Model Types and Existing Modeling Systems for AQF

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Spatial Scales of Atmospheric Processes (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2016)

| Phenomenon | Length scale, km |
|---|------------------|
| Urban air pollution | 1-100 |
| Regional air pollution | 10-1000 |
| Acid rain/deposition | 100-2000 |
| Toxic air pollutants | 0.1-100 |
| Stratospheric ozone depletion | 1000-40,000 |
| Greenhouse gas increases | 1000-40,000 |
| Aerosol-climate interactions | 100-40,000 |
| Tropospheric transport and oxidation processes | 1-40,000 |
| Stratospheric-tropospheric exchange | 0.1-100 |
| Stratospheric transport and oxidation processes | 1-40,000 |

TABLE 1.1 Spatial Scales of Atmospheric Chemical Phenomena

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Types of Chemical Weather-Air Quality Forecasting Models

Framework

- » Source-based models
 - » Eulerian (e.g., the EPA Models-3/CMAQ)
 - » Lagrangian (e.g., NAME, DERMA)
 - » Hybrid Lagrangian/Eulerian (e.g., SILAM)
- » Statistical (e.g., regression models, Bayesian models, data fashion, RSM)
- Temporal Scale
 - » Episodic (days to months, e.g., WRF/Chem-MADRID, CMAQ)
 - » Long-term/climatological (> 1 year, e.g., CMAQ, WRF/Chem (3 modes))

Lagrangian vs. Eulerian Models (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2016)



FIGURE 23.2 Schematic depiction of (a) a Lagrangian model and (b) an Eulerian model.

Lagrangian model — a mathematical model that tracks the movement of a large number of pollution plume parcels as they move from their initial location by following pollution plume parcels as the parcels move in the atmosphere. A Lagrangian model uses a moving frame of reference as the parcels move from their initial location. An observer of a Lagrangian model follows along with the plume.

Eulerian model — Similar to a Lagrangian model but it uses a fixed 3-D Cartesian grid as a frame of reference rather than a moving frame of reference. An observer of an Eulerian model watches the plume go by.

3-D Models



| $\partial \mathbf{c}_{i} / \partial \mathbf{t}$ | |
|--|---------------------|
| $= u_j (\partial c_i / \partial j) +$ | Advection |
| $+ \partial (K_j \partial Ci/\partial j)/\partial j +$ | Turbulent transport |
| $+Q_{i}(x, y, z, t)$ | Source |
| - S _i (x, y, z, t) | Removal |
| $+ R_{i} (c_{1}, c_{2},, c_{n})$ | Reaction |

Advantage: spatial distribution of concentrations; accurate representation of atmosphere Disadvantages: numerical diffusion, computationally expensive (large memory requirement, data storage); complex model system, high level of skills

Types of Chemical Weather-Air Quality Forecasting Models

• Spatial Scale

- » Local (<1 km) (SinG, UAQIFS, OPANA)
- » Urban (1 km 12 km) (WRF/Chem-Urban)
- » Regional/Continental (i.e., Mesoscale) (12 -1,000 km) (CMAQ, WRF/Chem)
- » Synoptic to Global (1,000-20,000 km) (e.g., CAMS/ECMWF)
- » Multiscale (e.g., SILAM)
- **.** Generation of Meteorology
 - » Online-coupled (e.g., WRF/Chem)
 - » Offline-coupled (e.g., WRF-CMAQ)
- Community Involvement
 - » community-based model (e.g., CMAQ, WRF/Chem, and Polyphemus)
 - » non-community based model (e.g., GRAPES CUACE)

Definitions of Online-Coupled Models

(Zhang, 2008; Baklanov et al., 2014)

• Offline-Coupled Models

• The meteorological model is run before the CTM is run. Meteorological information is used to drive the CTM but no data exchange between the two models. There is no feedback from chemistry to meteorology.

• Online-Coupled Models

- The CTM and meteorological models are run at the same time, and exchange information at every time step; they consider chemistry feedbacks to meteorology to various degrees
- Types of Framework
- Separate online coupling: couples a meteorology model with an air quality model in which the two systems operate separately but exchange information every time step through an interface (also referred to as online access models).
- Unified online coupling: integrates an air quality model into a meteorology model as a unified model system in which meteorology and air quality variables are simulated together in one time step without an interface between the two models (also referred to as online integrated models or inline coupling).

The Online-Coupled Weather Research and Forecasting Model with Chemistry (WRF/Chem) (Zhang, 2020)



Flow chart in black from Dudhia (2012), coupling with chemistry is reflected in Blue

Separate Online Coupling

Two-way coupled WRF-CMAQ modeling System (Yu et al., 2015)



Types of Air Quality (AQ) Models: Offline vs. Online

| | Offline | Online |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Advantages | 1. Easy to develop and use | 1. AQ-meteorology (met) feedbacks |
| | 2. Independent schemes | 2. Consistent treatments for met and AQ |
| | 3. Simple model framework | 3. No time and space interpolation |
| | 4. Low computational costs | 4. No met. pre- or post-processor |
| | | 5. Realistic atmospheric representation |
| | | 6. Coupled earth system modeling |
| Limitations | 1. Info. loss (e.g., precipitation, | 1. Challenges in development and use |
| | cloud formation, turbulence) | 2. Sophisticated model framework |
| | 2. Time/space interpolation | 3. Difficulties in result interpretation |
| | 2. No AQ-Met feedbacks | 4. Higher computational costs |
| | 3. High data storage and flow | |
| Applications | 1. Ensemble operational AQF | 1. Episodes with important feedbacks |
| | 2. Long-term simulations | 2. Fast changes in wind/circulation |
| | 3. Sensitivity simulations | 3. Real-time operational forecasting |
| | 4. Inverse & adjoint modeling | 4. Impact of future climate change on AQ |
| | 5. Air quality management | |

Examples of Important Feedbacks

- Effects of Meteorology and Climate on Gases and Aerosols
 - Changes in temperature, humidity, and precipitation directly affect species conc.
 - The cooling of the stratosphere due to the accumulation of GHGs affects lifetimes
 - Changes in tropospheric vertical temperature structure affect transport of species
 - Changes in vegetation alter dry deposition and emission rates of biogenic species
 - Climate changes alter biological sources and sinks of radiatively active species
- Effects of Gases and Aerosols on Meteorology and Climate
 - Decrease net downward solar radiation and photolysis (direct effect)
 - Affect PBL meteorology (decrease near-surface air temperature, wind speed, and cloud cover and increase atmospheric humidity and stability) (semi-direct effect)
 - Aerosols serve as CCN, reduce drop size and increase drop number, reflectivity, and optical depth of low level clouds (LLC) (the Twomey or first indirect effect or cloud albedo effect)
 - Aerosols increase liquid water content, fractional cloudiness, and lifetime of LLC but enhance or suppress precipitation via affecting formation of various types of clouds (the second indirect effect or cloud lifetime effect)

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17 Global CW-AQF Models

| Country/ | Model System | Meteorological Model (MetM) | Air Quality Model | Microscale Models | Scale | MetM -AQM |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| Organization | | | | | | couping |
| Canada/EC | GEM-MACH | GEM | GEM-MACH15 | None | Global/ Regional | Unified Online |
| Canada/ York Univ. | GEM-AQ | GEM | AQ | None | Global/ Regional | Unified Online |
| China/MCA and CAMS | GRAPES - CUACE | GRAPES | CUACE | None | Global/ Regional | Unified Online |
| Finland/FMI | SILAM | ECMWF/IFS; WRF; HIRLAM; AROME; COSMO HARMONIE | SILAM | None | Global/ Regional | Offline |
| France/LMD | LMDzt -INCA | ECMWF/IFS; LMDzt v4.0 with nudged with NCEP | INCA v3 | None | Global | Separate Online |
| France/MF-CNRM | MOCAGE | ARPEGE (global) ALADIN (regional) ECWMF | MOCAGE | None | Global/ Regional | offline |
| Germany/MPIM | ECHAM5 | ECHAM5 | ECHAM5 | None | Global | Unified Online |
| Norway NIAR/ FLEXPART | FLEXPART | ECMWF NCEP | FLEXPART | None | Global | offline |
| Japan-FRCGC | GR-RT-AQF | CCSR/NIES/FRCGC atmospheric GCM (global) WRF (regional) | CHASER (global) WRF/Chem (regional) | None | Global/ Regional | Offline for global/regional Unified online for regional |
| Japan/JMA | MASINGAR | AGCM | MASINGAR | None | Global | Online |
| Spain, BSC-CNS | NMMB/BSC-CTM | NMMB | BSC-CTM (dust module) | None | Global/ regional | Separate Online |
| UK/ECMWF, MACC | ECMWF-IFS CTMs; ECMWF/CAMS | IFS | MOZART-3, TM5, or MOCAGE; C-IFS | None | Global/ Regional | Separate online |
| UK/Met Office | MetUM | MetUM | Dust module | None | Global/ Regional | Unified Online |
| US/FNMOC/NRL | NAAPS | NOGAPS | NAAPS | None | Global | Offline |
| US/NASA | GEOS-5 ESM | GEOS DAS | GEOS-Chem GOCART | None | Global | Unified Online |
| US/NCAR, Germany/MPIC | MATCH-NCAR | NCEP/NCAR | MATCH-NCAR | None | Global | offline |
| US/NOAA-NCEP | NEMS GFS-NGAC | NEMS GFS | NGAC (dust only) | None | Global | Unified Online |

51 Regional/Urban CW-AQF Models

| Country/ Organization | Model System | Meteorological Model (MetM) | Air Quality Model (AQM) | Microscale Models | Scale | MetM -AQM coupling |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--------------------------|
| Australia/CSIRO | AAQFS Or AQFx | LAPS, UM, CCAM; ACCESS | CSIRO's CTM, C-CTM | None | Regional | offline |
| Austria/ZAMG | ALADIN- CAMx | ALADIN-Austria | CAMx | None | Regional | offline |
| Brazil/CPTEC | CCATT-BRAMS | BRAMS | CCATT | None | Regional | Unified Online |
| Canada/EC | GEM-AURAMS | regional GEM | AURAMS | None | Regional | offline |
| Canada/EC | GEM-CHRONOS | regional GEM | CHRONOS | None | Regional | offline |
| Canada/EC | GEM-MACH15 | GEM | chemistry from AURAMS | None | Regional | Unified Online |
| China/IAP-CAS | EMS-Beijing | MM5 | NAQPMS, CMAQ, CAMx | None | Regional | offline |
| China/Zhejiang Univ. | Two-way coupled WRF- CMAQ | WRF (ARW) | CMAQ | None | Regional | Separate Online |
| Denmark/DMU-ATMI | THOR | The US NCEP, Eta | DEOM DEHM (UPM, OSPM) | BUM OSPM DREAM | Regional | offline |
| Denmark/DMI | DACFOS | HIRLAM | MOON, CAMx, Enviro- HIRLAM | M2UE | Hemispheric/ Continental/ regional | offline/ Separate Online |
| Denmark, Finland, Norway, Spain, Italy/FUMAPEX UAQIFS ³ | UAQIFS-Norway UAQIFS-Finland UAQIFS-Spain UAQIFS-Italy1 UAQIFS-Italy2 UAQIFS-Denmark | 1. HIRLAM 2. HIRLAM 3. RAMS 4. RAMS 5. LAMI 6. HIRLAM | AirQUIS (dispersion) CAR-FMI (dispersion) CAMx (O₃ only) FARM NINFA-OPPIO/ADAM DERMA-ARGOS | Some include population exposure models, some include urban dispersion/statistical models | Regional /local | offline |
| Egypt/EMA; South Africa/SAWS | RegCM-CHEM | RegCM4.6 | RegCM-CHEM4.6 | None | Regional | Unified Online |

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| France/AIRPARIF ² | ESMERALDA | MM5 | CHIMERE | None | Regional | offline |
| France/INERIS | Prev'air | MM5, WRF, ECWMF/IFS | CHIMERE, MOCAGE, Polair3D | None | Regional | offline |
| France/CEREA | POLYPHEMUS | ECMWF, MM5, WRF | Polair3D | MUNICH | Regional/urban | offline |
| France/CNRS, Météo-France | Meso-NH-C | Meso-NH-C | Meso-NH-C | None | Continental/ regional/urban/local | Unified online |
| Germany/ <u>FRIUUK,</u> RIU, Cologne | EURAD-RIU | MM5 | EURAD-IM | None | Regional | offline |
| Germany/FU-Berlin, Institute for Meteorology | RCG | GME | REM- CALGRID | None | Regional | offline |
| Germany/KIT | COSMO- ART | COSMO | ART | None | Continental/regional | Unified Online |
| Germany/LITR | COSMO-MUSCAT | COSMO | MUSCAT | None | Continental/regional | Separate Online |
| Germany/Uni. of Hamburg | M-SYS | METRAS | MECTM | MITRAS- MICTM | Regional/urban/local | Unified Online |
| Germany/IMK-IFU | MCCM (MM5-Chem) | MM5 | Chem | None | Continental/regional/urban | Unified Online |
| Greece/Aristotle University | MEMO/MARS | MEMO | MARS-aero | None | Regional/urban | Separate Online |
| Greece/ NKUA | CAMx- AMWFG | SKIRON/Dust | CAMx | None | Regional | offline |
| Greece/NKUA, AUT | MM5-CAMx | MM5 | CAMx | None | Regional | offline |
| Greece/UA | SKIRON/TAPM | SKIRON/dust;Eta | CAMx v4.31 | None | Regional | Offline |
| Italy/CETEMPS | ForeChem | MM5 | CHIMERE | None | Regional | offline |
| Italy/ARIANET s.r.l. | FARM | RAMS | FARM | None | Regional | offline |
| Italy/CNR-ISAC | BOLCHEM | BOLAM | CHEMistry modules | None | Continental/regional | Separate Online |
| Italy/ITCP | RegCM-Chem | RegCM4 | RegCM-Chem4 | None | Continental/regional | Unified Online |
| Japan/Kyushu University | CFORS | RAMS | Parameterized chemical tracers in RAMS | None | Regional | Unified Online |
| Morocco/Maroc Météo | ADMS URBAN 3.1 | ALADIN | GRS Chemical Model | Urban canopy | Regional/local | Separate online? |
| Netherlands/KNMI, TNO, RIVM, PBL/KN | LOTOS-EUROS | Archived analyses, ECMWF, RACMO2 | LOTOS-EUROS | None | Regional | Offline/ Separate Online |

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| Norway/ MET-NO | EMEP-Unified | ECMWF/IFS | Unified EMEP-CWF | None | Regional | offline |
| Singapore/MSS | ATLAS-NAME | UM | NAME | None | Regional | Offline |
| Spain/BSC-CNS | CALIOPE | WRF, MM5 | CMAQ, DREAM, CHIMERE, | None | Regional | offline |
| Spain/TUM, LHTEE, AUT, NCAR/Pen | OPANA v4.0 | MM5 MEMO | CMAQ | MICROSYS | Regional /local | offline |
| Sweden/SMHI | МАТСН | ECMWF/IFS HIRLAM | МАТСН | None | Regional | offline |
| UK/Uni. Of Hertfordshire | WRF-CMAQ | WRF(ARW) | CMAQ v5.02 | None | Regional/ national | Offline |
| UK/AEA | WRF/CMAQ | WRF | CMAQ | None | Regional | offline |
| UK Met Office | AQUM | MetUM | UKCA | None | Sub-regional/ national | Unified Online |
| UK/Met Office | NAME-III | ECMWF, Met Office Unified Model | NAME-III | None | Regional /local | offline |
| US/BAMS | MAQSIP-RT CMAQ | BAMS-MM5, WRF | MAQSIP CMAQ | None | Regional | offline |
| US/WSU | AIRPACT3 | MM5 | CALGRID, CMAQ | None | Regional | offline |
| US/SUNY-Albany | AQFMS | SKIRON/Eta; WRF (NMM and ARW) | CAMx, CMAQ | None | Regional | offline |
| US/UI | STEM-2K3 | MM5, WRF | STEM | None | Regional | offline |
| US/NOAA, ARL | NAQFC (NAM-CMAQ) | Eta, WRF (NMM), NAM | CMAQ | None | Regional/ national | Offline |
| US/NCAR, Greece | MM5-CHIMERE | MM5 | CHIMERE | None | Regional | offline |
| US, Greece | RAMS/ICLAMS | RAMS | ICLAMS | None | Continental/ urban | Separate Online |
| US/NOAA, EMSL | WRF/Chem | WRF (ARW) | WRF/Chem | None | Regional/urban | Unified Online |
| US/NCSU | WRF/Chem-MADRID | WRF (ARW) | WRF/Chem | None | Regional/urban | Unified Online |

Characteristics of the Global CW-AQF Models (1)

- Meteorological fields are produced by reanalysis data such as National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) or general circulation models such as GEM, ECMWF/IFS, LMDzt, ECHAM5, and GEOS-5.
- In online-integrated models such as GEM-AQ, ECHAM5, and GEOS-5 ESM, a chemistry module is incorporated into a GCM. In offline or online-access models, an AQM is driven by data from meteorological reanalysis (e.g., BSC-CTM) or used in conjunction with a GCM (e.g., MOCAGE, MOZART-3, TM5), respectively.
- 9 global models are multiscale models and have been applied to regional domains for RT CW-AQF. They use two methods for downscaling. While some models (e.g., GEM-AQ, GEM-MATH, MOCAGE, NMMB/BSC-CTM, and SILAM) were directly downscaled to a regional domain at a finer horizontal grid resolution, the global-regional RT CW-AQF model system was used to provide ICONs and BCONs to drive a regional online-integrated model, WRF/Chem.
- Among the 17 global RT CW-AQF models, two of them offer an integrated flexible, advanced global forecasting modeling tool with data assimilation of satellite observations: ECMWF/IFS-CTMs developed by ECMWF and GEOS-5 ESM developed by U.S. NASA.

Characteristics of the Global CW-AQF Models (2)

- The selection of multiple CTMs and their ensemble results provides a range and an indication of the robustness of the forecasts. In ECMWF/CAMS, the coupled system can directly utilize the IFS 4D-Var algorithm to assimilate atmospheric observations (Flemming et al., 2009). In GEOS-5 ESM, two chemical model configurations have been implemented: the chemistry-climate model (CCM) that simulates the feedbacks between circulation and chemical composition and the chemistry-transport model (CTM) that simulates air quality without considering such feedbacks.
- The most recent ICAP multi model ensemble (ICAP MME) consists of seven global models including four comprehensive global aerosol models (NASA GEOS-5, FNMOC/NRL NAAPS, ECMWF MACC, JMA MASINGAR), and three dust-only global models (NOAA NGAC, BSC NMMB/BSC-CTM, UKMO Unified Model) (Sessions et al., 2015). The ICAP-MME is run daily at 0Z for 6 hourly forecasts at one degree resolution out to 120 hrs.

Characteristics of the Regional CW-AQF Models (1)

- Most popular met models: MM5, WRF, and ECMWF/IFS. Other NWP models: Eta, SKIRON, UM, RAMS, GEM, GME, ALADIN, RegCM, HIRLAM, HARMONIE, COSMO, and BRAMS. Many AQMs (e.g., CHIMERE and Polyphemus/Polair3D) can be driven by several met models. The most commonly-used regional AQMs include CMAQ, CAMx, WRF/Chem, and CHIMERE.
- Offline-coupled models: CMAQ, CAMx, and CHIMERE. CMAQ has been used in U.S., Spain, U.K., and China. CAMx has been used in U.S., Spain, Greece, Austria, and China. CHIMERE has been used in France, Italy, Spain, Greece, and U.S. AAQFS is one of the earliest offline CW-AQF models developed by the BM, CSIRO, and Australian EPA in late 1990s. The U.S. NOAA/EPA's National Air Quality Forecasting Capability (NAQFC) is one of the first offline CW-AQF models in the U.S.
- Online-coupled regional CW-AQF models: WRF/Chem and WRF/Chem-MADRID include the most coupled met, microphys, chem, and radiative processes and allow the simulation of aerosol direct, semi-direct, and indirect effects, thus representing the state-of-the-science. Since its first release in 2002, WRF/Chem has been further developed and improved by community users and increasingly applied to many regions of the world. WRF/Chem and its variants have been used for CW-AQF worldwide. CCATT-BRAMS is a new online model developed by the CPTEC for RT CW-AQF in South America. The online Regional integrated coupled RegCM-CHEM is being used for CW-AQF in Italy, Egypt, and South Africa.

Characteristics of the Regional CW-AQF Models (2)

- Regional ensemble air quality forecasting: CAMS is based on ensemble of seven state-ofthe-art numerical air quality models developed in Europe: CHIMERE from INERIS (France), EMEP from MET Norway (Norway), EURAD-IM from University of Cologne (Germany), LOTOS-EUROS from KNMI and TNO (Netherlands), MATCH from SMHI (Sweden), MOCAGE from METEO-FRANCE (France) and SILAM from FMI (Finland). Other ensemble air quality forecasting programs include the MarcoPolo – Panda, EU FP7 Programme for China
- Among 56 regional models, eight are suitable for urban/local scale applications at a spatial resolution of 1 km or less (THOR, DACFOS, M-SYS, ADMS URBAN 3.1, OPANA, and four UAQIFS models, and the Polyphemus. The Polyphemus has been extended to include a street network model, the Model of Urban Network of Intersecting Canyons and Highways (MUNICH), which is online-coupled with a 3D Eulerian chemical-transport model (Polair3D) within Polyphemus. The resulting model system is referred to as Street-in-Grid (SinG) model.

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| Domain | Case # | Case Title | Case Providers | Affiliation |
|--------|--------|--|--|---|
| Global | a1 | Long-range transport of Sahara dust and smoke from Portuguese Wildfire emissions to North-West Europe forecast by the global CAMS forecasting system for atmospheric composition | Johannes Flemming | ECMWF, United Kingdom |
| | a2 | A study of the 2016 post- monsoon air pollution event over India using the GEOS forecasting system | Christoph A. Keller and Anton Darmenov | NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, U.S.A. |
| | a3 | Impact of wild-land fires on atmospheric aerosols in Northern Hemisphere in 2012 | Mikhail Sofiev | Finnish Meteorological Institute, Helsinki,Finland |

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| North | b1 | National Air Quality Forecasting | Pius Lee | NOAA Air Resources Laboratory |
| America | | Capability for the U.S.A. | | (ARL) and George Mason |
| | | | | University, U.S.A. |
| | b2 | Application of WRF/Chem- | Yang Zhang | North Carolina State University, |
| | | MADRID over Southeastern U.S. | | North Carolina, U.S.A. |
| | b3 | Wildland fire smoke forecasting | Mariusz Pagowski | NOAA Earth Research Laboratory, |
| | | capability in the U.S.A. | and Stuart McKeen | U.S.A. |

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| Africa | g1.1-1.2 | Application of RegCM-CHEM4.5 for dust storm and air quality forecast over southern Africa | Melaku Tesfaye Yigiletu | South African Weather Service, Pretoria, South Africa |
| | g2 | Performance of WRF-CHEM Model to simulate North African Aerosols: preliminary results | A. Abdallah and Magdy M. Abdel Wahab | Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt Cairo University, Giza, Egypt |
| | g3 | Application of ADMS Urban over the Grand Casablanca area, Morocco | Kenza Khomsi | National Climate Center, Air Quality Department, Morocco |

Case Highlight 1: National Air Quality Forecasting Capability for the U.S.A. Pius Lee, Air Resources Laboratory (ARL), NOAA



Figure 12.12. NAQFC 2nd day forecast (color shading) versus near real-time US EPA AIRNow measurements (filled solid circles) for July 18, 2017, 18:00 UTC by (a) Case_Base, and (b) Case_Oil_n_Gas.

- In (a), NAQFC had difficulty to predict exceedances in the Northeastern US. It happened on July 18 2017 over Western PA and its neighboring Northeastern WV using 2011 EPA NEI
- In (b), the oil and gas sector NO_x and VOC emissions were adjusted to the US Energy Information Agency 2016 actual energy production data to account for impacts of shale field oil and gas exploration and production since 2010 in the Marcellus and Utica Shales in Western PA, WV and the State of Ohio. O₃ underprediction downwind of the shale around the state border between PA and WV was largely reduced

Case Highlight 2: Regional CAMS Ensemble Forecasting of High O₃ Event Matthieu Plu, Meteo-France, France

Thursday 22 June 2017 00UTC CAMS Forecast t+015 VT: Thursday 22 June 2017 15UTC Model: ENSEMBLE Height level: Surface Parameter: Ozone [µg/m3]



• The ozone concentration values reached and overpassed the 180 μg m⁻³ threshold during 21-22 June 2017

• Sunny anticyclonic conditions, with high temperatures and light winds were favourable to high ozone in Italy, Germany, France, and Hungary. Photochemistry contributed to high production of ozone

Case Highlight 3: Framework of a Street-in-Grid (SinG) Model Youngseob Kim and Karine Sartelet CEREA, France



- Simultaneous simulation of the urban background pollution (spatial scale > 1 km) and the traffic pollution (spatial scale ~ 10 to 100 m)
- A 3-D CTM provides urban background pollution; a street network model combining traffic, emissions, and dispersion simulates pollution near traffic

Description of Model of Urban Network of Intersecting Canyons and Highways" (MUNICH) (Soulhac et al., 2008; Kim et al., 2016)

- Street-canyon component
 - Concentrations are uniform in each segment of the street-canyon
 - Building heights and street widths are uniform in the street-canyon
 - Wind direction follows the direction of the street and the average wind speed is calculated using an exponential vertical profile
 - Mass flux occur at intersections and at roof level
- Street-intersection component
 - Flow lines do not intersect
 - Account for fluctuations in wind direction
 - Mass balance is calculated across the intersection
- Calculation of concentrations
 - The CB05 chemical kinetic mechanism
 - Assumption of the steady state for each street network in a mean



Temporal Evolution of NO₂ Daily-Averaged Concentrations Nearby Traffic (Kim et al., 2018)



- MUNICH outperforms Polair3D; SinG performs the best in terms of both FB and R
- All models underpredict NO_x, due in part to uncertainties in NOx emissions or an overestimation of NOx transport at roof top

Case Highlight 4: NCSU's RT-AQF System (Chuang et al., 2011; Zhang et al., 2016)



12-km

and the Aerosol Dynamics, Reaction, Ionization, and Dissolution



• The model generally captures well hotspots and spatial variation with NMBs of -3.7 to 16.9%



• The model generally captures well hotspots and spatial variations with NMBs of -10.1 to 14.7%

Categorical Evaluation Against AIRNow (2009-2014) O₃ Season Winter Season



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Sources: Zhang et al. (2012a, b), Zhang and Baklanov (2019), and Zhang (2020)

Summary

- CW-AQF models can be grouped into three types (Eulerian, Lagrangian, and hybrid models) based on model framework, four types (local, urban, mesoscale, and global) based on horizontal grid resolution, two types (short- and long-term) based on temporal scale, two types (online- and offline-coupled) based on the chemistry coupling with the meteorology, and two types (community- and non-community) based on community involvement.
- Current CW-AQF models differ in many aspects including their component models (i.e., meteorological models, air quality models, microscale models), spatial scale, and coupling between meteorology and chemistry.
- Among 17 global and 56 regional/urban real-time CW-AQF models reviewed in this section, 9 global models and 23 regional models are suitable for multi-scale applications and 8 regional models can be applied on urban/local scale at a spatial resolution of 1 km or less. 11 global models and 21 regional models are onlinecoupled models.
- Regional ensemble air quality forecasting has been increasingly applied. Examples include the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS) for Europe and the MarcoPolo – Panda, EU FP7 Programme for China.

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