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

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Scope of the talk

1. Demands for environmental information
2. How to exploit environmental investments in Space Hardware?
3. Earth-system modelling & data-assimilation
4. Global Earth-system monitoring
    1. GEMS Greenhouse Gases
    2. GEMS Reactive Gases
    3. GEMS Aerosol
    4. Collaboration with GEOLAND & MERSEA
    5. GEMS Reanalysis
5. Computing Power to use the satellite data
6. Conclusion

Demands for estimates of sources /sinks / transport of atmospheric constituents

- Policy Needs: Assessment, Validation of treaties
    - Convention on Long-Range Transport of Air Pollutants
    - Montreal Protocol
    - UNFCCC- Kyoto Protocol / carbon trading ….
- Operational Needs
    - Air quality forecasts
    - Chemical Weather Forecasts
- Scientific Needs
    - IPCC
    - WMO / Global Atmospheric Watch
    - World Climate research programme
    - IGBP

1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution: Regional Pollution is a Global Issue

- One cannot study N.American, European, Asian Pollution in isolation. Long range transport is a global phenomenon.
- Global information is required to determine the global sources, sinks and transports of key pollutants
- Key pollutants measurable on global scale from space include
  - Sulphur dioxide
  - Aerosol / Particulate Matter
  - Nitrogen dioxide
  - Carbon monoxide
  - Ozone
- Issue: How to provide accurate global information on source / sink / transport variations in space and time?

1985 Vienna Convention on Protection of Ozone Layer 1987 Montreal Protocol

- Nations agreed to take appropriate measures...to protect human health and the environment against adverse effects of human activities affecting the Ozone Layer.
- In late 1985, Dr. Joe Farman's team offered the first proof of severe ozone depletion,
- In 1987 agreement was reached on specific mitigation measures, with the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. The work continues in 'quadrennial assessments'
- Ozone has a complex and rapidly varying distribution in space and time. The main source is 40km above the equator. The main sink is at the surface in mid-latitudes
- Issue: How to provide accurate global information on source / sink / transport variations in space and time?

1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVE

- Achieve stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system.
- Such a level should be achieved within a time-frame sufficient
  - to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change
  - to ensure that food production is not threatened
  - to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner.

1997 KYOTO PROTOCOL TO THE UNFCCC

- **Commitments to reduce emissions by the Commitment period 2008-2012**
- **At least three GHGs (Carbon dioxide, Methane, Nitrous oxide) are measurable from space, while all species are measurable on the ground**
- **Carbon-credits & Emissions-trading are beset with difficult issues of verification**
- **Issue: How to provide accurate global information on source / sink / transport variations in space and time?**

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Environmental Concerns have triggered $25B for New satellite missions in 2001-2007

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TERRA	ENVISAT	ADEOS-II
AQUA	MSG	GPM
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How to provide accurate global information on source / sink / transport variations in space / time?

- Transparent, accurate and verifiable information is a key requirement for States which are parties to the Kyoto protocol.
- 'National Technical Means' to check such information is of interest to States which are not parties the Kyoto protocol, but nevertheless make major contributions to space hardware.
- Policymakers' key information requirements can be met by:
  1. Extending meteorological/ oceanographic modelling & data-assimilation techniques to atmospheric trace constituents (GHGs, reactive gases, aerosol) measured from space.
  2. Extending current inversion techniques to make an optimal blend of in-situ and space-based data and so provide the most accurate possible estimates of sources/ sinks/ transports.
- Substantial work is already in progress at ECMWF on Ozone and Carbon dioxide.

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Synergy of NWP & Environmental Monitoring

- New remotely-sensed data offers unprecedented levels of measurement accuracy.
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- In the domain of atmospheric sounding, for example, we are moving from levels of accuracy of ~ 1K over thick layers in the last decade, to levels of ~0.1 - 0.5 K over much thinner layers in this decade.
- Full exploitation of instrumental accuracy requires accounting for a wide range of physical and surface biophysical processes that have hitherto been inaccessible to measurement, and thus neglected (aerosol, trace-gases, land…)
- It is increasingly necessary for NWP to model and assimilate satellite data on many of these aspects of the Earth-system.
- Such developments offer products of great scientific and societal interest for climate and other issues.

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Cost-effective information provision through partnerships of Weather & Environment experts

- Policymakers' global environmental information needs cannot be met without an Earth-system modelling and data assimilation capability.
- Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) Centres will exploit most of the new instruments anyway. To achieve good estimates of T, q, O_3, ocean stress…., NWP centres must do a superb job on key tasks such as Calibration, Channel selection, Cloud detection, Assimilation…
- The NWP tasks are <u>essential pre-requisites</u> to meeting environmental information needs
- A partnership of environmental and NWP experts offers two big PAYOFFS
  1. a thorough exploitation and validation of satellite data and in-situ data for both weather and environmental purposes.
  2. Improved models for Weather & short-range climate & environmental forecasts, because of the experience from long data assimilations.

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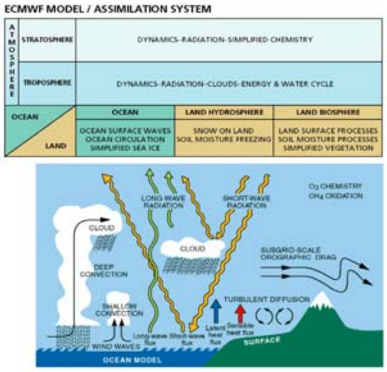
The ECMWF Earth-system model used for Numerical Weather Prediction

High-resolution model

- T_L511 spectral resolution
- N256 reduced Gaussian grid (40 km in the mid-latitudes)
- 60 hybrid vertical levels from the surface to about 65km
- Parametrized physical processes
- GEMS will develop and validate extensive new modelling capabilities



GEMS (i) Global Earth-system Monitoring using Space and in-situ data

GEMS: Extend the Data Assimilation system at ECMWF to describe atmospheric dynamics, thermodynamics and composition:

- GREEHOUSE GASES
- REACTIVE-GASES
- AEROSOL

- **Collaborate closely with 3 related EU Framework 6 funded projects**
  - GEOLAND: Model and assimilate data on the Land Biosphere and global carbon cycle, using best available met input.
  - MERSEA: Model and assimilate upper-ocean, incl. Ocean-colour to estimate ocean carbon uptake, using best available met input.
  - HALO: Harmonisation of Atmosphere, Ocean, Land Projects
- **By 2008**
  - Operational GEMS system; 10-year reanalysis of EOS / ENVISAT era
  - Best possible estimates of trace constituent sources /sinks / transport

GEMS (ii) Global Earth-system Monitoring using Space and in-situ data

- **GEMS data assimilation projects**
  - **Monitor-GREEHOUSE GASES: Monitor seasonal variations of non-reactive Greenhouse Gases such as CO_2, CH_4, N_2O (+CO)**
  - **Monitor-REACTIVE-GASES: Monitor ozone and its precursors, and sulphate aerosol and its precursors.**
  - **Monitor-AEROSOL: Model and assimilate global aerosol information**

- **Cross-Cutting projects**
  - **SYSTEM-INTEGRATION Integrate the data-assimilation sub-projects in a unified pre-operational system**
  - **RETROSPECTIVE REANALYSIS Validate the pre-operational system through observational verification of retrospective analyses for the "EOS - ENVISAT" epoch 2000-2007, and perhaps for the epoch 1947-2007.**

GEMS (iii) Global Earth-system Monitoring using Space and in-situ data

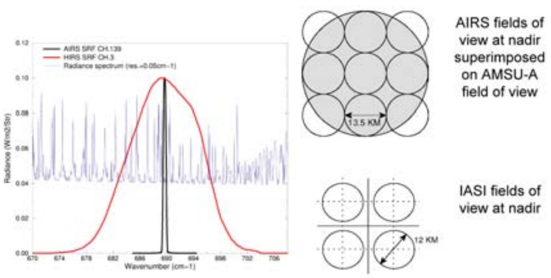
Related Land & Ocean Projects

- **GEOLAND: Model and assimilate information on the Land Biosphere and carbon cycle.**
- **MERSEA Model and assimilate upper-ocean, to estimate ocean carbon uptake.**

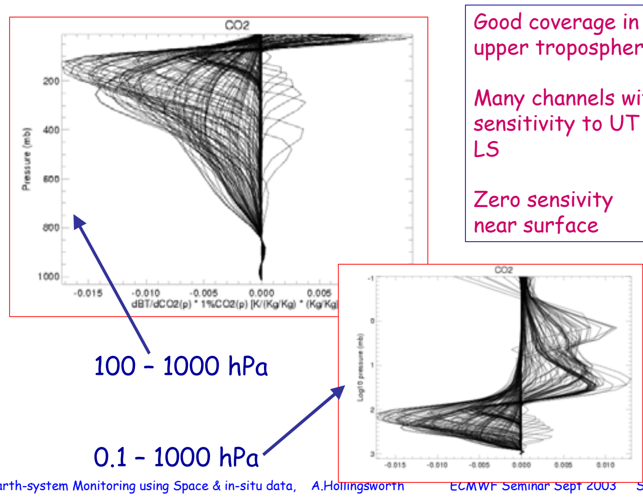
GEMS-GREEHOUSE GASES:

- Monitor seasonal variations of non-reactive Greenhouse Gases such as CO_2, CH_4, N_2O, CO
- Heritage: COCO (FP5)
- Instruments: AIRS, SCIAMACHY, IASI, OCO
- Data Mgt
- R/T develop from COCO
- Modelling develop from COCO
- Sources / Sinks Current Methods
  + 3D-InVar; variational method
  using CTM very close to ECMWF model
- Data Assim. ECMWF & ….
- Validation build on COCO validation team

High spectral resolution of AIRS (2002) & IASI (2005)
=> high vertical resolution in temperature & humidity



AIRS CO_2 Jacobians

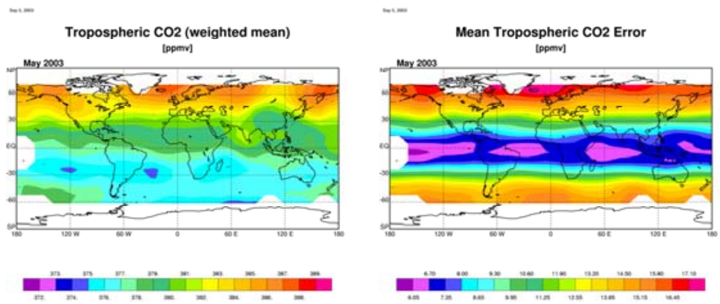


Good coverage in upper troposphere

Many channels with sensitivity to UT & LS

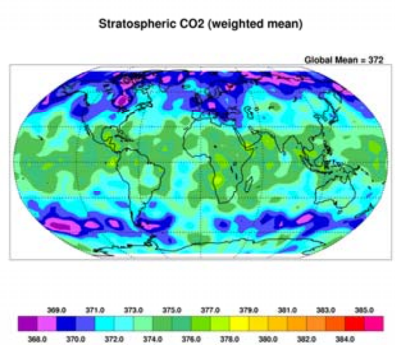
Zero sensivity near surface

CO_2 assimilation -Troposphere



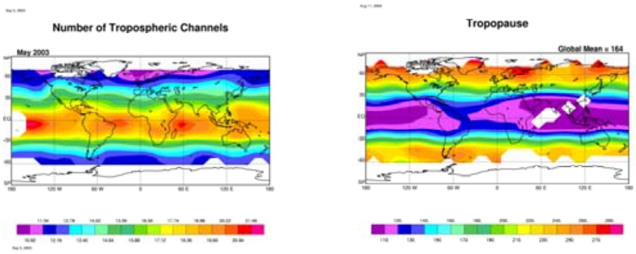
CO_2 tropospheric columns are being assimilated from AIRS infrared observations. Monthly mean distribution for May 2003 is shown on the left, and the upper boundary for the error estimate is shown on the right.

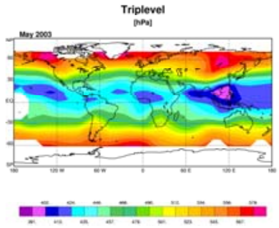
CO2 assimilation - Stratosphere



First analysis of stratospheric CO_2 shows Brewer-Dobson type of circulation. Variability is also much smaller than in troposphere.

Number of channels used in assimilation

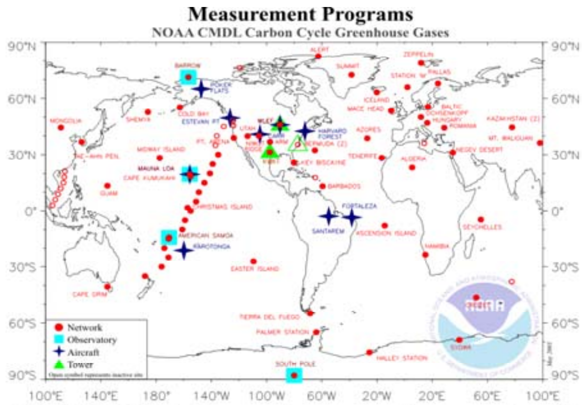




The total number of channels used in the tropospheric assimilation is a function of the tropopause height and the top level of clouds. At higher latitudes this significantly decreases the number of useful channels.

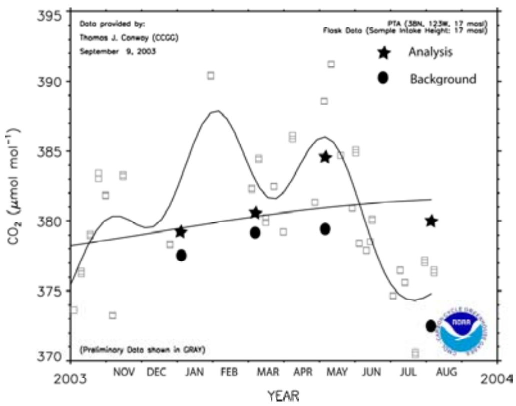
The trip level (left) shows how deep on average we look into the troposphere.

CO_2 flask observation network



The NOAA CMDL Carbon Cycle Greenhouse Gases group operates 4 measurement programs. In situ measurements are made at the CMDL baseline observatories: Barrow, Alaska; Mauna Loa, Hawaii; Tutuila, American Samoa; and South Pole, Antarctica. The cooperative air sampling network includes samples from fixed sites and commercial ships. Measurements from tall towers and aircraft began in 1992. Presently, atmospheric carbon dioxide, methane, carbon monoxide, hydrogen, nitrous oxide, sulfur hexafluoride, and the stable isotopes of carbon dioxide and methane are measured. Group Chief: Dr. Pieter Tans, Carbon Cycle Greenhouse Gases, Boulder, Colorado, (303) 497-6678 (pieter.tans@noaa.gov, http://www.cmdl.noaa.gov/ccgg).

Seasonal cycle

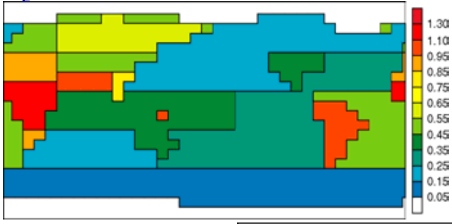


First comparisons with preliminary flask data show mixed results. For a mid-latitude coastal flask station, the analysis seems to improve on the background.

But interpretation is difficult because of the mismatch between flask observations (surface, selective sampling) and analysis values (deep layer).

CMDL flask data in grey are preliminary, not fully calibrated results.

AIRS / IASI Total-Column CO_2 Data will Reduce the Uncertainty of CO_2 Source / Sink Attribution

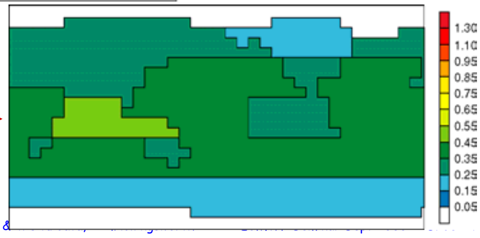


Rayner and O'Brien
Geophys. Res. Let., Jan 1, 2001

Unit: GT C / yr / region

Current Uncertainty with Surface data

Expected uncertainty with surface data +satellite data, assuming 2.5ppmv accuracy



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GEMS REACTIVE-GASES [and Forecast Chemical Weather]

- **Deliverables**
  - Determine the magnitude and location of stratospheric / tropospheric ozone exchanges
  - Determine the modes and magnitudes of intercontinental transport of ozone and other constituents.
  - Provide global Chemical Weather Forecasts including UV-B forecasts, plus initial and boundary conditions for regional Chemical Weather Forecasts.
- **Data Assimilation Approach**
  - Stream 1: 4d Var with simplified chemistry to retrieve Ozone (12hr window).
  - Stream 2: Chemical Transport Model uses Atmospheric transport from stream 1 to assimilate / transport up to 50 species. A priori surface flux fields specified from RIVM-EDGAR database
- **Instruments:** UARS, AIRS, MIPAS, SCIAMACHY, GOMOS, SEVIRI, OMI, TES
- **R/T & Retrievals**
- **Modelling**
- **Sources / Sinks**
- **Data Assim.**
- **Validation**

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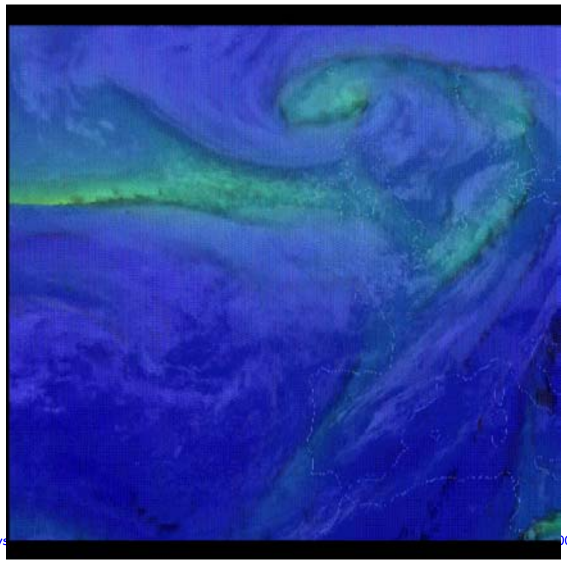
- Halloween Storm viewed from above
- Ozone isopleth - f(p) - is colour-coded by temp.
- Yellow is warm
- Meteosat imagery shown below the ozone



- 24-hour loop in steps of 3 hours
- 12z on 29/10 /00 to 12Z on 30/10/00

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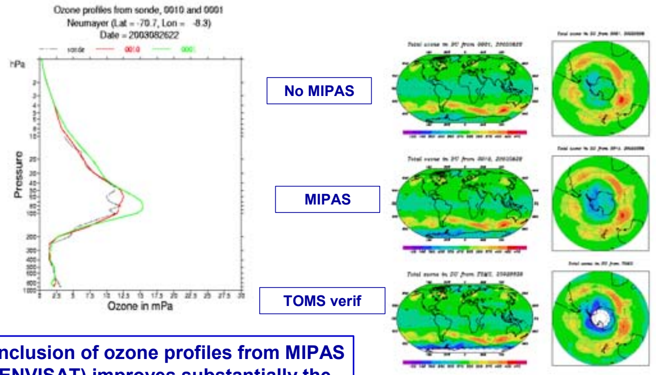
Assimilation of ozone data from MIPAS



Inclusion of ozone profiles from MIPAS (ENVISAT) improves substantially the representation of the ozone field in the ECMWF model

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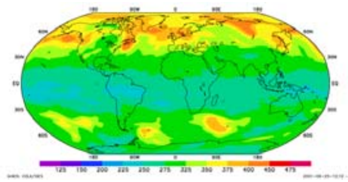
Global Monitoring / Forecasting of Reactive Gases:
The Chemical Weather Forecast

Current operational ozone monitoring capability is a good basis for developing a global capability to monitor reactive gases and associated aerosols

3.1 Integrate chemical modules with weather models, to provide global assimilation & forecasts of the distributions of
- ozone and its precursors
- sulphate aerosol
- other aerosol

The global models can drive regional chemistry / air quality models.

The cost could be modest at 1 degree resolution



Ozone

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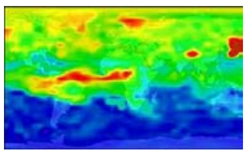

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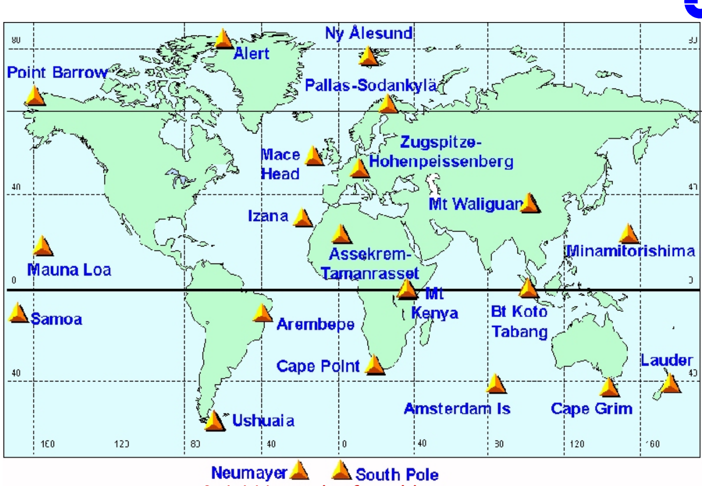

GAW Network of world Stations

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Monitor-AEROSOL:

- Model and assimilate global aerosol information
- Heritage: -
- Instruments: MERIS, MODIS x 2, MISR, SEAWIFS, POLDER
- Data Mgt tbd
- R/T
- Modelling "
- Sources/ Sinks "
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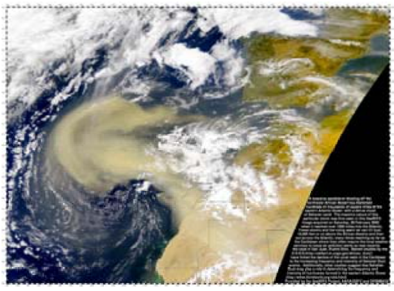
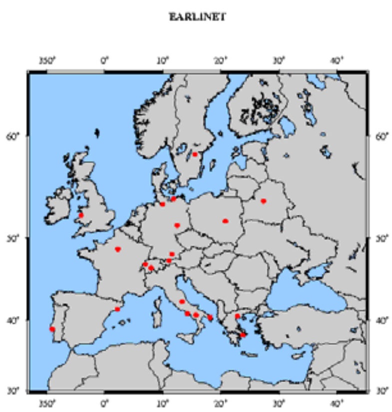


Aerosol modelling and assimilation is an emerging issue for NWP

- 'HIRS channels sensitive to the surface temperature, lower tropospheric temperature, and moisture are subject to a 0.5 K or more reduction in the brightness temperature during heavy dust loading conditions. (Weaver, Joiner, Ginoux JGR April 2003)
- Aerosol is the biggest source of error in ECMWF clear-sky radiation computations (JJ Morcrette, pers.comm.)



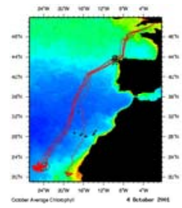
Closing the loop on Global Monitoring of Greenhouse Gases

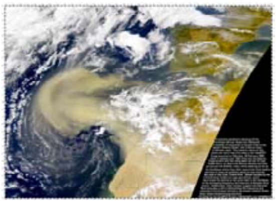
2.1 Map the seasonal variations of total column amounts of Greenhouse Gases

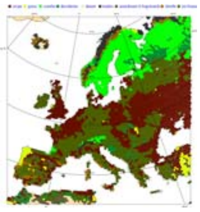
2.2 Model and assimilate ocean colour data, to estimate ocean carbon uptake.

2.3 Model and assimilate global aerosol information (to improve weather forecasts & the use of ocean colour data)

2.4 Model and assimilate information on the Land Biosphere and carbon cycle.







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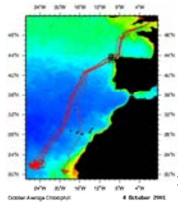
MERSEA collaboration

- Deliverables
  - Monthly estimates of ocean carbon uptake through assimilation of data on the dynamics and biology of the upper-ocean.
- Instruments:
  - QSCAT, ASCAT, RA2, JASON, MERIS, MODIS, MISR, SeaWifs,
- R/T & Retrievals
  - Satellite agencies' baseline meteo retrievals;
- Modelling
- Sources/ Sinks
- Data Assim.
- Validation



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GEOLAND collaboration

- Deliverables
  - 2006 Stage I: Prototype offline assimilation system of remote sensing products and land surface model(s) to provide boundary conditions for the GHG and AEROSOL sub-projects. Data assimilation products: Soil moisture, LAI, biomass, snow, fluxes of carbon, water and energy.
  - 2008 Stage II: As above but with refined assimilation scheme and land surface model(s) and below- and above-ground carbon storage as deliverables.
- Data Assimilation Approach
  - Build on existing FP5 projects (ELDAS, CAMELS, Land-SAF); model and product benchmarking; off-line assimilation with several models (ISBA-A-gs, MOSES, C-TESSEL). Transition from assimilation of derived geophysical products (Stage I) to top of the atmosphere radiances (Stage II).
- Instruments:
  - AVHRR, ATSR, GRACE, POLDER, VEGETATION, SEVIRI, MERIS, MISR, MODIS, SMOS
- R/T & Retrievals
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- Modelling
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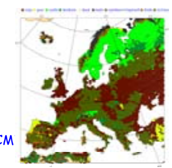

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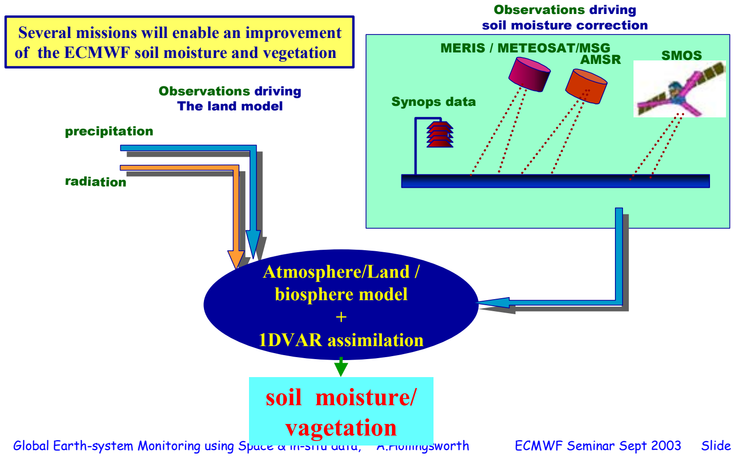
Land Missions, Modelling, Assimilation



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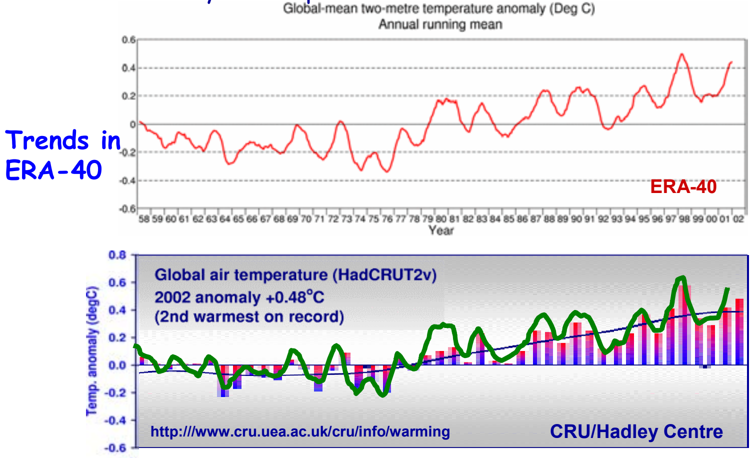
GEMS Reanalysis Component



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Computing Power to use the Satellites

- Full exploitation of the huge investments in space hardware requires appropriate investment in
  - computing power
  - advanced data-assimilation systems.
- High spatial resolution (I.e. heavy computing power) is vital for the accuracy of both assimilation and forecasts
  - Japan has invested $400M in the Earth Simulator computer (40Tflop peak, 12Tflop sustained, installed 2002)
  - ECMWF invests ~£12M annually in HPC and ancillary equipment (2004 will see Blue Storm - 25Tflop peak, 2.5Tflop sustained)
  - European, US and Japanese Numerical-Weather-Prediction & Climate-modelling centres each have annualised investments of £3 – 10M

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The GEMS Partnerships

- GEMS partnerships include
  - European space agencies
  - Leading in-situ observational teams
  - Leading modelling and assimilation teams
  - Leading inverse-modelling teams
- GEMS will have strong support from GAW, GCOS, WCRP…
- GEMS will build on examples of successful EU-funded partnerships such as for ERA-40, PRISM, ELDAS, ACCENT..
- GEMS will have important spin-offs for Numerical Weather Prediction

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