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WMO Sand and Dust Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System (SDS-WAS)

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WMO-WWRP/GAW Sand and Dust Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System SDS-WAS

Mission

To enhance the ability of countries to deliver timely and quality sand and dust storm forecasts, observations, *information and knowledge* to users through an international partnership of research and operational communities

Pre-SDS-WAS history

- **Late 80'es:**
 - First demonstration that SDS dynamic simulations are possible
- **90'es:**
 - First satellite products capable to detect SDS
 - First successful daily SDS forecast test
 - First long-term daily SDS forecasts
- **2000's:**
 - Fast developments in dust observations and forecasting models
 - First tests of data assimilation in SDS forecasting

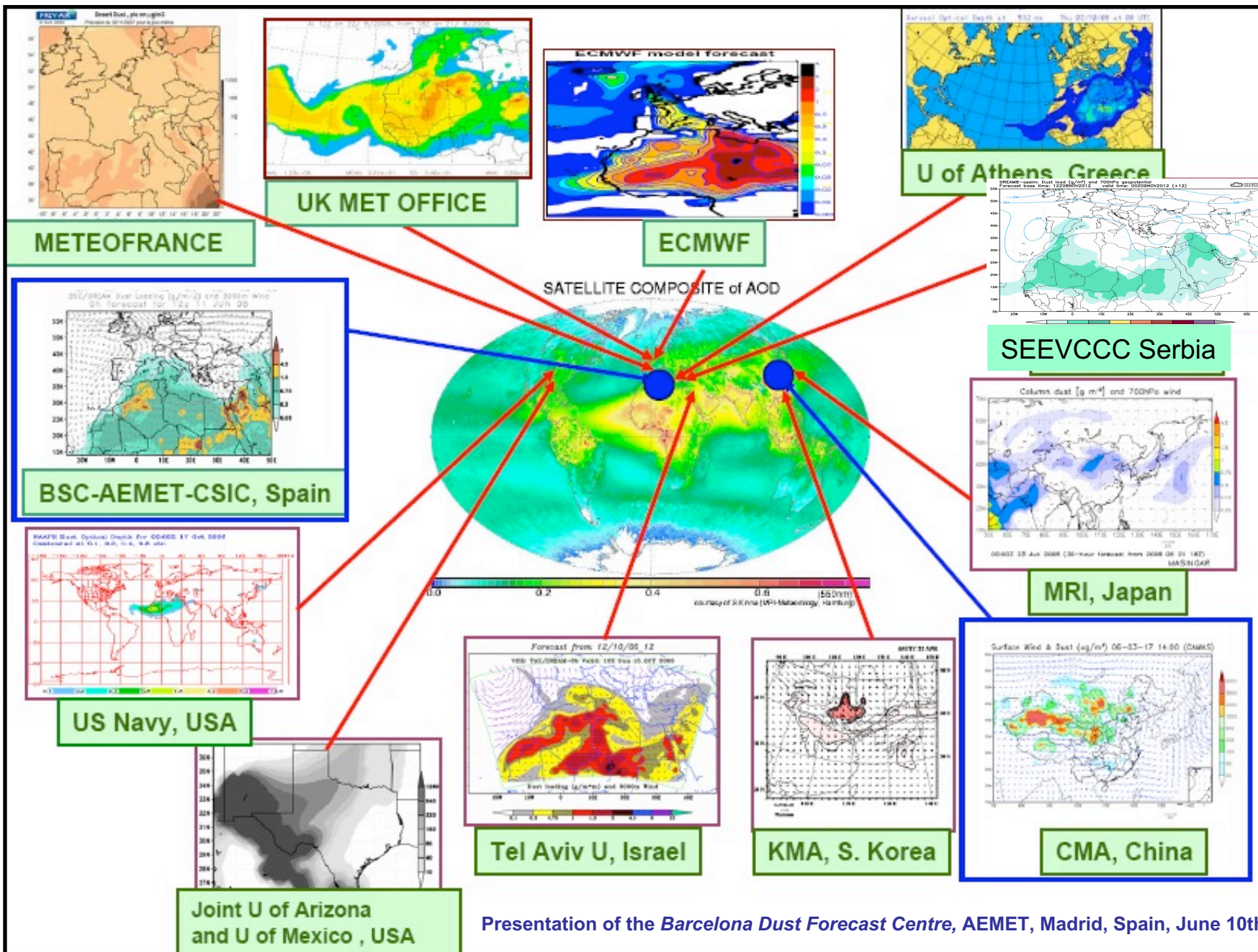
Brief SDS-WAS history

- **2004:** Beijing, China: International Symposium on SDS & a WMO Experts **Workshop** on SDS.
- **2005:** More than 40 Member countries indicated interest to cooperate in SDS-WAS.
- **2007:** the 14th WMO Congress endorsed launching of the SDS-WAS.
- **2008:** the 60th EC of WMO welcomed the establishment of the two SDS-WAS regional centres in China and Spain in support of the corresponding SDS-WAS nodes.
- **2009-2014:** A series of workshops within the SDS-WAS in: Barcelona (Spain), Niamey, (Niger), Ankara (Turkey), Antalya (Turkey), Tsukuba (Japan), Seoul (Korea), Teheran (Iran), Belgrade (Serbia), Kuwait City (Kuwait), Manama (Bahrain), Castellaneta Marina (Italy).
- **2014:** Opening the Barcelona Dust Forecast Centre - 1st WMO Operational Dust Prediction Centre

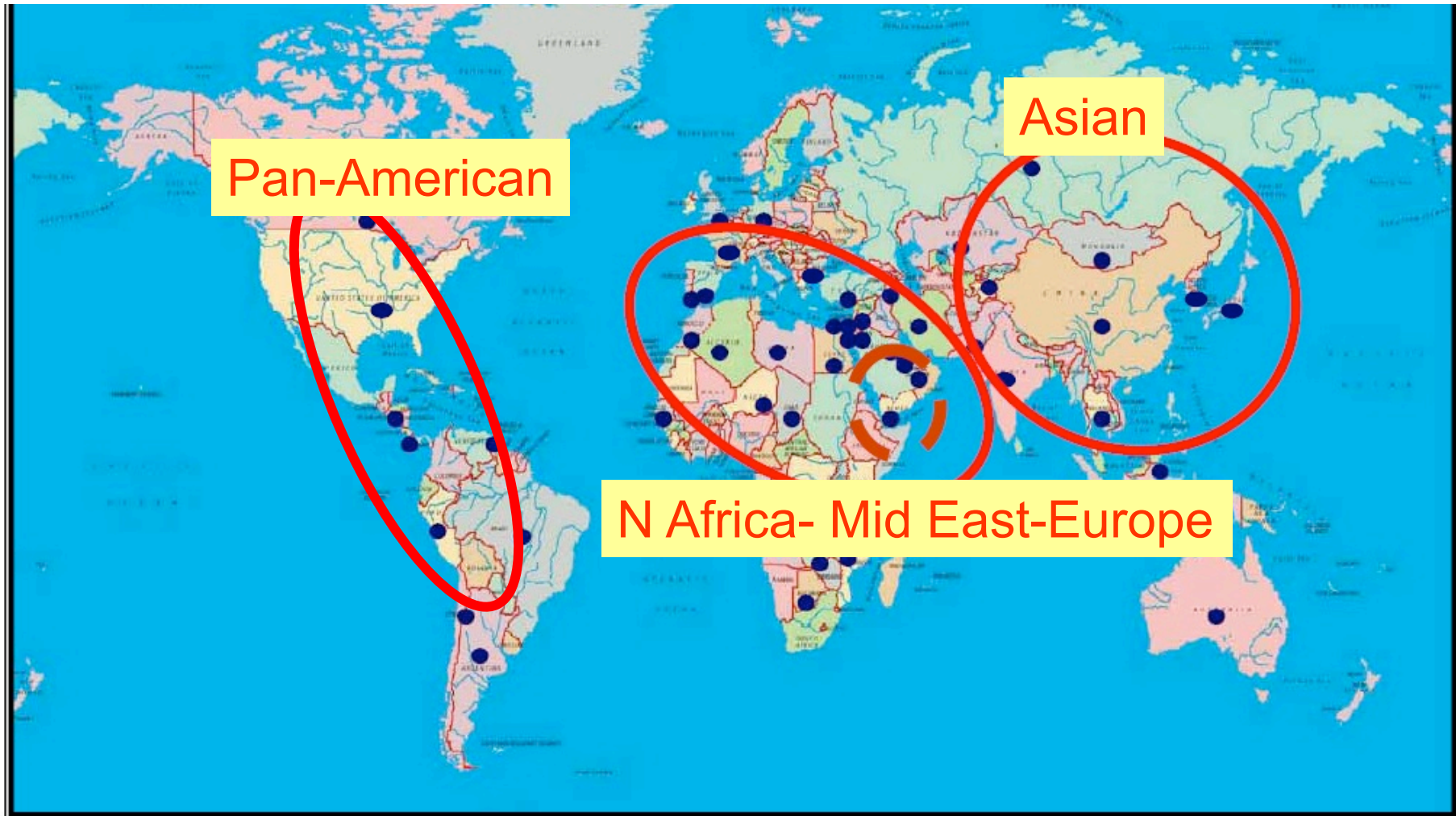
Why SDS-WAS

- **Human Health** (asthma, infections, meningitis in Africa, valley fever in the America's)
- **Agriculture** (negative & positive impacts)
- **Marine productivity**
- **Aviation** (air disasters)
- **Ground Transportation**
- **Industry** (Semi-conductor, Tourism, etc)

Dust forecasting systems



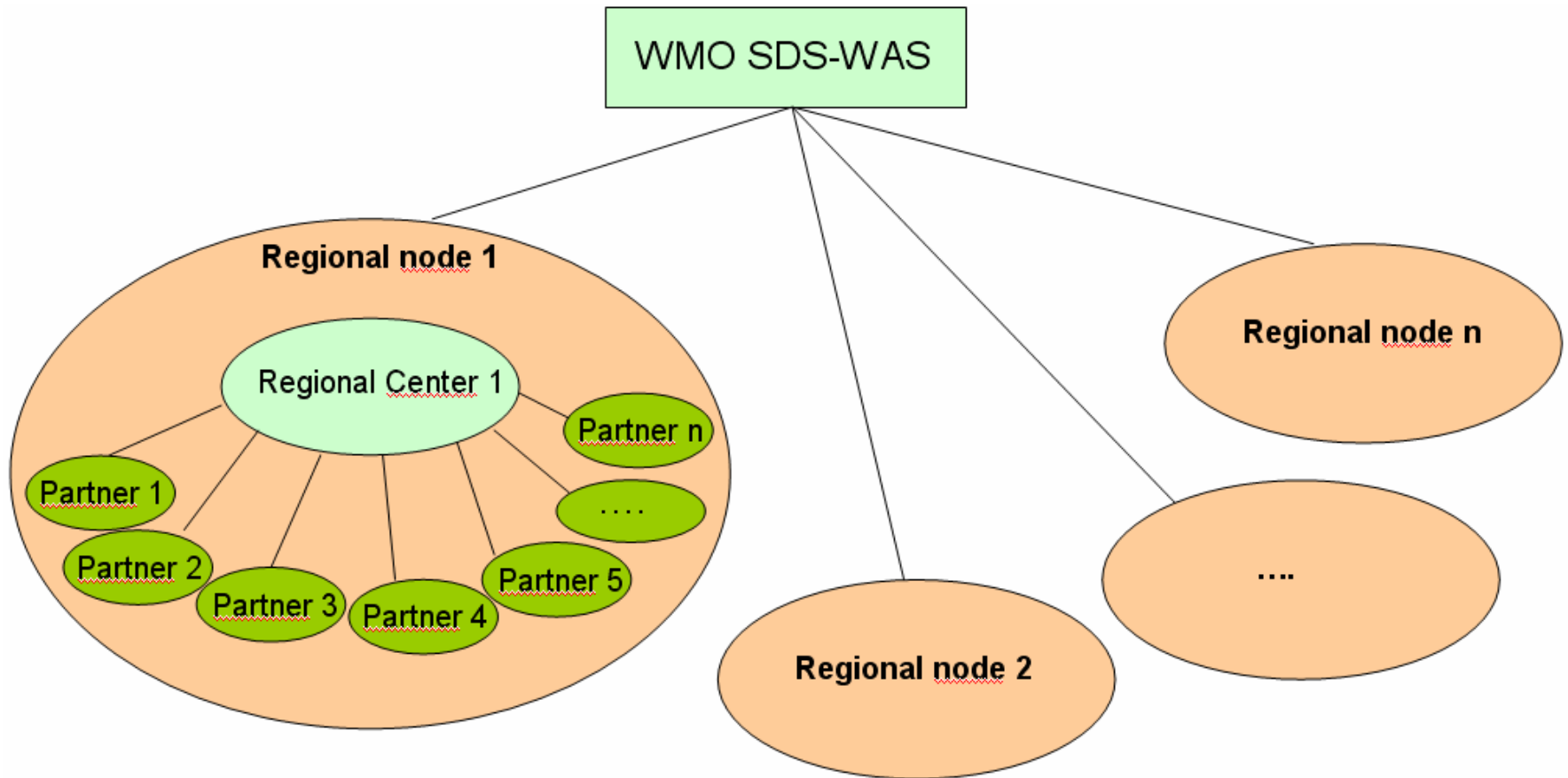
SDS-WAS Activity Nodes: Countries expressed interest to cooperate (40+)



SDS-WAS regional nodes established by 2014:

- **Regional Node for Asia**, coordinated by a Regional Center hosted by the CMA (Beijing, China),
- **Regional Node for Northern Africa, Middle East and Europe** (NA-ME-E), coordinated by the Regional Centre as a consortium of the Spanish State Meteorological Agency (AEMET), and the Barcelona Supercomputing Center – National Supercomputing Center (BSC-CNS),
- **Pan-American Regional Node** hosted by the Chapman University / Arizona University (USA).

SDS-WAS: Federated System



N African – Middle East – European Node

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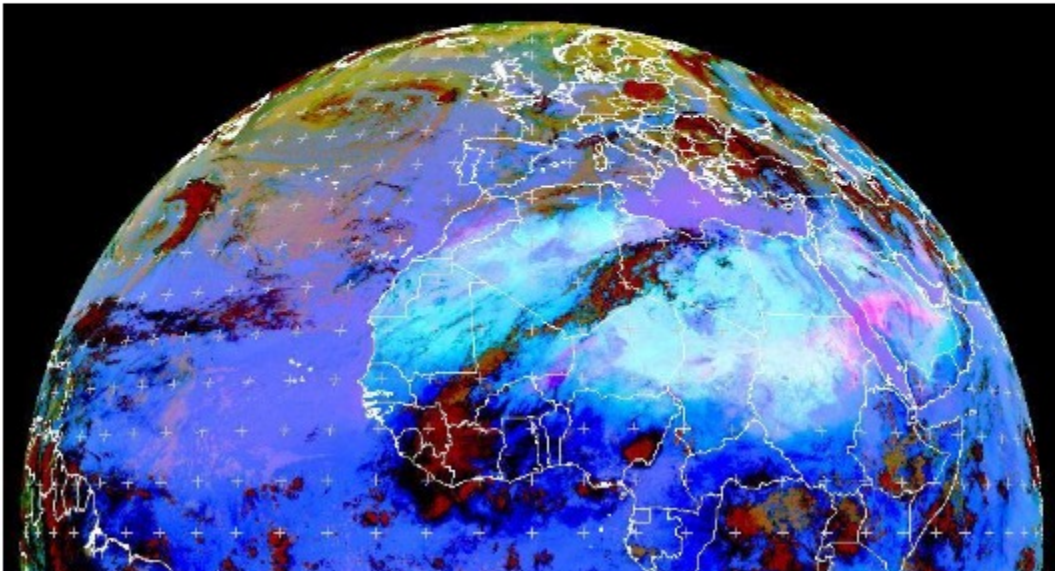
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Northern Africa-Middle East-Europe (NA-ME-E) Regional Center

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LATEST RGB dust image (courtesy of [EUMETSAT](#))



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The U.K. Met Office dust product is available again
May 03, 2011

<http://sds-was.aemet.es>

Asian Node

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FORECAST

Concentration
Movies of surface dust concentration distribution over Asia in 2-hour interval

CUACE/DUST OF CMA

MASINGAR OF JMA

ADAM OF KMA

OBSERVATION

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SDS COLOR INDEX

No SDS
Suspended dust
Blowing sand
Sand And Dust Storm
Severe SDS
Extreme Severe SDS

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News & Event

- Severe Solar Blast Affects China's Communication
- Science Steering Committee
- Workshop on the Implementation of the WMO SDS-WAS Asia Node (28-30 October 2009, Seoul, Korea)
- Workshop on the Implementation of the WMO SDS-WAS Asia

MODEL COMPARISON

CMA JMA KMA Other

Internet

Forecast models in the Asian Node
CUACE/Dust (CMA)
MASINGAR (JMA)
ADAM (KMA)

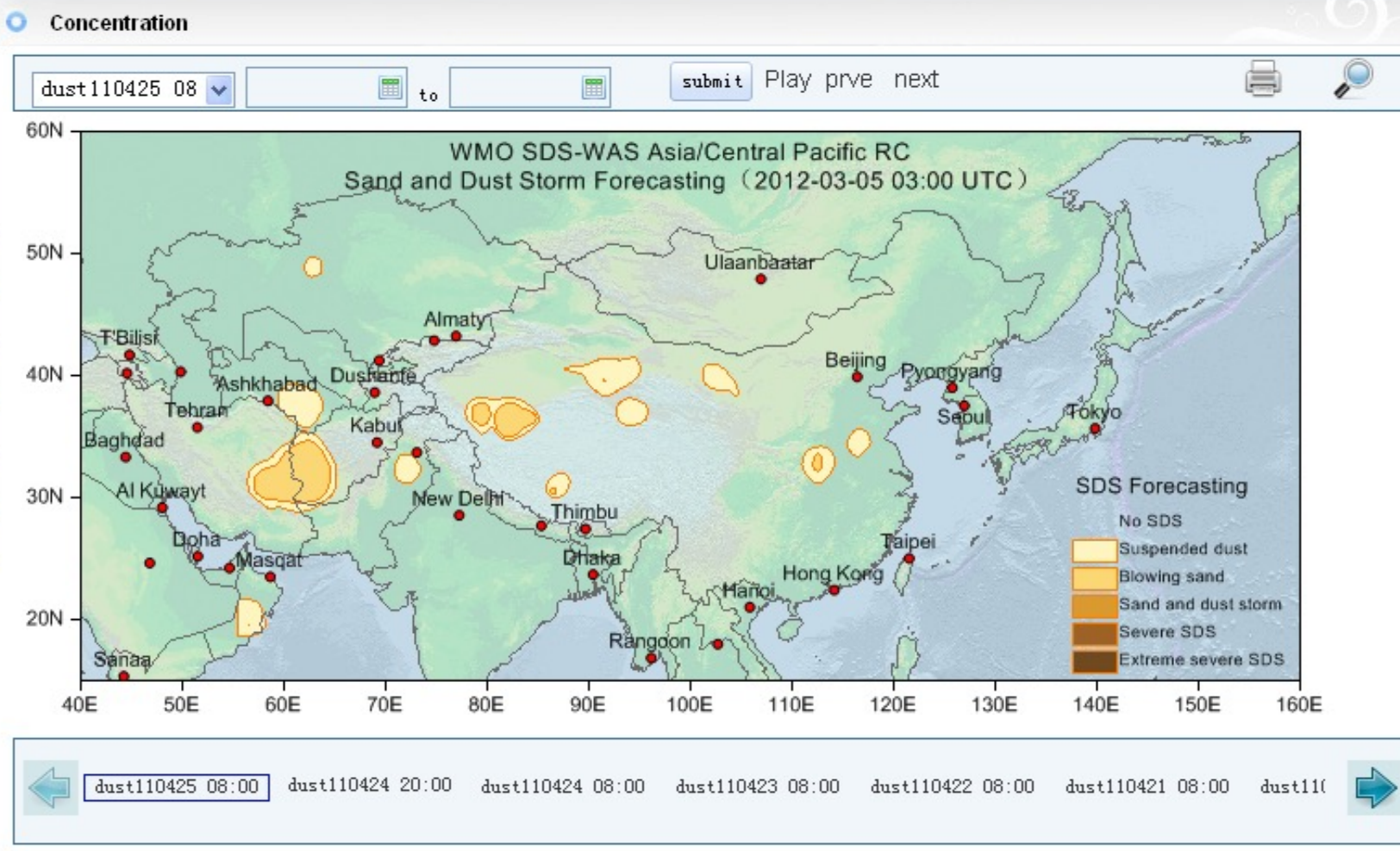
<http://www.sds.cma.gov.cn>



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- Flux
- Deposition
- Forecast Information
- To be decided
- To be decided
- Data Sharing
- Output of CUACE/Dust



Web portal of Asian Node Centre
<http://www.sds.cma.gov.cn>

Operational dust forecast continuously throughout the year on a daily basis

Suggestions of Asian-node

Presented by Sang-Sam Lee and Keiya Yumimoto

- We plan to boost up the activities of SDS-WAS Asian node soon (from Dr. Mikami, chairperson)
- We'd like to ask you to provide global ensemble model results produced by WMO SDS-WAS NA-ME-E node for East Asia region. It will be very helpful for the data assimilation treatment and IC/BC set-up of Asian models(mostly Regional model).
- We'd also like to encourage NA-ME-E node participation in model intercomparison for East Asia region. Through this activity,
 - we can share observation data in East Asia for model validation
 - we can do knowledge sharing for dust/aerosol modelling
 - we believe that model performance will be greatly enhanced.

Pan-American Node

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Dust Storm Forecasting and a Pan-American Sand and Dust Storm System Center

March 5, 2012
Professor William Sprigg
Chapman University; University of Arizona

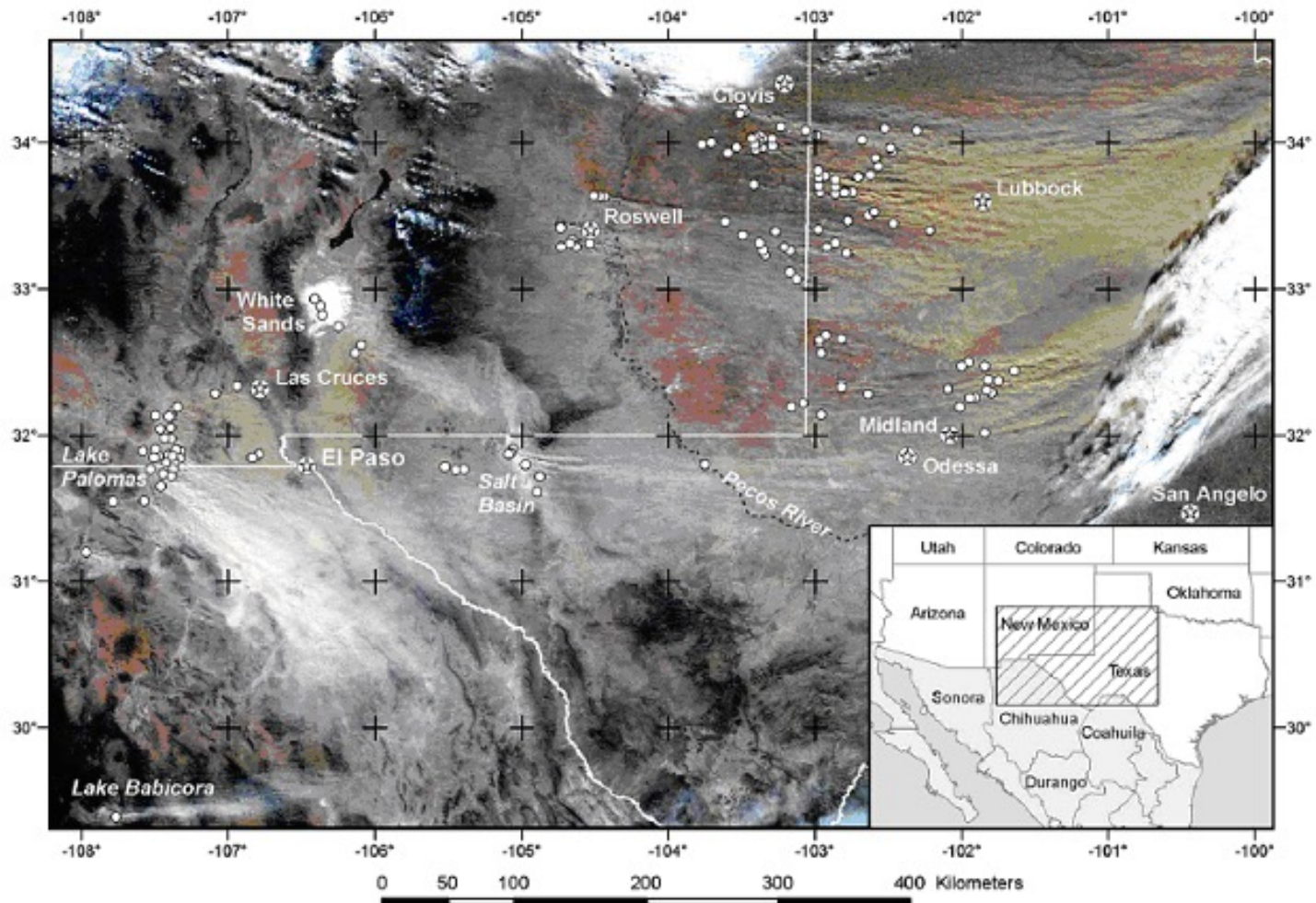
About This Lecture

Advances in forecasting arid-region dust events have evolved in the past decade, thanks to radical improvements in atmospheric modeling and remote sensing. In addition, the implications of airborne dust for weather, climate and human health are better appreciated. The role of climate is significant and sets limits for environmental health risk. NASA-sponsored studies within the Applied Science Program have led to quasi-operational dust storm forecasts and simulations for the U.S. Southwest. A somewhat shaky bridge now links airborne dust research to health services. These and other capabilities are culminating in a Pan-American Center for the World Meteorological Organization's (WMO's) Sand and Dust Storm System. The Pan-Am Center will join centers for Asia and Africa/the Middle-East/the Mediterranean to provide global coverage to the WMO program. The three centers are nodes for contributing data, knowledge and tools to advance science and to speed up and expand applications in this area.

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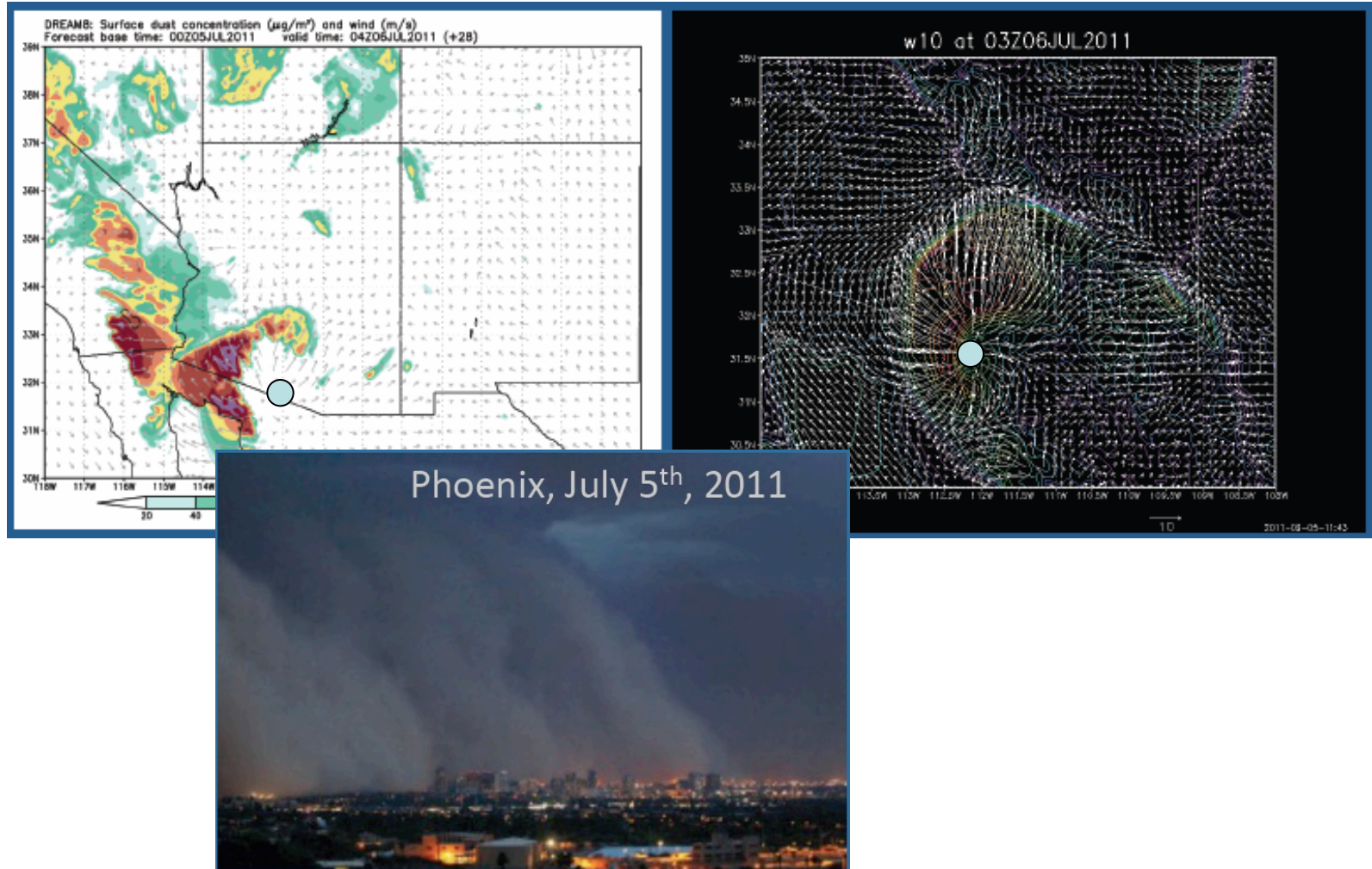
in construction

Dust hot spots in the SW USA



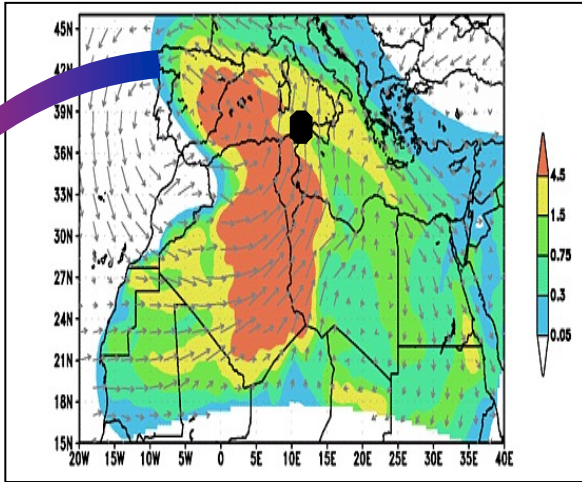
3.5 km model simulation - Phoenix haboob (Pan-American Node)

(a)

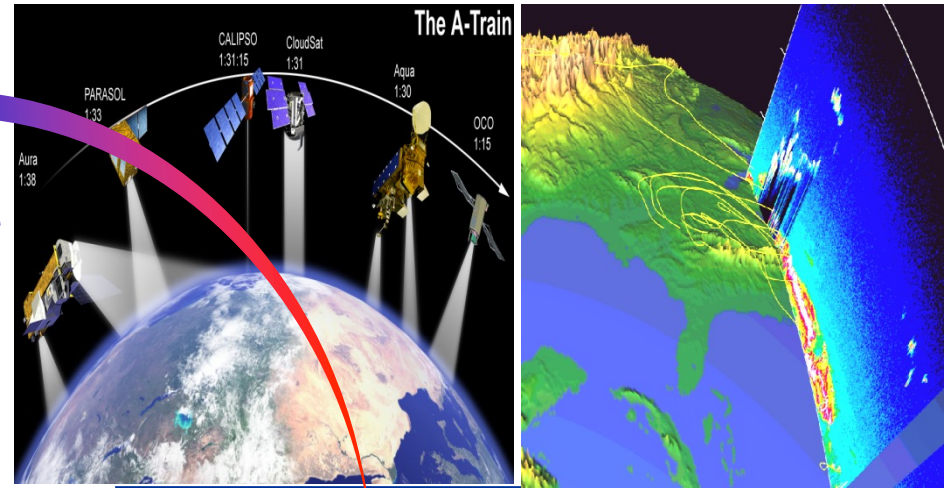


WMO Supported Aerosol and Weather Prediction Research

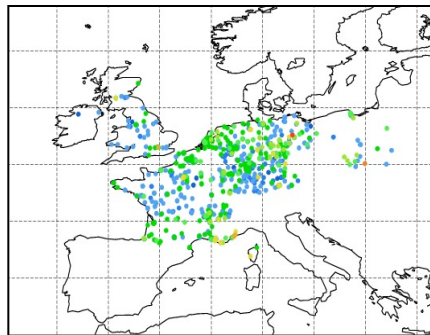
Forecast Models



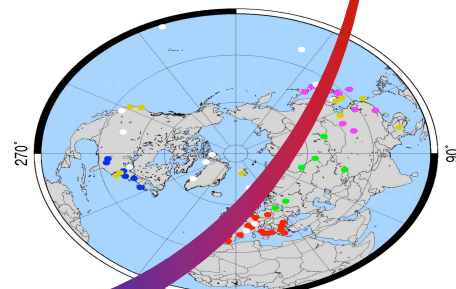
18 UTC, 7 May 2002 30-hr forecast



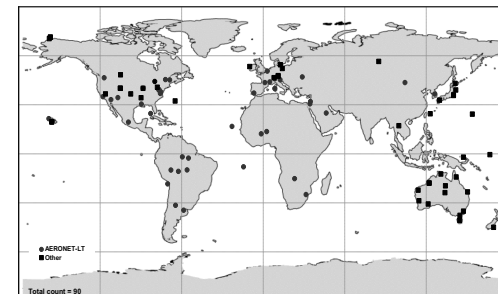
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Geostationary Satellite IR Obs



European PM10



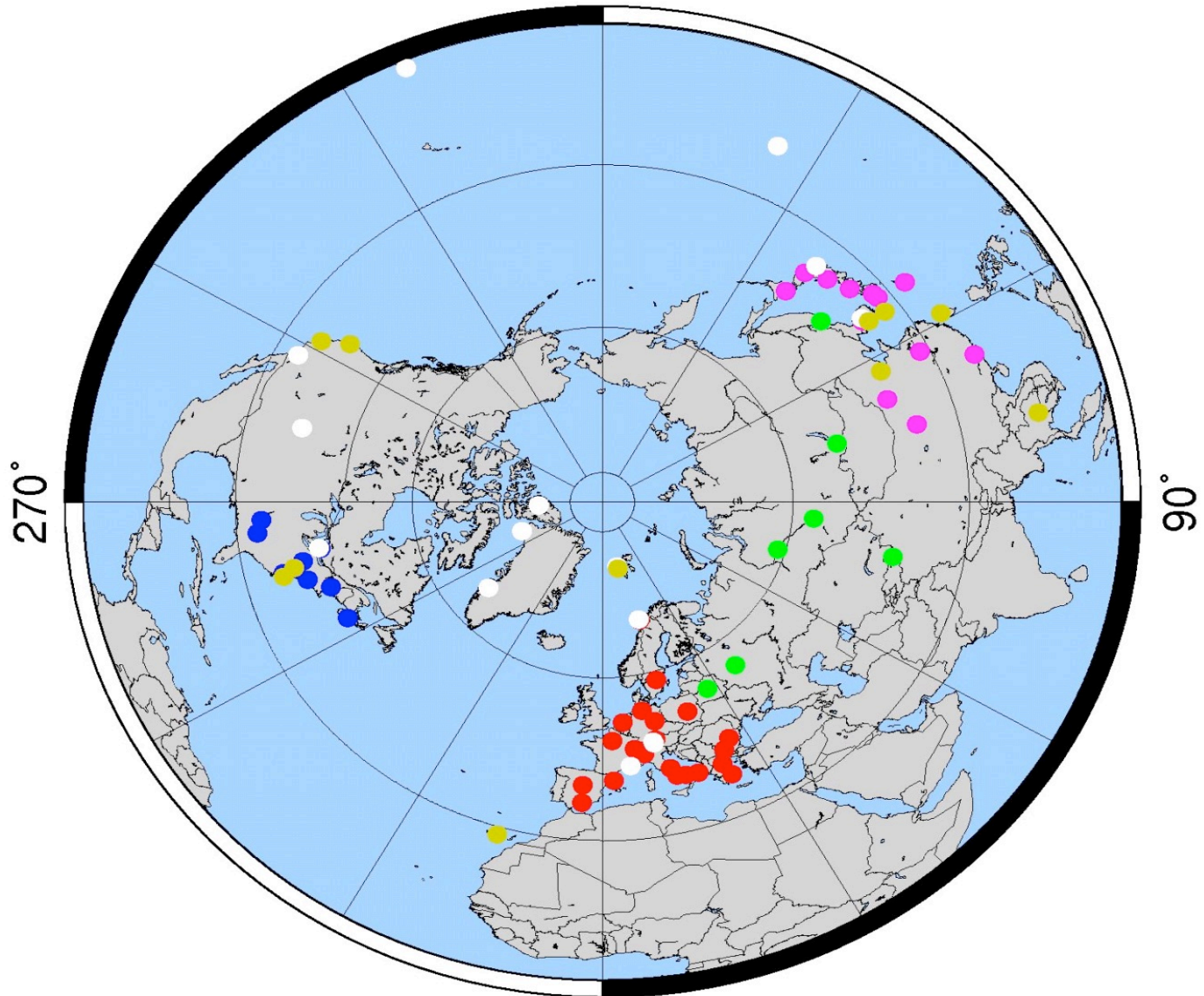
GALION
Surface-based LIDAR



GAW/AERONET/SKYNET
Surface-based AOD

GAW Aerosol Lidar Network (GALION) Northern Hemisphere

AD-NET violet,
ALINE yellow,
CISLiNet green,
EARLINET red,
MPLNET brown,
NDACC white,
REALM blue



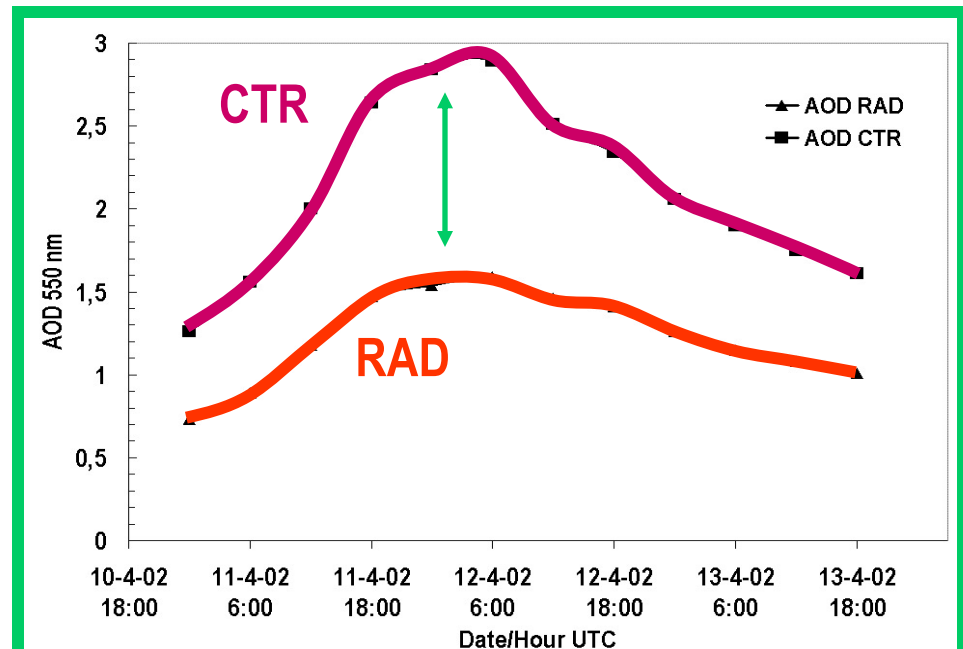
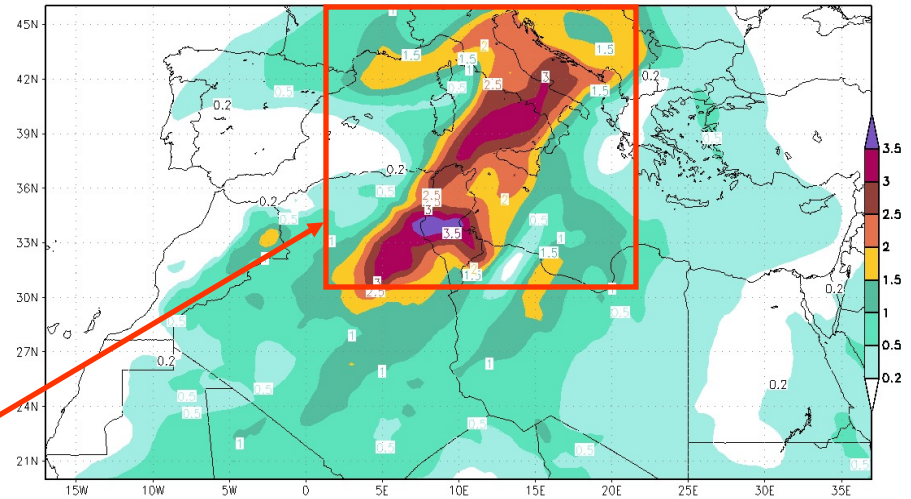
DUST NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

35-45 % reduction of the average AOD over the **area covered by the main dust plume**

Strong negative feedback upon dust emission by dust radiative forcing

From Slobodan Nickovic

12 April 2002 12UTC OPTICAL DEPTH 550nm RAD



Action COST ES1004

European framework for online integrated air quality and meteorology modelling (EuMetChem)



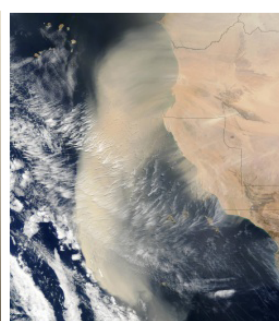
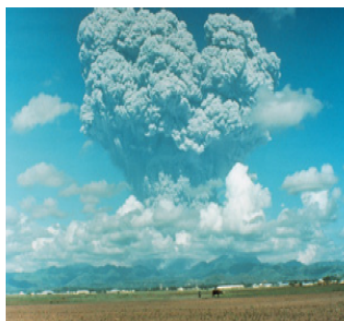
www.eumetchem.info

COST countries: AT, BG, CH, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IL, IT, MT, NL, NO, PL, SE

Chair of the Action: **Alexander Baklanov**, DMI, Denmark, alb@dmu.dk

Co-Chairs: **Sylvain Joffre**, FMI, Finland; **Heinke Schluenzen**, Uni Hamburg, Germany

COST Science Officer: **Stefan Stueckrad**, ssmueckrad@cost.esf.org



The overall objective is to set up a multi-disciplinary forum for online integrated air quality/meteorology modelling and to elaborate an European strategy for an integrated ACT/NWP-CLIM modelling capability/framework.

Benefits for the Society

This European action (involving also key American experts) will enable the EU to develop world class capabilities in integrated ACT/NWP-RCM modelling systems, including research, education and forecasting. More than 40 teams from 19 European COST countries, as well as ECMWF, JRC, WMO, US EPA, NOAA, etc. are already involved in the Action. In detail the action will contribute to

- a better forecasting of severe weather events and their consequences (forest fires, dust storms, flooding, volcano eruption, etc.)
- the reduction of detrimental combined health

The Action aims towards a new generation of online integrated Atmospheric Chemical Transport (ACT) and Meteorology modelling systems (NWP and RCM) using two-way interactions between different atmospheric processes including chemistry, clouds, radiation, boundary layer, emissions, meteorology and climate (Fig. 1). The Action intends to consider at least two application areas of integrated modelling:

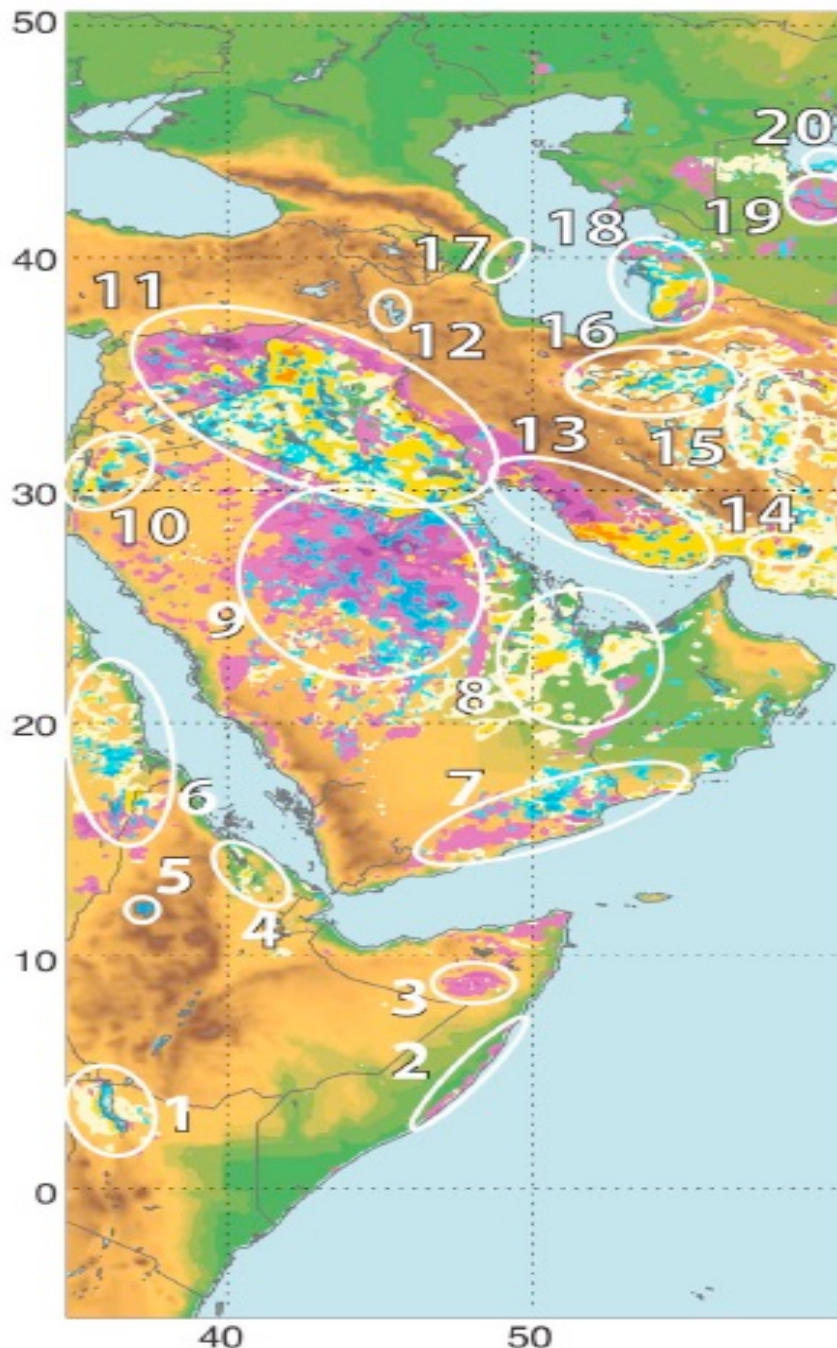
- improved numerical weather prediction (NWP) and chemical weather forecasting (CWF) with short-term feedbacks of aerosols and chemistry on meteorological variables,
- two-way interactions between atmospheric pollutions / composition and climate variability / change.

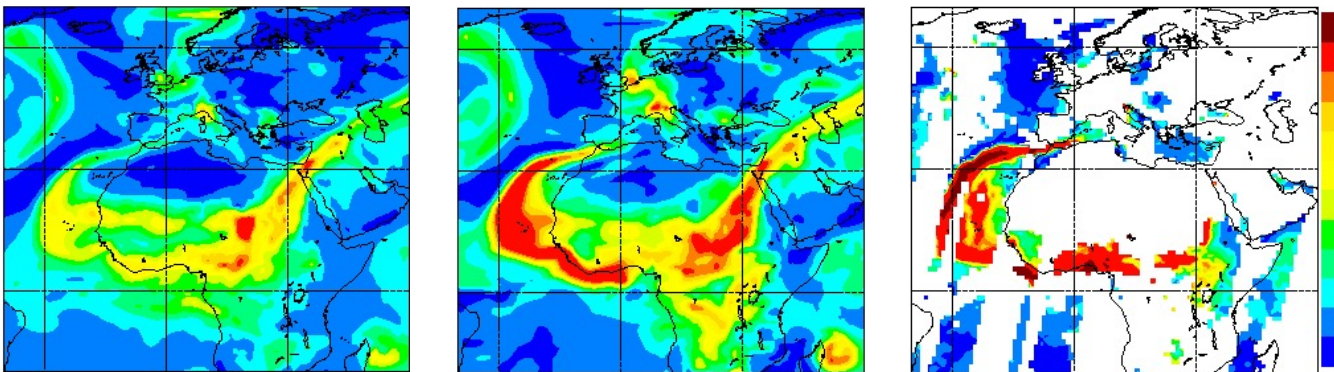
The action covers four working groups:

- WG1 Strategy and framework for online integrated modelling (coordinated by Peter Suppan, Jose Baldasano),
- WG2 Interactions, parameterisations and feedback mechanisms (coordinated by Michael Gauss),
- WG3 Chemical data assimilation in integrated models (coordinated by Christian Seigneur),
- WG4 Evaluation, validation, and applications (coordinated by Heinke Schluenzen, Dominic Brunner, Pavlos Kassomenos).

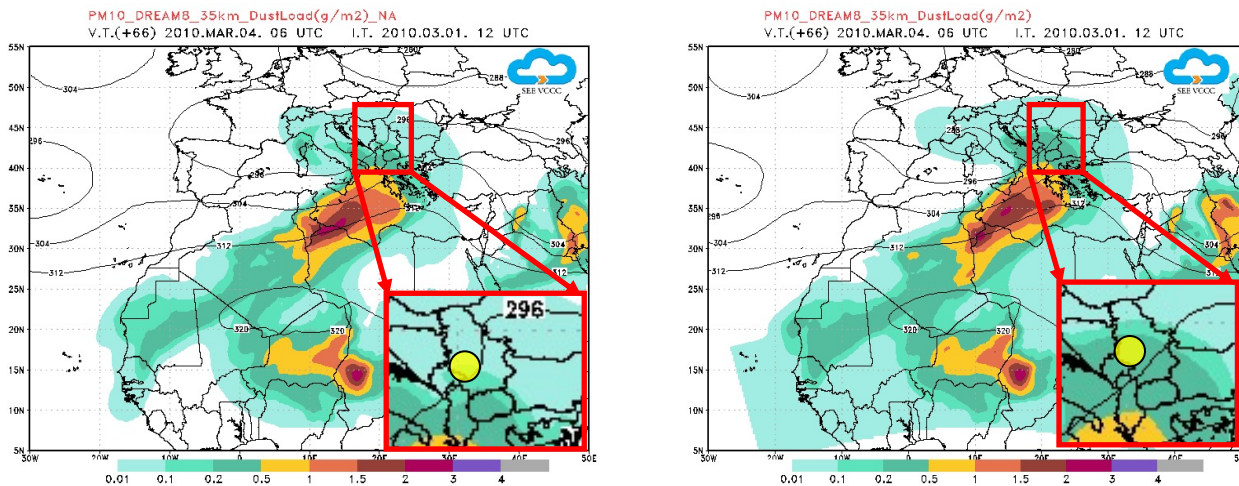
GLOBAL-SCALE ATTRIBUTION OF ANTHROPOGENIC AND NATURAL DUST SOURCES AND THEIR EMISSION RATES BASED ON MODIS DEEP BLUE AEROSOL PRODUCTS

Ginoux et al, 2012





MACC/ECMWF forecast without (left), and with assimilation (central); MODIS satellite observation (right) (Credit: ECMWF)

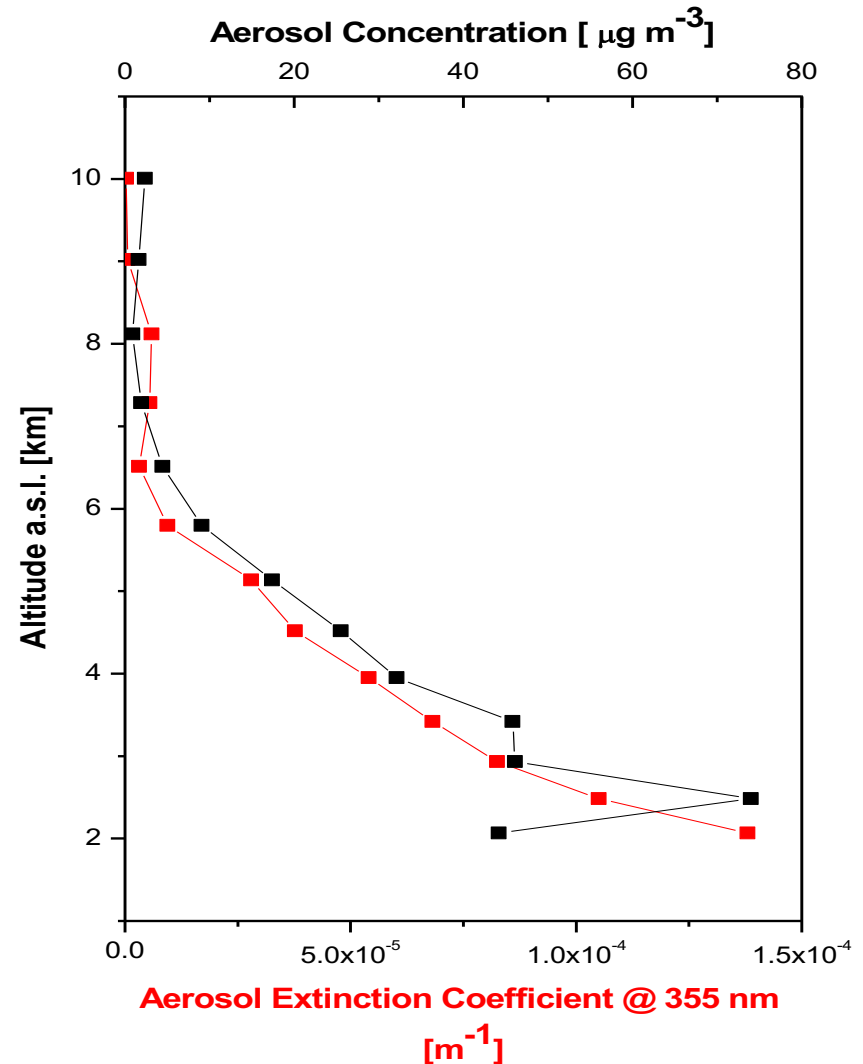


Serbian Met Service NMM-DREAM8 forecast without (a) and with (b) assimilation based on MACC/MODIS (yellow snow case)

HOW GOOD ARE DUST MODELS?

Example: Model validation against lidar observations

A systematic comparison between DREAM model and Potenca EARLINET lidar observations May 2000 – April 2005 period



From Slobodan Nickovic

But also large differences between models...

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UNO ET AL.: DUST MODEL INTERCOMPARISON

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20 March, 2002, 3UTC (Surface dust concentration snapshot)

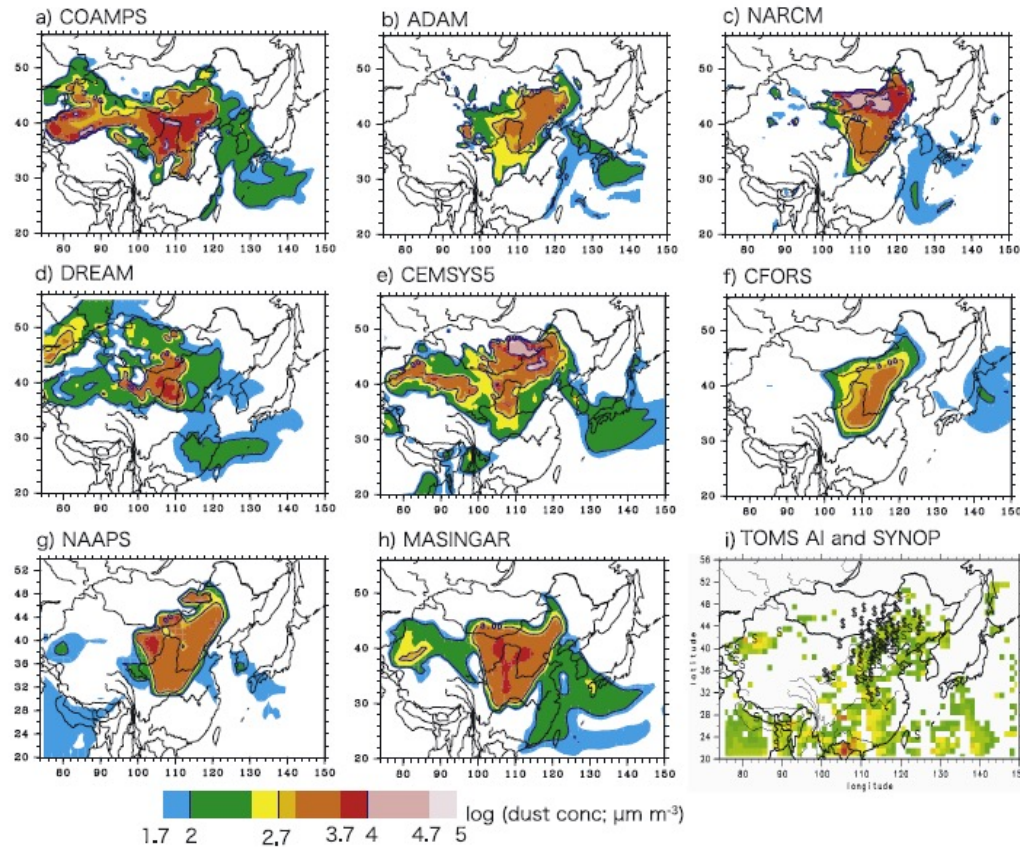


Figure 2. (a–h) Surface level dust concentration for each model at 20 March 2002 0300 UTC. Note that the color range of dust emission flux is logarithmic. (i) TOMS Aerosol Index (color) and individual SYNOP dust report (dollar signs) on that day.

SDS-WAS Implementation and Research Issues

- Improvements/developments of the node portals
- Nodes coordination and establishing the West Asian sub-node
- Model validation and intercomparisons
- Dust reanalysis
- High-resolution dust modelling (1-3 km) – towards non-hydrostatic and cloud-resolving scales
- Data assimilation
- Dust interaction with radiation and clouds and impacts to weather and climate => online coupled models
- Chemical and physical characterization of dust and impacts
- Dust and meningitis



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SDS-WAS Implementation

- **Draft Implementation Plan**

Organizations currently delivering or developing SDS systematic forecasts

Northern Africa-Middle East-Europe (NA-ME-E) Node

- **Members of the SDS-WAS Regional Steering Group (RSG)**
- **First Meeting of the Regional Steering Group**
(24-25 November 2008, Tunis, Carthage, Tunisia)

Asia Node

- **Members of the SDS-WAS Regional Steering Group (RSG)**
- **First Meeting of the Regional Steering Group**
(4-6 November 2008, CMA, Beijing, China)
- **Workshop on the Implementation of the WMO SDS-WAS Asia Node**

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