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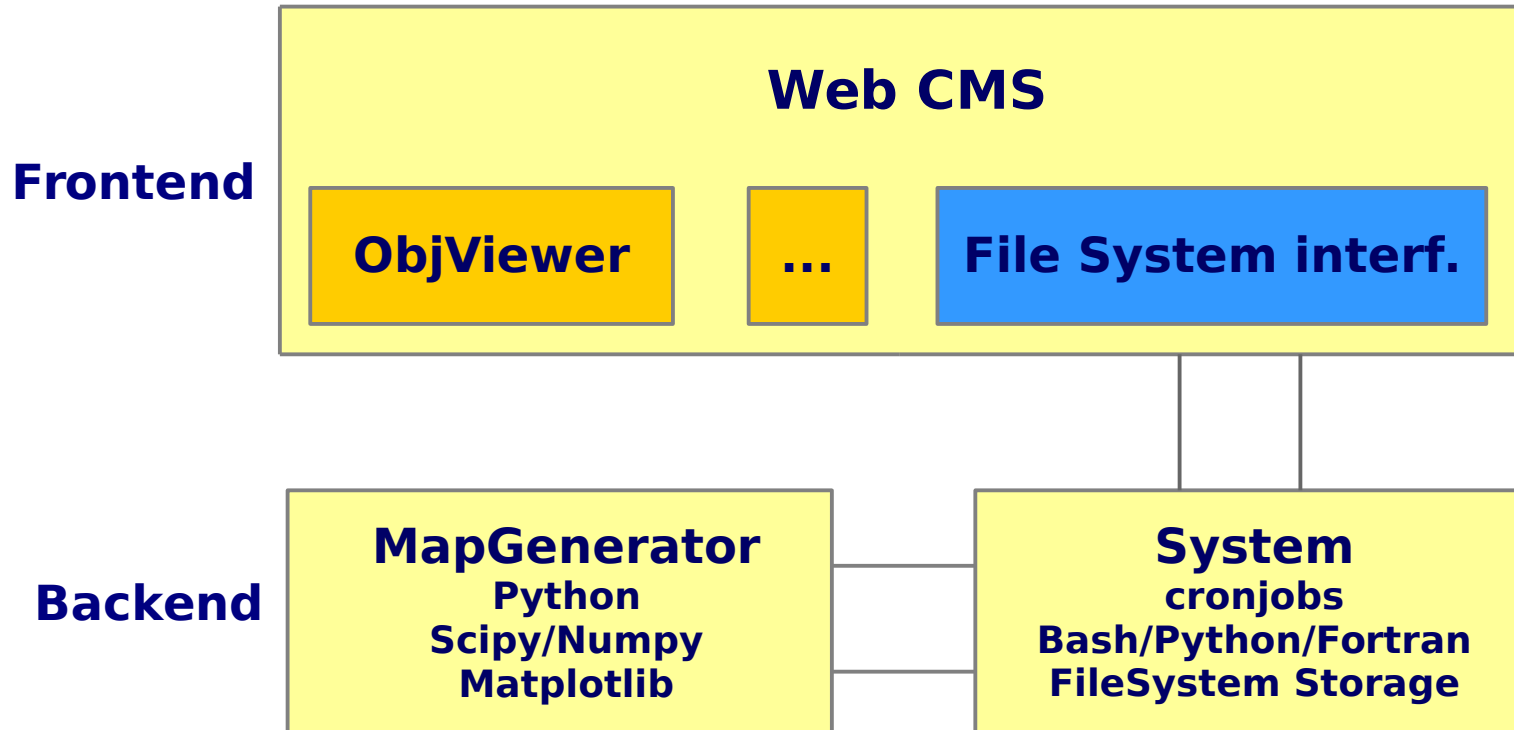
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Current Architecture



System

⌘ Bash: scheduled download of

- Forecast data (12 models for SDS, 1 for BDFC)
- Forecast images (UK MetOffice, ...)
- Observation data (txt, csv, xml, ...)
- Observation images (UK MetOffice, EUMETSAT, ...)

⌘ Python:

- Normalize data to local standard (NetCDF regular lat lon)
- Export to other formats (GRIB1/2, ...)
- Communications between frontend and backend

⌘ Fortran:

- Regrid to a common resolution
- Calculate evaluation scores (BIAS, RMSE, ...)



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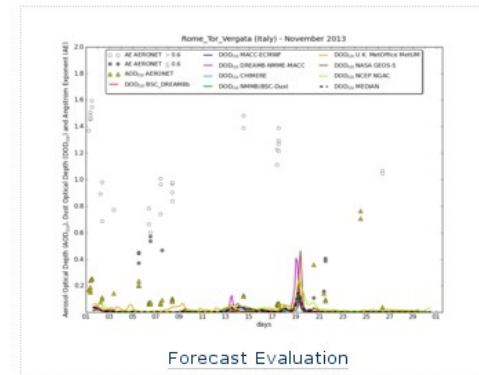
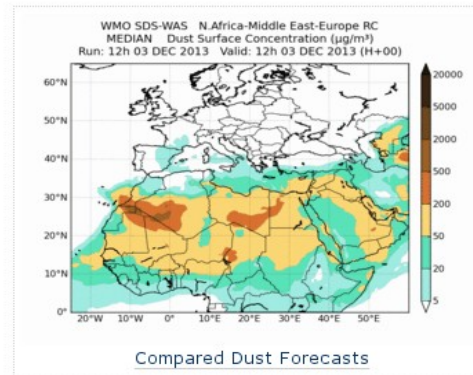
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- ▶ Data observations (AERONET, MODIS, MODIS DB, ...)
- ▶ External observational products (MSG RGB EUMETSAT, MSG UK MetOffice, Debra-Dust)

Producing

- ▶ Dust forecasts of 2 variables (Surface concentration and Aerosol optical depth) of numerical models + 4 multi-model products
- ▶ Models evaluation against observations
- ▶ Guidance for forecasters
- ▶ Time averaged values
- ▶ Studies of dust episodes
- ▶ Workshops, training courses and seminars (with materials)

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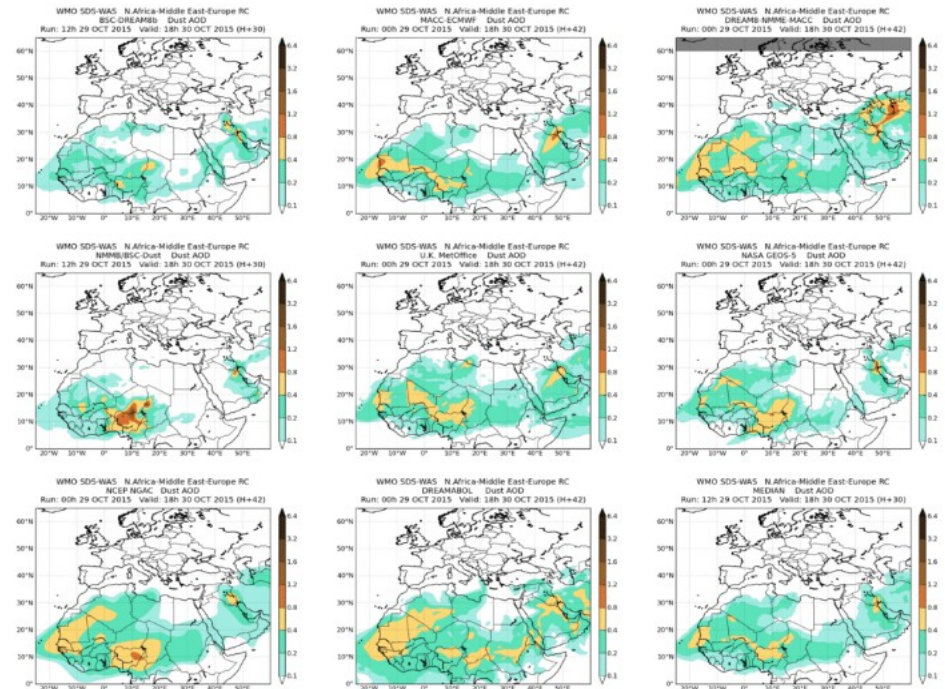
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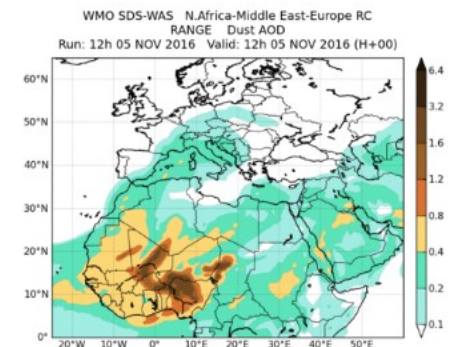
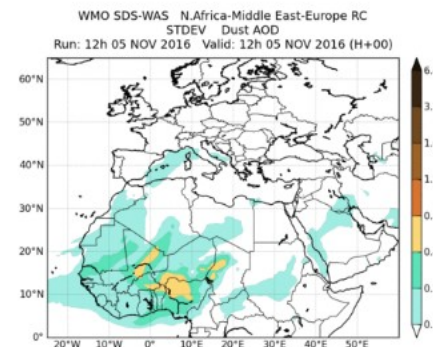
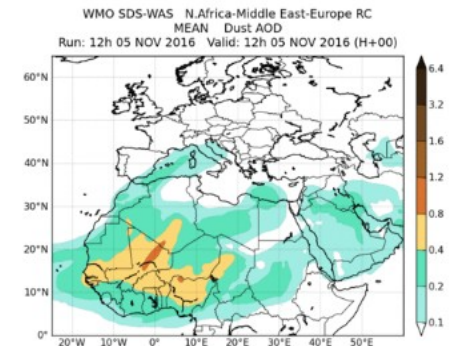
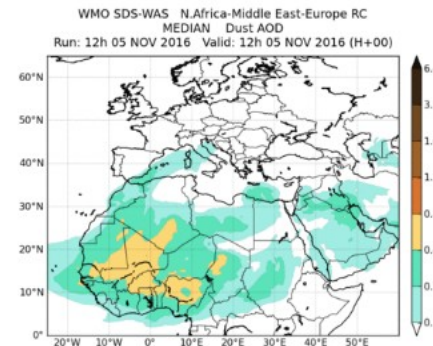
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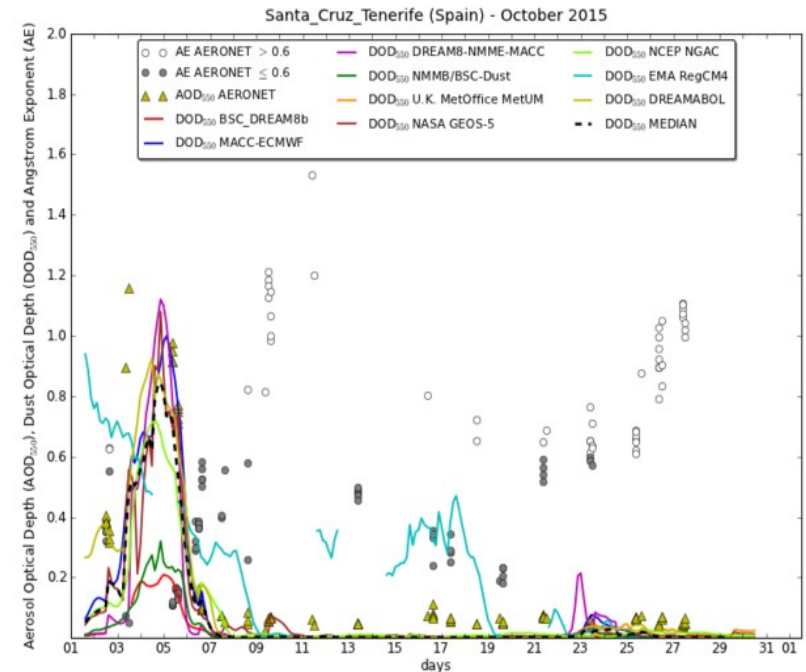
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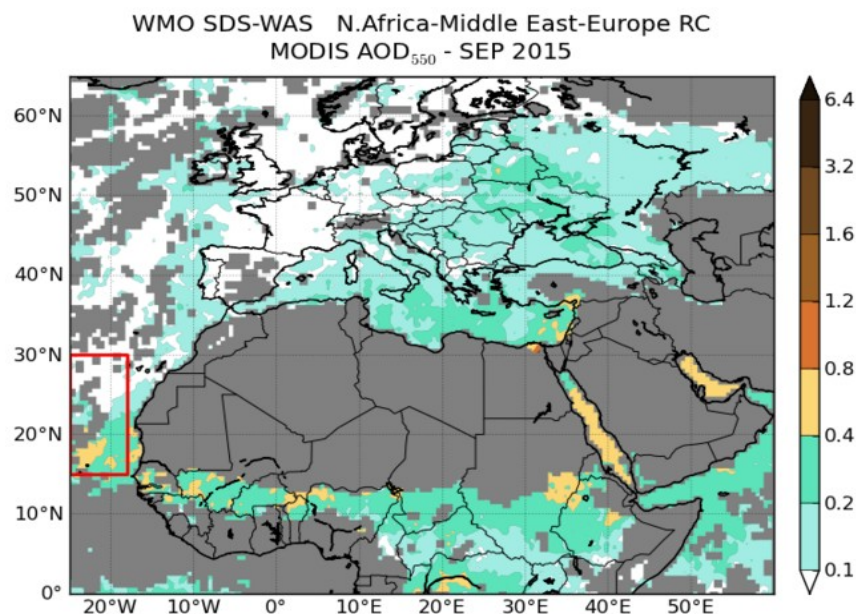
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Average values of the MODIS retrievals used in the evaluation. The plot has been generated from products between the 2nd of the stamped month and the 1st of the following one.



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	BIAS	ROOT MEAN SQUARE ERROR	CORRELATION COEFFICIENT	FRACTIONAL GROSS ERROR	NUMBER OF CASES
BSC_ DREAM8b	-0.15	0.19	0.80	1.14	1239

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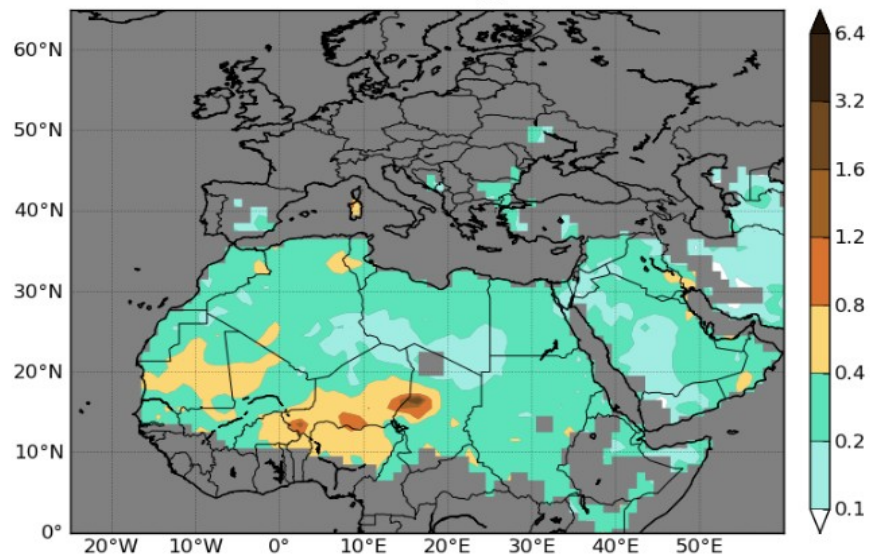
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	BIAS	ROOT MEAN SQUARE ERROR	CORRELATION COEFFICIENT	FRACTIONAL GROSS ERROR	NUMBER OF CASES
BSC_ DREAM8b	-0.13	0.23	0.45	0.67	17766

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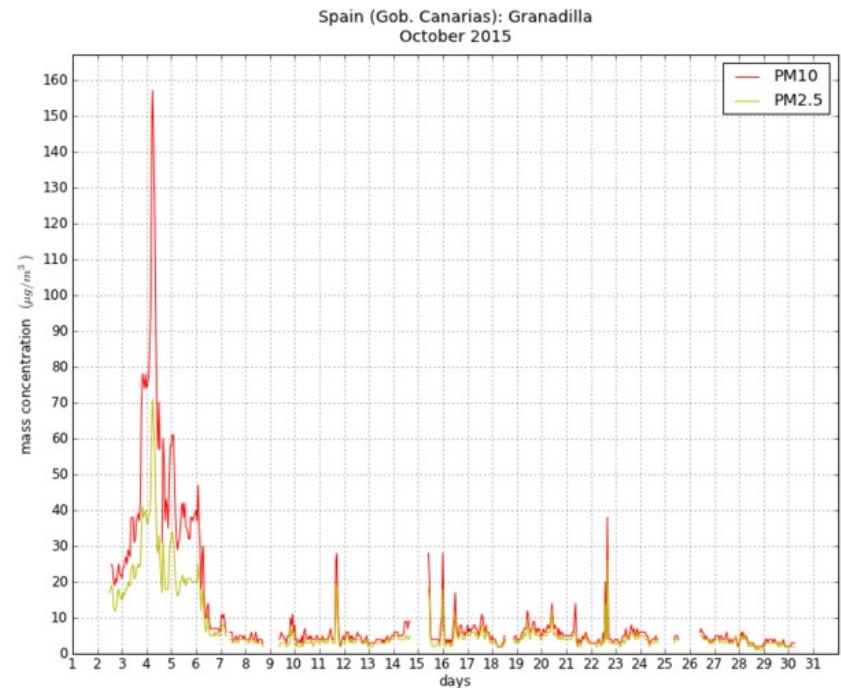
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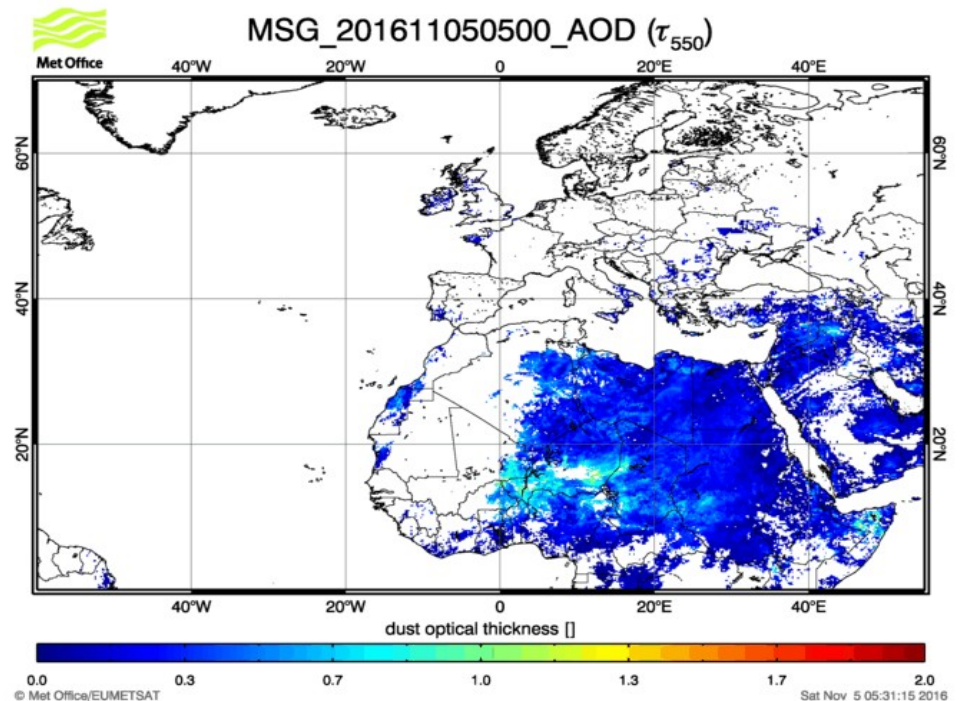
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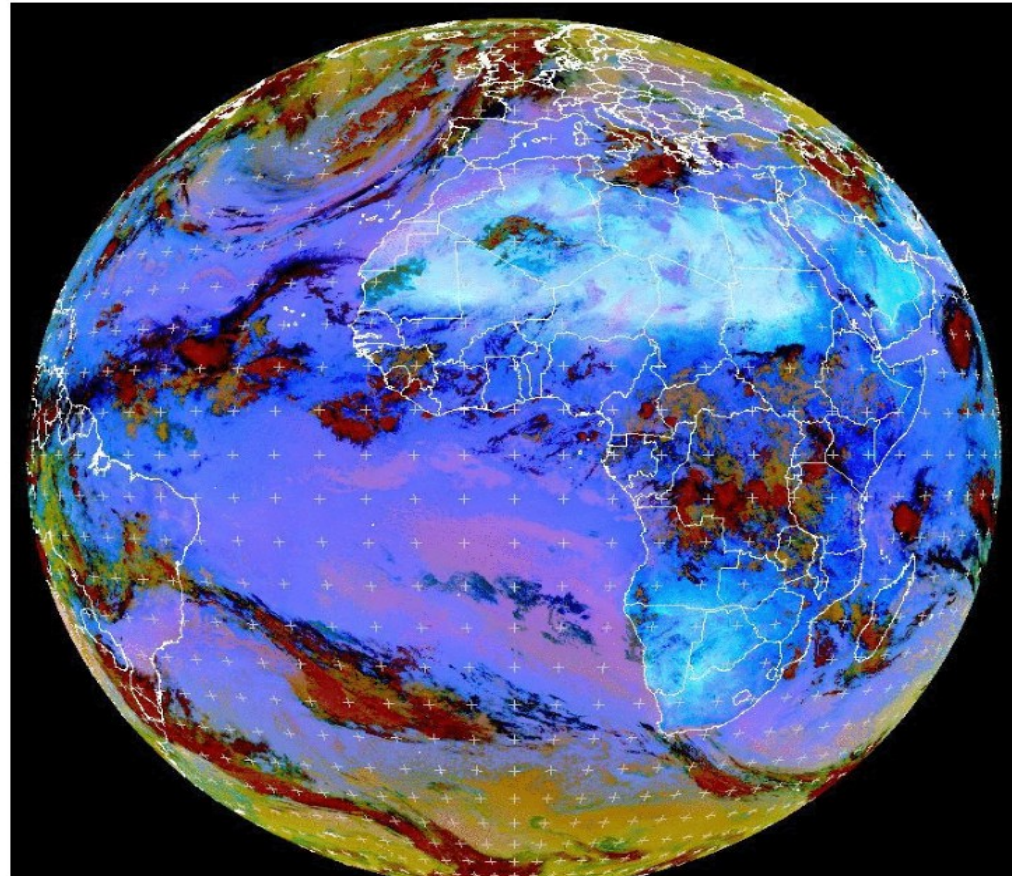
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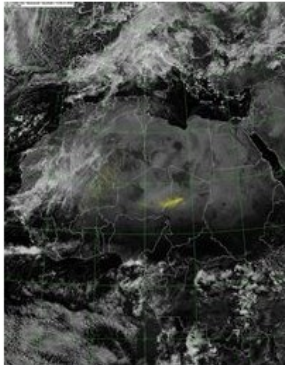




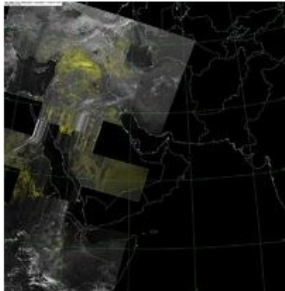



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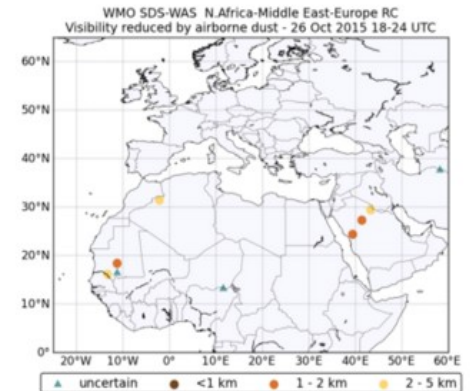
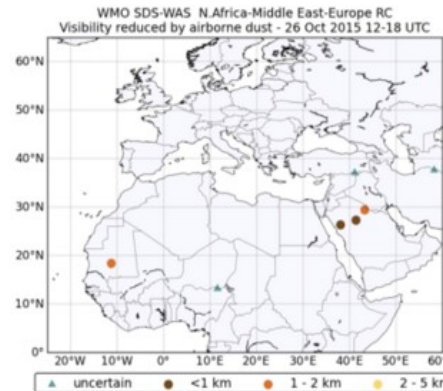
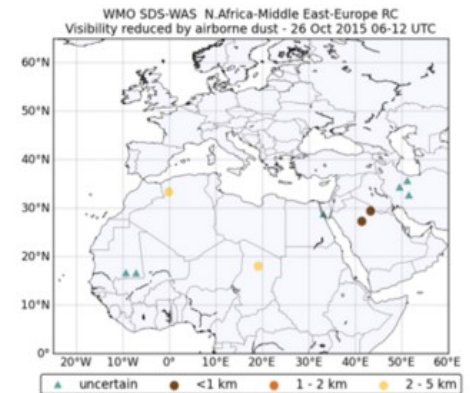
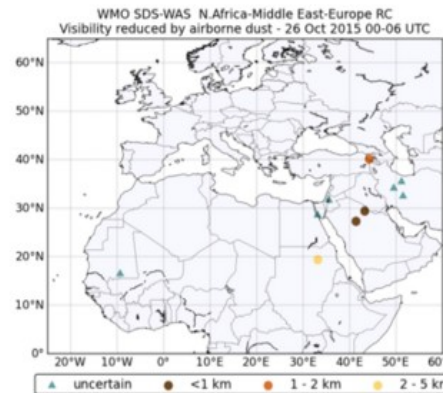
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Sep 2015. Dust Optical Depth.
Threshold Angstrom Exponent = 0.600

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Sahel/Sahara show stations	-0.28	-0.16	-0.12	-0.32	N/A	-0.20	-0.09	-0.05	0.02	-0.17
Middle East show stations	-0.28	-0.24	-0.22	-0.46	N/A	-0.27	-0.36	-0.23	0.02	-0.27
Mediterranean show stations	-0.31	-0.24	-0.23	-0.36	N/A	-0.25	-0.22	-0.20	-0.16	-0.26
TOTAL	-0.30	-0.20	-0.18	-0.35	N/A	-0.23	-0.17	-0.13	-0.06	-0.22

ROOT MEAN SQUARE ERROR

	BSC_ DREAMsb	MACC- ECMWF	DREAM8- NMME-MACC	NMMB/BSC- Dust	U.K. Met Office	NASA GEOS-5	NCEP NGAC	EMA RegCM4	DREAM ABOL	MEDIAN
Sahel/Sahara hide stations	0.48	0.42	0.41	0.50	N/A	0.43	0.40	0.49	0.42	0.42
Capo_Verde	0.27	0.12	0.17	0.31	N/A	0.19	0.16	0.30	0.17	0.16
Dakar	0.60	0.48	0.44	0.65	N/A	0.51	0.43	0.51	0.43	0.48
IER_Cinzana	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Banizoumbou	0.67	0.60	0.56	0.68	N/A	0.60	0.56	0.59	0.54	0.58
Zinder_Airport	0.23	0.19	0.14	0.26	N/A	0.21	0.15	0.34	0.28	0.17
Santa_Cruz_ Tenerife	0.10	0.12	0.13	0.14	N/A	0.10	0.10	0.25	0.17	0.11
Zouerate- Fennec	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tamanrasset_ INM	0.35	0.20	0.24	0.37	N/A	0.25	0.23	0.34	0.37	0.22

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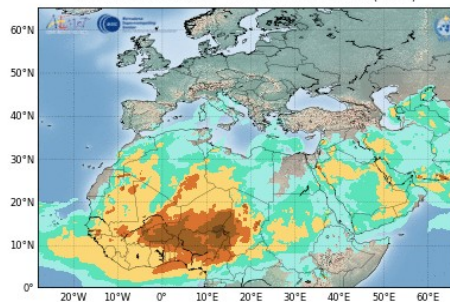
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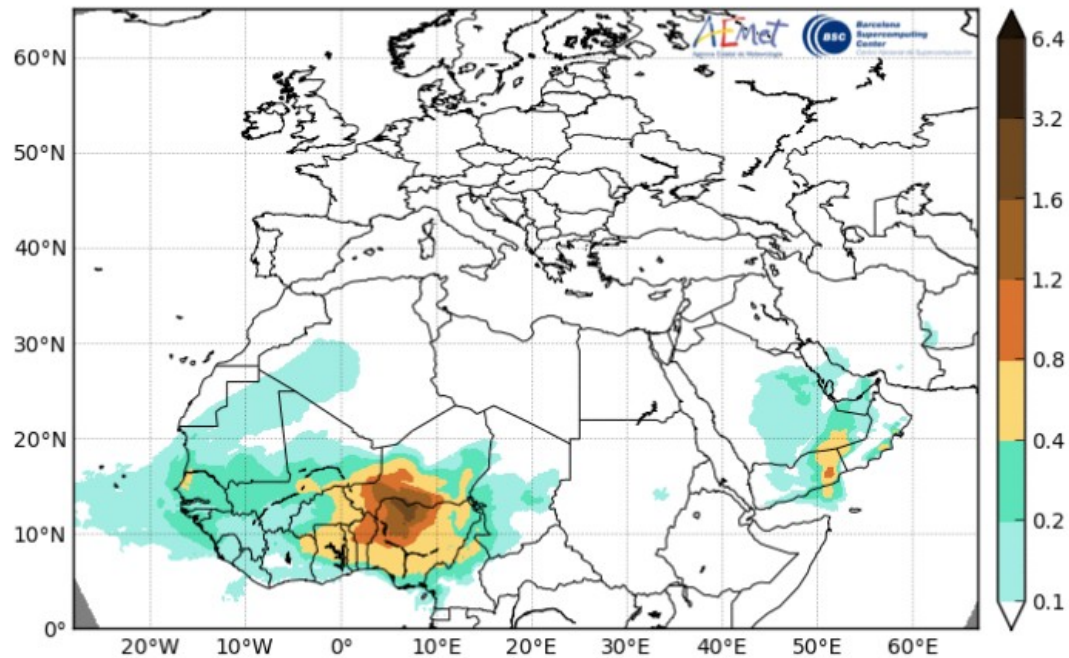
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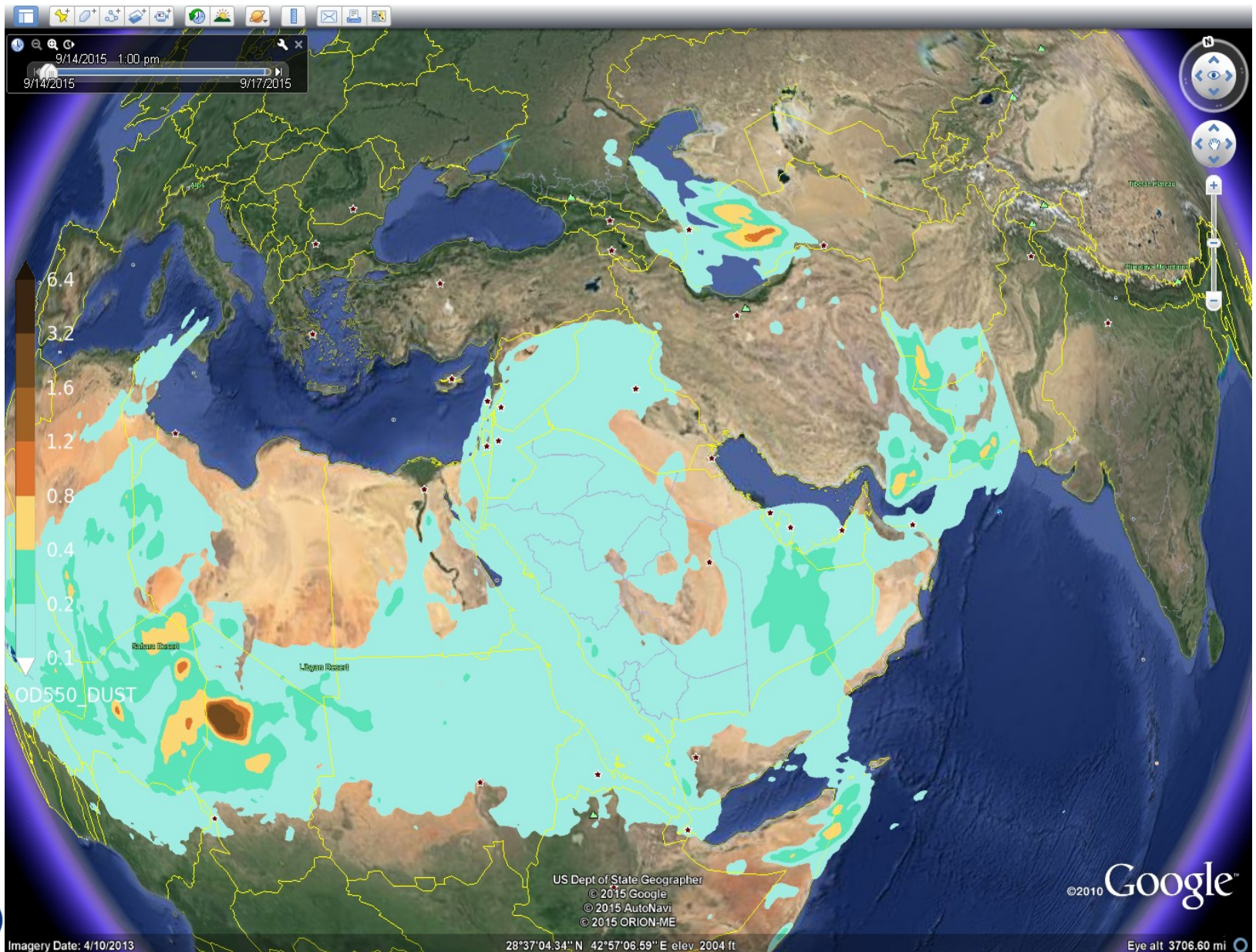
Date  H+ Variable

[The NMMB/BSC-Dust model](#)

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NMMB/BSC-Dust Res:0.1°x0.1° Dust AOD
Run: 12h 29 OCT 2015 Valid: 06h 01 NOV 2015 (H+66)



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Monthly averaged values

Monthly averaged values of dust surface concentration and dust load computed from the daily runs of the NMMB/BSC-Dust model.

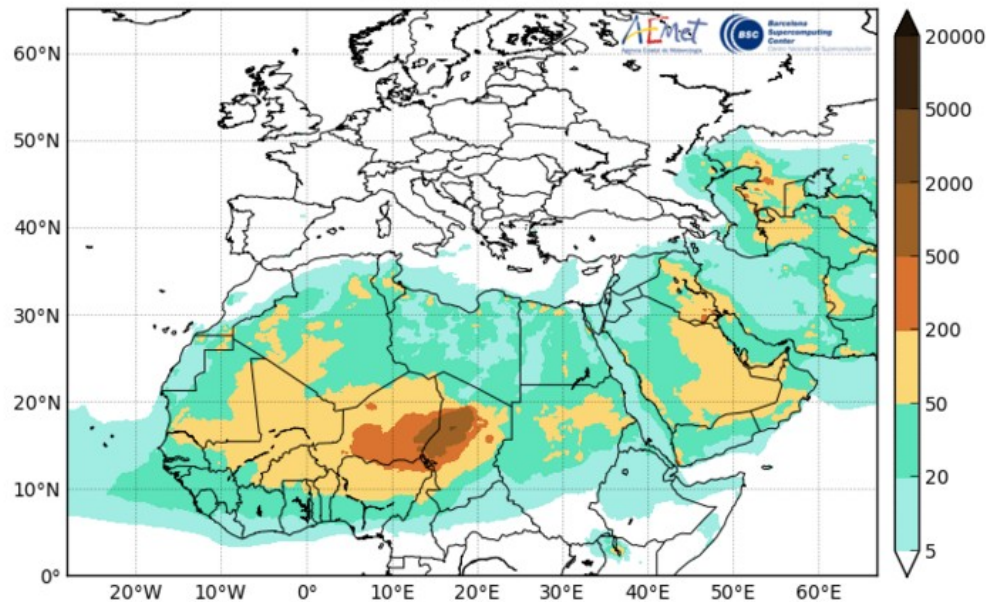
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[Methods: Time-averaged values](#)

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Monthly Averaged Dust Surface Concentration ($\mu\text{m}/\text{m}^3$)

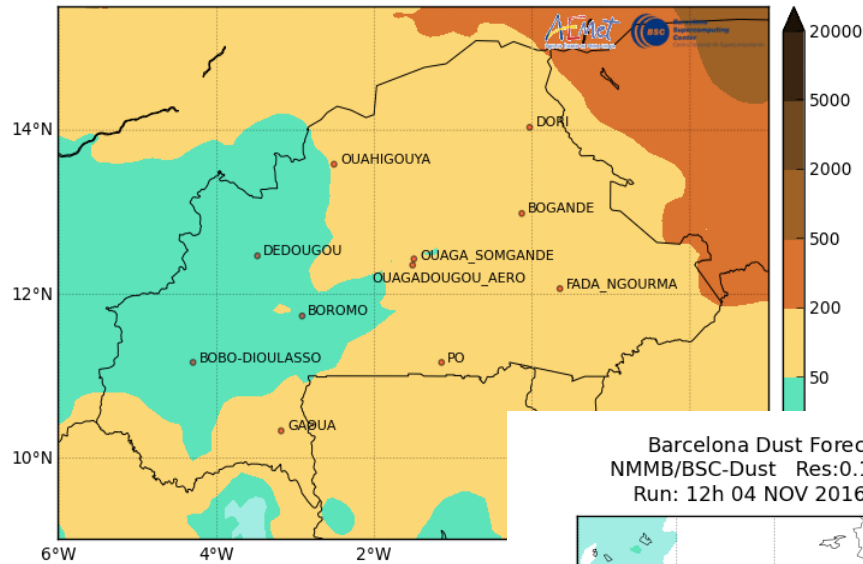
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Average: OCT 2015



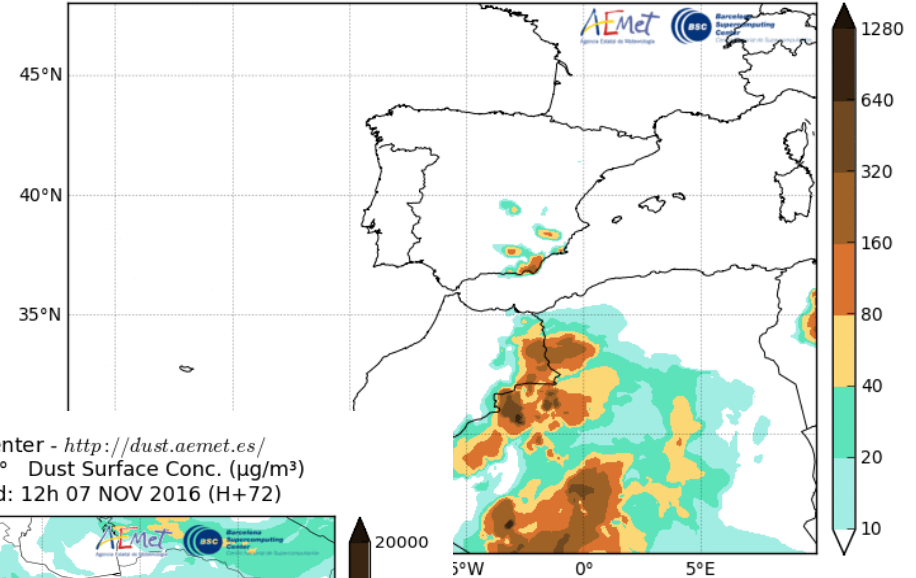
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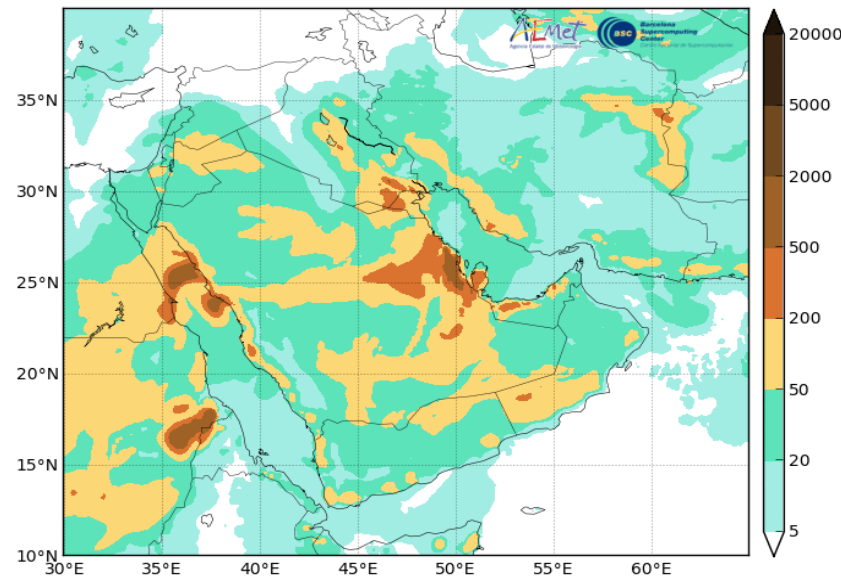
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Run: 12h 29 OCT 2015 Valid: 12h 01 NOV 2015 (H+72)



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Run: 12h 04 NOV 2016 Valid: 12h 07 NOV 2016 (H+72)



« Services

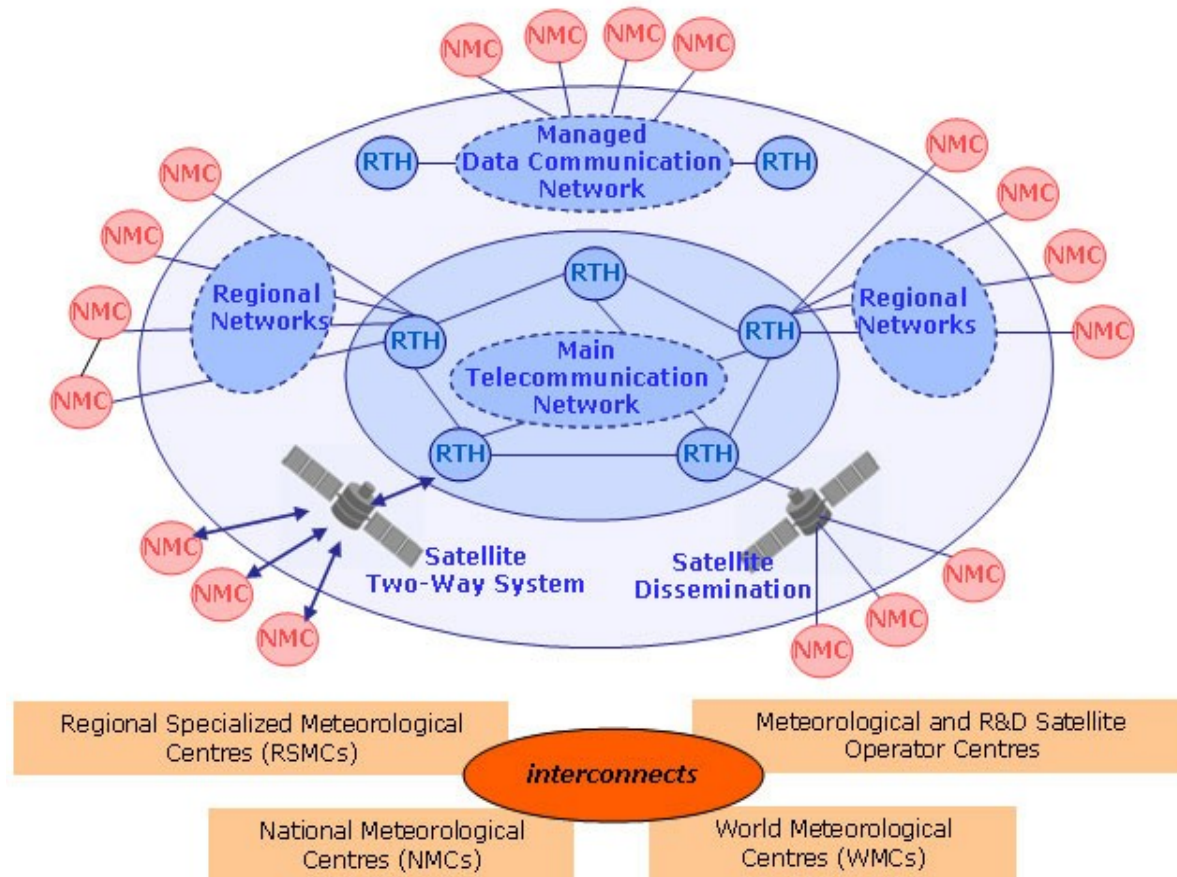
- ▶ Forecast images dissemination
 - ▶ WMO GTS (Global Telecommunication System)
 - ▶ EUMETCast (EUMETSAT's primary dissemination mechanism)
 - ▶ UNEPlive
- ▶ News & Events, Newsletter

« WMO GTS

- ▶ Global network for transmission of meteorological data
- ▶ Data proceeding from weather stations, satellites and NWP centres
- ▶ Implemented and operated by
 - National meteorological services
 - Other international organizations (ECMWF, EUMETSAT, ...)

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WMO GTS

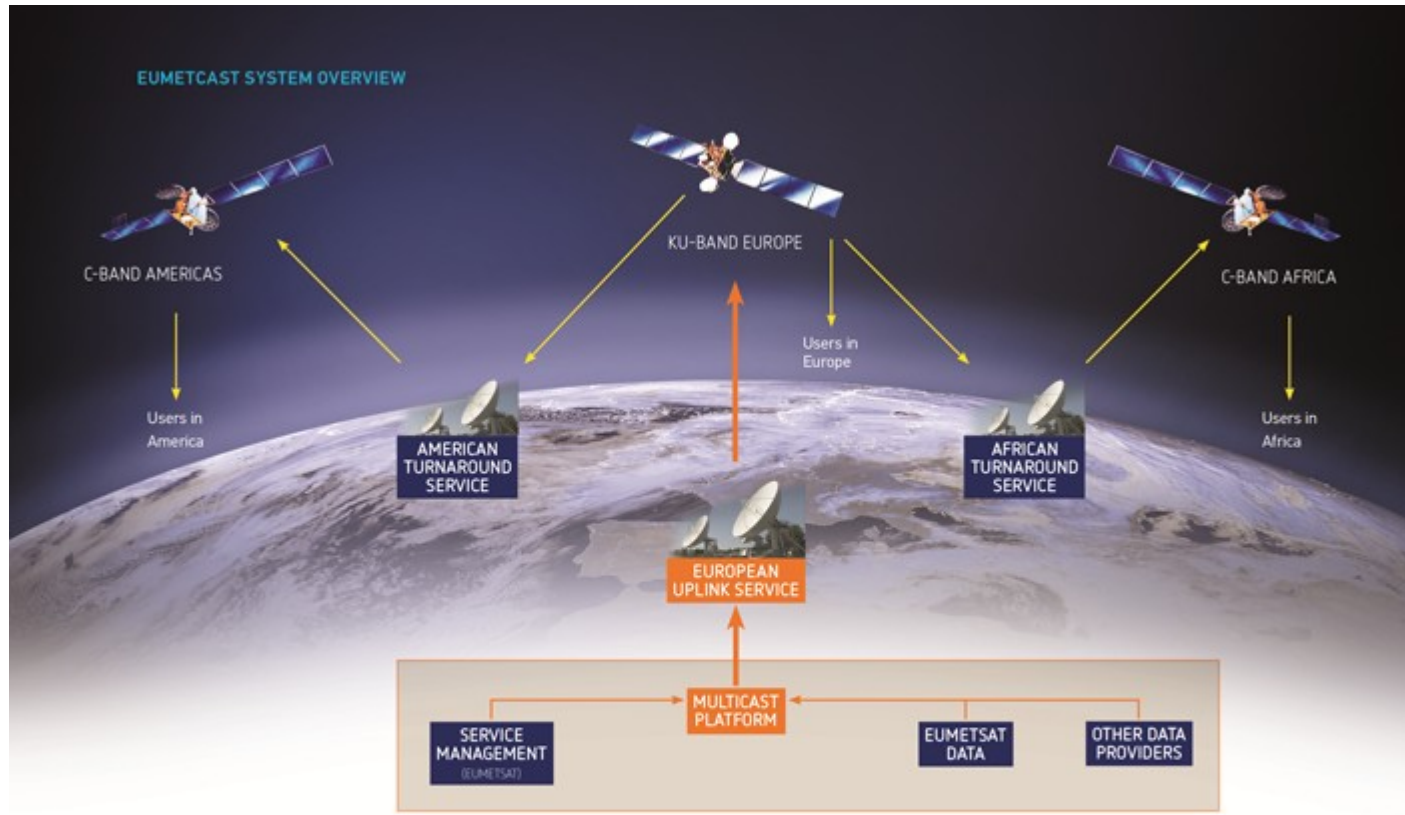


« EUMETCast

- ▶ Multi-service dissemination system based on standard Digital Video Broadcast (DVB) technology
- ▶ It uses commercial telecommunication geostationary satellites
- ▶ Multi-cast files (data and products) to a wide user community
- ▶ From 15th of October 2015 **BDFC** products are distributed over Europe and Africa

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Data visualization

Data visualization

- « Grid Analysis and Display System (GrADS)
- « Ncview
- « McIDAS
- « ECMWF MetView
- « Panoply data viewer
- « MapGenerator (Python-based, home-made)

Data visualization – MapGenerator

Problem

- Need to show results with high quality plots for an operational system
- Handling a huge quantity of data with tons of scripts can be very frustrating
- Hard to
 - Debug
 - Maintain
 - Add features, bug fixing, etc ...

Solution

- Develop an easy to use general-purpose software system able to generate plots

Software Stack: python/numpy/scipy/OpenGrADS

Data visualization – MapGenerator

« Various formats support (NetCDF, GRIB, HDF, ...)

« Configuration through configuration file(s), no need to touch the code!

```
[General]
aspect = False
drawopts = 'coastlines', 'countries',
area_thresh = 100
resolution = 'l'
anim = True
indir = '/home/dream/ETA_DREAM_v2/ASIA/OPER8N/eta.1.a/grads'
outdir = '/home/sdswas/dream-images/data/images'
lat = 5., 60., 10.
lon = 58., 130., 10.
total = 13
freq = 6
interval = 1
gap = 1,
srcfile = 'CSFC.ctl',
xsize = 1
ysize = 0.9
dpi = 56
joint_template = '%(date)s-JOINT-%(step)s'
```

```
[DREAM_asia_aod]
title = """BSC-DREAM8b Dust Opt. Depth 550nm and 3000m Wind
%(step)sh forecast for %(simhh)sUTC %(day)s %(MONTH)s %(year)s
$http://www.bsc.es/projects/earthscience/BSC-DREAM/$
"""
bounds = 0.02, 0.15, 0.4, 0.8, 1.6, 3.2, 6.4
boundaries = 0, 10
lat = 5., 60., 10.
lon = 45., 130., 10.
total = 13
freq = 6
interval = 1
gap = 1,
colors = '#A1EDE3', '#5DE3BB', '#53BD9D', '#FCCA26', '#E5724C', '#944038',
over = '#AB025C'
under = '#ffffff'
var = 'dod',
srcfile = 'CSFC.ctl',
wind = 'DUST.ctl'
windopts = 'u.2', 'v.2', '6'
xsize = 1
ysize = 0.9
dpi = 300
img_template = '%(date)s_image_%(step)s'
```

Data visualization – MapGenerator/Use cases

- WMO Dust Centers

- CALIOPE Air quality forecast system: www.bsc.es/caliope

- NMMB/BSC-Dust Forecast on BSC website

- BSC-DREAM8b v2.0 Atmospheric Dust Forecast System on BSC website

- Used by some researchers in the department to plot maps for articles, posters or presentations

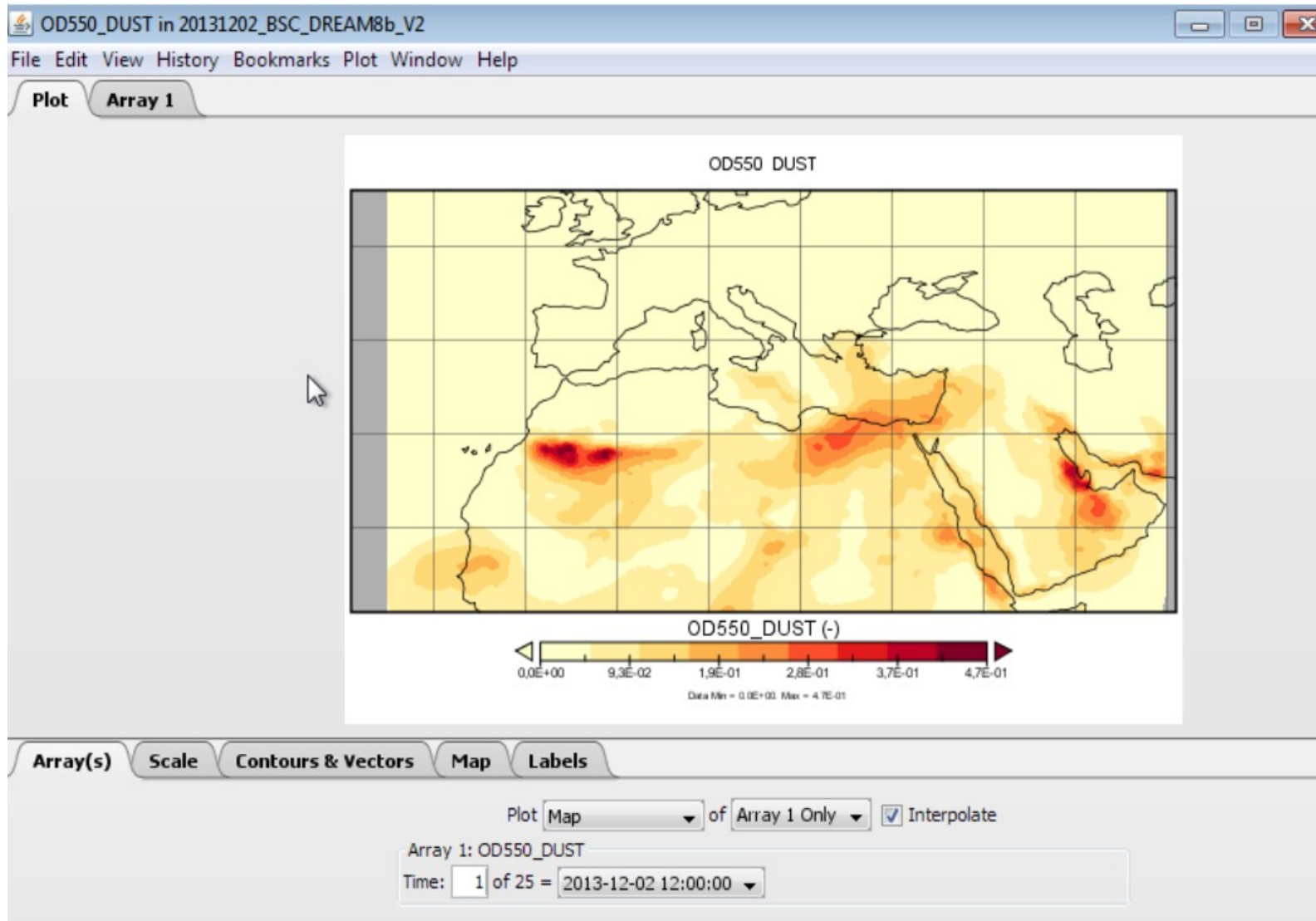
Data visualization – Panoply

« Installation

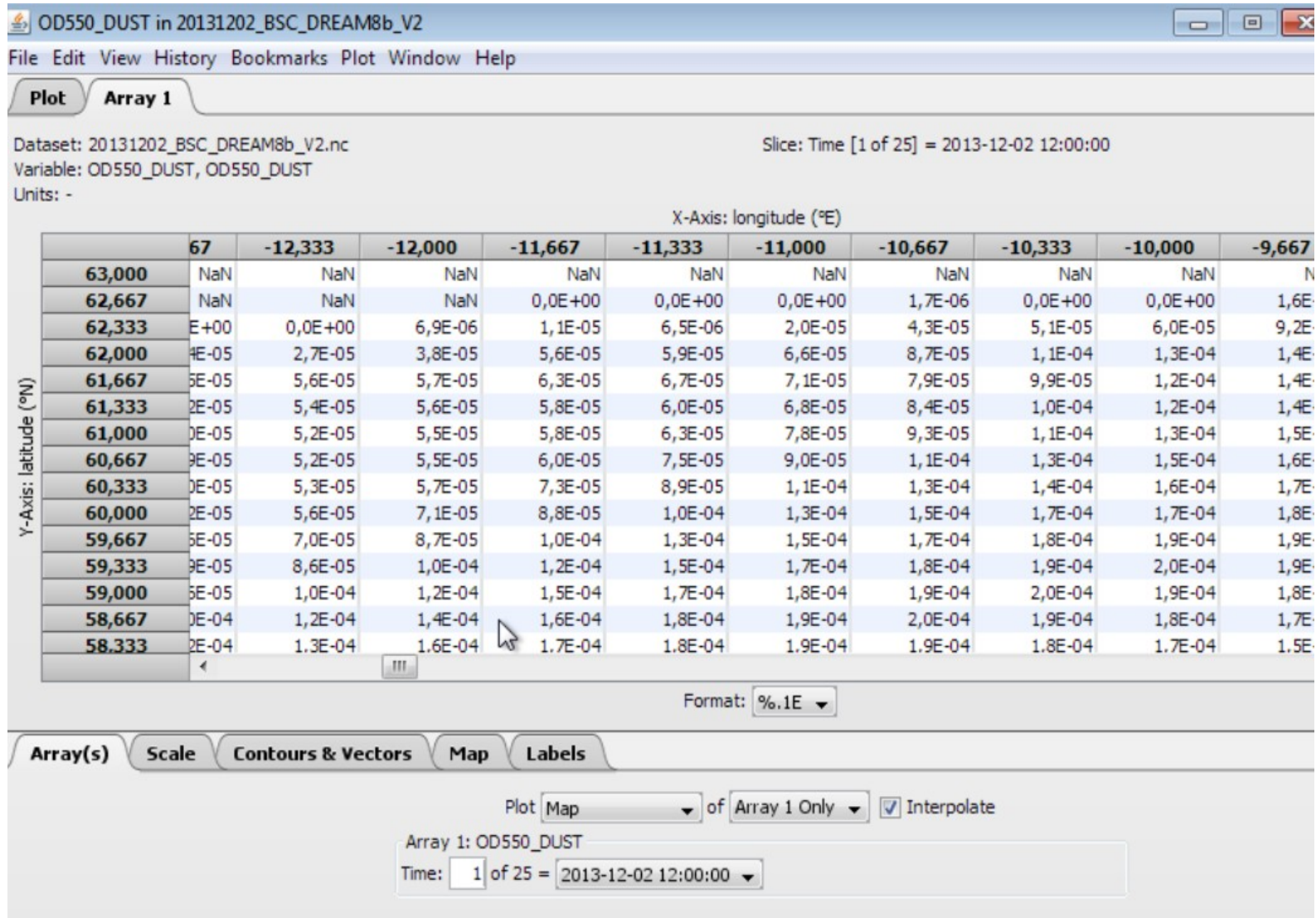
- Java: www.java.com
- Panoply: www.giss.nasa.gov/tools/panoply/
- In case of memory problems, launch manually:

```
C:\> "C:\Program Files\Java\jre\bin\java" -Xmx1g -jar  
"C:\Program Files\PanoplyWin\jars\Panoply.jar"
```


Data visualization – Panoply



Data visualization – Panoply





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Data manipulation

« Formats: NetCDF

- ▶ Numerical data format
- ▶ Developed and maintained at Unidata (UCAR)
- ▶ Well documented with complete technical information
- ▶ With a large list of supporting software

Data manipulation

« A NetCDF dataset contains

► Dimensions

```
lon = 289 ; // longitude, number of points in the X axis  
lat = 211 ; // latitude, number of points in the Y axis  
time = 25 ; // number of timesteps
```

► Variables

```
float sconc_dust(time, lat, lon) ;  
  sconc_dust:long_name = "dust 10m concentration" ;  
  sconc_dust:units = "kg m-3" ;  
  sconc_dust:title = "dust 10m concentration" ;  
  sconc_dust:_FillValue = -9.e+33f ;
```

► And, of course, numerical values!

Data manipulation

Metadata!

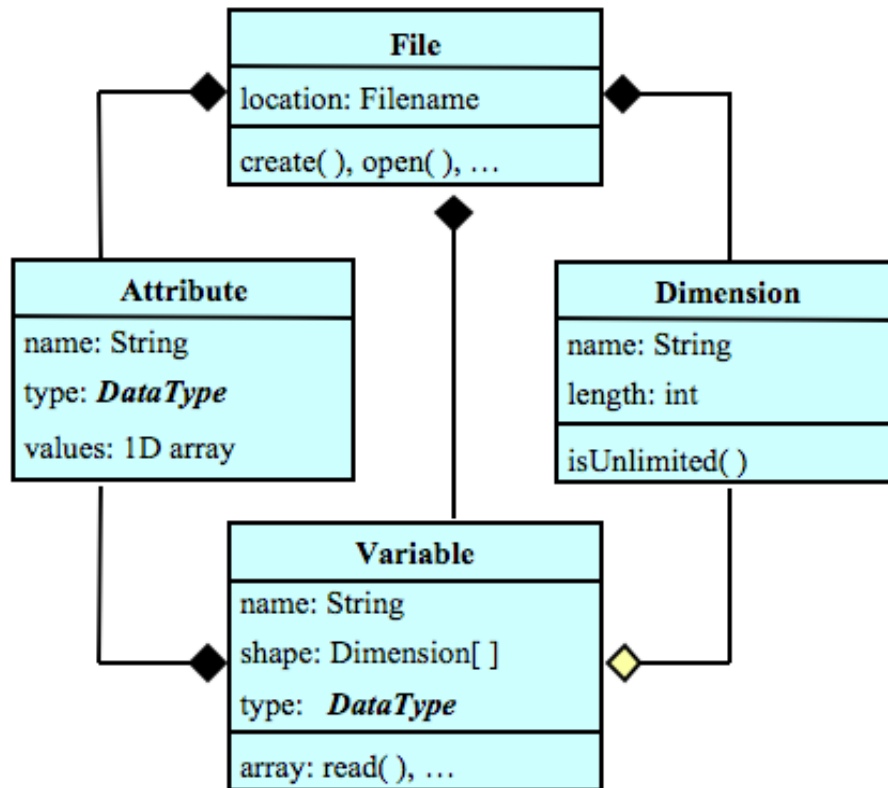
- ▶ Data must be understandable: micrograms and kilograms are not the same!
- ▶ Follow standards
- ▶ Numerical metadata
 - ▶ Time units

```
int time(time) ;  
    time:units = "hours since 2015-02-23 12:00:00.0" ;  
    time:description = "time forecast" ;
```

▶ Missing value

```
SCONC_DUST:missing_value = -999.f  
SCONC_DUST:_FillValue = -999.f
```

NetCDF3 “classic” diagram



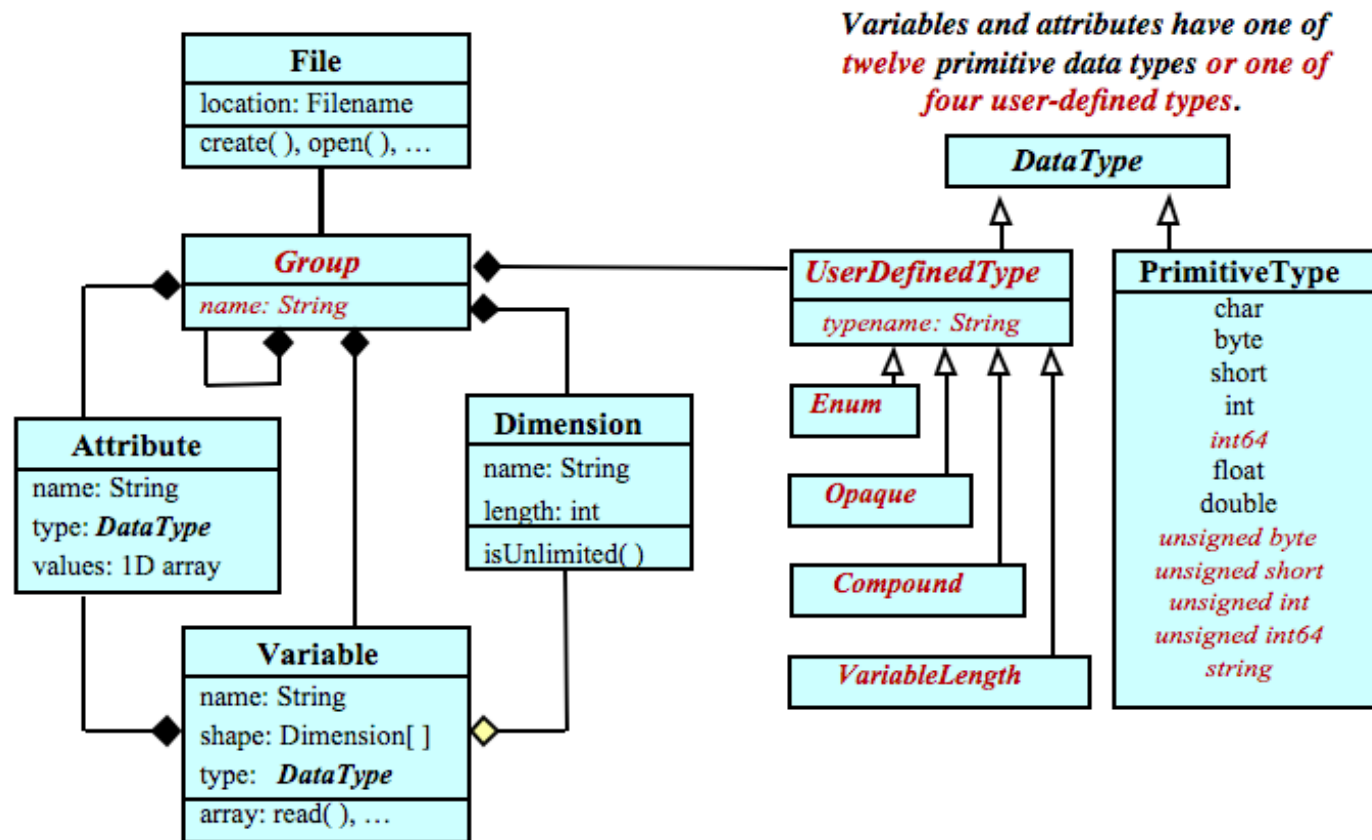
Variables and attributes have one of six primitive data types.

<i>DataType</i>
char
byte
short
int
float
double

A file has named variables, dimensions, and attributes. Variables also have attributes. Variables may share dimensions, indicating a common grid. One dimension may be of unlimited length.

From Unidata's NetCDF Data Model: http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/docs/netcdf_data_model.html

NetCDF4 enhanced data model



A file has a top-level unnamed group. Each group may contain one or more named subgroups, user-defined types, variables, dimensions, and attributes. Variables also have attributes. Variables may share dimensions, indicating a common grid. One or more dimensions may be of unlimited length.

Data manipulation

« NetCDF Operator (NCO)

« Climate Data Operators (CDO)

« Programming languages like R or Python

Data manipulation – NCO

« Download the installer and execute it

« Put the NCO directory in the PATH:

- 1. Right-click on "My computer" -> Properties -> Advanced -> Environment Variables*
- 2. In "System variables" chose "Path" variable and click the "Edit" button.*
- 3. Append the NCO path after a semicolon, e.g.: ORIGINAL_PATH;C:\nco*

« Read the documentation!

Data manipulation – NCO/NCKS

« Append content

```
ncks -A FILEIN.nc FILEOUT.nc
```

« Isolate variable

```
ncks -v VAR FILEFROM.nc FILETO.nc
```

« Select an area

```
ncks -d longitude,260, 20150223_BSC_DREAM8b_V2.nc  
20150223_BSC_DREAM8b_V2_cutted.nc
```

Data manipulation – NCO/Others

« Ncap2, the arithmetic processor

```
ncap2 -O -s 'SCONC_DUST=0.00347949*(exp(lnsp)/t)*(aermr04+aermr05+aermr06)'  
IN.nc OUT.nc
```

« Ncatted, the attribute editor

```
ncatted -a long_name,T,o,c,temperature IN.nc
```

« Ncrename

```
ncrename -h -O -v duaod550,OD550_DUST IN.nc OUT.nc
```


Data manipulation – CDO

- « Download and unzip the compressed file
- « Put the CDO directory where you like in you filesystem and add the PATH to system one (like NCO)
- « Read the documentation!

Data manipulation – CDO/Examples

« File info

```
cdo sinfov FILENAME.nc
```

« Select area

```
cdo sellonlatbox,25,60,10,30 FILEIN.nc FILEOUT.nc
```

« Time mean

```
cdo timmean FILEIN.nc FILEOUT.nc
```



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