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GFAS fire assimilation



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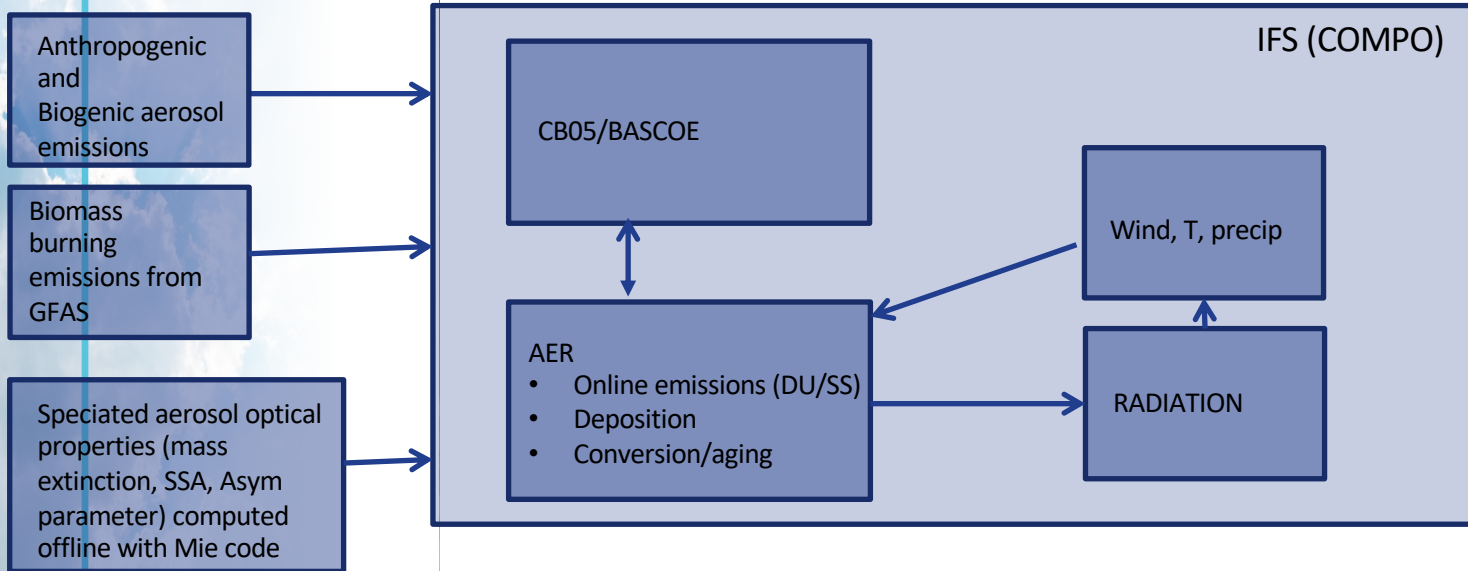
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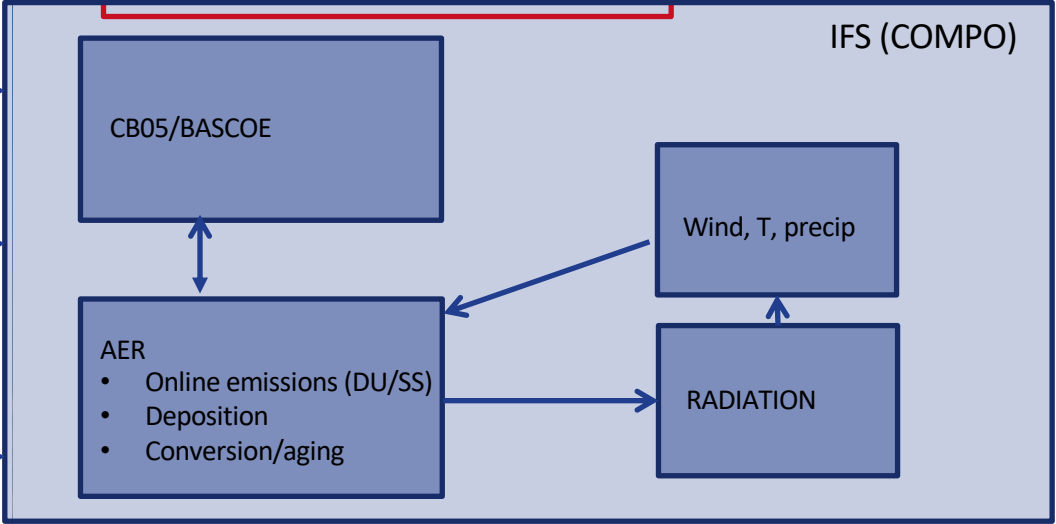
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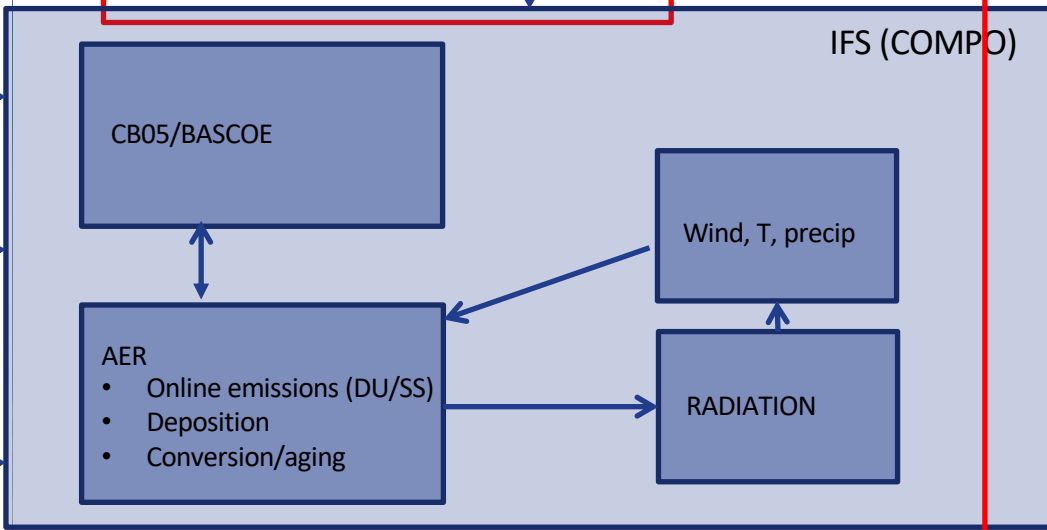
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- 8 species considered:
 - Desert dust (DD): 3 tracers
 - Sea-salt aerosol (SS): 3 tracers
 - Organic Matter (OM): 2 tracers
 - Black carbon (BC): 2 tracers
 - Sulfate (SO₄) + precursor SO₂ when running uncoupled from chemistry
 - Nitrate: 2 tracers (from gas/particle partitioning, and from het. reactions)
 - Ammonium: 1 tracer
 - SOA: 2 tracers (biogenic and anthropogenic) **since cycle 48R1**
- Bulk/bin approach : bulk for OM/BC/SO₄, 3 size bins for SS/DD
- For OM and BC, hydrophobic (fresh) and hydrophilic (aged) components are considered
- Sea-salt aerosol and Sulfate are also hydrophilic
- 16 tracers representing dry aerosol mass mixing ratio **except for sea-salt aerosol: mass mixing ratio at 80% RH**





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Observation updates since 2022



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Assimilated observations

Instrument	Satellite	Assimilated	Super-obs	Surface-type	VarBC
MODIS	Aqua	Y	Filtered	Land/Sea	Y
MODIS	Terra	Y	Filtered	Land/Sea	Y
VIIRS	SNPP	Y	Y	Land/Sea	Y
VIIRS	NOAA-20	Y	Y	Land/Sea	Anchor
PMAp	MetOp-A	N	-	-	-
PMAp	MetOp-B	Y	Filtered	Sea	Y
PMAp	MetOp-C	Y	Filtered	Sea	Y
SLSTR	Sentinel-3A	N	-	-	-
SLSTR	Sentinel-3B	N	-	-	-

- VIIRS AOD observations now used operationally
- Bias correction can be applied individually to each sensor



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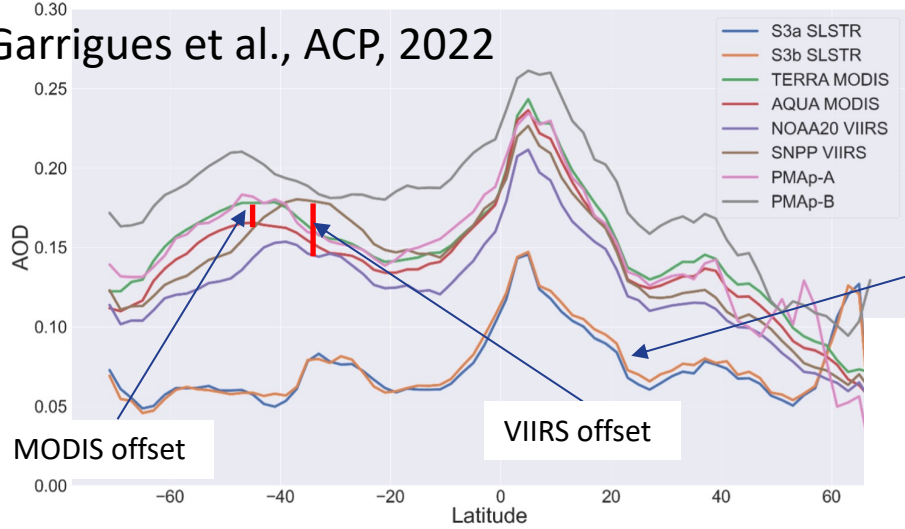
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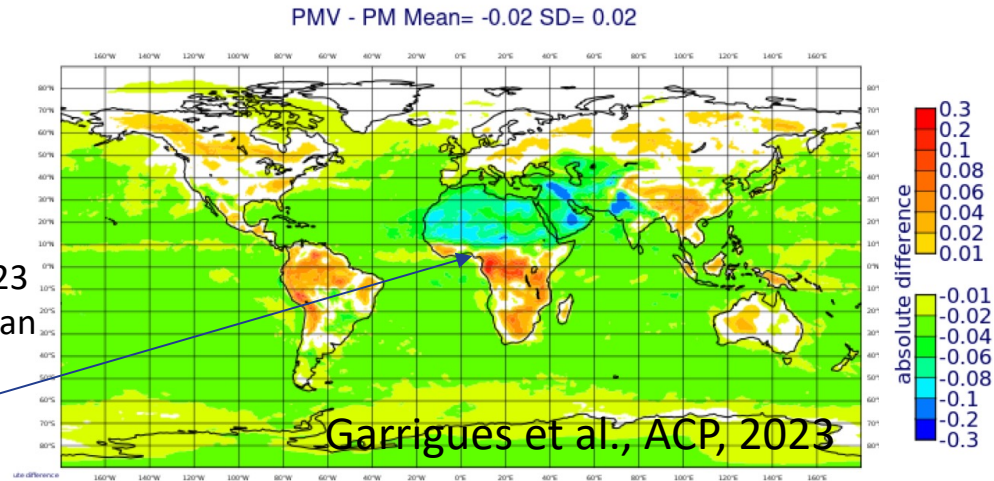
Thanks to Sebastien Garrigues

Latitude cross-section of temporal mean satellite AOD for the DJF (2019-2020) period over ocean



- Individual bias correction needed to allow for differences between the same instrument mounted on different satellites
- S3 currently monitored due to offset from other satellite observations

- VIIRS has been assimilated since 1st Feb 2023
- VIIRS NOAA-20 has been the anchor since 27th June 2023
- Additionally assimilating VIIRS decreases AOD over ocean
- Over land, assimilating VIIRS leads to an increase over biomass burning regions and a decrease over source regions
- Reduction in bias when assimilating VIIRS in comparison to Aeronet



Difference in mean SON 2020 AOD daily analysis when VIIRS is assimilated (PMV) in addition to Modis/PMAp (PM)

Garrigues et al., ACP, 2023



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Model updates since 2022

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Cycle 48R1 main aerosol related developments:

- **New secondary organic aerosol species and production module**
- New optical properties for OM (brown carbon effect)
- **Desert dust developments**
- Use of sectoral emissions

Documentation available at :

<https://www.ecmwf.int/en/elibrary/81374-ifs-documentation-cy48r1-part-viii-atmospheric-composition>

Part VIII: Atmospheric Composition



IFS DOCUMENTATION – Cy48r1
Operational implementation 27 June 2023

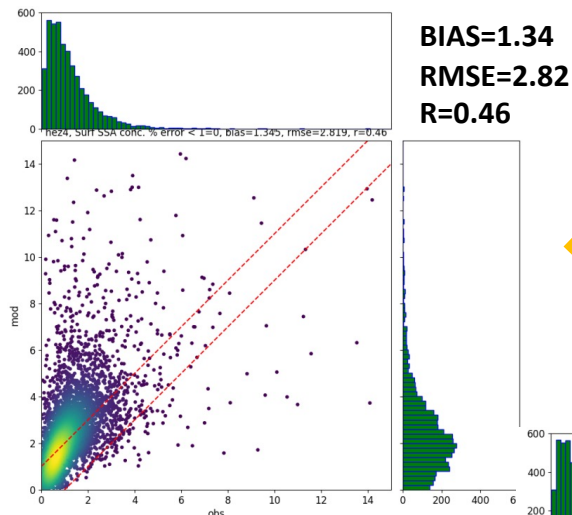
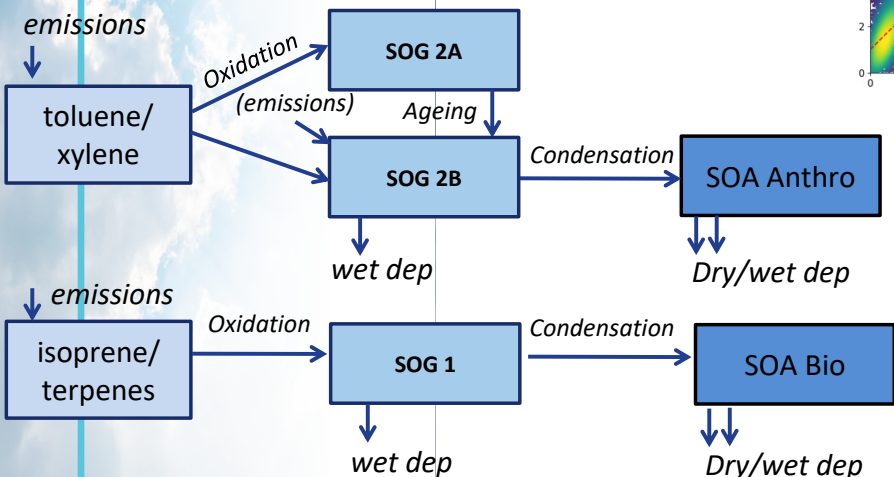
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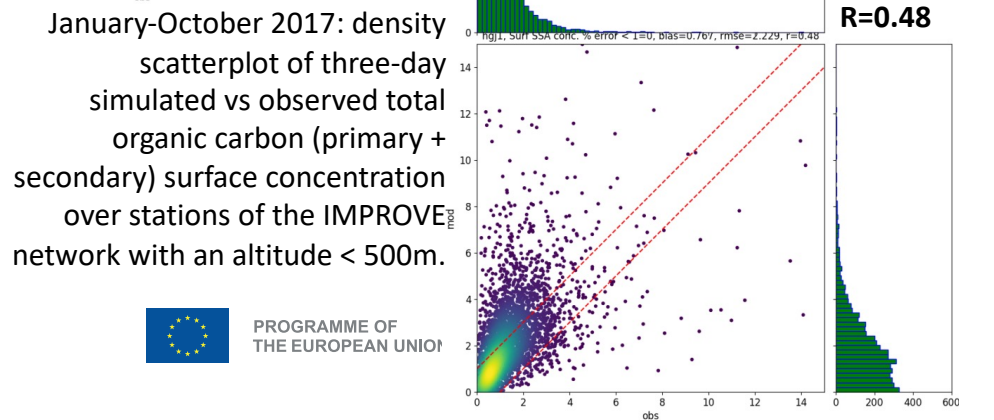
SOA in IFS-AER cycle 48R1

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In cycle 48R1, implementation of a distinct SOA species with three precursors, coupled with IFS(CB05)



Bias reduction

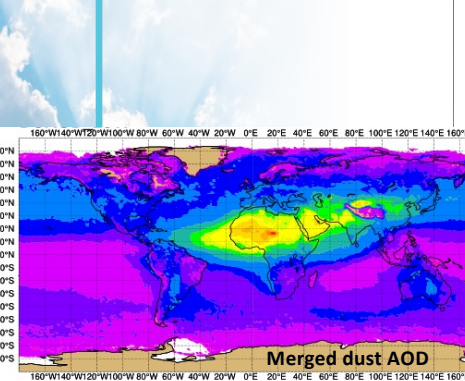




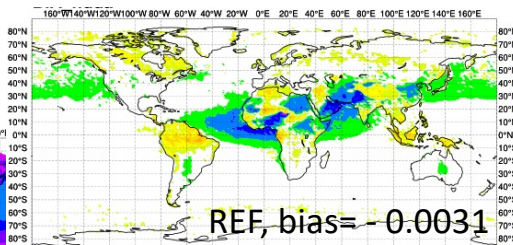
Dust in IFS-AER cycle 48R1

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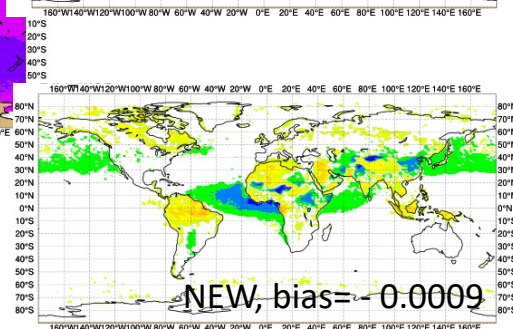
- New dust optical properties
- New monthly varying dust source function which modulates dust emissions
- Dust rebound effect (only for super coarse dust over continental surfaces)
- Higher emissions, less extinctive (and absorbing) dust



Merged dust AOD



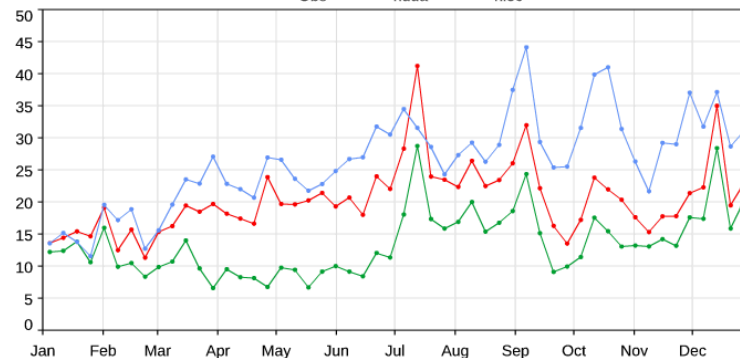
REF, bias = -0.0031



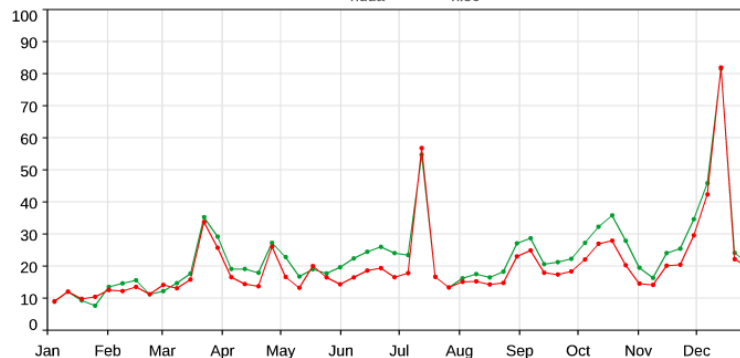
NEW, bias = -0.0009

Evaluation of simulated AOD at 550nm against dust AOD derived from the merged AOD product from FMI in 2017

PM10 (ug/m3) Mean. Model versus AirNow.
195 sites in West-US. 1 Jan - 30 Dec 2017. FC start hrs=00Z. T+3 to 24.



PM10 (ug/m3) RMS error. Model versus AirNow.
195 sites in West-US. 1 Jan - 30 Dec 2017. FC start hrs=00Z. T+3 to 24.



Evaluation of simulated weekly PM10 in the Western U.S.
Cycle 47R3 (green) vs 48R1 (red), without data assimilation

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Future plans for 2024



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Model updates in cycle 49R1

- Cycle 49R1 is planned to become operational in the summer of 2024. The cycle is frozen and evaluations are underway.
- **Cycle 49R1 will be the one used for next CAMS reanalysis.**
- Cycle 49R1 main aerosol related developments:
 - New optical properties for sulfate
 - New ageing scheme for OM/BC
 - **Update and use of EQSAM4Clim for gas/particle partitioning**
 - Aerosol acidity from EQSAM4Clim used in aqueous chemistry and wet deposition
 - Common aerosol/chemistry wet and dry deposition
 - Desert dust developments:
 - Hydrophilic dust
 - Aspherical optics
 - Simple representation of stratospheric sulphate

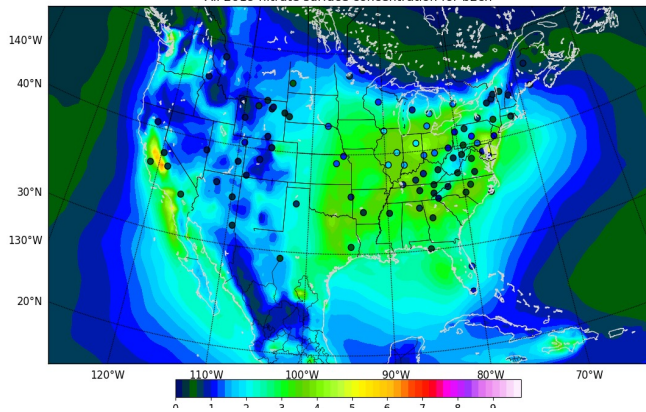




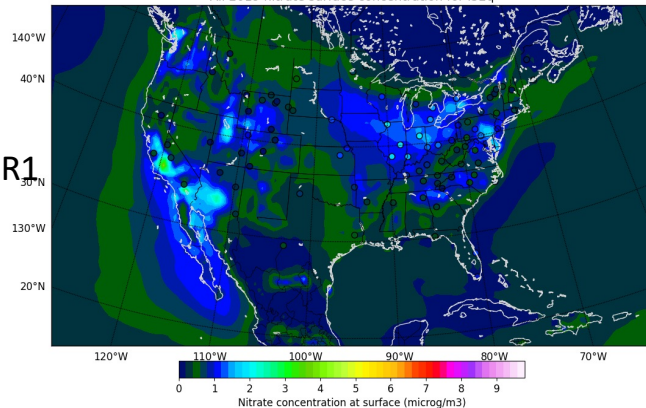
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Surface Nitrate

All 2019 nitrate surface concentration for b2cn



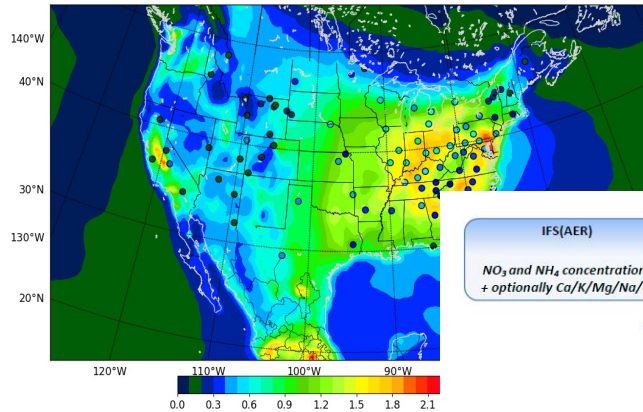
All 2019 nitrate surface concentration for i3zq



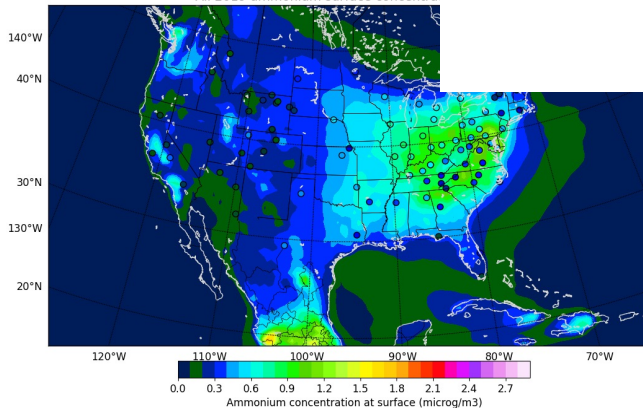
Nitrate concentration at surface (microg/m3)

Surface Ammonium

All 2019 ammonium surface concentration for b2cn

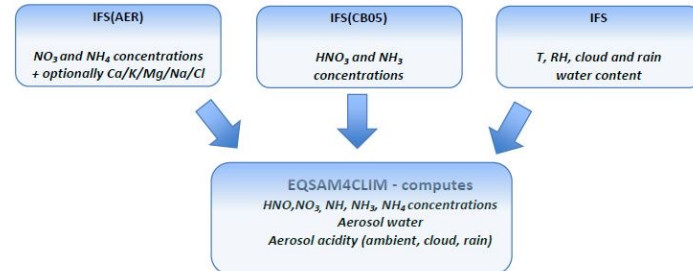


All 2019 ammonium surface concentration for i3zq



Ammonium concentration at surface (microg/m3)

EQSAM4Clim (Metzger et al 2016, 2018) is a simple and fast thermodynamical model based on EQSAM, implemented in the IFS in cycle 48R1, updated and used operationally in cycle 49R1.



48R1

49R1

2019 average of observed (CASTNET) vs simulated (fc only)

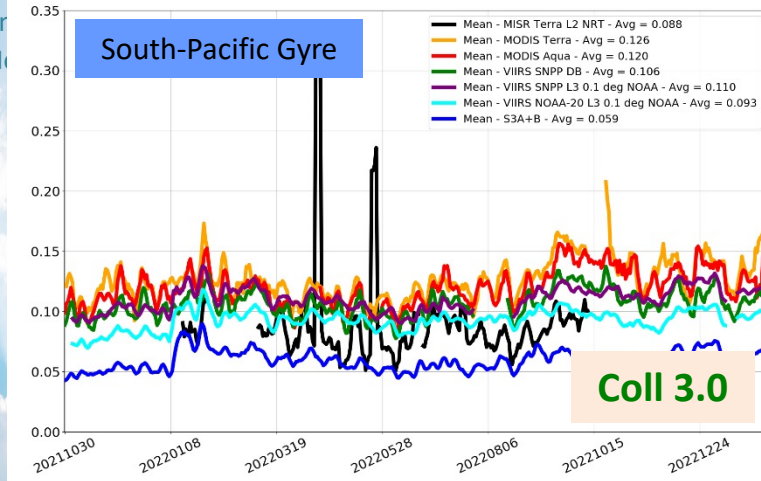




Observation updates in cycle 49R1

Sentinel-3 AOD observations

- Currently S3 Collection 3 observations are monitored
- Lowest values compared to other satellite AOD observations
- Negative bias over (very) oligotrophic waters (South Pacific Gyre), and South Amsterdam island.

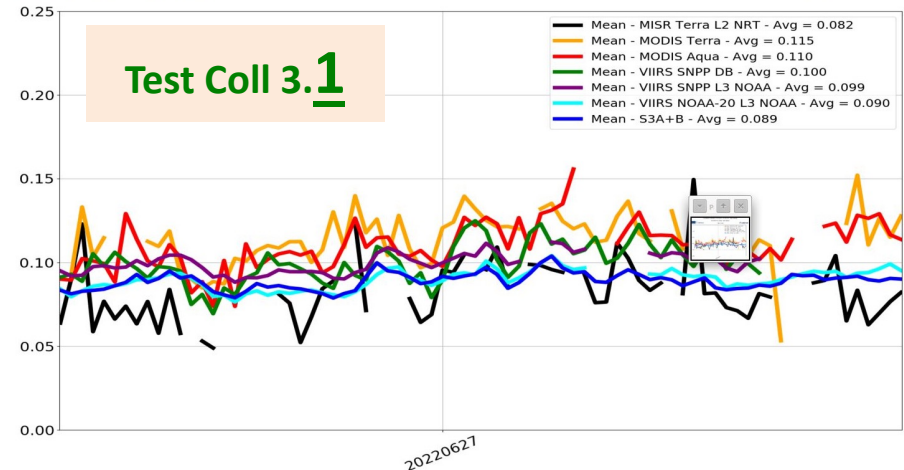


Baseline redesign:

- New Ocean Colour LUT, based on OLCI L3
- Activate red (green tbc) channels over water

Collection 3.1 will be tested in cycle 49R1

- VIIRS only covers the afternoon overpass, including S3 means the morning overpass will also be covered should MODIS fail



Thanks to Julien Chimot – see talks on Thursday morning



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Additional work



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Dust and Ocean Modelling and Observing Study (DOMOS)

- Consortium project to address the dust interactions with the ocean using an integrated modelling and observing approach

Three key science questions:

1. To what extent dust deposition over the Atlantic has changed over the last 20 years?
2. What is the contribution of anthropogenic and natural sources of dust compared to biomass burning and anthropogenic aerosols to soluble iron deposition over the Atlantic?
3. What are the impacts of changes in dust deposition on marine biogeochemistry and their potential effects on ecosystems?

Name	Location	Produced by
2D monthly deposition fields for dust and soluble iron at the global scale from the DOMOS reconstruction with EC-Earth3-Iron	Release date March 2024	BSC Contact: María Gonçalves (maria.goncalves@bsc.es)
ESA-DOMOS Dust Optical Depth at 532nm and Dust Deposition Rate	Release date March 2024	NOA Contact: Emmanouil Proestakis (proestakis@noa.gr)
Buoy dust concentration data (Carmen and Laura)	Release date: September 2024	NIOZ Contact: Jan-Berend Stuut (jan-berend.stuut@nioz.nl)



Dust control variable

Introducing a dust control variable

CAMS control variables

GO3
CO
NO2
SO2/SO2VOLC
HCHO

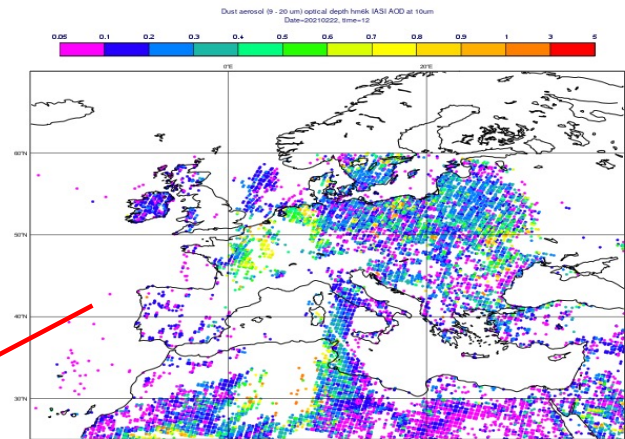
Total aerosol



CAMS control variables

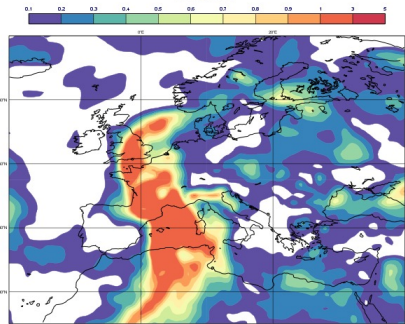
GO3
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HCHO

Total aerosol
Coarse dust bin 3

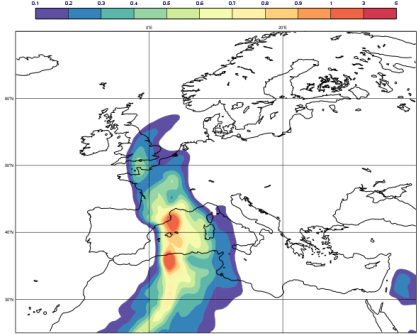


LMD IASI 10um obs 20210222 12hr

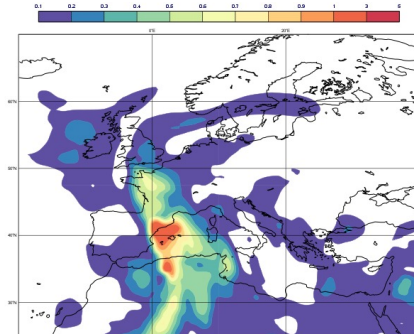
Total AOD at 550nm:
20210222 03hr



Dust AOD assimilating MODIS/PMAP



Dust AOD assimilating IASI 10um

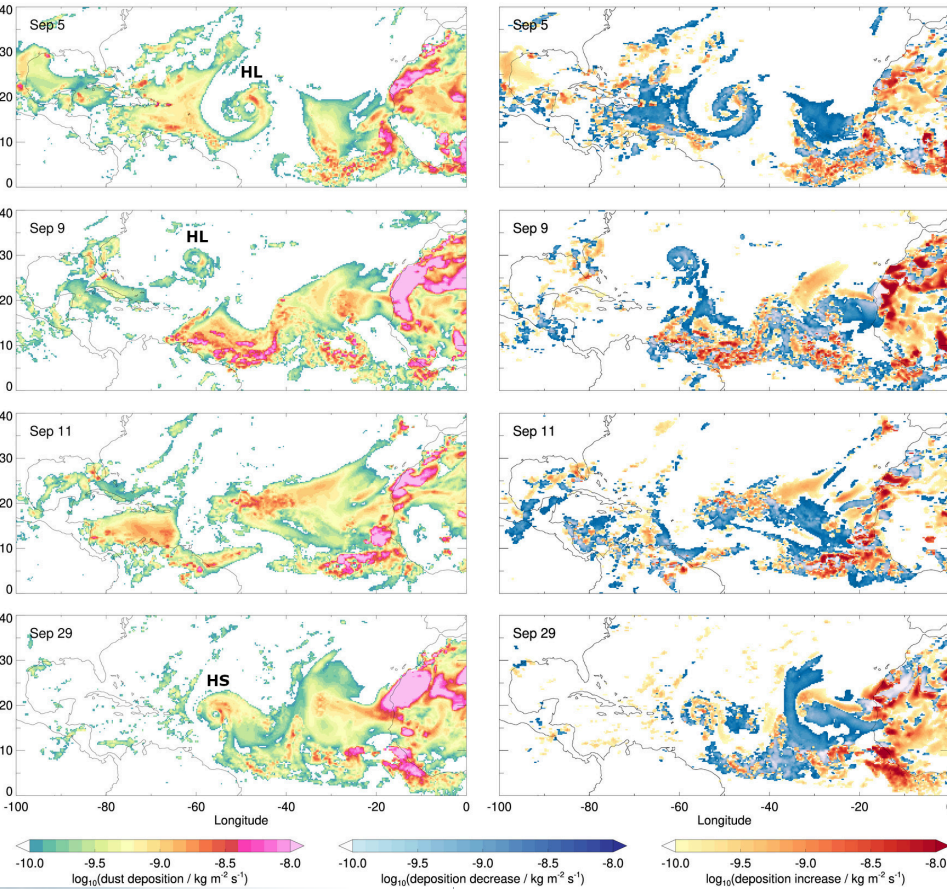


With specific dust observations, the dust can be increased in the relevant locations which then improves the spurious increments of other species



Dust deposition (AOD assim)

Diff (AOD at 10um assim)

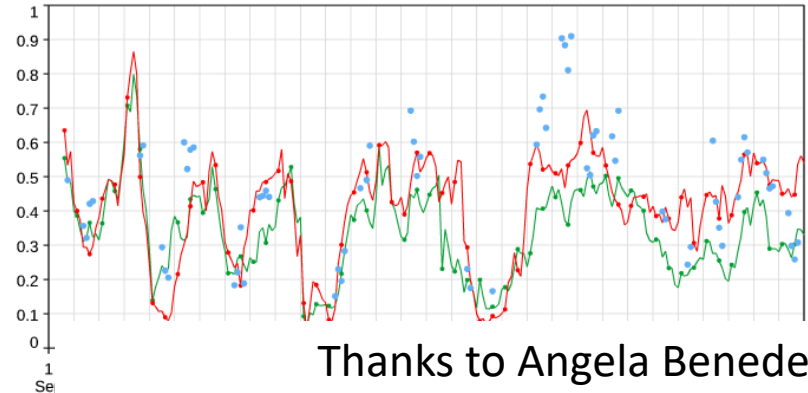


Difference in diagnosed dust deposition between control run (MODIS + PMAP AOD assimilation) and DOMOS experiment (IASI ULB dust optical depth at 10 micron assimilation) for selected days in September 2021.

Note the large impact on the deposition fields when different dust observations are used in the assimilation.

Independent verification with AERONET data shows that the analysis with IASI ULB data (red curve) is more able to capture the dust peaks at some locations close to the sources (Dakar shown as an example).

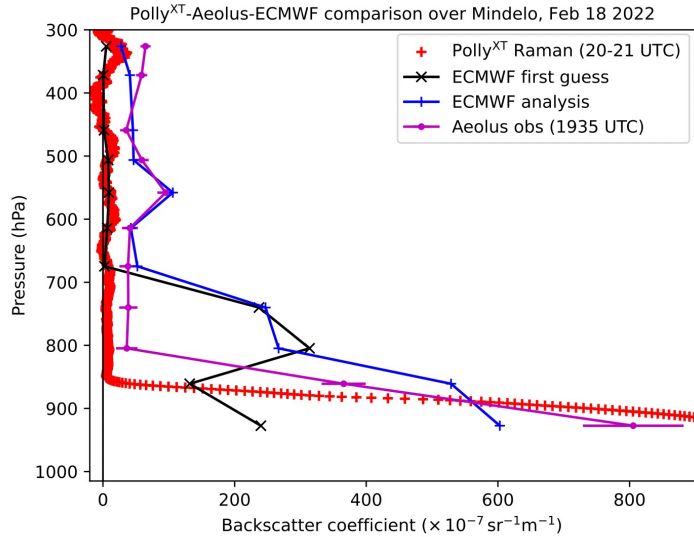
Comparison of hvpb & hvuc and L2.0 Aeronet AOT at 500nm over Dakar_Belair (14.70°N, 17.43°W). Model: 00 & 12UT, 1-30 Sep 2021, T+3 to T+12.



Thanks to Angela Benedetti



Aeolus L2A particle backscatter assimilation

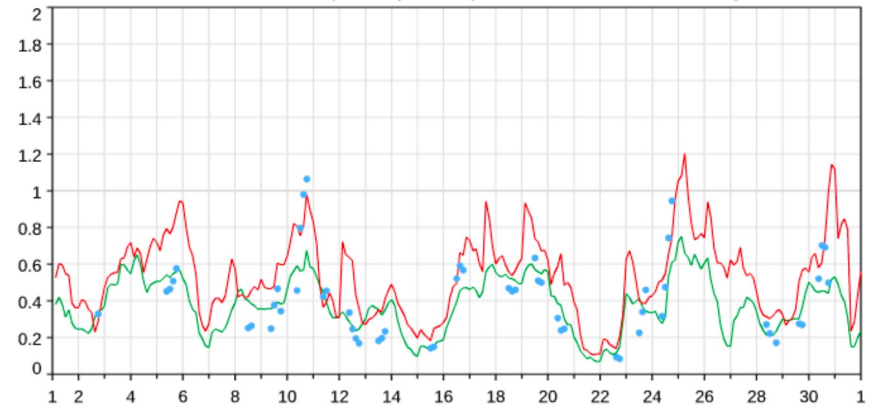


- AOD is column integrated, so does not provide information on the vertical distribution of aerosols. Lidar gives us the vertical information, and the backscatter product is assimilated on top of a setup mirroring that used by CAMS.
- The backscatter values are compared with ground-based data, such as the Polly^{XT} lidar (credit to Holger Baars, TROPOS), where the ECMWF analysis (blue), which assimilates the L2A particle backscatter, is drawn towards the observation (purple) at higher altitudes.

- The AOD values calculated from these experiments are compared with the CAMS product and verified against ground-based AERONET measurements.
- Ongoing work includes the testing of new retrieval products, error analysis, bias monitoring and correction, improving the cloud screening, and comparing with ground-based lidar and AOD measurements.

Thanks to Will McLean

Comparison of oper & hpow and L1.5 Aeronet AOT at 500nm over Mindelo_OSCM (16.88°N, 25.00°W). Model: 00 & 12UT, 1-31 Aug 2022, T+3 to T+12.



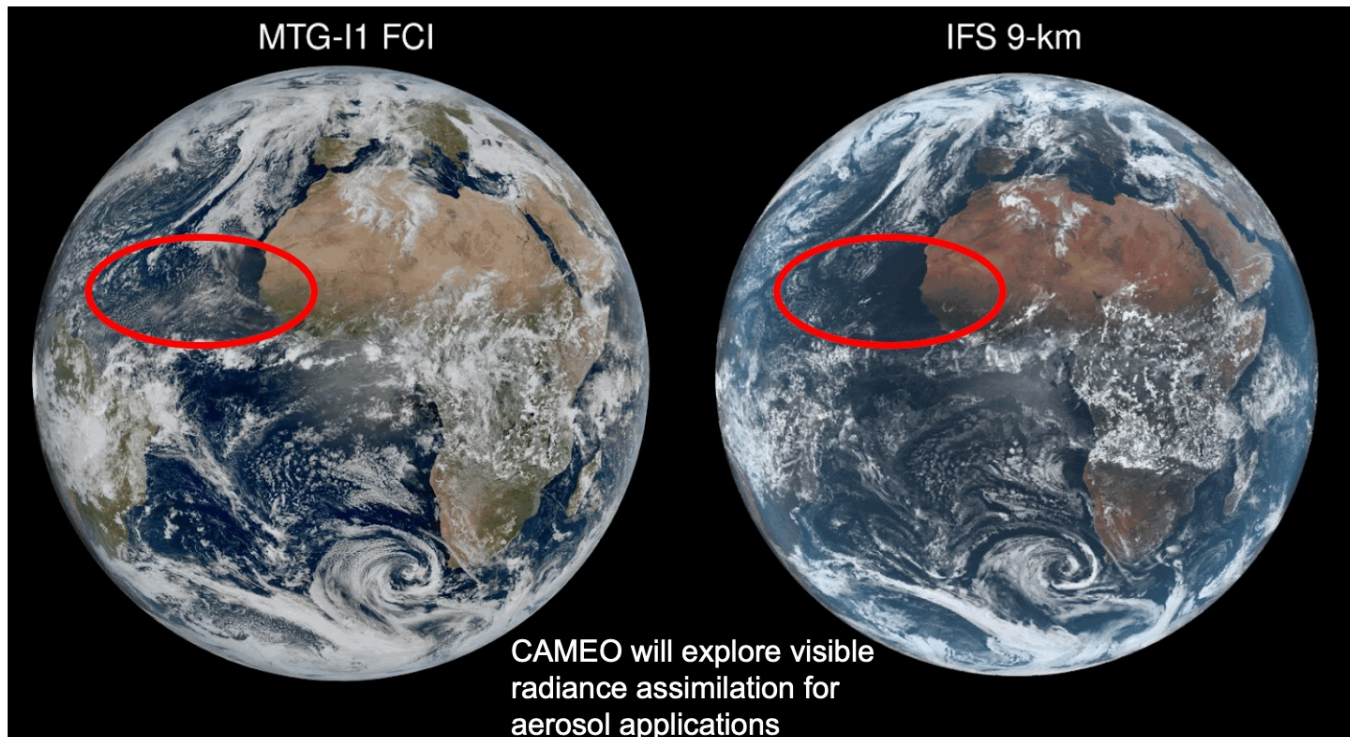
AERONET values in blue for August 2022 at Mindelo, Cabo Verde, compared to the AOD calculated from AOD+Aeolus backscatter in the assimilation in red, and AOD from the CAMS setup in green



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CAMS Service evolution: CAMEO

CAMEO project
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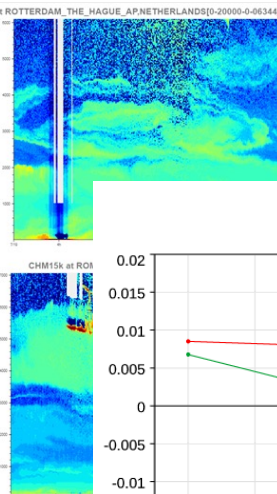
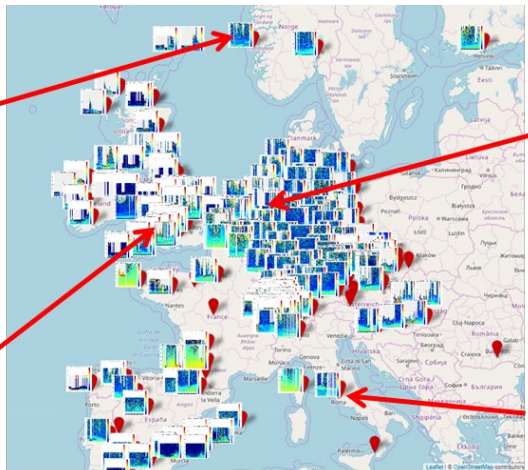
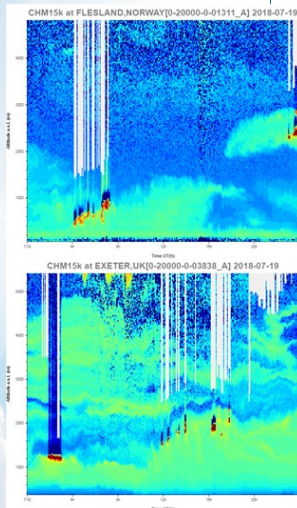
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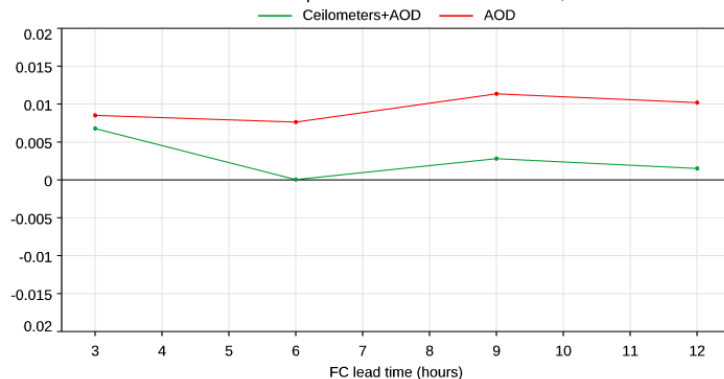
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CAMS Service evolution: CAMAERA

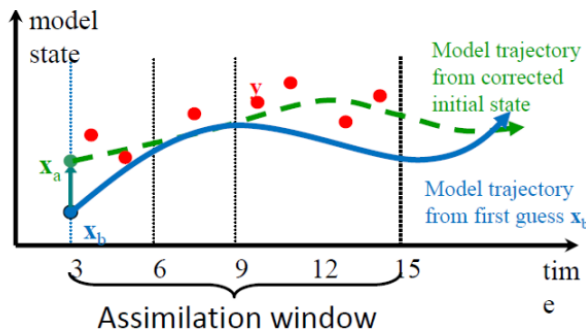


E-PROFILE Ceilometers network

FC-OBS bias. Model against L1.5 Aeronet AOT at 500nm.
85 sites in Europe. 18-21 Jul 2018. FC start hrs=00,12Z.



Current 4Dvar assimilation only adjusts the initial condition – can we improve on this using the dust control variable by also updating emissions



CAMAERA project (2023-2025), coordinated by HYGEOS

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Flexible Aerosols:

What it is:

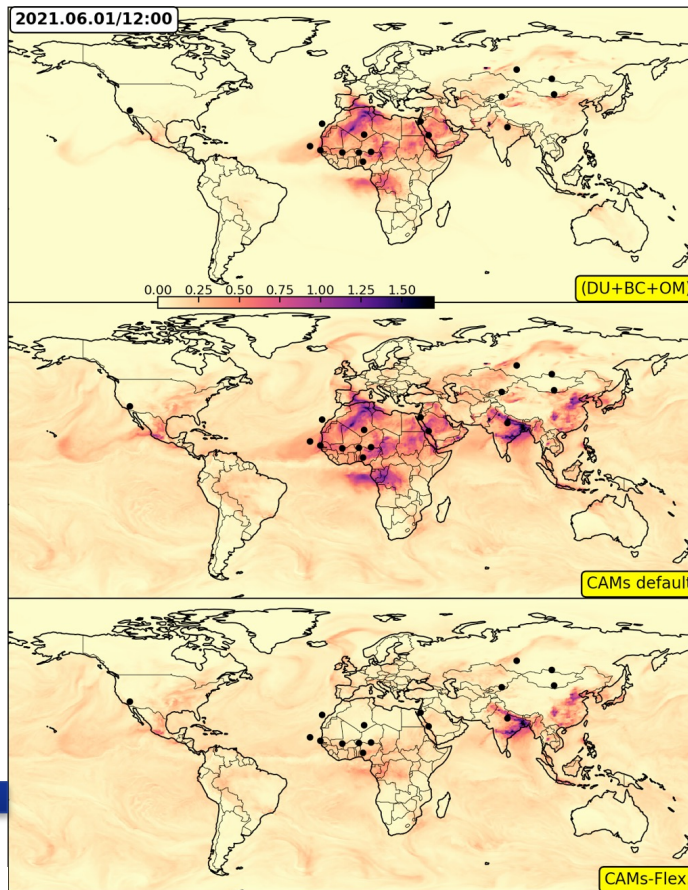
- New feature to include **custom combination** of prognostic and climatological aerosols species *in the radiation scheme*.

In this example:

- Flexible aerosols has
 - prognostic DU, BC and OM (only primary)
 - climatological all the other aerosols species

This part is represented by a climatological field in this example of flexible aerosols

Thanks to Ramiro Checa-Garcia



Prognostic

- Dust,
 - Black Carbon
 - Primary Organic M.
- (one particular flexible aerosols configuration)

LCHEM=OFF

Prognostic

- all aerosols species
- (CAMs default)

Difference



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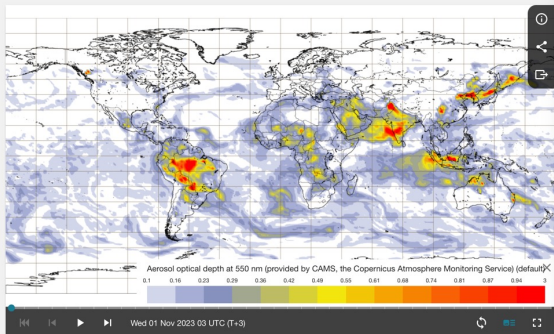
Aerosol forecasts

Base time
Wed 01 Nov 2023 00 UTC

Valid time
Wed 01 Nov 2023 03 UTC

Area
Global

Aerosol type
Total aerosol



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VIIRS AOD observations assimilated in CAMS

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As of 1 February 2023, the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS) has implemented the assimilation of a new satellite dataset, aerosol optical depth (AOD) observations from the Visible Infrared

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Parameter

- Aerosol
- O3
- NO2
- SO2
- HCHO
- CO

AQUA/MODIS/Aerosol geographical monitoring statistics

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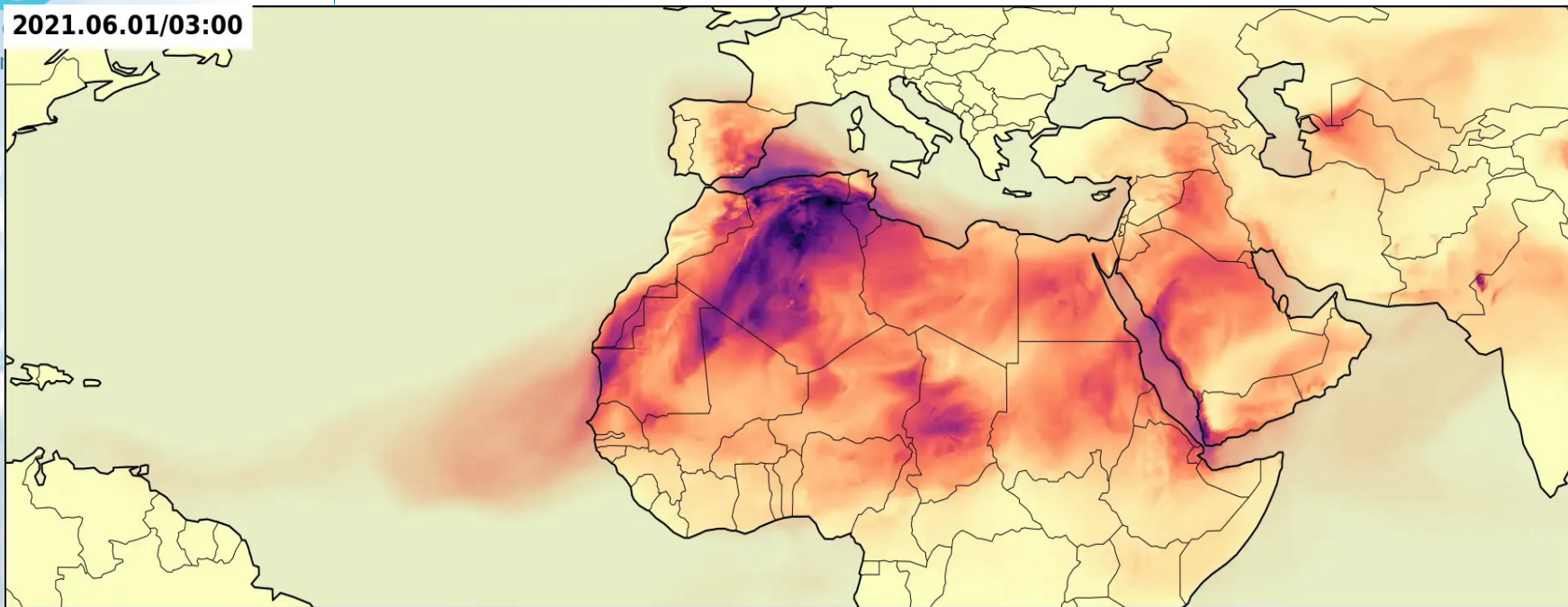
https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/charts/packages/cams_monitoring/



Thank you and any questions

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- 4.5km resolution
- dust field run as a flexible aerosol for input to the radiation

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