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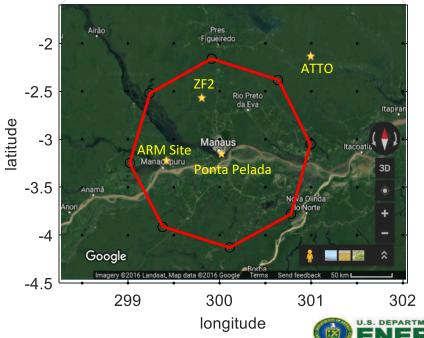
Variational Analysis

- 110 km radius domain centered at Ponta Pelada
- ECMWF analysis data as the first guess and other required surface and TOA fluxes
- Constrained by the SIPAM radar rain rate
- 3 hours, 25mb resolution
- Jan 2014 Dec 2015
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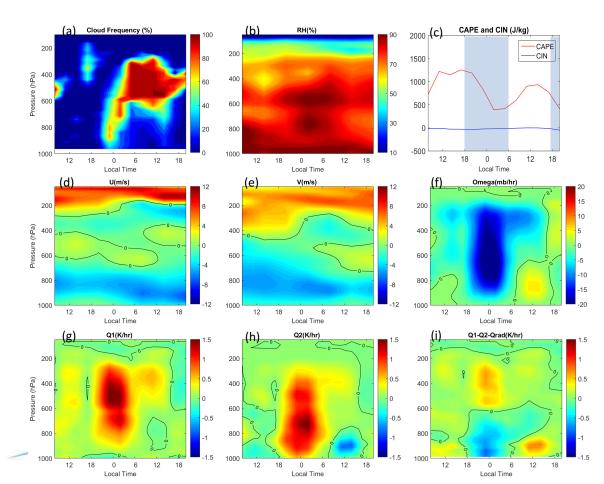




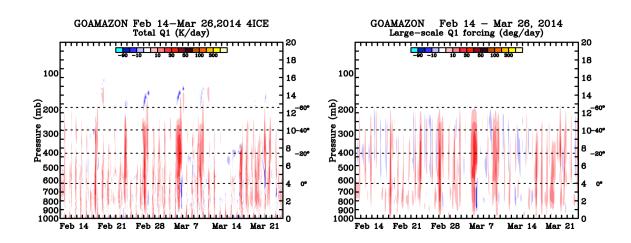
The forcing has been used in both observational and modeling studies

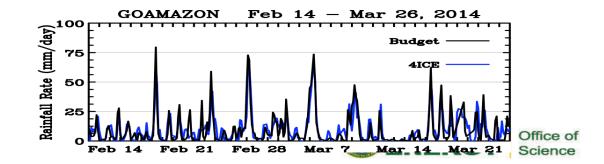


A case study of a Basin-Occurring convective system during 1-2 March 2014 (Tang et al., 2016)



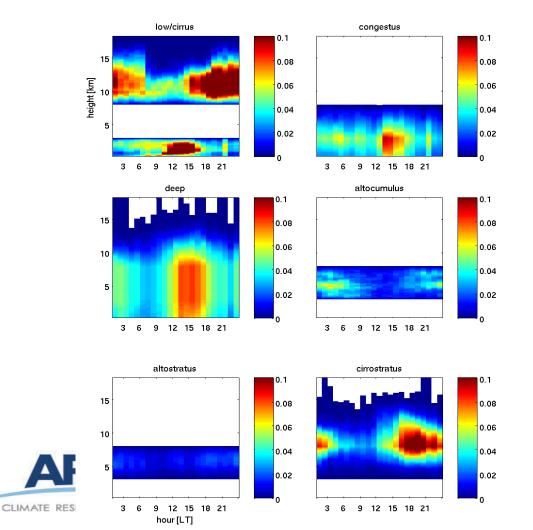
NASA GCE model simulations for GOAmazon IOP1 (Courtesy from Wei-Kuo Tao)



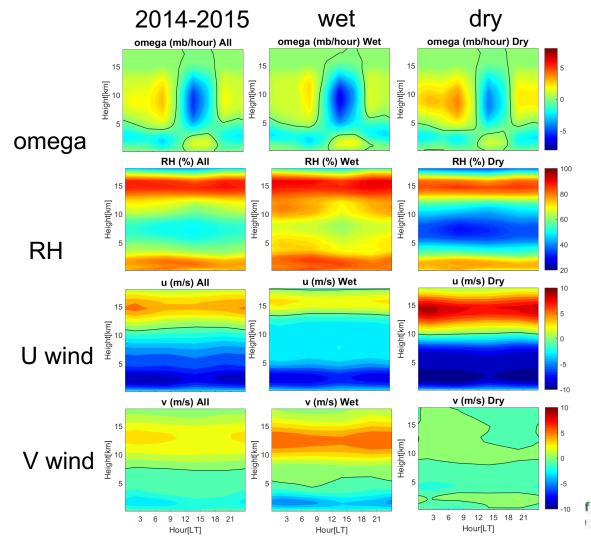


Diurnal Cycles of Clouds and Forcing

Categorized Cloud fraction from 2014-2015 (Giangrande et al., 2017)



Large-scale Forcing







- Forcing data for IOP1 (Feb-Mar 2014) and IOP2 (Sep-Oct 2014) are available at the ARM Archive (<u>www.arm.gov/data</u>)
- Forcing data for the full year 2014 and 2015 will be released soon and are available upon request now.
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