

The impact of observation nudging on simulated meteorology and ozone concentrations during DISCOVER-AQ 2013 Texas campaign

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Abstract

Accurate meteorological fields are imperative for correct chemical transport modeling. Observation nudging, along with objective analysis, is generally considered as a low-cost and effective technique to improve meteorological simulations. However, the meteorological impact of observation nudging on chemistry has not been well characterized. This study involved two simulations to analyze the impact of observation nudging on the simulated meteorology and ozone concentrations during the 2013 Deriving Information on Surface conditions from Column and Vertically Resolved Observations Relevant to Air Quality (DISCOVER-AQ) Texas campaign period, using Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) and Community Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) models. The results showed improved correlations between observed and simulated parameters from the sensitivity case. The index of agreement (IOA) improved by about 9% for surface temperature and 6-11% for surface zonal (U-WIND) and meridional (V-WIND) winds when observation nudging was employed. Analysis of a cold front event indicated that it improved the timing of wind transition during the front passage. Employing observation

27 nudging also reduced the model biases for the planetary boundary height predictions. For CMAQ
28 simulations, the IOA improved by 6% in the sensitivity case for surface ozone during the entire
29 simulation period. The high ozone episode on September 25th was a post-front ozone event in
30 Houston. The small-scale morning wind shifts near the Houston Ship Channel combined with
31 higher aloft ozone early morning likely caused the day's ozone exceedance. While observation
32 nudging did not recreate the wind shifts on that day and failed to reproduce the observed high
33 ozone, analyses of surface and aircraft data found that observation nudging helped model to yield
34 improved ozone prediction in a two-hour period during the event, substantially better winds in
35 the sensitivity case noticeably improved the ozone. Further work on improving the capability of
36 nudging to reproduce local meteorological events could enhance a chemical transport model's
37 capability to predict high ozone events.

38 **Keywords:** WRF, CMAQ, air quality model, DISCOVER-AQ, observation nudging

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40 1. Introduction

41 Meteorological variables such as cloud fraction, winds, planetary boundary layer (PBL) heights
42 and precipitation significantly impact air quality. They influence the production, transport, and
43 deposition of various chemical species (e.g., Pour-Biazar et al. 2007; Panta et al. 2005; Cuchiara
44 et al. 2014). Hence accurate meteorological inputs are imperative for air quality modeling.

45 Common approaches of improving meteorological simulations include the selection of updated
46 and high resolution terrain data (e.g., Cheng and Byun 2008), optimization of physics and
47 dynamics options (e.g., Zhong et al. 2007) and the implementation of four dimensional data
48 assimilation (FDDA).

49 FDI continuously merges new observational data into model simulation such that the model's
50 predictions do not drift away from observations. There are several FDDA methods including
51 nudging (e.g., Stauffer and Seaman 2004) and Variational Methods (3D-VAR or 4D-VAR; e.g.,
52 Le Dimet and Talagrand 1986; Huang et al. 2009). 4D-VAR obtains optimal states of the
53 atmosphere using multi-time-level observations by globally adjusting a model solution to all
54 available observations over an interval of time. Nudging is a simple yet flexible FDDA method
55 originally developed by Stauffer and Seaman (1990, 1994), and implemented in the Fifth-

56 Generation PSU/NCAR Mesoscale Model (MM5). Not intended for optimal adjustment, nudging
57 is less computationally intensive but needs special care for the nudging coefficients. Nudging
58 involves adding an artificial tendency term to one or more model prognostic equations that
59 reflect the difference between the best estimate of the observed state and the model state at a
60 given location and time. In short, the goal is to “nudge” model state towards observed state.
61 There are several types of nudging such as 3D analysis nudging, surface analysis nudging, and
62 observation nudging (obs-nudging). In the case of analysis nudging, the model state is nudged
63 toward gridded analysis. The difference between 3D and surface analysis nudging is that 3D
64 analysis (at all model levels except for surface) data are used to improve 3D fields while surface
65 analysis data are used to improve surface fields. In observation nudging, the model predictions
66 are nudged to match better with observations at individual locations both surface and aloft. The
67 MM5 nudging codes were later improved and incorporated into the Weather Research and
68 Forecasting (WRF) model by Liu et al. (2005, 2006). The enhancements enable obs-nudging to
69 assimilate a large variety of direct or derived observations. In WRF, the inputs for obs-nudging
70 are generated by WRF OBSGRID program. This program also performs Objective Analysis
71 (OA) to improve the quality of analysis nudging files. Objective Analysis updates first guess
72 meteorology analysis by incorporating observational data. Since obs-nudging is usually
73 performed along with OA (as in this study) to maximize the benefits of assimilating
74 observations, we also use OA to denote the combined Objective Analysis and obs-nudging
75 processes in case names.

76 The benefit of applying nudging to improve meteorological simulations has been demonstrated
77 in many studies (e.g., Deng 2009; Gilliam and Pleim 2010). However, the impact of the
78 improved fields on air quality simulations has been investigated by relatively fewer studies. Otte
79 (2008) showed that the Community Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) model with improved MM5
80 meteorology using analysis nudging was able to better simulate ozone chemistry as reflected in
81 model-measurement statistics. Their results indicated that better “model skill” scores were
82 achieved for daily maximum 1-hr ozone mixing ratios after analysis nudging over a 35-day
83 simulation episode. Byun et al. (2008) performed over a dozen tests on obs-nudging (with
84 analysis nudging turned on) and showed obs-nudging improved both winds and temperature in
85 MM5 simulations. The study also gave an example in which improved wind fields on a given
86 day helped the CMAQ model better capture the ozone hotspot southwest of Houston. Ngan et al.

87 (2012) compared results from several CMAQ simulations coupled to the MM5 model which
88 included nudging. Their results indicated that fully nudged (with both analysis nudging and obs-
89 nudging implemented) simulations performed better with respect to both meteorology and ozone
90 chemistry. However, the statistics from their study cannot be used for interpreting the sensitivity
91 of obs-nudging since its base WRF case is a forecast run which used a different analysis input.
92 Previous studies by the current authors (e.g., Rappenglueck et al. 2011; Czader et al. 2013)
93 showed that obs-nudging helped correct errors in model wind fields, critical to the transport of
94 pollutants and production of secondary pollutants. To the best of the authors' knowledge, there is
95 no comprehensive study on the impact of obs-nudging on air quality simulation using the WRF
96 model.

97 This study intends to fill up the gap in the studies mentioned above by investigating the
98 sensitivity of WRF and subsequently, CMAQ simulations to observation nudging. In theory,
99 higher frequency of obs-nudging input should have a higher probability to capture small scale
100 events, such as local wind shifts. These events may only slightly impact local weather, yet have a
101 marked effect on chemistry. This is because local stagnation and wind convergence/reversals can
102 contribute to the pollutant build-up, as indicated by Banta et al. (1998), Cheung and Wang
103 (2001) and Tucker et al. (2010).

104 There is a significant presence of petrochemical facilities, power plants and motor vehicles in the
105 Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) region located in southeastern Texas (SETX). The major
106 pollutant in the region is ozone due to the abundant emissions of precursors like nitrogen oxide
107 (NO_x) and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). During the long and hot summer, ozone
108 concentrations often rise above the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).
109 Consequently, HGB has been designated as an ozone nonattainment region by the US
110 Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
111 (<http://www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/hncs.html#TEXAS>). The petrochemical plants are
112 largely concentrated in the Houston Ship Channel (HSC) area - just north of the Galveston Bay.
113 The VOCs emitted from the HSC area are highly reactive and have been shown to contribute
114 greatly to the high regional ozone episodes (e.g., Kleinman et al. 2002; Daum et al. 2003).
115 Depending on the local meteorology, the plumes from HSC may be carried to different locations
116 in HGB and trigger high ozone events along its path. Metropolitan Houston has a high level of NO_x

117 emissions partly due to heavy vehicular traffic in the city. As a result of the large amount of
118 precursor emissions and favorable weather, relatively frequent high ozone events occur in the
119 area.

120 Due to the reasons listed above, the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria region has been the focus of
121 several air quality studies in the recent past (e.g., Banta et al. 2005; Parrish et al. 2009; Lefer and
122 Rappengluck 2010; Olaguer et al. 2013; Czader et al. 2013, Choi et al. 2012; Choi 2014; Choi
123 and Souri, 2015; Pan et al. 2015). It is a good place for studying ozone production and transport
124 due to the existence of a dense surface monitoring network, as well as several intensive
125 measurement field campaigns which provide ample observational data. For example in
126 September 2013, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), joined by a
127 number of agencies and universities, conducted a field measurement campaign in SETX as part
128 of its the Deriving Information on Surface conditions from Column and Vertically Resolved
129 Observations Relevant to Air Quality (DISCOVER-AQ) program ([http://www-](http://www-air.larc.nasa.gov/missions/discover-aq/discover-aq.html)
130 [air.larc.nasa.gov/missions/discover-aq/discover-aq.html](http://www-air.larc.nasa.gov/missions/discover-aq/discover-aq.html)). This program has conducted several
131 air quality and meteorology measurements at different locations in the U.S. The availability of
132 dense surface observations is important for obs-nudging to correct erroneous local winds in the
133 model. The performance of obs-nudging will be handicapped without a rich set of observations.

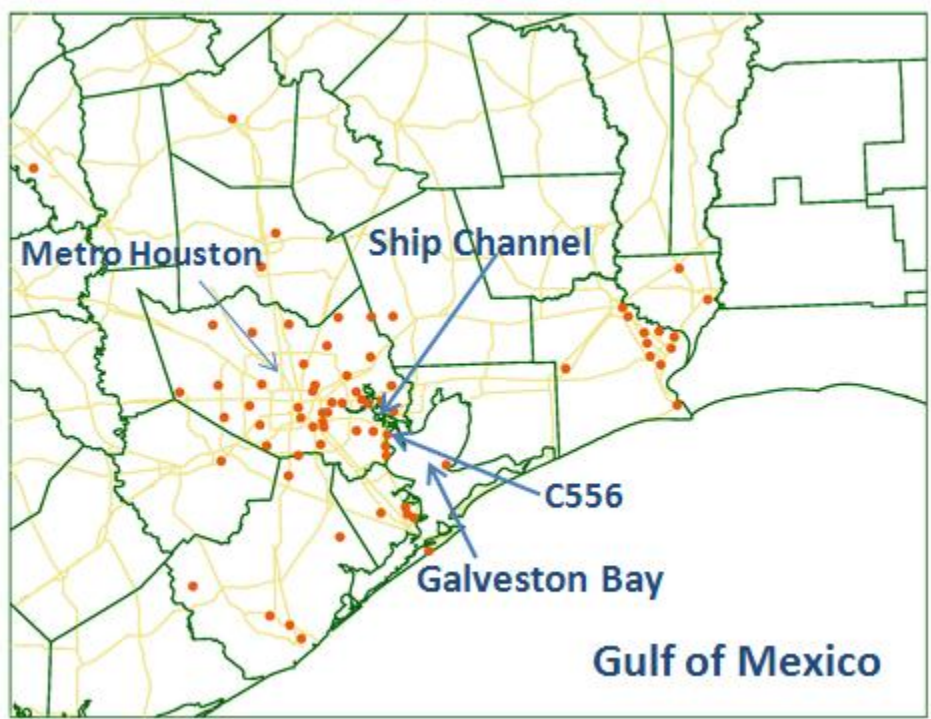
134 This study involved performing two sets of WRF and CMAQ model simulations for the 2013
135 DISCOVER-AQ Texas time period in order to understand the impact of obs-nudging. The data
136 for nudging included multiple sets of observation data from both surface and aloft measurements.
137 We evaluated model-measurement performance statistics for both WRF and CMAQ output.

138 **2. Observational Data and Model Configurations**

139 **2.1 Observational Data**

140 This study used regular measurements from the Continuous Ambient Monitoring Stations
141 (CAMS) operated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Additionally,
142 PBL and aloft ozone measurement data were obtained from the DISCOVER-AQ campaign. For
143 observation nudging, CAMS data and several data streams from the Meteorological Assimilation
144 Data Ingest System (MADIS) were used. The CAMS measurement network collected real-time
145 meteorology and pollutant data. The measured parameters differ from station to station. The

146 station density at South East Texas (SETX) is relatively high. There were 63 sites with
147 meteorological and 52 sites with ozone measurements in the 4-km domain. The network is
148 represented in Figure 1. The sites are represented by dots, with the La Porte (C556) site labeled.
149 All CAMS observations are accessible at TCEQ website: [http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/cgi-](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/cgi-bin/compliance/monops/daily_summary.pl)
150 [bin/compliance/monops/daily_summary.pl](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/cgi-bin/compliance/monops/daily_summary.pl).



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153 **Figure 1.** Locations of CAMS sites (dots) in CMAQ 4-km modeling domain during September
154 2013. Metro Houston, Houston Ship Channel, Galveston Bay and Gulf of Mexico are labeled
155 Additionally, PBL height measurements for September were recorded at a site at the University
156 of Houston. The PBL height was measured using the Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR)
157 system. The PBL data is currently available only at this site. For analysis of aloft ozone, we also
158 used measurements from aircraft P-3B, part of the rich datasets collected during DISCOVER-
159 AQ campaign. The P-3B data had over 100 parameters which are accessible online.

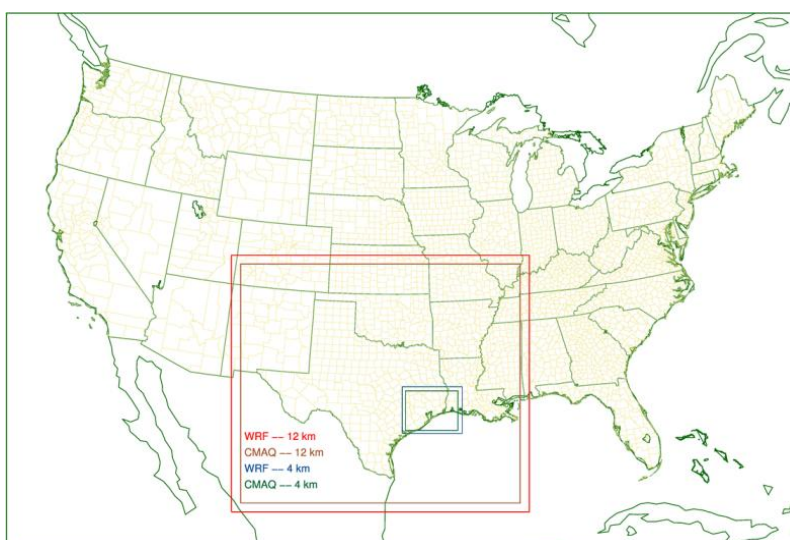
160 2.2 Model Configurations

161 The modeling system consists of the WRF meteorological model (Skamarock et al., 2008), the
162 Sparse Matrix Operator Kernel Emissions (SMOKE) model for emissions modeling (Houyoux et

163 al., 2000) and the CMAQ model (Byun and Schere, 2006) for chemical transport modeling. The
164 details about model configurations are presented in the following sections. Two sets of
165 simulations were conducted, one set with obs-nudging and OA and the other without. The base
166 case, referred as “No-OA”, did not employ obs-nudging or OA. The second case, “1Hr-OA”,
167 performed obs-nudging and OA using hourly nudging input.

168 **2.2.1. WRF Setup**

169 Both WRF simulations used the same nested domain and NARR (North American Regional
170 Reanalysis) as input, with grid nudging turned on. Figure 2 depicts the horizontal domain setup.
171 Two nested domains were used, with 12-km and 4-km resolution respectively. The 4-km domain
172 covered SETX and a small portion of Louisiana. The 12-km domain (red box) encompassed
173 Texas and parts of a few neighboring states. The number of grid cells for the 12-km and 4-km
174 domains were 161×145 (E-W by N-S), and 95×77 respectively. The projection type was Lambert
175 conic conformal (LCC). Three projection parameters were considered: namely first latitude
176 (33°N), second latitude (45°N) and standard longitude (97°W). The USEPA used the same
177 projection parameters to develop emission inventories for air quality modeling (Mason et al.
178 2010). Both domains had a vertical resolution of 27 eta layers based on dry hydrostatic pressures.
179 The model top is 100 hPa, corresponding to top layer pressure of the input NARR data.



181 **Figure 2.** Horizontal domains of WRF and CMAQ simulation at 4 km and 12 km grid resolution
182 (the bigger domains are for 12 km WRF and CMAQ and the smaller domains for 4 km WRF and
183 CMAQ).

184 **2.2.1.1. Input Data**

185 The NARR data used for WRF simulations is downloadable from
186 <http://rda.ucar.edu/datasets/ds608.0/>. The data were based on an Eta 221 grid at 29 pressure
187 levels. Its horizontal resolution was 32-km and the frequency was 3 hourly. The initial and
188 boundary conditions were generated from the NARR analysis by WRF. An alternative to NARR
189 was the Eta-NAM analysis data. However, the data temporal frequency was lowered from 3-
190 hourly to 6-hourly starting on 1/13. Our tests showed that it was not as good as the NARR dataset -
191 likely because of lower temporal resolution.

192 **2.2.1.2. Physics and FDDA Options**

193 Major physics options used in the model are listed in Table 1. Our past modeling experiences
194 indicated that employing the Yonsei University (YSU) four-layer PBL scheme and the Kain-Fritsch (K-
195 F) four-layer cumulus scheme gave the best results for the Houston area. The YSU scheme was also one of
196 the two PBL schemes recommended by Cuchiara et al. (2014). The K-F scheme is “drier” than
197 others and produces less number of “false” convective thunderstorms. For grid nudging
198 options, we generally followed the recommendations in the WRF User Guide. For example, the
199 mass fields (temperature and moisture) were nudged only at layers above the PBL while wind
200 fields were adjusted at all layers including the surface layer.

201 **2.2.1.3. Observation Nudging with MADIS and CAMS data in WRF**

202 Additional observational data are required to implement obs-nudging and OA. To generate the
203 input files for the OBSGRID program, we processed the observation data using the approach of
204 Ngan et al. (2012) and Czader et al. (2013). Observational data came from the MADIS and
205 TCEQ CAMS. MADIS is a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
206 program which collects, integrates, quality-controls and distributes observations from NOAA
207 and other organizations. Additional information is available online, <https://madis.ncep.noaa.gov/>.
208 The four MADIS datasets used for obs-nudging were NOAA Profiler Network (NPN),

209 Cooperative Agency Profilers (CAP), Meteorological Terminal Aviation Routine (METAR)
210 weather report and NOAA Radiosonde (RAOB). The METAR dataset was collected by mostly
211 first-order, METAR reporting, surface monitoring stations. NPN, RAOB and CAP were the most
212 commonly used upper air datasets.

213 The processed input observation data were fed into OBSGRID to update the domain analyses
214 and generate additional surface analyses and text nudging files. Actual obs-nudging was
215 performed by the main WRF program after obs-nudging namelist variables are properly set. The
216 namelist for OBSGRID and relevant WRF section settings came largely from recommended
217 values of WRF User's Guide and a previous study by Ngan et al. (2012).

218 Theoretically, obs-nudging updating at a higher frequency should enhance the model's
219 performance. A typical frequency of input analysis data is 3-hourly while the frequency for
220 observational data is hourly. The 3-hourly frequency of input analyses may be the reason for the
221 default 3-hour time interval in WRF's OBSGRID settings for generating the obs-nudging files.
222 Since there were few existing obs-nudging studies related to air quality and we were not aware of
223 any reference to the adoption of 1-hour input frequency, we assumed that all the existing studies
224 used the default 3-hour interval. As the WRF model allows the interval to be set to 1-hour or
225 smaller when corresponding observational data were available, we tested both 1-hour and 3-hour
226 scenarios. The results indicated that 1-hour obs-nudging had slightly better performance than the
227 3-hour one. As a result, this study adopted 1-hour temporal frequency for observation nudging.
228 The quantities that were nudged were temperature, moisture, and the two wind components (U-
229 WIND and V-WIND). Obs-nudging for moisture was not performed in this study. This was
230 based on our past experiences since performing moisture nudging sometimes triggered excessive
231 artificial thunderstorms which disrupted model flow fields.

232 2.2.2. Emissions Processing

233 For anthropogenic sources we utilized the National Emissions Inventory of 2008 (NEI2008)
234 generated by the USEPA (USEPA, 2011). Motor vehicle emissions for this inventory were
235 processed using the EPA's Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator (MOVES) (USEPA, 2015). The
236 inventory was processed using the Sparse Matrix Operator Kernel Emissions (SMOKE) model
237 v3.1 to obtain gridded emission rates and speciated for the Carbon Bond 05 (CB05) chemical

238 mechanism for use in the CMAQ model. The biogenic emissions were modeled using the
239 Biogenic Emissions Inventory System (BEIS) v3.14. Although NEI2008 might have
240 overestimated NO_x emissions in Houston (e.g., Choi 2012; Czader et al. 2015), we used base
241 NEI2008 without adjustment because the adjustment of the NO_x emission also has large
242 uncertainty. Pan et al. (2015) showed that the CMAQ ozone performance using NEI2008 appears
243 reasonable.

244 2.2.3. CMAQ Configurations

245 The USEPA's CMAQ (Byun and Schere 2006) version 5.0.1 was adopted for this study. Several
246 air quality studies focusing on the Houston area have used this model (e.g., Foley et al. 2010;
247 Czader et al. 2013, 2015; Choi 2014; Pan et al. 2015). CMAQ horizontal domains were slightly
248 smaller than the WRF counterpart in order to avoid the discontinuity near the domain boundary.
249 The domains were shown in Figure 2 as green and brown boxes. The chemical boundary
250 conditions for all the species in the 4-km domain were derived from 12-km domain air quality
251 forecasting results (<http://spock.geosc.uh.edu>). The model used the same vertical structure as
252 WRF. Major CMAQ configurations are listed in Table 2. Chemical processes were simulated
253 with the available in CMAQ CB05 chemical mechanism with cloud/aqueous chemistry, active
254 chlorine chemistry and updated toluene mechanism. For aerosol modeling, the fifth-generation
255 CMAQ aerosol mechanism (AE5) which includes sea salt modeling was selected. The total
256 number of included species is 132, with 70 reactive gas-phase, 49 aerosol and 13 non-reactive
257 species.

258 3. Evaluation Metrics

259 To assess model performance against observations, we computed a set of five statistics including
260 Pearson correlation, index of agreement (IOA, Willmott 1981), mean bias (MB), root mean
261 square error (RMSE), and Mean Absolute Error (MAE). This list is similar to one used by Li et
262 al (2008) for model performance evaluation. The goal is to have a comprehensive comparison
263 between model and observation time series. The set of five statistics was divided into three
264 groups:

265 1) Evaluation of the magnitude of model results vis-a-vis in-situ data

- 266 • Mean Bias (MB)
- 267 • Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
- 268 • Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)

269 2) Measuring how close the model values follow changes in the observations, unitless

- 270 • Correlation

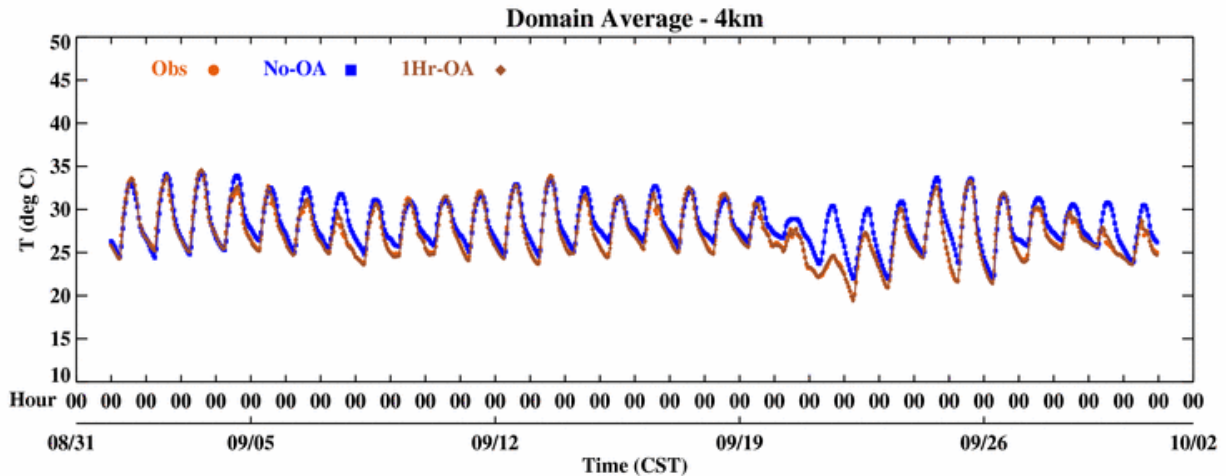
271 3) A composite performance index, index of agreement (IOA or d), unitless

272 IOA is considered a better performance index than correlation as it takes into account the
273 difference in the means and standard deviation. For example, when correlations are similar,
274 lower model biases would yield higher IOA values. Additionally, the mean and the standard
275 deviation of model values and observations were included as a reference



276 **4. General Meteorological and Ozone Conditions in September 2013**

277 The weather during September 2013 was relatively dry with mostly southerly, easterly or
278 southeasterly winds. From 5 to 19 September, there was a lack of influence of strong synoptic
279 weather systems. Shifting wind patterns were observed during the period: light northeasterly in
280 the early morning gradually turned clockwise to southeasterly in the afternoon and evening
281 hours. In this period, winds shifted from southeast to near east and there were more clouds after
282 10 September. The only cold front arrived on the early morning of 21 September. Figure 3
283 shows the regional average temperatures for the period and it can be seen that 21 September has
284 the lowest daily high temperature. The influences of the cold air intrusion lasted till early 25
285 September. Winds turned into southerly in the afternoon of the 25th and warming continued in
286 the next few days until the 28th.

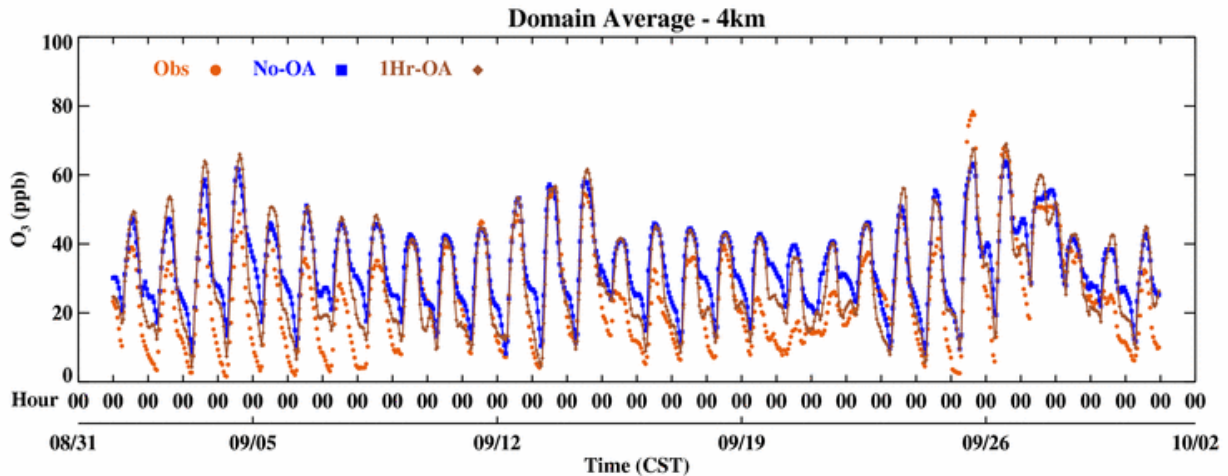


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288 **Figure 3.** Regional hourly temperature averaged over all available hourly CAMS observations,
 289 two model cases also included for September of 2011

290 Light rain events occurred on 09/02, 09/10, 09/16, 09/19 to 09/21 and 09/28 to 09/30. The 09/20
 291 and 09/21 events consisted of widespread light to medium showers. Besides the above-
 292 mentioned dates, there were a few other days with sporadic drizzles. A majority of the days
 293 between 09/01 and 09/20 were either sunny or cloudy. The periods from 09/08 to 09/10 and
 294 09/18 to 09/20 had more clouds than other days. The period from 09/21 to 09/30 was influenced
 295 by a cold front passage. The days between 09/22 and 09/24 were sunny and cold. The surface
 296 wind reversed direction during midday of 09/25 and brought clouds back from 09/26 to 09/30.
 297 High ozone events in SETX during fall are typically associated with a passage of cold front (e.g.,
 298 Rappenglueck et al. 2008). The only ozone event with hourly surface ozone exceeding 120 ppb
 299 (parts per billion) in September which occurred on the 25th fell in this category.

300 Figure 4 plots the hourly regional averaged ozone. On most days, the in-situ averaged ozone
 301 concentrations were below 70 ppb. Since the winds after dawn consistently pushed the
 302 precursors from the industrial area to the southwest of the city, the wind pattern did not favor the
 303 local ozone production. The daytime winds also contained a persistent easterly component which
 304 moved the pollutants away from the Houston metropolitan area. In the first 10-day period, low
 305 background ozone originating from the Gulf of Mexico contributed to the low-ozone days. With
 306 overcast skies on the 19th and the 20th, hourly high ozone values dipped below 30 ppb. The two
 307 highest ozone days characterized by post-frontal ozone events were the 25th and the 26th.



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309 **Figure 4.** The hourly regional averaged ozone for the two cases (No-OA and 1hr-OA) at the
 310 stations which include observation surface O_3 over the 4km domain for September of 2013.

311 5. Results

312 To evaluate the WRF simulation, we calculated statistics for surface temperature and winds in
 313 the 4-km domain. For PBL heights, we chose to plot out the time-series for the one site we had
 314 observations due to significant amount of missing data (data coverage is about 50%). For CMAQ
 315 evaluation, we calculated the surface ozone statistics for the whole month. Also, we plotted
 316 vertical ozone profile and calculated biases for aloft ozone on the 25th.

317 5.1. Meteorology

318 5.1.1. Temperature

319 The comparison of regional average hourly temperature for the simulation period is shown in
 320 Figure 3. The regional observed averaged surface temperature was calculated by averaging the
 321 hourly temperature from ~60 CAMS sites in the 4-km model domain. The base case temperature
 322 was too high compared to the in-situ measurements. For example, the No-OA maximum
 323 temperature for the 21st was 30°C compared to 25°C for the in-situ data. The high biases in the
 324 base case are sharply reduced in the “1Hr-OA” case and temperature matched better with the
 325 observations for several time periods, especially for September 20-23. The statistics of hourly
 326 surface temperature are listed in Table 3. With higher IOA and lower mean biases (MB), the

327 “1Hr-OA” case was clearly better than the base case “No-OA”. The IOA of “1Hr-OA” was about
328 9% higher than the base case.

329 **5.1.2. Winds**

330 In ozone chemistry, winds affect the accumulation of precursors and hence the resulting ozone
331 production (e.g., Banta et al. 2005, 2011; Darby 2005). They are also responsible for dispersing
332 high ozone and bringing in background ozone. Prevailing summer time southerly to
333 southeasterly winds in the HGB region significantly lower the ozone concentrations in the
334 metropolitan area. Therefore, high ozone events usually occur when such wind patterns change.
335 Cold front intrusions coming as early as late August blow pollutants to the south. As a result, an
336 area of high ozone develops in the Gulf. Following cold fronts weakening and the weather
337 warming up, reversing winds can bring high ozone back to land. High ozone may also occur
338 during intra-day recirculation events when pollutants previously blown away from industrial
339 zone are brought back by reversing winds. Correctly simulating these recirculation events is
340 particularly important in predicting the high ozone event caused by post-front conditions. The
341 ozone event in the HSC area on 09/25 was likely due to a combination of local recirculation
342 caused by onset of the bay breeze and increased background ozone brought in by transport.

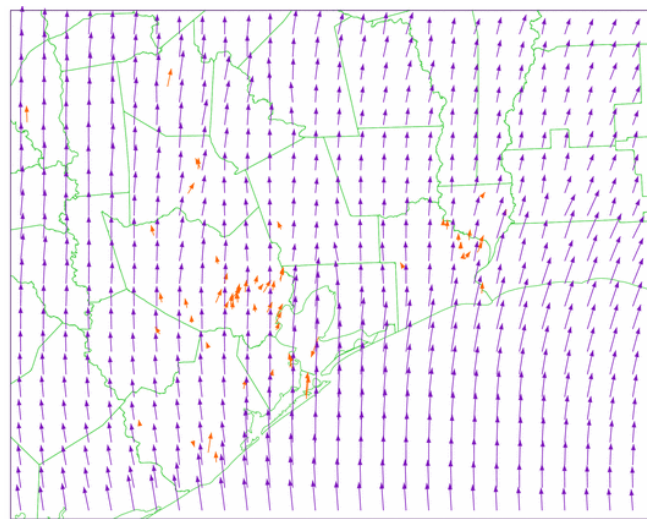
343 Due to the land-water thermal contrast and the different size of the Galveston Bay and the Gulf
344 of Mexico, the western shore of the Galveston Bay often experiences a successive onset of bay
345 breeze and sea breeze in the summer. The bay breeze is typically a weaker easterly while a
346 breeze is a stronger southeasterly. A sea breeze usually comes one to a few hours later after the bay
347 breeze. The bay breeze and the subsequent sea breeze phenomena in Houston were described by
348 Banta et al. (2005).

349 The statistics of zonal (U-WIND) and meridional (V-WIND) wind components are listed in
350 Table 3. The purpose of choosing U and V over wind speed and direction is to avoid the
351 anomalies in the wind direction statistics. For example, although wind direction of 5 and 355
352 degrees are close, the statistics suggest that they are distinctively different.

353 For both U and V components of wind, “1Hr-OA” had higher correlation and IOA than “No-
354 OA”. The model performance on U and V are similar, with the correlation in a range of 0.76 to
355 0.81 for all the cases. For comparison, the performance of the OA case (“M1”) in Ngan et al.

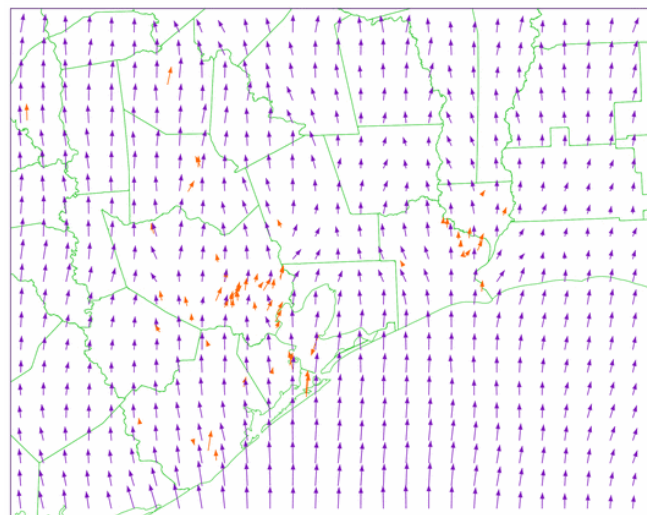
356 (2012) is very close to that in this study, with a correlation of 0.75 for U and 0.82 for V. In terms
357 of IOA, the OA case had a larger lead over the base case, ahead by 5-6% in U and 10-11% in V
358 over the base case. This can be explained by the much reduced wind biases in the OA case.

359 The base case had consistently stronger winds, especially the southerly component, than the
360 observations. This was reflected in the mean bias “MB”, as well as the model mean “M_M”.
361 Winds were reduced significantly after OA was performed. Interestingly, the high southerly bias
362 in “No-OA” turned slightly negative after OA. Winds originating from the Gulf were also
363 stronger in this case, which played a role in raising the ozone level comparing to the sensitivity
364 case. Figure 5 illustrated the slowing down of southerly winds after observation nudging. As a
365 result of nudging, the wind vectors matched better to the observations.



No-OA 4km Wind 20130901_00 CST

10 m/s



1Hr-OA 4km Wind 20130901_00 CST

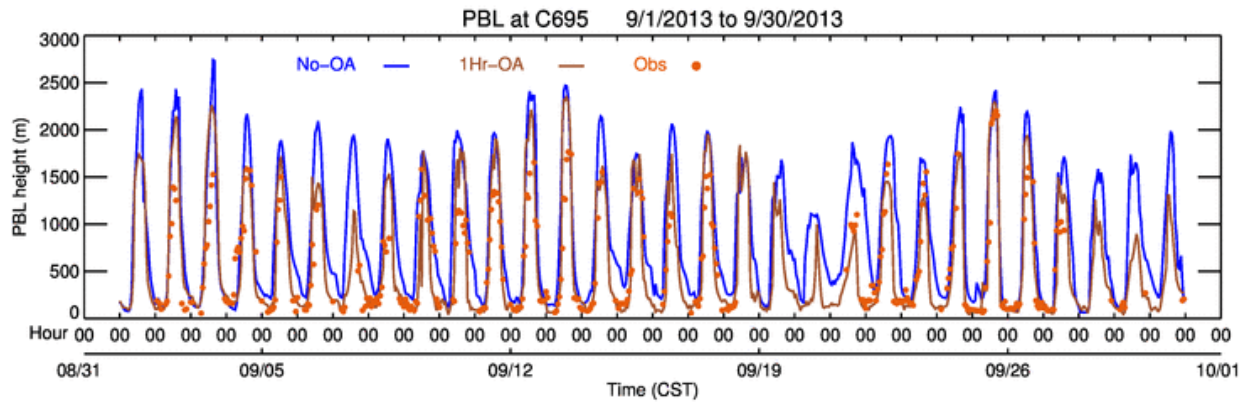
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367 **Figure 5.** Model and observed winds at 09/01_00 CST: No-OA (top) and 1Hr-OA (bottom).
368 Model winds are blue arrows and the observations are orange arrows. Stronger southerly winds,
369 especially along coastal region, were reduced in the OA case.

370 5.1.3. PBL height

371 Atmospheric pollutants are largely confined in the PBL as most of the emissions sources are
372 close to the ground level. Hence the PBL height plays a critical role in mixing and spreading the
373 pollutants. Haman et al. (2014) studied the relationship between ozone level and PBL height at a
374 Houston CAMS site and found that nighttime and early morning PBL heights were consistently
375 lower on high ozone days than on low ozone days. Czader et al. (2013) pointed out that the
376 model underprediction of PBL during nighttime may have caused the CO overprediction at the
377 same site. CO is a good proxy for understanding model transport since it has low reactivity and
378 a relatively long life time in the troposphere. Cuchiara et al. (2014) conducted four WRF/Chem
379 sensitivity tests using different PBL schemes over southeast Texas. While no preferred PBL
380 scheme was identified for WRF simulations, the YSU scheme performed better than others in
381 terms of ozone prediction.

382 Haman et al. (2012) showed that the daily maximum PBL height at the University of Houston
383 site indicated previously reached its highest values of slightly over 2000 m in August. In
384 September, typical daily maximum PBL height was 1500 m at 15 CST while daily minimum was
385 just below 200 m between 00 CST and 06 CST. The comparison of observed and model PBL
386 height is shown at Figure 6. Our results indicated that the model tended to overpredict the daily
387 maximum PBL height; obs-nudging helped to reduce the overprediction. For the daily minimum
388 PBL height, “No-OA” case had slightly high biases while the OA case matched quite well with
389 in-situ height data. The observed minimum PBL height was lower than that reported by Haman
390 et al. (2012), likely due to the cloudy conditions prevailing in September 2013. There was no
391 apparent explanation on the reduced daytime PBL biases in the OA case than the base case, but it
392 is likely the results of improved winds and temperatures in PBL.



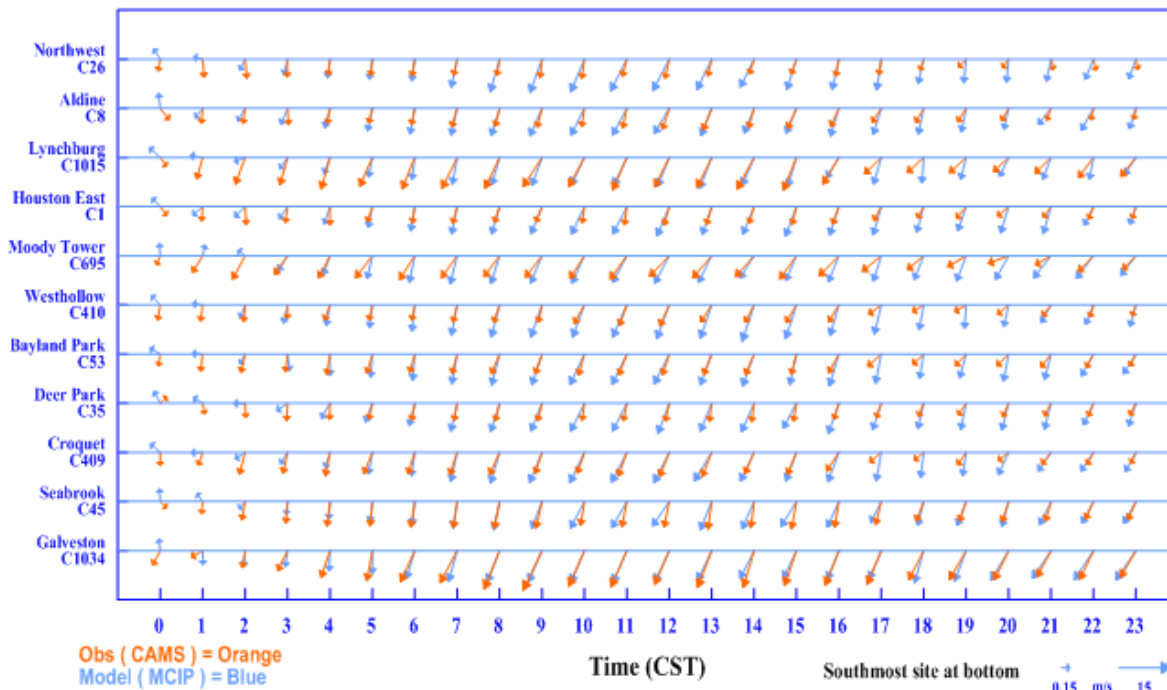
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 394 **Figure 6.** Planetary Boundary Layer (PBL) height time series at CAMS C695 for September
 395 2013.

396 **5.1.4. Cold Front Passage**

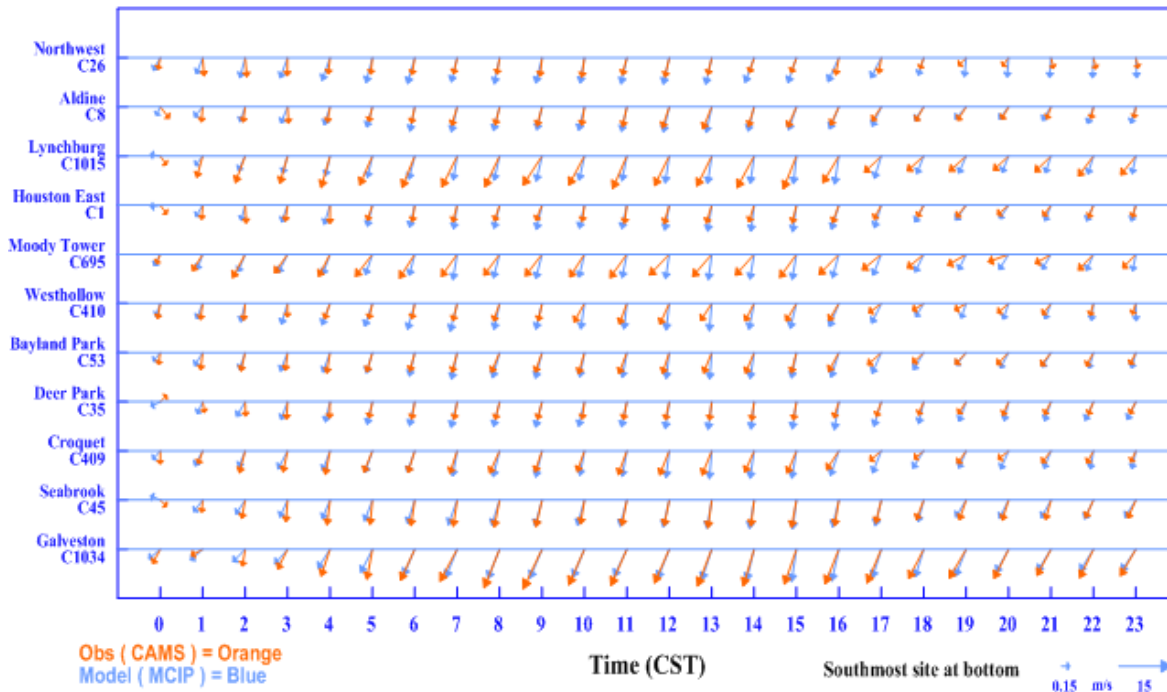
397 The surface winds on 09/20 were overwhelmingly southerly in the region and reversed on 21
 398 September due to the arrival of a cold front. The hour-by-hour wind shifts for 11 sites in HGB on
 399 21 September are plotted in Figure 7. The sites are sorted by latitude with the southernmost site,
 400 Galveston C1034, located at the bottom row. There was only one site, Deer Park C35, showing
 401 weak southerly at 00 CST while all the others had mostly weak northerly. Starting from 01 CST,
 402 winds in the entire HGB area turned northerly to northeasterly and continued gaining strength in
 403 the next few hours, indicating cold air had taken over the region.

404 Both cases performed reasonably well on 09/21 and the timing of wind shift was captured quite
 405 accurately; although “No-OA” lagged behind by ~ 1 hr. The winds turned weak northerly at 00
 406 CST for most sites but the “No-OA” case still showed the wind direction to be all southerly.
 407 Besides the timing, the northeasterly winds in “No-OA” case sometimes were too strong; obs-
 408 nudging helped moderate the winds. The reduced V-wind bias in “1Hr-OA” was also evident in
 409 the wind model-measurement statistics on 21 September.


20130921: Houston Wind - No-OA



20130921: Houston Wind - 1Hr-OA









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411 **Figure 7.** Hourly model (blue) and CAMS (orange) winds at 11 sites on 21 September: No-OA
 412 (top) and 1hr-OA (bottom). The 1hr-OA case is better  0 CST to 02 CST and 17 CST to 20
 413 CST.

414 5.2. Ozone



415 5.2.1. Regional Average Hourly Ozone


416 Figure 4 plots the regional average hourly ozone, which was defined similarly to the average
417 temperature. Overall, observed ozone concentrations were low and the model did a reasonably
418 good job on capturing the timing of intra-day variations. However, both cases tended to
419 overpredict the daily highs and daily lows, especially in the first 8 days and between 15 and 21
420 September. An obvious departure is the 25th – both cases missed the daily high. During the
421 model high bias period, the OA case usually did better in reaching the daily low although it
422 overpredicted the high a bit more than the base case. The night time biases were reduced likely
423 because the lower southerly winds in the OA case transported less ozone from the Gulf to the
424 land 

425 Our results suggested that the modeled ozone concentrations were likely higher in the Gulf than
426 actual.  However during the 2nd – 4th and 7th-8th of September, the incoming ozone from the Gulf
427 was markedly low.  Since the model ozone had fixed boundary values, the model was unable to
428 capture the daily ozone variation at the boundary. The model showed the highest biases during
429 a period of the 19th -20th likely due to overcast skies and uncertainties in modeled  cloud fields and
430 high background ozone values. Despite the overprediction, the biases in OA case are notably
431 lower  during the nights of 19th and 20th. A future study to upgrade the accuracy of cloud fraction
432 using remote sensing data (e.g., MODIS)  should be helpful in explaining the biases.


433 There were a few days with elevated ozone due to post-front meteorology conditions. The only
434 exceedance happened on 09/25, which was likely caused by meteorological events in Houston
435 and the Galveston Bay. The overall ozone on 26 September was high  after southerly winds
436 transported back the ozone from the Gulf, raising the ozone level in the entire region. A more
437 detailed analysis of model predictions on 09/25 and 09/26 will be presented in following 
438 subsection of 5.2.3.


439 5.2.2. Performance Statistics


440 The ozone statistics are listed in Table 4. Both cases had very close  correlation of 0.72 and 0.73.
441 However, the mean biases in the OA case were lower  by 3.2 ppb, which helped raise the IOA


442 from 0.78 to 0.83. The model standard deviation increased in the OA case and matched better
443 with that of the in-situ data. The improvement in IOA was slightly less as compared to that for
444 temperature and wind 

445 **5.2.3. High ozone episode after the passage of a front**

446 In SETX, high ozone events during the fall season usually occur  after the passage of a cold
447 front (e.g., Rappenglück et al. 2008; Ngan and Byun 2011; Ngan et al. 2012; Haman et al. 2014).
448 Two factors may have contributed to the post-front ozone events: 1) Following a cold spell, light
449 winds and sunny skies create an ideal condition for ozone production and accumulation. 2) Wind
450 reversal may transport back the pollutants that were previously blown into the Gulf.

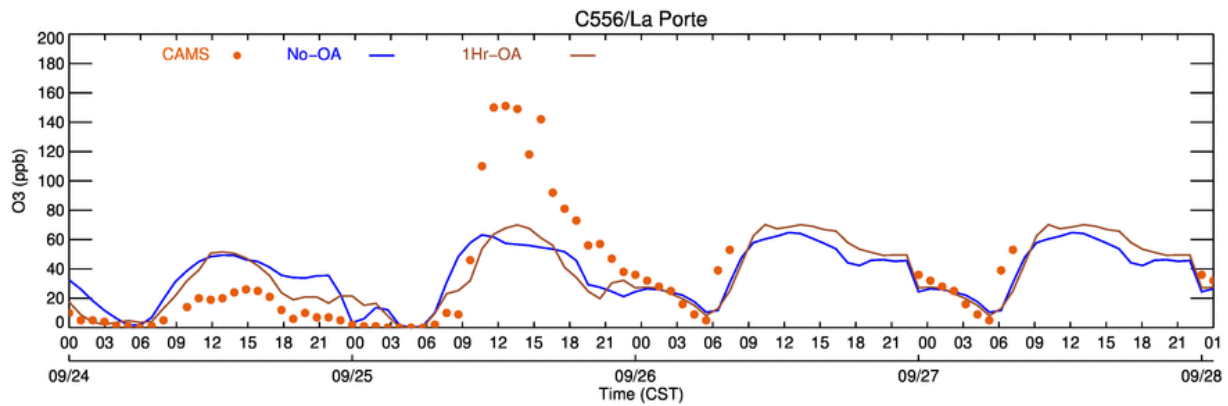
451 During the DISCOVER-AQ period, the two days with highest ozone concentrations were the
452 25th and 26th of September as indicated in Figure 4. The 1-hour maximum ozone on the 25th was
453 localized and higher by about 40 ppb than the 26th. In addition to heightened background ozone
454 on the 25th, the major contributor was the production resulting from favorable weather
455 conditions: sunny, overall light winds and shifting winds over the industrial area. The light
456 morning land breeze carried pollutants from  ship channel area to the Galveston Bay. As the day
457 warmed up, the bay breeze started to develop and carry pollutants back to the land. This
458 localized circulation was described by Banta et al. (2005). Ngan et al. (2012) reported the same
459 phenomenon in their Texas Air Quality Study-II 2006 study.

460 Figure 8 shows the ozone time series for the La Porte (C556 in Figure 1) site located in the HSC
461 area. The highest hourly ozone for September, 151 ppb occurred here at 13 CST on the 25th.
462 Ozone rose from 10 ppb to 150 ppb between 09-12 CST. Such a dramatic  increase in ozone was
463 likely the result of increased photochemical activity under favorable meteorological conditions in
464 an area with accumulated precursors. Figures 9 and 10 depict the wind and ozone concentrations
465 at 08 CST and 13 CST.

466 The wind plots of Figure 9 indicate that the winds in the HGB region at 8 CST were light
467 northerly for sites located on the north side while they were westerly for the sites in the middle
468 and south. The base case winds were all northerly while the OA case had northwest winds for
469  north side and west winds for the middle and south. Hence, the model winds in OA case are
470 more realistic than the winds in base case. The 09 CST winds were similar to those of 08 CST.

471 As a result, the ozone statistics in Table 5 showed that the OA case had much better correlation
472 and IOA than the base case during 08-09 CST. This example demonstrated the ability of obs-
473 nudging to correct erroneous winds. However, later events showed it may not always be able to
474 perform consistently.

475 The bay breeze started to develop at 10 CST near the C556 site. The early onset was likely to be
476 related to warming up on the previous afternoon on 09/24 as indicated in Figure 3. At 10 CST
477 most other sites to the west of HSC experienced light northwest winds while those at HSC
478 originated from the northeast. Combined with the easterly bay breeze, a convergence zone was
479 formed just below C556, where emissions from the HSC area stalled and accumulated. At 13
480 CST, the whole region had light winds and the bay breeze was well developed. The highest
481 ozone indeed appeared in C556 and its vicinity. The rapid increase of ozone concentration for
482 C556 between 09-13 CST is shown in Figure 8.

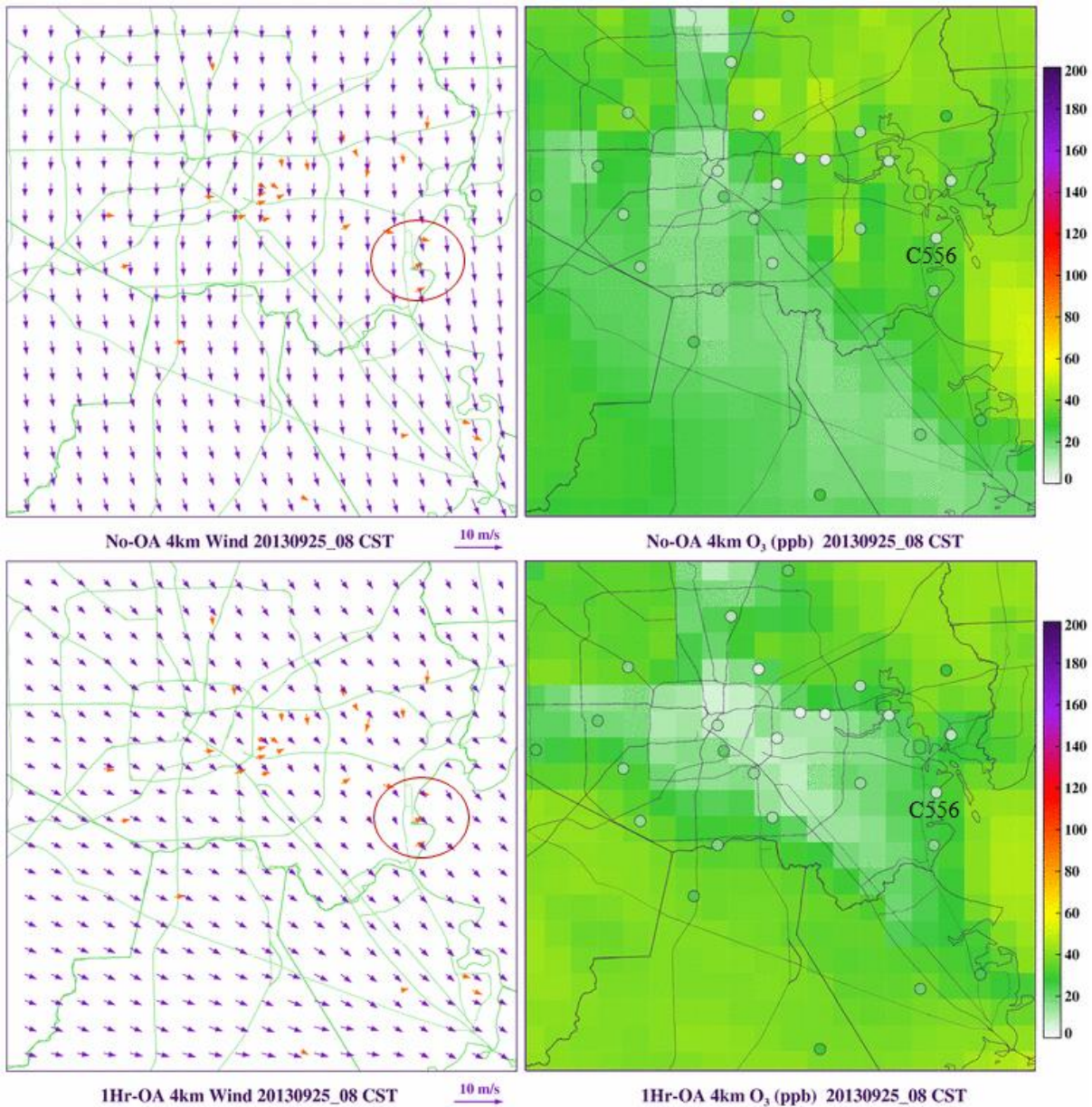


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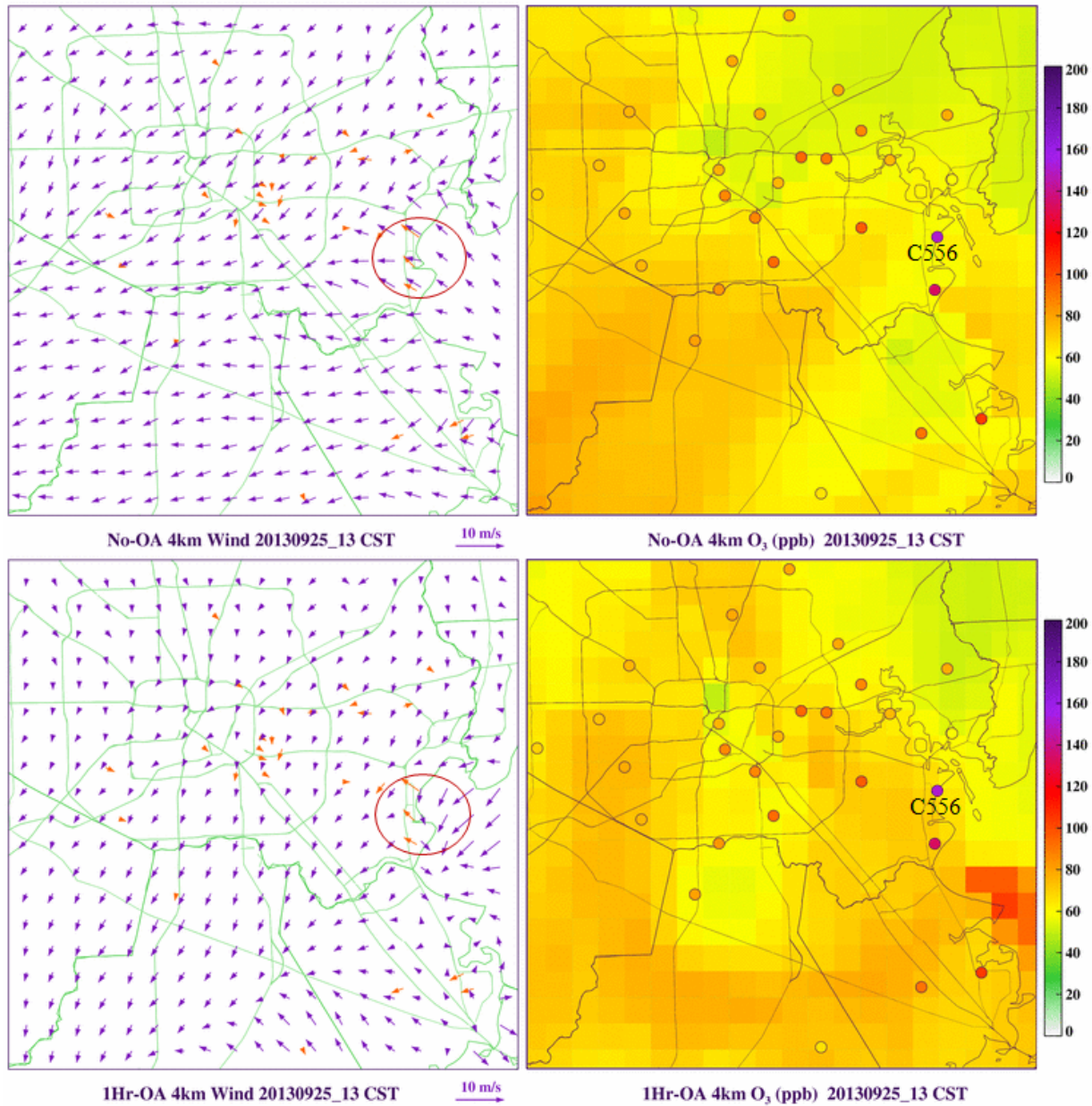
484 **Figure 8.** Ozone time series of La Porte (C556) between 09/24_00 to 09/28_00 CST of 2013.

485 It is important to note that both modeled cases missed the wind shifts in the HSC area, and the
486 resulting convergence zone near C556. This could explain the model's inability to recreate the
487 sharp ozone increase at C556. Figure 9 shows that the ozone concentrations around HSC area are
488 quite low (~10 ppb) at 08 CST. A further examination showed that while both model cases
489 missed the wind shift and convergence, the patterns were different. The base case had flawed
490 winds for most of the morning: instead of a weak westerly, it had stronger northwesterly to
491 northerly. By 08 CST, winds were almost uniformly northerly in the base case while they were
492 weak west-northwesterly in the OA case (Figure 9). The oval in Figure 9's top-left panel shows

493 the mismatch of winds around C556 in the base case. As a result, the NO_x produced in the city
494 was carried further to the southeast in the model in the base case. Until 13 CST, base case winds
495 did not shift directions by much. The OA case got the early hour weak northwesterly right, but
496 missed the bay breeze onset between 10 and 13 CST (oval in Figure 10). The OA case could not
497 reproduce the small-scale wind reversal near C556, suggesting there is a limitation in the current
498 WRF OA capability. On the other hand, the OA case did improve the spatial ozone pattern, as
499 the high ozone area was closer to HSC after OA (Figure 10).



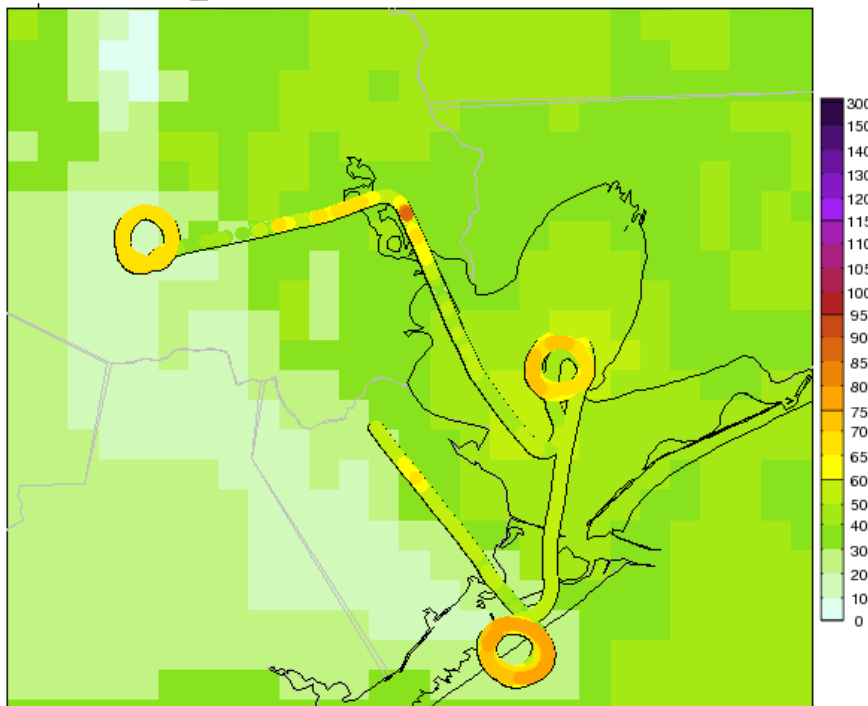
501 **Figure 9.** Zoom-in ozone concentrations (right) and wind plots (left) at 13 CST 25 September for
 502 “No-OA” (top) and “1Hr-OA” (bottom). Ozone observation is indicated by a small circle; wind observation
 503 is indicated by an orange arrow. La Porte site C556 is labeled. The numerical range of the color-side
 504 colour scale is 0 to 200 ppb. Higher values than 200 ppb use the same colour as 200 ppb.



505 **Figure 10.** Zoom-in ozone concentrations (right) and wind plots (left) at 13 CST 25 September
 506 for “No-OA” (top) and “1Hr-OA” (bottom). Ozone observation is indicated by a small circle; wind
 507 observation is indicated by an orange arrow. Bay breeze is shown in the orange oval.

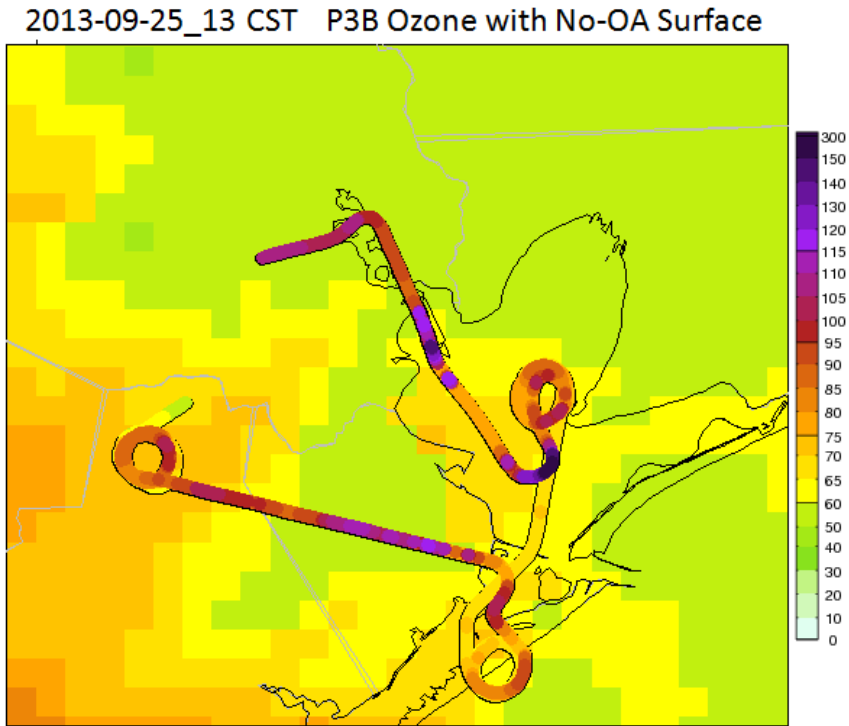
510 The ozone measurements from aircraft P3-B provided a more complete picture for the ozone
511 evolution on 09/25. During the day, the aircraft flew around the industrial area, Galveston Bay
512 and Galveston Island for about 9 hours. Figures 11 and 12 plot the ozone concentrations along
513 aircraft tracks at 08 and 13 CST. Surface layer ozone from the “No-OA” case is provided as
514 background for reference. At 08 CST, one level of 60-80 ppb aloft was already observed at
515 three locations (three loops in Fig. 11): Galveston Island, Smith Point and another city. Another
516 high of ~90 ppb could be seen above the HSC area. Ozone sonde observations over HGB showed
517 the aloft ozone concentrations were typically ~40-50 ppb (e. g., Li and Rappengluck 2014) at the
518 height level. The higher-than normal ozone aloft suggested a post-front ozone recirculation
519 condition. Such high ozone aloft might raise surface ozone as a growing PBL downwardly mixed
520 the air aloft with near surface air. At 13 CST, high ozone over 100 ppb was observed at multiple
521 locations. The highest aloft ozone of ~ 160 ppb occurred southwest of Smith Point in the
522 Galveston Bay. Such high increase in ozone concentrations was likely the result of active
523 photochemistry in the industrial zone and around Galveston Bay; indicating a high level of
524 precursor accumulation in the area.

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526 **Figure 11.** Ozone along aircraft tracks at 08 CST of September 25th, overlaid upon model No-
527 OA surface ozone



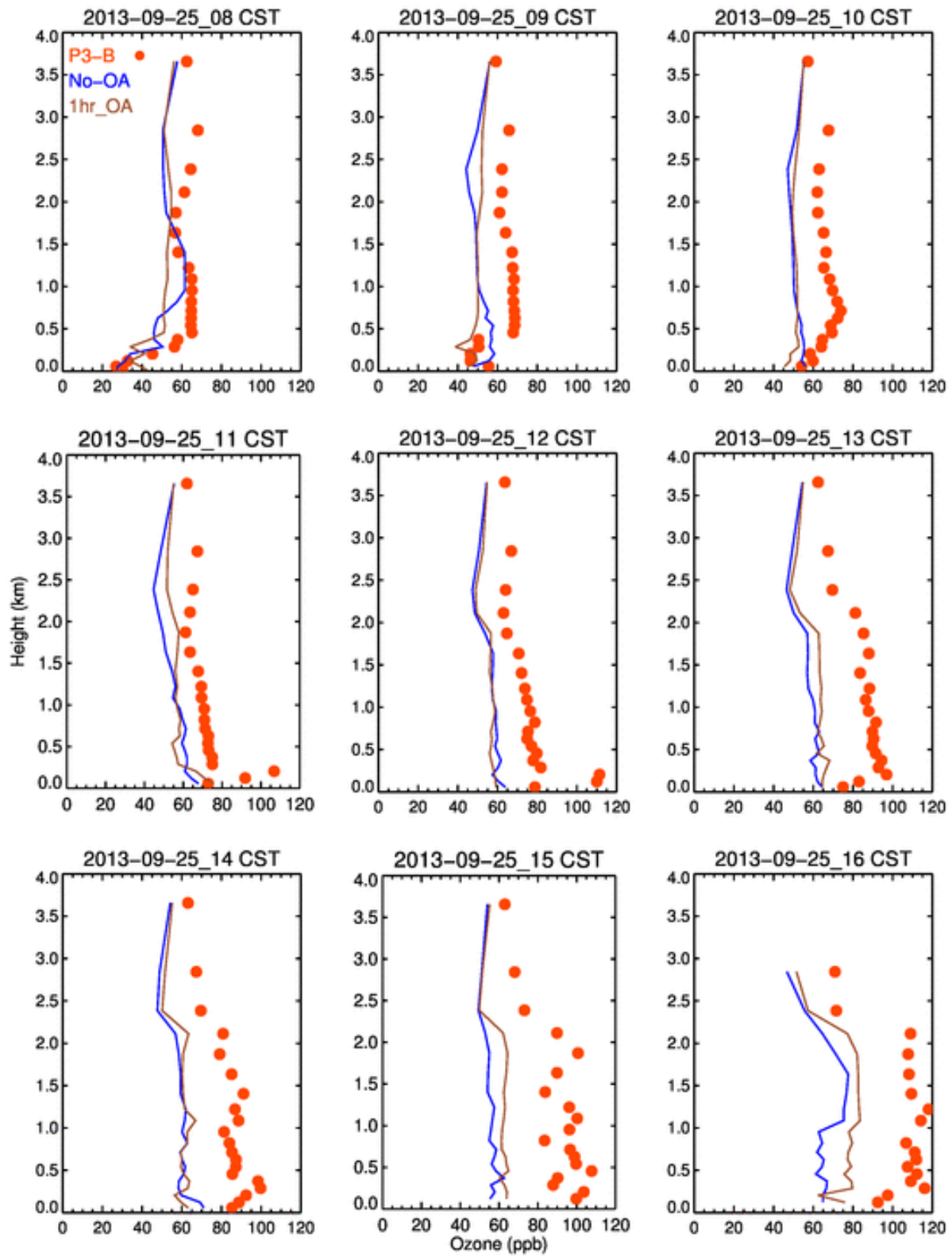
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529 **Figure 12.** Ozone along aircraft tracks at 09/25_13 CST of September 25th, overlaid upon model
530 “No-OA” surface ozone. Plumes can be seen as dark purple circles in Galveston Bay.

531 Figure 13 shows hourly ozone vertical profiles from 08 CST to 16 CST on September 25th, with
532 ozone being displayed on the x-axis and height on the y-axis. The observed ozone was averaged
533 over multiple measurements in the same model cell, so that they could be compared to model
534 output. Next, both model and observed ozone values were averaged over all the grid cells in the
535 same model layer, such that one dot represents the average ozone of all the cells in the same
536 layer. The 08 and 09 CST profiles showed there was a high ozone layer with average ozone of
537 ~65 ppb stretching from 450 m to 1200 m height. In comparison, all model runs had lower ozone
538 in this layer. The model biases as shown in Figure 14 were about -10 ppb at 08 CST and grew to
539 -20 ppb at 09 CST. The large discrepancy between low surface ozone and ozone aloft was
540 unusual and may be explained by the arrival of high ozone air mass aloft. The observed ozone
541 rose continuously following hours yet model simulated ozone stagnated around 60 ppb from
542 surface up to 2000 m until 15 CST. At 16 CST, the ozone case in the lowermost (0-1 km)

543 layer rose 20 ppb over the previous hours yet the base case ozone increased only a few ppb.
544 Although different in magnitude, the aloft ozone had a few similar features to the surface ozone.
545 Firstly, the model missed the observed high ozone in the afternoon by a large margin. For
546 example, the base case underpredicted the 0-1 km level ozone by up to 50 ppb. The primary
547 cause for the lower ozone production was likely model's wind fields as both model and
548 observations had a clear sky in industrial area and Galveston Bay. Secondly, nudging clearly
549 helped reducing the ozone biases aloft. In most plots of Figure 14, the OA case had lower biases
550 than the base case. The largest difference was at 16 CST when nudging reduced biases from ~45
551 ppb to ~30 ppb in the 300 – 1000 m layer.

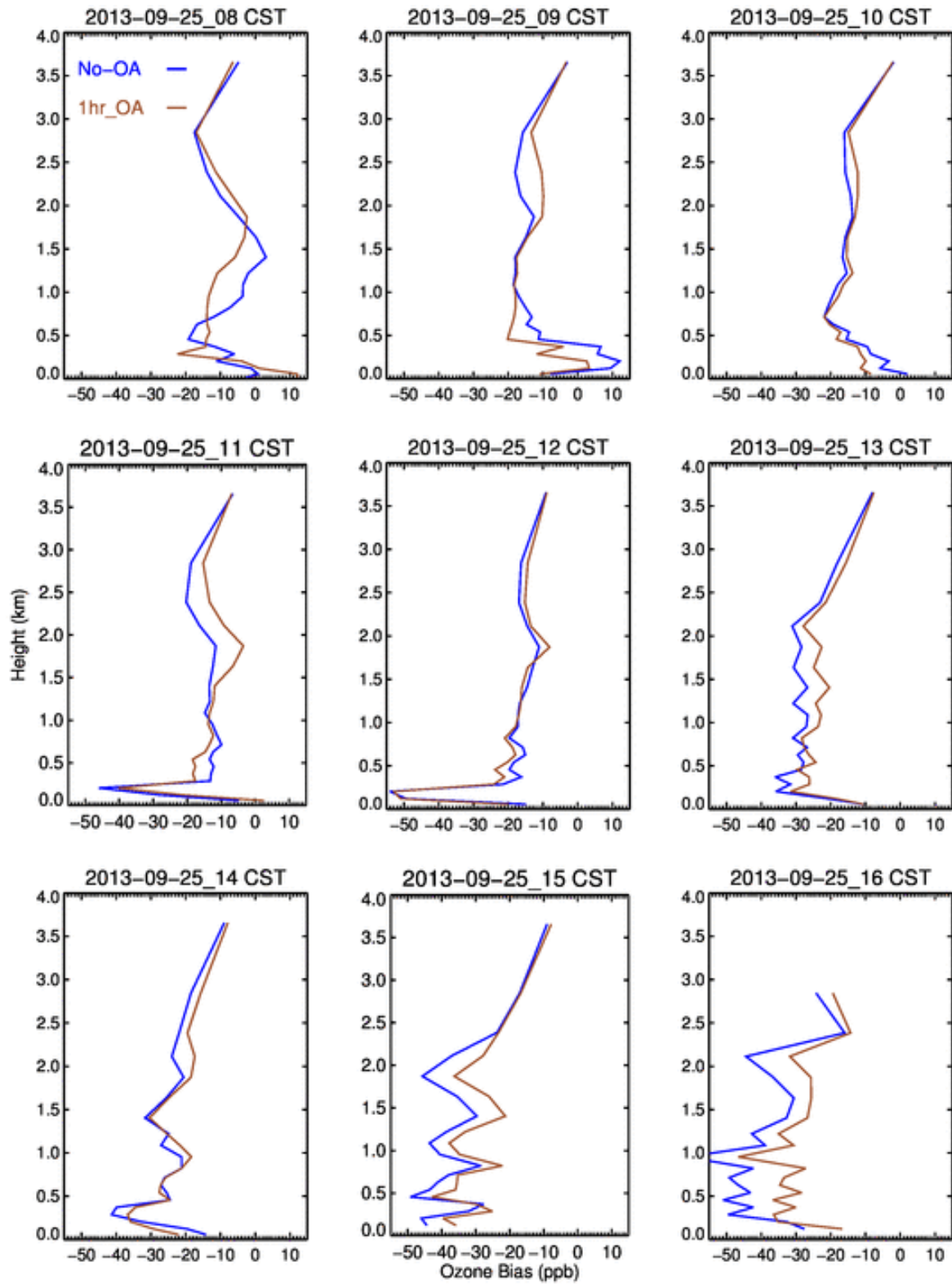
552 While it is easy to understand the improvements in temperature and winds after obs-nudging was
553 applied, it is more difficult to explain how other variables such as precipitation and clouds
554 reacted to obs-nudging. The indirect impact of these meteorological variables on ozone was
555 harder to assess. In our study, we did not evaluate clouds quantitatively as there were no
556 digitized cloud fraction data available for our modeling domains. A preliminary analysis on
557 convection showed that there were occasions in which model missed the convection or
558 precipitation and there were other occasions in which model created artificial convection. The
559 convection cells were usually visible as "star-burst" from surface wind vector plots – arrows
560 going out to different directions from a center. However, the mismatch in convection appeared to
561 be not a serious issue since only a few occurrences were observed in the month of September.

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564 **Figure 13.** Vertical ozone profiles from 09/25_08 CST to 09/25_16 CST of 2013 for two cases
 565 of No-OA and 1Hr-OA compared with corresponding observations.



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567 **Figure 14.** Model vertical ozone biases from 09/25_08 CST to 09/25_16 CST of 2013 for two
 568 cases of No-OA and 1Hr-OA.

569 6. Conclusions and Discussions

570 In this study, we performed two Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) and Community
571 Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) model simulations to explore model sensitivity to observation
572 nudging. In evaluating meteorological and ozone conditions, we found that obs-nudging
573 improved the meteorology and ozone performance as shown in the index of agreement (IOA) of
574 temperature, winds, and ozone. While the base case winds were overall well simulated, obs-
575 nudging significantly reduced the high wind biases (especially the meridional wind) shown in the
576 base case. For planetary boundary layer height, obs-nudging reduced high biases in both daily
577 maximum and daily minimum values. In the end, the combined changes in meteorology lowered
578 the ozone biases by about 3 ppb, a 35% reduction. There were short time periods (such as
579 between 07 and 09 CST on 09/25) when the simulated base case model winds differed
580 significantly from observational data and obs-nudging significantly corrected the meteorological
581 simulation problems, leading to much better ozone simulation. However, model ozone biases are
582 also impacted by emissions and lateral boundary conditions.

583 The only high ozone episode in the simulation period was related to the cold front passage. The
584 small-scale winds and high aloft ozone concentrations on 09/25 likely contributed to the ozone
585 exceedance in the area. It is also possible that an unreported emission event played a role. Since
586 the maximum surface ozone at La Porte was much higher than the morning-time aloft ozone, the
587 active local ozone production was likely the dominant factor. Analyses of aloft ozone on 09/25
588 showed while there was high aloft ozone and large negative model biases, the OA case tended to
589 have smaller biases, especially in late hours.

590 Small-scale meteorological events are frequently cited for their contributions to high ozone
591 events. Model capability in reproducing these events is critical in simulating such high ozone
592 episodes. The base case did not recreate the 25 September small-scale events likely due to the
593 complex winds and a lack of local information which can be used to steer model state closer to
594 reality. On the other hand, the inability of the sensitivity case to replicate the local winds is likely
595 a result of the imperfections of the nudging process pending further investigation. An ongoing
596 study by the current authors suggests that errors in the meteorological fields from the default grid
597 nudging files are important sources. Methods are being tested to improve the quality of grid
598 nudging files. Early results showed that the bay breeze which caused the wind reversal around La

599 Porte was well captured through improved grid nudging files. In addition, more observational
600 data (e.g., more sites and higher data frequency) and more testing on the combination of nudging
601 settings should help improve the obs-nudging performance. Also, the impact of obs-nudging on
602 precipitation and clouds should be further investigated to understand their change effect on
603 chemistry.

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751 Table 1. Major WRF physics and FDDA Options, the numbers in the parentheses are the related
752 settings in WRF namelist file.

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| WRF Version | V3.5.1 |
| Microphysics | Lin et al scheme |
| Long-wave Radiation | RRTMG |
| Short-wave Radiation | New Goddard scheme |
| Surface Layer Option | Monin-Obukhov with CB viscous sublayer scheme |
| Land-Surface Option | Unified Noah LSM |
| Urban Physics | None |
| Boundary Layer Scheme | YSU |
| Cumulus Cloud Option | Kain-Fritsch |
| FDDA | Grid nudging on for all; Observation-nudging on for the OA case |

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754 Table 2. Major CMAQ Options, the text in the parentheses are the related settings in CMAQ
755 build script.

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| CMAQ version | V5.0.1 |
| Chemical Mechanism | CB05 gas-phase mechanism with active chlorine chemistry, updated toluene mechanism, fifth-generation CMAQ aerosol mechanism with sea salt, aqueous/cloud chemistry |
| Lightning NOx emission | Included inline |
| Horizontal advection | YAMO (Yamartino) |
| Vertical advection | WRF omega formula |
| Horizontal mixing/diffusion | Multiscale |
| Vertical mixing/diffusion | Asymmetric Convective Model (ACM) version 2 |
| Chemistry solver | EBI (Euler Backward Iterative) |
| Aerosol | AERO5 for sea salt and thermodynamics |
| Cloud Option | ACM cloud processor for AERO5 |
| Boundary conditions | Default static profiles |

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757 Table 3 Statistics of surface T, U-wind and V-wind for three WRF simulations: N – data points;
758 Corr – Correlation; IOA – Index of Agreement; RMSE – Root Mean Square Error; MAE – Mean
759 Absolute Error; MB – Mean Bias; O – Observation; M - Model; O_M – Observed Mean; M_M –
760 Model Mean; SD – Standard Deviation; Units for RMSE/MAE/MB/O_M/M_M/O_SD/M_SD:
761 degree C

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| Surface temperature T | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|------|-----|------|-----|----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Case | N | Corr | IOA | RMSE | MAE | MB | O_M | M_M | O_SD | M_SD |


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|----------------|-------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
| No-OA | 41058 | 0.83 | 0.89 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 27.4 | 28.3 | 3.1 | 2.8 |
| 1Hr-OA | 41058 | 0.94 | 0.97 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 27.4 | 27.4 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| Surface U wind | | | | | | | | | | |
| Case | N | Corr | IOA | RMSE | MAE | MB | O_M | M_M | O_SD | M_SD |
| No-OA | 43246 | 0.76 | 0.84 | 1.4 | 1.1 | -0.6 | -1.3 | -1.9 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| 1Hr-OA | 43246 | 0.81 | 0.89 | 1.0 | 0.8 | -0.3 | -1.3 | -1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Surface V wind | | | | | | | | | | |
| Case | N | Corr | IOA | RMSE | MAE | MB | O_M | M_M | O_SD | M_SD |
| No-OA | 43246 | 0.76 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 2.6 |
| 1Hr-OA | 43246 | 0.80 | 0.89 | 1.2 | 0.9 | -0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 2.0 |

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765 Table 4 Statistics of ozone for CMAQ simulations, see table 3 for column header information

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| Case | N | Corr | IOA | RMSE | MAE | MB | O_M | M_M | O_SD | M_SD |
| No-OA | 33308 | 0.72 | 0.78 | 14.9 | 12.3 | 9.3 | 24.4 | 33.7 | 16.5 | 14.1 |
| 1Hr-OA | 33308 | 0.73 | 0.83 | 13.8 | 11.0 | 6.1 | 24.4 | 30.6 | 16.5 | 17.4 |

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767 Table 5 Statistics of ozone on 09/25/2013, all day and hour 0 to 13. Both correlation and index of
 768 agreement are unitless. The red numbers indicate the three hours (07 CST to 09 CST) when the
 769 ozone in 1Hr-OA case is significantly better than the No-OA case due to mu  improved winds.

| | | No-OA | | 1Hr-OA | |
|--------|------|-------|------|--------|------|
| | N | Corr | IOA | Corr | IOA |
| Hr All | 1150 | 0.79 | 0.86 | 0.81 | 0.88 |
| 0 | 48 | 0.04 | 0.30 | 0.40 | 0.46 |
| 1 | 43 | 0.20 | 0.24 | 0.36 | 0.30 |
| 2 | 48 | 0.14 | 0.25 | 0.35 | 0.35 |
| 3 | 48 | 0.19 | 0.30 | 0.32 | 0.35 |
| 4 | 48 | 0.27 | 0.36 | 0.31 | 0.35 |
| 5 | 47 | 0.24 | 0.36 | 0.28 | 0.37 |
| 6 | 47 | 0.33 | 0.38 | 0.35 | 0.37 |
| 7 | 48 | 0.06 | 0.39 | 0.29 | 0.47 |
| 8 | 48 | 0.09 | 0.43 | 0.53 | 0.63 |
| 9 | 47 | 0.05 | 0.41 | 0.55 | 0.74 |
| 10 | 47 | -0.10 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.51 |
| 11 | 47 | 0.13 | 0.39 | -0.07 | 0.36 |
| 12 | 49 | 0.09 | 0.38 | 0.25 | 0.40 |
| 13 | 49 | -0.09 | 0.37 | 0.36 | 0.46 |

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