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Numerical modeling and real time forecast of air pollution related to biomass burning on South America.

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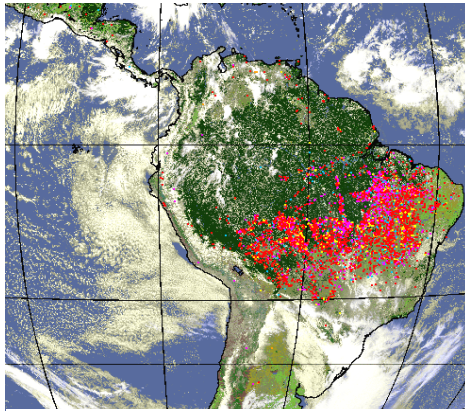
outline

- Biomass burning on South America
- CCATT-BRAMS: mesoscale atmospheric-chemistry-aerosol model
- Near real time biomass burning emissions estimate
- Plumerise model for biomass burning smoke
- Real time forecast





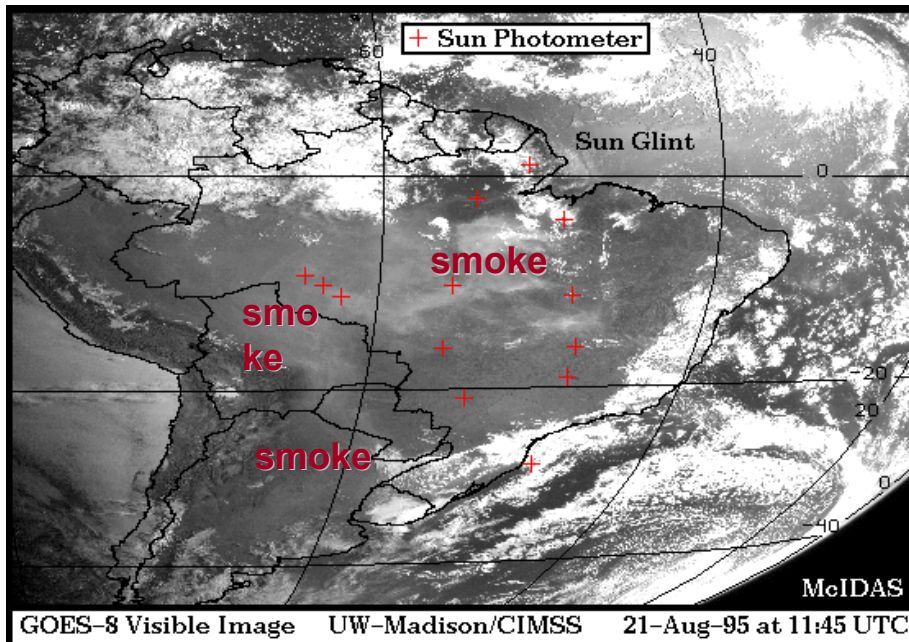
Biomass Burning and Smoke on South America



GOES-8 WF_ABBA
(> 5000 fires)



Local smoke plume
(deforestation fires)
(picture from A. Andreae)



Regional smoke plume
~5 millions km²
(Prins et al. 1998)

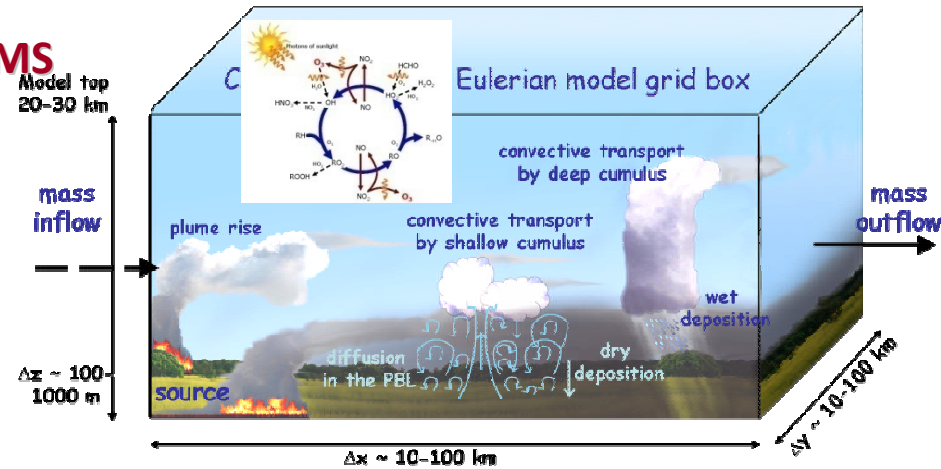


INPE developments on the atmospheric chemistry modeling

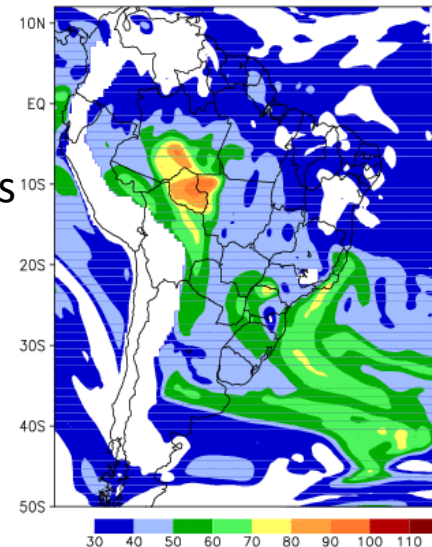
CCATT-BRAMS

Coupled Chemistry-Aerosol-Tracer Transport model to the Brazilian developments on the RAMS

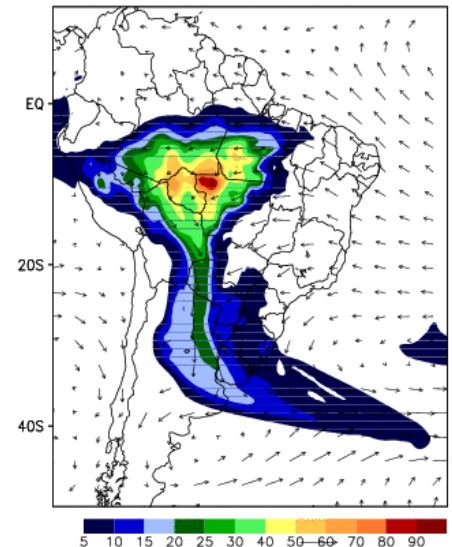
- SPACK: Pre-processor of chemical mechanism
- Pre-processor of emissions (anthropogenic, biogenic, biomass burning).
- Pre-processor of IC and BC for meteorology fields.
- 4DDA for meteorology-chemistry fields.
- Grid and sub-grid scale transport fully coupled.
- Plume rise model for fires and volcanoes emissions.
- Rad. CARMA and FAST-TUV (on-line photolysis calculation).
- Chemistry (RACM, CB07, RADM, etc).
- Emission and deposition (dry and wet).
- On-line with BRAMS regional model.
- Being implemented in the CPTEC-GCM.



Ozone and PM2.5 biomass burning aerosol



Ozone at 1000 m ASL



PM2.5 (bio. burn.) column

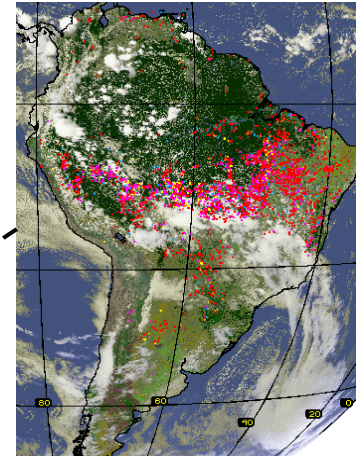
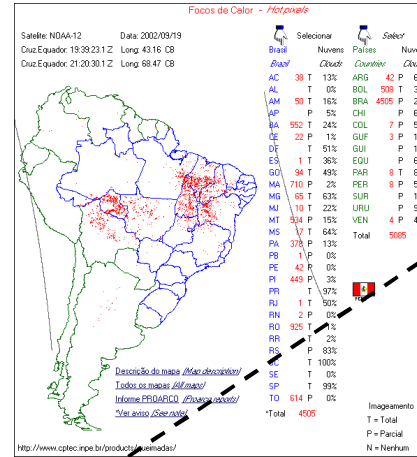
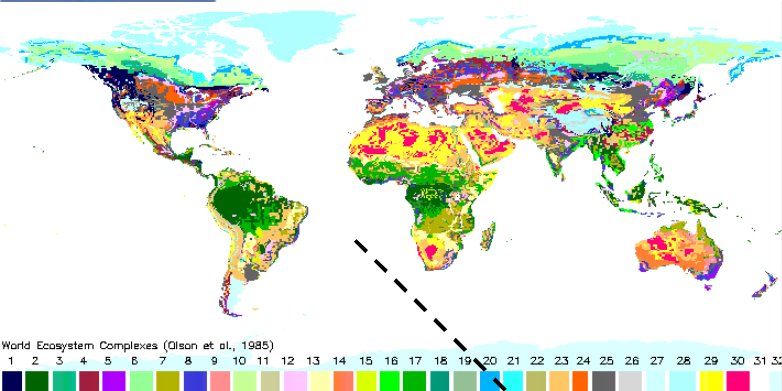


Biomass burning emissions inventory

Regional scale – daily basis

density of carbon data

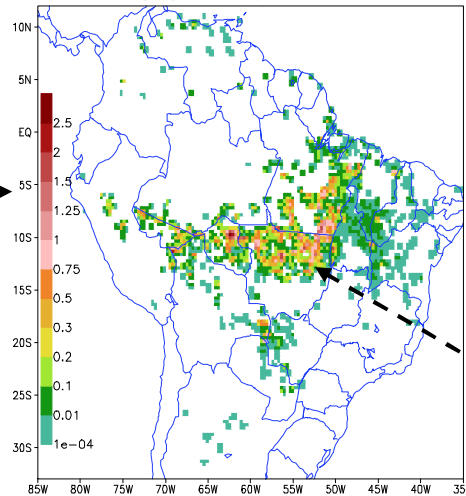
near real time fire product



land use data



CO Source Emission (ton[CO]/km² day) – 07SEP2002



emission & combustion factors

Biome category	Emission Factor for CO (g/kg)	Emission Factor for PM2.5 (g/kg)	Aboveground biomass density (α , kg/m ²)	Combustion factor (β , fraction)
Tropical forest ¹	110.	8.3	20.7	0.48
South America savanna ²	63.	4.4	0.9	0.78
Pasture ³	49.	2.1	0.7	1.00

¹ Average values for primary and second-growth tropical forests, ² Average values for campo cerrado (C3) and cerrado sensu stricto (C4), ³ value for campo limpo (C1). All numbers are from Ward et al.,

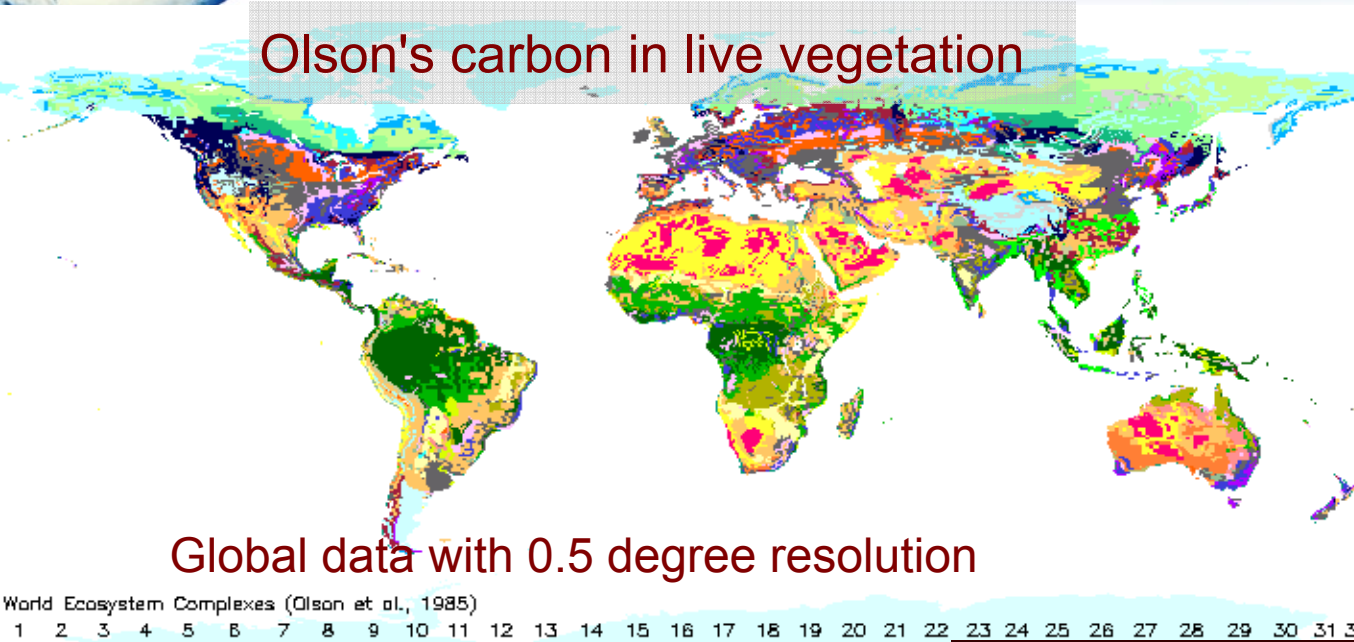
mass estimation

$$M_{[n]} = \alpha_{veg} \cdot \beta_{veg} \cdot E_{f_{veg}}^{[n]} \cdot a_{fire}$$

CO source emission (kg m⁻²day⁻¹)

Aboveground Biomass Density

Olson's carbon in live vegetation

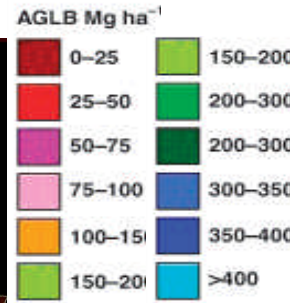


Global data with 0.5 degree resolution

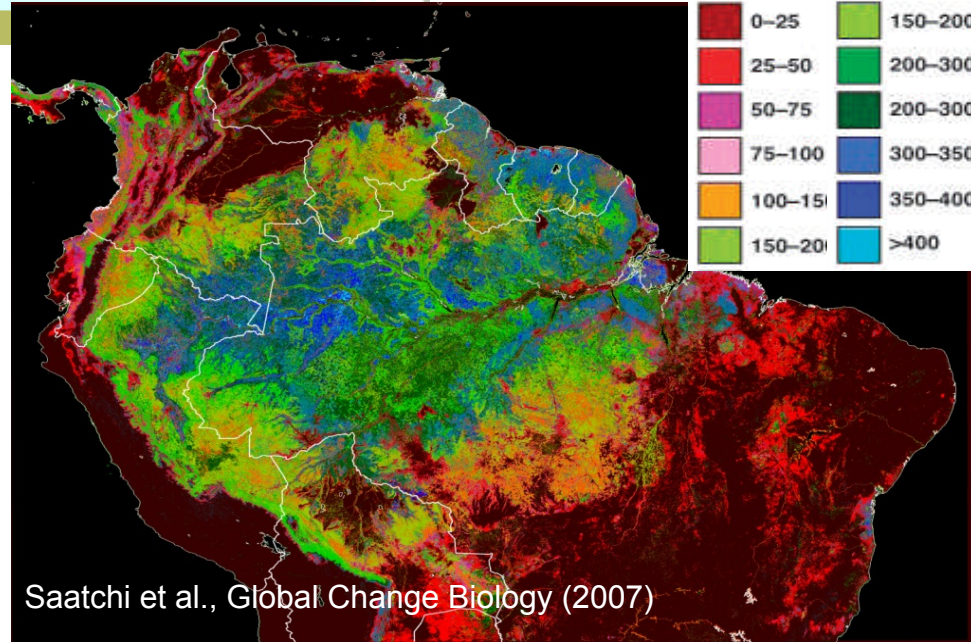
World Ecosystem Complexes (Olson et al., 1985)



Provides an estimate of the carbon content for each Olson's vegetation class.



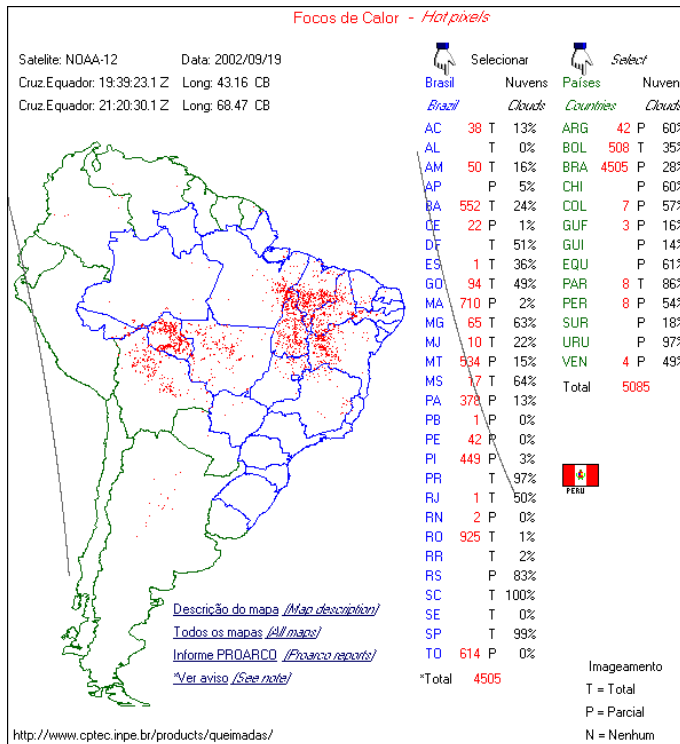
Amazon basin
1 km resolution



Saatchi et al., Global Change Biology (2007)

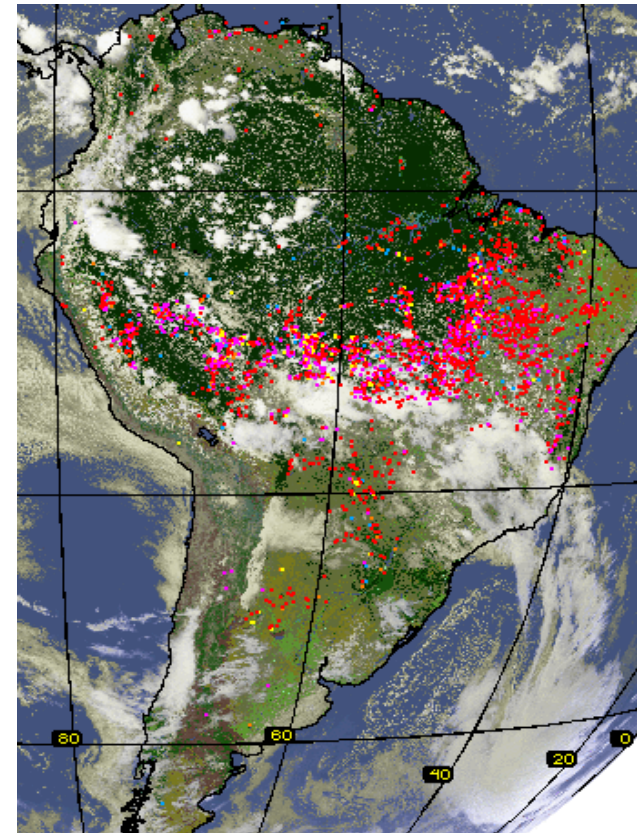
Fires position, timing and size using remote sensing products

Fires from AVHRR-MODIS-GOES: INPE (A. Setzer)



However, the burned area and the AGB are the main source of uncertainties for biomass burning emissions estimates

Fires WF_ABBA (GOES) CIMSS (E. Prins)



provides the diurnal cycle of the burning, each 1/2 hour.

provides an estimate of the instantaneous fire size.



Prep-Chem-Sources pre-processor

Biomass burning sources

- Brazilian Biomass Burning Emission Model (Freitas et al., 2005; Longo et al., 2007): plume rise mechanism, daily and model resolution.
- GFEDv2 (van der Werf et al., 2006): 8days/monthly - 1x1 degree.
- Emission Factors from Andreae and Merlet (2001), Ward et al 1992, Yokelson et al (200X)

110 species

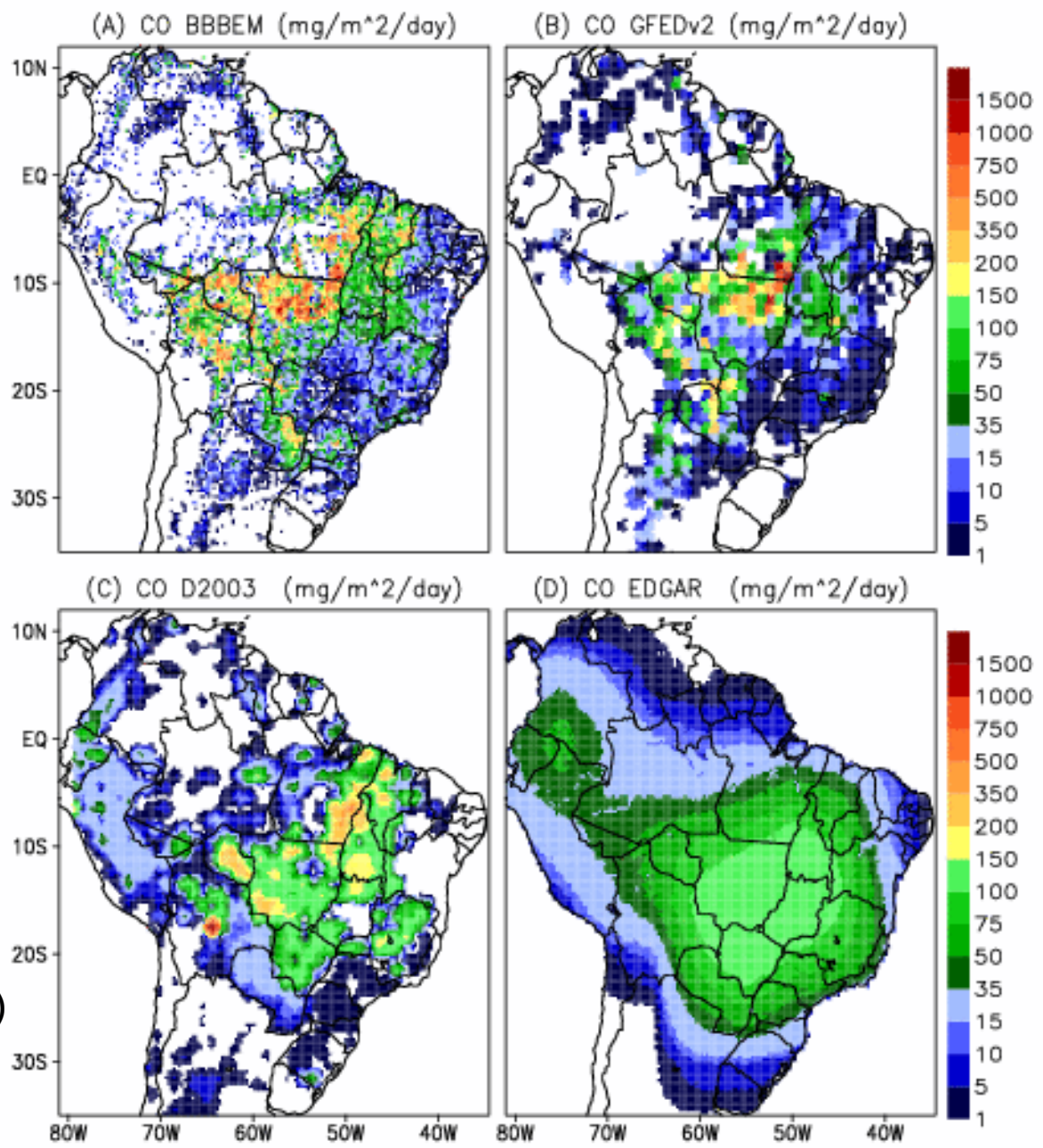
Biomes: TropFor, ExtratropF, Savanna, Pasture, charcoal, waste, lab

CO2	n_butane	n_hexane	Butanols	Heptanones	ethylamine
CO	i-butane	isohexanes	cyclopentanol	Octanones	trimethylamine
CH4	1_pentene	heptane	phenol	Benzaldehyde	n_pentylamine
NHMC	2_pentene	octenes	Formaldehyde	Furan	2_me_1_butylamine
C2H2	n_pentane	terpenes	Acetald	2_Me_Furan	HFo
C2H4	2_Me_Butene	benzene	Hydroxyacetaldehyde	3_Me_Furan	HAC
C2H6	2_Me_butane	toluene	Acrolein	2_ethylfuran	Propanoic
C3H4	pentadienes	xylenes	Propanal	2_4_dime_furan	H2
C3H6	Isoprene	ethylbenzene	Butanals	2_5_Dime_furan	NOx
C3H8	cyclopentene	styrene	Hexanals	Tetrahydrofuran	NOy
1_butene	cyclopentadiene	PAH	Heptanals	2_3_dihydrofuran	EF_N2O
i-butene	4_me_1_pentene	Methanol	Acetone	benzofuran	EF_NH3
tr_2_butene	2_me_1_pentene	Ethanol	2_Butanone	Furfural	EF_HCN
cis_2_butene	1_hexene	1_Propanol	2_3_Butanedione	Me_format	cyanogen
butadiene	hexadienes	2_propanol	Pentanones	Me_Acetate	SO2
			Hexanones	Acetonitrile	DMS
				Acrylonitrile	COS
				Propionitrile	CH3Cl
				pyrrole	CH3Br
				trimethylpyrazole	CH3I
				methylamine	Hg
				dimethylamine	PM25
					TPM
					TC ,OC ,BC



Monthly mean: AUG/SEP/OCT 2002

inter-comparison of bioburn inventories

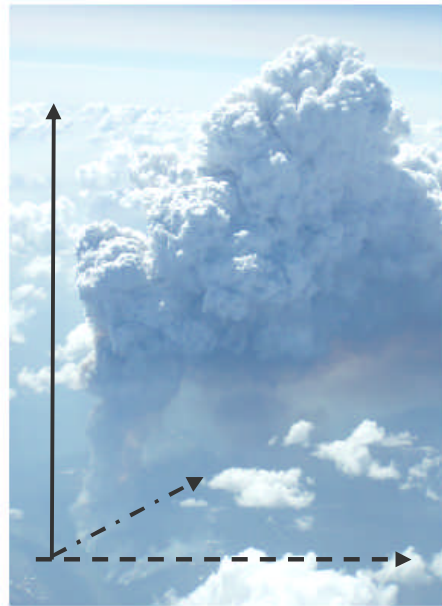


Longo et al., 2009 –
under review (EGU-ACP)

Including emission in the model

Biomass burning
and wildfires

Smoldering : mostly surface emission.
Flaming: mostly direct injection in the PBL,
free troposphere or stratosphere.

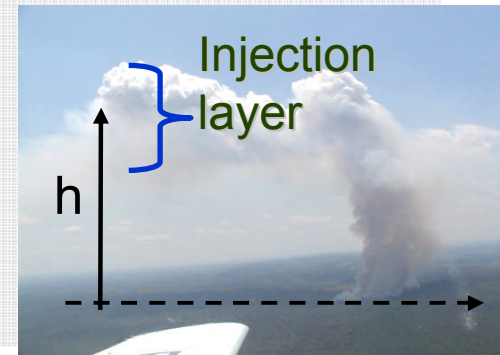


Plume rise model

total emission flux: F_η being λ the smoldering fraction

$$\text{smoldering term : } E_\eta = \frac{\lambda F_\eta}{\rho_{air} \Delta z_{\text{first phys. model layer}}}$$

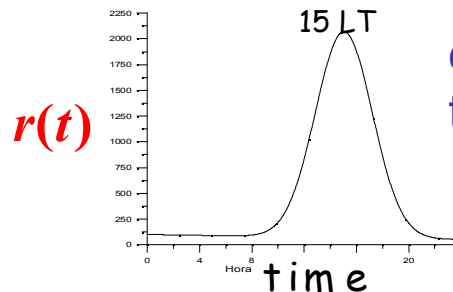
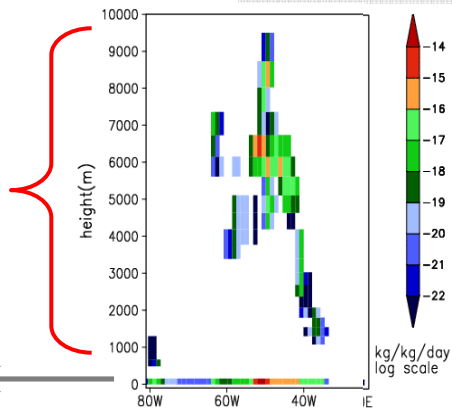
$$\text{flaming term : } E_\eta = \frac{(1 - \lambda) F_\eta}{\rho_{air} \Delta z_{\text{injection layer}}}$$



Example in
the model:

flaming
emission

smoldering
emission



diurnal cycle of
the burning:

$$E_\eta(t) = r(t) E_\eta$$



The 1D cloud model: governing equations (original formulation from the PLUMP model)

dynamics for
W

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = \gamma g B - \frac{2\alpha}{R} w^2$$

thermo-
dynamics

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = -w \frac{g}{c_p} - \frac{2\alpha}{R} |w| (T - T_e) + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right)_{micro-physcis}$$

water vapor
conservation

$$\frac{\partial r_v}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial r_v}{\partial z} = -\frac{2\alpha}{R} |w| (r_v - r_{ve}) + \left(\frac{\partial r_v}{\partial t} \right)_{micro-physcis}$$

cloud water
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$$\frac{\partial r_c}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial r_c}{\partial z} = -\frac{2\alpha}{R} |w| r_c + \left(\frac{\partial r_c}{\partial t} \right)_{micro-physcis}$$

rain/ice
Conservation

$$\frac{\partial r_{ice,rain}}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial r_{ice,rain}}{\partial z} = -\frac{2\alpha}{R} |w| r_{ice,rain} + \left(\frac{\partial r_{ice,rain}}{\partial t} \right)_{micro-physcis} + \text{sedim}$$

*only lateral
(non-organized)*

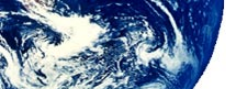
entrainment

$$L_{entr} = \frac{2\alpha}{R} |w|$$

bulk
microphysics

$$\left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} \right)_{micro-physcis} (\xi = T, r_v, r_c, r_{rain}, r_{ice}), \text{ sedim} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{bulk microphysics:} \\ \text{Kessler, 1969; Berry, 1967} \\ \text{Ogura \& Takahashi, 1971} \end{array} \right.$$

Latham, 1994; Freitas et al., 2006, 2007



Including plume rise mechanism through "super-parameterization" concept



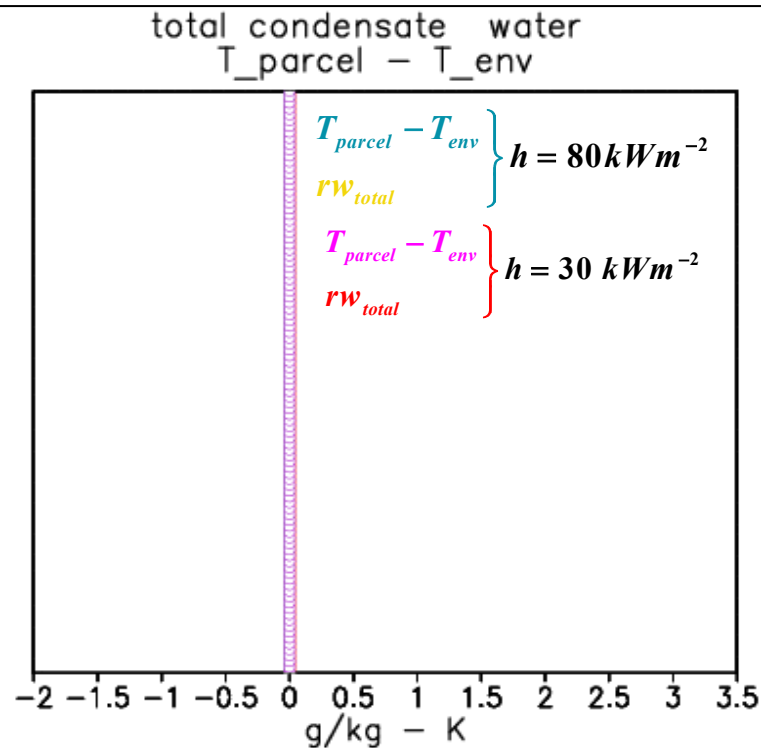
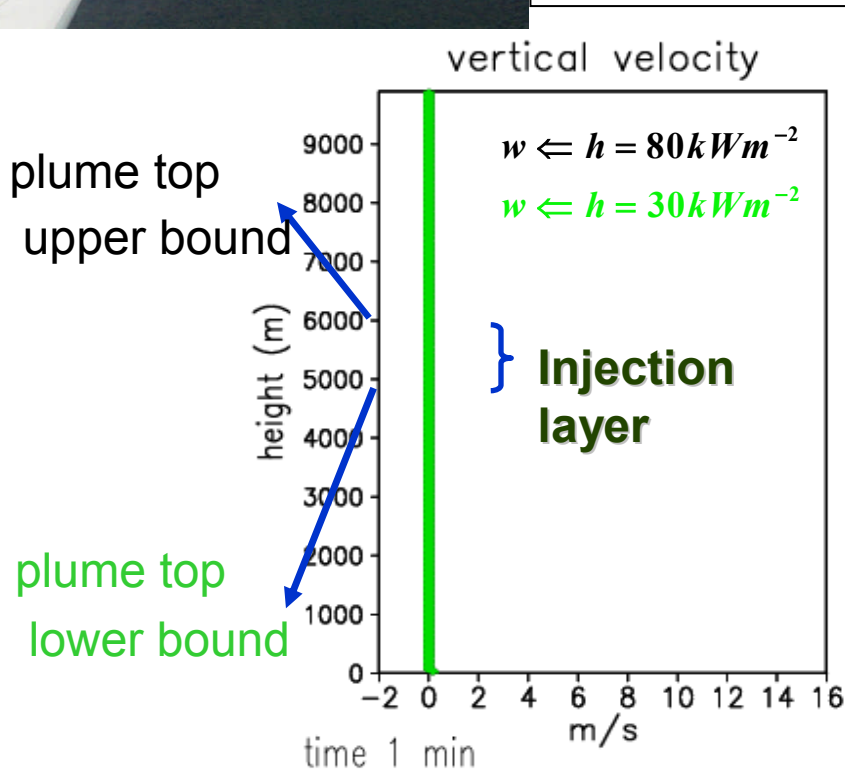
1D plume-rise model for vegetation fires

Biome: Forest

Time duration: 50 mn

Fire size: 20 ha

Heat flux: 80 kWm^{-2} / 30 kWm^{-2}





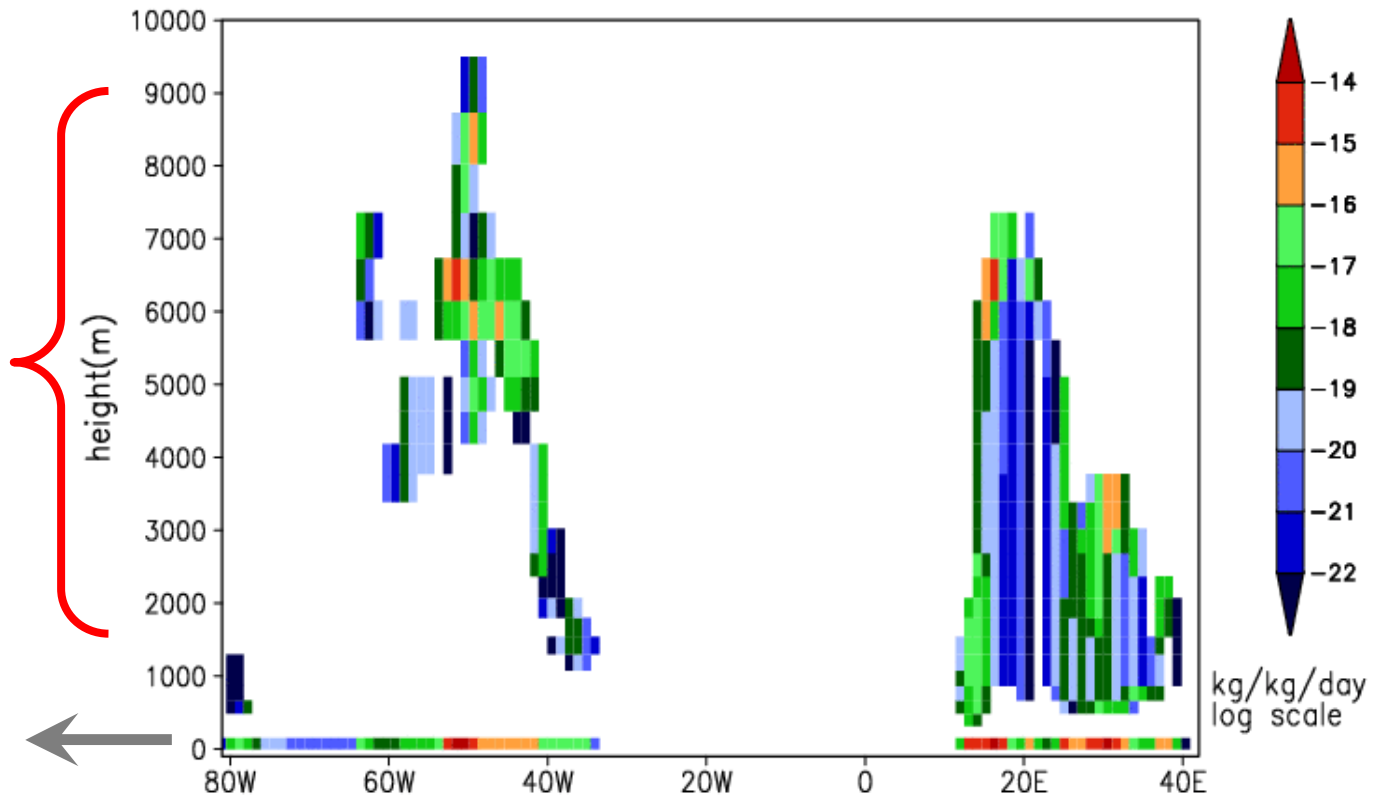
Example of CO source emission field with the plume-rise for vegetation fires at the CATT-BRAMS host model



Plume-rise model for biomass burning
CO source emission for 18Z02SEP2002 at Lat 6.3S

**flaming
emission**

**smoldering
emission**

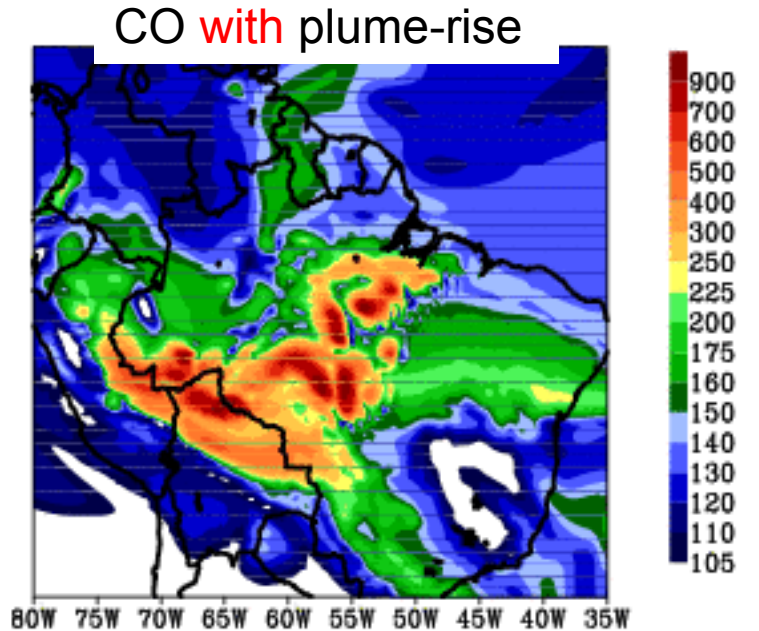
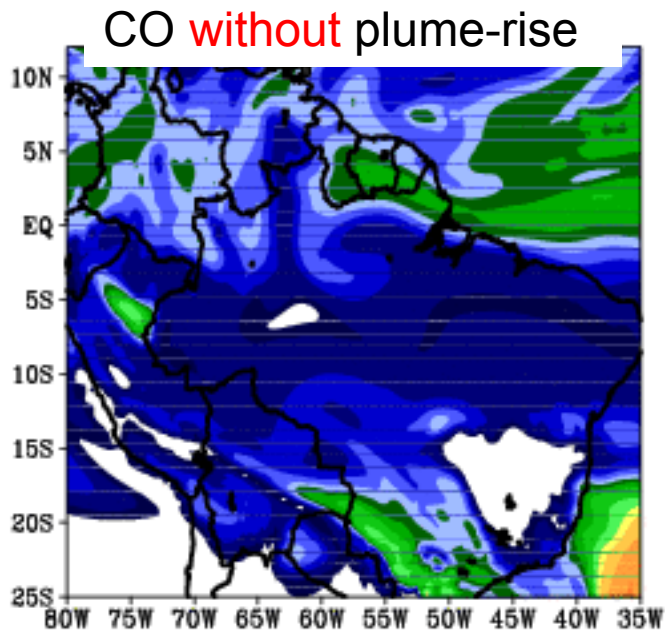
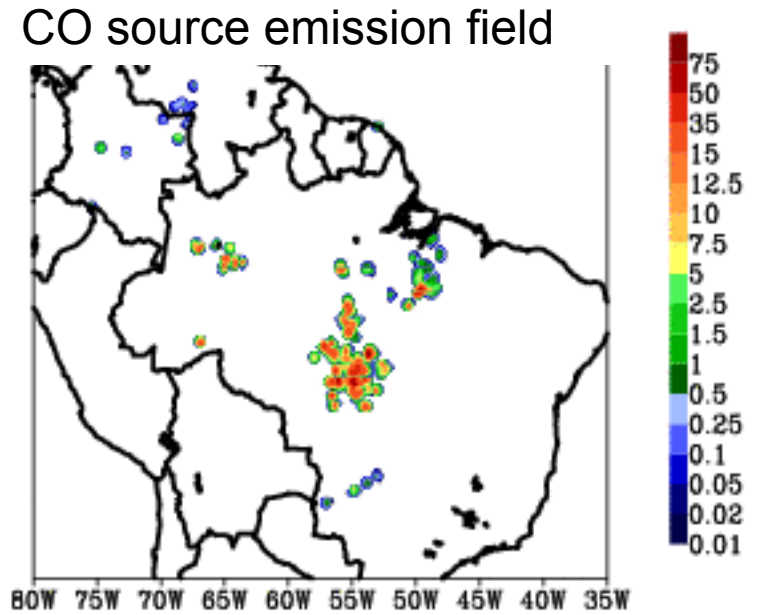
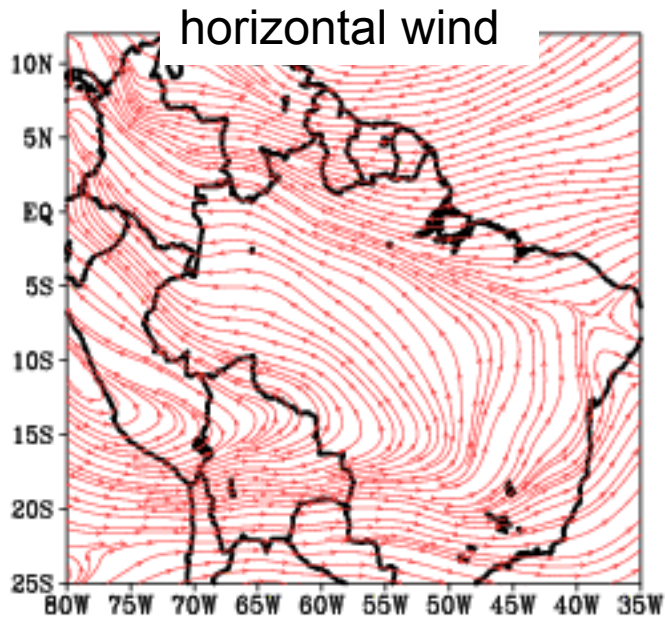


**South America
mostly forest fires**

**Africa
mostly savanna fires**

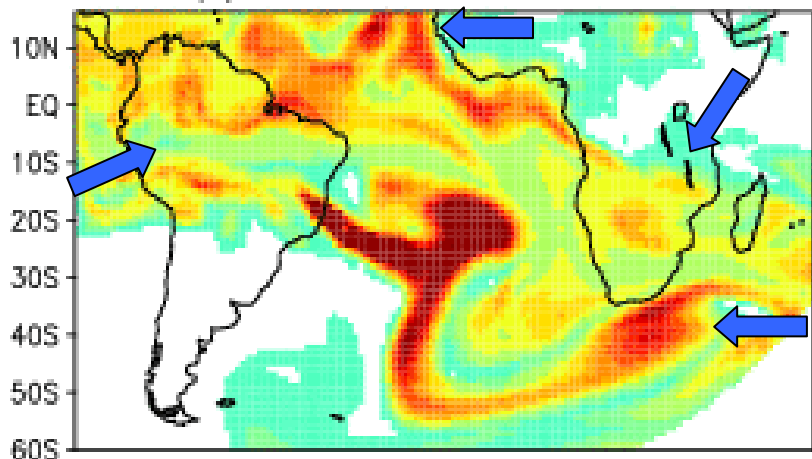
Example of CO with and without plume-rise at level 5.8 km:

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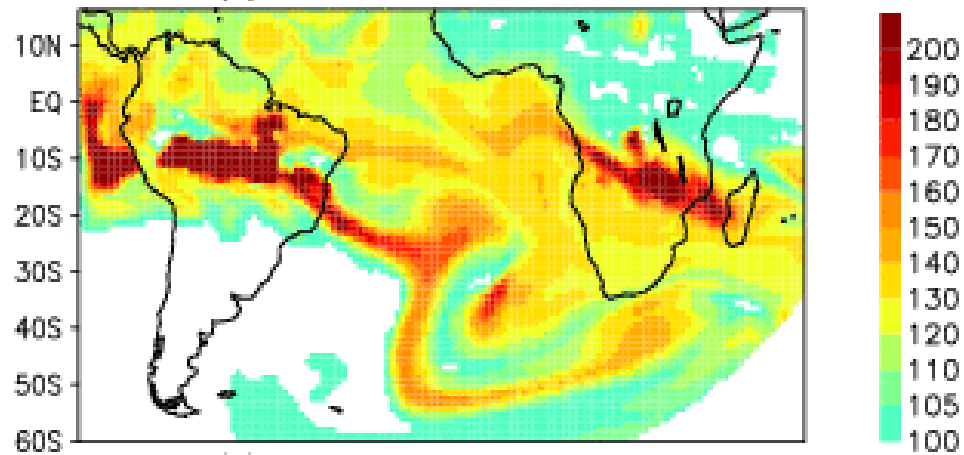


CATT-BRAMS comparison with AIRS 500 hPa CO

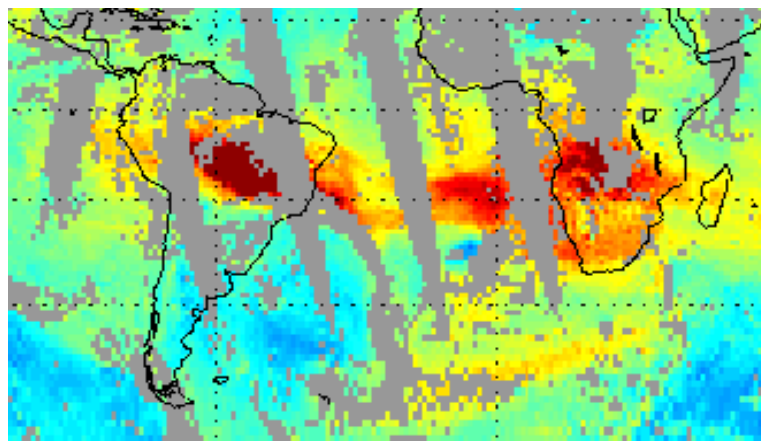
Model CO (ppb) at ~5.8 km
without plume rise



with plume rise

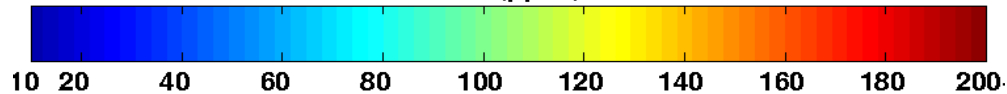


22 SEP 2002



CO (ppb) from
AIRS at 500 hPa

20020922: CO (ppbv) at 500 mb



McMillan et al., GRL 2005.

1. Atmospheric InfraRed Sounder (AIRS) onboard NASA's Aqua satellite.
2. CO abundances are retrieved from AIRS 4.55 μm spectral region.

Smoke plume rise under calm environment

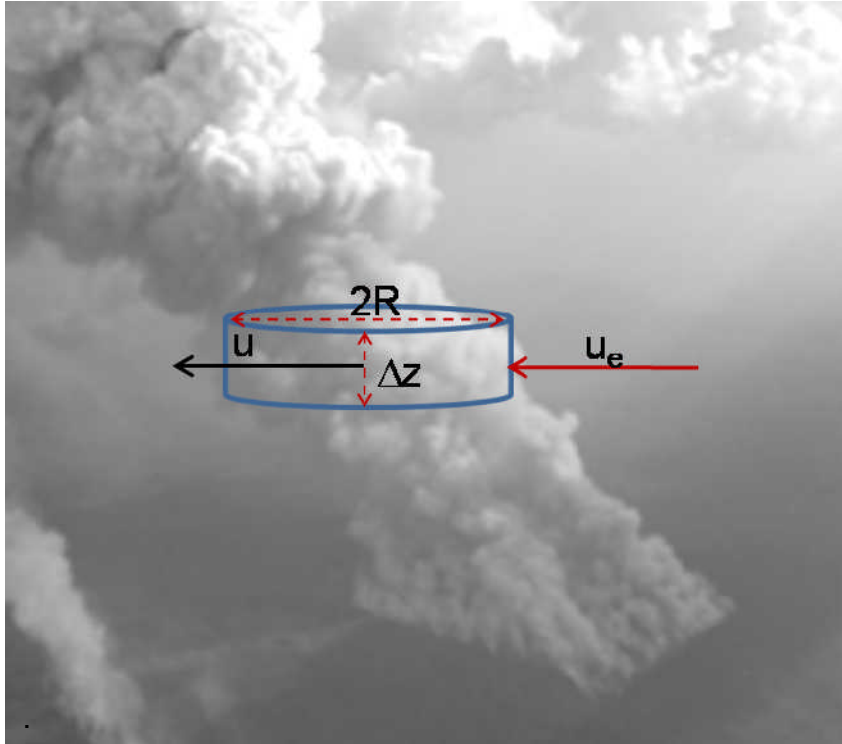


Smoke plume rise under windy environment



Pictures taken by M. Welling.

The dynamic entrainment rate formulation



Consider a cylindrical volume of radius R and depth Δz , the in-cloud horizontal mass flux is:

$$f_h = \rho_{env} (u_e - u)$$

The mass gained by cloud in Δt is:

$$\Delta m = f_h (2R\Delta z)\Delta t = \rho_{env} (u_e - u)(2R\Delta z)\Delta t$$

The definition of the mass entrainment rate is

$$\delta_{entr} = \frac{1}{m} \frac{\Delta m}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{\pi R^2 \Delta z \rho_{cloud}} \frac{\rho_{env} (u_e - u)(2R\Delta z)\Delta t}{\Delta t}$$

Assuming that $\rho_{cloud} \cong \rho_{env}$

\therefore

$$\delta_{entr} \cong \frac{2}{\pi R} (u_e - u)$$

List of symbols:

ρ_{env}, ρ_{cloud} : environment air, cloud mass densities

u_e, u : environment air and cloud horizontal wind velocities

R : cloud radius at height z



The 1D cloud model: governing equations (original formulation from the PLUMP model)

dynamics for
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thermo-
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Latham, 1994; Freitas et al., 2006, 2007



The 1D cloud model: including the environmental wind effect on cloud scale dilution- governing equations

dynamics for
W
dynamics for
U
thermo-
dynamics

water vapor
conservation

cloud water
conservation

rain/ice
conservation

equation for
radius size

bulk
microphysics

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = \gamma g B - \frac{2\alpha}{R} w^2 - \delta_{entr} w$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{2\alpha}{R} |w| (u - u_e) - \delta_{entr} (u - u_e)$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = -w \frac{g}{c_p} - \frac{2\alpha}{R} |w| (T - T_e) + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right)_{micro-phys} - \delta_{entr} (T - T_e)$$

$$\frac{\partial r_v}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial r_v}{\partial z} = -\frac{2\alpha}{R} |w| (r_v - r_{ve}) + \left(\frac{\partial r_v}{\partial t} \right)_{micro-phys} - \delta_{entr} (r_v - r_{ve})$$

$$\frac{\partial r_c}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial r_c}{\partial z} = -\frac{2\alpha}{R} |w| r_c + \left(\frac{\partial r_c}{\partial t} \right)_{micro-phys} - \delta_{entr} r_c$$

$$\frac{\partial r_{ice,rain}}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial r_{ice,rain}}{\partial z} = -\frac{2\alpha}{R} |w| r_{ice,rain} + \left(\frac{\partial r_{ice,rain}}{\partial t} \right)_{micro-phys} + \text{sedim} - \delta_{entr} r_{ice,rain}$$

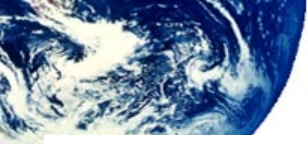
$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial t} + w \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} = +\frac{6\alpha}{5R} |w| R + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{entr} R$$

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dynamic entrainment

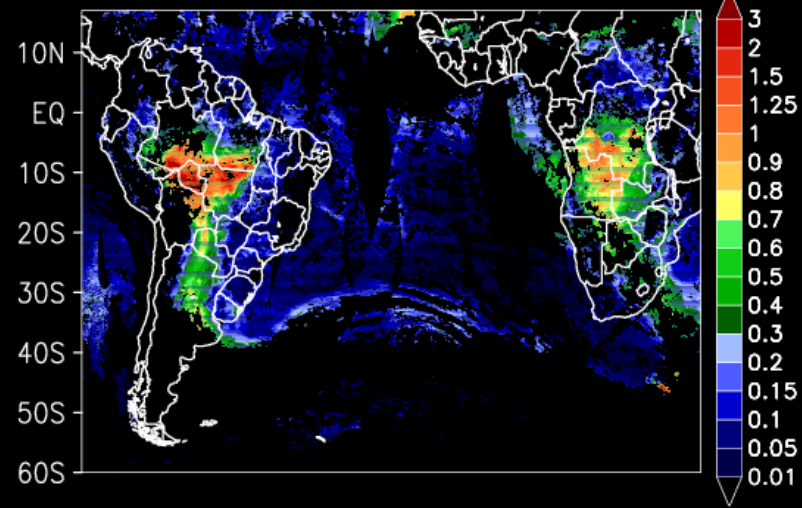
$$\delta_{entr} = \frac{2}{\pi R} |u_e - u|$$

See Freitas et al. (2009 ACPD) for 1d cloud model comparisons with fully 3D ATHAM simulations

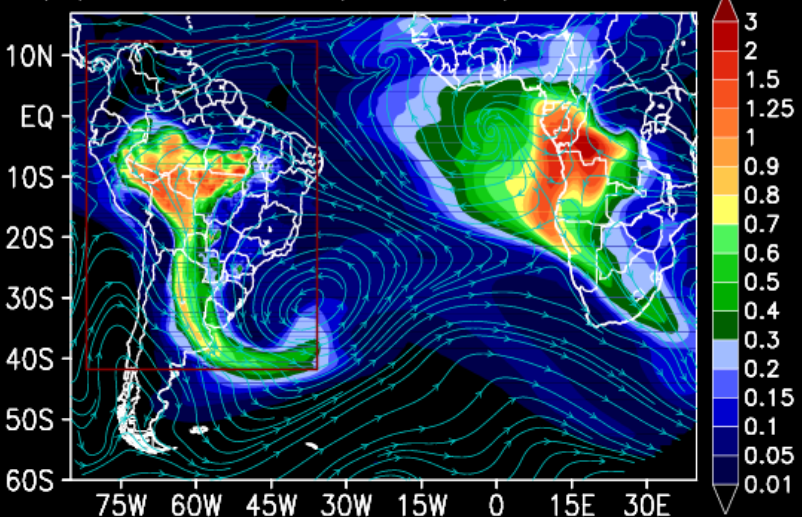


Aerosol Optical Depth (550 nm) : MODIS x MODEL

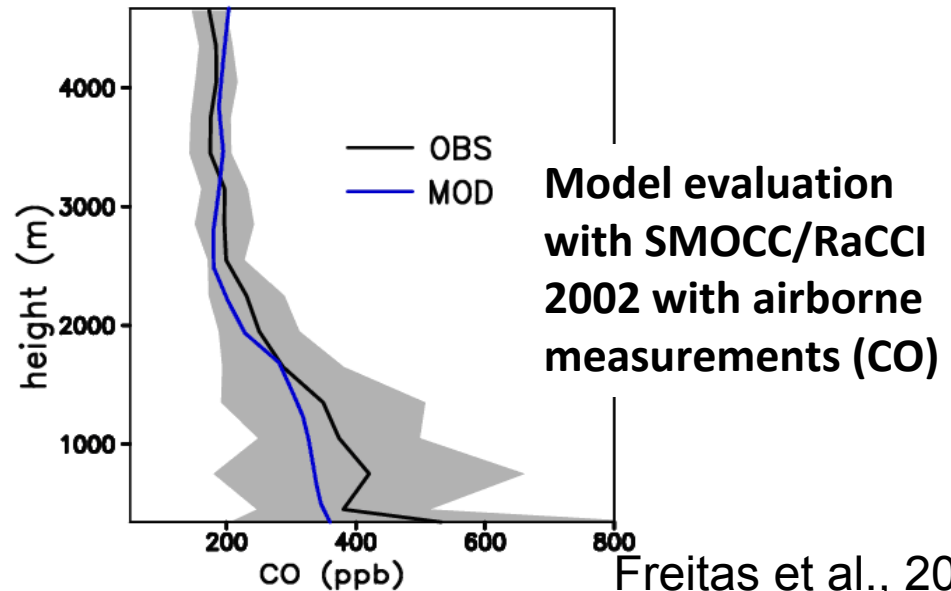
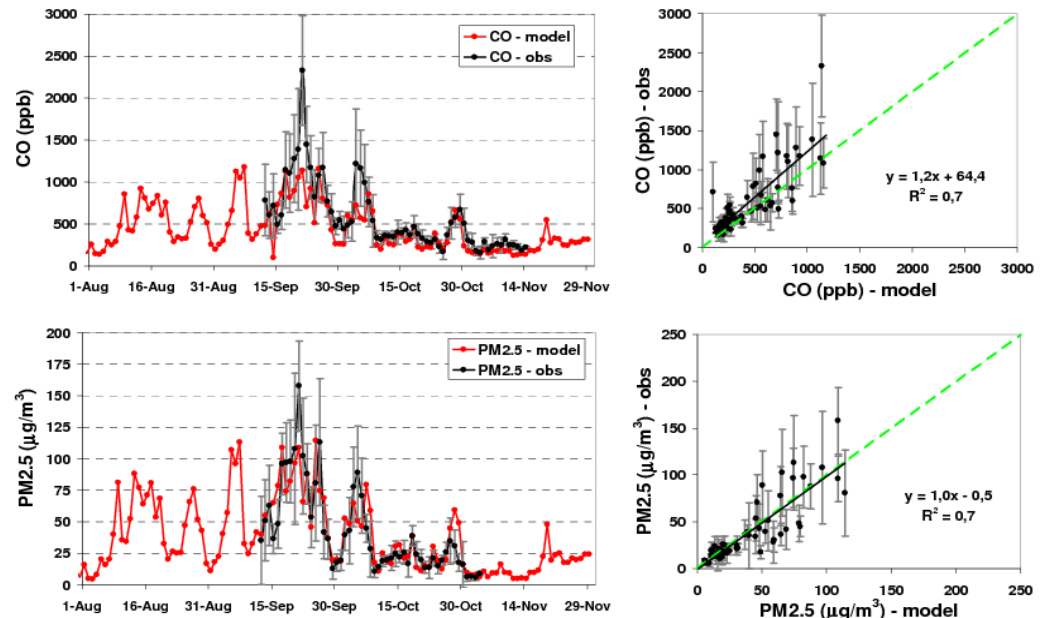
(A) MODIS AOT(550 nm) 27082002



(B) MODEL AOT(550 nm) 27082002



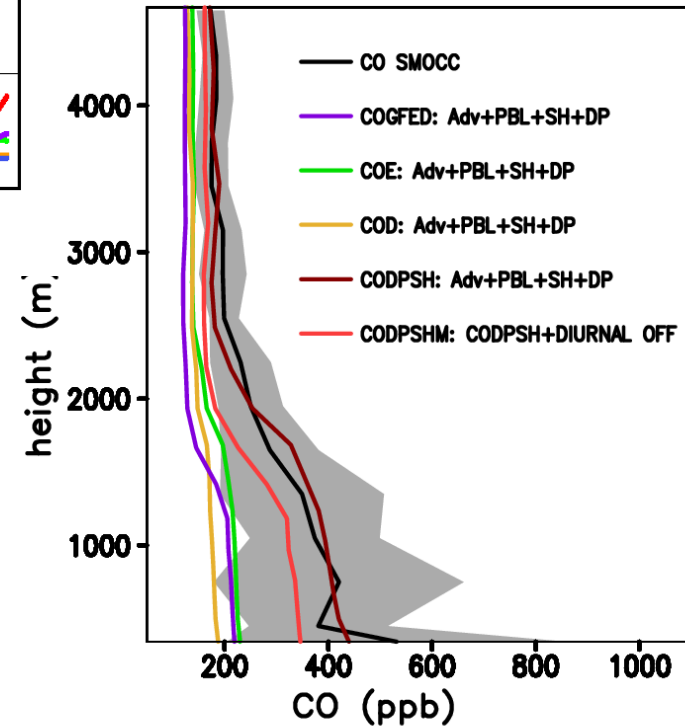
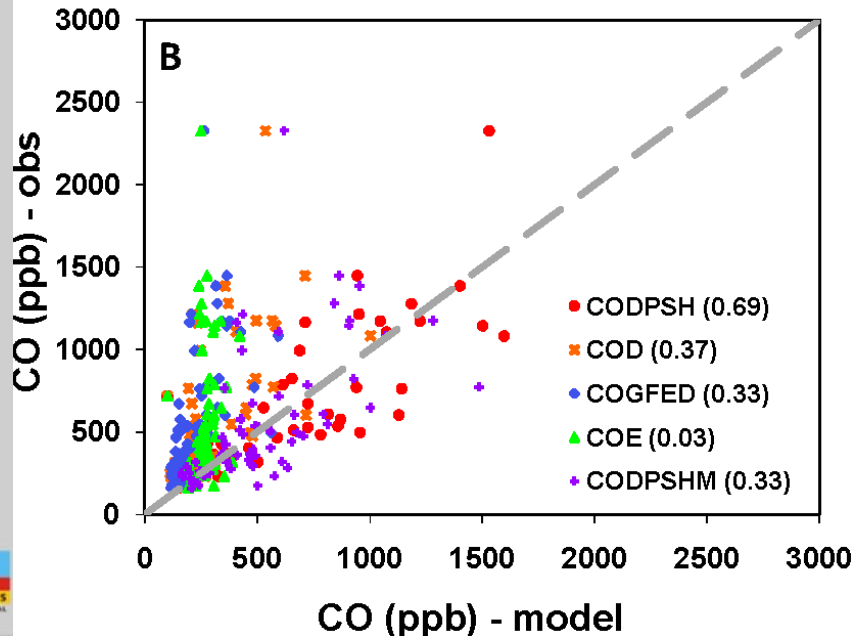
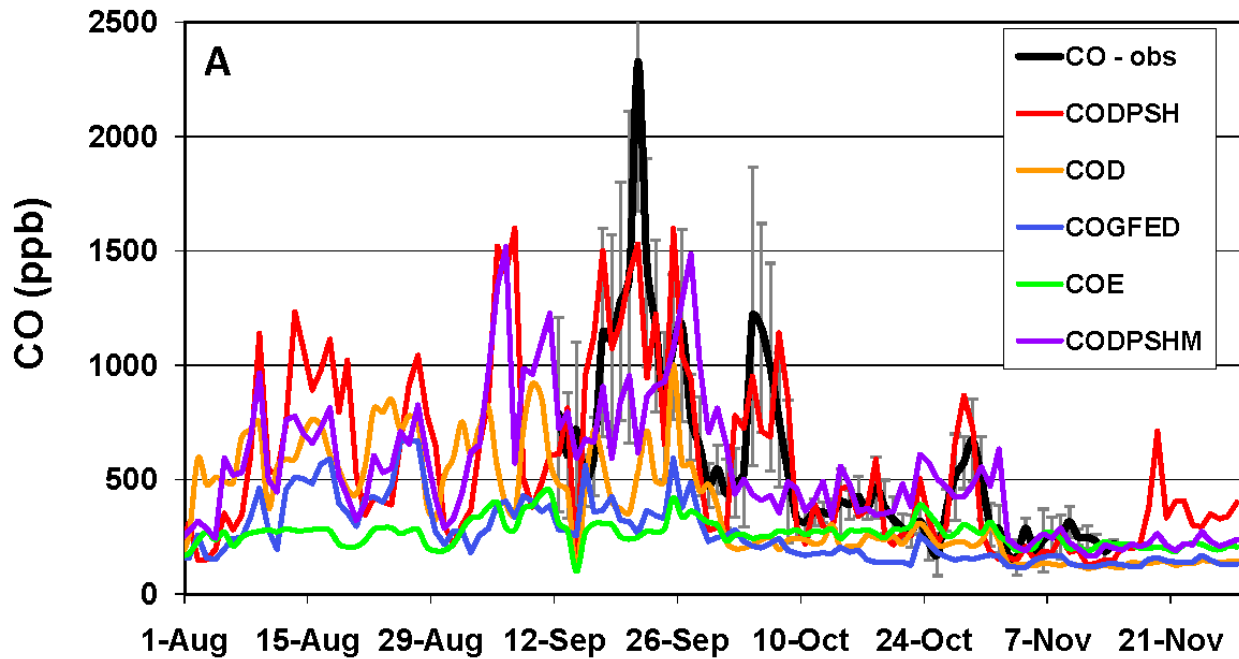
Model evaluation with SMOCC/RaCCI 2002 using near surface measurements (CO and PM2.5)



Model evaluation
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2002 with airborne
measurements (CO)



Effect of time resolution of the inventory



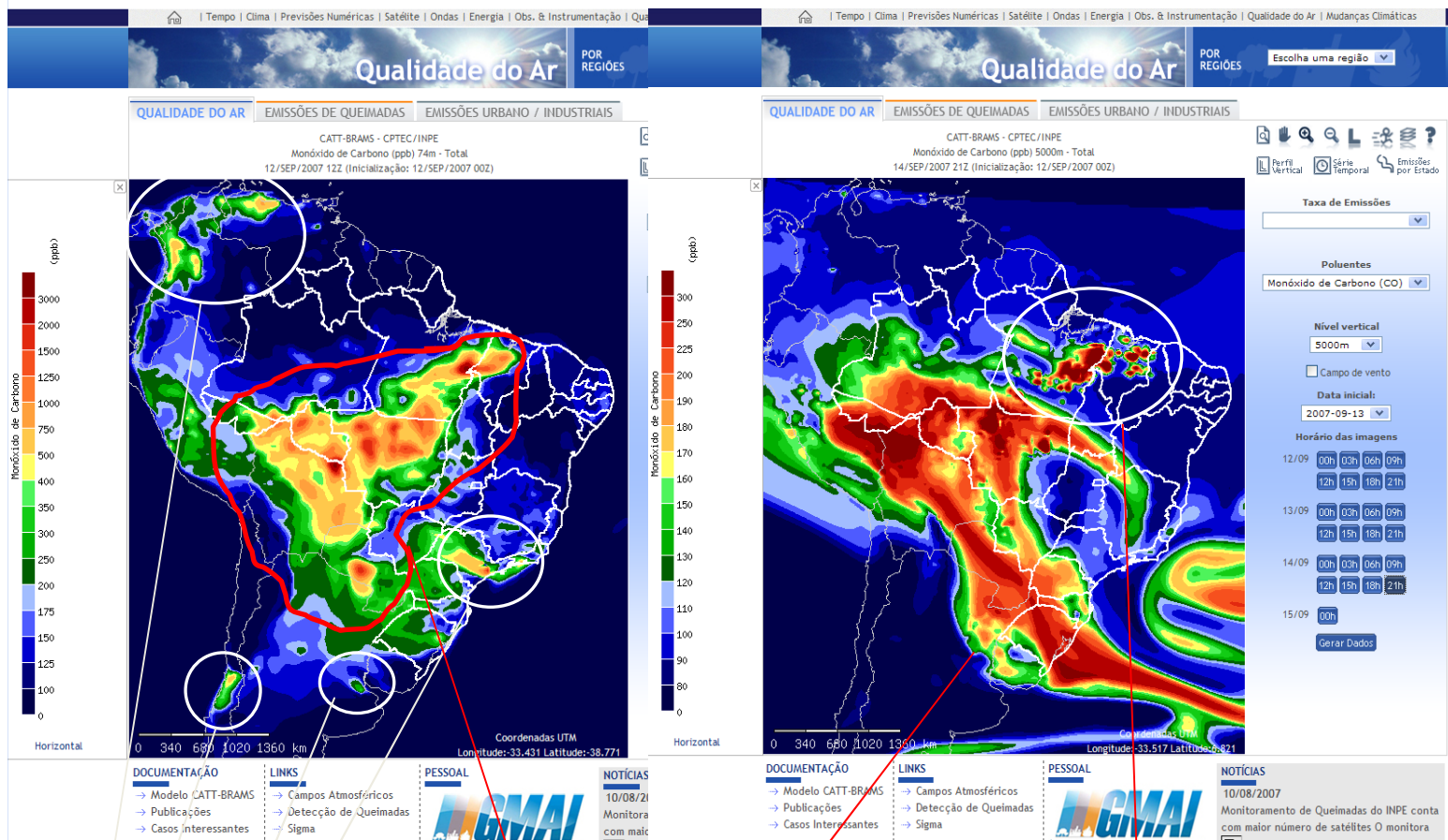
Longo et al., 2009
(under review)

Air Quality forecast for South America:

<http://meioambiente.cptec.inpe.br>

Surface level CO (ppb)
12Z12SEP2007

500 hPa CO (ppb)



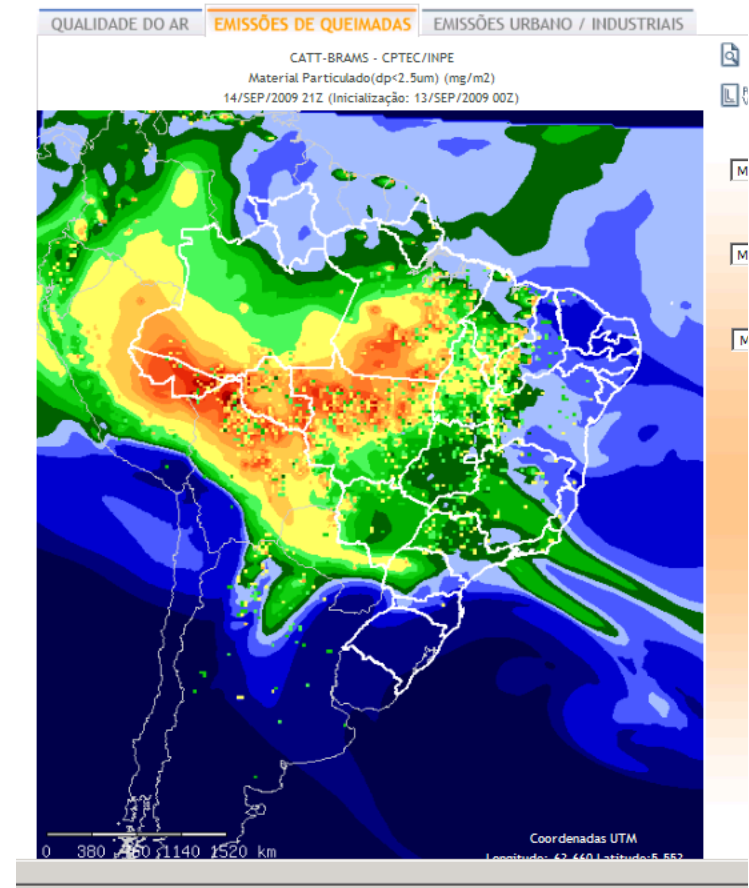
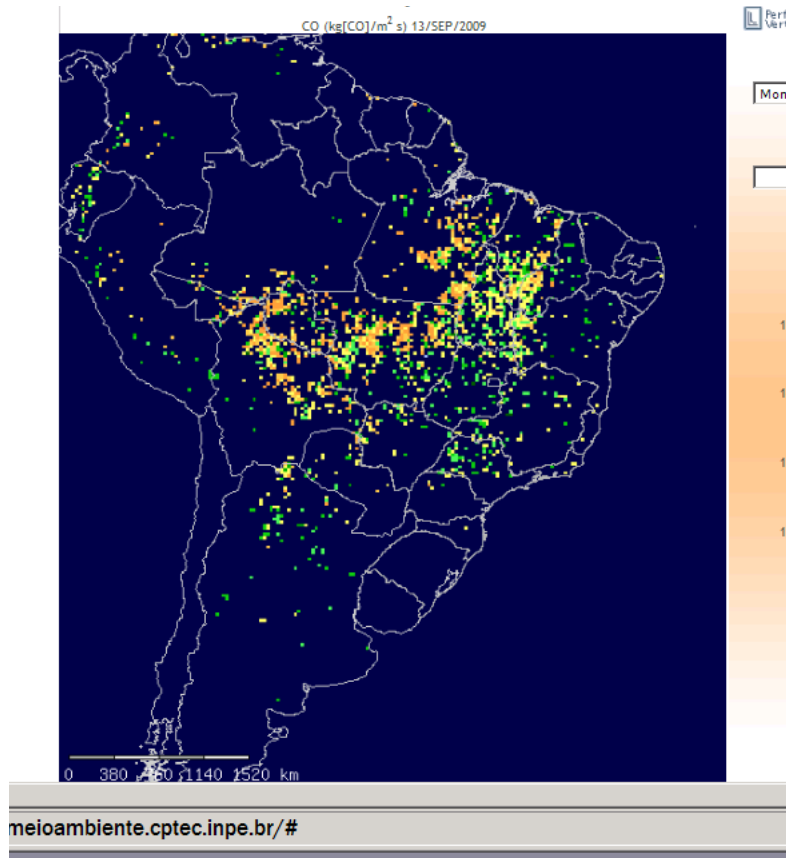
Mega Cities pollution

Biomass burning
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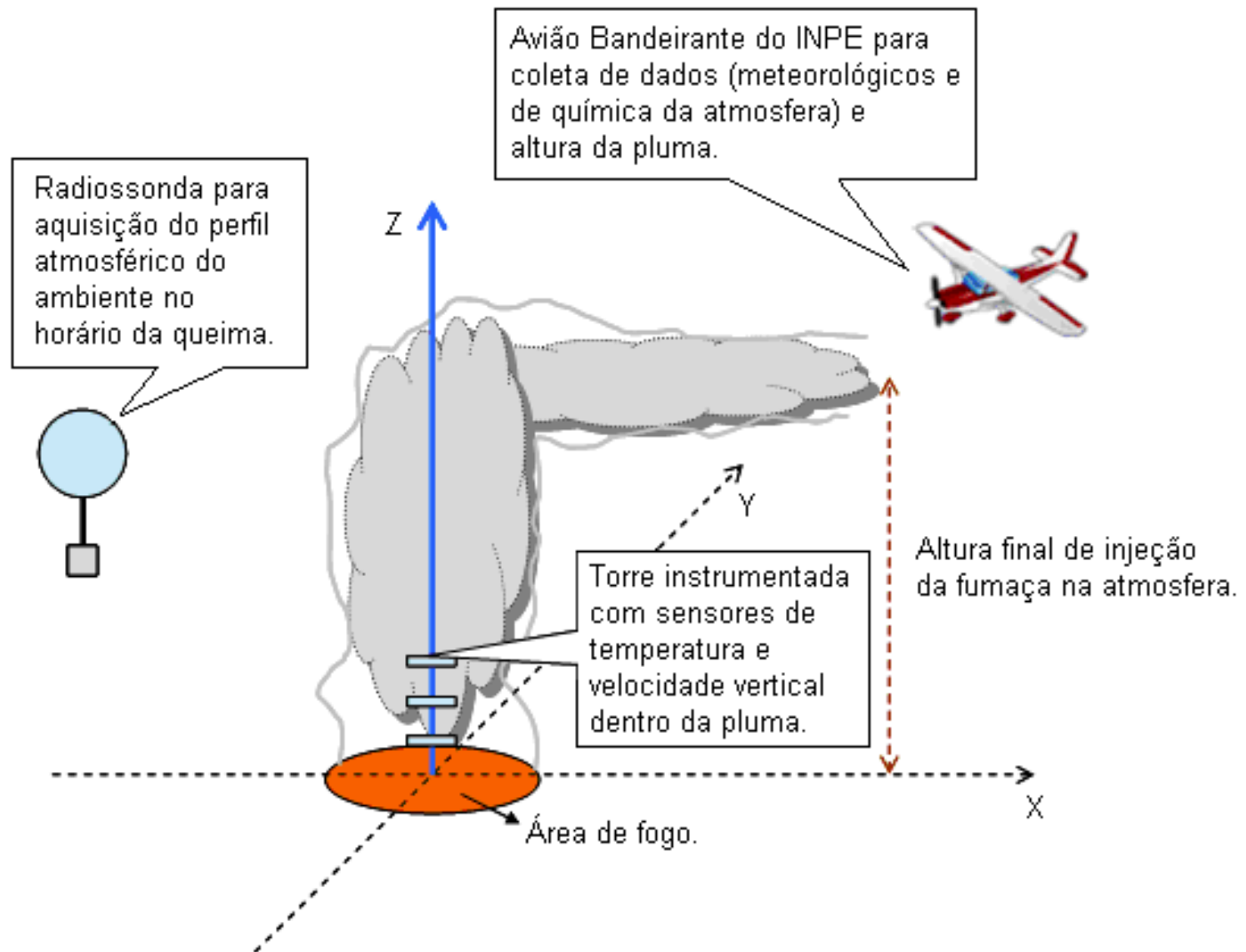
new fresh plume
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Field campaign to evaluate plume model: prescribed fire in Alta Floresta (aug – 2010)



The lower boundary condition

Morton, Taylor & Turner (1956):

'Turbulent grav. convection from maintained and instantaneous sources'

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
 F = \frac{gR_e E}{\pi c_p P_e} A & \text{buoyancy flux} \\
 R = \frac{6\alpha}{5} z & \text{plume radius} \\
 w(z_v) = \frac{5}{6\alpha} \left(\frac{0.9\alpha F}{z_v} \right)^{1/3} & \text{boundary condition for } w \\
 \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_e} = \frac{5}{6\alpha} \frac{F}{g} \frac{z_v^{-5/3}}{(0.9\alpha F)^{1/3}} & \text{density correction} \\
 T(z_v) = \frac{T_e(z_v)}{1 - \frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_e}} & \text{boundary condition for } T
 \end{array} \right.$$

where: $\alpha = 0.2$ entrainment coefficient,
 $z_v = 0.9\alpha^{-1} R_{surf}$ virtual boundary height

the closure

$A \equiv$ plume area \approx instantaneous fire size

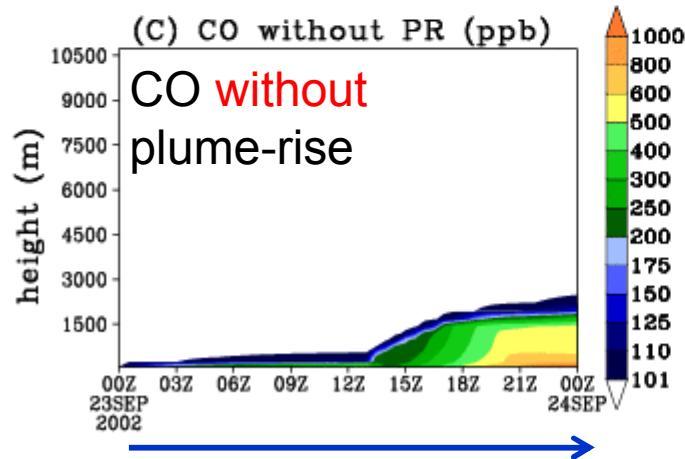
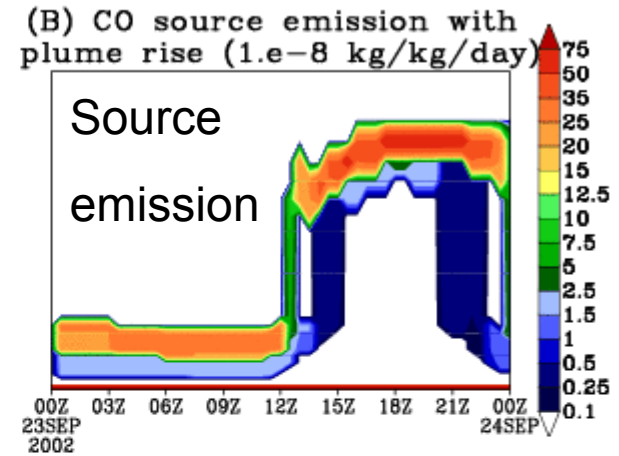
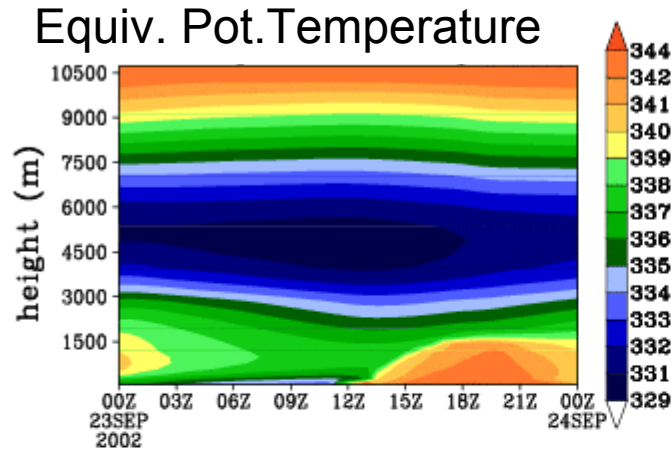
$E \equiv$ convective energy from fire (Wm^{-2})

$E \cong 0.4 - 0.8 E_{flux}$ (McCarter & Broido, 1965)

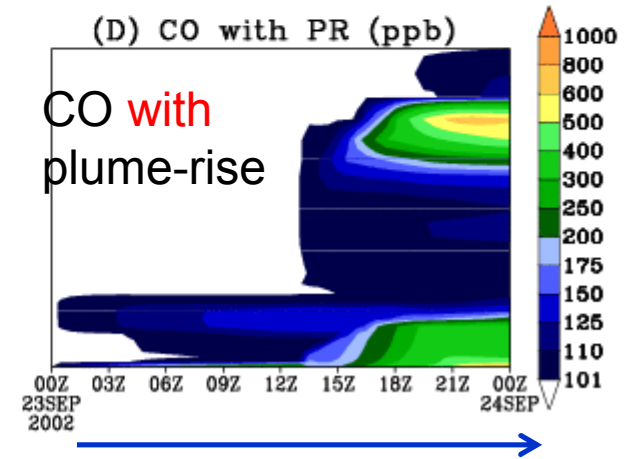
$$E_{flux} \text{ (heat flux)} = \frac{h\beta c}{\Delta t} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 h = 1.5 \text{ to } 2.1 \cdot 10^7 \text{ joules kg}^{-1} \\
 \beta c = \text{fuel load / combustion factor} \\
 \Delta t = \text{flaming phase duration}
 \end{array} \right.$$

W_{flux} (water flux) = $0.5\beta c$

Example of the diurnal cycle of CO source emission field



00Z time 24Z



00Z time 24Z

Plume-rise of vegetation fires: typical energy fluxes (kWm^{-2})

Biome type	Lower bound kWm^{-2}	Upper bound kWm^{-2}	Flaming consumption
Tropical forest	30.	80.	45%
Woody savanna - cerrado	4.4	23.	75%
Pasture - grassland cropland	3.3		97%

Refs: Carvalho et al, 1995-2001-2005 (com. pessoal);

Riggan et al, 2004;

Ward et al, 2002;

Ferguson et al, 1998;

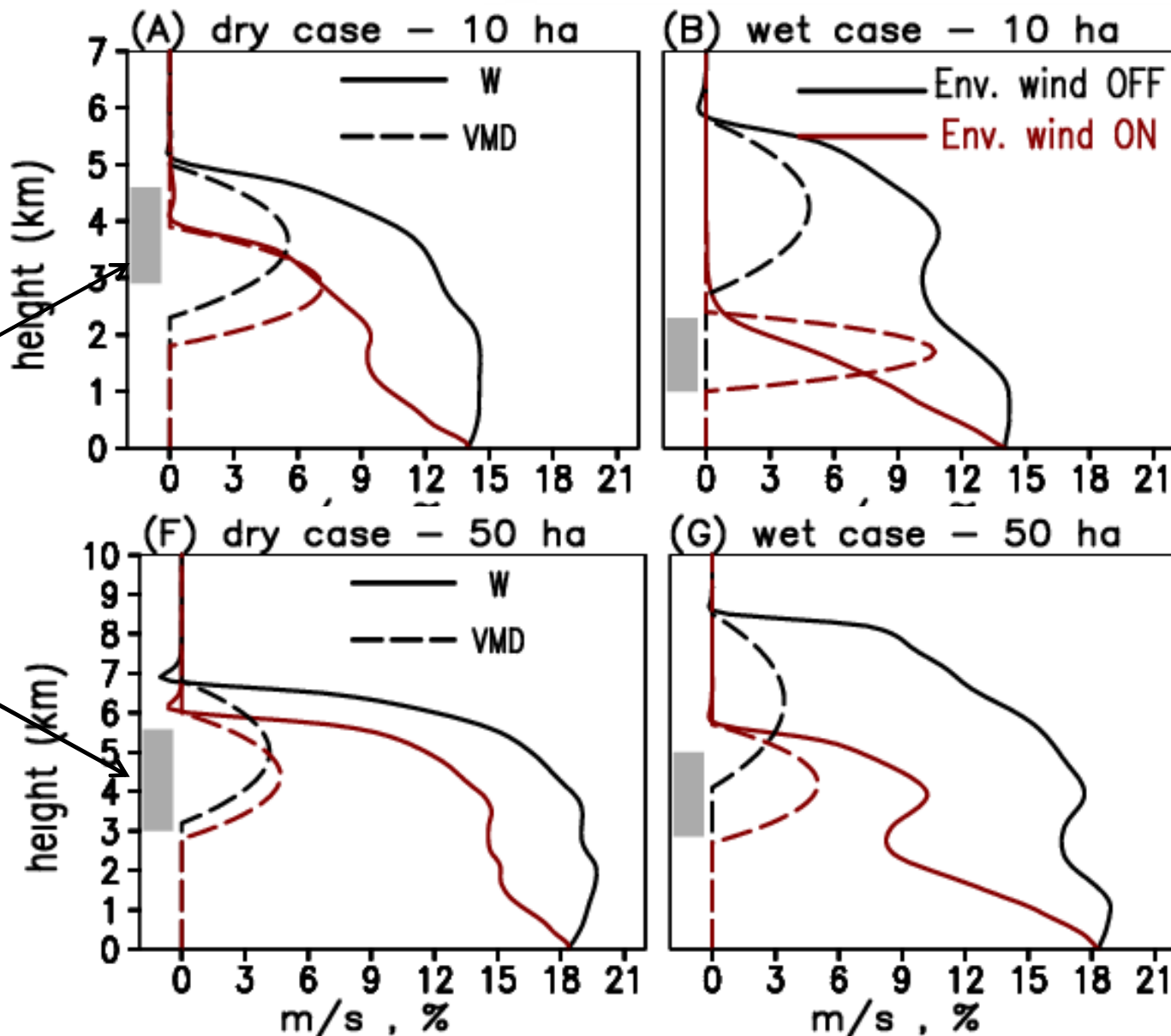
Cochrane et al; 200X-com. pessoal;

Miranda et al, 1993.

Directions to improve

- 1) Plume model needs the initial plume size (or fire size) and convective energy

Size of fire : 10 ha (dry/calm and wet/windy cases)



Main injection layer simulated by the ATHAM model

