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# Modeling the dust cycle at BSC

## From R&D to operational forecast

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## What

Environmental modelling and forecasting

## How

Develop a capability to model air quality processes from urban to global and the impacts on weather, health and ecosystems

Implement climate prediction system for subseasonal-to-decadal climate prediction

Develop user-oriented services that favour both technology transfer and adaptation

Use cutting-edge HPC and Big Data technologies for the efficiency and user-friendliness of Earth system models

## Why

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... operations ...

... services ...

... high resolution ...



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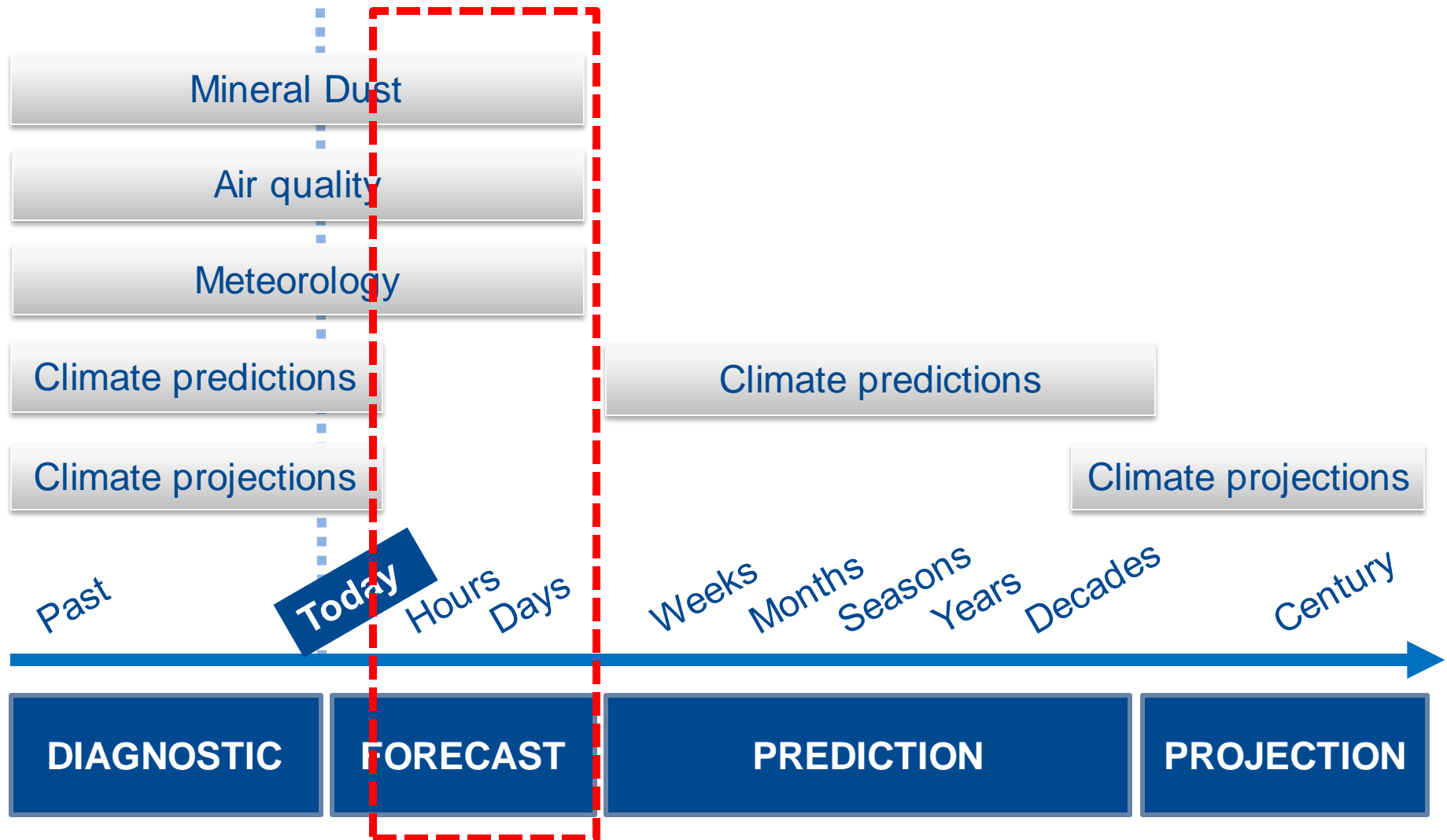
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## Short-term forecast



## CALIOPE

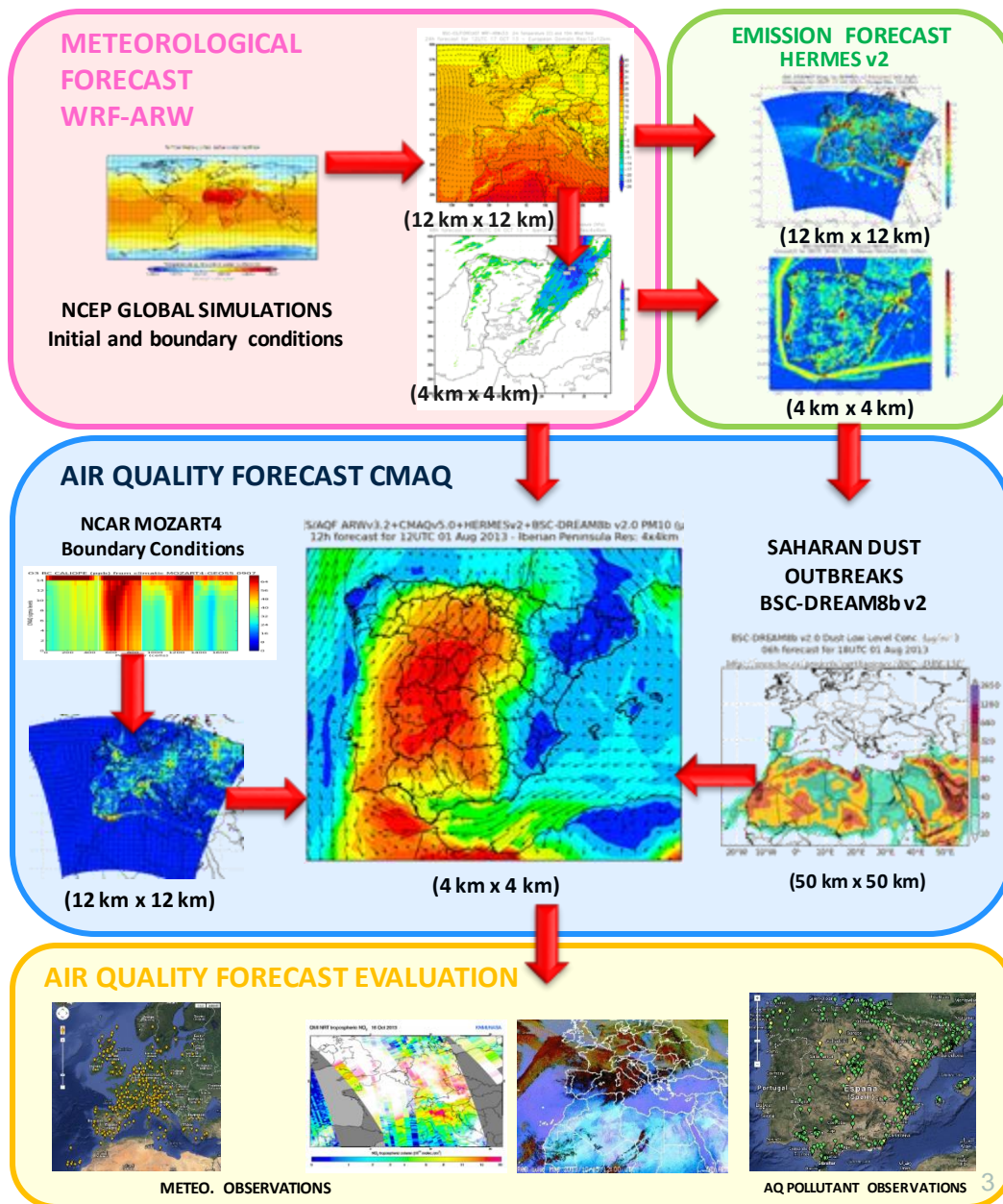
([www.bsc.es/caliope](http://www.bsc.es/caliope))

- Quantify relation between emissions, meteorology and air concentration
- Forecast air pollution episodes
- Provide and develop short and long term mitigation plans

## Domains:

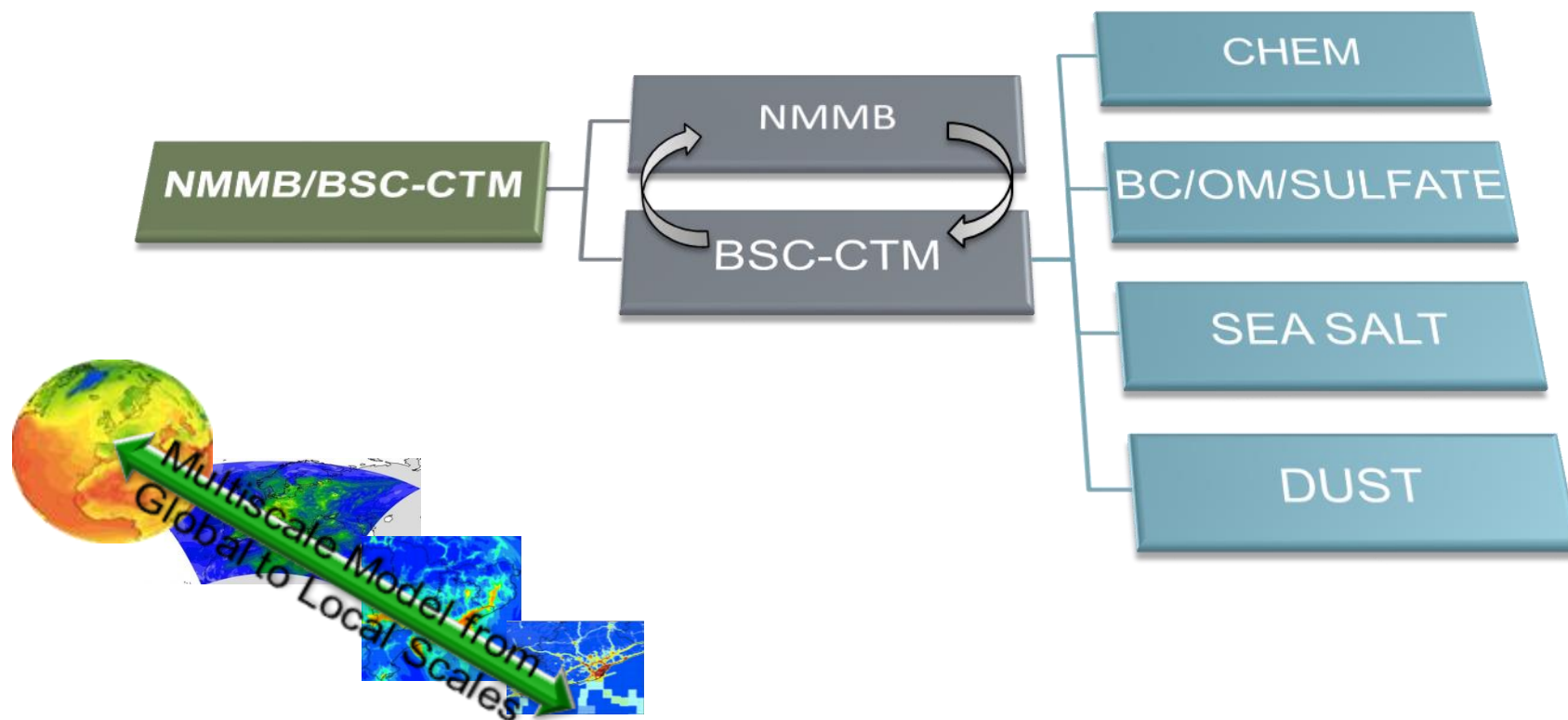
**Europe (12 km, 480 x 400 cells)**

**Spain (4 km, 399 x 399 cells)**

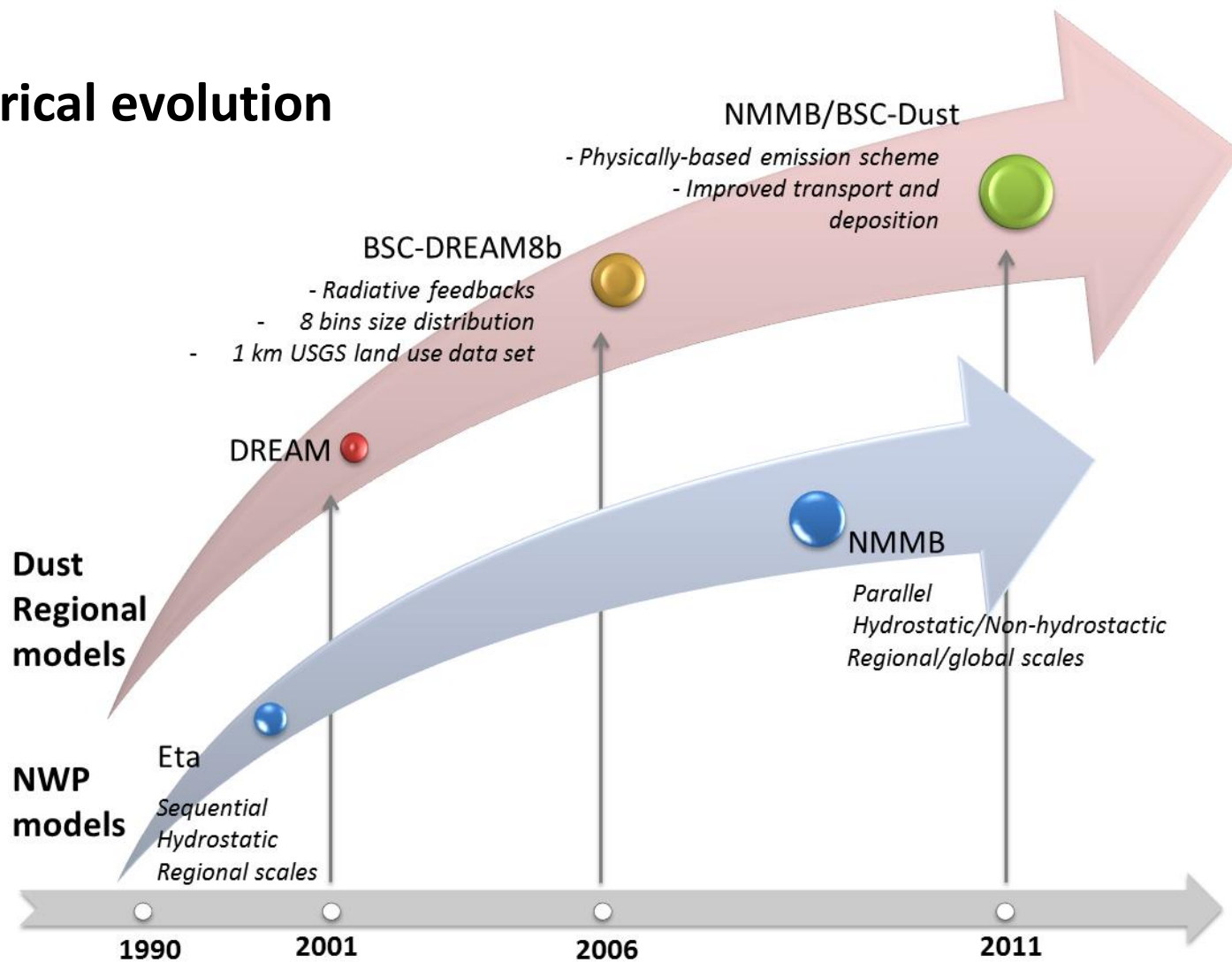




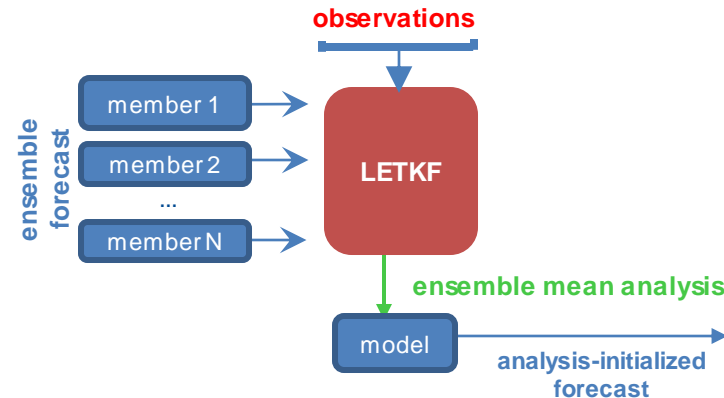
- The main system is build on the **meteorological driver NMMB**
- **Multiscale**: global to regional scales allowed (nesting capabilities)
- **Nonhydrostatic** dynamical core: single digit kilometre resolution allowed
- Fully **on-line** coupling: weather-chemistry feedback processes allowed
- Enhancement with a **data assimilation** system



## Historical evolution



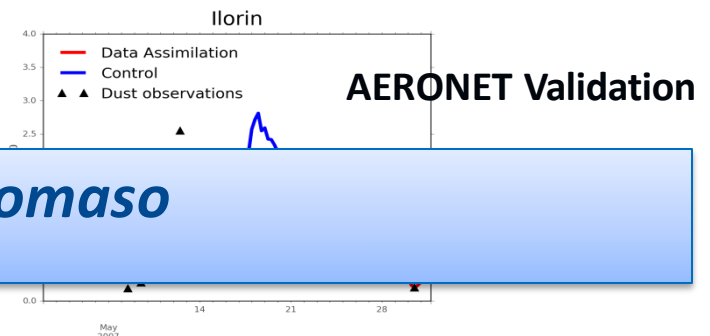
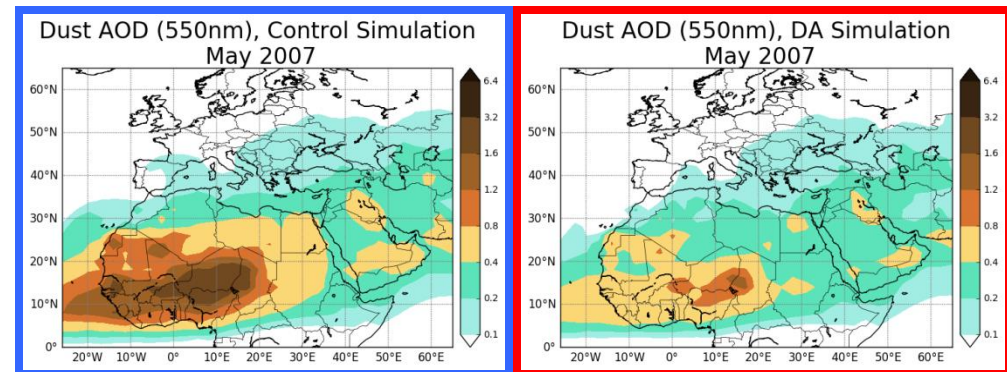
**NMMB/BSC-CTM** coupled with a Local Ensemble Transform Kalman Filter (**LETKF**) for the assimilation of aerosol optical depth observations



## Mineral dust application

The ensemble forecast is based on uncertainties in the dust emission scheme

- vertical flux,
- size distribution at emission
- threshold on friction velocity

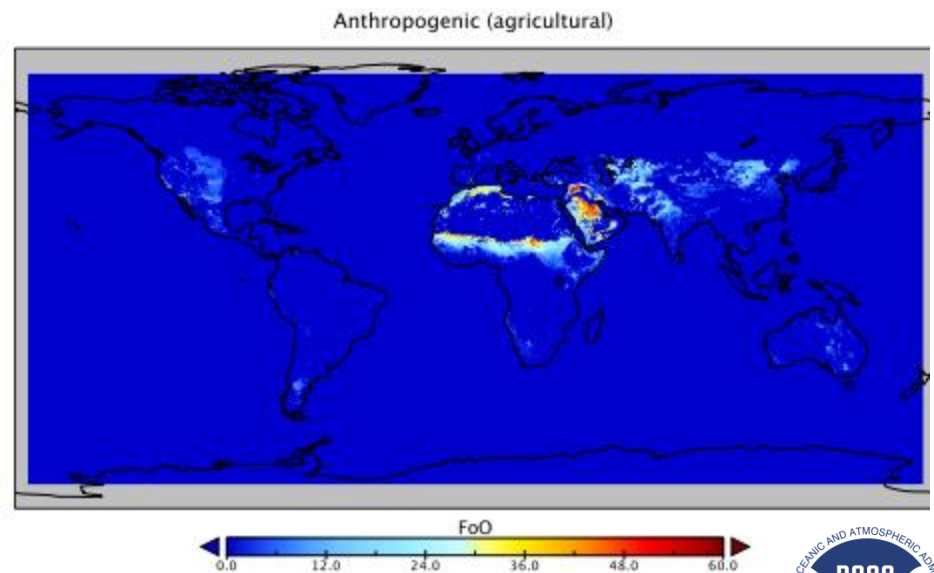
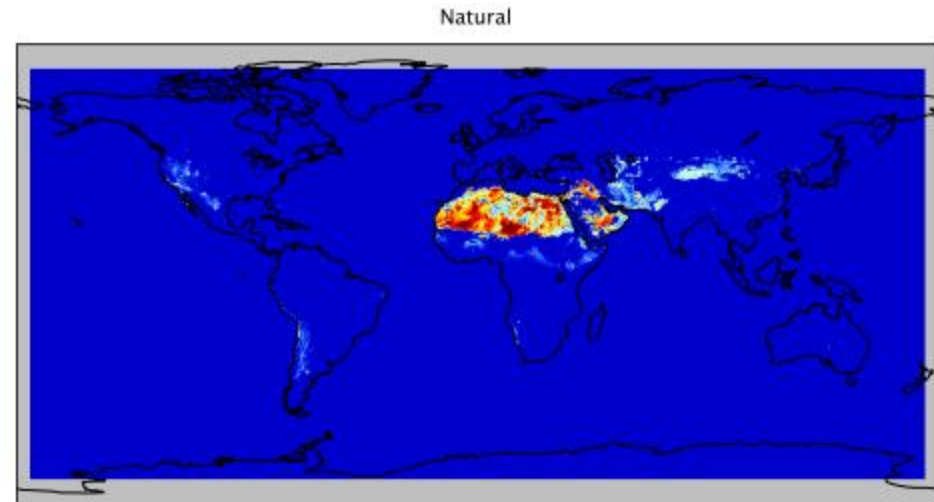
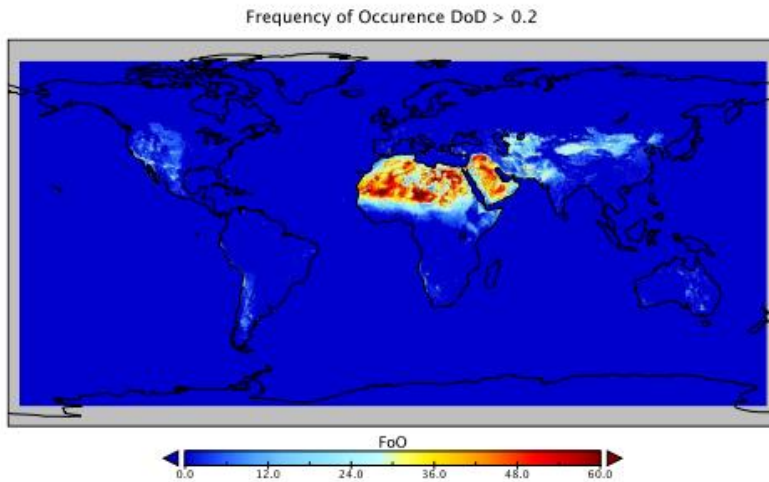


*Seminar by Enza DiTomaso*

# Mineral dust: Dust Sources

## Understanding of the mineral dust sources

Natural and anthropogenic based on MODIS Deep



In collaboration P. Ginoux (NOAA-GFDL)

# Mineral dust: Topographical impacts



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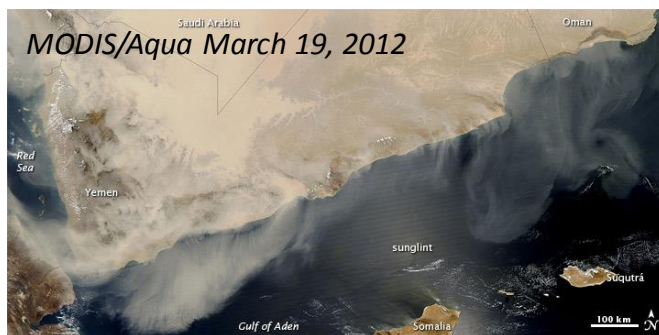
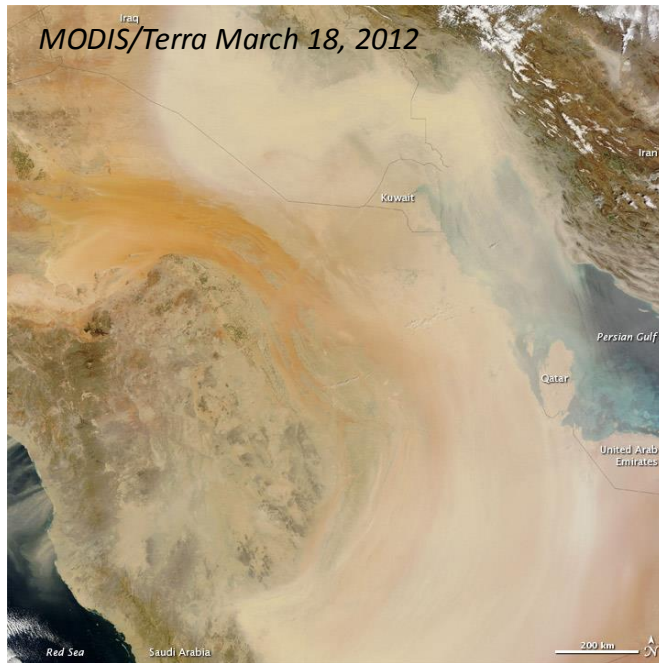




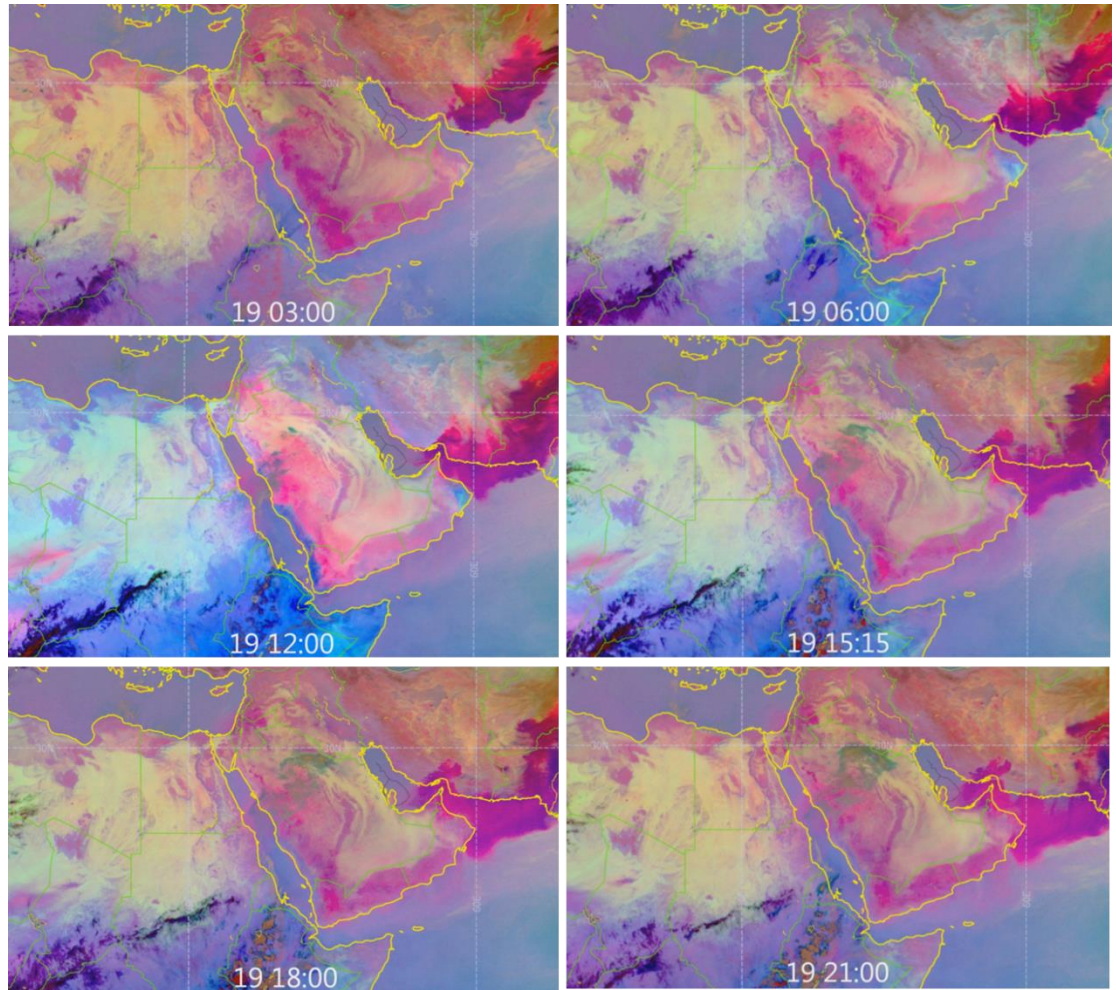
# Mineral dust: Topographical impacts



## *Impact of the topography on dust transport*



## *MSG/RGB March 19, 2012*

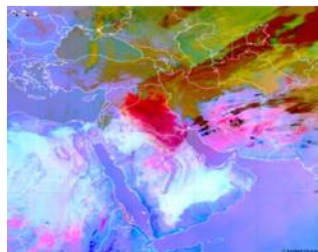


(Basart et al., Aeolian Research, 2016)

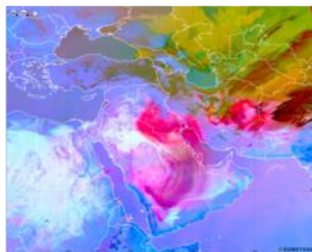


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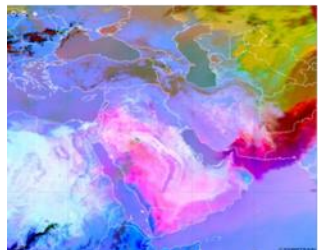
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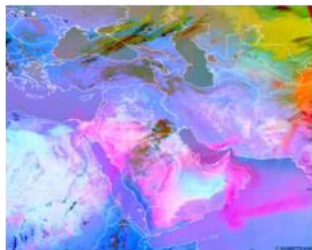
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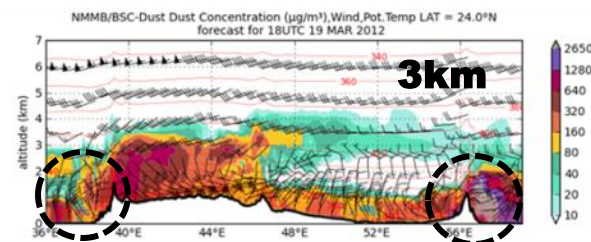
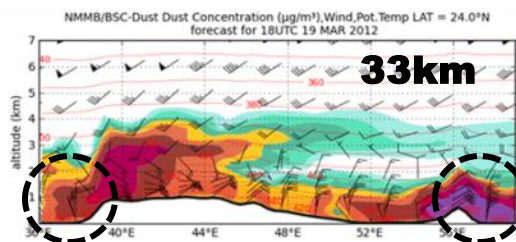
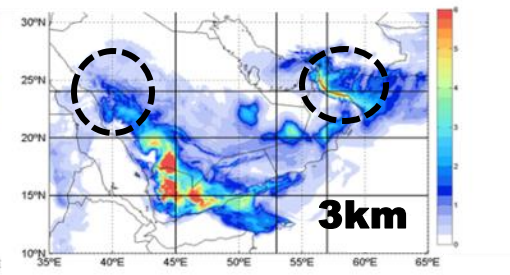
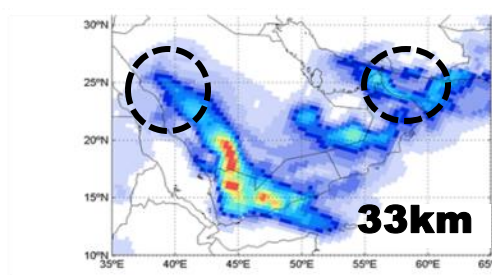
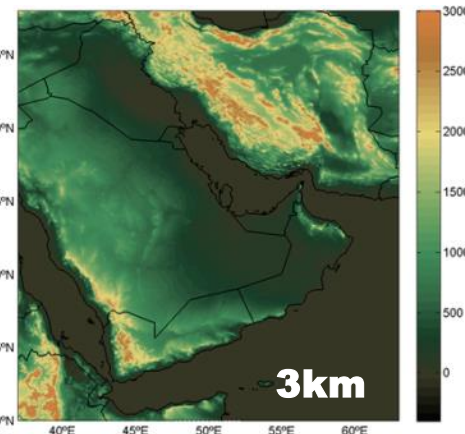
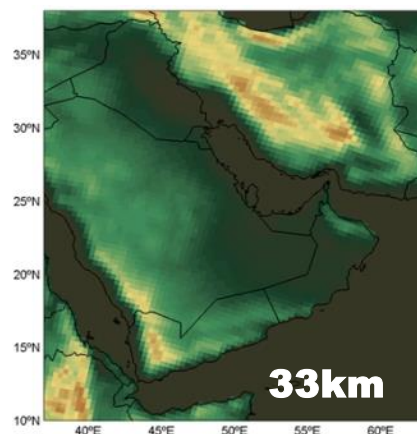


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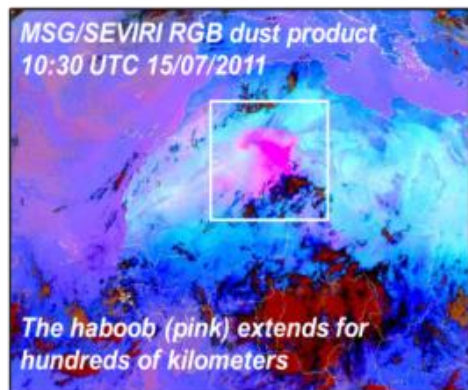
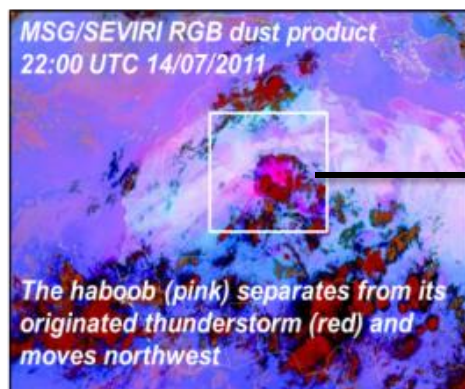
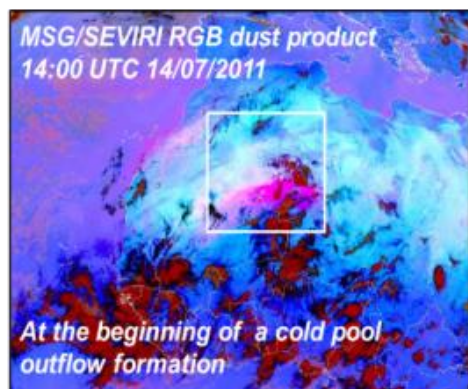
Two simulations using the **NMMB/BSC-Dust** model demonstrates results demonstrate how the dust prediction in the vicinity of complex terrains improves using high-horizontal resolution simulations.

NMMB/BSC-Dust 19-March-2012 18UTC





# Mineral dust: Haboobs (with explicit convection)



## MODEL CONFIGURATION

**Study domain:** 6°W-10°E to 15°N-31°N

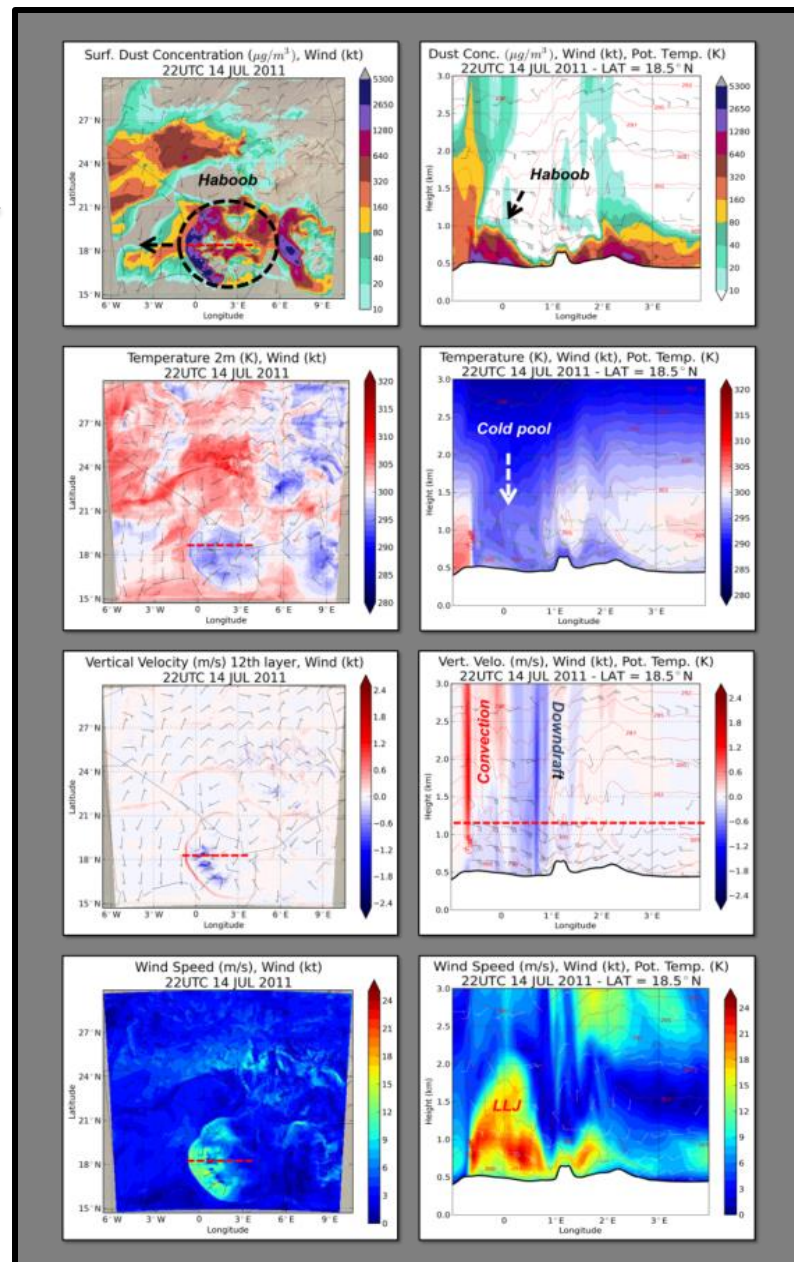
**Study period:** from 14 to 15 July 2011

**Horizontal resolution:** 0.03°x0.03° (about 3 km)

**Vertical resolution:** 60σ-layers (12-15σ-layers in the first 1000 m)

**Cold start** (No data assimilation)

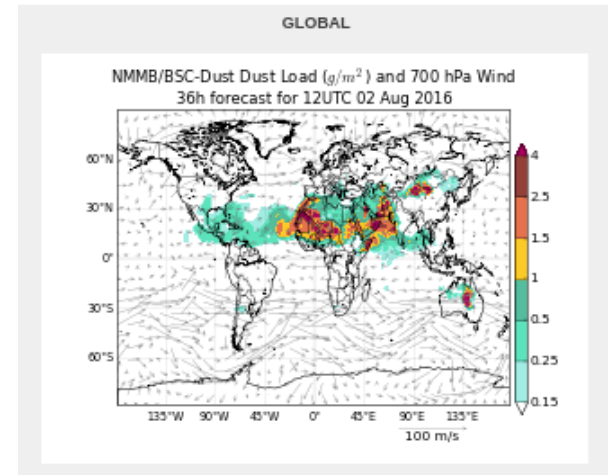
(Vendrell et al., in preparation)



## Daily dust operational forecast (global and regional domains)

<http://www.bsc.es/ESS>

✓ Contribution to the **ICAP** multi-model ensemble  
(global) <http://icap.atmos.und.edu>



## WMO Dust Centers

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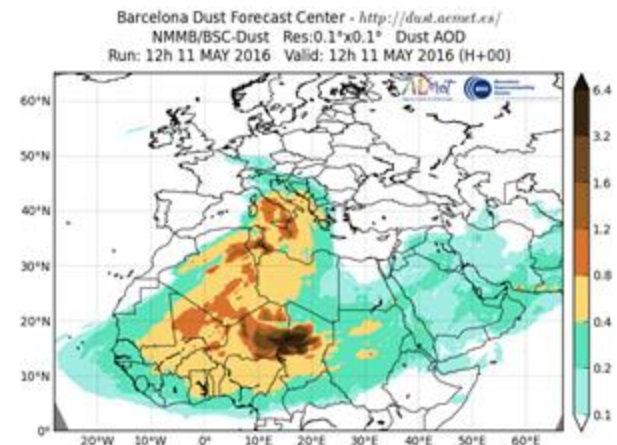
**Regional Center.** <http://sds-was.aemet.es>

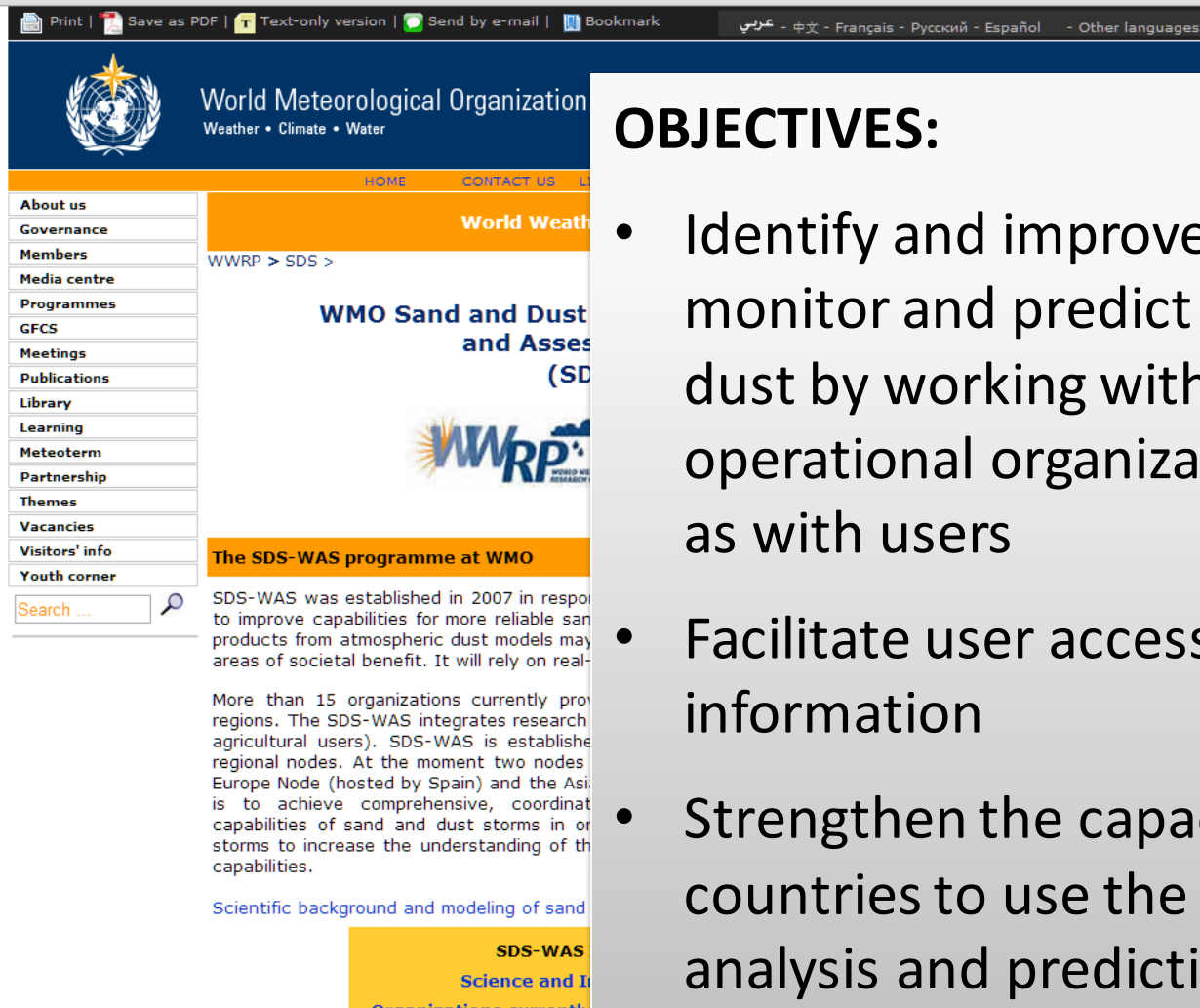
started in 2010 – **Research**

**Barcelona Dust Forecast Center.**

First specialized WMO Center for mineral dust prediction.

<http://dust.aemet.es> started in 2014 - **Operational**





The screenshot shows the WMO SDS-WAS project website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Print', 'Save as PDF', 'Text-only version', 'Send by e-mail', and 'Bookmark'. Below this is a language selection bar with options for 'عربي', '中文', 'Français', 'Русский', 'Español', and 'Other languages'. The main header features the WMO logo and the text 'World Meteorological Organization Weather • Climate • Water'. A sidebar on the left contains a list of links: 'About us', 'Governance', 'Members', 'Media centre', 'Programmes', 'GFCS', 'Meetings', 'Publications', 'Library', 'Learning', 'Meteoterm', 'Partnership', 'Themes', 'Vacancies', 'Visitors' info', and 'Youth corner'. The main content area has an orange header with 'World Weather' and a sub-header 'WWRP > SDS >'. The title 'WMO Sand and Dust and Assessment (SD)' is displayed. Below the title is the WWRP logo. A section titled 'The SDS-WAS programme at WMO' contains the following text: 'SDS-WAS was established in 2007 in response to improve capabilities for more reliable sand products from atmospheric dust models may areas of societal benefit. It will rely on real-time observations and model output. More than 15 organizations currently provide data from various regions. The SDS-WAS integrates research and operational capabilities of agricultural users). SDS-WAS is established regional nodes. At the moment two nodes exist: Europe Node (hosted by Spain) and the Asia Node. The goal is to achieve comprehensive, coordinated capabilities of sand and dust storms in order to increase the understanding of the capabilities.' Below this text is a link 'Scientific background and modeling of sand and dust storms'. At the bottom, there is a yellow box with the text 'SDS-WAS Science and Information Systems'.

## OBJECTIVES:

- Identify and improve products to monitor and predict atmospheric dust by working with research and operational organizations, as well as with users
- Facilitate user access to information
- Strengthen the capacity of countries to use the observations, analysis and predictions provided by the WMO SDS-WAS project

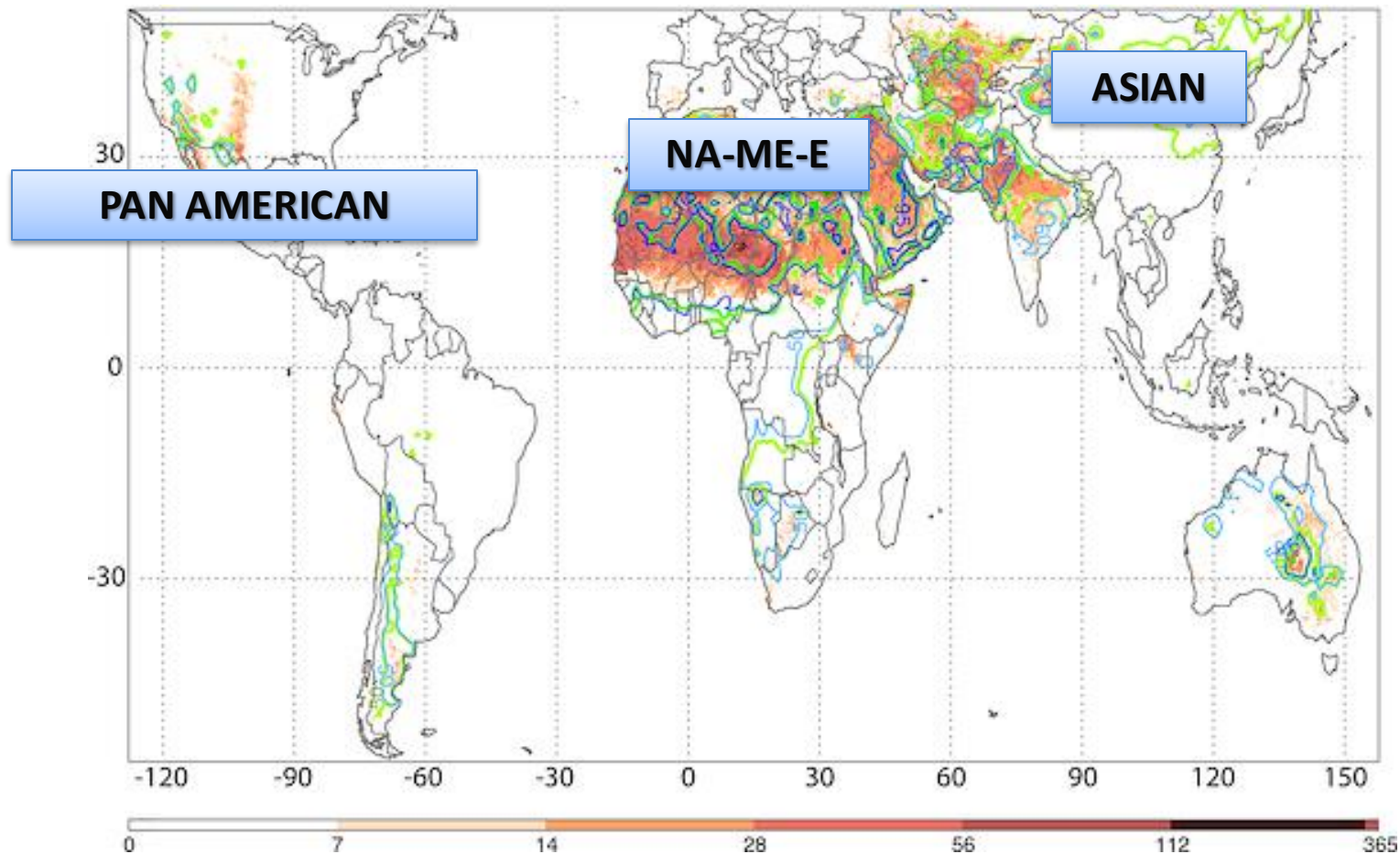


# The SDS-WAS Regional Centers



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Annual mean frequency distribution of M-DB2 (2003–2009) DOD > 0.2 (red), TOMS (1980–1991) aerosol index  $\geq 0.5$  (blue), and OMI (2004–2006) aerosol index  $\geq 0.5$  (green). The isocontours of TOMS and OMI have been removed over oceans for clarity.

Extracted from Ginoux et al. (2012, Rev. Geophys.)



WMO Sand and Dust Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System(WMO SDS-WAS)

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FORECAST




Concentration  
Movies of surface dust concentration distribution over Asia in 3 hours interval for 3 days forecast from the model CUACE/Dust.

CUACE/DUST OF CMA [see more>>](#) [+ MORE](#)



MASINGAR OF JMA [see more>>](#) [+ MORE](#)



ADAM OF KMA [see more>>](#) [+ MORE](#)

News & Event

- »Severe Solar Blast Affects China's Communication
- »Science Steering Committee
- »Workshop on the Implementation of the WMO SDS-WAS Asia Node (28-30 October 2009, Seoul, Korea)
- »Workshop on the Implementation of the WMO SDS-WAS Asia Node

OBSERVATION


PM10



AOD

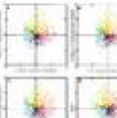


Satellite Observation





MODEL COMPARISON



**Model InterComparison**  
To promote the SDS forecast ability and to evaluate SDS forecast models representation in Asia Regional Center, one of the most important activities is model inter-comparison. At present there are three operational forecast models CUACE/Dust...

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Sand And Dust Storm
Severe SDS
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FORECAST DATA SHARING

[Download Forecast Data from](#)  


<http://www.sds.cma.gov.cn>

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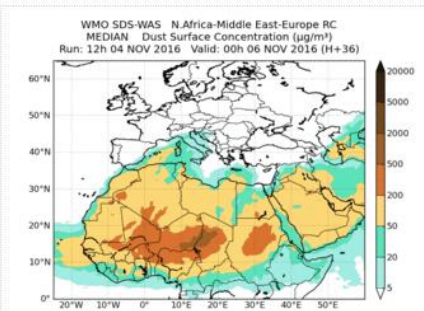
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**Dust forecasts**

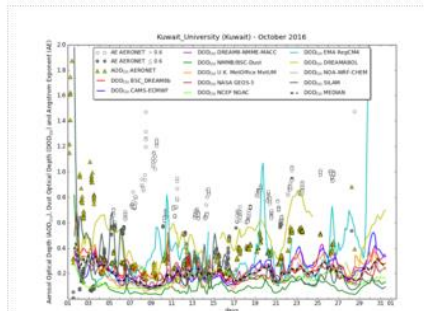
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Compared Dust Forecasts

**Forecast Evaluation**

Kowat, University (Kuwait) - October 2016



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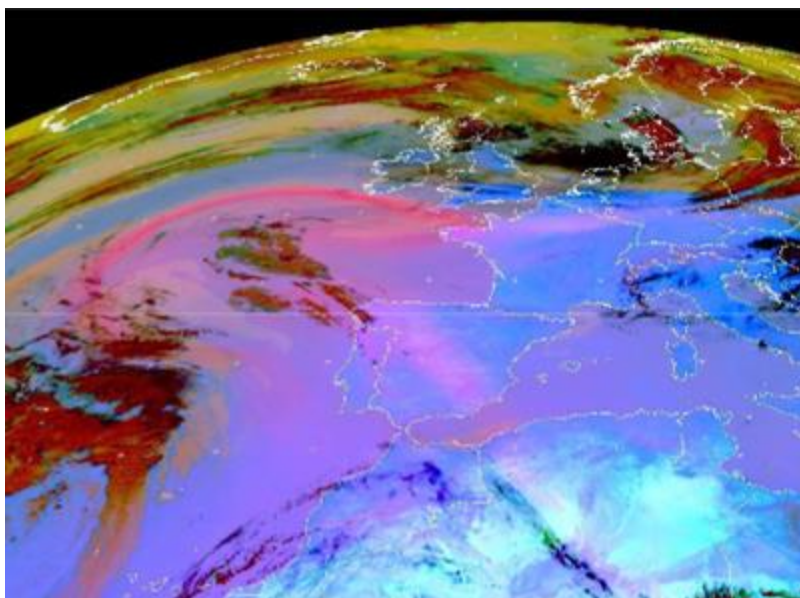
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## European dust outbreak on April 2011



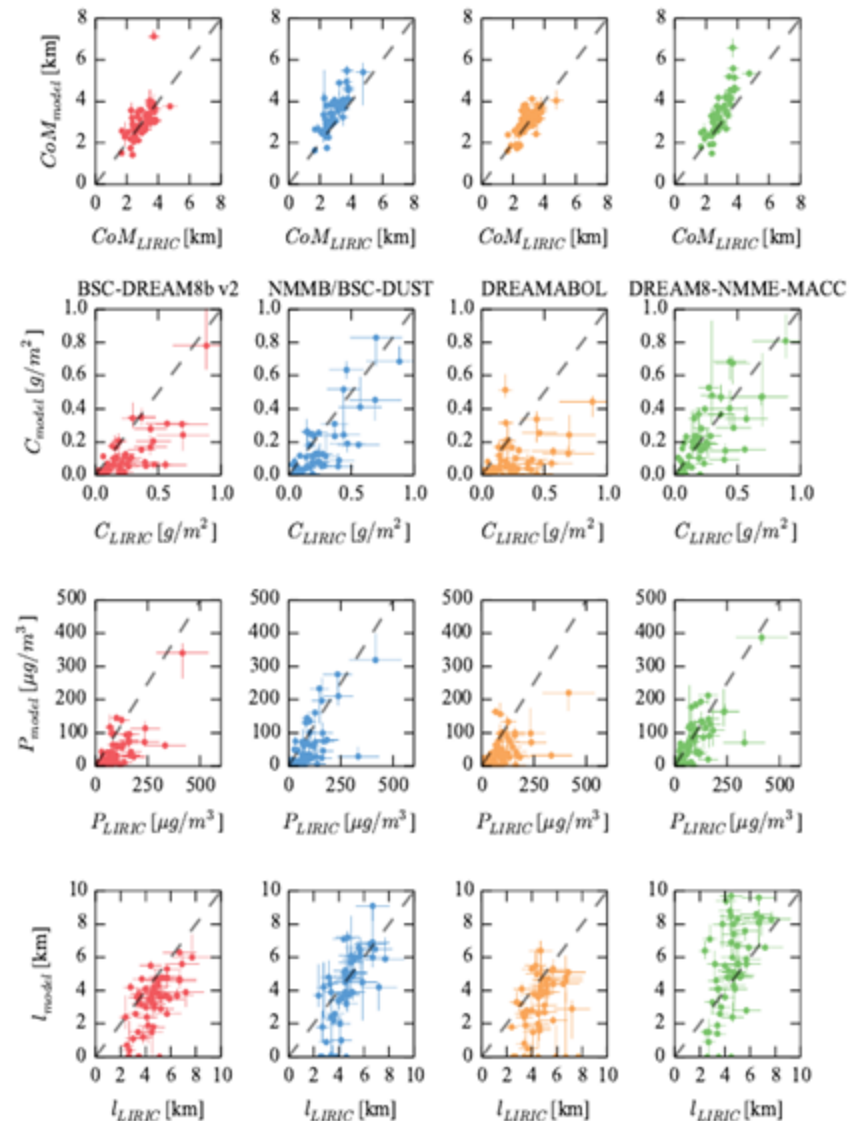
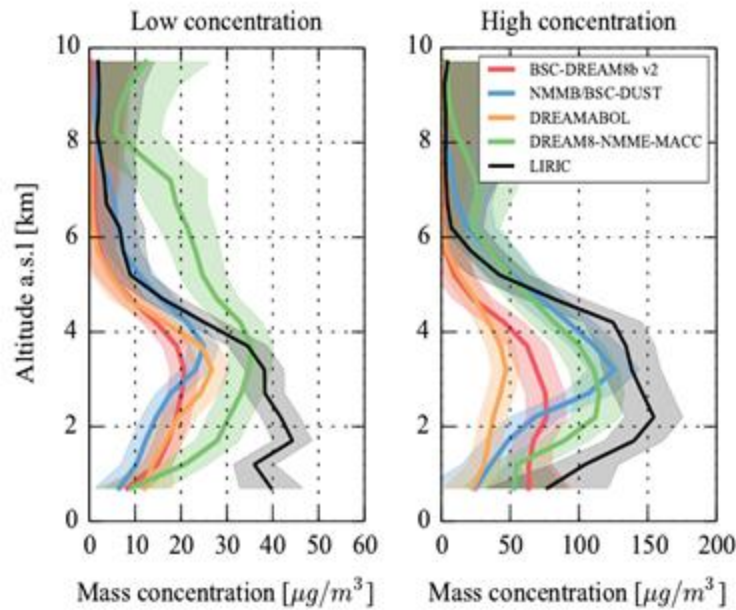
*MSG/SEVIRI RGB product 7 April  
Courtesy of EUMETSAT*

- The selected dust event corresponds to the one which occurred between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of April of 2011.
- Participating models: BSC-DREAM8b, NMMB/BSC-Dust, ECMWF-MACC, UKMetOffice-UM and NMME-DREAM-MACC
- Comparison of each forecast (at 24, 48 and 72h) output to in-situ measurements of AOD (from AERONET), surface concentration (PM) and satellite retrieved AOD (MODIS, CALIPSO) and meteorology.



# SDS-WAS NAMEE: Model intercomparison

## EARLINET vertical dust profiles: 2011-2013



(Biniatoglou et al., ATM, 2015)

# SDS-WAS NAMEE: Model intercomparison



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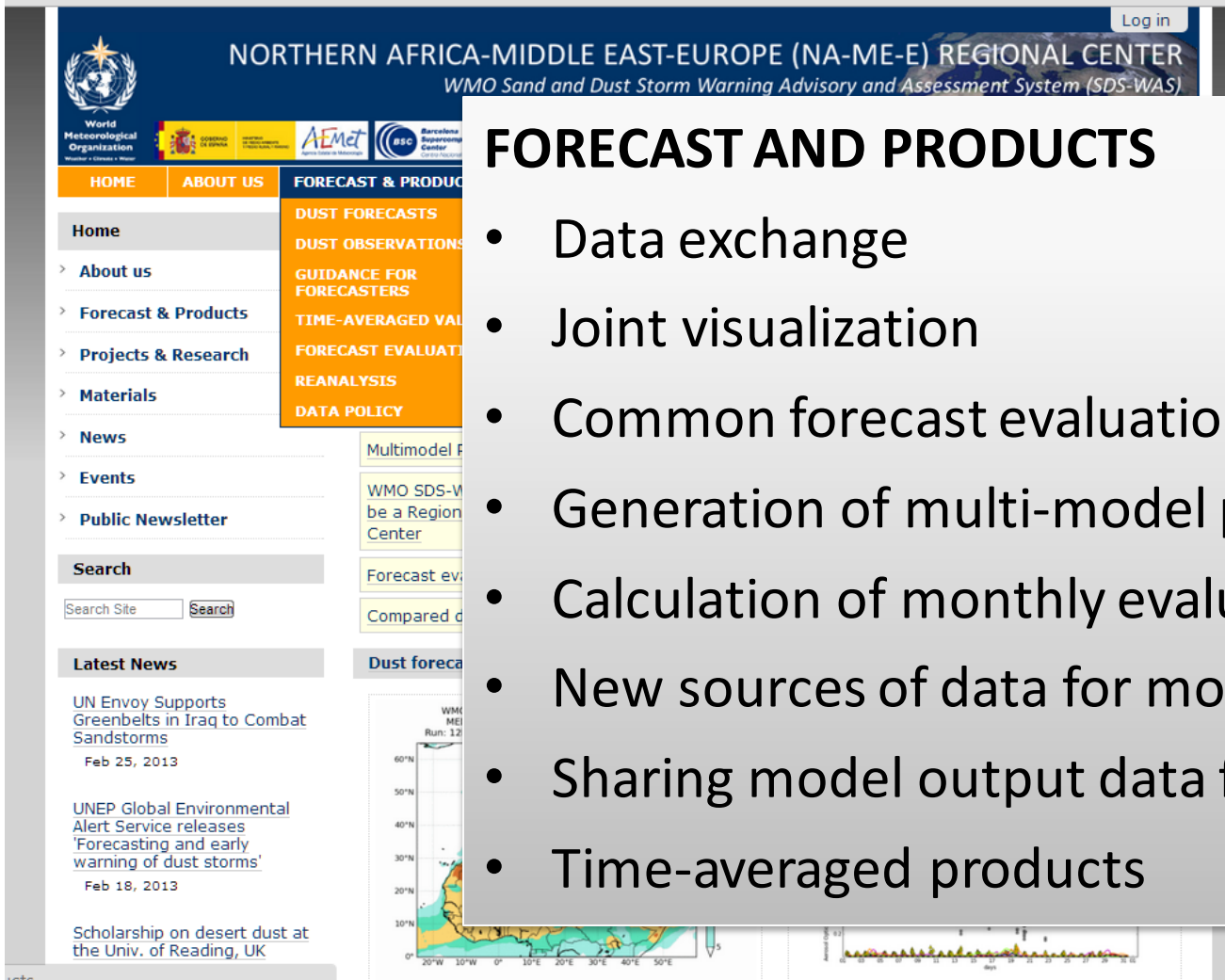
The extreme dust storm occurred in Tehran (Iran) on **2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014** lasting less than 2 hours according to public evidence.

Based on public news, the dust storm caused several deaths, reduction of visibility to several tenths meters in the city, and adverse disturbance of the public traffic. The blowing wind reached 110 km/h.

This project aims to **better understand generation and development of small-scale dust storms** contributing so to exploring a potential of dust models to more accurately simulate such events, considering them as the most difficult ones to be operationally predicted.



*Seminar by Ana Vukovic*



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Northern Africa-Middle East-Europe (NA-ME-E) Regional Center for the WMO Sand and Dust Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System (SDS-WAS). The header includes the WMO logo and the center's name. A navigation menu on the left lists 'HOME', 'ABOUT US', 'FORECAST & PRODUCTS', 'Home', 'About us', 'Forecast & Products', 'Projects & Research', 'Materials', 'News', 'Events', and 'Public Newsletter'. A search bar is located below the menu. The 'FORECAST & PRODUCTS' section is highlighted in orange and lists 'DUST FORECASTS', 'DUST OBSERVATIONS', 'GUIDANCE FOR FORECASTERS', 'TIME-AVERAGED VALUES', 'FORECAST EVALUATION', 'REANALYSIS', and 'DATA POLICY'. Below this, there are links for 'Multimodel Forecast', 'WMO SDS-WAS be a Regional Center', 'Forecast evaluation', 'Compared data', and 'Dust forecast'. The 'Latest News' section features two articles: 'UN Envoy Supports Greenbelts in Iraq to Combat Sandstorms' dated Feb 25, 2013, and 'UNEP Global Environmental Alert Service releases 'Forecasting and early warning of dust storms'' dated Feb 18, 2013. At the bottom, there is a link for a 'Scholarship on desert dust at the Univ. of Reading, UK'. A map of the region and a time-series plot are visible at the bottom right of the screenshot.

## FORECAST AND PRODUCTS

- Data exchange
- Joint visualization
- Common forecast evaluation
- Generation of multi-model products
- Calculation of monthly evaluation metrics
- New sources of data for model evaluation
- Sharing model output data files
- Time-averaged products

# SDS-WAS NAMEE: Dust Forecasts



Dust prediction models provide 72 hours (at 3-hourly basis) of dust forecast (AOD at 550nm and surface concentration) covering the NAMEE region.



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MODEL	RUN TIME	DOMAIN	DATA ASSIMILATION
BSC-DREAM8b v2.0	12	Regional	No
CHIMERE	00	Regional	No
LMDzT-INCA	00	Global	No
CAMS-ECMWF	00	Global	MODIS AOD
DREAM8-NMME	00	Regional	CAMS analysis
NMMB/BSC-Dust	12	Regional	No
MetUM	00	Global	MODIS AOD
GEOS-5	00	Global	MODIS reflectances
NGAC	00	Global	No
EMA REG CM4	12	Regional	No
DREAMABOL	12	Regional	No
NOA WRF-CHEM	12	Regional	No
FMI-SILAM	12	Global	No
TNO LOTOS	12	Regional	No



# SDS-WAS NAMEE: Files download



BSC-DREAM8b v2.0	<a href="#">DOWNLOAD FILES</a>	<a href="#">Model website</a>	 Barcelona Supercomputing Center Centro Nacional de Supercomputación
MACC-ECMWF	<a href="#">DOWNLOAD FILES</a>	<a href="#">Model website</a>	 macc Monitoring atmospheric composition & climate
DREAM-NMME-MACC	<a href="#">DOWNLOAD FILES</a>	<a href="#">Model website</a>	
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NASA-GEOS-5	<a href="#">DOWNLOAD FILES</a>	<a href="#">Model website</a>	
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Multimodel			

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- Daily forecasts of dust surface concentration and dust optical depth will be displayed on a page together with a menu to allow visualization of the archived products and/or download of the numerical files for a selected range of dates.
- Access to the download pages shall be restricted to those groups that authorize the exchange of their own data.



*Seminar by Francesco Benincasa*



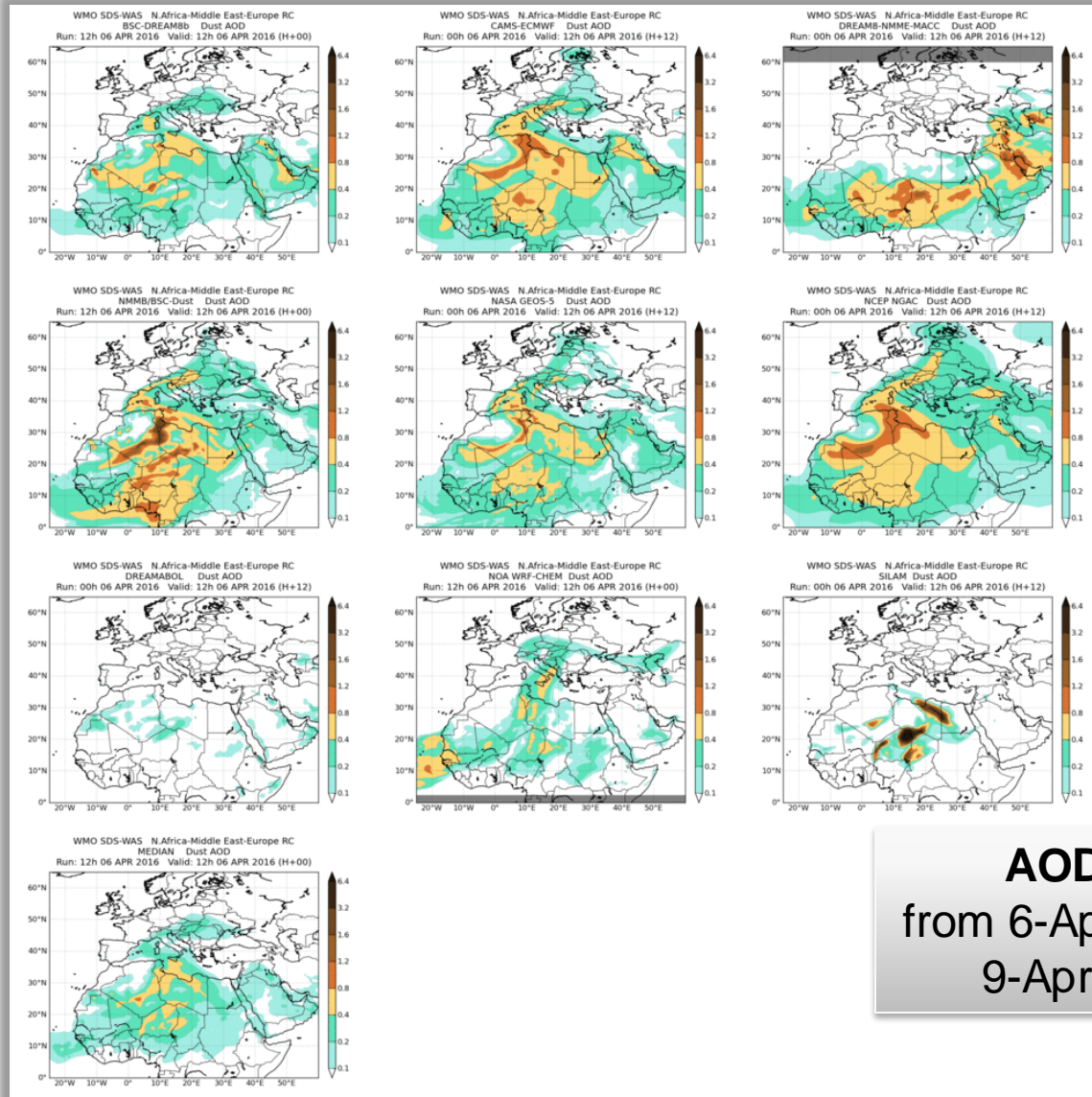
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**AOD at 550nm**  
from 6-Apr-2016 12:00 to  
9-Apr-2016 00:00

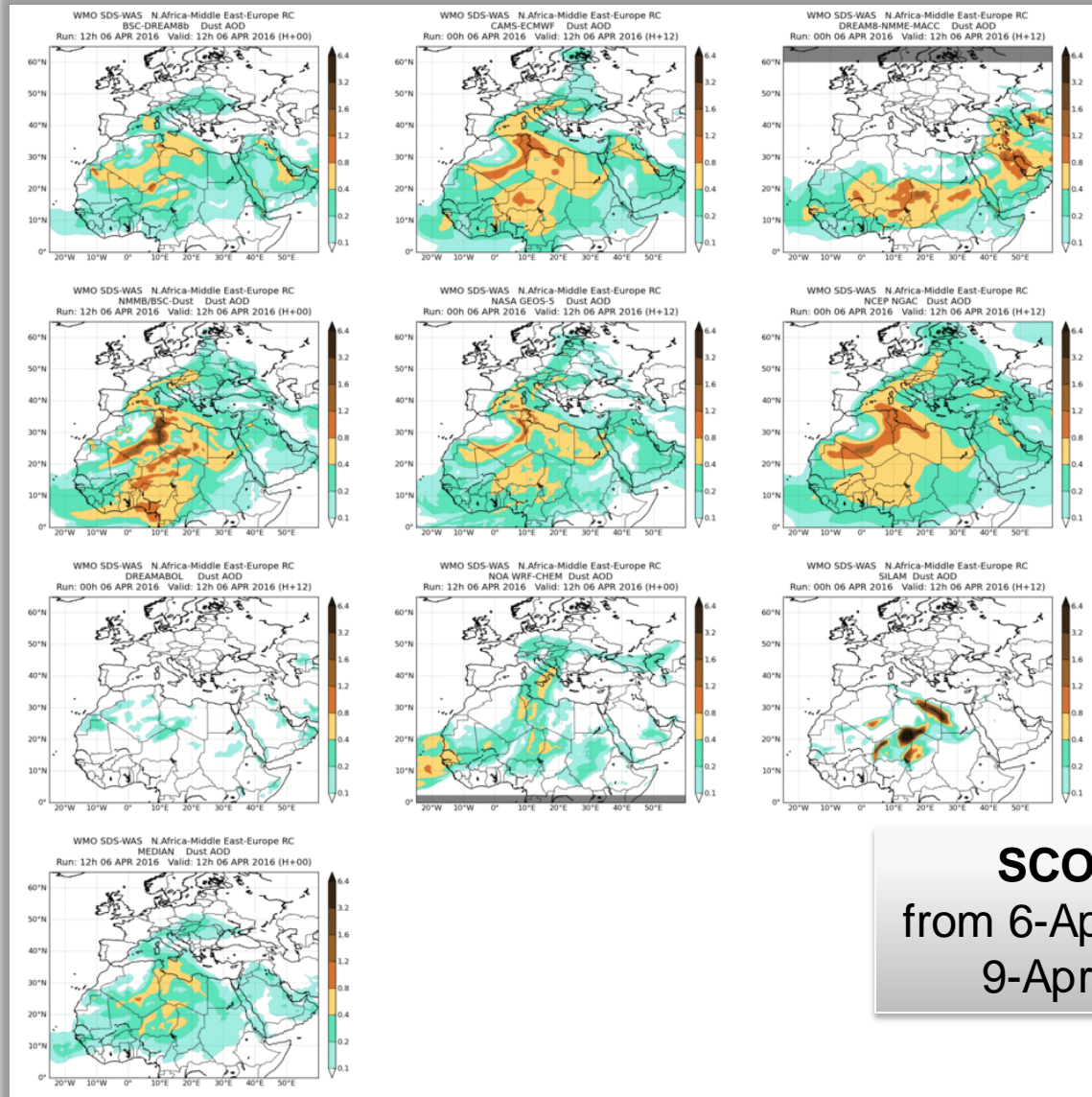
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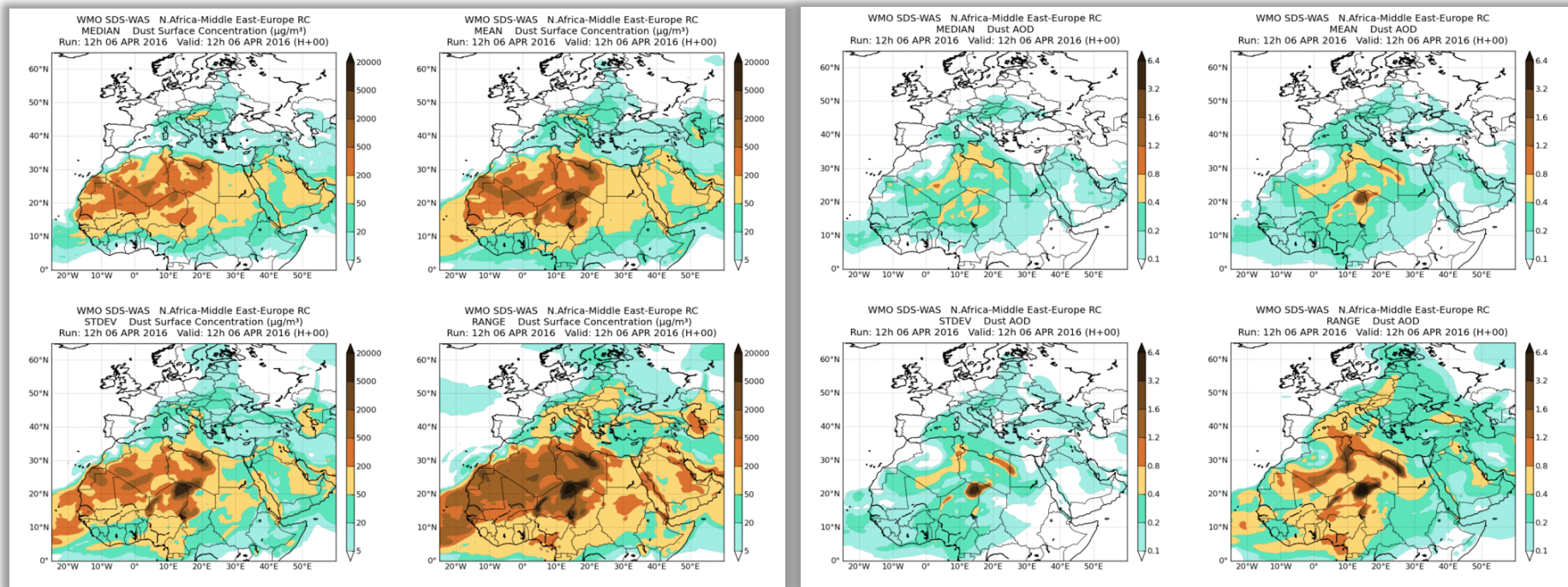


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## Surface concentration

## DOD at 550nm



from 6-Apr-2016 12:00 to 9-Apr-2016 00:00

Model outputs are bi-linearly interpolated to a common 0.5°x0.5° grid mesh. Then, different multi-model products are generated:

**CENTRALITY:** median - mean

**SPREAD:** standard deviation – range of variation

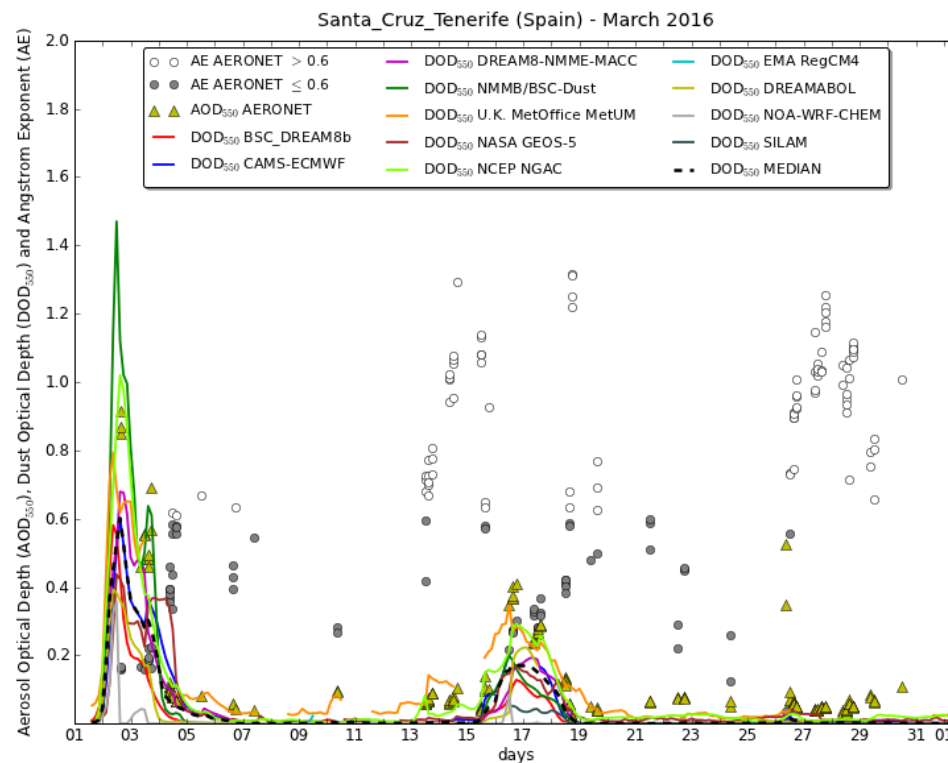
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## Seasonal scores

by Francesco Benincasa — last modified Jan 14, 2016 04:52 PM

Date: - Select Year - - Select Season -

Dec 2015 - Feb 2016. Dust Optical Depth.  
Threshold Angstrom Exponent = 0.600

### BIAS

	RSC_ DREAMb	CAMS- ECMWF	DREAM-MME- MACC	NMMB-RSC- Dust	U.K. Met Office	NASA GEOS-5	NCEP NGAC	EMA RegCM4	DREAM ABOL	NOA-WRF- CHEM	MEDIAN
<b>Sahel/Sahara</b> <a href="#">show stations</a>	-0.33	-0.17	-0.23	0.05	-0.06	-0.16	-0.10	0.10	-0.34	-0.25	-0.21
<b>Middle East</b> <a href="#">show stations</a>	-0.12	-0.03	-0.07	-0.25	-0.03	-0.15	-0.17	0.13	-0.22	-0.17	-0.16
<b>Mediterranean</b> <a href="#">show stations</a>	-0.17	-0.17	-0.15	-0.18	-0.09	-0.16	-0.13	-0.09	-0.16	-0.16	-0.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	-0.26	-0.17	-0.20	-0.04	-0.07	-0.16	-0.11	0.03	-0.27	-0.21	-0.19

### ROOT MEAN SQUARE ERROR

	RSC_ DREAMb	CAMS- ECMWF	DREAM-MME- MACC	NMMB-RSC- Dust	U.K. Met Office	NASA GEOS-5	NCEP NGAC	EMA RegCM4	DREAM ABOL	NOA-WRF- CHEM	MEDIAN
<b>Sahel/Sahara</b> <a href="#">show stations</a>	0.54	0.41	0.51	0.42	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.66	0.56	0.53	0.43
<b>Middle East</b> <a href="#">show stations</a>	0.32	0.28	0.34	0.41	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.34	0.37	0.39	0.33
<b>Mediterranean</b> <a href="#">show stations</a>	0.32	0.33	0.30	0.32	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.40	0.31	0.34	0.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	0.46	0.38	0.44	0.39	0.34	0.35	0.35	0.57	0.48	0.47	0.39

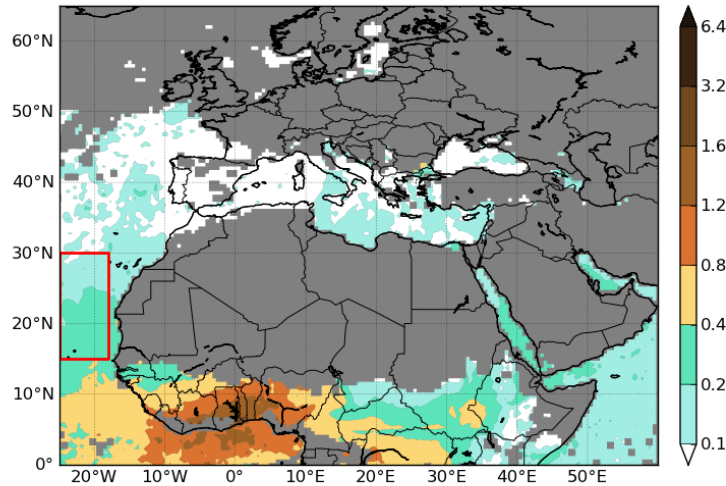
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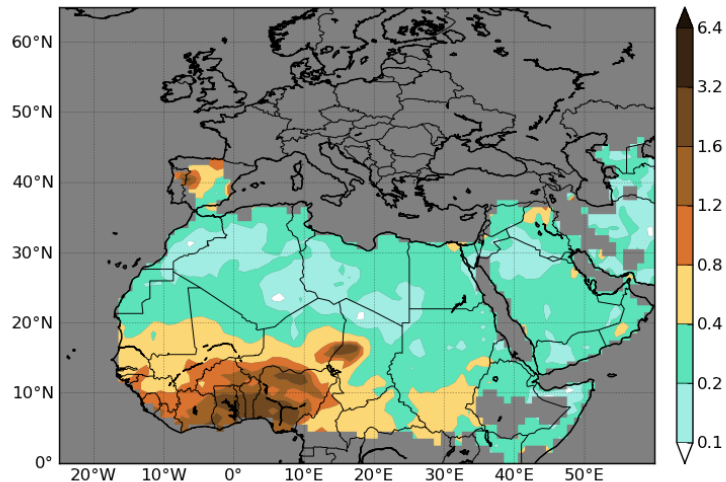


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MODIS AOD<sub>550</sub> - DEC 2015 - FEB 2016



	BIAS	ROOT MEAN SQUARE ERROR	CORRELATION COEFFICIENT	FRACTIONAL GROSS ERROR	NUMBER OF CASES
BSC_DREAM8b	-0.24	0.43	0.63	1.07	207012
NMMB/BSC-Dust	-0.10	0.29	0.78	0.98	201353
NCEP NGAC	-0.12	0.32	0.68	0.71	207012
EMA RegCM4	0.11	0.54	0.29	0.94	39231
DREAMABOL	-0.21	0.44	0.36	0.96	198954
NOA-WRF-CHEM	-0.19	0.41	0.46	1.04	198463

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MODIS DEEPBLUE AOD<sub>550</sub> - DEC 2015 - FEB 2016



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NCEP NGAC	-0.14	0.34	0.69	0.66	48659
EMA RegCM4	0.17	0.59	0.35	0.82	12050
DREAMABOL	-0.25	0.46	0.41	0.91	48036
NOA-WRF-CHEM	-0.22	0.43	0.48	1.03	51220

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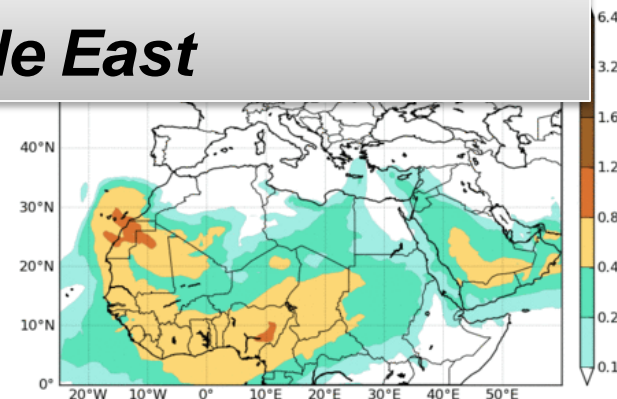
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***New observational datasets for model evaluation in  
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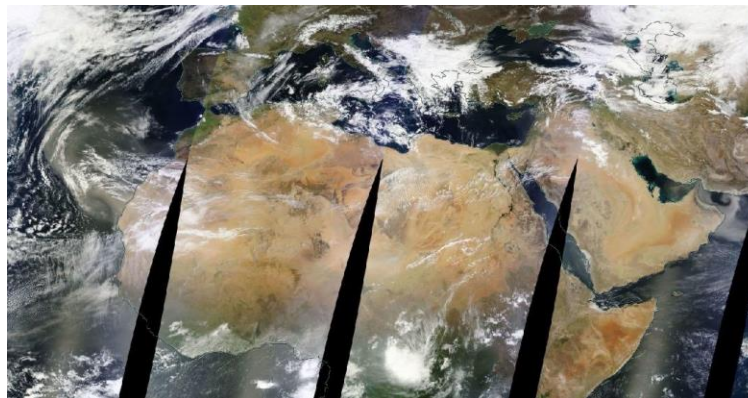
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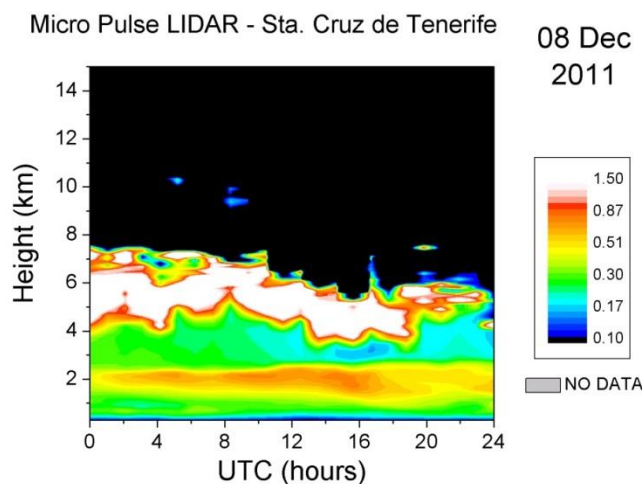
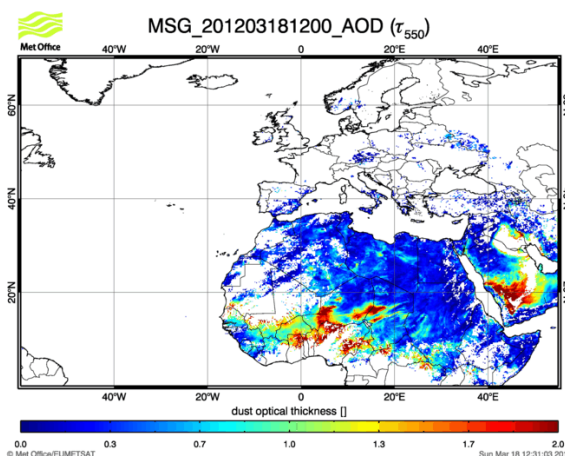


## ***New observational datasets for model evaluation in Northern Africa and Middle East***

- Visibility
- MSG/SEVIRI
- MODIS
- OMI
- CALIPSO
- PARASOL
- MPLNET
- PM<sub>10</sub>



*MODIS composite 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015 from EOSDIS World Viewer*





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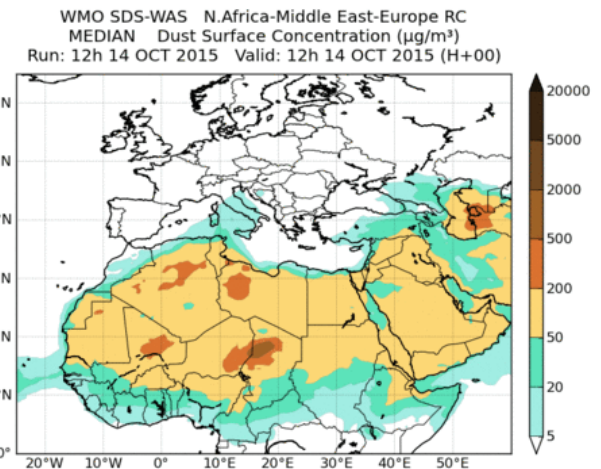
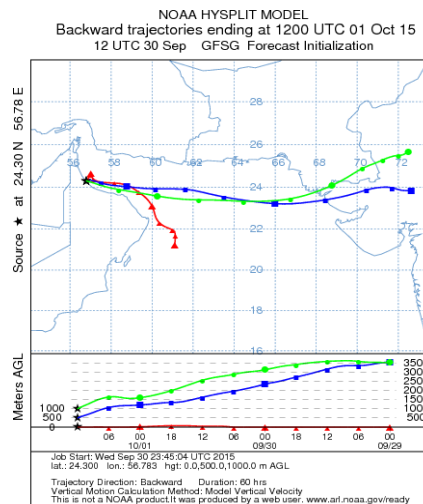
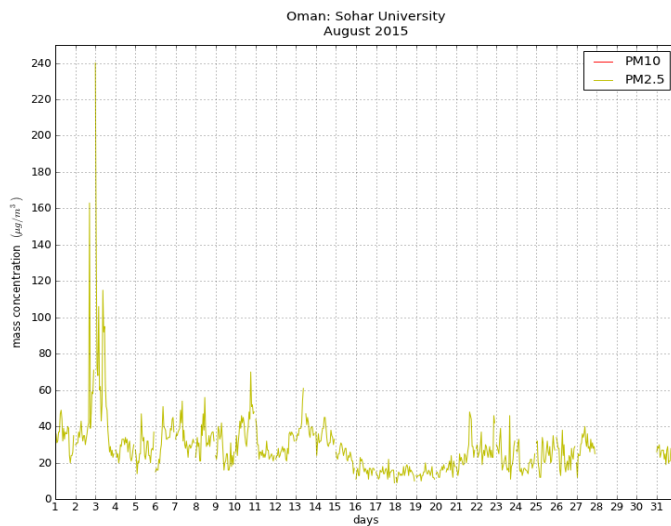
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## NRT surface concentration



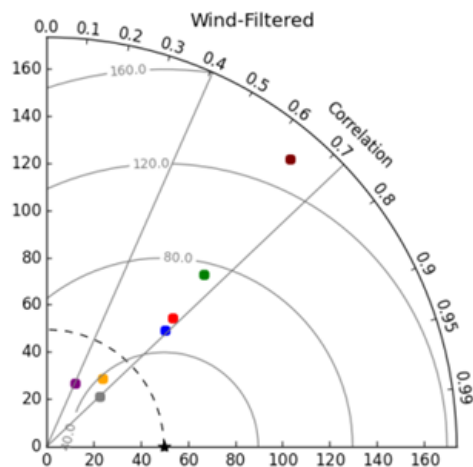
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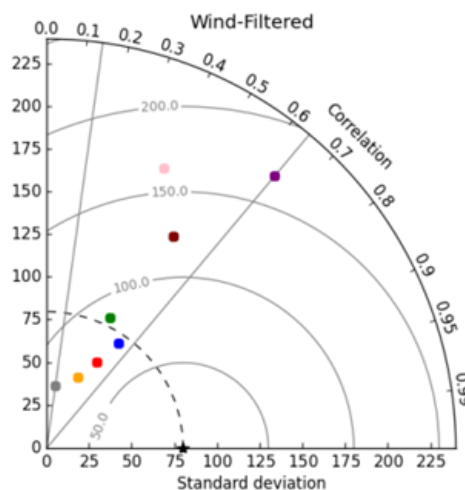
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**Dust filter:** Considering the localizations of the desert dust sources the filter is based on wind direction.

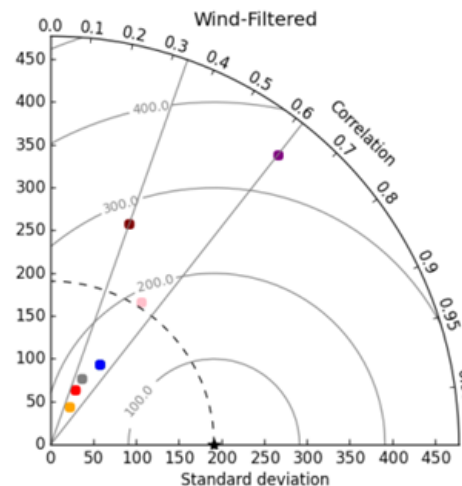
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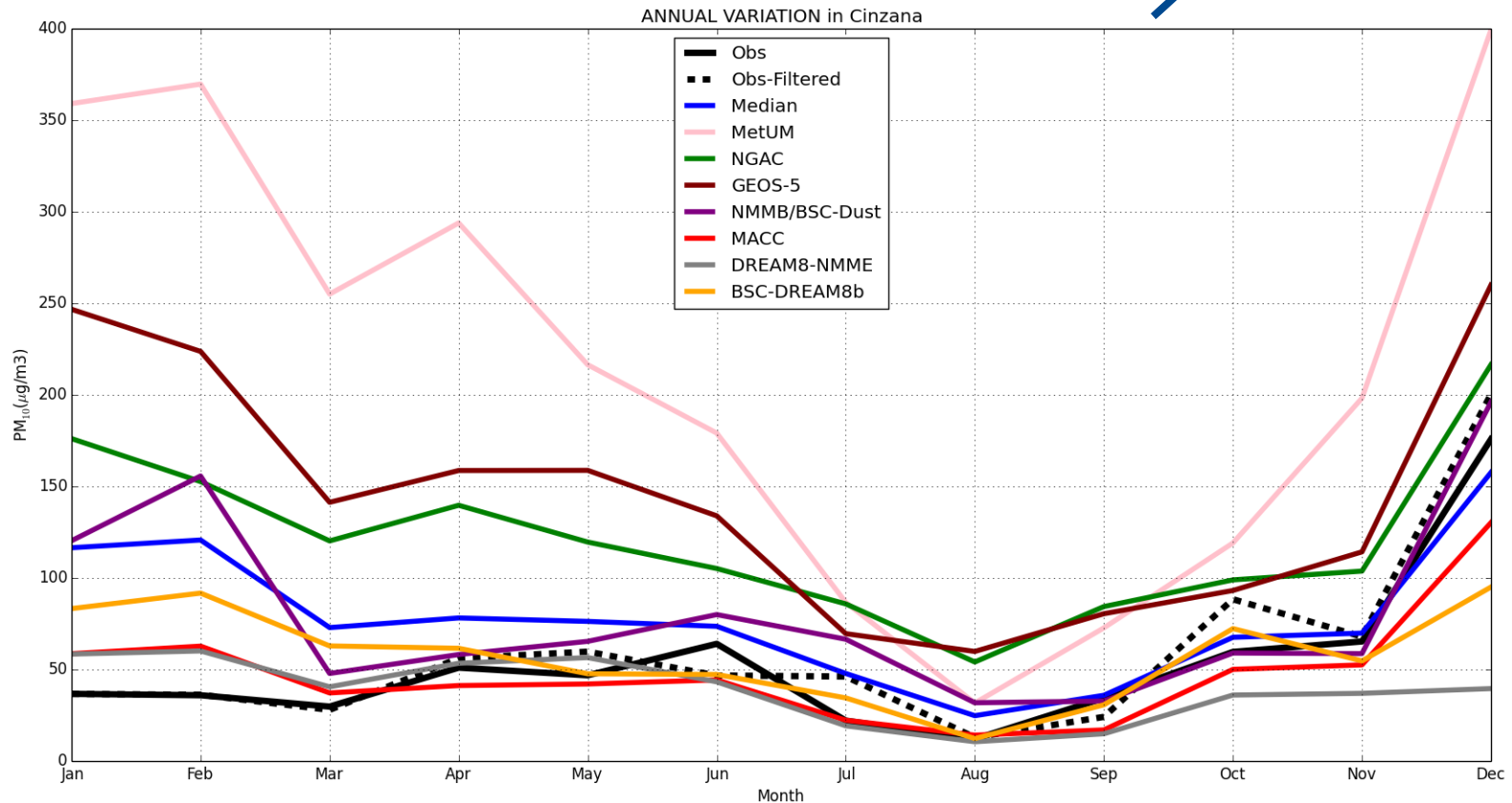
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- ★ Reference
- CAMS
- Median
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- MetUM
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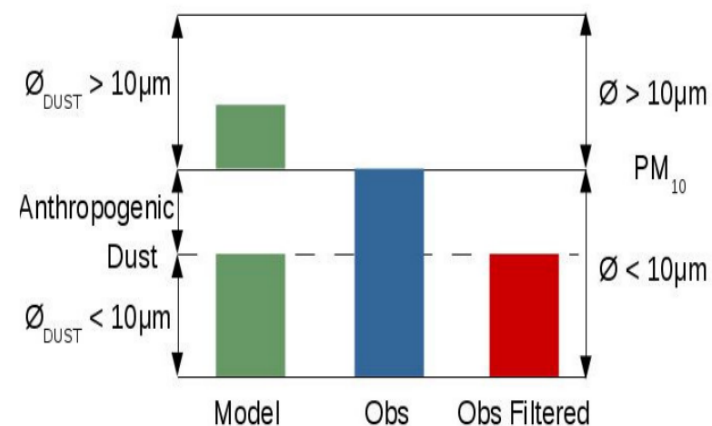
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## AQ network: Canary Islands 2013-2014



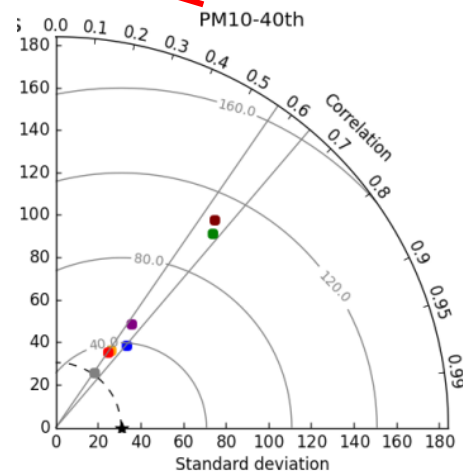
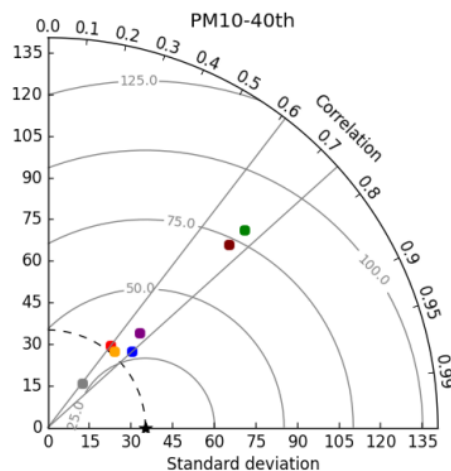
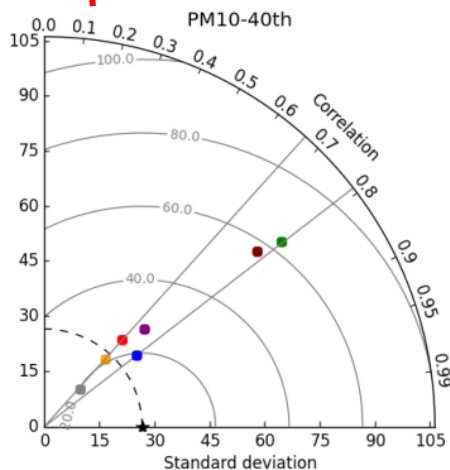
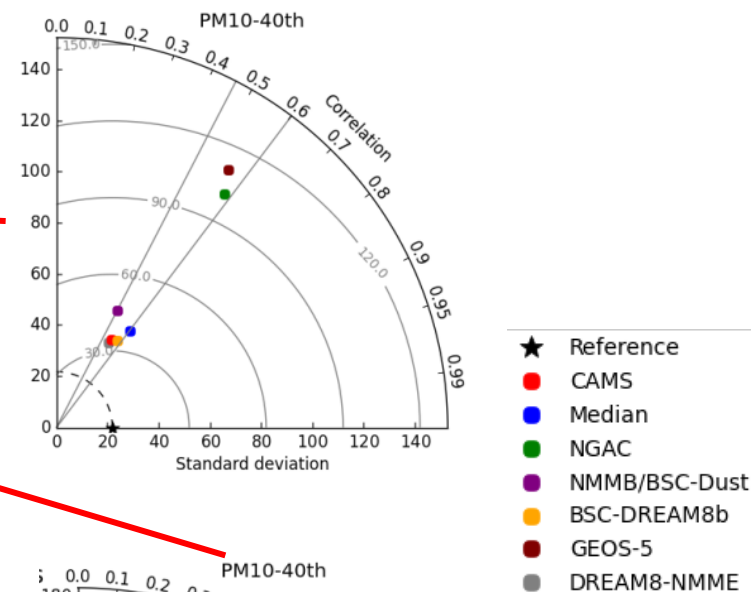
**Not all PM<sub>10</sub> is dust:** Local sources  
**Dust filter:** Moving 40th percentile of 30 days, 15 days before and 15 days after (Escudero et al. 2007).



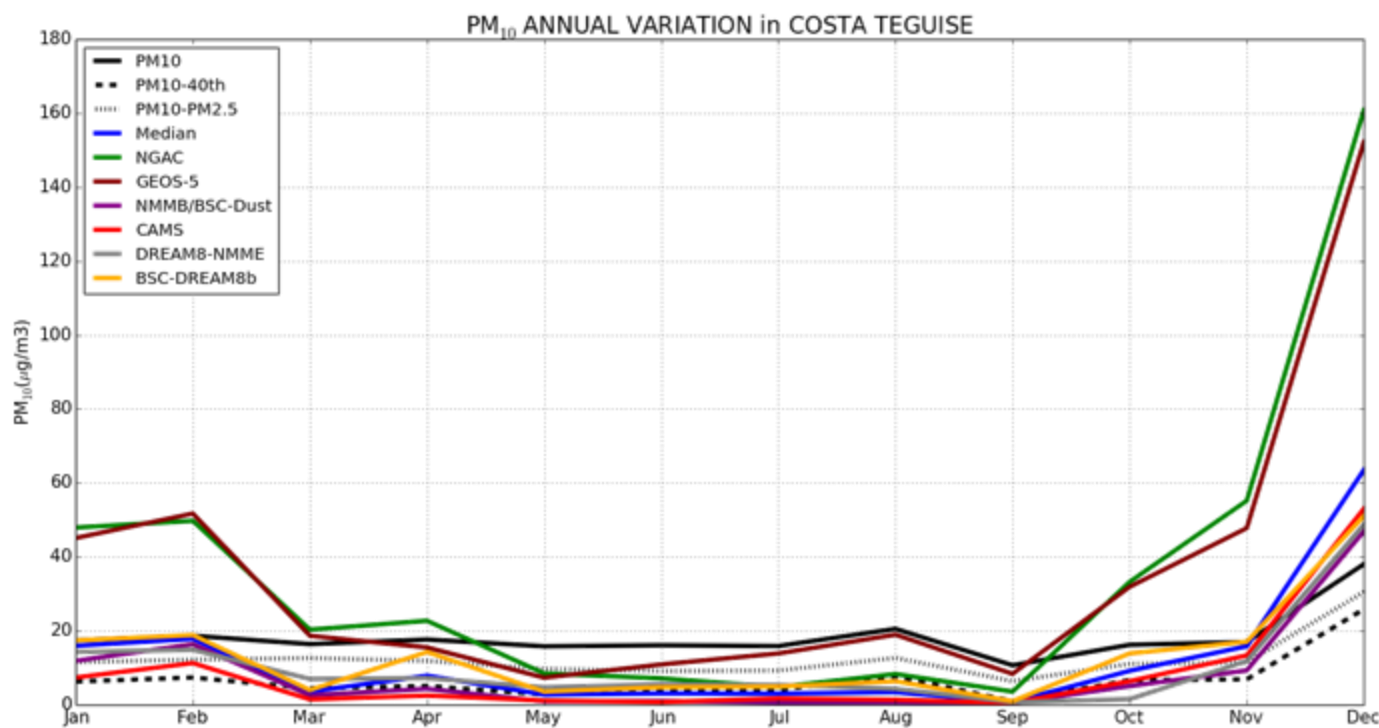


# SDS-WAS NAMEE: Model evaluation

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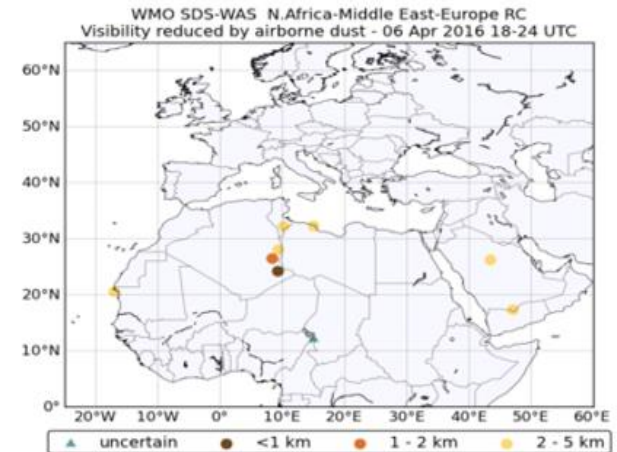
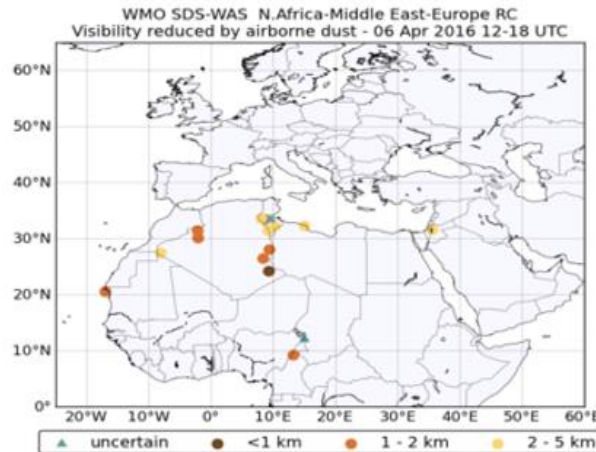
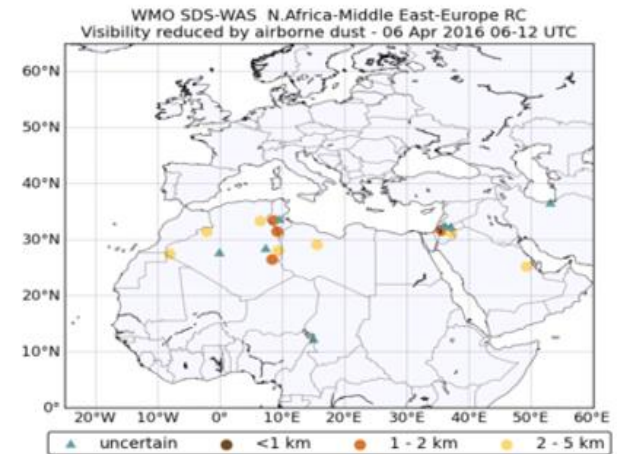
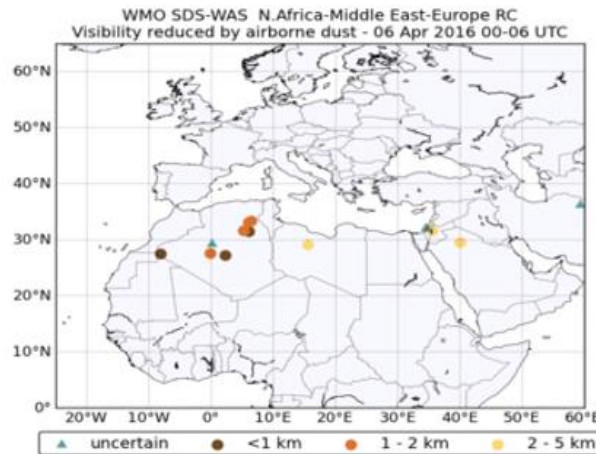
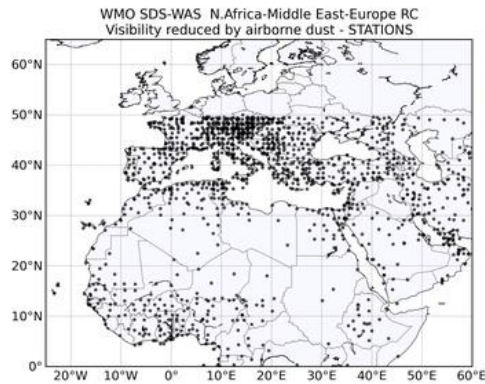
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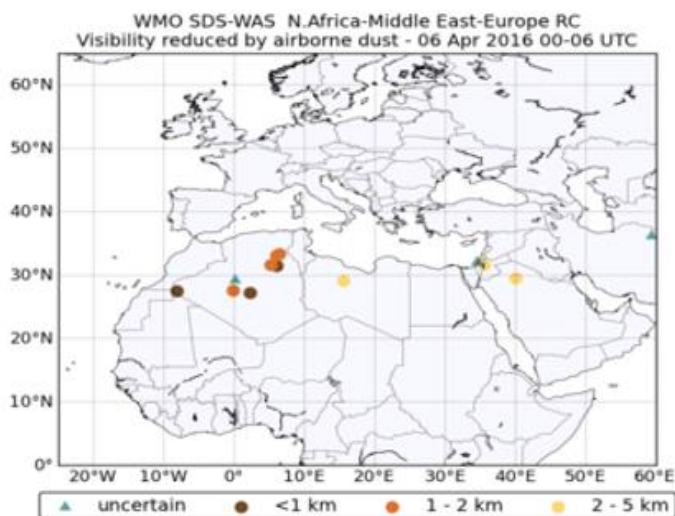
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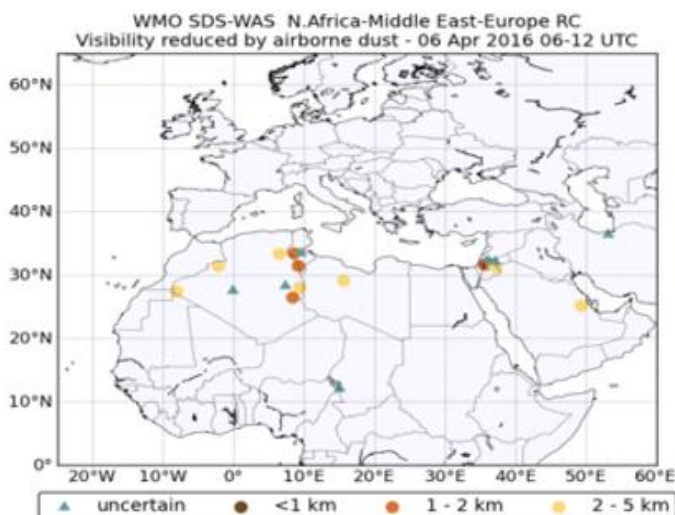
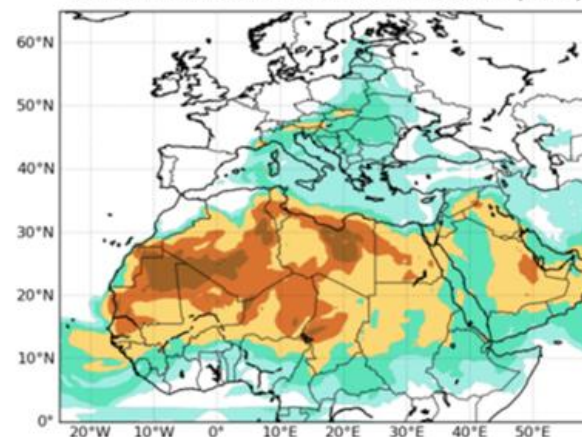
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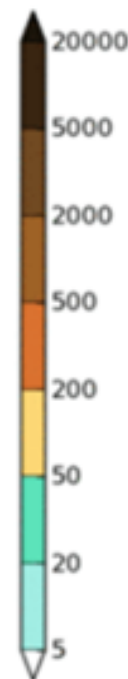
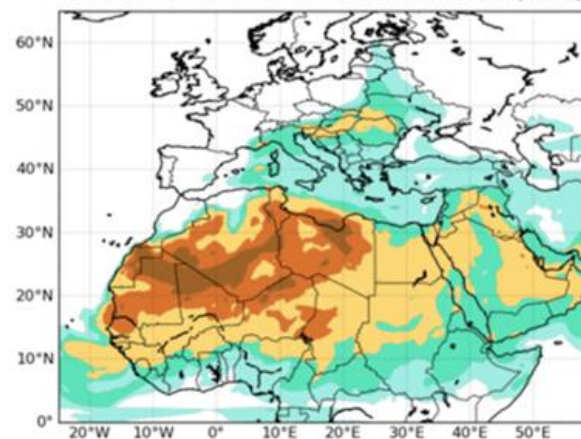
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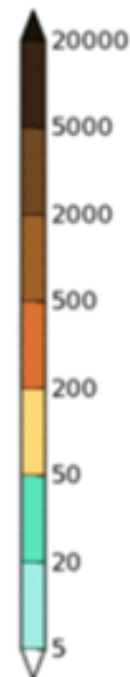
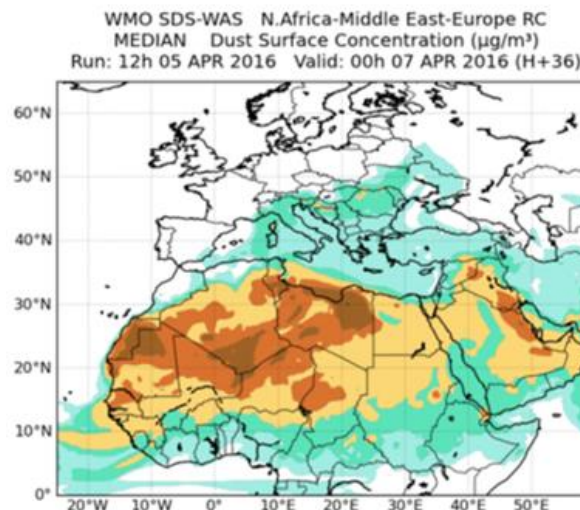
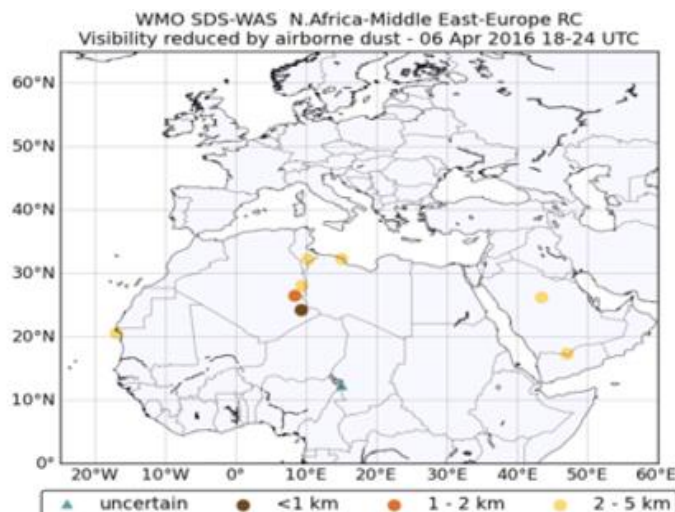
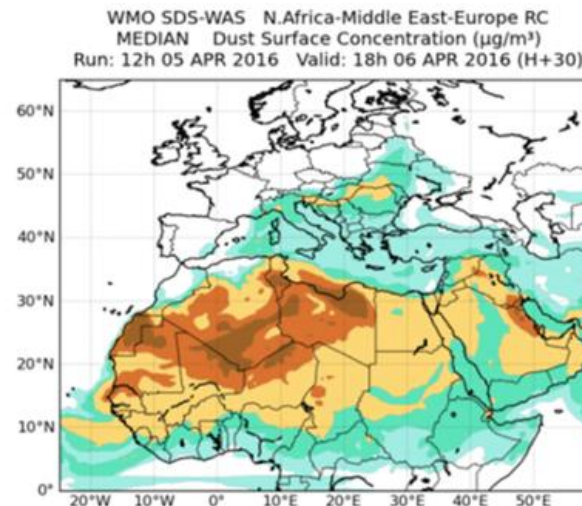
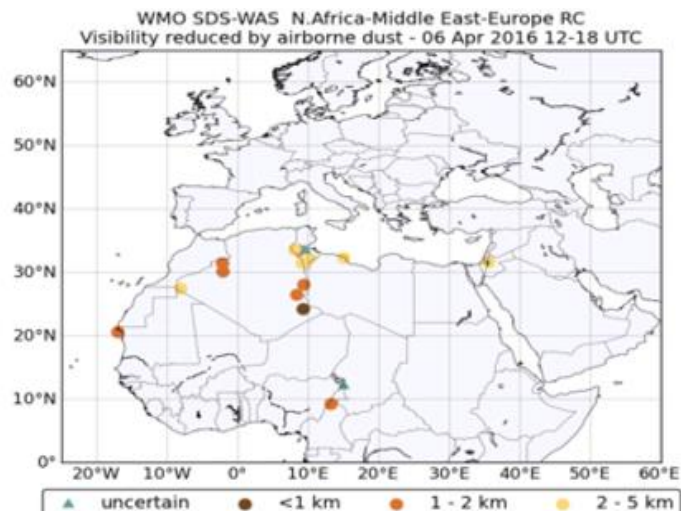
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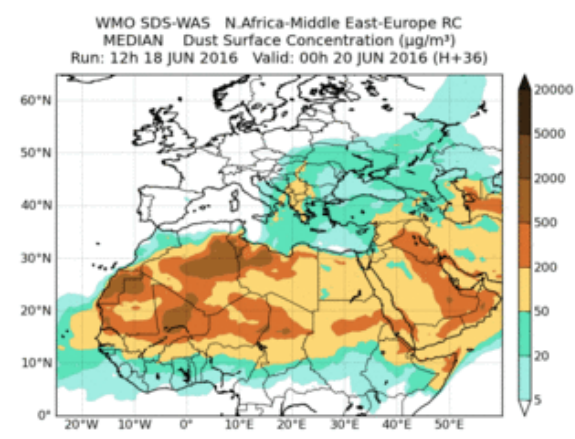
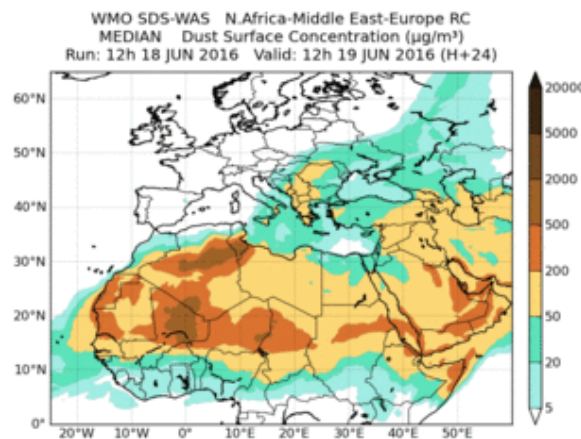
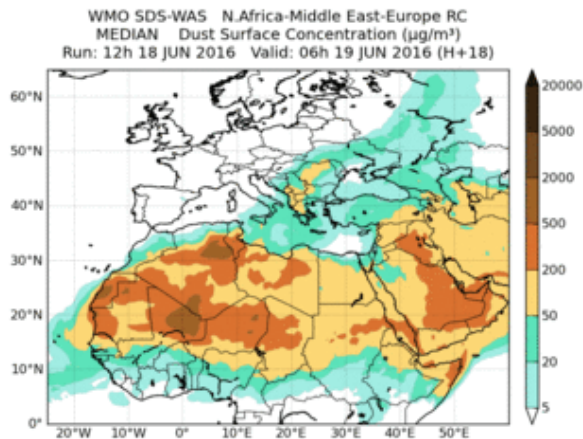
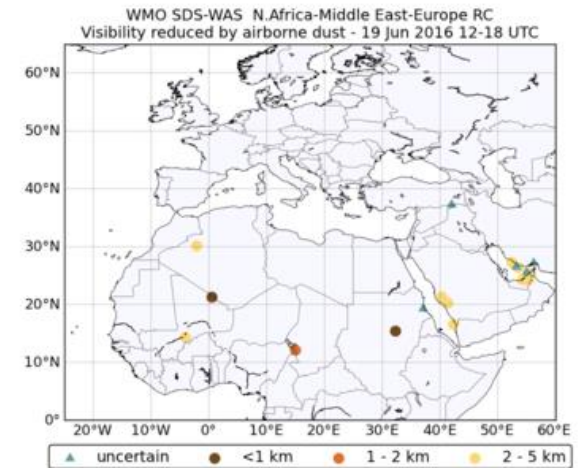
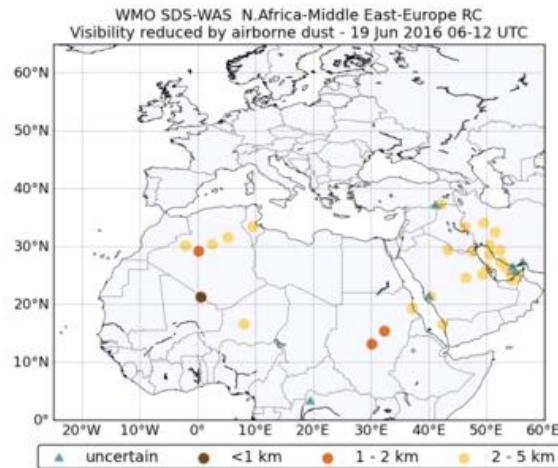
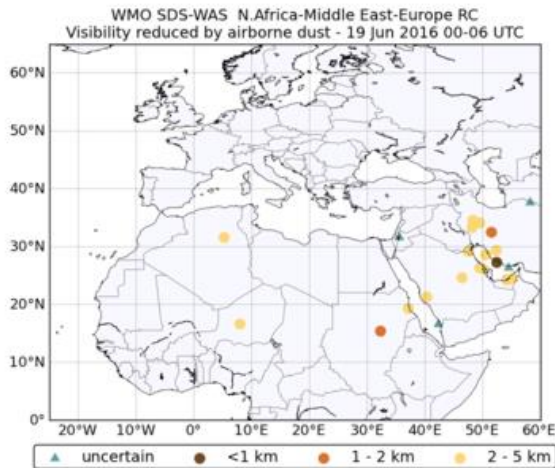
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# SDS-WAS NAMEE: Model evaluation



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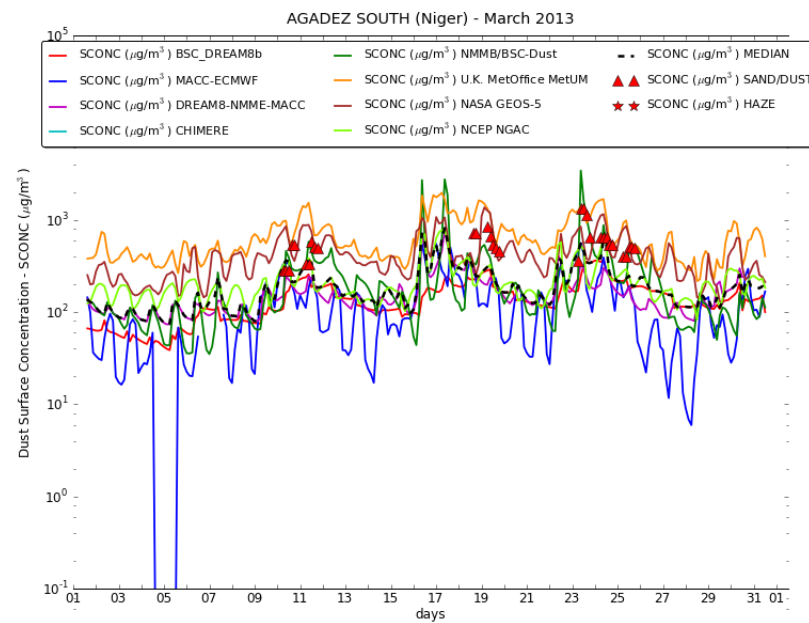


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$PM_{10} = 1339.84 V^{-0.67}$   
Ben Mohamed et al. (1992)



$PM_{10} = 1772.24 V^{-1.1}$   
Camino et al. (2014, Aeolian Res.)



# SDS-WAS NAMEE: Model evaluation



## Ceilometer

Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Granada and Montsec (Spain)

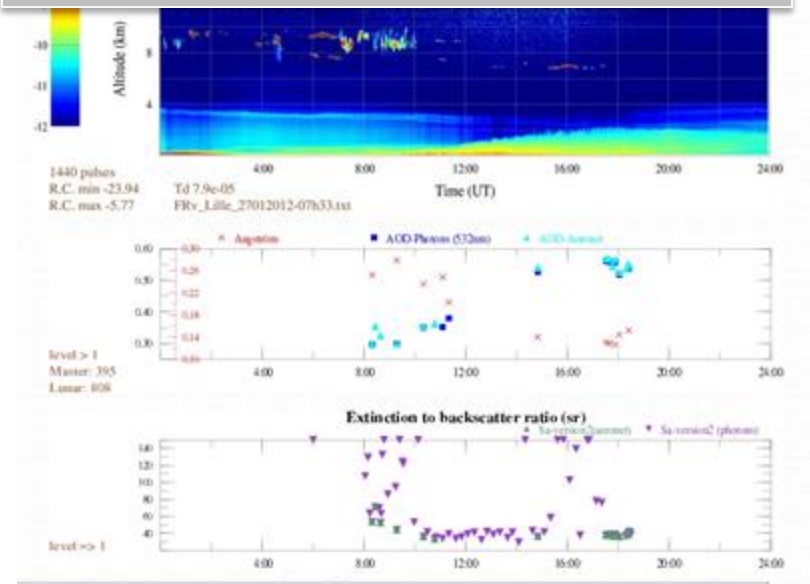
- + High density of stations
- Qualitative products



## Lidar

M'Bour (Senegal)

- Low number of stations
- + Quantitative products





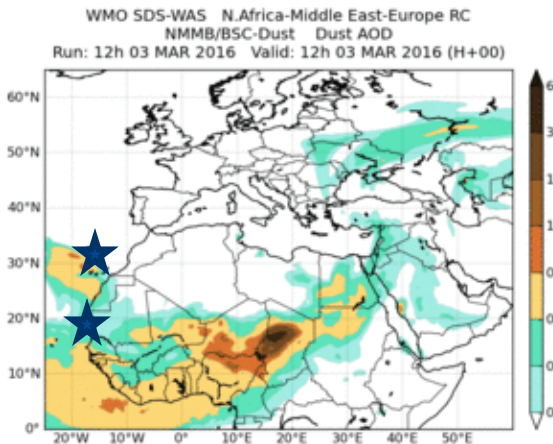
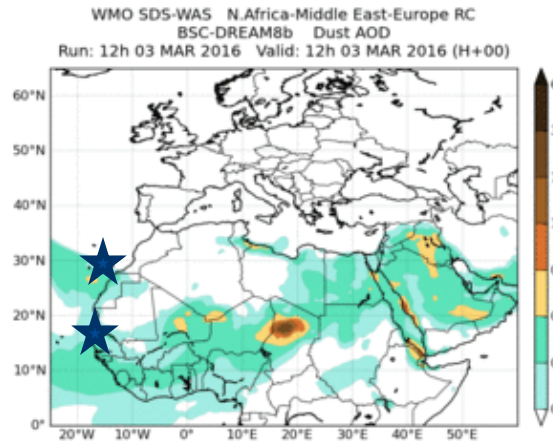
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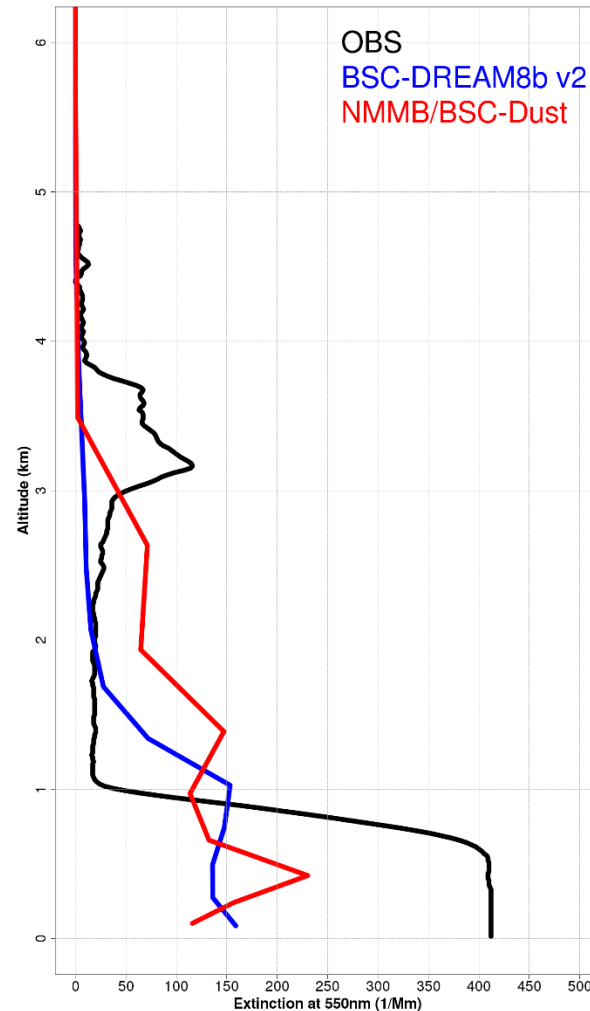
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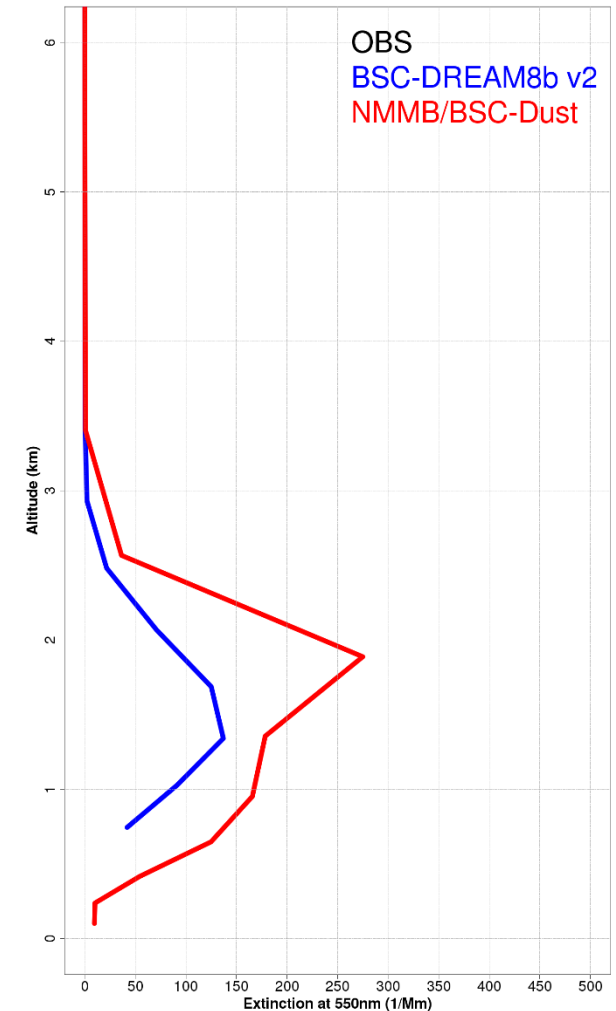
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MBour at 2016-03-03 at 12UTC



Tenerife at 2016-03-03 at 12UTC



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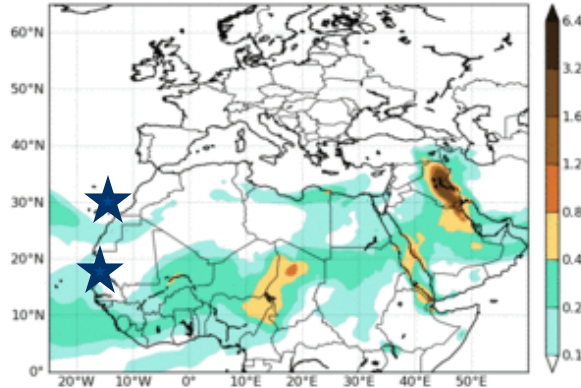
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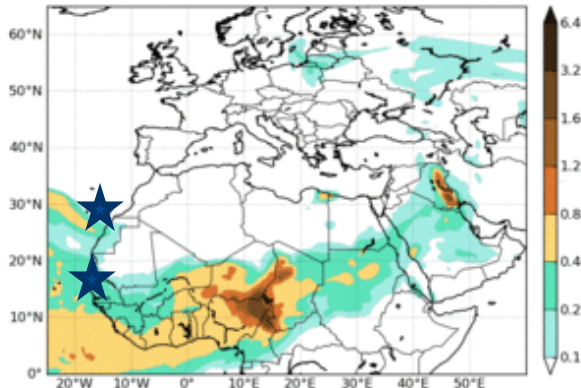
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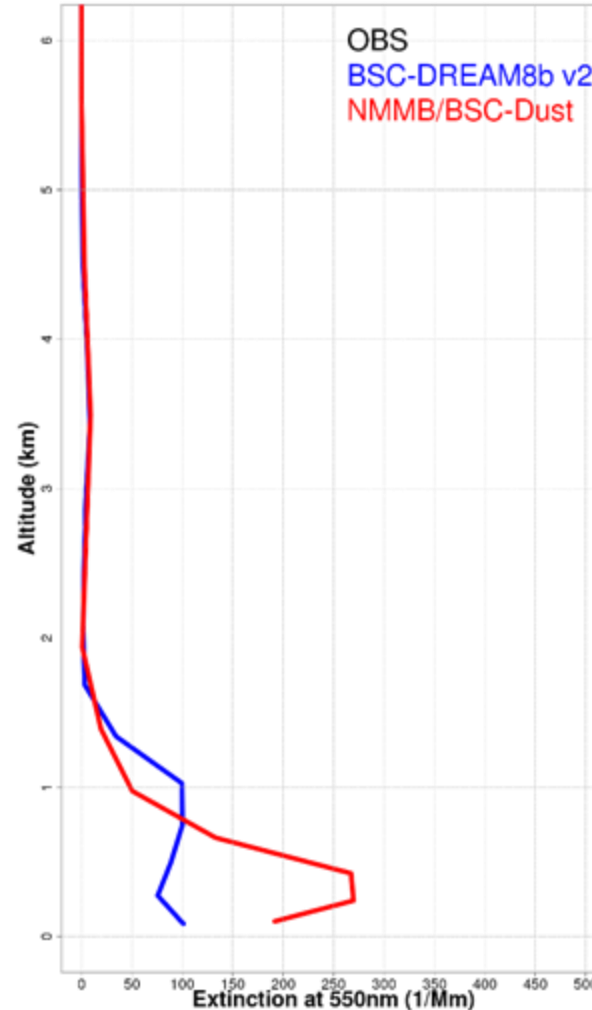
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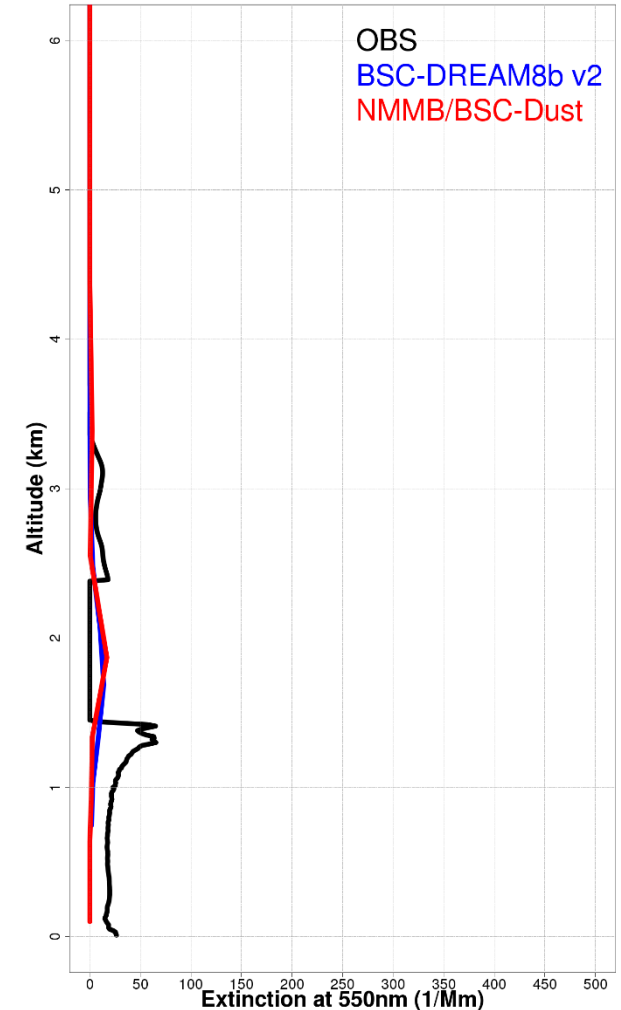
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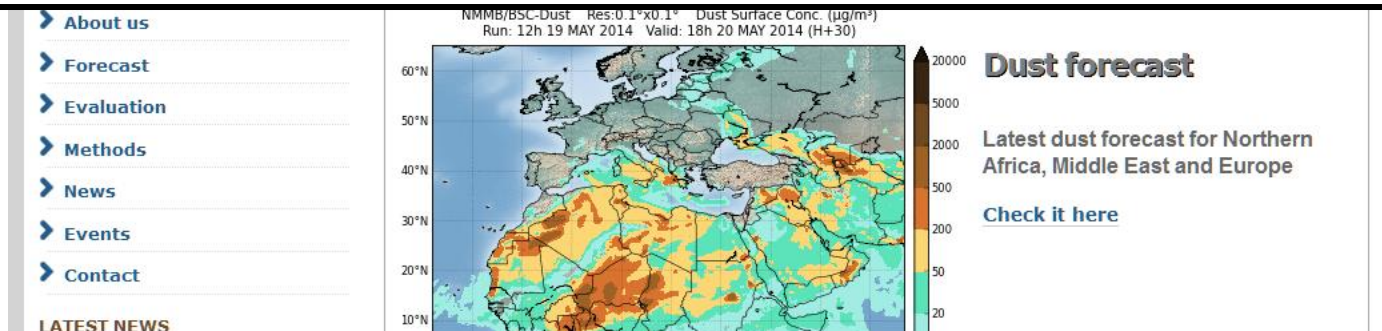


## Tenerife at 2016-03-04 at 12UTC





***In 2014, the First Specialized Center for Mineral Dust  
Prediction of WMO is created  
NMMB/BSC-Dust selected to provide operational forecasts  
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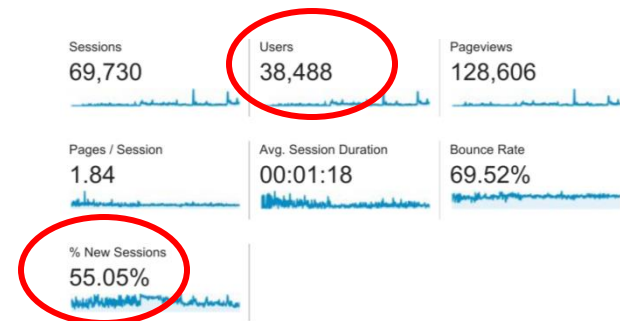
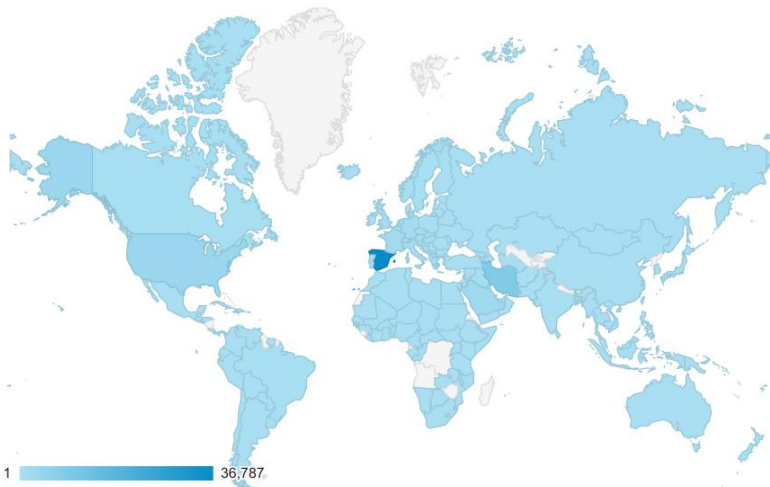
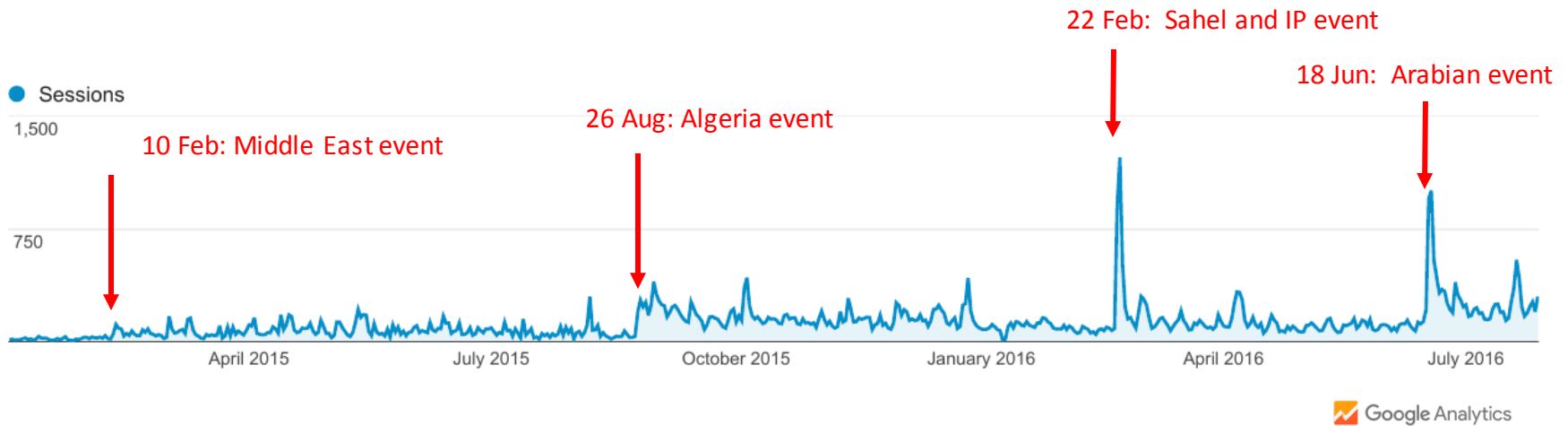


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# BDFC: Dust Forecasts products



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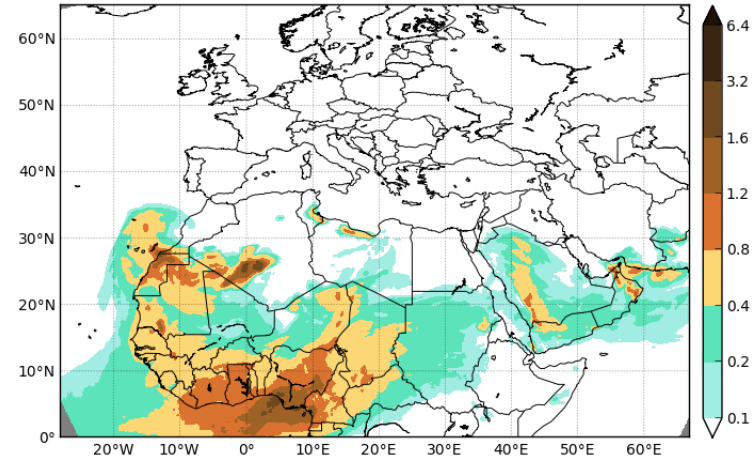
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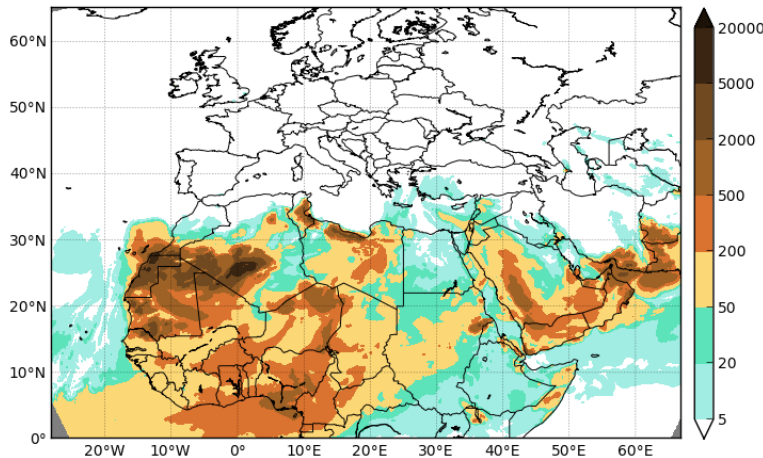


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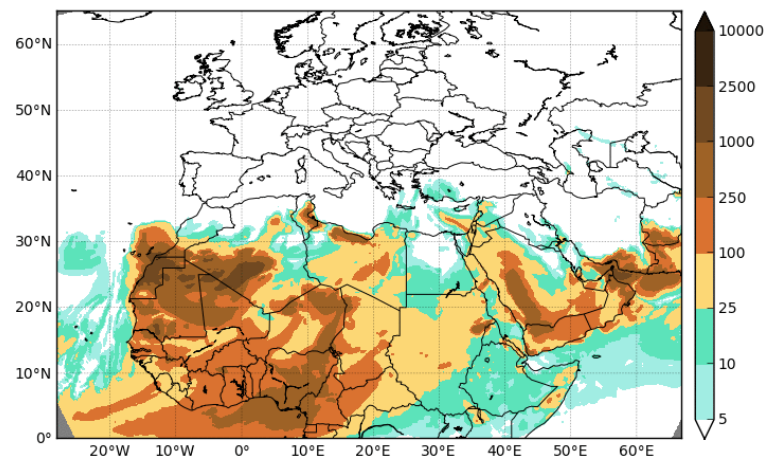
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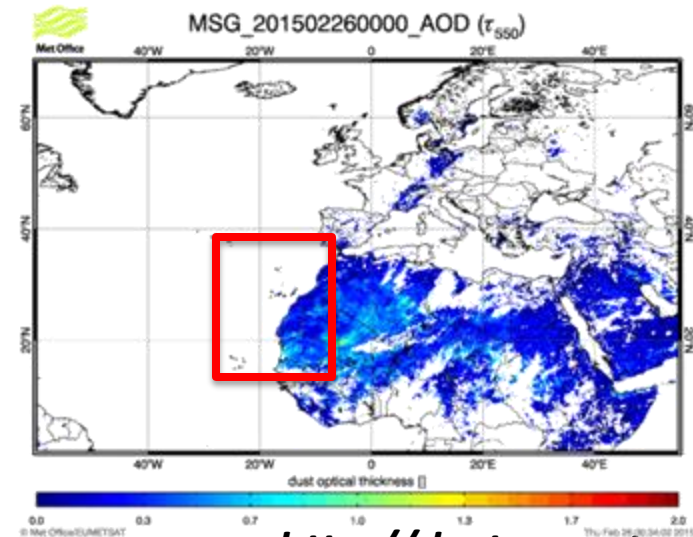
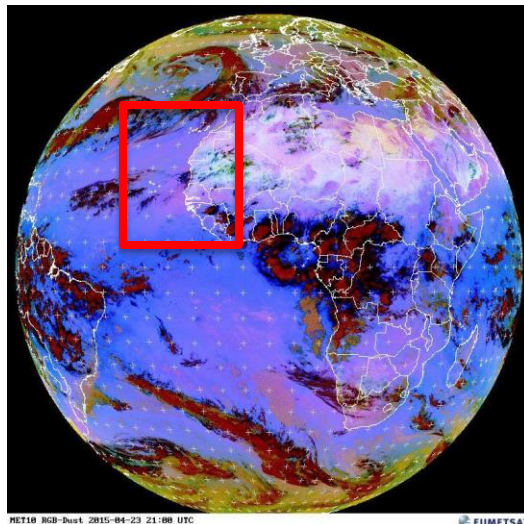
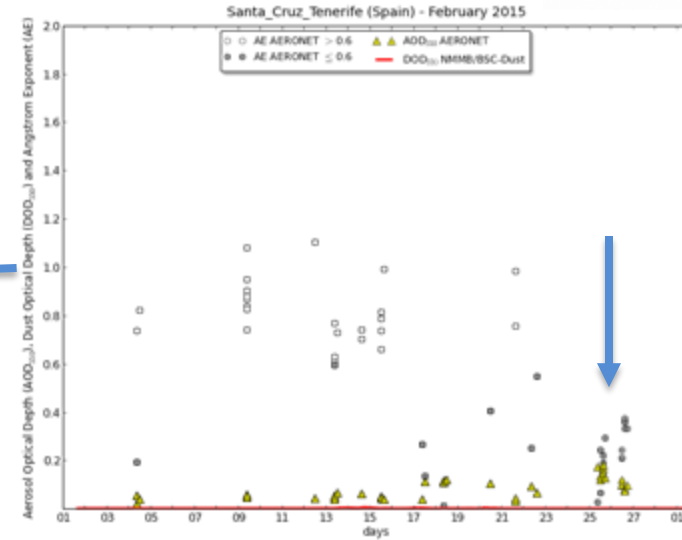
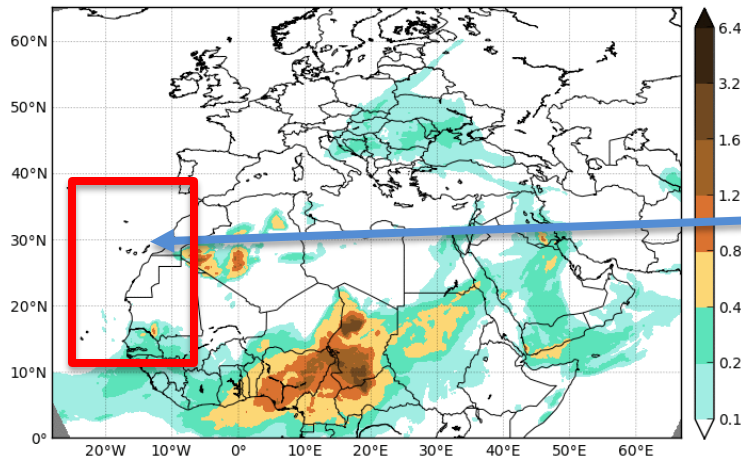
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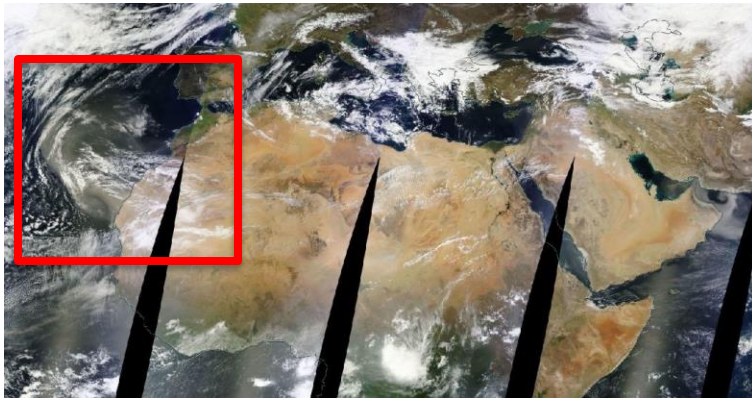
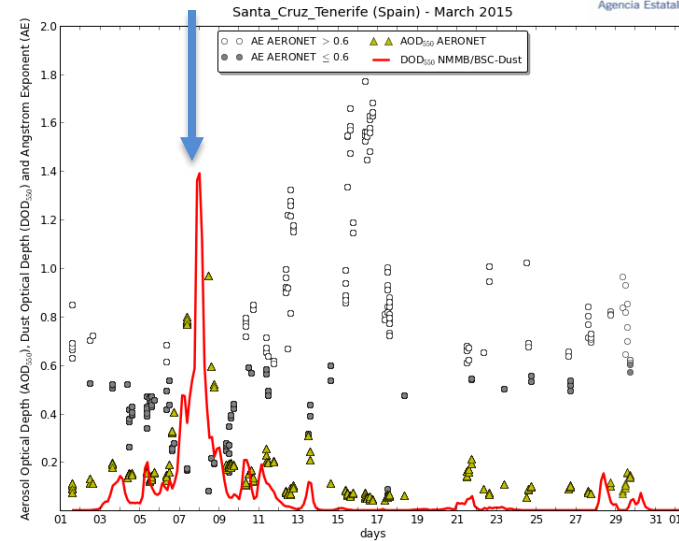
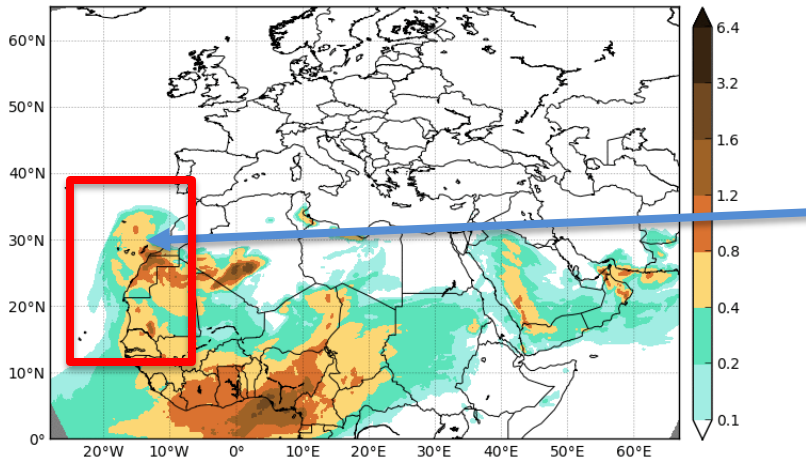


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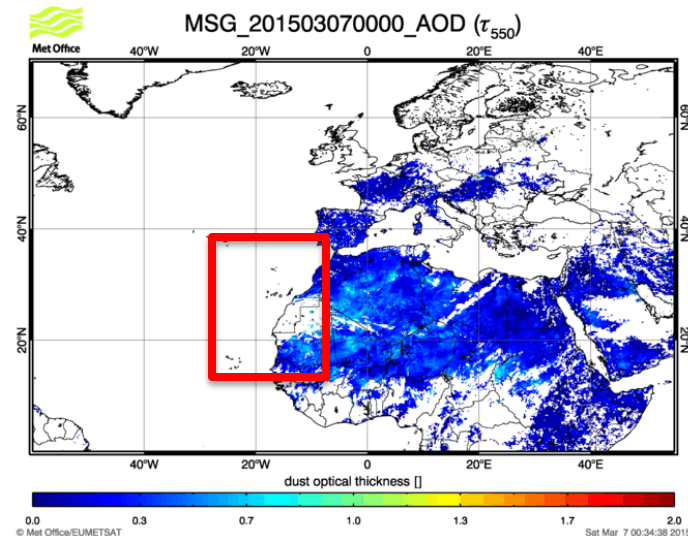


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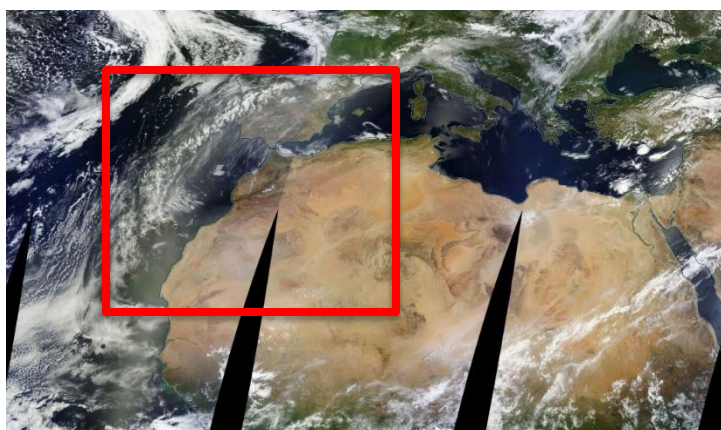
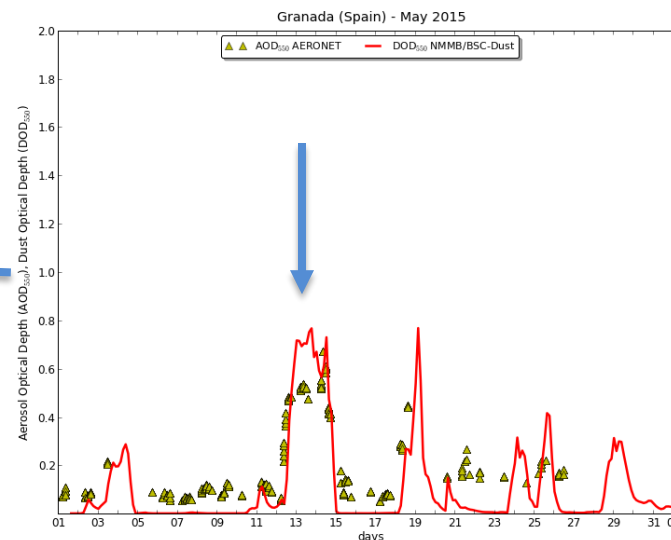
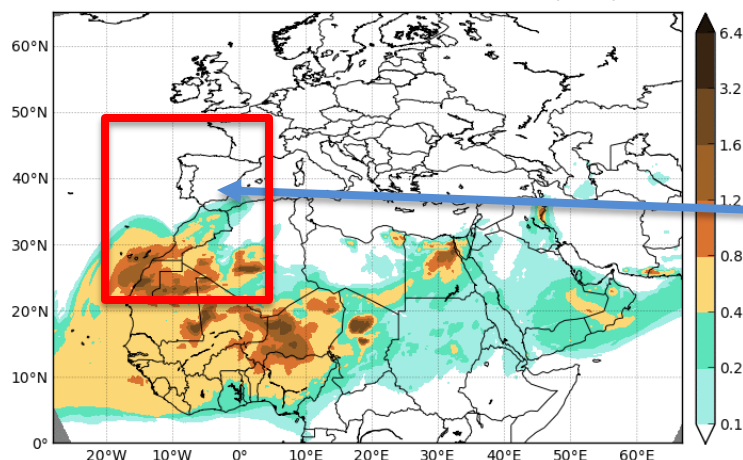
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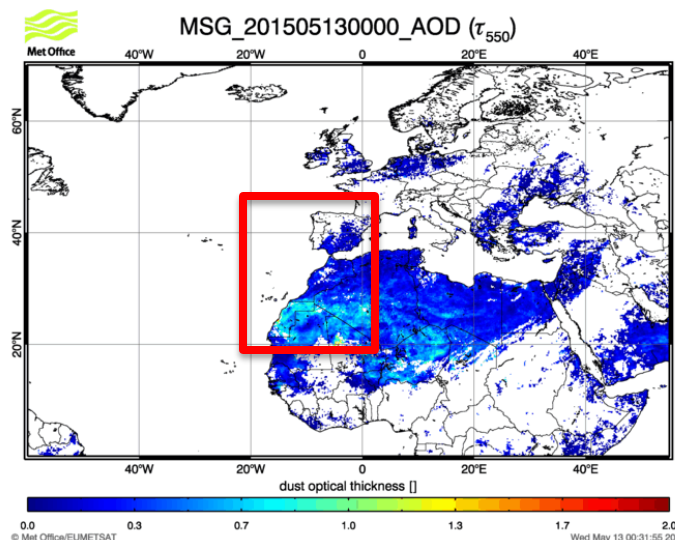
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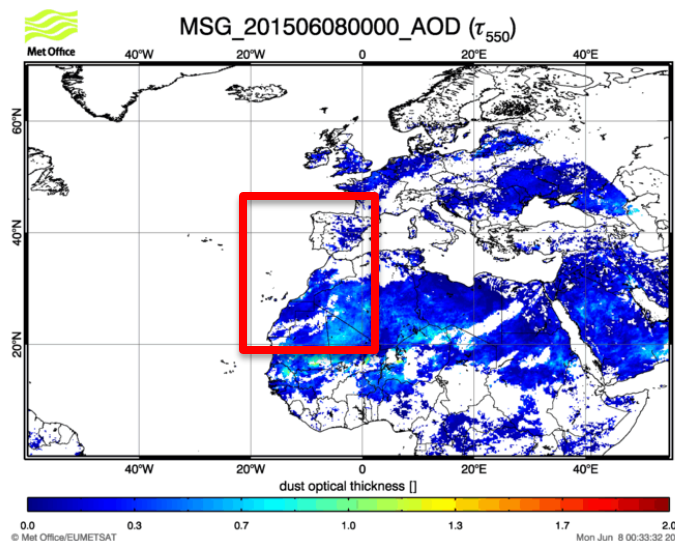
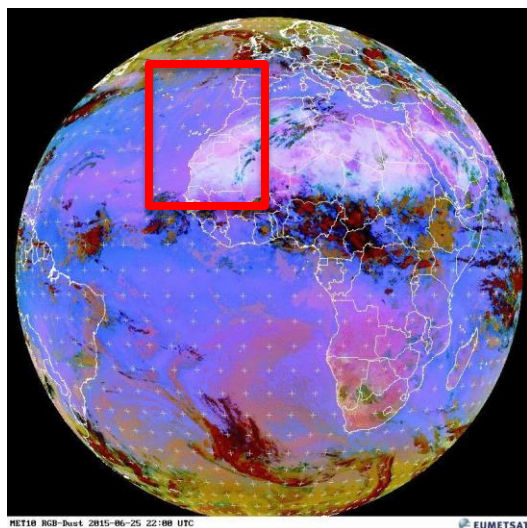
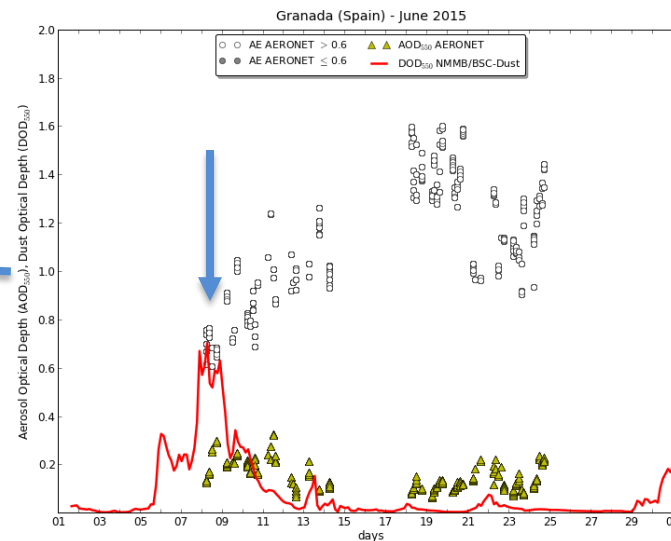
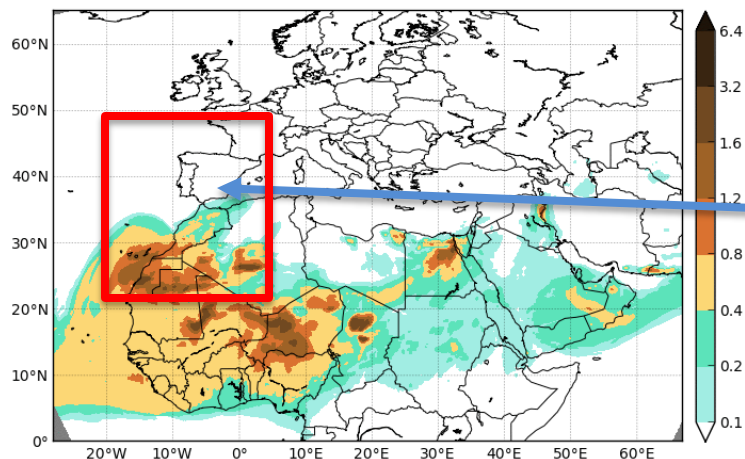


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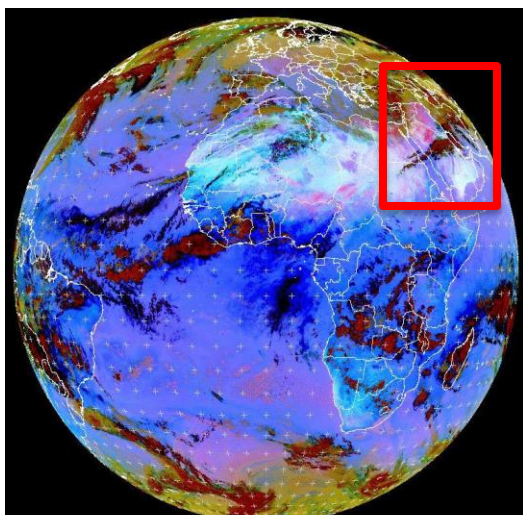
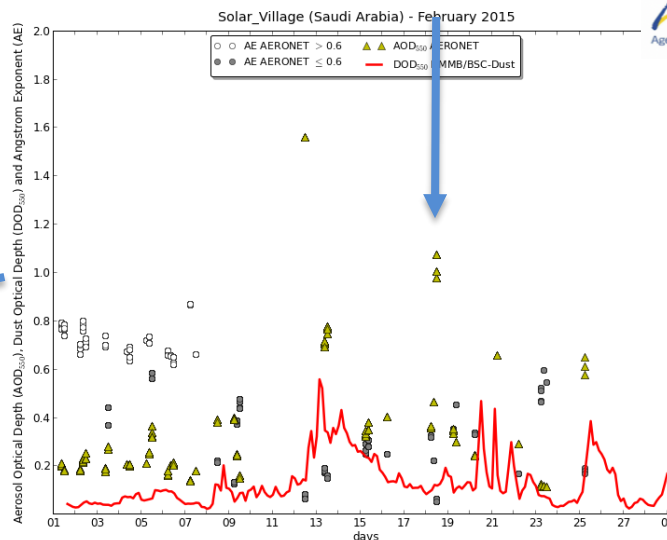
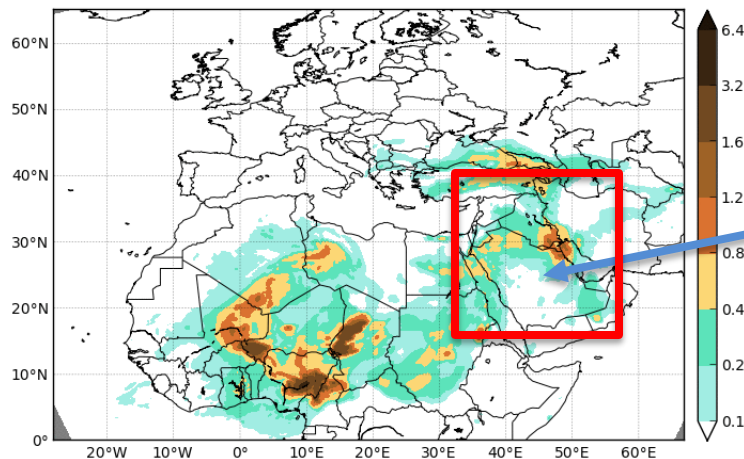
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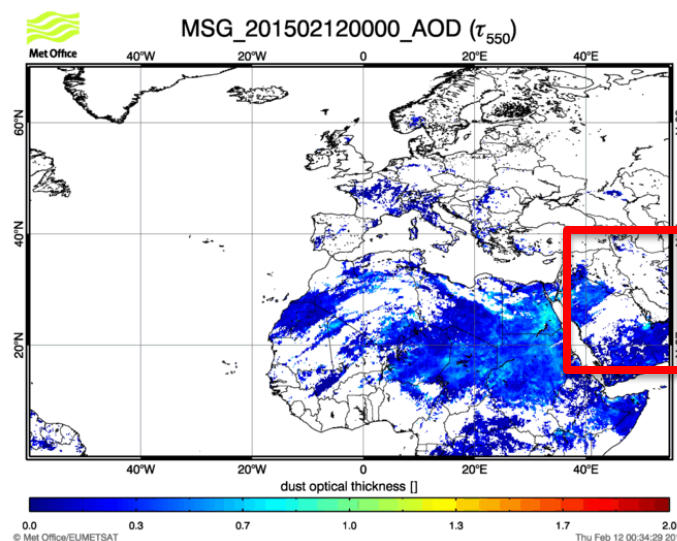
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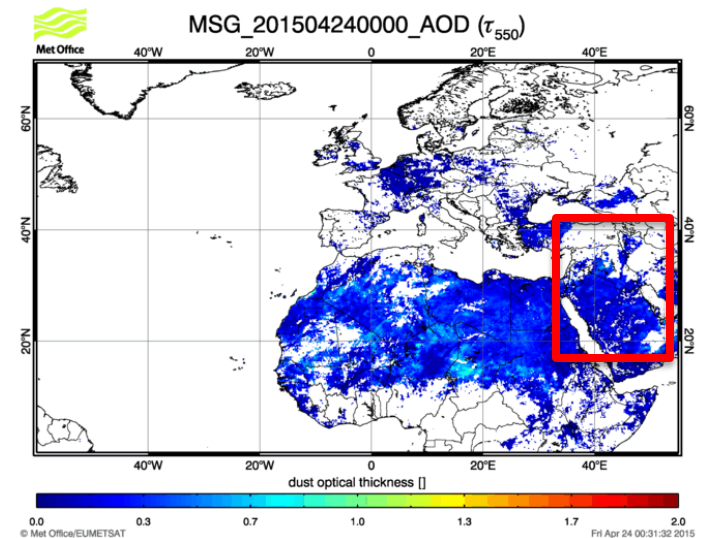
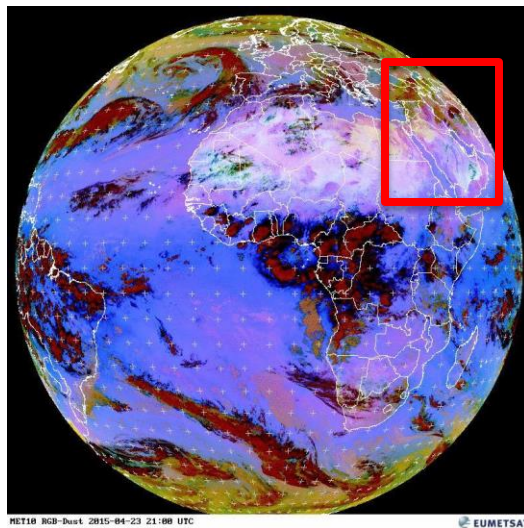
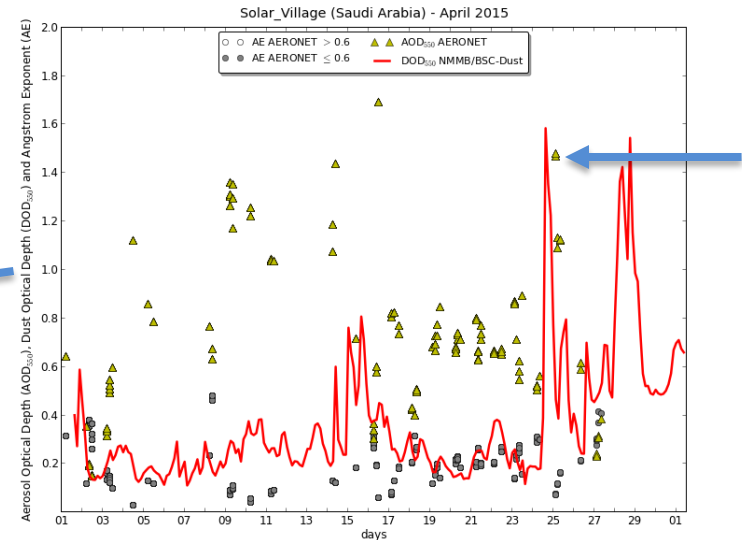
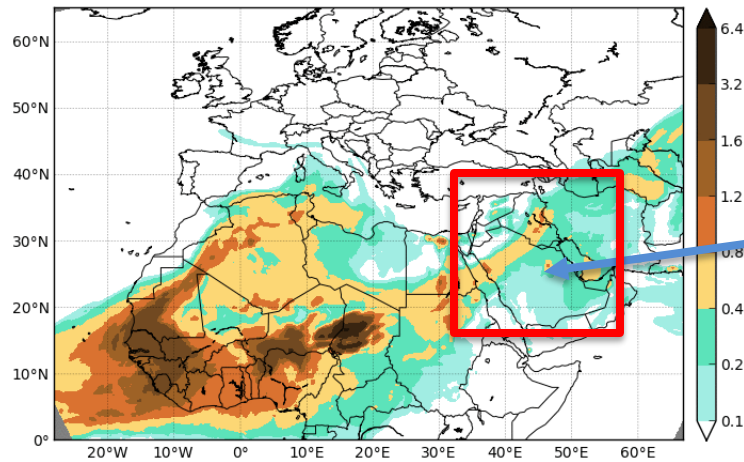


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Ongoing **NMMB/BSC-Dust** model developments to improve the quality of daily dust forecast includes:

- Data assimilation of satellite aerosol products for mineral dust analysis
- Exploration of the advantages of the high-resolution simulations (> 4km spatial horizontal resolution) → Dust sources, haboobs and complex terrains

Ongoing activities of the **WMO Dust Centers** includes:

- **Model evaluation** including data from satellites, and lidar, Sun-photometer and in-situ networks, both for gaseous and aerosol species, covering multiple time-scales.
- Increased education and awareness to promote the information and forecasts that are publically and freely available
- Establishment of appropriate communication channels for the dissemination of interpreted dust forecasts at a frequency that enables preparedness (i.e. through weather news networks, text message alerts)





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