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The Comparison of Dust-Radiation versus Dust-Cloud Interactions on the Development of a Simulated Mesoscale Convective System over North Africa

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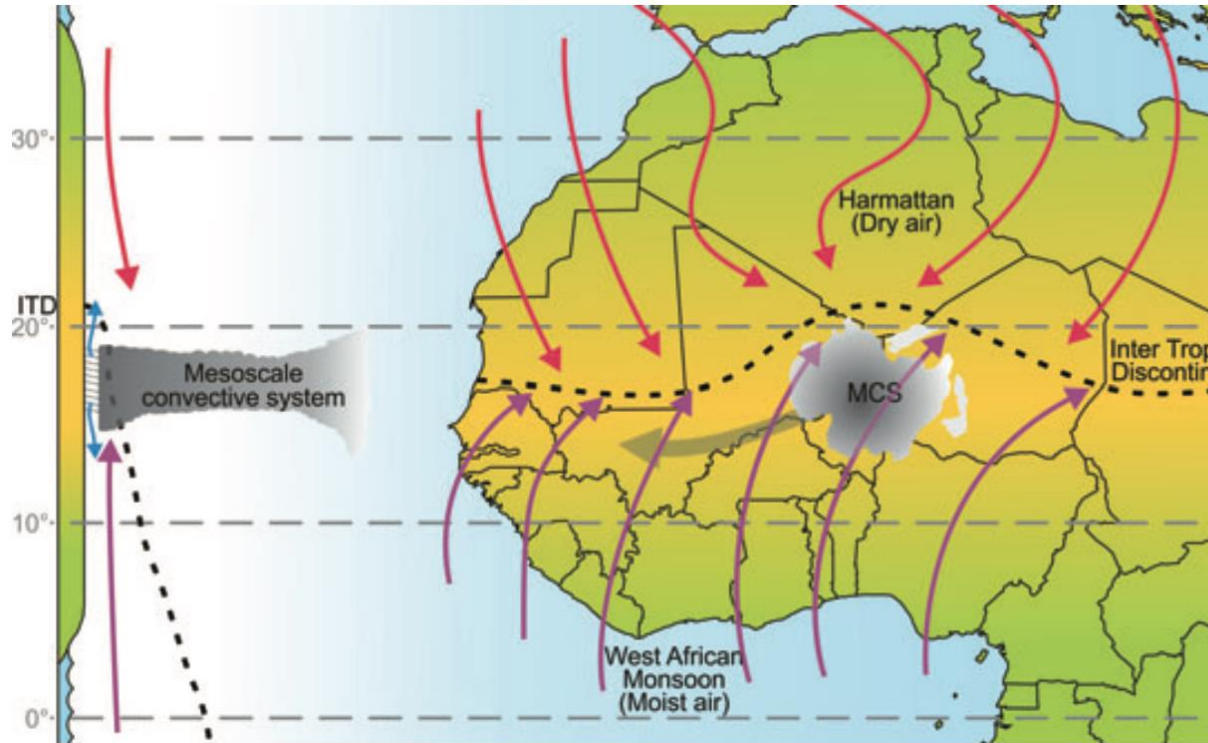
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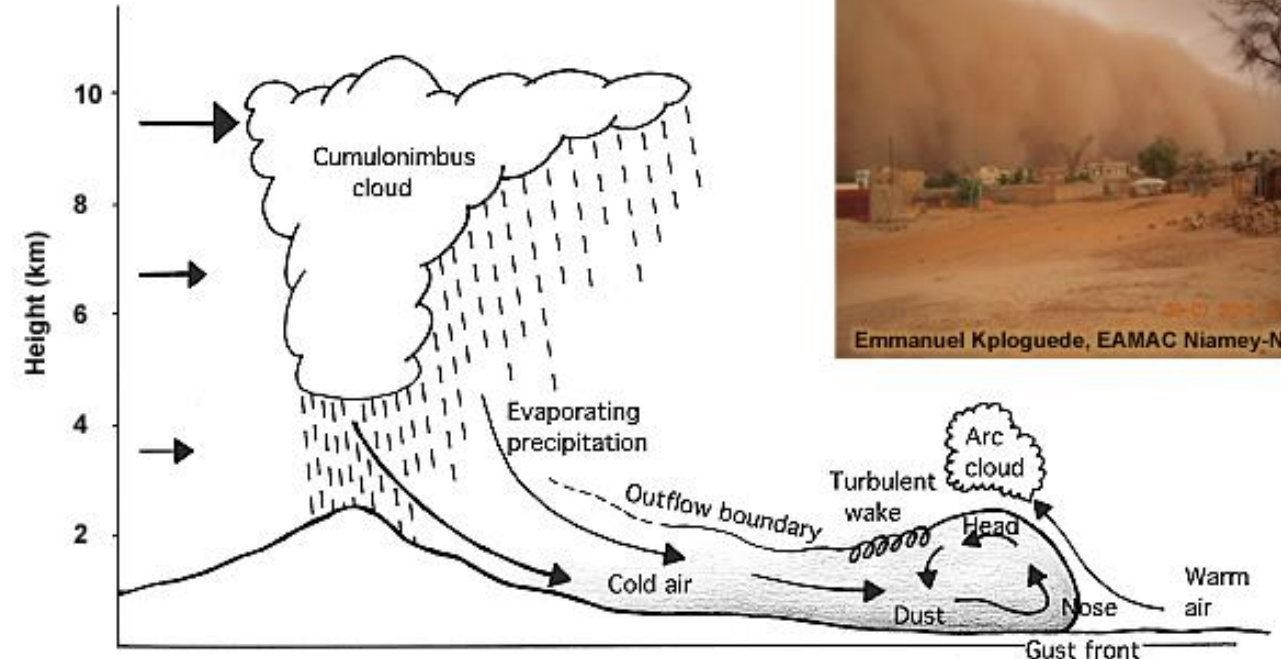
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Introduction

High likelihood for interaction between an MCS and a massive dust plume



(Roberts and Knippertz, 2012)



(Knippertz et al. 2007)

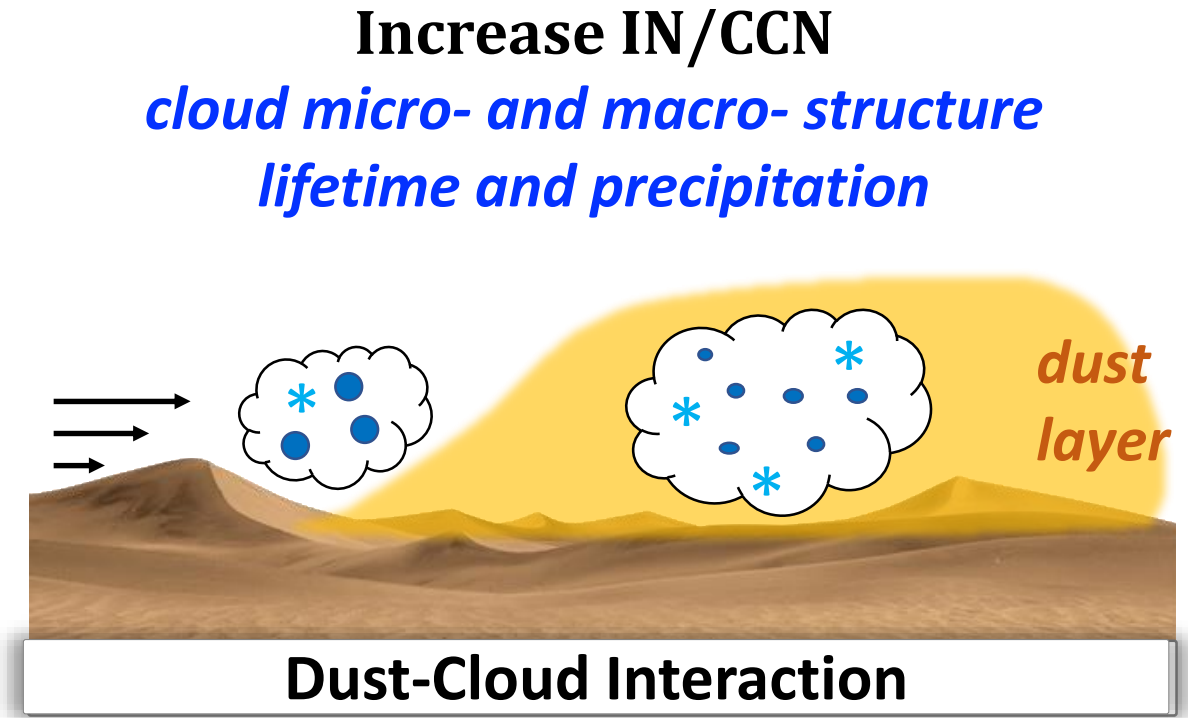
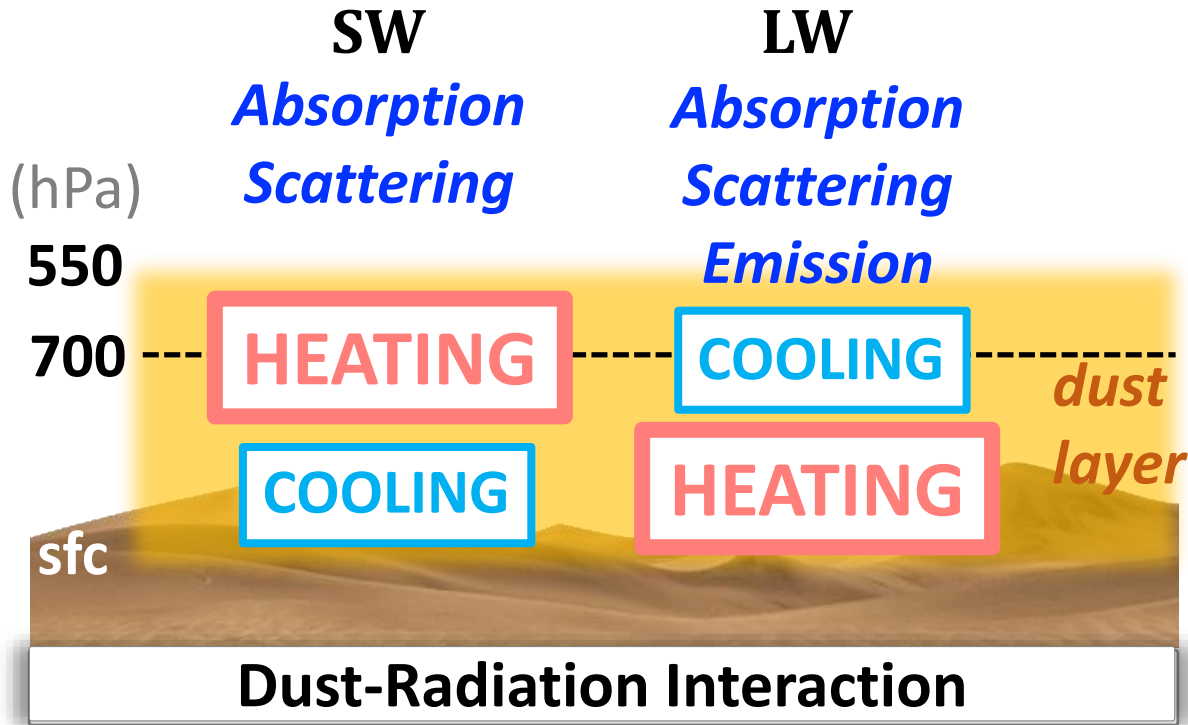
Haboob



Cold air generated by westward-propagating MCSs reaches the arid desert and produces haboob.

Introduction

What is the relative importance and impacts of dust-radiation and dust-cloud effects on MCS development over North Africa?



Instability

$$\sigma = \frac{g}{\theta} \frac{d\theta}{dz}$$

Thermal wind relation

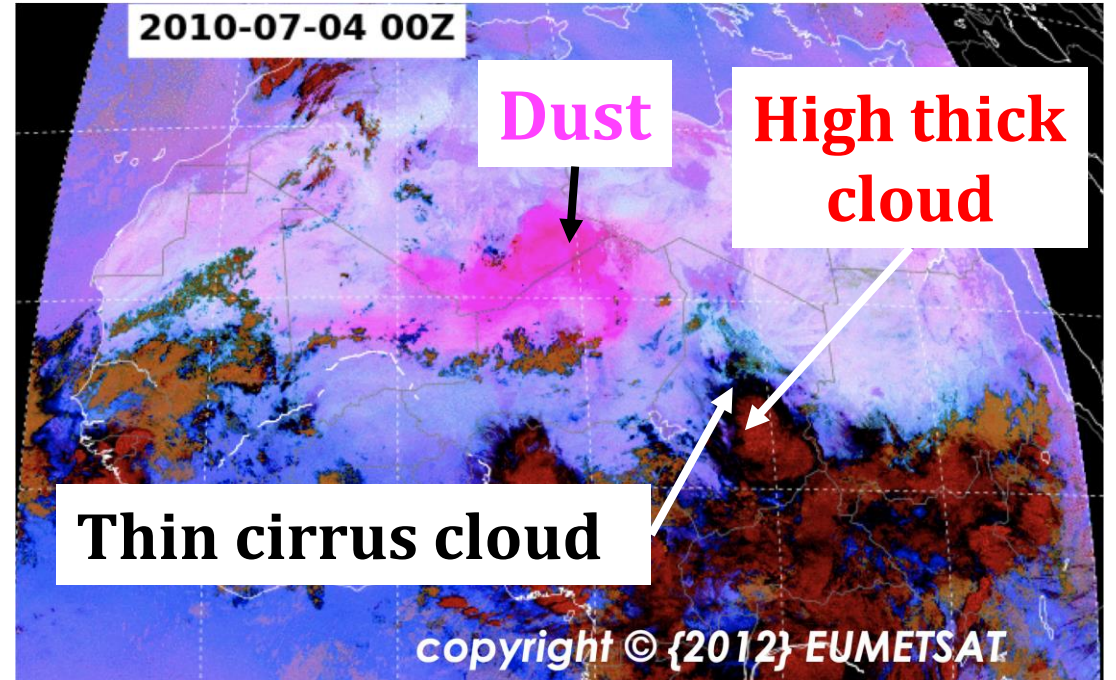
$$\vec{V}_T = \frac{R}{f} \hat{k} \times \nabla \bar{T} \ln \frac{p_L}{p_U}$$

Convective invigoration

Cloud-radiation interaction

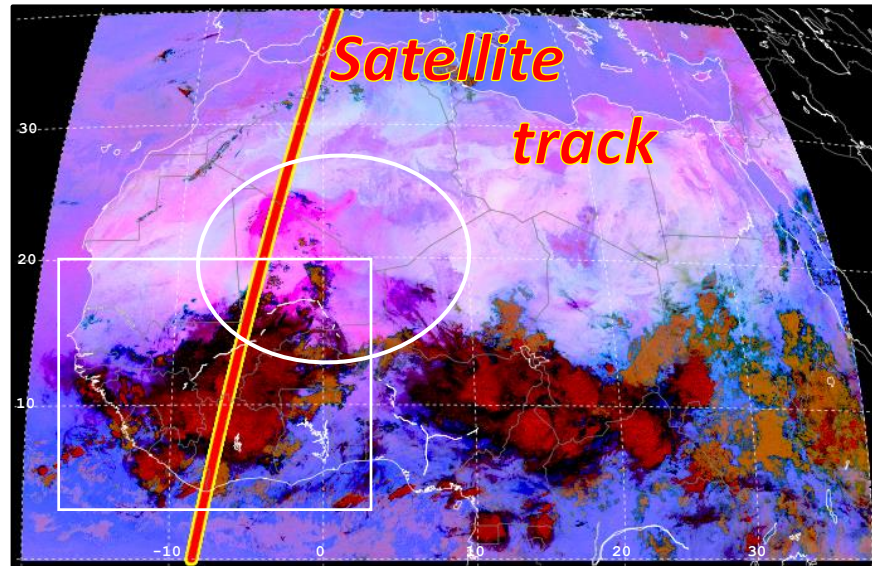
A MCS case

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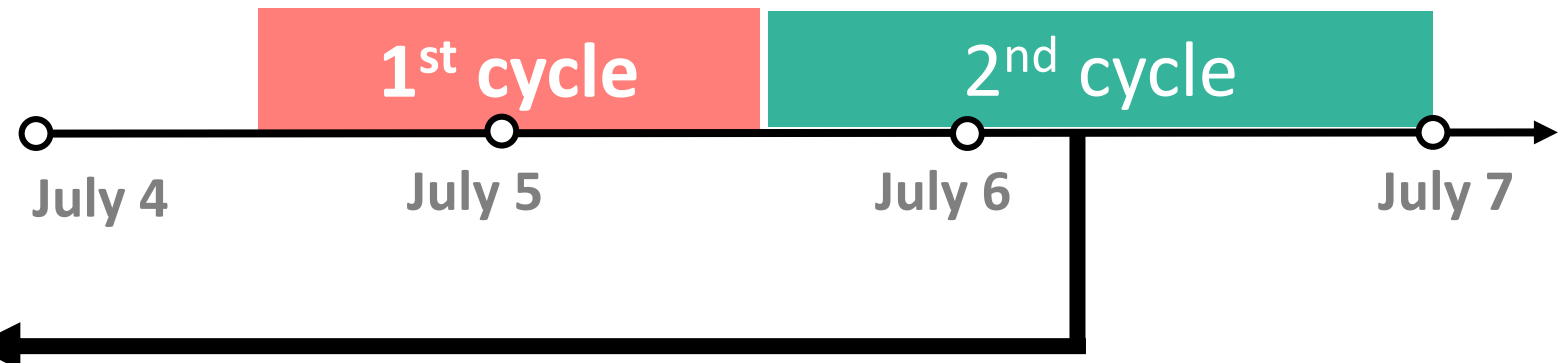
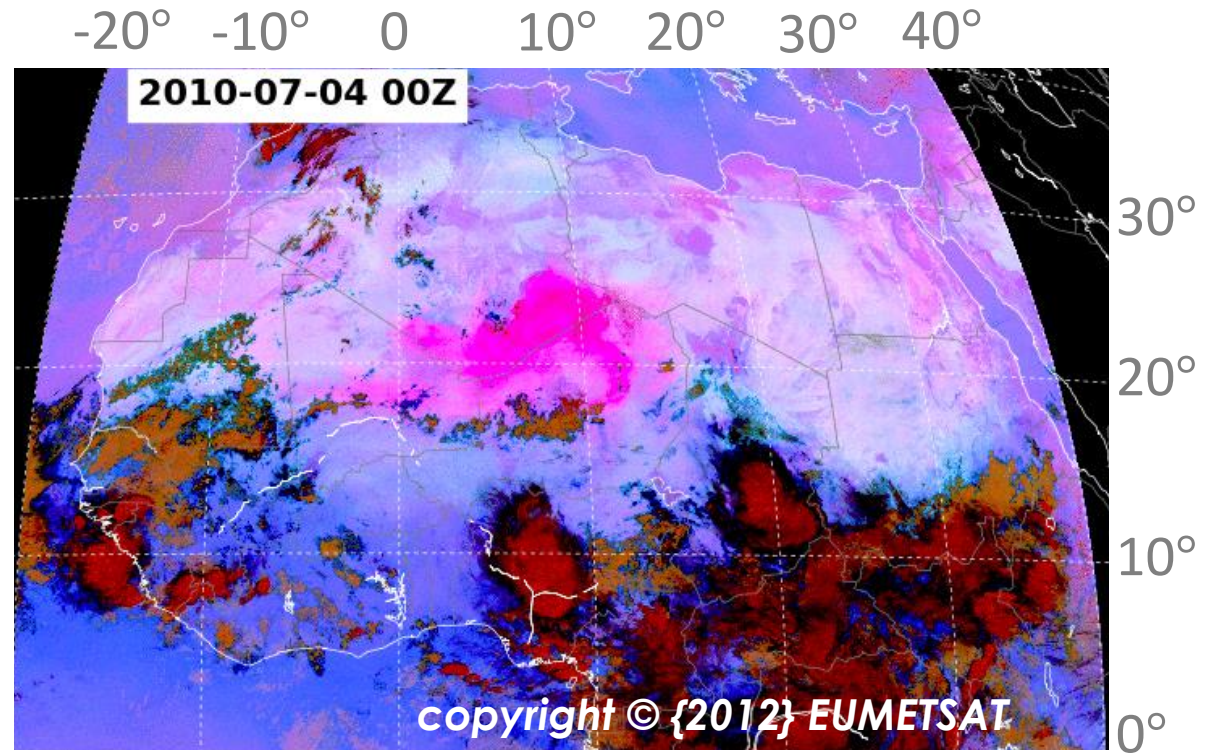


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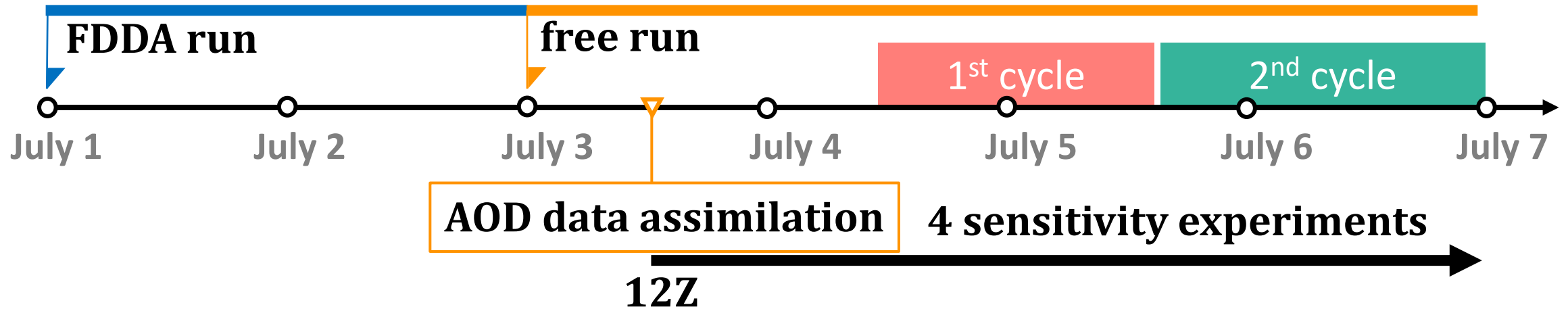


July 6 02Z (2nd cycle)



Model & Experiments

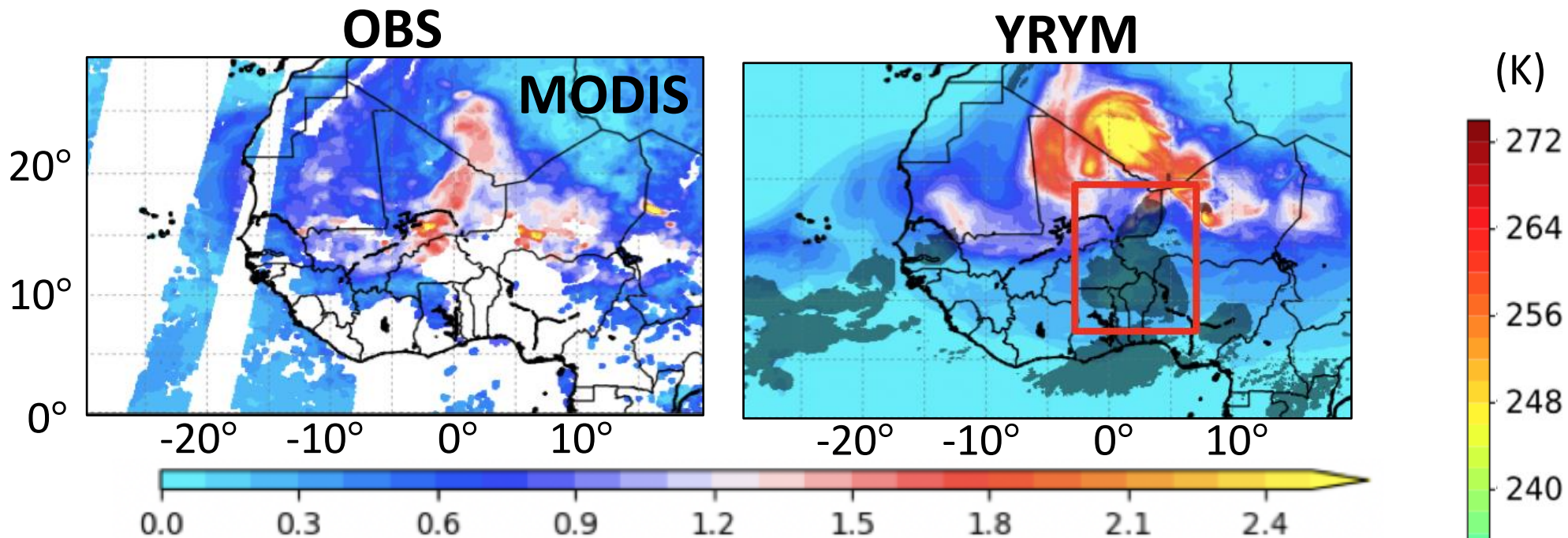
- WRF-dust model (*Chen et al. 2010, 2015*)
- Three domains – 27, 9 and 3 km
- Dust-Radiation: GSFC SW/LW scheme (*Chou et al. 2001*)
- Dust-Microphysics: 2-moment scheme (*Cheng et al. 2010*)
- Other physics schemes: MRF PBL, Kain-Fritsch cumulus



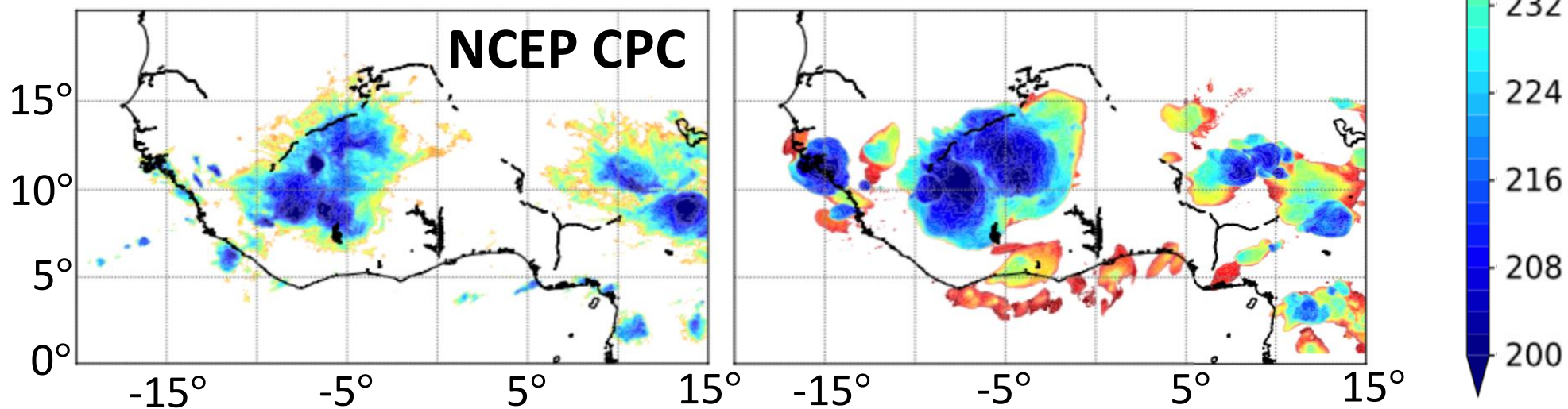
Experiments		Dust-Cloud Interaction (Dust-MP)	
		ON	OFF
Dust-Radiation Interaction (Dust-RA)	ON	YRYM	YRNM
	OFF	NRYM	NRNM

Verification – Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD) & Cloud Top Temperature (CTT)

AOD
12Z July 5



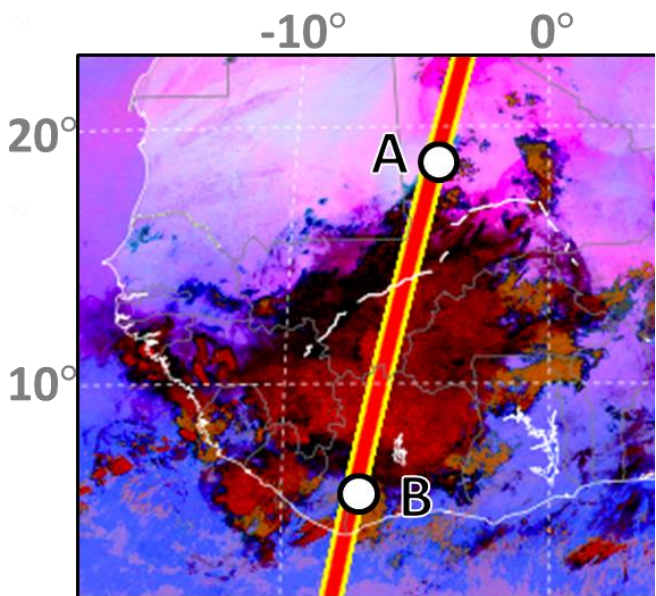
CTT
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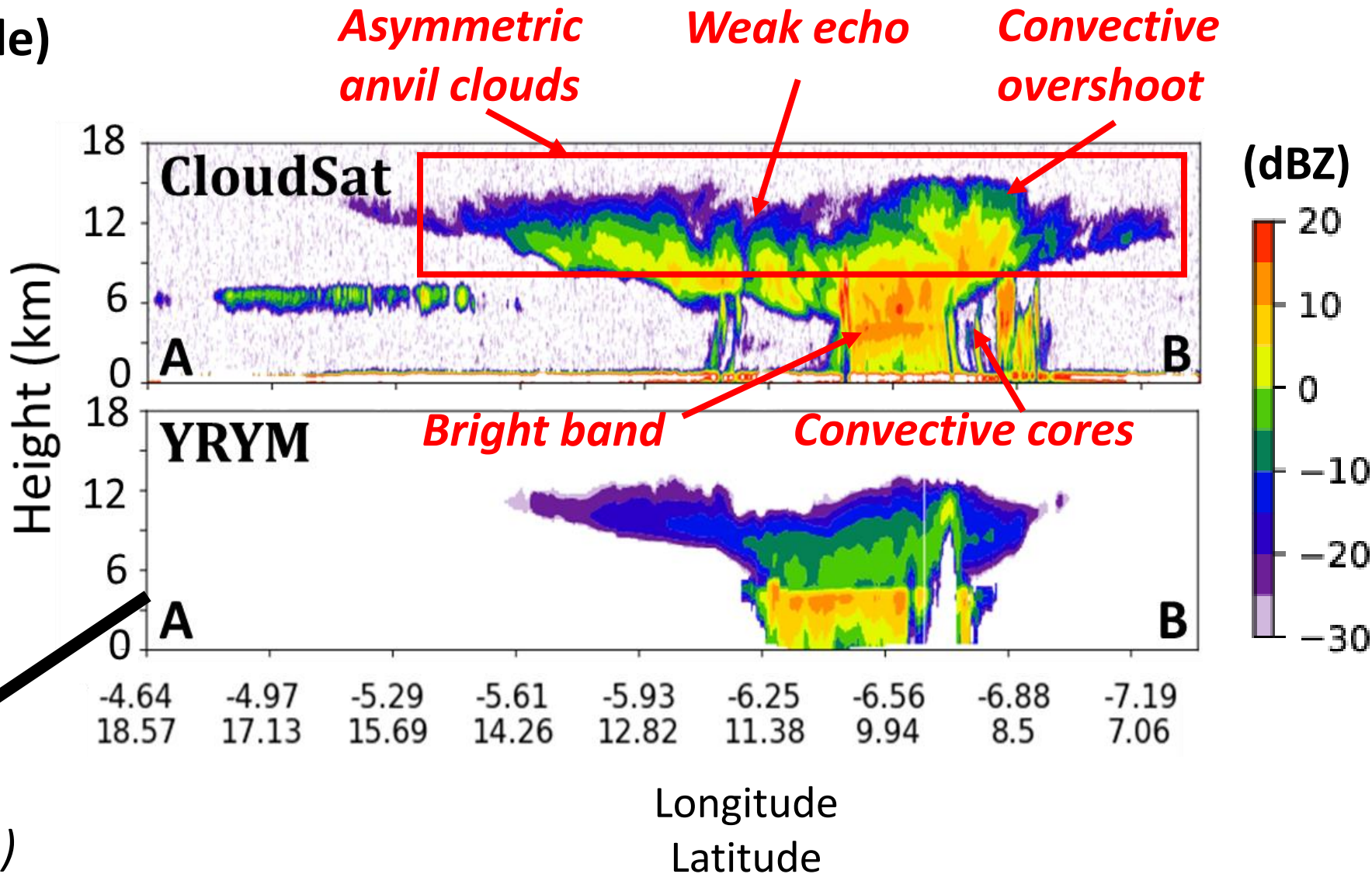
Verification – MCS Structure

Radar reflectivity

2010-07-06 02Z (2nd cycle)



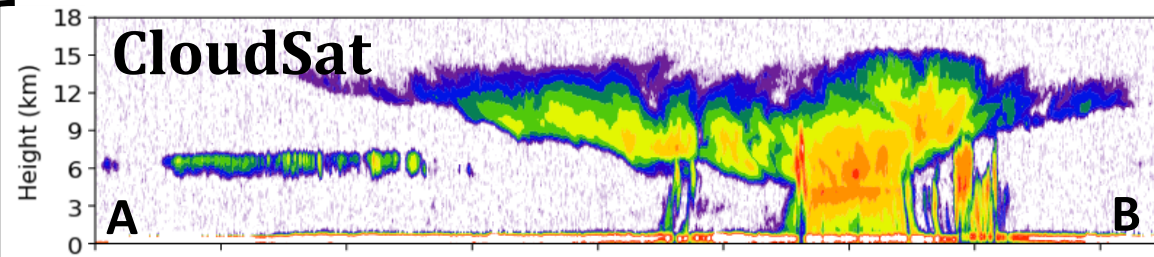
**Goddard Satellite
Data Simulator Unit**
(Matsui et al 2013, 2014)



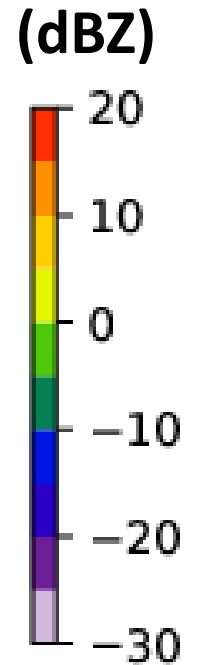
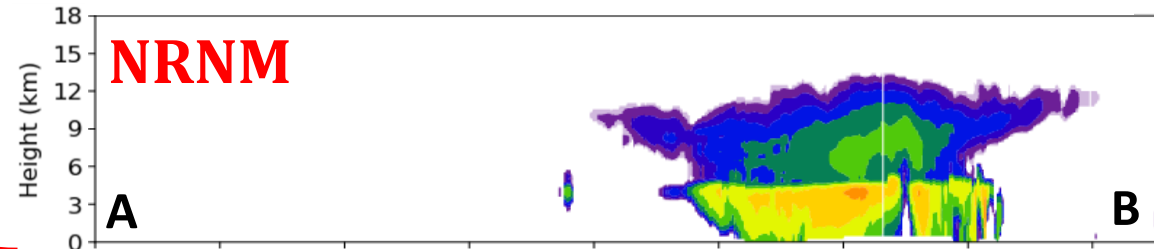
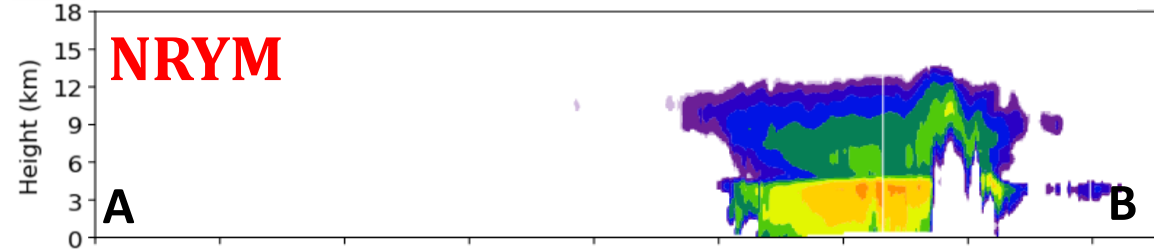
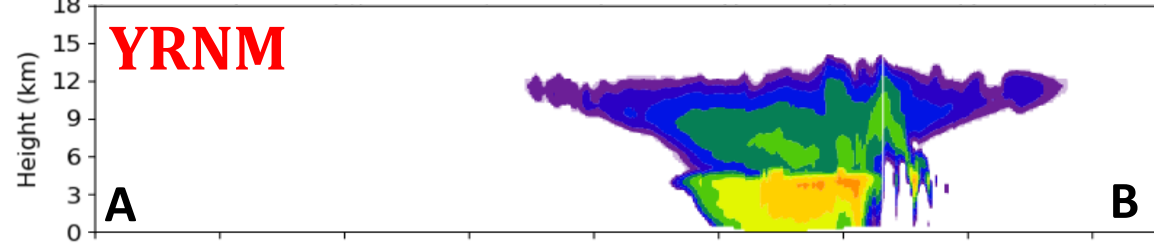
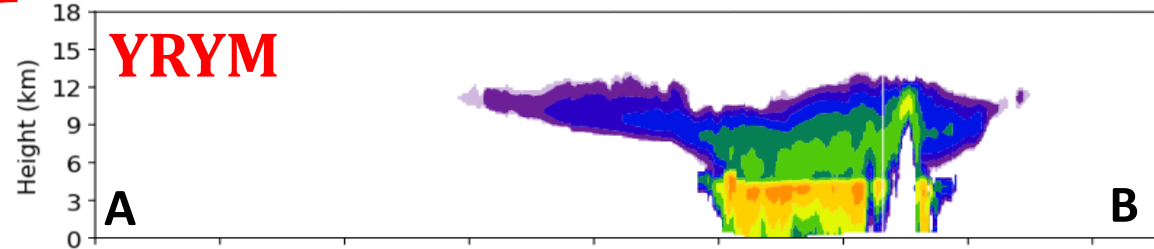
MCS Comparison

Radar reflectivity

OBS



Model results



-4.64 -4.97 -5.29 -5.61 -5.93 -6.25 -6.56 -6.88 -7.19
18.57 17.13 15.69 14.26 12.82 11.38 9.94 8.5 7.06

Longitude
Latitude

Vertical wind shear

Color shading & arrow: 600-900 mb Vertical wind shear ($m s^{-1}$)

Grey shading: model cloud

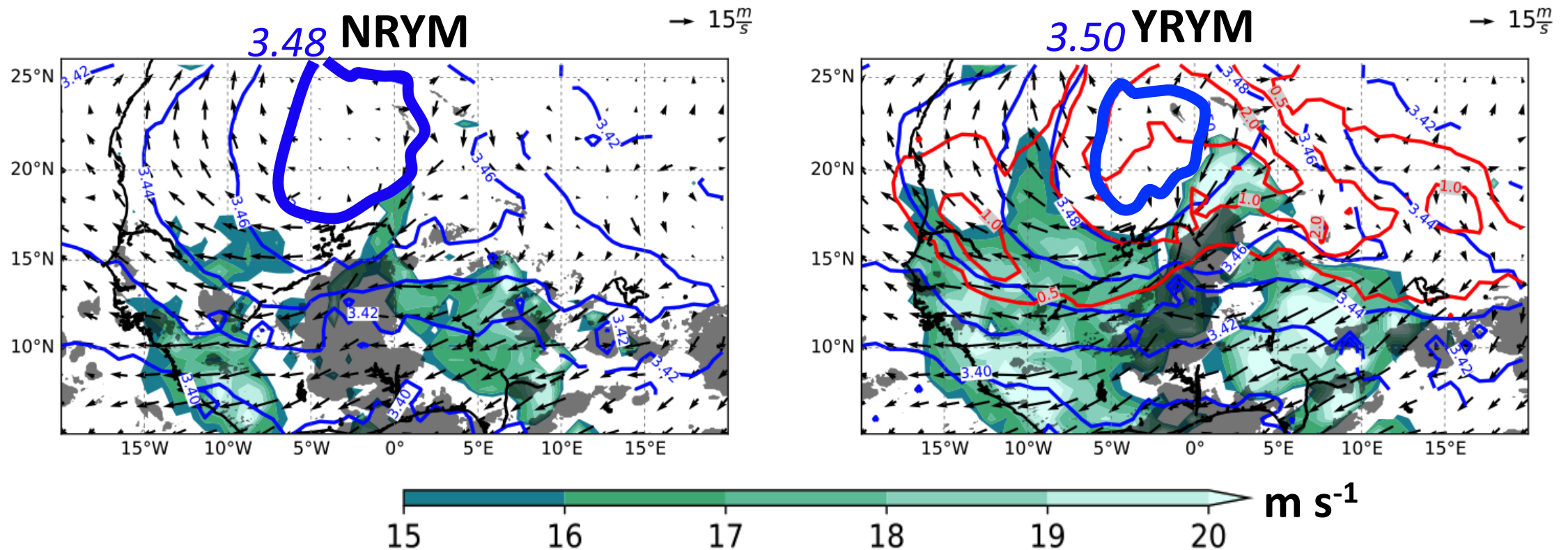
Blue contours: 600-900 mb thickness (m)

Red contours: AOD

Thermal wind relation

$$\vec{V}_T = \frac{R}{f} \hat{k} \times \nabla \bar{T} \ln \frac{p_L}{p_U}$$

2010-07-05 18Z (2nd cycle)



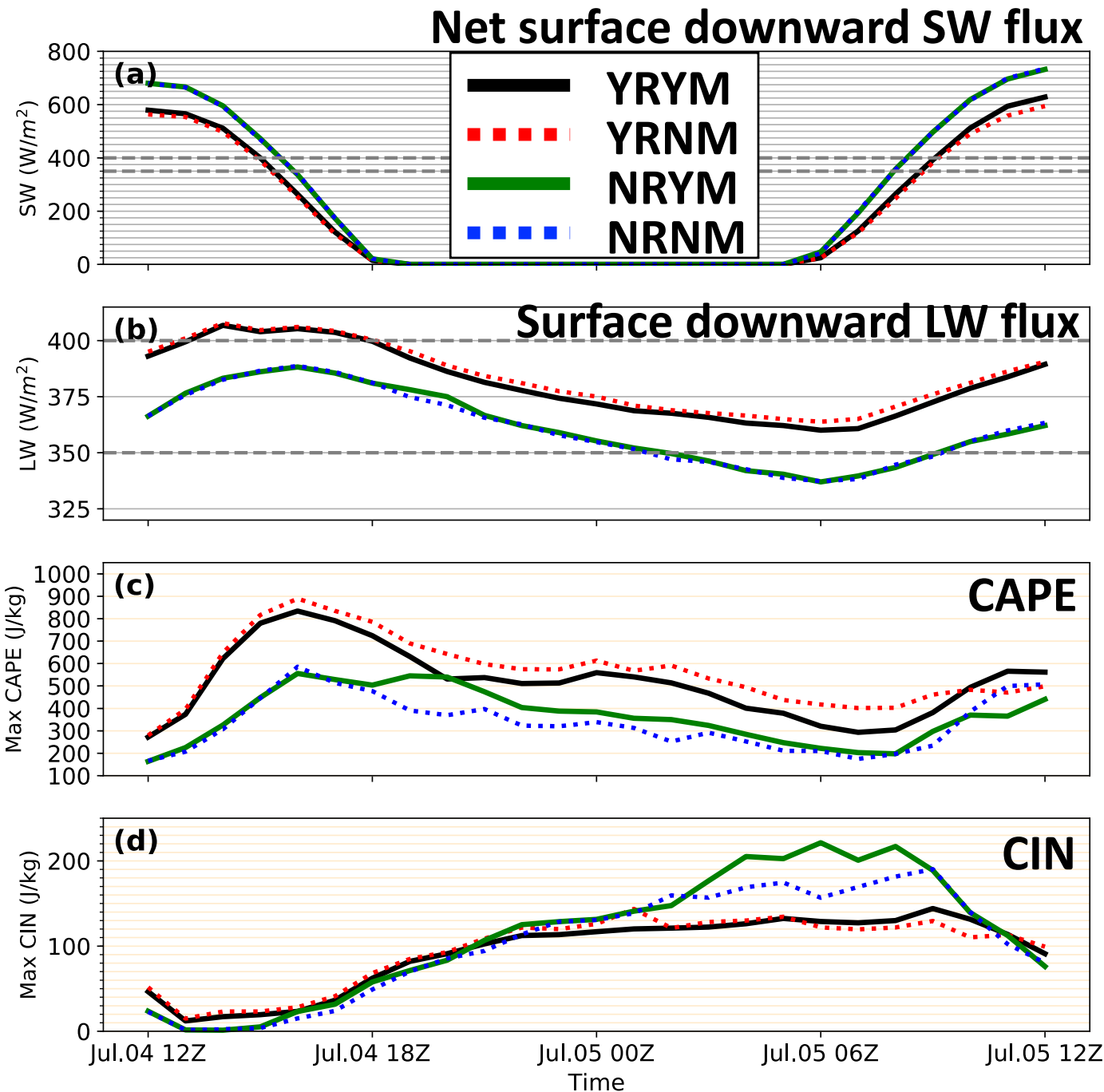
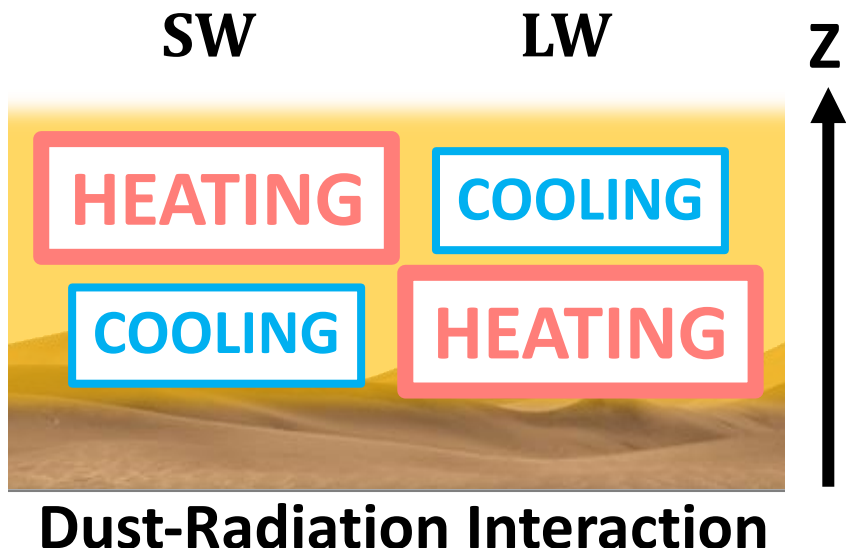
Convective energy & Surface Radiation Fluxes

[Day]

- *Stabilization*
- *Larger CIN and CAPE*

[Night]

- *Reduce stability*
- *Promote storm intensification*



MCS Strength & Cloud Properties

[Area-Summed over MCS]

Color shading:

Total hydrometeors (kg m^{-3})

[Area-Averaged over MCS]

Black contours:

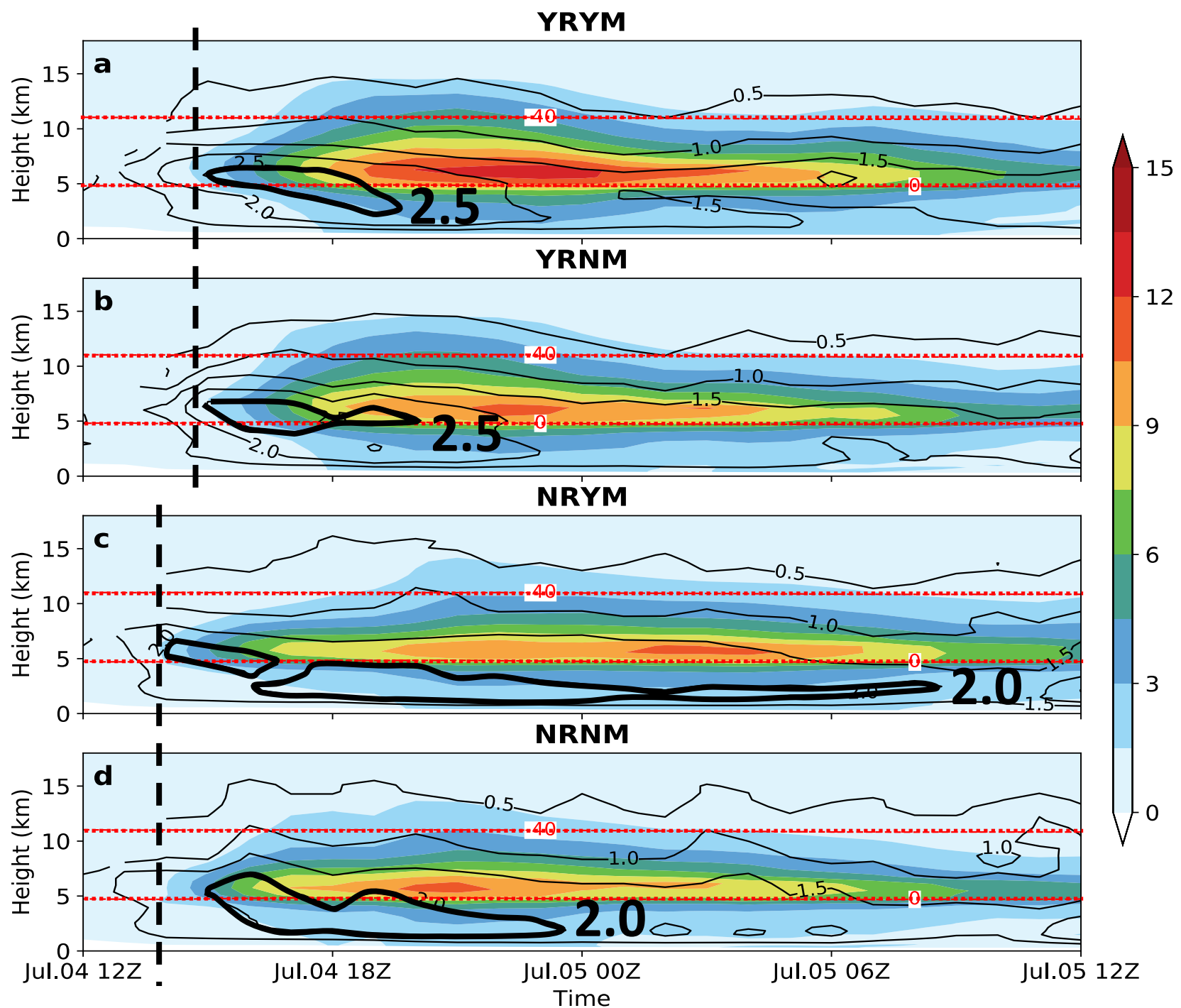
Convective updraft mass flux

= (ρw) ($\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)

[Only for grids with $w > 1 \text{ ms}^{-1}$]

Red dotted lines:

0 & -40 °C isotherms



**Differences:
MCS Strength &
Cloud Properties**

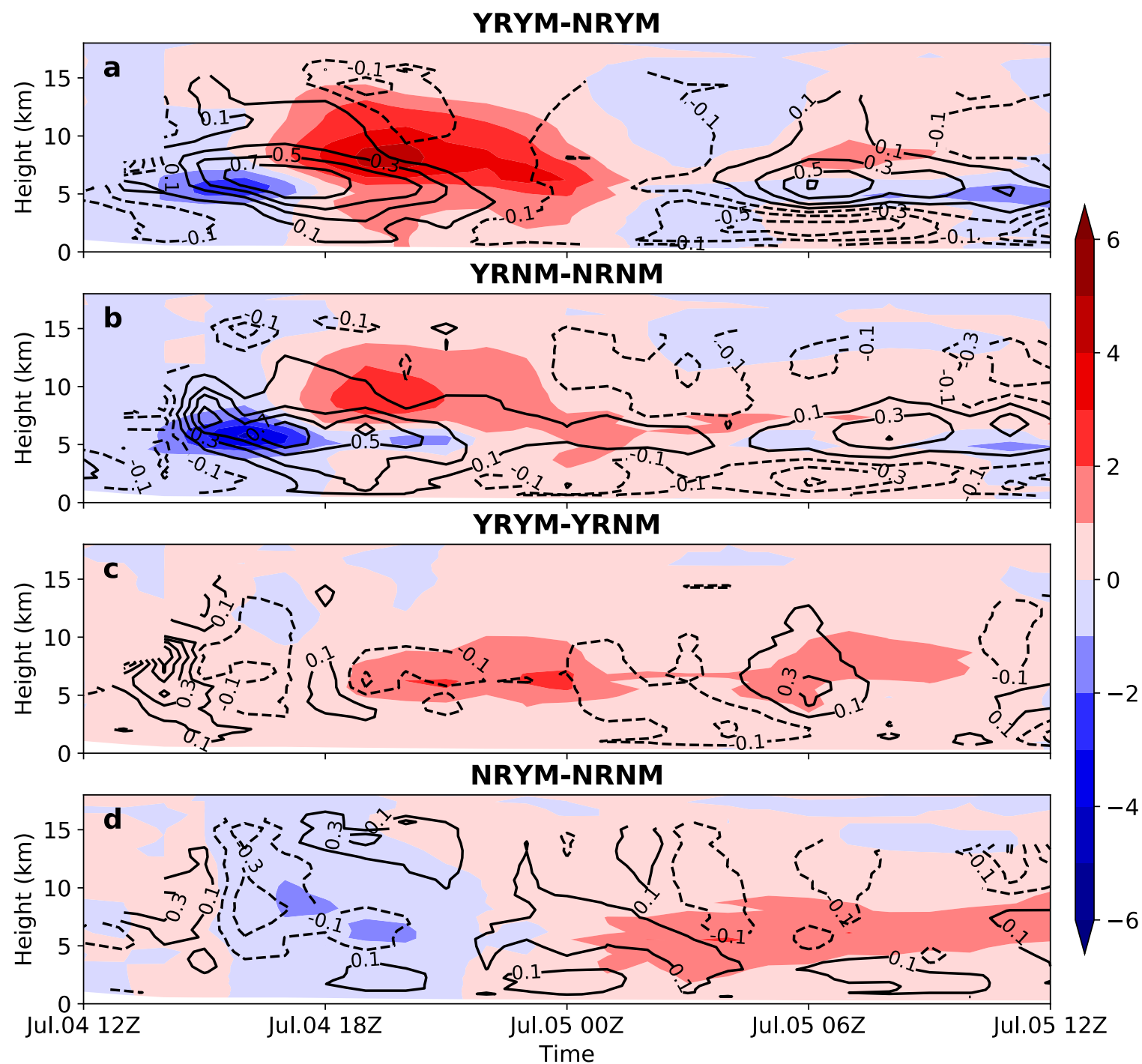
**Dust-RA
effect
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Percentage increase of accumulated rainfall (ref: NRNM) 7/4 12Z – 7/5 12Z	
Dust-RA	14%
Dust-MP	18%
Both	39%



Ice Particle Freezing Rate

[Averaged over MCS & 7/4 12Z - 7/6 02Z]

Solid lines:

Homogeneous nucleation

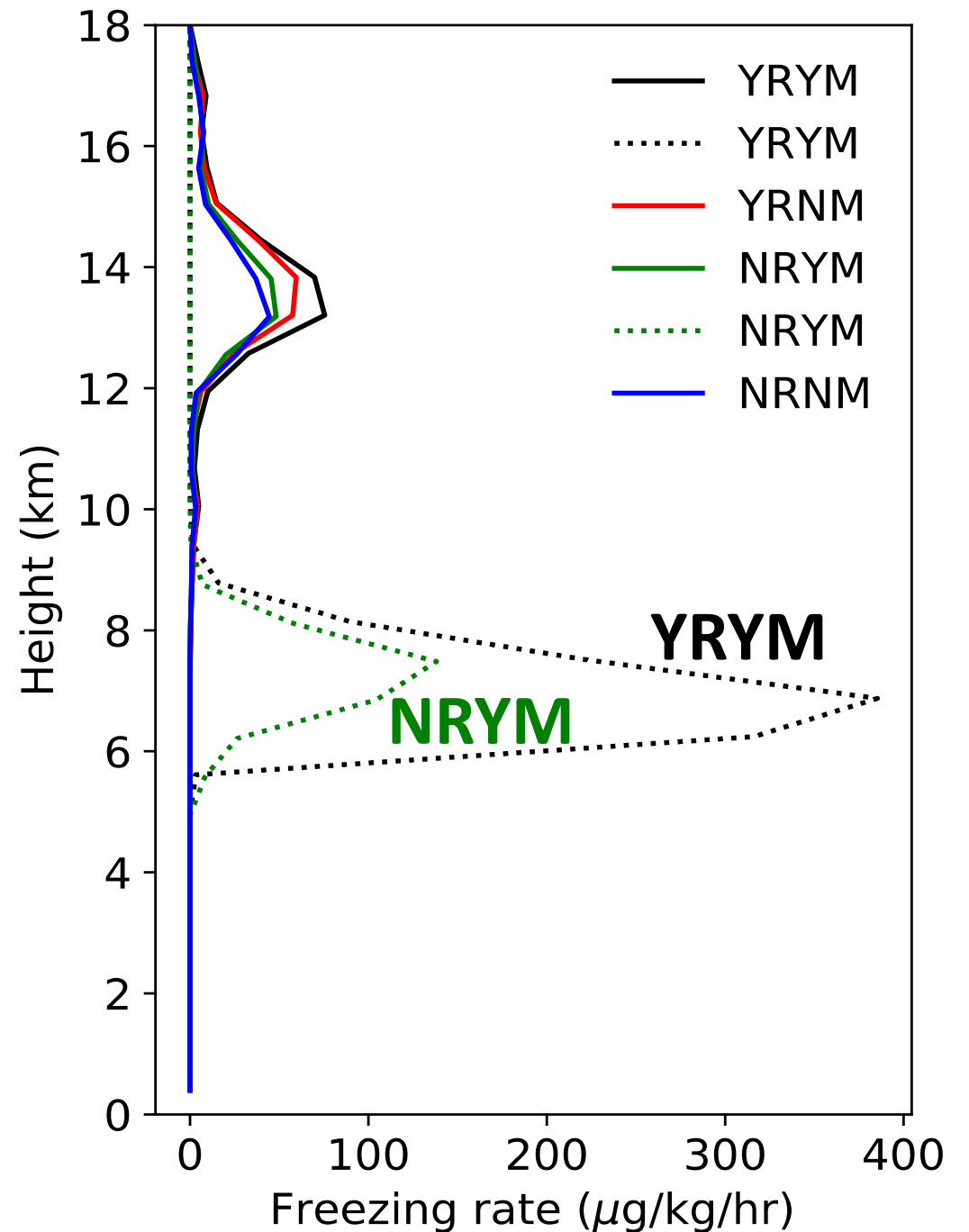
+ deposition nucleation on dust particles

+ heterogeneous freezing on bk aerosols

dotted lines:

Immersion freezing on dust particles

The dust-MP effect enhances the dust-RA effect on MCS development by enhancing immersion freezing

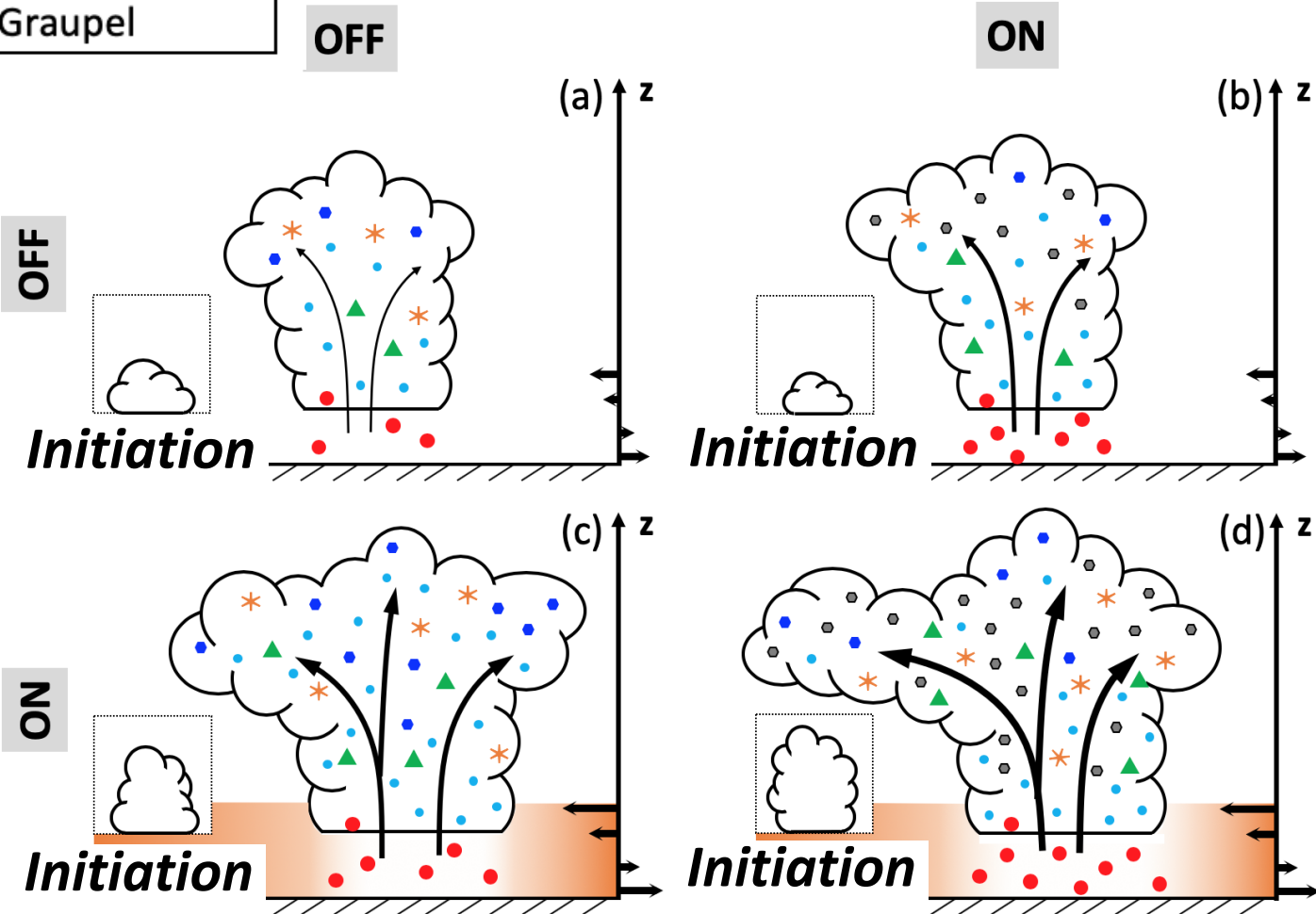


Summary

- Cloud droplets
- Rain
- Ice
- Ice + Dust
- ★ Snow
- ▲ Graupel

Dust Cloud Interaction

Dust Radiation Interaction



- HIGH dust concentration: **dust direct effect > dust indirect effect.**
- The dust-radiation interaction: **stronger storms with more extensive anvil/stratiform cloud.**
- The dust-cloud interaction:
 - slows initial storm development
 - enhances immersion freezing
 - extends cloud lifetime.
- The impacts of the **dust indirect effect on the MCS's development are strongly modulated** by the simulation of dust-radiation interactions.

Thank you

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WRF dust model

WRF

+ Dust continuity equation (5-12 bins)

$$\frac{\partial \mu \gamma}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \vec{V} \mu \gamma + C_{pbl} + C_{con} + C_{mic} + S_{\gamma} + E_{\gamma}$$

γ : Dust mixing ratio; $\mu = \rho_{hs} - \rho_{ht}$ (mass)

$C = \mu \gamma$ (Coupled dust mixing ratio)

S_{γ} : Sedimentation (time splitting)

E_{γ} : Source / Sink (emission, wet scavenging, dry deposition)

Dust-cloud-radiation Interaction

- *Dust-Radiation: Goddard Space Flight Center SW/LW radiation scheme (Chou and Suarez, 1999; Chou et al. 2001)*
- *Microphysics: 2-moment microphysics scheme (Cheng et al. 2010)*

Dust emission:

- *Barren type vegetation*
- *Soil moist volumetric fraction < 0.2*
- *10-m wind > 6.0 ms⁻¹*

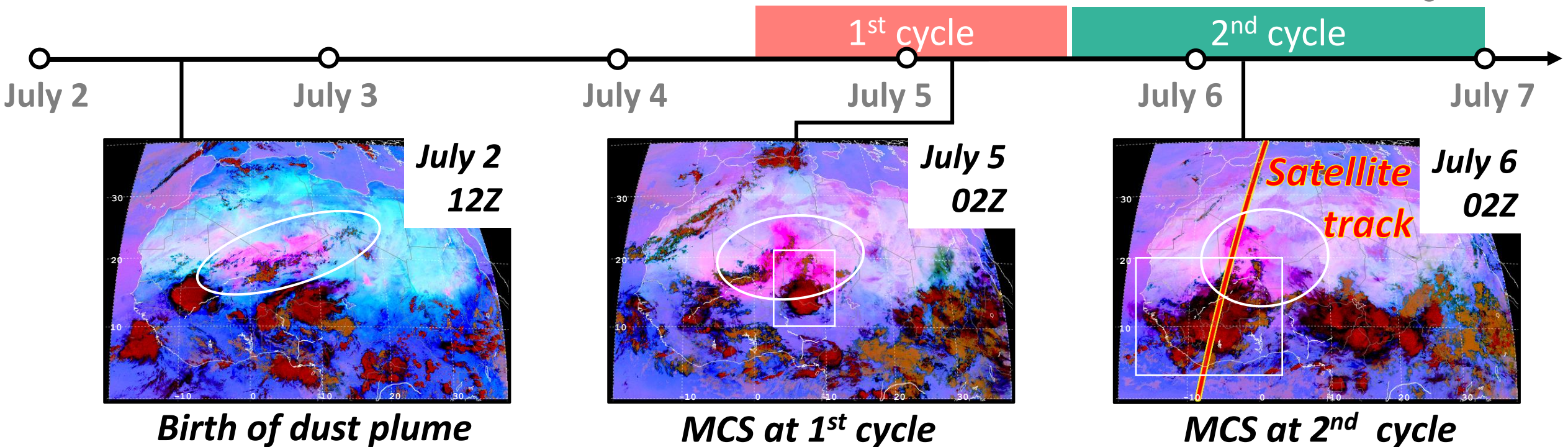
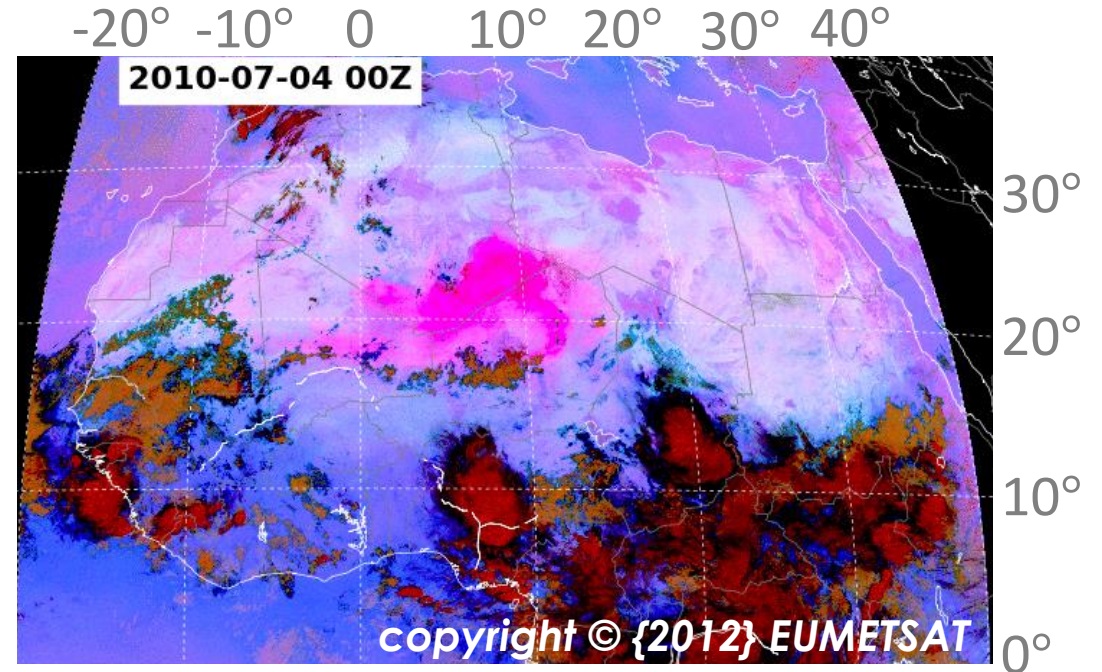
Tegen and Fung (1994); Kok et al. 2011

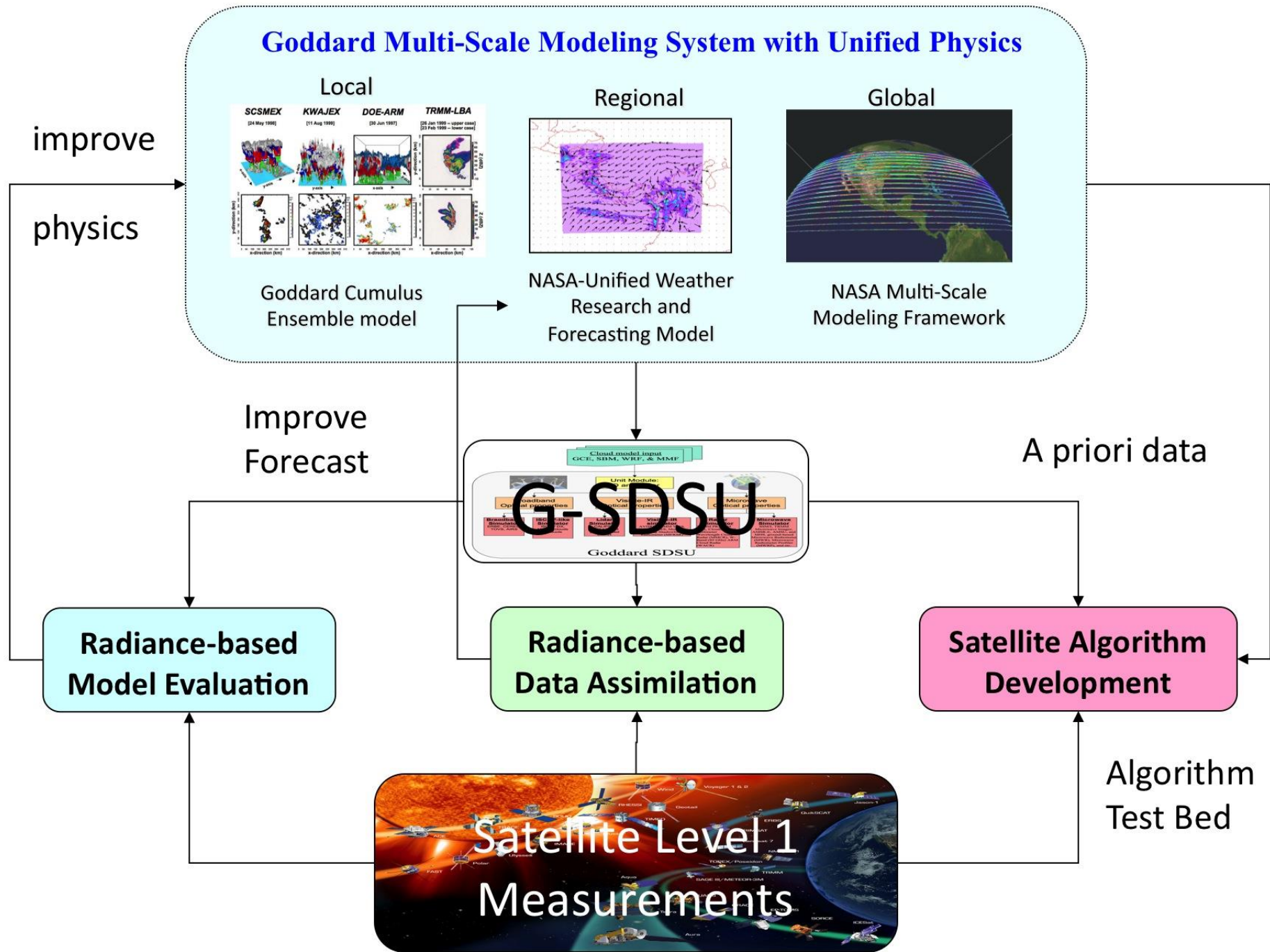
Hygroscopicity parameter

$\kappa=0.05$ (Koehler et al. 2009)

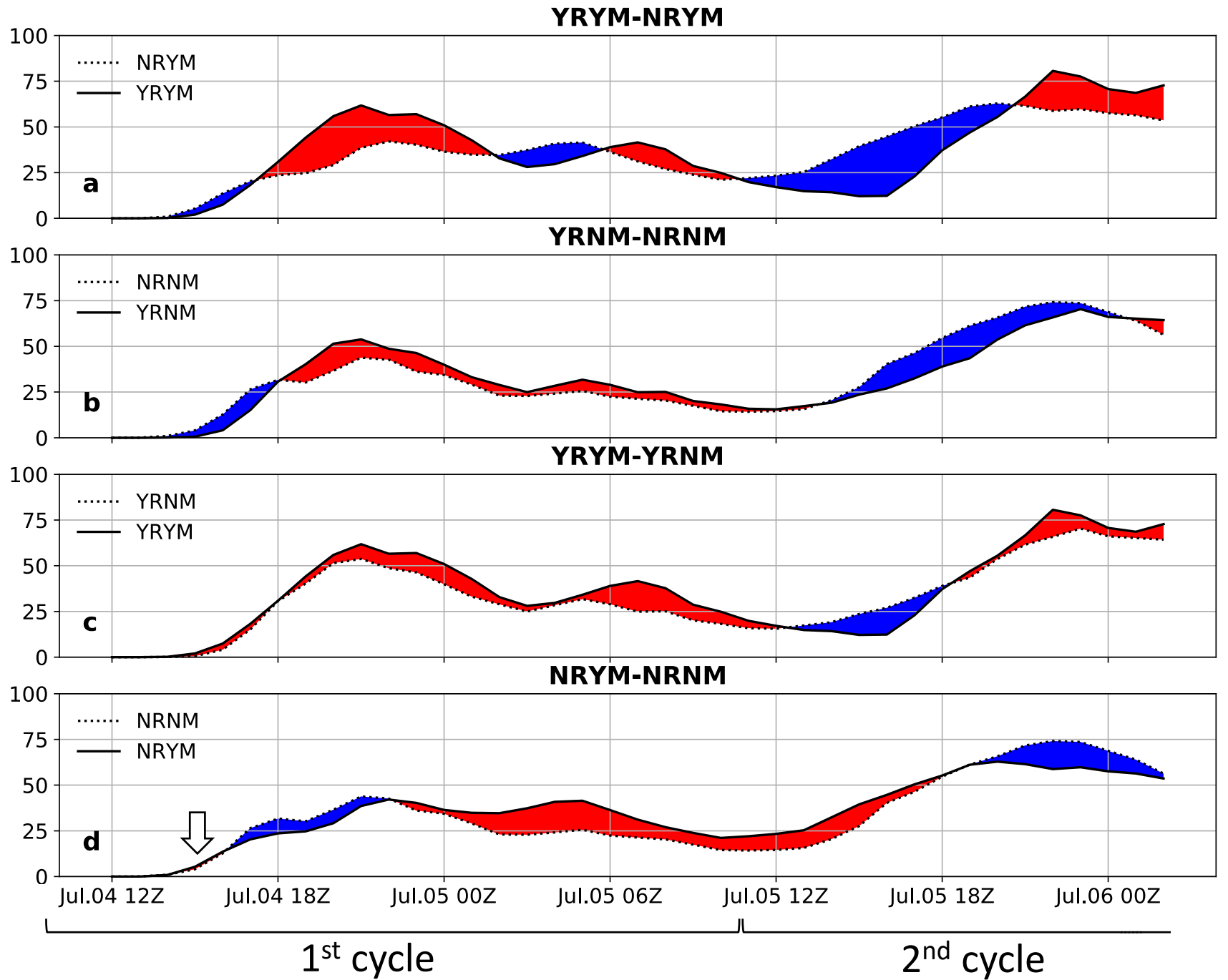
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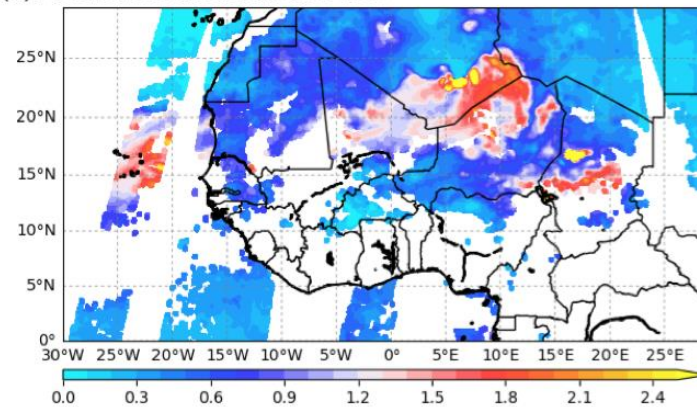


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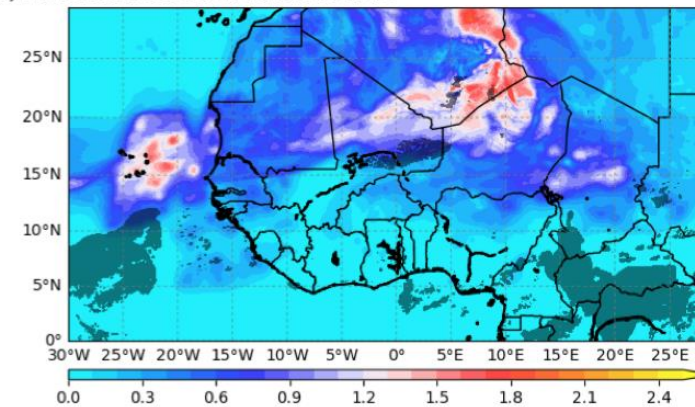


AOD verification

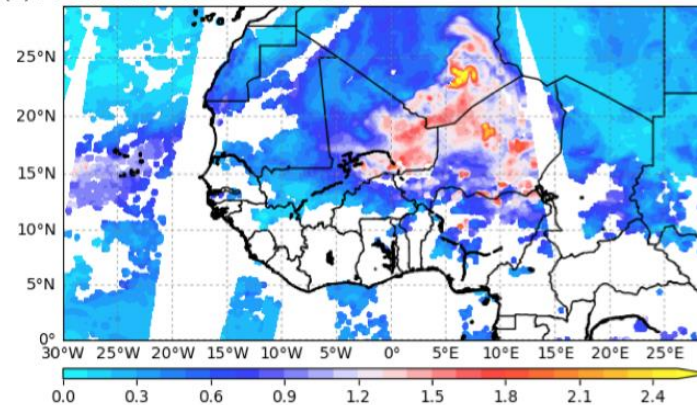
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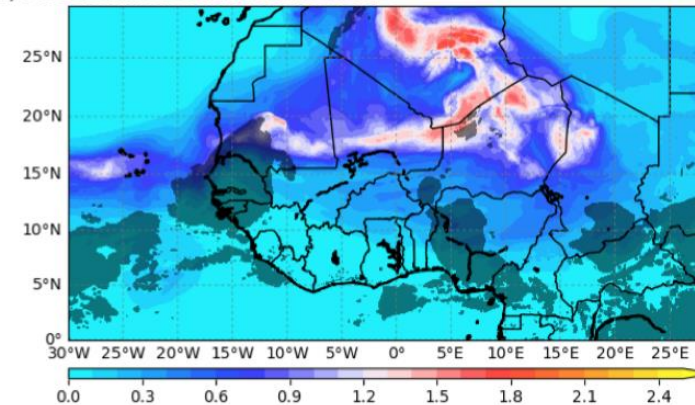
(b) Modeled AOD at 2010.07.03 12Z



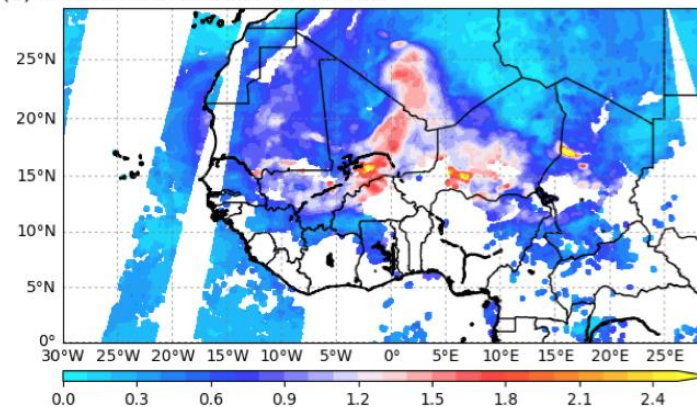
(c) MODIS AOD at 2010.07.04 12Z



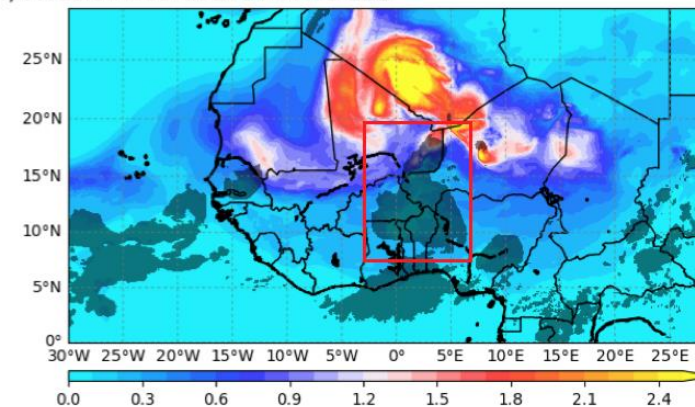
(d) Modeled AOD at 2010.07.04 12Z



(e) MODIS AOD at 2010.07.05 12Z



(f) Modeled AOD at 2010.07.05 12Z



CALIPSO

