

Use of satellite observations in EMEP MSC-W modelling

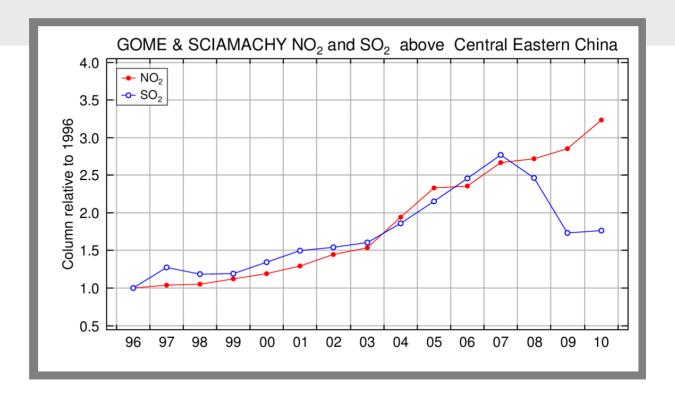
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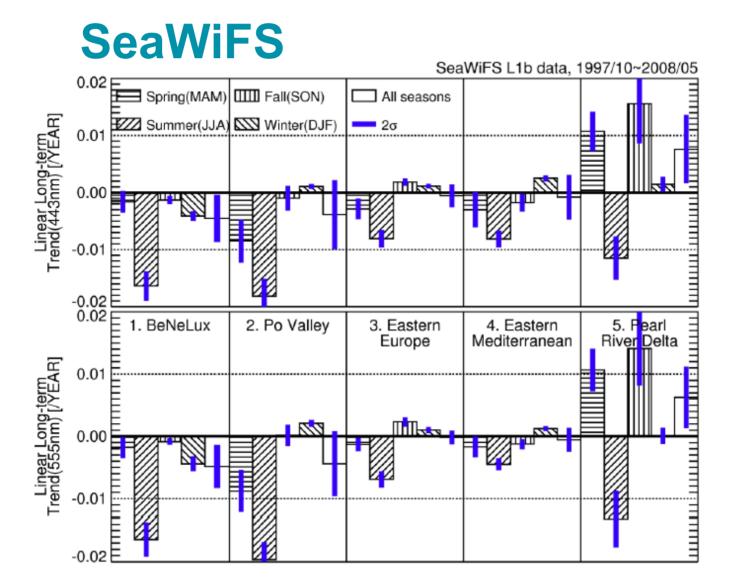
Observing trends (satellites)



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Linear trends in AOT at two wavelengths as derived from SeaWIFS data from Oct 1997 to May 2008 using the BAER algorithm. Trends are separated by season and shown for 5 regions. Top: AOT at 443 nm, bottom: AOT at 555 nm. [*from* Yoon et al., 2011]



The modelling community

What do we need from satellites?

- 'the best possible'?
- or: it depends on the purpose

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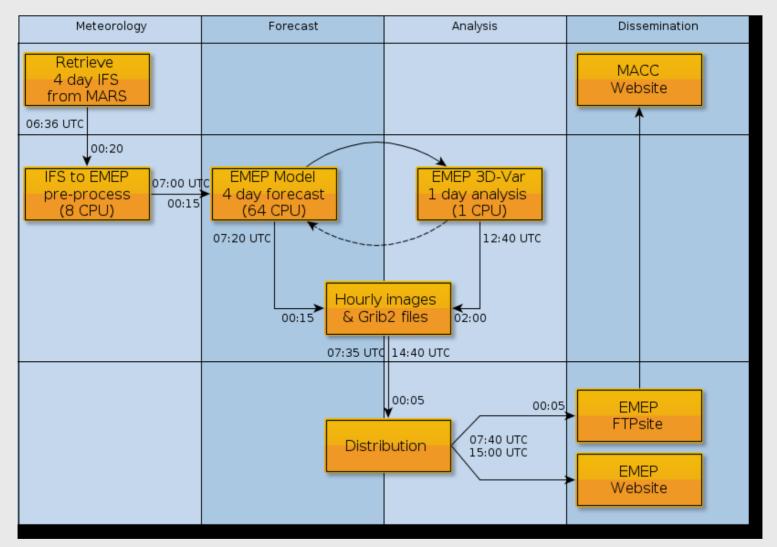
Satellites for EMEP

- Assist our work for the UN Convention on Longrange transported air pollution
- Chemical weather forecasting and annual assessment reports in MACC-II
- Prepare for the unexpected: 'eEMEP'
- Evaluating the EMEP model in AeroCom (http://aerocom.met.no/)

FP7 MACC-II / use of data

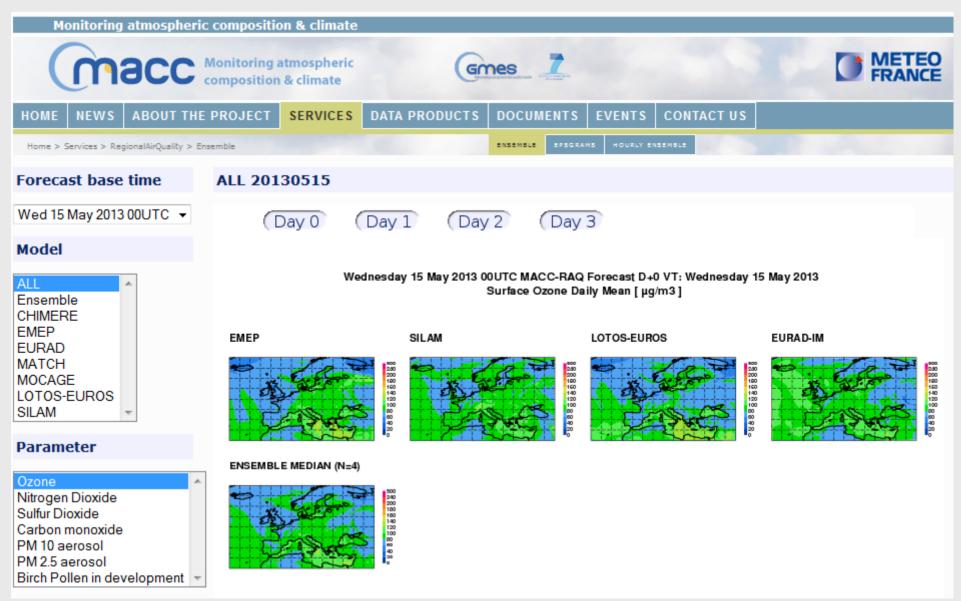
- Main goal for met.no: Improve chemical weather forecasting through data assimilation and model evaluation
- Develop observation operators for satellite retrievals (tropospheric column data)
- · Implementation of 3-D VAR assimilation
- Investigate value of different observation types for predictive skill improvement

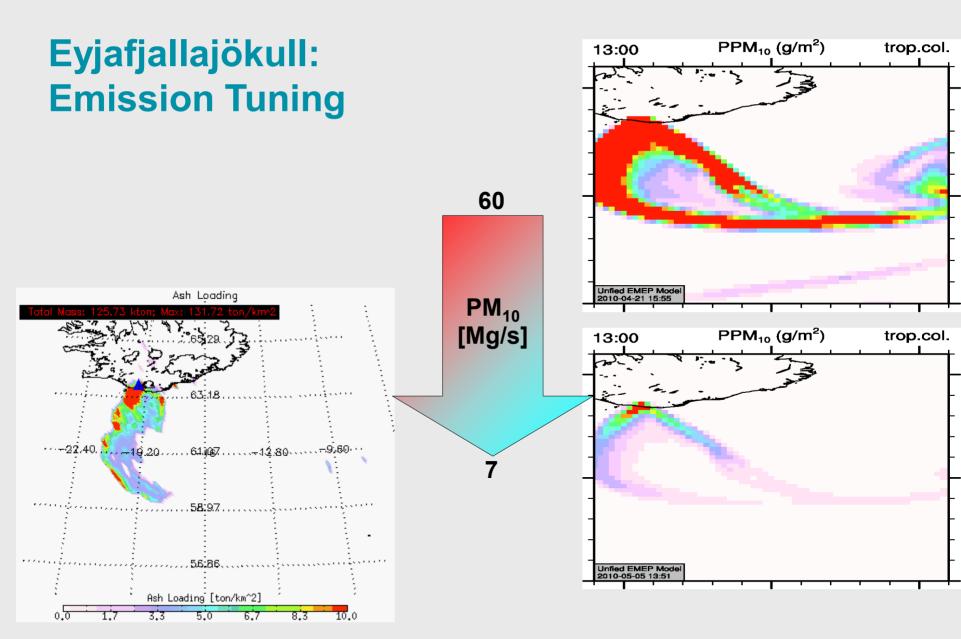
Chemical weather forecasting system EMEP for MACC-II



So far assimilated: NO2 columns from OMI and AOD from MODIS

Daily RAQ forecasts from MACC-II





SEVIRI Volcanic Ash Retrieval: 2010-04-19

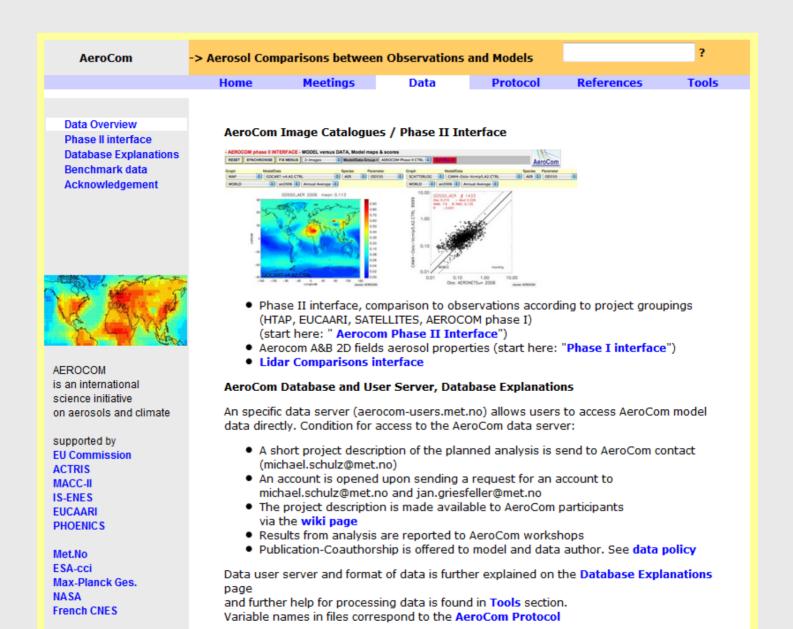
http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/goes_r/proving-ground/geocat_ash/loops/iceland.html

Experimental product by Mike.Pavolonis@noaa.gov

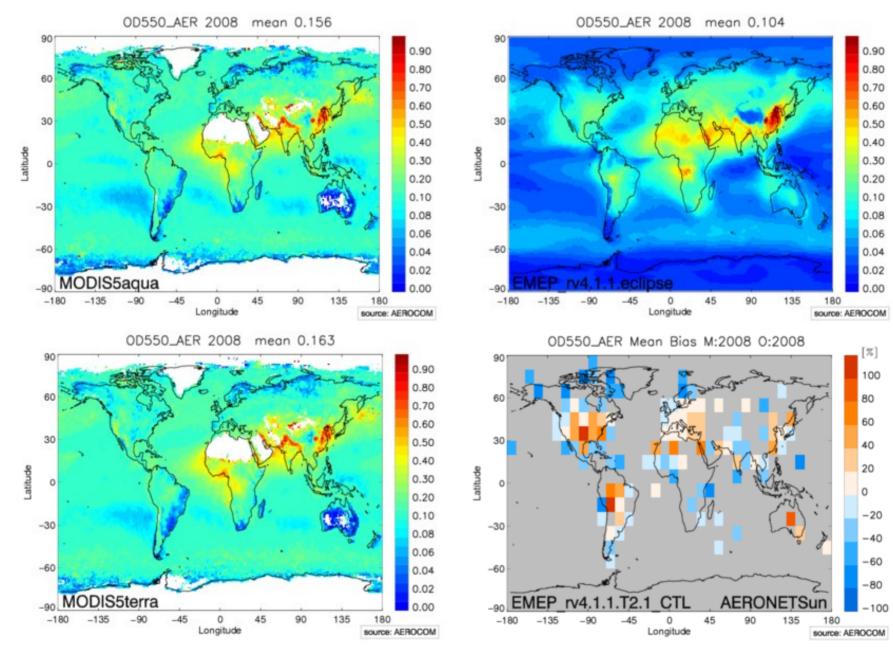
AeroCom

Aerosol Comparisons between Observations and Models

http://aerocom.met.no



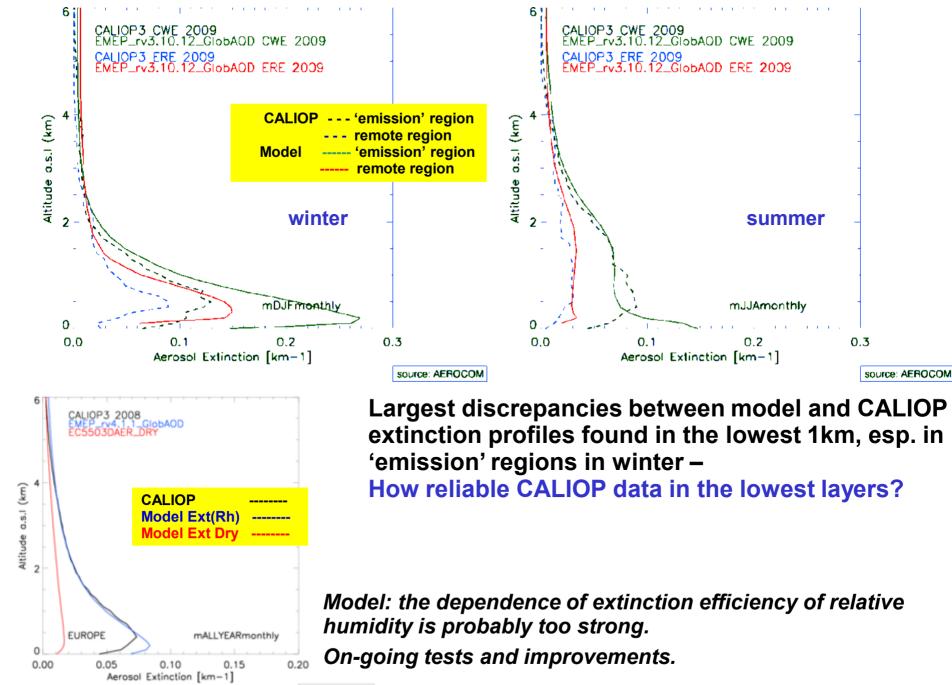
AOD 550nm from MODIS on Aqua and Terra and calculated with the EMEP model for 2008



The NRS PM-VRAE project: Comparison of modelled aerosol extinction profiles with CALIOP Lidar data

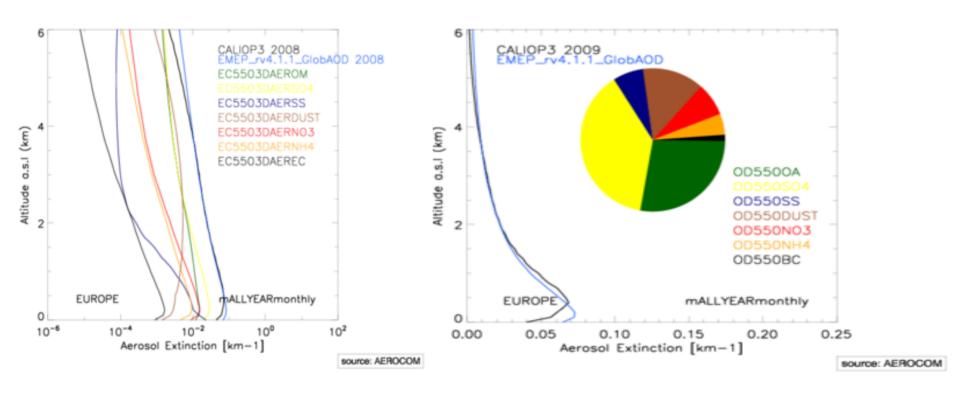
- Facilitates the evaluation (for the first time) of aerosol vertical distribution and thus long-range transport
- The aim: to improve the reliability of EMEP estimates of PM10, especially in regions with few measurement sites

CALIOP data have been provided by Brigitte Koffi (Koffi et al., JGR, 2012)



source: AEROCOM

Contribution of different aerosols to Extinction coefficient profiles



Identification of dominant aerosol types in different regions → better understanding of modelled extinction profiles and their comparison with CALIOP data

Conclusions

· Our purpose of using satellite data:

- Data assimilation require operational (fast) data
- Model evaluation more focused on research
- · Large interest in service-oriented projects
 - EMEP (LRTAP Convention / European AQ legislation)
 - MACC-II and beyond (Copernicus atmospheric core service)
 - Met.no's volcanic ash project
- · User requirement depends on the purpose, but in any case:
 - Need error estimates (gridded if possible)
 - Fast data delivery for daily/monthly operational tasks
 - Vertical information very valuable
 - Long-term continuity
 - Combination of Geostationary and LEO very welcome for AQ studies





What is Gfg²?

- The EU acknowledged the need to better assess the scientific value of GNSS beyond their classical positioning services
- Gfg2 GNSS for Global Environmental Earth Observation (GEEO) and GEOSS
- Gfg2 is a 3-year coordination action funded by FP7 ENV, and coordinated by starlab.es (an SME based in Barcelona)
- Mission: to better assess the value of GNSS for Global Environmental Earth Observation (GEEO) and GEOSS
- For more information, see the poster on the wall behind you, and Gfg2.eu (from where you can join our twitter and Linkedin communities)



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