WACCM studies of the upper atmosphere

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It's about TIME: A new upper-atmosphere model

by Carol Rasmussen

ay Roble, a senior scientist in the High Altitude Observatory, has spent the last 20 years or so creating and refining a general circulation model of the upper atmosphere the transition zone between the bulk of the atmosphere below 30 kilometers and the void above 500 km. Now, the knowledge Roble has amassed in developing his thermosphereiono-sphere-mesosphere electrodynamics general circulation model (TIME-GCM) is being incorporated into the middle atmosphere community climate model, an offspring of NCAR's CCM family that was created by Byron Boville (Climate and Global Dynamics Division). A third co-principal investigator, Rolando Garcia, and colleagues in NCAR's Atmospheric Chemistry Division (ACD) will be adding chemistry components to the model.

"A year from now, we expect to have a model that extends from the surface to 120 kilometers and includes ozone chemistry," says Boville. The yet-unnamed composite model will be one of only two or three general circulation models to reach that altitude. Some GCMs only extend to 30 km, including the



Byron Boville, Rolando Garcia, and Ray Roble. (Photo by Carlye Calvin.)

troposphere and part of the lower stratosphere; a few have been extended into the mesosphere, with upper boundaries in the range of 60-80 km. The new model will include the entire mesosphere as well as the lower thermosphere. But the plan doesn't stop there. Further into the future, the scientists will add thermos-

electrically charged atoms and molecules of the ionosphere are ionized by solar radiation and aurora particle precipitation. This happens throughout the atmosphere, but in the denser air lower down, charged particles quickly bump into oppositely charged particles and recombine. In the sparsely populated ionosphere, ionized parti-

WACCM Project Goals

Develop a state of the art, "high-top", numerical model with coupled chemistry that will serve the needs of the scientific community

Conduct research to understand the coupling between atmospheric layers, the role of chemical and physical processes in defining these couplings, and the interaction between the Earth's atmosphere and the Sun

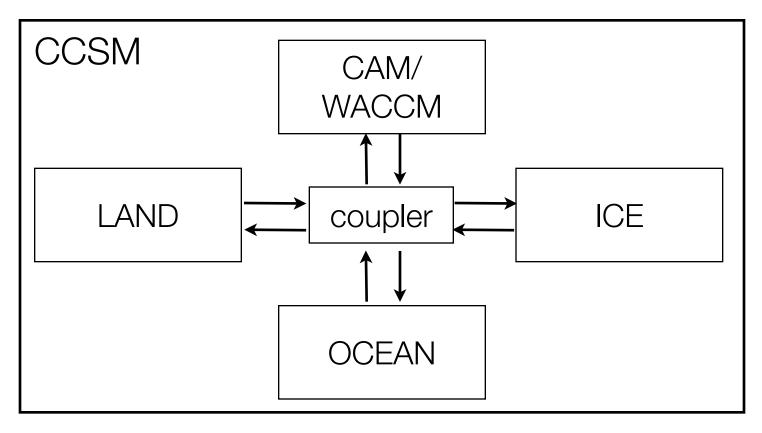
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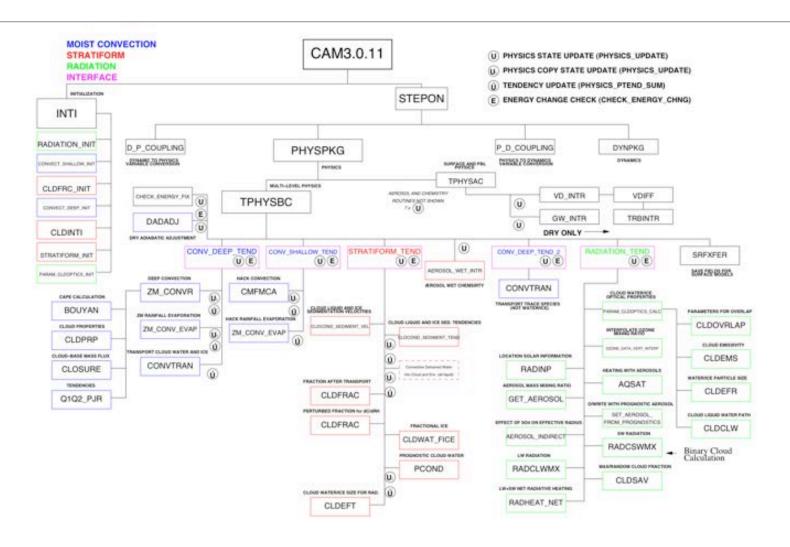
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WACCM description

 WACCM is an extension of the Community Atmosphere Model (CAM) the atmospheric component of the Community Climate System Model



Community Atmosphere Model Flowchart



WACCM-3.5

Model Framework	Dynamics	Tracer Advection	Resolution	Chemistry	Other Processes
Extension of the NCAR Community Atmosphere Model version 3 (CAM3) Based upon CAM3.5.48	Finite Volume Dynamical Core (Lin, 2004) Fully-interactive with chemistry, i.e., consistent with model- derived, radiatively active gases: O3, CO2, CH4, N2O, H2O, CFC11, CFC12, O2, NO	Flux-form Finite Volume (Lin, 2004)	Horizontal: 1.9° x 2.5° (lat x lon) Vertical: 66 levels 0-140km < 1.0km in UTLS 1-2 km in stratosphere ~3 km in MLT	Middle Atmosphere Mechanism: 57 Species including Ox, HOx, NOx, BrOx, and ClOx Heterogeneous chemistry E-region Ion Chemistry	GW Param.: convection-, frontal-, and orographically- generated Molecular Diffusion: Banks and Kockarts, 1973 Auroral processes, including ion drag, and Joule heating LW/SW and chemical potential heating

WACCM-3 Chemical Constituents in MA Mechanism

Long-lived Species: (17-species)

Misc: CO₂, CO, CH₄, H₂O, N₂O, H₂,O₂

CFCs: CCl₄, CFC-11, CFC-12, CFC-113

HCFCs: HCFC-22

Chlorocarbons: CH₃Cl, CH₃CCl₃,

Bromocarbons: CH₃Br

Halons: H-1211, H-1301

Constant Species: N₂

Short-lived Species: (34 neutrals + 5 ions + electrons)

 O_X : O_3 , O, $O(^1D)$

 NO_X : N, NO, NO_2 , NO_3 , N_2O_5 , HNO_3 , HO_2NO_2

CIO_X: CI, CIO, CI₂O₂, OCIO, HOCI, HCI, CIONO₂, CI₂

BrO_x: Br, BrO, HOBr, HBr, BrOl, BrONO₂

 HO_x : H, OH, HO_2 , H_2O

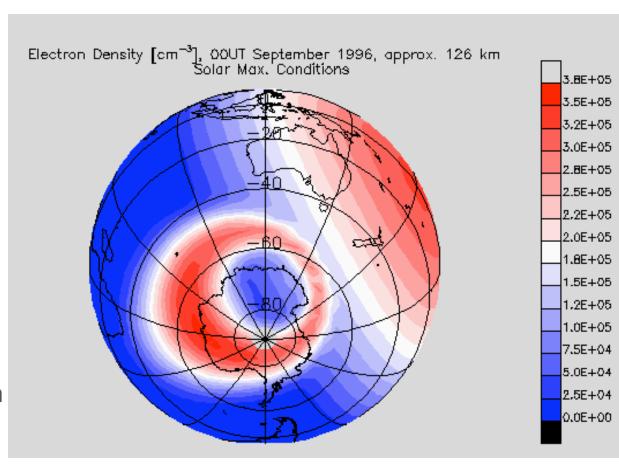
HC Species: CH₂O, CH₃O₂, CH₃OOH

lons: $N^+, N_2^+, NO^+, O^+, O_2^+$

Other: $O_2(^1\Sigma)$, $O_2(^1\Delta)$, $N(^2D)$, e

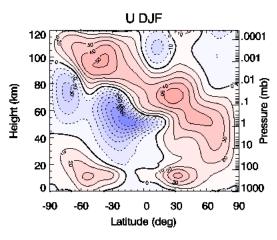
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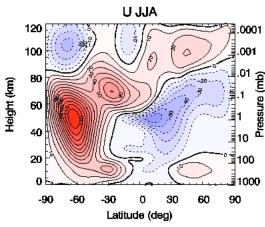
- WACCM modifications for the upper atmosphere:
 - Variability of solar spectrum
 - Chemical heating
 - Airglow
 - E-region ion chemistry(5 ions & electrons)
 - ▶ EUV and x-ray ionization
 - Auroral processes
 - Particle precipitation
 - Ion drag
 - Joule heating



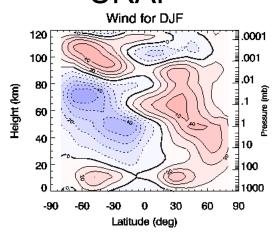
Zonal winds 0-120 km

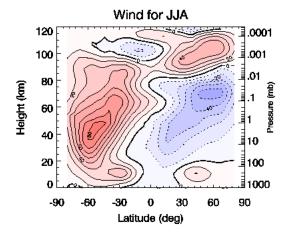
WACCM3.6





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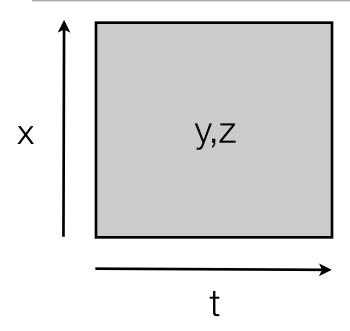


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Atmospheric Tides in WACCM

with R.R. Garcia and A.K. Smith

Monthly mean tidal diagnostics



Applied to u, v, T, and PS. Calculated and output once per month

Amplitude and phase calculated at each height (z) and latitude (y)

Post-processing: migrating and non-migrating modes can be separated by FFT expansion in longitude of the tidal coefficients

Example for the diurnal tide:

The diurnal tide for each month of output can be represented with two coefficients, C_{24} and S_{24} , at each gridpoint (x, y, z):

$$T_d = C_{24} \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2\pi t}{24}\right) + S_{24} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{24}\right)$$

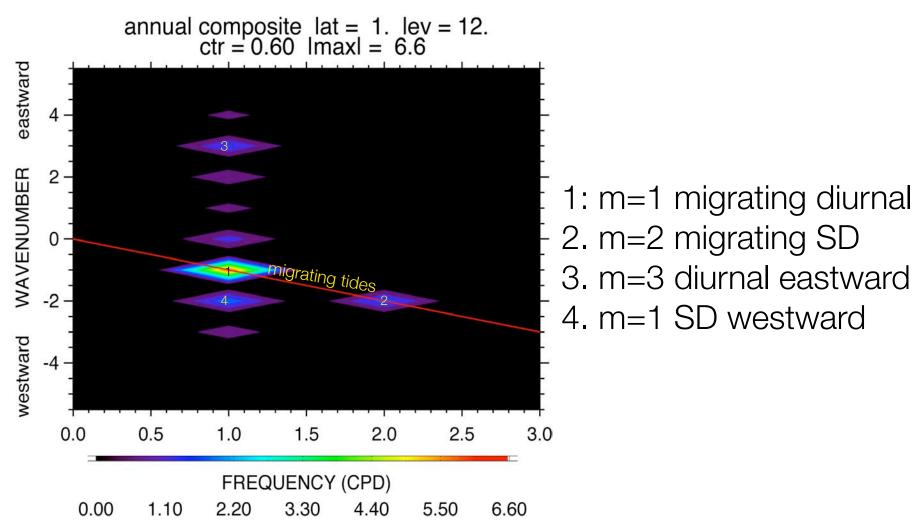
t = universal time (hr)

During the model run, calculate C_{24} and S_{24} by accumulating the following sums at each time step:

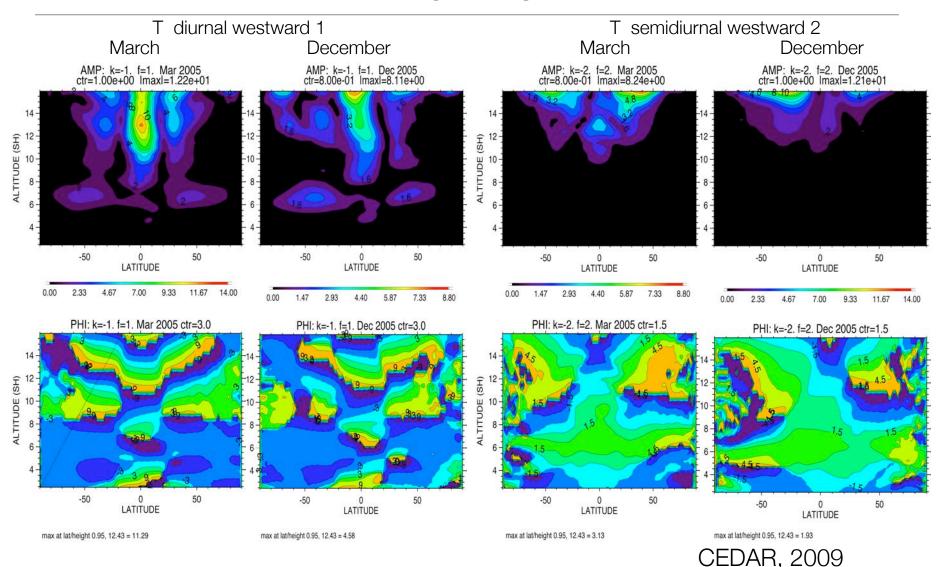
$$C_{24} = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{1}^{N} T(t_n) \cos\left(\frac{2\pi t_n}{24}\right)$$

$$S_{24} = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{1}^{N} T(t_n) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t_n}{24}\right)$$

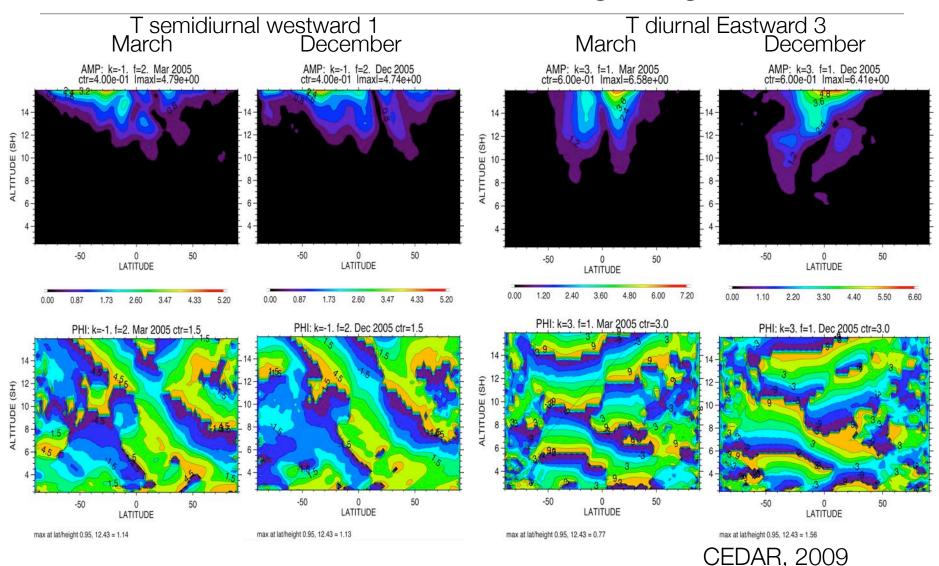
Equatorial spectrum at 12 SH (~85 km)



Structure of modeled migrating temperature tides

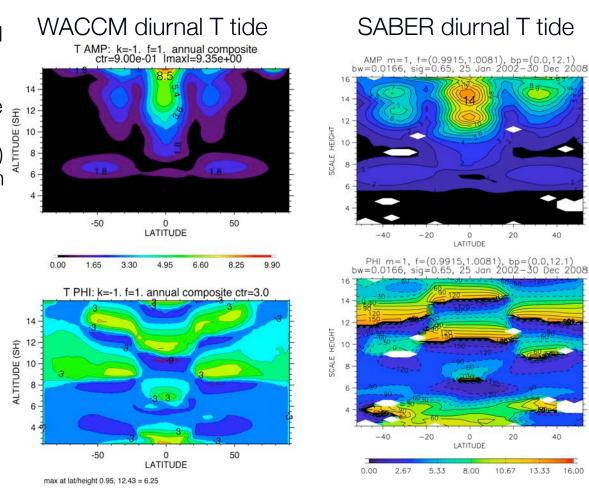


Structure of two modeled "non-migrating" tides



Diurnal migrating T tide: WACCM vs. SABER

WACCM diurnal tide obtained from monthly amplitude/phase over period of simulation (50 yr) Structure shown here is the timemean over the entire simulation period



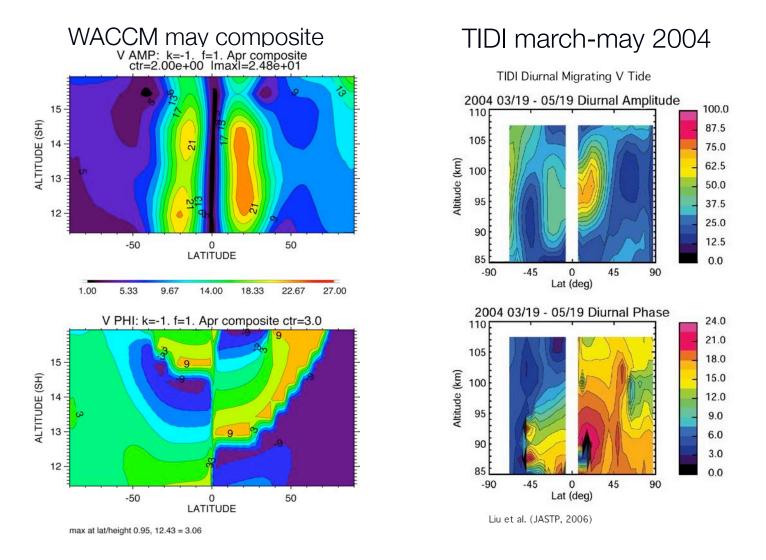
SABFR diurnal tide from Salby spectral analysis of SABER data Tide structure determined from coherence of spectrum over a band centered at 1 cpd westward Results may be viewed as longterm mean over SABER period, 2002-2007

The morphology of the tide is generally consistent between WACCM and SABER WACCM amplitudes are considerably smaller, especially in the mesosphere and lower thermosphere

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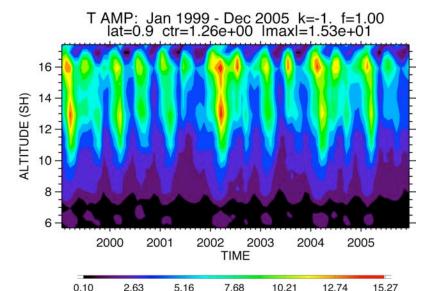
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Diurnal migrating V tide structure: TIDI vs. WACCM

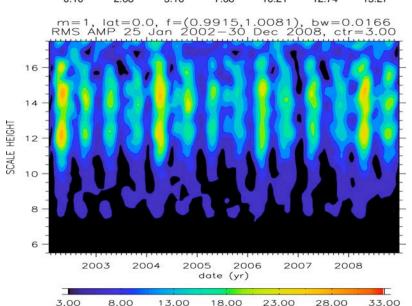


•Similar structure in WACCM and TIDI observations, but smaller amplitudes in the model

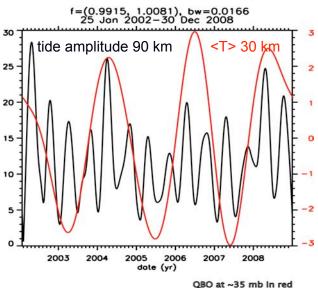
Altitude-time variability of the diurnal tide at the Equator



model and observations display a clear semiannual variation, with maxima at the equinoxes amplitudes observed by SABER are about 2X larger than calculated with WACCM there is also considerable interannual variability (quasibiennial)



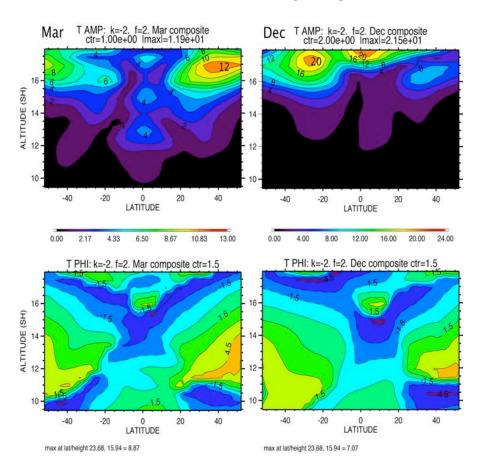
Similar behavior is 20 seen in SABER 15 data



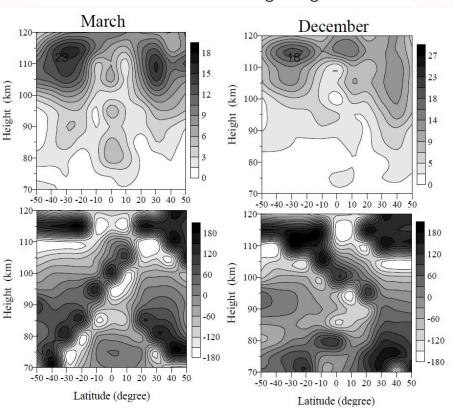
SABER Diurnal T tide @ Equator, 90 km

Semidiurnal migrating T tide: WACCM vs. SABER

WACCM Semidiurnal migrating T tide



SABER Semidiurnal migrating T tide

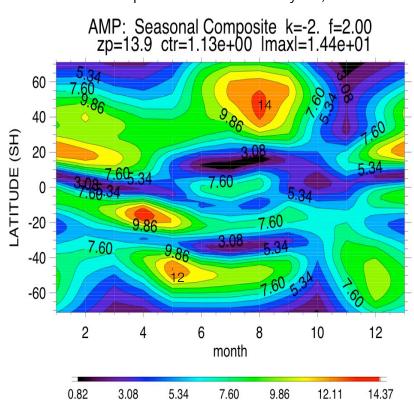


Pancheva et al., 2009

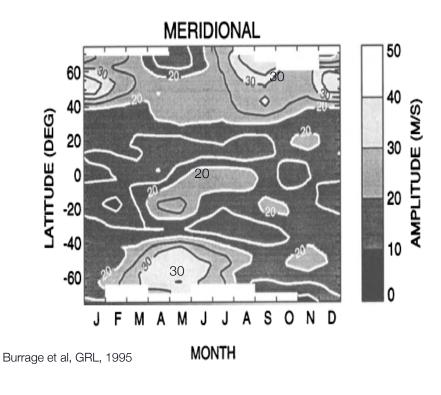
As with diurnal tide, structures are generally consistent; but WACCM amplitudes are smaller

Seasonal variability of the semidiurnal V tide, 95 km

WACCM composite V seasonal cycle, ~95 km



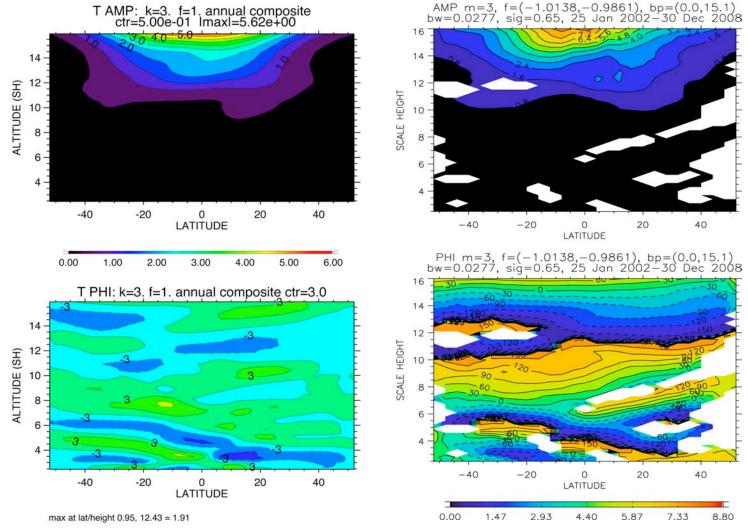
HRDI composite V seasonal cycle @ 95 km



WACCM: 50-year mean

UARS/HRDI: Nov 1991 - July 1994

Diurnal eastward-3 T tide: WACCM vs. SABER



WACCM: 50 year mean SABER: 2002-2007

large-amplitude above ~ 10 sh (70 km) has the structure of a Kelvin wave phase behavior suggests also RG structure at lower altitudes

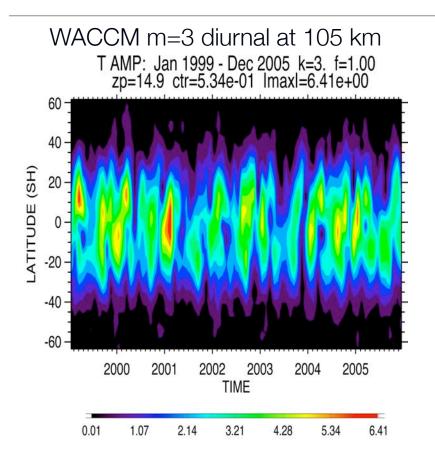
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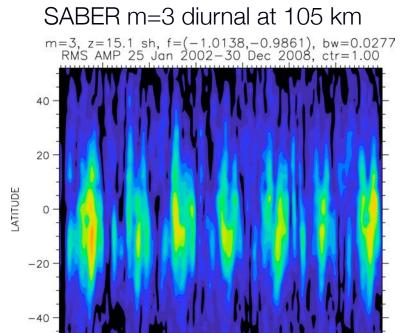
2.67

0.00

2004

Seasonal variation of eastward-3 T tide at equator





2006

date (yr)

8.00

2005

5.33

SABER: regular seasonal, maxima always in late NH summer (~August) WACCM: semiannual variation, with maxima in August and January

2007

10.67

2008

16.00

13.33

WACCM-X:

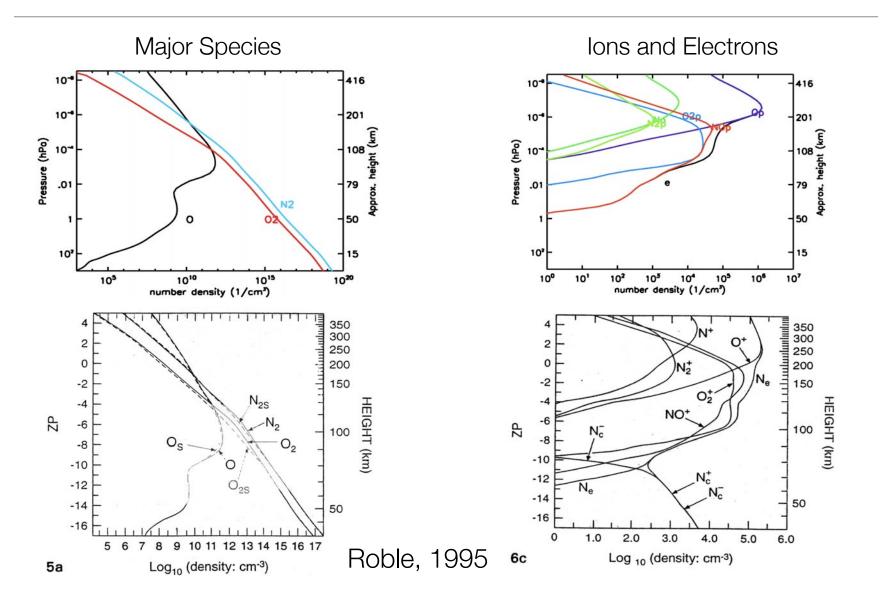
Thermosphere and Ionosphere Extension of WACCM

led by Han-Li Liu (HAO)

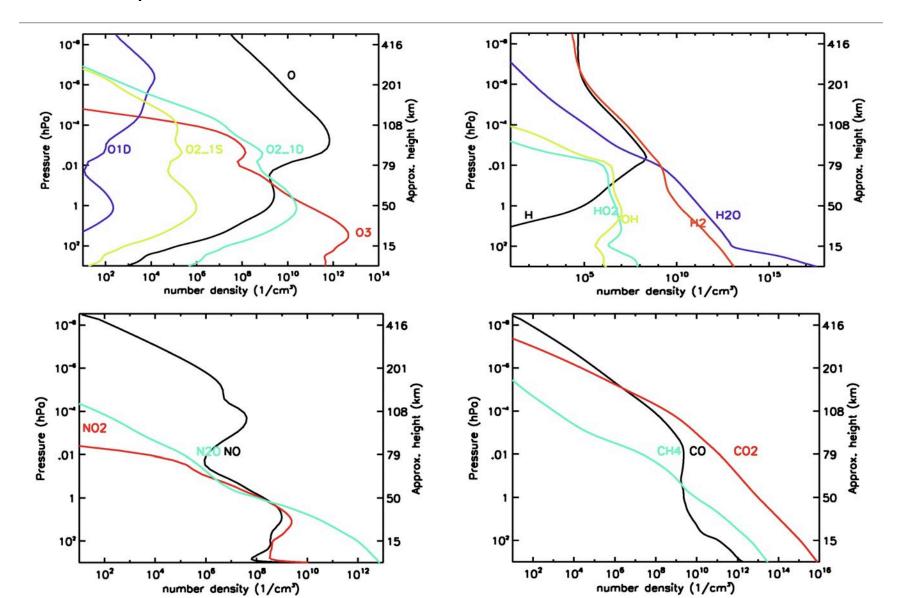
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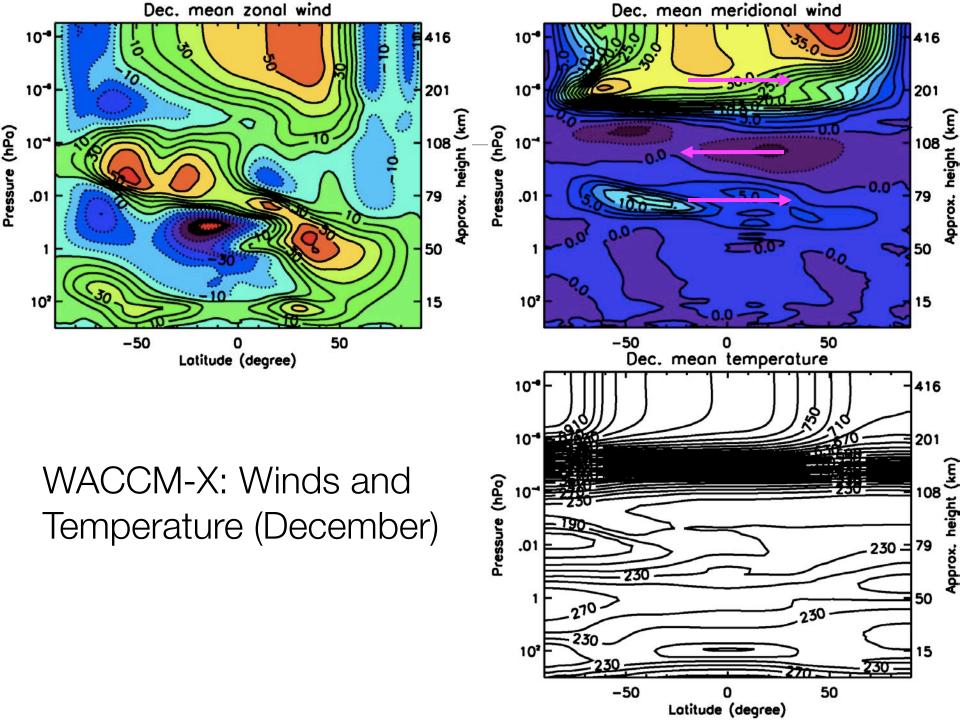
- 81 or 125 vertical levels (0-~500 km)
- Major/minor species diffusion
- Species dependent Cp, R, m 🗸
- Ambipolar diffusion
- Ion/electron transport due to Lorentz force
- Ion/electron energy equations
- Coupling with plasmasphere (GIP) / magnetosphere (GAIM/CISM)

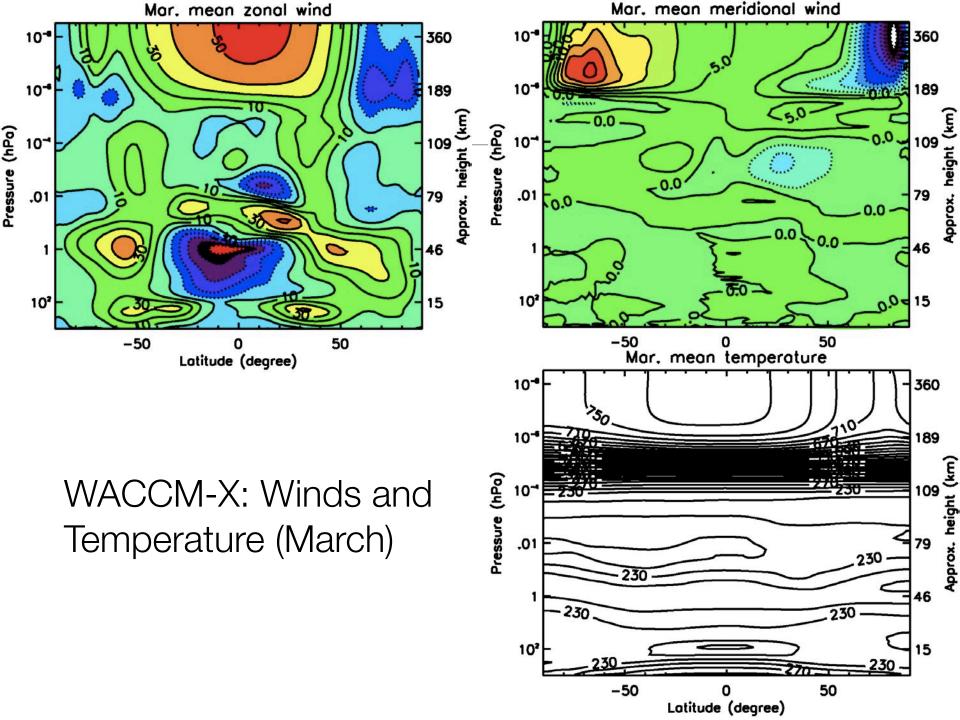
WACCM-X: Compositional Structures



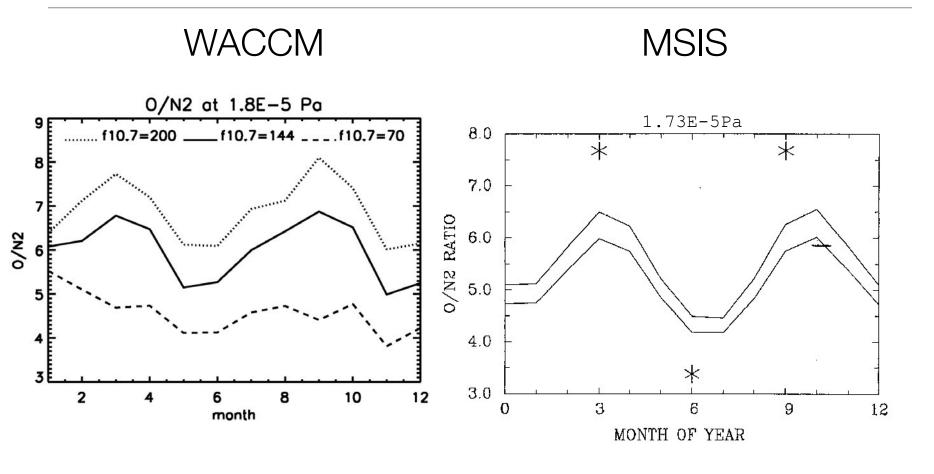
Minor species





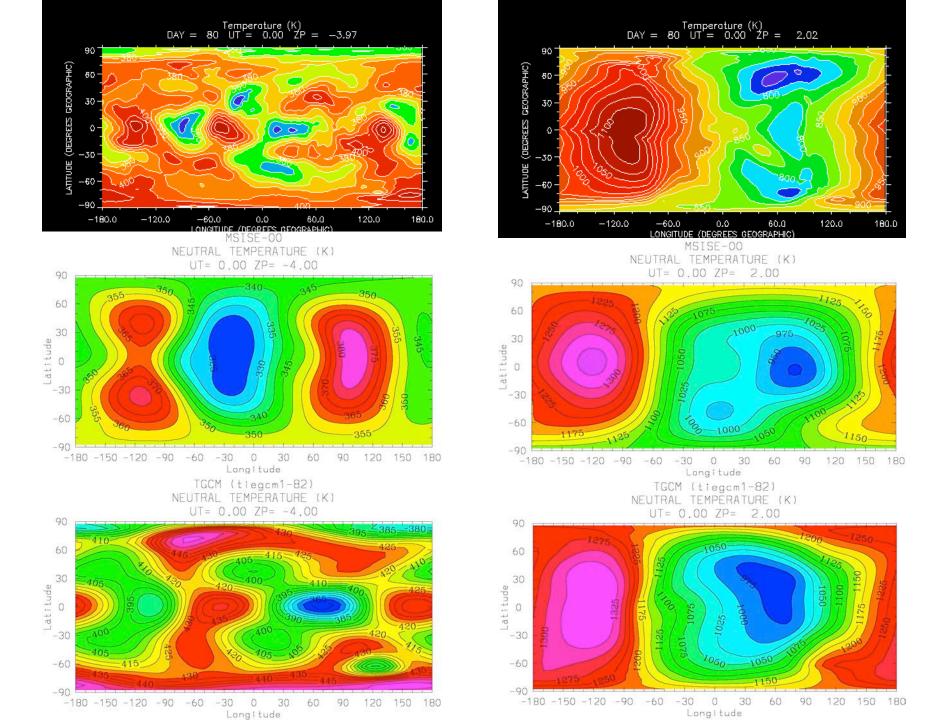


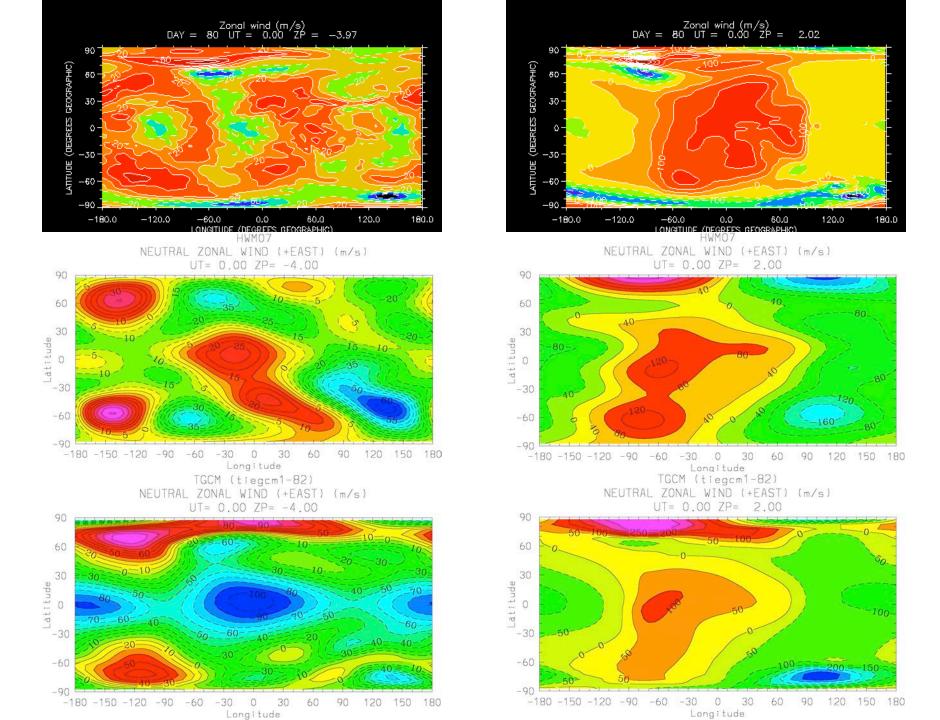
Thermosphere O/N₂ Semi-annual Variation (~250 km)

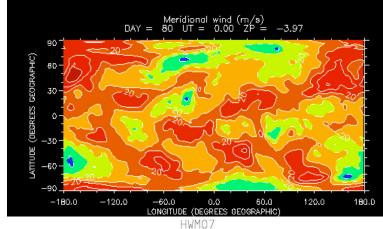


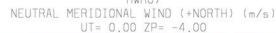
Fuller-Rowell, 1998

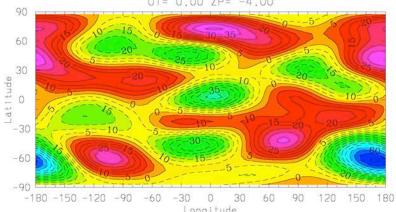
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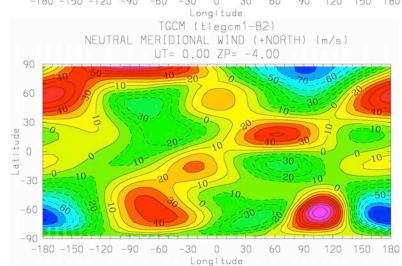


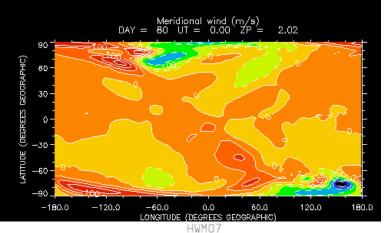




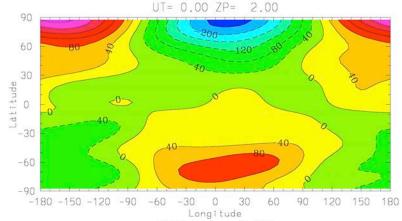




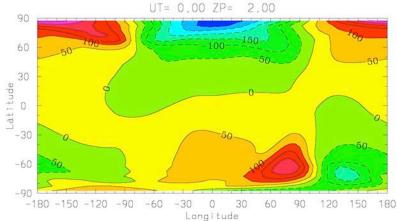




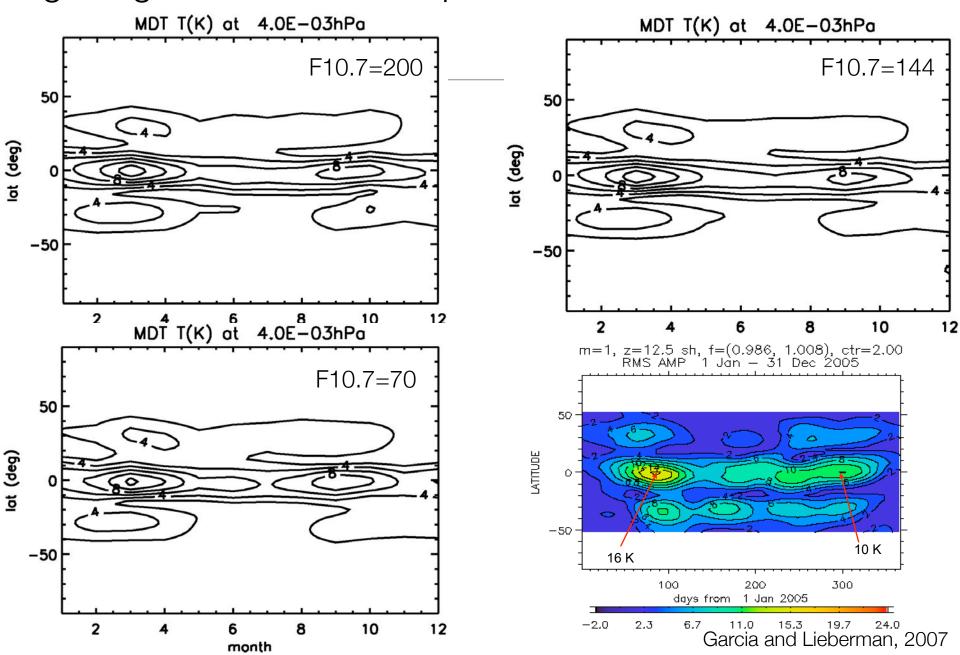
NEUTRAL MERIDIONAL WIND (+NORTH) (m/s)



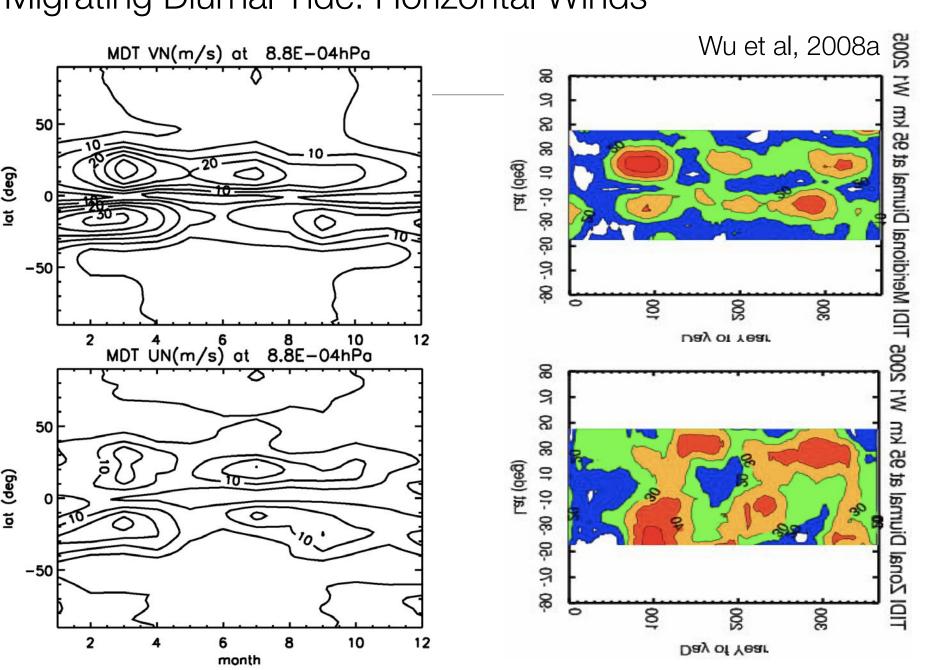
TGCM (tiegcm1-82)
NEUTRAL MERIDIONAL WIND (+NORTH) (m/s)



Migrating Diurnal Tide: Temperature

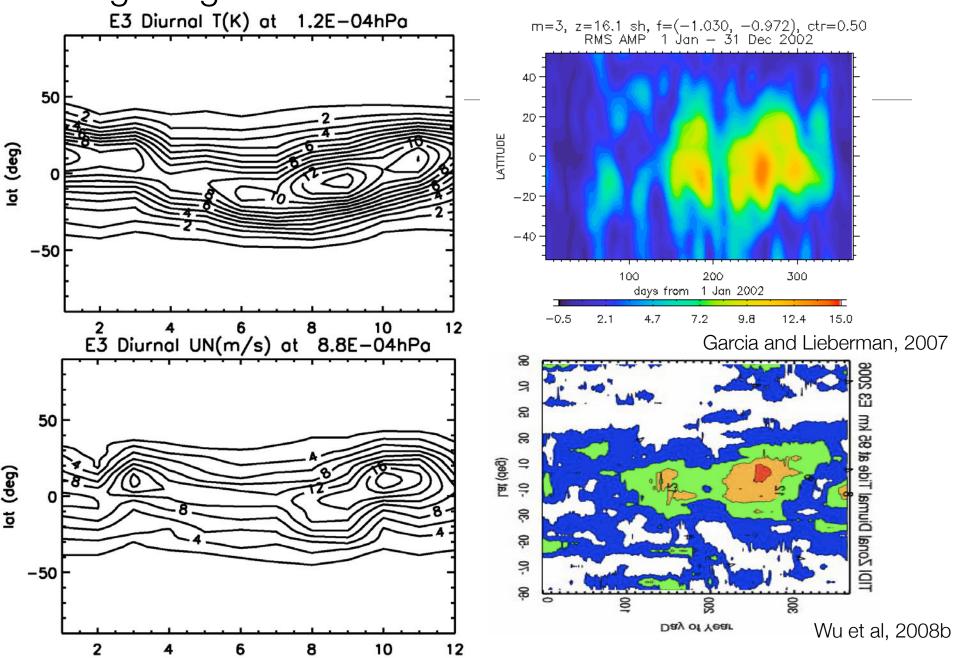


Migrating Diurnal Tide: Horizontal Winds

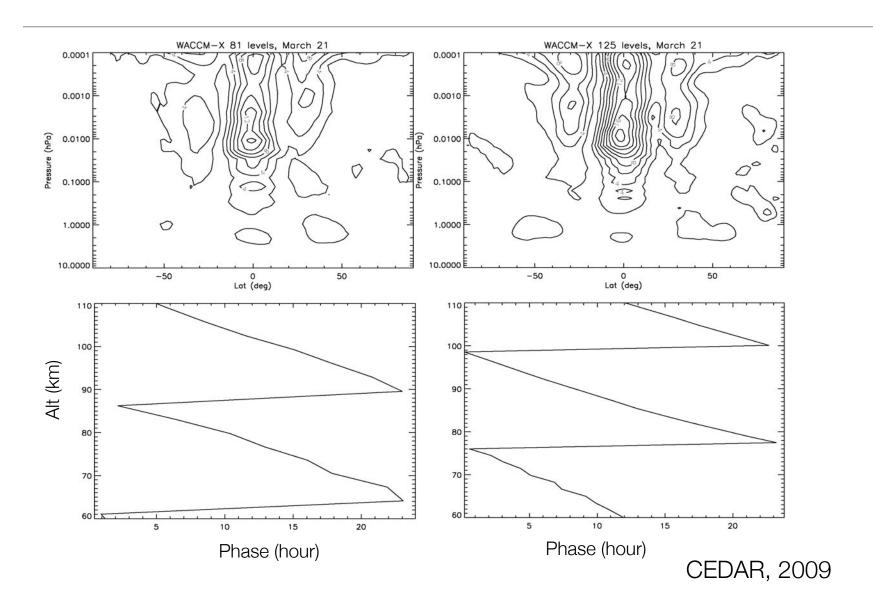


Nonmigrating: Diurnal E3

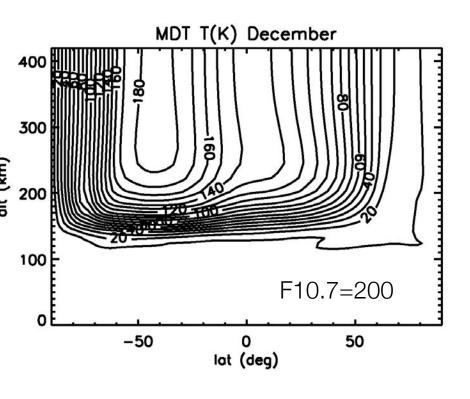
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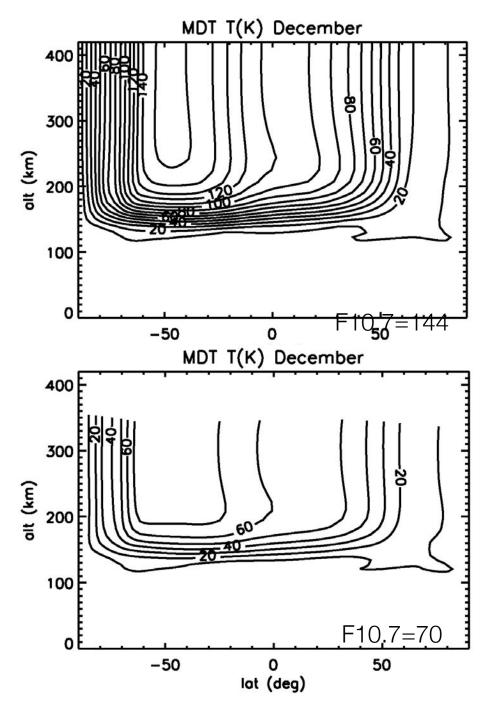


81 vs. 125 levels

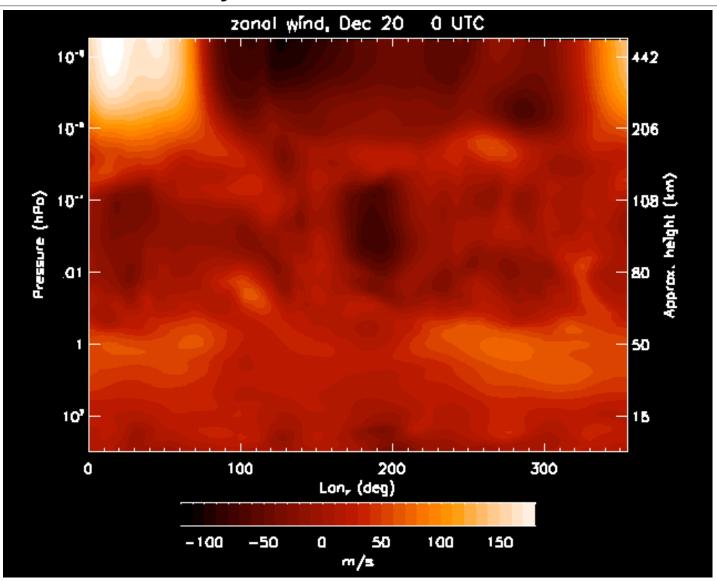


Thermospheric migrating diurnal tide





Short-term Variability

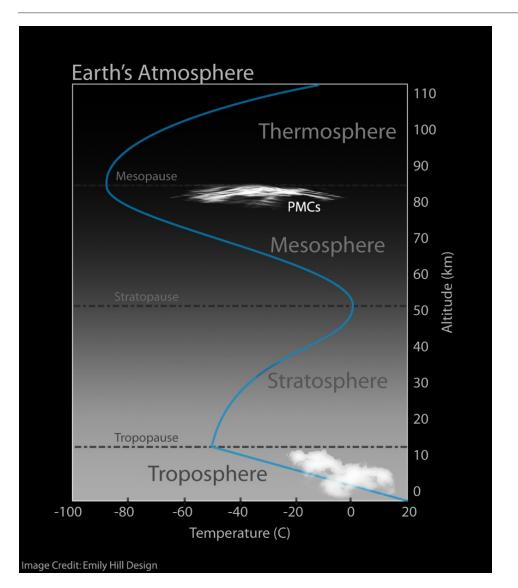


Polar mesospheric clouds

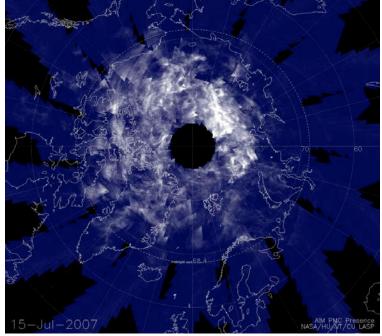
with A. Merkel



PMCs are water ice clouds near the mesopause (~83 km)

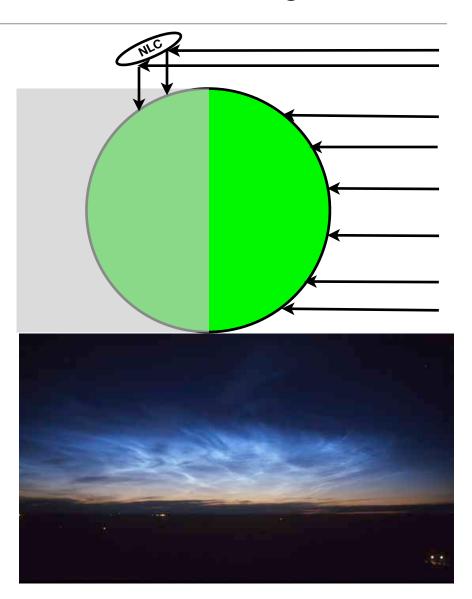






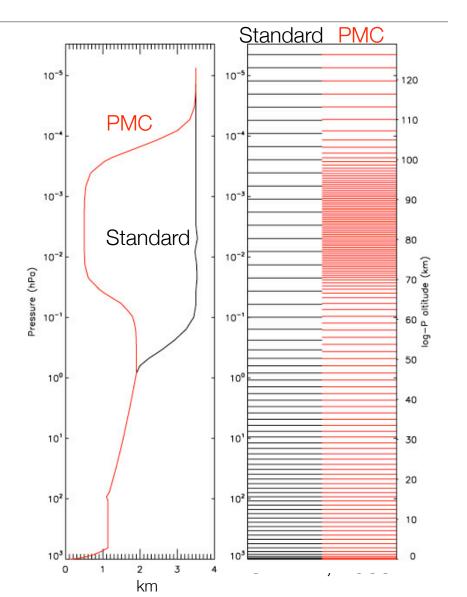
Notilucent clouds (NLC) when viewed from the ground



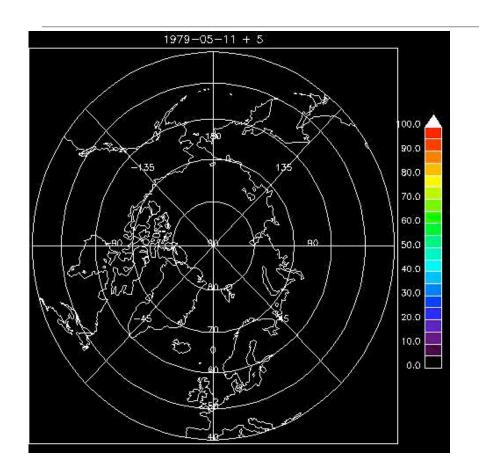


WACCM-3 with PMC parameterization

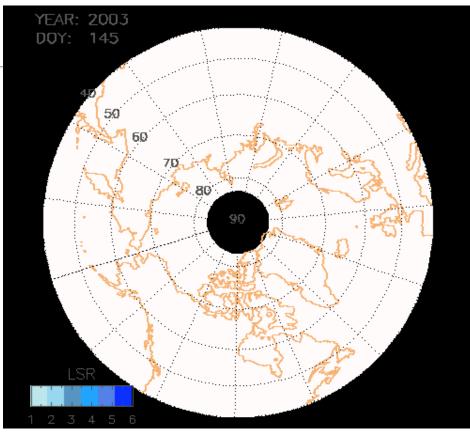
- 124 levels with 0.5 km resolution near the mesopause
- macroscale PMC parameterization of ice nucleation, growth, and sublimation
- Ice diffused, advected and sedimented
- Intended for long integrations (solar cycle, trends, etc.)
- Depends on local parameters (i.e. not particle-following)
- ~16 wall clock hrs. / year on 192 processors

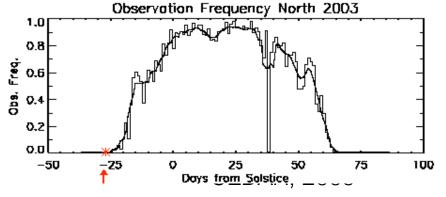


WACCM & SNOE albedo

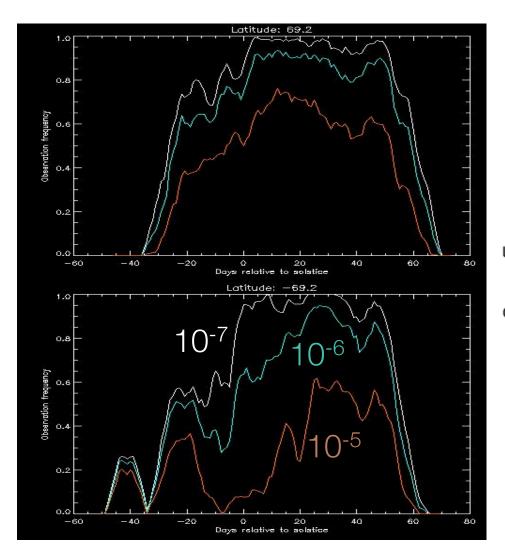


- Assume Gaussian distrib. width of 13 nm
- Backscatter ratio calculated for 90°





Occurrence frequency at 70°



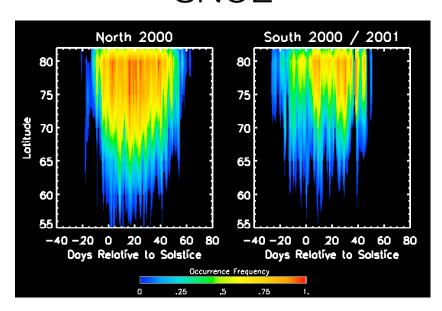
SNOE 1.0 Lat=70 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 SH 0.0 Days Relative to Solstice

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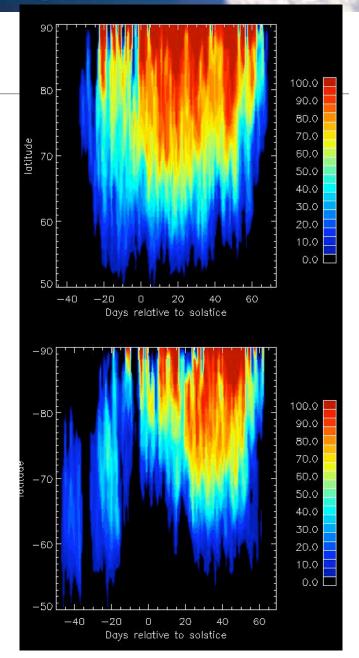
Bailey et al., 2007

PMC observation frequency

SNOE

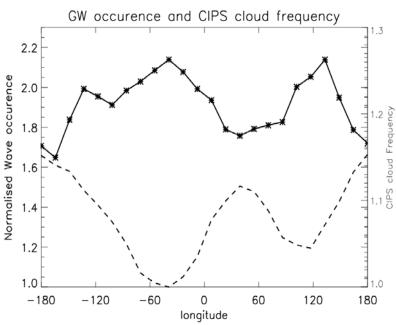


albedo $> 10^{-5}$

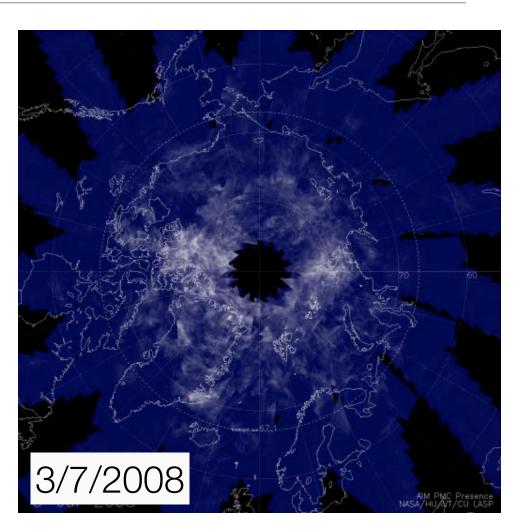


Can solar tides produce zonal asymmetry?

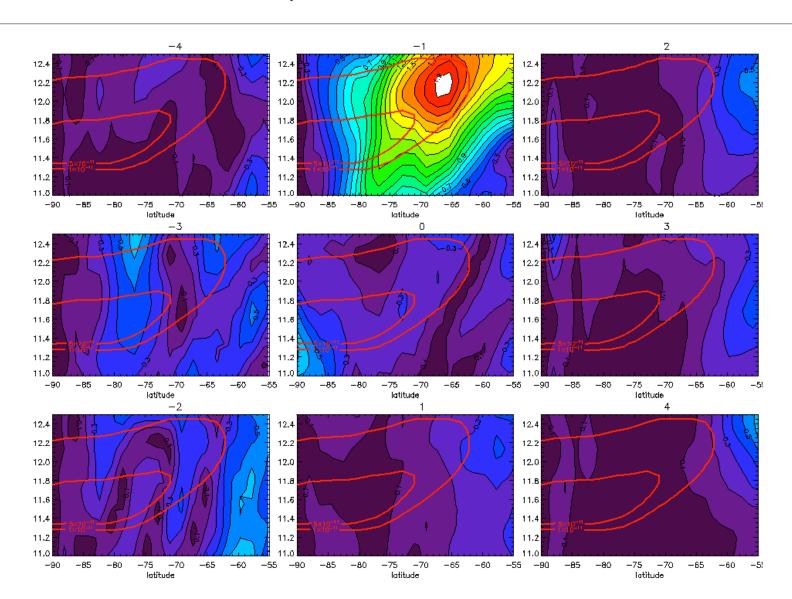
CIPS cloud frequency NH Days 172-195, 70-80 N



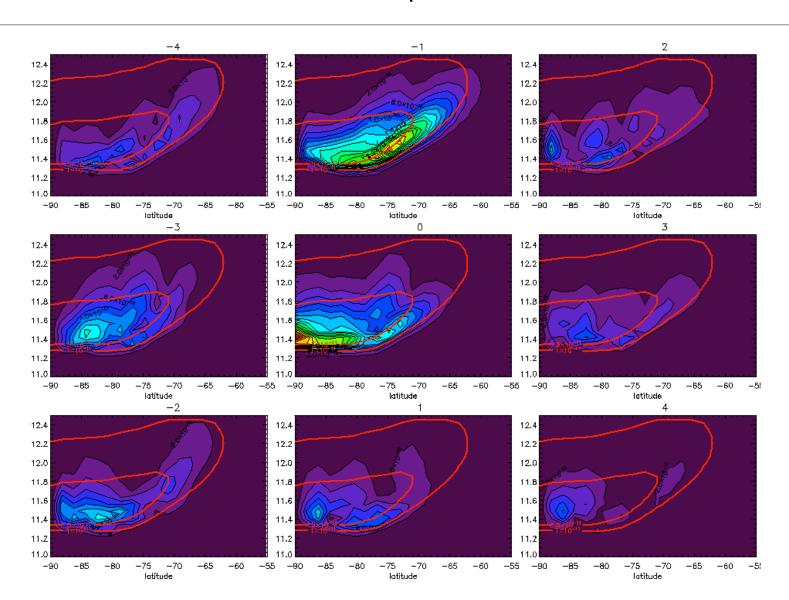
Analysis by Amal Chandran, CU/LASP



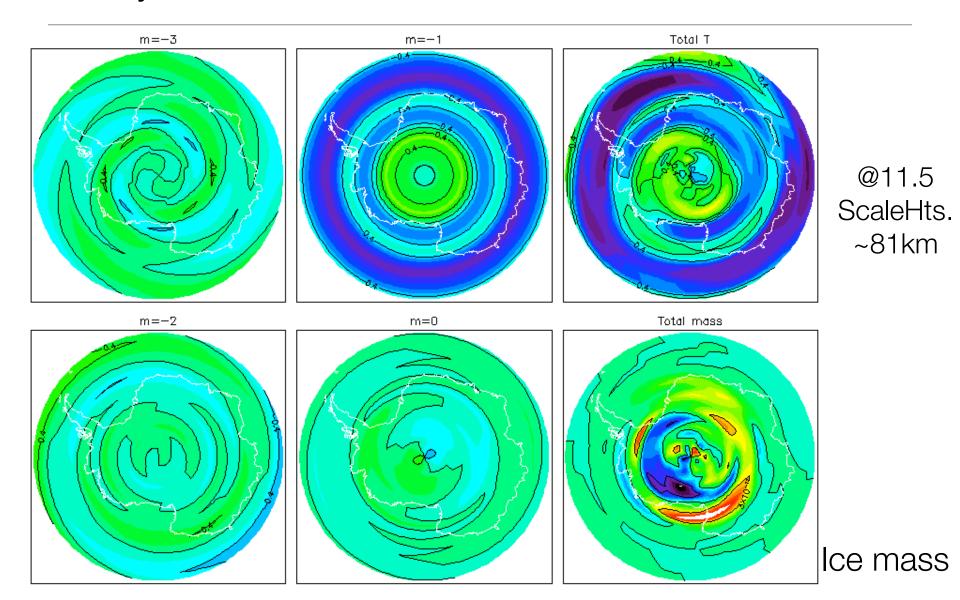
WACCM T tidal amplitudes & mean ice mass



WACCM ice mass tidal amplitudes & mean

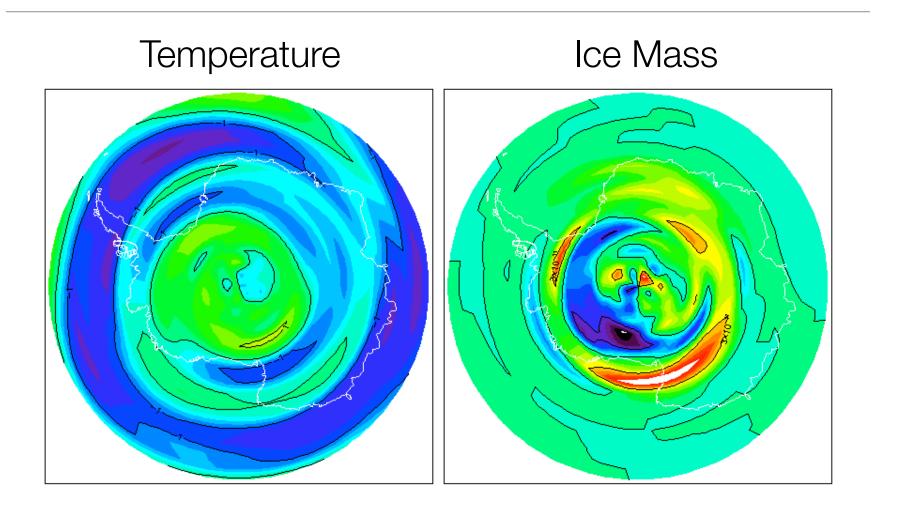


Souther hemisphere tidal temperature viewed from sun-synchronous satellite at 12:00 hrs. local time

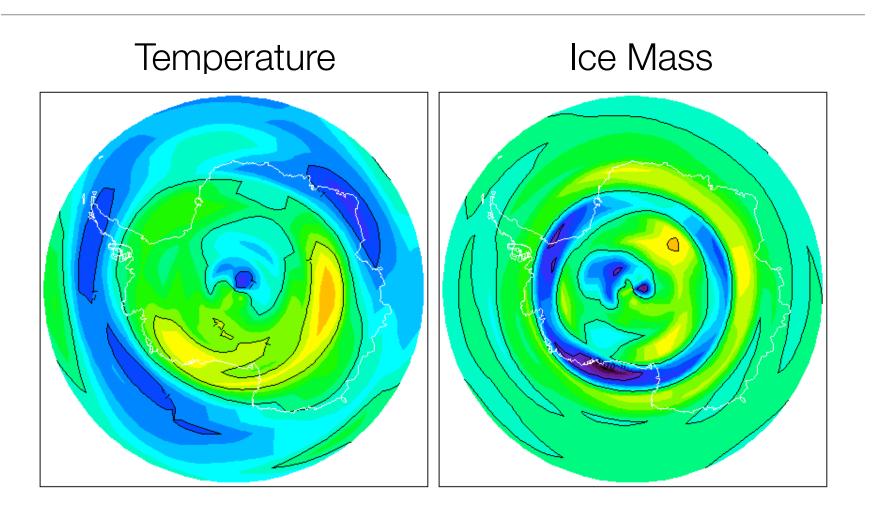


8 x 5-day mean sequence of T and ice mass

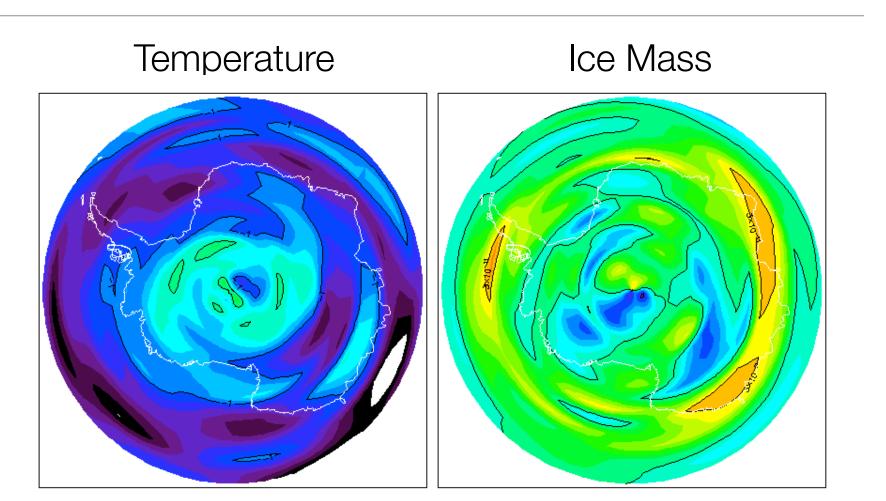
Tidal amplitudes Southern Hemisphere Jan 11-15 @ 11.5 scale hts.



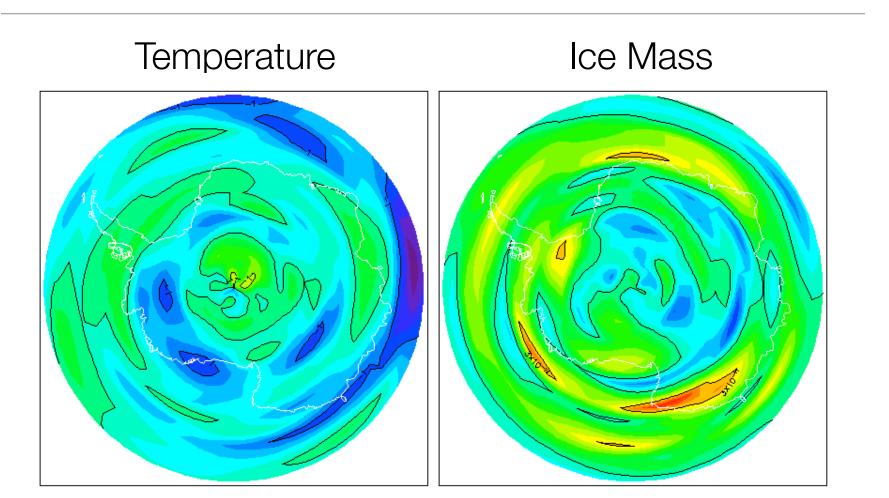
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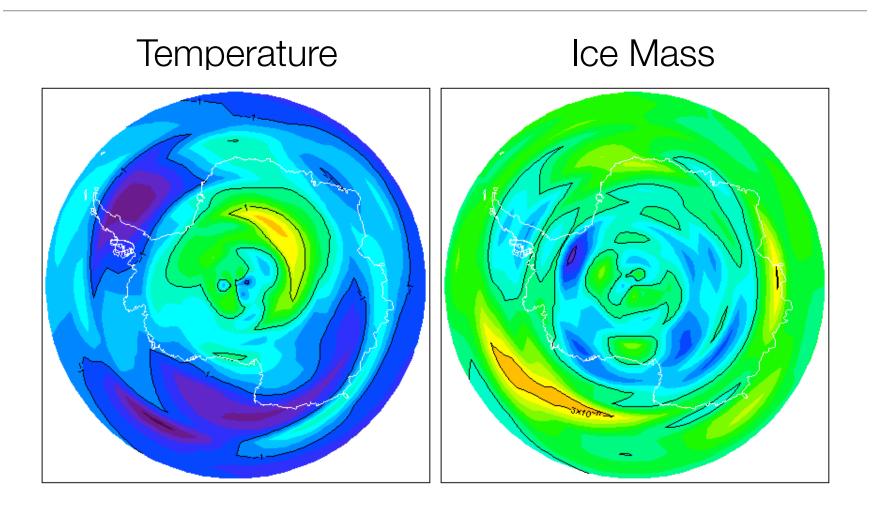
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Tidal amplitudes Southern Hemisphere Jan 26-30 @ 11.5 scale hts.



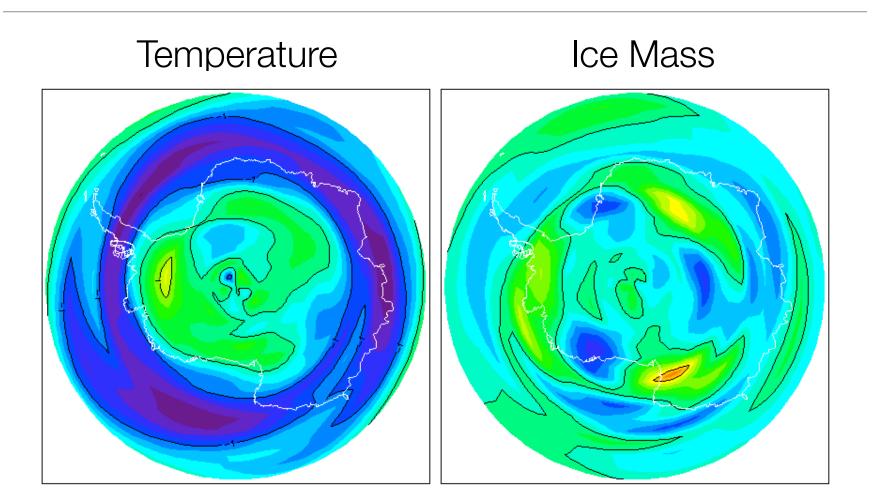
Tidal amplitudes Southern Hemisphere J31- F04 @ 11.5 scale hts.



Tidal amplitudes Southern Hemisphere Feb 05-09 @ 11.5 scale hts.

Ice Mass Temperature

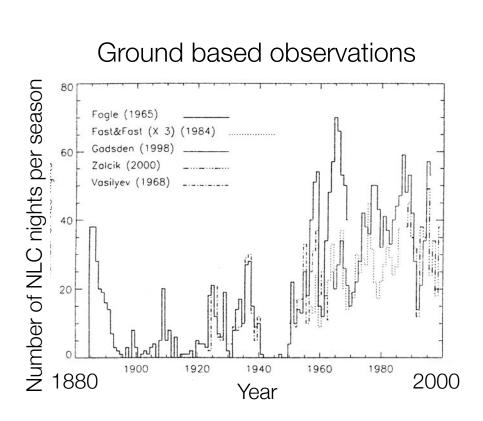
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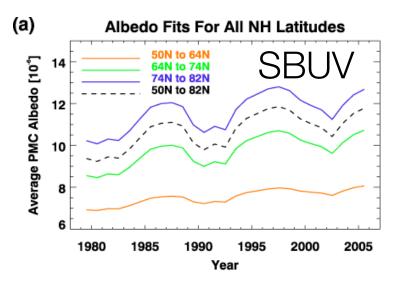
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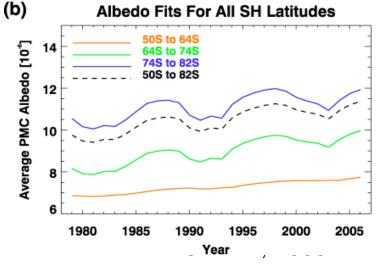
Ice Mass Temperature

PMC frequency & brightness are increasing



Thomas and Olivero, 2001





WACCM albedo calculations

- Albedo calculated at 252 nm a 120° scattering angle
- Albedo above detectable threshold calculated over each season.
- Season defined as SBUV: -30 to +70 DFS.
- Threshold dependent on latitude (DeLand):

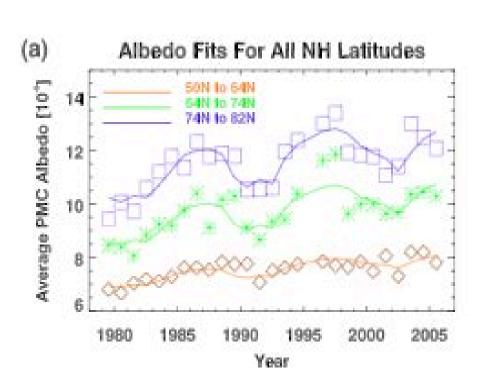
50N to 64N = 5.5G Threshold

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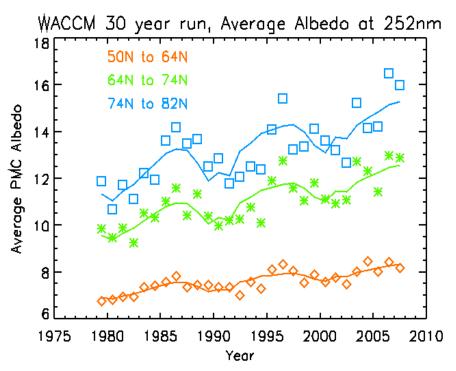
74N to 82N = 7.5G threshold

Northern hemisphere

SBUV



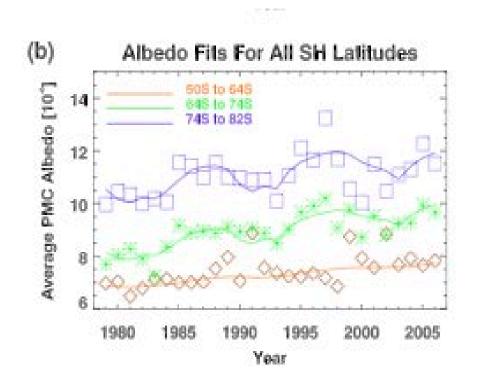
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DeLand et al. 2007

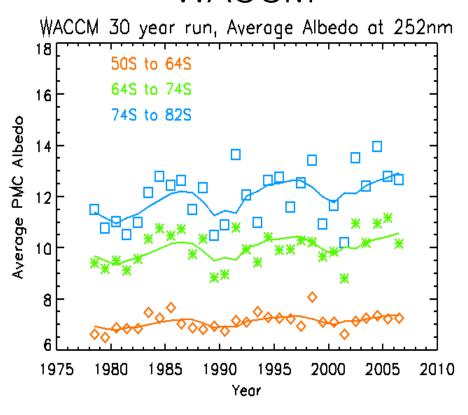
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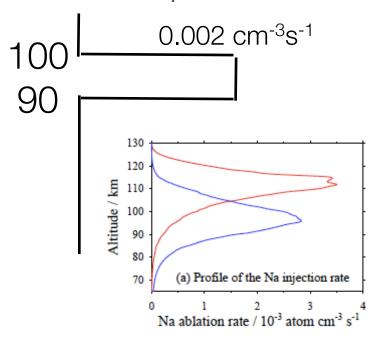


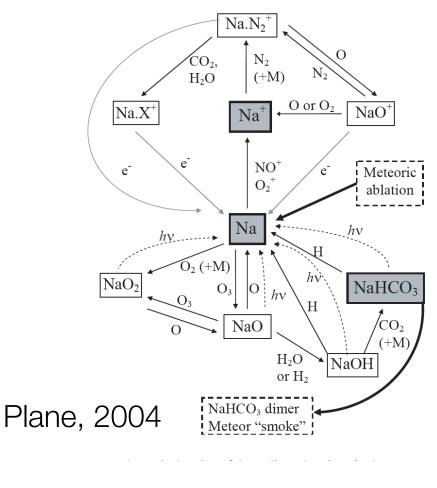
Meteoric sodium

WACCM sodium chemistry model

Chemistry follows Plane [2004]

- 26 Na chemical reactions
- 5 photolysis reactions
- very simplified constant meteor input function:





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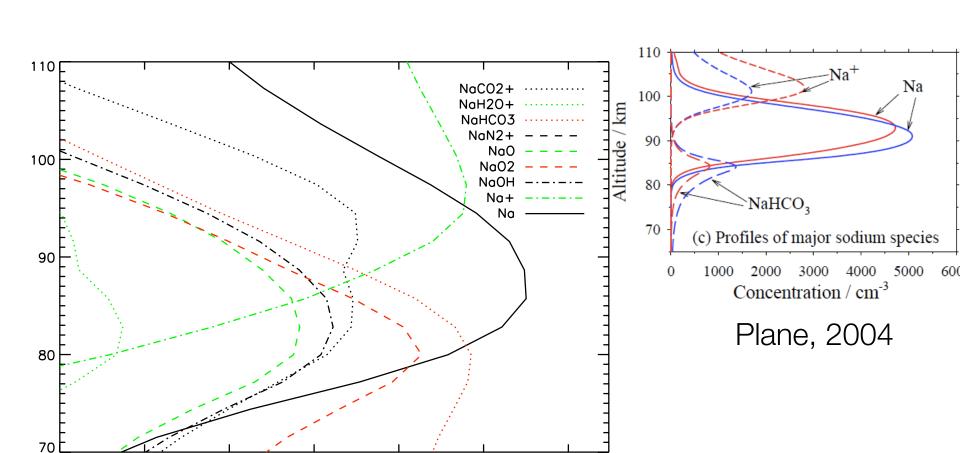
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Global mean constituent profiles



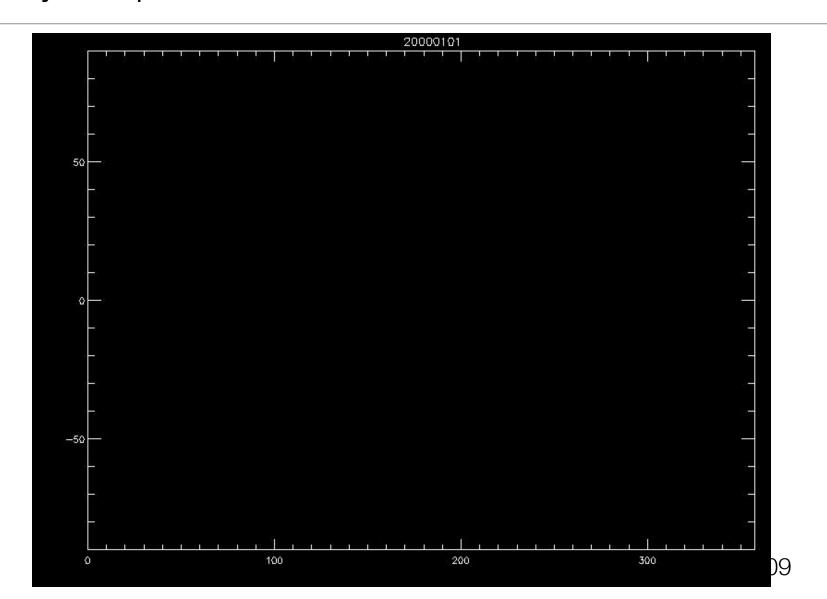
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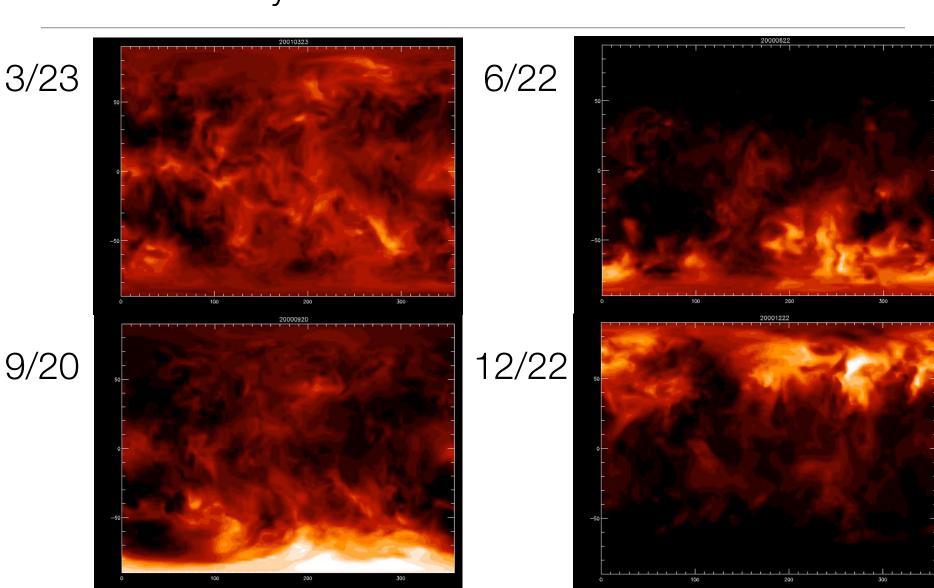




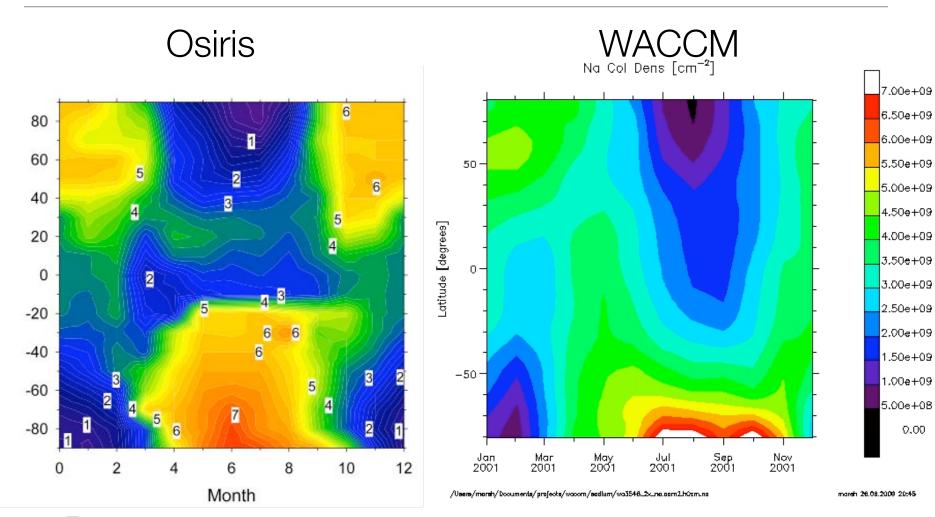
Daily 'snapshots' of sodium ~90km / UT00



Sodium density at ~90 km

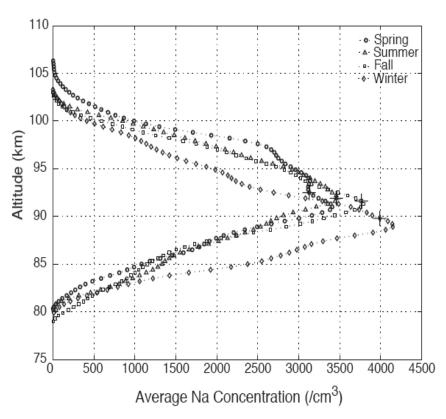


Seasonal variation of sodium column density

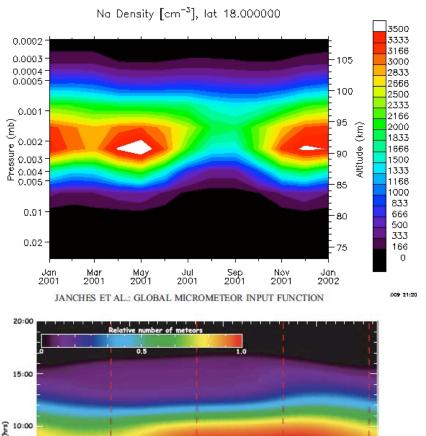


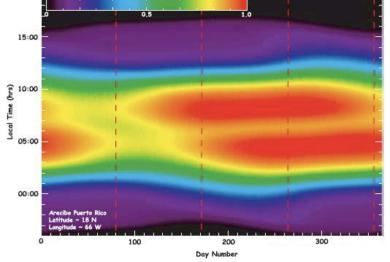
Plane, 2009

Whole Atmosphere Community Climate Model



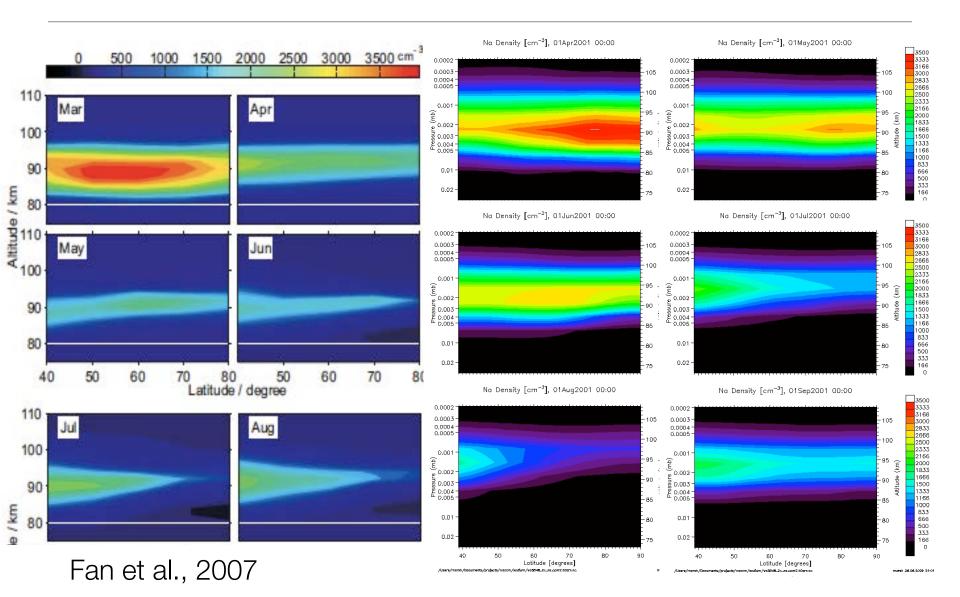
Arecibo ISR Zhou, 2005





CEDAR, 2009

OSIRIS seasonality



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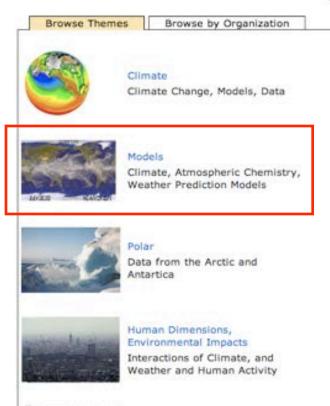
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Model software, Visualization

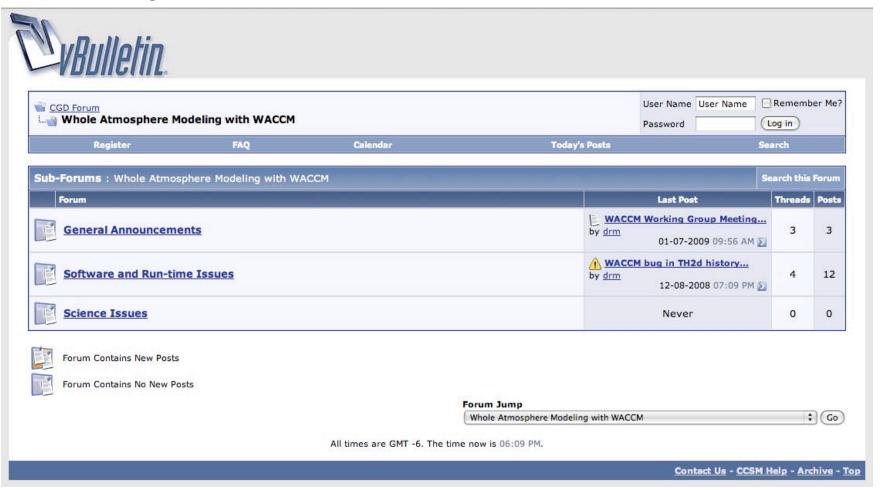


Webpage http://www.ccsm.ucar.edu/working_groups/



WACCM forum on CCSM Bulletin Board

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Summary I

Tides

- WACCM produces diurnal/semi-diurnal migrating and nonmigrating tides in general agreement with observations
- ▶ Tidal amplitudes usually lower than observed (~factor 2)
- Seasonal and inter-annual variability is well-simulated including
 QBO modulation

WACCM-X

- ▶ Thermospheric extension of WACCM reproduces reasonable composition, temperatures and winds (inc. tides) up to 500km
- ▶ Ionospheric electrodynamics under development

Summary II

PMCs

- Macroscale parameterization of PMCs incorporated into WACCM reproduces observed seasonal and latitudinal variations ice mass, albedo, frequency
- WACCM analysis indicates significant variability induced by tides
- Long-term SBUV record well-simulated by WACCM
- WACCM with sodium chemistry
 - ▶ Plane (2004) chemistry implemented with simplified MIF
 - Significant variability caused by dynamics
 - Seasonality not as observed need more realistic MIF

Future activities

- Continued WACCM-X development
- IPCC AR5 simulations using WACCM/CCSM4 with fully-interactive ocean -- investigate "high-top" vs. "low-top" (first with ionosphere?)
- Internally generated QBO
- Couple meteoric metal input function to Na chemistry and compare to LIDAR observations. Extend chemistry to Fe.
- Use metal chemistry model to estimate 'smoke' CCN concentrations fed into PMC model

Thank you