

# Dust Cycle and SDS-WAS ongoing Initiatives

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## inDust



## Outline

### 1 Atmospheric Cycle of Mineral Dust

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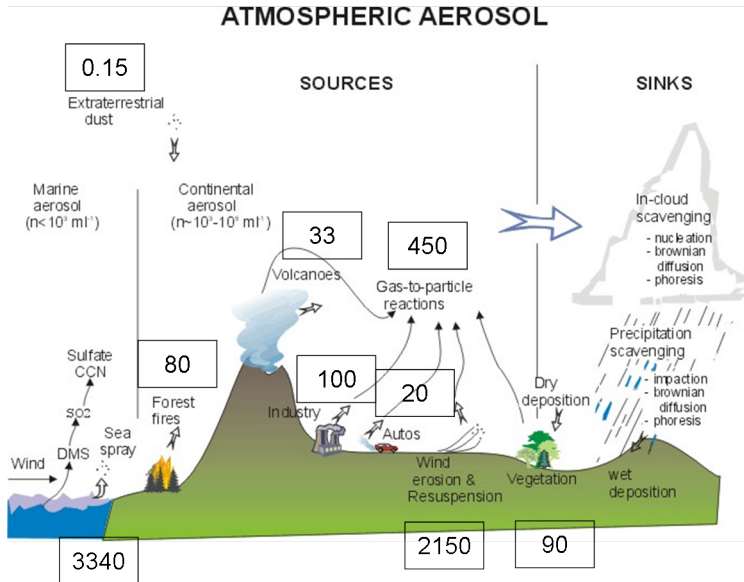
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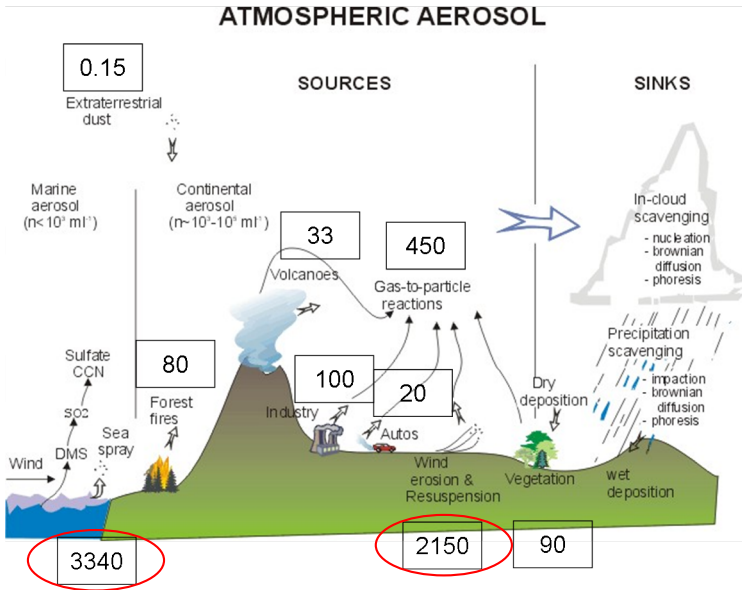
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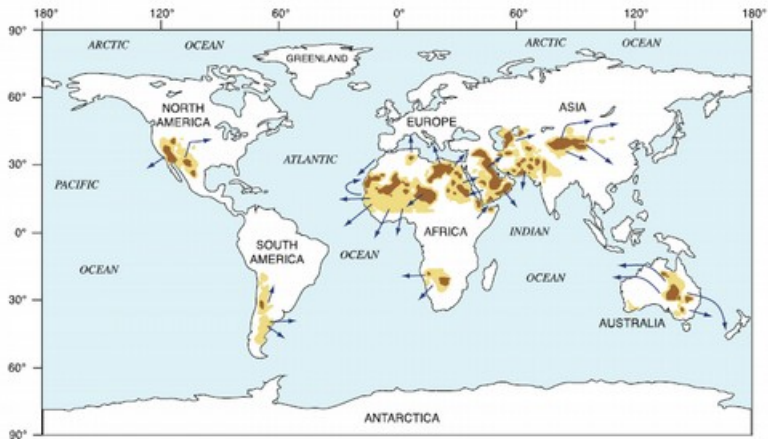




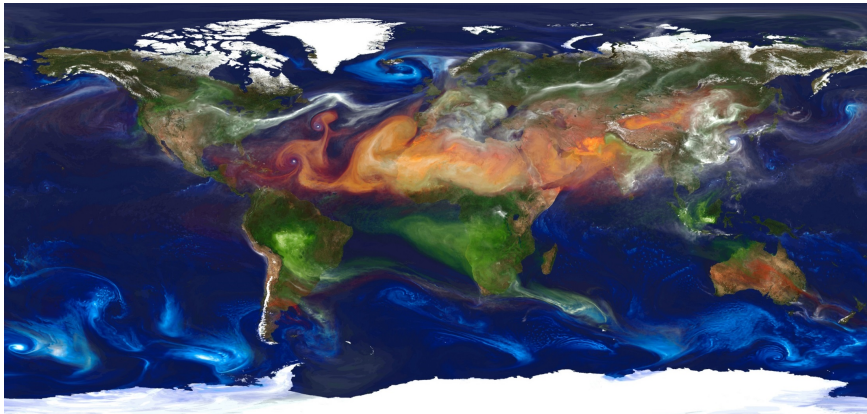
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# Main mineral dust sources



# Geographical Aerosol Distribution



## GEOS-5 : Earth System Modeling and Data Assimilation

Orange: Mineral dust

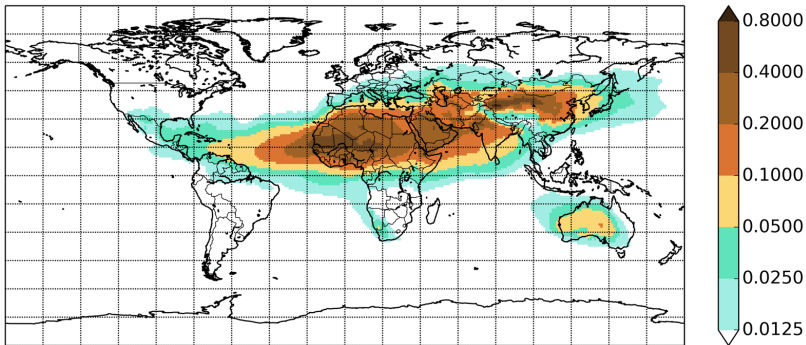
Blue: Seasalt

Green: Carbon from biomass burning

White: Sulfates



# Geographical Mineral Dust Distribution



**CAMS** reanalysis AOD 550 nm (Average value: 2003-2015)

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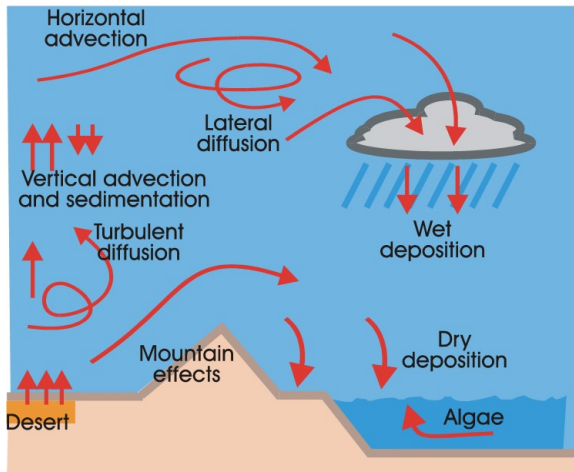
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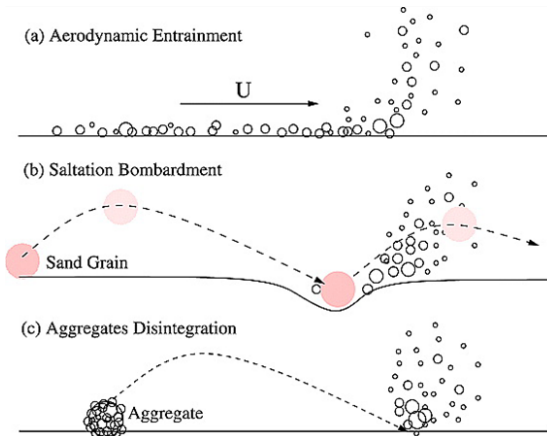
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# Dust Cycle



- Emission
- Turbulent Diffusion
- Transport
- Wet & Dry Deposition

## Emission: Saltation & Sandblasting



- The most efficient way of dust-emission is the result of the combination of two different physical processes: saltation (horizontal flux) and sandblasting (vertical flux).

## Emission: Erosion threshold depends on soil nature and state

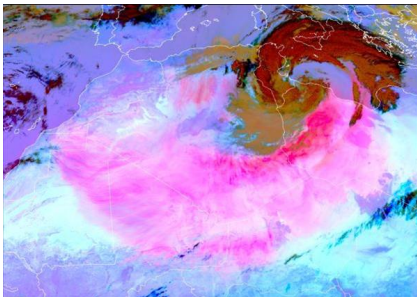




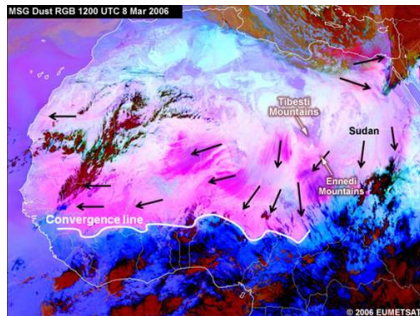
# Meteorological factors

## Synoptic and meso-alpha phenomena

- Frontal system winds
- Trade winds



RGB images: **Magenta** → Dust



## Meteorological factors

### Meso-gamma and microscale phenomena

- Orographic Winds
- Convection: Haboob and Dust devils

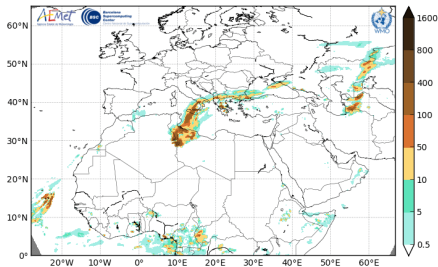


# Transport

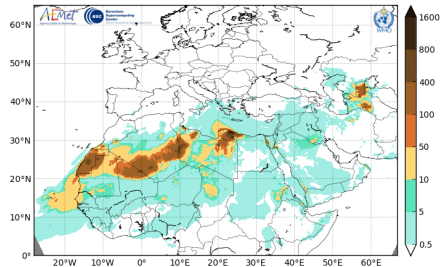


# Wet & Dry Deposition

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## SDS-WAS History and Objectives

- Sand and Dust Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System
- WMO mission (2004-2007)
- Enhance the capacity of countries to generate and distribute to end-users dust observations, forecasts, information and knowledge
- Impacts: health, transport, industry, climatology, meteorology, ...
- Regional Centers: Beijin (Asia 2008), Barcelona (NAMEE 2010), Barbados (America 2016-2017)



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## SDS-WAS & Barcelona Dust Forecast Center

### SDS-WAS Regional Center NAMEE in Barcelona

- AEMET and BSC (Barcelona Supercomputing Center)
- Barcelona Dust Forecast Center (Operational Center 2014)



Supercomputer MareNostrum 4 - BSC



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## SDS-WAS: Multimodel & Observations

## Dust Barcelona Forecast Center: Operational forecasts

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## Operational forecasts (NMMB/MONARCH)

### Surface

- Dust Surface Concentration [ $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ]
- Extinction [ $\text{M}/\text{m}$ ]

### Columnar

- Dust Load [ $\text{g}/\text{m}^2$ ]
- Dust Optical Depth (Dust AOD) [–]

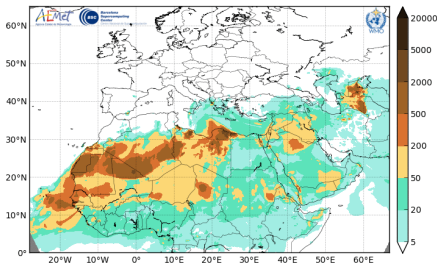
### Dust Deposition

- Dry Deposition [ $\text{mg}/\text{m}^2$ ]
- Wet Deposition [ $\text{mg}/\text{m}^2$ ]

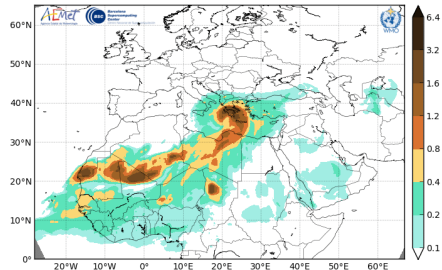
## NMMB/MONARCH: Operational Forecasts

- 72 h forecast (3 h step)
- Dust Surface Concentration and Dust AOD

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# Multimodel: AOD & Dust Surface Concentration



MODEL	RUN TIME	DOMAIN	DATA ASIMILATION
CAMS-ECMWF	00	GLOBAL	MODIS-AOD
BSC-DREAM8BV2.0	12	REGIONAL	NO
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	00	REGIONAL	NO
DREAMABOL	00	REGIONAL	NO
NOA WRF-CHEM	12	REGIONAL	NO
FMI-SILAM	00	GLOBAL	NO
LOTOS-EURO	00	REGIONAL	MODIS-AOD

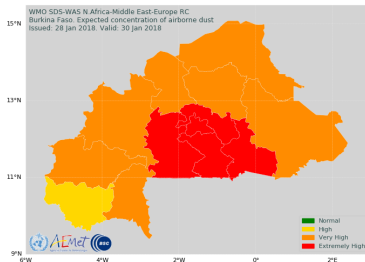
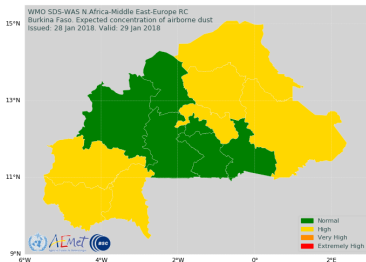
## Dust model inter-comparison

Dust Optical Depth 550 nm. Models runtime: 21 Mar 2018

## Multimodel Products

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# Burkina Faso Warning Advisory System (WAS)

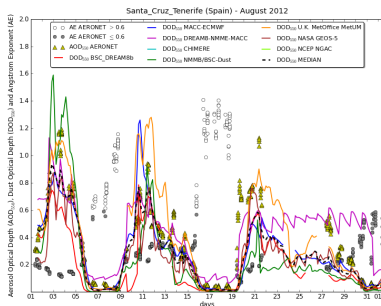


## SDS-WAS Regional Center NAMEE

- Daily maximum value of the Dust SFC Concentration multimodel median
- Yellow: Perc 80; Orange: Perc 90; Red: Perc 97.5



# Deterministic Evaluation: AERONET

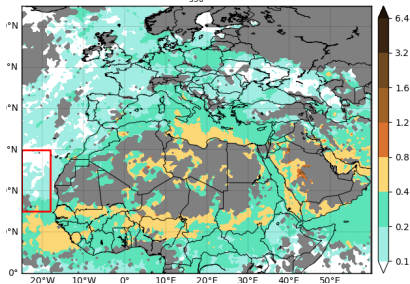


**AERONET Evaluation:**  
Near-real-time  
Monthly  
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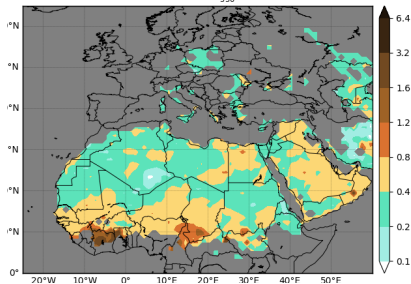


## Deterministic Evaluation: MODIS

WMO SDS-WAS N.Africa-Middle East-Europe RC  
MODIS AOD<sub>550</sub> - APR 2018



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MODIS DEEPBLUE AOD<sub>550</sub> - APR 2018



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## Future Plans to modernise SDS-WAS Regional Center NAMEE

### Objectives

- Replace current web services
- Improve dust operational forecast
- Data Assimilation system
- New Convective parametrizations: Haboobs
- Implement dust reanalysis model

### Plan Summary

- Three-year plan: September 2018-September 2021
- Development: 2019-2020
- Testing & Quality Assurance (QA) & Deployment: 2021





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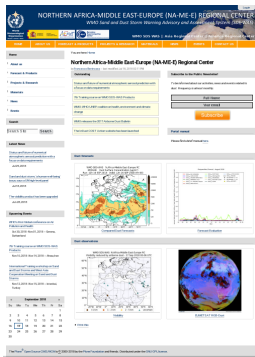
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## SDS-WAS Training activities 2018/2019

- Workshop on SDS in the Arab Region, (Cairo, Egypt Feb 2018)
- 2nd International Conference on Dust (Ilam, Iran Apr 2018)
- Workshop on the use of low-cost radiometers (Izaña, Spain Apr 2018)
- Workshop on SDS in West Africa (La Laguna, Spain May 2018)
- 9th International Workshop on SDS (La Laguna, Spain May 2018)
- 7th Training course on SDS-WAS products (Ahvaz, Iran Nov 2018)
- Training school on Dust products (Aveiro, Portugal Feb 2019)
- **Workshop on SDS products (Dakar, Senegal Dec 2019)**

# Thank you for your attention

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