An aerial photograph of Montreal, Canada, showing the city skyline with numerous skyscrapers and a river in the background. In the foreground, the Biosphère 2 dome is visible, surrounded by greenery and a parking lot. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent blue box.

Use of Earth Observations and Earth System Modeling to Study Anthropogenic Emission Impacts on Atmosphere-Biosphere Interactions

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Biosphère, Montréal (photo from web)

Review of materials presented at ISWG-2

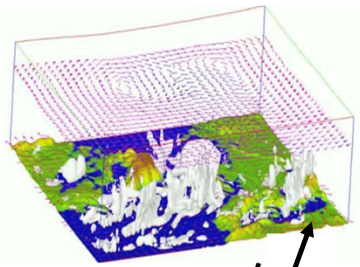
We work on integrating various satellite land products into regional-scale weather & air quality modeling, including for the polluted East Asia



Haze in Seoul

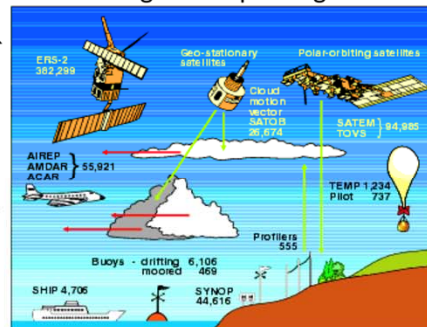
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Weather model: (NU-)WRF



SQ1: Impact of (NU)WRF settings (e.g., land surface models and their initialization) on the simulated weather fields?

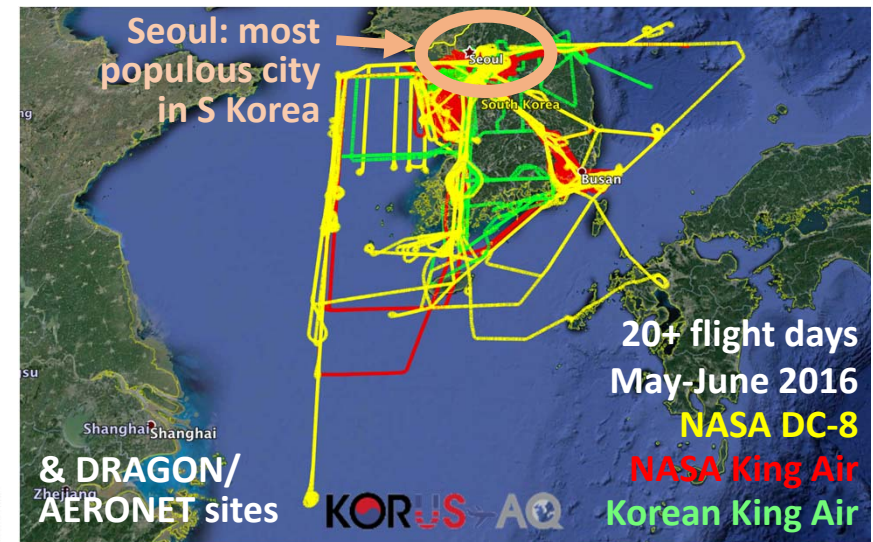
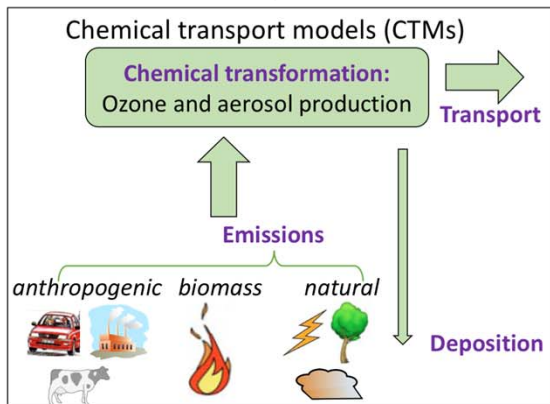
Observations (met and chemistry): evaluating and improving models



SQ3: How are pollution distributions related to weather and weather-dependent processes in CTMs?

Health and policy-relevant analysis

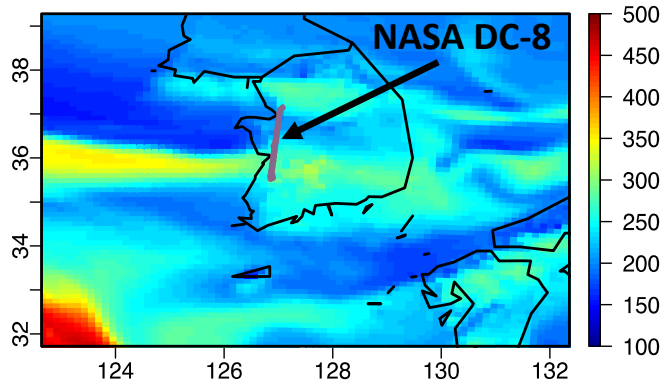
SQ2: (NU)WRF impacts on CTMs processes?



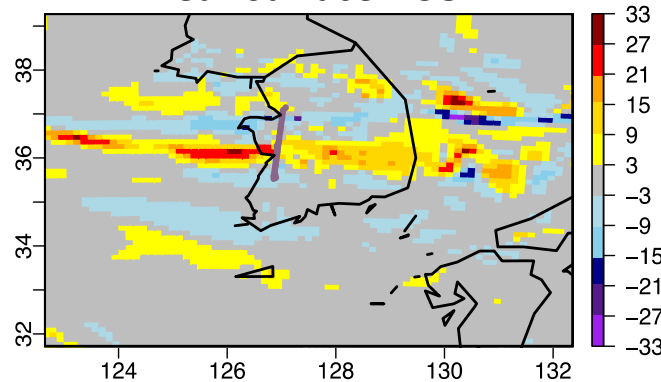
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SMAP DA impacts on NUWRF carbon monoxide (CO, ppbv) during a pollution transport event

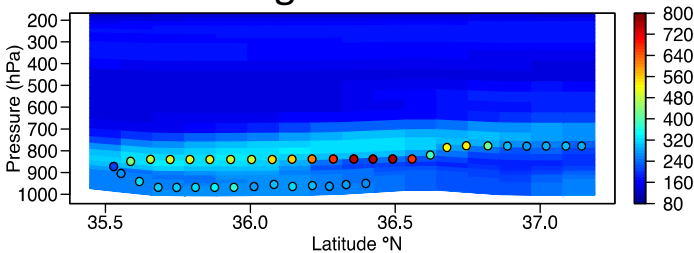
near-surface CO



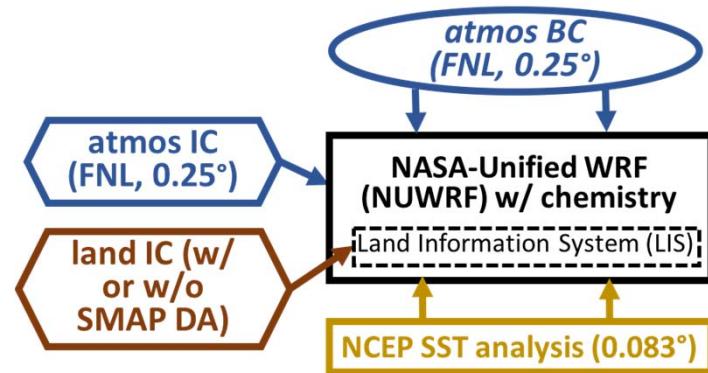
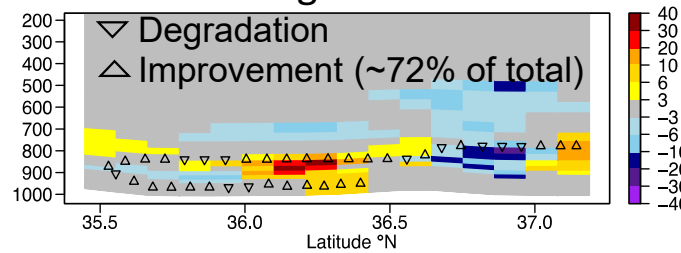
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CO along cross section



ΔCO along cross section



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- SMAP SM DA (into Noah LSM) impacts on short-term NUWRF modeling during a pollution transport event: impacts on H₂O and CO correlated; improvements found in places
- chemical IC/BC: high-res ECMWF CAMS w/ chemical DA; **emissions highly uncertain**

What's new since ISWG-2: Noah → Noah-MP LSM

Primary & secondary aerosols from anthropogenic & natural emission sources alter weather patterns

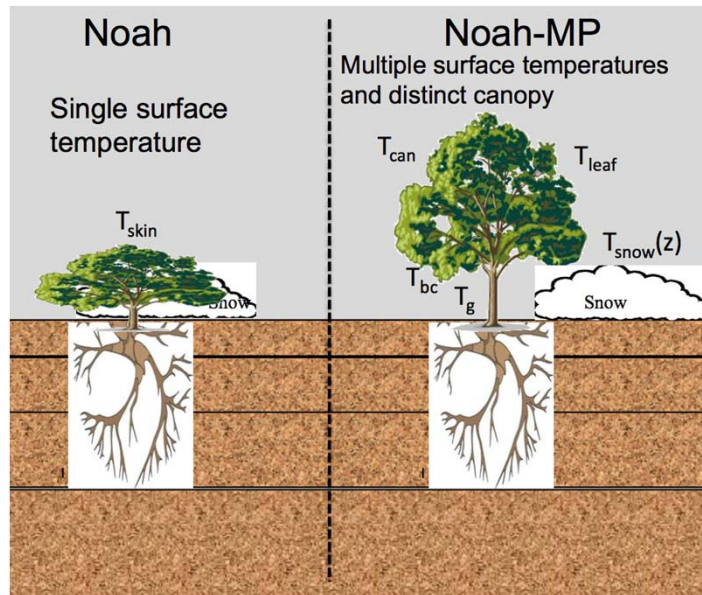
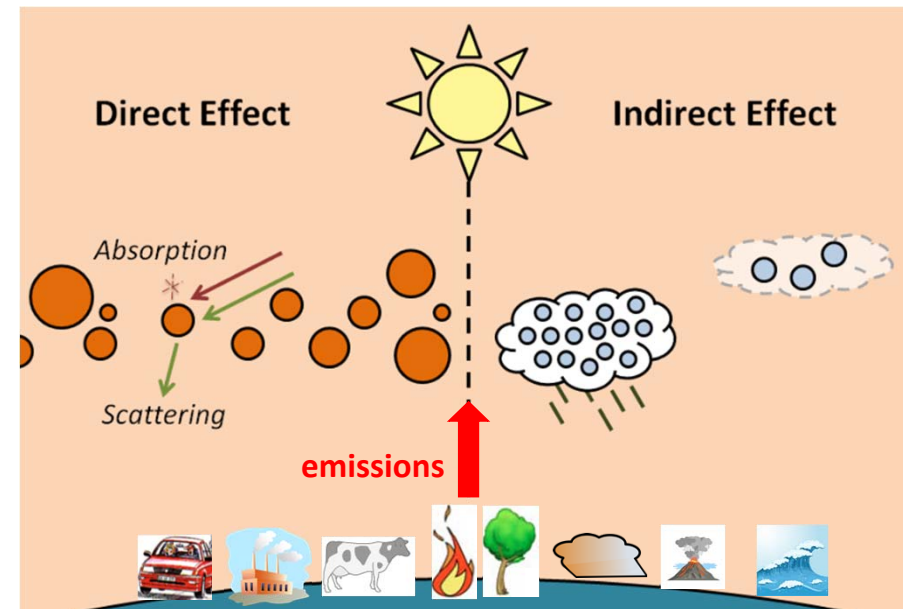


Figure source: English et al. (2011); Noah-MP tutorial (Barlage 2017)

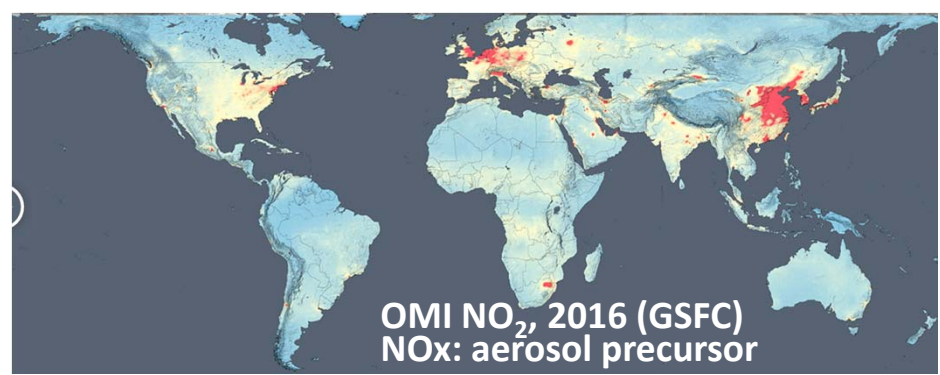
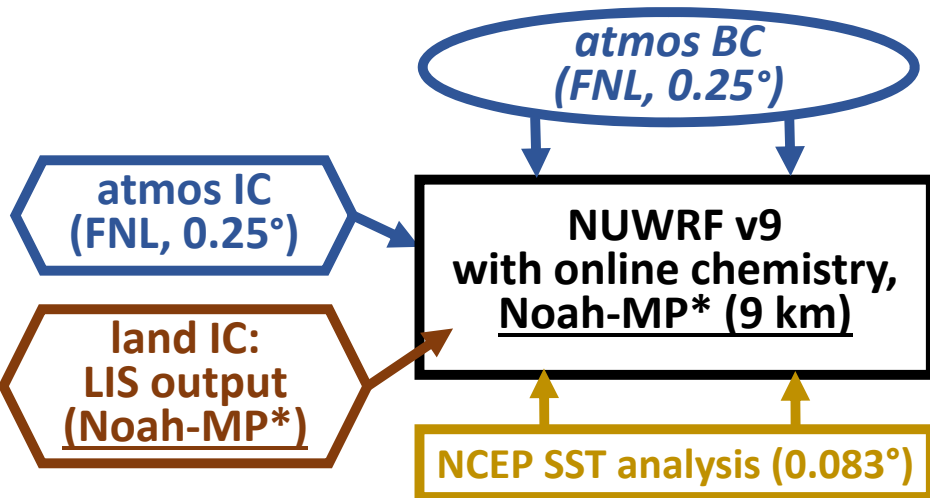


Noah-MP LSM:

- Separate vegetation canopy
- Dynamic vegetation w/ Ball-Berry stomatal resistance
- Multi-layer snowpack + other improvements from Noah

Ongoing work with Noah-MP in LIS/NUWRF

Evaluating immediate impacts of urban and shipping anthropogenic emissions on GPP and ET



Offline LIS (Spring 2015-Spring 2018):

- physics settings accounting for Yang et al. (2011) recommendations
- SM/LAI evaluated with SMAP/MODIS

NUWRF runs (31 May 2016, cloudy):

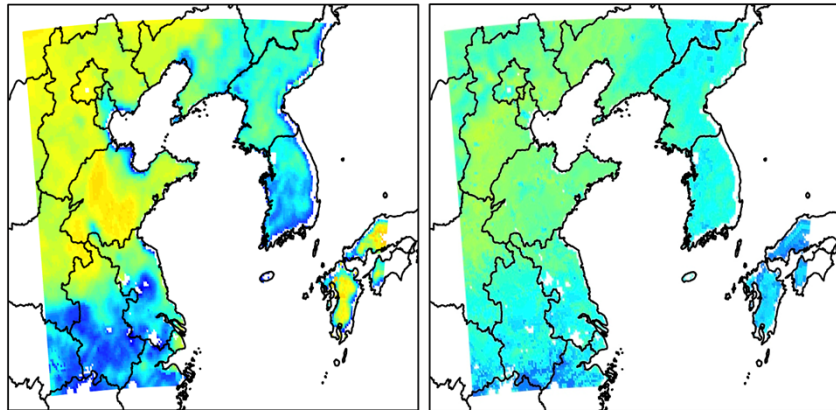
- *Base*: largely based on HTAP2 (bottom-up) emissions
- *Sensitivity*: replacing NO_x emissions with DECSO-OMI (satellite-constrained) in urban & non-terrestrial areas
- *Both*: Aerosol direct & indirect effects on
- GPP/ET compared with SMAP L4/COMS
- AOD/nitrogen species evaluated

Surface SM from SMAP and offline LIS/Noah-MP

SMAP

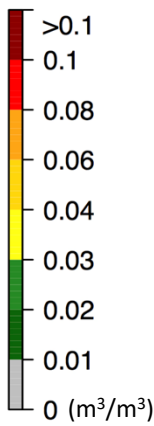
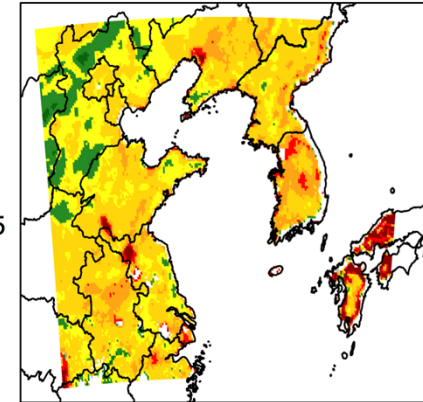
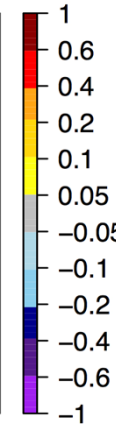
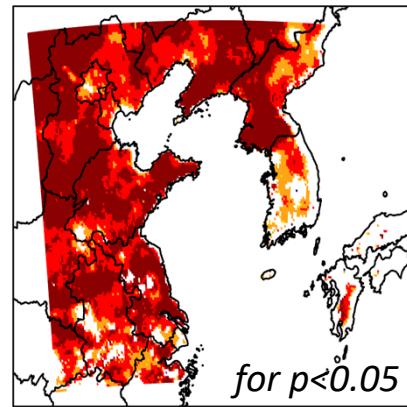
LIS

May, 2015-2018

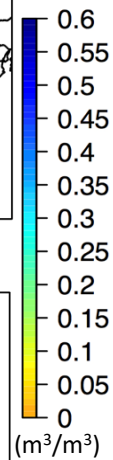
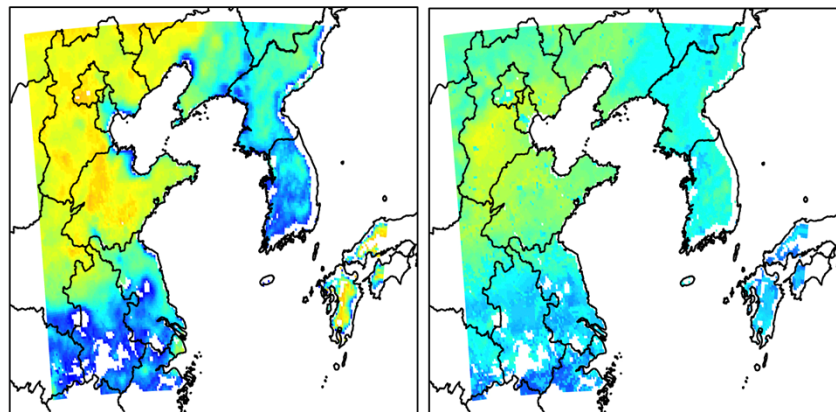


Correlation r

ubRMSE



Late May 2016



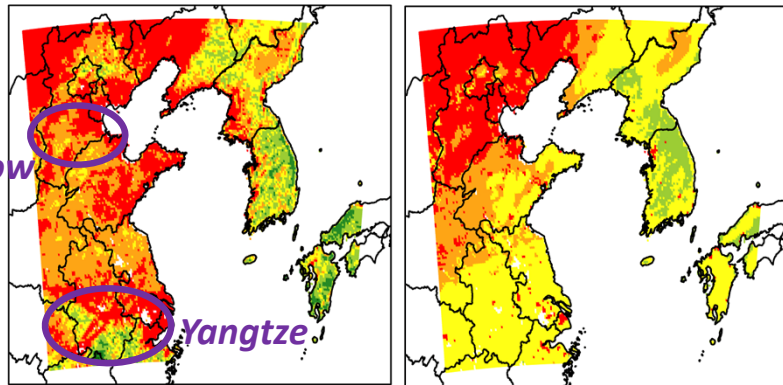
- **Model SM dynamic ranges smaller than SMAP**
- **Late May 2016 relative to climatology: drier in N China Plain (NCP), wetter in S Korea**
- **Higher r & lower ubRMSE in NCP than in S Korea**
- **However, more investigations needed on SMAP quality over S Korea (SMAPVEX19 NE US helpful)**

LAI from MODIS and offline LIS/Noah-MP

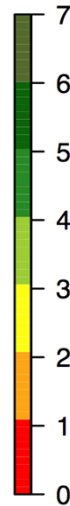
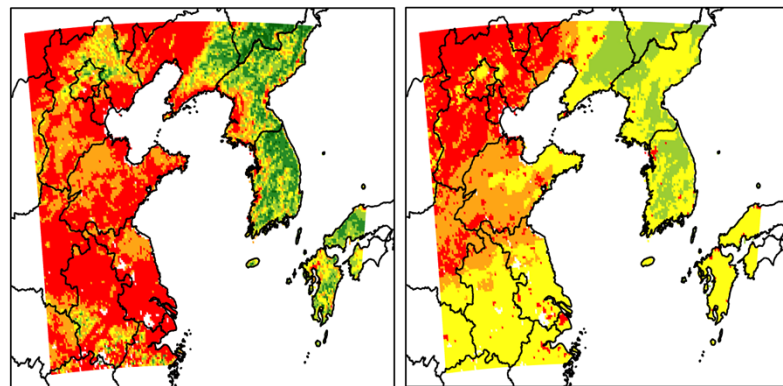
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LIS

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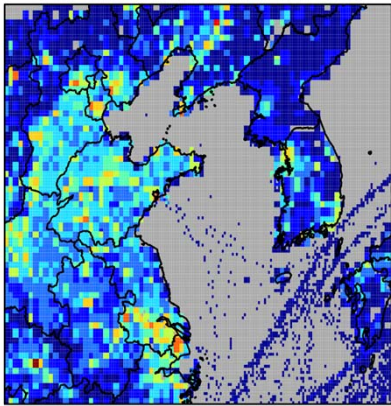
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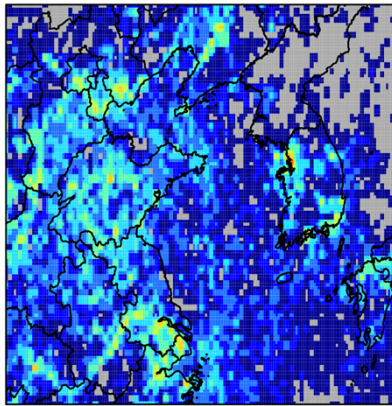
- Model under/overpredicted regions China's Yellow/Yangtze river basins, similar to Yang et al. (2011) results
- Underprediction over the colder regions reflects a delayed spring outburst of leaves controlled by leaf dying process in model
- Late May 2016 relative to climatology: lower LAI in NCP, higher in Korea, model did not quite capture this anomaly in Korea (energy-limited?)

HTAP2 (bottom-up) and DECSO-OMI NO_x emissions

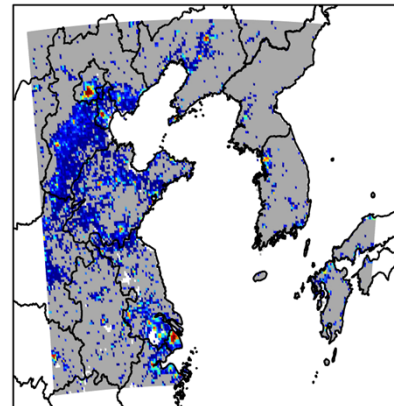
HTAP2 anthropogenic,
May 2010



DECSO all surface emis,
May 2016



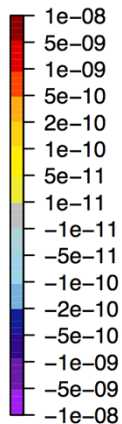
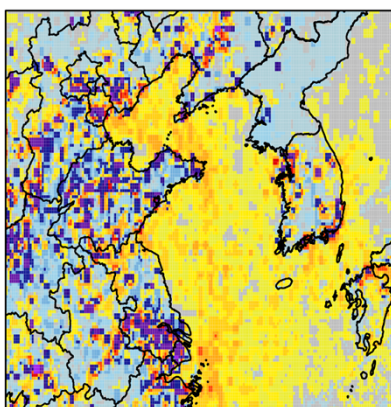
CCI land cover, urban fraction



VIIRS city lights 2016



DECSO-HTAP2



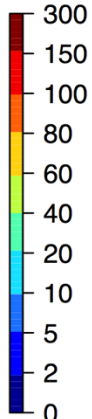
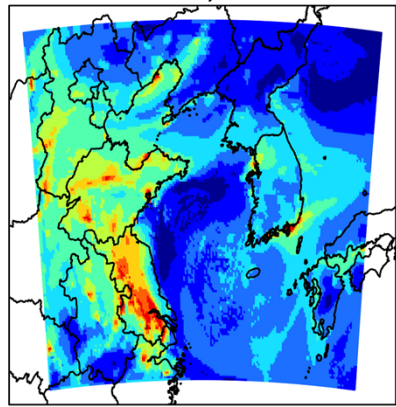
emissions: in kg/m²/s

- **DECSO-OMI higher over broad oceanic areas (due to shipping) and multiple S Korea cities, lower in many Chinese cities**
- **CCI land cover used to separate urban & shipping emissions for use in the NUWRF emission sensitivity run**
- **After merging HTAP2 and DECSO, total anthropogenic emissions reduced by ~10%, urban+shipping >60 % of the total**

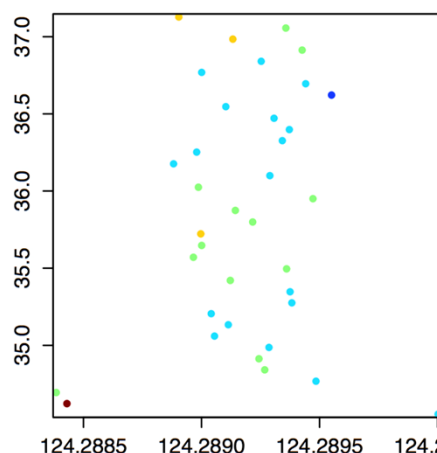
NUWRF NO_y changes due to NO_x emission adjustments

9-16 KST (high temperature/radiation)

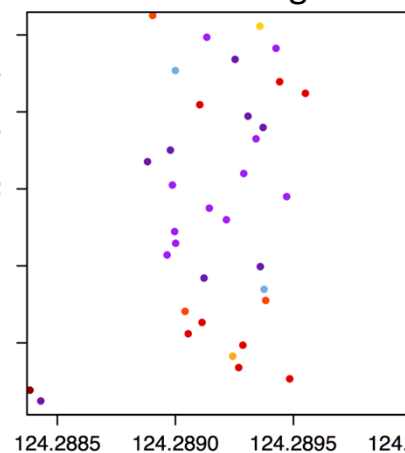
Base case, surface



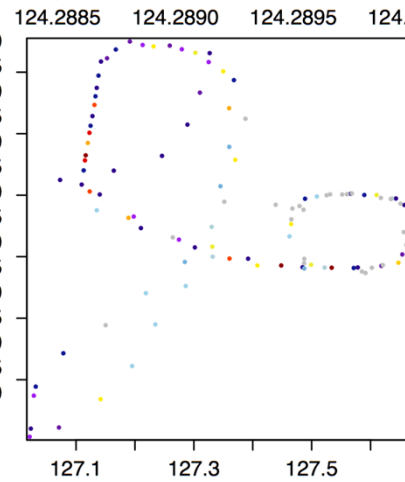
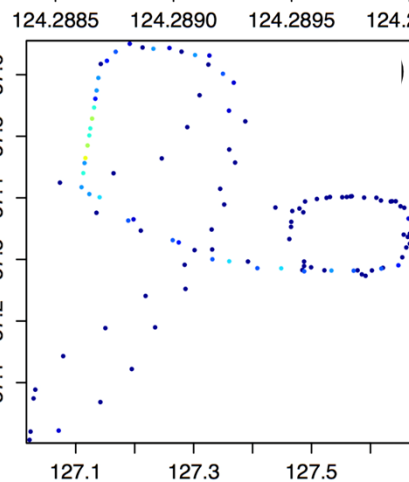
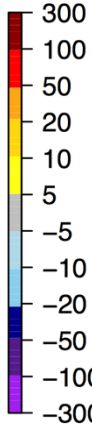
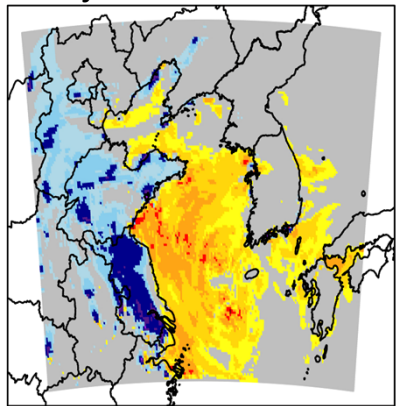
Observed



Error changes

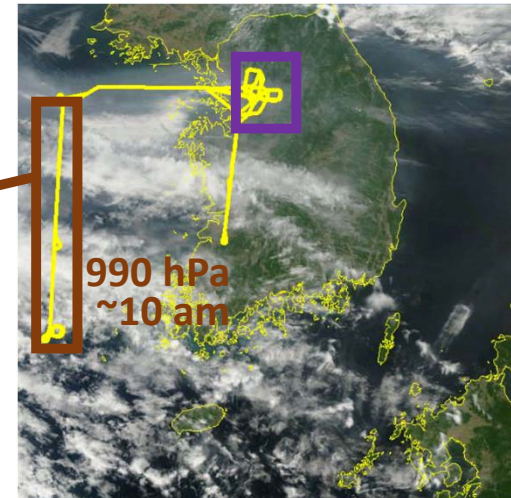


Adjusted emis - base

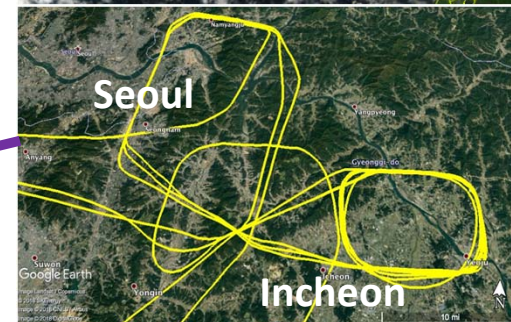


all in ppbv

NASA DC-8 on Terra MODIS



990 hPa
~10 am



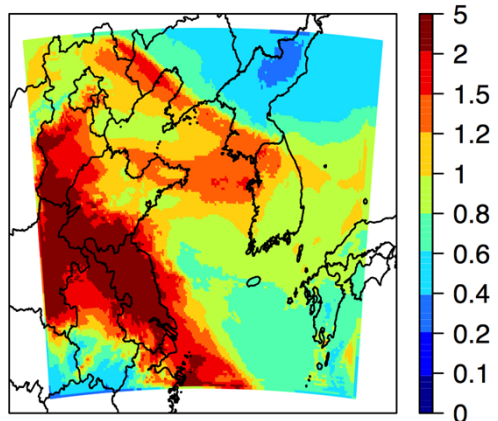
All altitudes, 3 times
during the daytime

For entire flight, offshore, or Seoul, RMSEs reduced by 1-3 ppbv

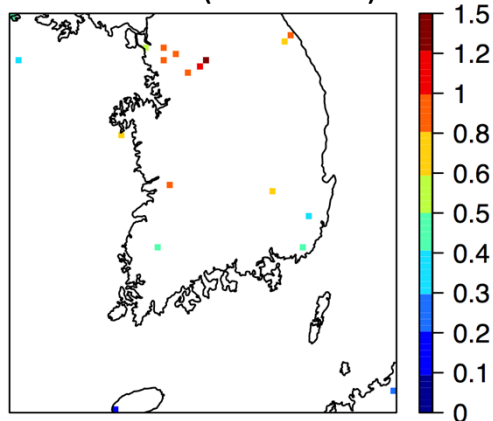
NUWRF AOD changes due to NO_x emission adjustments

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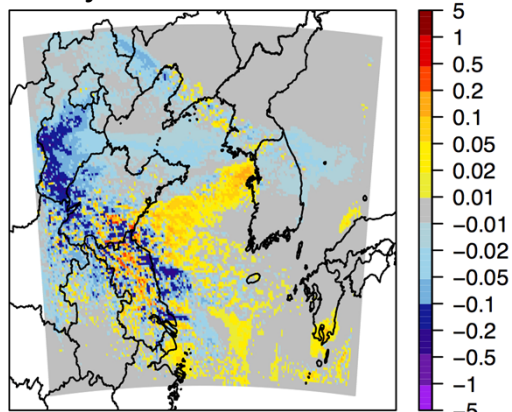
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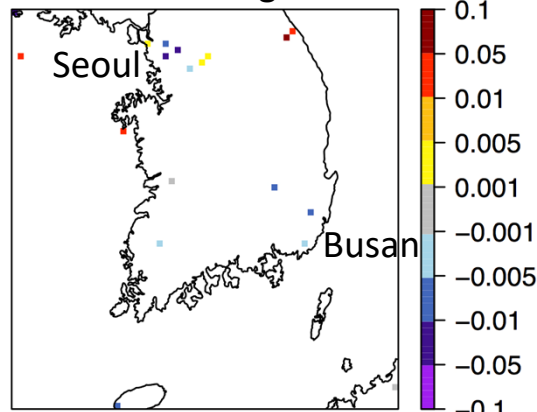
Observed (AERONET)



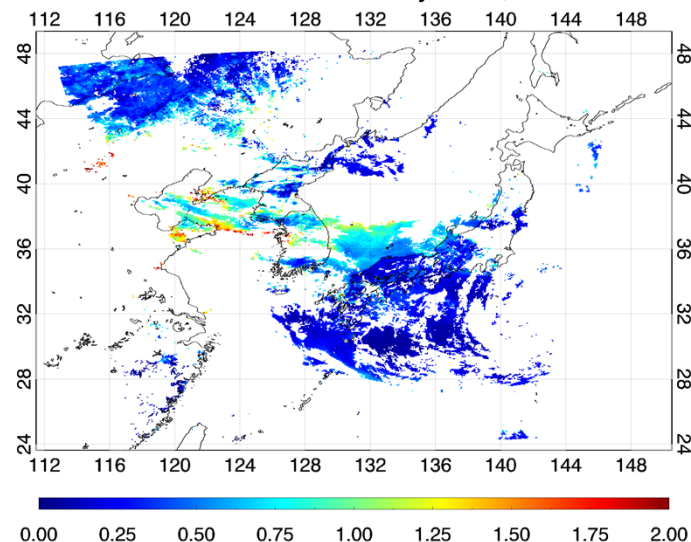
Adjusted emis - base



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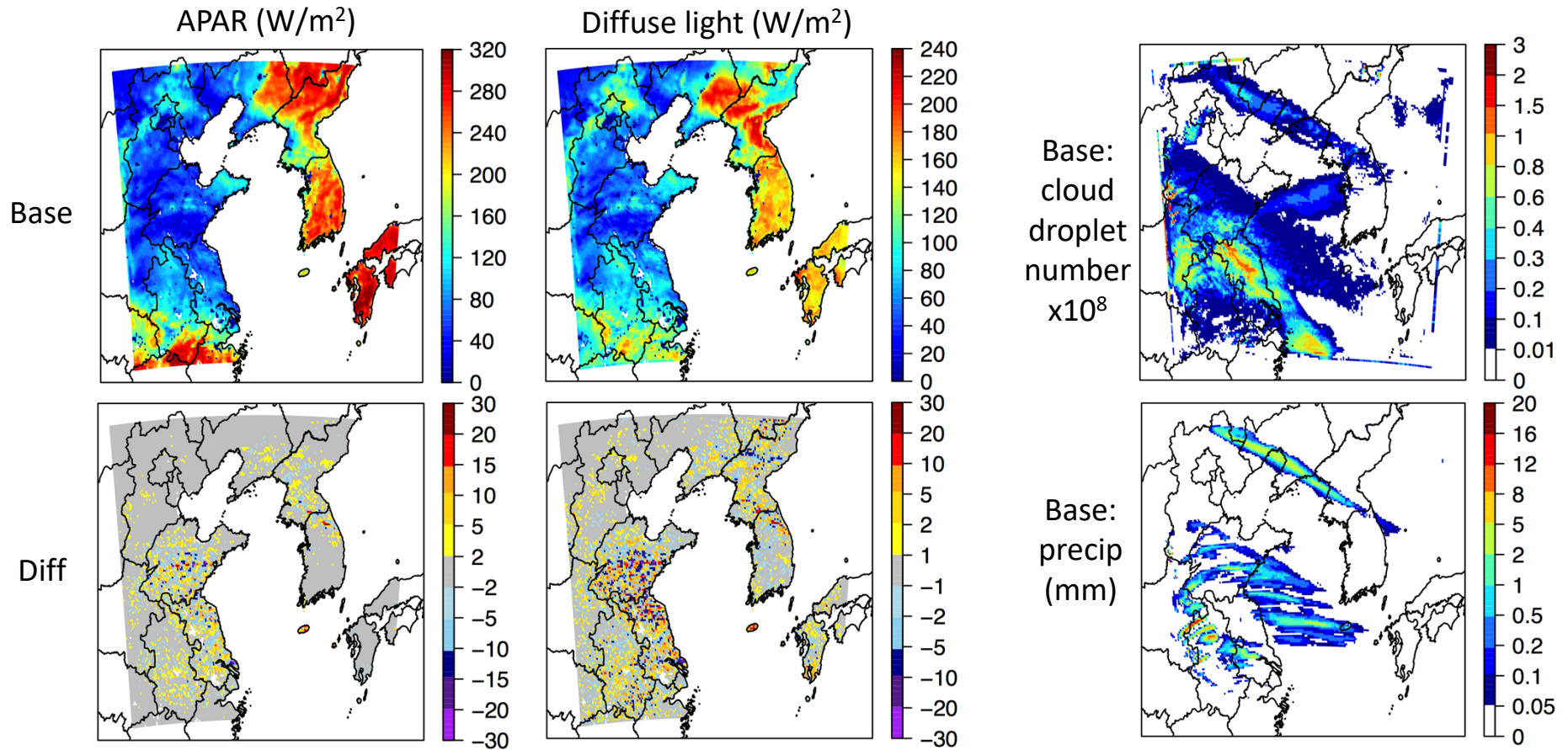


GOCI YAER V2 AOD - 31 May 2016, 03:30 UTC



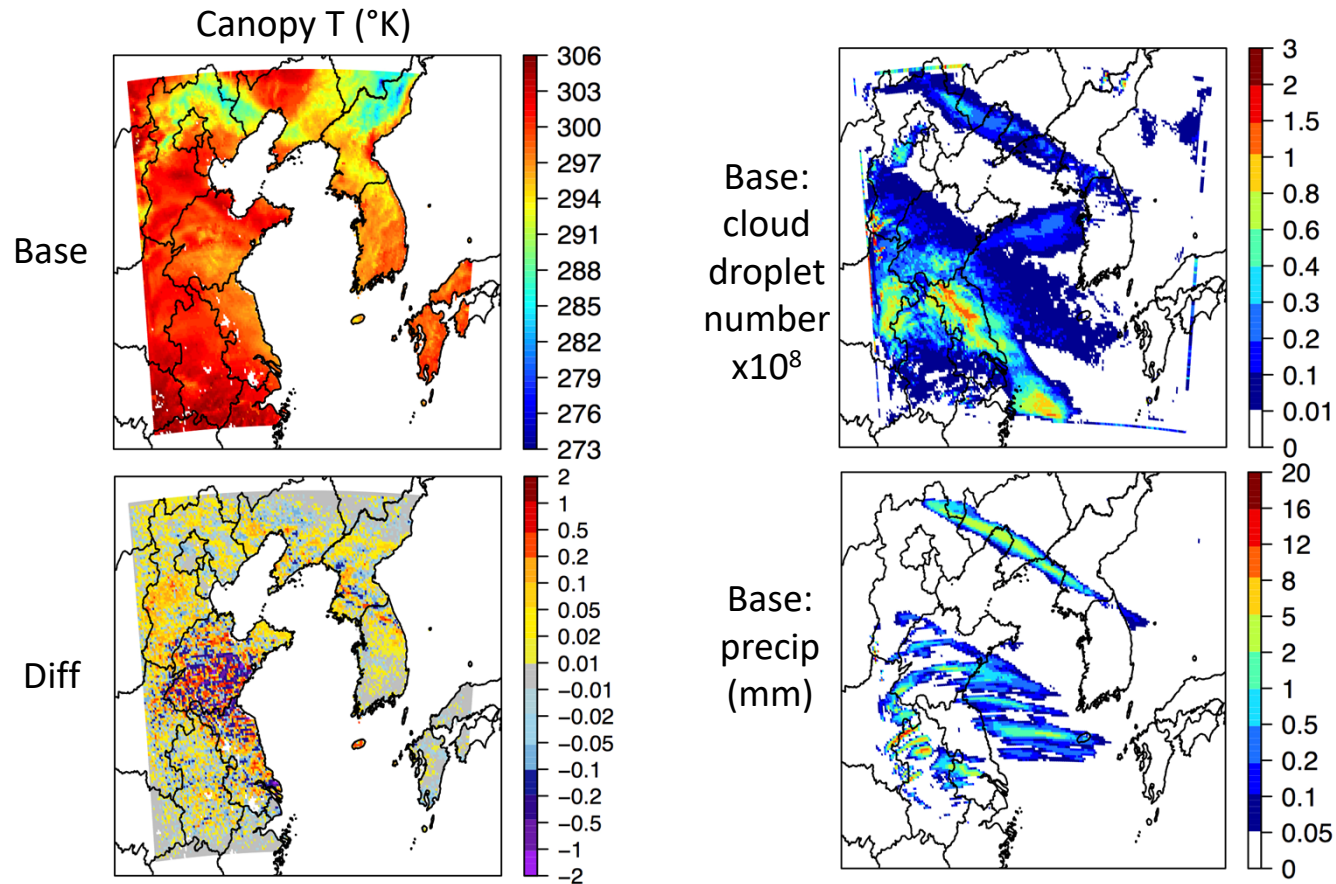
- Cloudy, polluted situation in China
- With emission adjustments:
- AOD slightly decreased over land overall and over S Korea domain
- AOD improvements around Seoul and Busan in S Korea

NUWRF radiation changes (9-16 KST)



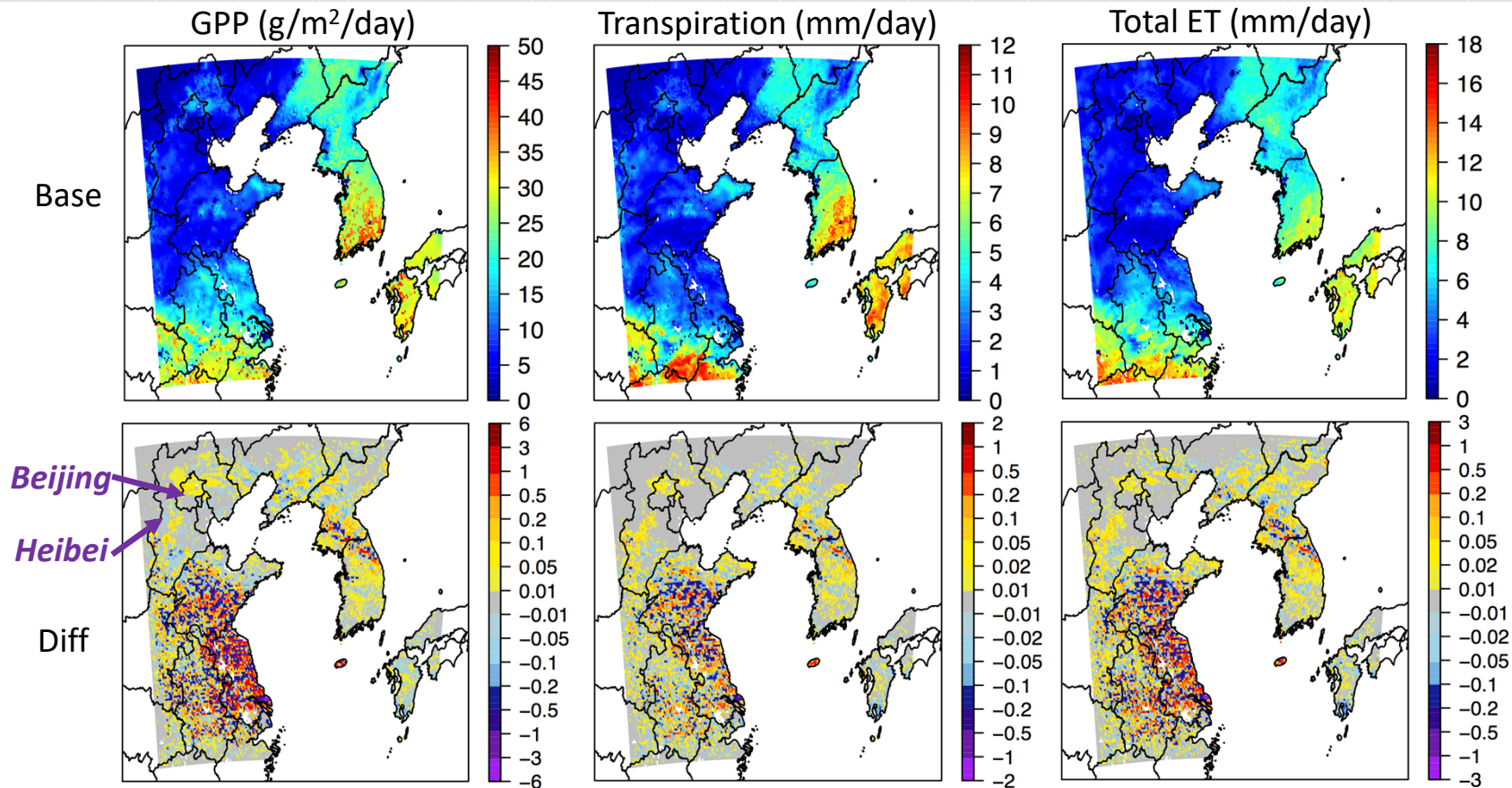
- APAR and diffuse light changes stronger changes over cloudy and precipitating regions
- More cloudy regions: diffuse fraction high, reducing AOD increased diffuse light
- Less cloudy regions: diffuse fraction low, reducing AOD decreased diffuse light

NUWRF temperature changes (9-16 KST)



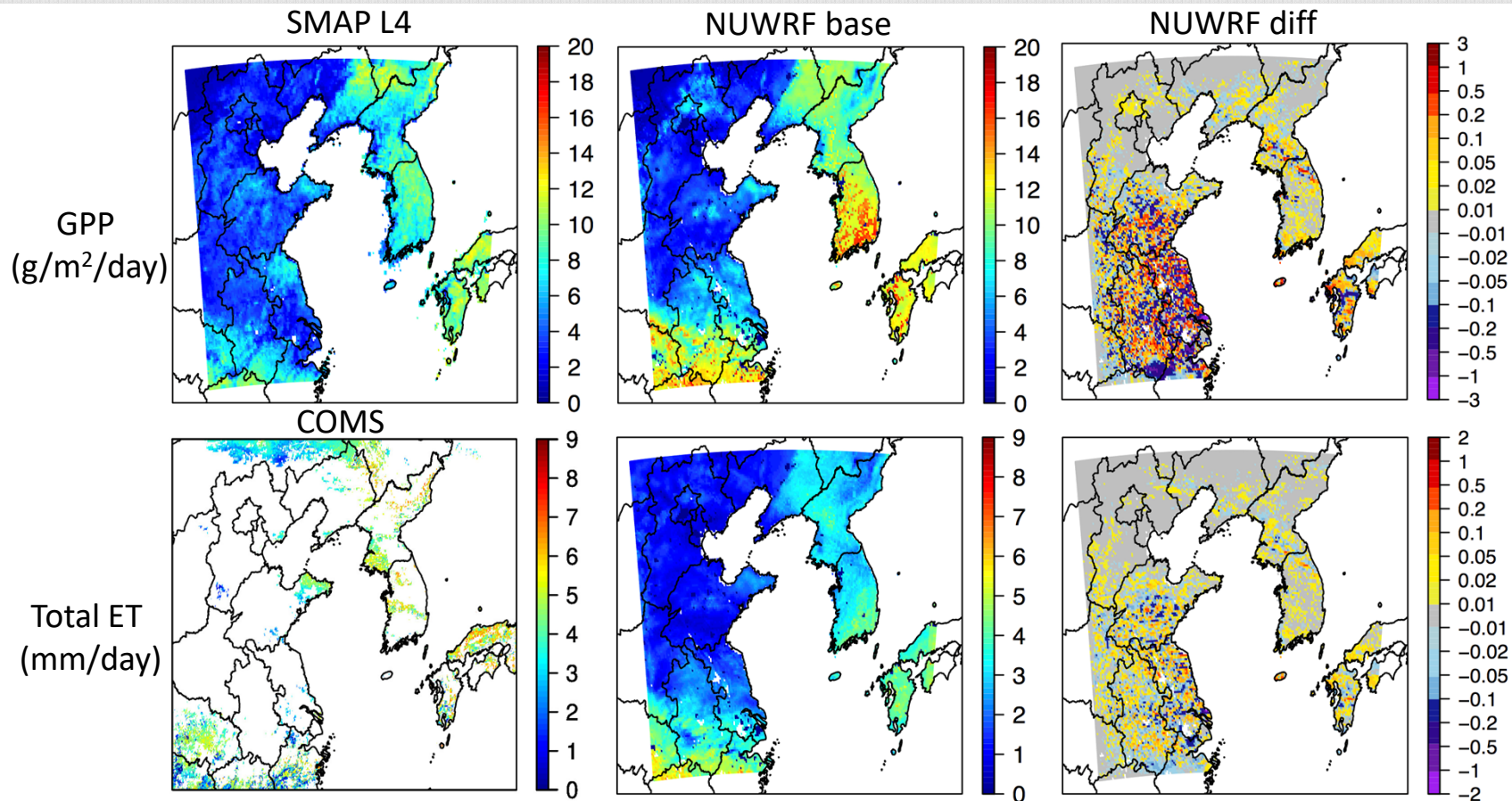
- Canopy T above and below 298 °K (optimal photosynthesis) in China and S Korea, respectively
- T increased, with stronger changes over cloudy and precipitating regions
- T₂, which is ~2 °K different from canopy T, slightly better modeled in the sensitivity run

NUWRF GPP and ET changes (9-16 KST)



- low T (S Korea, N Beijing): positive Δ GPP and promoted photosynthesis
- high T (S Heibei Province): positive and negative Δ GPP (combined light and T effects)
- consistent spatial patterns Δ GPP and Δ ET (strongly linked with stomatal resistance)

NUWRF GPP and ET (daily), comparing with other products



- Smaller than in daytime: observational or observation-constrained subdaily GPP/ET needed
- Further evaluation needed (FLUXNET data not available for this period)

Summary & Next steps

Based on LIS/NUWRF w/ Noah-MP dynamic vegetation:

- Regional emissions important to assessing atmosphere-biosphere interactions
- GPP-AOD relationship on a cloudy day -2% per unit AOD

(Huang et al., 2019, in revision)

Next steps:

- Urban/shipping anthropogenic emissions → individual anthropogenic and natural emission source sectors
- Adjusting NO_x → other chemical species: multi-species chemical DA; utilization of newer sensors (TROPOMI and later TEMPO/GEMS)
- Constraining emissions jointly w/ land DA (SM, vegetation, snow, etc)
- Expanded regions (including North America), extended periods (including recent/planned field campaigns), under variable weather conditions

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