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Lecture 2 Pollution studies

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EC and ESA objectives related to operational atmospheric chemistry monitoring missions (GMES type)

- Pollutants and chemical products affecting
 - Human health
 - Growth of crops
 - condition of forests, lakes, and other small scale damageable ecosystems
 - condition of buildings

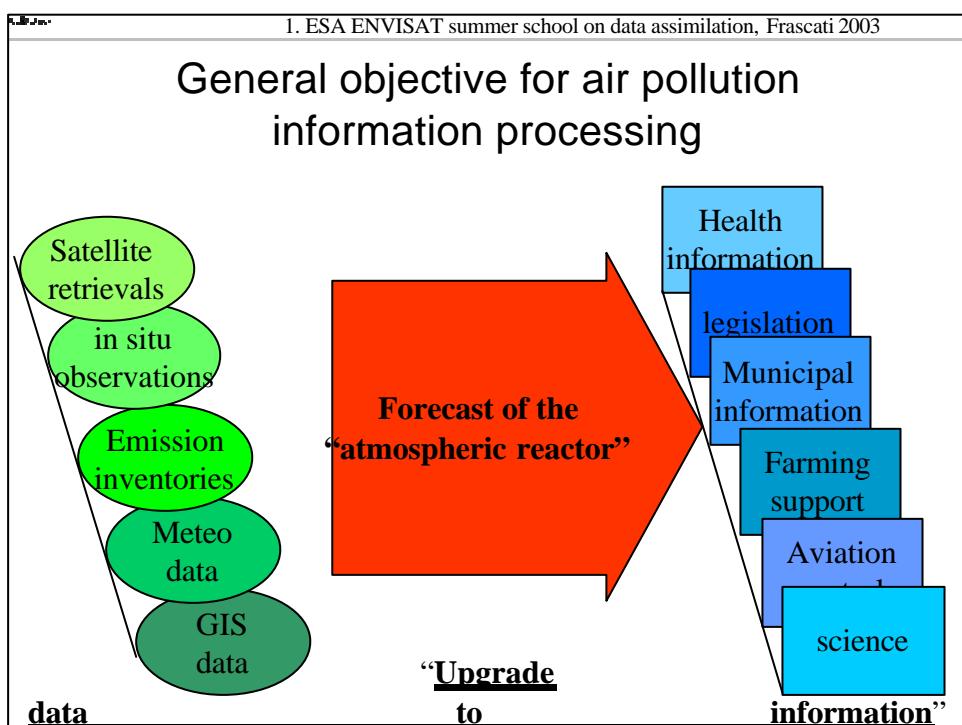
“Value added” data for operational monitoring, leads to:

- **Improved air quality forecasts**
- Impact estimates of irregular and accidental releases
- Trend estimates
- Identification of knowledge/model deficiencies

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Translation into ultimate atmospheric chemistry simulation issues (“what to control”)

- Human health:
 - **PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, PM₁** (= Particulate Matter 0->x mm)
 - POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutants): **PAHs** (Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons), PCBs (PolyChlorinated Biphenyls), HCHs (HexaChloroHexanes), **benzene, benzopyrene**,
 - Trace metals: **Cd, Be, Co, Hg, Mo, Ni, Se, Sn, V, As, Cr, Cu, Mn, Zn, Pb**
 - **Ozone, PAN, NO, NO₂, SO₂, CO**
 - Pollen
- Crops:
 - Ozone
- Forests, lakes, ecosystems
 - “Acid rain”
 - ozone



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Tropospheric example application for a reduced rank Kalman filter

TNO **LOTOS** model (*van Loon et al., 2000*)

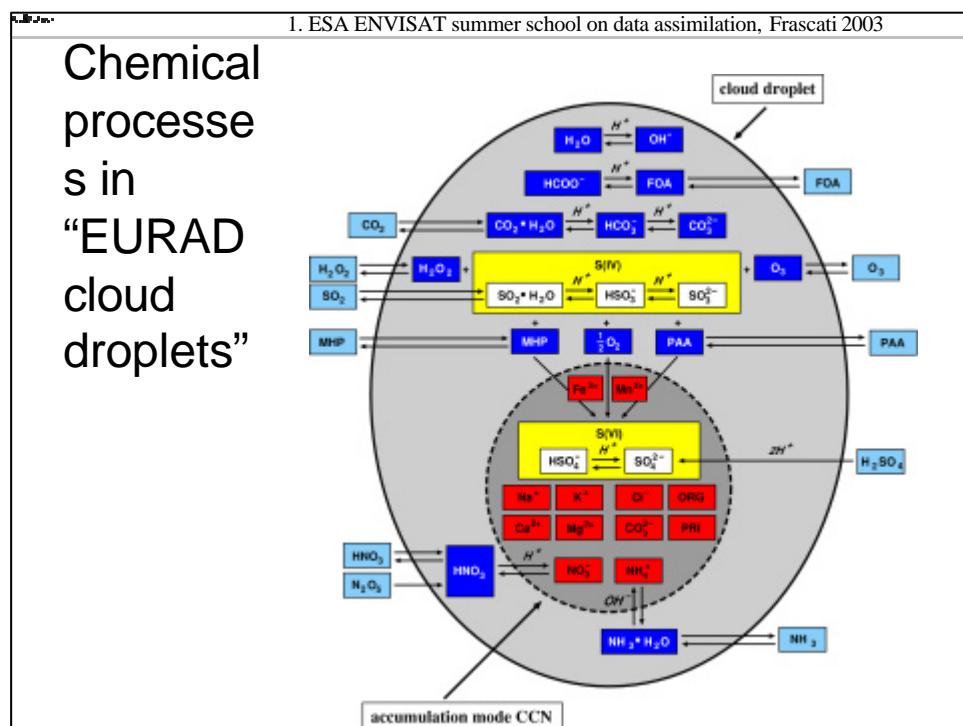
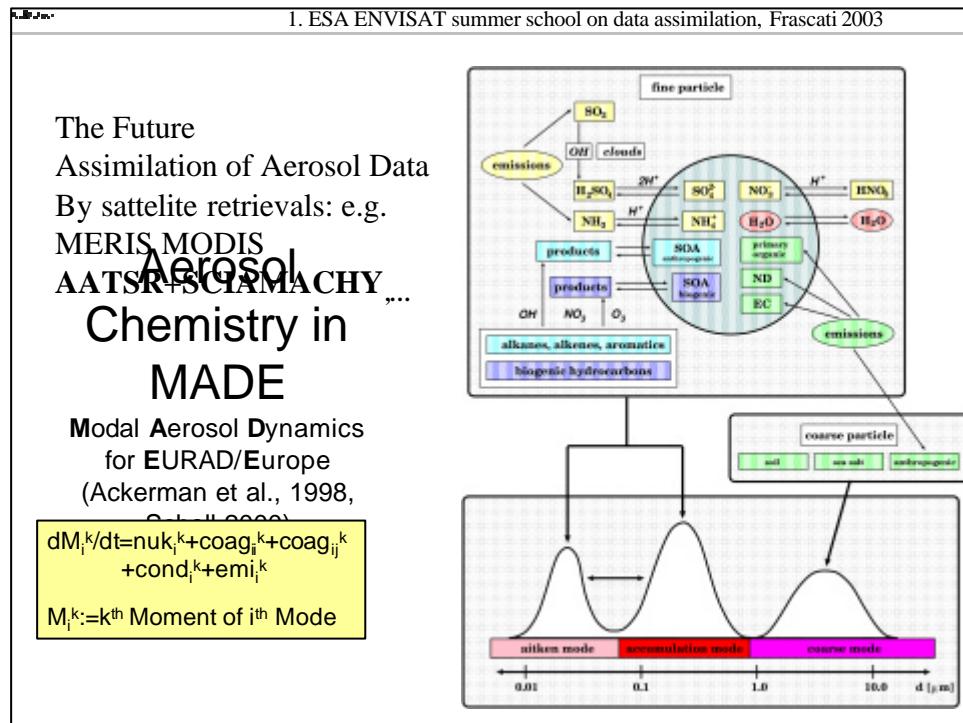
- Optimization parameters:
 - Emission rates
 - Deposition velocities
 - Cloud cover
- Complexity order: $\text{o}(100)$
- Complexity reduction
 - Reduced rank square root, or
 - ensemble

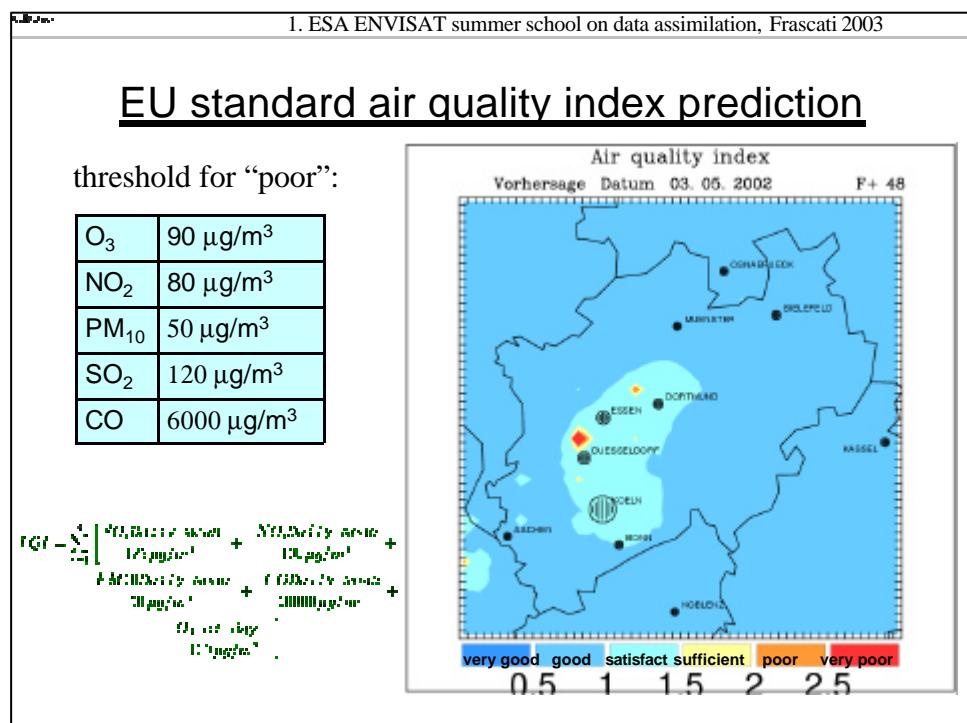
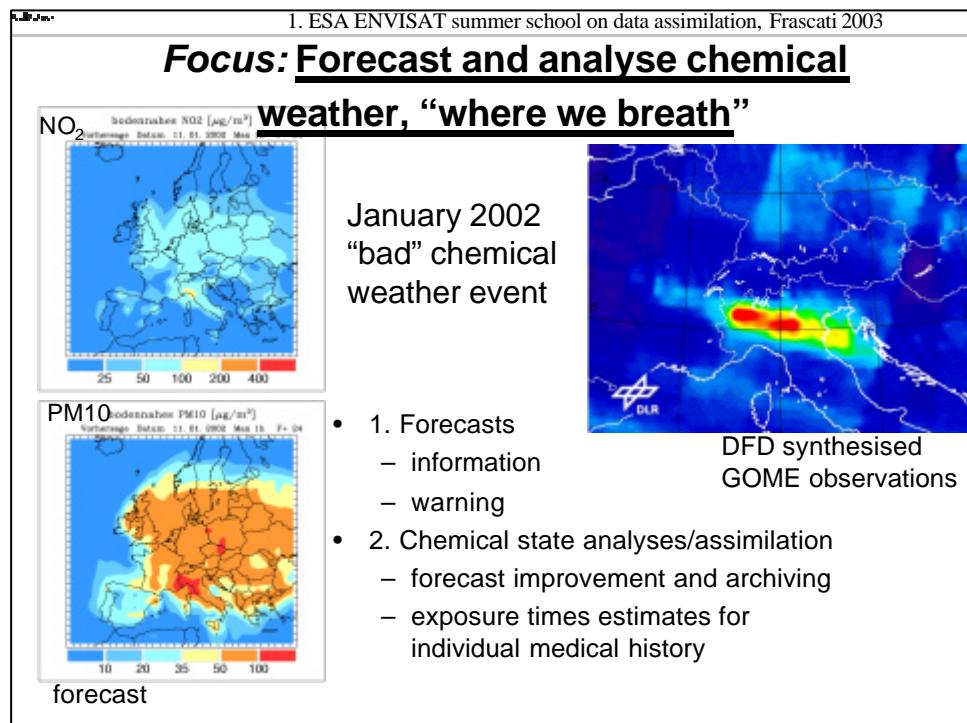
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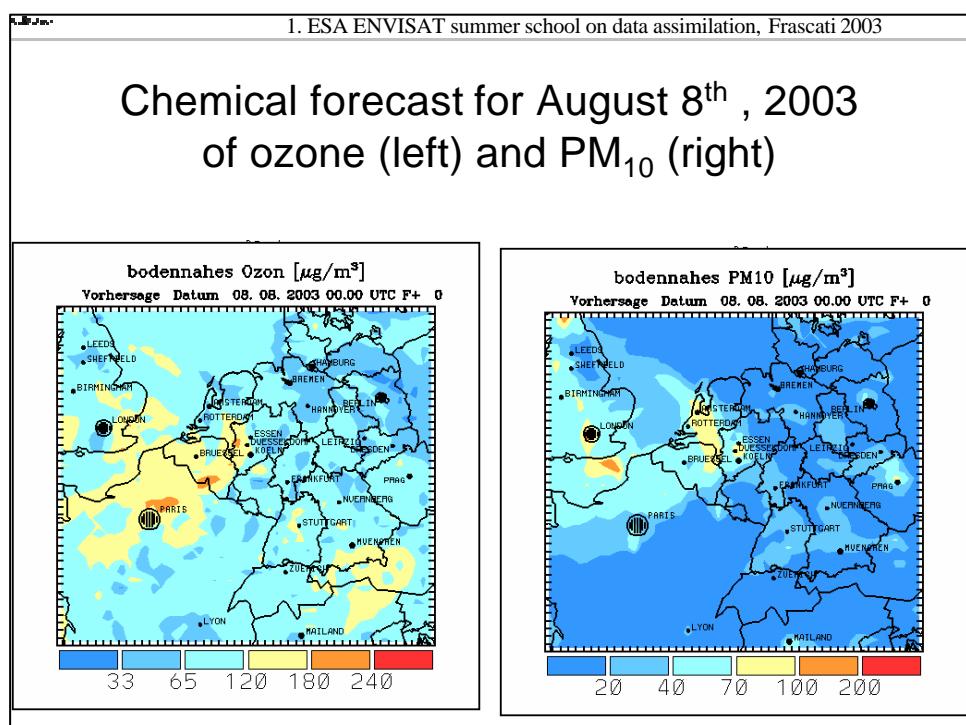
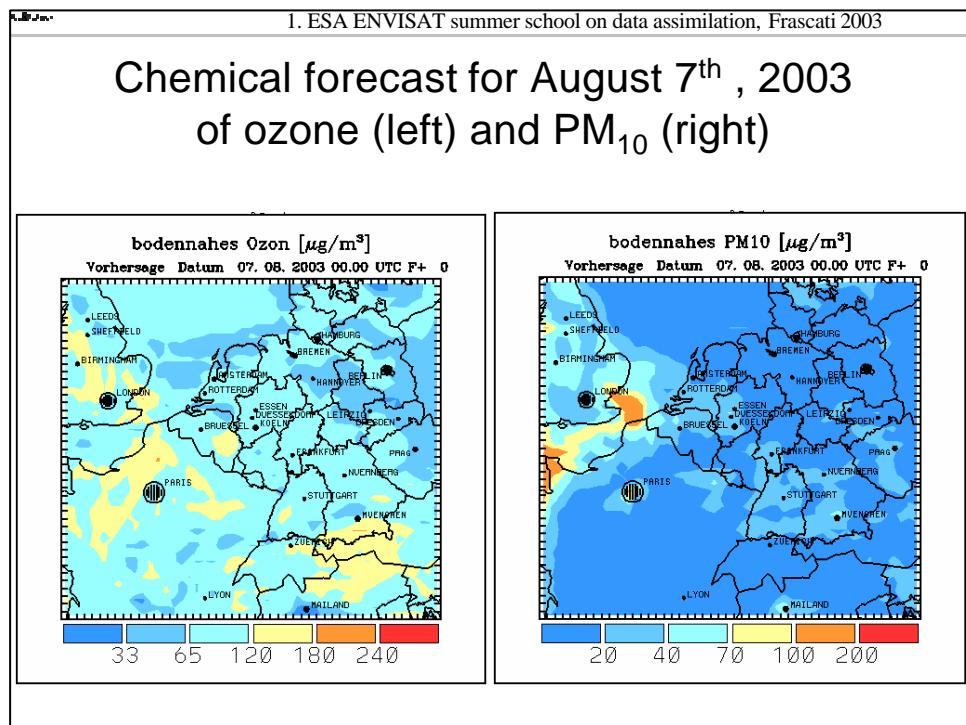
TROPOSAT example application 4D-variational data assimilation

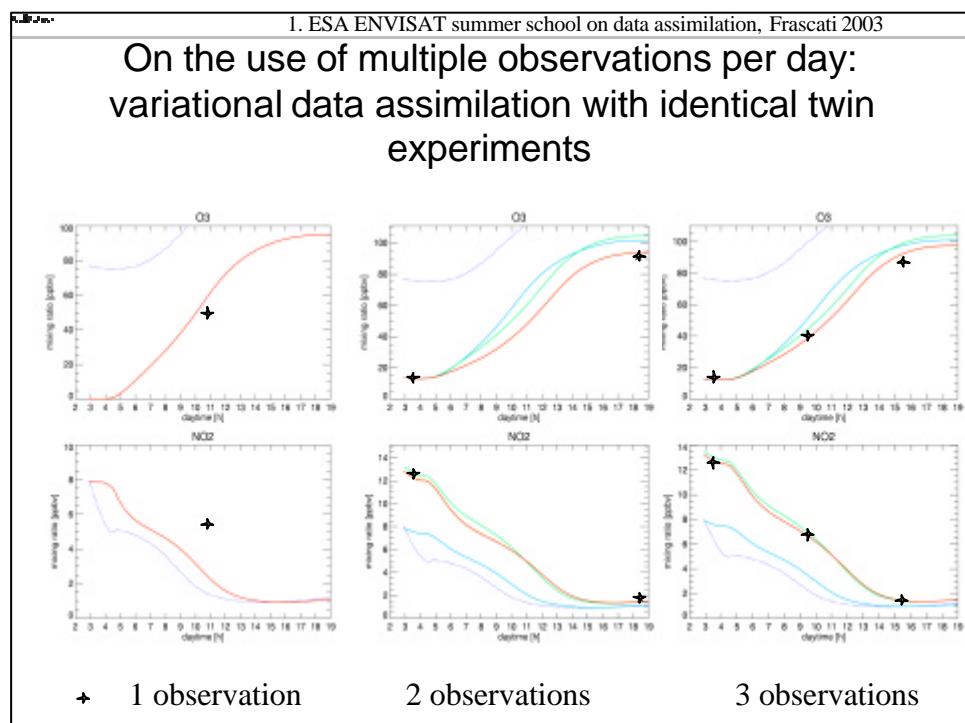
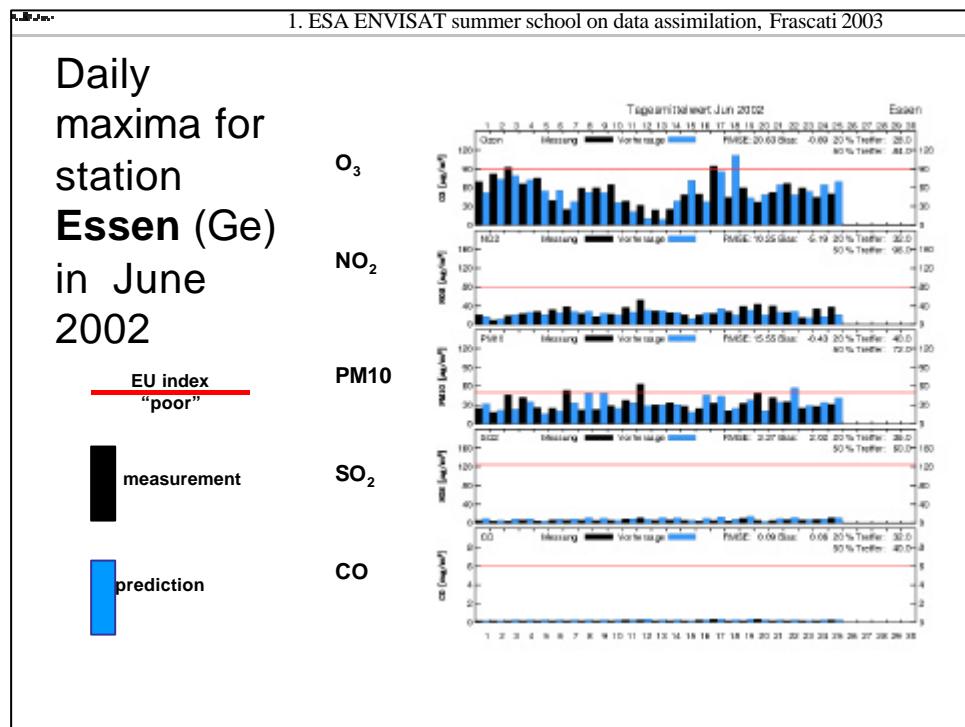
Univ. Cologne EURAD model (*Elbern and Schmidt, 2001*)

- Optimisation parameters
 - Emission rates
 - Initial values
- Complexity order $\text{o}(10^5)$
- Complexity reduction:
 - Matrix factorisation









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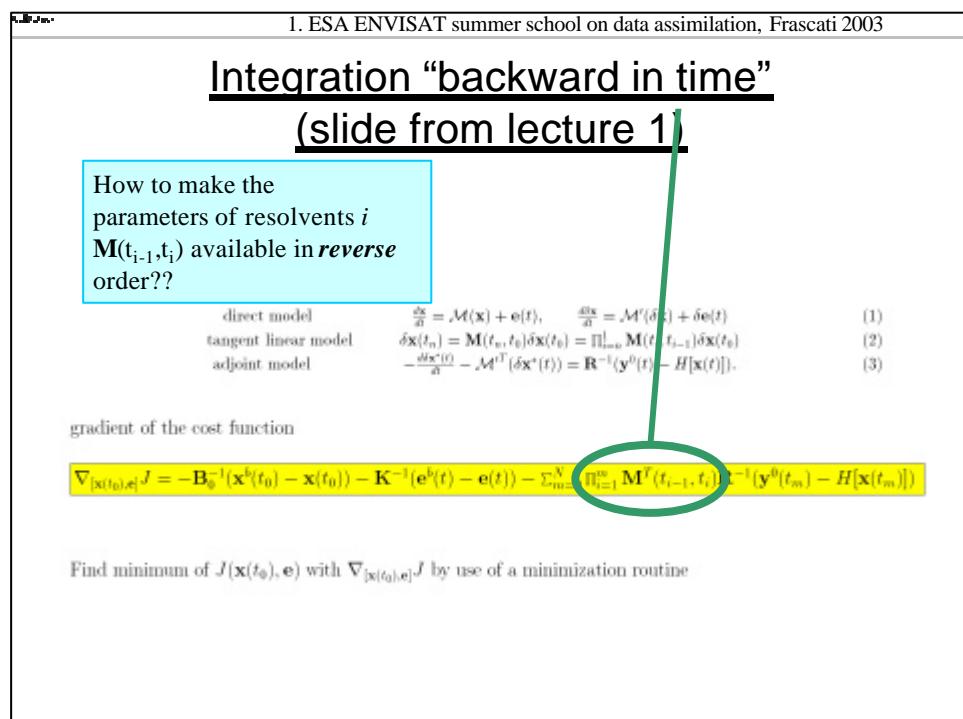
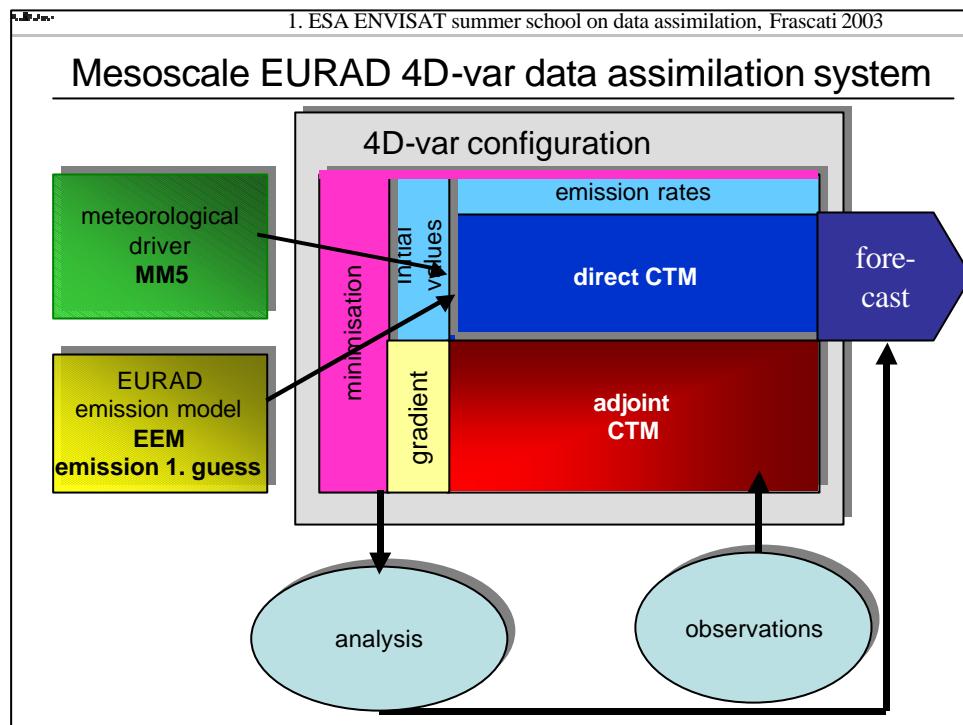
Design of the case study

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- CTM and adjoint CTM (symmetric operator split):
 - RADM2 gas phase: 61 species
 - 4th order Bott advection, horiz. & vert.
 - Implicit diffusion (Thomas algorithm)
 - Grid: 54 km horiz. spacing, 100 hPa
 - large grid: 77 x 67 x 15
 - small grid: 33 x 27 x 15
 - nested grid 18 km horiz. spacing
 - Meteorological fields by MM5
 - Case studies:
 - August 1-20, 1997;
 - July 18.-21. 1998
 - routine forecast runs since 2001

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Design of the assimilation experiment

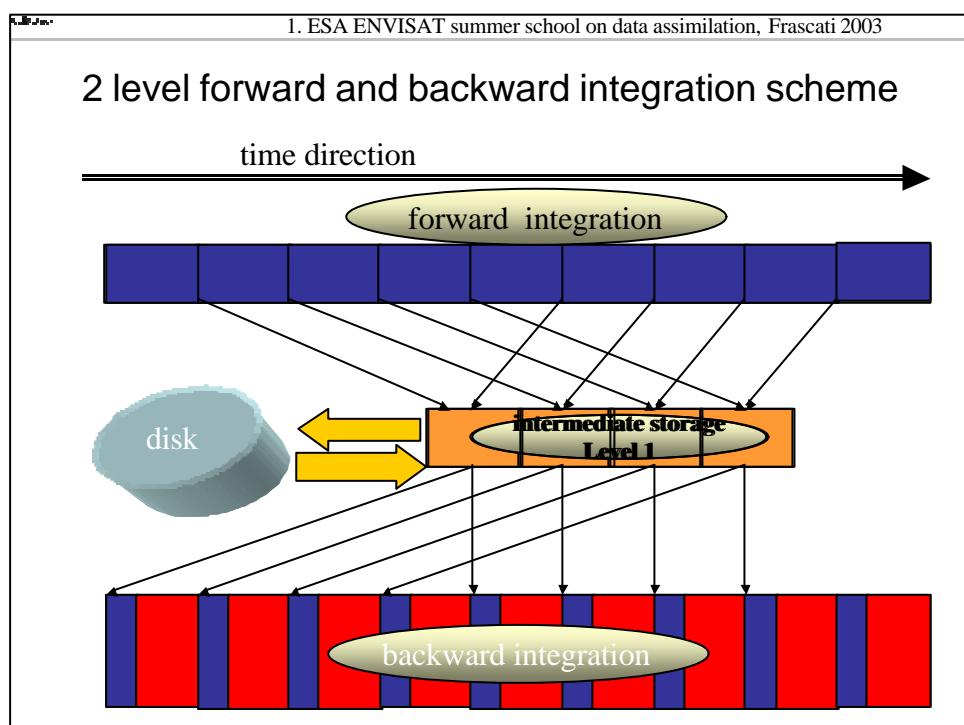
- assimilation interval **06:00-20:00 UTC**, with subsequent prediction
- 1. guess from preceding simulation
- optimisation: **chemical state variables + emission rates**
- ca. **500** measurement stations
- isotrop. background error covariance matrix (BECM)
- **L-BFGS** (quasi-Newton) minimisation
- Preconditioning by **square root (BECM)**

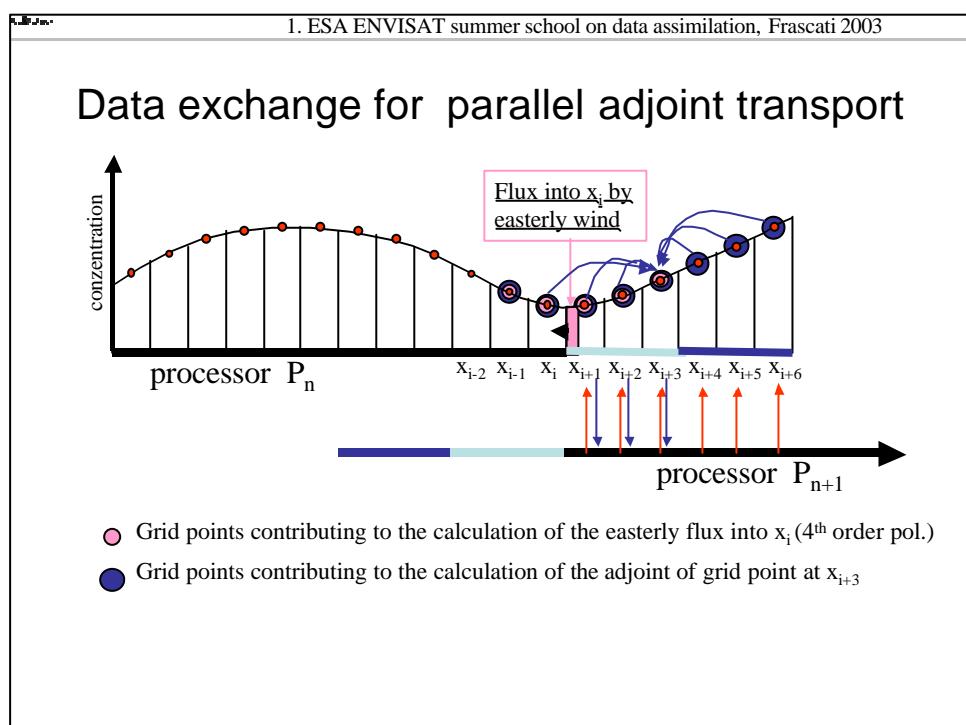
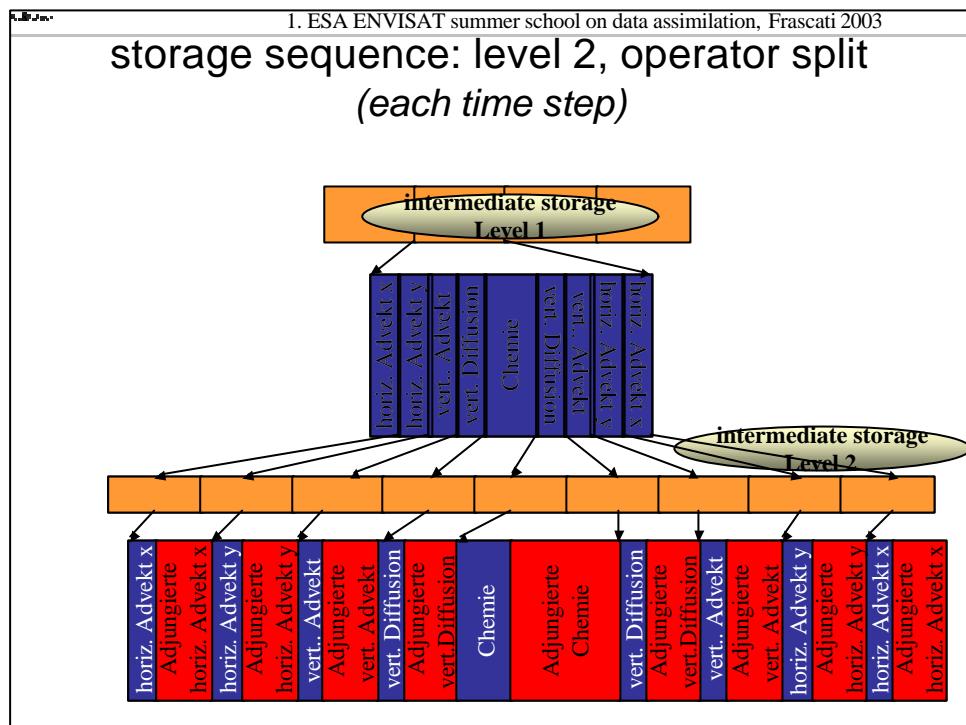


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Computational complexity estimate of the variational algorithm

$N_x * N_y * N_z$	spatial dimensions $O(10^4-10^5)$		
N_c	# constituents $O(100)$		
N_T	# time steps of assimilation window $O(10-100)$		
N_o	# operators $O(10)$		
const	intermediate results $O(10^4)$		
Storage strategy	# forward runs/iteration	storage	Complexity [T _{forw}]
total storage	1	$const * N_x * N_y * N_z * N_c * N_T * N_o$ $O(10^{12}-10^{13})$	3
operatorwise 1 level	2	$N_x * N_y * N_z * N_c * N_T * N_o$ $O(10^8-10^9)$	4
dynamic stepwise 2 levels	3	$N_x * N_y * N_z * N_c * N_T$ $O(10^7-10^8)$	5





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Computational resources requested

- with a 14 h assimilation interval about 18 iterations requested
- results in 12 CPU-hours with 121 processors of a T3E

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Treatment of the inverse problem to infer emission rates

The diagram shows a vertical profile of height levels from 38 m to 1590 m. At the bottom (38 m), there is a red plume representing surface level emissions (traffic, domestic) with diurnal variation. Above it, at approximately 114 m, is a green plume representing height level emissions (industrial) held constant in time. The plumes merge into a single yellow cloud between 230 m and 425 m. The top of the yellow cloud reaches up to 1077 m. A vertical green line extends from the surface plume up to the top of the yellow cloud. To the right of the plumes, a list of emitted species is provided.

Treatment of Emissions

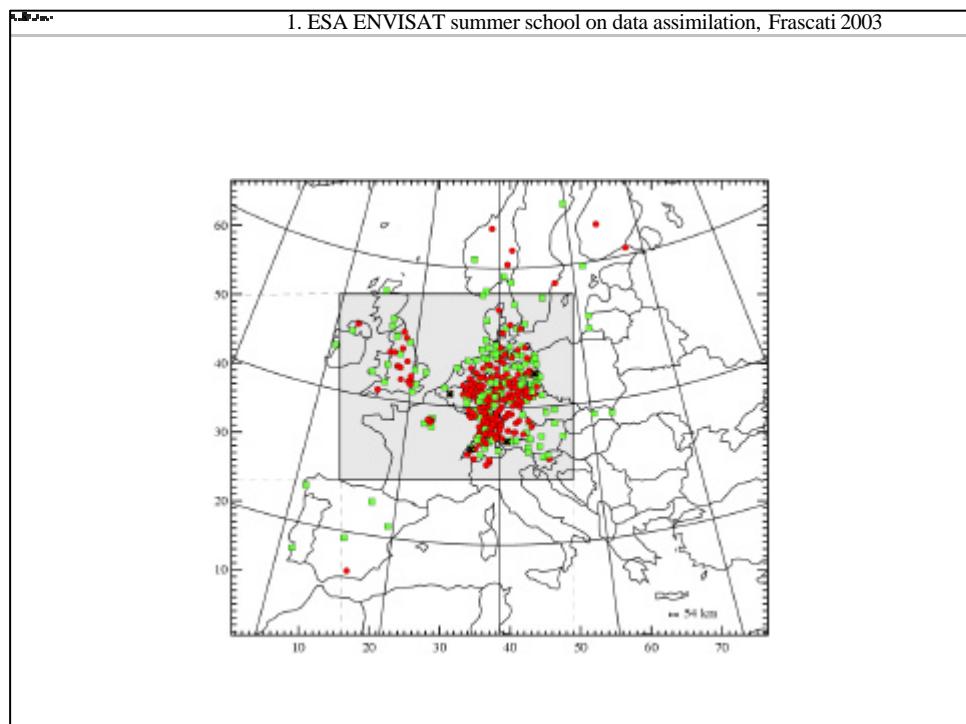
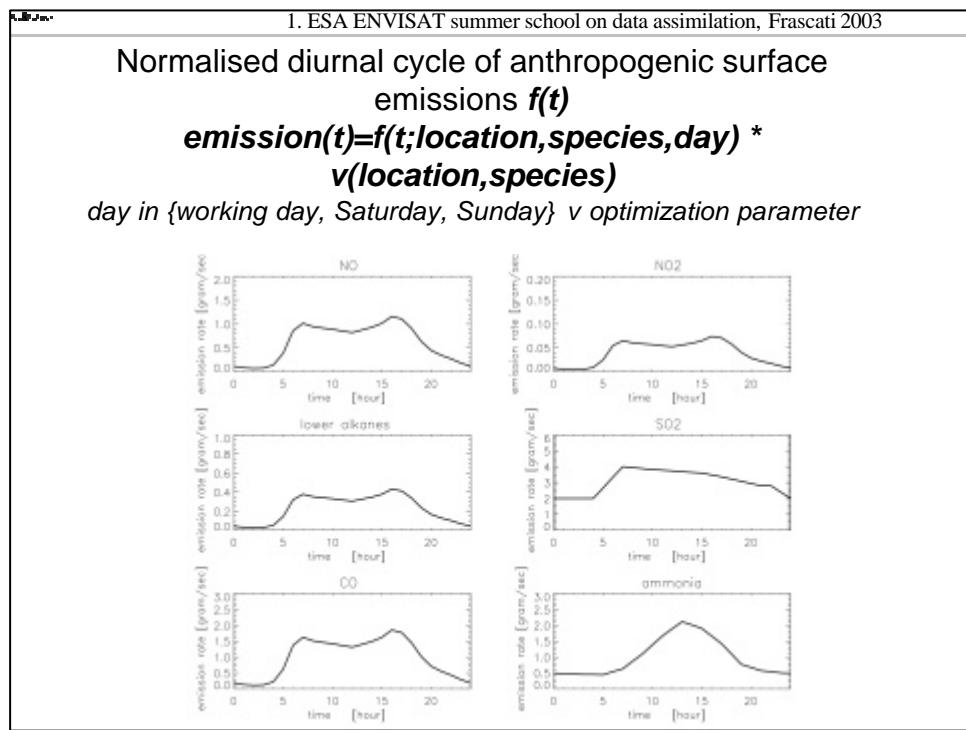
Emission inventory: EMEP

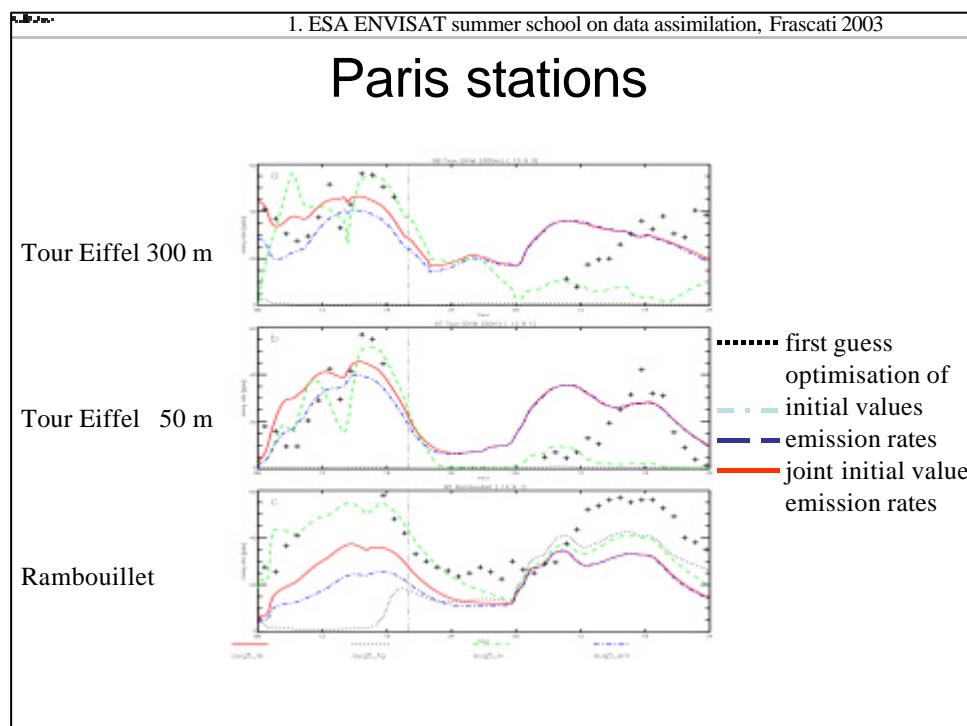
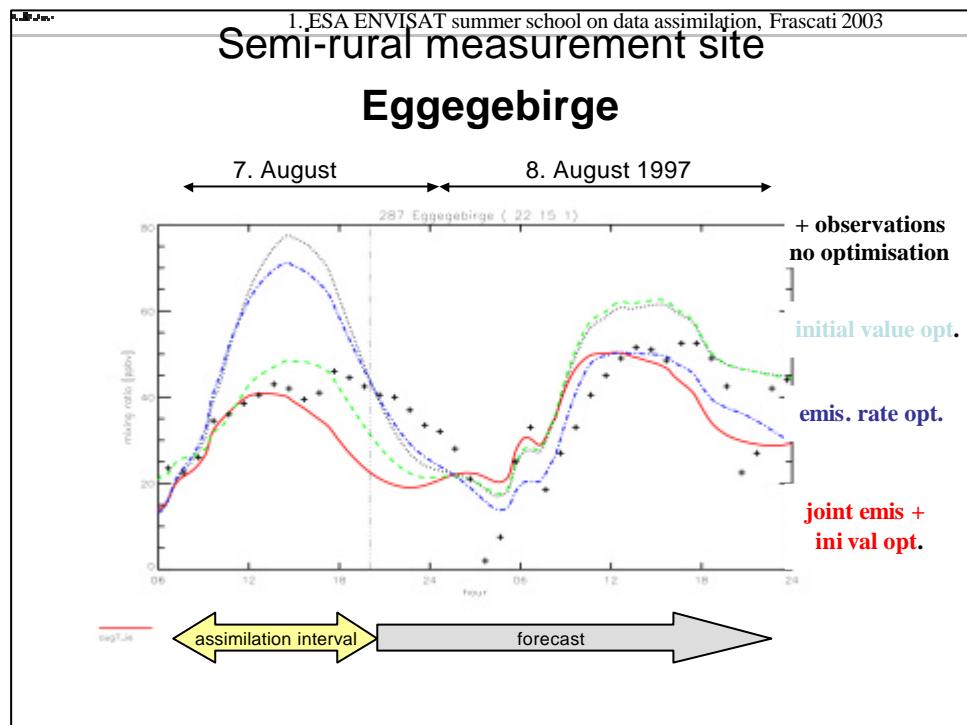
Emitted species:

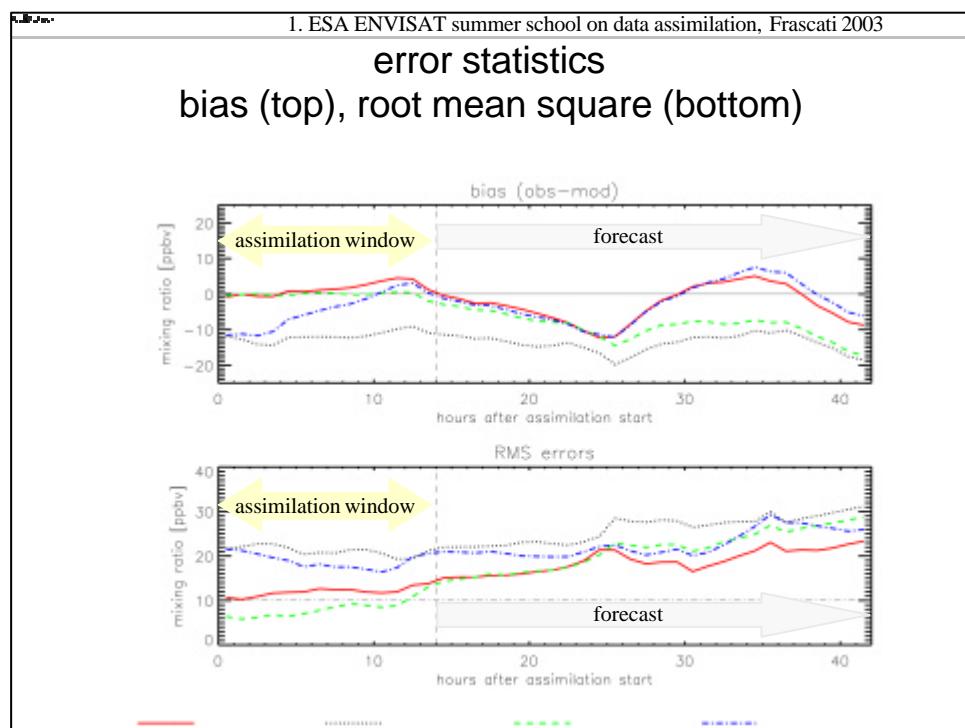
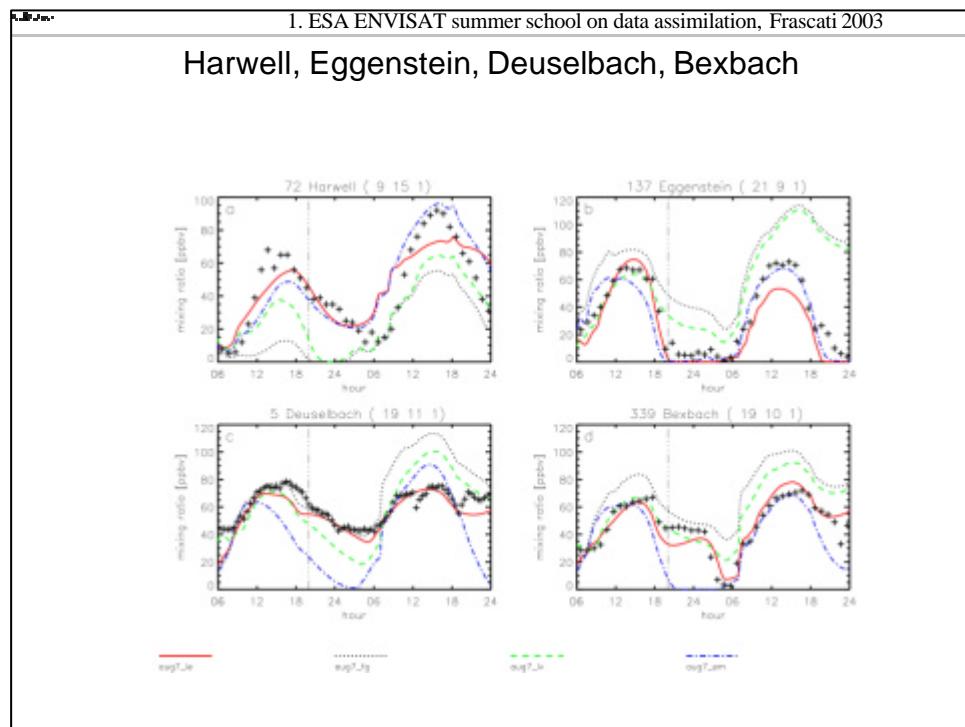
NO_x, NO, SO₂, H₂SO₄, CO,
 NH₃, C₂H₆, HC3, HC5, HC8,
 C₂H₄, C₃H₆, C₄H₈, C₅H₈, CH₃C₆H₅,
 (CH₃)₂C₆H₄, HCHO, R-CHO, KET

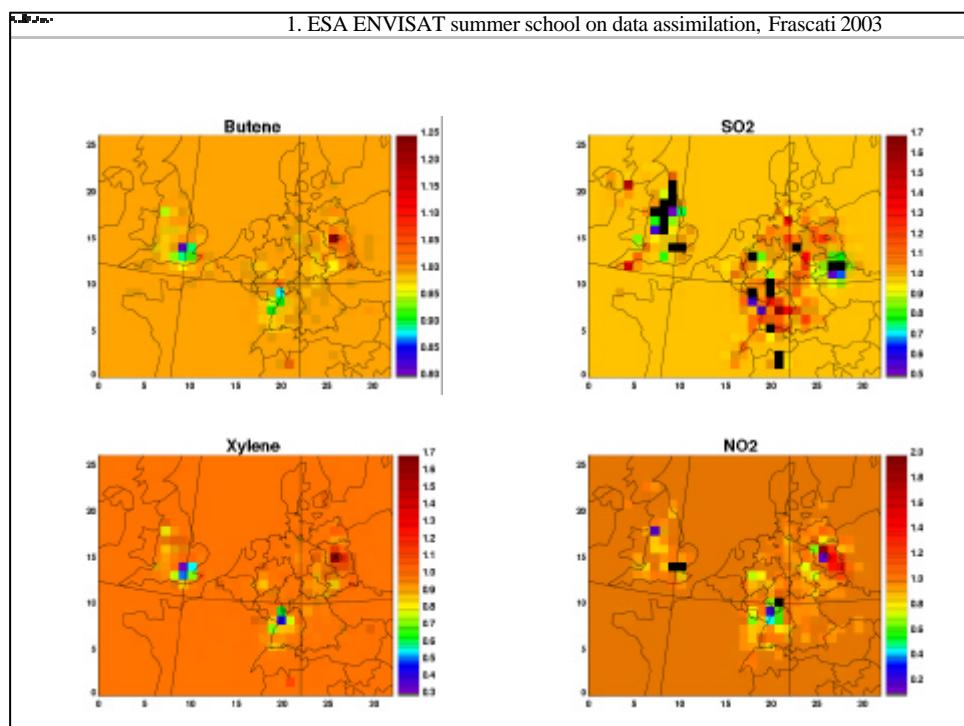
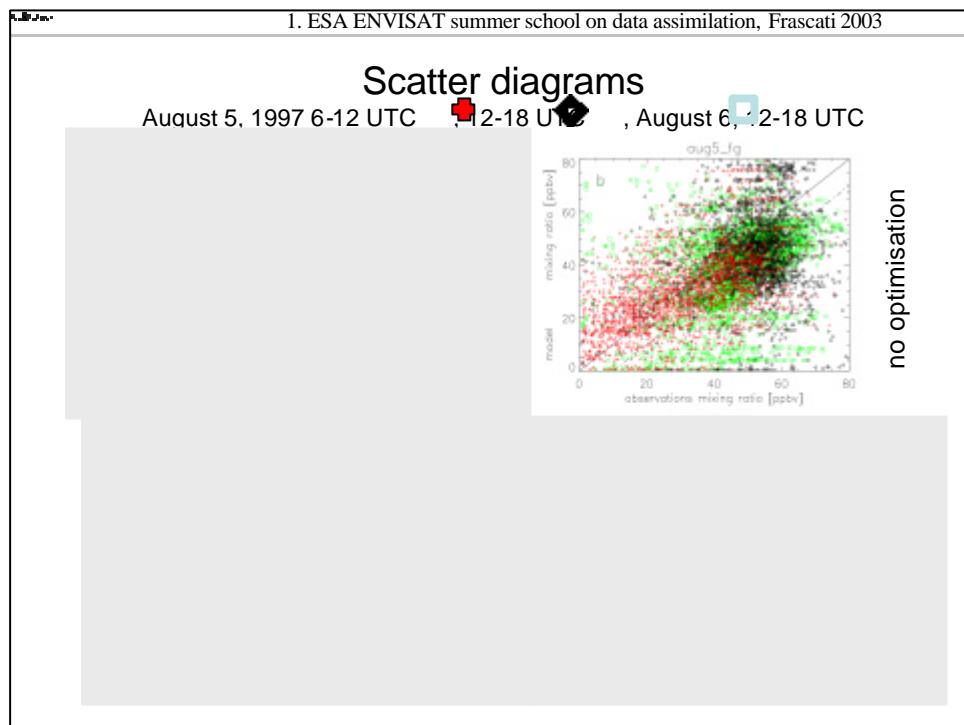
height level emissions (industrial)
 held constant in time

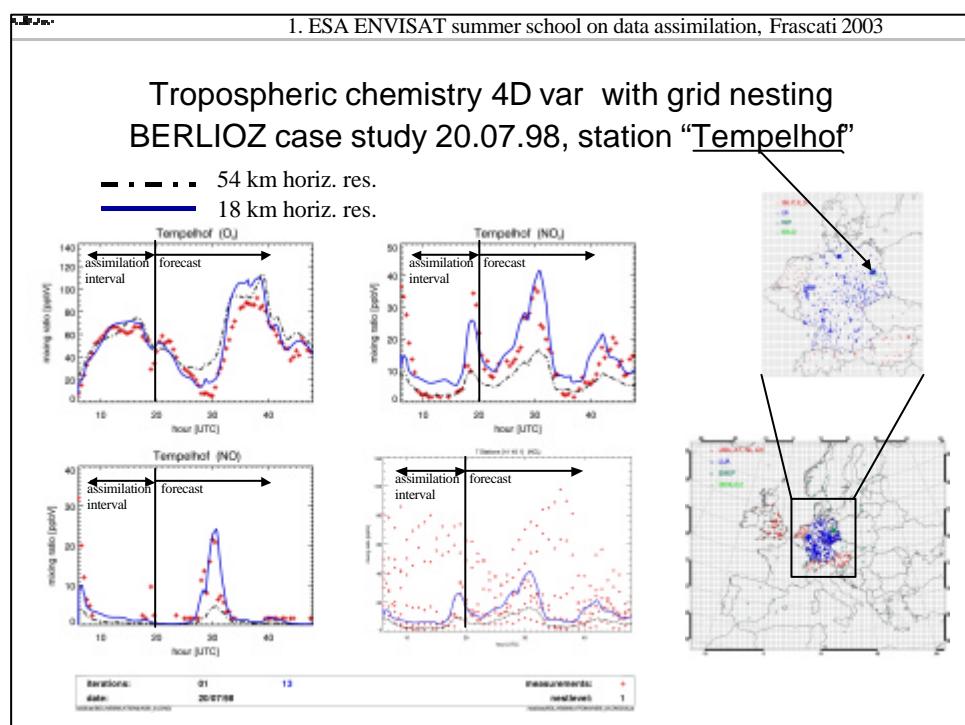
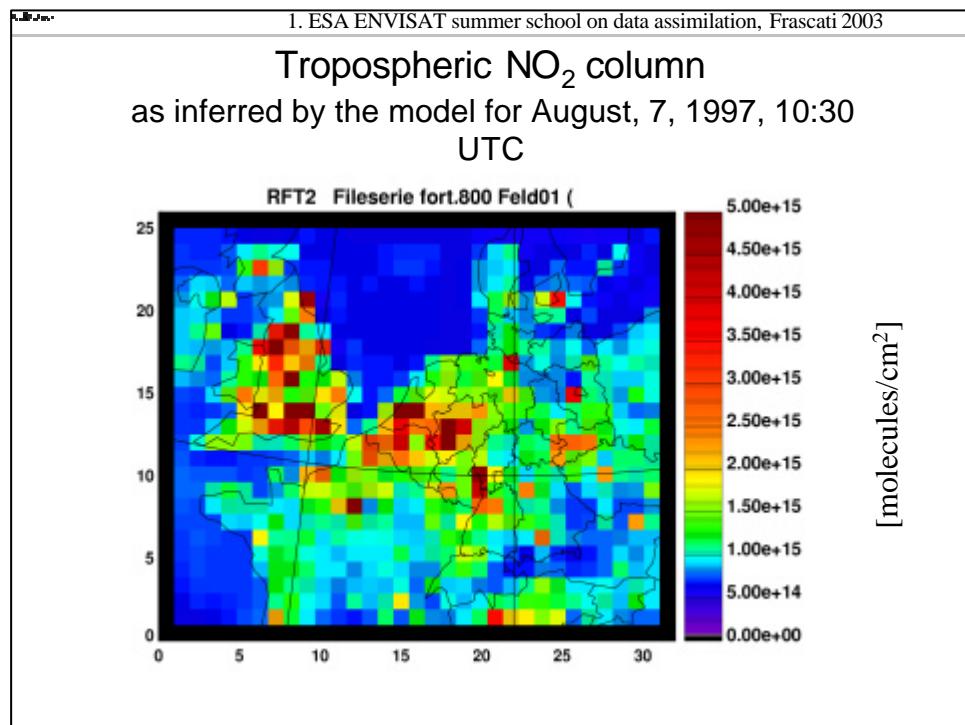
surface level emissions
 (traffic, domestic)
 diurnal variation

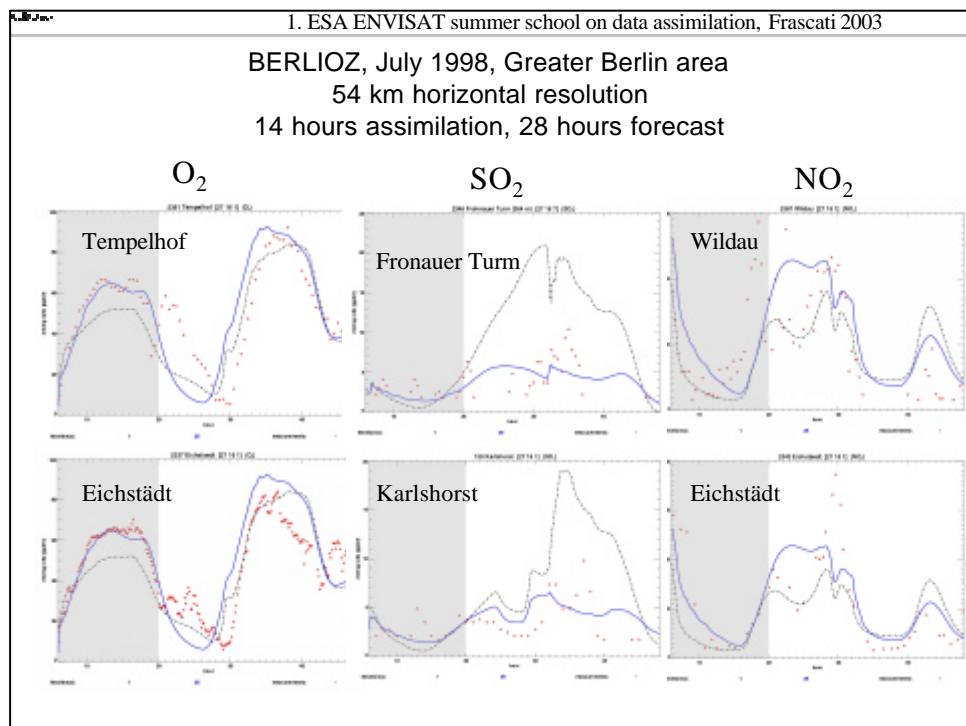
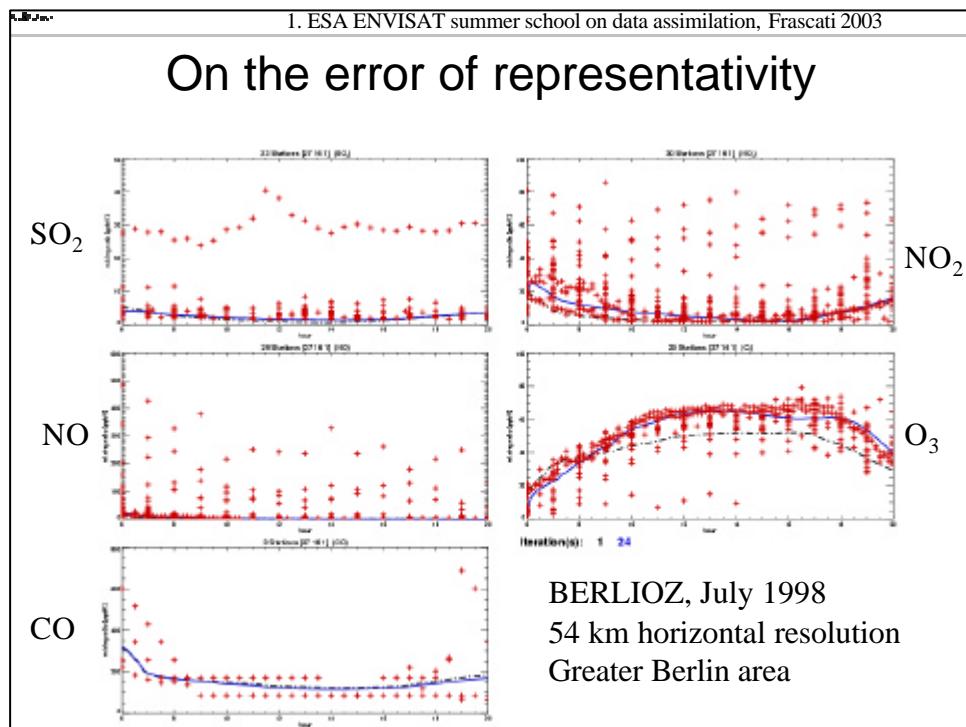


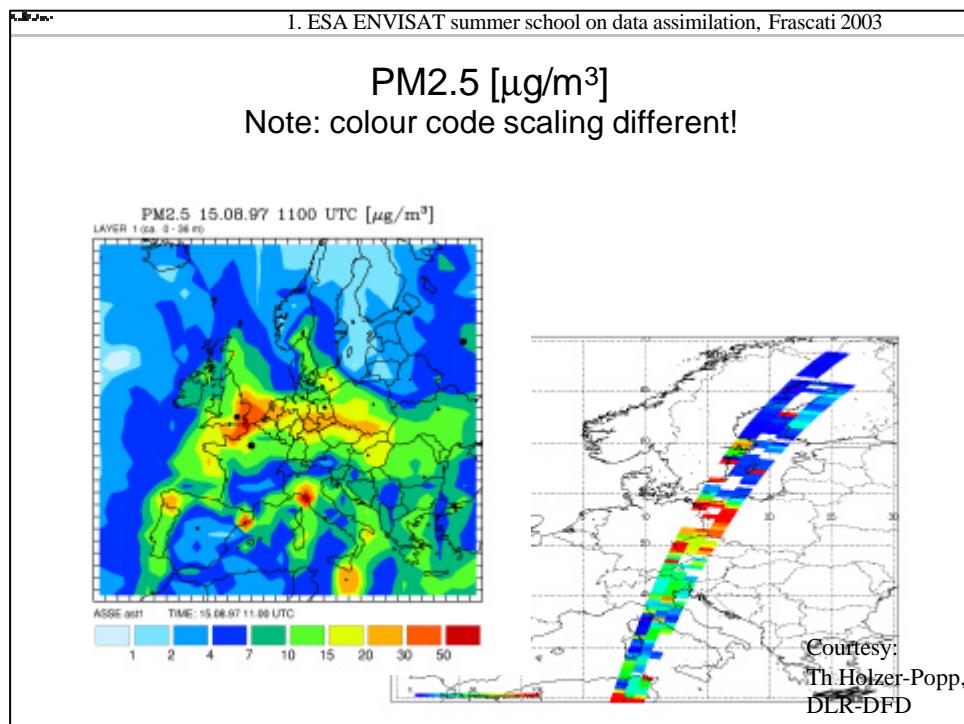
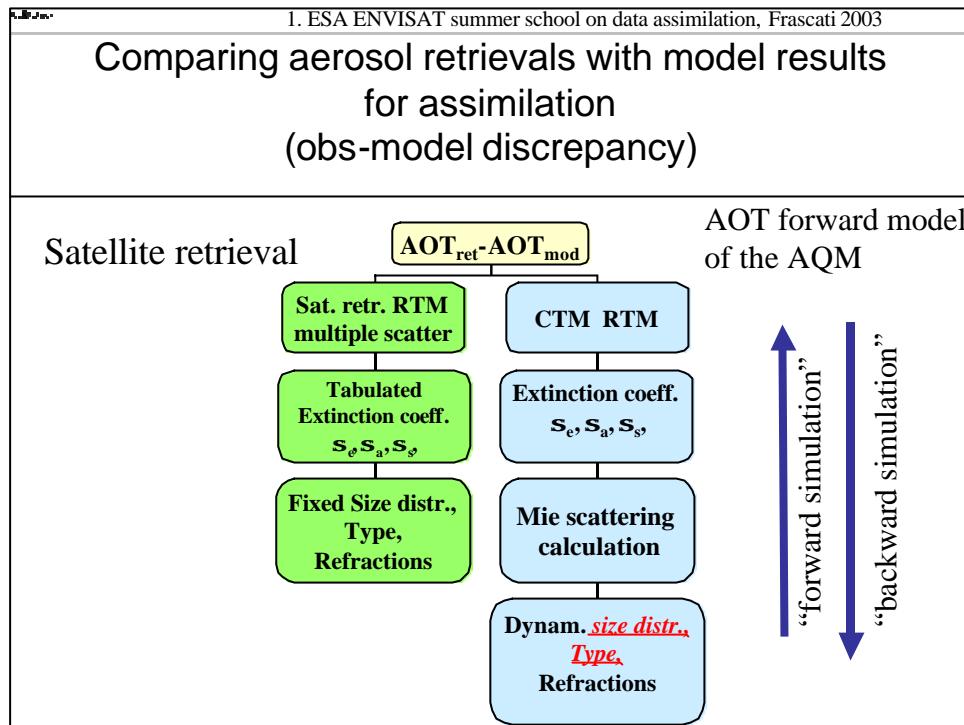












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Stratosphere-Troposphere differences (I)

System observability

- Stratosphere:
advanced data assimilation methods will analyse gas phase states by present and future satellite retrievals with some skill
- Troposphere
gas phase state analysis only feasible by comprehensive a priori (ancillary) system knowledge (e.g.emission characteristics)

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Stratosphere-Troposphere differences (II)

System control

- Stratosphere:
Chemical state (.i.e. initial values) suffice as parameter for medium range prediction
- Troposphere
Emission rates, depositions (dry, wet, sedimentation) exert major system control: to be included as optimisation quantity

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Stratosphere-Troposphere differences (III)

Observation representativity

- Stratosphere:
Representativity error of observations can be expected to be **roughly Gaussian** except at polar vortex and terminator edges (some species)
- Troposphere
“land use” controlled, **frequently not Gaussian**
=> Finer resolution to avoid non-Gaussian methods

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PROs and CONs for variational data assimilation in tropospheric chemistry

Pro: Largely consistent combination of models and observations and other information

Improvement of forecasts and chemical state analyses

Parameter optimisation along estimated uncertainties

Contra: Method is compute and development intense

Error covariances not easy to estimate: inhomogeneity and cross-parameter covariances

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For significantly improved forecasts/analyses we need in the future : (aqueous chem./aerosol focus)

- Numerical complexity reduction methods
(simulate only what really matters)
- Assimilation of observed cloud and boundary layer state
(in routine practice: Doppler radar data both space borne and land)

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