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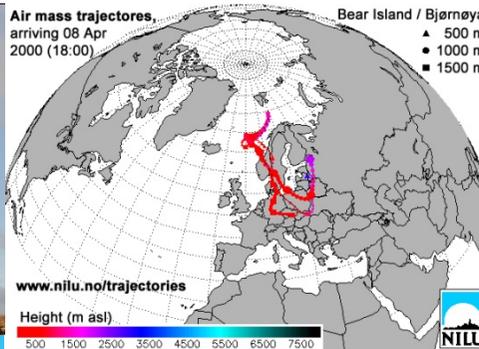
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Monitoring of atmospheric composition and trends

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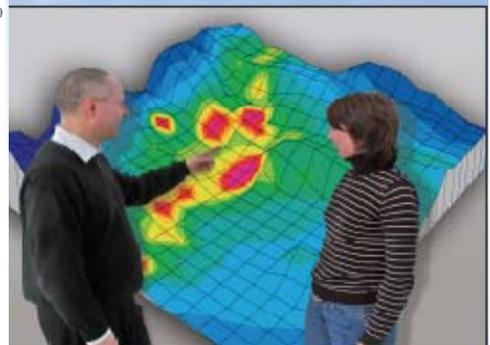
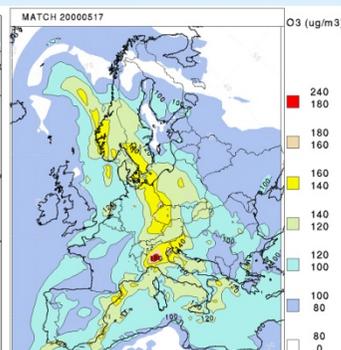
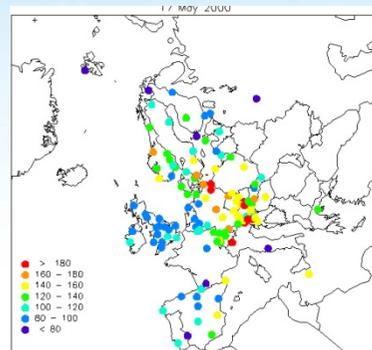
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main focus on Europe, + a bit on Asia

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Outline

❖ Why do monitoring?

- ✓ Effect (policy) driven motivation for monitoring, which may change over time –new and old problems
- ✓ Measurements for model evaluation and development
- ✓ Research needs
- ✓ Local or national engagement/involvement/awareness

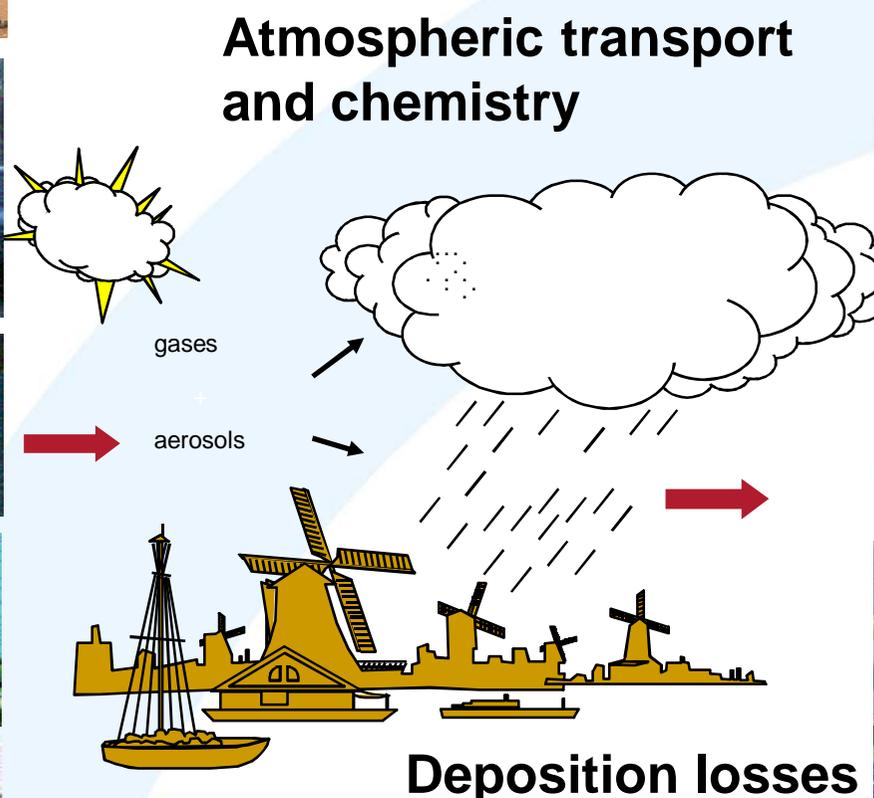
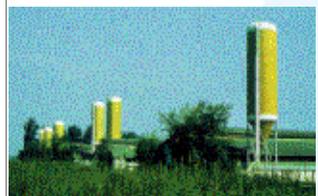
❖ What to measure?

- ✓ monitoring obligations, compliance with protocols etc
- ✓ Research needs

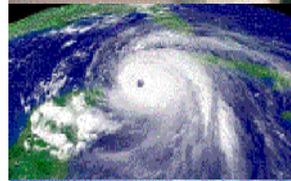
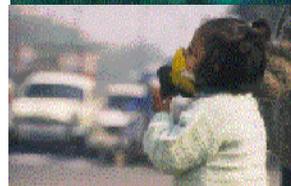
❖ How and where ?

- ✓ Quality assurance
- ✓ Representativity
- ✓ Networks

Air pollution and impacts



Mobile, industrial and non-point sources



Receptors

Cultural heritage

Ecosystems

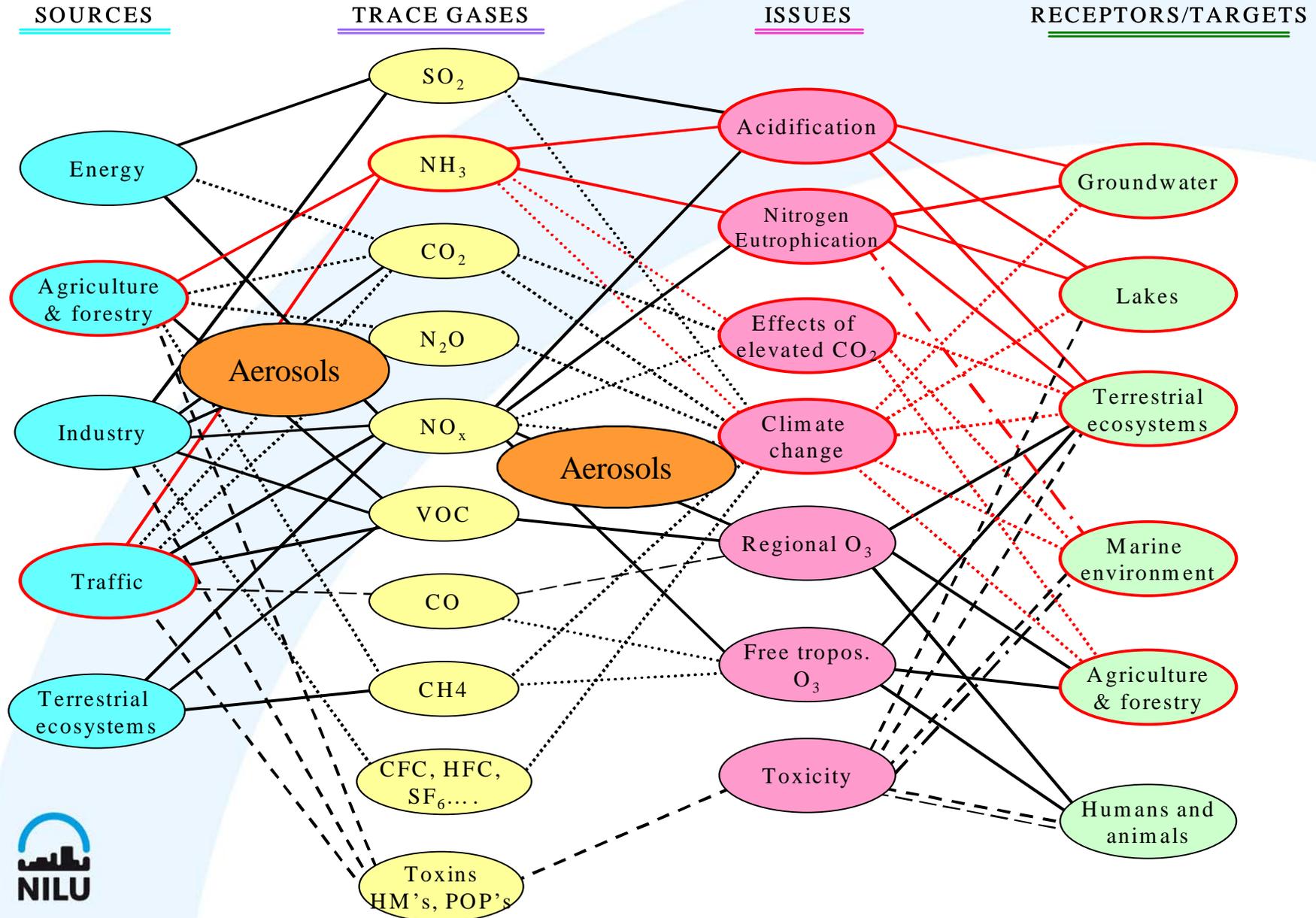
Crops

Humans/animals

Climate

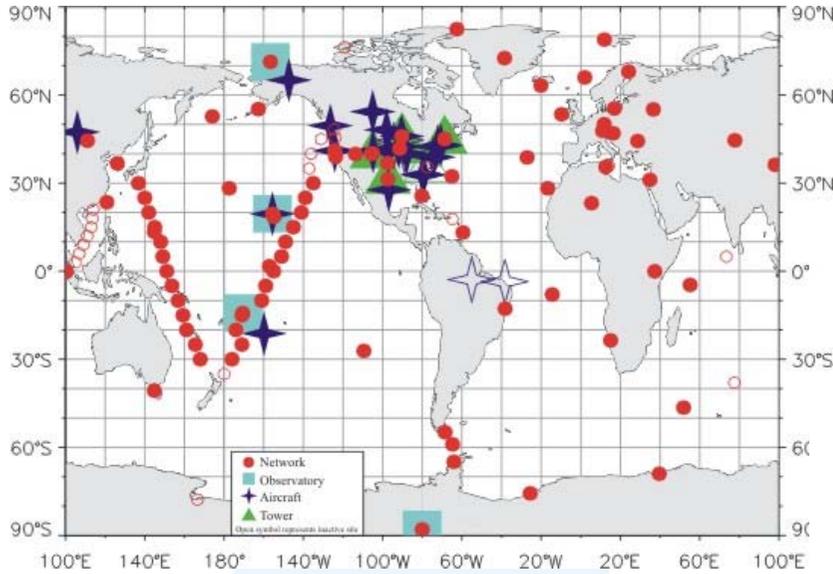
Estuaries

Air pollution and impacts



Some global programmes

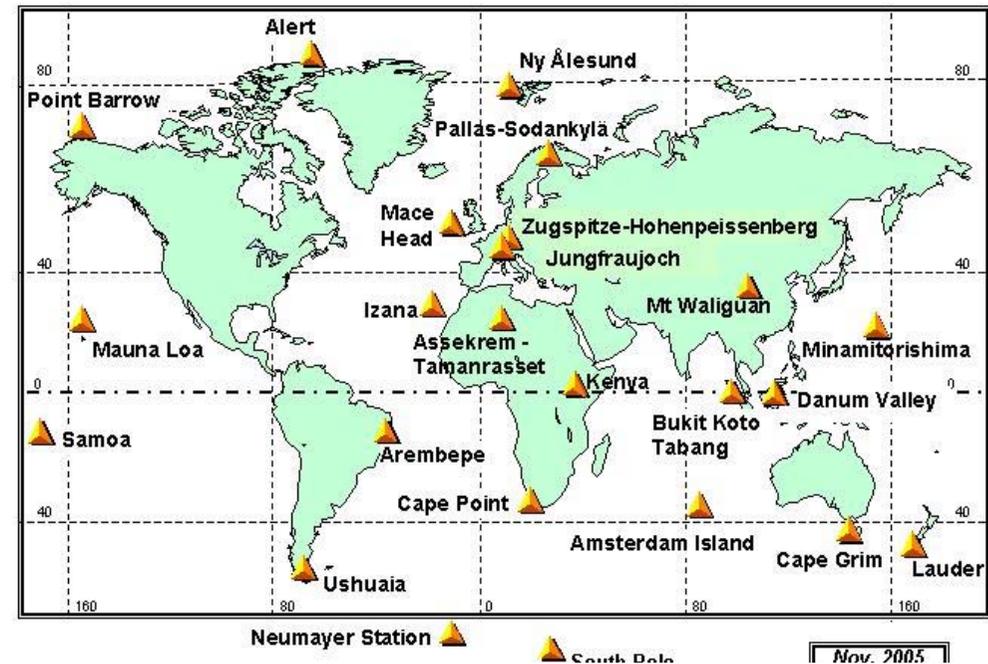
NOAA GMD Carbon cycle



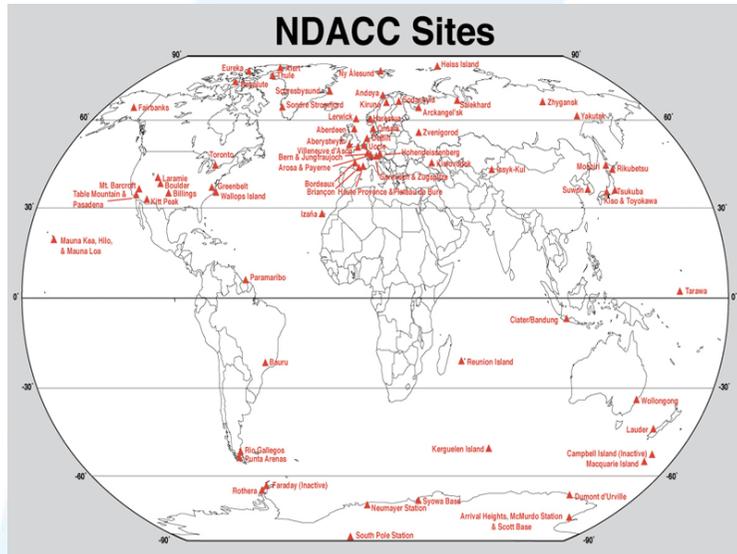
AERONET



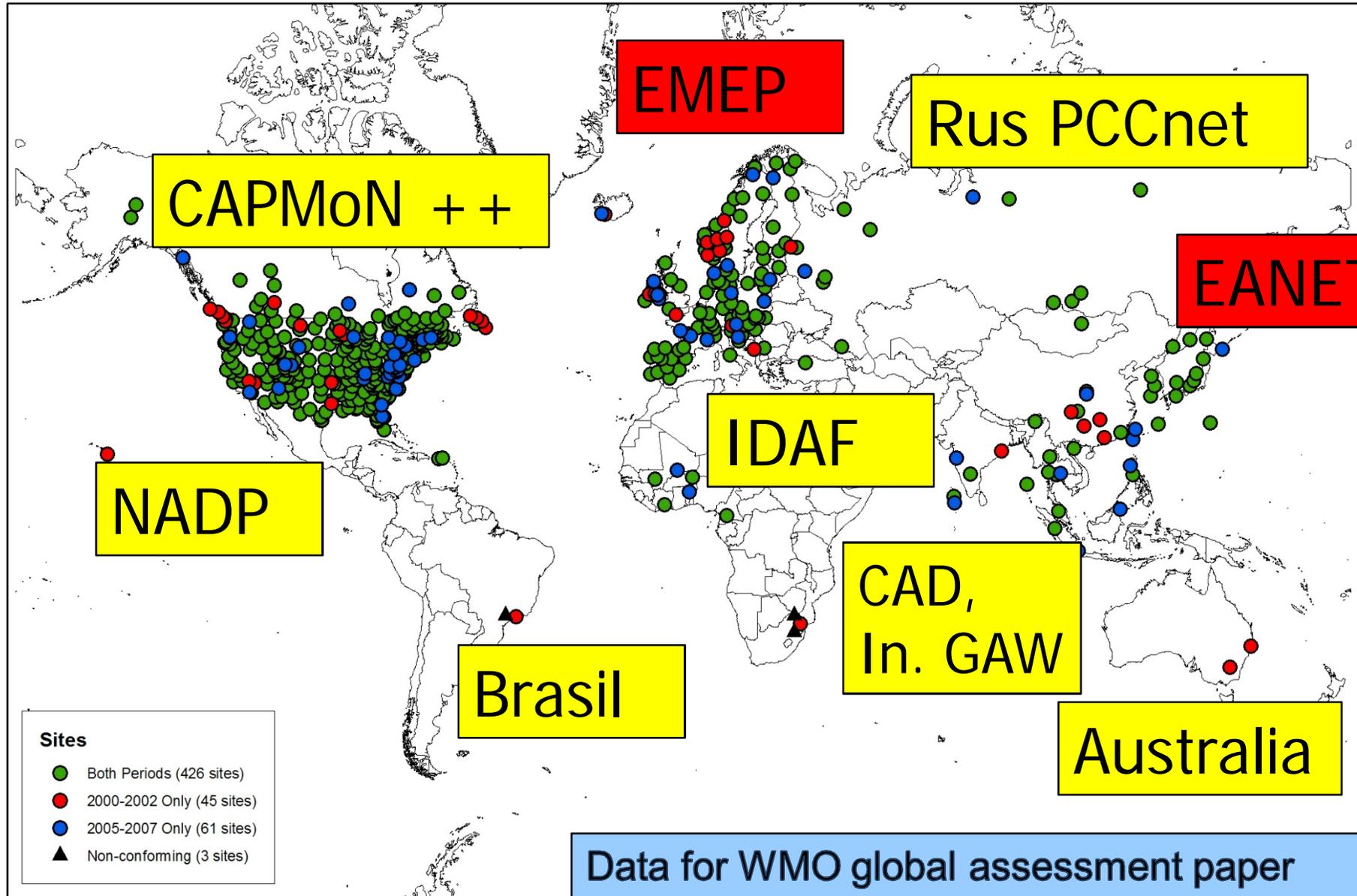
GLOBAL STATIONS IN GAW



NDACC Sites



WMO Precipitation Monitoring Sites (2000-2007)

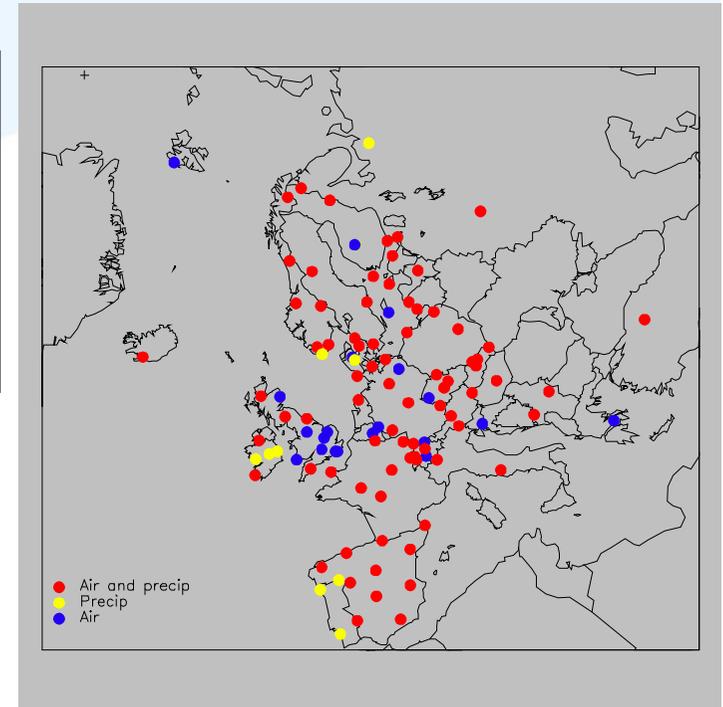
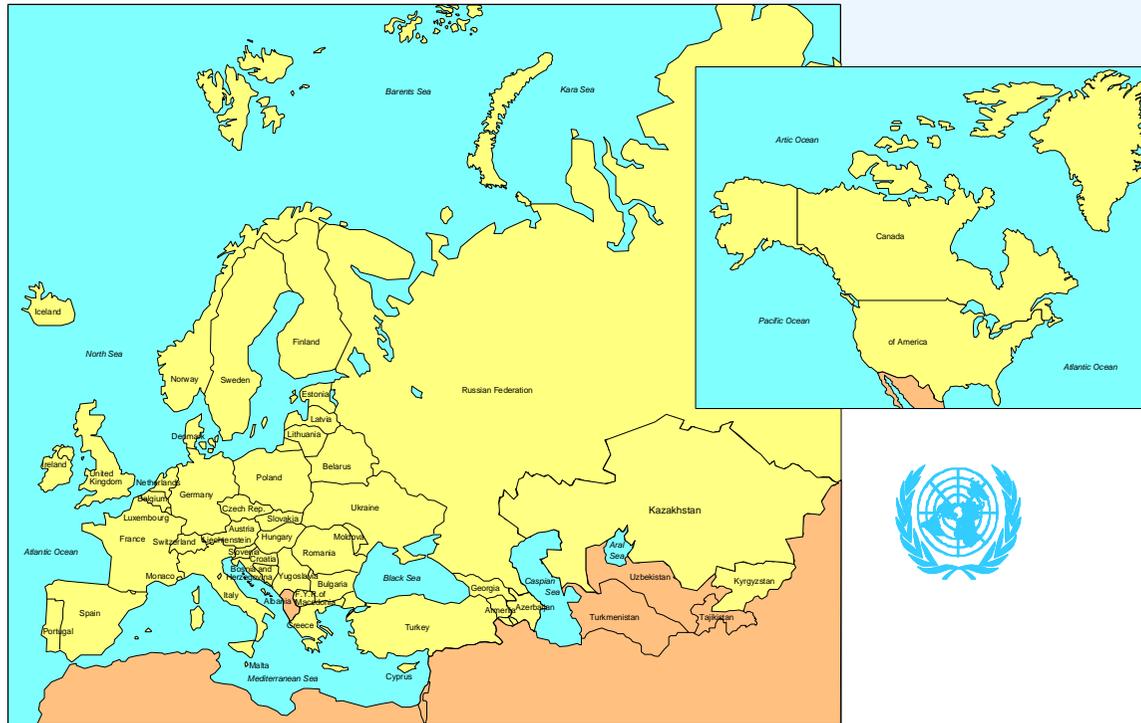


Data for WMO global assessment paper
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UN-ECE Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (52 Parties)

- 8 Specific protocols, where the first is

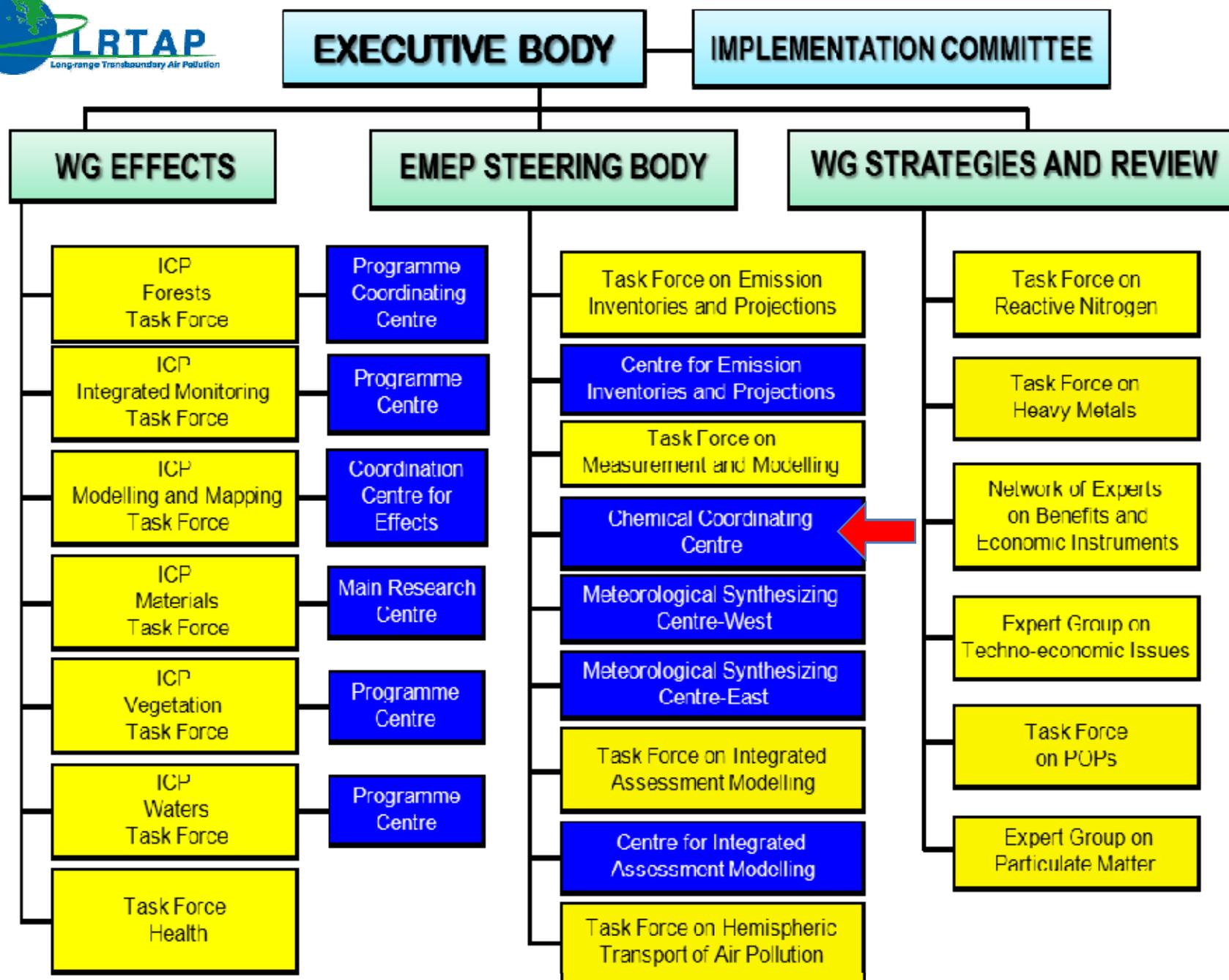
European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme (EMEP) (42 Parties)



The EMEP vision;

To be the main science based and policy-driven instrument for international cooperation in atmospheric monitoring and modelling activities, emission inventories and projections, and integrated assessment to help solve transboundary air pollution problems in Europe

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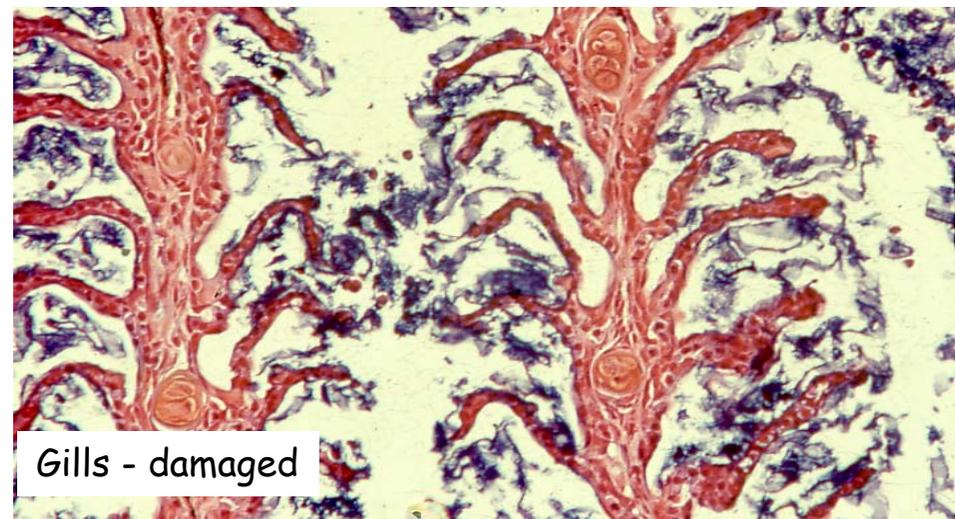
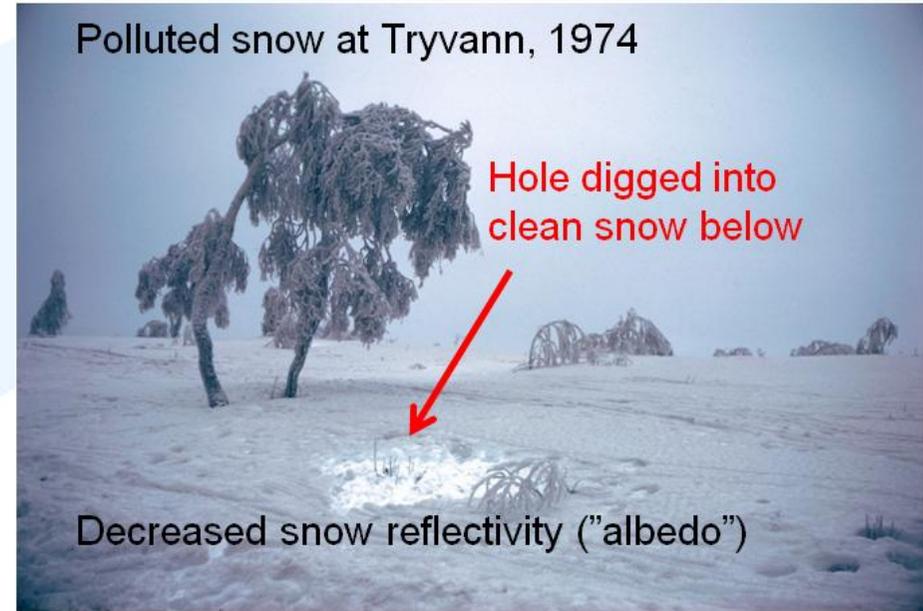
Protocols to the Convention

- ❖ 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to Abate **Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone**; PM to be included
- ❖ 1998 Aarhus Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (**POPs**)
- ❖ 1998 Aarhus Protocol on **Heavy Metals**

- ❖ 1994 Oslo Protocol on Sulphur
- ❖ 1991 Geneva Protocol on Volatile Organic Compounds
- ❖ 1988 Sofia Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides
- ❖ 1985 Helsinki Protocol on Sulphur

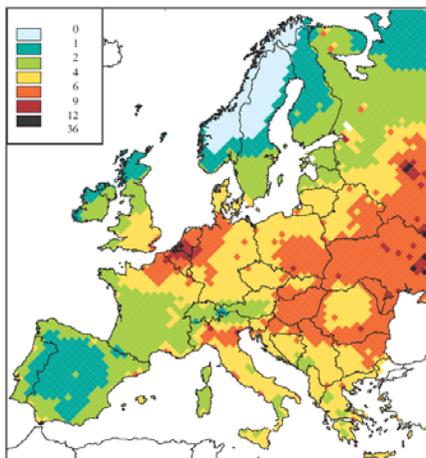
- ❖ 1984 Protocol on Long-term Financing of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (**EMEP**); 43 Parties.

Long Range Transport of Air Pollutants

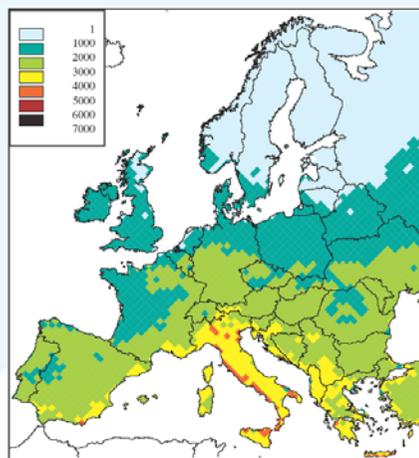


Environmental problems in 2020

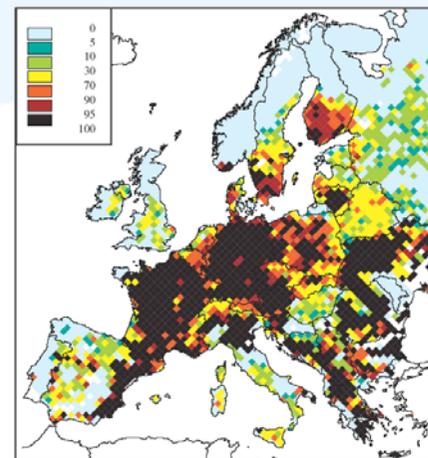
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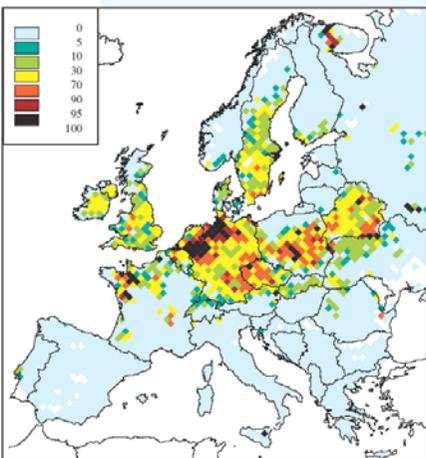
Health - PM



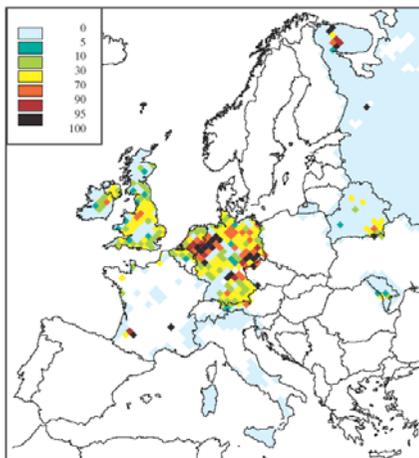
Health+vegetation - ozone



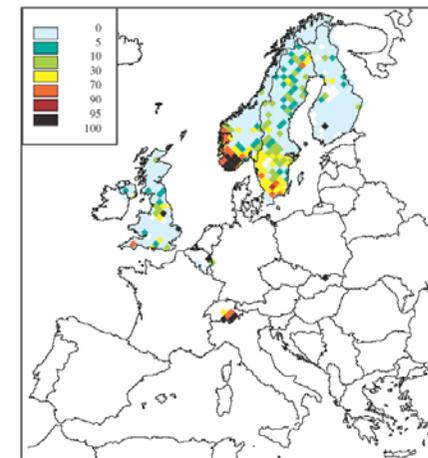
Vegetation - N dep.



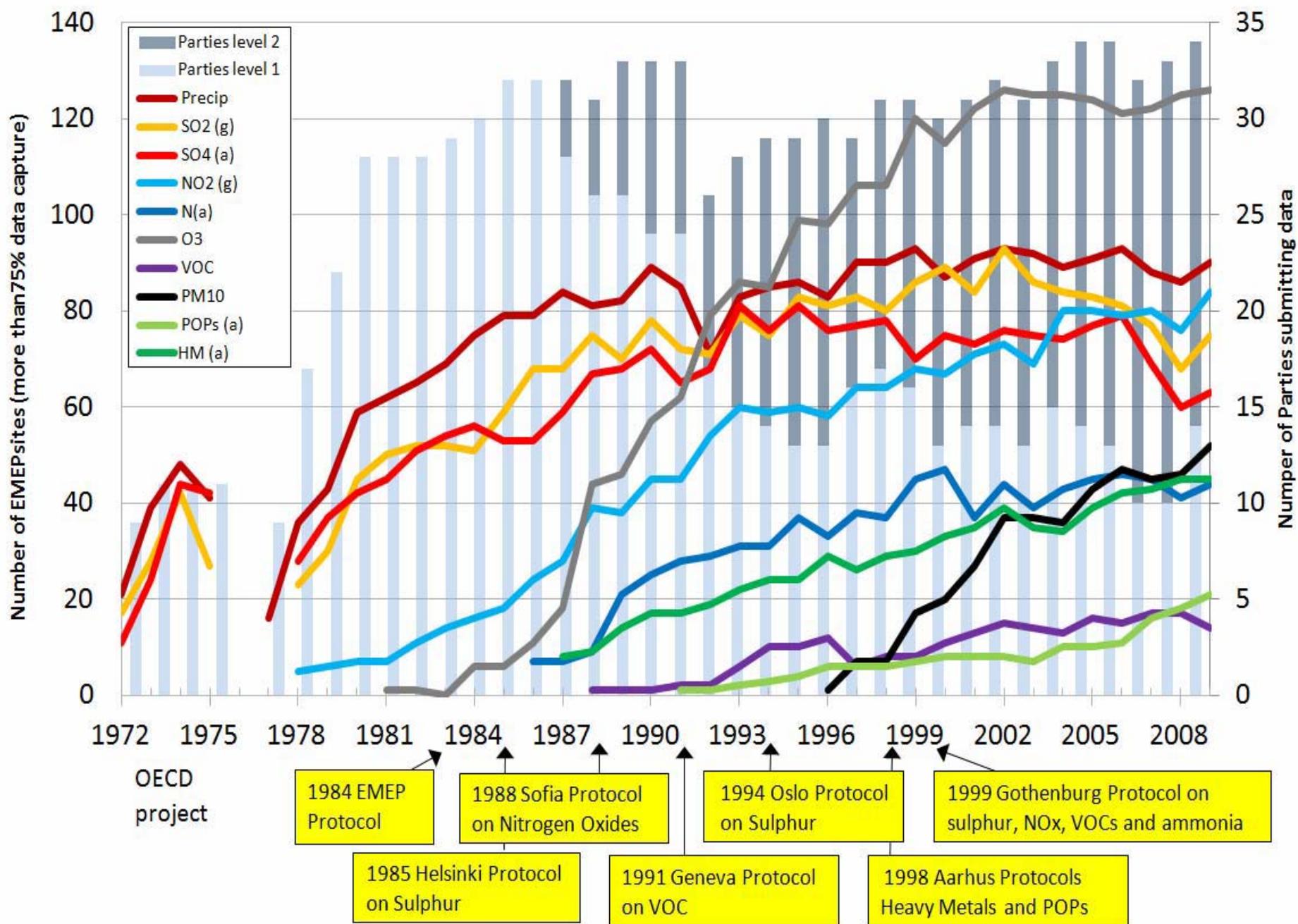
Forests - acid dep.



Semi-natural - acid dep.



Freshwater - acid dep.



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Introduction to the European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme (EMEP) and observed atmospheric composition change during 1972–2009

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Introduction to the EMEP

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Monitoring programme:

Level 1

- Main ions in precipitation and in air
- heavy metals in precipitations
- ozone
- gas particle nitrogen ratios (low cost)
- PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} mass
- meteorology

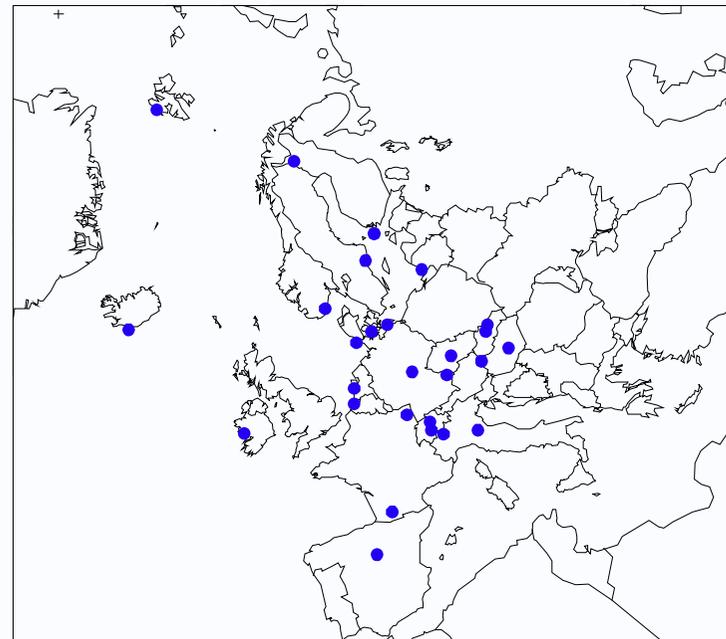
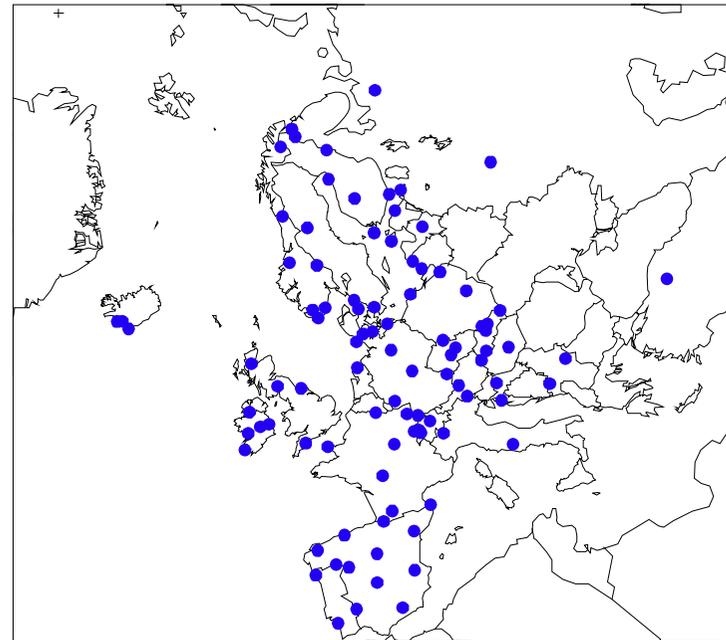
at ca 125 sites

Level 2, supersite (joint EMEP/GAW)

- PM composition (EC/OC, mineral dust)
- Aerosol physical and optical properties
- CH₄
- Tracers (CO and halocarbons)
- POPs
- Heavy metals in air and aerosols
- VOC
- + all level 1 activities

20-30 sites

Both levels are mandatory by all Parties



EMEP Monitoring strategy, 2010-2019

<http://www.unece.org/env/documents/2009/EB/ge1/ece.eb.air.ge.1.2009.15.e.pdf>

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Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and
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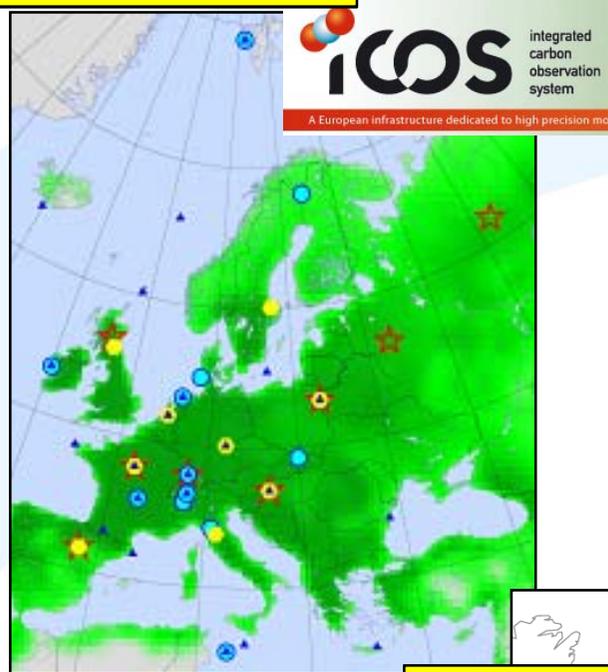
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EU research infrastructures and projects supporting EMEP level 2 and 3



Aerosol properties

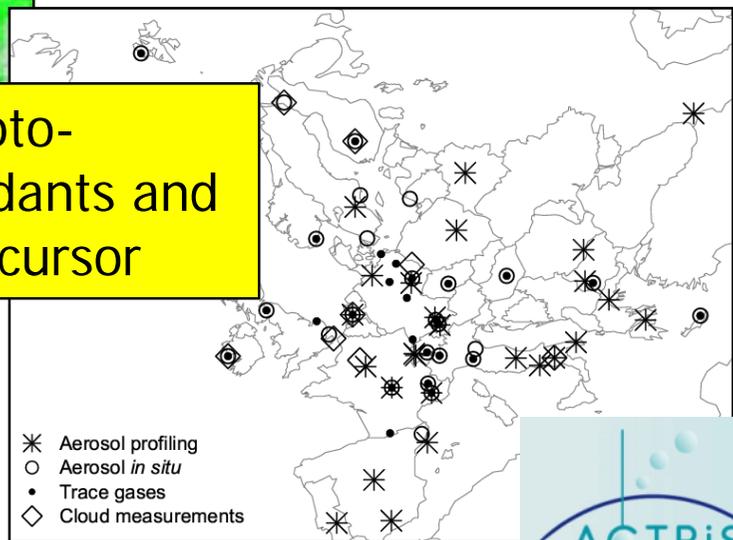
CO, CH₄, CO₂



nitrogen

Non CO₂ greenhouse gases

photo-oxidants and precursor



EANET, Acid Deposition Monitoring Network in East Asia (from 2001)

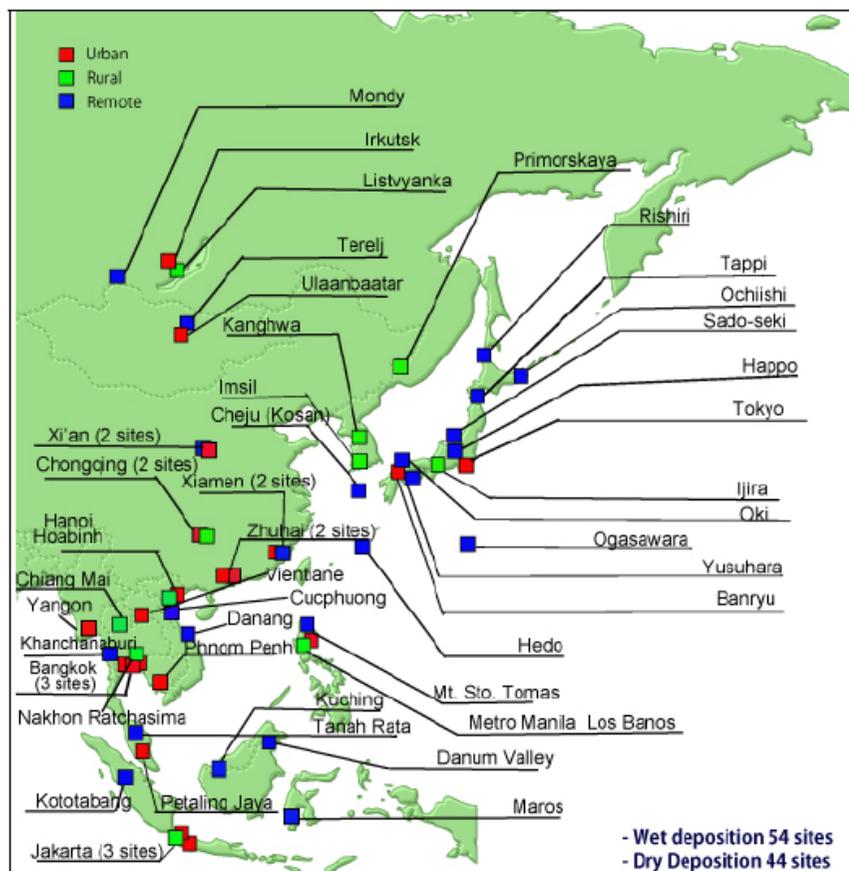


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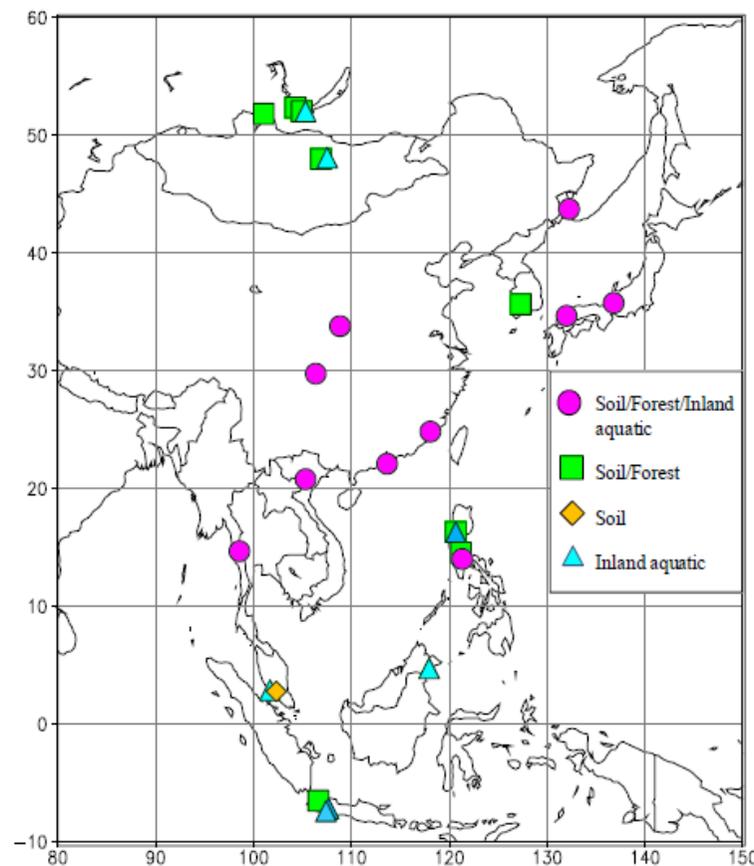


Figure 2.2. EANET ecological impact monitoring sites (2009)

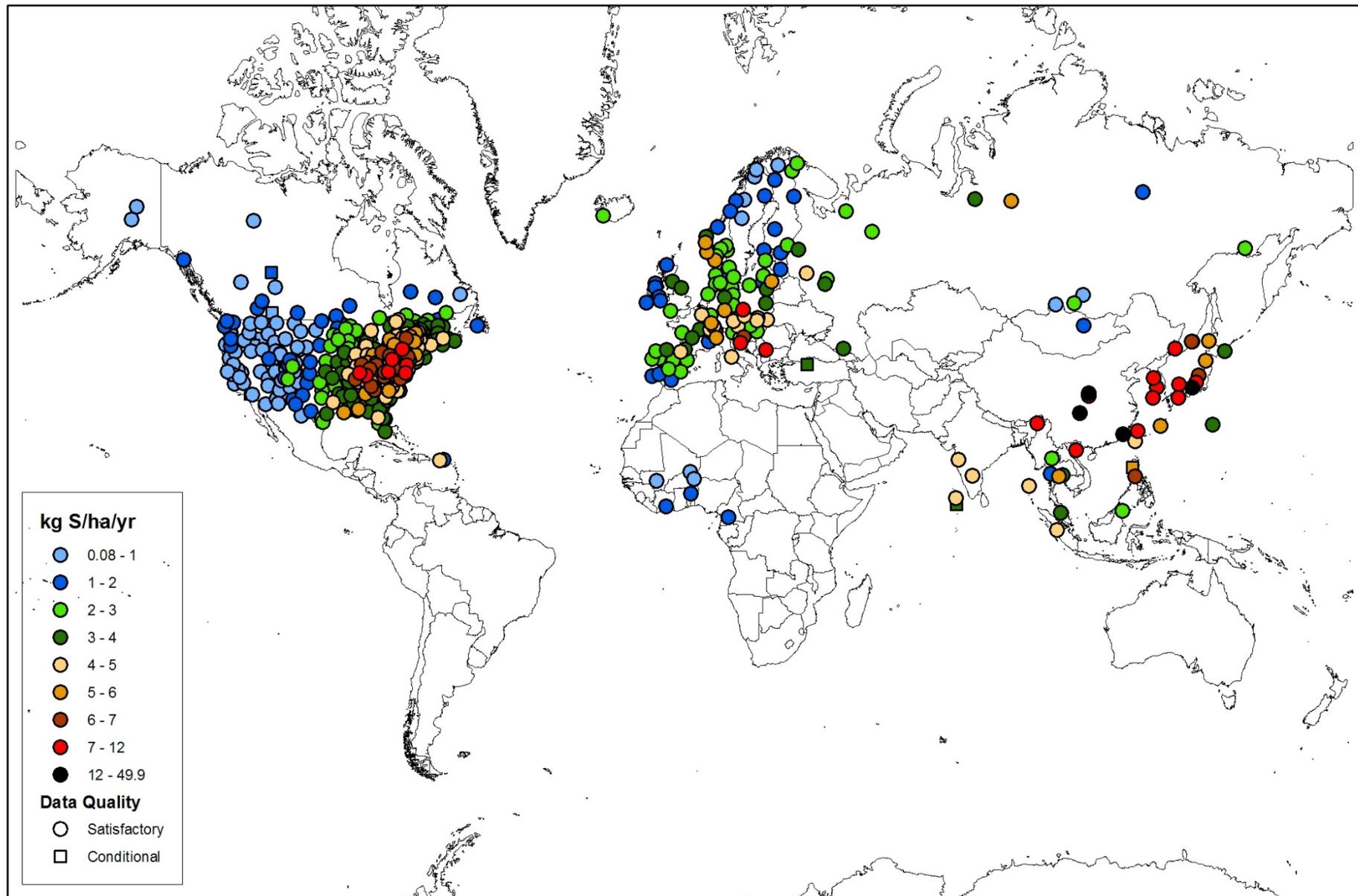
- Soil: 19 areas (27 forests)
- Forest vegetation: 18 areas (26 forests)
- Inland aquatic environments: 17 lakes/rivers

<http://www.eanet.cc>

Sulphur

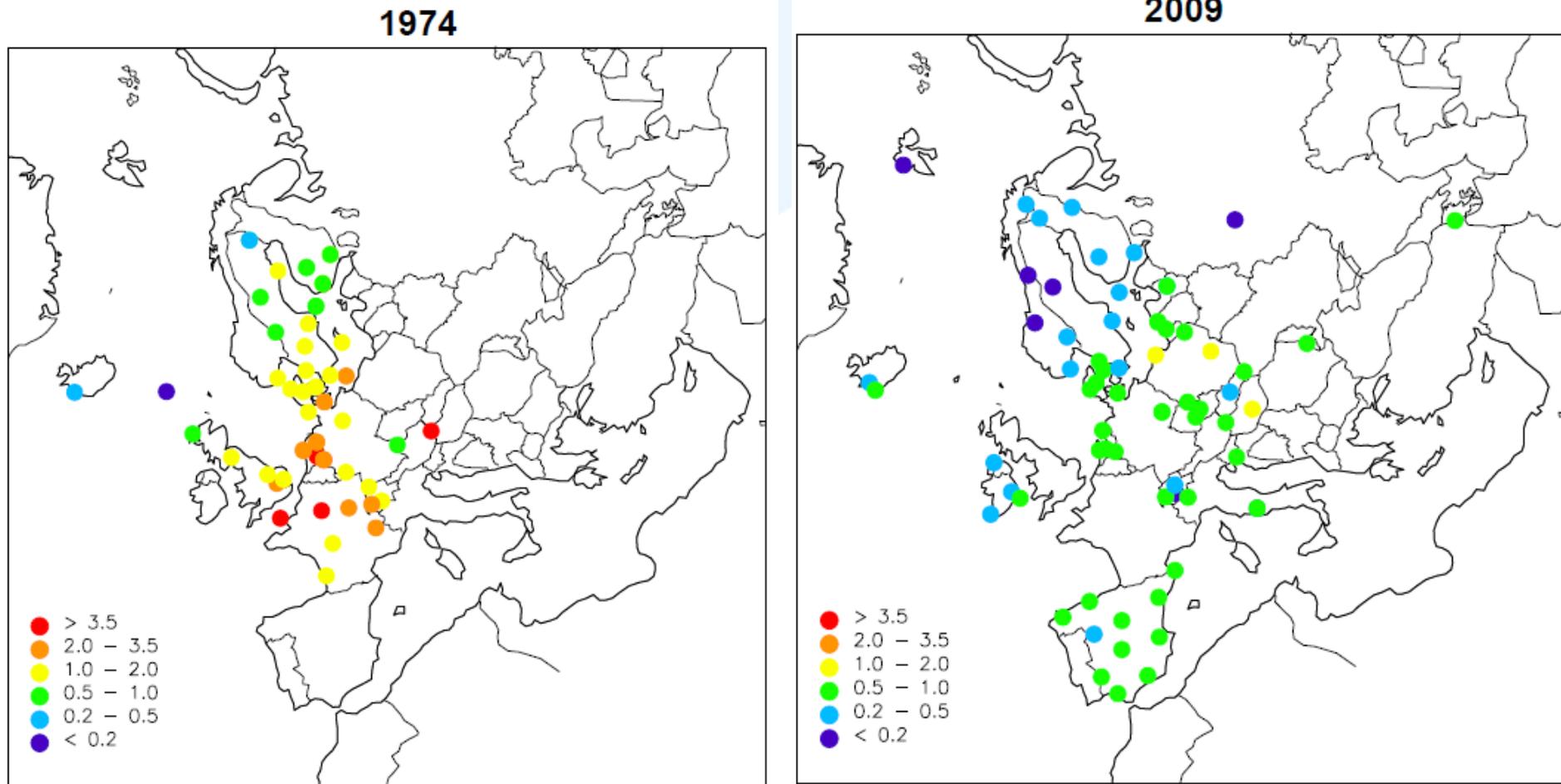


3-Year (2005-2007) Mean nss-Sulphur Wet Deposition (kg S/ha/yr)



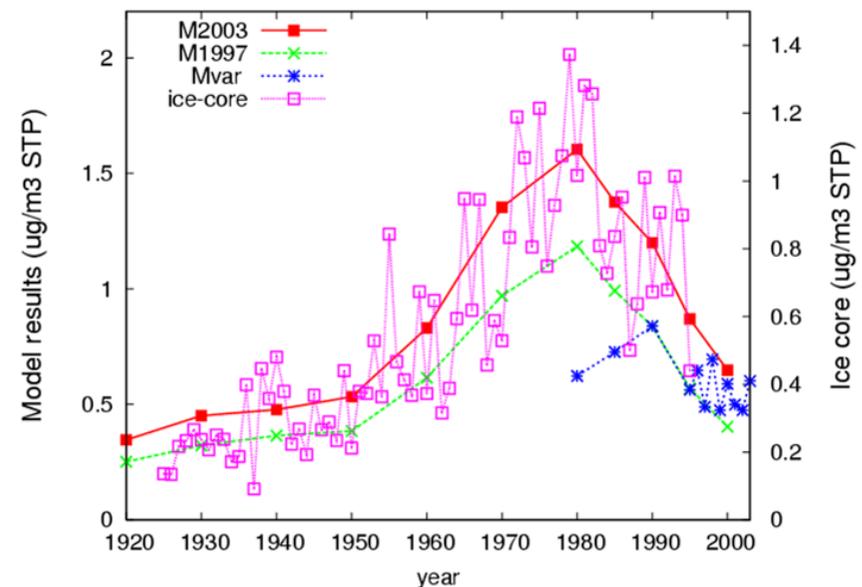
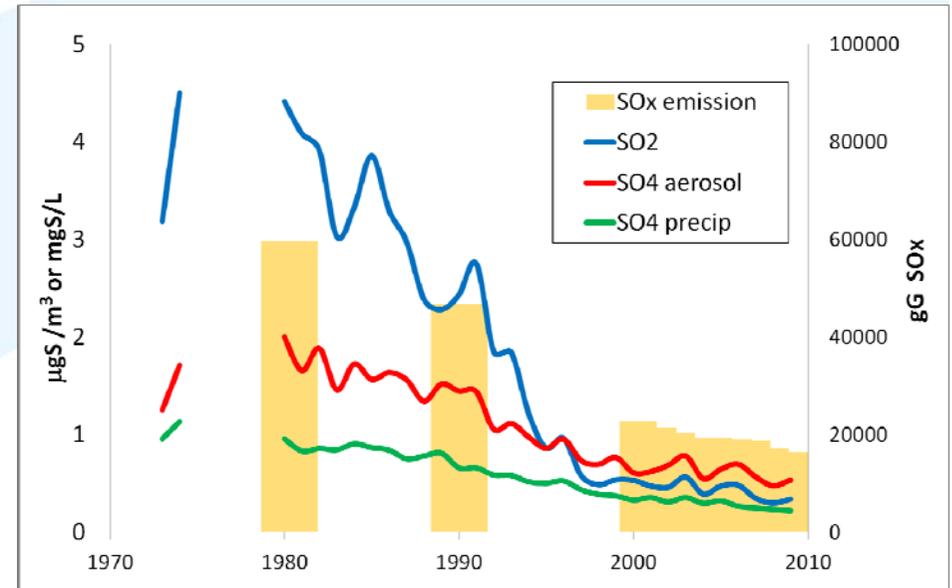
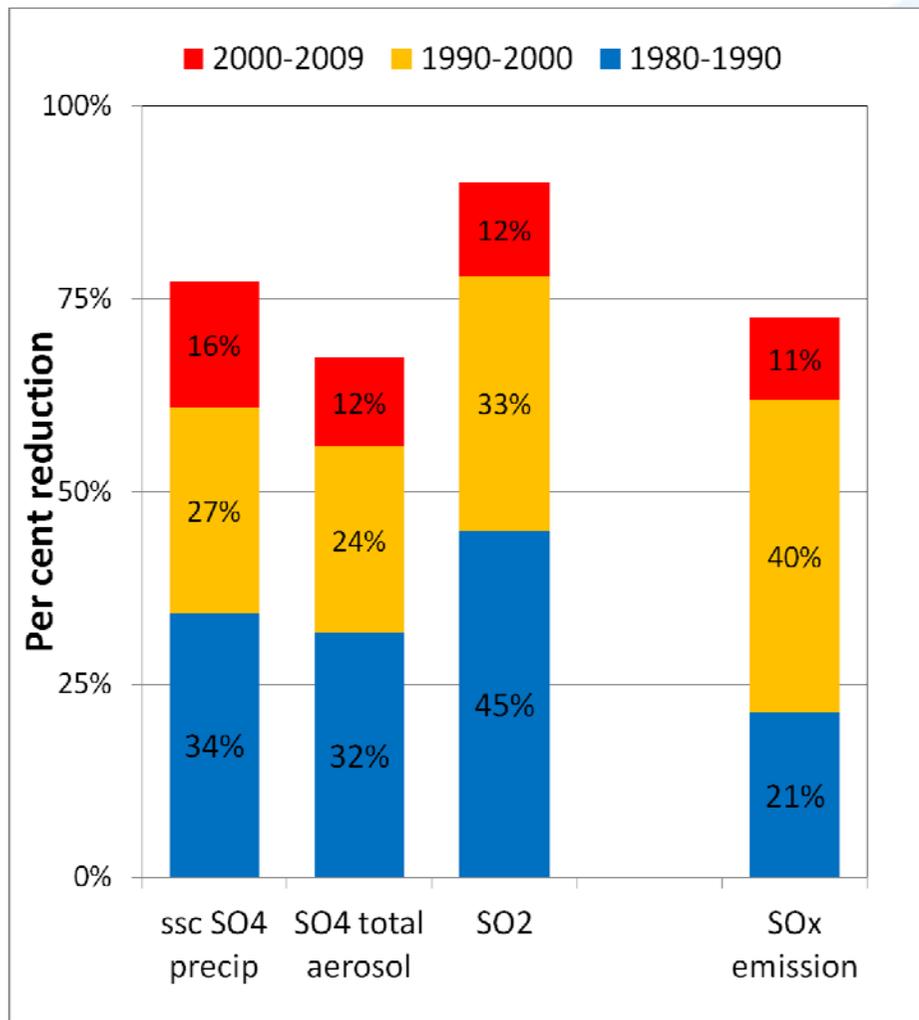
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Concentration of sulphate in precipitation in Europe (1974-2009), mgS/L

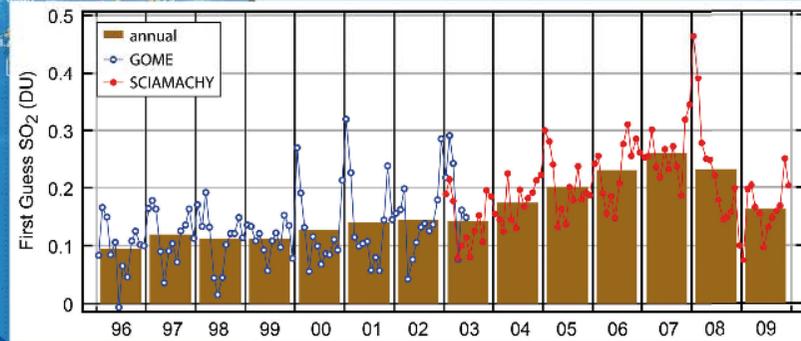
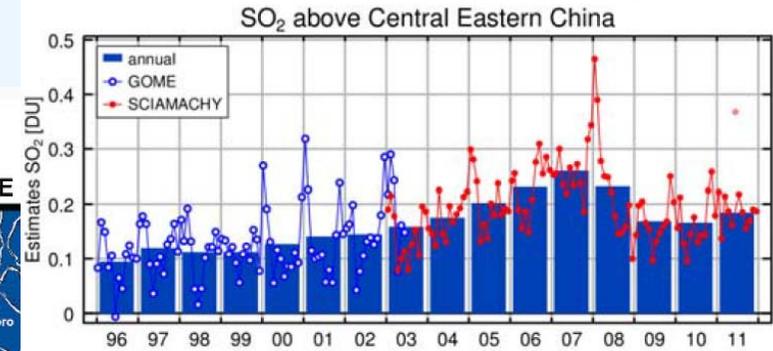
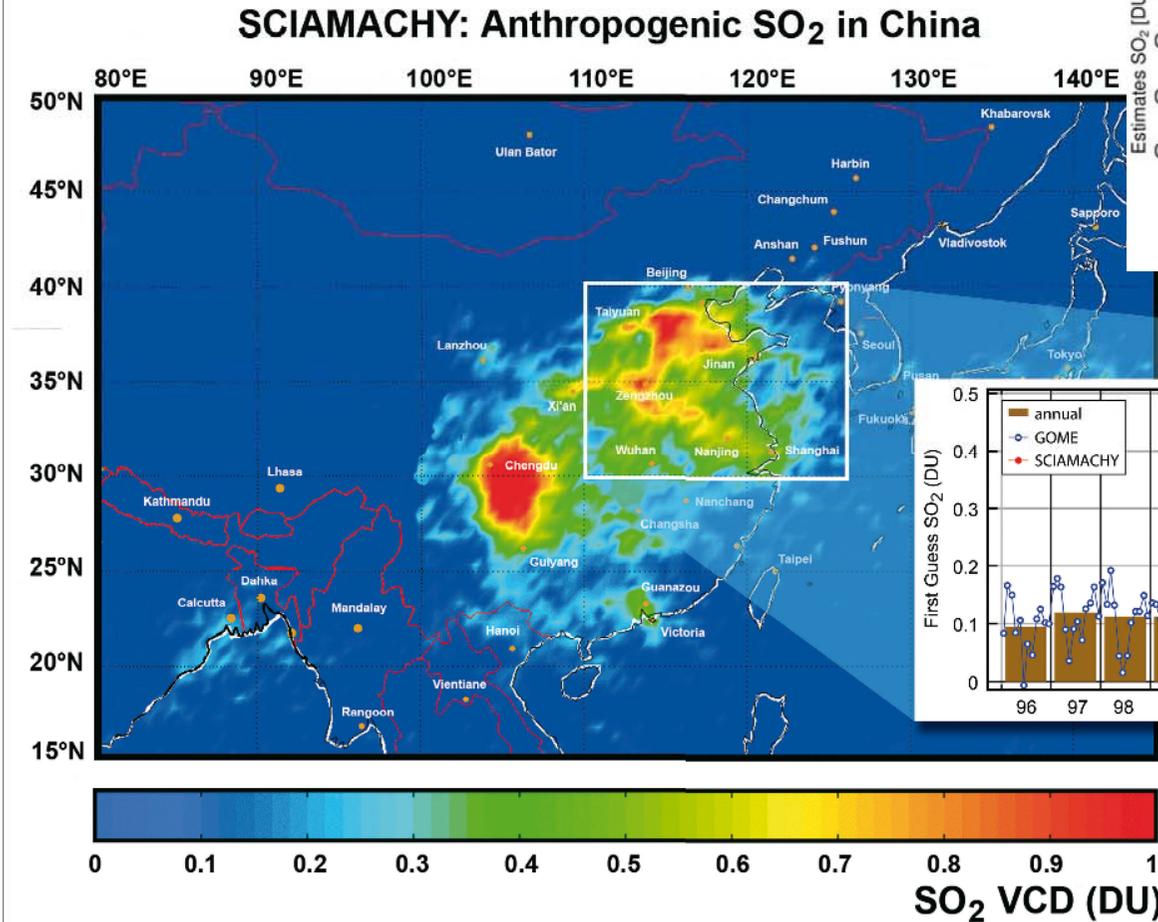


Trends in sulphur in Europe

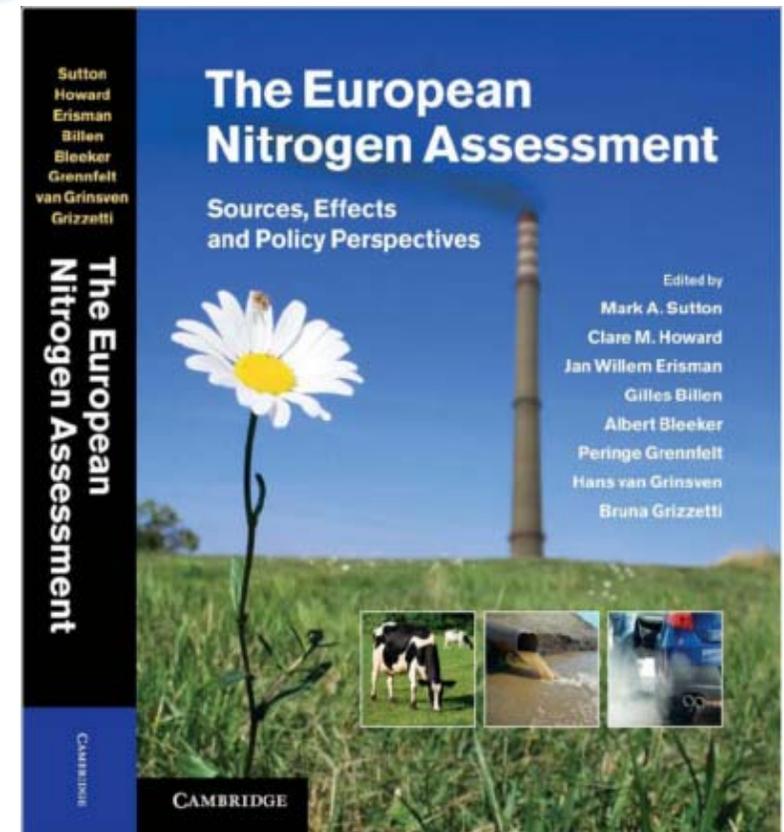
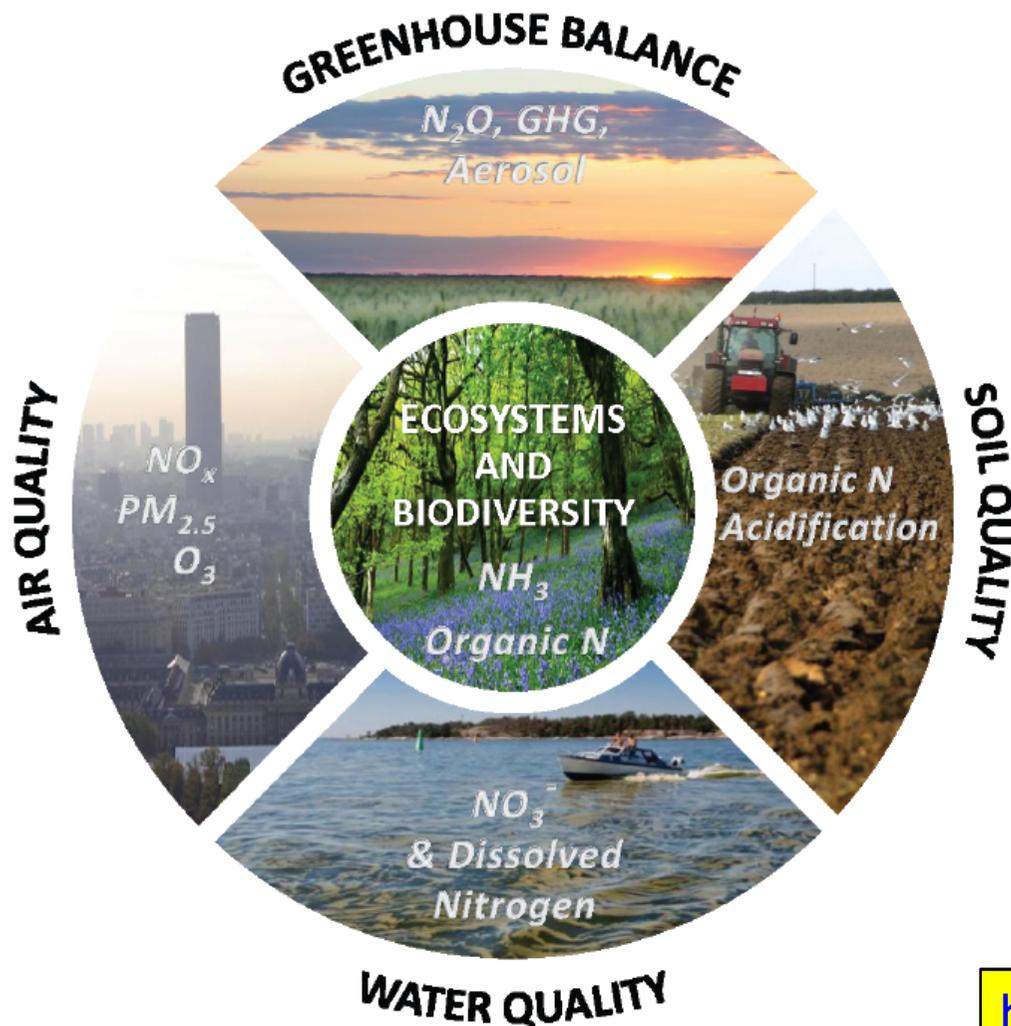
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Trends in SO₂ in China

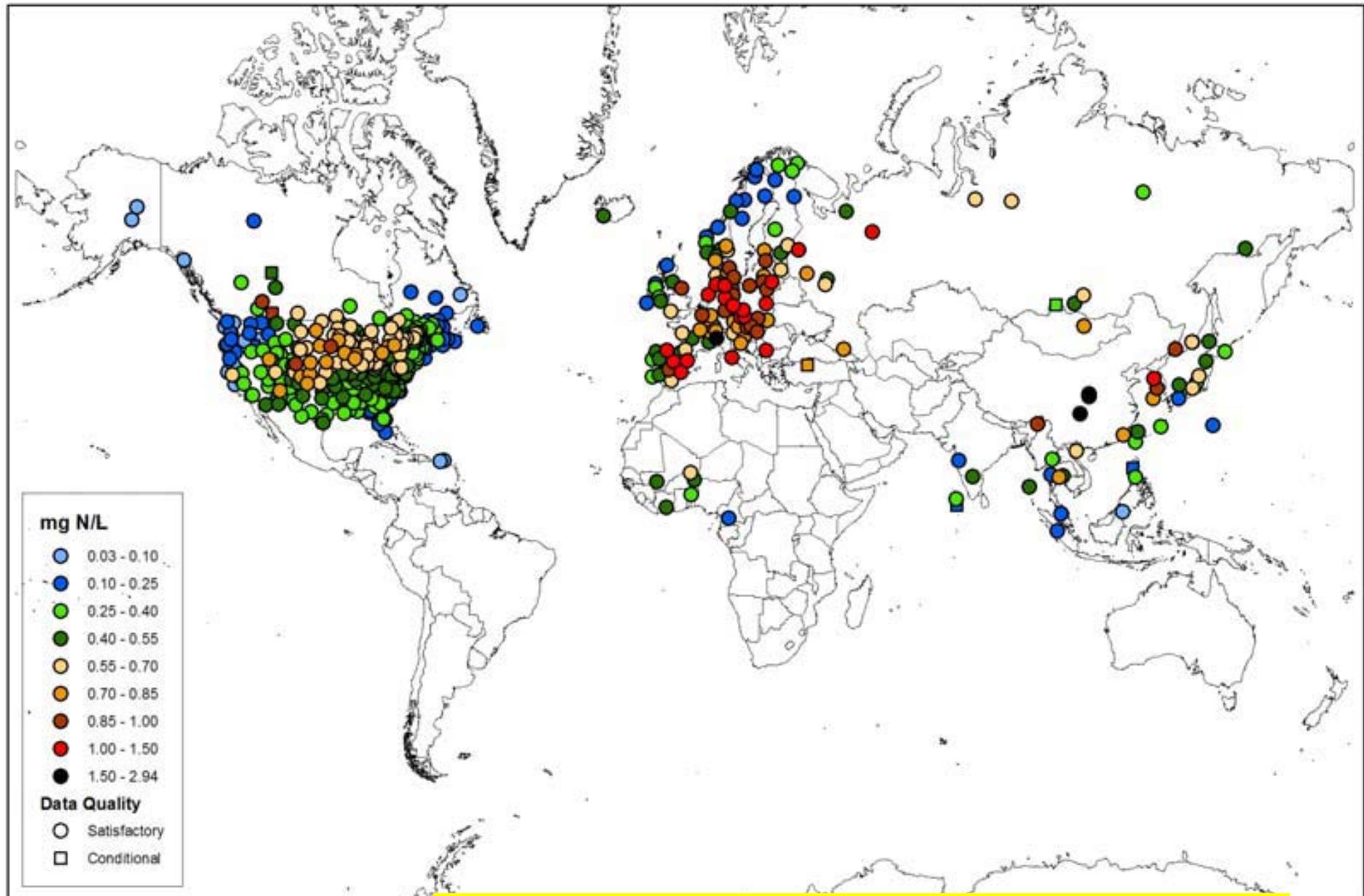


Nitrogen, important component across prioritized environmental themes



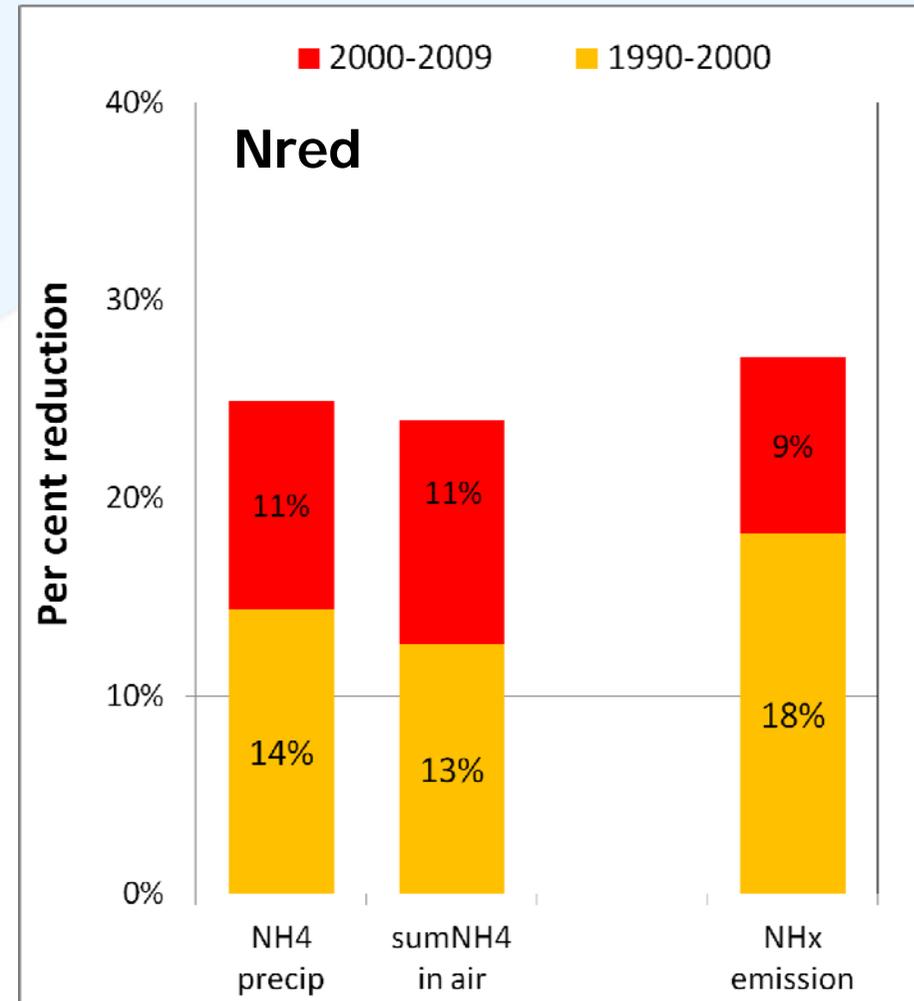
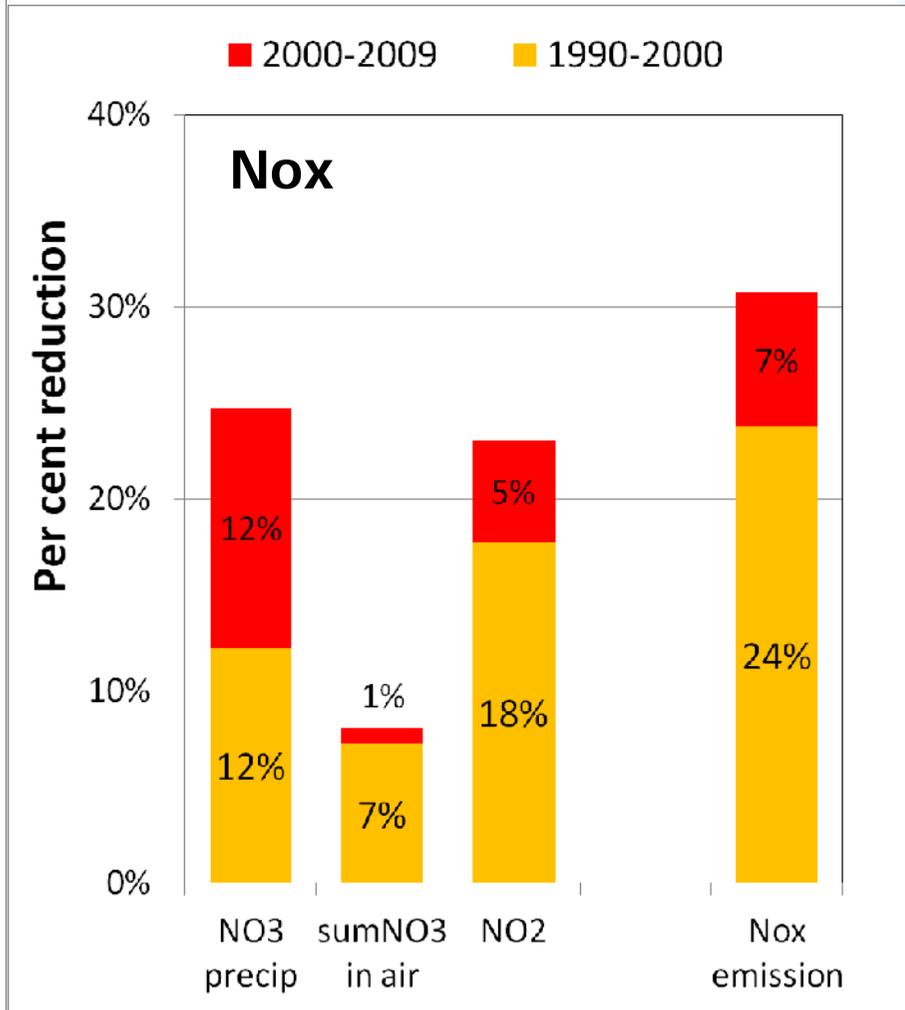
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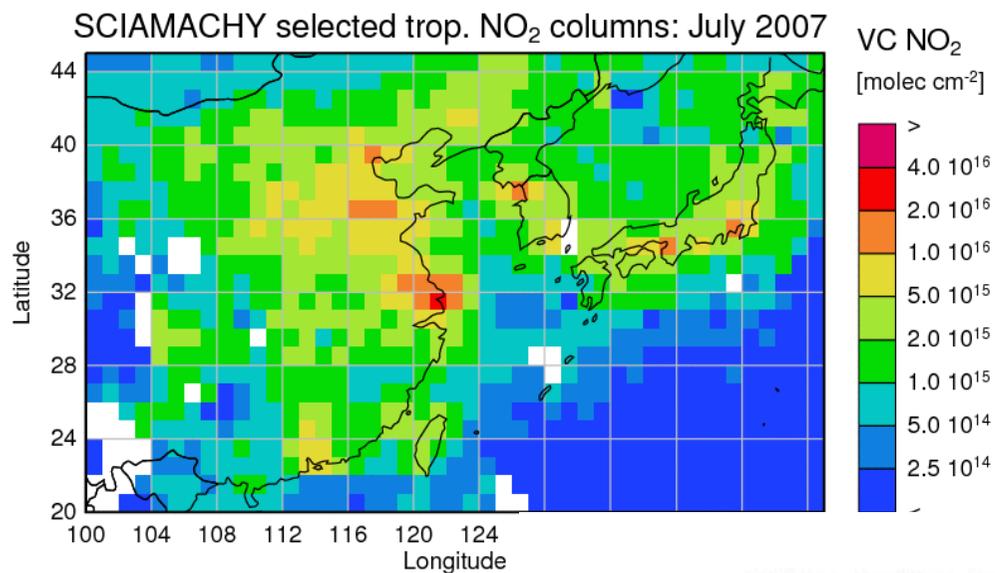
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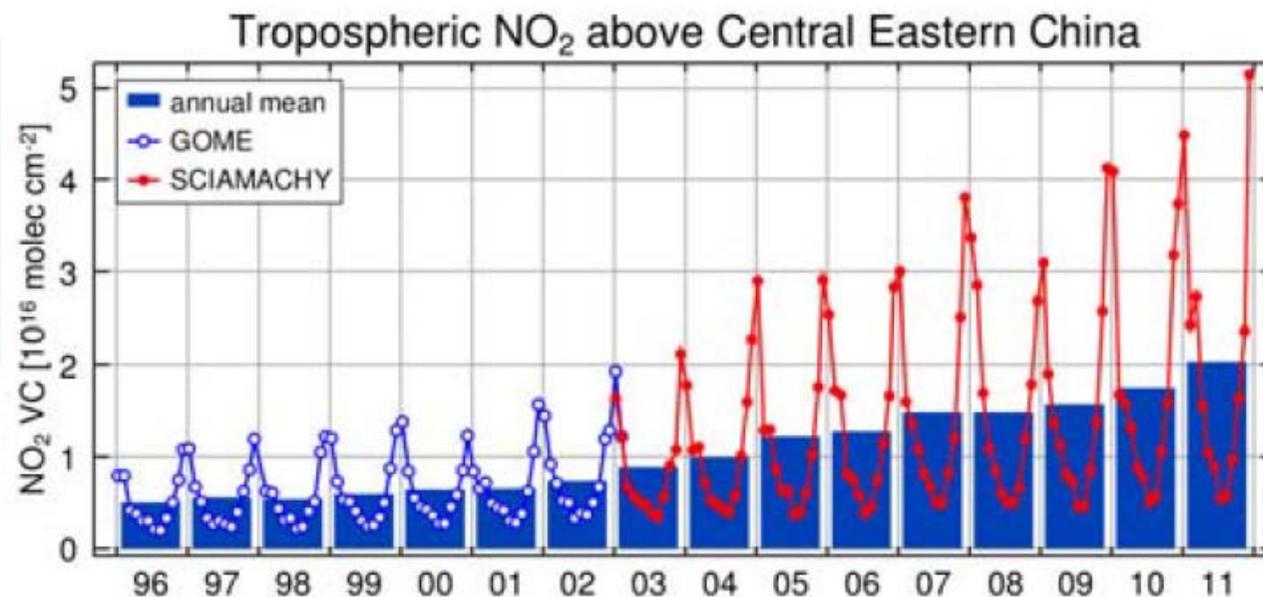
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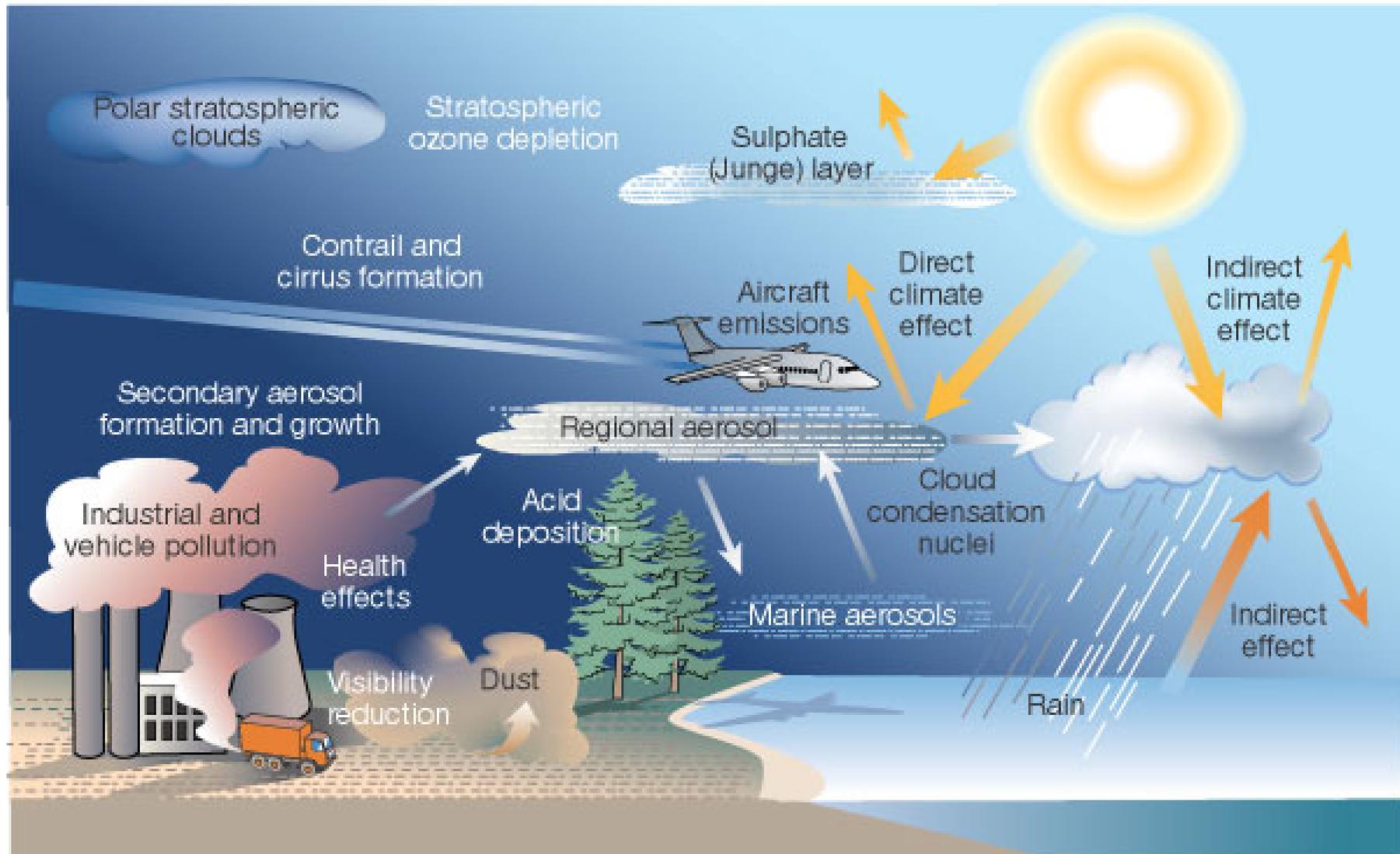




Trends in NO₂ in China



Aerosols



particle group

primary anthropogenic

secondary

primary natural

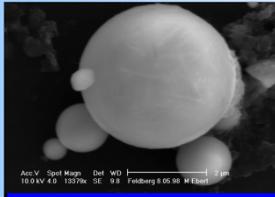
industrial

carbonaceous

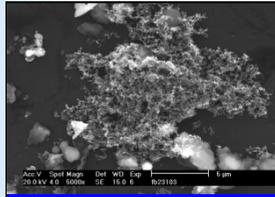
sea salt

soil

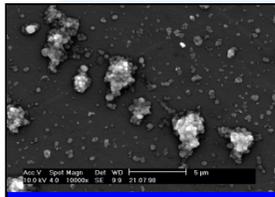
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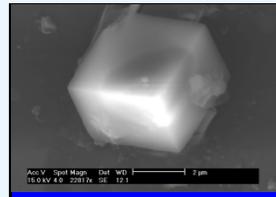
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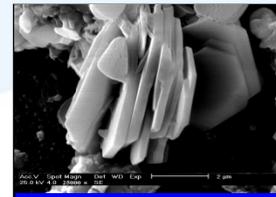
soot



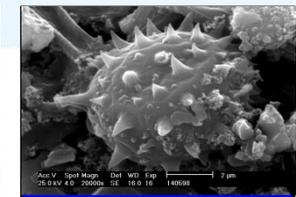
ammonium sulfate



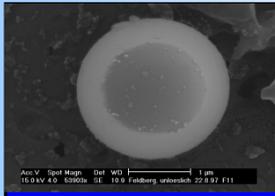
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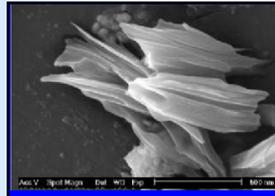
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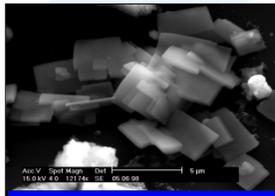
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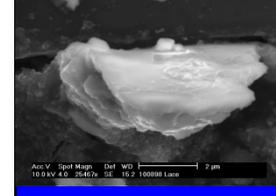
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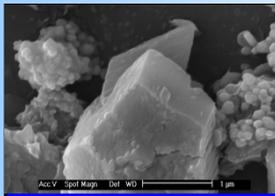
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Calcium sulfate



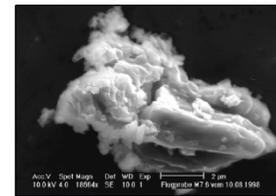
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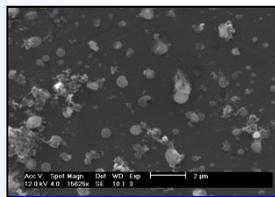
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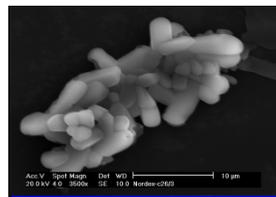
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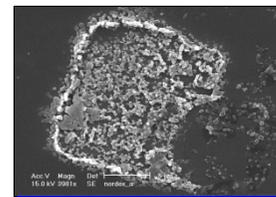
metal oxide



C/SO₄



aged sea salt



sea salt / silicate

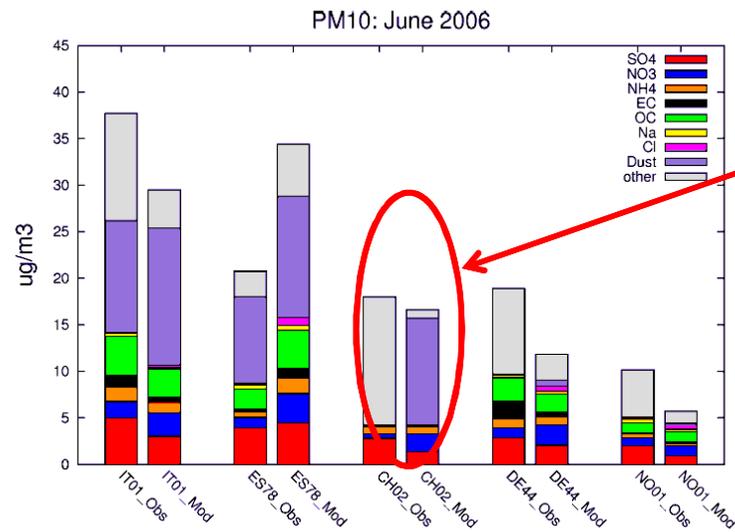
Chemical composition of aerosols (model and measurements)

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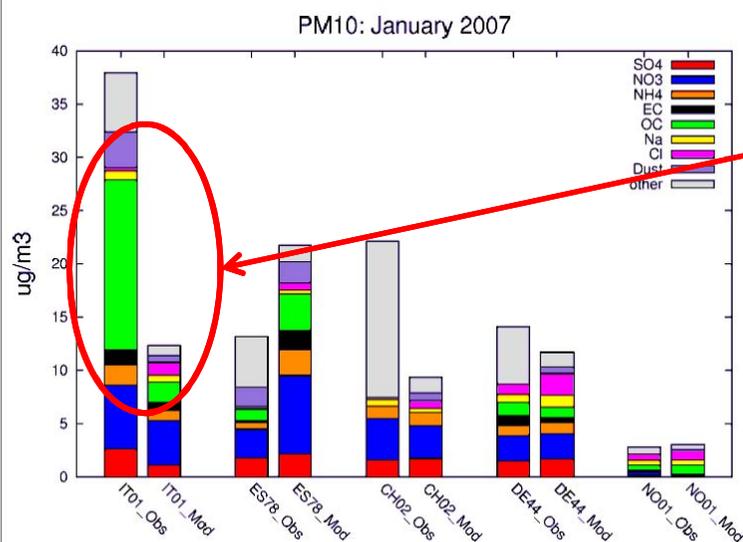
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The first EMEP
intensive
measurement
periods

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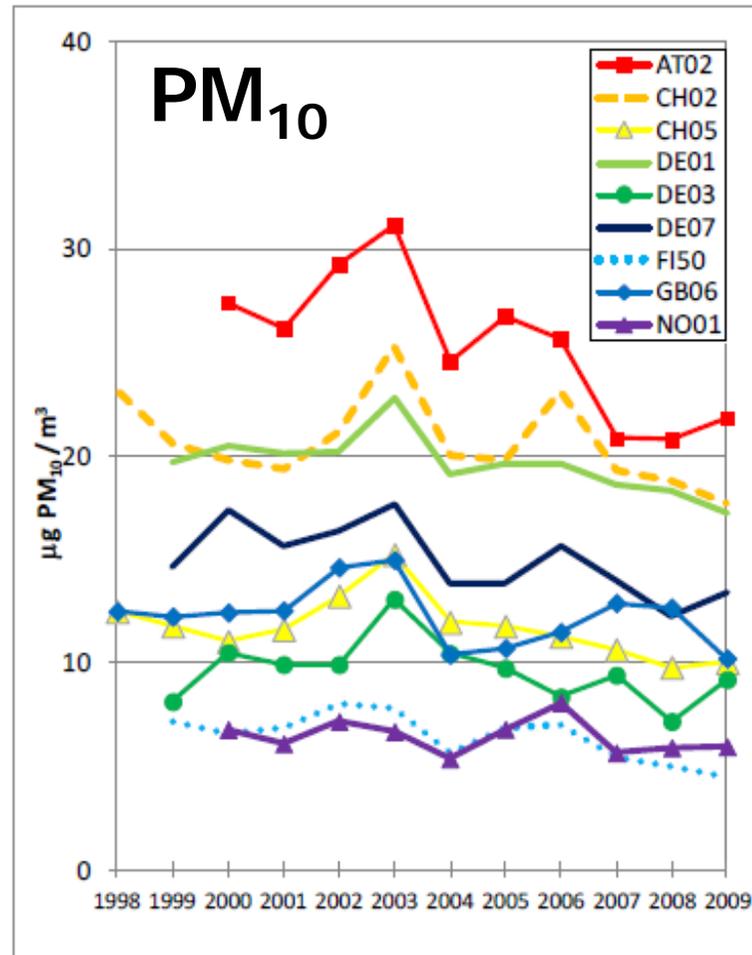
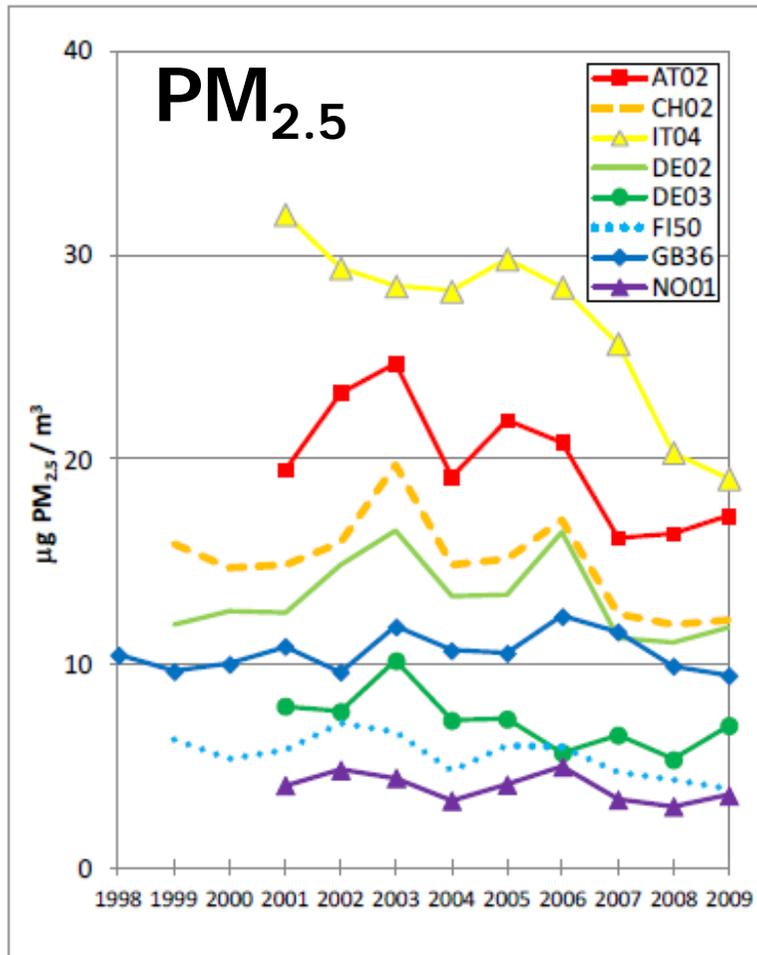


Missing
measurements
of mineral dust



Missing emission
inventories of
carbonaceous
matter

Trends in PM in Europe.



Trends 2000(1) - 2009

Comp	Nr of sites	Sites with sign. trend		Per cent change	
		decrease	increase	Avg.	SD
PM ₁₀	24	50%	0%	-18%	13%
PM _{2.5}	13	46%	0%	-27%	12%
PM ₁₀ - PM _{2.5}	11	18%	9%	-4%	24%

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Aerosol episode in the Arctic



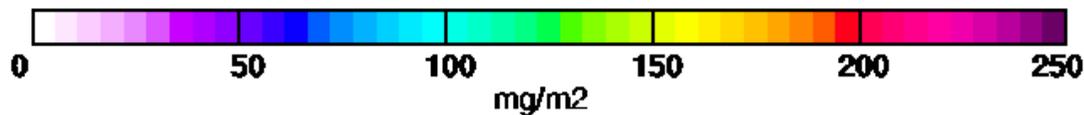
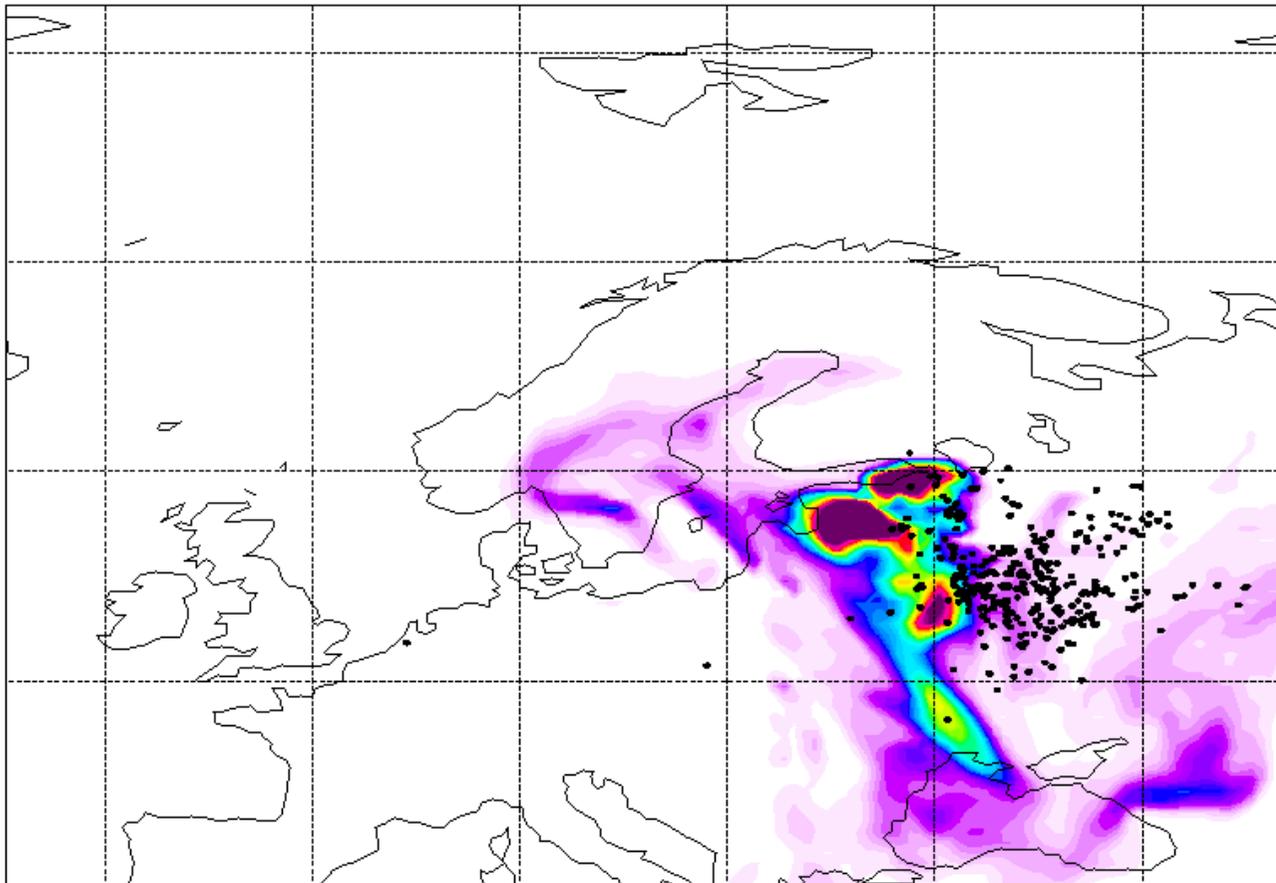
Zeppelin in May 2006



Photos; Ann-Christine Engvall, Univ. Stockholm.

Transport of agricultural fire emission plumes

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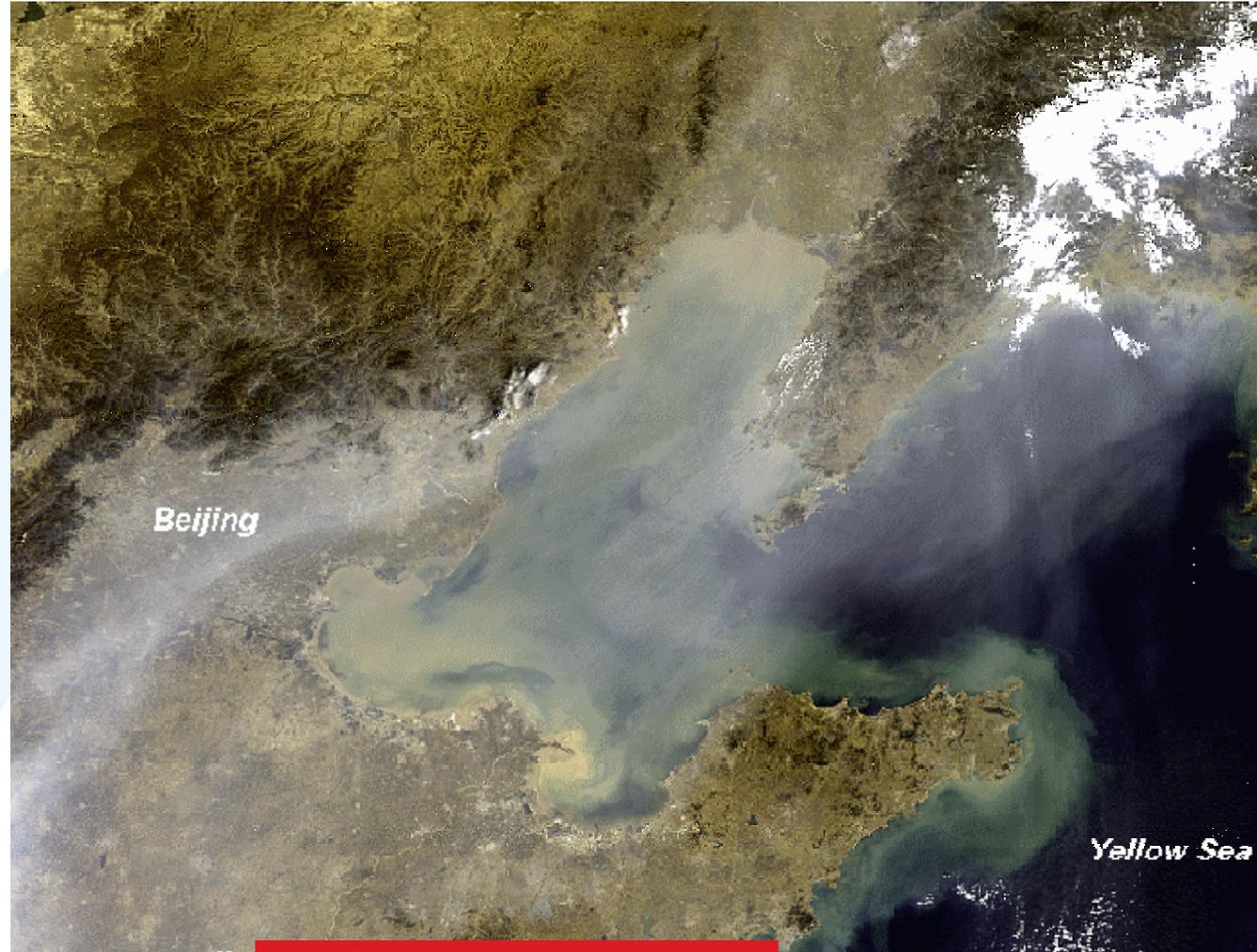
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Thick Smog over Beijing, China

Thick Smog over Beijing, China.

Thick pollution obscured the sky over Beijing and nearby regions on November 4, 2004.



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Increase in tropospheric nitrogen dioxide over China observed from space

Andreas Richter¹, John P. Burrows¹, Hendrik Nüß¹, Claire Granier^{2,3,4} and Ulrike Niemeier²

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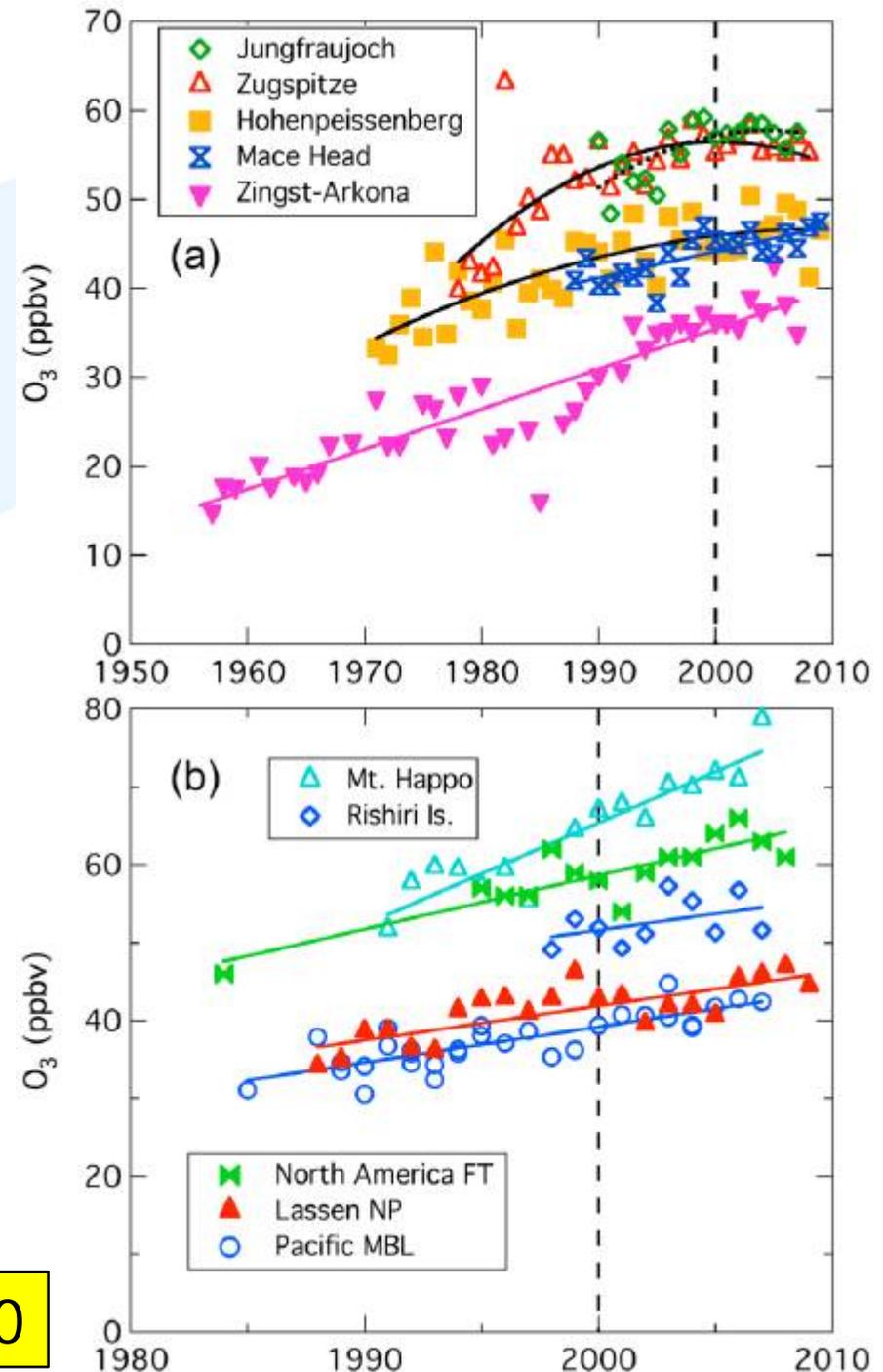
Tropospheric Ozone trends

Tropospheric ozone is often called "bad" ozone because it can damage living tissue and break down certain materials. Additionally are related to the formation of aerosols, and is a greenhouse gas.

- ❖ Many sources has changed: NO_y , CH_4 , VOC , CO
- ❖ Increase in background level, but large regional variations
- ❖ Meteorology an complex chemistry increase the uncertainties



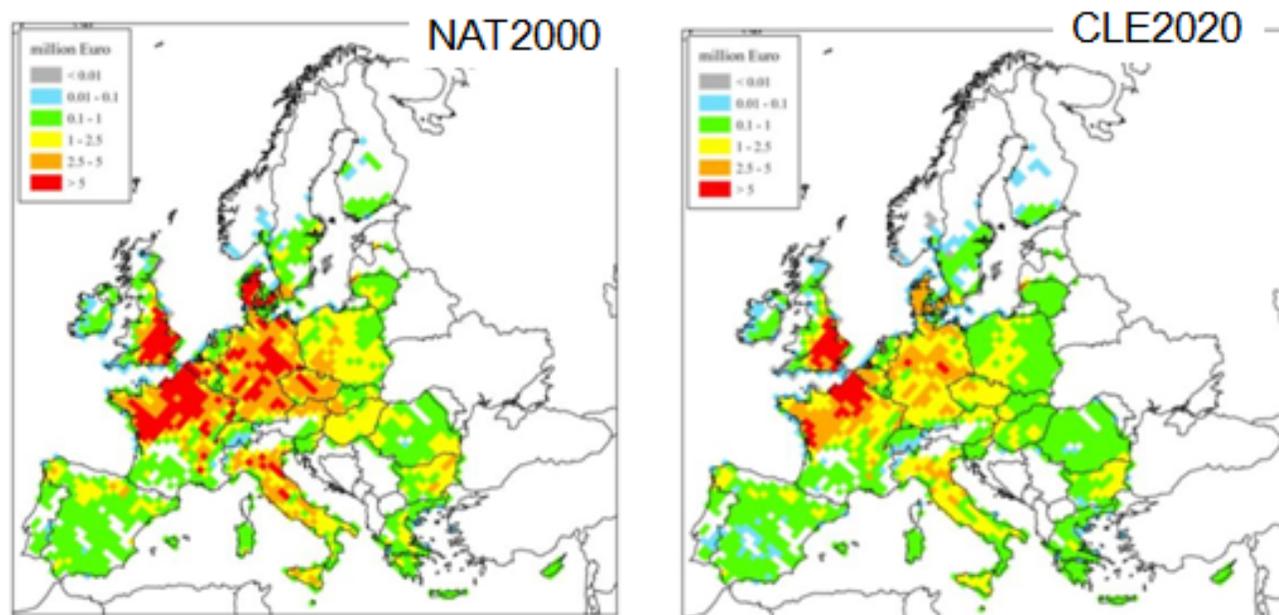
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POD₆ (mmol.m⁻²)

ICP Vegetation: Ozone is of concern for food security

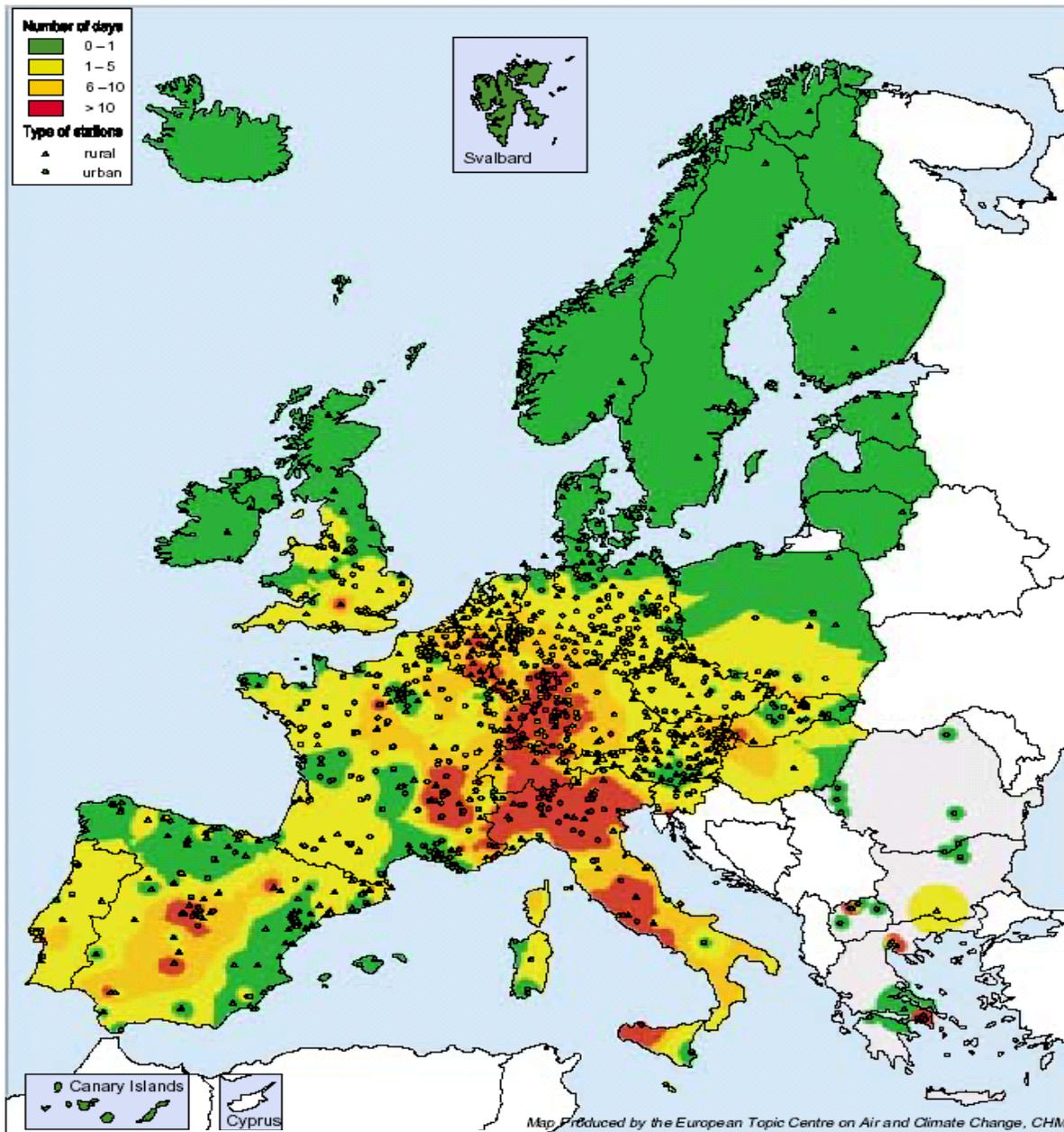


Ozone impact on
wheat production

Wheat	2000	2020
Total production	133 MT	
Production loss	27 MT	16 MT
economic value loss	3.2 b€	2.0 b€

The magnitude of the impact is reduced
The areas (intensely) impacted are reduced
The impact occurs on 85% of EMEP grid cells

Number of exceedances of the threshold value for the information of the public
(one-hour ozone concentration $> 180 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) observed at rural and urban background stations,
summer 2003 (April–August), interpolated using inverse distance weighting



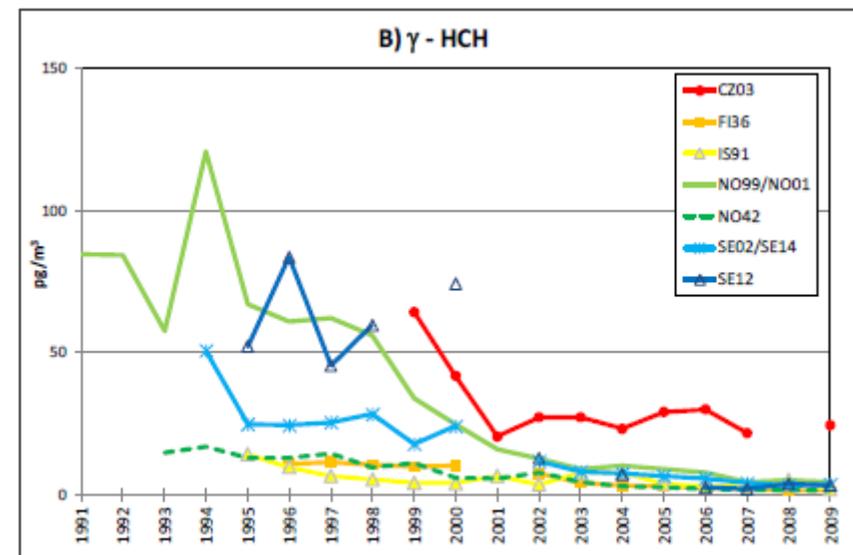
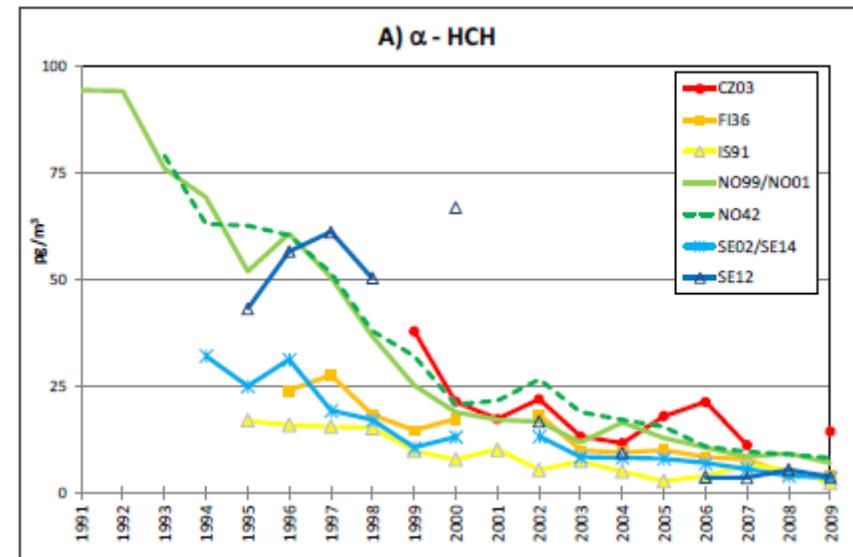
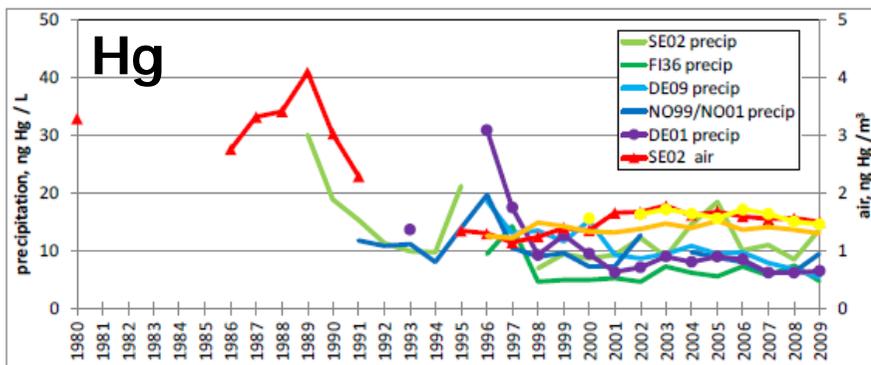
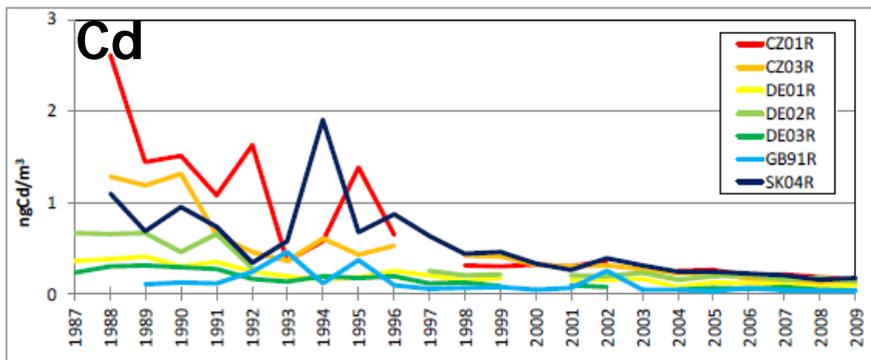
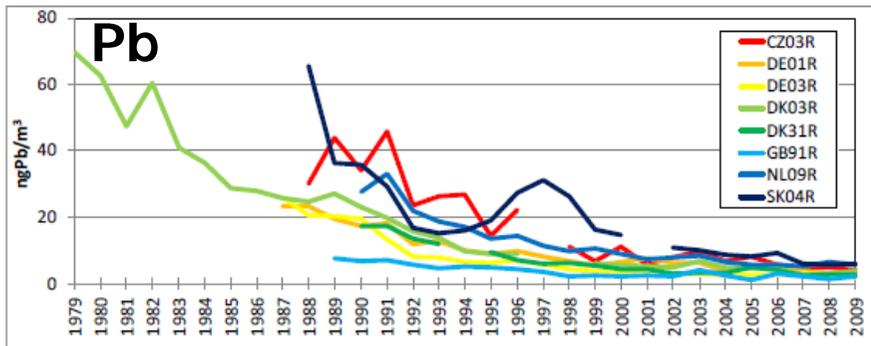
**Ozone is a
large health
problem in
Europe**

Summer 2003



ETC/ACC

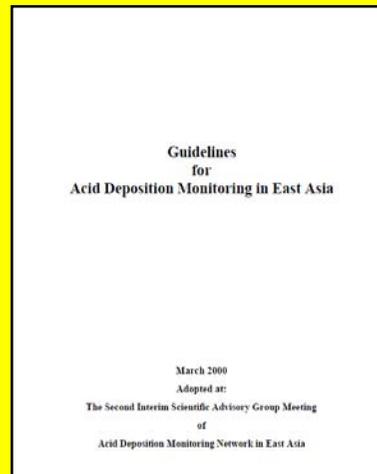
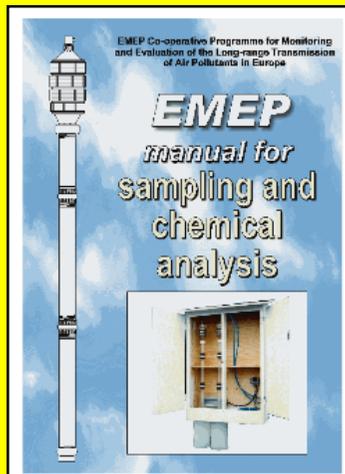
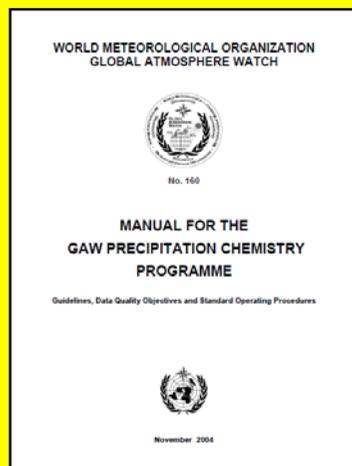
Trends in regulated heavy metals and POPs



Data quality

- Essential to have **harmonized measurements** to be able to do comparison over time and space
- Standard operation procedures and reference methods developed
- Regular field and laboratory inter comparison

Monitoring frameworks:



Infrastructure projects



Sources of uncertainties

Sampling and analytical method

- Detection limit
- Interference
- Instrument drift, calibration
- Positive or negative artefact

*Lab- and field
intercomparison
Ion balance plot*

Sampling procedure

- Contamination
- Temperature and period for storage
- Transport

*Field inter-
comparison;
model comparison*

Representativity.

- Local farming (NH_3)
- Nearby roads (NO_x ; O_3)
- Dust (PM, Ca..)
- Local heating (SO_2 , PM, EC/OC)

*Repr. studies, i.e
passive sampling.
Model comparison*

Lab intercomparisons annually

	Precipitation											Air and aerosols		
	SO ₄ ²⁻	NO ₃	NH ₄	pH	Mg	Na	Cl	Ca	K	Cond	SO ₂	HNO ₃	NH ₃	
1 AT	0.6	0.2	1.4	0.3	3.1	1.3	4.2	2.8	1.6	0.9				
21 CH	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.0	1.2	0.4	1.1	0.7	2.9	0.3	1.0			
24 CS	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.1	2.8	1.4	2.1	2.2	1.3	0.5				
3 CZ	0.9	0.3	10.5	0.5	1.2	2.3	1.3	3.2	1.3	1.2	8.1	3.3		
7 DE	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.1	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.7	1.0	3.0				
8 DE Leipzig	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.3	1.4	5.1	2.1	8.3	
4 DK	0.3	0.3	1.2	0.0	1.2	5.1	3.2	3.0	2.1	1.8	1.8	3.8		
38 EE	1.2	1.4	32.7	1.3	2.0	2.7	4.1	6.7	0.8	3.1	7.2			
19 ES	6.3	7.0	4.1	0.3	0.4	1.8	12.0	1.0	0.7	0.9	22.5		3.8	
5 FI	0.9	1.7	2.6	0.3	2.8	11.2	9.6	2.3	2.8	0.8	5.0	2.1	4.8	
6 FR	0.4	0.9	1.0	0.2	3.5	1.6	2.1	3.5	1.3	1.9	1.3			
23 GB	0.9	0.9	1.9	0.3	18.5	15.2	1.8	6.2	10.3	4.0	1.5			
10 HU	2.7	2.9	1.2	0.3	0.8	2.1	18.2	2.2	8.5	2.1			18.4	
35 HR	1.2	2.0	0.8	0.2	9.8	3.7	1.3	8.8	8.3	1.1				
12 IE	0.5	1.1	2.6	0.2	2.0	1.3	1.8	2.0	2.1	0.4				
11 IS	2.0	6.0	11.4	0.3	2.4	0.7	12.5	1.5	5.2	1.6	8.0	5.9	4.8	
13 IT	1.0	0.7	3.8	0.5	2.4	3.2	3.3	1.8	2.8	2.1			8.2	
30 IT	0.5	3.4	11.4	1.0	1.2	0.3	3.6	1.7	9.5	1.2				
32 LT	3.2	0.6	3.0	0.1		2.1	3.1	45.1	1.6	1.0	2.8	2.8	14.6	
33 LV	2.3	2.4	1.2	0.2	1.6	0.2	6.8	1.8	0.7	0.6	4.4	12.4	6.3	
40 MK	9.9	89.2	1.3	31.3	1.1		183.1	7.1	16.6					
14 NL	0.5	3.5	0.5	0.3	3.9	2.0	5.6	1.8	7.0	1.2				
15 NO	0.5	0.7	1.2	0.2	3.5	1.4	1.1	1.5	0.5	1.4	8.1	5.5	5.7	
16 PL	0.9	0.7	3.4	0.2	2.0	2.7	1.6	3.7	4.1	1.0	1.8	1.0		
39 PL05	1.5	2.4	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.5	2.5	0.8	0.8	1.3	8.6	1.8	6.2	
17 PT	11.2	2.5	4.9	0.9	5.1	4.1	22.3	3.5	5.4	1.9	4.6			
22 RU	3.9	6.7	1.8	0.2	9.1	10.5	31.0	24.1	7.8	0.9	13.7	3.8		
20 SE	0.1	0.2	2.9	0.2	2.4	0.5	1.4	2.8	0.7	1.4	4.0	2.6	4.6	
36 SI	0.6	2.1	2.2	0.2	2.0	1.3	7.0	1.3	0.3	1.3	4.5	2.1	3.0	
31 SK	4.5	1.3	38.4	0.2	10.2	5.4	3.9	13.5	17.3	0.5	2.5	1.9	10.0	
34 TR	0.7	2.6	11.8	0.3	4.7	2.0	2.9	4.5	3.6	6.6	3.0	1.6	26.5	

1-2 DQO > 2 DQO

	Precipitation											Air and aerosols		
	SO ₄ ²⁻ -S	NO ₃ -N	NH ₄ -N	pH	Mg	Na	Cl	Ca	K	Cond	SO ₂ -S	NO ₃	NH ₃	
1 AT	1	0	-1	-2	-9	-3	-11	-3	-5	-2				
21 CH	2	1	2	1	3	1	-1	4	7	0			-9	
24 CS	0	-2	-1	0	-2	-6	3	0	0	-1				
3 CZ	3	-1	20	0	6	-2	-2	14	-3	1			-12	
7 DE	5	-1	-3	-1	0	-1	-2	0	-3	-5			2	
8 DE	1	0	-2	2	1	-1	-3	4	-3	-5			4	
4 DK	0	0	1	1	-11	8	-3	-1	-10	-3			-5	
38 EE	-1	-1	-107	-8	-17	-9	1	-28	-8	-11			-13	
19 ES	-7	1	8	3	1	2	-36	-2	2	2			-20	
5 FI	3	4	1	1	4	4	8	6	4	3			4	
6 FR	-1	0	-1	0	-9	4	-2	7	-4	-3			-8	
10 HU	-1	11	-1	1	2	-6	-11	5	2	0			-24	
35 CR	4	3	-2	2	51	-1	0	22	-1	-5				
12 IE	-1	-1	3	0	4	-5	-2	0	-4	1				
11 IS	-1	13	24	1	-3	1	7	-8	-8	-4			-10	
13 IT	4	-1	3	-1	-4	-2	-3	2	0	-3			25	
30 IT	-7	-12	-35	3	0	2	0	-2	-37	0			14	
32 LT	4	0	7	1		0	-2	40	0	-1			2	
33 LV	-1	-6	5	0	2	1	-7	2	0	-1			-3	
40 MK		1	-7	-4	-4	1		100	-4	-22			7	
14 NL	2	14	-5	2	-4	6	-21	-1	4	3			-15	
15 NO	3	2	11	2	11	2	-2	2	2	1			0	
16 PL	0	-1	-1	1	2	5	-1	12	13	-4			-6	
39 PL05	3	2	1	0	0	2	4	2	0	-4			4	
17 PT	-4	-1	-1	-6	17	-42	-72	-12	-34	0			2	
22 RU	-2	-3	-30	2	-6	-7	-28	0	-5	-6			6	
20 SE	-1	0	4	1	-11	-2	-5	-11	-3	-1			-8	
36 SI	-1	8	1	1	-6	3	21	-2	-6	-2			-4	
31 SK	-3	-4	39	1	-16	7	-4	-30	19	2			3	
34 TY	2	-2	3	1	0	4	-2	2	-10	-8			4	
23 UK	1	0	4	-2	-24	29	-32	-9	-18	-6			-7	

systematic bias more than +- 20 % bias between 10 and 20 % or between -10 and -20 % bias



Spread: 2RSD %

Bias: RB %

WMO lab intercomparison on precipitation chemistry

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RING DIAGRAMS

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Ring Diagrams Overview

GOOD - Green Hexagon

Measurement is within the interquartile range (IQR), defined as the 25th to 75th percentile or middle half (50%) of the measurements. Examples: sulfate, ammonium, sodium, and potassium.

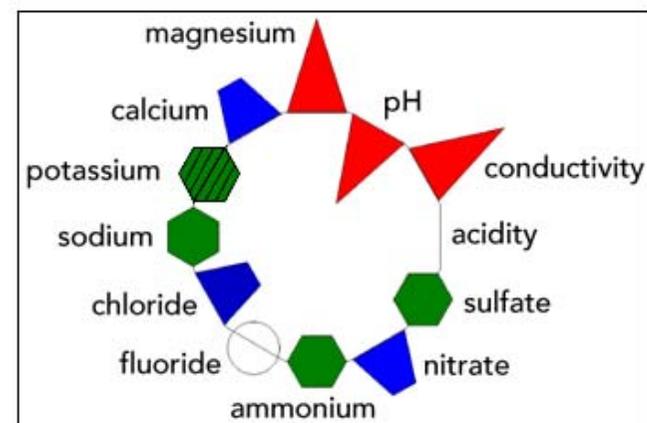
SATISFACTORY - Blue Trapezoid

Measurement is within the range defined by the median \pm IQR/1.349. The ratio, IQR/1.349, is the non-parametric estimate of the standard deviation, sometimes called the pseudo-standard deviation. Examples: nitrate, chloride, and calcium.

UNSATISFACTORY - Red Triangle

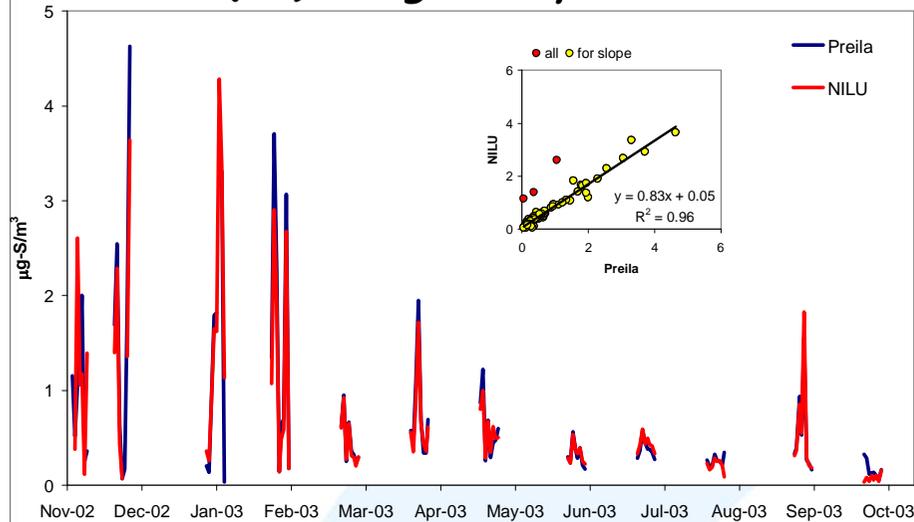
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DETECTION LIMIT - Open Circle

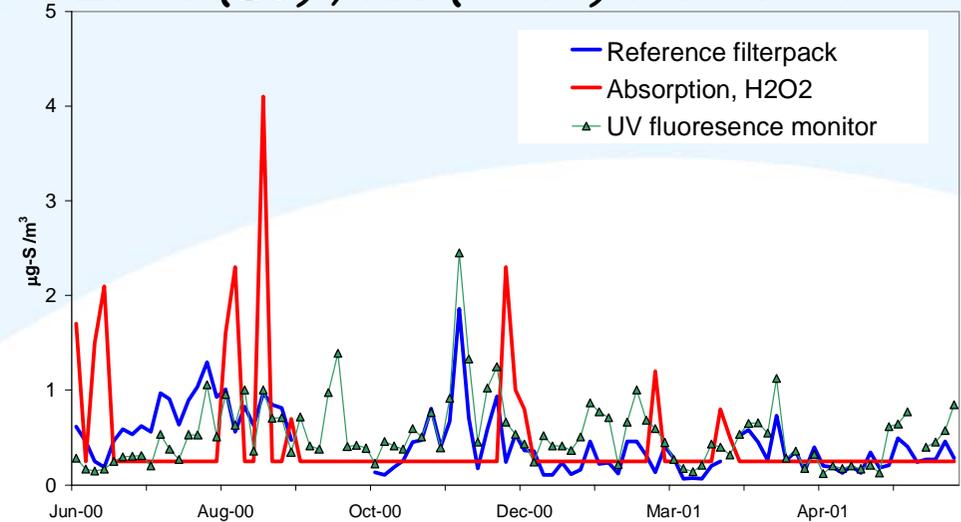


Field intercomparison (i.e. SO₂)

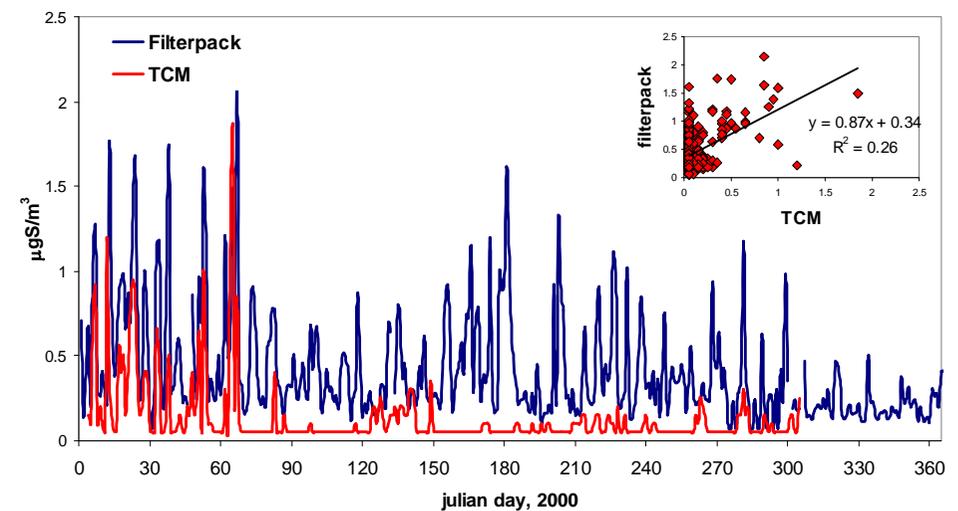
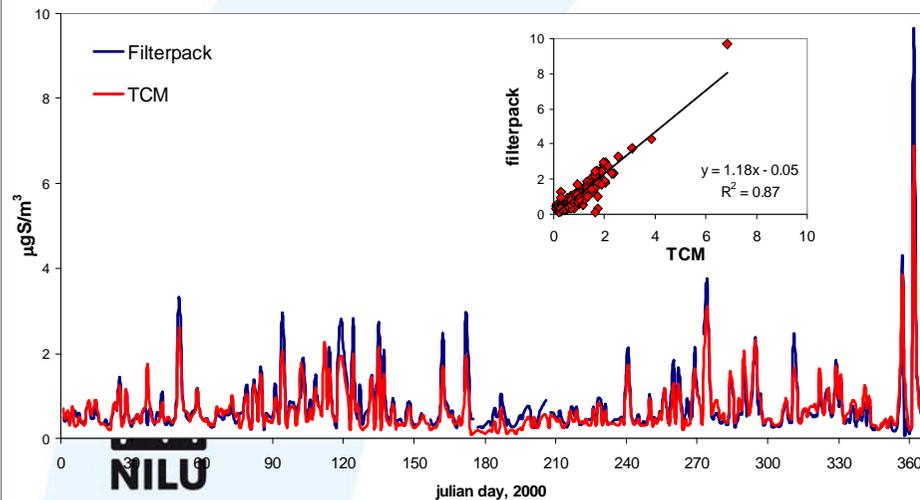
Preila (LT) using filterpack



Zarra (ES), abs (H2O2) and monitor

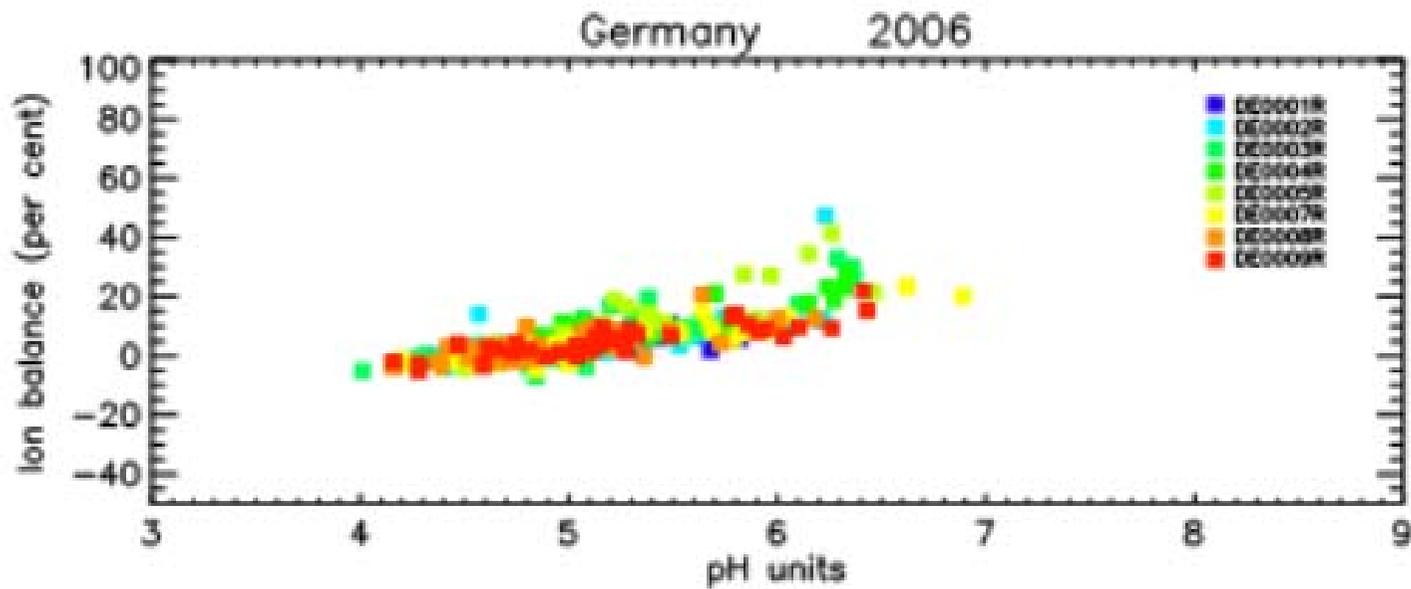
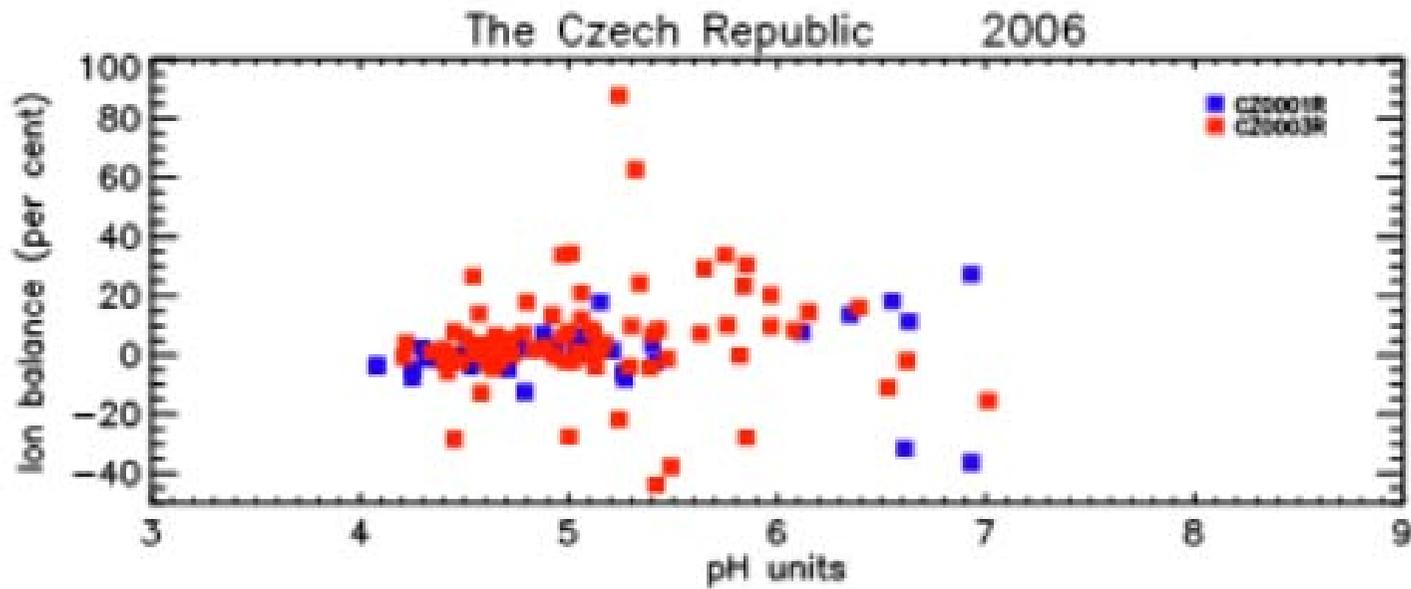


TCM ain Germany (historic data) at DE09 (left) and DE03 (right)



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Ion balance plot

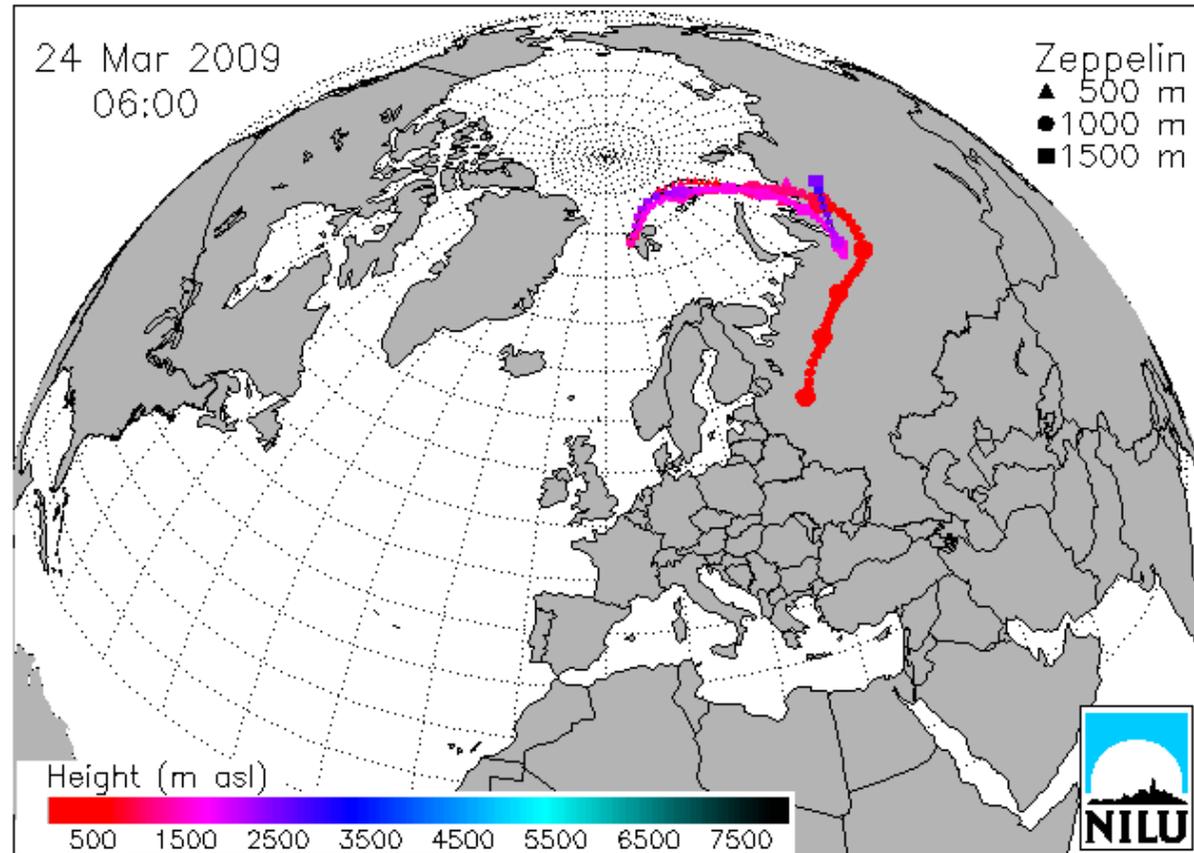


Denmark 2006

Use trajectories to check episodes

	Date	SO2
9	322	0.067
9	323	0.179
9	324	2.349
9	325	0.940
9	326	0.558
9	327	0.317

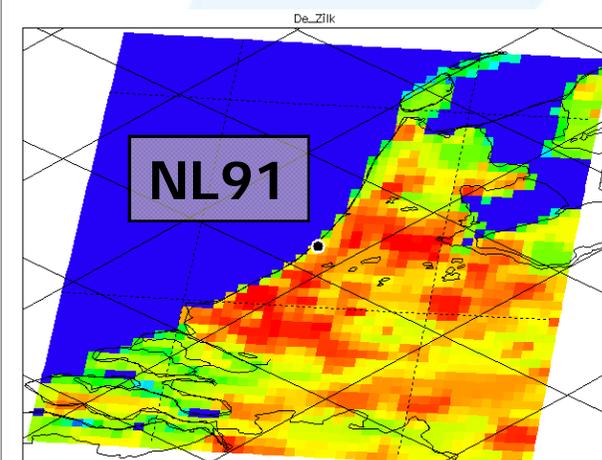
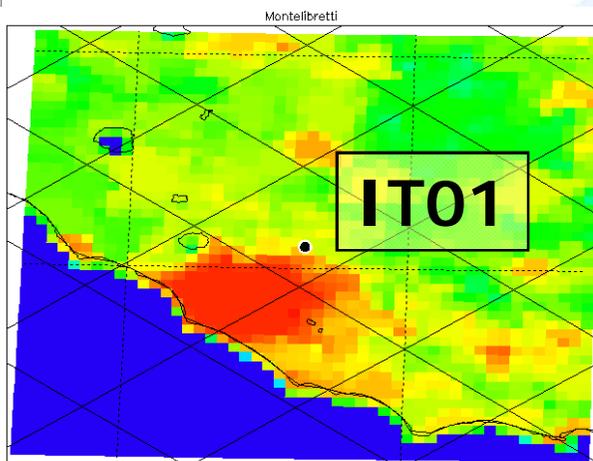
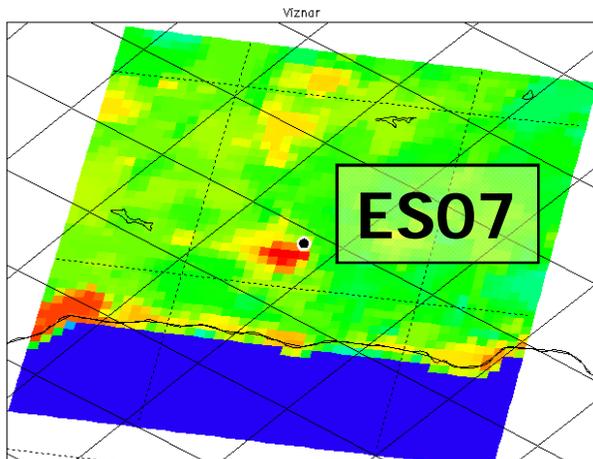
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LRT episode



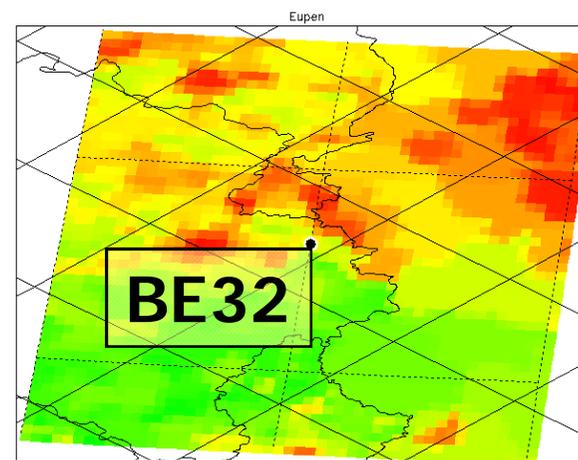
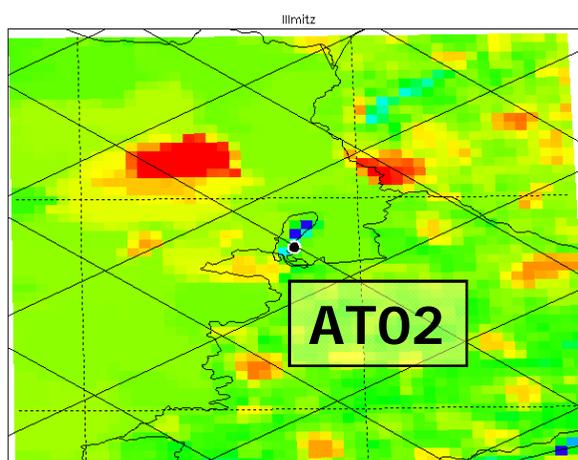
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Comparing EMEP model and obs. in light of population density

Representativity, NO₂



NO ₂ , 1999-2005						
Site	Nr	Obs	Model	Bias	Spread	R ²
AT0002	2345	1.57	2.57	-0.39	1.76	0.57
BE0032	3493	3.33	4.83	-0.31	2.42	0.69
ES0007	3122	0.87	2.73	-0.68	7.71	0.15
IT0001	3300	3.16	4.79	-0.34	2.55	0.22
NL0091	2774	5.84	7.03	-0.17	2.45	0.68





Framework [45]

- >>All
- ABPM
- ACTRIS
- AMAP
- CAAD
- CAMP
- CAMPAIGN

Country [70]

- >>All
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Australia
- Austria
- Belarus
- Belgium

Station [1057]

- >>All
- Abastumani
- Abbeville
- Abington (CT15)
- Abisko
- Acadia National Park-McFarland H
- Achenkirch

Matrix [23]

- >>All
- aerosol
- air
- air+aerosol
- instrument
- met
- nm1

Instrument type [93]

- >>All
- abs_solution
- abs_tube
- ads_tube
- aerosol_sampler
- aethalometer
- air IIK

Component [606]

- >>All
- 1234678_HpCDD
- 1234678_HpCDF
- 1234789_HpCDF
- 123478_HxCDD
- 123478_HxCDF
- 123678_HxCDD

From >>All To >>All

Data availability:
<http://ebas.nilu.no/>

Available datasets: 52450

Reset List datasets

Map (Populate) (Show large)



Additional resources

- Air mass trajectories
- Measurement network (EMEP)
- Measurement network (GAW)
- Site descriptions
- Data submission
- EMEP/CCC reports
- Presentations
- Quality assurance
- EMEP manual
- EMEP laboratory intercomparisons
- TFMM
- HTAP
- Measurement programme/strategy (pdf)
- Contact persons



Thank you for the attention!