



# ***Enviro-HIRLAM Seamless Modelling: Research, Development, Application***

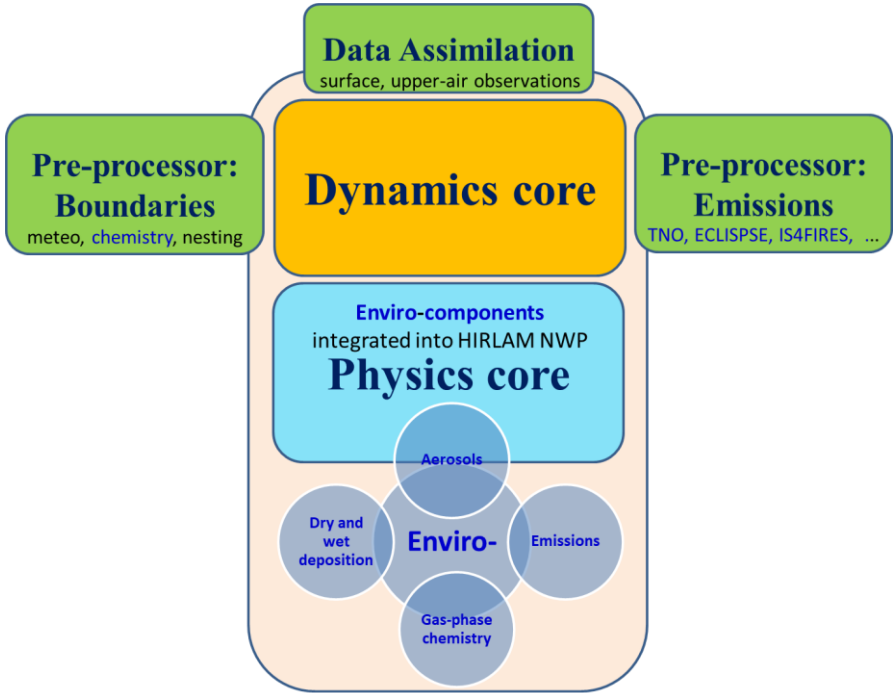
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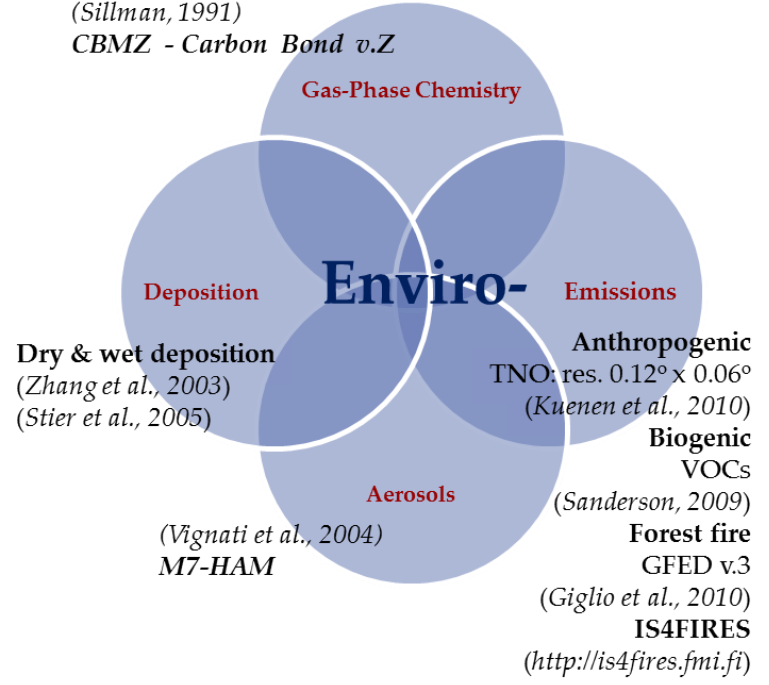
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# Enviro-HIRLAM (Environment – High Resolution Limited Area Model)



(Zaveri and Peters, 1999);  
 (Shalaby et al., 2012);  
 (Sillman, 1991)  
 CBMZ - Carbon Bond v.Z






- Seamless / online coupled integrated meteorology-chemistry-aerosols downscaling modelling system for predicting weather and atmospheric composition

(Baklanov et al., 2017; GMD) - last overview of the modelling system  
 Mahura et al. (2023+) – in preparation

**Enviro-HIRLAM research and development team**  
*contributions from many colleagues through collaboration Finland, Denmark, Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Baltic States, Spain, Turkey, etc.)*

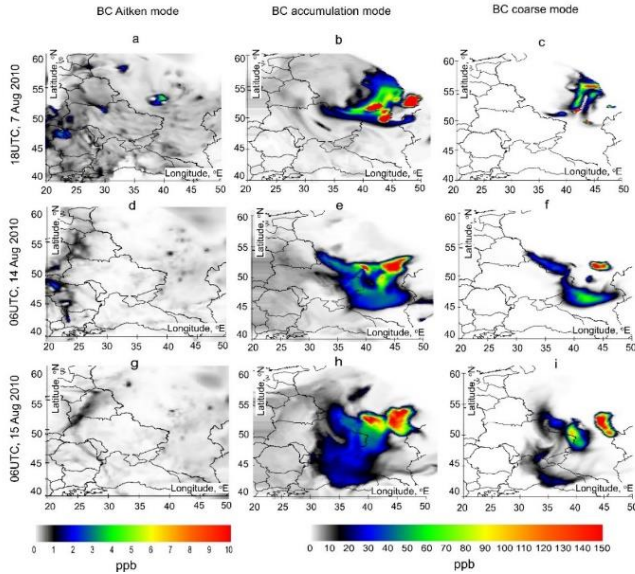
# Research & Development through Collaboration with Partners



- **(2017-...)** **Enviro-HIRLAM on CSC** – “*Enviro-HIRLAM seamless modelling of meteorology-chemistry-aerosols interactions and feedbacks on multi-scales*”  
 (linking to CSC’s HPC projects using Enviro-HIRLAM model)
- **(2021-2023)** **Enviro-PEEX(Plus) on ECMWF (Plus)** - “*Research and development for integrated meteorology – atmospheric composition multi-scales and – processes modelling for the PEEEX domain for weather, air quality and climate applications*” [https://www.atm.helsinki.fi/peex/index.php/enviro-peex\\_plus](https://www.atm.helsinki.fi/peex/index.php/enviro-peex_plus)  
 (involving 15 Partners/ Organizations)
- **(2020-2022)** **PEEX-MP-Europa3** – “*PEEX Modelling Platform research and development through HPC-Europa3 Transnational Access Programme*”  
 <https://www.atm.helsinki.fi/peex/index.php/peex-mp-europa3>  
(individual grants) at CSC’s HPCs, Finland

# Elevated Black Carbon Pollution over Ukraine Resulted from Forest Fires

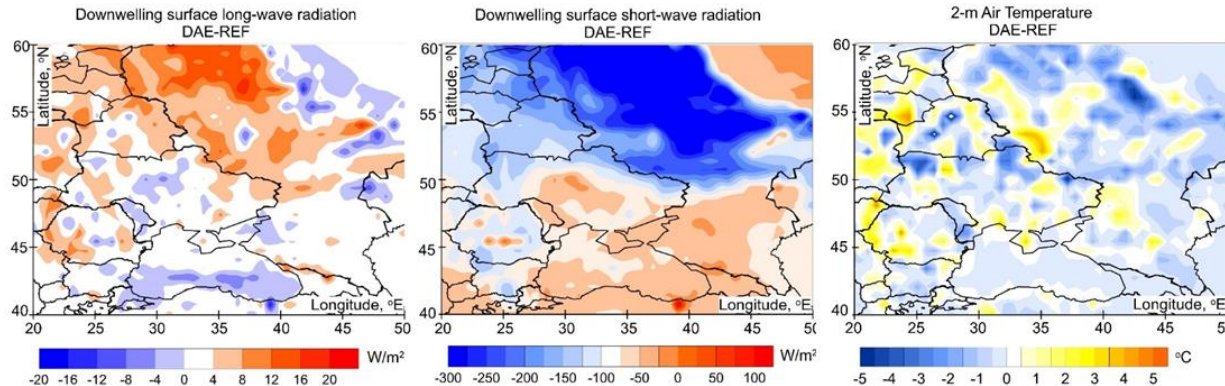
Savenets et al. 2022, ACP



## Conclusions:

- (\*) BC emissions' influence from wildfires areas was identified: (i) up to 5 km height for the coarse and accumulation modes & (ii) at distances up to 2000 km.
- (\*) BC was mainly : (i) transported in the lowest 3 km layer & (ii) deposited at night- morning hours due to formation of strong surface temperature inversions.
- (\*) BC max increase in concentration: up to 73 % during wildfires vs. background.
- (\*) BC contribution in total aerosol mass: up to 20 % near the wildfires in the lowest 2 km layer.
- (\*) In areas with high BC content: (i) downwelling surface long-wave radiation increased up to  $20 \text{ W m}^{-2}$  & (ii) 2 m air temperature increased by 1–4 °C during the midday hours.

*Spatial distribution of the BC for the Aitken (a,d,g), accumulation (b,e,h) and coarse (c,f,i) modes in the days of air movement towards Ukraine with the highest BC content near the surface.*



*Difference fields between the Enviro-HIRLAM DAE and REF model runs for downwelling surface long-wave, short-wave radiation and 2-m air temperature at 12<sup>th</sup> August 2010.*

# Integrated Modelling and Analysis of Influence of Land Cover Changes on Regional Weather Conditions/ Patterns

with Larysa Pysarenko (with UHMI, UA)

**Aim:** to investigate influence of land-cover changes (current vs. scenarios) and its consequences on meteorology for cases of extreme meteorological situations (heatwave, heavy rains and snowfall) & air quality/ atmospheric composition.

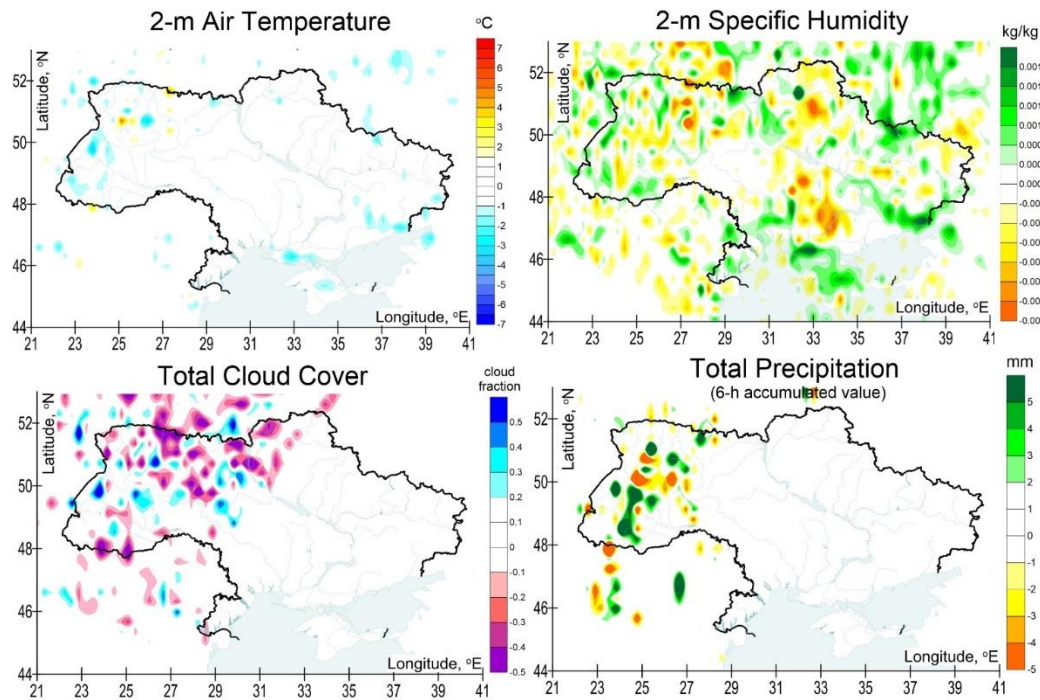
Pysarenko et al. (articles in preparation)

## Methods:

(1) **Seamless** multi-scale (15-5-2-1.5 km res.) Enviro-HIRLAM modelling; (2) **Study period:** Jul-Aug 2010; Mar-Apr 2013; (3) **Scenarios:** **deforestation** total (TOT\_DEF) & half (HALF\_DEF); **afforestation** total (TOT\_AFF) & half (HALF\_AFF); (4) **Model runs:** REF + DAE, IDAE, DAI+IDAE aerosol effects included.

## Conclusions:

- (\*) **Land cover** changes significantly impact **regional weather** patterns through changes in radiation, moisture, temperature and wind regimes.
- (\*) **Land cover** changes can enhance the consequences of extreme meteorological conditions.
- (\*) **Outcomes** – showed **consequences of deforestation** and give solid ground for decision-makers in **planning adaptation** measures to **climate change** & developing possible **recommendations** for national **forestry service**.



Impact of total deforestation on selected meteorological parameters on 1 August 2010 (12UTC)  
(for differences between runs: TOT\_DEF – REF)

# Integrated Modelling for Assessment of Potential Pollution

## Regional Atmospheric Transport as Result of Accidental Wildfires

*with Mykhailo Savenets (with UHMI, UA)*

**Aim:** to analyse regional influence of wildfires occurred in the Chernobyl exclusion zone & to identify affected territories in case of active wildfires near, within radioactive polluted hotspots, and in a close proximity to the nuclear power plant.

Savenets et al. (articles in preparation)

### Methods:

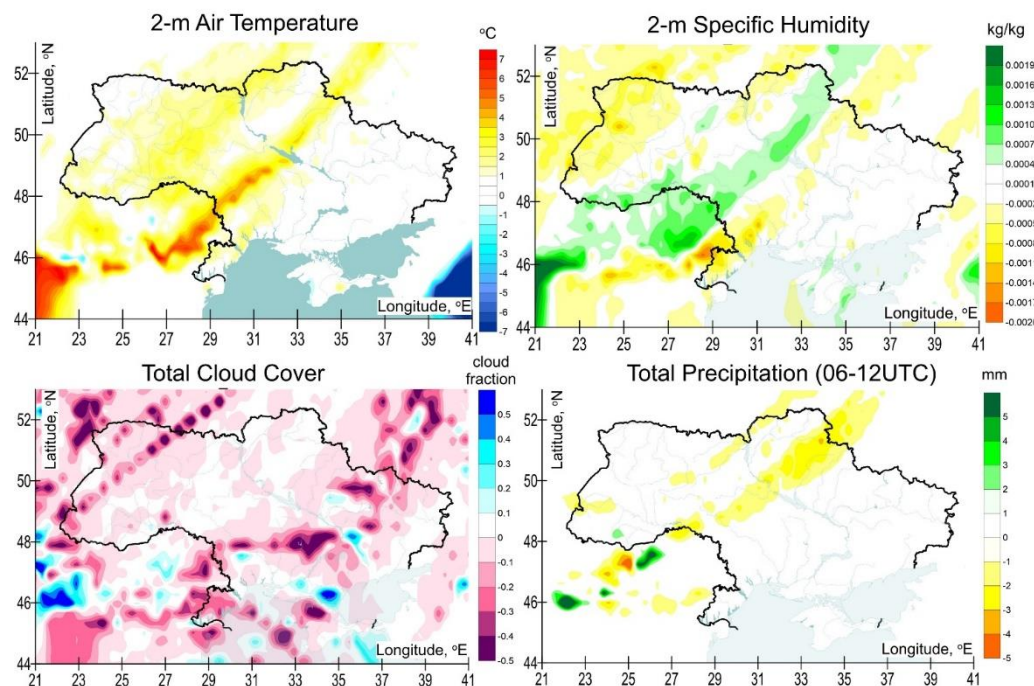
(1) **Seamless** multi-scale (15-5-2-1.5 km res.) Enviro-HIRLAM modelling; (2) **Study period:** 2-30 Apr 2020; (3) **Model runs:** REF + DAE, IDEA, DAI+IDAE aerosol effects included; (4) **Sensitivity tests:** time steps 300-240-180 sec (15 km), 150-120-90, 90-60-30 (2 & 1.5)

### Conclusions:

(\* **Numerous feedbacks revealed** in the atmosphere enhanced by aerosol compounds (emitted from wildfires).

(\* **Aerosol effects** show spatial **non-homogeneity**, **dependence** on meteorological conditions, and **ratio** of species.

(\* **Outcomes** – crucial for **improving weather prediction** considering aerosols' influence & valuable for **impact assessment** on health and ecosystems in decision-making.



*Difference between runs (DAE+IDAE – REF) selected meteorological parameters on 14 April 2020 (12UTC)*

# High-Resolution Integrated Urban Environmental Modeling

with Igor Esau (with UiT/NERSC, NO)

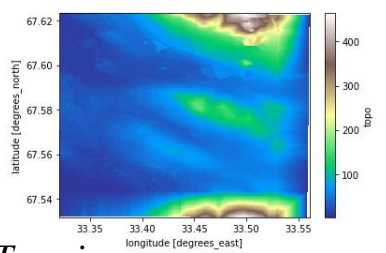
**Aim:** to integrate turbulence-resolving urban large-eddy simulation, LES (meter-scale; PALM) and meteorological (km-scale; Enviro-HIRLAM) simulations into a seamless modeling chain & to study urban climate and air quality with high-resolution (from km to m) numerical modeling and urban observational data fusion.

Esau et al. (article in preparation)

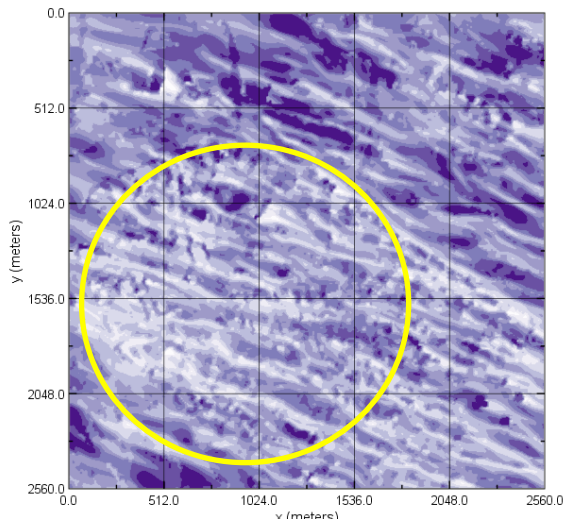
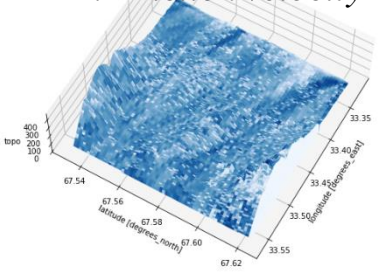
## Methods:

- (1) **Seamless multi-scale** (15-5-2 km res.) Enviro-HIRLAM modelling;
- (2) **Study period:** 1 Dec 2017 – 31 Jan 2018;
- (3) **Model runs:** REF + DAE, IDEA aerosol effects included;
- (4) **LES PALM modelling:** modelling for Apatity urban area.

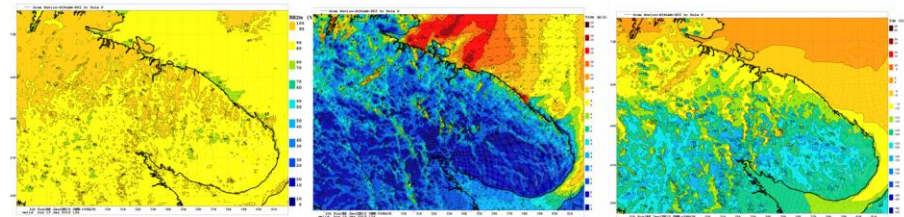
## Work in Progress:



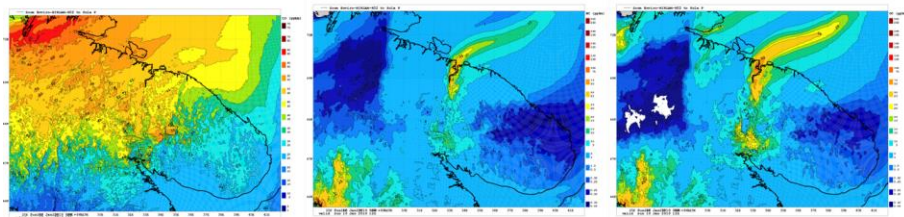
*Terrain*  
(over Apatity urban area)  
*PALM: Friction velocity*



*PALM LES: Wind speed at 10 m*  
wspeed 10m<sup>xy</sup> (m/s)

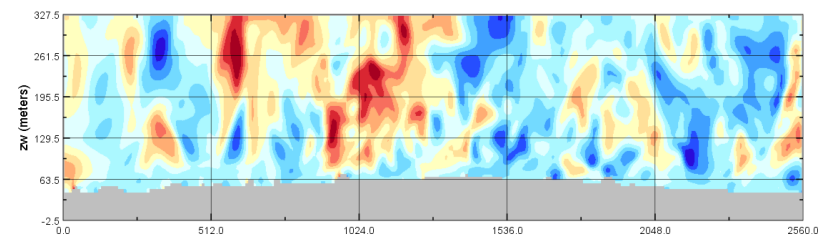


**Meteorology:**  
Relative Humidity (RH2m)      Wind Speed at 10m (U10m)      Air temperature at 2m (T2m)

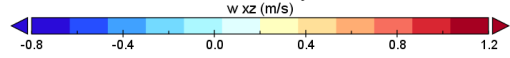


**Atmospheric Composition:**  
Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)      Black Carbon (BC)      Organic Carbon (OC)

*Enviro-HIRLAM: Downscaling (at 15, 5, 2 km resolutions)*



*PALM LES: Vertical wind velocity*



# Effects of Spring Air Pollution and Weather on Covid-19 Infection in Finland

with Behzad Heibati (with UoOulu, FI)

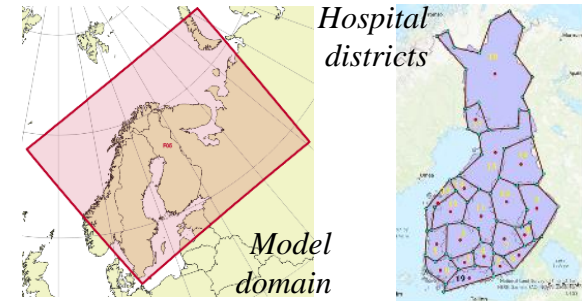
**Aim:** to assess effects of meteorological (temperature, humidity and momentum regimes in the boundary layer) and air pollution (aerosol components) factors on covid19 cases in 20 hospital districts of Finland during spring 2020.

## Methods:

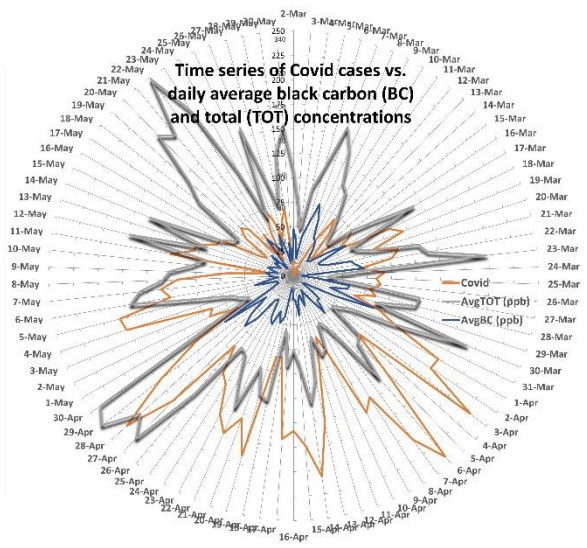
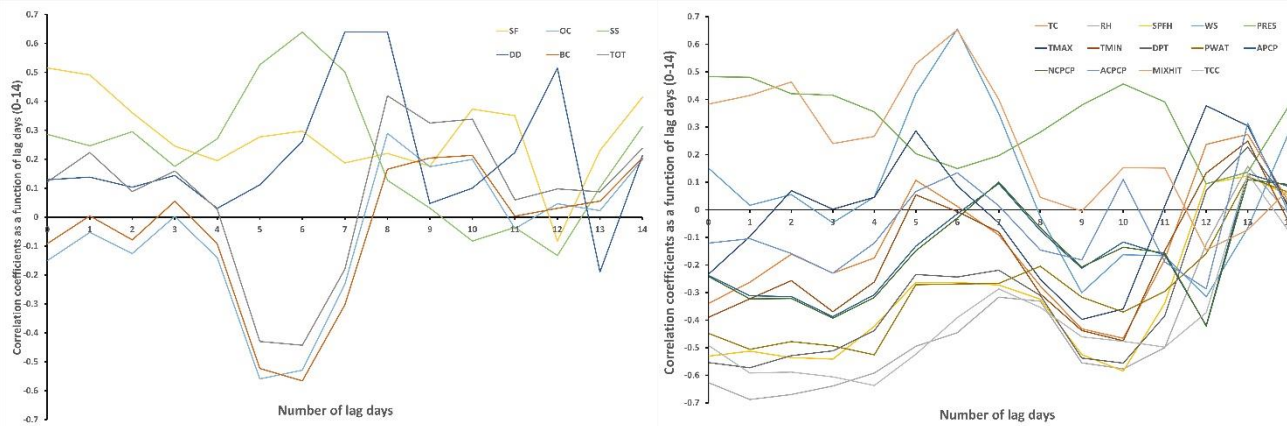
(1) **Seamless** subregional scale Enviro-HIRLAM modelling; (2) **Study period:** 1 March – 31 May 2020 with covid19 lockdowns; (3) **Model runs:** DAE+IDAE aerosol effects included; (4) **Covid19 data:** time-series of daily cases in 20 hospital districts of Finland in March-June 2020.

## Work in Progress:

Heibati et al. (article in preparation)



Example of correlation coefficients (for March 2020, with 0-14 lag days) for aerosol components & meteorological parameters for the Helsinki Hospital District (Finland)





# Enviro-HIRLAM meteorology for FLEXPART atmospheric trajectory calculations

with Benjamin Foreback & Petri Clusius

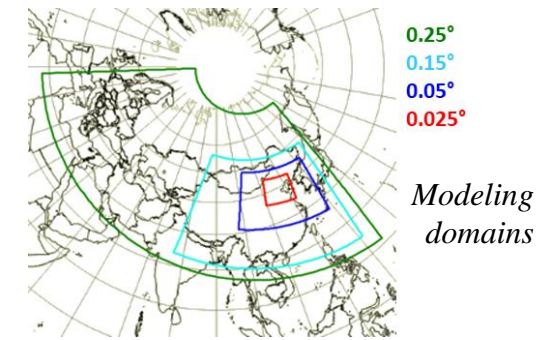
**Aim:** to integrate (develop method) the Enviro-HIRLAM modelled meteorology as input for FLEXPART's calculations of trajectories and dispersion of particles & to evaluate impact of aerosol effects on meteorology and trajectories.

**Methods:**

- (1) **Seamless** downscaling (25-15-5-2+ km resol.) Enviro-HIRLAM **modelling**;
- (2) **Study period:** 1 Oct - 23 Nov 2018; (3) **Model runs:** REF, DAE, IDAE, DAE+IDAE aerosol effects included; (4) **FLEXPART:** atmospheric backward trajectory calculations for elevated pollution episode in Beijing, China.

**Work in Progress:**

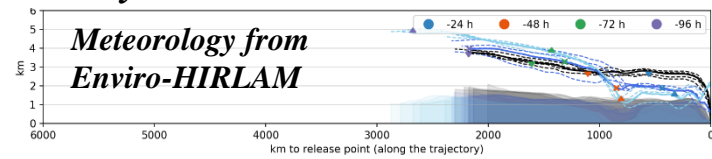
Foreback et al. (article in preparation)



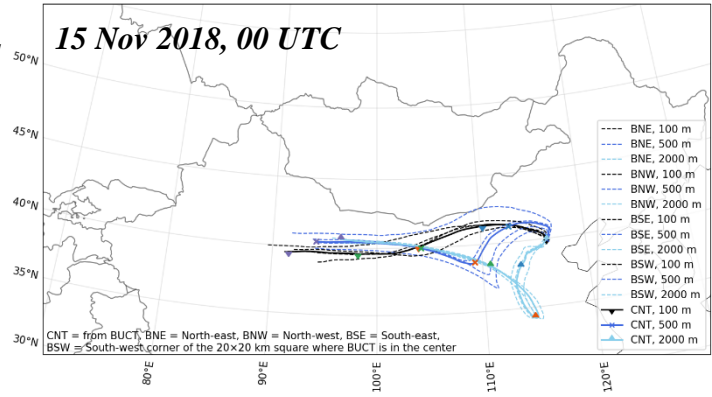
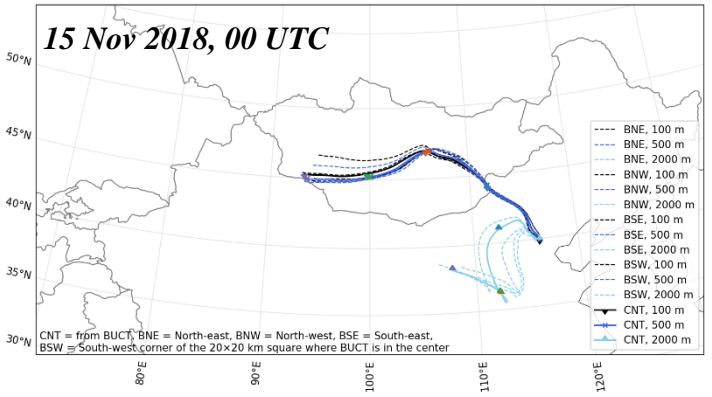
*Atmospheric backward trajectories (96 hrs or 4 days) calculated by FLEX PART model*



based on ERA-5 (0.25° resol.) and Enviro-HIRLAM (reference run at 0.25° resol.)



meteorological input arriving at heights of 100, 500 and 2000 m at 5 locations (i.e., BUCT, Beijing & the corners of a 20x20 km box with BUCT in the center).



Note, top panel shows altitude (ASL) and mean orography along the trajectories.



## in On-going Projects

**H2020 CRiceS** (coord. R. Makkonen & J. Thomas) - *Climate relevant interactions and feedbacks: the key role of sea ice and snow in the polar and global climate system*

- To analyze effects of aerosols and their interactions with clouds & radiation; influence of sea ice and sea-spray aerosols on cloudiness and precipitation, sea ice and clouds albedo effects and feedbacks
- Downscaling modelling: regional - over the Arctic domain, subregional - Nordic and Russian Arctic, and urban - Fennoscandia and Kola region with adjacent seas at urban scales
- Modelling results verification with Arctic datasets and up-scaling to EC-Earth climate scales



**Horizon Europe FOCI** (coord. T. Halenka & R. Sokhi) - *Non-CO2 Forcers and their Climate, Weather, Air Quality and Health Impacts*

- Regional and urban multiscale climate impact: multi-scale modelling approach for Paris metropolitan area for episode in near and far future representative years to study the impact and co-benefits of future air quality and health at regional -urban scale.



**H2020 RI-URBANS** (coord. X. Querol & T. Petaja) - *Research Infrastructures Services Reinforcing Air Quality Monitoring Capacities in European Urban and Industrial AreaS*

- Urban scale modelling of atmospheric composition and meteorology for the St.Petersburg metropolitan area with focus on elevated pollution episodes; study effects of aerosols on urban meteorology, pollution, health



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