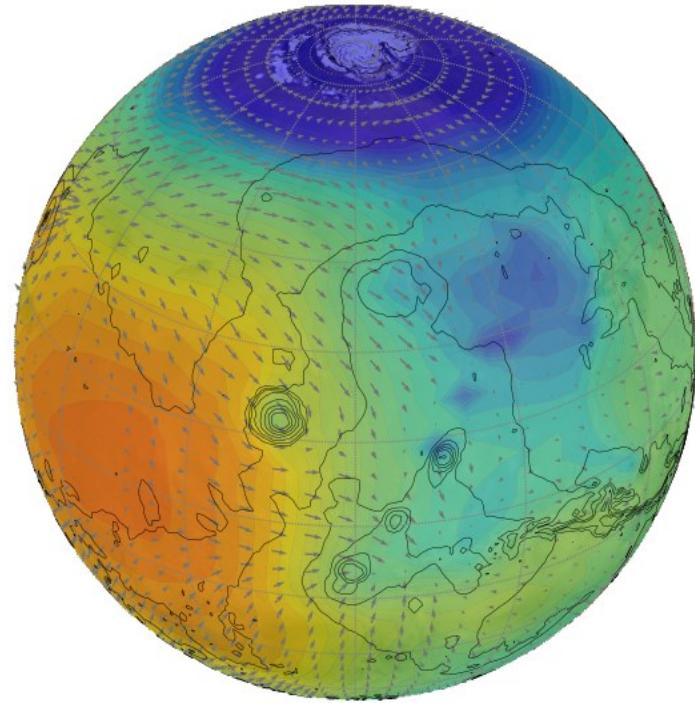


# Introduction: The Martian Environment: Observations and modelling

*F. Forget, E. Millour and the MCD team*



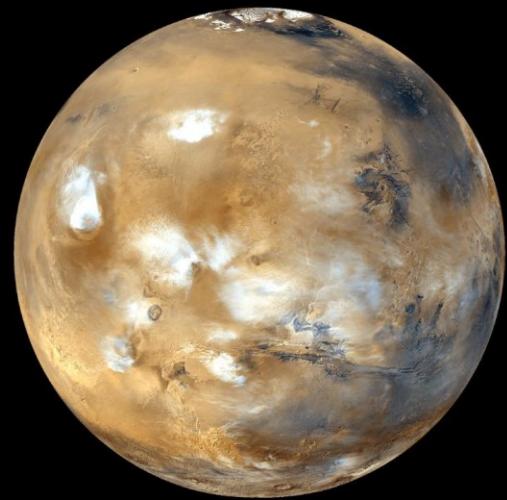
# Agenda

## **Morning 9h30-12h30:**

- Who's who around the table ?
- The Martian Environment: Observations and modeling
- General description of the Mars Climate Database. + **break**
- MCD user presentations: (10' each)
  - S. Cardnell "A photochemical model of the dust-loaded ionosphere of Mars"
  - H. Gröller "Comparison of CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> density and temperature profiles obtained by IUVS/MAVEN and SPICAM/MEX stellar occultations with MCD profiles"
  - L. Neary "The Cross-Drive project"

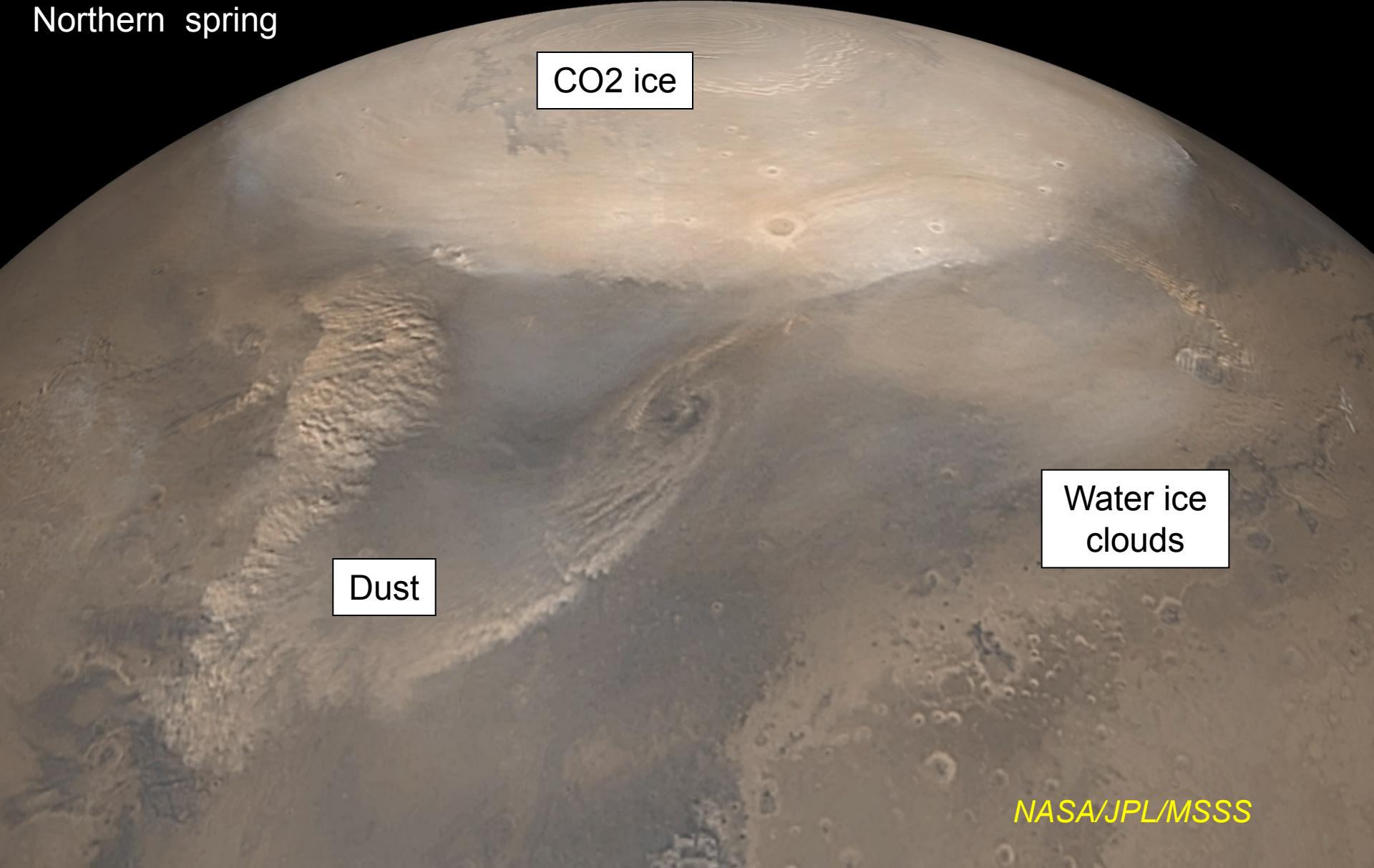
## **Afternoon: 13h30-17h00:**

- The MCD full version
- MCD validation: where you should and should not trust the MCD
- Future MCD improvements.
- MCD user presentations: (10' each)
  - R. Lillis: "MCD: electron precipitation modeling for upcoming IR instruments"
  - G Parnaby "trajectory simulations"
  - J. Cuelho "Space Apps Challenge 2016: Mars Village"
- Discussion



# Mars climate now : atmospheric circulation, dust , CO<sub>2</sub> (and some water)

Northern spring

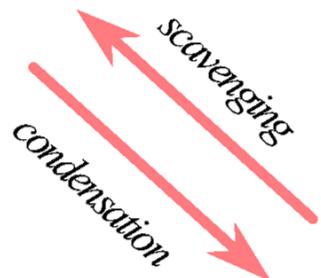


# *Mars climate : a complex system*

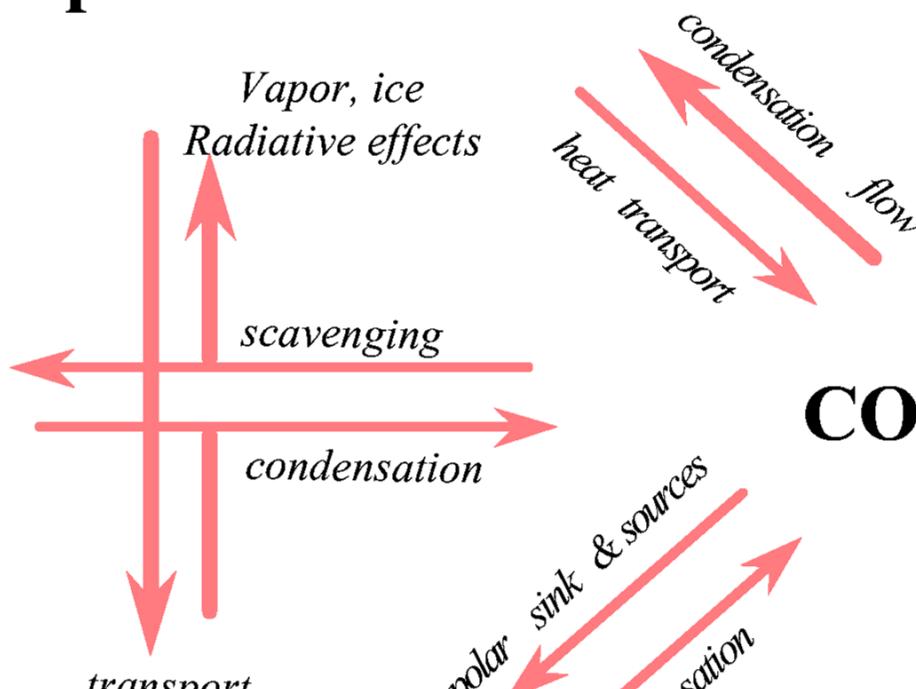
## Atmospheric circulation



## Dust cycle



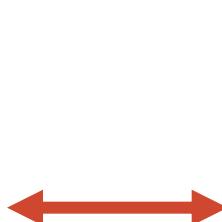
## CO<sub>2</sub> cycle



## Water cycle



## Photochemical cycle



## Upper atmosphere processes and ionosphere

# Key available observations of the Martian Environment (1/2)

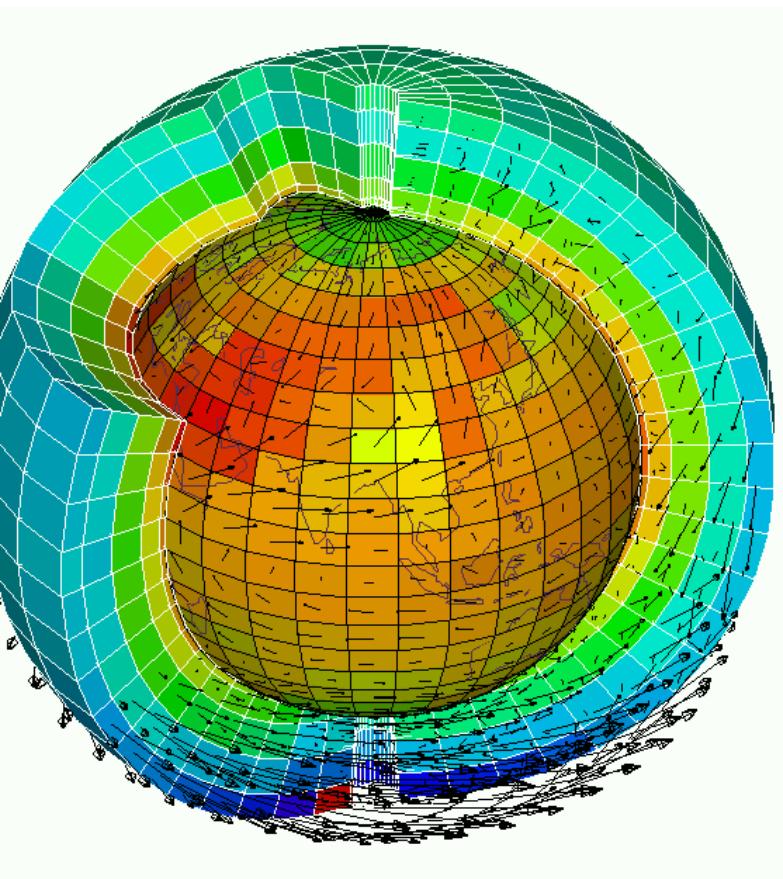
- Temperatures (& densities) :
  - Below 70 km : full climatologies (sounder MGS/TES, Mxpress/PFS, MRO/MCS, Radio occultations)
  - Above 100 km: only a few profiles (~1000): SPICAM & IUVS Stellar occultations, Aerobraking Data, MAVEN NGIMS, etc.
- Surface pressure: Local in-situ measurements (Viking, Pathfinder, Phoenix, Curiosity)
- Winds: almost nothing
- Dust and clouds
  - Column climatology (MGS/TES, MRO: MCS, CRISM, Marci etc.)
  - Profile climatology (MCS; ~Spicam)

# Key available observations of the Martian Environment (2/2)

- **Water vapor :**
  - Column climatologies (TES, Mars Express SPICAM, PFS, OMEGA)
  - Little information on vertical structure (~Spicam)
- **Ozone** (direct detection, or O<sub>2</sub> fluorescence)
  - Column climatology: Spicam, MRO/Marci, Maven/IUVS, etc.
  - Stellar occultation profiles
- **Long lived species** (~Ar, N<sub>2</sub>, CO)
  - Column values: coarse climatology (Ar: Mars Odyssey GRS ; CO: MRO/Crism)
  - 3D structure above 120 km: in situ MAVEN/NGIMS
- **Ionosphere**: Electron density profiles and mapping (Radio Occultations; Radar MARSIS) + Ions in-situ (MAVEN/NGIMS)

# General Circulation Models/ Global Climate models

⇒ GCMs



3D Numerical simulators of a  
planetary environment:

Résolution: ~100 km

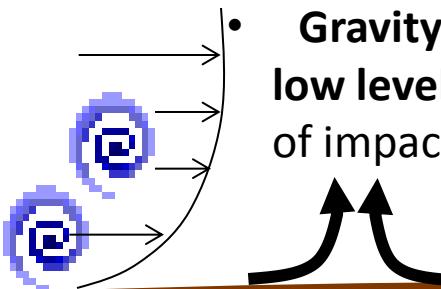
Several models developed around the world:

- Since ~1980 : NASA Ames (USA) ⇒ *Mars GRAM*
- Since ~1990:
  - **LMDZ GCM** (LMD with U. of Oxford & Open U. (UK), LATMOS (France) , IAA (Spain) )  
⇒ *Mars Climate Database*
  - **GFDL** (USA, J. Wilson)
- Since ~2000:
  - **GEM Mars** (now IASB, Belgium, after start at York U., Canada...)
  - **Planet WRF** (Ashima research, USA)
  - **CPS** (Japan), **Dramatic** (Japan)
  - **Max Planck Inst** (MPS, Germany)
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# Basic characteristics of the LMD Mars Global Climate Model :



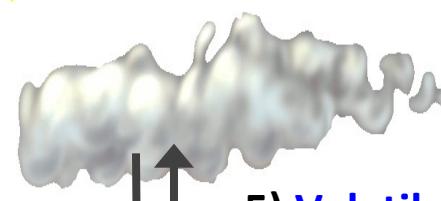
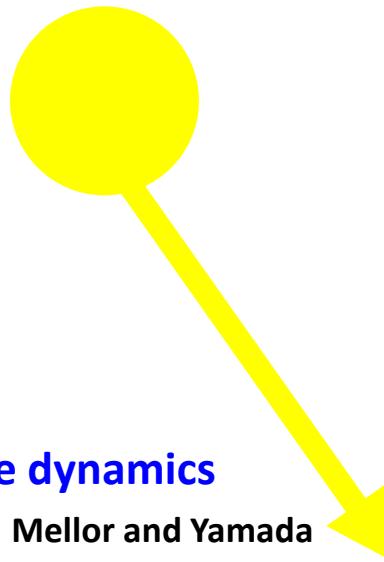
1) LMDZ final Dynamical Core (Grid point Model)



3) Subgrid scale dynamics

- Turbulence: Mellor and Yamada 2.5 Scheme
- Convection :
- Gravity waves (orographic) + low level drag: Parametrisation of impact on the main flow

4) Surface and subsurface thermal balance



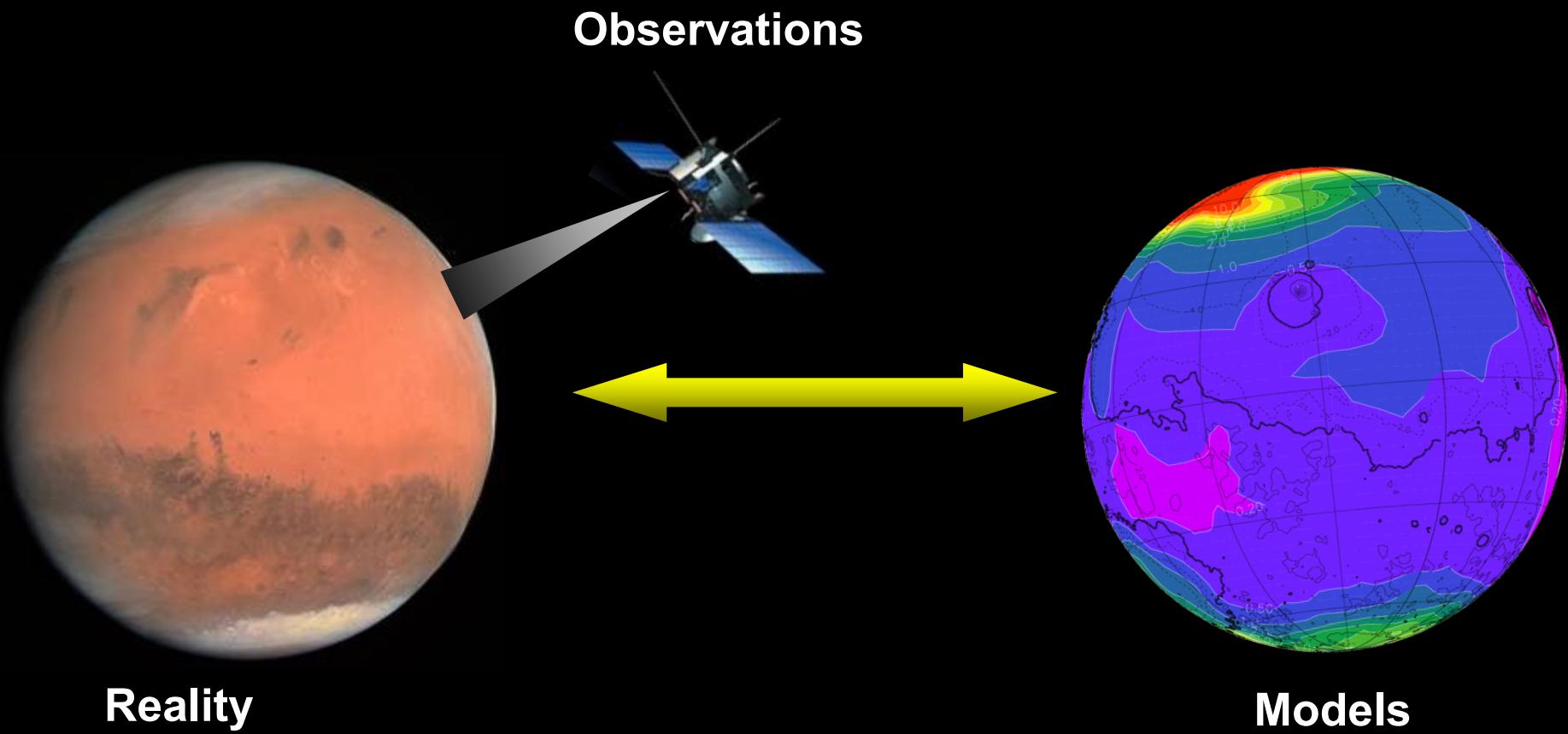
6) Dust transport and distribution : *see below*



5) Volatile:

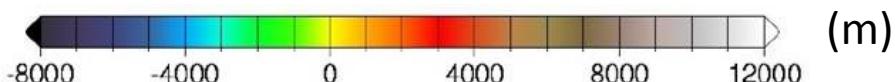
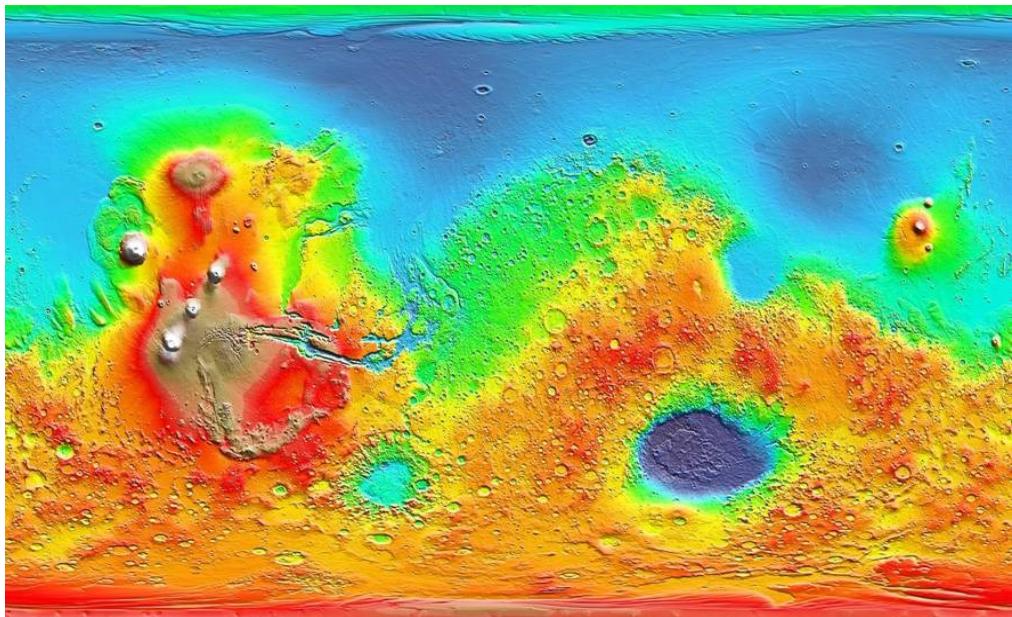
- CO<sub>2</sub> cycle: *see below*
- H<sub>2</sub>O cycle: *see below*

An ambitious goal : Building a “virtual” Mars behaving like the real one, on the basis of universal equations



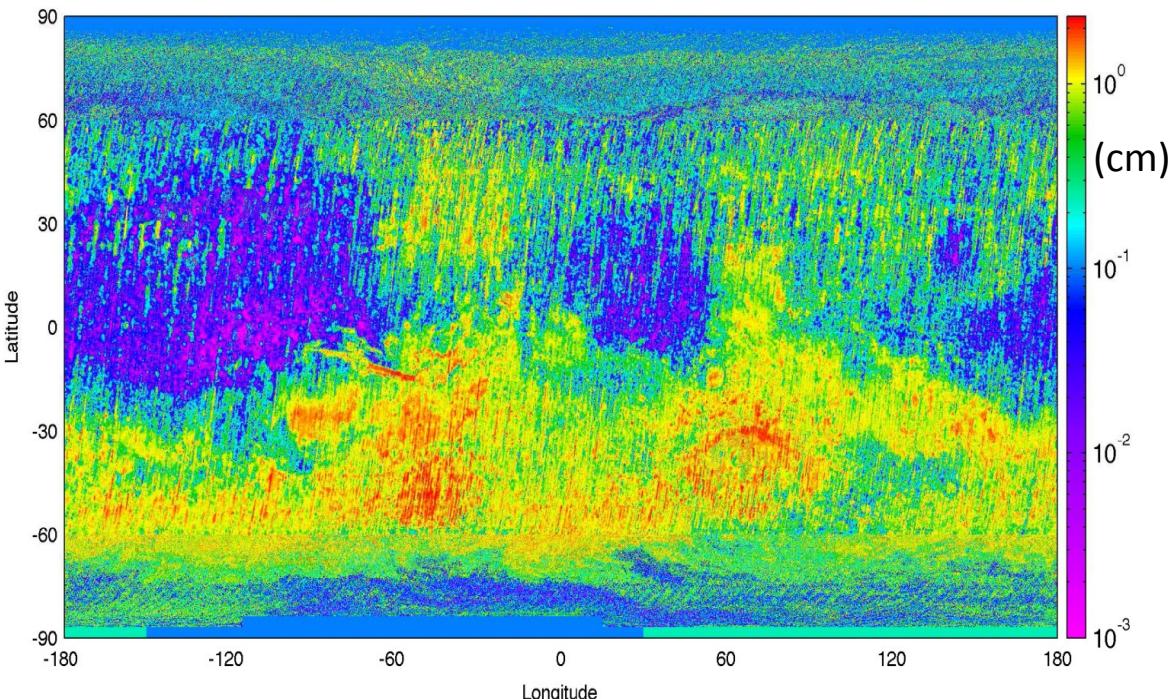
# Prescribed surface fields

- Topography  
(From MGS MOLA altimeter)



- Surface  
Roughness (cm)

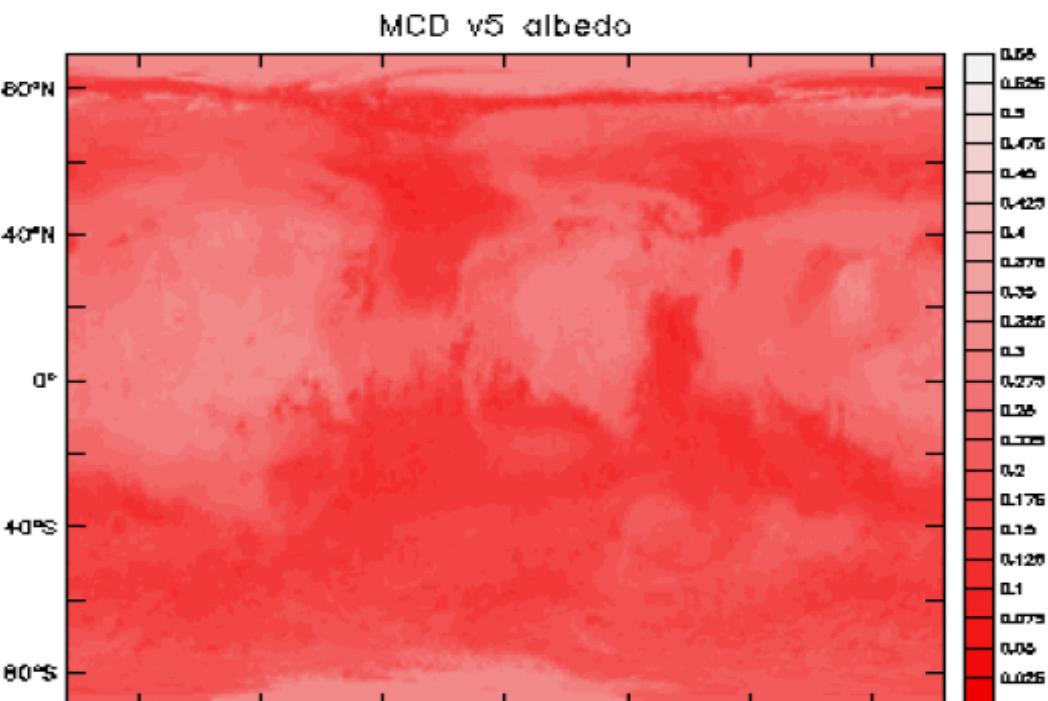
(Derived from TES Rock  
Abundance for the LMD  
GCM, *Hebrard et al. 2011*)



# Prescribed surface fields

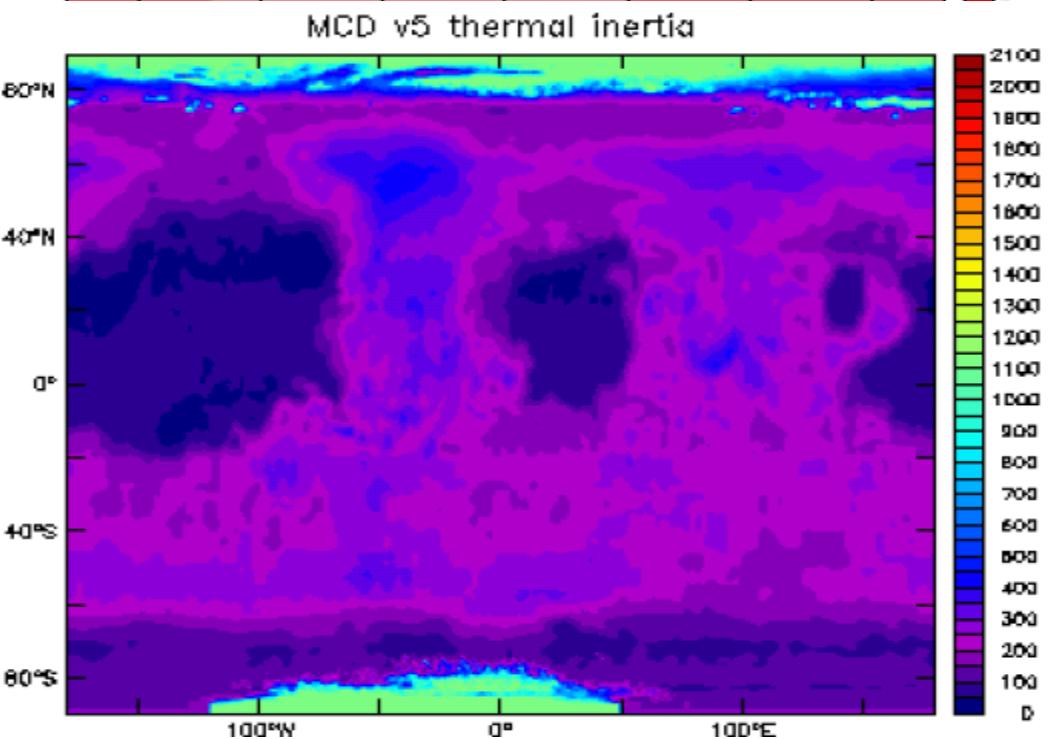
- Albedo

(From MGS TES solar channel)



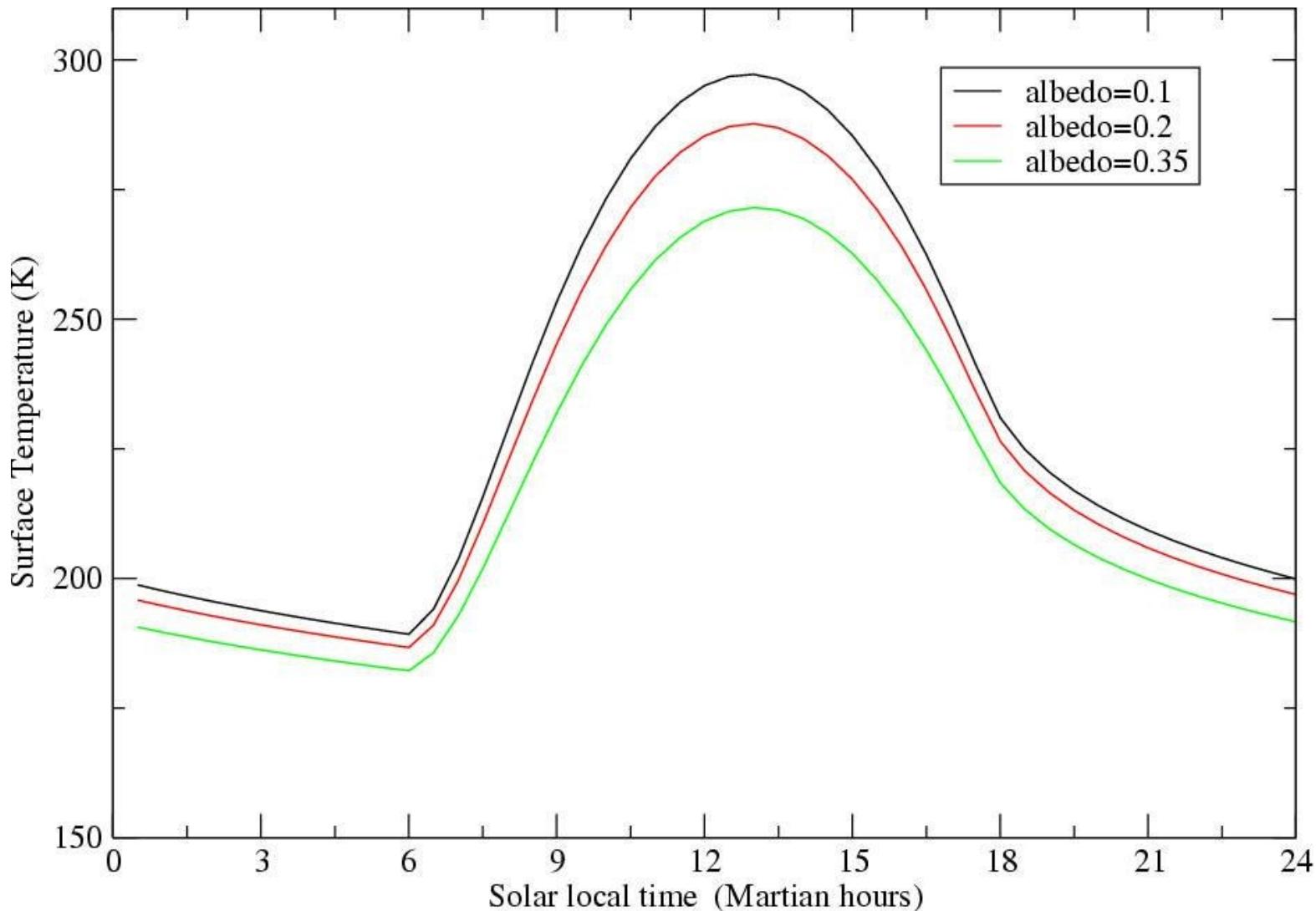
- Thermal inertia

(From MGS TES)



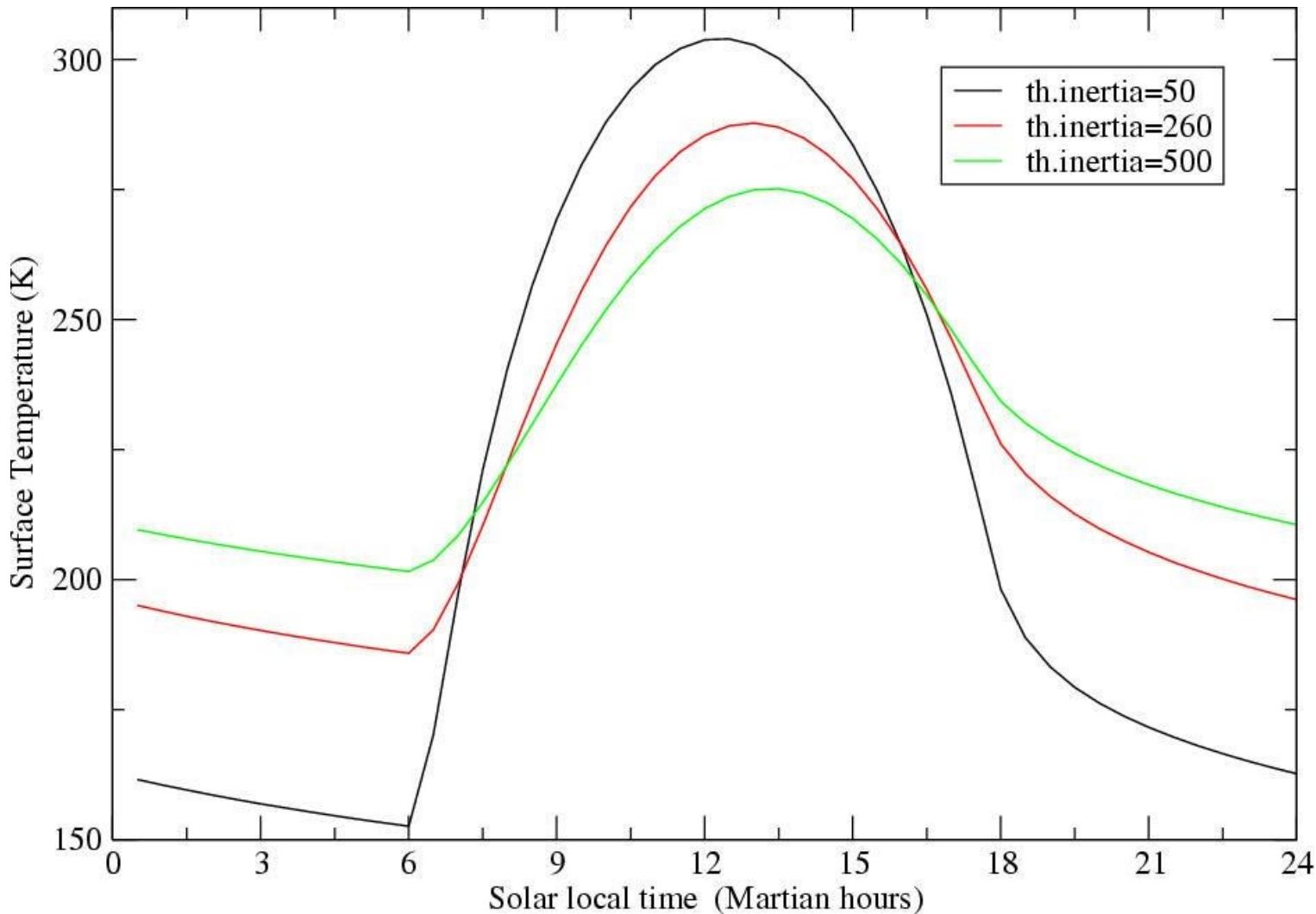
## Influence of Albedo on Surface temperature

(Exemple: lat = $0^\circ$ , Ls=344°)



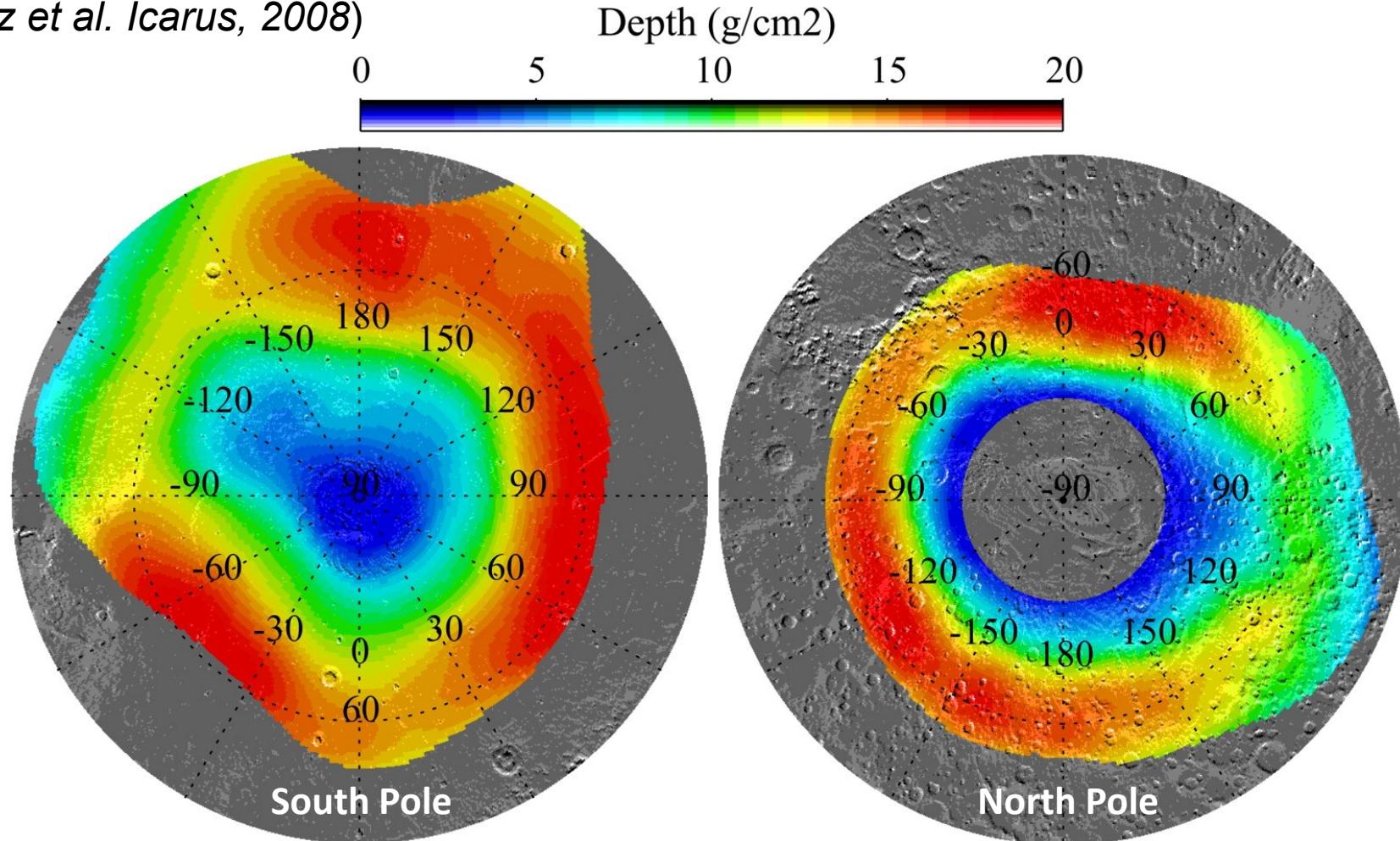
# Influence of Thermal Inertia on Surface temperature

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# Taking into account subsurface Ice thermal inertia

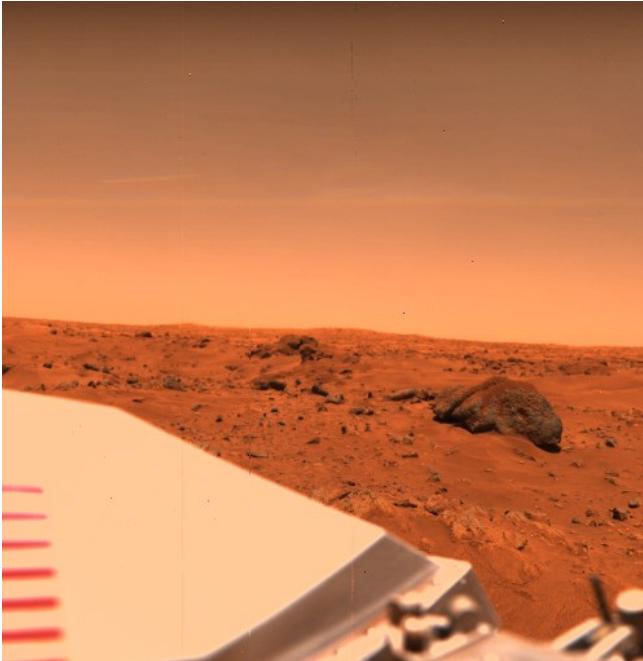
(Ice depth taken from Mars Odyssey Neutron spectrometer data)  
(Diez et al. Icarus, 2008)



Depth sensitive to dry soil layer density and composition  
⇒ Tunable parameter

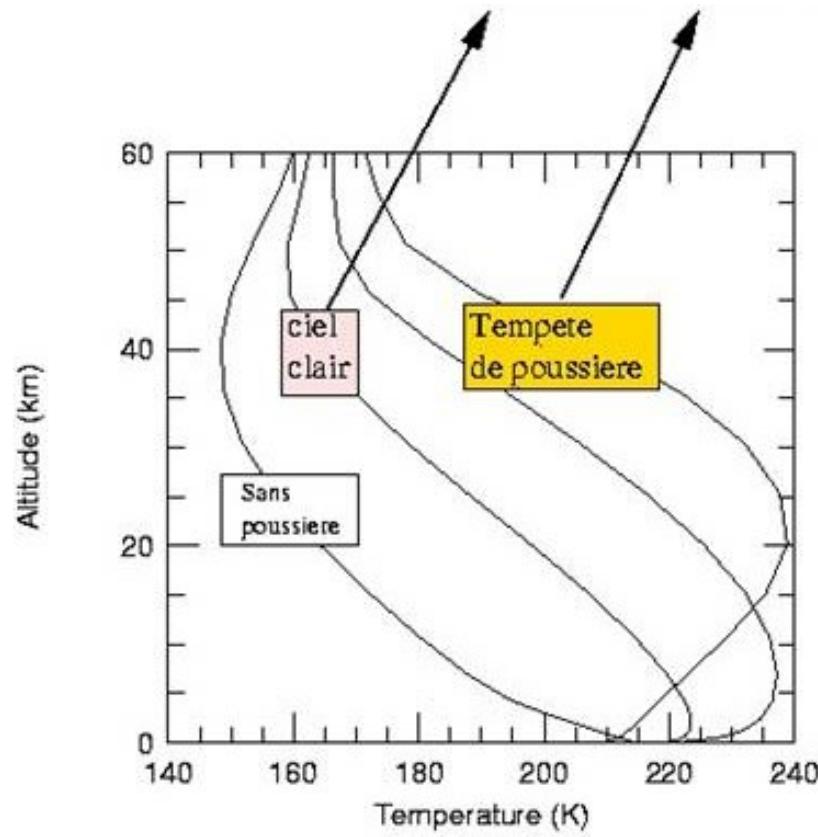
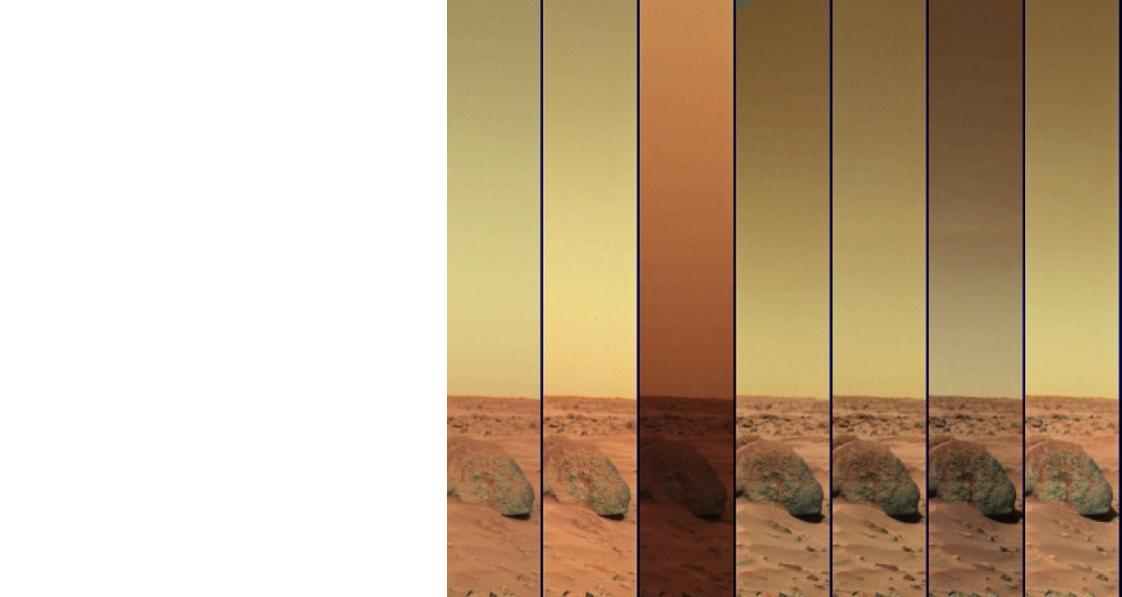
**Below Phoenix Lander at 68°N : ice exposed by landing thrusters**



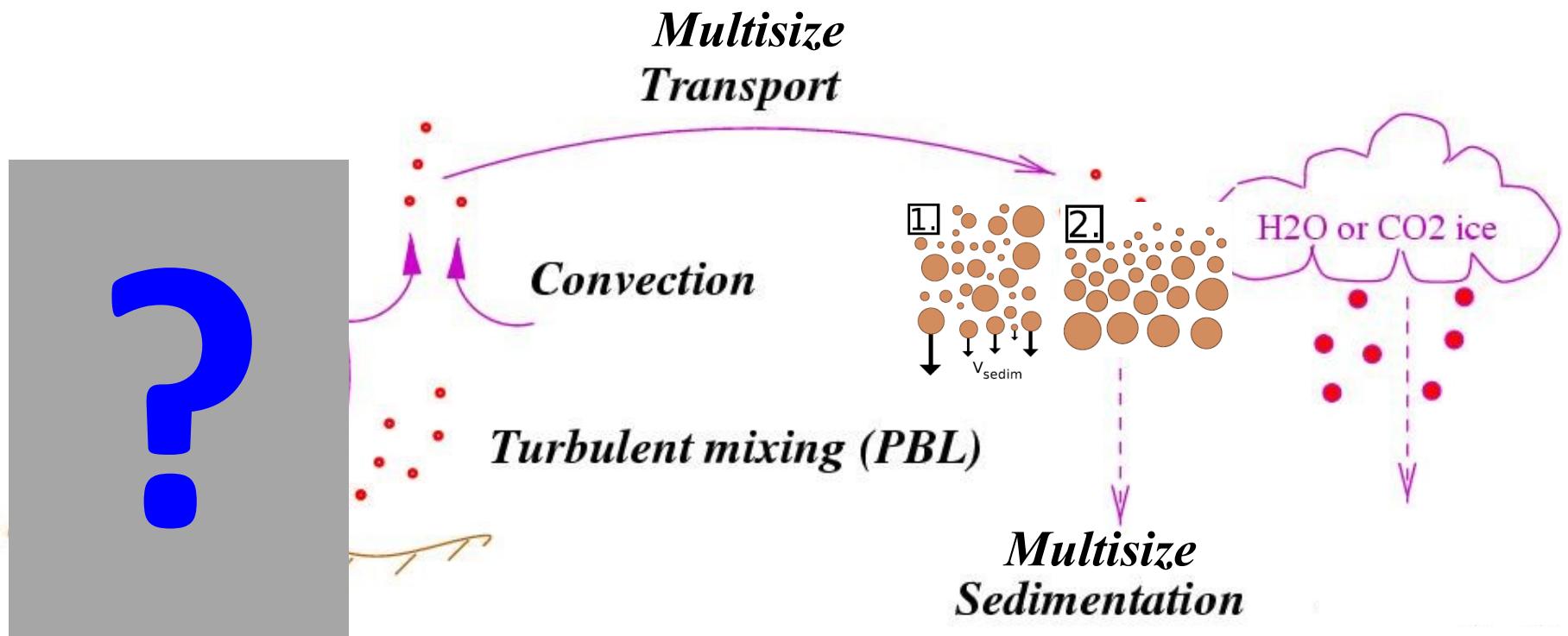


Viking Lander 1

# Impact of dust on atmospheric temperatures

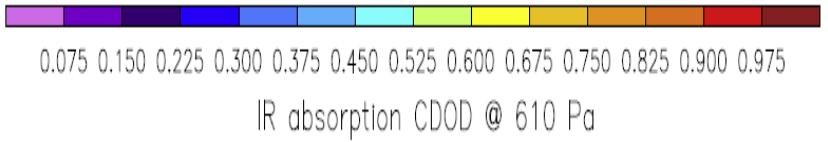


# Dust cycle model in the LMD GCM

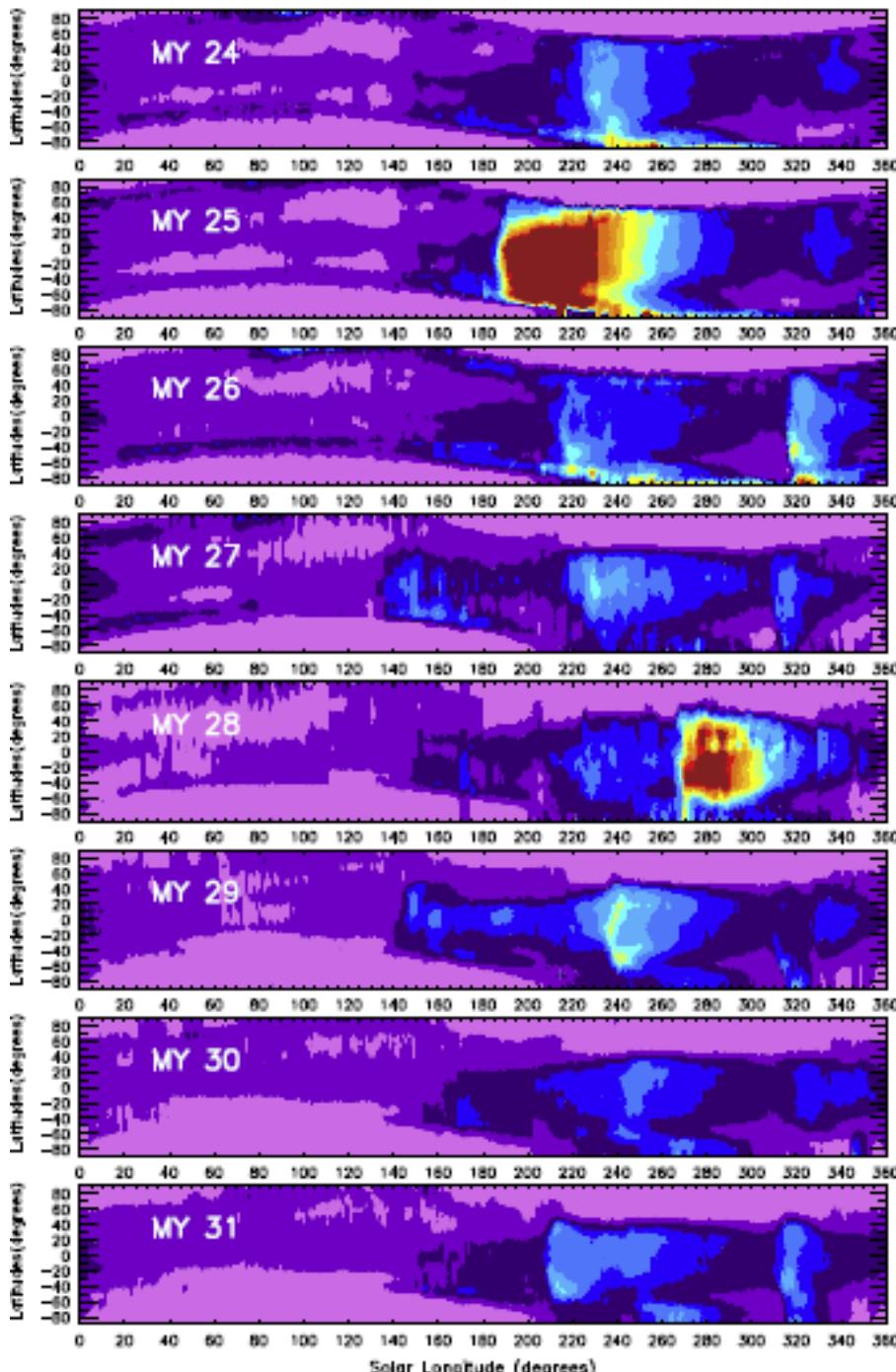


# DUST SCENARIOS

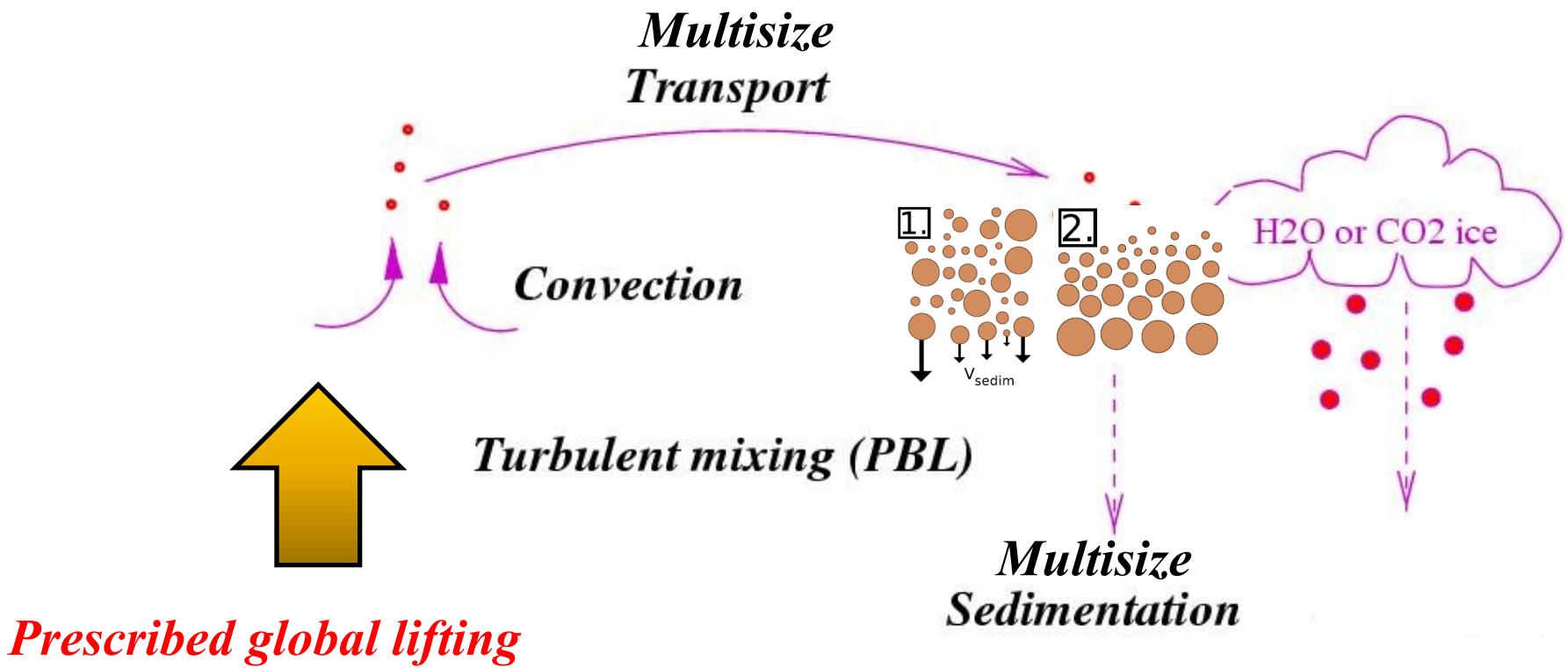
## Zonal mean of reconstructed column dust opacities for martian year 24-31



Montabone et al. 2015  
(Icarus)

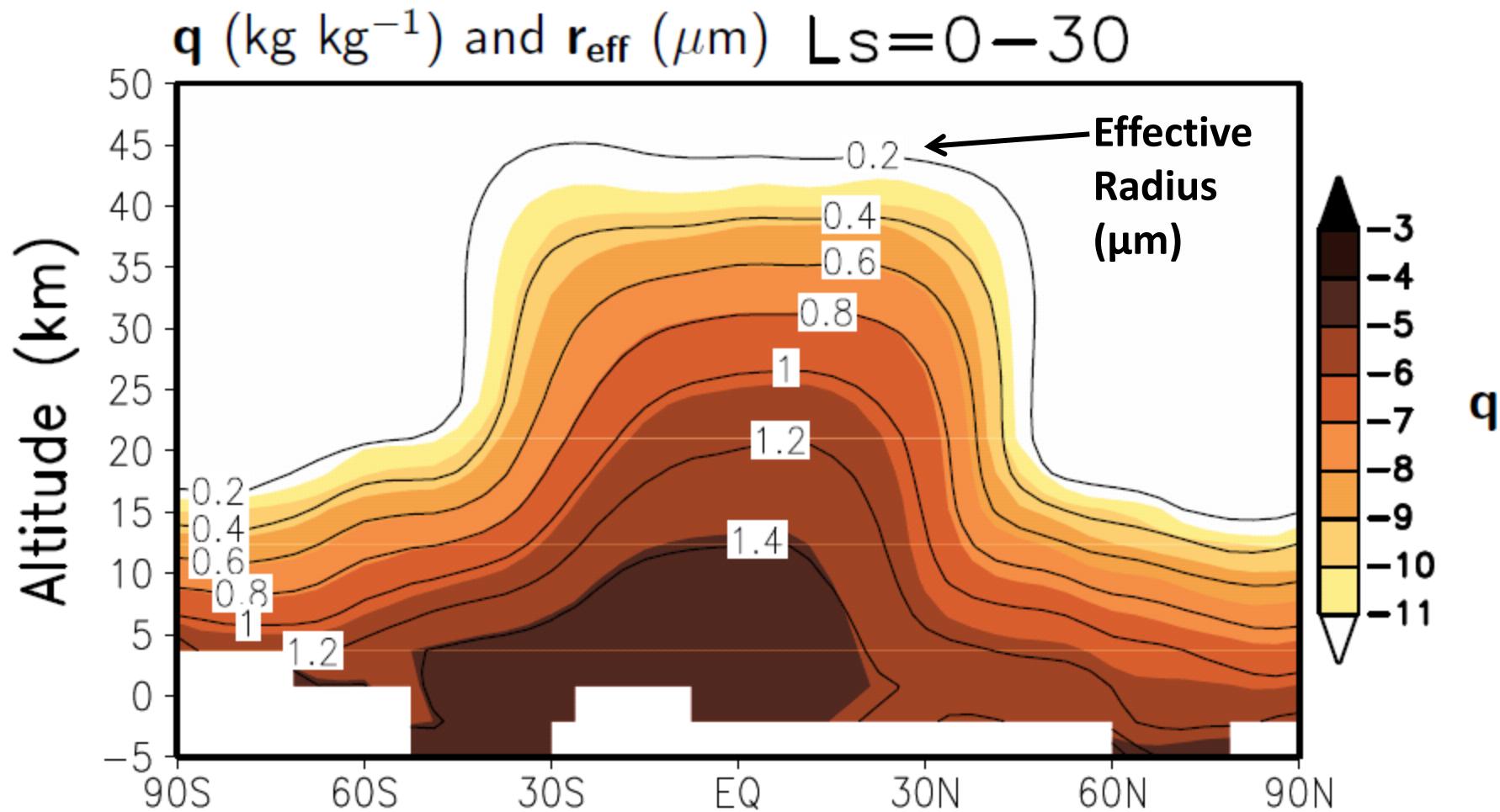


# “dust cycle model” to simulate observed Martian years (MY24 – MY32)



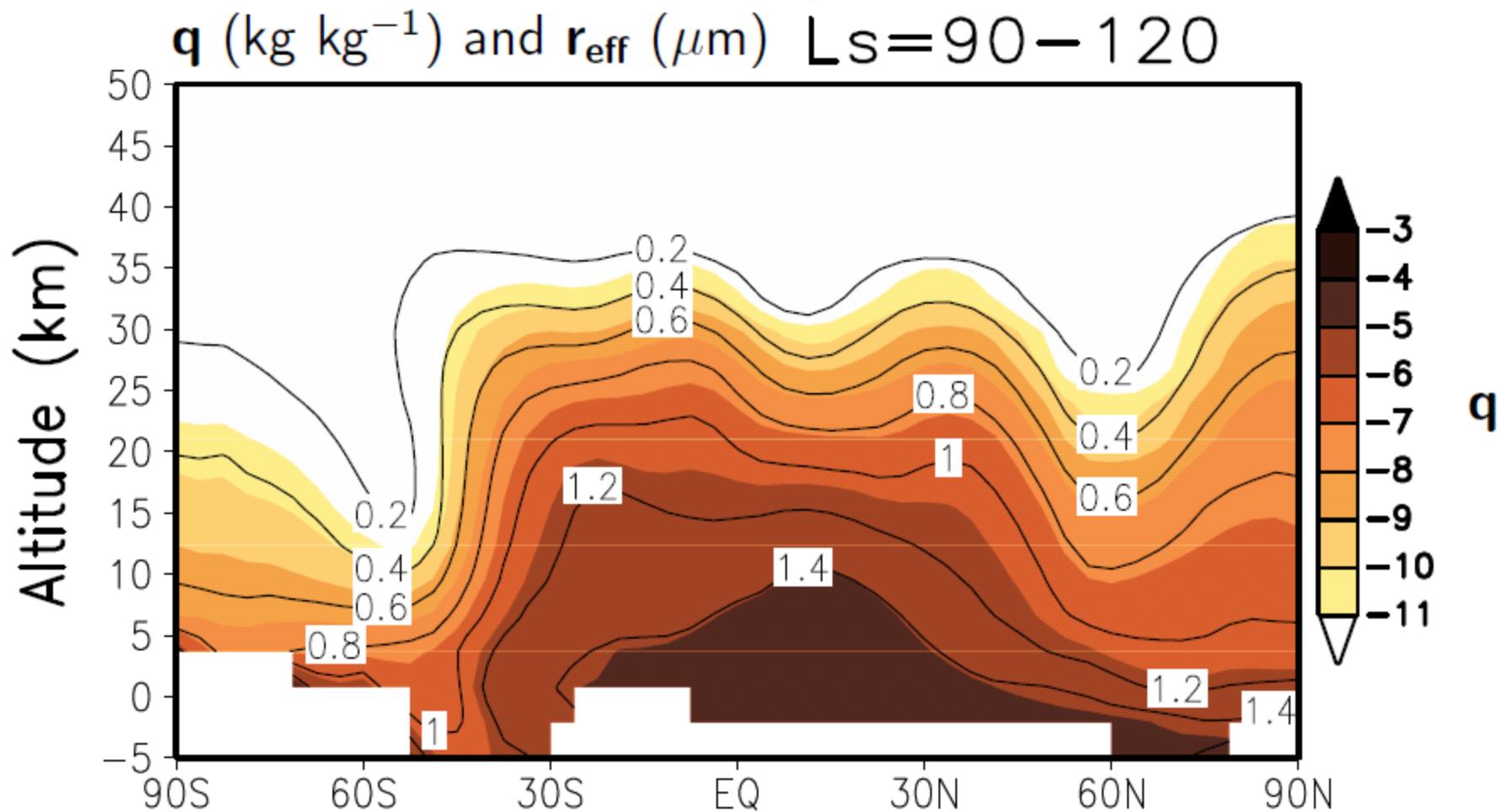
(Madeleine et al. 2011)

## Transported dust mixing ratio and size distribution (2 moment scheme)



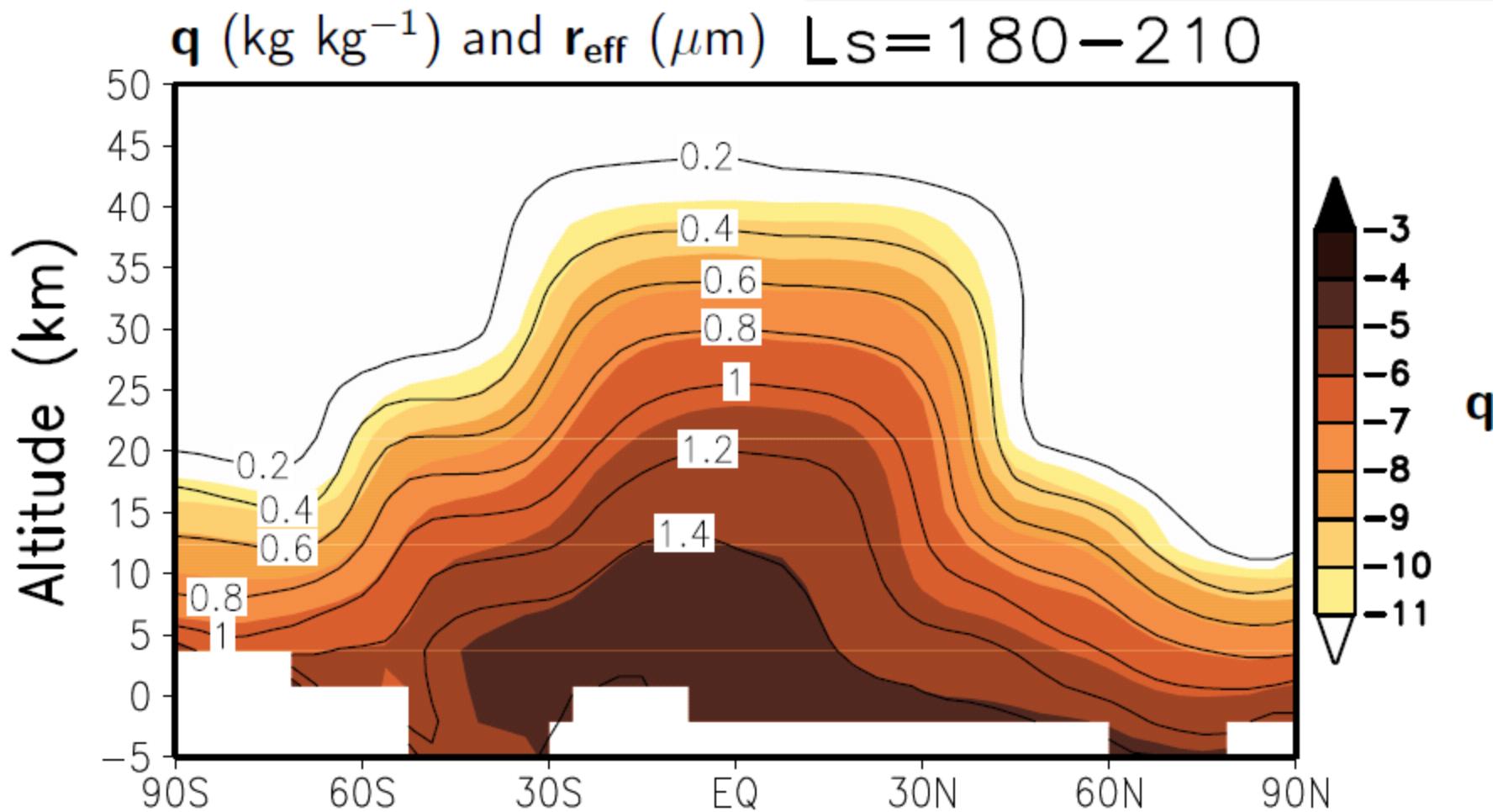
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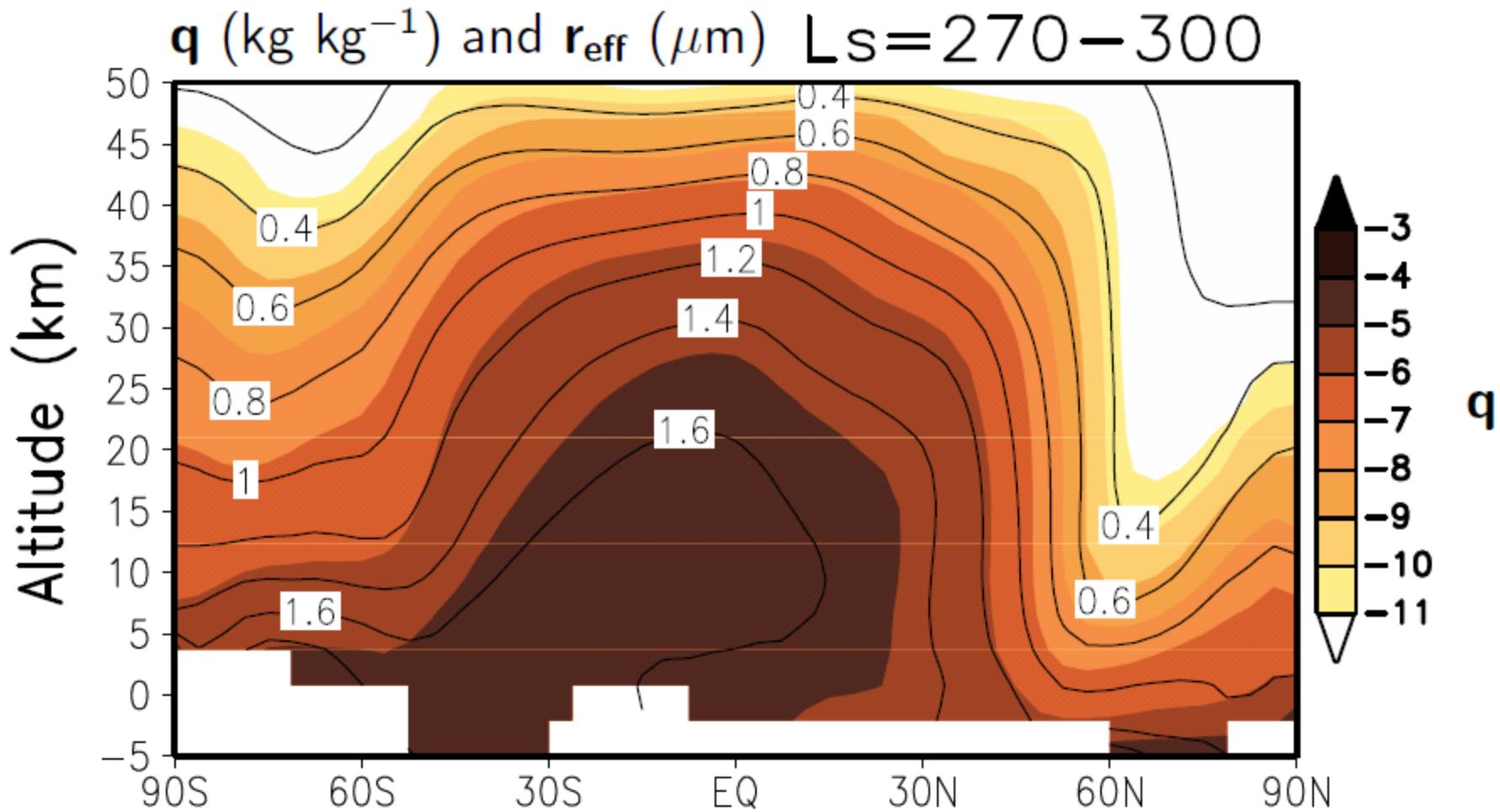
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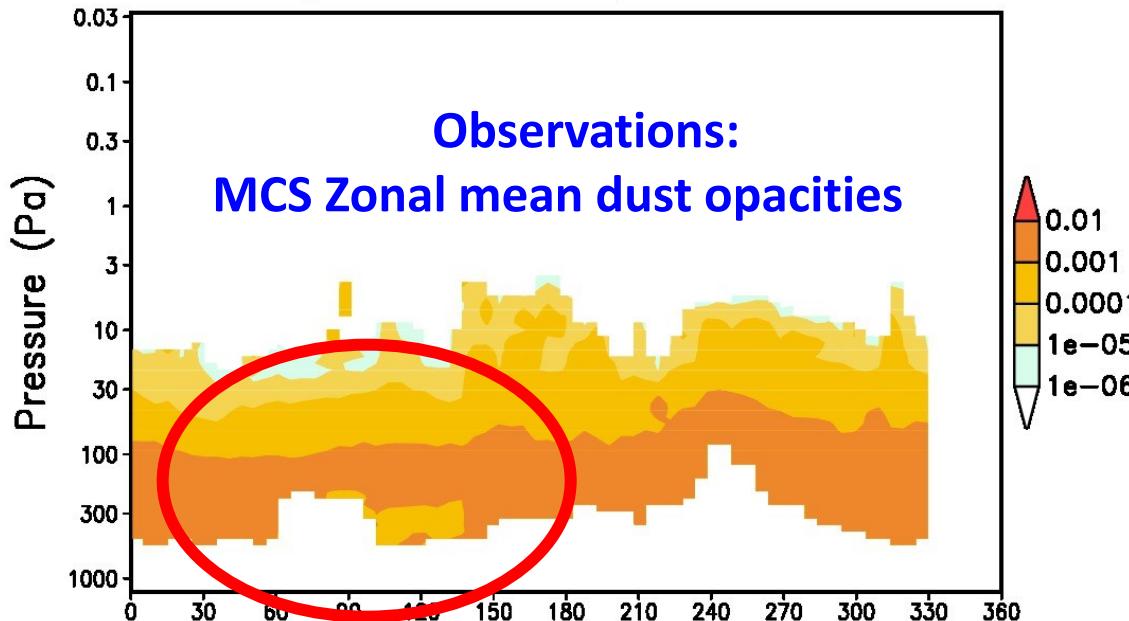
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MCS night dust  $d\tau/dz$  MY29 lat=0



GCM dust  $d\tau/dz$  MY29 Lat=0

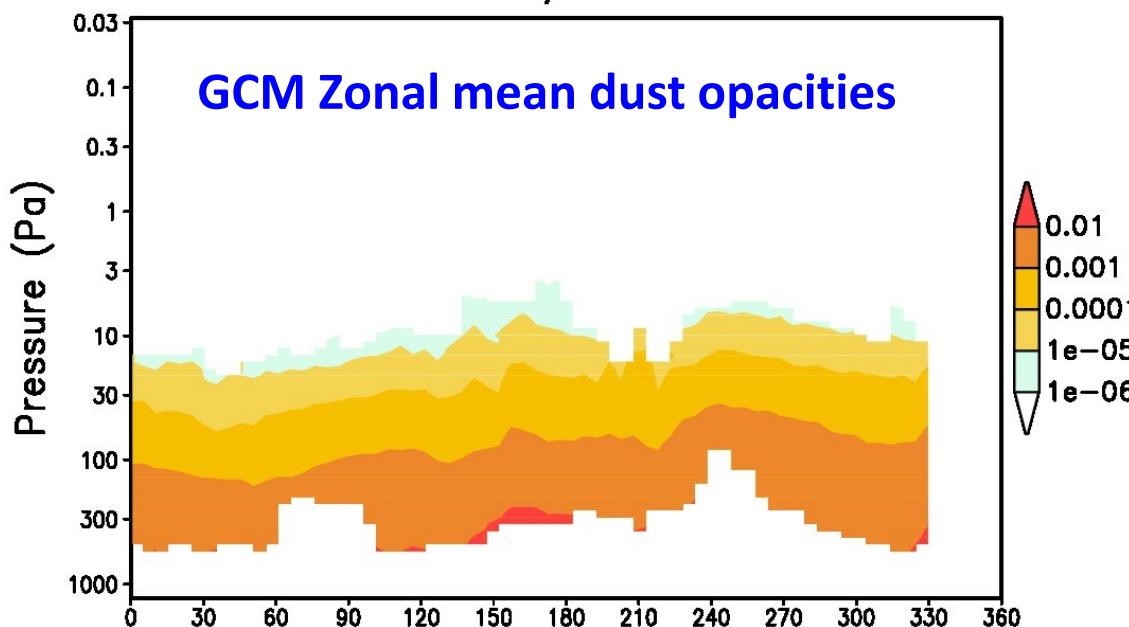


Figure from Alizee Pottier

## Nighttime dust at 10°N

MCS observations

LMD GCM Model

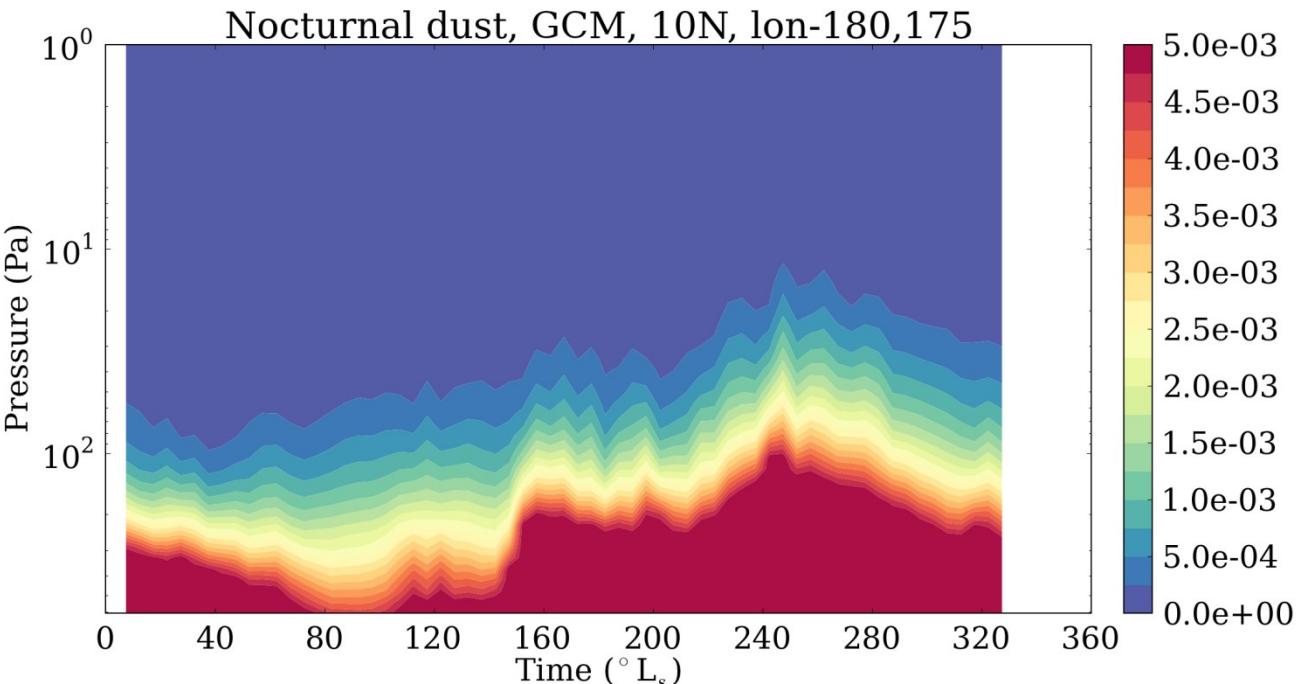
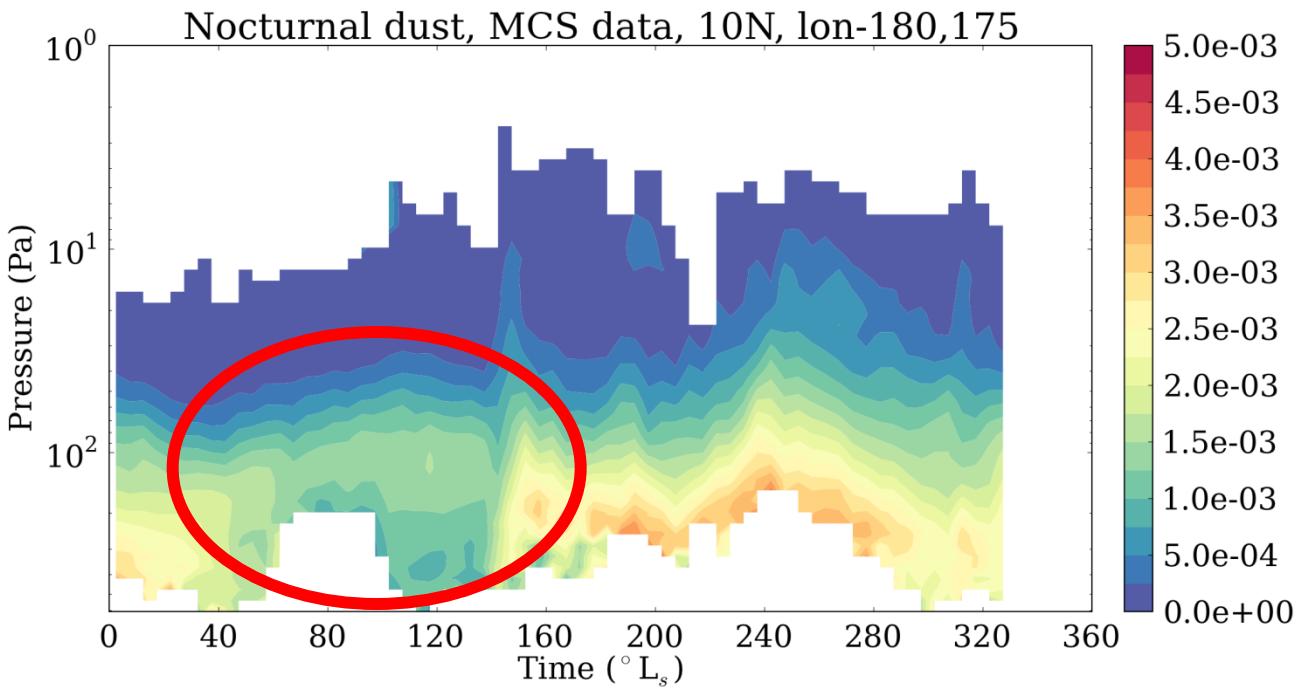
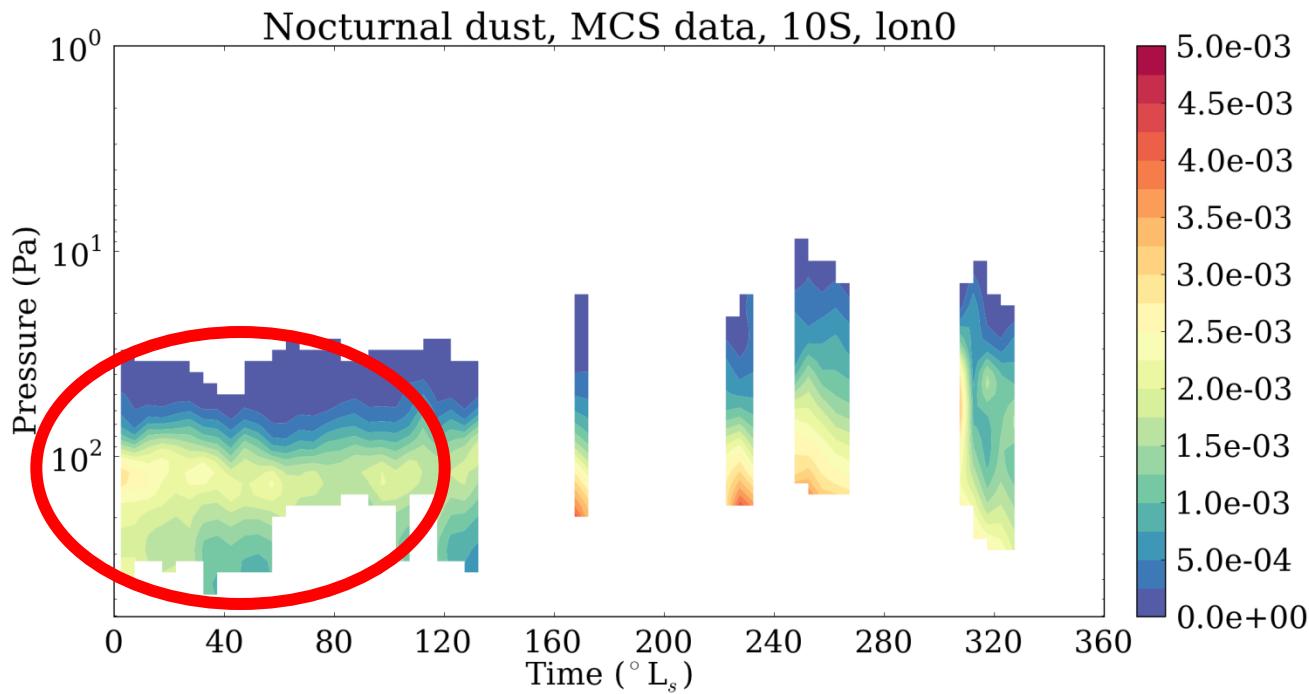


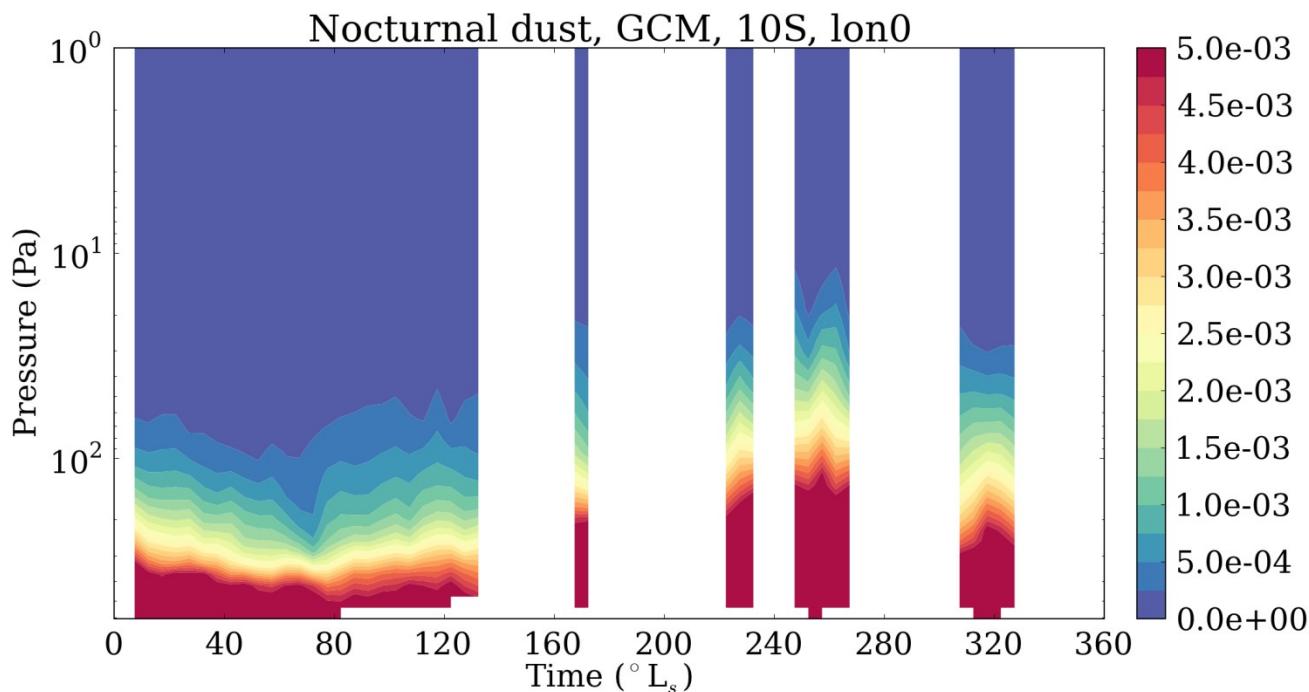
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Local Nighttime  
dust at 10°N 0°E

MCS observations



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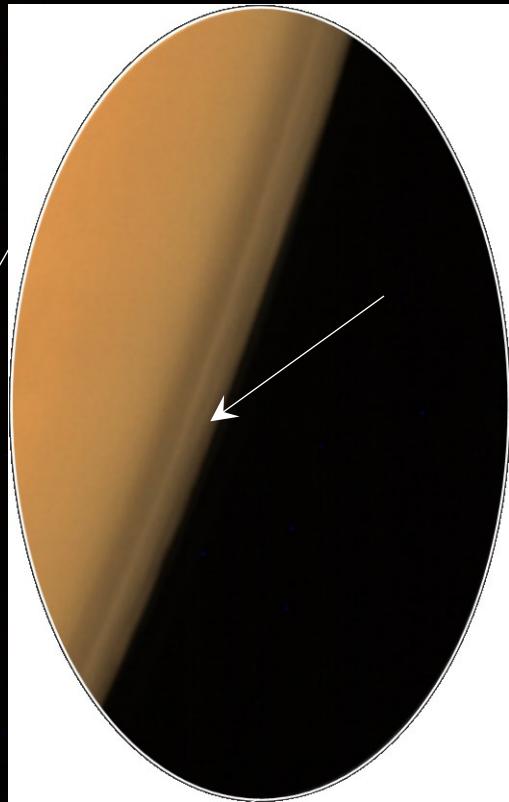


# Dust aerosols

Key problems remains:

- Dust vertical structure (detached dust layers !) remains to be properly modeled
- Dust lifting and storms difficult to predict

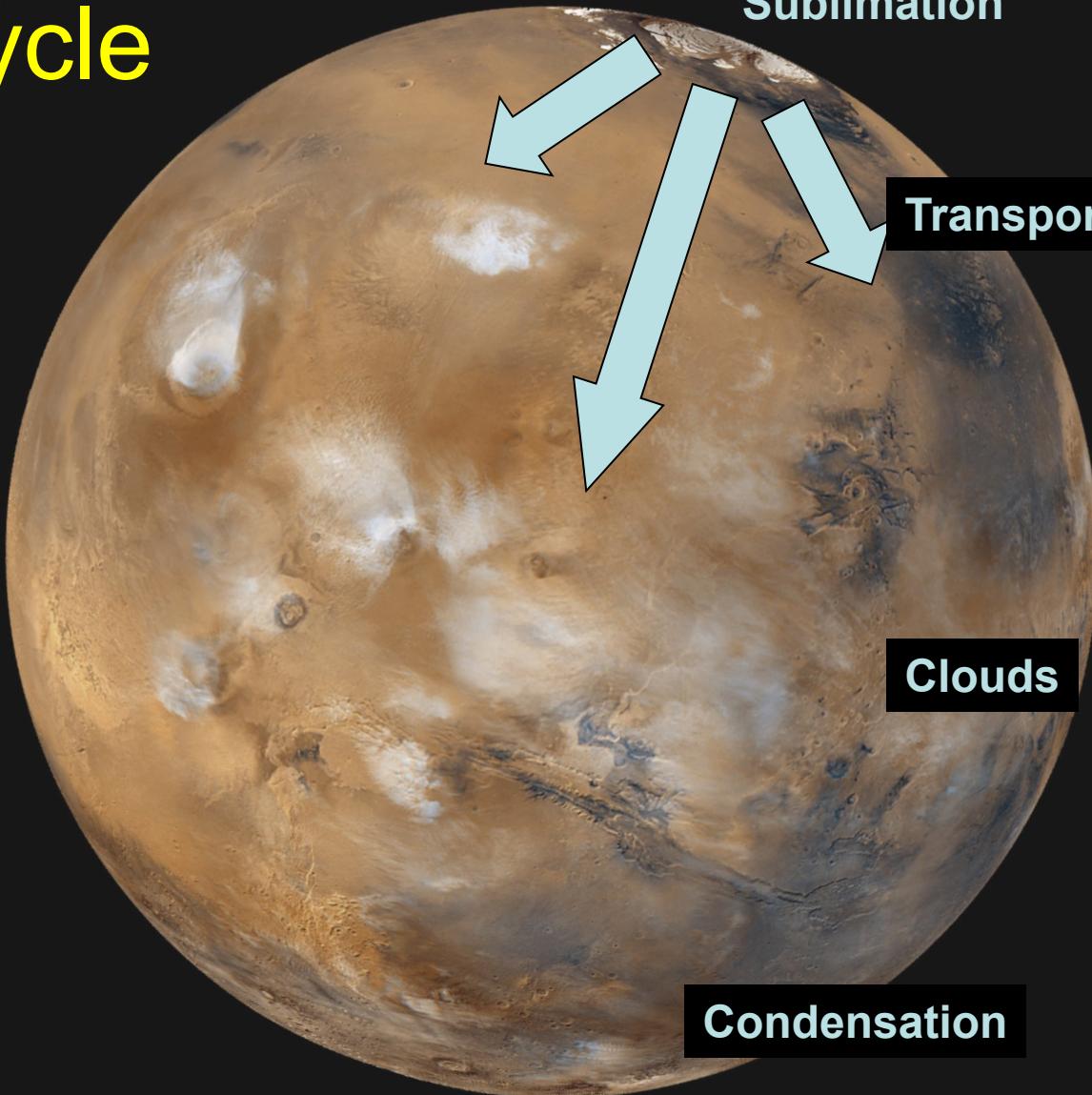
Dust observed by India  
Mars Orbiter Mangalyaan  
mission (seen from an  
altitude of 8449 km)



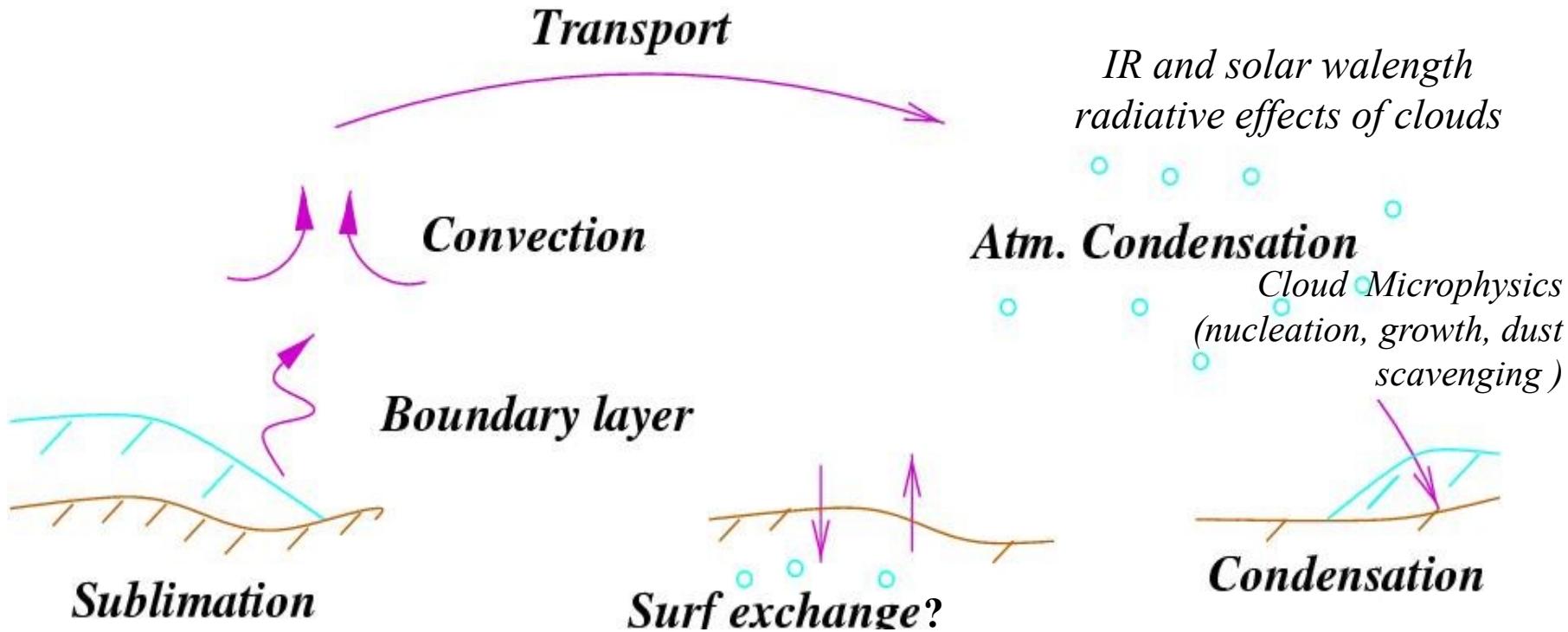
# Mars clouds & water cycle

NORTHERN SUMMER

Solar Flux



# Modelling Water cycle and clouds



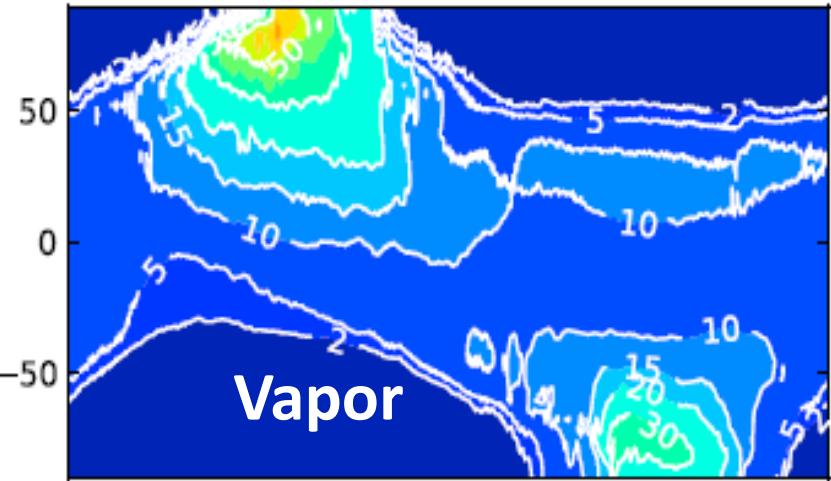
# Water cycle in GCM version 5.2

(*Navarro et al. 2015*)

**Model**

GCM

Latitude

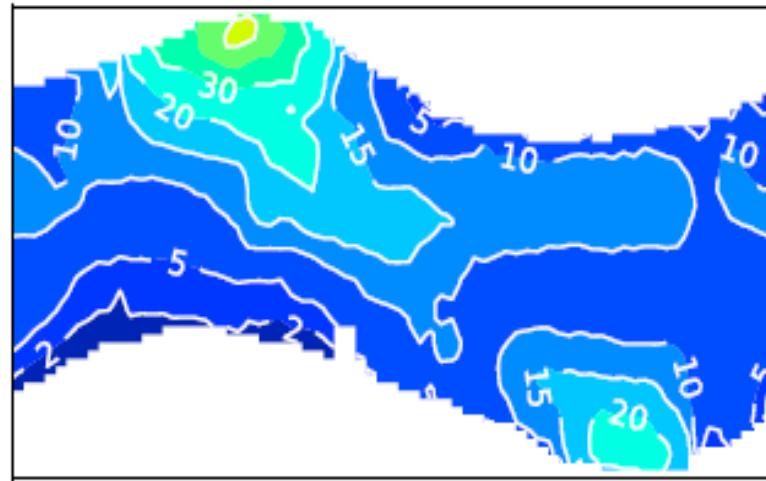


Vapor

**Observations**

TES

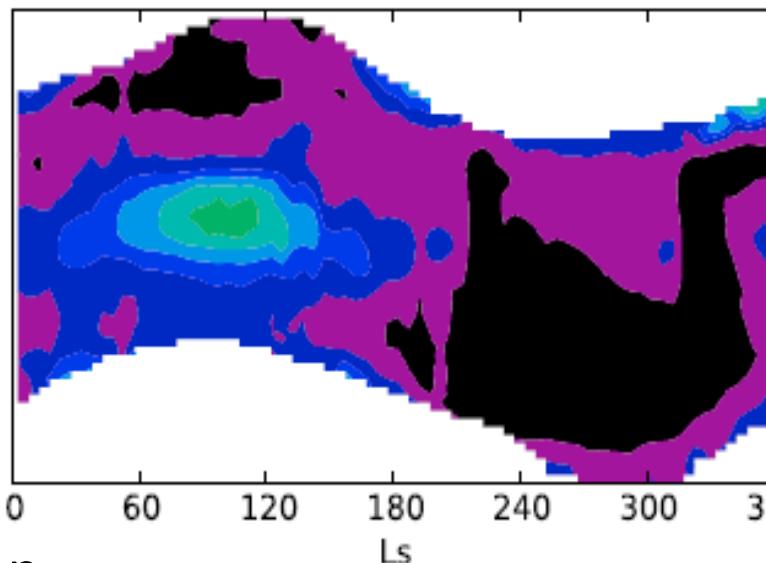
Latitude



130  
90  
70  
50  
30  
15  
5  
0

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Latitude



4.00  
2.00  
0.75  
0.20  
0.15  
0.10  
0.05  
0.00

Cloud opacity at  $825 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

Clouds

Season →

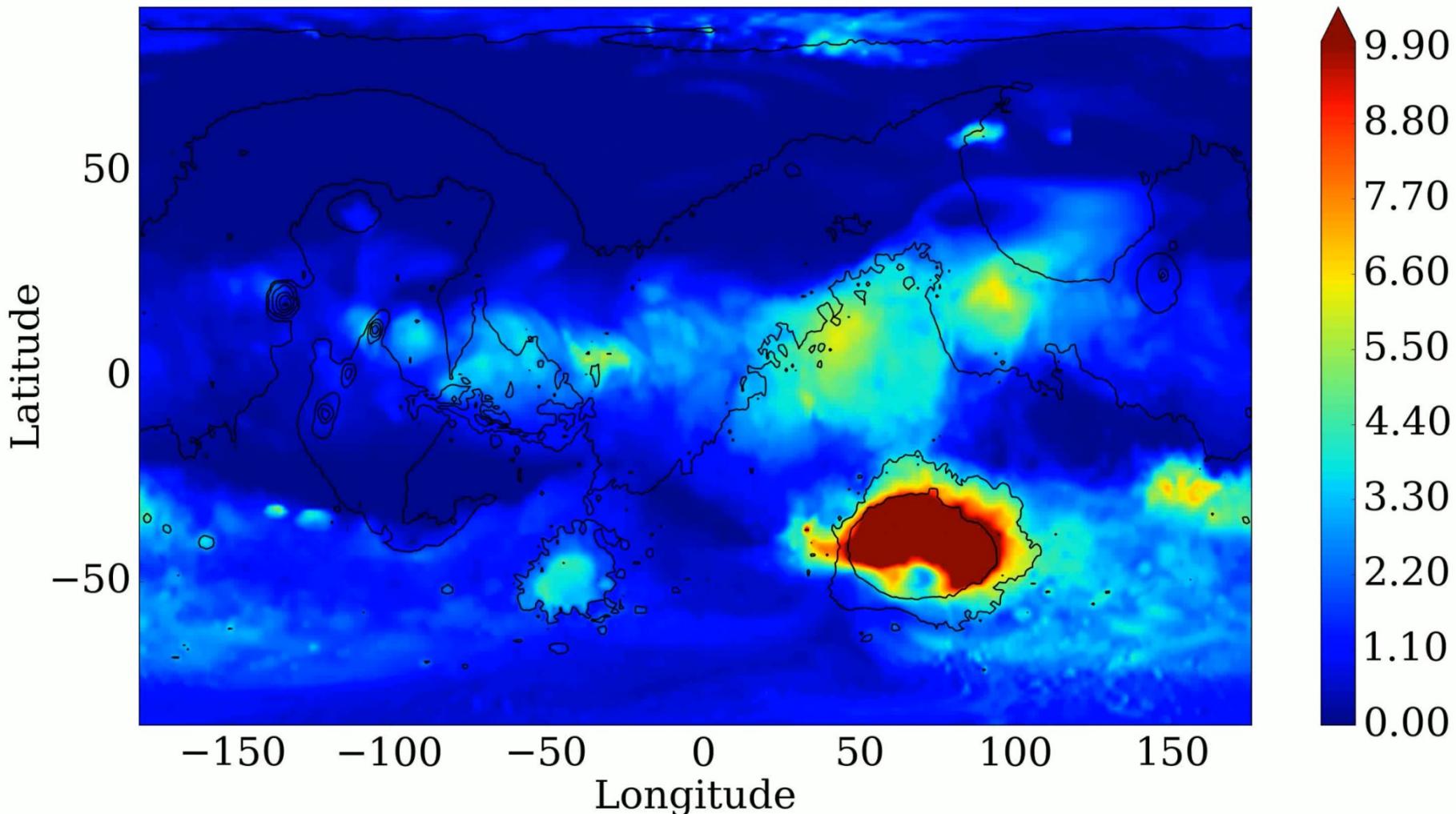
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Season →

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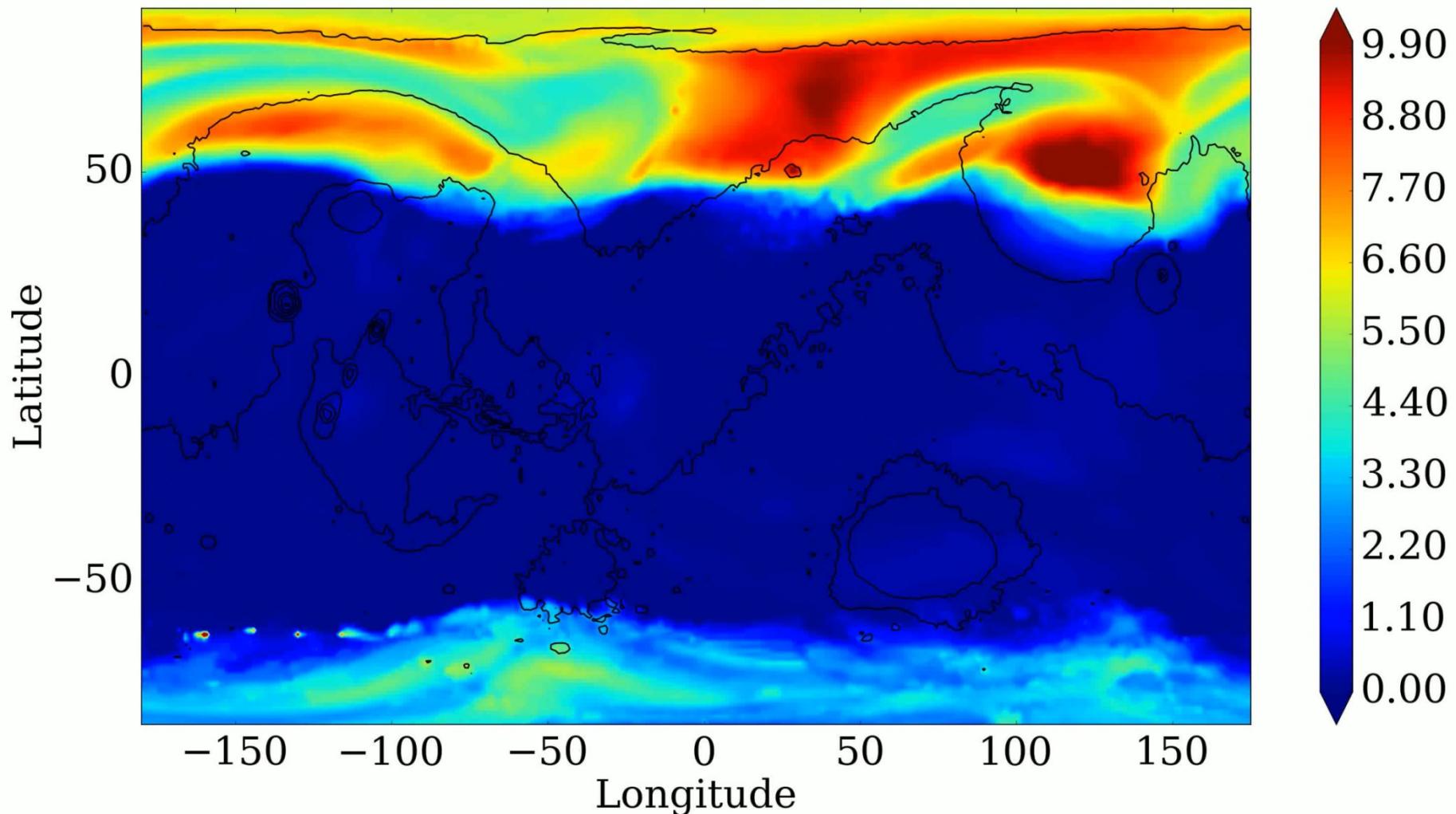
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LMD GCM 1°x1°

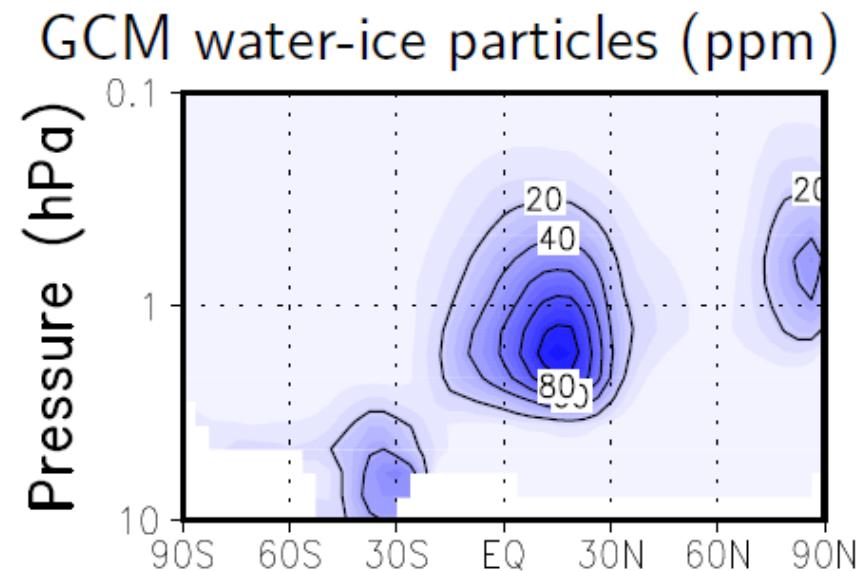
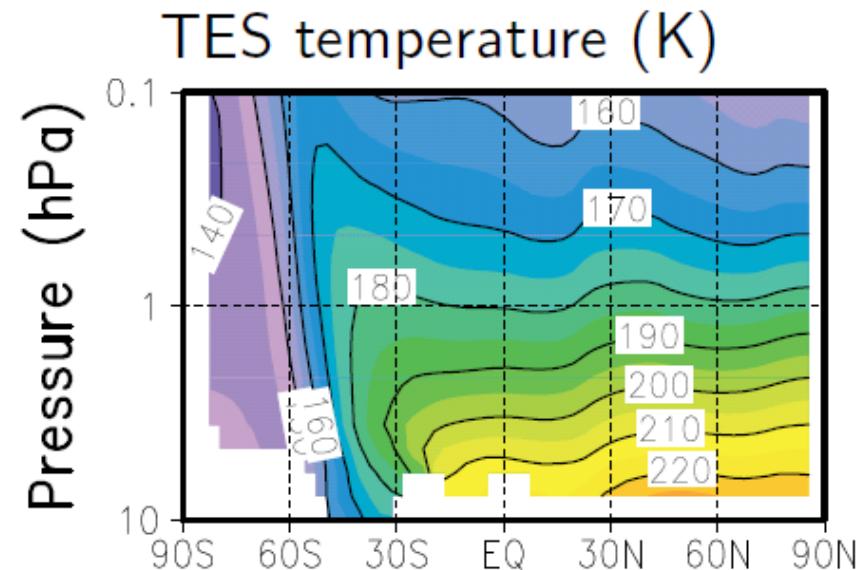
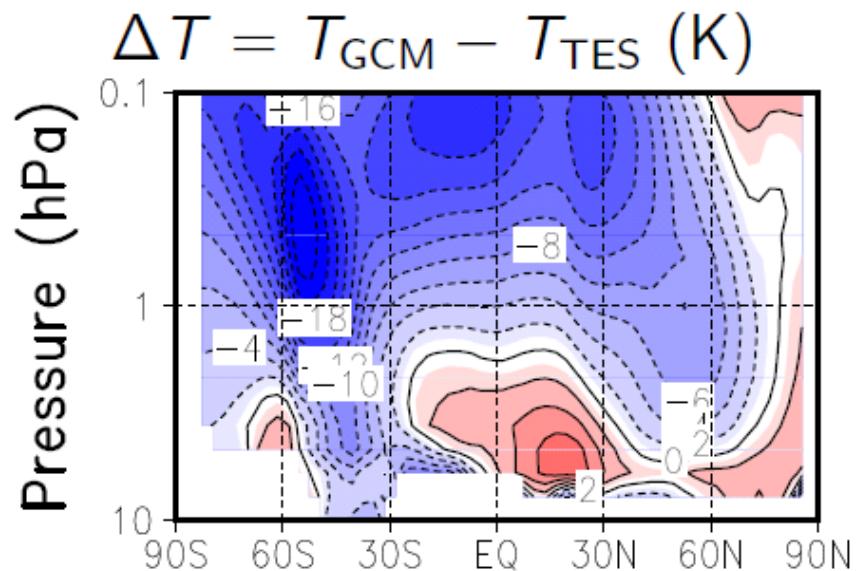
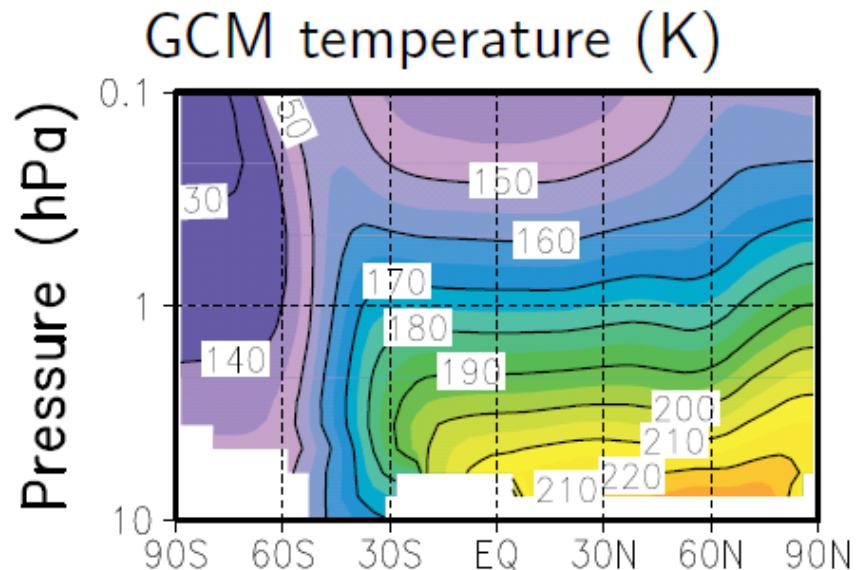


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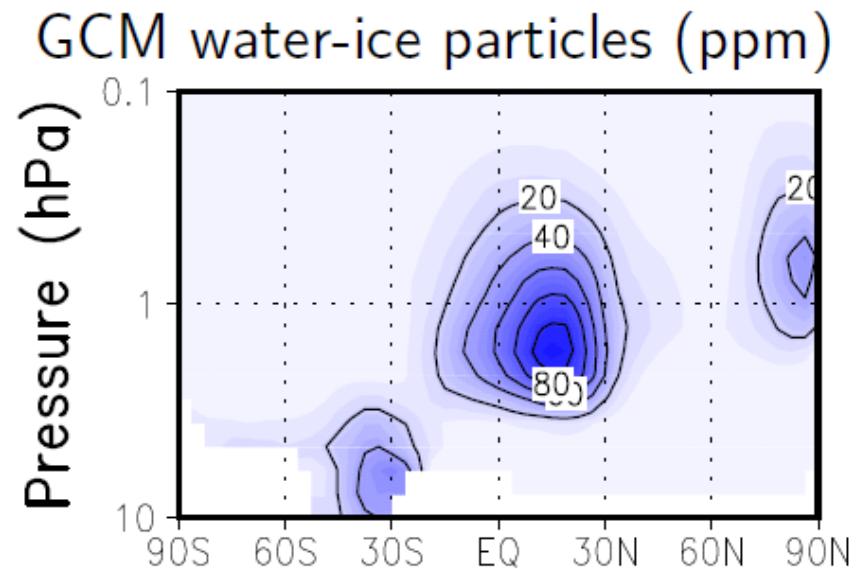
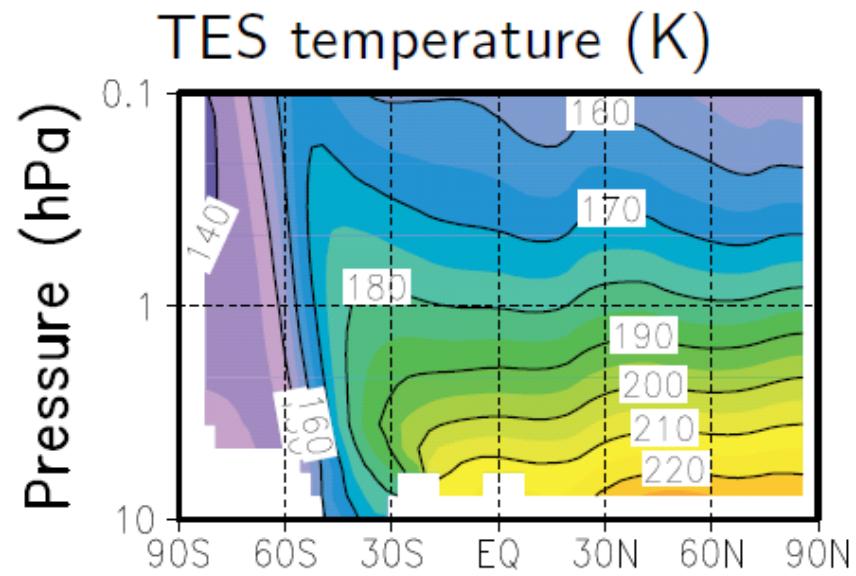
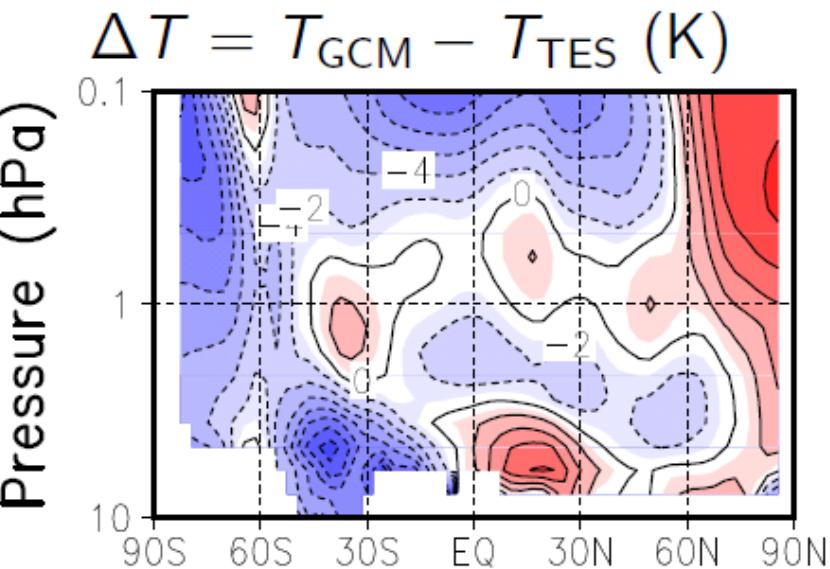
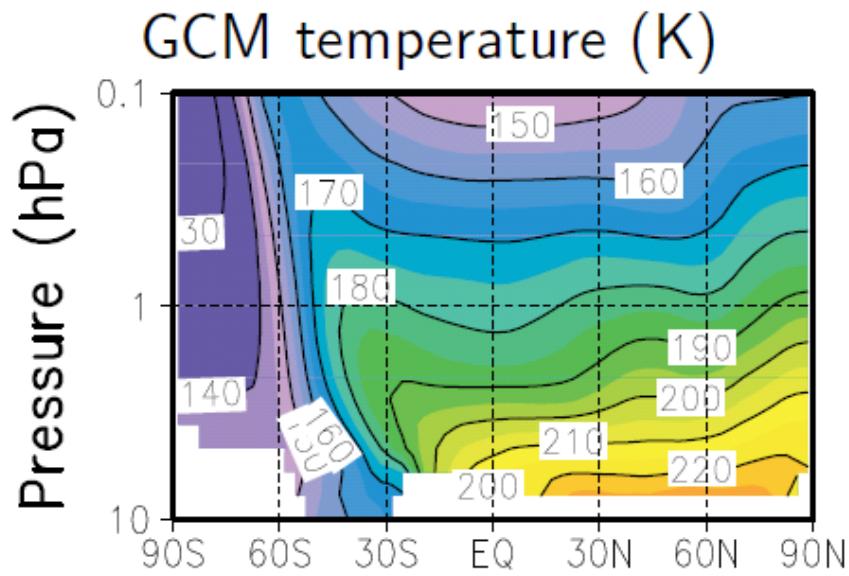
1°x1° GCM



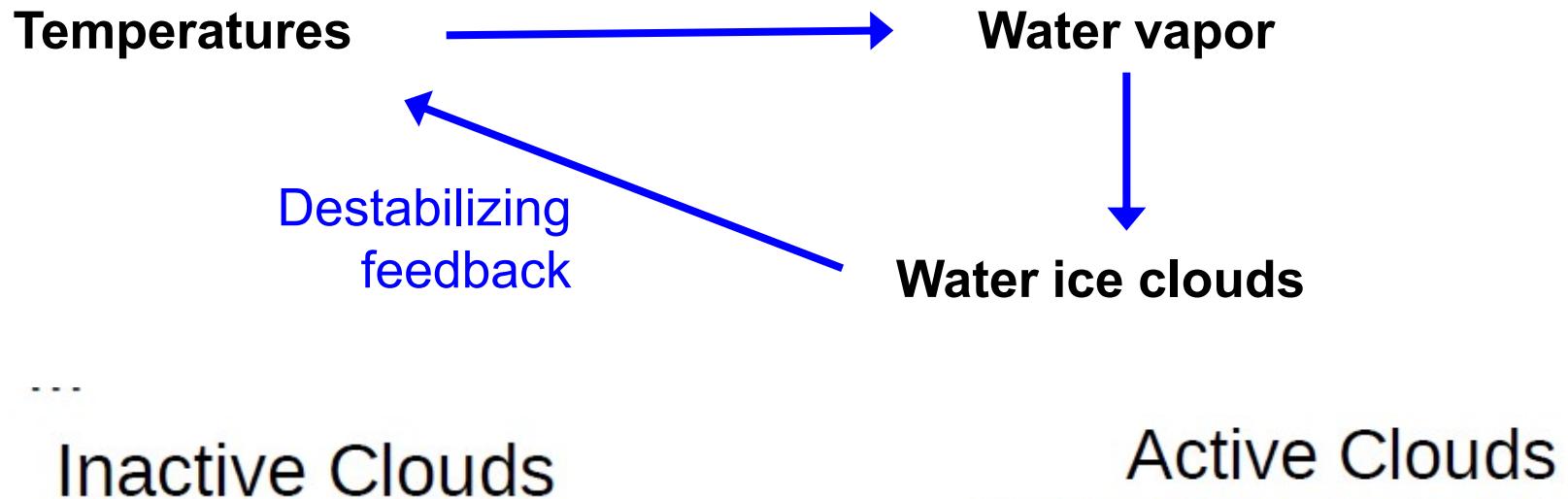
# Temperature without active clouds ( $L_s = 90^\circ$ )



# Temperature when clouds are active ( $L_s = 90^\circ$ )

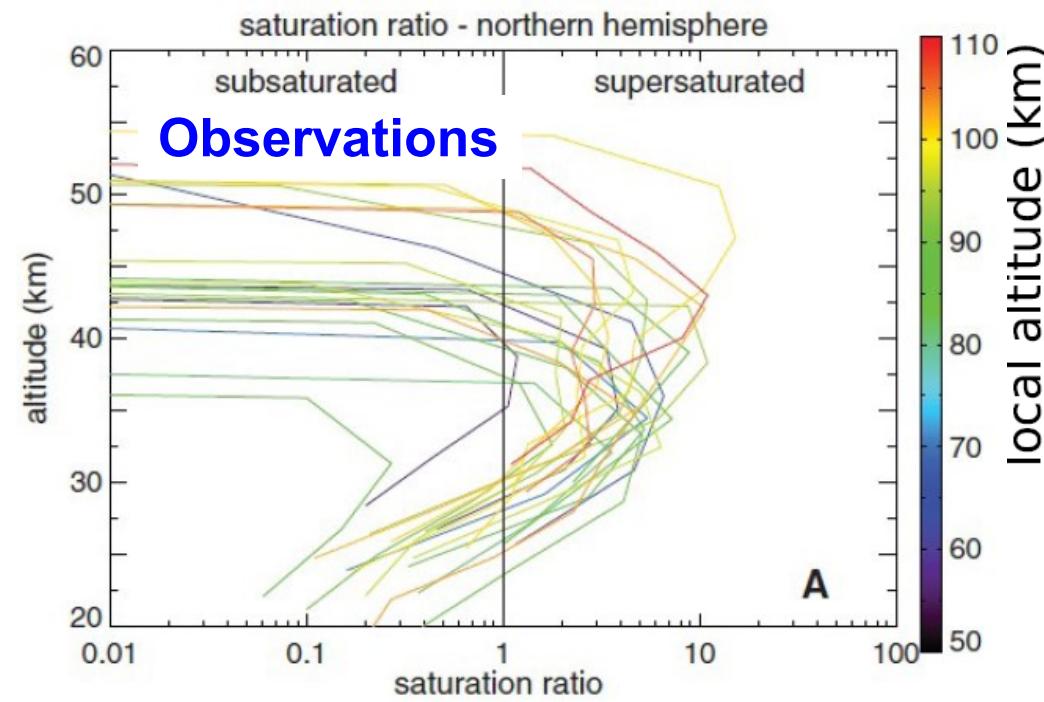


# Radiatively active Water ice clouds in a GCM

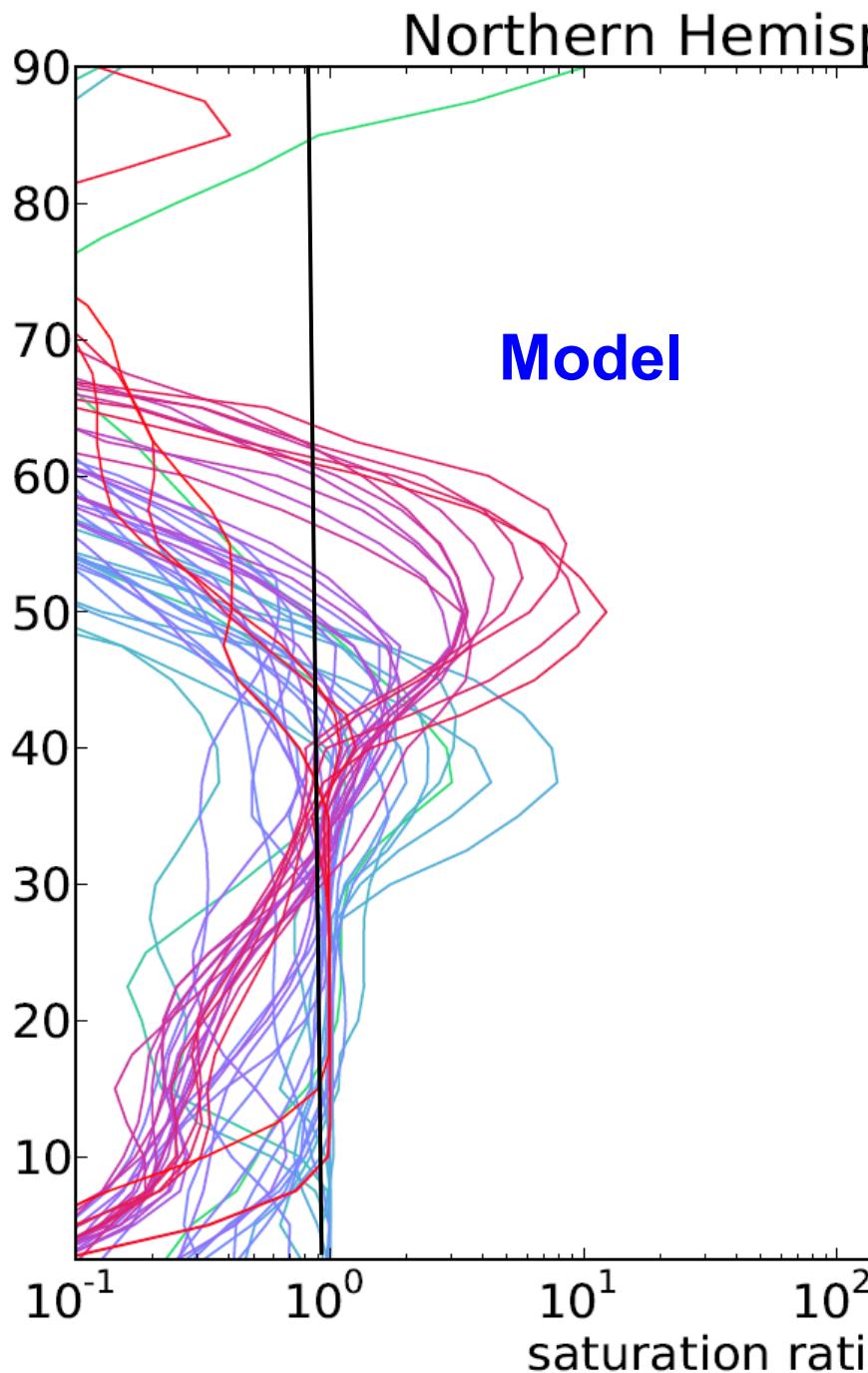


*Illustration off the difficulties ; from Thomas Navarro*

# Water vapor profiles with improved microphysics: comparison with SPICAM solar occultation data

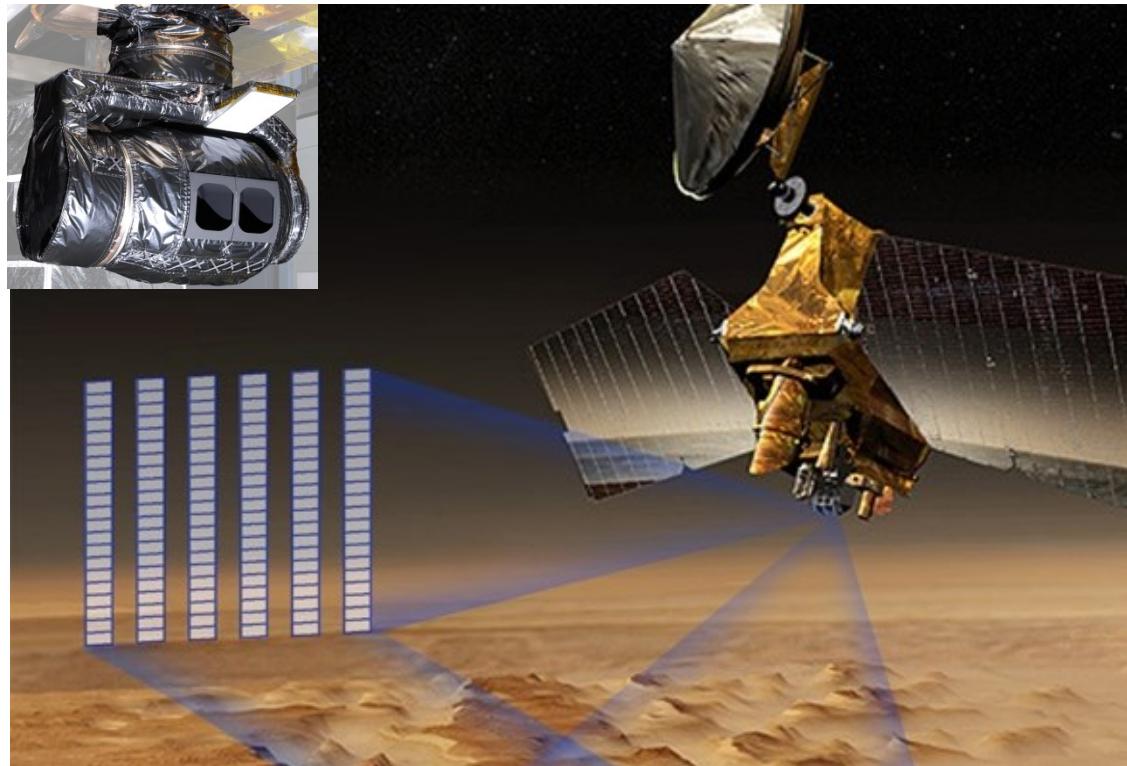


Malaglia et al. 2011, Science



# Comparison with Mars Climate Sounder

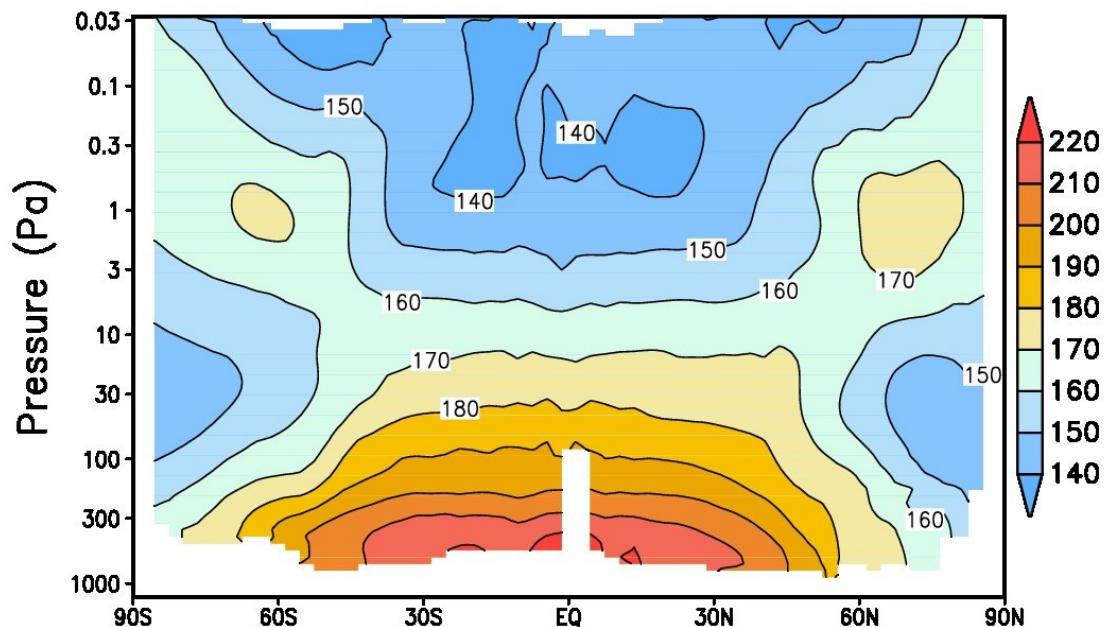
- Comparison with Binned Mars Climate Sounder data (*Luca Montabone*)
- Bin sizes: Ls:  $5^\circ$  lat:  $3^\circ$  lon  $7.5^\circ$
- Today : Martian Year 29



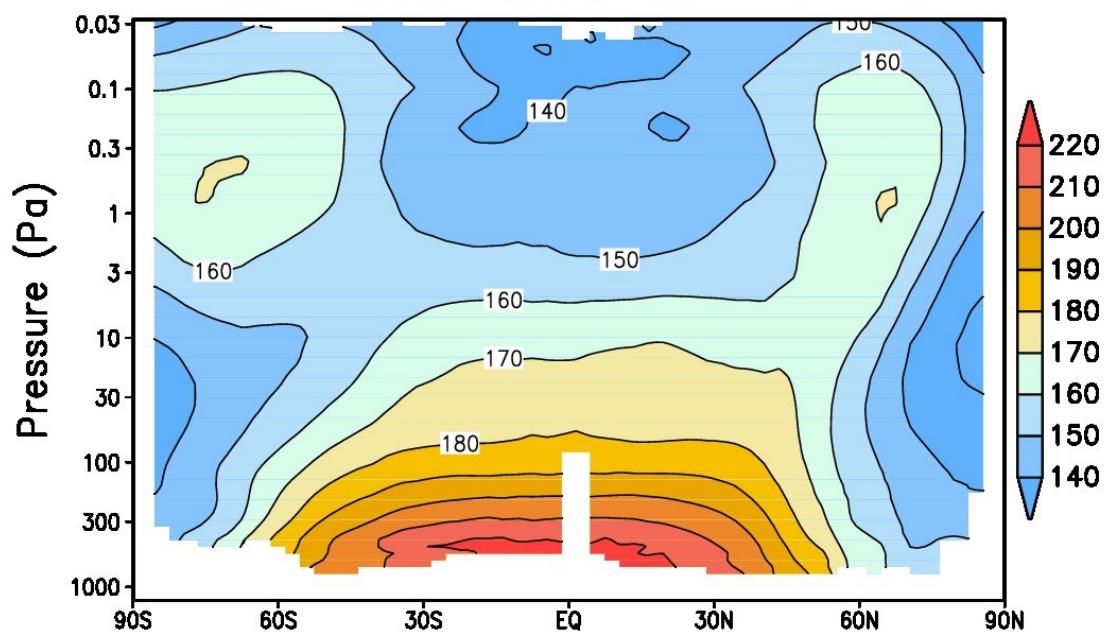
# Zonal mean temperatures

$$\frac{1}{2} (T_{\text{day}} + T_{\text{night}})$$

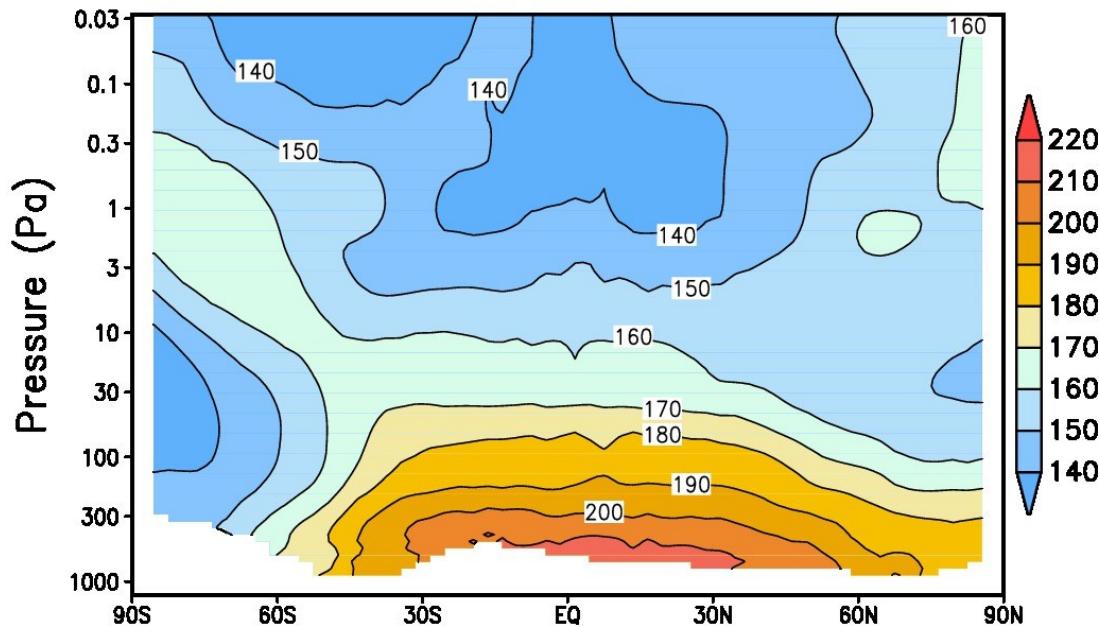
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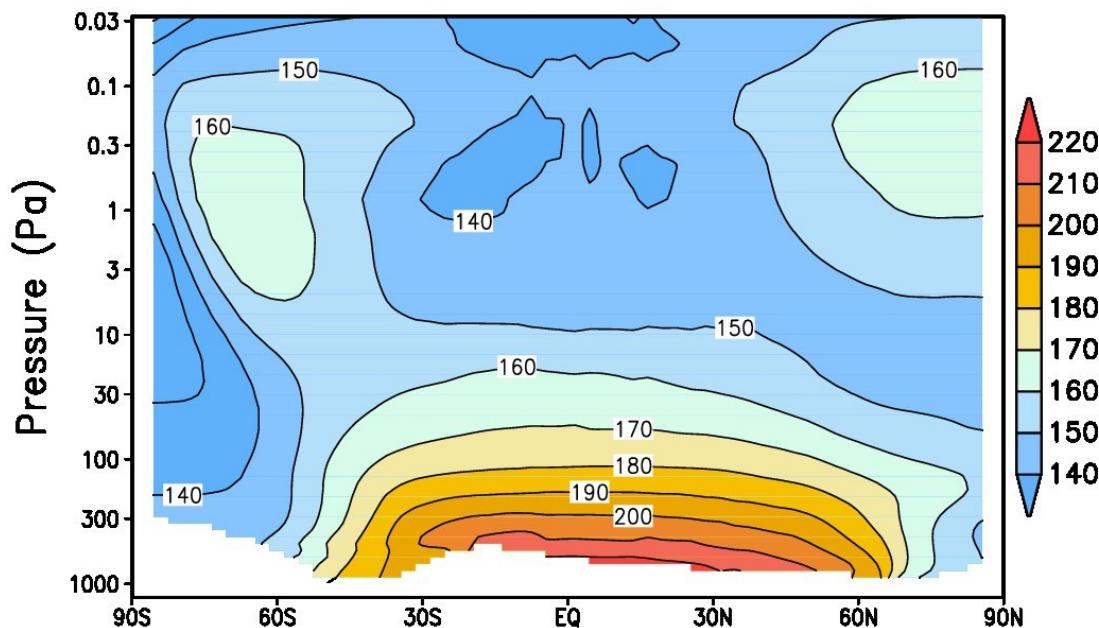
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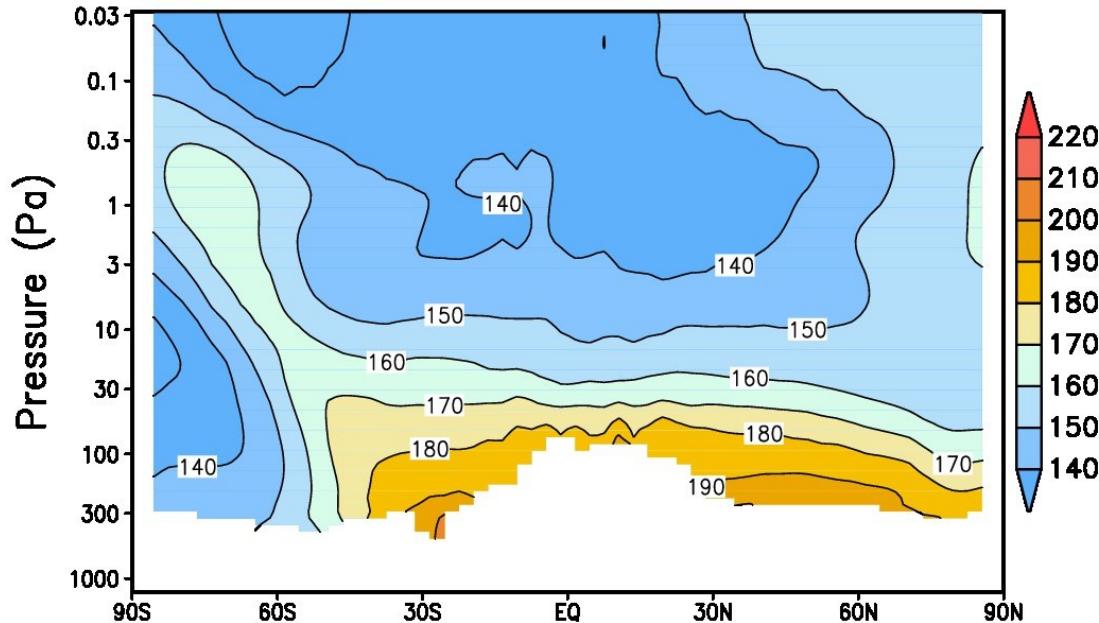
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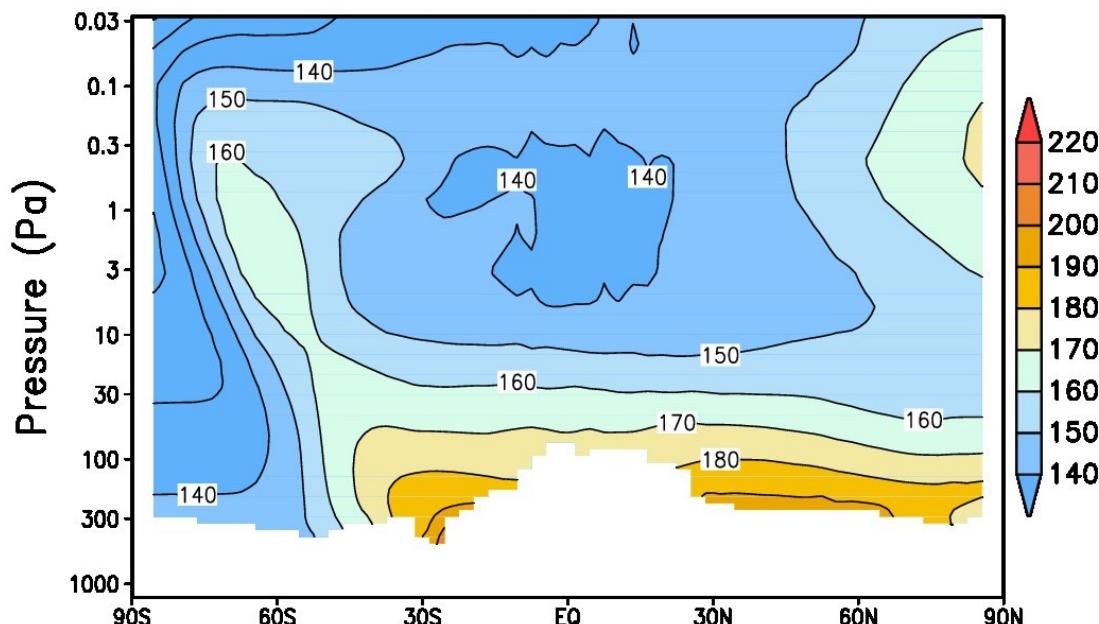
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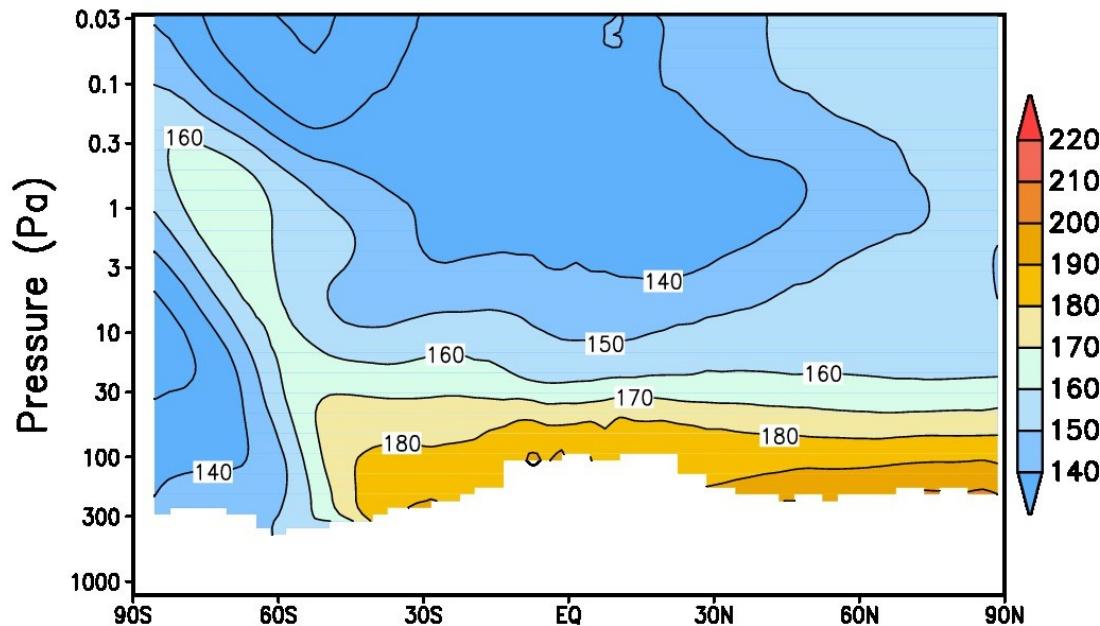
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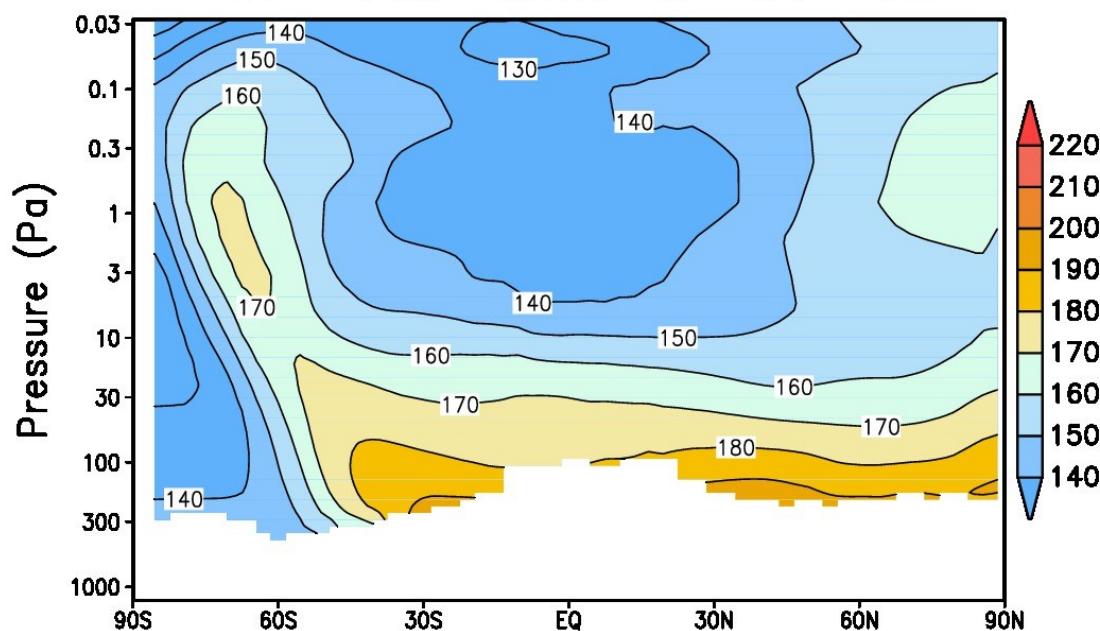
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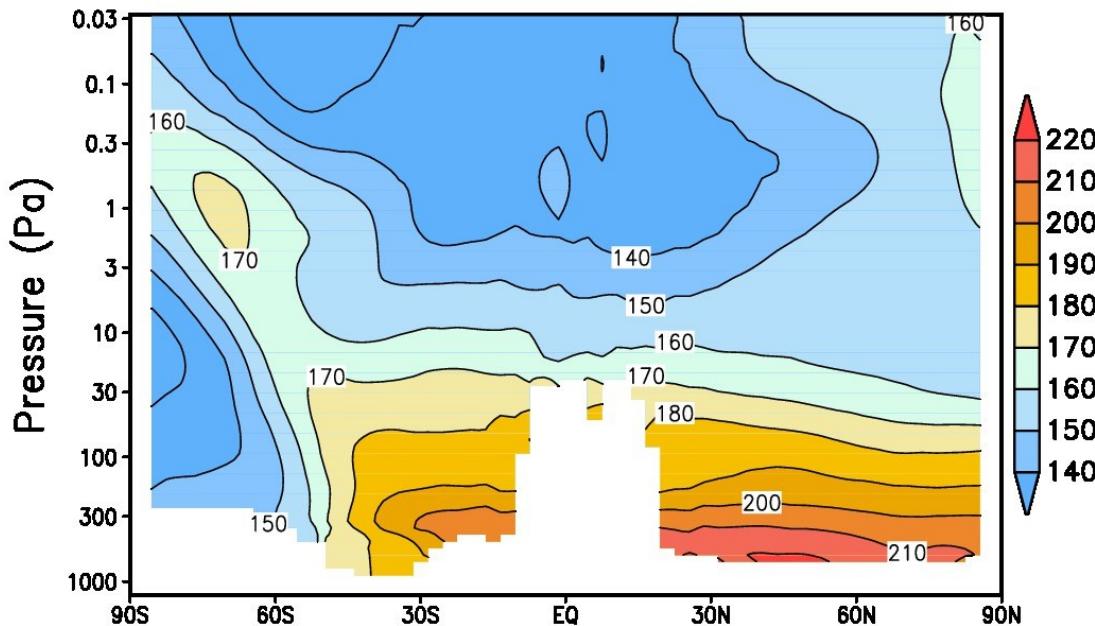
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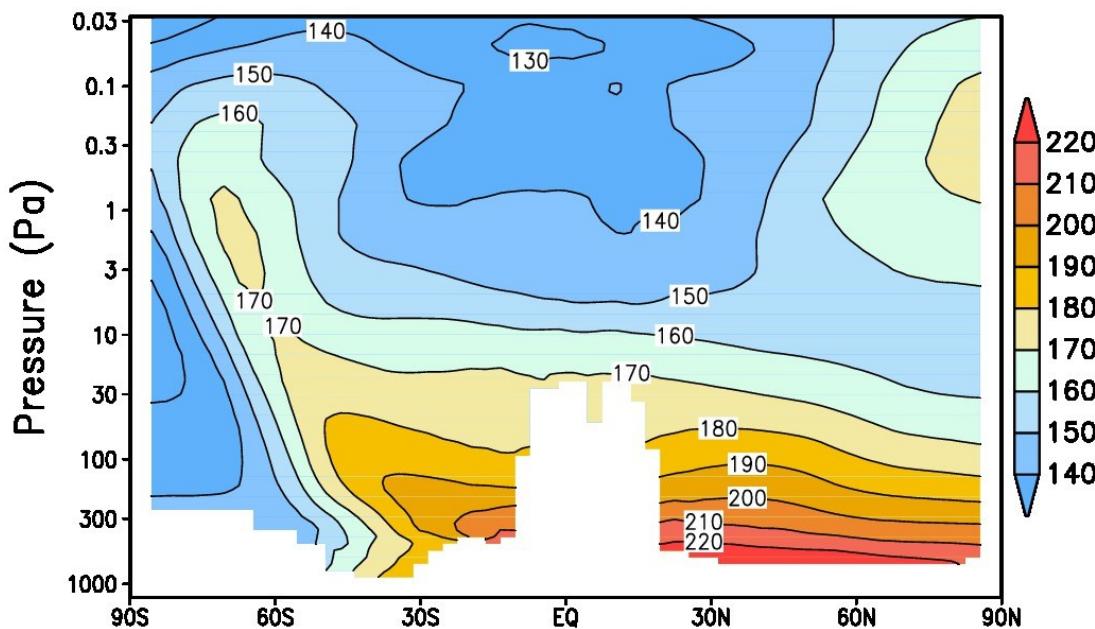
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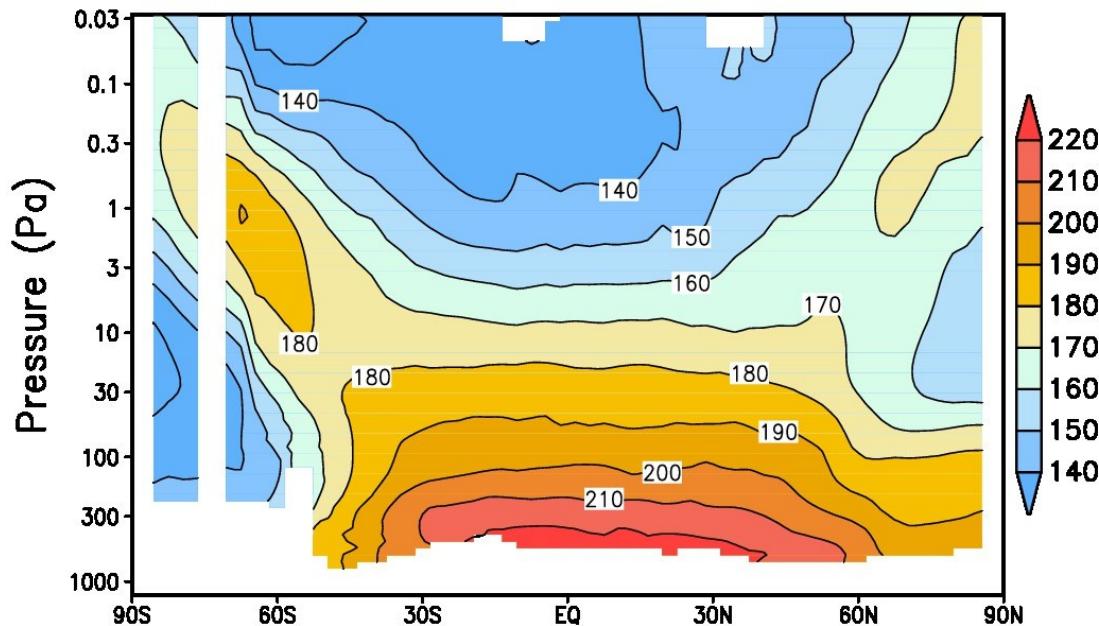
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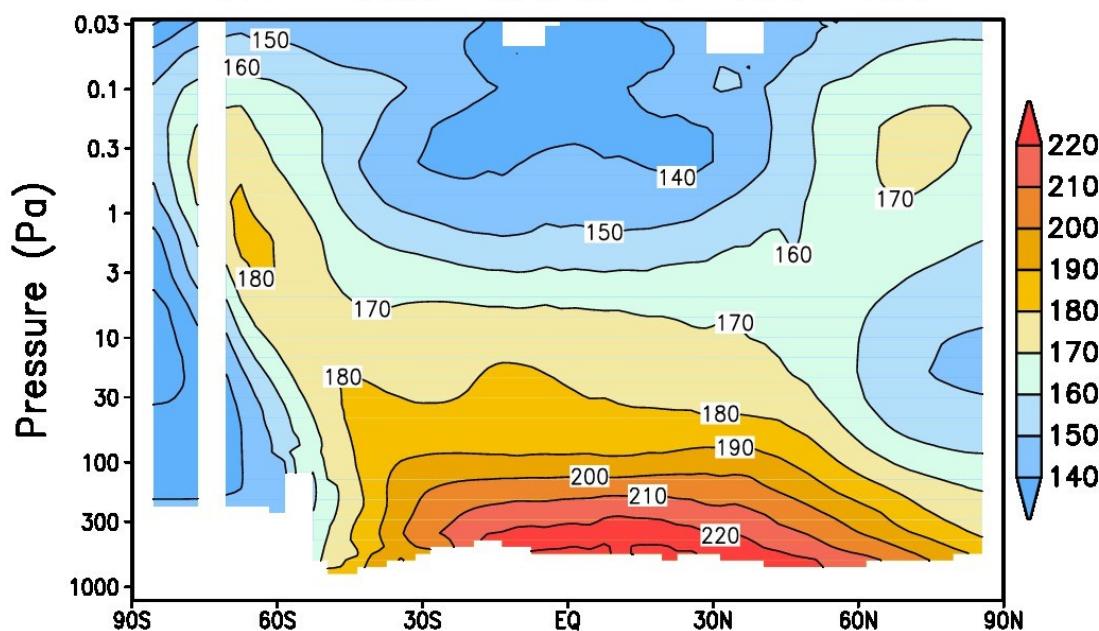
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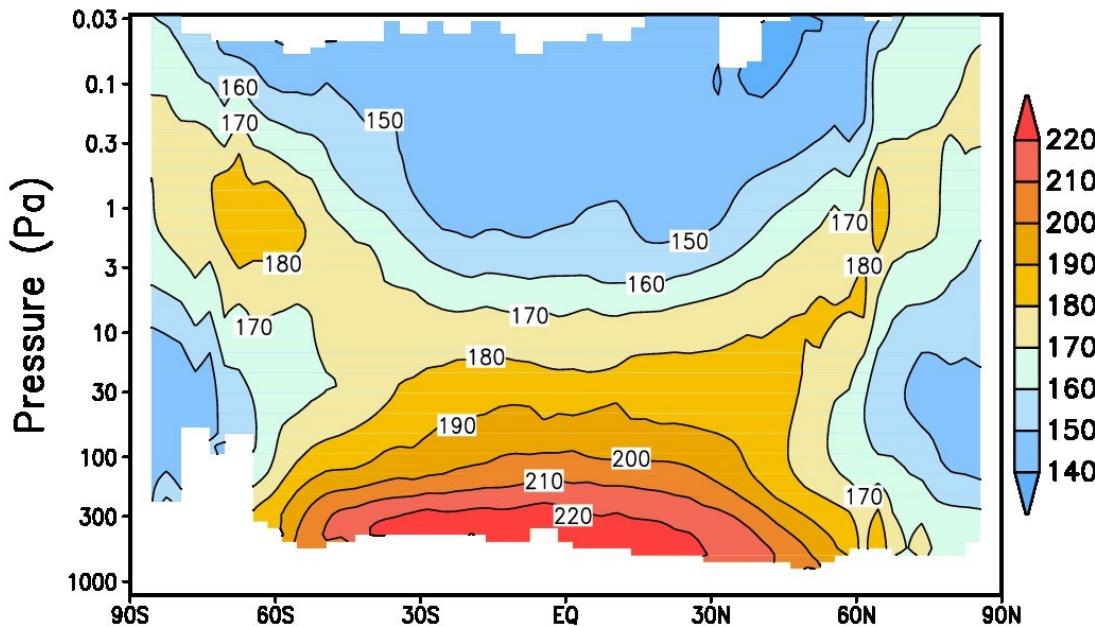
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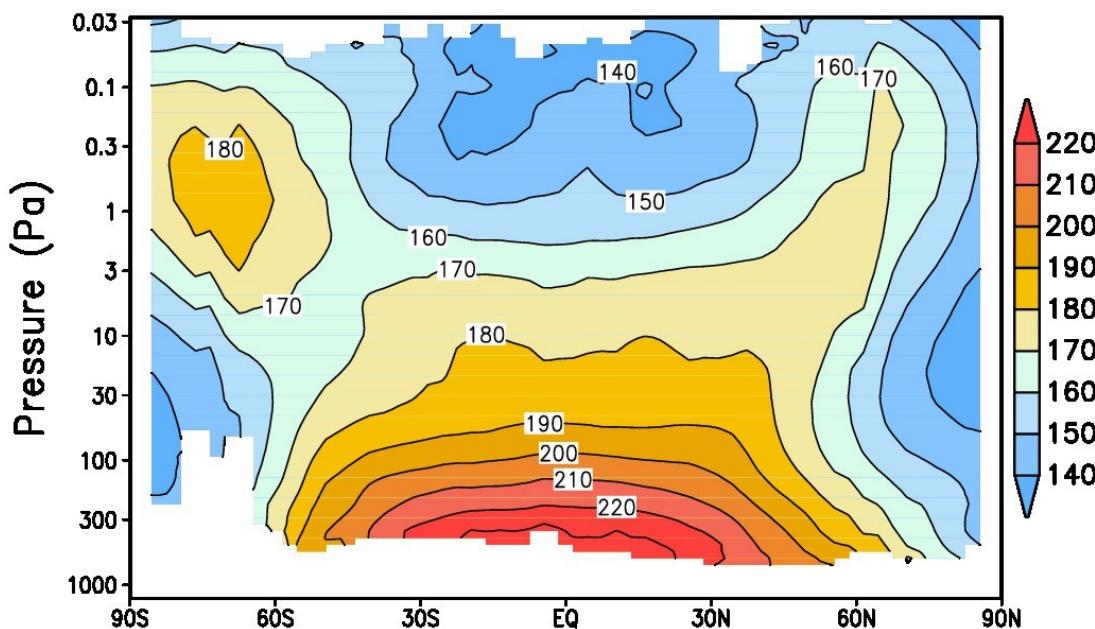
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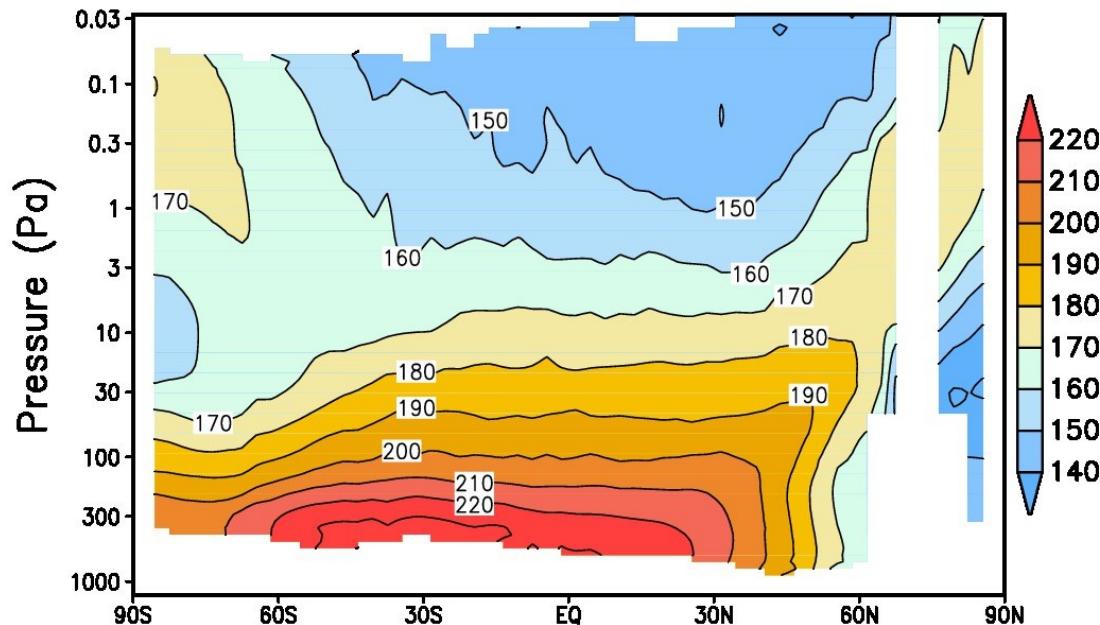
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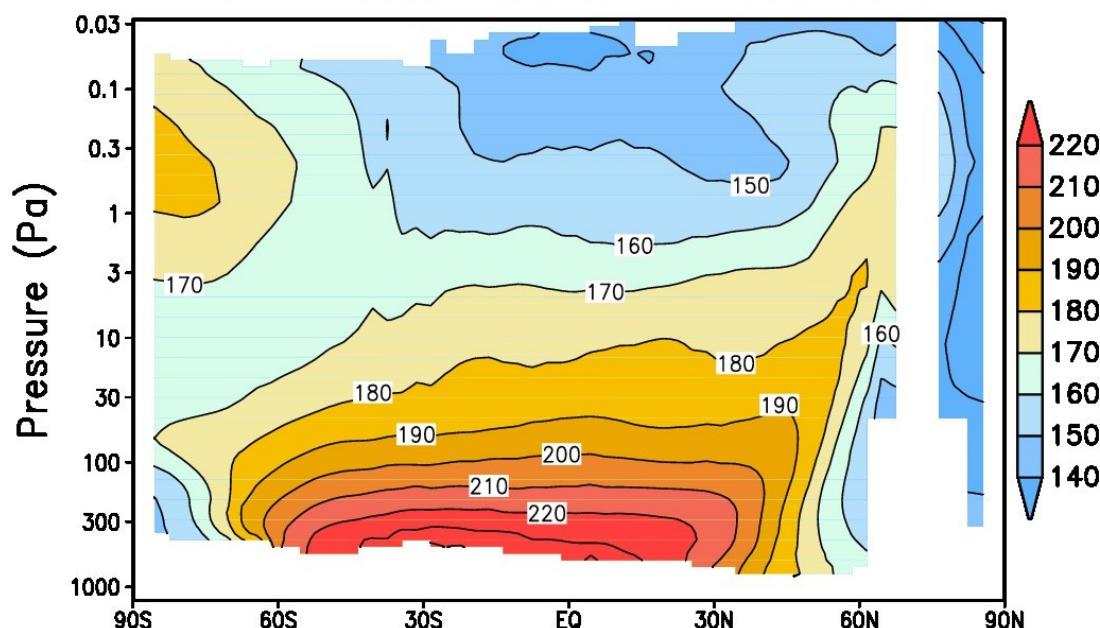
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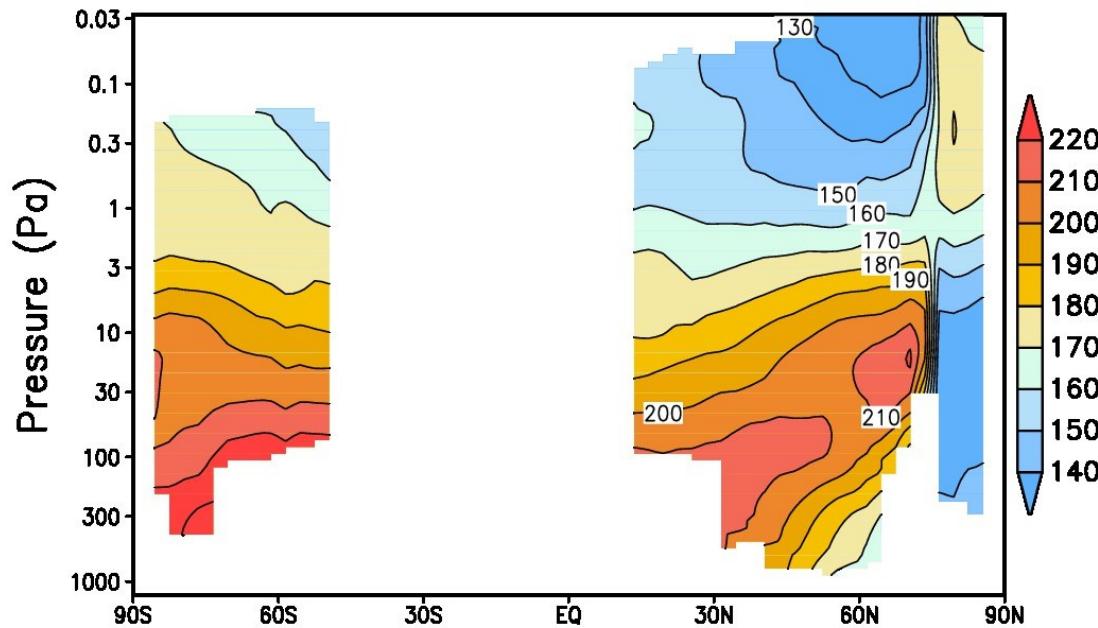
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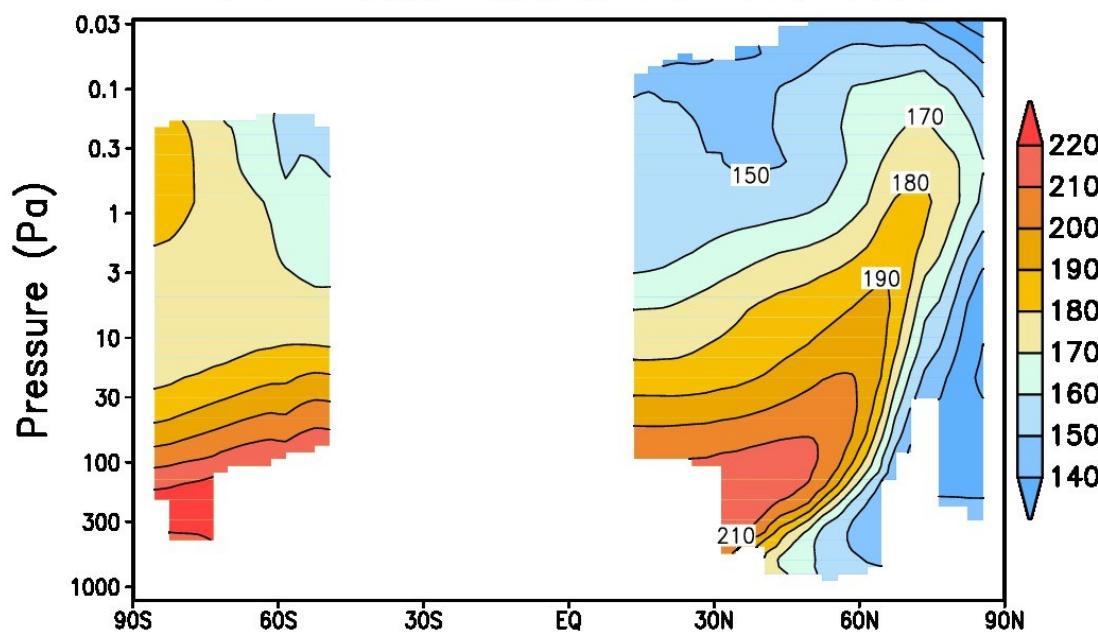
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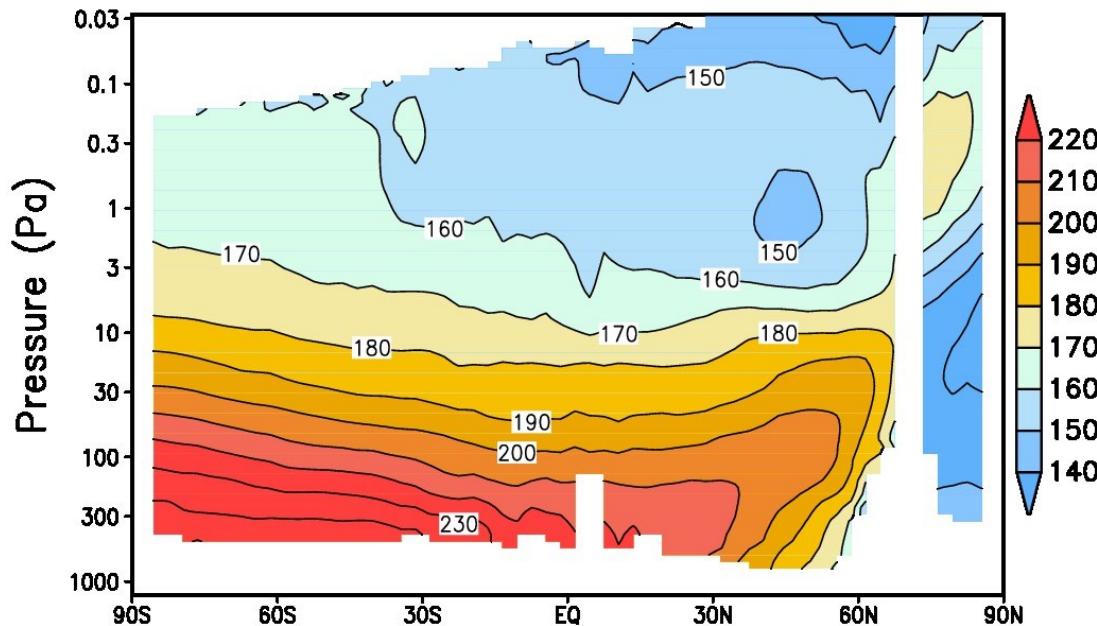
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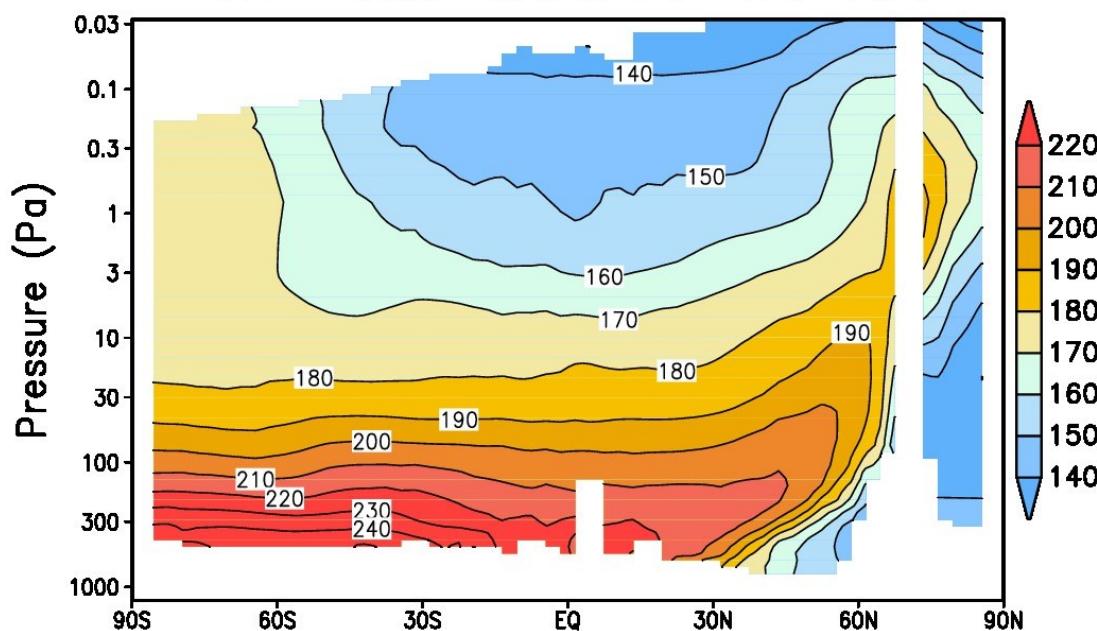
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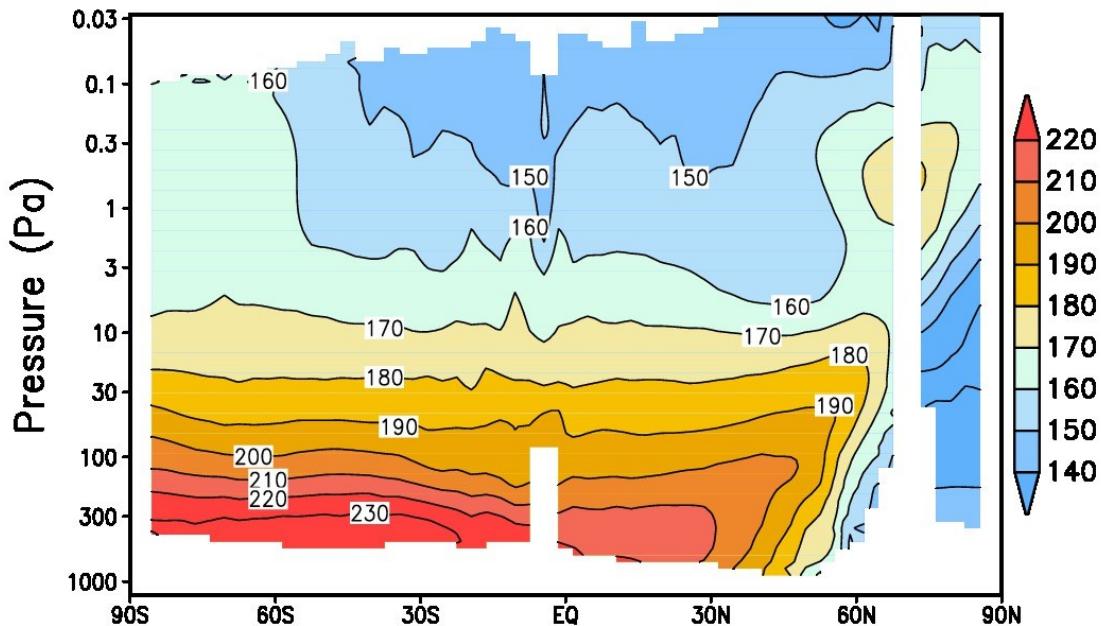
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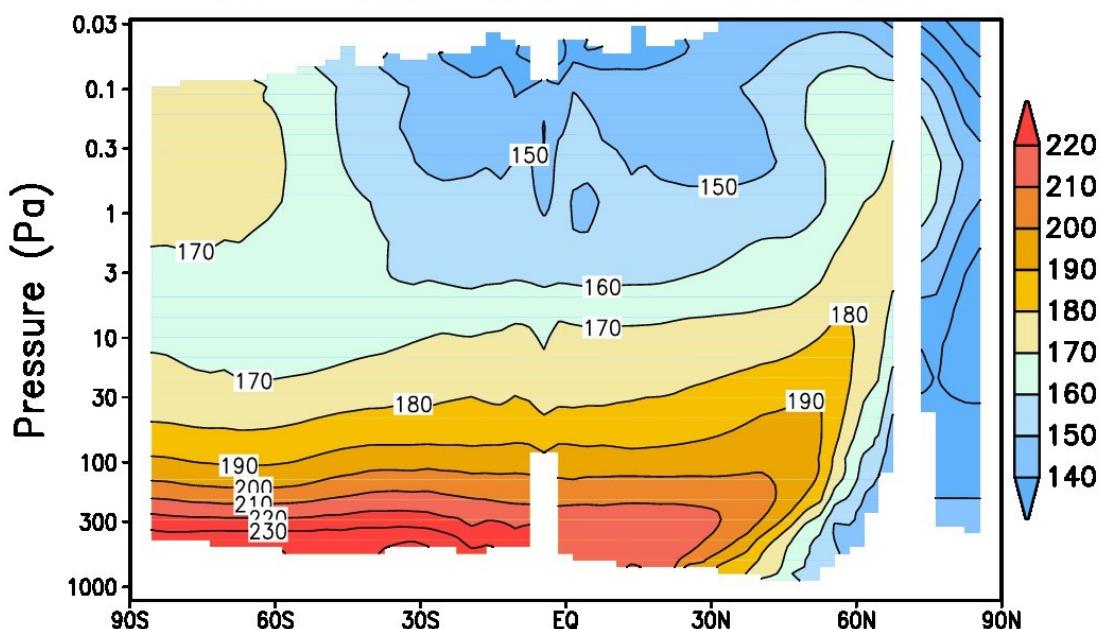
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$\langle T \rangle$  MCS MY29  $L_s=300-305$

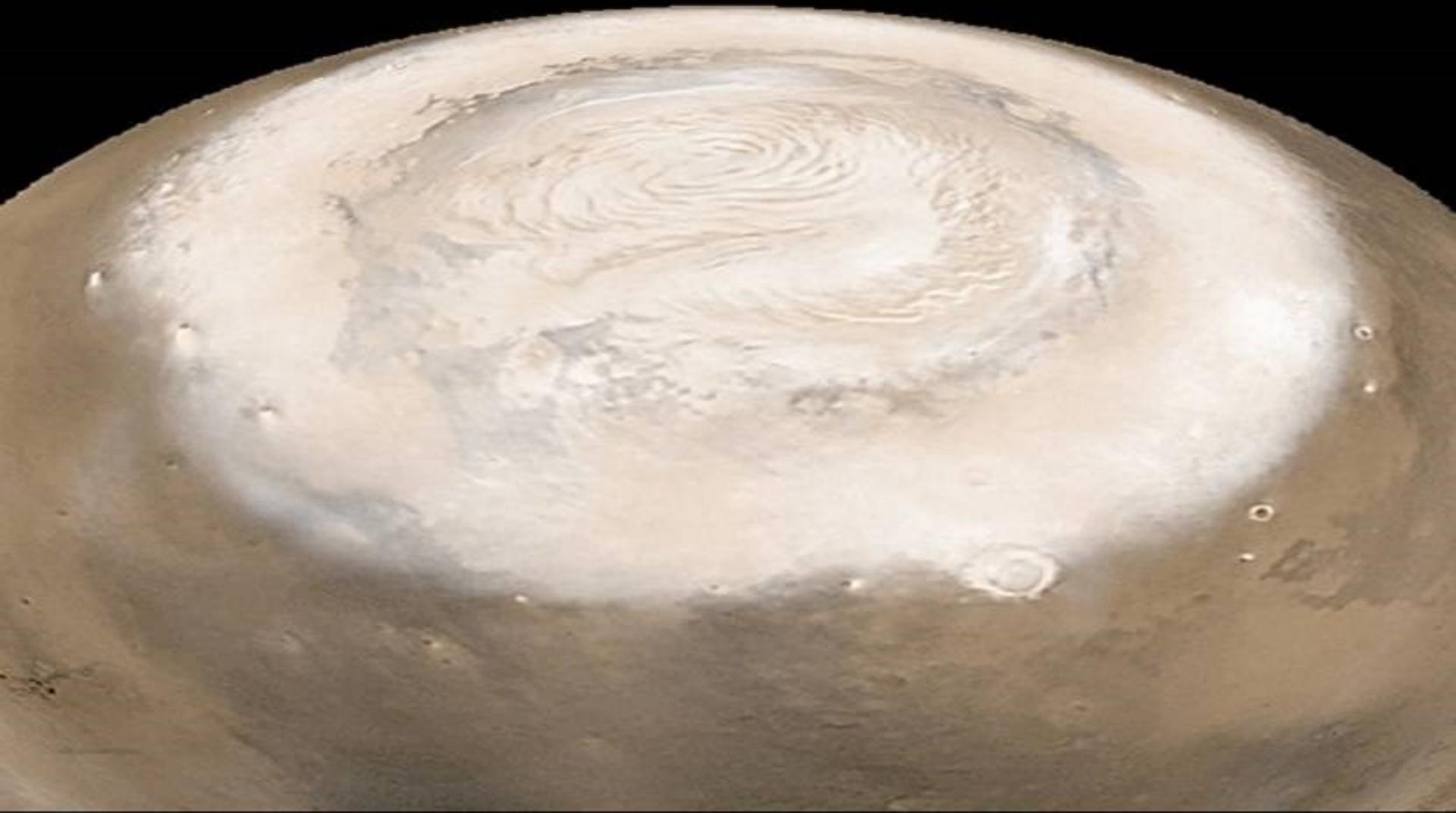


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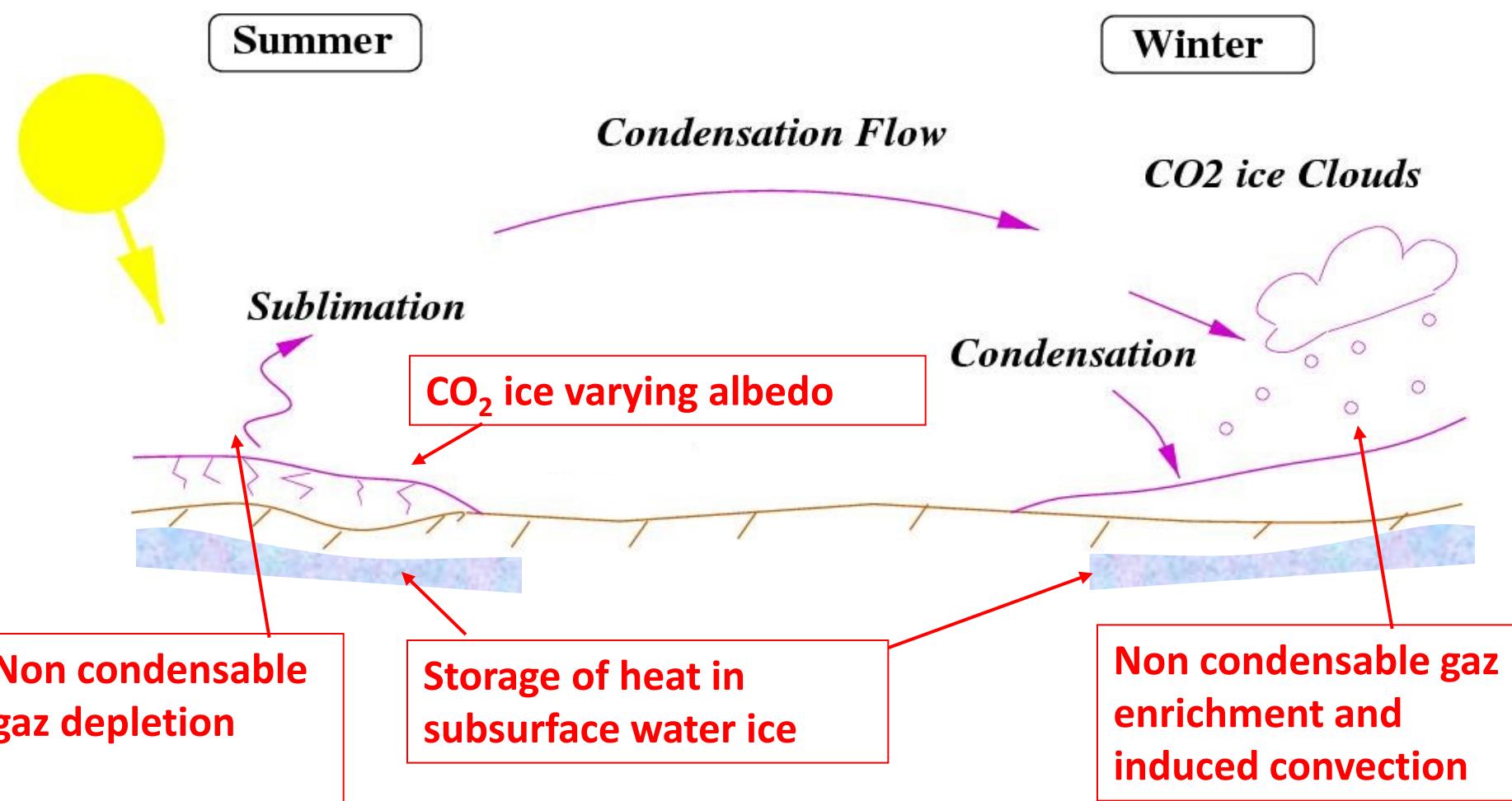


# **CO<sub>2</sub> cycle**

*Seasonal CO<sub>2</sub> ice cap in spring (mosaic)*

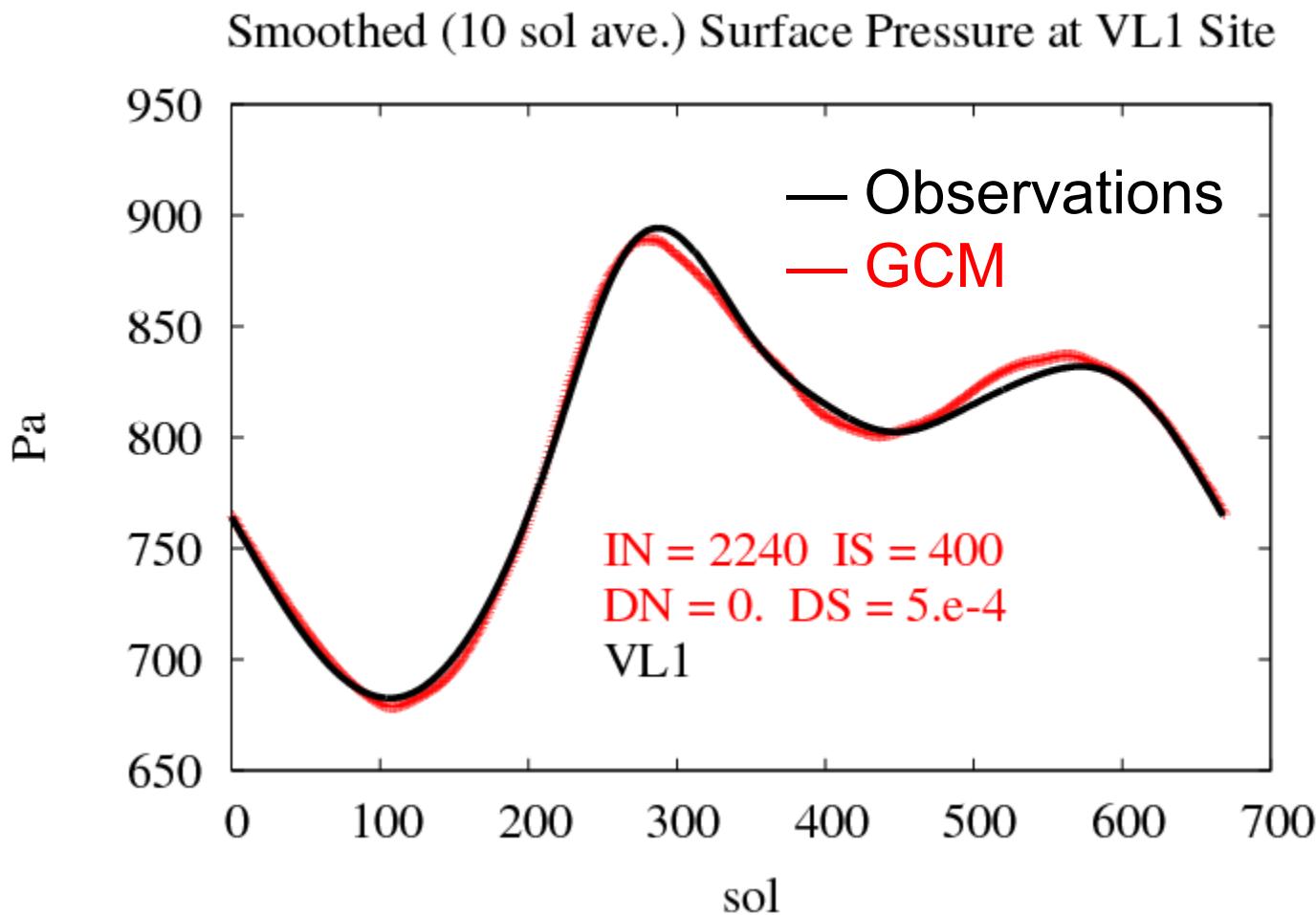


# $\text{CO}_2$ cycle in the LMD GCM

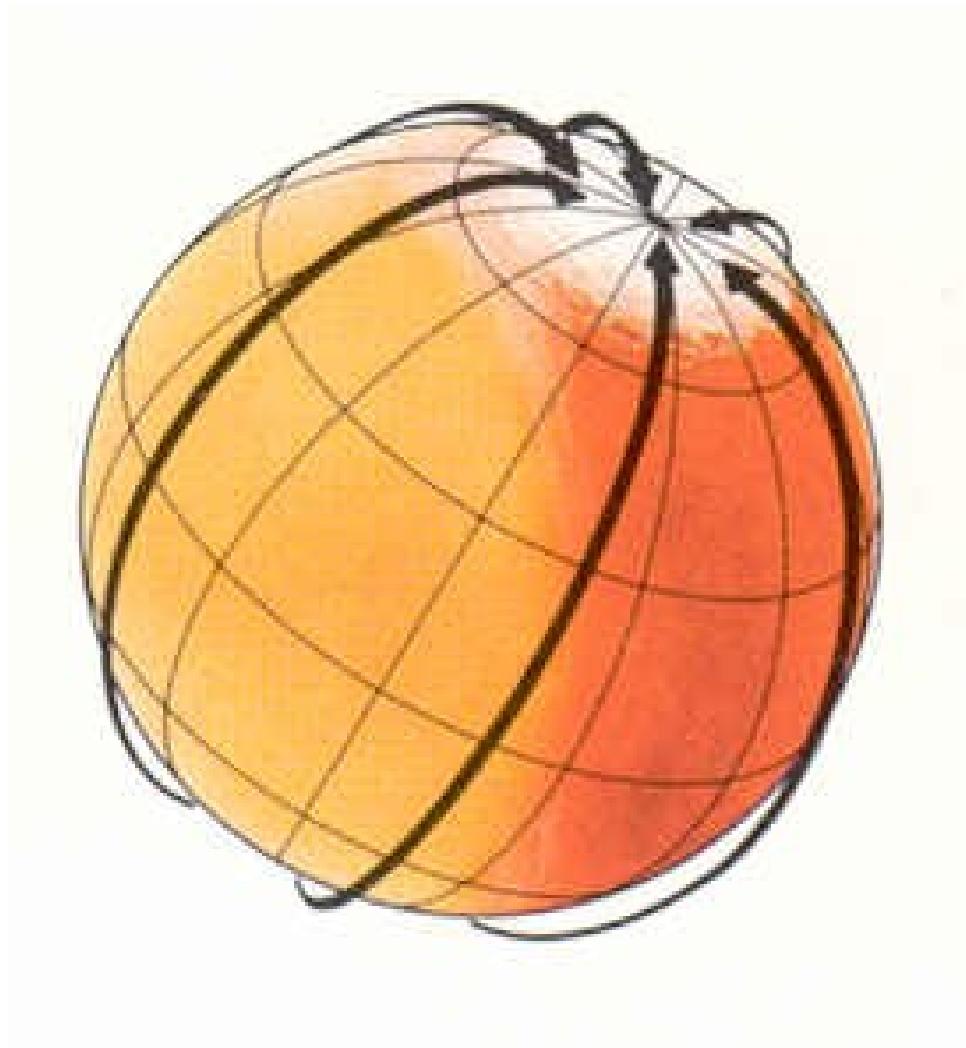


# Modelling Surface pressure variations (GCM v5)

Fitting Viking Lander 1 pressure measurements  
with subsurface ice depth driven by Mars Odyssey Neutron Spectrometer ice depth measurements  
(adjusting dry layer properties and subsurface ice thermal inertia)

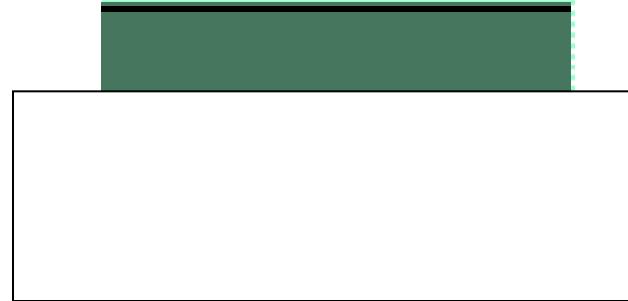


# Condensation flow induced by CO<sub>2</sub> cycle



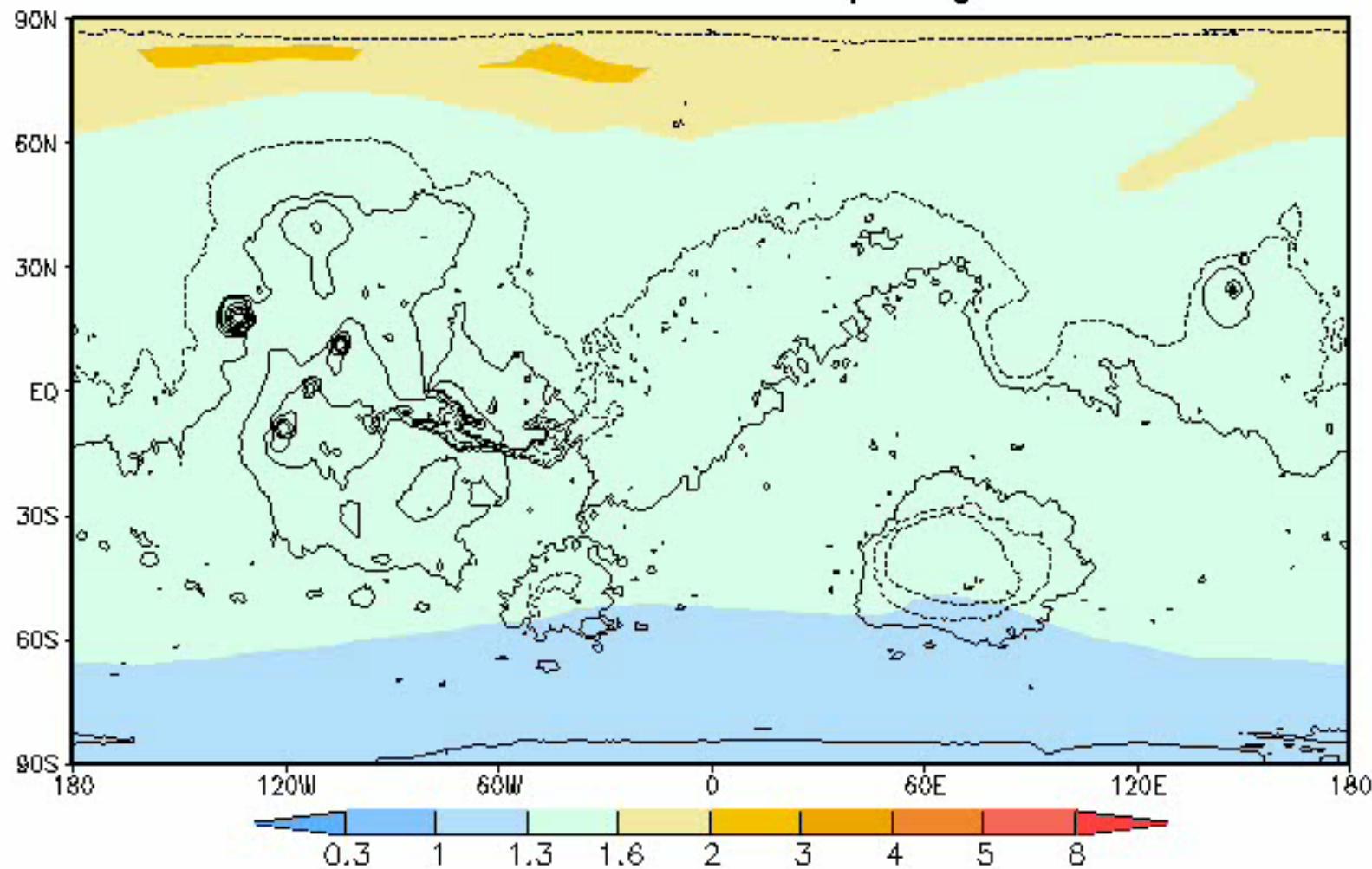
Surface  
condensation  
of CO<sub>2</sub>

Near Surface  
enrichment  
of other  
gases



# Argon column averaged mixing ratio (%)

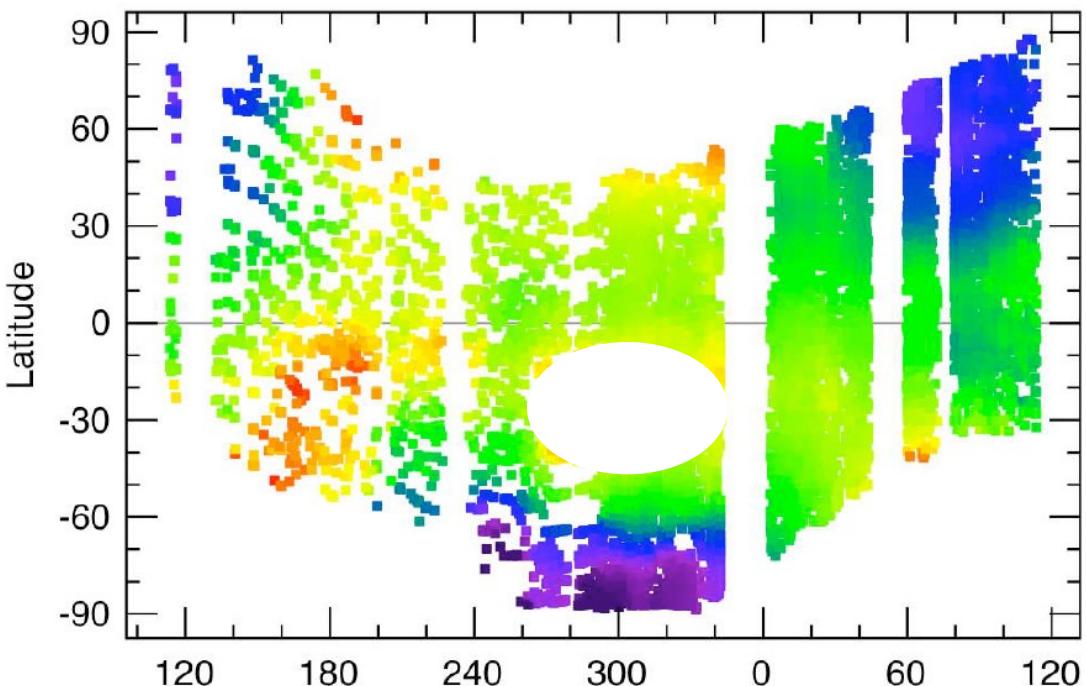
sol = 0.0 N. Spring



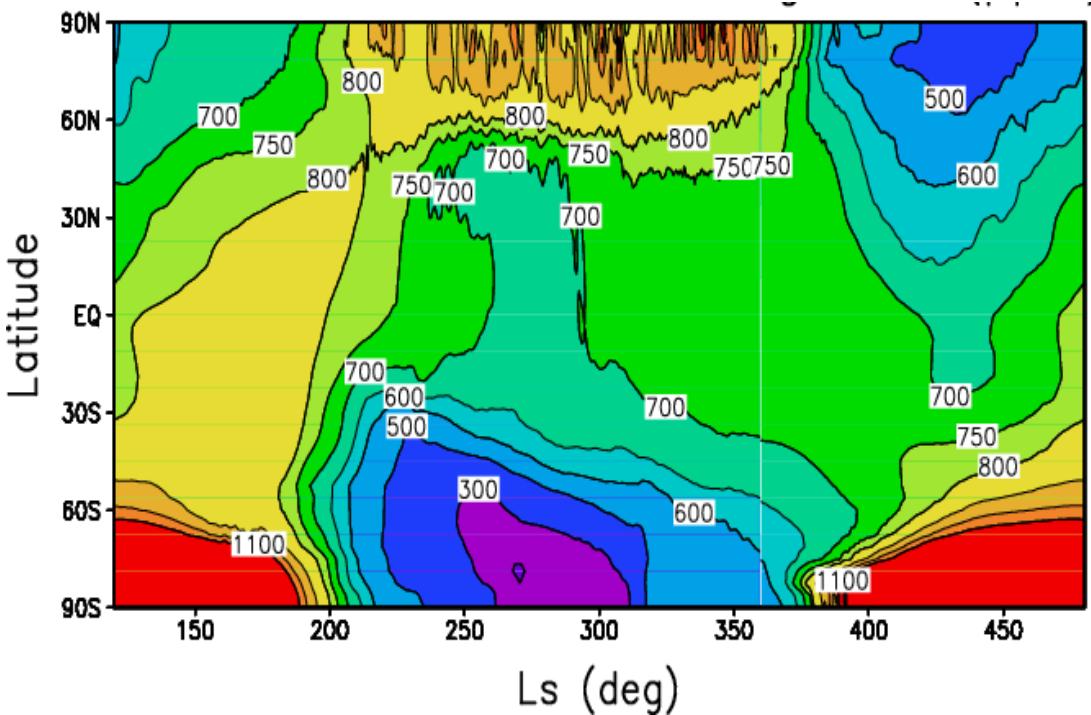
# Observation of CO by CRISM (ppm)

(Mike Smith 2008)

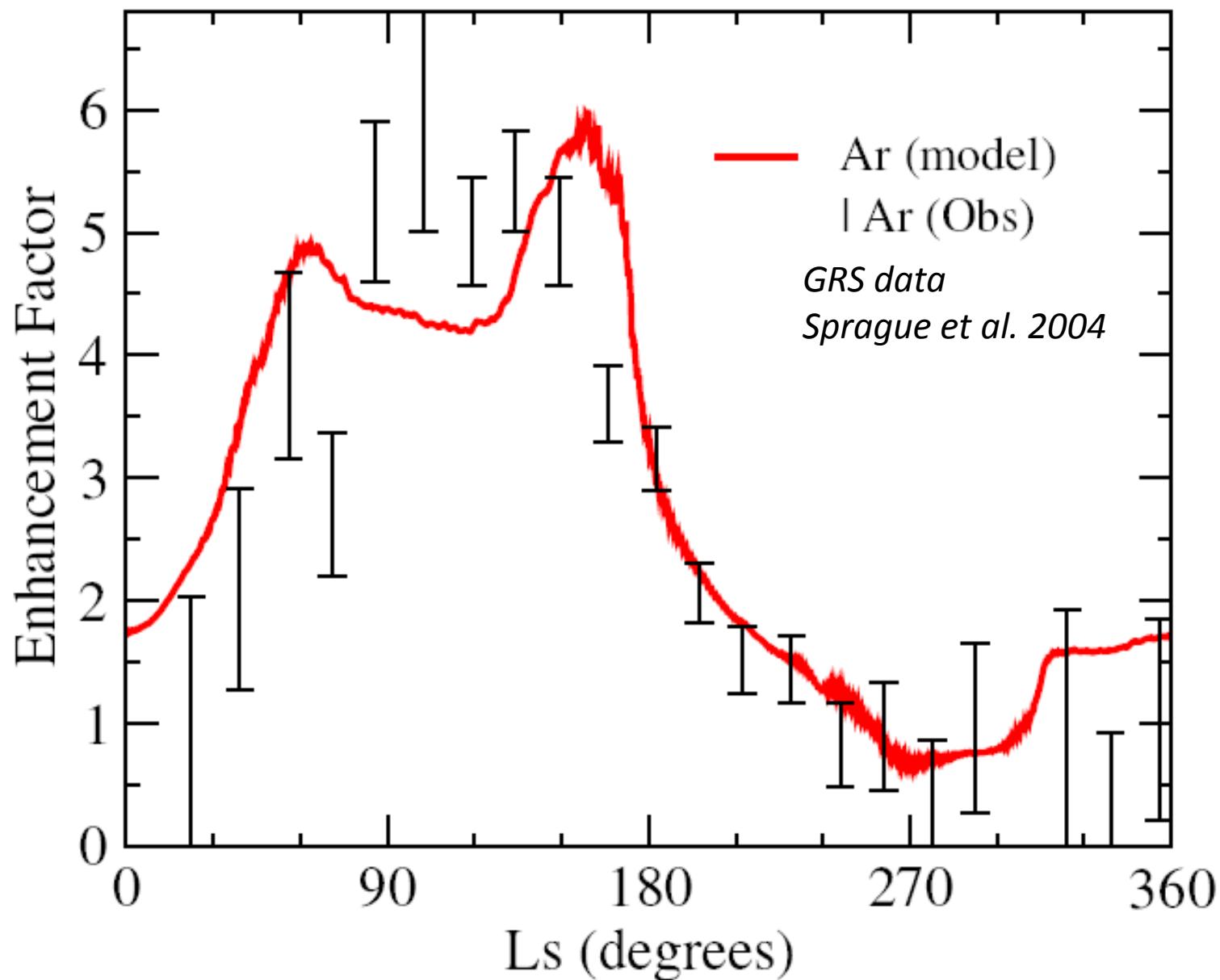
Observations



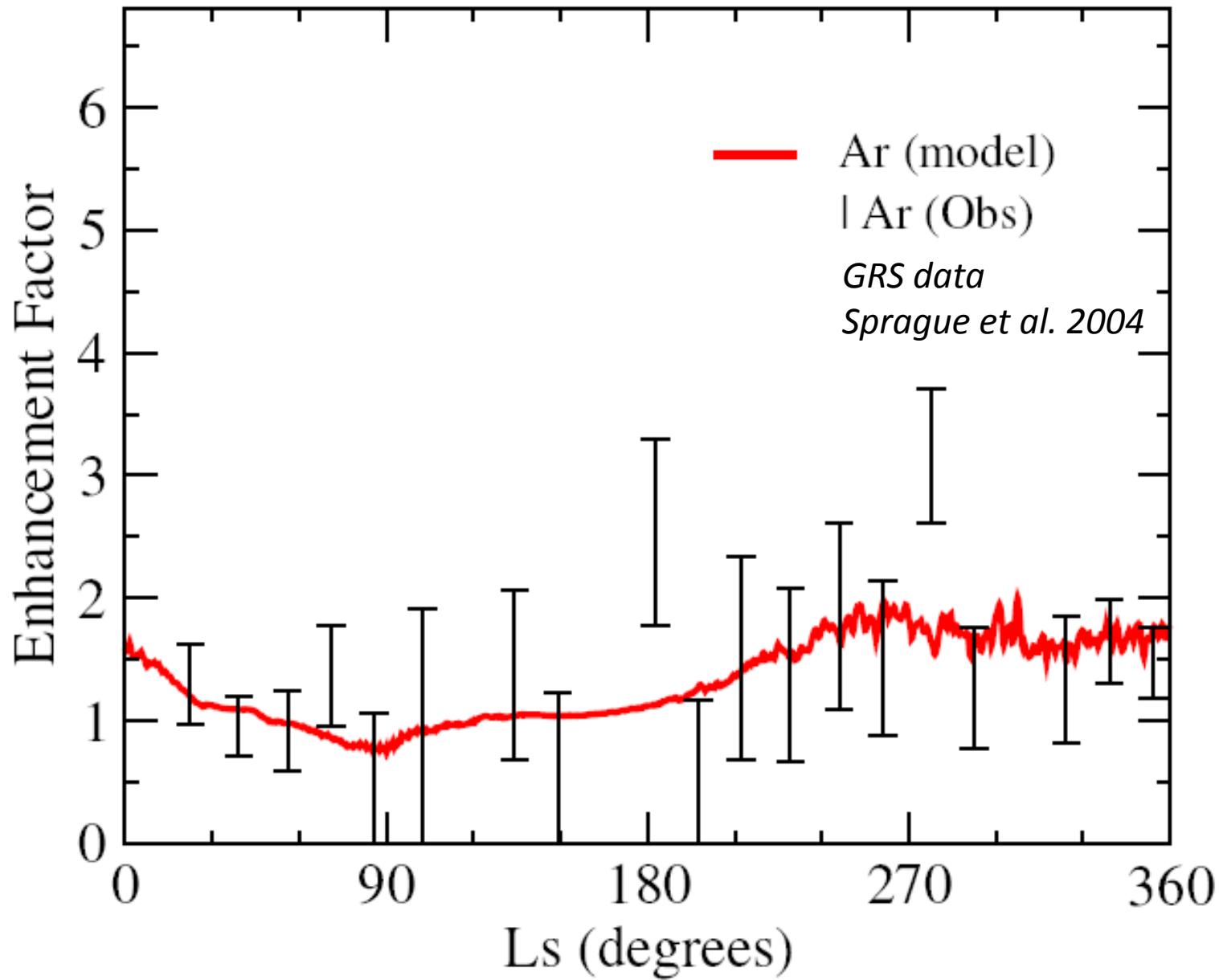
Model



75 S to 90 S

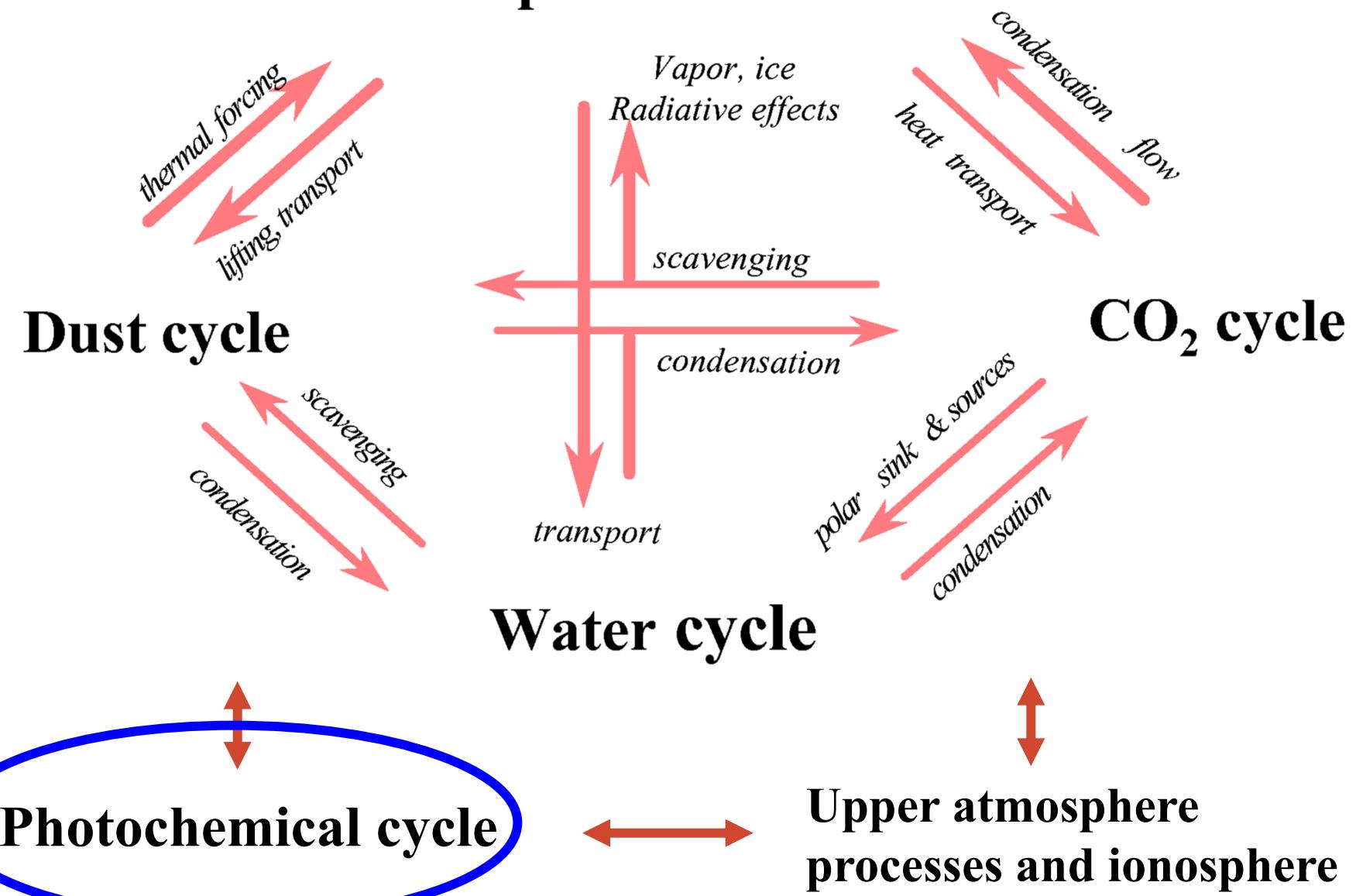


75 N to 90 N



# *Mars climate : a complex system*

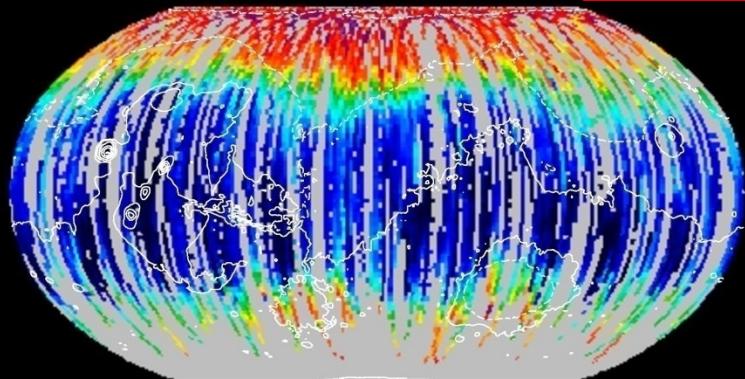
## Atmospheric circulation



# Observations O<sub>3</sub> SPICAM 2004-2011

O<sub>3</sub> column

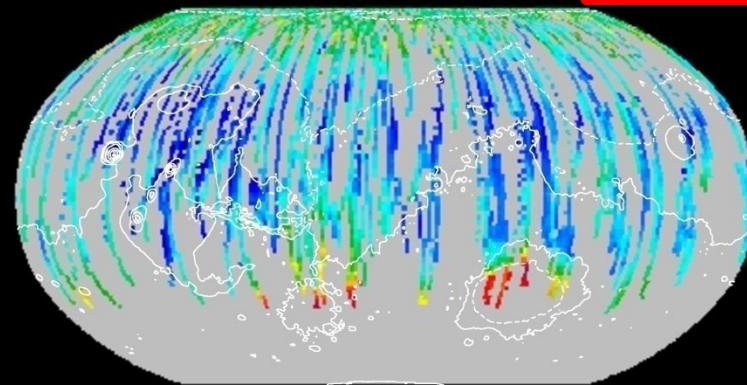
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SPICAM

O<sub>3</sub> column

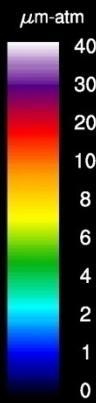
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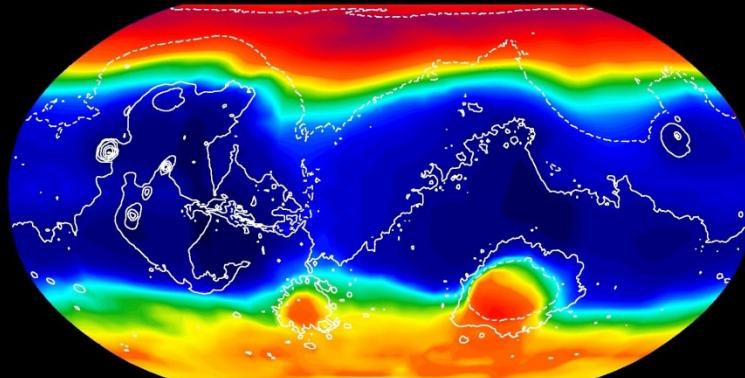
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## Model : LMD GCM

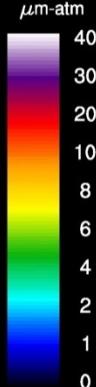
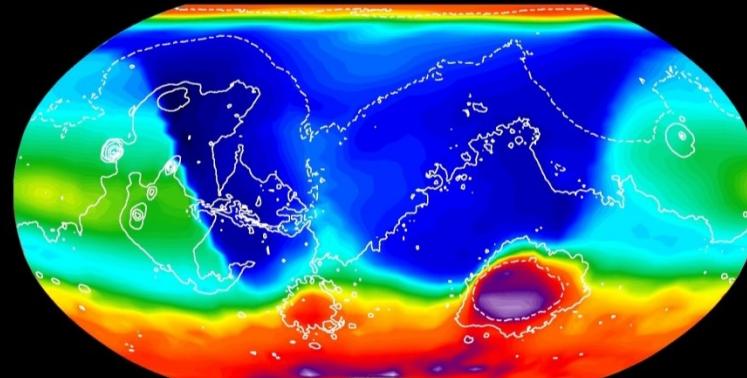
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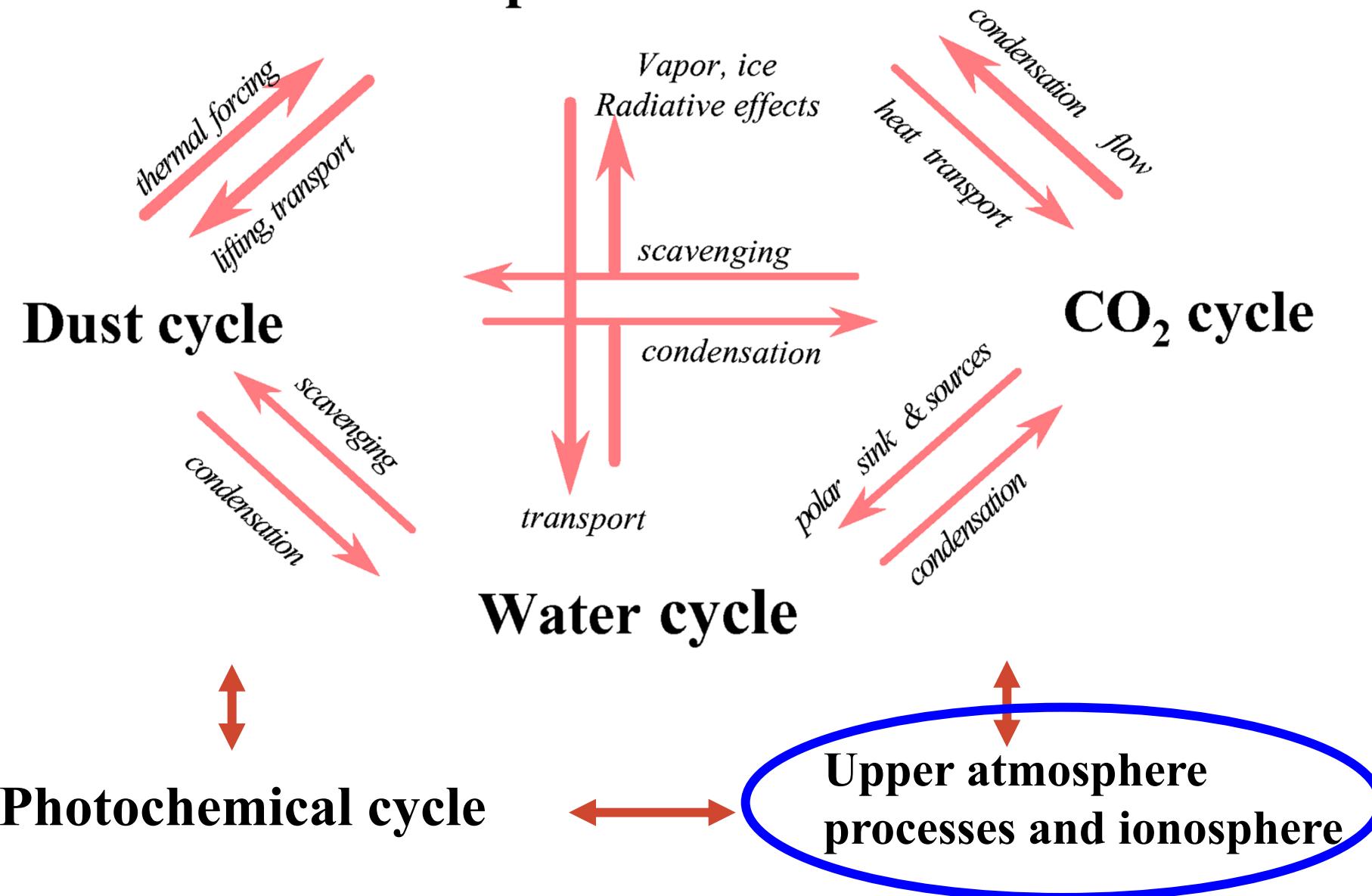
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# *Mars climate : a complex system*

## Atmospheric circulation



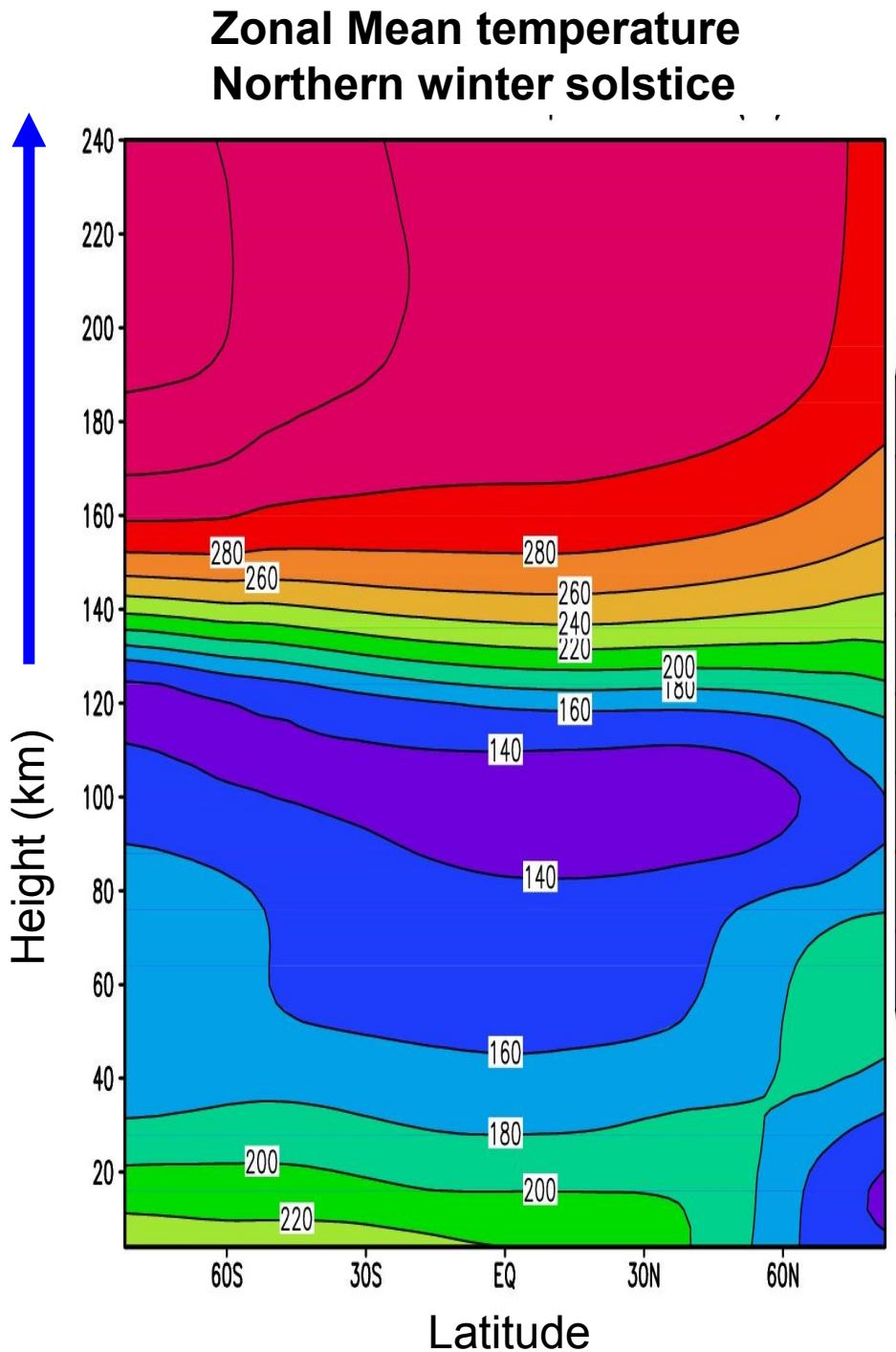
# Toward the upper martian atmosphere

- UV and EUV Heating
- Thermal conduction
- NLTE CO<sub>2</sub> cooling
- Non homogeneous atmosphere :
  - Molecular diffusion
  - Molecular viscosity
  - Photochemistry

Angelats i Coll 2005

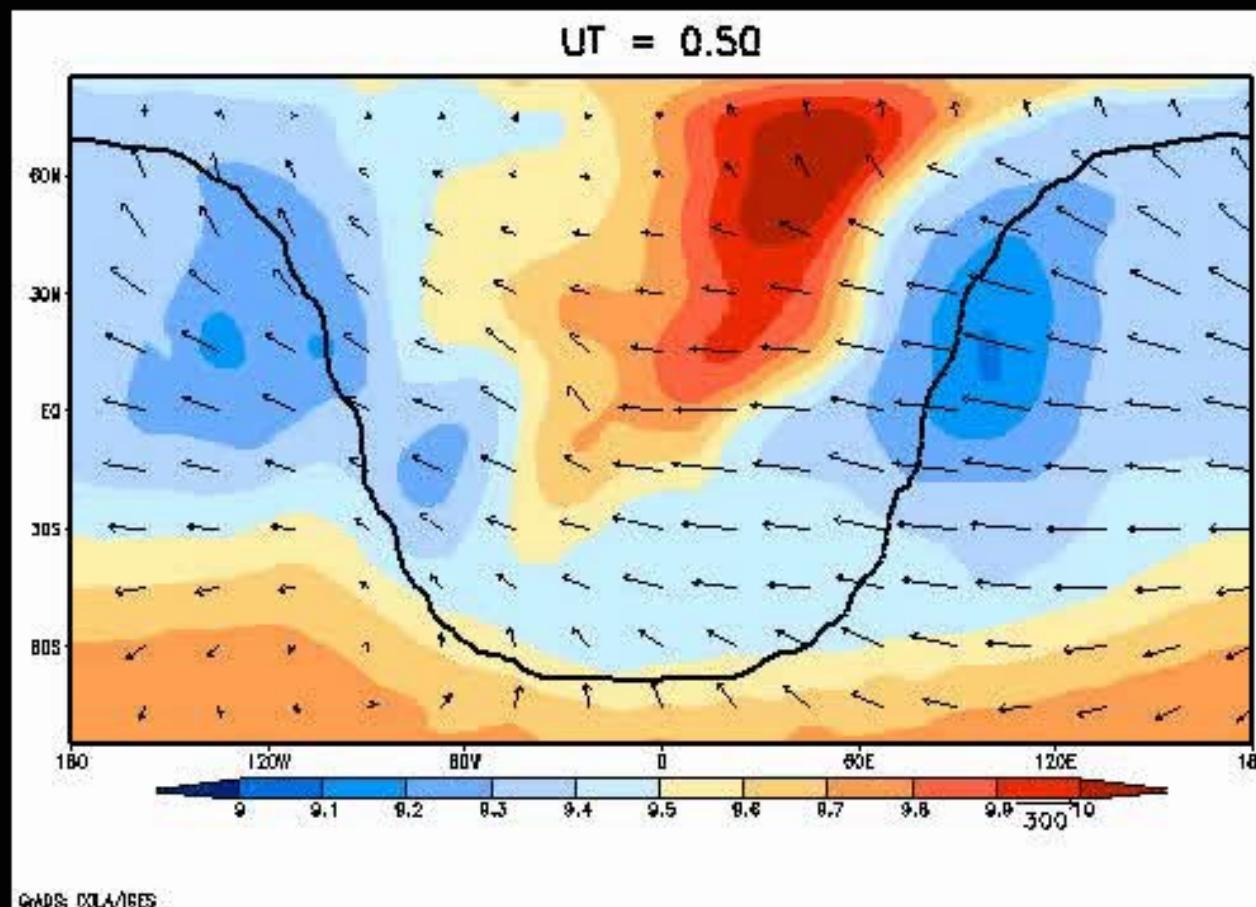
Gonzalez-Galindo et al. 2005, 2007,  
2009

- Ionospheric processes

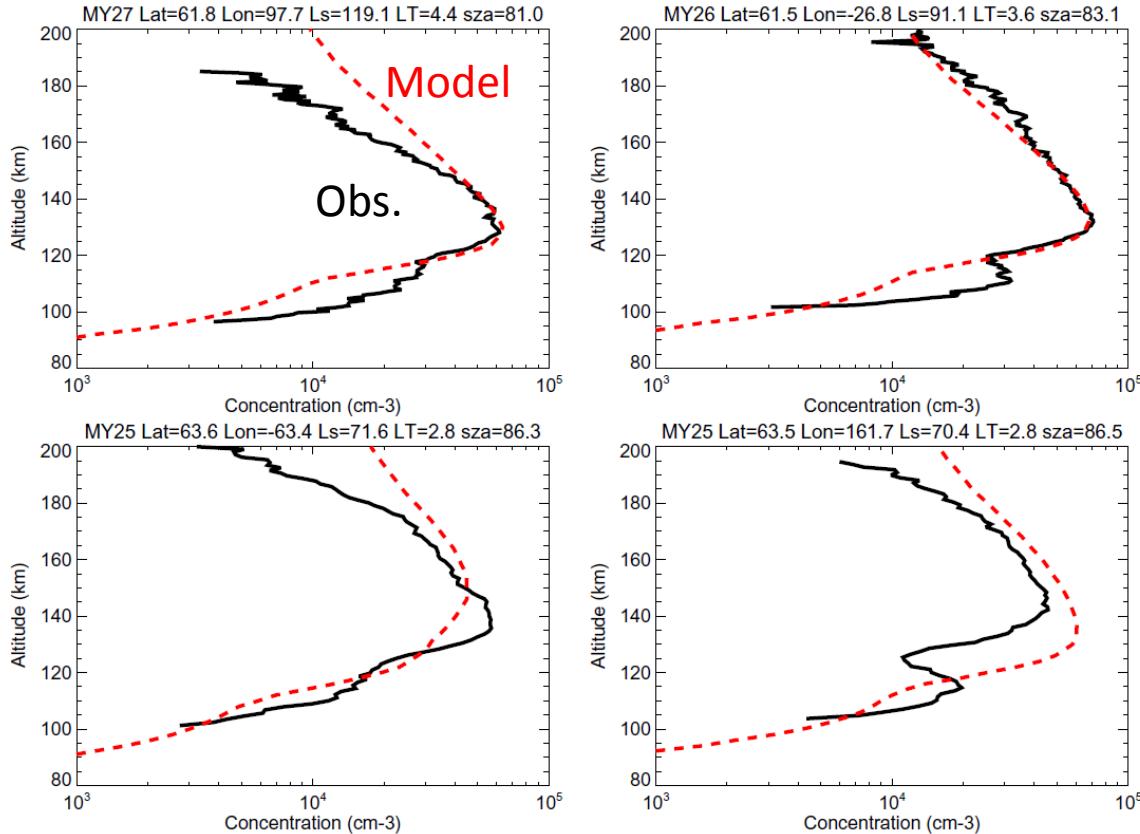


## Example of results of the extended model

O and wind at Z = 200 km      Ls = 300°



# Ionosphere



Profils de densité électronique mesurés par radio-occultation

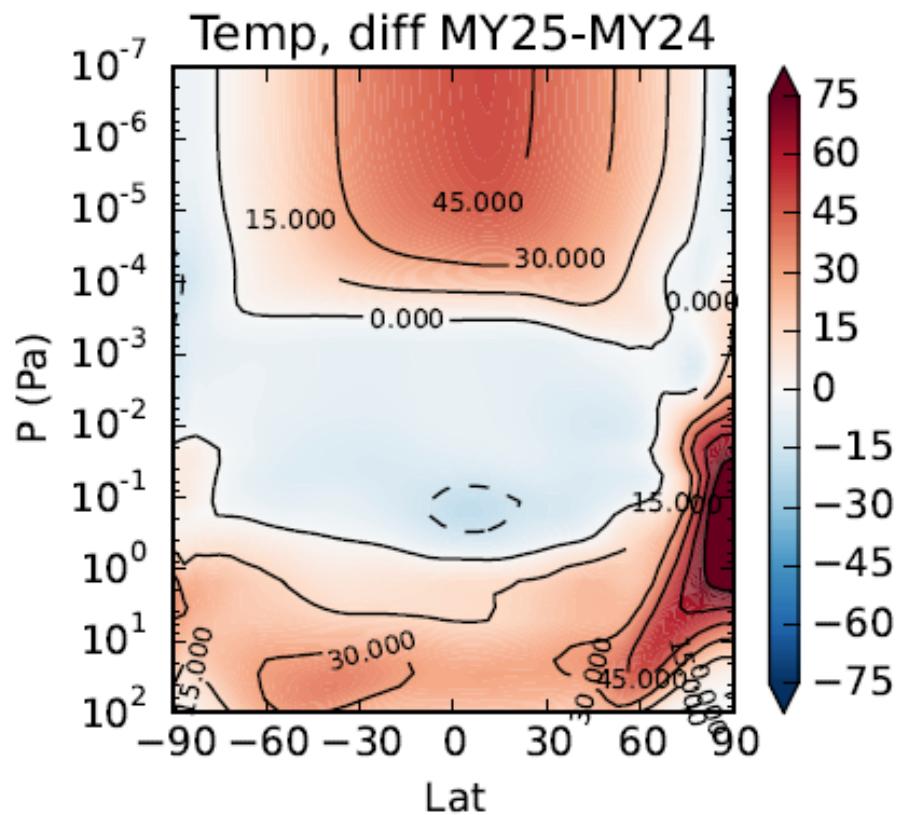
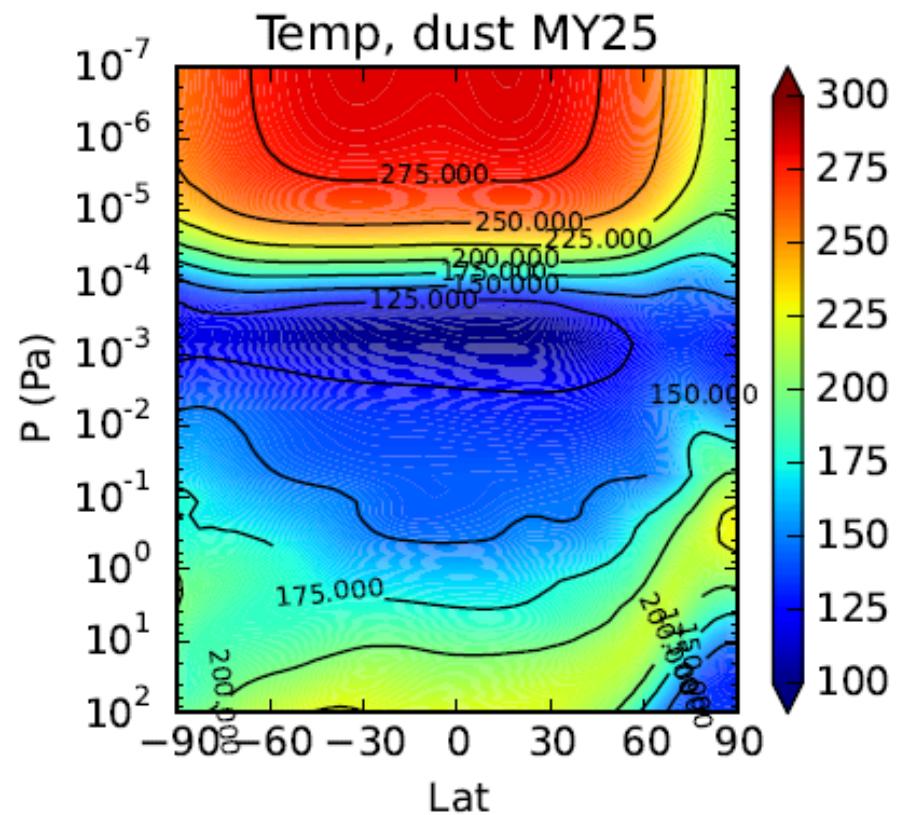
Gonzalez Galindo et al., 2013

# Source of variability in the upper atmosphere

- Dust storm in the lower atmosphere  
(impact temperature between 0 and ~60km, and thus density above)
- Solar EUV variability
- Atmospheric waves
  - Thermal tides (migrating and non migrating)
  - Transient waves
  - Gravity waves

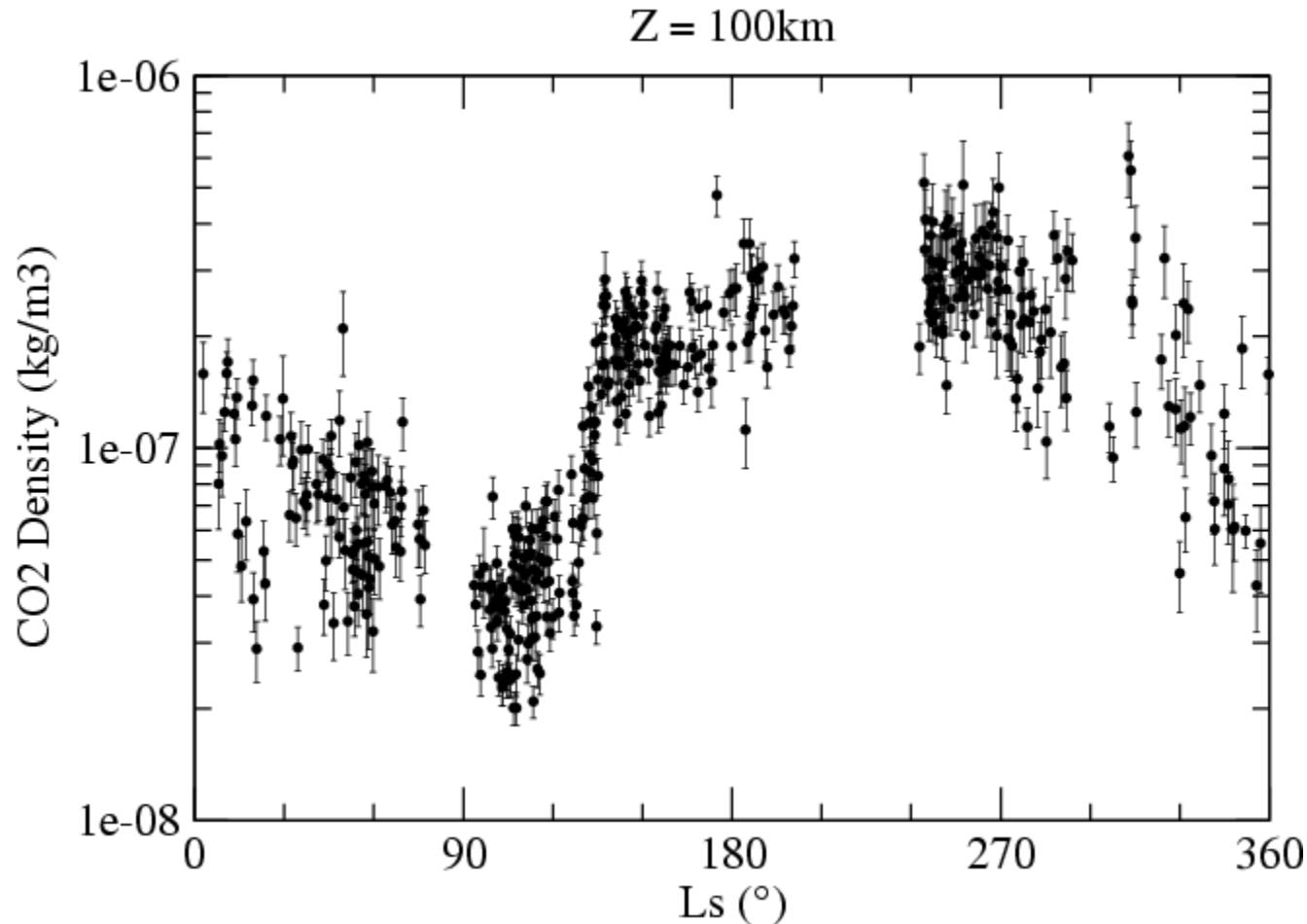
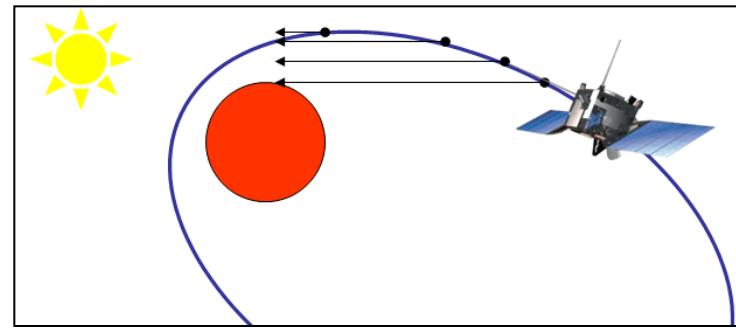
# Impact of dust on atm. Temperatures

Change of temperatures at  $Ls=201^\circ$  due to MY25 global dust storm



# Density vs season $z = 100\text{km}$

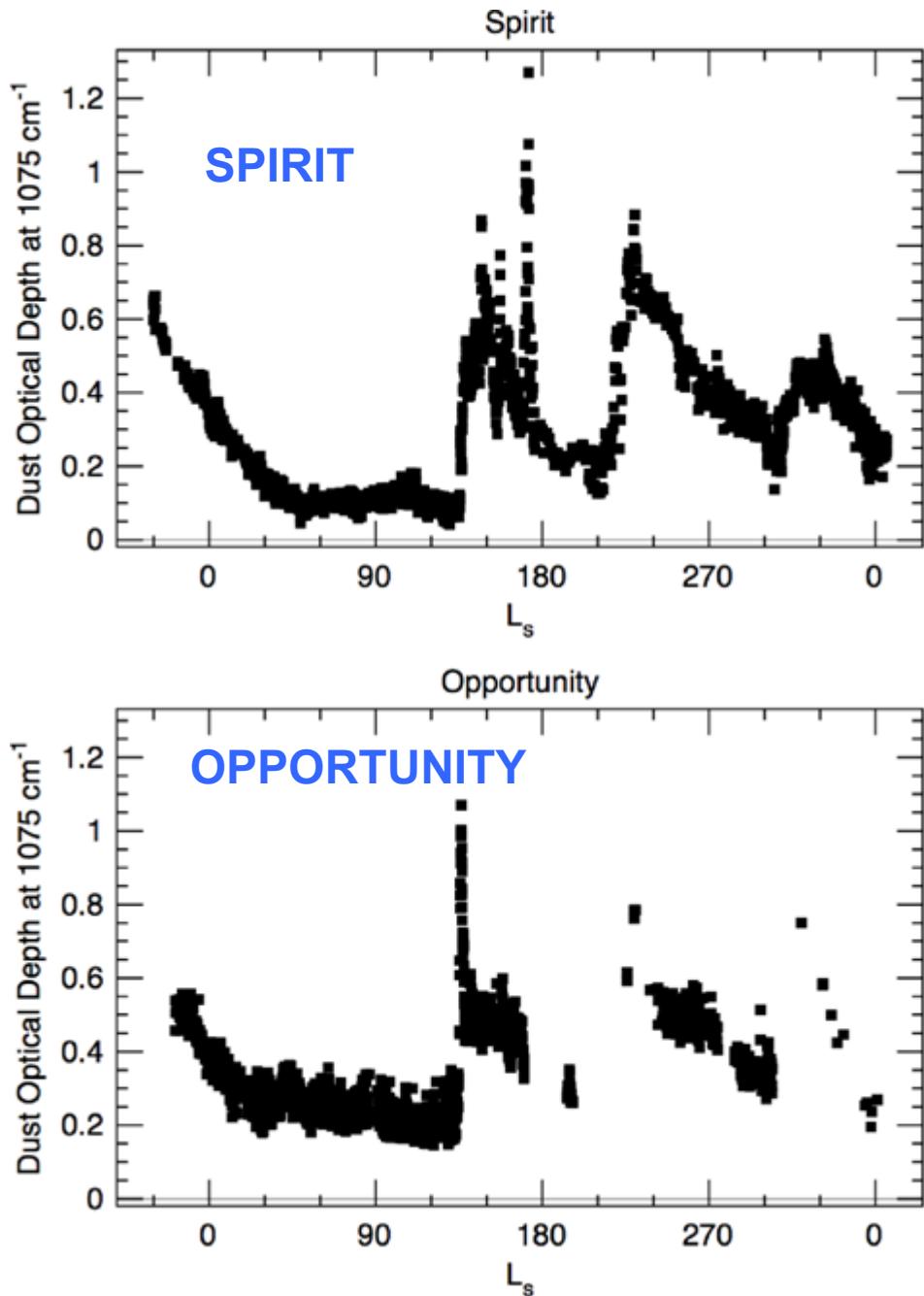
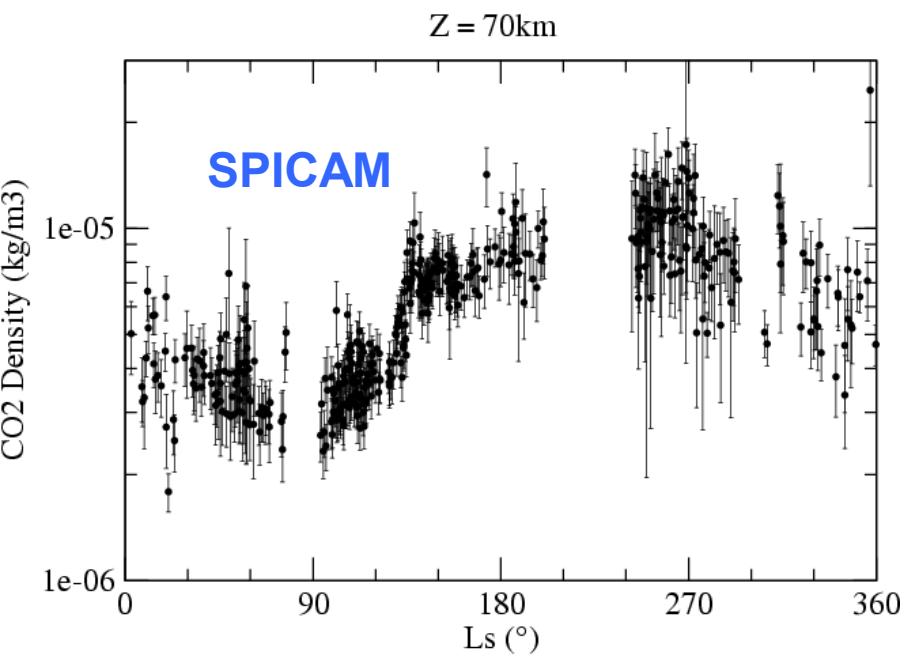
(Mars Express SPICAM Stellar occultation, Forget et al. 2009)



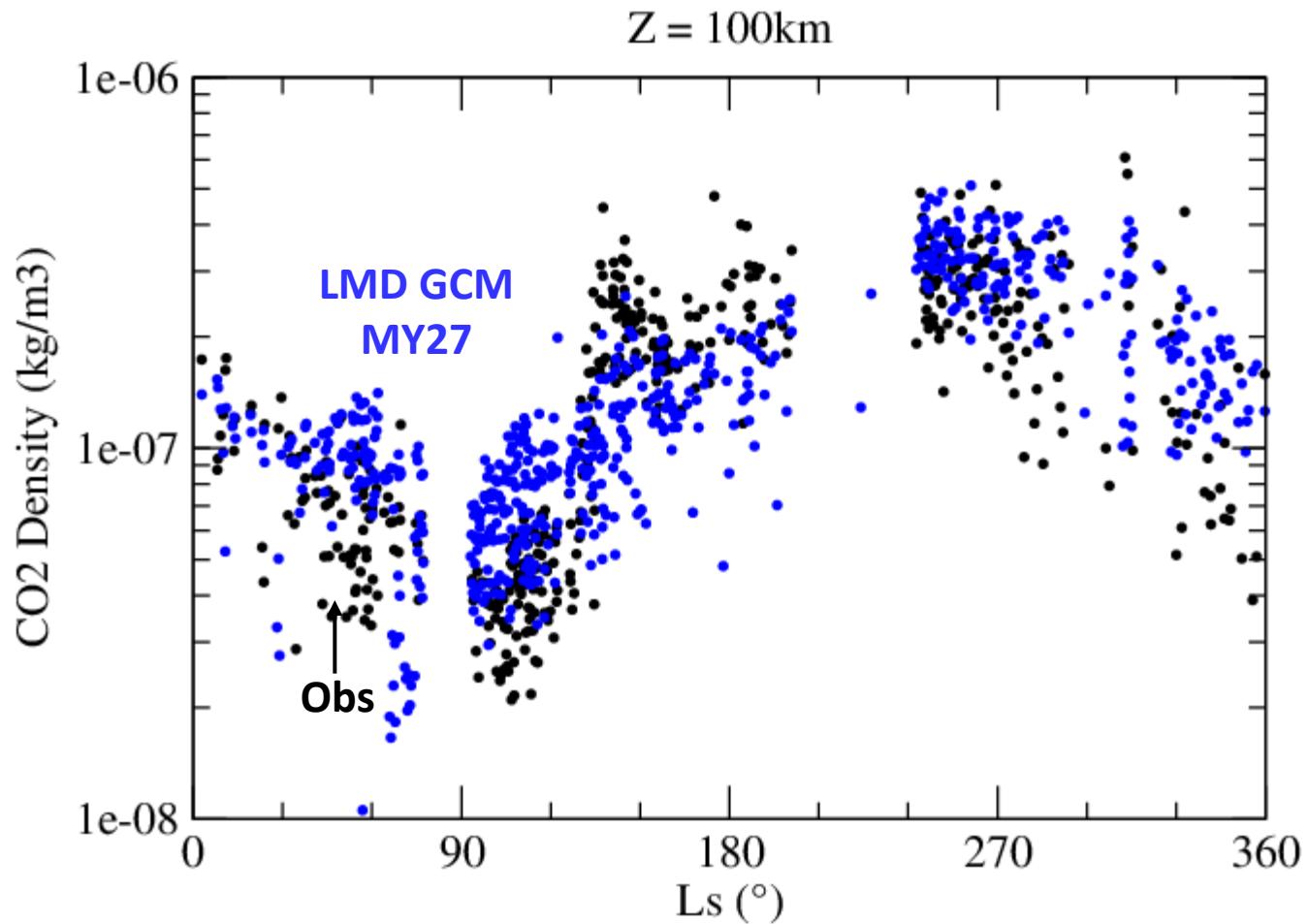
# Comparison with miniTES dust measurements from the Mars Exploration Rover

Smith et al. 2006

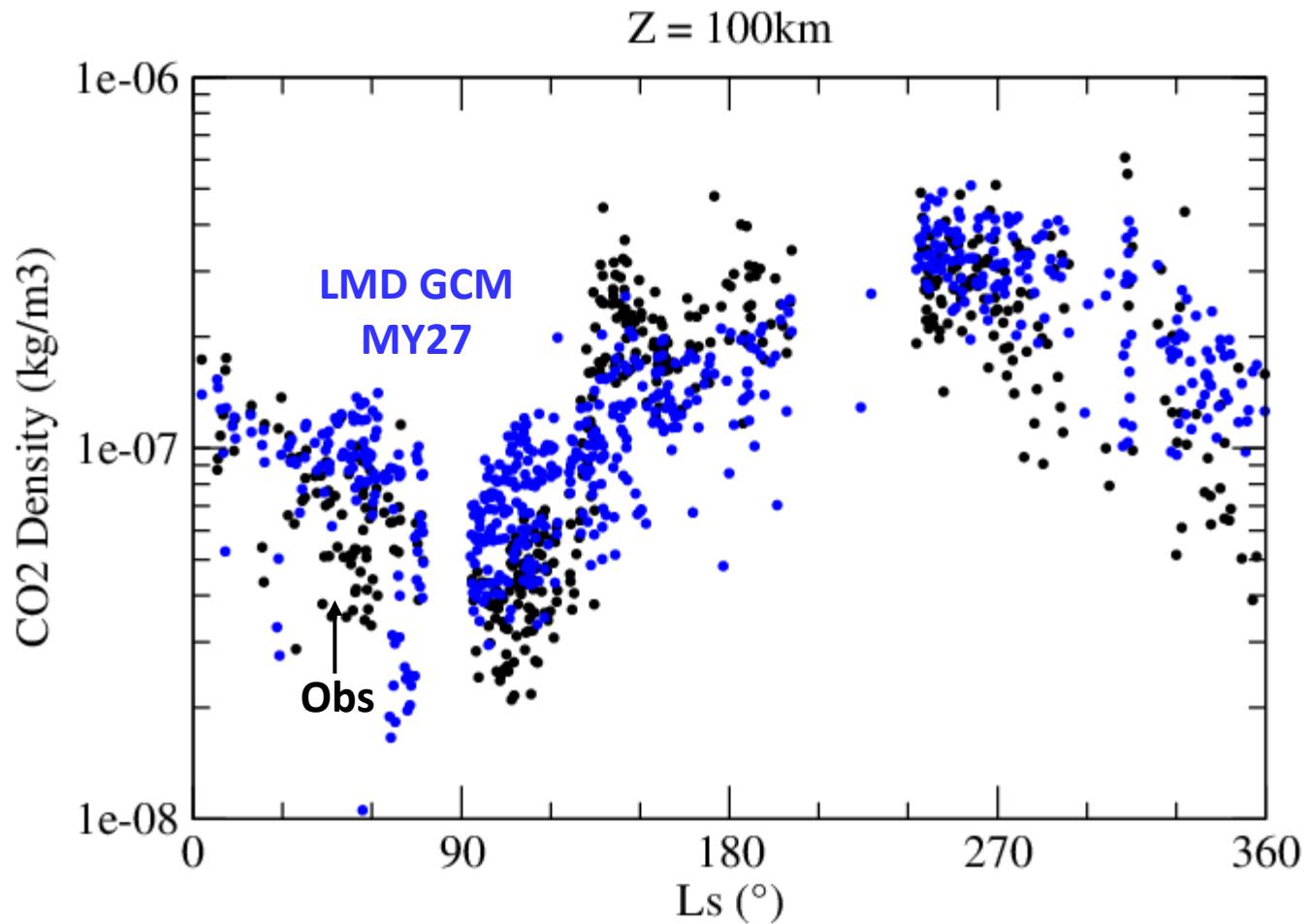
Unusual dust loading event  
around  $L_s=130^\circ$



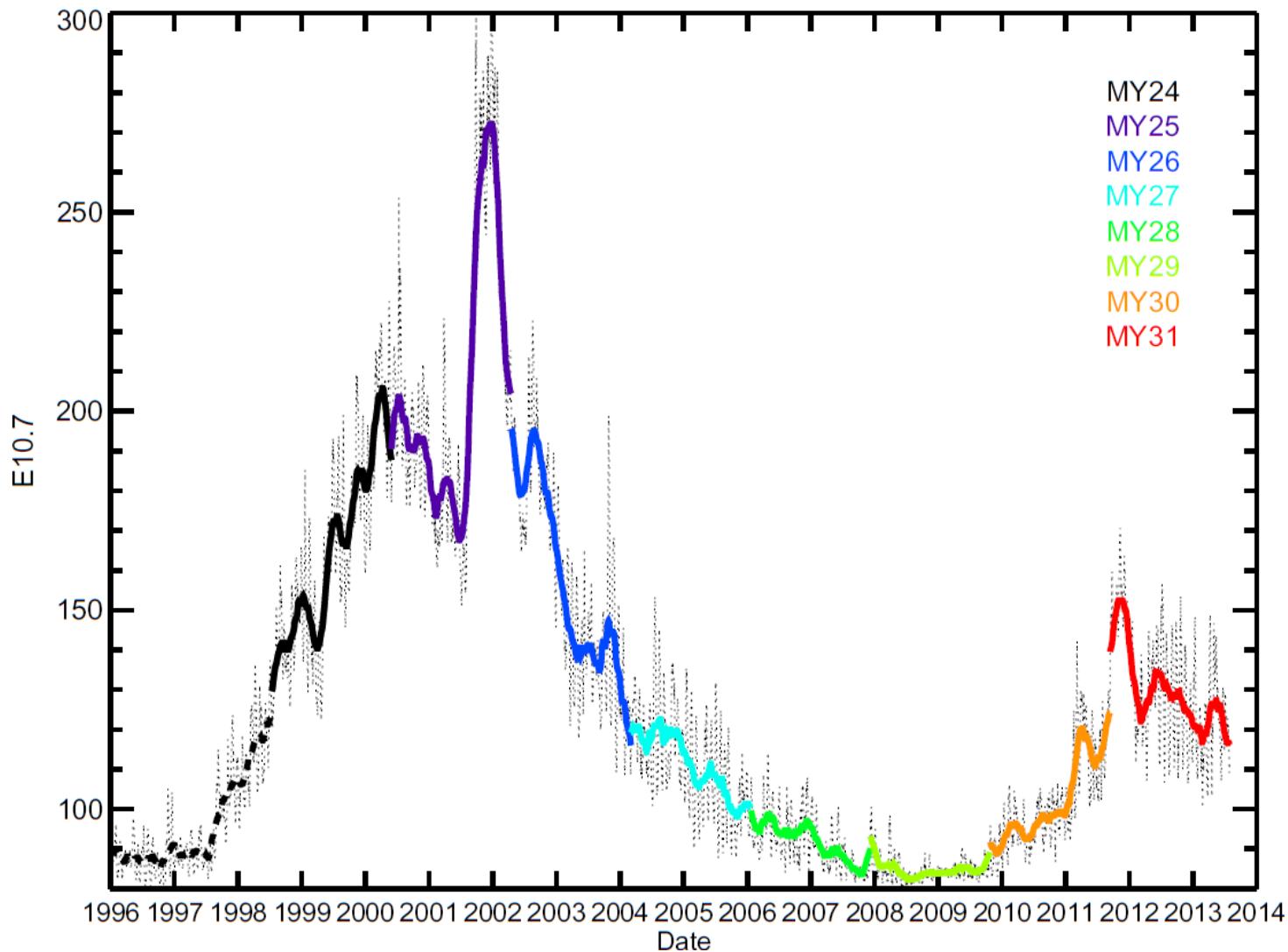
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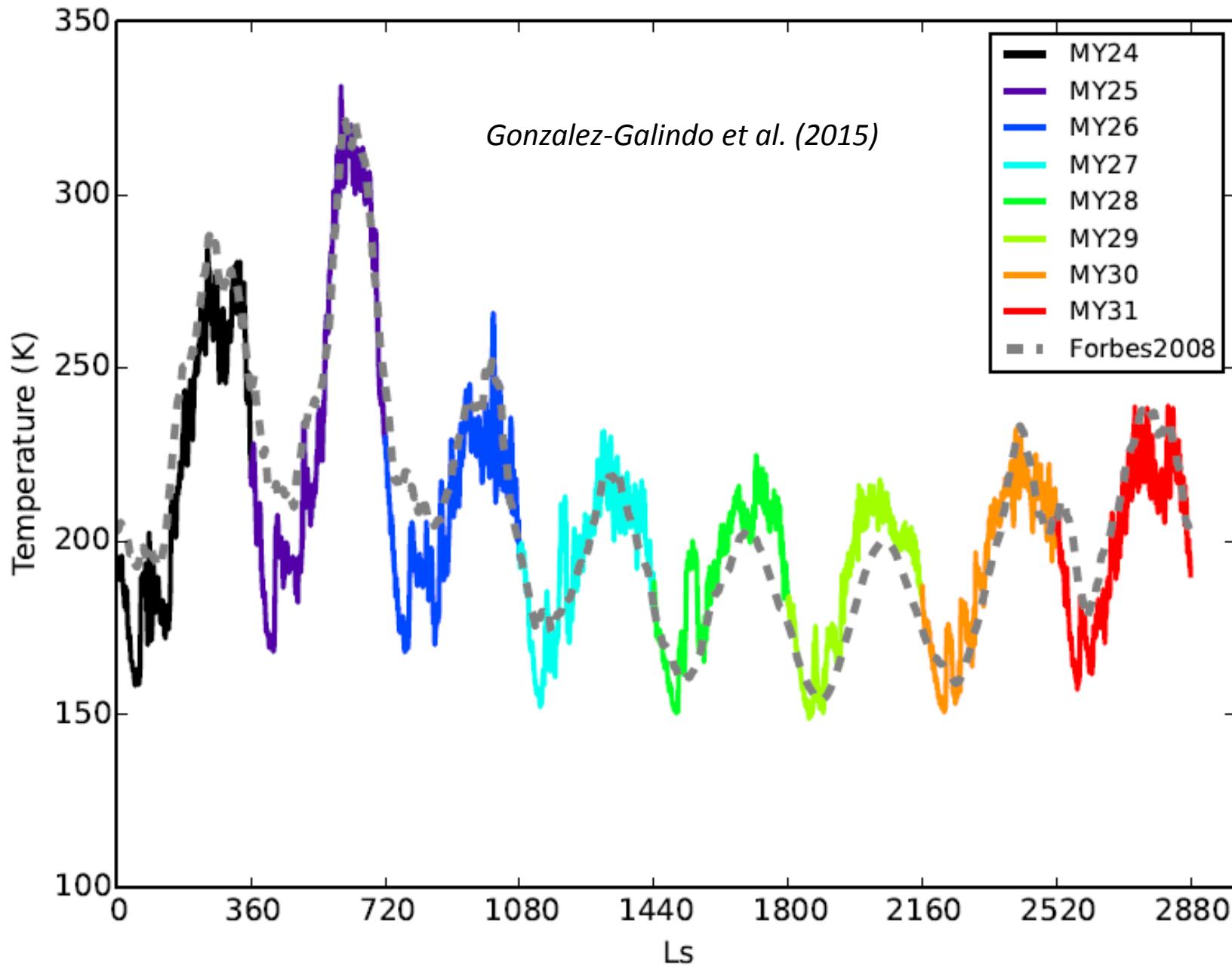


# EUV forcing : E10.7 proxy

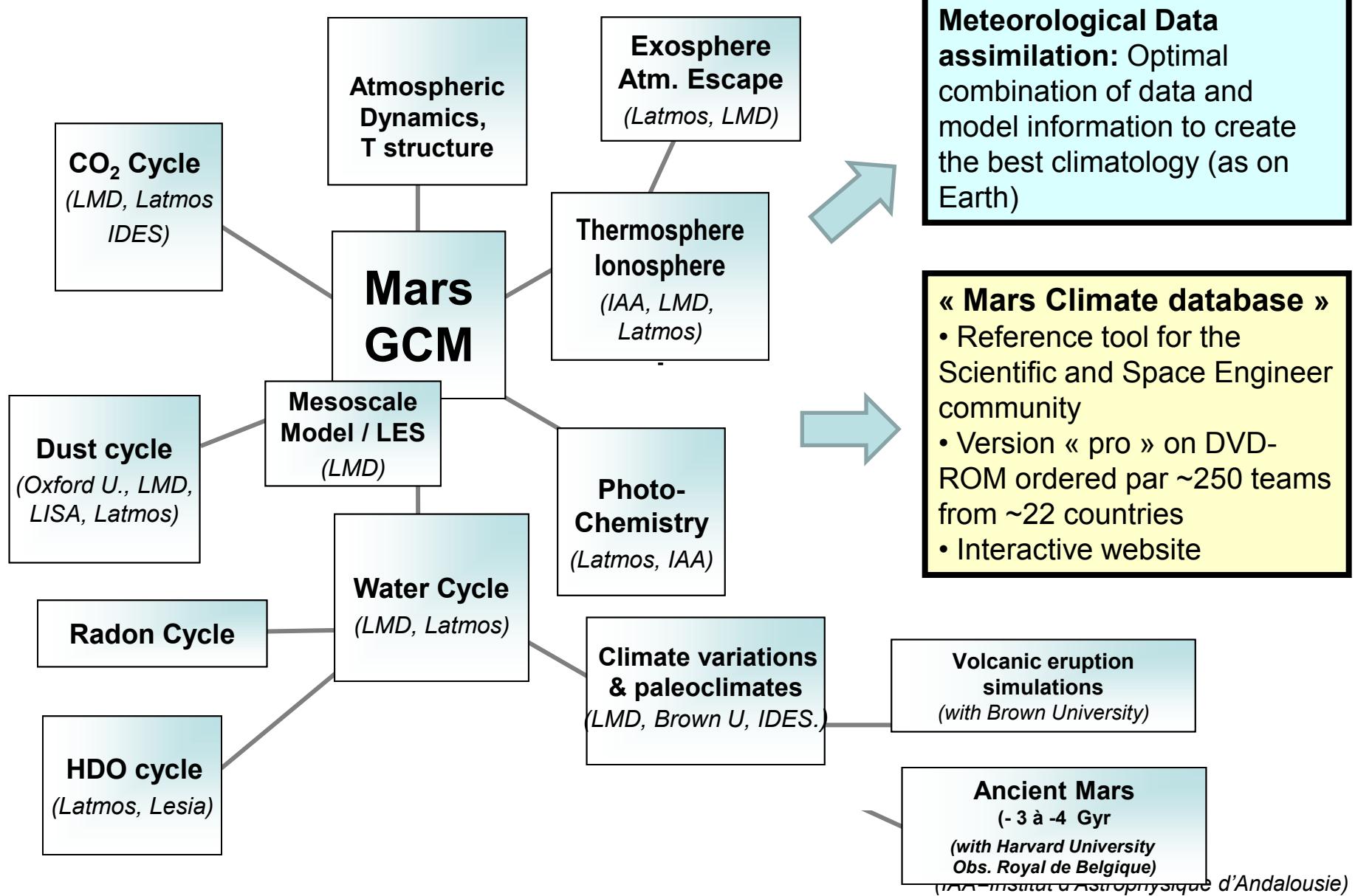


Gonzalez-Galindo et al. (2015)

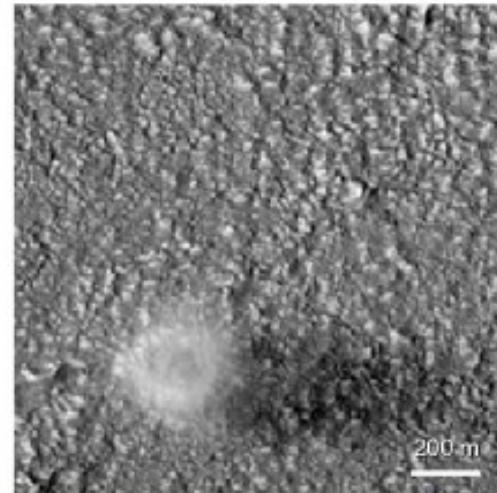
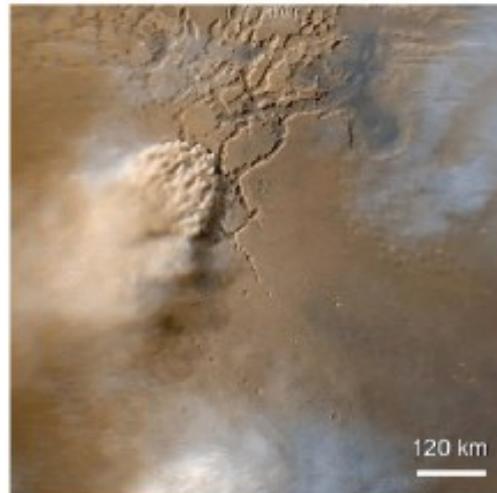
# LMD GCM Zonal mean exobase temperatures at noon and lat=50S



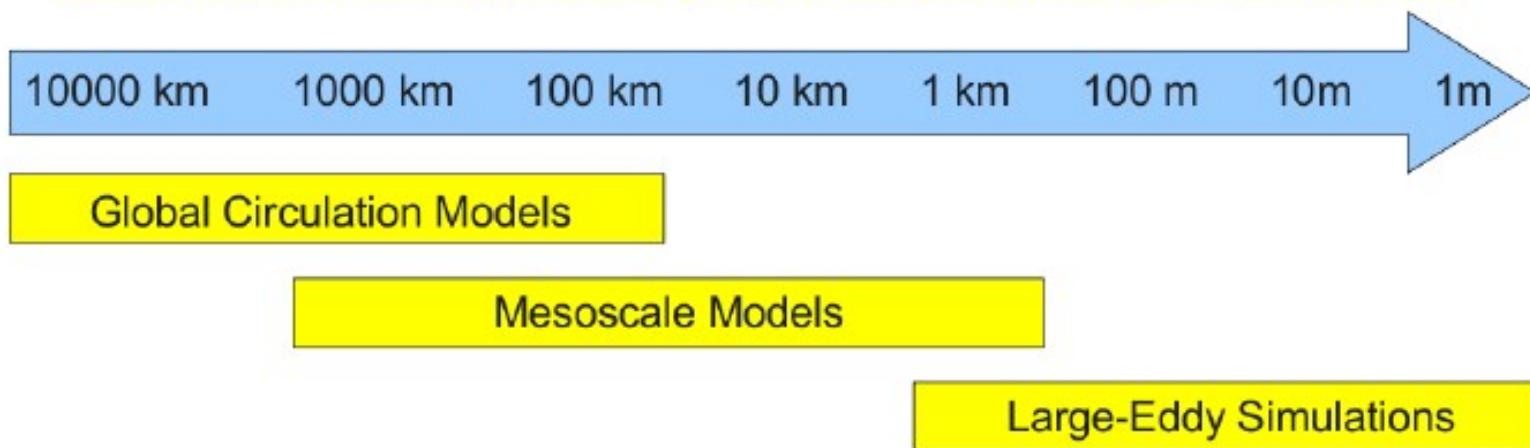
# The LMD/IPSL « Mars system simulator »



# Scales and Models



... Dust fronts ... Regional dust storms ... Local gusts ... Dust devils ...



# Meso-scale Model

Simulate regional Mars meteorology in a limited area with a resolution of ~ 10 km. The LMD mesoscale model:

## WRF dynamical core

integration of conservation laws for momentum, mass, energy, tracers

## LMD Mars physics

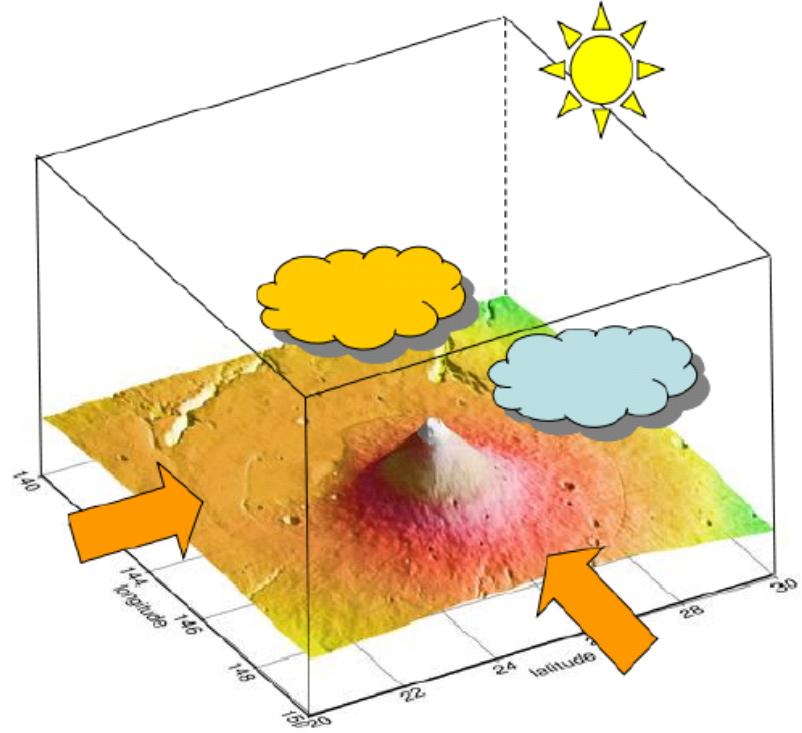
radiative transfer (dust and CO<sub>2</sub>), soil model, vertical mixing, microphysics (H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>), lifting/sedimentation, chemistry

## LMD Mars GCM fields

initial and boundary conditions

## MGS hi-res dataset

topography, albedo, thermal inertia  
specific dust scenarios

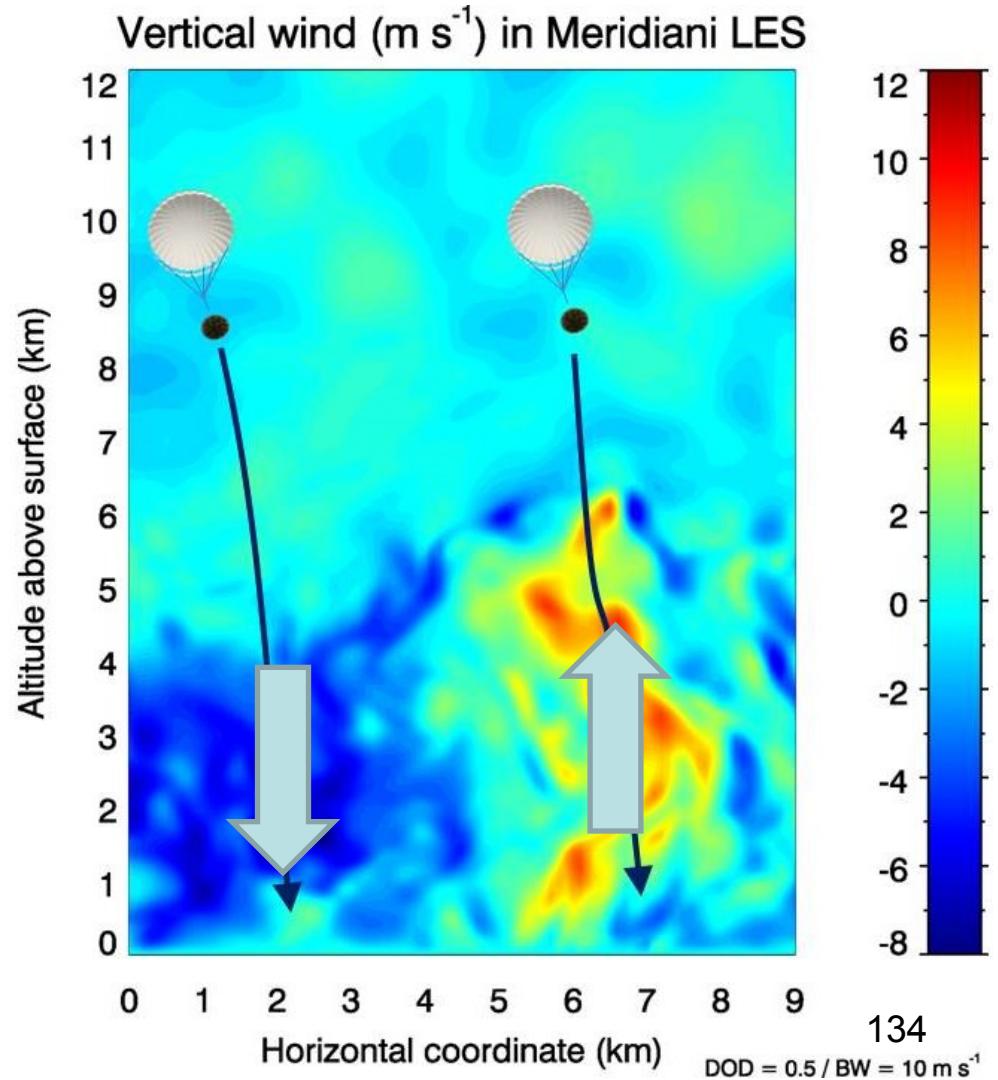


# Microscale Model “*Large Eddy Simulation model*” (LES) for the convective Boundary layer

Daytime convective motions can creates strong updraft and down draft.

This can now be simulated using a “Large Eddy Simulation Models”

- “Non hydrostatic fluid dynamical core”
- **Resolution : 10 to 50 meters** to resolve convective cells
- Full Physical parametrizations package



# **Boundary Layer models in the extremely unstable Martian conditions**

10 km

« Large Eddy Simulation » of  
the daytime convection .

(*Spiga and Forget 2009*)

5 km

**Ideal Tracer Transport  
by Convective vertical  
Motions**

0 km

## **5 Kind of tools developped to simulate the Martian environment developped at LMD**

- 1. Global Climate Model (“GCM”).**

Résolution: ~200 km

- 2. Mars Climate Database (“MCD”)** : derived from GCM simulations.

- 3. Meso-scale model (“MM”)**: Local circulation:

Résolution:~10 km

- 4. Large Eddy Simulation Model (“LES”)**: simulation of the boundary layer (convection). Résolution: ~20 m

- 5. 1D engineering model (“LMD1D”)**. Radiative and thermal environment to design surface hardware

- 6. Surface Illumination Tool** (Monte Carlo model)