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NEW VERSION OF THE BULGARIAN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN CASE OF NUCLEAR ACCIDENT OVER EUROPE



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Scientific context and objectives in the Action

• Background / Problem statement:

New sensing technologies such as cost-effective micro-sensors based on gas-sensitive nanomaterials is critical for improving the monitoring of ambient air in urban, rural or remote sites, in traffic on road network. This improvement is important for validation of dispersion models of air-pollutants and evaluation of exposure of population. The model verification and data assimilation techniques applications are expected to improve AQ modeling and Chemical Weather forecast.

• Brief reminder of MoU objectives:

To monitor real-world environmental conditions with experimental campaigns to assess composition of indoor air (buildings: house and office) and outdoor air (urban areas and industrial sites) and to investigate how such data can be utilized in air pollution modeling;

• Involvement:

WG3.2: Air-quality modeling and chemical weather forecasting SIG4: Expert comments for the Revision of the Air Quality EU Directive

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Current research activities of the Partner (1/2)

- Current research topics at NIMH-BAS:
 - Weather forecast
 - Remote sensing
 - Emergency response
 - Climate, ecology
 - Physics of the atmosphere
 - Hydrological cycle
 - Water management





Surface SO2

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• EuNetAir related ongoing research topics:

- Creation and management of Early Warning System in Case of Nuclear Accident
- Studding and modeling of the Atmospheric Boundary Layer
- Chemical Weather Forecast creation, managing, improvement validation of CWFSystems



Research Facilities available for the Partner (2/2)

Research Facilities:

The Nuclear Emergency Response and Chemical Weather Forecast group works mainly with computational facilities – computers, printers, plotters, scanners. All necessary data is provided by other parties – meteorological centers (including Bulgarian one), European structures like EEA, EMEP, TNO; American NCEP, US EPA; Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Waters.

List the main facilities

- A 48-core cluster (Infiniband link)
- Two 8-core workstations
- Three 2-core workstations
- Two powerful PCs
- Printers, scanner, notebooks



Suggested R&I Needs for future research

- **1. Development of a new version of Bulgarian CWF System for providing services to the authorities and to the community:**
- New versions of main modules WRF, CMAQ, SMOKE, EMISS
- New inventory data base, produced by TNO
- Increasing number of key pollutants (O₃, NO₂, SO₂, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, CO).
- Calculating and presenting maps of Air Quality Index (AQI) (innovation)
- Maps of Dominant pollutant in AQI (innovation)
- Adding proper Thermal Comfort and Health Response Indexes (innovation)

2. Upgrade of Bulgarian Nuclear Emergency Response System (next slides)

- Use of a new operational meteorological data base US NSEP GFS data
- Use of WRF and MCIP models to handle this data
- Calculate and visualize forward trajectories for 36 NPPs over Europe
- Calculate, visualize and animate pollution fields for the same NPPs
- Creation of a new web site to present these images

Bulgarian Emergency Response System (BERS) context and objectives

Initiation: Gernobyl nuclear accident

- Intensive international activity: ETEX, RTMOD, ENSEMBLE
- BERS created in the frame of ETEX
- BERS took part in all these inter-comparison exercises.
- Base version operates from 2001
- Used in many cases: Yugoslavian war, Iraq, Celopech accident
- Upgrades:
 - 2007 Exposure doses calculations
 - 2010 Iceland volcano eruption
 - 2011 Fukushima nuclear accident



Main features of BERS – data flow chart

Meteorological input:

- DWD Global model
- Resolution 1.5°, 12 h
- U₈₅₀, V₈₅₀, T₈₅₀, T_{gl}, Prec
- Internal met-file
- Used in both parts

Trajectory calculations

Dispersion – EMAP model

- 3-dimensional
- Eulerian type
- Irregular Z-coordinate
- Processes accounted for:
 - Advection
 - Diffusion
 - Dry&Wet deposition
 - Transformations



EMAP calibration and validation (ETEX exercise) 1/2



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Figure of Merit in Space

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EMAP calibration and validation (ETEX exercise) 2/2



Figure of Merit in Time

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New version (BERS2) - data flow chart



BERS2 WEB-site - Trajectories

animations) and simulate a powerful

release of radioactive material.

35. Armenia, AR

36. Kalinin, RU

BERS2 WEB-site – Animated Con&Dep

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