



# AQ forecasting examples

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# *The Rome air quality forecast system*

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# Purpose & context

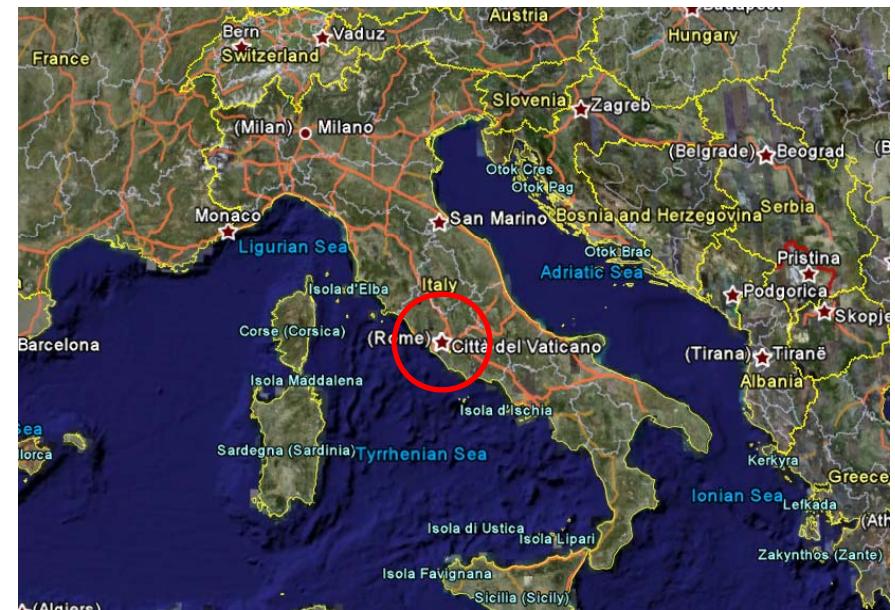
Provide daily information (48 hrs ahead) on air quality in Rome metropolitan area and in the surrounding region

Managed by Regional EPA (ARPA-Lazio), with ARIANET support

Support ARPA-Lazio in its institutional duties

Information to the public

Currently being put on-line



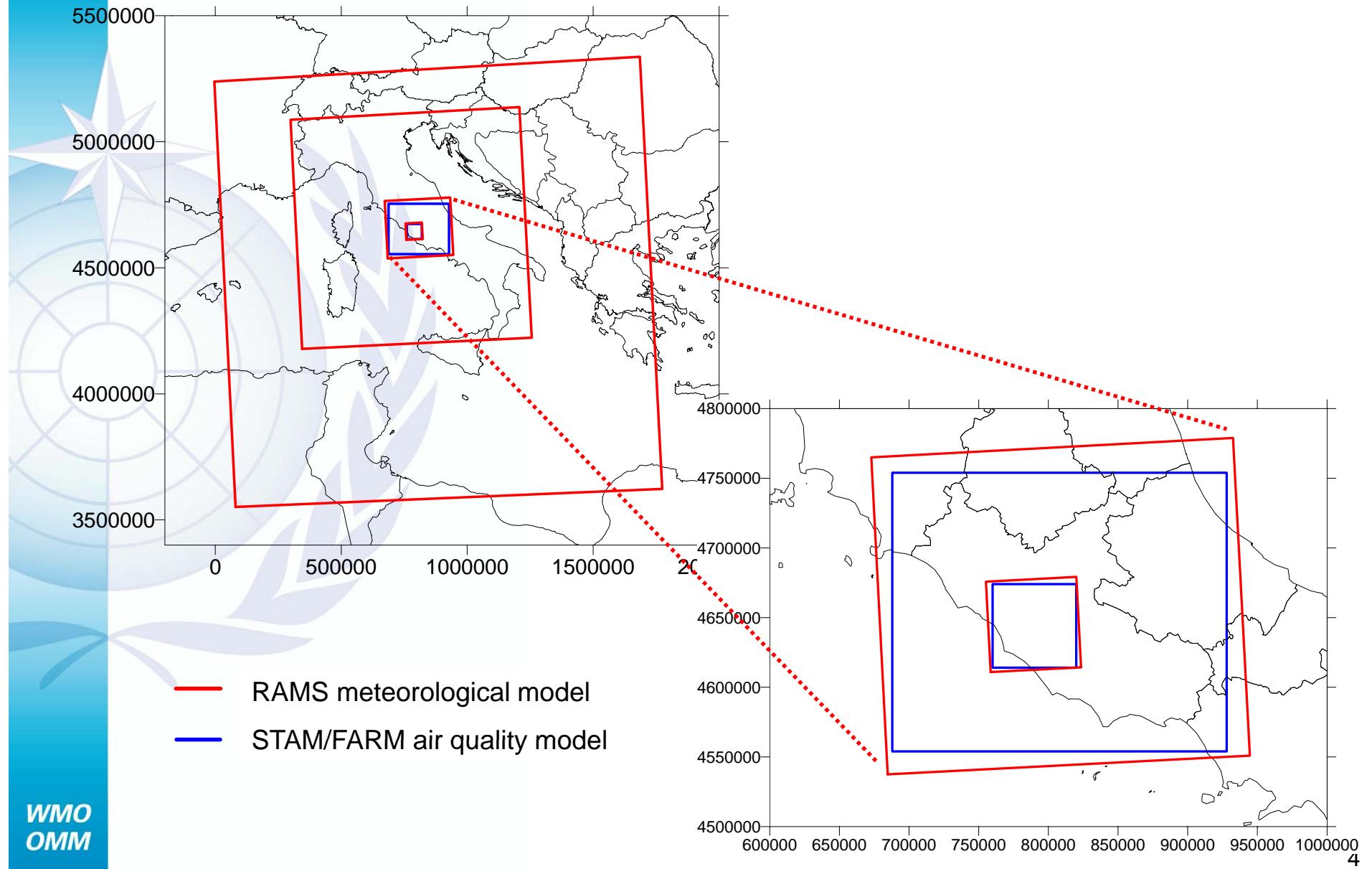
**FUMAPEX**

Integrated Systems for Forecasting Urban Meteorology, Air Pollution and Population Exposure

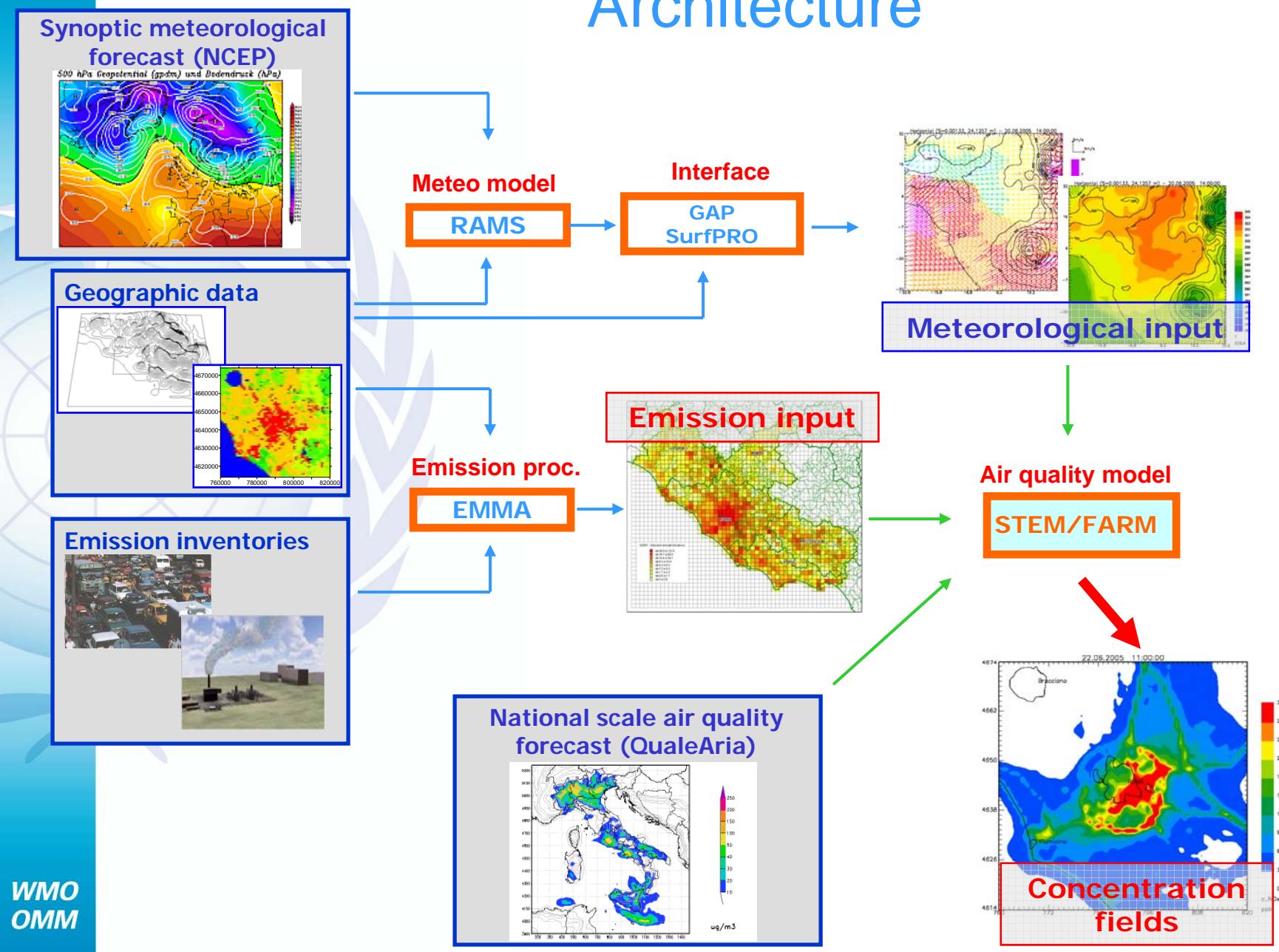
Project of EC 5<sup>th</sup> Framework Program

<http://fumapex.dmi.dk/>

# Computational domains

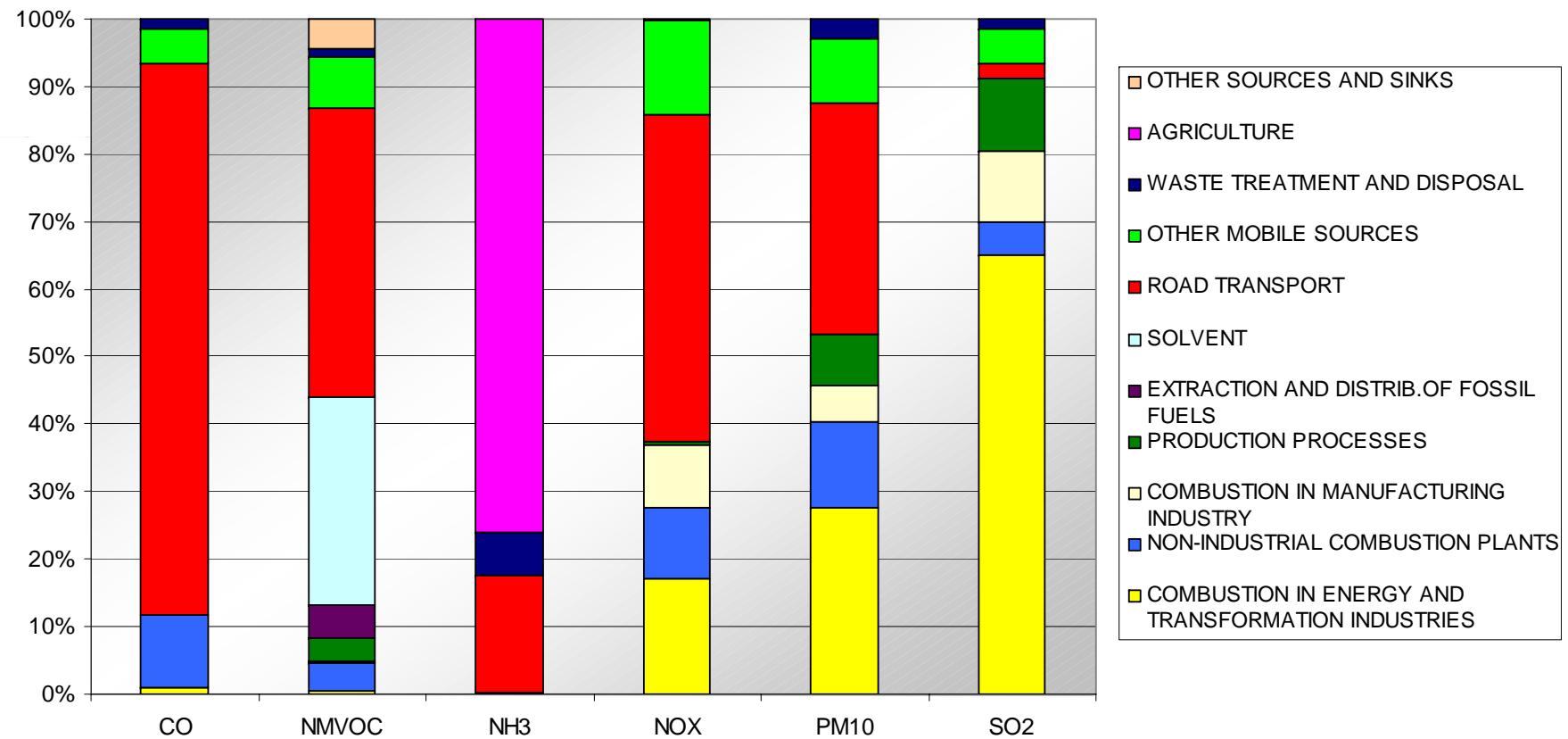


# The Rome AQFS Architecture

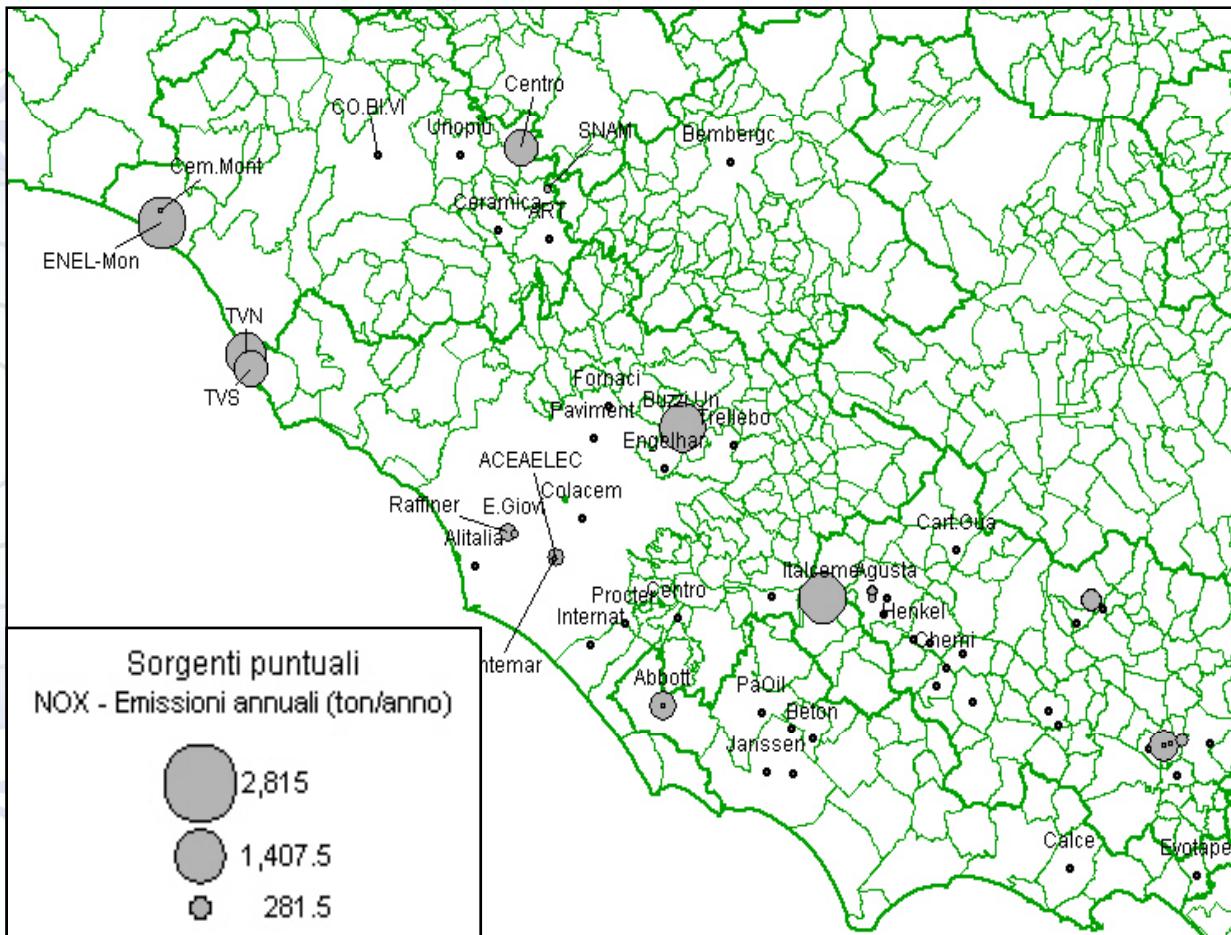


# Emission inventory: sectors distribution

## Province of Rome totals



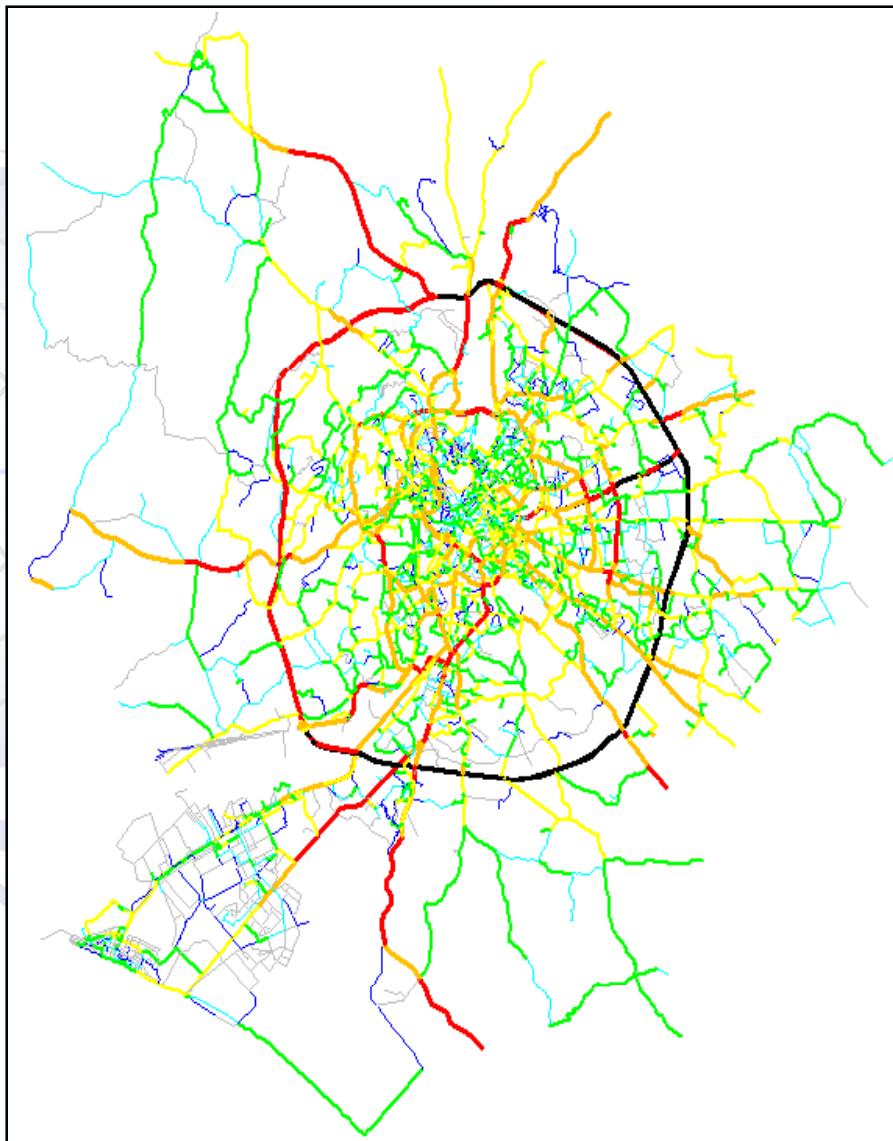
# Emissions: point sources inventory



For each stack:

- location
- height
- diameter
- exit speed & temperature
- pollutants emission rates

# Emissions: line sources



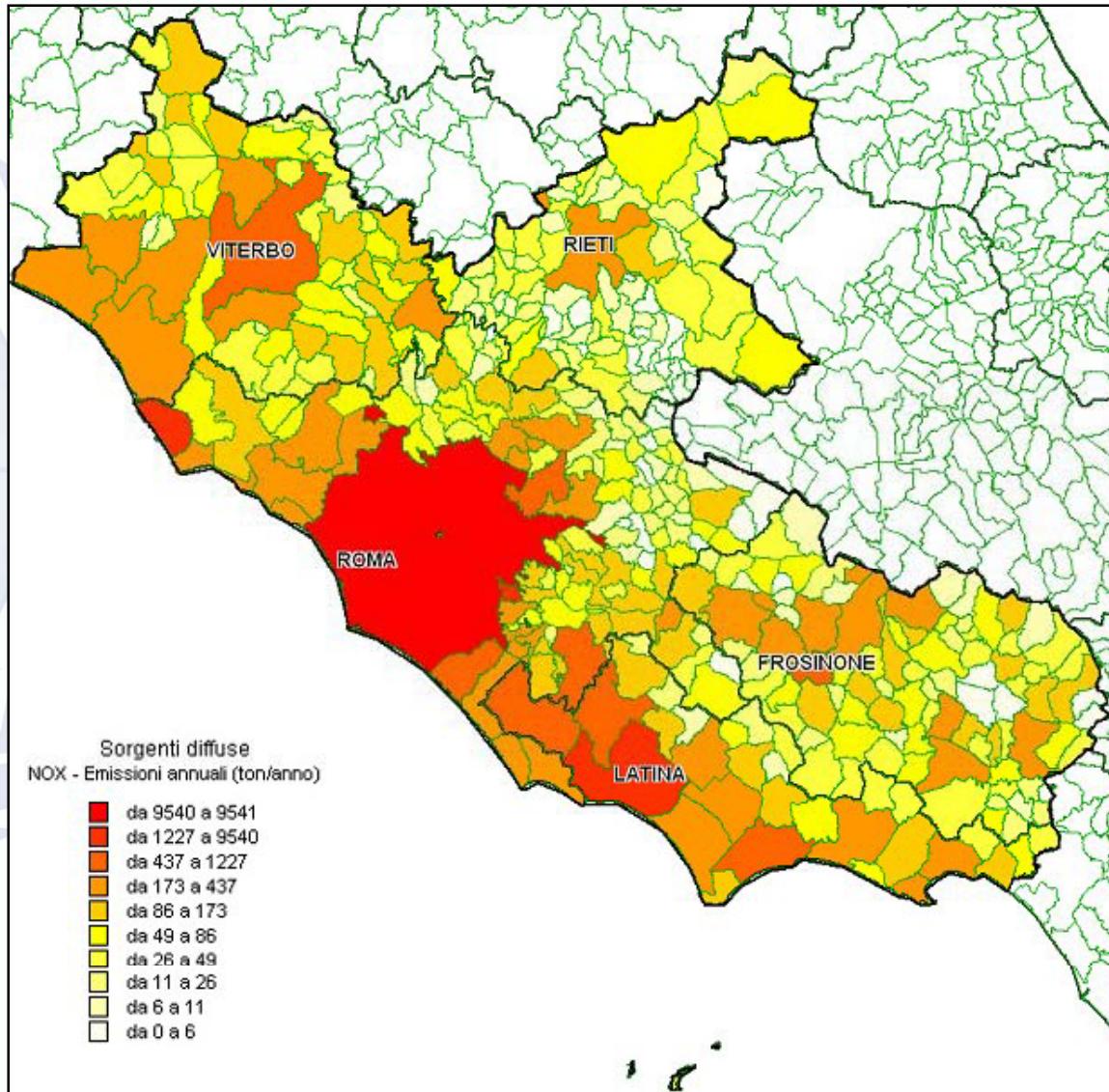
## Metropolitan area road network

- ~ 9000 links
- traffic assignment model +
- emissions module

On each link:

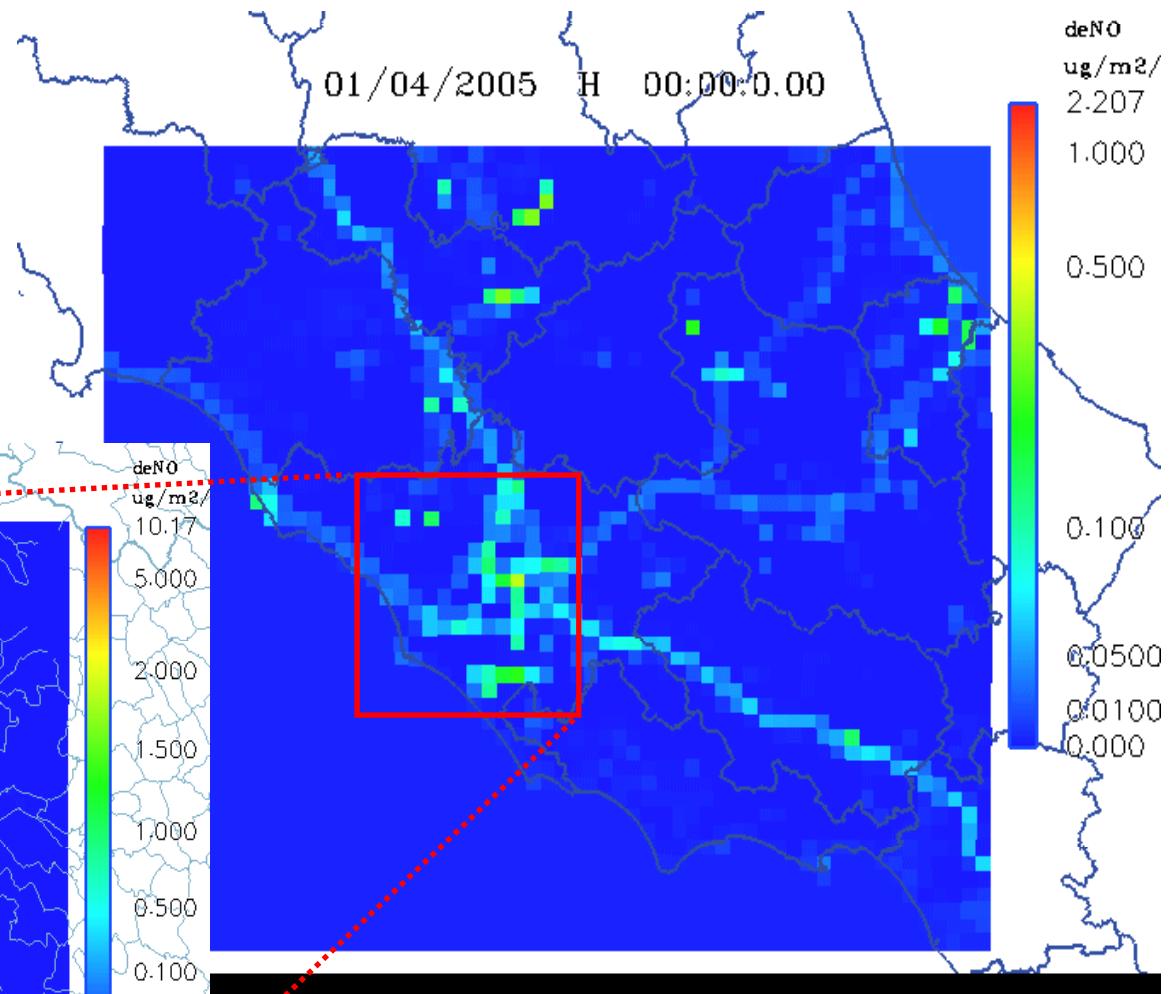
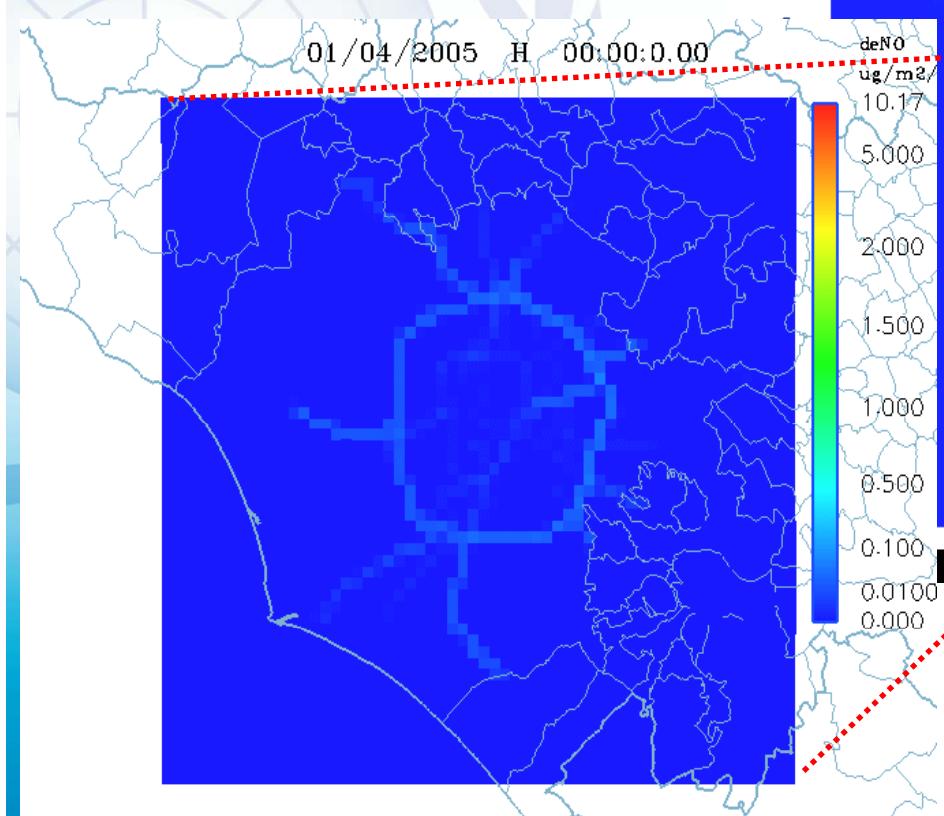
- vehicles flow & speed
- hourly emission rates by vehicle category

# Emissions: area sources inventory



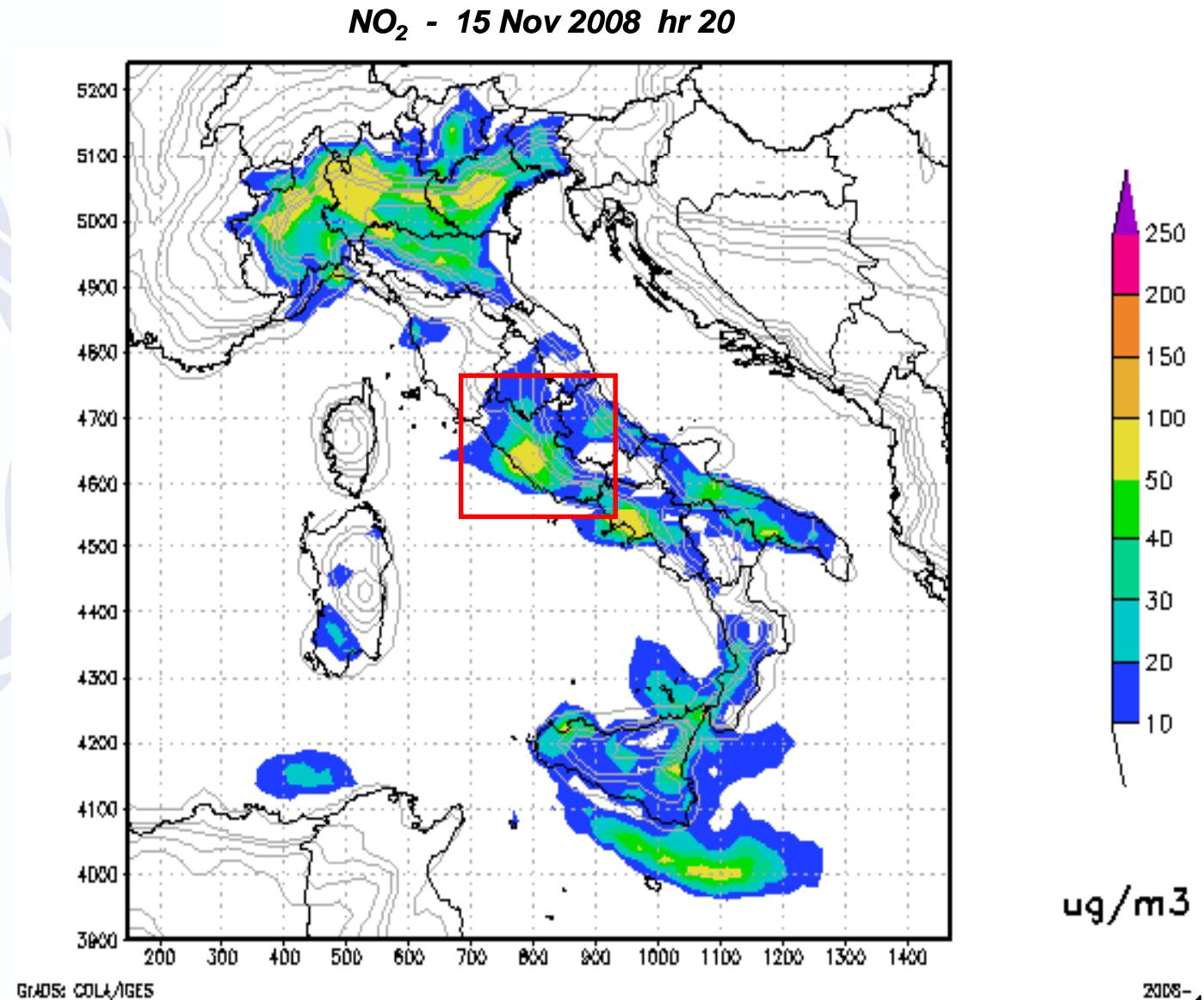
# Modeled emissions input

Characterized in  
space, time & by  
chemical species



The Rome AQFS

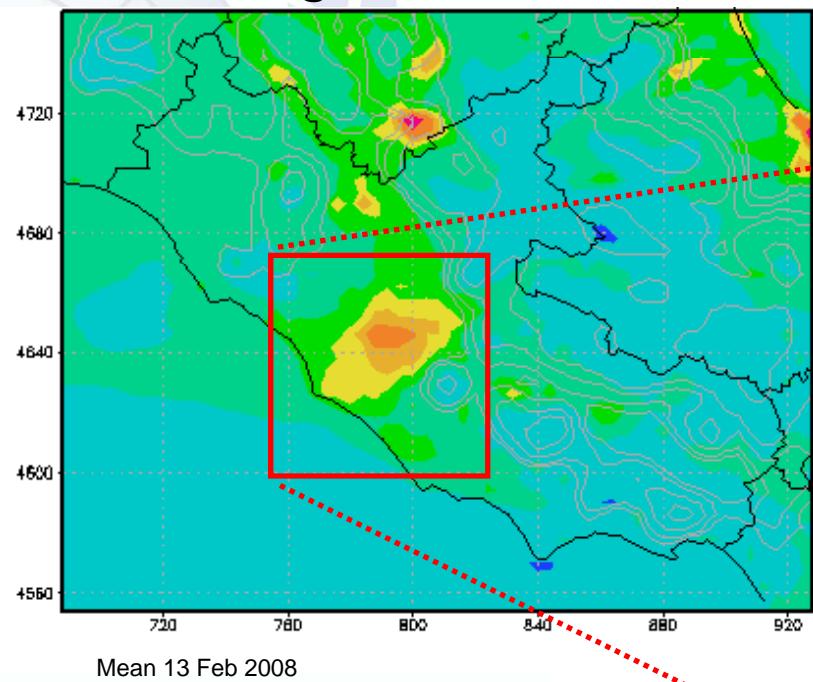
# Chemical boundary conditions



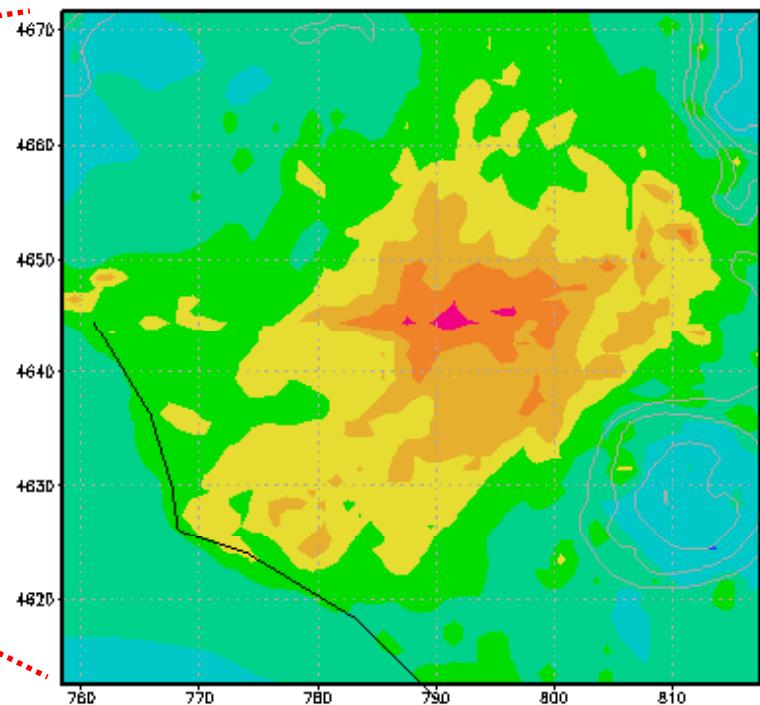
# Hourly concentration maps

- STEM/FARM 3D Eulerian model
- 48 hrs ahead
- $\text{PM}_{10}$ ,  $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ , benzene, ...
- estimation of indicators according to legislation + exceedance

Regional domain



Rome metropolitan area



# Maps distribution: 1 - web site

UrbanAria - Previsione della qualità dell'aria di Roma - Mozilla Firefox

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Back Forward Stop Home http://www.aria-net.eu/ROMA/index\_en.html

UrbanAria  
Integrated Modelling System for air pollution forecast over Lazio Region and Rome metropolitan area

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Modelling system description

Air Quality Forecast

Lazio Region

Roma

Visualise maps in Google Earth

Lazio Region

Roma

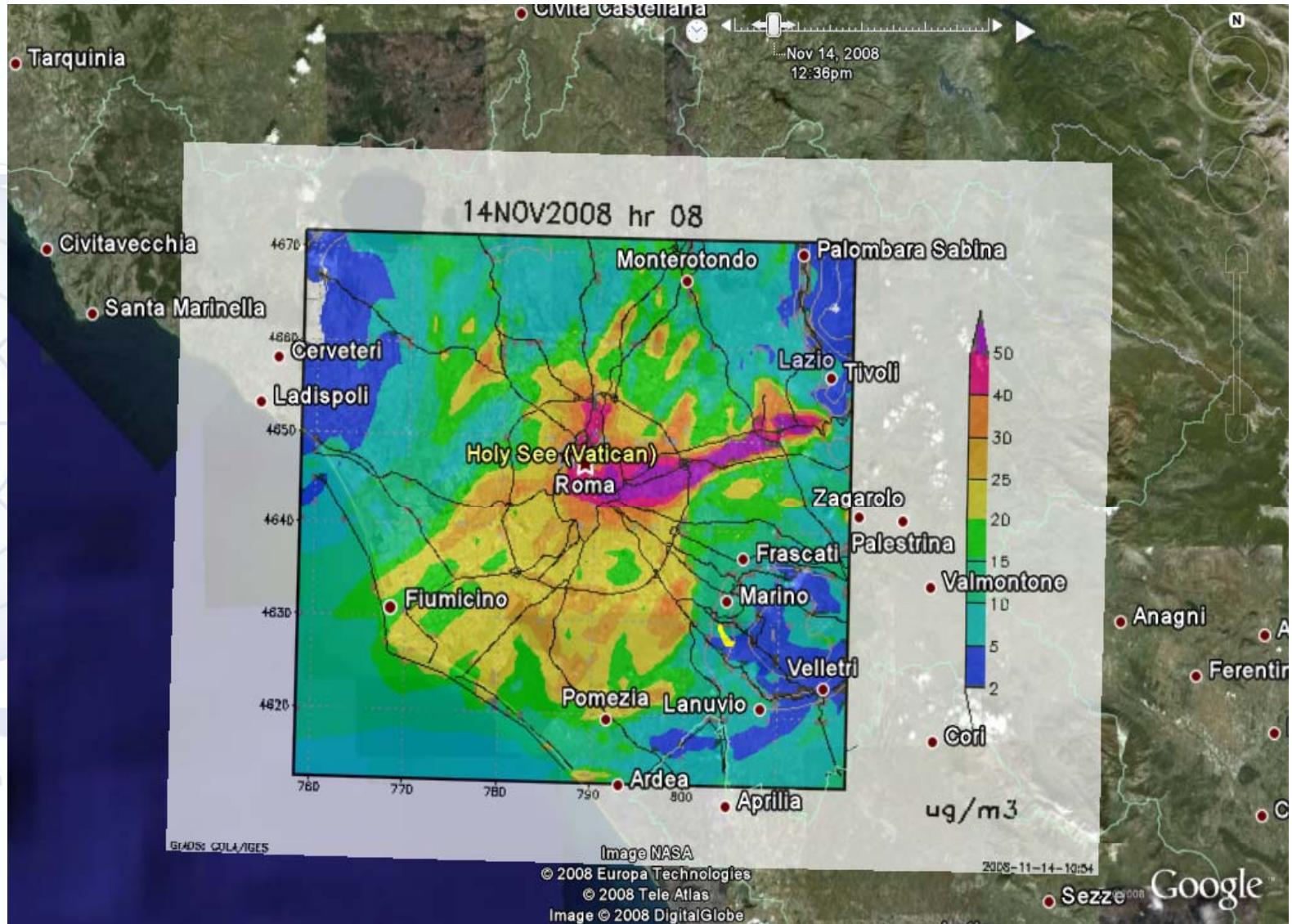
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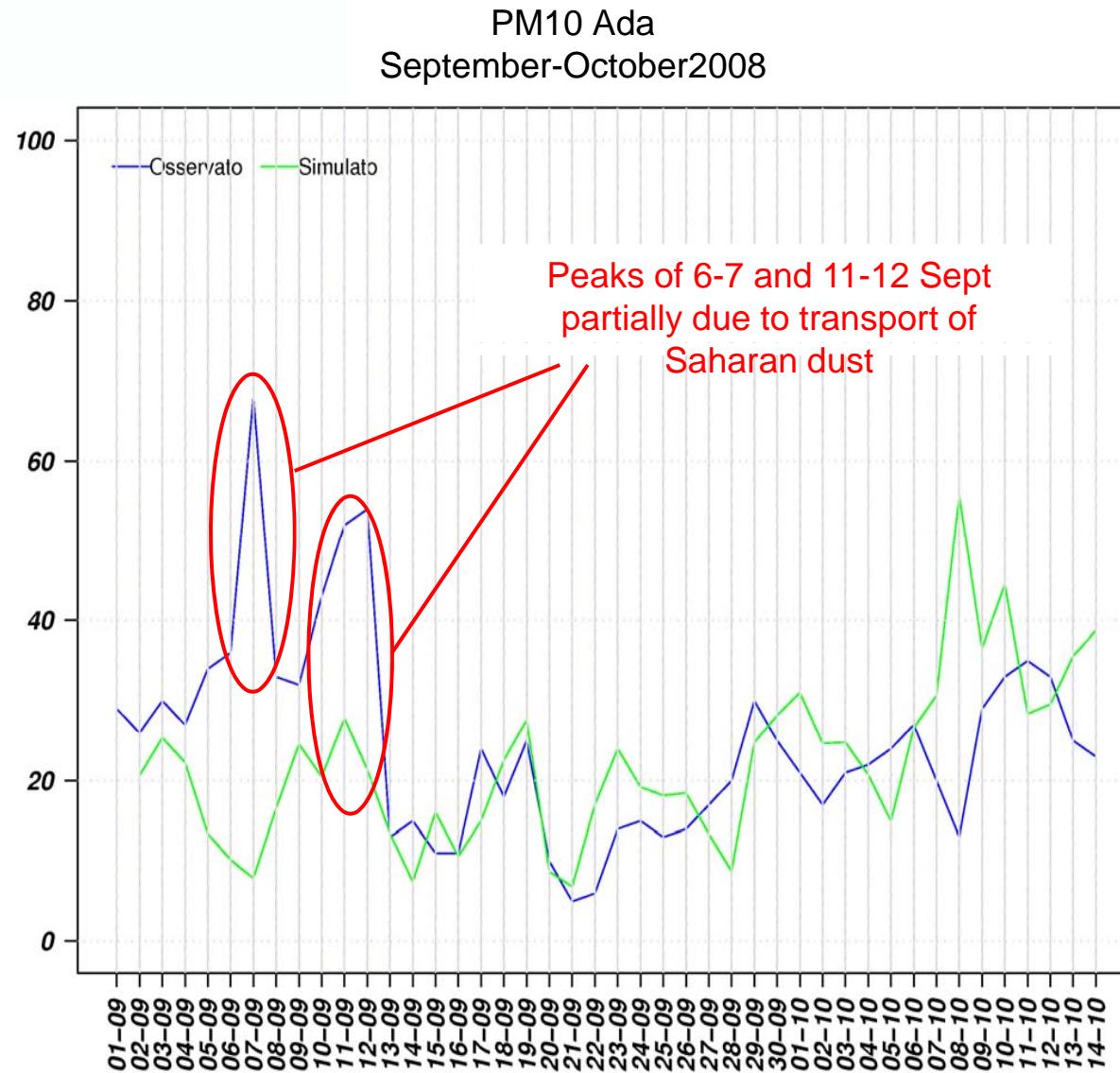
# Maps distribution: 2 – Google Earth



[http://www.aria-net.eu/ROMA/lazio\\_link.kml](http://www.aria-net.eu/ROMA/lazio_link.kml)

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## Improvement work (1)



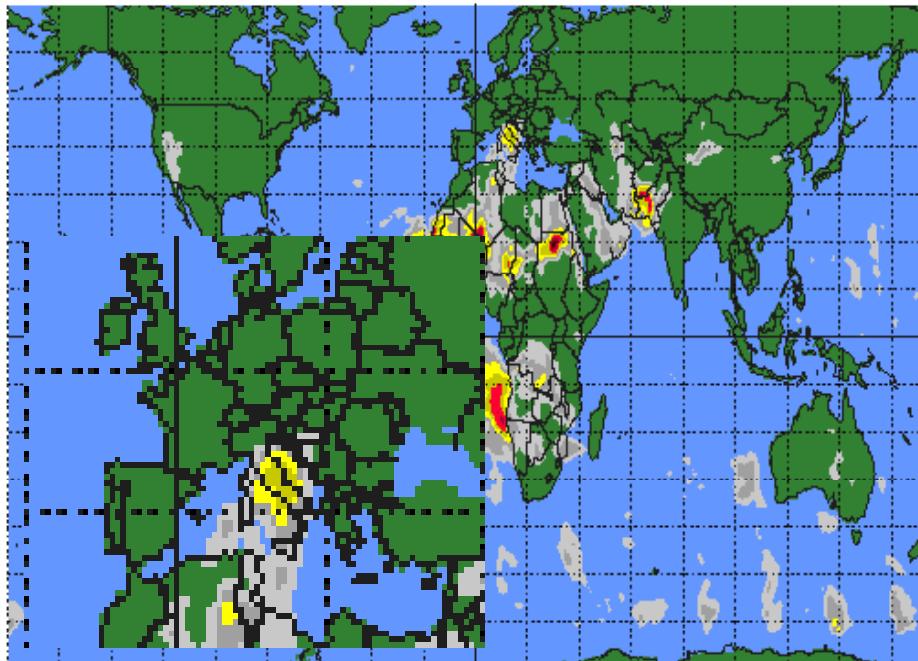
# The Rome AQFS Improvement work (2)

## Saharan dust events TOMS satellite data

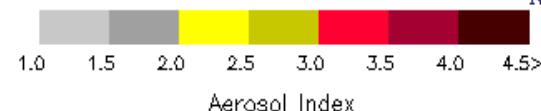
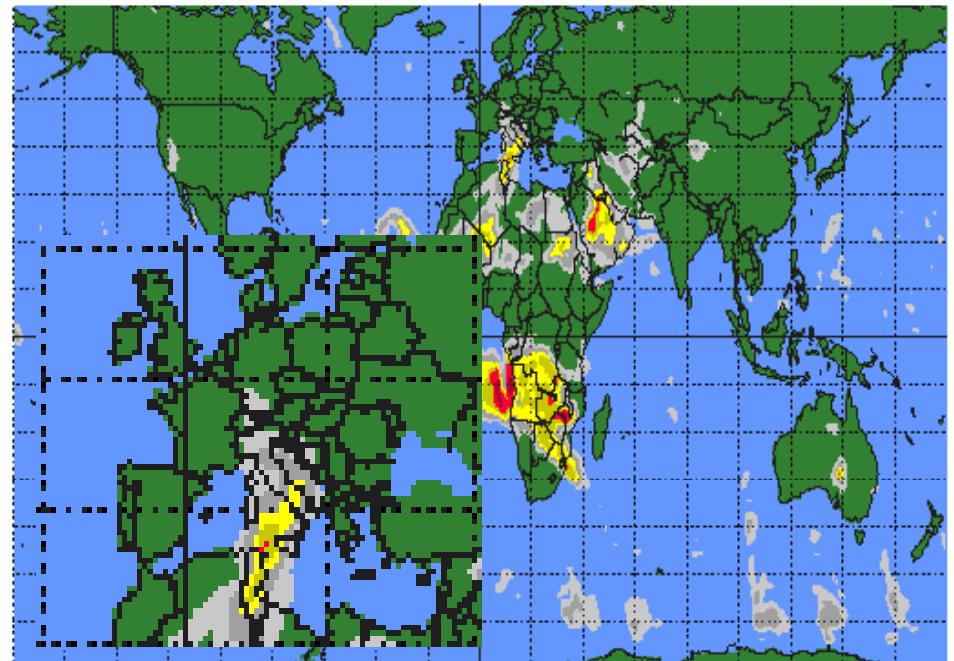
I picchi di PM10 dei giorni 6-7 hanno luogo in condizioni perturbate, in corrispondenza di valori bassi osservati per NO2 e PM2.5 e sono attribuibili prevalentemente al trasporto di polveri sahariane.

Nei giorni 11-12 settembre si osservano invece valori elevati di NO2 e rialzi di PM2.5 dovuti alla fase finale di un lungo periodo di alta pressione persistente. Si ha quindi sovrapposizione di contributo long range e di accumulo degli inquinanti emessi localmente.

OMI Aerosol Index  
on September 06, 2008



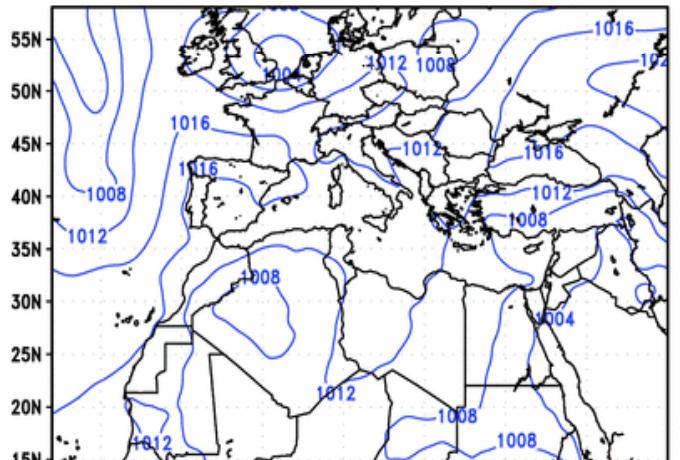
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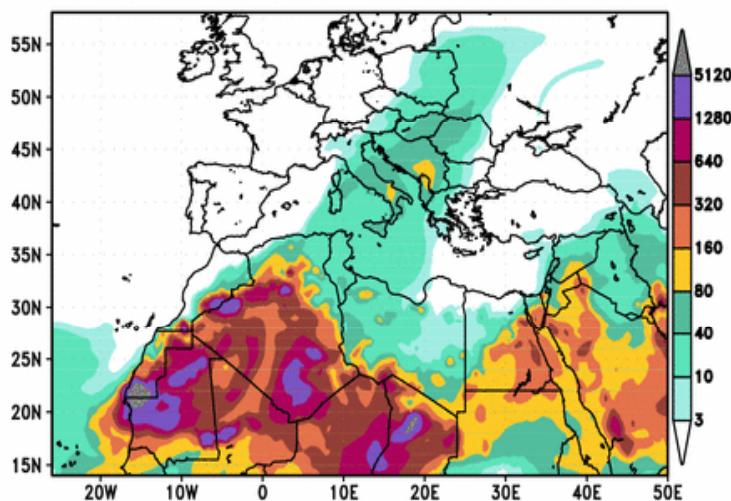
# Improvement work (3)

## Saharan dust events DREAM modelled data

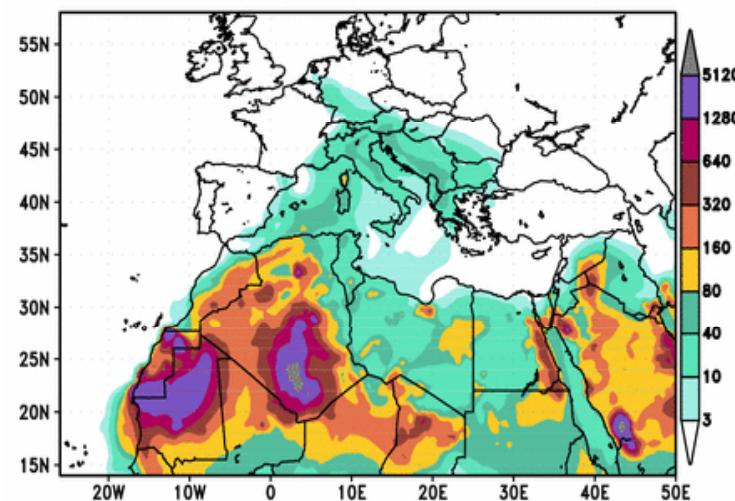
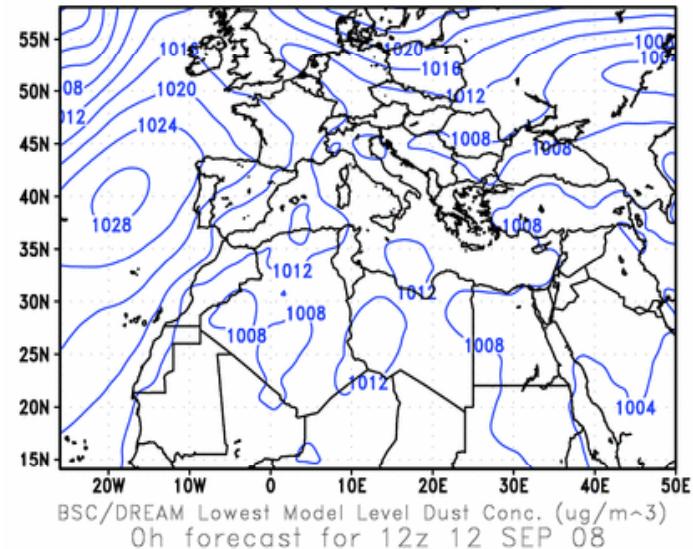
BSC/DREAM 12h acc. Precipitation and MSL Pressure  
0h forecast for 12z 07 SEP 08



BSC/DREAM Lowest Model Level Dust Conc. ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )  
0h forecast for 12z 12 SEP 08



BSC/DREAM 12h acc. Precipitation and MSL Pressure  
0h forecast for 12z 12 SEP 08



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# *The Turin air quality forecast system*

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per la Protezione Ambientale

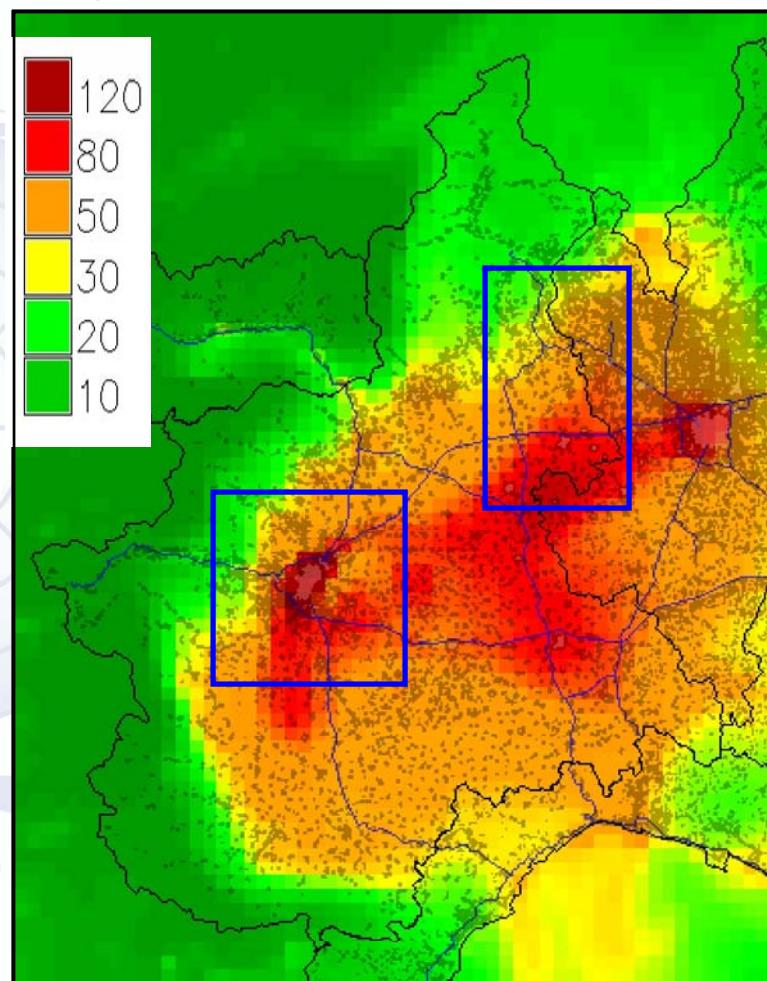
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# The Turin & Piemonte AQFS

- Operated since 2006
- Multiple years of historical data record
- Growing experience & understanding
- Confidence in performance
- Off-line counterpart for planning & emissions reduction programs

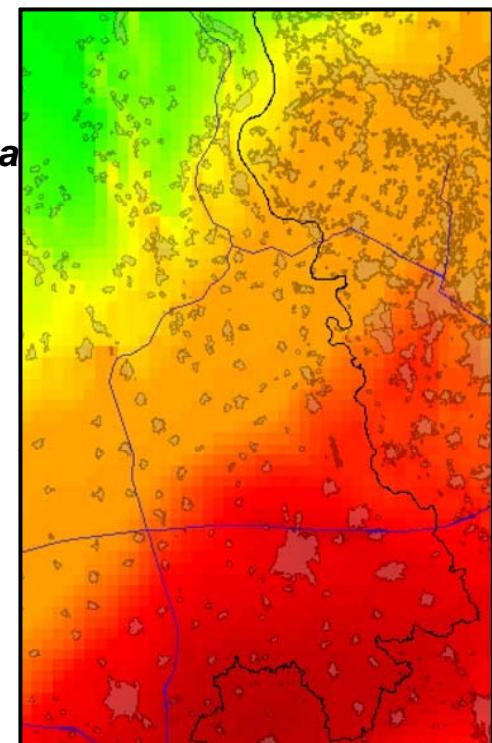
# The Piemonte & Turin AQFS

*g1 Piemonte*

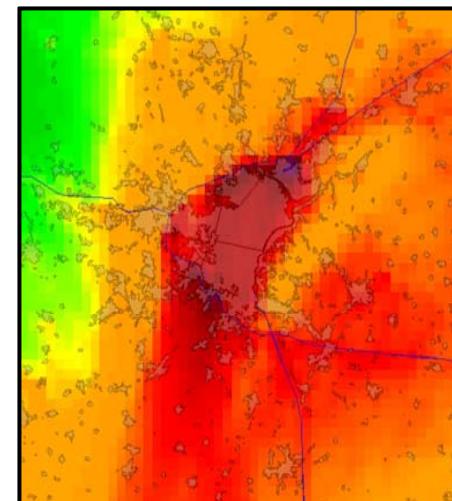


24/02/2007- PM<sub>10</sub> daily mean [µg/m<sup>3</sup>]  
(run 23/02/2007)

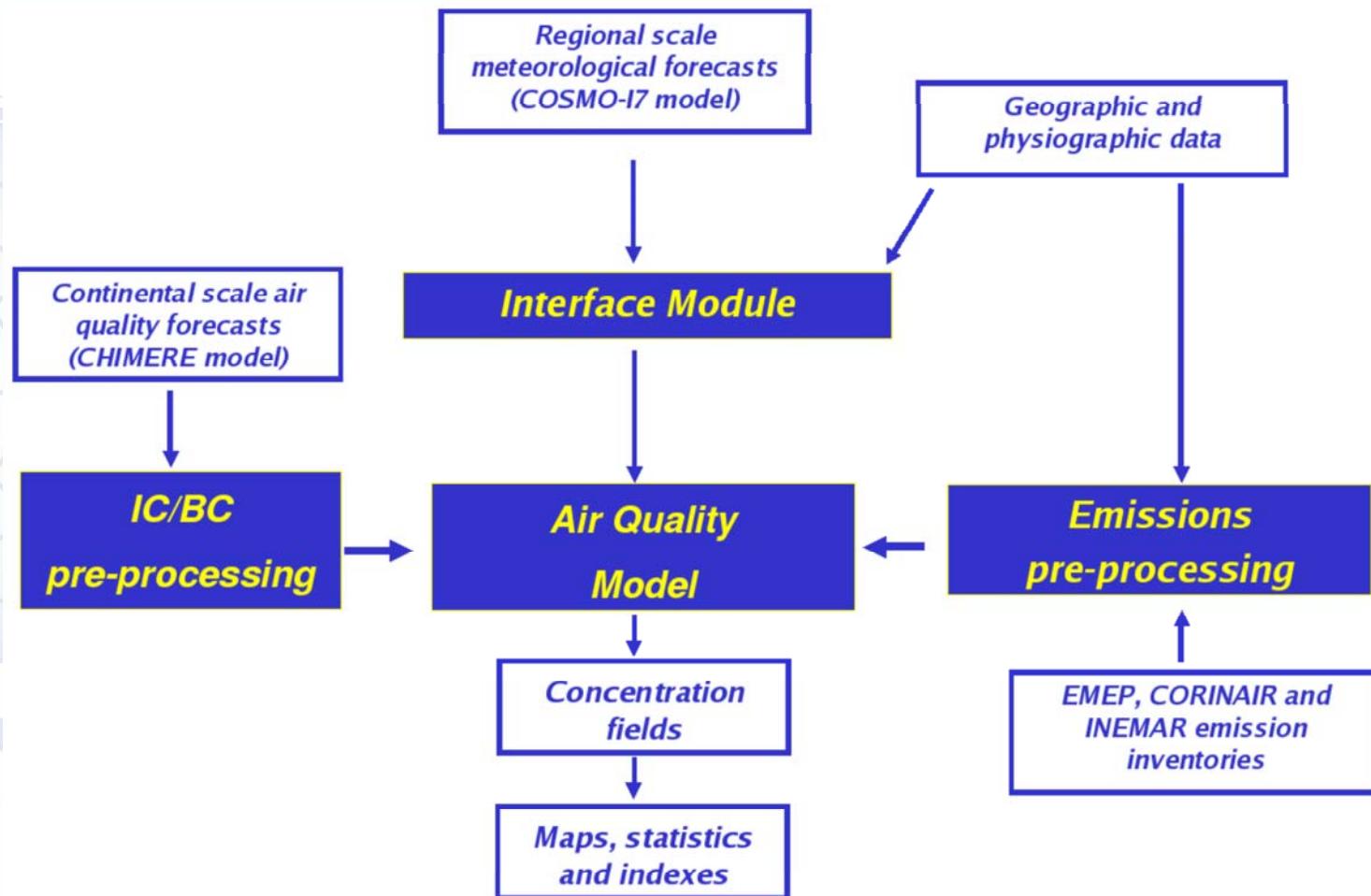
*g2 Novara*



*g2 Turin*

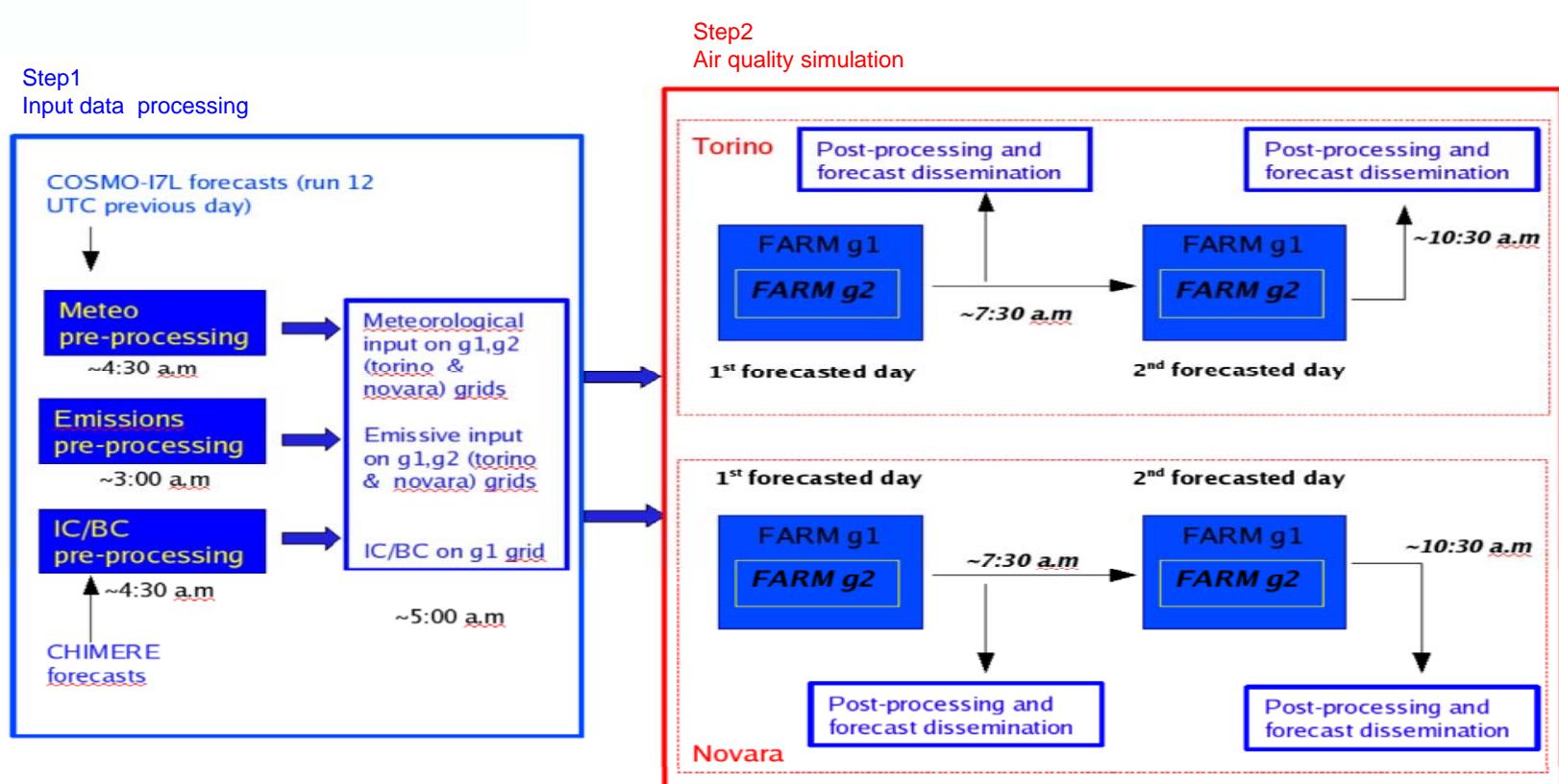


# The Piemonte & Turin AQFS Architecture



# The Piemonte & Turin AQFS

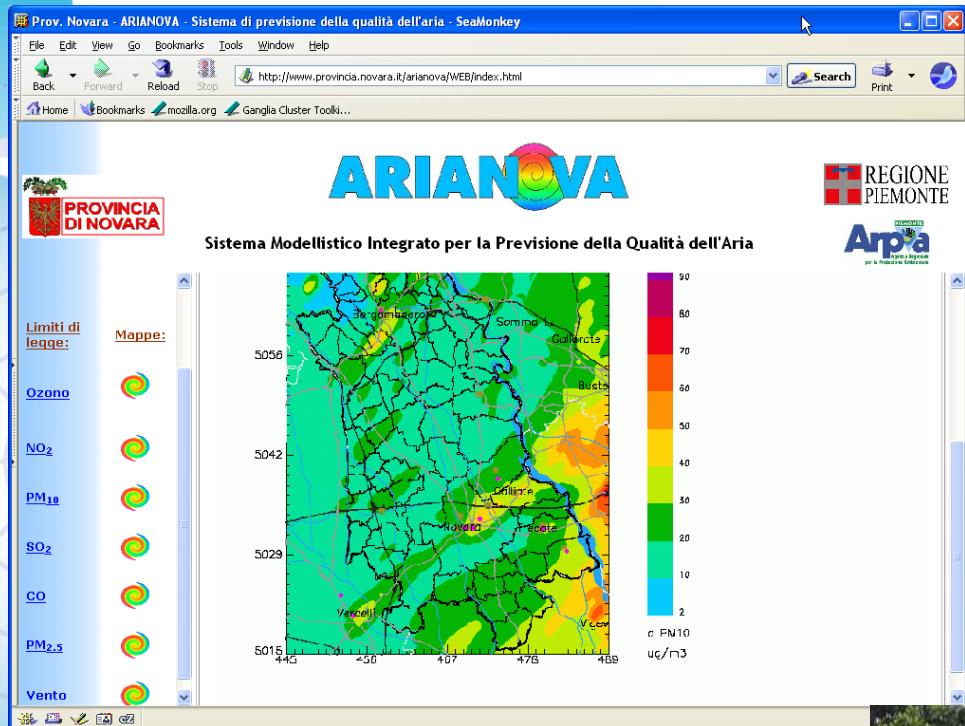
## Scheduling



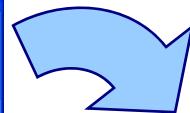
- Forecast time:** 48 hours (2 days forecasts, starting from today 01:00 a.m.)
- Pollutants:** SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, CO, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, O<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>
- Time resolution:** 1 hour;
- Post-processing:** maps, air quality indicators and Torino metropolitan area Air Quality Index (IQA)
- Forecast dissemination:** forecast products are delivered to Torino and Novara Provinces, where they can be browsed and redistributed to end users and public through the web (e.g. <http://www.provincia.novara.it/arianova/WEB/index.html>)

# Novara Province

## Maps on web site



<http://www.provincia.novara.it/arianova/WEB/index.html>



## Air Quality Index

Indice della qualità dell'aria nell'area metropolitana torinese	La scala di riferimento per la qualità dell'aria	Valore dell'indice della qualità dell'aria relativo agli ultimi 7 giorni (*)	Previsione per Giovedì 20/09/2007	Previsione per Venerdì 21/09/2007
	Mercoledì 19/09/2007	<b>2</b> <b>Buona</b>		
	18/09/2007	<b>2</b>		Non vi sono variazioni significative delle condizioni meteorologiche.
	17/09/2007	<b>3</b>		Non vi sono variazioni significative delle condizioni meteorologiche.
	16/09/2007	<b>3</b>		
	15/09/2007	<b>5</b>		
	14/09/2007	<b>4</b>		
	13/09/2007	<b>3</b>		

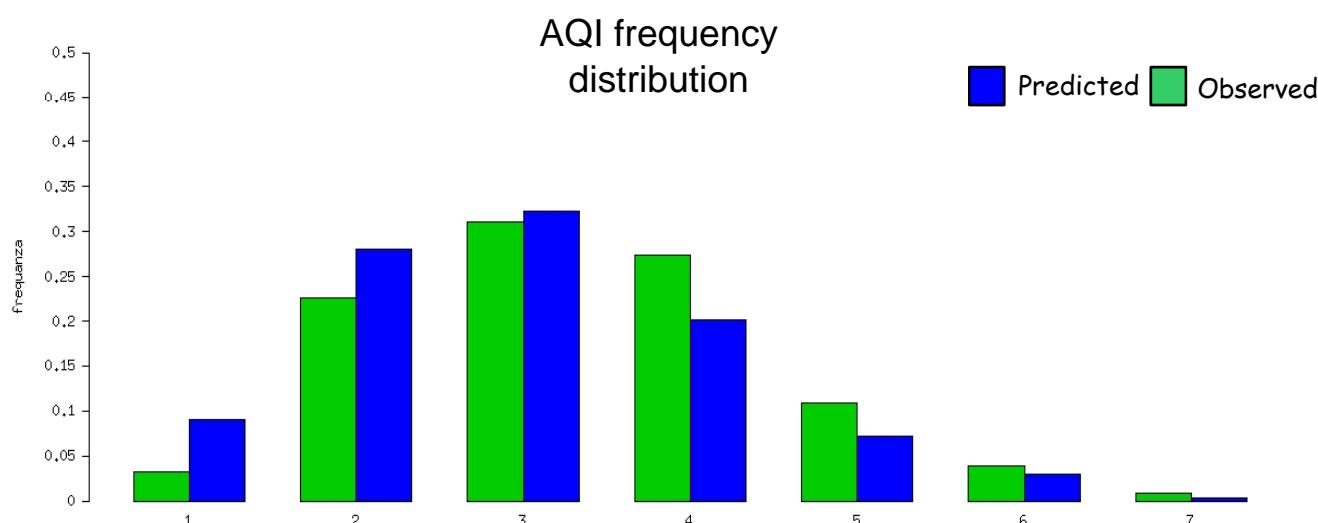


## Road panels



# Verification against measurements (1)

Jul 2006 - Jul 2007

*Forecasted Air Quality Index for Torino urban area*

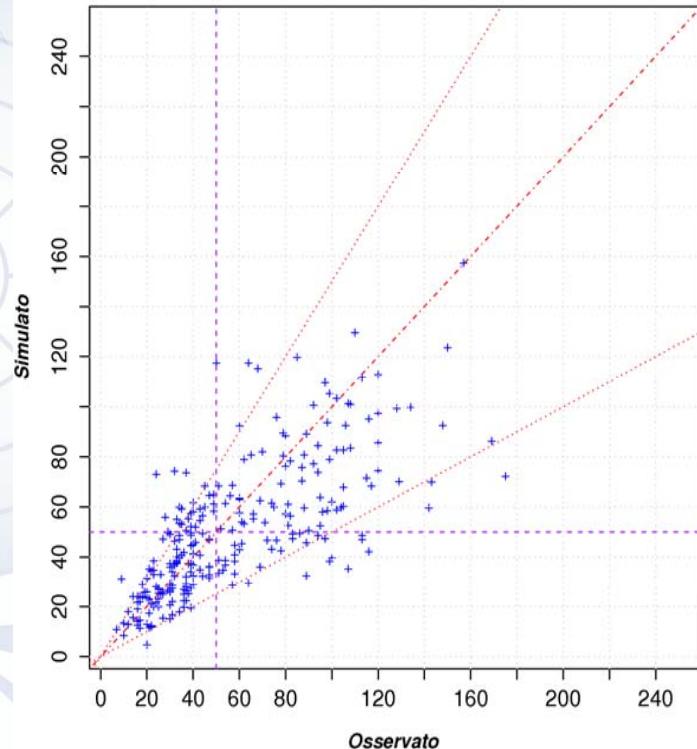
- › Satisfactory agreement
- › Underestimation of IQA in higher observed values (mainly due to PM<sub>10</sub> underestimation during winter season)

# Verification against measurements (2)

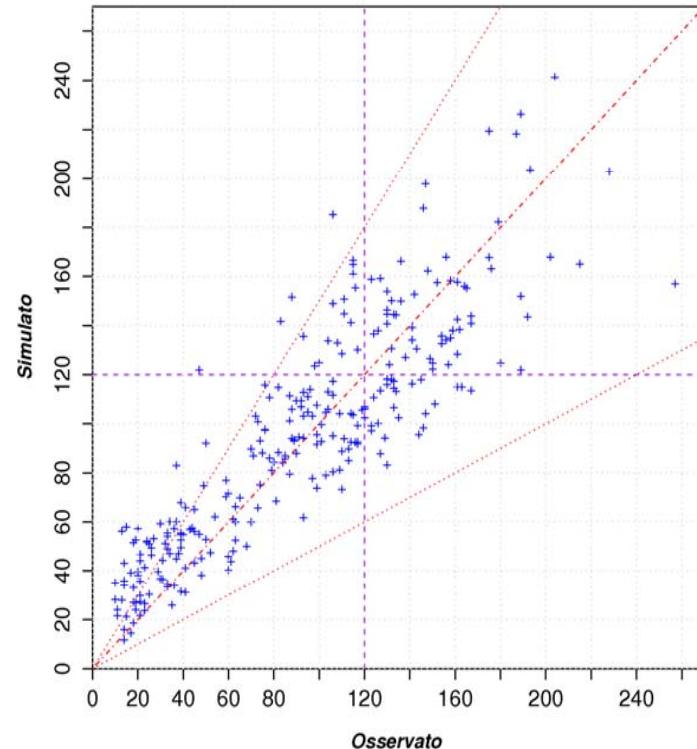
Jul 2006 - Jul 2007

( +48 forecast, g2 grid )

**PM<sub>10</sub>**  
TO Consolata

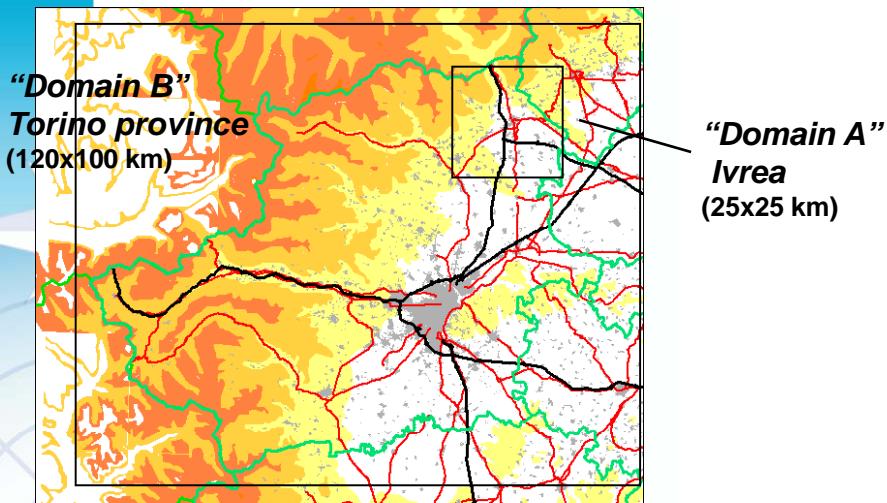


**O<sub>3</sub> daily maximum 8-hour running average**  
Druento – La Mandria



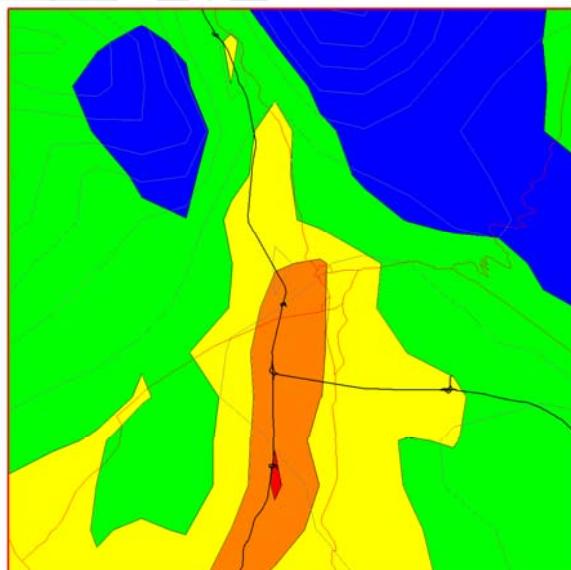
- forecasted PM<sub>10</sub> daily averages within the accuracy required by EU and Italian legislations (dotted red lines) at almost station locations
- greater underestimation for stations located outside the Torino metropolitan area

# Resolution & comparison against measurements

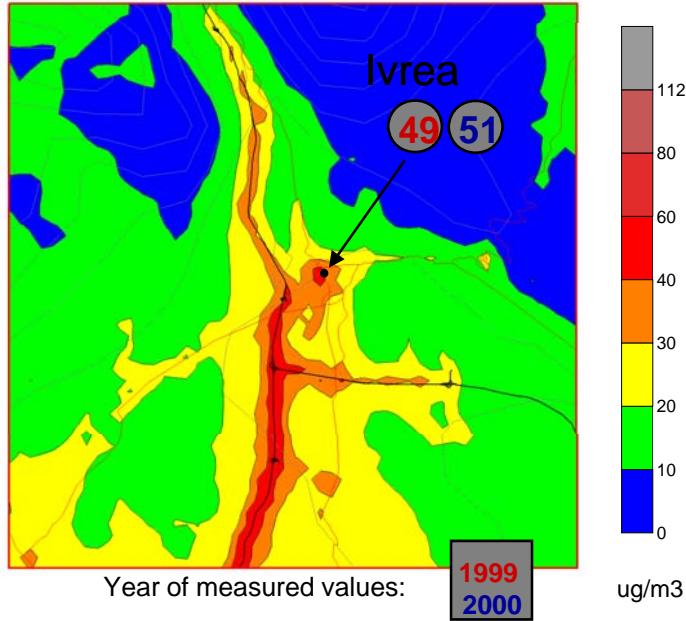


As seen from domain B

NO<sub>2</sub>  
Yearly  
averages



Domain A



# Multiple AQFS





# *Examples of Air Quality Forecast Systems*

# Beijing AQFS

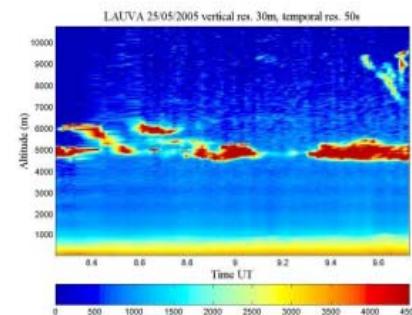
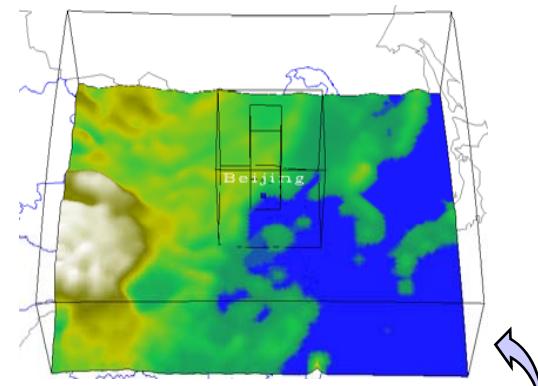
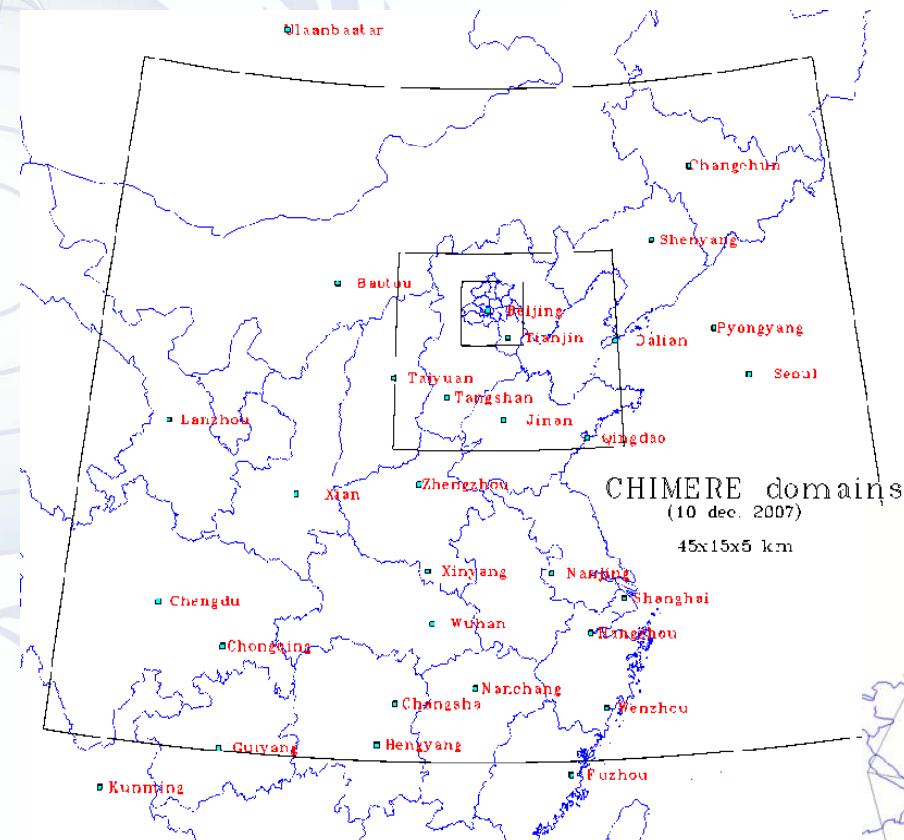
Beijing 2008

Partner: BMEMC

Target area: Beijing & Tianjin

3 domains zooming: 45 → 15 → 5 km

MM5 + CHIMERE



## Paris

AIRPARIF - Indice - Résultats du jour - SeaMonkey

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Carte pour la région Ile-de-France

Global NO<sub>2</sub> O<sub>3</sub> PM<sub>10</sub> SO<sub>2</sub>

lundi 08 octobre 2007

Recherche par ville ou par code postal : Rechercher

Très Mauvais  
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Moyen  
Bon  
Très Bon

http://www.airparif.asso.fr/index.php?setlang=en

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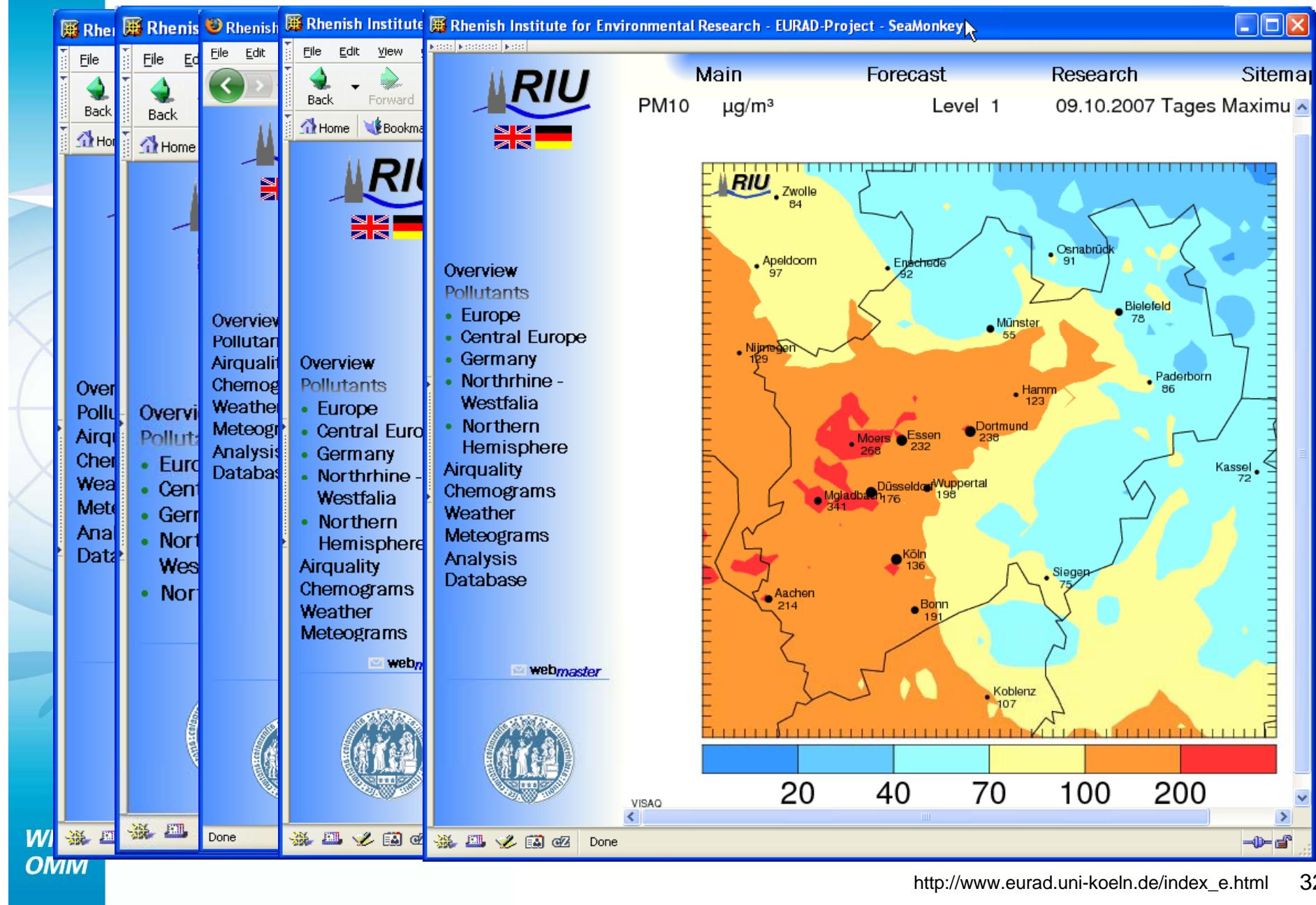
The screenshot shows a desktop environment with three windows open:

- Luftkvalitet.info**: A local application window showing air quality forecasts for various locations in Norway, including Oslo, Drammen, and Lillehammer. It includes a sidebar for weather forecasts and a main area for air quality reports.
- Luftkvalitet.info - SeaMonkey**: A web browser window displaying the same information as the local application. The URL is <http://www.luftkvalitet.info/Default.aspx?pageid=1550>. The page title is "Helsevirkninger knyttet til luftforurensning".
  - Helseeffekter**: A section with a link to "Les om hvordan luftforurensning påvirker din helse." and a "More..." button.
  - Relevant lenker**: A list with links to "Folkehelseinstituttet" and "World Health Organisation".
- Luftkvalitet.info**: A separate tab or window showing a table of health effects related to air pollution levels for PM10, PM2.5, NO2, and SO2.

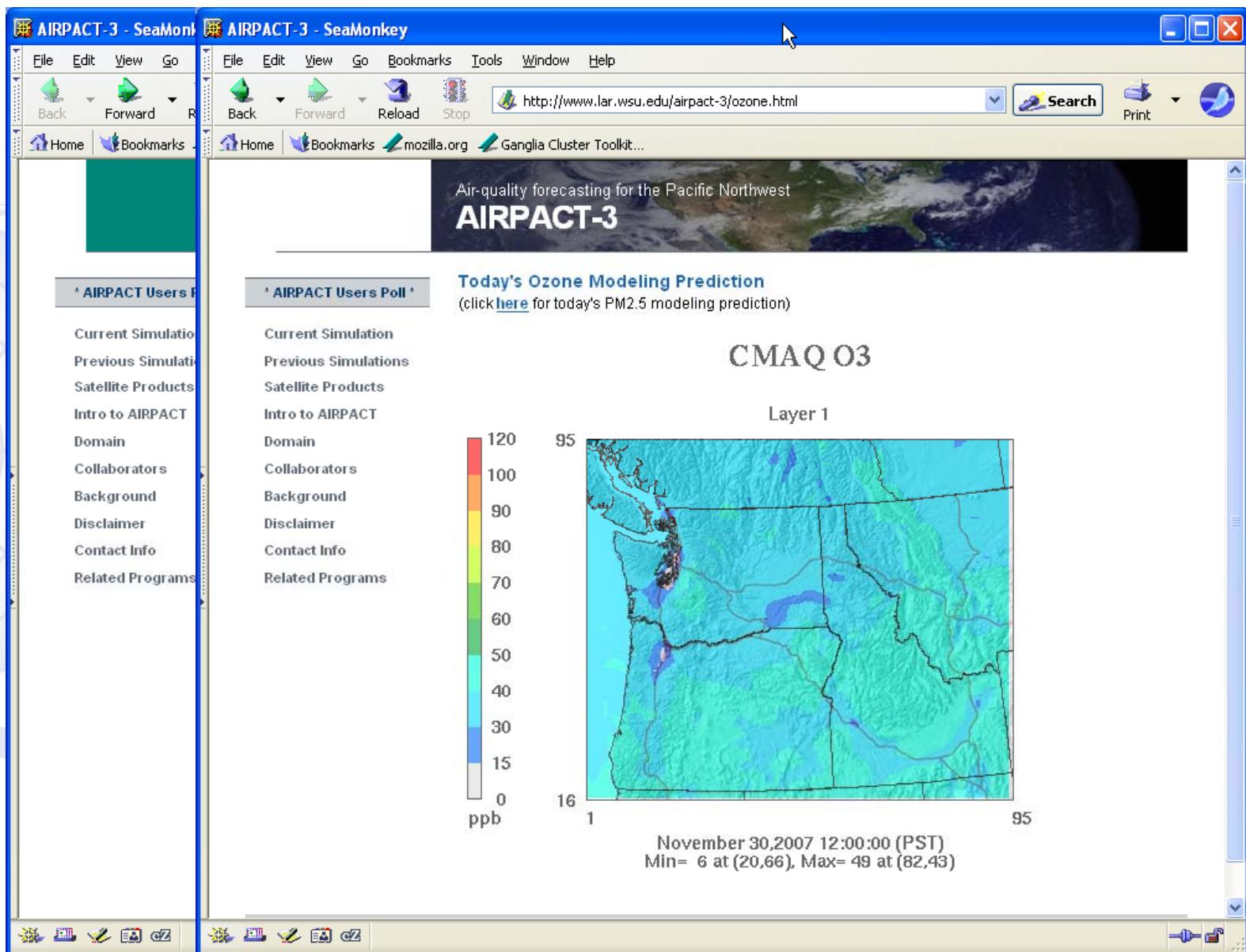
**Table: Helsevirkninger knyttet til luftforurensning**

Nivå	Helsevirkninger knyttet til luftforurensning	PM10	PM2,5	NO2	SO2
	m g/m <sup>3</sup>				
Sært bra	Liten eller ingen helserisiko.	<50	<25	<100	<150
Bra	Helseeffekter kan forekomme hos astmatikere.	50-100	25-50	100-150	50-100
Dårlig	Allergikere og personer med alvorlige hjerte- eller luftveislidelser bør unngå opphold utendørs i mye forurensede områder.	100-150	50-100	150-200	50-100
Sært dårlig	Allergikere og personer med alvorlige hjerte- eller luftveislidelser bør ikke oppholde seg i sært forurensede områder. Forbigående slimimetasjoner og ubehag kan forekomme hos triske personer.	>150	>100	>200	>150

# Northrhine-Westfalia



# Pacific Northwest



# Sussex AQFS

The screenshot displays a dual-monitor setup. The left monitor shows the [Sussex Air: Air Quality Near Me: Forecasts - SeaMonkey](http://www.sussex-air.net/air_quality_forecasts.html) page. The header features the 'SUSSEX AIR' logo and the tagline 'Promoting better air quality in Sussex'. A navigation menu includes Home, About Us, Air Quality Near Me (which is highlighted in blue), airALERT, News & Events, Local Air Quality Management, Learn More, and Contact. On the left sidebar, there are links for airALERT, Monitoring Data, Forecasts (selected), Ozone Data, and Air Quality Events. Below these are Related links to the Environmental Research Group at King's College London, National Air Quality Forecasts, and Weather Forecasts. A copyright notice for 2003 Sussex Air Quality Steering Group is also present. The right monitor shows a SeaMonkey dialog box for 'Air Quality Air Alert'. It contains the message: 'Air pollution levels in all parts of Brighton and Hove are expected to be 'low''. It provides a link for an explanation of health effects and a 'close' button. At the bottom of the dialog is a map of the Brighton and Hove area, color-coded by air quality. Most of the region is green (moderate), with a small orange area around Brighton and Hove indicating 'low' pollution.

# Haifa

Air Quality in Haifa - SeaMonkey

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**Air Quality**

Haifa District Municipal Association for the Environment  
איגוד ערים אוזור חיפה - איזבות הסביבה

Stations

- Ahuza
- Einstein
- Kiriat Ata
- Kiriat Bialik
- Kiriat Haim
- Kiriat Motzkin
- Kiriat Yam
- Nesher
- Neve Shaanan
- Rechassim
- Shprinzak
- Talpiot market
- Tivon

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- About monitoring

Links

- HDMAE
- The City of Haifa
- Haifa Tour
- The Haifa Environmental Fund
- Ministry of the Environment
- The Society for Protection of Nature

**View AQI map** < For overview of current Air Quality Index (AQI) on all stations.

Date: 01.01.1900 Time: 00:00

Select maps of current air quality from the model calculations (30 min averages):

Status: Model calculation not available, meteorological data missing

PM<sub>10</sub> SO<sub>2</sub> NO<sub>x</sub> NO<sub>2</sub> O<sub>3</sub>

View map of 24-hour average:

PM<sub>10</sub>

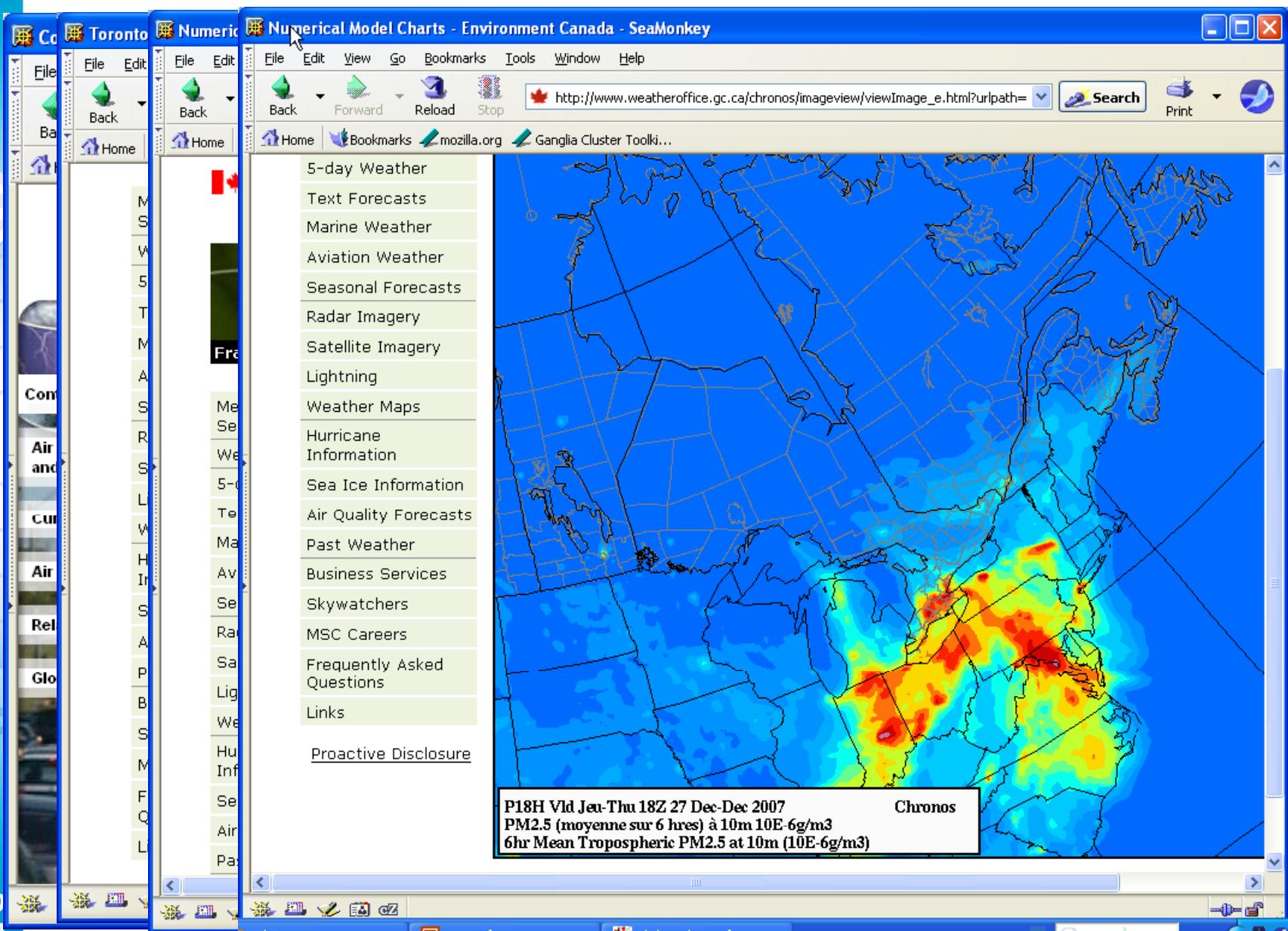
MESSAGE BOARD

האנו מודדים, נבדוק וඅධිකරණ 2004, לධන තුන පෙරදී පැවත්තේ මුළු ජ-4 පැවත්තේ මුළු+ක් බැං ගෙනරැල නිශ්චාල හි යා අංශ පැවත්තේ, පැවත්තේ නිශ්චාල මුළු පැවත්තේ නිශ්චාල මුළු+ක් බැං ගෙනරැල නිශ්චාල හි යා අංශ පැවත්තේ

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Link al sito web

# Toronto



[http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/airquality/pages/onaq-001\\_e.html](http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/airquality/pages/onaq-001_e.html)

# Portugal

The screenshot shows two side-by-side Internet Explorer windows. The left window displays the homepage of the Instituto do Ambiente (IA) with a sidebar containing links for 'Previsão por poluente', 'Consulta histórico', 'Eventos naturais', 'Efeitos na saúde', 'Objectivos', 'Modelos', 'Validação', 'Equipa', 'Publicações', 'Parceiros', 'Institucionais', 'Investigação', and 'Contactos'. The right window shows the 'Previsão do Índice da Qualidade do Ar' page. It features a header with the IA logo and 'universidade de aveiro'. Below the header, a section titled 'Links institucionais' contains a link to 'QUALAR'. The main content area contains text about the Air Quality Index (IQualar) and a table comparing ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) and PM<sub>10</sub> levels across five categories: MUITO BOM, BOM, MÉDIO, FRACO, and MAU. The table also includes minimum and maximum values for each category.

Índice	O <sub>3</sub>		PM <sub>10</sub>	
	Mínimo	Máximo	Mínimo	Máximo
MUITO BOM	0,0	59,4	0,0	19,4
BOM	59,5	119,4	34,5	34,4
MÉDIO	119,5	179,4	34,5	49,4
FRACO	179,5	239,4	49,5	119,4
MAU	239,5	>239,5	119,5	>119,5

O Índice de Qualidade do Ar previsto baseia-se na seguinte Tabela, proposta para o ano 2006, em termos do valor máximo horário diário de Ozono (O<sub>3</sub>) e da média diária de partículas inaláveis (PM<sub>10</sub>).

Independentemente de quaisquer factores de sinergia entre os diferentes poluentes, o grau de degradação da qualidade do ar estará mais dependente da pior classificação verificada entre os dois poluentes considerados, pelo que o IQualar é definido a partir daquele que apresentar pior classificação.

Para mais informações, consultar a página relativa ao [Índice de Qualidade do Ar](#).

# Public awareness



# Communication

## Media:

- internet (web site, Google Earth ...)
- TV, newspapers
- text/SMS, fax, voice mail, e-mail ...
- road panels
- others ...

## Which quantity?

- concentration values (max, 24 hrs avg., ...)
- synthetic indexes (AQI categories)

## Information types:

- messages, bulletins
- time series at selected locations
- maps

... depending on the audience & purpose

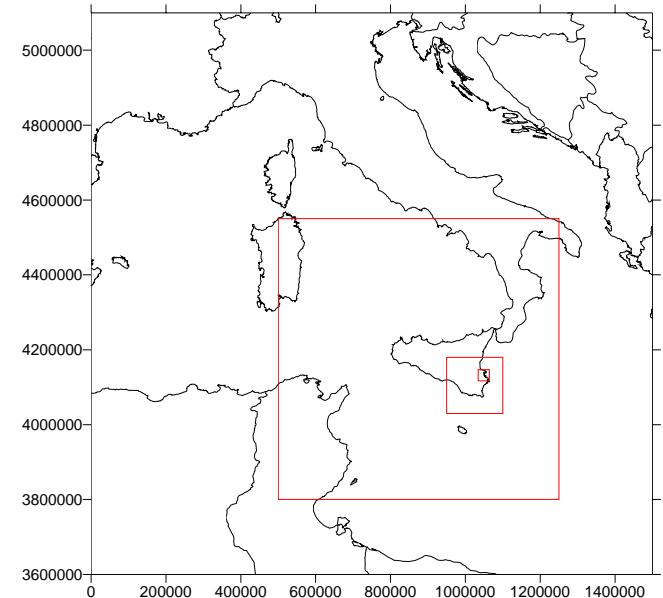
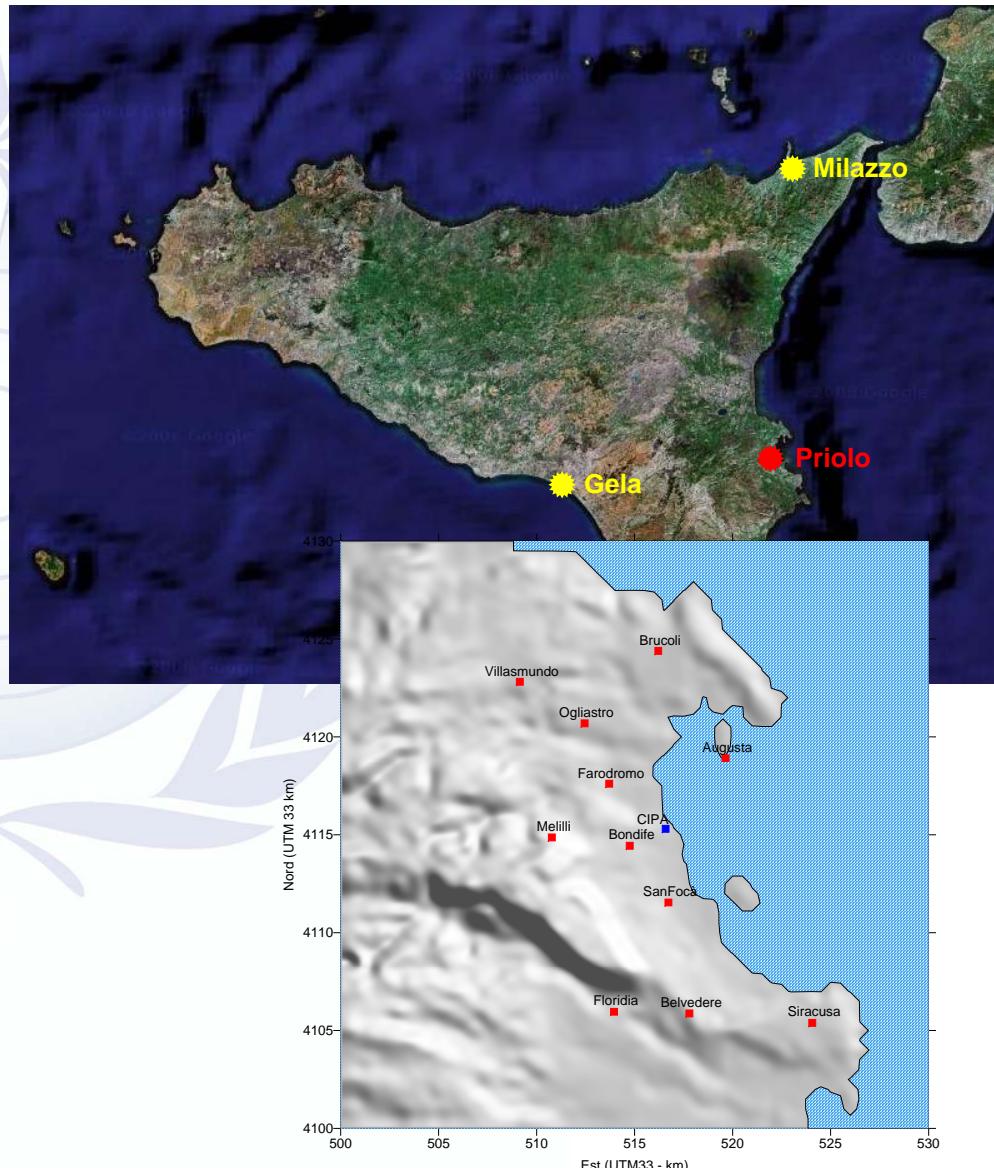
# Forecast purposes

- Public health notification
- Episodic control programs
- Specialized monitoring programs
- Knowledge base for planning & emissions reduction programs

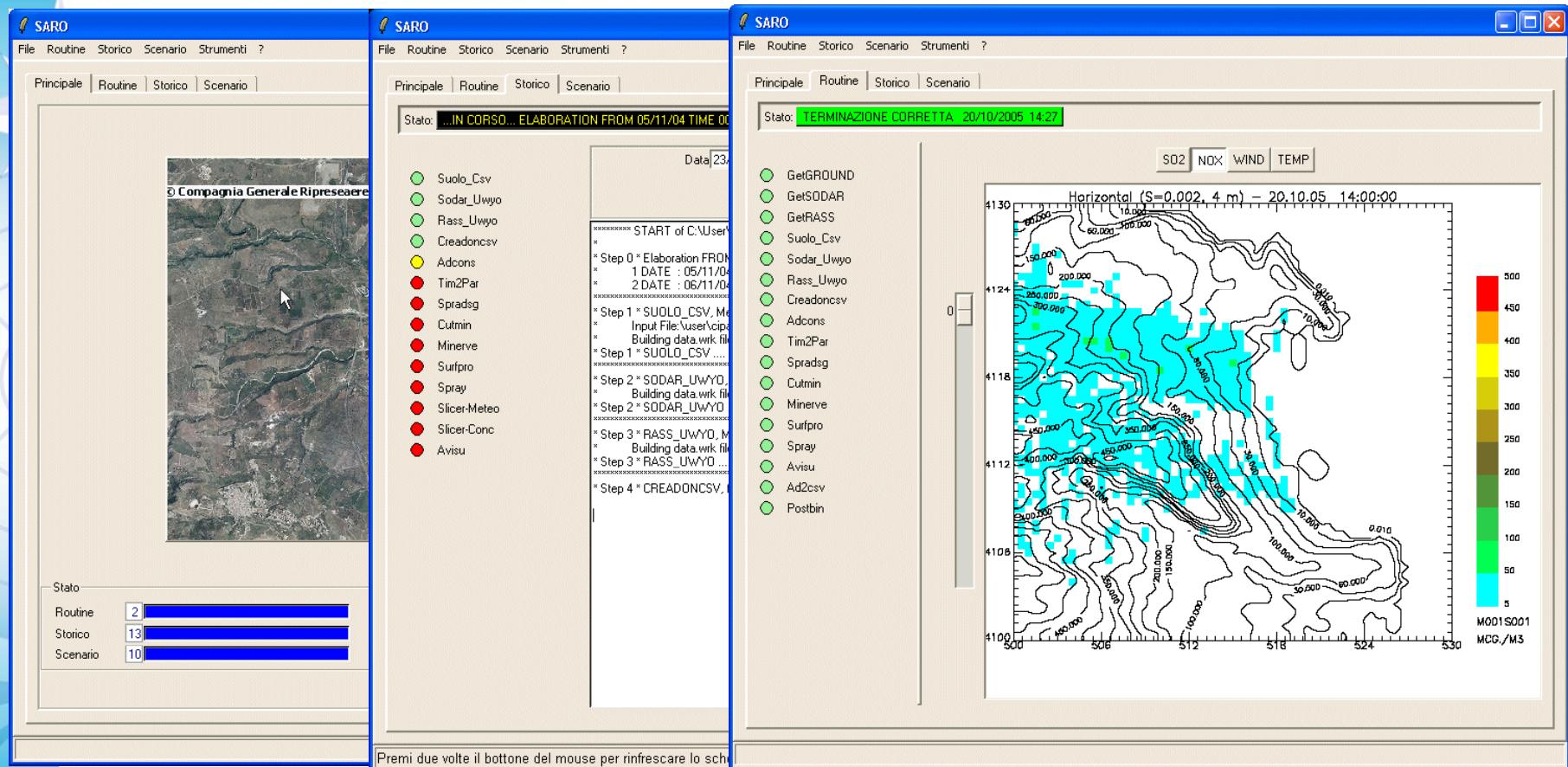


# Forecast for industrial sites

## The PRIOLO industrial complex

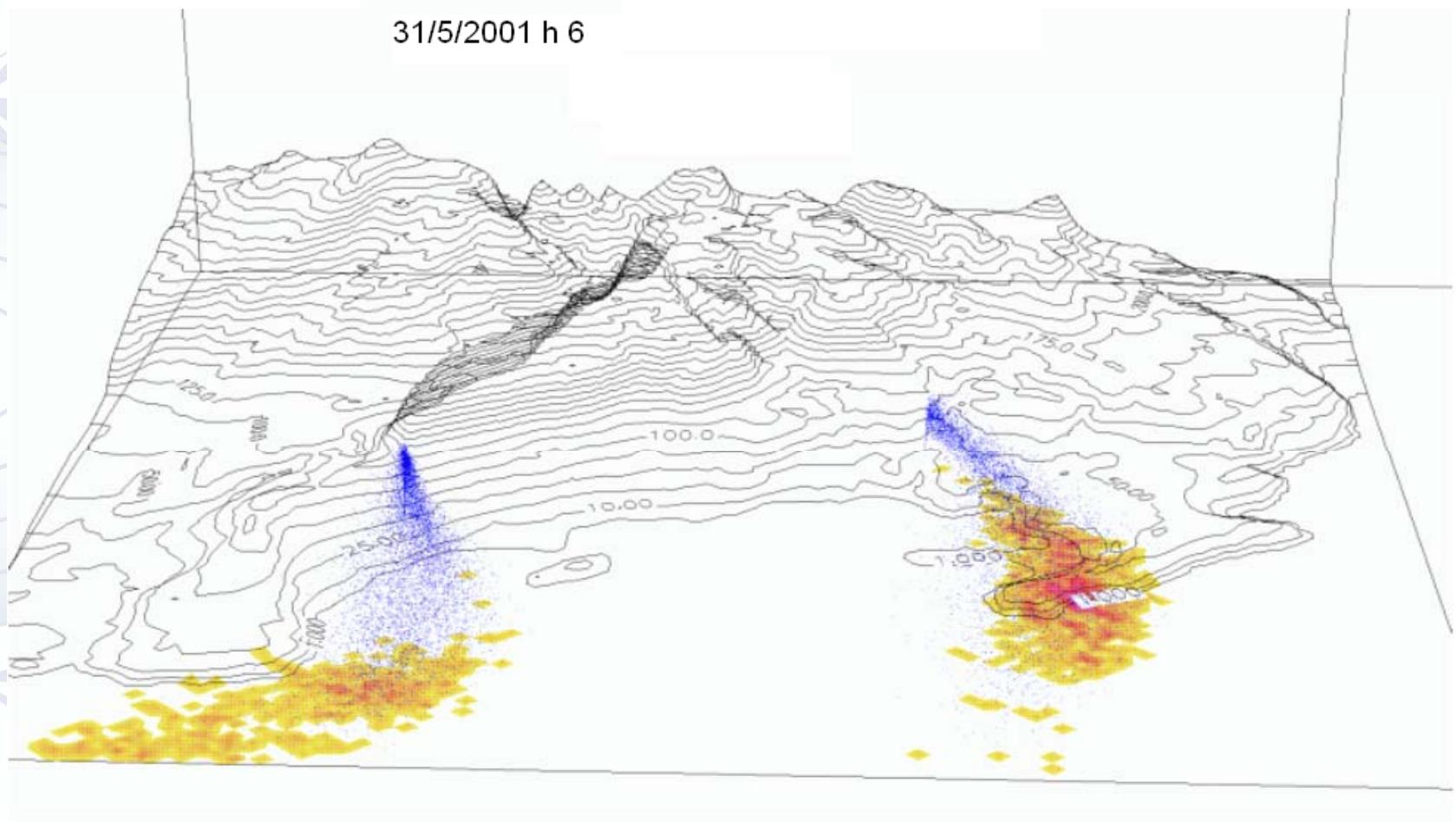


# The PRIOLO industrial complex SARO – user interface



- Check modelling system computing status
- Verify results of every step of the computational chain
- Visualise pollutant concentrations

# Continuous plumes following



The PRIOLO industrial complex  
**Accidental events**



*30 April 2006 Accident*

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