

# Lectures on atmospheric mineral dust and its impact on human health, environment and economy

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## Ground based observations of mineral dust

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Chad-2004 by Jahi-Chikwendiu  
World Press Prize 2004

**Aerosols:** suspended fine solid or liquid particles in a gas

- Size range of particles in the atmosphere, 0.001 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  ( $1 \mu\text{m} = 10^{-6} \text{ m}$ )

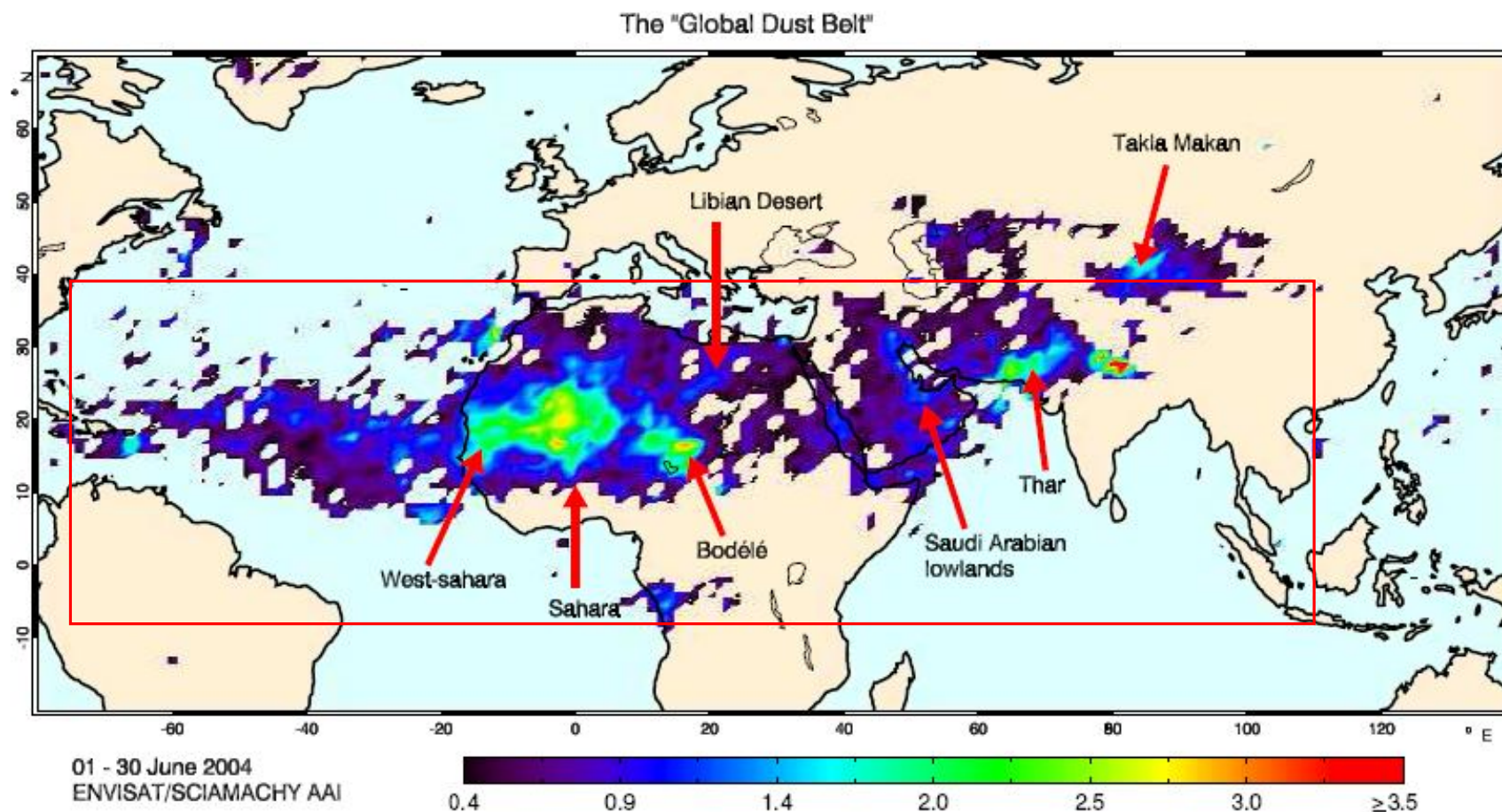
**Mineral dust:** Cloud Condensation Nuclei (CCN), Giant CCN

- One of the main natural sources of atmospheric aerosol particles and has been observed in the most remote regions in the world (Prospero, 1999).

## Background

Mineral dust is one of the most important tropospheric aerosols on the global scale

The global distribution is very heterogeneous



Sahara, Sahel, Arabian Peninsula, Thar desert (Middle East), Aral Sea (Central Asia), Taklamakan desert (China), Gobi Desert (China/Mongolia), Lake Eyre Basin (Australia)

(de Graaf, 2006)



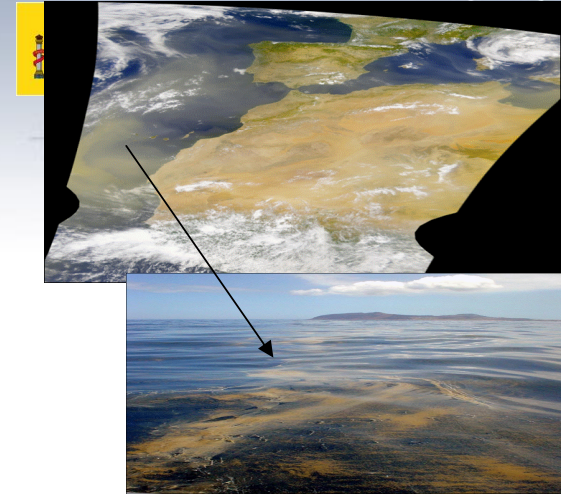
# Background



**Human Health** (Asthma, infections, Meningitis in Africa, Valley Fever in the America's)



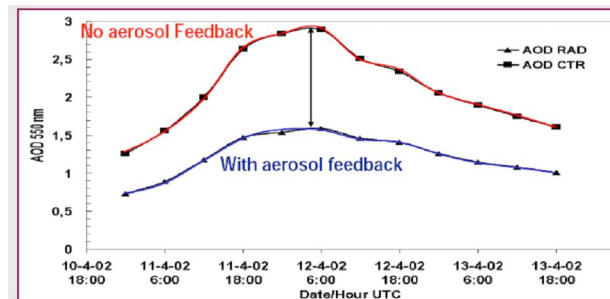
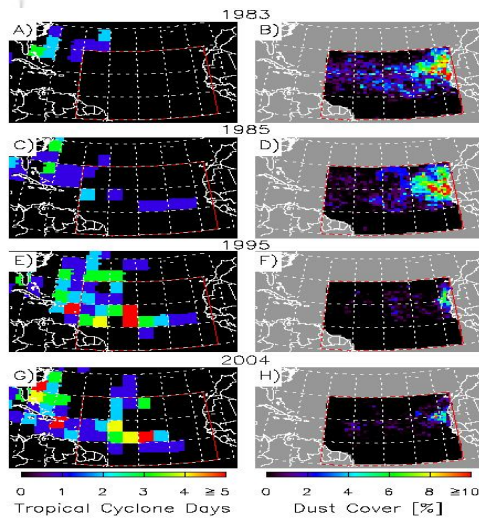
**Agriculture** (negative & positive impacts)



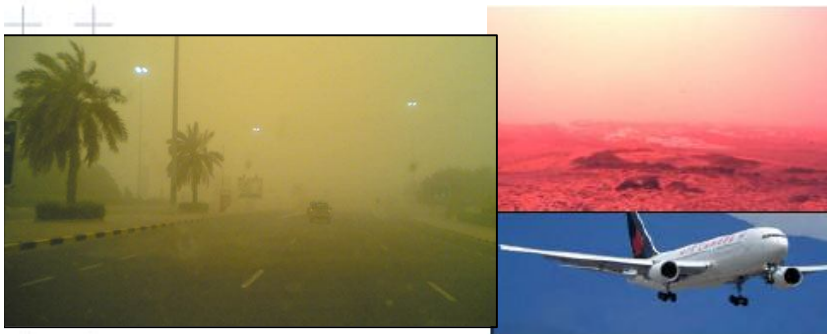
**Marine productivity** (negative & positive impacts)

**Industry** (Semi-conductor, etc.)

**Energy** (Thermal solar energy)



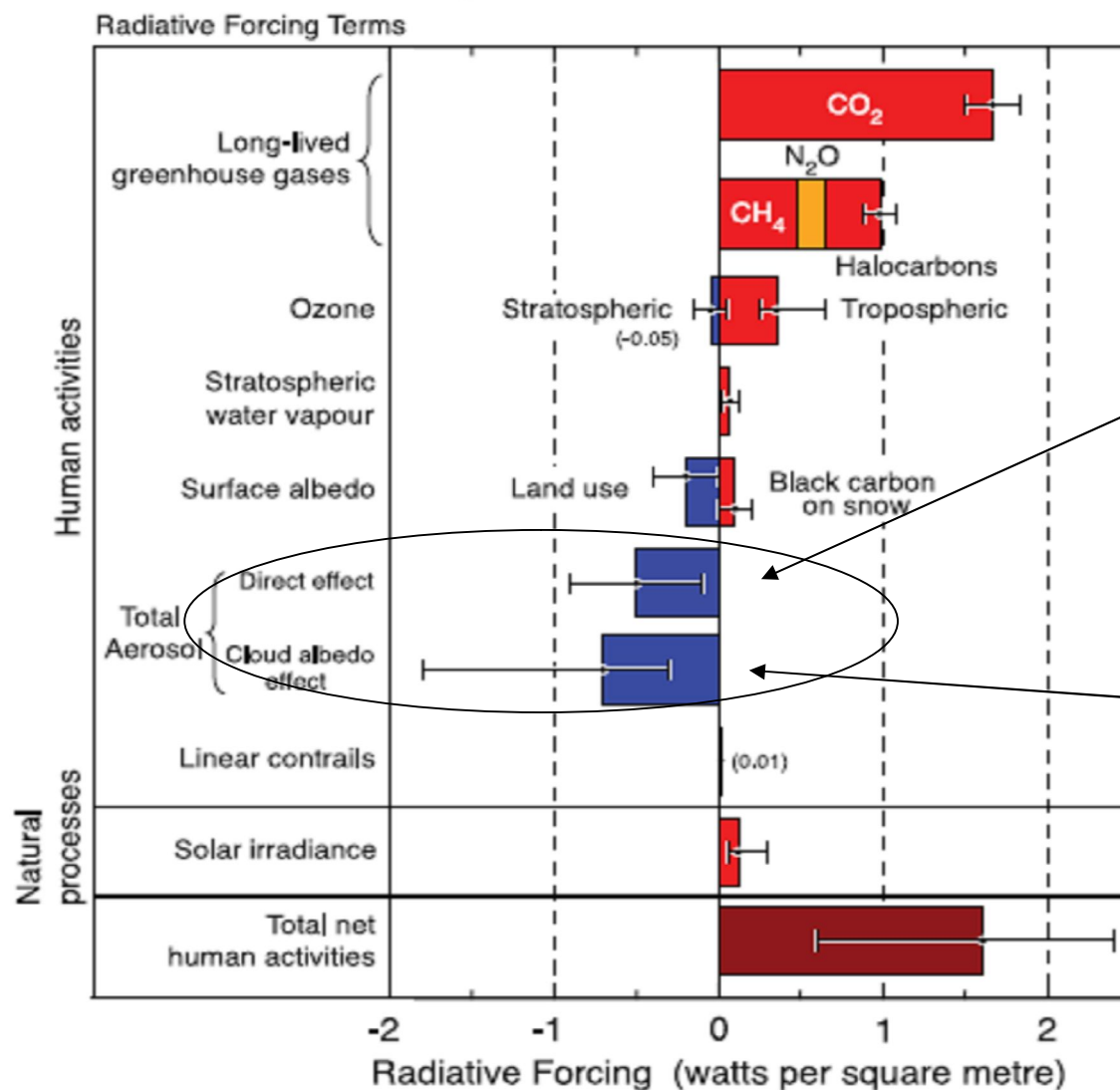
**Improved Weather and Seasonal Climate prediction**



**Aviation** (air disasters)  
**Ground Transportation**

# Background

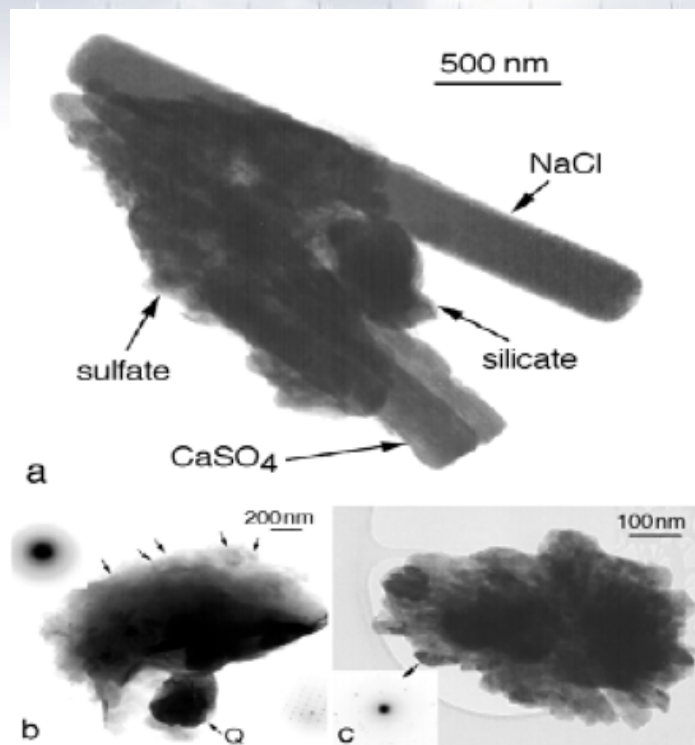
Radiative forcing of climate between 1750 and 2005



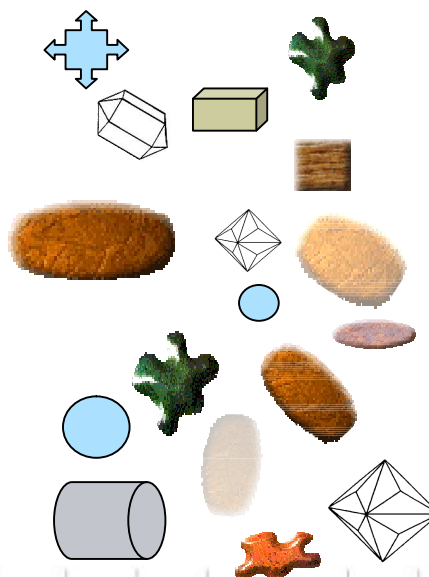
- The total direct aerosol RF as derived from models and observations is estimated to be  $-0.5 [\pm 0.4] \text{ W m}^{-2}$ , with a **medium-low** level of scientific understanding.

- The RF due to the cloud albedo effect (also referred to as first indirect), in the context of liquid water clouds, is estimated to be  $-0.7 [-1.1, +0.4] \text{ W m}^{-2}$ , with a **low** level of scientific understanding.

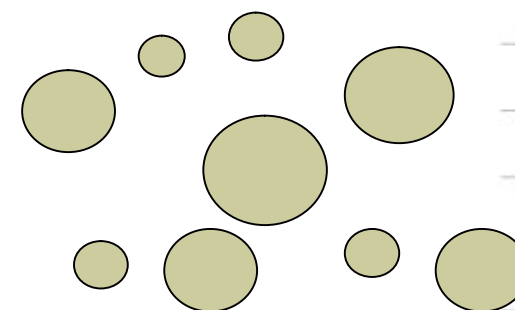
## Dust Particle Images



*Busek and Posfai, 1996*

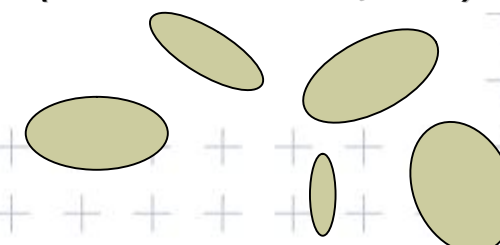


*spherical:*



*Randomly oriented  
spheroids :*

*(Mishchenko et al., 1997)*





# Background

PM<sub>10</sub> (diameter <10 microm)

PM<sub>2.5</sub>

PM<sub>2.5-10</sub>

Mineral dust :

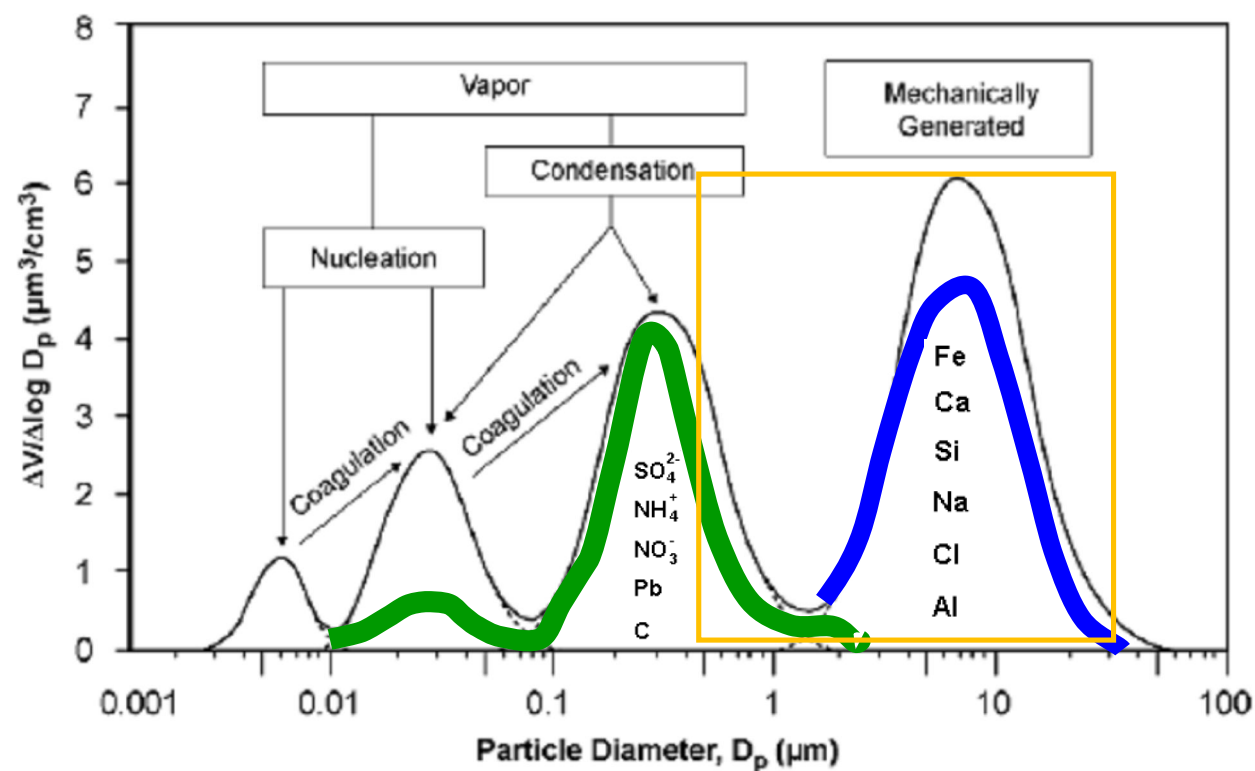
Marine salt:

Sulfate:

Nitrate:

Organic aerosol:

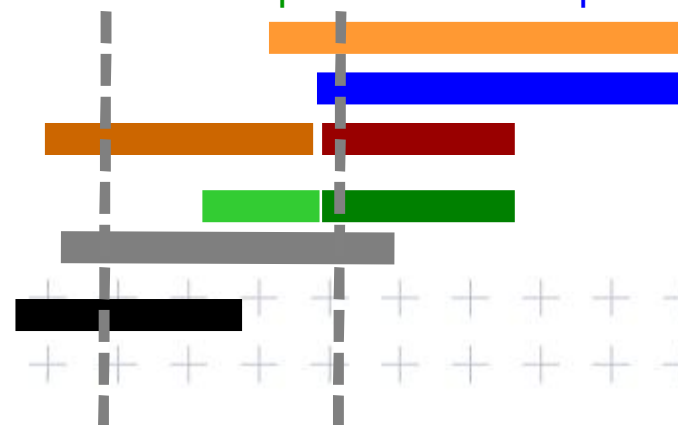
black carbon:



ultrafine  
<0.1  $\mu\text{m}$

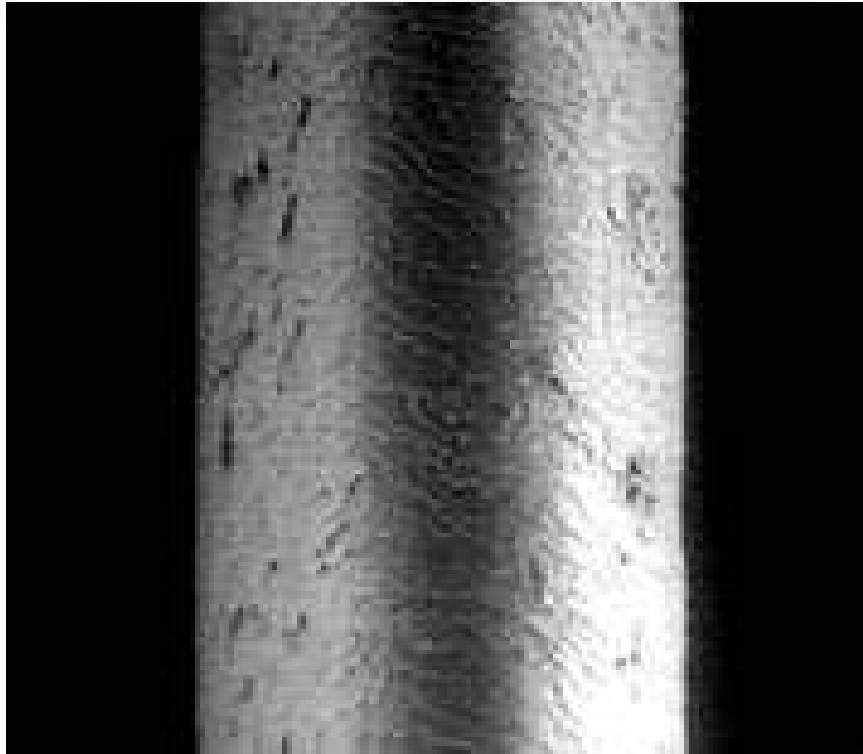
accumulation  
0.1 - 1  $\mu\text{m}$

Coarse  
1 - 10  $\mu\text{m}$

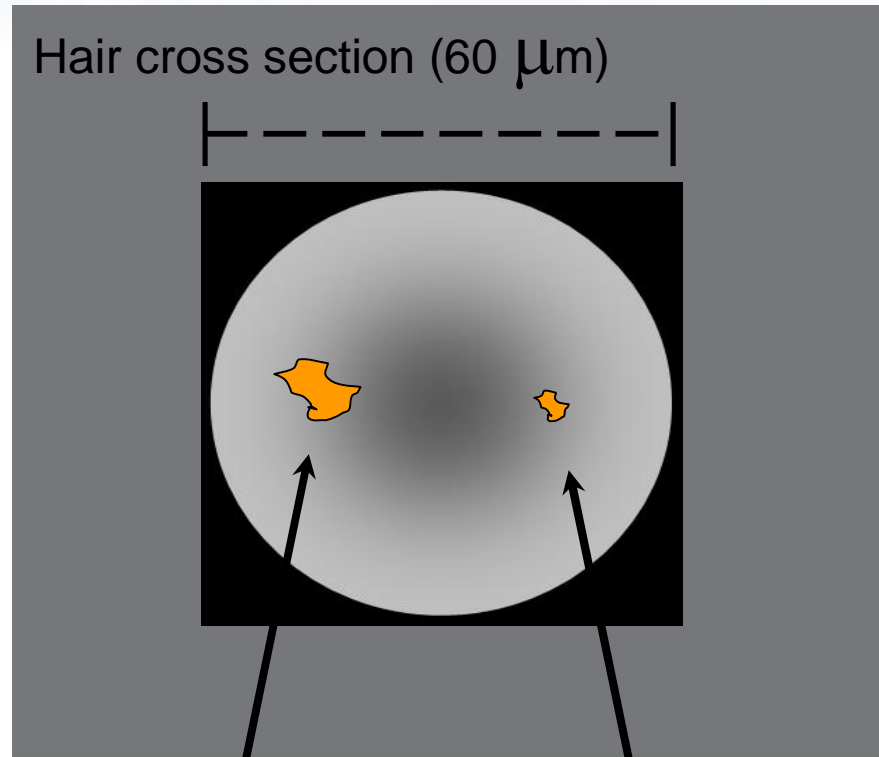




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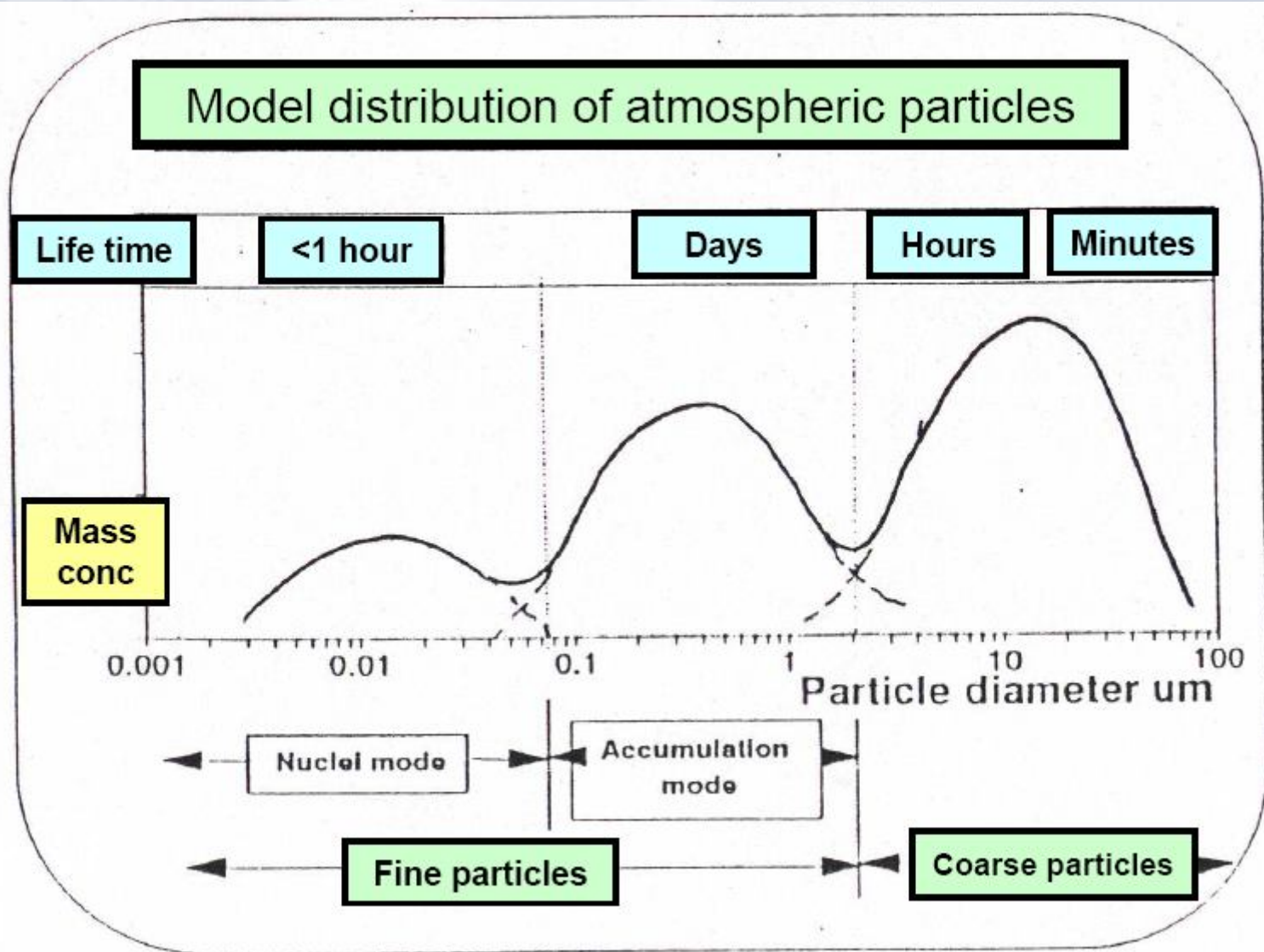


**Human Hair**  
**(60  $\mu\text{m}$  diameter)**



**PM<sub>10</sub>**  
**(10  $\mu\text{m}$ )**

**PM<sub>2.5</sub>**  
**(2.5  $\mu\text{m}$ )**

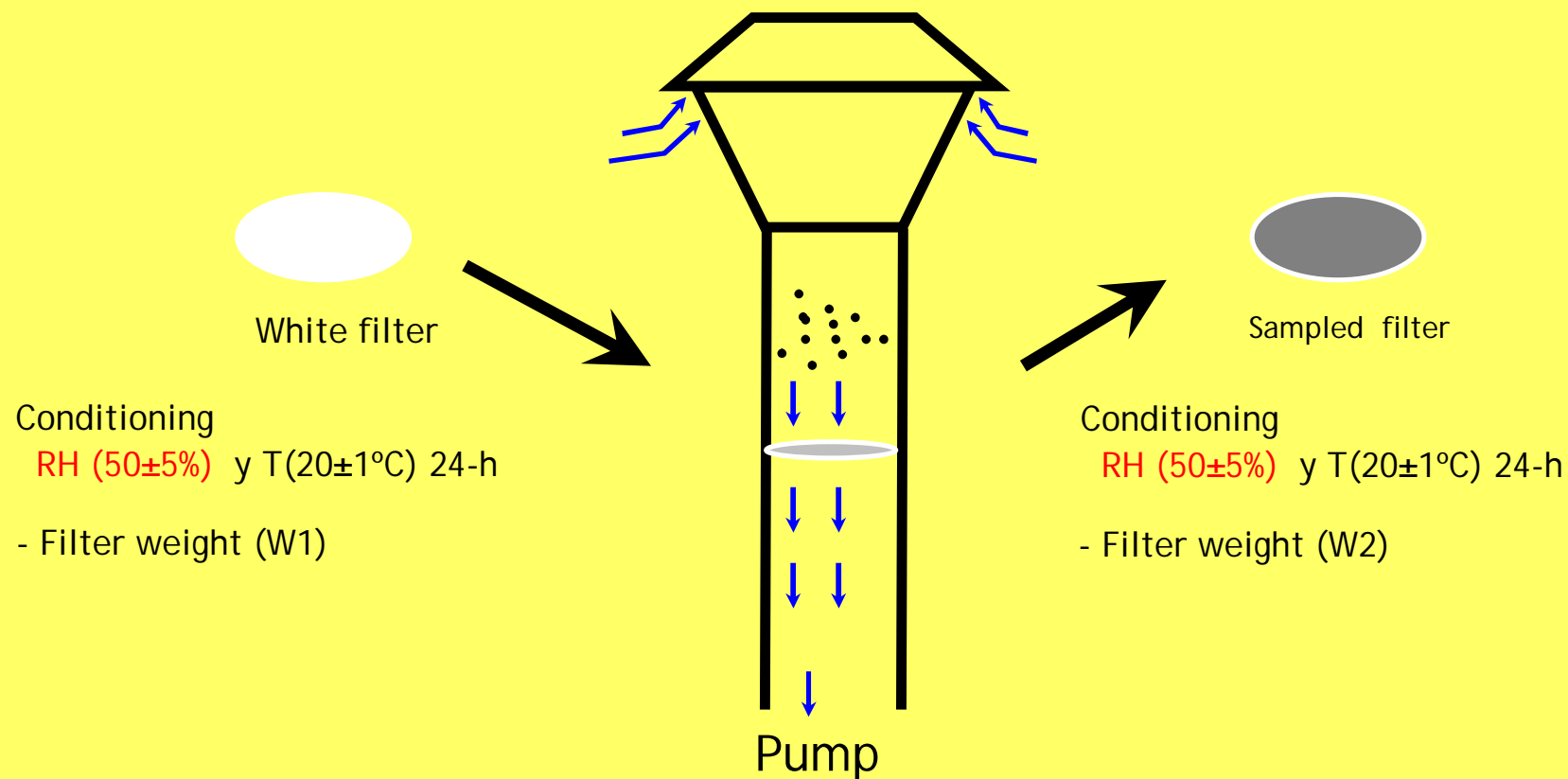


Particles in the Atmosphere: atmospheric residence timeModel

PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> measurements in air quality networks

### 1. Reference method: gravimetric method

$$PM = \frac{(W2 - W1)}{\text{Volume}} \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$$



PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> measurements in air quality networks

## 1. Reference method: gravimetric method

LVS: 2.3 m<sup>3</sup>/h

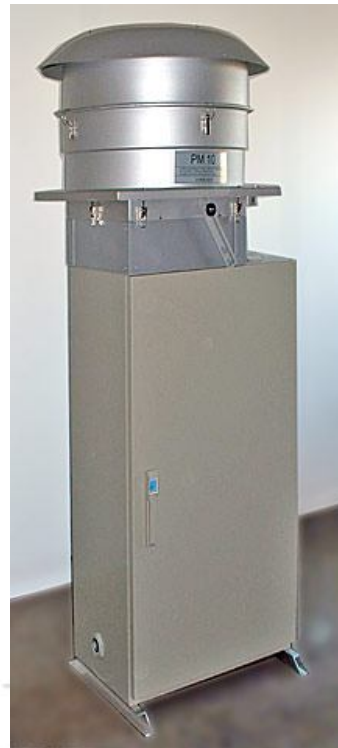
HVS: 68 m<sup>3</sup>/h

WRAC: 1966 m<sup>3</sup>/h

Low Volume Sampler

High Volume Sampler

Wide Range Aerosol  
Classifier





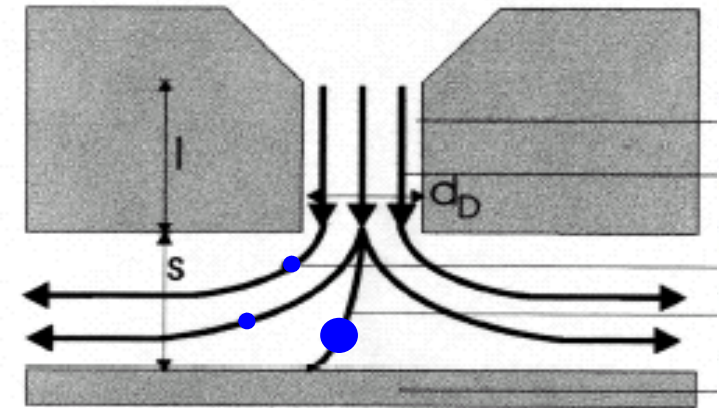
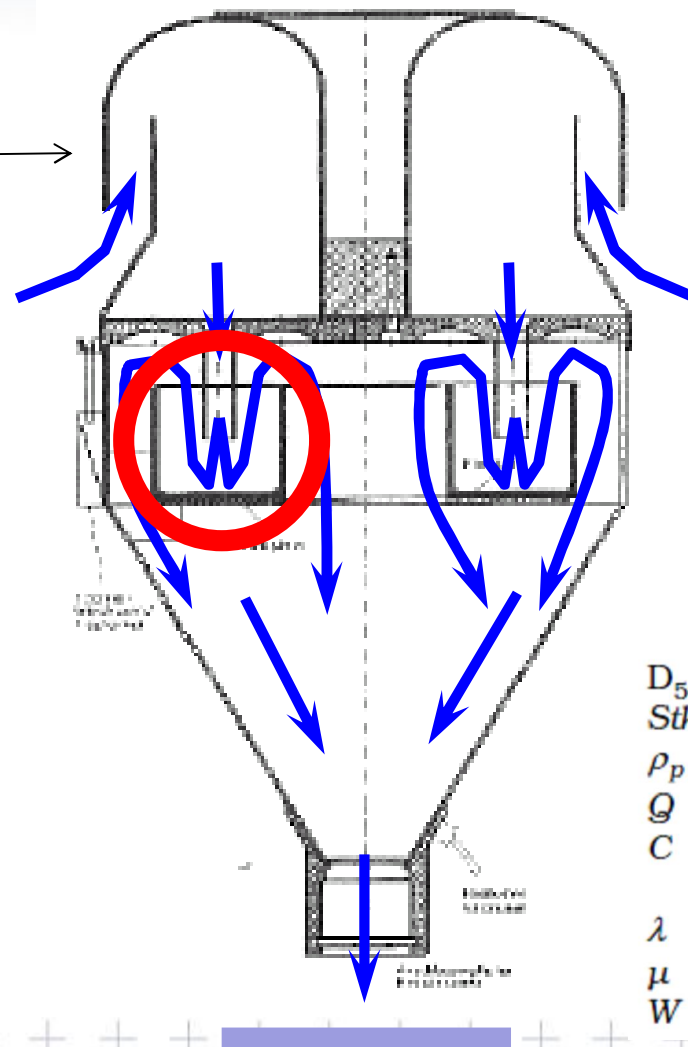
# In-situ measurements (PM)



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Y MEDIO RURAL Y MARINO

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$$D_{50} = \sqrt{\frac{9\pi Stk \mu W^3}{4\rho_p CQ}}$$

$D_{50}$  = particle cut-point diameter centimeter

$Stk$  = Stokes number = 0.23

$\rho_p$  = particle density ( $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ )

$Q$  = volumetric flow rate ( $\text{cm}^3/\text{s}$ )

$C$  = Cunningham slip correction

$= 1 + 2.492 \lambda/D_{50} + 0.84 \lambda/D_{50} \exp(-0.435 D_{50}/\lambda)$

$\lambda$  = gas mean free path

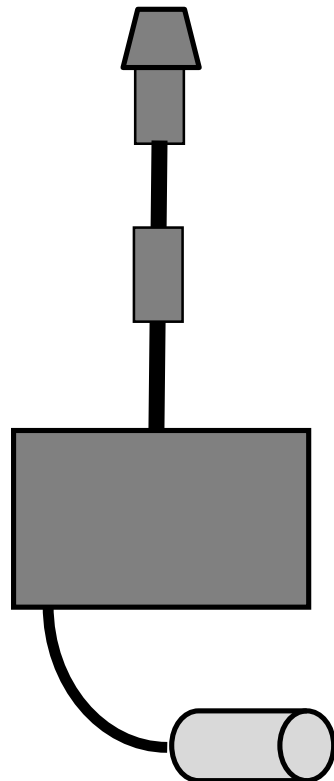
$\mu$  = gas viscosity ( $\text{dyne}\cdot\text{s}/\text{cm}^2$ )

$W$  = nozzle diameter (cm)

The Stokes number is a dimensionless parameter that characterizes impaction.

PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> measurements in air quality networks

### 2. Automated analyzers



1. Impactor PM<sub>10</sub> / PM<sub>2.5</sub>

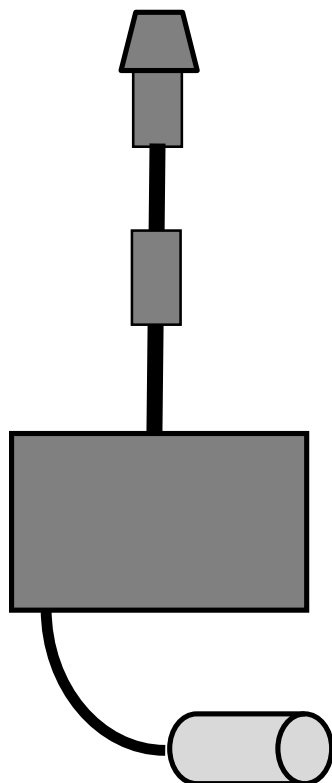
2. RH reductor / heater

3. Sensor (Beta radiation attenuation or Tapered Oscillating microbalance-TEOM-) → instead of weighting filters

4. Pump / Flow meter

PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> measurements in air quality networks

## 2. Automated analyzers



beta



TEOM



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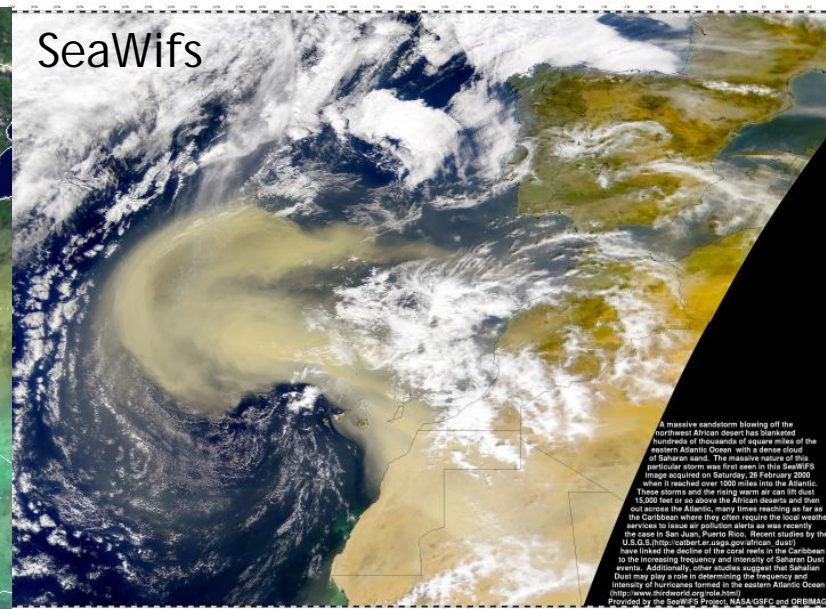
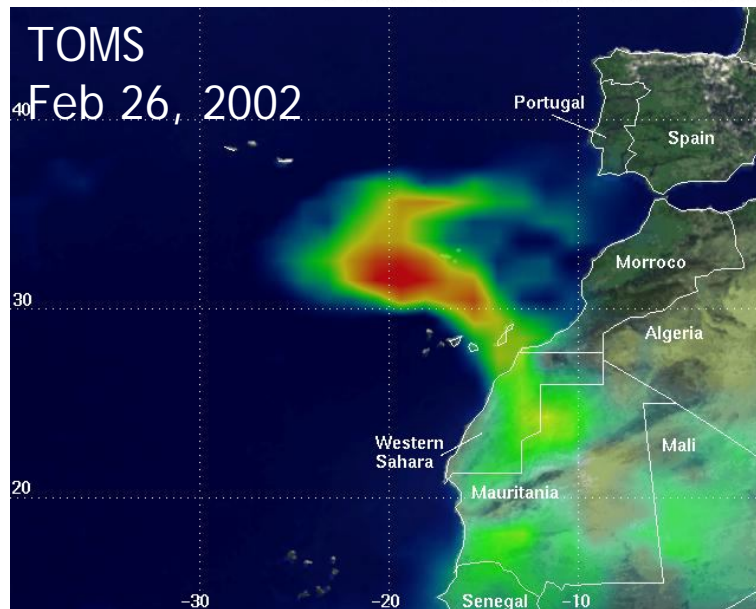
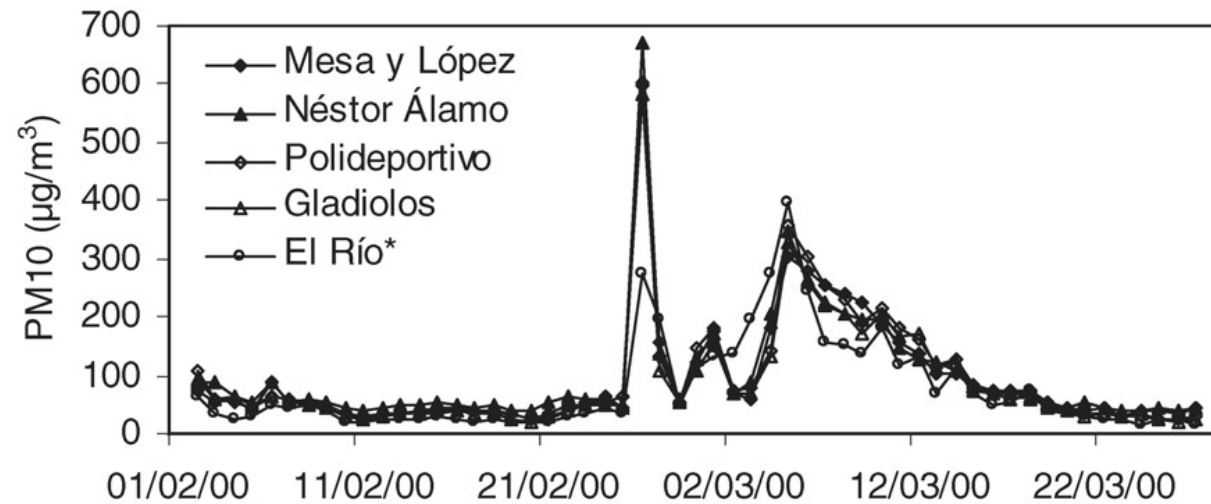


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Air quality stations  
at Tenerife Island



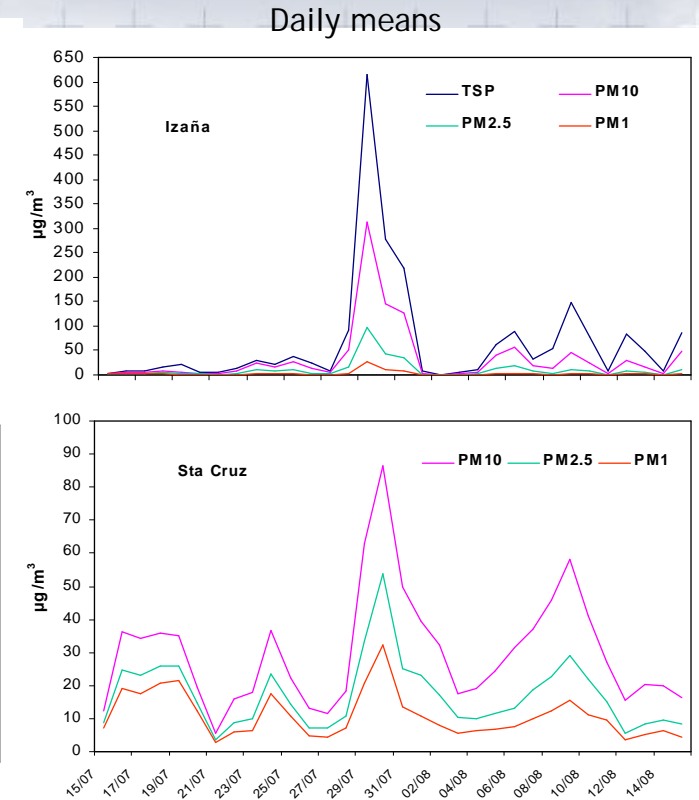
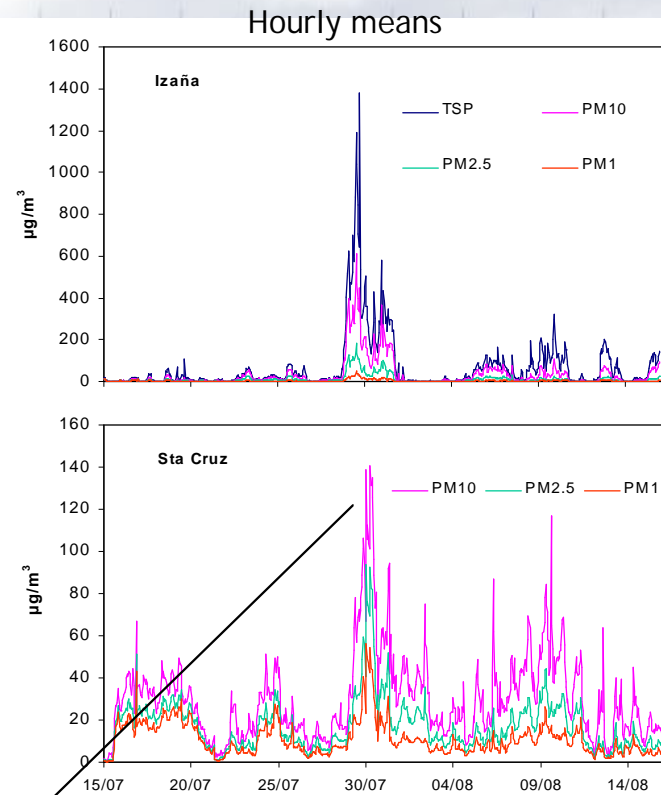
Viana et al., Atmospheric Environment, 2002



# In-situ measurements (PM)

## Chemical characterisation of TSP and PM<sub>2.5</sub> at Izaña and Sta. Cruz during the MINATROC field campaign (July, 2002)

*Alastuey et al., 2003*



# In-situ measurements (PM)



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Chemical Analysis: methodology (CSIC; Alastauy and Querol)

60 parameters/filter

## ACIDIC DIGESTION

Inductively coupled plasma  
Atomic Emission Spectroscopy

### Major elements

ICP-AES

|                                |         |   |    |
|--------------------------------|---------|---|----|
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | Ca      | K | Mg |
| Fe                             | Ti      | P | Na |
| CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>  | ind. Ca |   |    |
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | ind. Al |   |    |
| SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>  | ind. Na |   |    |

Inductively coupled plasma  
Mass spectroscopy

### Trace elements (40)

ICP-MS

As, Ba, Bi, Cd, Ce, Co, Cr, Cs, Cu, Dy,  
Er, Ga, Gd, Ge, Hf, La, Li, Mn, Mo, Nd,  
Ni, Pb, Pr, Rb, Sb, Sc, Se, Sm, Sn, Sr,  
Ta, Th, Ti, Tl, U, V, W, Yb, Zn, Zr

## WATER EXTRACTION

### Soluble anions and cations

NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>

FIA C.

SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>

IC

Cl<sup>-</sup>

IC

Ion Chromatography

NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>

IC

## ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS

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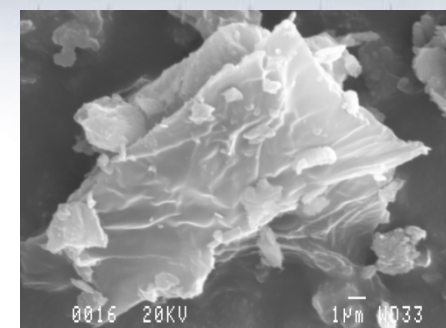
Elemental A.

## DETERMINED

75-85 % PM mass

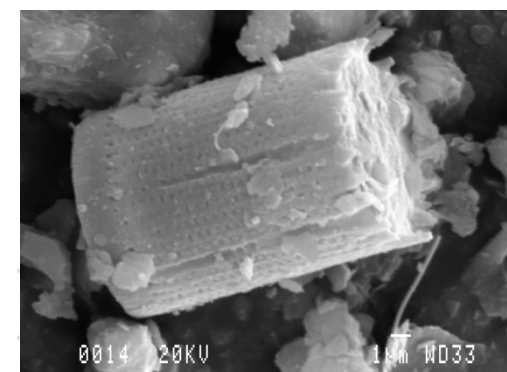
# In-situ measurements (PM)

|                               | A) PM10             |                                  |                    |                                    | B) PM2.5            |                                  |                                    |                    |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                               | Factor 1<br>mineral | Factor 2<br>primario<br>fuel oil | Factor 3<br>marino | Factor 4<br>secundario<br>fuel oil | Factor 1<br>mineral | Factor 2<br>primario<br>fuel oil | Factor 3<br>secundario<br>fuel oil | Factor 4<br>marino |
| OM+EC                         |                     | <b>0.75</b>                      |                    |                                    |                     | <b>0.87</b>                      |                                    |                    |
| Al                            | <b>0.91</b>         |                                  |                    |                                    | <b>0.88</b>         |                                  |                                    |                    |
| Ca                            | <b>0.81</b>         |                                  |                    |                                    | 0.71                |                                  |                                    | 0.47               |
| K                             | <b>0.83</b>         |                                  | 0.45               |                                    | 0.78                |                                  |                                    |                    |
| Na                            |                     |                                  | <b>0.90</b>        |                                    |                     |                                  |                                    | <b>0.71</b>        |
| Mg                            | 0.59                |                                  | <b>0.76</b>        |                                    | 0.66                |                                  |                                    | <b>0.61</b>        |
| Fe                            | <b>0.91</b>         |                                  |                    |                                    | <b>0.89</b>         |                                  |                                    |                    |
| SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> | 0.41                | 0.40                             | 0.54               | <b>0.57</b>                        | 0.49                | <b>0.61</b>                      | <b>0.51</b>                        |                    |
| NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>  | 0.47                |                                  | 0.55               | 0.46                               | 0.64                |                                  |                                    | 0.44               |
| Cl <sup>-</sup>               |                     |                                  | <b>0.88</b>        |                                    |                     |                                  |                                    | <b>0.88</b>        |
| NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>  |                     |                                  |                    | <b>0.86</b>                        |                     | 0.53                             | <b>0.63</b>                        |                    |
| P                             | <b>0.80</b>         |                                  |                    |                                    | 0.47                |                                  |                                    |                    |
| Ti                            | <b>0.94</b>         |                                  |                    |                                    | <b>0.94</b>         |                                  |                                    |                    |
| V                             |                     | <b>0.90</b>                      |                    |                                    |                     | <b>0.94</b>                      |                                    |                    |
| Mn                            | <b>0.92</b>         |                                  |                    |                                    | 0.78                |                                  |                                    |                    |
| Co                            | 0.55                | 0.52                             |                    |                                    | 0.40                | 0.61                             |                                    |                    |
| Ni                            |                     | <b>0.85</b>                      |                    |                                    |                     | <b>0.94</b>                      |                                    |                    |
| Cu                            | 0.53                |                                  |                    |                                    |                     |                                  | <b>0.61</b>                        |                    |
| Zn                            |                     |                                  |                    | 0.51                               |                     |                                  | <b>0.87</b>                        |                    |
| As                            | 0.54                | 0.43                             |                    |                                    | 0.53                | 0.56                             |                                    |                    |
| Cd                            | 0.75                |                                  |                    |                                    | 0.64                |                                  | <b>0.50</b>                        |                    |
| Pb                            | 0.51                |                                  | 0.42               |                                    | 0.67                |                                  |                                    |                    |
| Expt Var                      | 8.09                | 3.40                             | 3.72               | 2.25                               | 7.30                | 4.68                             | 2.90                               | 2.50               |
| Prp Totl                      | 0.37                | 0.15                             | 0.17               | 0.10                               | 0.33                | 0.21                             | 0.13                               | 0.11               |



• Saharan air masses mainly consist of clays, quartz, feldspars, and calcite.

• Fresh water diatoms and pollen particles from North Africa have also been identified at Izaña.



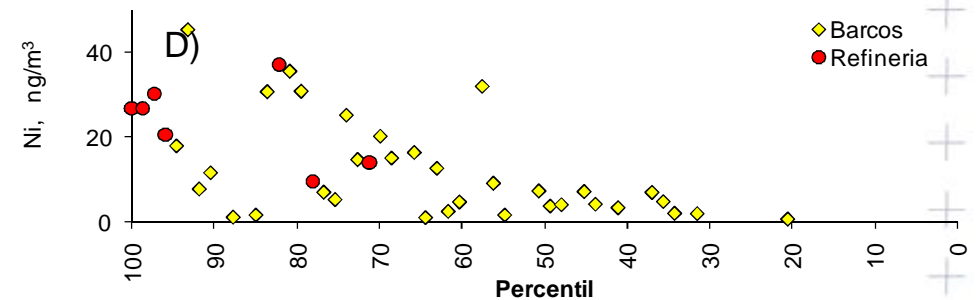
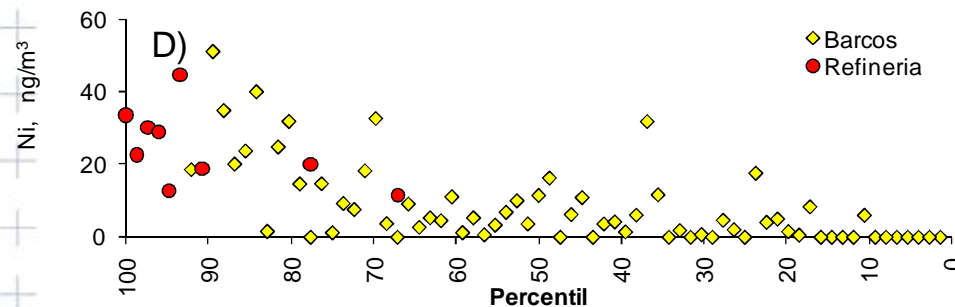
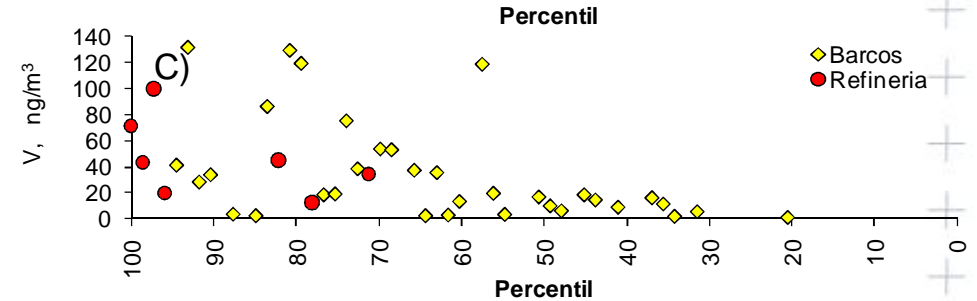
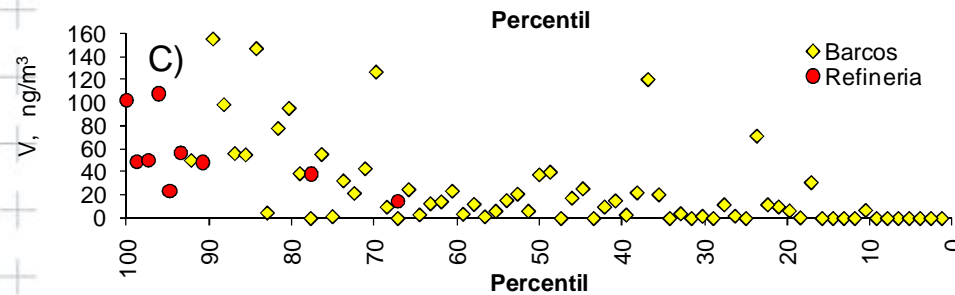
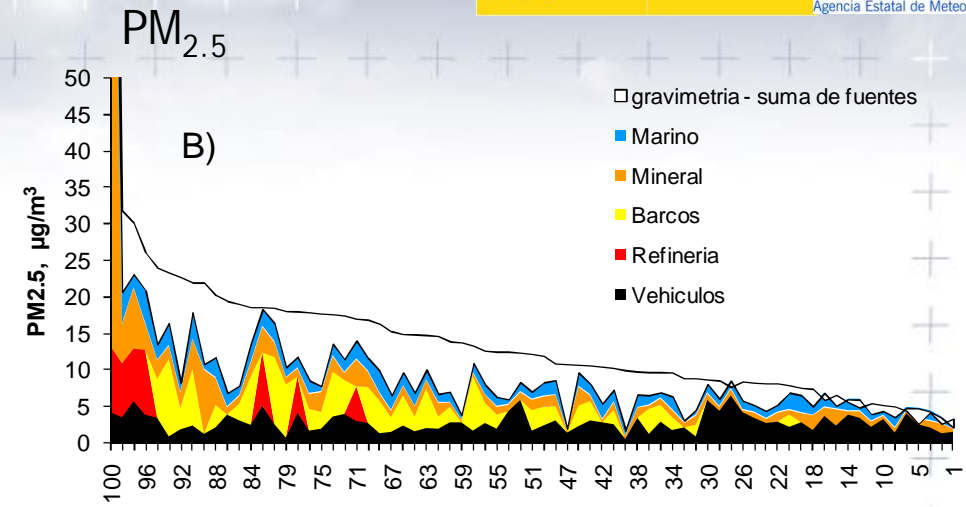
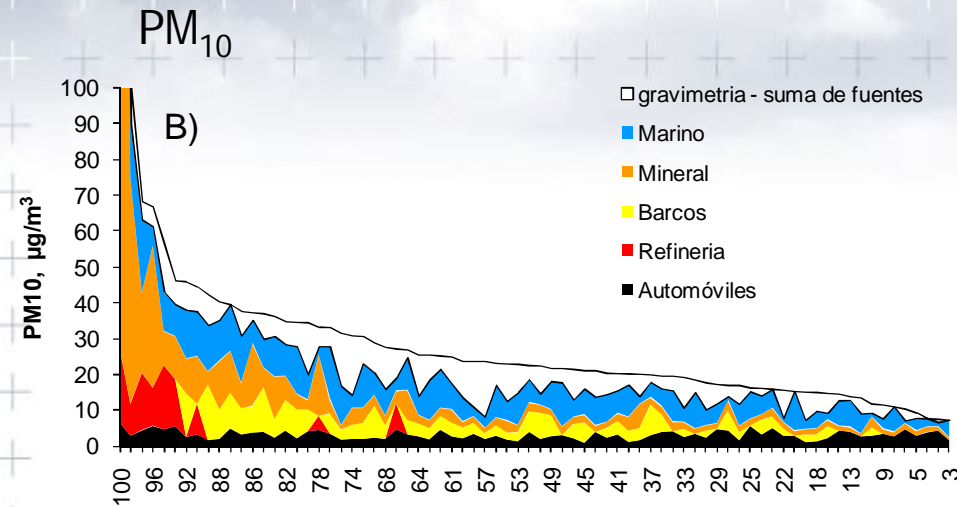
$$PM_{10} > 50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$$

Tabla 11. Episodios en los que se supera el valor límite diario para partículas PM10 ( $50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ). A) Contribución de fuentes. B) Composición de cada fuente antropogénica de PM10. C) Información complementaria. En A) % indica la contribución a la media de cada fuente a la concentración de PM10; Natural = Mineral + Marino; Antropogénico = Barcos + Refinería + Automóviles. En C) unidades: V ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), Ni ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ),  $\text{SO}_2$  ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) y  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ).

| A)                      | 26/04/2008                 | 21/01/2008                 | 02/04/2008                 | 11/11/2008                 | 29/06/2008                 |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                         | $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ % | $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ % | $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ % | $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ % | $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ % |
| PM10                    | 376.4                      | 100.6                      | 68.5                       | 66.8                       | 56.6                       |
| $\Sigma$ contribuciones | 319.1 85                   | 89.9 89                    | 63.3 92                    | 61.3 92                    | 43.1 76                    |
| Mineral                 | 270.4 72                   | 62.9 63                    | 22.3 33                    | 39.6 59                    | 9.4 17                     |
| Marino                  | 21.0 6                     | 15.3 15                    | 20.5 30                    | 5.4 8                      | 11.1 20                    |
| Barcos                  | 0.0 0                      | 0.0 0                      | 0.0 0                      | 0.0 0                      | 0.0 0                      |
| Refinería               | 20.9 6                     | 8.8 9                      | 16.1 23                    | 10.6 16                    | 17.9 32                    |
| Automóviles             | 6.8 2                      | 3.0 3                      | 4.4 6                      | 5.7 9                      | 4.8 8                      |
| Mineral + marino        | 291.4                      | 78.1                       | 42.8                       | 45.0                       | 20.5                       |
| Antropogénico           | 27.7                       | 11.7                       | 20.5                       | 16.3                       | 22.6                       |



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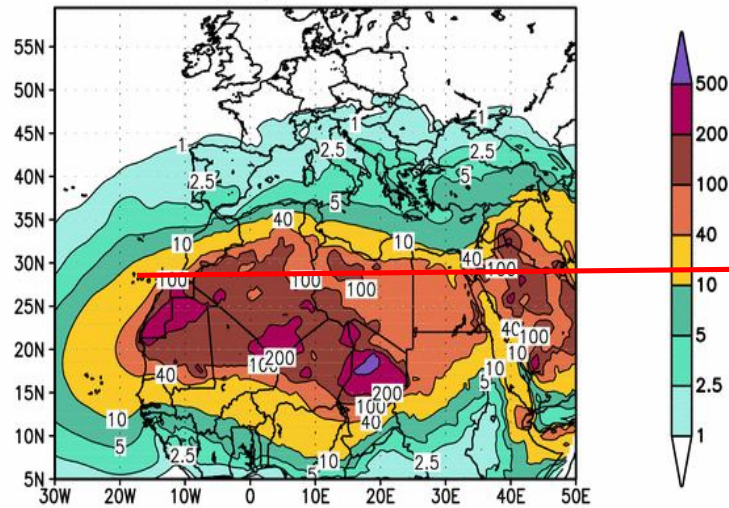


Santa Cruz de Tenerife source apportionment study by receptor modeling  
*Rodríguez et al., 2009*

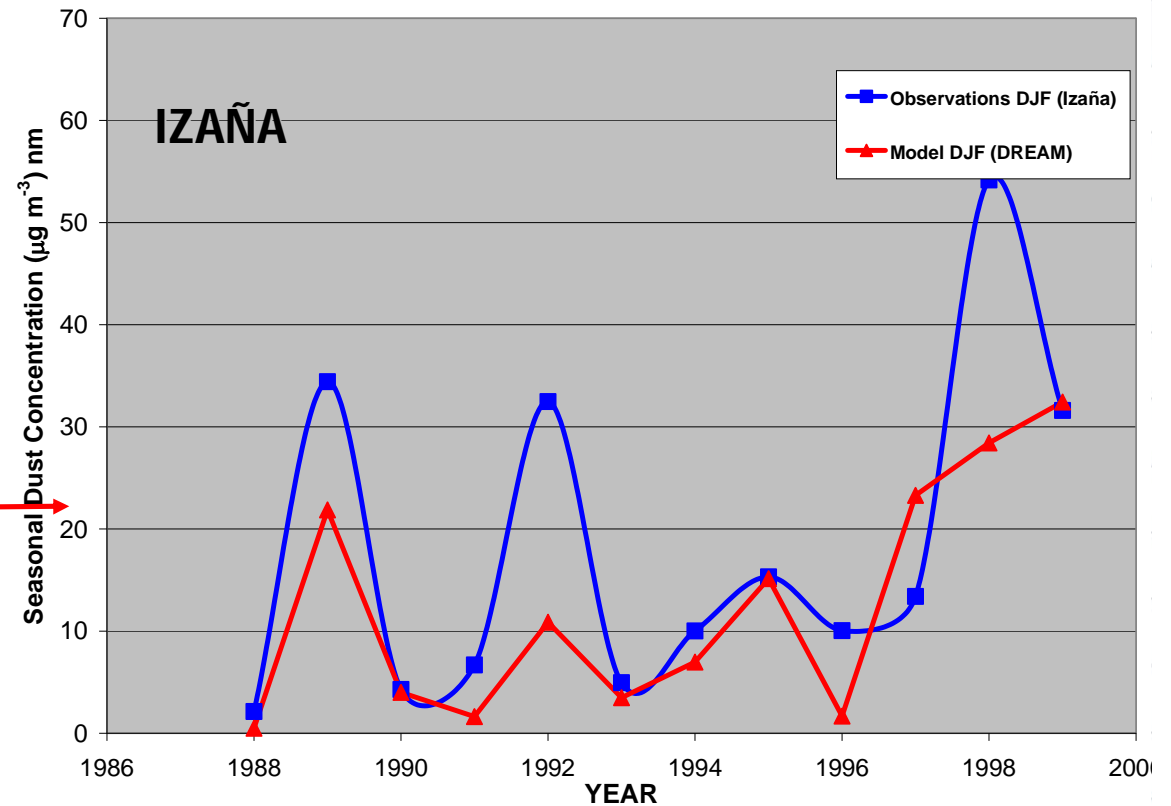
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### BSC-DREAM validation against TSP at Izaña

Surf. dust conc. [ $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ] DJF 1981–2006



Winter



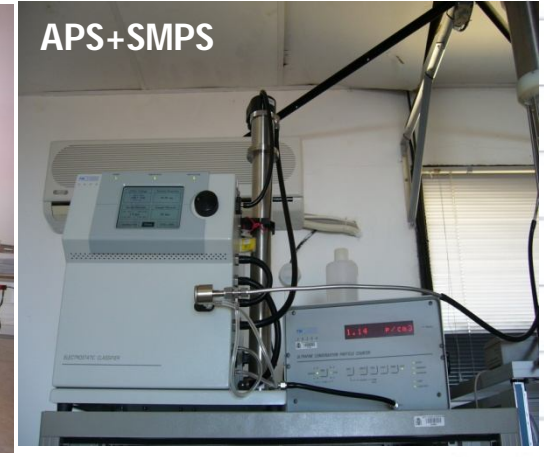
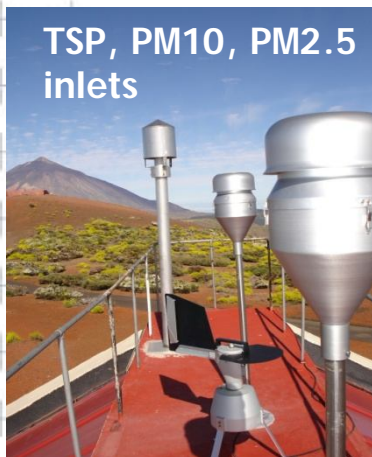
$R=0.79$

In-situ dust concentration validation: Izaña GAW station-DREAM

*Pérez et al., 2008*

## In-situ Aerosol/ African-dust characterization

- Number size distribution of coarse, fine and ultra-fine particles (3nm-20 $\mu$ m) (APS + SMPS)
- PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels and chemical composition (samplers)
- Total and backward scattering coefficients (3 $\lambda$ ) (integrating nephelometer)
- Absorption scattering coefficients (1 $\lambda$ ) (MAAP)



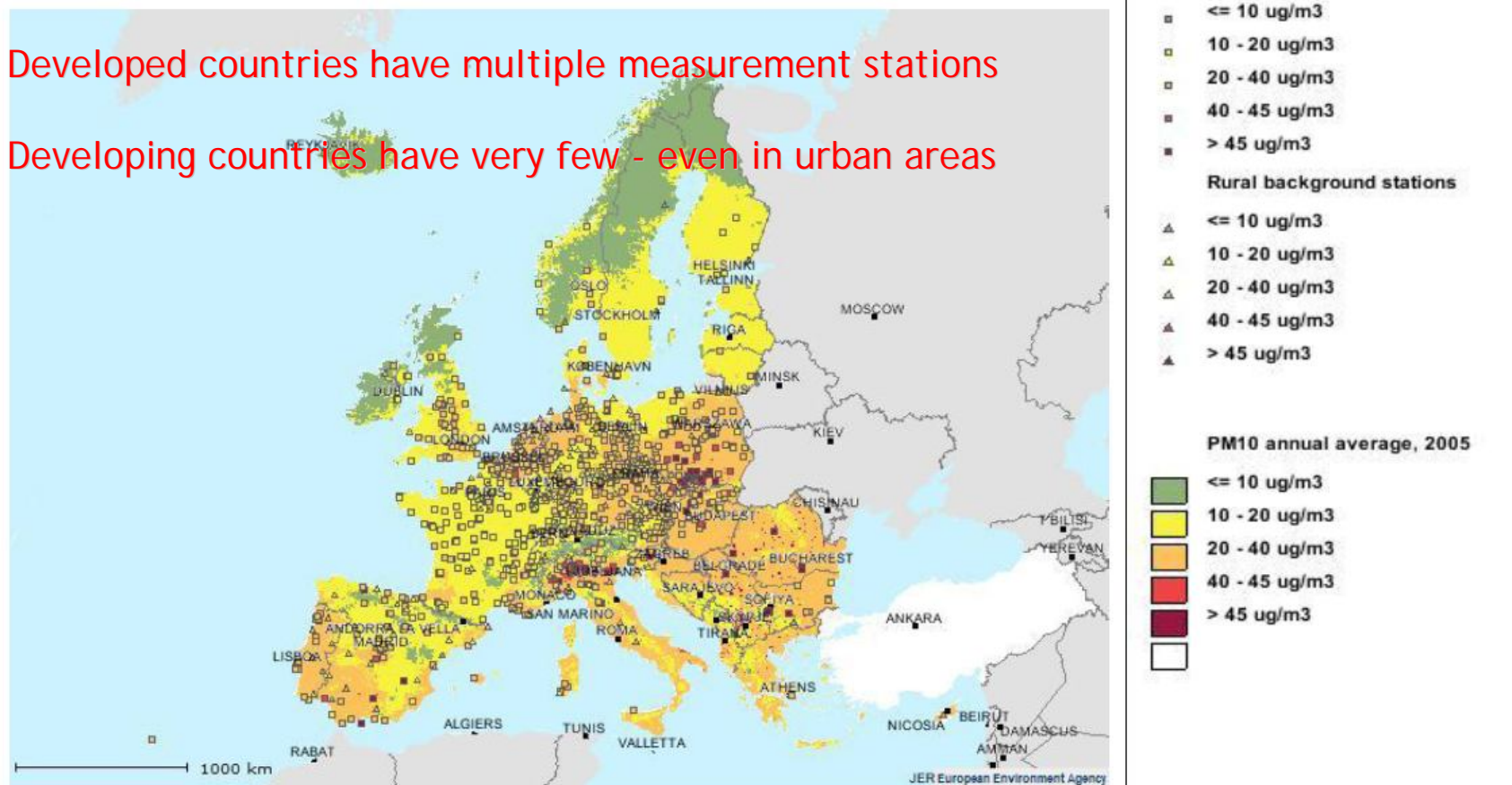


## PM10 annual average, 2005

Many different PM instruments and networks

Developed countries have multiple measurement stations

Developing countries have very few - even in urban areas



- ~ 100 PM<sub>2.5</sub> & PM<sub>10</sub> stations in Europe in 2003 (~ 1600 PM<sub>10</sub>-only stations). Mostly daily (24h) average data are available.
- Measurement principles: TEOM, beta-attenuation, gravimetry



From ground observations...  
to ground estimations...

Visibility

## WMO - visibility

The greatest distance that a black object of "suitable dimensions," situated near the ground, can be seen and recognized when observed against a background of fog

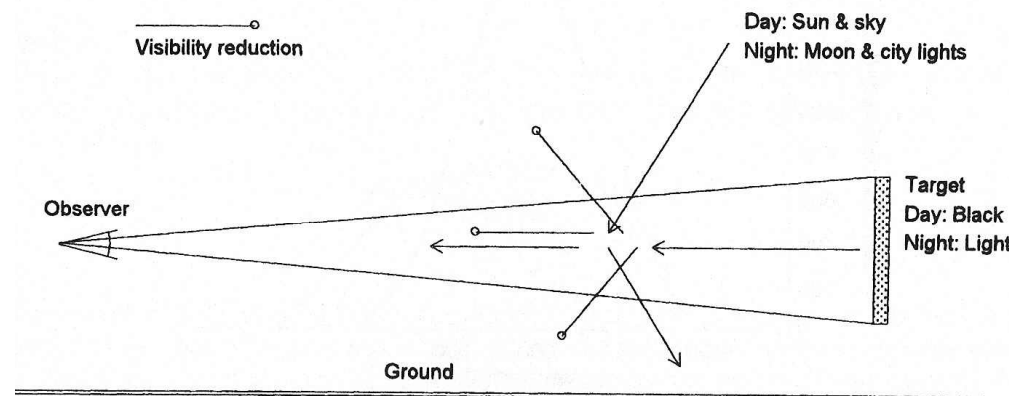
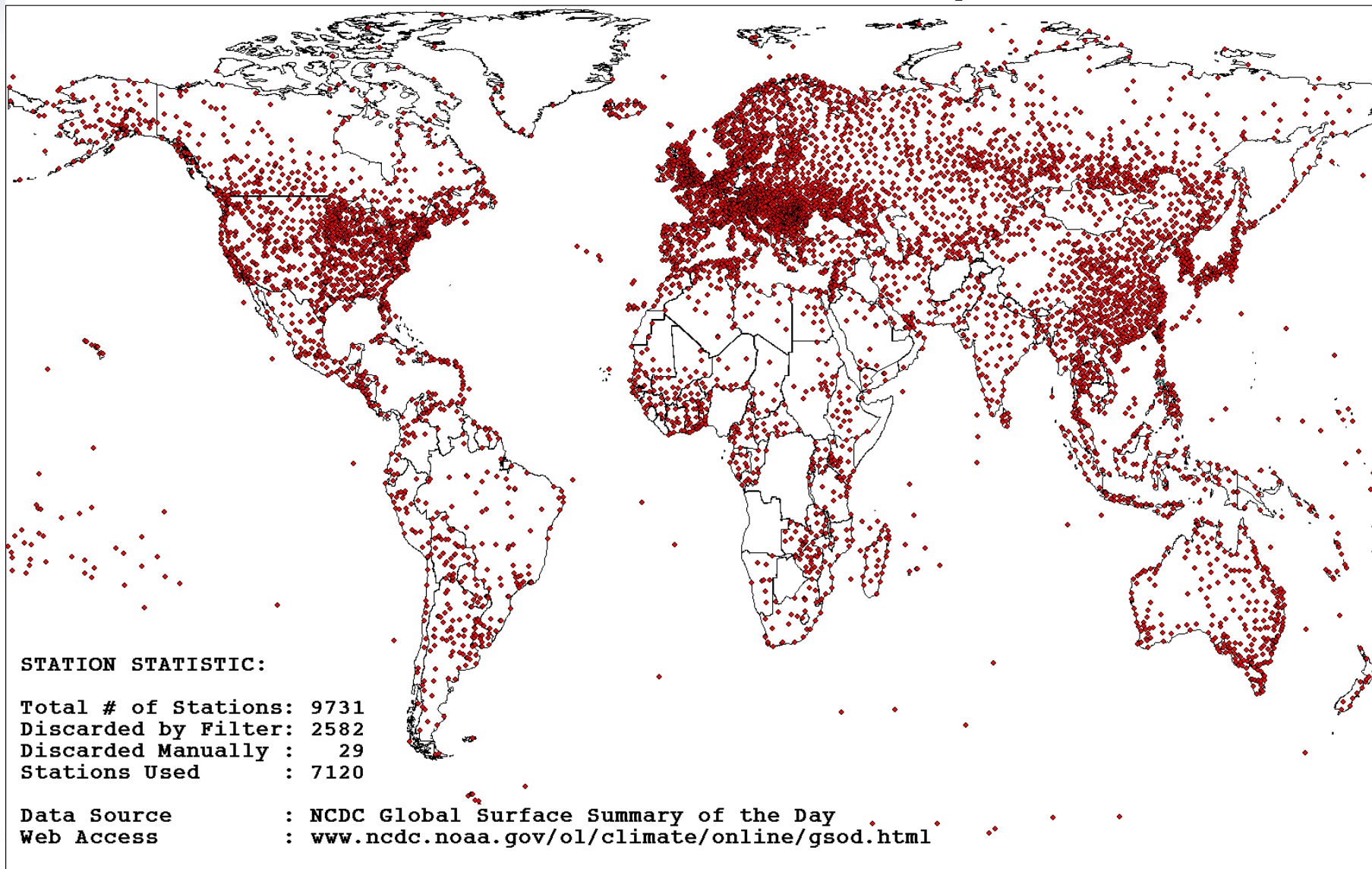


Fig. 11-1 Visibility reduction by scattering.

- Operational surface synoptic weather station reports from Global Telecommunication System (GTS)
- Station reports include past & present weather, visibility (km), temperature (°C), dew point temperature, wind direction (°), and speed (knots)

|       |       |       |          |                              |    |    |     |    |     |     |        |
|-------|-------|-------|----------|------------------------------|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|--------|
| 62733 | 15.32 | 35.60 | 02040818 | Dust, not at time of obs.    | 6  | 0  | 18  | 22 | 320 | 2   | 35.5   |
| 62733 | 15.32 | 35.60 | 02041015 | Dust, raised at time of obs. | 7  | 0  | 99. | 30 | 320 | 6   | 34.5   |
| 62733 | 15.32 | 35.60 | 02041121 | -9                           | -9 | -9 | -9  | 20 | 23  | 320 | 2 26.0 |
| 62733 | 15.32 | 35.60 | 02041212 | -9                           | -9 | -9 | -9  | 20 | 34  | 340 | 3 37.5 |

## WMO- World Wide Watch Global Surface Meteorological Network



## Measurement of visibility - transmissometer

- A light source with one or two light detectors at fixed distances from the source
- Detectors are designed to receive light only from the source direction
- Often located along and parallel to a runway (runway visual range; RVR)

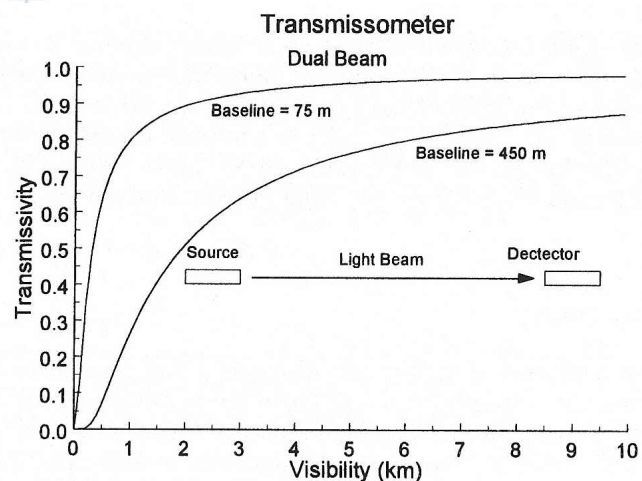


Fig. 11-3 Transfer function for a transmissometer.

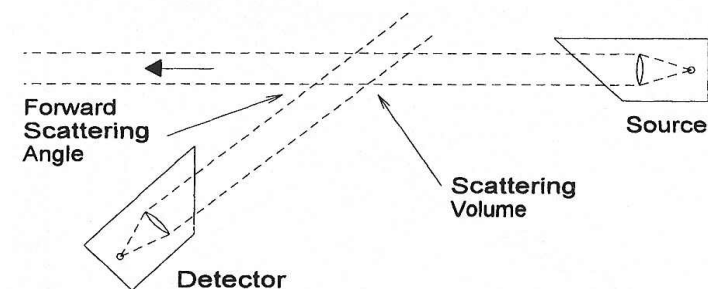


Fig. 11-4 A forward scatter visibility meter.



### Relation between horizontal visibility and TSP or PM10

Very few studies on the relation between horizontal visibility and TSP or PM10 levels of mineral dust mass concentration have been carried out in Africa.

$$C_{TSP} = 1339.84 VV^{-0.67}$$

Ben Mohamed et al. (1992)

$$C_{PM10} = 914.06 VV^{-0.73} + 19.03$$

D'Almeida's (1986)

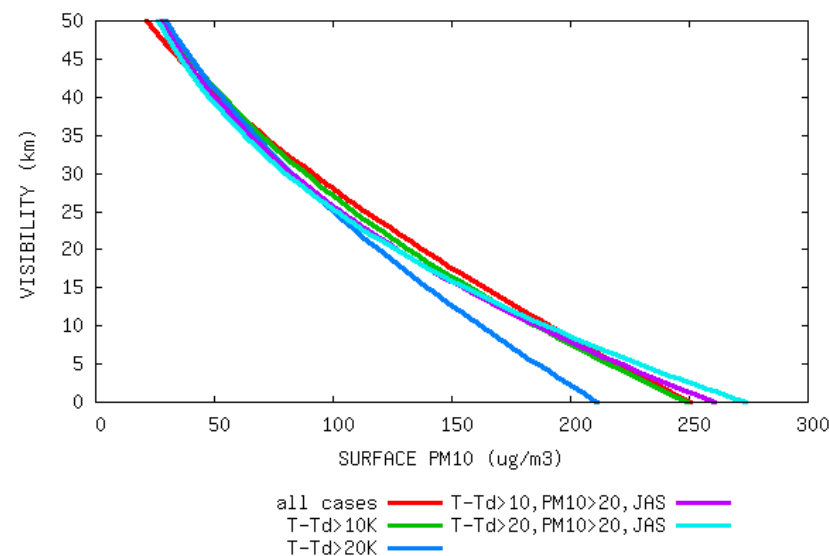
where  $C$  is the TSP concentration in  $\mu\text{gm}^{-3}$  and  $VV$  is the horizontal visibility in km

E. Terradellas

$$\text{Vis} = 63023 - 1838(\text{PM}_{10})^{0.64}$$

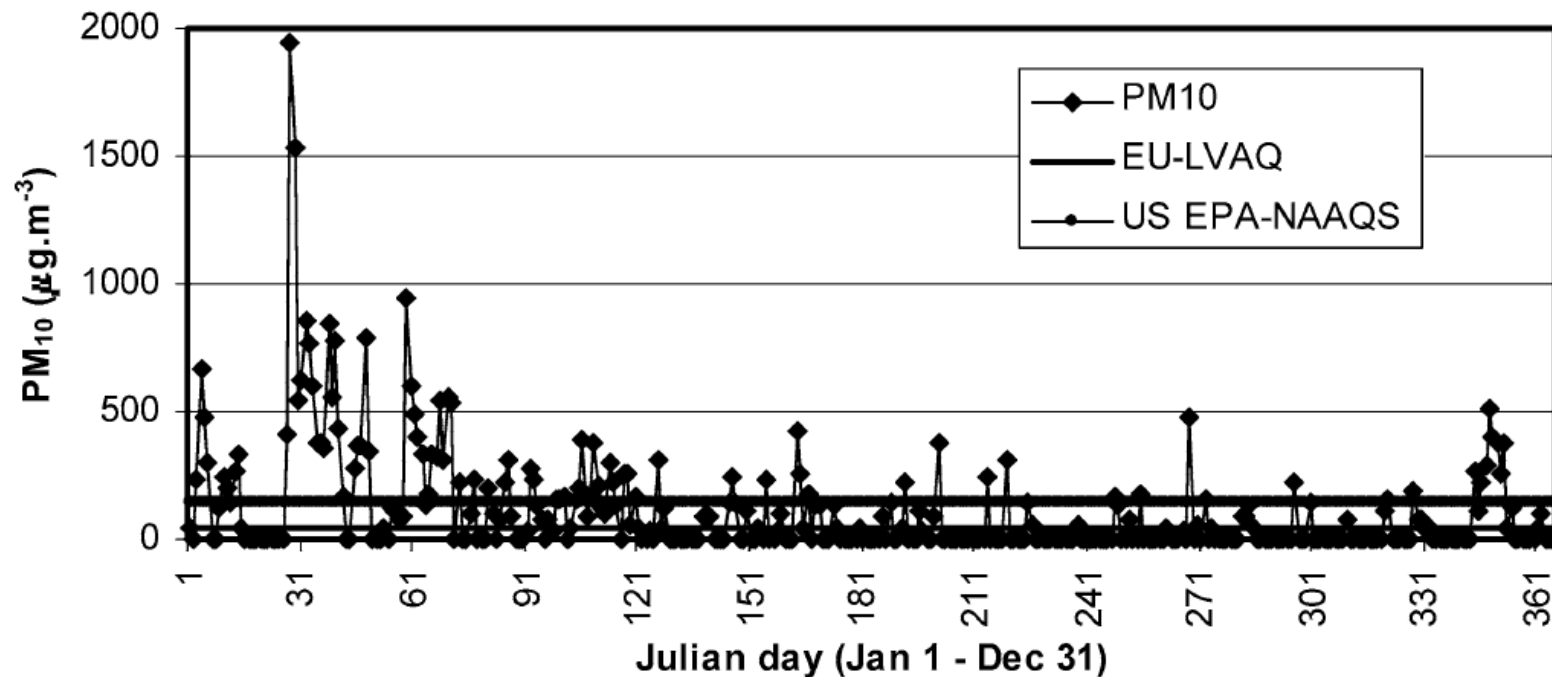
PM<sub>10</sub> at Izaña

Visibility from SYNOP-Izaña

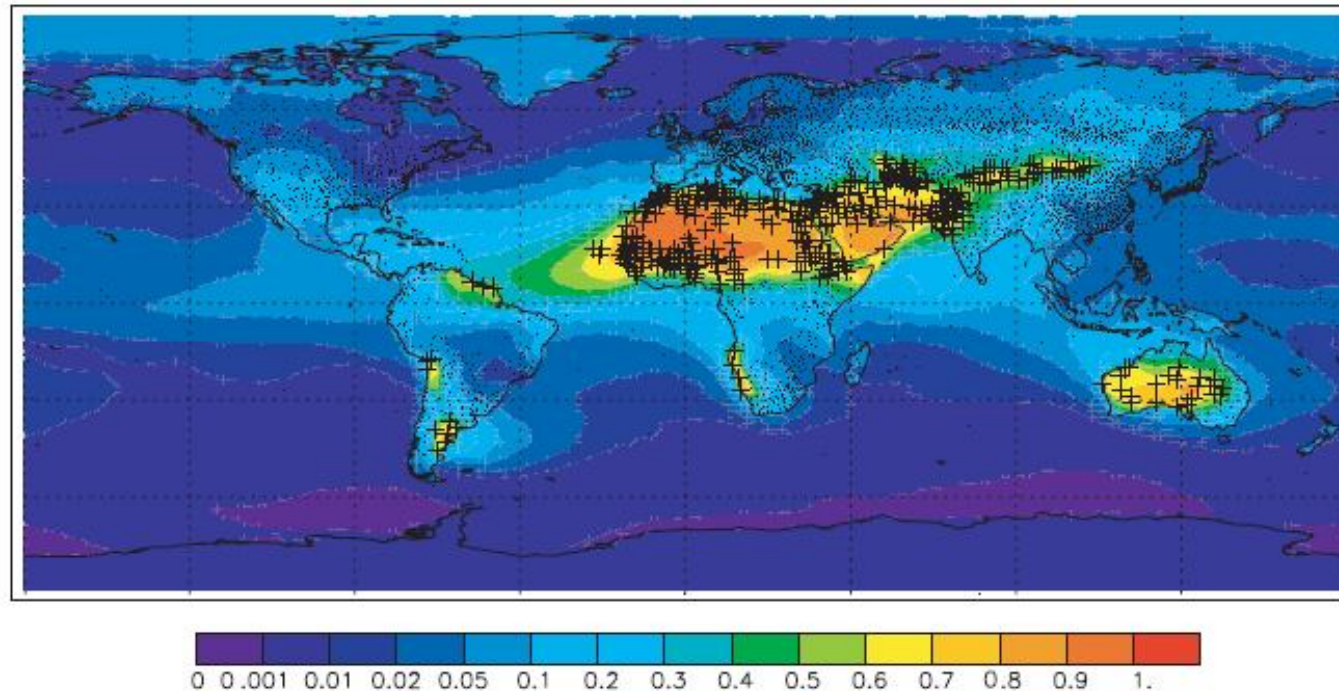


Identify surface station visibility reports that may be used in simple regression model for estimate ground PM10 or TSP

Variations of estimated daily mean concentrations of TSP and PM10 ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ ) due to Saharan dust events at Nouakchott, Mauritania, in 2000



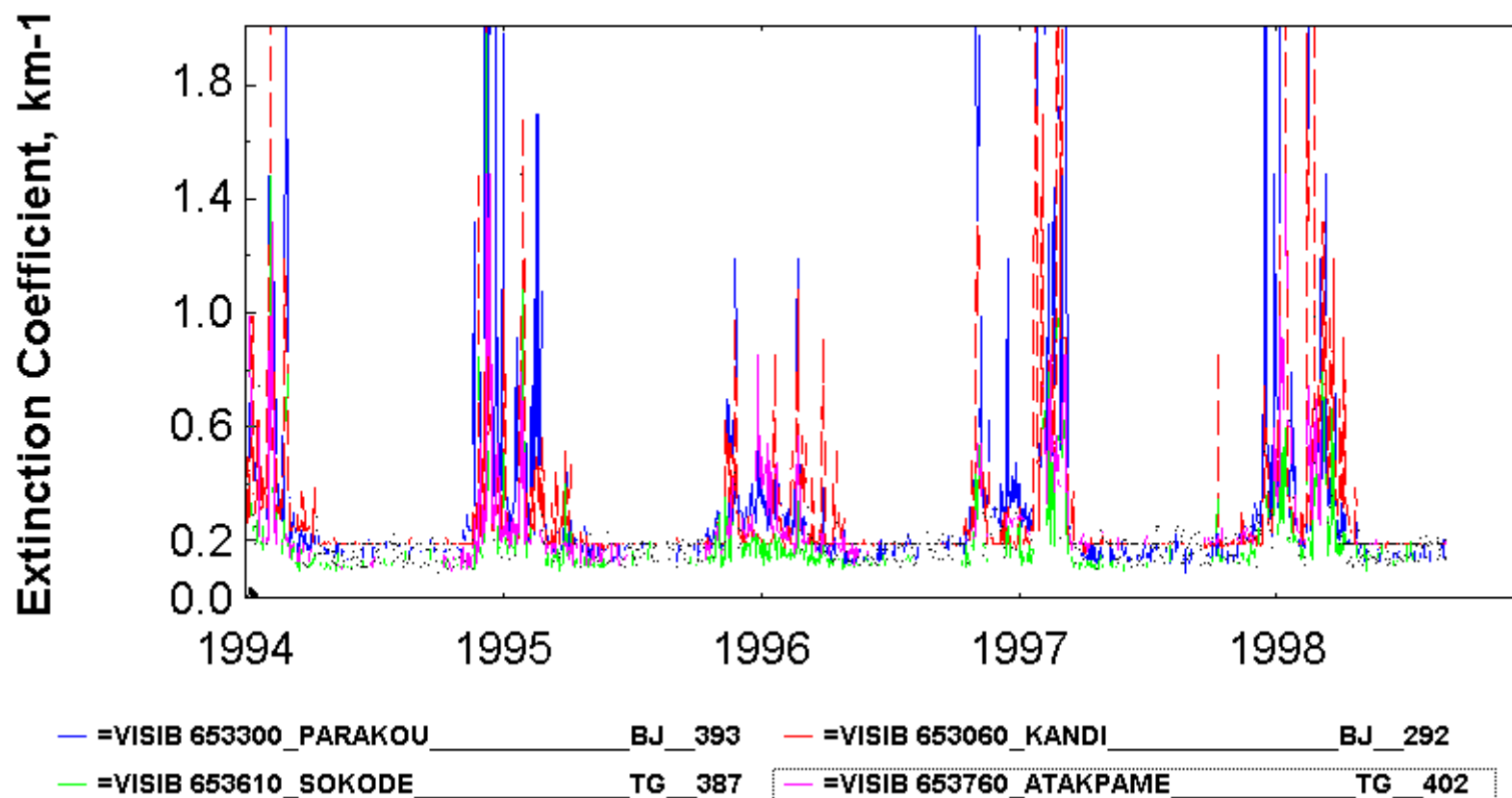
Ozer et al., (2006): Estimation of air quality degradation due to Saharan dust at Nouakchott, Mauritania, from horizontal visibility data



**Fig. 4.** Location of visibility stations with more than 30 years of data. Colored contours show fraction of surface extinction from desert dust. Pluses show stations in regions dominated by desert dust (>50%), while dots show other locations.

Mahowald et al. (2007) Atmos. Chem. Phys.; Global trends in visibility: implications for dust sources

## Togo, Benin, 1994-1998





## Problems with station visibility estimates

1. Human observations are inherently subjective.
2. No all reductions of visibility are due to dust (fog, biomass burning...)
3. Coarse reporting bins
4. Judgment in distinguishing visibility beyond 10 km

## Main advantages

1. Reports are abundant and widespread over land. There is information in remote areas (deserts)
2. There are *some* standards
3. Human detected visibility has been correlated well with surface extinction analyses (Husar et al., 2000)
4. Estimations of PM are possible

# In-situ estimations

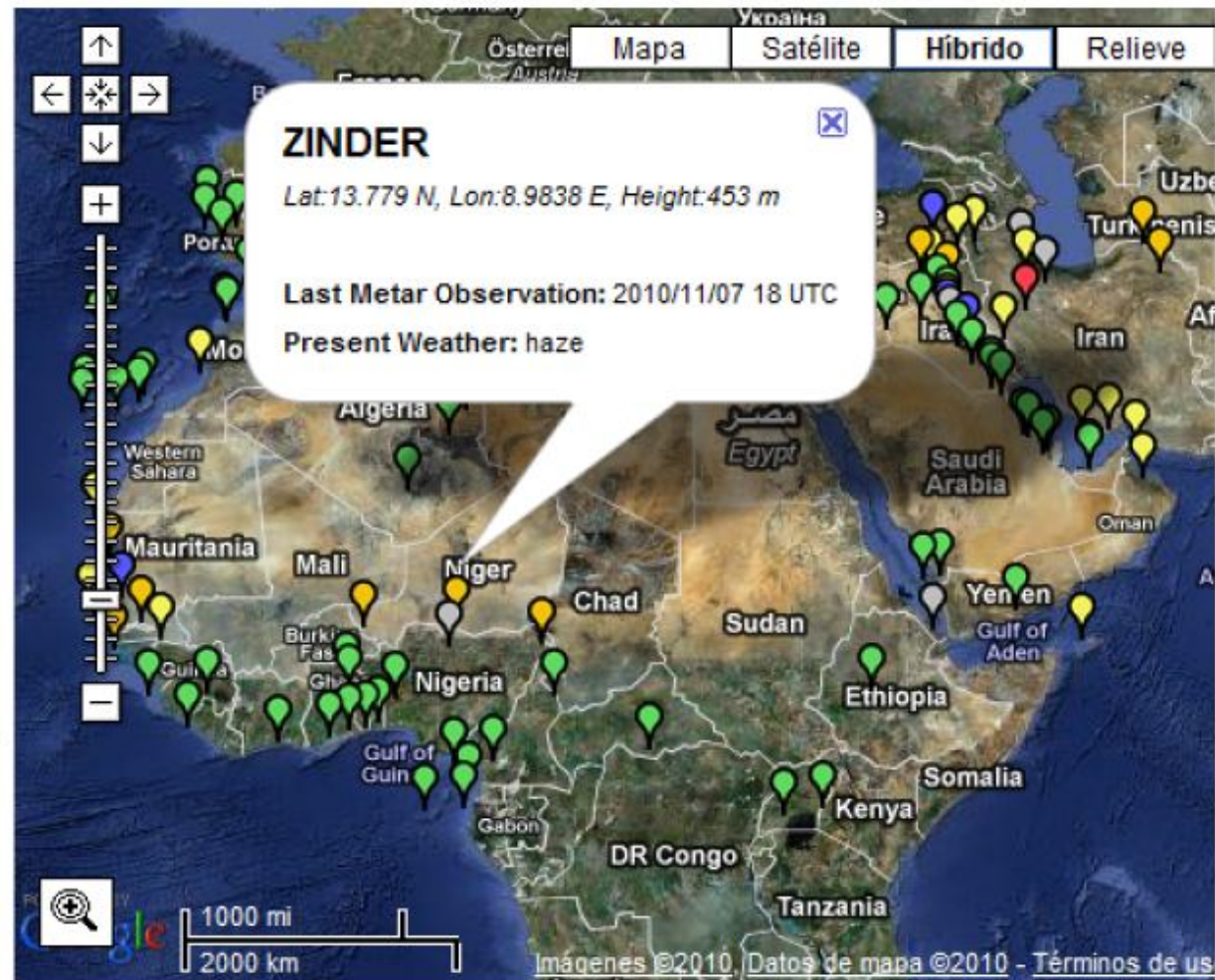
| AERONET<br>Verification   | MSG<br>Verification | MODIS<br>Real-Time | Visibility<br>Real-Time |
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| Map Reload  |                     |                    |                         |
| <a href="http://www.bsc.es/sds-was/node/46">http://www.bsc.es/sds-was/node/46</a> |                     |                    |                         |

-  < 50 m
-  > 50 m And < 2 km
-  > 2 km And < 4 km
-  > 4 km And < 6 km
-  > 6 km And < 8 km
-  > 8 km And < 10 km
-  > 10 km

Last Update:  
2010-11-07 21:37:07

CLICK ON A STATION FOR TIME OF  
OBSERVATION

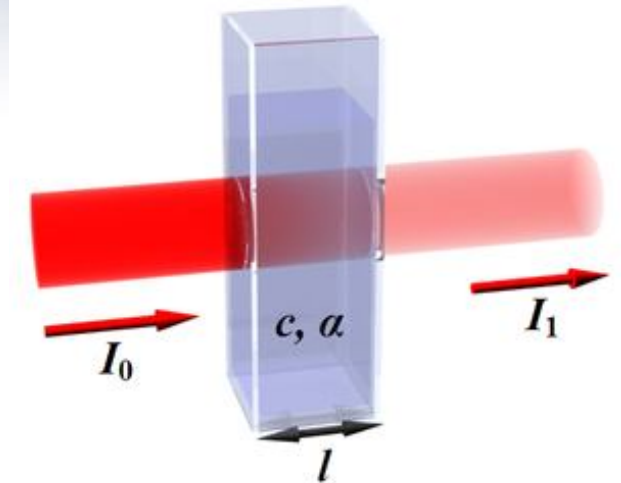
Develop a quality-screened  
station dataset for use in  
validating dust model  
forecasts



From ground observations...  
to total atmospheric column observations

Sunphotometers

- Sun Photometers absorb *direct* sunlight energy with a LED light and convert the intensity into a quantified voltage to measure aerosols in the atmosphere.
- The intensity of sunlight at the top of the earth's atmosphere is constant. While the sunlight travels through the atmosphere, aerosols can dissipate the energy by scattering (Rayleigh) and absorbing the light. More aerosols in the atmosphere cause more scattering and less energy transmitted to the surface.
- Knowing the sunlight's energy at the top of the atmosphere, the thickness of the atmosphere, and the amount of sunlight transmitted to the earth's surface and can allows us to determine the amount of scattering, and thus, the amount of aerosols (dust).



## Beer's Law

$$T = I_1/I_0 = 10^{-\alpha l} = 10^{-\epsilon l c}$$

Transmissivity (T)

Absorption coefficient ( $\alpha$ )

path length (l)

molar absorptivity of the absorber ( $\epsilon$ )

concentration of absorbing species in the material (c)

absorption cross section ( $\sigma$ )

density of absorbers (N)



## Aerosol Optical Depth (or Thickness)

"Aerosol Optical Depth" (AOD) is the degree to which aerosols prevent the transmission of light. The aerosol optical depth or optical thickness ( $\tau$ ) is defined as the integrated extinction coefficient over a vertical column of unit cross section.

$$\tau_{ext} = \int_{z=0}^{z=toa} K_{ext}(z) dz$$

## Angstrom Exponent

An exponent that expresses the spectral dependence of Aerosol Optical Depth ( $\tau$ ) with the wavelength of incident light ( $\lambda$ ). The spectral dependence of aerosol optical thickness can be approximated (depending on size distribution) by:

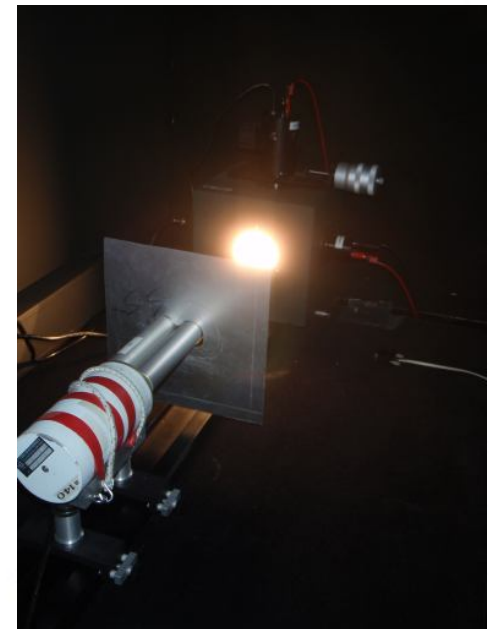
$$\tau_a = \beta \lambda^\alpha$$

where  $\alpha$  is the Angstrom exponent ( $\beta$  = aerosol optical thickness at 1  $\mu\text{m}$ )

If AOD >~ 0.2 and  $\alpha < 0.7$  then we are observing dust (aprox.)

## Ground-based remote sensing

- The Cimel Electronique 318 spectral radiometer is a solar-powered, weather-hardy, robotically-pointed sun and sky spectral sun photometer.
- A sensor head points the sensor head at the sun according to a preprogrammed routine.
- The Cimel controller, batteries, and Vitel satellite transmission equipment are usually deployed in a weatherproof plastic case.





Direct irradiance  
IFOV  $1.2^\circ$

Principal plane

Diffuse radiance  
IFOV  $1.2^\circ$

Almucantar

Photometer

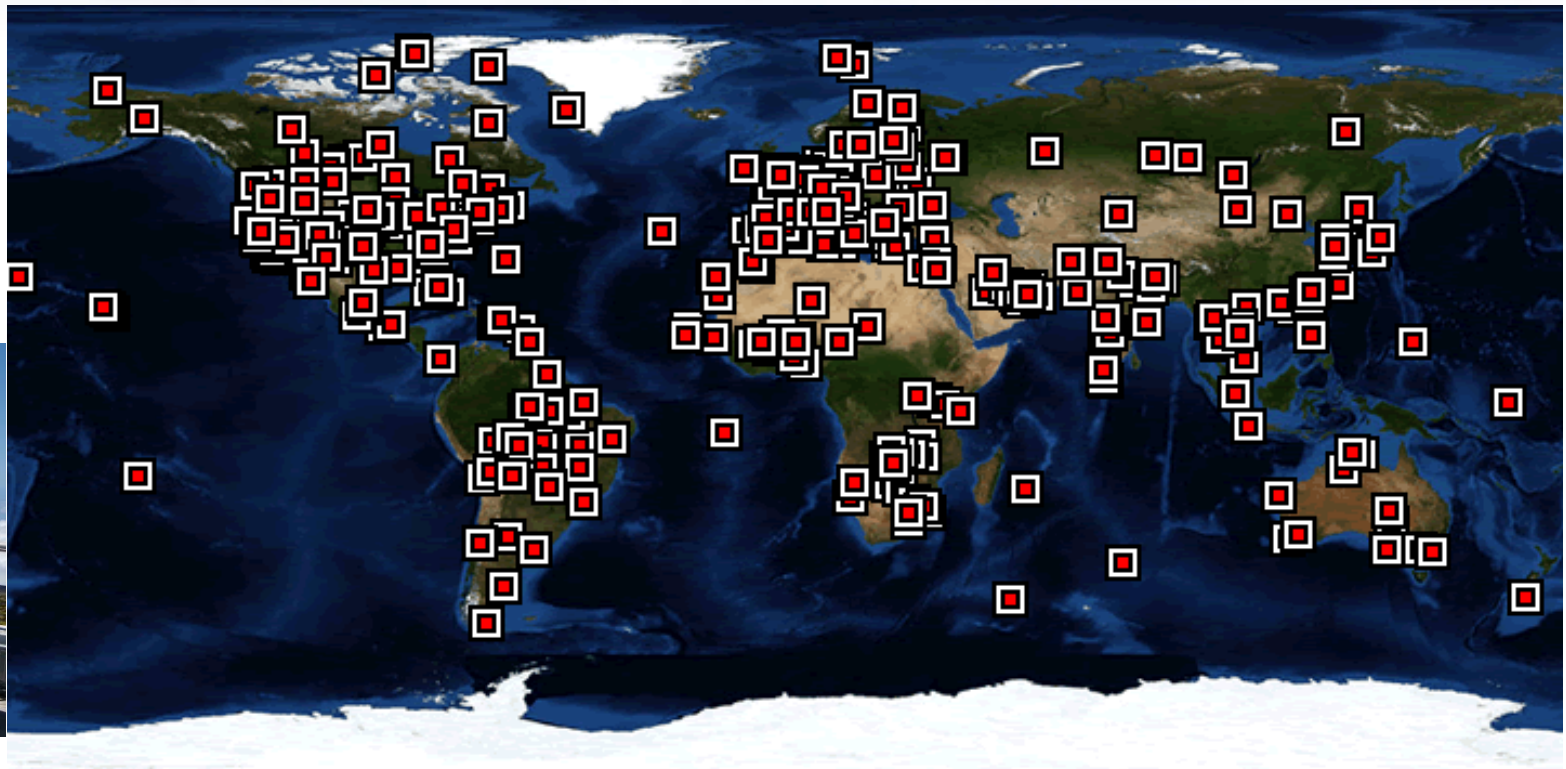
Sun measurements  
Sky measurements

### AERONET (AErosol RObotic NETwork)-

<http://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov>



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SCIENTIFIQUE



An internationally Federated Network

- Characterization of aerosol optical properties
- Validation of satellite aerosol retrieval
- Near real-time acquisition; long term measurements



# AERONET Data Flows

<http://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov>

Holben et al.  
*RSE*, 1998  
Holben et al.  
*JGR*, 2001

Eck et al.  
*JGR*, 1999

Smirnov et al.  
*RSE*, 2000

Dubovik and King  
*JGR*, 2000  
Dubovik et al.  
*JGR*, 2000  
*GRL*, 2002

## Flux measurements

Direct -  $\lambda=340, 380, 440, 500, 670, 870, 940, 1020$  nm

Diffuse -  $\lambda=440, 670, 870, 1020$  nm (alm, pp, pol)

## Calibration and processing information

Mauna-Loa and Izaña

CNRS-University of Lille and University of Valladolid

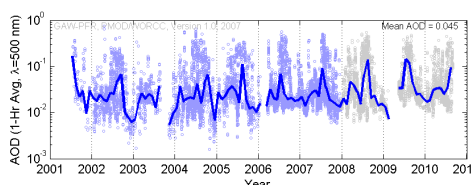
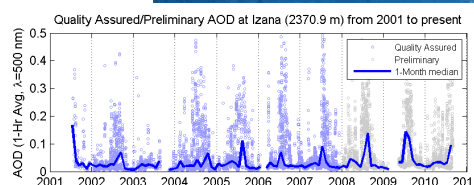
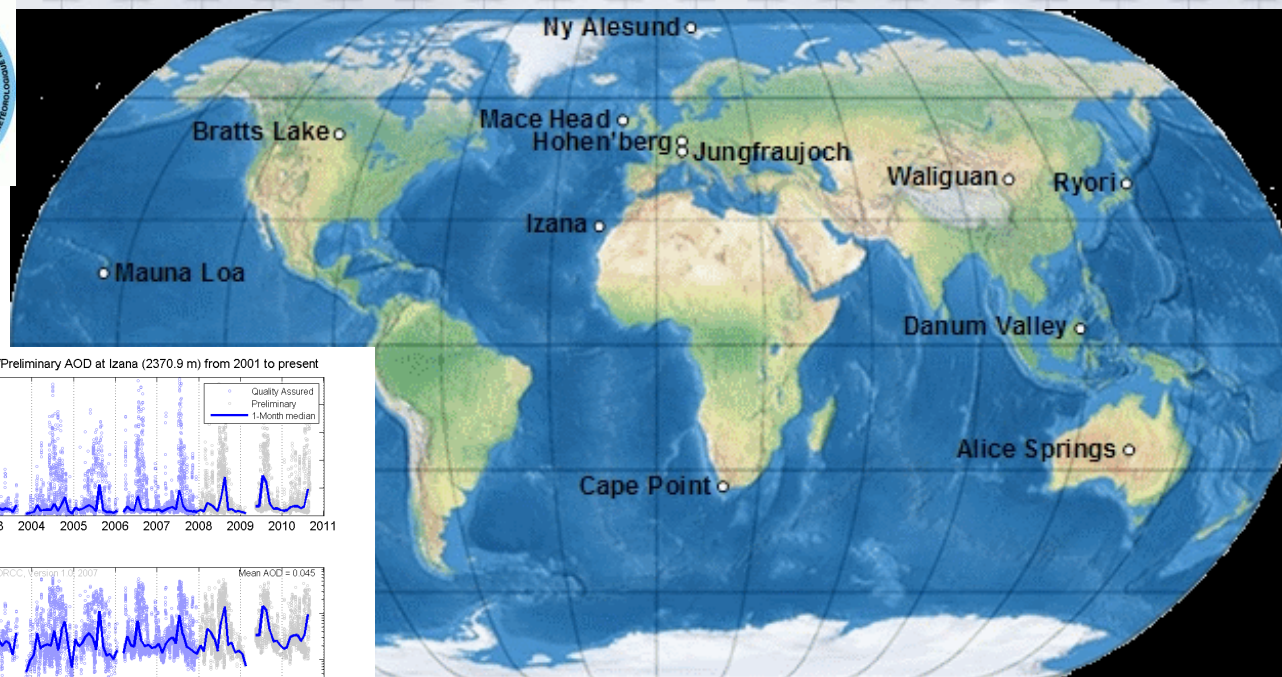
## Aerosol optical depth and precipitable water computations

## Cloud screening and quality control

## Inversion products

Volume size distribution ( $0.05 < R < 15$   $\mu\text{m}$ ),  
refractive index, single scattering albedo  
( $\lambda=440, 670, 870, 1020$  nm)

- AERONET provides global Aerosol Optical Depth of Dust in near real-time
- AERONET provides robust optical properties of Dust: size distribution, ref. Index, etc. (e.g. Asian Dust has stronger and less spectral dependent absorption than Saharan Dust)
- AERONET provides the climatological models that reproduce observed optical properties of aerosol (useful for satellite retrievals)



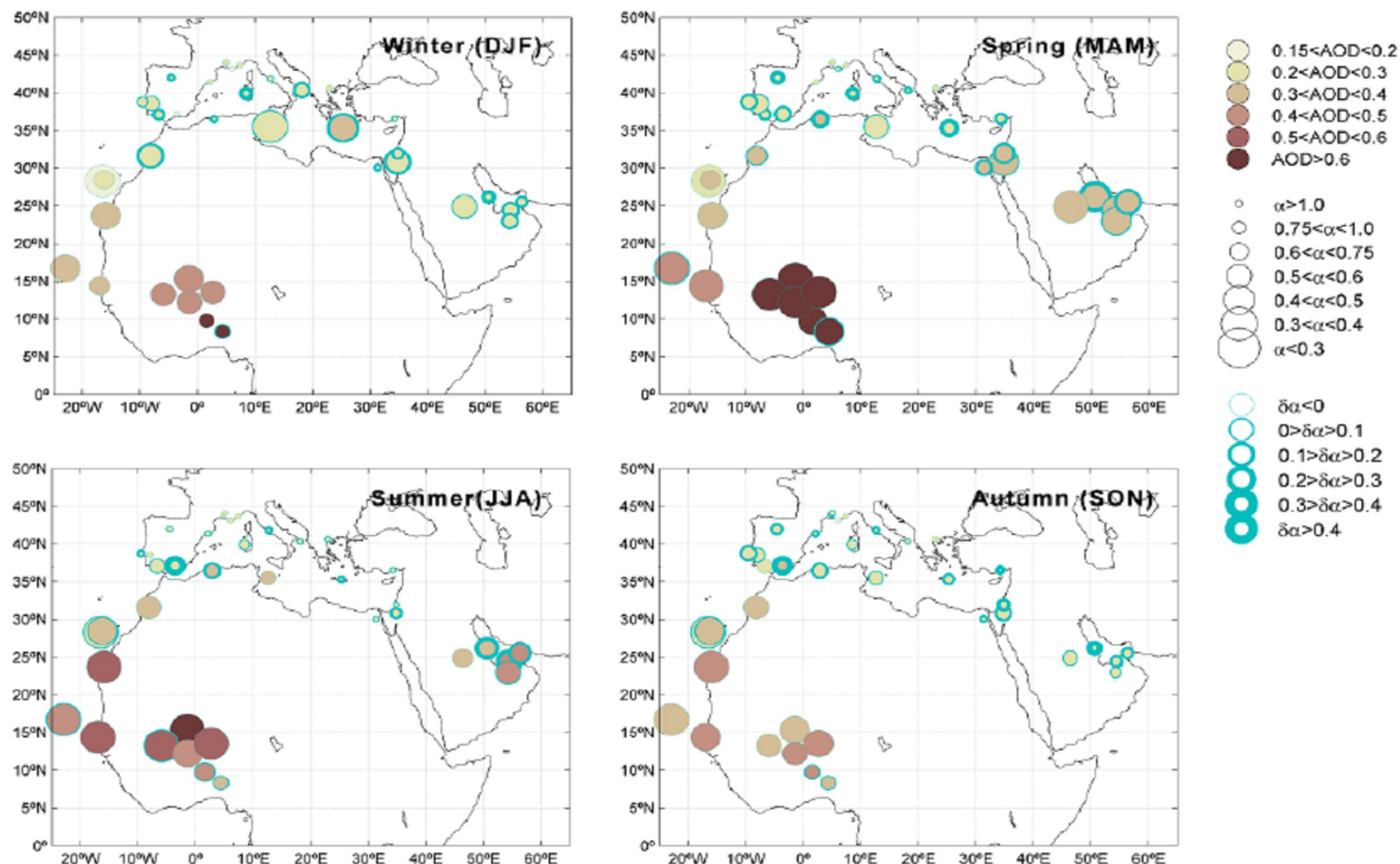
- Classic extinction measurements at the recommended 4 WMO wavelengths 368, 415, 500 and 862 nm using Precision Filter Radiometers (PFRs).
- Continuous sampling at a 1- minute frequency by automated systems.
- Data products: AOD and the Angström coefficients alpha and beta (no inversions).
- Hourly mean AOD archived at the [World Data Center for Aerosols \(WDCA\)](http://www.wdc.aero), Ispra. Data with a 1-minute resolution are available from WORCC upon request.

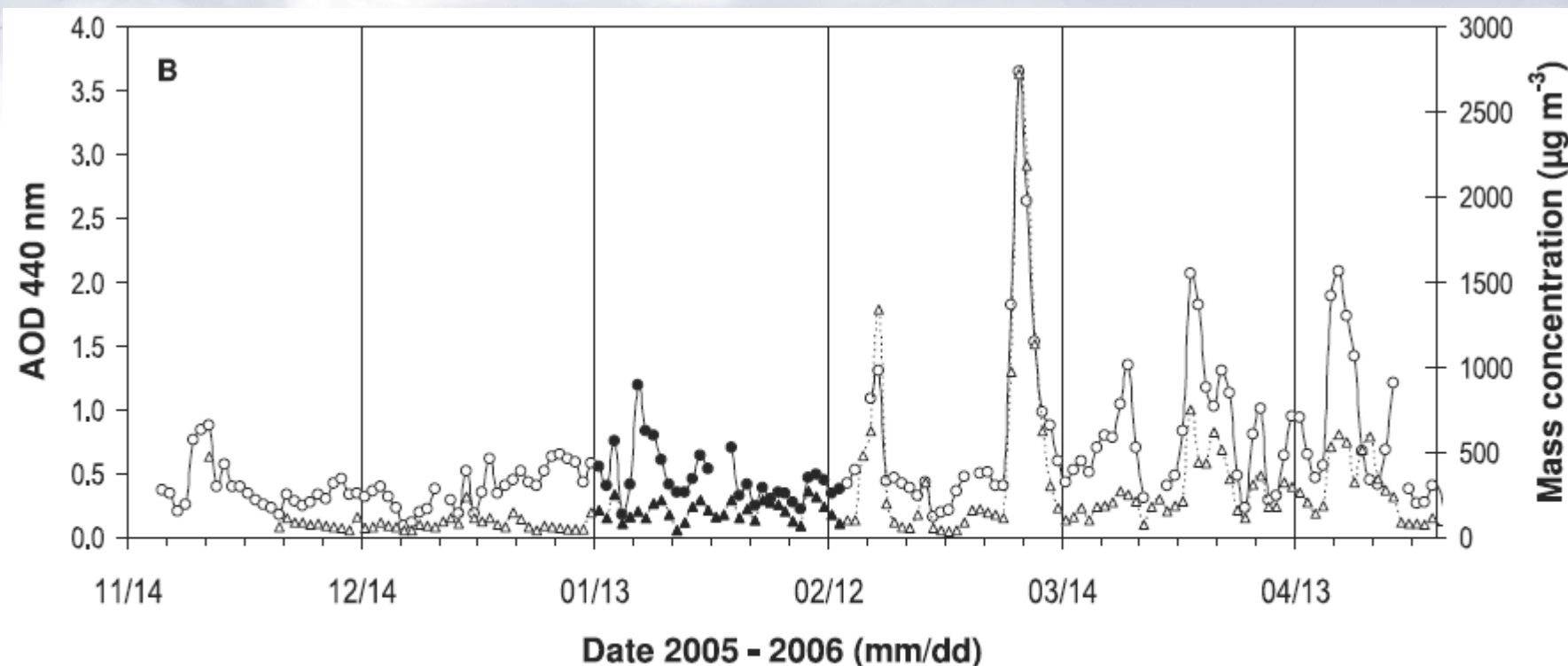
- GAW-PFR provides long-term high-accuracy AOD and Angström Coefficients
- GAW-PFR provides AOD Dust in near real-time



## Aerosol characterization in Northern Africa, Northeastern Atlantic, Mediterranean Basin and Middle East from direct-sun AERONET observations

S. Basart, C. Pérez, E. Cuevas, J.M. Baldasano, and G.P. Gobbi  
(Atmos. Chem. Phys. October-2009)





**Figure 7.** (a) Time series of daily Angström exponent and (b) comparison of daily AODs (circles and solid line) measured at 440 nm by the AERONET sunphotometer with the daily surface level mass concentrations (triangles and dotted line) measured by the TEOM microbalance at the AMMA EOP station. Data collected during the SOP0 measurement period appear in black.

Rajot et al., 2008 (JGR): AMMA dust experiment: An overview of measurements performed during the dry season special observation period (SOP0) at the Banizoumbou (Niger) supersite

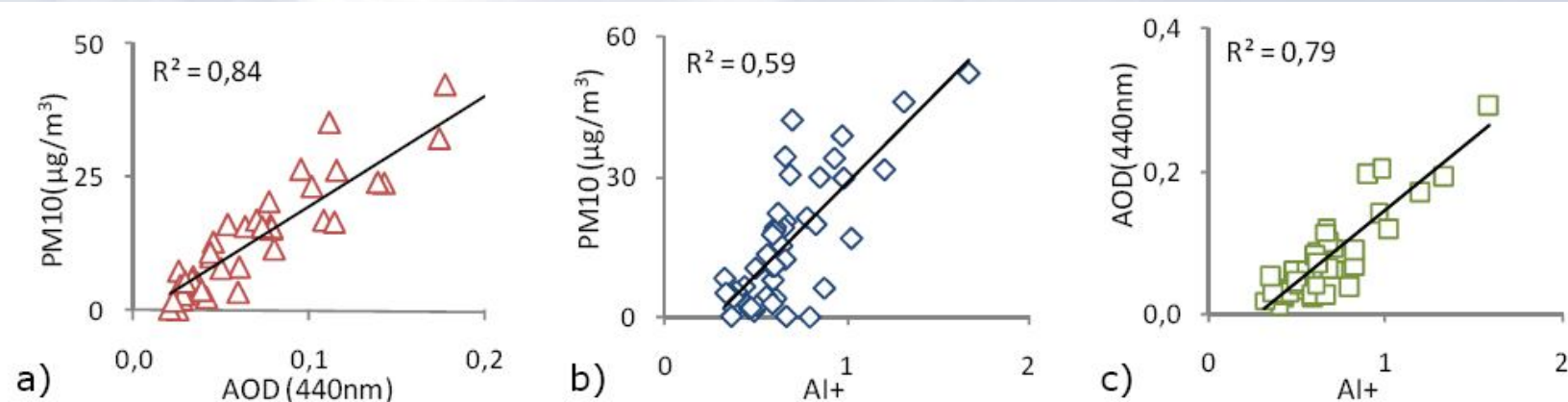


Figure 1. Scatterplot of monthly means of a) AOD vs  $\text{PM}_{10}$ ; b) AI positive values vs  $\text{PM}_{10}$ ; c) AI positive values vs AOD.

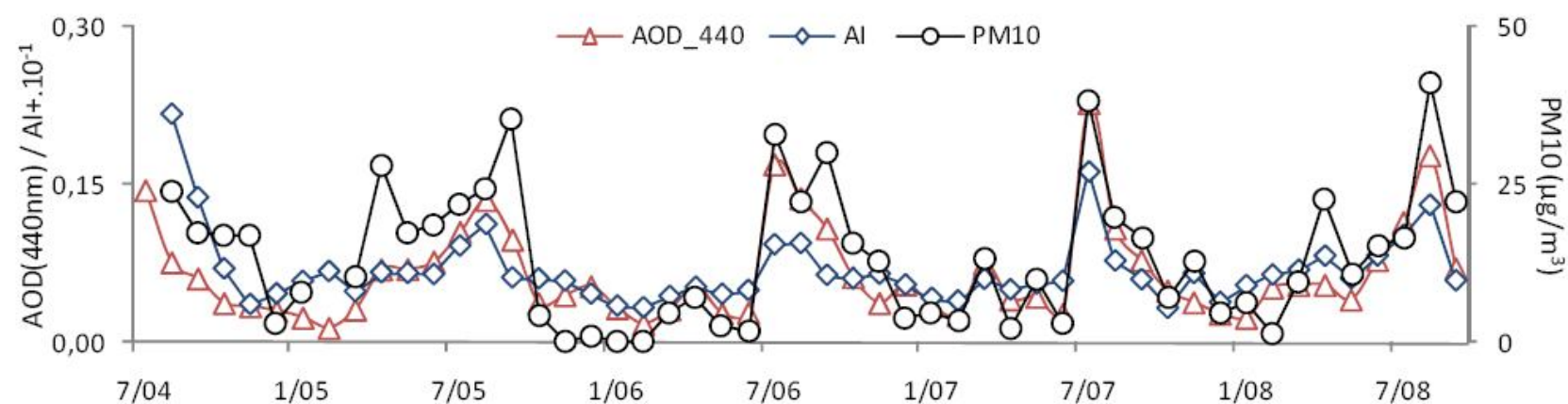


Figure 2. Monthly means of  $\text{PM}_{10}$  ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), AOD and AI positive values.

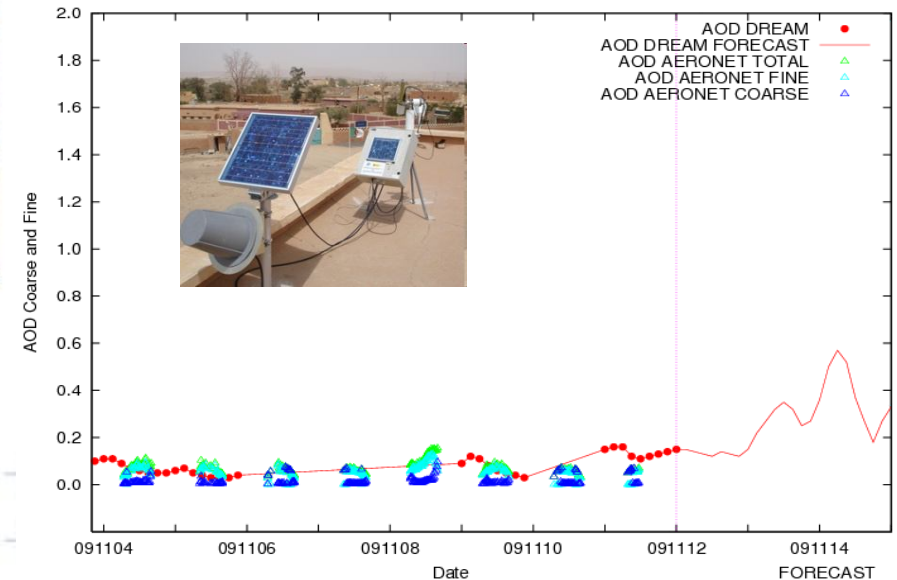
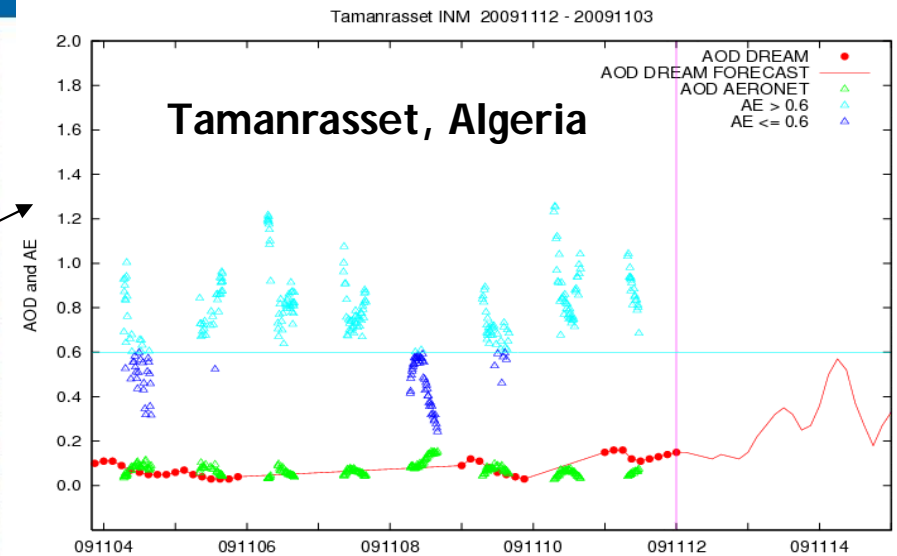
Adam et al., 2010 (ACP-Interlaken): Detection of the Saharan dust air layer in the North Atlantic free troposphere with AERONET, OMI and in-situ data at Izaña Atmospheric Observatory



# Ground-based remote sensing

AERONET Verification  
MSG Verification  
MODIS Real-Time

Sites Back to Map Archive Plot info



Near real time model verification against AERONET data



From total column observations...  
to vertical resolved observations

Lidars

# Ground-based remote sensing

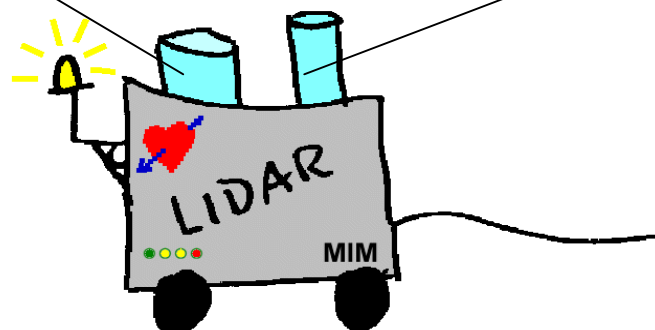


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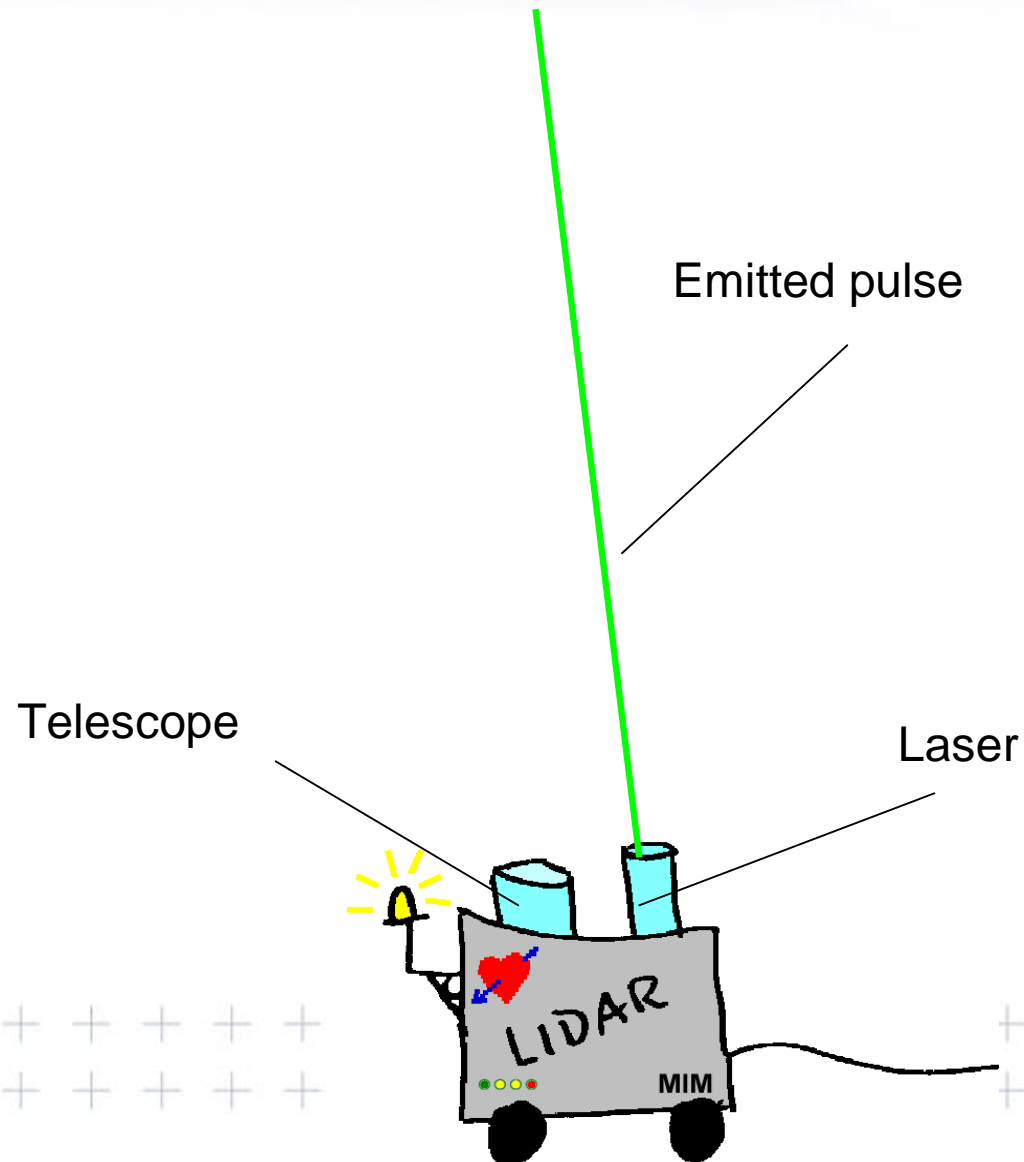
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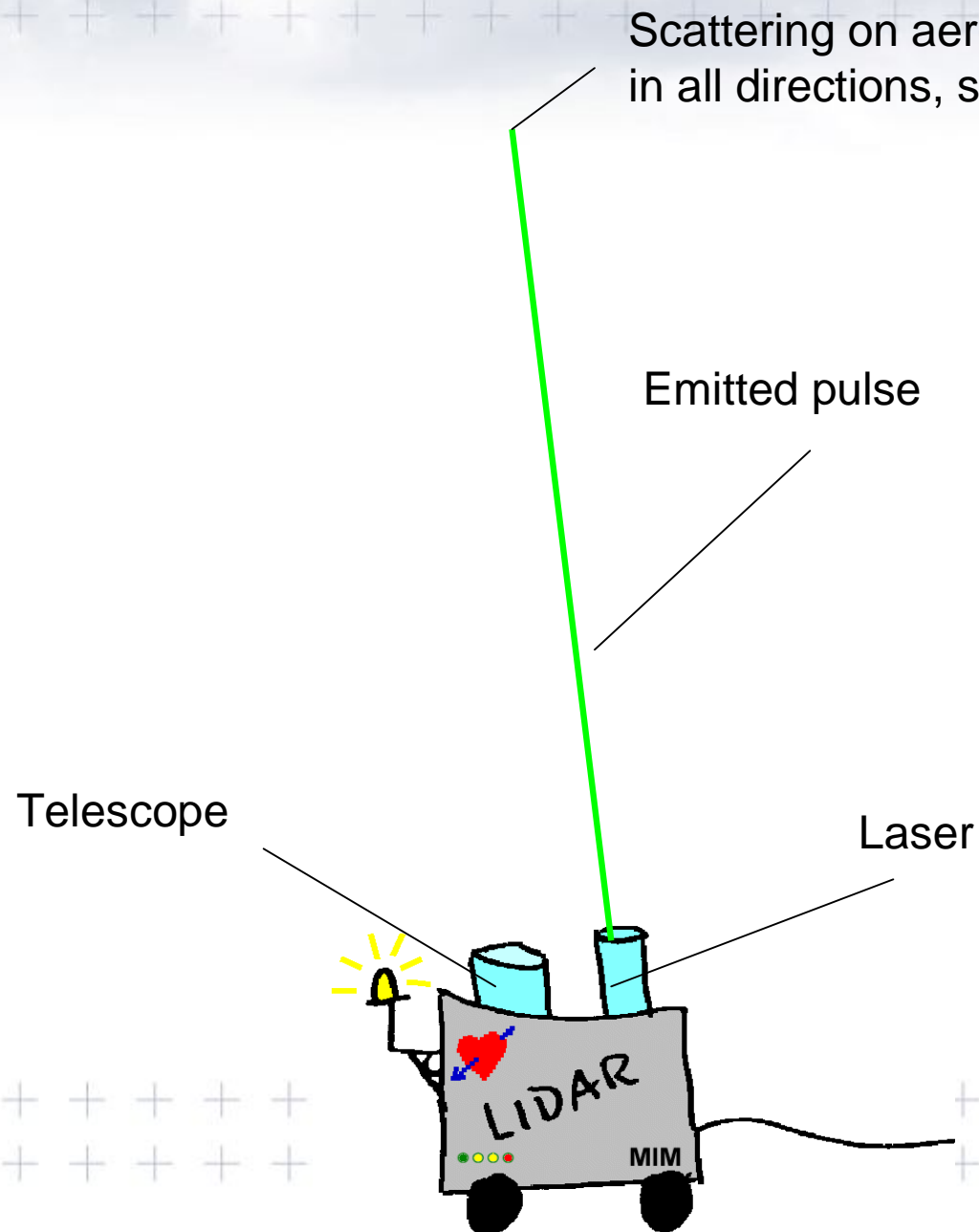
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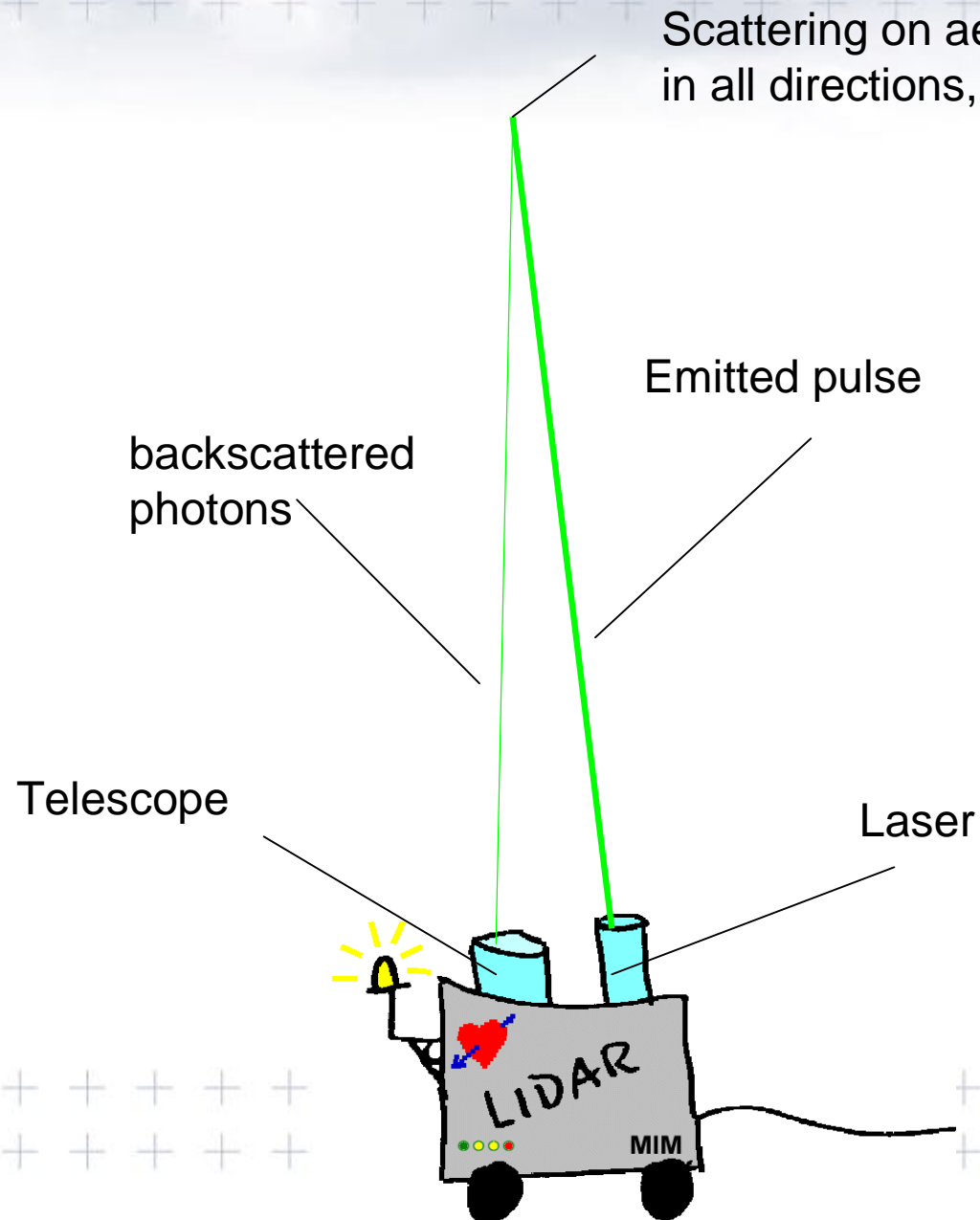
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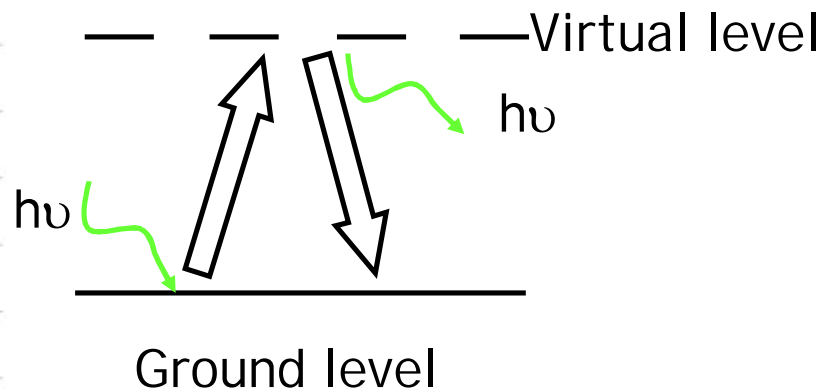
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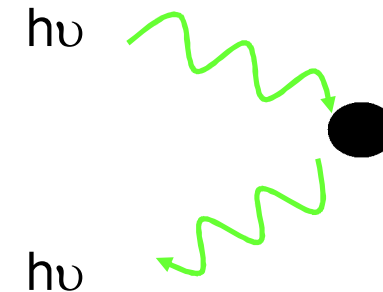
- Rayleigh Scattering

"Laser radiation elastically scattered from atoms or molecules is observed with no change of frequency"



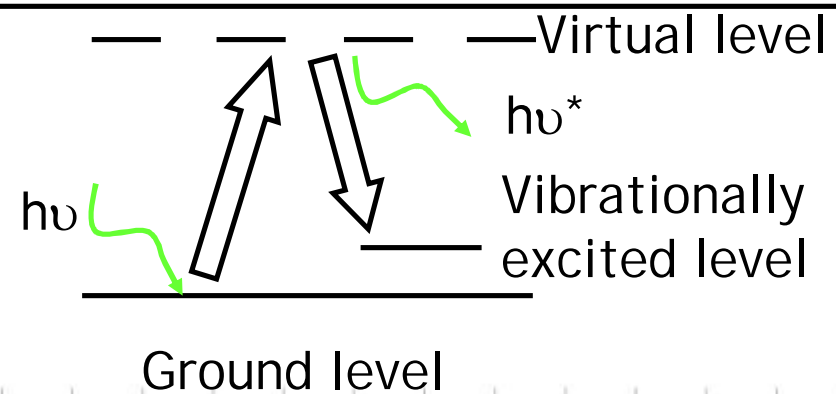
- Mie Scattering

"Laser radiation elastically scattered from small particulates or aerosols (of size comparable to wavelength of radiation) is observed with no change in frequency"



- Raman Scattering

"Laser radiation inelastically scattered from molecules is observed with a frequency shift characteristic of the molecule ( $h\nu - h\nu^* = E$ )"



## Ground-based remote sensing



Lidar-Barcelona (UPC)  
Raman Lidar  
EARLINET-SPALINET

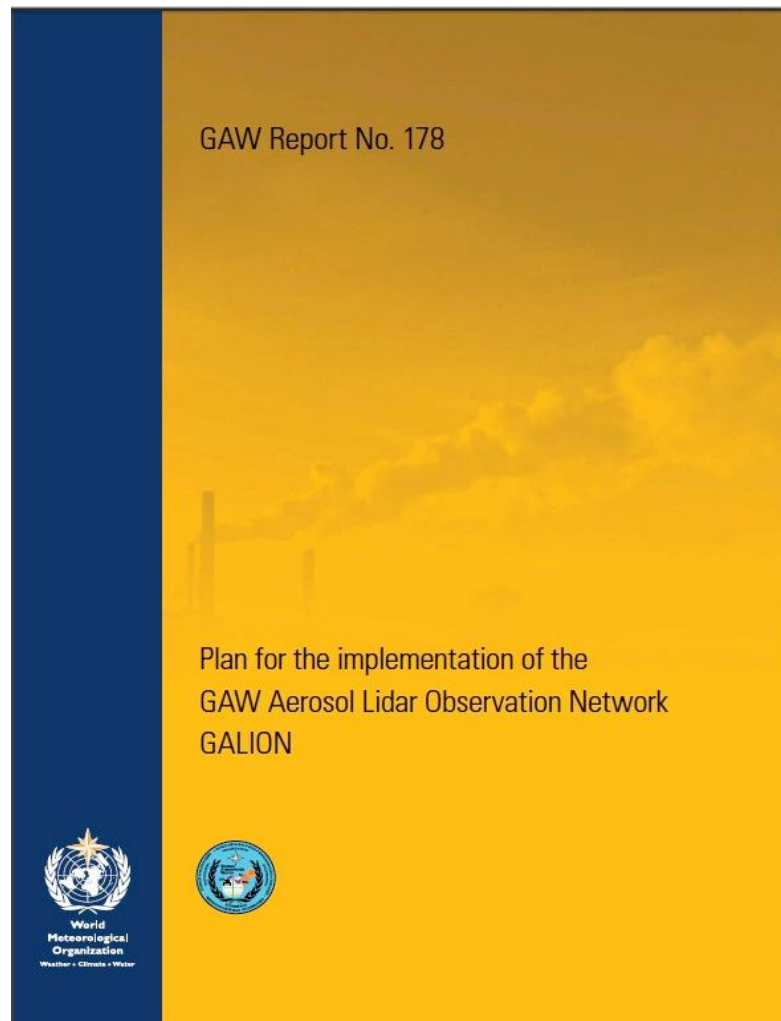
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Lidar-Tenerife (INTA-AEMET); Elastic lidar  
MPLNET



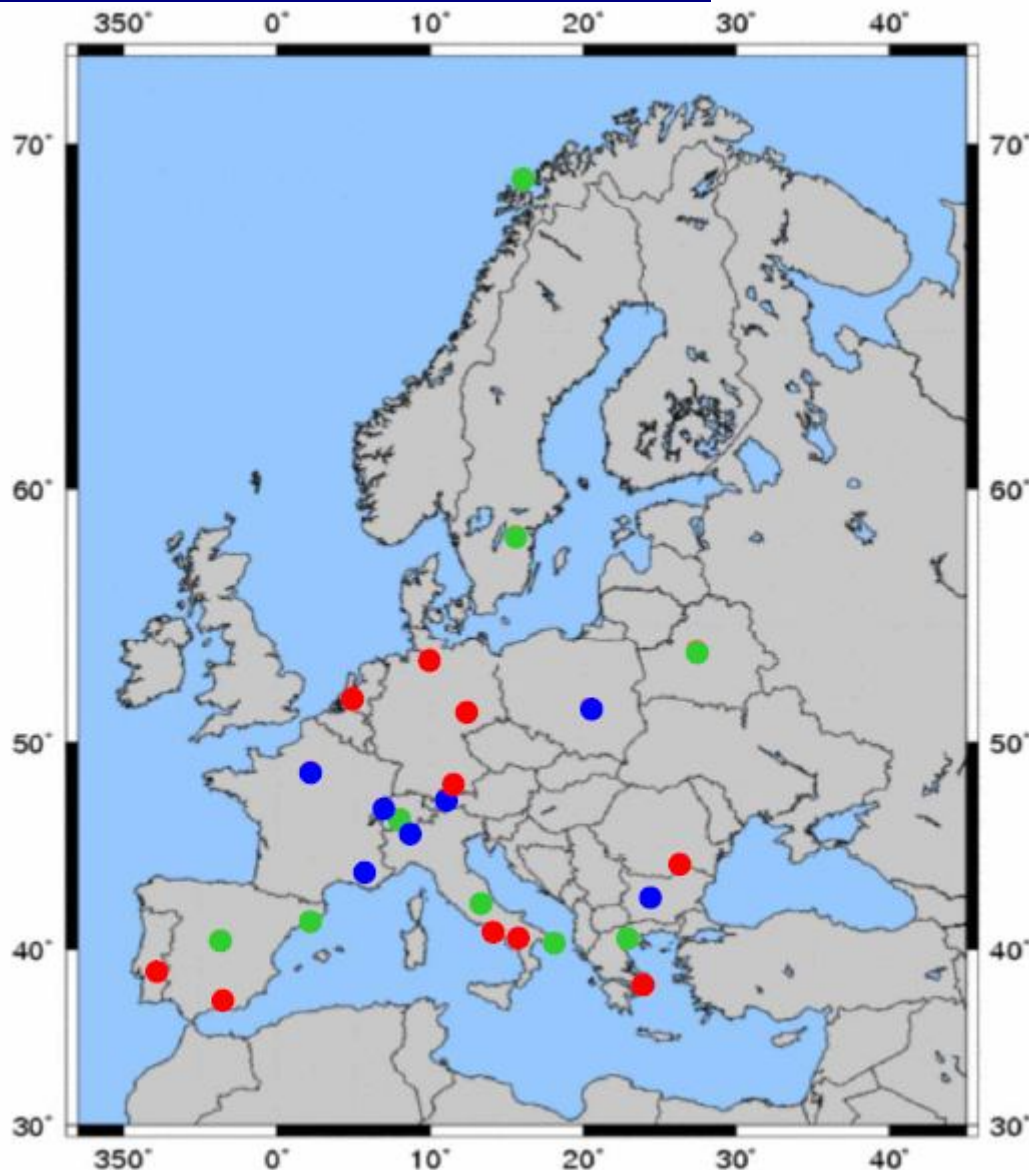
## GAW Atmospheric Lidar Network (GALION)



[ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/  
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galion-27-Oct.pdf](ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/arep/gaw/gaw178-galion-27-Oct.pdf)







## EARLINET

**EARLINET (European Aerosol Research Lidar NETwork)** is a network of advanced lidar stations distributed over Europe with the main goal to provide a comprehensive, quantitative, and statistically significant data base for the aerosol distribution on a continental scale. EARLINET provides independent measurements of aerosol extinction and backscatter, and retrieval of aerosol microphysical properties.

10 EARLINET stations are equipped also with sunphotometers (they are part of AERONET).

### 26 lidar stations

- 10 multiwavelength Raman lidar stations

backscatter (355, 532 and 1064 nm)  
+ extinction (355 and 532 nm) +  
depolar ratio (532 nm)

- 9 Raman lidar stations

- 7 single backscatter lidar stations

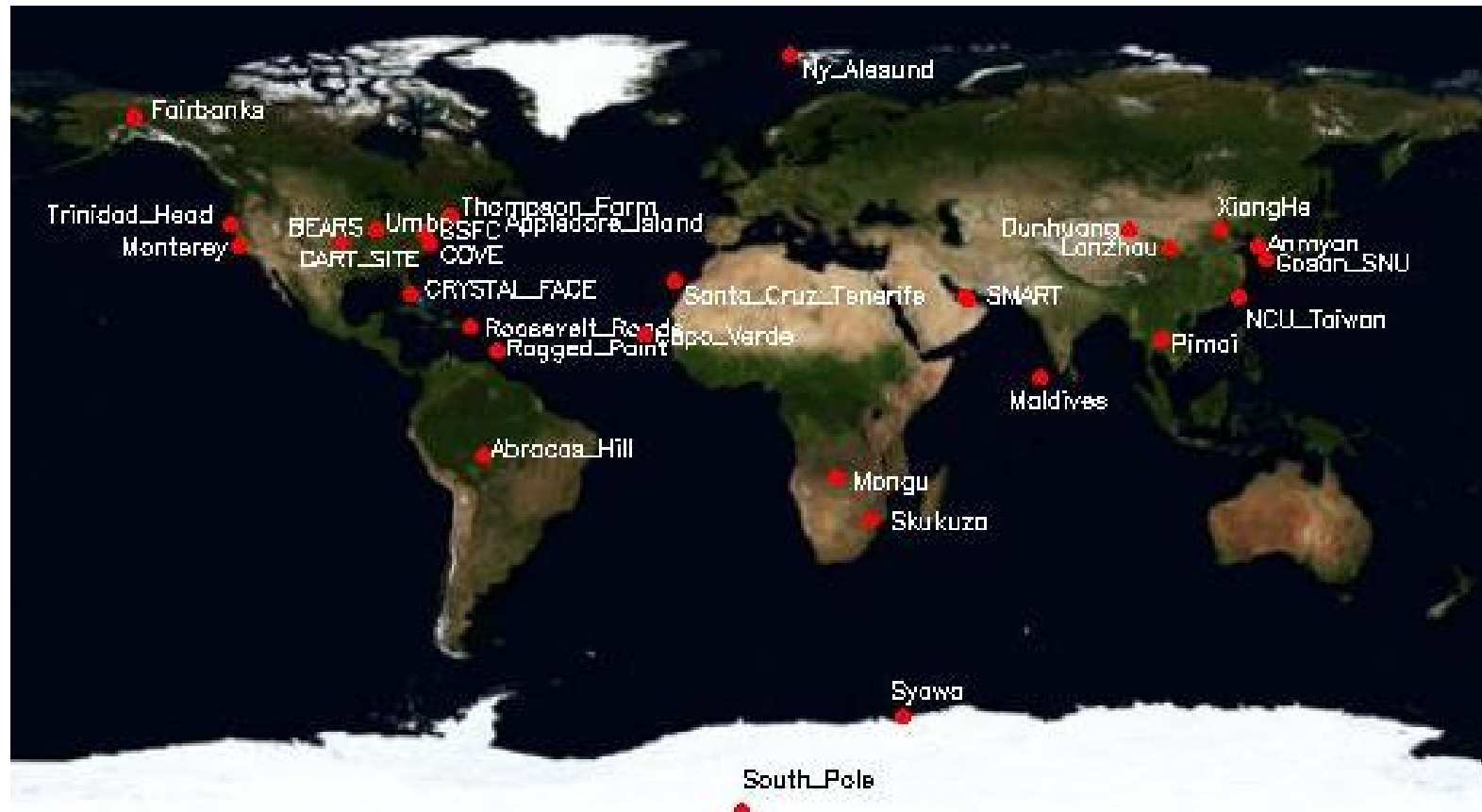


## Aerosol lidar (MPLNet)

<http://mplnet.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

523 nm MPLNET

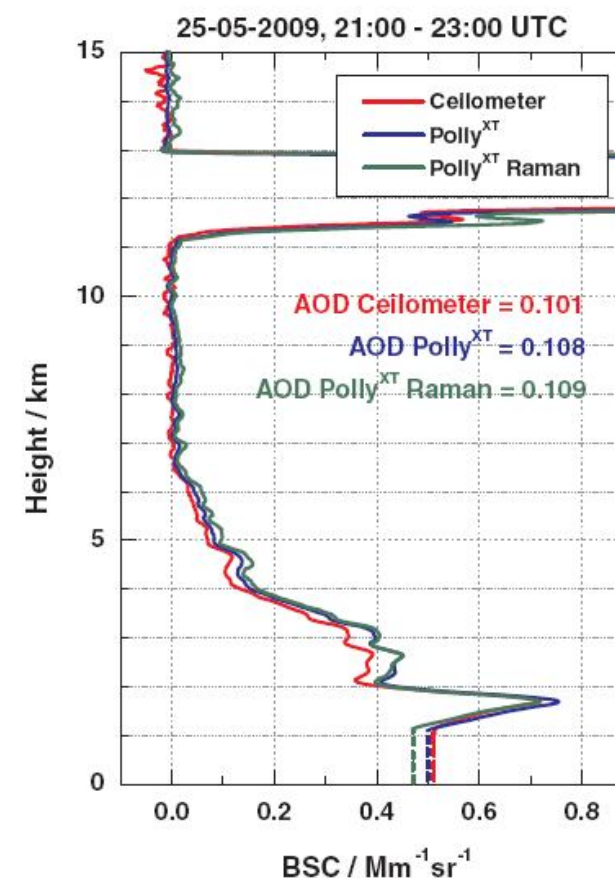
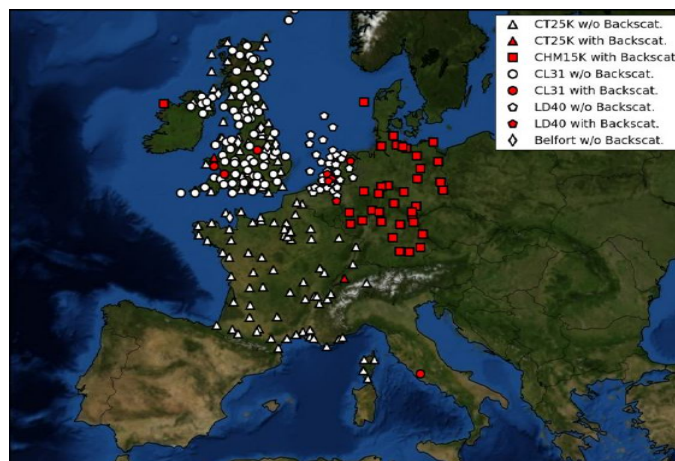
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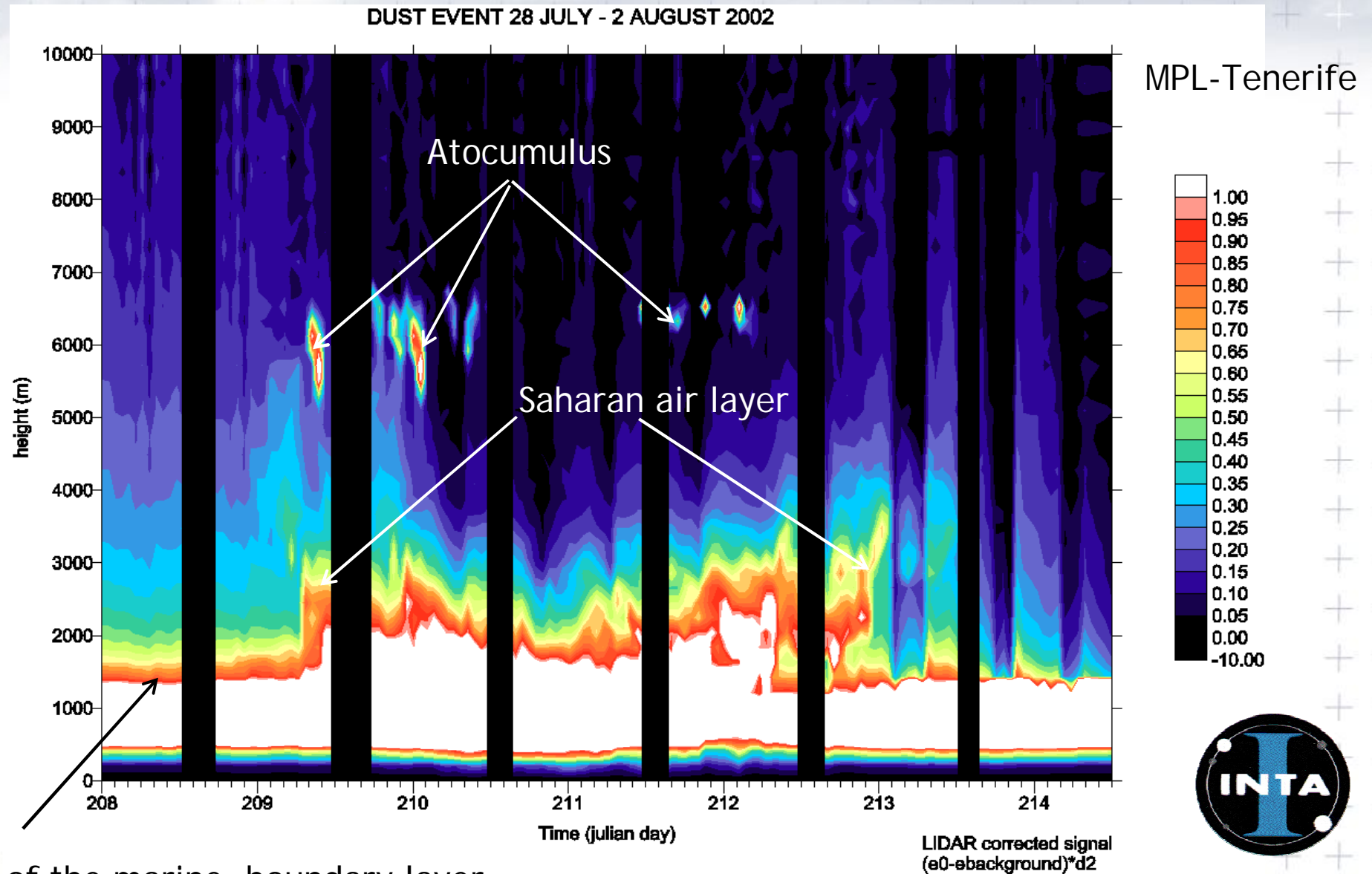
Met Services are replacing **cloud-base** ceilometer networks by **aerosol backscatter profiling ceilometers**.

**Objective:** To monitor MLD based on **several hundred profiling ceilometers** (100km sampling)



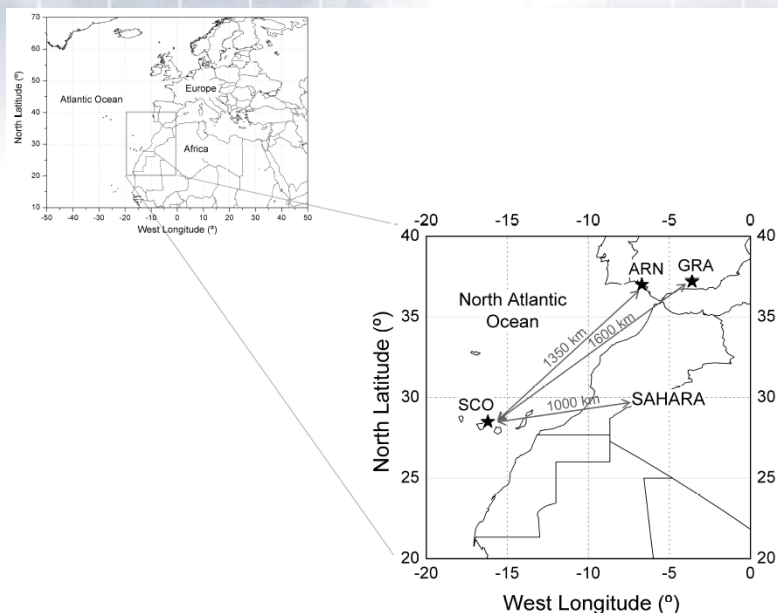
*Heese et al., Atmos. Mes. Tech. 2010,  
Ceilometer-lidar inter-comparison:  
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signal-to-noise ratio determination*

**Optimal for desertic areas !!**



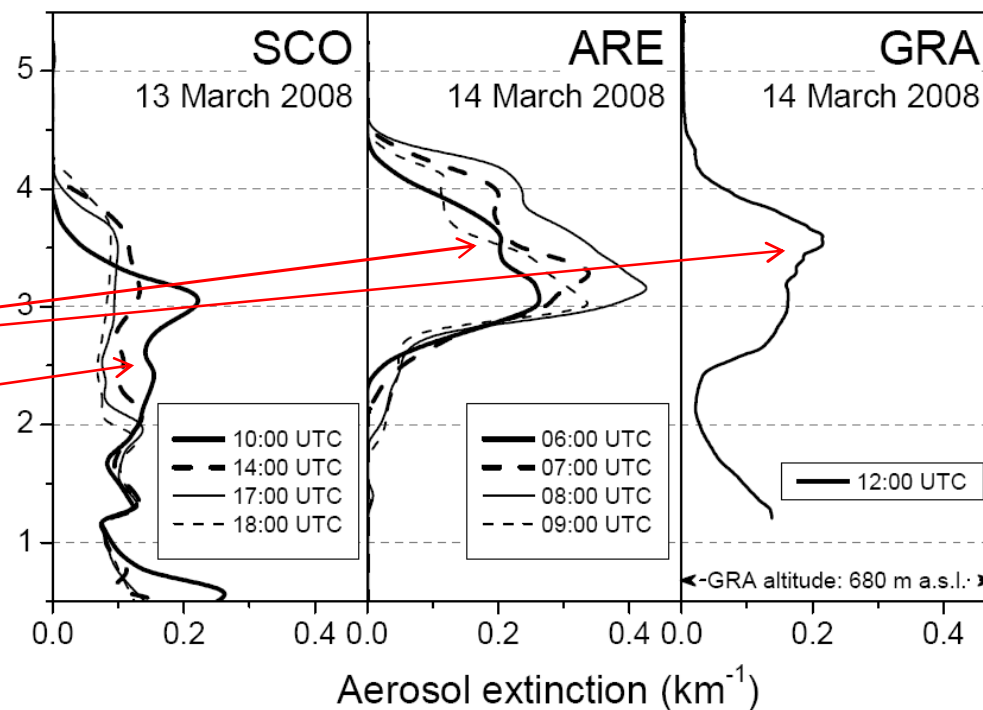
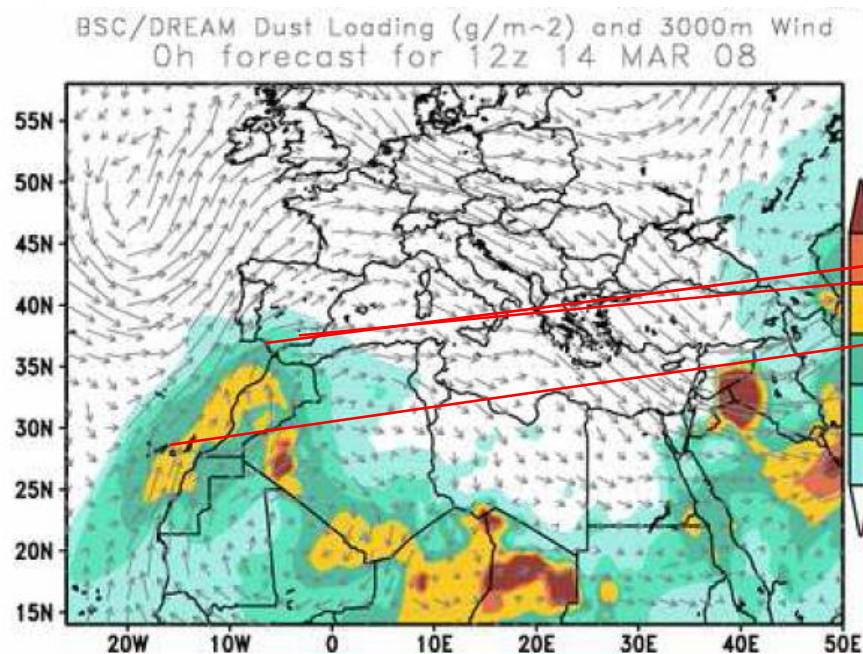
Top of the marine boundary layer





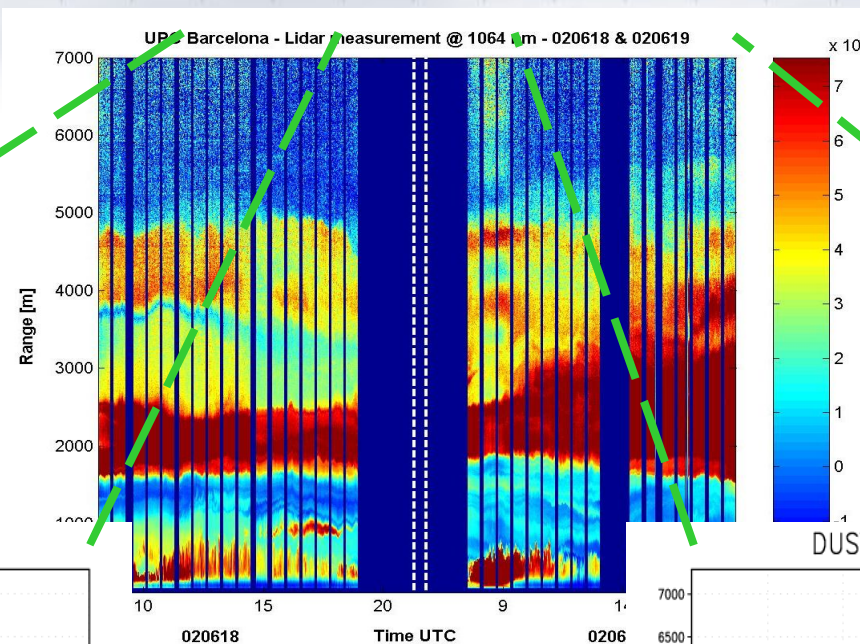
## A case study of dust transport from Canary Islands to Iberian Peninsula

Córdoba-Jabonero et al., ACP Discuss., 2010



# Ground-based remote sensing

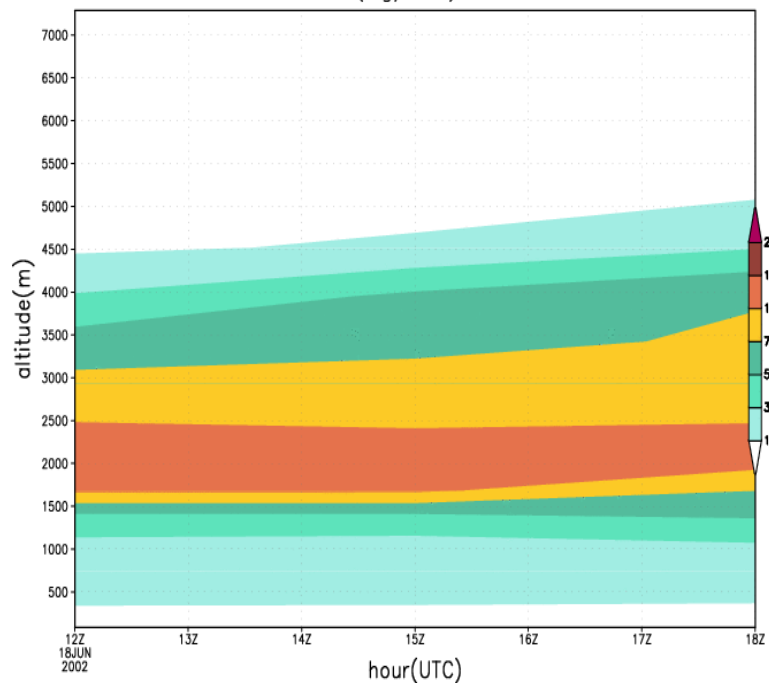
## Barcelona lidar vs DREAM BSC



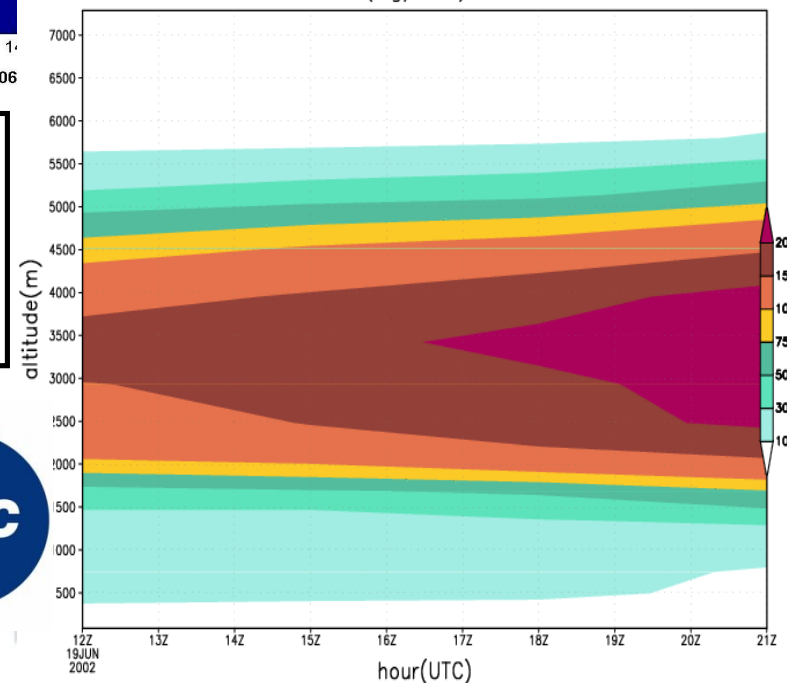
EARLINET: Lidar-UPC,  
Barcelona

18-19 June 2002

DUST CONC. ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) 18 JUN 2002



DUST CONC. ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) 19 JUN 2002



Vertical dust  
distribution  
validation:  
AIRLINET-DREAM



# In-situ measurements and surface remote sensing compared to satellite

## Advantages

## Disadvantages

In-situ  
measurements

Ground-based  
remote sensing

Satellite remote  
sensing

Ground-based dust observations are essential for:

- High-accuracy optical and chemical characterization of dust
- Dust model verification, validation and assimilation
- Dust satellite-based products validation

Ground based 'supersites' equipped with complete high-quality dust observation programs (in-situ and remote sensing) constitute unique platforms for satellite-based dust observations and dust models quality assurance



Thank you for your attention

Gràcies per la seva atenció

Gracias por su atención

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