



# ENVIRO-HIRLAM: An online integrated system

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## INTRODUCTION - PRE

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Offline coupled models: DERMA, CAC

Steps towards ENVIRO-HIRLAM:

- Improved representation of pbl. and sl.
- 'Urbanisation' of the NWP model
- Improvement of advection schemes
- Implementation of chemical mechanisms
- Implementation of aerosol dynamics
- Realisation of feedback mechanisms (microphysics)
- Assimilation of monitoring data



## INTRODUCTION - MOTIVATION

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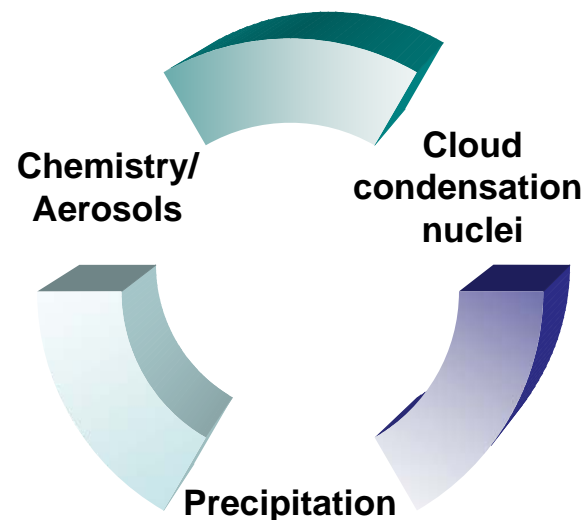
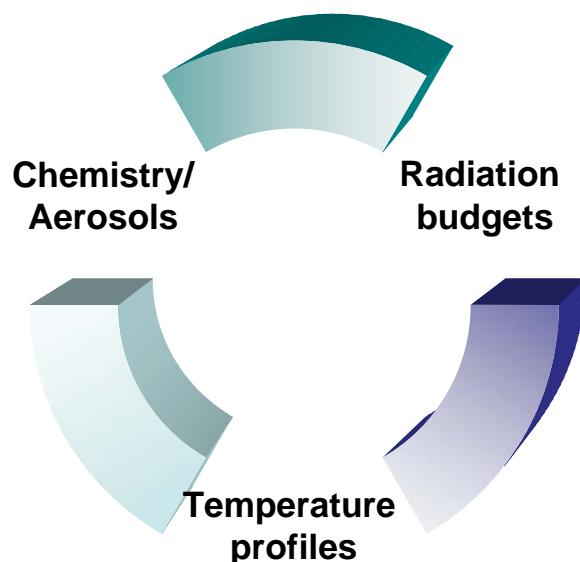
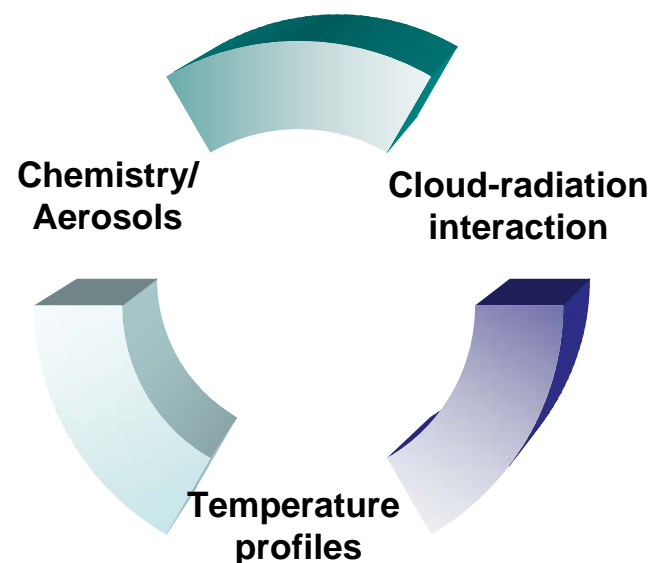


- Environmental: air pollution forecasts; pollen, ozone
- Short range weather forecasting
- Climate: direct effects, indirect effects, semi-direct effects, large scale dynamical feedbacks



## INTRODUCTION - FEEDBACKS

- Photochemistry effect
- Daytime stability effect
- Indirect effect
- Semi-direct effect
- Smudge-pot effect
- Self-feedback effect





## INTRODUCTION - DEFINITIONS



### **off-line models comprise:**

Separate CTMs driven by meteorological input data from meteo-preprocessors, measurements or diagnostic models

Separate CTMs driven by analysed or forecasted meteo-data from NWP archives or data sets

Separate CTMs reading output files from operational NWP models or specific MetMs with limited temporal resolution (e.g. 1, 3, 6 hours)

### **on-line models comprise:**

On-line access models when meteo-data is available at each time step

On-line integration of a CTM into a MetM; feedbacks are possible: **on-line coupled modeling**



## OUTLINE AND OBJECTIVE

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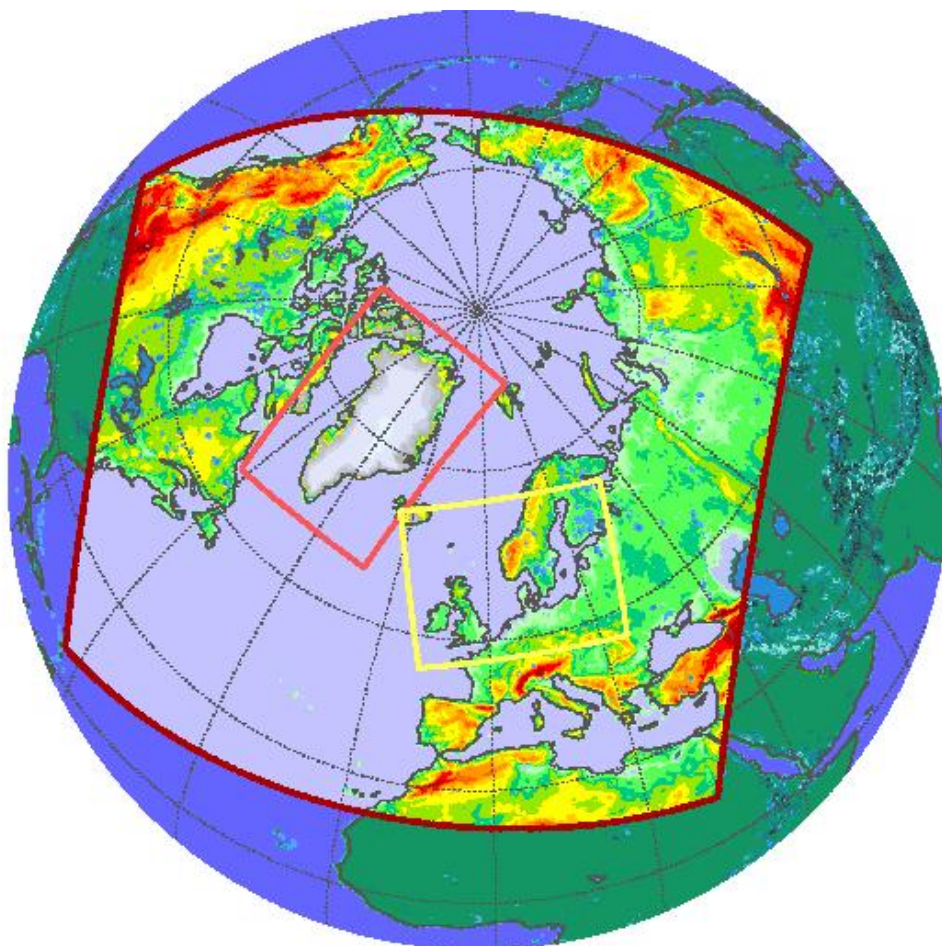


**Objective:** To illustrate differences between on-line and off-line coupled models

1. Introduction – Perspective
2. Model description
3. Model evaluation
4. On-line/Off-line Comparison
5. Feedbacks
6. Conclusions
7. References and acknowledgements



## DMI-ENVIRO-HIRLAM - OPERATIONAL



Model identification	T15	S05
grid points (mlon)	610	496
grid points (mlat)	568	372
number of vertical levels	40	40
horizontal resolution (deg)	0.15°	0.05°
time step (dynamics)	360s	120s
time step (physics)	360s	120s
host model	ECMWF	T15

U01: 1.4 km resolution covering part of Denmark



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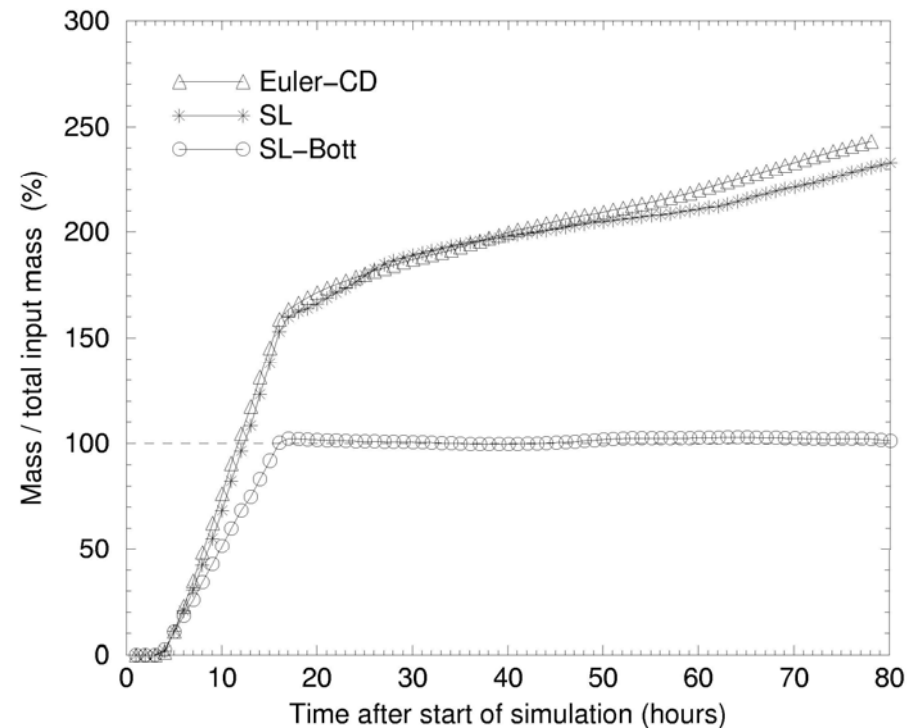


- 3d-var/4d-var upper air data-assimilation
- Surface data assimilation
- Boundary layer height: Ri approach (*Toren and Mahrt, 1986*)
- Vertical diffusion: CBR-scheme (*Cuxart et al., 2000*)  
Coefficient defined by mixing length formulation in  
Stable/unstable conditions





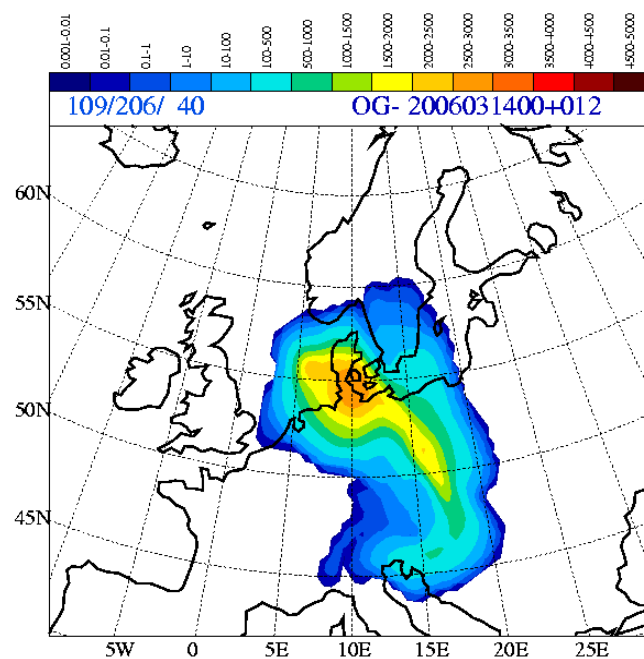
- Bott advection (*Bott, 1989*) + Easter update for tracers (*Easter, 1993*); 4<sup>th</sup> order polynomials in x and y; 2<sup>nd</sup> order polynomials in z; uses lower time step than meteorology.
- Semi-Lagrangian for meteorology
  - Risk of mass-wind inconsistency
- Non-staggered finite differences (vertical)
- Hybrid coordinate  $\eta$ :  
$$P = A(\eta) + B(\eta) P_{\text{surface}}$$
$$A=0; \sigma - \text{coordinates}$$
$$B=0; P - \text{coordinates}$$
- Arakawa C grid
- Implicit 4<sup>th</sup> horizontal diffusion



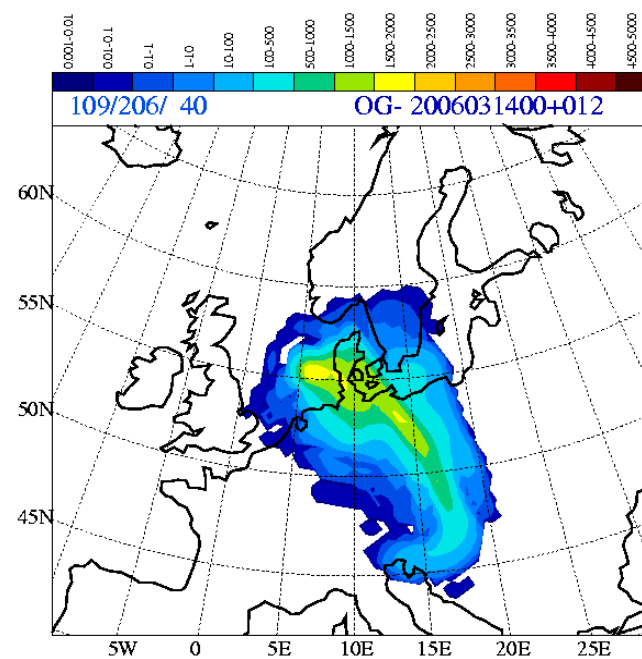
Mass conservation test for ETEX release



## ETEX 1, 48 hours after start of release



Semi-Lagrangian



Bott



- Emissions -> Eulerian point sources
- Particle size dependent parameterizations for dry and wet deposition
- Resistance approach for dry deposition (*Wesley, 1989; Zanetti, 1990*)
- Terminal settling velocity in different regimes:
  - Stokes' law
  - non-stationary turbulence regime
  - correction for small particles
- Dependent on land use classification
- Below-cloud scavenging (washout); precipitation rates (*Baklanov & Sørensen, 2001*)
- Scavenging by snow (*Maryon et al., 1996*)
- Different scavenging of particles and gases



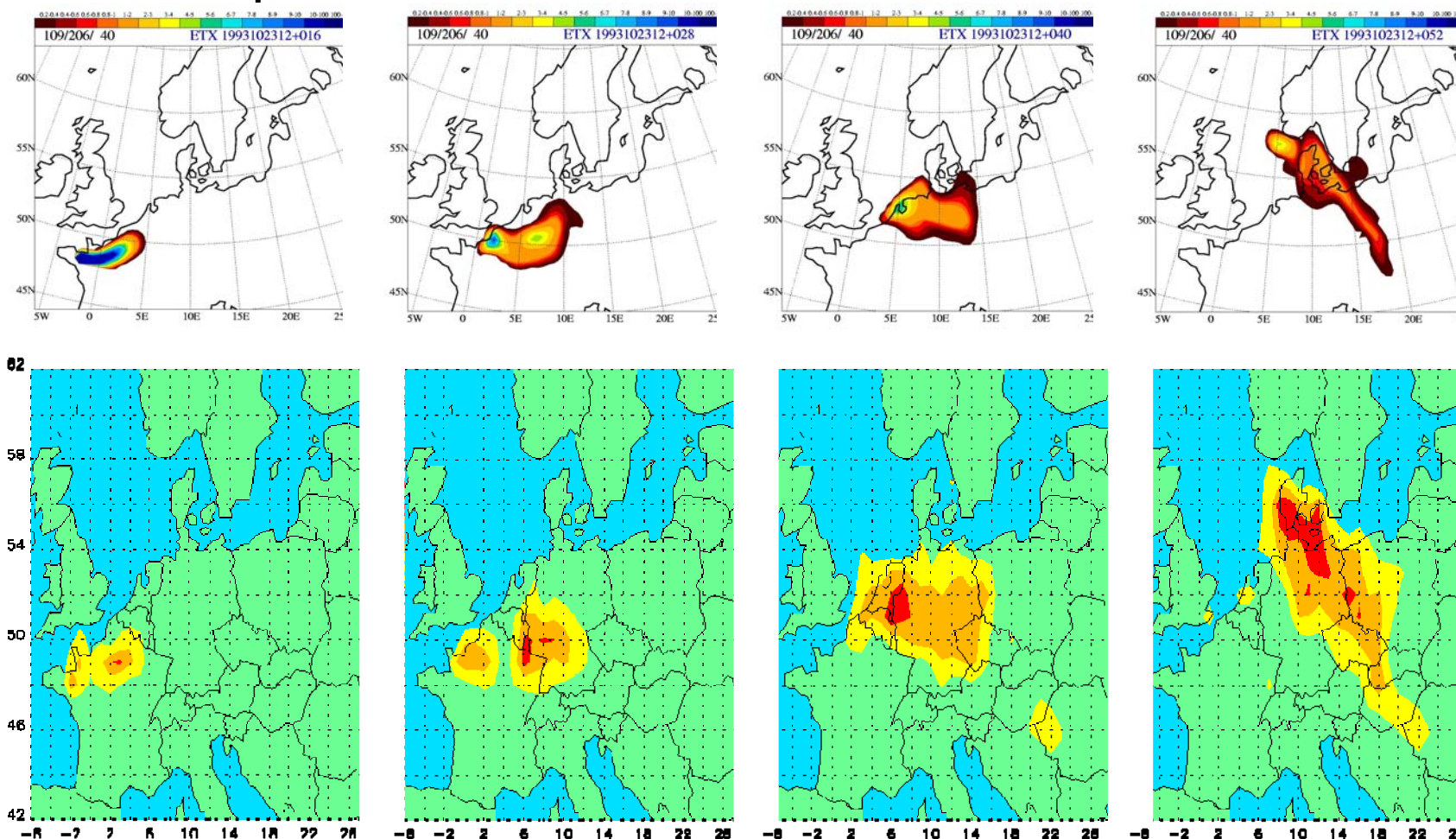
## DMI-ENVIRO-HIRLAM - NEXT



- Rainout into 3D clouds (based on on-line coupling):
  - convective precipitation
  - stratiform precipitation
- Implementation of chemical mechanisms
- Implementation of aerosol dynamics



## EVALUATION – ETEX-1



Tracer concentration ( $\text{ng/m}^3$ ) at 12, 24, 36, 48 hours after start of release.

Top panel: simulation, bottom panel: measurements.



## EVALUATION – ETEX-1



Station ->	B05	CR03	D05	D44	DK02	DK05	H02	D42	NL01	NL05	PL03
<b>Bias</b> (ngm <sup>-3</sup> )	0.76	-0.08	0.02	0.45	-0.01	-0.11	-0.02	-0.14	0.48	0.65	-0.06
<b>NMSE</b>	12.9	7.95	2.0	4.54	0.93	4.77	1.05	2.25	4.46	14.8	1.95
<b>Correlation</b>	0.80	0.92	0.29	0.64	0.68	0.08	0.86	0.46	-0.05	0.29	0.43
<b>FMT (%)</b>	12.9	26.1	29.6	32.1	51.4	15.4	49.3	32.7	15.9	19.1	38.4

**Averages:** bias 0.18 ngm<sup>-3</sup>; correlation 0.49; NMSE 5.25; FMT 29.4%

**Global:** bias 0.39 ngm<sup>-3</sup>; correlation 0.57; NMSE 104.59; FMT 18.4 %



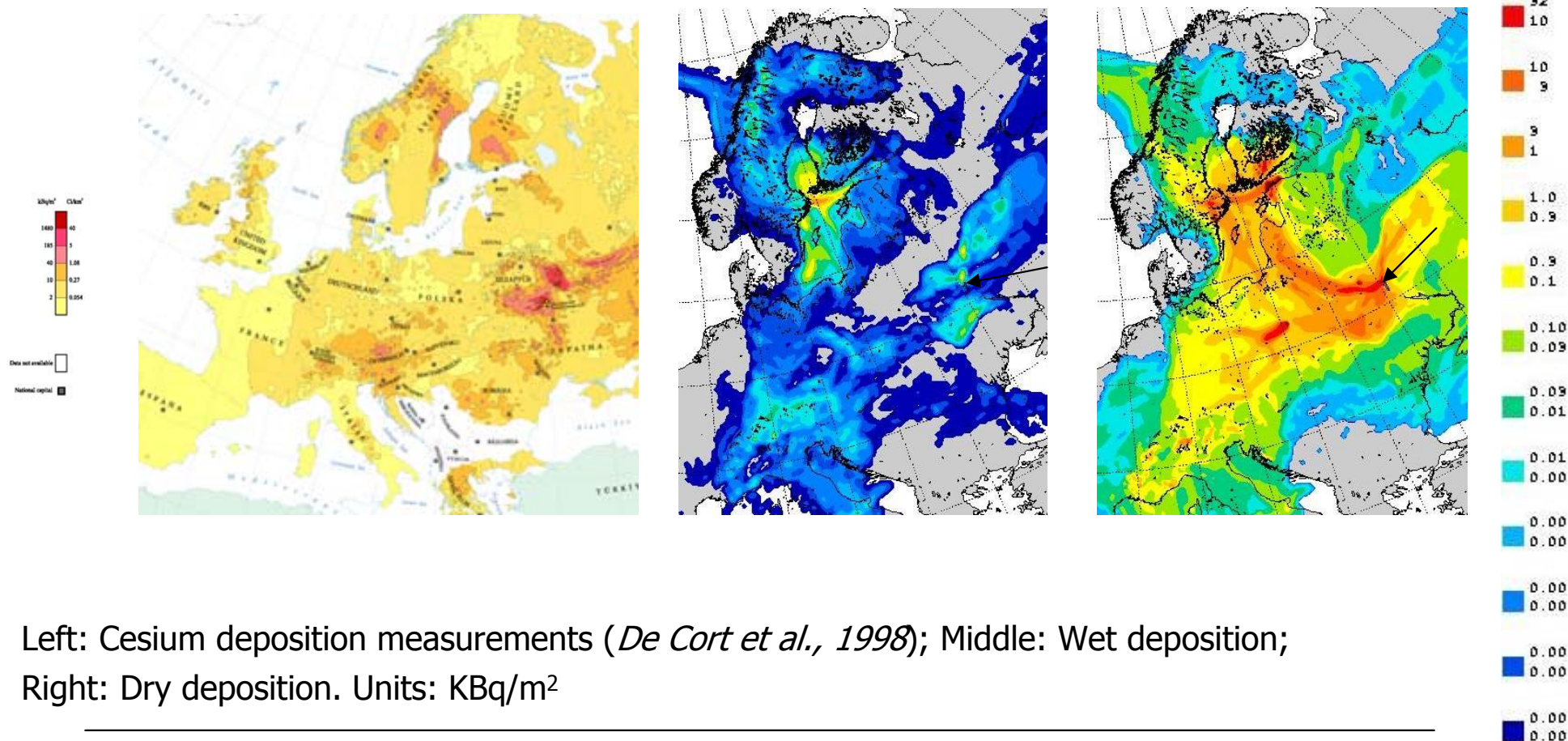


## EVALUATION - CHERNOBYL



Chernobyl accident; point source  
emissions (*Devell et al., 1995, Persson et al., 1986*).

Date: 19860501 18:00 UTC



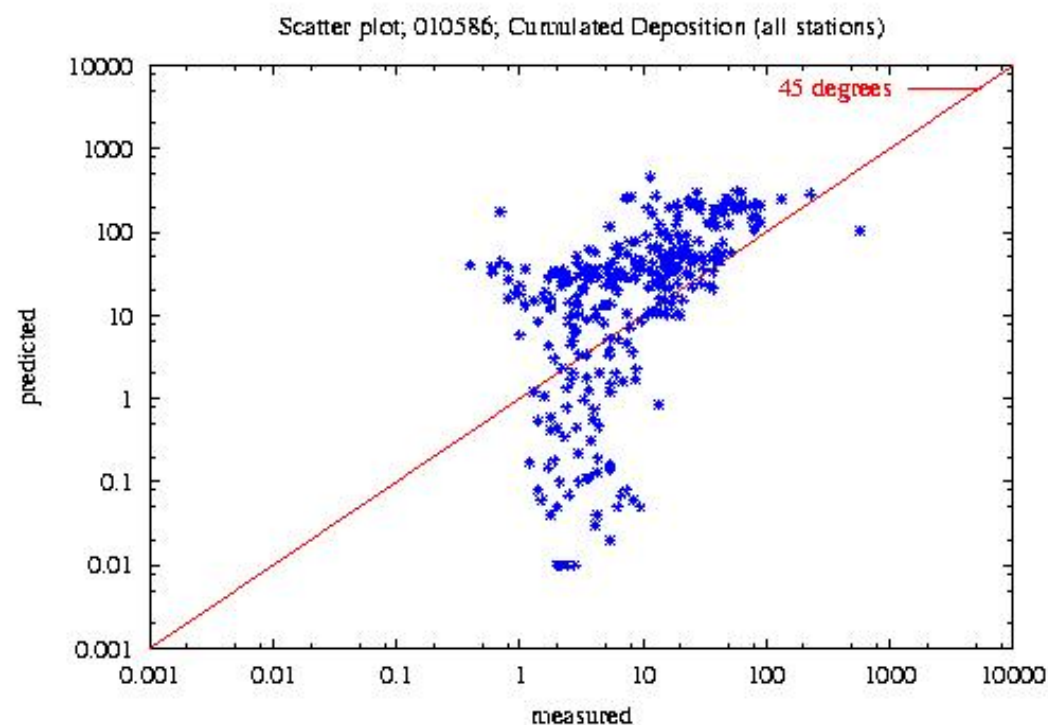
Left: Cesium deposition measurements (*De Cort et al., 1998*); Middle: Wet deposition;  
Right: Dry deposition. Units: KBq/m²



## EVALUATION - CHERNOBYL

### Global statistical scores

Observed mean (Bq/m <sup>2</sup> )	17.97
Predicted mean (Bq/m <sup>2</sup> )	56.74
Correlation	0.59
Bias (Bq/m <sup>2</sup> )	38.77
NMSE	6.34
FMT (%)	26.29







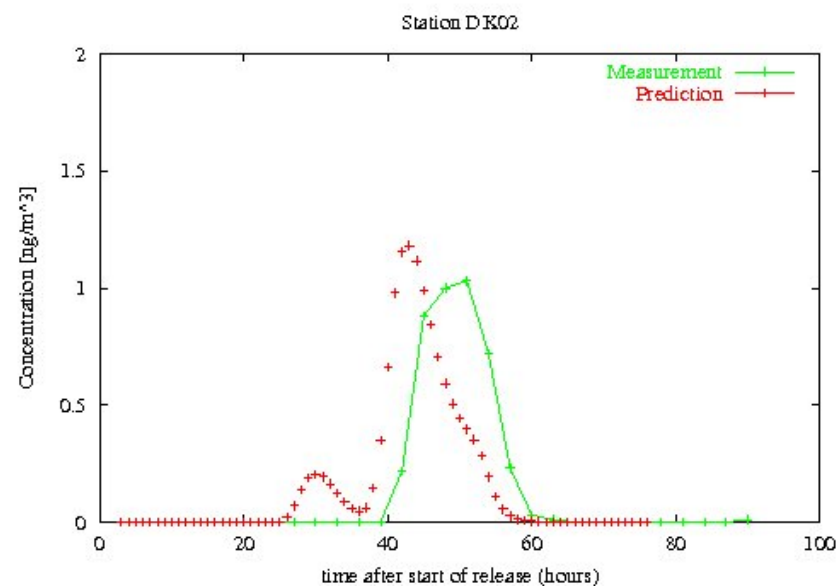
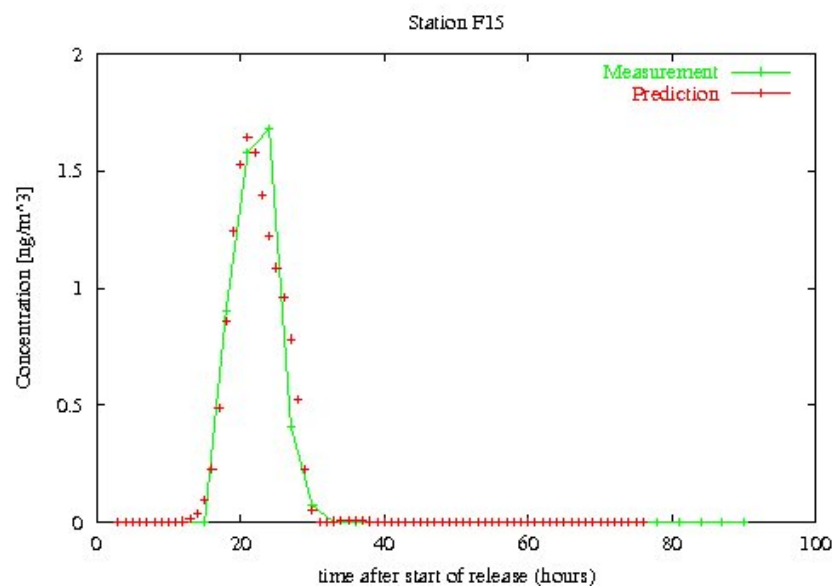
## EVALUATION - CONCLUSION

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- Transport and dispersion performs satisfactory when compared to ETEX-1
- Dry and wet deposition perform satisfactory when compared to Chernobyl accident data

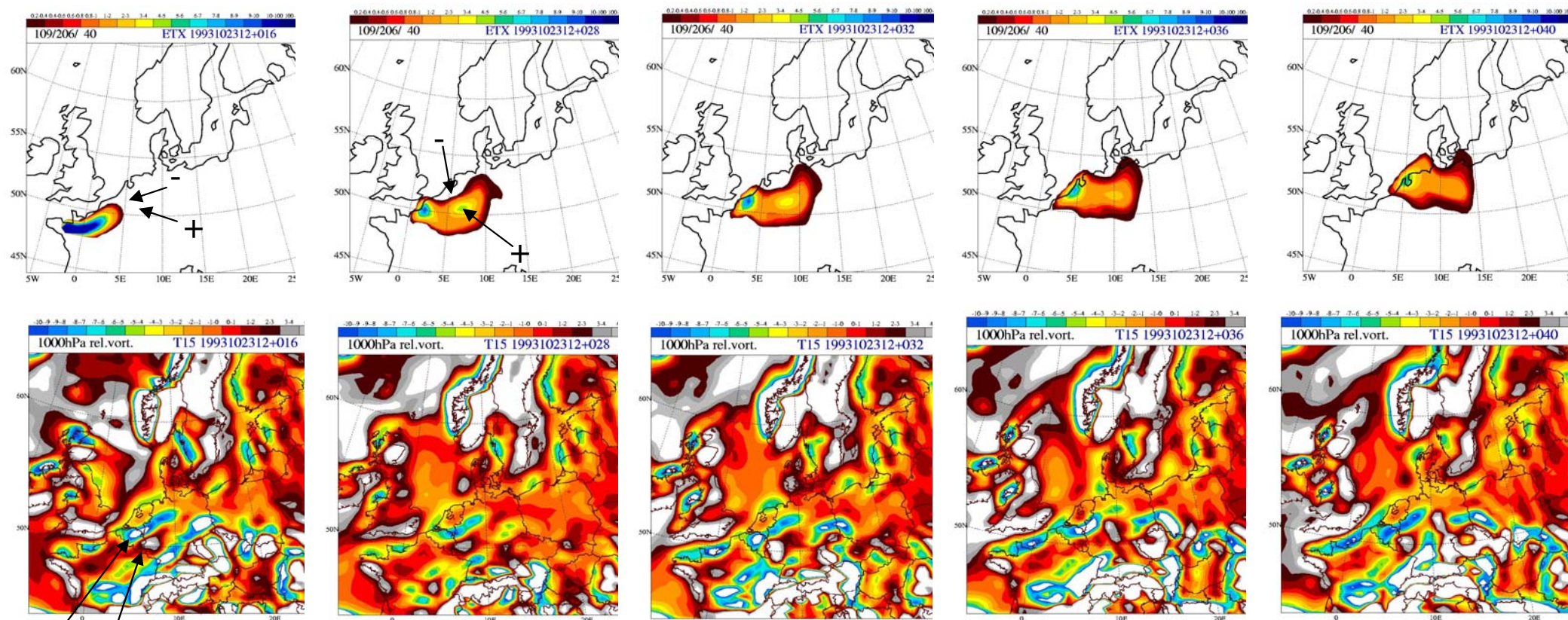


## ON-LINE/OFF-LINE COMPARISON





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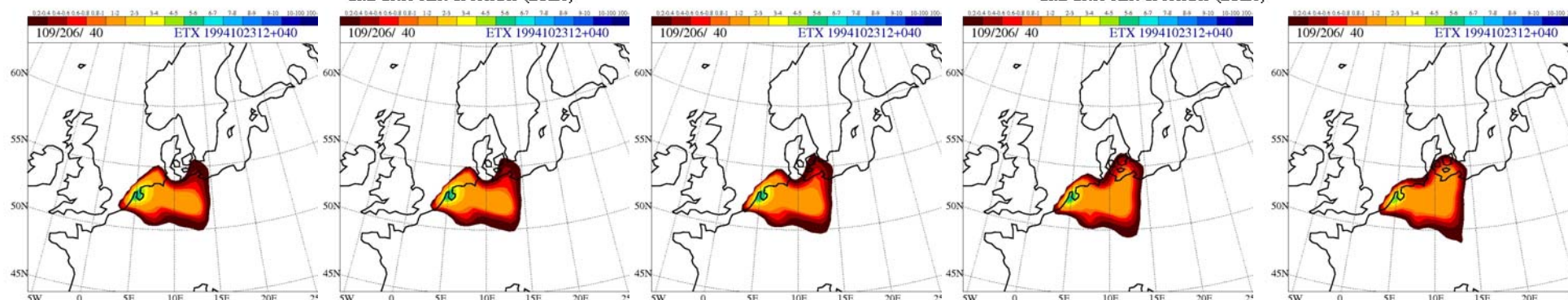
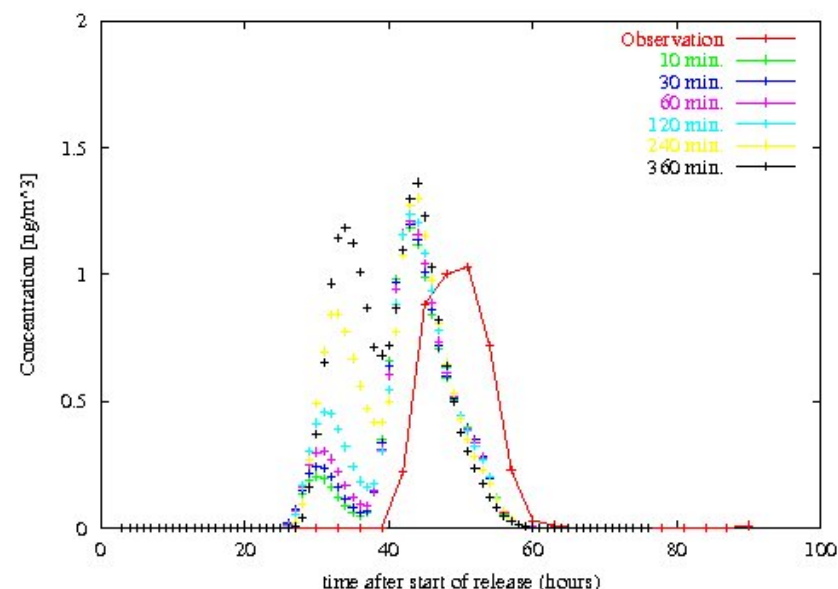
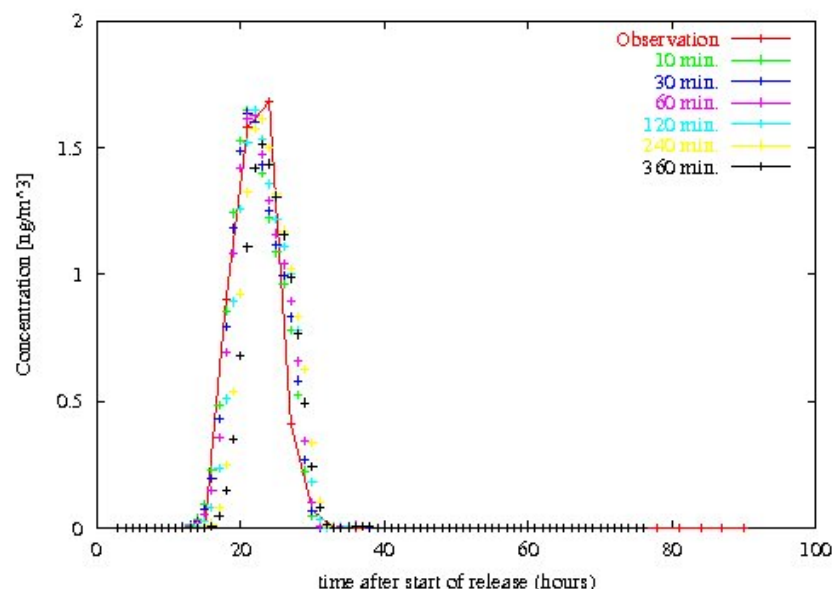


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Top panel: Surface concentration ( $\text{ng/m}^3$ ) and bottom panel: Surface relative vorticity ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) at 12, 24, 28, 32, 36 hours after start of release.



# ON-LINE/OFF-LINE COMPARISON



Top: concentration as function of time at F15 and DK02 for different coupling intervals: 30, 60, 120, 240, 360 minutes. Bottom: concentration after 36 hours with the same coupling intervals



## ON-LINE/OFF-LINE COMPARISON - CONCLUSION



- The coupling interval is important in constraining the evolution of mesoscale disturbances
- If the mesoscale disturbances are not properly resolved, this may lead to errors in tracer distribution





## FEEDBACKS/AEROSOL FORCING

For water clouds:

$$r_{\text{eff}}^3 = k r_v^3$$

$$r_{\text{eff}}^3 = 3L / (4\pi\rho_l kN)$$

(*Wyser et al. 1999*)

	k	N [m <sup>-3</sup> ]
Marine	0.81	10 <sup>8</sup>
Cont	0.69	4x10 <sup>8</sup>

Urban fractions [%; dark green – dark red]

L : Cloud condensate content

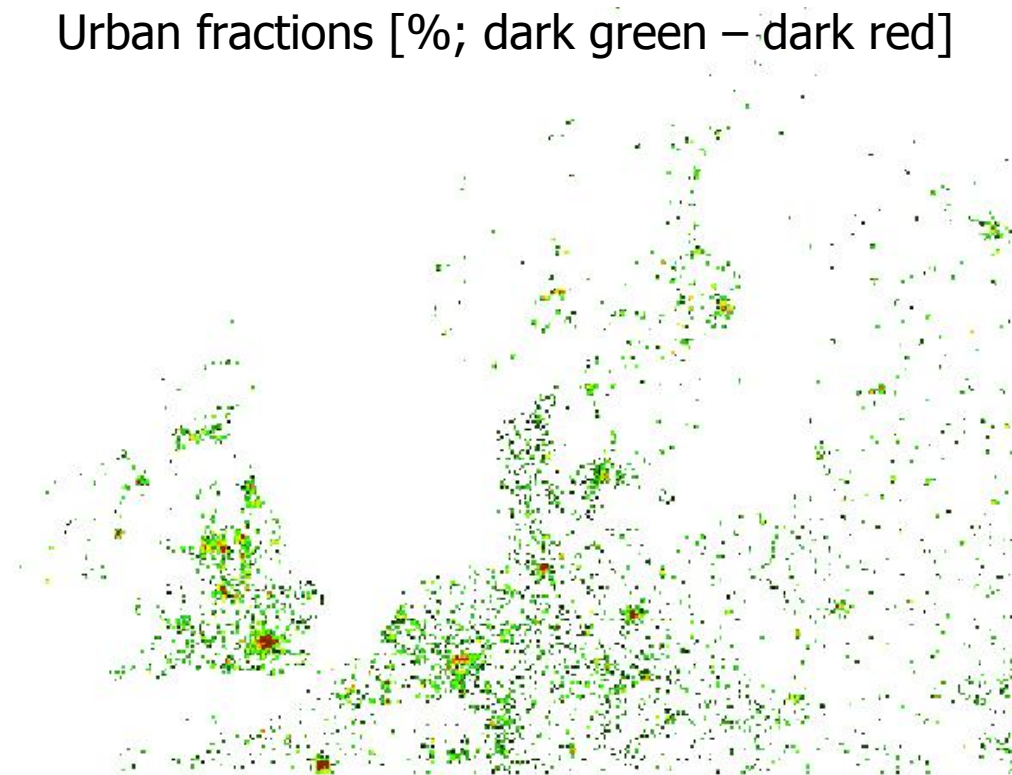
N: Number concentration of cloud droplets

$$\Delta N_{\text{cont}} = 10^{8.06} \text{conc}^{0.48}$$

$$\Delta N_{\text{marine}} = 10^{2.24} \text{conc}^{0.26}$$

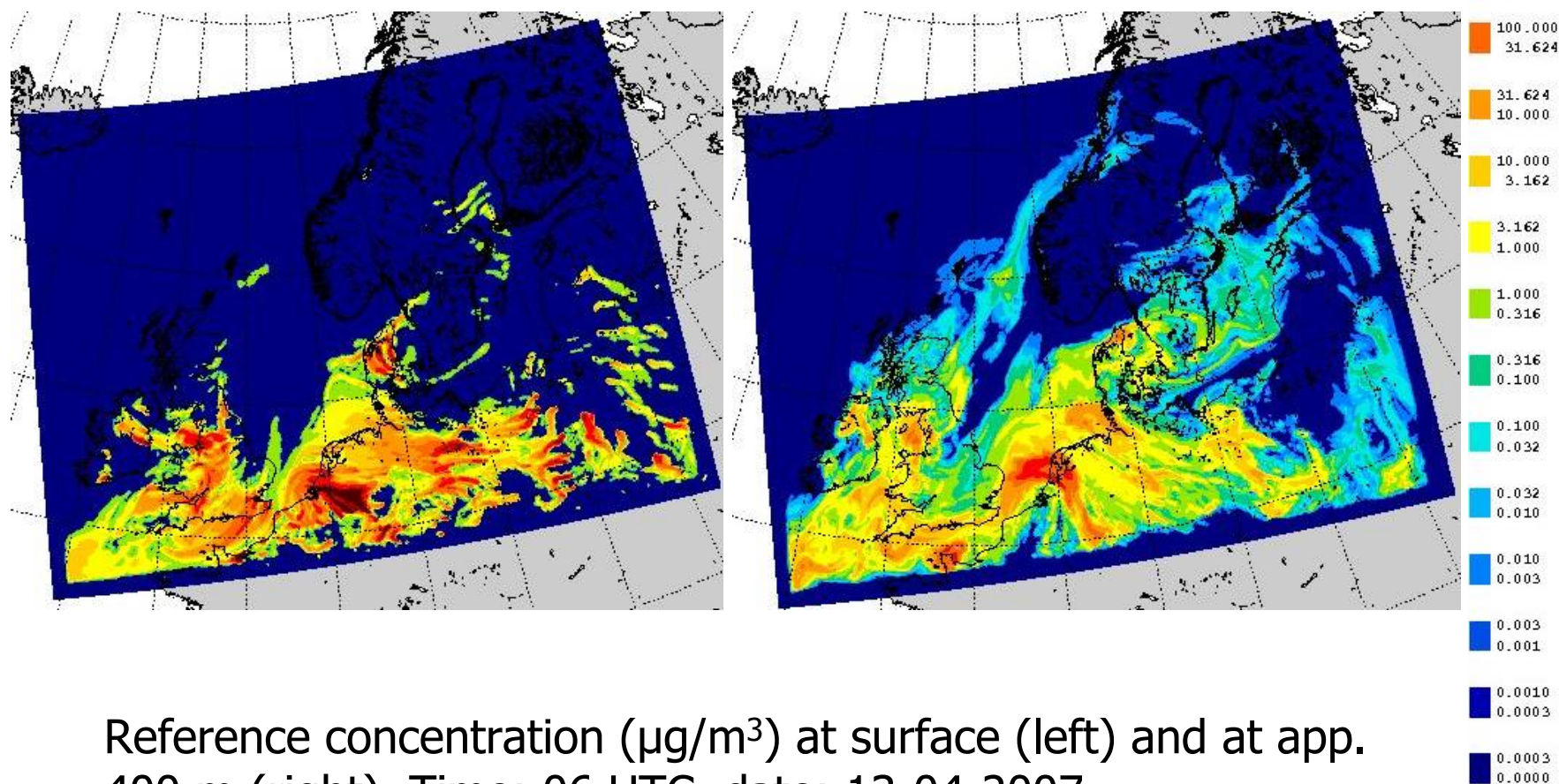
(*Boucher & Lohmann, 1995*)

Diameter: 1  $\mu\text{m}$



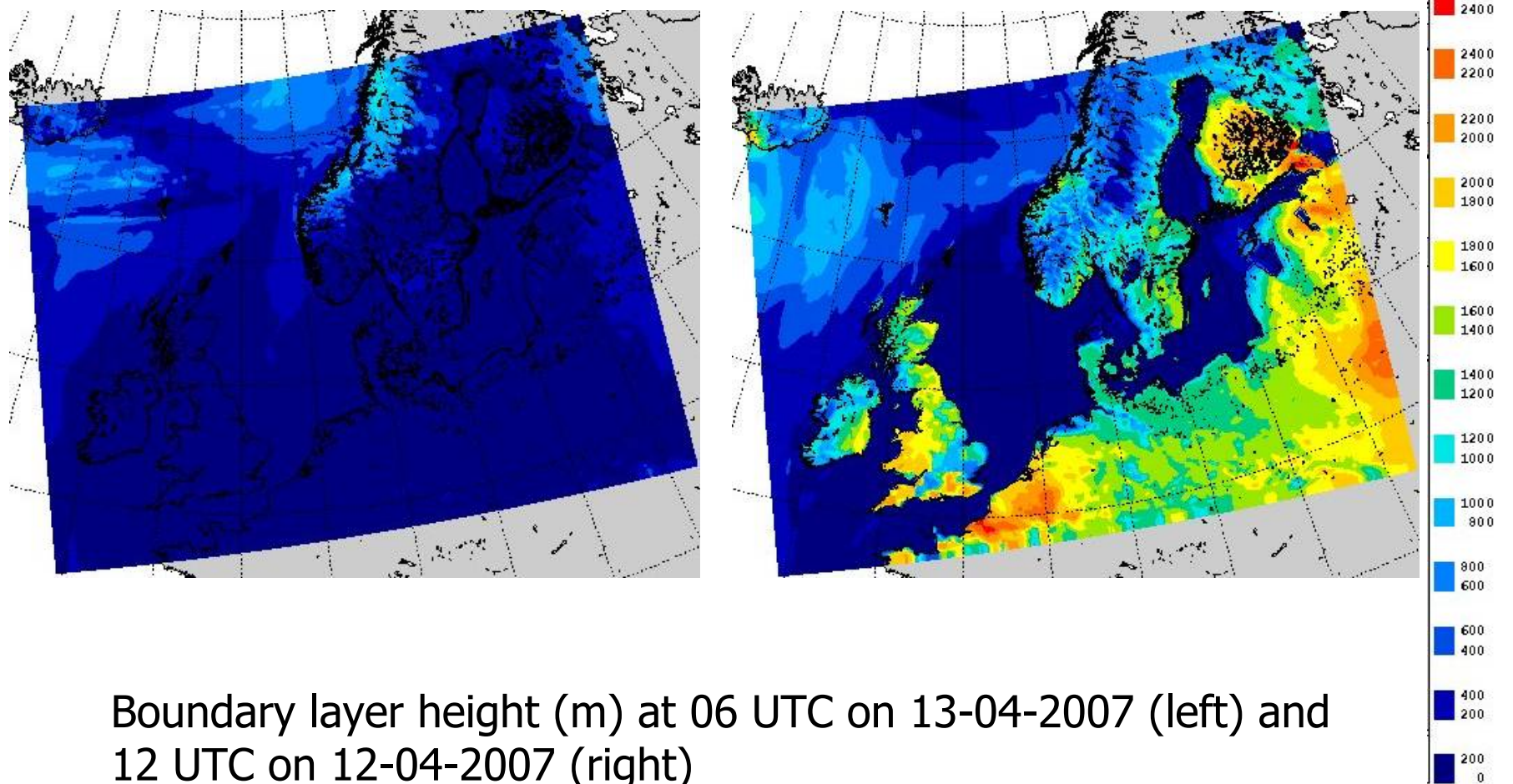


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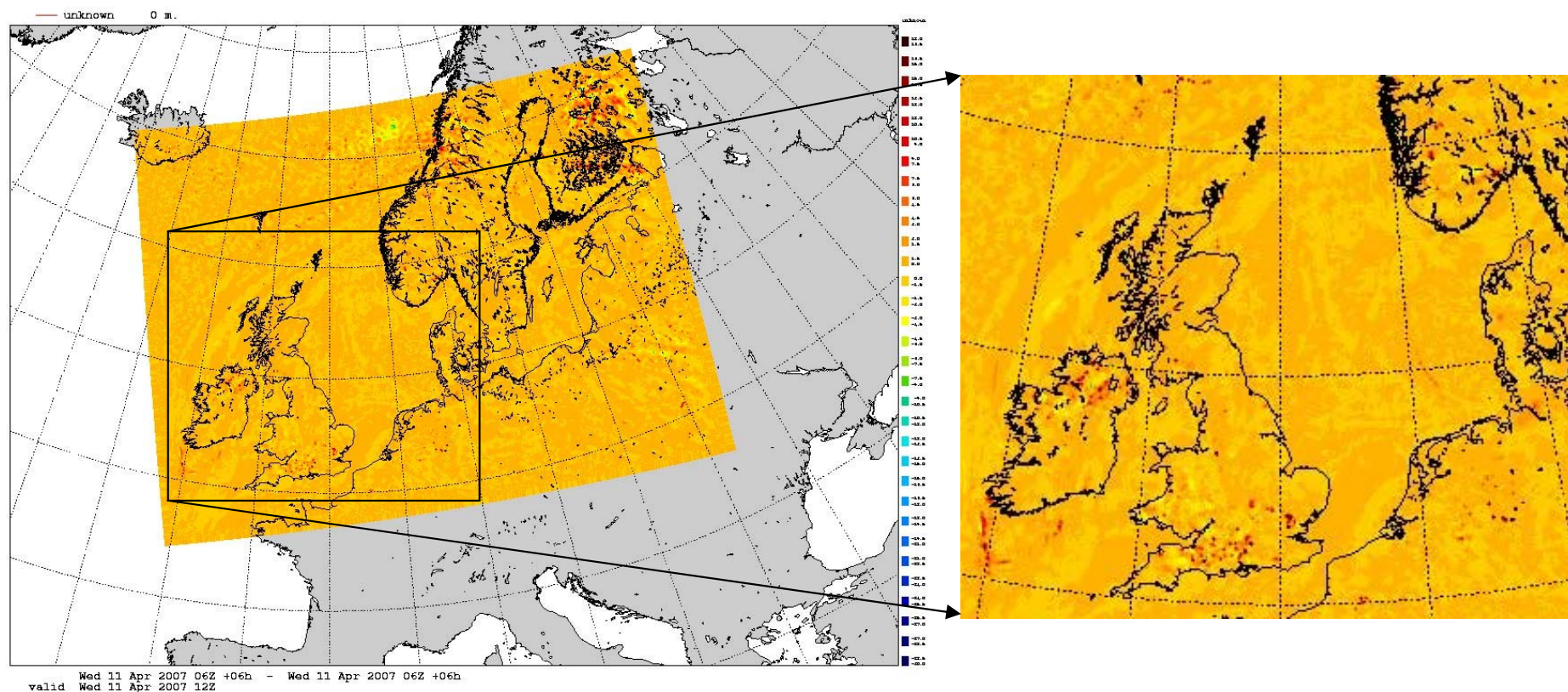
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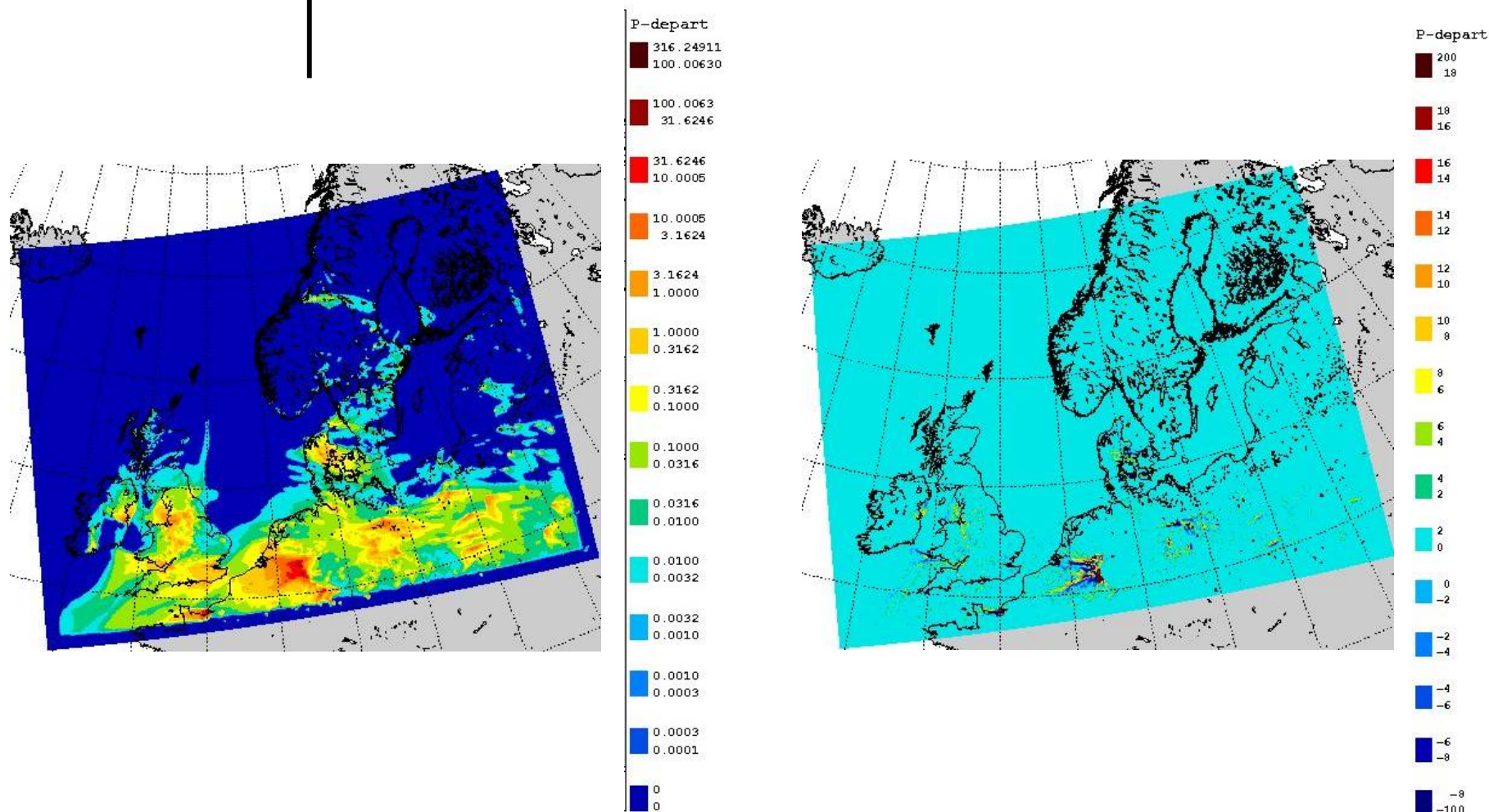
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PBLH (m) average from 06 UTC 11-04-2007 to 06 UTC 13-04-2007



## FEEDBACKS/AEROSOL FORCING



Accumulated dry deposition (left) and difference in dry deposition (right) in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2$  at 06 UTC 13-04-2007. Max difference app. +/- 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2$



## FEEDBACKS - CONCLUSION

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- Inclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> indirect effect gives rise to feedbacks through which boundary layer height is modified
- The change in boundary layer height affects dispersion of pollutants and results in modifications of deposition patterns
- At a given time the increase in boundary layer height may be of the same order (100 m) as the effect of urban representations on boundary layer height



## FINAL COMMENTS

- Model performs satisfactory against ETEX-1 and Chernobyl accident data
- The coupling interval is important in constraining the evolution of mesoscale disturbances
- Inclusion of the 1<sup>st</sup> indirect effect may give rise to important feedbacks through which boundary layer height is modified and deposition is changed

Most important steps with respect to HIRLAM development:

- Improved representation of pbl. and sl.
- 'Urbanisation' of the NWP model
- Realisation of feedback mechanisms (microphysics)





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## INTRODUCTION – ONLINE/OFFLINE



### On-line coupling

- Only one grid; no interpolation in space
- No time interpolation
- Physical parameterizations are the same; no inconsistencies
- Possibility of feedbacks with meteorology
- All 3D meteorological variables are available at the right time (each time step); no restriction in variability of met. fields
- Does not need meteorological-pre/post-processors

### Off-line

- Possibility of independent parameterizations
- Low computational cost if running many experiments with the same meteorological input
- Independence of meteorological model computations