# Comprehensive Concept of PM2.5 Forecast: A Case Study in Thailand

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## **Basic of Air Quality Model**

- Dispersion Modeling: normally, this kind of model is used to simulate concentration of pollutant at specified ground level
- Photochemical Modeling: typically, this kind of model is used to simulate chemical reactive pollutant over large spatial scale
- Receptor Modeling: this kind of tool is used to quantify source contributions to receptor concentrations (Source: Air Quality Model US.EPA)





Meteorological mechanism and air pollution



Source: National Weather Service/NOAA



WRF Modeling System Flow Chart

#### Weather Research Forecast Model



Numerical weather prediction system Source: National Center for Atmospheric Research



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Source: https://www.mrgscience.com/ess-topic-63-photochemical-smog.html

## **Background of PM2.5 problem in Thailand**

#### Point source and area source/ critical area in Thailand



## สูนย์แก้ไขปัญหาบลพิษทางอากาศ ((ศกพ.) Center for Air Pollution Mitigation (CAPM)



Director General of Pollution Control Department

**Director of CAPM** 

- 1. Knowledge transfer for public sector including source of PM2.5 and meteorological conditions for the phenomena
- 2. Establish sub-committee for PM2.5 prevention
- 3. Forest fuel management
- 4. Establish volunteer network for fire prevention
- 5. Drive afforestation project and fire prevention project
- 6. Transfer fire prevention and control to local government organization
- 7. PM2.5 forecast 3 days in advance <
- 8. Apply satellite image for PM2.5 daily situation report
- 9. Develop forecasting system and decision-making support system (in the form of application)
- 10. Forest fuel management using decision-making support system
- 11. Promote public awareness for open burning reduction
- 12. Promote cooperation between neighboring countries for prevention of transboundary haze

#### Intensive Policy from The Government

## **Chemical Transport Model**



Source: Kukkonen 2011

## **Requirement for WRF-chem**



### **Workstation**





#### High performance computing

- Installed at NECTEC/NSTDA
- UNIX based
- 4320 Cores
- 750 TB Space Capacity
- WRF/WRF-chem ready
- Remote based

### Processing time comparing PCD and TARA

| Work Station      | Cores | Simulation<br>Time  |
|-------------------|-------|---------------------|
| PCD (data center) | 24    | 7 Hours             |
| TARA<br>(memory)  | 192   | 1 Hour              |
| TARA<br>(compute) | 160   | 50 mins – 1<br>Hour |
| TARA<br>(compute) | 200   | 45 mins             |

### PCD forecasting process



#### **Forecasting System**



#### A Near Real-Time Decision Support System for PM<sub>2.5</sub> Planning and Control

ระบบสนับสนุนการตัดสินใจชนิดใกล้เคียงเวลาจริง เพื่อวางแผนและควบคุมสถานการณ์ ฝุ่นละอองขนาดเล็ก PM<sub>2.5</sub>



การวิเคราะห์องค์ประกอบทางเคมีอัตโนมัติ



ข้อมูลตรวจวัดคุณภาพอากาศ



(High Performance Computing Unit)



ข้อมูลบัญชีการระบายมลพิษทางอากาศ ์แบบใกล้เคียงเวลาจริง (Near Real Time Emission Inventory)



การคาดการณ์ฝุ่นละอองความละเอียดสูง



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## **Domain Configuration**

#### **Domain Configuration (BMR)**

- Mother Domain: cover territory of Thailand with resolution 30x30 km
- Target Domain: cover BMR with resolution 3x3km

#### WPS Domain Configuration

## **Domain Configuration**

#### **Domain Configuration (North)**

- Mother Domain: cover territory of Thailand with resolution 30x30 km
- Target Domain: cover BMR with resolution 3x3km



100°E

105°E

110°E



22°N

20°N -

18°N -

16°N -

14°N -

12°N

10°N

8°N -

6°N -

4°N -

95°E

### **Input Emission Dataset**



Pollutant: PM2.5 BMR: Resolution 1KM Developed by

JGSEE

### **Meteorological Dataset**







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## **Product Example**





14 Dec 2020: 07.00



## **Product Example**













## **Preliminary evaluation**



### Simple Box Model



#### **Future works**

## Expand boundary of target domain

Improve resolution and accuracy

 Find optimal solution for supporting short and long term haze free strategic planning
Update emission inventory

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