

CESM: A platform for atmospheric prediction from the surface to geospace

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Outline

- NCAR Community Earth System Model (CESM) description
 - New release
 - WACCM-X
 - WACCM
- Concluding remarks

CESM2.0 released June 8, 2018

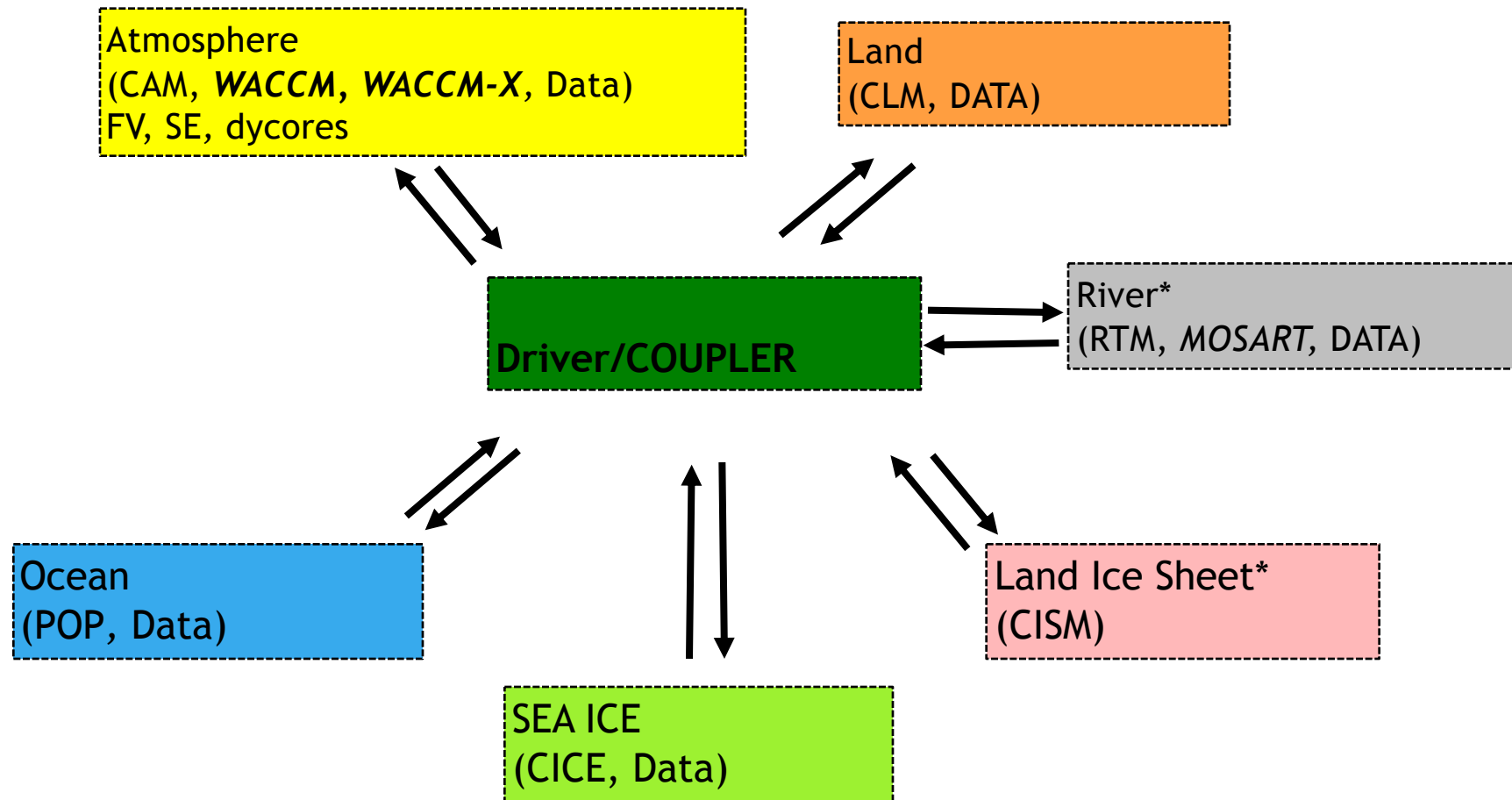
- CESM2.0 includes substantial new scientific additions to all model components, a new wave component, an advanced, interactive ice sheet model and powerful new infrastructure capabilities. A summary of these new features is described at: <http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/cesm2/whatsnew.html>
- To download the model, please reference the Quick Start Guide at <https://escomp.github.io/cesm/release-cesm2/>



A new model infrastructure

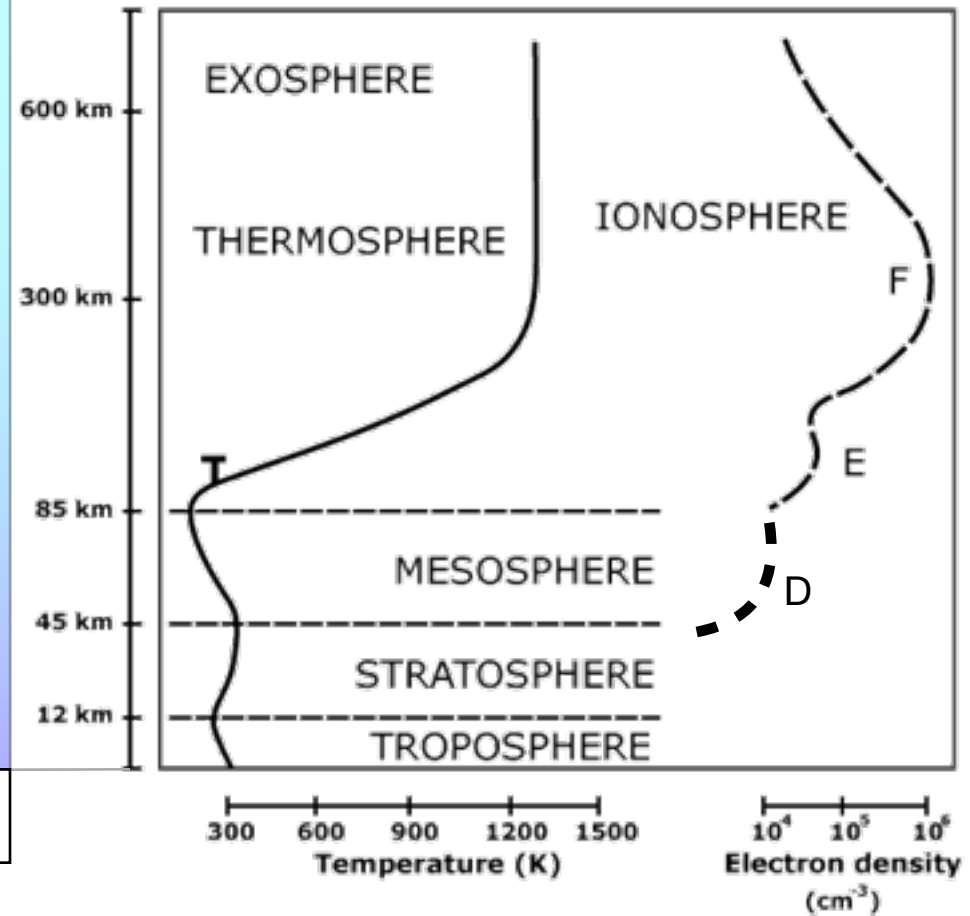
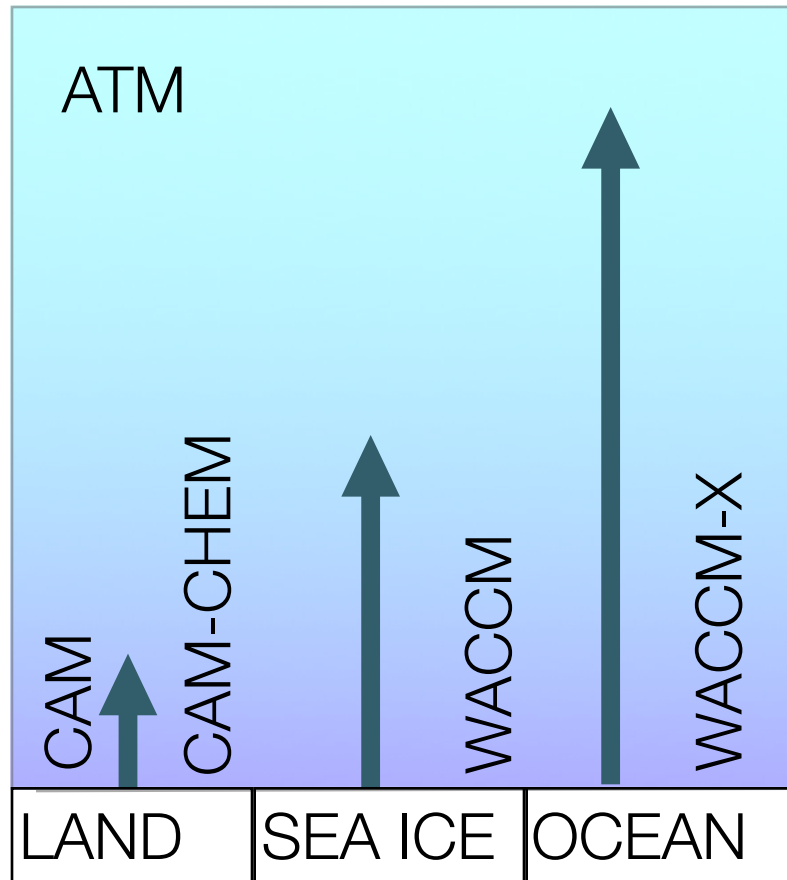
- The coupling infrastructure, scripting utilities and data models are now in **CIME: Common Infrastructure for Modeling the Earth**
- Available via a separate and open-source repository:
<http://github.com/ESMCI/cime>
- CIME provides a Case Control System for configuring, compiling and executing Earth system models.
 - a new object-oriented set of python utilities that aims to provide easier portability, case generation and user customization, testing functionality, and greatly increased robustness and flexibility.

Community Earth System Model



CESM Atmospheric Components

CESM



WACCM vs WACCM-X

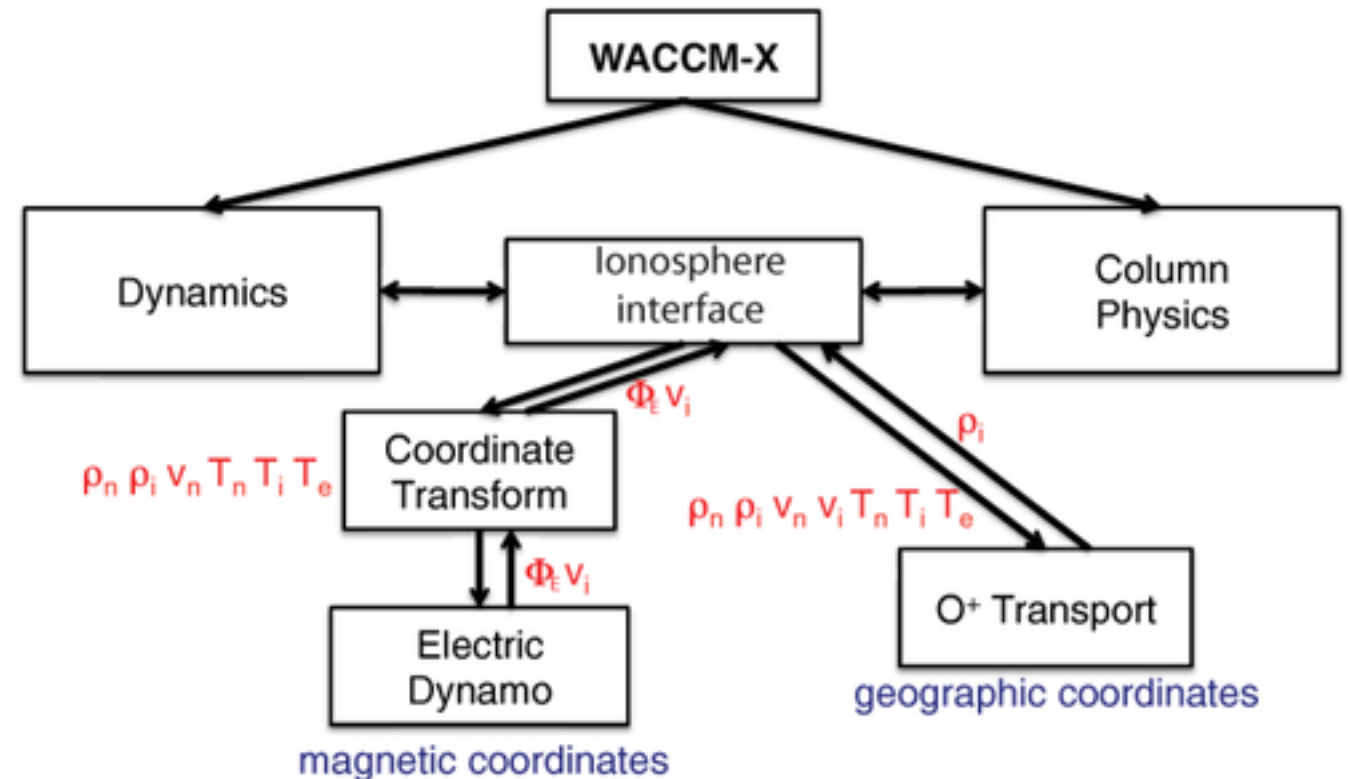
	WACCM	WACCM-X
Levels	70-88	125-145
Model Top	6×10^{-6} hPa (~140 km)	4×10^{-10} hPa (~600 km)
Horizontal Resolution	$0.9^\circ \times 1.25^\circ$	$1.9^\circ \times 2.5^\circ$
Time Step	30 min	5 min
Specified Dynamics	X	X
Data Assimilation	DART	DART
Chemistry	TSMLT, MA	MA, O ⁺ (² D) and O ⁺ (² P)
Non-orographic GW	X	X
Molecular Diffusion	minor	minor and major
Auroral Physics	X	X
Ions	E-region or E&D-region	E-region
Ion Transport		X
Electric Dynamo		X

WACCM extensions to physics

- Parameterized non-orographic gravity waves (based on Lindzen) triggered by convection and fronts [Richter et al., 2010]
- Upper atmosphere LW cooling calculated with non-LTE radiation transfer
- Forced with daily varying spectral irradiance, Kp index (aurora), and solar proton fluxes
- Molecular diffusion following Banks and Kockarts [1973]
- Auroral processes:
 - Ion drag and joule heating
- WACCM electric field based on a composite of two empirical models:
- WACCM-X adds an electrodynamic and O⁺ transport

Ionospheric interface

- Ionospheric wind dynamo are solved using geomagnetic coordinates
- O^+ transport in the F-region solved in geographic coordinates
- ESMF used to transform fields between the geographic and geomagnetic grids



Liu et al., 2018, Development and Validation of the Whole Atmosphere Community Climate Model With Thermosphere and Ionosphere Extension (WACCM-X 2.0), DOI: [10.1002/2017MS001232](https://doi.org/10.1002/2017MS001232)

WACCM-X 2.0 included in CESM2.0 release

Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems

RESEARCH ARTICLE

10.1002/2017MS001232

Key Points:

- The Whole Atmosphere Community Climate Model has been extended to include ionospheric electrodynamics
- WACCM-X simulates the interaction of lower atmosphere and solar influences in the ionosphere
- Preliminary validation demonstrates agreement with observations

Development and Validation of the Whole Atmosphere Community Climate Model With Thermosphere and Ionosphere Extension (WACCM-X 2.0)

Han-Li Liu¹, Charles G. Bardeen², Benjamin T. Foster¹, Peter Lauritzen³, Jing Liu¹, Gang Lu¹, Daniel R. Marsh^{1,2}, Astrid Maute¹, Joseph M. McInerney¹, Nicholas M. Pedatella¹, Liying Qian¹, Arthur D. Richmond¹, Raymond G. Roble¹, Stanley C. Solomon¹, Francis M. Vitt^{1,2}, and Wenbin Wang¹

Journal of Geophysical Research: Space Physics

RESEARCH ARTICLE

10.1002/2017JA025010

Key Points:

- First evaluation of WACCM-X during deep solar minimum year was carried out
- Data-model comparisons illustrate the high fidelity of WACCM-X

First Results From the Ionospheric Extension of WACCM-X During the Deep Solar Minimum Year of 2008

Jing Liu¹, Hanli Liu¹, Wenbin Wang¹, Alan G. Burns¹, Qian Wu¹, Quan Gan², Stanley C. Solomon¹, Daniel R. Marsh¹, Liying Qian¹, Gang Lu¹, Nicholas M. Pedatella¹, Joe M. McInerney¹, James M. Russell III³, and William S. Schreiner⁴

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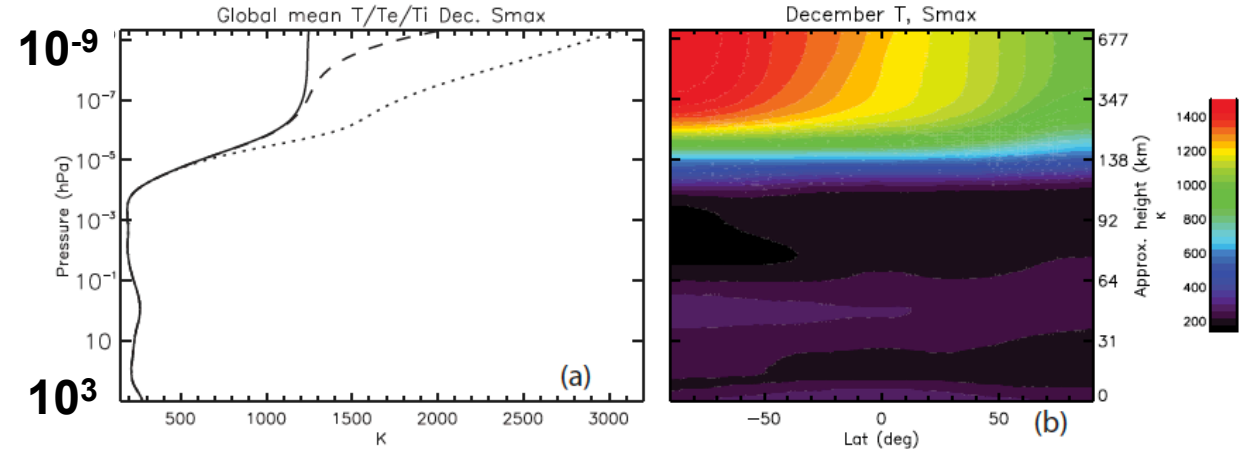
Key Points:

- In the mesopause, hydrogen density is higher in summer than in winter, and higher at solar minimum than at solar maximum
- MSIS exhibits reverse seasonal variation than WACCM and SABER do in the mesopause region

Temporal Variability of Atomic Hydrogen From the Mesopause to the Upper Thermosphere

Liying Qian¹, Alan G. Burns¹, Stan S. Solomon¹, Anne K. Smith², Joseph M. McInerney¹, Linda A. Hunt³, Daniel R. Marsh^{1,2}, Hanli Liu¹, Martin G. Mlynczak³, and Francis M. Vitt^{1,2}

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Geophysical Research Letters

RESEARCH LETTER

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Whole atmosphere climate change 1972-1976 to 2001-2005

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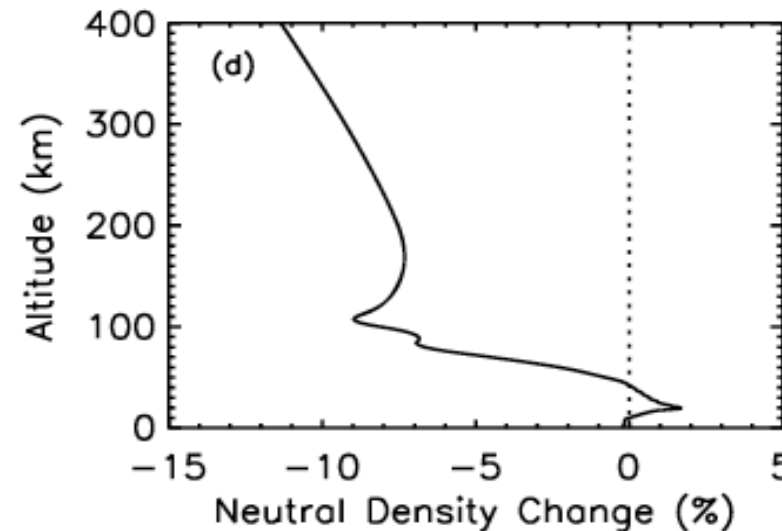
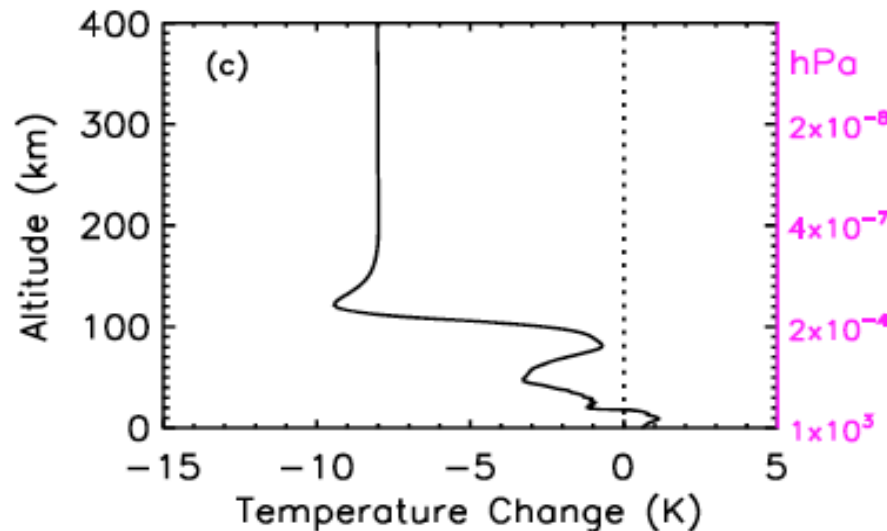
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Inputs	1972–1976	2001–2005	Change per decade
<CO ₂ > at surface	330 ppmv	375 ppmv	+16 ppmv
<CH ₄ > at surface	1.44 ppmv	1.74 ppmv	+0.1 ppmv
<CFC11 + CFC12> at surface	0.29 ppbv	0.79 ppbv	+0.2 ppbv



WACCM-X Simulation of the 2017 Solar Eclipse

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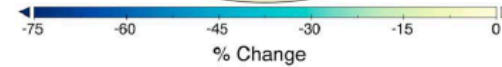
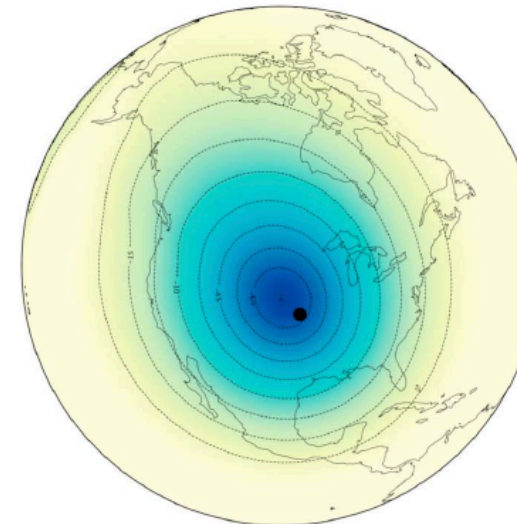
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Eclipse masking factor

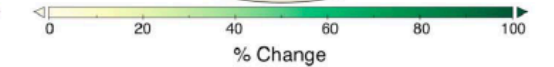
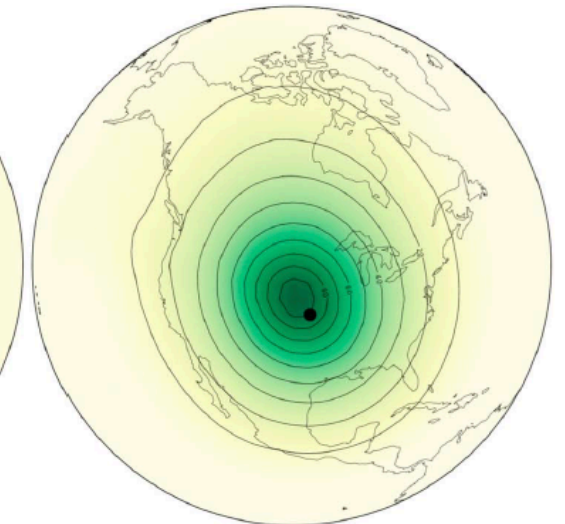
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Atomic Oxygen



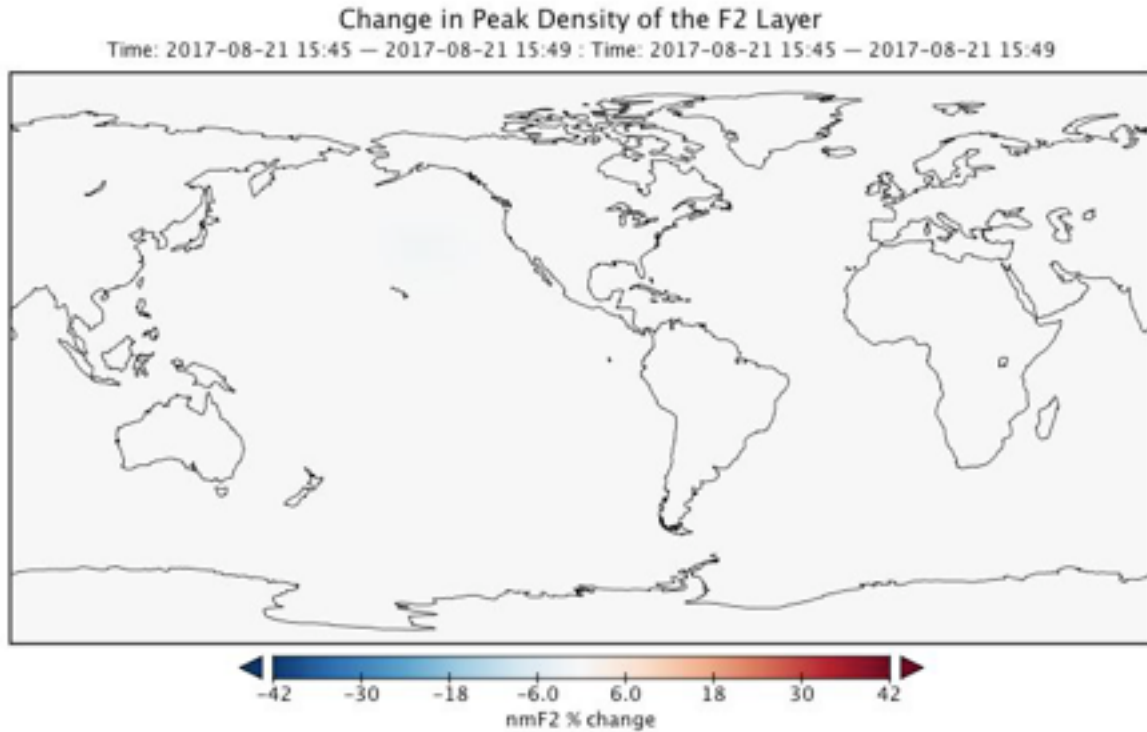
Ozone



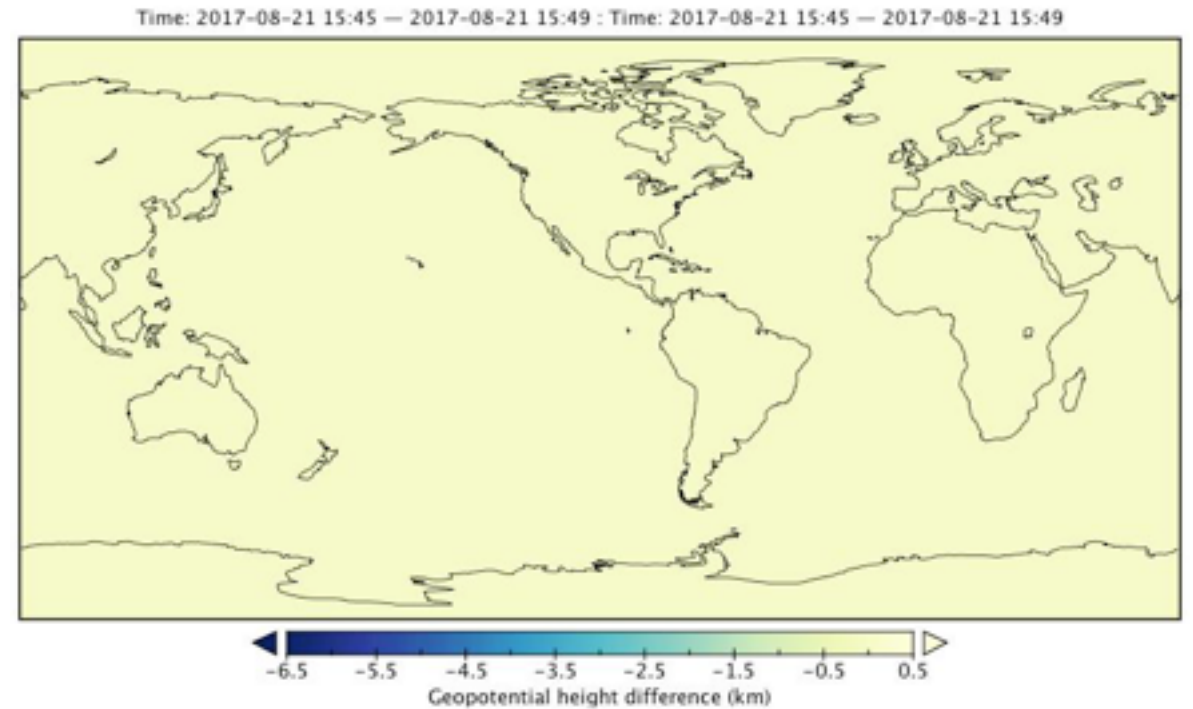
18UT % change at 65 km

Thermospheric response

% change in electron max density

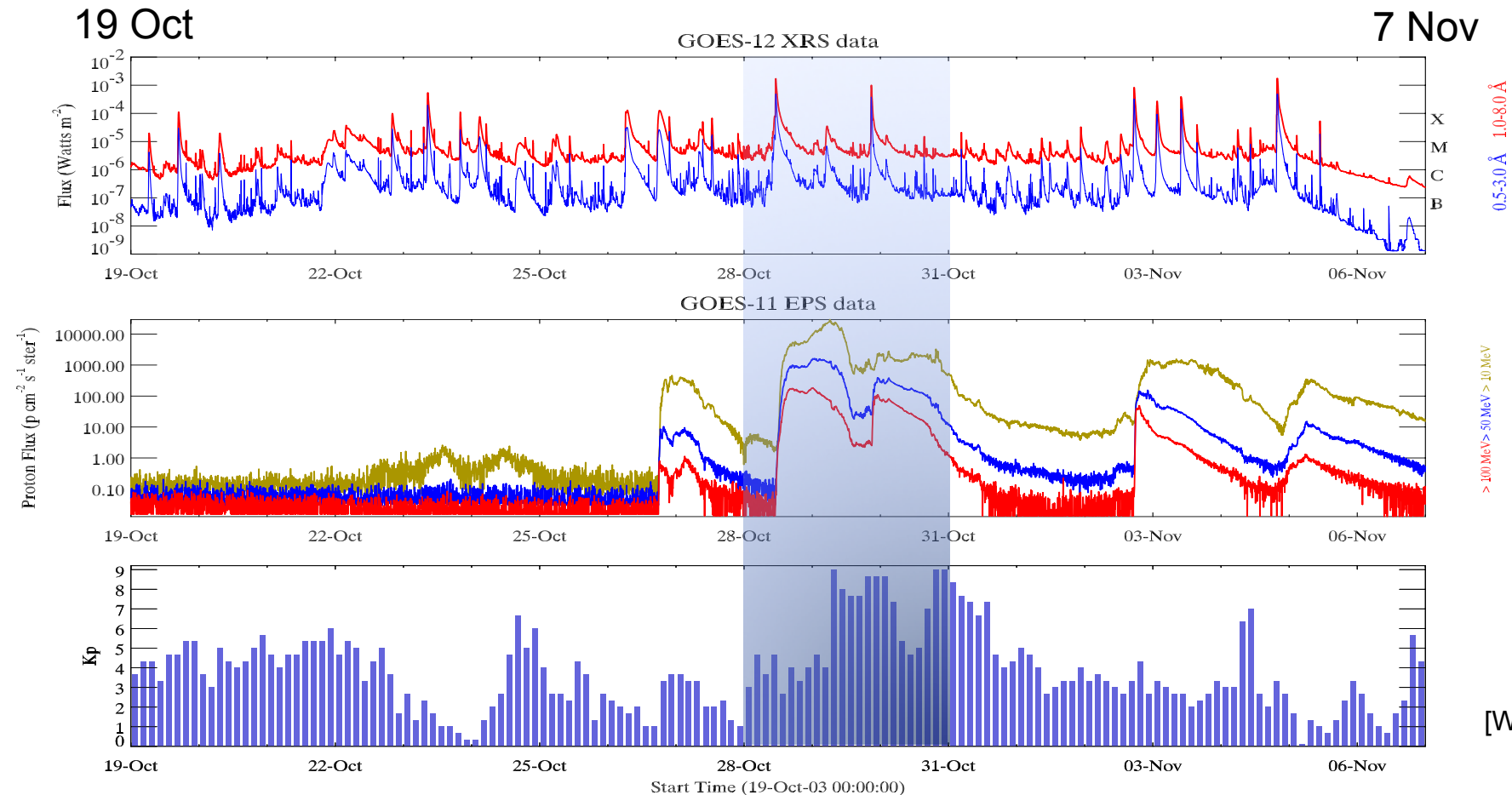


change in geopotential at 250 km



2003 “Halloween” Storm

- Study led by Chuck Bardeen
- Flares: X28 (Nov. 4), X17 (Oct. 28), X10 (Oct. 29)



[Weaver et al., 2004]

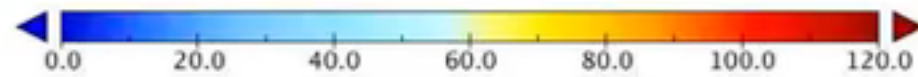
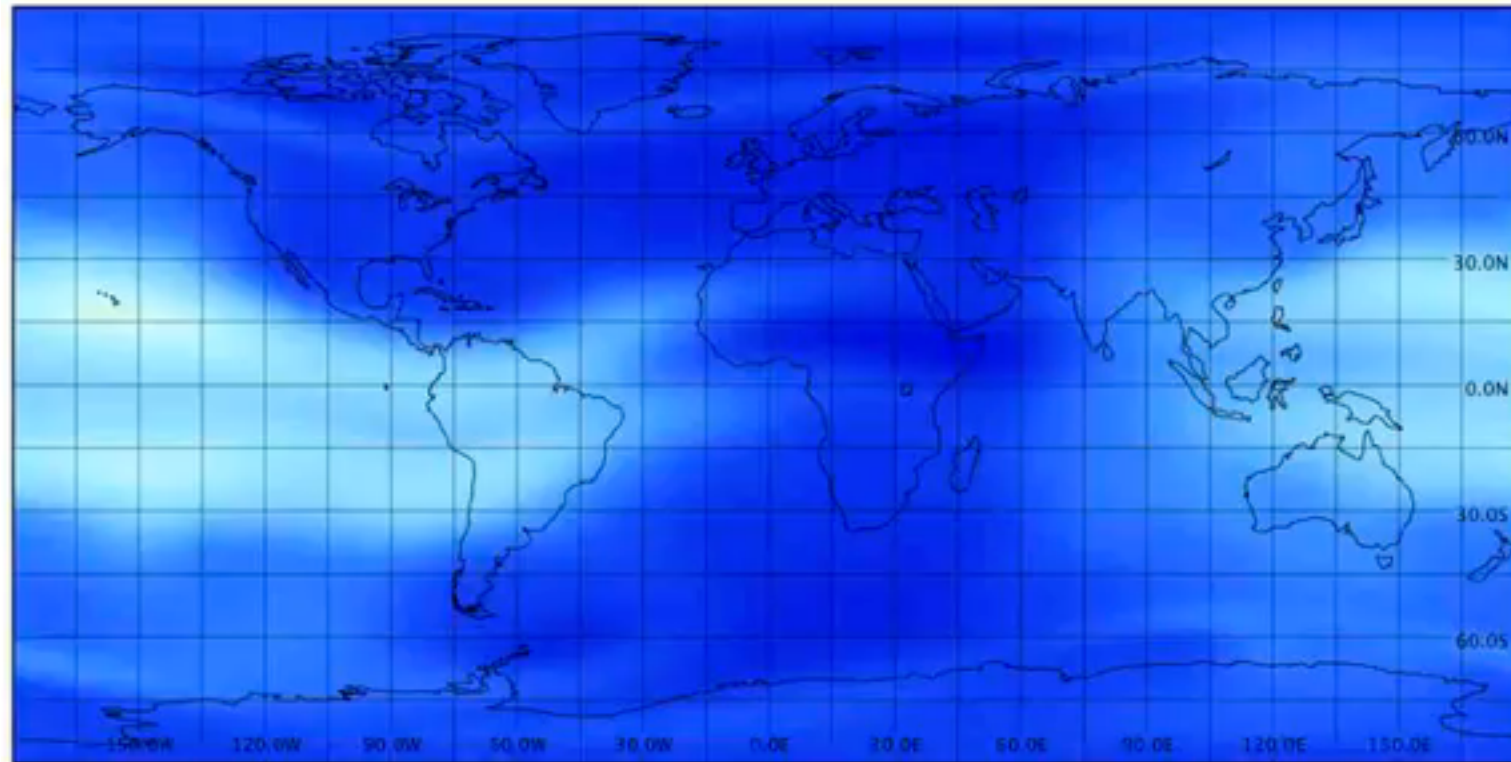
Model forcing

- 3 hour auroral (Kp, Ap)
- Daily f10.7
- 5 minute solar EUV based on Flare Irradiance Spectral Model (FISM, Chamberlain et al., 2008)
- hourly solar proton ionisation rates

TEC: 19 Oct – 7 Nov

TEC, SD-WACCM-X, Hourly

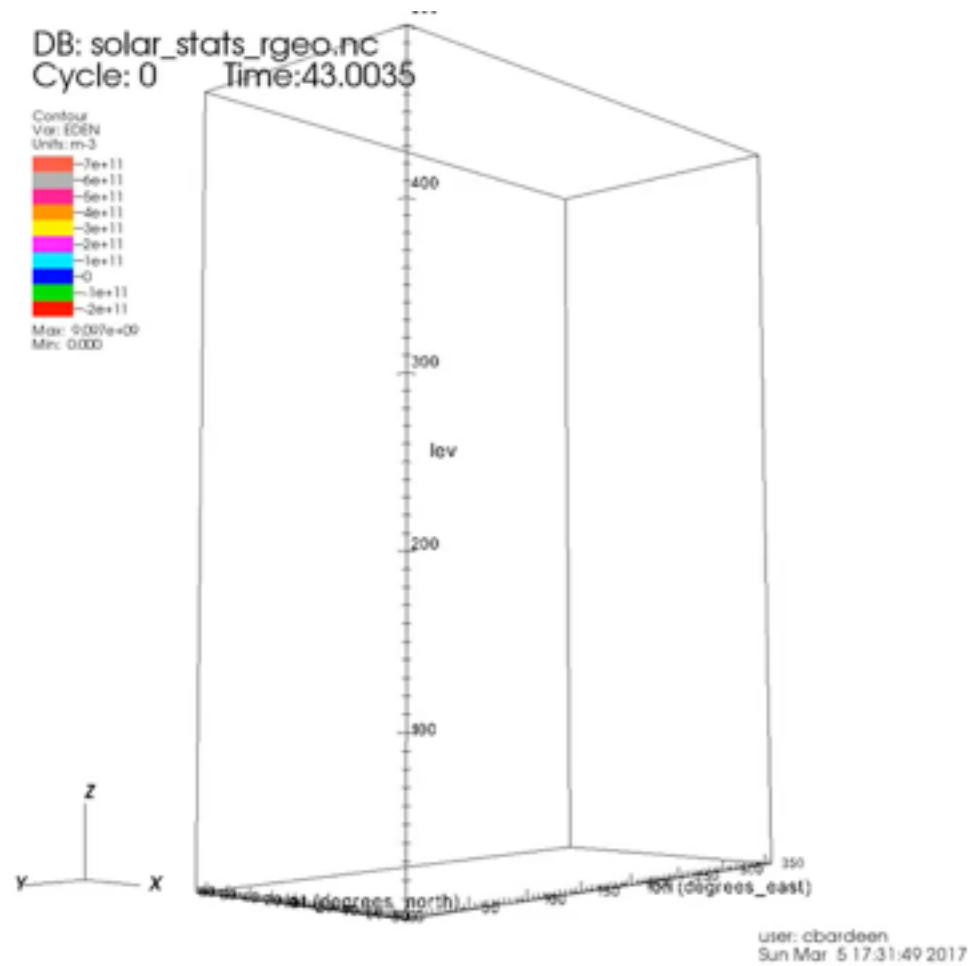
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total electron content (TECU)

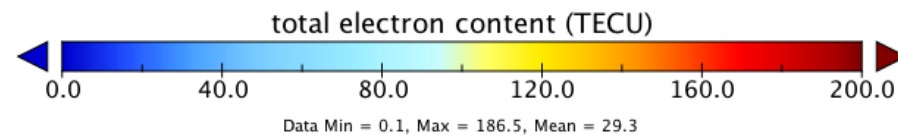
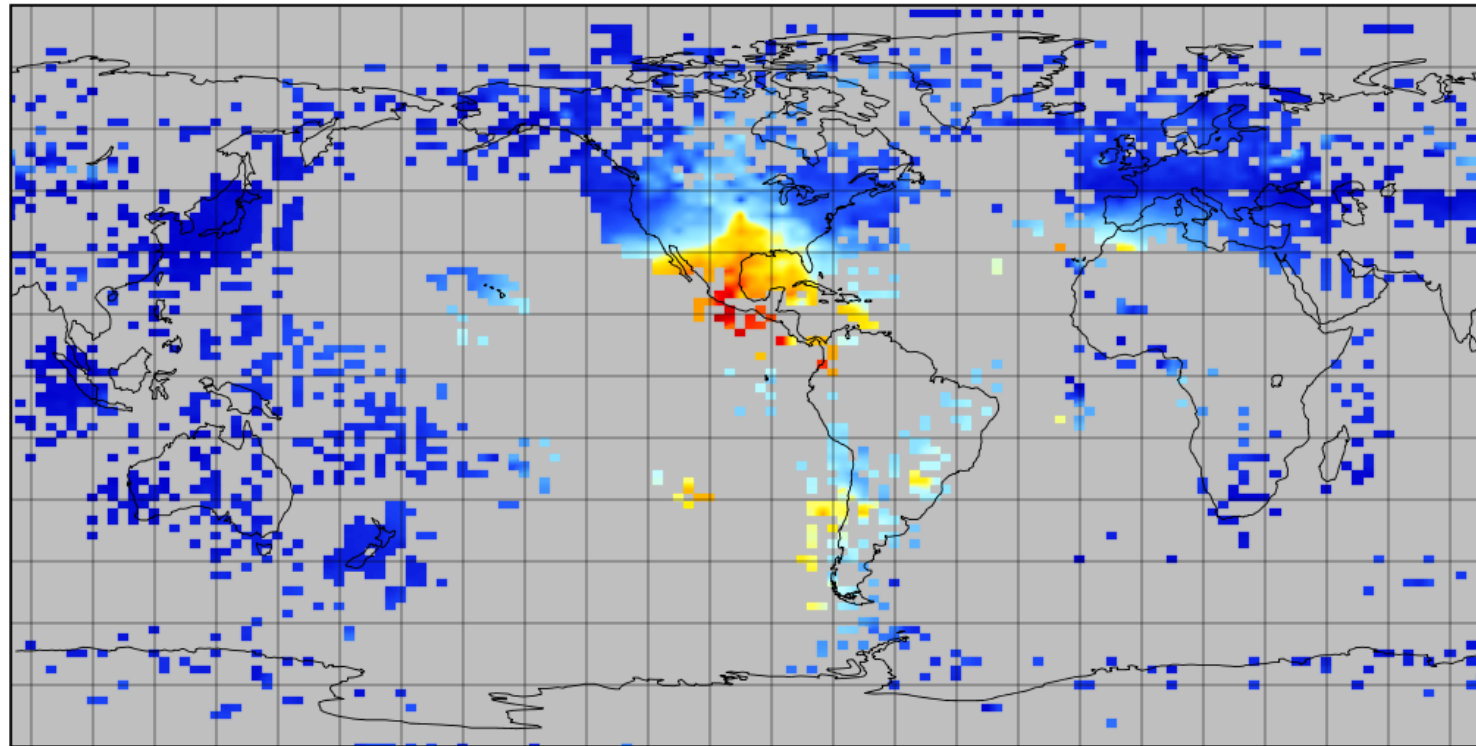
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Electron Density : All – Flare



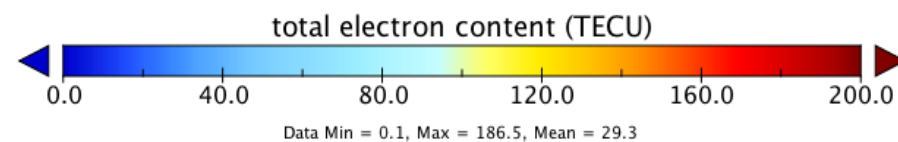
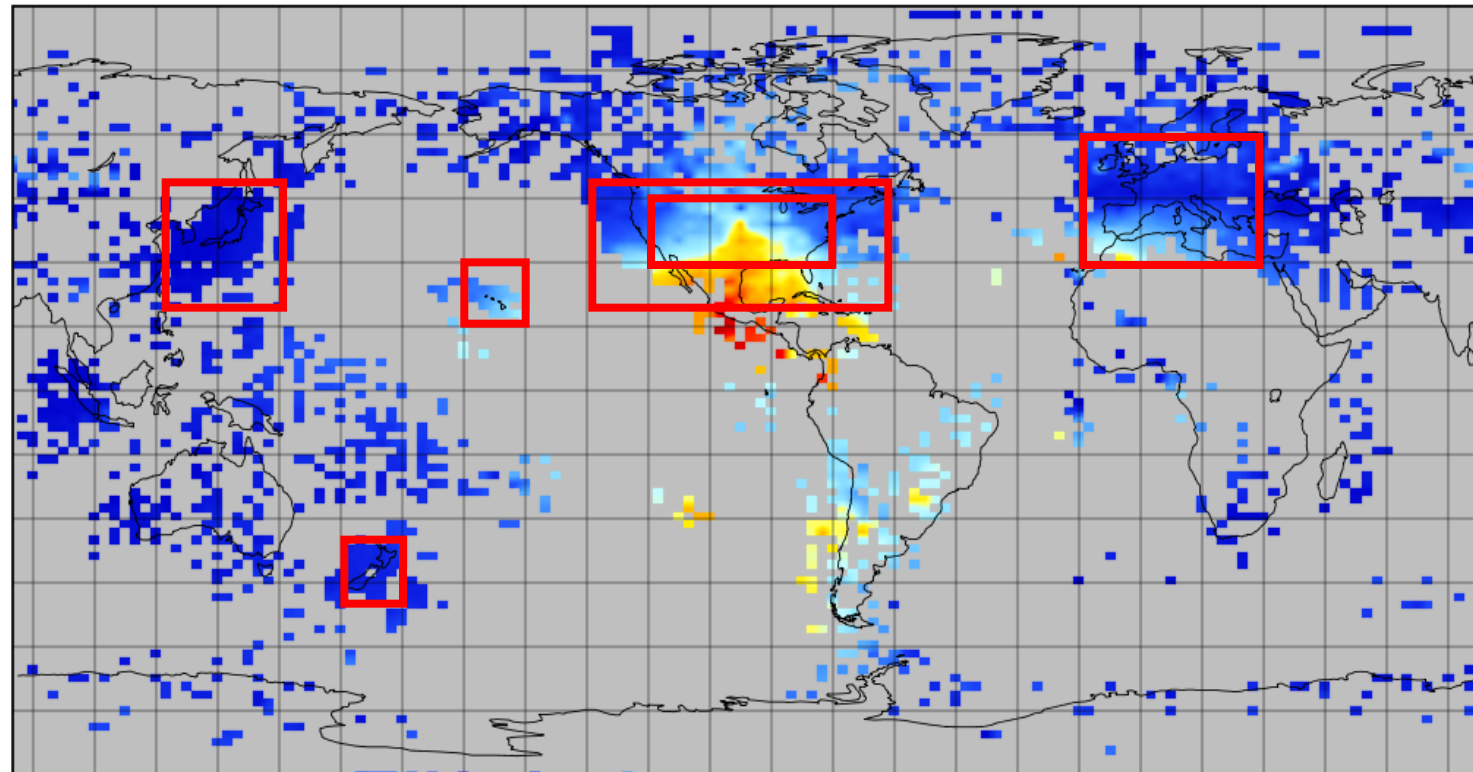
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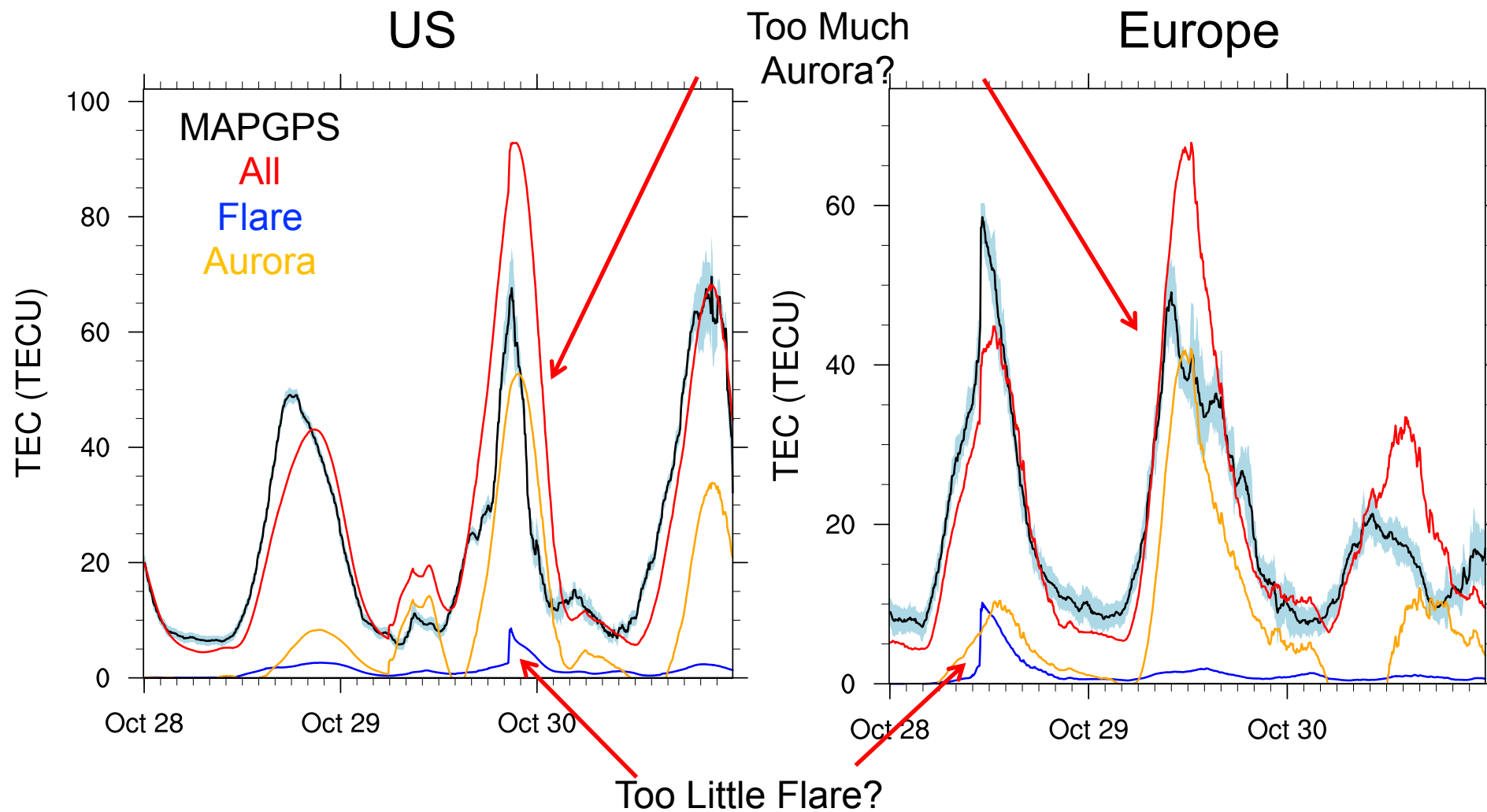


Regional Time Series

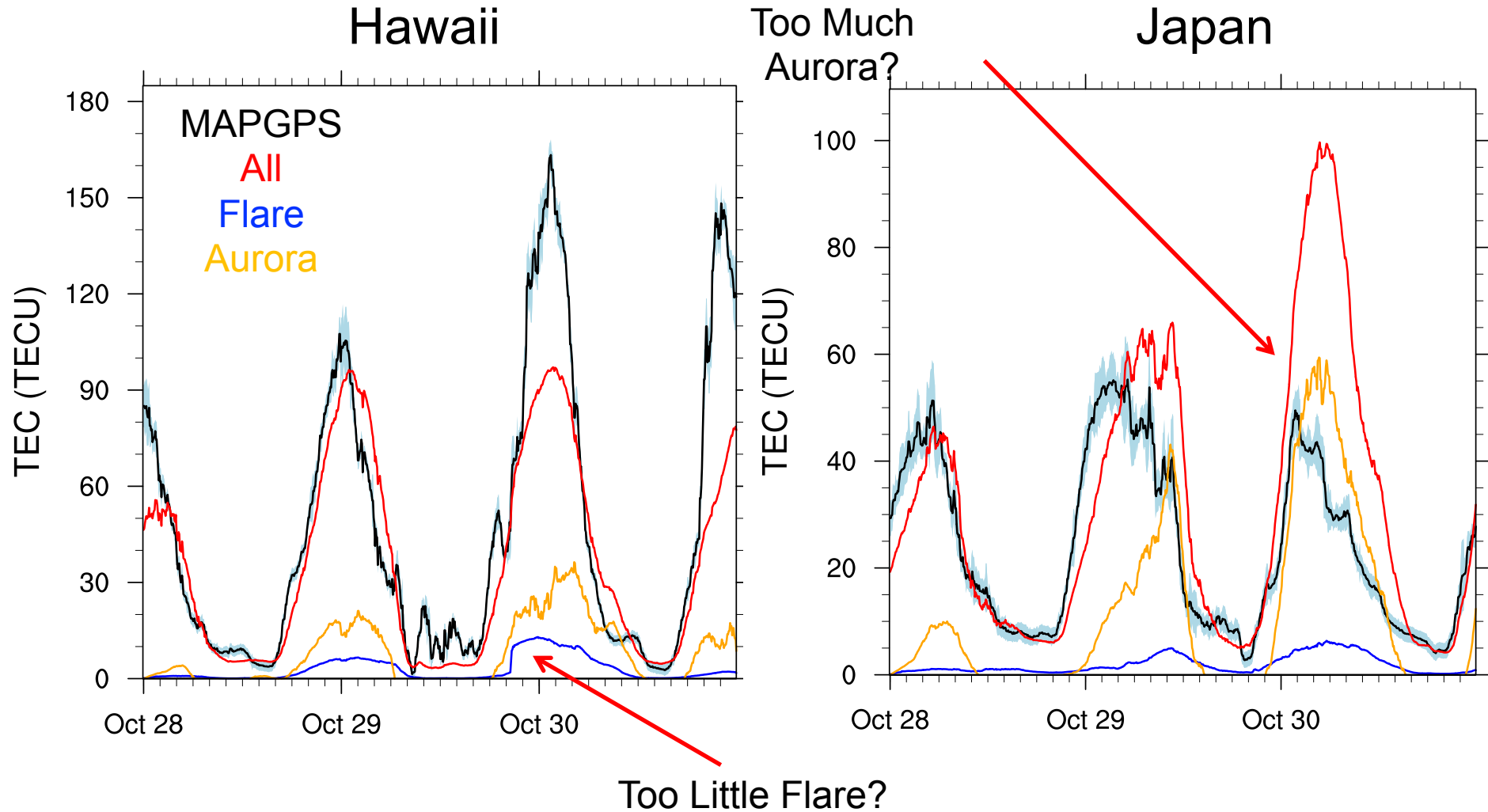
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28-30 Oct : US and Europe



28-30 Oct : Hawaii and Japan



SD-WACCMX output is available to download

The screenshot shows the Earth System Grid at NCAR website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "Earth System Grid at NCAR" and a search bar containing the URL "https://www.earthsystemgrid.org". Below the navigation bar, there are links for "Home", "Search", "Projects", "About", and "Contact". On the right side of the navigation bar, there is a user profile for "Dan Marsh" with a dropdown arrow. The main content area is titled "Search Results" and shows a search for "fxsd". The search results are displayed as a list of five items, each with a checkbox and a "Download Selected" button. The items are:

- Download Selected
- CCSM run f.e20.FXSD.f19_f19.001, Atmosphere History Data, 5-day Averages, version 1
- CCSM run f.e20.FXSD.f19_f19.001, Atmosphere History Data, Daily Averages, version 1
- CCSM run f.e20.FXSD.f19_f19.001, Atmosphere History Data, Daily Instantaneous Values, version 1
- CCSM run f.e20.FXSD.f19_f19.001, Atmosphere History Data, Hourly Instantaneous Values, version 1
- CCSM run f.e20.FXSD.f19_f19.001, Atmosphere History Data, Monthly Averages, version 1

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WACCM-X output

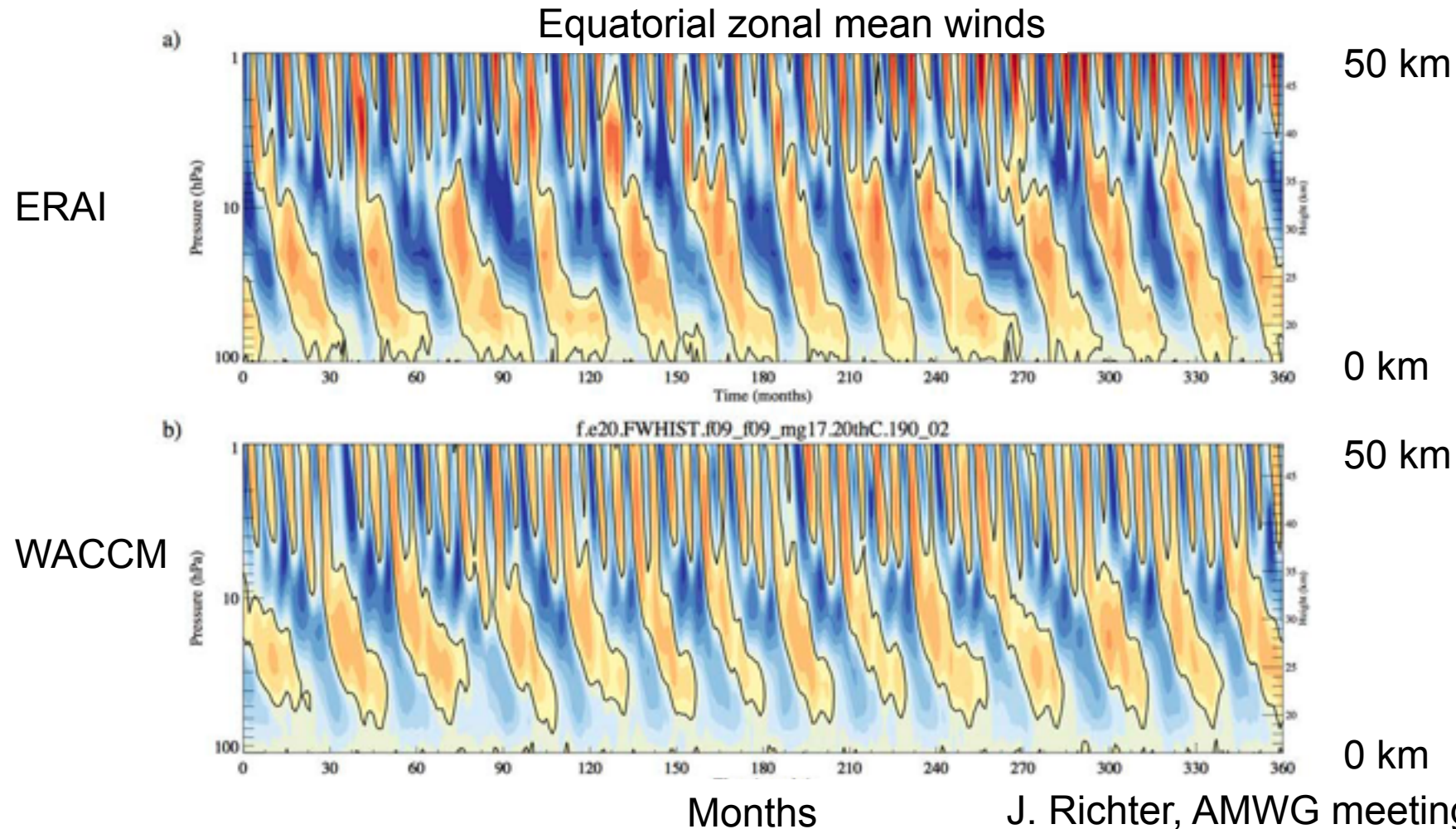
- **netCDF**: self-describing binary data format used for primary CESM output
- **History files**: WACCM-X output is written to several output streams, each with a particular frequency and averaging characteristic
 - **h0**: monthly averages
 - f.e20.FXSD.f19_f19.001.cam.h0.2000-01.nc (January 2000)
 - f.e20.FXSD.f19_f19.001.cam.h0.2000-02.nc (February 2000)
 - **h1**: hourly instantaneous
 - f.e20.FXSD.f19_f19.001.cam.h1.2000-01-01-00000.nc (January 1, 2000)
 - f.e20.FXSD.f19_f19.001.cam.h1.2000-01-01-00000.nc (January 2, 2000)
 - **h2**: daily instantaneous
 - **h3**: daily averages
 - **h4**: 5-day averages
 - **h5**: daily averages, zonal mean circulation diagnostics

CESM2.0 will include a new version of WACCM

CESM2.0 (WACCM)			
Horizontal resolution	0.95°x1.25°	No. Species	228
Vertical layers	70 or 88 (0-140 km)	Kinetic rates	JPL-15
Boundary Layer	CLUBB	Sulfate SAD	Interactive with MAM
Microphysics	MG2.0	ICE SAD	MG2.0
Radiation	RRTMG	Solar Irradiance	SOLARIS-CMIP6
Aerosols	MAM-4	GHG / Halogens	Meinshausen, 2016

DECK simulations for CMIP6 will begin this month

WACCM now produces an internally generated QBO



J. Richter, AMWG meeting, NCAR, 2018

Tagging Scheme

- 33 inert tagged tracers added to chemical mechanism
- oxidant levels and non-tagged species are unchanged
- tagged species are operated on by wet and dry deposition at the same rate as their non-tagged counterpart
- tagged species also undergo heterogeneous reactions in both the troposphere and stratosphere
- polar stratospheric cloud formation of nitric acid hydrate is included, with settling of condensed phase tagged HNO₃

Symbol	Composition	Symbol	Composition
XN	N	XPAN	CH ₃ CO ₃ NO ₂
XN2D	N(2D)	XMPAN	CH ₂ CCH ₃ CO ₃ NO ₂
XNO	NO	XONITR	C ₄ H ₇ NO ₄
XNO2	NO ₂	XHONITR	C ₄ H ₉ NO ₄
XNO3	NO ₃	XNOA	CH ₃ COCH ₂ ONO ₂
XHNO3	HNO ₃	XNTERPO2	C ₁₀ H ₁₆ NO ₅
XNO2NO	N ₂ O ₅	XNTERPOO	C ₁₀ H ₁₇ NO ₅
XNO3NO	N ₂ O ₅	XPBZNIT	C ₇ H ₅ O ₃ NO ₂
XHO2NO	HO ₂ NO ₂	XTERPNIT	C ₁₀ H ₁₇ NO ₄
XHNO3	HNO ₃	XNC4CH2O	C ₅ H ₉ NO ₄
		XNC4CHO	C ₅ H ₇ NO ₄
XBRONO	BrONO ₂	XNC4CHO	C ₅ H ₇ NO ₄
XCLONO	ClONO ₂	XALKNIT	C ₅ H ₁₁ ONO ₂
		XISOPNITA	C ₅ H ₉ NO ₄
XO	O	XISOPNITB	C ₅ H ₉ NO ₄
XO3	O ₃	XISOPNO3	C ₅ H ₈ NO ₅
XO1D	O(1D)	XISOPNOO	C ₅ H ₉ NO ₅
		XNC4CH2O	C ₅ H ₉ NO ₄

Table 2: Tagged species.

EPP NO_x tagging is not the only application for this scheme

Polar descent of EPP NO_y

Tagging scheme used to track all NO_y originating from EPP as XNO_y = {all species in Table 2 except XO, XO₃, XO_{1D}}.

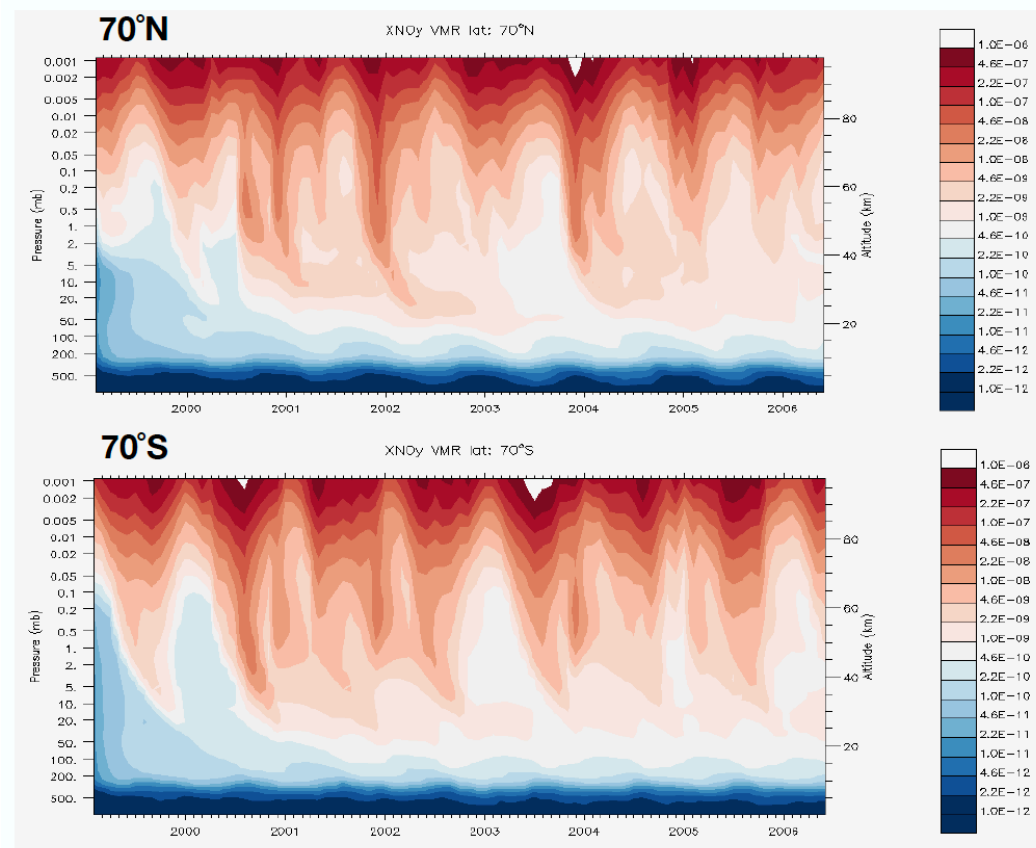
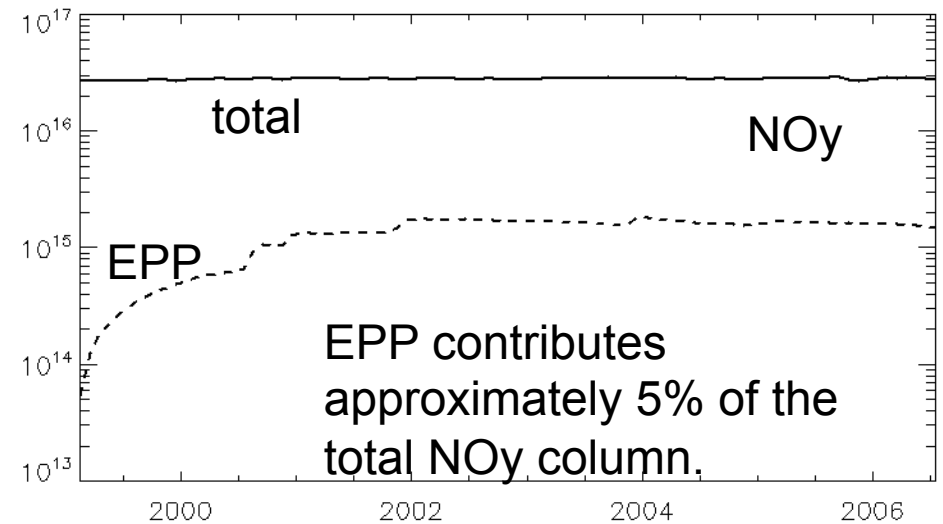
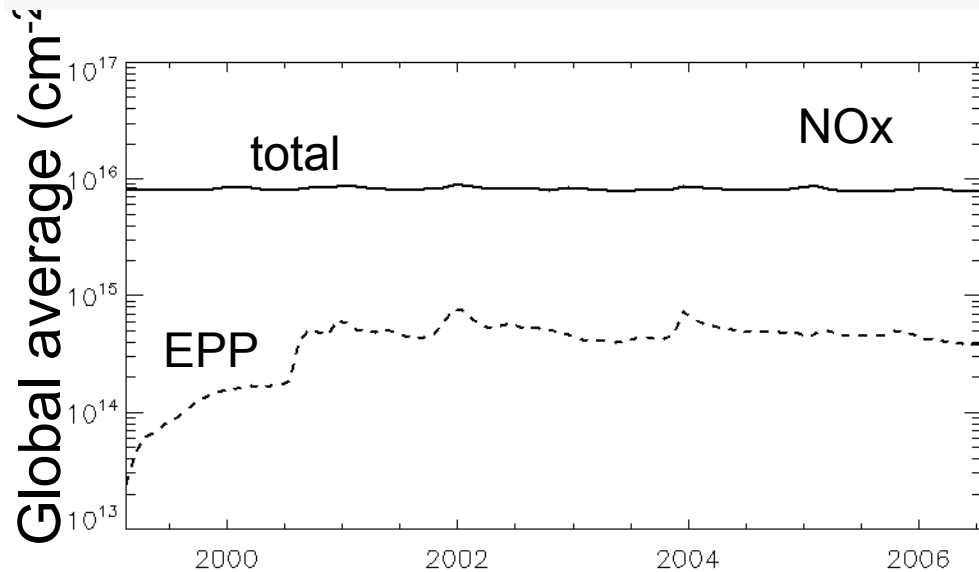
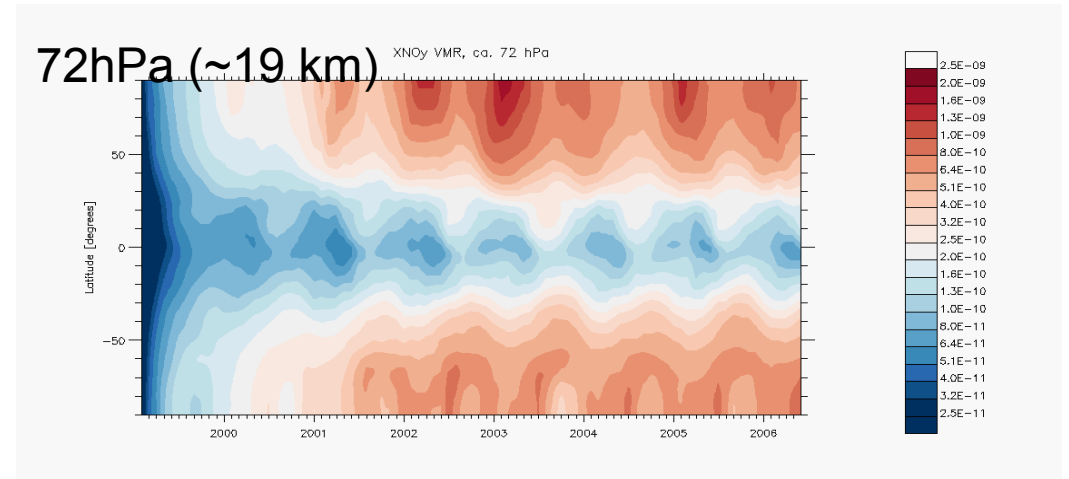
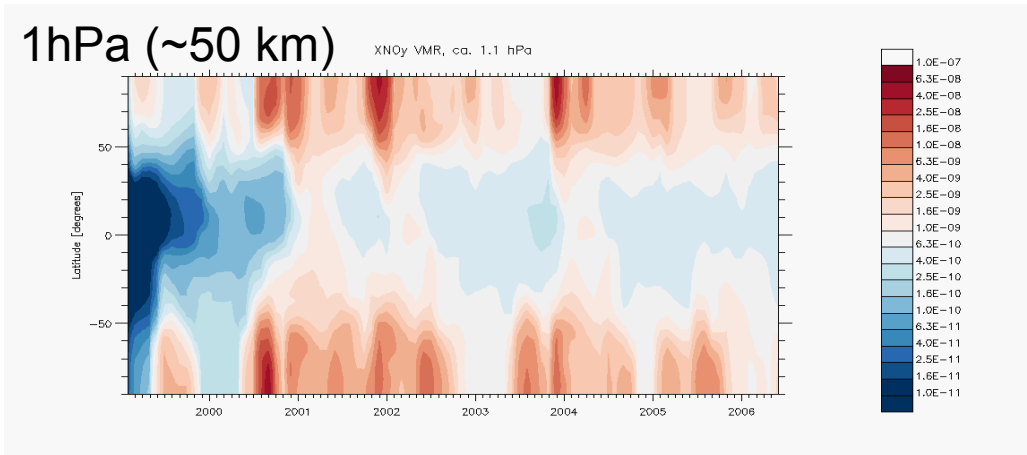
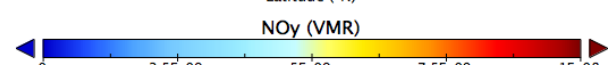
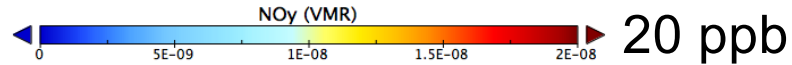
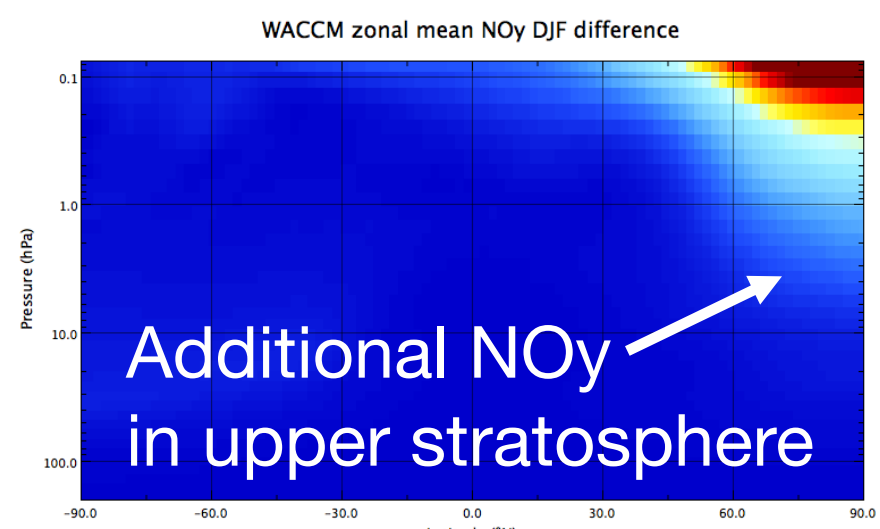
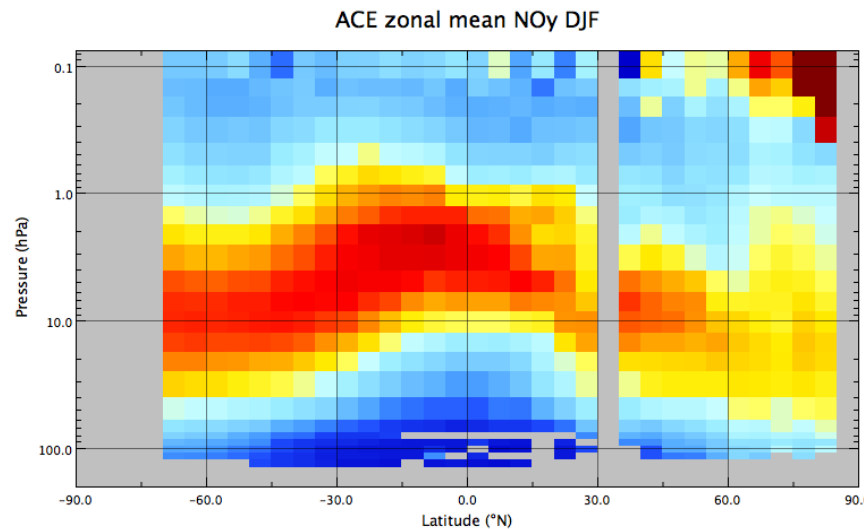
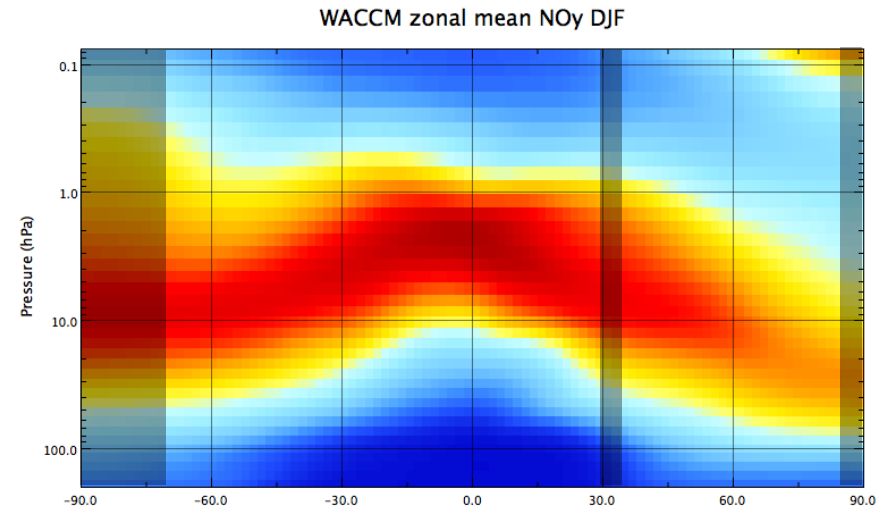
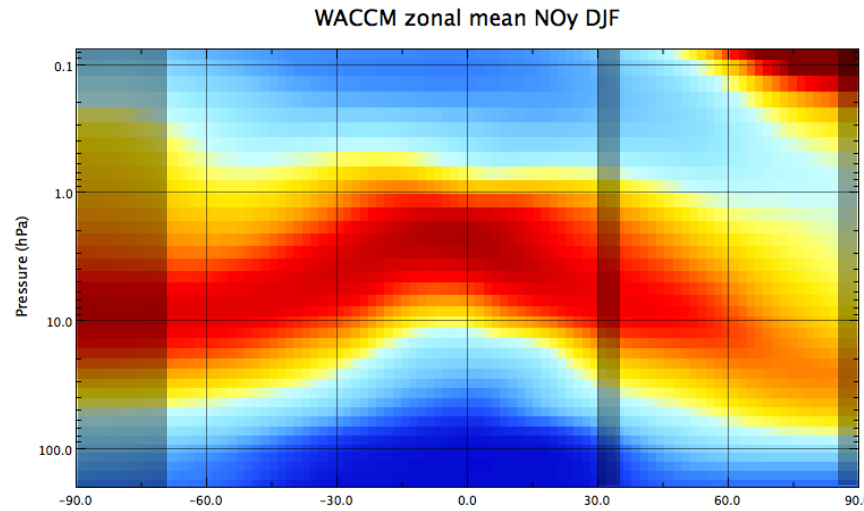


Figure 1: Monthly mean XNO_y volume mixing ratio at 70°N (top) and 70°S (bottom) between March 1999 and June 2006.

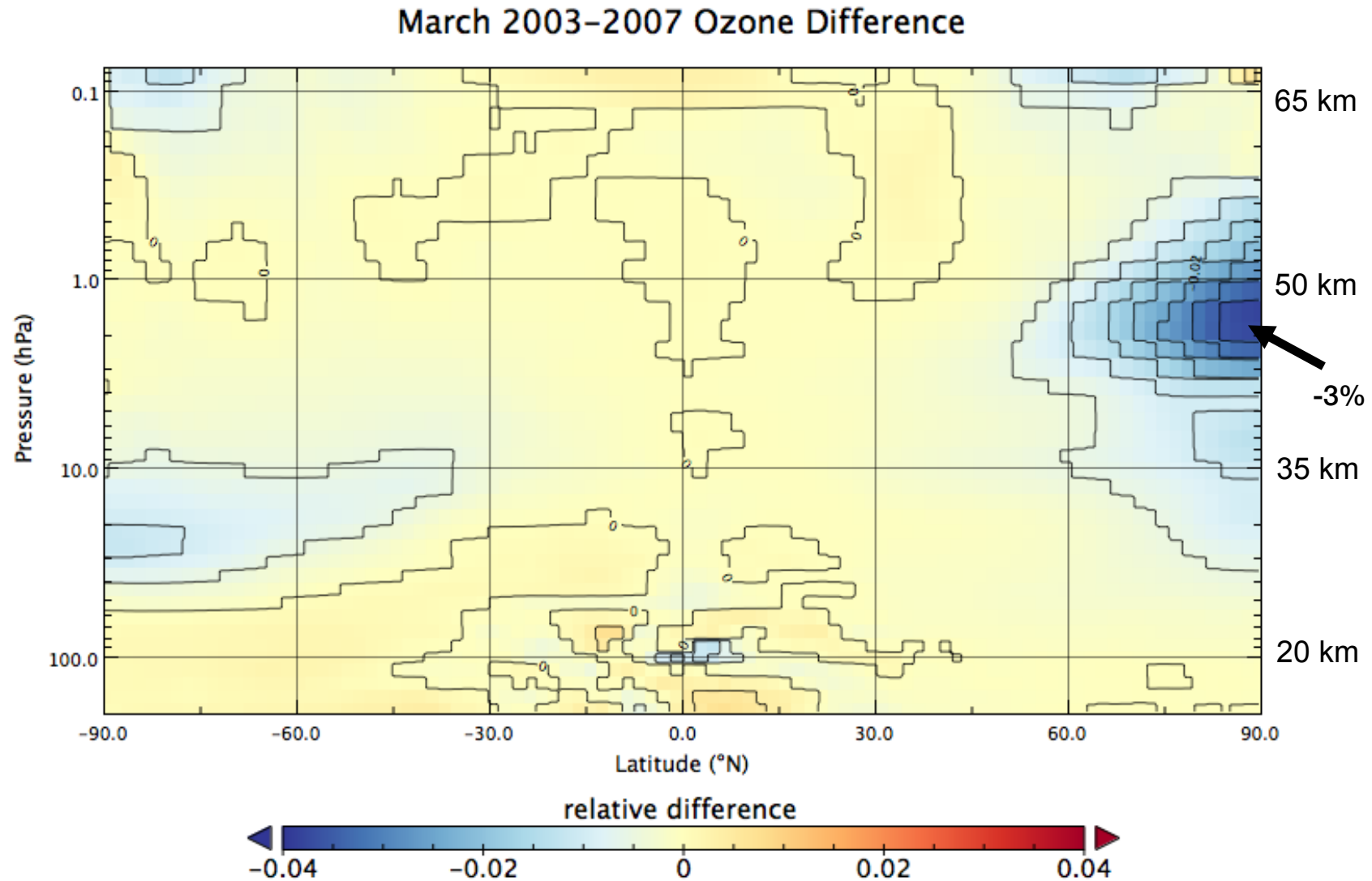
Global average (molecules cm^{-2}) NO_x and NO_y column, and contribution from EPP



Improving NOy with better EPP

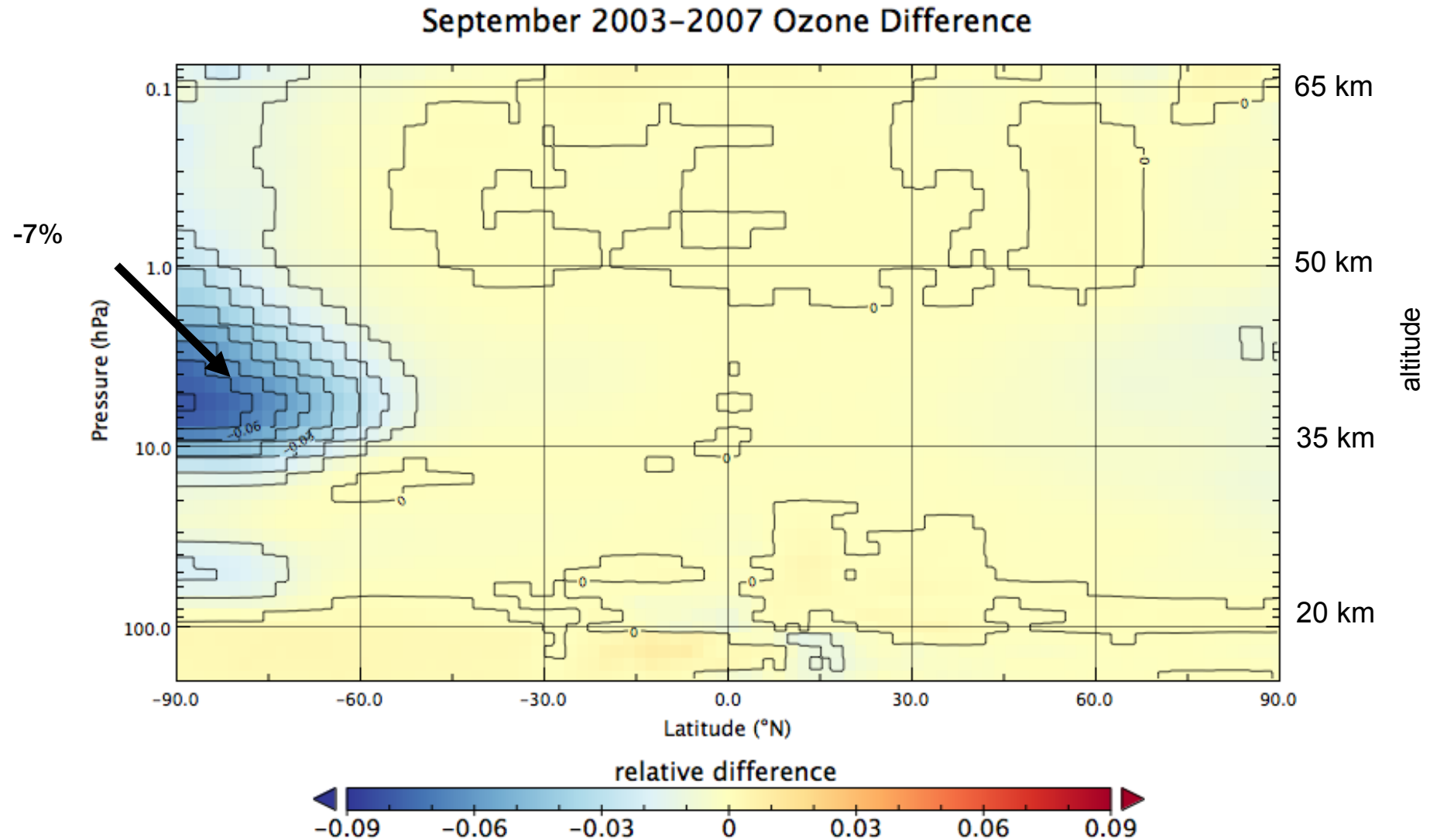


Zonal Mean Ozone Difference March 2003-2007 (control-EPP)/control



Effect is larger in Southern Hemisphere

Zonal Mean Ozone Difference September 2003-2007

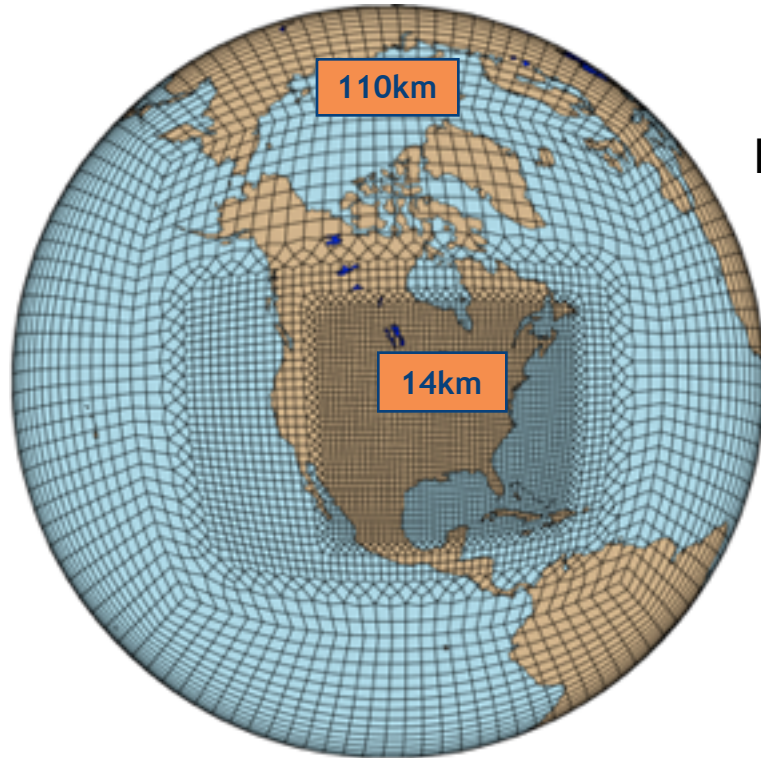


Future directions

- The next steps in atmospheric modeling at NCAR: bridging weather and climate (focus on S2S)
- NCAR will unify its weather, climate, space weather and air quality models
- New unified chemistry model is named *MUSICA: Multi-Scale Infrastructure for Chemistry and Aerosols*
- Development will begin early 2019 aiming to provide and improve on the functionality of WRF-CHEM, CAM-CHEM, and WACCM

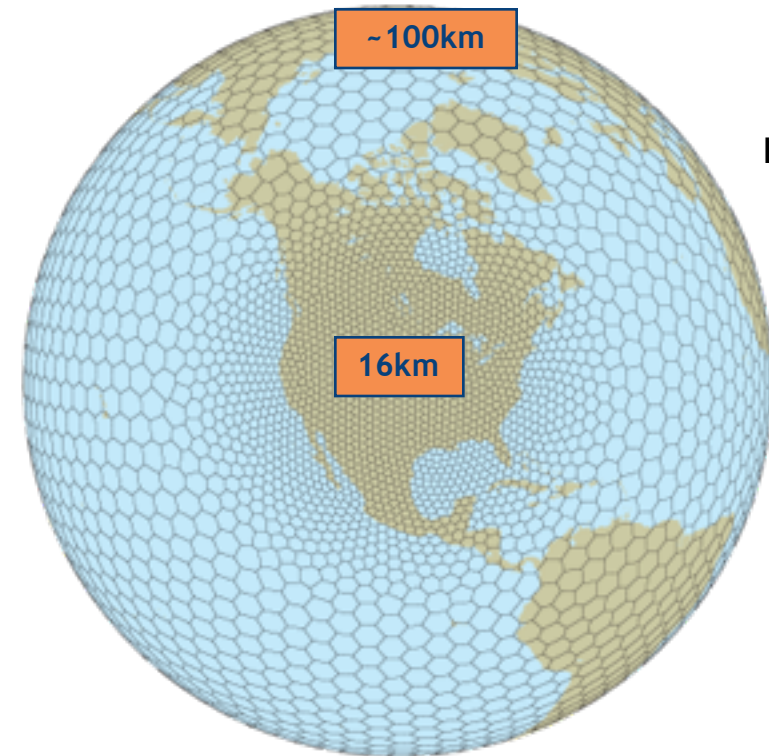
New 'regionally refined' options for CESM

- Advantages
 - Numerically less expensive than running globally at high resolution
 - No boundary conditions
 - Non-local teleconnections



hydrostatic

Spectral **E**lement dynamical core (CAM-SE)

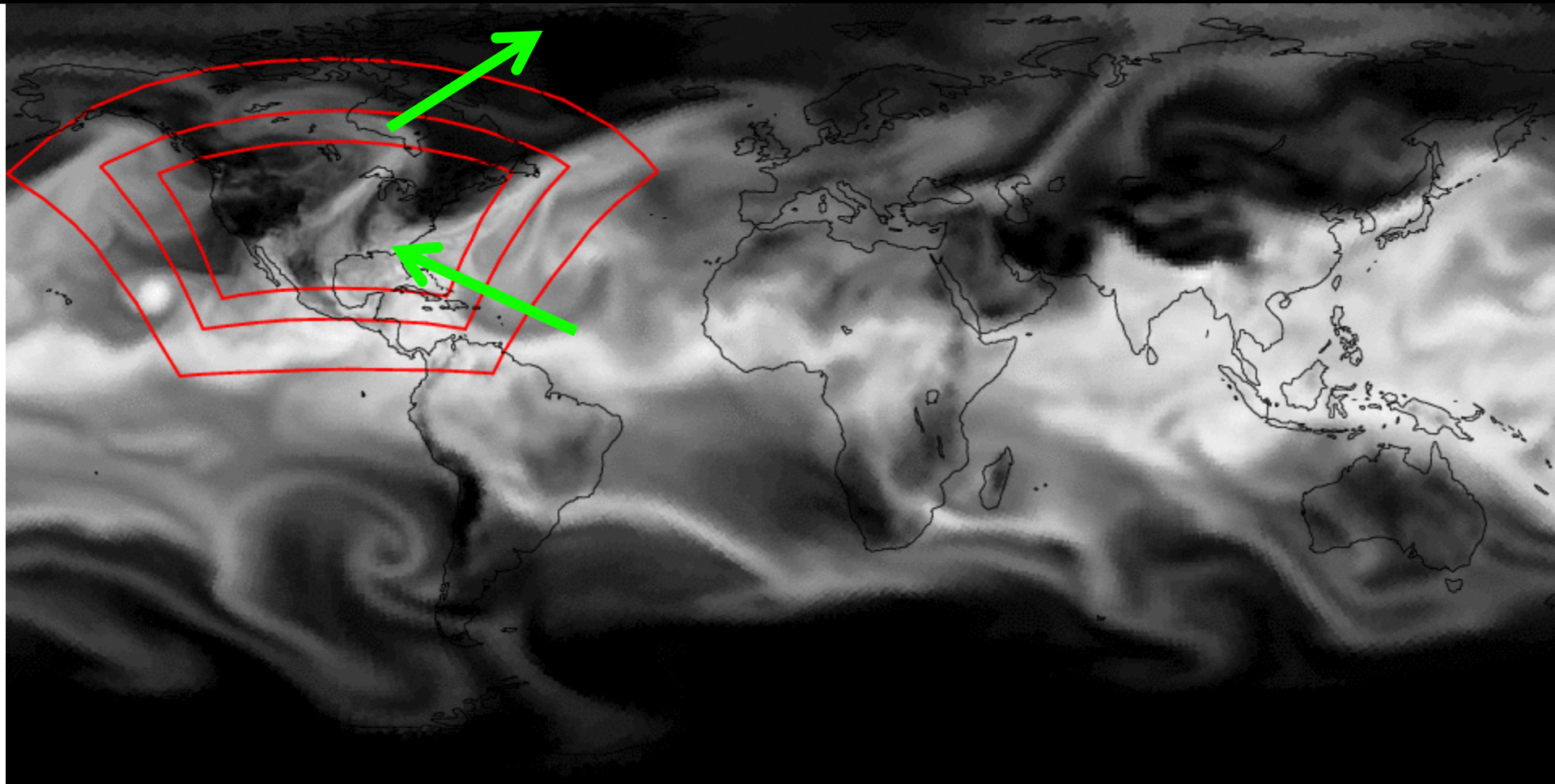


non-hydrostatic

Model for **P**rediction **A**cross **S**cales (CAM-MPAS (v4))

Courtesy
Colin
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Multi-resolution global simulation

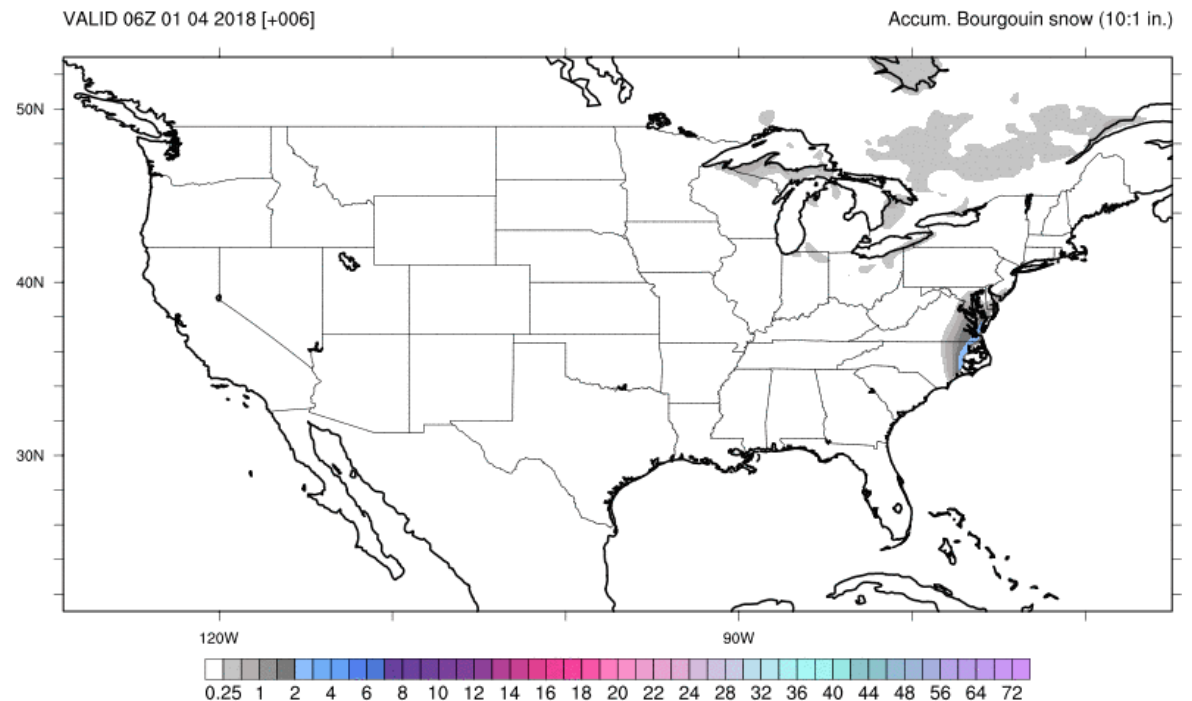
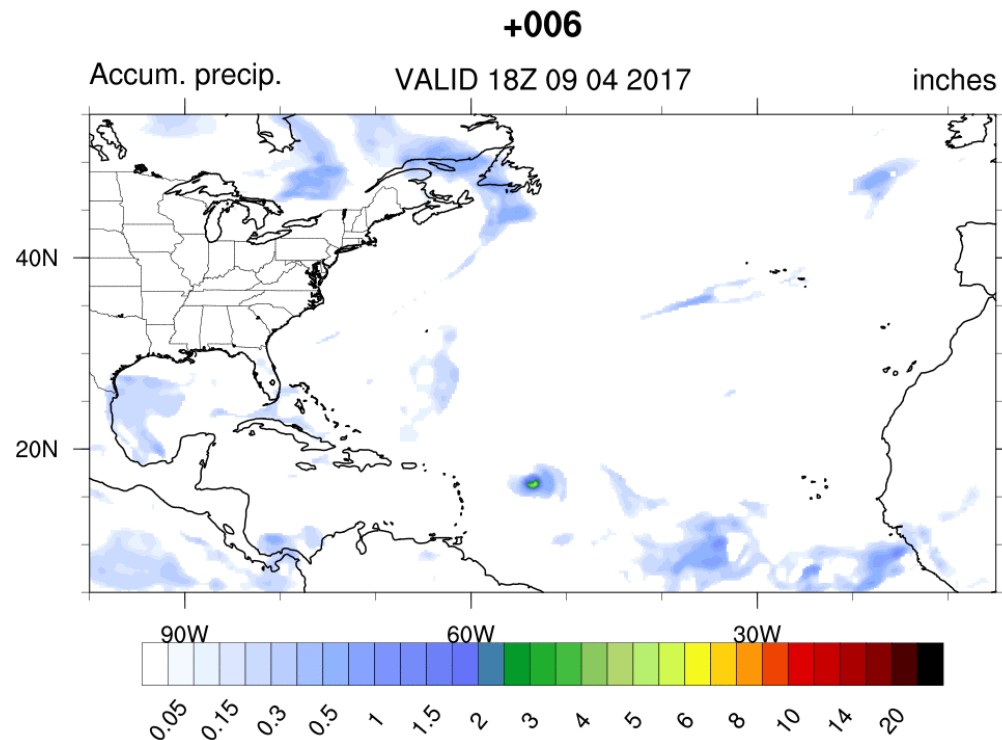


Precipitable water, Sept 23-Oct 3, 111km->14km CAM-SE mesh

Courtesy Colin Zarzycki

CESM “betacasts”

- If you ever wondered what a climate model looks like when you cram a forecast analysis into it in real-time...
- <http://www.colinzarzycki.com>



Summary

- CESM 2.0 offers significant improvements in our ability to model the atmosphere from the surface to the thermosphere.
 - WACCM-X is vastly improved and suitable for science studies of the Ionosphere-Thermosphere-Mesosphere system
 - WACCM has a 2x improvement in resolution and adds aerosol-cloud feedbacks
 - Future development will aim to bridge the divide between weather and climate
- Timescales to be explored vary from minutes to centuries
- We welcome participation at all levels from using the model output, to running “out of box” simulations and active component development – the C is for community!

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