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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

## Why

Our strength ...

- ... research ...
- ... operations ...
- ... services ...
- ... high resolution ...



*MareNostrum  
supercomputer*

## 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

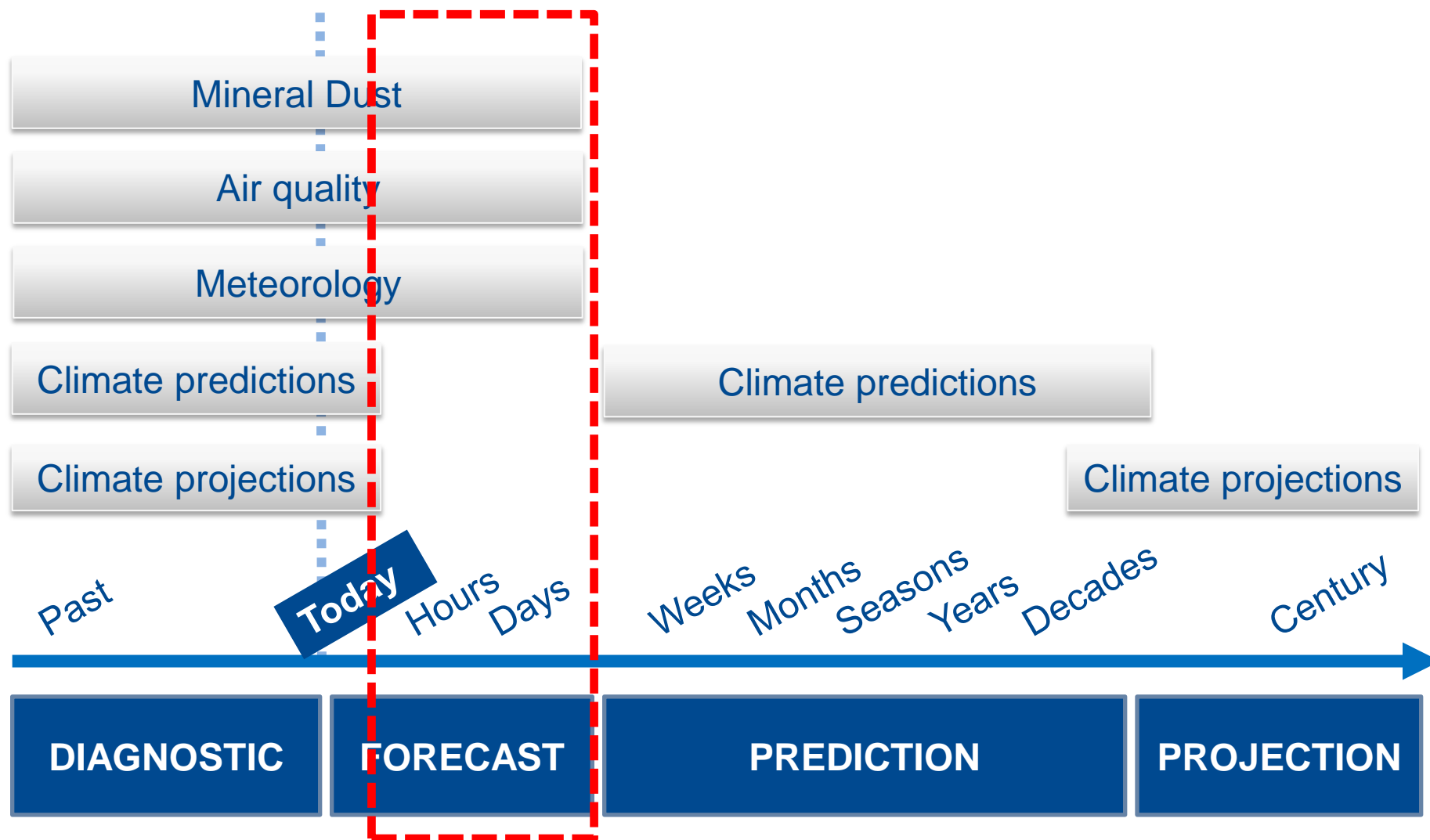
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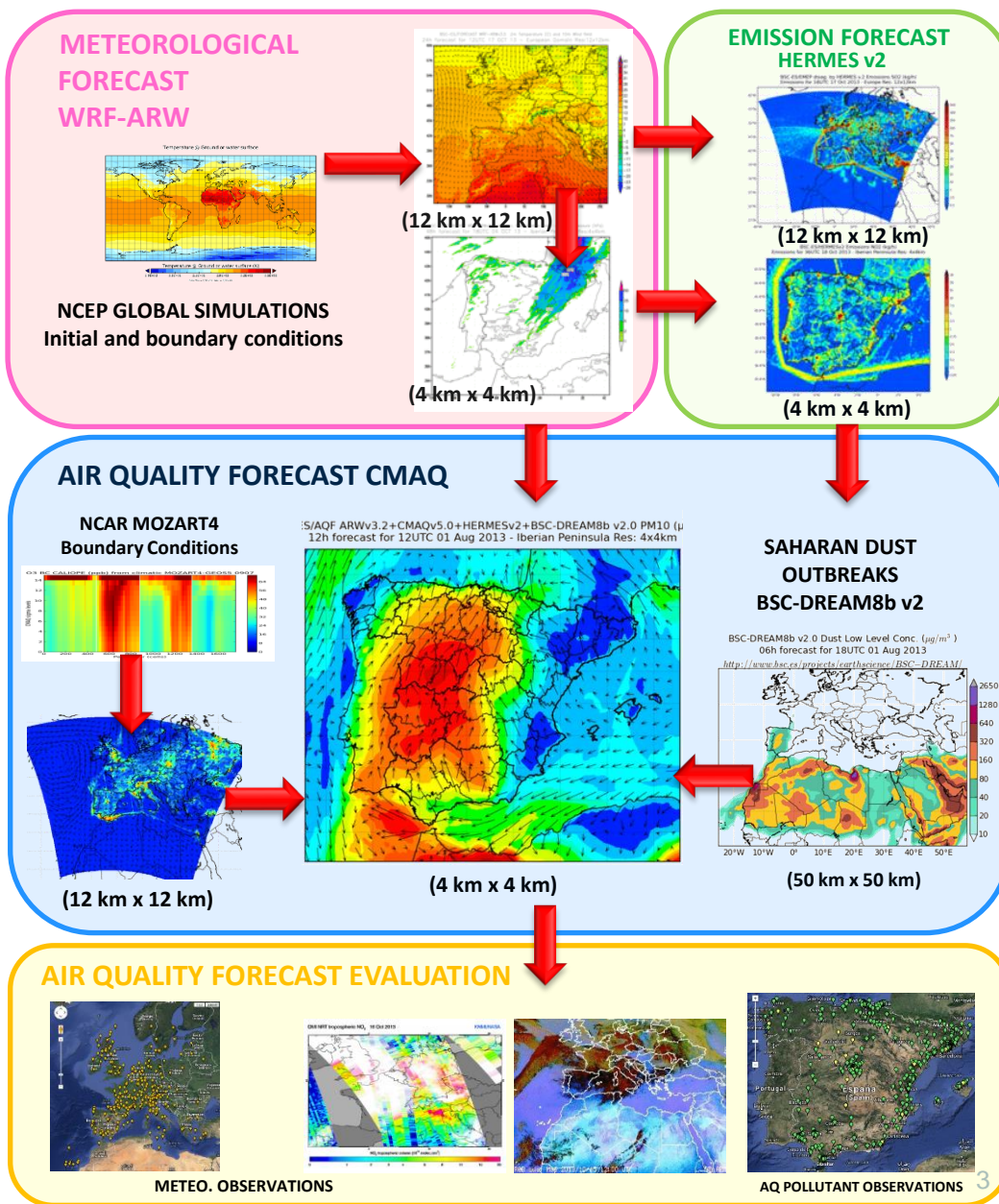
## CALIOPE ([www.bsc.es/caliope](http://www.bsc.es/caliope))

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

### Domains:

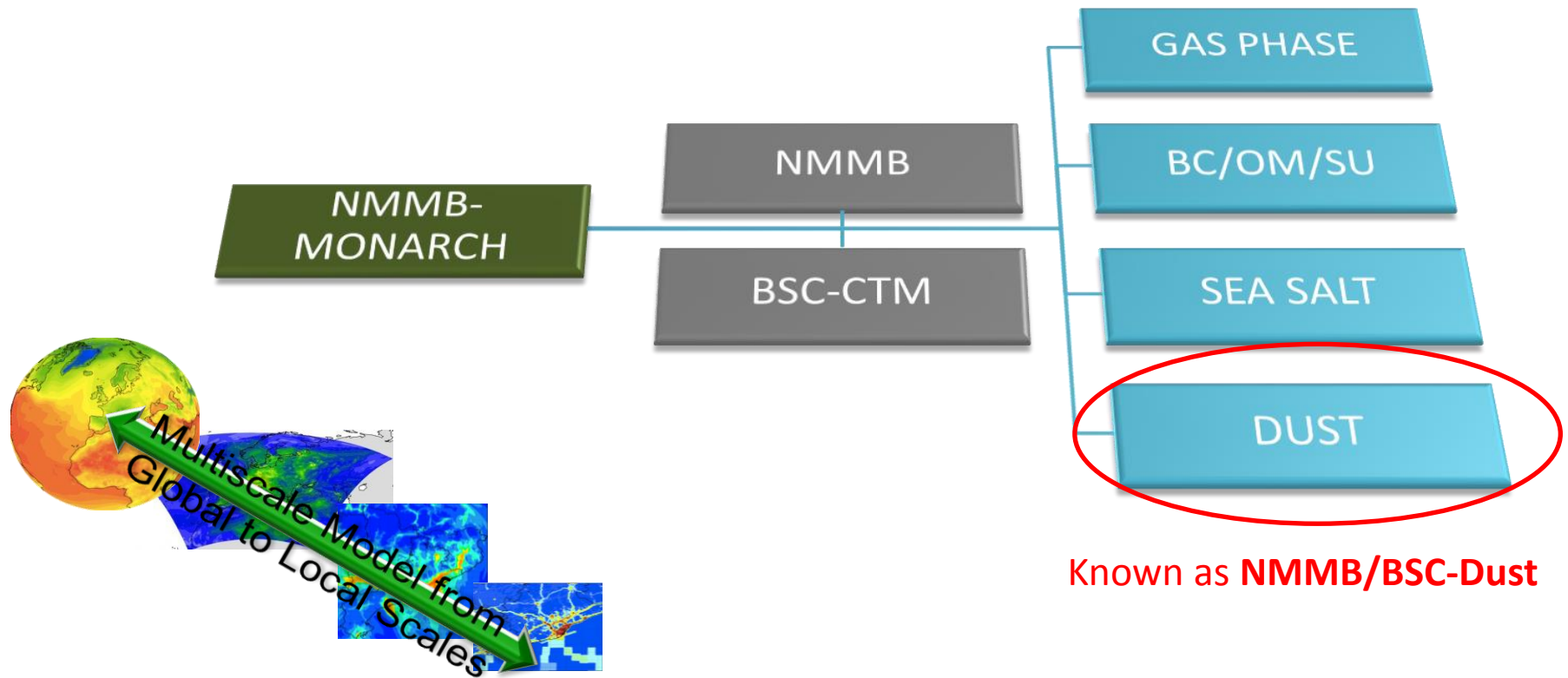
**Europe (12 km, 480 x 400 cells)**

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

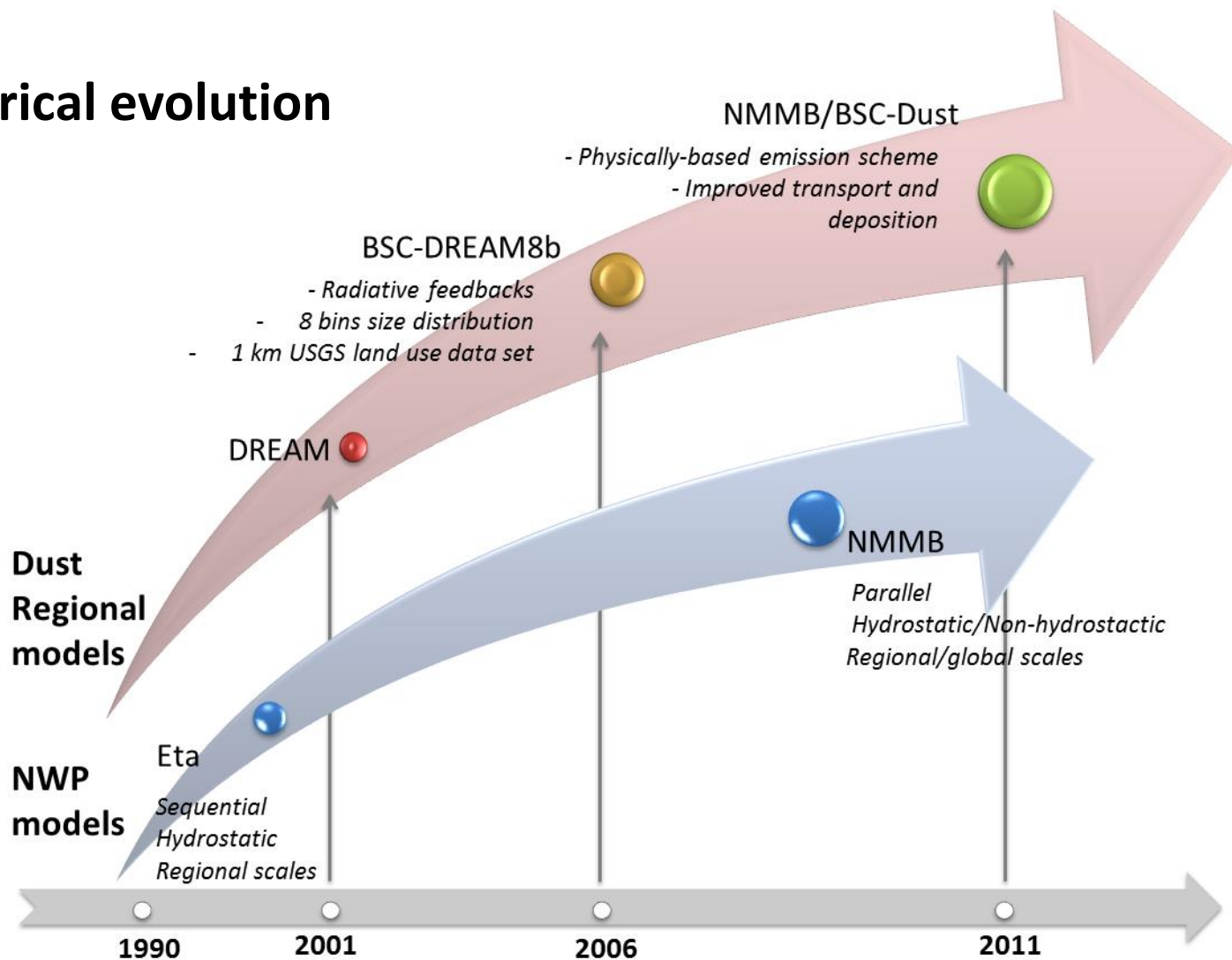




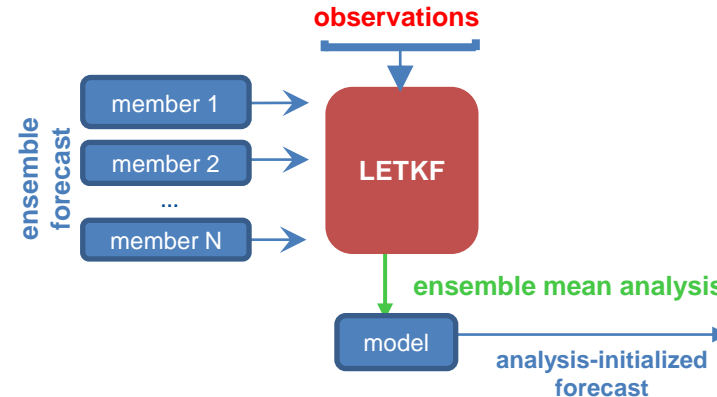
- The main system is build on the **meteorological driver NMMB**
- **Multiscale**: global to regional scales allowed (nesting capabilities)
- **Nonhydrostatic** dynamical core: single digit kilometre resolution allowed
- Fully **on-line** coupling: weather-chemistry feedback processes allowed
- Enhancement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



## Historical evolution



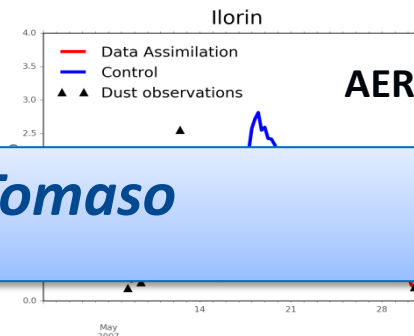
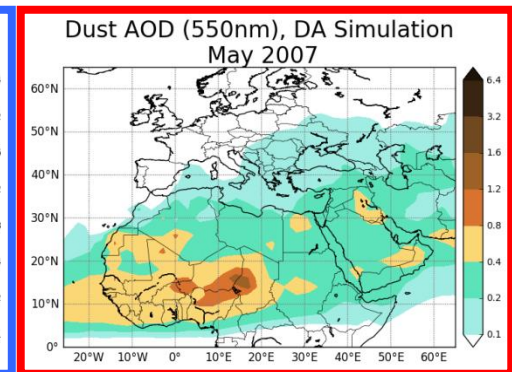
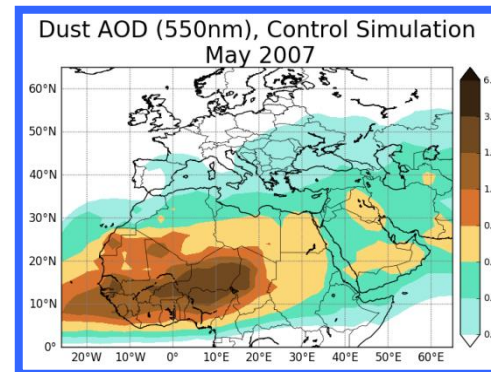
**NMMB-MONARCH** coupled with a Local Ensemble Transform Kalman Filter (**LETKF**) for the assimilation of aerosol optical depth observations



## 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

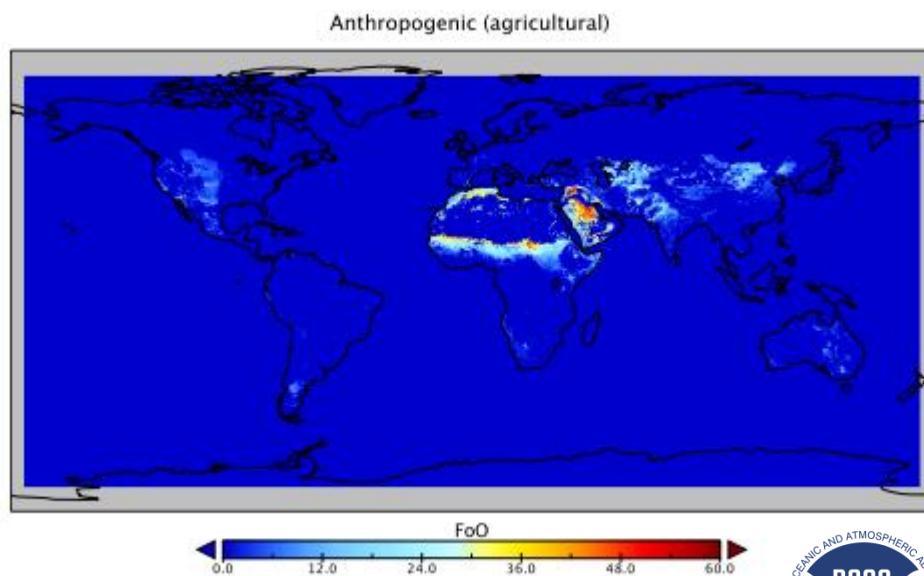
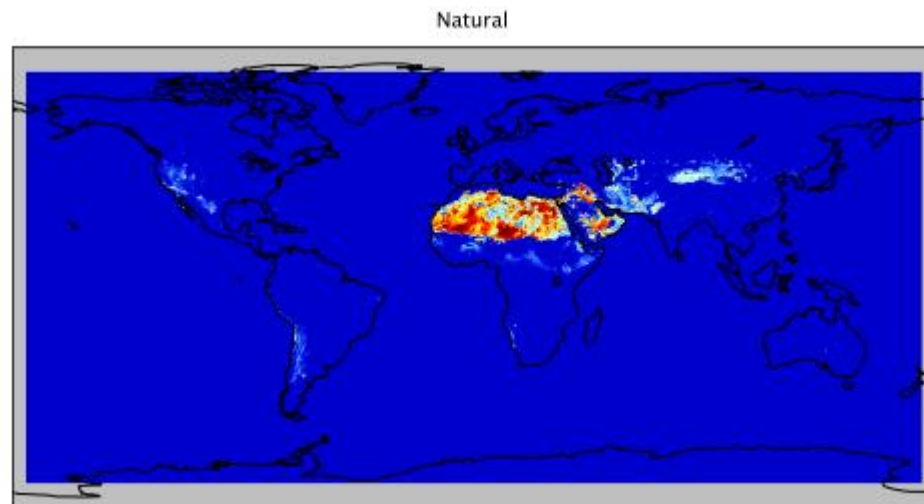
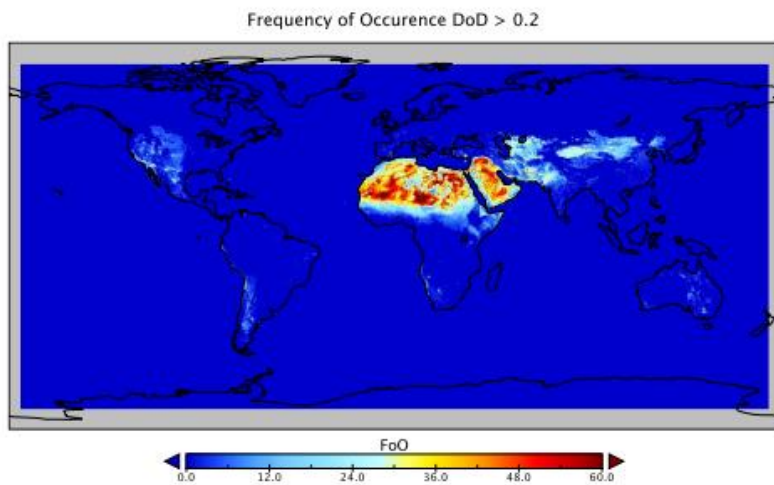


**AERONET Validation**

*Seminar by Enza Di Tomaso*

## 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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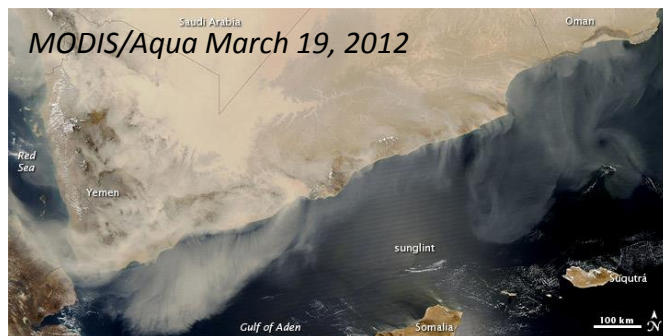
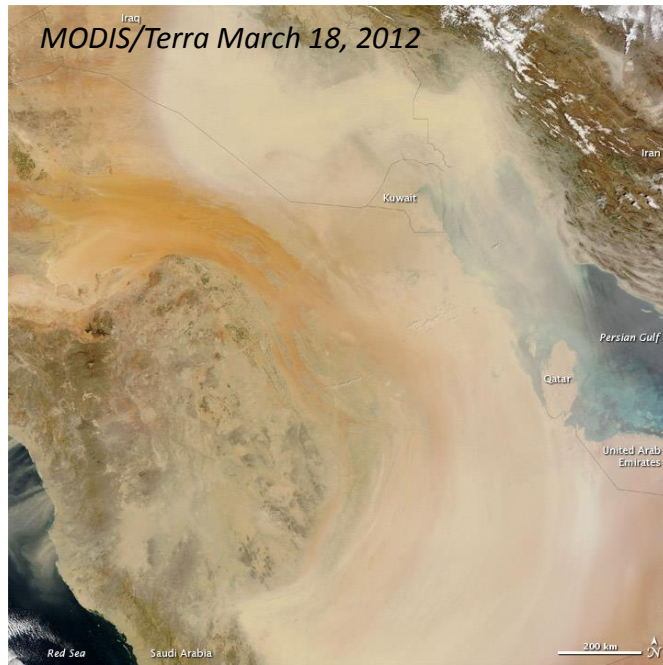




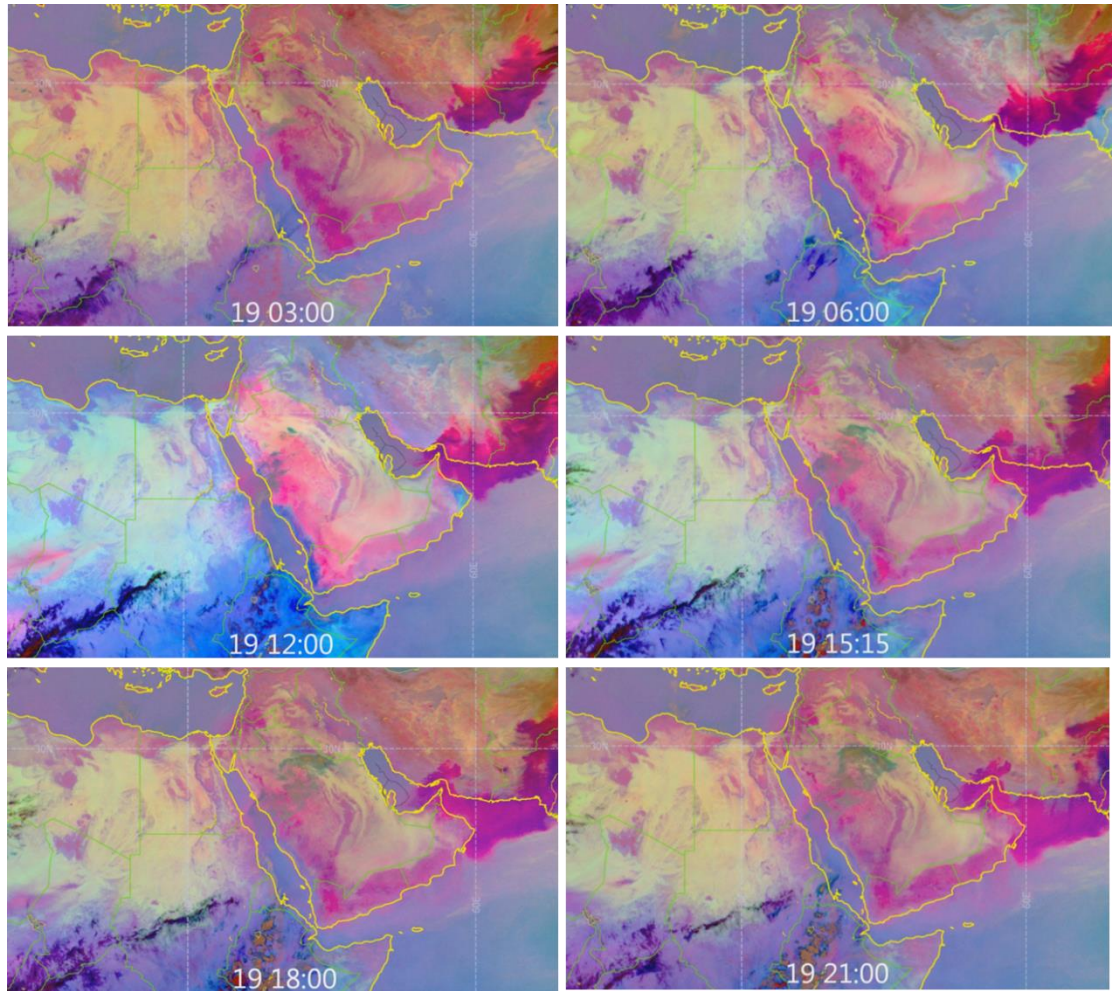
# Mineral dust: Topographical impacts



## *Impact of the topography on dust transport*



## *MSG/RGB March 19, 2012*

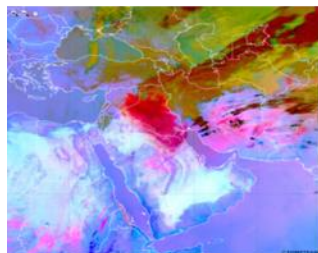


(Basart et al., Aeolian Research, 2016)

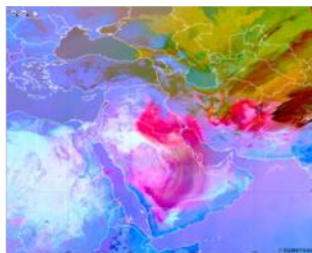


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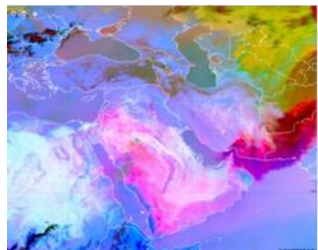
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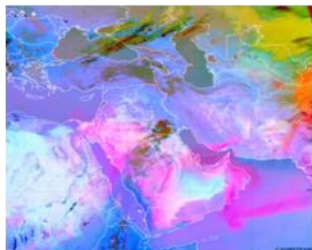
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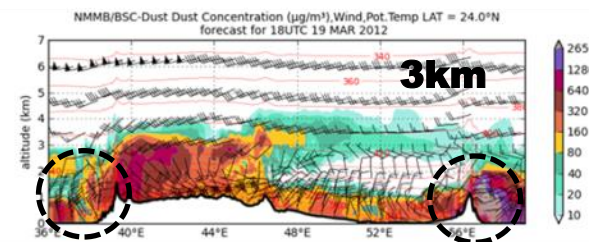
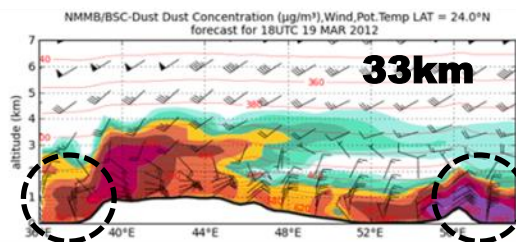
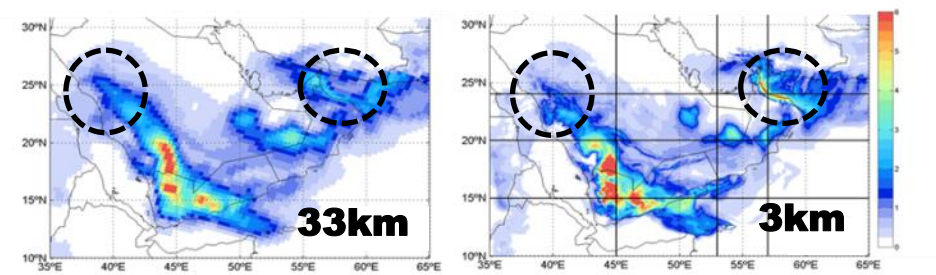
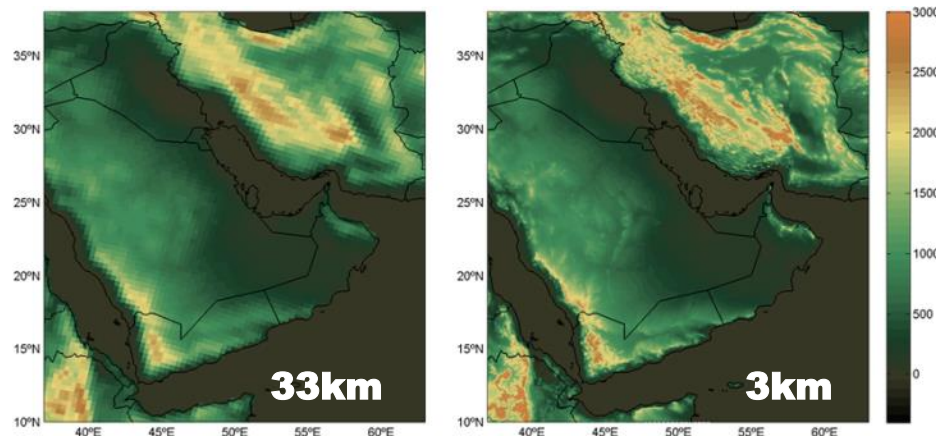


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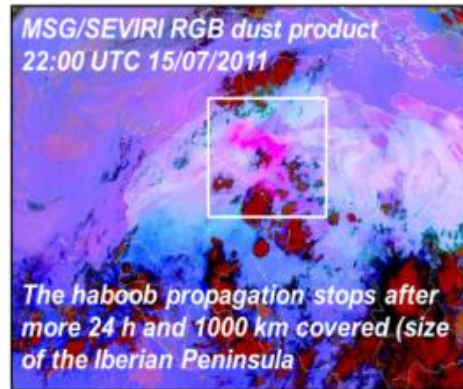
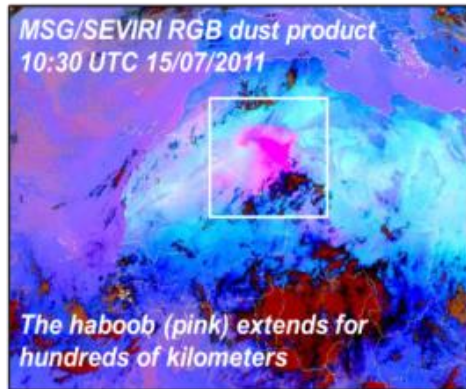
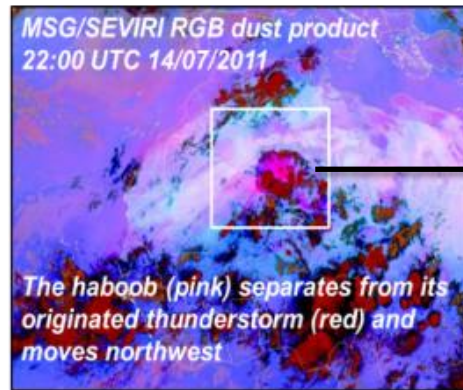
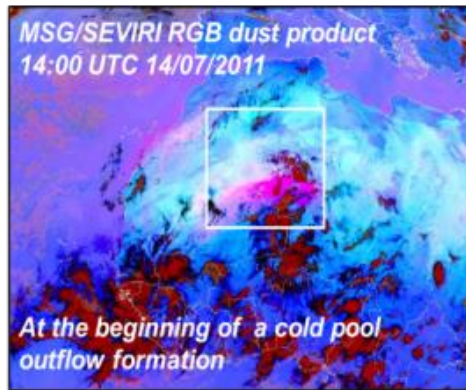
Two simulations using the **NMMB/BSC-Dust** model demonstrates results demonstrate how the dust prediction in the vicinity of complex terrains improves using high-horizontal resolution simulations.

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

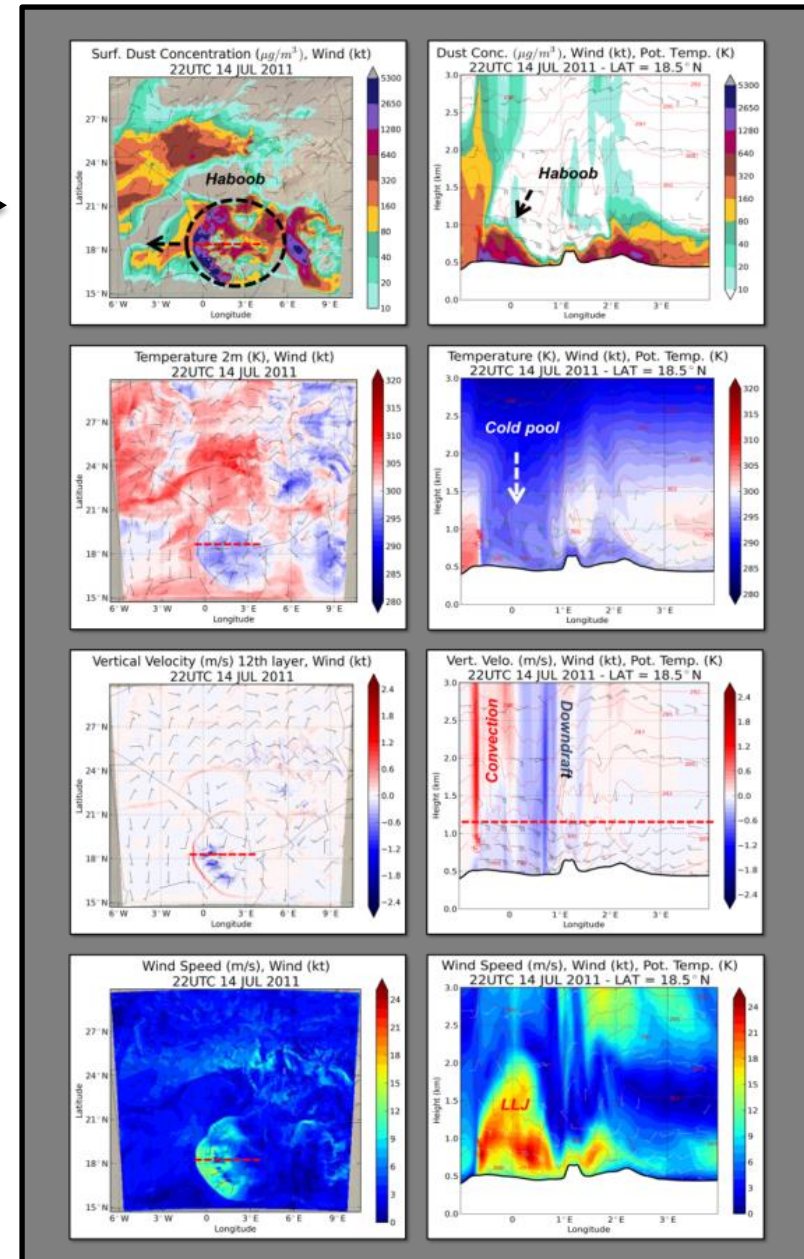
**Study period:** from 14 to 15 July 2011

**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)

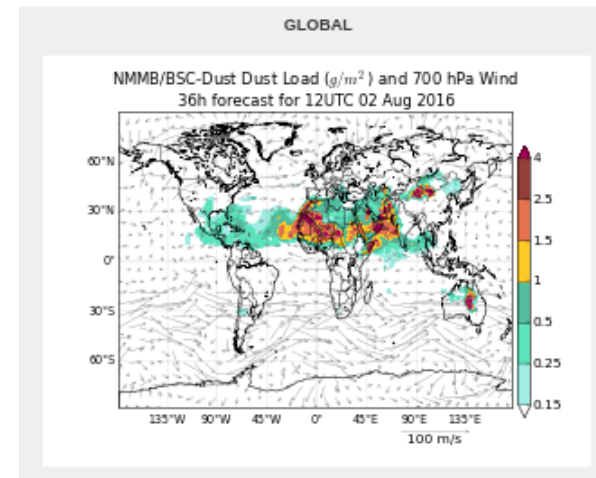
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## Daily dust operational forecast (global and regional domains)

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

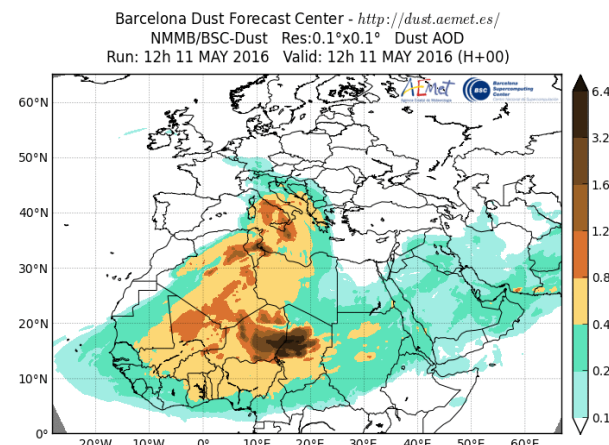
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(global) <http://icap.atmos.und.edu>



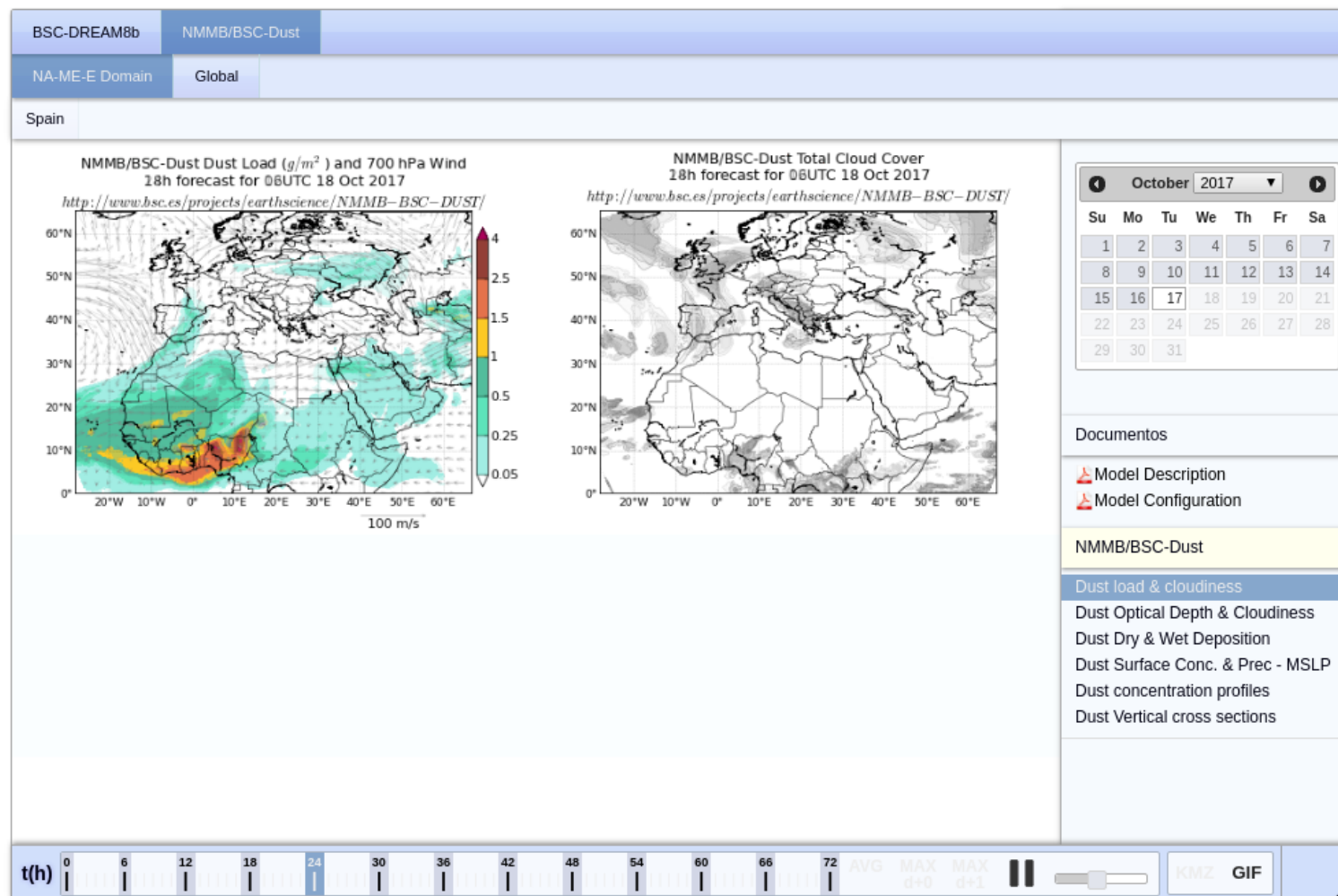
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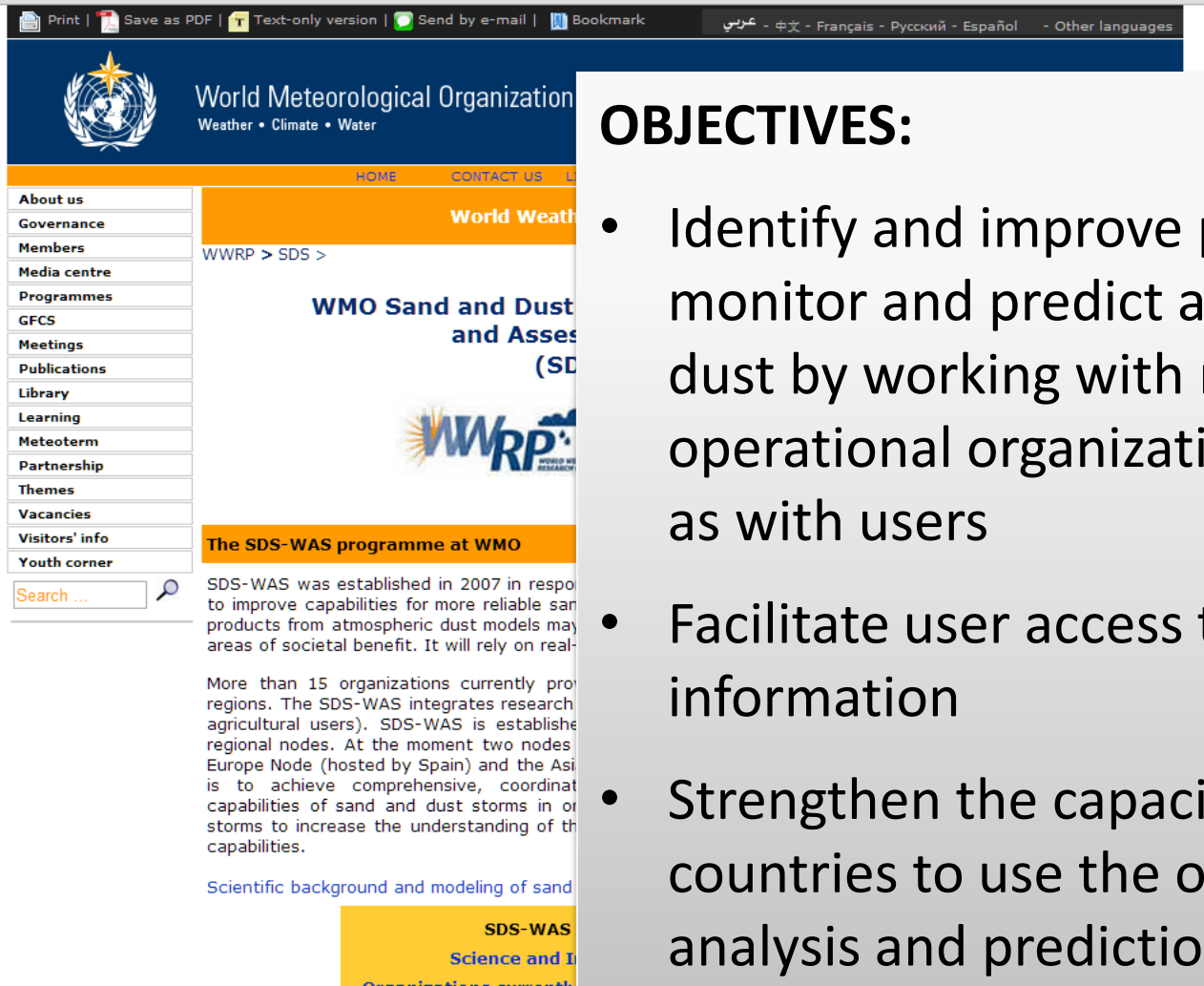
**Barcelona Dust Forecast Center.**  
First specialized WMO Center for mineral dust prediction.  
<http://dust.aemet.es> started in 2014 - **Operational**



## Daily dust operational forecast







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 left sidebar contains a menu with links such as '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 breadcrumb trail 'WWRP > SDS >'. Below this is a section titled 'WMO Sand and Dust and Assessment (SD)' with a 'WWRP' logo. A sub-header 'The SDS-WAS programme at WMO' is followed by a paragraph: '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 outputs. More than 15 organizations currently provide data from various regions. The SDS-WAS integrates research and operational capabilities of sand and dust storms in order to achieve comprehensive, coordinated capabilities of sand and dust storms in order to increase the understanding of the capabilities. 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:

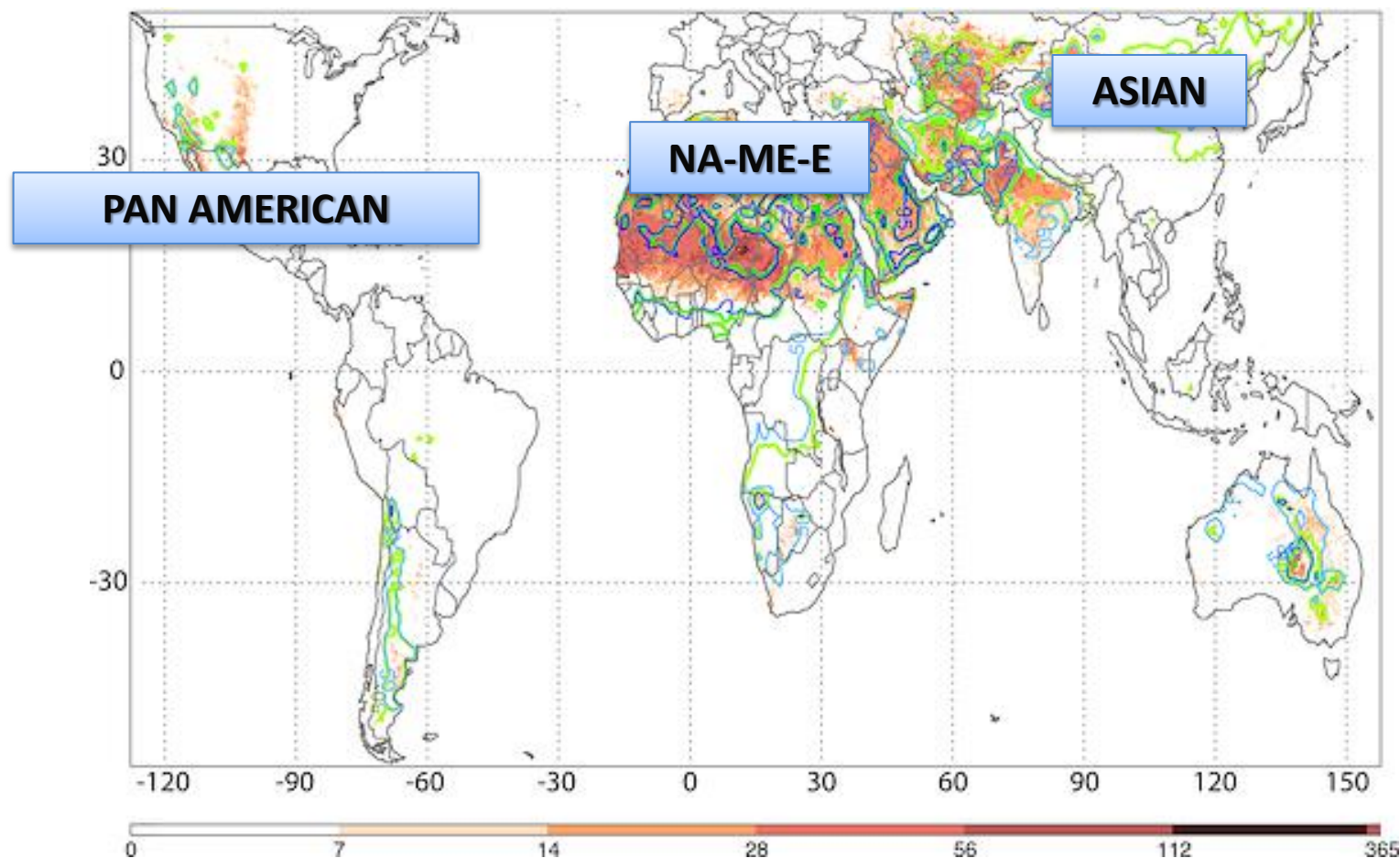
- Identify and improve products to monitor and predict atmospheric dust by working with research and operational organizations, as well as with users
- Facilitate user access to information
- Strengthen the capacity of countries to use the observations, analysis and predictions provided by the WMO SDS-WAS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

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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](#)




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**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**



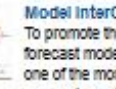


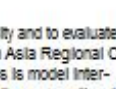






**MODEL COMPARISON**



**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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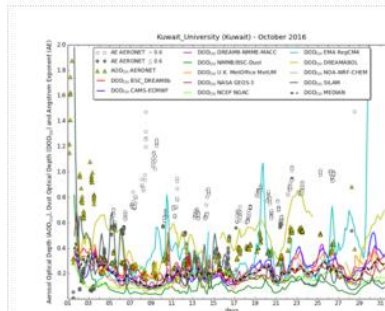
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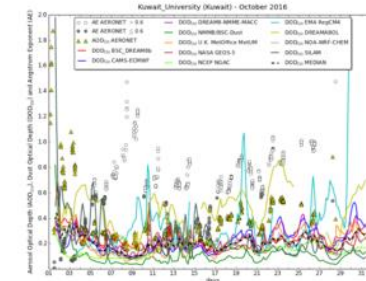
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**Dust forecasts**



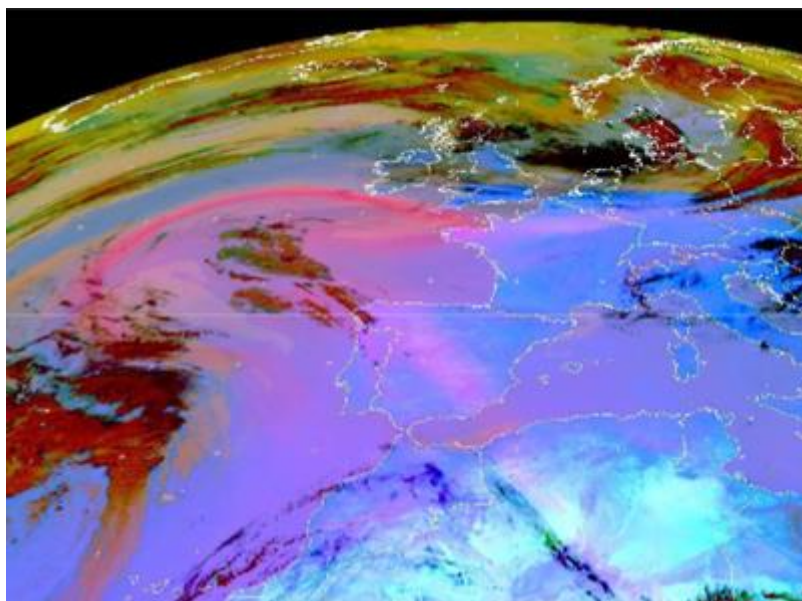
Compared Dust Forecasts



Forecast Evaluation



## European dust outbreak on April 2011



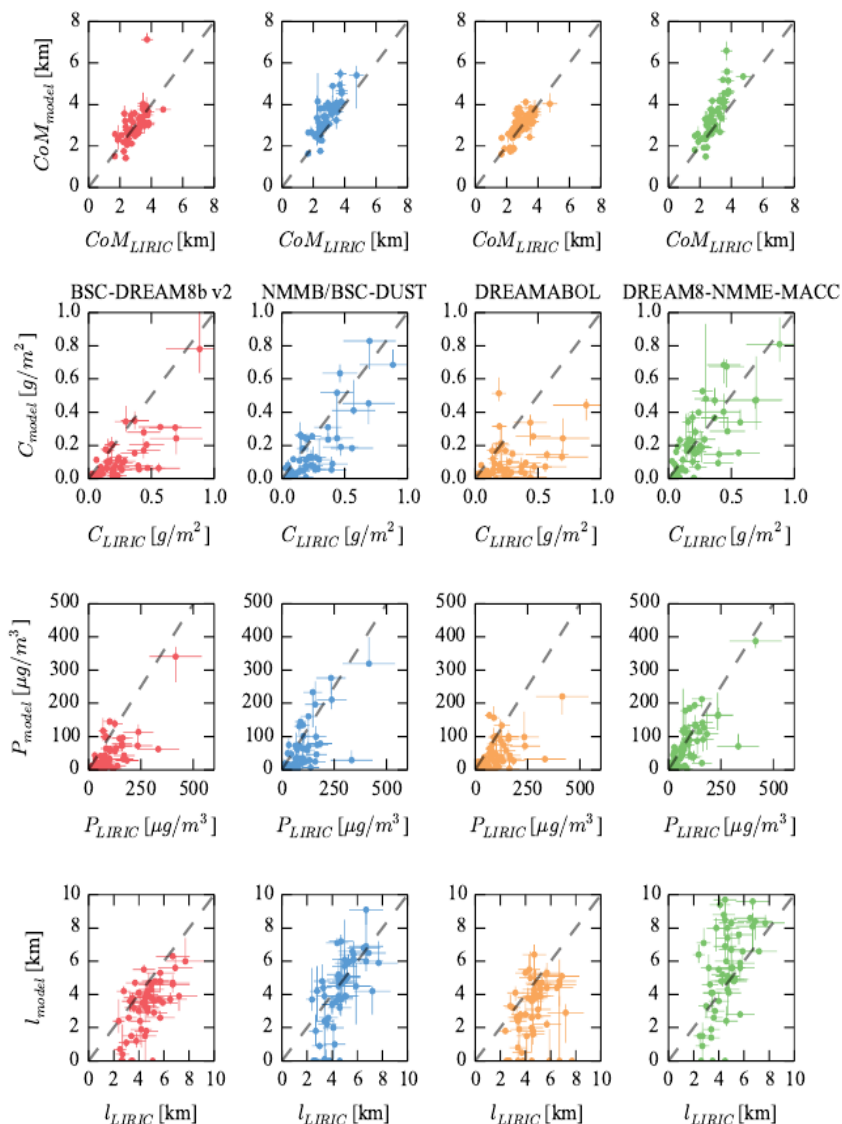
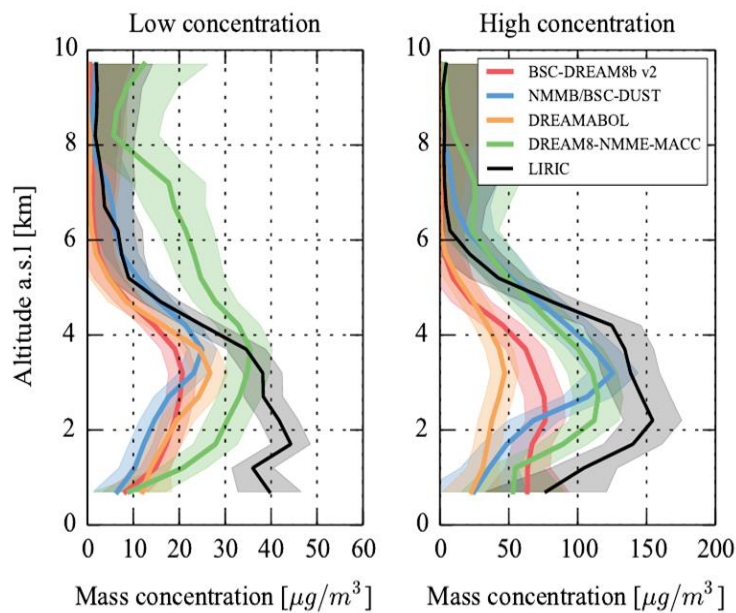
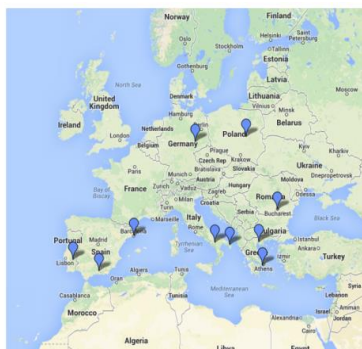
*MSG/SEVIRI RGB product 7 April  
Courtesy of EUMETSAT*

- 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.

*(Huneeus et al., ACP, 2016)*

# SDS-WAS NAMEE: Model intercomparison

## EARLINET vertical dust profiles: 2011-2013



(Biniotoglou et al., ATM, 2015)

# SDS-WAS NAMEE: Model intercomparison



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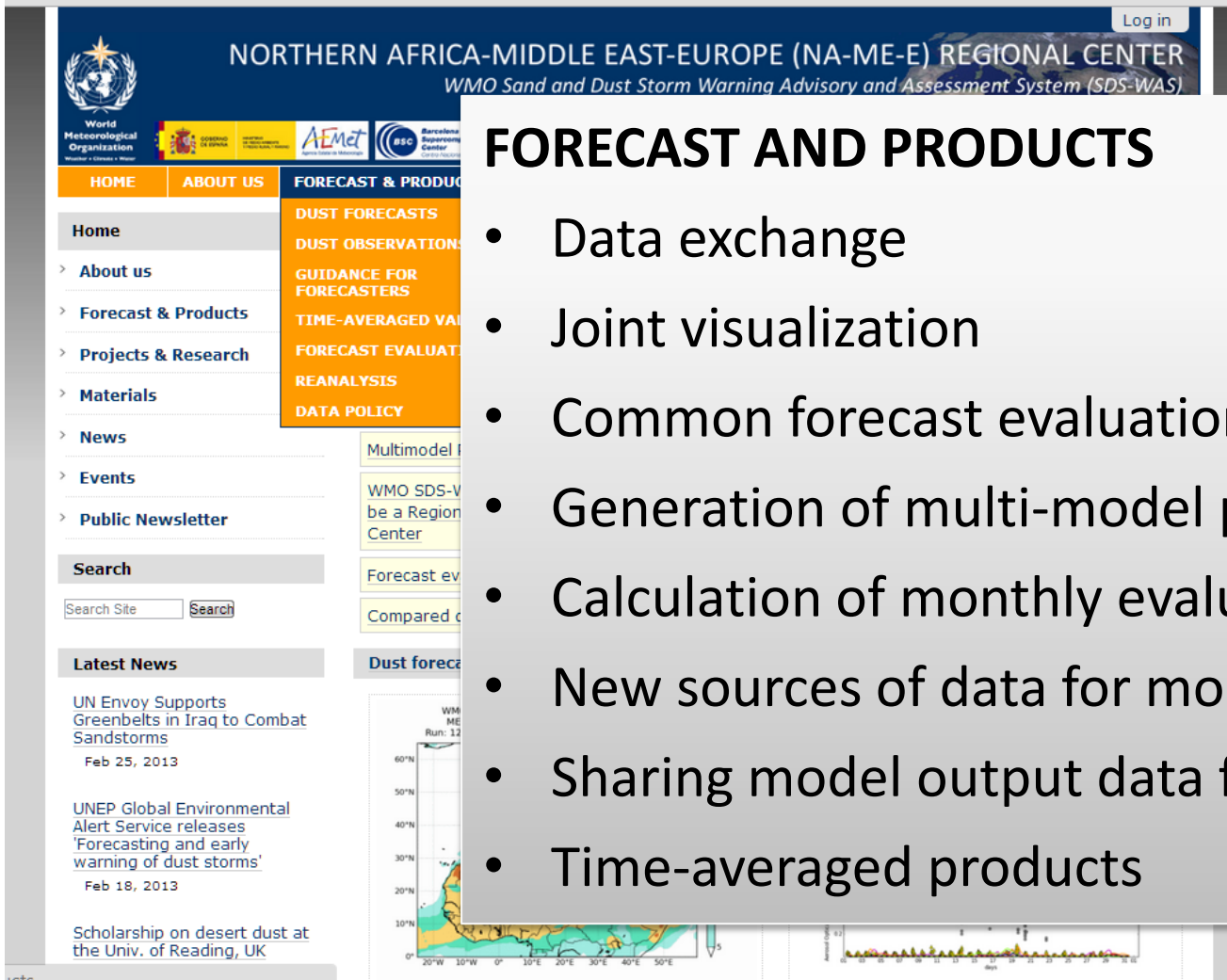


The extreme dust storm occurred in Tehran (Iran) on **2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014** lasting less than 2 hours according to public evidence.

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.





## 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



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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>	 SEEVCCC
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NCEP-NGAC	<a href="#">DOWNLOAD FILES</a>	<a href="#">Model website</a>	 NCEP NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION
Multimodel			 Aemet

Title	Size	Modified
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<b>2013</b> - (download all)	4.0 kB	Apr 01, 2013 09:00 PM
<b>2012</b> - (download all)	4.0 kB	Apr 08, 2013 04:30 PM

- 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.



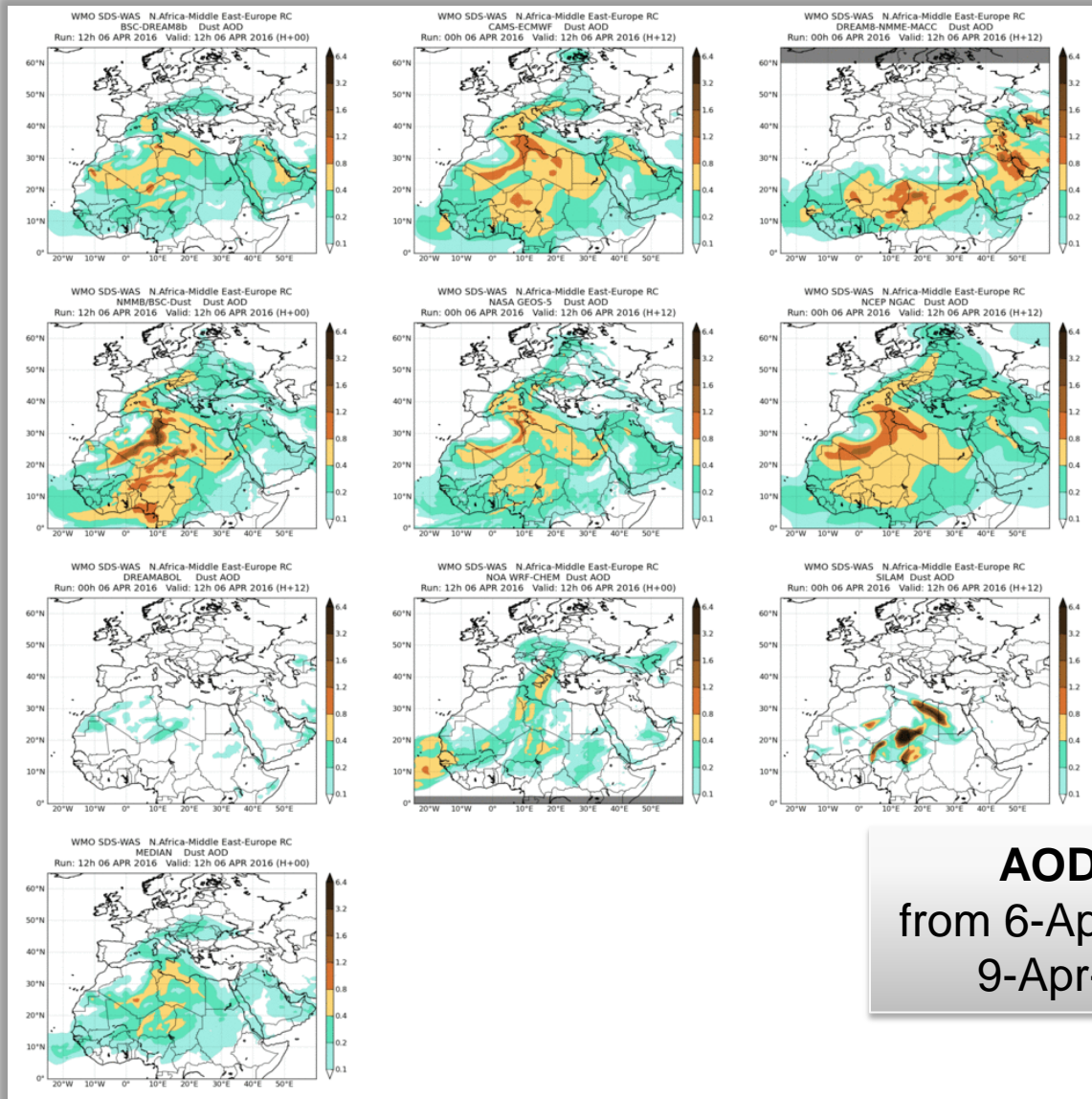
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**AOD at 550nm**  
from 6-Apr-2016 12:00 to  
9-Apr-2016 00:00

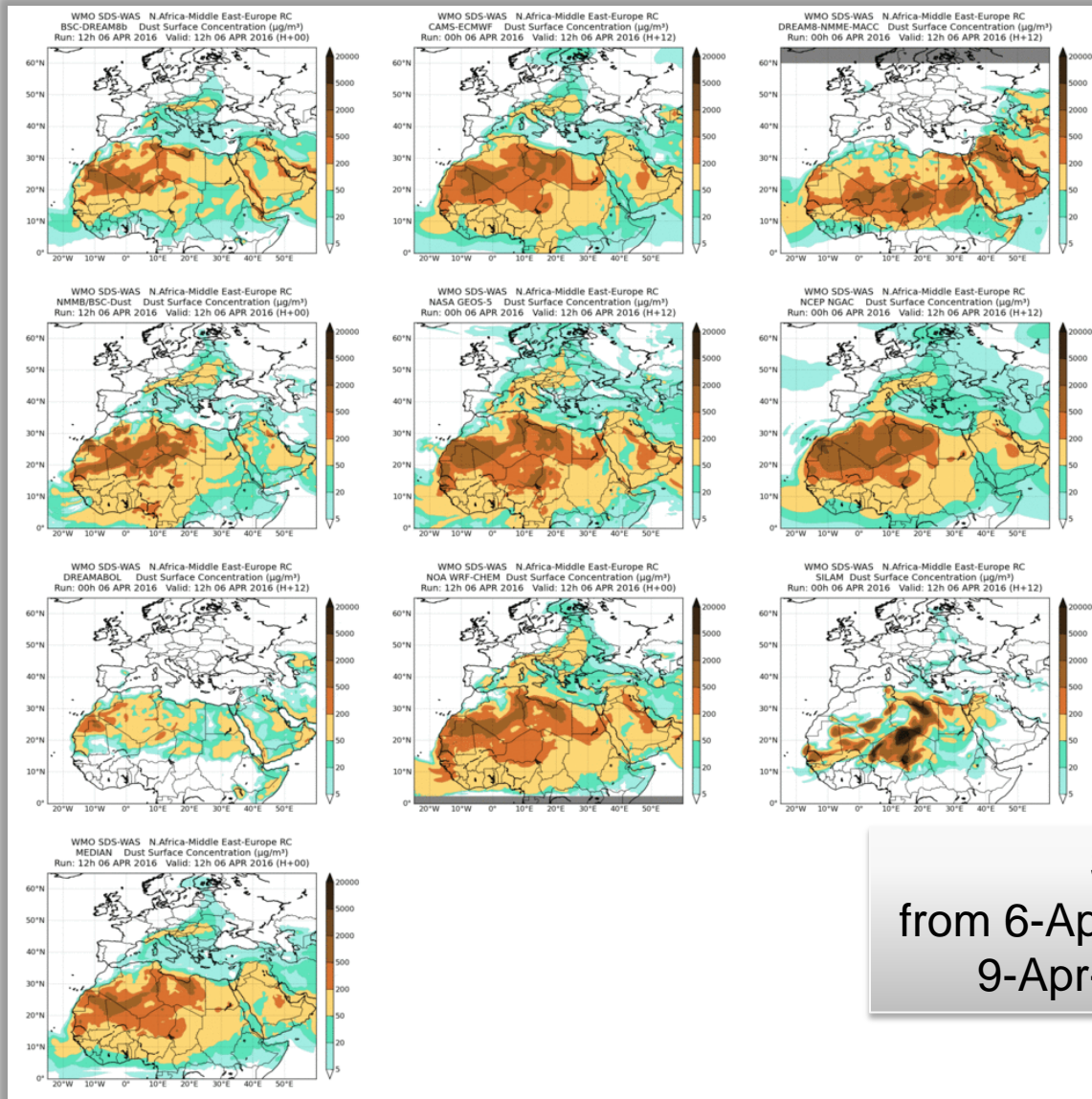
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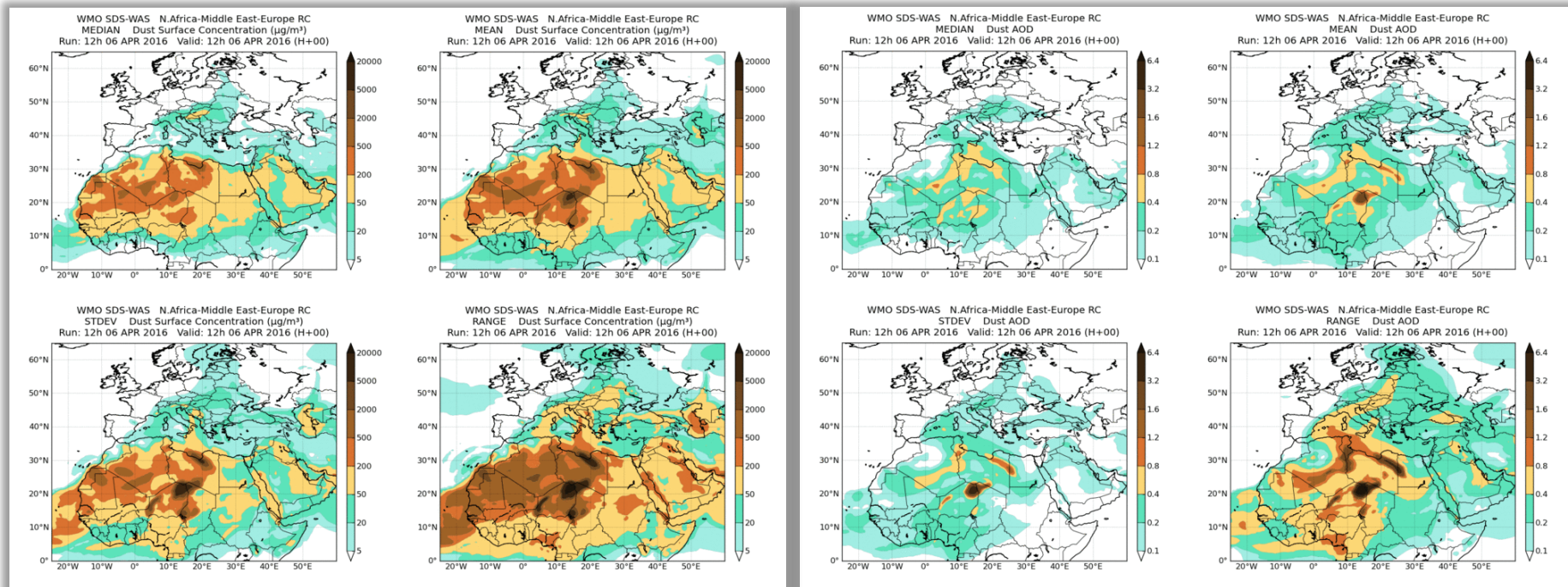
**SCON**

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



## 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  $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$  grid mesh. Then, different multi-model products are generated:

**CENTRALITY:** median - mean

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



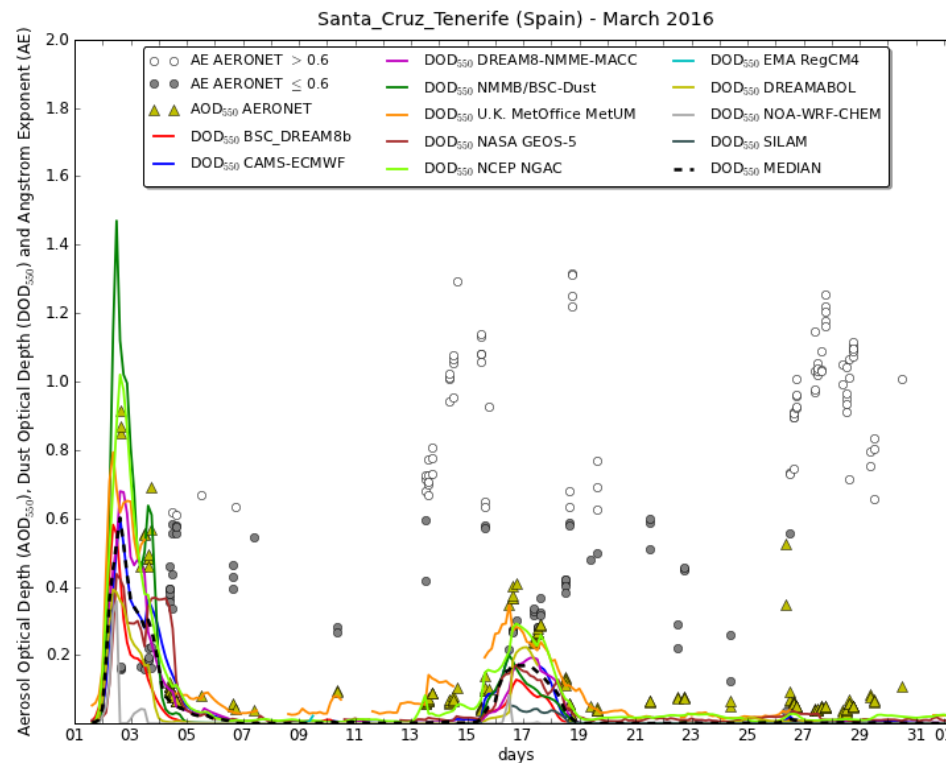
# SDS-WAS NAMEE: NRT AERONET



A set of evaluation metrics are selected: ***Bias, RMSE, correlation coefficient and FGE***

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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

	BSC_ DREAMb	CAMS- ECMWF	DREAM-NMME- MACC	NMMR/BSC- Dust	U.K. Met Office	NASA GEOS-5	NCEP NGAC	EMA RegCM4	DREAM ABOL	NOA-WRF- CHEM	MEDIAN
Sahel/Sahara <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
Middle East <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
Mediterranean <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
TOTAL	-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

	BSC_ DREAMb	CAMS- ECMWF	DREAM-NMME- MACC	NMMR/BSC- Dust	U.K. Met Office	NASA GEOS-5	NCEP NGAC	EMA RegCM4	DREAM ABOL	NOA-WRF- CHEM	MEDIAN
Sahel/Sahara <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
Middle East <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
Mediterranean <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
TOTAL	0.46	0.38	0.44	0.39	0.34	0.35	0.35	0.57	0.48	0.47	0.39

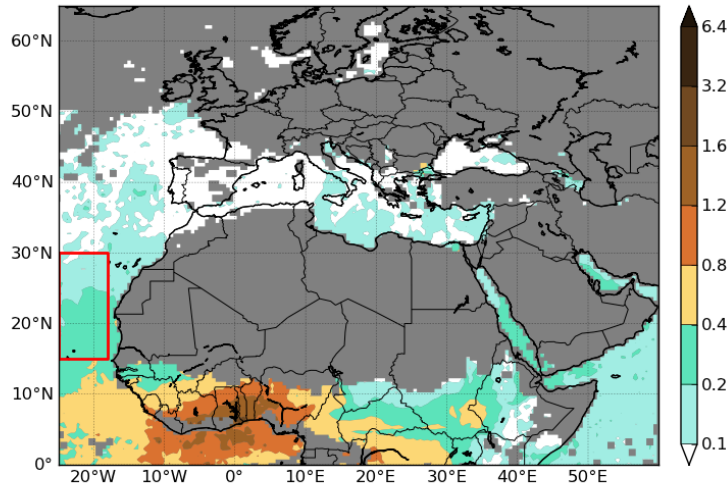
## CORRELATION COEFFICIENT

	BSC_ DREAMb	CAMS- ECMWF	DREAM-NMME- MACC	NMMR/BSC- Dust	U.K. Met Office	NASA GEOS-5	NCEP NGAC	EMA RegCM4	DREAM ABOL	NOA-WRF- CHEM	MEDIAN
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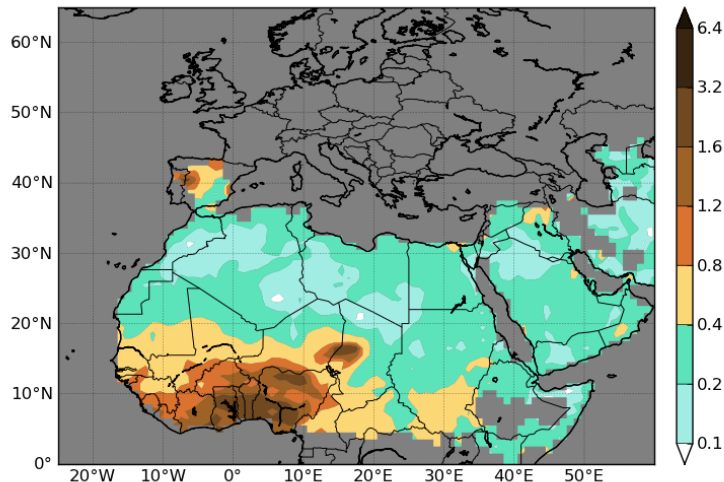


WMO SDS-WAS N.Africa-Middle East-Europe RC  
MODIS AOD<sub>550</sub> - DEC 2015 - FEB 2016



	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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	BIAS	ROOT MEAN SQUARE ERROR	CORRELATION COEFFICIENT	FRACTIONAL GROSS ERROR	NUMBER OF CASES
BSC_DREAM8b	-0.23	0.44	0.45	0.89	51308
NMMB/BSC- Dust	-0.11	0.34	0.78	1.03	47494
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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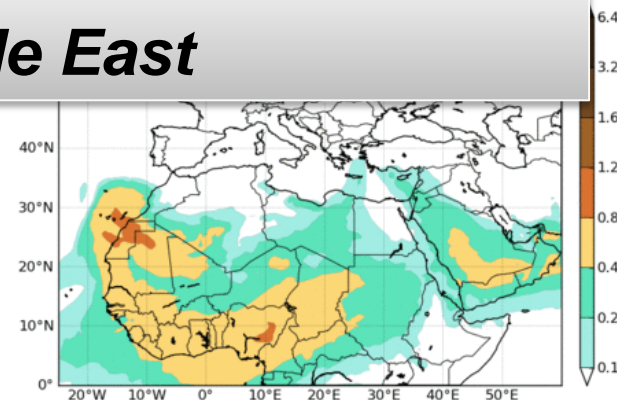


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***New observational datasets for model evaluation in  
Northern Africa and Middle East***



MET10 RGB-Dust 2015-03-07 23:00 UTC

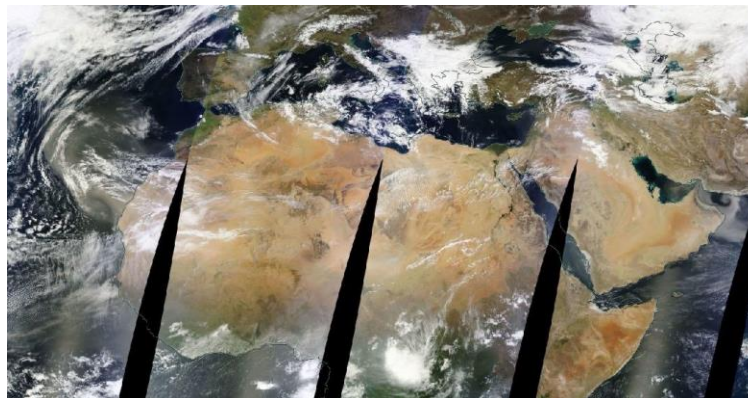


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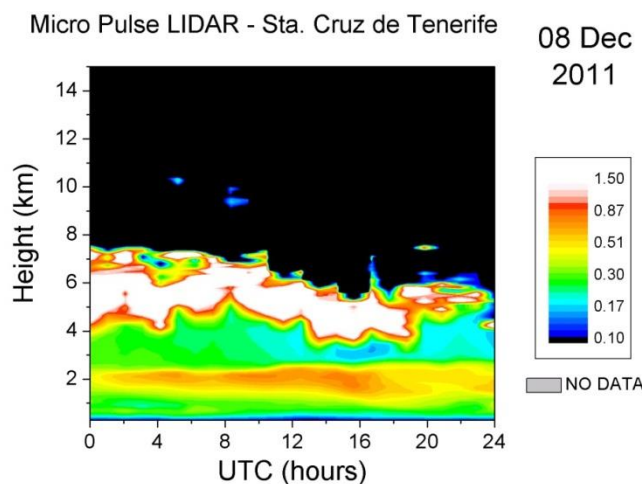
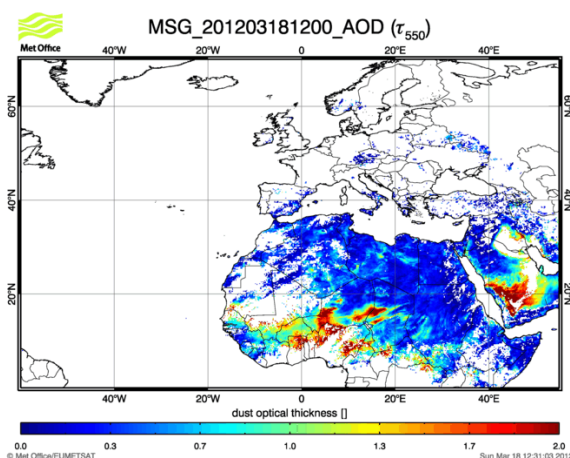


## ***New observational datasets for model evaluation in Northern Africa and Middle East***

- 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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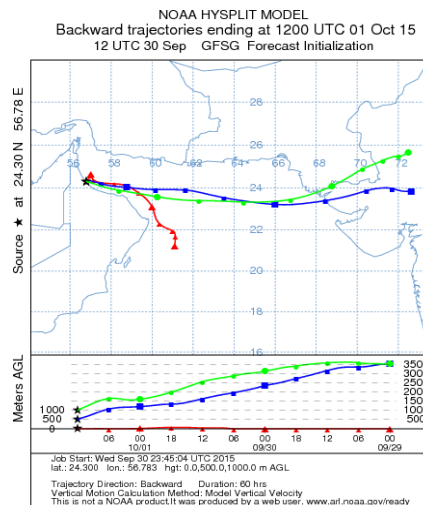
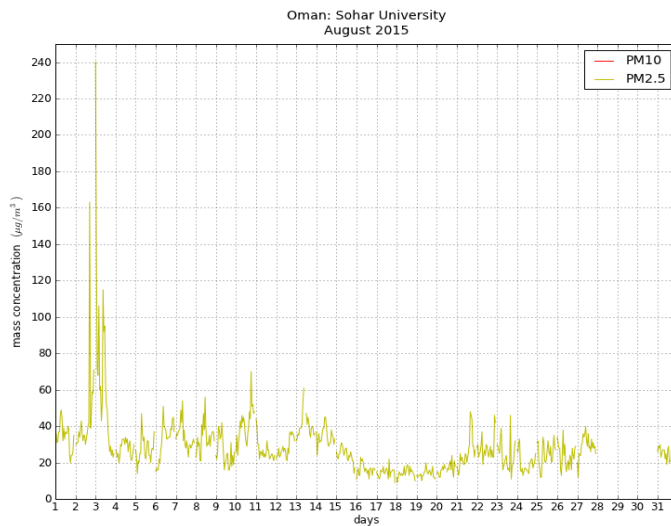
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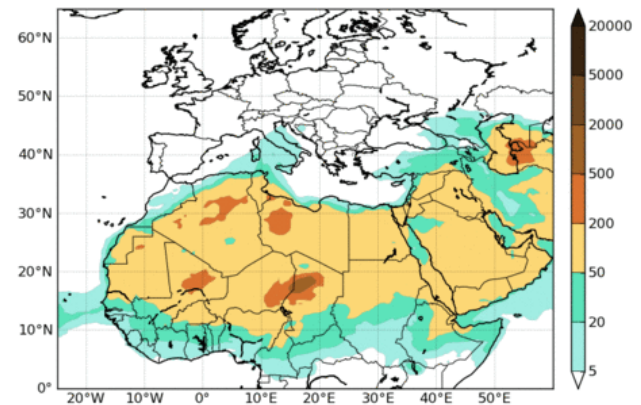
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## NRT surface concentration



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MEDIAN Dust Surface Concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )  
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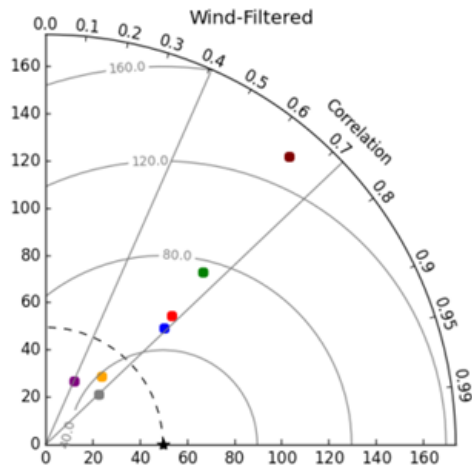
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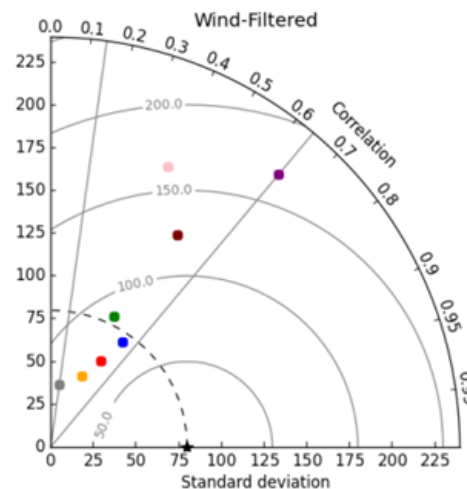
**Not all PM10 is dust:** Local and biomass burning from Savannah fires.

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

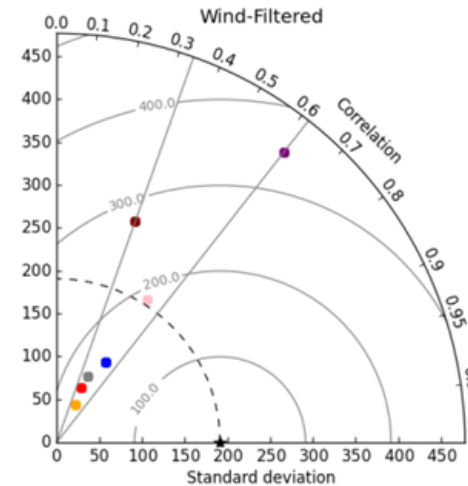
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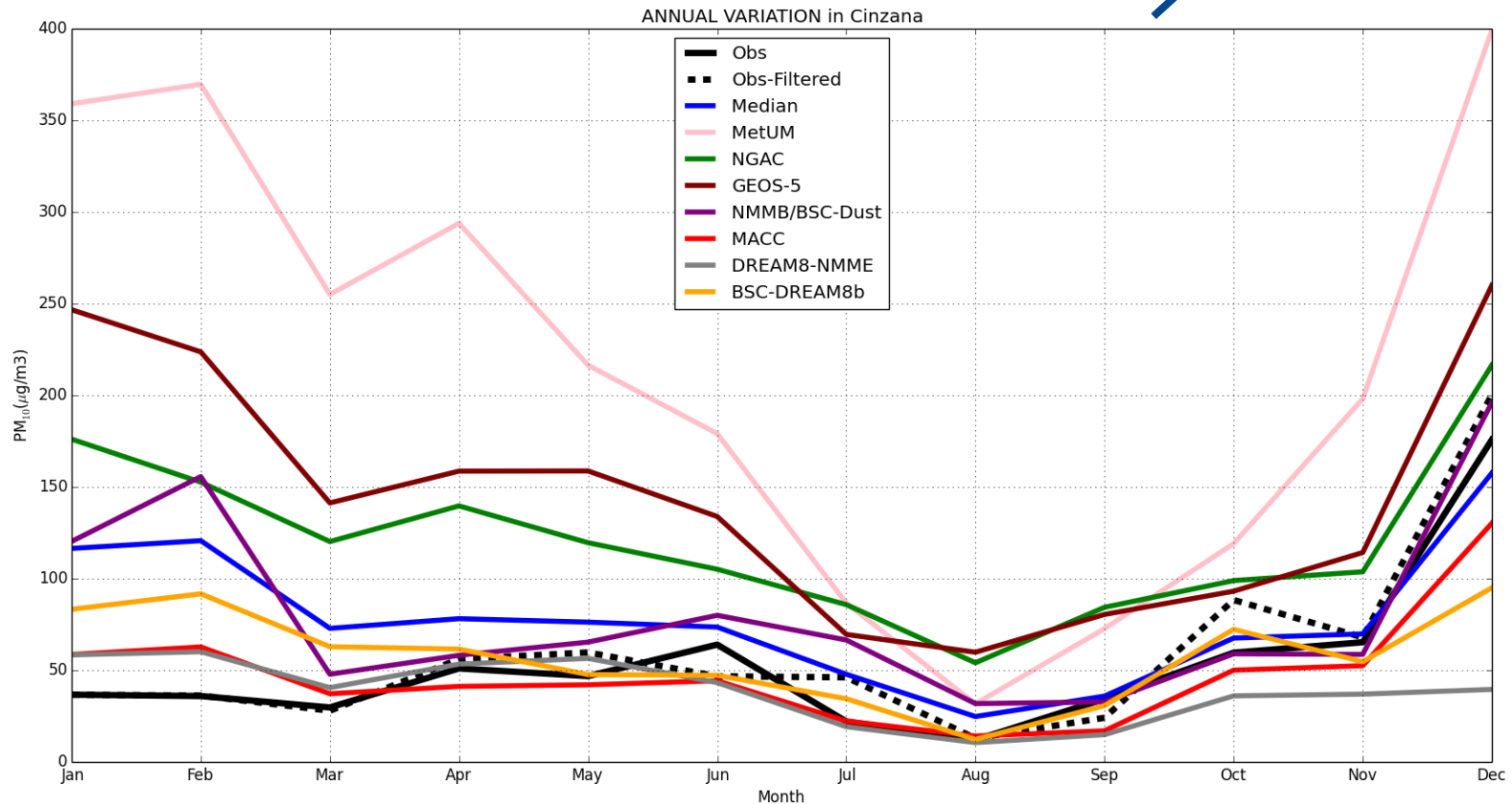
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- ★ Reference
- CAMS
- Median
- NGAC
- NMMB/BSC-Dust
- BSC-DREAM8b
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- MetUM
- DREAM8-NMME

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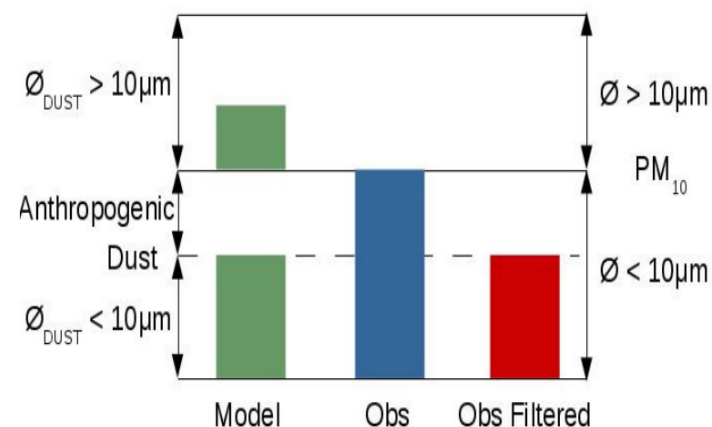




## AQ network: Canary Islands 2013-2014



**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).



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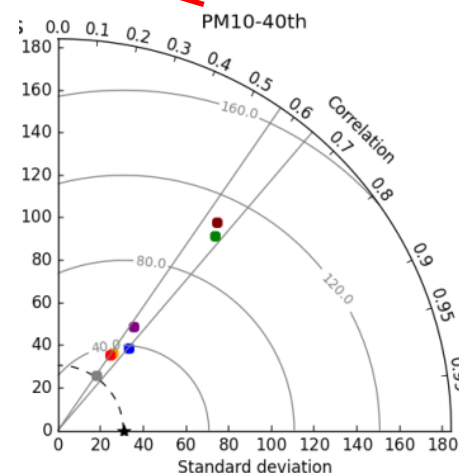
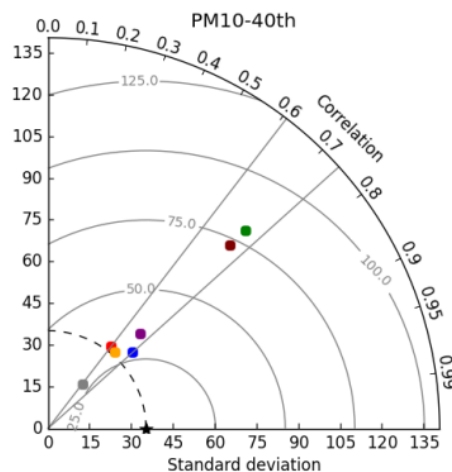
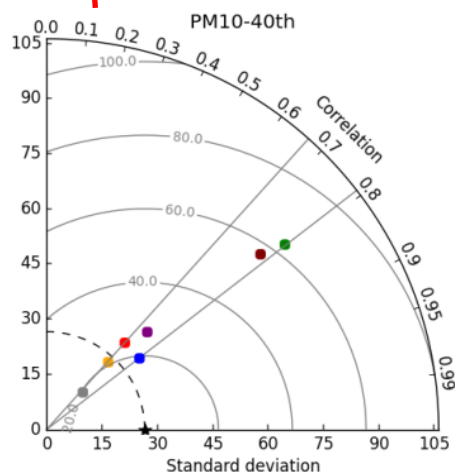
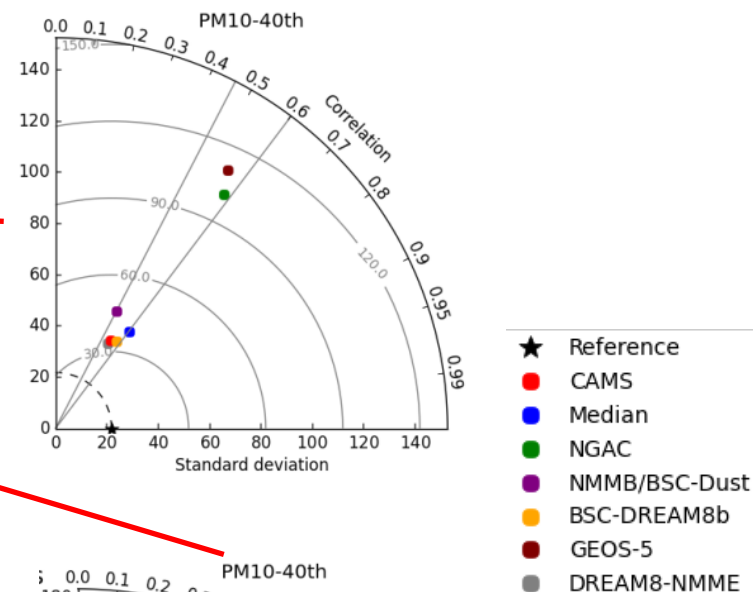
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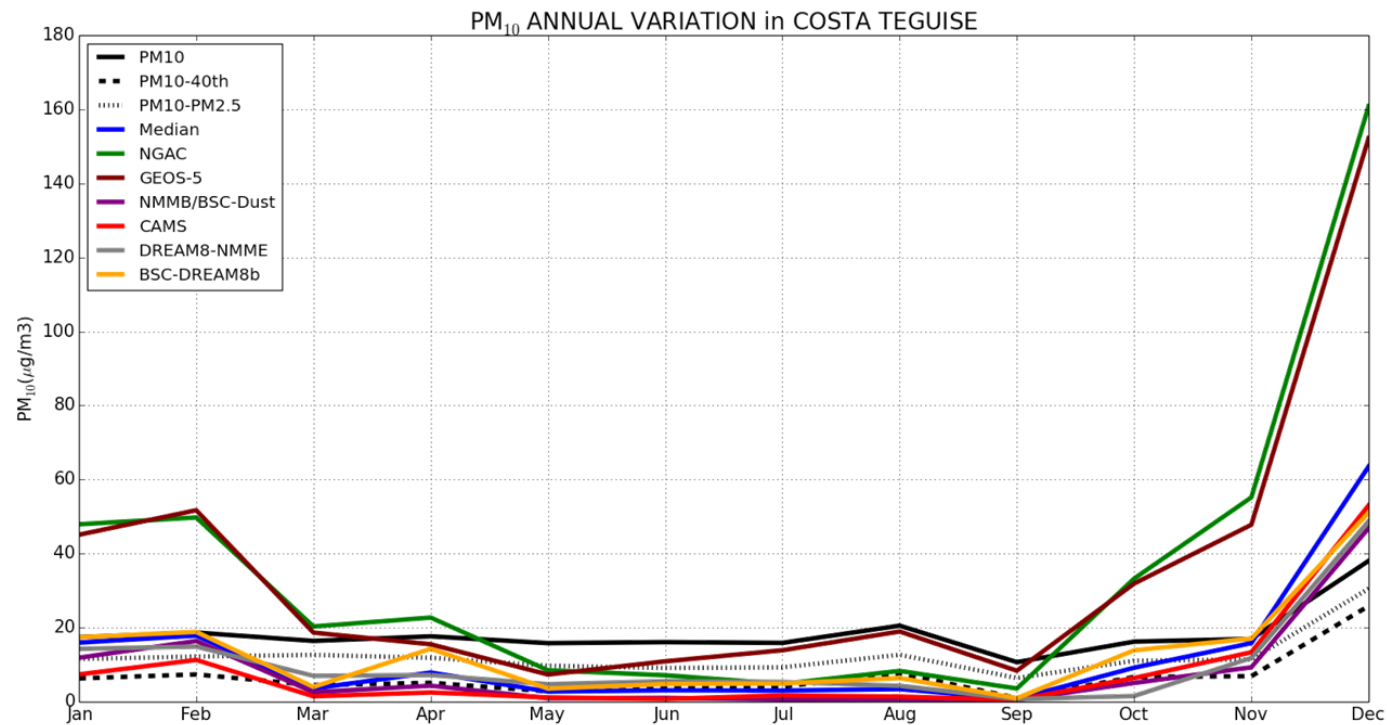
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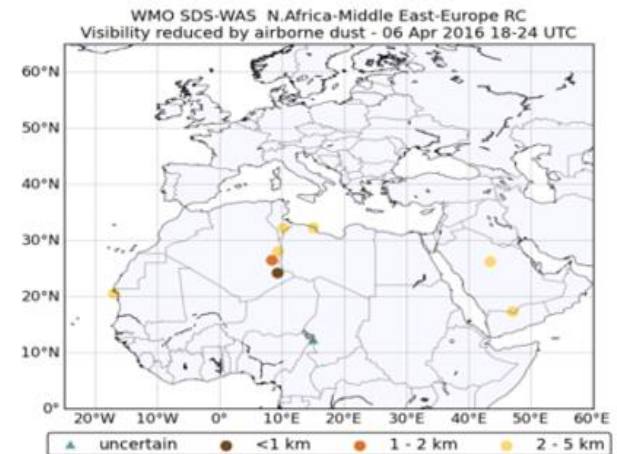
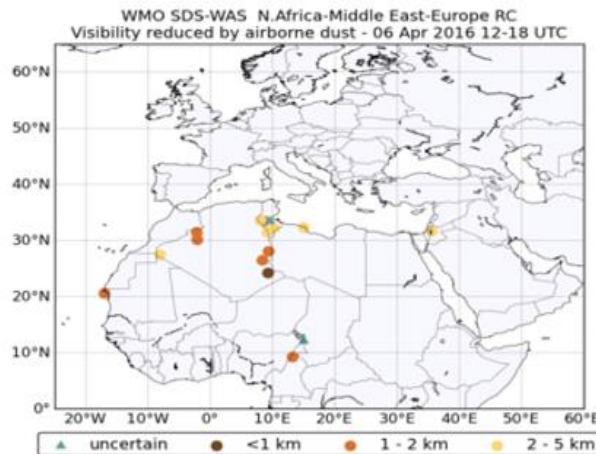
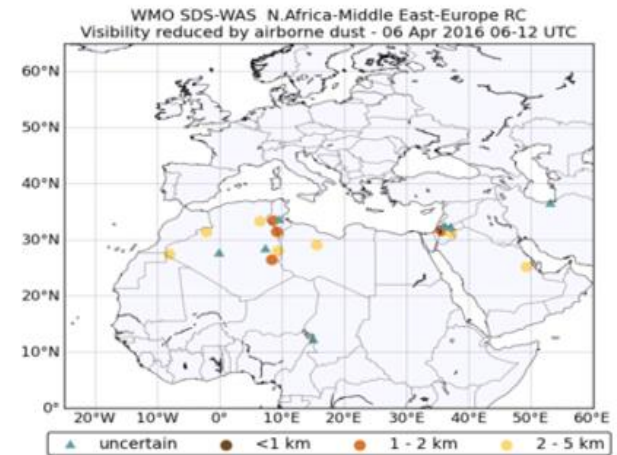
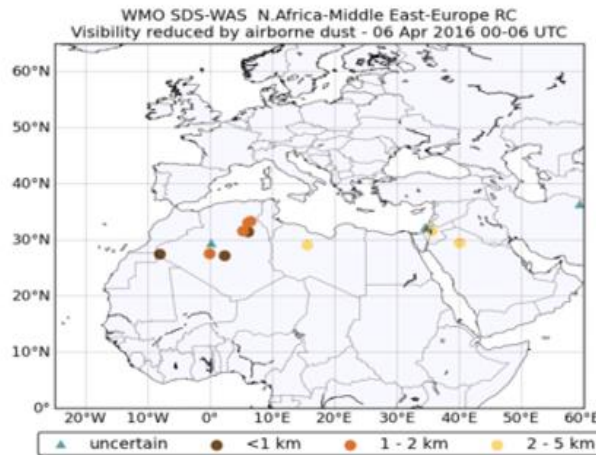
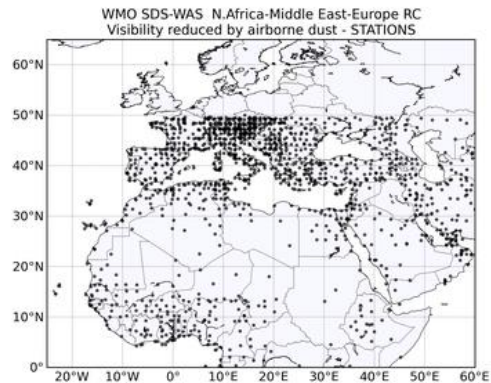
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## NRT visibility evaluation: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 0-12UTC





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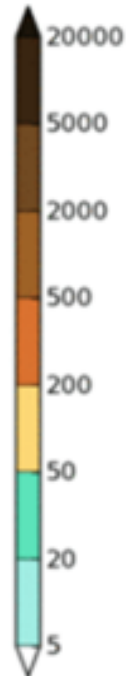
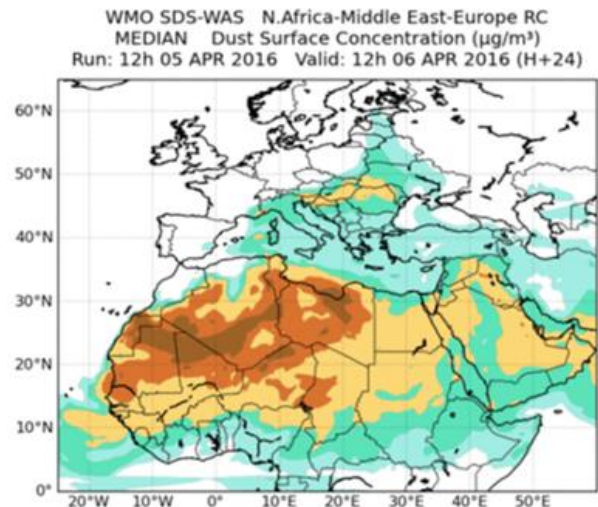
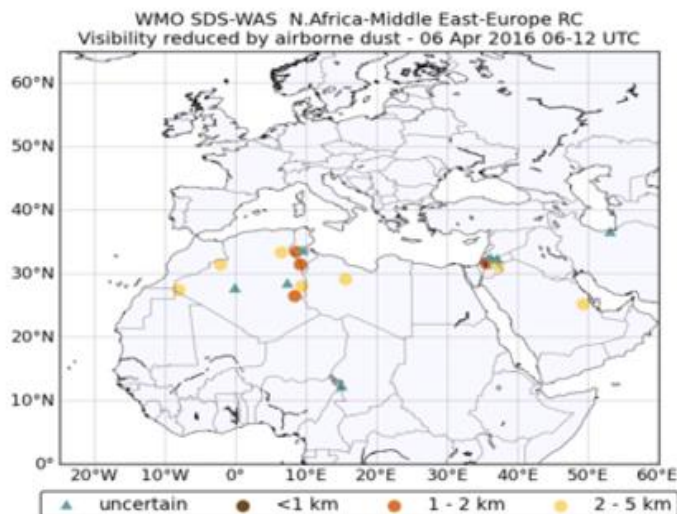
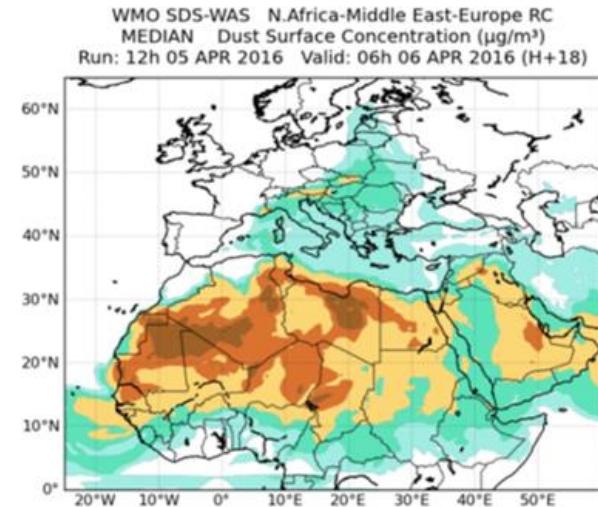
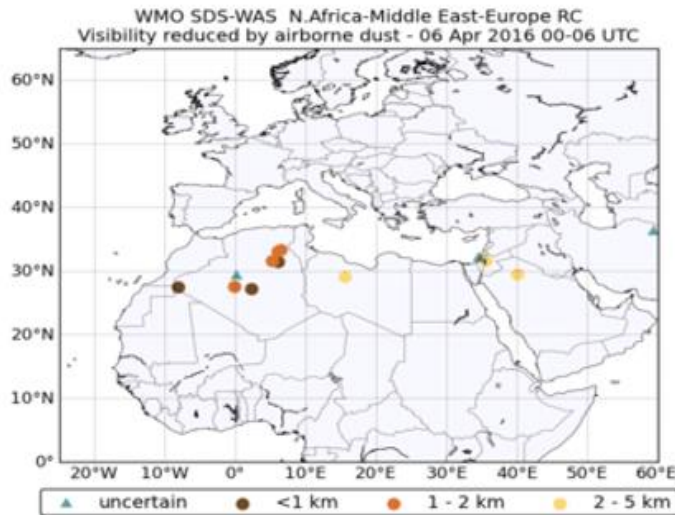
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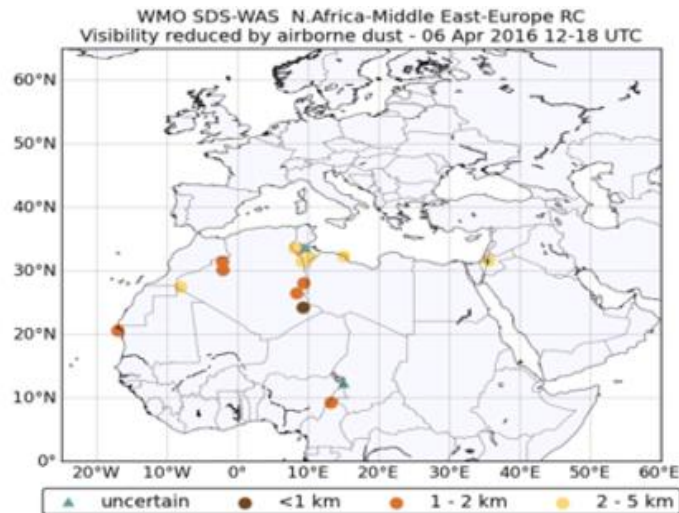


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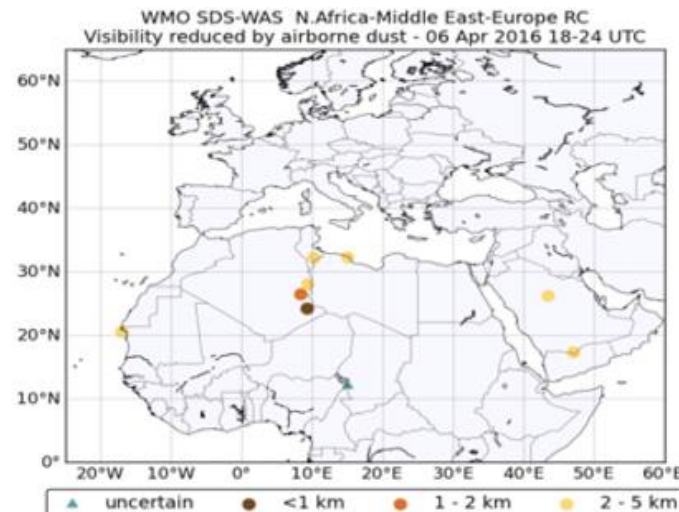
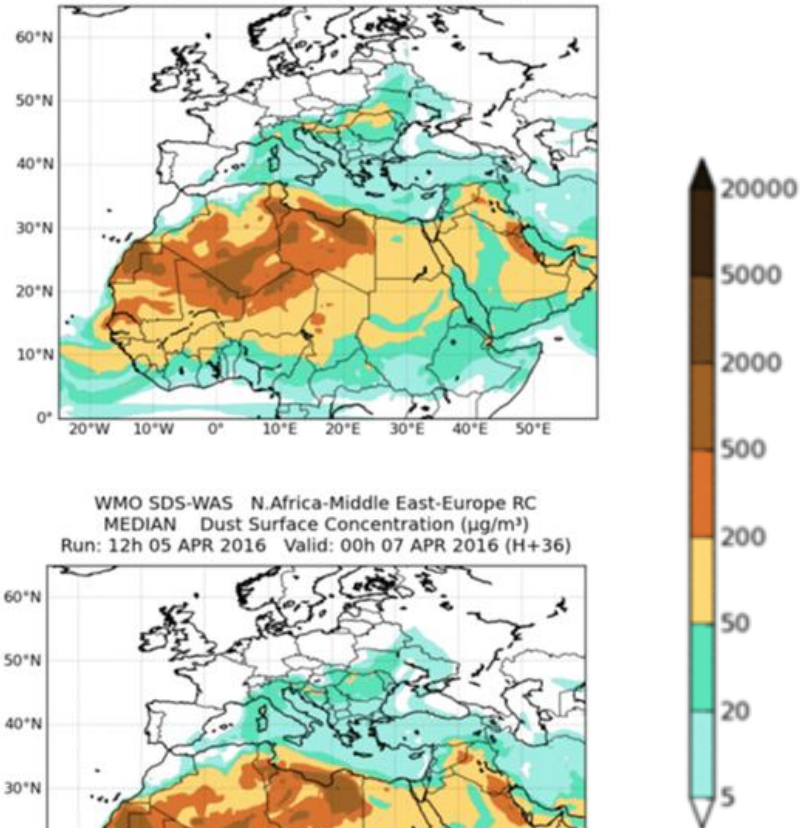


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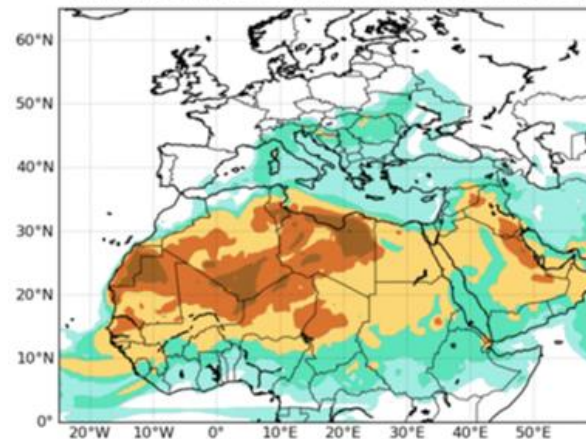
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Run: 12h 05 APR 2016 Valid: 18h 06 APR 2016 (H+30)



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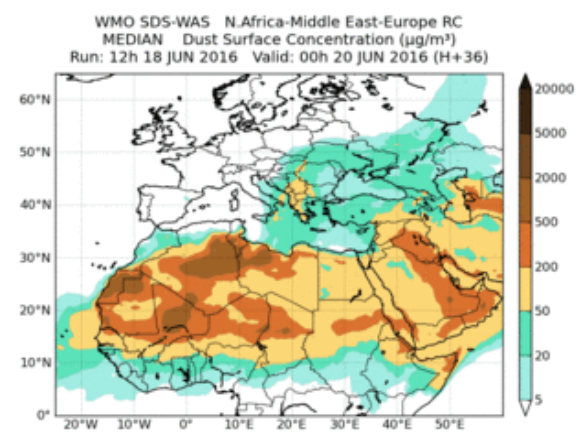
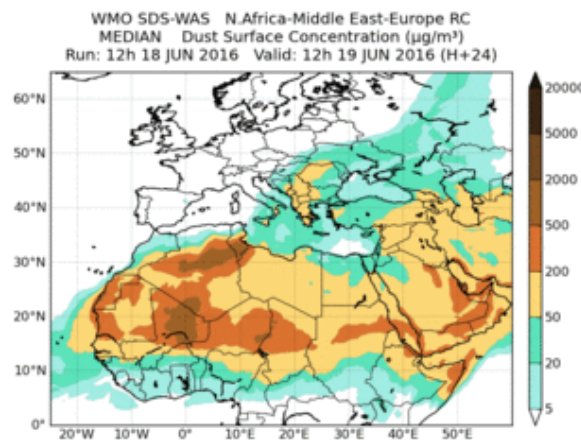
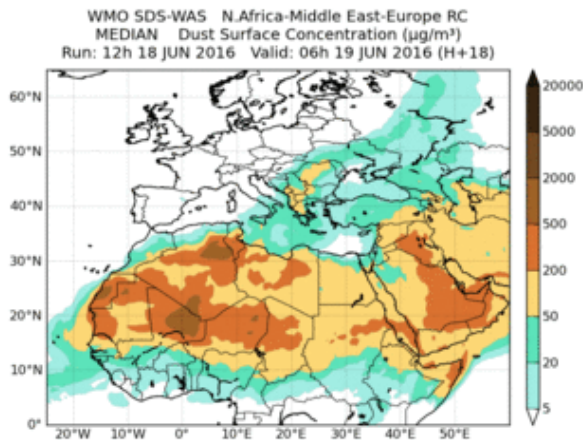
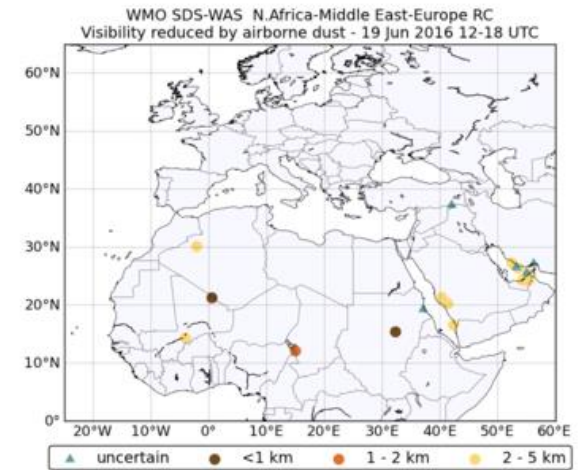
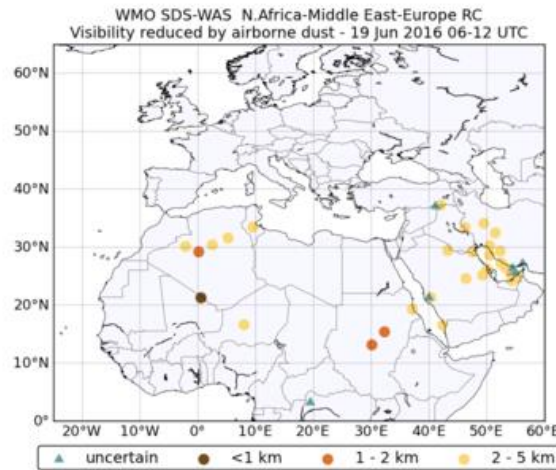
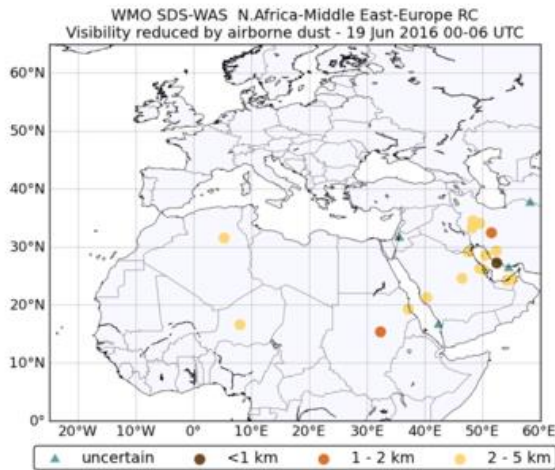




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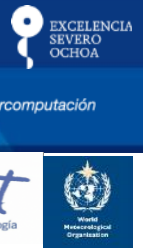




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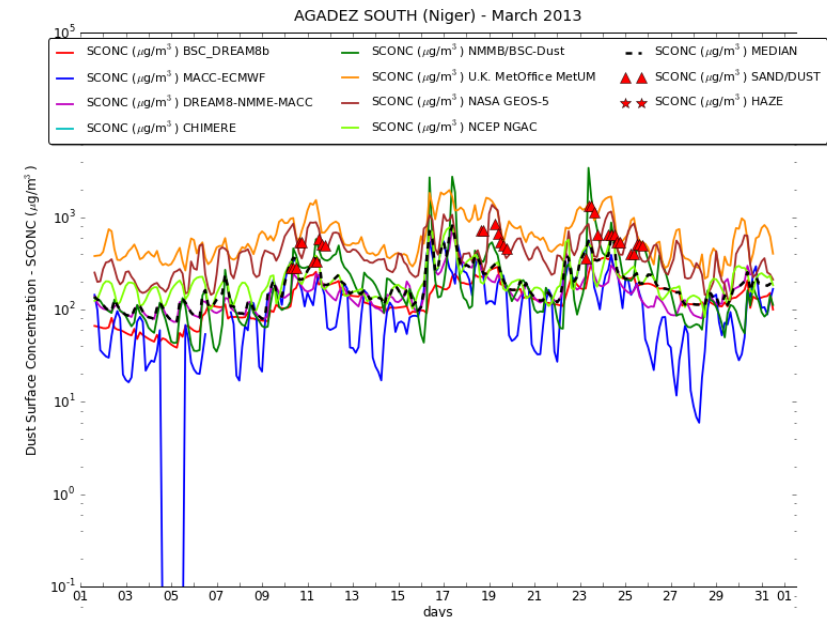
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AGADEZ SOUTH, Niger

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Ben Mohamed et al. (1992)

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



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## Ceilometer

Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Granada and Montsec (Spain)

- + High density of stations
- Qualitative products



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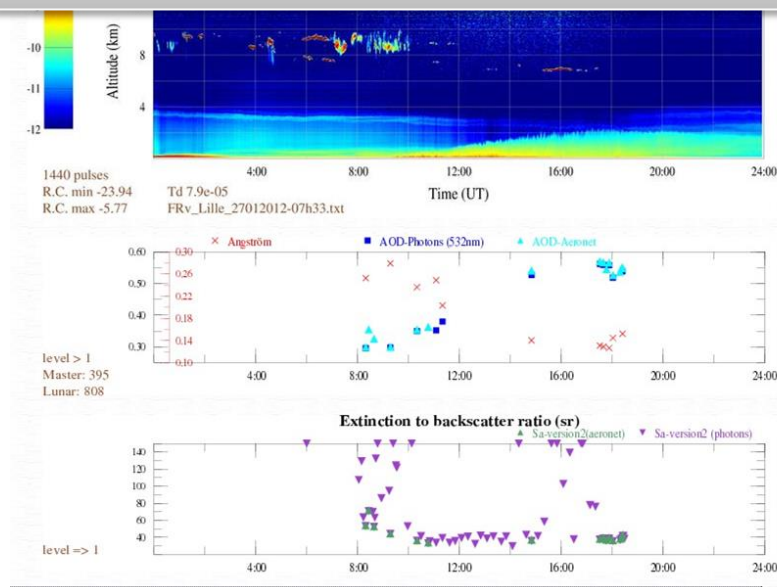
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## Lidar

M'Bour (Senegal)

- Low number of stations
- + Quantitative products



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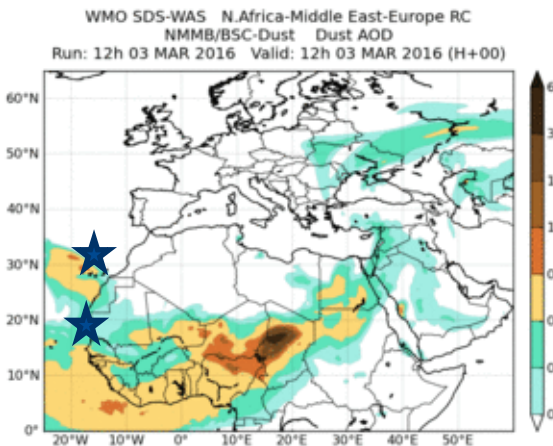
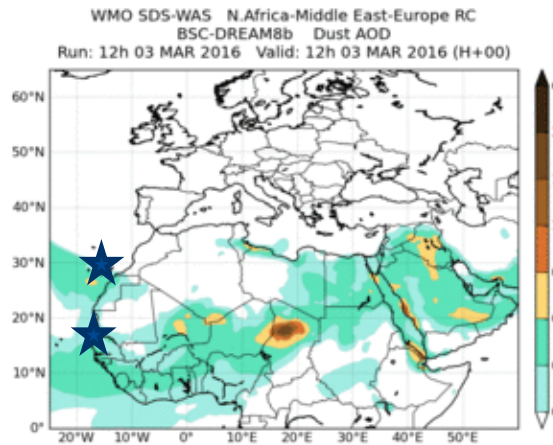
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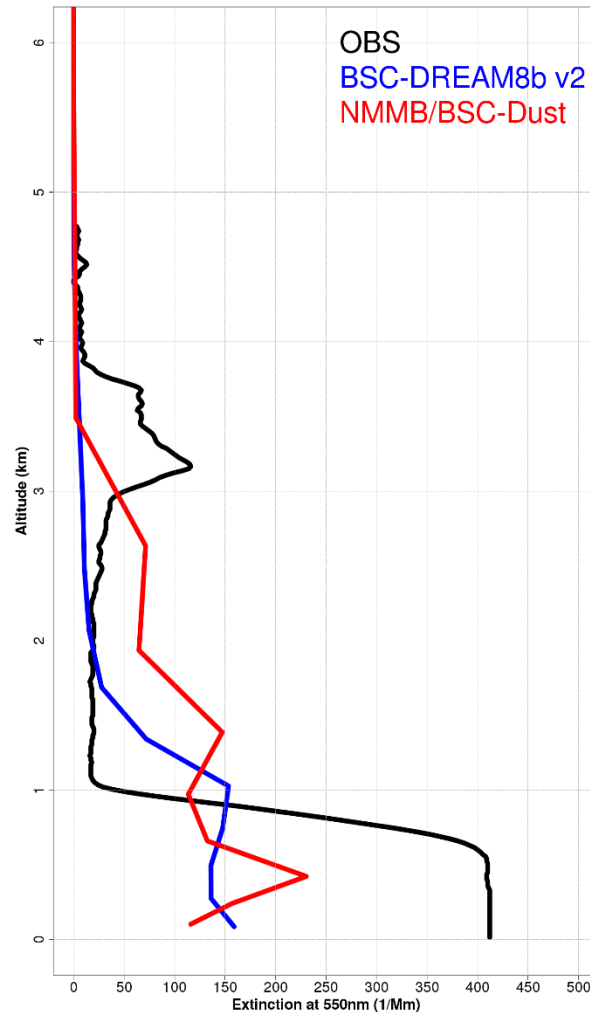
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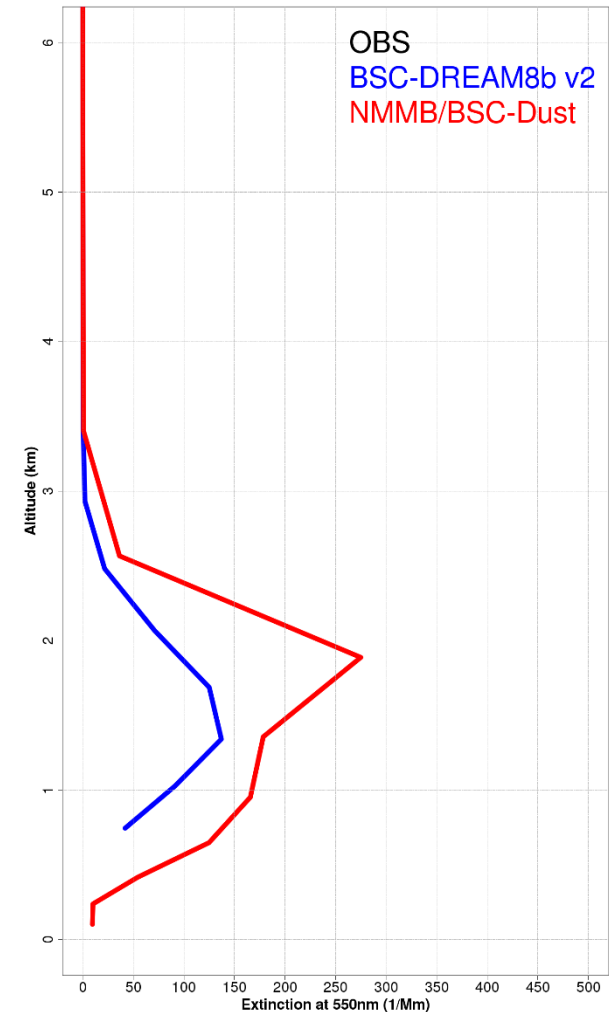
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MBour at 2016-03-03 at 12UTC



Tenerife at 2016-03-03 at 12UTC





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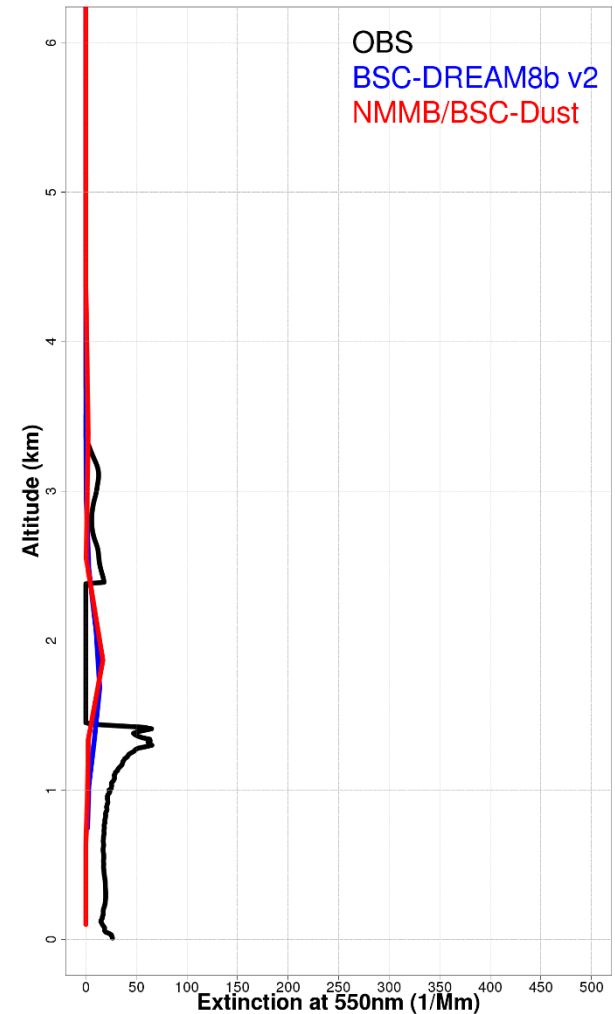
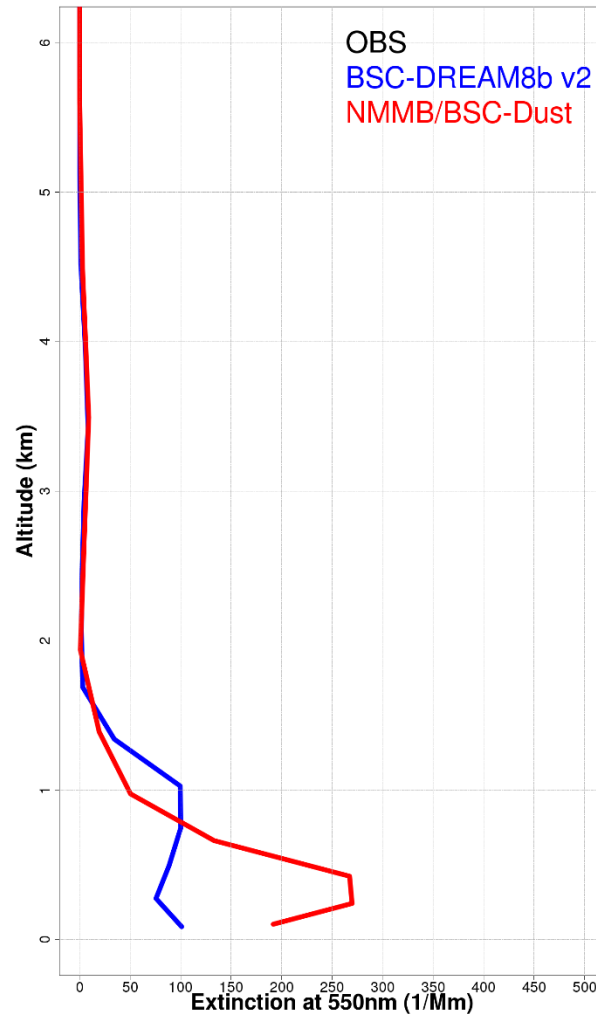
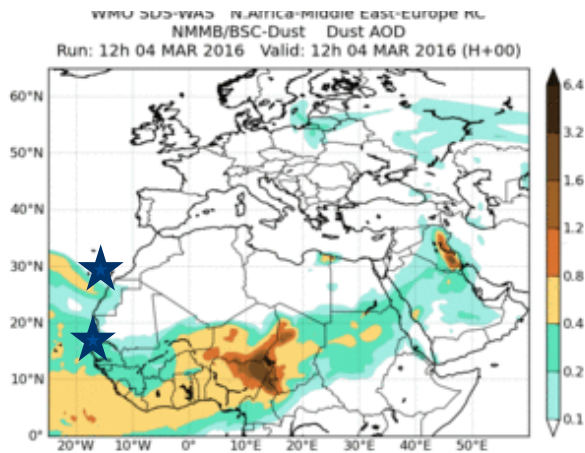
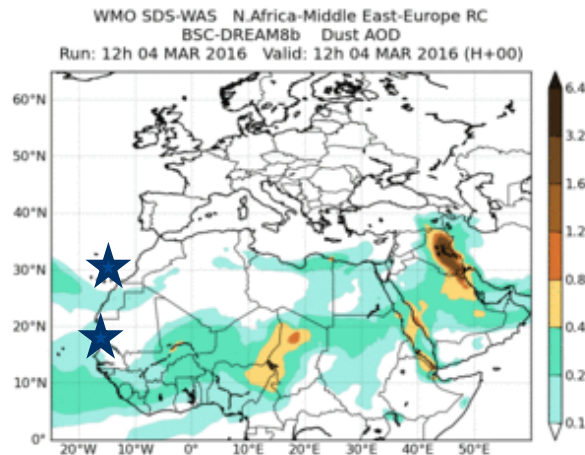
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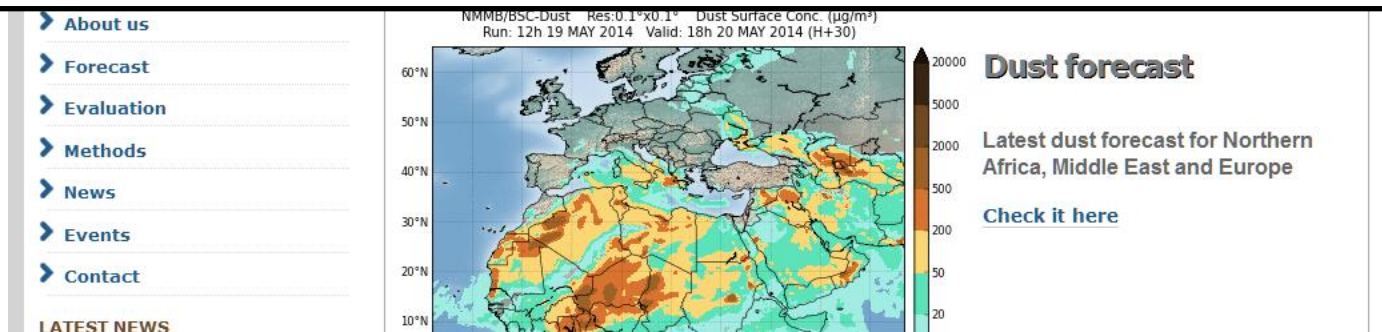
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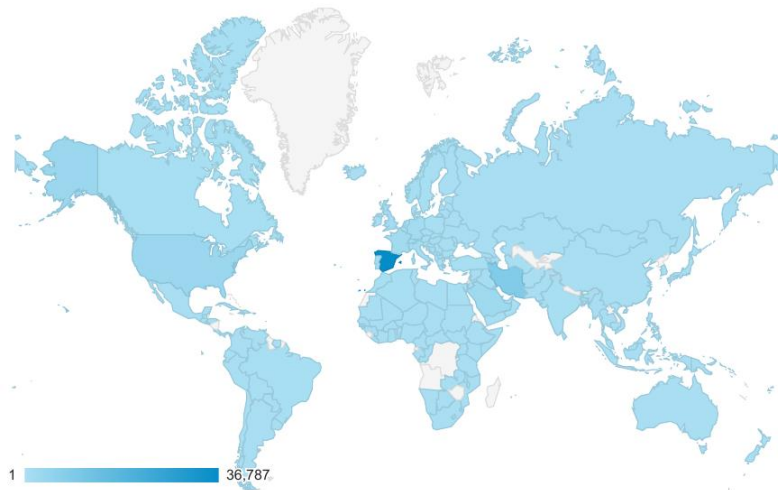
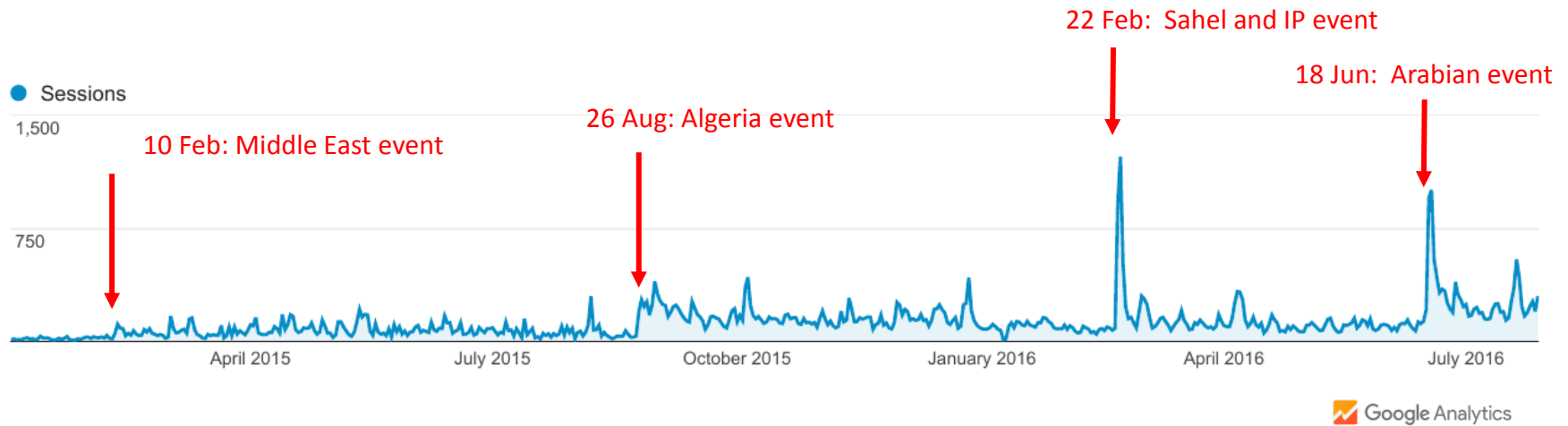
***In 2014, the First Specialized Center for Mineral Dust  
Prediction of WMO is created  
NMMB/BSC-Dust selected to provide operational forecasts  
for NAMEE region***



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## Website visits: 1 January 2015 – 28 July 2016





# BDFC: Dust Forecasts products



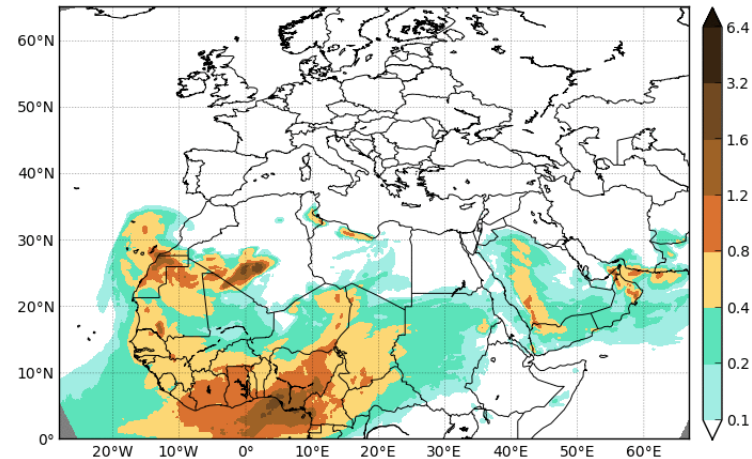
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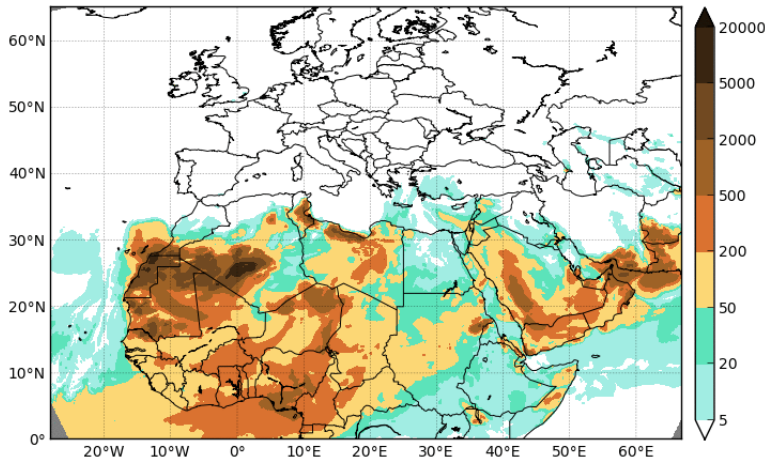


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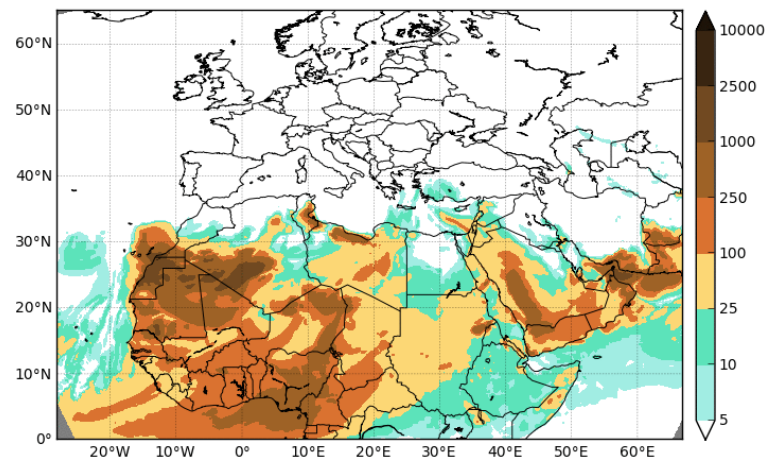


***Dust Optical Depth at 550nm***  
***Dust Dry Deposition***  
***Dust Load***  
***Dust Surface Concentration***  
***Dust Surface Extinction at 550nm***  
***Dust Wet Deposition***

Barcelona Dust Forecast Center  
NMMB/BSC-Dust Res:0.1°x0.1° Dust Surface Conc. ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )  
Run: 12h 07 MAR 2015 Valid: 12h 07 MAR 2015 (H+00)



Barcelona Dust Forecast Center  
NMMB/BSC-Dust Res:0.1°x0.1° Dust Surface Ext. ( $\text{Mm}^{-1}$ )  
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# BDFC: Dust event Canary Islands Feb 2015



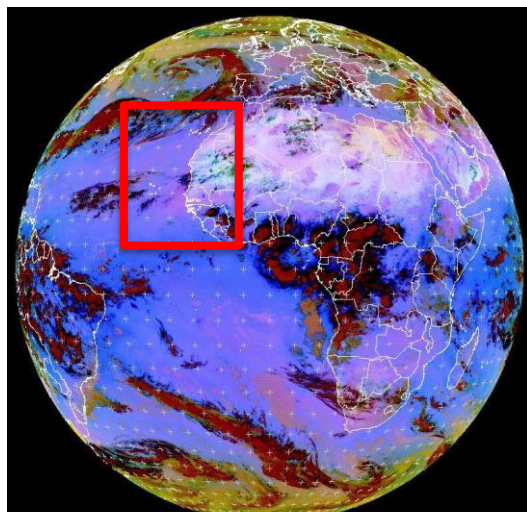
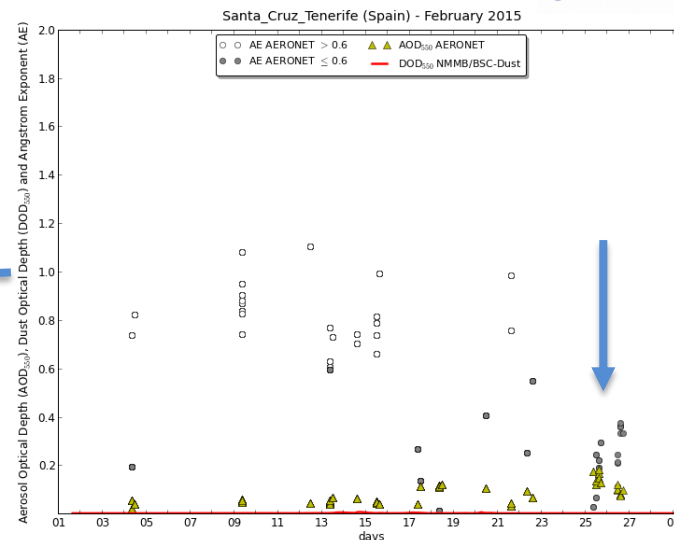
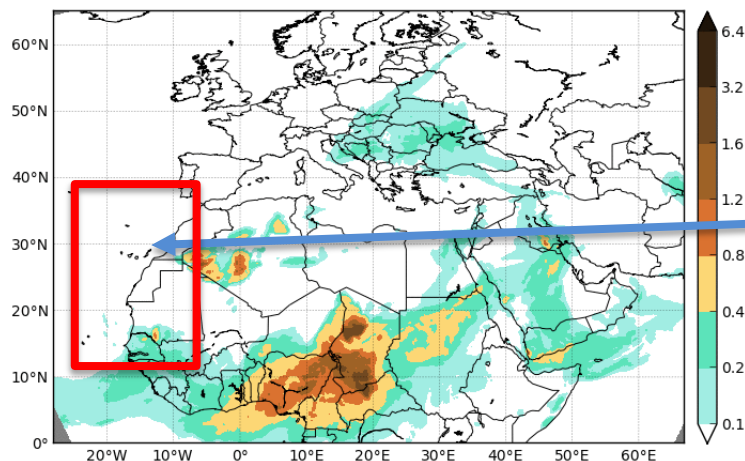
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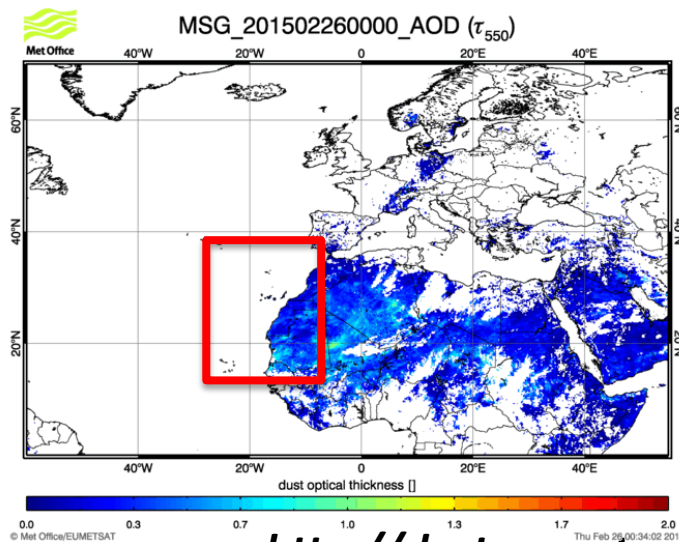


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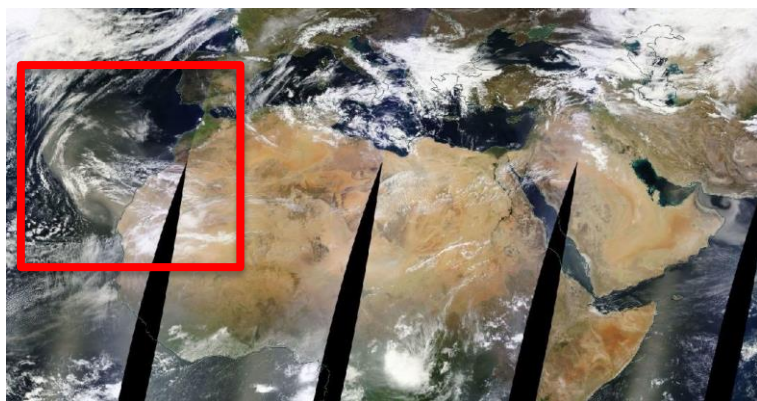
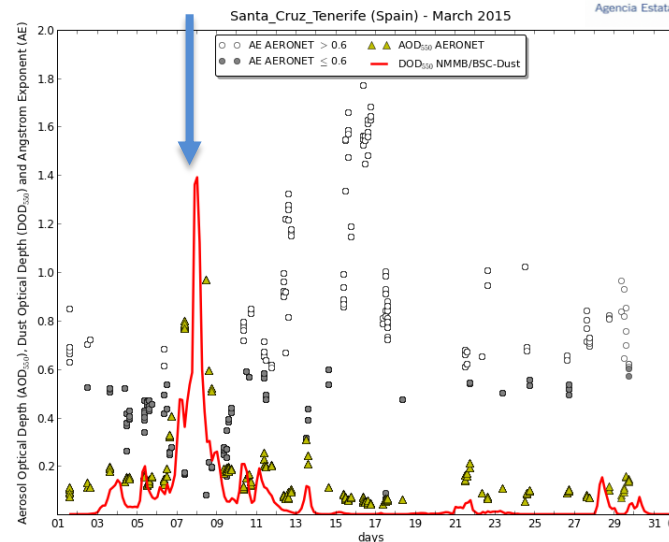
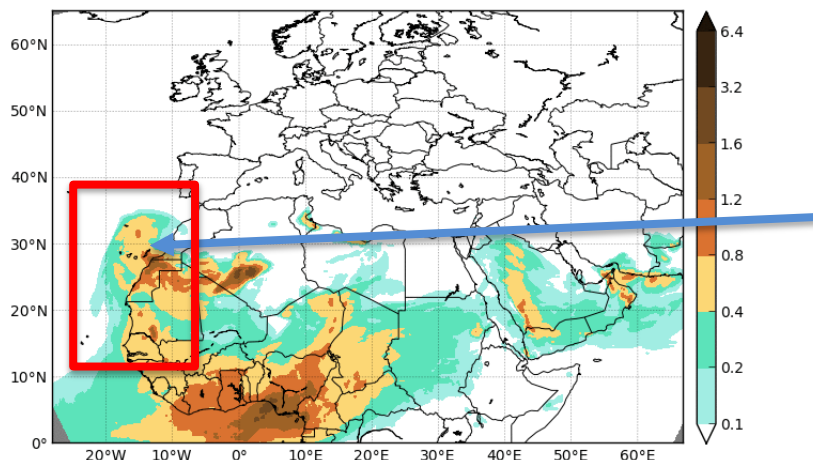
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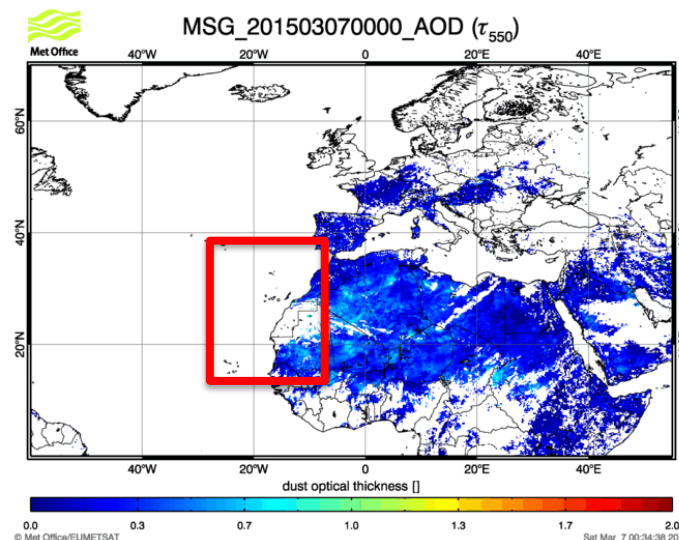
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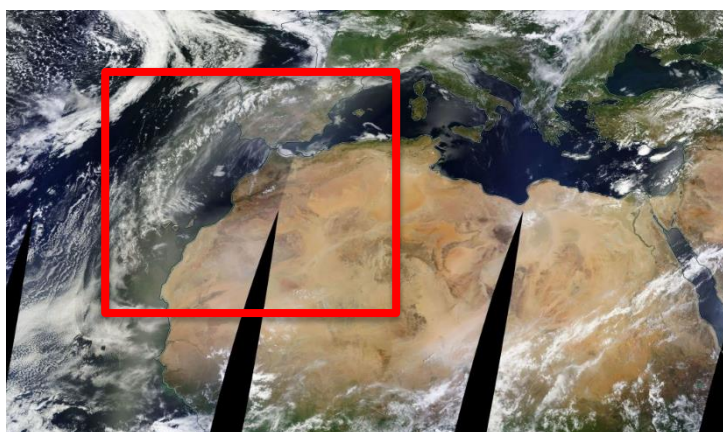
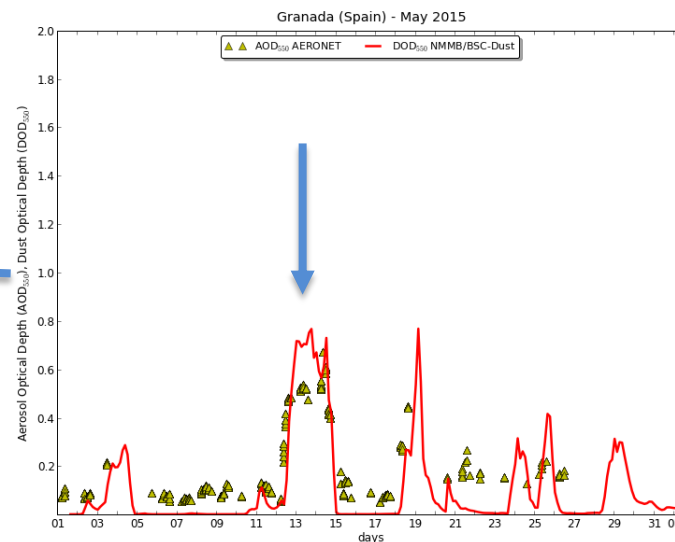
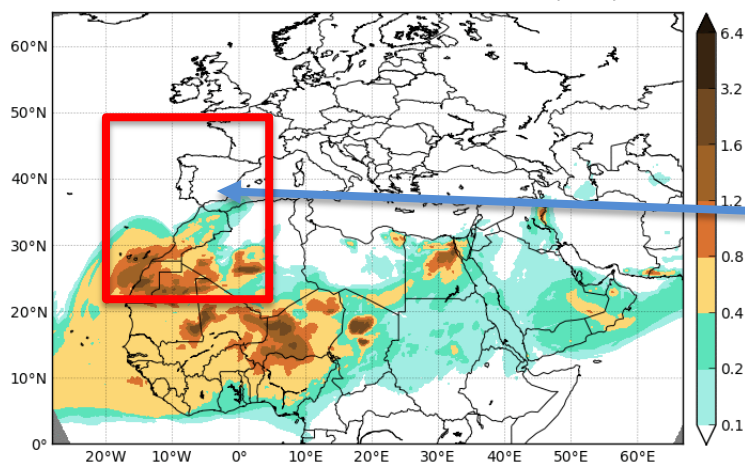


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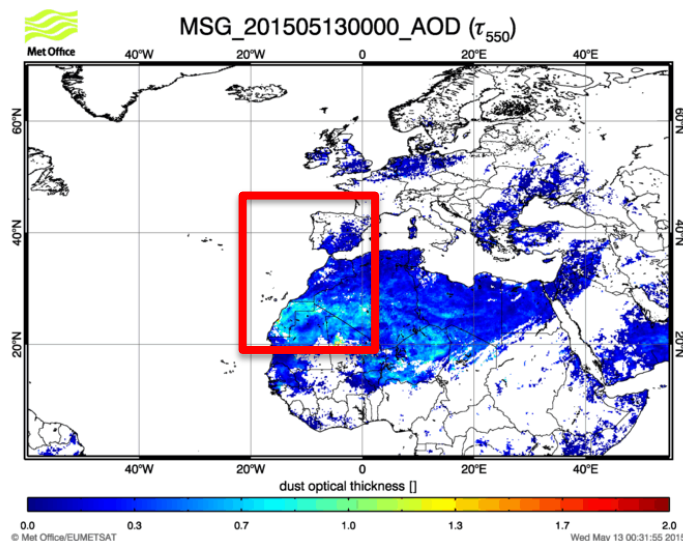


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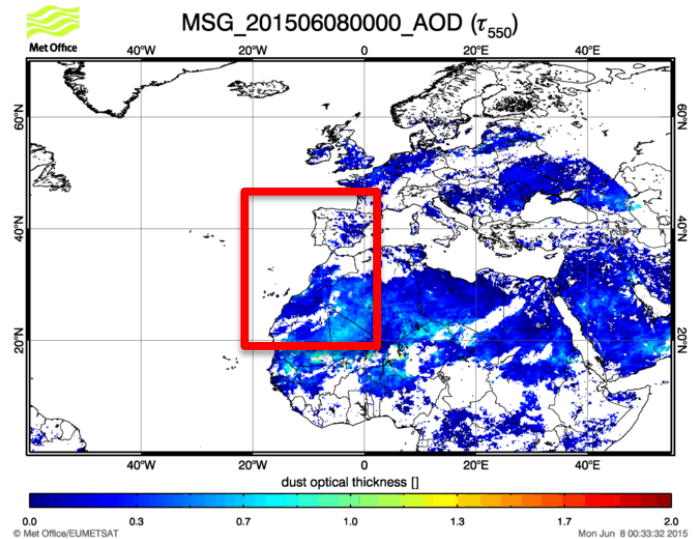
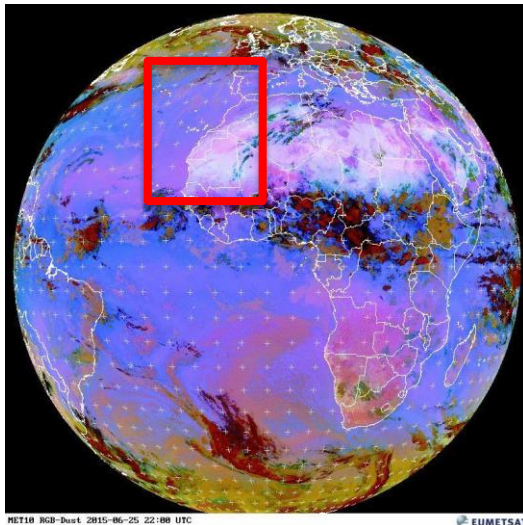
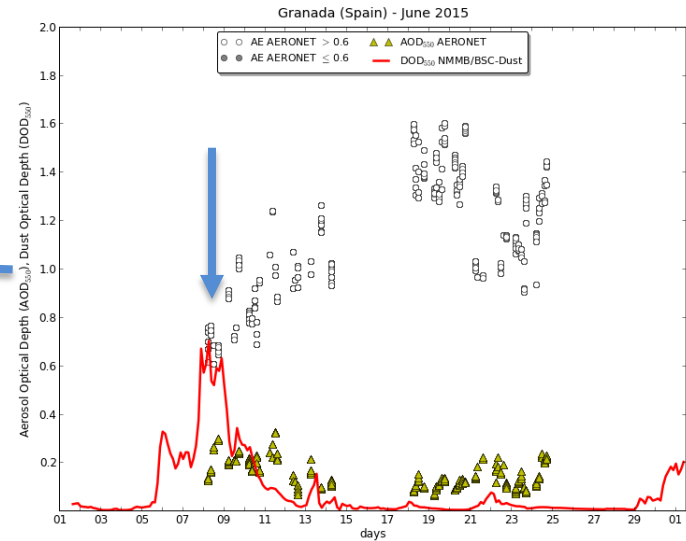
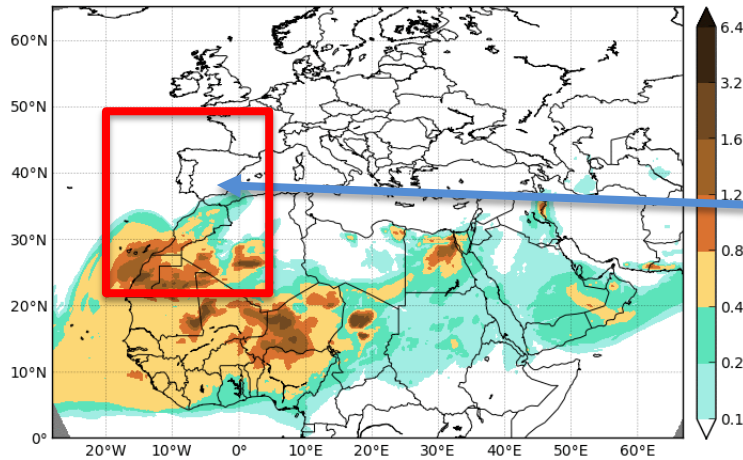


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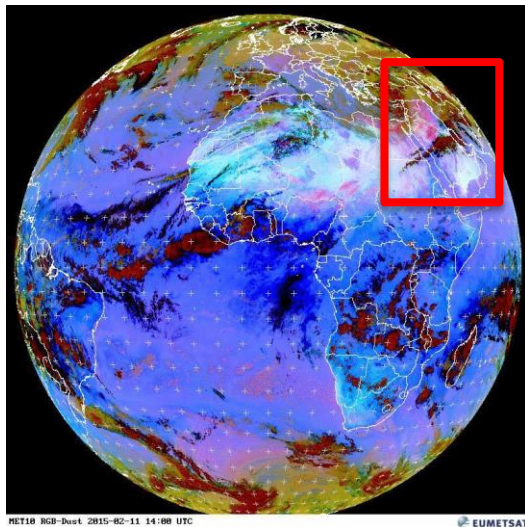
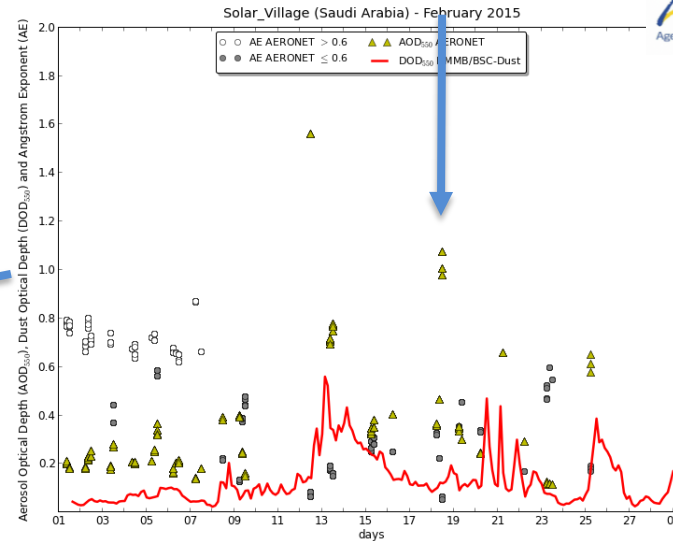
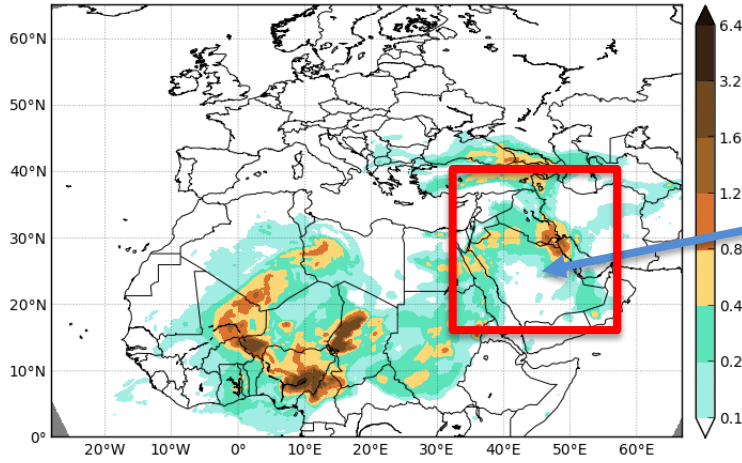
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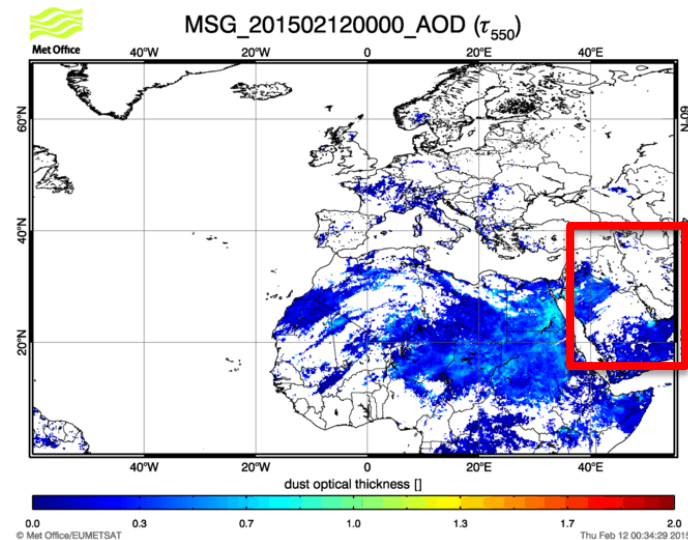
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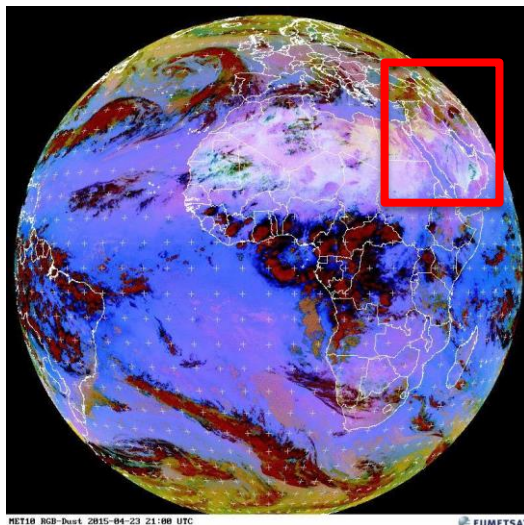
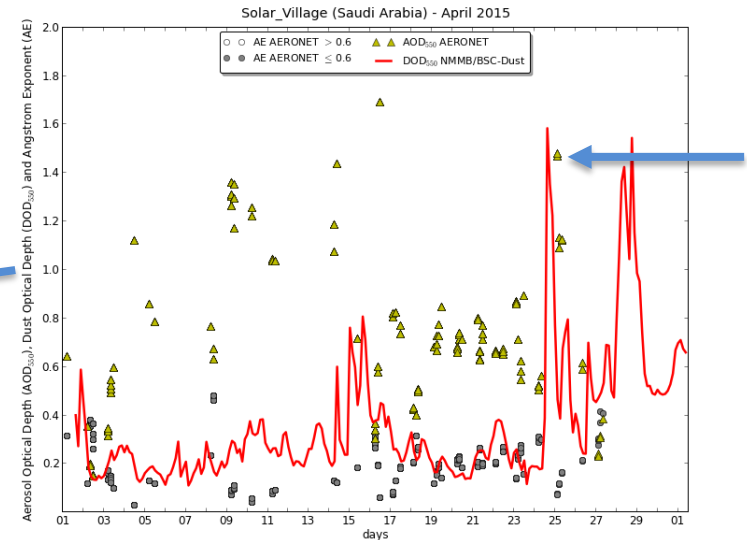
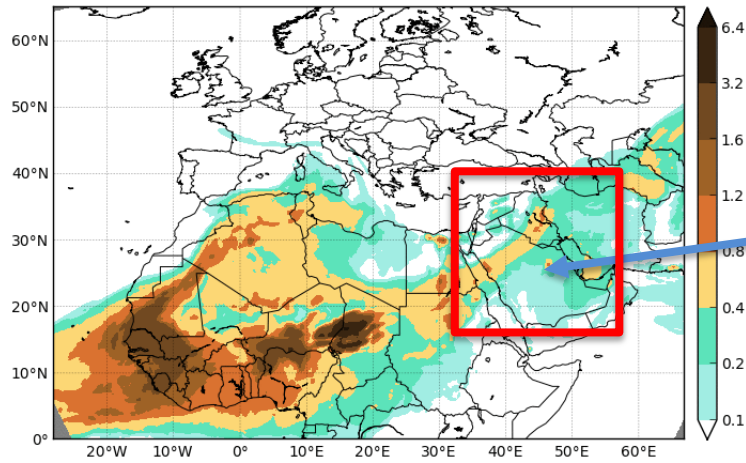


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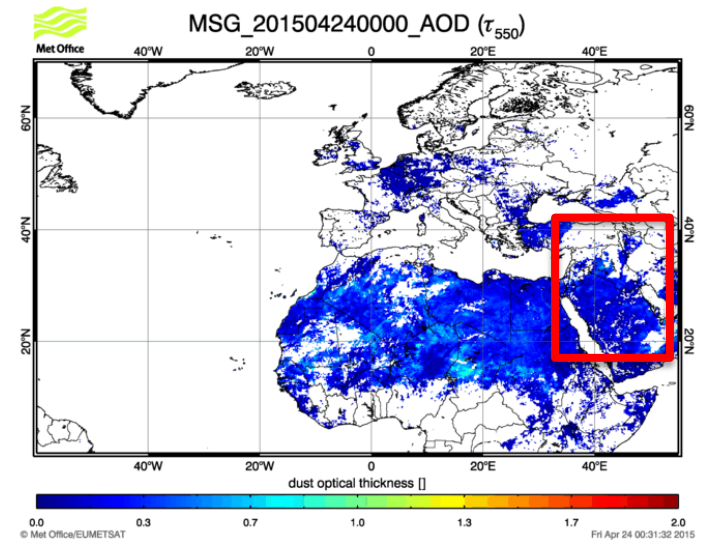
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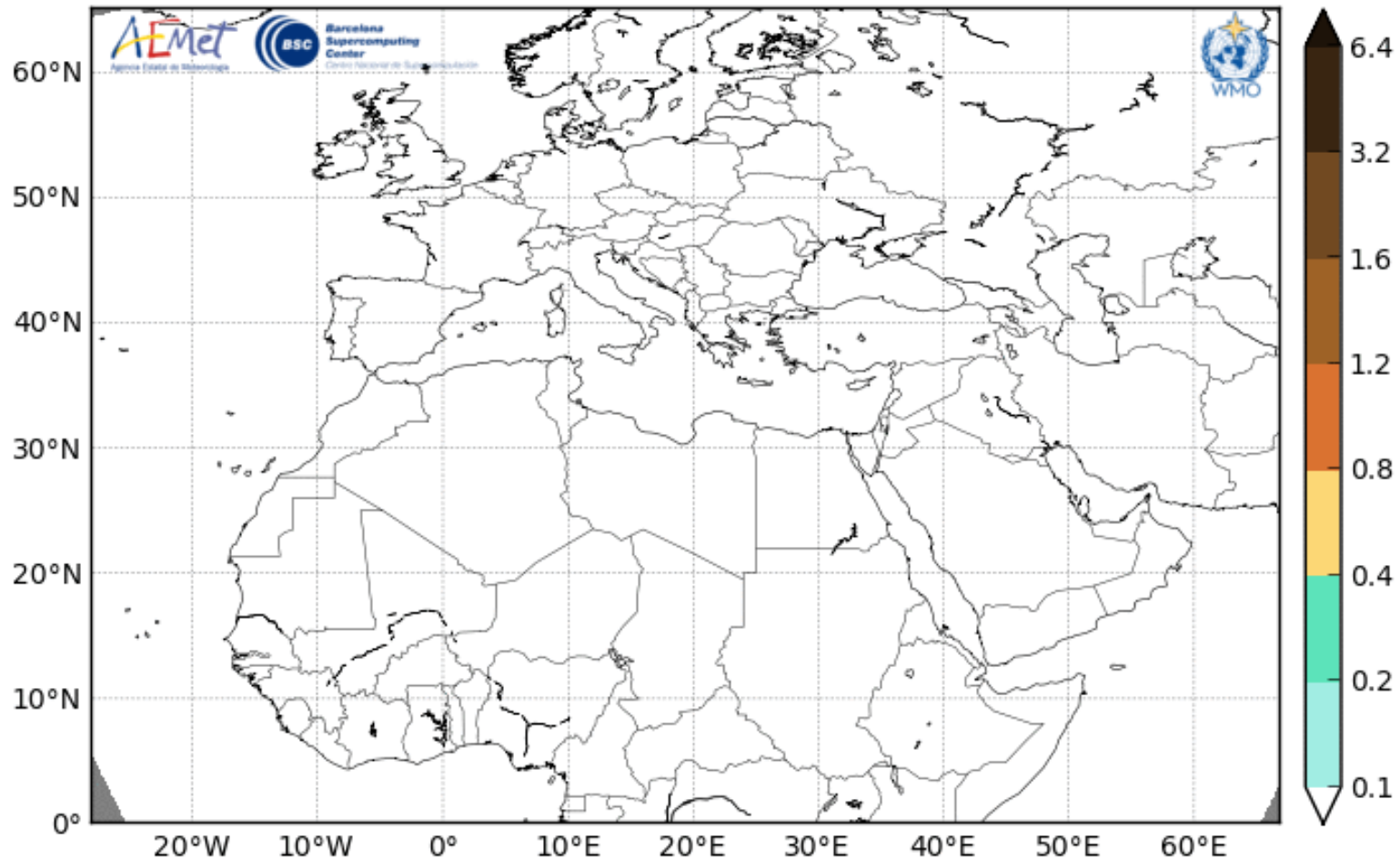
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# BDFC: Dust event EU October 2017



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Run: 12h 14 OCT 2017 Valid: 12h 14 OCT 2017 (H+00)



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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