

Regional Data assimilation

in atmospheric chemistry and air quality

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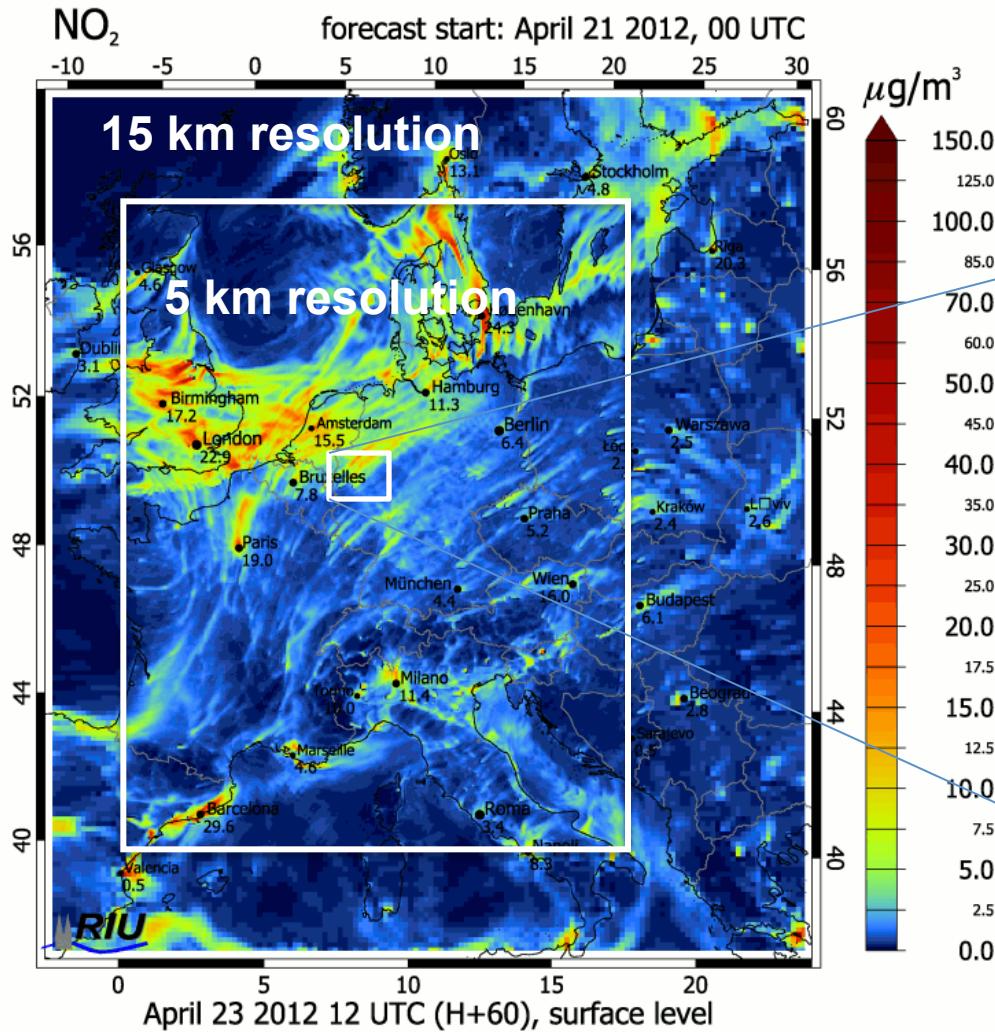
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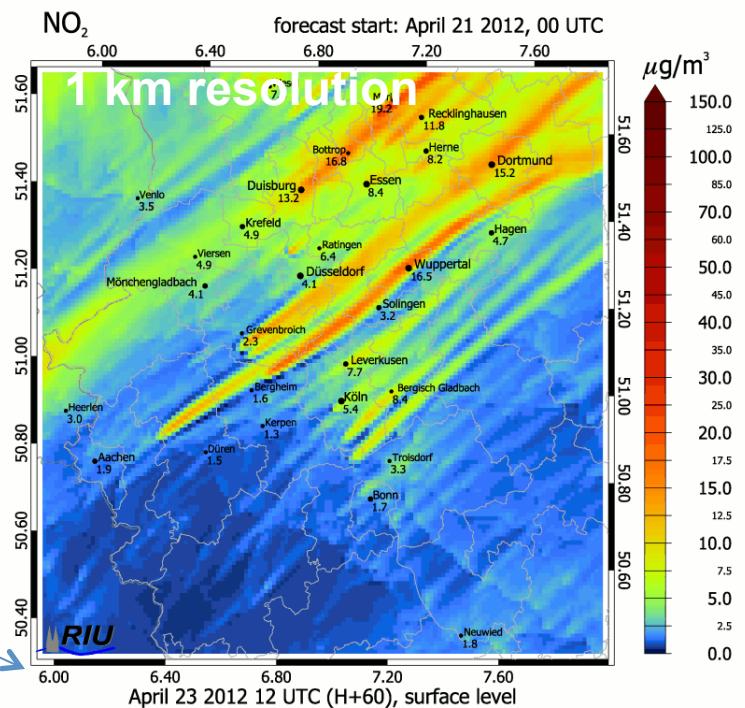
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Introduction: Setting the scene

EURAD-IM nesting



EURAD-IM DS-PUBLIC Ruhr-Rur Area nested into the AIRSHED domain



44 hPa, 18.8.2002

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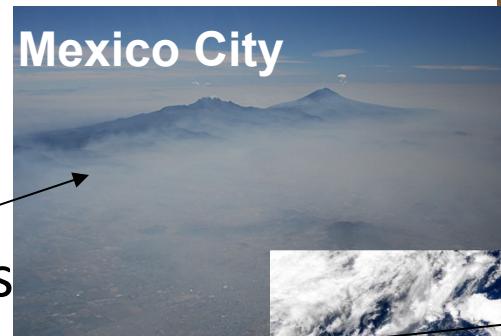
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Chemistry-transport model EURAD-IM (*Reaction-advevtions-diffusion equation*) and further simulated processies

- Optionale **Chemiemechanismen**,
ca. 60 gas phase constituents



- aqueous phase chemistry
(0 ~5 species)



- aerosols (+ > 50 parameters)
 - inorganic
 - secondary organic
 - mineral dust
 - sea salt
 - wild fires



Objectives of air quality data assimilation

- bring together air quality measurements and CTMs to provide optimal spatio-temporal reconstructions of air quality parameters,
- estimate variability, sources, sinks, and trends
- provide better air quality predictions
- reconstruct past changes,
- act as a decision support system for protection measures (which emissions are most critical?)

Which constituents/complexity really matters?

- Human health:
 - **PM₁₀**, PM_{2.5}, PM₁ (= *Particulate Matter*)
 - POPs (*Persistent Organic Pollutants*):
 - PAHs (*Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons*),
 - PCBs (*PolyClorinated Biphenyls*),
 - HCHs (HexaCloroHexanes),
 - **benzene**,
 - **benzopyrene**,
 - Trace metals: Cd, Be, Co, Hg, Mo, Ni, Se, Sn, V, As, Cr, Cu, Mn, Zn, Pb
 - Ozone, PAN, NO, NO₂, SO₂, CO
 - Pollen
- Crops:
 - Ozone
- Forests, lakes, other vulnerable ecosystems
 - “Acid rain”
 - ozone

Special challenges of tropospheric chemistry data assimilation

The following problems prevail:

1. strong influence of manifold processes including *emissions* and *deposition*
2. *temporarily highly variable* “chemical regimes”
3. chemical state observability (= “analyseability”) hampered by *manifold hydrocarbon* species
4. consistency with *heterogeneous* data sources: satellite data and in situ observations

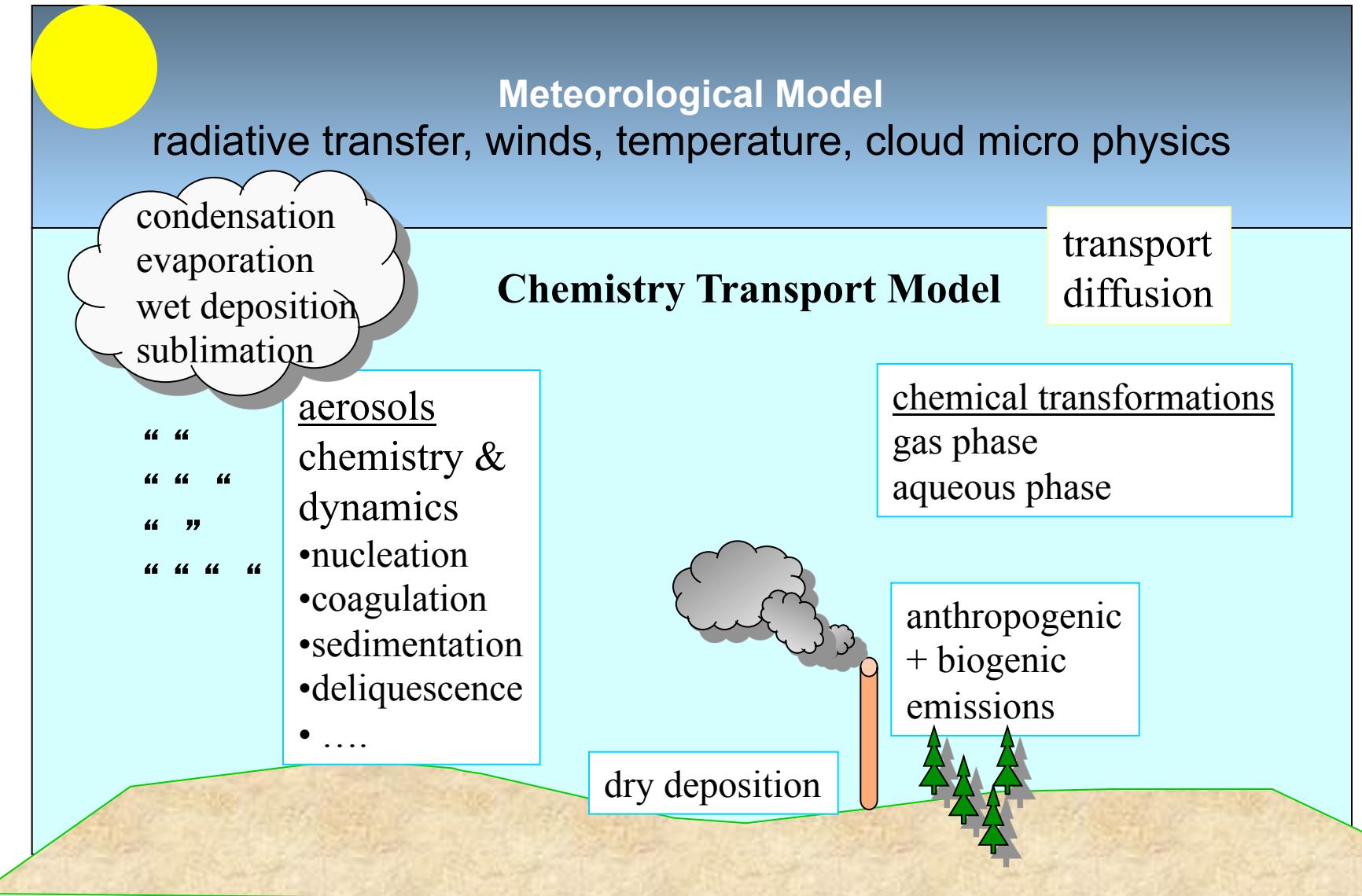
State of the Art Examples

How are today's services designed?

1. solvers of a **deterministic** transport-diffusion-reaction equation, mostly operator-split-wise (except probably reaction-vert. diffusion)
2. continental, or regional nest ($1 \text{ km} < \Delta x < 250 \text{ km}$ horizontal resolution)
3. tropospheric gas phase chemistry, 40-100 species, < 200 reactions
4. basic aerosol treatment of at least NH_3 , HNO_3 , H_2SO_4

2. How can we model atmospheric chemistry?

Processes in a complex chemistry-transport model



Special challenge: which is the appropriate scale for air quality modelling?

- intercontinental / long range transport of pollutants
- many processes are local: point and line source emissions
- surface patterns/tesselation affects simulation skills
- boundary layer and convection simulation at least of like importance as in meteorology

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3. Focus: varying value of observations

Some advanced auxiliary calculations (1) singular value analysis

unit constraint (scalar product):

$$(\epsilon, \mathbf{C}\epsilon) = 1$$

maximise

Raleigh quotient:

$$\max_i \left(\frac{(\mathbf{PM}(t_1, t_0)\epsilon_i, \mathbf{EPM}(t_1, t_0)\epsilon_i)}{(\epsilon_i, \mathbf{C}\epsilon_i)} \right)$$

↔ maximise

⇒ generalised

EV problem

$$J(\epsilon) = (\mathbf{PM}(t_1, t_0)\epsilon_i, \mathbf{EPM}(t_1, t_0)\epsilon_i) - \lambda(\epsilon^T \mathbf{C}\epsilon - 1)$$

$$\nabla_{\epsilon} J(\epsilon) = 0 \equiv \mathbf{M}^T(t_1, t_0) \mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{EPM}(t_1, t_0) \epsilon = \lambda \mathbf{C}\epsilon$$

ϵ_i

perturbation vector of potential optimisation parameters:

initial values boundary values, emission rates, deposition velocities

\mathbf{C}

norm inducing pos. def., sym. operator at initial time t_0 (Mahalanobis)

\mathbf{M}

tangent linear model

\mathbf{E}

norm inducing pos. def., sym. operator at optimisation time t_1

(\mathbf{P})

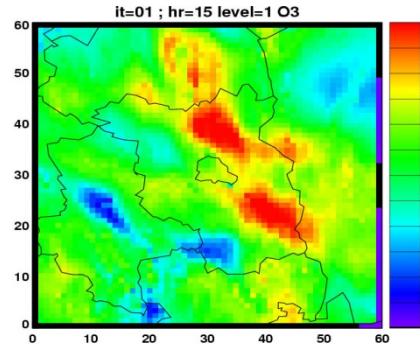
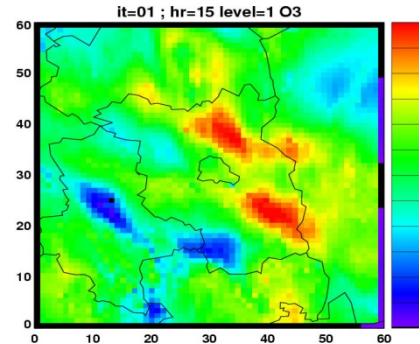
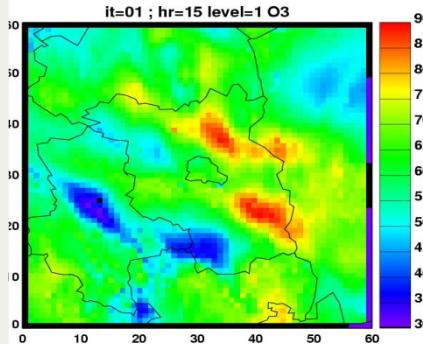
projection operator, extinguishing areas or species outside focus)

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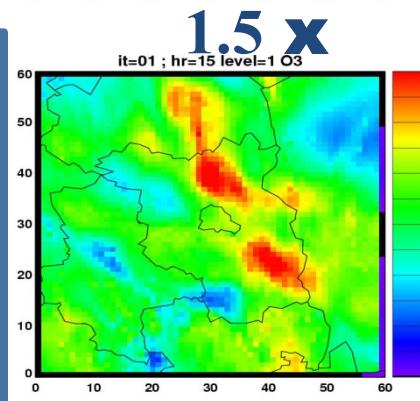
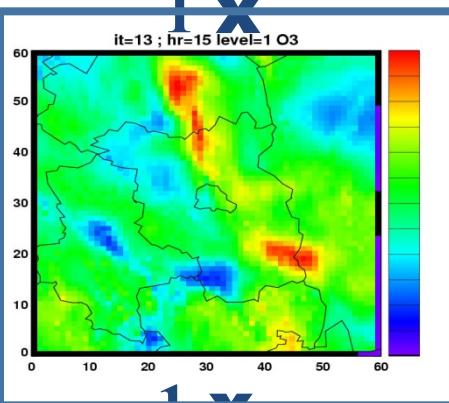
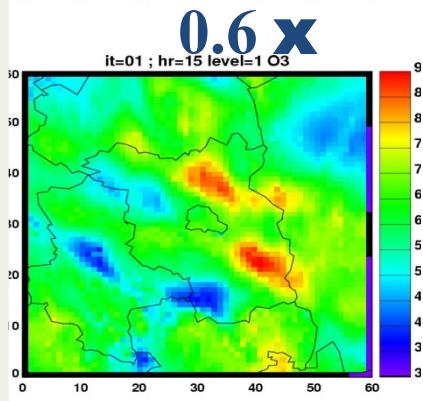
Lagrange parameter and generalised eigenvalues

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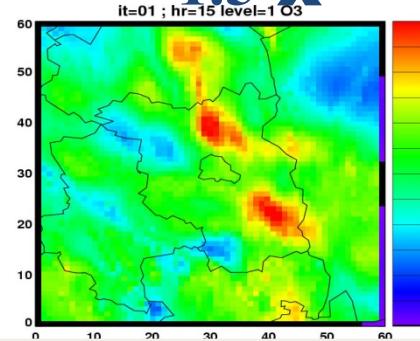
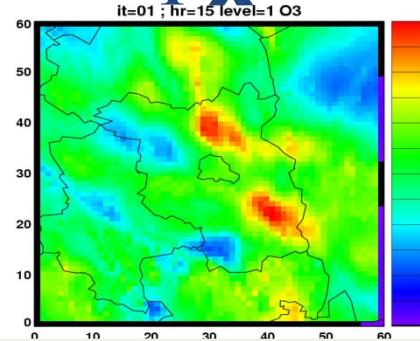
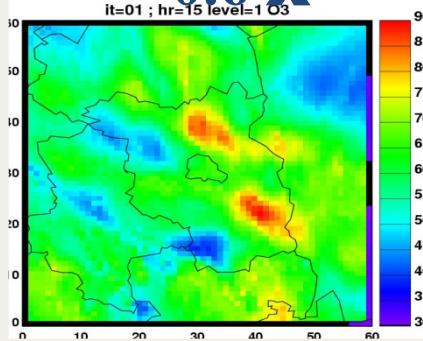
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1 x



0.6 x



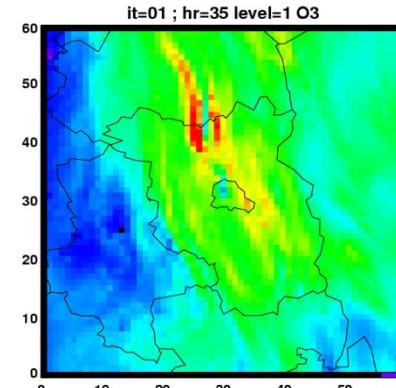
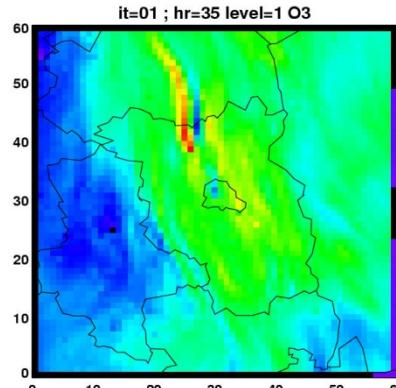
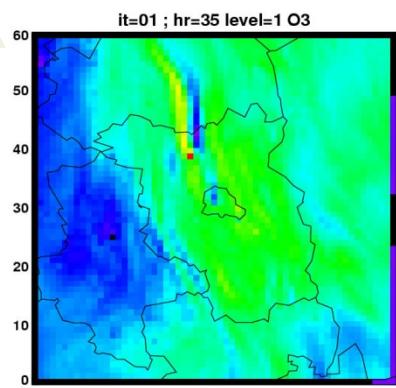
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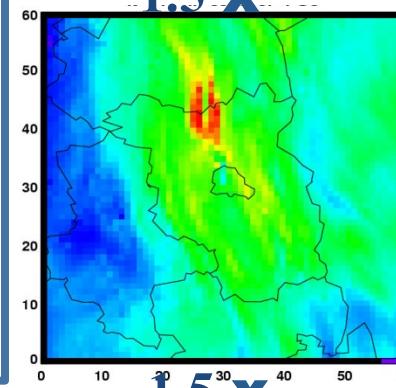
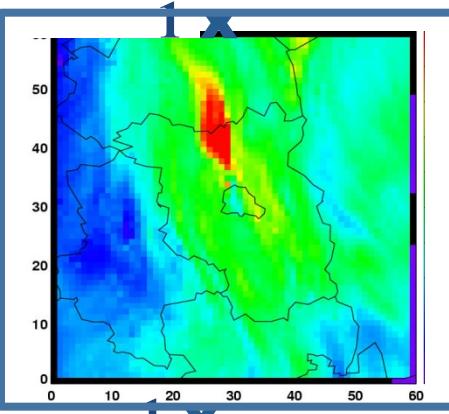
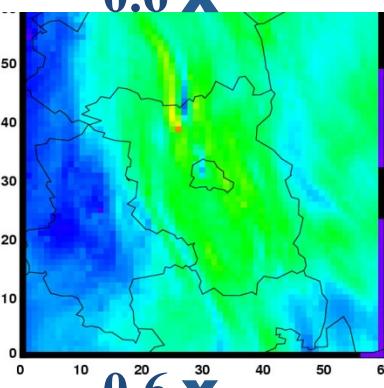
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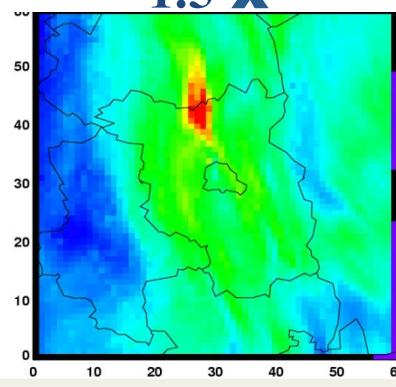
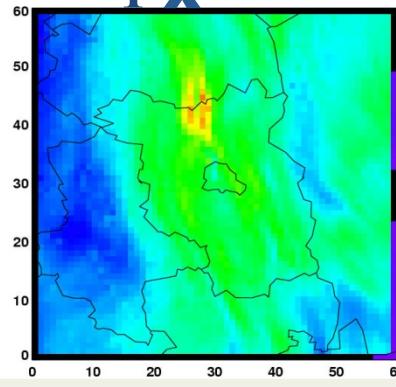
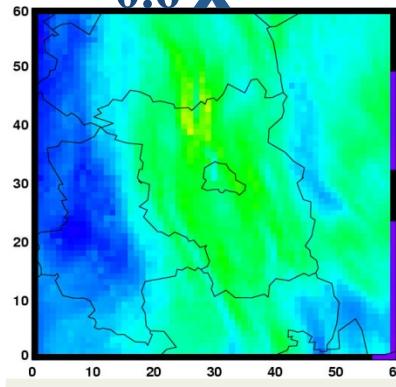
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BLUE-based assimilation algorithms

$$J(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} [\mathbf{x}^b - \mathbf{x}]^T \mathbf{B}_0^{-1} [\mathbf{x}^b - \mathbf{x}] + \frac{1}{2} \{\mathbf{y}^0 - H[\mathbf{x}(t)]\}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \{\mathbf{y}^0 - H[\mathbf{x}]\}$$

The gradient then reads

$$\nabla J(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{B}_0^{-1} [\mathbf{x}^b - \mathbf{x}] + H^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \{\mathbf{y}^0 - H[\mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{x}^b - \mathbf{x}^b)]\}$$

where a trivial expansion is introduced for later manipulation.

At the minimum (=optimum, = analysis, $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_a$) $\nabla J(\mathbf{x}_a) = 0$

$$\nabla J(\mathbf{x}) = 0 = \mathbf{B}_0^{-1} [\mathbf{x}^b - \mathbf{x}_a] + H^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \{\mathbf{y}^0 - H[\mathbf{x}^b]\} - H^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} H [\mathbf{x}_a - \mathbf{x}^b],$$

from which follows:

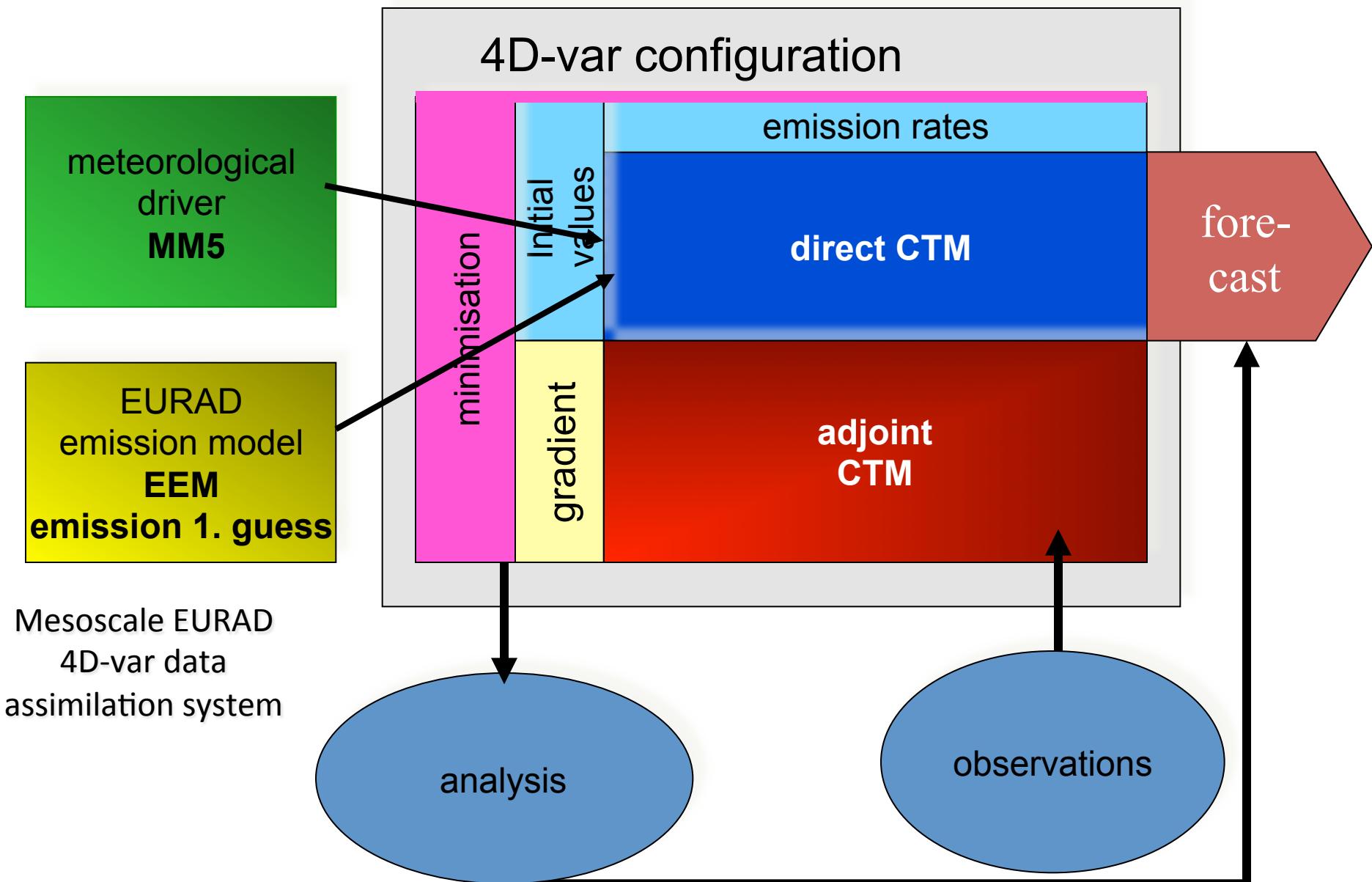
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_a - \mathbf{x}_b &= (\mathbf{B}_0^{-1} + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{H})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \{\mathbf{y}^0 - H[\mathbf{x}^b]\} \\ &= \mathbf{B} \mathbf{H}^T (\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{H})^{-1} \{\mathbf{y}^0 - H[\mathbf{x}^b]\} \end{aligned}$$

with the latter result obtained after some manipulation.

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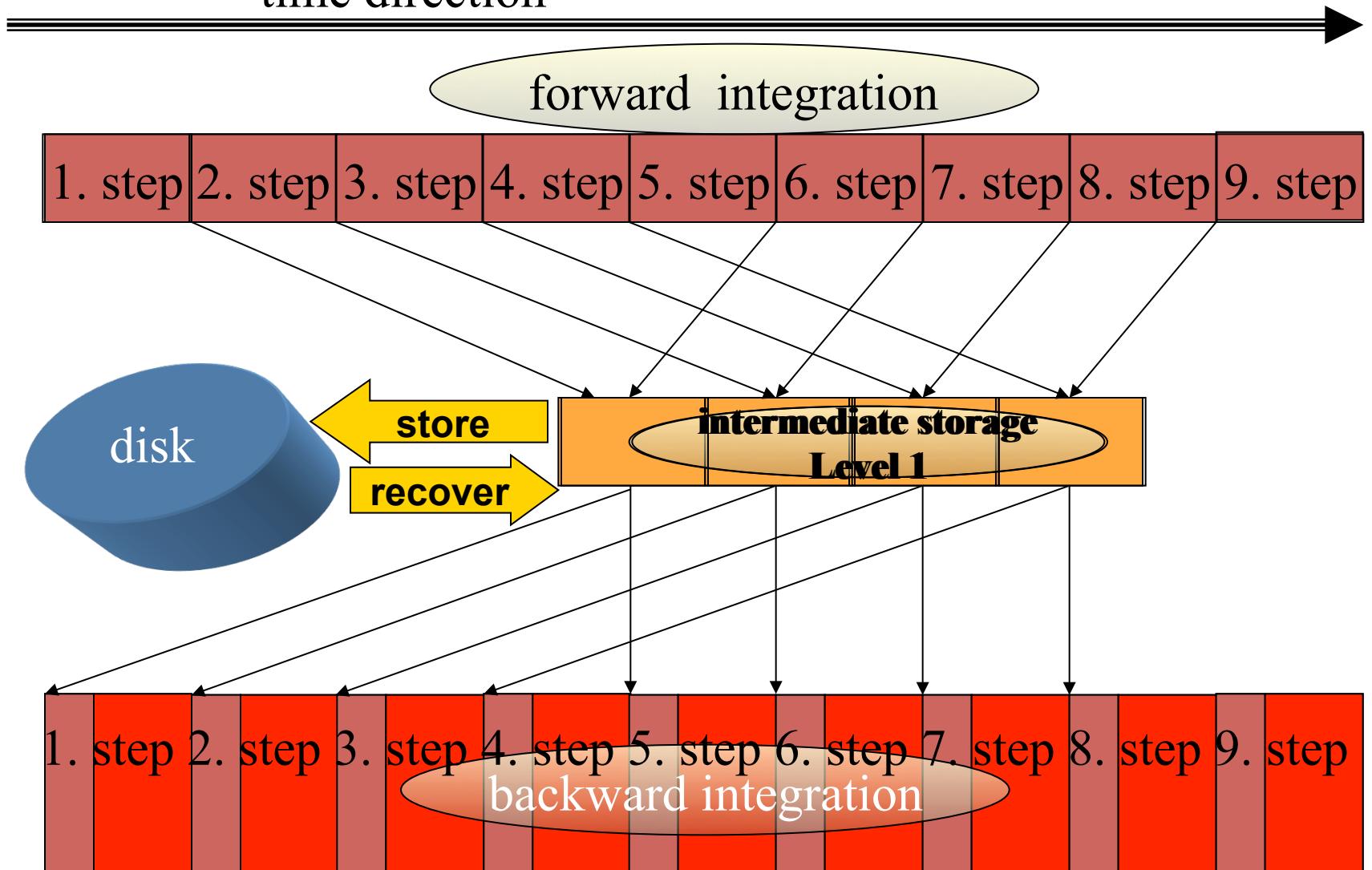
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Components of a chemistry 4D-var system



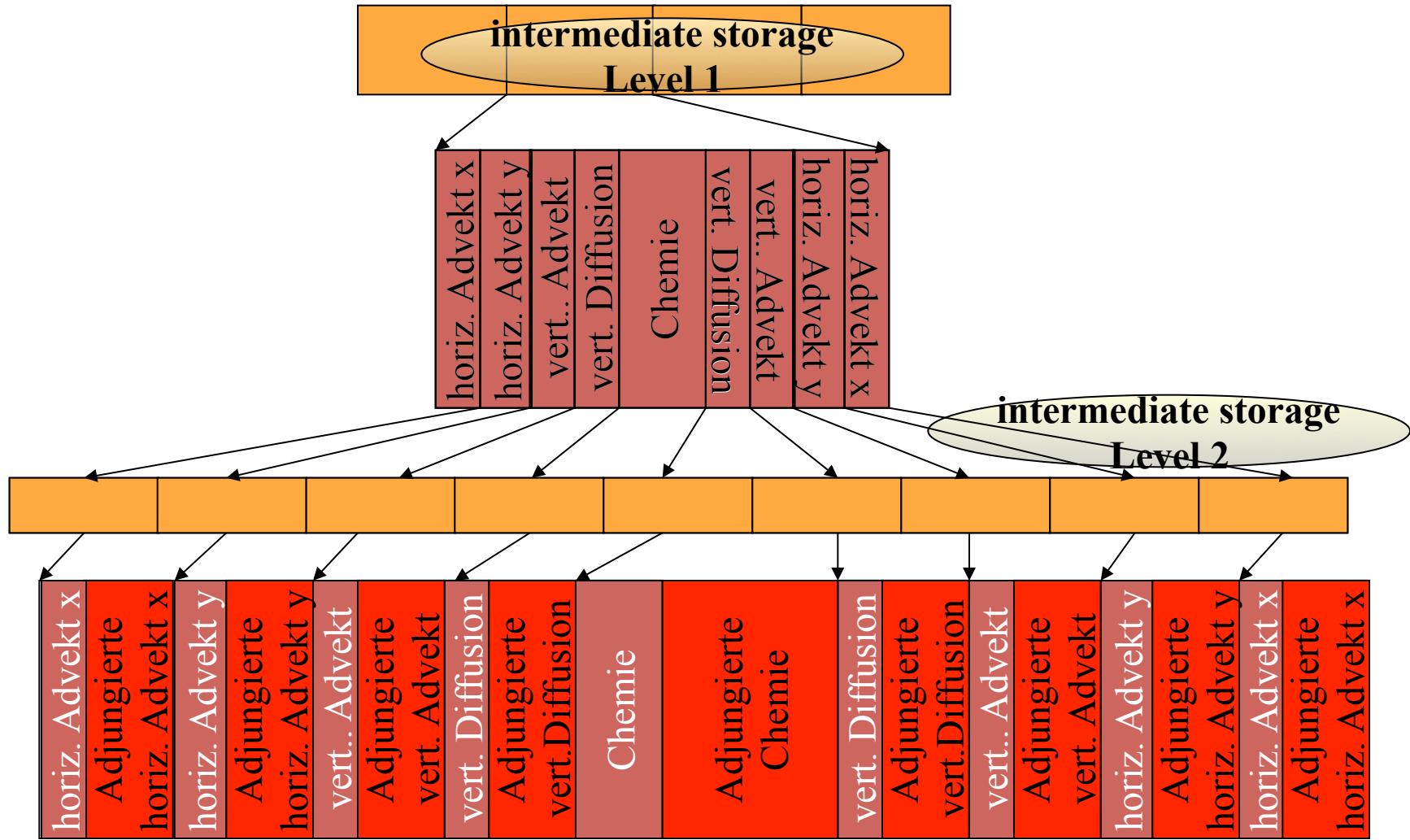
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2 level forward and backward integration scheme
time direction



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storage sequence: level 2, operator split
(each time step)



Advanced spatio-temporal methods used in tropospheric chemistry data assimilation

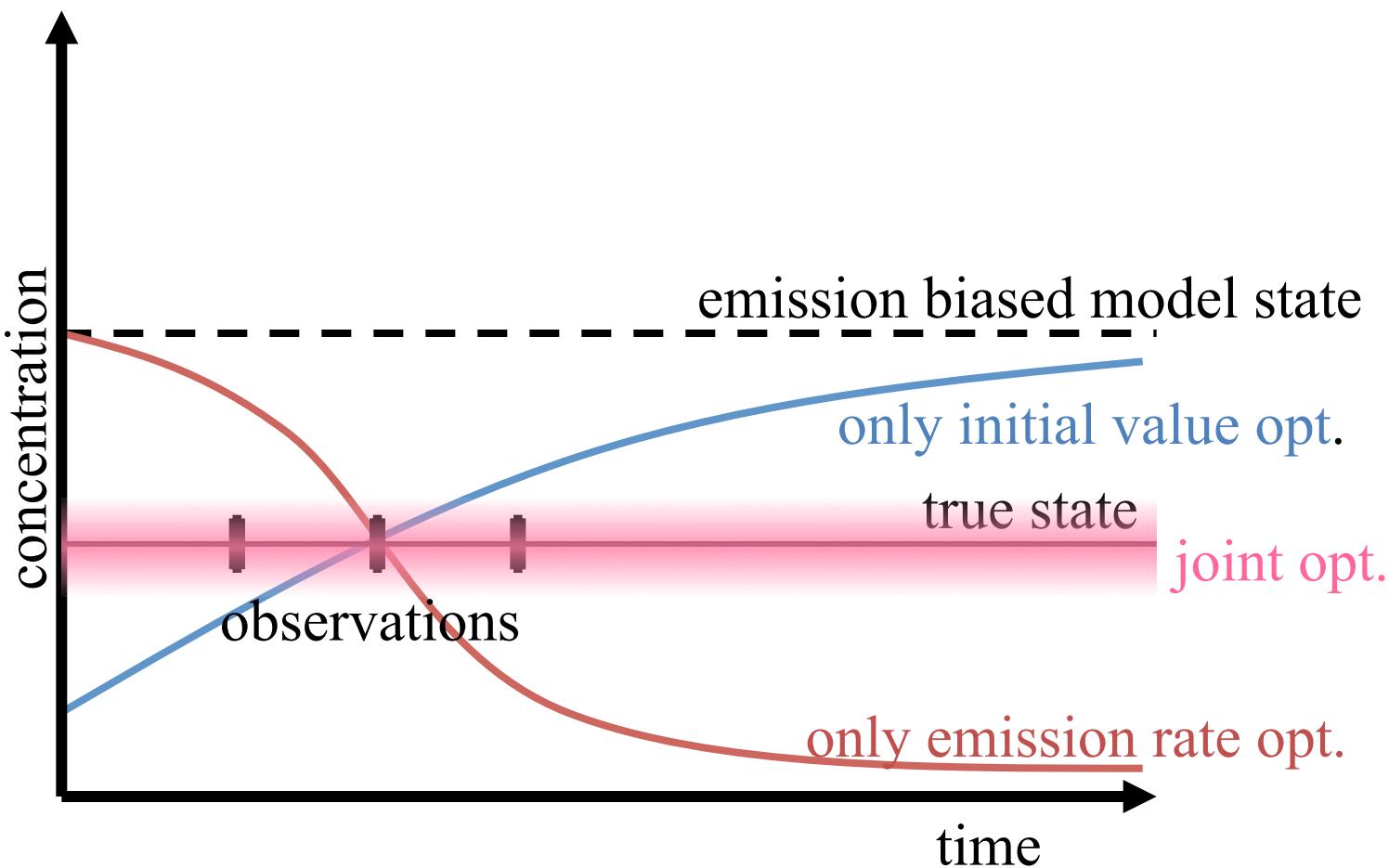
Spacio-temporal BLUEs applied in tropospheric chemistry data assimilation:

- 4D var:
 - with EURAD (Elbern and Schmidt, 1999, 2001),
 - with POLAIR (Issartel and Baverel, 2003)
- Kalman Filter
 - with LOTOS model (van Loon et al, 2000), (RRSQR)
 - with EUROS model (Hanea et al. 2004) (En+RRSQRKF)

Question: Which parameter to be optimized?

Hypothesis:

initial state and emission rates are least known



In the troposphere, for **emission rates**, the product (*paucity of knowledge*importance*) is high

Emission Rate Optimization

minimize cost function

$$J(\mathbf{x}(t_0), \mathbf{e}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}^b(t_0) - \mathbf{x}(t_0))^T \mathbf{B}_0^{-1} (\mathbf{x}^b(t_0) - \mathbf{x}(t_0)) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_0}^{t_N} (\mathbf{e}_b(t) - \mathbf{e}(t))^T \mathbf{K}^{-1} (\mathbf{e}_b(t) - \mathbf{e}(t)) dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_0}^{t_N} (\mathbf{y}^0(t) - H[\mathbf{x}(t)])^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{y}^0(t) - H[\mathbf{x}(t)]) dt$$

deviations from background initial state

deviations from a priori emission rates

model deviations from observations

$\mathbf{x}^b(t_0)$ background state at $t = 0$

$\mathbf{x}(t)$ model state at time t

$\mathbf{e}_b(t_0)$ background emission rate at $t = 0$

$\mathbf{e}(t)$ emission rate field at time t

\mathbf{K} emission rate error covariance matrix

$H[]$ forward interpolator

$\mathbf{y}^0(t)$ observation at time t

\mathbf{B}_0 background error covariance matrix

Incremental Formulation

- Analysis State:
$$\begin{aligned}x^a &= x^b + \delta x^a \\u^a &= u^b + \delta u^a\end{aligned}$$
- New „State“ Variables: $v = \mathbf{B}^{-1/2} \delta x$ $w = \mathbf{K}^{-1/2} \delta u$
- Cost Function:
$$J(v, w) = \frac{1}{2} v^T v + \frac{1}{2} w^T w + \frac{1}{2} [\mathbf{H} \delta x_i - \mathbf{d}_i]^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} [\mathbf{H} \delta x_i - \mathbf{d}_i]$$
- Gradient:
$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_v J &= \nabla_v J_{IV} + \nabla_v J_O &= v + \mathbf{B}^{T/2} \nabla_{\delta v} J_O \\ \nabla_w J &= \nabla_w J_{EF} + \nabla_w J_O &= w + \mathbf{K}^{T/2} \nabla_{\delta w} J_O.\end{aligned}$$

Background Error Covariance Matrix B

- must be provided as an **operator** (size is of order 10^{13})
- we would like to have an operator which can easily be factorised by $B=B^{1/2}B^T/2$
- *Weaver and Courtier (2001):*
 - general diffusion equation** serves for a valid operator generating a positive definite covariance operator
 - diffusion equation is self adjoint
 - $B^{1/2}$ and $B^T/2$ by applying the diffusion operator half the diffusion time

Transport-diffusion-reaction equation and its adjoint

Tendency Equations

direct chemistry transport equation

$$\frac{\partial c_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v} c_i) - \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{K} \nabla \frac{c_i}{\rho}) - \sum_{r=1}^R \left(k(r) (s_i(r_+) - s_i(r_-)) \prod_{j=1}^U c_j^{s_j(r_-)} \right) = E_i + D_i$$

c_i	concentration of species i	c_i^*	adjoint of concentration of species i
\mathbf{v}	wind velocity	s	stoichiometric coefficient
$k(r)$	reaction rate of reaction r	\mathbf{K}	diffusion coefficient
U	number of species in the mechanism	R	number of reactions in the mechanism
E_i	emission rate of species i (source)	D_i	deposition rate of species i (sink)

adjoint chemistry transport equation

$$-\frac{\partial \delta c_i^*}{\partial t} - \mathbf{v} \nabla \delta c_i^* - \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{K} \nabla \delta c_i^*) + \sum_{r=1}^R \left(k(r) \frac{s_i(r_-)}{c_i} \prod_{j=1}^U \bar{c}_j^{s_j(r_-)} \sum_{n=1}^U (s_n(r_+) - s_n(r_-)) \delta c_n^* \right) = 0$$

Adjoint integration “backward in time”

direct model

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})$$

tangent linear model

$$\delta\mathbf{x}(t_n) = \mathbf{M}'(t_n, t_0)\delta\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \prod_{i=n}^1 \mathbf{M}'(t_i, t_{i-1})\delta\mathbf{x}(t_0)$$

adjoint model

$$-\frac{d\delta\mathbf{x}^*(t)}{dt} - \mathbf{M}'^T \delta\mathbf{x}^*(t) = \mathbf{R}^{-1}(\mathbf{y}^0(t) - H[\mathbf{x}(t)]).$$

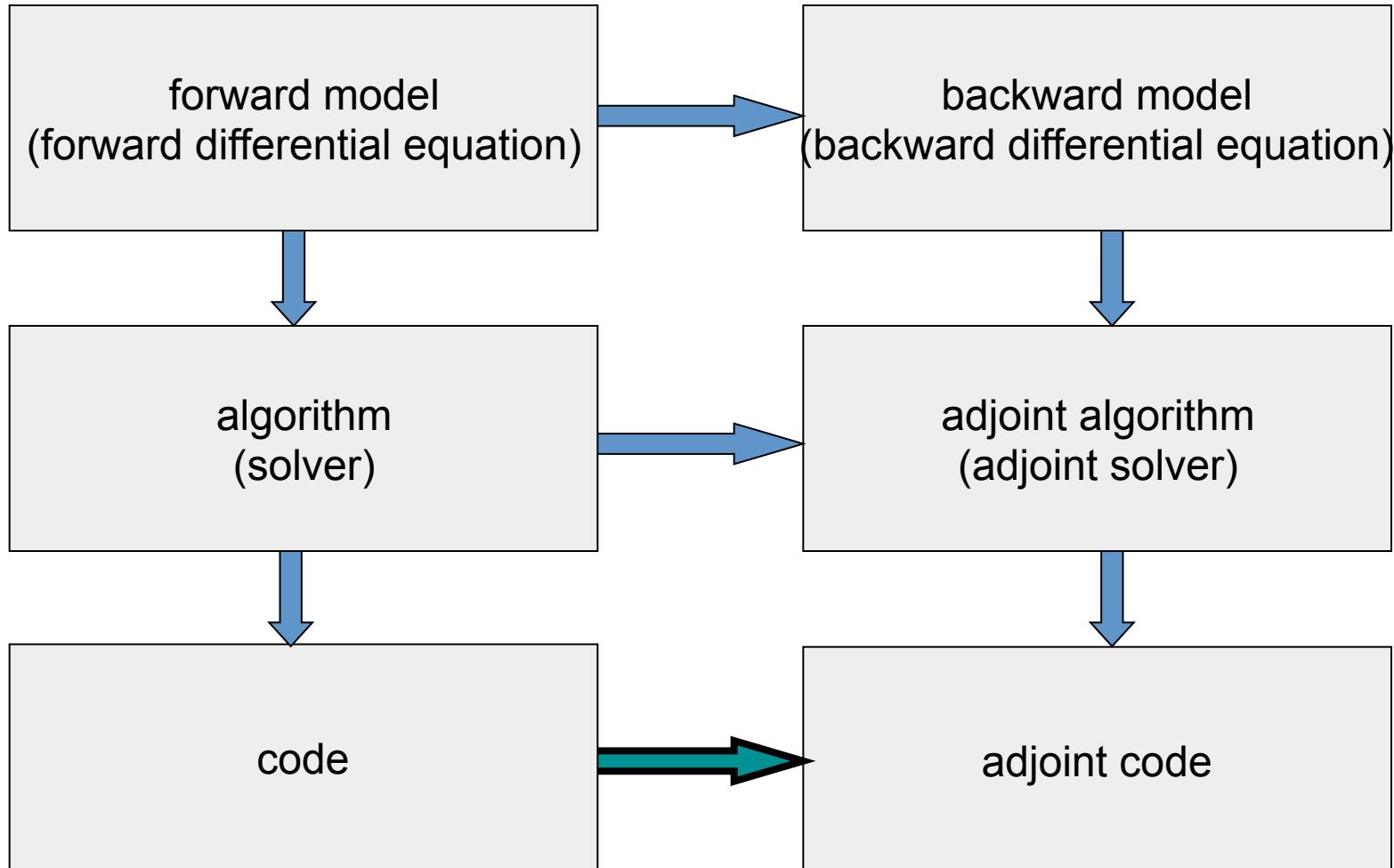
$$\nabla_{[\mathbf{x}(t_0), \mathbf{e}]} J = -\mathbf{B}_0^{-1}(\mathbf{x}^b(t_0) - \mathbf{x}(t_0)) - \mathbf{K}^{-1}(\mathbf{e}^b(t) - \mathbf{e}(t)) - \sum_{n=0}^N \Pi_{i=1}^m \mathbf{M}^T(t_{i-1}, t_i) \mathbf{R}^{-1}(\mathbf{y}^0(t_m) - H[\mathbf{x}(t_m)])$$

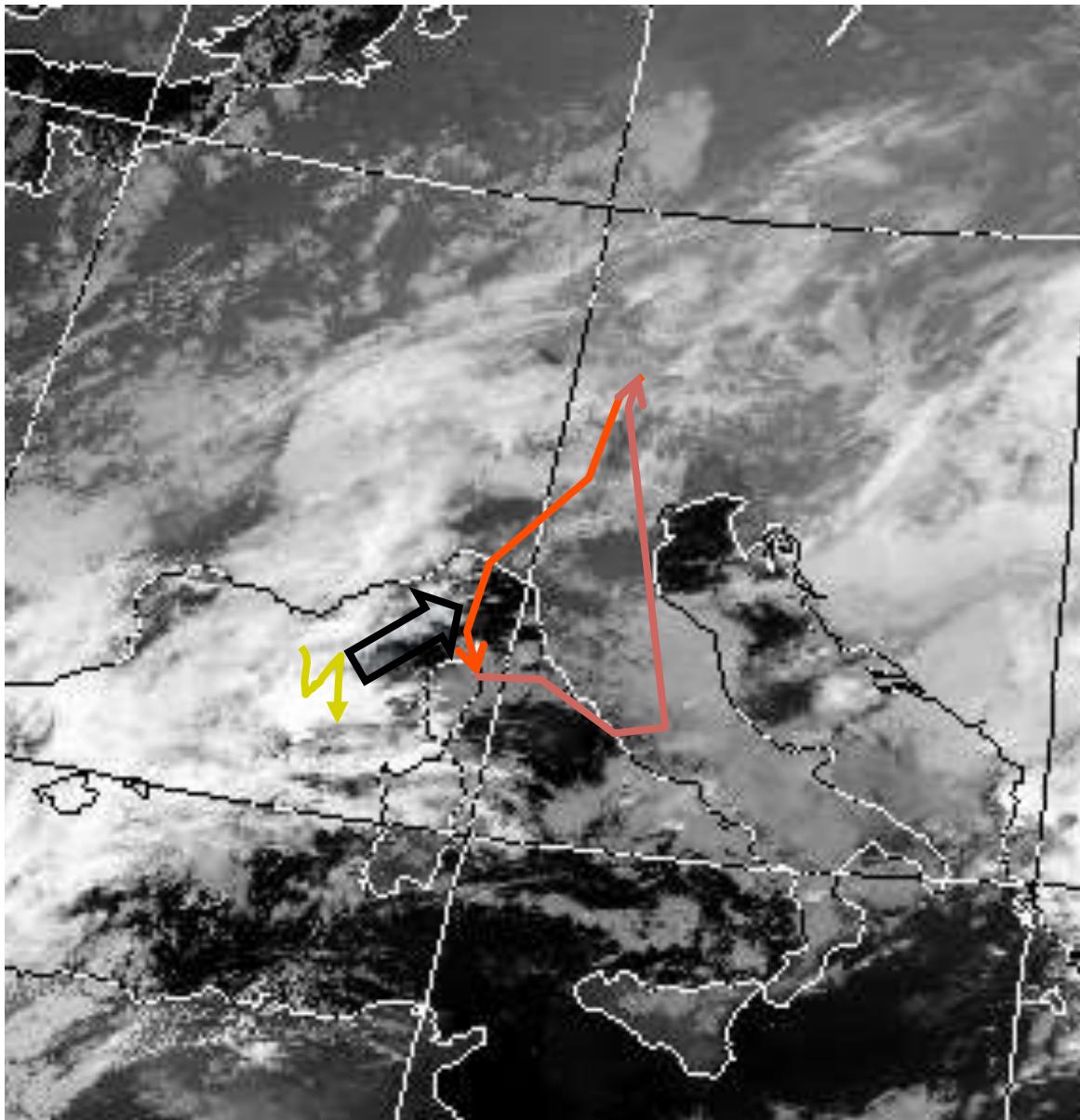
Find minimum of $J(\mathbf{x}(t_0), \mathbf{e})$ with $\nabla_{[\mathbf{x}(t_0), \mathbf{e}]} J$ by use of a minimization routine

How to make the
parameters of resolvents i
 $\mathbf{M}(t_{i-1}, t_i)$ available in *reverse*
order??

back

The 4D variational method: Key development: construction of the adjoint code



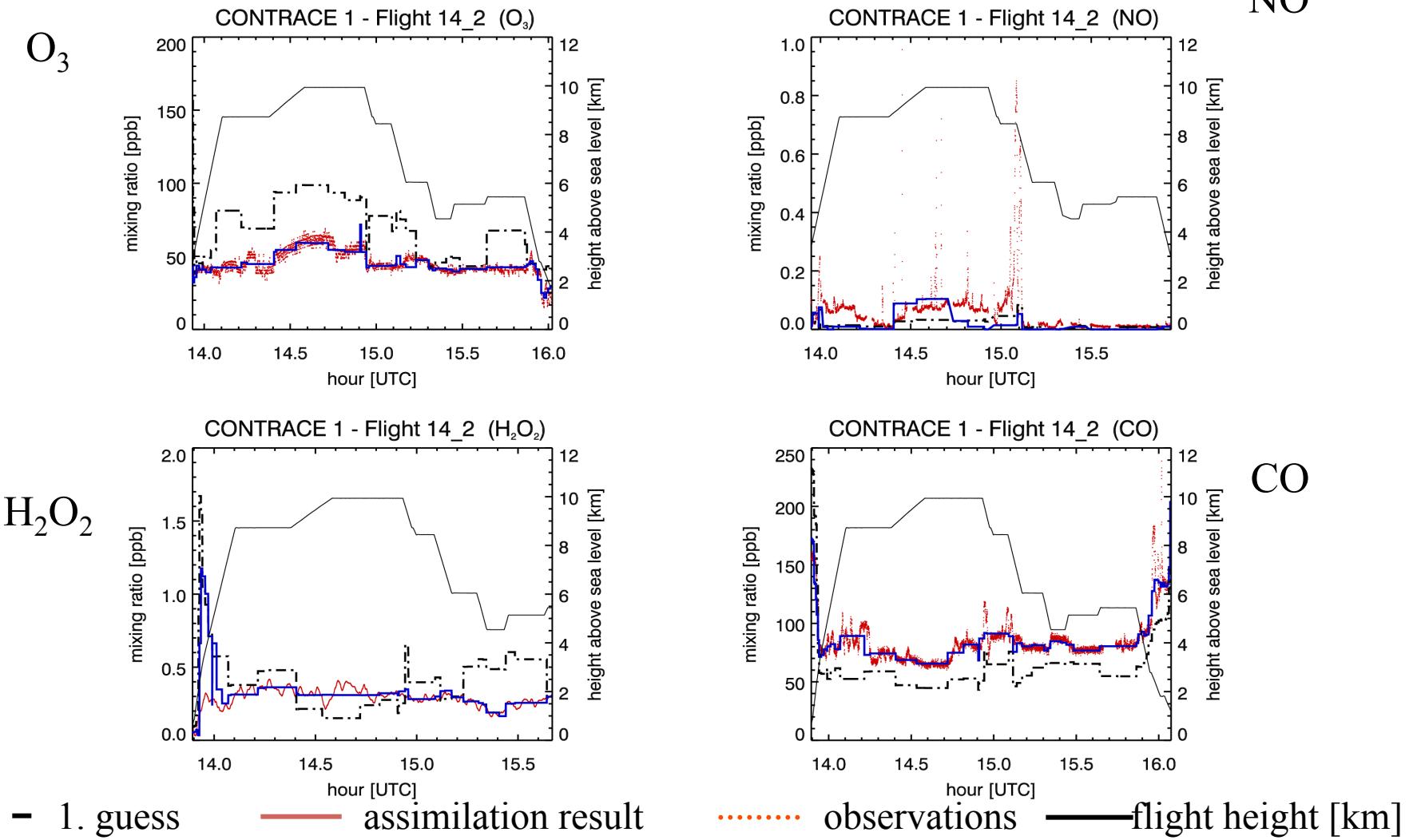


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Nov. 14, 2001 north (= home) bound



Kalman filter, basic equations

forecast

$$\mathbf{x}^f(t_i) = \mathbf{M}(t_i, t_{i-1})\mathbf{x}^a(t_{i-1}) + \eta \quad (1)$$

background error covariance matrix

$$\mathbf{P}_i^b = \mathbf{M}(t_i, t_{i-1})\mathbf{P}_i^a\mathbf{M}^T(t_i, t_{i-1}) + \mathbf{Q}$$

optimally estimated state

$$\mathbf{x}^a(t_i) = \mathbf{x}^b(t_i) + \mathbf{K}_i \mathbf{d}_i, \quad (1)$$

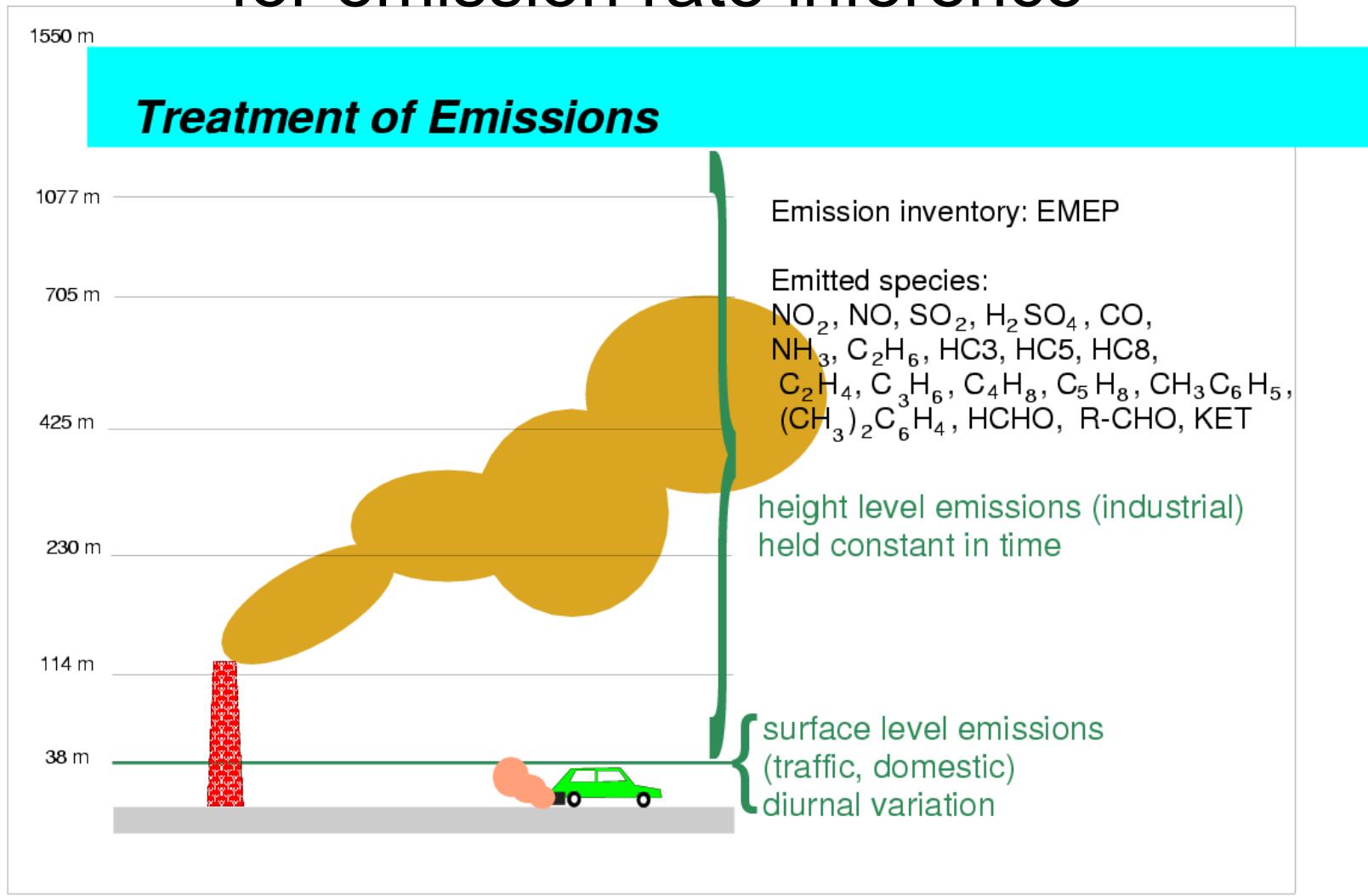
Kalman gain matrix

$$\mathbf{K}_i := \mathbf{P}_i^b \mathbf{H}_i^T (\mathbf{H}_i \mathbf{P}_i^b \mathbf{H}_i^T + \mathbf{R}_i)^{-1} \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times p_i} \quad (2)$$

and analysis error covariance matrix

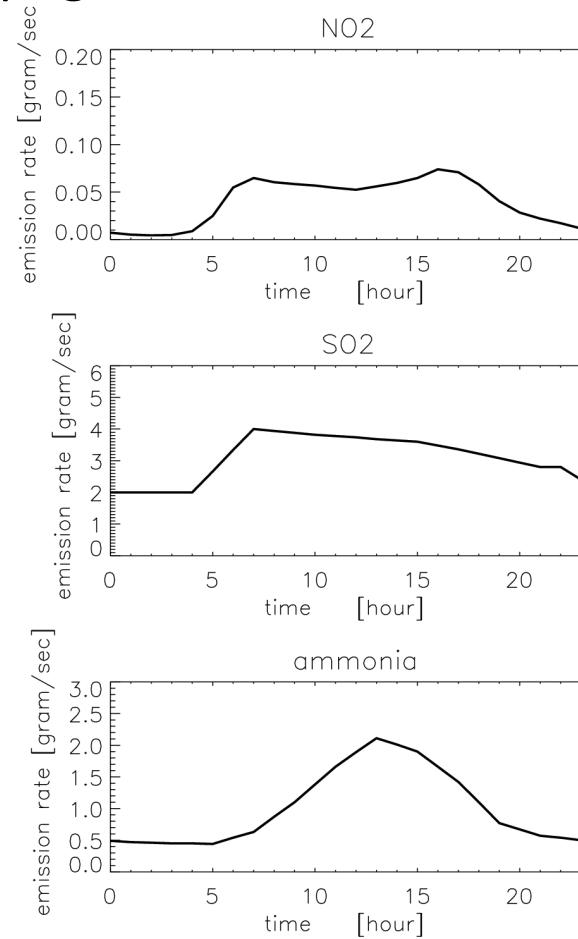
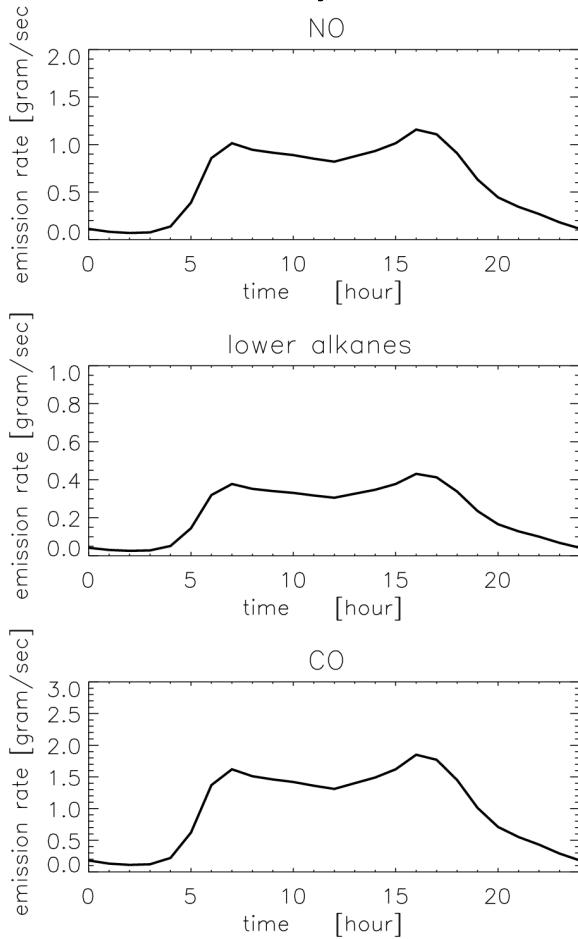
$$\mathbf{P}_i^a = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_i \mathbf{H}) \mathbf{P}_i^b. \quad (3)$$

Treatment of the inverse problem for emission rate inference



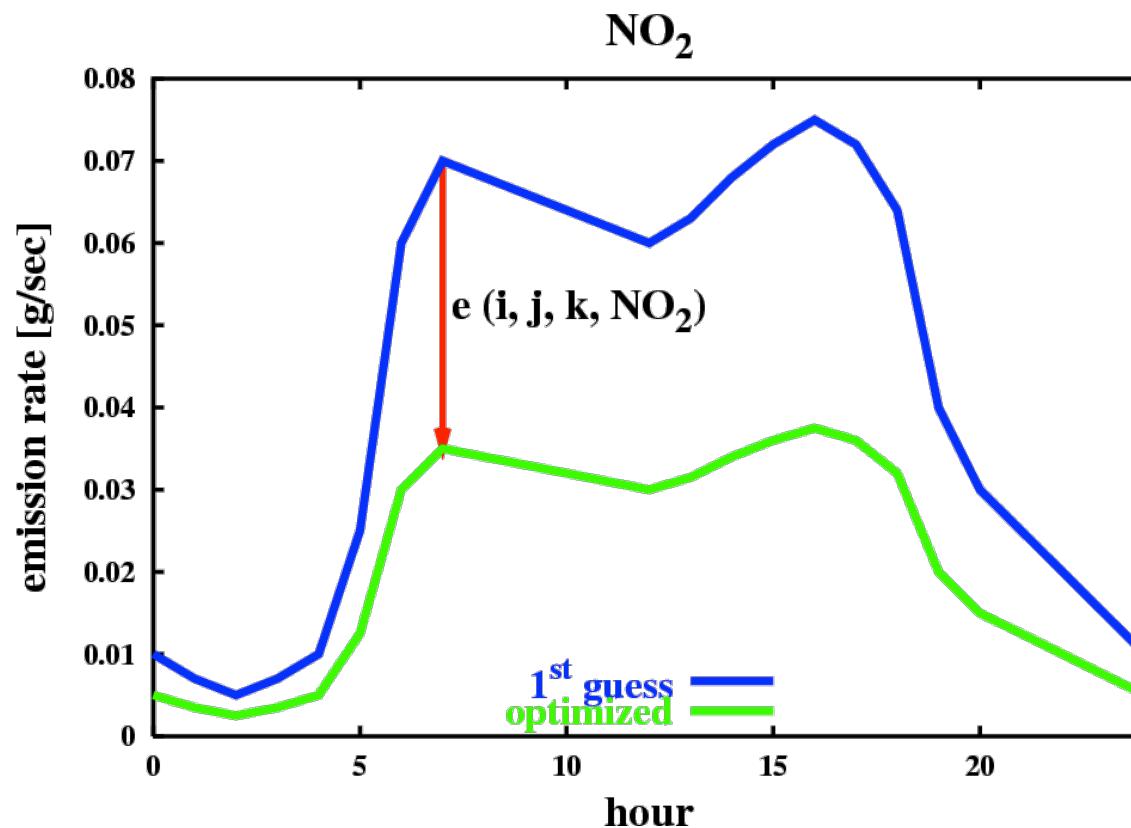
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Normalised diurnal cycle of anthropogenic surface emissions $f(t)$



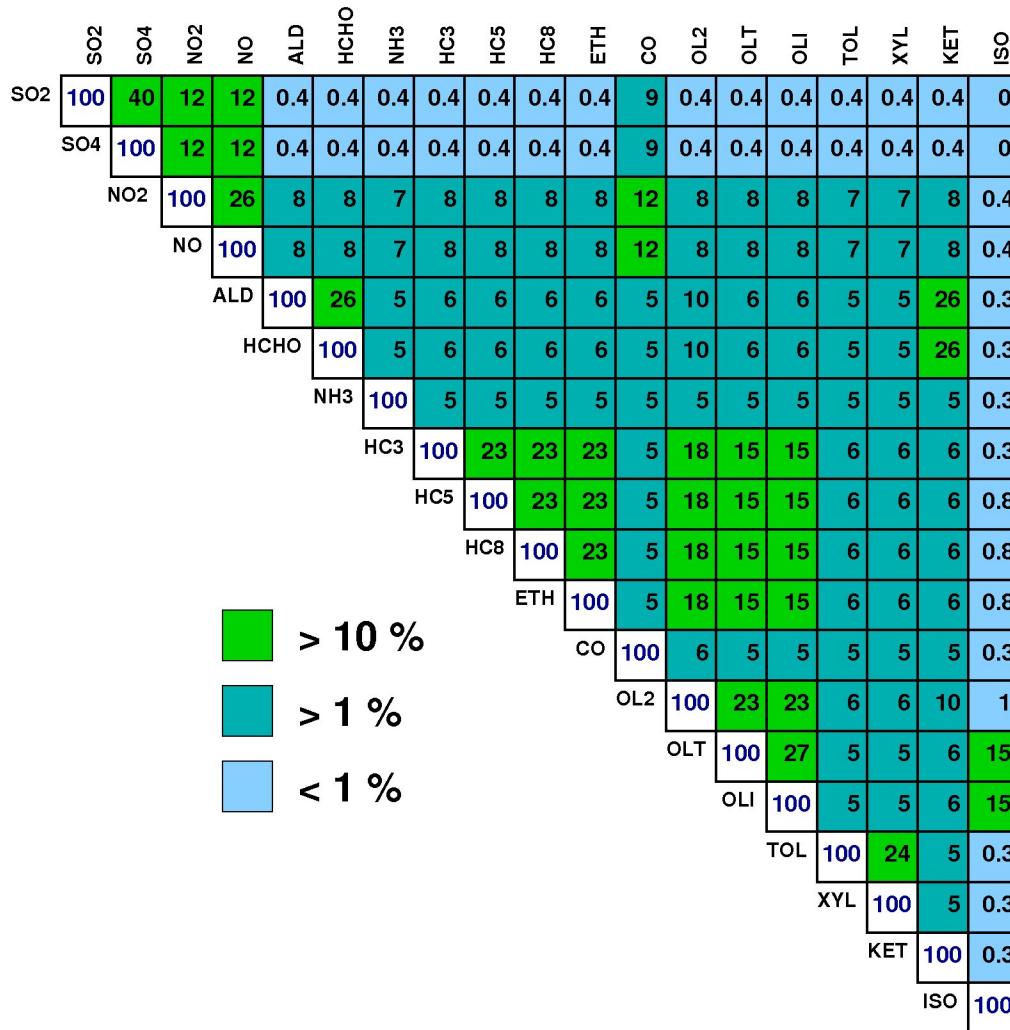
Optimisation of emission rates

amplitude optimisation for each emitted species
and grid cell

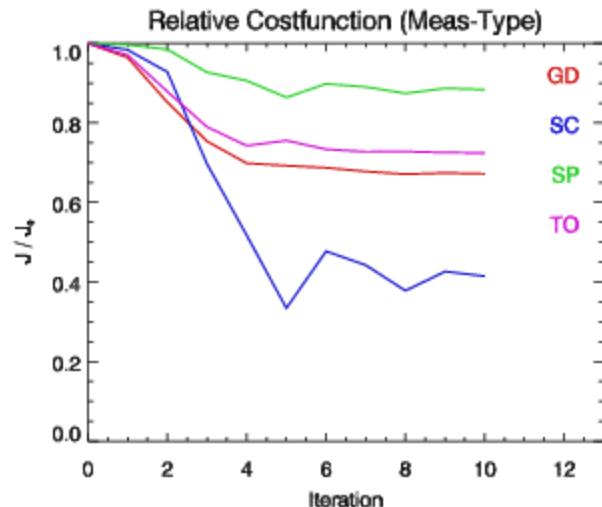
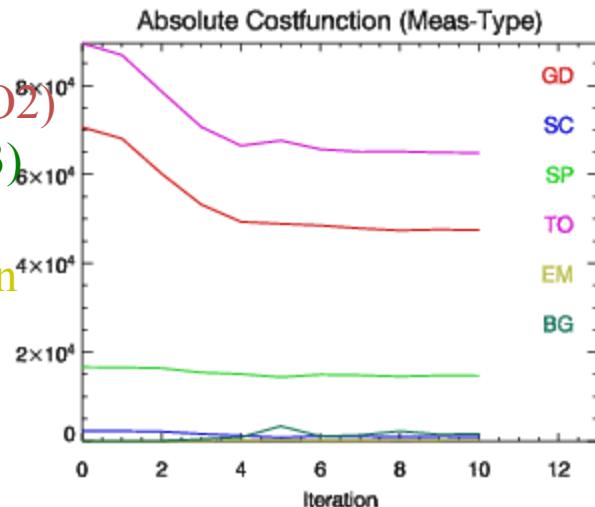
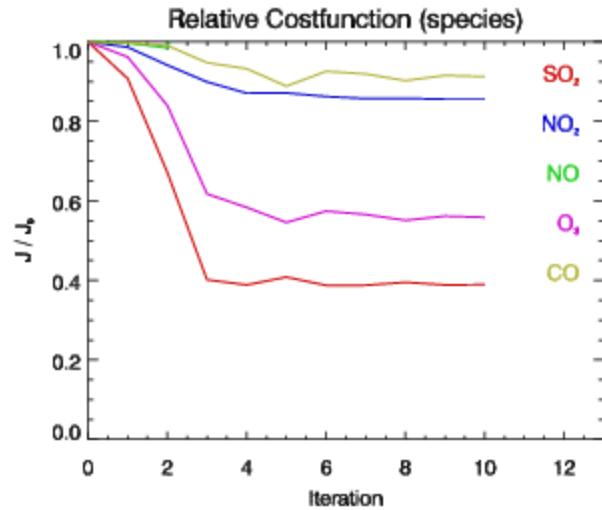
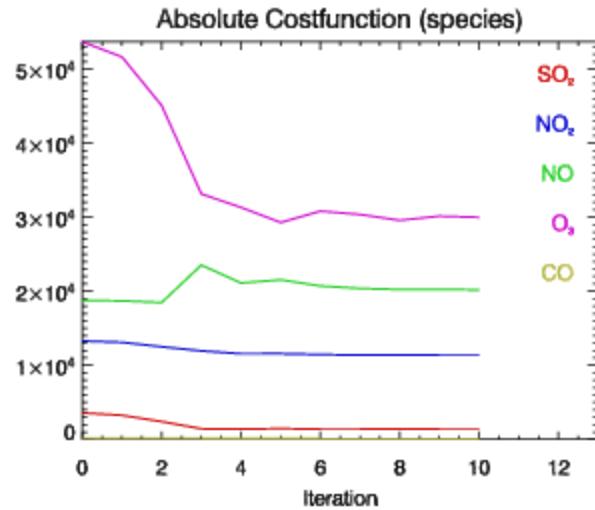


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Background emission rate covariance matrix D



Reduction of the partial cost functions relative to observation type (coarse grid, 54 km)



GO ground in situ

SC satellite columns (NO_2)

SP satellite profiles (O_3)

TO total costs

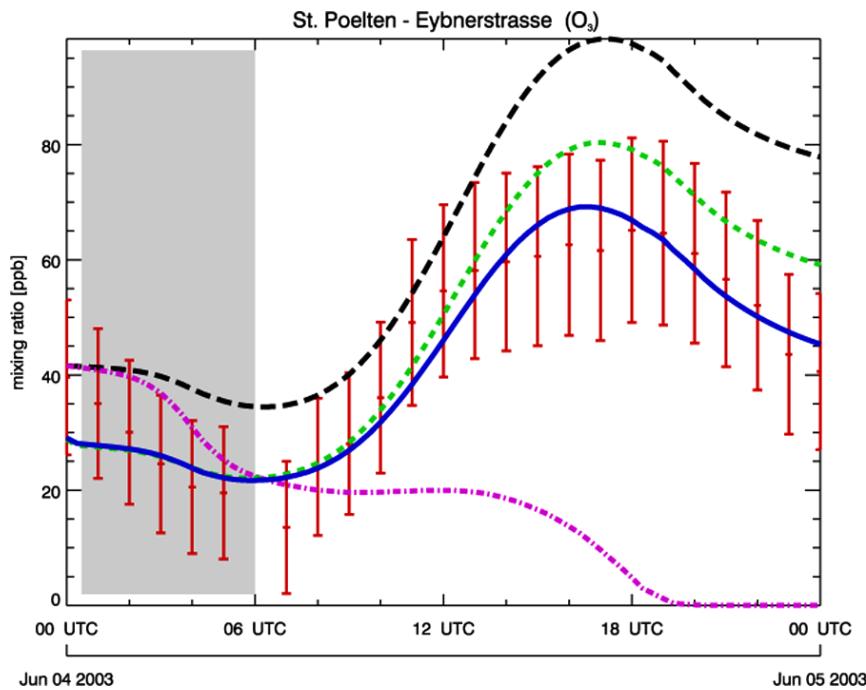
EM background emission

BG state background

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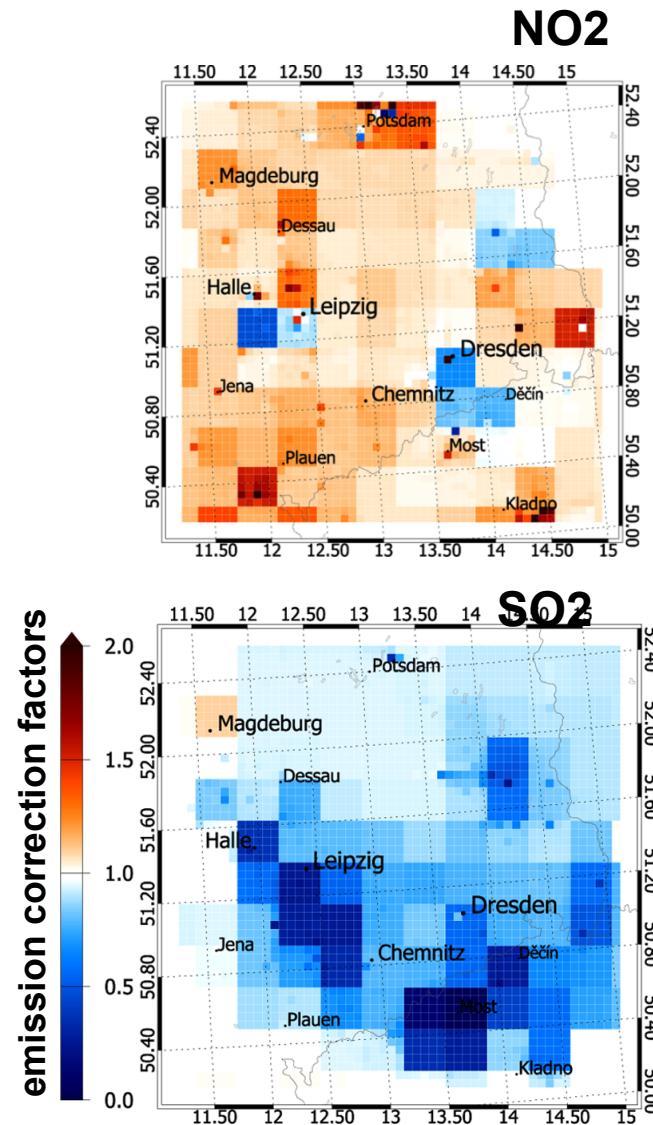
2. Analyses, Example (i): Analysis of emissions by 4D-var (VERTIKO)



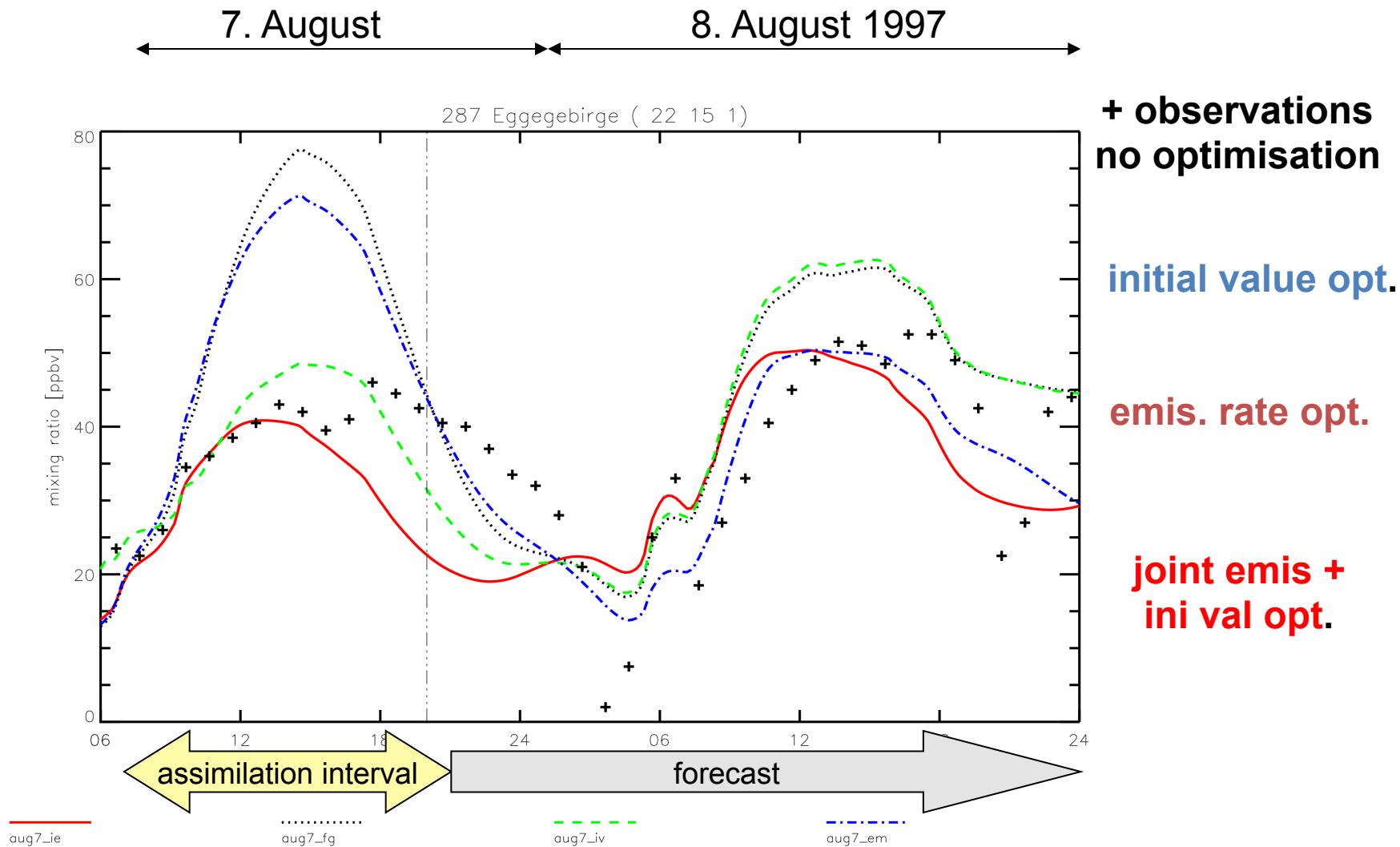
Observed and analysed ozone evolution at
St. Poelten Vertical bars: ozone observations with error
estimates.

- Control run without data assimilation.
- initial value optimisation.
- emission factor optimisation.
- joint initial value and emission factor optimisation

(Strunk et al., 2011)

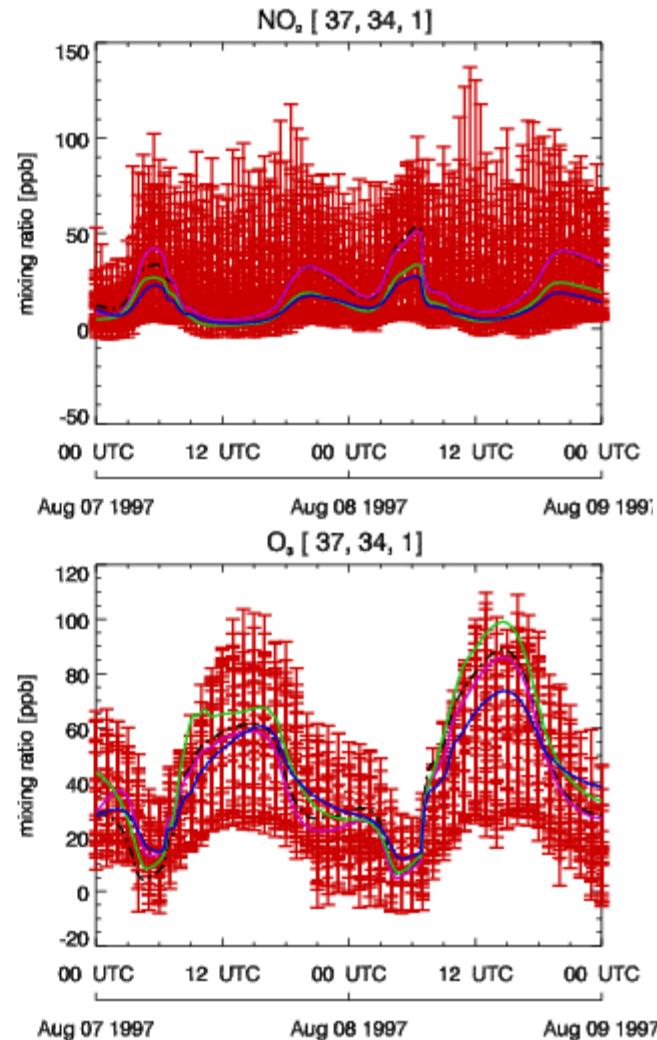
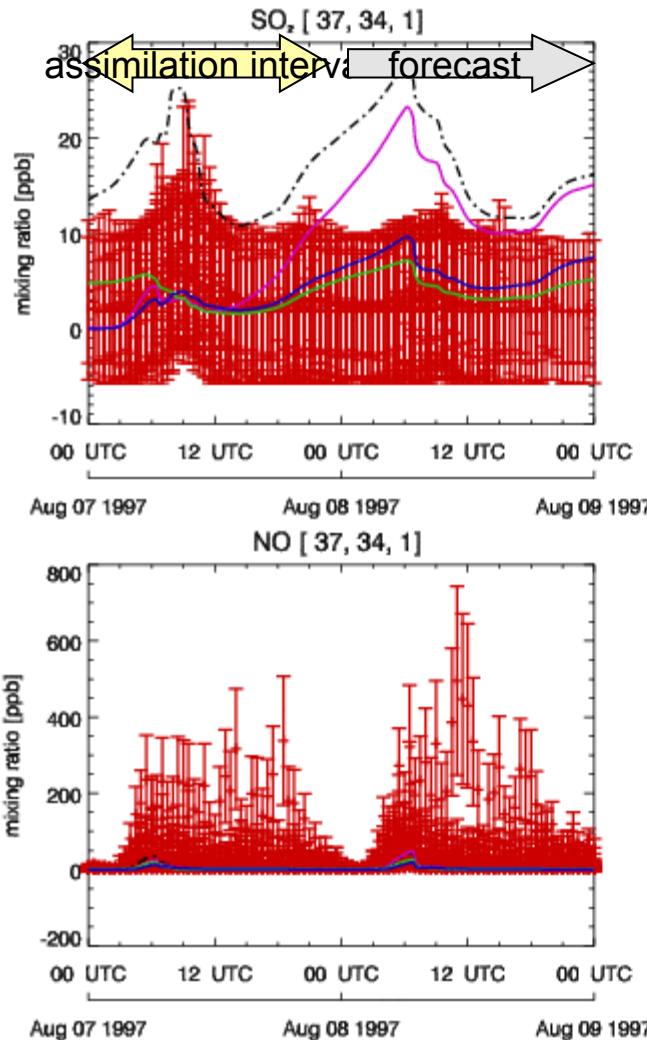


Semi-rural measurement site Eggegebirge



4. Focus: joint emission rate initial value optimisation

Rhine-Main area box: (Frankfurt-Mainz)
9.-10. August 1997



initial value opt.

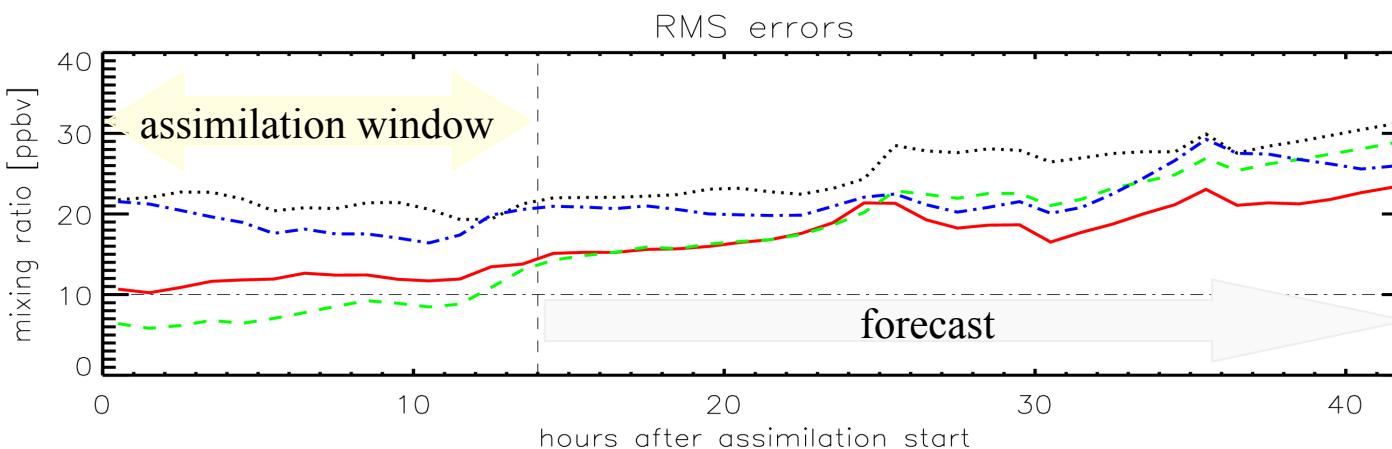
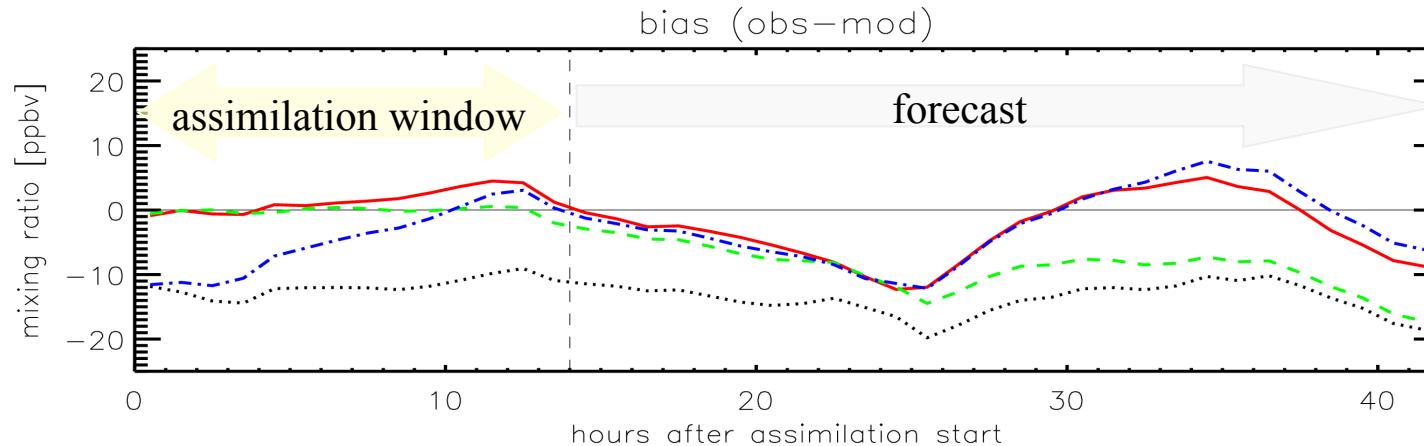
emis. rate opt.

joint emis +
ini val opt.

4. Focus: joint emission rate initial value optimisation

Error statistics

bias (top), root mean square (bottom)



aug7_ie

aug7_fg

aug7_iv

aug7_em

joint emis +
ini val opt.

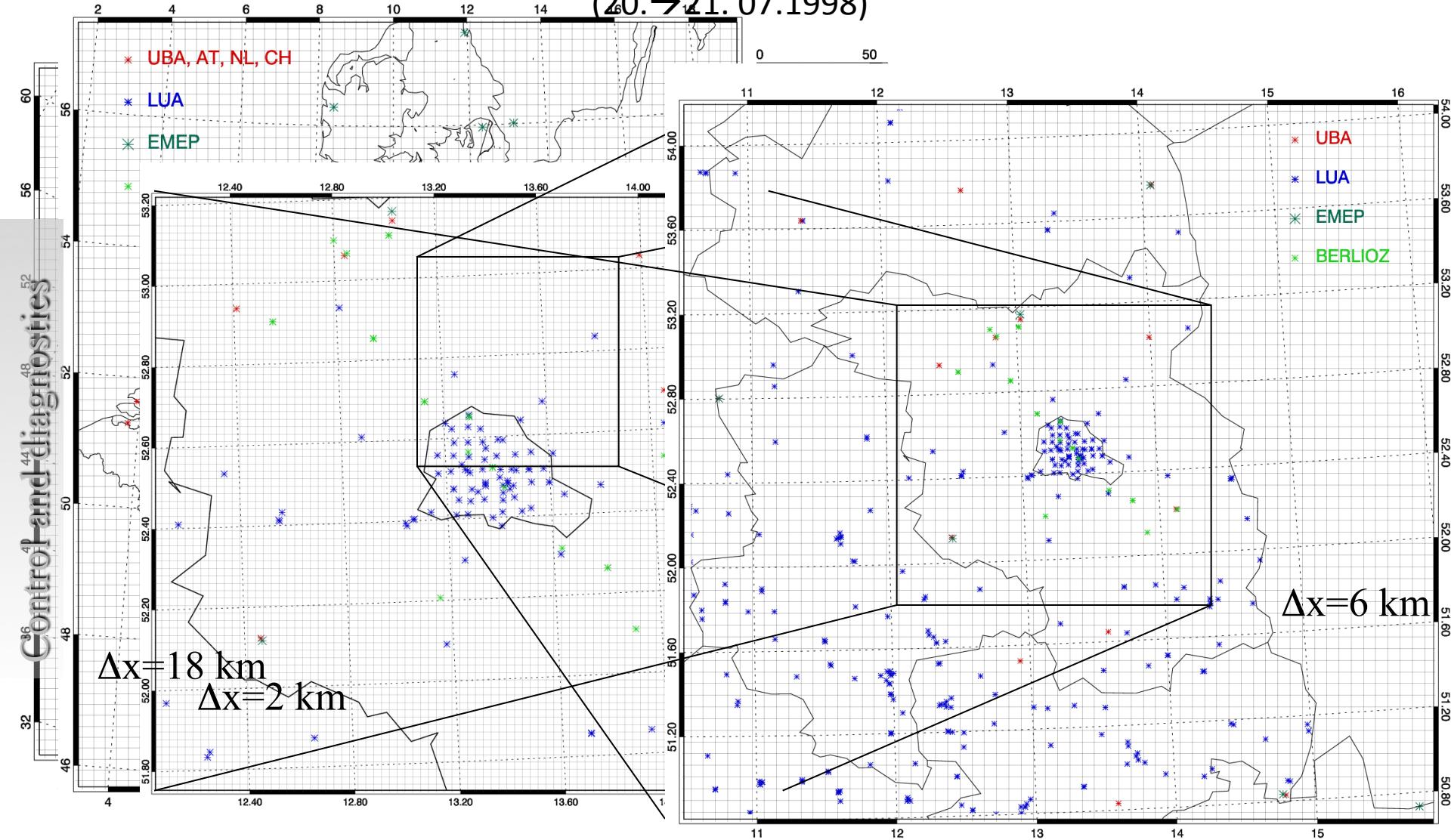
+ observations
no optimisation

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Which is the requested resolution?

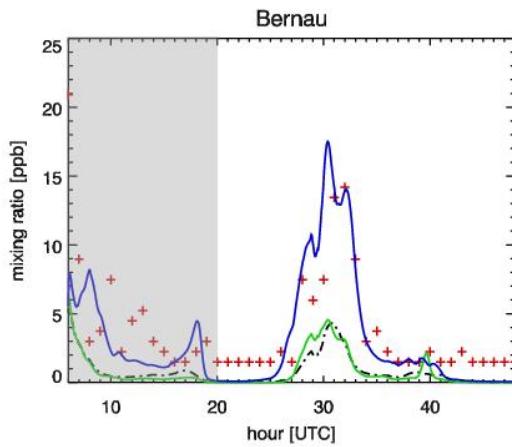
BERLIOZ grid designs and observational sites

(20.→21. 07.1998)

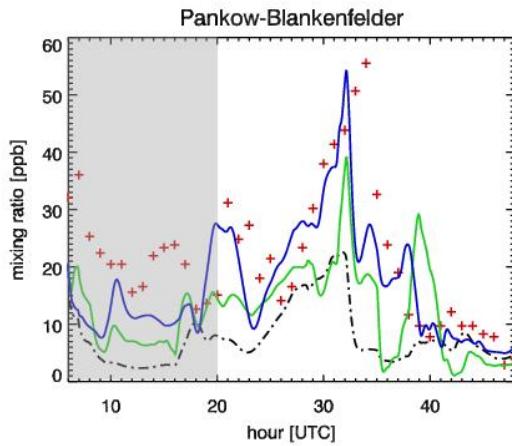


Some BERLIOZ examples of NOx assimilation (20.→21. 07.1998)

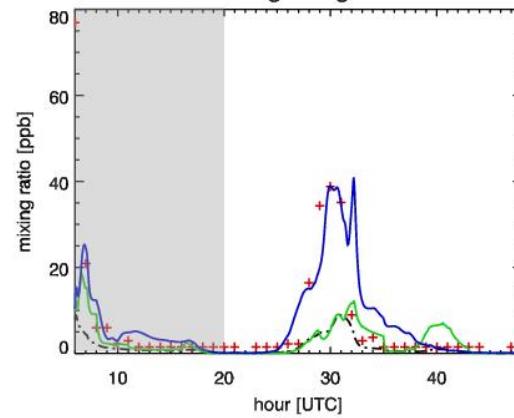
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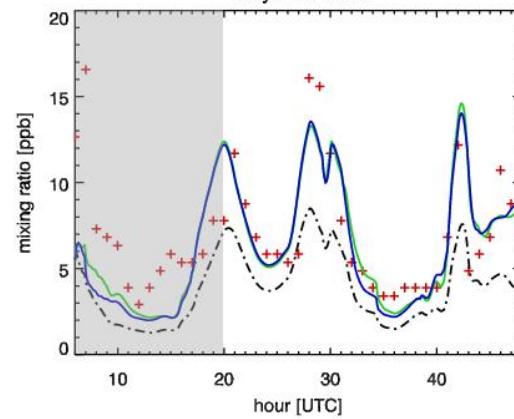
NO₂



Schöneberg-Belziger Straße



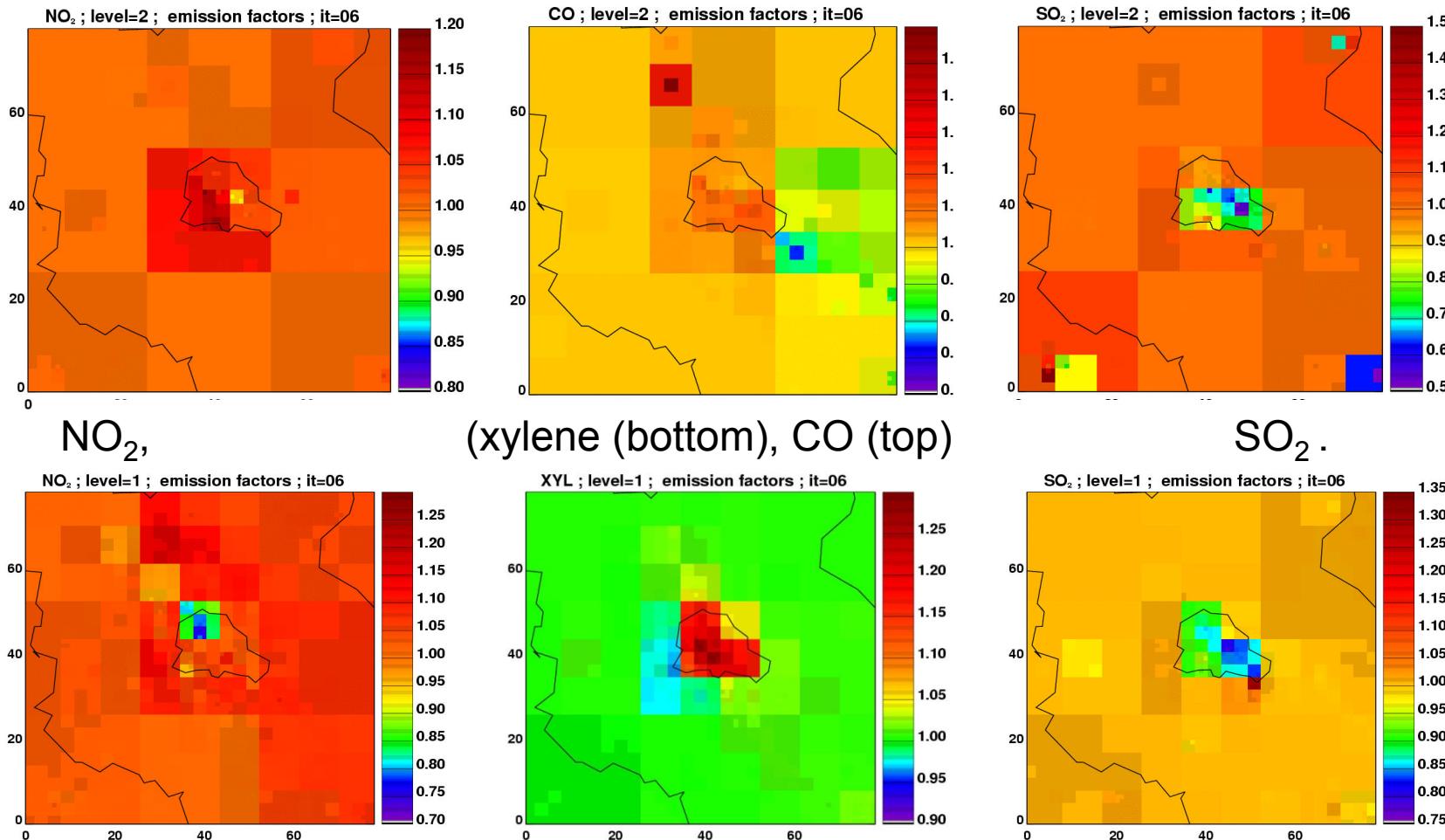
Hoyerswerda



Time series for selected NOx stations on nest 2.
 + observations,
 - - - no assimilation,
 - - N1 assimilation (18 km),
 - - N2 assimilation (6 km),
 - grey shading: assimilated
 observations, others
 forecasted.

Emission source estimates by inverse modelling

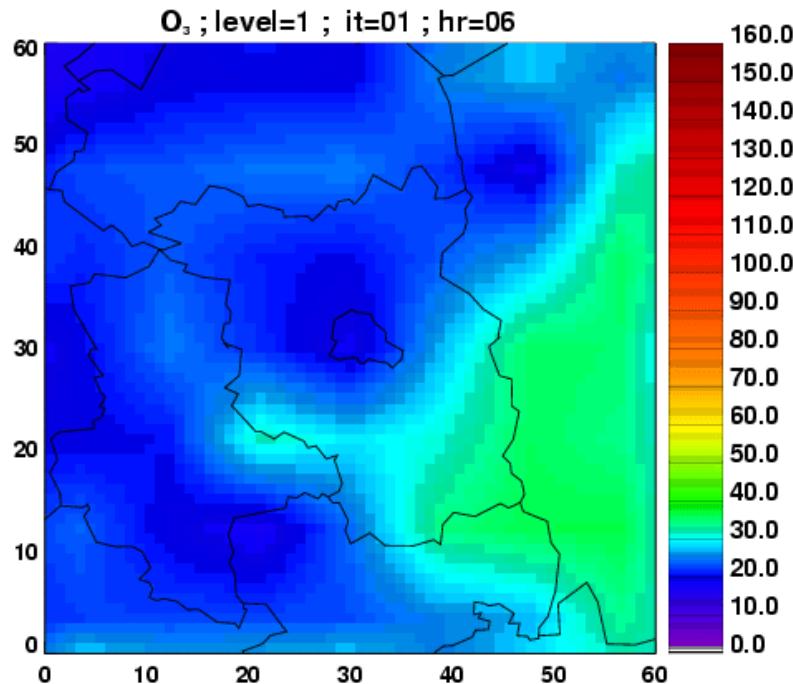
Optimised emission factors for Nest 3



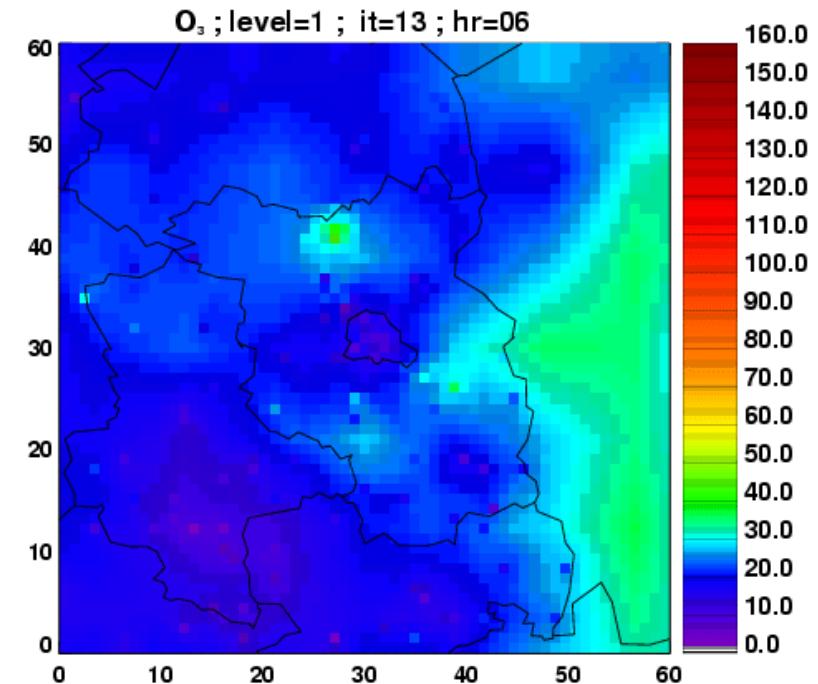
height layer ~32-~70m
surface

Nest 2: (surface ozone) (20.→21. 07.1998)

without
assimilation

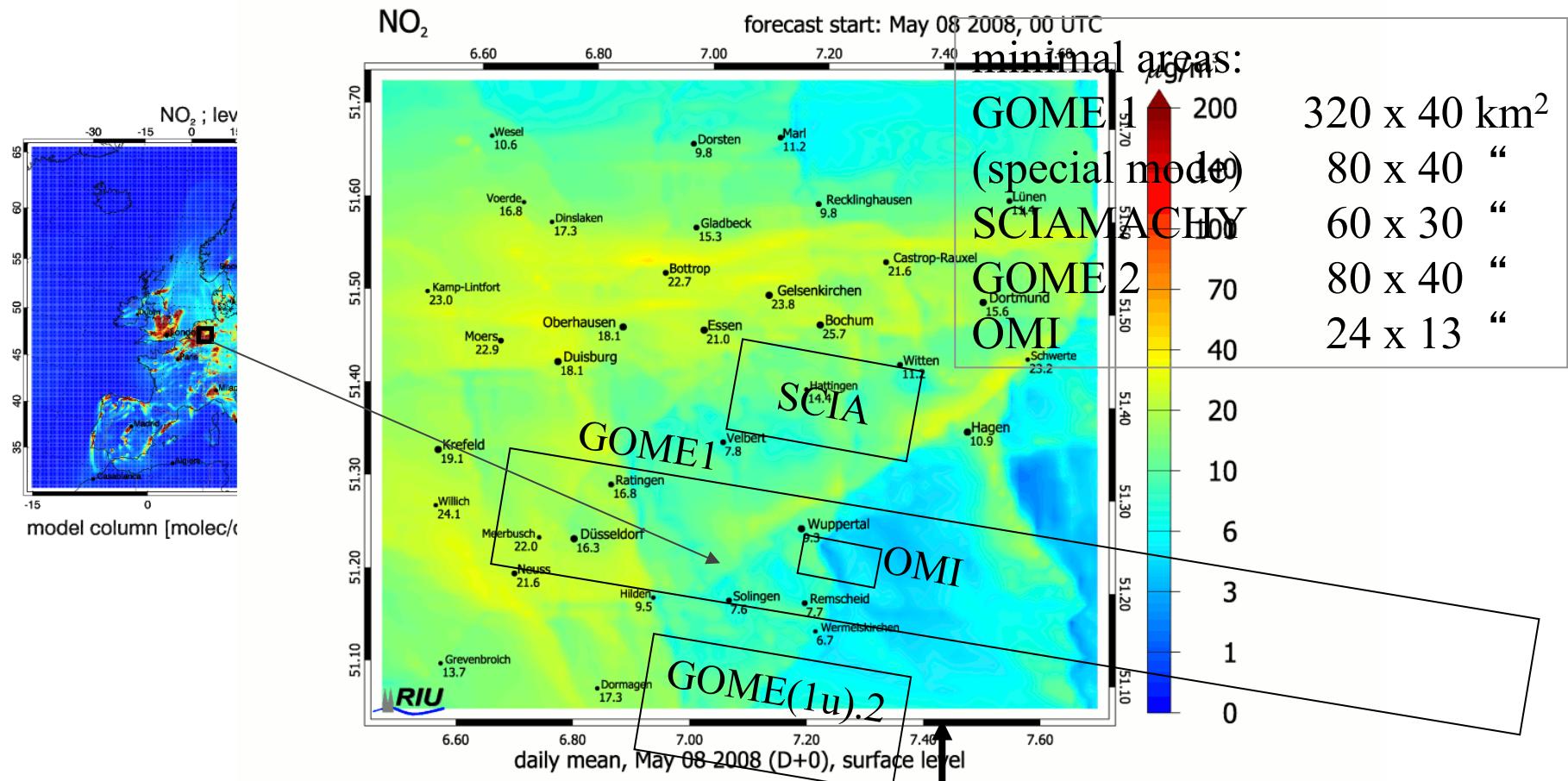


with assimilation



Satellite information:

ESA UV-VIS satellite footprints Ruhr area comparison



Ruhr area domain 90 x 80 km²
(~12 000 000 inhabitants)

Error variances applied
for period 1.-10.7.2006 over model domain

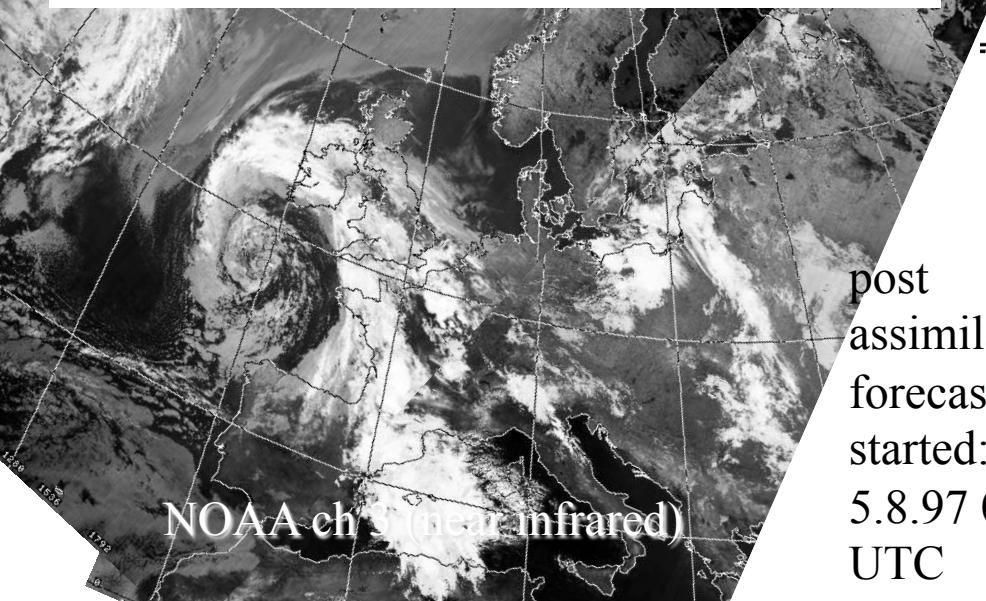
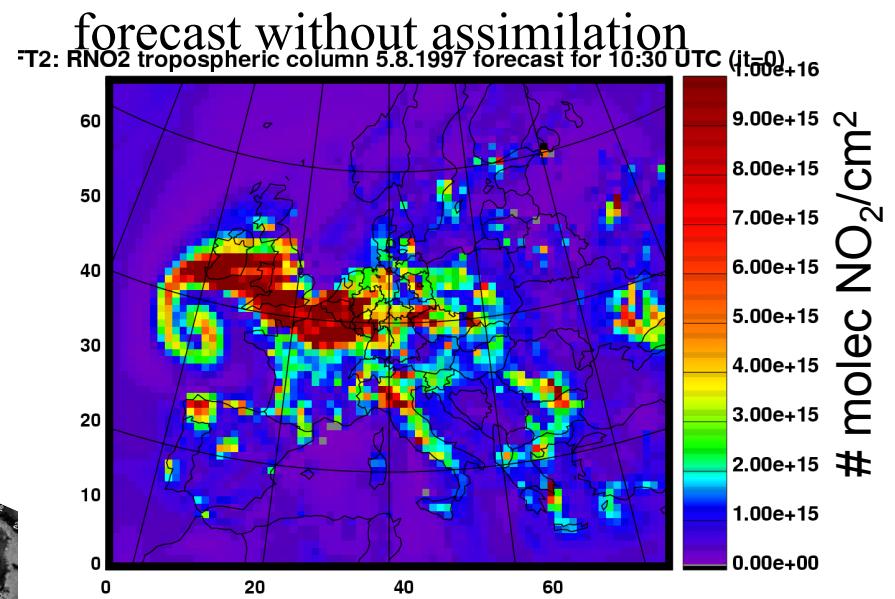
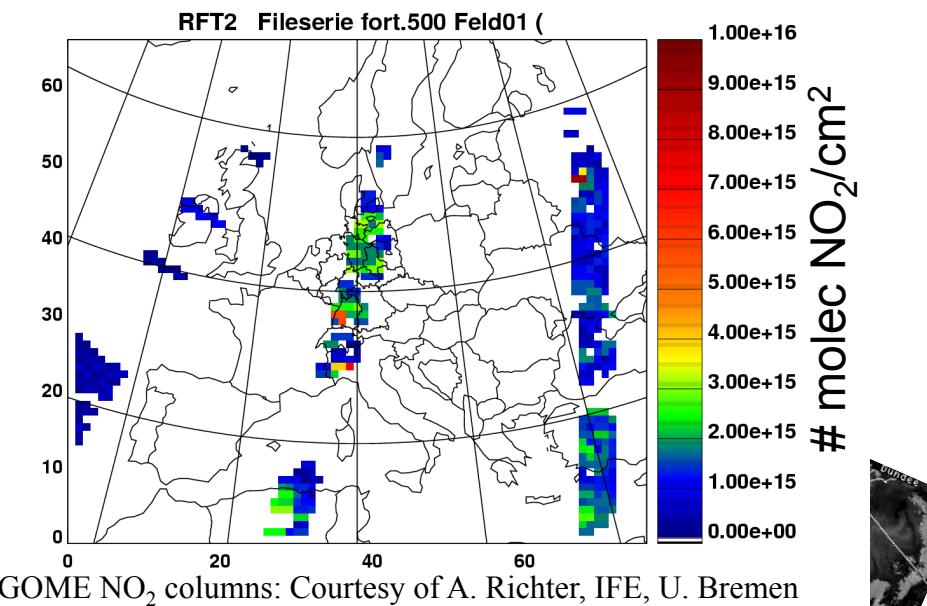
NO₂ columns from KNMI data files: **R** (diagonal)

molecules/cm ²	E(y)	E(Δy)
OMI	1.4×10^{15}	0.8×10^{15}
SCIAMACHY	1.2×10^{15}	0.9×10^{15}

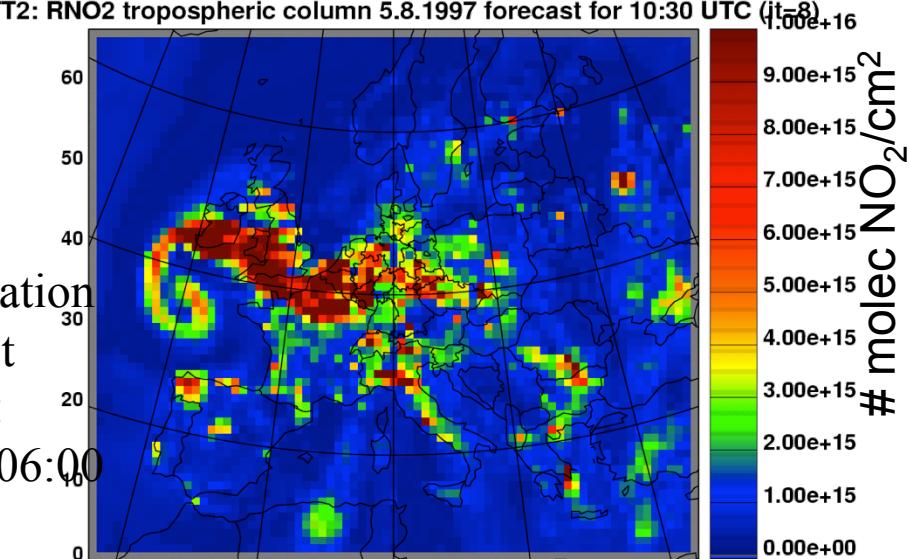
Forecast error covariances **B** schematic formula

$$B_{ii}(\text{spec,lev}) = \max\{1 \text{ ppb}, 0.8 * \text{var(spec,lev)}, 0.5 \max(\text{spec,lev})\}$$

Assimilation of GOME NO₂ tropospheric columns, 5.8.1997



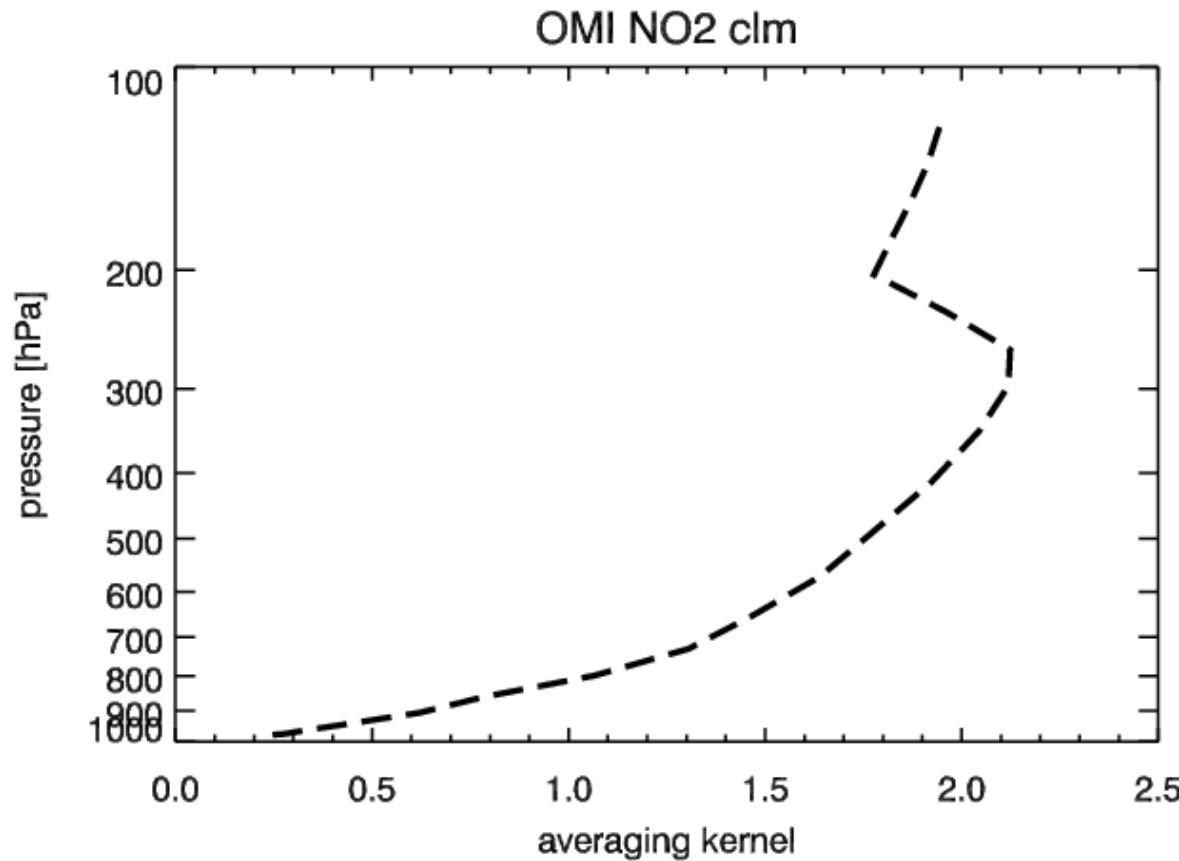
post
assimilation
forecast
started:
5.8.97 06:00
UTC



4. Focus: joint emission rate initial value optimisation

Do NO₂ columns profice useful information?

Average OMI averaging kernel profile
over model domain for July 9th, 2006



model domain mean averaging kernel.

Exploitation of NO₂ column averaging kernel information

- AK profile mostly dependent on optical properties of the atmosphere (cloud cover), rather than NO₂
- typical maximal sensitivity **above** the boundary layer
- **does not allow** a clear distinction between PBL or lower free troposphere pollution burden

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How to proceed to obtain benefit from trop. column integral information?

(A typical problem of Inverse Modelling by Integral Equations)

Two more specific questions:

- When is it justified to project averaging kernel information to the surface?
- Can this be done without heuristics, destroying the BLUE property of the assimilation algorithm?

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Observation operator \mathbf{H}

Formally an integral equation to be solved for vertical NO₂ molecule density function x (σ vertical coordinate)

$$y = \int_1^0 w(\sigma)x(\sigma)d\sigma$$

Discretisation

$$y = \sum^K h_k x_k$$

At the minimum $\mathbf{x} =: \mathbf{x}_a$

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathbf{x}_a := \mathbf{x}_a - \mathbf{x}_b &= (\mathbf{B}_0^{-1} + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{H})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \{\mathbf{y}^0 - H[\mathbf{x}_b]\} \\ &= \mathbf{B} \mathbf{H}^T (\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{H} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{H}^T)^{-1} \{\mathbf{y}^0 - H[\mathbf{x}_b]\} \end{aligned}$$

For scalar column retrieval:

$$d\mathbf{x}_a^c = \underbrace{\mathbf{B} \mathbf{h}^T (r + b)^{-1}}_{\text{adjoint representer}} \{y^0 - H[\mathbf{x}_b]\}$$

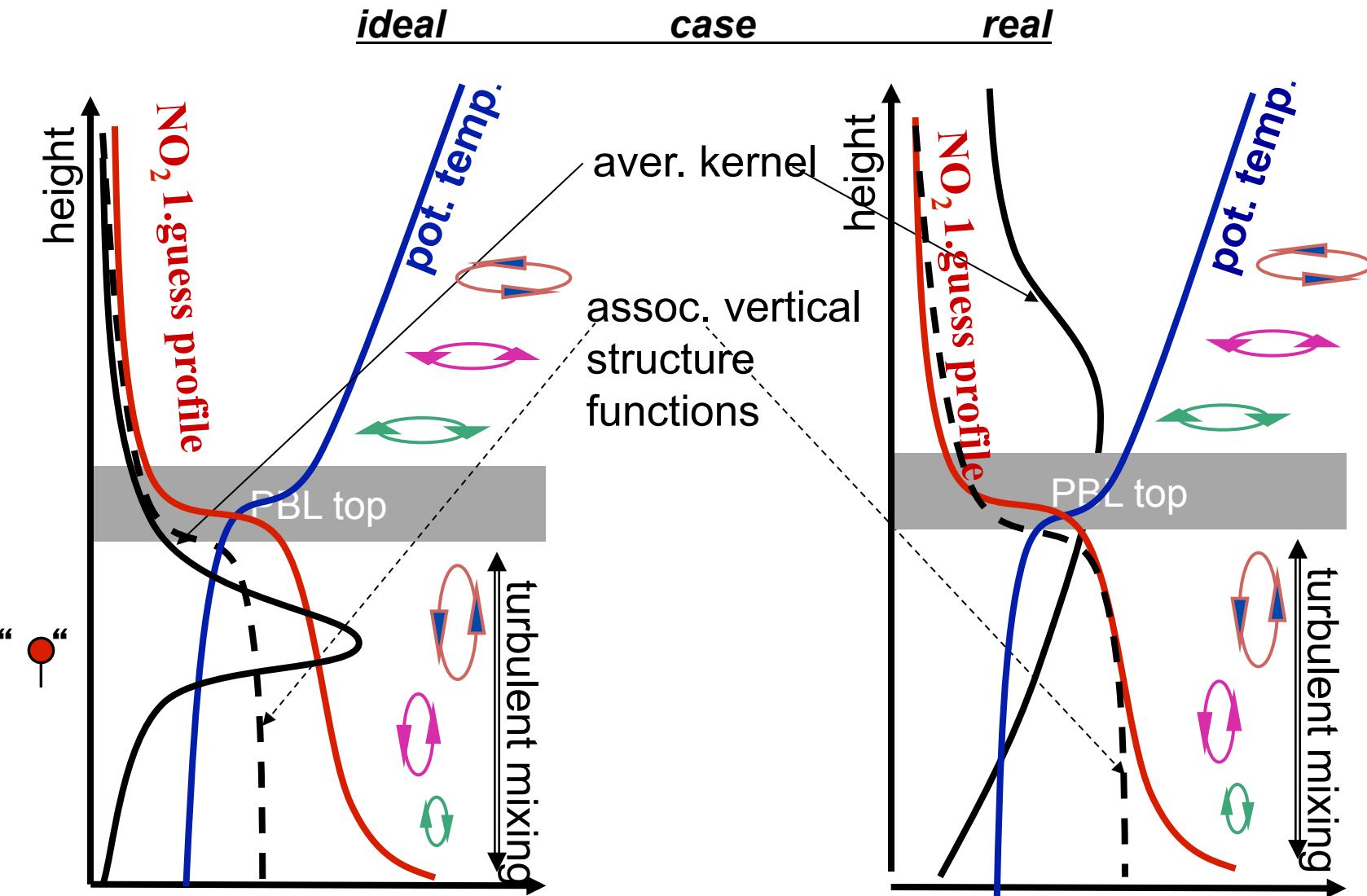
adjoint representer

→ vertical structure function in \mathbf{B} essential!

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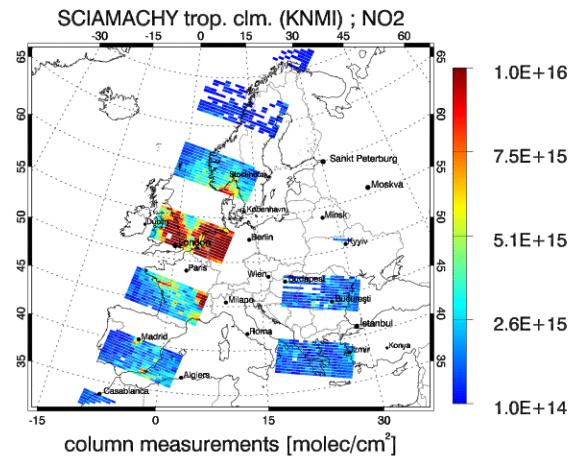
Vertical structure function:

Extending the information from observation location
by vertical exchange of pollutants and information

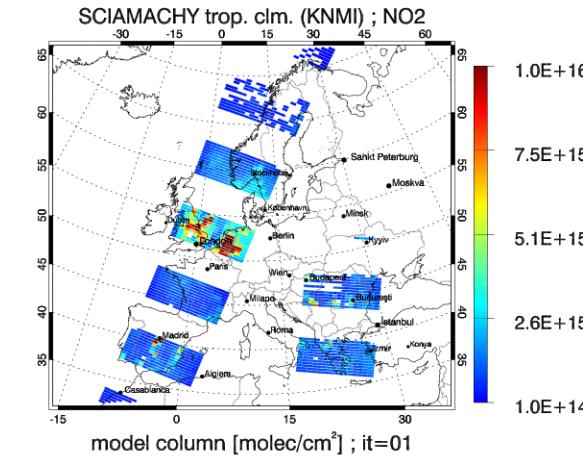


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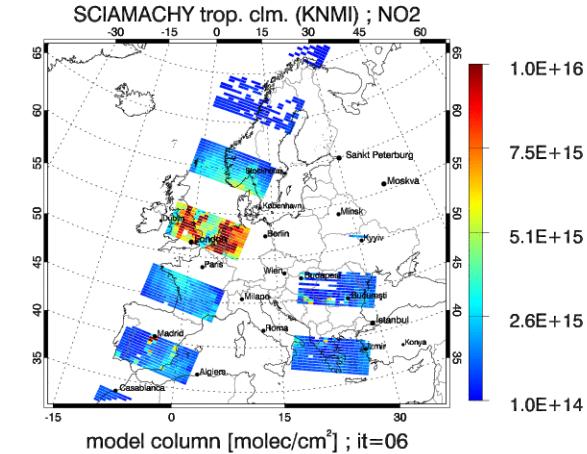
Comparison of NO₂ tropospheric columns in molecules/cm² for July 6th, 2006, 09-12 UTC.



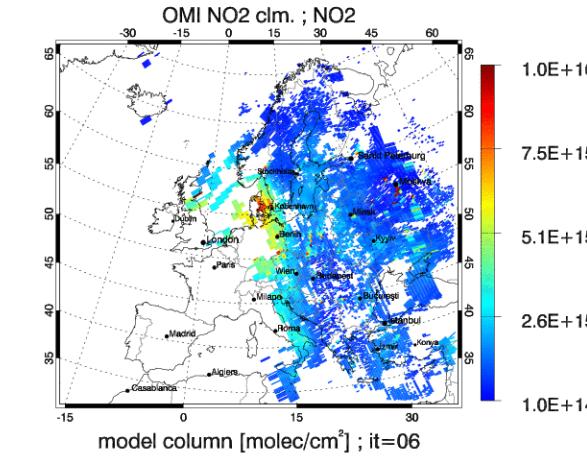
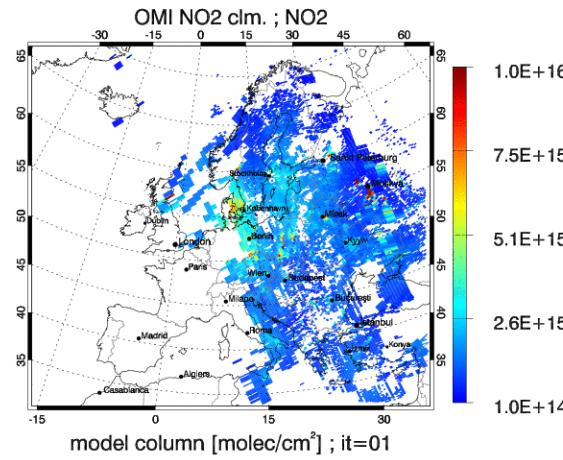
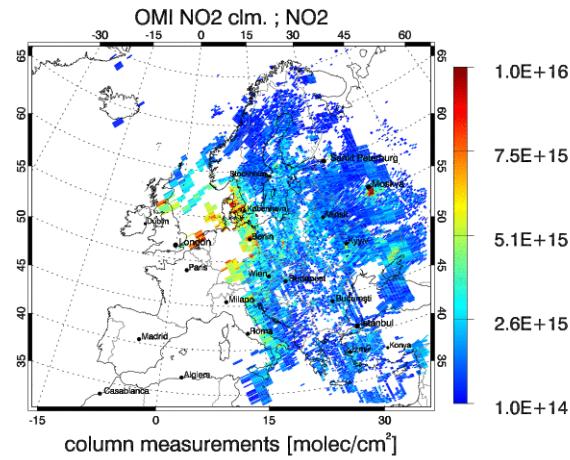
assimilated values (y);



:EURAD forecasted (\mathbf{Hx}_b);

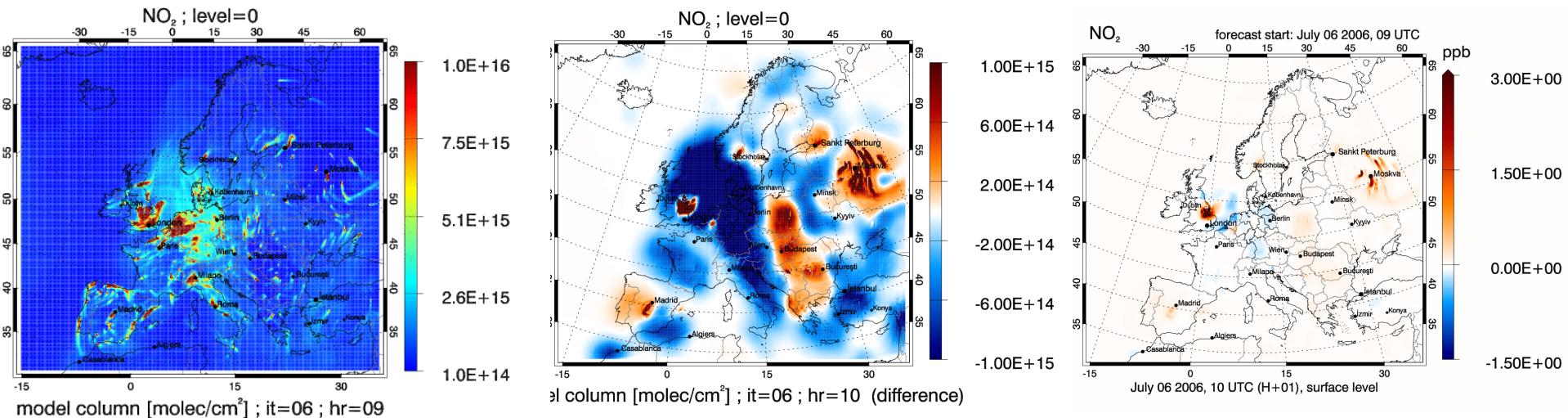


column analyses (\mathbf{Hx}_a).



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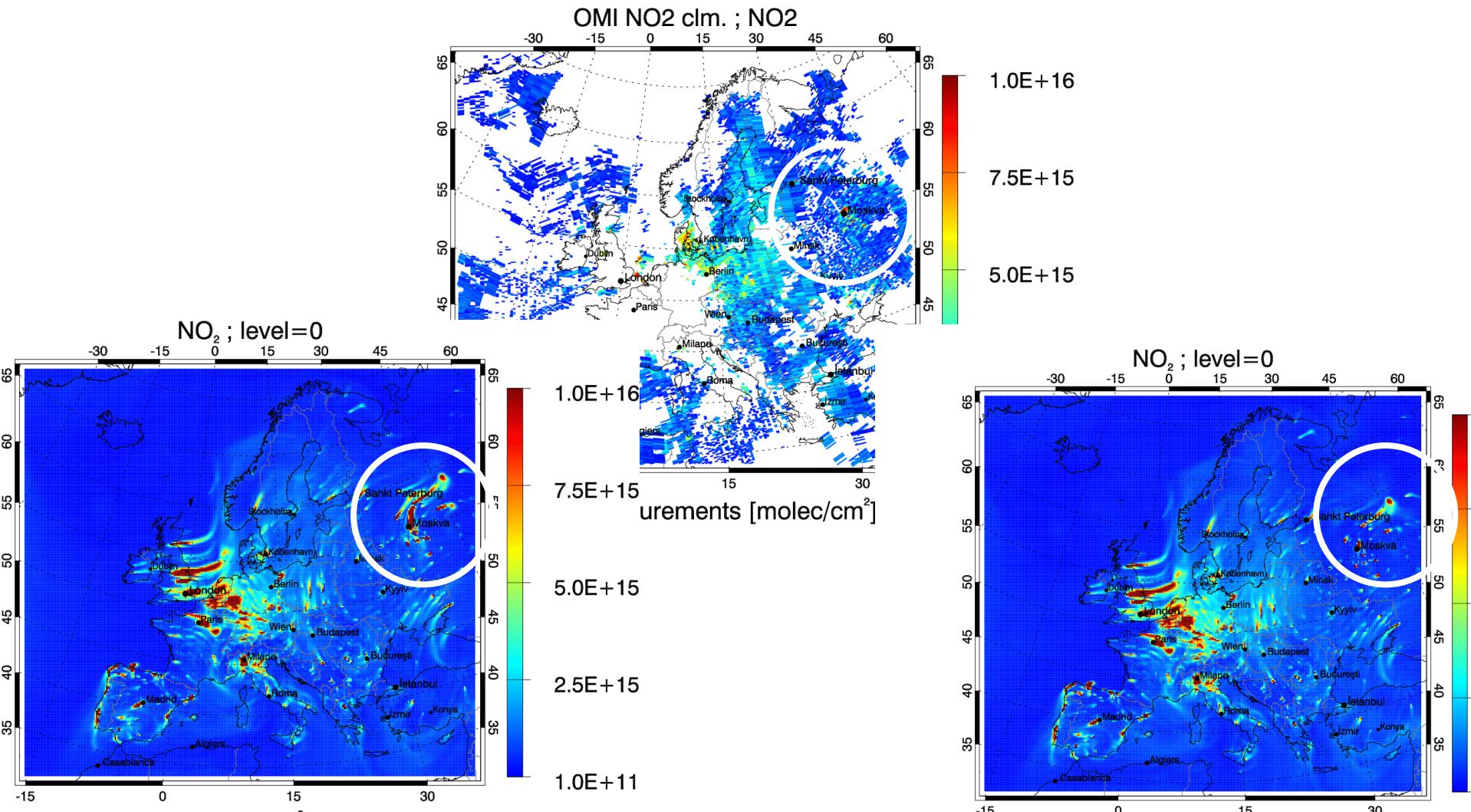
Data assimilation result in terms of tropospheric columns for July 6th, 2006. NO₂ model columns based on OMI and SCIAMACHY
assimilation within interval, 09-12 UTC.



Difference field giving implied changes for tropospheric columns by assimilation (middle), and induced surface concentration changes by NO₂ ppb (right)

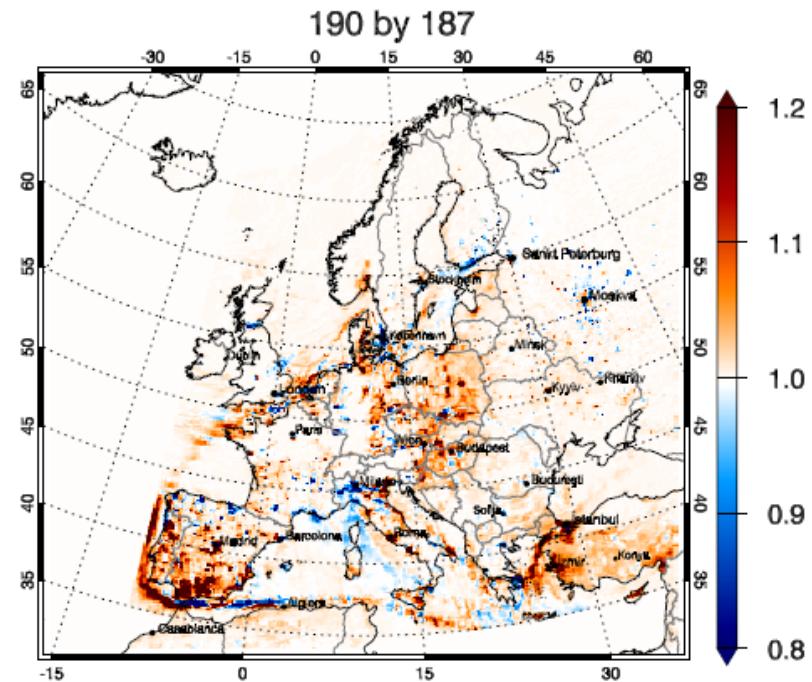
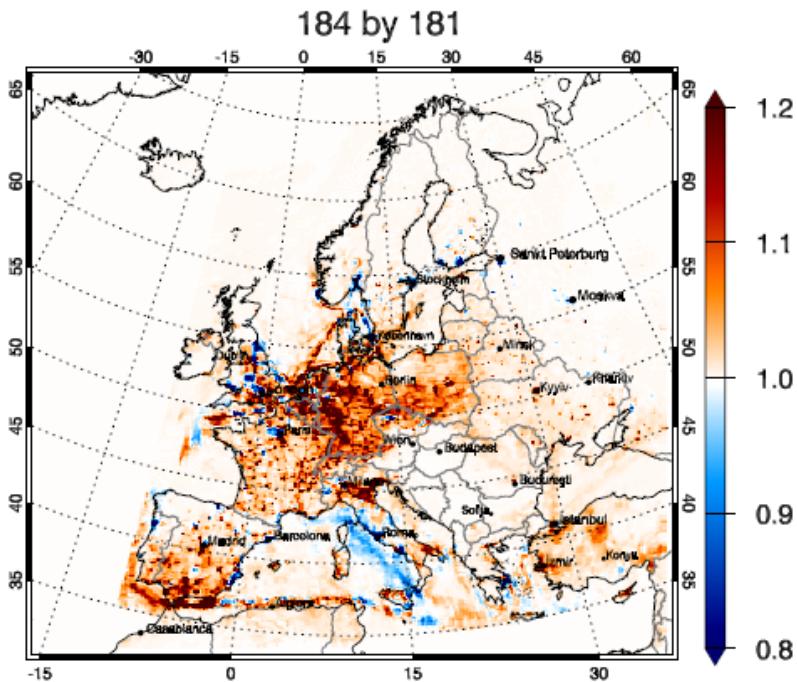
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Data assimilation result in terms of tropospheric columns for **July 7th, 2006**. NO₂ model columns based on OMI and SCIAMACHY assimilation within the assimilation interval, 09-12 UTC.



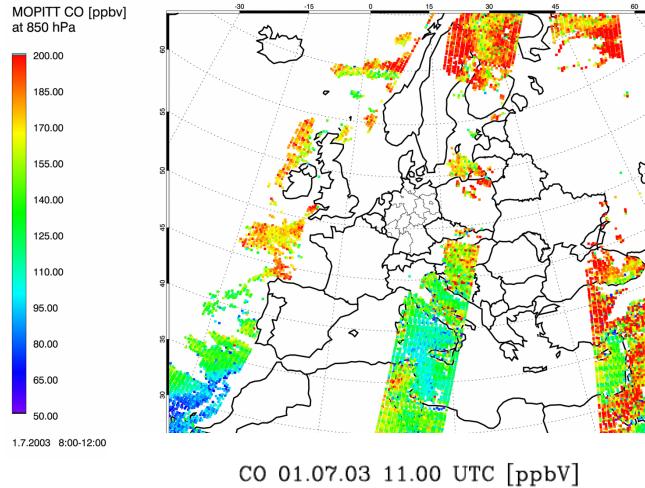
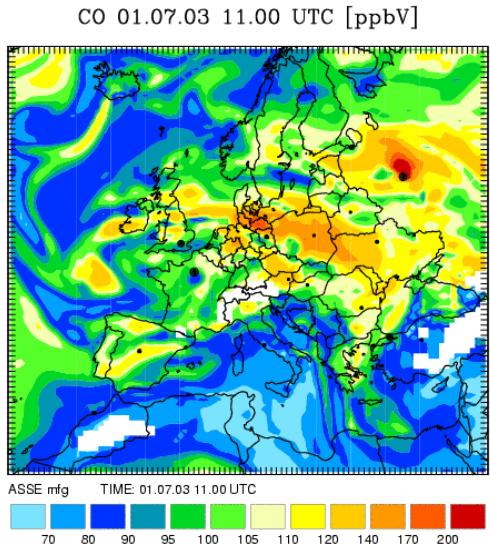
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Emission rate optimisation factors for NO₂ after
assimilation of
OMI retrieved NO₂ tropospheric columns



2 x 4 days assimilation sequence. Left panel shows results after
assimilation procedures from July 1.-4. 2006, right panel for July 7.-11., 2006.
OMI data from KNMI

MOPITT tropospheric CO assimilation

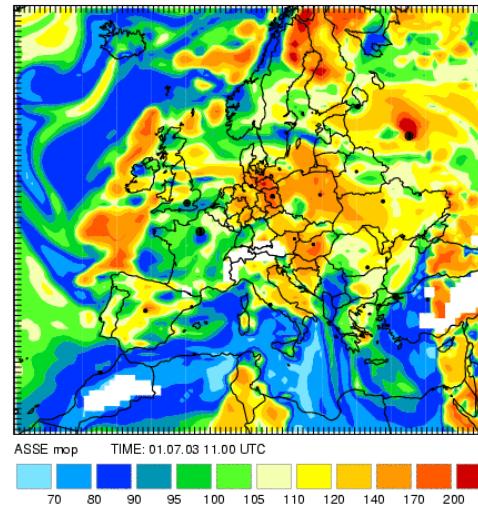


first guess at 11:00 UTC;:

850 hPa, 1 July. 2003

Note: Colour codes are not fully consistent!

retrieved 850
h P a
concentrations
in ppbV.



4D-Var
analysis for the
same time;

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bio-organic

soot

mineral dust

anthropogenic

sea salt

Example: Aerosol Chemistry in MADE

Modal Aerosol Dynamics for EURAD/Europe

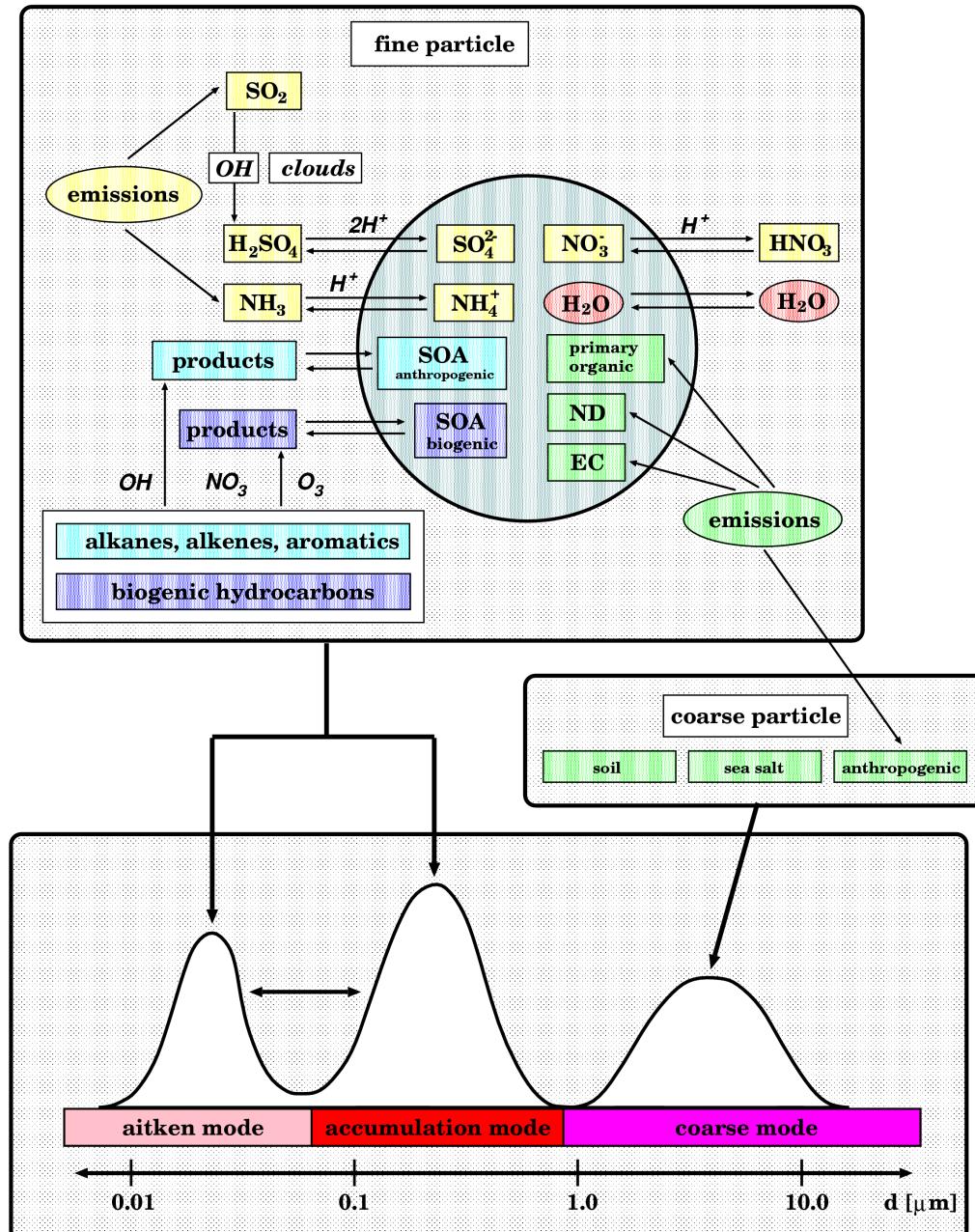
(Ackerman et al., 1998, Schell
2000)

$$dM_i^k/dt = nuk_i^k + coag_{ii}^k + coag_{ij}^k + cond_i^k + emi_i^k$$

M_i^k := k^{th} Moment of i^{th} Mode

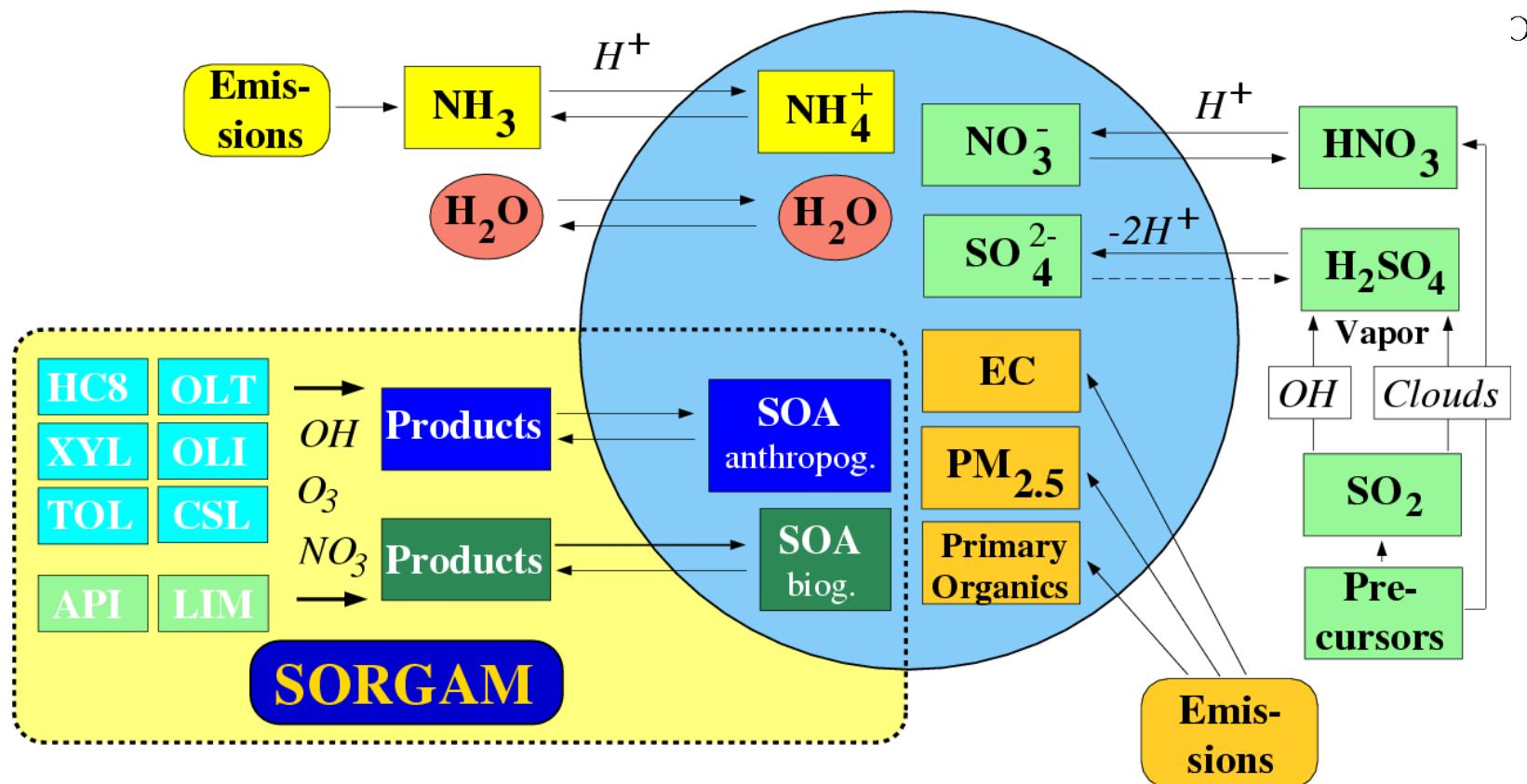
assimilation of aerosol
By satelite retrievals: e.g.
Bridge from optical to chemical
properties

MERIS MODIS
AATSR+SCIAMACHY,...



Secondary ORGanic Aerosol Model (SORGAM)

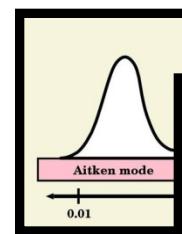
Biogenic and anthropogenic hydrocarbons to particles



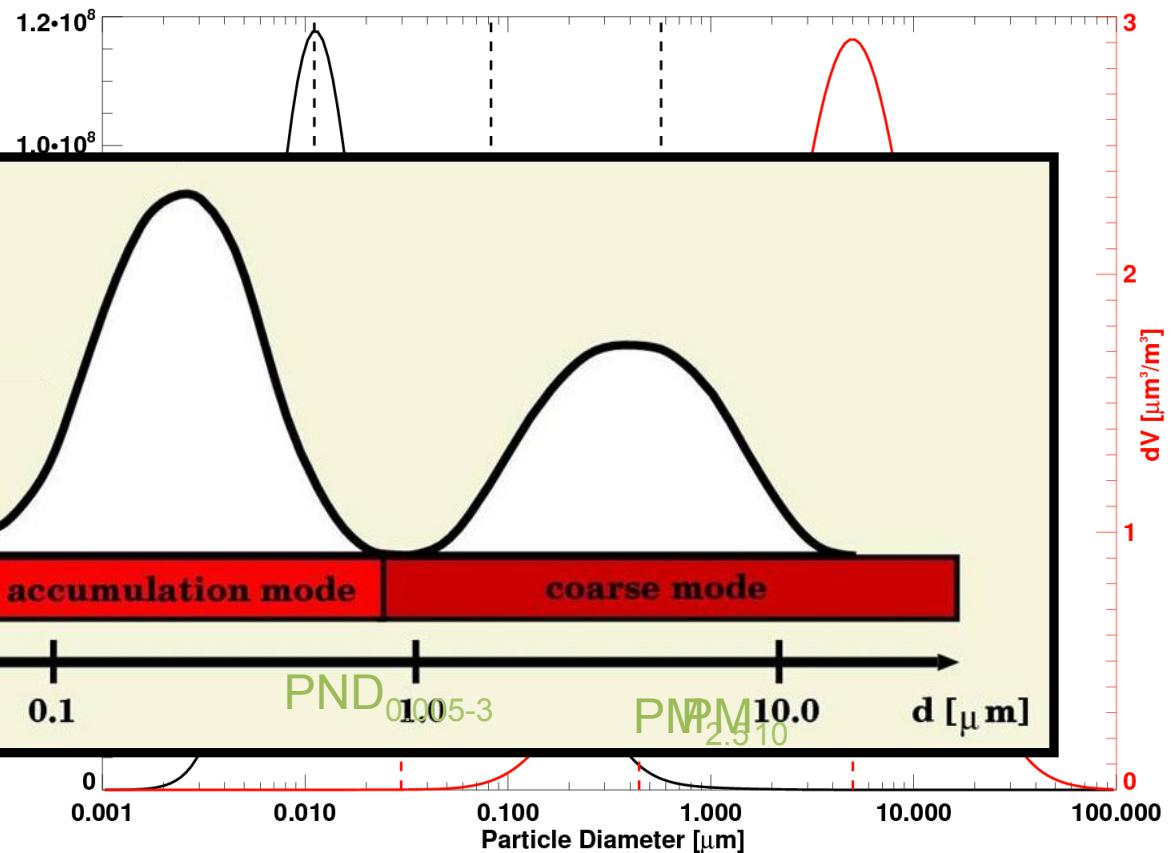
Modal representation of particles

Particulate Matter (PM_x) and Particle Number Density ($PND_{0.005-3.0}$)

Trimodal Log-normal distribution



Number
 $D_{Ni} = \sqrt[3]{\cdot}$
Volume
 $D_{Vi} = D_{Ni} \cdot \infty$



Mass/Number
Concentrations

Integrator →
← Adjoint Integrator

PM_x / PND

Assimilation of Aerosol observations

- In situ:

EEA Airbase: Database of groundstations of EU member countries & states:

- 450 stations for PM_{10} (2003)
- No $\text{PM}_{2.5}$. (4 stations in UK only)

- Satellite measurements:

SYNAER (SYNergetic AErosol Retrieval, DLR-DFD, [Holzer-Popp, 2001])*

- combines GOME&ATSR-2, SCIAMACHY&AATSR measurements aboard ERS-2/ENVISAT
- ATSR-2/AATSR:
dark field detection, BLAOT (Boundary Layer Aerosol Optical Thickness) and albedo are calculated
- GOME/SCIAMACHY:
Provides $\text{PM}_{0.5}$, $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ and PM_{10} columns and its composition (6 intrinsic species)

SYNAER retrieval algorithm

SYNergetic AErosol Retrieval (Holzer-Popp, 2001)

SYNAER makes combined use of two instruments
(Radiometer and Spectrometer) on ERS-2, Envisat,
and MetOp:

- ATSR-2/AATSR/AVHRR
Dark field detection, BLAOT (Boundary Layer AOT), Albedo
- GOME/Sciamachy/GOME-2
Measured spectra taken to identify aerosol mixture of highest probability out of 40 predefined mixtures via a Least Squares Method

SYNAER retrieval algorithm

Species Mapping

EURAD-IM [$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$]	SYNAER - AOT
SO ₄ , NH ₃ , NO ₃ , H ₂ O, SOA	 WASO (WAter SOluble)
Unidentified PM	 INSO (water INSOluble)
Elemental Carbon	 SOOT
Sea Salt	 SEAS
Mineral Dust	 DUST

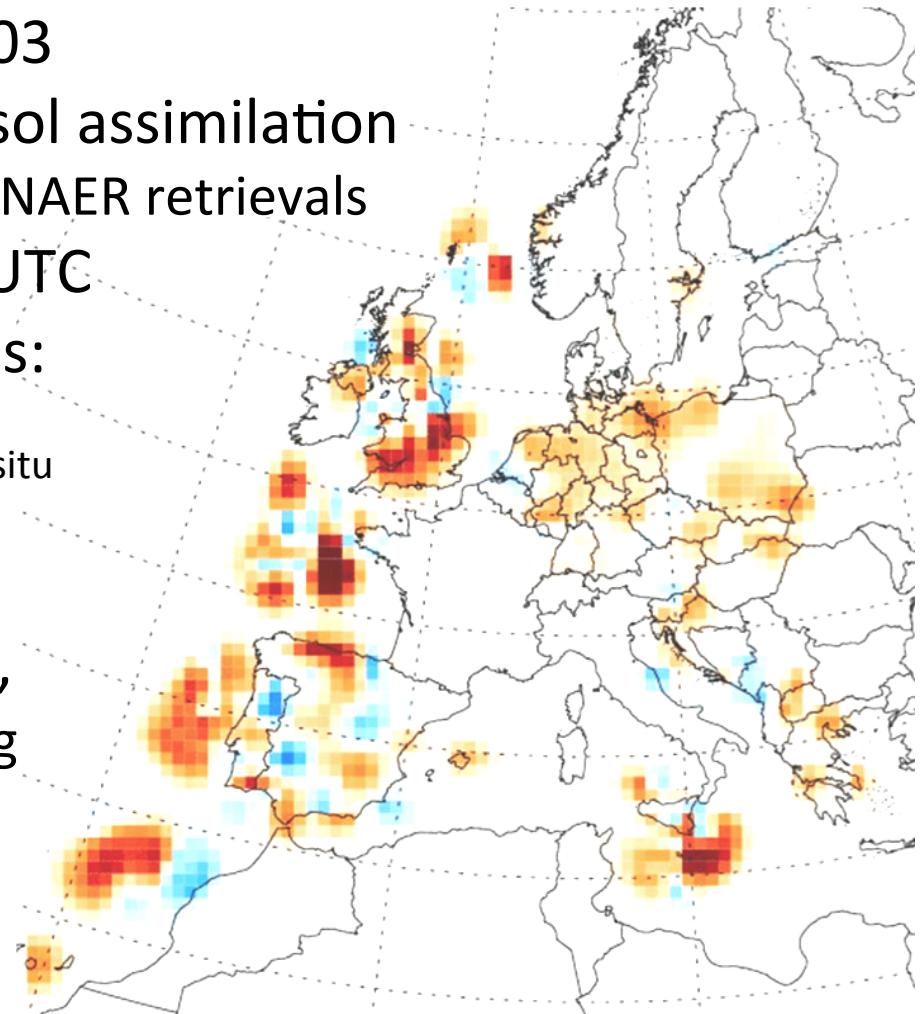
radiative transfer model



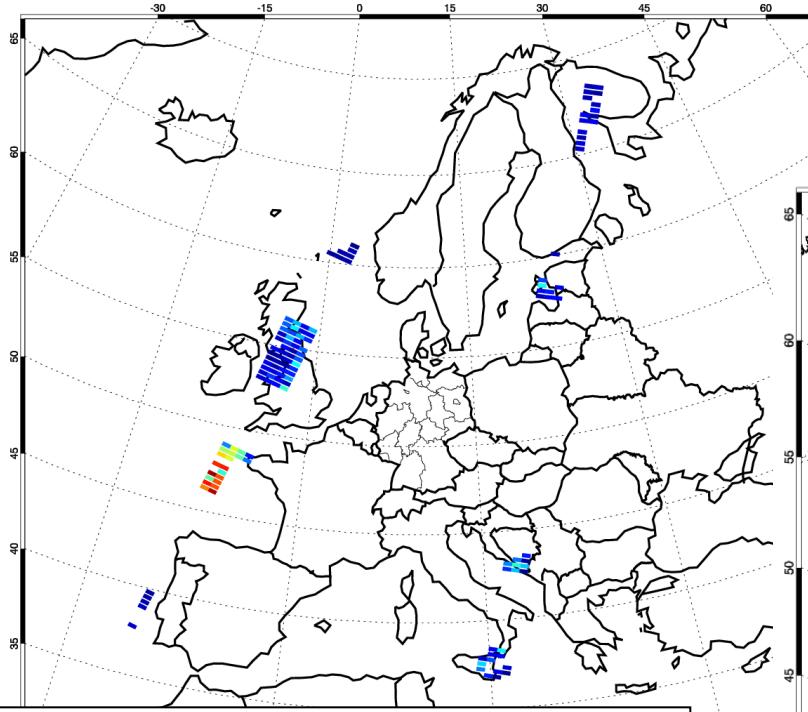
← adjoint radiative transfer model

Case study I: Summer 2003

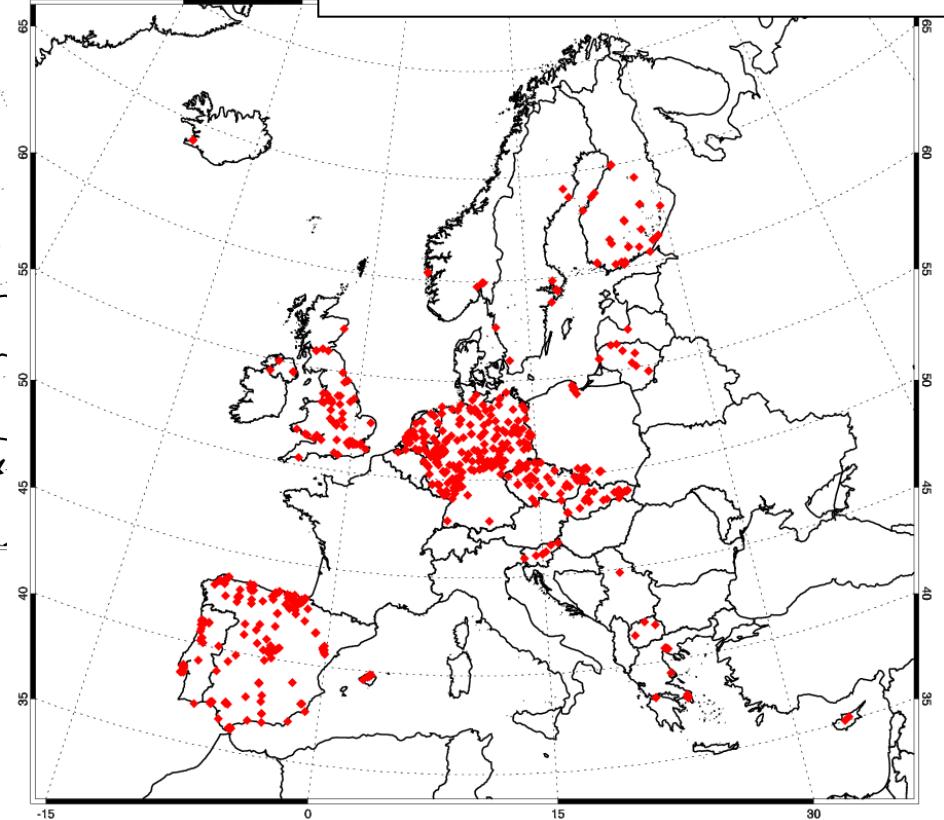
- Episode July 1 - July 14, 2003
- Purpose Validation of aerosol assimilation scheme & SYNAER retrievals
- Assimilation 8 – 16(14) UTC
- Data assimilated in 3 sub-cases:
 1. SYNAER-AOT only
 2. SYNAER-AOT & EEA in-situ
 3. EEA in-situ only
- Grid 107 x 97 x 23 Cells,
45km spacing
- Timestep 600 s



Model Domain and Observations

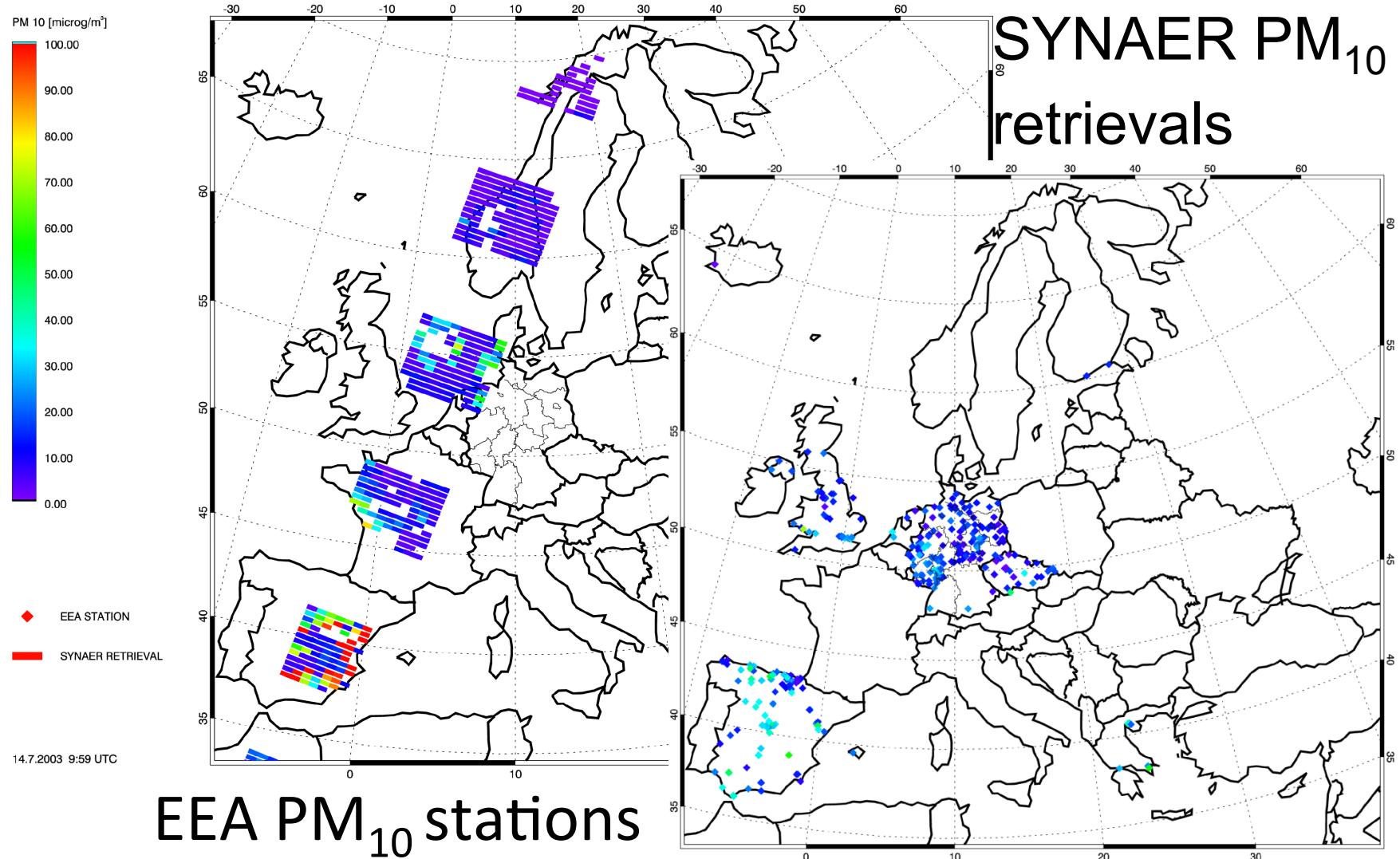


EEA in-situ PM₁₀
hourly (2003)



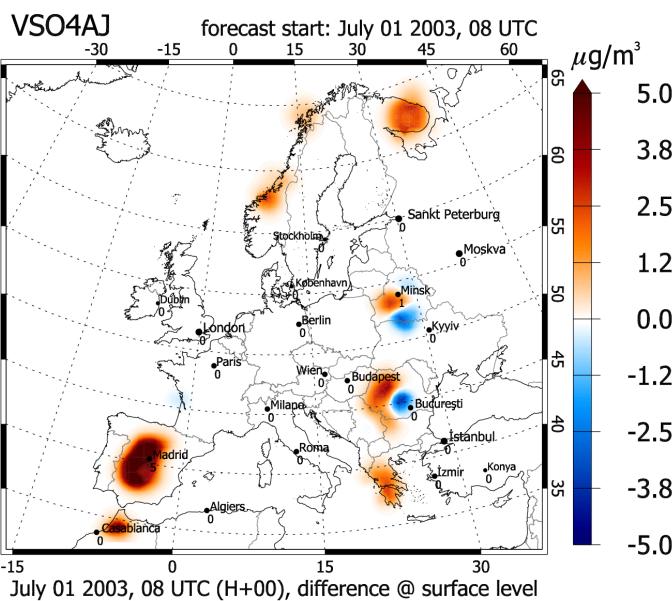
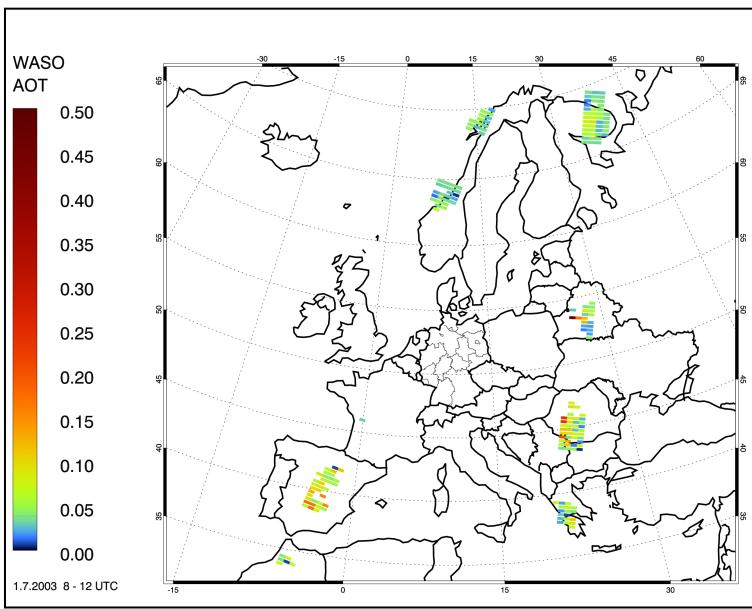
13 July 2003

Aerosol observations (14.7.2003, ~10:00 UTC)

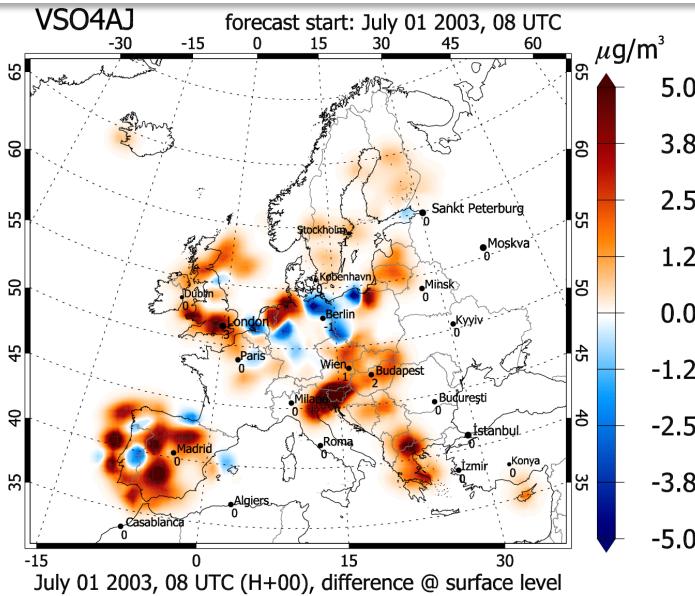


Analysis and increments for acc. SO_4^{2-} July 1, 8 UTC

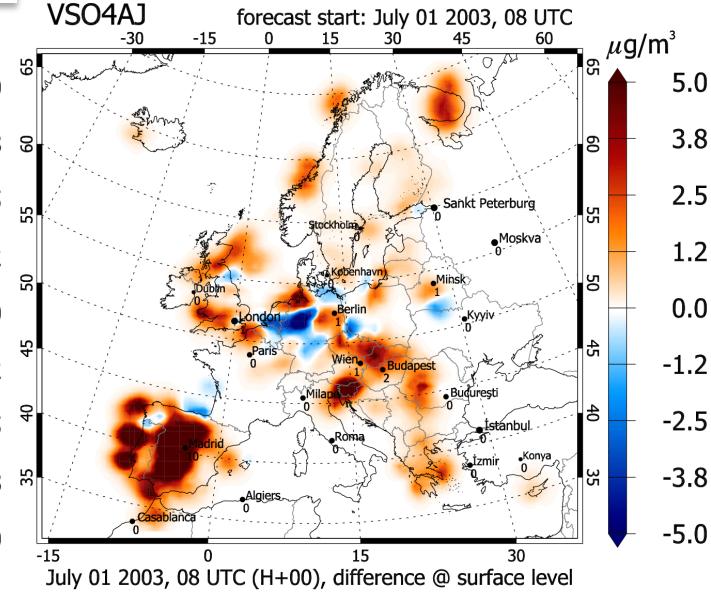
SYNAER AOT-WASO



Analysis – Background
EEA only



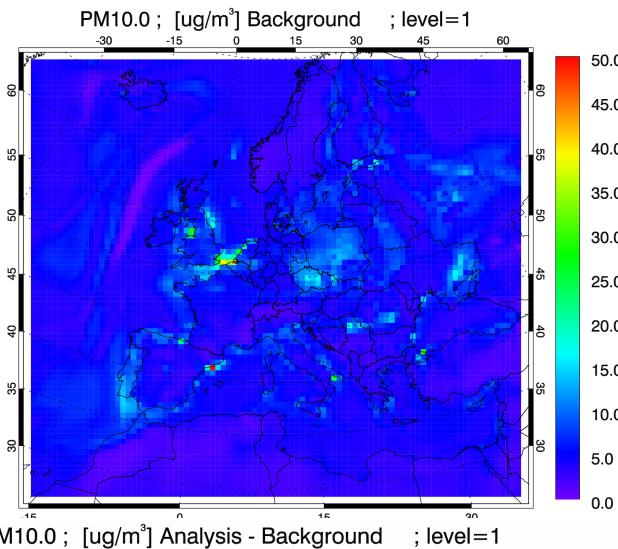
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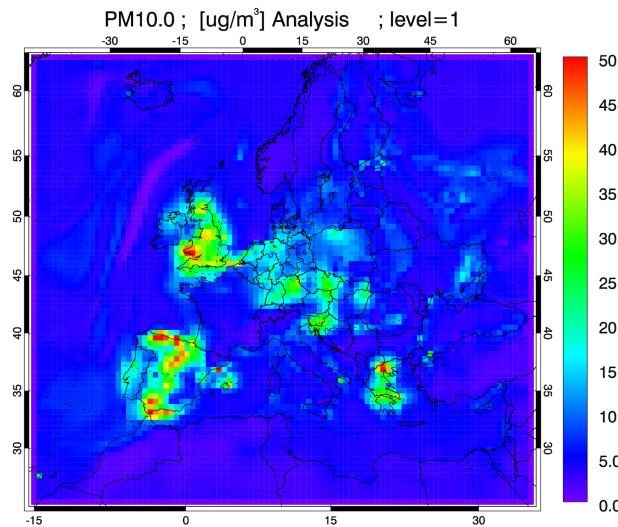
Analysis – Background
SYNAER & EEA

3Dvar aerosol assimilation (13.7.2003)

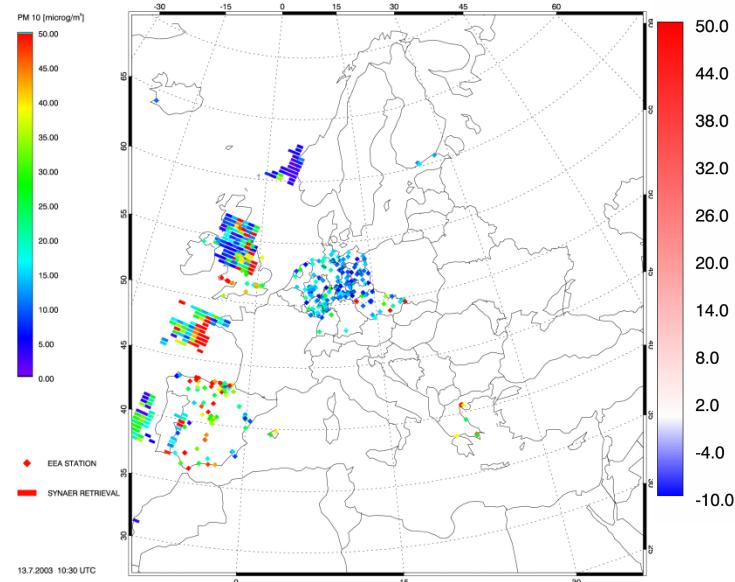
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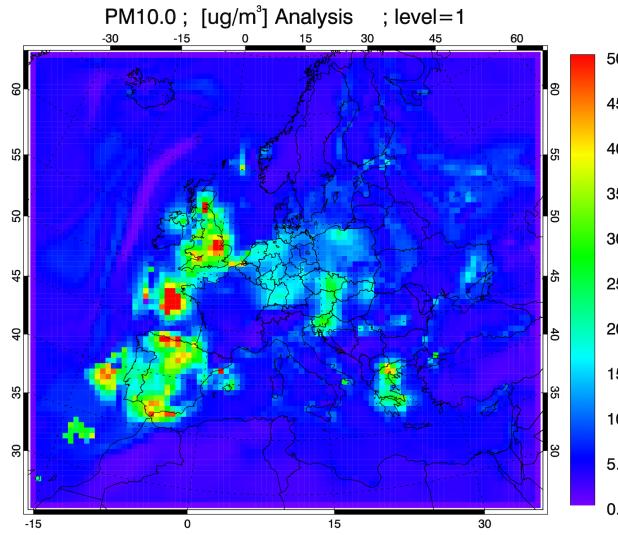
in situ only



in situ & SYNAER



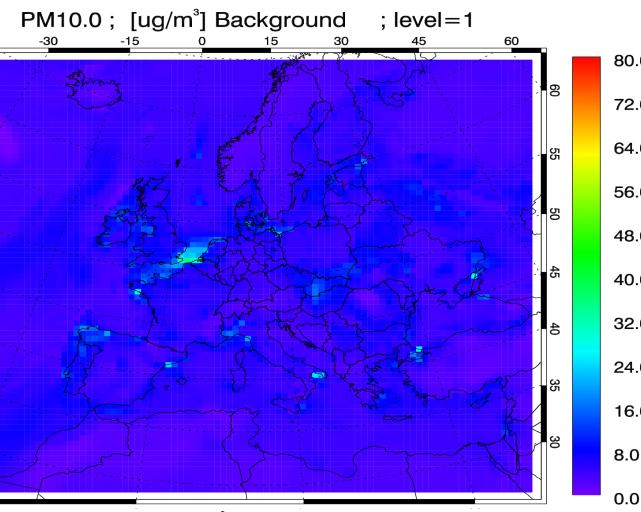
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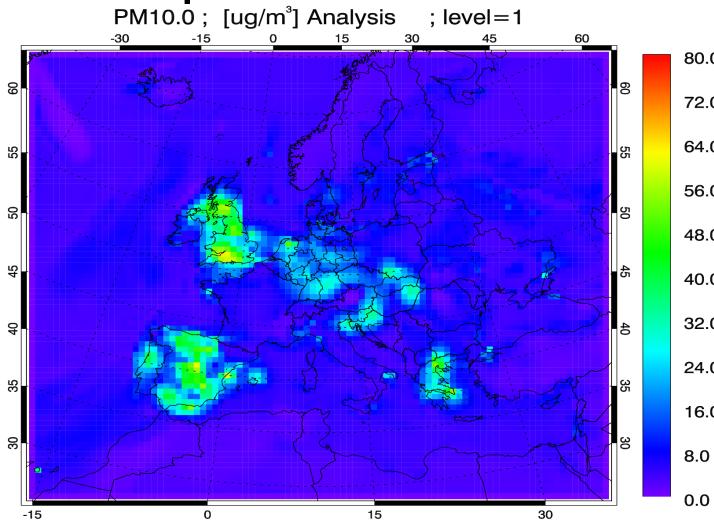
3Dvar aerosol assimilation (14.7.2003)

biomass burning case in Spain

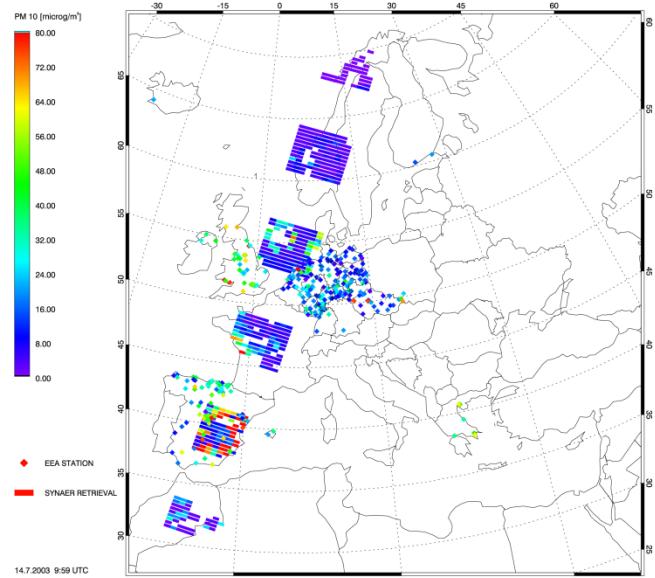
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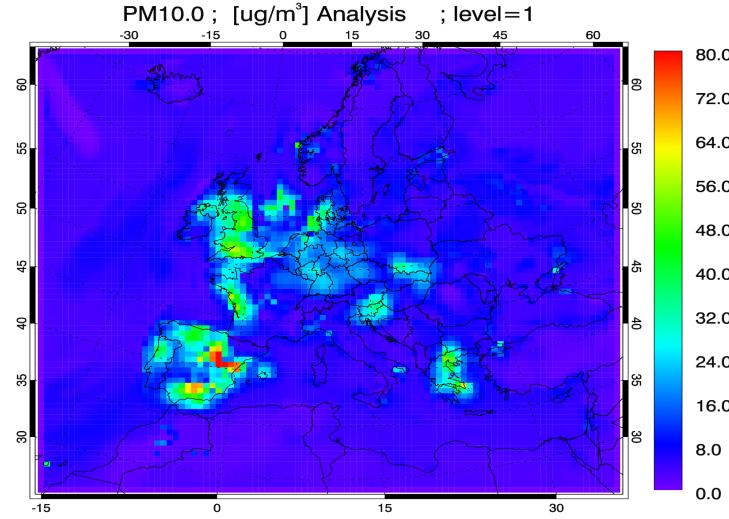
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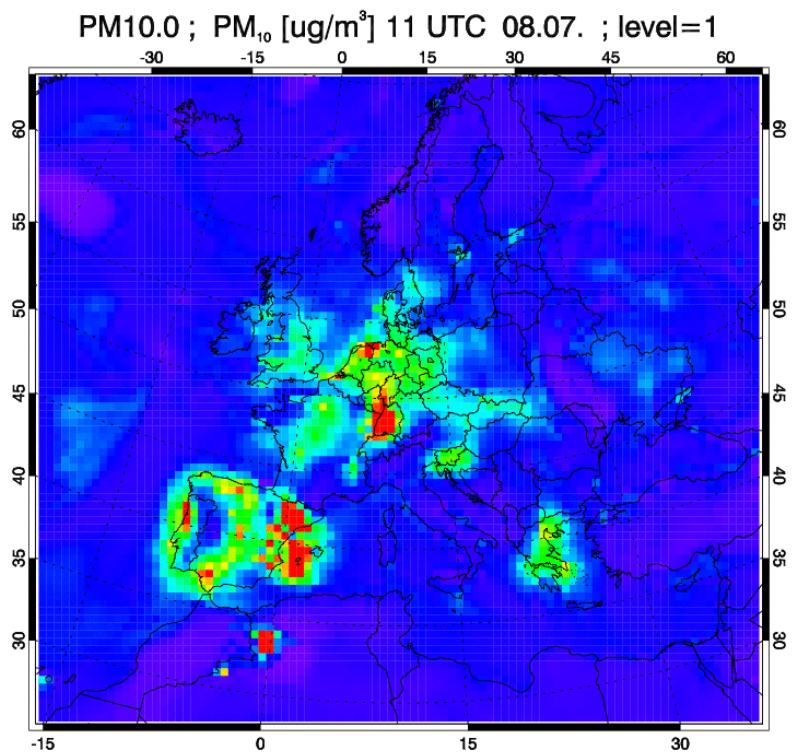
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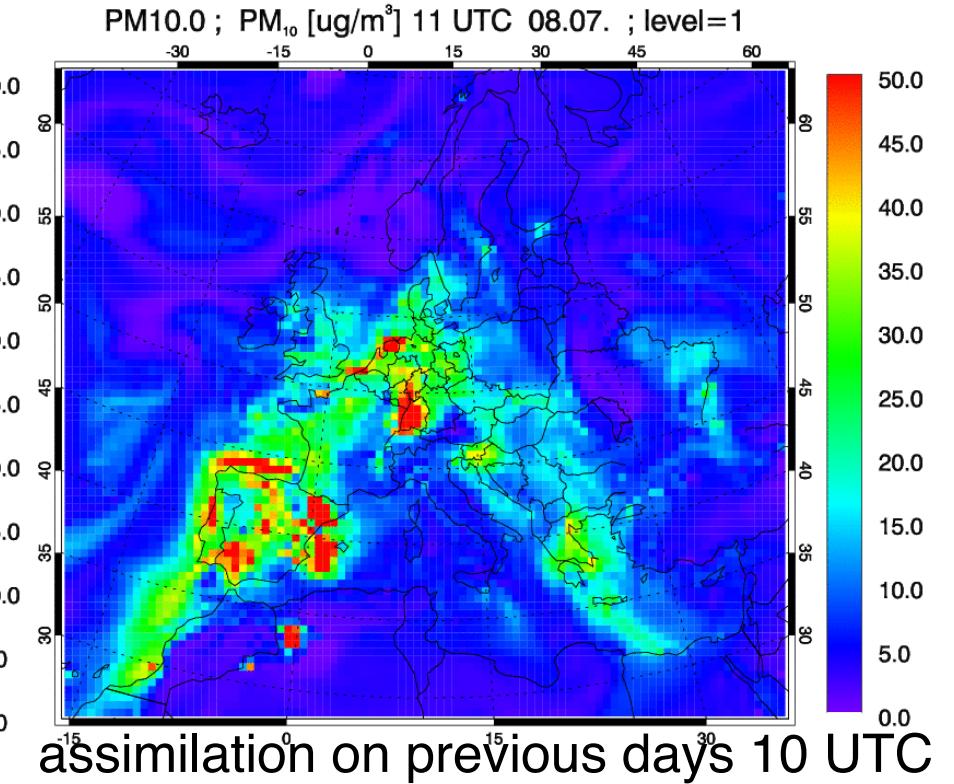
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Do aerosol data assimilation effects accumulate? (14. July 2003)

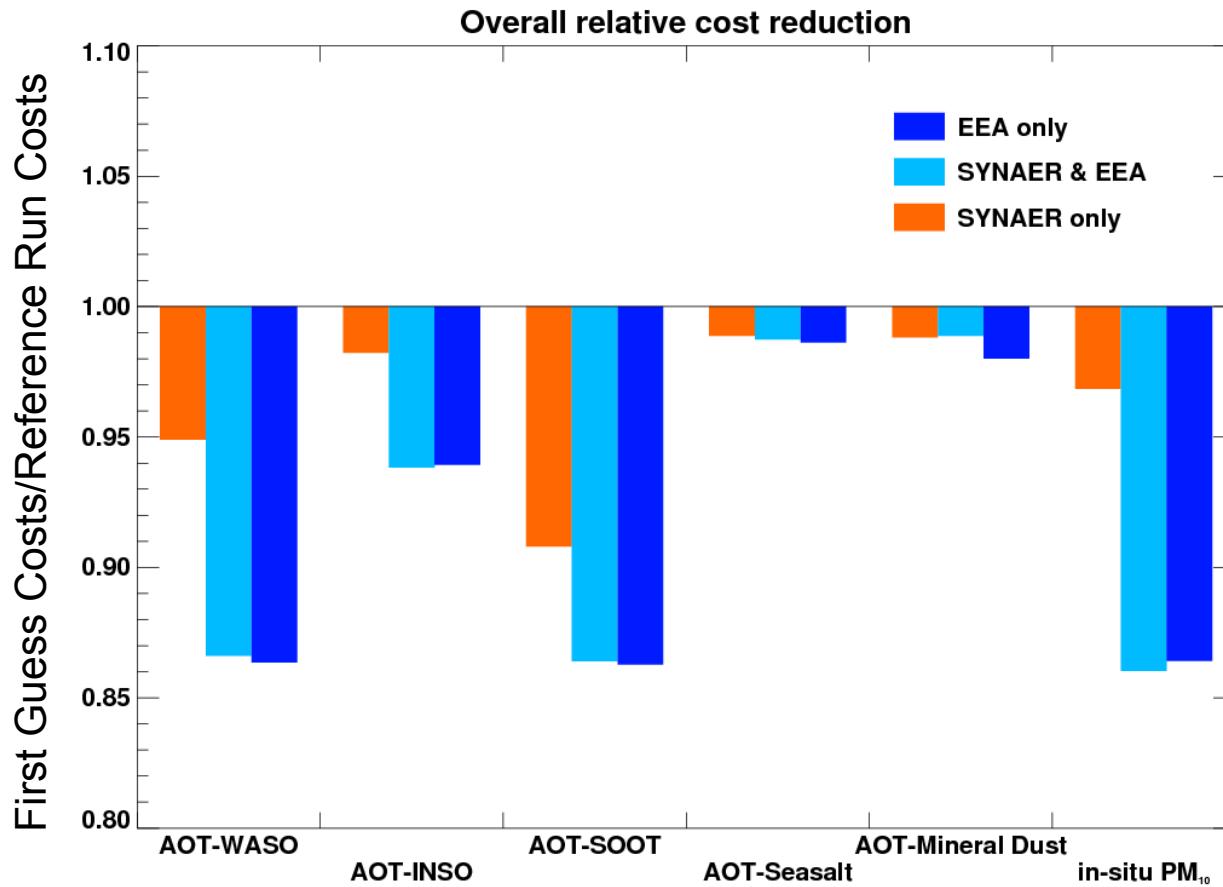


No previous assimilation
only 14. July 2003



Accumulation of retrieval information over
14 days

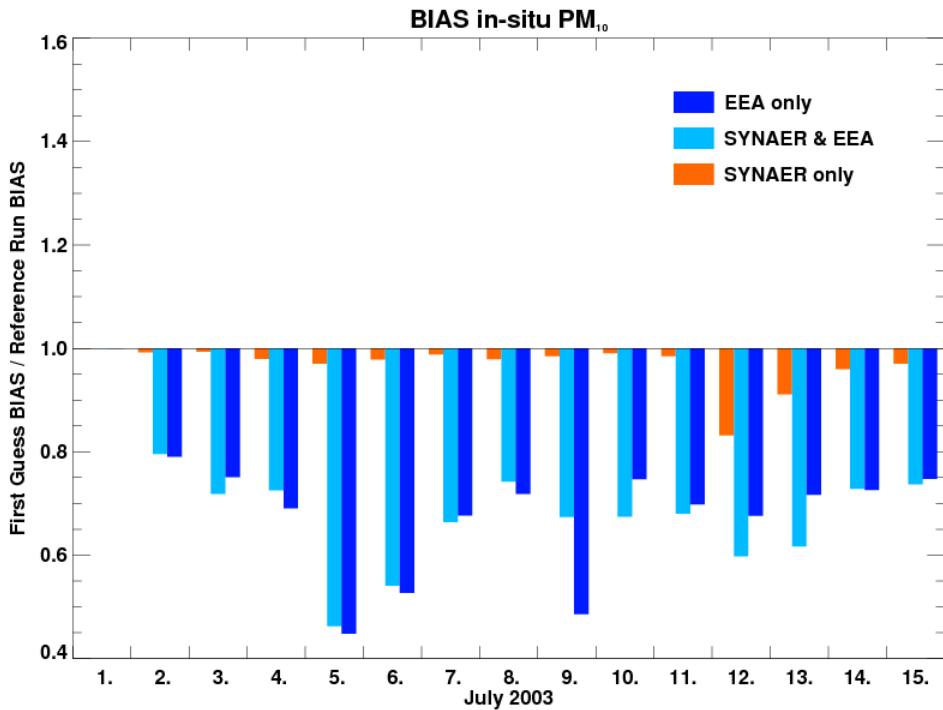
Development of forecast performance



First Guess Costs / Reference Run Costs for measurements with a minimum relative change of 0.005.

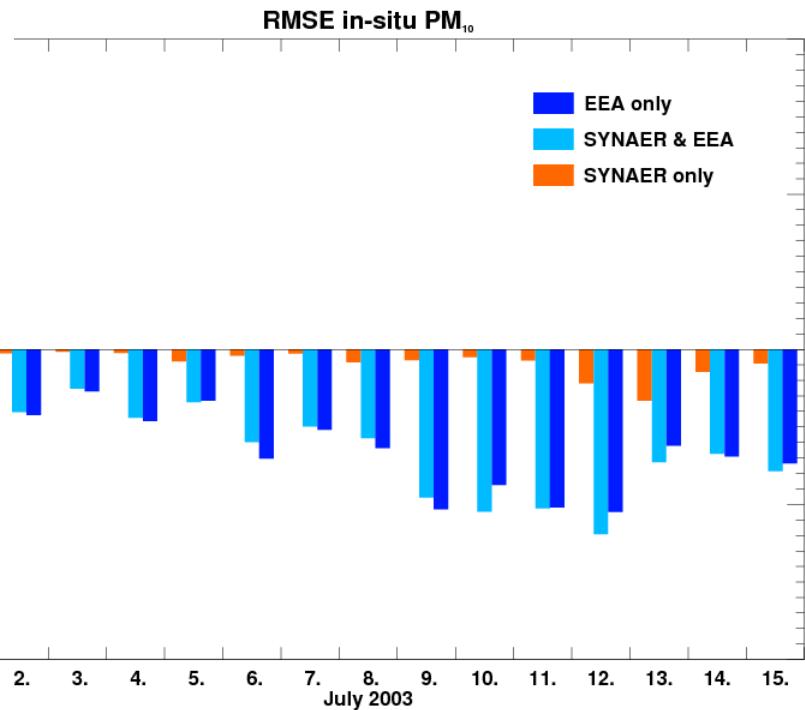
SYNAER+EEA affects ~ 3% more observations than EEA

Development of forecast performance



Overall BIAS reduction

Model	Reduction
SYNAER	0.96
SYN & EEA	0.67
EEA	0.67



Overall RMSE reduction

Model	Reduction
SYNAER	0.99
SYN & EEA	0.93
EEA	0.92

Case study II: ZEPTER-2 Campaign

2008

- Episode Oct 17 - Nov 8, 2008
- Assimilation acc. to flight schedule or 8 – 16/14/12 UTC
- Data assimilated
 - PND (Particle Number Densities) from Zepter2 – CPC
 - SYNAER-AOT
 - EEA in-situ PM_x
- Focus
 - Validate aerosol 4Dvar on nested grids
 - Assimilate PND as a new species



Cabauw CESAR tower at 2012 05 19, photo by Arnoud Apituley

Model domains

EUR

- $107 \times 97 \times 23$
- Resolution: 45 km
- Timestep: 600 s

CEN

- $70 \times 76 \times 23$
- Resolution: 15 km
- Timestep: 240 s

ZP2

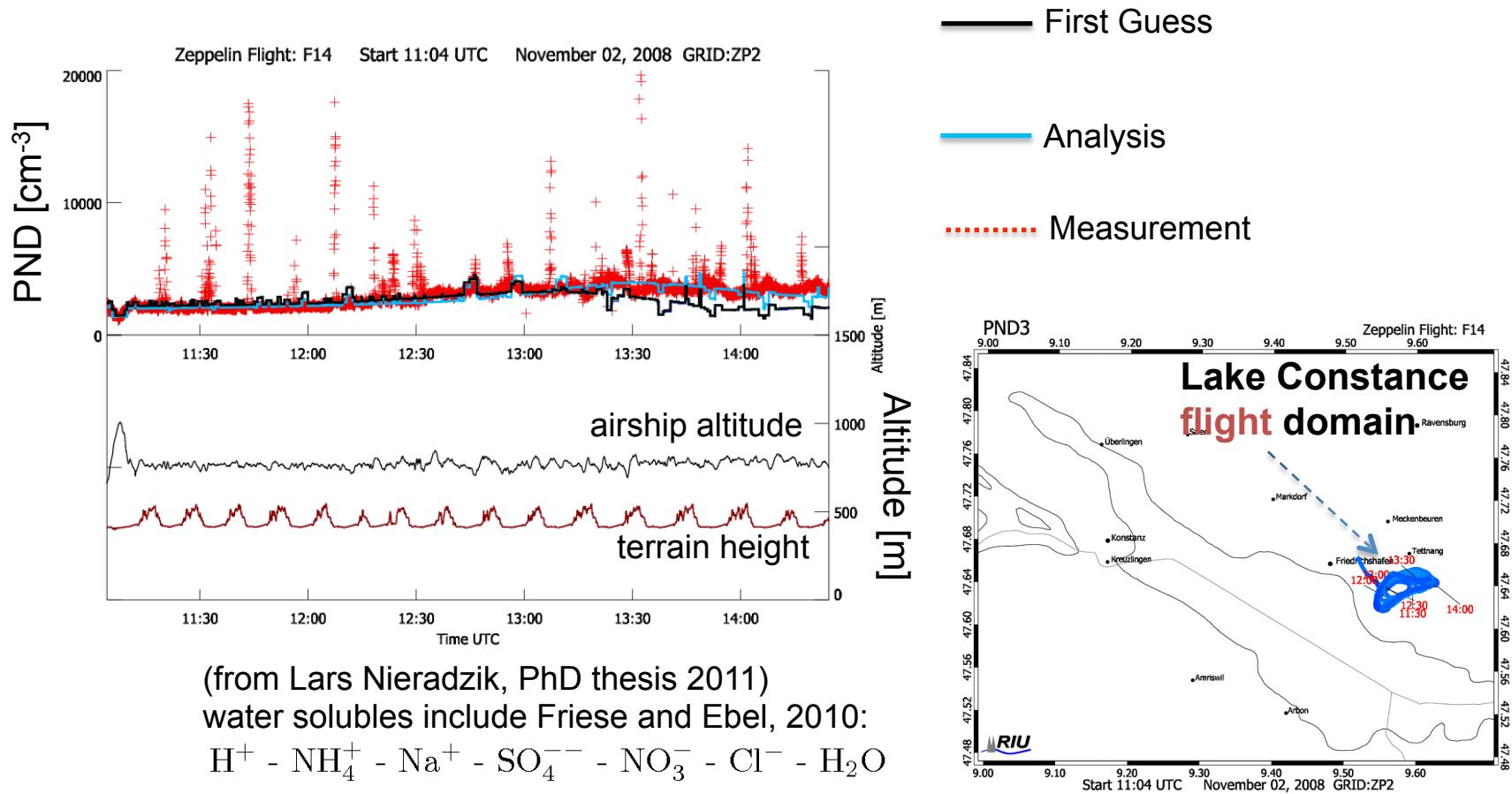
- $97 \times 88 \times 23$
- Resolution: 5 km
- Timestep: 60 s



2. Analyses, Example (ii):

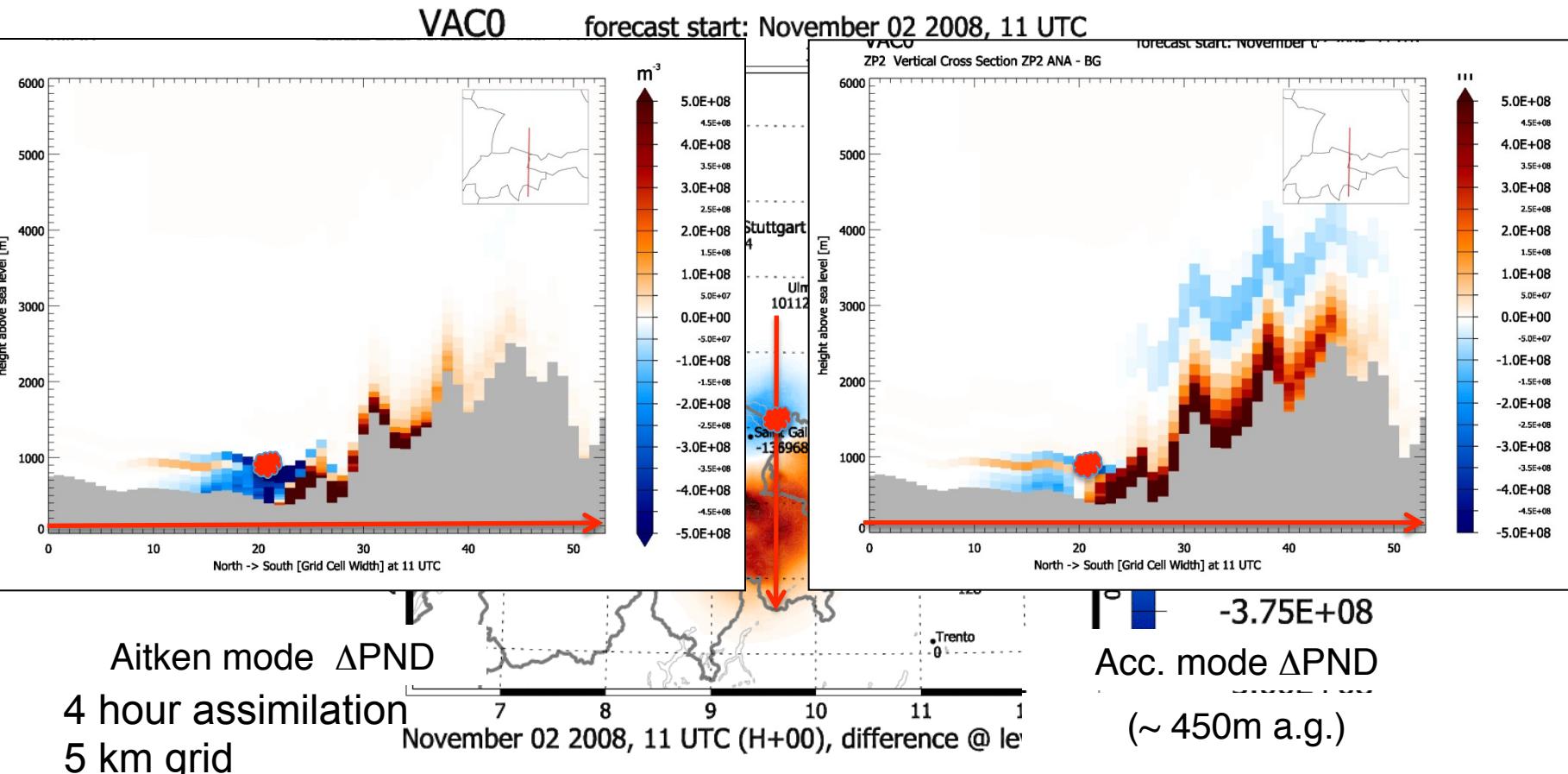
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Flight 14 assimilation of PND (0.005-3.0 μm) 02.11.2008 (11-15 UTC)



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Flight 14 assimilation of PND (0.005-3.0 μm), Nov. 2nd 2008



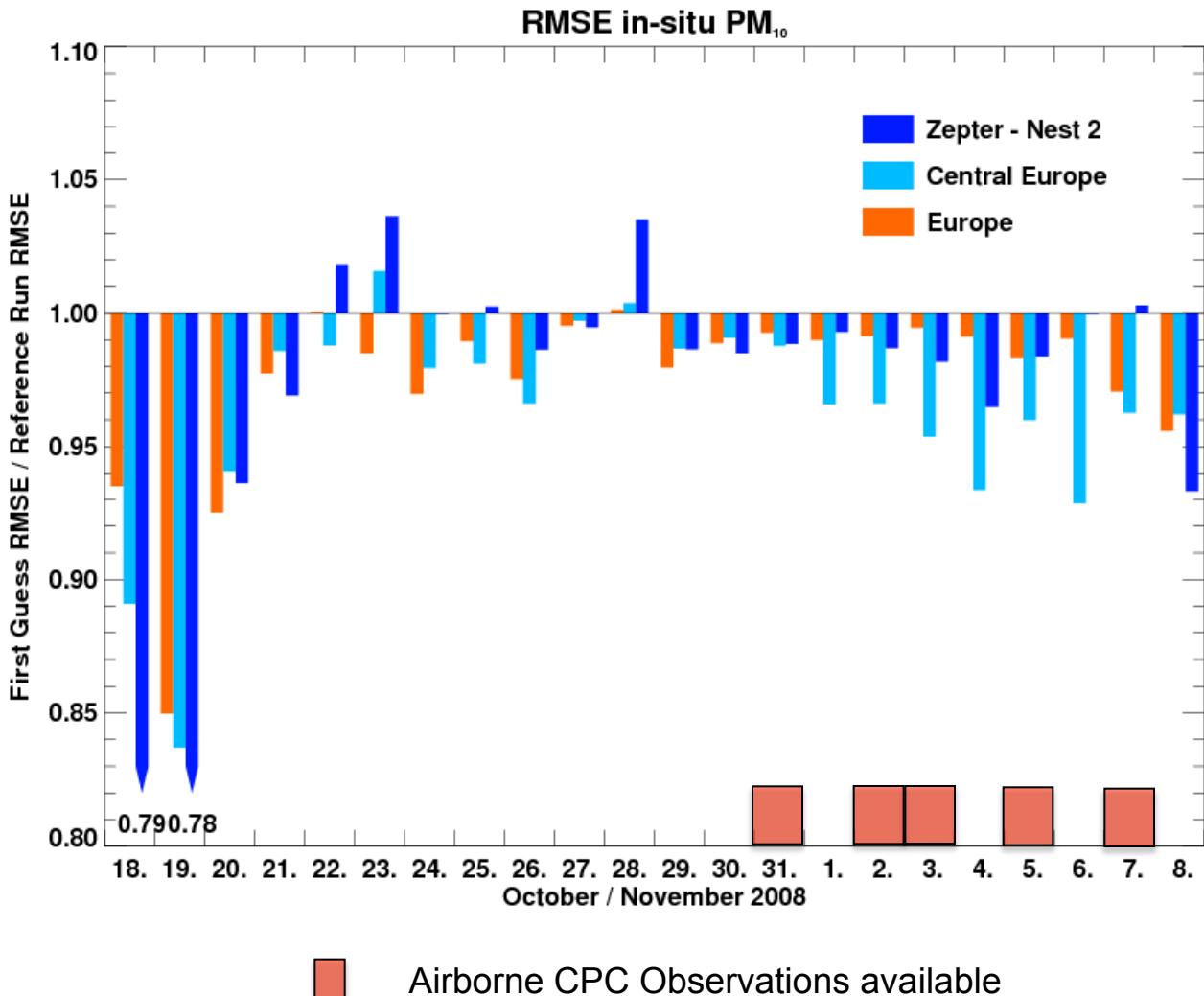
Development of forecast performance

Assimilation duration

EUR	8 h
CEN	6 h
ZP2	4 h

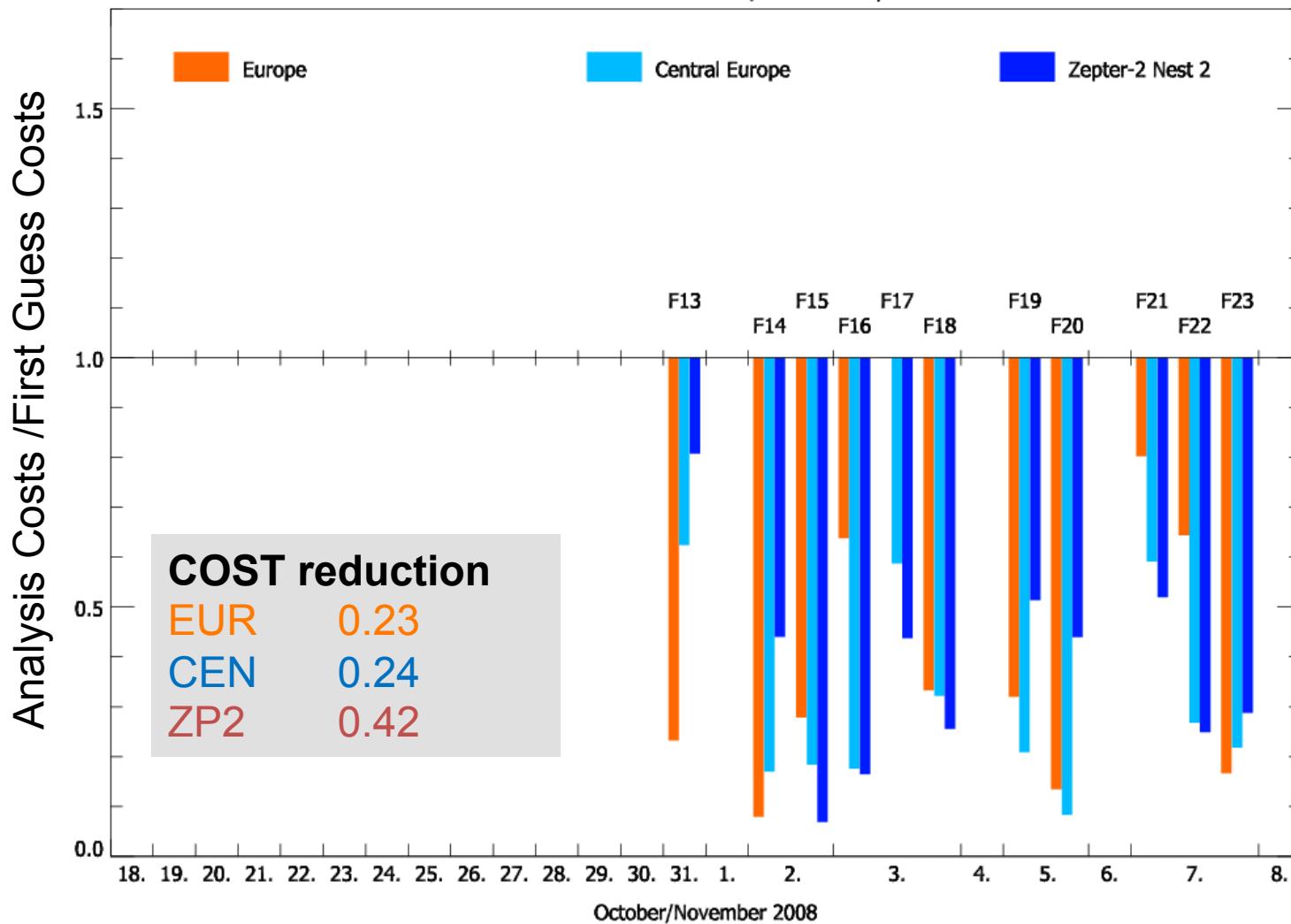
RMSE reduction

EUR	0.968
CEN	0.965
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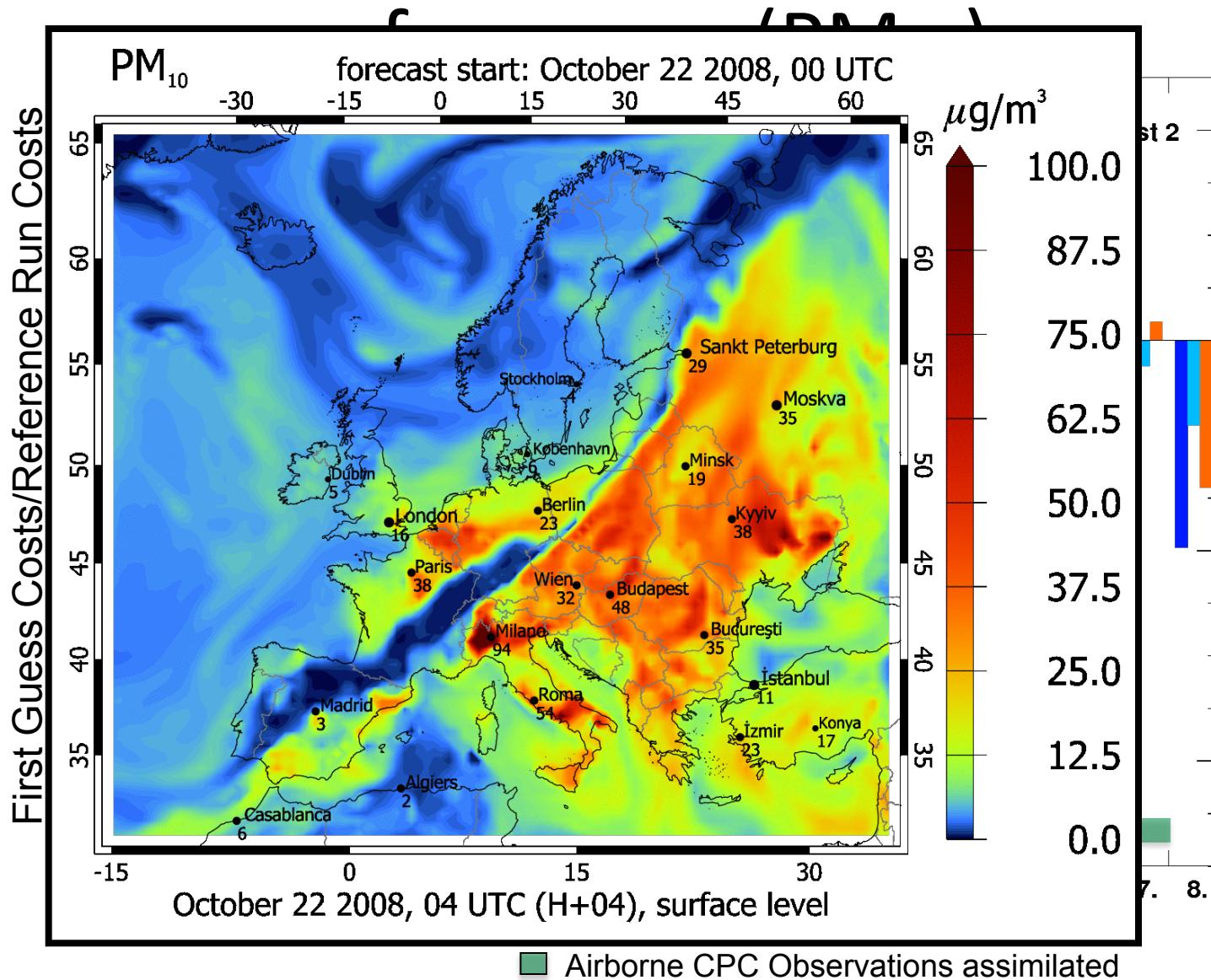


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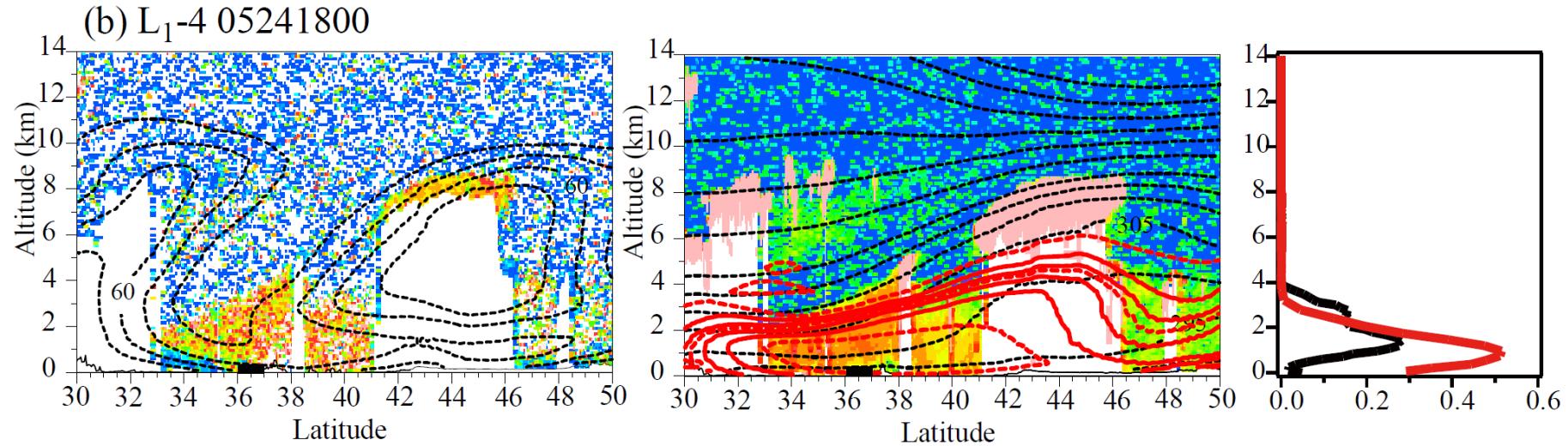
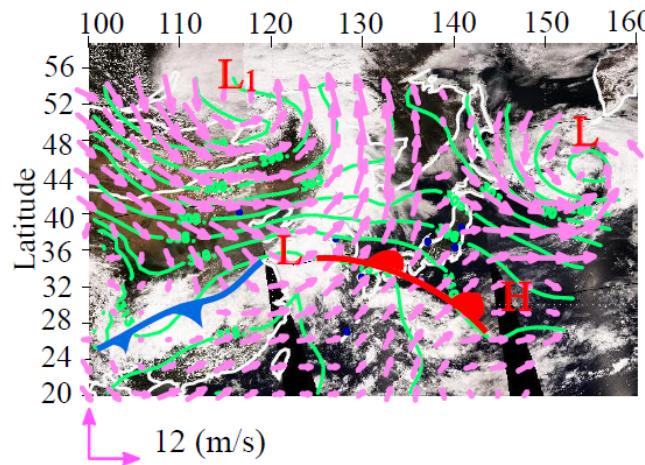
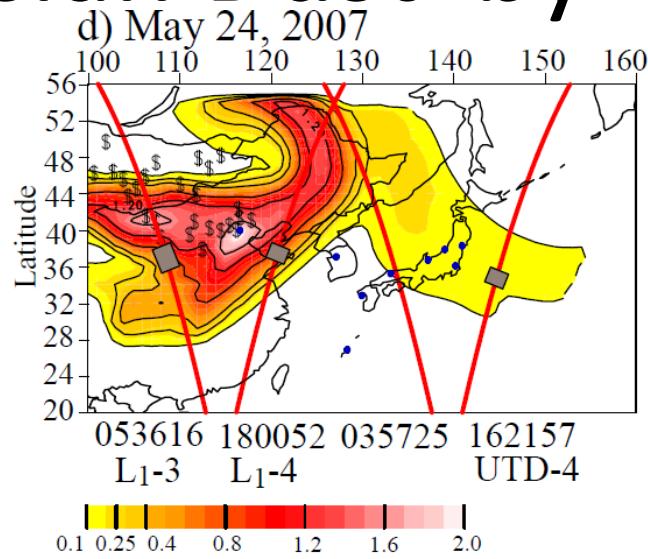
Particle Number Density 0.005 - 3 μm



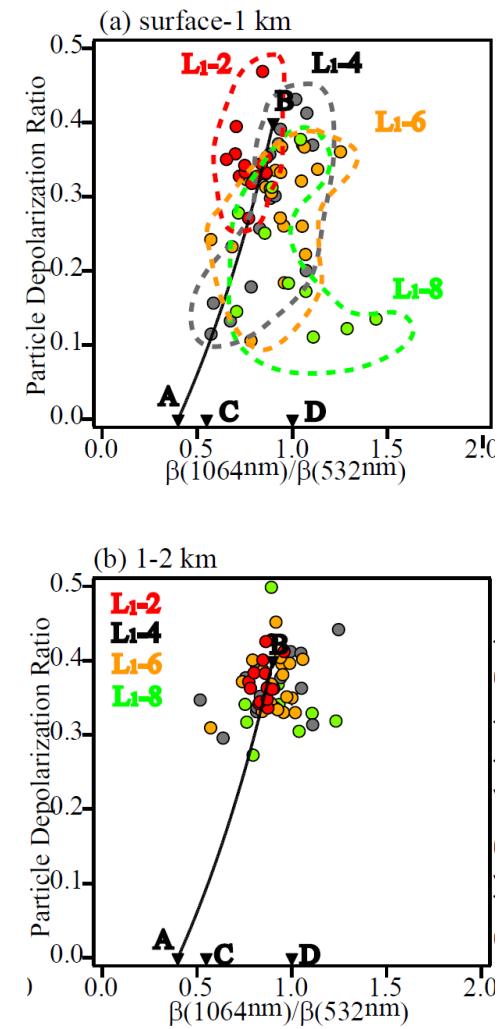
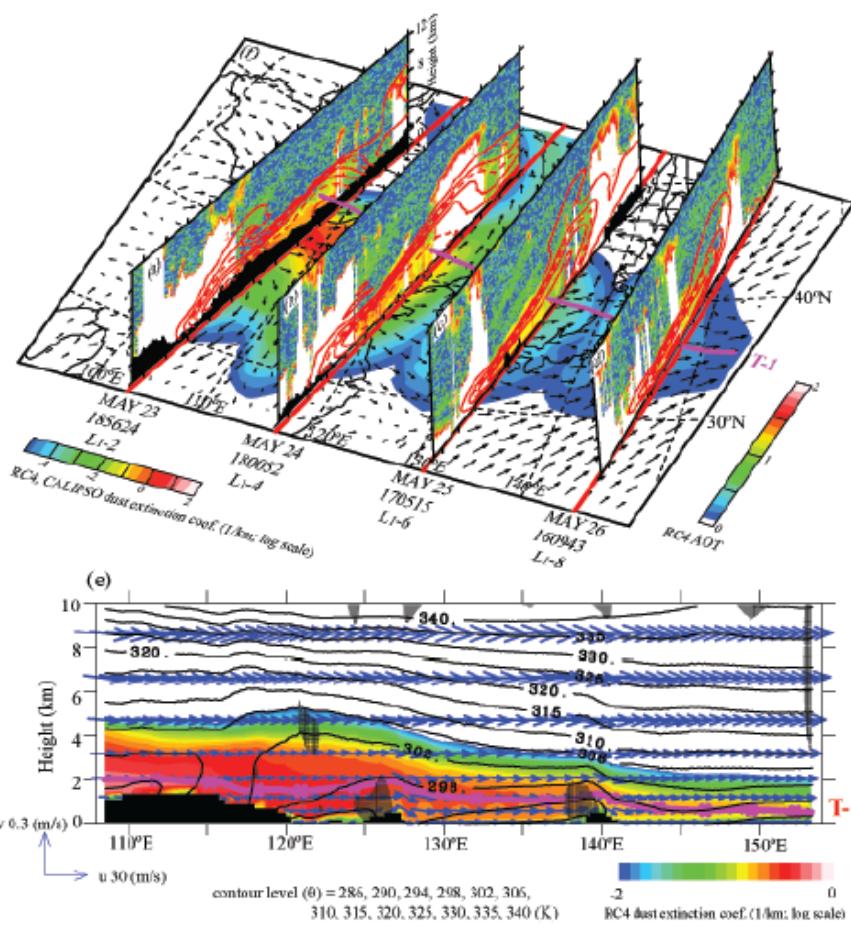
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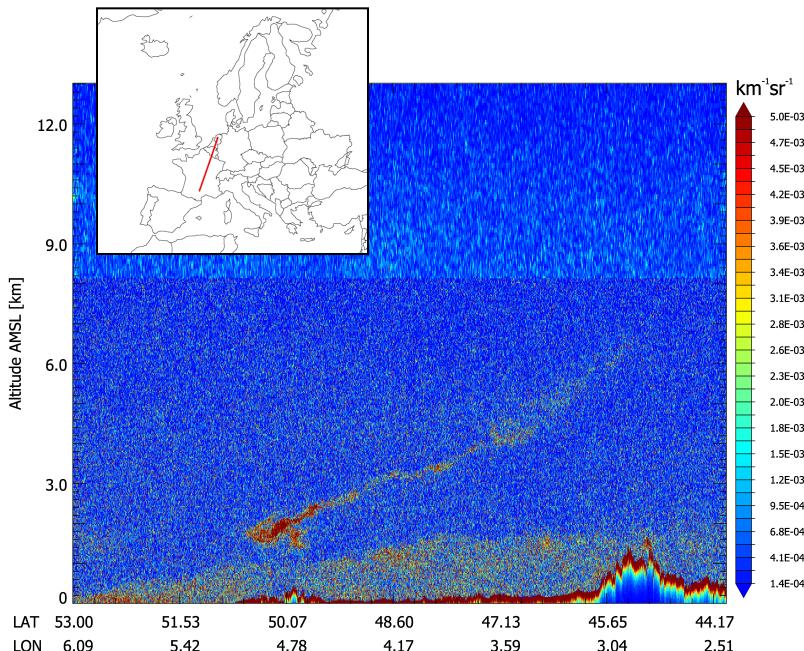
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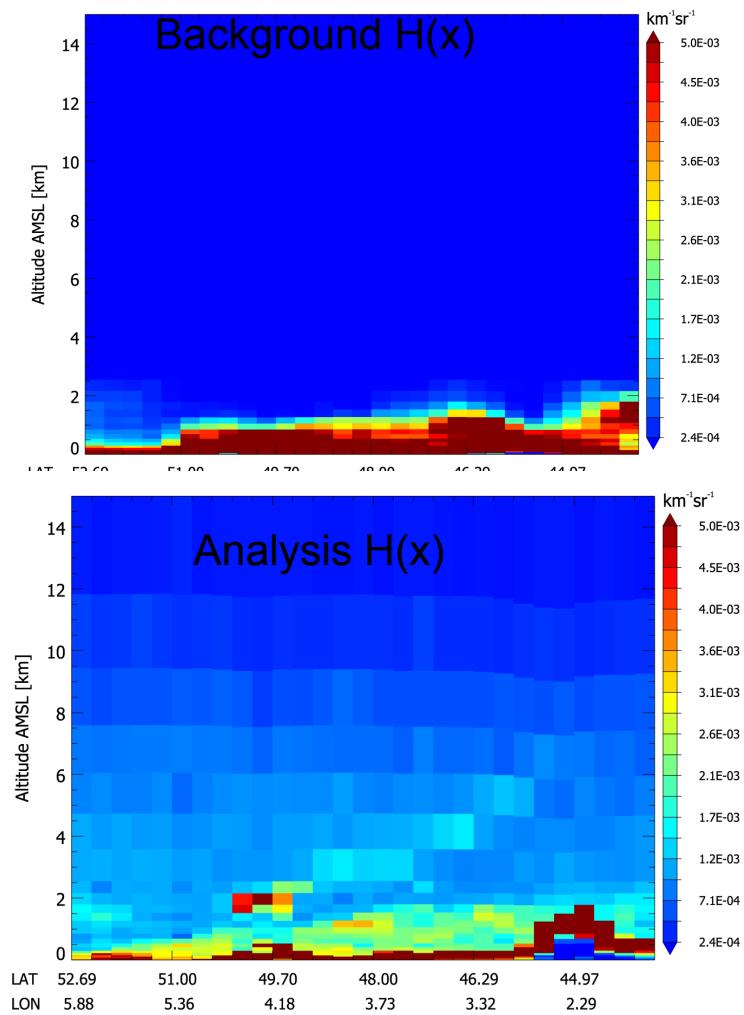
LiDAR 4D-var data assimilation for improved analysis of unexpected aerosol events
→ automated online adaptation of background error covariance matrix

CALIOP observation of the Eyjafjallajökull ash cloud

17 April 2010, 02:01:19 - 02:14:53 UTC (Winker et al., 2012)



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Summary

- chemical weather forecasts are a multiple scale problem
- chemical data assimilation rests on sparse and heterogeneous observations, with variable error characteristics (incl. error of representativity)
- **initial value optimisation is insufficient, as at least emissions are less known and more important**
- **the ability for inversion is therefore required to optimize emission rates**
- much is to be done for optimising multivariate covariance matrices