# Technical processing of GEMS observations at ECMWF

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## Introduction

#### Data acquisition and pre-processing at ECMWF

- Acquiring and encoding data
- **Pre-processing in preparation for analyses**

#### Observation processing within GEMS PRO

- BUFR issues
- Encoding software
- Data acquired
- Air quality observations for RAQ
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## **Data acquisition at ECMWF**





## **Observation pre-processing at ECMWF**



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## **Observations in MARS**

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## **Observation processing within GEMS PRO – BUFR encoding**

#### BUFR definitions

- Proposals to WMO
  - Have been reviewed by Expert Team
  - Majority accepted (rejection of aerosol types To Be Clarified)
  - Awaiting official report (should be soon)
- Constructed local BUFR tables including new GEMS parameters (as in proposals)
- Using these new BUFR tables for first encoding of GEMS observations

#### Encoding software

- Under construction; reads raw data format and encodes into BUFR
- initially for KNMI SCIAMACHY NO<sub>2</sub> and MODIS Aerosol



## **Observation processing within GEMS PRO –** data acquisition

- MODIS Aerosol (Terra & Aqua) for 2003 (ec:/oparch/gems/modisaerosol/aqua[terra]/YYYYMM/DD/ \*.raw.gz)
- KNMI SCIAMACHY NO<sub>2</sub> for 2003 and 2004 (ec:/oparch/gems/sciamachy/knmi\_no2/YYYYMM/DD/no2 track\*.raw.gz)
- MOPITT CO for 2003 and 2004 (ec:/oparch/gems/mopitt\_co/YYYYMM/DD/\*.raw.gz)
- AURA TES CH<sub>4</sub> and CO for July 2005 (ec:/oparch/gems/tes\_ch4[co]/200507/DD/TES-Aura\_L2-CH4[CO]\*.raw.gz)
- KNMI GOME HCHO for December 2001 (ec:/oparch/gems/gome/knmi\_hcho/200112/DD/ch2otrack \*.raw.gz)



# Air quality observations for RAQ

#### Ground-based observations

- ARPA-SIM (along with others in RAQ) to provide document on observational data description
- ECMWF to review document to see how data can be represented in BUFR
- ECMWF to guide and support BUFR encoding of observations

#### MOZAIC

- Received data description and sample data
- Looking at data with a view to producing a BUFR template
- No place (yet) in BUFR for NO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>y</sub>



## **GEMS** archive at **ECMWF**



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