

## EXERCISE 2

# Backward “Hello World” NPP example, Forward NPP example

Aims:

### 1. Backward:

1. Familiarise with FLEXPART run in backward mode
2. Understand the strengths and limits of backtracking a single measurement – poor man’s inversion

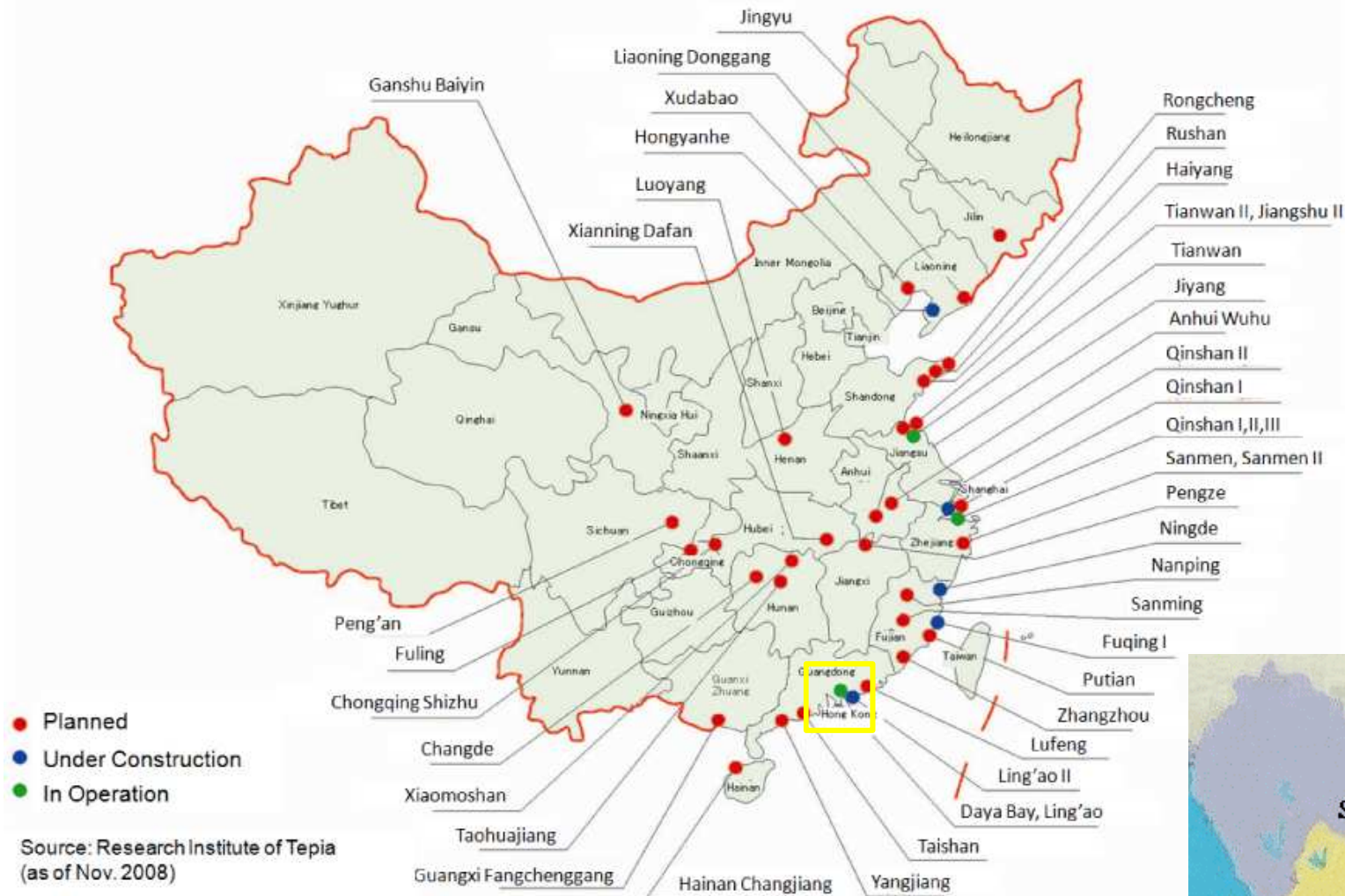
### 2. Forward:

1. How to set a realistic multi-species scenario
2. Influence of grid, depositing characteristics
3. Thinking towards emergency response

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## Sites of Nuclear Power Plants in China





- 1 day integration measurement of Xe-133 (can be treated as a tracer) at the HKO  
22.3025° N, 114.1742° E
- Measurement integration period 2014.10.12 00:00 - 2014.10.13 00:00
- Measurement inlet at 60 m a.g.l.
- Backtracking for 3 days
- Interested in potential emissions at ground level, therefore OUTGRID will only need one level, relatively shallow, 150 m a.g.l.
- Remember to carefully check the COMMAND
- Output every three hours

2014.10.12 00:00 - 2014.10.13 00:00 – Measurement at  
HKO!  $4 \times 10^{**4}$  Bq/m<sup>3</sup> Xe-133



This test case aims at making you run FLEXPART with a simple bwd case and understand the results and what information can be extracted from them.

## ■ Specifications:

### ■ COMMAND FILE:

- Backward run: 9 October 2014 00 UTC to 13 October 2014 00 UTC
- Output every 3 hours
- Convection
- Residence times output
- No nested output
- No adaptation to TL

### ■ OUTGRID FILE:

- Resolution 0.2 degree
- LLC: 20.0° N, 100.0° E
- 100x150 grid cells
- 1 output layer, 150 m agl

## ■ RELEASES FILE:

- Point source at the top of the HKO building: 22.3025° N, 114.1742° E, 60 m agl
- Release start: 12 October 2014 00 UTC
- Release end: 13 October 2014 00 UTC
- Total mass: 1 kg of Xe-133
- Particles released: 10000



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INFORMATION: SUBGRIDS SCALE TERRAIN EFFECT IS  
NOT PARAMETERIZED DURING THIS SIMULATION.  
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ECMWF metdata detected  
Vertical levels in ECMWF data: 138 138

Mother domain:  
Longitude range: 100.00000 to 130.00000 Grid distance: 0.20000  
Latitude range : 20.00000 to 40.00000 Grid distance: 0.20000

Releasepoints : 1

SPECIES: 21 Xe-133 (GAS)  
Wet removal for gases is turned: OFF  
Dry deposition for gases is turned: OFF  
Below-cloud scavenging: OFF  
In-cloud scavenging: OFF  
Particles allocated (maxpart) : 5000000  
Particles released (numpartmax): 10000  
Total mass released: 1.0000000E+00  
Allocating fields for global output (x,y): 150 100  
Allocating fields for nested output (x,y): 0 0  
Concentrations are calculated using kernel  
Simulated 0.0 hours ( 0 s), 0 particles  
Global ECMWF fields: using cloud water  
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Global ECMWF fields: using cloud water  
-10800 Seconds simulated: 1302 Particles: Uncertainty: 0.000 0.000 0.000  
Global ECMWF fields: using cloud water  
-21600 Seconds simulated: 2552 Particles: Uncertainty: 0.000 0.000 0.000

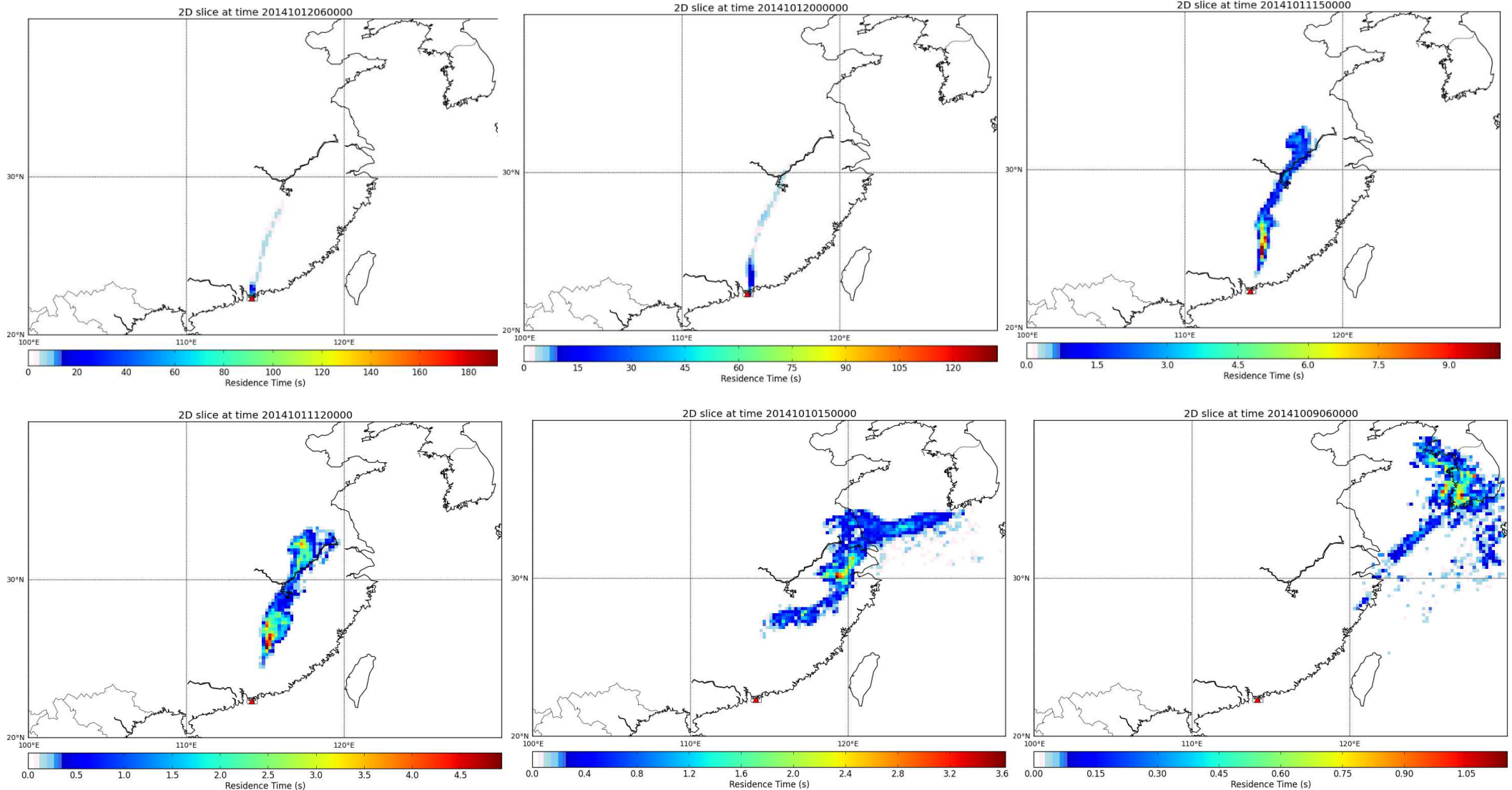


# ECMWF (0.2 degr.) : Bwd run from HKO

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./plot_FLEX_binary.py ./output/ False nuc1 0 0 alldates cyl False
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100.0,130.0,20.0,40.0 mesh False
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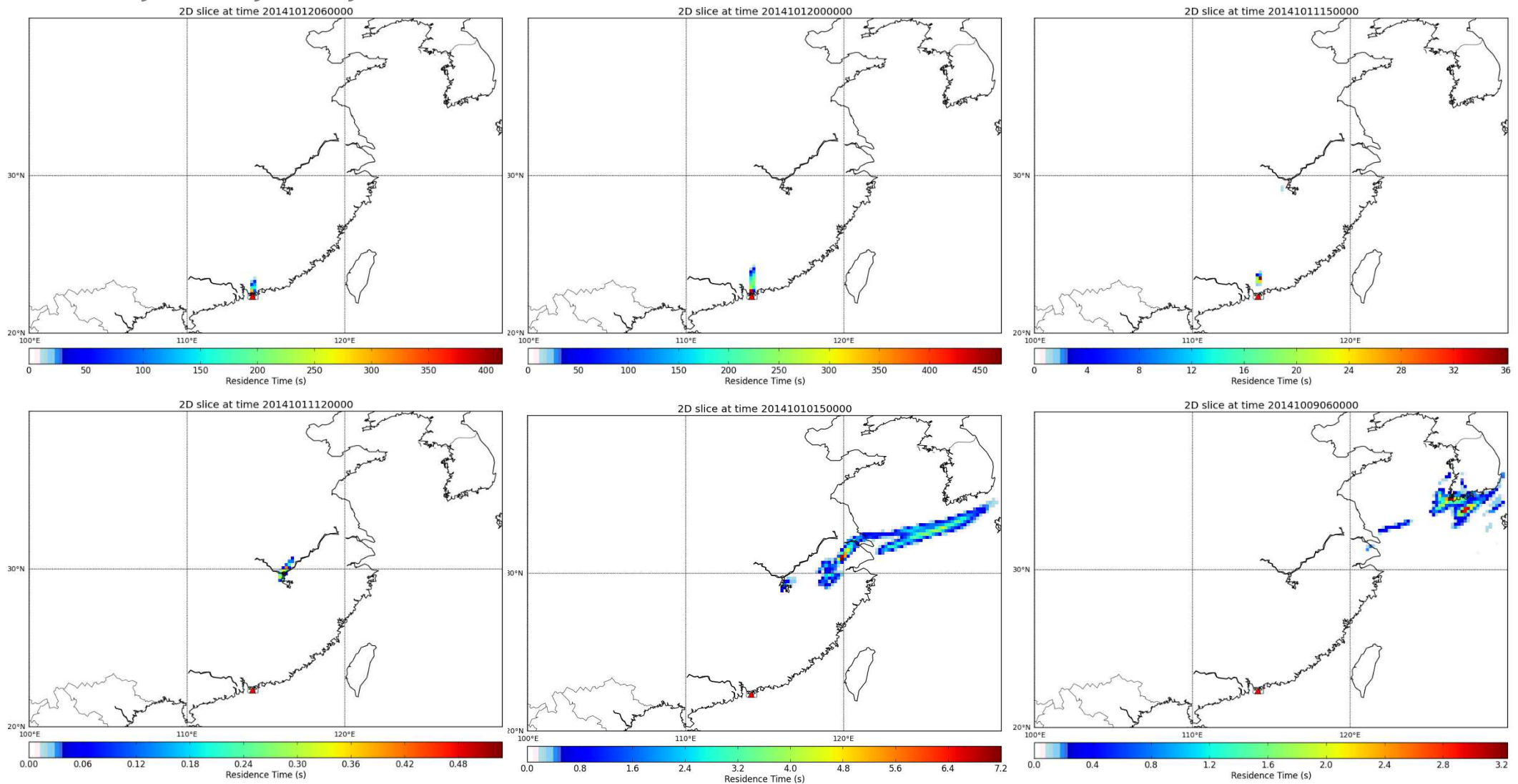
[In backward mode all species are treated the same: write nuc1 or tracer1.]





# NCEP (0.5 degr.): Bwd run from HKO

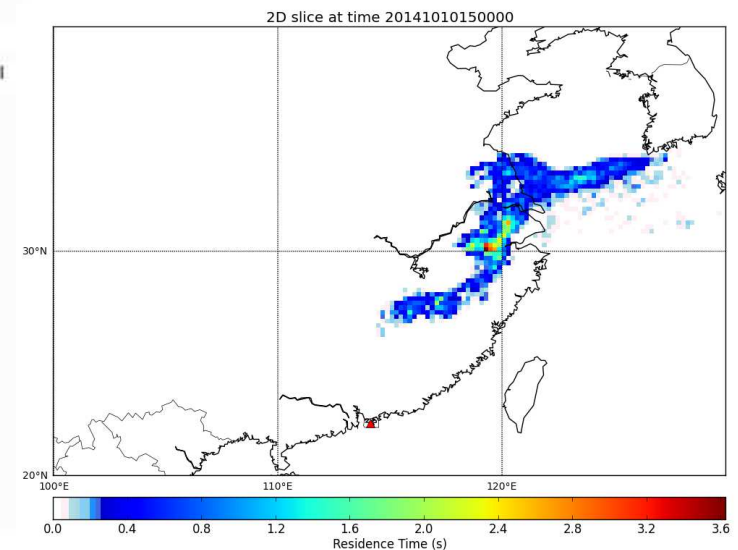
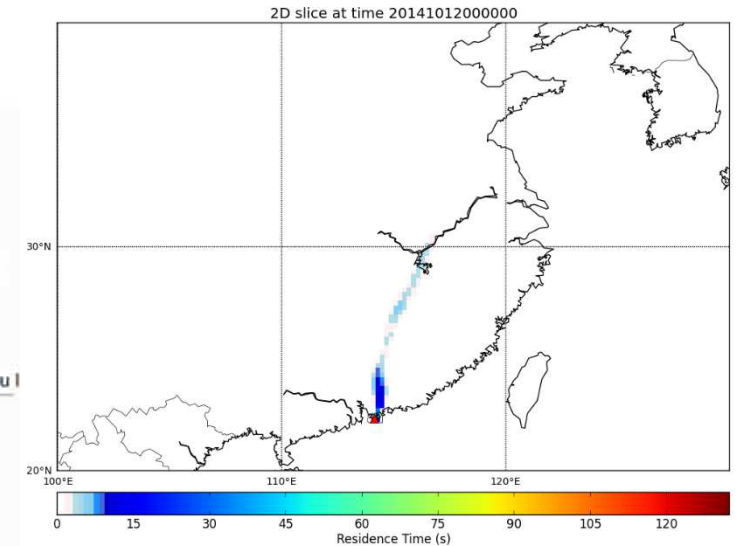
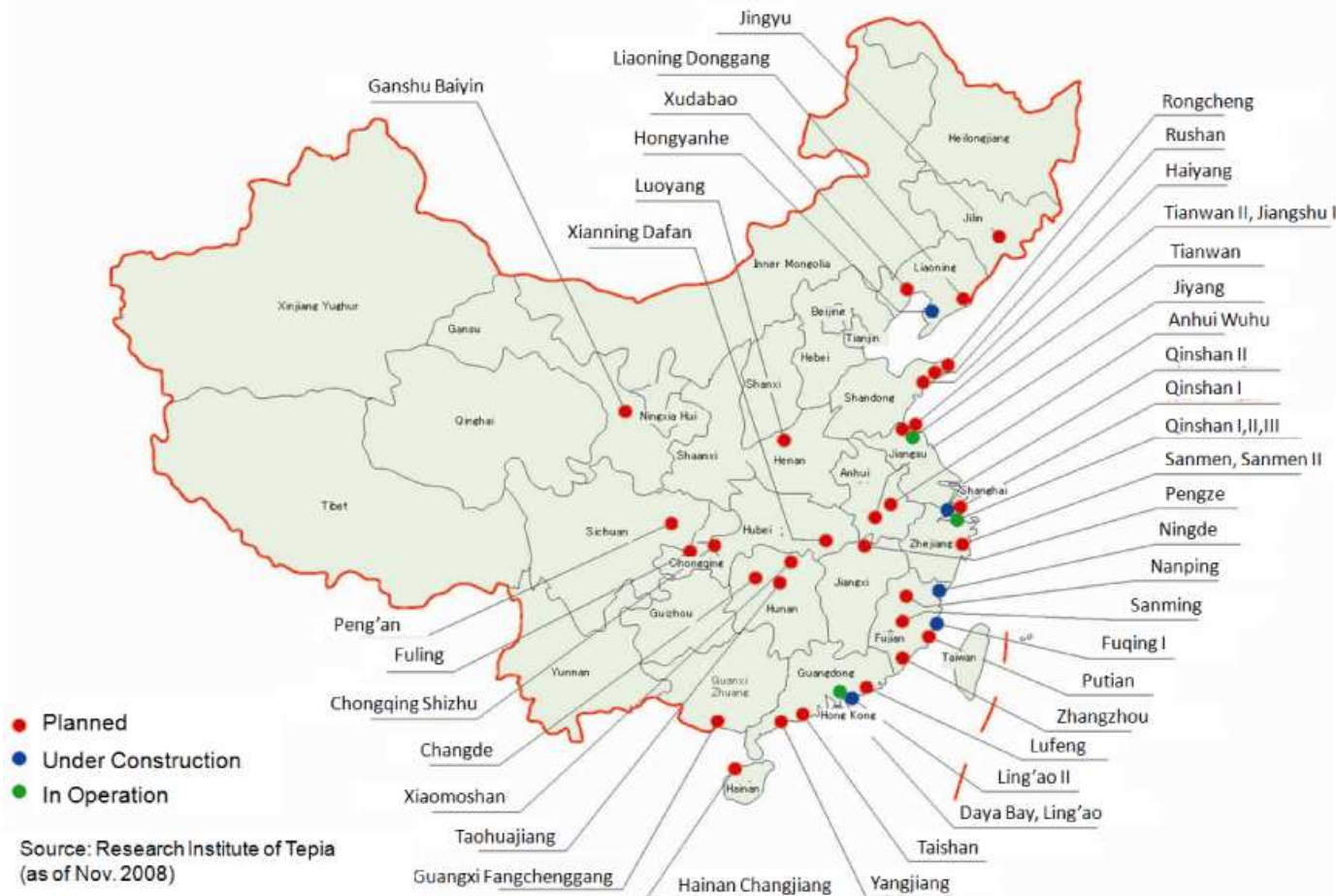
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100.0,130.0,20.0,40.0 mesh False
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Is this discontinuous plume evolution reasonable? Remember differences between COMPUTATIONAL domain and OUTGRID domain



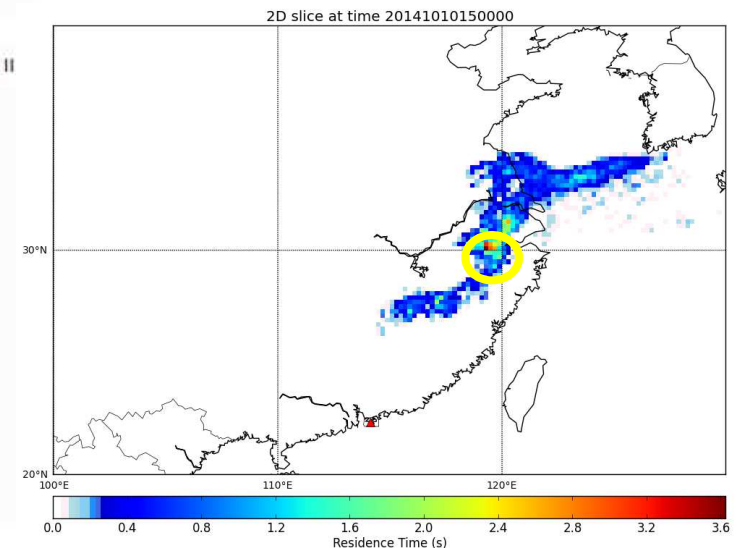
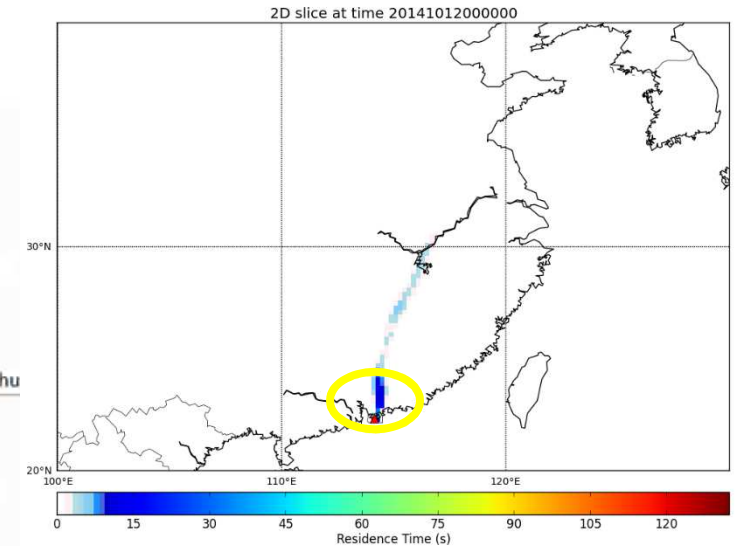
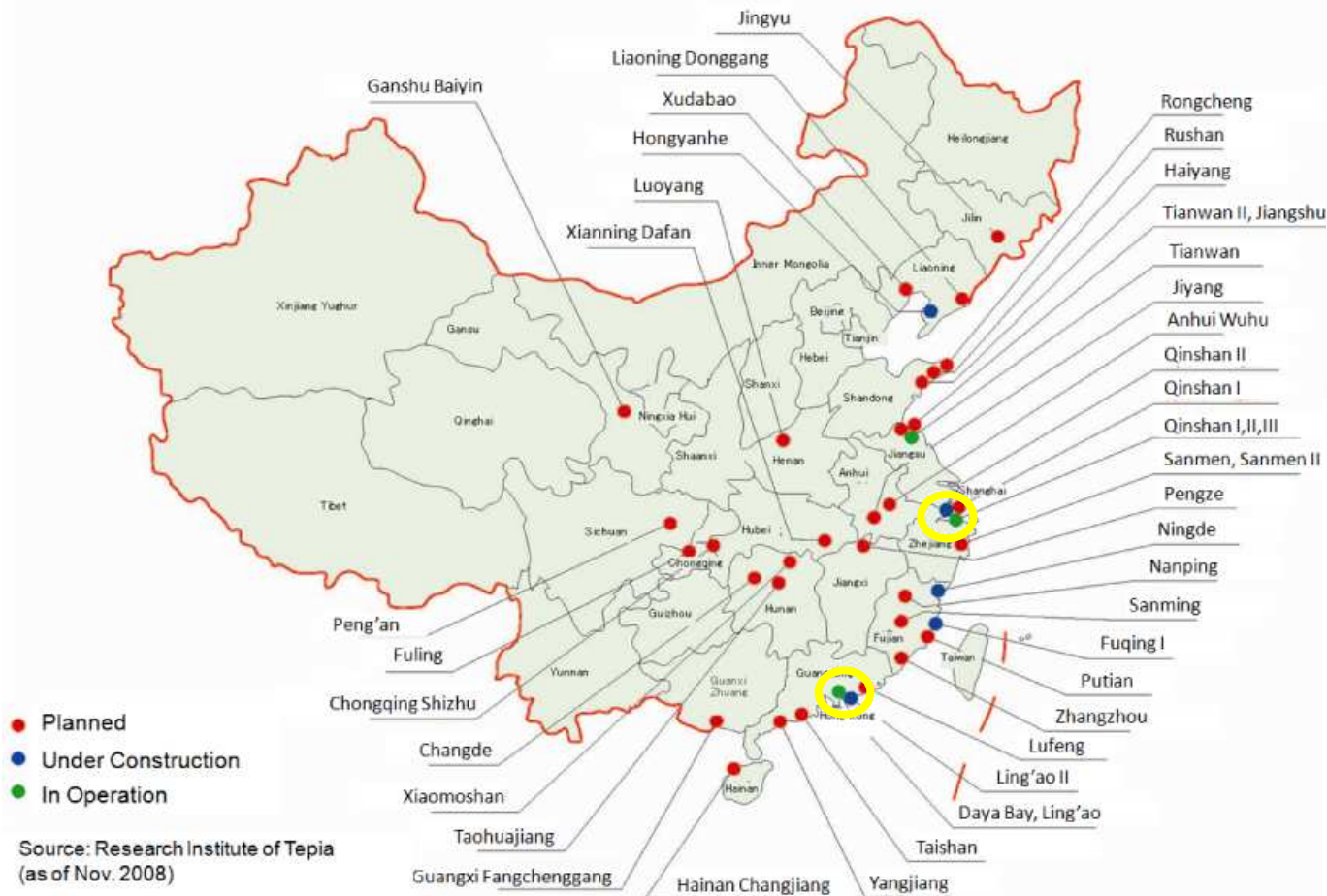
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Do we have only one single potential contributing source?



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What would be the sources that would have led to that measurement with respect to the results?



Observation = Emission \* sensitivity to emission  
 $m[Bq/m^3] = M[s] * S[Bq/s \cdot m^3]$

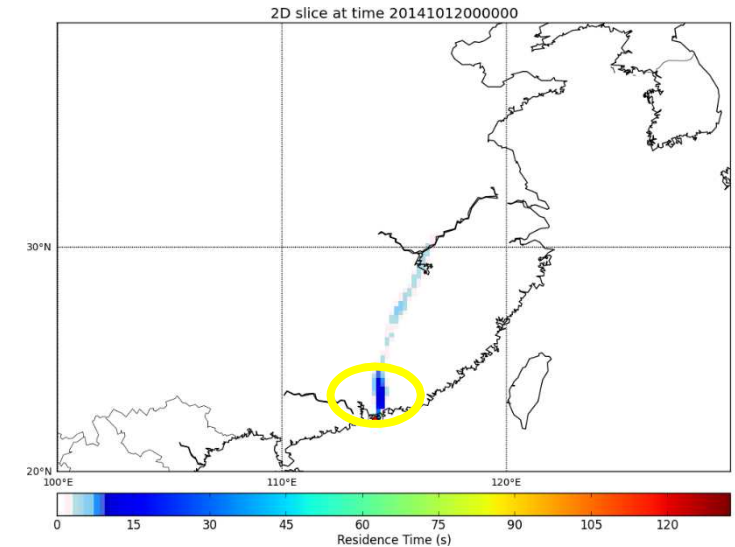
How many Bequerels (kg, ...) released?

Potential source 1 – Daya Bay

M?

How big is the grid size?

Which is the average timing? In what units?

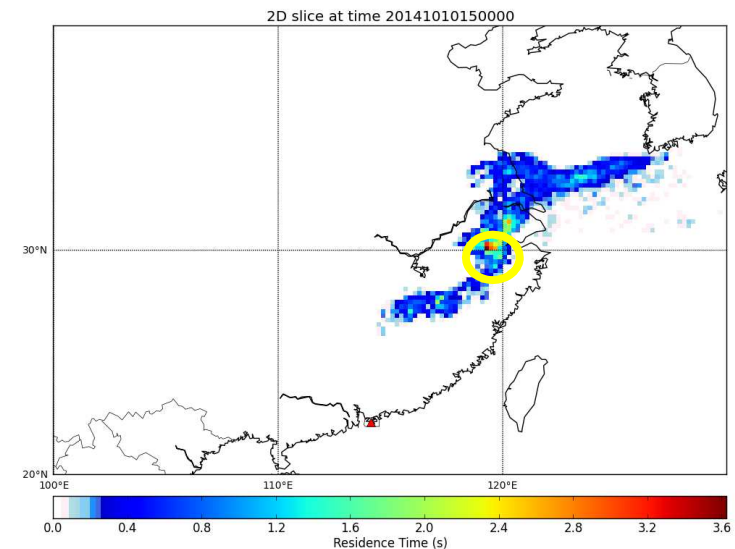


Potential source 2 – Qinshan

M?

How big is the grid size?

Which is the average timing? In what units?



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M? 0.15 s

How big is the grid size?  $0.2 \times 0.2 \text{ deg} \times 150 \text{ (m)}$

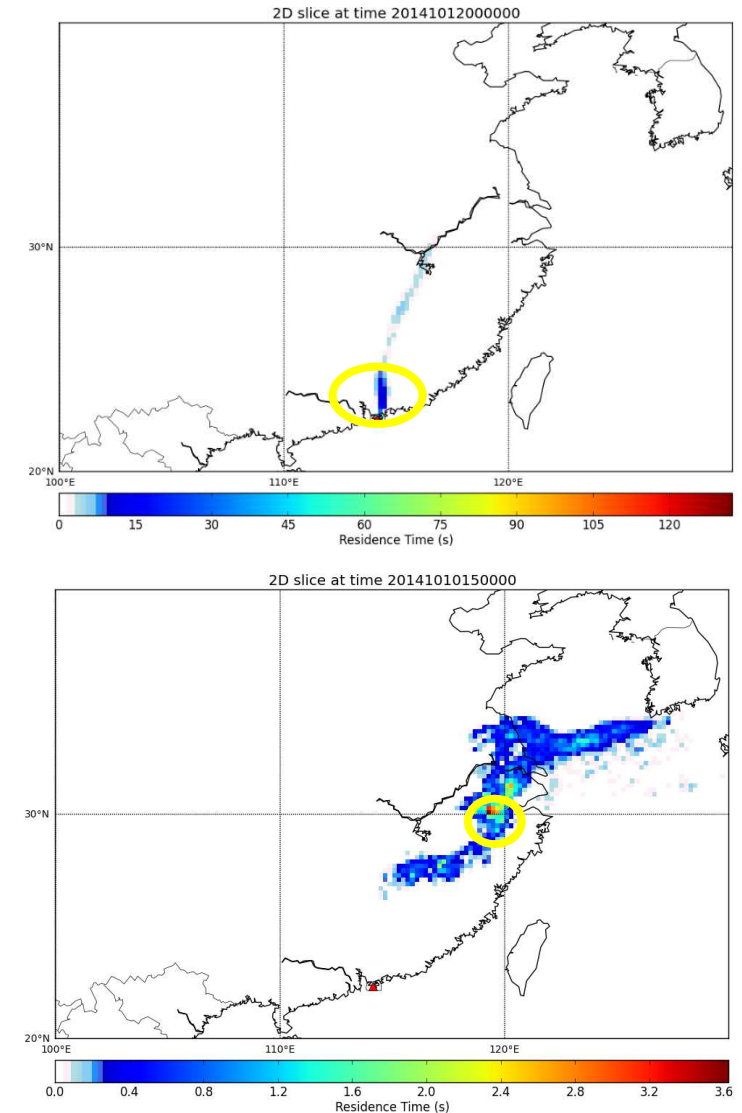
Which is the average timing? In what units? 3 hours

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$$\begin{aligned}
 S[\text{Bq}] &= (m[\text{Bq}/\text{m}^3]/M[\text{s}]) * 3 * 3600[\text{s}] * 0.2 * 100000 * 0.2 * 100000 * 150[\text{m}^3] \\
 &= 4 \times 10^{**4} [\text{Bq}/\text{m}^3] * 1/M[\text{s}] * 3 * 3600[\text{s}] * 0.2 * 100000 \\
 &\quad * 0.2 * 100000 * 150[\text{m}^3] = 1.77\text{E}+20 \text{ Bq!}
 \end{aligned}$$

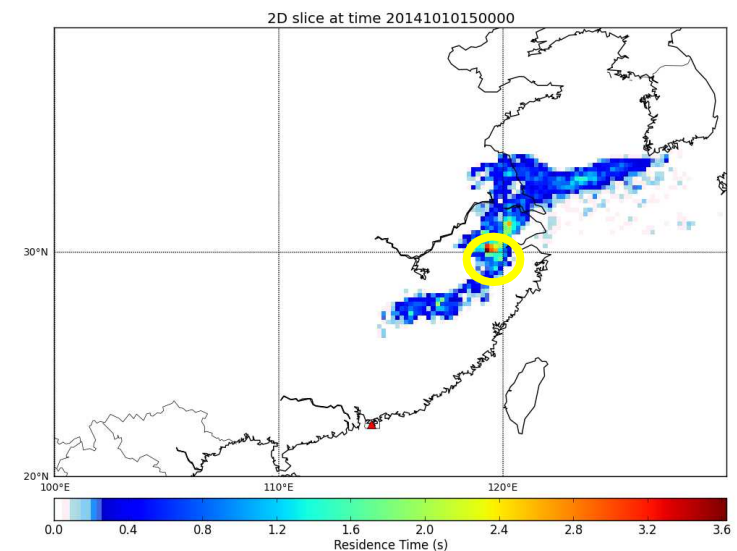
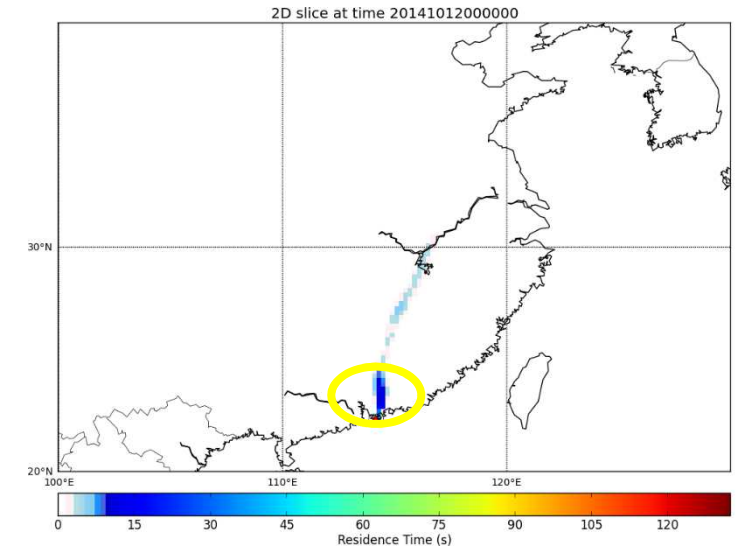
Potential source 2 – Qinshan

$M? 3.5 \text{ s}$

How big is the grid size?  $0.2 \times 0.2 \text{ deg} \times 150 \text{ (m)}$

Which is the average timing? In what units? 3 hours

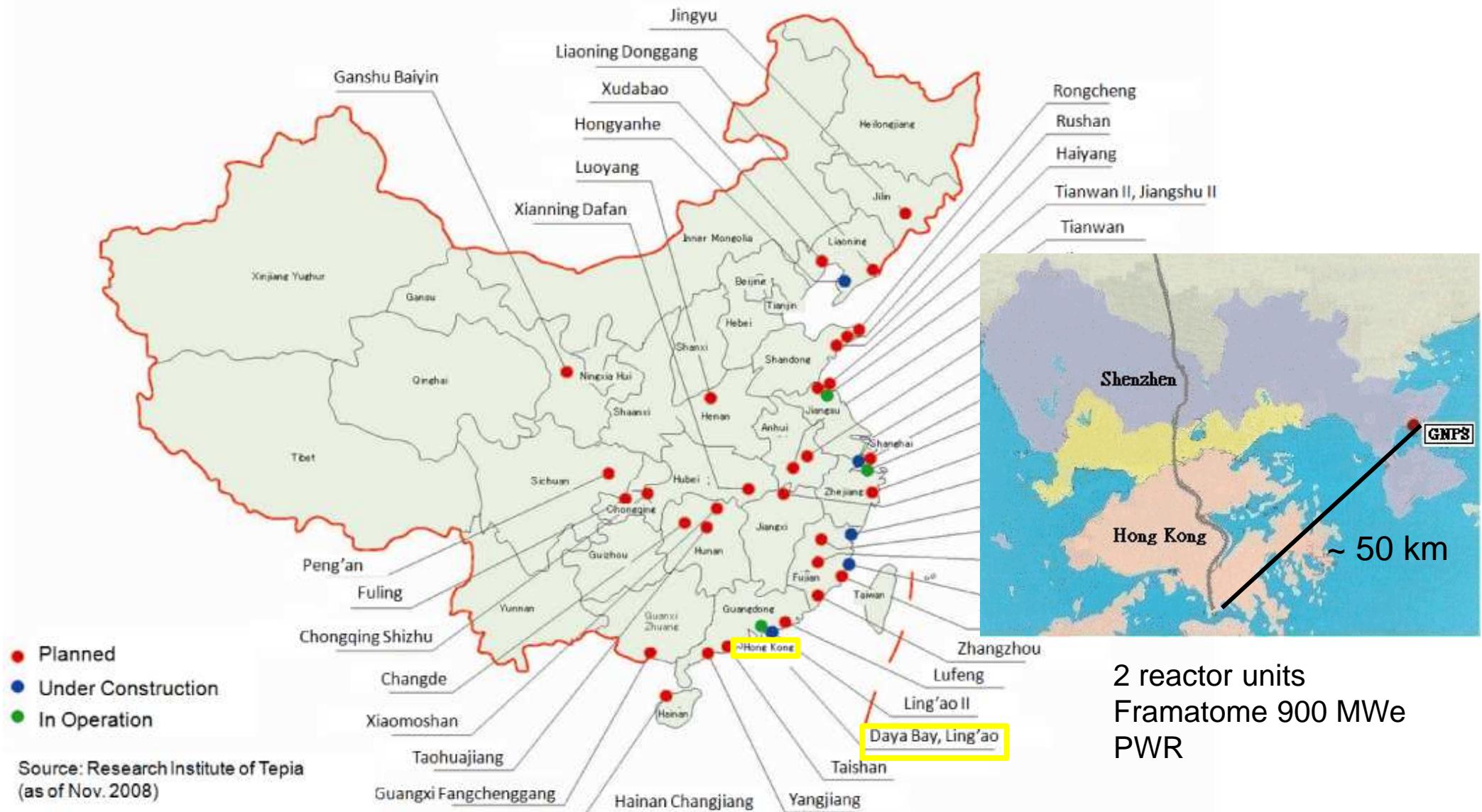
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 &\quad * 0.2 * 100000 * 150[\text{m}^3] = 7.41\text{E}+18 \text{ Bq!}
 \end{aligned}$$



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# GNPS NPP hypothetical scenario

Table 3.4-1 Hypothetical source term used in the contingency plan in Hong Kong

Source term GD	Probability (y <sup>-1</sup> )	Release time (h)	Release duration (h)	Height (m)	Release fraction						
					Xe,Kr	I	Cs	Te	Ba,Sr	Ru <sup>(1)</sup>	La <sup>(2)</sup>
1	3.00E-08	1.5	1	10	2.0	1.6	1.44	1.38	1.1E-1	6.6E-1	1.7E-2
2	5.60E-06	1.5	1	10	1.0	8.0E-1	7.2E-1	6.9E-1	5.6E-2	3.3E-1	8.7E-3
3	2.00E-07	2.5	1	10	1.0	1.8E-1	1.4E-1	1.4E-1	5.0E-2	5.8E-3	6.4E-4
4	2.60E-07	2.5	1	10	1.0	1.8E-1	1.4E-1	1.4E-1	5.0E-2	5.8E-3	6.4E-4
5	1.20E-06	1	10	10	1.0	1.8E-1	8.4E-2	3.6E-1	1.3E-1	2.0E-2	1.8E-3
6	4.00E-07	1	10	10	1.0	5.2E-2	1.7E-2	7.2E-2	2.6E-2	4.1E-3	3.6E-4
7	4.80E-05	12	1	10	1.0	1.7E-1	1.5E-1	2.4E-1	5.3E-2	4.2E-5	3.4E-3
8	6.00E-08	2.5	10	10	1.0	5.0E-2	3.0E-2	3.7E-2	2.1E-2	2.2E-3	8.9E-3
9	1.20E-06	24	1	0	1.0	1.7E-4	1.0E-4	9.7E-5	1.1E-5	8.9E-7	1.3E-7
10	1.20E-06	24	10	10	0.75	8.5E-3	3.5E-3	3.5E-3	4.0E-3	3.0E-4	5.0E-5
11	5.00E-06	1	2	0	1.0	6.7E-1	6.7E-1	6.4E-1	7.0E-2	5.0E-2	9.0E-3
12	3.60E-05	24	1	10	5E-3	1.2E-4	1.0E-4	9.7E-5	1.1E-5	8.9E-7	1.3E-7

(1) include Ru, Mo (2) include La, Y, Zr, Ce, Pu, Am, Cm

Source from:

Consultancy on the environment aspects of the Daya Bay Nuclear Power Station for the government of Hong Kong – Risk Assessment [16]

<http://hub.hku.hk/bitstream/10722/41313/6/FullText.pdf>

Hypothetical ST based on US Surry (Westinghouse) PWR due to similar design (not the same thermal power – scaling)

Table 3.4-2 Description of the source term used in the hypothetical accident

GD	Description
1, 2	Early overpressure due to direct heating, hydrogen explosion, or steam explosion effects, or combinations thereof, with high pressure
3	Early overpressure due to direct heating, hydrogen explosion, or steam explosion effects, or combinations thereof, with low or medium pressure core melt and sprays NOT operating.
4	Early overpressure due to direct heating, hydrogen explosion, or steam explosion effects, or combinations thereof, with low or medium pressure core melt and sprays operating.
5	Failure to isolate (large leakage rate), sprays NOT operating.
6	Failure to isolate (large leakage rate), sprays operating.
7	Overpressure due to failure of containment heat removal.
8	Delayed overpressure due to accumulation of incondensable gases, or delayed excessive steam generation (with containment heat removal operating)
9	Basemat penetration by core debris.
10	Deliberate (filtered) venting.
11	Bypass of the containment by direct connection of the primary circuit to the surroundings
12	Successful containment.



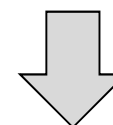
Table 3.5-1 Inventory in reactor of the nuclear power plant and half-lives

Nuclide	Initial inventory $Q_T$ (Bq)	Half-lives $T_{1/2}$ (s)
Kr-85	1.8490E+16	3.3860E+08
Kr-85m	7.9000E+17	1.6128E+04
Kr-87	1.4520E+18	4.5602E+03
Kr-88	1.9950E+18	1.0083E+04
Sr-89	2.8760E+18	4.4928E+06
Sr-90	1.4910E+17	8.8646E+08
Y-91	3.8550E+18	5.0553E+06
Zr-95	5.0260E+18	5.6592E+06
Mo-99	5.5000E+18	2.3760E+05
Ru-103	4.4810E+18	3.4206E+06
Ru-106	2.7210E+18	3.1795E+07
Te-129m	1.4230E+17	2.9030E+06
Te-131m	2.9620E+17	1.0800E+05
Te-132	4.1440E+18	2.8080E+05
I-131	2.8950E+18	6.9466E+05
I-132	4.2410E+18	8.2800E+03
I-133	5.8220E+18	7.4822E+04
I-134	6.6910E+18	3.1560E+03
I-135	5.4740E+18	2.3796E+04
Xe-133	5.8480E+18	4.5706E+05
Xe-135	1.4230E+18	3.3013E+04
Cs-134	3.2920E+17	6.5007E+07
Cs-136	1.1330E+17	1.1318E+06
Cs-137	1.9560E+17	9.4954E+08
Ba-140	5.2480E+18	1.1051E+06

## RELEASES

RN	Inventory (Bq)	Rel. Frac.	Release (Bq)	Release (TBq)
Xe-133 NG	5.85E+18	1	5.85E+18	5.85E+06
Cs-137 aerosol	1.96E+17	0.14	2.74E+16	2.74E+04
I-131 (I2)	2.90E+18	0.18	2.61E+17	2.61E+05
I-131 aerosol			2.61E+17	2.61E+05

- Emission/release length : 1 hour starting at 20140923 00:00 UTC
- Emission/release height : 10 m a.g.l → 50 m a.g.l column (~ building height)
- Location: 22.5972° N , 114.5444° E



### Multispecies release

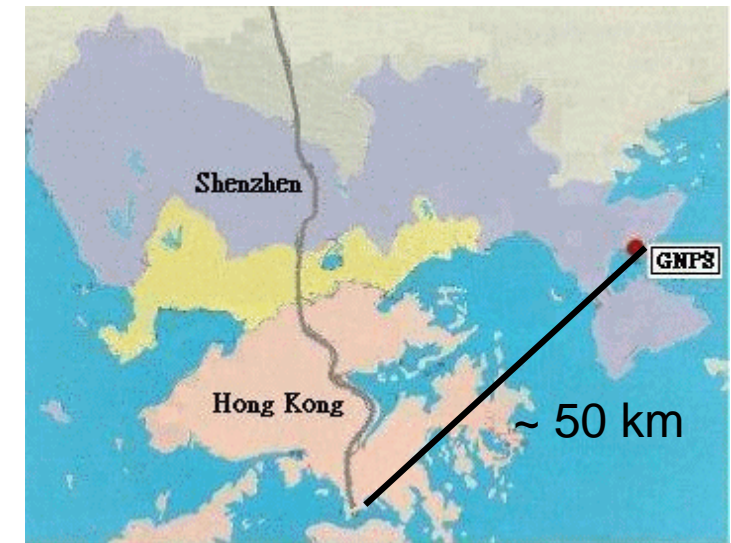
Mind:

- Gravitational settling
- Definition of each of the species
- Post-processing
- Number of particles per release (10000)



## OUTGRID/OUTGRID\_NEST

- Mother/Nest:
  - LLC -179.0° /112.5° E, -90.0° /21.0° N
  - 360 x 180 / 320 x 320
- Vertical levels
  - 1000, 2000 and 5000 m a.g.l
- Horizontal resolution mother/nest: 1.0° x 1.0° / 0.01° x 0.01°



## COMMAND

- Simulation start / stop: 20140923 00:00 UTC / 20140923 12:00 UTC
- Temporal resolution: hourly
- LCONVECTION=1, IOUT=0, NESTED\_OUTPUT=1

ECMWF (1.0° /0.2° nested) & GFS (0.5° ) meteorological data



# GNPS NPP hypothetical scenario

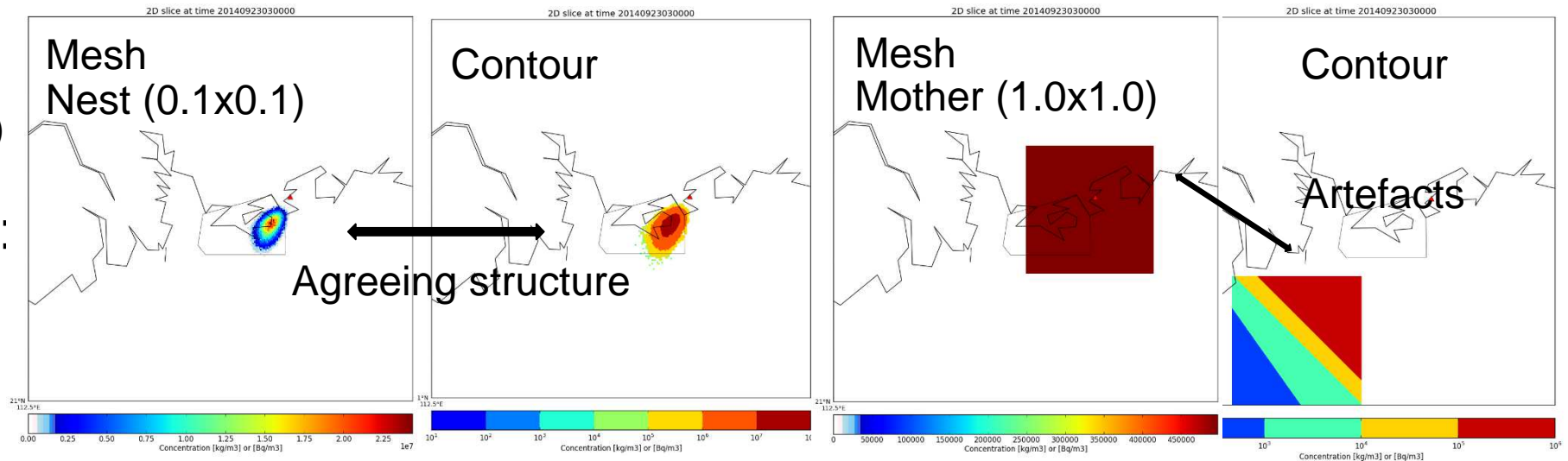
Results for

Xe-133

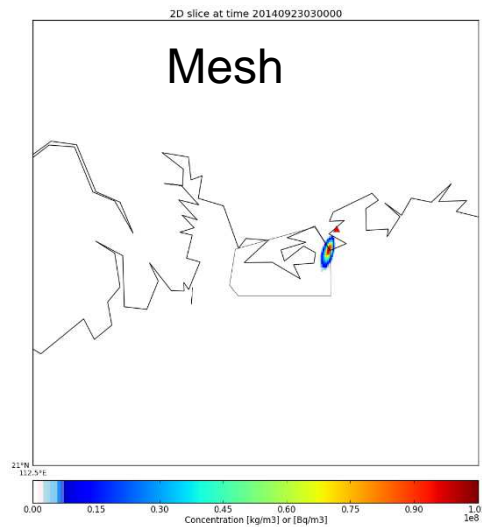
(non-  
depositing)

ECMWF:

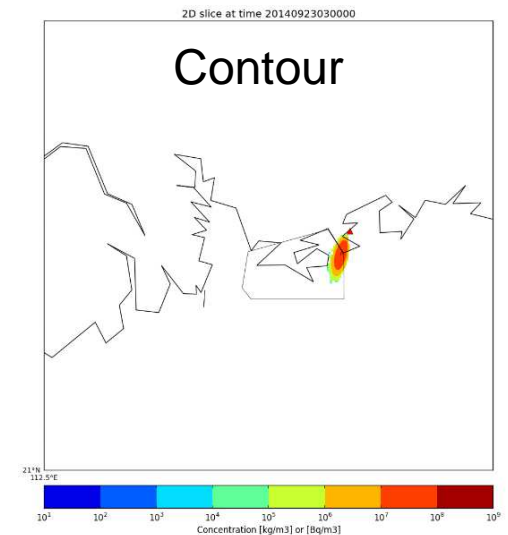
High-resolution nest needed in the near-range!



NCEP:



```
./plot_FLEX_binary.py  
./output_ECMWF [NCEP]/ True  
[False] 4 0 3 alldates cyl False  
112.5,115.5,21.0,24.0 mesh  
[contour] False
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# GNPS NPP hypothetical scenario

Cs-137 aerosol:

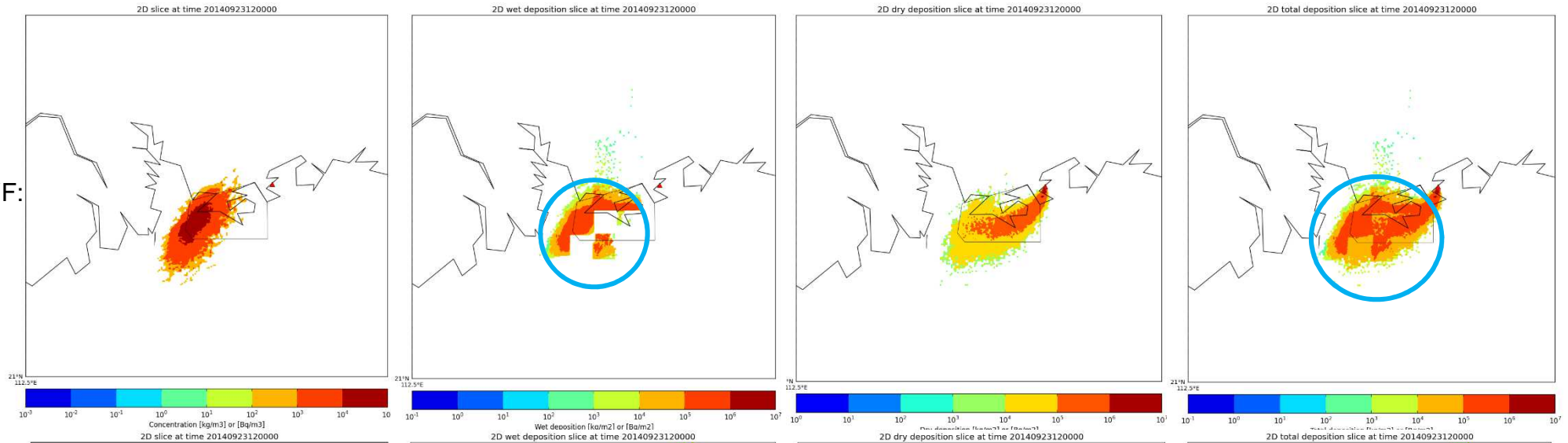
Concentration

Wet depo

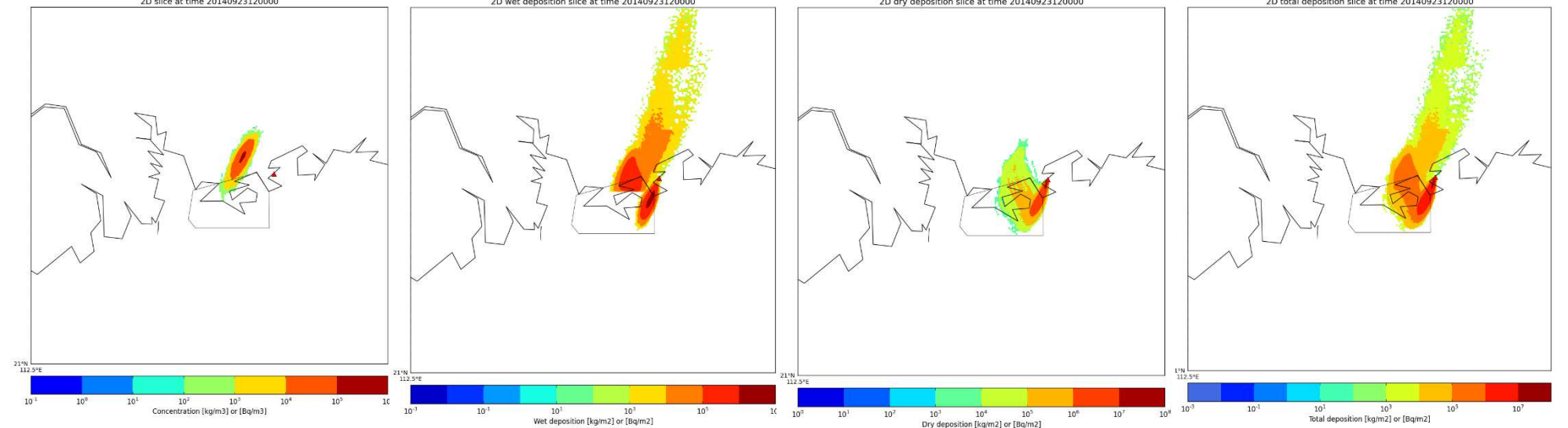
Dry depo

Total depo

ECMWF:



NCEP:



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