

# OZONE, METHANE AND AIR QUALITY MODELING WITH TRANSPORT/TRANSBOUNDARY

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*Policy Relevant Background ozone*

*Transport and transboundary air pollution*

*Consequences climate impact on air quality*

*Future air quality – ozone and  $PM_{2.5}$*

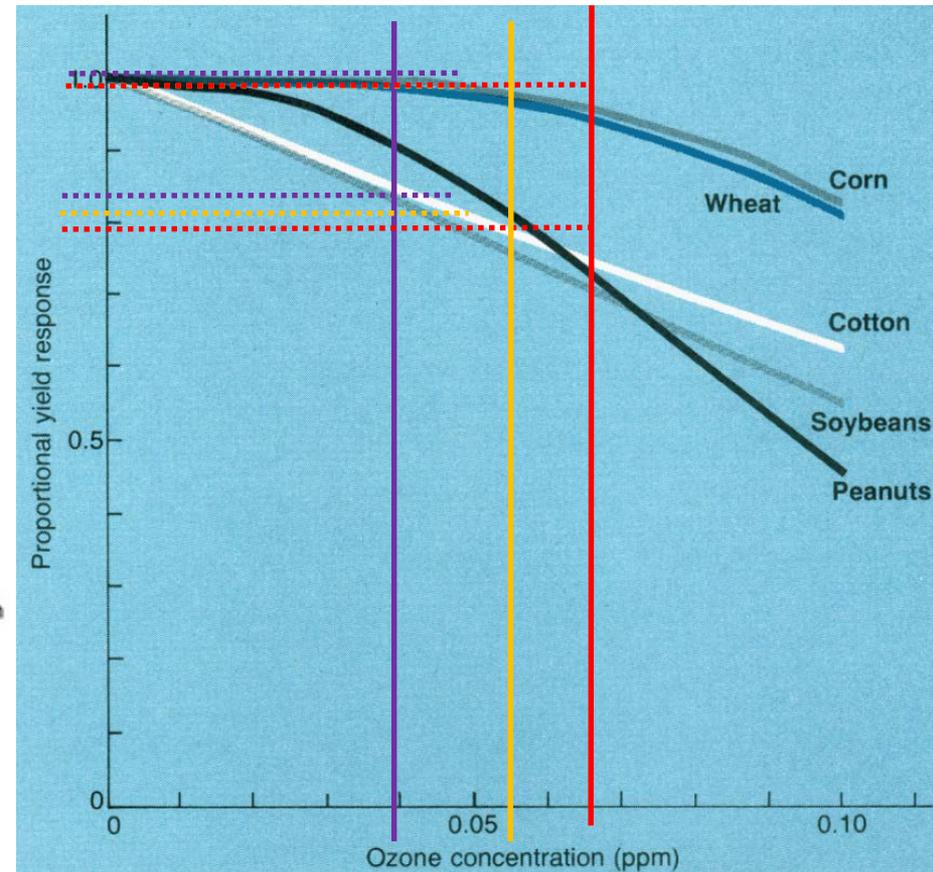
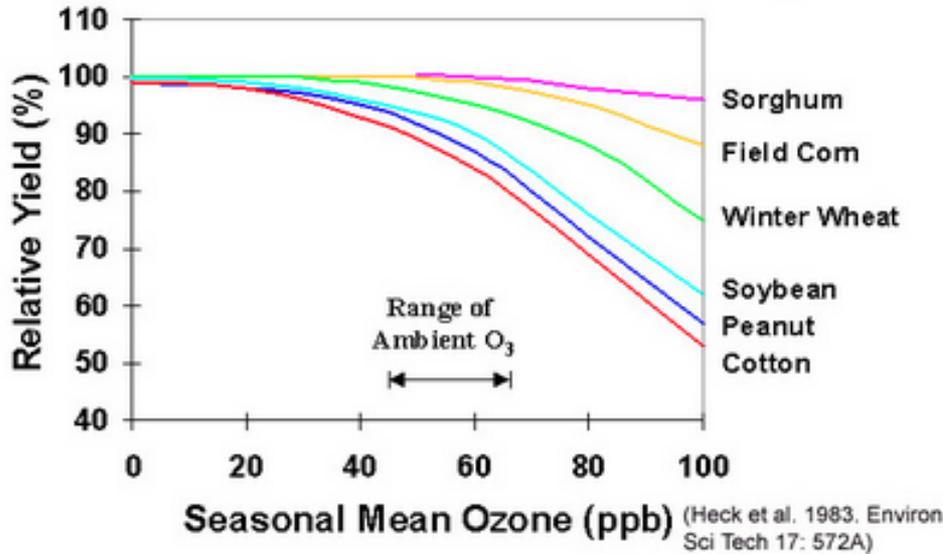


# PRB Ozone

Transport and transboundary

# Ozone impact on agriculture

## Effect of O<sub>3</sub> on Yield of Crops



# Policy Relevant Background ozone

Ozone season: July, Aug and Sept.

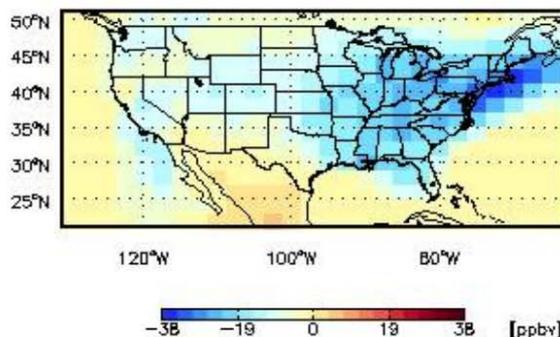
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“zero-out Asia” contributes : 3.0 to 5.0 ppbv to the background ozone concentration in the United States

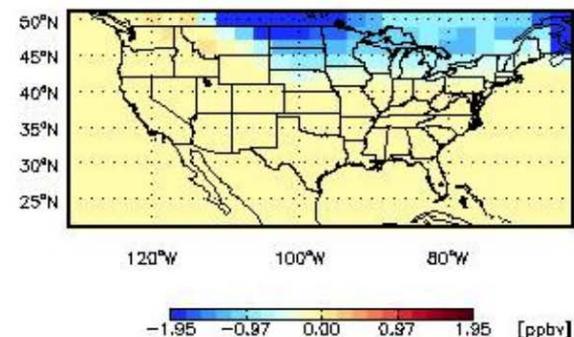
The average ozone impacts are about 2.0 ppbv for the “zero-out Canada” case in northern states, and up to 14.0 ppbv for the “zero-out Mexico” case in California, New Mexico and Texas areas.

“zero-out NA” shows that a large portion of average ozone, up to 38 ppbv, is contributed from the outside of United States

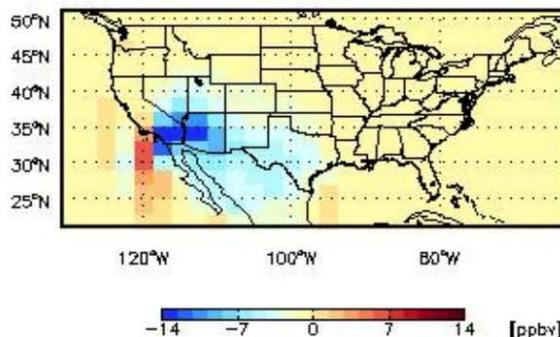
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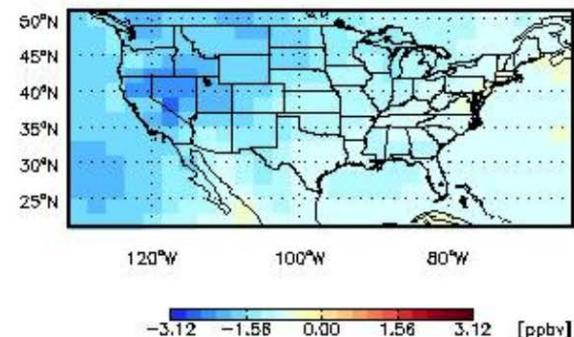
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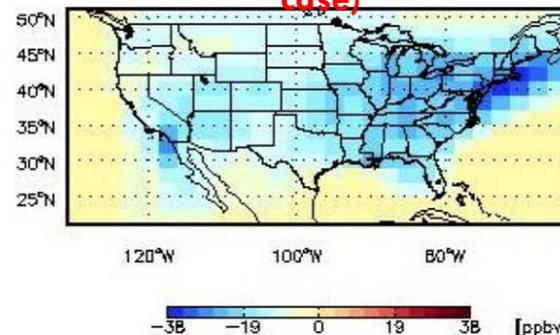
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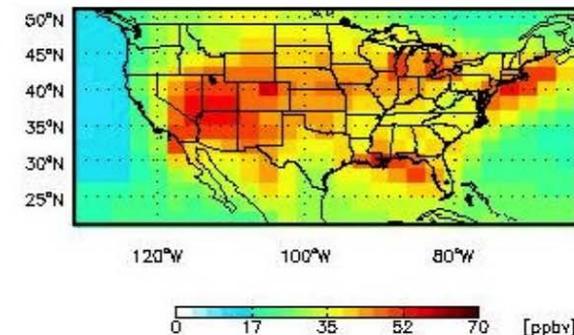
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## Zero-Out NA (Case –Base case)



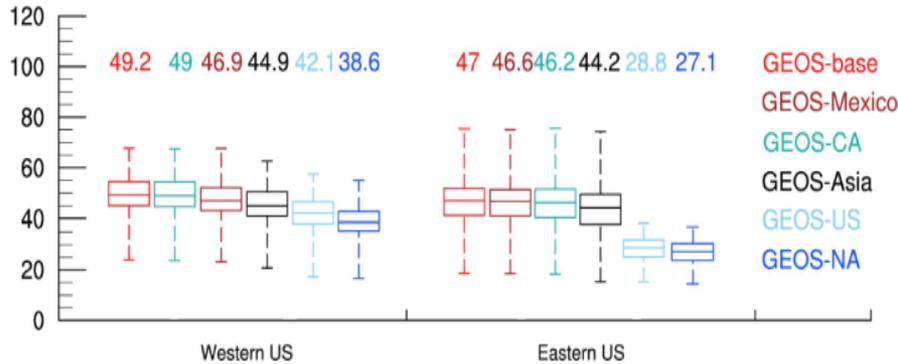
## Base case (No change)



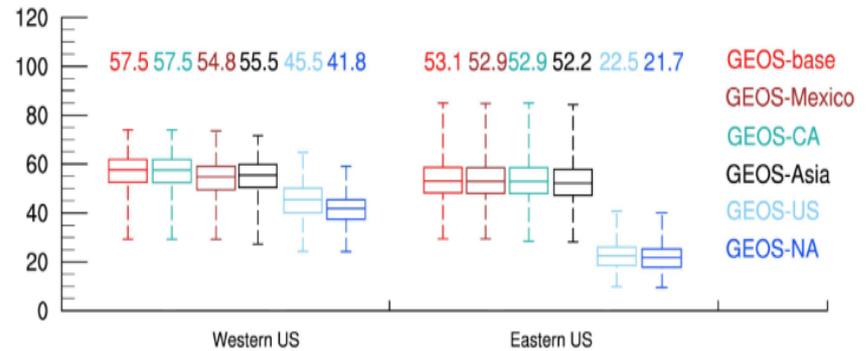
# Seasonal transport influences on surface ozone concentrations (spring and summer)

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## Spring



## Summer



The background ozone increases in the Western US due to increase in temperature, while it decreases in the Eastern US due to the rise of the tropopause.

Highlights the impact of transcontinental transport of ozone, namely a 3-5 ppbv increase in MDA8 ozone in both seasons

# Air Benefit and Cost and Attainment Assessment System (ABaCAS)

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# Response Surface Model (RSM)

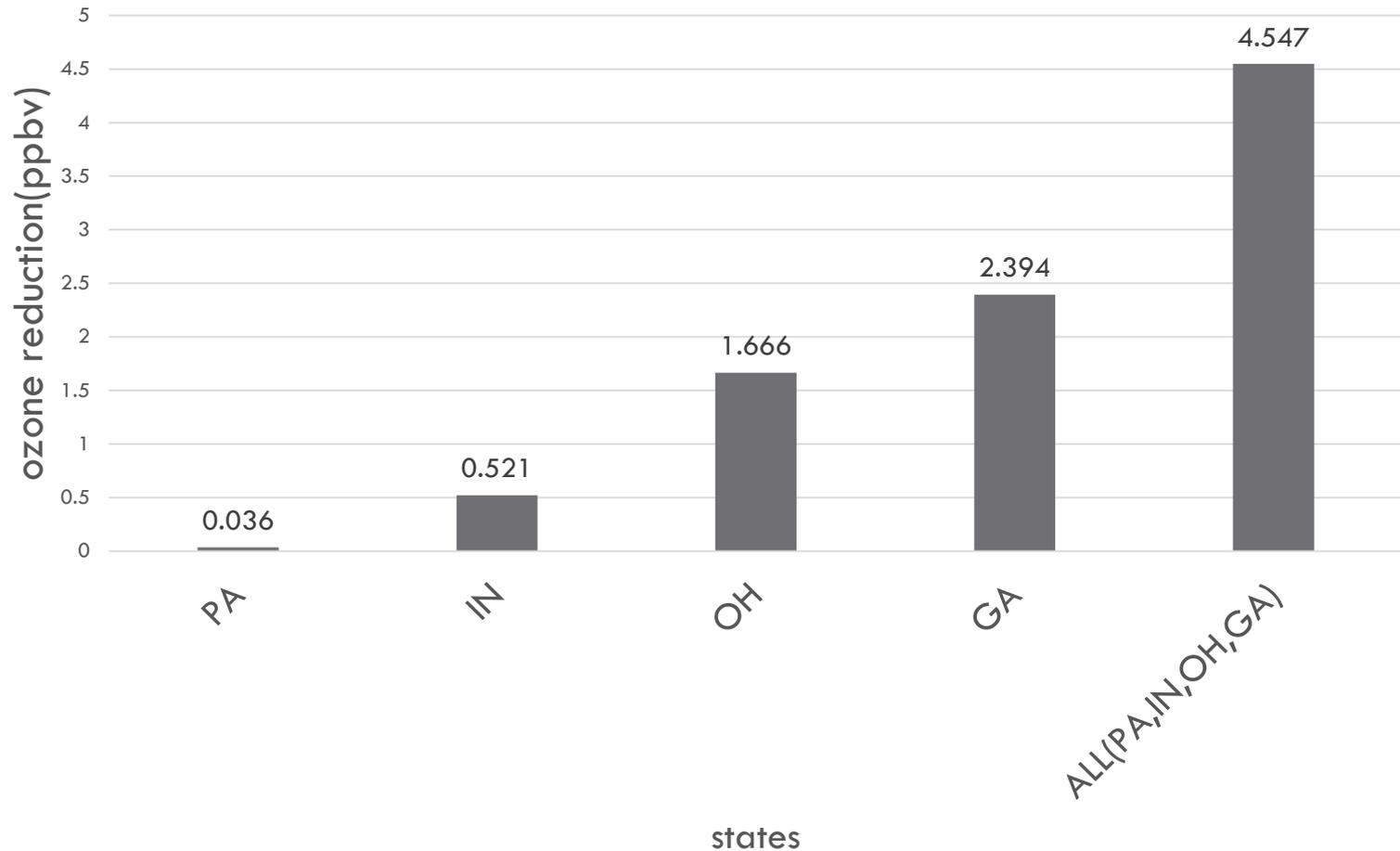
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RSM (Kriging interpolation technique) with Community Multi-scale Air Quality (CMAQ) modelling results. Builds up the connection between pollution and emission reduction control

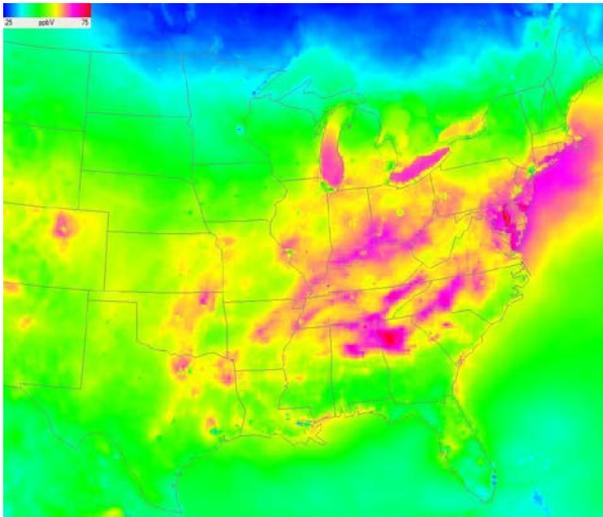
# Contributions from PA, IN, OH, IL, GA to GSM individually (RSM results in 2008)

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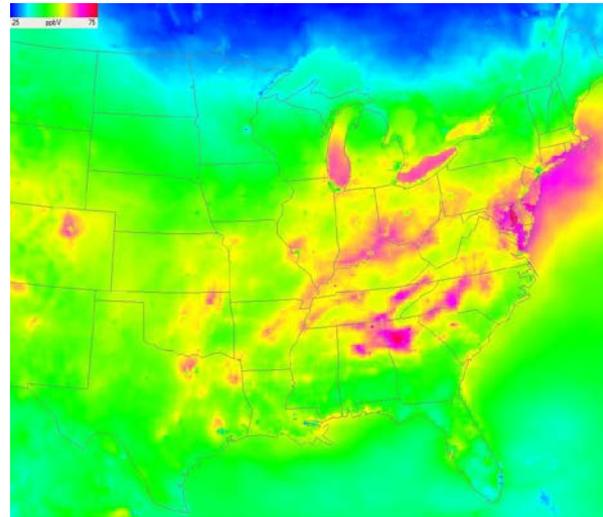


# Emission reduction scenarios

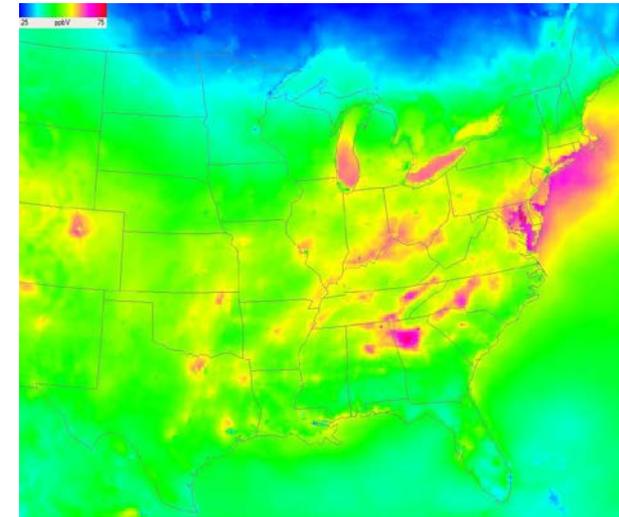
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Baseline



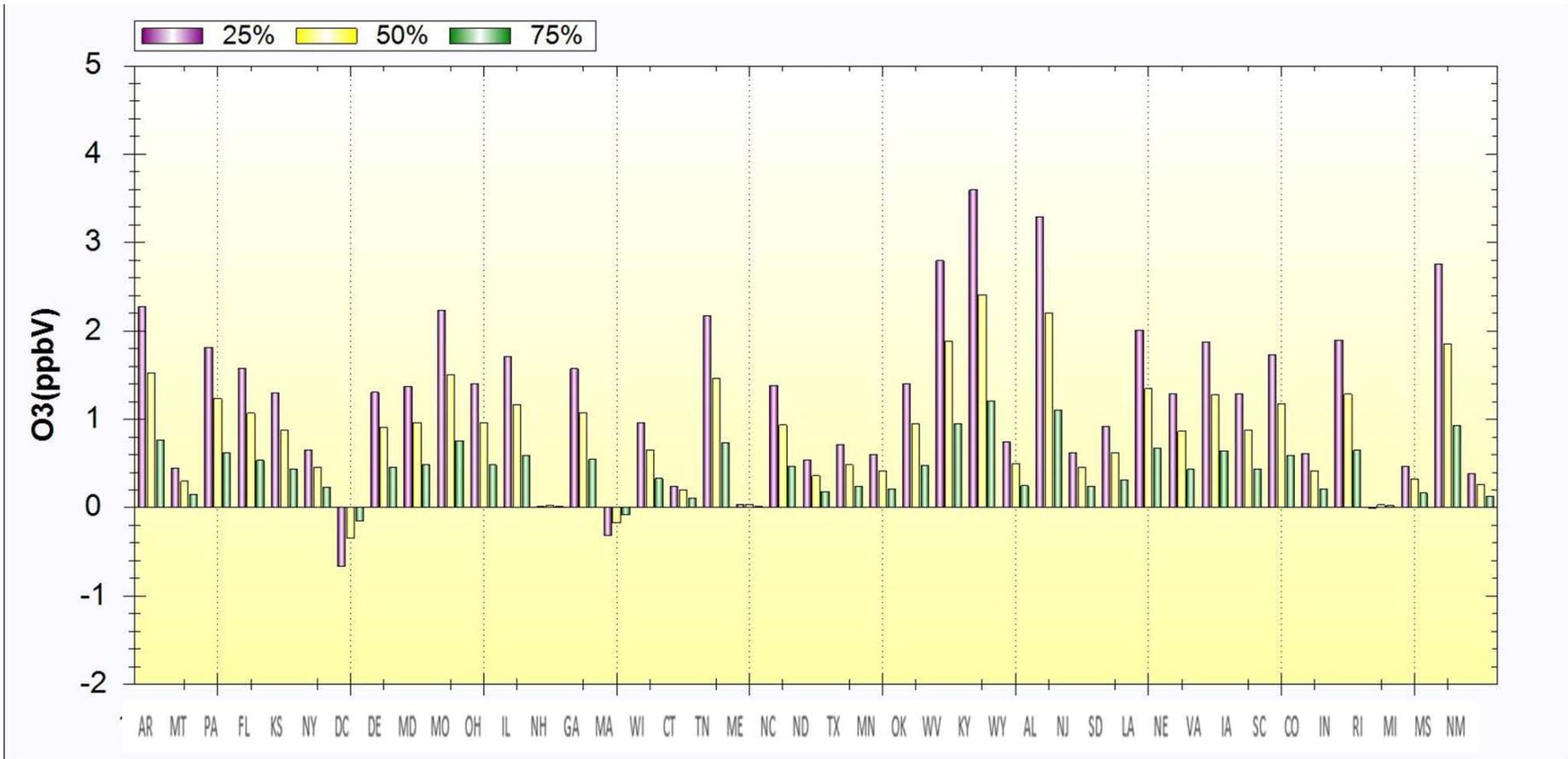
Reduce NOx at EGU, Non-EGU and Mobile at all states by 10%



Reduce NOx at EGU, Non-EGU and Mobile at states by 20%

# Power plant NOx emission reduction

O3 reductions at EGU at all states with 25%, 50% and 75% control percentages of NOx



# UNECE TF HTAP

- The Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution (TF HTAP) is an international scientific cooperative effort to improve the understanding of the intercontinental transport of air pollution across the Northern Hemisphere. TF HTAP was organized in 2005 under the auspices of the [UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution](#) (LRTAP Convention) and reports to the Convention's EMEP Steering Body.

# UN ECE TF HTAP - Questions

The main questions of interest to the TF HTAP relate to the benefits of international cooperation to decrease air pollution emissions:

- How do air pollution concentrations (or deposition) in one region of the world change as emissions change in other regions or the world?
- How do changes in emissions outside a region affect the health, ecosystem, and climate impacts of air pollution within a given region?
- How does the feasibility of further emissions control differ in different regions of the world?

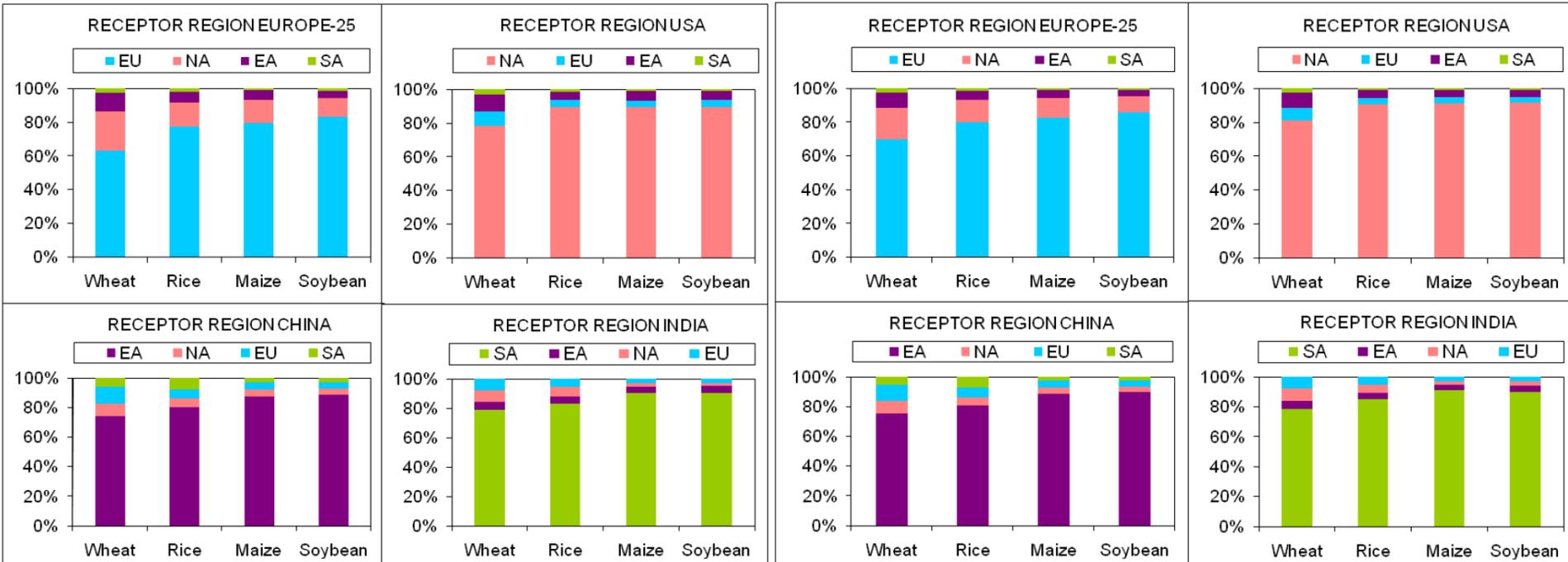
# Relative contribution of HTAP region to crop damage

HTAP: UN ECE Task Force Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution

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## Mx indices

## AOT40 indices



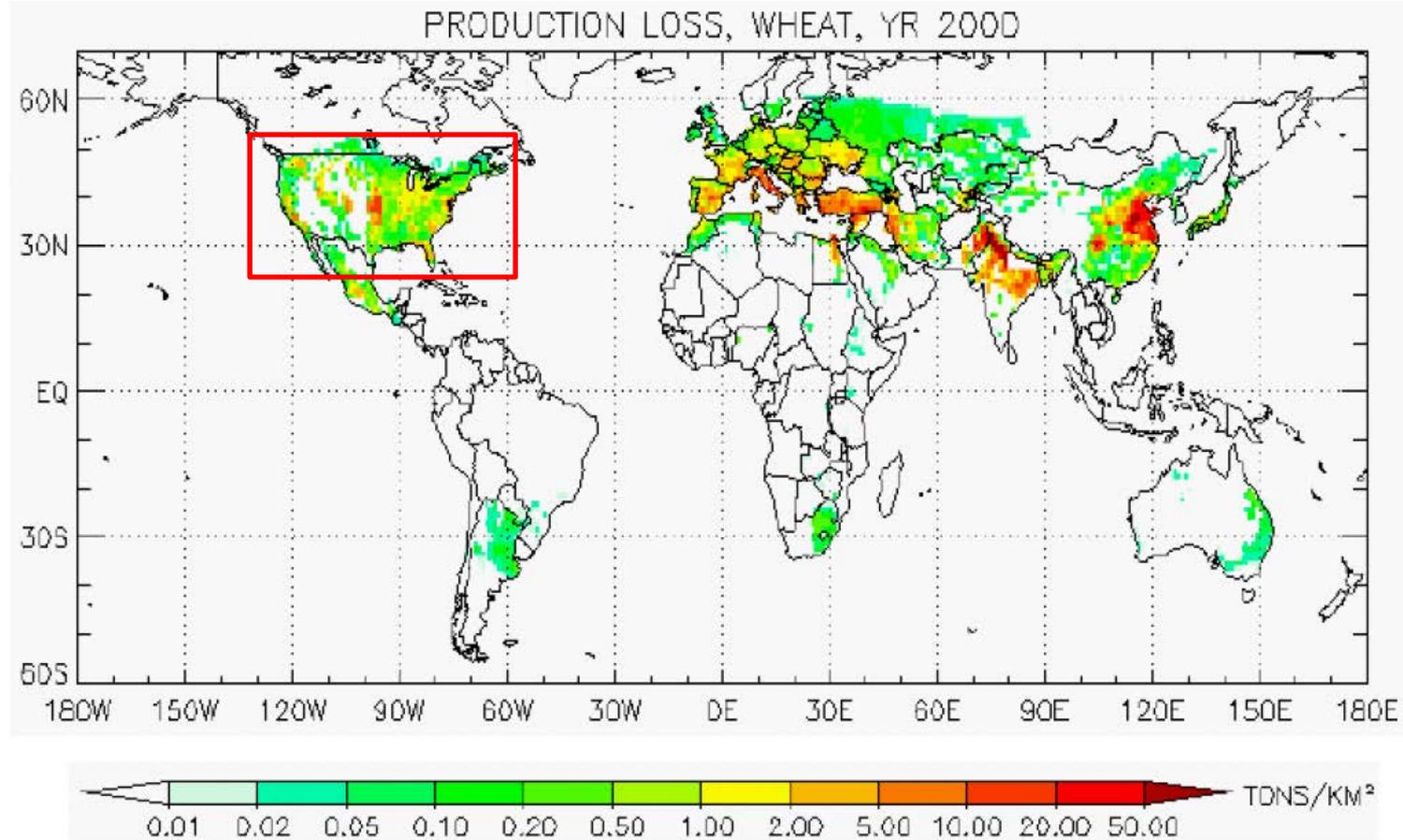
EU: Europe, NA = North America, EA = East Asia, SA = South Asia

Mx(M7 or M12): Daylight (7 or 12 hours) growing season average

AOT40: Accumulated concentration over a threshold of 40 ppb during daylight hours over a growing season

# Average wheat crop production losses due to ozone in 2000

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# Climate change consequences

Future air quality

# Outline

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*What is climate change?*

## **Climate change is happening**

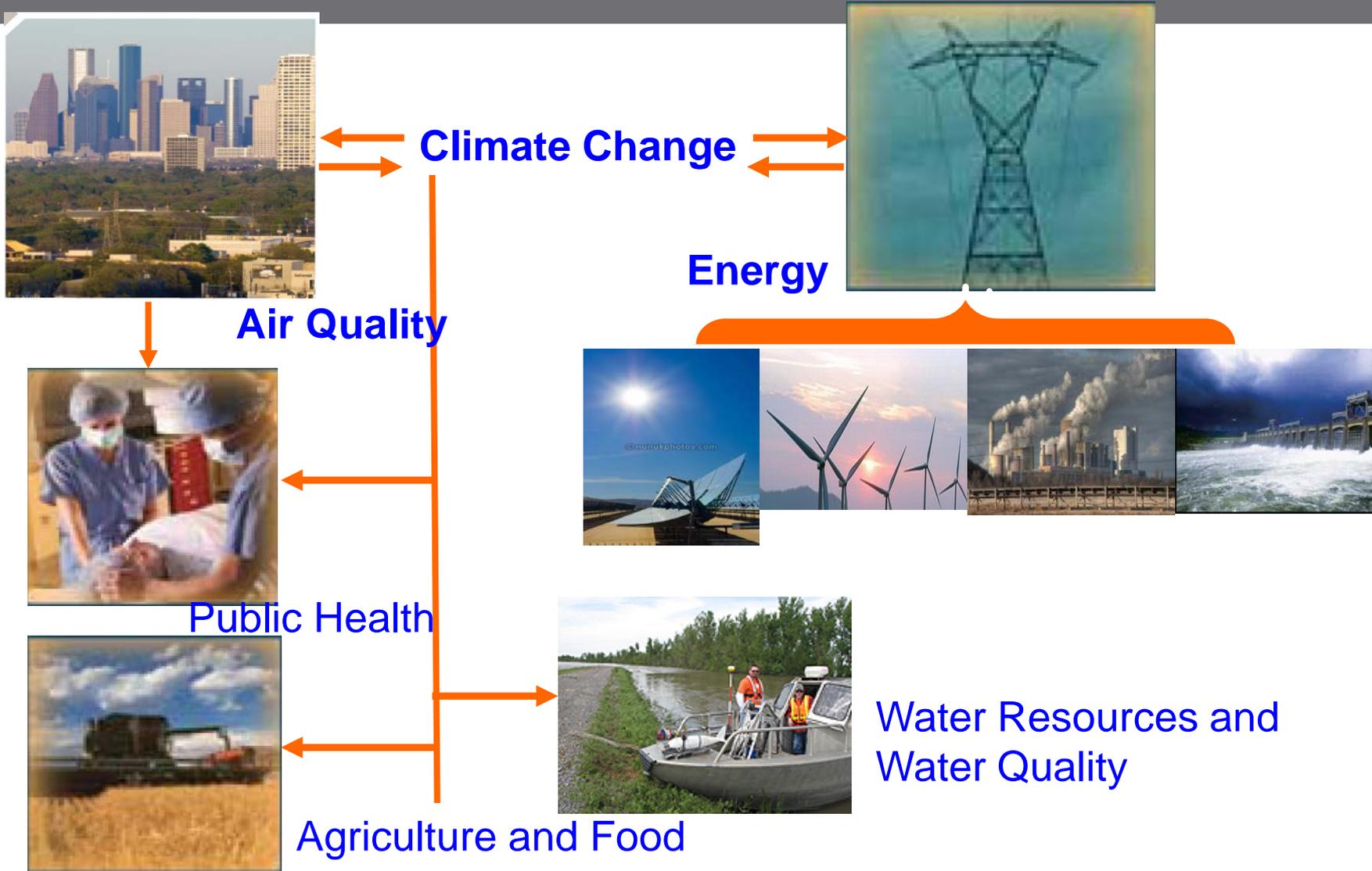
*Climate change is no longer a hypothesis;  
It is a fact.*



*We have seen changes in rainfall, resulting in more floods, droughts, or intense rain, acidic, ice caps are melting, and sea levels are rising, as well as more frequent and severe heat waves.*

# Impacts of Climate Change

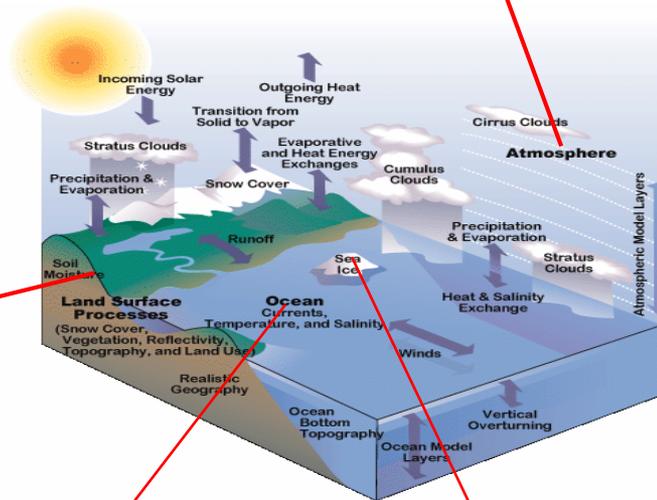
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# Overview of the study

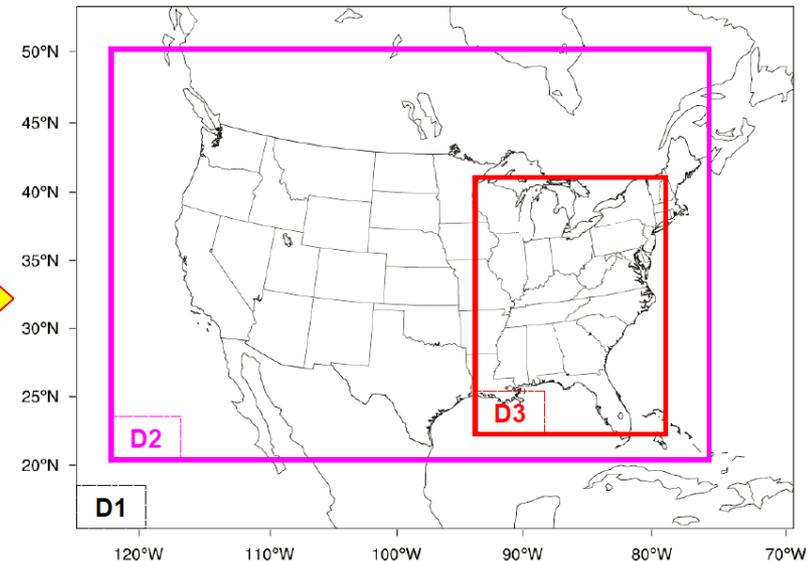
## Community Earth System Model

**CESM 1.0**  
Community Atmosphere  
Model (CAM-Chem)



## Regional Climate/Chem Model

**WRF 3.2.1/CMAQ 5.0**



Community Land Model (CLM)  
Ocean component (POP)  
Community Sea Ice Model (CSIM)

D1/D2/D3: 36-12-4 km

**0.9 × 1.25 deg (~100 × 140km lat/lon)-----> 36-12-4 km**

# Published papers

Environmental Research Letters > Volume 7 > Number 4

Y Gao et al 2012 *Environ. Res. Lett.* 7 044025 doi:10.1088/1748-9326/7/4/044025

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## Projected changes of extreme weather events in the eastern United States based on a high resolution climate modeling system

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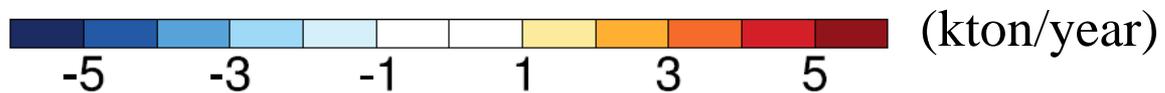
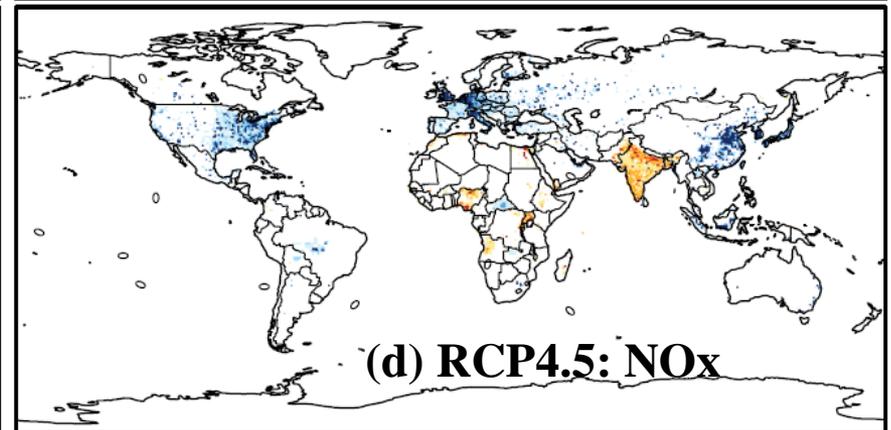
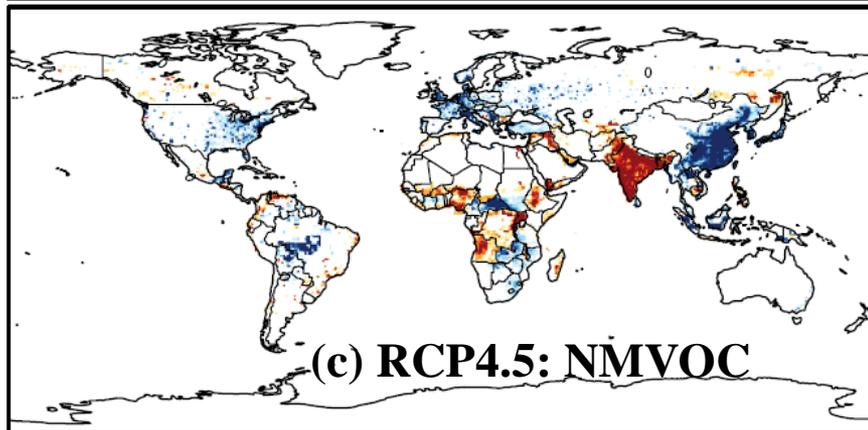
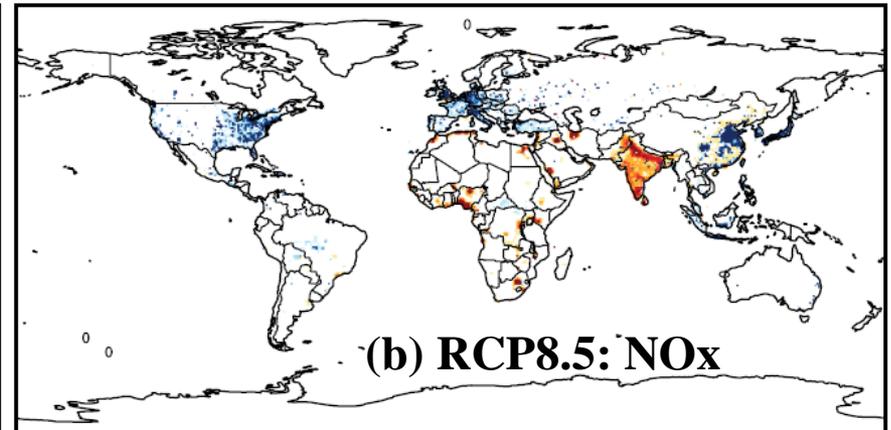
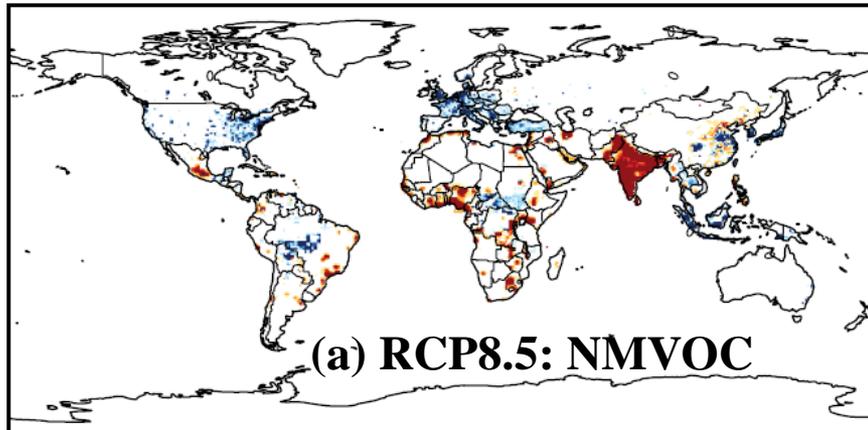


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# Projection of emissions

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2060 - 2005



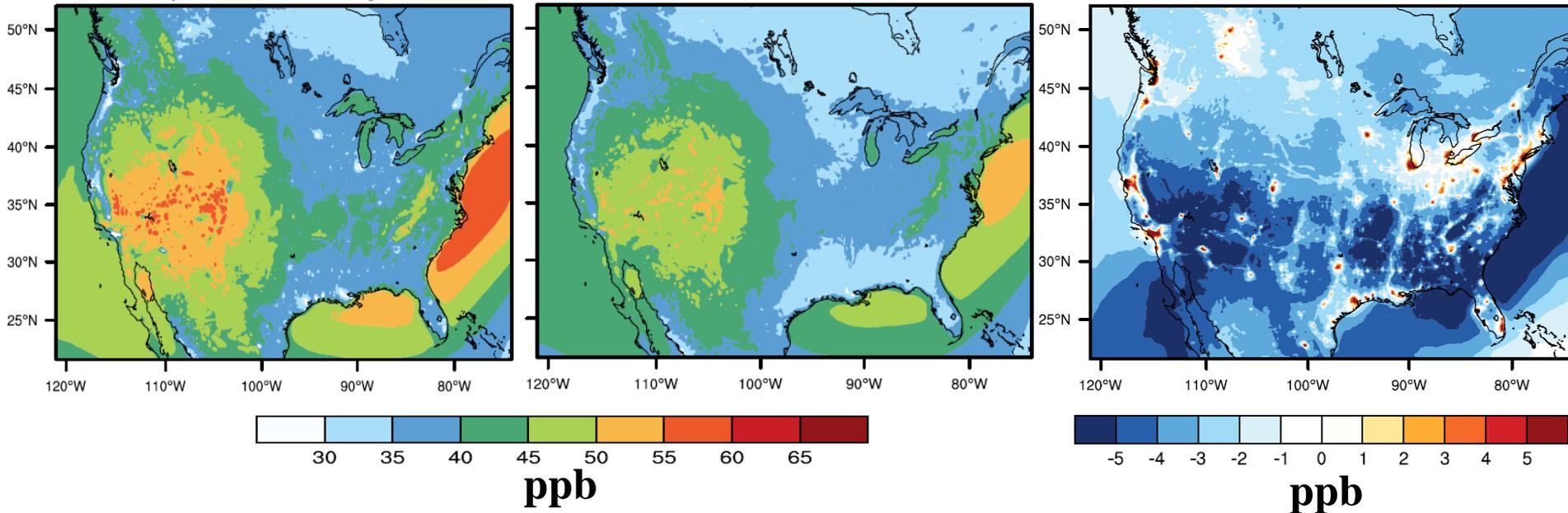
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Baseline ozone, averaged 2001-2004

RCP 4.5, averaged 2055-2059

Perturbation: RCP 4.5 - Baseline

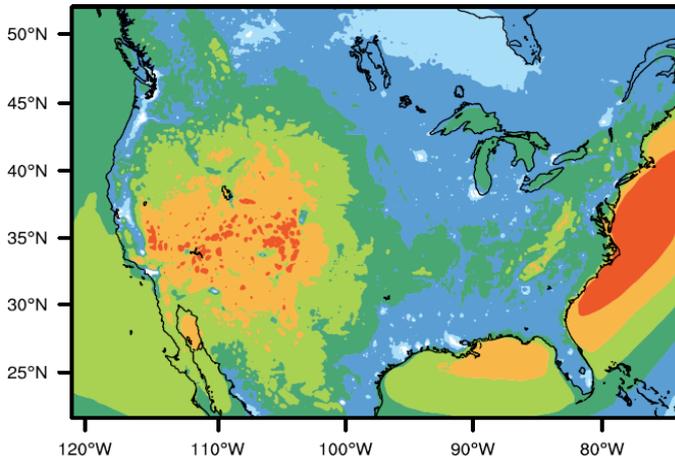


- 46 out of 48 (95.8%) states show a decreasing trend of ozone trend in the future.
- 26 out of 48 (54.2%) states have ozone decrement > 3 ppb in the future.

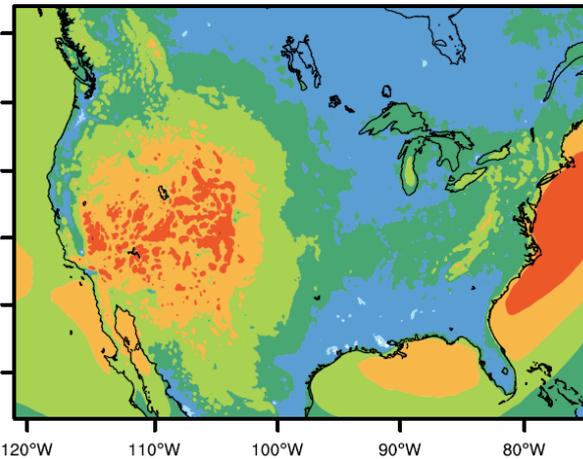
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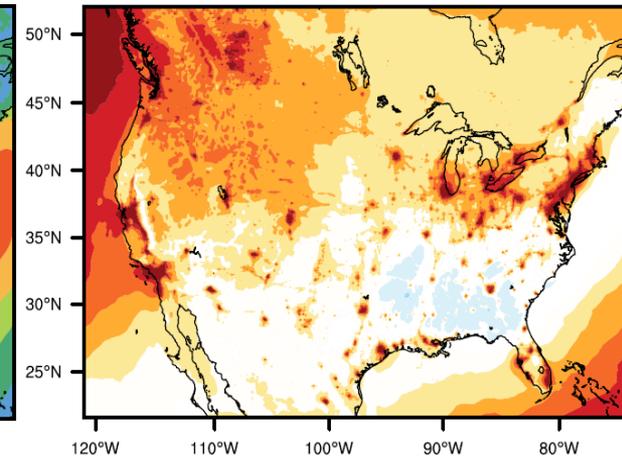
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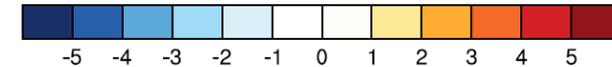
RCP 8.5, averaged 2055-2059



Perturbation: RCP 8.5 - Baseline



ppb



ppb

- 43 out of 48 (89.6%) states show an increasing trend of ozone trend in the future.
- 8 out of 48 (16.7%) states have ozone increment  $> 3$  ppb in the future.

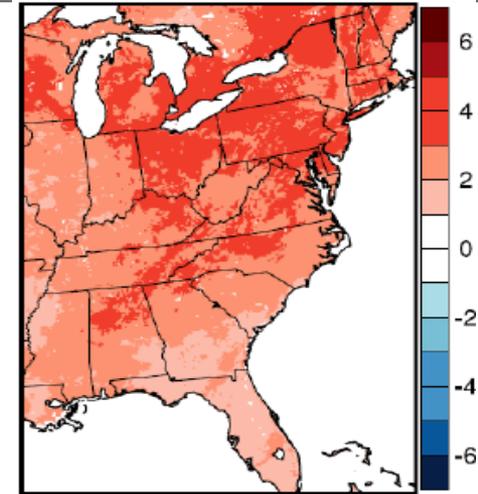
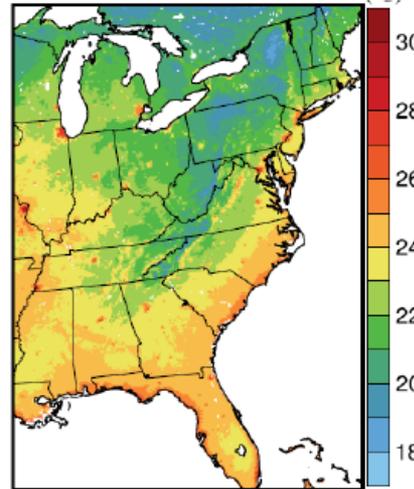
# More intense and frequent heat waves in future climate

Present (2001-2004)

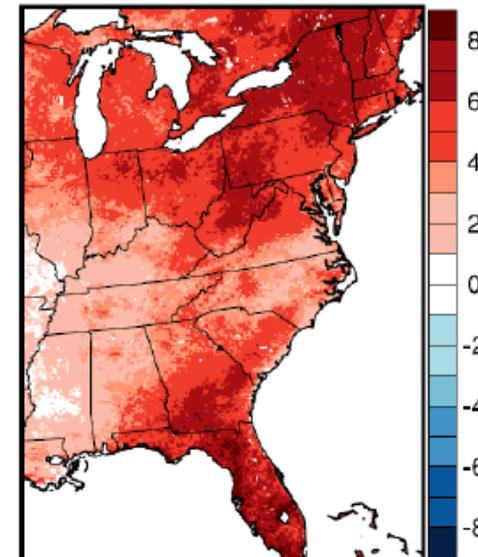
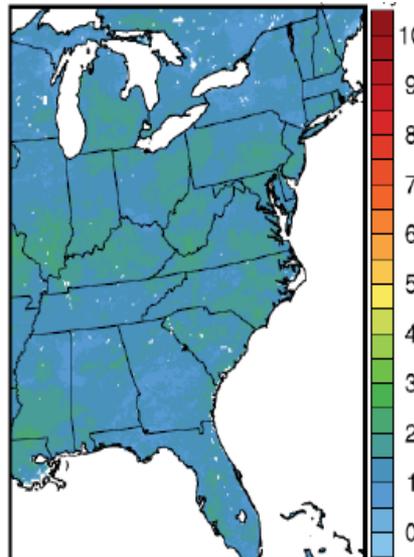
RCP 8.5 (2057-2059) - P

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Heat wave intensity  
(°C)

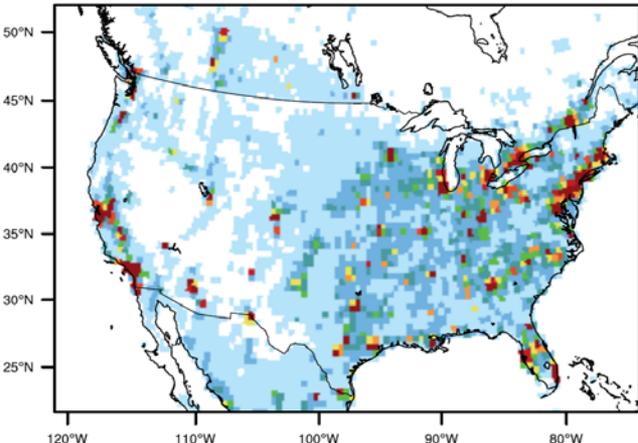


Heat wave frequency  
(events/year)  
(days/event)

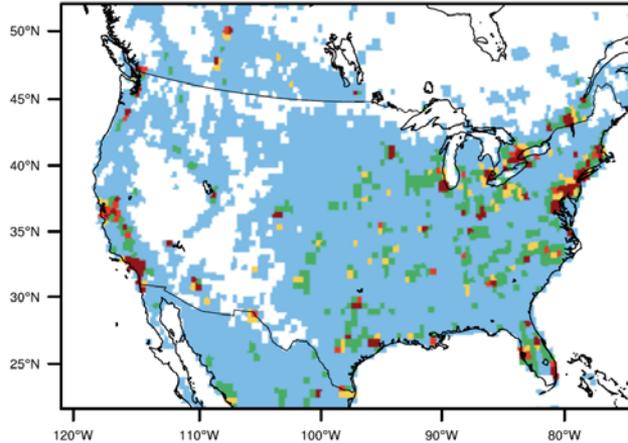


# Spatial distribution of methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) emission

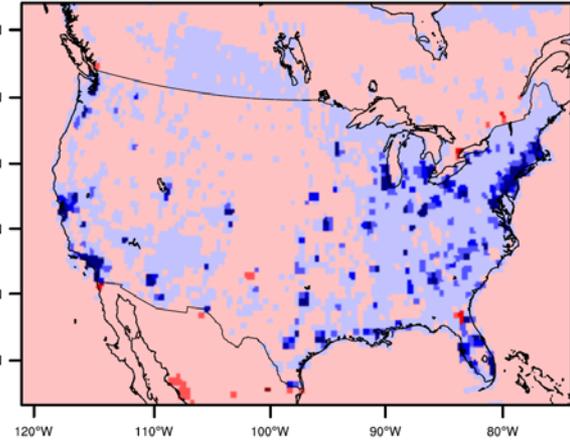
**Baseline annual total emission: 2000**



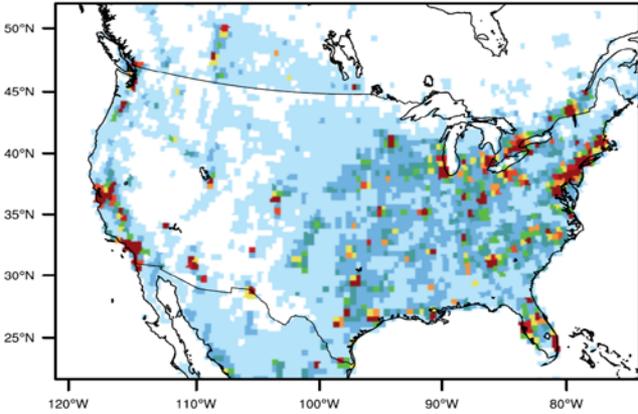
**RCP 4.5 annual total emission: 2050**



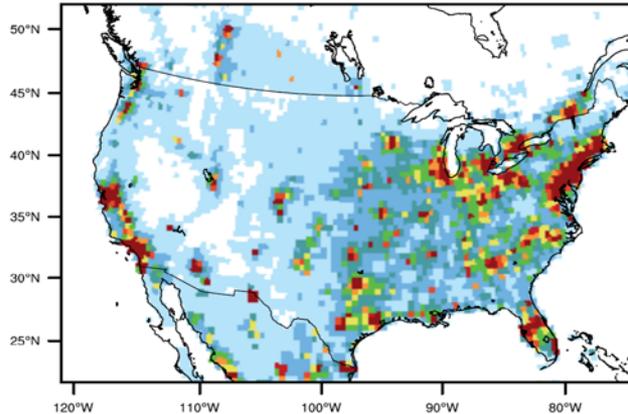
**Perturbation: RCP 4.5 - Baseline**



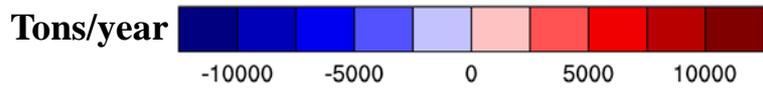
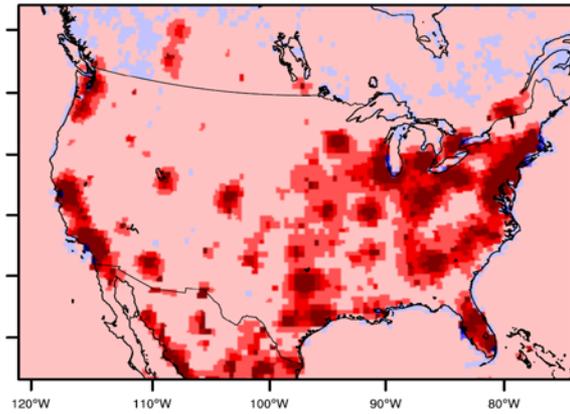
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**RCP 8.5 annual total emission: 2050**



**Perturbation: RCP 8.5 - Baseline**



# Projection of emissions

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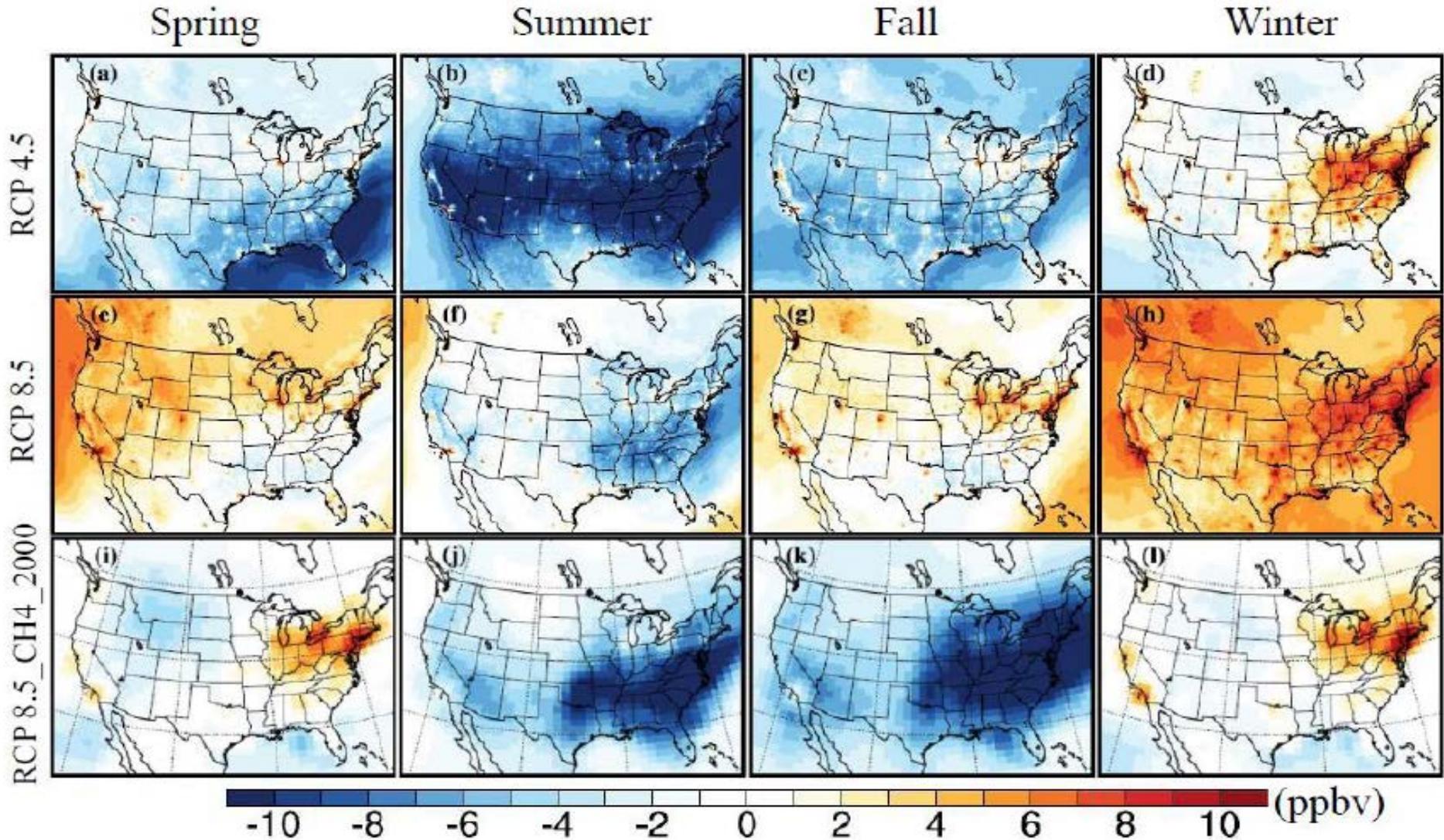
	Present climate				2005(Tg)	RCP 4.5			RCP 8.5		
	2001	2002	2003	2004		2057	2058	2059	2057	2058	2059
CO	1.142	1.194	1.129	1.065	93.030	0.272	0.268	0.264	0.246	0.243	0.240
NOX	1.139	1.117	1.078	1.039	18.914	0.342	0.338	0.334	0.493	0.487	0.482
PM10	1.121	1.008	1.006	1.003	21.149	0.552	0.552	0.551	0.542	0.540	0.538
PM2.5	1.282	1.022	1.015	1.007	5.456	0.761	0.754	0.747	0.422	0.417	0.413
SO2	1.092	1.012	1.008	1.004	14.594	0.169	0.166	0.163	0.148	0.137	0.126
VOC	0.929	1.149	1.112	1.074	18.421	0.632	0.630	0.628	0.314	0.310	0.306
NH3	0.904	1.012	1.008	1.004	4.085	1.254	1.253	1.252	1.536	1.544	1.551
CH4	1.202	1.187	1.172	1.156	32.180	0.893	0.888	0.883	1.612	1.626	1.640
BC	1.007	1.005	1.004	1.002	0.394	0.723	0.716	0.709	0.264	0.262	0.260
OC	1.145	1.109	1.073	1.036	1.141	1.060	1.051	1.042	0.609	0.606	0.604

- more than 35% in VOC and 75% in NO<sub>x</sub> reduction in RCP 4.5
- about 70% in VOC and 50% in NO<sub>x</sub> in RCP 8.5
- About 25% (RCP 4.5) and 60% (RCP 8.5) reduction in PM<sub>2.5</sub>
- 10% reduction in RCP 4.5 but **60% increase in methane in RCP 8.5**

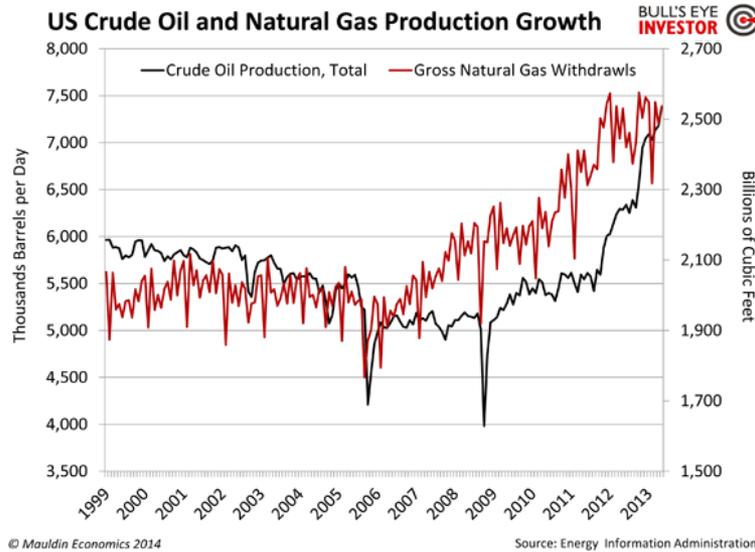
# Seasonal variations of ozone changes in future

Seasonal mean surface  $O_3$  (2057~2059) – (2001~2004)

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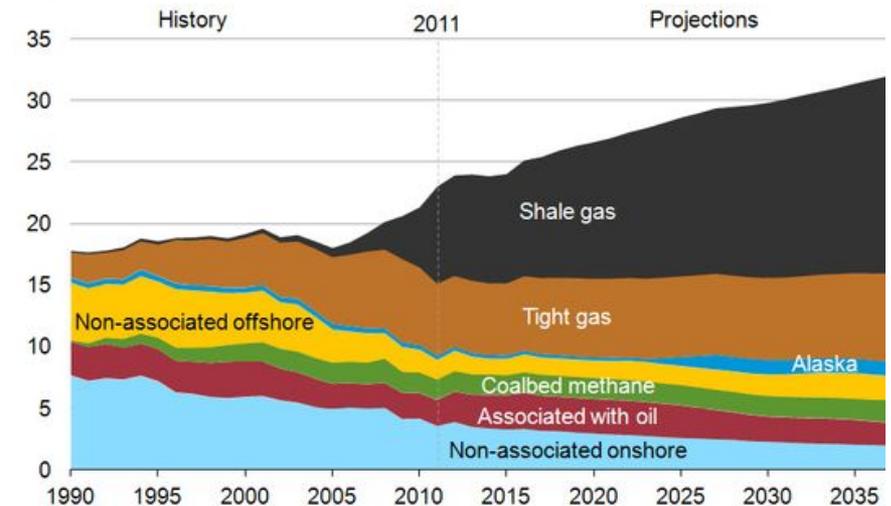
# US natural gas/fracking production trend



## FRACKING BIG BUSINESS IN THE US

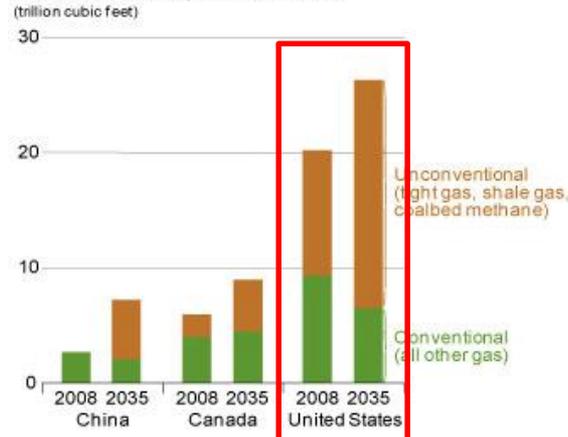


## U.S. dry natural gas production trillion cubic feet

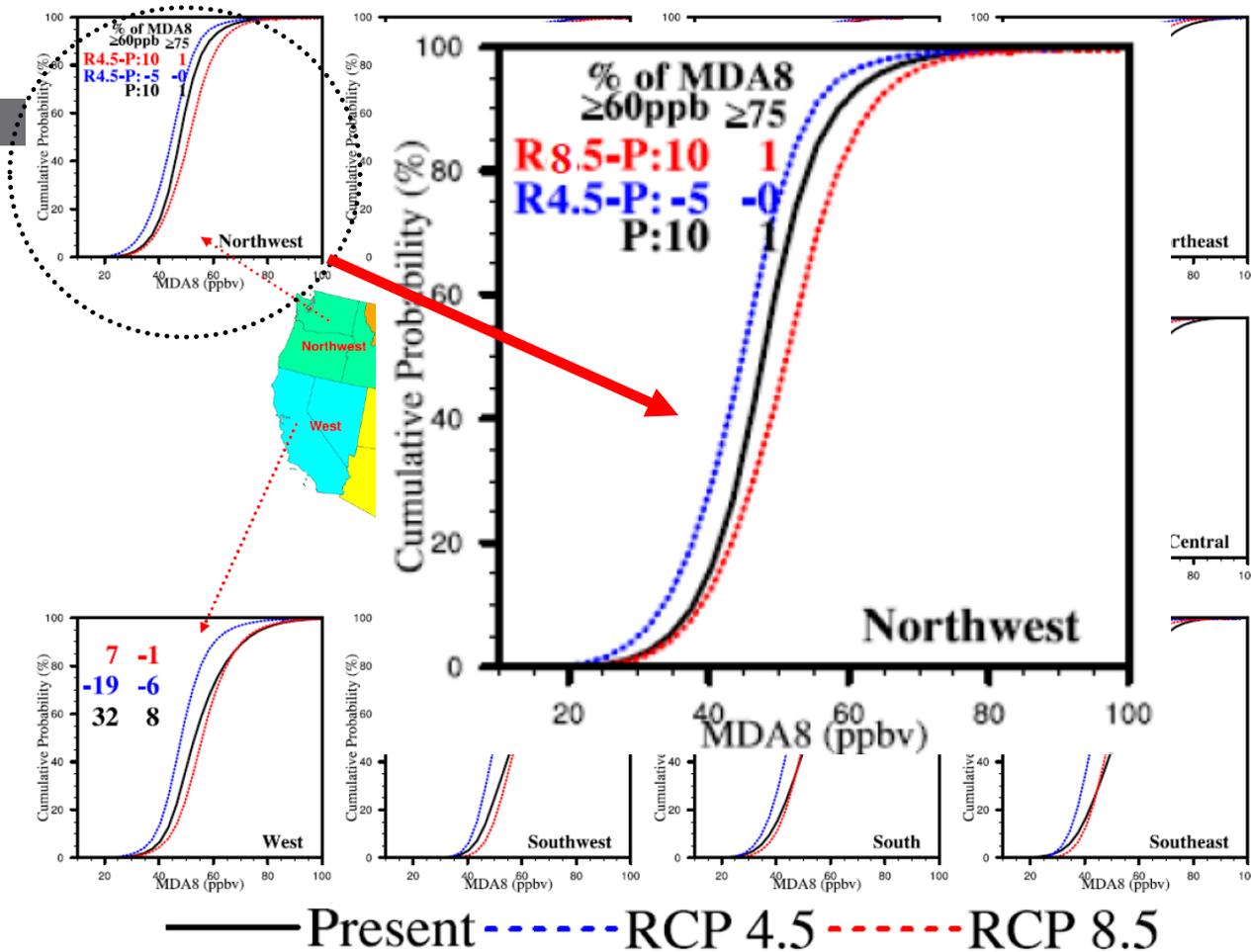


Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2013 Early Release

Figure 42. Natural gas production in China, Canada, and the United States, 2008 and 2035 (trillion cubic feet)



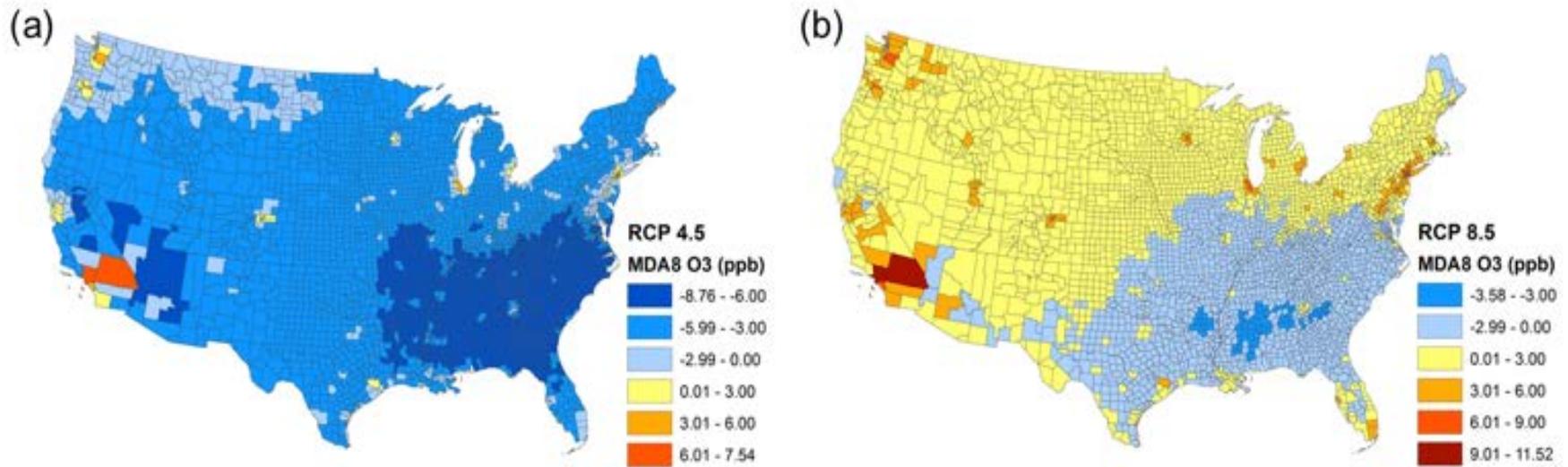
# Maximum Daily 8-hr Ozone (MDA8)



- The cumulative distribution of RCP 4.5 shifts to the left, indicating reduced ozone concentrations by the end of 2050s
- In RCP 8.5, the ozone reduction is smaller than RCP 4.5, and in the western US, the ozone concentration may even increase due to increased methane and stratosphere intrusion

# Maximum Daily 8-hr Ozone (MDA8) changes

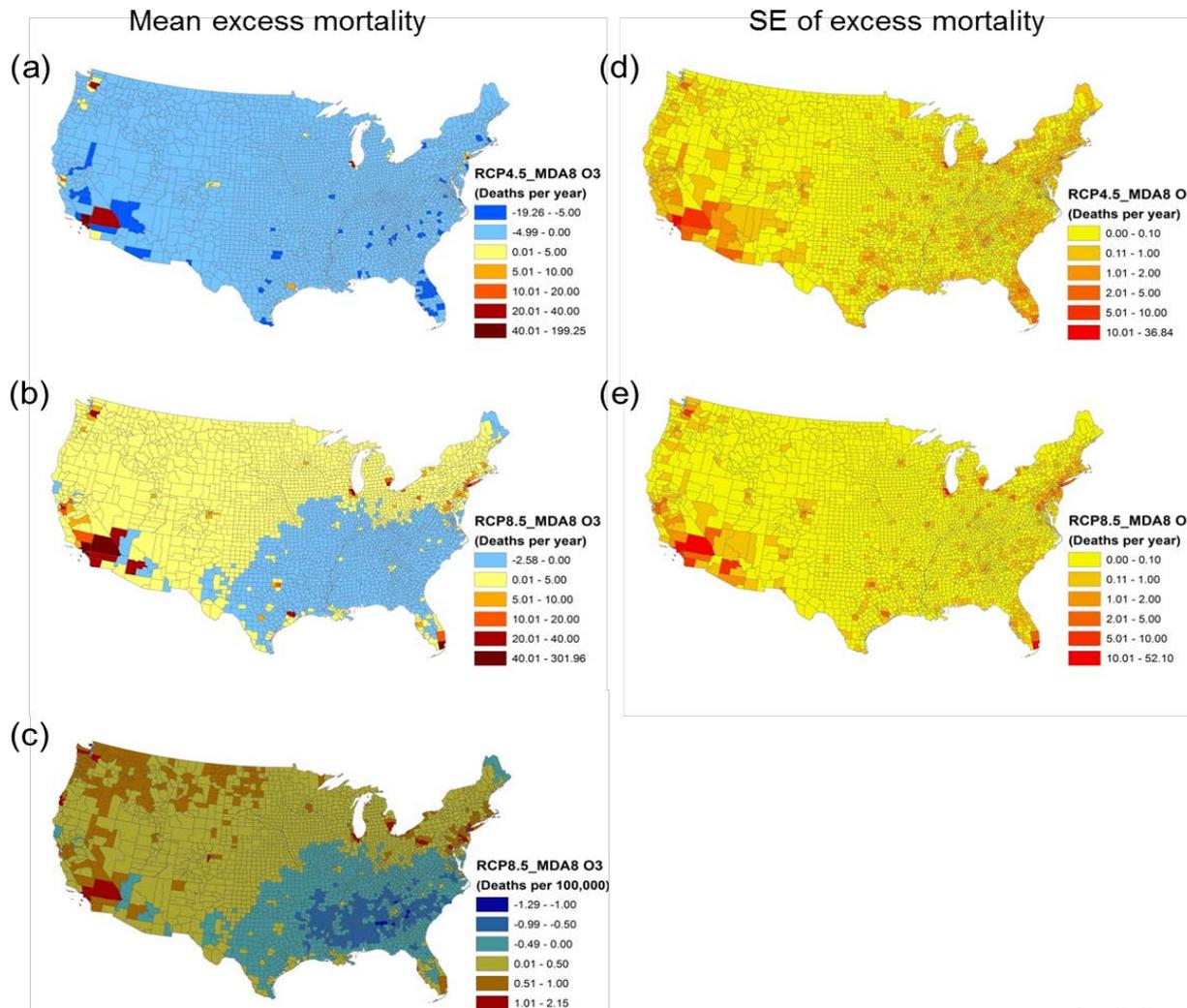
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Spatial distribution of O<sub>3</sub> changes between 2001-2004 and 2057-2059 (a) and (b) are MDA8 O<sub>3</sub> changes for year round under RCP4.5 and 8.5, respectively

# Excess Mortality Changes in 2050s due to O<sub>3</sub>

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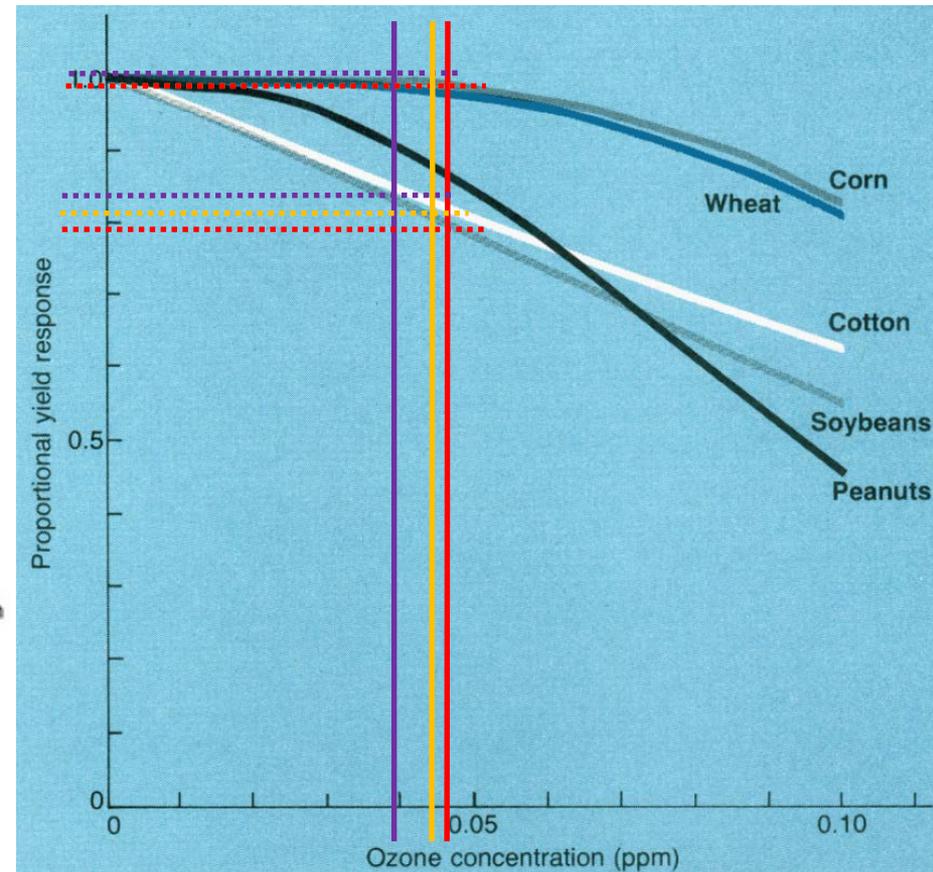
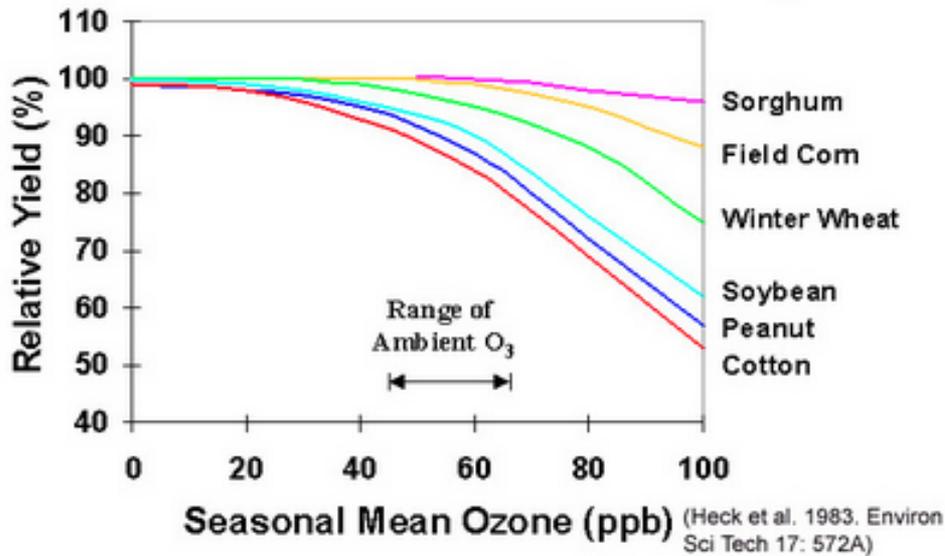


Spatial distribution of excess mortality in 2057-2059 attributable to O<sub>3</sub> changes (a) and (b) indicate annual of MDA8 O<sub>3</sub>-related EMs based on mortality risk from Bell et al. (2004) under RCP4.5 and RCP8.5, respectively (c) is EMs per 100,000 persons due to MDA8 O<sub>3</sub> change under RCP8.5 (d) and (e) are the standard errors (SEs) of county-level EM estimates The means and SEs of EMs are derived from 1,000 Monte Carlo simulations of mortality rate, concentration change, and CRF coefficient Each county-level EM is obtained from the average of four EMs from four ICLUS population scenarios

# Ozone impact on agriculture

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## Effect of O<sub>3</sub> on Yield of Crops



Present: 2001-2004, nationally averaged ozone conc. = 43.24 ppb  
 RCP8.5: 2055-2059, nationally averaged ozone conc. = 45.05 ppb  
 RCP4.5: 2055-2059, nationally averaged ozone conc. = 39.89 ppb

# Impact of PM (i.e. dust, black carbon) on crop production

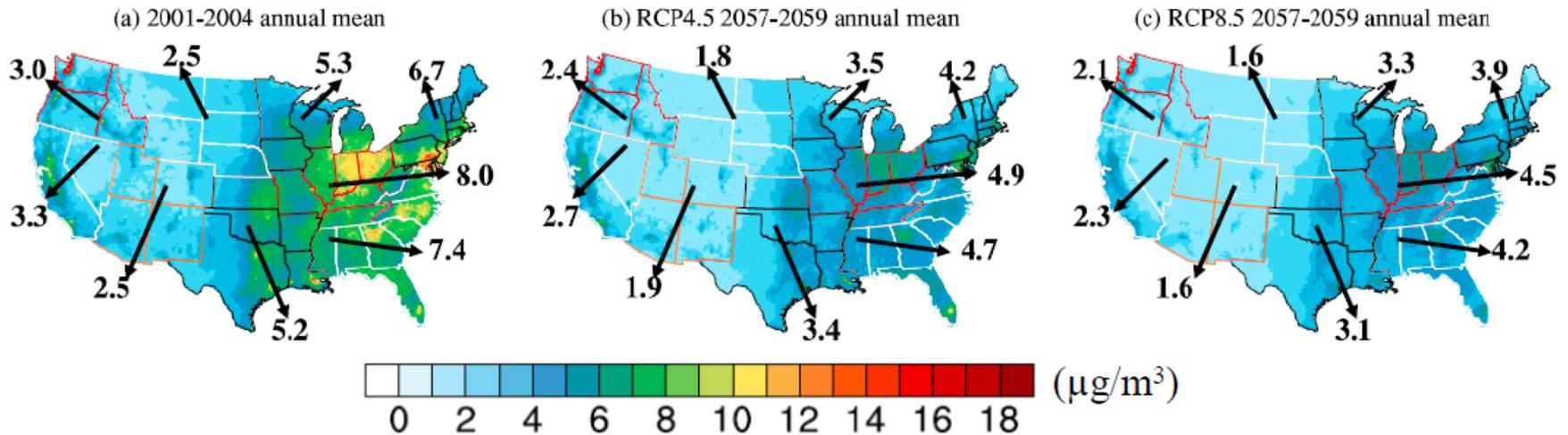
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1. Inhibit respiration and photosynthesis
2. Cause chlorosis and death of leaf tissue
3. change soil pH adverse to crop growth



# Decreasing trends of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in future

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- Compared to O<sub>3</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> is more related to emission reductions: close to 30% reduction in RCP 4.5 and 60% reduction in RCP 8.5
- By the end of 2050s, the PM<sub>2.5</sub> in the nine regions is less than 5 ug/m<sup>3</sup>, with 16% to 39% reduction in RCP 4.5 and 28% to 44% reduction in RCP 8.5.



## Bioretention function under climate change scenarios in North Carolina, USA

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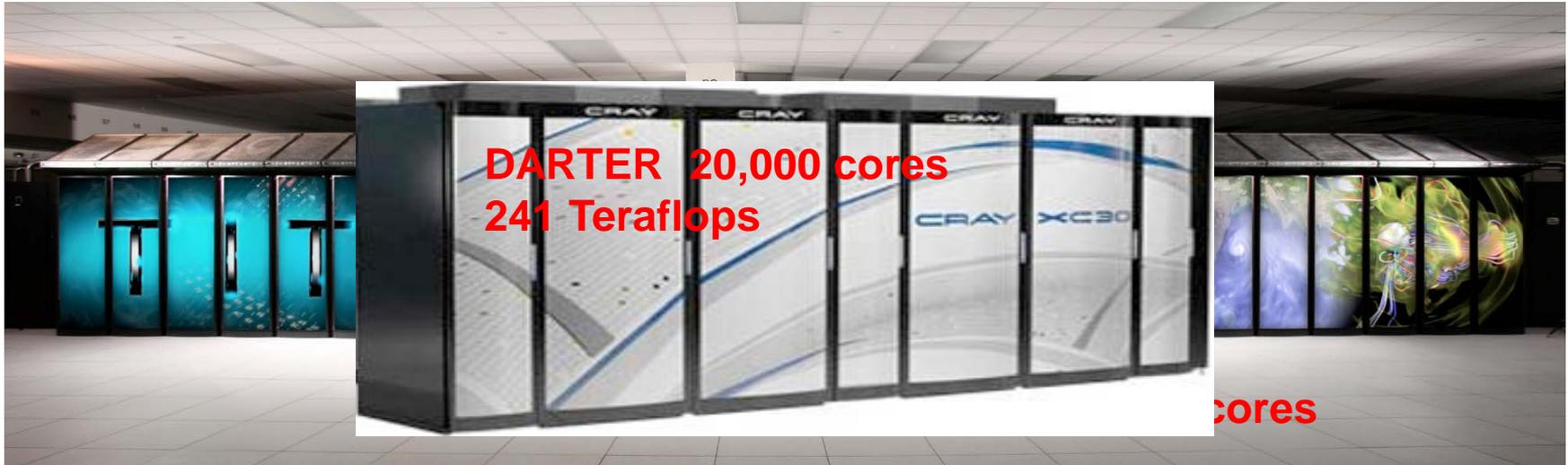
### Highlights

- Continuous simulation modelling of bioretention with downscaled climate data.
- Examination of effects of projected climate change scenarios on hydrologic function.
- Climate change scenarios result in increased uncontrolled, untreated overflow.
- Substantial additional storage required to ameliorate the effect of climate change.

# Peta-scale supercomputer at Oak Ridge National Laboratory

**No.2 in the world**

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Titan:  
18 petaflops

**Summit:**  
**150 petaflops**  
**2017**





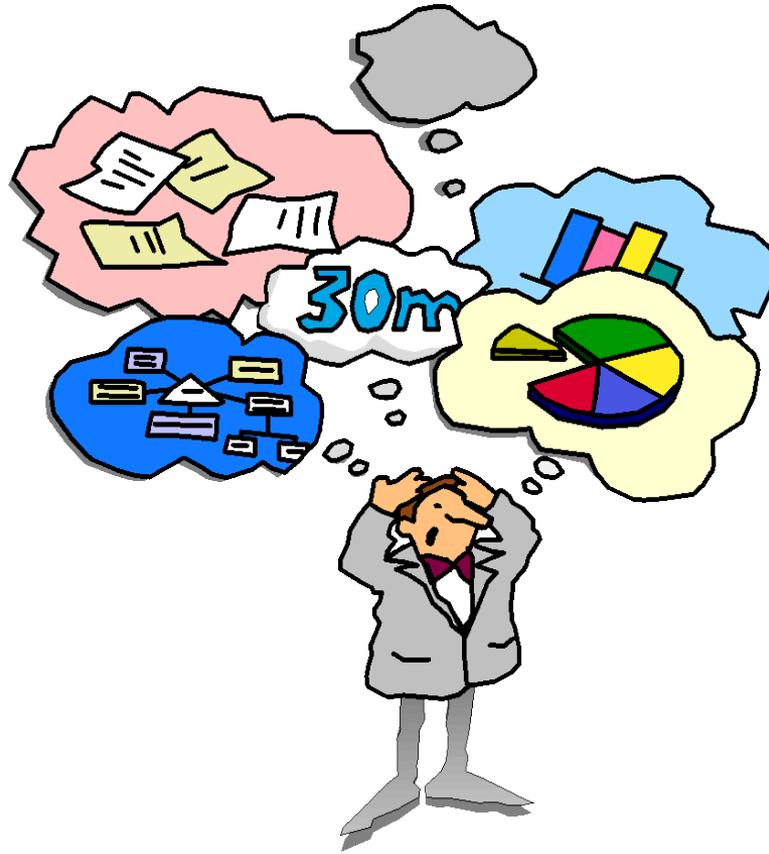
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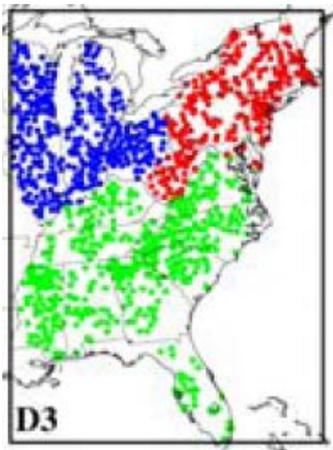
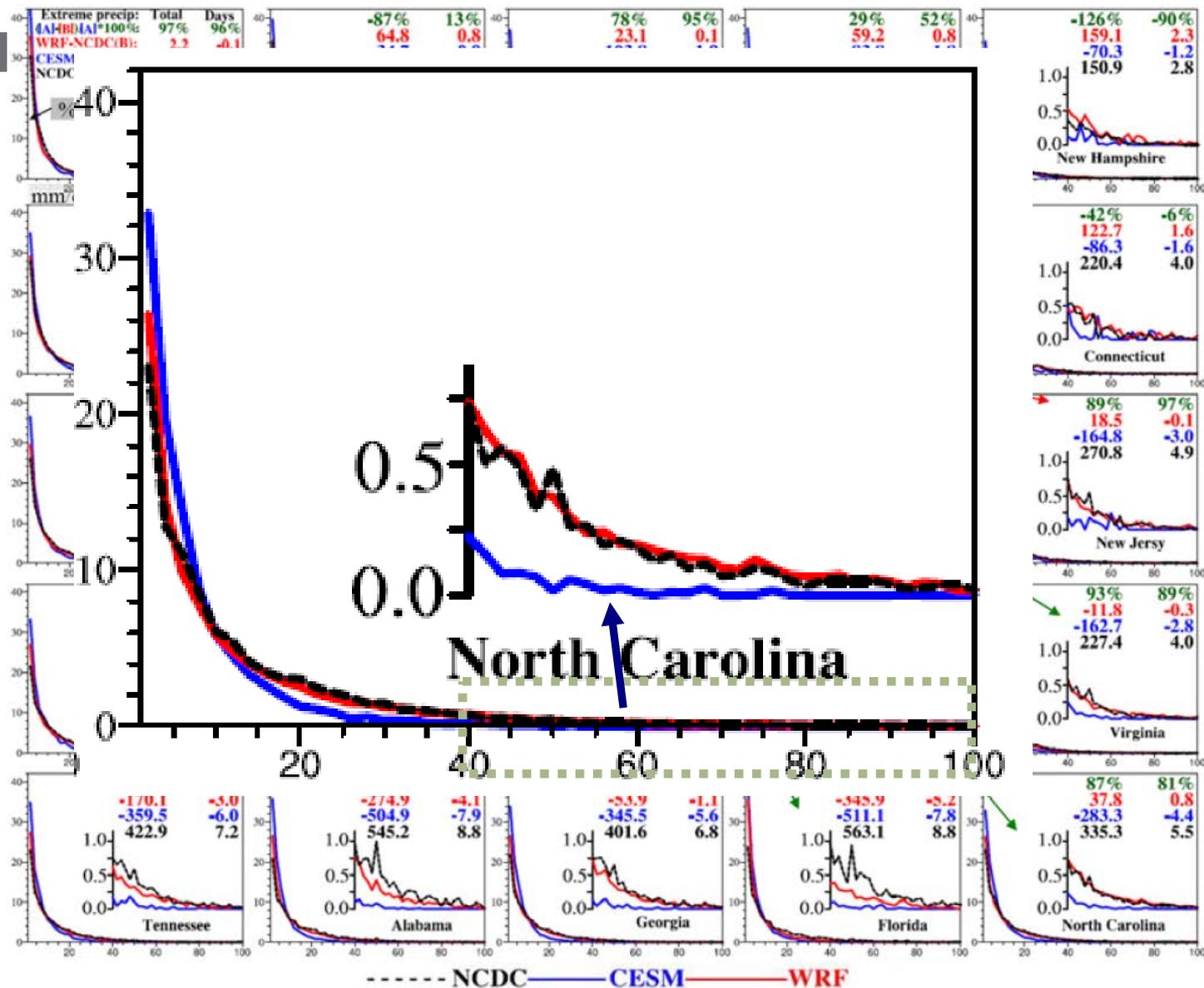
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Questions ???????

# Evaluation of precipitation

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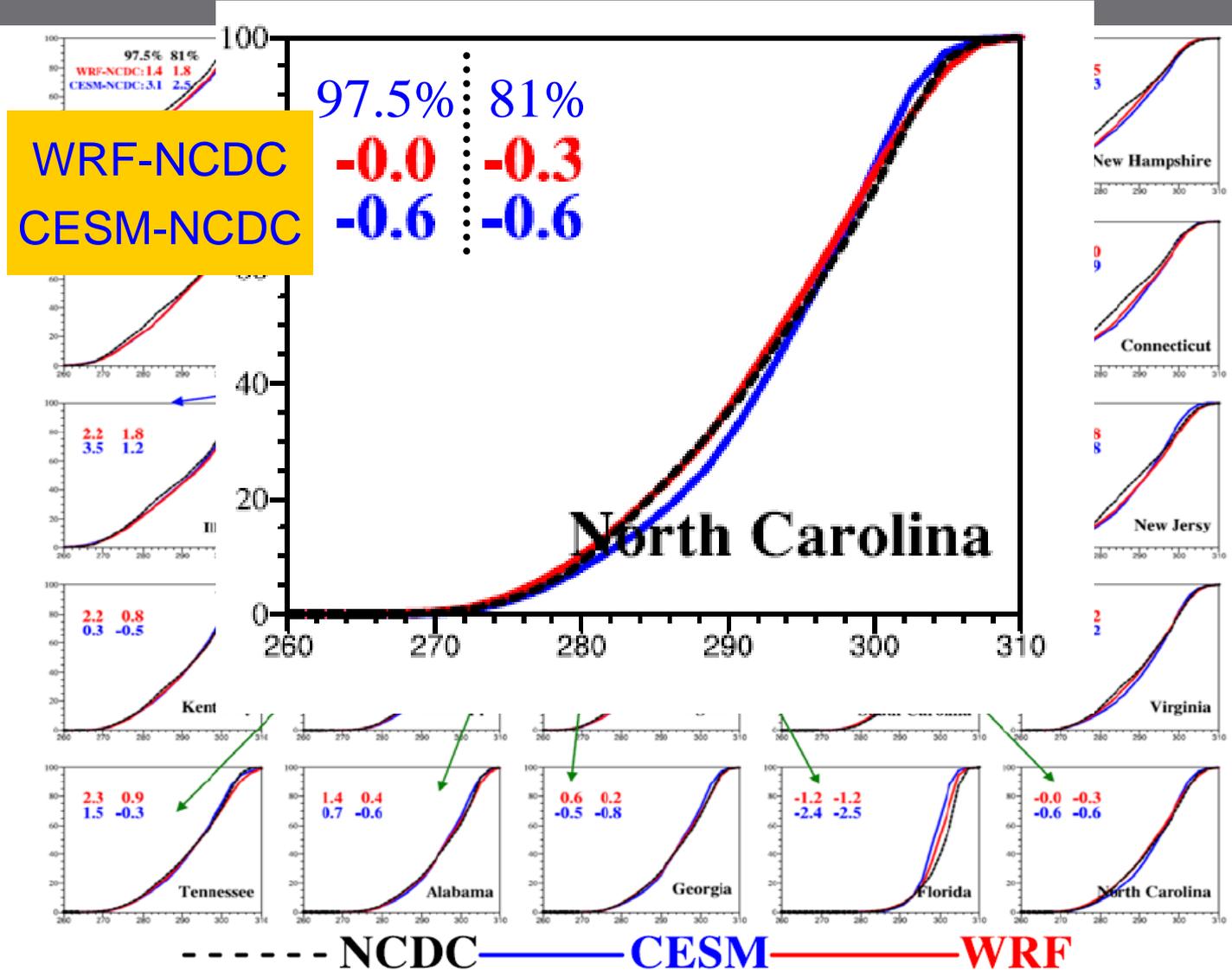
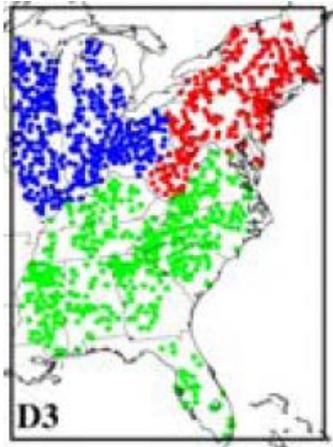


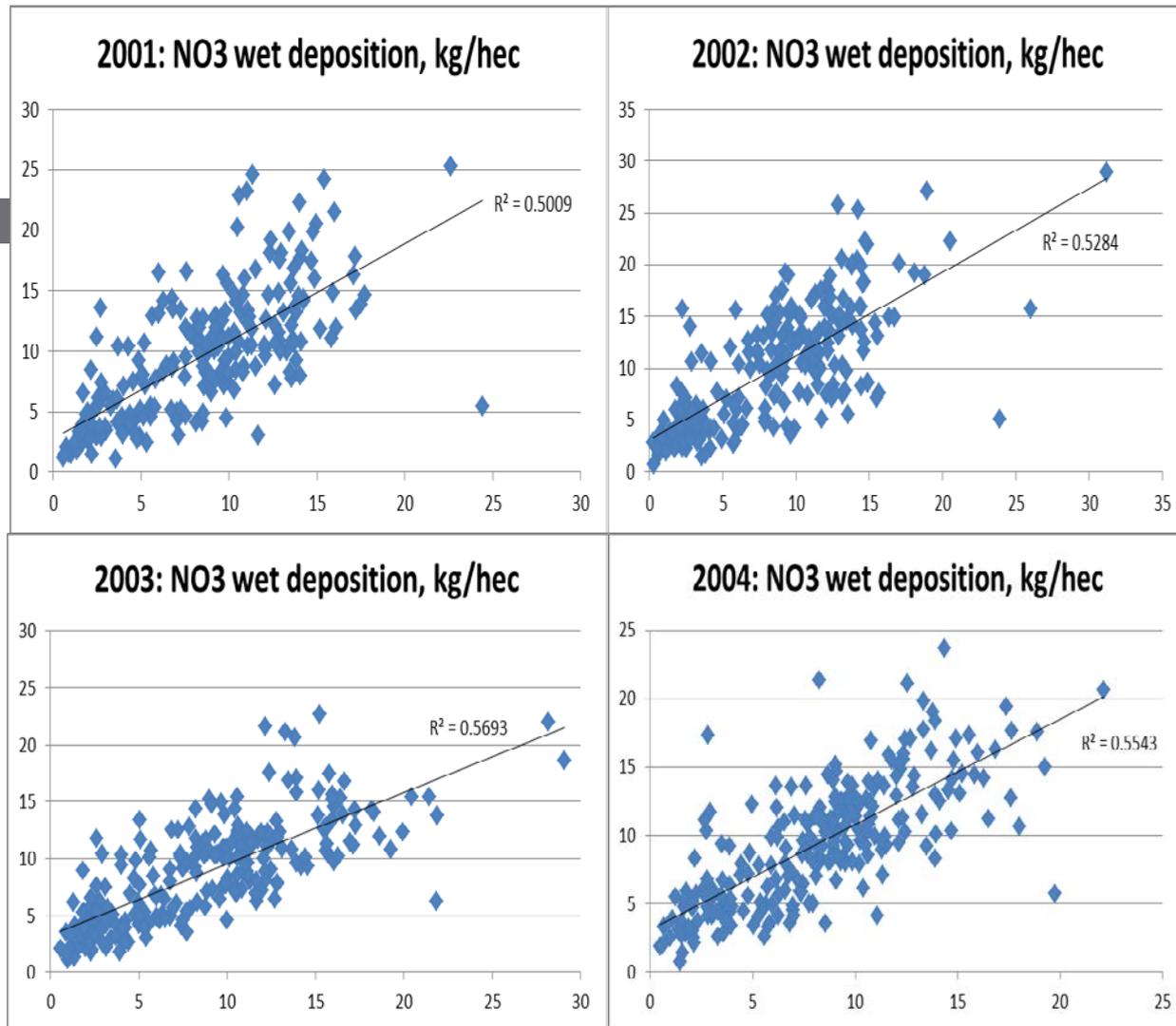
# Evaluation of daily maximum temperature (T1/T2)

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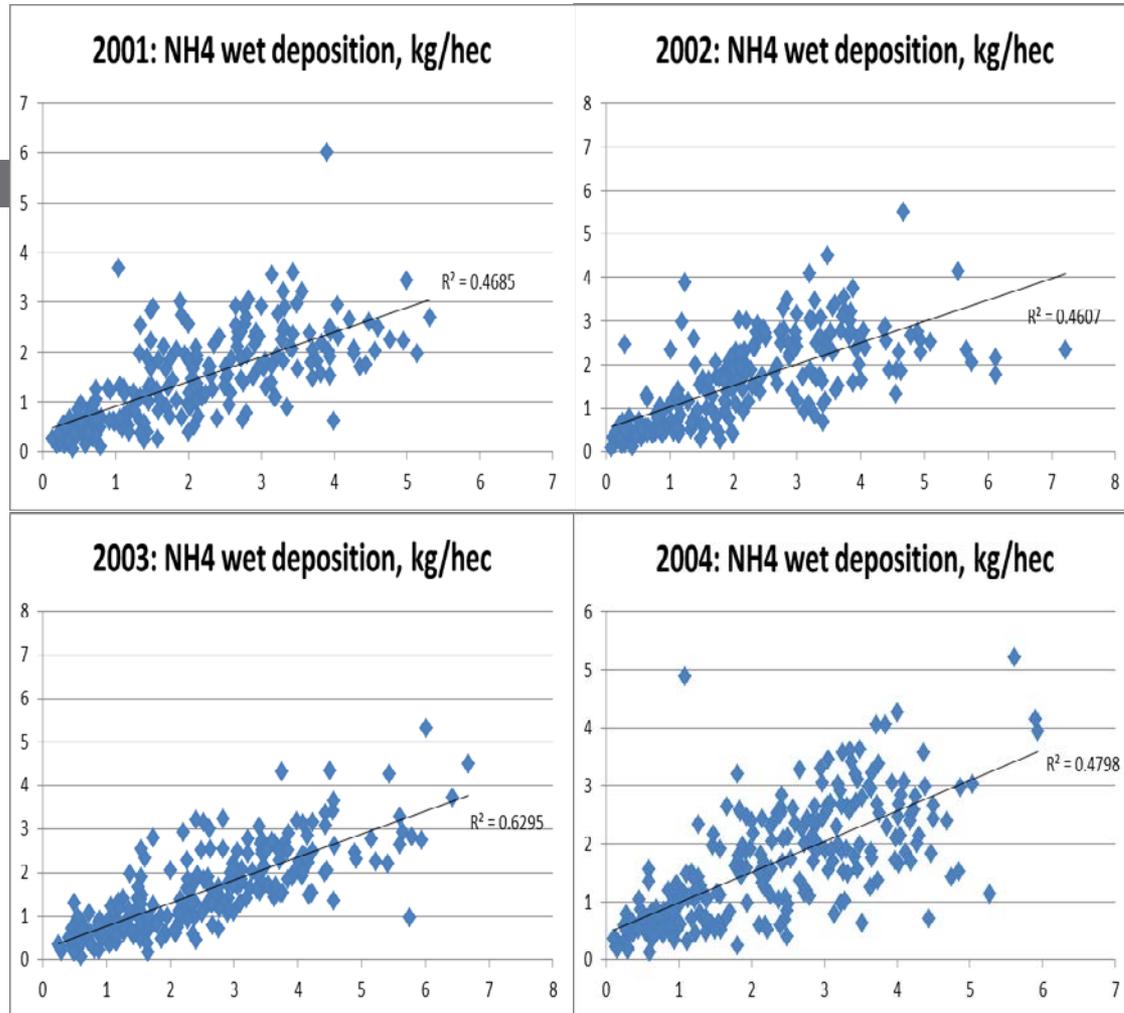
❖ 19 states in WRF and 17 states in CESM have bias less than 2 °C.

❖ In WRF, more than half of the states (13 out of 23) shows bias less than 1 °C





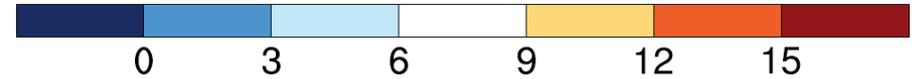
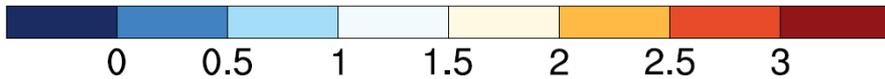
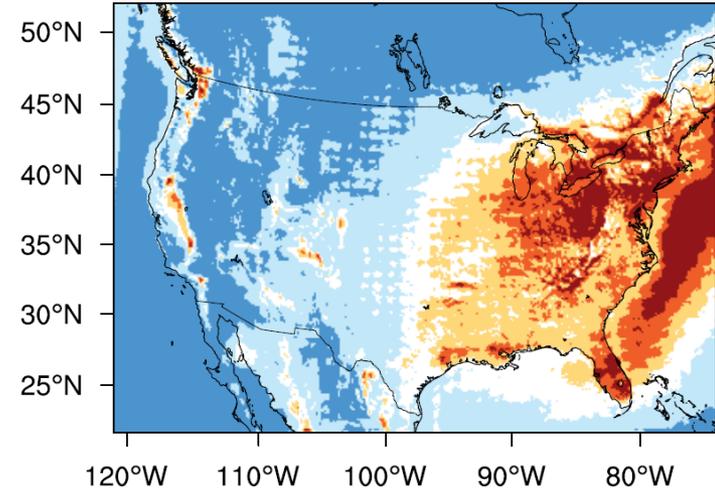
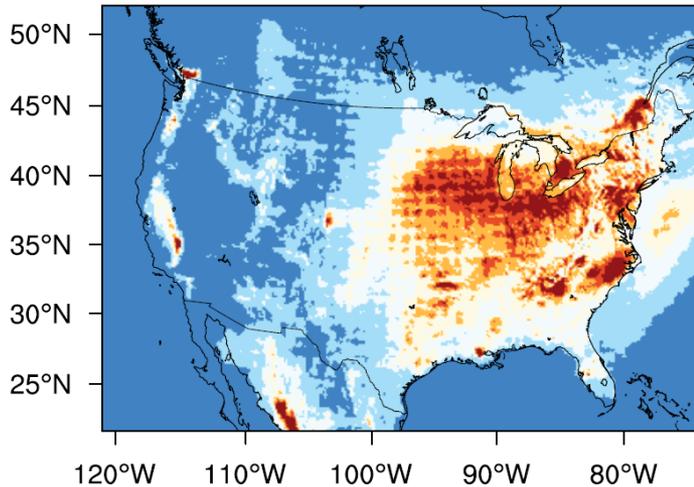
- Annual total NO<sub>3</sub> wet deposition, unit: kg/hec
- X-axis: Observation from NADP (National Atmospheric Deposition Program)
- Y-axis: Downscaled CMAQ 12km output



- Annual total NH4 wet deposition, unit: kg/hectare
- X-axis: Observation from NADP (National Atmospheric Deposition Program)
- Y-axis: Downscaled CMAQ 12km output

NH<sub>4</sub> wet deposition, averaged from 2001 to 2004

NO<sub>3</sub> wet deposition, averaged from 2001 to 2004



- Downscaled CMAQ output: Annual total NH<sub>4</sub> and NO<sub>3</sub> wet deposition, averaged from 2001 to 2004, unit: kg/hectare