



# Numerical Air Quality Prediction (NAQP) for the Northeast US during ICARTT-2K4: MAQSIP-RT Results in Context

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## Outline

- Introduction and Background
- Description of ICARTT-2K4 and its Modeling Study
- MAQSIP-RT Results in Context of Seven Member Ensemble
- Study Conclusions: Individual Models and Ensembles
- Baron Advanced, Where are we going?



# Introduction and Background 1

## Numerical Air Quality Prediction (NAQP)

- NWP model(s)
- Anthropogenic and Biogenic Emissions Model(s)
- Photochemical/Particulate Atmospheric Chemistry Model(s)
- Data Ingest
- Model Output
- Product Dissemination within operational forecasting deadlines



# Introduction and Background 2

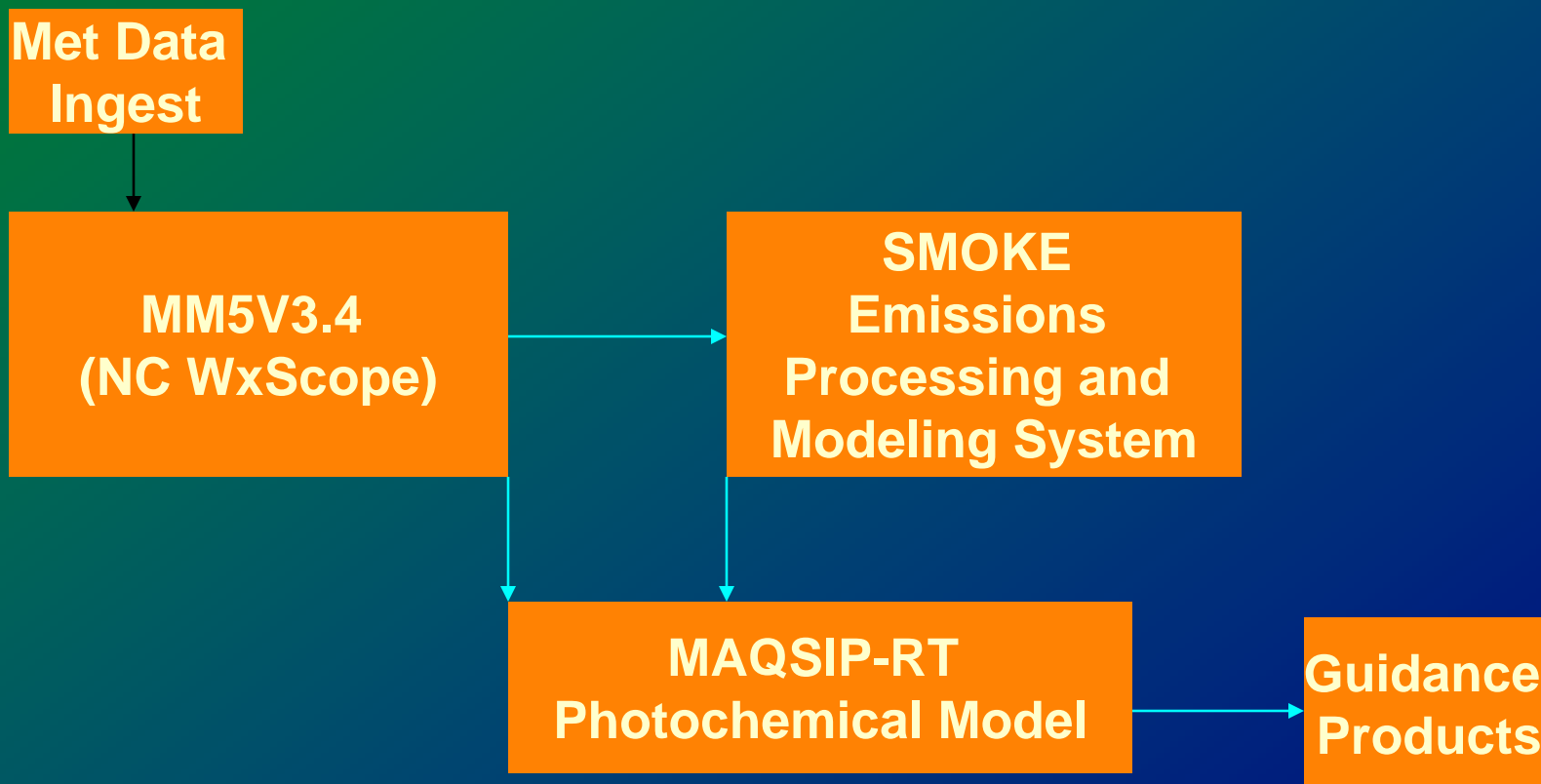
## Numerical Air Quality Prediction (NAQP) Example Modeling Systems

NAQP Modeling System	Operational (Since)	Research
MAQSIP-RT	x (2000)	
ETA-CMAQ	x (2004)	
WRF-Chem		x (2002)
CHRONOS	x (1999)	



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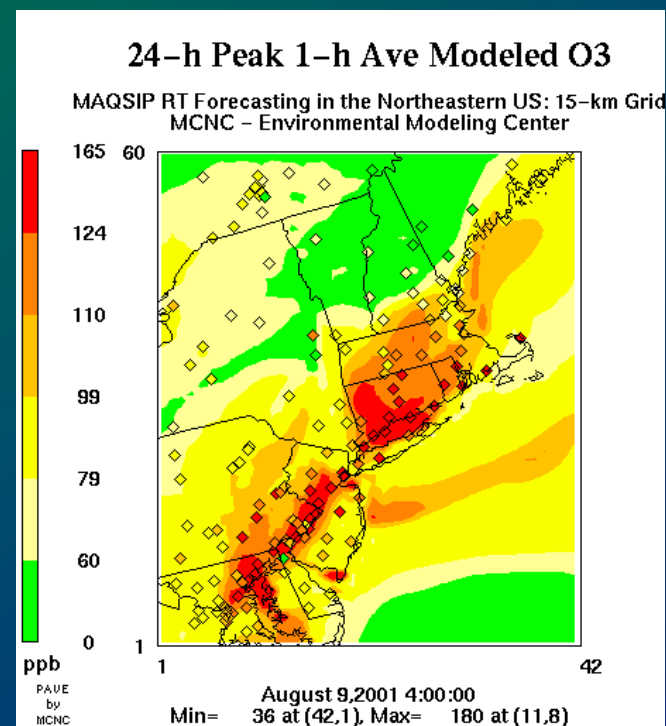
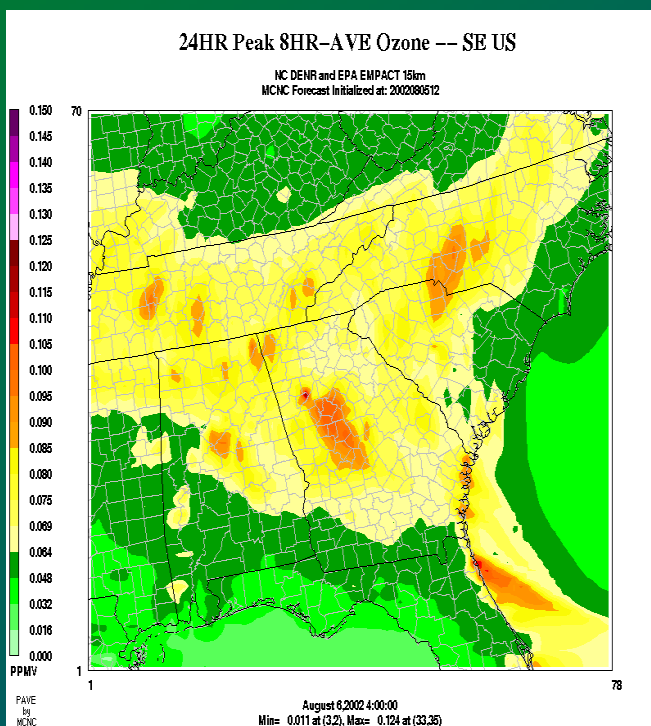
## BAMS Component Models and DataFlows





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## Typical Output Guidance Products



## Forecasting a Better Future



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## Modeling Study

<b>Forecast Models Used in ICARTT-2K4 Ensemble</b>	<b>Provided By</b>
Multiscale Air Quality Simulation Platform – Real-Time (MAQSIP-RT 45km )	<i>Baron Advanced Meteorological Systems</i>
Multiscale Air Quality Simulation Platform – Real-Time (MAQSIP-RT 15km )	<i>Baron Advanced Meteorological Systems</i>
Eta-Community Model for Air Quality (Eta-CMAQ 12km)	<i>NOAA/NWS National Centers for Environmental Prediction</i>
Weather Research and Forecast Model – Chemistry (WRF-Chem 27km)	<i>NOAA Forecast Systems Laboratory</i>
Canadian Hemispheric and Regional Ozone and NOx System (CHRONOS 21km)	<i>Canadian Meteorological Service</i>
A Unified Regional Air-Quality Modeling System (AURAMS 42km)	<i>Canadian Meteorological Service</i>
Sulfur Transport and Emission Model 2003 (STEM – 2K3 12km)	<i>University of Iowa</i>

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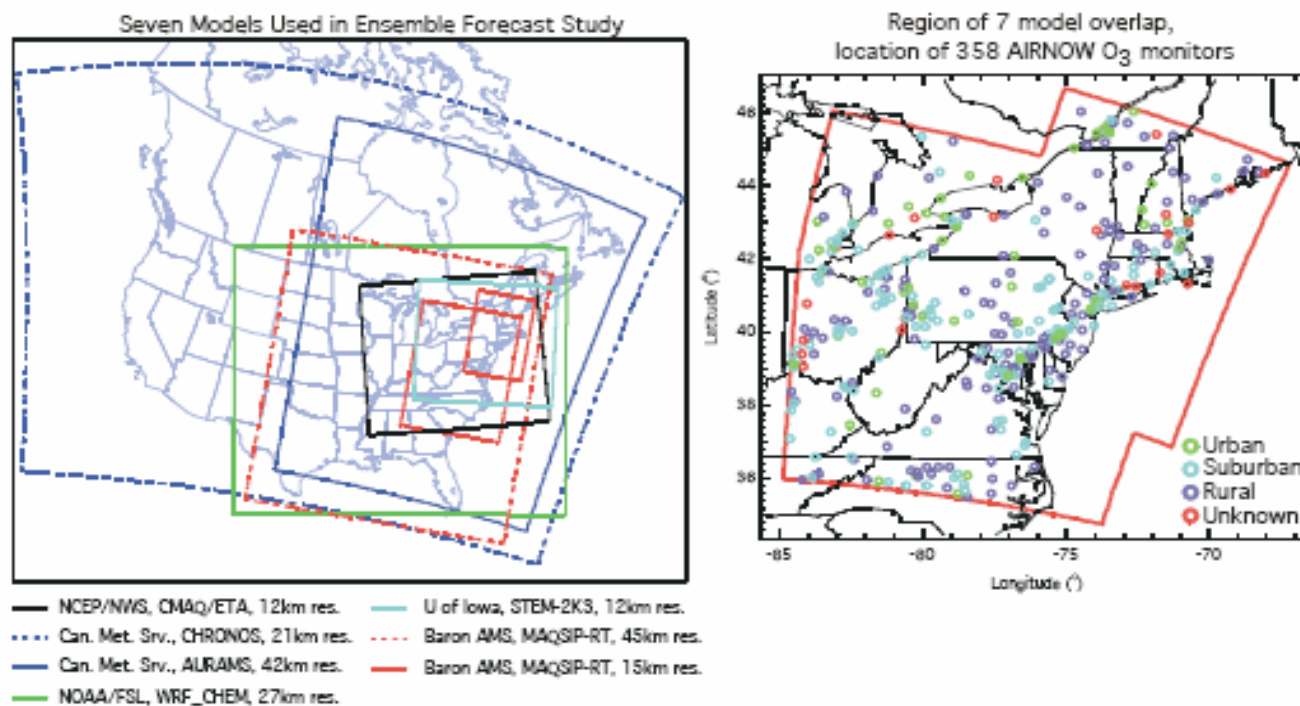


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The 56 day period between 00Z 7/6/04 and 00Z 8/30/04 is the sampling period used in this analysis.

Figure 1





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### MAQSIP-RT Results in Context of Seven Member Ensemble

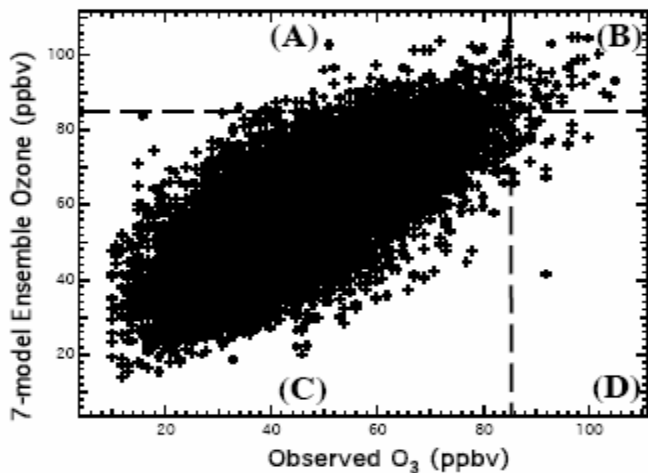
$$r(i) = \frac{\sum_{days} (O_3^{model}(i, day) - O_3^{model}(i, avg))(O_3^{obs}(i, day) - O_3^{obs}(i, avg))}{\sqrt{\sum_{days} (O_3^{model}(i, day) - O_3^{model}(i, avg))^2 \sum_{days} (O_3^{obs}(i, day) - O_3^{obs}(i, avg))^2}} \quad (1),$$

the mean bias;

$$\text{Mean Bias}(i) = \left( \frac{1}{N_{days}} \right) \sum_{days} [O_3^{model}(i, day) - O_3^{obs}(i, day)] \quad (2),$$

and the root mean square error;

$$\text{RMSE}(i) = \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{N_{days}} \right) \sum_{days} (O_3^{model}(i, day) - O_3^{obs}(i, day))^2} \quad (3),$$



Probability of Detection:  $\frac{B}{B + D}$

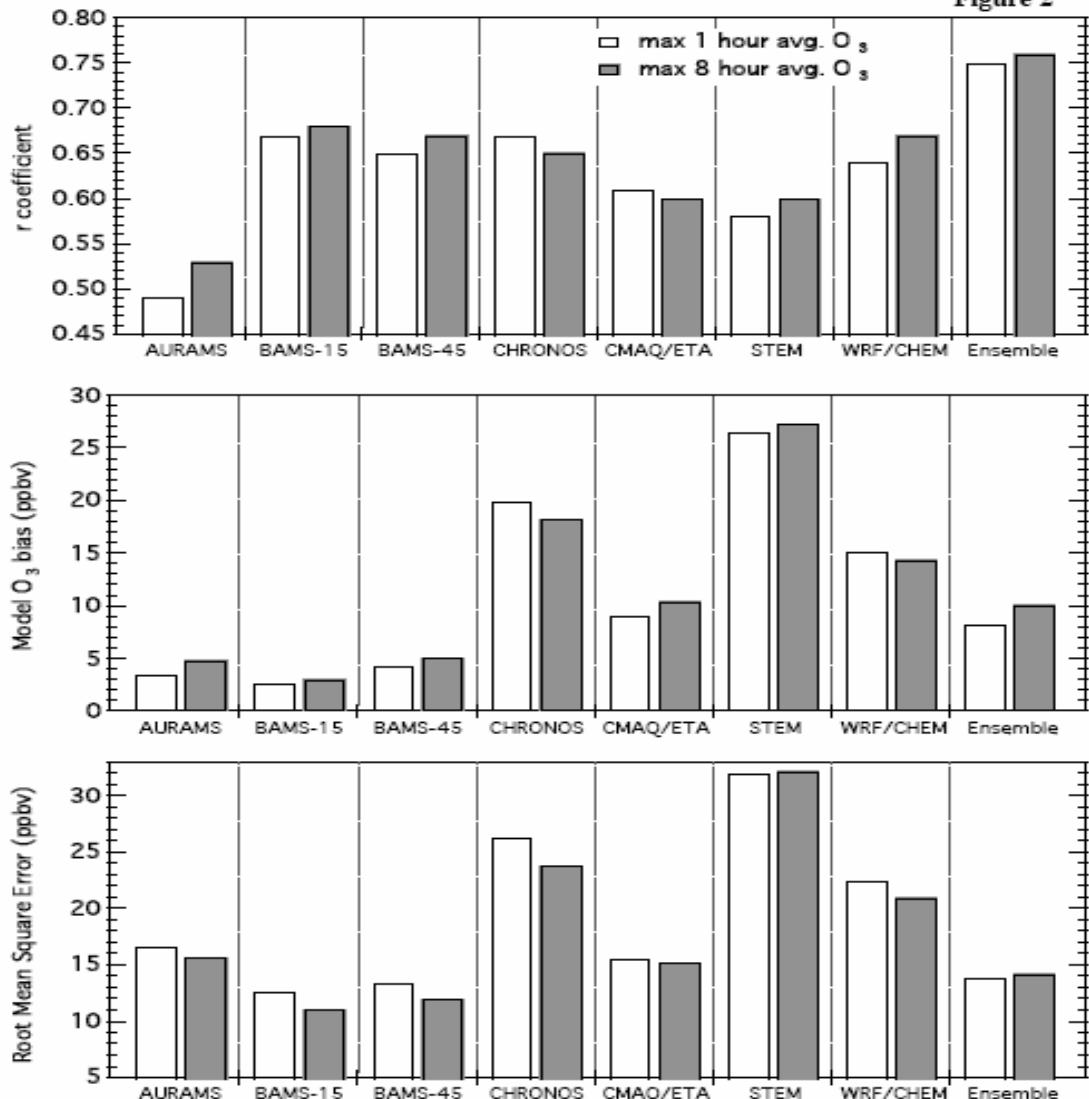
False Alarm Rate:  $\frac{A}{B + A}$

Critical Success Index:  $\frac{B}{B + A + D}$

Bias Ratio:  $\frac{A + B}{B + D}$



Figure 2



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### MAQSIP-RT Results in Context of Seven Member Ensemble

	median	average
r coeff.	0.67	0.63
Bias	4.57	5.10
RMSE	11.74	12.40

#### Categorical Evaluation

Accuracy (%)	99.06
Prob. of Detection (%)	21.52
False Alarm Rate (%)	79.01
Crit. Success Index (%)	11.89
Bias (ratio)	1.03

**Peak 8-hr stats**



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**MAQSIP-RT Results in Context of Seven Member Ensemble**

**BAMS 45km**

Comparison Statistics for  
 BAMS (45km) with  
 AIRNOW daily 8-hr max O<sub>3</sub>  
 7/6/04 through 8/25/04

	<u>median</u>	<u>average</u>
r coeff.	0.67	0.63
Bias	4.57	5.10
RMSE	11.74	12.40

Categorical Evaluation

Accuracy (%) 99.06  
 Prob. of Detection (%) 21.52  
 False Alarm Rate (%) 79.01  
 Crit. Success Index (%) 11.89  
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**WRF-C 27km**

Comparison Statistics for  
 WRF-1 (27km) with  
 AIRNOW daily 8-hr max O<sub>3</sub>  
 7/6/04 through 8/25/04

	<u>median</u>	<u>average</u>
r coeff.	0.68	0.65
Bias	14.07	13.79
RMSE	20.75	20.88

Categorical Evaluation

Accuracy (%) 84.41  
 Prob. of Detection (%) 86.08  
 False Alarm Rate (%) 96.84  
 Crit. Success Index (%) 3.14  
 Bias (ratio) 27.25

**Eta-CMAQ 12km**

Comparison Statistics for  
 CMAQ/ETA (12km) with  
 AIRNOW daily 8-hr max O<sub>3</sub>  
 7/6/04 through 8/25/04

	<u>median</u>	<u>average</u>
r coeff.	0.58	0.56
Bias	9.95	9.76
RMSE	14.87	15.31

Categorical Evaluation

Accuracy (%) 98.53  
 Prob. of Detection (%) 49.37  
 False Alarm Rate (%) 82.51  
 Crit. Success Index (%) 14.85  
 Bias (ratio) 2.82

**CHRONOS 21km**

Comparison Statistics for  
 CHRONOS (21km) with  
 AIRNOW daily 8-hr max O<sub>3</sub>  
 7/6/04 through 8/25/04

	<u>median</u>	<u>average</u>
r coeff.	0.65	0.63
Bias	17.91	17.80
RMSE	23.51	23.76

Categorical Evaluation

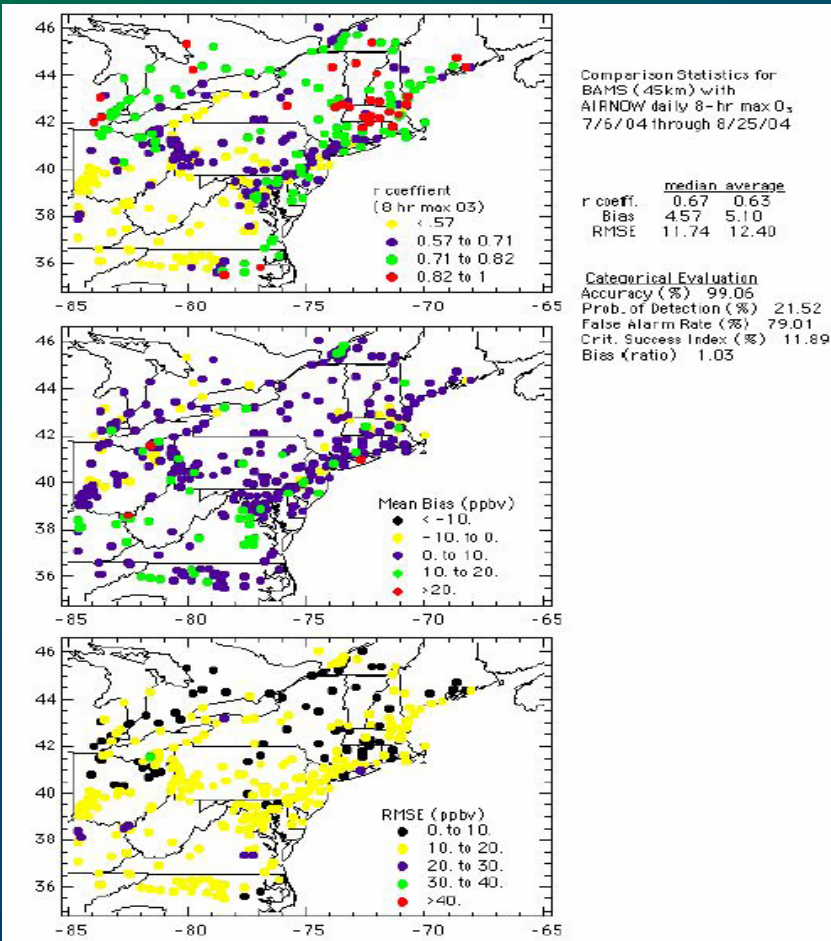
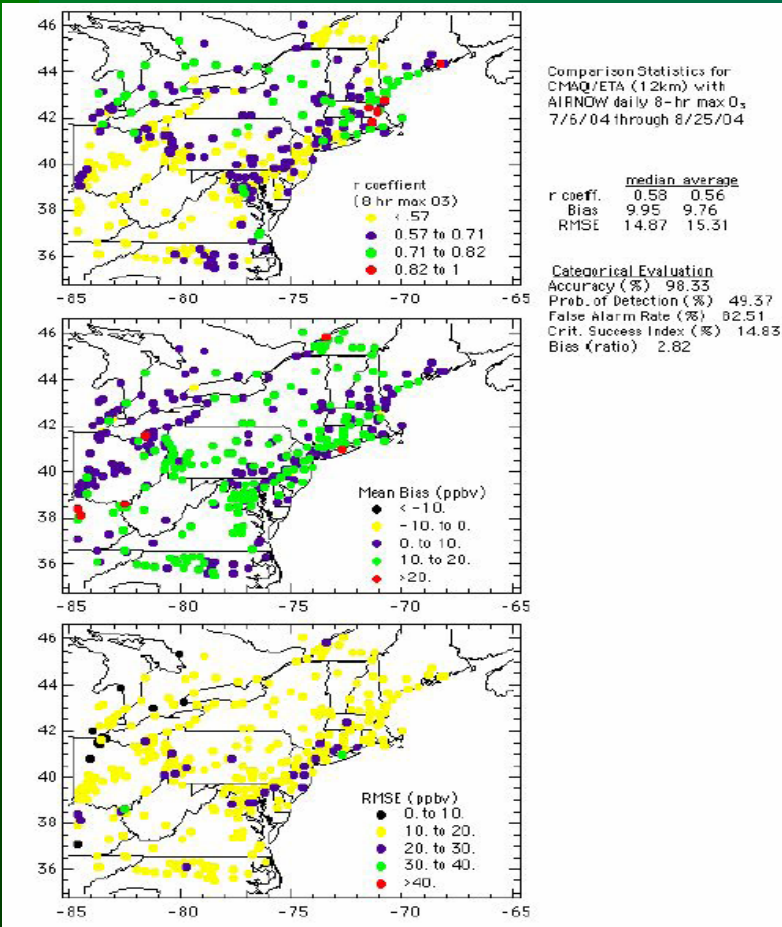
Accuracy (%) 81.50  
 Prob. of Detection (%) 75.95  
 False Alarm Rate (%) 97.63  
 Crit. Success Index (%) 2.36  
 Bias (ratio) 32.00

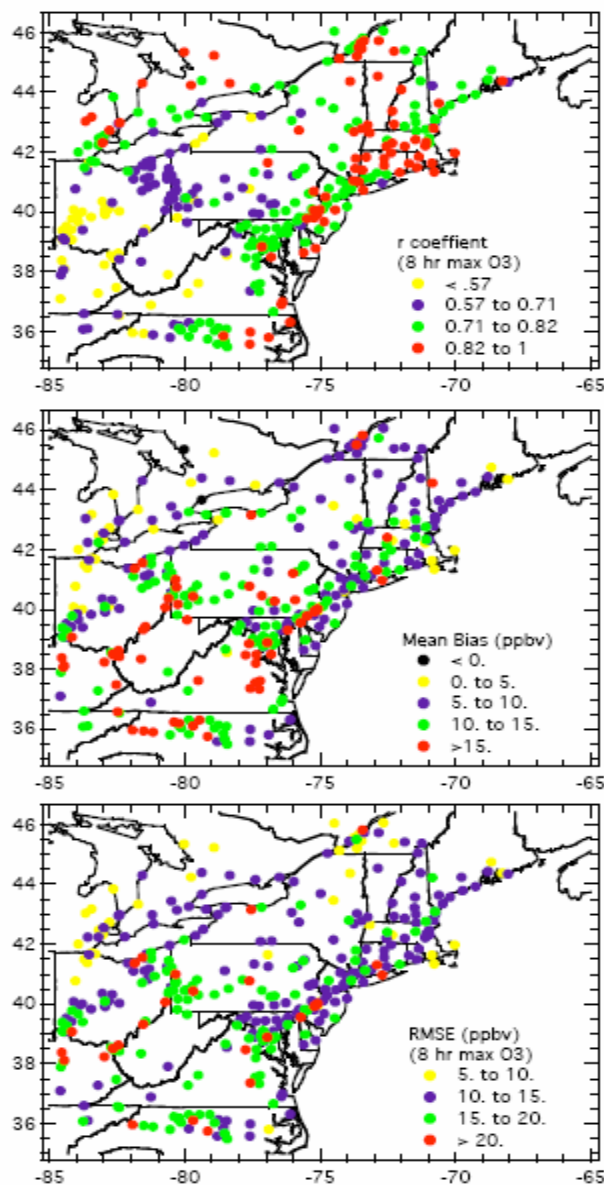


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### MAQSIP-RT Results in Context of Seven Member Ensemble





Figure

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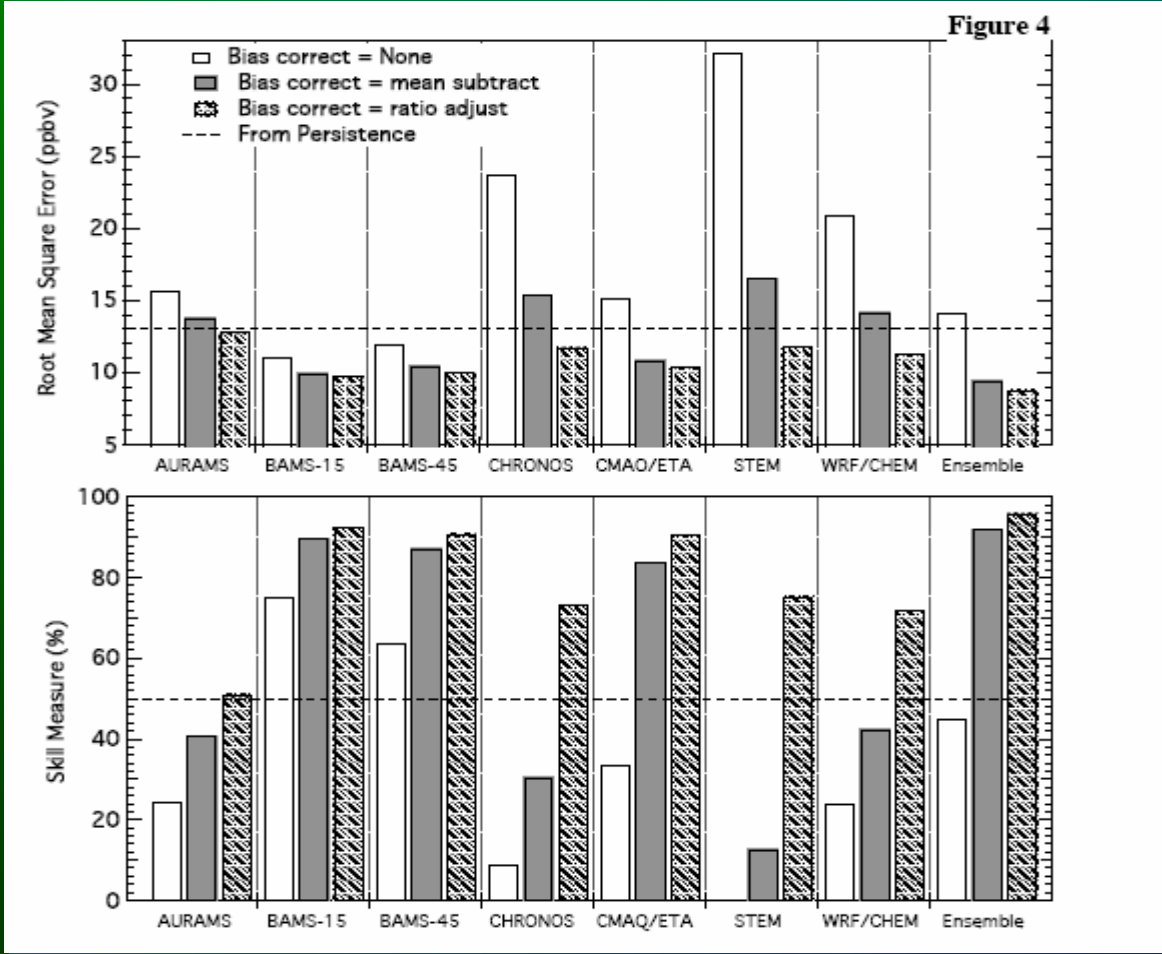
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**Seven Member  
Ensemble Result**



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Fraction of model-to-measurement comparisons that have lower rmse scores when compared to persistence is used as a measure of skill

Models having 50% or more points with lower rmse when compared with persistence are considered to have some skill

*BIAS Correction improves skill in all cases: however, without bias correction, even the ensemble has poorer skill than the BAMS models*



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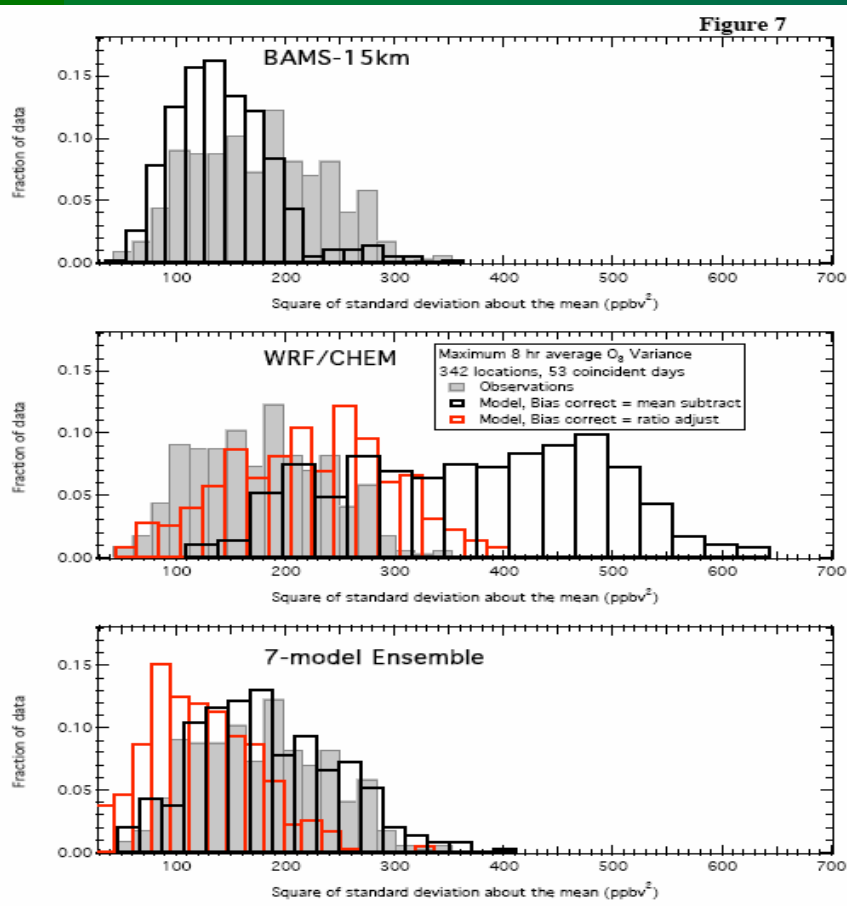


We define the *variance* at a given monitor to be the square of the standard deviation about the average  $O_3$ :

$$\text{Variance}(i) = \left( \frac{1}{N_{\text{days}}} \right) \sum_{\text{days}} \left( O_3(i, \text{day}) - O_3(i, \text{average}) \right)^2 \quad (6),$$

where  $O_3$  can either be observed or model daily maximum average  $O_3$ . This quantity is chosen because it represents the power of the  $O_3$  signal about the mean from a purely signal processing point of view.

where  $i$  refers to  $O_3$  monitor  $i$  ( $i=1$  to  $342$ ),  $N_{\text{days}}$  refers to number of observing days at each site,



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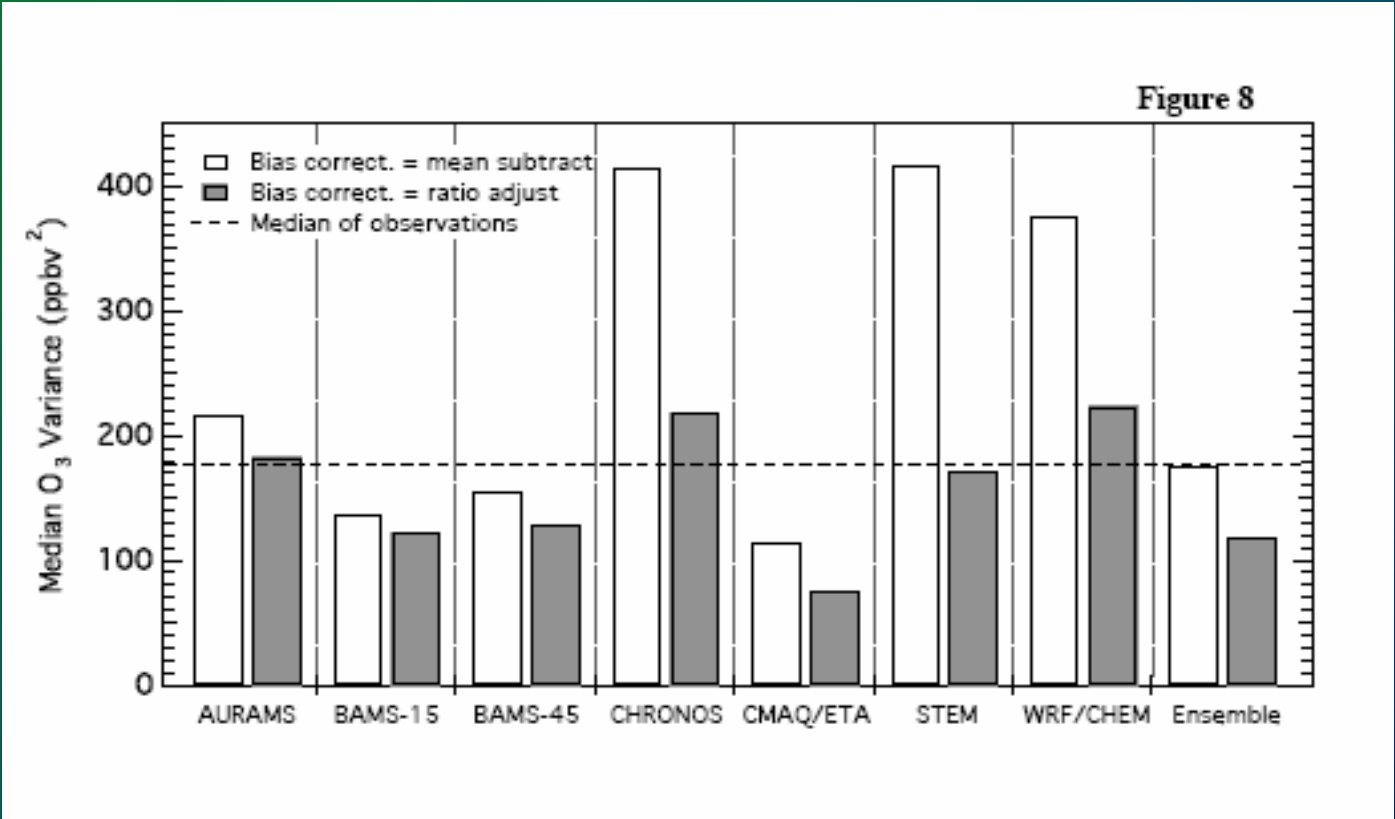
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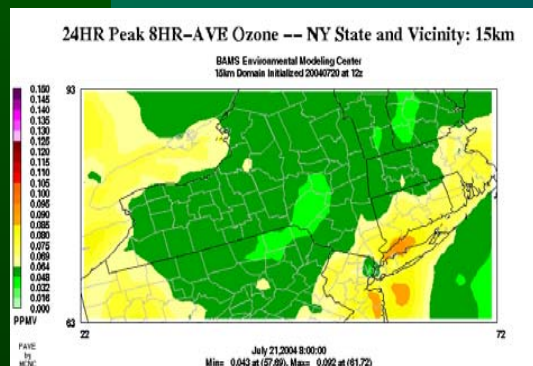
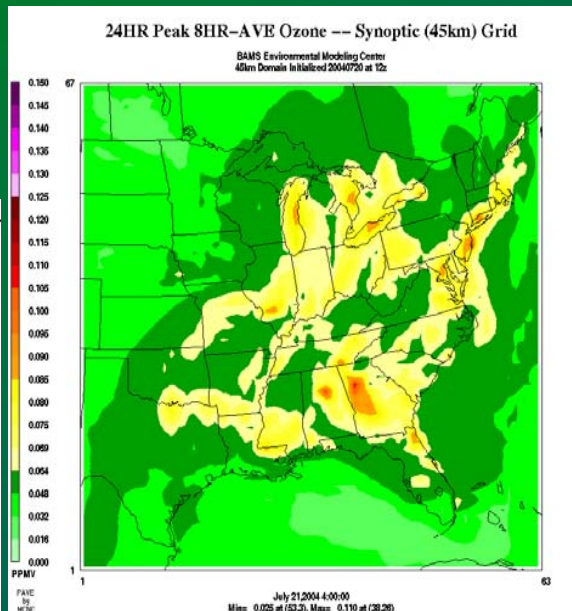
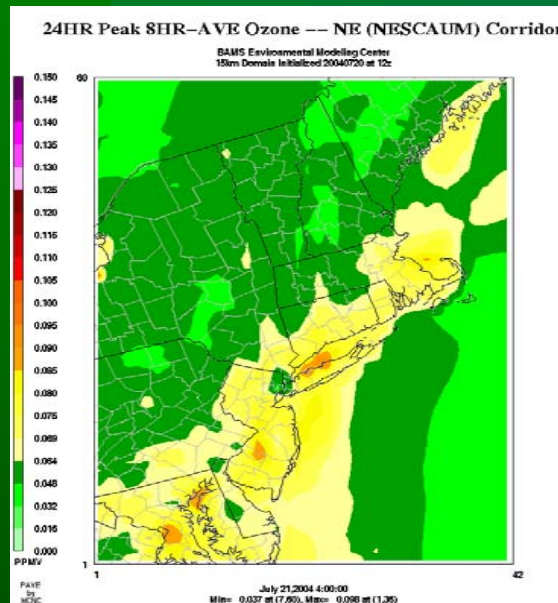
# Study Conclusions: Individual Models and Ensembles

**Combined Error Statistic Comparison – No Bias Correction**

**CES = (RMSE + BIAS)/(Corr)**

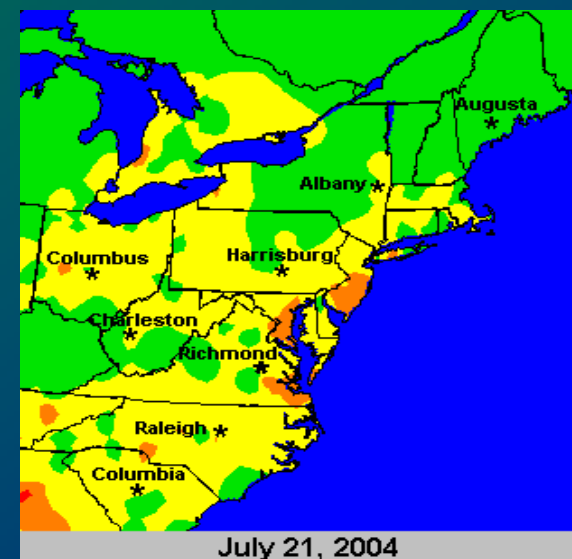
*A score of 0 is “perfect”*

Forecast Models Used During ICARTT – 2K4	Combined Error Statistic
Multiscale Air Quality Simulation Platform – Real-Time (MAQSIP-RT 45km)	22.15
Multiscale Air Quality Simulation Platform – Real-Time (MAQSIP-RT 15km)	27.77
NOAA-EPA (Eta-CMAQ Community Model for Air Quality 12km)	44.76
Weather Research and Forecast Model – Chemistry (WRF-Chem 27km)	53.33
Canadian Hemispheric and Regional Ozone and Nox System (CHRONOS 21km)	65.96
A Unified Regional Air-Quality Modeling Systems (AURAMS 42km)	44.70
Sulfur Transport and Emissions Model (STEM –2K3 12km)	108.92
Ensemble	34.92



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*Figures 1a, b, and c (top, middle, and bottom). MAQSIP-RT 45km (top) and different 15km (middle and bottom) forecasts for peak 8-hr ozone valid July 21, 2004 issued 12z July 20, 2004.*

*Figure 2. AIRNow gridded peak 8-hour ozone observations for July 21, 2004.*

# MAQSIP-RT Results in Context of Seven Member Ensemble



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## Study Conclusions: Individual Models and Ensembles

- *The BAMS MAQSIP-RT systems leads all models available in the US and Canada in forecast skill*
- *Ensembles of forecast models have promise to improve skill even further over single model forecasts*



## **Baron Advanced: Where are we Going?**

**We will be introducing CONUS forecasts not only for ozone but for PM 2.5 and HAZE this coming forecast season**

**We will be offering an ensemble air quality forecast product suite in the near future**

**We will continue to contribute to the national AQF effort through participation in field intensives and other R&D opportunities**

**STOP BY OUR BOOTH FOR MORE DETAILS!!!**

***And be sure to see Carlie Coats' poster with details of our Eta-CMAQ enabling technology***



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