

# Simulation of Long-range Transport of Ozone and its Implications

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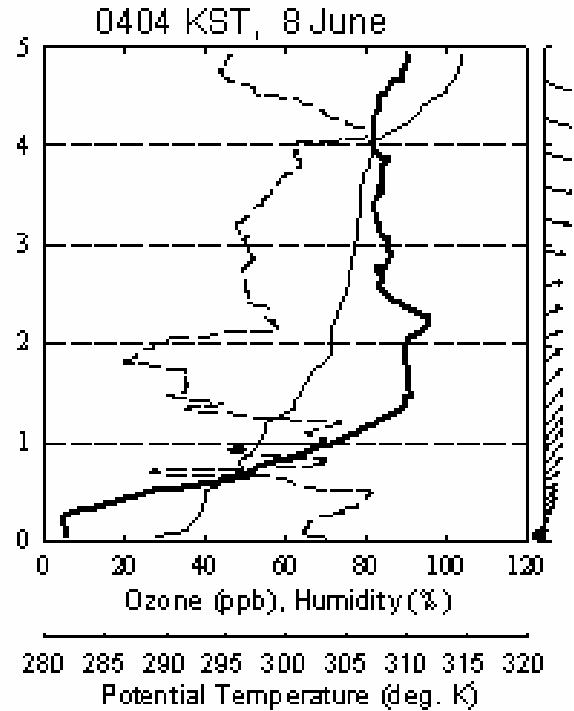
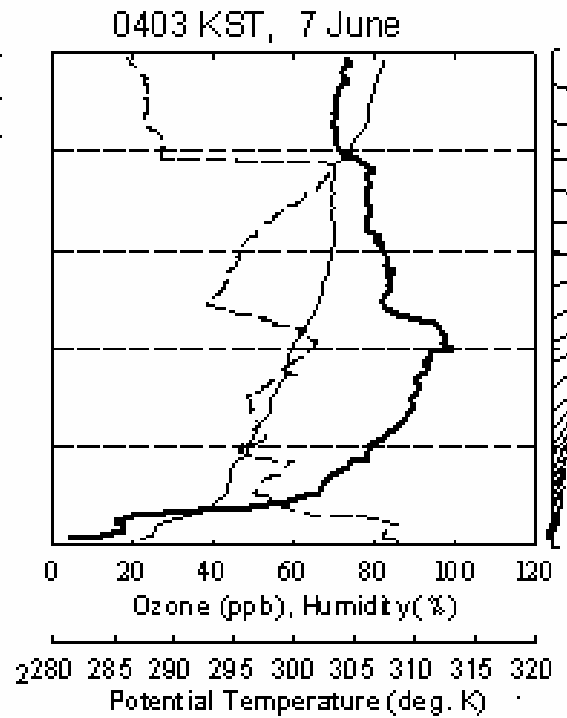
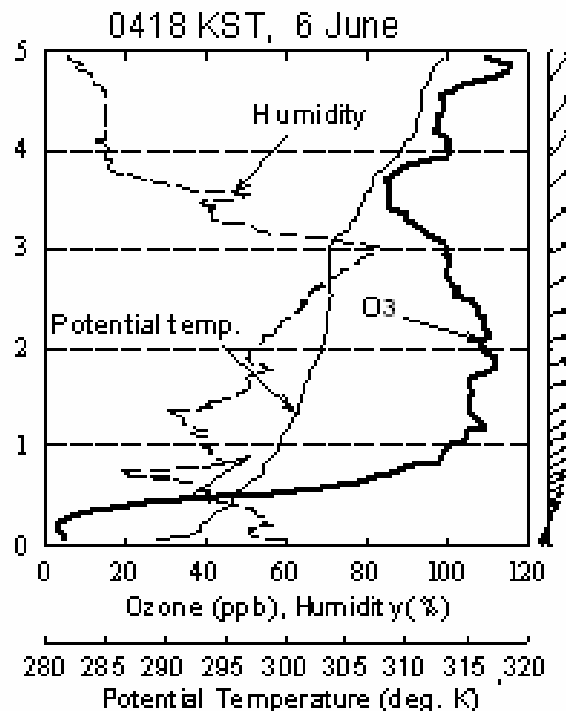
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- Vertical O<sub>3</sub> distribution Over North-East Asia
  - Regional and Local emission effects
  - Mesoscale circulation and Convective mixing
  - Elevated O<sub>3</sub> layer and Long-range transport
- Previous Results
  - Modeling (i.e., Yamaji et al., 2006; Ahang et al., 2002)
  - Measurement (i.e., KME, 2007; Komhyr et al., 1995)
    - : High regional background O<sub>3</sub> concentration are reported
- This Presentation
  - Examine the vertical O<sub>3</sub> profiles measured in Seoul
  - Modeling Study using MM5-CMAQ
  - Quantitative Estimation of the transported O<sub>3</sub> aloft to Surface Ozone Concentrations

# -Measured vertical O<sub>3</sub> distribution

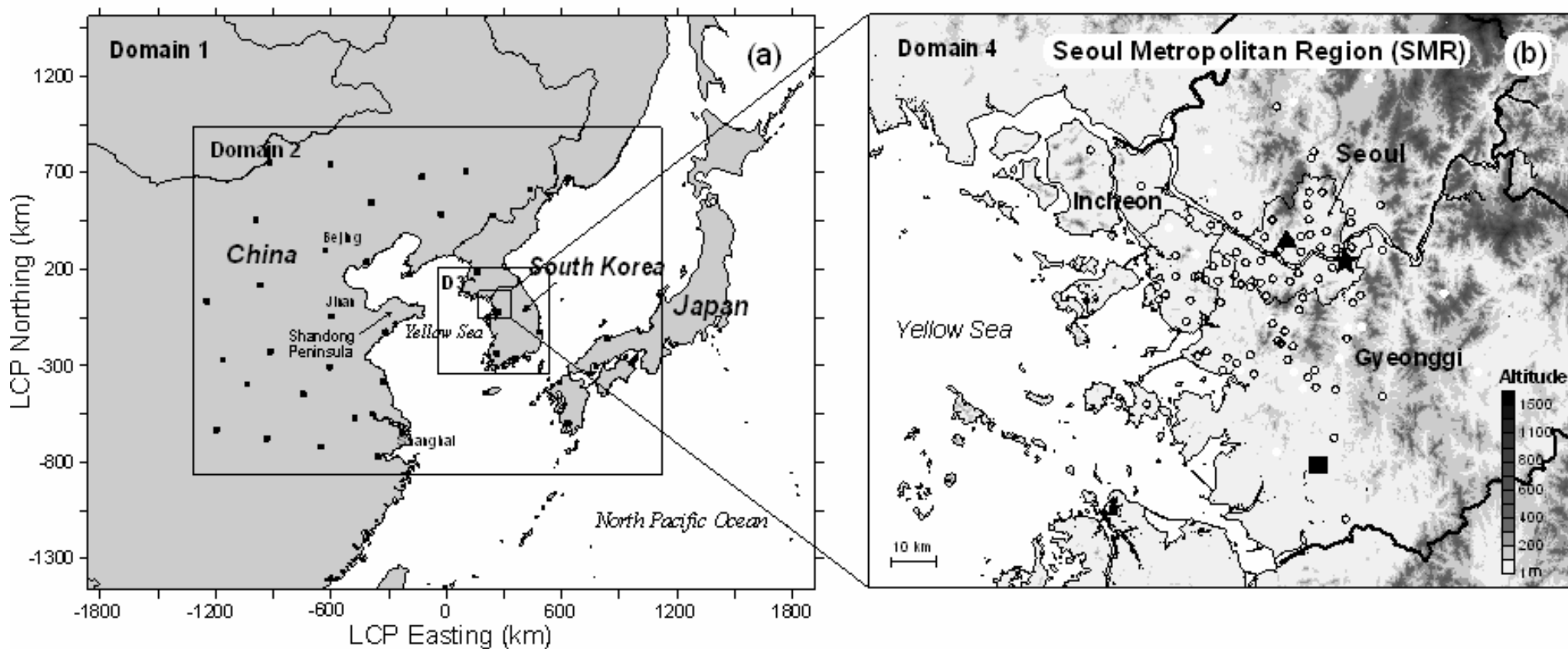


# Data Used



## • Measurement of vertical $O_3$ distribution

- Period : 6 - 9 June, 2003
- Ozonesonde Measurement at Seoul Olympic Park (SOP)
- Meteorological data used for the same period



$O_3$  measurement(SOP)(★), surface meteorology(▲), air sounding(■), Surface  $O_3$  sites (open circles)

# Model Configuration



## • Meteorological Model

- MM5 (version 6.3)

- Nested Grid System : 54 km(64×49), 18 km(130×94), 2 km (79×64)

## • Air Quality Model

- CMAQ (version 4.5)

- Chemical Mechanism:  
SAPRC99

- Emission

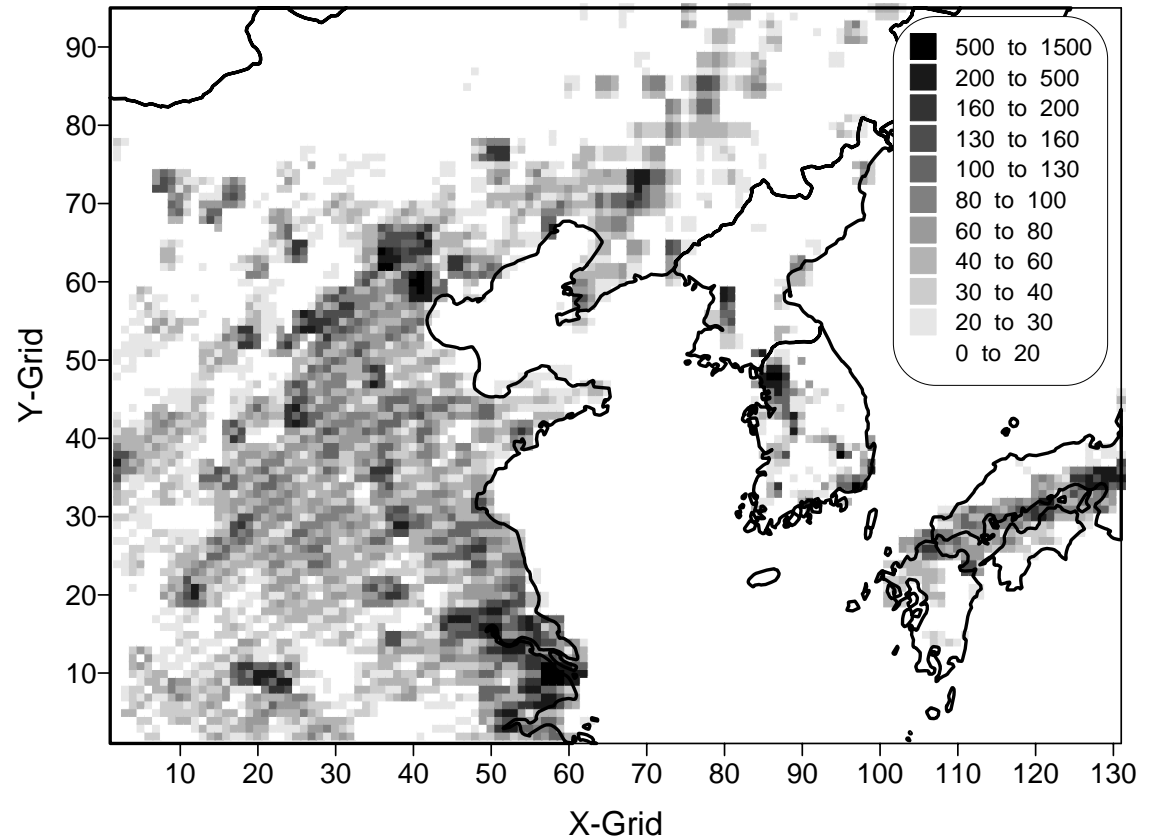
1. CGRER

(NASA INTEX-B project)

2. Korea (CAPSS)

3. BEIS 3.12

(Biogenic emission)



**NO<sub>x</sub> emissions (ton yr<sup>-1</sup>)**

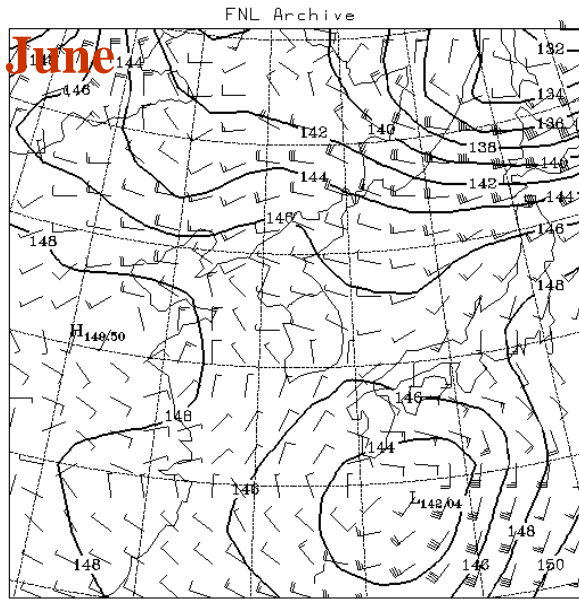
**(2006 emissions of INTEX-B project of NASA)**

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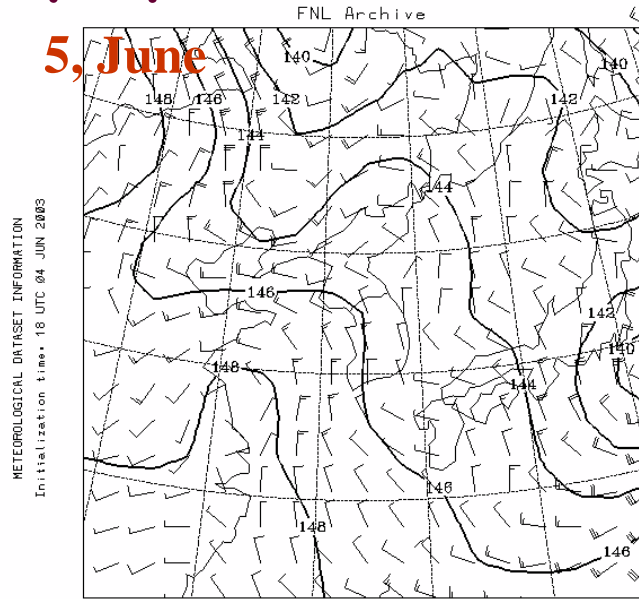


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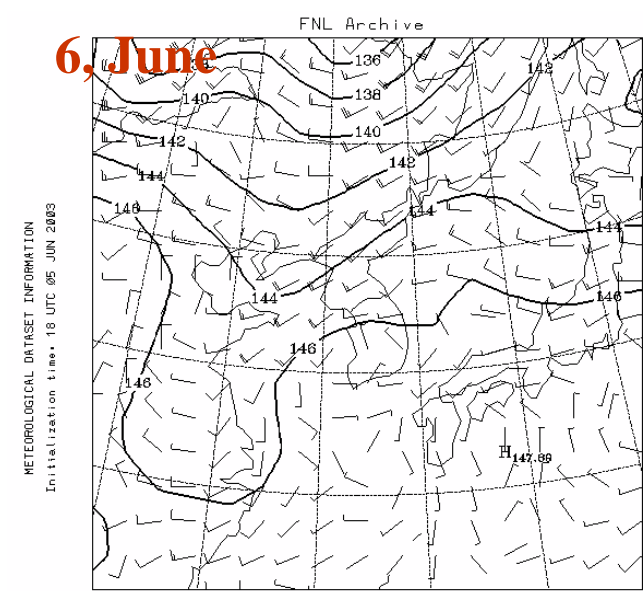
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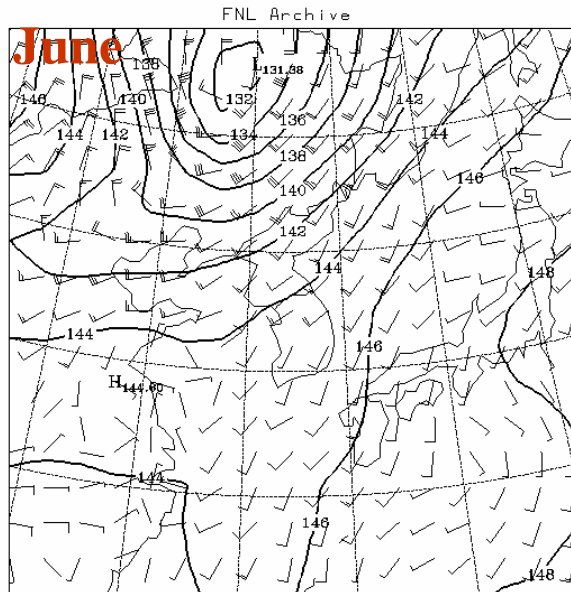
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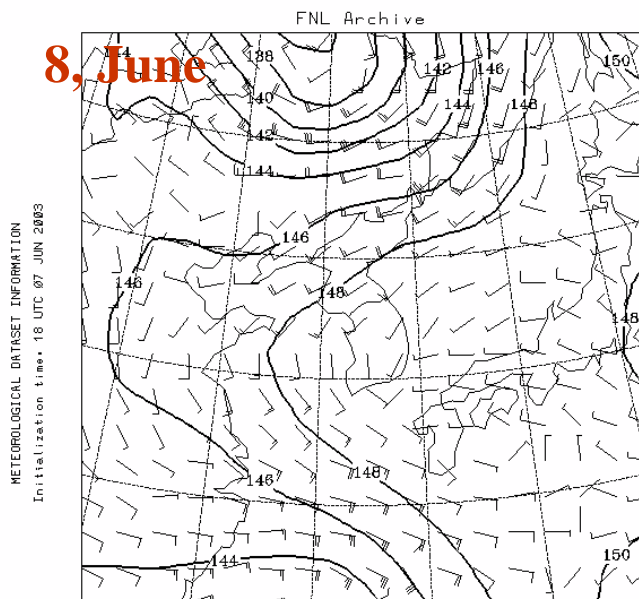
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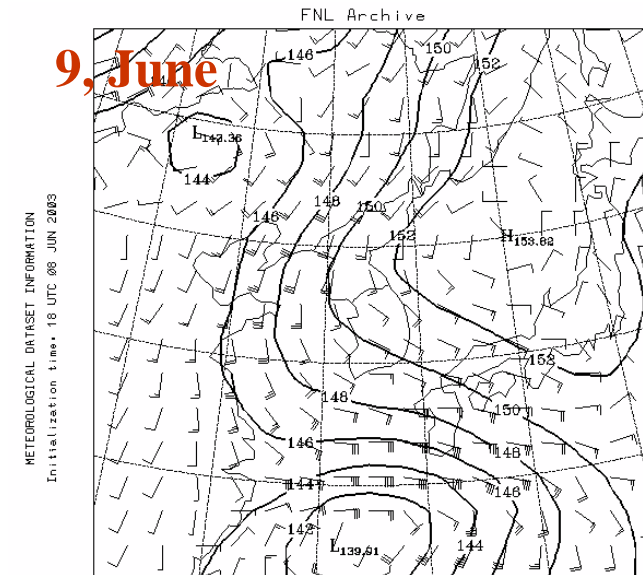
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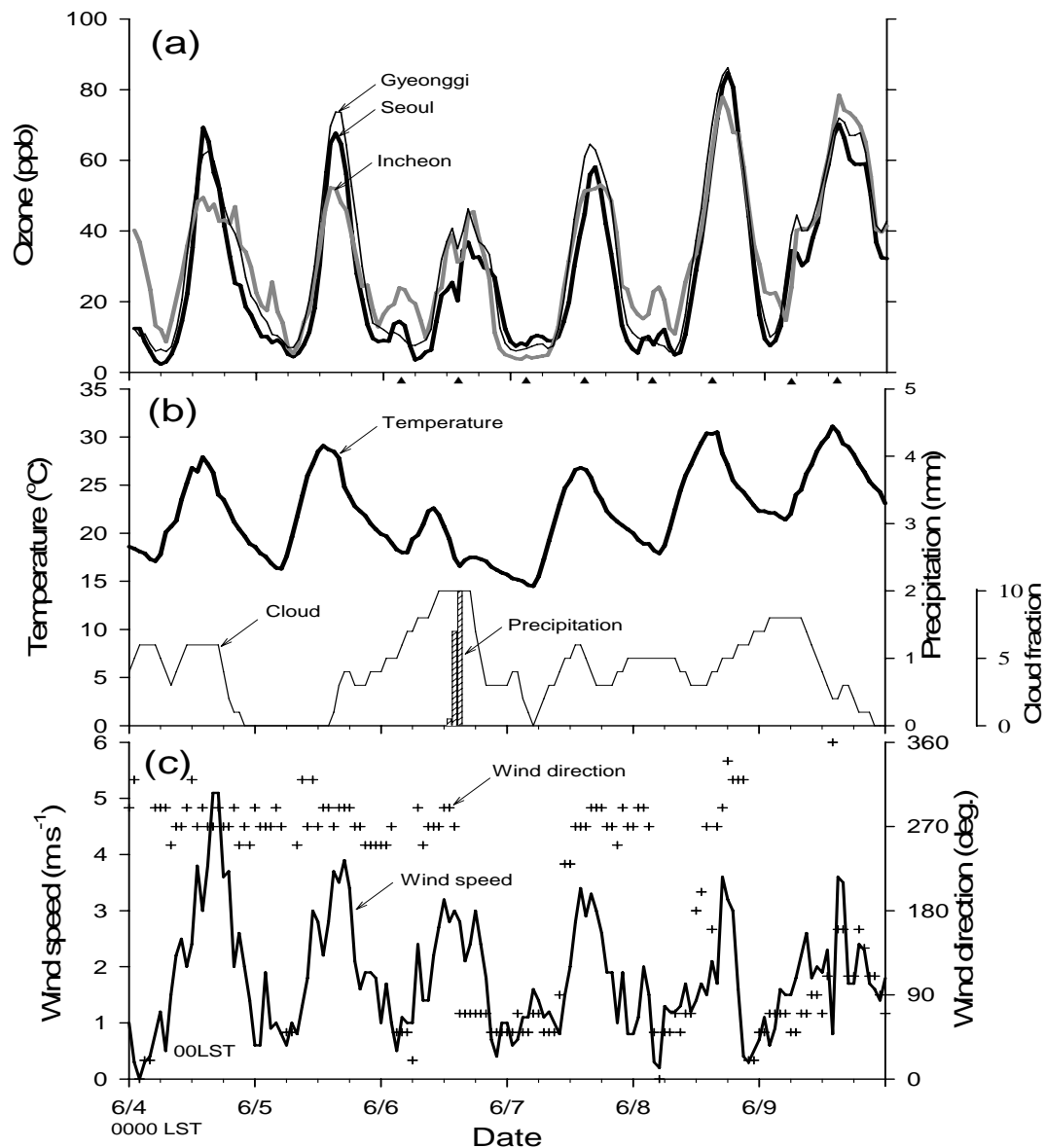
9, June



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## -Measured surface $O_3$ and Meteorological variables

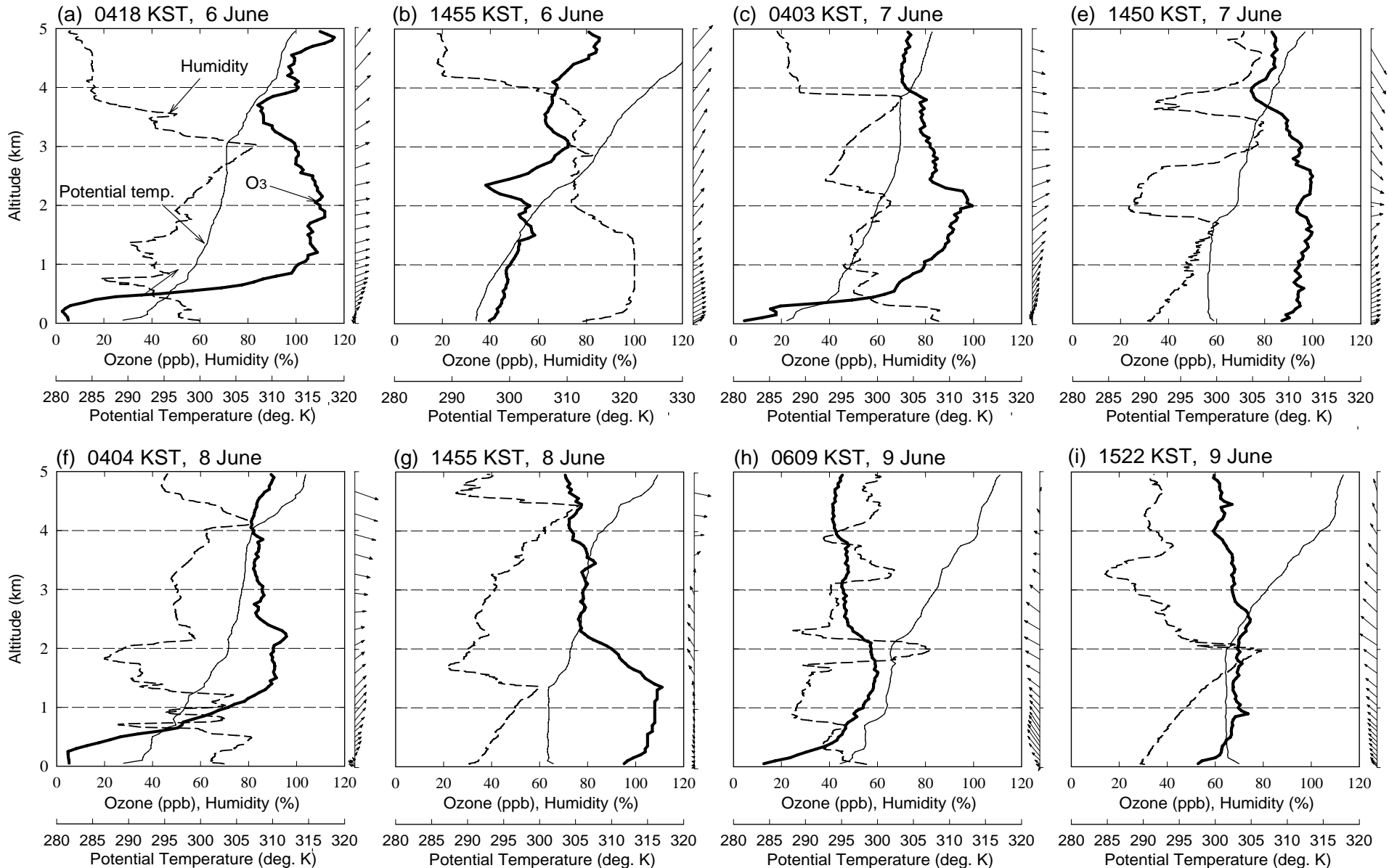




# Results and Discussion



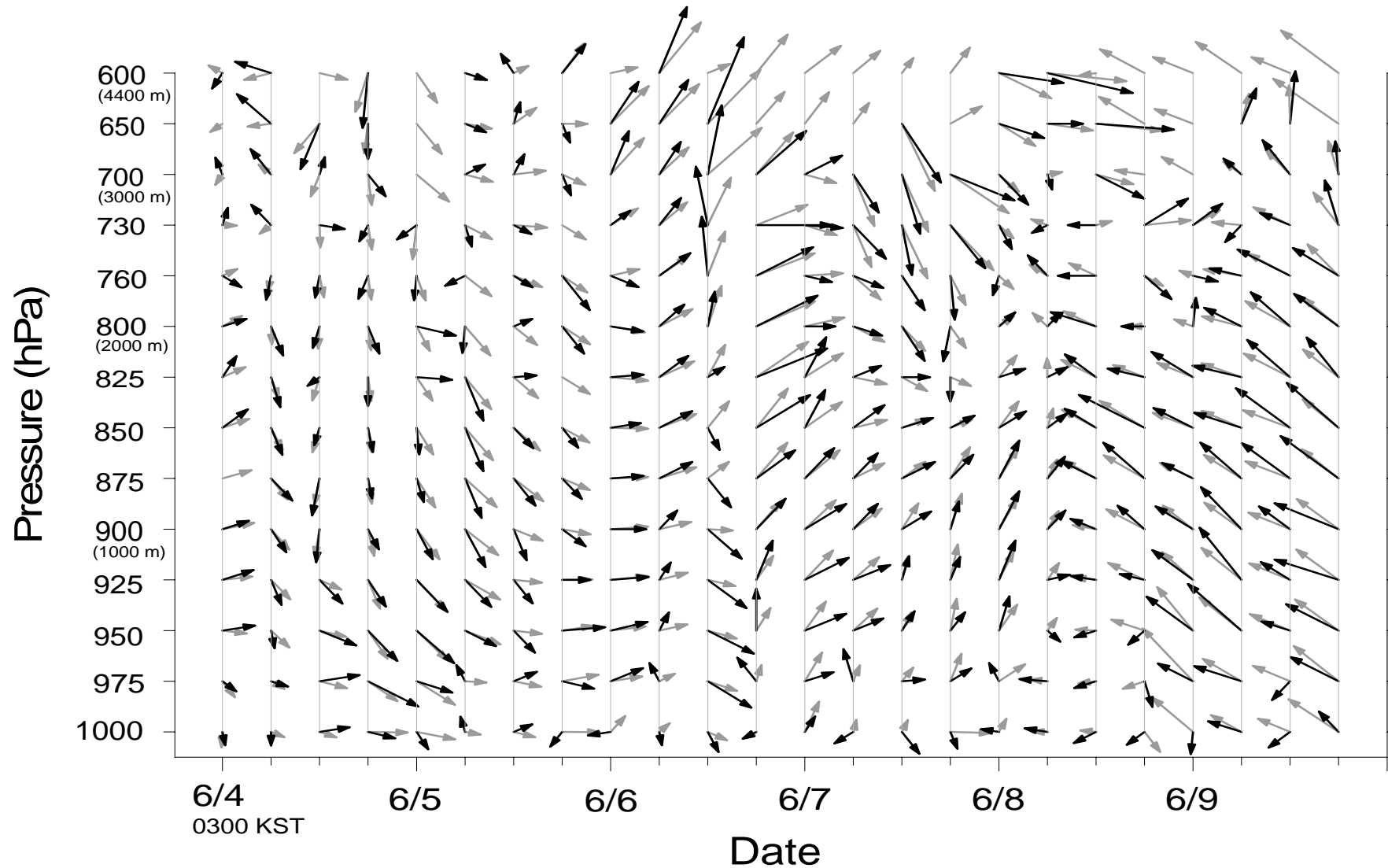
## -Vertical O<sub>3</sub> distribution



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## Observed vs. Simulated Wind Fields



**Modeled wind profiles (arrows with grey line). Observations (arrow with black line)**

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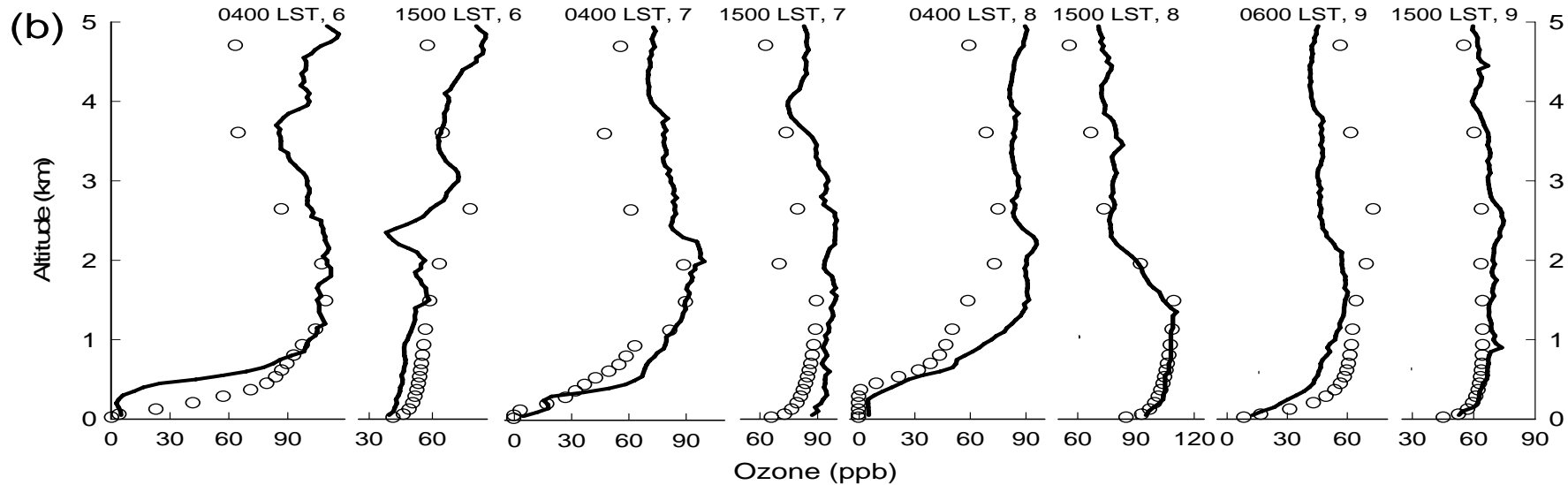
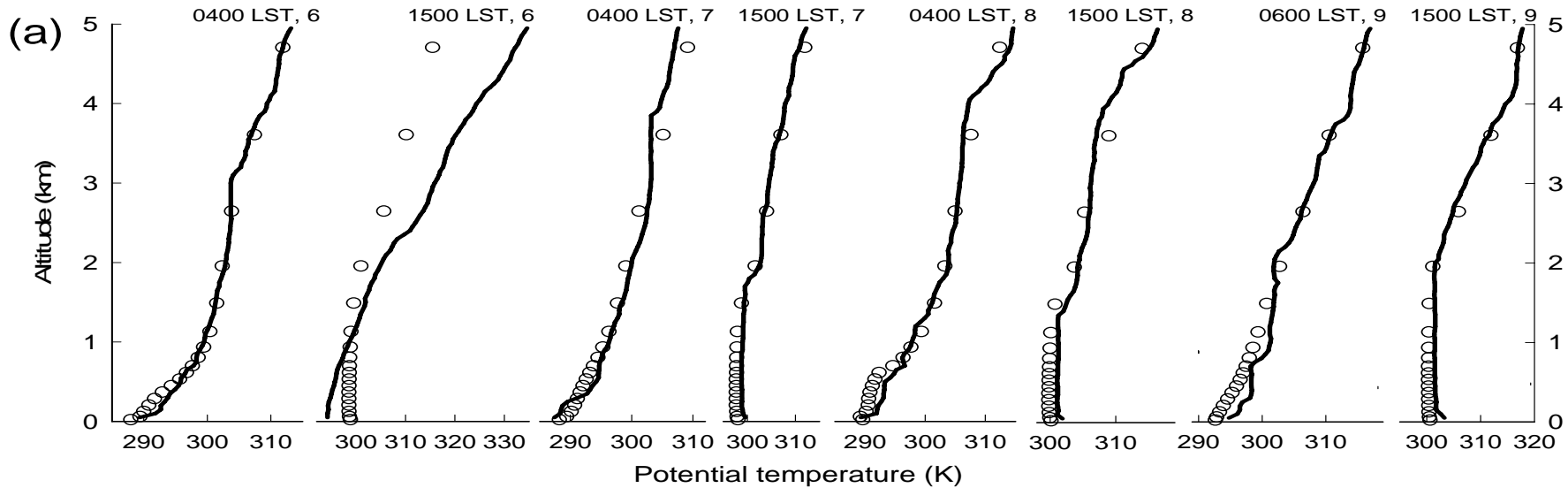
## Meteorological Model Evaluation

| Statistical measures                   | Temperature | Winds (m s <sup>-1</sup> ) |         |         |
|--|-------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|
|  | (K)         | Wind speed                 | u-Comp. | v-Comp. |
| Mean bias, MB                          | 0.21        | -0.58                      | -0.06   | 0.03    |
| Root mean square error,<br>RMSE        | 1.10        | 2.06                       | 2.07    | 2.17    |
| Correlation coefficient,<br>R (p<0.01) | 0.98        | 0.85                       | 0.91    | 0.90    |
| Number of samples                      | 1305        |                            | 1353    |         |

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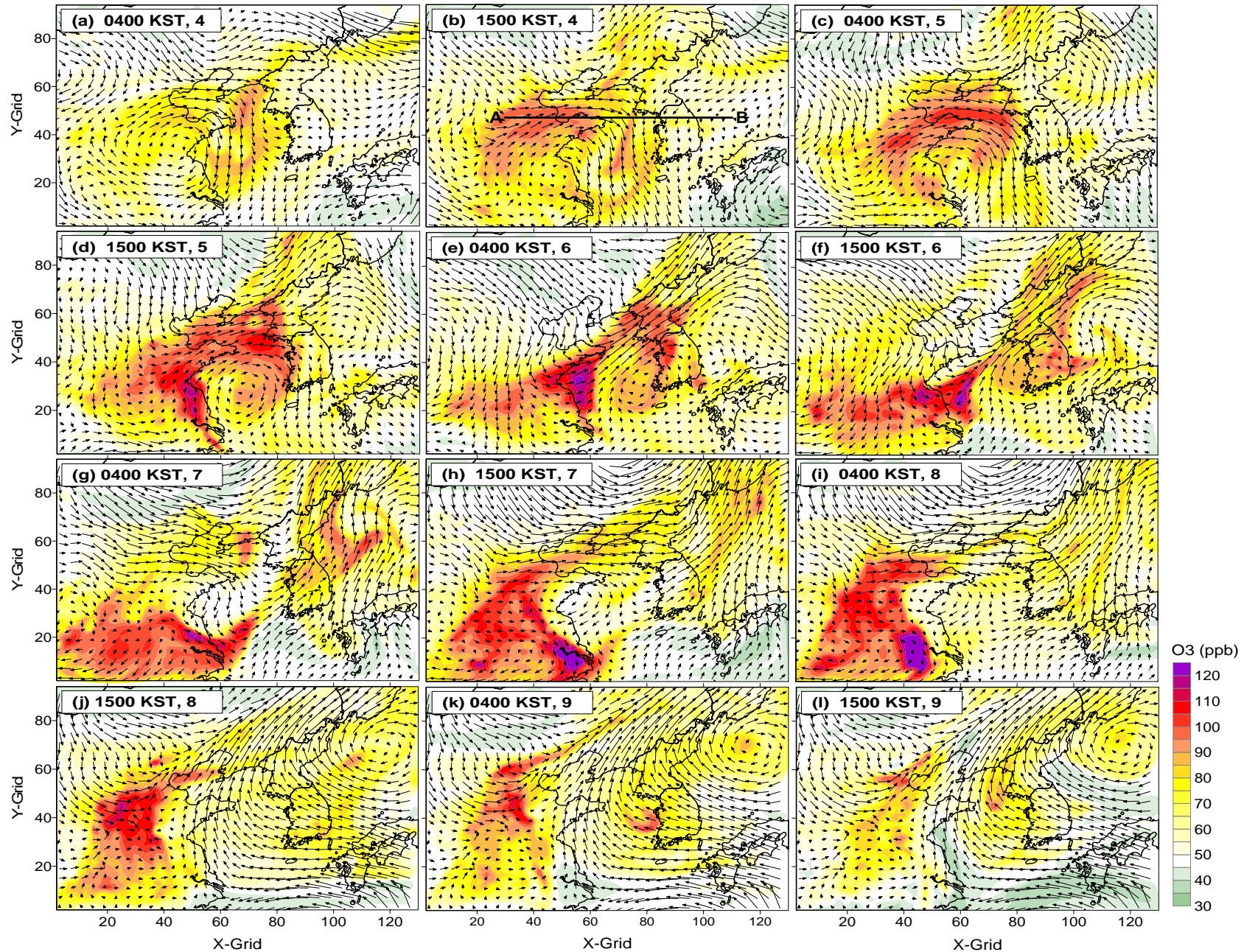


## Observed vs. Simulated Potential T., and O<sub>3</sub>

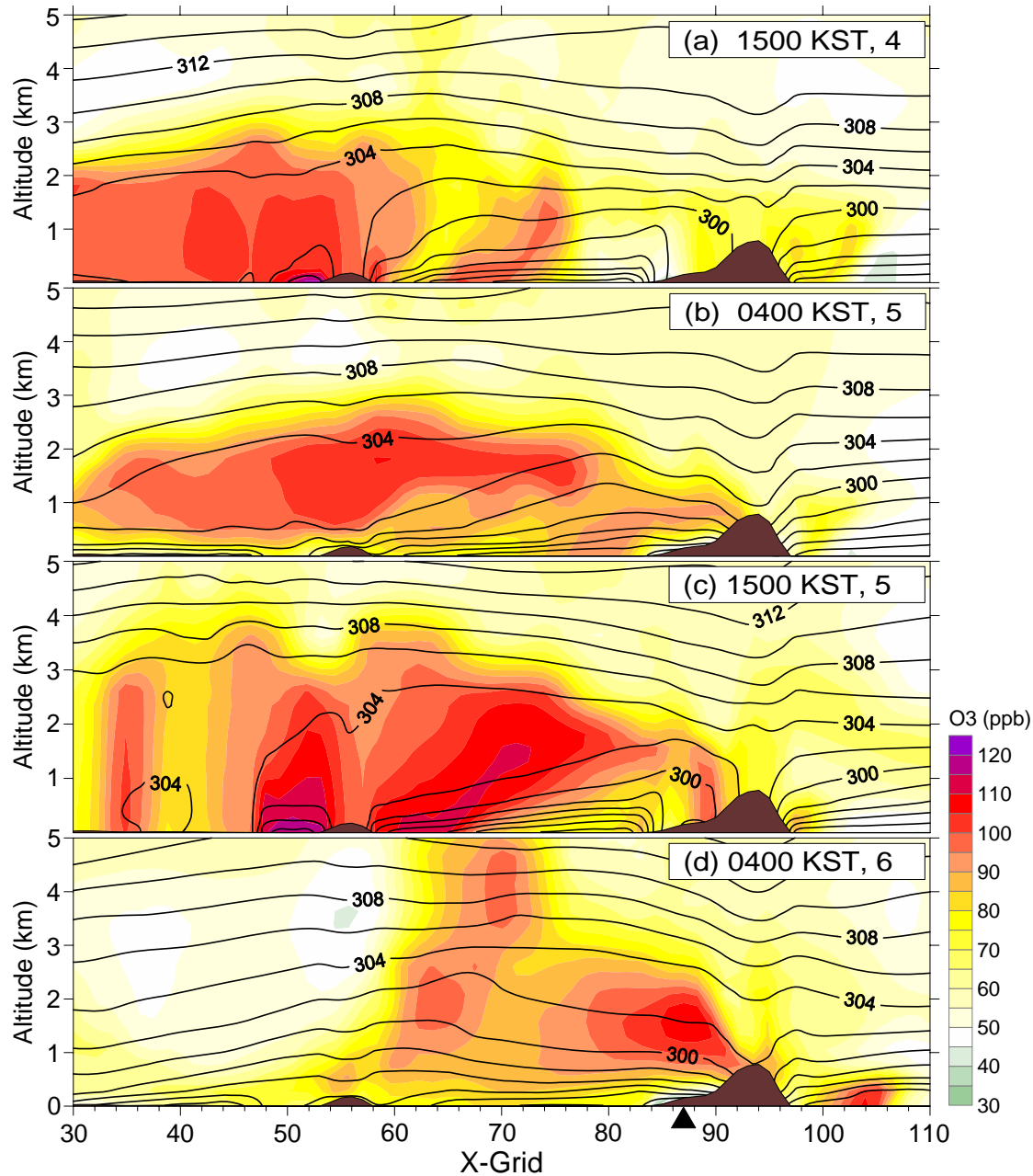


Observation (line) vs. Simulation (circle) for (a) Potential Temp. (b) O<sub>3</sub>

# Distributions of the modeled $O_3$ and wind vectors at 2 km



# Cross-section (A-B) of O<sub>3</sub> & potential temp.



## Implications (1)

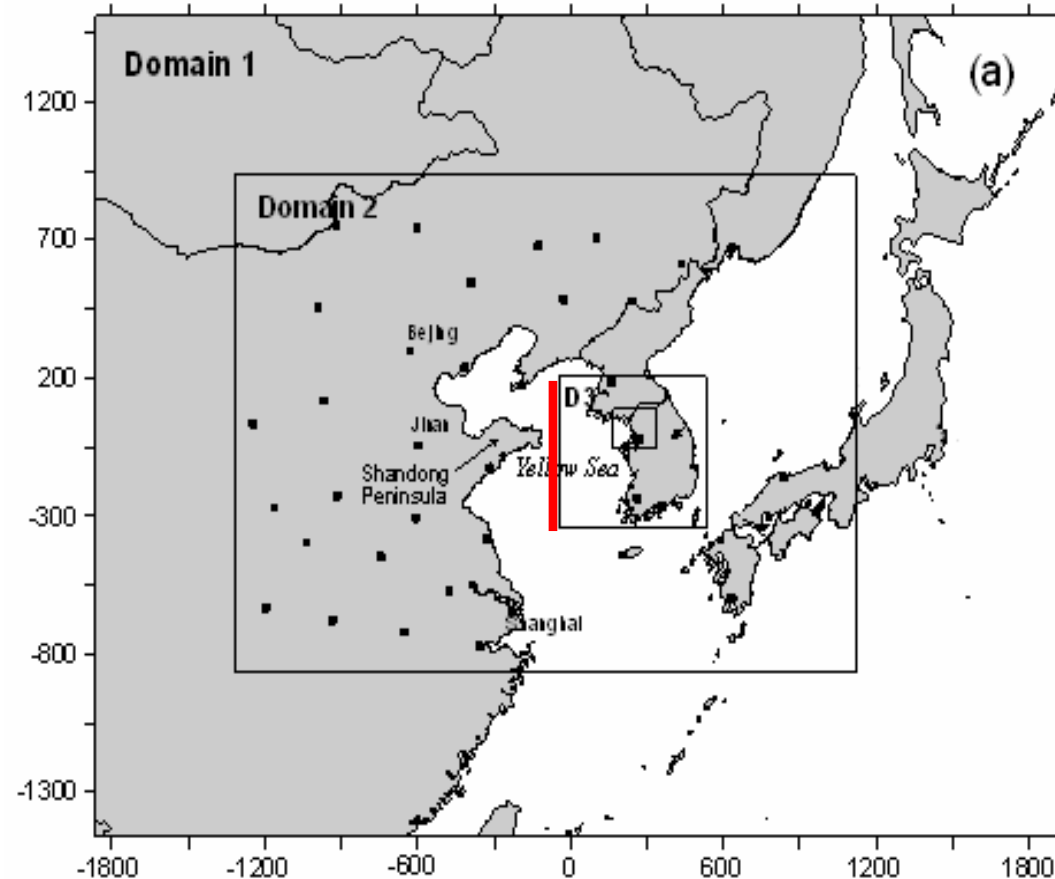
- Elevated  $O_3$  concentrations over 100 ppb was simulated by upward transport of photochemically generated  $O_3$  concentrations in deep mixed layer
- $O_3$  were mostly confined to two levels of isentropic surface (Elevated  $O_3$  decoupled from stable air + surface  $O_3$ )
- High elevated  $O_3$  concentrations was seen next day over the Yellow Sea, and modeled high  $O_3$  concentrations extended across the Yellow sea due to the regional transport of  $O_3$  concentrations periphery of the high pressure system
- The elevated  $O_3$  concentrations later have been long-range transported over the Yellow sea with favorable weather condition

# Sensitivity Tests

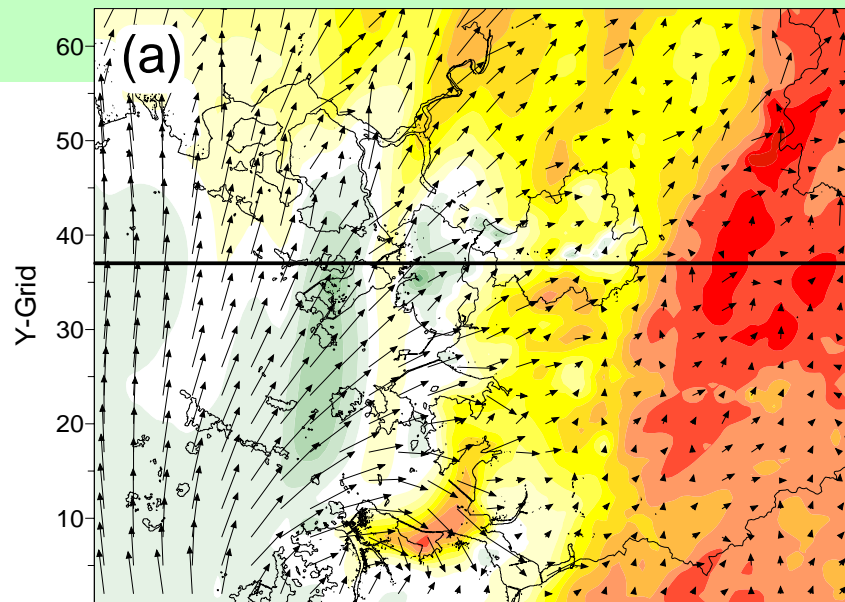
Long range Transport + Well-developed Mixed Layer

- **MM5-CMAQ Simulations**

- **Case 1:**  
Nested Boundary Condition  
from Coarse Domain
- **Case 2:**  
Clean Air condition Boundary  
Condition

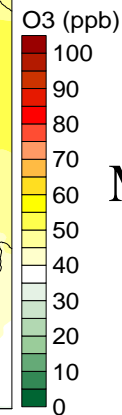
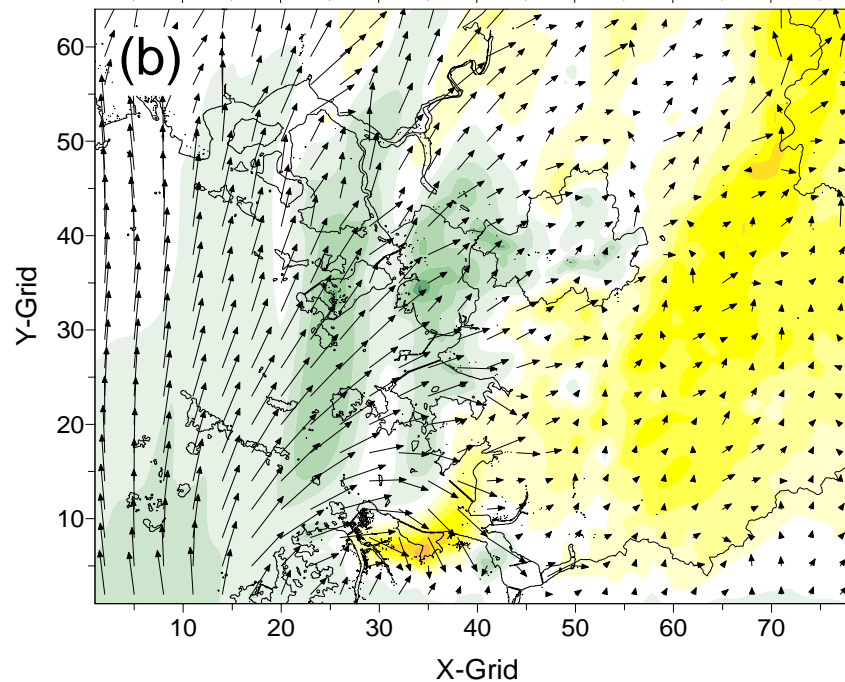






1300 LST  
7, June 2003

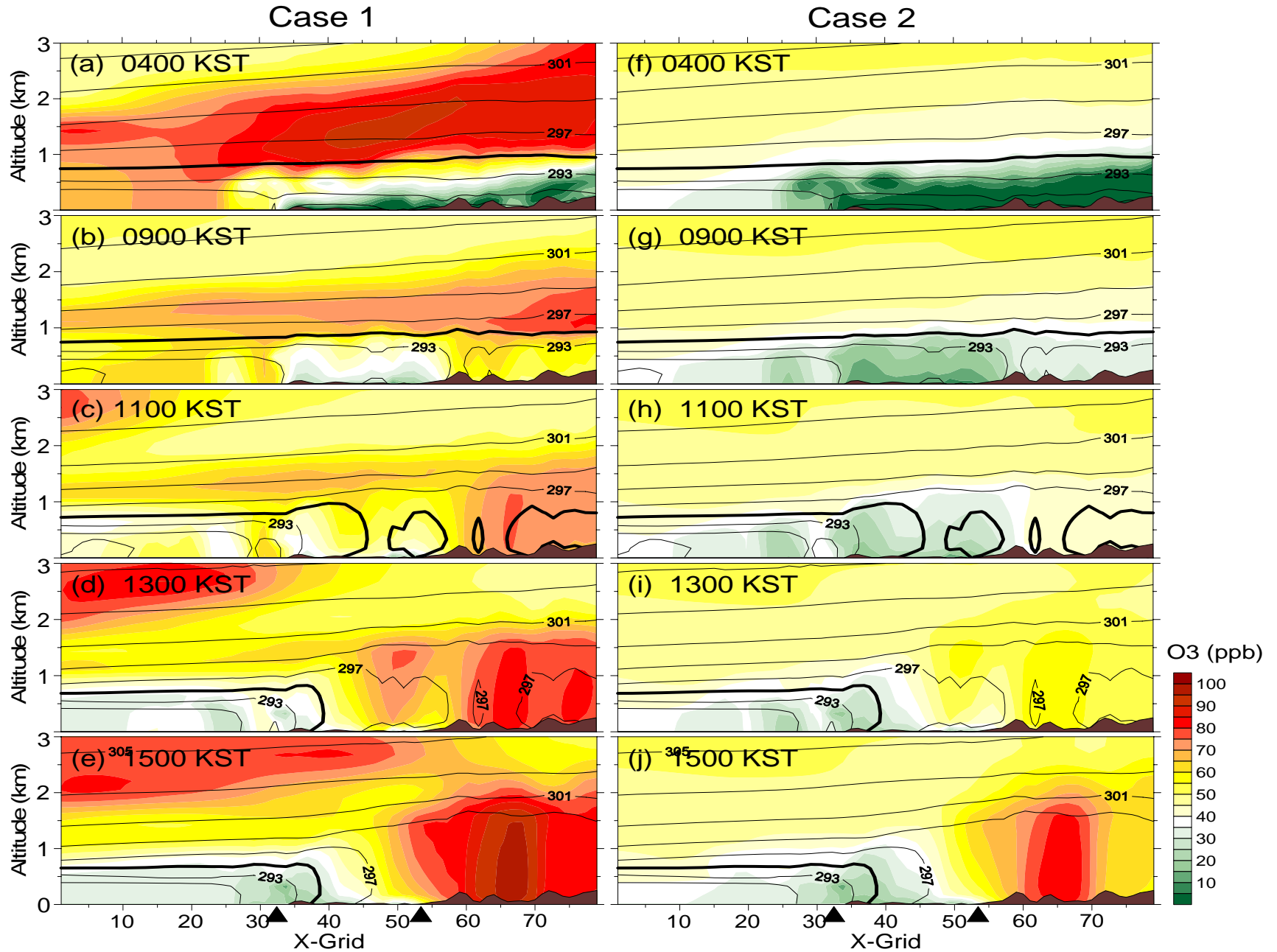
CASE 1  
Max. 76.5 ppb



CASE 2  
Max. 34.7 ppb

Modeled surface  $O_3$  and wind vectors

# Results of Sensitivity Test



## Implications (2)

- Maximum difference of  $O_3$  between Case 1 and Case 2 is 41.8 ppb
  - Case 1 : 76.5 ppb
  - Case 2 : 34.7 ppb
- Surface  $O_3$  concentrations can be enhanced by up to 55 % cause by regional transport process.
- Depending on the levels of  $O_3$  aloft, the enhancement was significant
- Previous Studies
  - 1) Zhang et al.(1977) 60-70% by  $O_3$  down mixing process at rural site
  - 2) Neu et al. (1994) 50-70 % by  $O_3$  trapped aloft in the overnight residual layer
  - 3) This episodic study : 55% by  $O_3$  transport and down mixing process

# Summary and Conclusion



- Ozonesonde measurements at SOP shows elevated  $O_3$  layer at 1km-3km
- Multi-scale  $O_3$  simulations by the MM5-CMAQ were made to identify the processes of regional scale transport and suggested the evidence of the elevated  $O_3$  layer over Seoul
- (Photochemical  $O_3$  Production + deep convection) -> (transported eastward over the stable marine boundary layer ) is corresponding to the ozonesonde measurement at SOP and pointing to important regional influences in shaping the vertical  $O_3$  distributions
- Sensitivity tests shows that about 55% enhancement of the surface  $O_3$  concentrations is attributed to the regional influence
- The simulations suggested that the vertical mixing processes in the daytime convective boundary layer can bring ozone-rich air masses aloft, which was mainly formed by the long-range transport, down to the ground during the daytime

A black and white photograph of a park path lined with trees and ornate street lamps. The scene is bathed in a soft, glowing light, creating a dreamy atmosphere. The path is paved and leads into the distance. On the left, there are several trees with dense foliage. On the right, a series of ornate street lamps with multiple lanterns are spaced along the path. The overall mood is serene and nostalgic.

**Thank you for  
your attention**