

Coupled chemical-dynamical data assimilation

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General Study Program

“Can chemical observations improve numerical weather prediction through data assimilation”

- Context:
 - Stratosphere (simpler problem – no sources)
 - ENVISAT observations
 - Limb sounders (vertical information)
- Objectives:
 - Develop GCCM from state-of-the-art GCM and CTM
 - Analysis of benefits/drawbacks of GCCM-DAS

Outline

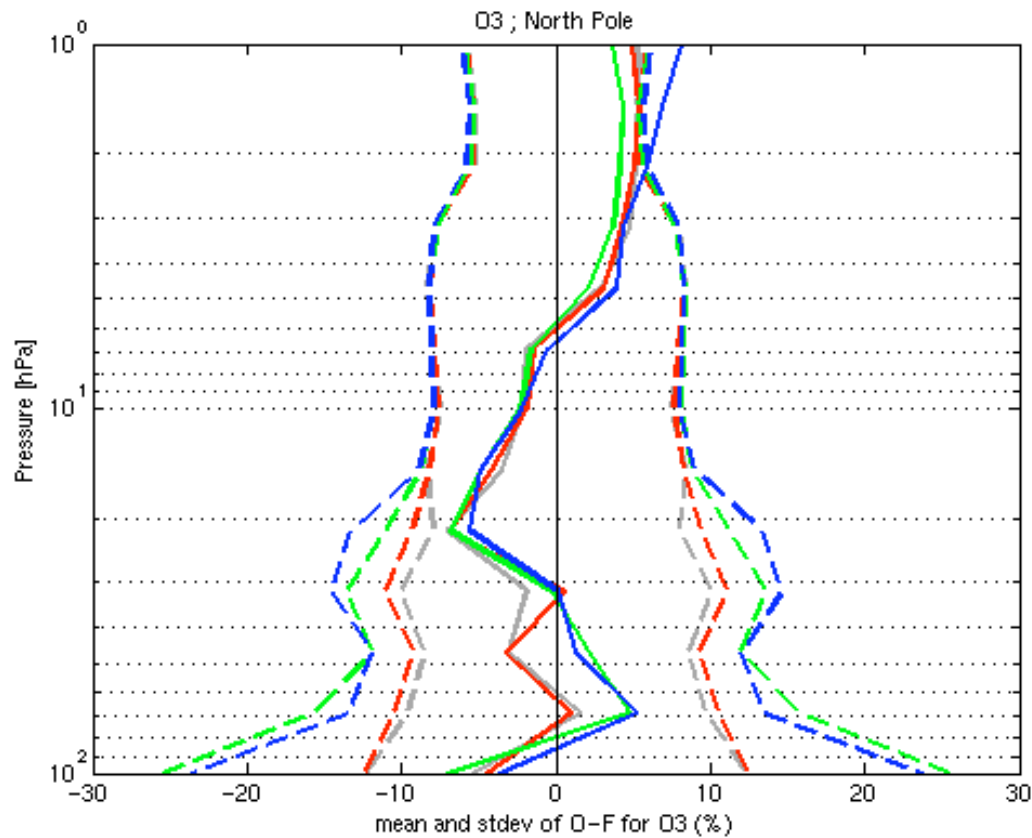
- Coupled model – ozone forecast
- Error statistics derived from polar orbiting satellite data
- Ozone-radiation interaction – impact on temperature forecast skill
- Deducing winds from chemical observations: a simplified 4D-Var approach
- Can we assimilate in presence of bias: Case of descent of mesospheric NO_x in the polar vortex produced by geomagnetic events

Model description

- **GEM:** the operational NWP model of Environment Canada
- Dyn and phys modules used operationally since June 2009
- Vertical grid: 80 s-p hybrid levels from surface to 0.1 hPa.
- Here horizontal grid is 240x120 (1.5°x1.5°)

- **BASCOE** stratospheric chemistry module
- **57 chemical species**, all advected (S-L)
- Ox, HOx, NOx, ClOx, BrOx and few hydrocarbons
- Source species: N₂O, CH₄, H₂O, CFCs, HCFCs and Halons
- 52 photodissociation reactions, *J* interp from tables
- 142 gas-phase reactions, 7 heterogeneous reactions
- **Heterogeneous chemistry is fully resolved**, with simplified parameterizations for PSC surface area densities

GCCM (GEM-BACH) vs CTM (BASCOE)

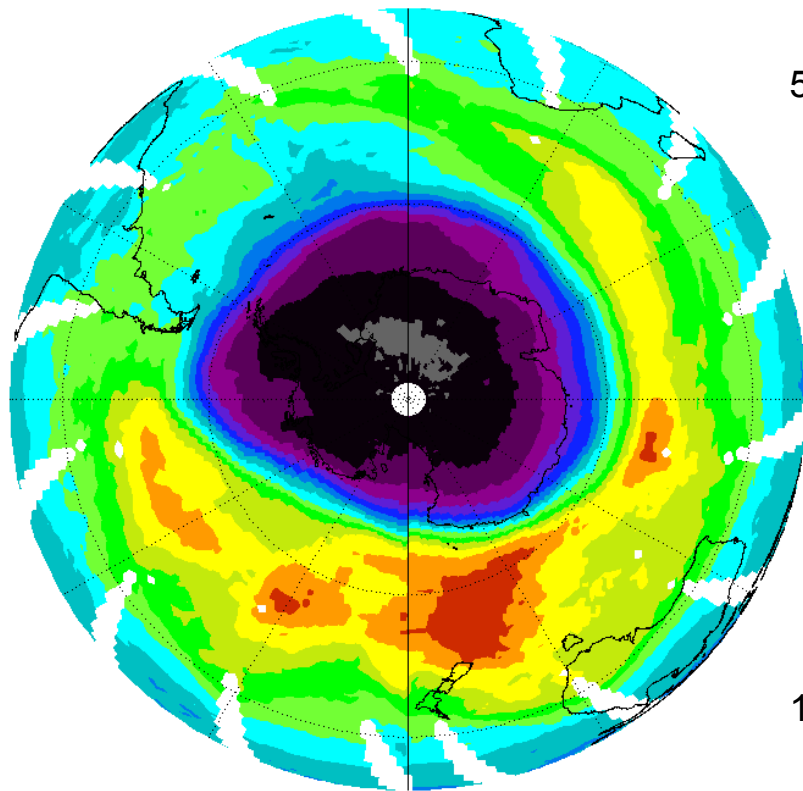


Validation with MIPAS OFL
20030825-20030904, 60°N-90°N

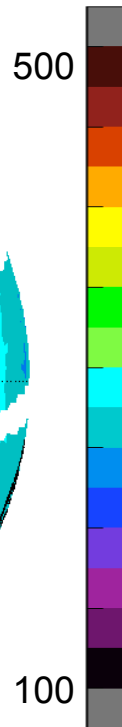
- GEM-BACH, 4D-VAR dyn
(K4BCS304)
- GEM-BACH, 3D-VAR dyn
(K3BCS304)
- BASCOE CTM, 3D-VAR dyn
(v3s85)
- BASCOE CTM, ECMWF dyn
(d2003G)

Ozone column, 3 Oct 2003

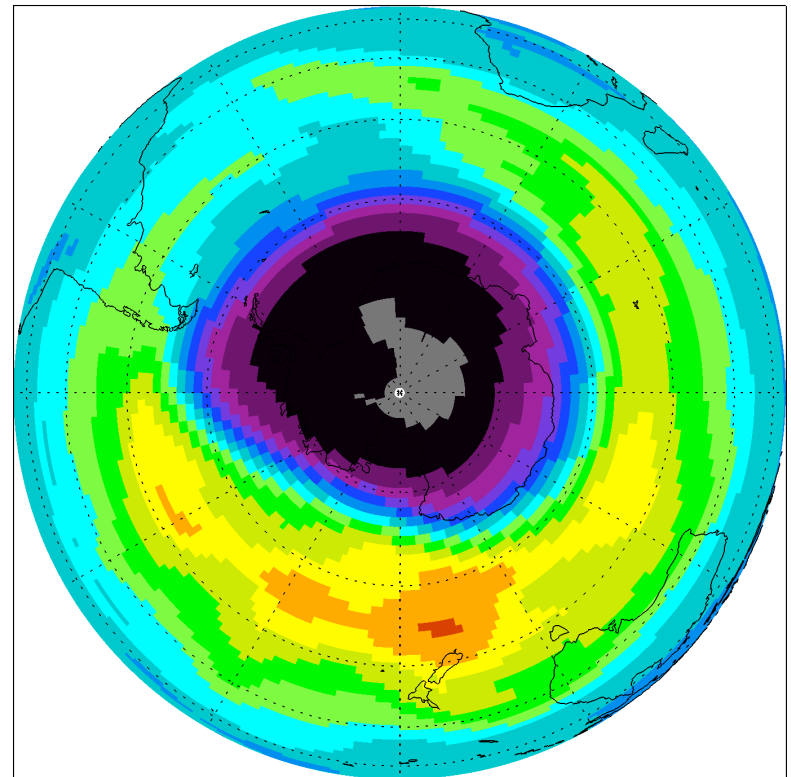
TOMS observations



Ozone column (D.U.)

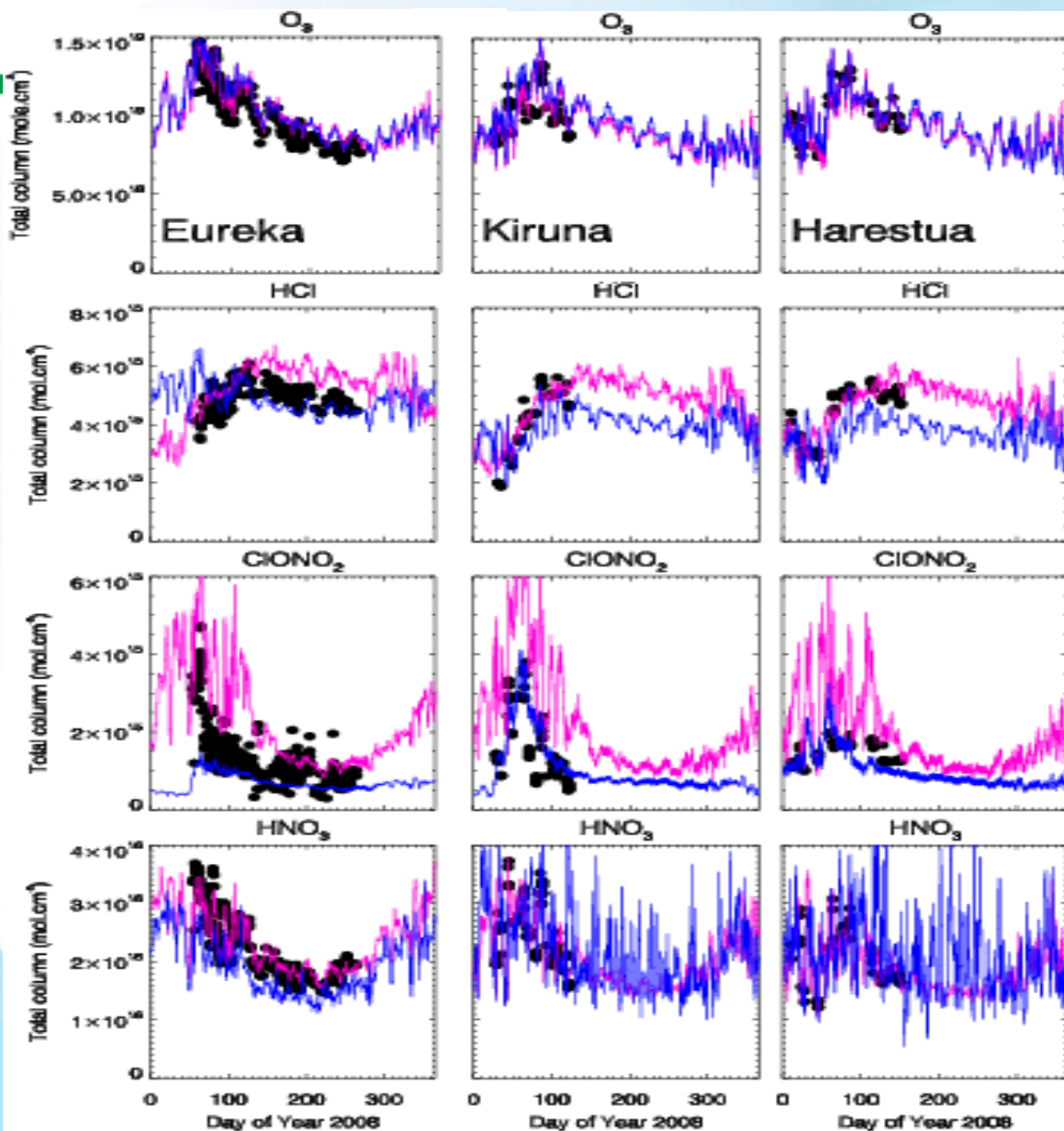


**GEM-BACH
with free-running chem**

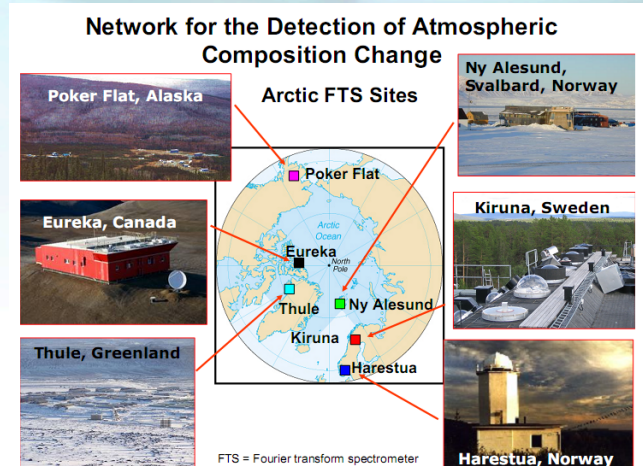


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Validation of polar chemistry with NDACC FTIR



— GEM-BACH
— CMAM-DA
● FTIR obs



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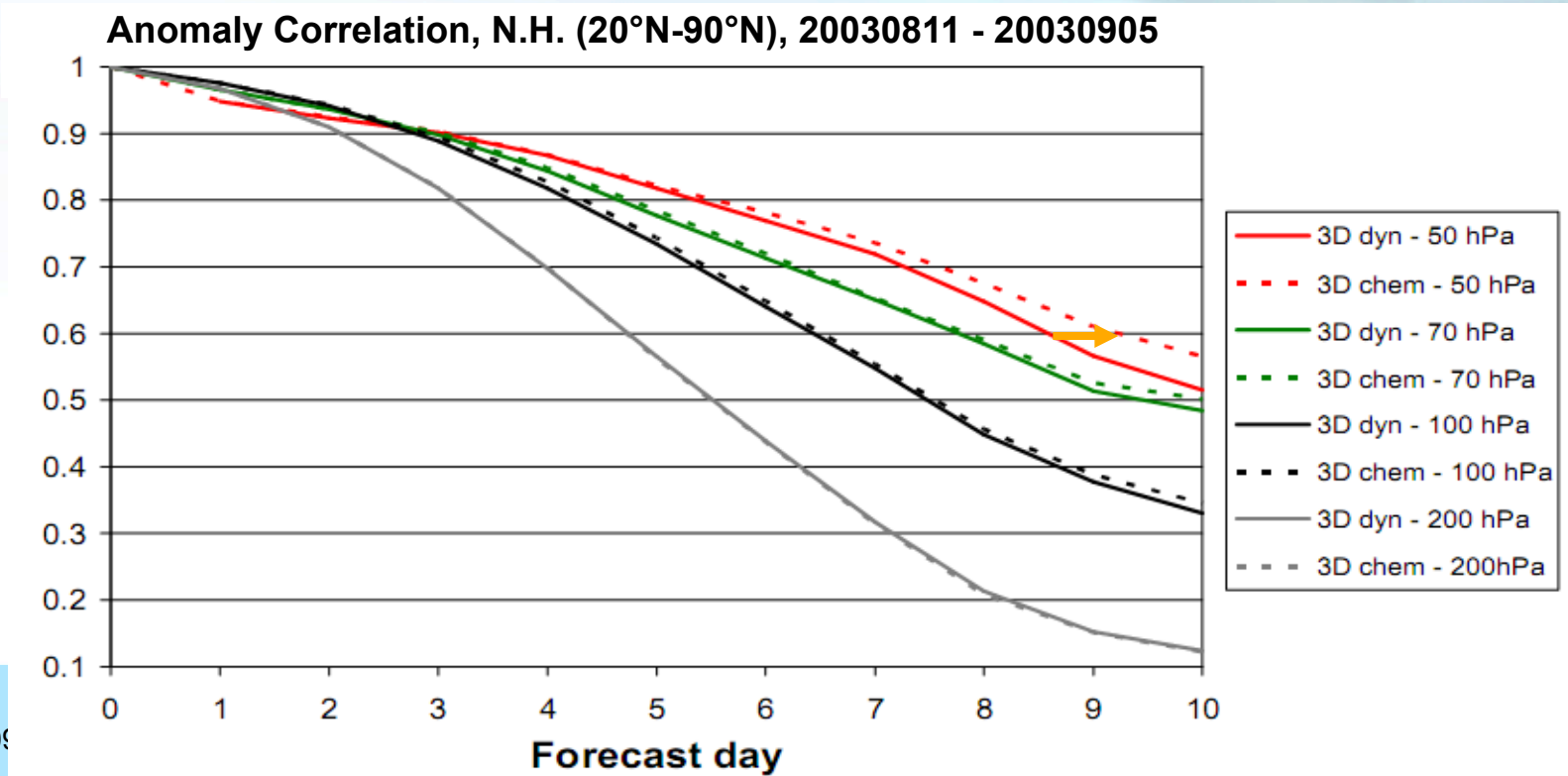
- CMAM-DA team
- NDACC Arctic FTIR team

Impact of *interactive* ozone assimilation on T predictability

de Grandpré *et al.*, Monthly Weather Review, 2009 :

- Taking the ozone-radiation into account (in calculation of heating rates)
- MIPAS assimilation of ozone

☞ big improvement of *T* forecast skill in lower strato:

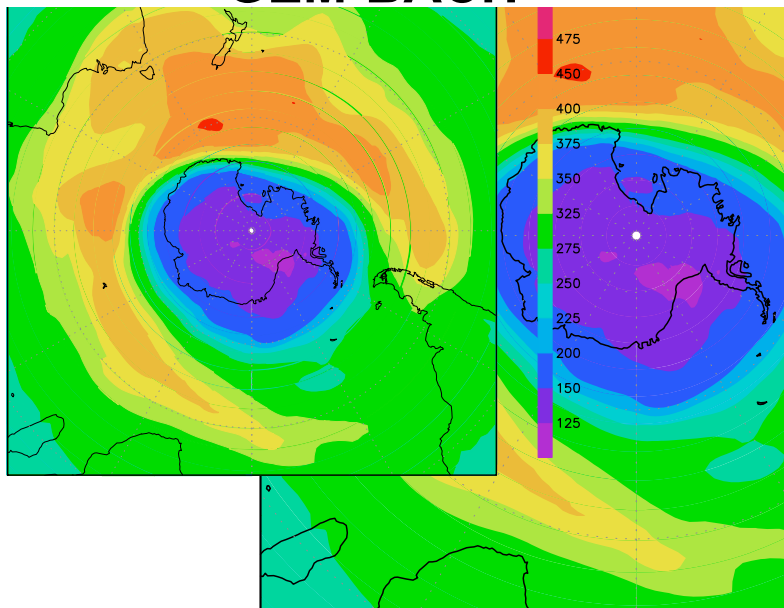


Assimilation of MIPAS with GEM-BACH or GEM-LINOZ

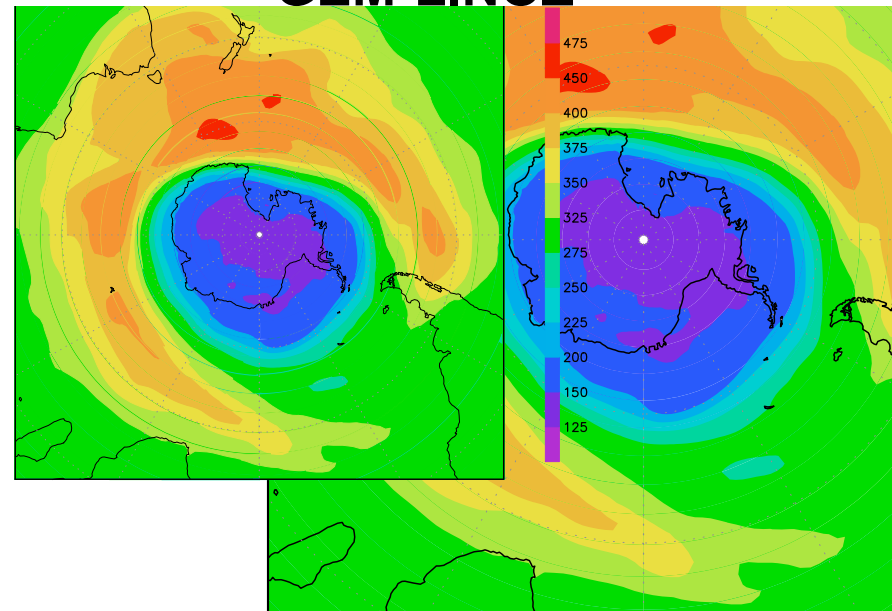
LINOZ: Linearized scheme (ozone only) that does *not* take heterogeneous chemistry into account
(Mclinden et al. JGR, 2000).

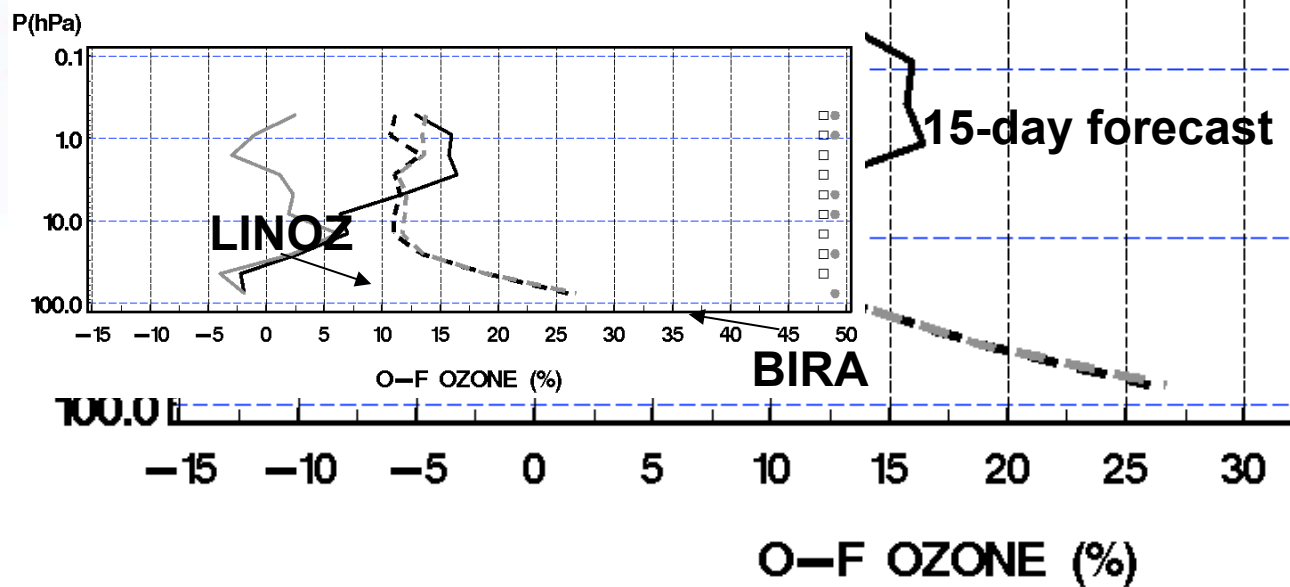
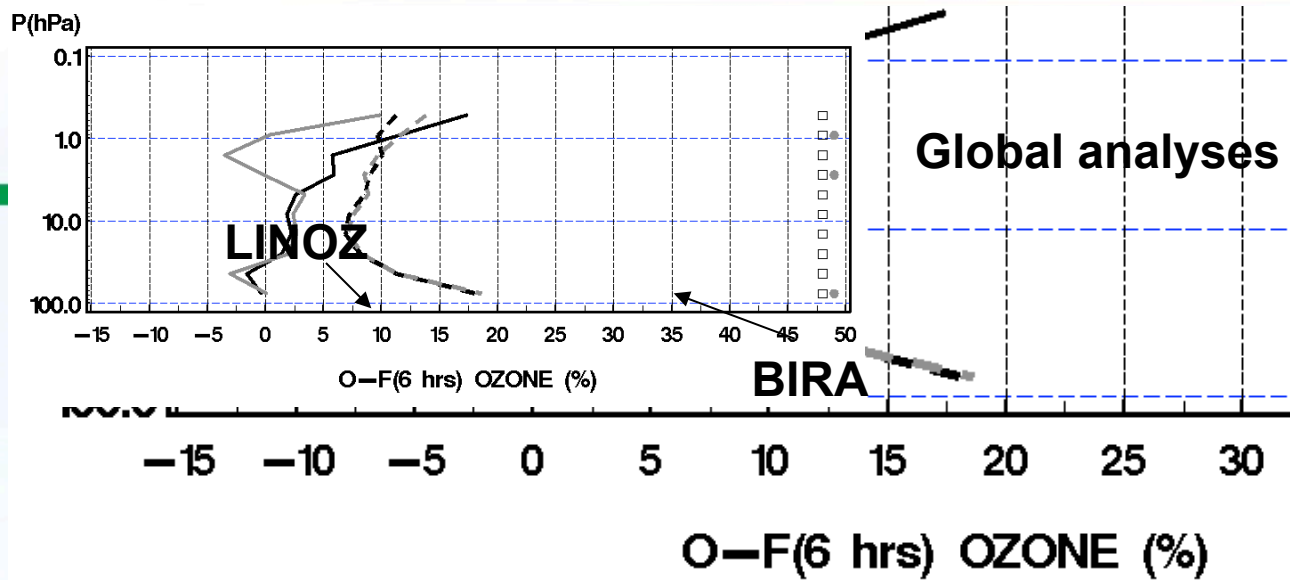
analyses of MIPAS: ozone column, 3 October 2003

GEM-BACH



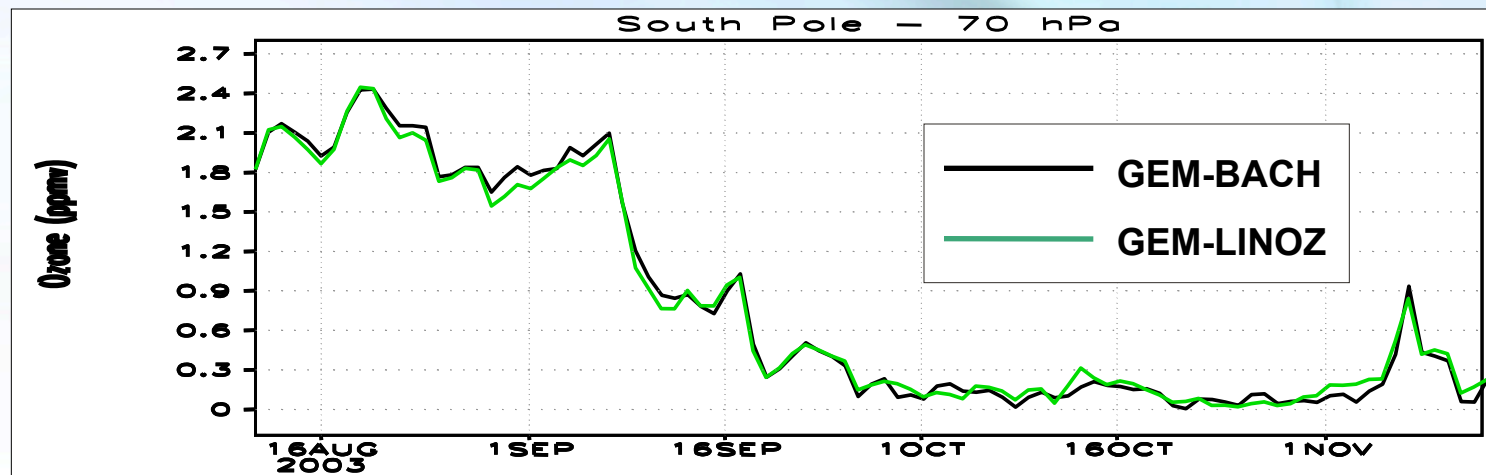
GEM-LINOZ





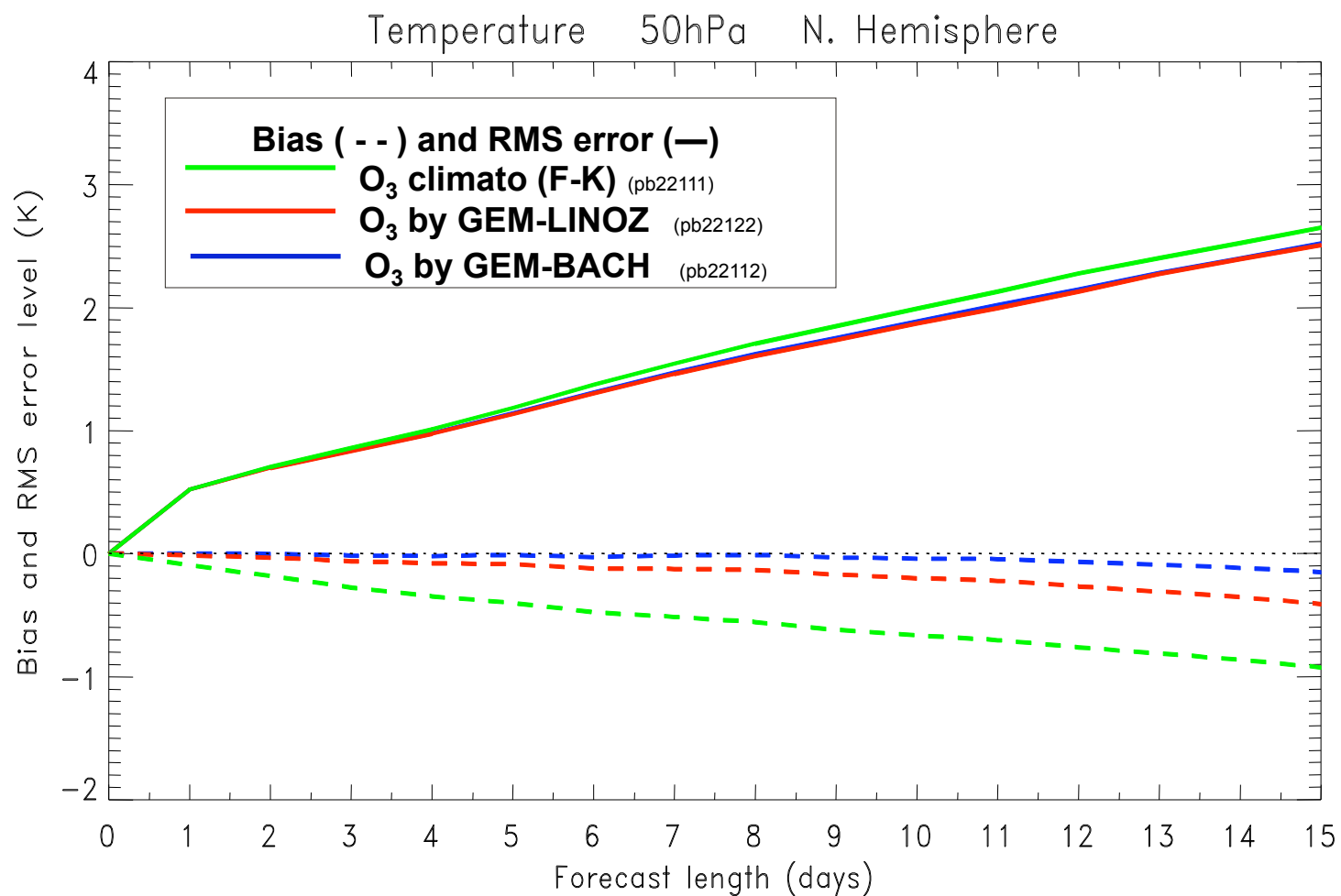
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Time series of ozone analyses by assimilation of MIPAS
70 hPa, 90°S-60°S

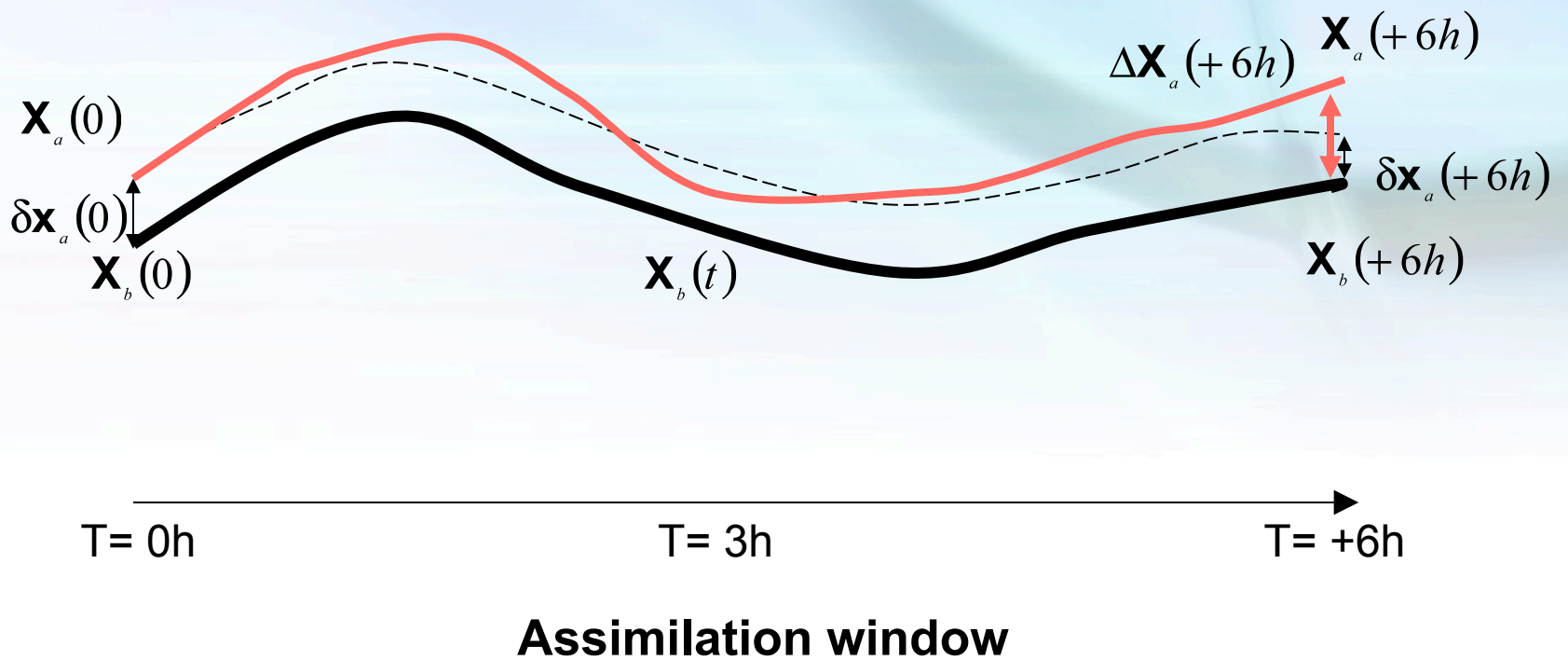


☒ MIPAS obs are dense enough, and ozone depletion is slow enough, that assimilation with LINOZ works as well as with full chemistry. Interesting when ozone is the only chemical target, e.g. to improve the meteorological forecast:

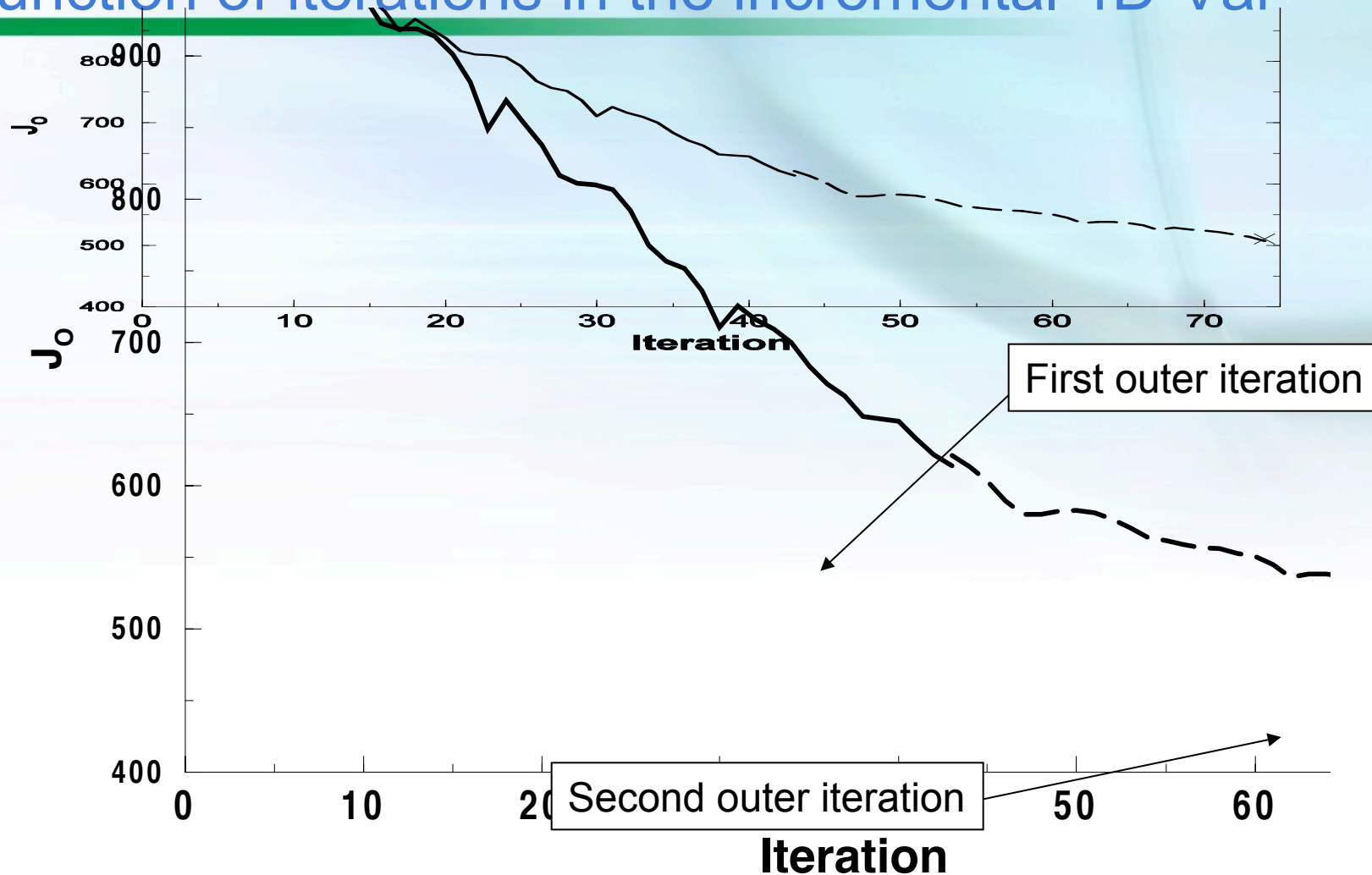
Impact of *interactive* ozone assimilation on T predictability: ensemble of 15-day forecasts



Schematic of the incremental 4D-Var

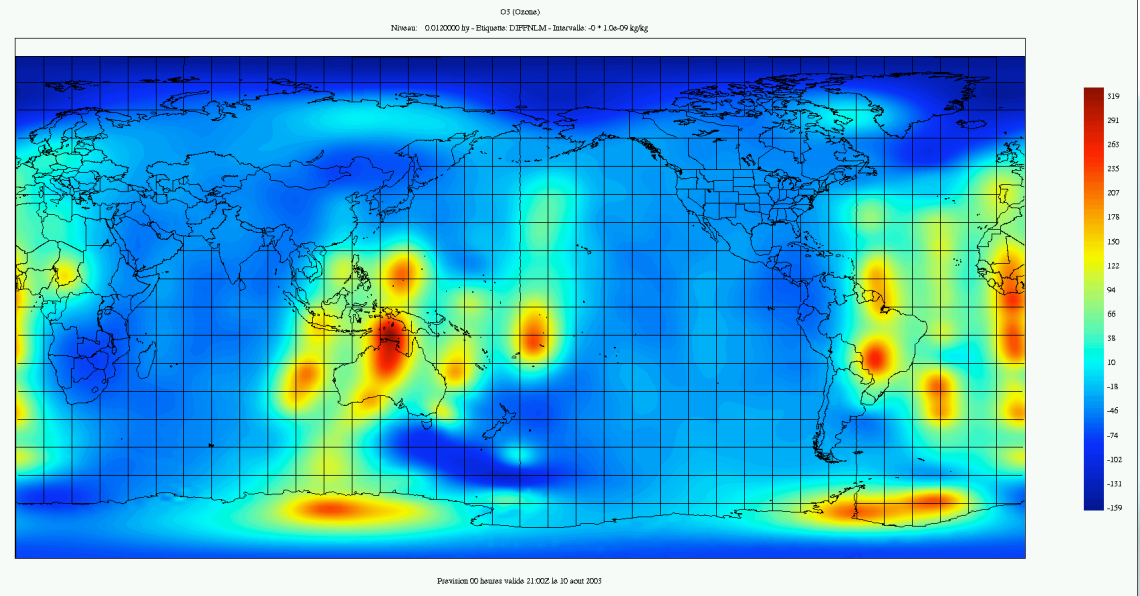


J_o cost function for ozone observations as a function of iterations in the incremental 4D-Var

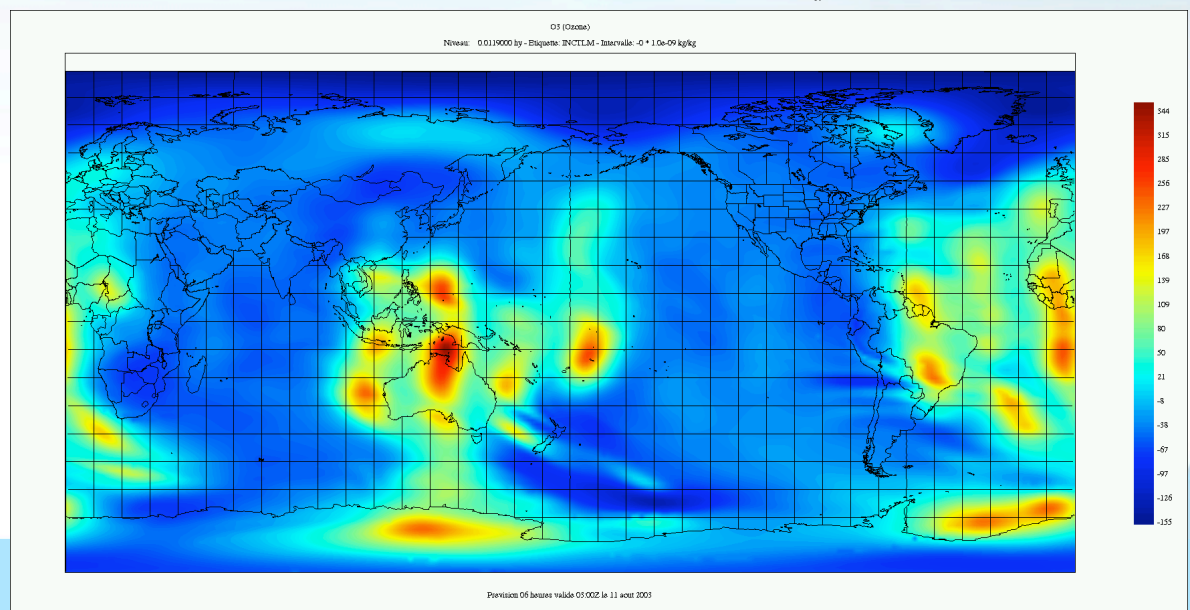


O₃ Increment at
final time
10 hPa
August 11, 2003

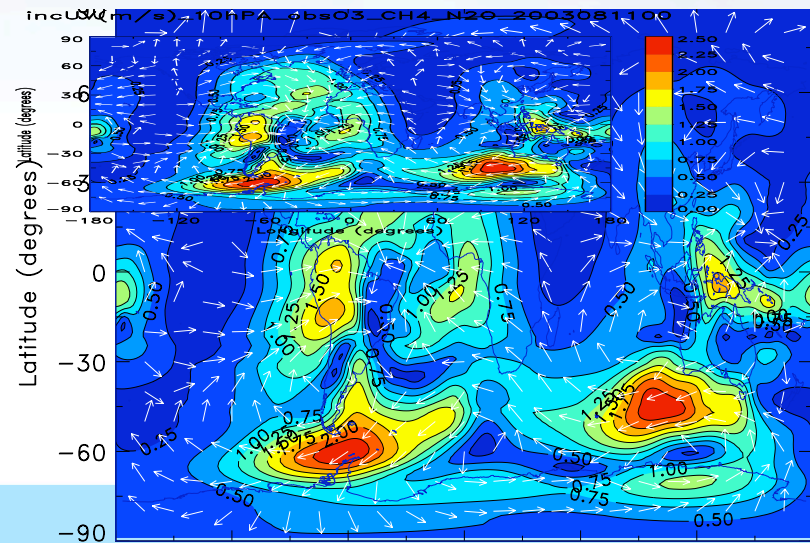
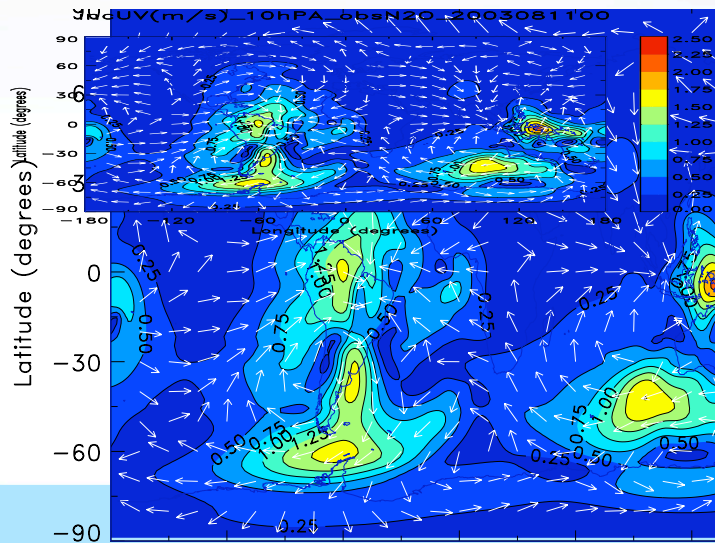
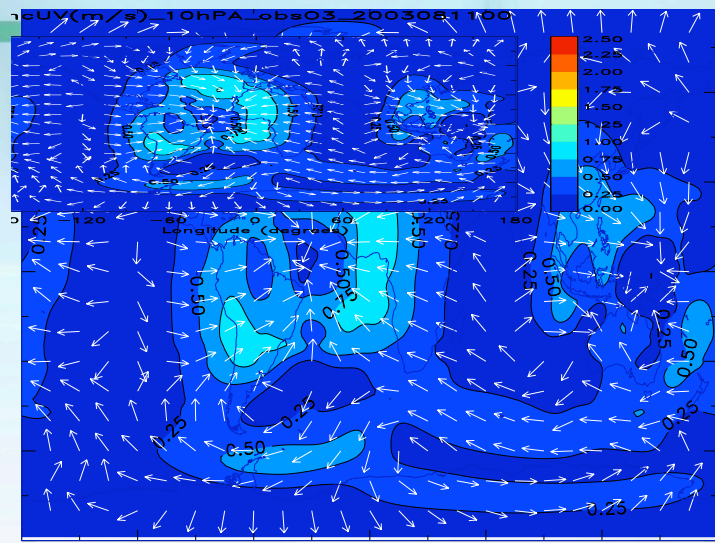
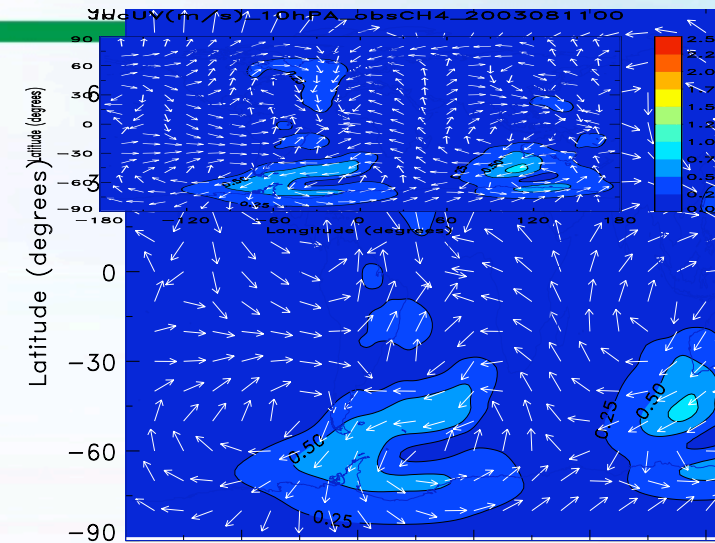
$\Delta X (+6)$



Increment TLM $\delta x_a (+6)$



Impact in 4D-Var on winds from individual tracers and all three combined: 10 hPa



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180 -120 -60 0 60 120 180 Longitude (degrees)

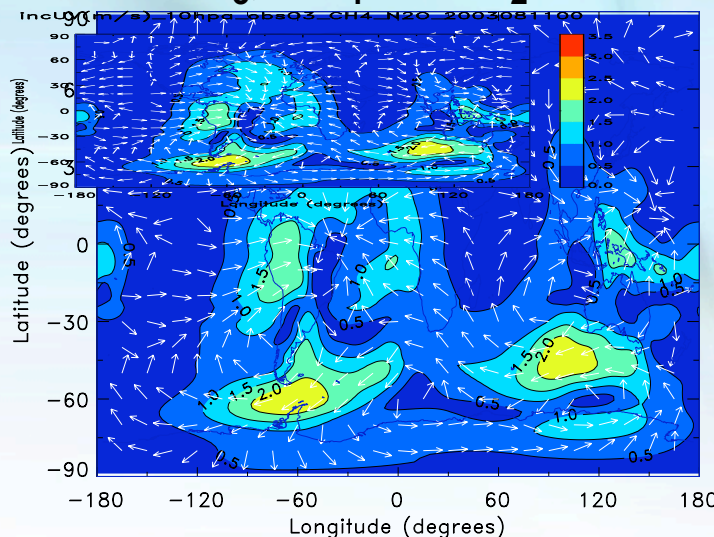
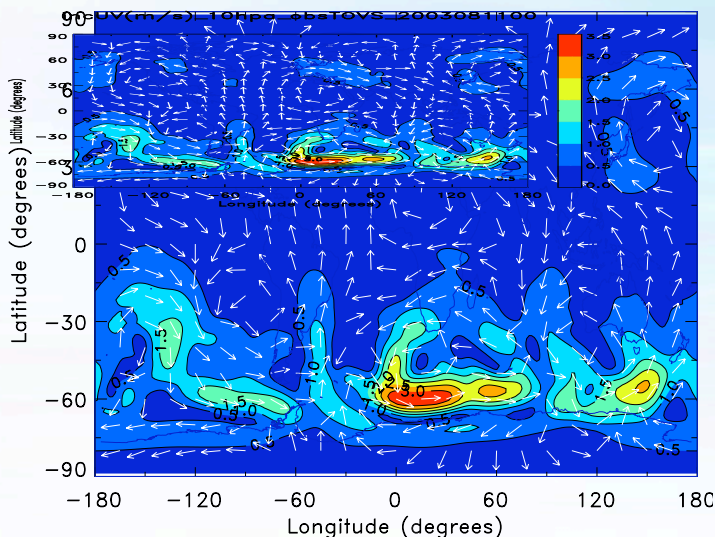
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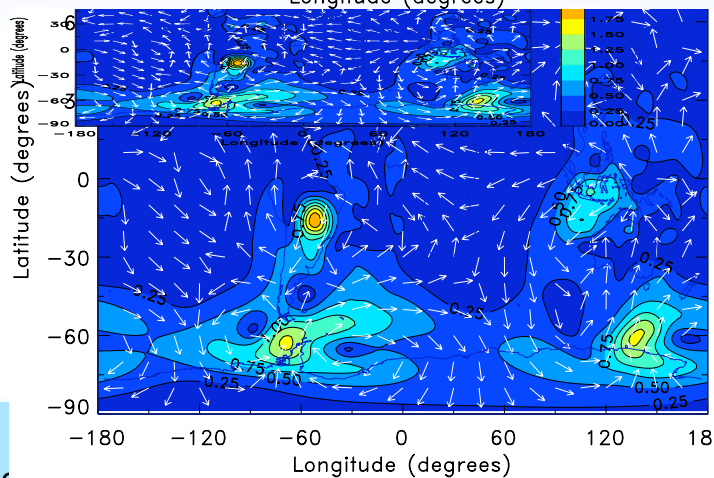
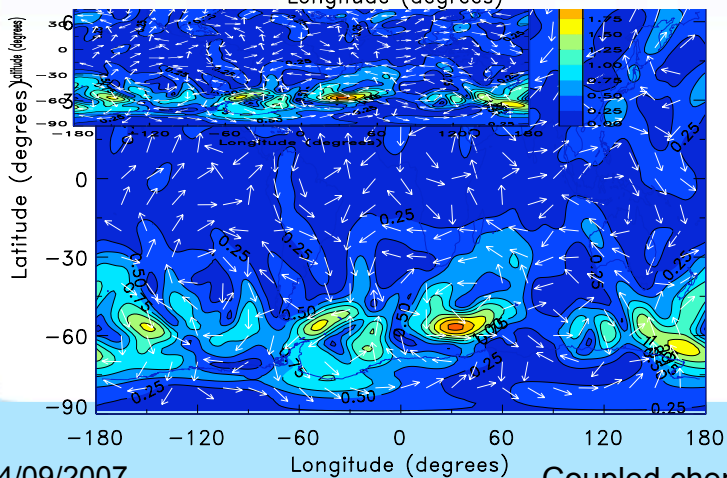
Impact in 4D-Var on winds from all tracers with respect to the wind increment obtained from TOVS in 3D-Var

TOVS

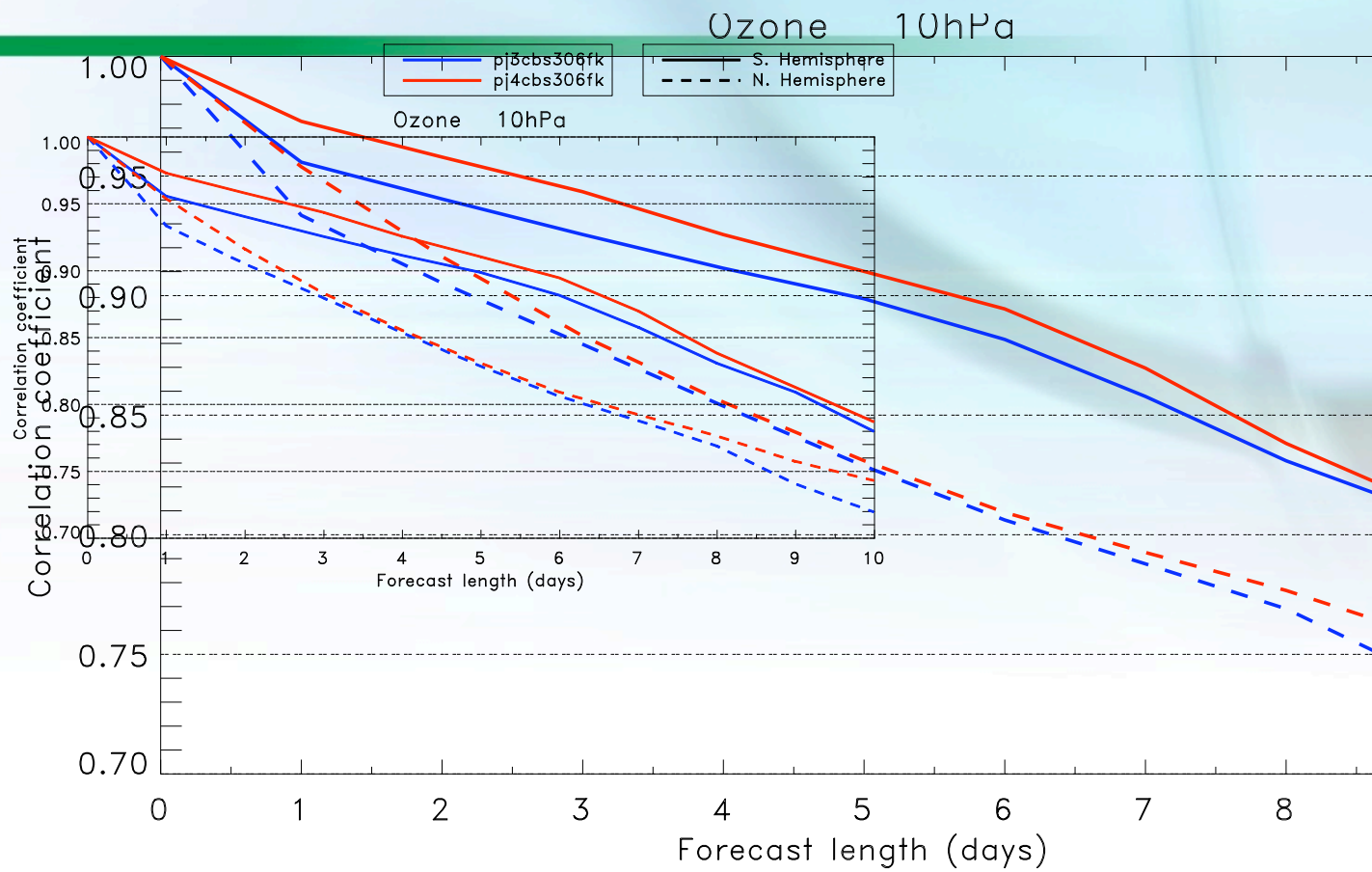
O₃, CH₄ and N₂O



10 hPa



50 hPa





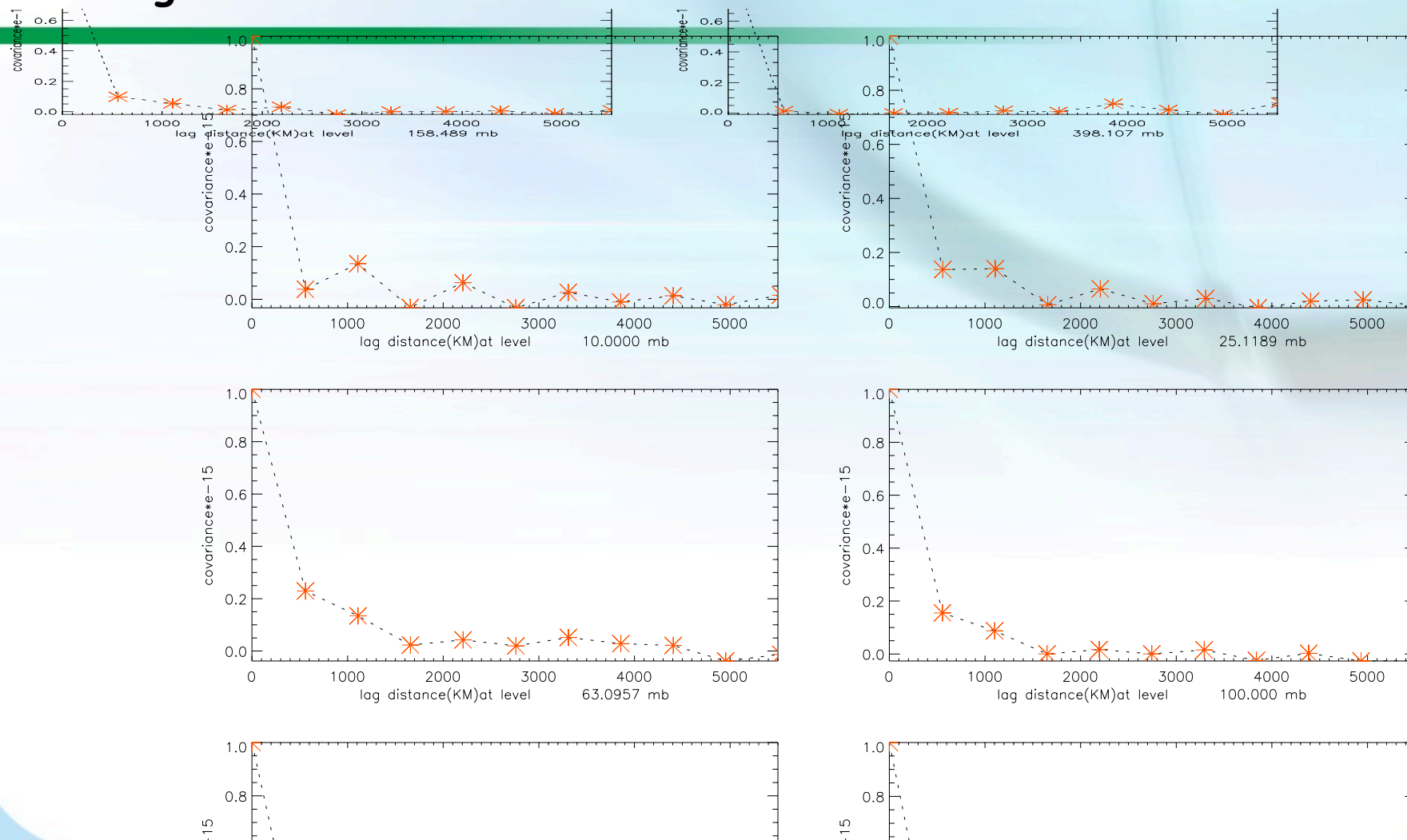
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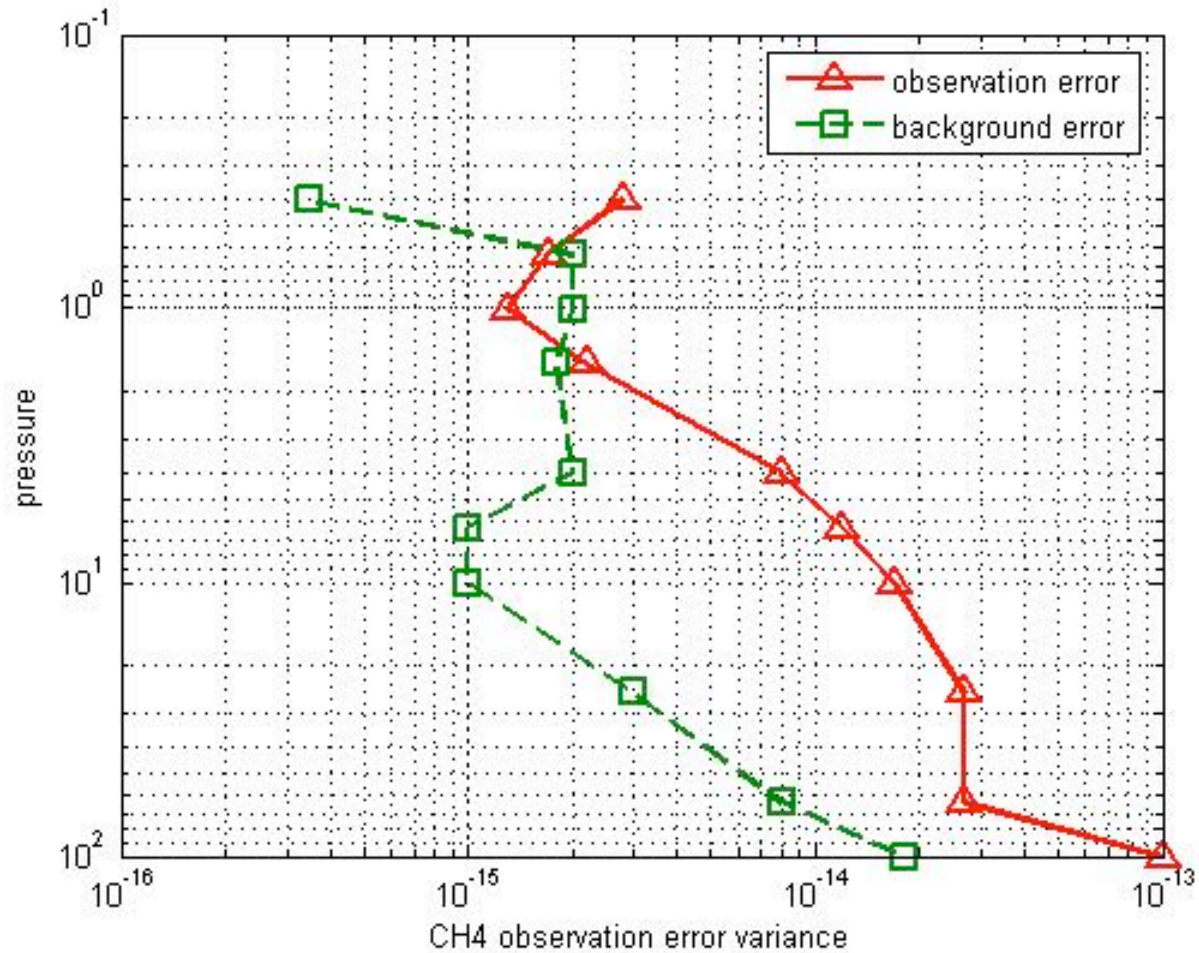
Error statistics

Along track innovation covariance - ozone assimilation

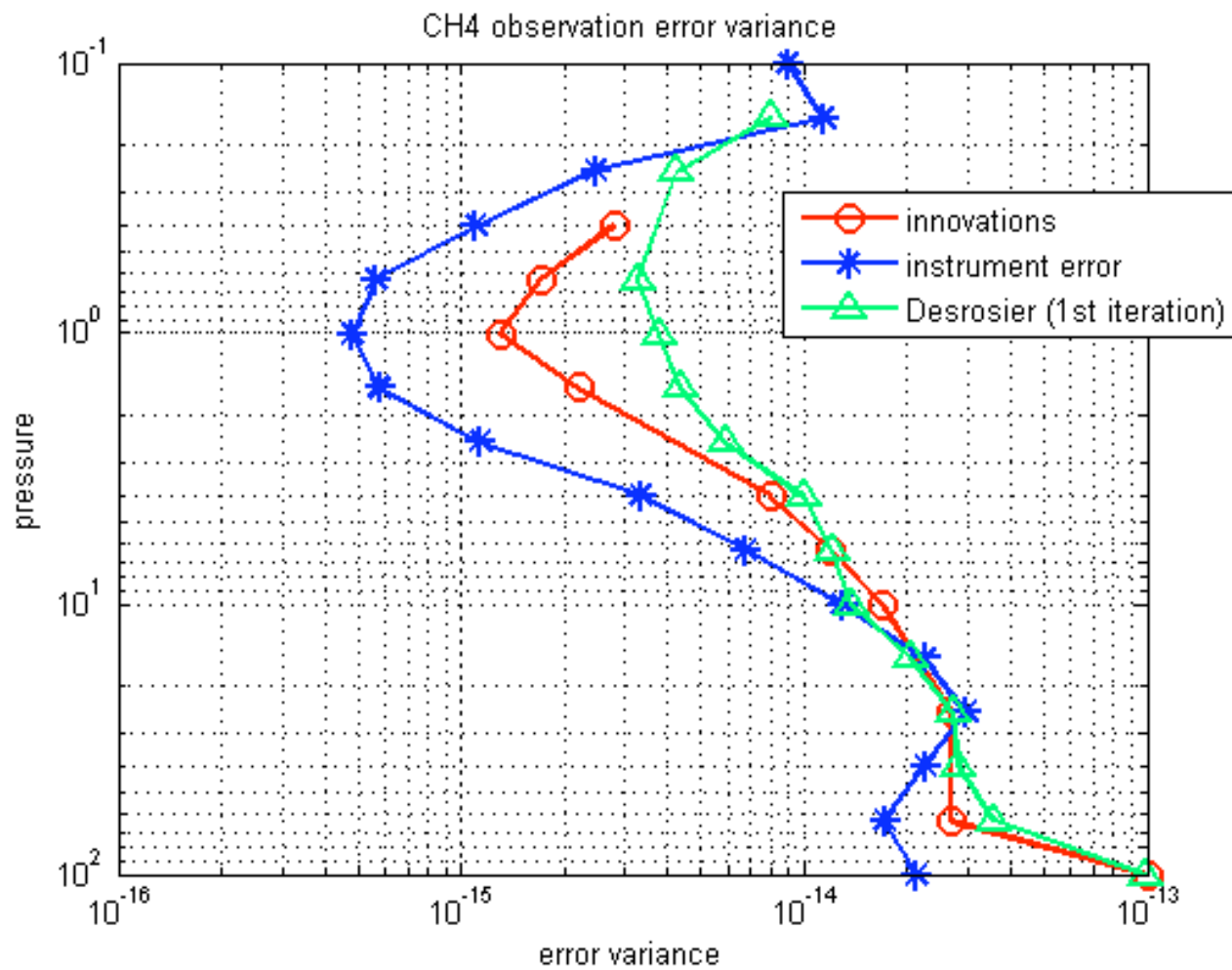


Only CH₄ so far ...

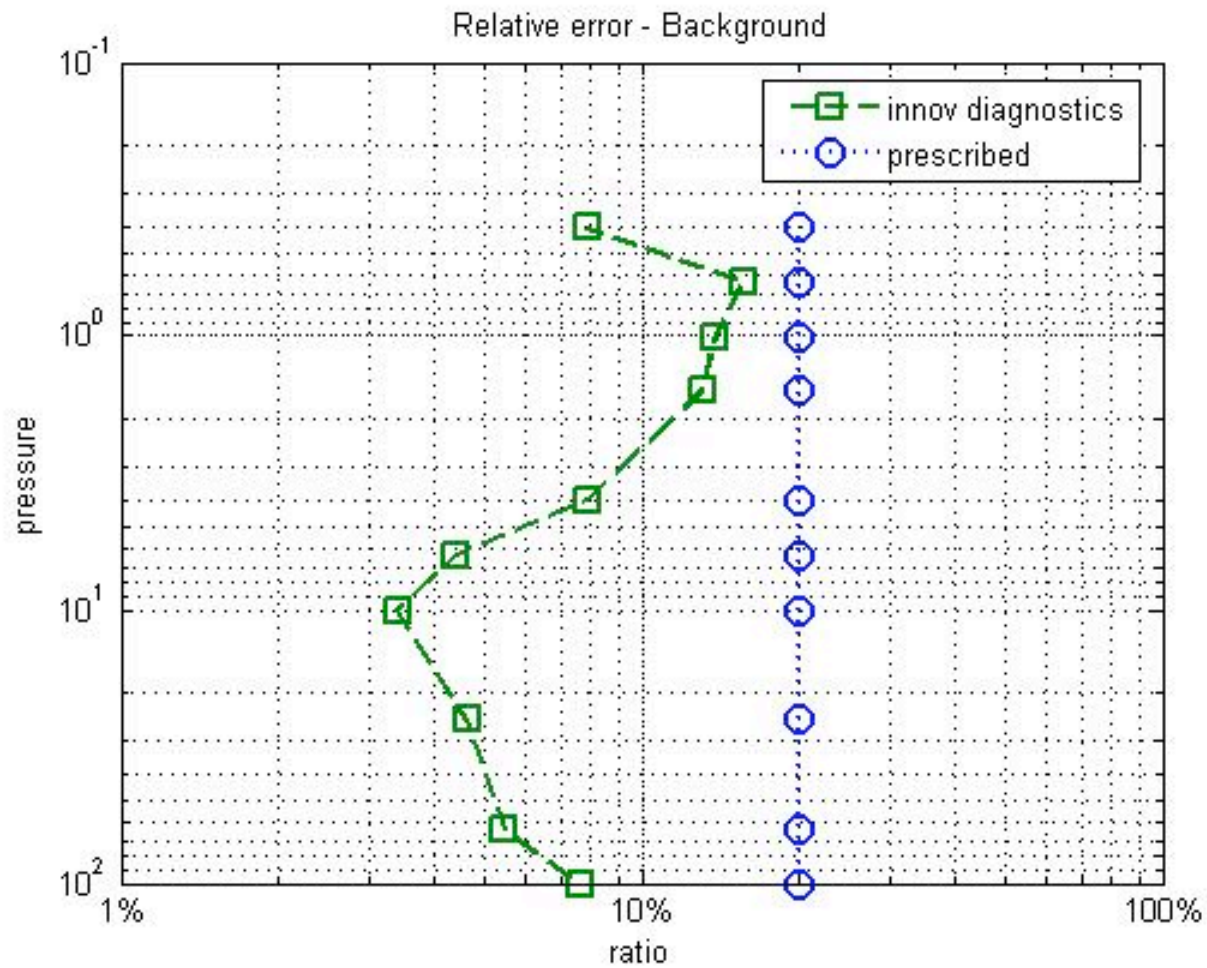
Method of Hollingsworth and Lonnerberg



Comparison with other estimates

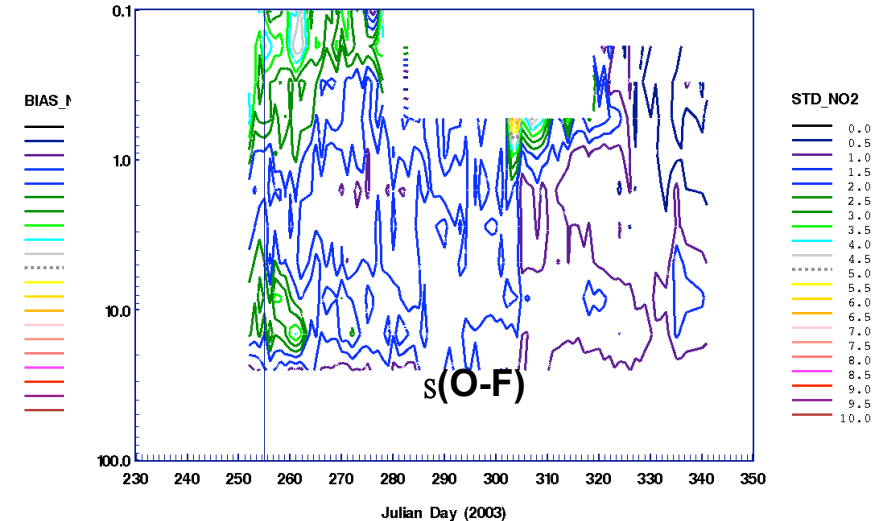
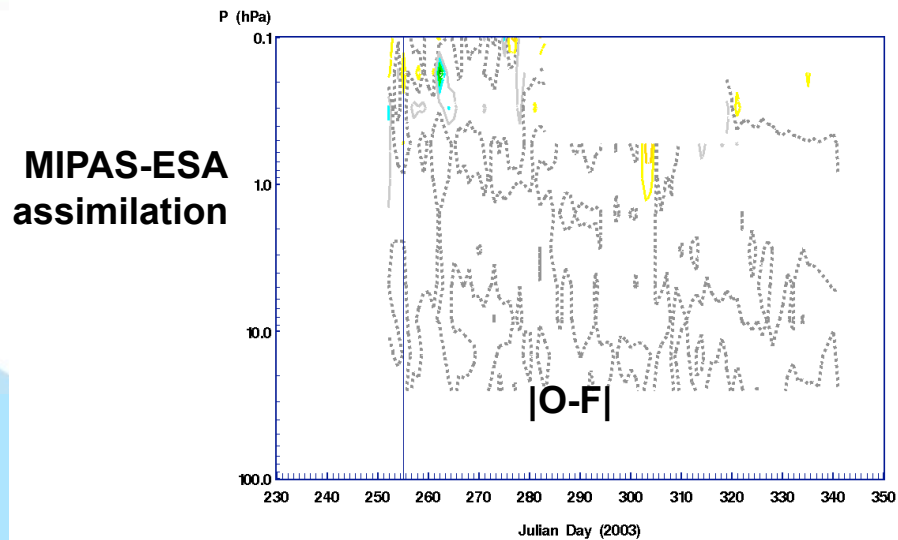
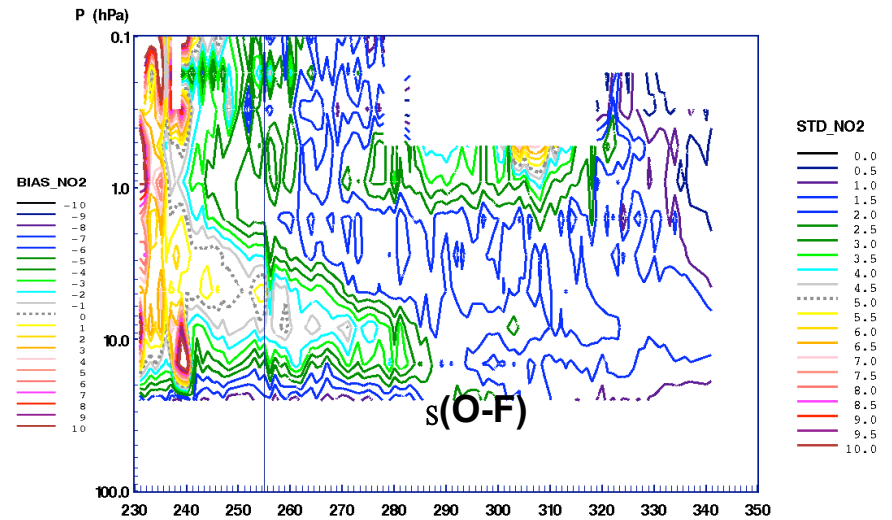
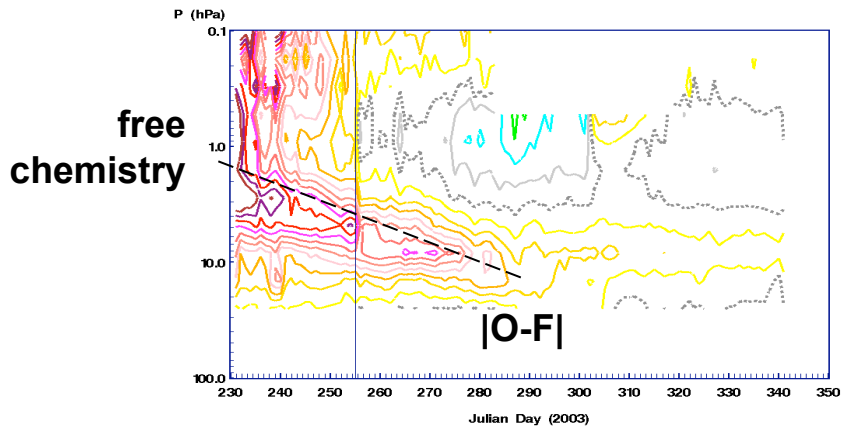


Relative background error formulation: Error standard deviation proportional to the state



Assim with *too* (?) simple chemistry in model: Absence of mesospheric NO_x

With proper error stats, analyses *do* take this NO_x into account even though the model does not:



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