

Practical Application of Python for Air Quality Data Analysis and Modeling

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Goal

- The goal of this presentation is to illustrate how air quality scientists and engineers can utilize Python for their daily air quality modeling and data analysis tasks.

Why Python?

- Now, Python is everywhere. Check out TIOBE index: <https://www.tiobe.com/tiobe-index/>.
- Python has very diverse software ecosystem; scientific community is one of active groups. Many free and community-supported libraries are available for high-performance computing, publication quality graphics, and large-scale data analyses.
- Most libraries are cross-platform; they work for Windows, Linux, and OSX. To highlight this, examples in this presentation were made on a Windows Machine.

Air Quality Data Analysis

- Getting a pre-generated AQS data file, extracting Georgia data, saving it as a CSV file, and plotting a histogram

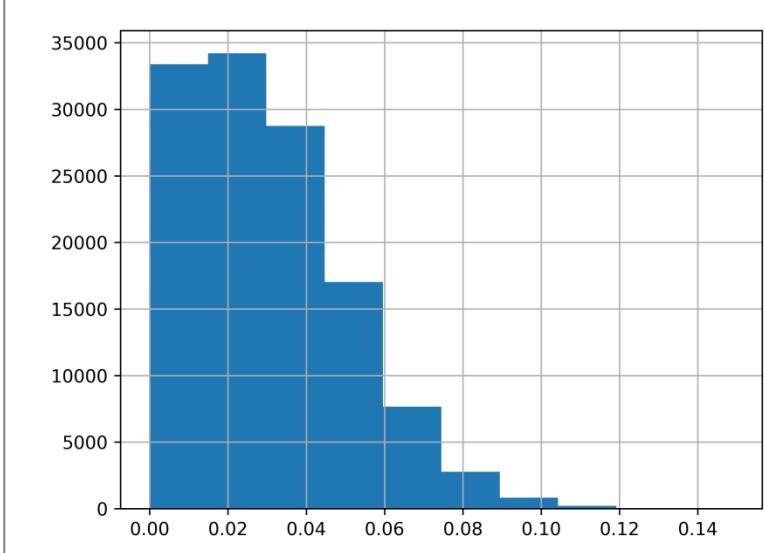
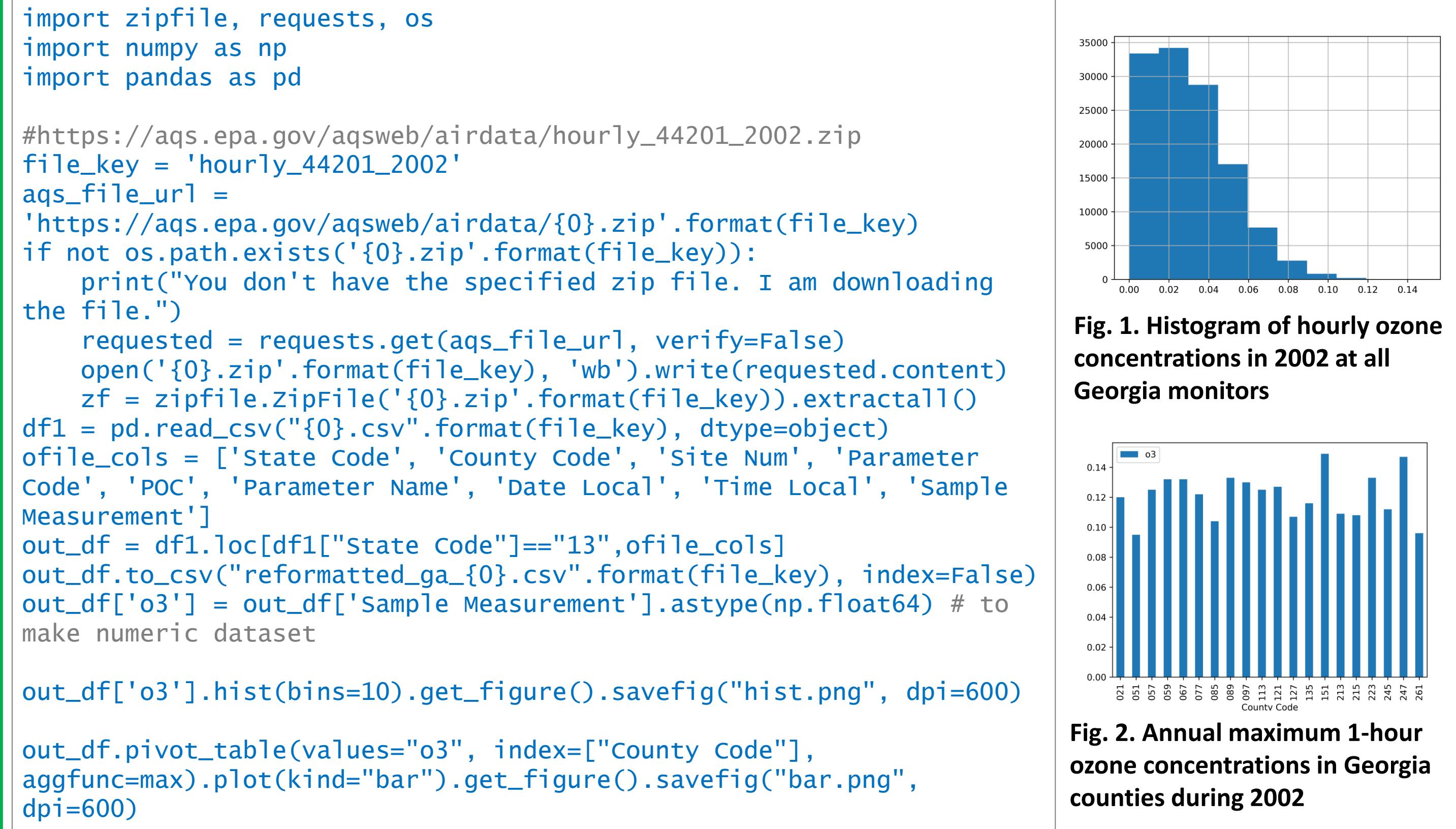


Fig. 2. Annual maximum 1-hour ozone concentrations in Georgia counties during 2002

Air Quality Modeling Analysis 1

- Reading a native CAMx file, adding a derived variable, and saving the file as an IOAPI compliant NETCDF file

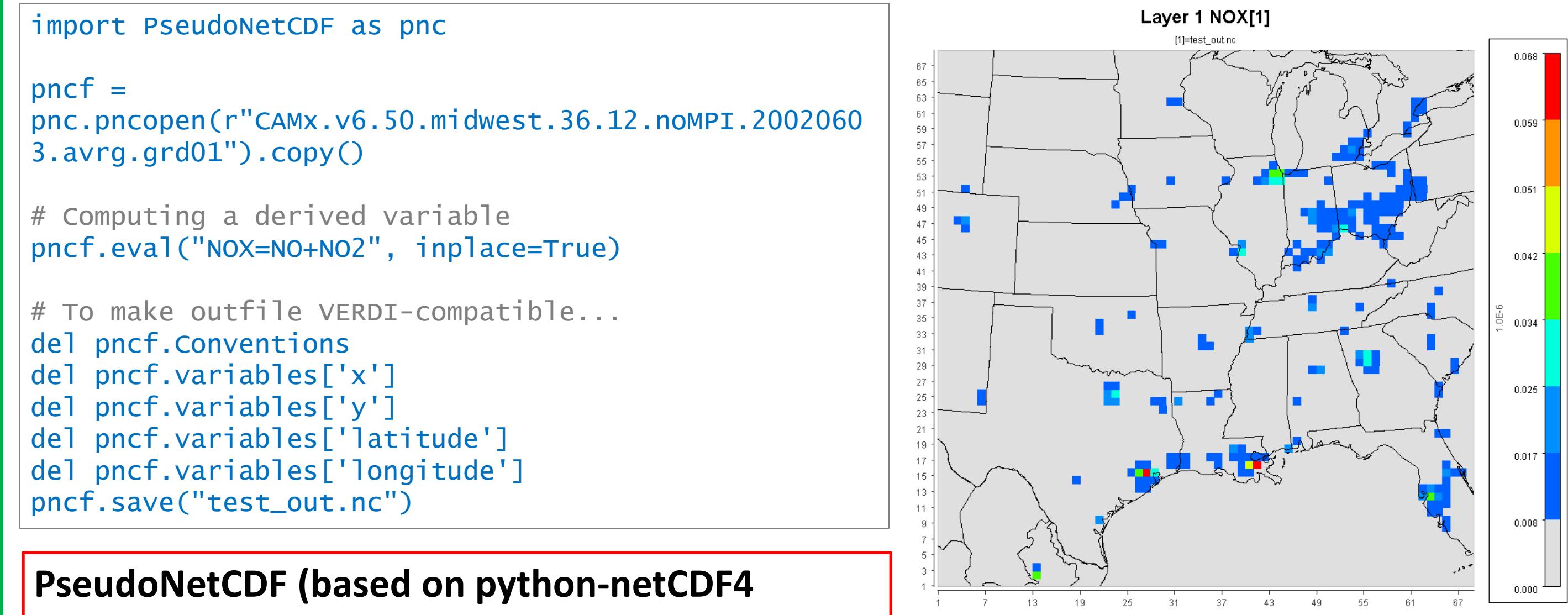


Fig. 3. NOx concentrations in an IOAPI compliant netCDF file converted from a native CAMx output file by PseudoNetCDF (visualized with VERDI)

Air Quality Modeling Analysis 2

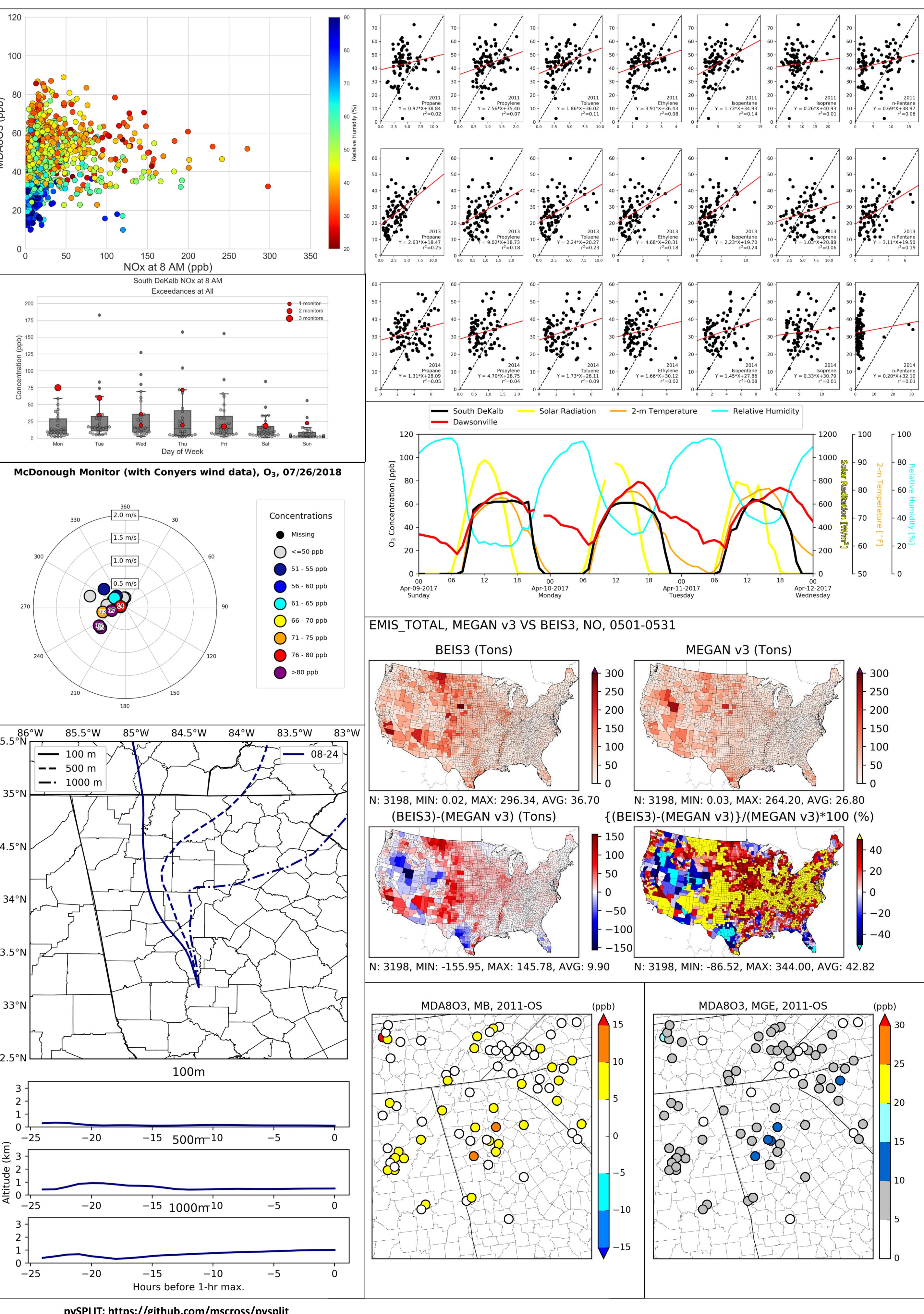
- Extracting hourly data at monitor location from an IOAPI compliant NETCDF file, saving them as a CSV or an Excel file, and comparing with observed data



Fig. 4. Example time series (left) and scatter plots (right) comparing model results and observation using PseudoNetCDF and Pandas

Illustrative Examples

- Code examples are not *optimized* because the purpose was to introduce various common operations I used in my daily tasks.
- Example plots below were generated with a set of frequently used libraries on both Linux and Windows operating computers.
 - Python Distribution: Anaconda
 - Python Standard Libraries: os, sys, and datetime
 - Data Analysis: Pandas
 - Data Visualization: Matplotlib (with Basemap and Cartopy) and Seaborn (which is based on Matplotlib)
 - Modeling Data Read/Write: PseudoNetCDF (based on NetCDF4 and Xarray)
 - PYSPLIT



Emission Analysis

- Using PANDAS to compute statistics, make pivot tables, and perform “outer” join!

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... 
s = st_cnty_df0.sum(axis=0).reset_index()
...
temp_df3 = pd.pivot_table(temp_df2, values="TotalEmissions",
index=['stateAndCountyFIPSCode','SourceClassificationCode'],columns="PollutantCode")
...
df4 = pd.merge(df3, np_pt_reconciliation_df, how="outer", suffixes=('_1', '_2'), on=u'scc')
df4.to_excel("final_np_sccs_cap_only_pnt_sub_summary_df.xlsx", index=False)
...
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- Developing, documenting, and performing QAs for emission inventories with Python

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...
### Excluding of Ag Burn (2801500000) and Land Clearing (2610000500) since Tao submitted them
tblEmissions.loc[tblEmissions["SourceClassificationCode"]==2801500000,"TotalEmissions"] = pd.np.nan
tblEmissions.loc[tblEmissions["SourceClassificationCode"]==2610000500,"TotalEmissions"] = pd.np.nan

### Revising data based on the feedback report and appendix_3_scc_code_retirements_updated.xlsx
# 246180000 is an old code mapped to 2461850000 or 2460800000, Solvent - Consumer & Commercial Solvent Use
# Pesticide Application: All Processes
# need to remove because EPA estimates will be used
tblEmissions.loc[tblEmissions["SourceClassificationCode"]==2461800000,"TotalEmissions"] = pd.np.nan

# Mapping to a new SCC
tblEmissions.loc[tblEmissions["SourceClassificationCode"]==2805001000,"SourceClassificationCode"] = 2805001100

# Mapping to a new SCC
tblEmissions.loc[tblEmissions["SourceClassificationCode"]==2501070000,"SourceClassificationCode"] = 2501070100
...

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Ready for More? Search names of libraries in Google!
You can find tons of examples.