STEM with NCAR Tropospheric Ultraviolet-Visible Model (TUV) and their application on TRACE-P

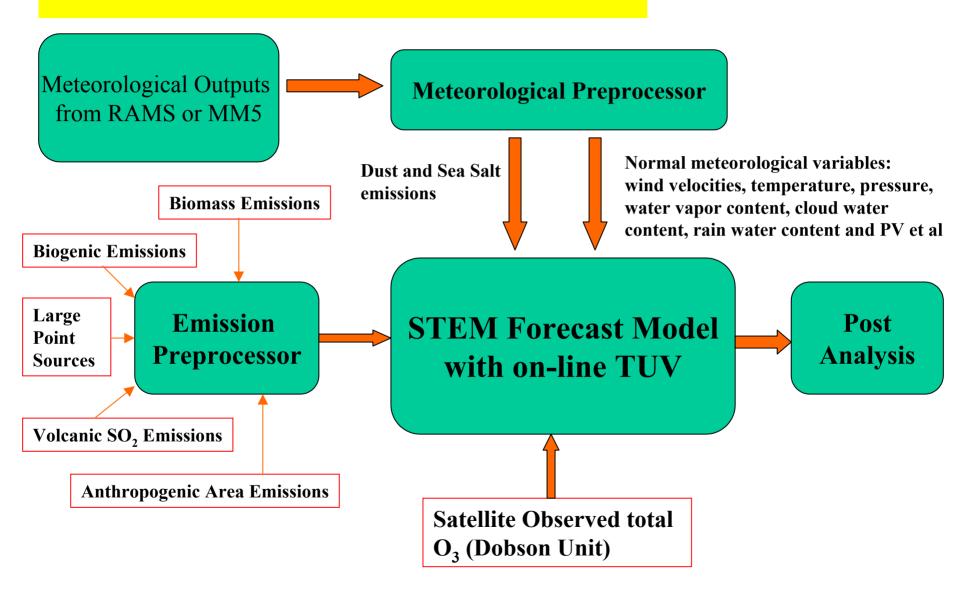
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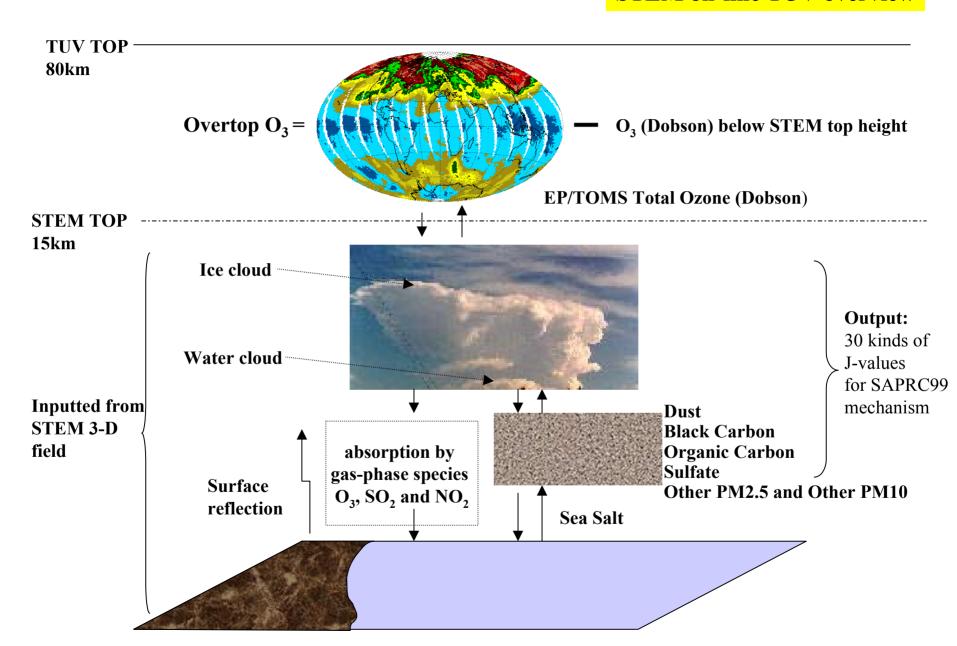


U. of Iowa STEM Model Data Flow Chart



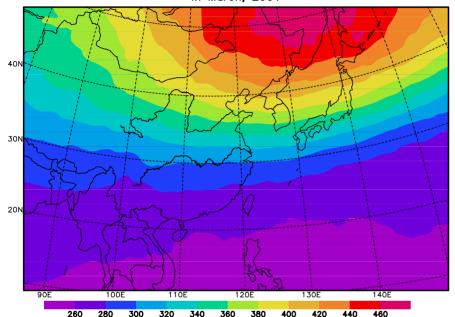
Basic features of STEM used in TRACE-P Simulations

- ☐ Primary domain: 90x60 grids in 80 km horizontal resolution. Its top height is about 15km.
- □SPARC99 (Carter, 2000) with KPP-Rodas solver is used for gas-phase chemical computation.
- □ Photolysis computation: NCAR TUV or look-up-table (fast method). Optical properties of aerosols and clouds calculation are based on OPAC (Hess et al, 1998)
- ☐ Daily varied biomass emissions are derived from satellite observed fire count data.

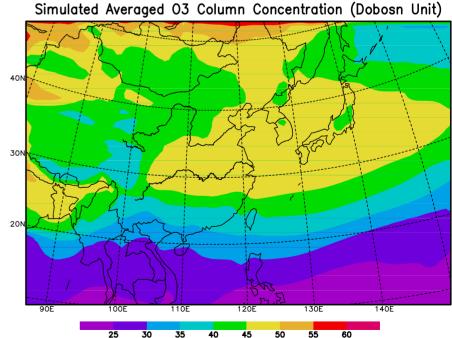


Observed total O₃ and simulated O₃ below STEM TOP

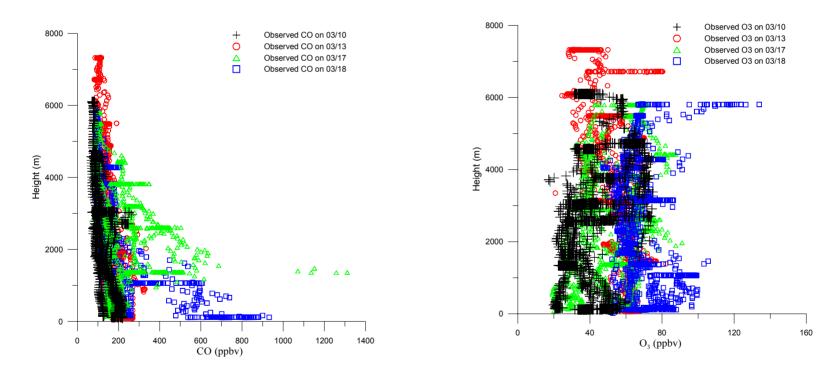
TOMS observed average 03 column concentration (DU) in March, 2001



Strong latitude variation of O3 exists in both stratosphere and troposphere

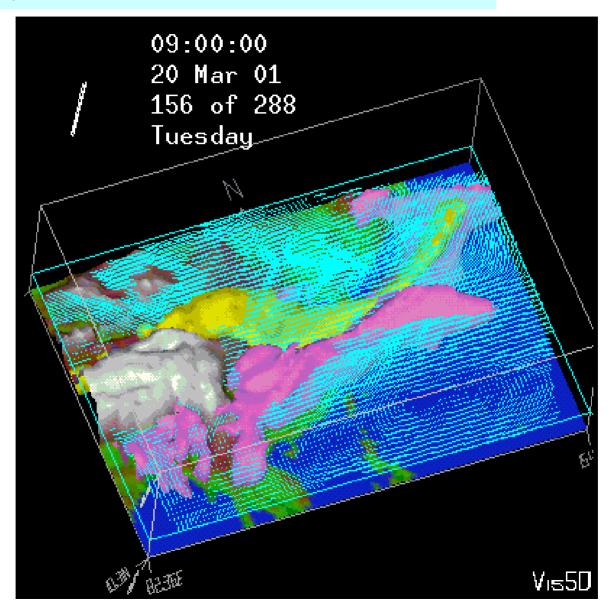


Some long-lifetime species, such CO, are sensitive to the model's lateral boundary conditions. So we adopted observed concentrations for the lateral boundary conditions.



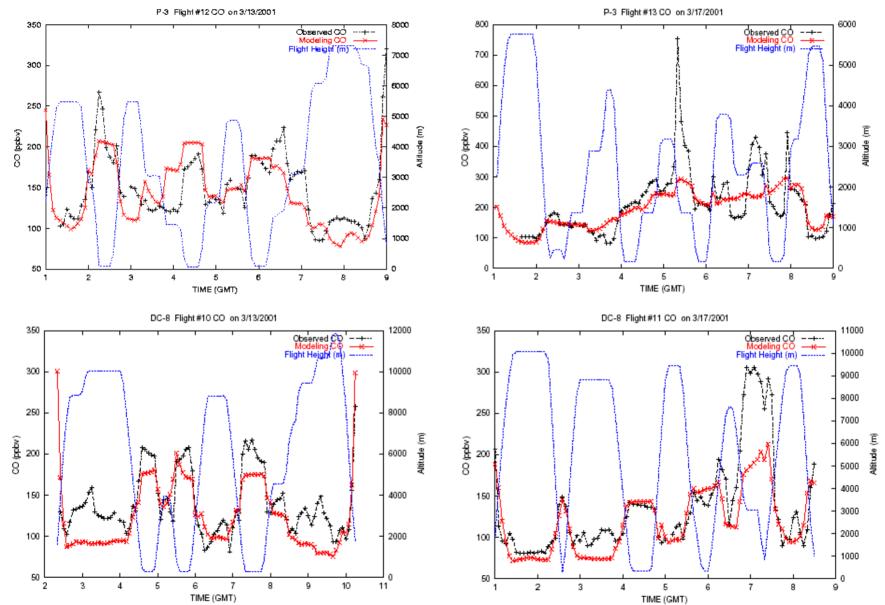
Observed CO and O3 profiles during P3 flight 11-14

Besides anthropogenic emissions, biomass plumes and dust greatly contribute to aerosol concentrations

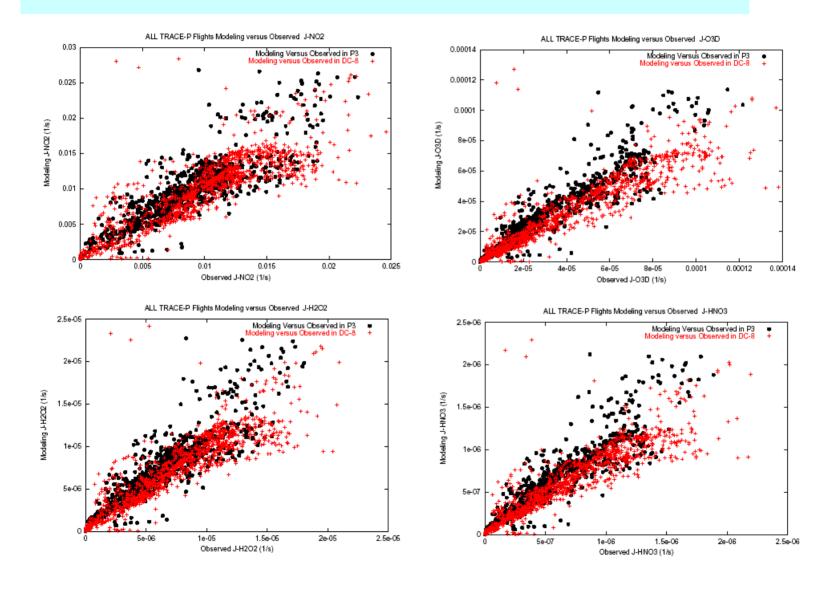


Our simulations are generally consistent with the observations for most species, such as CO, O_3 , ethane, propane, formaldehyde et al

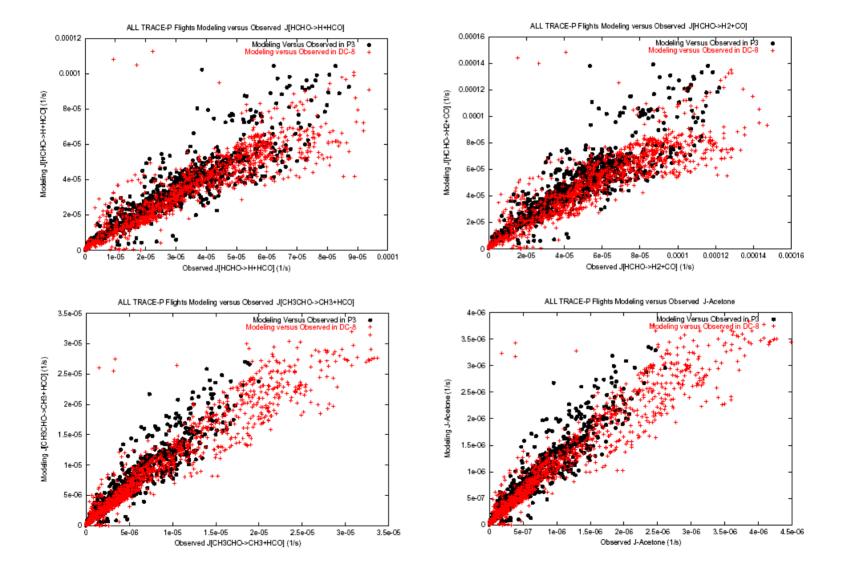
Simulated CO

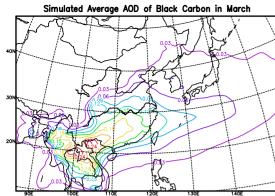


Modeling photolysis rate (J values) are generally consistent with observations

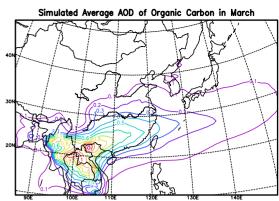


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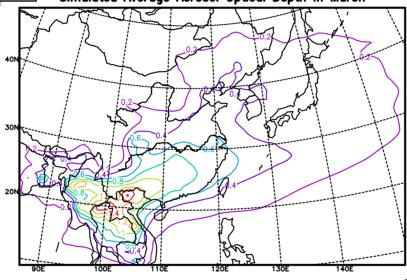


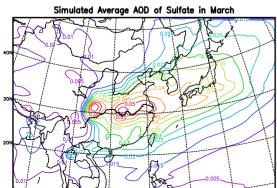


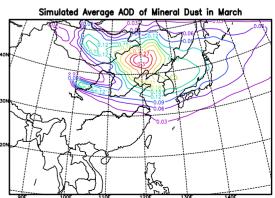
Biomass emitted BC and OC from Southeastern Asia are the important aerosols during TRACE-P period



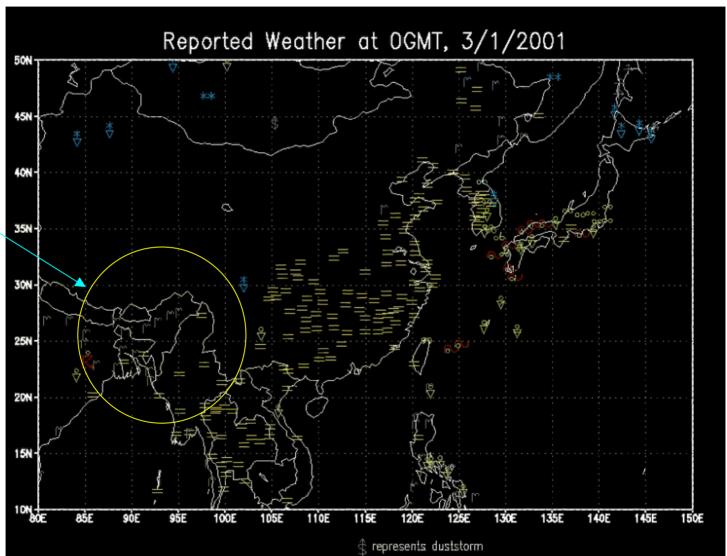
Simulated Average Aerosol Optical Depth in March







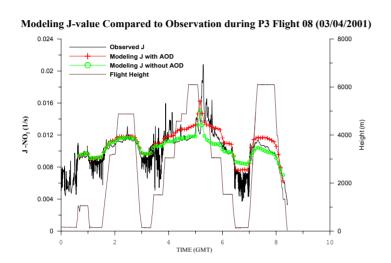
WMO weather reports also showed that the main biomass burning areas were dominated by the weather "Visibility Reduced by Smoke Haze", implying that the biomass aerosols shielded off the sunlight.

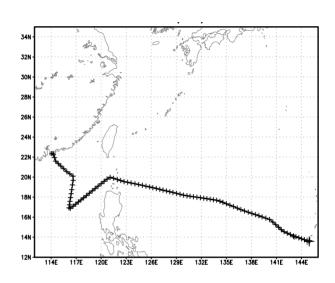


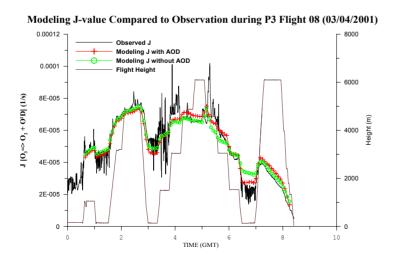
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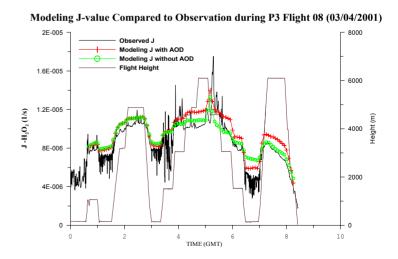
J-values Difference Between with and without considering AOD in P3 flight #08

P3 flew over clean areas, and the aerosol impacts on J values is not significant.



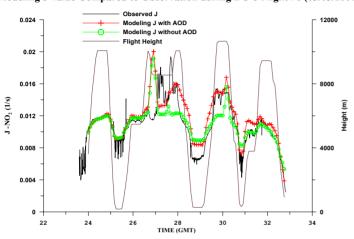


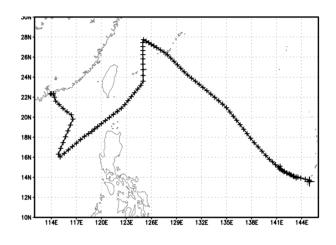




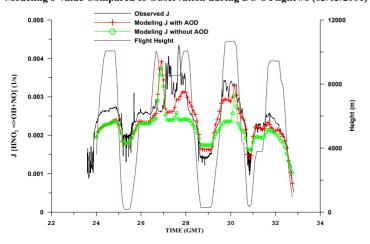
DC-8 flight #6 at the same day has the similar situation

Modeling J-value Compared to Observation during DC-8 Flight #6 (03/03/2001)

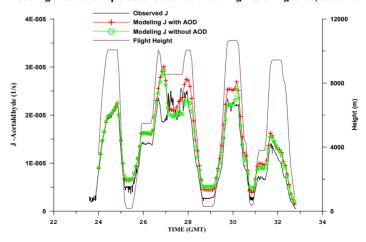




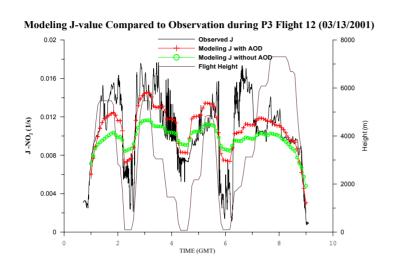
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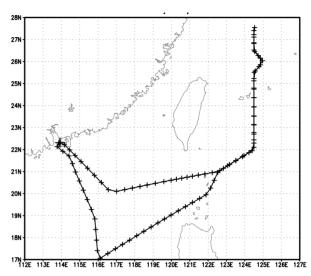


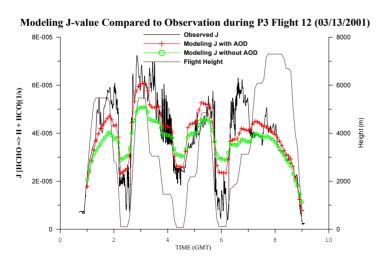
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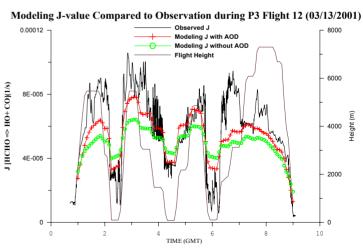


However, when the aircraft flew near polluted areas with relative high aerosol concentrations, aerosol optical depths made some differences on J-values.

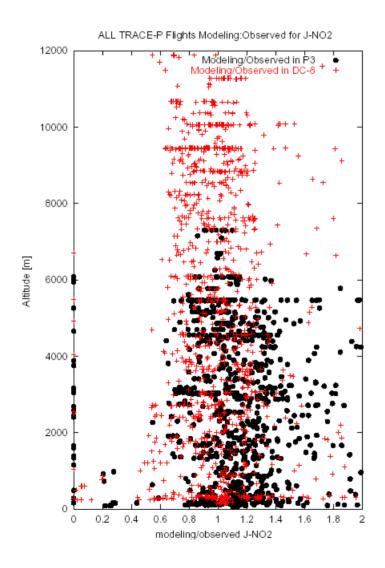


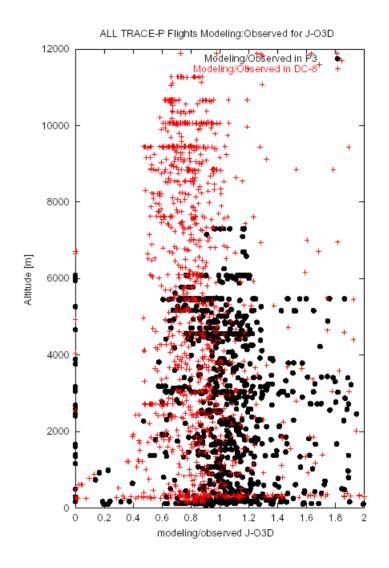


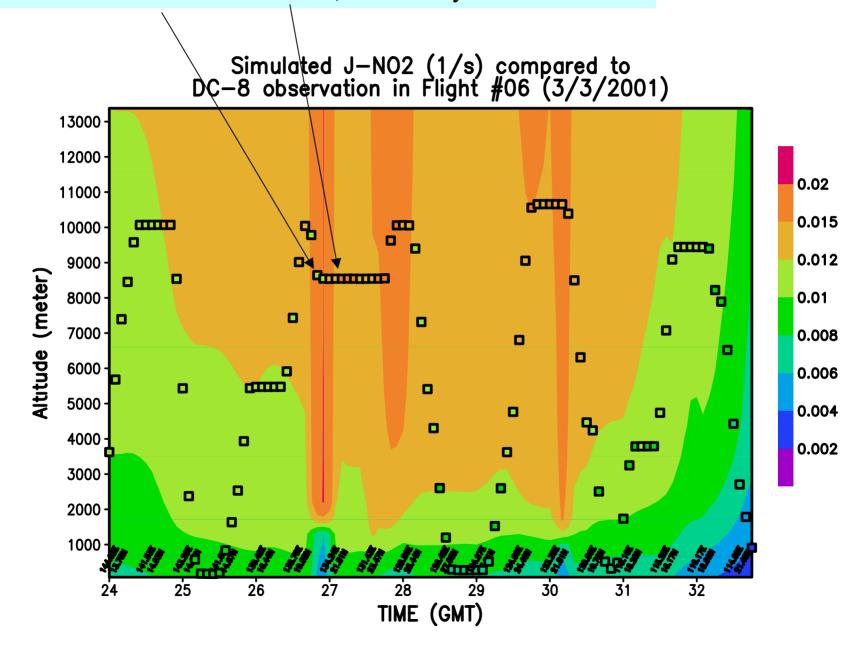




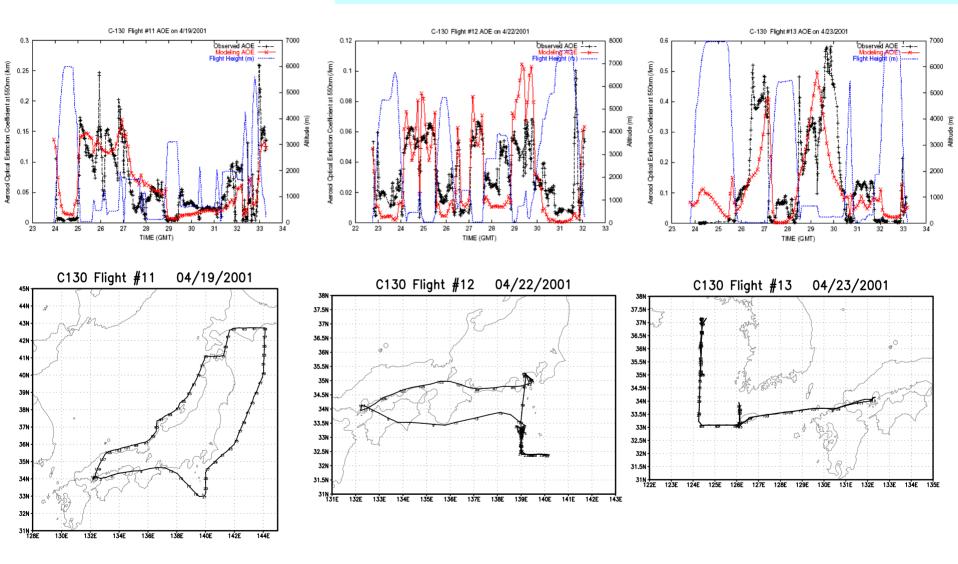
Generally our model yields the photolysis J-values consistent with TRACE-P flight observations.







Modeling Aerosol Optical Extinction Coefficients compared to ACE-ASIA C-130 observations



Summaries:

- Our model performs a good simulation for J values in TRACE-P period with STEM and its on-line TUV
- In Asia-Pacific region, polluted air mass contains all kinds of high-concentration aerosols, from biomass aerosols to dust. Aerosol optical properties play an evident role on photolysis J values near polluted areas.
- Cloud is the most uncertain factor affecting J-values calculation during this period.