

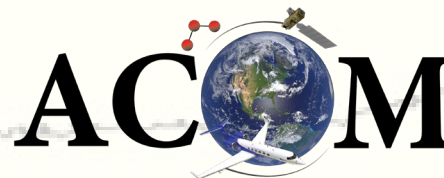
The CESM Chemical Forecast System – Summary & Coming Changes

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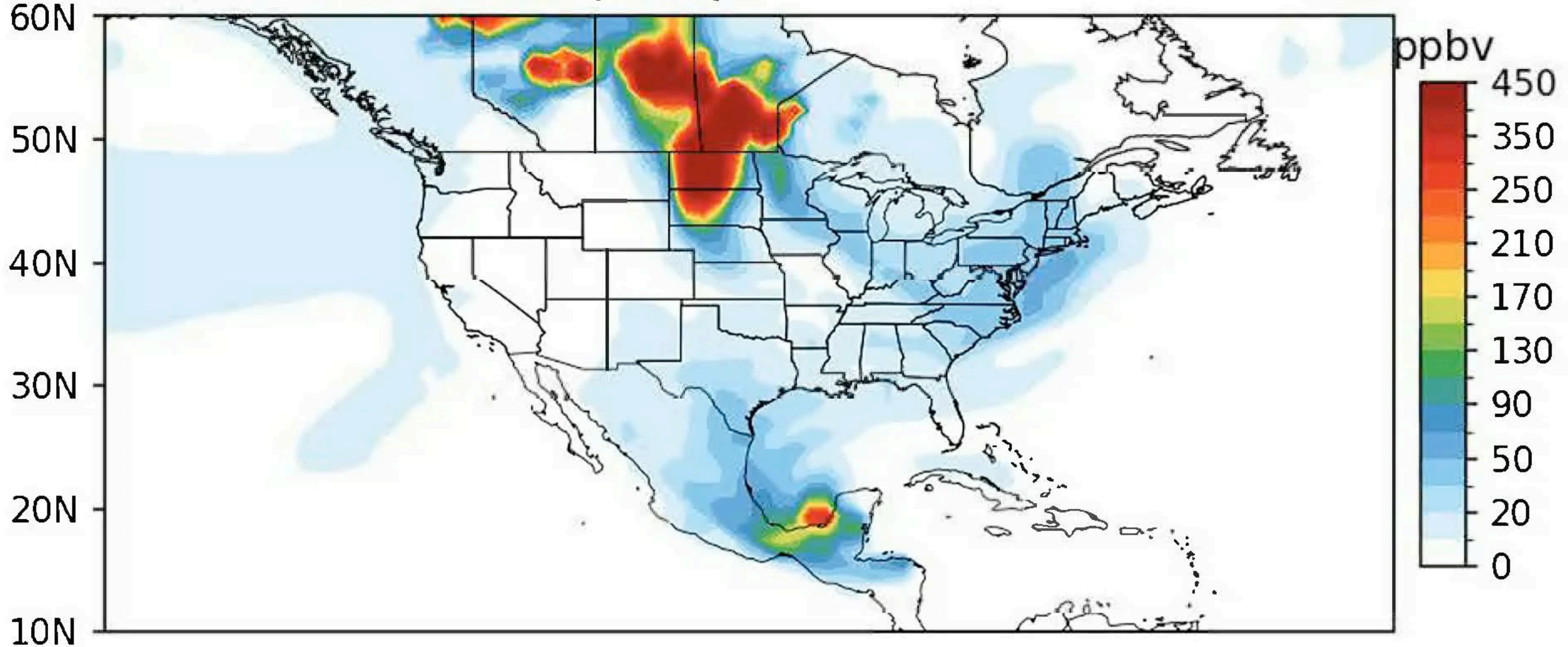


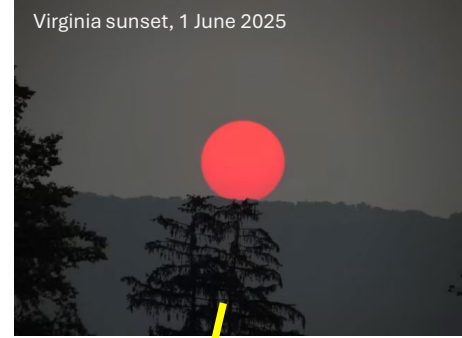
Current Chemical Forecast System

Loop: Canadian Fires from beginning of June, 2025

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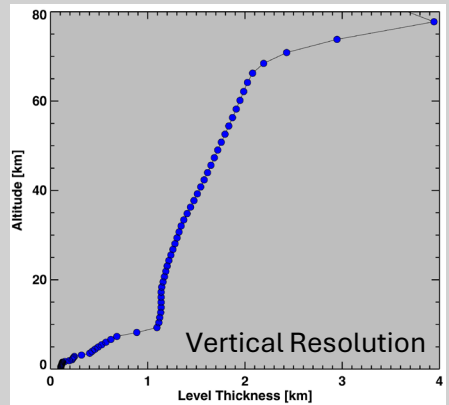




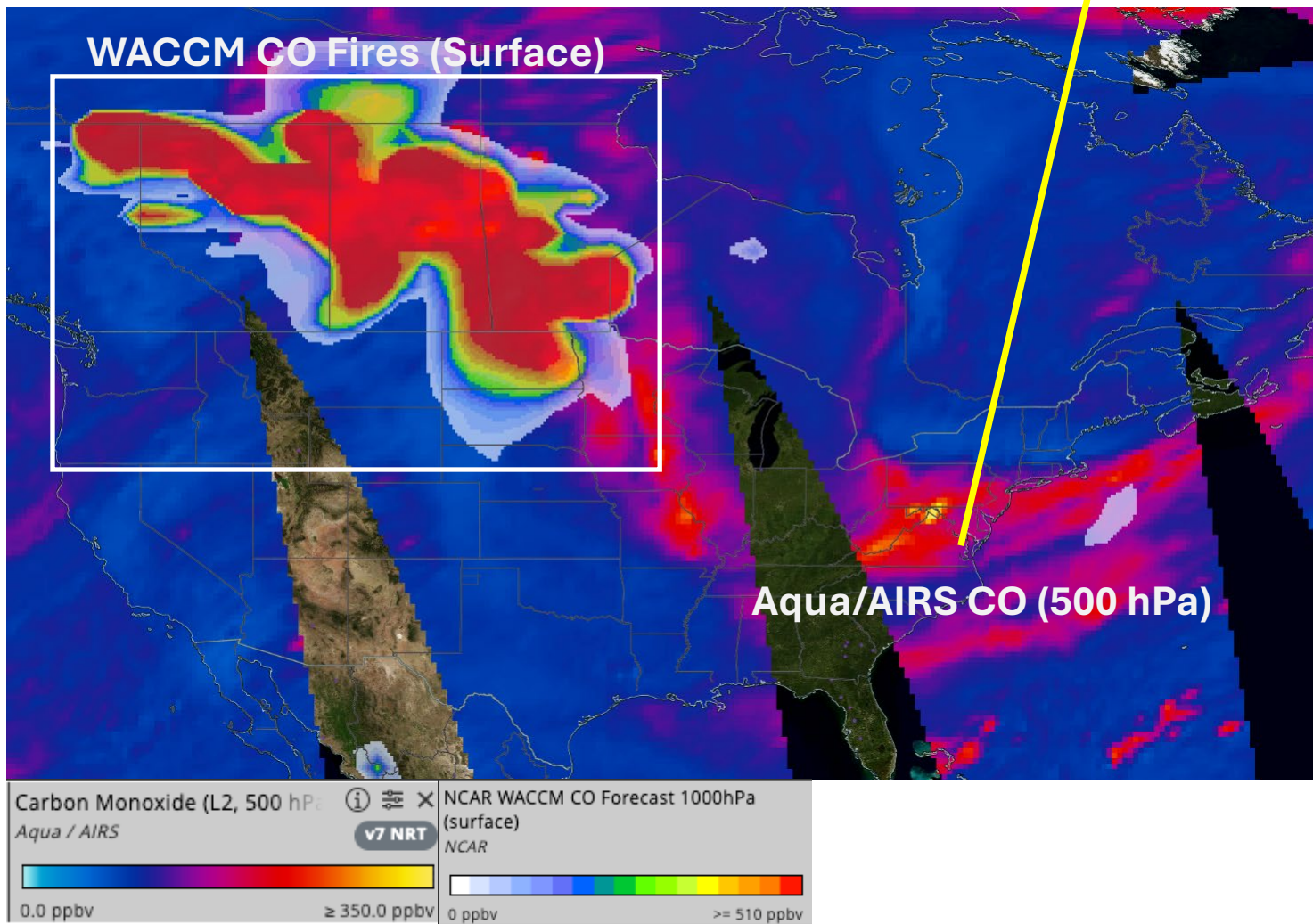
Current Chemical Forecast System

Chemical Forecasts - daily runs since 2019

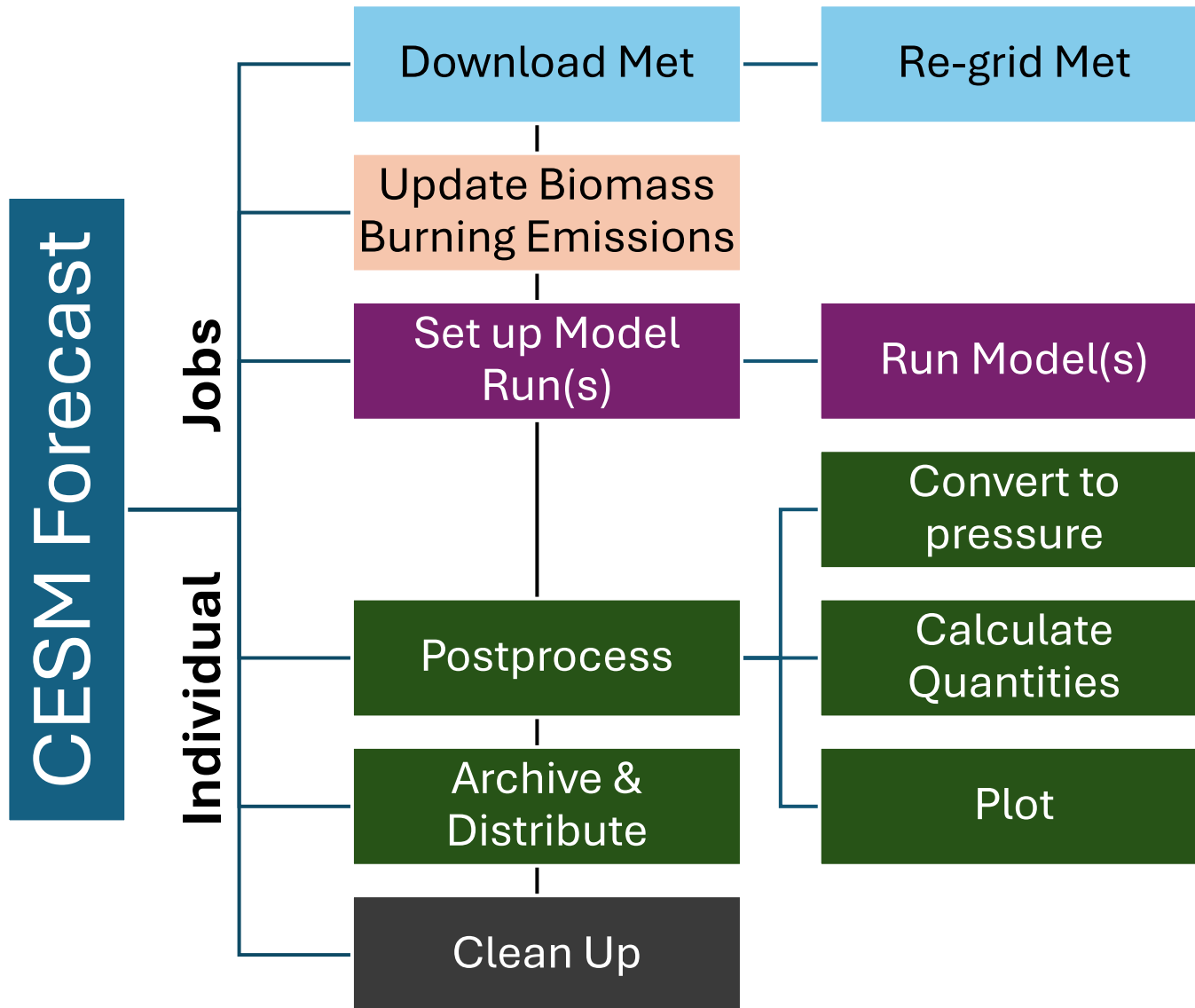
- CESM 2.2.2 – Latest Supported Dev. Release
- WACCM Specified Dynamics (FWSD)
- 10 Day 0Z Forecasts
- Two parallel runs
 - Biomass Burning
 - FINN
 - QFED
- 0.9x1.25 (f09) Horizontal Resolution
- 88 Vertical Levels
 - Surface to Thermosphere
 - 1.2 km UTLS
 - 1.2-1.5 km Middle Atmosphere
- Meteorology: NASA GEOS-FP (T, U, V)
- Anthropogenic Emissions: CAMS V5.1



Canadian Fires 1 June, 2025 – WACCM Worldview



Chemical Forecast System Breakdown



- Jobs chained via PBS Pro.
 - Predetermined resource allocations
 - Efficiency with Job Chaining
- Model(s): Derecho
- Other Jobs: Casper
- Called via Terminal or Cron
 - Allows for automation

CESM Chemical Forecast System – Challenges

- Meteorology Downloads (0Z GEOS-FP)
 - 10 Day Forecasts – 818 files
 - 243 Gb.
 - Server Slowdowns Common.
- Computer Resources
 - Core Hours: 20k /week
 - Shared resources
 - End of Fiscal Year woes.
- Time Constraints
 - Needs to finish in timely manner
 - Complex runs (i.e. MUSICA) can take much longer.
- Keeping up with inventories (i.e. emissions)
- Hardware/Software Changes & Downtime



Usage

- **Boundary Conditions for regional runs**

- ACOM WRF-Chem Forecasts
- Other WRF-Chem runs

- **Field Campaign Flight Planning – Mission Support System (MSS)**

- CONTRAST
- ACCLIP
- TI3GER
- CAESAR

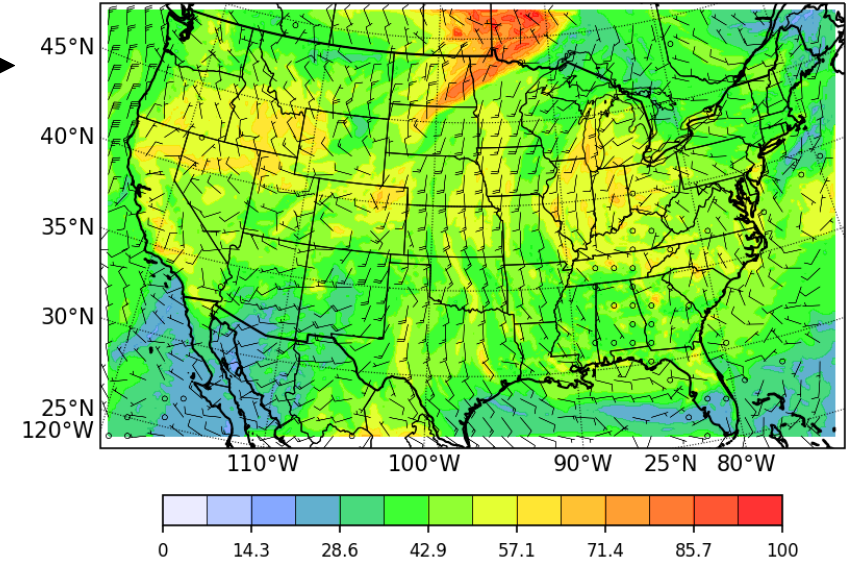
- Air Quality

- **Resource Watch**

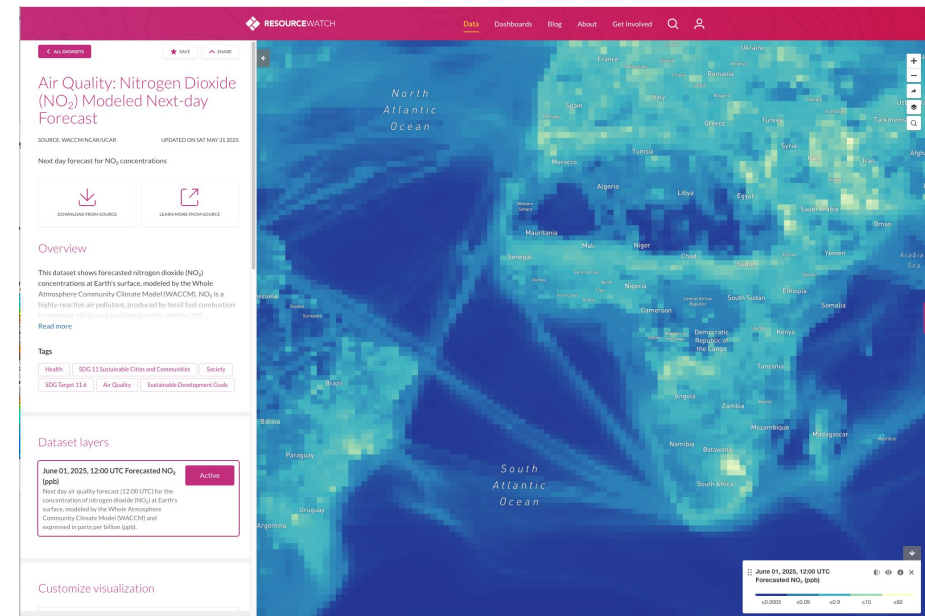
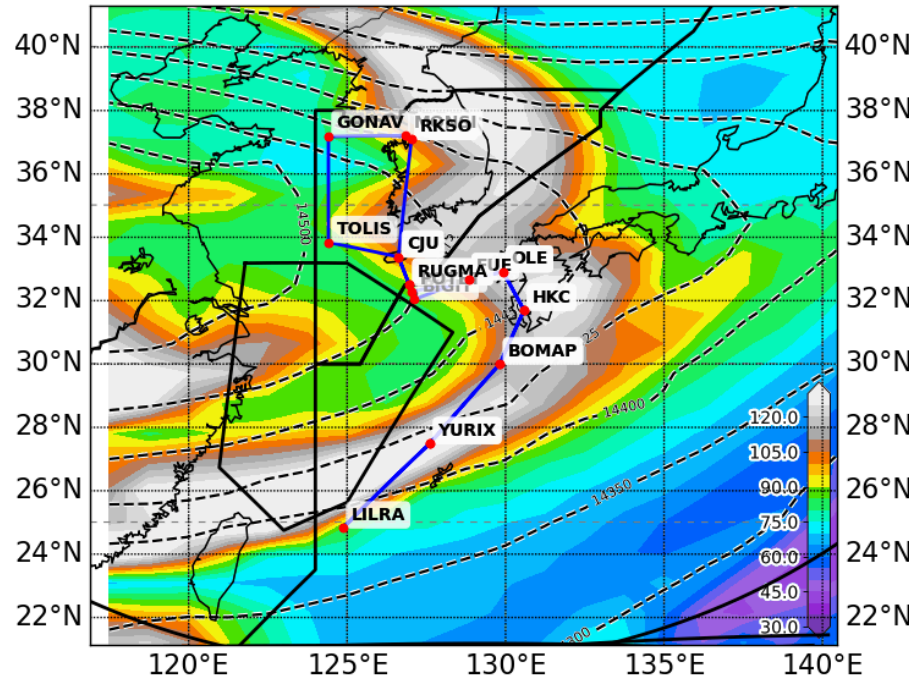
- Other Uses

- Comparisons
- Model Studies
- Etc.

o3 at surface 2025-06-02 21:00 (ppbv)
Forecast initialized at: 2025-06-01 00:00 UTC



carbon monoxide (ppbv) (ACCLIP) at 150.0 (hPa)
Valid: 2022-08-23T00:00:00Z (initialisation: 2022-08-22T00:00:00Z)



Outputs

1. NCAR Research Data Archive (RDA)

- D313006
- <https://rda.ucar.edu/datasets/d313006/#>
- DOI assignments allow for publication tracking
- Analyses only
- A couple of weeks behind real time.

2. ACOM Forecast Page (WACCM & WRF-Chem)

- <https://www2.acom.ucar.edu/acresp/forecasts-and-near-real-time-nrt-products>
- ACOM Worldview
- Pre-plotted Forecast Maps
- Custom Plotting
- WACCM Interactive Chemical Maps
- Latest 1 year of WACCM analyses and latest forecast outputs
 - Download full files
 - Subset Downloads

Forecasts and Near Real Time (NRT) Products

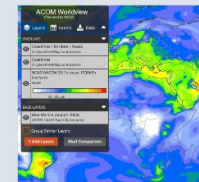
Users of the forecasts who would like to be informed about downtimes and other issues with daily production are encouraged to sign up for the ACOM Forecast Notification list.

We have provided a variety of tools for visualizing our data products:

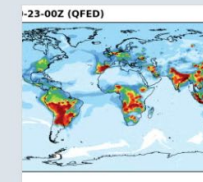
FORECASTS

- WACCM Global Model
- Satellites and WRF-Chem Regional Model
- Subset Download
- Field Campaign Support

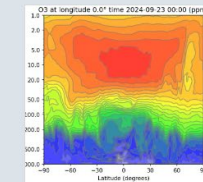
WACCM Global Model



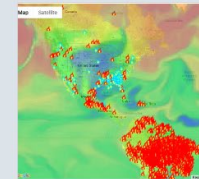
ACOM Worldview
ACOM Worldview of chemicals over the globe, in cooperation with NASA.



Forecast Maps
WACCM chemistry and aerosol forecasts.



Custom Plots
WACCM plotting by map, vertical cross-section, or time series.



WACCM Chemical Map
World map displaying fire hot spots and surface chemicals.

Subset Download



WACCM Data
Subsets of WACCM model output by date and lat-lon bounding box.



CAM-chem Data
Subsets of CAM-Chem model output by date and lat-lon bounding box.



CESM Data
Subsets of CESM model output by date and lat-lon bounding box.

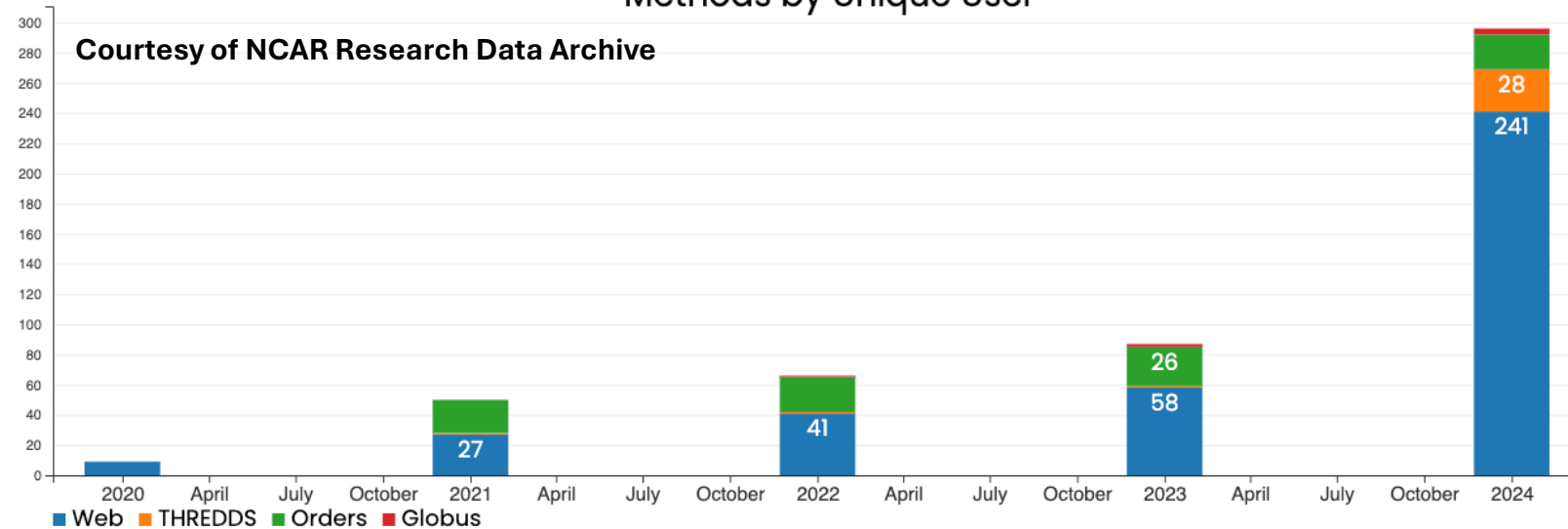
Usage Statistics

On the ACOM Server:

- Over 17,000 direct downloads since 2018.
 - Over 900 unique addresses
- Over 1500 User registrations
- Over 1000 unique addresses for subset requests

Courtesy of NCAR Research Data Archive

Methods by Unique User



Citation Statistics for this Dataset:

This dataset has been cited 12 times.

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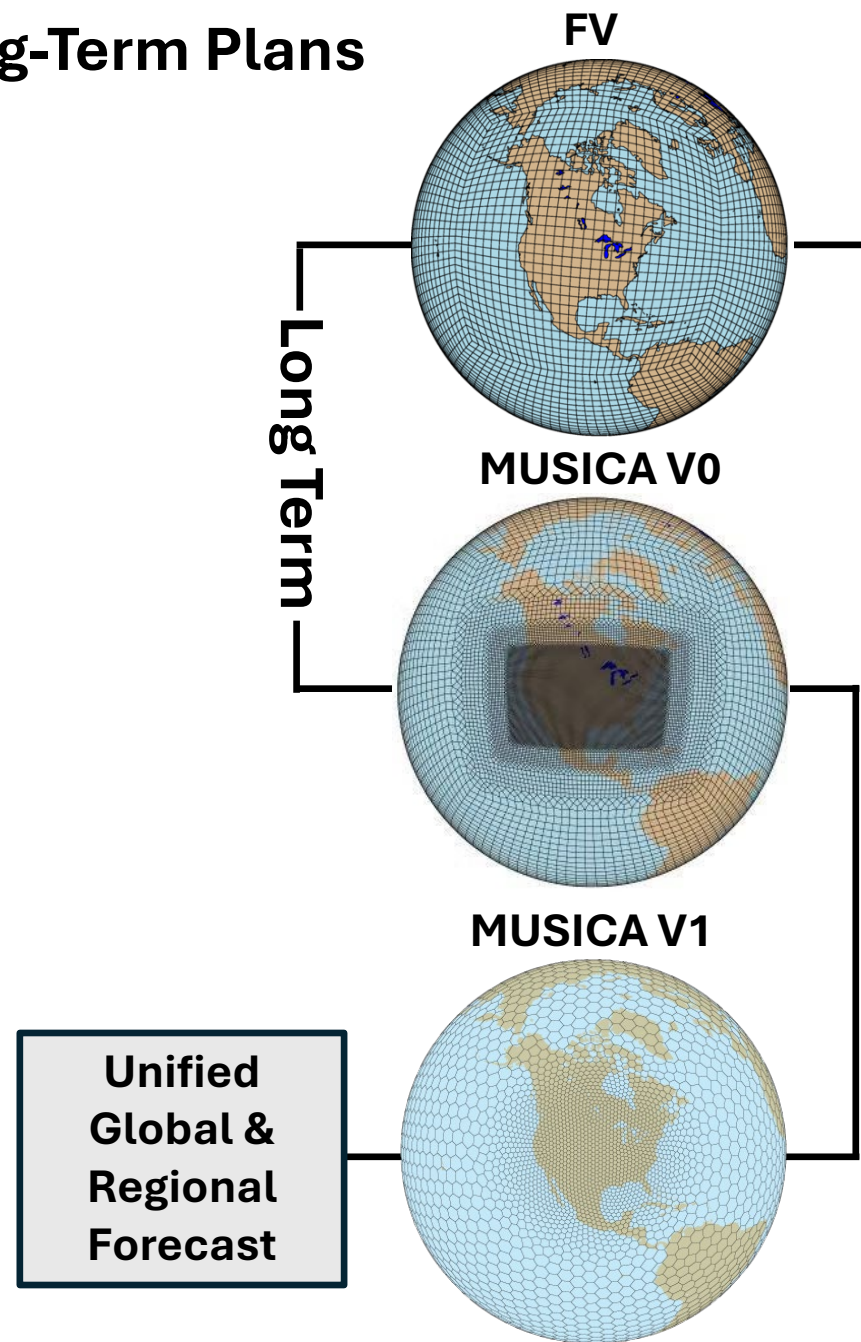
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- **RDA Usage quadrupled in 2024 vs 2023**
- **Both Analyses and Forecasts Get Used**
- **Usage continues to rise!**

Up and Coming Changes & Long-Term Plans

1. Model Version Change: CESM2.2.2 -> CESM3
2. COMPSET change: FWSD -> FWHIST
3. Vertical level change: 88L -> 70L -> 58L or 93L
4. Latest and greatest emissions
5. One model run instead of two.
6. Updated forecast code base
 - Improved meteorology downloading (GEOS-FP)
 - More Flexible
 - Cleaned up code
7. Make open source on GitHub



Up and Coming Changes & Long-Term Plans (Continued)

1. CESM2 -> CESM3

- Improved Dust Scheme
 - Leung 2023
- HEMCO – online emission re-gridding
- FV -> SE dynamical core focus
- CAM6 -> CAM7
- Moving Mountain Gravity Wave Scheme
- MAM4 -> MAM5
- Many other bug fixes / code updates

2. COMPSET Change: Less restrictive vertical resolution choices

3. Vertical Level Change: Vertical resolution that best suits our needs.

4. Emissions: Current forecast is several versions behind

4. One model run instead of 2: makes way for a MUSICA forecast

6. Updated Codebase:

- more flexible – easier integration of MUSICA
- More user friendly.
- Futureproof

7. GitHub: Lets others freely use the code.

Another Wishlist item: Forecast Diagnostics, Skill, & Evaluation

- ADF [Atmosphere Model Working Group (AMWG) Diagnostics Framework]
- MELODIES [Model EvaLuation using Observations, Diagnostics and Experiments Software] MONET





Thanks!