

GRIDDED DATASETS

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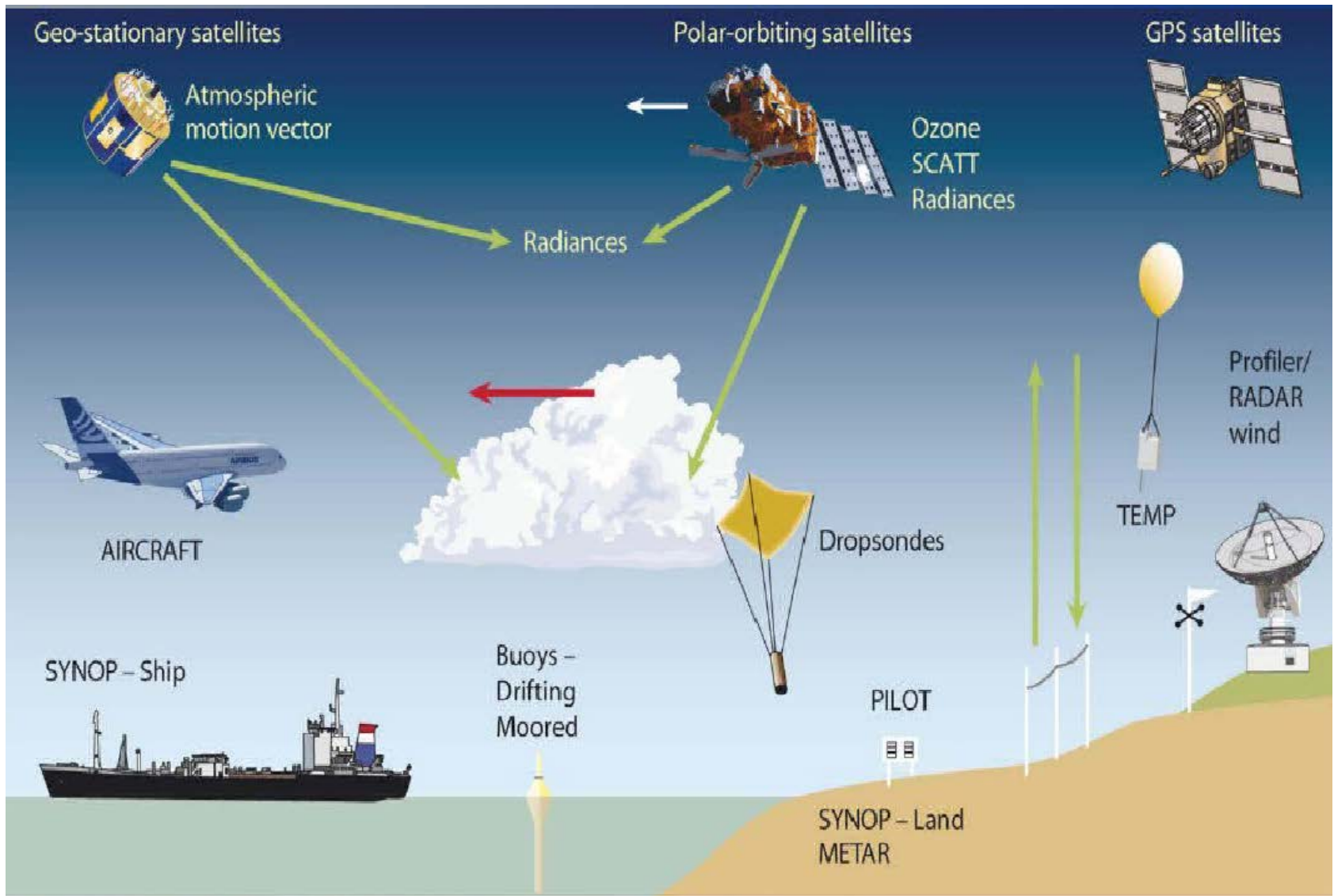
GRIDDED DATASETS

- Gridded data refers to the format of data stored in series of points spaced at regular intervals.
- This can be in 2-D, 3-D grids and can also cover 4-D formats.
- What would be examples of gridded datasets??

What is Reanalysis Data?

- Technique to produce multiple climate variables;
- Previously observed climate data for temperature, wind speed, and pressure;
- Observations are analyzed; interpolated onto a system of grids;
- 3-D forecasting model is initialized with observational data;
- Output is a simulated data set at, 6-hourly, daily, and monthly time steps of many unobservable climate variables.

Observing System



Reanalysis Data

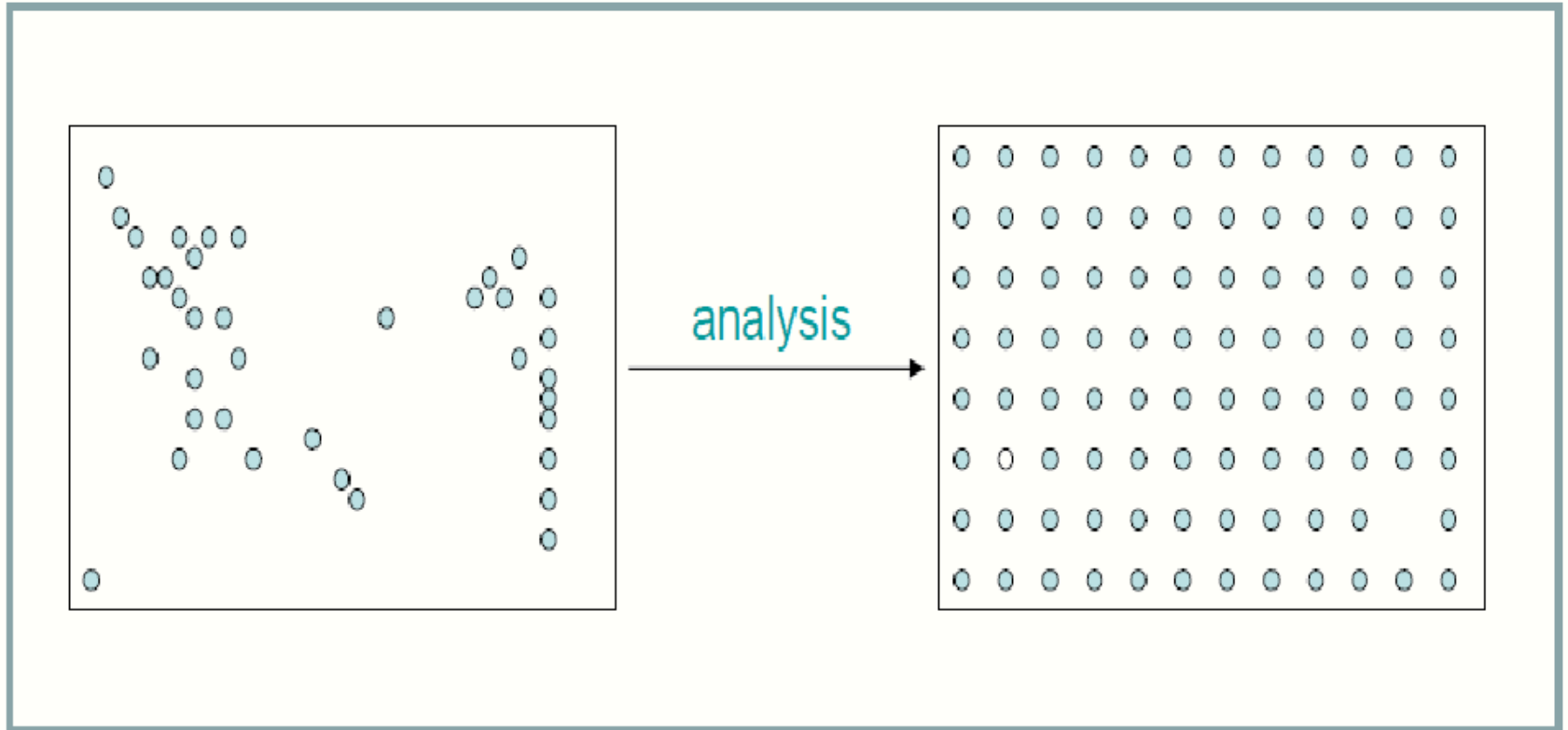
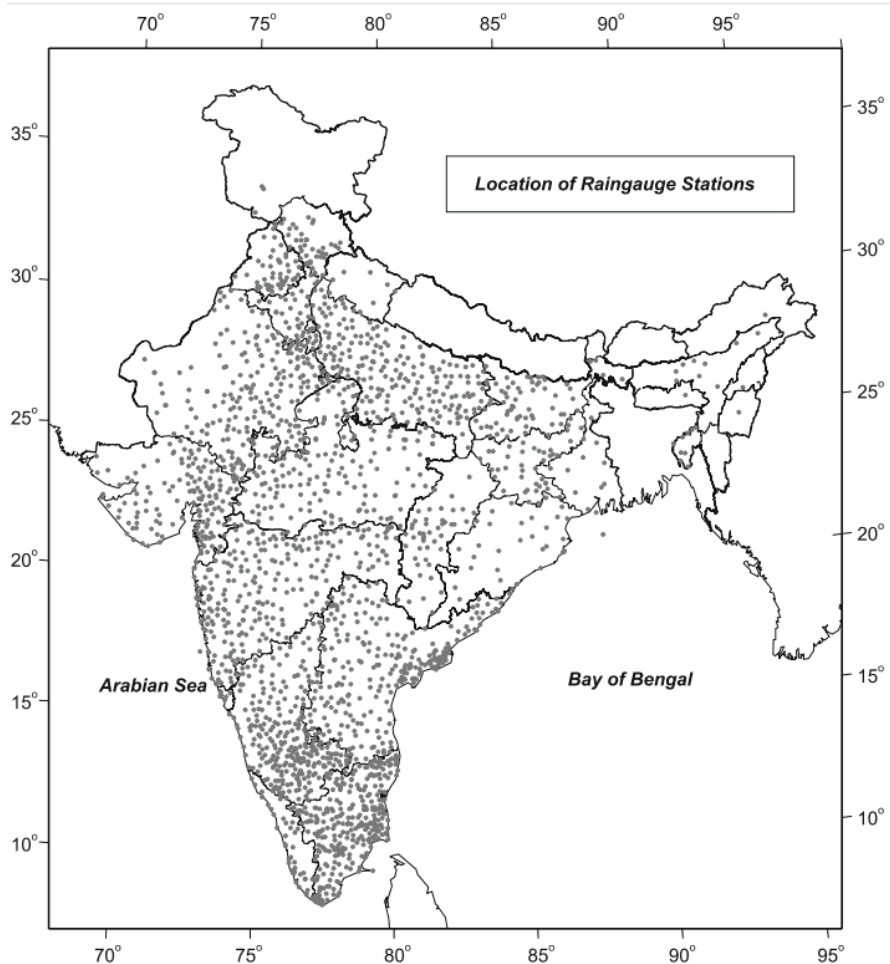
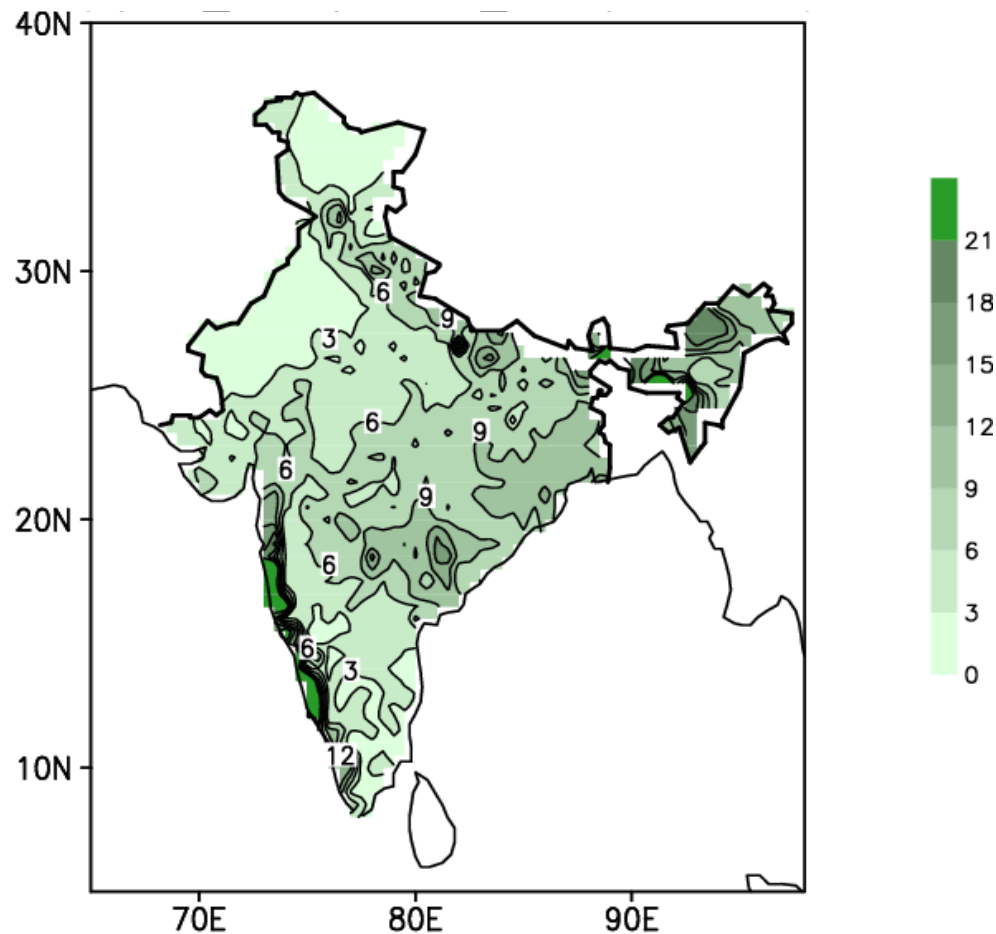


Figure showing Rain Gauge Stations over India



Source: Rajeevan et al. (2008)



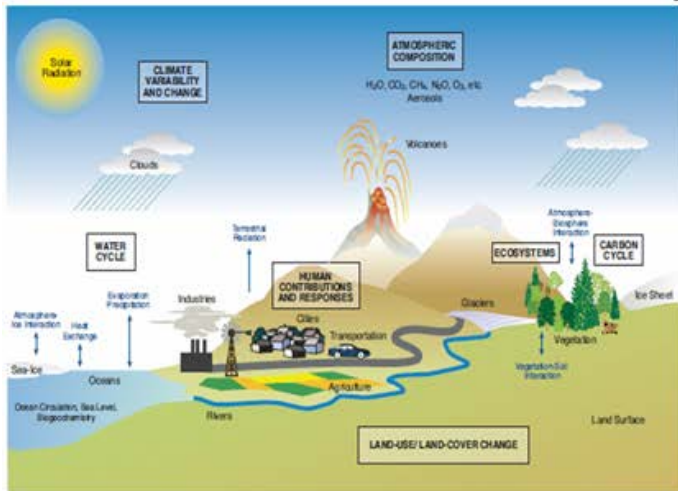
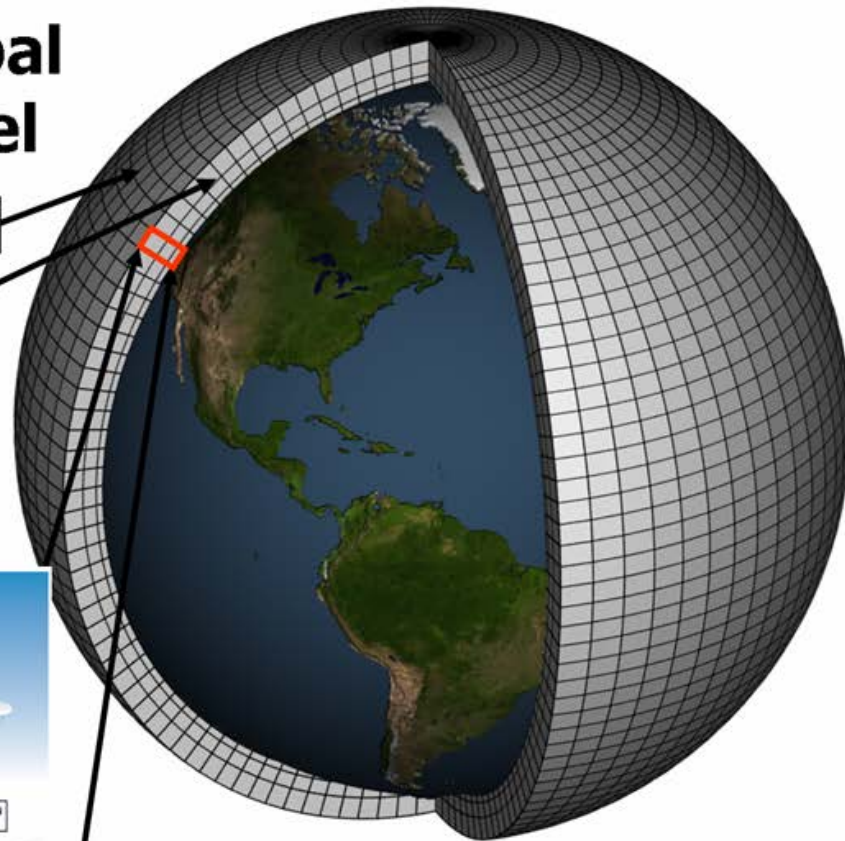
Dataset: IMD 0.5km rainfall data

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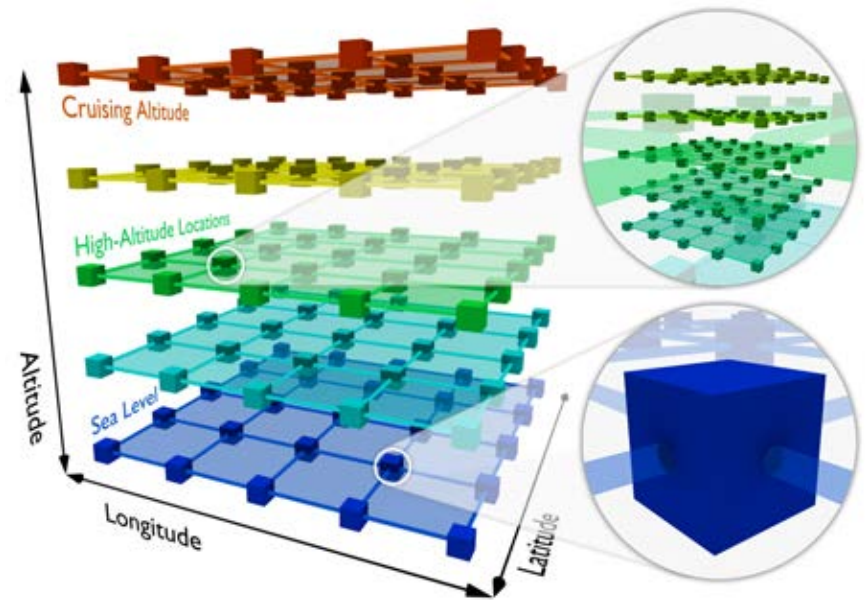
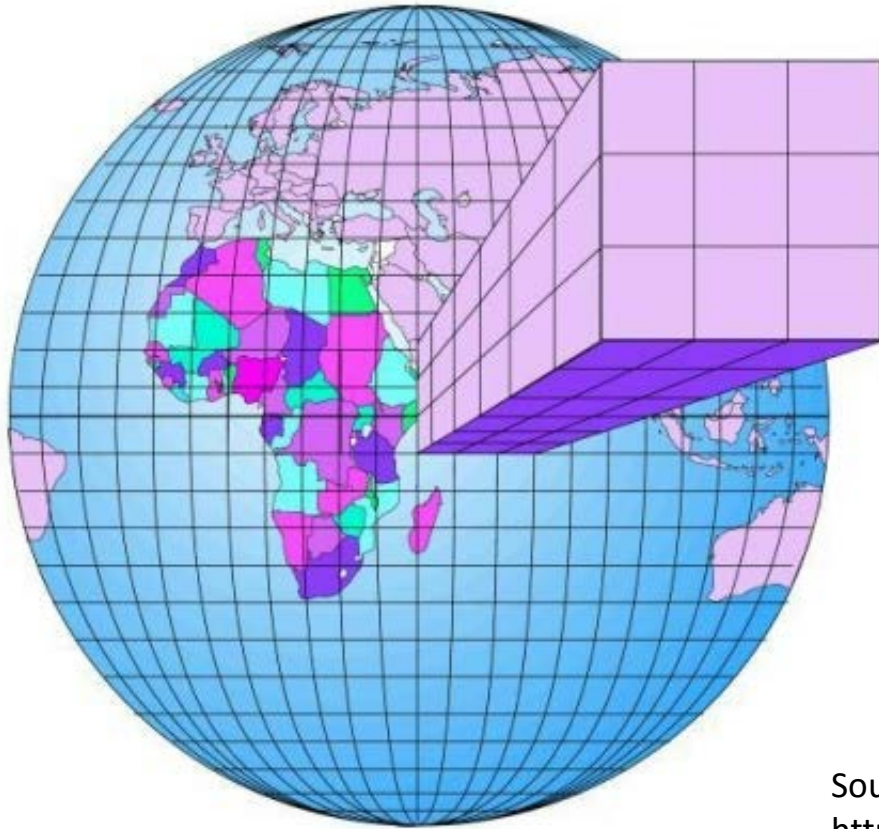
Schematic for Global Atmospheric Model

Horizontal Grid (Latitude-Longitude)

Vertical Grid (Height or Pressure)



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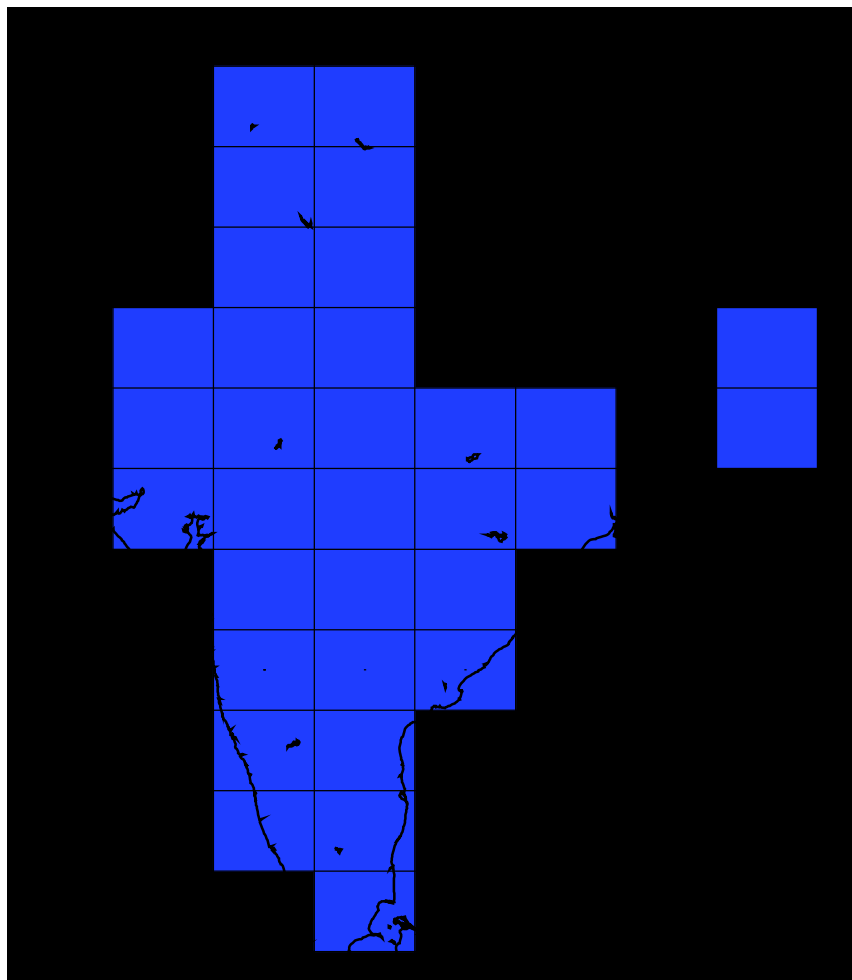


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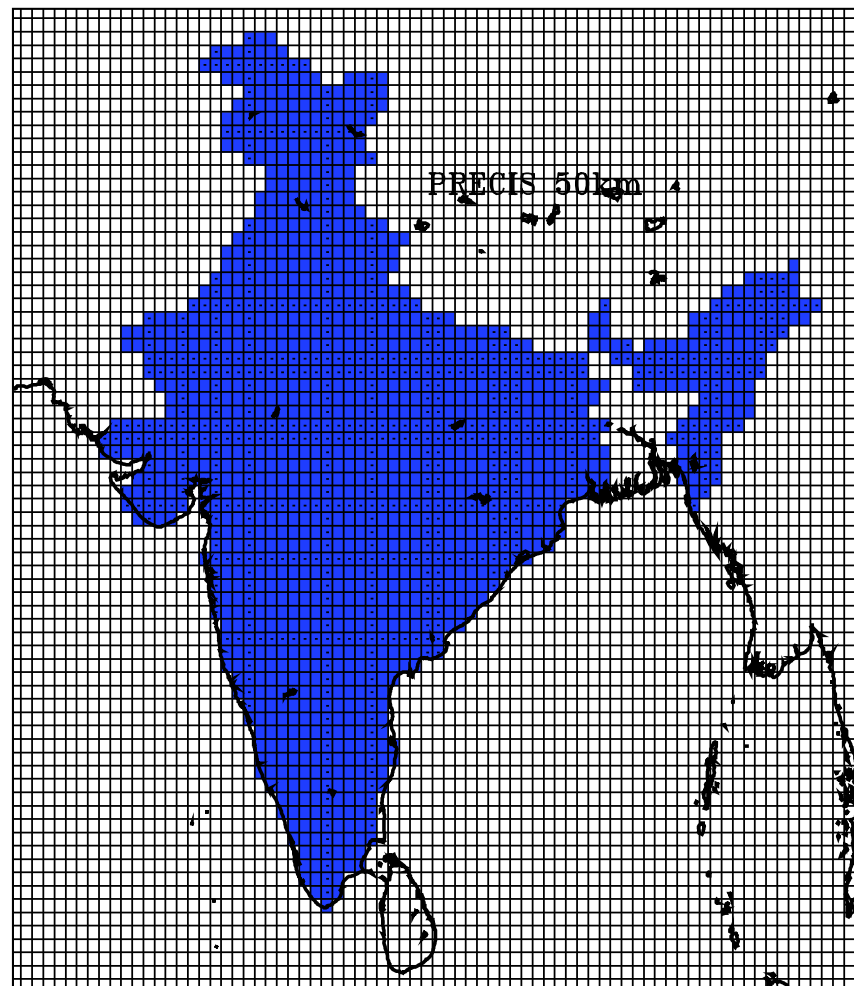
<https://wiki.ucar.edu/display/NNEWD/Data+Models+and+Formats>

Source: <http://atoc.colorado.edu/~dcn/ATOC7500/>

RESOLUTION

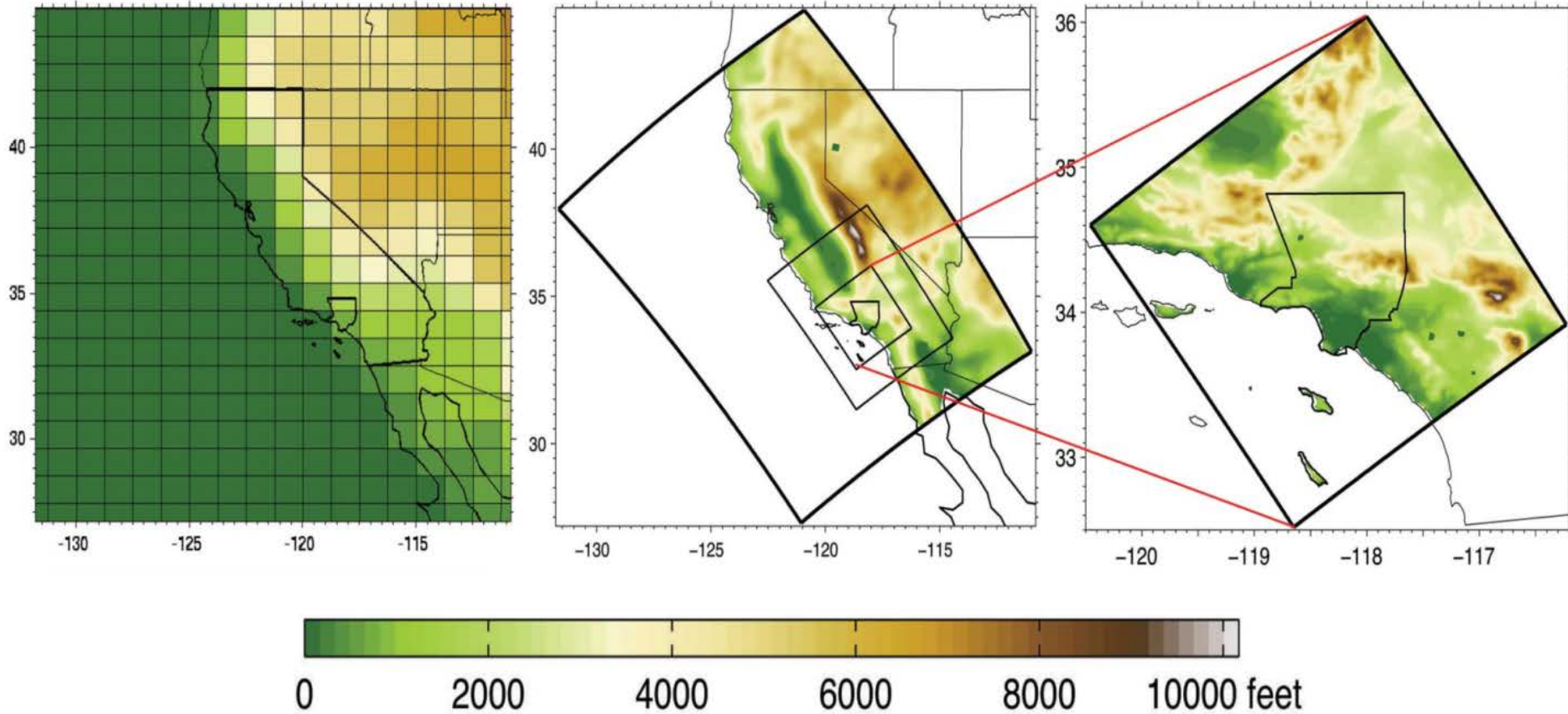


HadCM3 ($3^{\circ} \times 2.5^{\circ}$)



PRECIS ($0.44^{\circ} \times 0.44^{\circ}$)

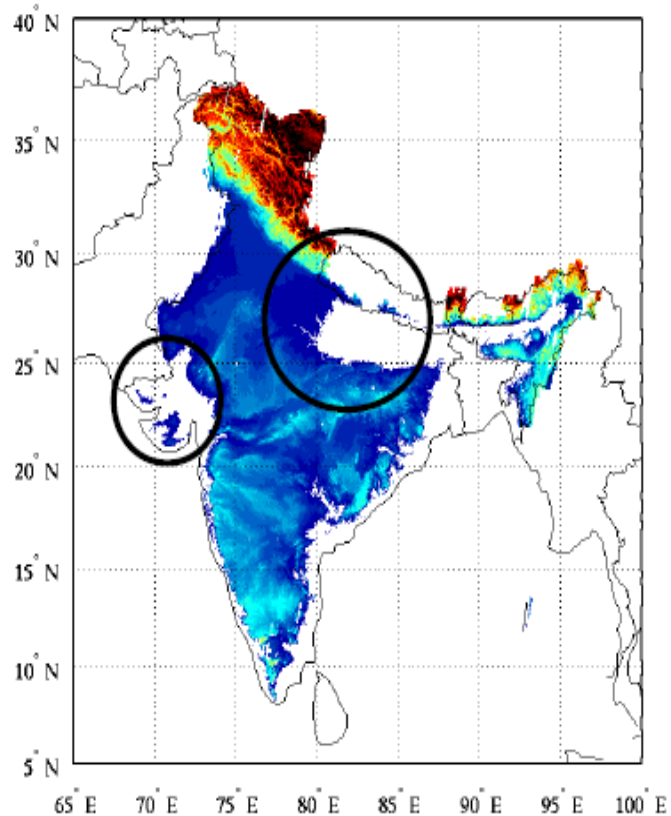
RESOLUTION



Terrain

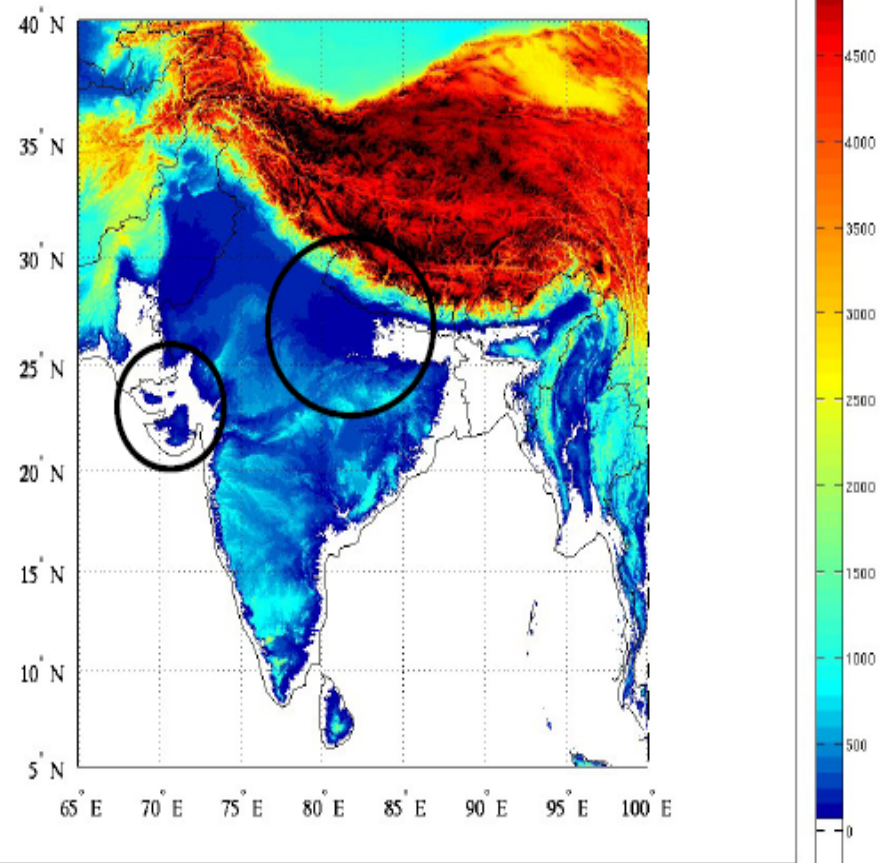
CARTO DEM Topography

Resolution: 30 meter

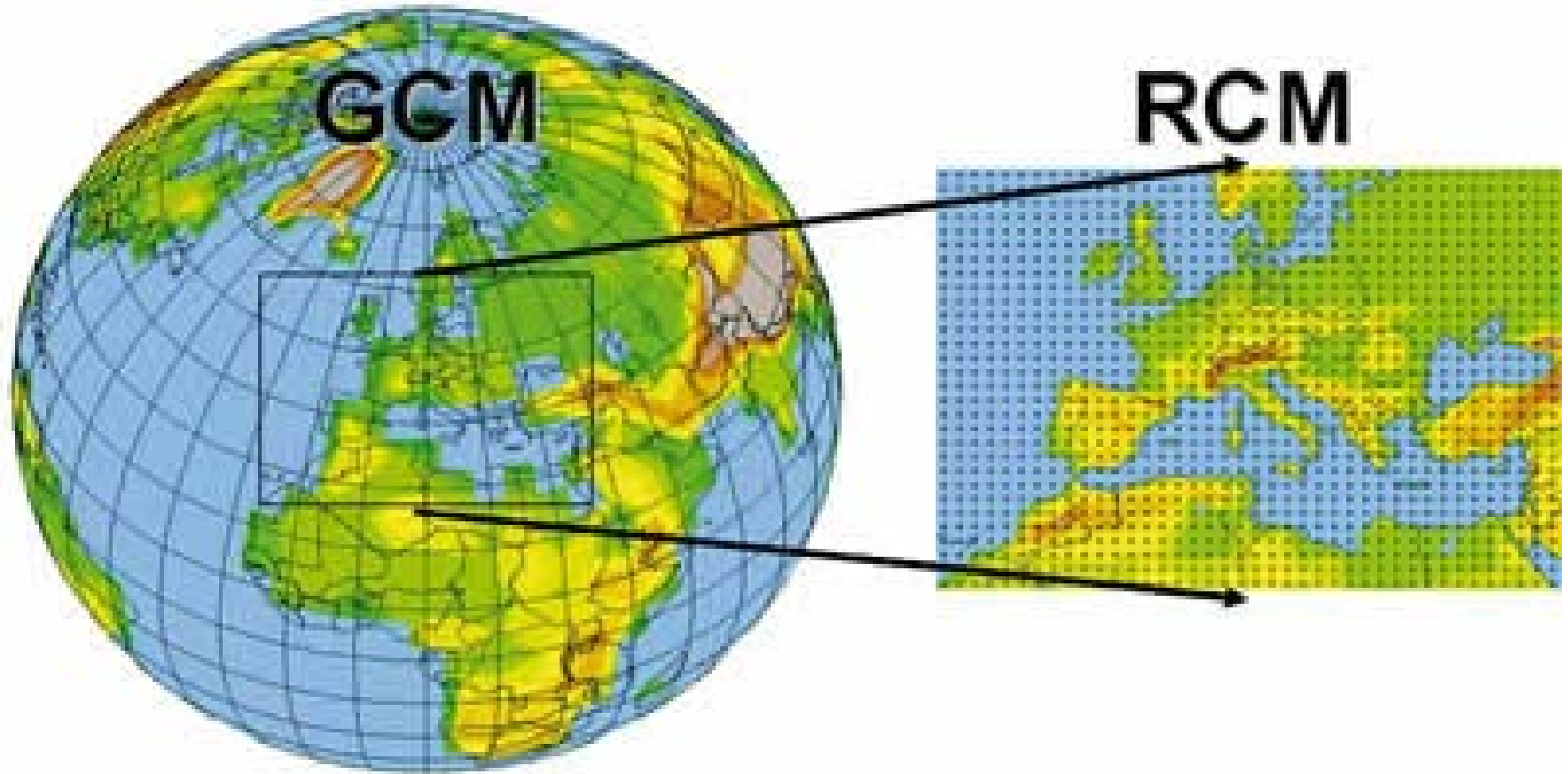


USGS Topography

Resolution: 1 km



GLOBAL MODELS vs. REGIONAL MODELS



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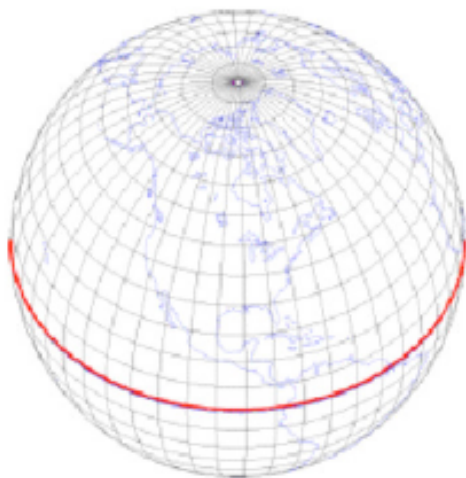
Increasing GCM resolution by a factor X leads to an increased compute cost of $\sim X^3$. A 10km model is ~ 1000 times the cost of a 100km model

Locally increased resolution over a region of interest offers an alternative method for representing specific local phenomena and providing climate information at spatial scales required for planning & decision making



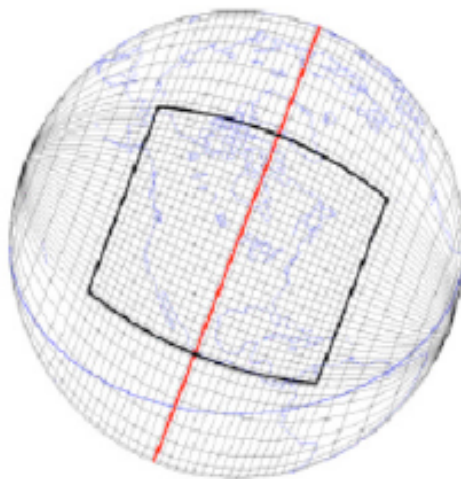
GEM

Global-Regular

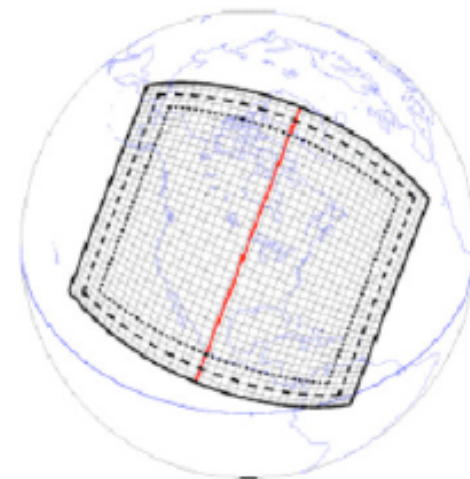


GEM

Global-Variable



GEM - LAM



- Downscaling is a method for obtaining high-resolution climate or climate change information from relatively coarse-resolution global climate models (GCMs). Typically, GCMs have a resolution of 150-300 km by 150-300 km. Many impacts models require information at scales of 50 km or less, so some method is needed to estimate the smaller-scale information.
 - Dynamical downscaling uses a limited area, high-resolution model (a regional climate model, or RCM) driven by boundary conditions from a GCM to derive smaller-scale information using dynamical numerical weather prediction techniques.
 - Statistical downscaling first derives statistical relationships between observed small-scale (often station level) variables and larger (GCM) scale variables, using either analogue methods (circulation typing), regression analysis, or neural network methods.

• Lateral Boundary condition variables:

- Wind
- Temperature
- Water vapour
- Surface pressure

Lower boundary condition variables:

- SST
- Land Use & Land cover

Initial condition variables:

- Temporal

Some example plots from gridded datasets for
WEATHER and CLIMATE analysis

GRIDDED DATA OUTPUTS

LEH CLOUDBURST

ARW Simulation of Leh
Cloudburst

Leh: 77.57 ; 34.15

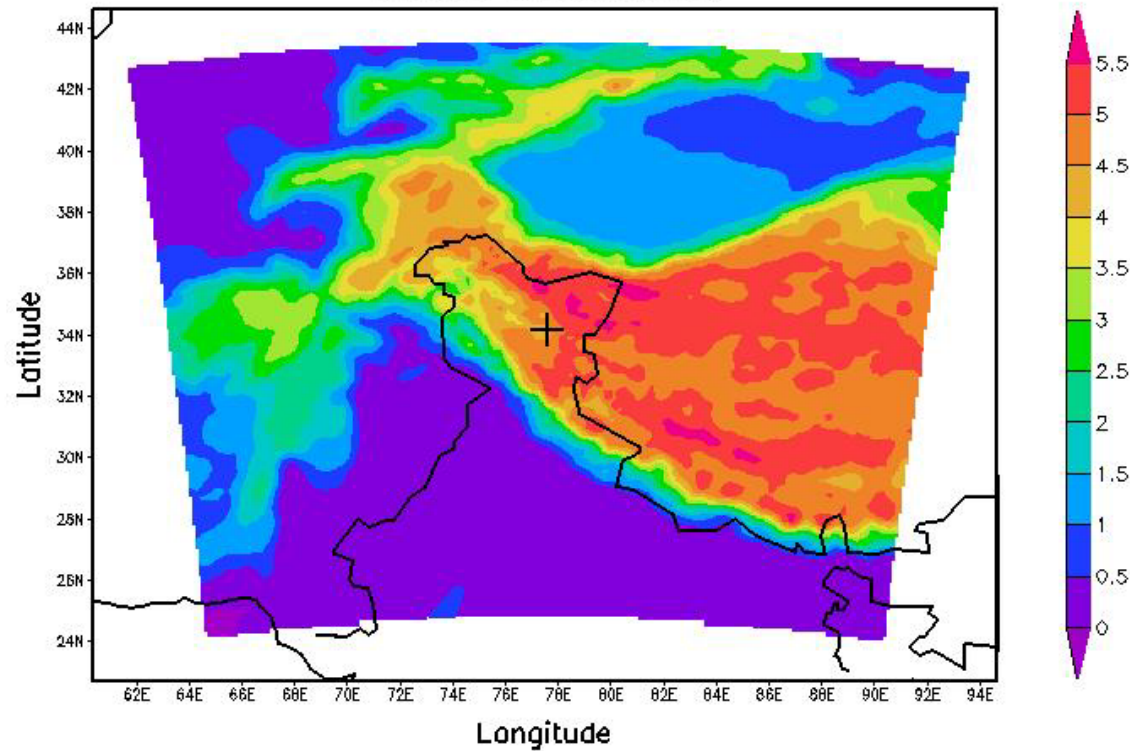
Run: 2010-08-04_00:00 – 2010-08-08_00:00

Spatial Resolution: 27km

Temporal Resolution: 6hr

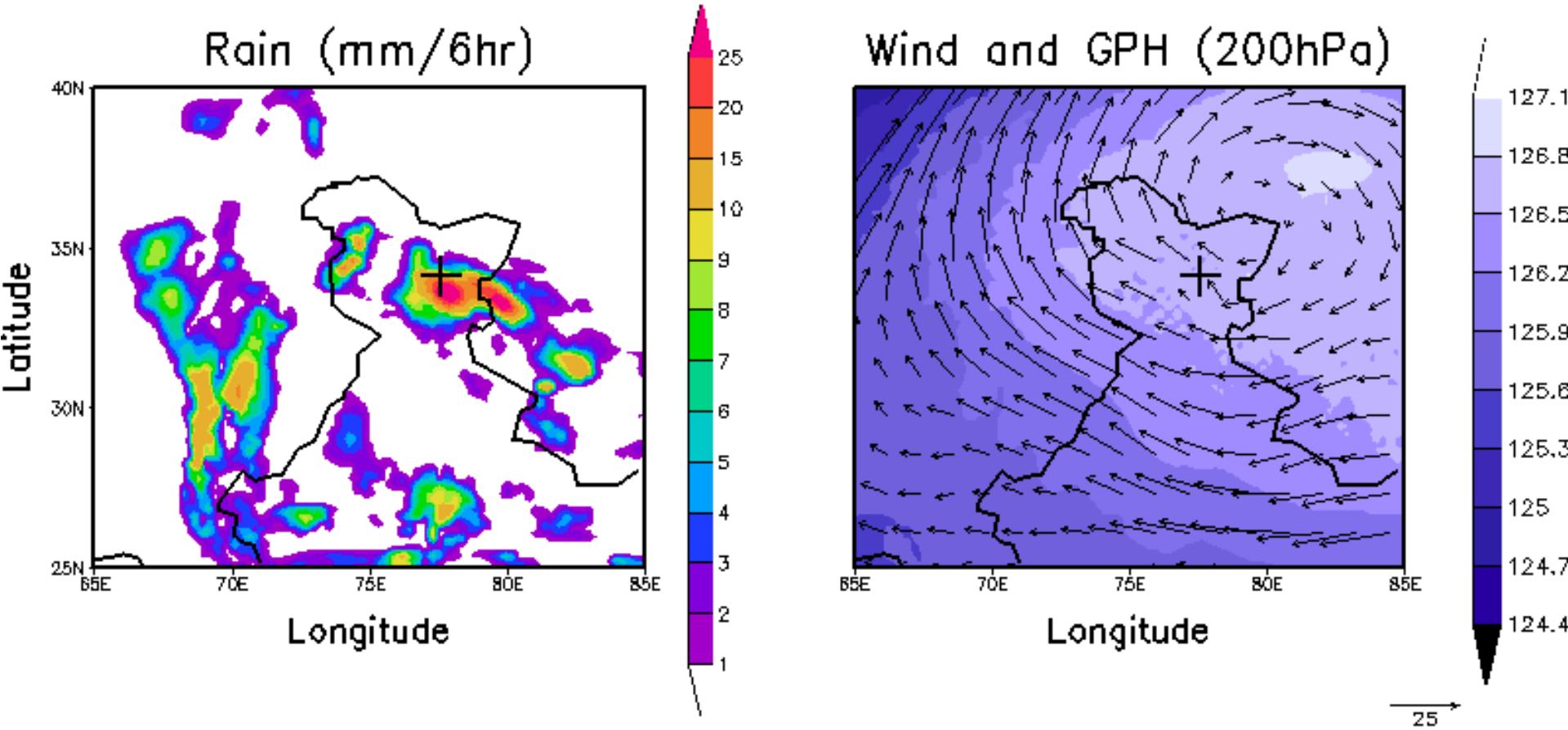
Map Projection: Lambert
Conformal

Terrain Height (Km)



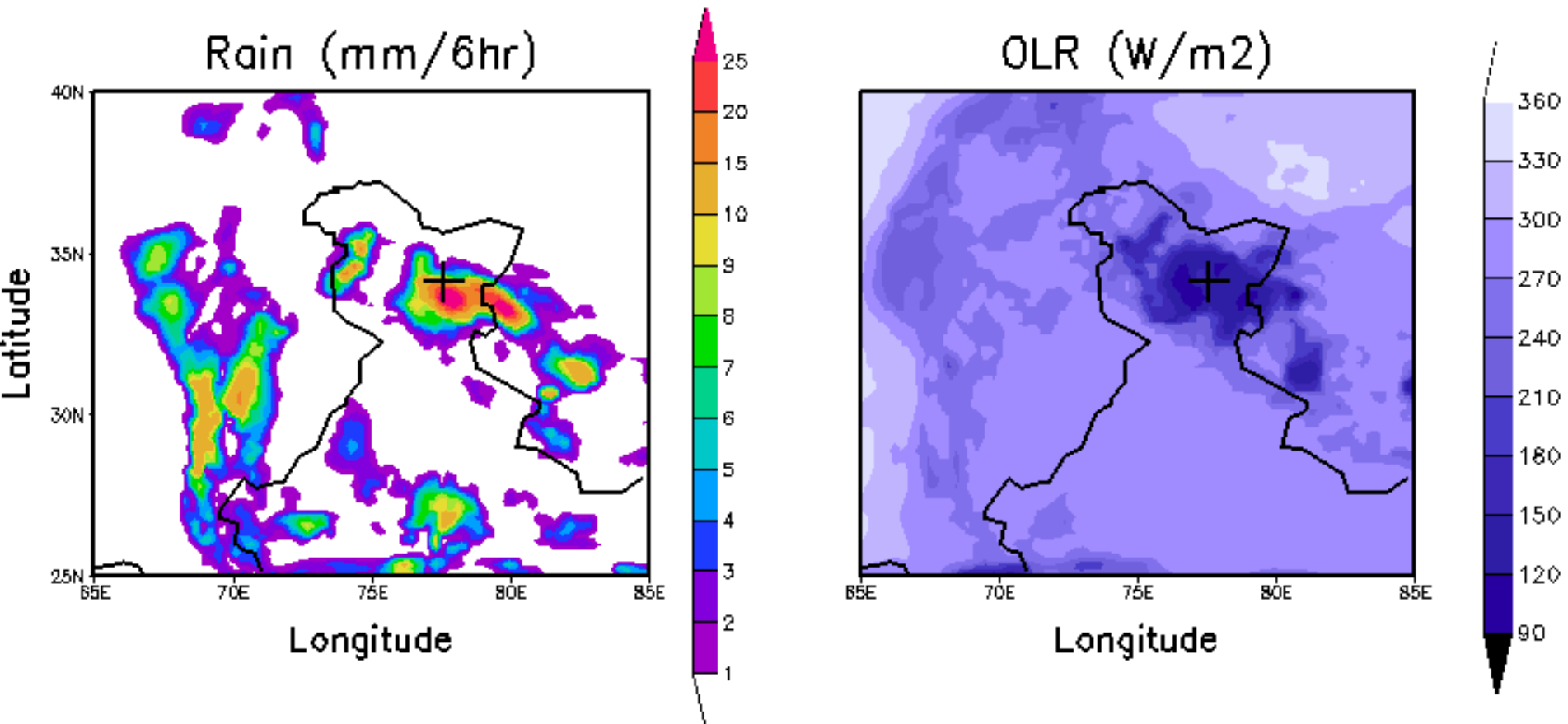
Simulation by Lab-315, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University
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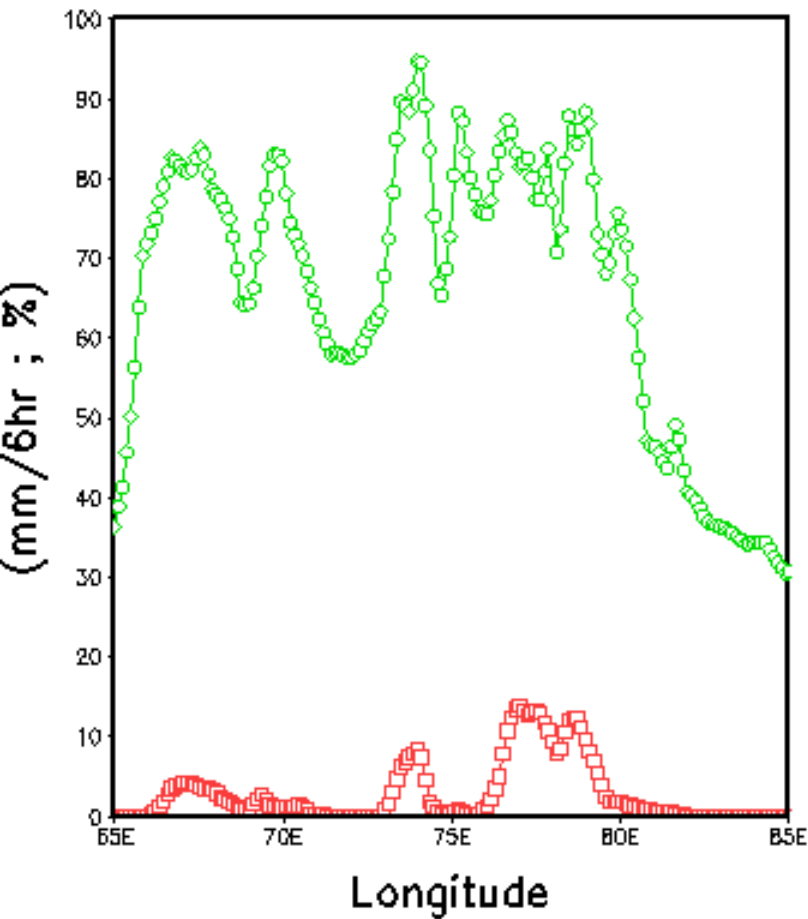
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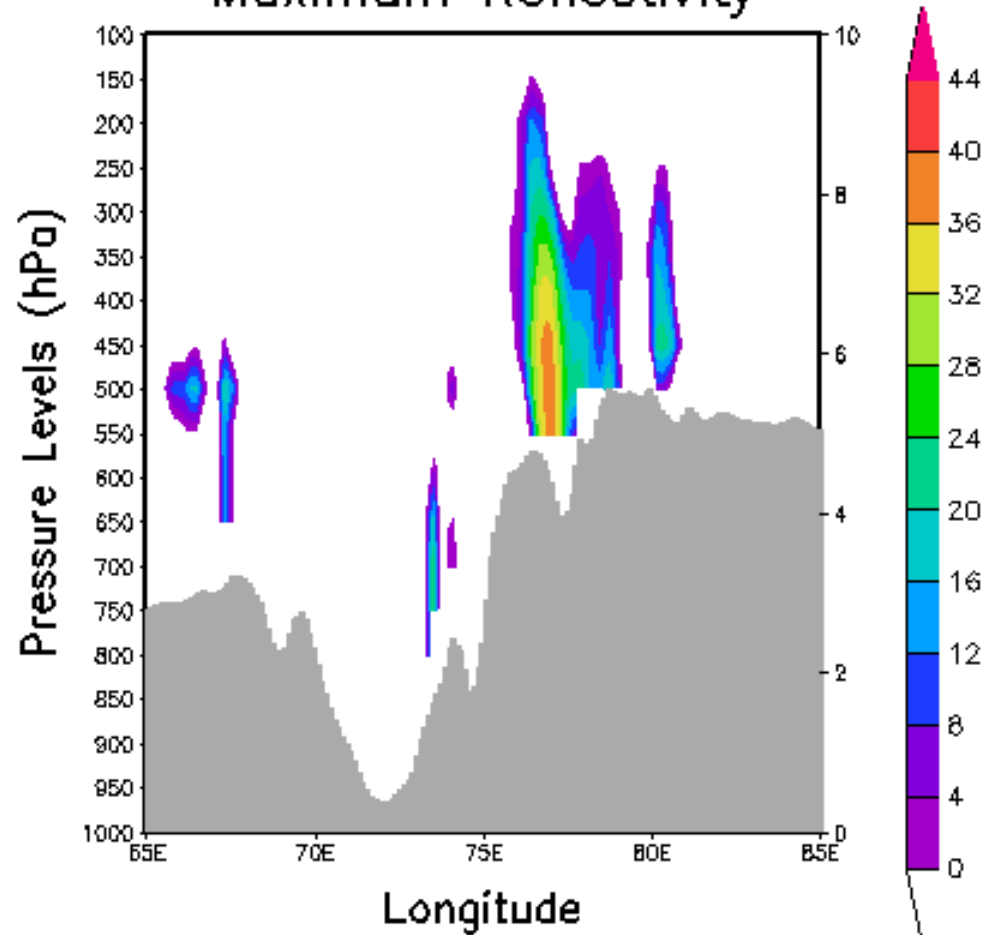
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Rain and RH

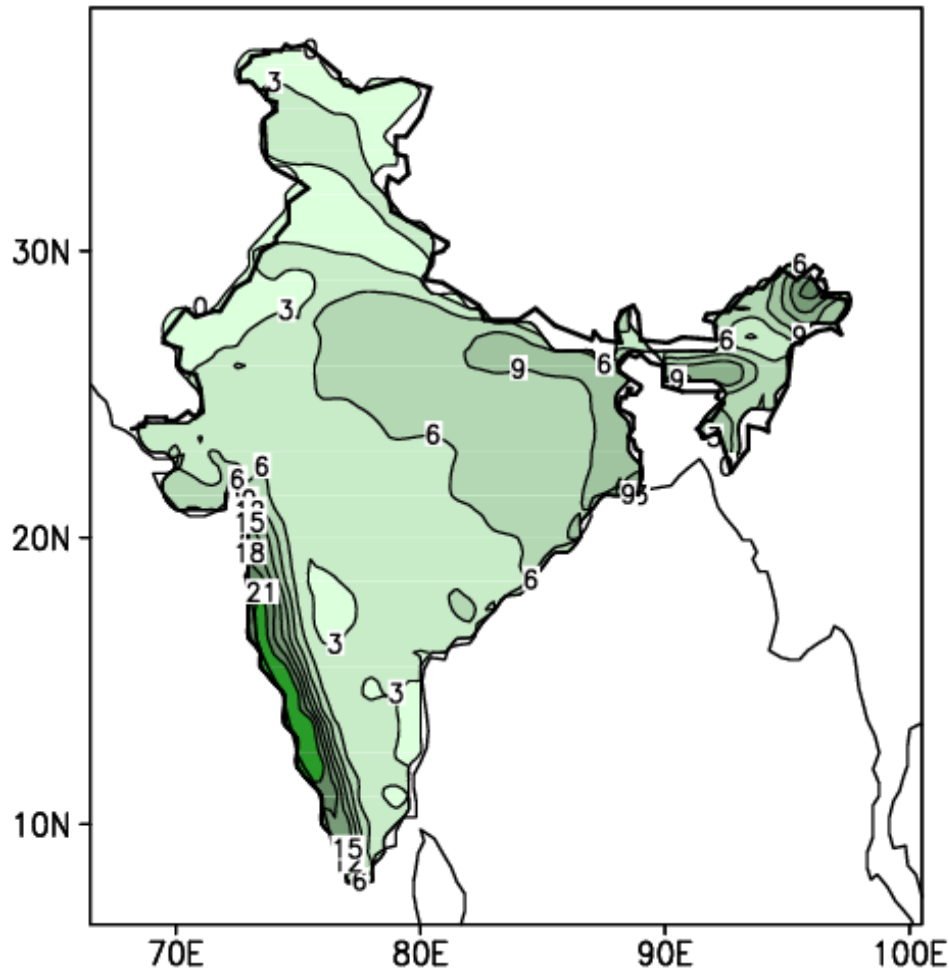


Maximum Reflectivity



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INDIAN SUMMER MONSOON



Model and Reanalysis datasets are used to understand ISM

Domain – Indian region

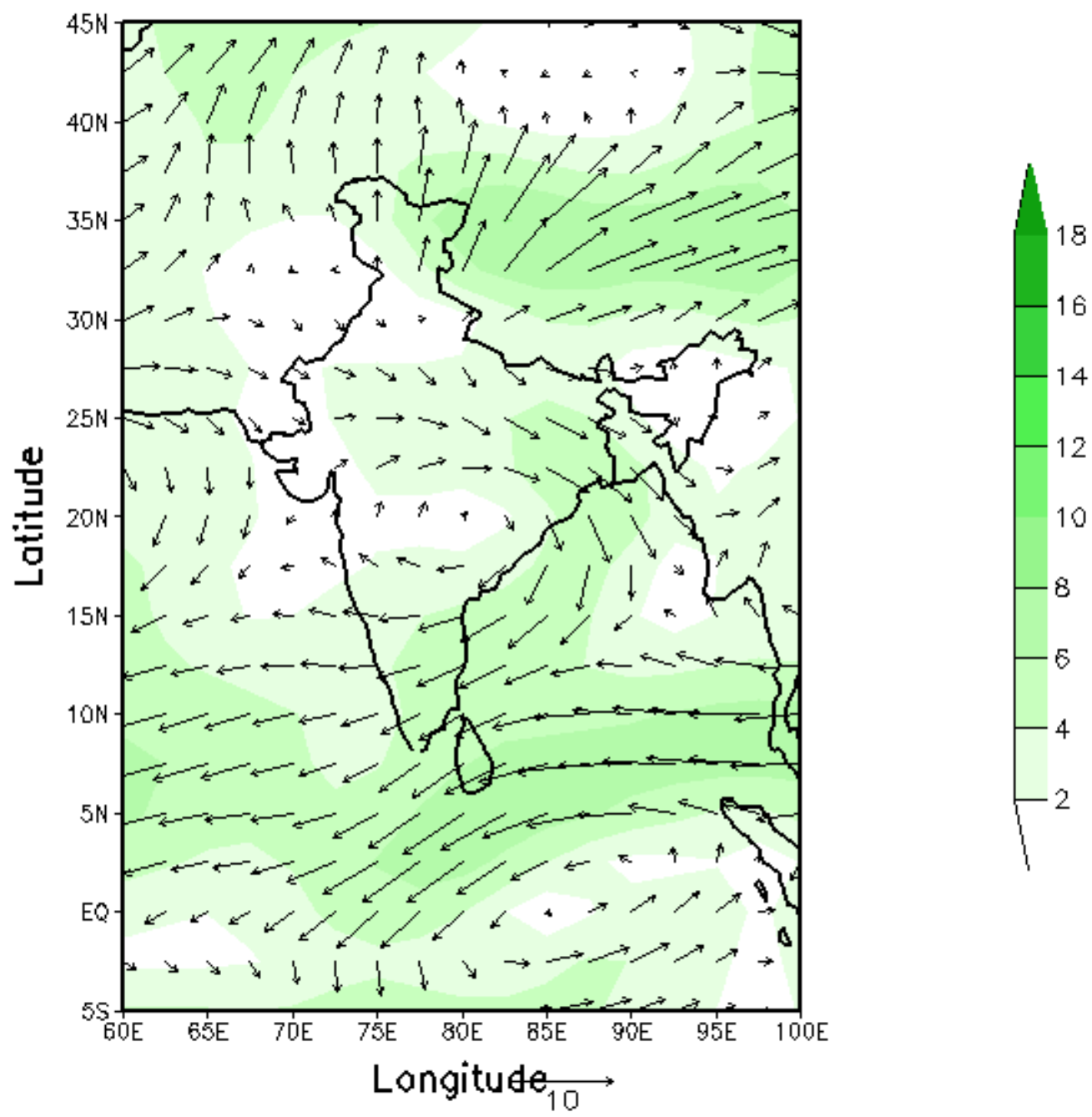
Run: 1989-2005

Spatial Resolution: 0.5km

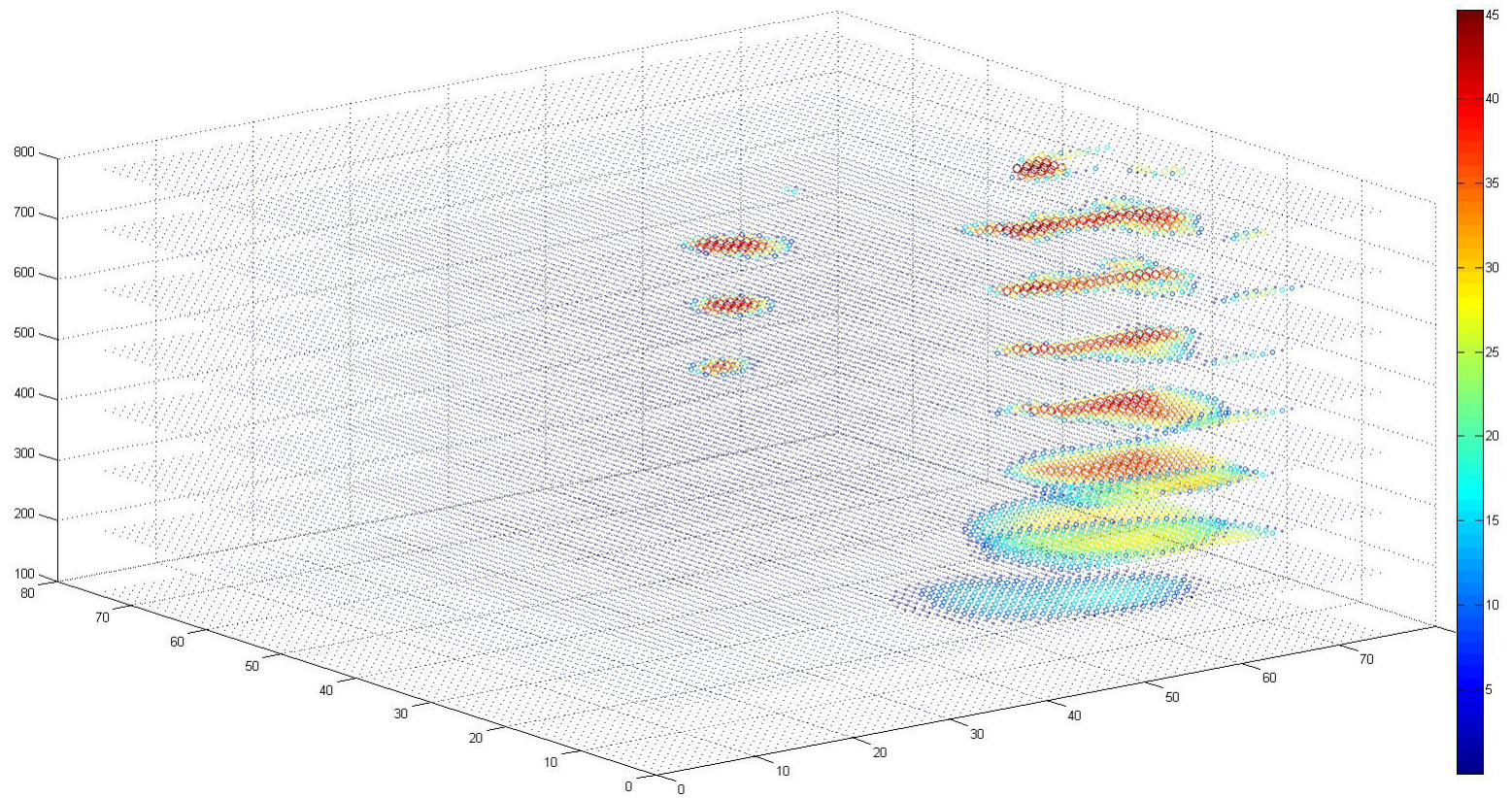
Temporal Resolution: 1 month

Map Projection: Normal Mercator

Monthly Wind Climatology at 850hPa (m/s) JAN



GRIDDED DATA VISUALIZATION



VISUALIZATION OF GRIDDED DATA

The Grid Analysis and Display System (GrADS) is an interactive tool for the access, manipulation, analysis and display of earth science data.

It implements a 4-D data model, where the dimensions are usually latitude, longitude, vertical level and time.

This helps in performing various research operations on the data and ultimately is used to provide an graphical output.

IMD DATA

Source: Rajeevan et al., 2008 <<http://www.imd.gov.in/>>

DSET ^rf0.5_2005.grd

*options byteswapped template

*options template

TITLE 0.5 degr analyzed normal grids

UNDEF -999.0

XDEF 69 LINEAR 66.5 0.5

YDEF 65 LINEAR 6.5 0.5

ZDEF 1 linear 1 1

TDEF 365 LINEAR 1jan2005 1DY

* FOR LEAP YEARS CHANGE NO. OF RECORDS TO 366 *

VARS 1

rf 0 99 GRIDDED RAINFALL

ENDVARS

APHRODITES' DATA

Source: Yatagai et al., 2004 < <http://www.chikyu.ac.jp/precip/>>

```
dset    ^APHRO_MA_025deg_V1003R1.2007
undef  -99.9
options little_endian template
title   APHRO_MA V1003R1 daily precipitation with 0.25deg grids
xdef    360 linear 60.125 0.25
ydef    280 linear -14.875 0.25
zdef    1 levels 1
tdef    365 linear 01jan2007 1dy
*
vars 2
precip  1 00 daily precipitation analysis interpolated onto 0.25deg grids
        [mm/day]
rstn    1 00 ratio of 0.05deg-grids with station [%]
endvars
```

OLR DATA

Source: Liebmann B. and C.A. Smith, 1996 < http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/data/gridded/data.interp_OLR.html >

```
dset ^olr.day.mean.dat
undef 2000000000000000000000.000000
options little_endian yrev
*
xdef 144 linear 0.000000 2.500000
*
ydef 73 linear -90.000000 2.500000
*
zdef 1 linear 1 1
*
tdef 14125 linear 01jun1974 24hr
*
vars 1
olr 0 99 Daily OLR [W/m^2]
endvars
```

SNOWCOVER DATA

Source: Kalnay et al., 1996 < <http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/data/gridded/data.ncep.reanalysis.html>>

```
dset ^snowcover.mon.mean.dat
undef 2000000000000000000000.000000
options little_endian yrev
*
xdef 360 linear 0.500000 1.000000
*
ydef 90 linear 0.500000 1.000000
*
zdef 1 linear 1 1
*
tdef 297 linear 01jan1971 744hr
*
vars 1
snowcover 0 99 Monthly Means Snowcover Extent [%]
endvars
```

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