

# GEMS: *Global Earth-system Monitoring using Space and in-situ data*

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## Projects

## Leadership

Greenhouse Gases

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Reactive Gases

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Aerosol

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Regional Air Quality

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Validation

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Global Production System

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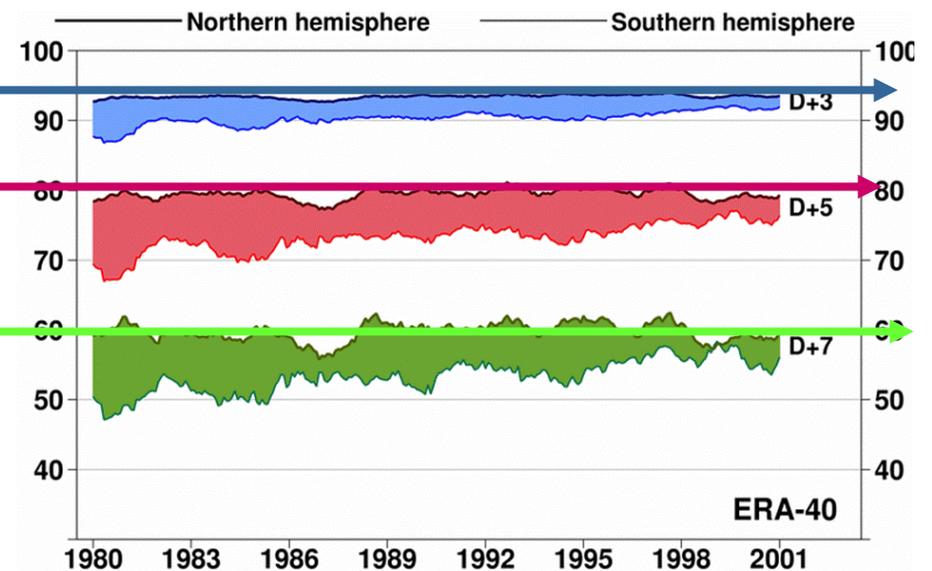
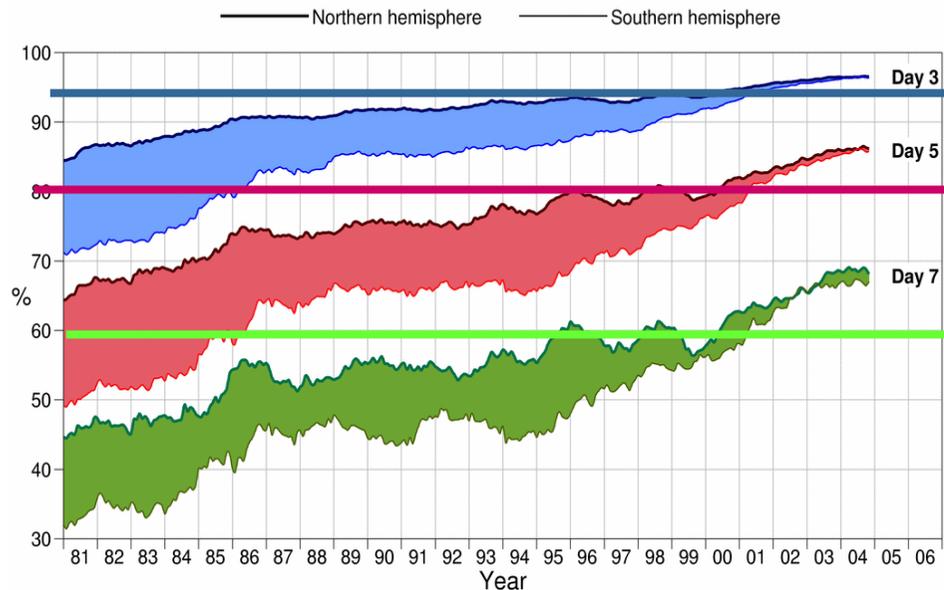
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12.5MEuro, 30 Institutes, 14 Countries  
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# The interaction of observations & science & the skill of forecast deliverables :a virtuous circle!

- Observations are essential to the forecast process
- Gains in forecast skill came mainly from the science
- Operations shows steady improvement - a virtuous circle

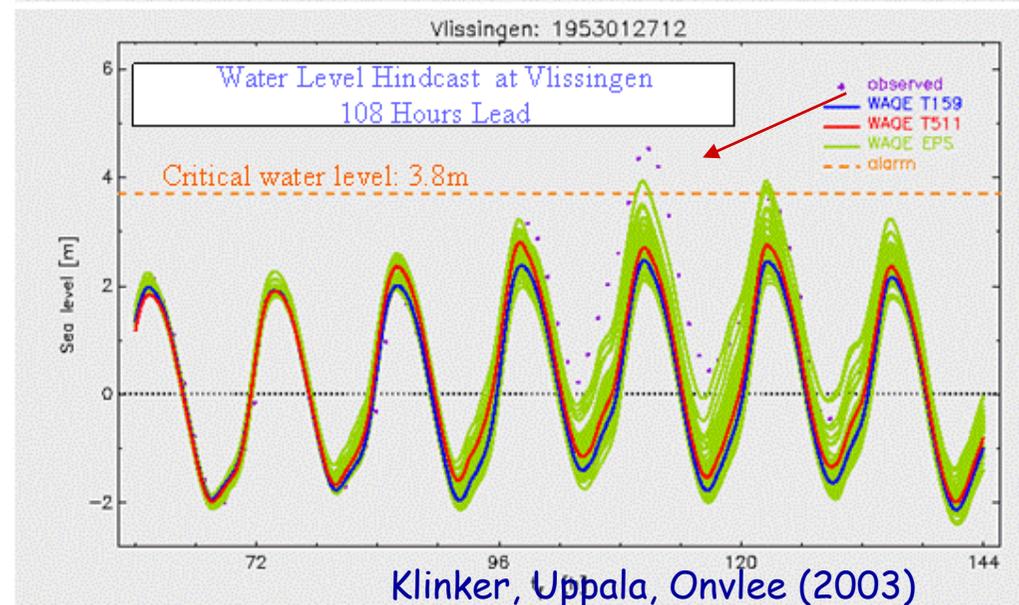
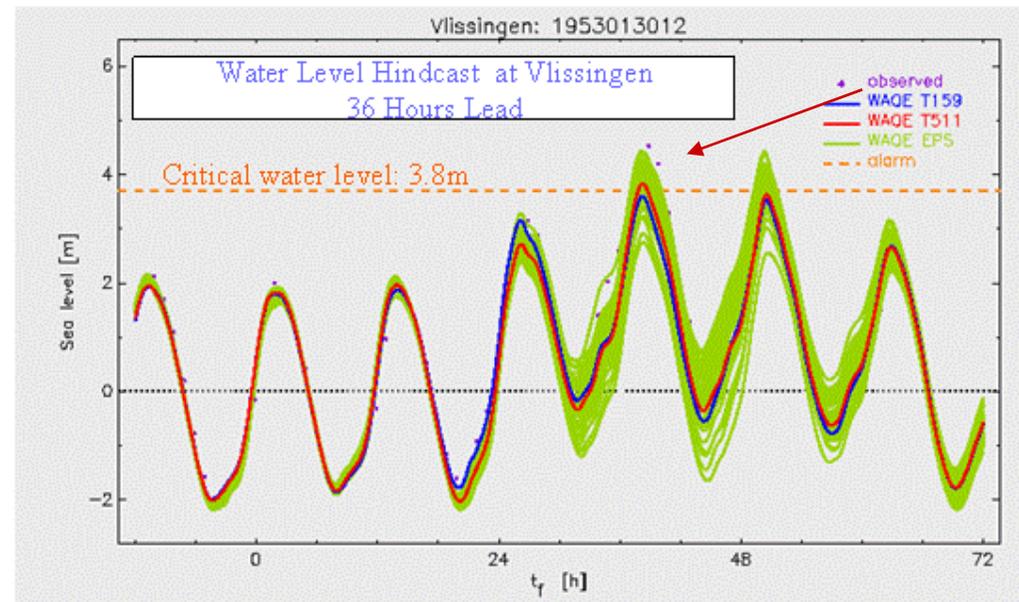


- Operational forecasts
- 1981-2005
- Evolving forecast system

- ERA-40 re-forecasts
- 1980-2002
- Uniform forecast system

# Operational storm-surge forecasts in the North Sea

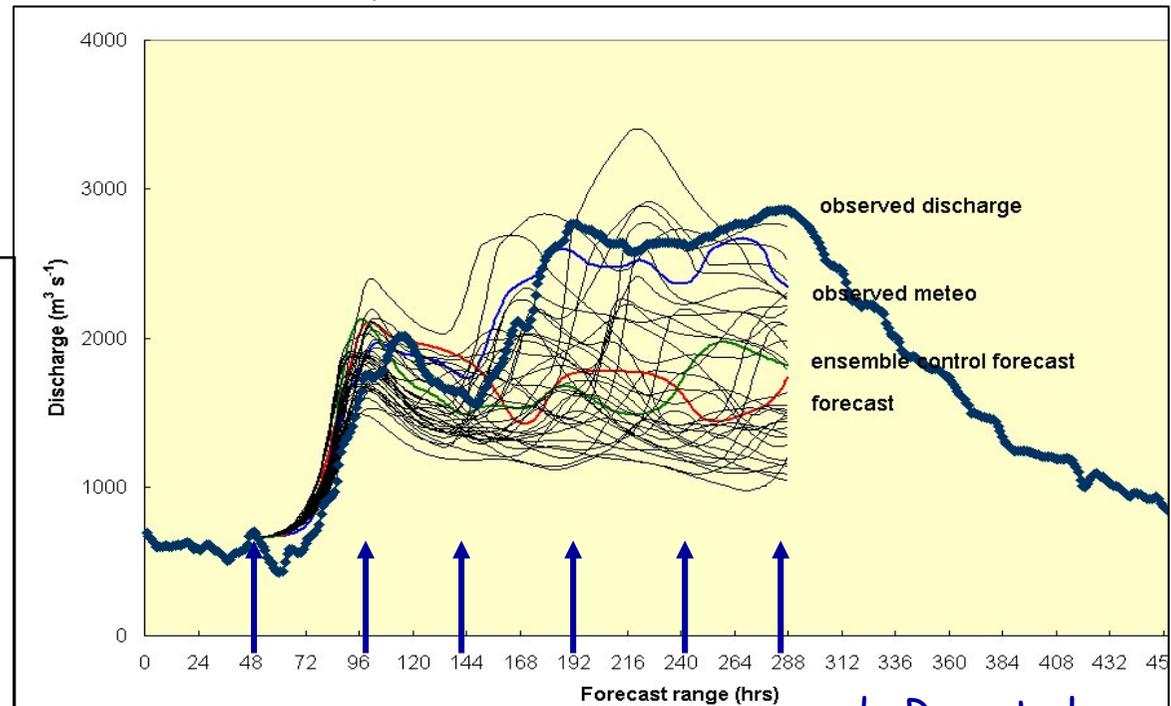
- Coupled Earth\_system / storm-surge model is operational in the Netherlands
- Example: Ensemble storm surge re-forecasts for the disaster in Netherlands, 1 Feb 1953, 2000 deaths, no warnings
- Similar re-forecast studies are underway for other European disasters



# Pre-operational European Flood Alert System

- Distributed hydrological model (LISFLOOD coupled to Earth-system models (ECMWF, DWD))
- Provides medium-range flood alerts (beyond 3 days) for large trans-national basins
- Pre-operational test period 2003-2006
- Doing well on current floods in Central Europe

The example shows  
10-day ensemble forecasts  
with coupled model  
(ECMWF/ LISFLOOD)  
for Meuse flood,  
Jan 1995



de Roo et al

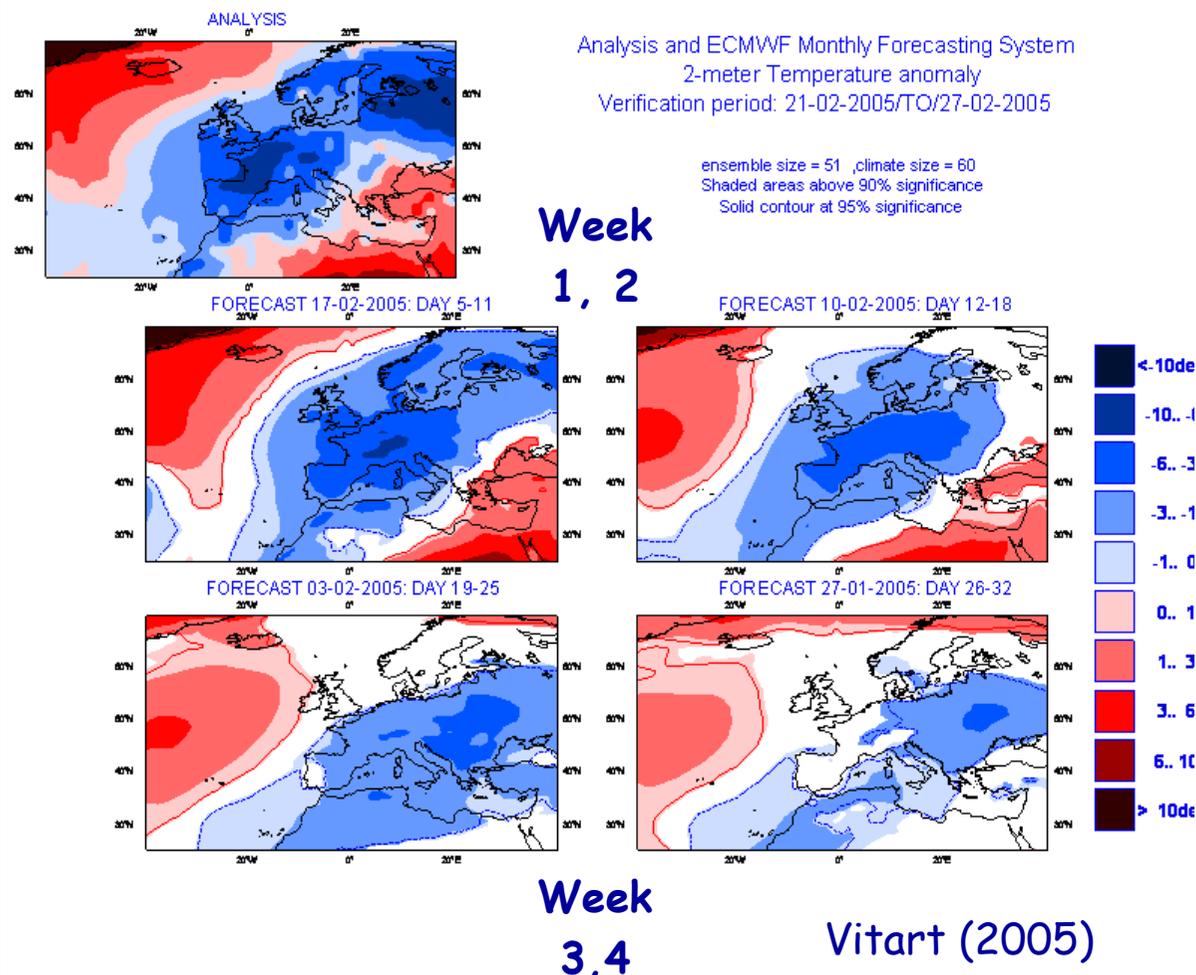
# Good user-response to new operational weekly-to-monthly forecasts with coupled atmosphere-land-ocean model

- During winter 2004-5 the system provided good predictions of transition between flow regimes;
- The forecasts for weekly-mean two-metre temperature (T2m) for week-2 (days 12-18) show skill over persistence of the probabilities of the previous week
- Meteo France finds moderate skill in T2m forecasts for week-3 over France;

Forecasts are made on Thursday, processed & distributed on Friday

- Week 1 is day 5-11 (Monday to Sunday) from 17 Feb
- Week 2 is day 12-18 (Monday to Sunday) from 10 Feb
- Week 3 is day 19-25 (Monday to Sunday) from 3 Feb
- Week 4 is day 26-32 (Monday to Sunday) from 27 Jan

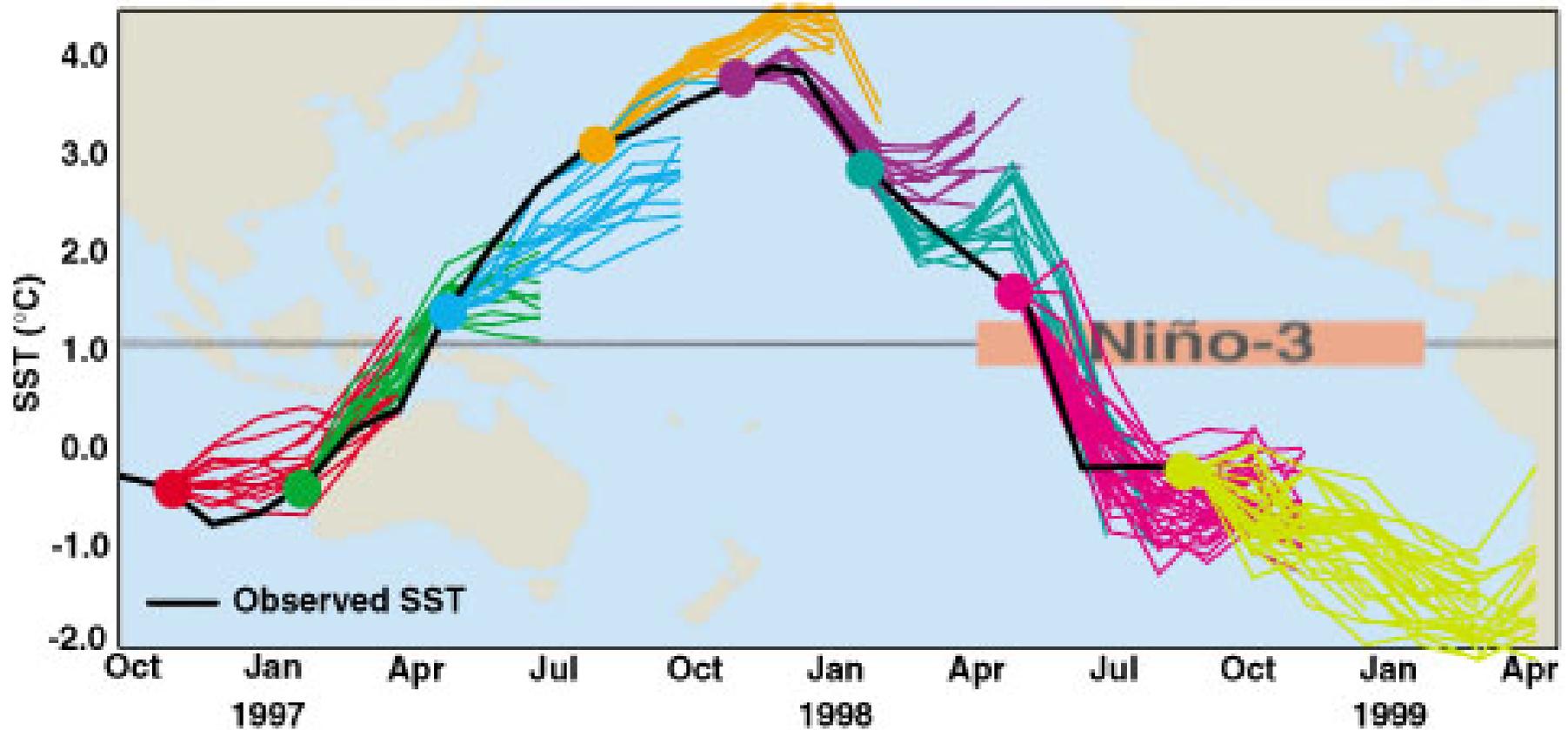
## Verification: Week 21/02/2005-27/02/2005



# El Niño Forecasts with coupled models for Atmosphere /Ocean-Wave / Ocean circulation

(fig. Courtesy of CLIVAR)

## El Niño 1997/98 Seasonal Predictions



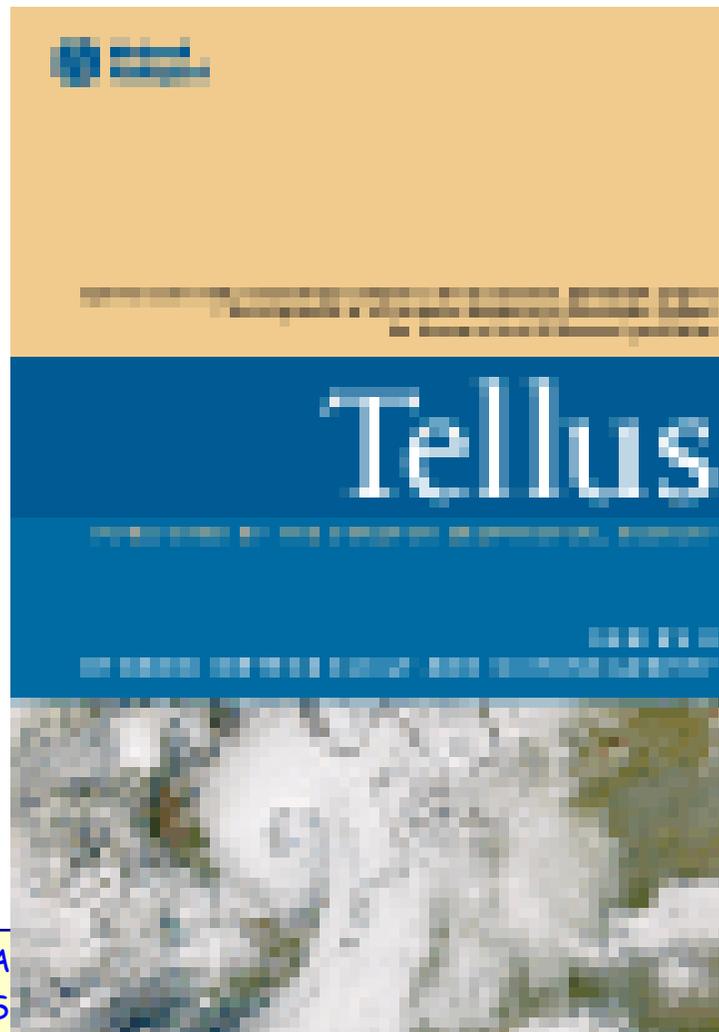
Source: ECMWF

# New European operational multi-model multi-seasonal forecast system ECMWF, Meteo-France, UK Met-Office

## DEMETER project demonstrated

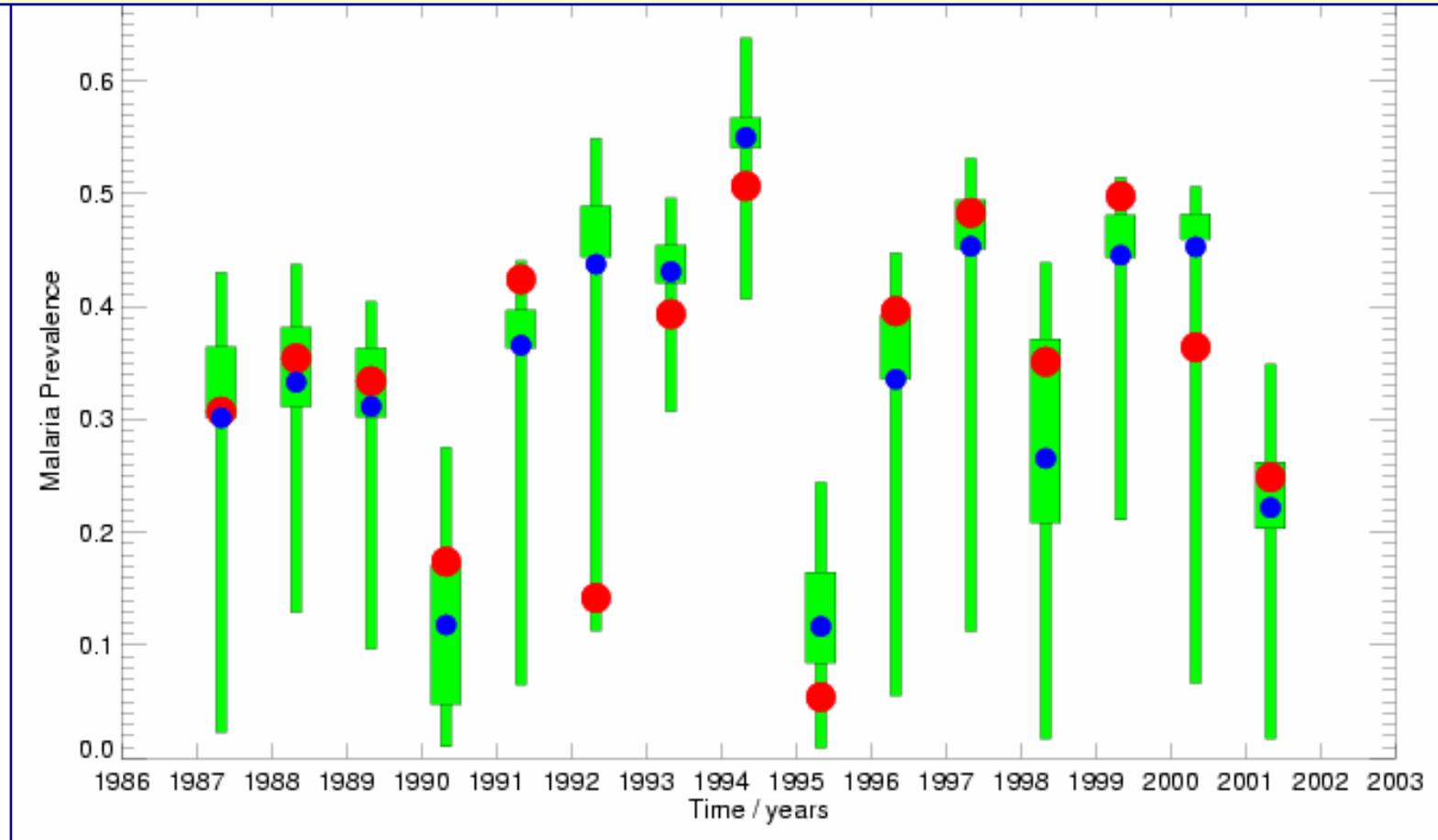
- value of multi-model system
- pre-operational multi-seasonal crop-yield forecast system (at EU's Joint Research Centre)
- multi-seasonal crop yield forecasts in India
- Prototype multi-seasonal malaria forecast system in parts of Africa

ECMWF, Meteo-France, UK Met-Office  
will launch a new multi-model seasonal  
forecast system in late 2005



# DEMETER ensemble seasonal forecasts of malaria prevalence in Botswana, 1987-2001, with coupled Earth-system / health models (Morse et al Tellus 2005)

Legend: Verification DEMETER-MM: Ensemble-mean Terciles



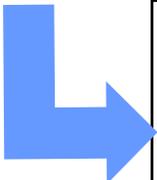
Time series for grid point in South Africa (17.5 S, 25.0 E)

# The supply-chain for end-user predictions delivering socio-economic benefits

Observations



Global Earth-system forecast systems for  
Atmosphere, Land , Ocean, Chemistry, Biosphere  
-delivering deterministic and probabilistic forecasts



Coupled end-user models, delivering  
deterministic and probabilistic forecasts for

- storm-surge,
- hydrology,
- energy industry,
- health,
- crop-yields

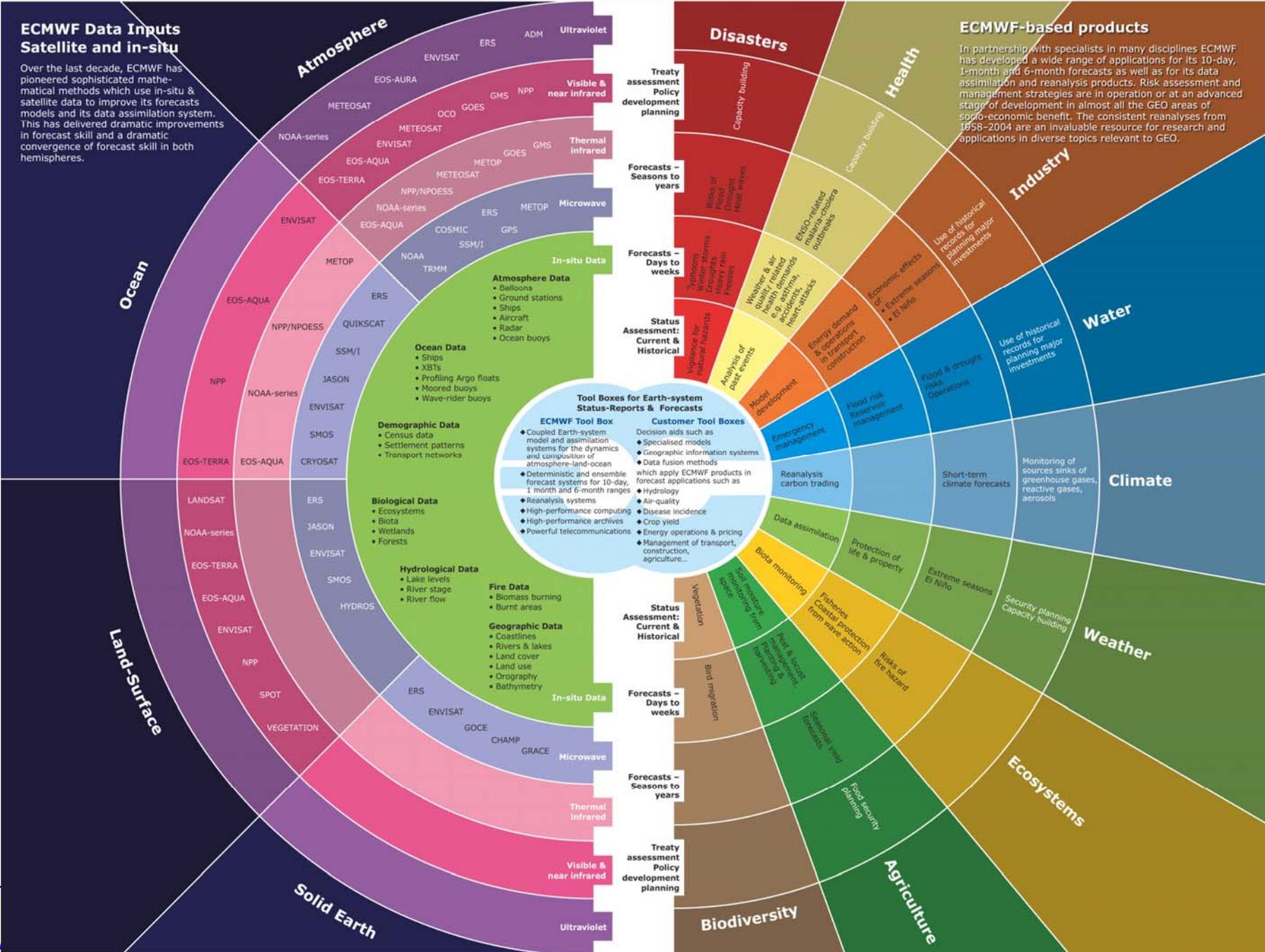


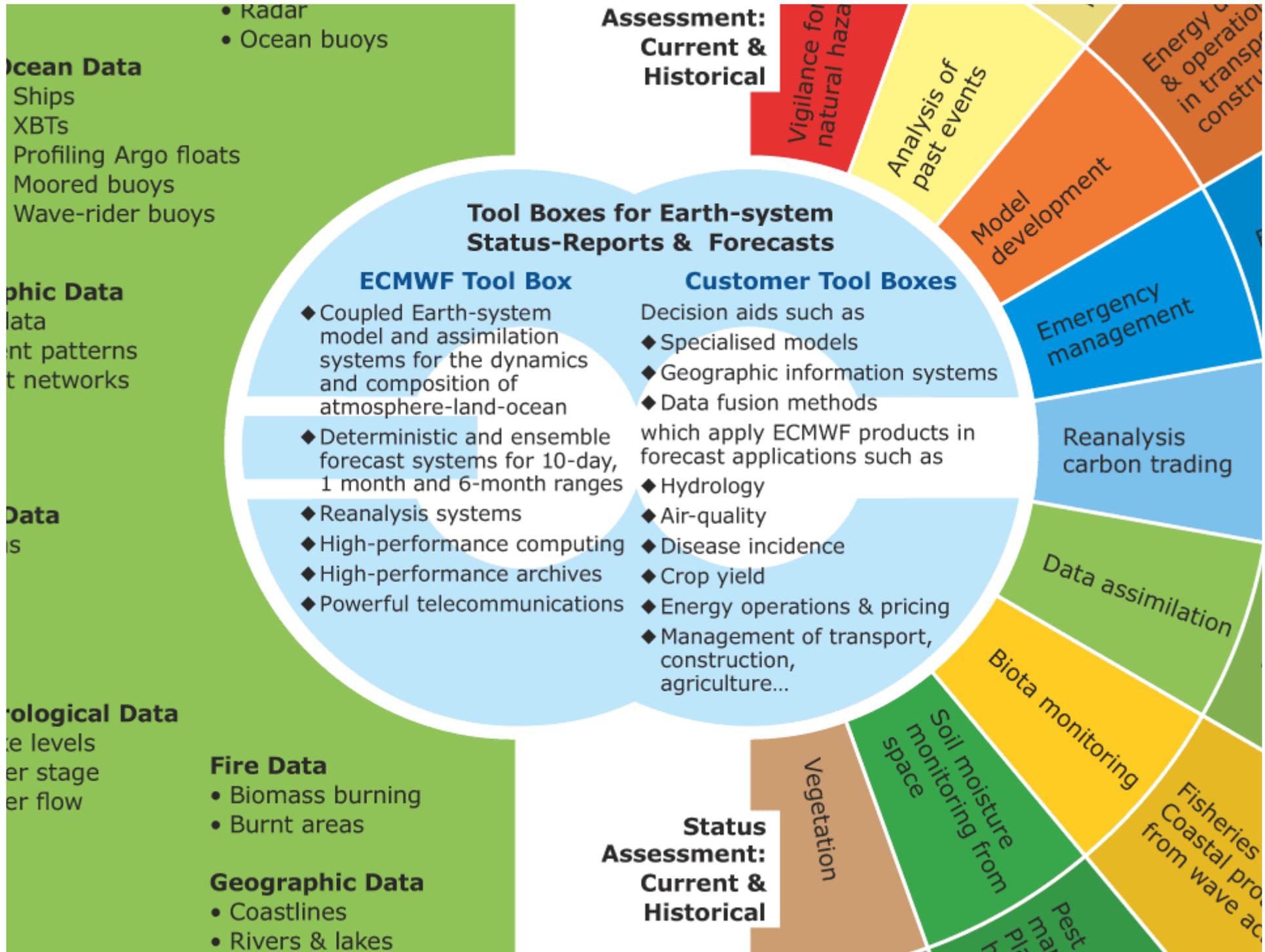
# ECMWF Earth-System Deliverables for GEO



## ECMWF Data Inputs Satellite and in-situ

Over the last decade, ECMWF has pioneered sophisticated mathematical methods which use in-situ & satellite data to improve its forecasts models and its data assimilation system. This has delivered dramatic improvements in forecast skill and a dramatic convergence of forecast skill in both hemispheres.





# Amended ECMWF Convention: CONVINCED that such a centre can make valuable contributions to developing the scientific basis for environmental monitoring...

## Article 2 - The purposes, objectives and activities

1. The primary purposes of the Centre are the development of a capability for medium-range weather forecasting and the provision of medium-range weather forecasts to the Member States.

2. The objectives of the Centre shall be:

a) to develop, and operate on a regular basis, global models and data-assimilation systems for the dynamics, thermodynamics and composition of the Earth's fluid envelope and interacting parts of the Earth-system, with a view to:

- i. preparing forecasts by means of numerical methods;
- ii. providing initial conditions for the forecasts; and
- iii. contributing to monitoring the relevant parts of the Earth-system;

b) to carry out scientific and technical research directed towards improving the quality of these forecasts;

# Motivations for GEMS

- **BETTER OPERATIONAL SERVICES**

- Excess deaths in summer 2005:- 18K in France, 35K in western Europe.
- Europe needs improved operational warnings for Meteorological / Air-quality natural disasters
- GEMS will provide such warnings

- **SCIENCE**

- GEMS will synthesise all available data into accurate 'status assessments'.
- GEMS products will facilitate study of many science questions on the sources, sinks transport, and processing of atmospheric trace constituents,

- **TREATY ASSESSMENT & VALIDATION**

- Conventions (Kyoto, Montreal, LRTAP) and IPCC need best estimates of sources/ sinks/ transports of atmospheric constituents.
- GEMS will meet the needs in a comprehensive manner, including the requirements of the GCOS Implementation Plan

# Objectives of GEMS (i): Global Operational System for Monitoring & forecasting Atmospheric Composition

## GLOBAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM

- Develop and implement by 2009 a validated, comprehensive, and operational global data assimilation / forecast system for atmospheric composition and dynamics,
- combine remotely sensed and in-situ data
- Monitor tropospheric & stratospheric atmospheric composition

## MONITORING & FORECASTING

- Operational deliverables will include current and forecast three-dimensional global distributions (four times daily with a horizontal resolution of 50km, and high vertical resolution of key atmospheric trace constituents including
- greenhouse gases (initially including  $\text{CO}_2$ , and progressively adding  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , plus  $\text{SF}_6$  and Radon to check advection accuracy),
- reactive gases (initially including  $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{HCHO}$ , and gradually widening the suite of species),
- aerosols (initially a 10-parameter representation, later ~ 30)

## Objectives of GEMS (ii):

- Regional Air-Quality Forecasts
- Retrospective Analyses
- Variational Inversion Techniques

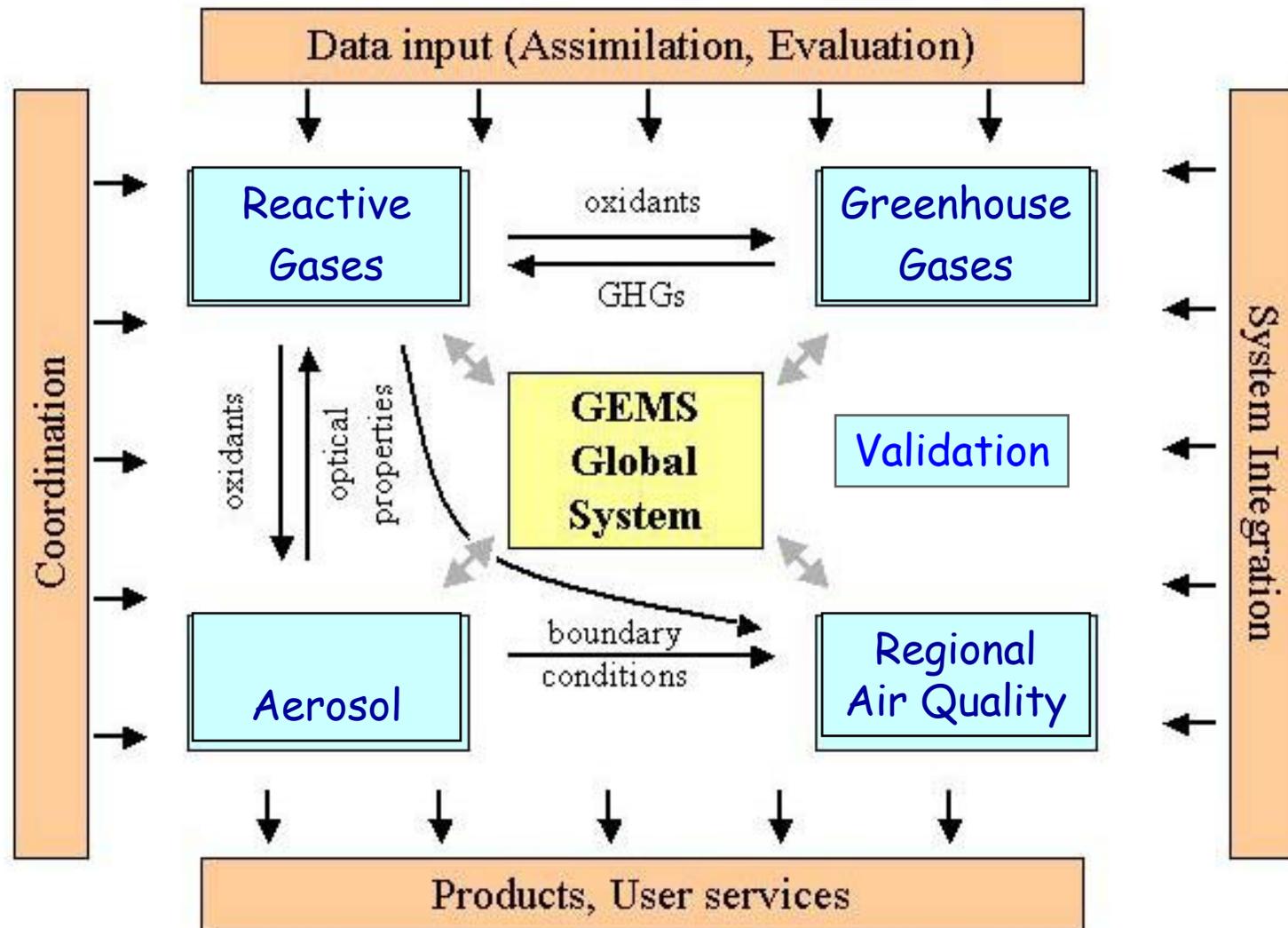
- Provide initial and boundary conditions for operational regional air-quality and 'chemical weather' forecast systems
  - improved operational real-time air-quality forecasts
  - a methodology for assessing the impact of global climate changes on regional air quality.
- Provide a retrospective analysis of all accessible in-situ and remotely sensed data on atmospheric dynamics and composition for the ENVISAT-EOS era (1999-2007)
  - Validation material for the project itself,
  - A service to the wider science community (inc. GCOS).
- State-of-the-art variational estimates of the sources, sinks and inter-continental transports, of many trace gases and aerosols;
  - based on the retrospective analyses, and later on operational analyses,
  - designed to meet policy makers' key information requirements relevant to the Kyoto and Montreal protocols and to the UN Convention on Long-Range Trans-boundary Air Pollution.

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# GEMS organisation

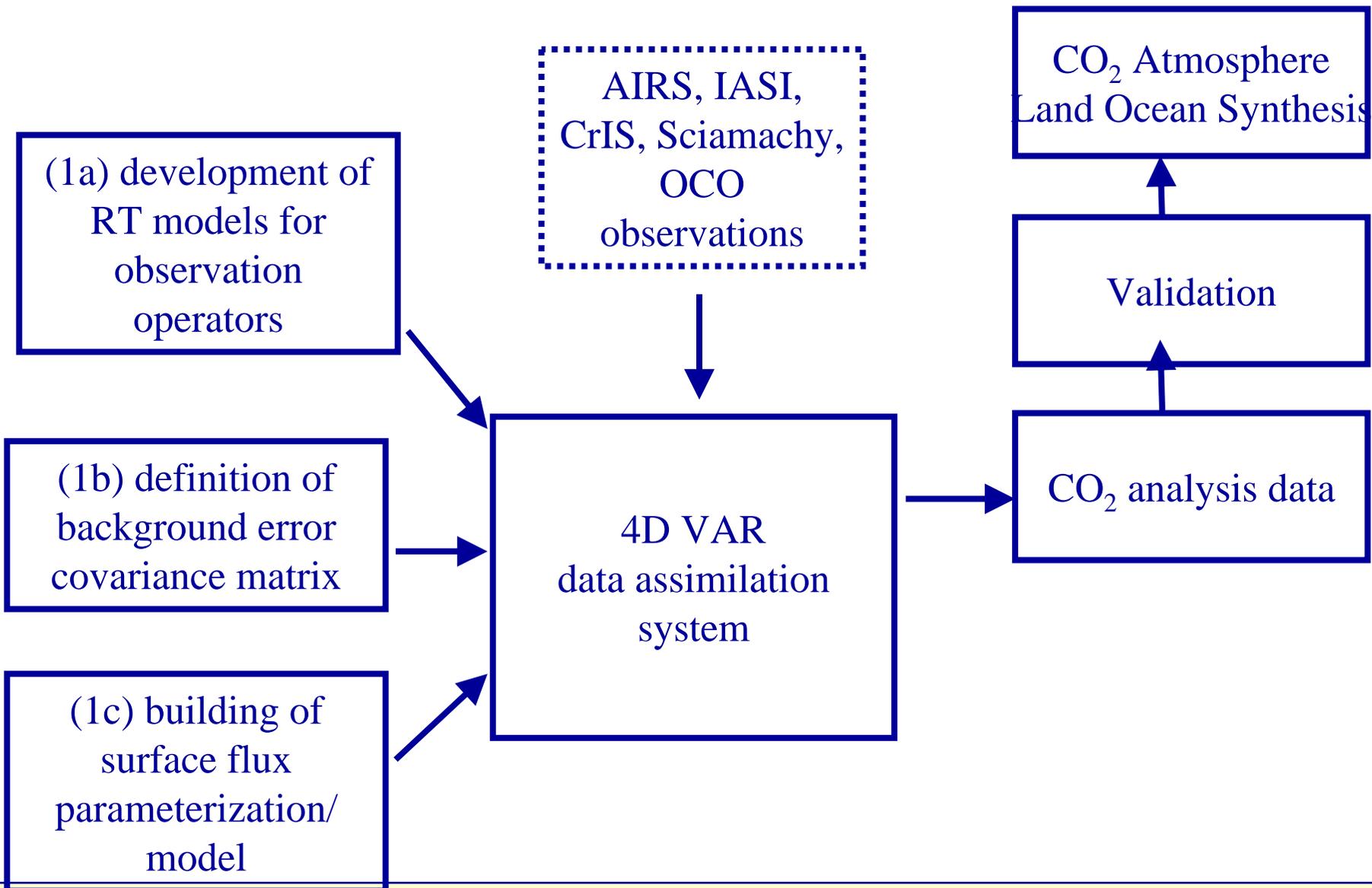
GEMS is organised in 6 projects



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# Greenhouse Gas Activities



# Greenhouse Gas Deliverables

- Daily assimilation of all available satellite data (Advanced sounders, OCO, GOSAT) on  $CO_2$ , CO,  $CH_4$ ,  $N_2O$
- Monthly / Seasonal variational inversions of both in-situ (e.g. flask) and satellite data to provide estimates of surface fluxes
- The same technology can be used to estimate surface fluxes of other atmospheric constituents

# GEMS Greenhouse Gas Partners

1. ECMWF
2. The Met Office UK
3. Laboratoire de Météorologie Dynamique/CNRS F
4. Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement F
5. Max-Planck-Institut für Biogeochemie, Jena D
6. JRC, Institute for Environment and Sustainability EU

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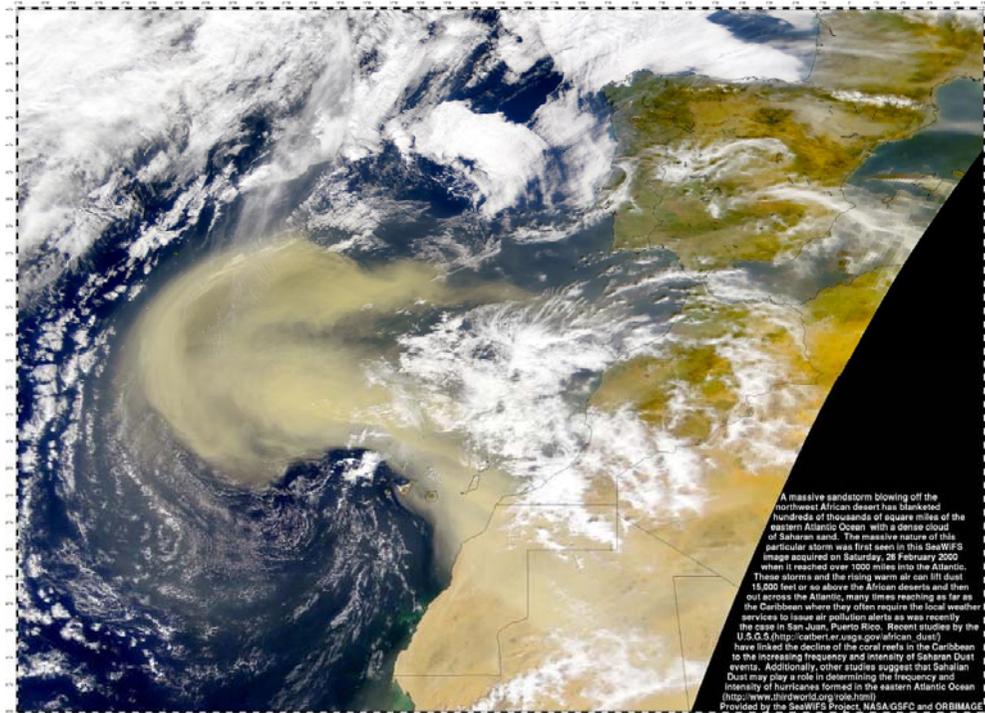
# Motivations for the Aerosol project

Aerosols are:-

- An emerging issue for NWP.
  - Neglect of aerosol is the largest error in model clear sky radiation calculations ( $50\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ )
  - Neglect of aerosol can lead to large errors (0.5K) in the forward calculations for advanced sounders.
  - The aerosol element of GEMS is likely to be the first GEMS element included in the operational suite
- An important issue for public health (e.g. forthcoming EU directive on PM<sub>2.5</sub>)
  - GEMS variational estimates of aerosol sources may be of help for regulatory purposes
- An important issue for climate
  - Aerosols may mitigate the impact of greenhouse gases through 'global dimming'?

# AEROSOL: Deliverables

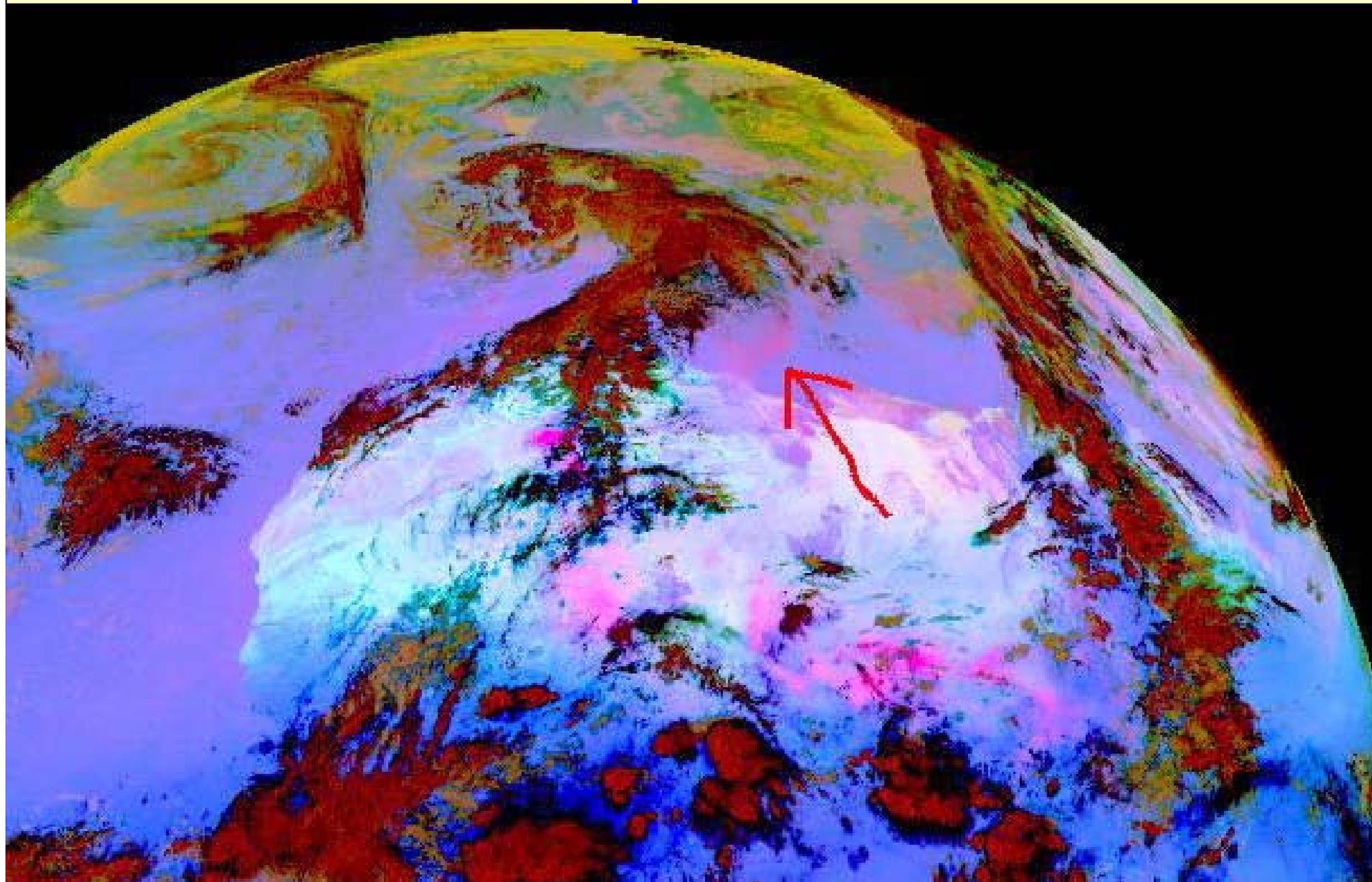
- Model and assimilate global aerosol information
- Instruments: MERIS, MODIS x 2, MISR, SEAWIFS, POLDER, then VIIRS on NPP, VIIRS & APM on NPOESS,
- Initially 10 parameters  
=>30 parameters
- Global Monitoring
- Global Forecasts
- Boundary info. for Regional models



# GEMS Aerosol Partners

1. ECMWF
2. The Met Office UK
3. Laboratoire d'Optique Atmosphérique, Université de Lille F
4. LSCE/ CEA, Orme des Merisiers F
5. Max-Planck Institut fuer Meteorologie, Hamburg D
6. Finnish Meteorological Institute, Helsinki Fin
7. DWD Meteorological Observatory, Hohenpeissenberg D
8. Service d'Aéronomie, UPMC/CNRS, Paris F
9. Dept. of Physics, National University of Ireland, Galway Irl
10. Royal Meteorological Institute of Belgium, Brussels B

Saharan dust in the Mediterranean on 24 April 2005 was associated with apparent changes in Sea Surface temperatures



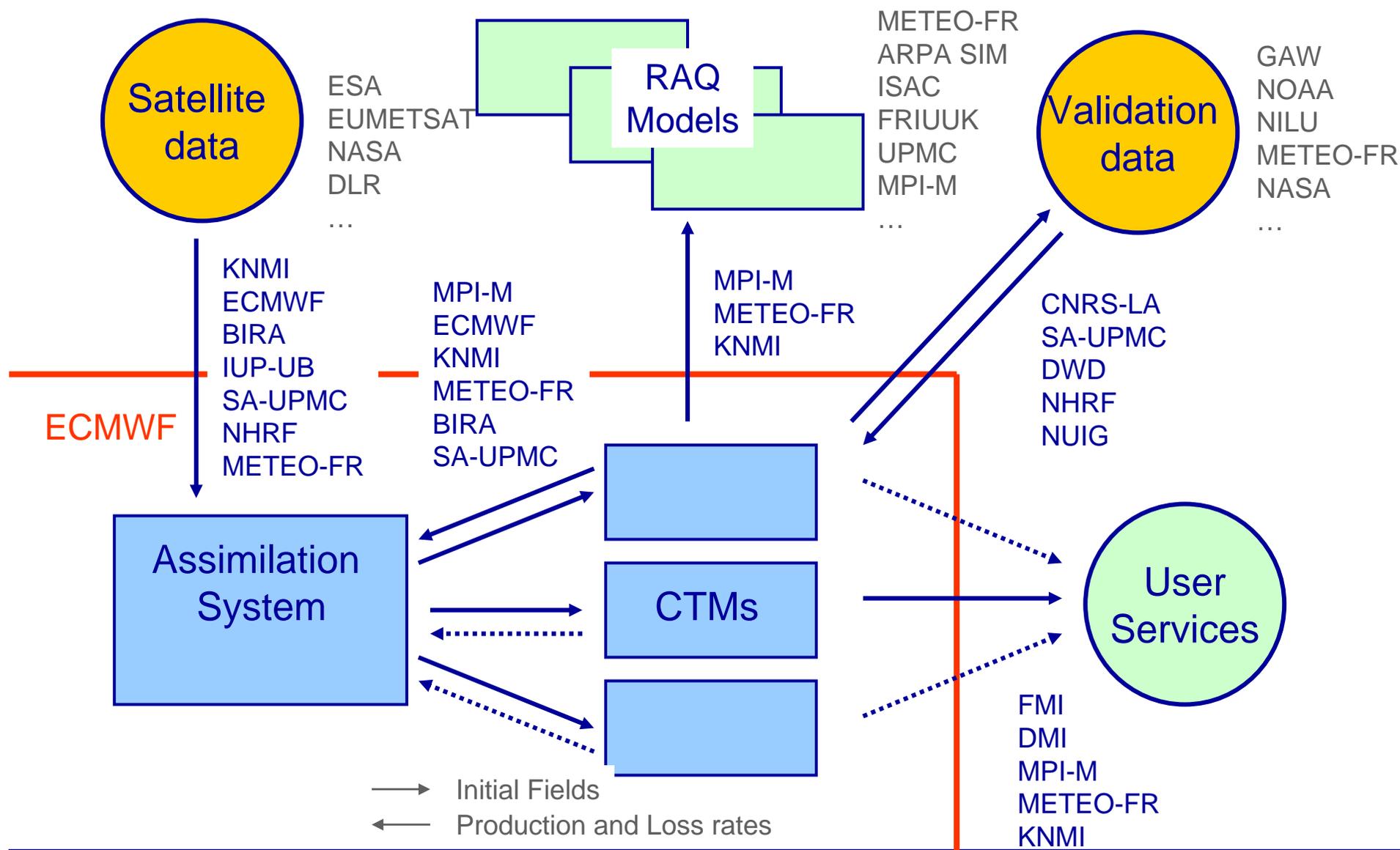
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# REACTIVE-GASES: Deliverables & Approach

- **Deliverables**
  - Monitor the global 3D / temporal distributions, transports, sources/sinks of key species such as  $O_3$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $SO_2$ ,  $CH_2O$ ..
  - Forecast Global Chemical Weather, including UV-B
  - Initial and boundary conditions for regional Chemical Weather and Air-Quality Forecasts.
- **Modelling & Assimilation Approach**
  - Tight coupling of the assimilating weather model (IFS) and a Chemical Transport Model (CTM ) to maintain good advection, and good chemical profiles.
  - Copy frequently (2-hours?) the chemical fields from the assimilating model IFS => CTM (Chemical Transport Model)
  - Copy frequently (2-hours?) the Production and Loss rates from CTM => IFS

# Data Flow and Responsibilities in GEMS Reactive Gas project



Courtesy: M.Schultz

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# Regional Air Quality Objectives

- **Evaluate the impact on Regional Air-Quality forecasts of global information on Long-Range Transport of Air Pollutants.**
- **Initiate routine production at, & cooperation between, national air quality forecast centres for data access, skill evaluation & forecast comparisons.**
- **Improve continental to regional scale air quality models, the statistical post-treatment of forecasts, & explore multi-model ensemble approaches.**
- **Improve our understanding of the health impacts of air quality and incorporate air quality forecast information into a health forecast.**
- **Assess the effects of global variability on regional air quality and provide background for policy evaluation and evolution.**

# GEMS Regional Air Quality Partners

1. The Met Office UK
2. CNRS: LMD / LA / LISA F
3. Max-Planck Institut für Meteorologie D
4. Koninklijk Nederlands Meteorologisch Instituut NL
5. Finnish Meteorological Institute Fin
6. Danmarks Meteorologiske Institut DK
7. Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Service d'Aéronomie F
8. LCAE, University of Athens H
9. Météo-France, CNRM F
10. ARPA Emilia Romagna, Servizio Idro-Meteorologico I
11. Institute of Atmospheric Sciences and Climate/ CNR I
12. Meteorologisk Institutt Oslo N
13. Rheinisches Institut für Umweltf. Universität Köln D
14. Inst. Nat. de l'Environnement Industriel et des Risques F
15. Czech Hydrometeorological Institute CZ
16. Irish Environmental Protection Agency Irl
17. Polish Institute of Environmental Protection P
18. Imperial College London UK

# GEMS Validation Partners

1. Max-Planck Institut für Biogeochemie D
2. Koninklijk Nederlands Meteorologisch Instituut NL
3. Danmarks Meteorologiske Institut DK
4. Dept. Of Physics, National University of Ireland -Galway IRL  
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# Schedule of GEMS work at ECMWF

<b>Year 1</b> May 05+12 mo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Build and validate 3 separate assimilation systems for Greenhouse gases, Reactive gases, Aerosol.</li><li>• Acquire data; build web-site</li></ul>
<b>Year 2</b> May 06+12 mo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Produce 3 different reanalyses for GHG, GRG, Aerosol</li><li>• Make reanalyses available for validation by all partners</li><li>• Provide feedback to data providers</li></ul>
<b>Year 2-2.5</b> May 07 + 6 mo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Merge the 3 assimilation systems into a unified system;</li><li>• Upgrade the models and algorithms based on experience</li></ul>
<b>Year 2.5-3.5</b> Nov 07+ 12 mo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Build operational system, &amp; interfaces to partners</li><li>• Produce unified reanalyses for GHG, GRG, Aerosol</li></ul>
<b>Year 3.5 - 4</b> Nov 08+ 6 mo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final pre-operational trials</li><li>• Documentation &amp; Scientific papers</li></ul>

# GEMS Team at ECMWF

<b>Modelling</b>	<b>Greenhouse gases</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b>Reactive gases</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b>Aerosol</b>	<b>0.5</b>	
			<b>2.5</b>
<b>Assimilation</b>	<b>Greenhouse gases</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b>Reactive gases</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b>Aerosol</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b>Chemical Transport Models &amp; PREPIFS</b>	<b>1</b>	
			<b>4</b>
<b>Operations</b>	<b>Observations &amp; Archives</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b>Web / Verification/ Access</b>	<b>1</b>	
			<b>2</b>
<b>Coordination</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9.5</b>

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# GEMS has made a flying start

- The team is in place at ECMWF and work has begun on all aspects of GEMS
- Preparations are well in hand for satellite data acquisition.
- The IFS now has provision for advecting many new variables, needed for gases and aerosols.
- Active collaboration underway with the main modelling partners
- The FP\_5 COCO project on CO<sub>2</sub> has prepared much of the assimilation science for the greenhouse gas project.
- The FP\_6 HALO project has helped define the requirements for surface emissions.

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# Importance for GEMS of real-time and archival access to In-situ observations

- The GEMS project needs (real-time and archival) access to a wide variety of in-situ observations for
  - Model development and assessment
  - Forecast verification
  - Cross-validation of other observations, esp. satellite data
  - Data assimilation
  - Data monitoring to assess long-loop stability and performance
- Some key data can be made available with good calibration in real-time
- Other key data need very careful calibration and so archival access is needed
- Access will require data sharing agreements between EMI & National Environment Agencies
- Access to Canadian and US hourly-reporting data presents no problem

# Issues in Transitioning the GEMS project to Operational Status from 2009 onwards.

- The GEMS project intends to be scientifically ready and technically ready to transition the global and regional GEMS systems to operational status by mid-2009.
- New institutional arrangements are needed to
  - fund operations, incl. human resources, computing & telecomms.
  - fund sustained research support
  - make and share observations, both real-time and archival
  - Disseminate products, both real-time and archival
- Actors in creating such institutional arrangements include
  - European Commission, EEA , ESA
  - National Environment Agencies
  - Nat.Met.Services, ECMWF, EUMETSAT & EUMETNET
  - Scientific and technical partners in GEMS, PROMOTE, and related GMES activities.
- Satellites: chemistry observations post-2010 are an issue.

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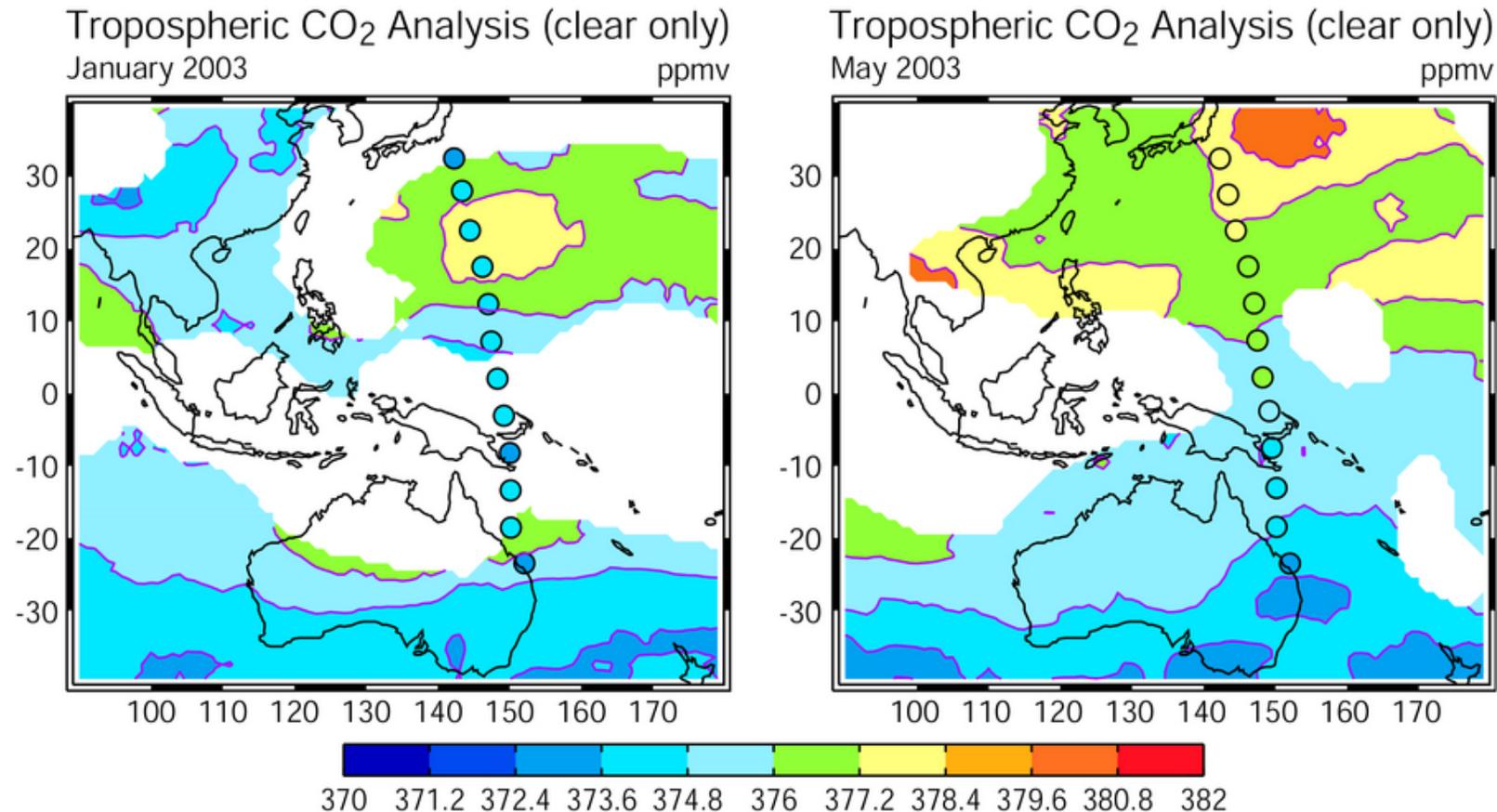
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# BACK-UP SLIDES

## Current status of off-line CO<sub>2</sub> calculations - comparisons with Japanese flight data

- good results for May 2003
- less favourable results for January 2003 (problem with detection of thin cirrus?).



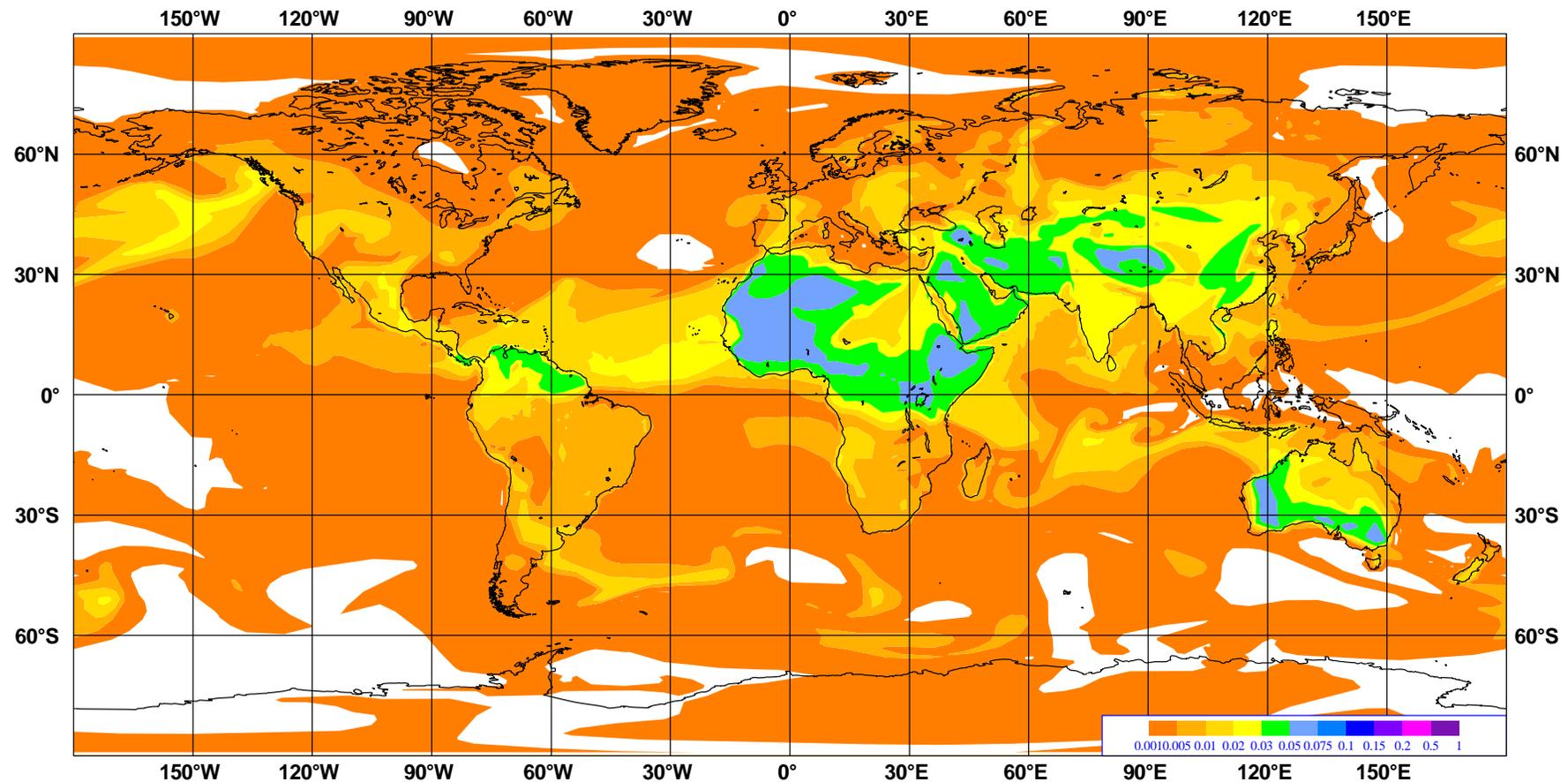
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Flight data kindly provided by H. Matsueda, MRI/JMA

# Five -day forecast, showing particulates at 1000hPa, starting from a climatological distribution of Desert Dust

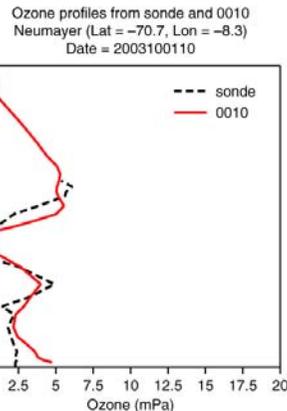
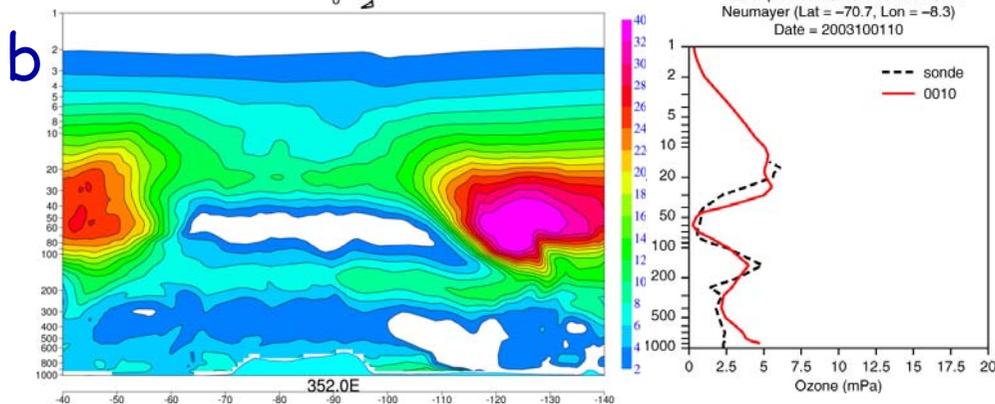
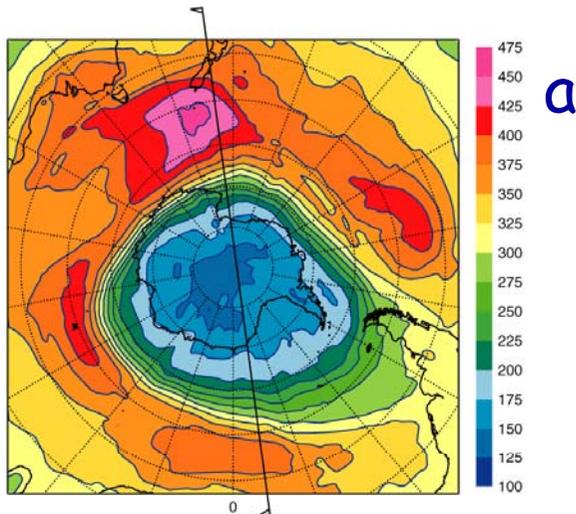
(Benedetti, Morcrette, Hortal...)

Monday 1 January 2001 12UTC ECMWF Forecast t+120 VT: Saturday 6 January 2001 12UTC 1000hPa \*\*



# Ozone Hole 1 Oct 2003

## in ECMWF operational assimilation, with very simple Chemistry



a) Ozone hole in Southern Hemisphere assimilation on 1 October 2003;

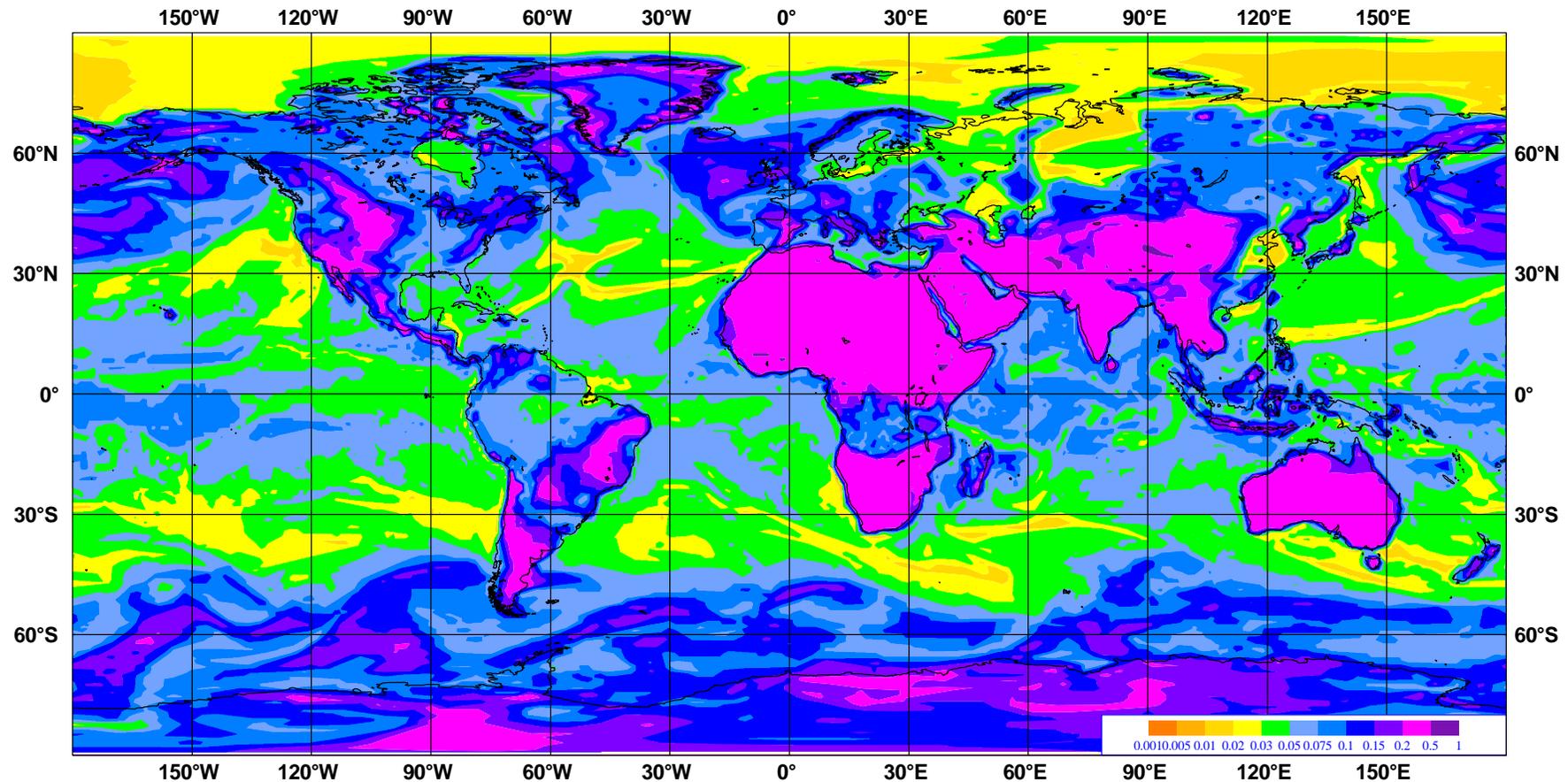
b) Vertical cross section of ozone partial pressure along 8W in a); the partial pressure of ozone is almost zero at 15km, over a wide area. Sharpness due to MIPAS

c) Comparison of (independent) ozonesonde profile data at Neumayer (70.7S 8.3W) with the assimilated field; the agreement is remarkable.

# Five -day forecast, showing particulates at 1000HPa, starting from a climatological distribution of Continental Particulates

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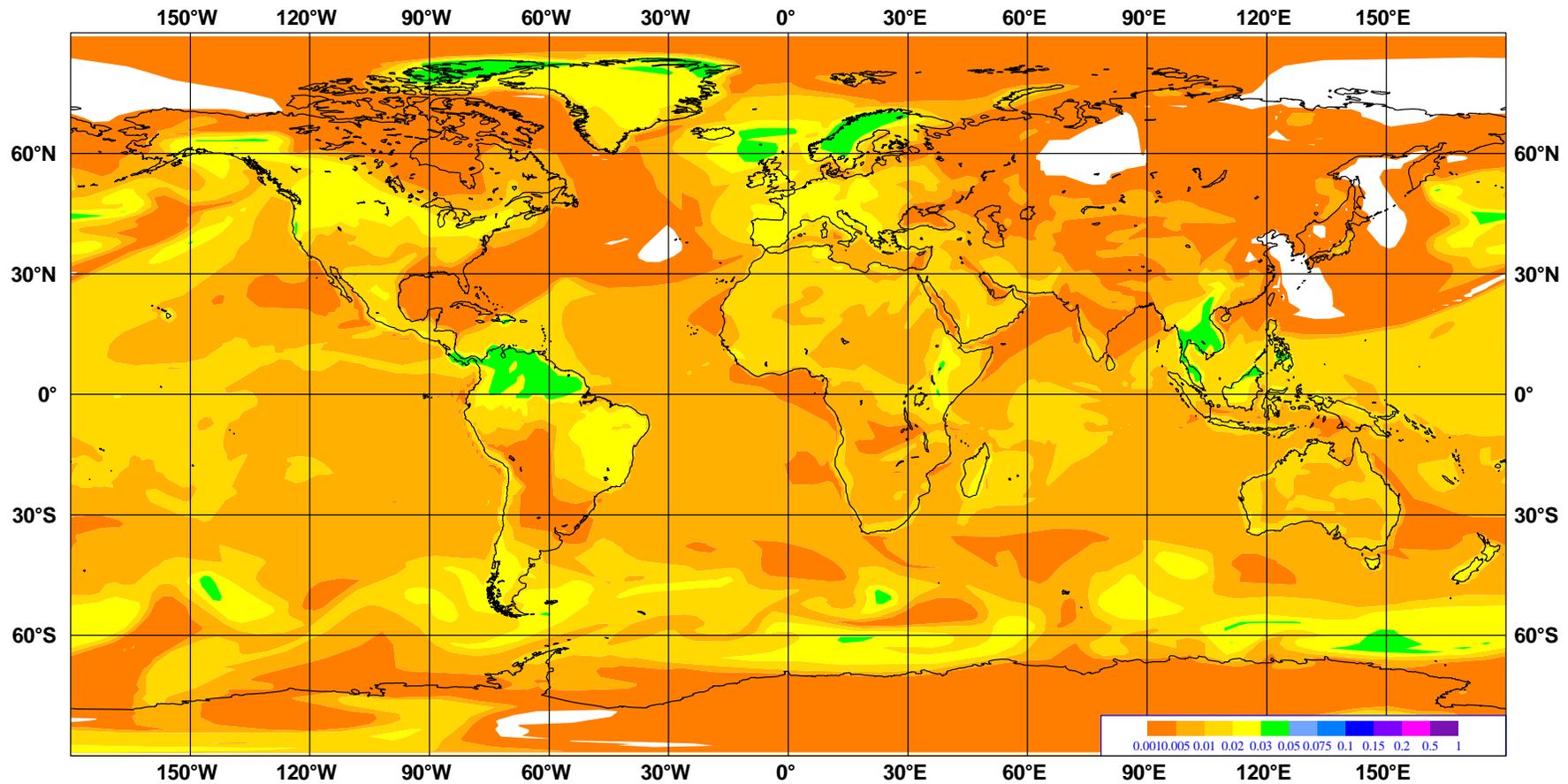
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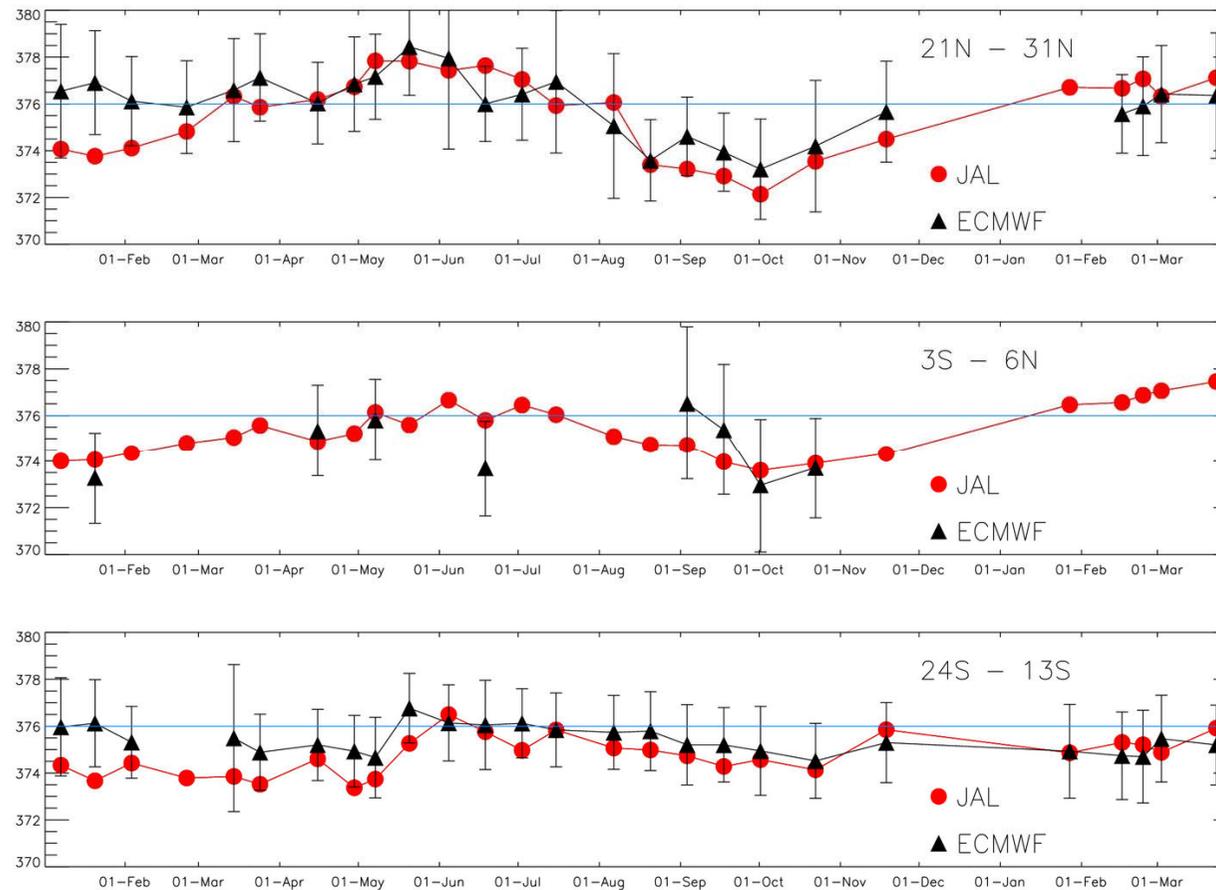
# Five -day forecast, showing particulates at 1000HPa, starting from a climatological distribution of Sea Salt

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# CO<sub>2</sub> Comparison with flight data from Japan Air Lines



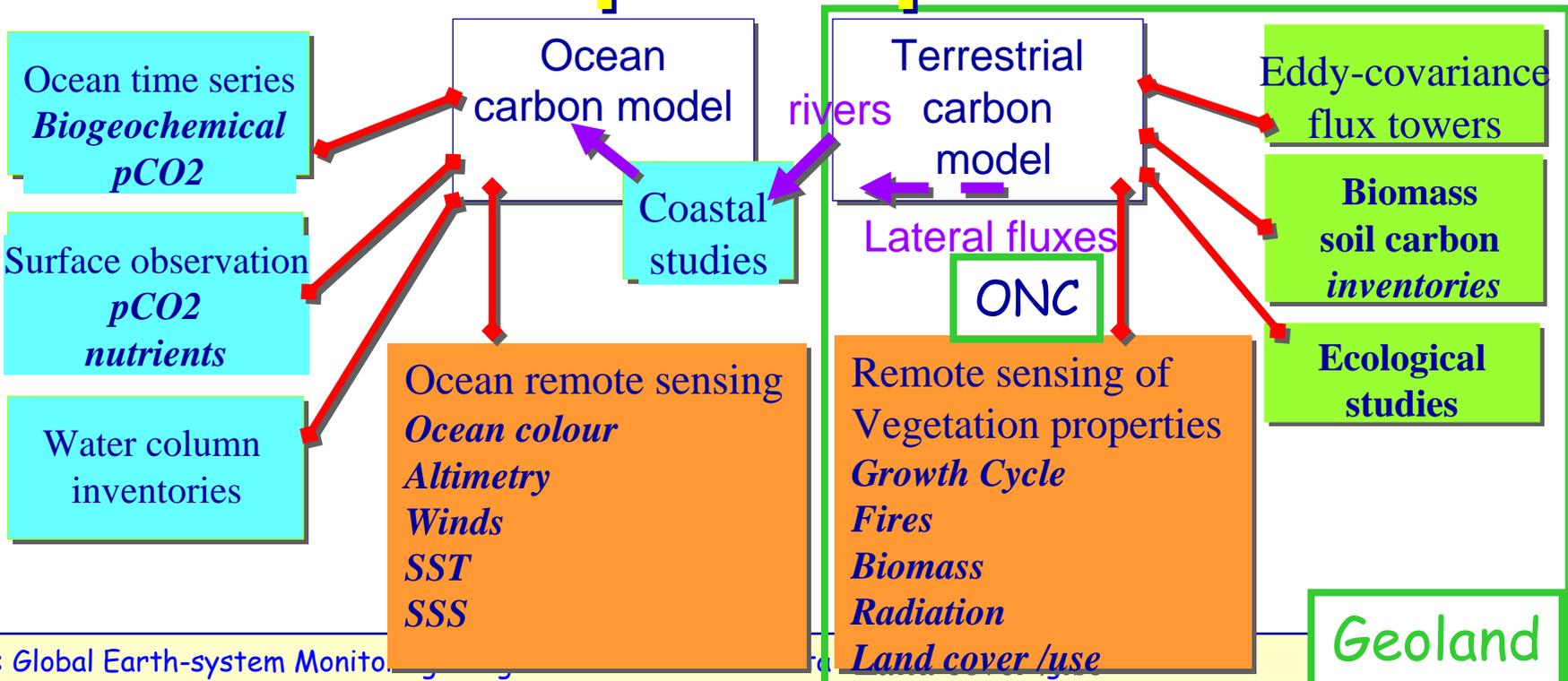
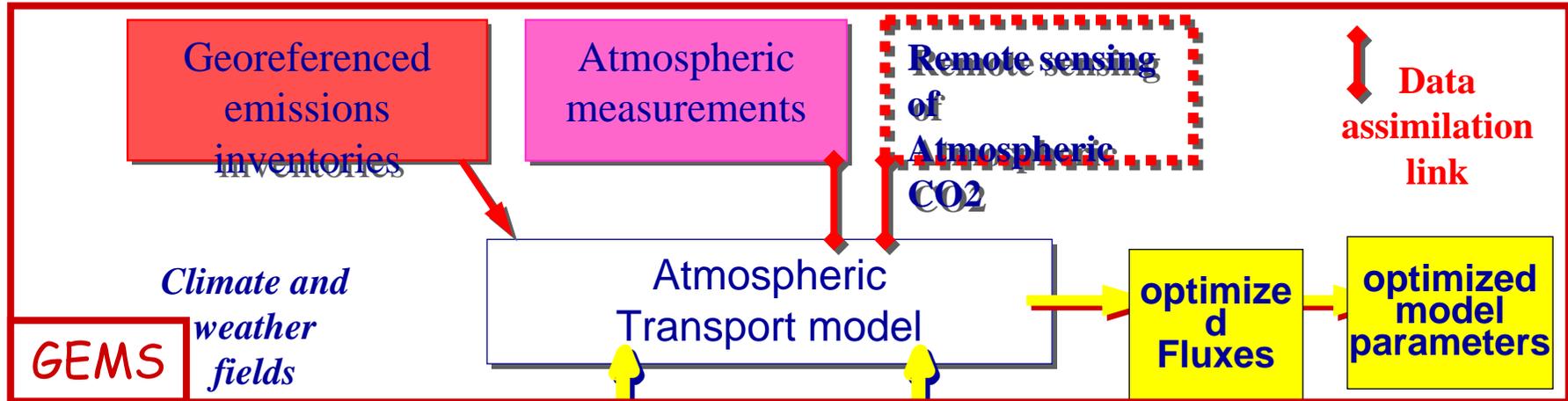
Flight data kindly provided by H. Matsueda, MRI/JMA

**Table 2.7.1 Satellite Data on Greenhouse Gases to be used in GEMS**

Agency	Mission	Instruments	Species	Data Volume/day of satellite life (MB/day)
ESA	ENVISAT	<b>SCIAMACH</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, CO, CH<sub>4</sub></b>	11
ESA	ENVISAT	<b>MIPAS</b>	CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O	2
EUMET	METOP-1	IASI	CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O, CO, CH <sub>4</sub>	1500
NASA	AQUA	AIRS	CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O, CO, CH <sub>4</sub>	280
NASA	TERRA	MOPITT	CO, CH <sub>4</sub>	64
NASA	AURA	TES	CO, CH <sub>4</sub>	16
NASA	AURA	HIRDLS & MLS	CO, N <sub>2</sub> O, CH <sub>4</sub>	4
NASA	OCO	OCO	CO <sub>2</sub>	80
NESDIS	NPP	CrIS	CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O, CO, CH <sub>4</sub>	280

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# GEMS Reactive Gas Partners

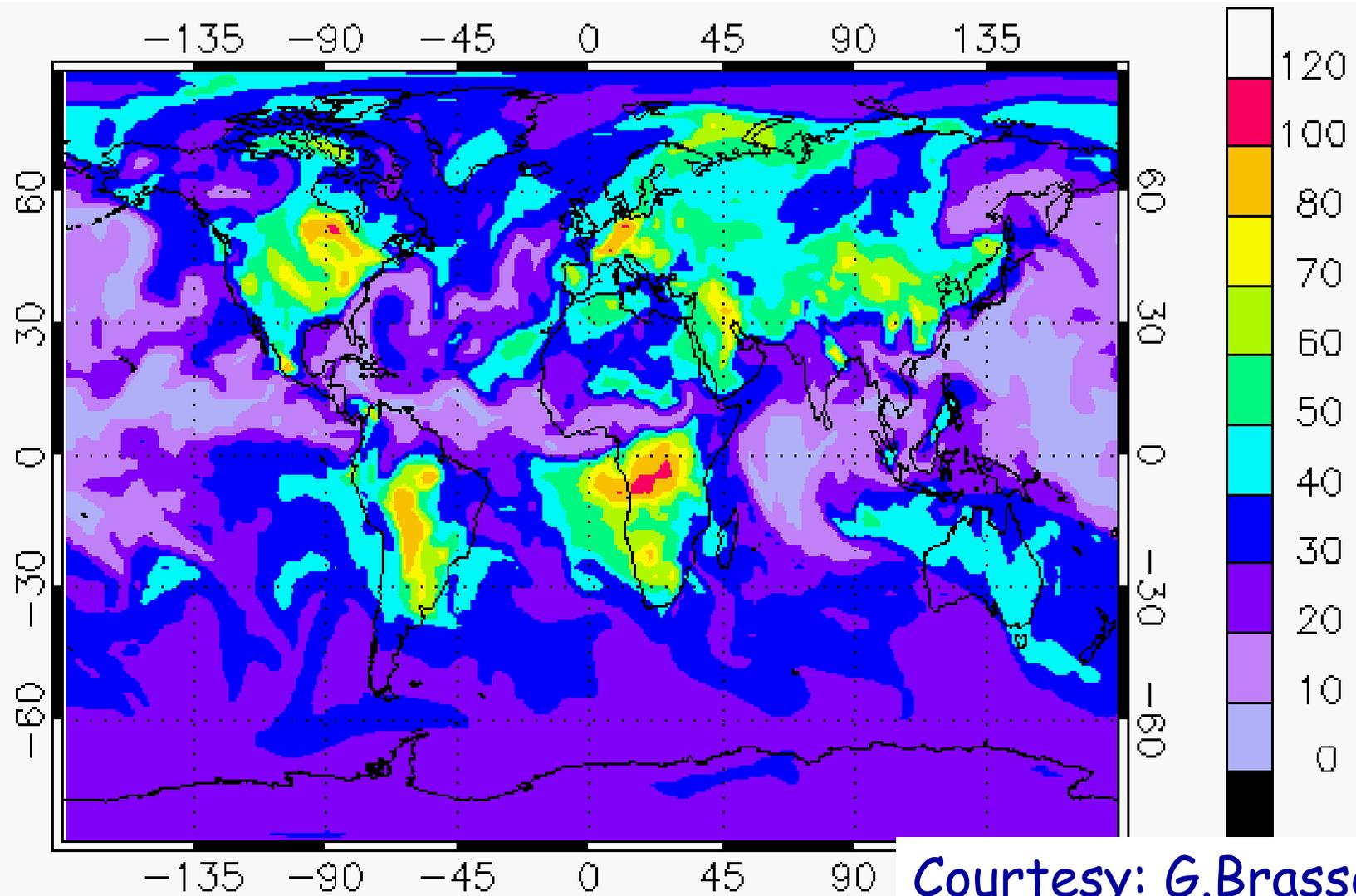
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9. Institut für Umweltphysik Universität Bremen D
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11. LCAE, University of Athens, H
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**Table 2.7.2 Satellite Data on Reactive Gases to be used in GEMS**

Agency	Mission	Instruments	Species	Data Volume per day of satellite life (MB/day)
ESA	ENVISAT	SCIAMACHY	O <sub>3</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>2</sub> O	53
ESA	ENVISAT	GOMOS	O <sub>3</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub>	2
ESA	ENVISAT	MIPAS	O <sub>3</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub>	2
ESA	ERS-2	GOME	O <sub>3</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>2</sub> O	19
EUMET	METOP-1	GOME-2	O <sub>3</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub>	152
EUMET	MSG	SEVIRI	O <sub>3</sub>	10
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Modelling of Tropospheric Chemistry needs a full chemistry package and good surface emissions! Initially we shall bootstrap by coupling GCM & CTM

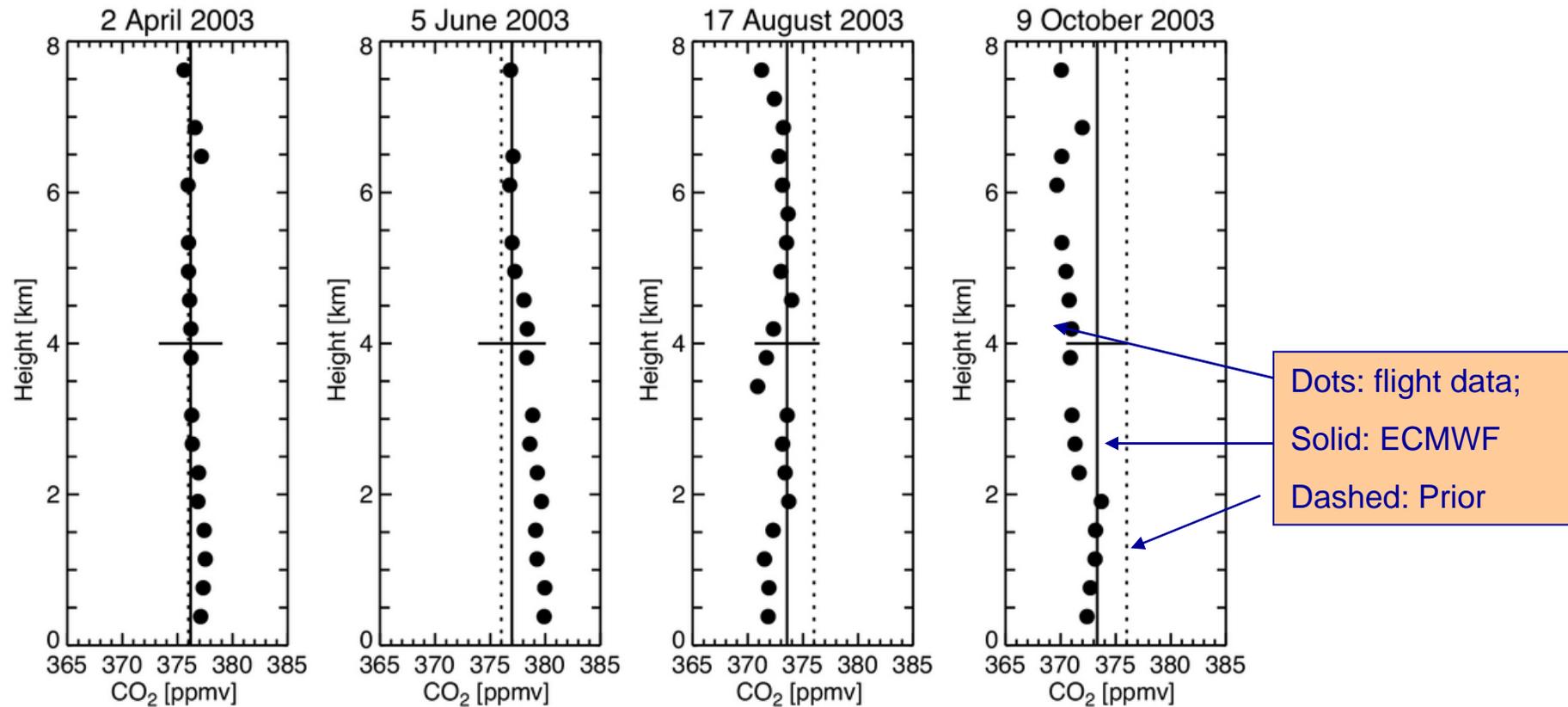
Simulation of Ozone mixing ratio (nmol/mol) at 850 hPa for August 3, 2003, 1500 UTC as simulated with MOZART-2 CTM.



GEMS: G  
ECMWF: S

Courtesy: G.Brasseur

# CO<sub>2</sub> Comparison with NOAA/CMDL flight profiles at Molokai, Hawaii



Flight data kindly provided by Pieter Tans, NOAA/CMDL