



# Assessing ozone abatement scenarios in the framework of the Spanish Ozone Mitigation Plan

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# Objectives

- To assess the impact of abatement emission measures defined by the *official national plan of energy and climate* (PNIEC) and the *national air pollution control program* (PNCCA) on ozone levels in Spain
- To explore additional abatement measures in key emission sectors (e.g. road transport, emissions from use of solvents, industry, aviation, shipping) to further mitigate ozone levels in Spain

# Methodology

# Air quality Models and setup

- 2 models (robustness in sensitivities and model uncertainty): **WRF-CMAQ, MONARCH**
- Same anthropogenic emissions: CAMS-REG-ANT-v4.2 (Europe), HERMESv3 bottom-up (Spain)
- Period of study July 2019

Model	CMAQ	MONARCH
Domains	Europe (12km)/Spain (4km) Lambert Conformal Conic	Europe (20km)/Spain (5km) Rotated latitude-longitude
	37 vertical layers (top 50 hPa)	24 vertical layers (top 50 hPa)
Meteorology (BC)	WRFv3.5 (FNL)	NMMB (ERA5)
Chemistry (BC)	CMAQv5.0.2 CB05 + AERO6 (CAMS)	Online CB05 + BSC aerosols (CAMS)
Natural emissions	MEGAN (biogenic)	MEGAN (biogenic) + GFAS



# Emission scenarios

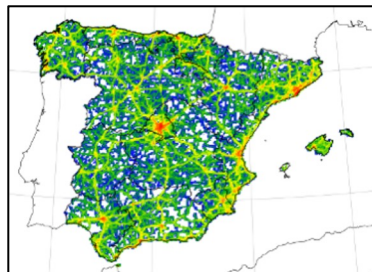
Scenario	Description
Base case (BE)	Reference year 2019, combine HERMESv3 (BSC bottom-up emissions for Spain) + MITERD (LPS, PRTR-Spain, fleet composition and official use of solvents) + CAMS-REG (shipping emissions)
Planned emissions (PE)	BE + emission changes projected for 2030 according to measures proposed in PNIEC and PNCCA plans of Spain (consistent with projected data 2030 CLRTAP)
Specific scenario 1 (SE_T50)	BE + PE with the assumption that only 50% of emission reductions projected for road transport in PE will be achieved
Specific scenario 2 (SE_S25)	BE + PE + with -25% additional reduction of emissions from use of solvents
Specific scenario 3 (SE_I25)	BE + PE + with -25% additional reduction of the industrial emissions from refineries and manufacturing plants of other non-metallic mineral products except for cement plants
Specific scenario 4 (SE_A25_M20)	BE + PE + with -25% and -20%* additional reduction of emissions from aviation and shipping, respectively. *In line with expected reduction in case of the implementation of a nitrogen emission control area (NECA) zone in the Mediterranean Sea.
Specific scenario 5 (SE_A25_M60)	BE + PE + with -25% and -60%* additional reduction of emissions from aviation and shipping, respectively. *More ambitious than a NECA.

# Base case (BE) anthropogenic emissions

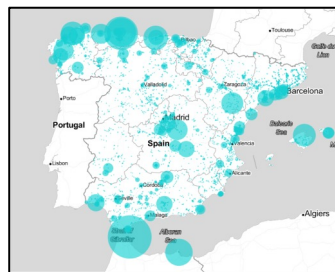
Processing emission scenarios using HERMESv3 system

- BE

Base case scenario



*NOx emissions (t/yr)*



*NOx emissions of large point sources*

Reference year 2019, combine  
HERMESv3 (BSC bottom-up emissions  
for Spain)

+

*Spanish Emission Inventory MITECO*  
(energy and manufacturing industry -  
*Large Point Sources, Pollutant Release*  
*and Transfer Register-Spain* -, fleet  
composition and official use of  
solvents)

+

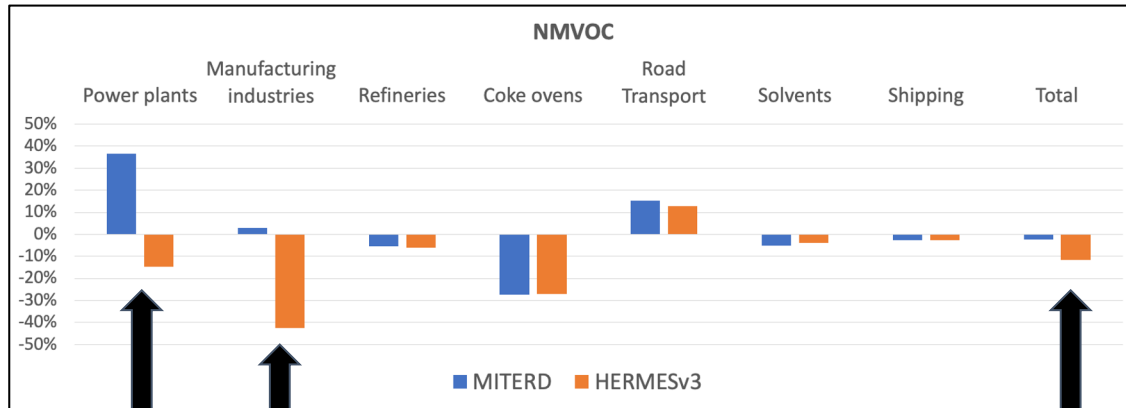
CAMS-REG (rest Europe, shipping  
emissions)

# Planned emission scenario (PE)

Processing emission scenarios using HERMESv3 system

- **BE**                      **Base case scenario**
- **PE**                      **Planned emission scenario**

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**Lack of information to distribute expected increase of NMVOC emissions from future biomass power plants**

# Specific scenarios

Processing emission scenarios using HERMESv3 system

- **BE**                      **Base case scenario**
- **PE**                      **Planned emission scenario**

Emission reduction  
(reference EB)

E(NOx)    E(VOCs)

-37.0%    -4.9%

Specific scenarios:

- **EE\_T50**                      **PE with lower reductions in road transport (-30% instead -60%)**    -23.1%    -5.1%
- **EE\_S25**                      **PE with higher reductions in use of solvents (-25%)**    -37.0%    -18.1%
- **EE\_I25**                      **PE with higher reductions in industry (-25%)**    -38.8%    -5.0%
- **EE\_A25\_M20**                      **PE with higher reductions in aviation (-25%) and shipping (-20%)**    -38.3%\*    -5.0%\*
- **EE\_A25\_M60**                      **PE with higher reductions in aviation (-25%) and shipping (-60%)**    -40.4%\*    -5.2%\*

*(less ambitious than PE)*

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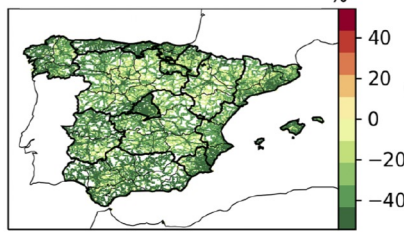
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international shipping*



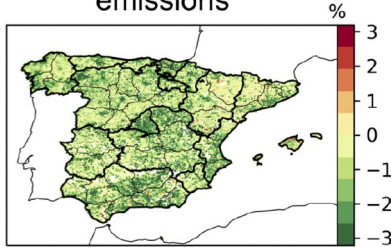
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# Planned scenario vs Base case scenario

Planned change  
NOx anthropogenic  
emissions

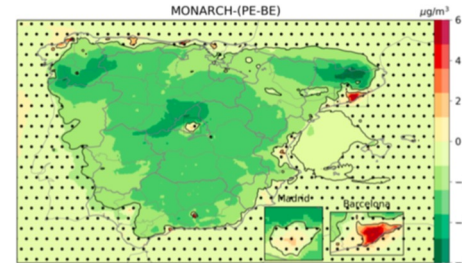
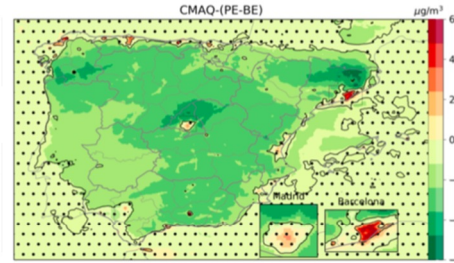


and NMVOC  
anthropogenic  
emissions

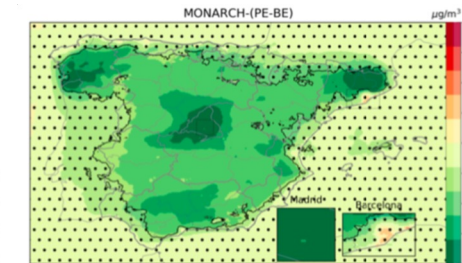
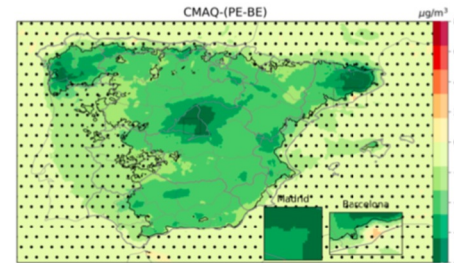


(2030 abatement plan)

Expected change in **hourly mean O<sub>3</sub>** in July 2019



**BE-PE (µg/m³)**  
mean -2.4/-2.4  
min -68.4/-51.0  
max 89.2/42.5



Expected change in **daily 8-hour max O<sub>3</sub>** in July 2019

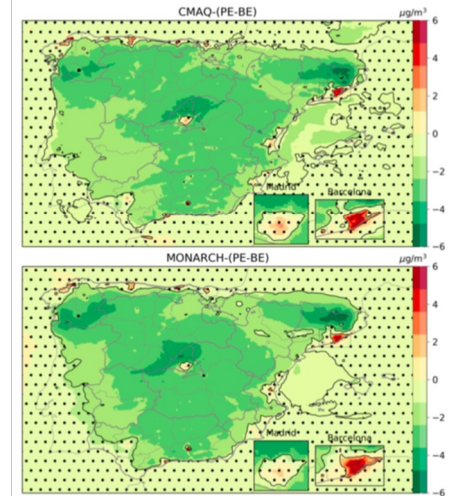
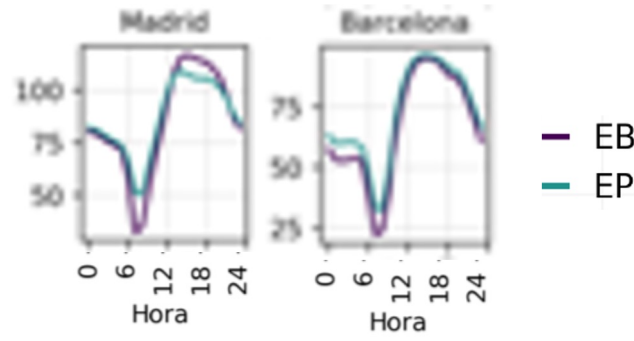
**BE-PE (µg/m³)**  
mean -3.8/-4.0  
min -26.9/-44.5  
max 29.4/13.7

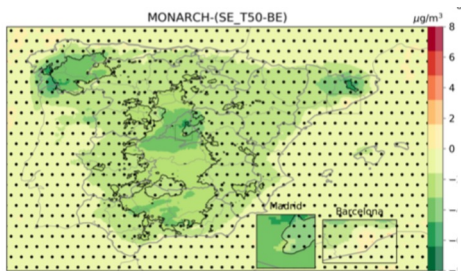


# Planned scenario vs Base case scenario

Titration effect more relevant in some coastal cities

Mean daily profile:  $O_3$  increase during the early morning compensated by a decrease in the afternoon in Madrid city but not in Barcelona city

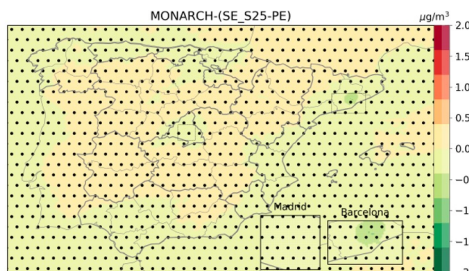




**SE\_T50 : -30%** instead of -60% reduction of **road transport PE**

**Achieving only half the objective** of reduction of road transport emissions implies achieving **only 50-60% of the O<sub>3</sub> reductions** expected with PE.

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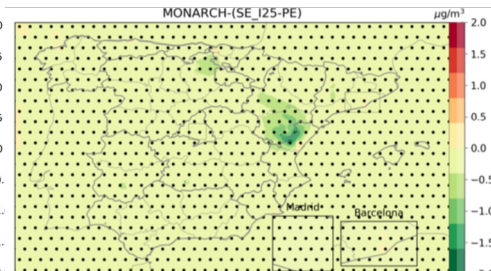
**SE\_S25: -25%** reduction of emissions from **use of solvents**

**Limited and localized impact**

Main benefit in **slight attenuation of O<sub>3</sub> increase in Barcelona** metropolitan area

Weak impact could be due to **uncertainties in NMVOC emissions** or **limited reduction** compared with -60% NO<sub>x</sub> in PE

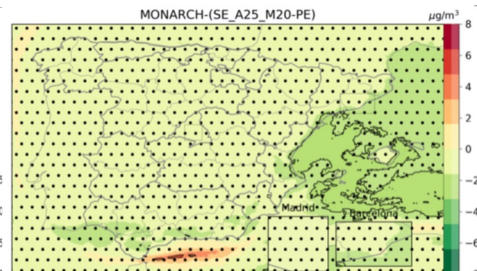
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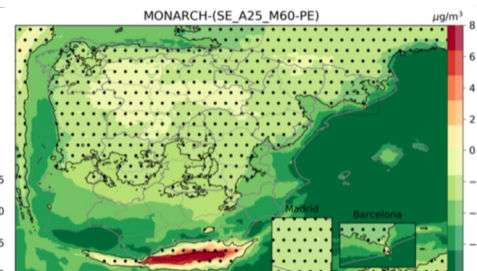
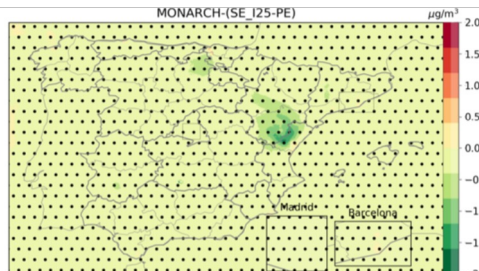
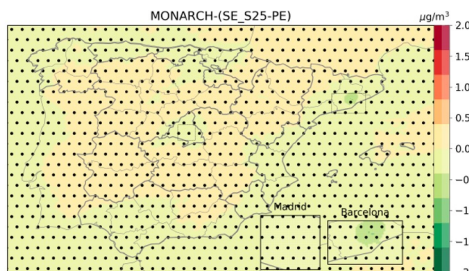
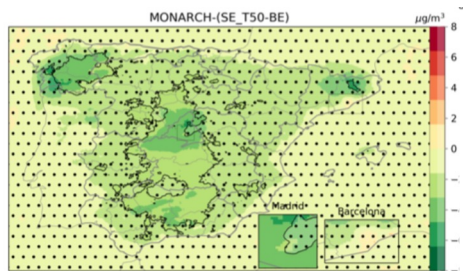
**SE\_A25\_M20: -25%** aviation and -**20%** shipping

**Substantial reduction of O<sub>3</sub> in specific coastal areas** (up to a few 100 km in-land) on the south-eastern Spain

**O<sub>3</sub> increases in the Gibraltar shipping route** (reduced titration)

**Reducing aviation emissions does not result in any significant impact**





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**SE\_A25\_M60: -25% aviation and -60% shipping**

**More ambitious reduction of shipping emissions achieve stronger reductions in O<sub>3</sub> with major changes over the Mediterranean coast up to 300 km in-land**

# Impact on the number of daily exceedances

Applying the model-based relative change of O<sub>3</sub> concentrations to the observations:

- Days with O<sub>3</sub>(MD8h) > 120 µg/m<sup>3</sup>: **-37% reduction** (-55% with strong abatement of maritime sector)
- Days with O<sub>3</sub>(h) > 180 µg/m<sup>3</sup>: **-77% reduction** (-85% with strong abatement of maritime sector)

Region	Threshold	N(OBS)	SE_T50	PE	SE_S25	SE_I25	SE_A25_M20	SE_A25_M60
ESP	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	1217	-22%	-37%	-38%	-38%	-44%	-55%
AND	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	143	-32%	-50%	-51%	-51%	-58%	-74%
ARA	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	53	-41%	-53%	-53%	-56%	-61%	-69%
CyL	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	88	-28%	-38%	-38%	-40%	-44%	-49%
CIM	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	78	-26%	-51%	-51%	-52%	-55%	-62%
CAT	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	208	-16%	-28%	-31%	-30%	-39%	-54%
NAV	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	5	-80%	-90%	-90%	-90%	-90%	-90%
MAD	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	385	-15%	-33%	-34%	-33%	-37%	-44%
VAL	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	140	-20%	-31%	-31%	-34%	-43%	-62%
EXT	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	47	-26%	-49%	-49%	-52%	-53%	-61%
GAL	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	3	-50%	-67%	-67%	-67%	-67%	-83%
BAL	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	42	-18%	-25%	-25%	-25%	-44%	-55%
PV	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	13	-46%	-46%	-46%	-46%	-50%	-62%
AST	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
MUR	120 <sup>(d8max)</sup>	10	-20%	-35%	-35%	-35%	-55%	-70%
ESP	180 <sup>(d1max)</sup>	44	-44%	-77%	-81%	-78%	-80%	-85%
CyL	180 <sup>(d1max)</sup>	1	0%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%
CIM	180 <sup>(d1max)</sup>	1	0%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%
CAT	180 <sup>(d1max)</sup>	20	-45%	-62%	-68%	-62%	-65%	-78%
EXT	180 <sup>(d1max)</sup>	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
MAD	180 <sup>(d1max)</sup>	17	-50%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%
VAL	180 <sup>(d1max)</sup>	3	-67%	-83%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%

# Conclusions

- The **Planned emission scenario (PE)** allows a strong reduction of  $O_3$ (MD8h) of **-4  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  on average** and we estimate **-37% reduction of daily exceedances**.
- **Road transport** sector is a **key emission sector** for achieving the generalized reduction of  $O_3$  over Spain.
- The **second key sector** appears to be the **maritime emissions** with major impacts in coastal areas (up to 100s km in-land).
  - The implementation of a NECA zone in the Mediterranean Sea should be considered in the future to help controlling shipping  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions in this  $O_3$  hotspot region.
- More **limited and localized response** is found in the other specific scenarios, including the **reduction of solvent, industry and aviation**.
- **Additional ambitious reductions of NMVOC emissions** could compensate the increase of  $O_3$  in urban regions.

# Ongoing and future works



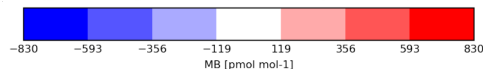
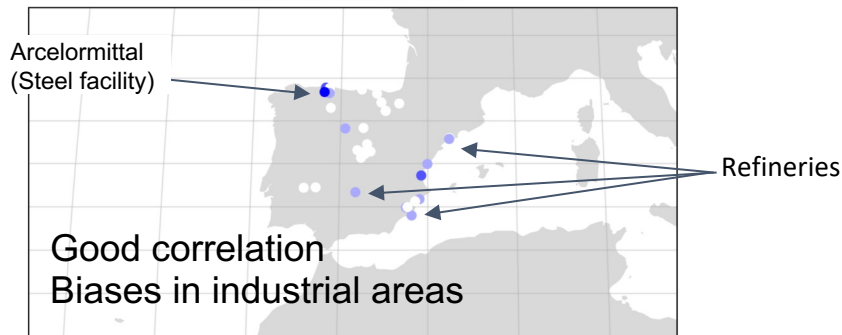
# Advancing the current knowledge on NMVOC

- Updating and improving NMVOC emission speciation profiles (Oliveira et al., 2023)<sup>1</sup>
  - Compilation and comparison of speciation profiles available from databases/literature
  - Speciation of NMVOC anthropogenic emissions (150 activities, more than 900 species)
  - Intercomparison of the NMVOC speciated inventories (HERMESv3 versus CAMS-REG)
- Evaluating MONARCH performance in simulating Benzene, Toluene and Xylene (work in progress)
  - Modelled versus observed concentrations using the national observational network
  - Review of emissions, temporal profiles, spatial proxies,...based on evaluation results
  - Performance of sensitivity tests (e.g., PRTR versus LPS NMVOC emissions in refineries)

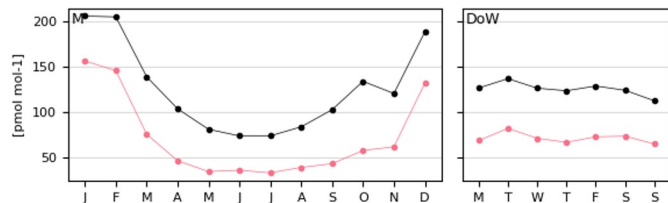
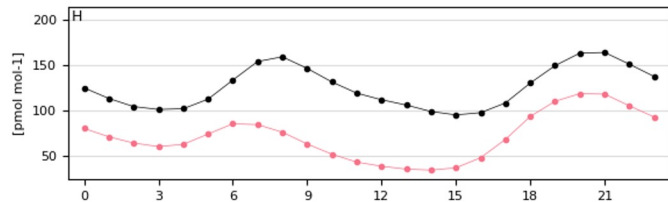
# VOC evaluation

## Benzene

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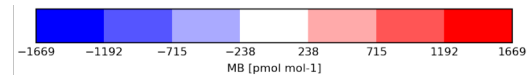
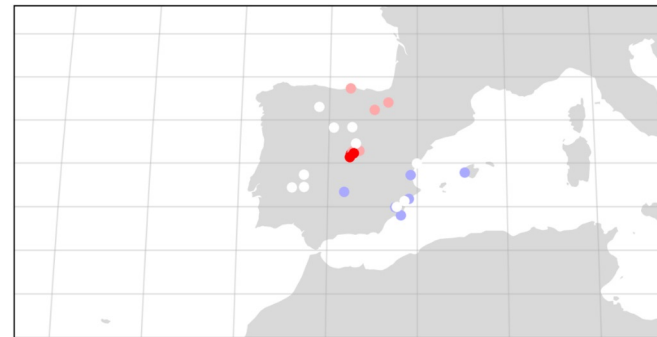


N	NMB	NME	RMSE	r
41	-43.0	47.5	69.58	0.83

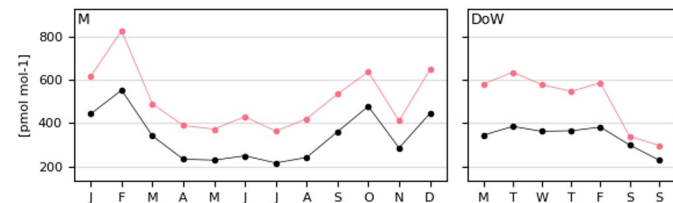
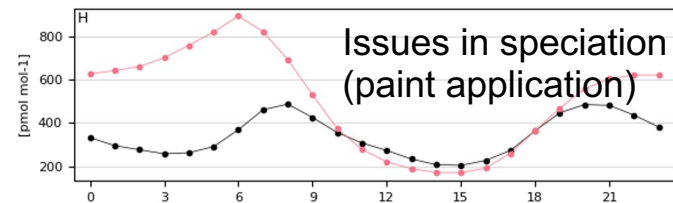


## Toluene

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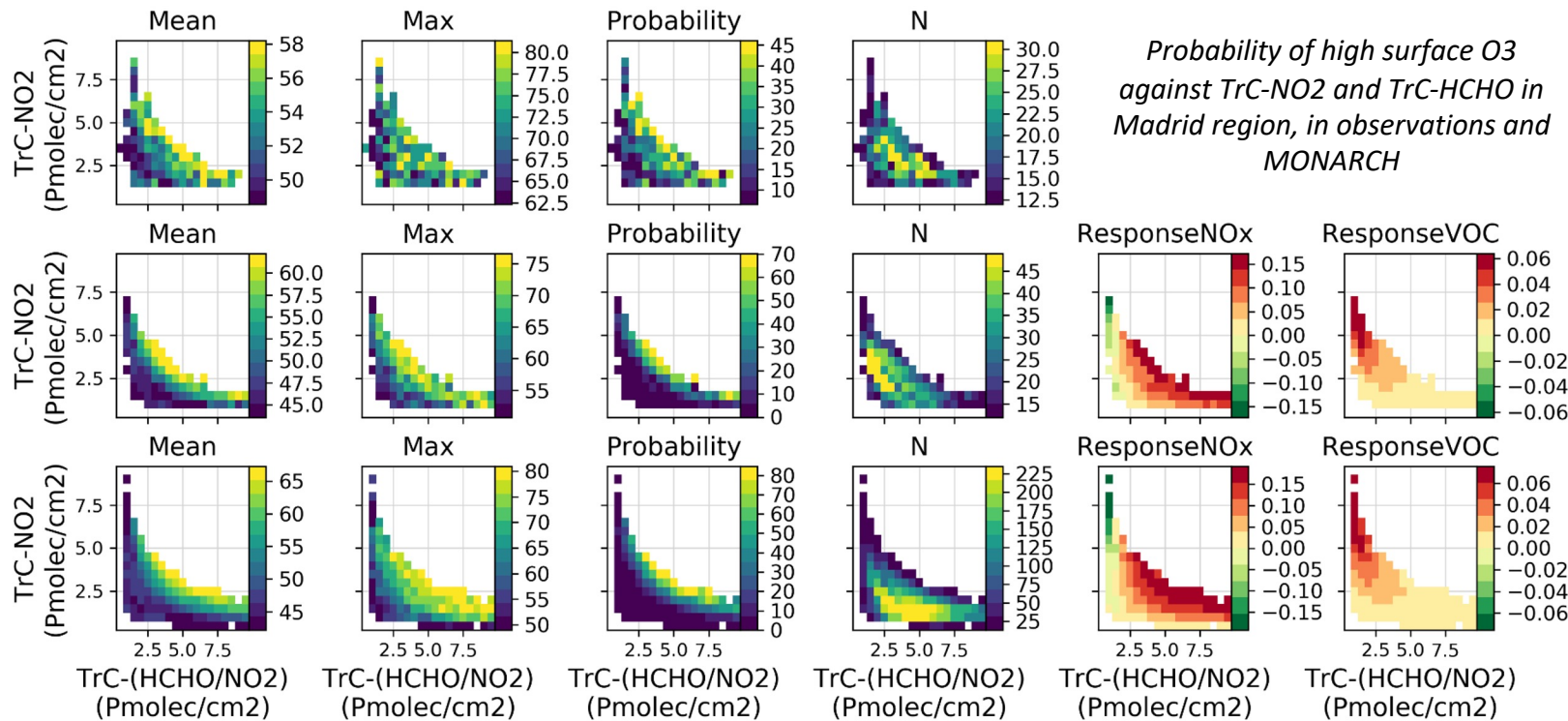


N	NMB	NME	RMSE	r
27	41.9	64.0	311.2	0.67



# O<sub>3</sub> sensitivity regimes

- Evaluating the O<sub>3</sub> sensitivity regime with TROPOMI HCHO and NO<sub>2</sub> observations (MITIGATE project)



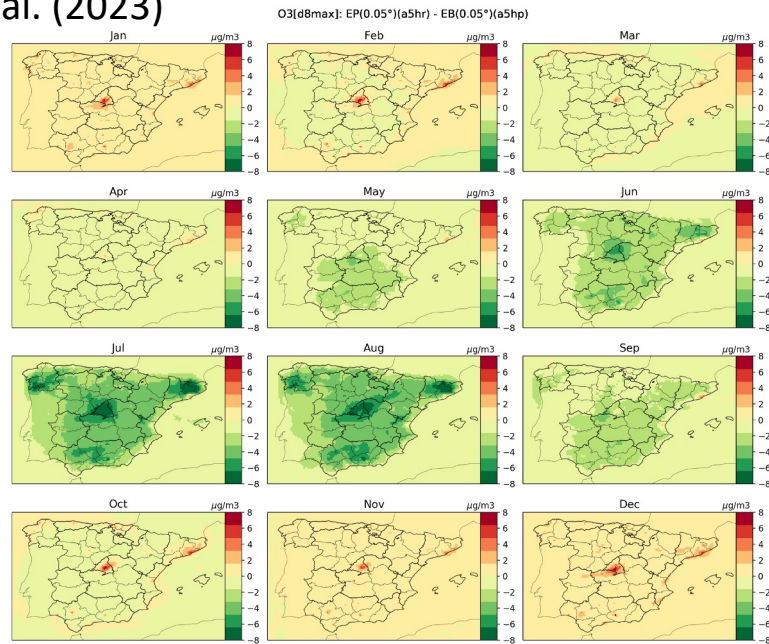
Observations

Model  
(collocated  
with  
observations)

Model  
(full  
sampling)

# Future works

- Improve Base case emission inventory:
  - Biomass burning sources (e.g. agricultural waste burning, wildfires)
  - Emissions from manufacture of organic chemistry products
  - Production, transportation and storage of fossil fuels and fugitive emissions during vehicle refueling at gas stations
  - Update NMVOCs speciation based on Oliveira et al. (2023)
- Design of new specific scenarios (e.g. combination of previous ones, stronger reduction of NMVOCs)
- Extend the analysis to the full annual cycle.





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