DISCOVER-AQ OUTLOOK -- September 17, 2013

Today (Tuesday): No fly day.

<u>Tomorrow (Wednesday)</u>: Fly day? Cloudy conditions remain, though somewhat less cloudy than Monday. As the remnants of Ingrid move SW, the moisture and convective outflow also should shift SW somewhat. Less moisture and cirrus should thus impact the region, though not enough to dissipate the cirrus deck significantly.

<u>Thursday:</u> May be OK to fly. However, the forecast is very uncertain. The upper level ridge weakens and moves E, while an upper trough builds over the continental US. This should bring some instability to the region. The change in the synoptic flow pattern will also be more conducive to the inflow of moisture and cirrus cloud from the remnants of Ingrid and Manuel.

<u>Friday:</u> Not looking good for a flight. Instability from the trough and moisture inflow from the Gulf and the storm remnants should allow for convection and precipitation.

With onshore flow, ozone and PM are expected to remain low through the weekend.

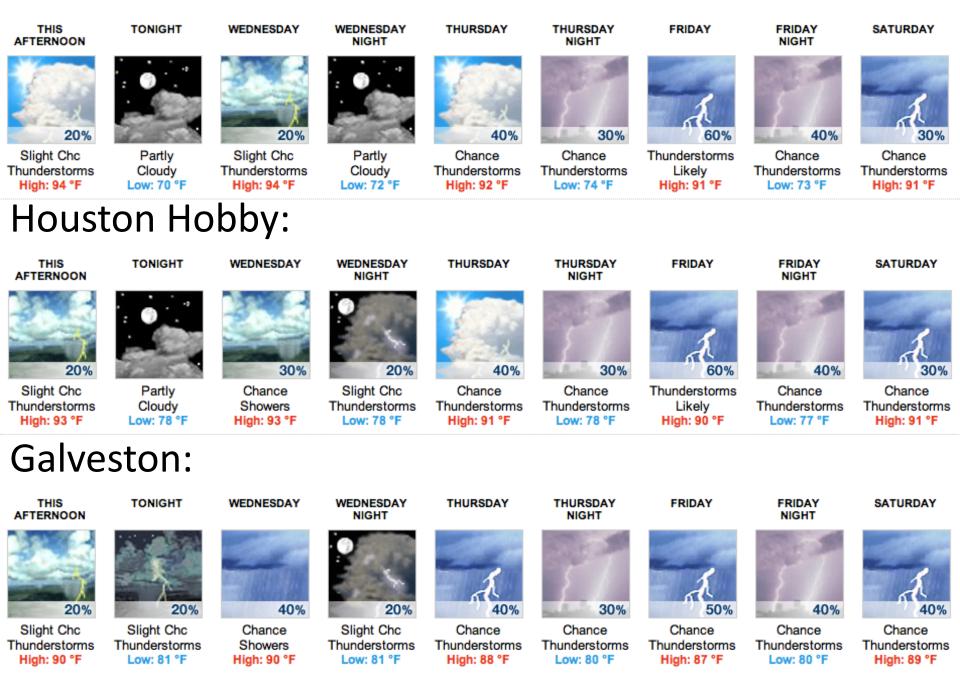
9/17/2013 Weather Briefing

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Recommendations

- Wednesday: No fly day. Very similar situation to today.
- Thursday and Friday: No fly days; cloud coverage increases as the upper trough pulls more moisture from the remnants of Ingrid and Manuel. A surface front also begins to move southward.

Conroe:



Current Conditions

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A Few Clouds 90°F 32°C

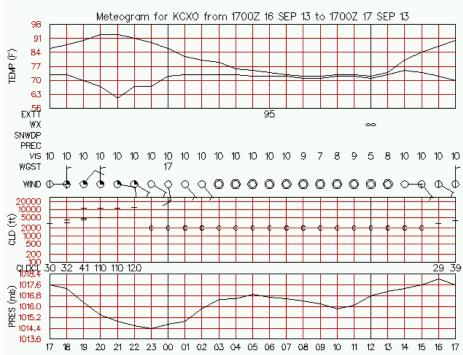
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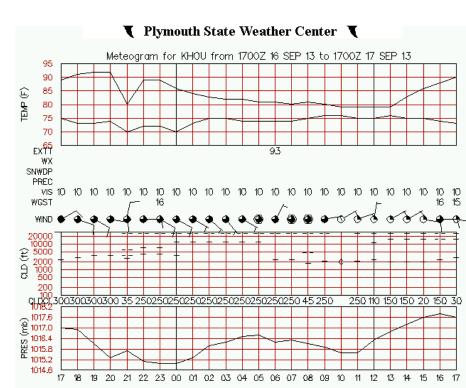


Houston Hobby:

90°F 32°C Humidity58%Wind SpeedE 9 G 17 mphBarometer30.04 in (1017.6 mb)Dewpoint73°F (23°C)Visibility10.00 miHeat Index99°F (37°C)Last Update on 17 Sep 11:53 am CDT

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Current Conditions

Galveston:



Partly Cloudy 89°F 32°C

 Humidity
 65%

 Wind Speed
 E 16 G 22 mph

 Barometer
 30.04 in (1017.3 mb)

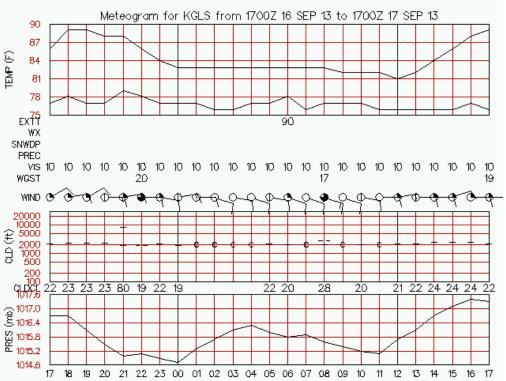
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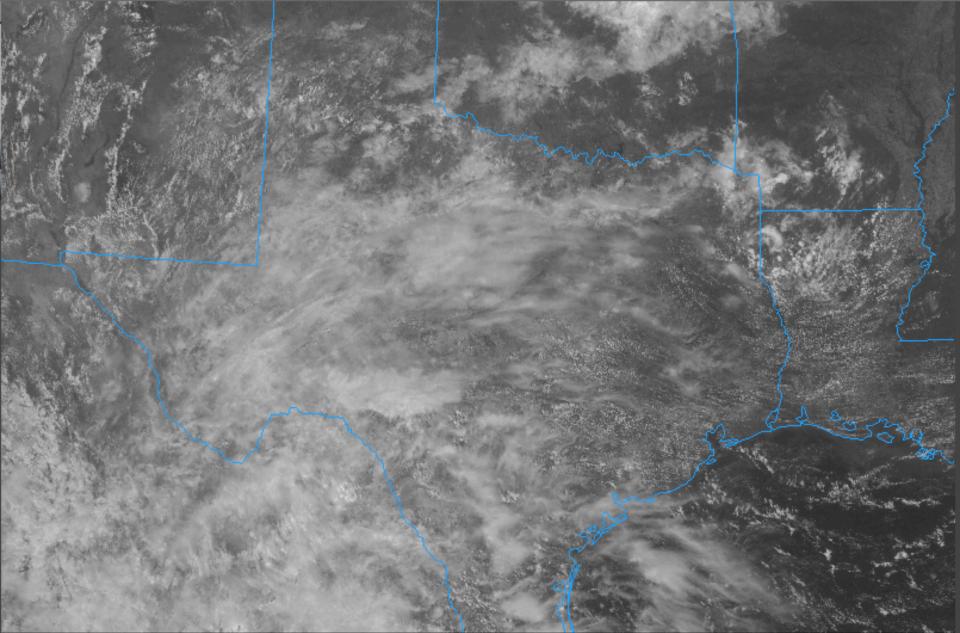
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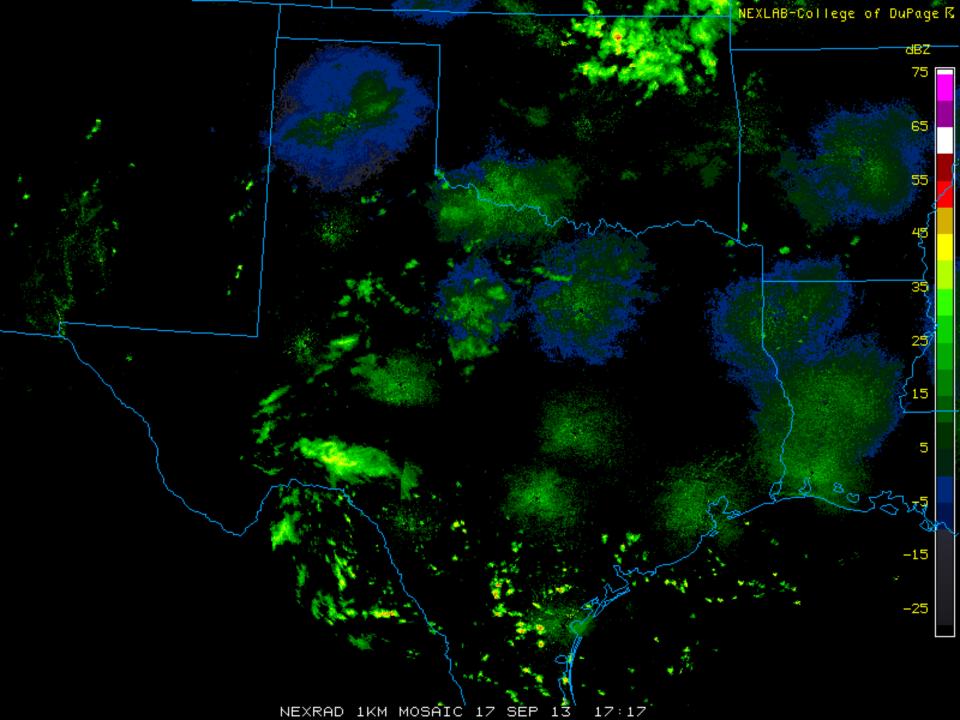
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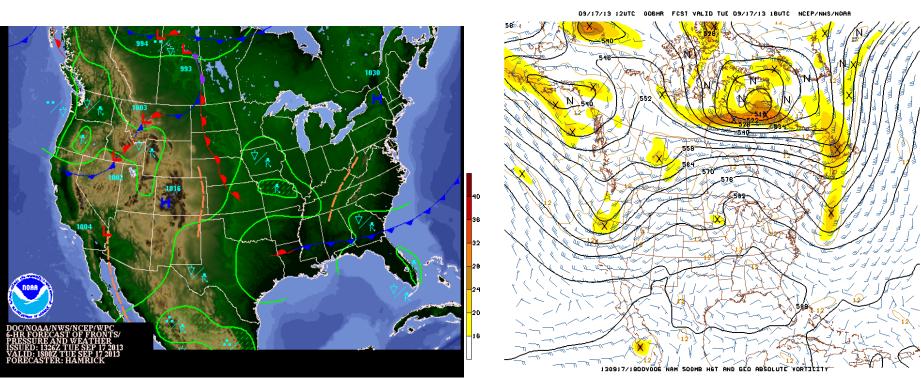


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Today: Similar to yesterday. Region remains under influence of the upper ridge. Moisture will continue to stream into region from Ingrid; will have to fight the subsidence for any convection to occur. Thick cirrus deck and extensive low level cloud coverage present.

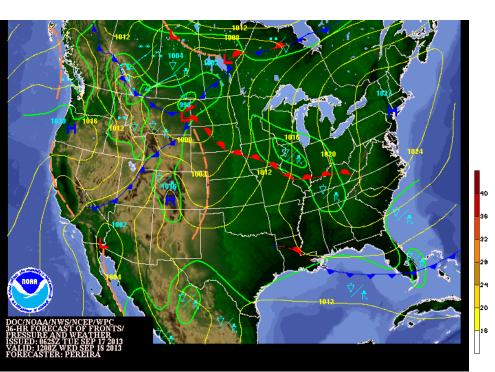
1 PM CDT 500 mb vorticity

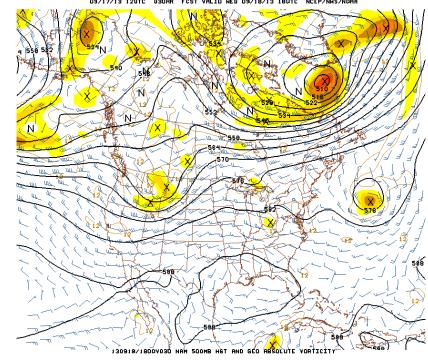


10 m winds at 1 PM today

Tomorrow: The upper ridge will weaken significantly while the upper trough builds into the region from the west. This change in synoptic flow will enhance the moisture stream from the remnants of Ingrid and Manuel. Showers and convection should thus form ahead of the surface front.

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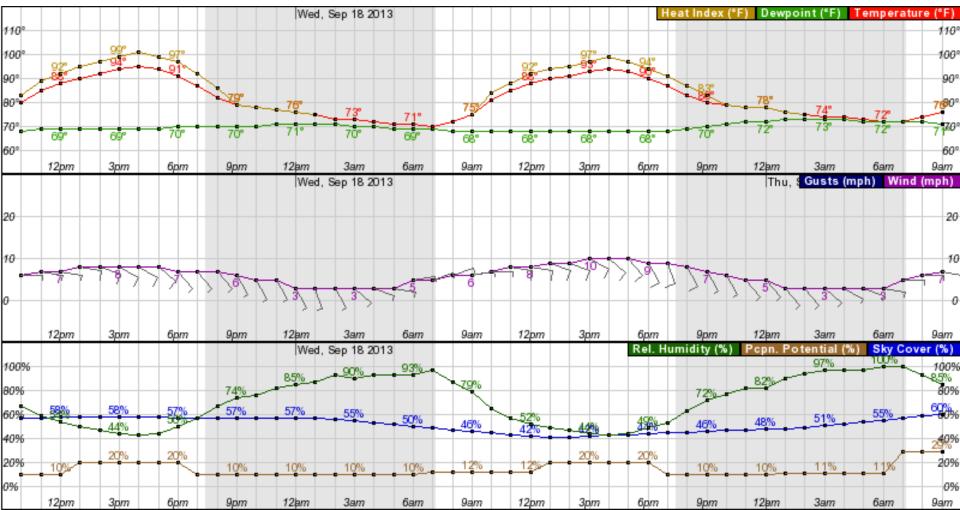




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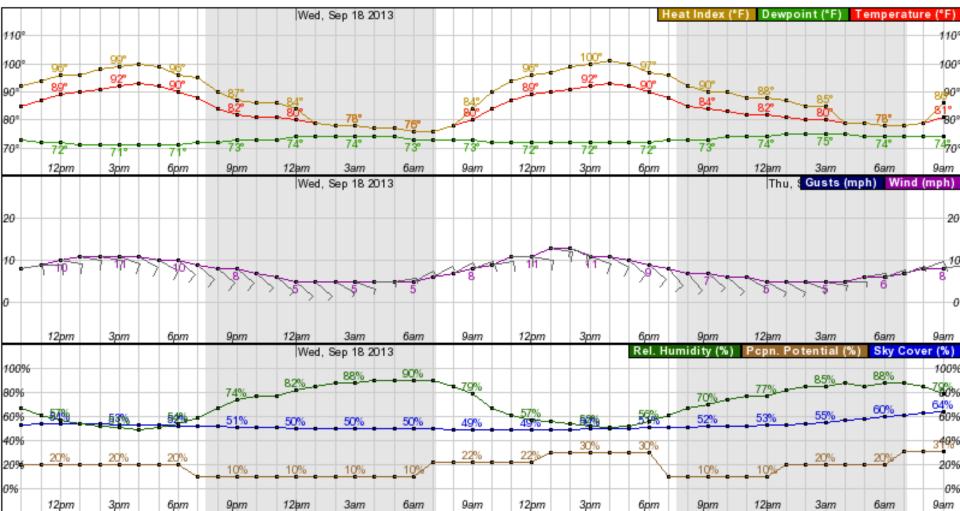
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Today→ Tomorrow→



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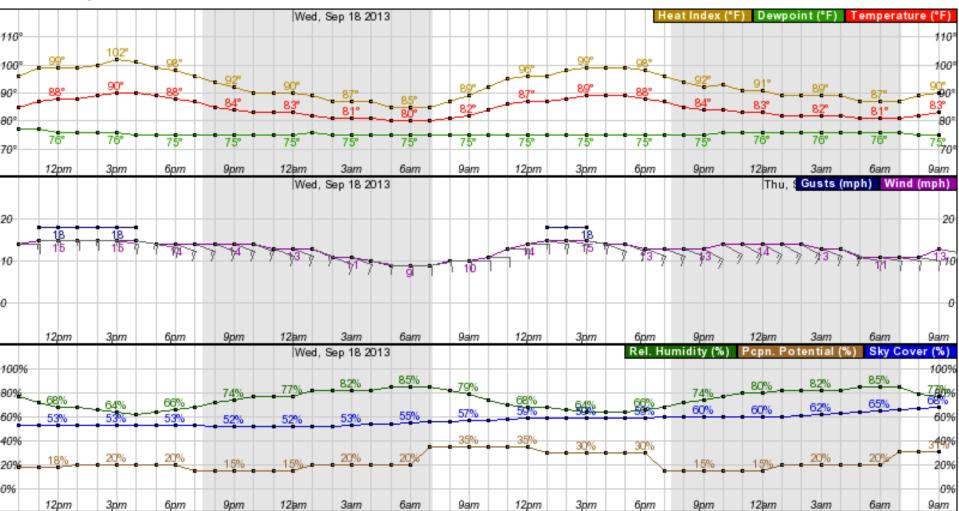
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Galveston Today: Partly cloudy Tomorrow: Partly cloudy

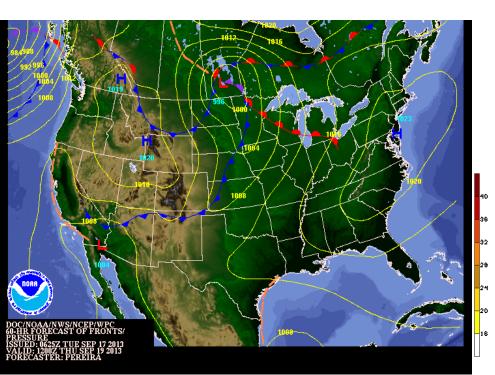
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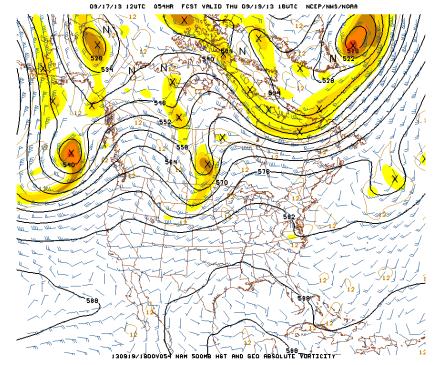
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Thursday: Upper trough dominates the study region, which is followed by another trough off the Pacific NW. Moisture will continue to stream in from Ingrid and Manuel, allowing the cloud decks to again thicken; however, best chances for precipitation are on Friday.

1 PM CDT 500 mb vorticity



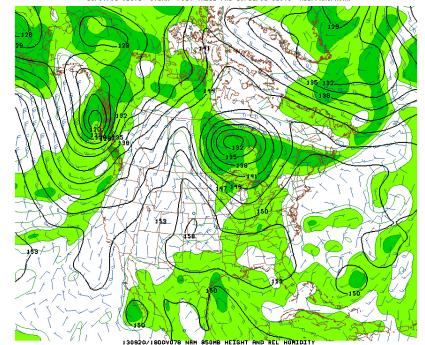


10 m winds at 1 PM Wednesday

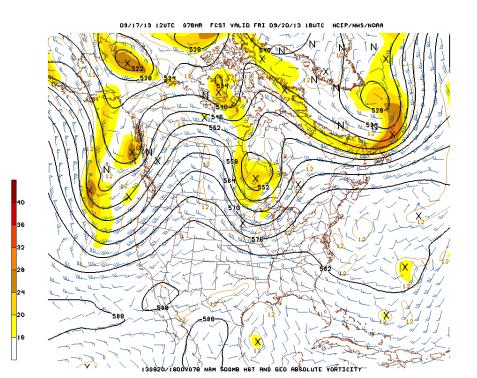
Friday: Similar situation as predicted for Thursday. Models demonstrate high chances for showers/convection ahead of the surface front on Friday afternoon.

1 PM CDT 850 mb RH

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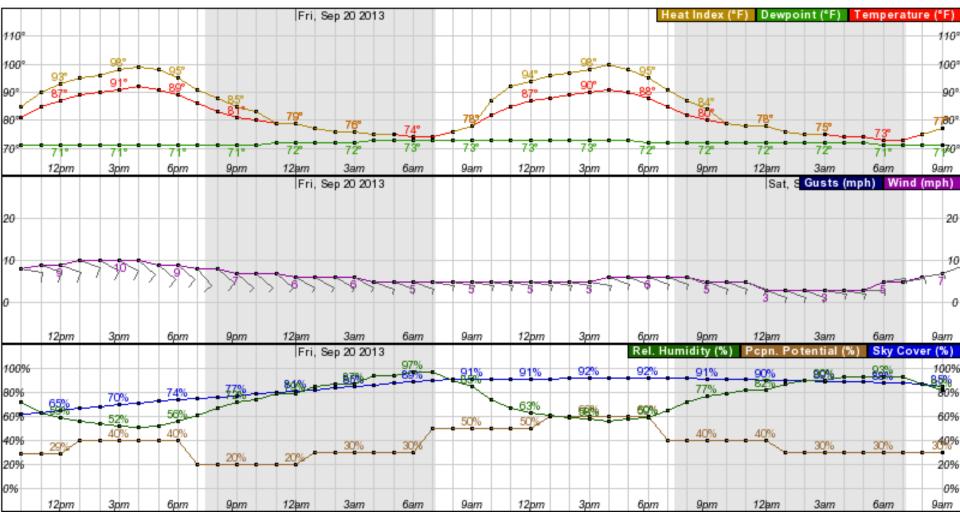
500 mb vorticity



Conroe Thursday: Mostly cloudy Friday: Mostly cloudy

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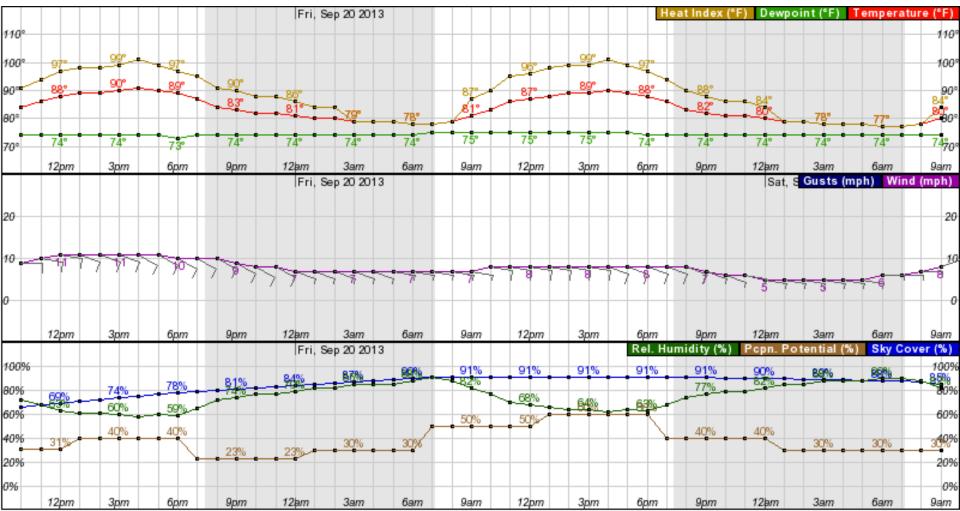
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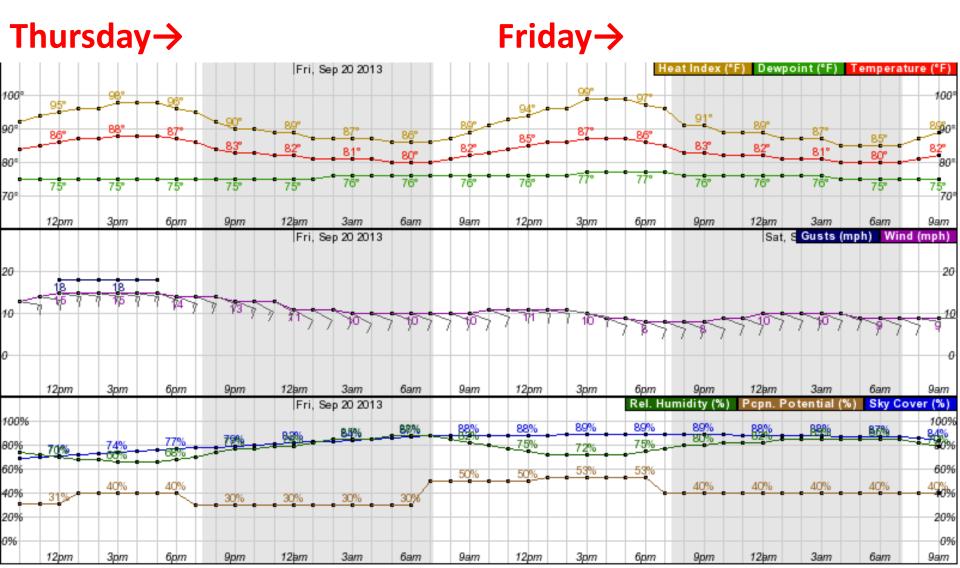
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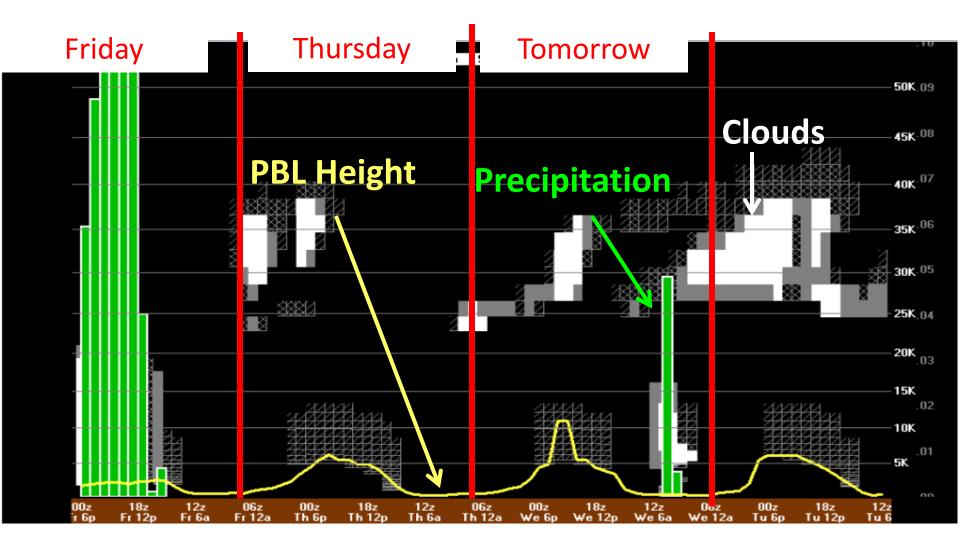
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Galveston Thursday: Mostly cloudy Friday: Mostly cloudy

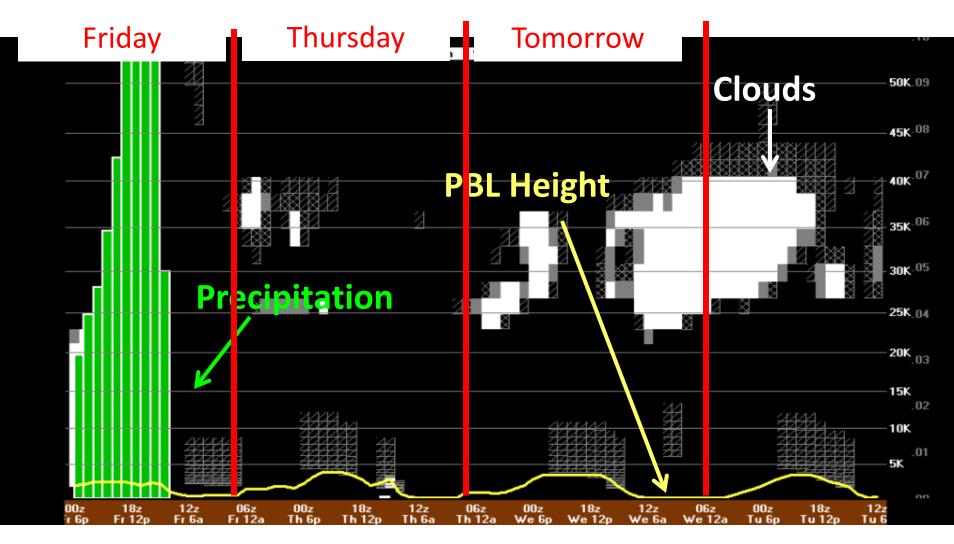


Conroe; BUFKIT – NAM (12 UTC 10 September)



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-Thursday: Scattered Cu during afternoon, with cirrus during evening.
-Friday: Convection and precipitation.

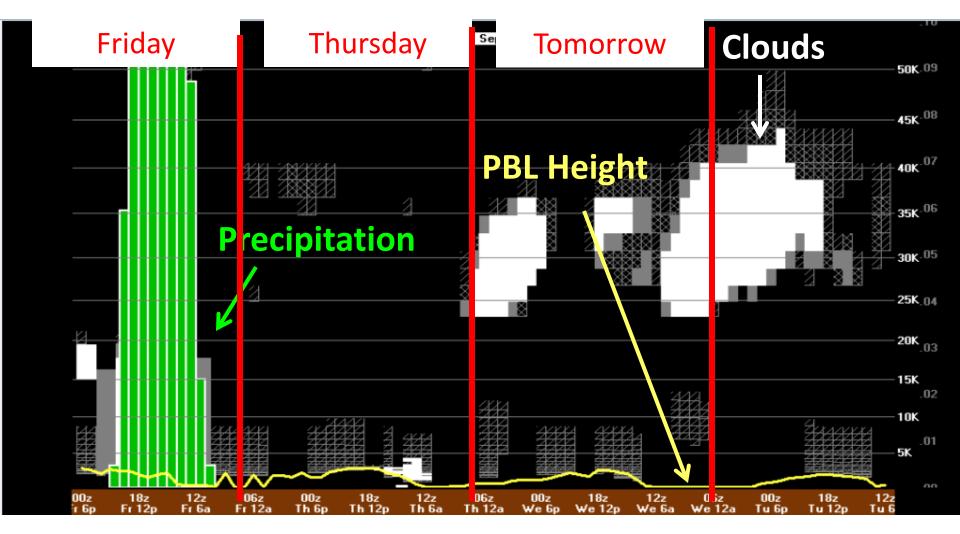
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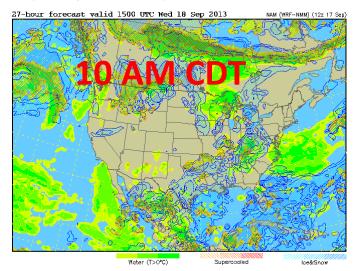


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Tomorrow: NAM – Cirrus all day with a cumulus deck during afternoon

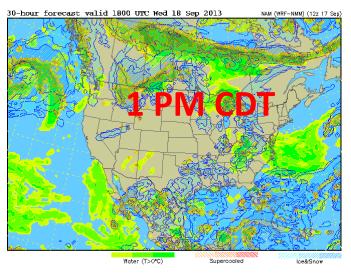
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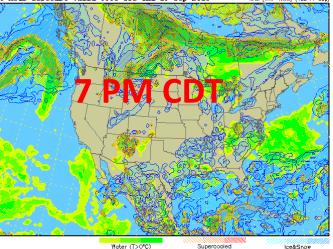
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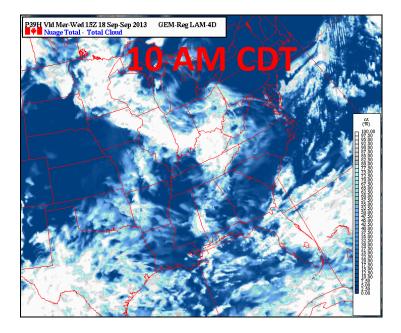
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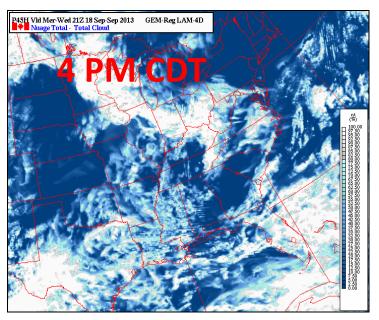
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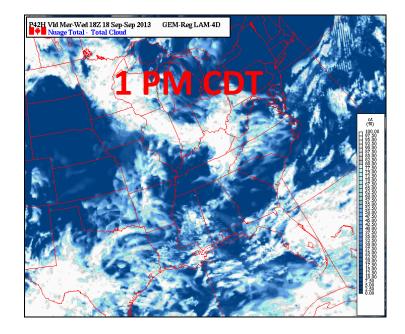


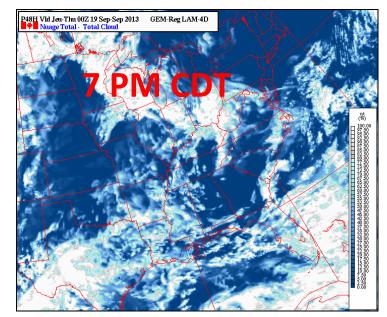


Tomorrow: Canadian – Cloudy all day



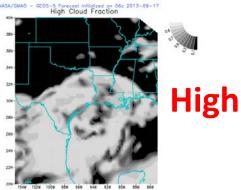






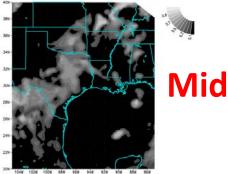
Tomorrow: GEOS-5 – High clouds all day, some mid level clouds during afternoon

10 am



33 hr forecast valid Wed 15z 2013-09-18

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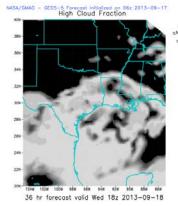
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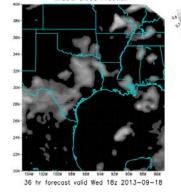


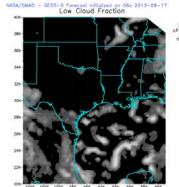
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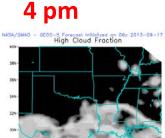


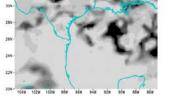
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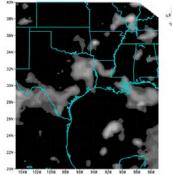
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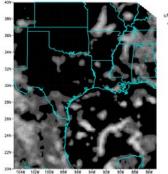
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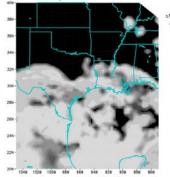
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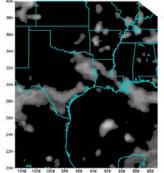
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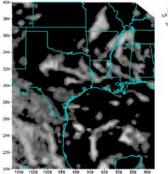
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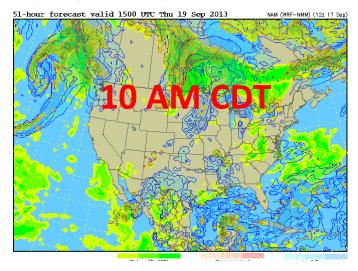
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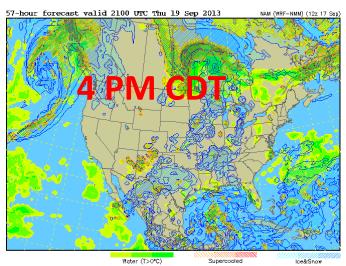
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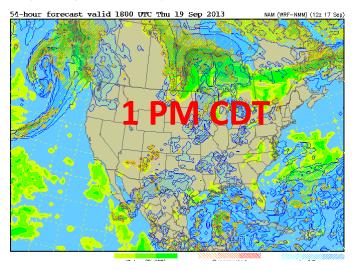
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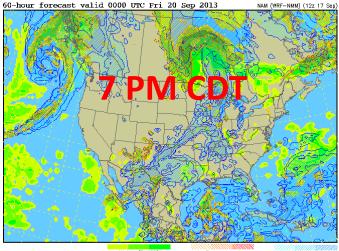
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Water (T>0°C) Supercooled

Ice&Snow

Wednesday: GFS – Clouds through the afternoon

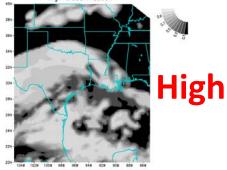




Thursday: GEOS-5 – clouds at all levels throughout the day

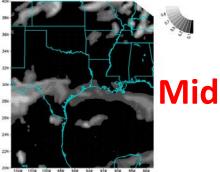
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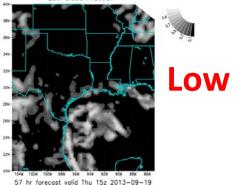
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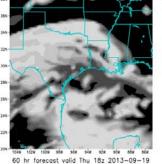
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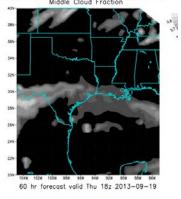


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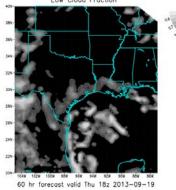
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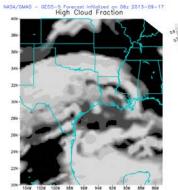


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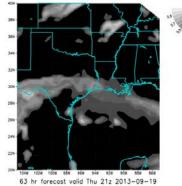


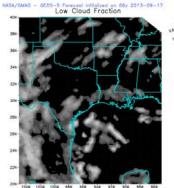
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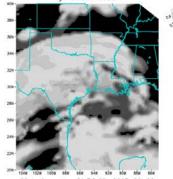




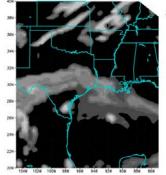
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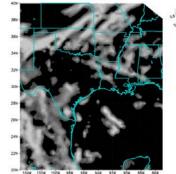
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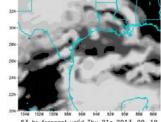


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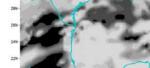
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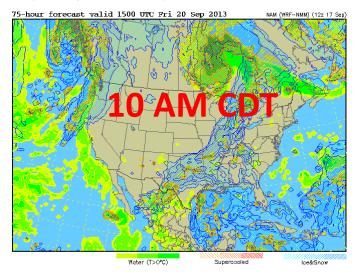
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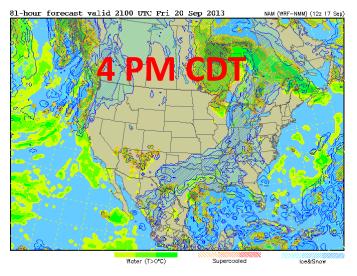
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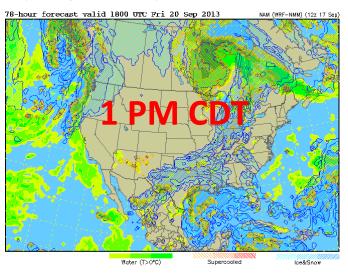
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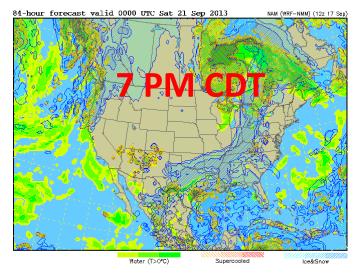
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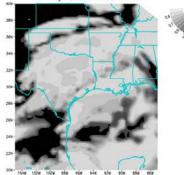


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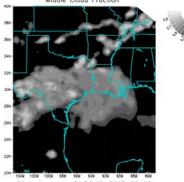
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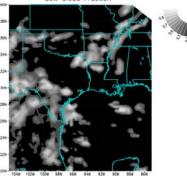
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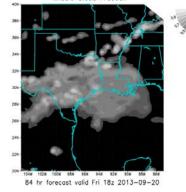
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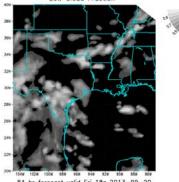
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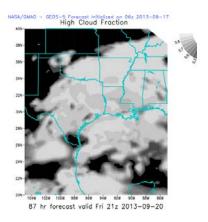
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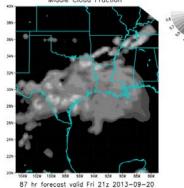
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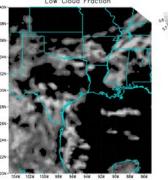
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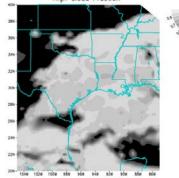
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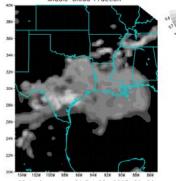
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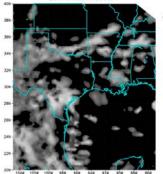
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90 hr forecast valid Sat 00z 2013-09-21

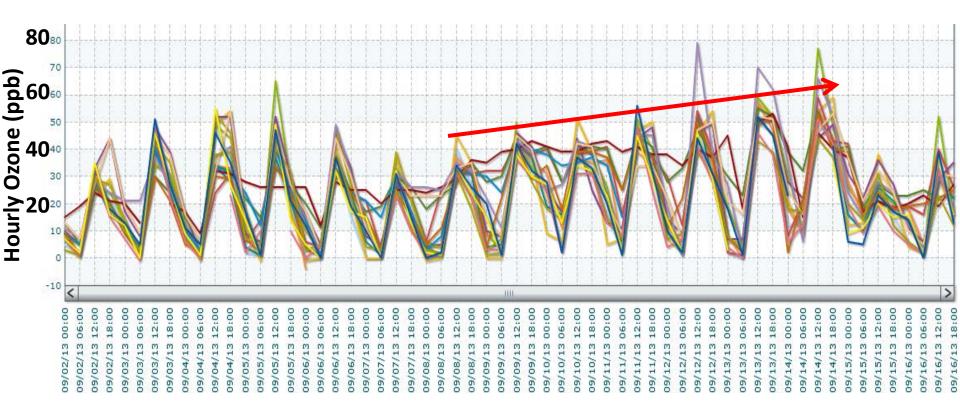
DISCOVER-AQ Air Quality Outlook September 17, 2013

Bryan Duncan Mariel Friberg

TCEQ AQ Forecast:

TODAY-FRIDAY: Code Green – Good 🙁

Hourly Ozone (airnowtech.org)** September 2nd – 16th ** EVERY 6th HOUR PLOTTED!!!!!



- Houston Aldine C8/O3 44201/1 Hr/2
- Houston Westhollow C410/O3 44201/1 Hr/1
- Manvel Croix Park C84/O3 44201/1 Hr/1
- Conroe Relocated C78/O3 44201/1 Hr/1
- West Houston C554/O3 44201/1 Hr/1
- Galveston Airport C1034/O3 44201/1 Hr/1
- Coastal Center C697/O3 44201/1 Hr/1
- West Liberty C699/O3 44201/1 Hr/1
- Clinton C403/O3 44201/1 Hr/3

- Northwest Harris Co. C26/C110/C154/O3 44201/1 Hr/2
- Houston Deer Park C35/O3 44201/1 Hr/1
- Seabrook Friendship Park C45/O3 44201/1 Hr/1
- Texas City C620/O3 44201/1 Hr/1
- La Porte Sylvan Beach C556/O3 44201/1 Hr/1
- Sugarland C696/O3 44201/1 Hr/1
- Jones Forest C698/O3 44201/1 Hr/1
- Channelview C15/O3 44201/1 Hr/3
- Houston Texas Avenue C411/O3 44201/1 Hr/1 (Method: 047)

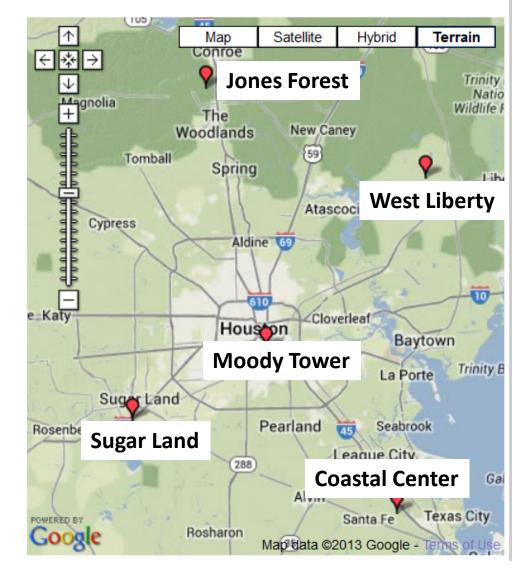
Houston - Network of Environmental Towers (H-NET)

Houston Network of Environmental Towers (H-NET) collect chemistry and meteorological measurements for air quality model applications in Houston Galveston Area. This web site provides real-time update of collected data, as well as historical data.

Currently, five sites have been set up in

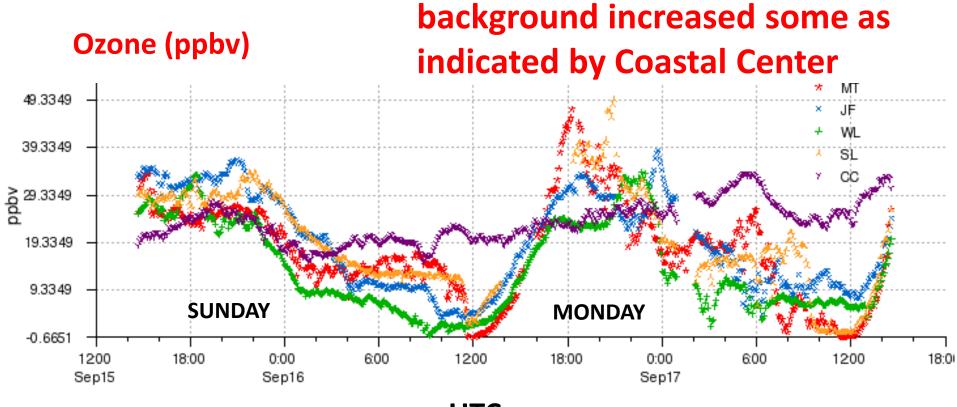
- UH Main Campus (695)
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- UH Coastal Center (697)

More about this project.

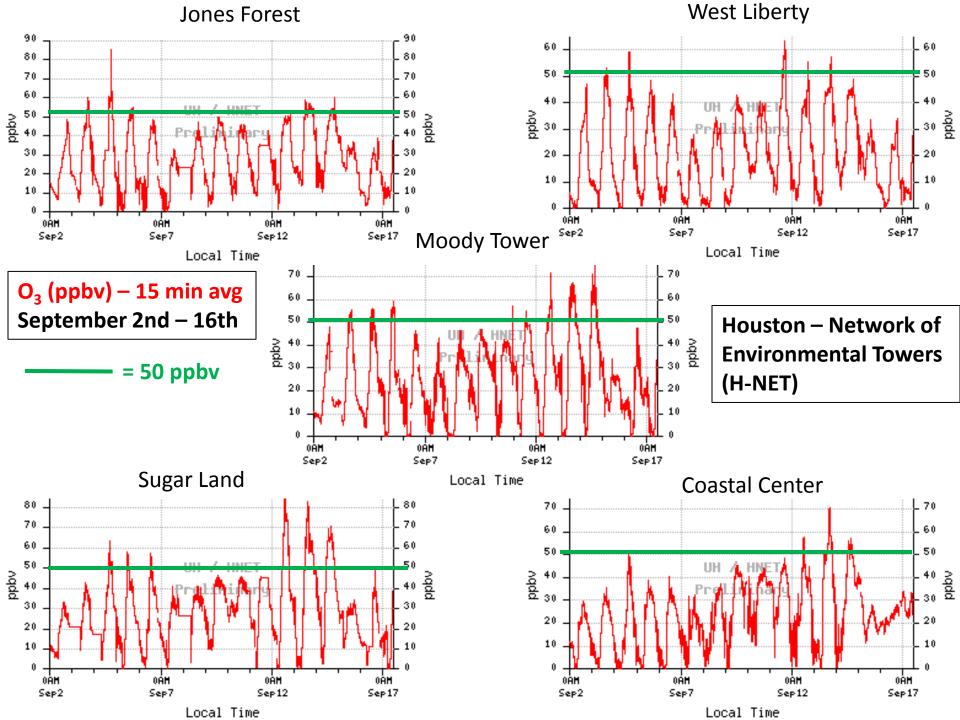


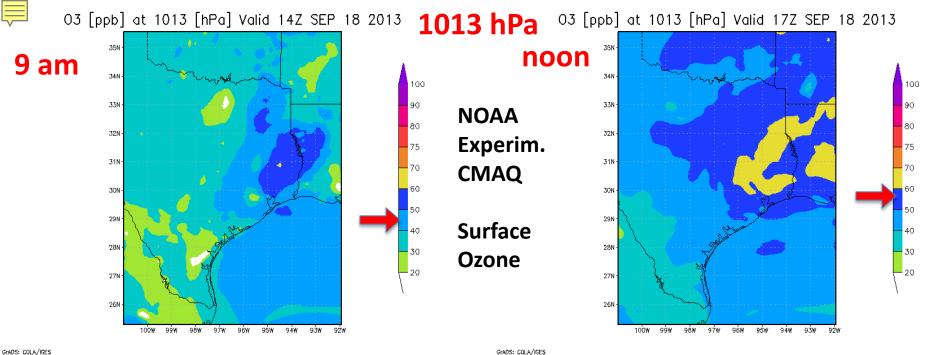


low ozone – marine air

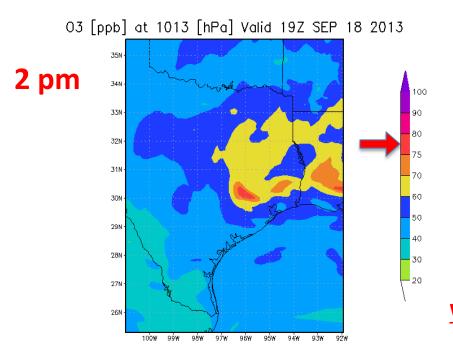


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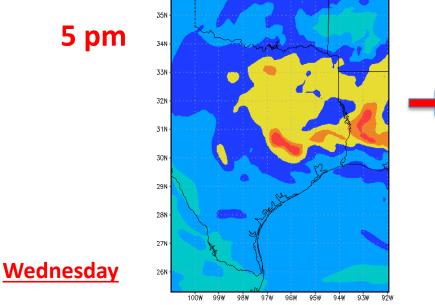


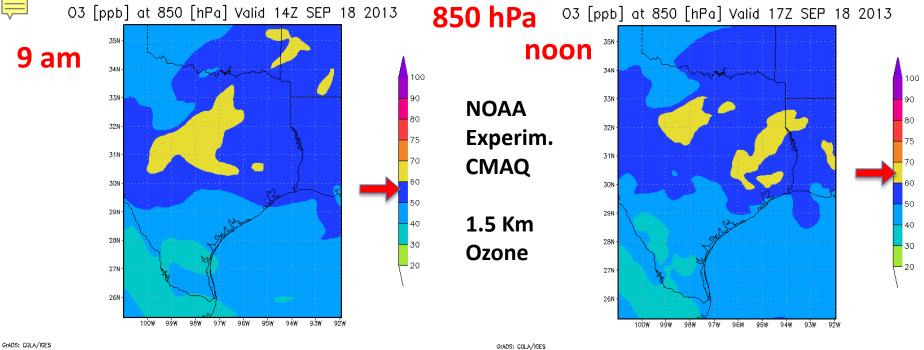
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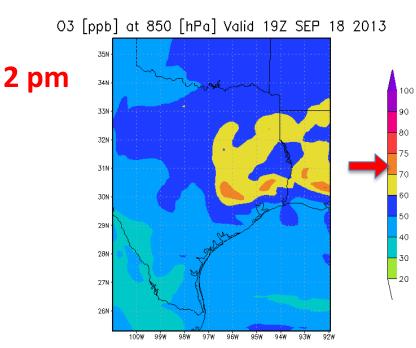


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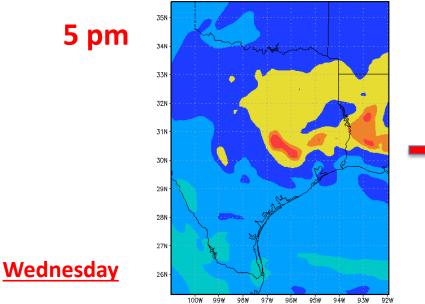
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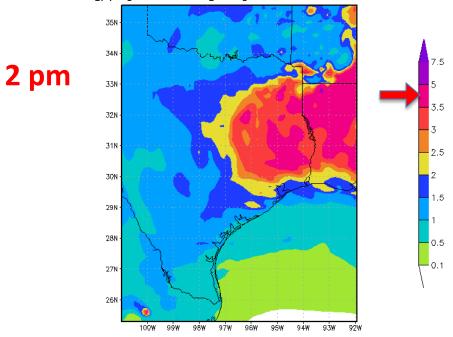


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9 am 35N 34N 200 33N 100 2 NOAA Experm. 50 **CMAQ Model** 32N -Surface NO2 25 31N 10 5 30N 1 29N 0.1 <u>Wednesday</u> 28N -0.01 0.001 27N 26N -100W 99W 98W 97₩ 96W 95₩ 9**4**₩ 9<u>3</u>₩ 92W



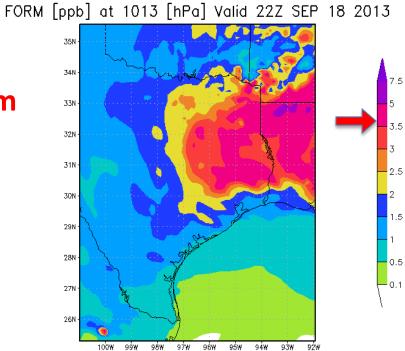
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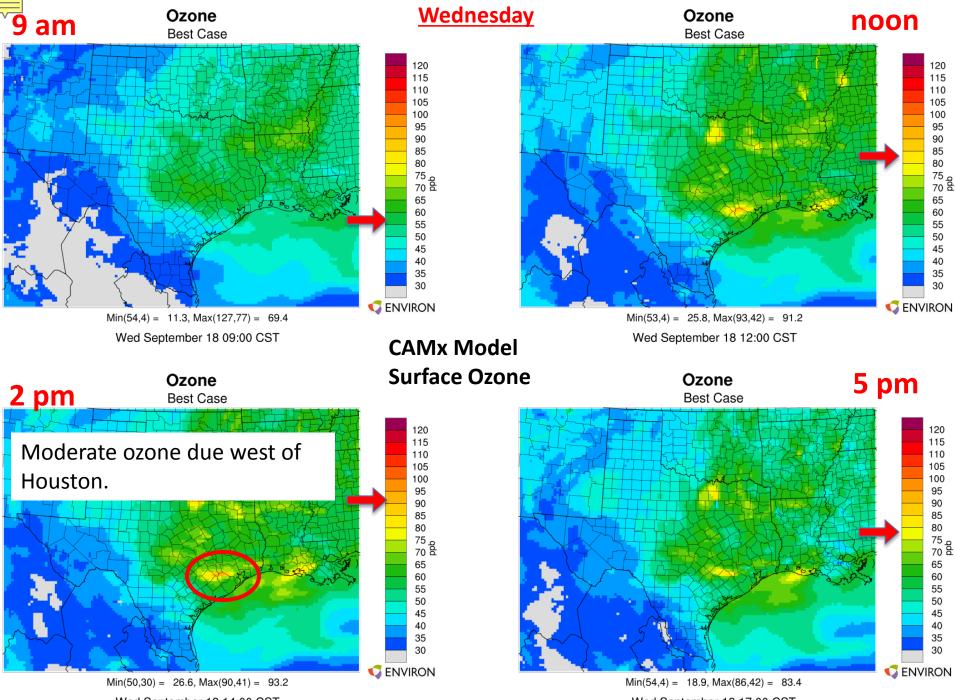
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Wednesday

NOAA Experm. CMAQ Model Surface Formaldehyde

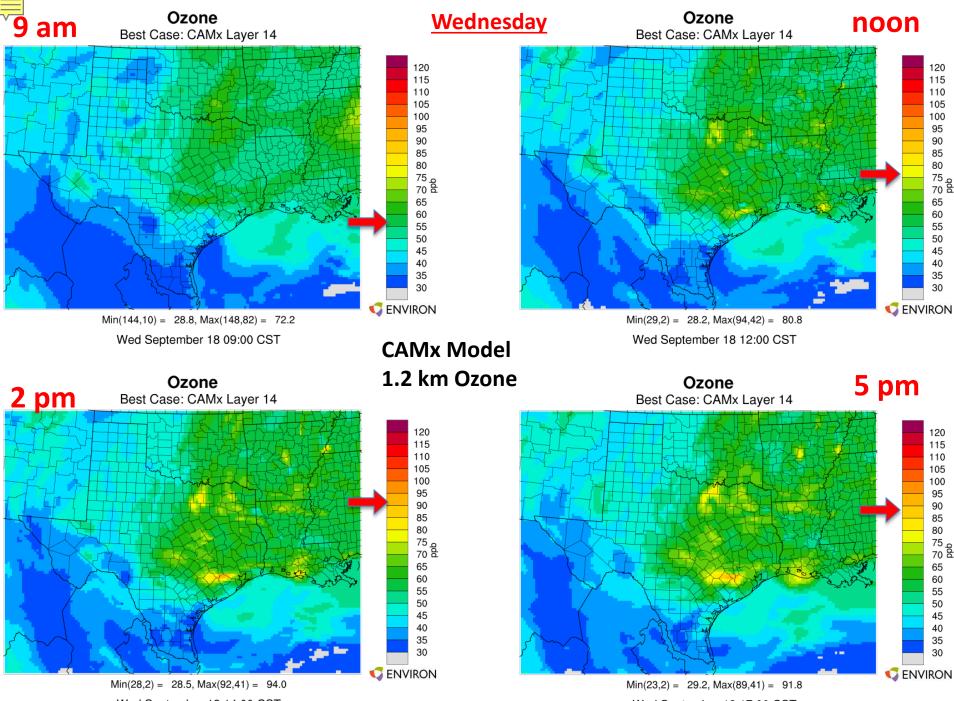


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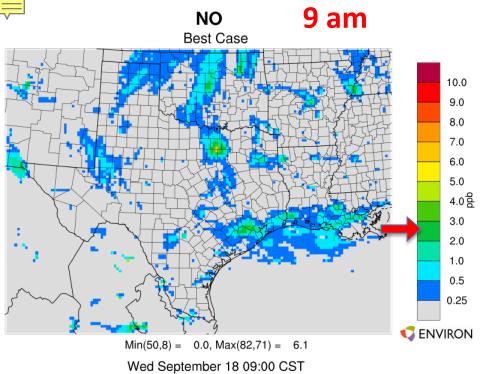
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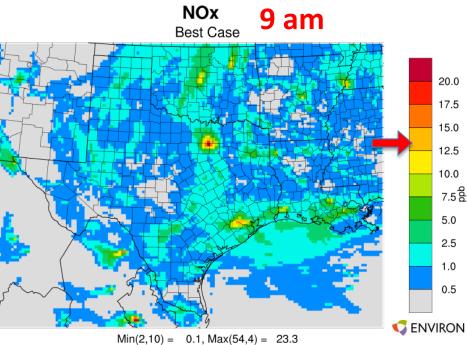
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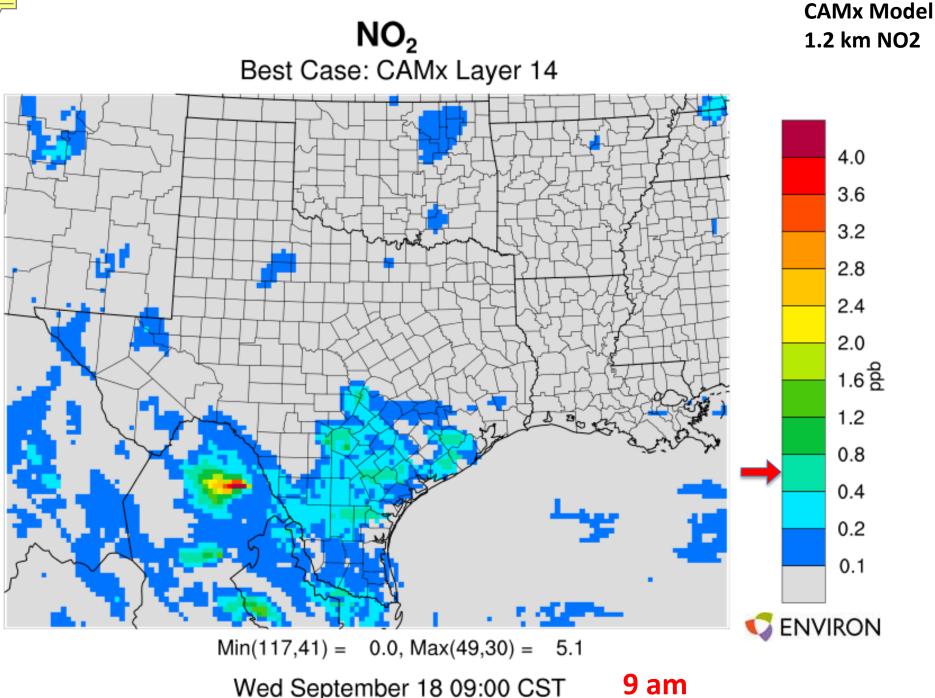


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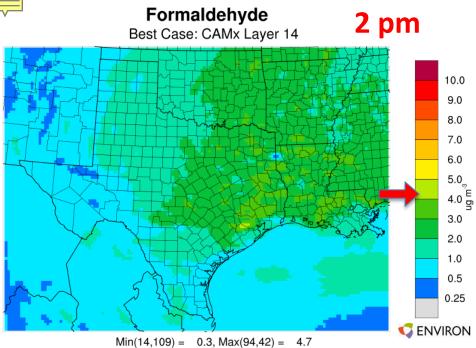
CAMx Surface NO and NOx



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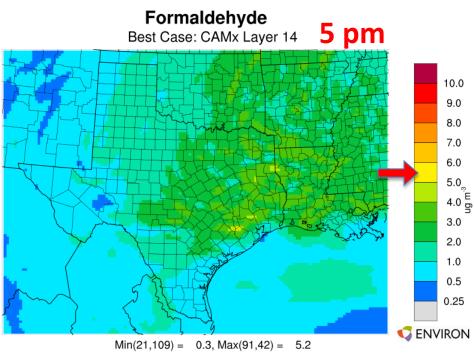
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Min(14,109) = 0.3, Max(94,42) = 4.7 Wed September 18 14:00 CST

Wednesday

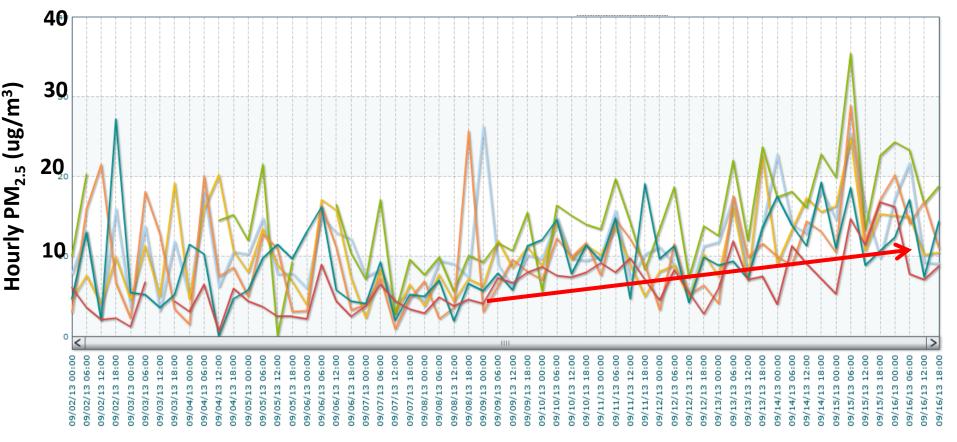
CAMx Model Formaldehyde 1.2 km (Layer 14)



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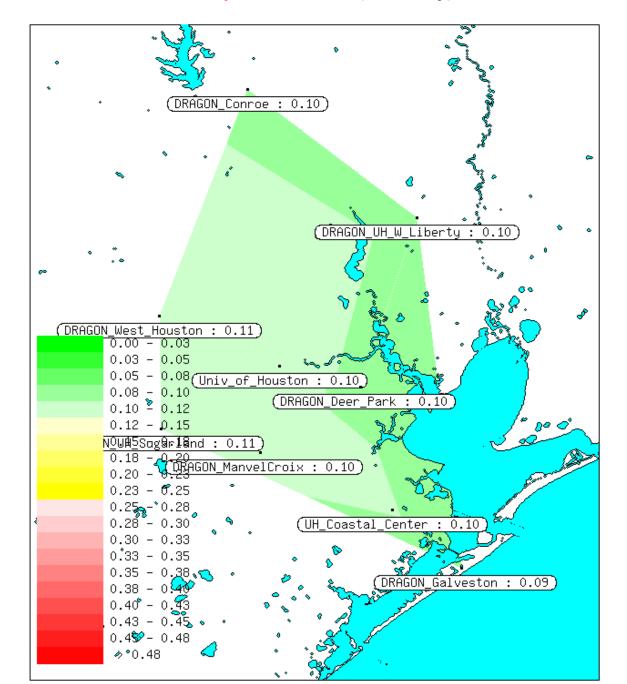
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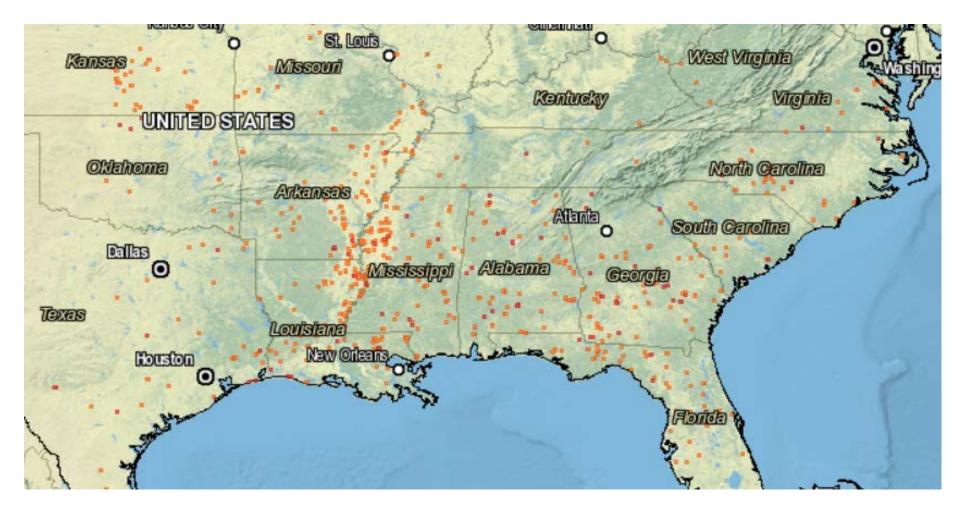


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 Houston Deer Park C35/PM2.5-88502 - 88502/1 Hr/3
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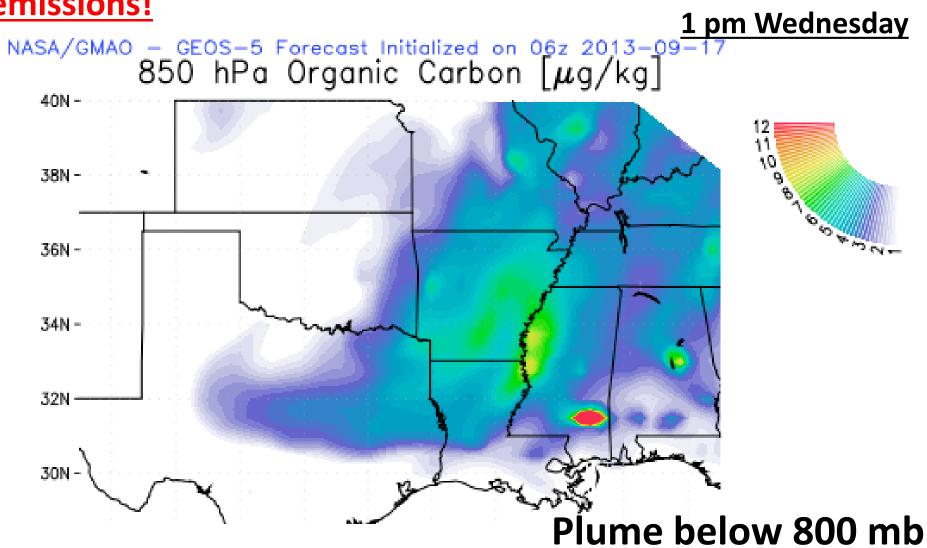
DRAGON : September 17th (Tuesday) at Level 1.5



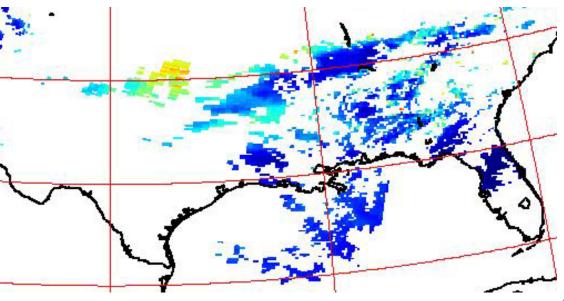
Fire-counts over last week.



<u>GEOS-5</u> indicates that agricultural plume may pass over Houston overnight (SE -> NW), but be north of us during flight hours tomorrow. <u>GEOS-5 assumes persistence of</u> <u>emissions!</u>



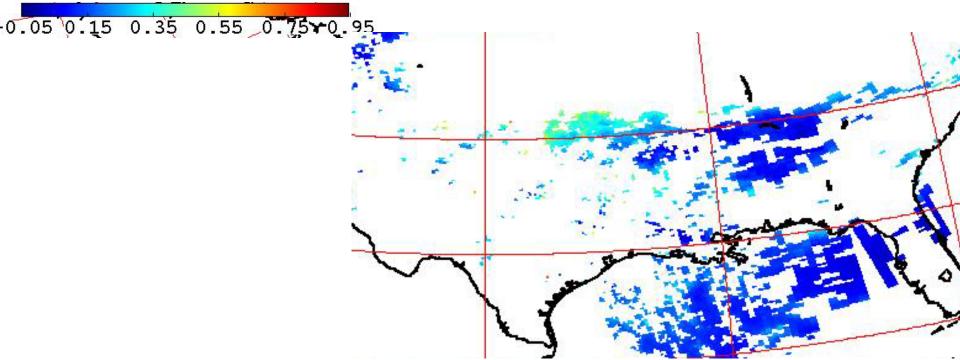
Terra AOD - Yesterday



Does GEOS-5 verify with observations?

High AOD over Oklahoma, but not as much over the SE US – at least in clear areas.

Aqua AOD –Yesterday



GOES AOD - Today

High AOD over Louisiana & maybe just offshore Galveston.

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5 N

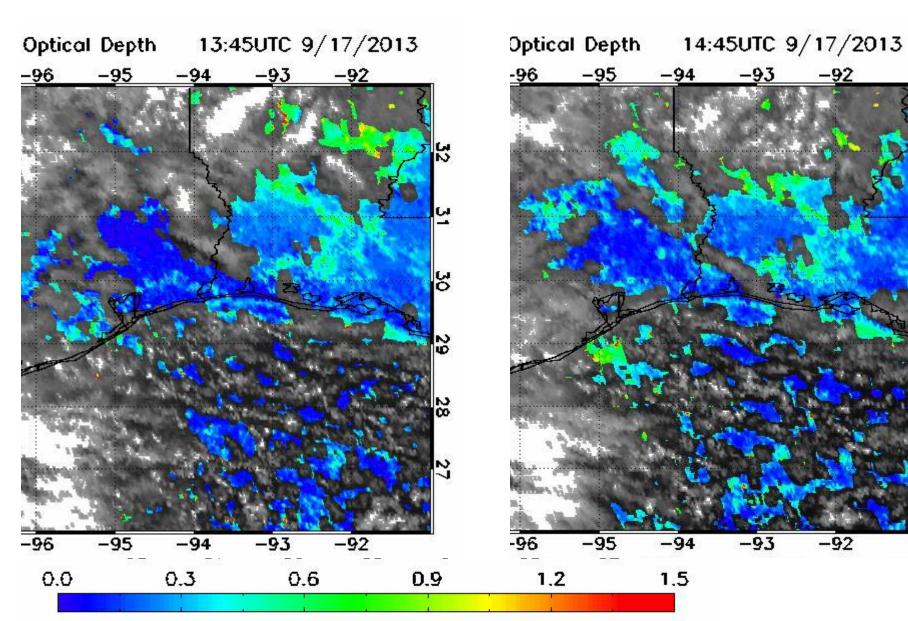
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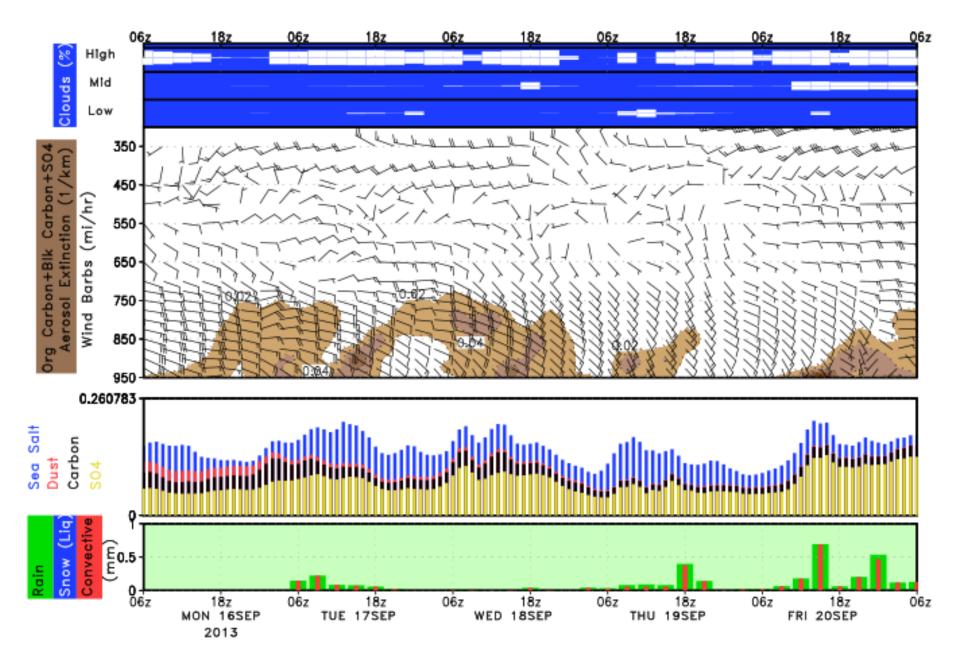
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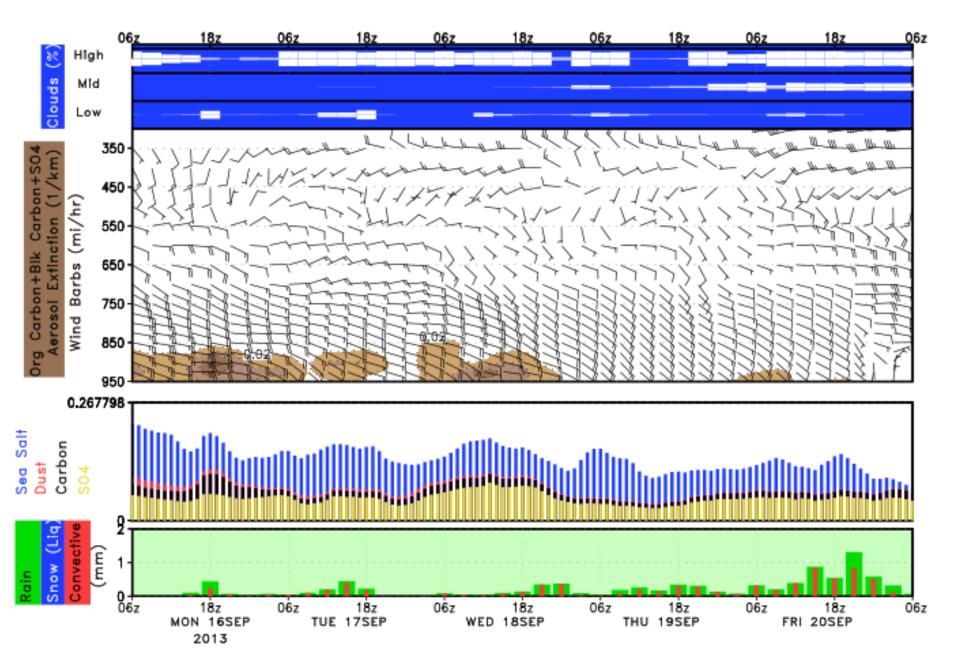
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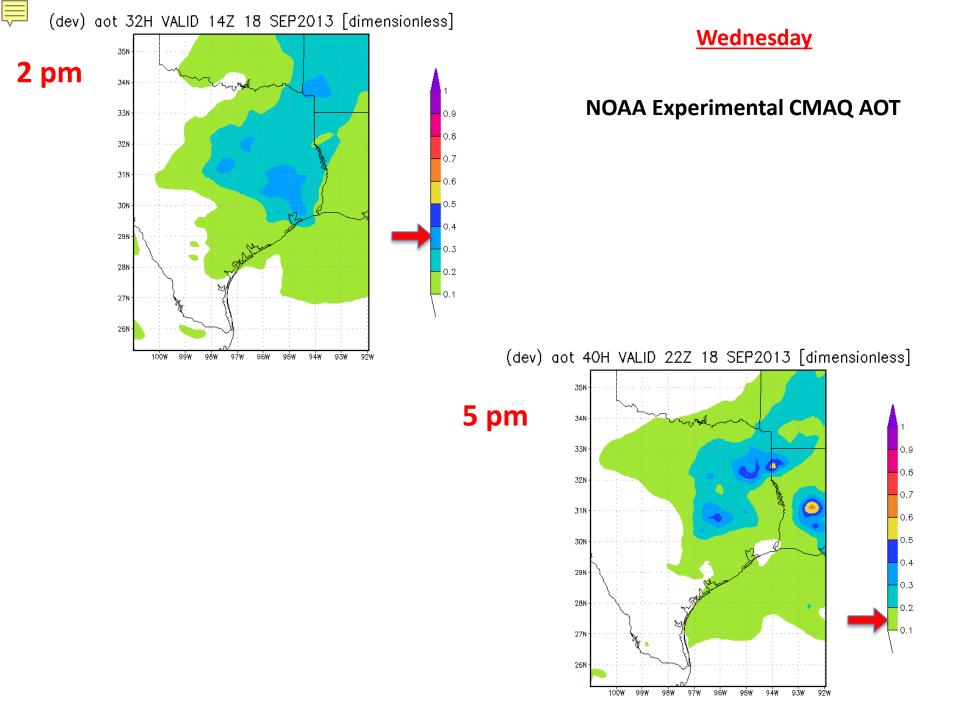
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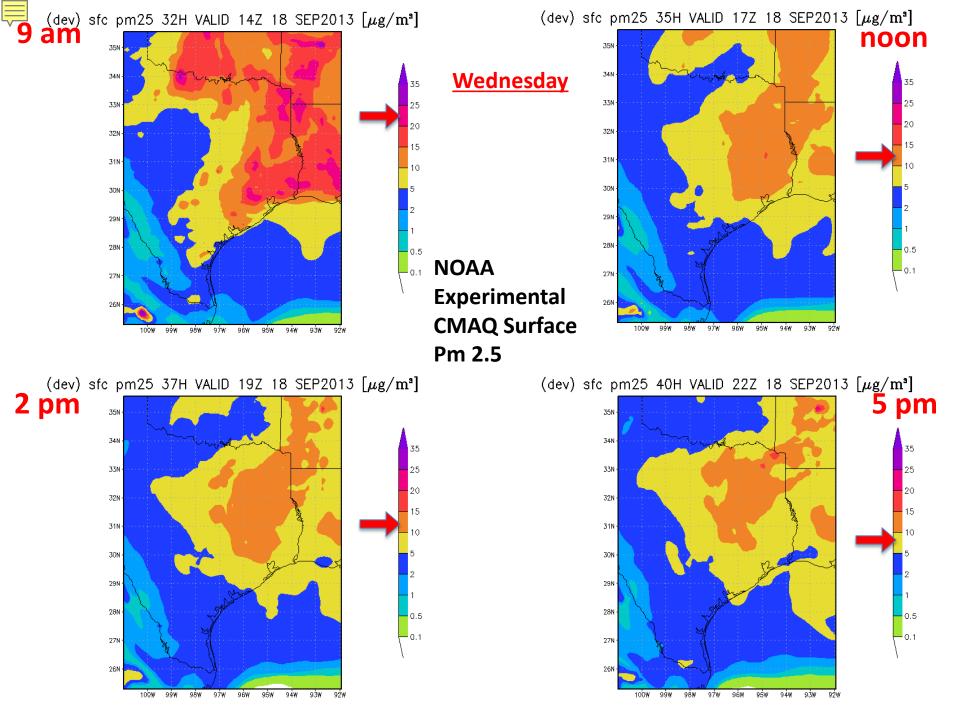


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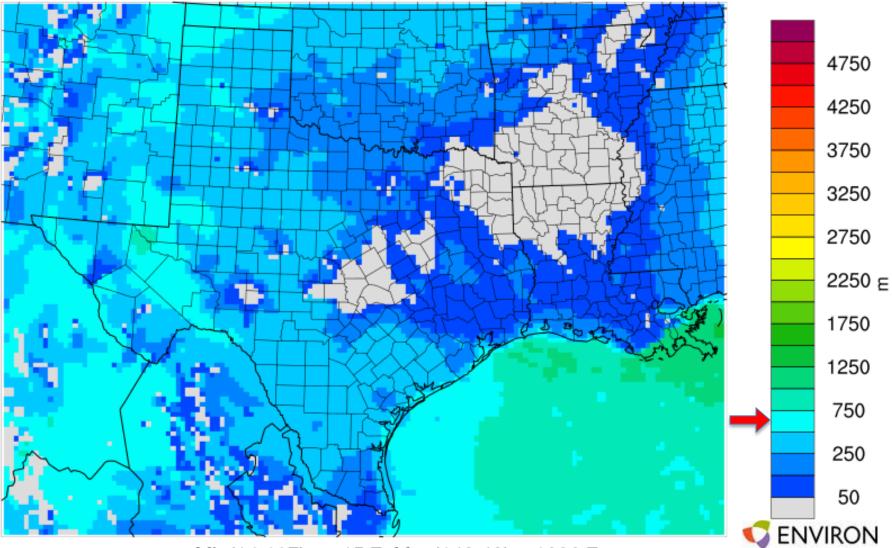
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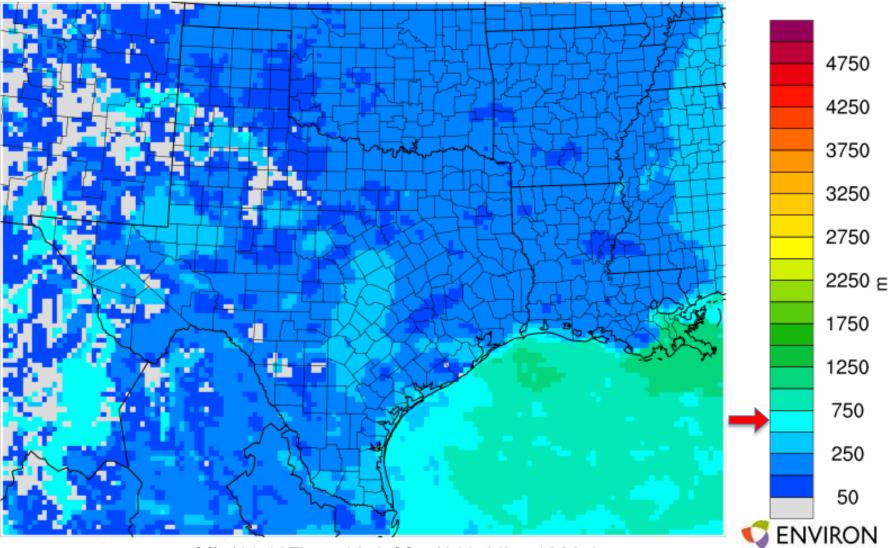
Texas 12km



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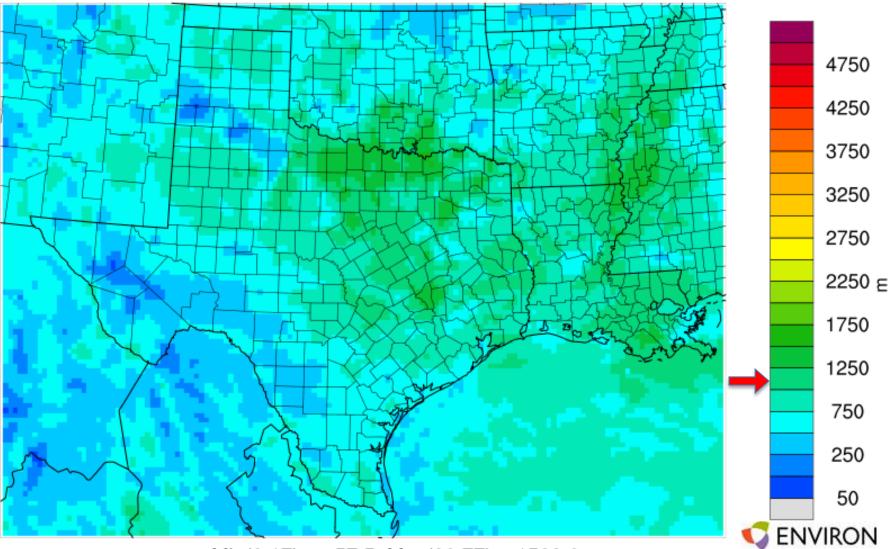
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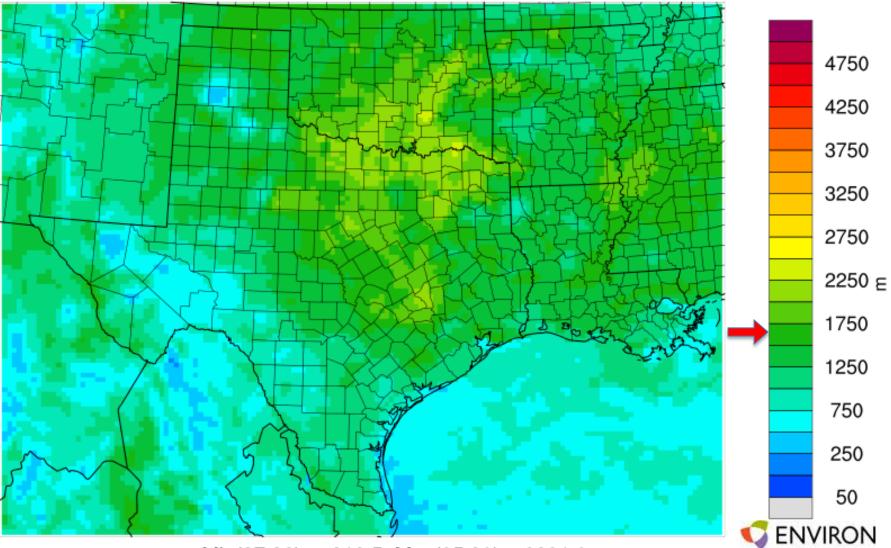
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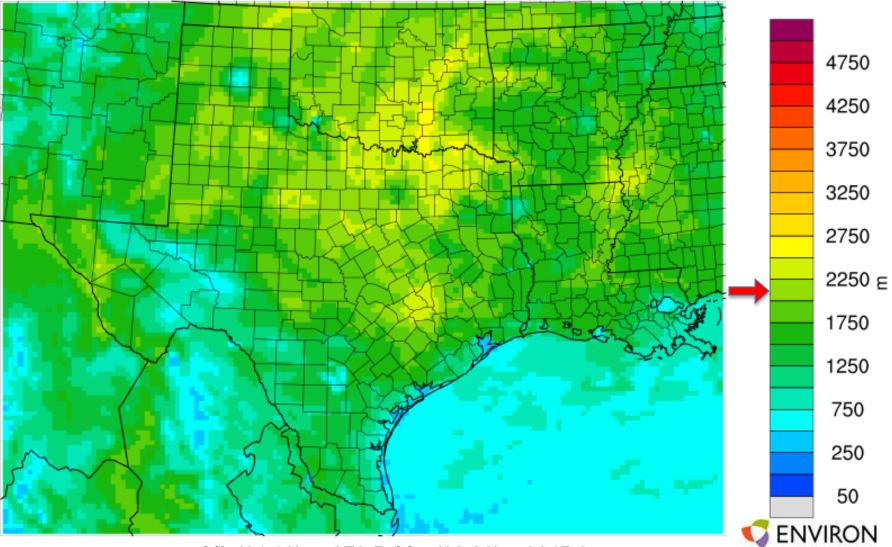
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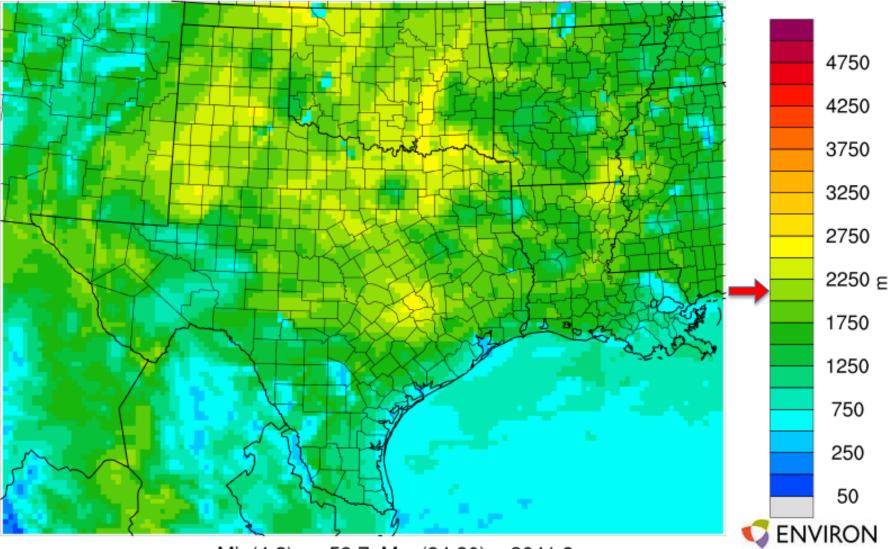
Texas 12km



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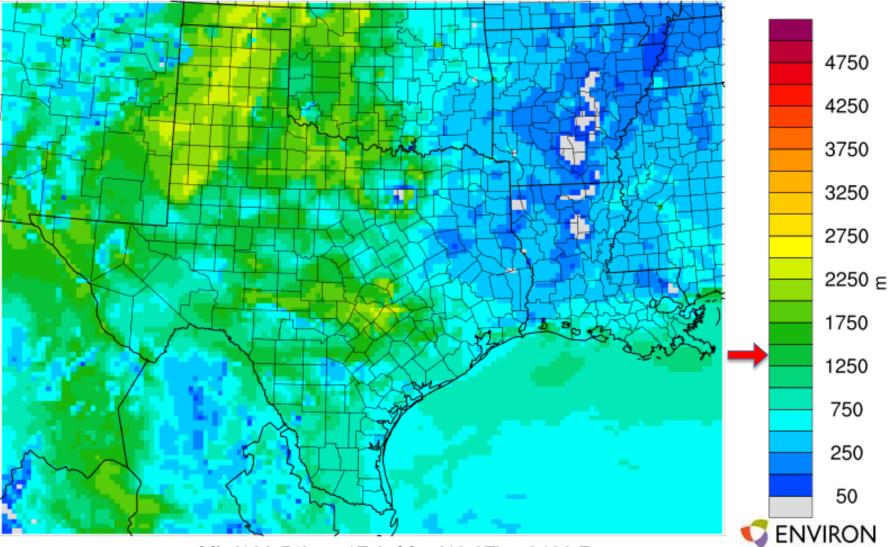
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Texas 12km



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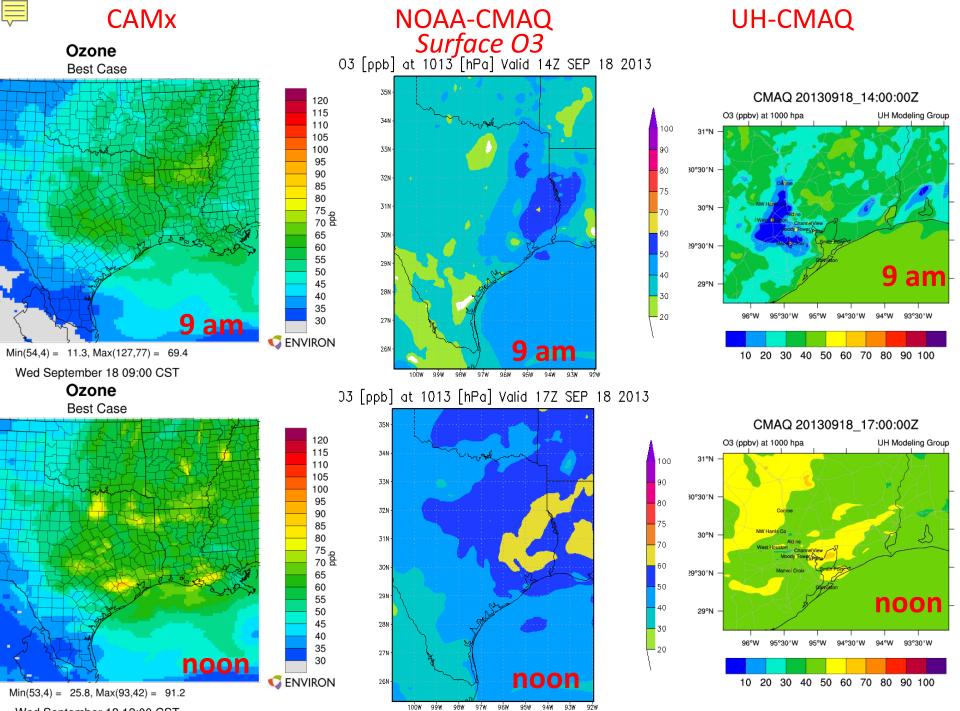
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Model Intercomparison September 17, 2013

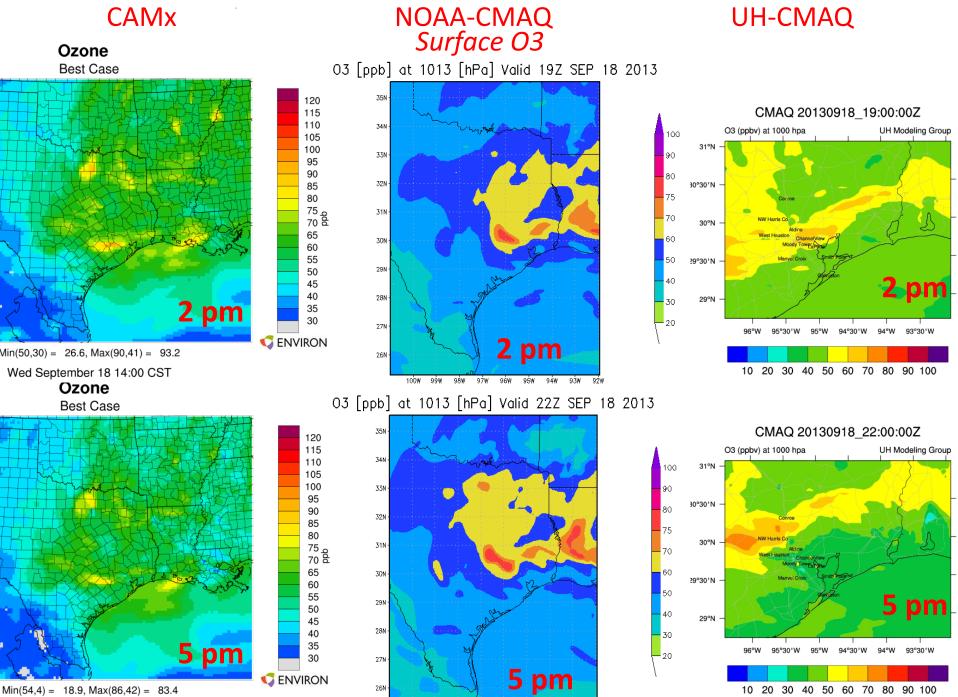
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CAMx vs. NOAA-CMAQ vs. UH-CMAQ Surface



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100W 99¥ 98W 97W 96W 95W 94W 93W 92W

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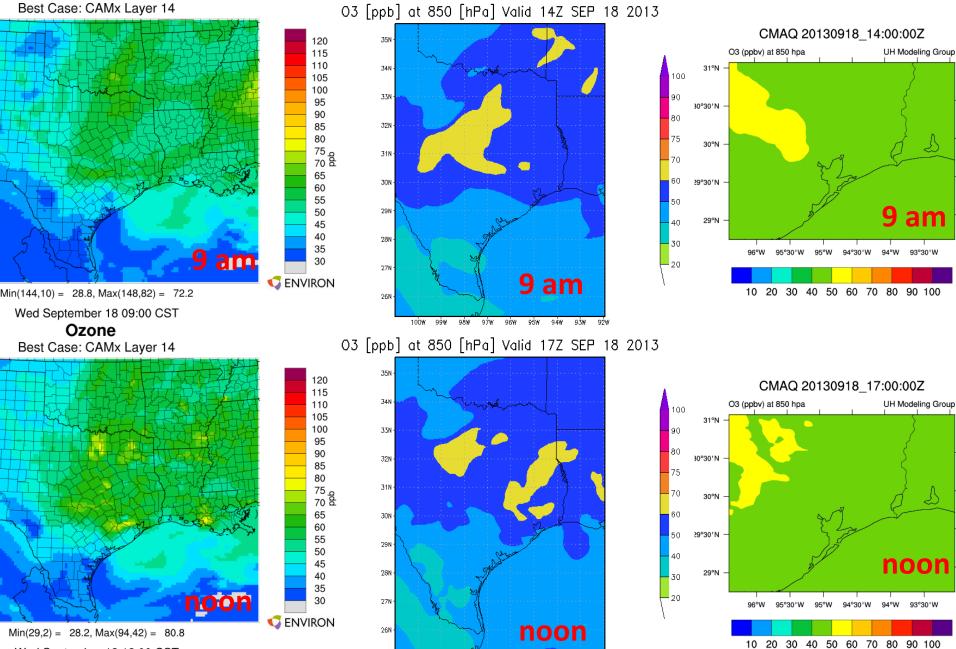
CAMx vs. NOAA-CMAQ vs. UH-CMAQ Layer 14

CAMx

Ozone

NOAA-CMAQ 850 hPa O3

UH-CMAQ



99Å 98W

100W

96W

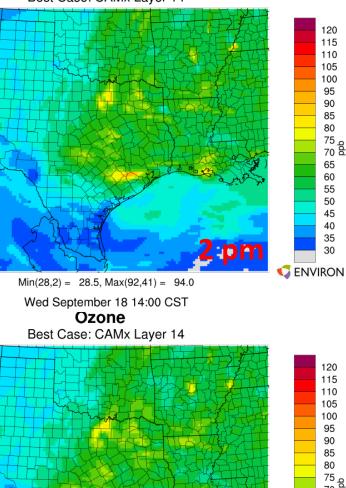
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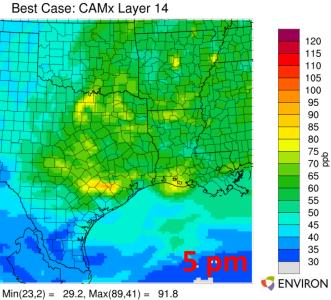
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CAMx

Ozone Best Case: CAMx Layer 14



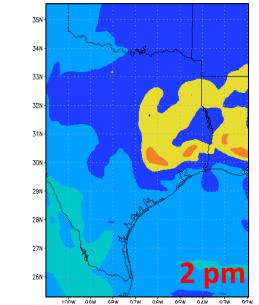


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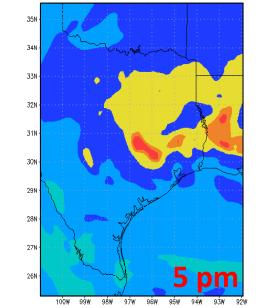
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NOAA-CMAQ

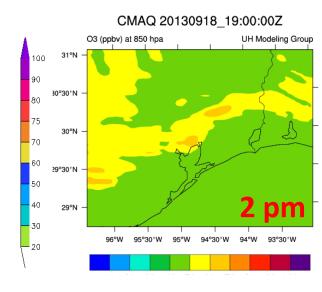
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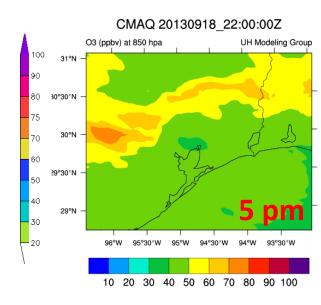


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UH-CMAQ



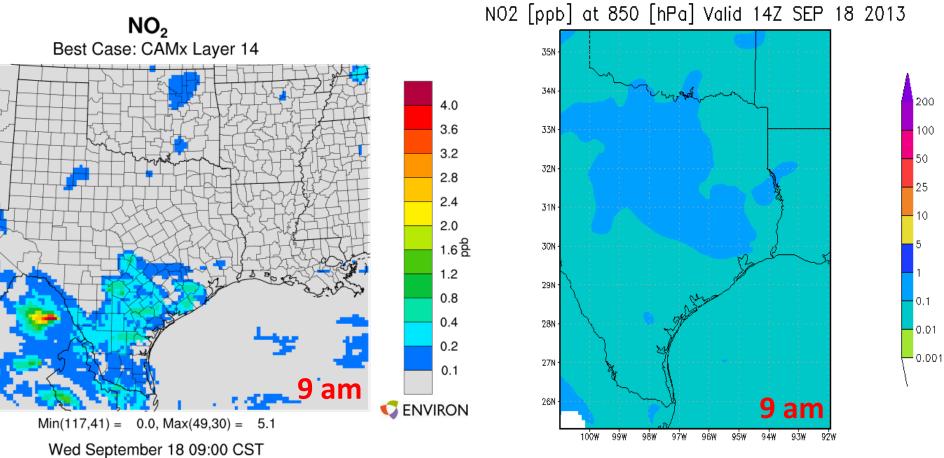


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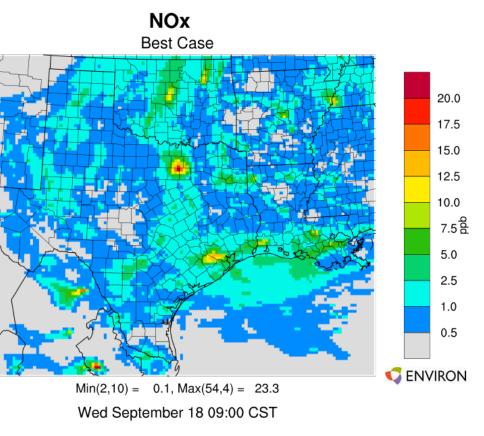
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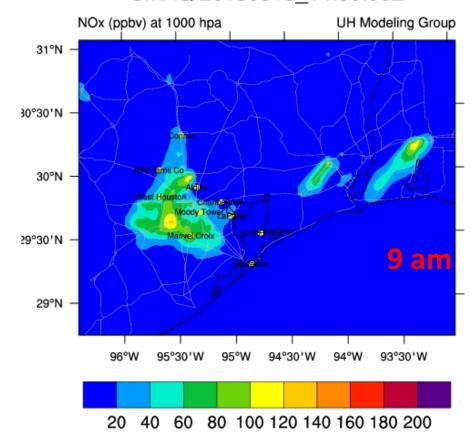


CAMx

Surface *NOx*



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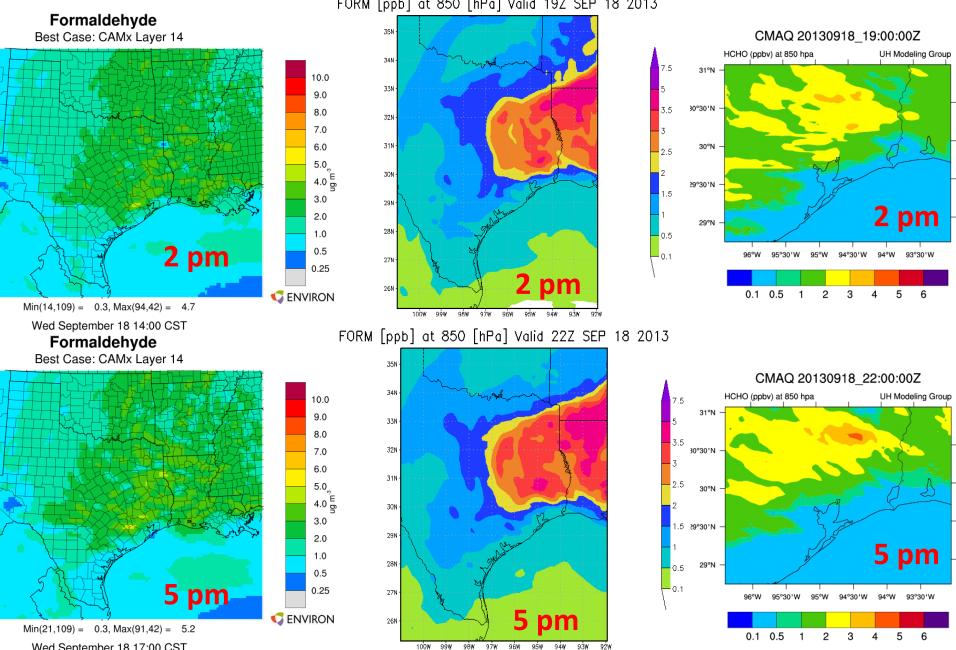
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CAMx

NOAA-CMAQ Formaldehyde 850 hPa FORM [ppb] at 850 [hPa] Valid 19Z SEP 18 2013

UH-CMAQ



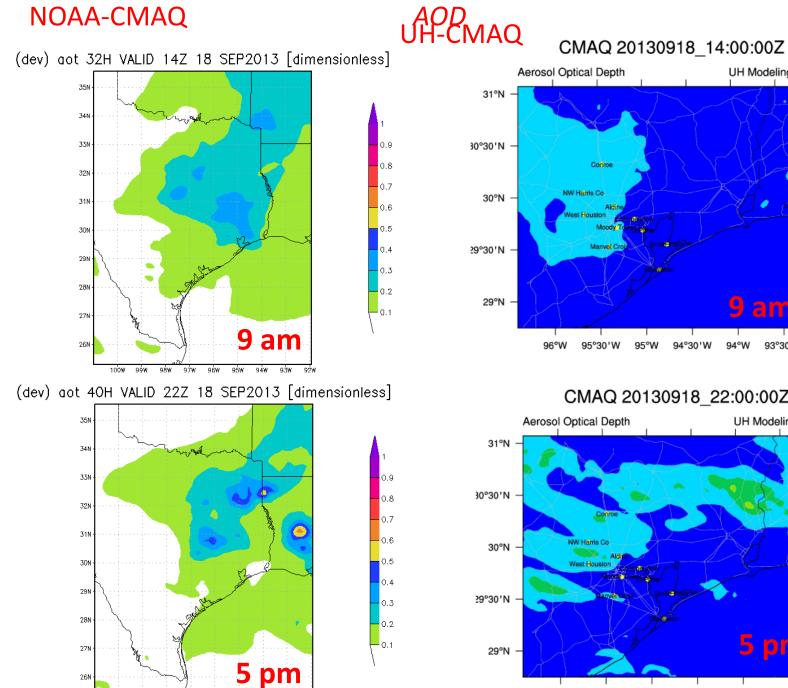
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AOD

NOAA-CMAQ vs. UH-CMAQ

NOAA-CMAQ

100W 99W 98W 97W 96W 95₩ 94W 93₩ 92W



Aerosol Optical Depth **UH Modeling Group** Conroe NW Harris Co Aldin and a lo Moody T Manvel Cro 9 am 1 95°30'W 95°W 94°30'W 94°W 93°30'W

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