitoring and forecasting of the ozone layer / hole, UV index, UV radiation (crops, ecosystems).



SOLAR RADIATION

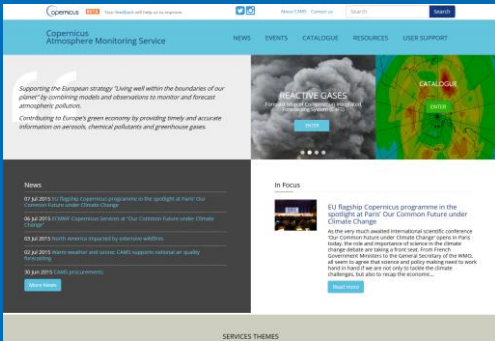
Estimates of solar irradiance at surface, improved potential yield assessments for solar plants.



EMISSIONS AND SURFACE FLUXES

Estimates of human emissions globally and in Europe (high-resolution), emissions by wildfires, surface fluxes of CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O.

CAMS online catalogue search (open data policy)



Product	Name	Service Type	Product Family	Parameter
Air quality & atmospheric composition	MACC-IFS NRT forecast of global dust aerosol optical depth at 550 nm	Air quality & atmospheric composition	Aerosol	Dust AOD
Aerosol				
Dust AOD				
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MACC-IFS NRT forecast of global dust aerosol optical depth at 550 nm	
Description:	This service provides pre-operational daily forecasts up to 5 days for dust aerosol optical depth.
Figure:	
Service type:	Air quality & atmospheric composition
Product family:	Aerosol
Parameter:	Dust AOD
Geographical area:	Global
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Time resolution:	3-hourly
Data type:	Model
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Products found

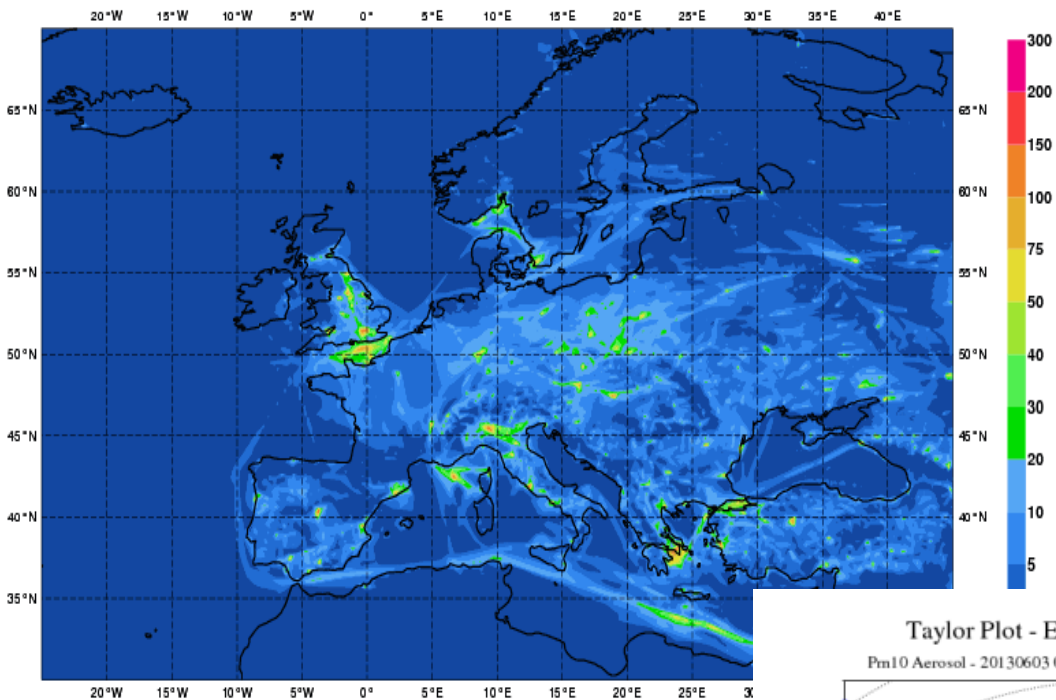
Search criteria based on service themes, species, geographic area, etc.

Pop-up window with product description and links to plots, data, and validation

FORECAST PRODUCTS

NO₂, Europe-wide, ~15 km, hourly +96h

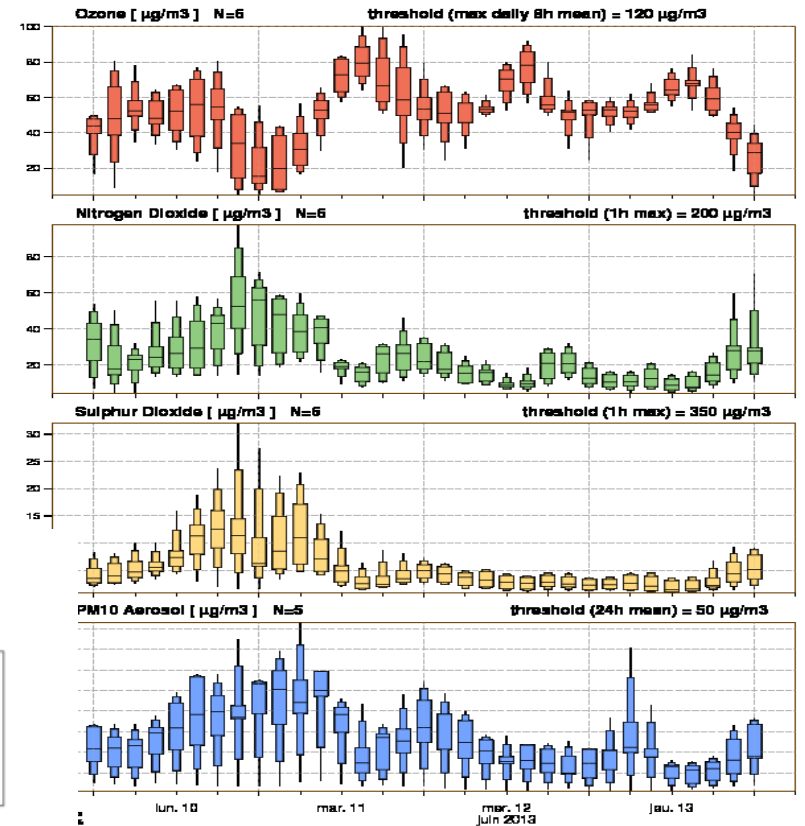
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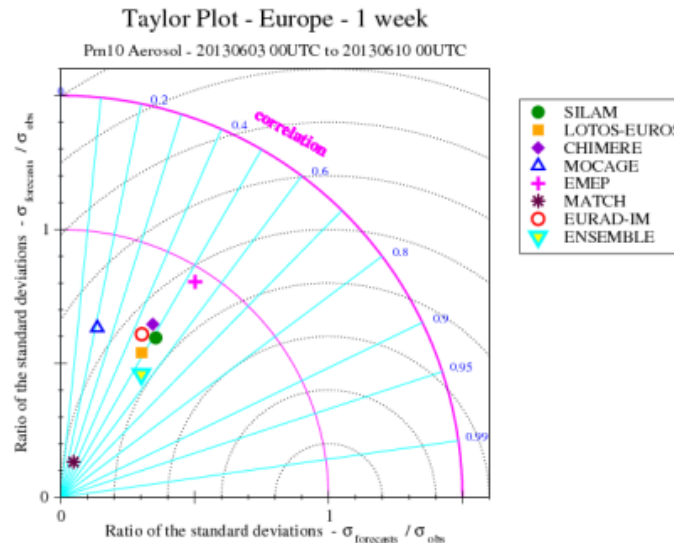
Global and European maps of major pollutants

NRT / on-line evaluation

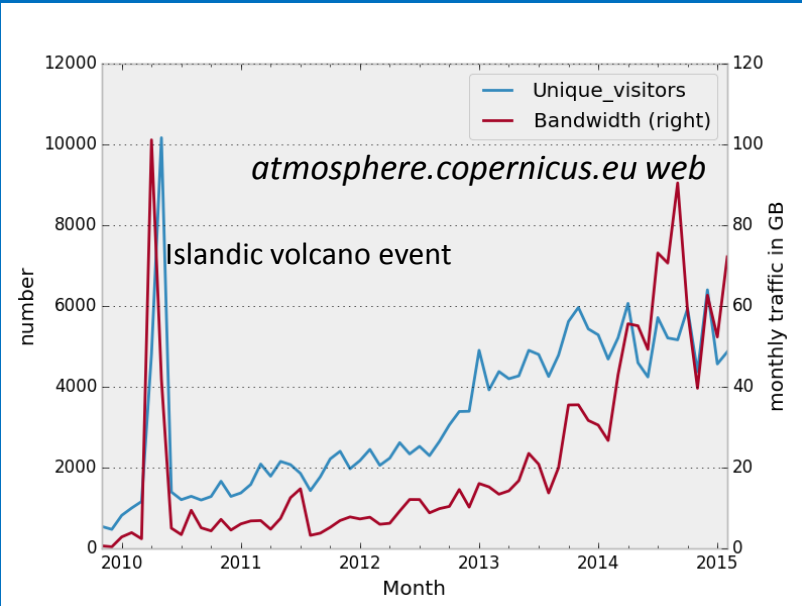
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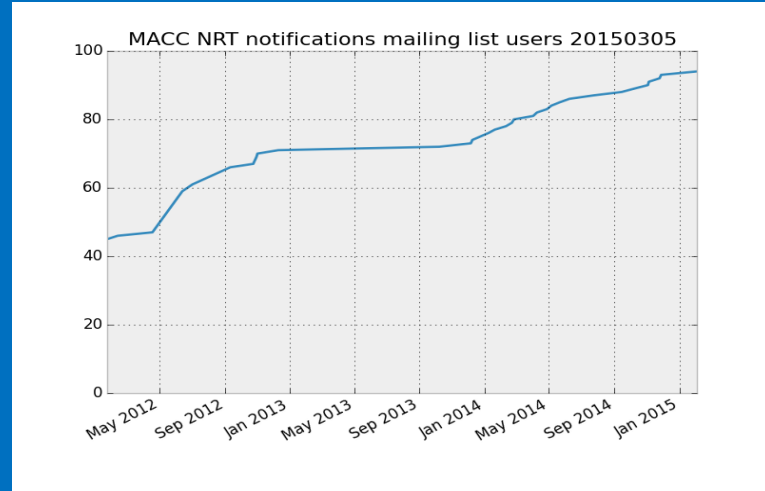
Multi-model spread as a measure of forecast uncertainty



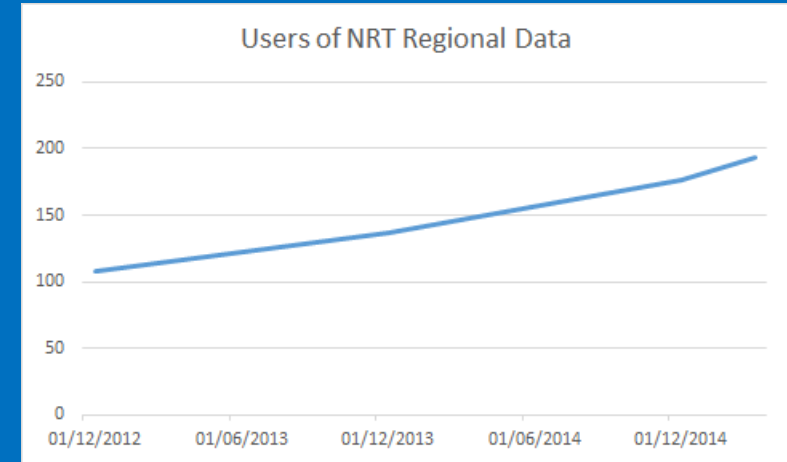
GROWING CAMS AUDIENCES (3000+ USERS)



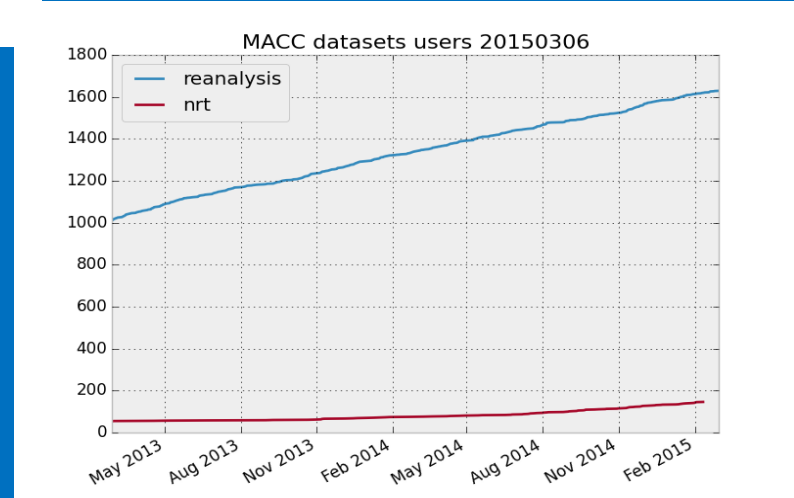
Daily time-critical users of Global Services



Daily time-critical users of Regional Services



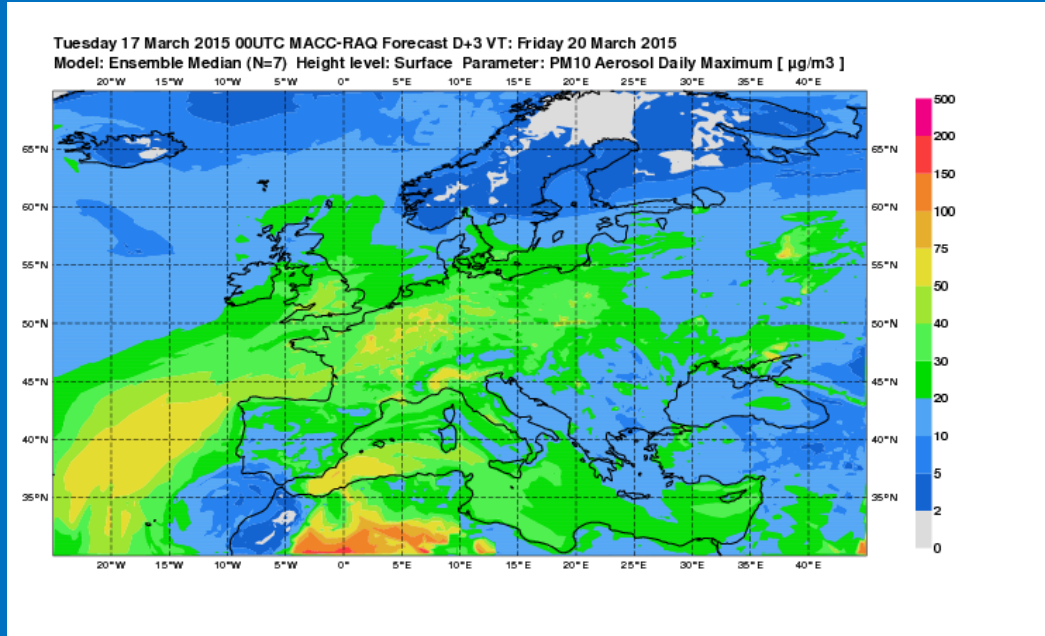
Users of the global re-analysis



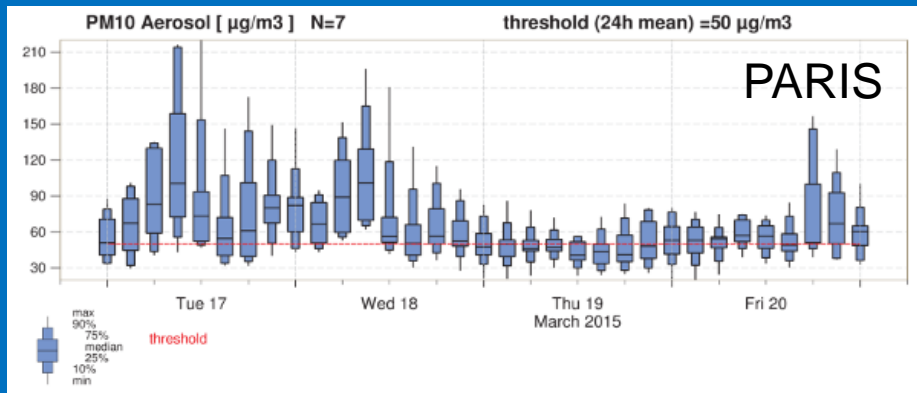
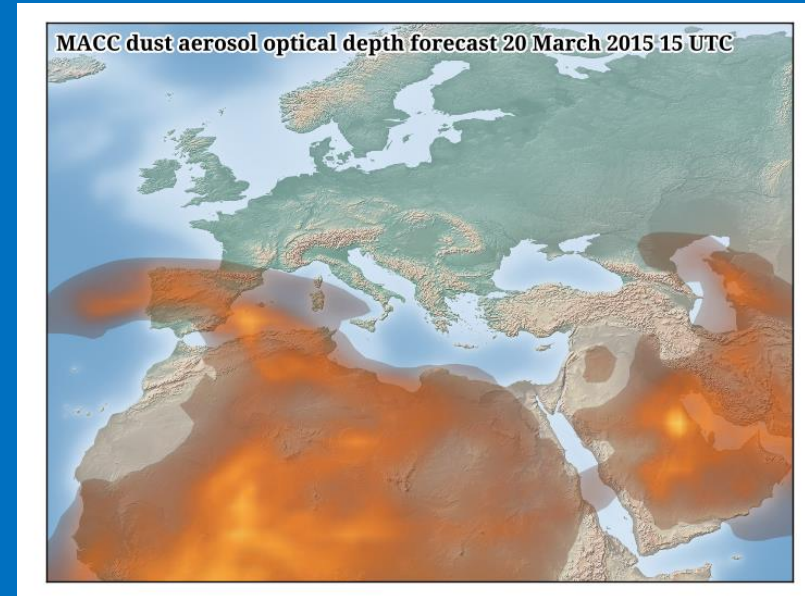
Service	Number of Users/ Requests for data
Global NRT Analyses & Forecasts	~225 users
Regional NRT Analyses & Forecasts	155 users
Global Reanalysis	1600 users
GHG flux inversions	40 users
Solar Radiation	~1000 requests/year
Global ftp	~ 40 users
Emissions, fire	1773 users (716 institutes)

RECENT EPISODES

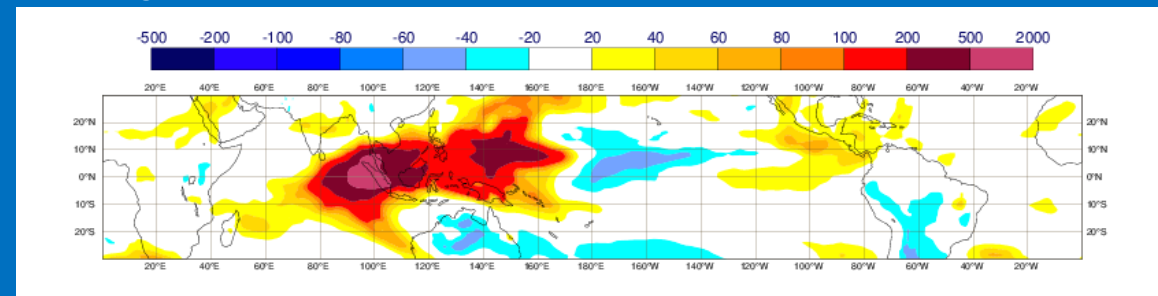
Poor air quality over Western Europe (March 2015)



Dust advection from the Sahara (March 2015)



Indonesian fires –large biomass burning AOD anomaly (Aug-Sep-Oct 2015)



INDONESIAN FIRES (AUG-OCT 2015)

the guardian

Deforestation Indonesia forest fires: how the year's worst environmental disaster unfolded - interactive

As world leaders gather in Paris to discuss the global response to climate change, we assess the impact of the widespread forest fires in Indonesia. Set to clear land for paper and palm oil production, the fires have not only destroyed forest and peatland, but also severely affected public health and released massive amounts of carbon

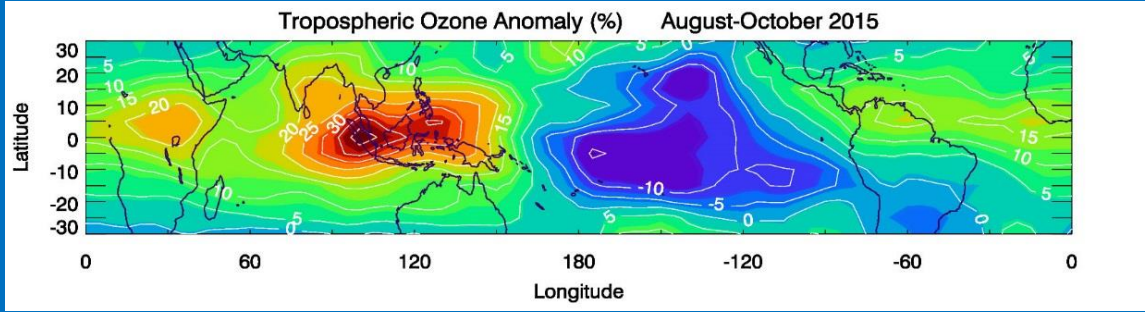
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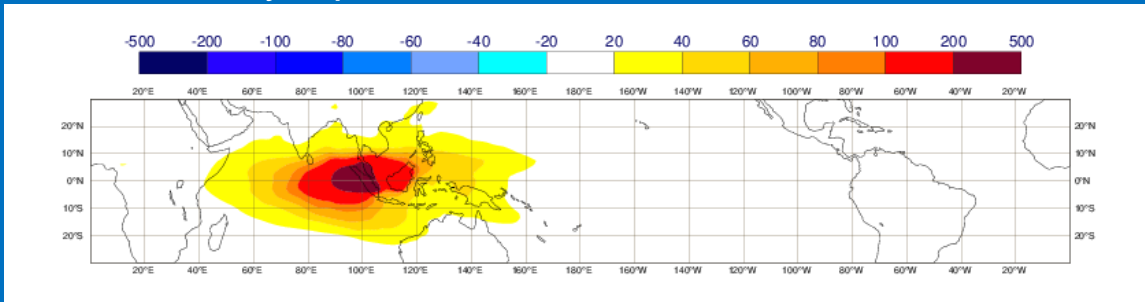
Fire Radiative Power (W/m2) accumulated over Indonesia during the 2015 fire season (Aug-Oct). Credits: Francesca Di Giuseppe

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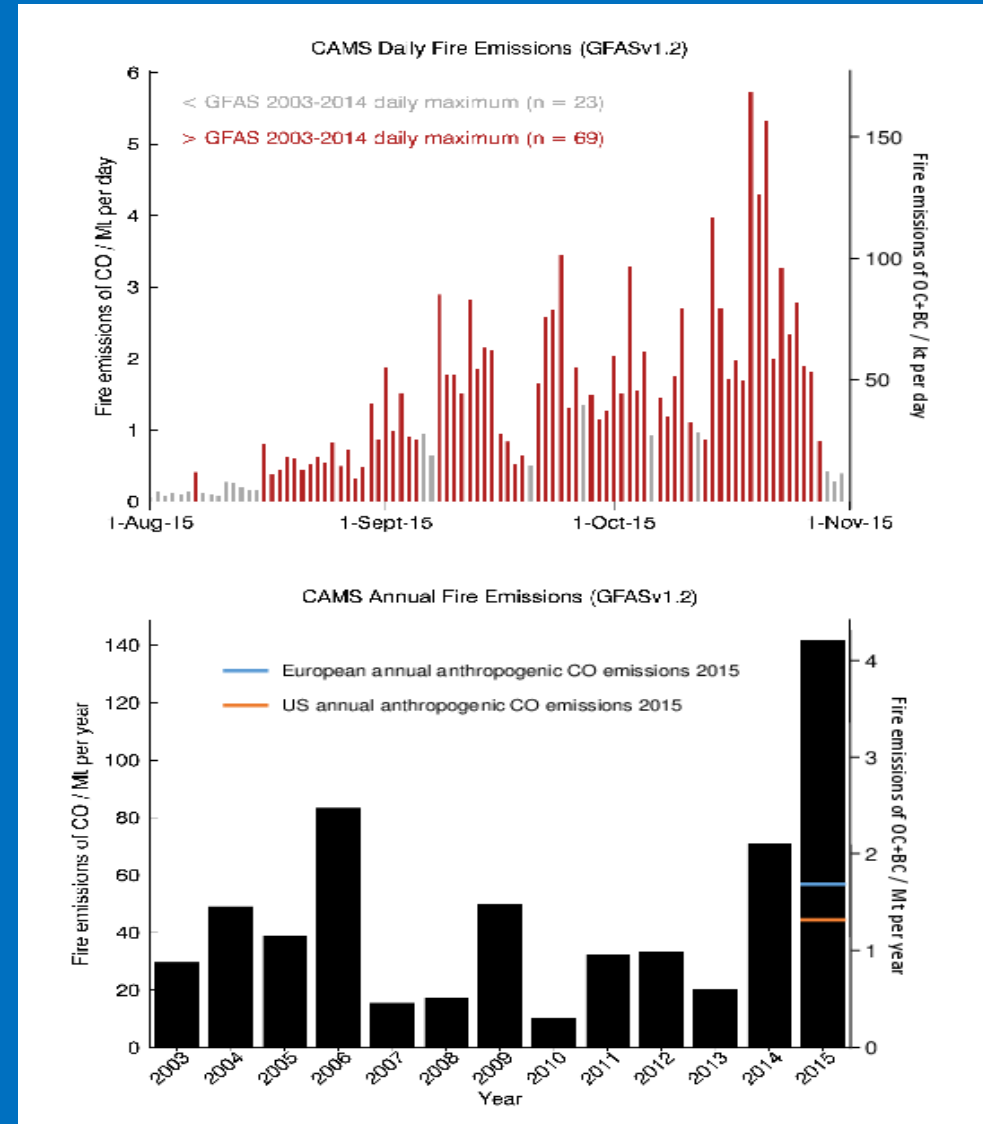
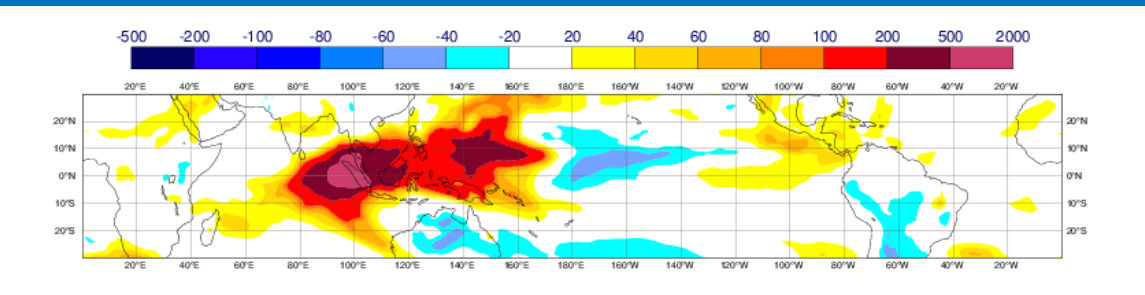
O3 anomaly: 30-40 %



CO anomaly: up to 500%



Biomass burning AOD anomaly: up to 2000%

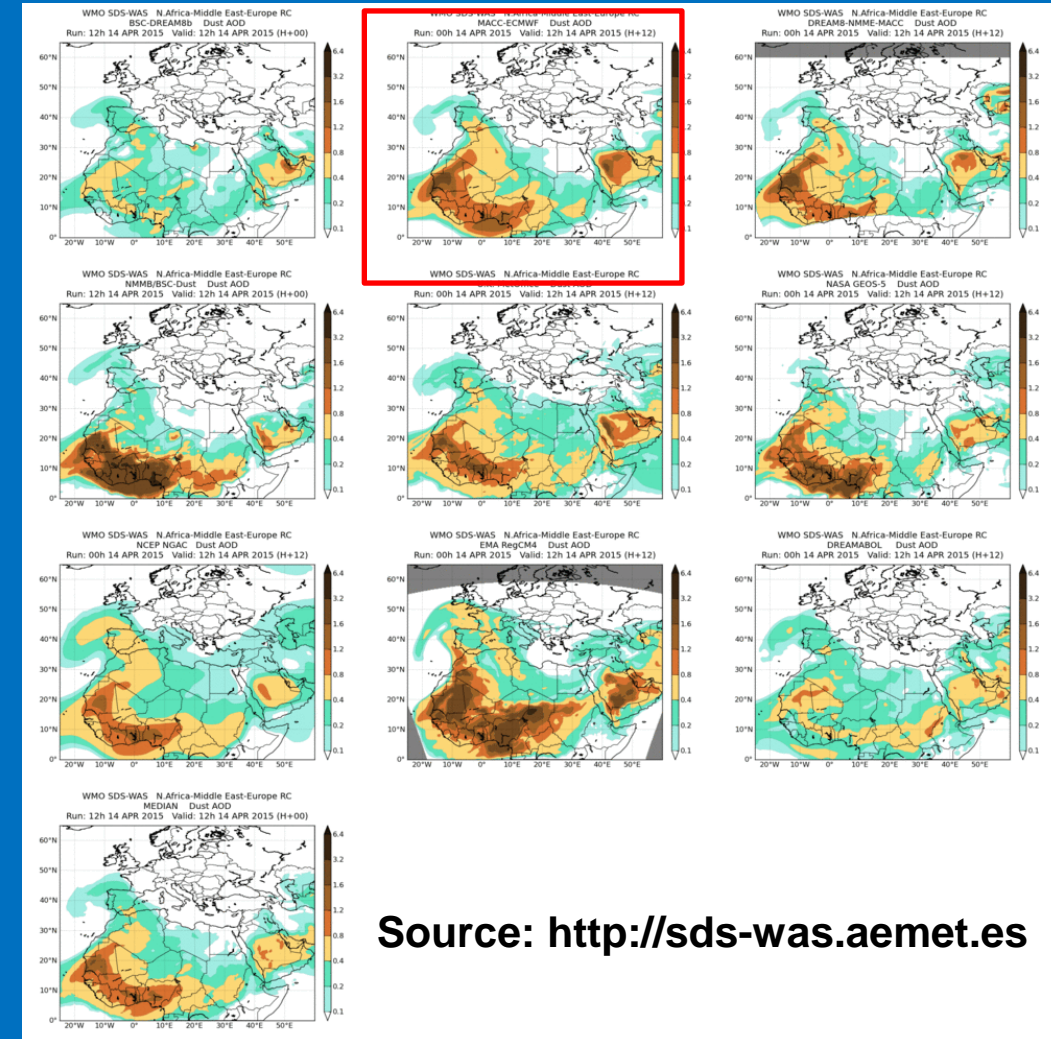


Benedetti et al, to appear in State of Climate 2015, BAMS.
Credits: Antje Inness, Mark Parrington (ECMWF), Gerry Ziemke (NASA)

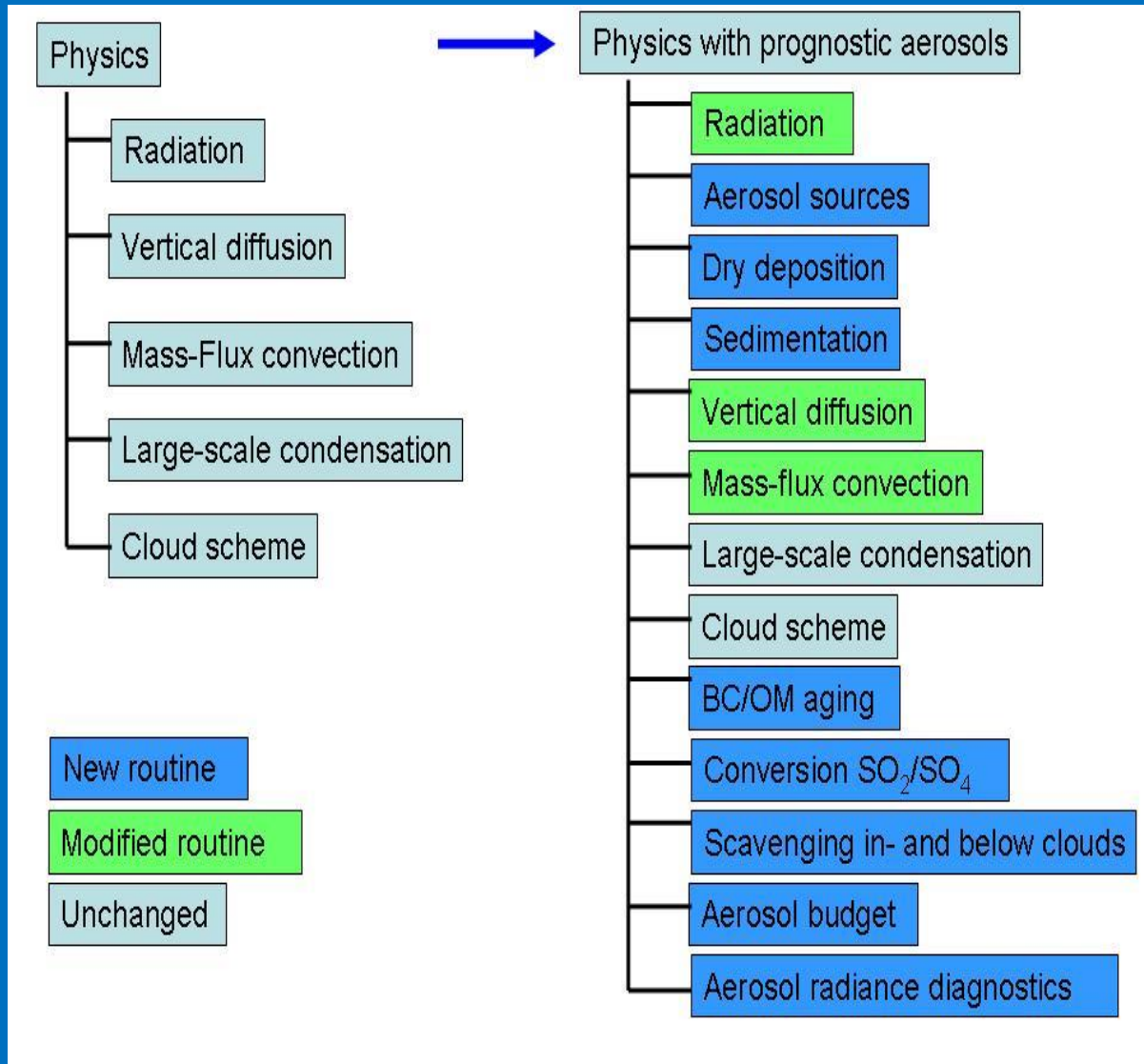
AEROSOL MODELLING AND ASSIMILATION

CAMS aerosol forecasts

- Built on the ECMWF NWP system with additional prognostic aerosol variables (sea salt, desert dust, organic matter, black carbon, sulphates)
- Aerosol data used as input in the aerosol analysis:
 - NASA/MODIS Terra and Aqua Aerosol Optical Depth at 550 nm
 - NASA/CALIOP CALIPSO Aerosol Backscatter (experimental)
 - AATSR, PMAP, SEVIRI, VIIRS (experimental)
- Verification based on AERONET Aerosol Optical Depth (and now also Angstrom exponent)
- Part of multi-model ensemble efforts such as the International Cooperative for Aerosol Prediction (ICAP) and the WMO Sand and Dust Storm Warning and Assessment System (SDS-WAS) North-African-Middle-East-Europe and Asian nodes.



Aerosols in the ECMWF IFS (C-IFS)



12 aerosol-related prognostic variables:

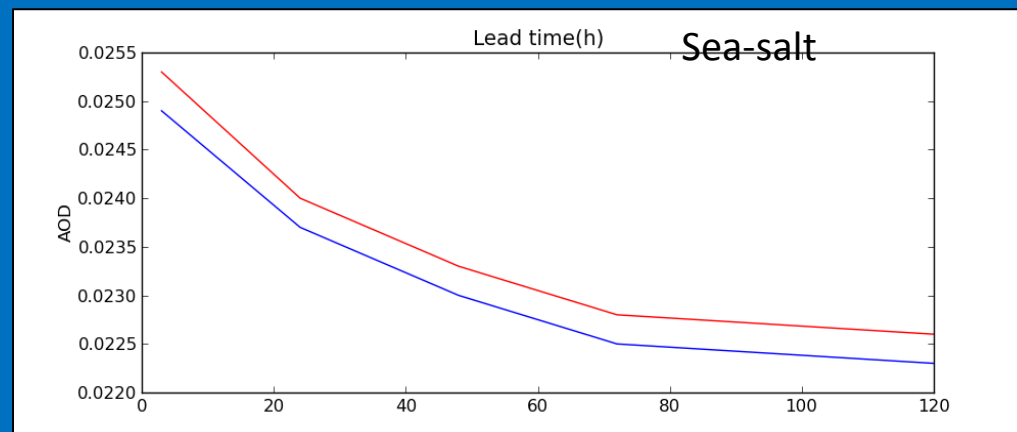
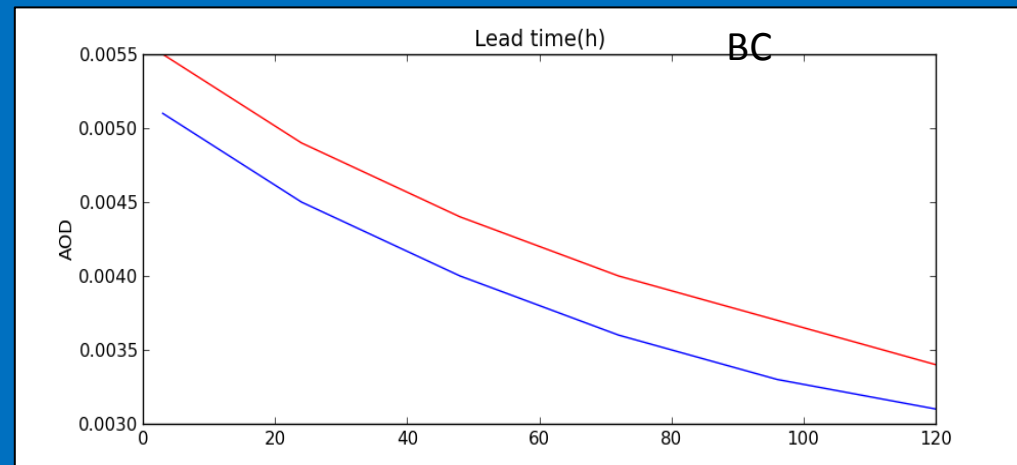
- * 3 bins of sea-salt (0.03 – 0.5 – 0.9 – 20 μm)
- * 3 bins of dust (0.03 – 0.55 – 0.9 – 20 μm)
- * Black carbon (hydrophilic and –phobic)
- * Organic carbon (hydrophilic and –phobic)
- * $\text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{SO}_4$

Physical processes include:

- emission sources (some of which updated in NRT, i.e. fires),
- horizontal and vertical advection by dynamics
- vertical advection by vertical diffusion and convection
- aerosol specific parameterizations for dry deposition, sedimentation, wet deposition by large-scale and convective precipitation, and hygroscopicity (SS, OM, BC, SU)

Recent developments: Use of a mass fixer for aerosol species in CIFS

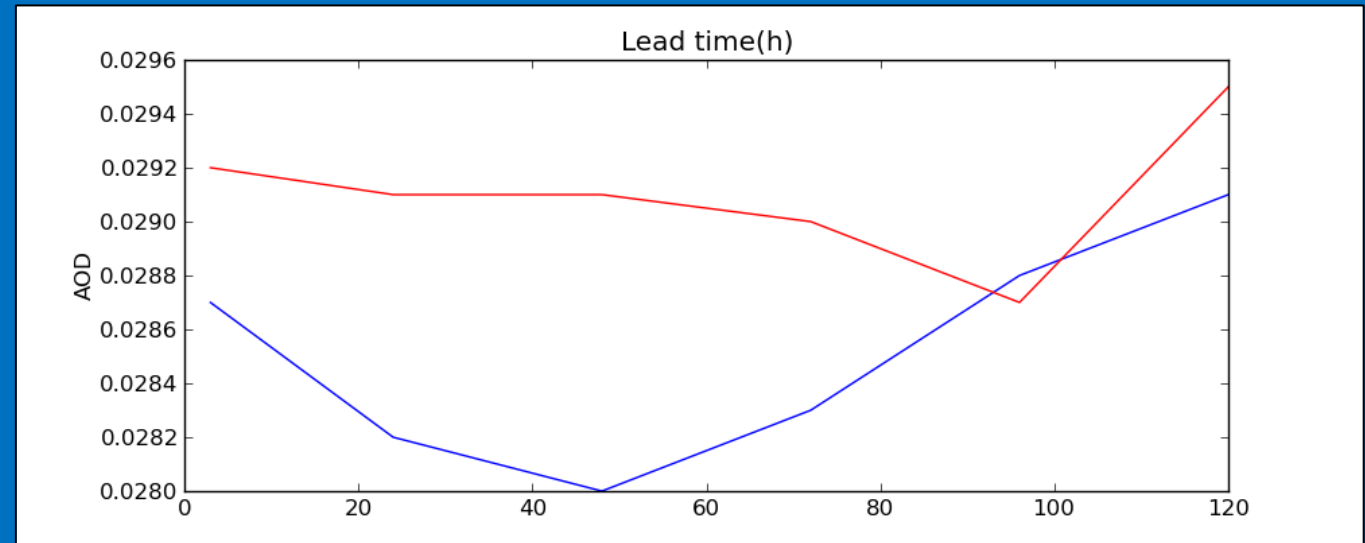
- For aerosol species as for chemical species, the Semi Lagrangian Advection (SLA) scheme is not mass conservative.
- With the hybrid sigma-pressure system, the vertical discretization changes with surface pressure and orography.
- The GRG project already studied the impact of this phenomenon (Flemming and Huijnen, 2013, Diamantakis and Flemming, 2014) on chemical species.
- Tests with the same mass fixer as used by GRG : additive mass fixer
- Impact important on OM and BC (-10% AOD), significant on Sulfates (+3% AOD), small on total AOD (-1%)
- **It was the missing term to balance aerosol species' budgets!**



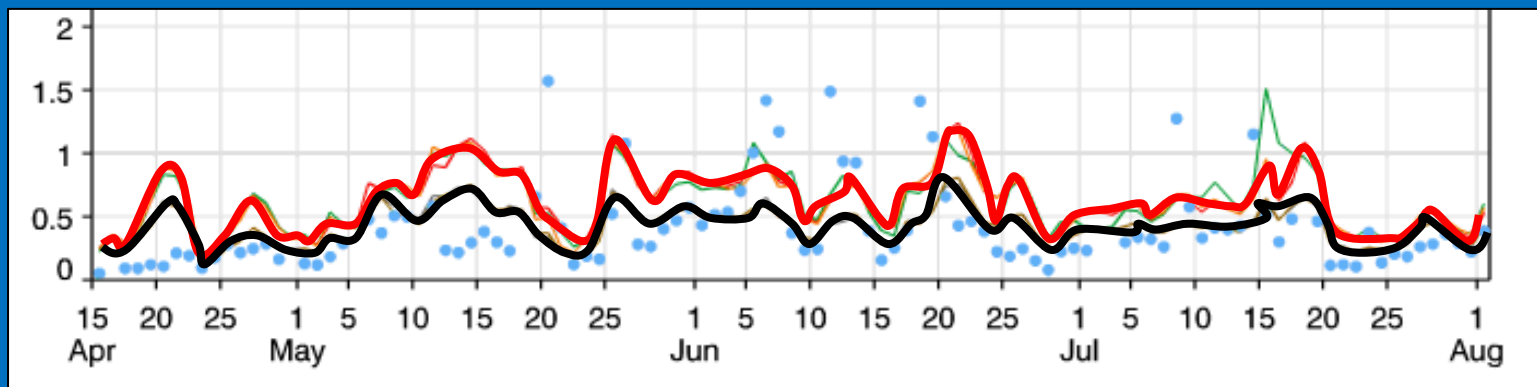
Mean global AOD for May 2014 for BC (top) and sea-salt (bottom), reference in red, with mass fixer in blue

Recent developments: Dust emissions

- Overestimation of dust AOD : the **aerocom average is 0.023**
- Compared to the literature and other models, the amount of larger particles in dust emissions is too low.
- => decrease of the amount of small particles in the emissions, increase the amount of larger particles



Global dust AOD for May 2014 as a function of lead time, with (red) and without (blue) data assimilation

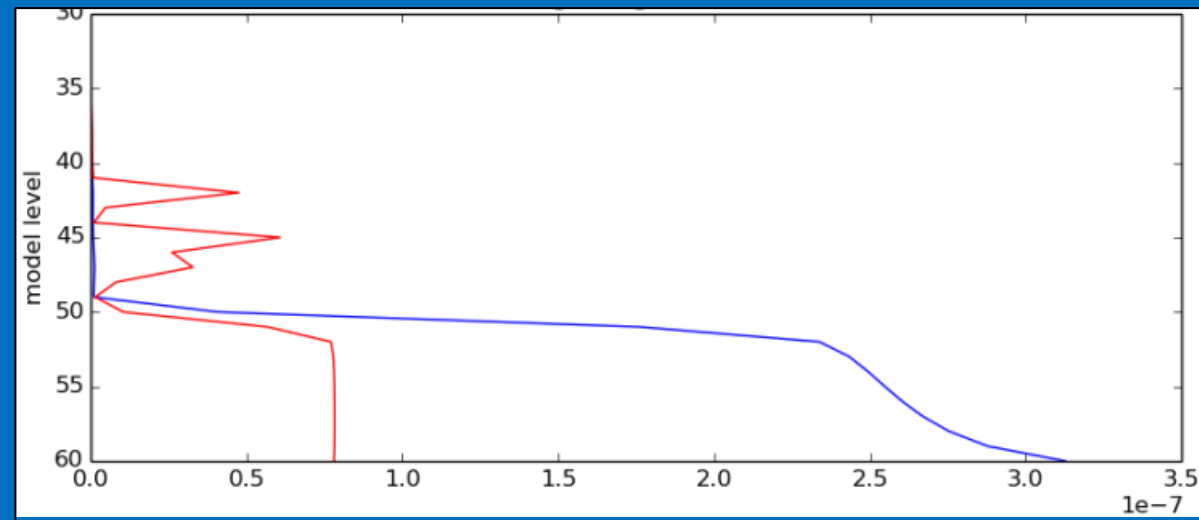


AOD at the AERONET station of Tamanrasset (Algeria), from 15/4/2014 to 1/8/2014. Observations (blue), old emissions (red) and new emissions (black)

- Better balance between the model and observations after the introduction of new emissions

Recent developments: Injection heights for biomass burning aerosol emissions

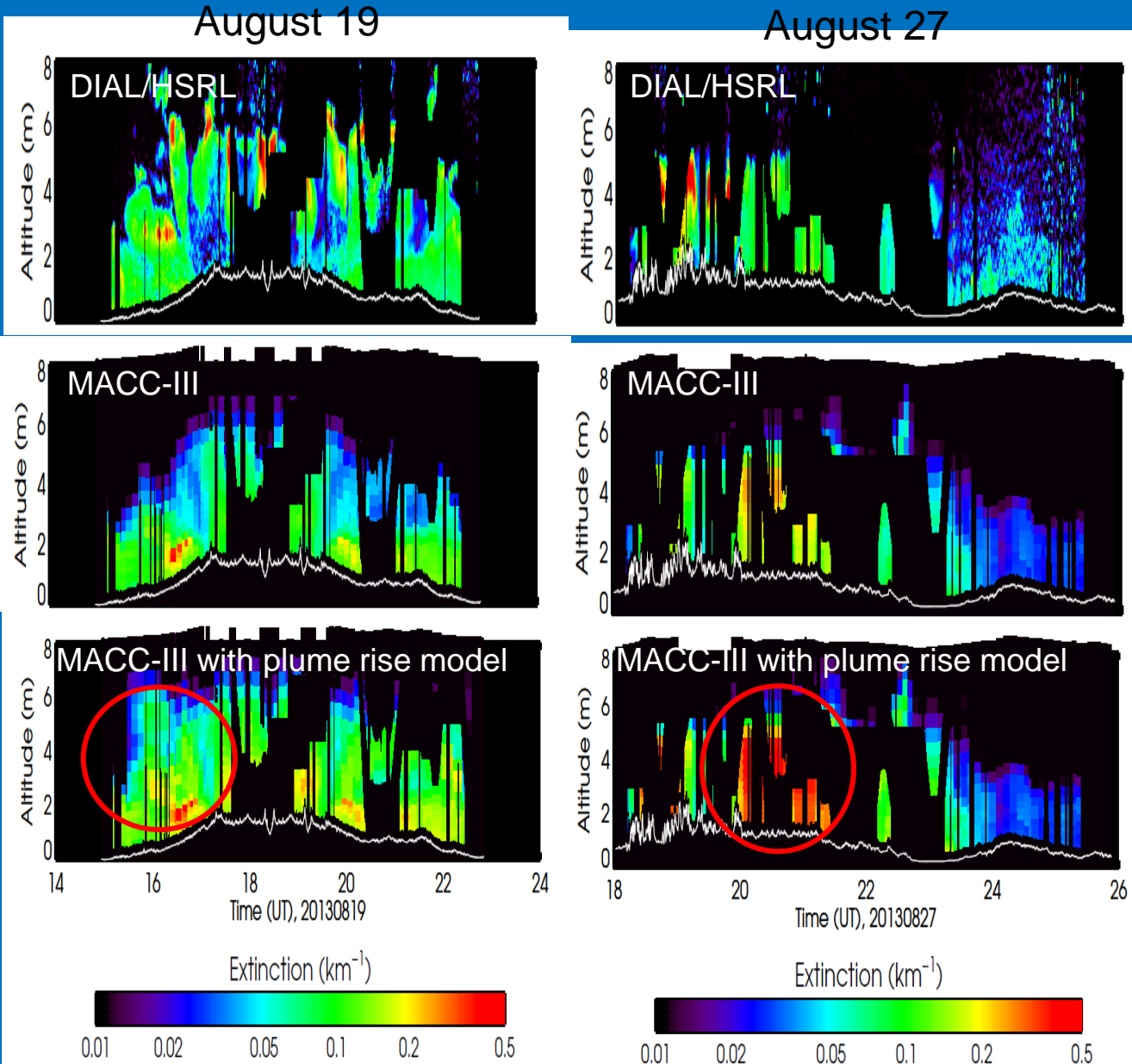
- Biomass burning emissions are currently emitted at the surface.
- Injection heights for biomass burning emissions are routinely produced by GFASv1.2., using a Plume Rise Model (Freitas et al, 2007, Paugam et al., 2015), and Sofiev's parameterization (Sofiev et al. 2012)
- Use of these injection heights was implemented in CIFS for aerosols, chemical species, greenhouse gases



Profile of OM mixing ratio over Canada (52N, 77.5W) on July 6, 2013

Blue, emissions of OM at surface, red, emissions at the injection height given by the PRM

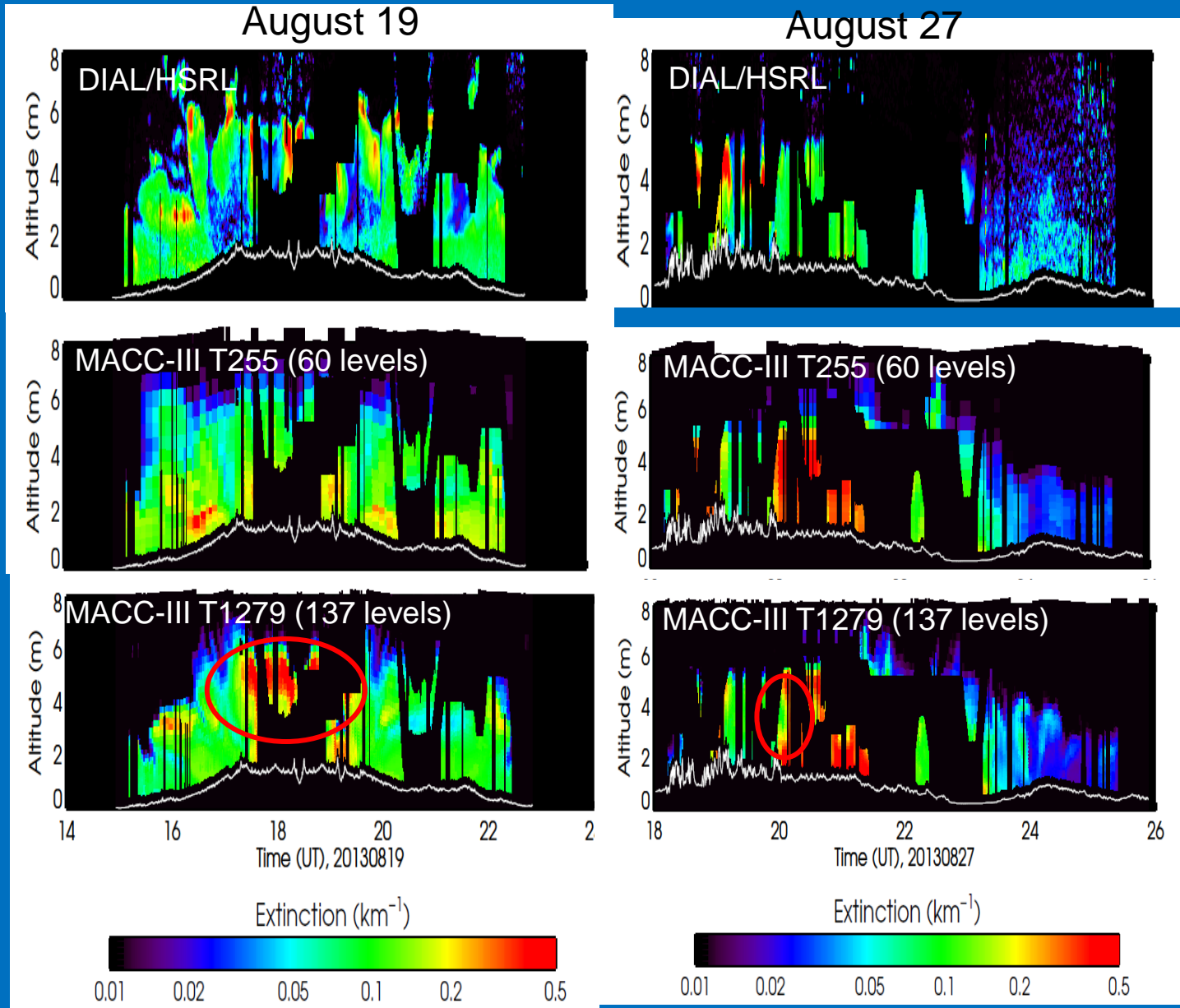
Evaluating the impacts of smoke injection heights computed from plume rise model



- Injection heights for smoke emissions are estimated using a Plume rise model (Paugam et al., 2015, based on Freitas et al., 2007)
- This plume rise model uses MODIS FRP and modelled atmospheric profiles with a shallow convection scheme to represent detrainment from fire plumes
- Initial comparisons show that both aerosol extinction and AOT increase throughout the profile, not necessarily at smoke height shown in DIAL/HSRL profile

Credits: Rich Ferrare and Sharon Burton (NASA Langley)

Evaluating the impact of higher model resolution



- Model resolution increased from T255 (80 km) with 60 vertical levels to T1279 (16 km) with 137 vertical levels
- Higher resolution represents smoke altitude better than assimilating MODIS AOT or using plume rise model

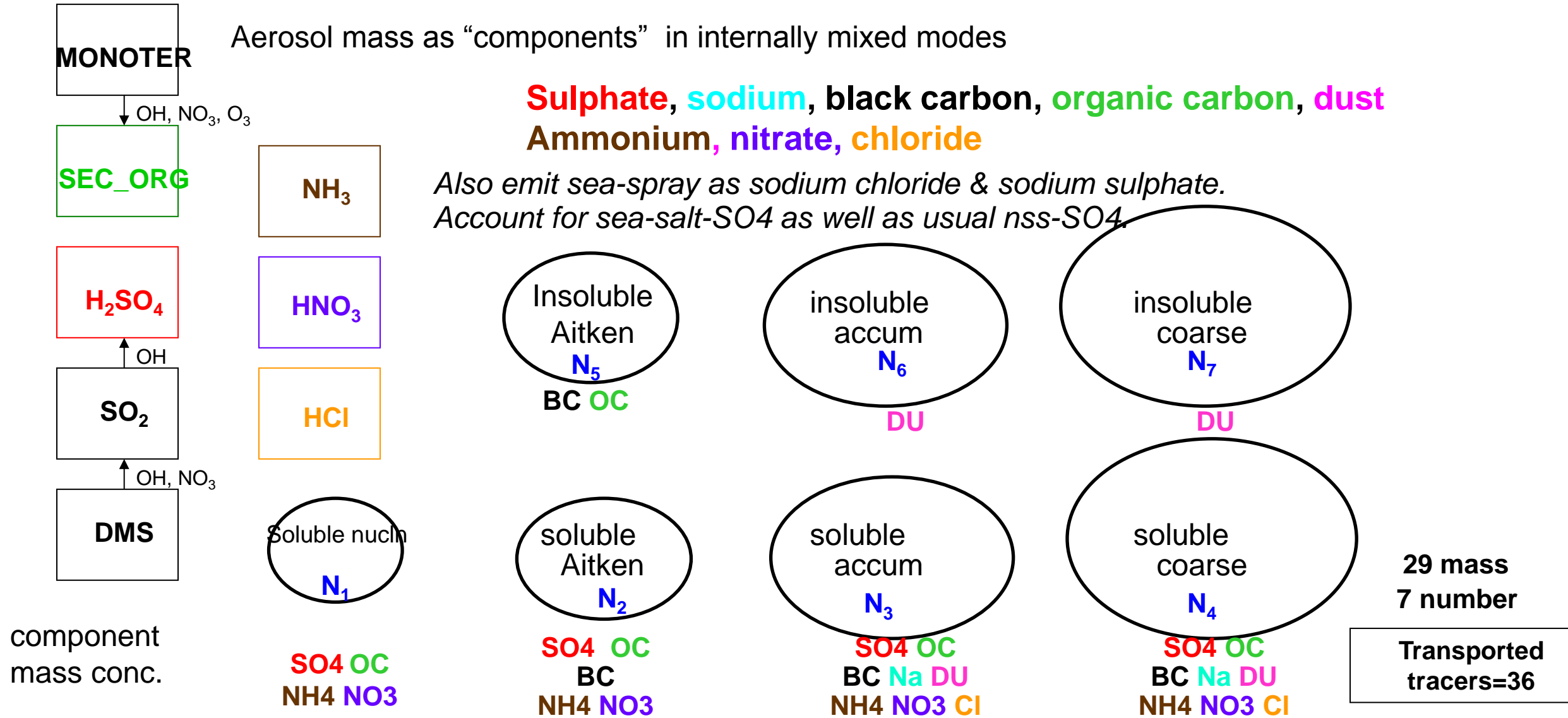
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Future: GLOMAP aerosol in C-IFS

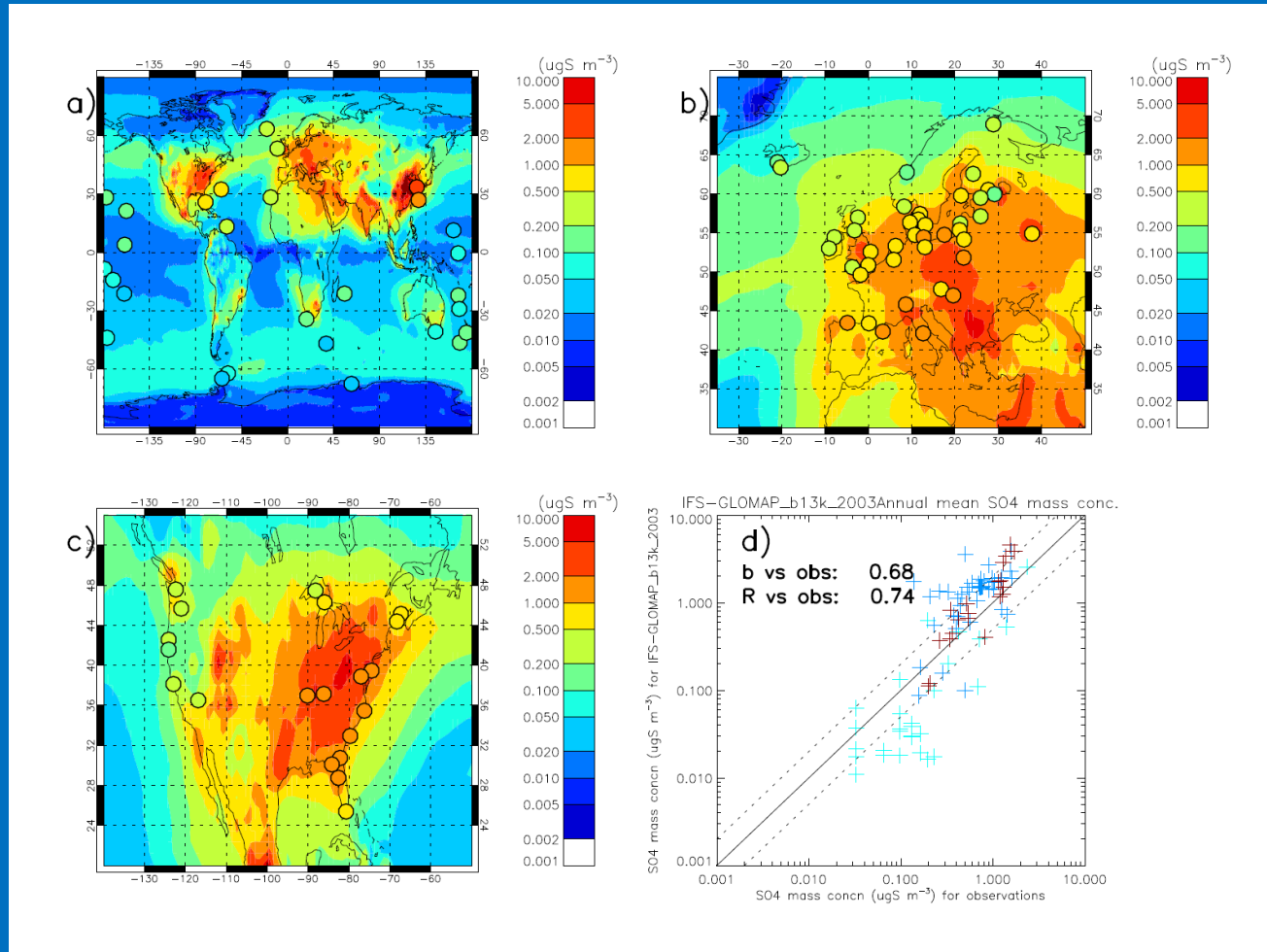
Aerosol mass as “components” in internally mixed modes

Sulphate, **sodium**, **black carbon**, **organic carbon**, **dust**
Ammonium, **nitrate**, **chloride**

*Also emit sea-spray as sodium chloride & sodium sulphate.
 Account for sea-salt-SO4 as well as usual nss-SO4.*



Evaluation suite for assessing IFS- GLOMAP (also in UM, TOMCAT)

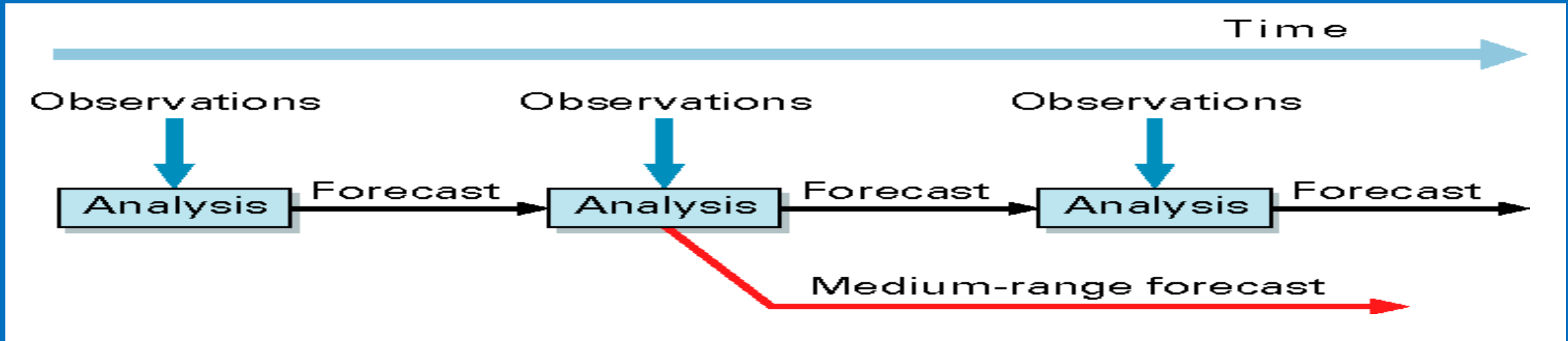


Credits: Graham Mann,
Sandip Dhomse (Uni Leeds)

*Sulphate mass
evaluation against
EMEP, IMPROVE,
U. Miami
obs datasets for
reference
IFS-GLOMAP run*

- GLOMAP evaluation strategy involves assessing a range of aerosol metric against observations. As well as aerosol optical depth speciated mass, size-resolved number concentrations are used.

The ECMWF 4D-Var



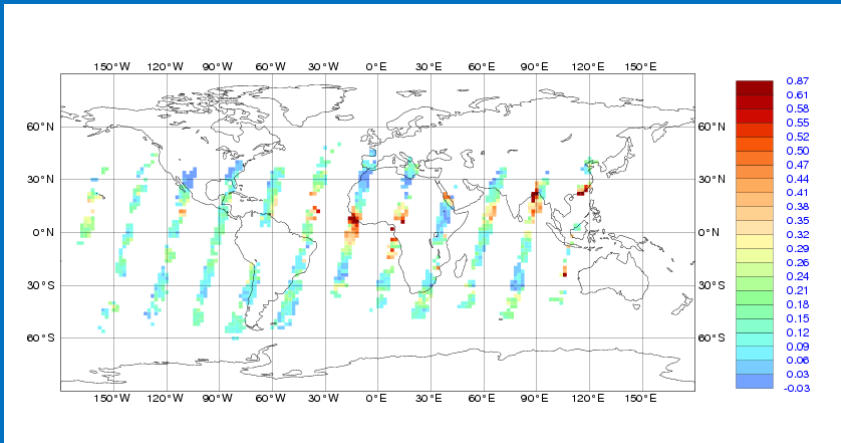
- The observations are used to correct errors in the short forecast from the previous analysis time. This is done by a careful 4-dimensional interpolation in space and time of the available observations.
- Every 12 hours we assimilate 4 – 8,000,000 observations to correct the initial conditions on the 100,000,000 variables that define the model's virtual atmosphere (winds, temperature, humidity, surface pressure, ozone and surface variables for the standard operational configuration).
- Additional variables are included in the control vector for the MACC NRT analysis and forecast (reactive gases and aerosols).

The aerosol analysis

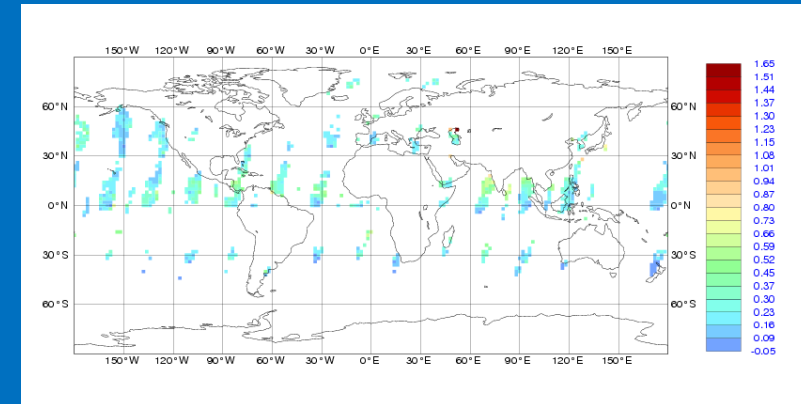
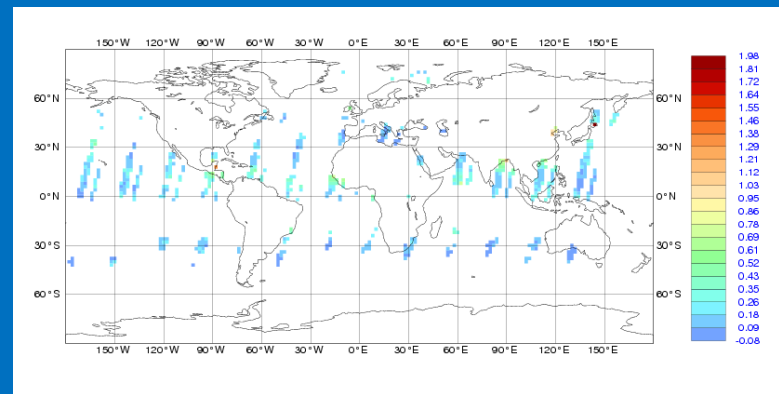
- Integrated in the ECMWF incremental 4D-Var
- Control variable is formulated in terms of the **total aerosol mixing ratio**.
- Increments in total mass are repartitioned into the single species according to their fractional contribution to the total.
- Background error statistics have been computed using forecasts errors as in the NMC method (48h-24h forecast differences).
- Assimilated observations are the MODIS Aerosol Optical Depths (AODs) at 550 nm over land and ocean, including Deep Blue over bright surfaces. Observation errors are prescribed fixed values.
- A global variational bias correction with constant and surface wind predictors for MODIS data is implemented in the current near-real time run.

Aerosol Optical Depth coverage from various sensors/products

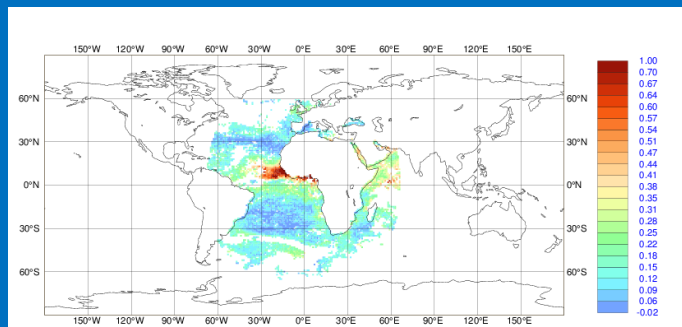
AATSR: data over deserts but narrow swath & one Instrument. Can be replaced by SLSTR on Sentinel-3



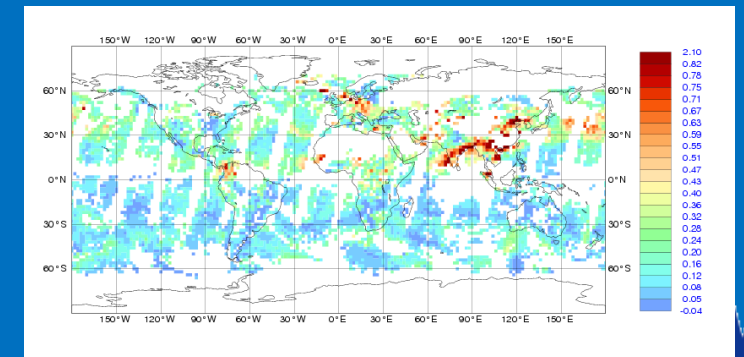
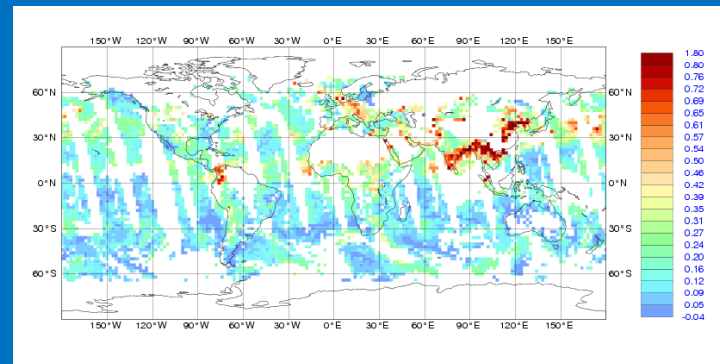
PMAP: for now, only data over ocean were tested at ECMWF. Two platforms (more resilient), multi-sensor (more points of failure).



SEVIRI: geo-stationary, high data volume, partial coverage



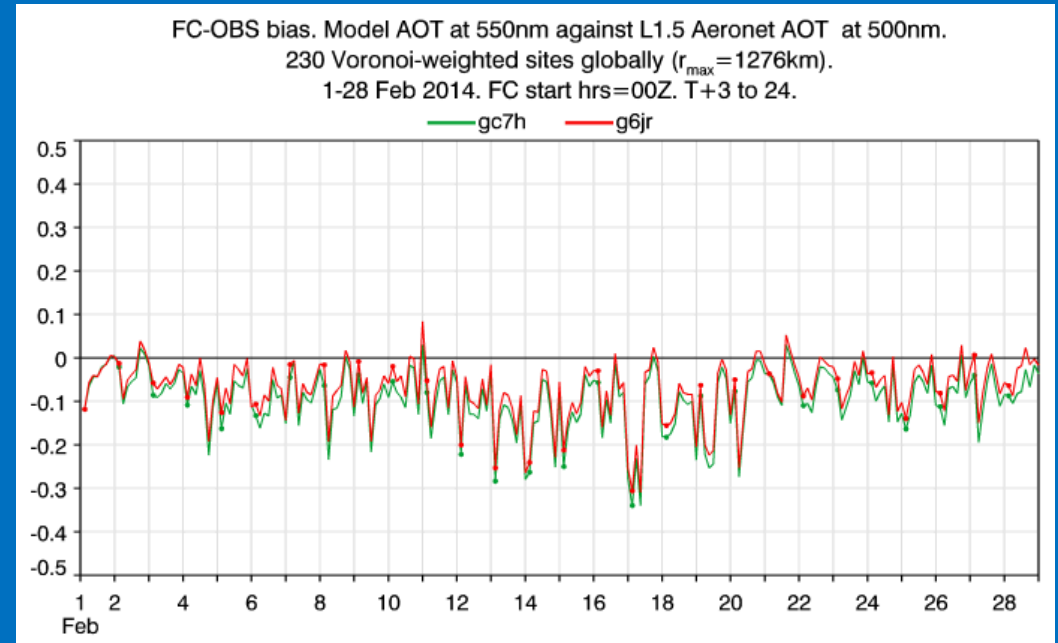
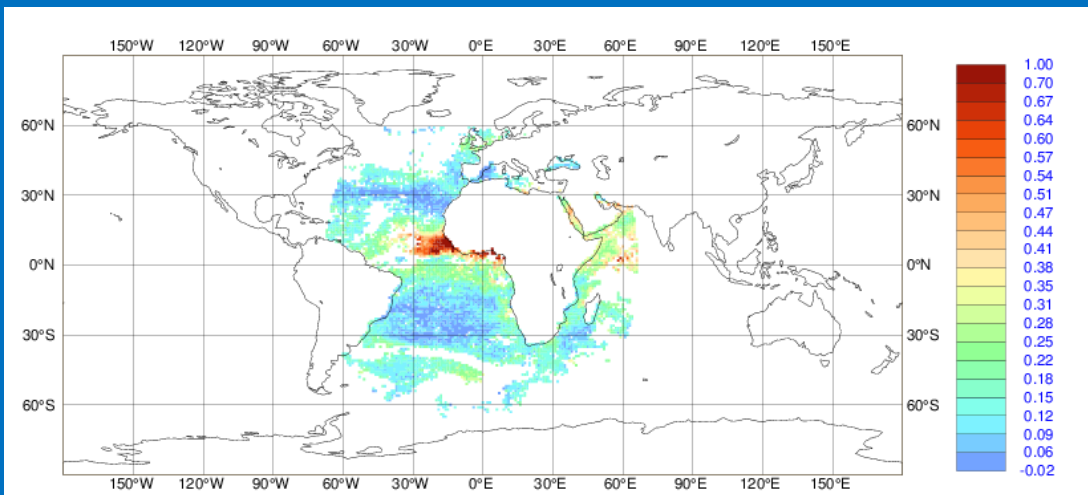
MODIS: two platforms, global coverage. Ageing. Data also over bright surfaces when Deep Blue is used.



SEVIRI Aerosol Optical Depth (ocean-only)

- Produced in NRT at **ICARE**
<http://www.icare.univ-lille1.fr/msg/>
- Based on an algorithm by Thieuleux et al., 2005
- Small but detectable impact on global bias
(negligible in RMS)
- European/African coverage
- Of interest for European regional data assimilation
- Huge data volume (thinning needed)
- Other products under consideration

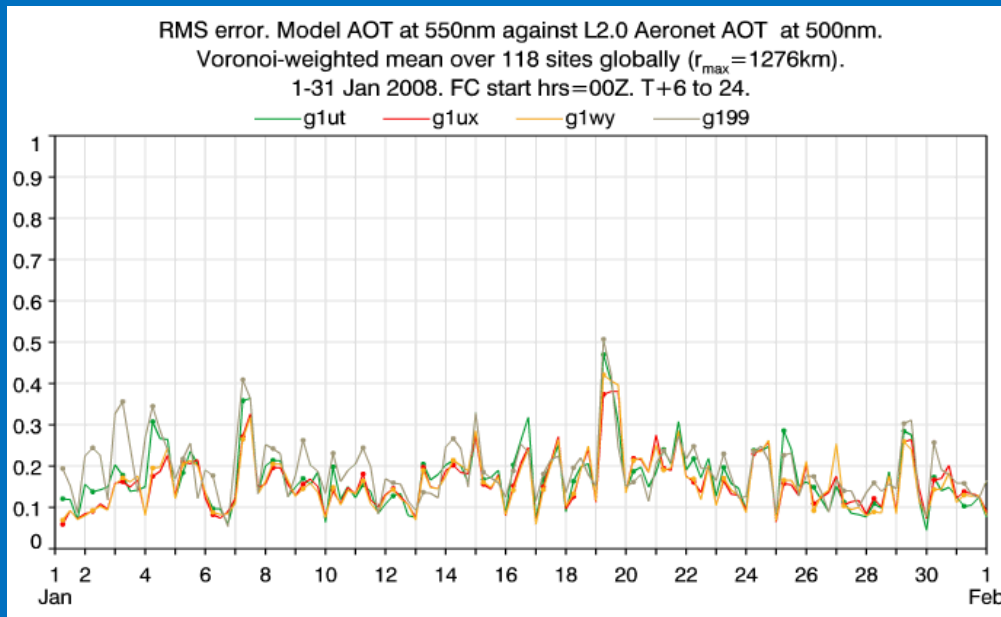
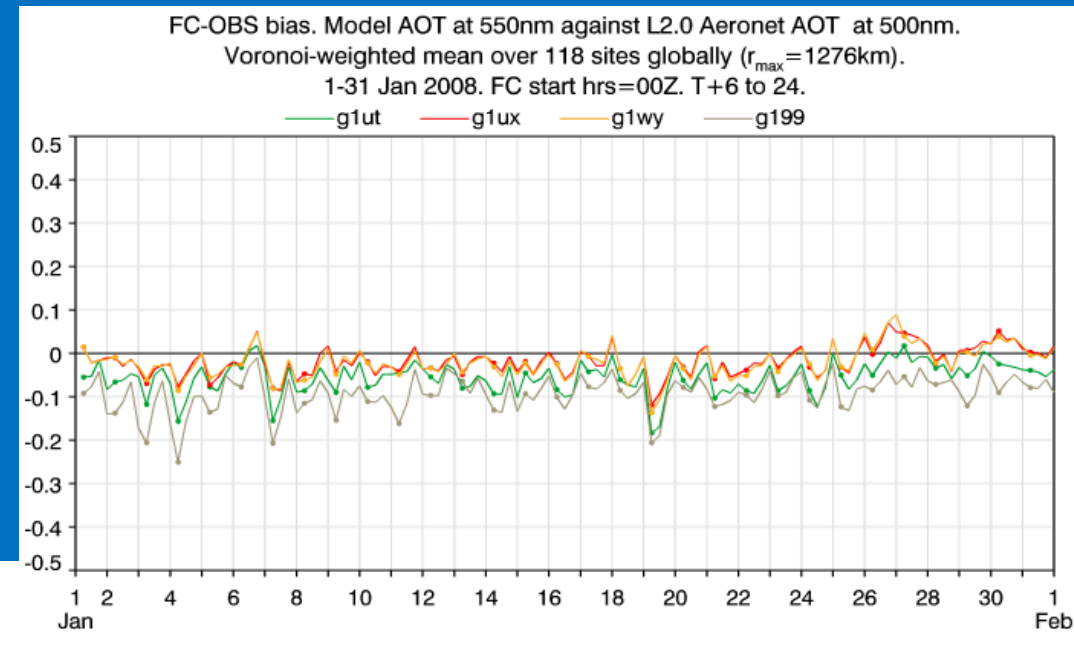
Data coverage over 24h



— SEVIRI + MODIS run
— MODIS-only run

AATSR Aerosol Optical Depth data

- Used in a special Climate Change Initiative reanalysis for 2008
- Adds value to forecast-only run as shown by comparison with AERONET data
- Does not have large impact in the analysis due to the robust MODIS coverage
- Possible back-up (if NRT from the SLSTR sensor on Sentinel 3) if MODIS stops working



- Forecast-only run
- AATSR-only run
- MODIS-only run
- MODIS and AATSR run

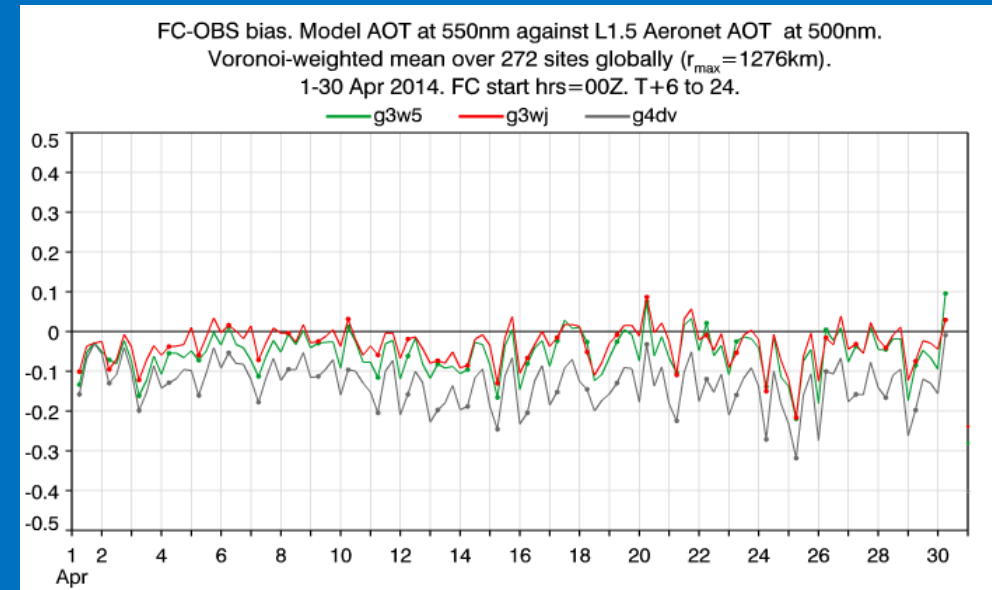
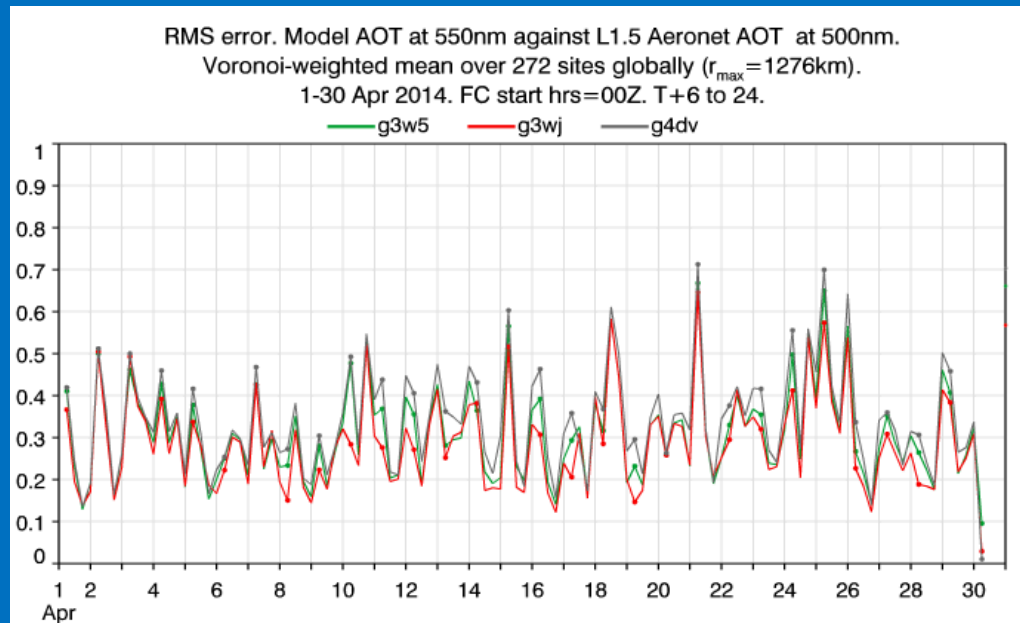
- AATSR data from FMI were used for the MACC-II CCI reanalysis for 2008
- Test experiments are also available

PMAP Aerosol Optical Depth



Produced pre-operationally by **EUMETSAT**
based on GOME2, AVHRR and IASI data.
Similarly to AATSR data:

- Adds value to forecast-only run as shown by comparison with AERONET data
- Comparable impact with MODIS due to global coverage
- Good back-up (as it will be NRT from METOPA and METOPB) if MODIS stops working

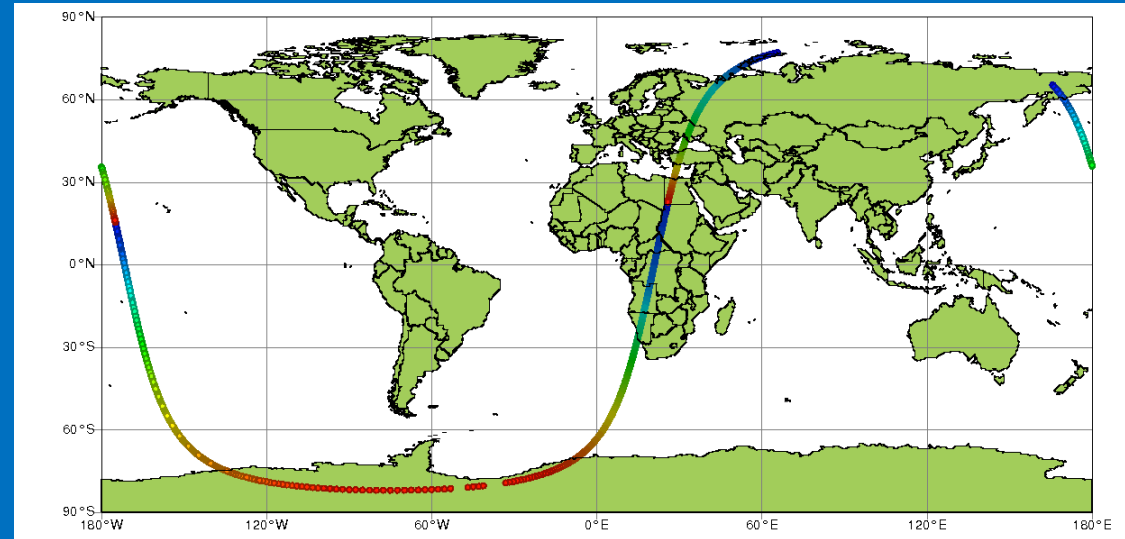
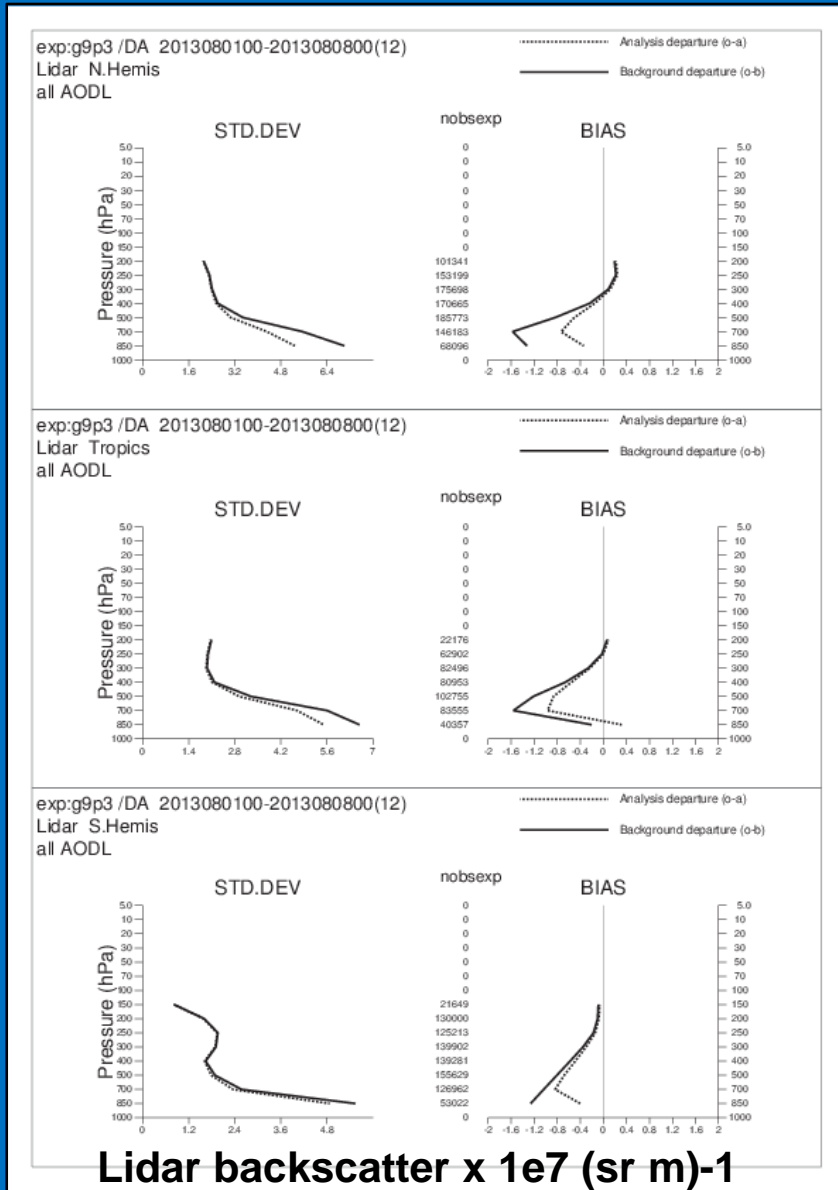


- Forecast-only run
- PMAP-only run
- MODIS-only run

- Monitoring of PMAP has started recently
- Assimilation will follow

Assimilation of lidar signal

CALIOP level 1.5 sample orbit August 18, 2010

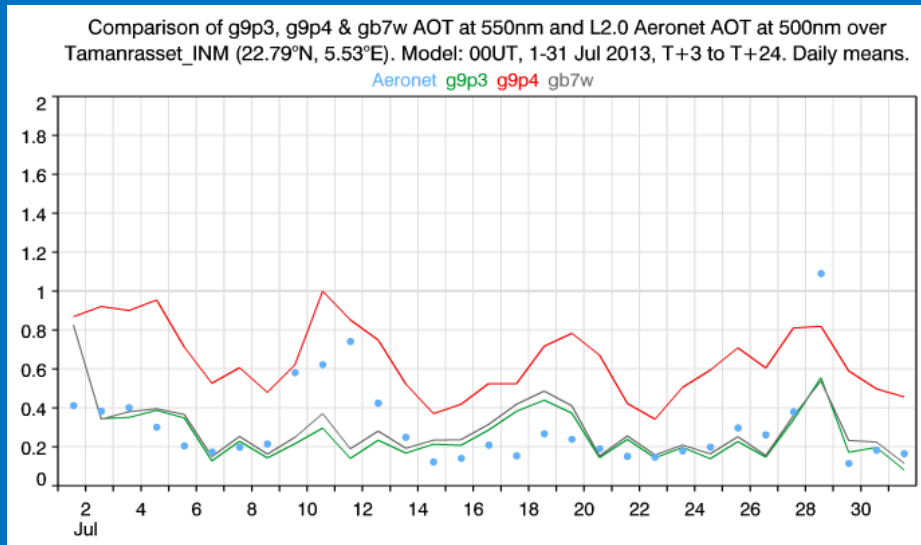


- Expedited product (courtesy of CALIPSO team at NASA Langley: David Winker, Chip Trepte, Jason Tackett)
- Average attenuated backscatter at 20 km, cloud-cleared at 1 km.
- 345 vertical levels corresponding to 60 m resolution (averaged to 300 m before assimilation)

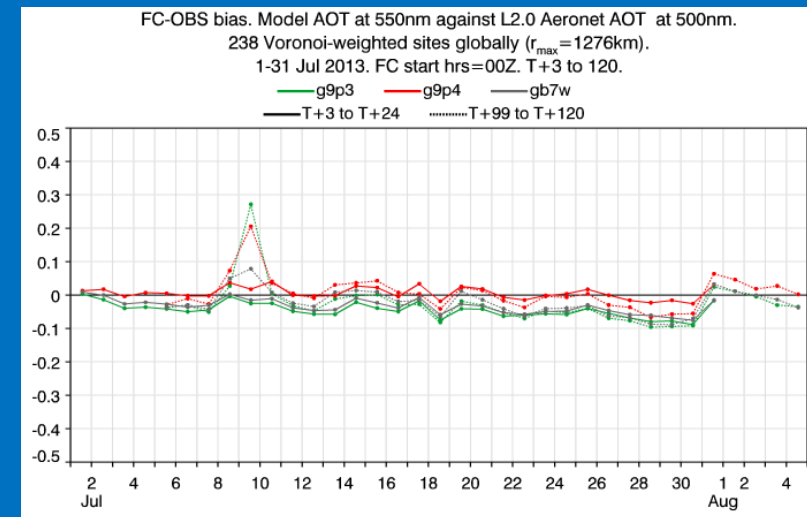
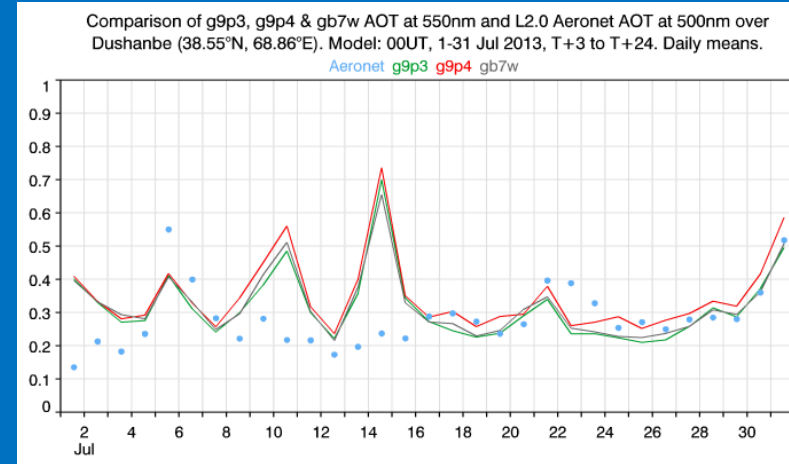


Verification of lidar assimilation experiments

AERONET verification shows good performance of lidar assimilation locally or at least not worse than the MODIS Dark Target-only run....



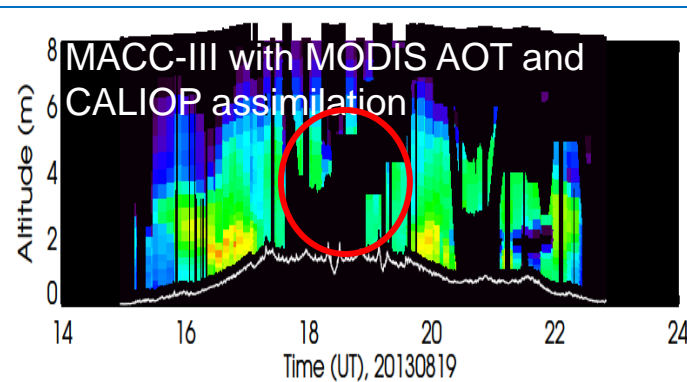
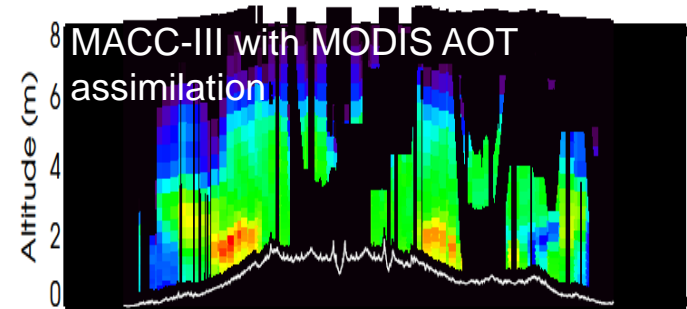
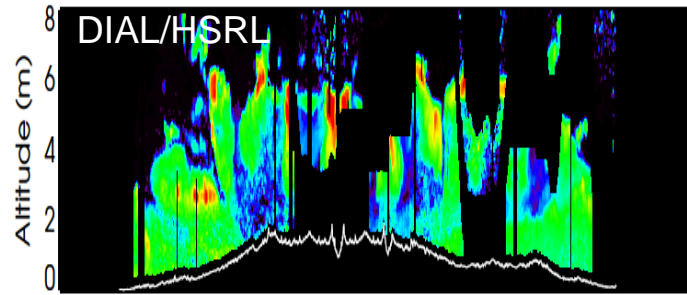
- MODIS only
- CALIOP+ MODIS
- CALIOP + MODIS (both bias corrected)



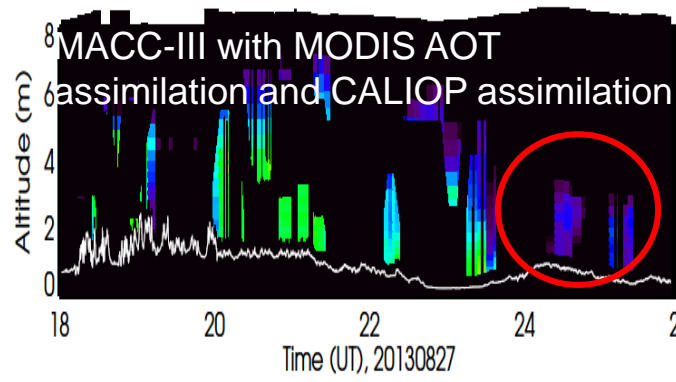
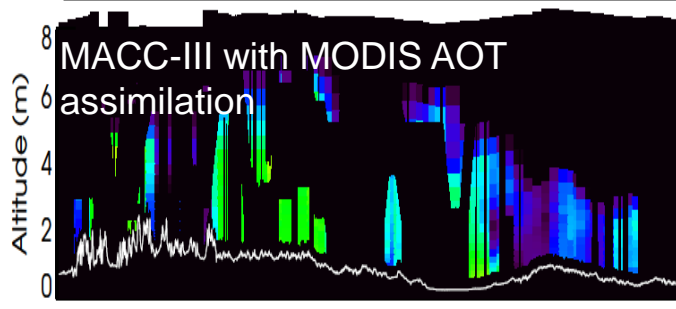
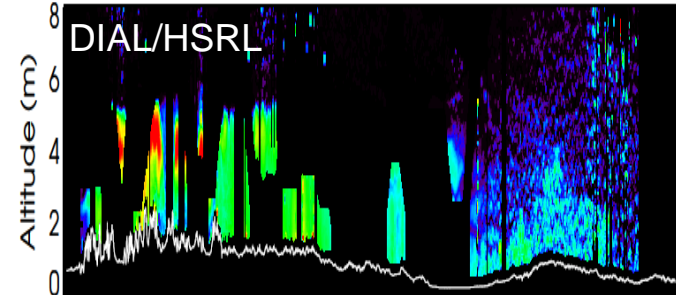
...but globally the MODIS-only run is still slightly on the lead.

Evaluation of the impacts of CALIOP profile assimilation

August 19



August 27

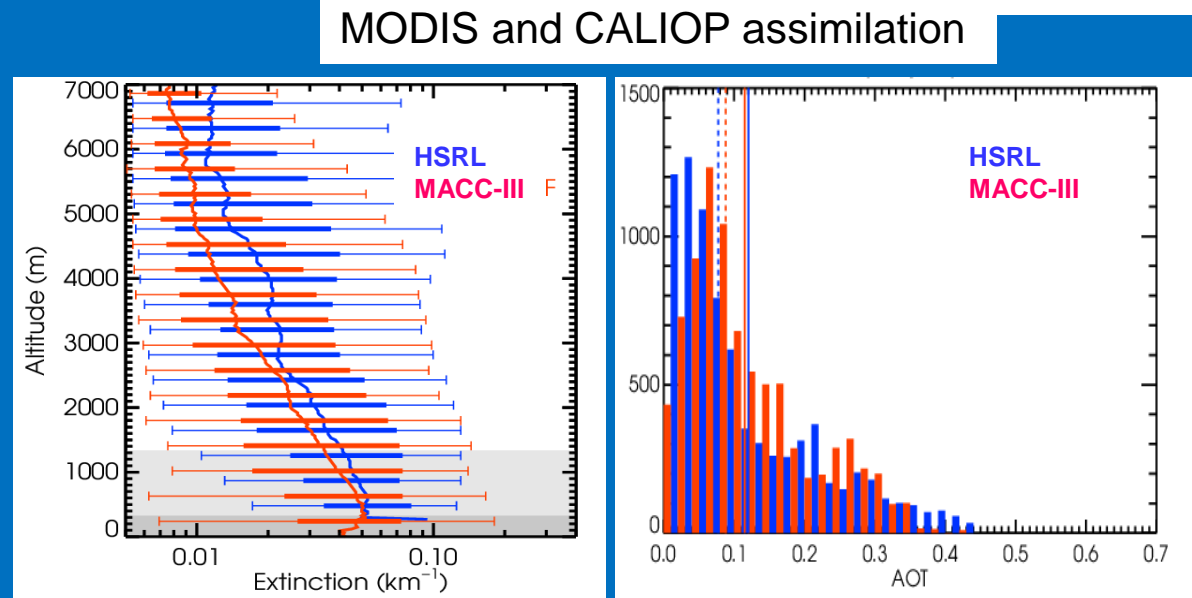
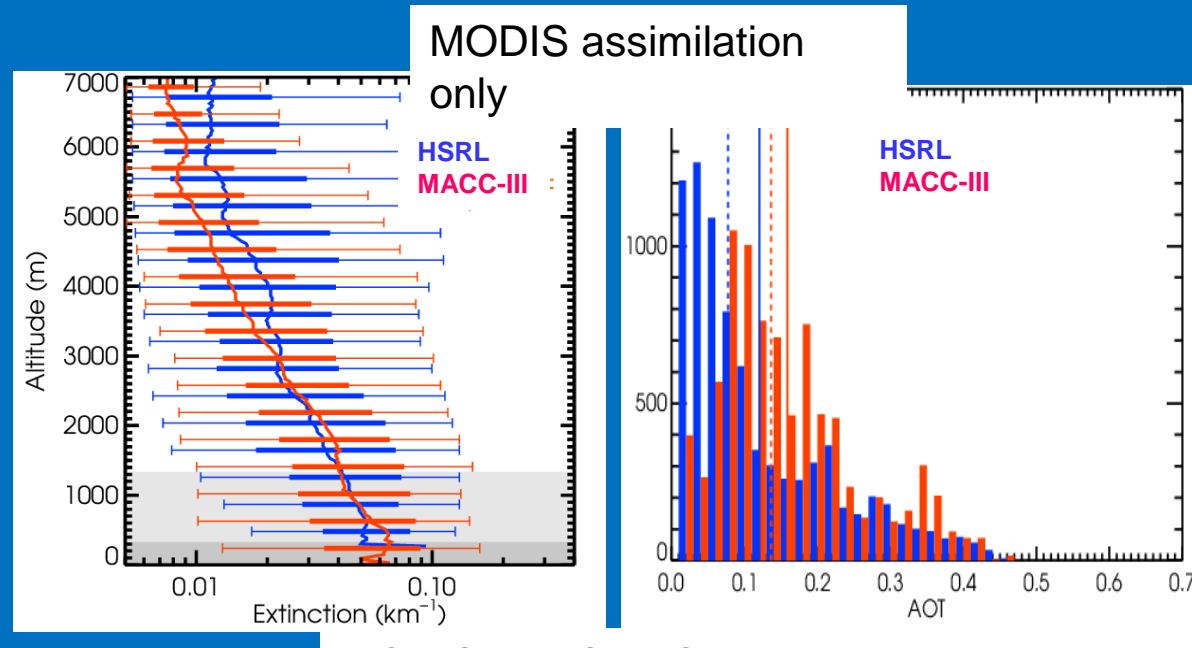


- Assimilation of CALIOP profiles slightly reduces extinction profiles in some locations; largest extinction values remain near surface
- Depending on location, these reductions can improve or worsen agreement with HSRL

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Comparison of Median Profiles with and without CALIOP assimilation

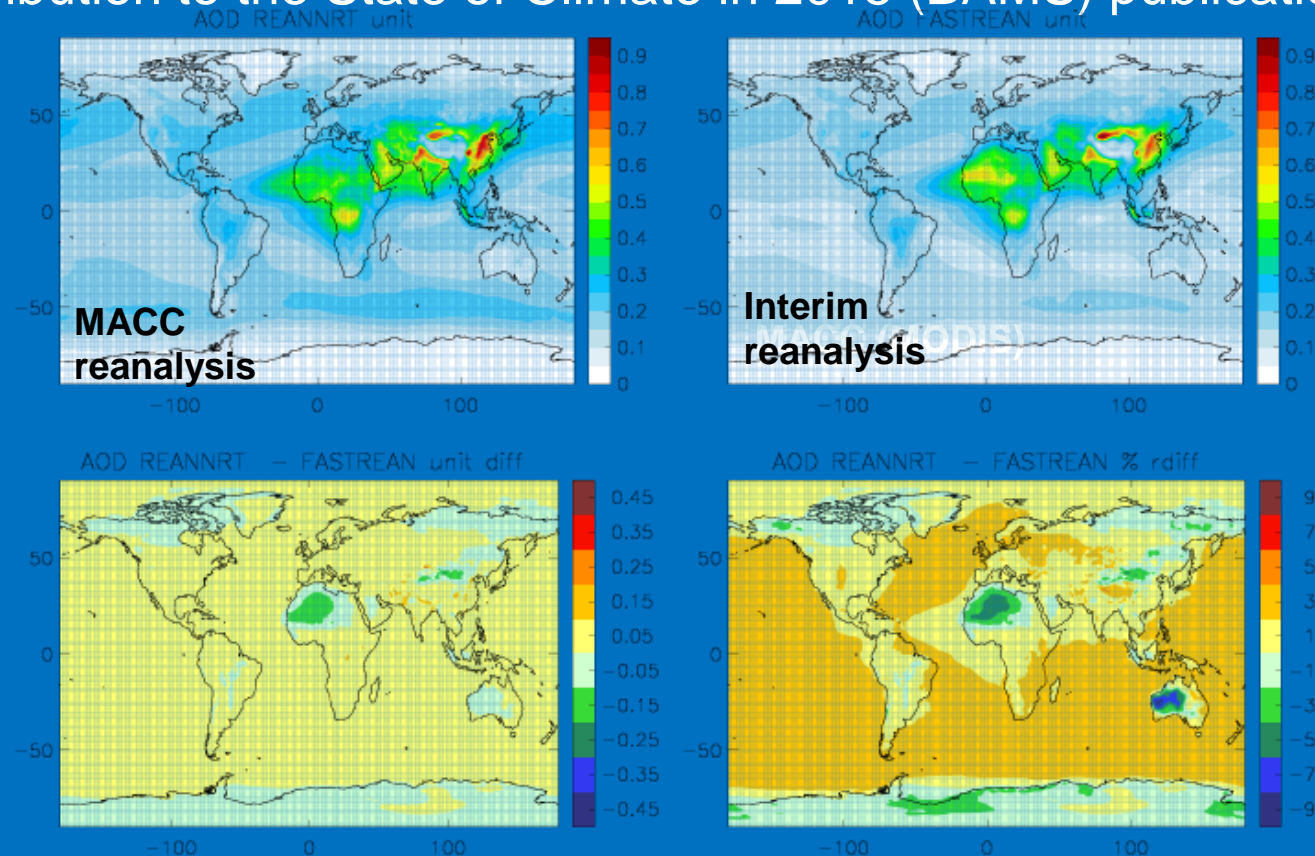


- Median profiles in good agreement with MODIS AOT assimilation
- Adding CALIOP:
 - produces relatively minor effects on median profiles
 - tends to lower the AOT with respect to runs that assimilate only MODIS AOT
 - gives a slightly better agreement with HSRL

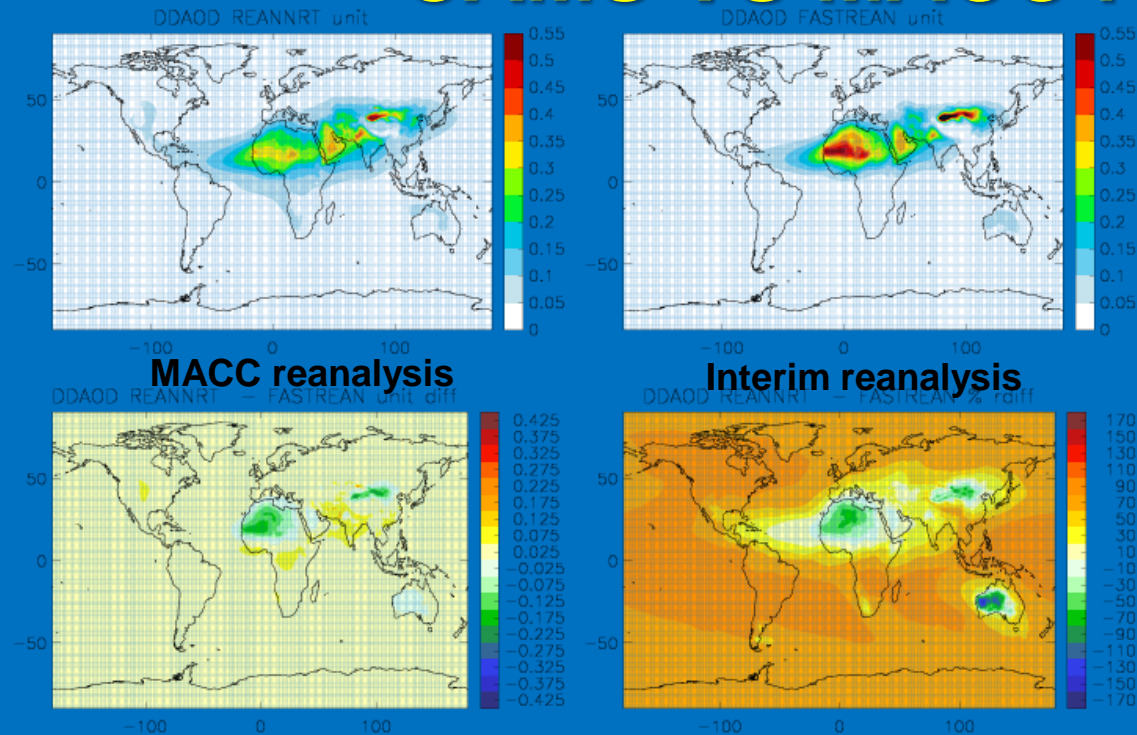
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CAMS REANALYSIS RUNS

- New “interim” reanalysis from 2003-2015 has been run in parallel mode (literally) for fast turnaround
- Limited number of archived fields & reduced number of meteorological datasets
- Overall good performance
- Used for contribution to the State of Climate in 2015 (BAMS) publication

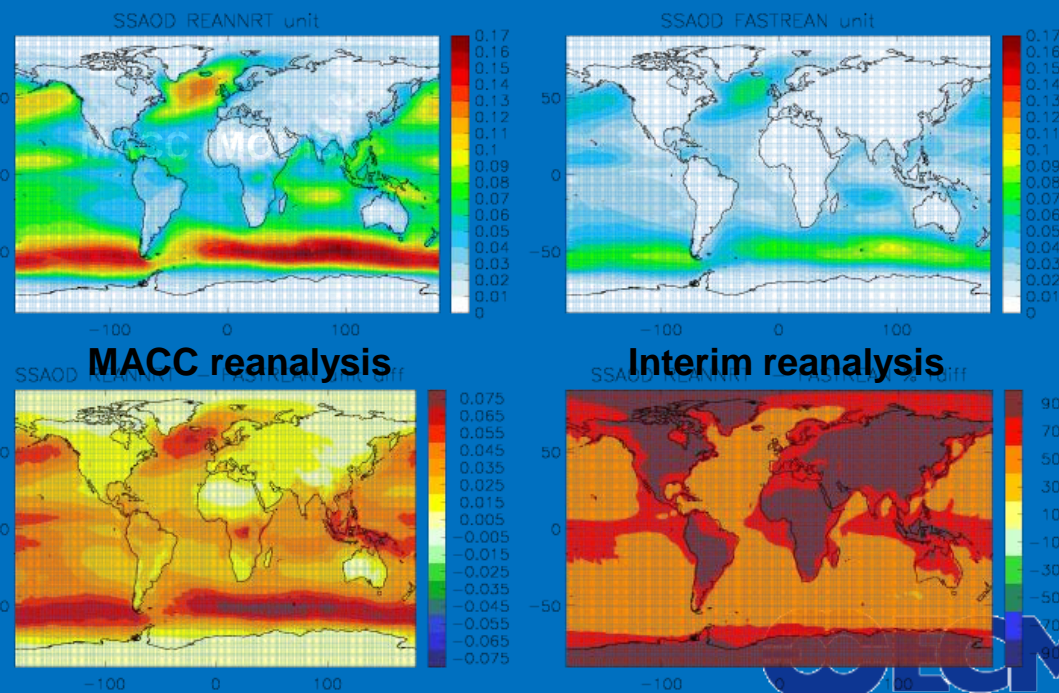


CAMS VS MACC REANALYSIS RUNS

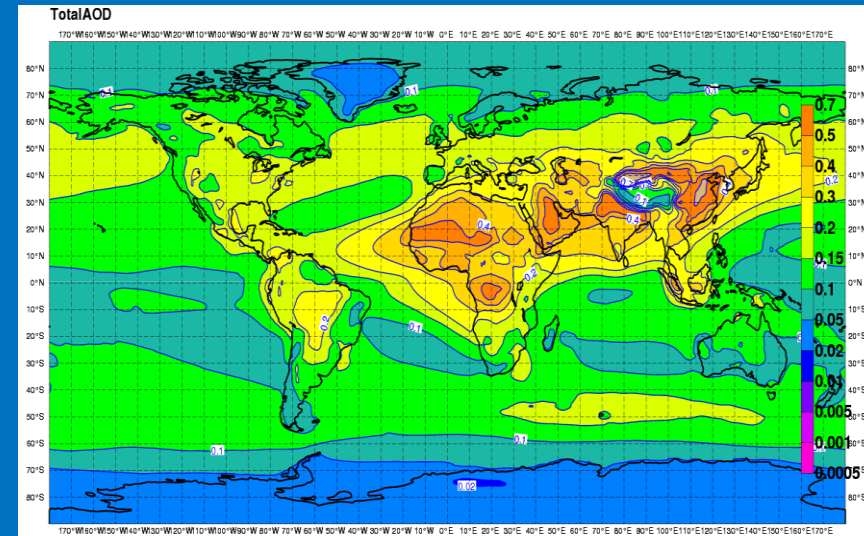
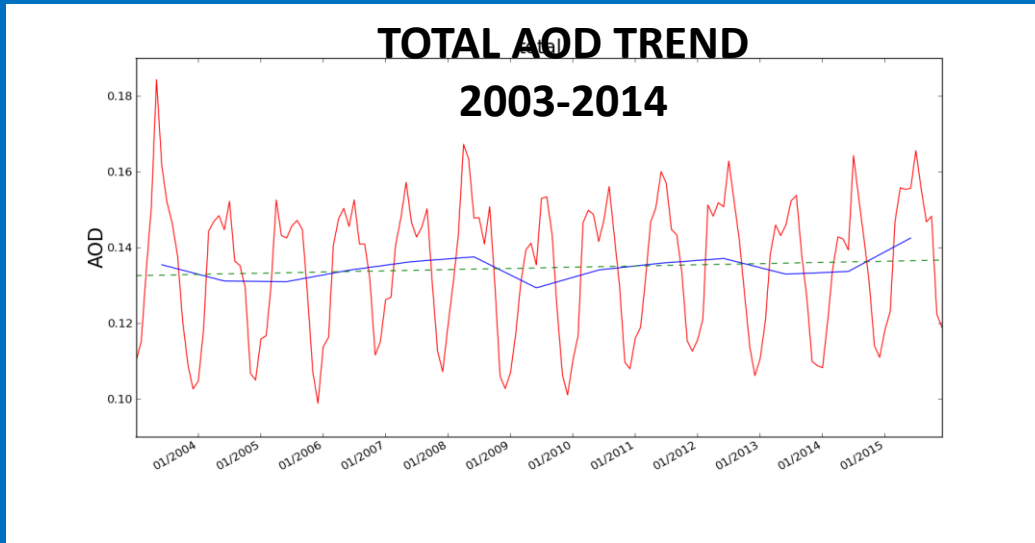


- Main differences in AOD are down to model changes since the “interim” reanalysis uses MODIS Dark Target as the MACC reanalysis
- Increase in dust (particularly close to the source areas)
- Perhaps now too much dust but this is being corrected for the next reanalysis

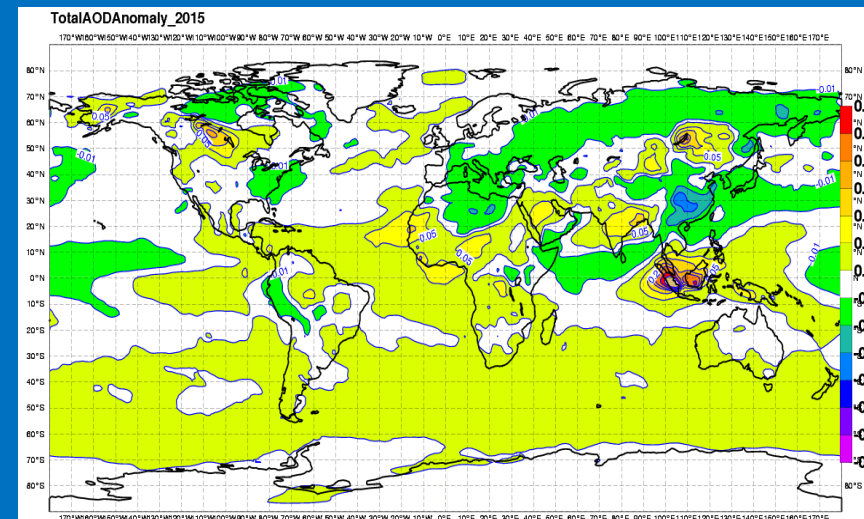
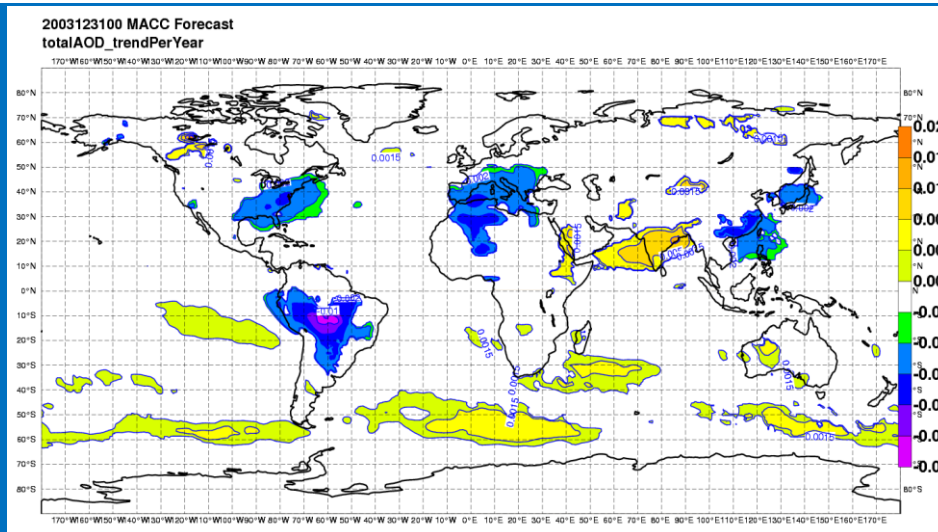
- Striking differences in sea salt are attributable to model changes (big impact)
- Bias correction for MODIS data includes also surface wind speed as predictor (smaller impact)



REANALYSIS RUNS: BAMS STATE OF CLIMATE 2015



TOTAL AOD
2003-2014



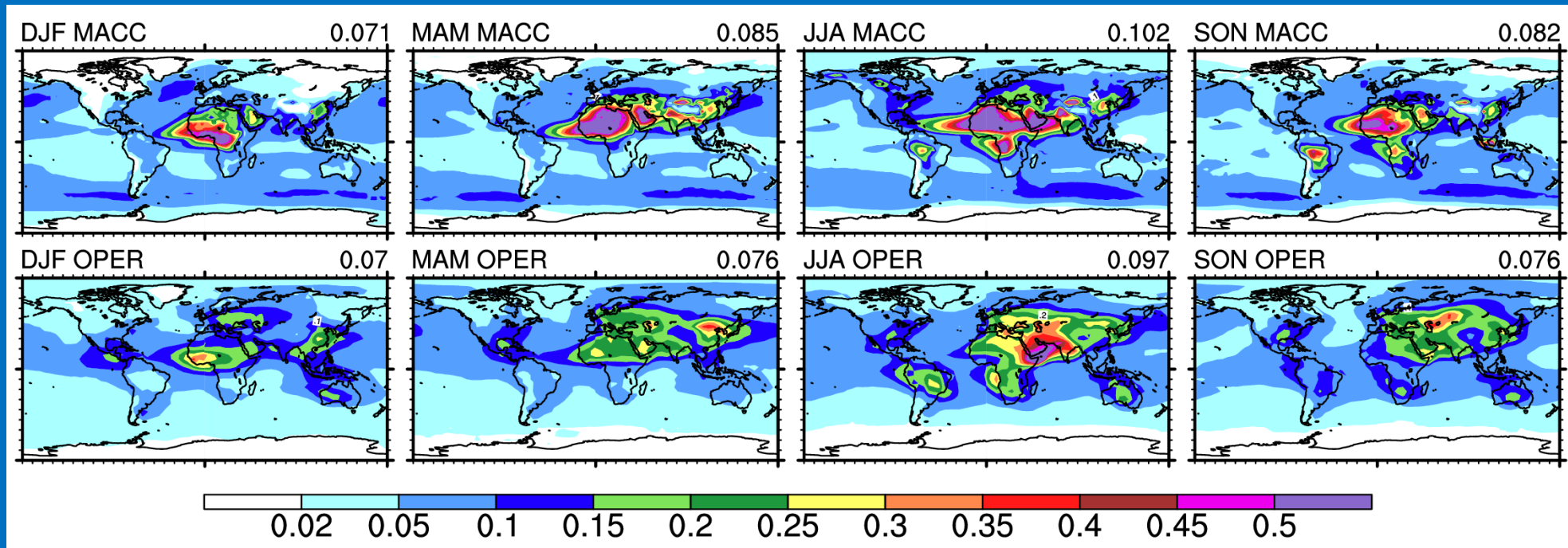
AOD ANOMALY
2015

Rémy et al, 2015: [Global climate] Aerosols [in "State of the Climate in 2015"].
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AEROSOL IMPACTS ON NUMERICAL WEATHER PREDICTION

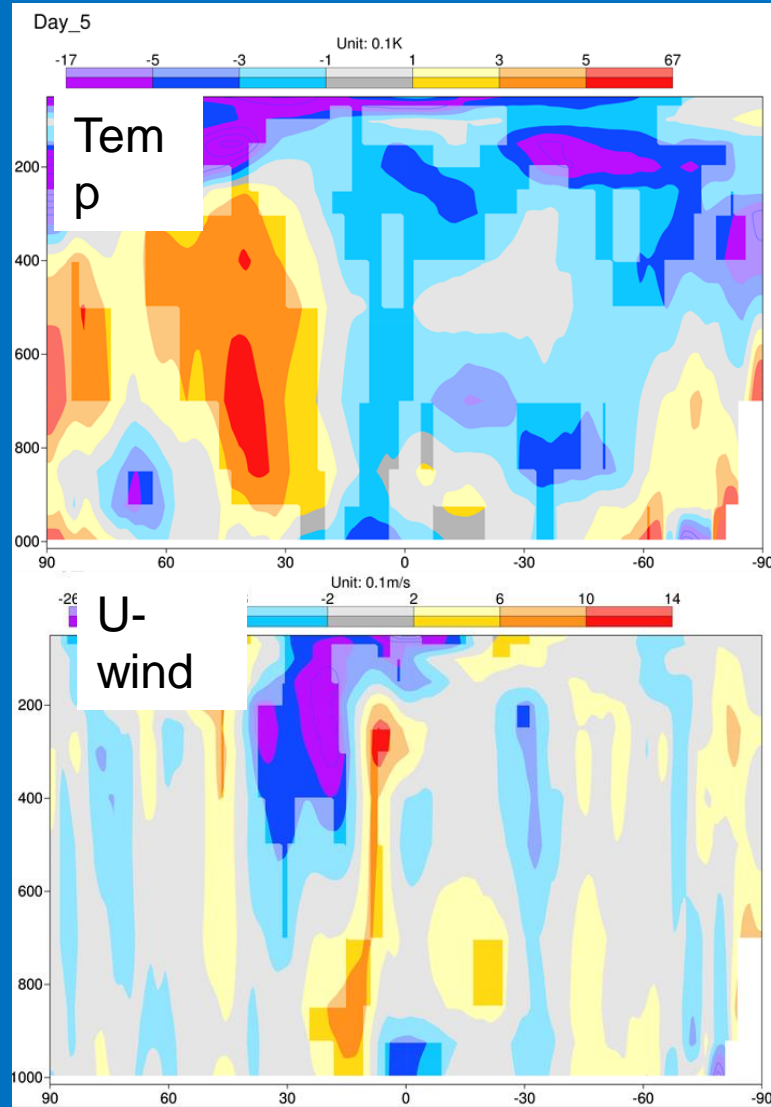
Climatological AOD 550nm distribution MACC vs Tegen et al 1997 (OPER)

Credits: Alessio Bozzo

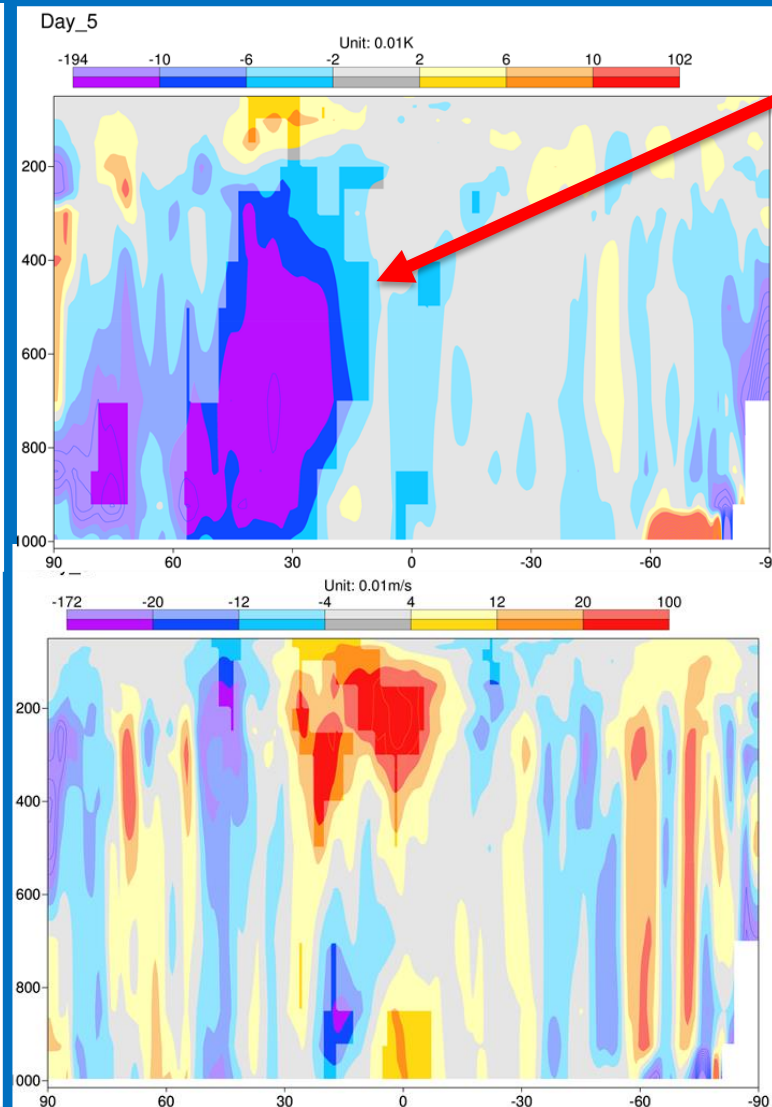


- MACC run (2003-2012): sources of biomass burning from GFAS, sulphate aerosol precursor from EDGAR 4.1, prognostic for sea salt and dust, revised dust model
- Optical properties recomputed for RRTM spectral bands and for each aerosol type/size bin. Mass mixing ratio as input to radiation
- Vertical distribution following an exponential decay with scale height derived from the MACC model for each aerosol type. Monthly varying for dust.

Impacts on forecast errors



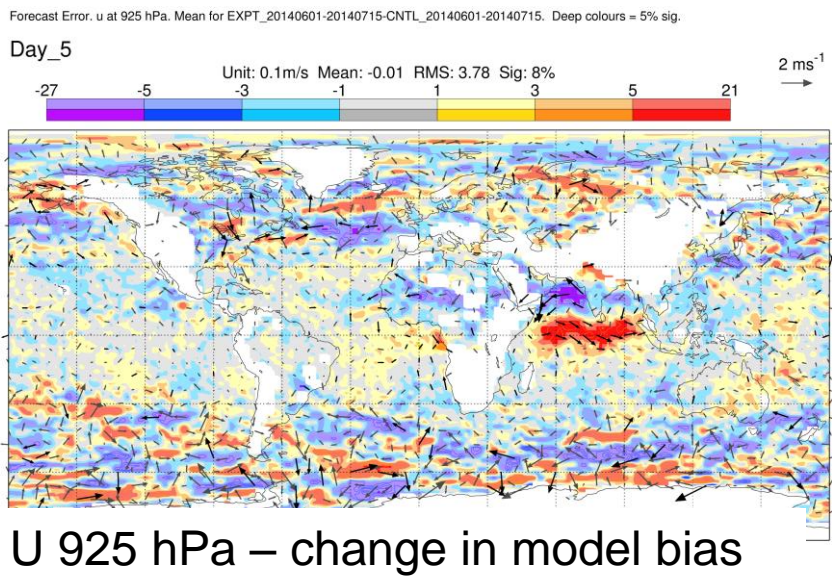
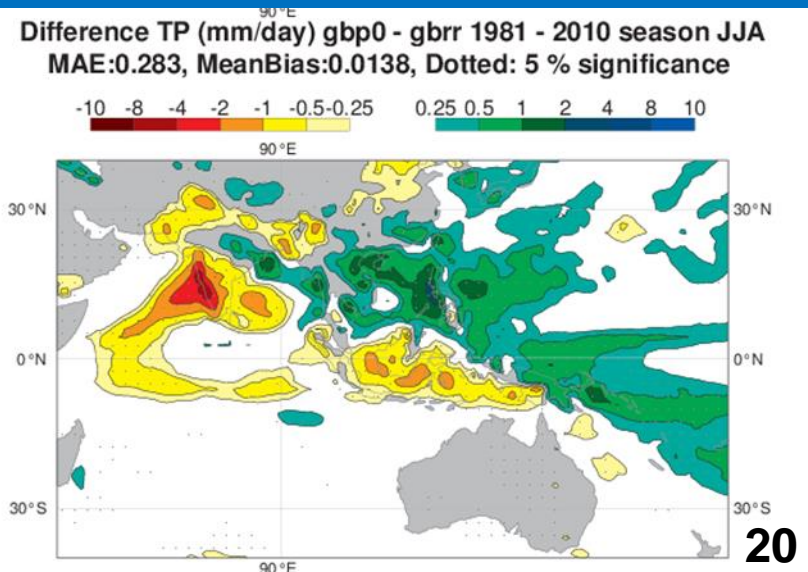
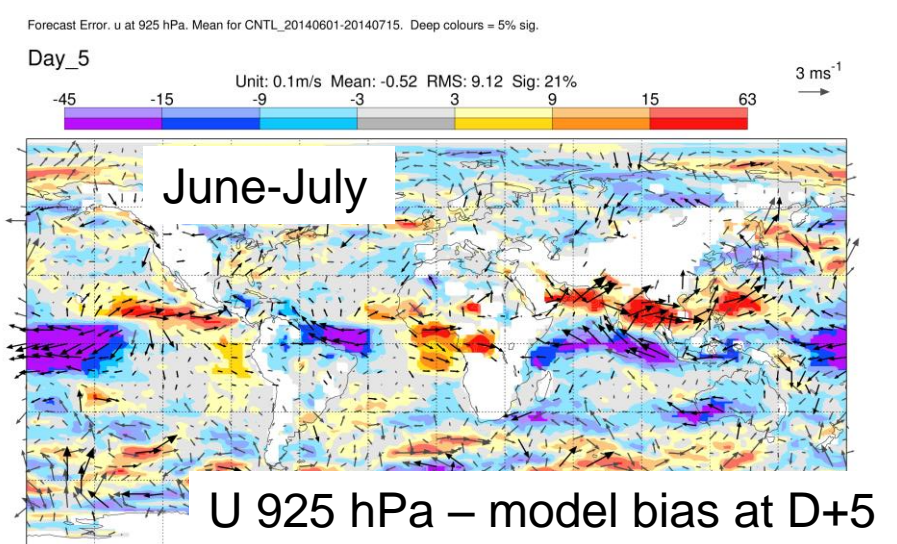
June-July
Model FC error d+5



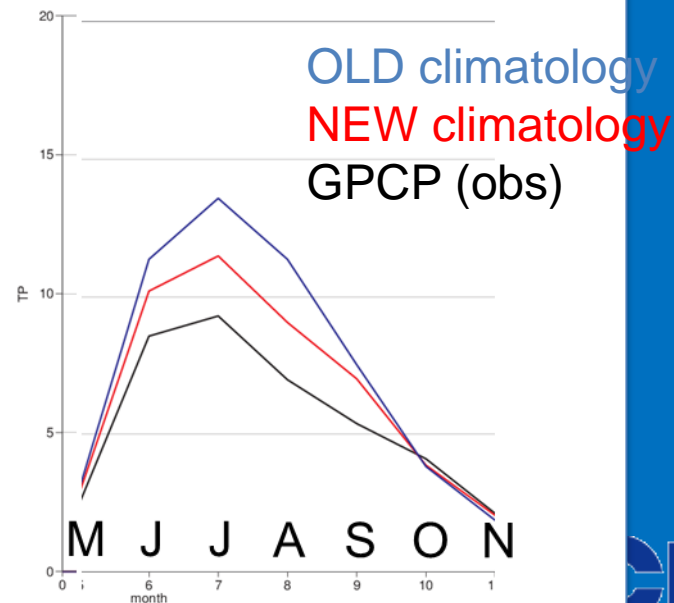
June-July
Change in FC error d+5

- Change in mass distribution and optical properties -> reduction in SW absorption -> reduction in temperature (positive)
- This is of the order of 0.1K for a bias of the order of 0.3K – it explains at least ~30% of the temperature error.
- Similar for winds at upper levels

Impacts on FC errors



Monthly mean precipitation Western India



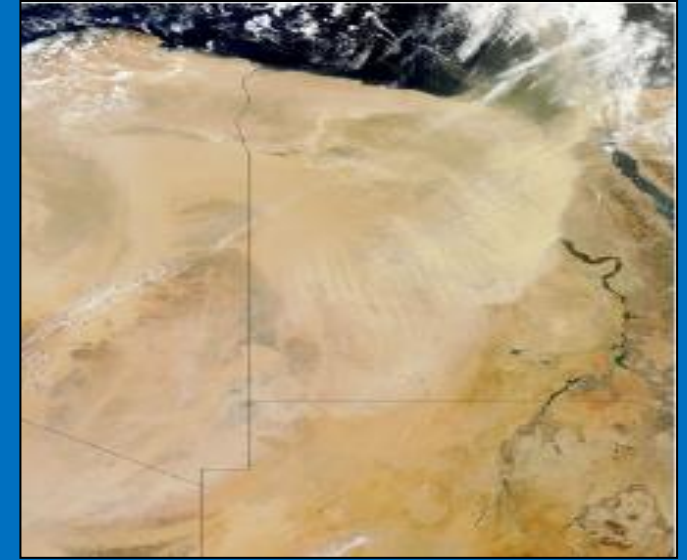
WMO Working Group on Numerical Experimentation (WGNE)

This inter-comparison aims to evaluate the impact of aerosols on Numerical Weather Prediction

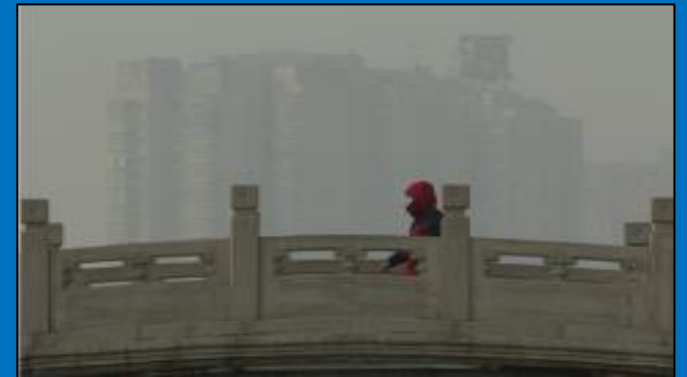
Three situations were proposed :

- Dust storm over Egypt on 18th of April 2012
- Extreme pollution over Beijing, 12-16th of January 2013
- Extreme biomass burning over Brazil in September 2012 during the SAMBBA field campaign

Participants : Météo-France, Met-Office, JMA, ECMWF, NOAA, NASA, CPTEC (Brazil)



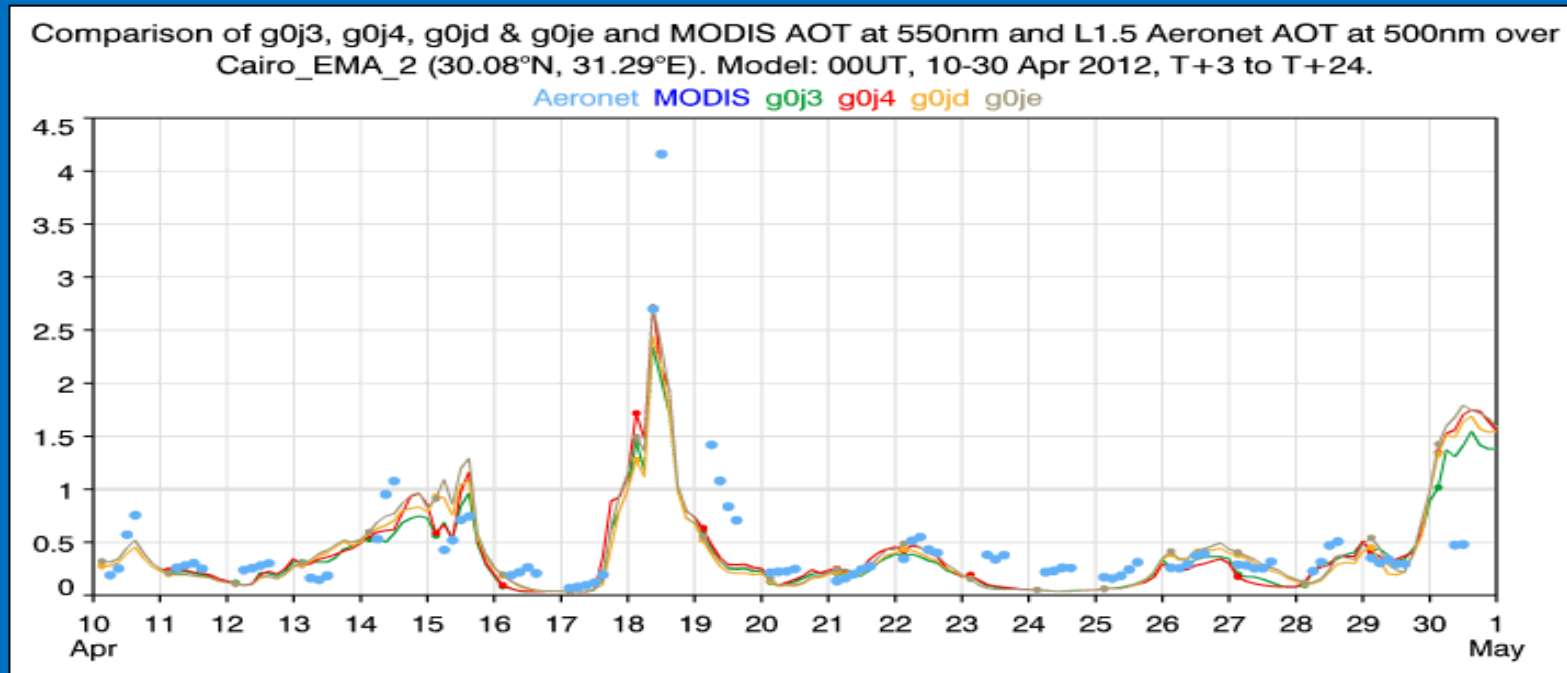
MODIS imagery, 18/4/2012



Beijing , 14/1/2013

Dust case of April 2012 – AOD forecasts

- Cycling forecast with the MACC global system, with aerosol direct effect from climatology or prognostic aerosols at T511, L60
- Dust bins : 0.03 – 0.55 – 0.9 – 20 μm
- AOD peak of 18th of April well timed but underestimated
- End of the event forecast too soon



Dust case of April 2012 – Impact on temperature, winds and dust production

Table 2. 2m temperature, RMSE of REF_ASSIM and TOTAL_ASSIM for forecast times 0, 12, 24, 36 and 48h, average for the period of 10th to 25th of April 2012. Stations considered are Hurguada, Luxor, Kosseir, Siwa, Wadi el Natroon, Cairo, Port Said and Ras Sedr in Egypt, and Ben Gurion airport close to Tel Aviv in Israel.

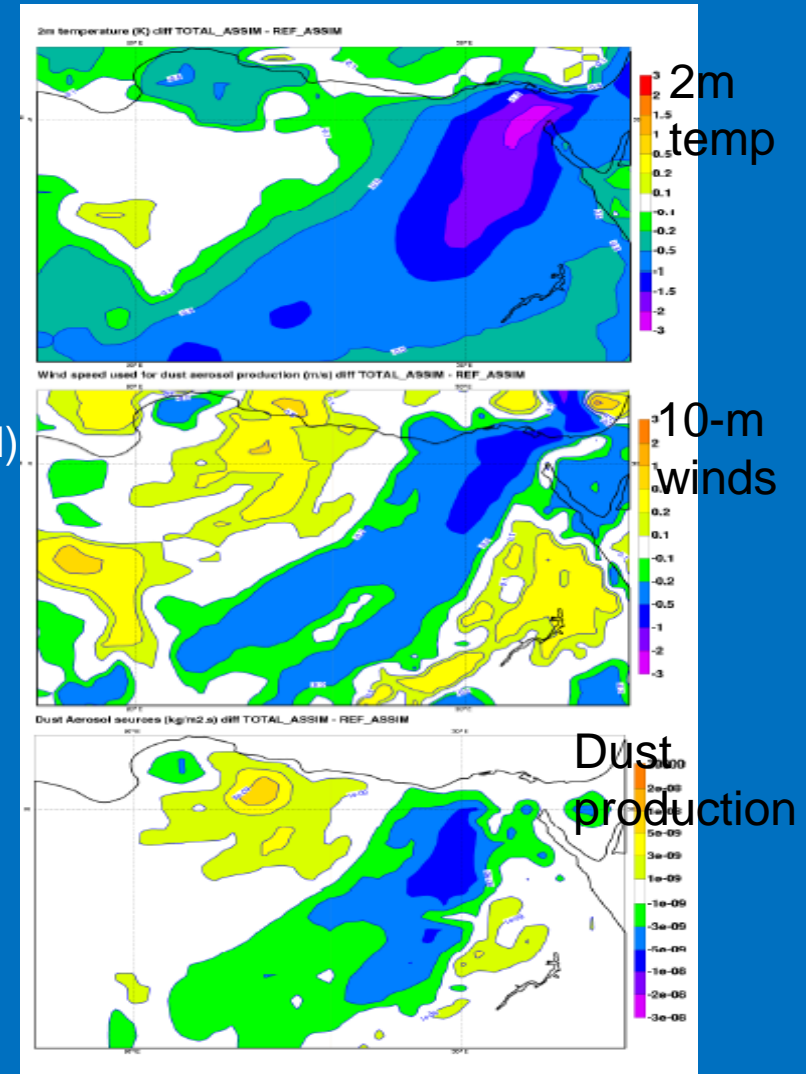
Forecast time	0h	12h	24h	36h	48h
REF_ASSIM	1.46	1.48	1.5	1.62	1.53
TOTAL_ASSIM	1.32	1.49	1.43	1.6	1.58

Table 3. 2m temperature, bias of REF_ASSIM and TOTAL_ASSIM for forecast times 0, 12, 24, 36 and 48h, average for the period of 10th to 25th of April 2012 over the same selection of weather stations as table 2.

Forecast time	0h	12h	24h	36h	48h
REF_ASSIM	-0.87	-0.05	-0.73	0.48	-0.47
TOTAL_ASSIM	-0.65	-0.18	-0.58	0.2	0.26

Difference between run with interactive aerosols (TOTAL_ASSIM) and reference run (REF_ASSIM) 36 hour forecast (valid on April 18th at 12UTC)

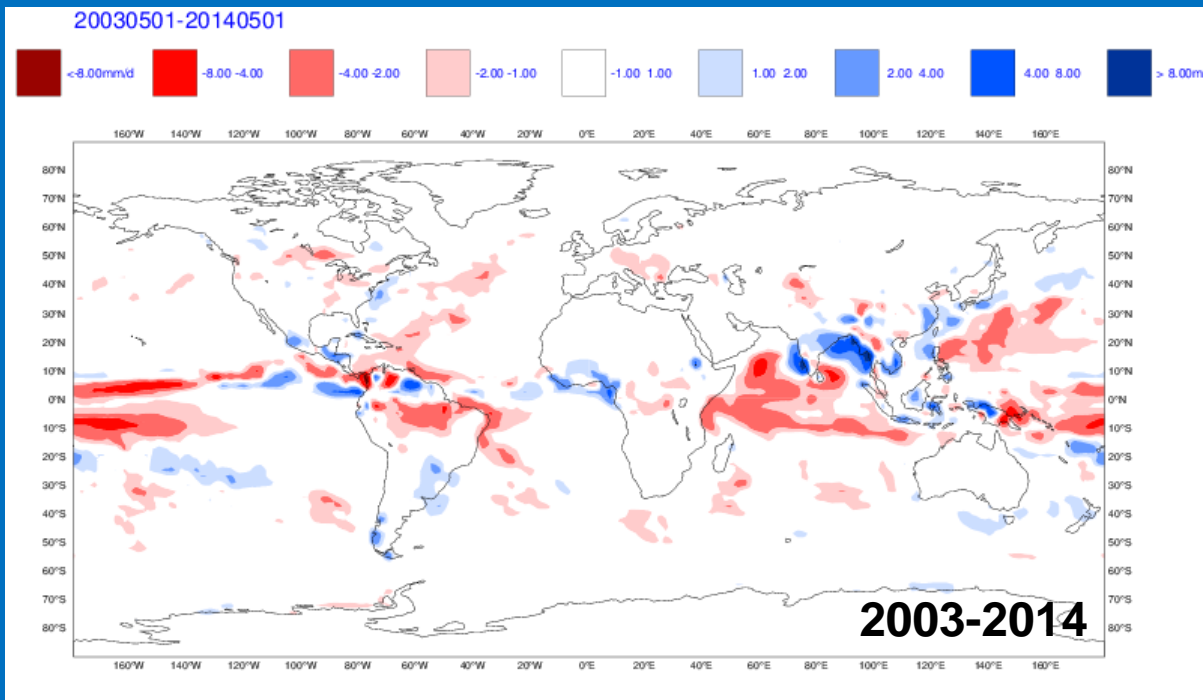
- Reduced 2m temperature
- Increased surface winds
- Increased dust production



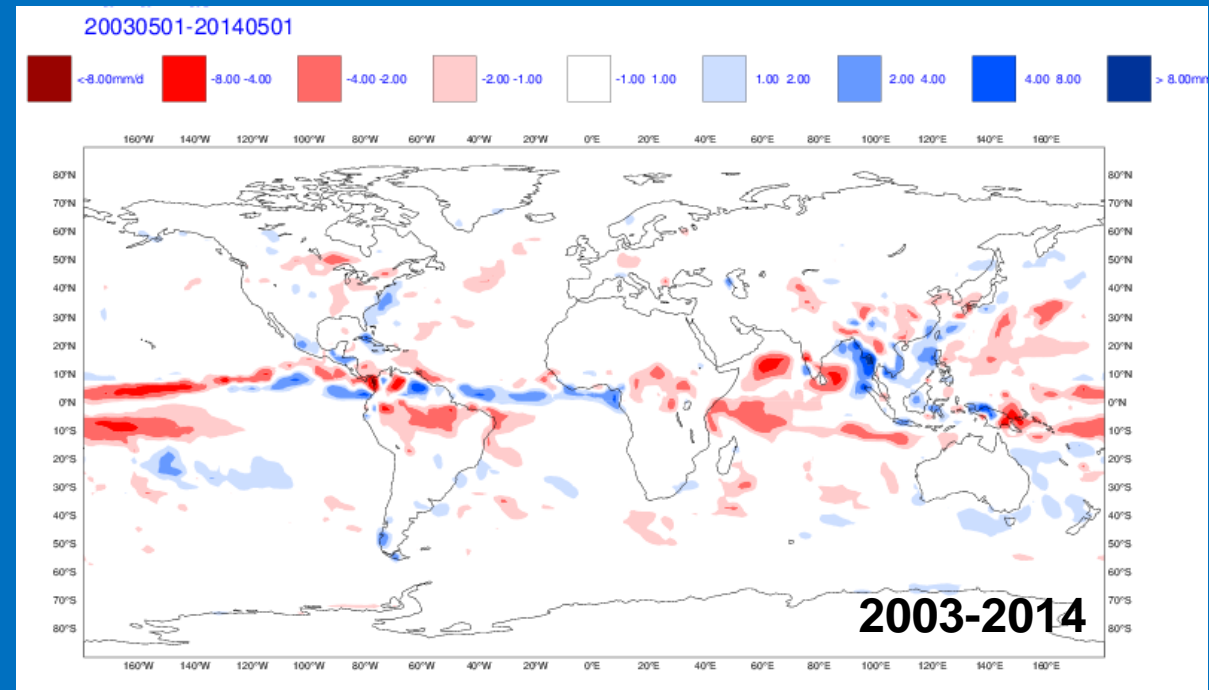
Aerosol impacts on long-range forecasts

- The aerosol module embedded in the Composition-Integrated Forecast System (C-IFS) has been activated in the ensemble prediction system monthly coupled configuration
- Preliminary results show positive impacts of the prognostic aerosols with respect to the Tegen et al. (1997) climatology

Rainfall bias at week 4: control run



Rainfall bias at week 4: interactive aerosol run



Summary and future perspectives

- CAMS offers many services related to atmospheric composition from daily forecasts to reanalysis runs both at the global and at the regional (European) level
- Model developments have been carried out for the past 10 years during precursors projects. They are now part of the ECMWF's Integrated Forecasting System
- Several datasets are routinely assimilated and more are in the pipeline (Copernicus Sentinel satellites)
- The impact of interactive aerosols on Numerical Weather Prediction is being investigated at different time ranges and promises interesting results