

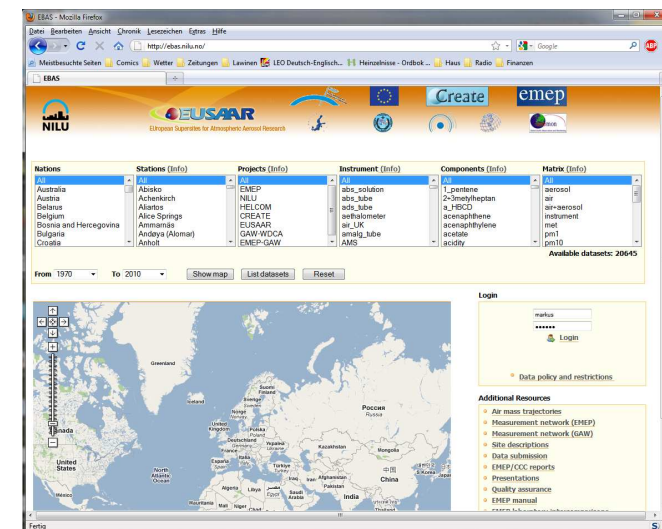
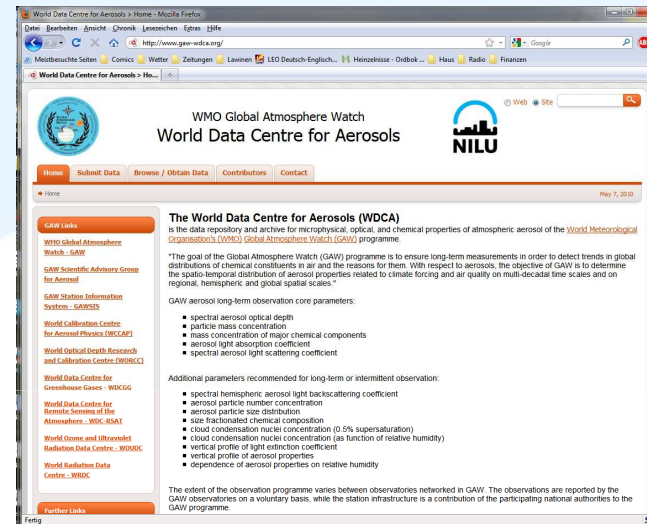
WDCA Current Status (May 2010)

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The WDCA has moved!

- WDCA moved from JRC to NILU by 1 January 2010.
- Now at: www.gaw-wdca.org (please update links).
- WDCA data is now hosted jointly with CLRTAP-EMEP data in relational database EBAS (<http://ebas.nilu.no>).
- Data are distinguished by network association (stricter GAW QA).
- Data is searchable on the web.
- Data availability may be visualised with map tool.
- User selected data (parameter, time range) may be plotted and downloaded.



Work on Improved QA Procedures

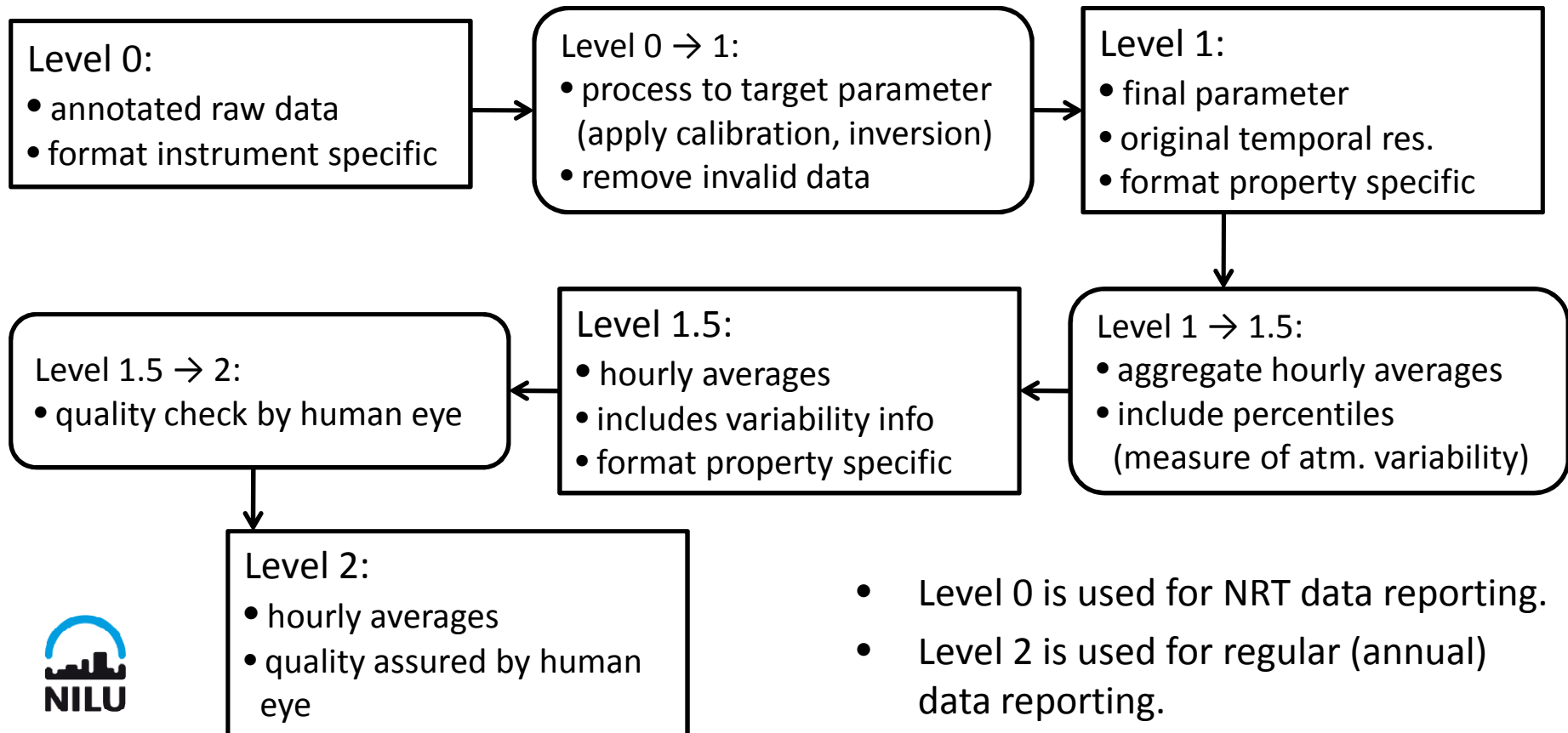
- The GAW aerosol programme benefits from an EU-funded infrastructure project (European Supersites for Atmospheric Aerosol Research, EUSAAR), including most European GAW stations.
- Project funds activities like definition of best practices for instrument operation and data processing for GAW aerosol core variables (aerosol optical depth, aerosol scattering coefficient, aerosol absorption coefficient, particle number size distribution).
- For establishing traceability to the source, data levels (similar to satellite data) were defined, together with processing steps between the levels (instrument specific).
- Overlap between GAW aerosol community and project participants lead to quick adoption of procedures.
- BUT: data formats used by the previous WDCA (NARSTO) are still accepted.



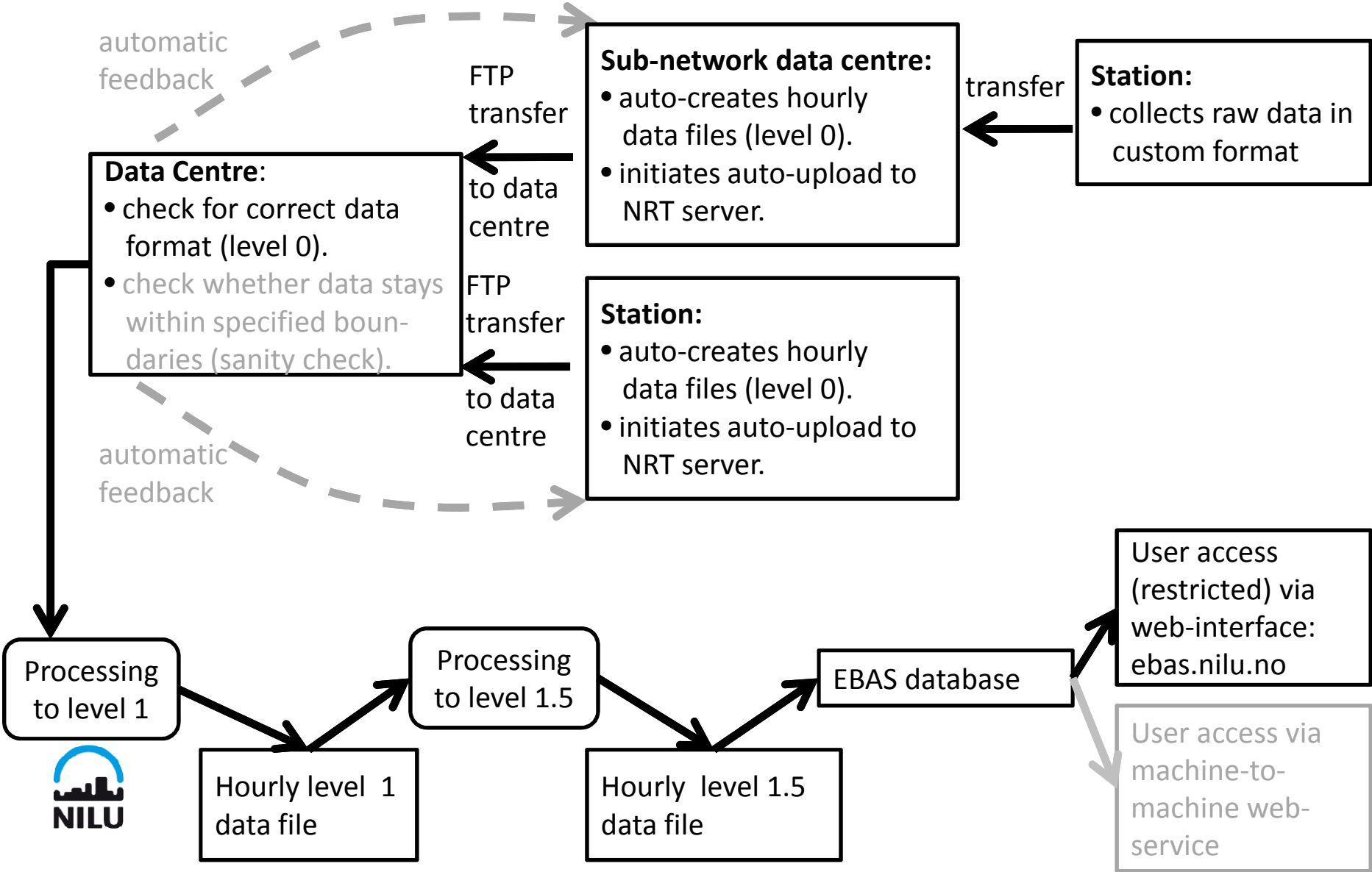
Data Formats Used for Regular and NRT Data Collection

4 data levels and pertaining file formats have been defined:

- All format definitions use EBAS NASA-Ames format: NASA-Ames 1001 format with additional specifications accomodating GAW required metadata (ASCII based, user friendly).
- Format is generic and easily adapted to new parameters / instruments.



New Feature: NRT Data Collection



The WDCA and EUSAAR NRT web interface

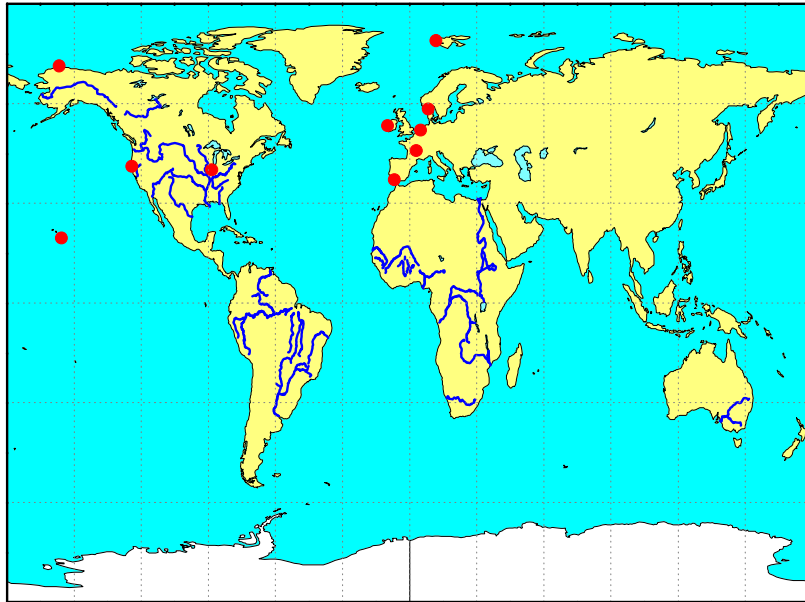
The screenshot shows the EBAS web interface in Mozilla Firefox. The browser address bar displays `http://ebas.nilu.no/default.aspx`. The interface features a header with logos for NILU, EUSAAR (European Super-sites for Atmospheric Aerosol Research), Create, and emep. Below the header, there are six filter panels:

- Nations:** All, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, USA
- Stations (Info):** All, Barrow, Birkenes, Bondville, Cabauw, El Arenosillo, Mace Head, Mauna Loa
- Projects (Info):** EUSAAR_preliminary, GAW-WDCA_preliminary, NILU_NRT, EUSAAR_NRT, GAW-WDCA_NRT, NOAA-ESRL, GEOMon, IDAF
- Instrument (Info):** All, dmcs, MAAP, nephelometer, PSAP, smps
- Components (Info):** All, aerosol_absorption_coeff, aerosol_absorption_coeff, aerosol_light_backscatter, aerosol_light_backscatter, aerosol_light_backscatter, aerosol_light_rayleighscat, aerosol_light_scattering_c
- Matrix (Info):** All, aerosol, instrument, pm1, pm10

Below the filters, there are dropdown menus for 'From 1970' and 'To 2010', and buttons for 'Show map', 'List datasets', and 'Reset'. The text 'Available datasets: 956' is displayed. A map of Europe and North America shows station locations marked with red pins. On the right side, there is a 'Login' section indicating the user is logged in as 'markus' with a 'Logout' link. Below that, there are links for 'QI for instruments' and 'Data policy and restrictions'. At the bottom right, there is an 'Additional Resources' section with a list of links including 'Air mass trajectories', 'Measurement network (EMEP)', 'Measurement network (GAW)', 'Site descriptions', 'Data submission', 'EMEP/CCC reports', 'Presentations', 'Quality assurance', 'EMEP manual', 'EMEP laboratory intercomparisons', 'IFMM', and 'HTAP'. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system tray with the date '12.03.2010' and time '15:26'.



WDCA NRT Geographical Coverage



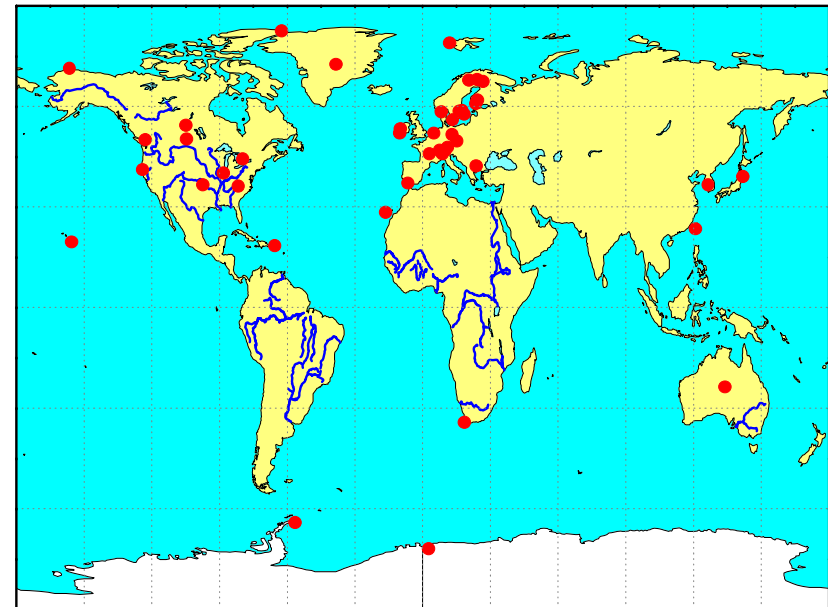
Today:

10 stations covering Western Europe and North America

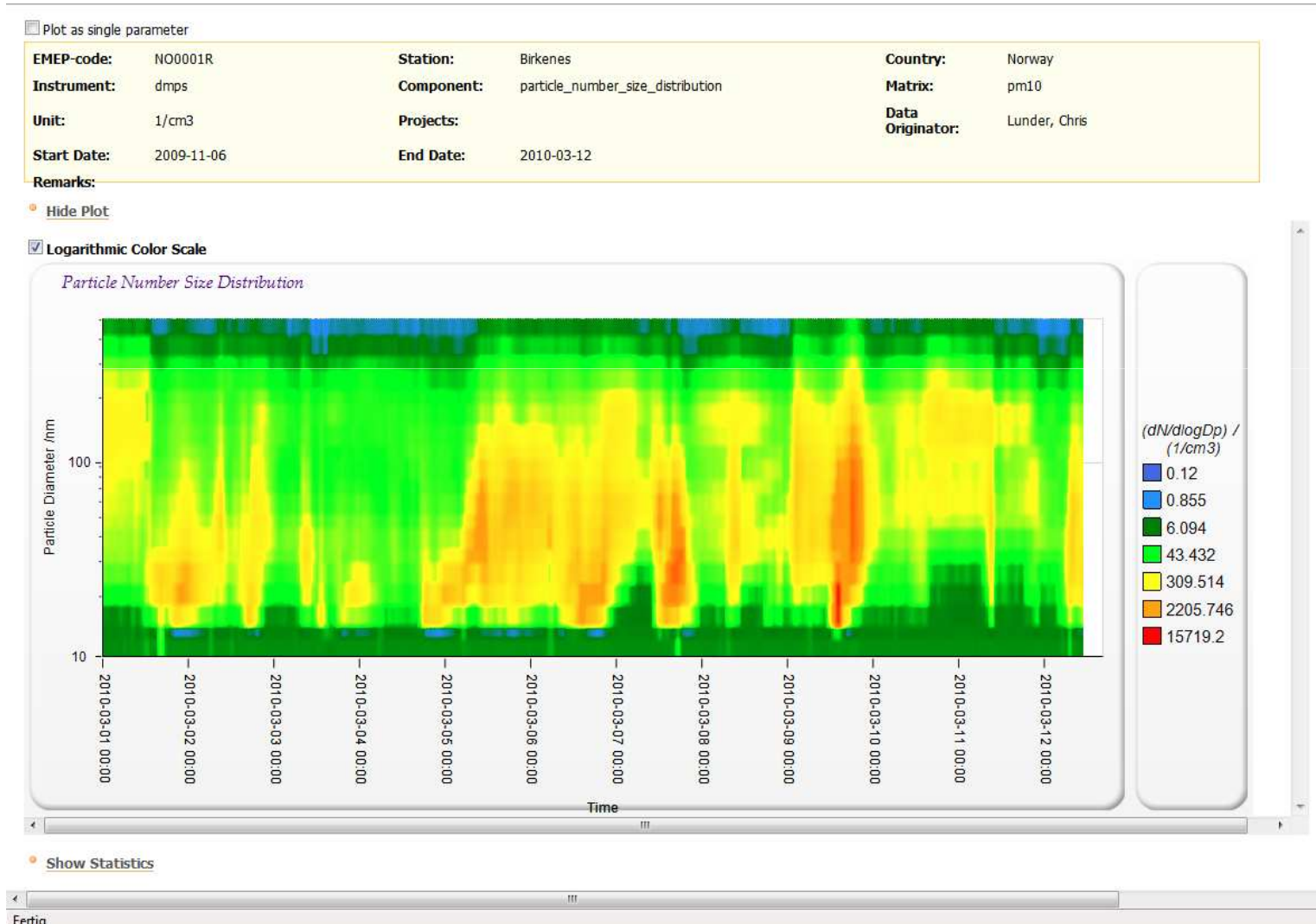
Within 1 year:
≈40 stations distributed globally



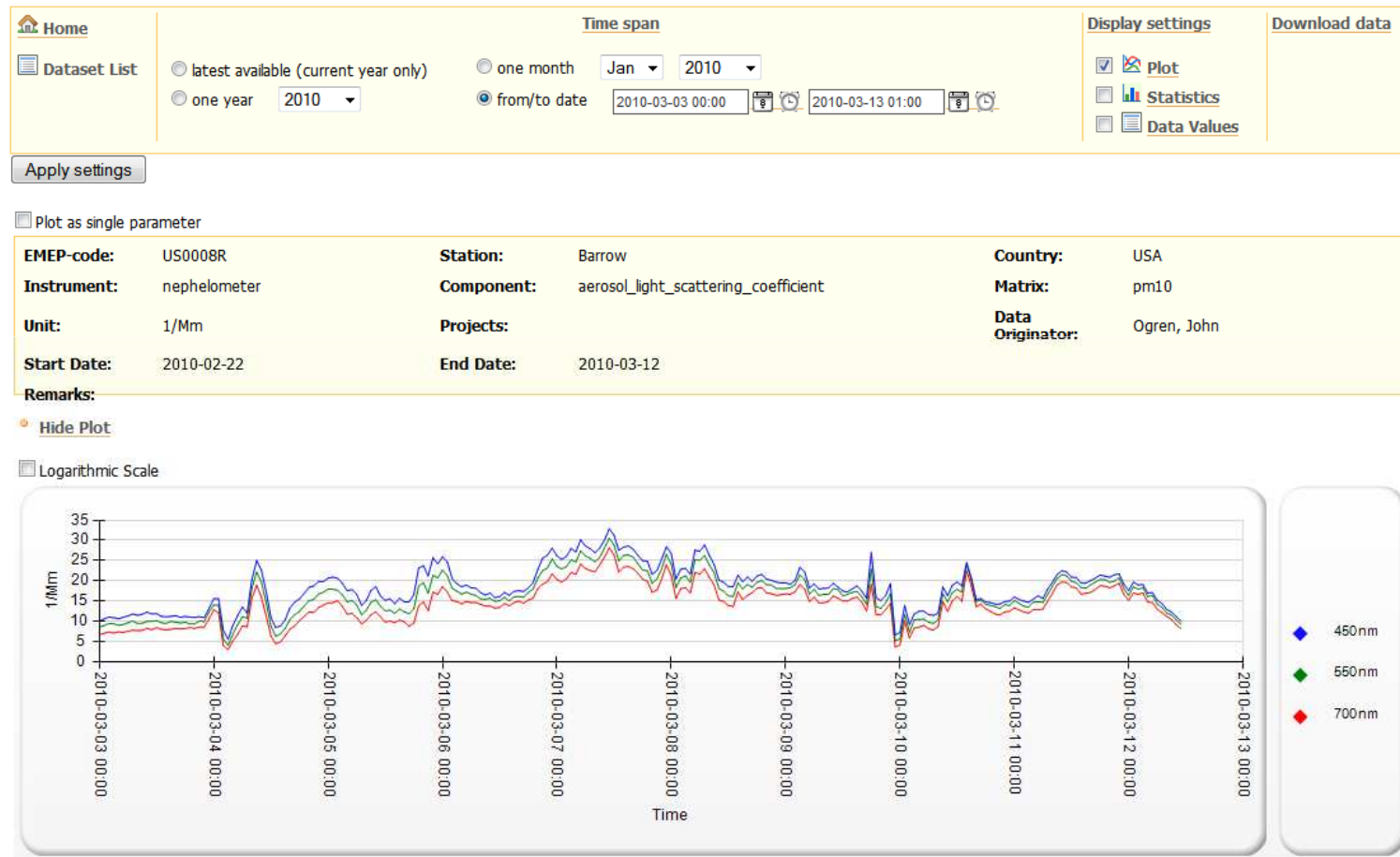
Not all stations cover all parameters



Example 1: NRT Data of Particle Size Distributiona at Birkenes (Norway)



Example 2: NRT Data of Particle Scattering Coefficient at Barrow (Alaska)



Next Steps on WDCA Roadmap

- Import remaining legacy data, support providers resubmitting legacy data.
- Improve functionality of web-interface:
 - Improved data download functionality
 - Improved support/visibility of metadata
- Increase number of NRT sites
- Implement aerosol asymmetry parameter retrieval as added-value product.
- Include further networks providing aerosol depth data (Australia)
- Showcase (educational) for NRT data on WDCA homepage.