

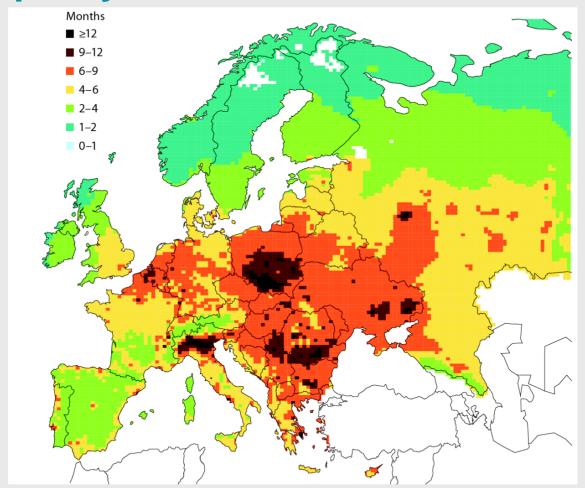


# Transboundary air pollution on regional scales

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## Why are Norwegian scientists so engaged in air quality issues?



Loss of life expectancy due to PM<sub>2.5</sub>

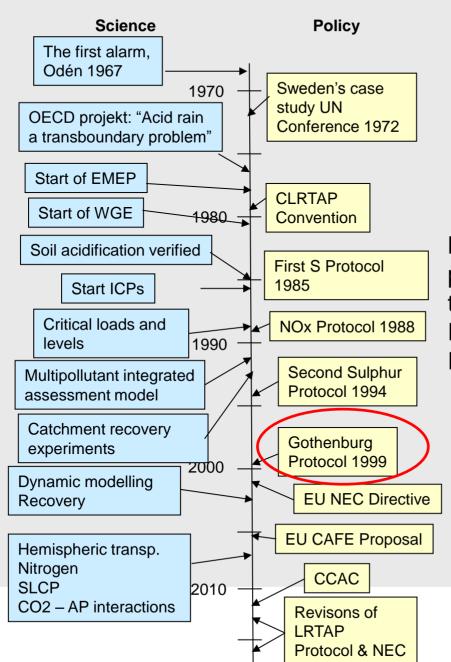
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#### Late 1960's: acid deposition



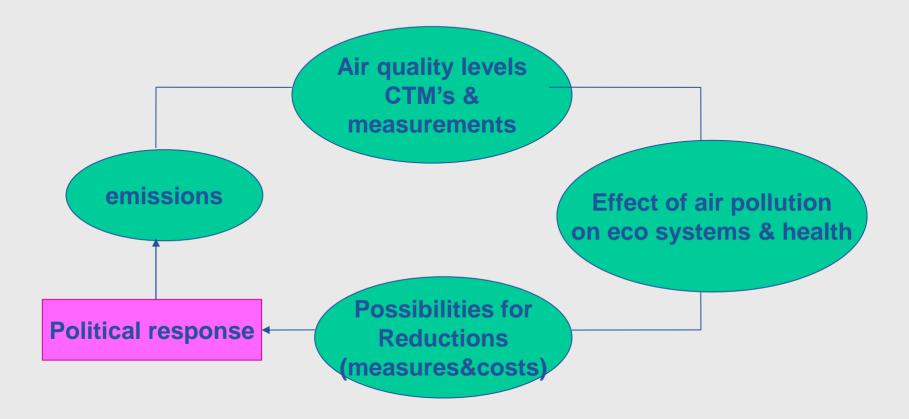
## 1979 UN Convention on Long-range Transboundary air pollution

- protect against acid deposition (now also europhication, ozone, particulate matter)
- 3 centres established, 2 Norwegian (now 5), MSC-W is hosted at MET, CCC at NILU
- MSC-W: provide modelling of S, N, O3, PM, etc.



MSC-W (MET) has been providing **EMEP model calculations** to underpin policies for all Protocols in CLRTAP and also EU Policies

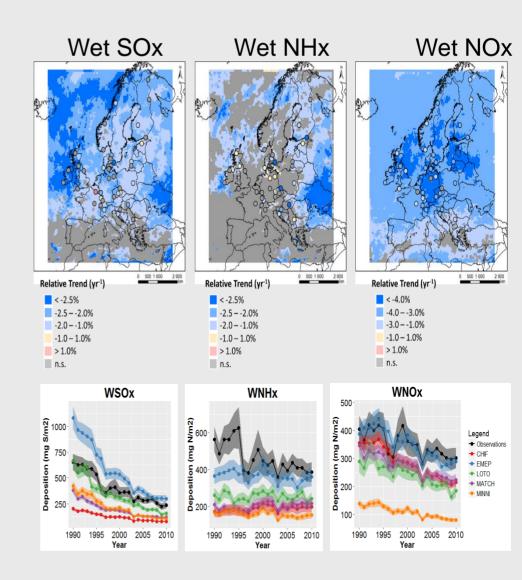
#### The CLRTAP working philosphy



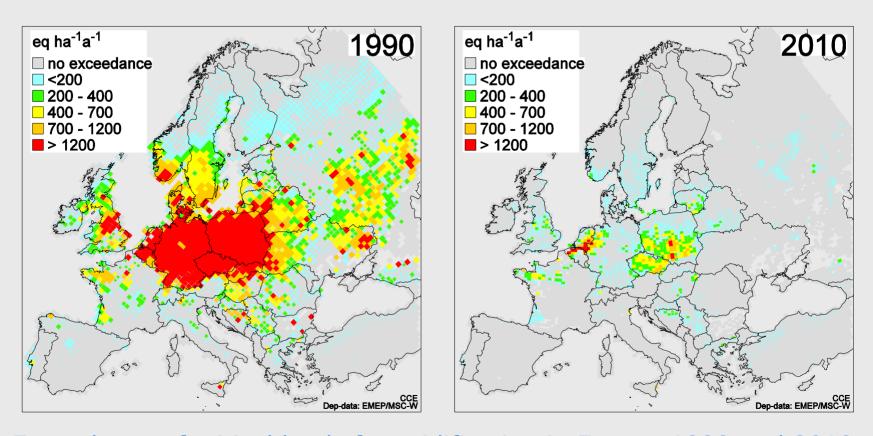
Construct strategies to gain maximum protection of the environment & health for minimum economic cost

#### Model inter comparisons, e.g. EuroDelta Trends

- Focus on
  - Atmospheric concentration of secondary inorganic aerosols
  - Wet deposition
  - Dry deposition
- Main analyses
  - Ongoing evaluation of modelled deposition
  - Comparing models and measurements at EMEP sites
  - Exploring ensemble uncertainty



#### Most of the GP targets were achieved



Exceedance of critical loads for acidification in Europe 1990 and 2010 (EMEP model calculations + CL from CCE)

#### ...but other issues are emerging...

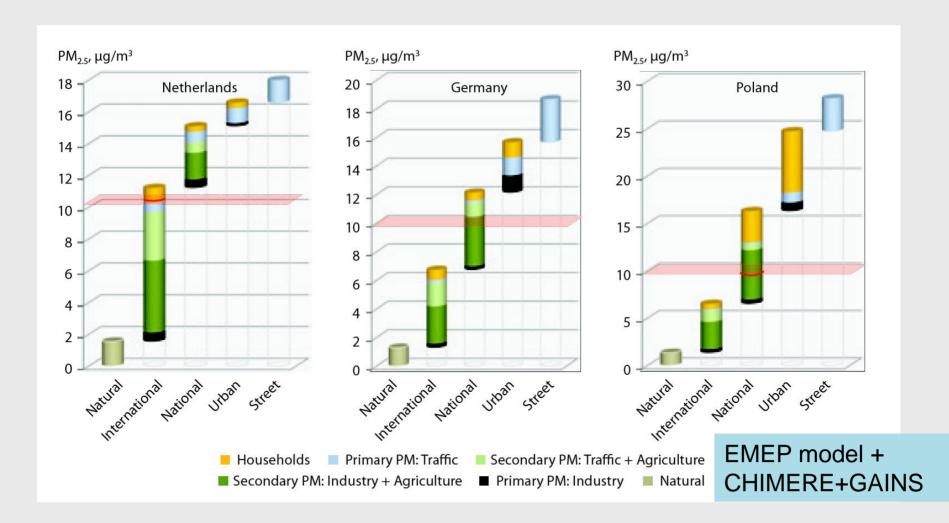
## Issues emerging over the last decade(s)

- Inter continental transport of air pollution. Source-receptor matrices for transport between continents
  - CH4 vs. NOx/VOC

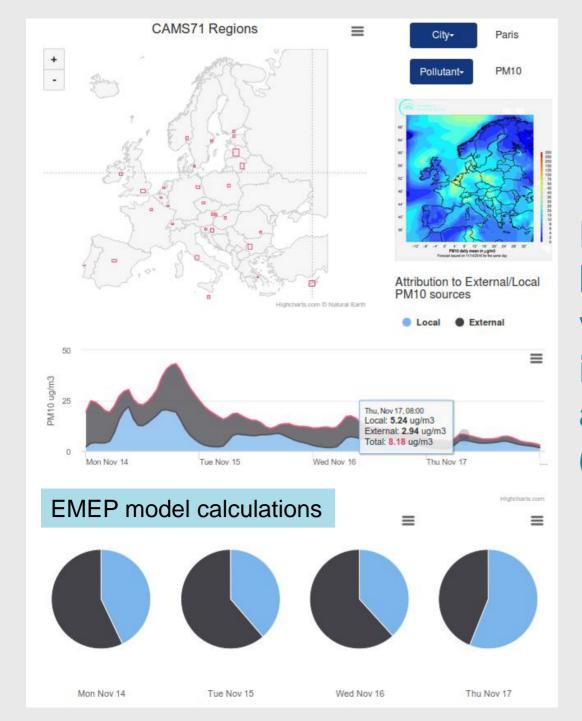
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- Will import of O3 to Europe increase or decrease in the future?
- Short lived climate pollutants (SLCP)
  - Climate impact of the GP protocol
- Local versus LRT contributions to AQ in cities

### Lokalt versus LRT bidrag

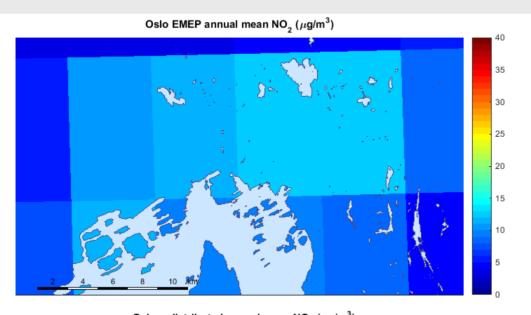


Better air quality cannot be solved by local measures alone

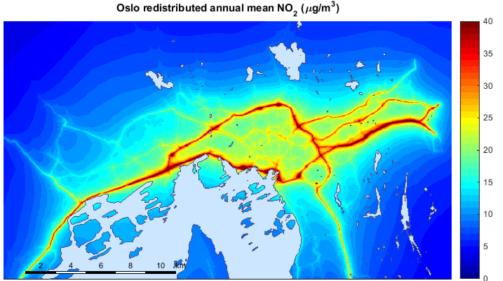


Focus on what can be done locally versus national/ international scale also in Copernicus (CAMS)

#### Consistency from regional to local scale



Oslo, ca 10kmx10km, EMEP model



Oslo, ca 50x50m, uEMEP

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### Summary

- MET Norway, as a centre in EMEP under the LRTAP Convention, has worked on air pollution for decades
- The EMEP model has been used to underpin European Policies on air pollution since the 1980's
- The EMEP model is extensively evaluated and has participated in a number of model inter comparisons. Runs on global to local scales
- Presently more focus on health effects, links to local scale, intercontinental transport, SLCPs, air quality forecast (CAMS, PANDA)

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