

# Improving the Representation of Physical Atmosphere in Air Quality Decision Support Systems Used for Emissions Control Strategy Development

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# PROJECT SUMMARY

- TOPIC:** Improving the Representation of Physical Atmosphere in Air Quality Decision Support Systems Used for Emissions Control Strategy Development
- POP:** 6/24/1/2015 – 6/23/2018 (ROSES2013-A.44)
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- Partners:** California Air Resources Board (CARB), Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), USEPA, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA-EPD), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- NASA Assets:** NASA's GOES Product Generation System (skin T, surface insolation and albedo); MODIS products (Skin Temperature, surface insolation and albedo)
- Objective:** To employ NASA assets and satellite products to improve the air quality management Decision Support Tools (DSTs) used in defining emission control strategies for attainment of air quality standards.



# Overall Objective: To Reduce the Uncertainties in Regulatory Air Quality Simulations Through the Use of NASA Science and Satellite Data Products

In SIP modeling it is imperative to reproduce the observed atmosphere. Model uncertainties translates into uncertainties in emission control strategy which has significant economic consequences.

## Physical Atmosphere

**Models: WRF, MM5, RAMS**  
Recreates the physical atmosphere (winds, temperature, precipitation, moisture, turbulence etc) during the design period



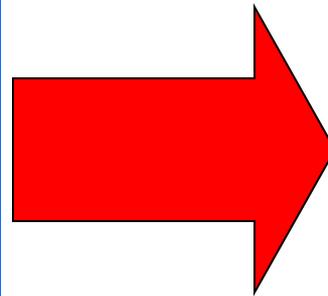
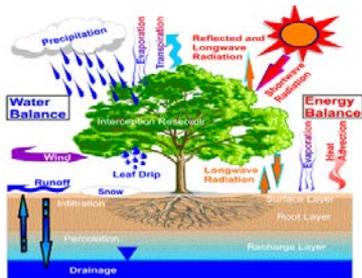
Clouds and microphysical processes

Atmospheric dynamics

Boundary layer development

Fluxes of heat and moisture

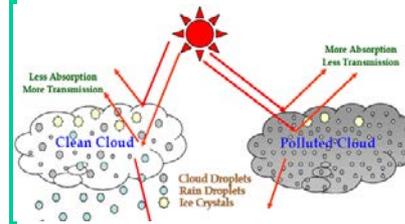
LSM describing land-atmosphere interactions



Winds, temperature, BL height, Radiation, moisture, surface properties and fluxes, precipitation

## Chemical Atmosphere

**Models: CMAQ, CAMx**  
Recreates the chemical atmosphere



Heterogeneous chemistry, aerosol

Transport and transformation of pollutants

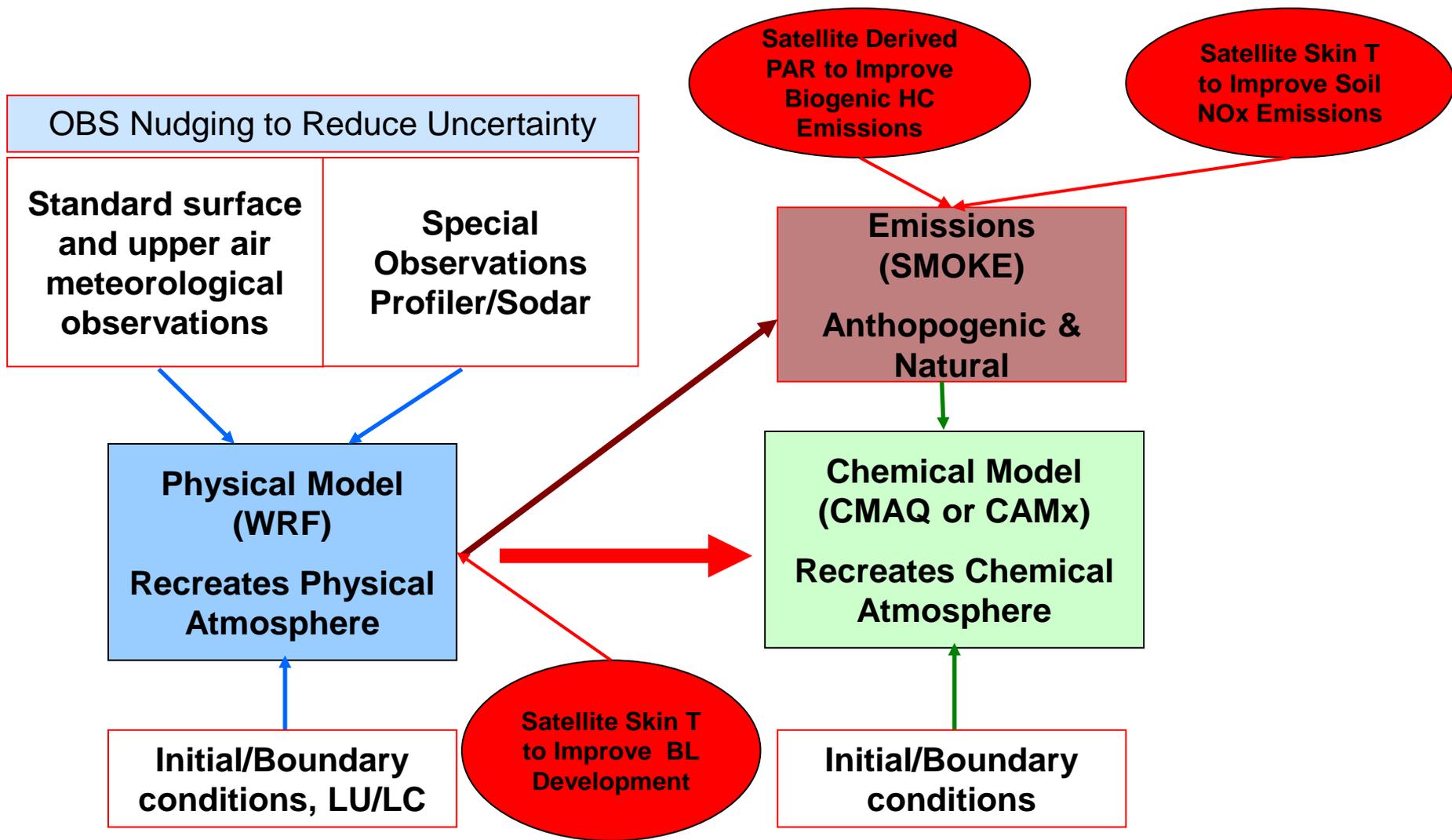


Photochemistry and oxidant formation

Natural and anthropogenic emissions, Surface removal



# Contribution of This Project in Reducing Simulation Uncertainties



# Specific Objectives

In This Project NASA Assets and Satellite Data Will Be Used to Improve the Quality and Accuracy of Retrospective Baseline Simulation in Which Proposed SIP Emission Reductions Are Tested

## Improving Emission Estimates in AQ Model

- **Utilization of Satellite Derived Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR) to Improve Biogenic Hydrocarbon Emissions:** This activity utilizes NASA's GOES Product Generation System (GPGS) to produce PAR (a new product) for use in AQ models.
- **Improving Soil Nox Emission Estimates:** By including the impact of satellite derived temperature and soil moisture.

## Improving Physical Atmosphere

- **Improved Characterization of Surface Energy Budget:** Using satellite derived skin temperature to retrieve soil moisture and correct surface heat fluxes.
- **Improving Boundary Layer Development in the Model:** By improving BL moisture and temperature structure.



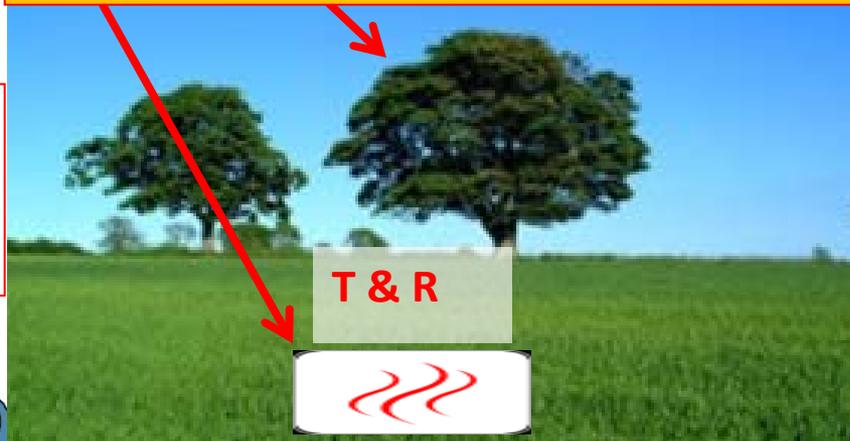


- BVOC estimates depend on the amount of radiation reaching the canopy (i.e. Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR)) and temperature.
- Large uncertainty is caused by the model insolation estimates that can be corrected by using satellite-based PAR in biogenic emission models (Guenther et al. 2012)

$h\nu$



### Biogenic Volatile Organic Compounds (BVOC) Emissions

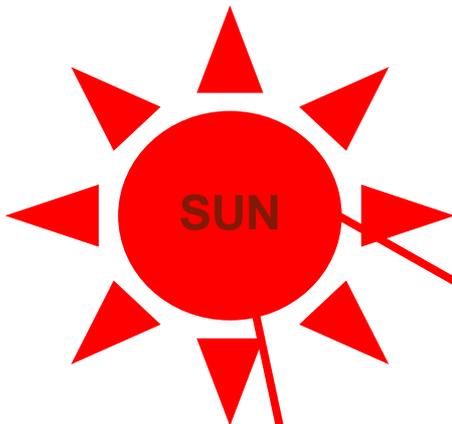


**BVOC is a function of radiation and temperature**

# Satellite-Derived Insolation/PAR



Cloud albedo, surface albedo, and insolation are retrieved based on Gautier et al. (1980), Diak and Gautier (1983). From GOES visible channel centered at .65  $\mu\text{m}$ .



$h\nu$

$\alpha_g$

$\alpha_g$

$\alpha_c$

Cloud top  
Determined from  
satellite IR  
temperature

$$tr_{cld} = 1 - (\alpha_{cld} + abs_{cld})$$

Inaccurate model cloud prediction results in significant under-/over-prediction of BVOCs. Use of satellite cloud information greatly improves BVOC Emission estimates.

## BL OZONE CHEMISTRY

$O_3 + NO$

----->  $NO_2 + O_2$

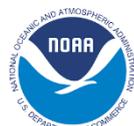
$NO_2 + h\nu (\lambda < 420 \text{ nm})$

----->  $O_3 + NO$

$VOC + NO_x + h\nu$

----->  $O_3 + \text{Nitrates}$   
( $HNO_3, PAN, RONO_2$ )

Surface



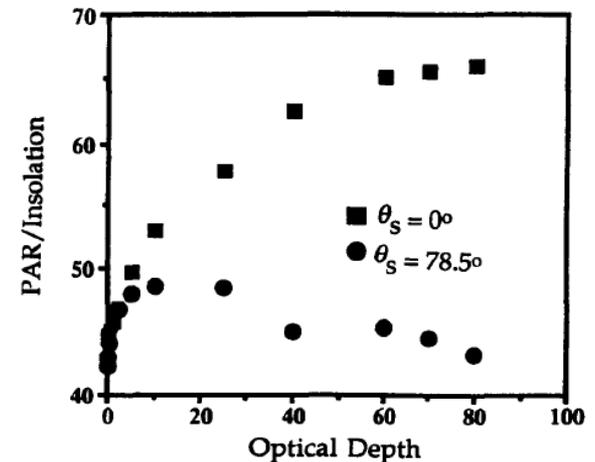
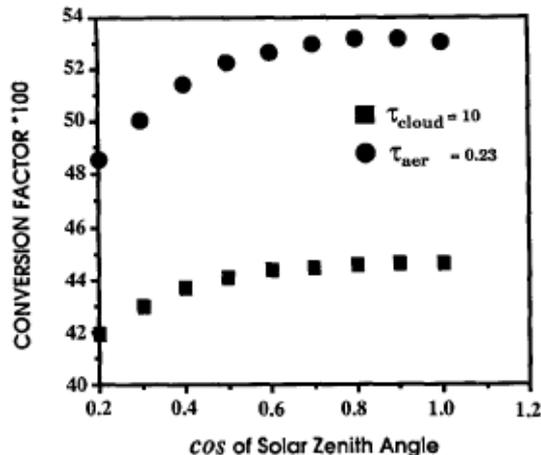
# What is PAR?

$$PAR = \int_{.4}^{.7} I(\lambda) d\lambda \quad (W m^{-2})$$

$$PAR = \frac{1}{hc} \int_{.4}^{.7} I(\lambda) d\lambda \quad (quanta m^{-2} s^{-1})$$

- In most applications (e.g., agriculture related) a conversion factor CF is used:

$$CF = \frac{PAR}{Insolation}$$



Direct and diffuse light differences: Highest sensitivity to clouds/aerosols and zenith angle, but not in the same direction. (Adapted from: Frouin and Pinker, 1994; Pinker and Laszelo, 1991)

# Satellite-Derived Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR)

$$PAR = \int_{.4}^{.7} I(\lambda) d\lambda \quad (W \ m^{-2}) = \frac{1}{hc} \int_{.4}^{.7} I(\lambda) d\lambda \quad (quantam^{-2} s^{-1})$$

$$= Insolation \times CF$$

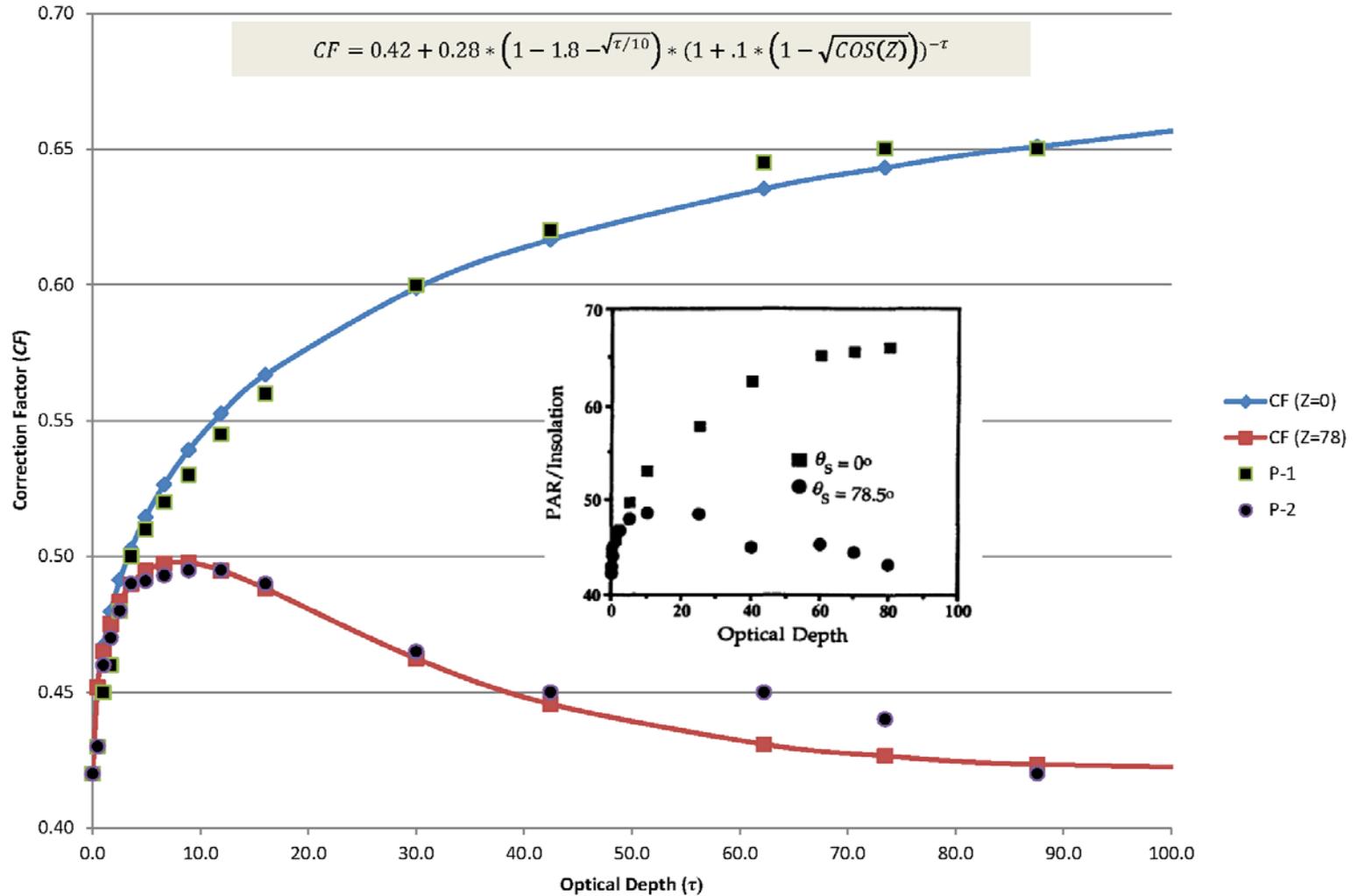
$$CF = \frac{PAR}{Insolation} = .42 + .28 * ODfactor * Zfactor$$

Based on Stephens (1978), Joseph (1976), Pinker and Laszlo (1992), Frouin and Pinker (1995)

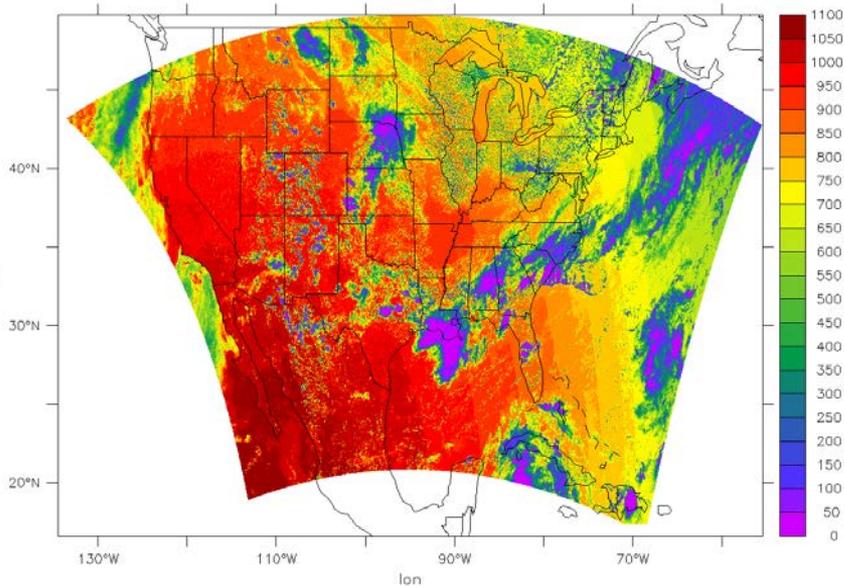
$$\tau = \frac{8\alpha_c}{(1 - \alpha_c)^2}, \quad \text{where} \quad \alpha_c = \text{cloud albedo}$$

## Functional Form of Correction Factor

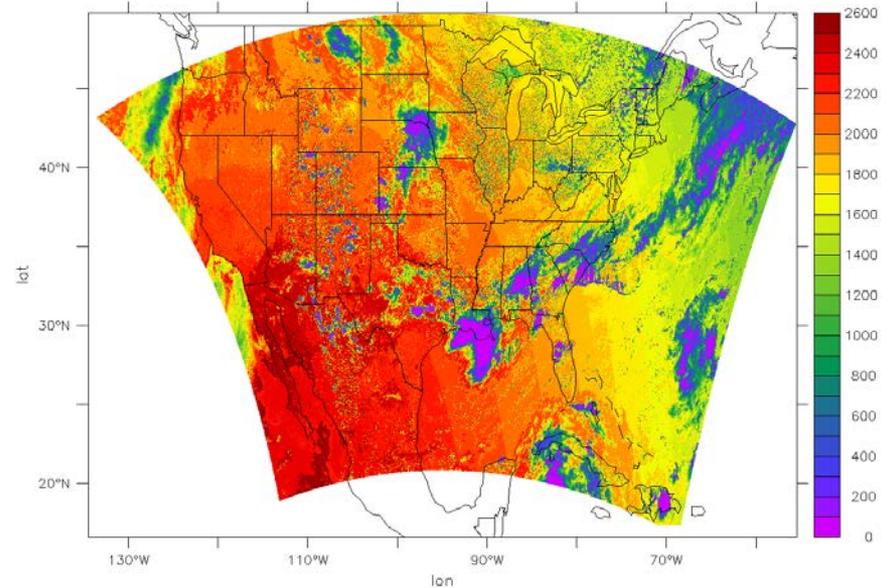
$$CF = 0.42 + 0.28 * \left(1 - 1.8 \sqrt{\tau/10}\right) * \left(1 + .1 * \left(1 - \sqrt{\cos(Z)}\right)\right)^{-\tau}$$



# Satellite-derived insolation and PAR for September 14, 2013, at 19:45 GMT.



Insolation (W/m<sup>2</sup>)



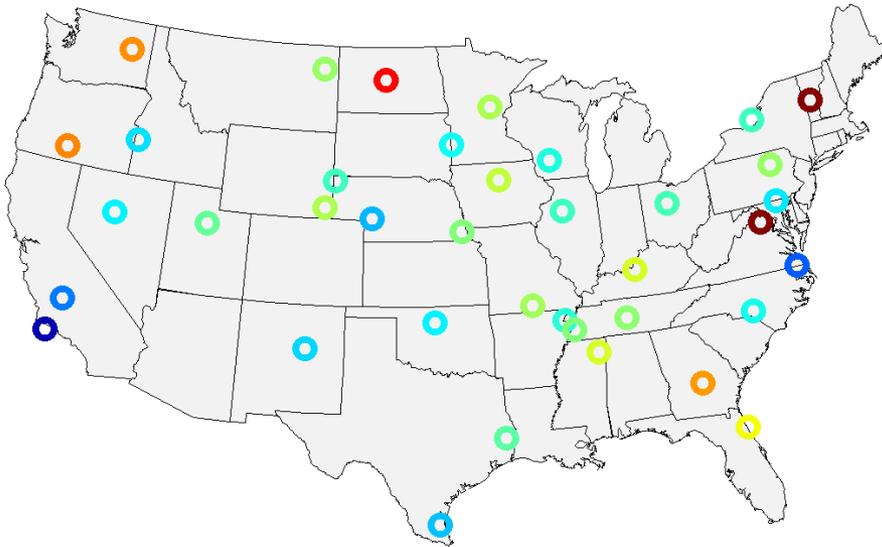
PAR ( $\mu\text{mol}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s})$ )



# Insolation/PAR Evaluation

## Spatial Distribution of NMB (normalized mean bias) Against Soil Climate Analysis Network (SCAN)

### WRF

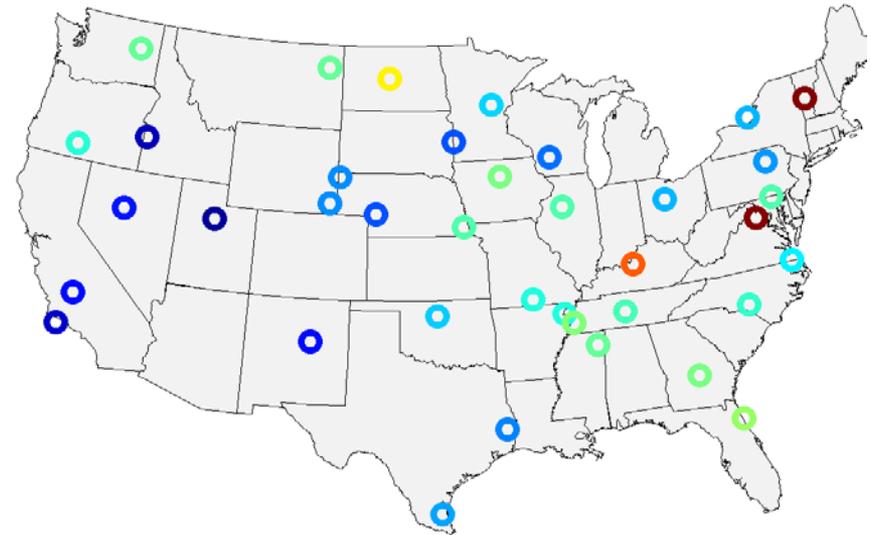


### WRF

**NMB = 22%**

**NME = 34%**

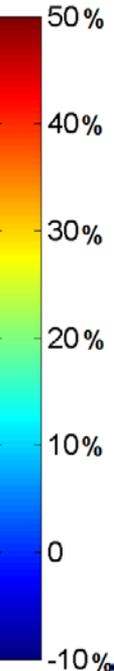
### Satellite



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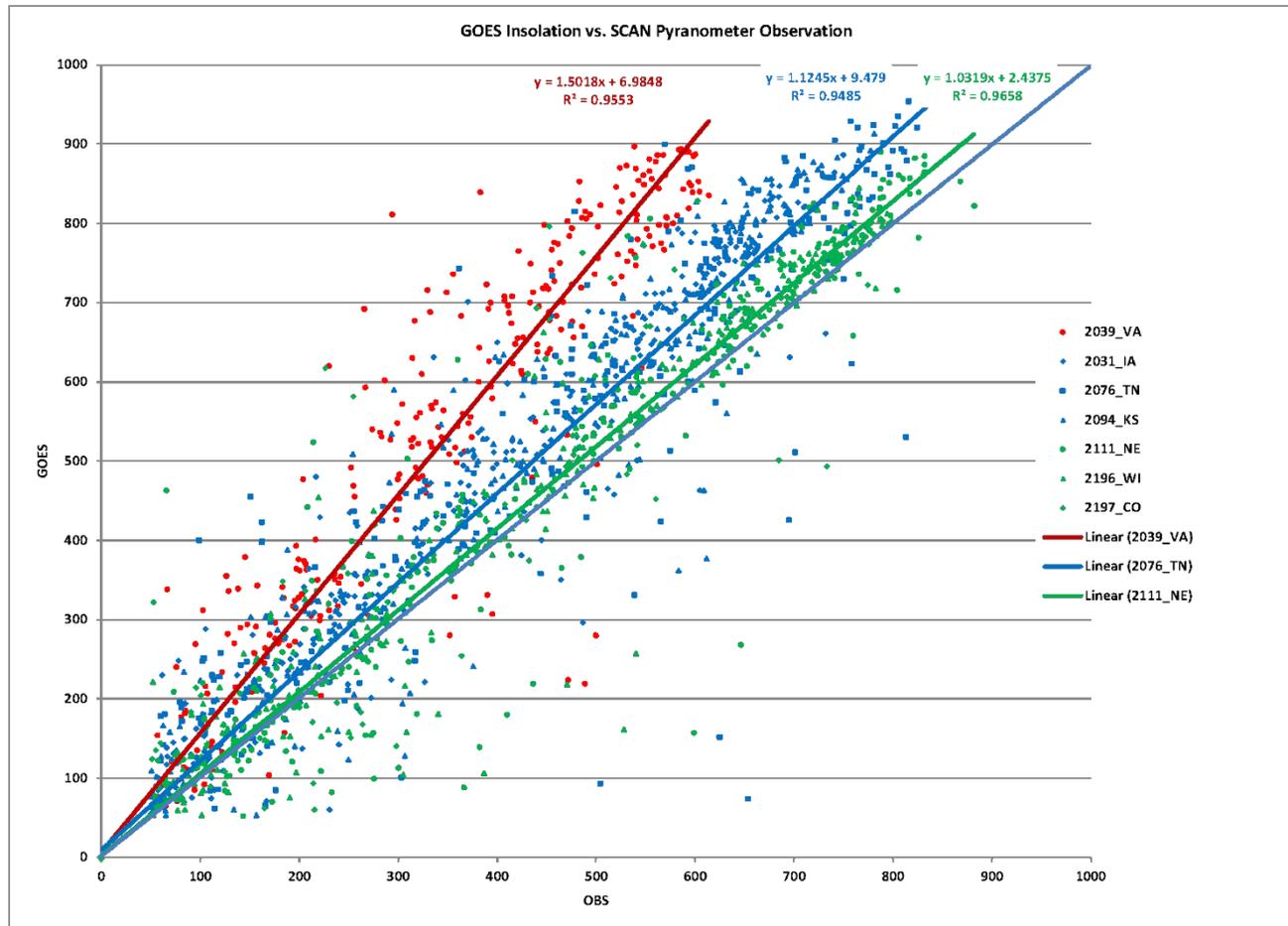
**NMB = 14%**

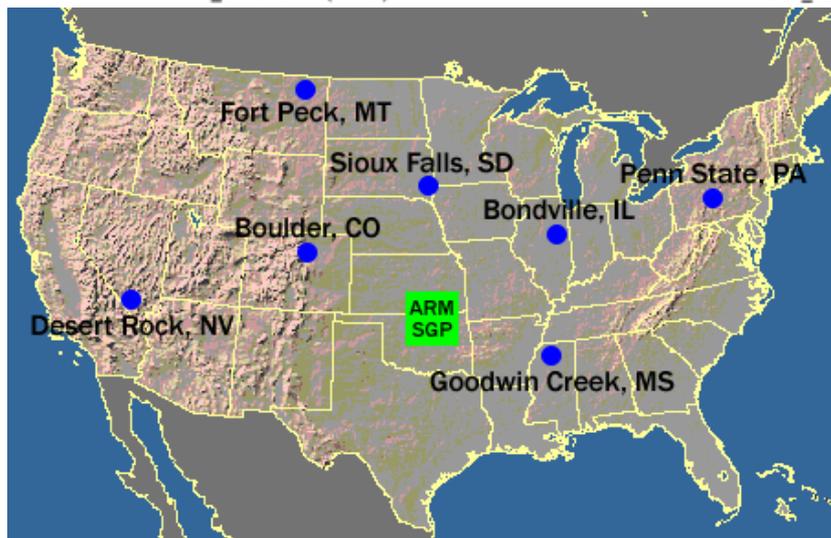
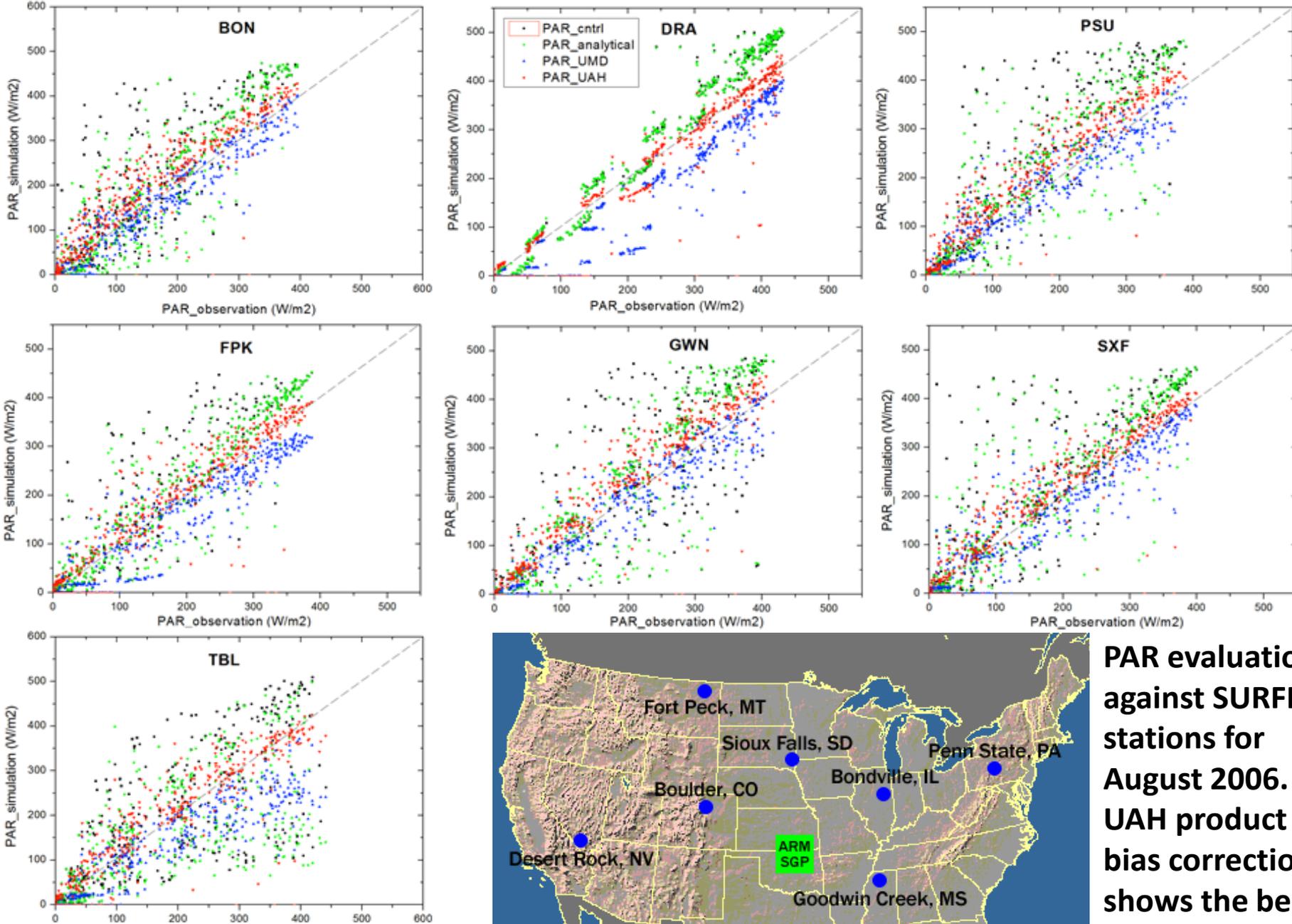
**NME = 27%**



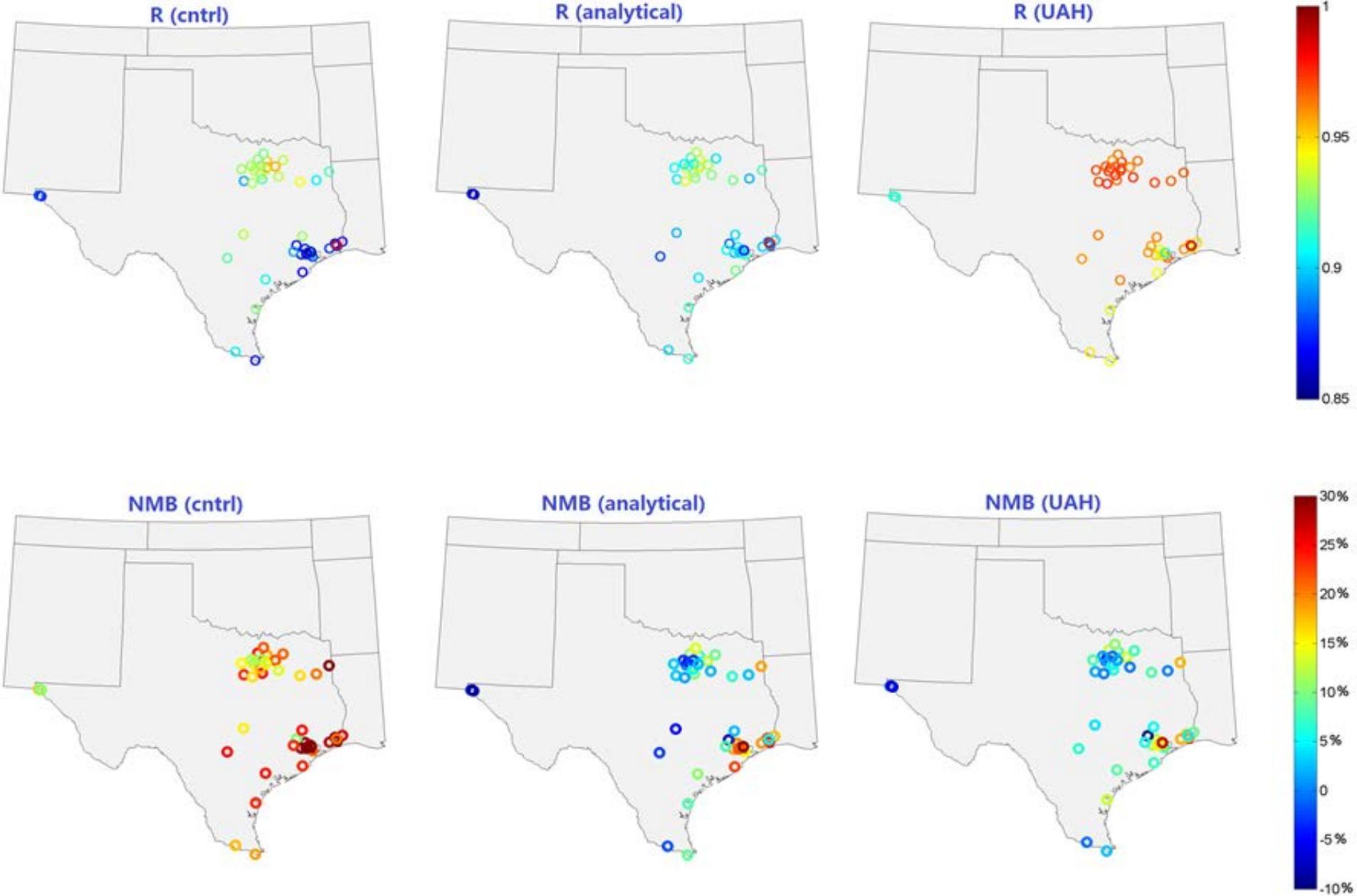
# GOES Insolation Bias Increases From West to East

- The clear sky bias is partly due to the lack of a dynamic precipitable water in retrieval algorithm.
- The retrievals will be re-processed to correct this issue.



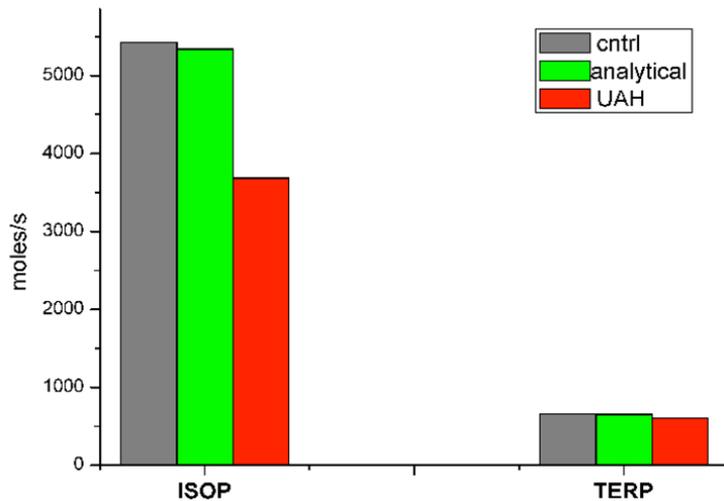


**PAR evaluation against SURFRAD stations for August 2006. UAH product with bias correction shows the best agreement with surface obs.**

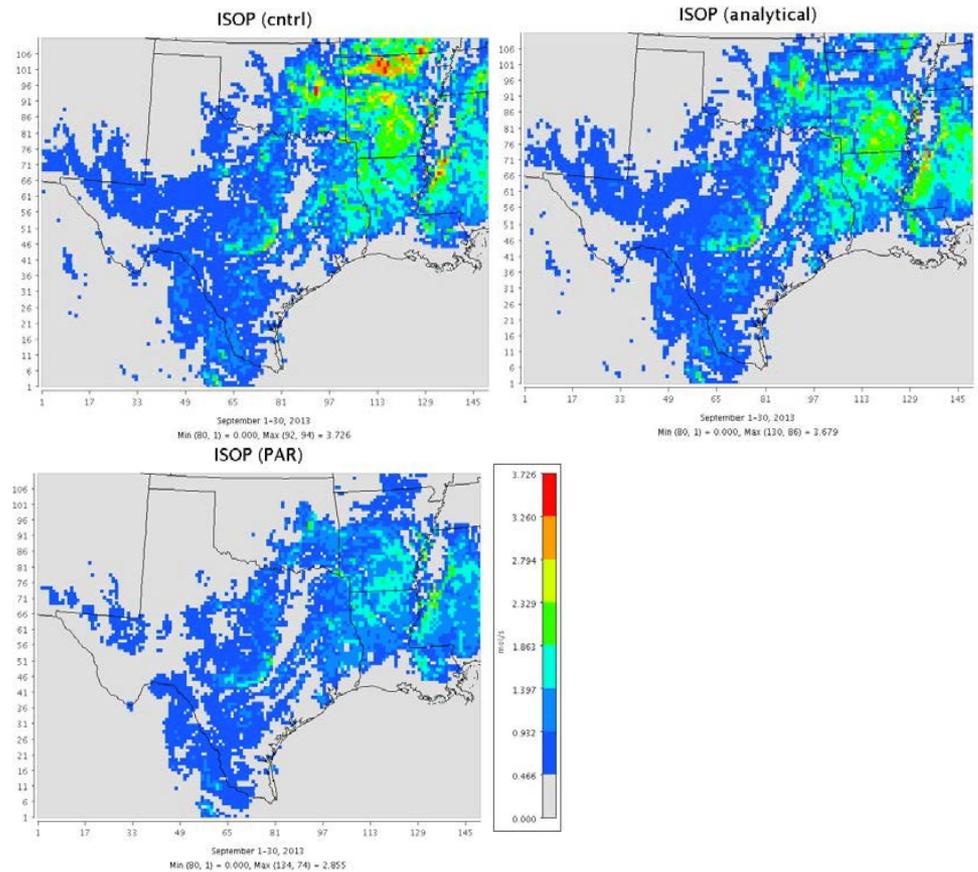


**Comparing August, 2006, insolation from control WRF simulation (cntrl), UAH WRF simulation (analytical), and satellite-based (UAH) against 47 radiation monitoring stations in Texas.**

# Satellite-derived PAR substantially reduced isoprene emission estimates over Texas (DISCOVER-AQ period)

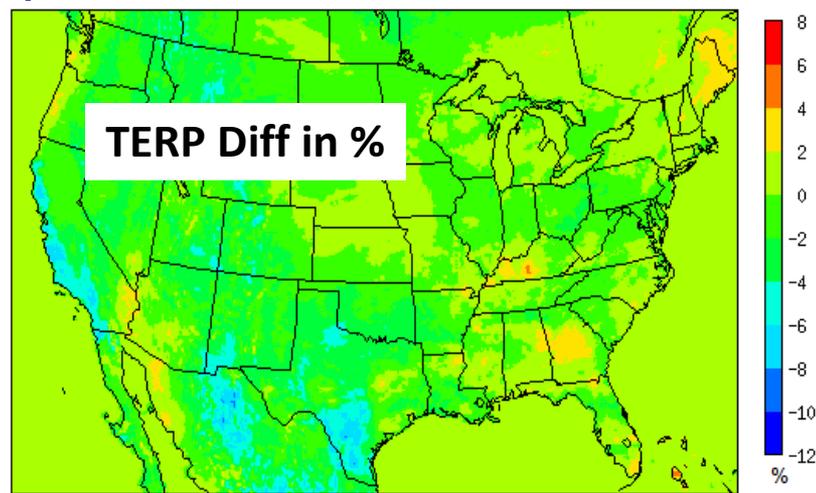
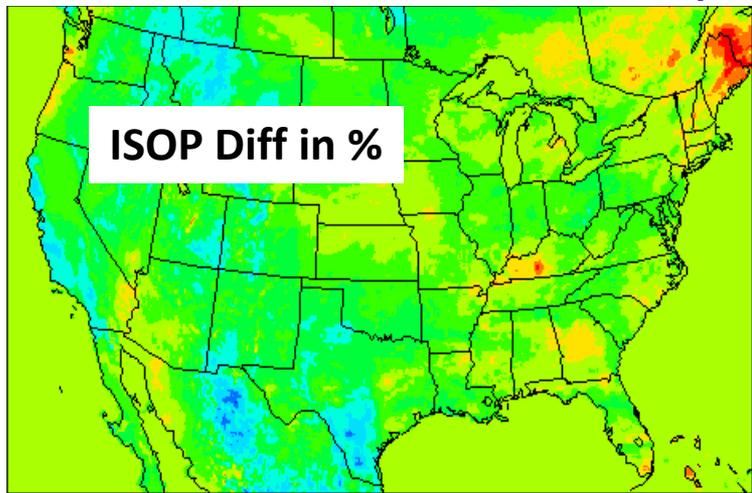


Domain-wide sum of estimated isoprene (ISOP) and monoterpene (TERP) emission strength over Texas area using different PAR inputs in MEGAN during September 2013.

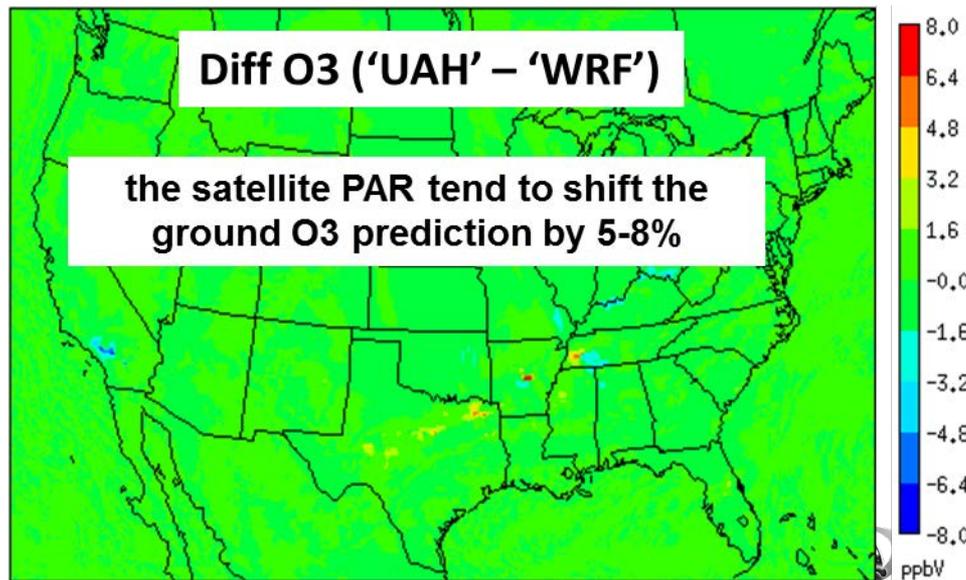


Comparison of the spatial pattern of estimated average isoprene emission rate in MEGAN using different PAR inputs over Texas domain during September 2013.

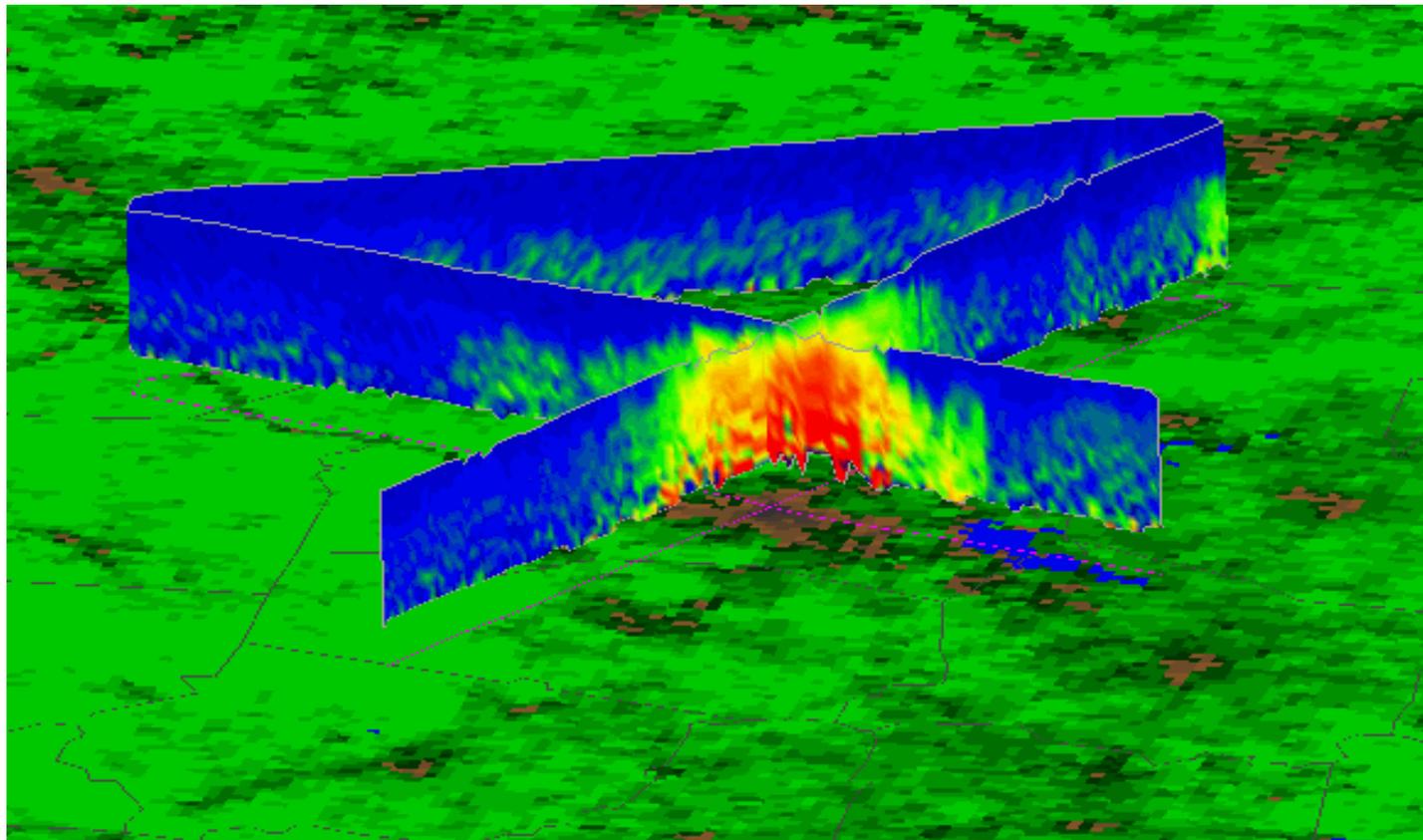
# Estimated Emission Difference and Impact on O3 for September 2013 (Satellite - WRF)



Isoprene emission is more sensitive to PAR inputs with the highest increase region at Northeast (>30%) and decrease at the Southwest (> 20%). The relative change for monoterpene emission is modest (-10% to 5%).



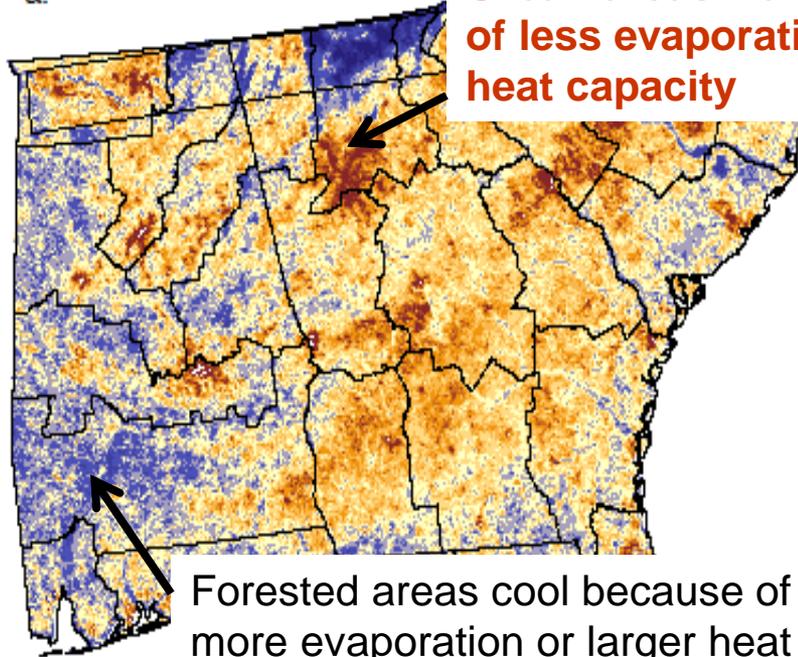
**Mixing Heights** – Underestimating mixing heights can cause overestimation of the sensitivity of controls. Emission reductions confined to a smaller volume cause a larger reduction in pollutants. A 30% error in mixing heights can produce 30% error in emission change impacts



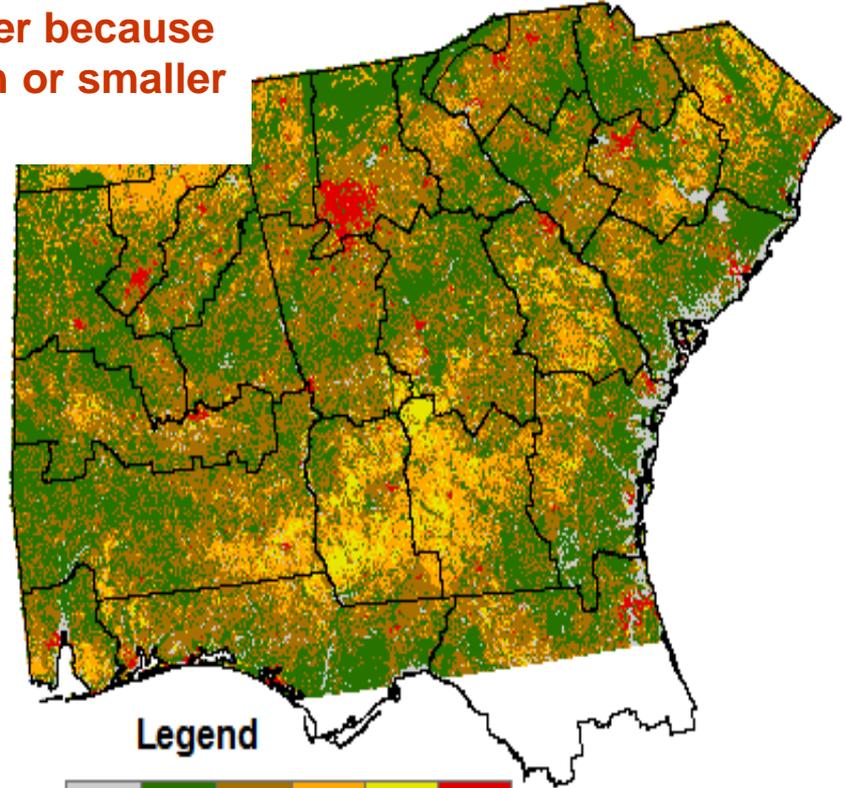
# Can we perhaps use satellite observed skin temperatures to specify parameters in land use classes so that the model in turn reproduces the observed skin temperatures

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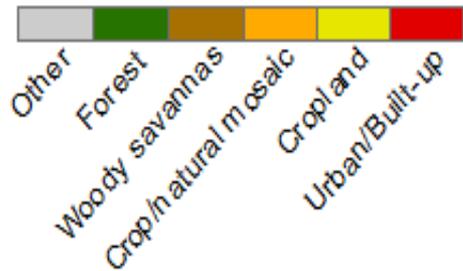
Urban areas warmer because of less evaporation or smaller heat capacity



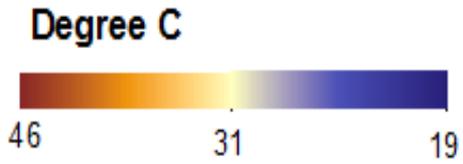
Forested areas cool because of more evaporation or larger heat capacity



Legend



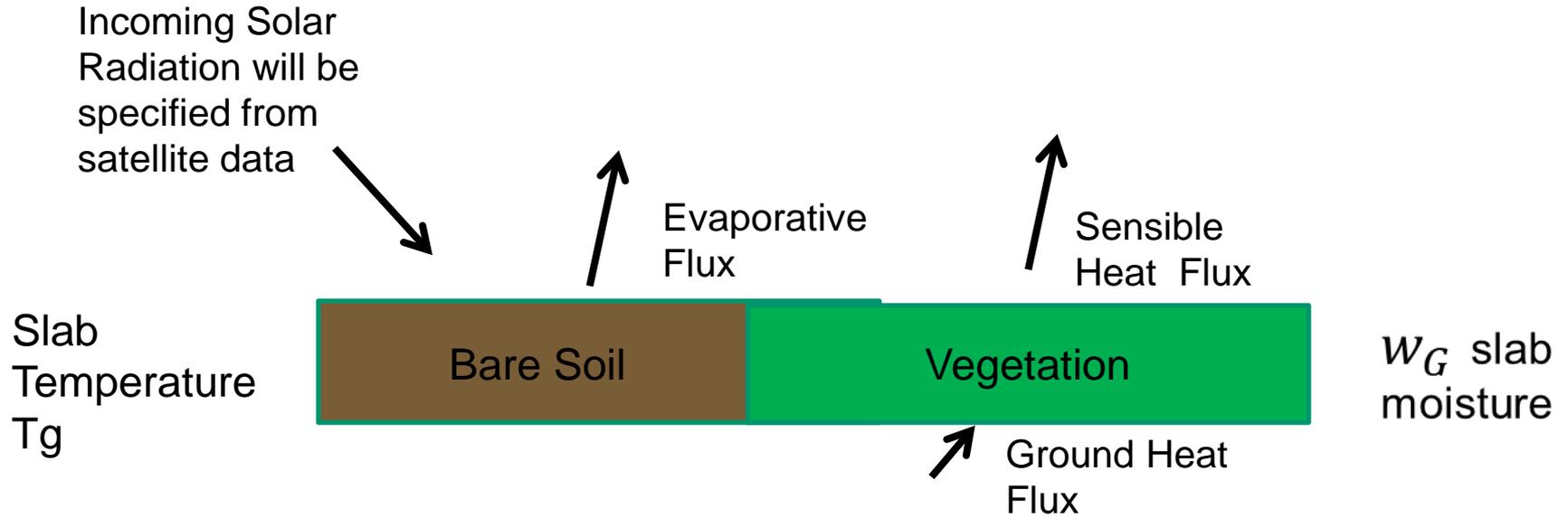
Land-use Categories



MODIS Skin Temperatures

From Ellenburg 2015

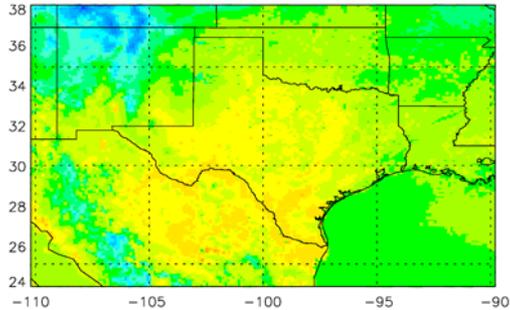
# Here we will constrain the Pleim-Xiu scheme with satellite data



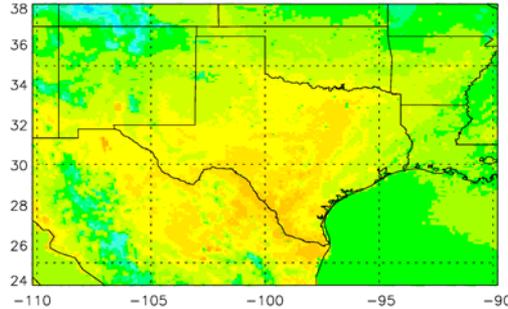
We will use differences between satellite skin temperature observations and model skin temperatures to nudge moisture in the proper direction.

$$\Delta W_G = \beta_1 (T_s^{Mod} - T_s^{Sat})_{Morning}$$

2013-09-23  
WRF @20h

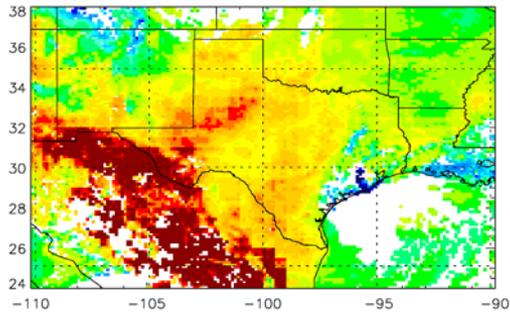


2013-09-24  
WRF @20h

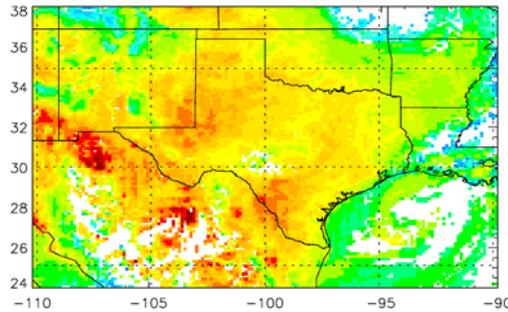


**NOAA GSIP skin temperature product is too high in the West.**

GSIP 1945UTC

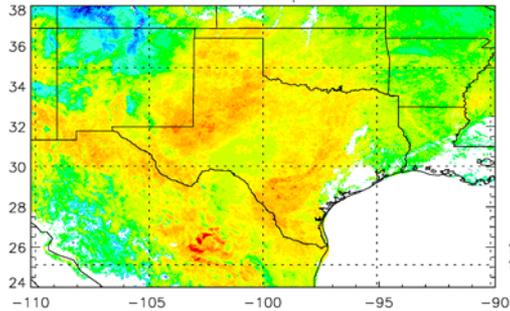


GSIP 2045UTC

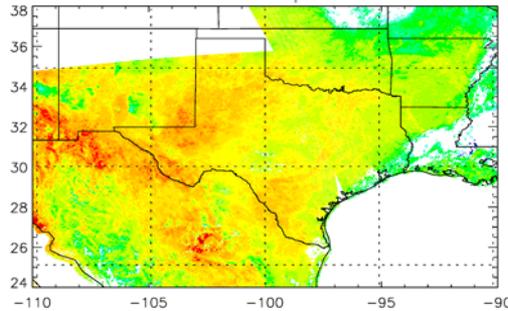


*Skin Temperature, from top to bottom—WRF, GSIP, and MODIS(Aqua). Left panels are for Sep 23, 2013 (Aqua overpass time was 19:45&19:50 GMT), right panels for Sep 24, 2013 (main Aqua overpass time was 20:30 GMT).*

MODIS-Aqua



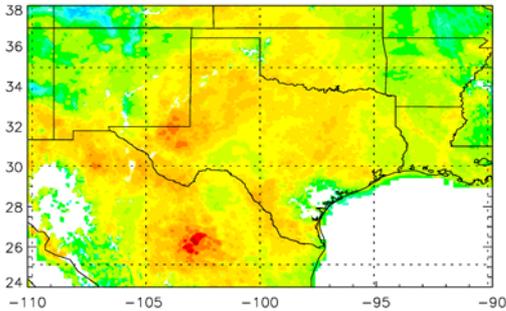
MODIS-Aqua



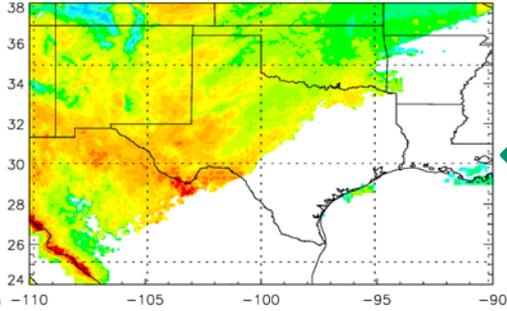
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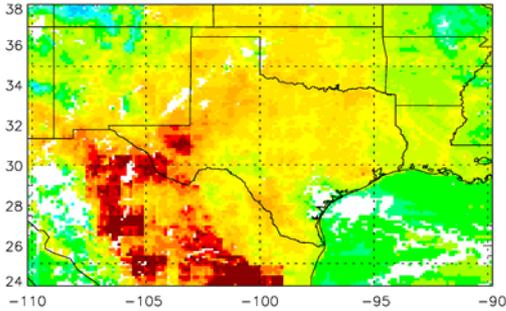


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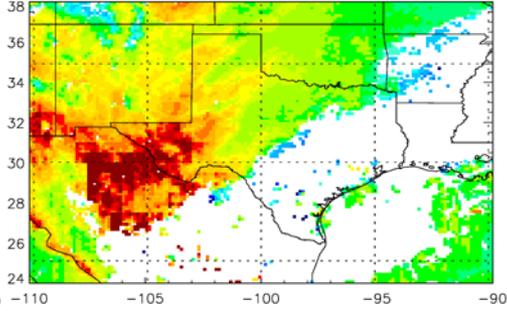


Comparison of NOAA ALEXI skin temperature product with GSIP and MODIS for September 26 and September 29. Top panel is the NOAA/ALEXI product. Middle panel is the GSIP product and bottom is the MODIS

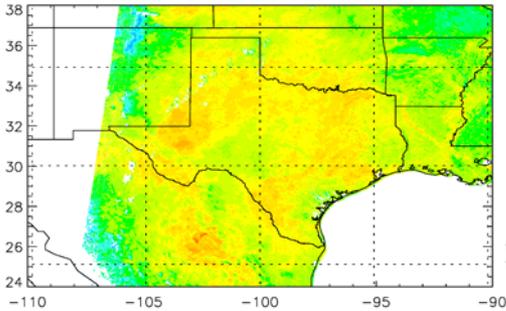
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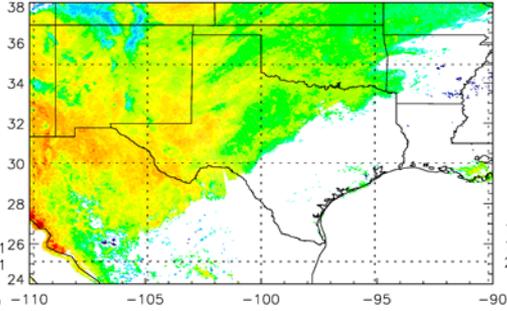
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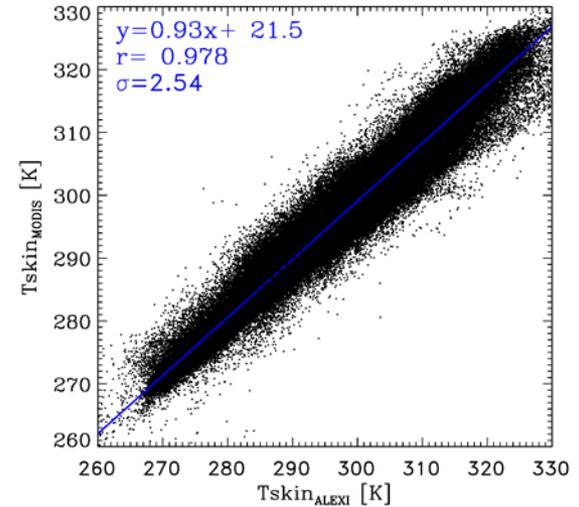
MODIS-Terra



MODIS-Aqua



NOAA/USDA ALEXI group (Anderson et al. 2007a and Anderson et al. 2007b).



Comparison of Tskin from MODIS versus Tskin from the ALEXI product for all hours when data was available for the month of September 2013. This illustrates what may be the irreducible uncertainty in using skin temperatures as a model evaluation metric.



# CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Use of Satellite-based PAR in MEGAN model improved BVOC emission estimates and thus CMAQ performance during the DISCOVER-AQ Houston Campaign period in September 2013.
- The impact of PAR inputs on ozone prediction depends on the local NO<sub>x</sub>/VOC ratio. Over the VOC limited region, the satellite PAR tend to shift the ground O<sub>3</sub> prediction by 5-8%.
- Currently we are in the process of producing and archiving PAR for 2006-present with the new (updated) retrieval code. The new retrieval system uses a dynamic moisture field, thus, partly correcting PAR over-estimation in the eastern United States.
- We are still evaluating skin temperature assimilation technique over Texas.
- The work presented here will be expanded and tested over California involving our California partners.



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# Thank You



# Future Tasks

- Resolve the issues with CMAS and hold a workshop.
- Complete transitioning to CMAS and TCEQ.
  - Complete documentation.
  - Work with TCEQ for independent evaluation of tools and techniques.
- Upgrade the current web based data delivery system for the new data format.
- Respond to user community's request for Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR).
  - We had requests from Dave Allen's group at University of Texas-Austin, Russ Dickerson at University of Maryland and Rice University.



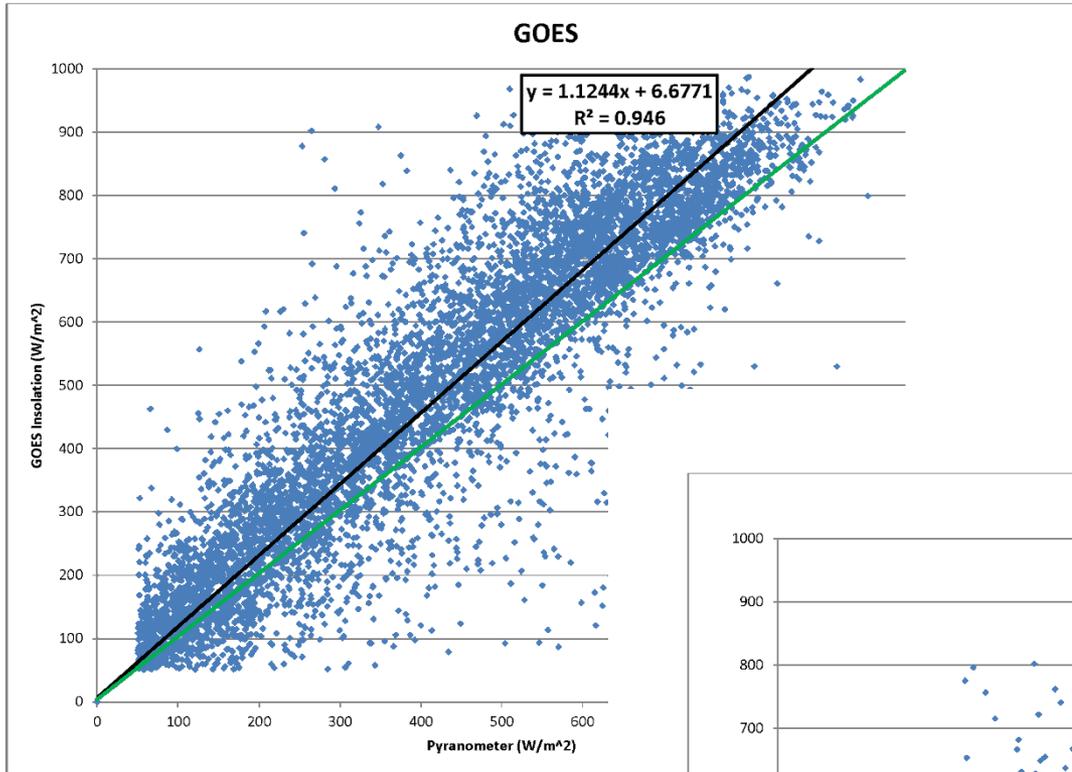
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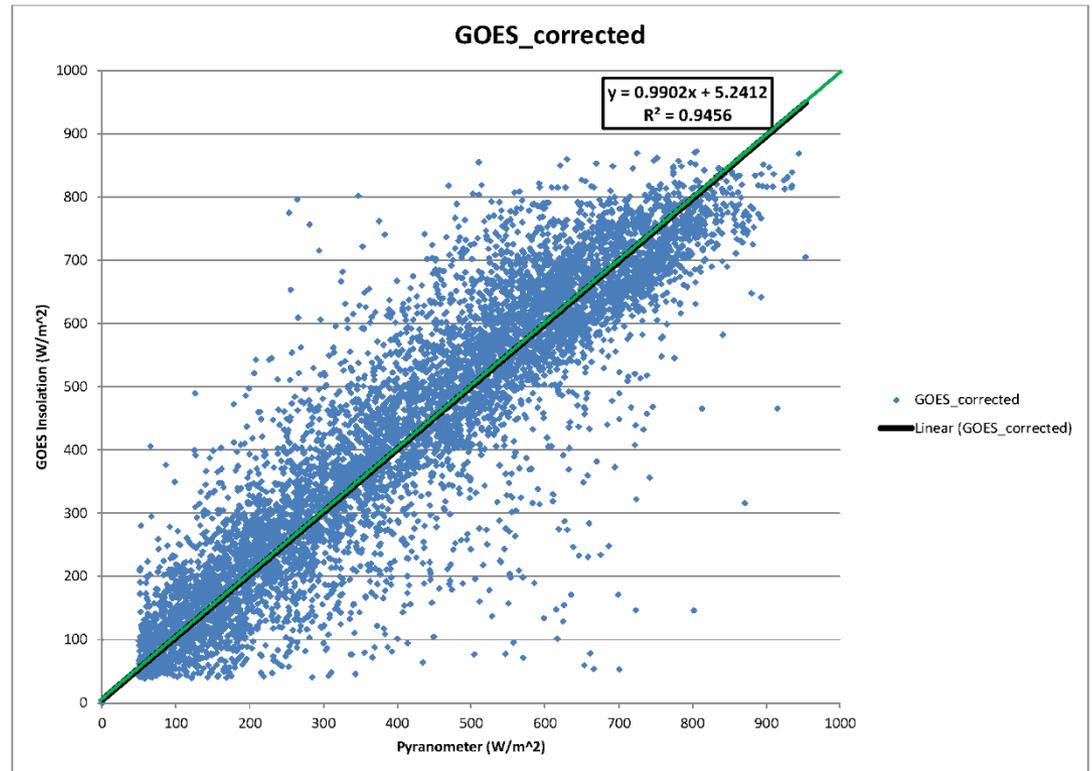
# ACRONYMS

CMAQ	EPA's Community Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) Model
CMAS	Community Modeling and Analysis System
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
LNOx	Lightning Generated Nitrogen Oxides
LNOM	<u>L</u> ightning <u>N</u> itrogen <u>O</u> xides <u>M</u> odel
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
SIP	State Implementation Plan
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

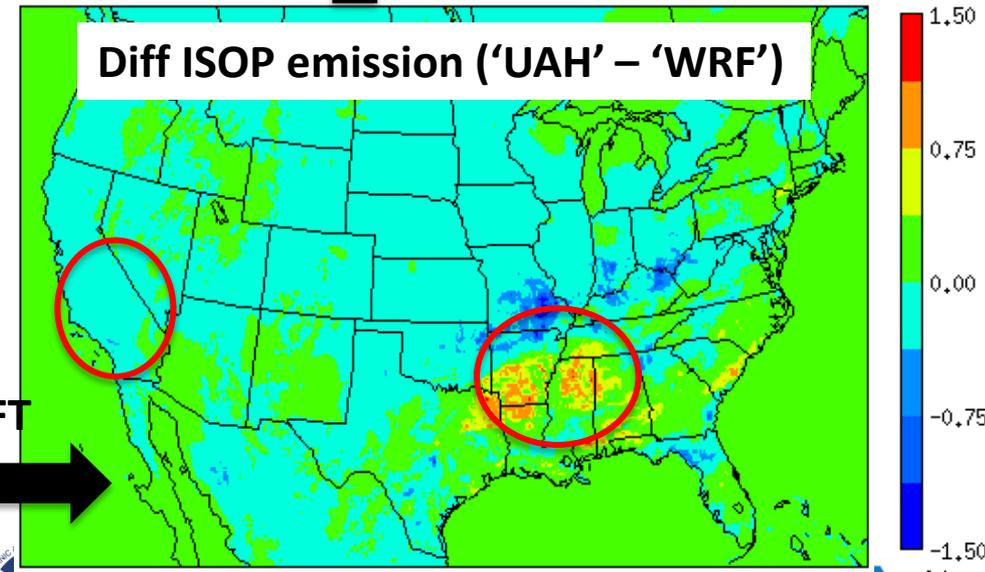
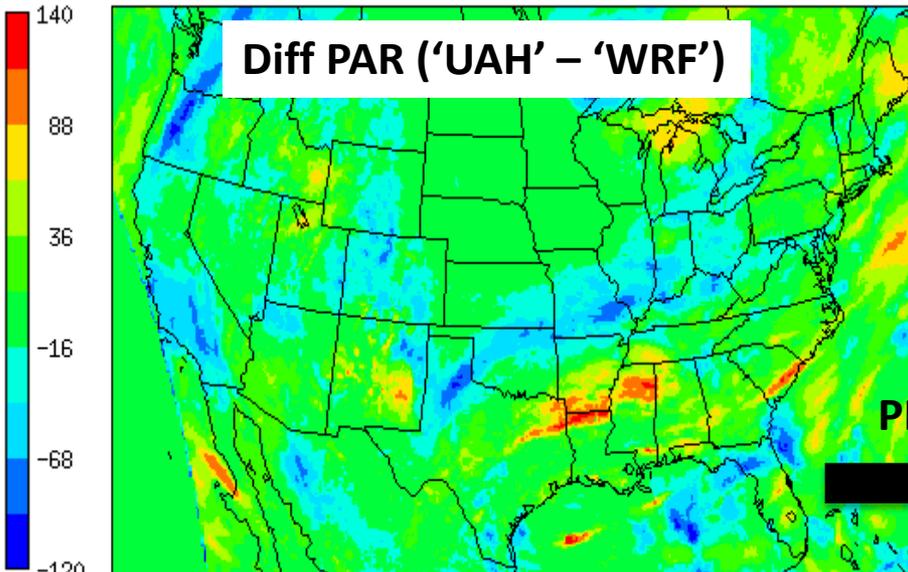
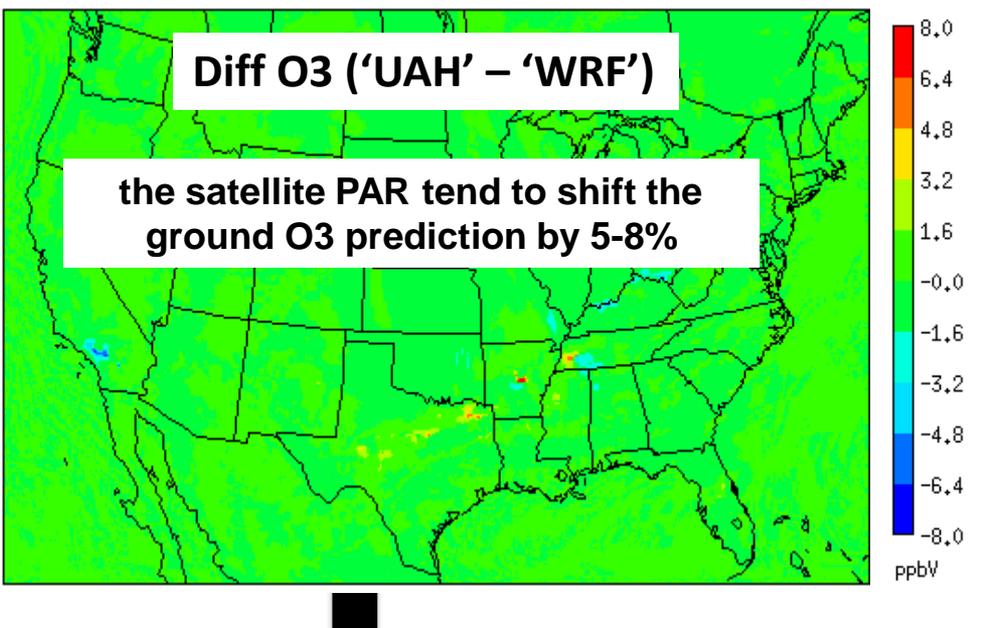
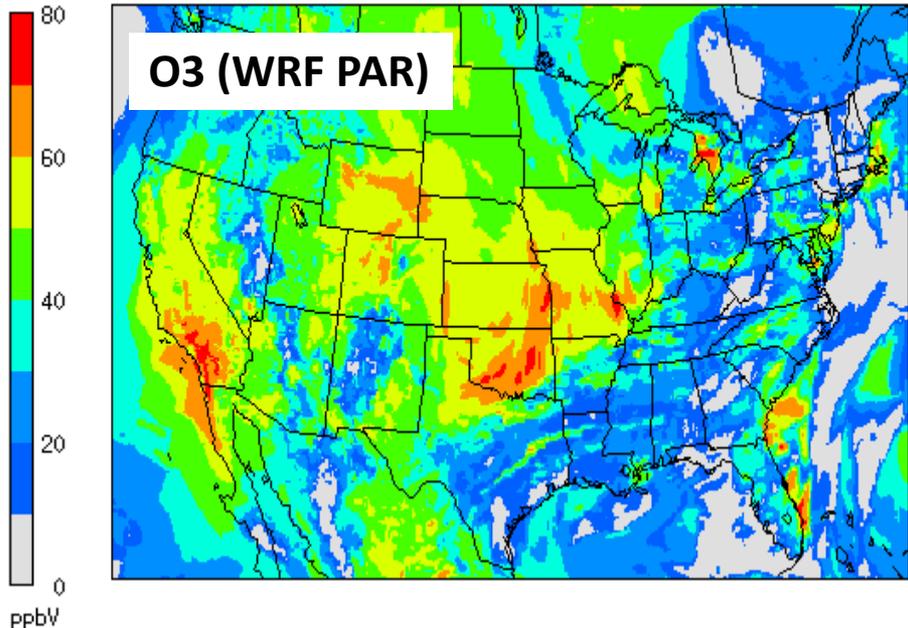




Performing bias correction  
before converting to PAR

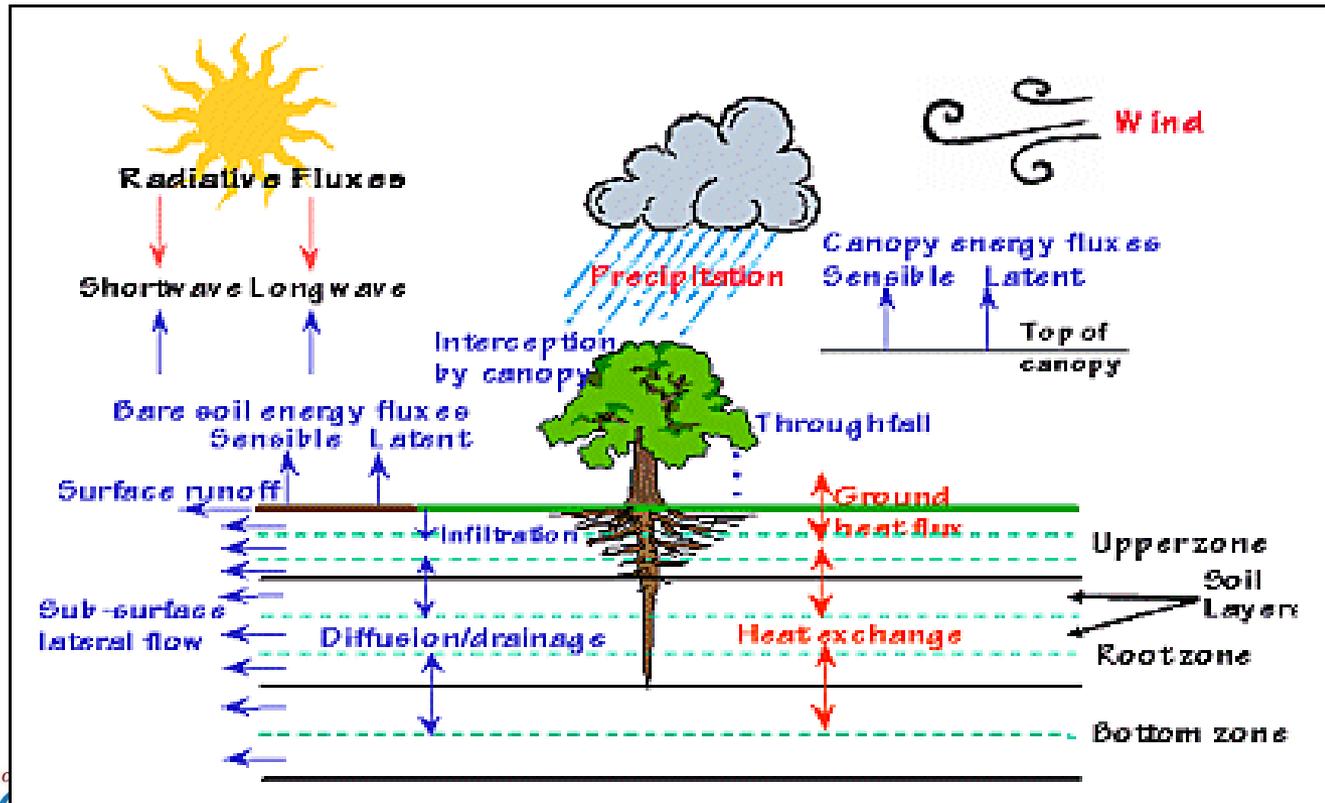


# Response for Daily Max 8-hr Average O3 concentrations (September 2013)



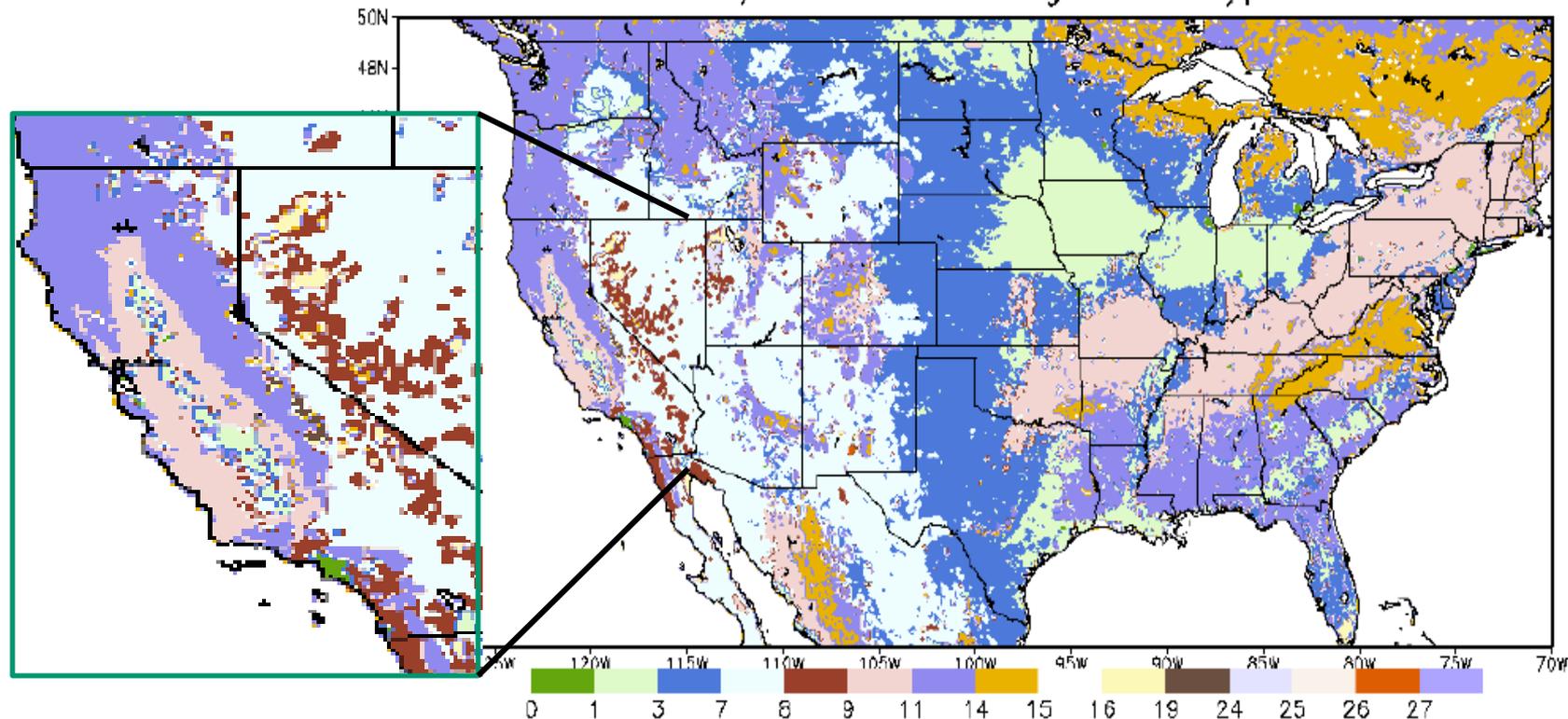
# Temperature and Moisture Modeling

Factors controlling surface temperatures and moisture are complex and many models have created complex land surface models that in the end require many ill defined parameters.



# Models have attempted to improve performance by developing improved land use classes (LUC) using in situ and satellite data

USGS/EROS 1 km Vegetation Type



- 1: Urban and Built-Up Land
- 2: Dryland Cropland and Pasture
- 3: Irrigated Cropland and Pasture
- 4: Mixed Dryland/Irrigated Cropland
- 5: Cropland/Grassland Mosaic
- 6: Cropland/Woodland Mosaic
- 7: Grassland
- 8: Shrubland
- 9: Mixed Shrubland/Grassland
- 10: Savanna
- 11: Deciduous Broadleaf
- 12: Deciduous Needleleaf
- 13: Evergreen Broadleaf
- 14: Evergreen Needleleaf
- 15: Mixed Forest
- 16: water
- 17: Herbaceous Wetland
- 18: Wooded Wetland
- 19: Barren
- 20: Herbaceous Tundra
- 21: Wooded Tundra
- 22: Mixed Tundra
- 23: Bare Ground
- 24: Tundra
- 25: Playa
- 26: Lava
- 27: White Sand

Unfortunately models don't use land surface classes directly. Physical parameters such as heat capacity, canopy resistance, surface moisture have to be defined for the Land Use Class

Albedo - SFC albedo (in percentage)	RGL - Parameter used in radiation stress function
Z0 - Roughness Length (m)	HS - Parameter used in vapor pressure deficit
SHDFAC - Green vegetation fraction	SNUP - Threshold depth for 100% snow cover
NROOT - Number of root layers	LAI - Leaf area index (dimensionless)
RS - stomatal resistance (s m-1)	MAXALB - Upper bound on max albedo snow

## Vegetation Parameters

Category	Class	Albedo	Z0	SHDFAC	NROOT	RS	RGL	HS	SNUP	LAI	MAXALB
Urban and Built-Up Land	1	0.15	1.00	0.10	1	200.	999.	999.0	0.04	4	40
Dryland Cropland and Pasture	2	0.19	0.07	0.80	3	40.	100.	36.25	0.04	4	64
Irrigated Cropland and Pasture	3	0.15	0.07	0.80	3	40.	100.	36.25	0.04	4	64
Mixed Dryland/Irrigated Cropland and Pasture	4	0.17	0.07	0.80	3	40.	100.	36.25	0.04	4	64
Cropland/Grassland Mosaic	5	0.19	0.07	0.80	3	40.	100.	36.25	0.04	4	64
Cropland/Woodland Mosaic	6	0.19	0.15	0.80	3	70.	65.	44.14	0.04	4	60
Grassland	7	0.19	0.08	0.80	3	40.	100.	36.35	0.04	4	64
Shrubland	8	0.25	0.03	0.70	3	300.	100.	42.00	0.03	4	69
Mixed Shrubland/Grassland	9	0.23	0.05	0.70	3	170.	100.	39.18	0.035	4	67
Savanna	10	0.20	0.86	0.50	3	70.	65.	54.53	0.04	4	45
Deciduous Broadleaf Forest	11	0.12	0.80	0.80	4	100.	30.	54.53	0.08	4	58
Deciduous Needleleaf Forest	12	0.11	0.85	0.70	4	150.	30.	47.35	0.08	4	54
Evergreen Broadleaf Forest	13	0.11	2.65	0.95	4	150.	30.	41.69	0.08	4	32
Evergreen Needleleaf Forest	14	0.10	1.09	0.70	4	125.	30.	47.35	0.08	4	52
Mixed Forest	15	0.12	0.80	0.80	4	125.	30.	51.93	0.08	4	53
Water Bodies	16	0.19	0.001	0.00	0	100.	30.	51.75	0.01	4	70
Herbaceous Wetland	17	0.12	0.04	0.60	2	40.	100	60.00	0.01	4	35
Wooded Wetland	18	0.12	0.05	0.60	2	100.	30.	51.93	0.02	4	30
Barren and Sparsely Vegetated	19	0.12	0.01	0.01	1	999.	999.	999.0	0.02	4	69
Herbaceous Tundra	20	0.16	0.04	0.60	3	150.	100.	42.00	0.025	4	58
Wooded Tundra	21	0.16	0.06	0.60	3	150.	100.	42.00	0.025	4	55
Mixed Tundra	22	0.16	0.05	0.60	3	150.	100.	42.00	0.025	4	55
Bare Ground Tundra	23	0.17	0.03	0.30	2	200.	100.	42.00	0.02	4	65
Snow or Ice	24	0.70	0.001	0.00	1	999.	999.	999.0	0.02	4	75

Climate models must use complex models for energy and water balance models to run unattended for years.

In weather forecasting and air pollution applications the better approach may be to use simple models highly constrained by observations.

This may be especially true for retrospective studies such as SIP periods.

## Examples

McNider et al 1994 MWR Moisture adjustment using satellite time tendency data

Anderson et al 1997(ALEXI) JAM moisture adjustment using satellite data

Pleim and Xiu 2003 JAM Moisture adjustment using surface obs

McNider et al 2005 JCAM Heat capacity/thermal inertia adjustment.



The satellite observes a skin or radiating temperature while the original Pleim-Xiu scheme only provided a slab temperature associated with a finite heat capacity -  $c_g$

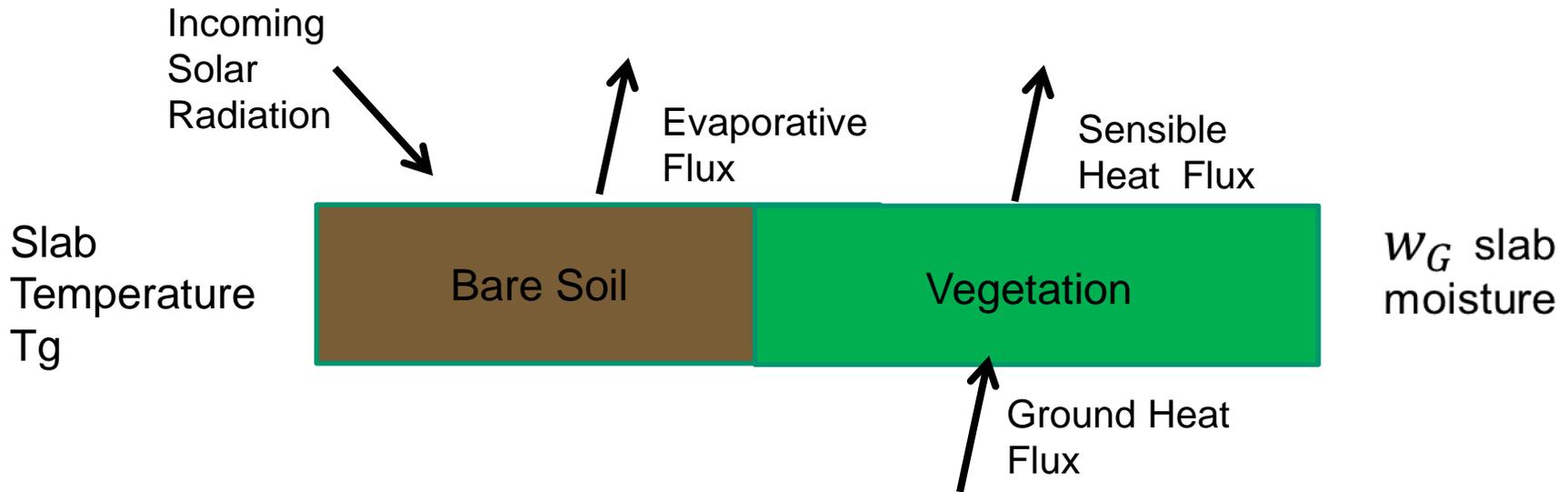
$$c_g \frac{\partial T_G}{\partial t} = R_L + (1 - \alpha_s) R_s - \varepsilon \sigma T_s^4 - H - E - G$$

Following Makaro 2011 we take the limit of  $c_g$  approaching 0 to obtain a infinitely thin surface.

$$R_L + (1 - \alpha_s) R_s - \varepsilon \sigma T_s^4 - H - E - S = 0$$

We use root finding techniques to recover a true skin temperature,  $T_s$ .

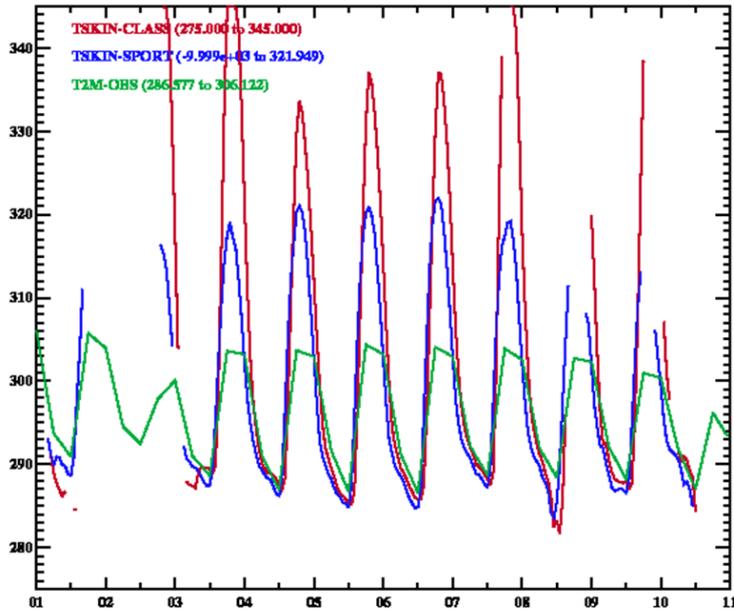
We have taken a different approach and have embraced simple models but highly constrained by observations. Simple model is based on the Pleim-Xiu scheme in WRF.



Original Pleim-Xiu used differences between National Weather Service observations and model temperatures to nudge moisture in the proper direction.

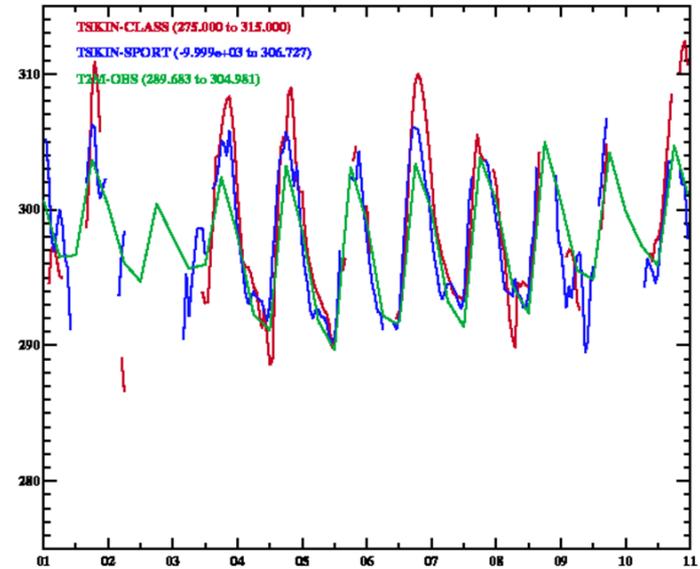
$$\Delta W_G = \alpha_1 (T_s^F - T_s^A) + \alpha_2 (RH^F - RH^A) \text{ Daytime}$$

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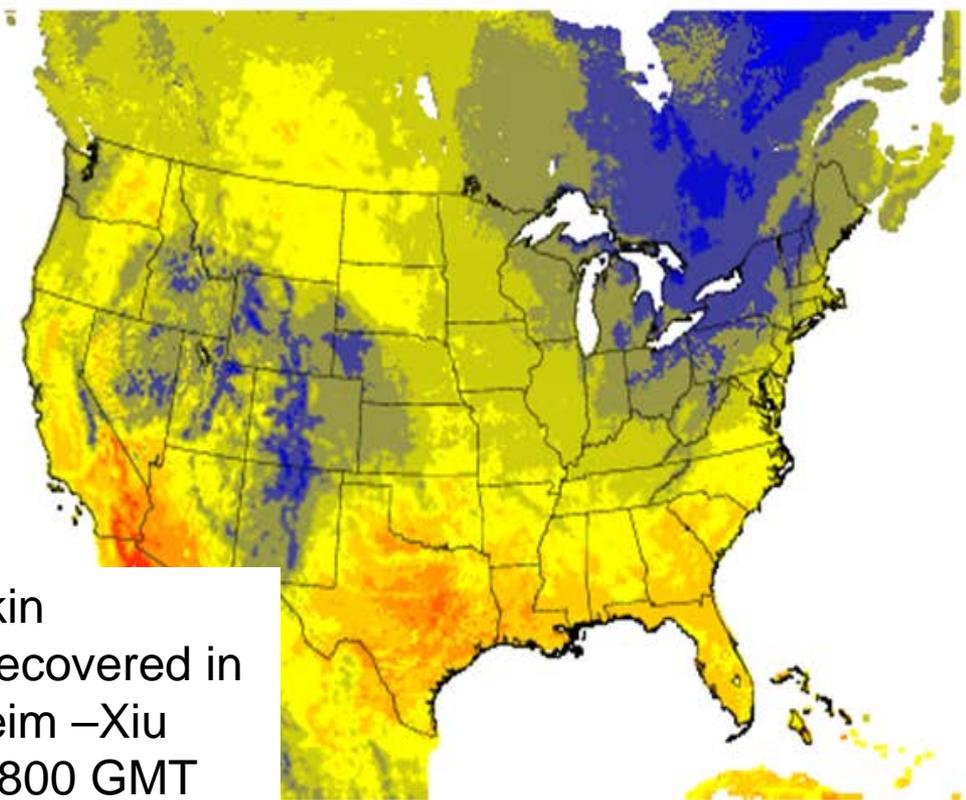
Time series for the first part of September 2013 showing GSIP skin temperatures, SPoRT skin temperatures and 2m observed temperature.

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Time series for the first part of September 2013 showing GSIP skin temperatures, SPoRT skin temperatures and 2m observed temperature.

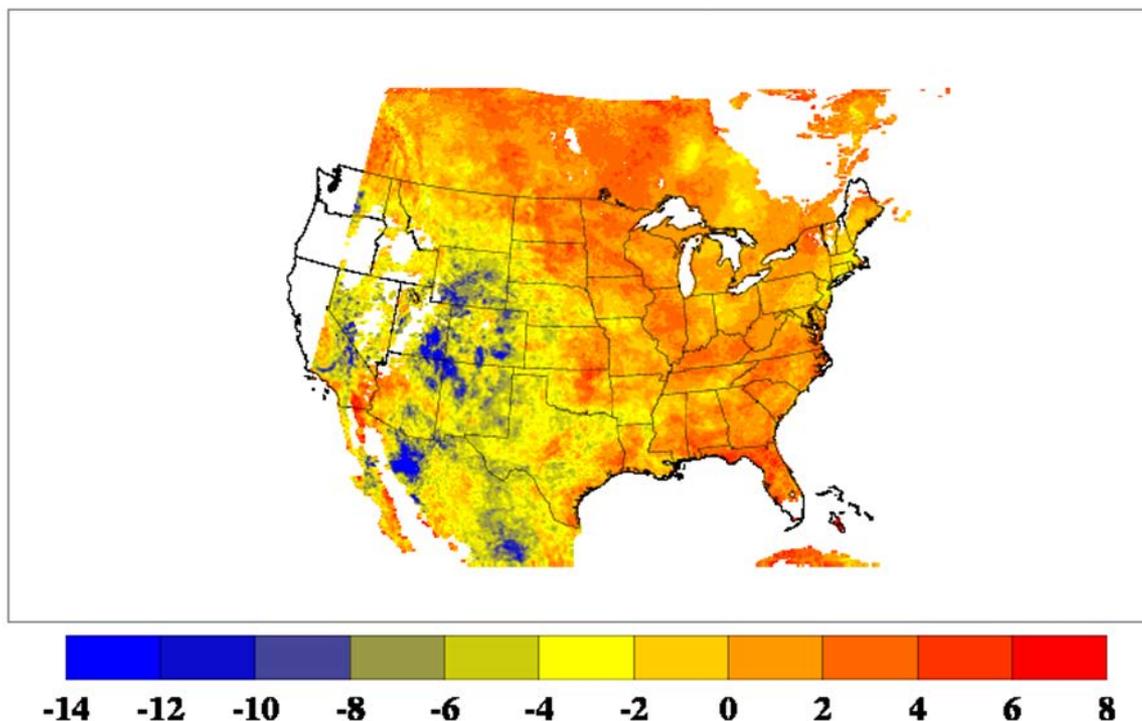




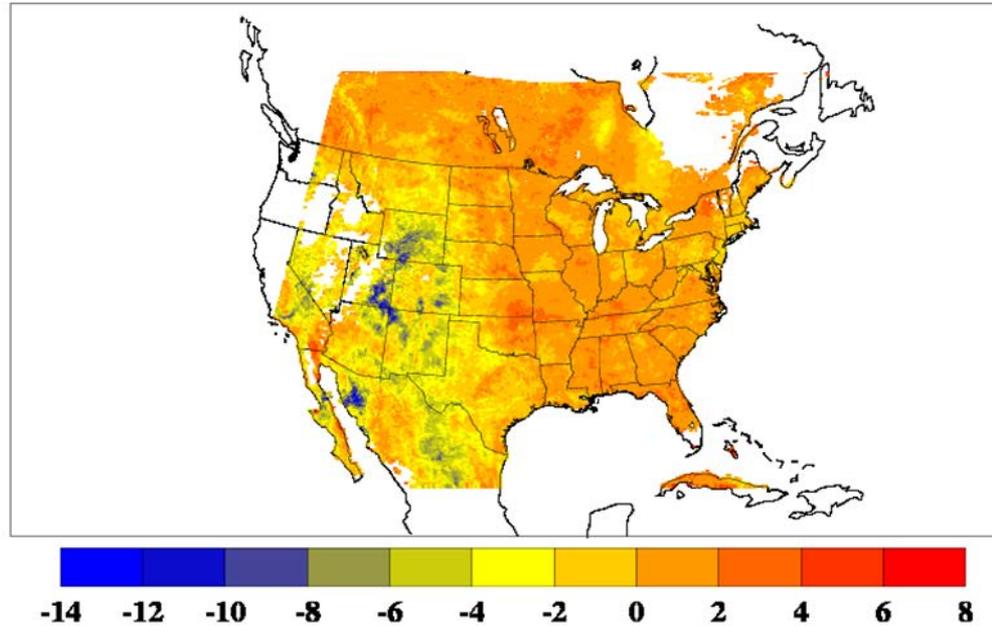
Example of skin temperature recovered in WRF from Pleim –Xiu scheme for 1800 GMT Sept 13, 2013



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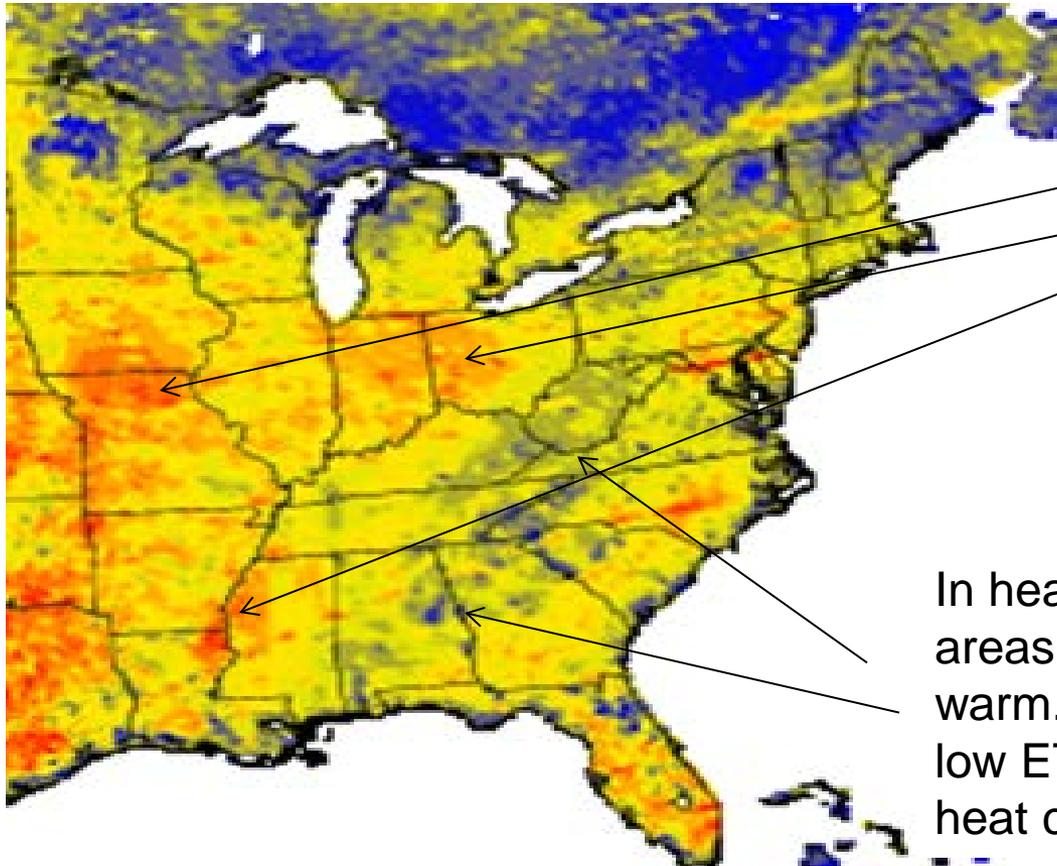


*Fig. 6-4. Average daytime difference of the WRF diagnosed skin temperature minus the NOAA ALEXI observed skin temperature for the period 0000 UTC 1 September 2013 through 0000 UTC 6 September 2013. The NOAA ALEXI observed skin temperatures are the most recent version with aggressive cloud screening. Simulation is the insolation replacement run with the new (USGS) vegetation fraction and without any nudging. Values truncated between -14 and +8*



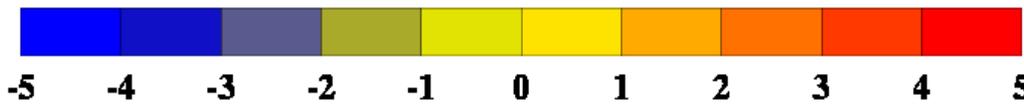
*Fig. 6-5. Average daytime difference of the WRF diagnosed skin temperature minus the NOAA ALEXI observed skin temperature for the period 0000 UTC 1 September 2013 through 0000 UTC 6 September 2013. The NOAA ALEXI observed skin temperatures are the most recent version with aggressive cloud screening. Simulation is the insolation replacement run with the new (USGS) vegetation fraction with soil nudging (shallow and deep) with a nudging time scale of 600 s.*

# Potential of Skin Temperature to Improve WRF Performance

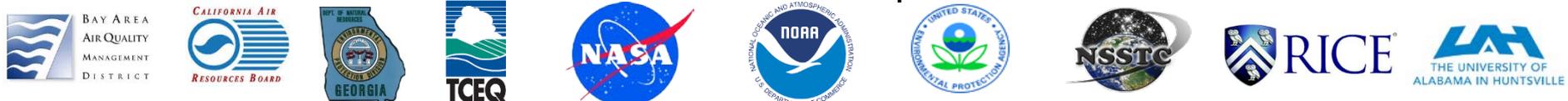


In September corn has been harvested and no longer transpiring. WRF is cooler than satellite likely has too much ET or too large heat capacity

In heavily forested areas WRF is too warm. May have too low ET or too small heat capacity



Difference between GOES Skin Temperature and WRF Control



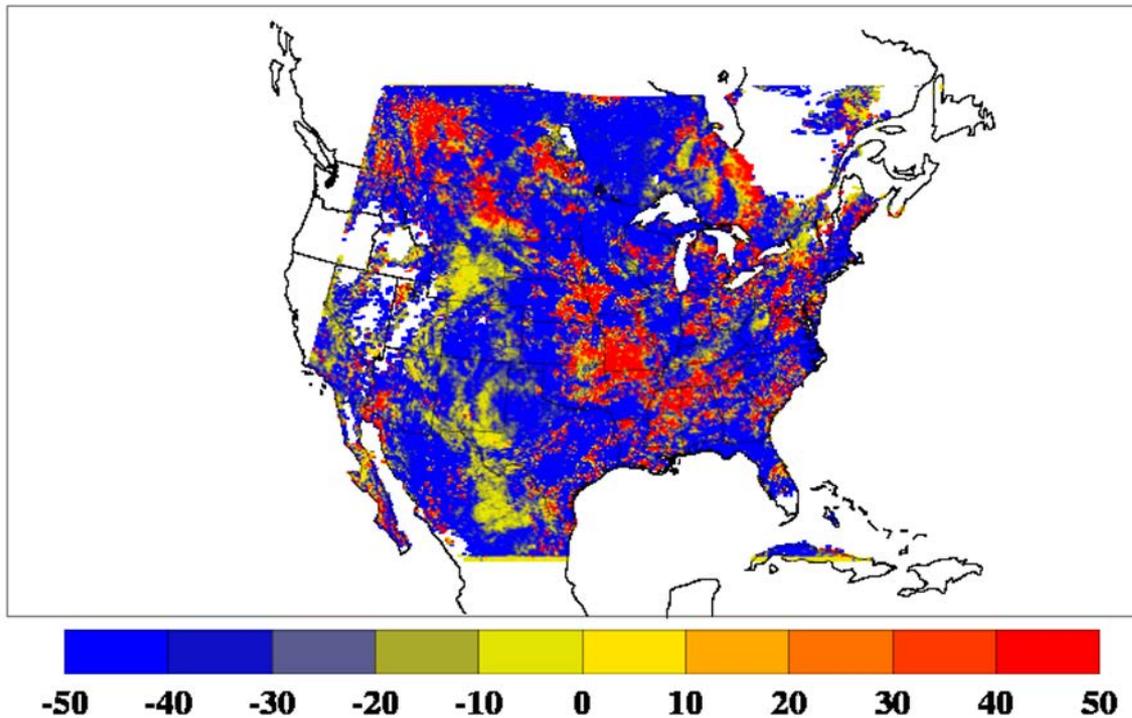


Fig. 6-6. Percentage change of the magnitude of the soil nudging bias (BN, absolute value of bias) relative to the magnitude of the insolation bias (BI, absolute value of bias) as given by  $100 (BN - BI) / BI$ . This is the P statistic given by equation (7). Values truncated to  $\pm 50\%$ . Both simulations used the USGS vegetation fraction. The NOAA ALEXI observed skin temperatures are the most recent version with aggressive cloud screening. Both simulations are for the period 0000 UTC 1 September 2013 through 0000 UTC 6 September 2013. Bias values are daytime only.

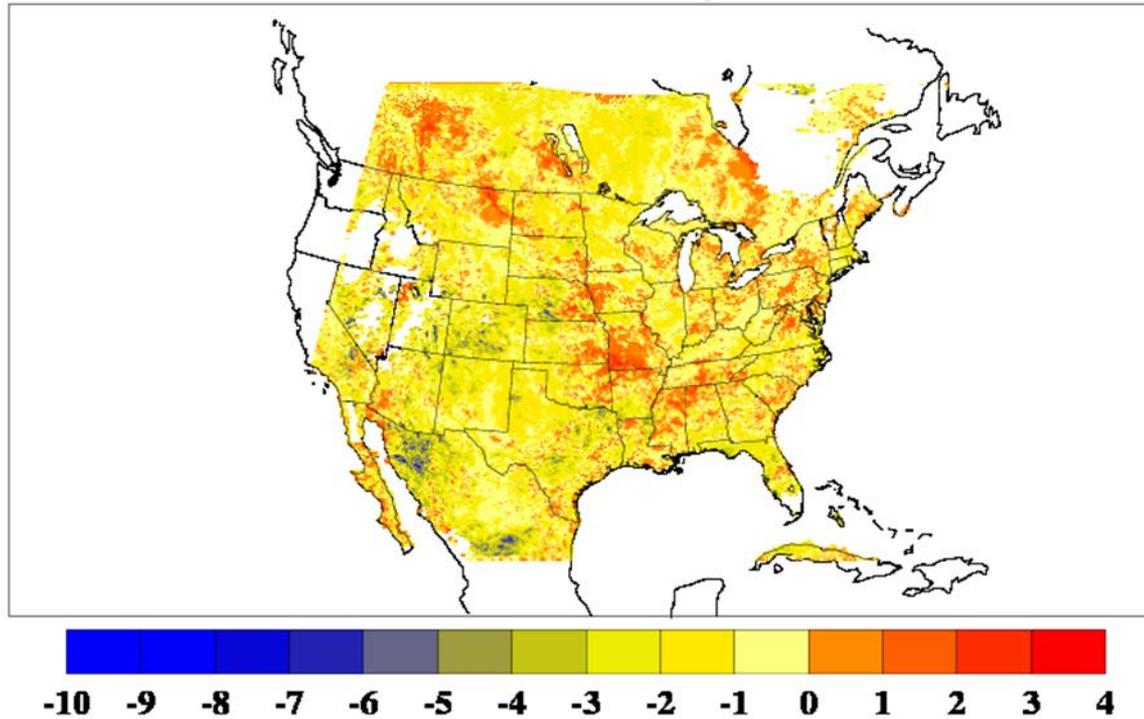


Fig. 6-7 Difference between the magnitude of the soil nudging bias ( $BN$ , absolute value of bias) and the magnitude of the insolation bias ( $BI$ , absolute value of bias) as given by  $BN - BI$  in units of  $K$ . This is an unscaled version of the  $P$  statistic given in (7) - i.e. without the division of by  $B_i$ . The NOAA ALEXI observed skin temperatures are the most recent version with aggressive cloud screening. Both simulations are for the period 0000 UTC 1 September 2013 through 0000 UTC 6 September 2013. Bias values are daytime only. Same information as in Fig. 6.6 but not normalized with respect to the insolation bias. Negative values (cool colors) correspond to a reduction in the magnitude of the bias, and positive values (warm colors) correspond to an increase in bias.

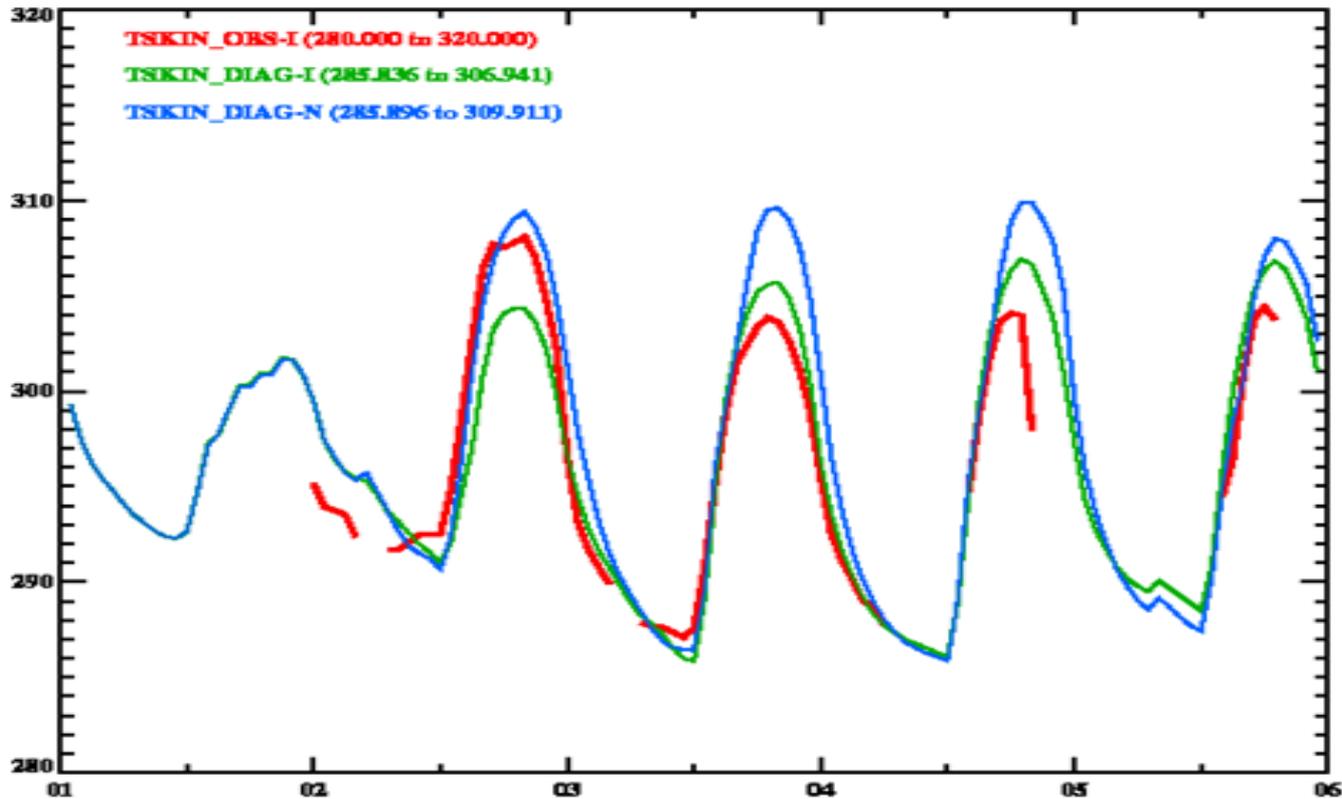
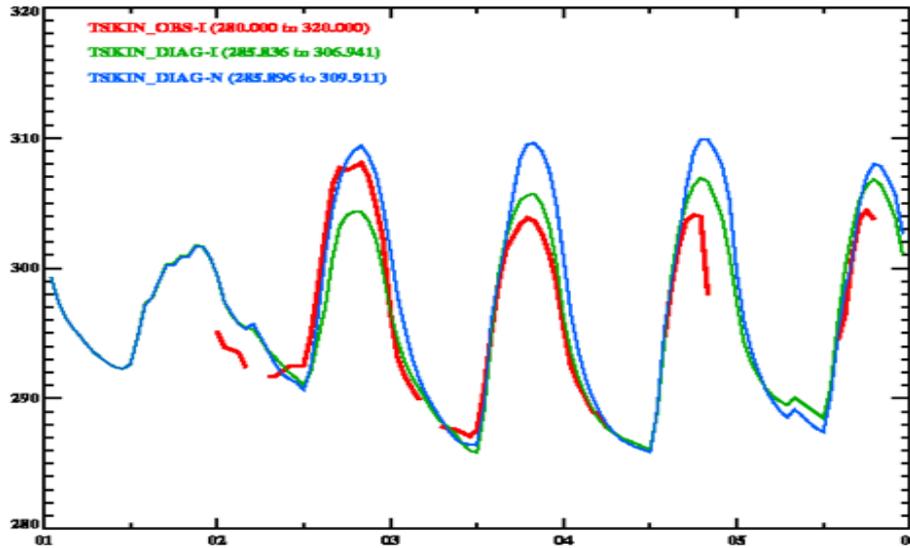
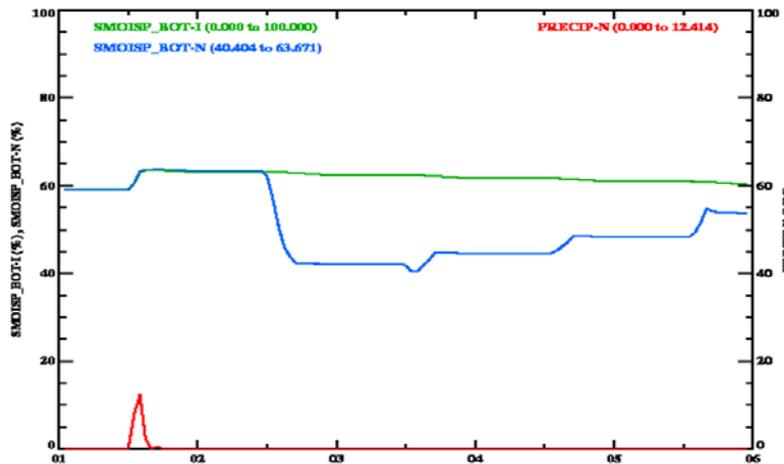
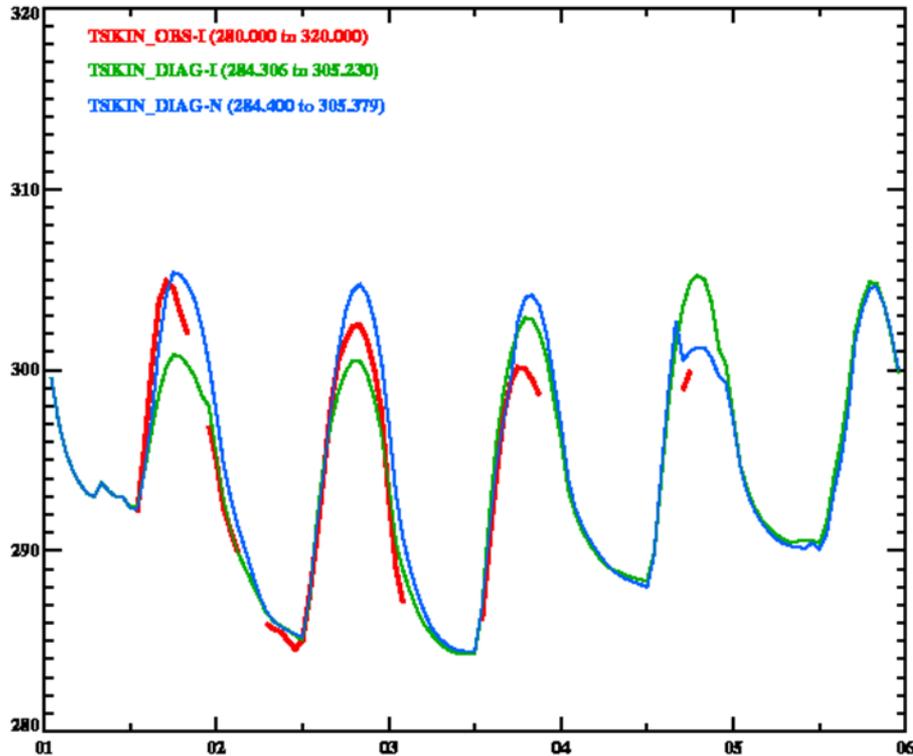


Fig. 6-9. Time series for 0000 UTC 1 September 2013 through 0000 UTC 6 September 2013 for southwestern Missouri (location code "A") This is a location where the magnitude of the bias increased with soil nudging.

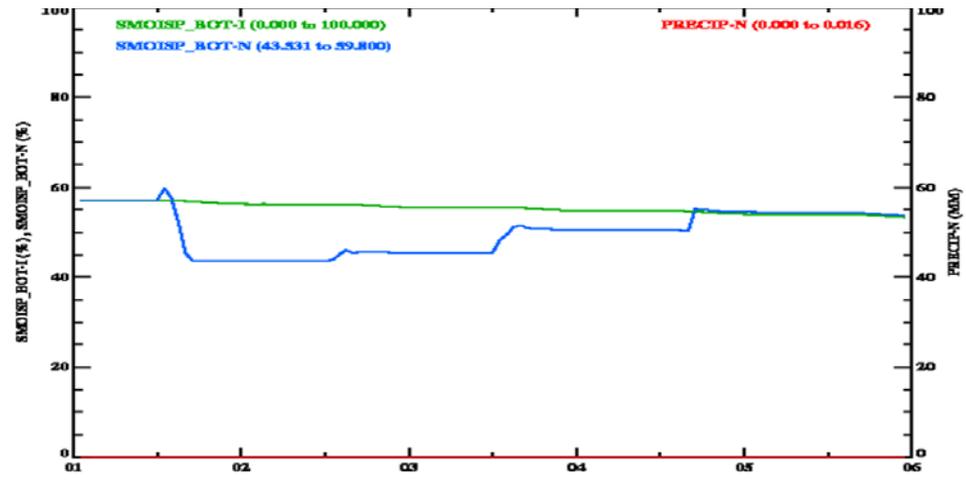
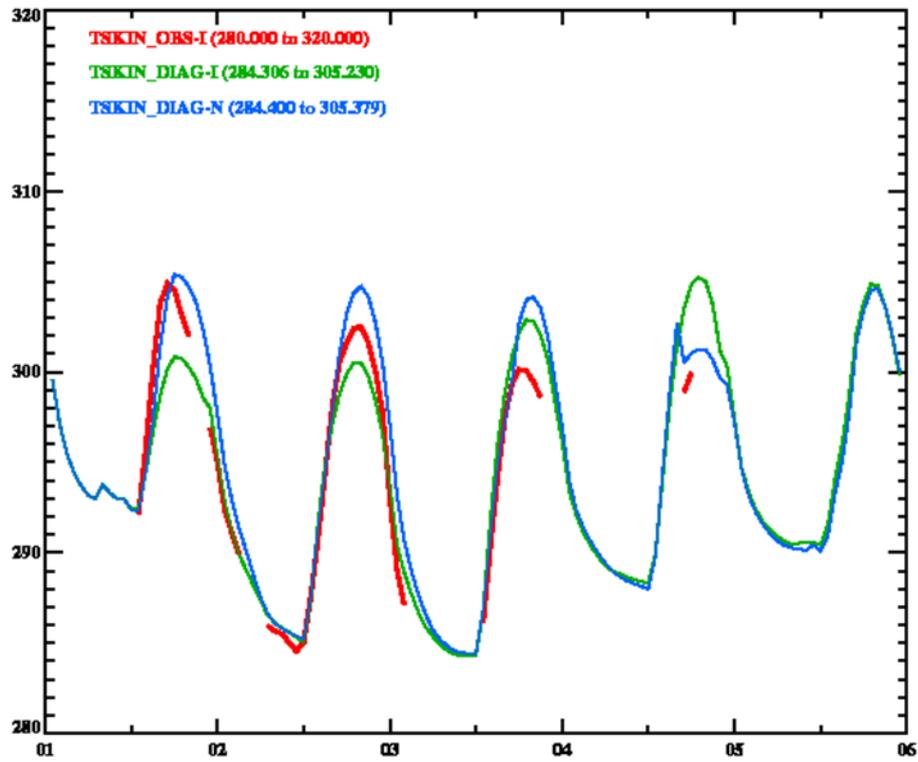


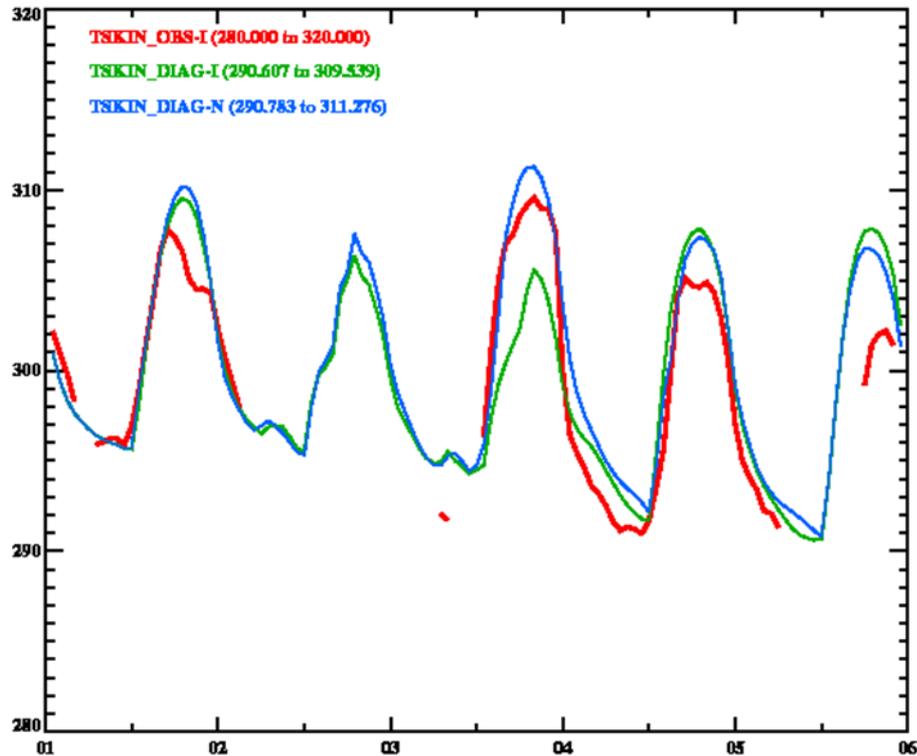
Corrects on second day by reducing moisture. But following days increases error



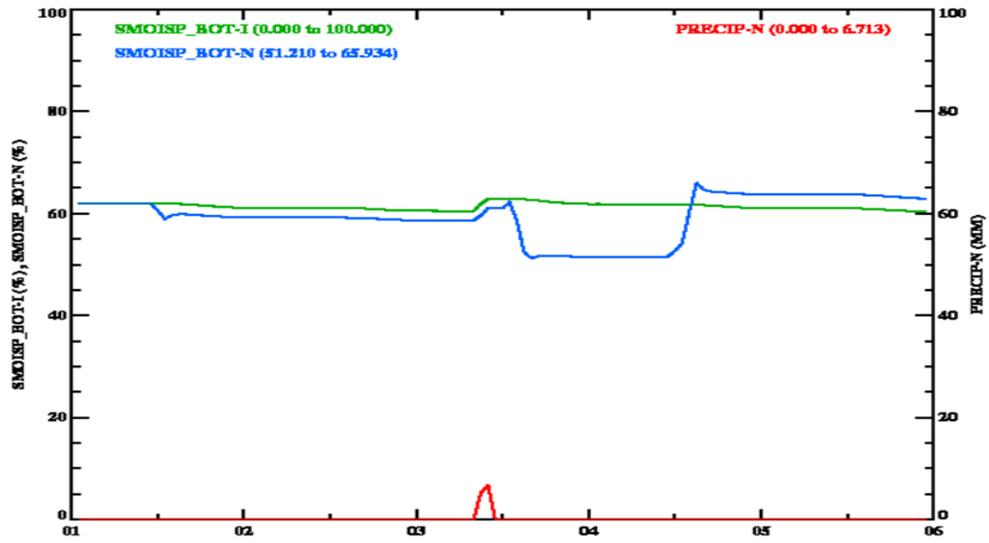
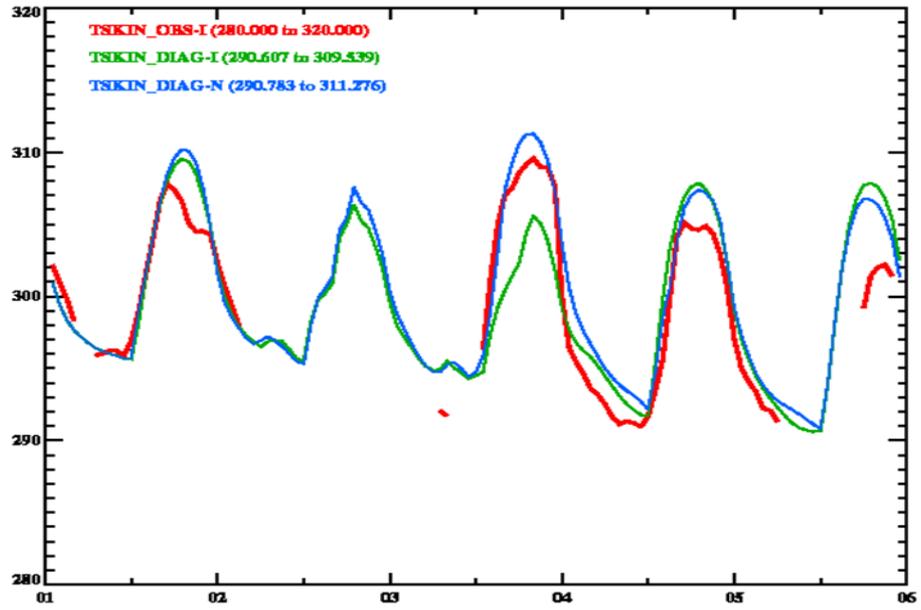


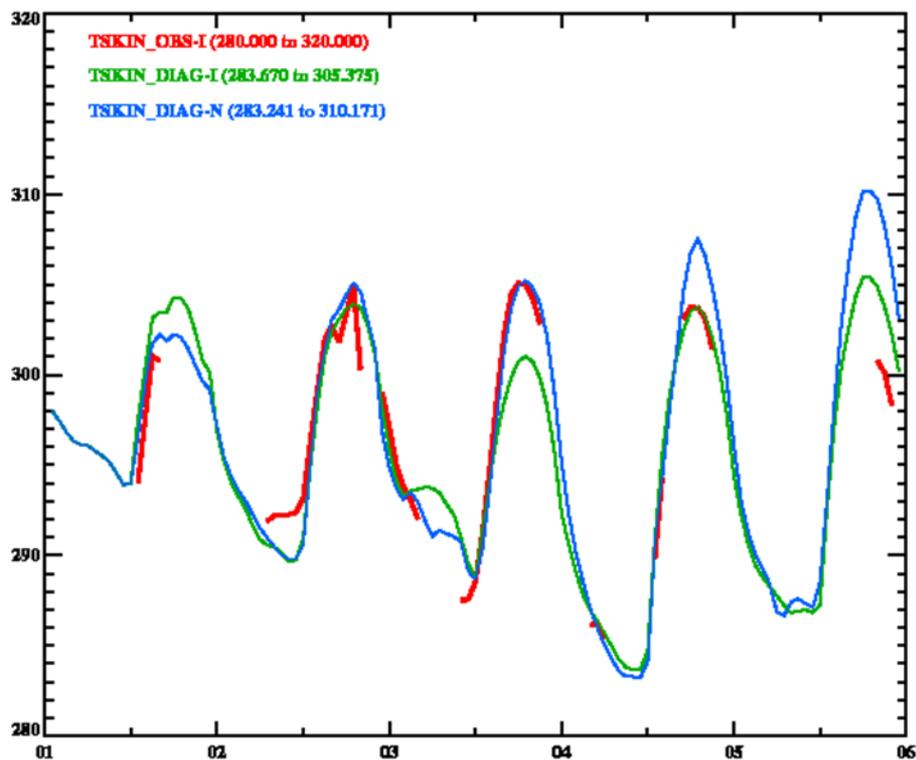
*Fig. 6-11. Time series for 0000 UTC 1 September 2013 through 0000 UTC 6 September 2013 for western Iowa (location code “B”) This is a location where the magnitude of the bias increased with soil nudging.*



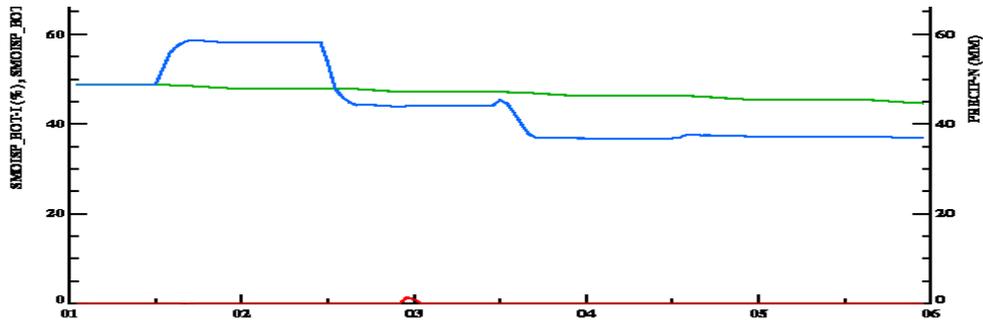
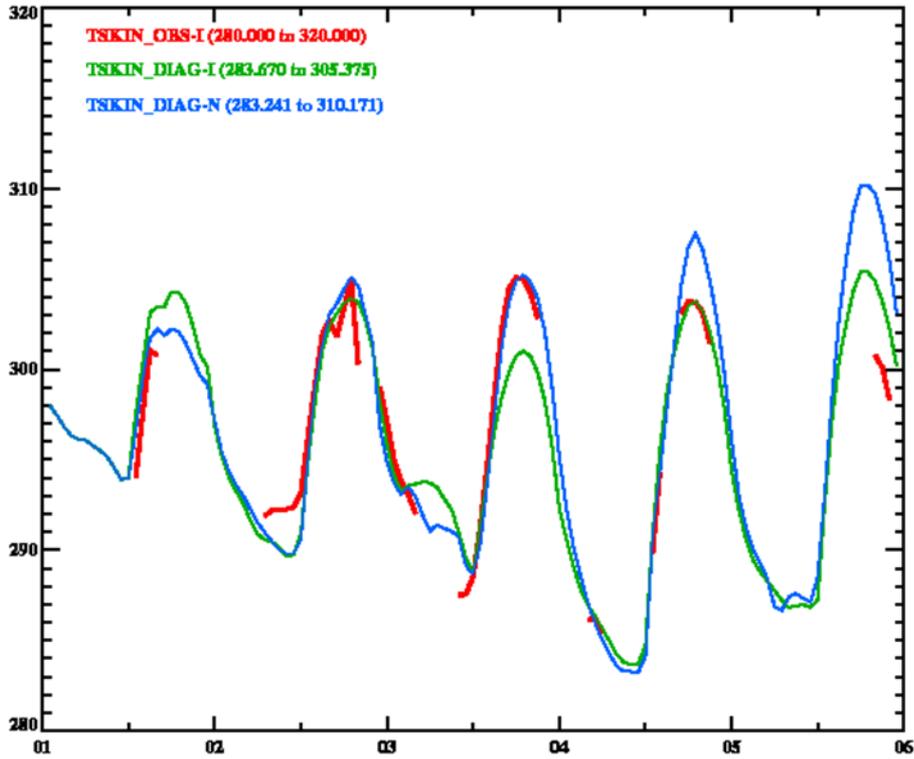


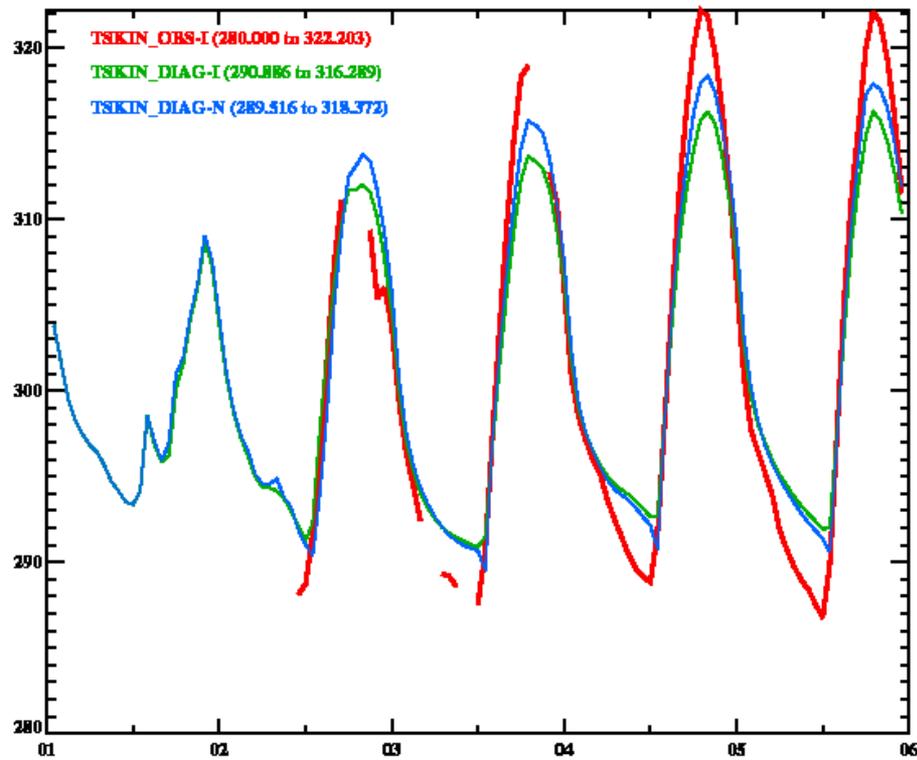
*Fig. 6-13. Time series for 0000 UTC 1 September 2013 through 0000 UTC 6 September 2013 for northwestern Alabama (location code "C") This is a location where the magnitude of the bias increased with soil nudging.*





*Fig. 6-15. Time series for 0000 UTC 1 September 2013 through 0000 UTC 6 September 2013 for southern Indiana (location code "D") This is a location where the magnitude of the bias increased with soil nudging.*





*Fig. 6-17. Time series for 0000 UTC 1 September 2013 through 0000 UTC 6 September 2013 for northern Texas (location code "EThis is a location where the magnitude of the bias decreased with soil nudging.*

