

# Global and Regional Modeling

*Celebrating*

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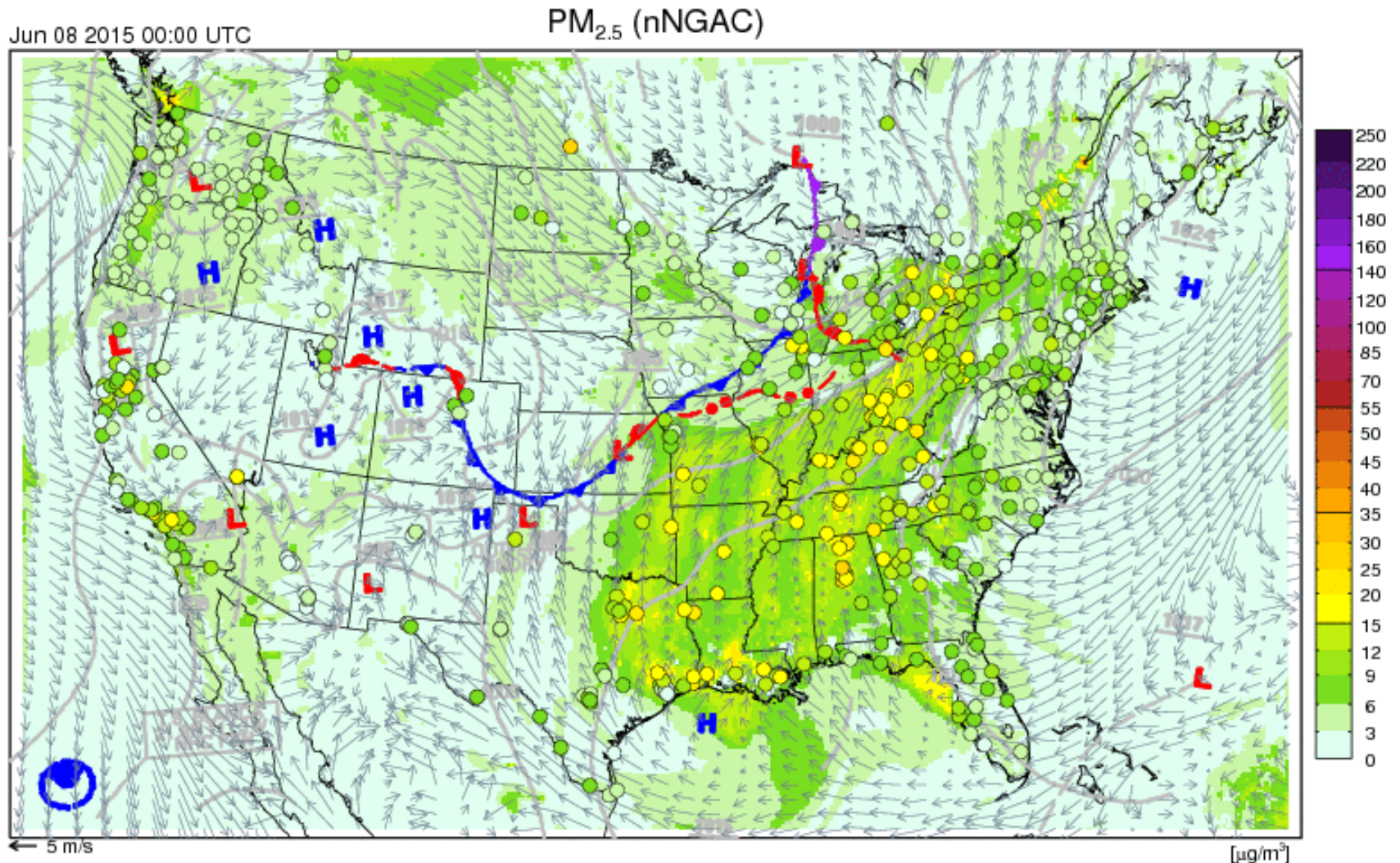
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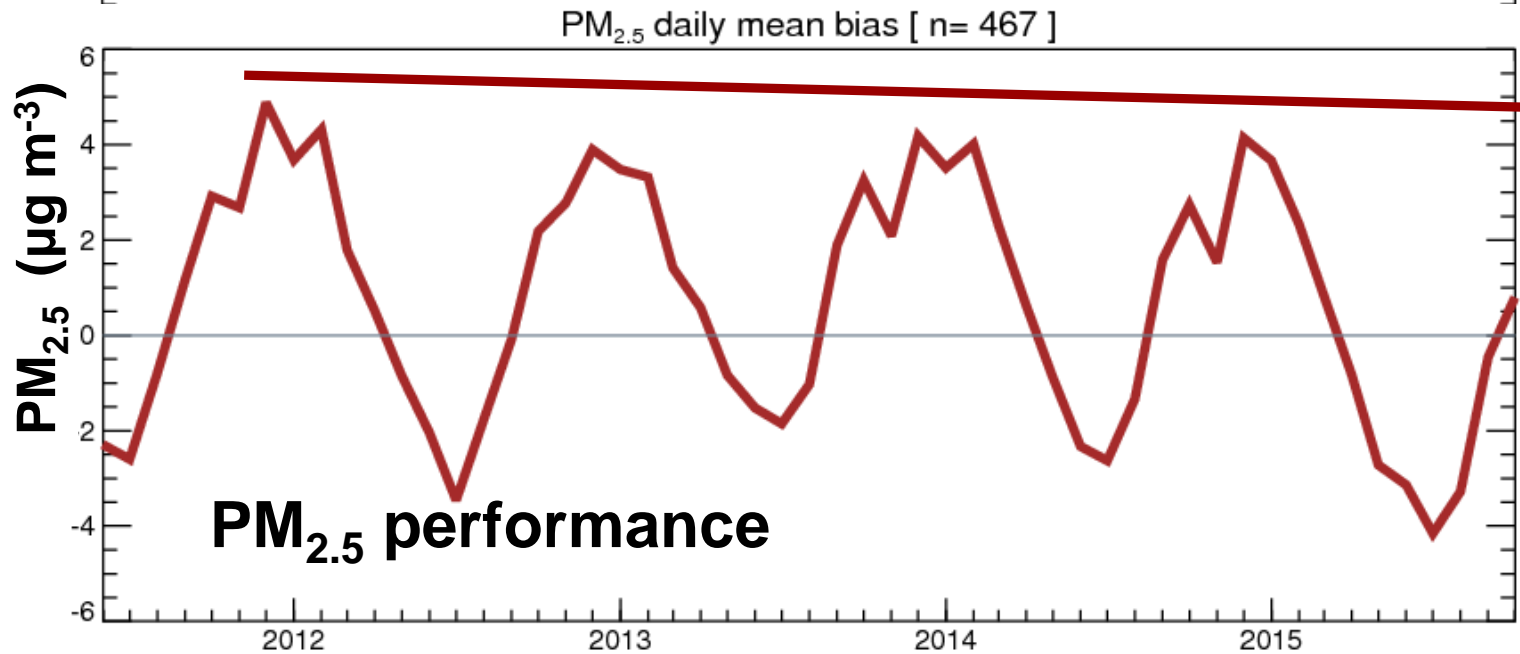
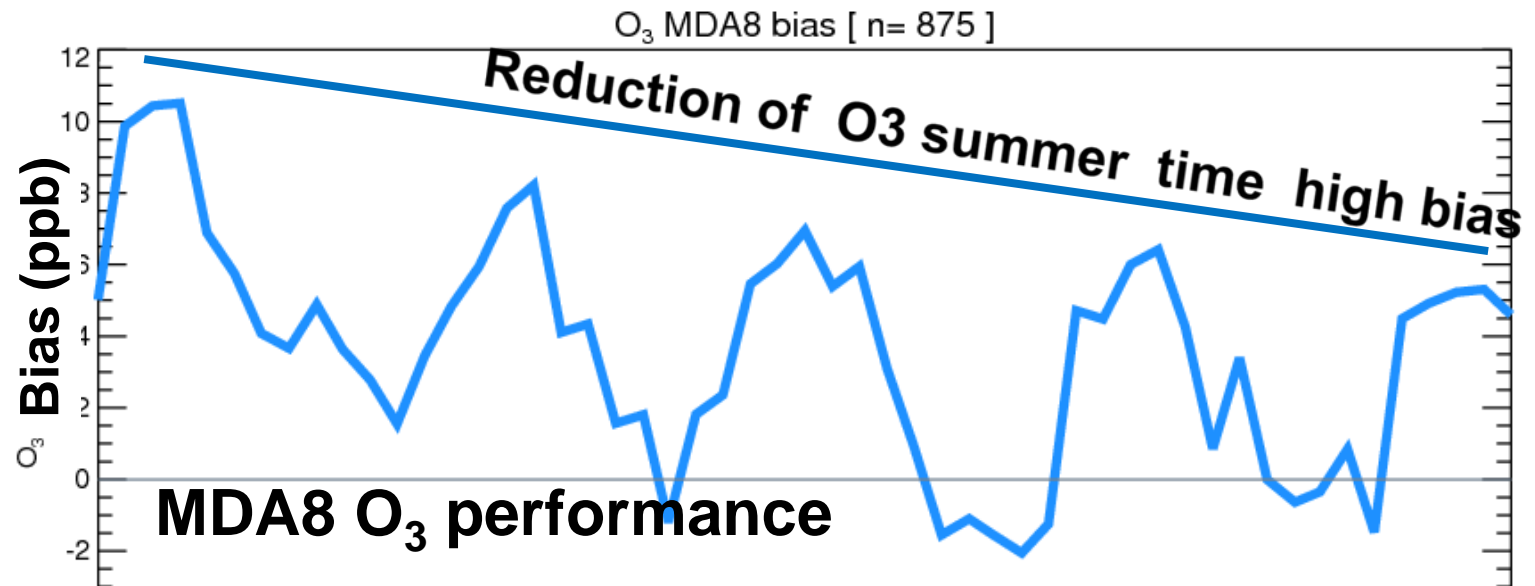
**Air Quality  
Awareness Week**

*Show How You Care  
About the Air*

# Leverage NAQFC daily understanding of the big picture and meteorology



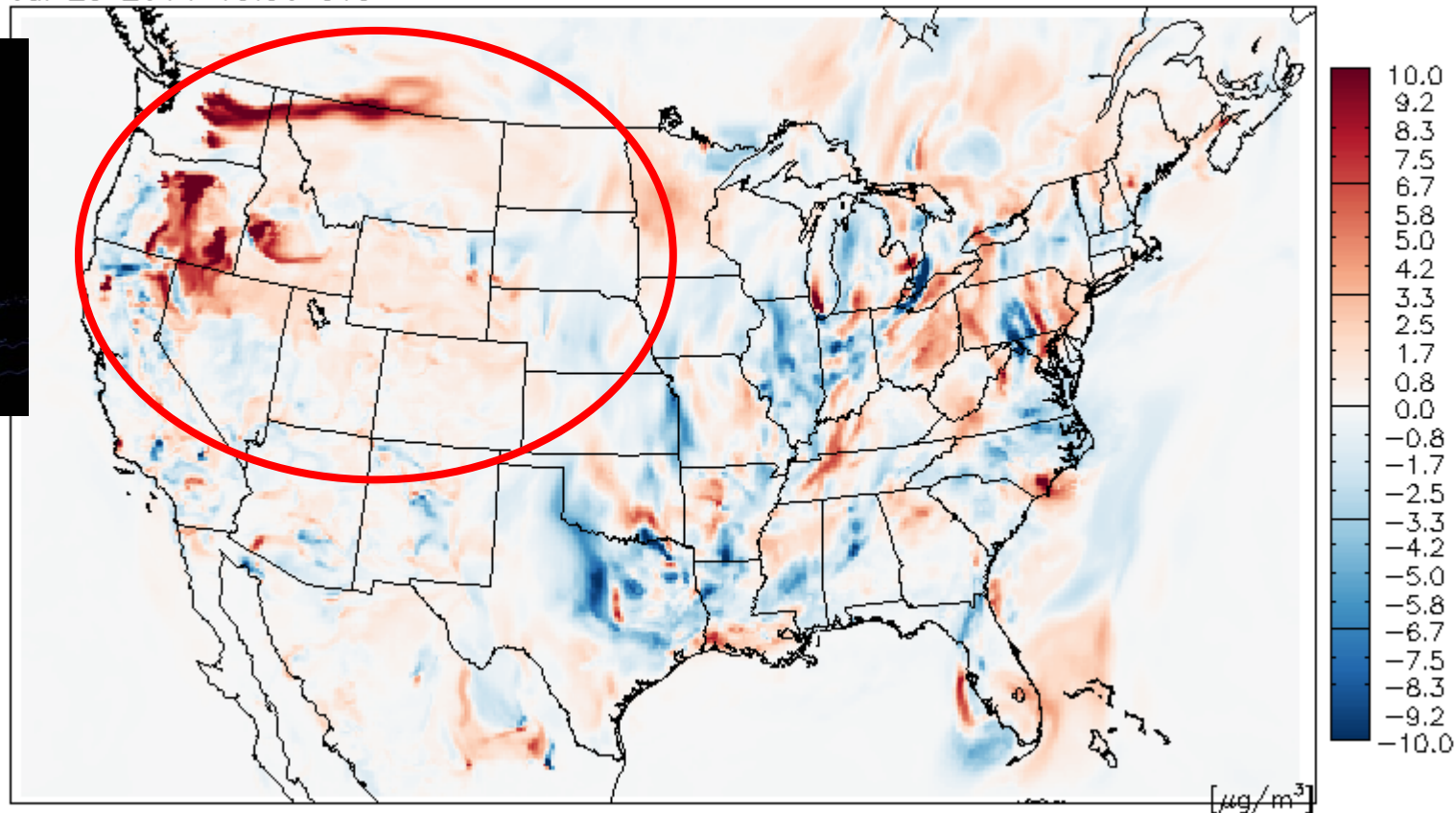
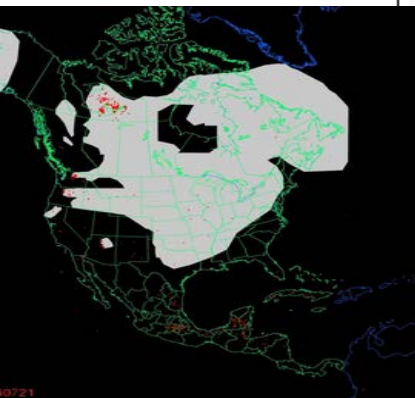
# Leverage NAQFC long term record and day-by-day understanding



# Impact of forest fires in testing of PM2.5 predictions

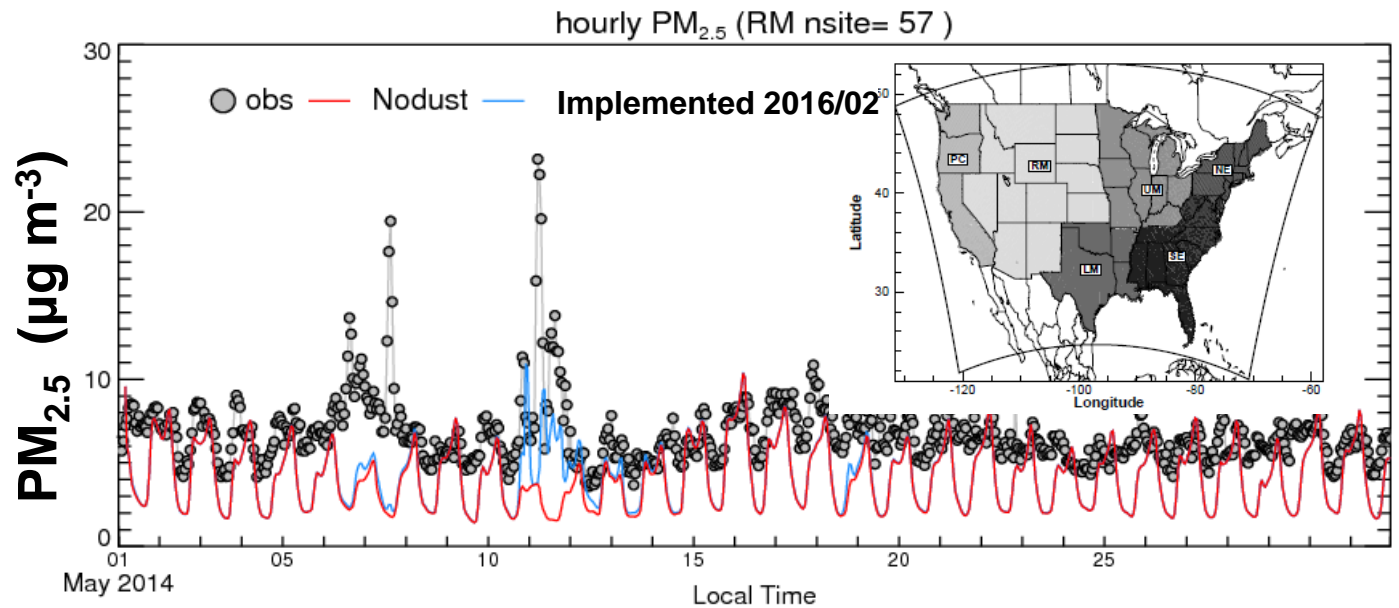
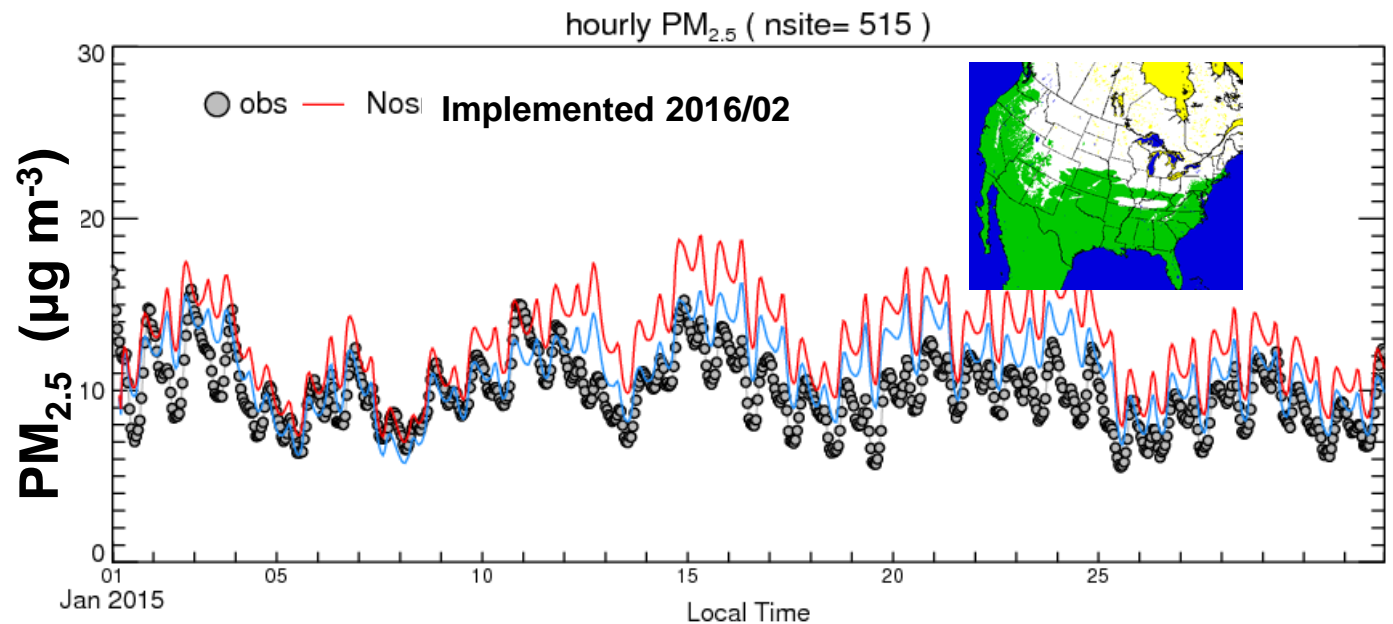
Difference between two PM2.5 predictions:  
with-minus-without fire emissions

Jul 20 2014 13:00 UTC



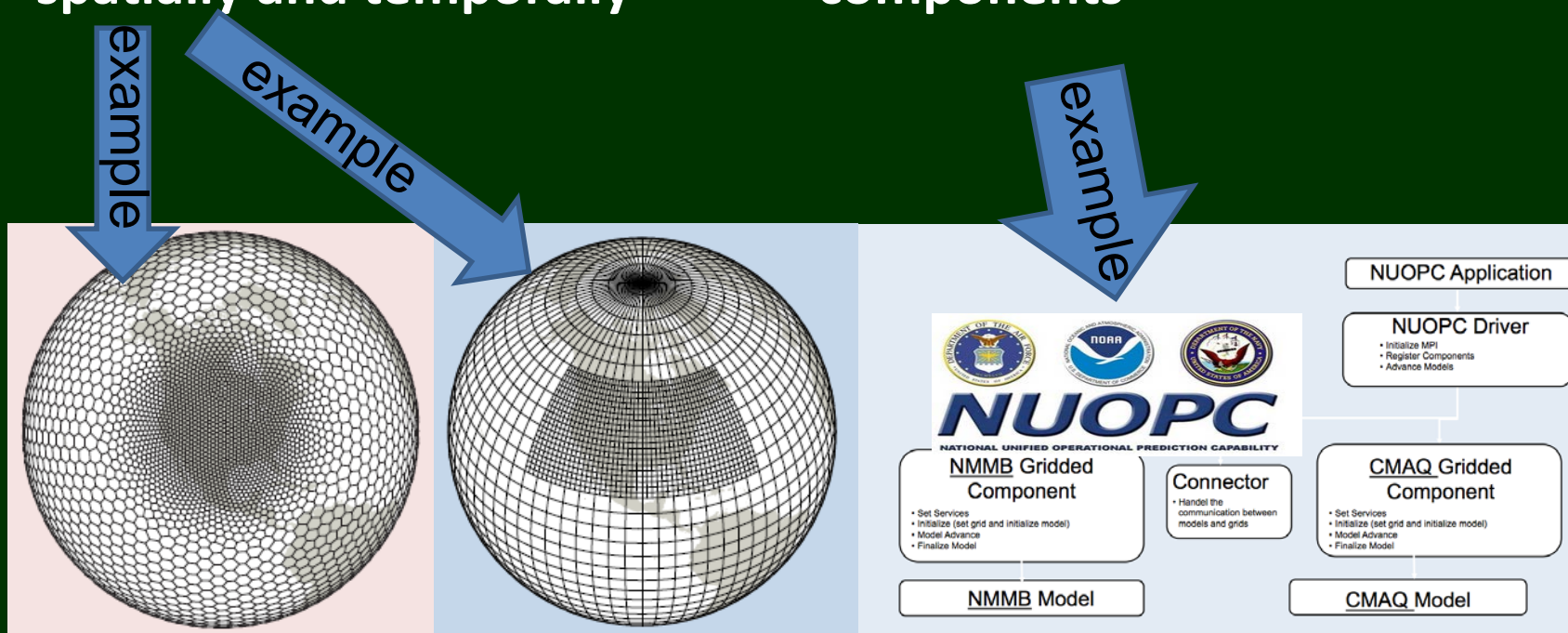
NOAA  
NESDIS  
Hazard  
Mapping  
System Fire  
and Smoke  
Analysis

# Impact of fugitive dust on PM<sub>2.5</sub> forecast

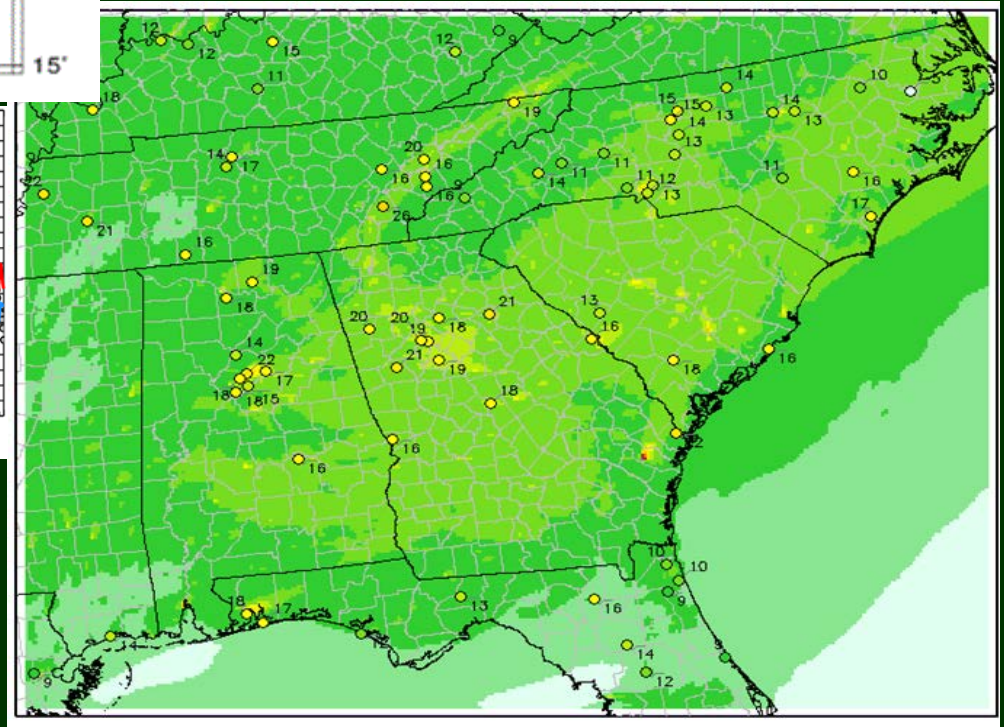
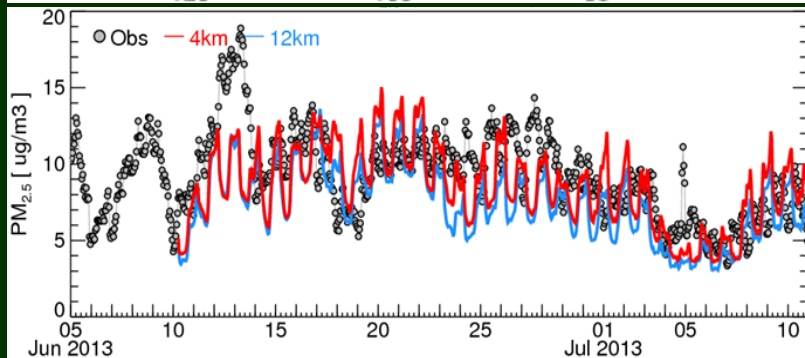
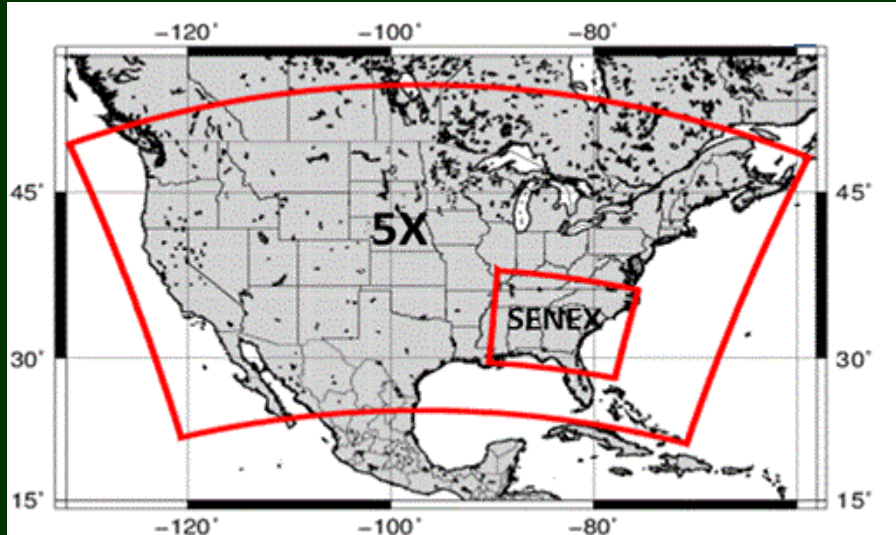


# NWS Next Generation Global Forecasting System

- Chemical Analysis: homogeneously generated fields over multiple years
- NAQFC in finer resolutions: Chemically, spatially and temporally
- Incorporation of air-surface exchange processes in air chemistry
- Air chemistry as one of NWS Earth Modeling System Framework components



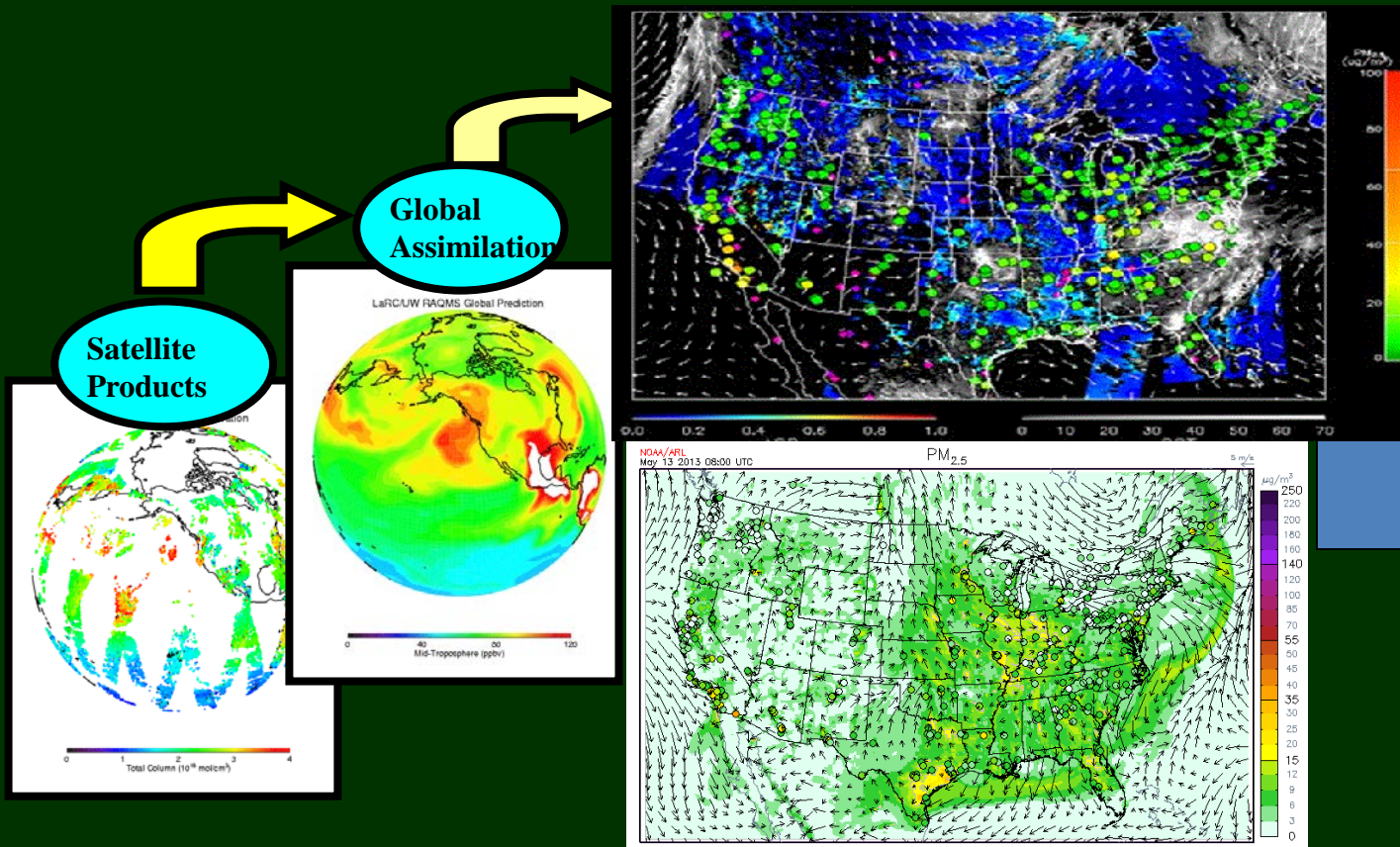
# Relevance: Campaign Collaboration AQ Forecasting



NOAA's Southern Oxidant and Aerosol Study (SOAS) - June-July 2013

4 km domain nested within the 12 km NAQFC

# FY 2013 – 2015 : ACAST Tiger Team: Air Quality Reanalysis (*Translating Research to Services*)



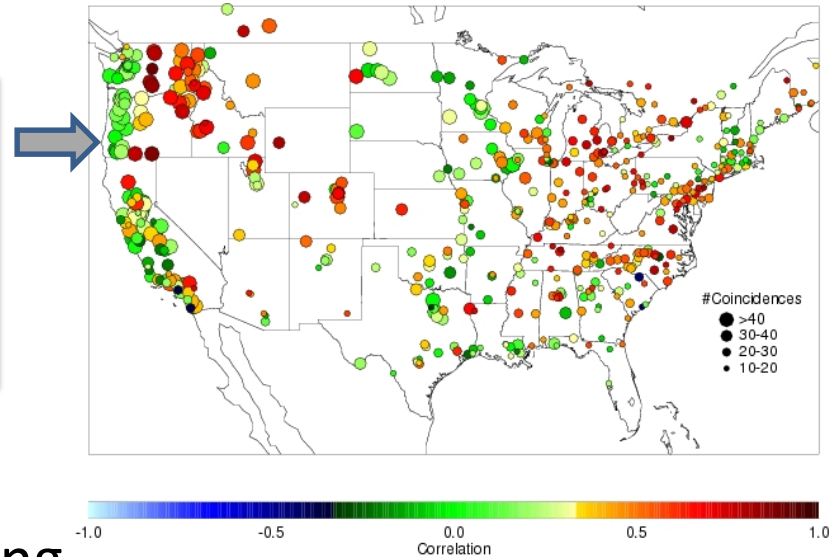
- + AQ Assessments
- + State Implementation Plan Modeling
- + Rapid deployment of on-demand rapid-response forecasting; e.g., new fuel type,..., etc.
- + Health Impacts assessments
- + Demonstration of the impact of observations on AQ distributions
- + Ingestion of new ACAST products into operations

<http://acmg.seas.harvard.edu/aqast/projects.html>

# Regional Chemical Reanalysis:

National correlation map between AIRNow measurement and MODIS AOD

Typically good correlation between surface  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  and AOD retrieved by MODIS



Courtesy :NESDIS

## MODIS (Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer) AOD

<b>Orbit:</b>	705 km, <b>10:30 a.m.</b> descending node ( <b>Terra</b> ) or <b>1:30 p.m.</b> ascending node ( <b>Aqua</b> )
<b>Swath Dimensions:</b>	2330 km (cross track) by 10 km (along track at nadir)
<b>Spatial Resolution:</b>	250 m (bands 1-2) 500 m (bands 3-7) 1000 m (bands 8-36)

<http://terra.nasa.gov/About/>



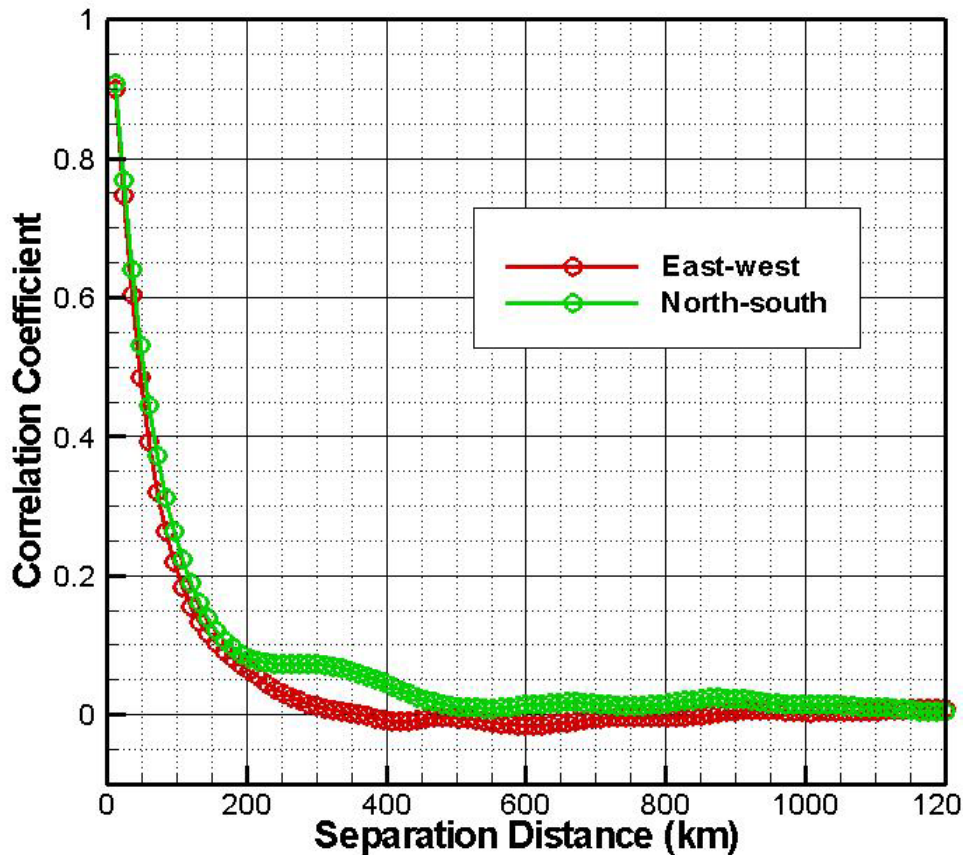
# Optimal Interpolation (OI)

- OI formulation (Dee et al. *Q. J. R. Meteor. Soc.* 1998) by limiting the analysis problem to a subset of obs.

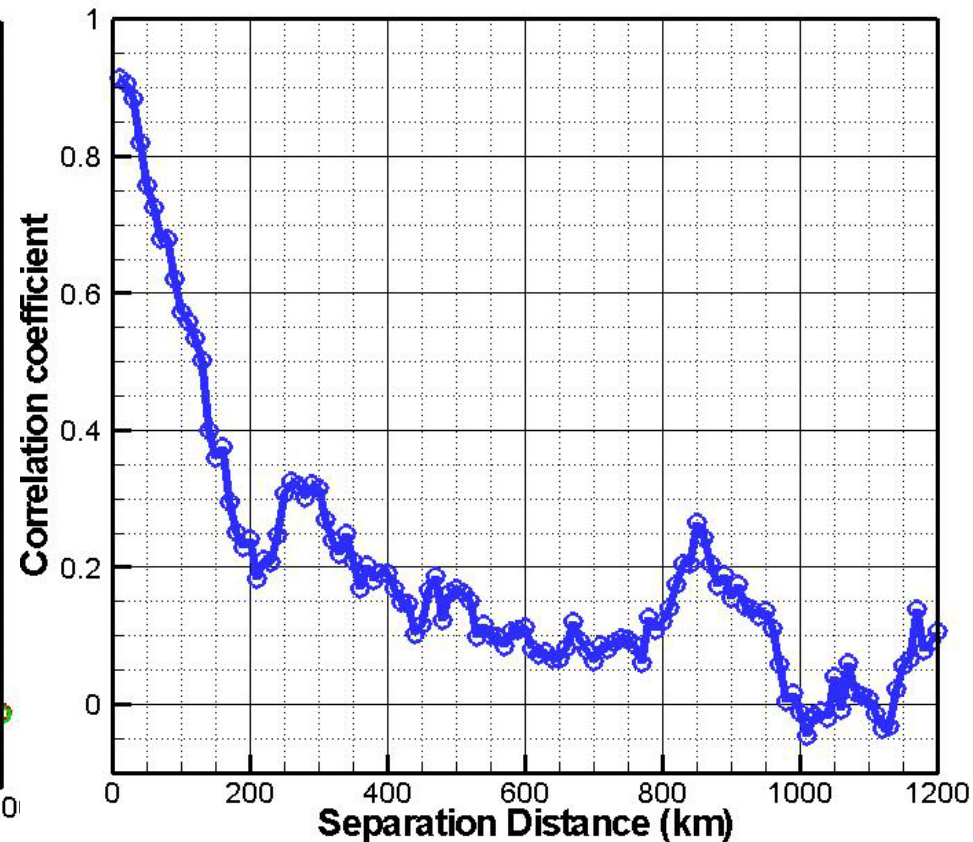
$$X^a = X^b + BH^T (HBH^T + O)^{-1} (Y - HX)$$

- Obs far away (beyond background error correlation length scale) have no effect in the analysis.
- Injection of Obs through OI takes place at 1700 UTC daily.

# Horizontal Error Statistics



**AOD error statistics results w/ NMC**



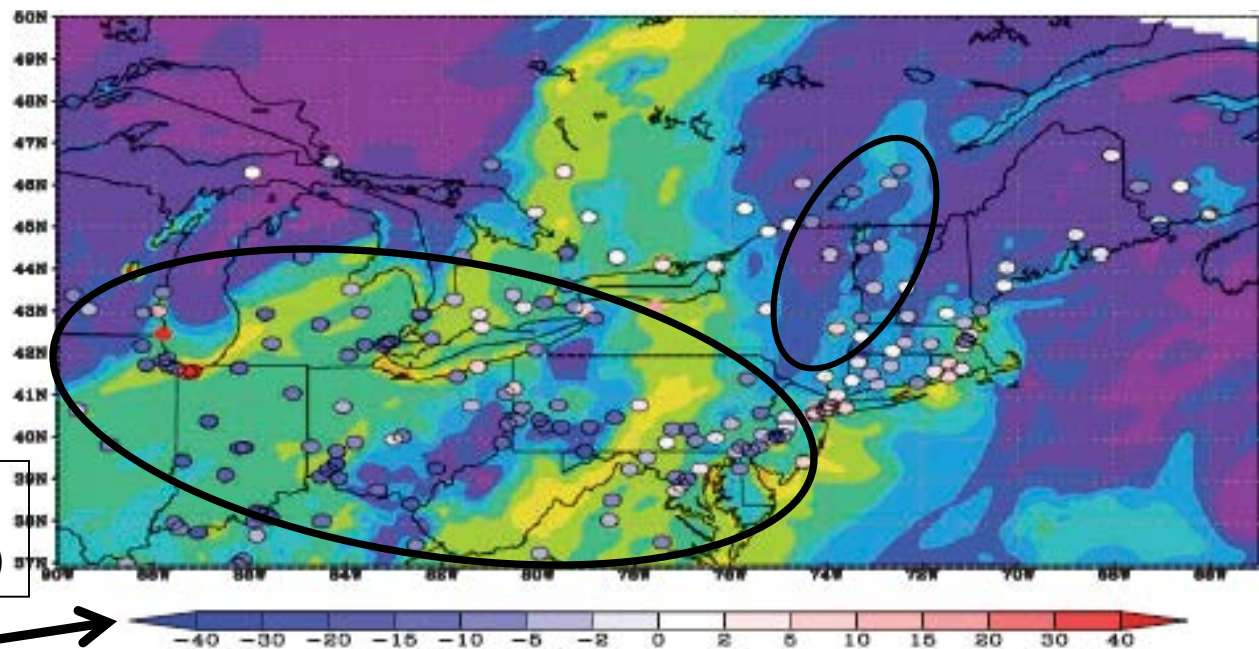
**AOD error statistics results through Hollingsworth-Lönnberg approach**

a) 12z July 2 2011  
forecast valid for  
18z on same day:  
NAQFC setup.



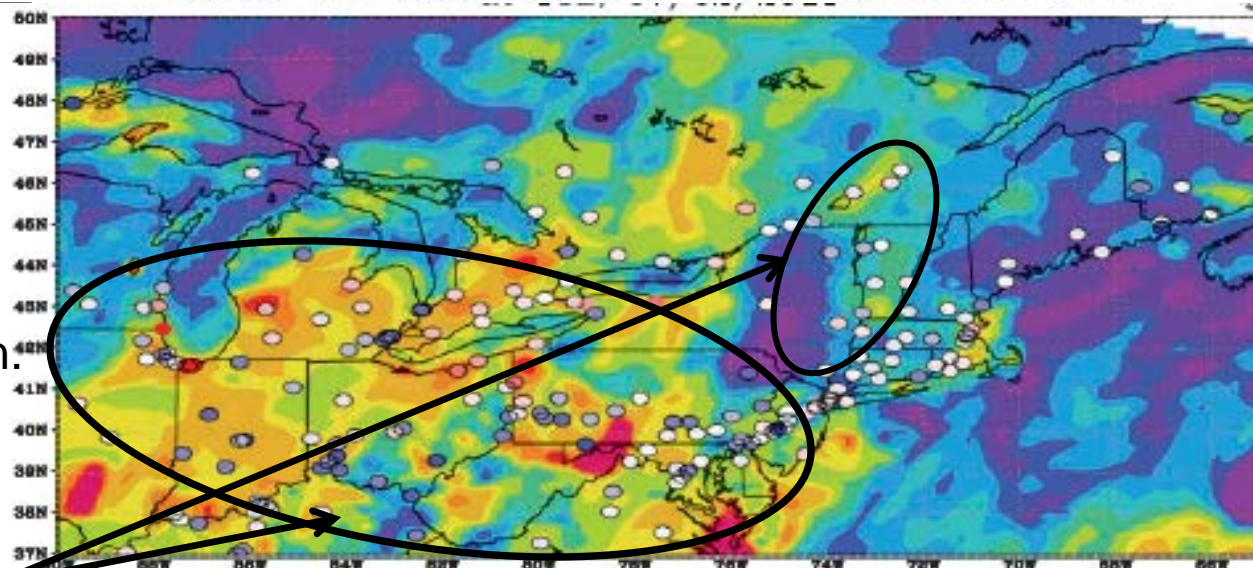
Color-shading for  
Surface PM<sub>2.5</sub> (µg m<sup>-3</sup>)

Color bar for bias  
w.r.t. AIRNow (µg m<sup>-3</sup>)



b) Same as a) but with  
data assimilation  
adjusted Initialization.

Large reduction in  
underestimation of  
PM<sub>2.5</sub> w.r.t. a)





Tang et al., 2015: Using optimal interpolation to assimilate **surface measurements** and satellite **AOD** for ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub>: A case study for July 2011, *JAWMA*, **65**, 1206-1216

# Chemical Reanalyses Product: Friendly downloadable

As reanalysis  
Meteorological  
fields For NWP  
community

Chemical  
reanalysis Fields  
for atmospheric  
Modelers and  
epidemiologist

**NOAA Satellite and Information Service**  
National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)

**National Climatic Data Center**  
U.S. Department of Commerce

**NOAA National Operational Model Archive & Distribution System**[NOMADS Home](#) > [Data Access](#) [Contact Us](#)**NOMADS Data Access****NOMADS Data Access by Provider and Data Type**

# Collaborations and data sharing

- **Global and Regional AQ modeling National Centers and Institutions:**
  - NCEP, and NESDIS
  - EPA, and NASA
  - Other national centers around the world
- **Measurement intensive campaigns provide insights:**
  - AQ Modeling involves in OSSE
  - AQ Modeling involves in Campaign support
- **NGGPS and NUOPC will be the two deafening buzz words:**
  - Next Generation Global Forecasting System
  - National Unified Operational Prediction Capability

