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**IS IT ONLY MINERAL DUST THAT MATTERS
FOR HEALTH EFFECTS DURING DESERT
DUST EPISODES?
FROM METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES TO THE
HEALTH EFFECTS**

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Outline

- **Major patterns of desert dust and impact on air quality**
- **Impact of dust outbreaks on PM levels procedure for the detection and quantification of natural dust contributions**
- **Examples of applications of the method**
- **Health effects (focus on Europe, Spain, Barcelona)**
- **Final considerations**

Dust sources, emissions and transport

- Global MASS of mineral dust aerosols:

Emissions

- N-Africa
- Gobi
- C. Asia, E. Australia, Atacama and South Africa
- S. US-N. Mexico

Prospero J.M., 2002. Rev. Geophys 40(1):1002

Ginoux P. et al., 2012. Rev Geophys 50:1–36

Washington R. et al., 2003. Ann Assoc Am Geogr 93(2):297–313

16 Mega (10^6)-tons

1200-1600 Mt/yr

790-840 Mt/yr

140-220 Mt/yr

10- 60 Mt/yr each

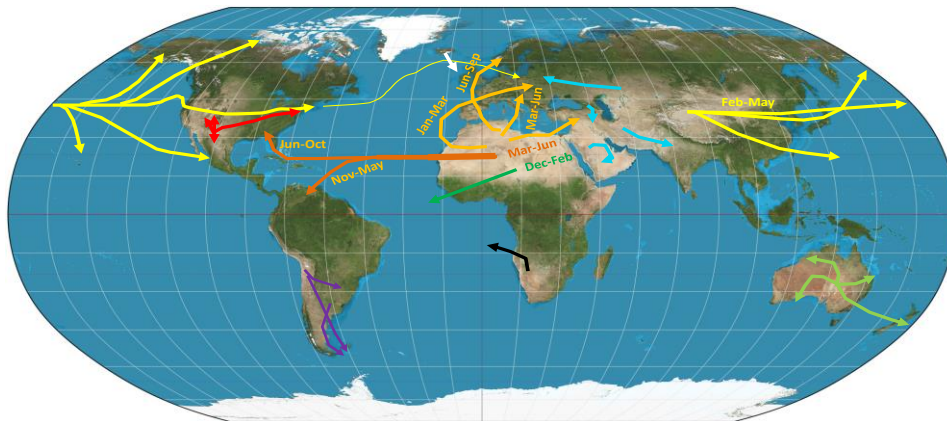
2- 60 Mt/yr

Huneeus N. et al., 2011. Atmos Chem Phys 11(15):7781–816

Ginoux P. et al., 2010. J Geophys Res Atmos 2010;115(5):1–10

Varga G., 2012. Hungarian Geogr Bull 61(4):275–98

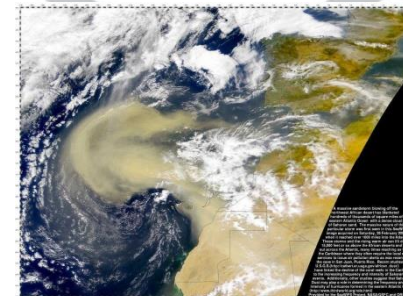
Atmospheric transport



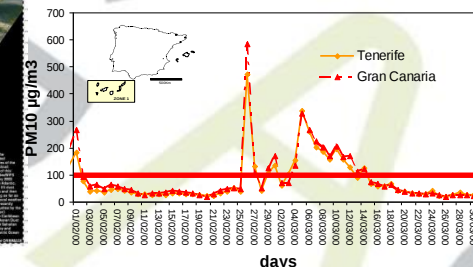
Duration

Atmospheric life time, hours- weeks

Duration, hours to several weeks



25/02 to 17/03/2000
Exceeding the PM10 DLV



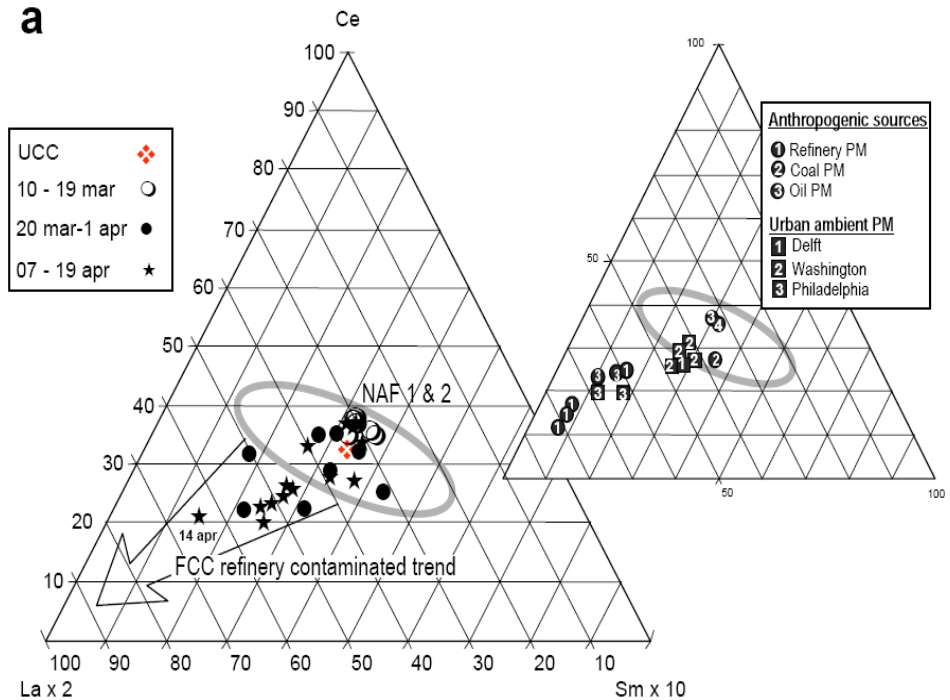
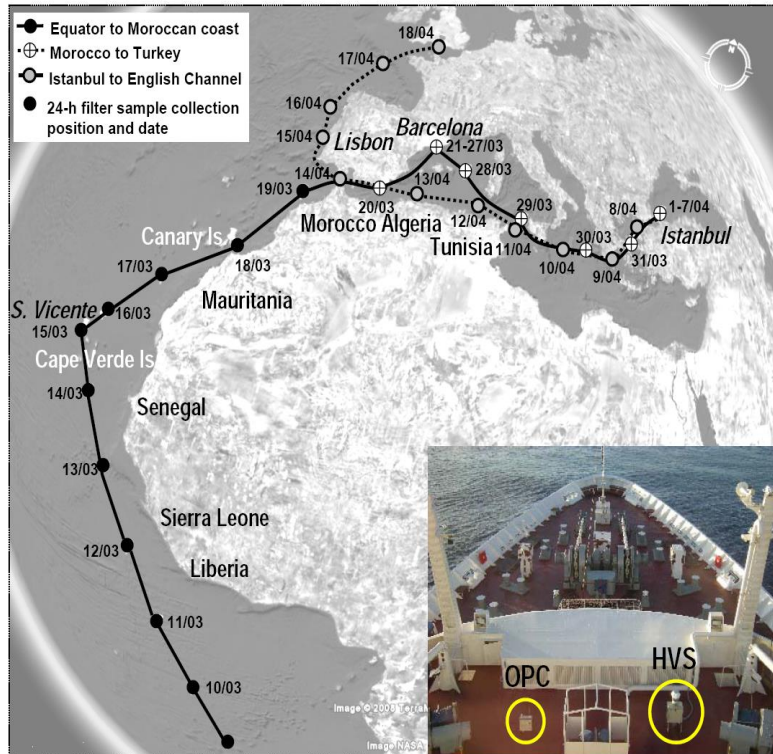
PM composition during dust episodes

Minerals typically present in desert dust. Asterisks indicate abundance: ***** very high to * low.

Silicates & aluminium-silicates	Silicates	Quartz	SiO_2 (mineral grains or diatomea fragments)	*****
	Clay minerals	Kaolinite	$\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4$	*****
		Illite	$(\text{K}, \text{H}_3\text{O})(\text{Al}, \text{Mg}, \text{Fe})_2(\text{Si}, \text{Al})_4\text{O}_{10}[(\text{OH})_2, (\text{H}_2\text{O})]$	*****
		Chlorite	$((\text{MgFe})_5\text{Al})(\text{AlSi}_3)\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_8$	****
		Palygorskite	$(\text{Mg}, \text{Al}_2\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH}) \cdot 4(\text{H}_2\text{O}))$	****
		Montmorillonite	$(\text{Na}, \text{Ca})_{0.33}(\text{Al}, \text{Mg})_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10})(\text{OH})_2 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$	****
	Feldspars	Albite	$\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$	**
		Anorthite	$\text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$	**
		Microcline/orthocl.	KAlSi_3O_8	**
	Other silicate	Zircon	ZrSiO_4	*
		Hornblende	$\text{Ca}_2(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe}, \text{Al})_5(\text{Al}, \text{Si})_8\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$	*
Carbonates	Ca & Mg Carb.	Calcite	CaCO_3	*****
		Dolomite	$(\text{CaMg})_2\text{CO}_3$	**
Oxides	Iron oxides	Hematite	Fe_2O_3	**
		Magnetite	Fe_3O_4	*
		Goethite	$\alpha\text{-FeO}(\text{OH})$	**
	Other oxides	Anatase & rutile	TiO_2	*
Salts	Chlorides	Halite	NaCl	*
	Sulphates	Gypsum	$\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	**
		Thenardite	Na_2SO_4	*
		Epsomite	MgSO_4	*
Phosphates		Apatite	$\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{OH})$	*

Querol X., et al., 20219 Environment International

PM composition during dust episodes

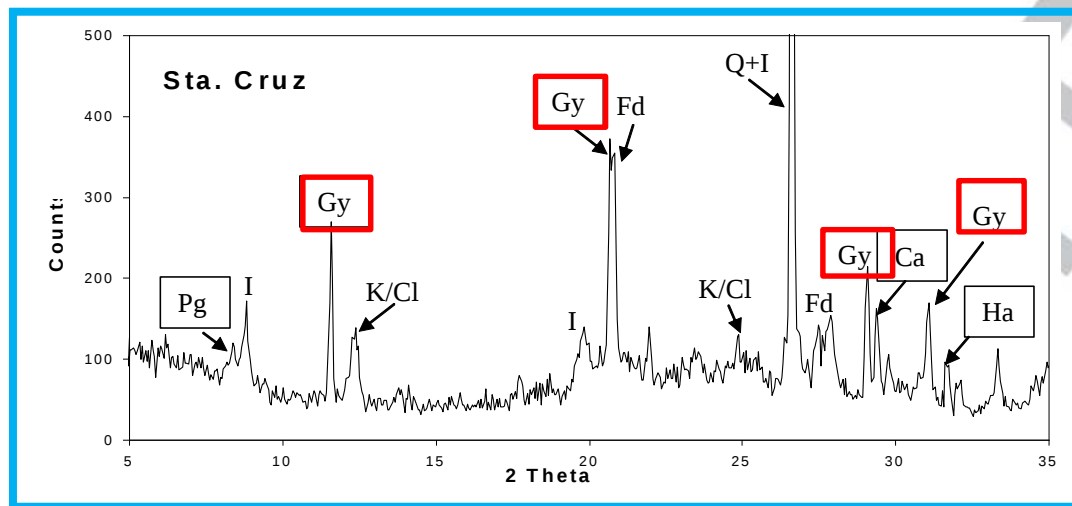
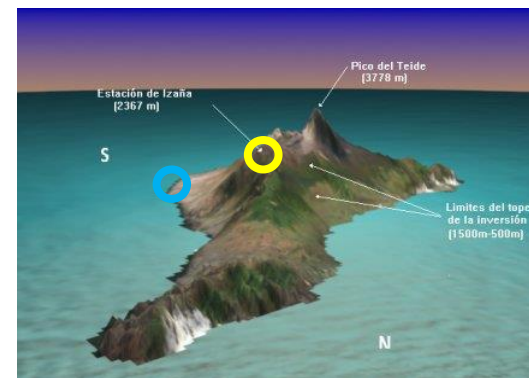
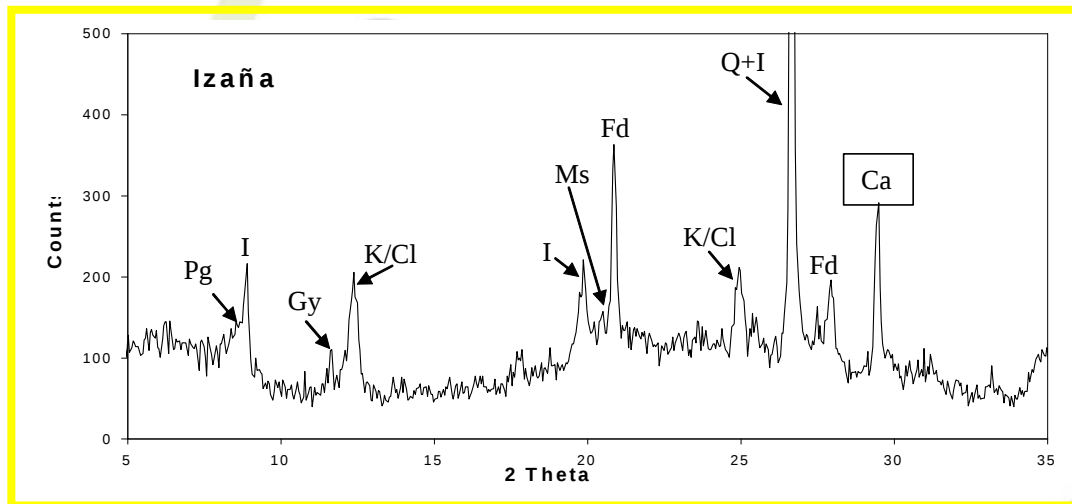


Moreno et al., 2008, Atmos Ennv.

PM composition during dust episodes

Mineralogical characterisation by XRD

Alastuey et al., 2004. Atmospheric Environment



Fd: Feldspars
Ca: Calcite
Q: Quartz
Ha: Halite
Gy: Gypsum
Ms: Mascagnite

Clays
Pg: Palygorskite
I: Illite
K: Kaolinite
Cl: Clinchlore

PM composition during dust episodes

1996-1997, Fungi and bacteria from Africa
to the Caribbean with soil dust

Prospero et al., 2005,
Aerobiologia

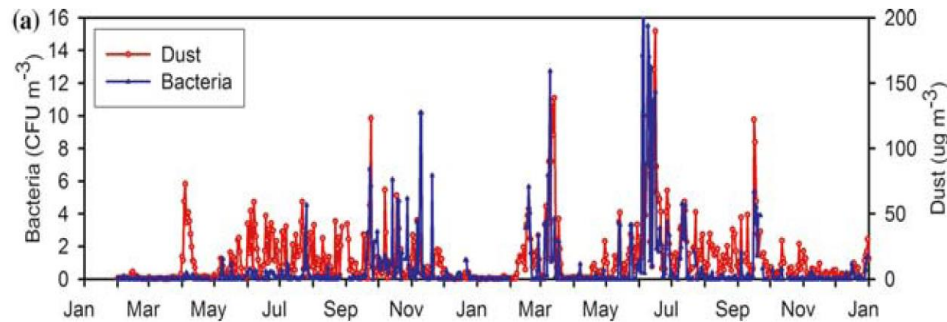
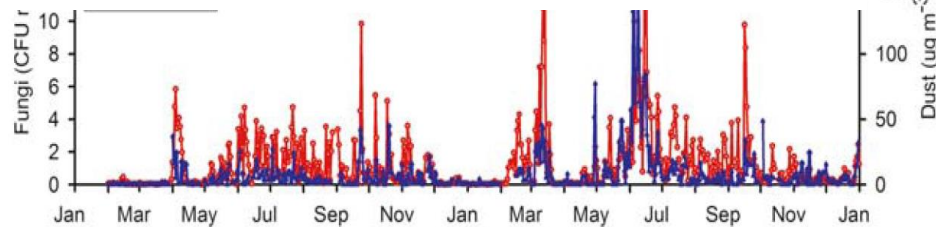


Figure 3. The daily concentration of cultivable fungi and bacteria in Barbados trade winds during 1996 and 1997 in comparison to various aerosol constituents: (a) bacteria and mineral dust; (b) fungi and dust; (c) fungi and nss-sulfate (nss-SO_4^{2-}); (d) fungi and sea salt. Units: fungi and bacteria, CFU m^{-3} ; aerosols, $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$. In each panel the MO concentration is shown in blue and the comparison aerosol (dust, nss-SO_4^{2-} , sea-salt) in red.



Microorganisms and pathogens from Africa
to the Eastern Mediterranean, 24-26/02/2006

Polymenakou P.N. et al., 2008,
Environmental Health Perspectives

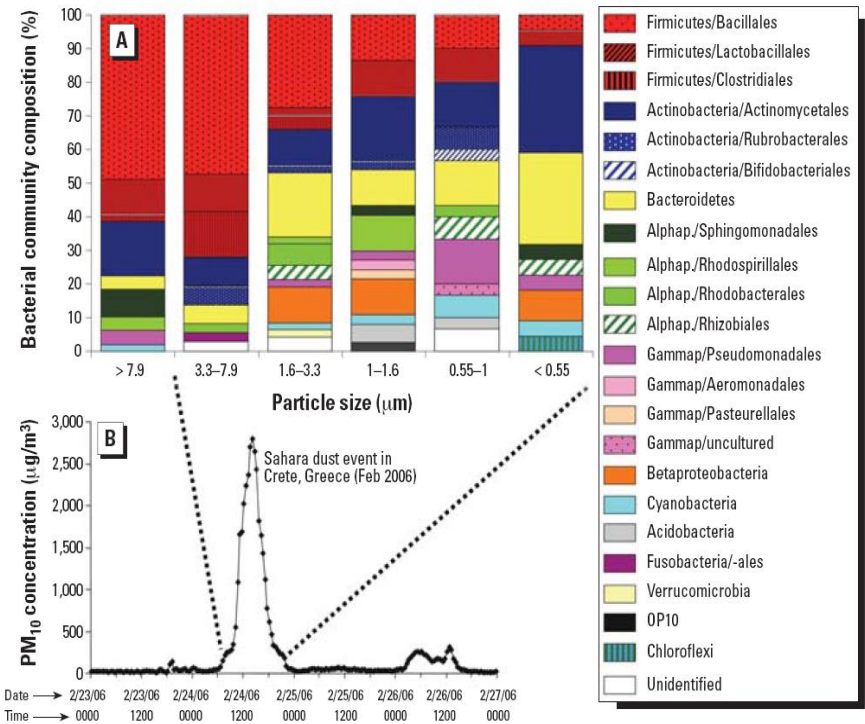
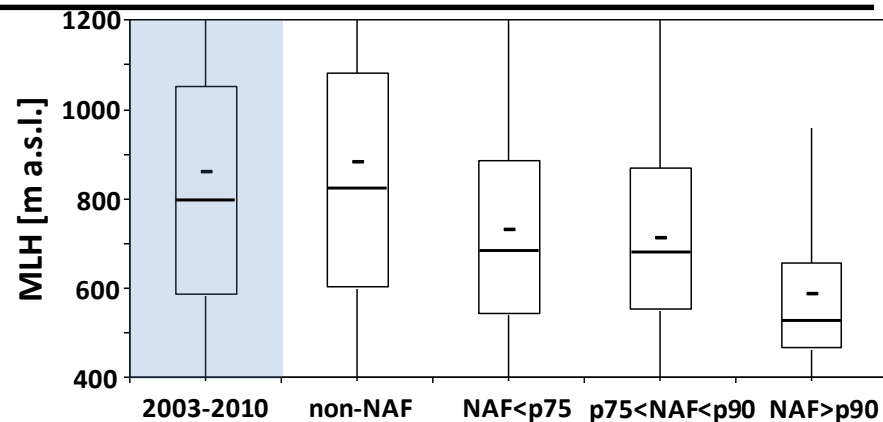
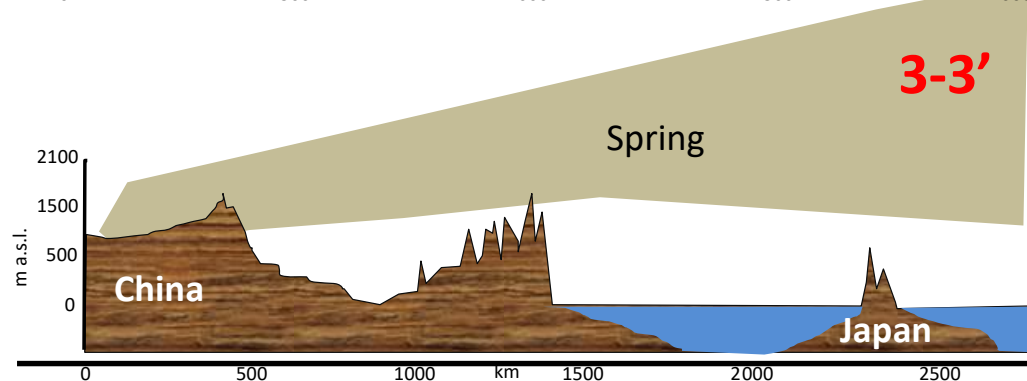
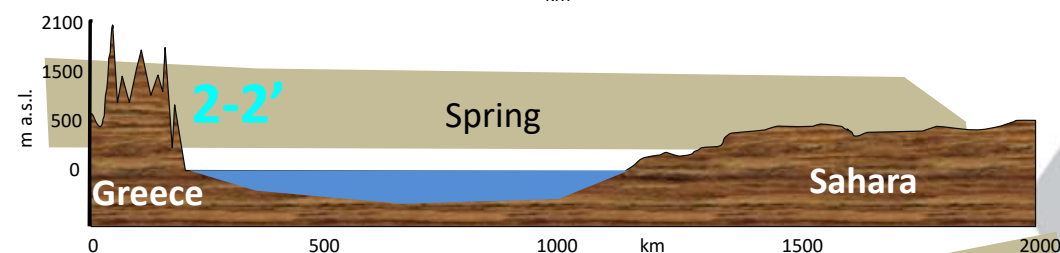
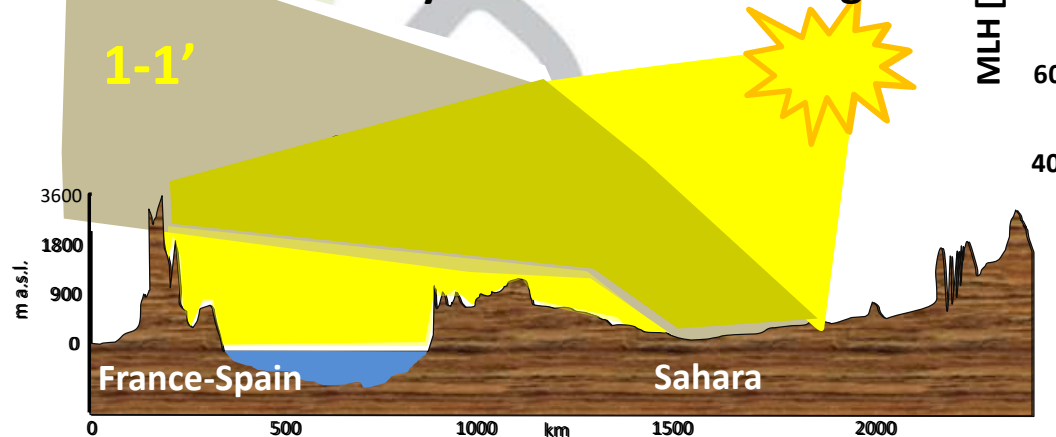


Figure 2. Analysis of dust particles from the Sahara dust event by bacterial community composition and by PM_{10} concentration at different time points. (A) Bacterial community composition in particles of different sizes. (B) PM_{10} concentrations during the Sahara dust event. Abbreviations: Alphap., Alphaproteobacteria; Gammap., Gammaproteobacteria.

PM composition during dust episodes

Pandolfi et al., 2014, STOTEN
BARCELONA 2003 – 2010: 2513
MLH days from radiosounding



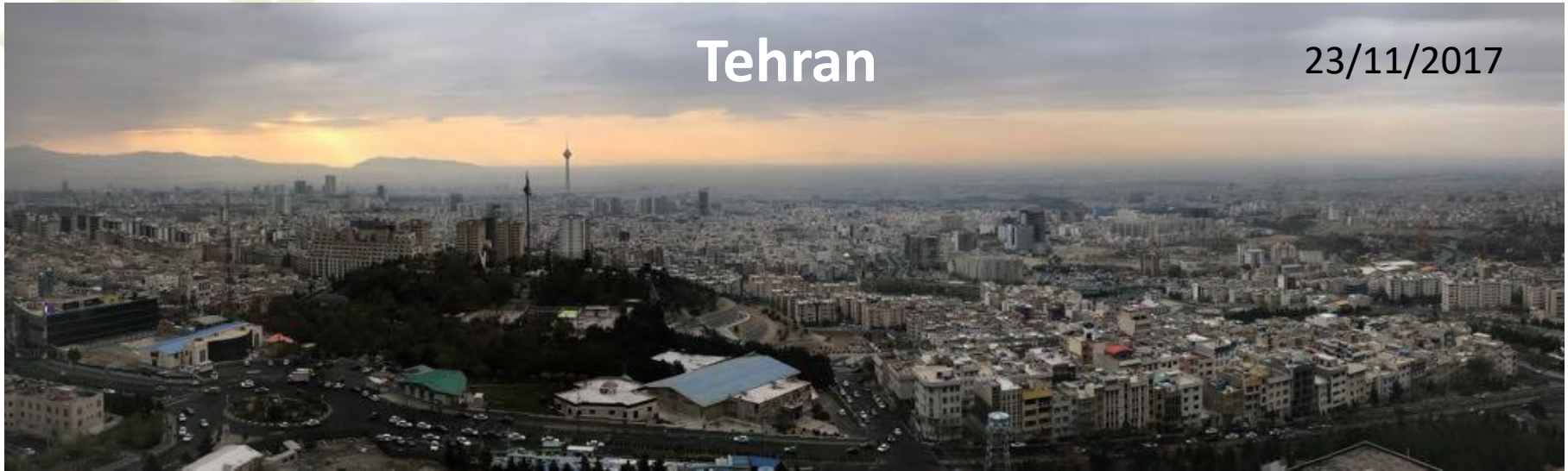
PM composition during dust episodes

Querol X., et al., 20219 Environment International

Increased PM concentrations during dust outbreaks

- Obviously the transport of mineral matter from desert dust
- The co-transport of anthropogenic pollutants with dust, both emitted at the source areas or entrained during dust transport
- The accumulation of locally emitted anthropogenic PM pollutants by:
 - A relatively thin mixing layer height accumulate local pollutants
 - Dust favouring the formation of secondary pollutants (such as nssSO_4^{2-})
 - Because frequency is higher in spring/summer: higher secondary PM pollutants
- Considering also bioaerosols
- These might strongly vary from one region to other

Impact of dust outbreaks on air quality



Impact of dust outbreaks on air quality

- PM10 and PM2.5 vary widely during desert dust episodes according the regions and episodes in the same region
- PM size might also vary a lot

Mori et al., 2003 (TSP)

up to 6700 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	8h	Inner Mongolia (China)
up to 1500 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	6h	Beijing (China) 95% coarse
up to 230 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	24h	Japan remote island 64% coarse

Aryal R, 2012 (PM10)

up to 11800 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	1h	Sydney, Australia
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Krasnov H, et al., 2014 (PM10)

up to 2000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	24h	Beer-Sheva, Negev, Israel
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Viana et al., 2002 (PM10)

up to 675 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	24h	Canary Islands, Spain
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Sotoudeheian et al., 2016 (PM10)

up to 650 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	24h	Central Iran cities
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Achilleos et al., 2014 (PM10)

up to 470 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	24 h	Nicosia, Cyprus
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Querol et al., 2009 (PM10)

up to 250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	24h	Mainland Spain remote sites
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Querol et al., 1998, Spain

1 yr: PM10 exceedances can be largely attributed to dust outbreaks

Querol et al., 2009; Pey et al., 2011: Mediterranean region

17 to 37% of the days are affected by dust transport

9 to 43% of the annual ambient PM10 levels at remote sites

1 to 8 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ of the annual PM10 averages

25-30%. of dust days receive daily dust of 25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in PM10

10% in Northwestern Mediterranean

Krasnov H,et al., 2014: Beer Sheva, Israel

10% of the dust days exceed 71 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ PM10

122 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ PM10 daily net dust to PM10 during dust days

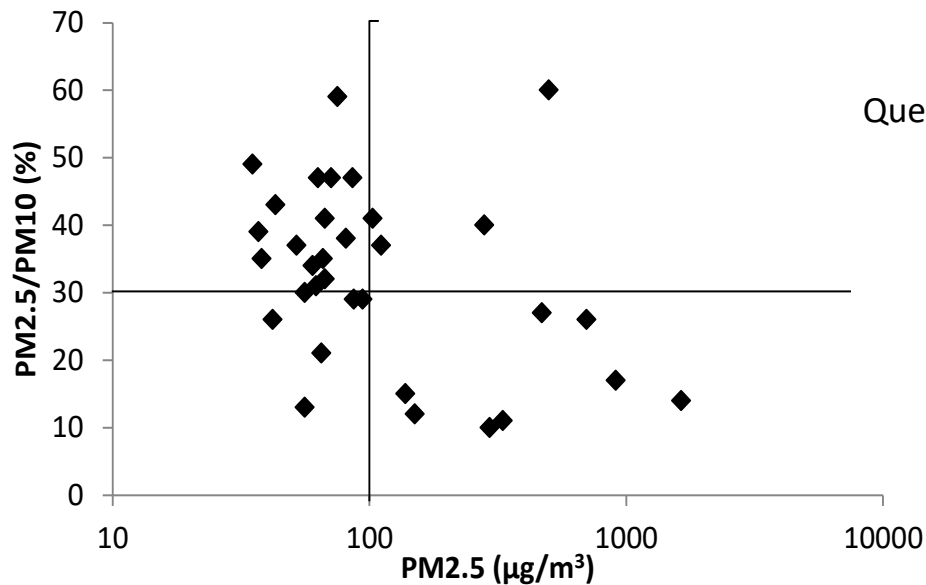
Prospero et al., 2005: Barbados

35 days recorded dust contributions >50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, 7 days >100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

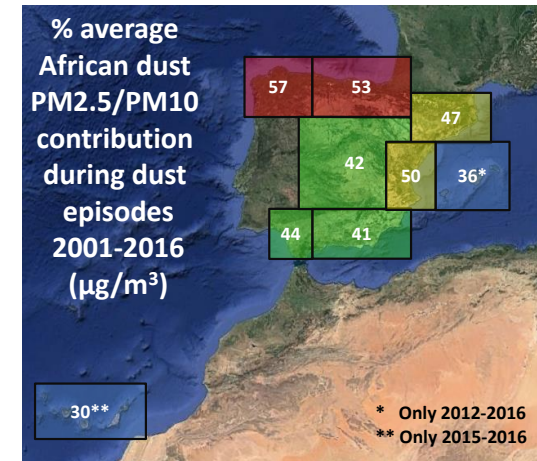
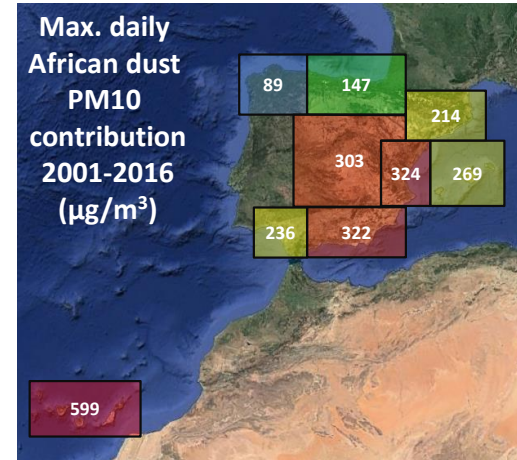
Impact of dust outbreaks on air quality

Goudie A.S., 2014. *Env Int* 63:101–13

Region	PM10 mg/m ³	PM2.5 mg/m ³
Southern Europe	150-2,500	43-86
Eastern Asia	134-3,006	63-700
Australia	266-15,366	
Western Africa	312-5,000	42-1,368
North America	123-65,112	
Middle the East	700-5,619	



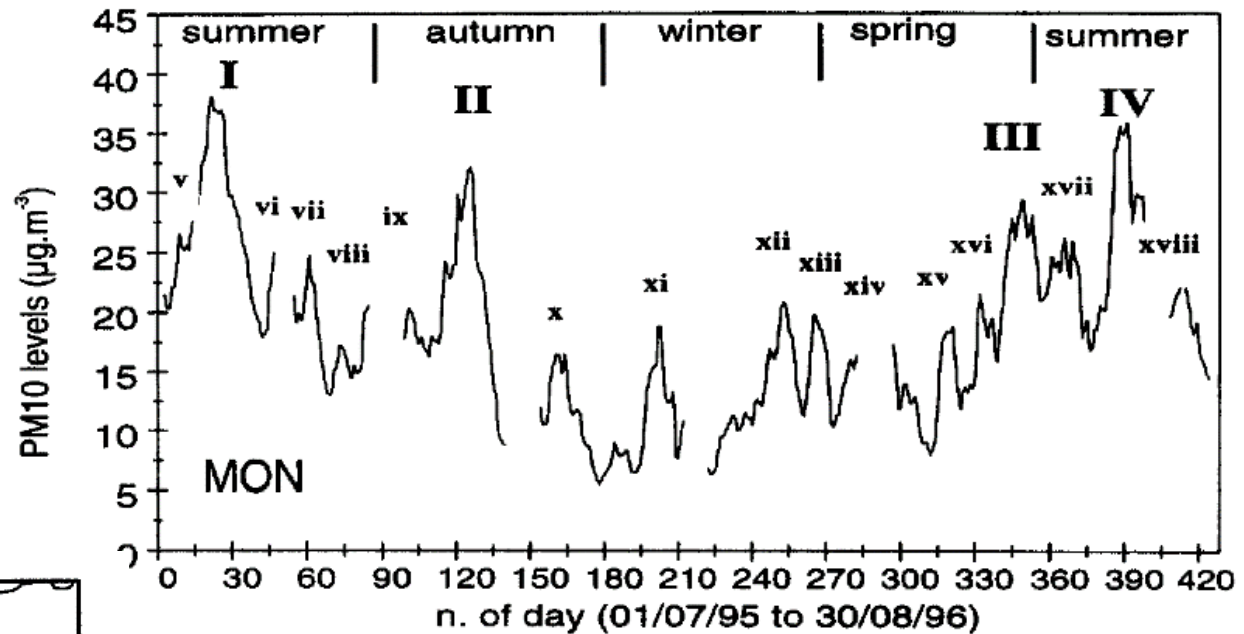
Querol et al., 2019, STOTEN



Data obtained from:

- Goudie A.S., 2014; max. conc. over the world,
- Jayaratne et al. (79) dust storm in Brisbane,
- Engelbrecht et al. (73) annual mean conc. Middle East

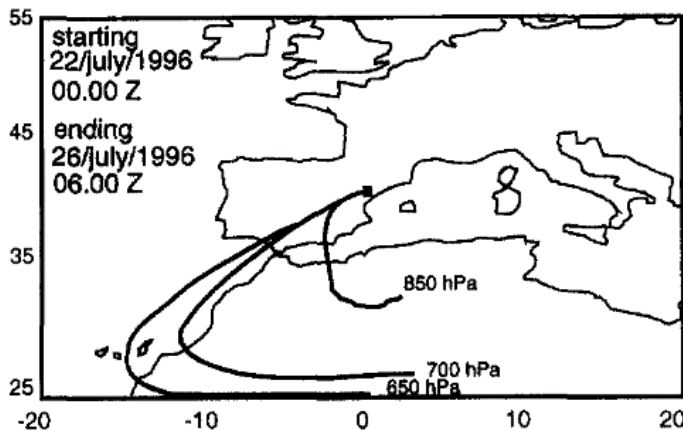
Impact of dust outbreaks on air quality



Querol et al., 1998a, Atmos. Environ.

PM10 EU AQ standards can not be attained (in rural areas NE Spain) due to African dust outbreaks

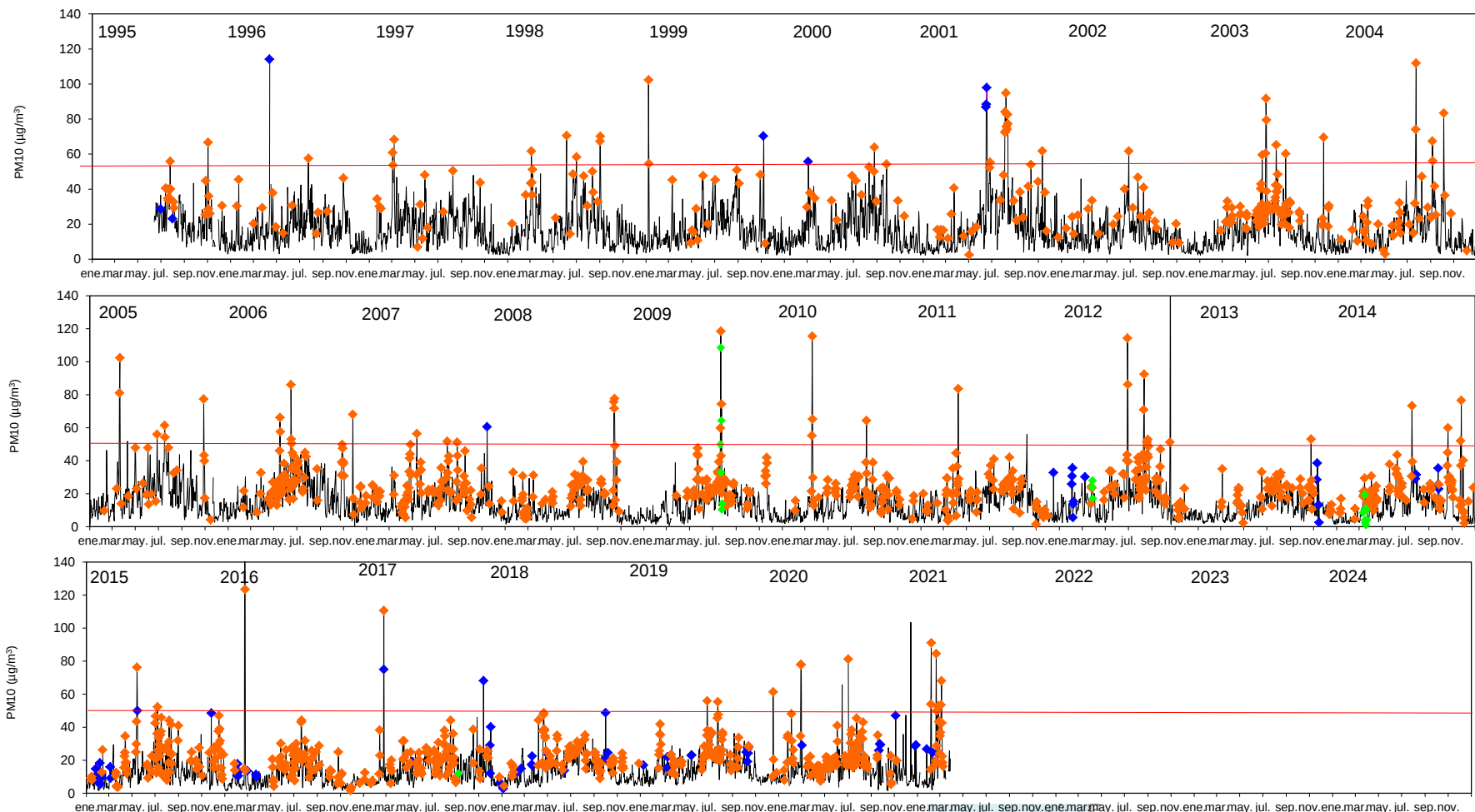
Basis of including dust episodes in 1999/30/CE



Impact of dust outbreaks on air quality

African dust, regional background NE Spain

Daily PM₁₀ (µg/m³)



Daily limit value PM₁₀ 2008/50/CE (50 µg m⁻³)

97 out of 110 exceedances registered in near 26 years
are caused by African dust outbreaks

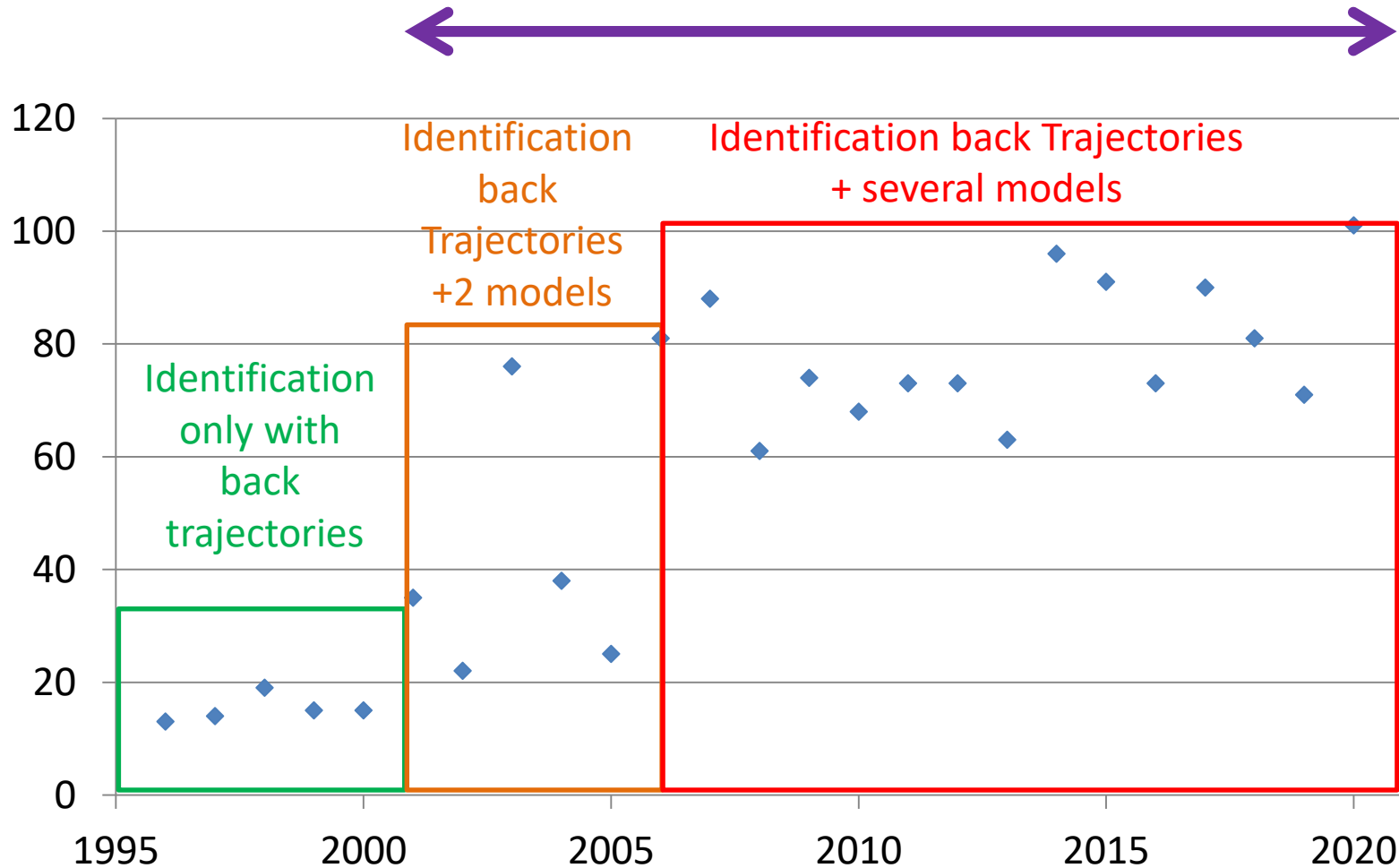
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- ◆ African dust outbreaks
- ◆ Local dust from Monegros
- ◆ Forest fires

AFRICAN DUST DAYS/YEAR AT MONAGREGA (NE SPAIN)

Data from the Dust-PM-AQ monitoring network



Method to quantify dust and anthropogenic PM

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/air/quality/legislation/pdf/sec_2011_0208.pdf



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Brussels, 15.02.2011

SEC(2011) 208 final

COMMISSION STAFF WORKING PAPER

establishing guidelines for demonstration and subtraction of exceedances attributable to natural sources under the Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe

4.1. Methodology for the determination of re-suspended and transported Saharan dust

The following describes a procedure to determine the African origin of the exceedances of the daily mean concentration of $50\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The procedure is based on a method developed in Spain and Portugal (Querol et al., 2006) for application in both countries¹⁰. It focuses on the daily limit value; discounting the contributions by re-suspended and transported natural Saharan dust episodes in the calculation of the annual average of PM_{10} may however also have a

Method to quantify dust and anthropogenic PM

The percentile method

AFRICAN DUST, IDENTIFICATION OF EPISODES

Modelling dust
WMO-AEMET-BSC

Backtrajectories

Satellite

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Evaluation of PM concentrations at RB sites

YES

NO

QUANTIFICATION OF DAILY CONTRIBUTIONS TO PM_x

Method to quantify dust and anthropogenic PM

Reporting on episodes

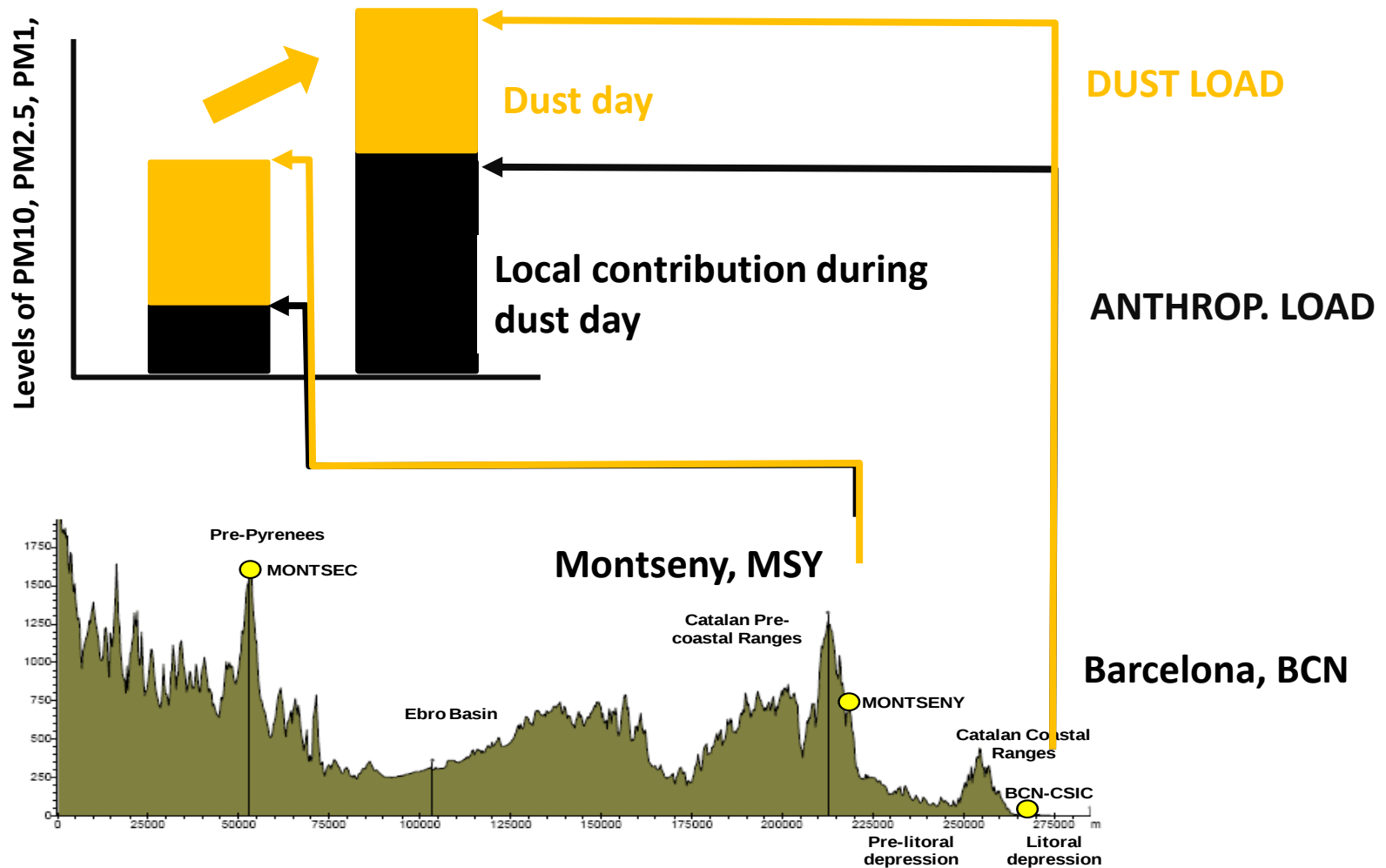
Impact on surface PM_x concentrations: experimental



- Other than EMEP
- EMEP stations with real time measurements
- EMEP station with gravimetric measurements



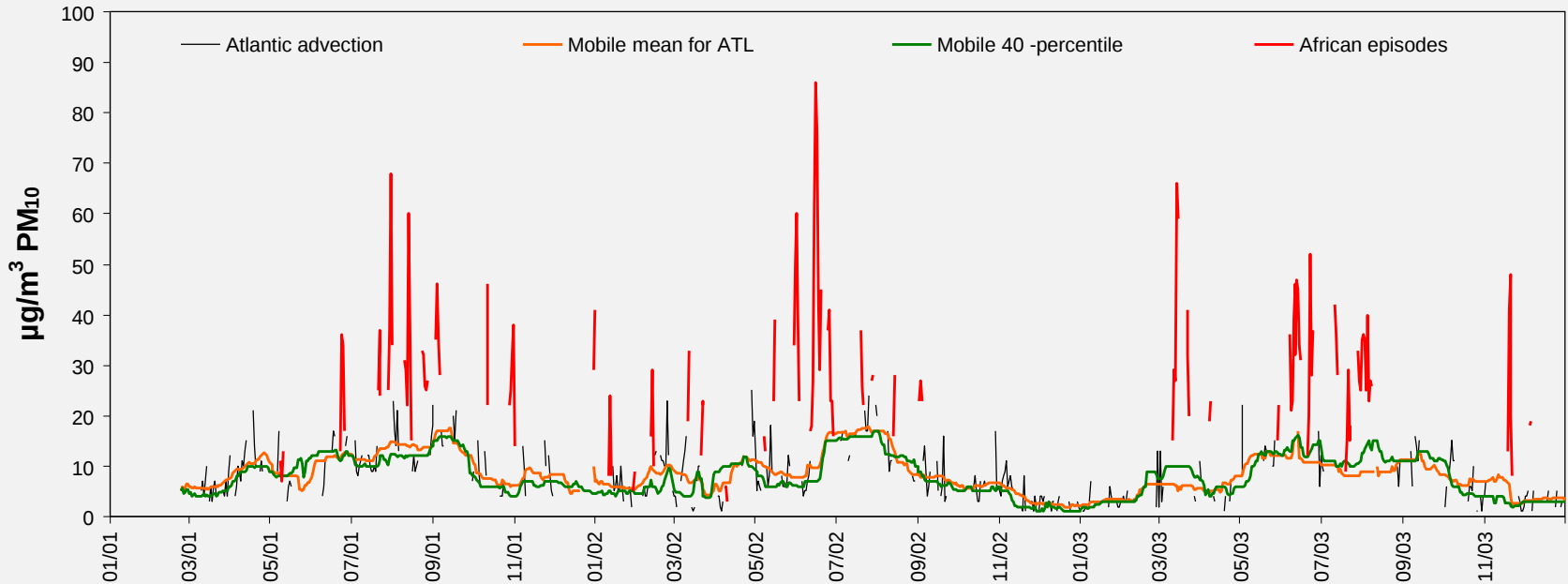
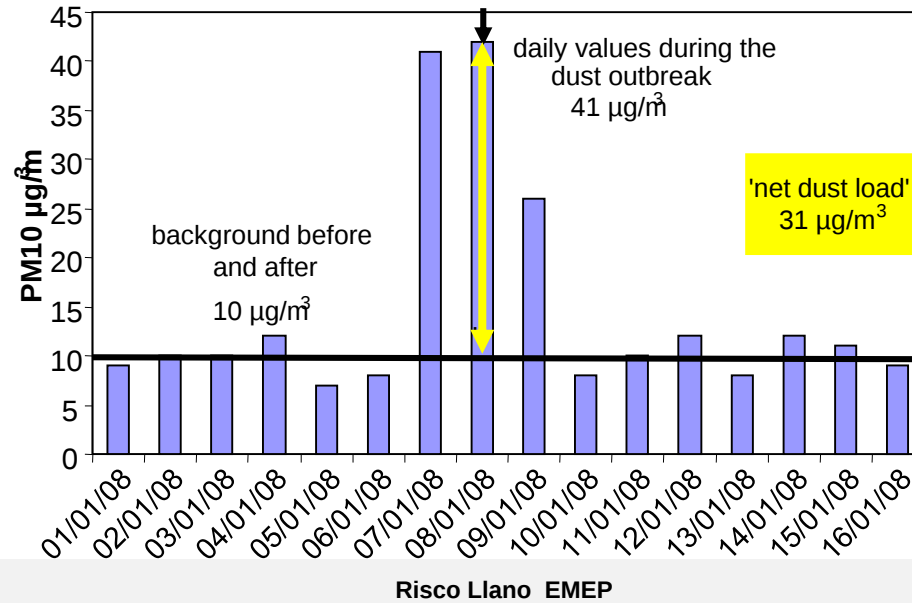
Method to quantify dust and anthropogenic PM



- Hourly UFP, BC, PM10, PM2.5 and PM1 2009-2016 simultaneously
- 1/3 day sampling and speciation PM10, PM2.5 and PM1

Method to quantify dust and anthropogenic PM

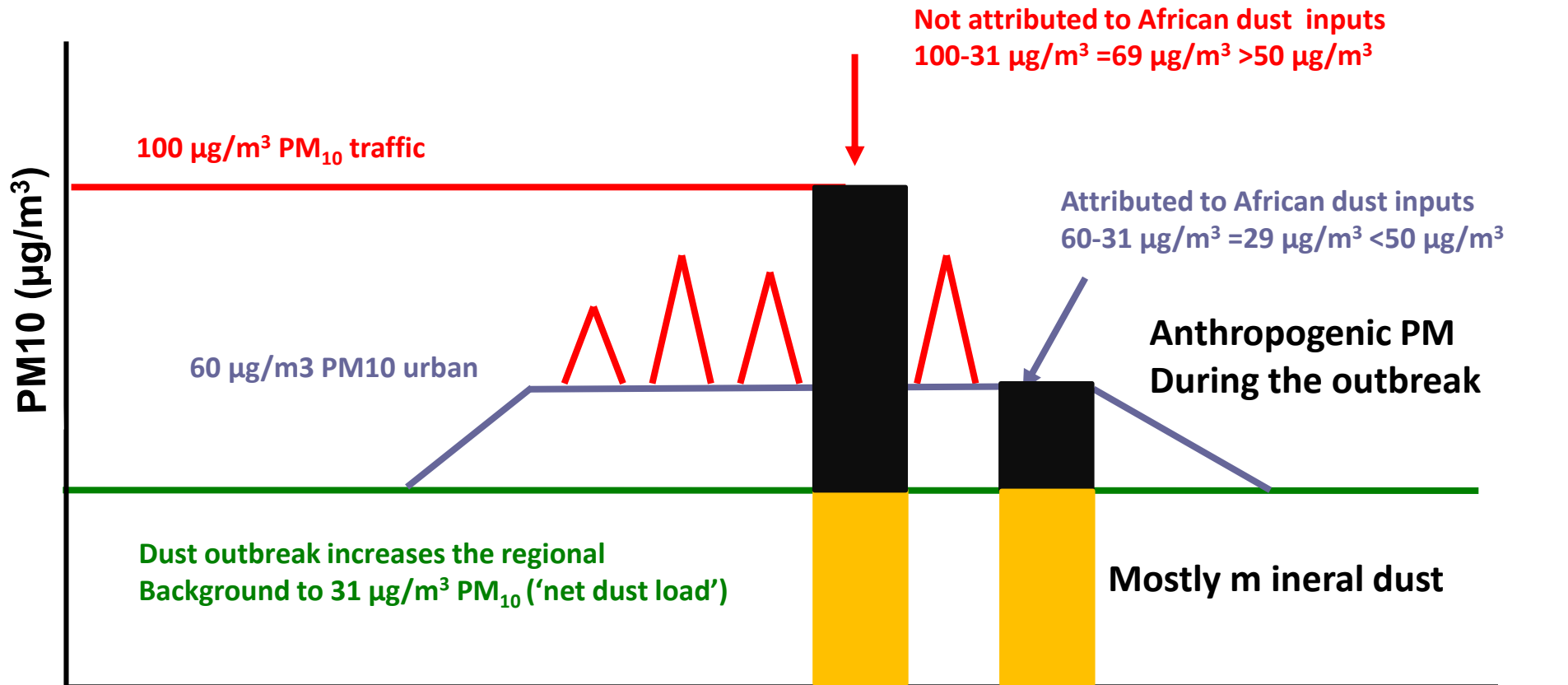
The quantitative approach



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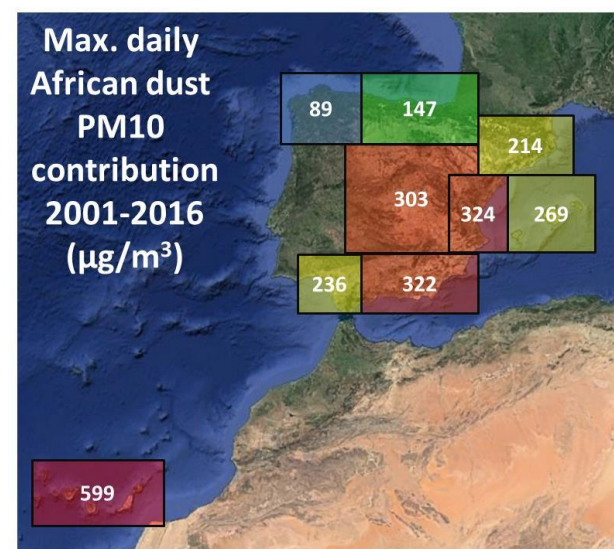
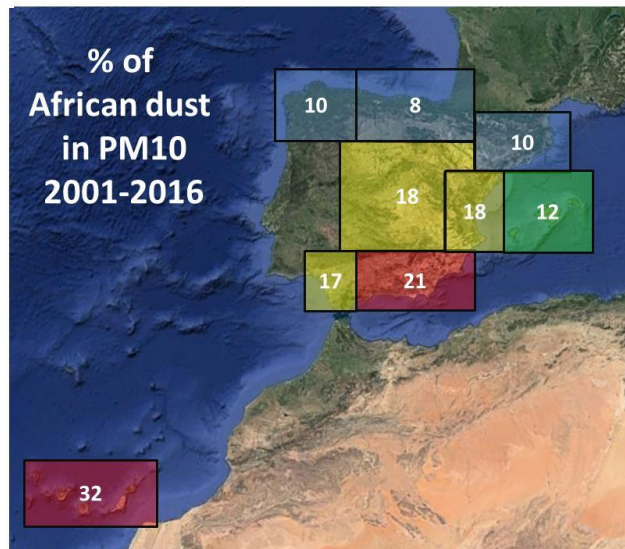
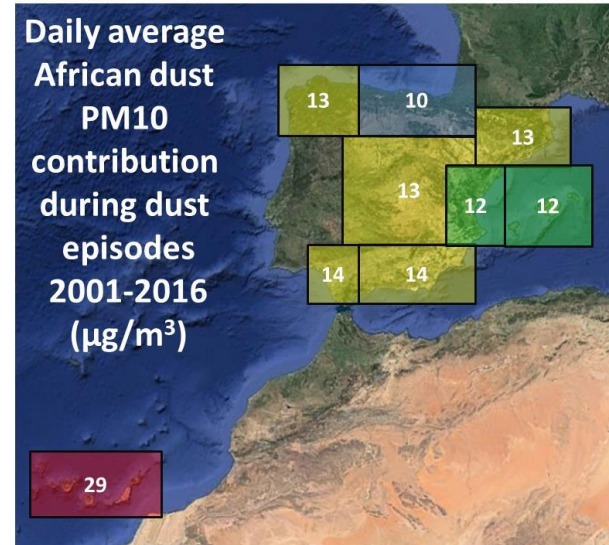
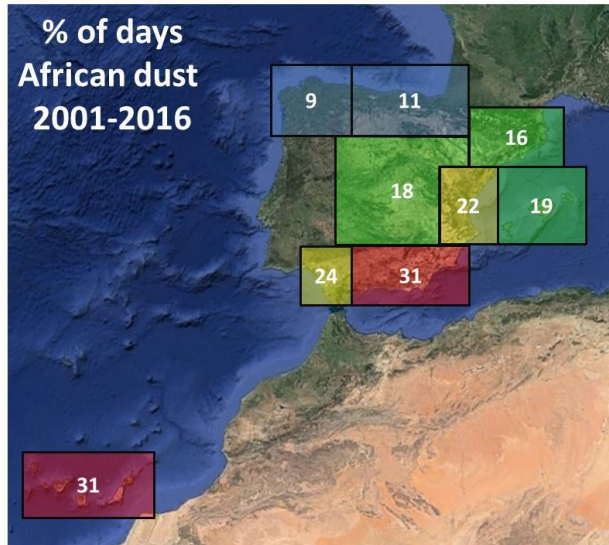
Determining the anthropogenic and natural contributions to PM in an urban site

EXAMPLE



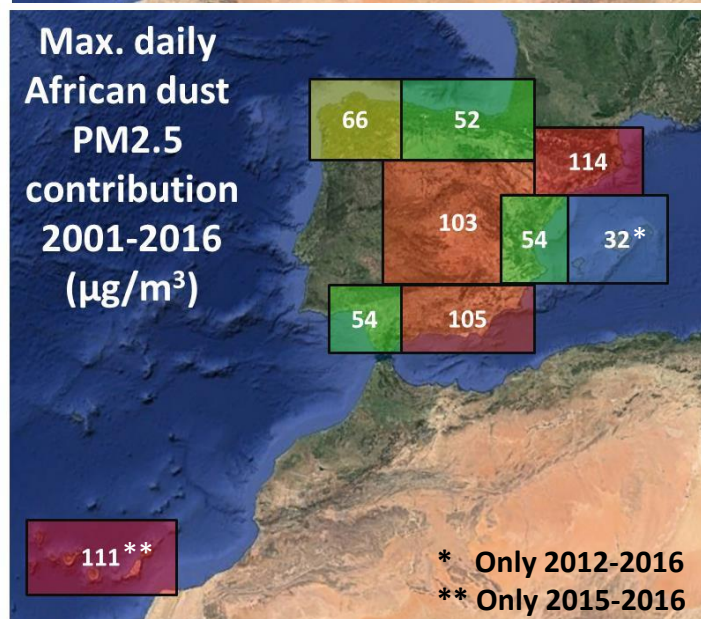
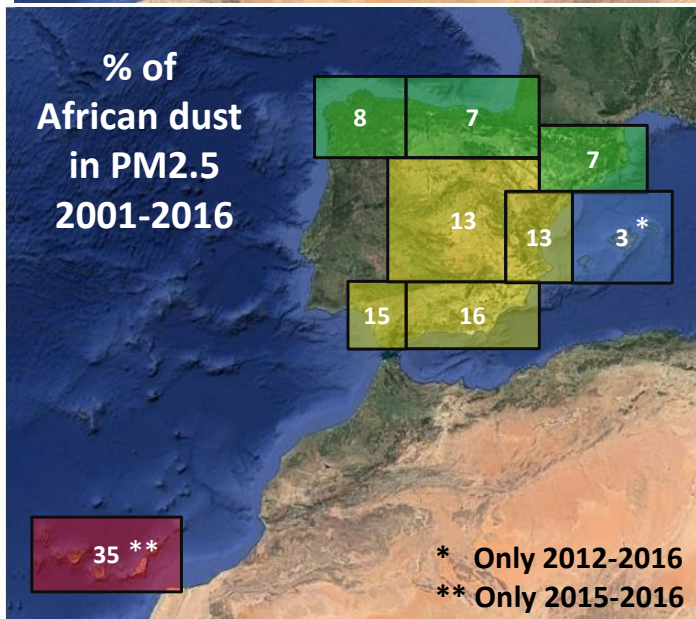
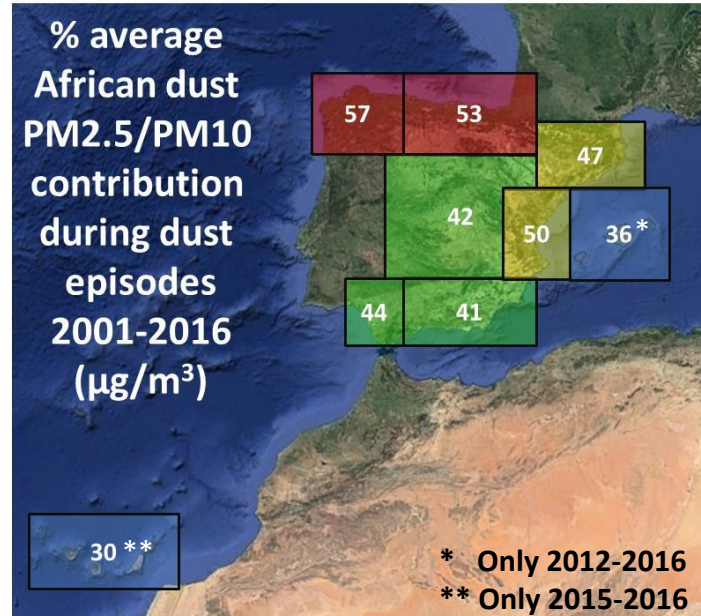
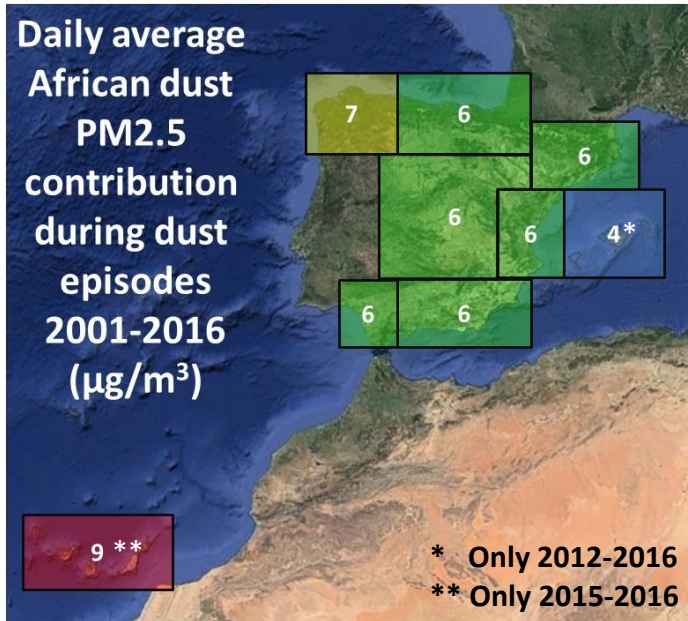
Method to quantify dust and anthropogenic PM

Querol et al., 2019, STOTEN



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Health effects of desert dust in Europe

No long term effects available!!!!

Short-term effects on mortality

Tobías A. et al BMJ, 2019

City (C.)	(Yr. Pub.)	African dust as effect modifier of								As risk exposure
		PM _{10-2.5}	PM ₁₀	PM _{10-2.5}	PM ₁₀	PM _{10-2.5}	PM ₁₀	PM _{10-2.5}	PM ₁₀	Respiratory
Barcelona (SP)	(2008, 2012)	✓		✓	✓	✗		✗		
Madrid (SP)	(2010, 2012)	✓	✓		✓				✗	
Rome (IT)	(2011)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	
Emilia-Romagna (IT)	(2011)		✗		✗				✗	✓
Athens (GR)	(2011)		✗		✗				✗	
Nicosia (CY)	(2013)		✗		✓				✗	

Divergence of results because:

- Different methods for exposure to dust were used
- Different phenomenology of dust episodes

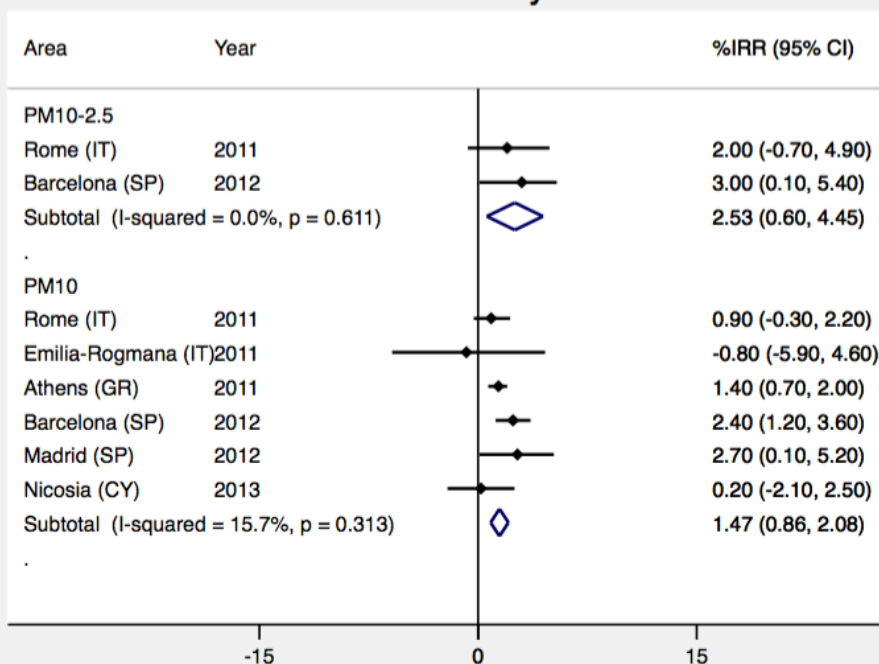
Health effects of desert dust in Europe

Short-term effects on mortality

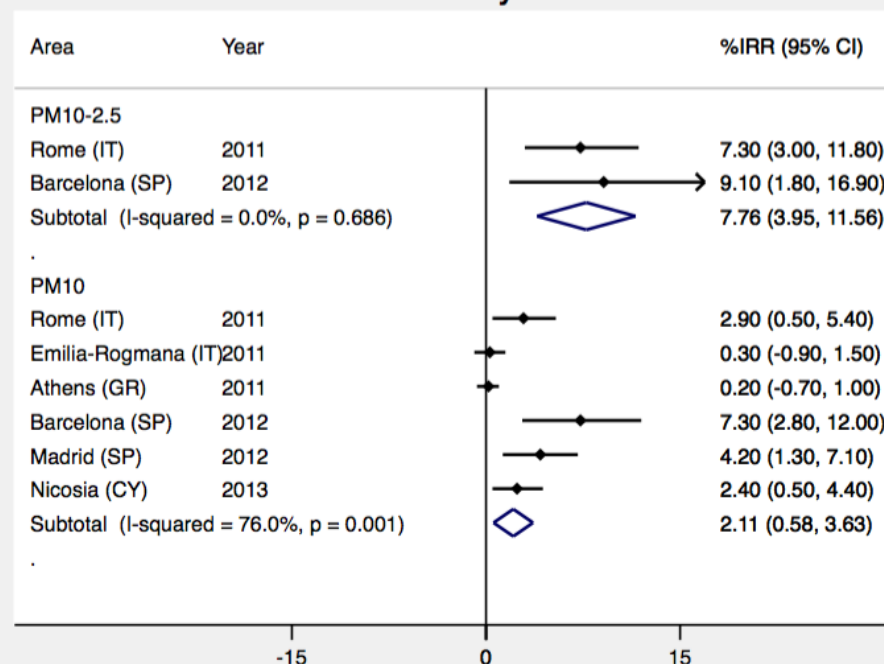
Tobías A. et al BMJ, 2019

Meta-analysis of published risks of cardiovascular mortality for an increase of $10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ PM during Saharan and non-Saharan dust days in Southern Europe

Non-dust days



Dust days



Health effects of desert dust in Barcelona

Data for Barcelona 2003-2004

Pérez L., et al (2008) *Epidemiology*: November 2008 - Volume 19 - Issue 6 - p 800-807

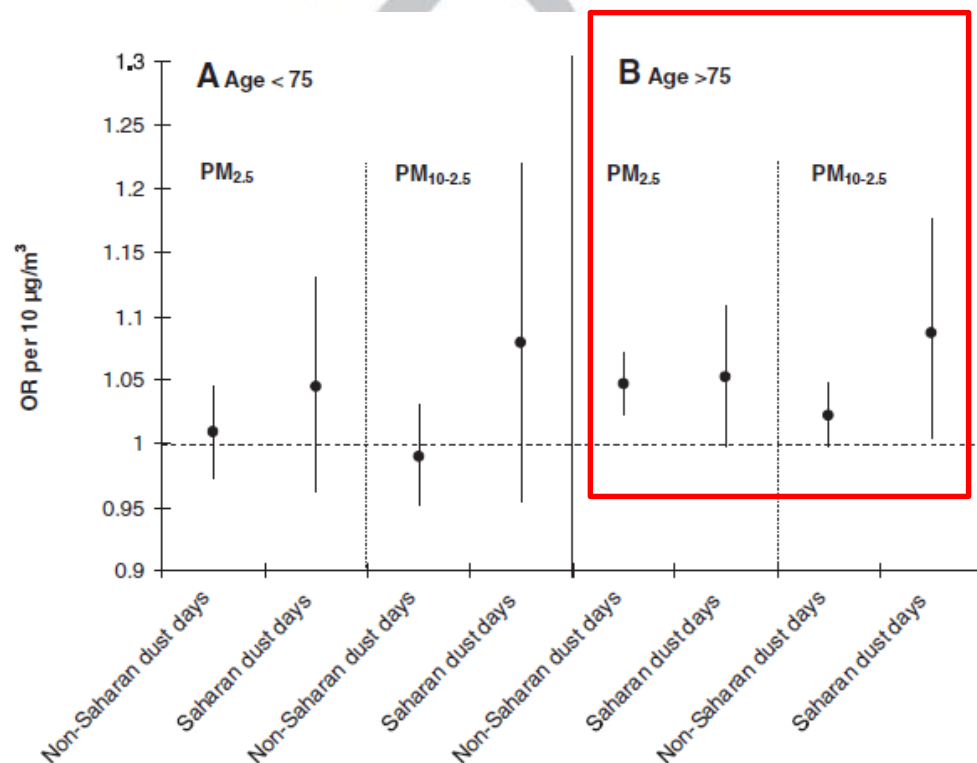


TABLE 2. Odds Ratio for the Association of Daily Exposure to PM_{2.5} and PM_{10-2.5} With Total Mortality, With Effect Modification by Age and Saharan Dust Days (Lag 1)

Variables	OR per 10 µg/m ³ (95% CI)	
	PM _{2.5}	PM _{10-2.5}
All	1.032 (1.015, 1.05)	1.016 (0.996, 1.036)
By age (yrs)		
<75	1.015 (0.983, 1.049)	0.996 (0.96, 1.033)
>75	1.049 (1.027, 1.071)	1.019 (0.995, 1.043)
<i>P</i> for interaction	0.10	0.31
By Saharan dust days		
Non-Saharan dust days	1.035 (1.016, 1.055)	1.013 (0.992, 1.034)
Saharan dust days	1.05 (1.005, 1.097)	1.084 (1.015, 1.158)
<i>P</i> for interaction	0.56	0.05
By age (years) and Saharan dust days		
<75		
Non-Saharan dust days	1.009 (0.973, 1.045)	0.99 (0.952, 1.03)
Saharan dust days	1.044 (0.963, 1.131)	1.079 (0.954, 1.219)
<i>P</i> for interaction	0.44	0.19
>75		
Non-Saharan dust days	1.047 (1.023, 1.071)	1.022 (0.997, 1.048)
Saharan dust days	1.052 (0.998, 1.108)	1.087 (1.005, 1.176)
<i>P</i> for interaction	0.86	0.14

All models adjusted for flu week, holiday, 2003 heat wave period, and 4-day average temperature and humidity.

Two-pollutant model. Additionally adjusted by the other particle size.

Health effects of desert dust in Barcelona

Data for Barcelona 2003-2007

Pérez L., et al., 2012. Environment International 48 (2012) 150–155

Table 2

Odds ratio (OR) for an increase by interquartile range (IQR) of particulate matter fractions, and its 95% confidence interval (95% CI), for the association with cause-specific mortality during Saharan and non-dust days.

Models	Mortality	Non-Saharan dust days			Saharan dust days			p for interaction
		IQR	OR	(95% CI)	IQR	OR	(95% CI)	
Single pollutant	Cardiovascular (lag 1)							
	PM ₁	11.6	1.030	(1.006, 1.054)*	8.7	1.036	(0.972, 1.105)	0.6804
	PM _{2.5-1}	5.3	1.055	(1.023, 1.089)*	7.0	1.093	(1.018, 1.173)*	0.6433
	PM _{10-2.5}	11.0	1.041	(1.018, 1.066)*	9.4	1.097	(1.029, 1.169)*	0.0814
	Respiratory (lag 2)							
	PM ₁	11.6	1.032	(0.993, 1.072)	8.7	1.017	(0.920, 1.125)	0.9036
	PM _{2.5-1}	5.3	1.067	(1.011, 1.126)*	7.0	1.110	(0.983, 1.254)**	0.7737
	PM _{10-2.5}	11.0	1.053	(1.014, 1.094)*	9.4	1.033	(0.923, 1.156)	0.8361
	Cerebrovascular (lag 1)							
	PM ₁	11.6	1.030	(0.983, 1.079)	8.7	1.046	(0.929, 1.178)	0.7079
	PM _{2.5-1}	5.3	1.049	(0.987, 1.116)	7.0	1.002	(0.871, 1.153)	0.4385
	PM _{10-2.5}	11.0	1.039	(0.993, 1.087)*	9.4	1.081	(0.959, 1.219)	0.4698
Three pollutants	Cardiovascular (lag 1)							
	PM ₁	11.6	1.018	(0.992, 1.044)	8.7	1.029	(0.964, 1.099)	0.6460
	PM _{2.5-1}	5.3	1.024	(0.985, 1.064)	7.0	1.074	(0.998, 1.156)**	0.3478
	PM _{10-2.5}	11.0	1.033	(1.006, 1.060)*	9.4	1.085	(1.017, 1.158)*	0.1111
	Respiratory (lag 2)							
	PM ₁	11.6	1.019	(0.977, 1.062)	8.7	0.992	(0.895, 1.101)	0.6844
	PM _{2.5-1}	5.3	1.029	(0.965, 1.098)	7.0	1.109	(0.978, 1.257)**	0.3687
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	Cerebrovascular (lag 1)							
	PM ₁	11.6	1.020	(0.969, 1.074)	8.7	1.052	(0.931, 1.189)	0.5693
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* p<0.05.

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Data for Barcelona 2003-2007 **KEY FINDINGS FOR US!!!!!!**

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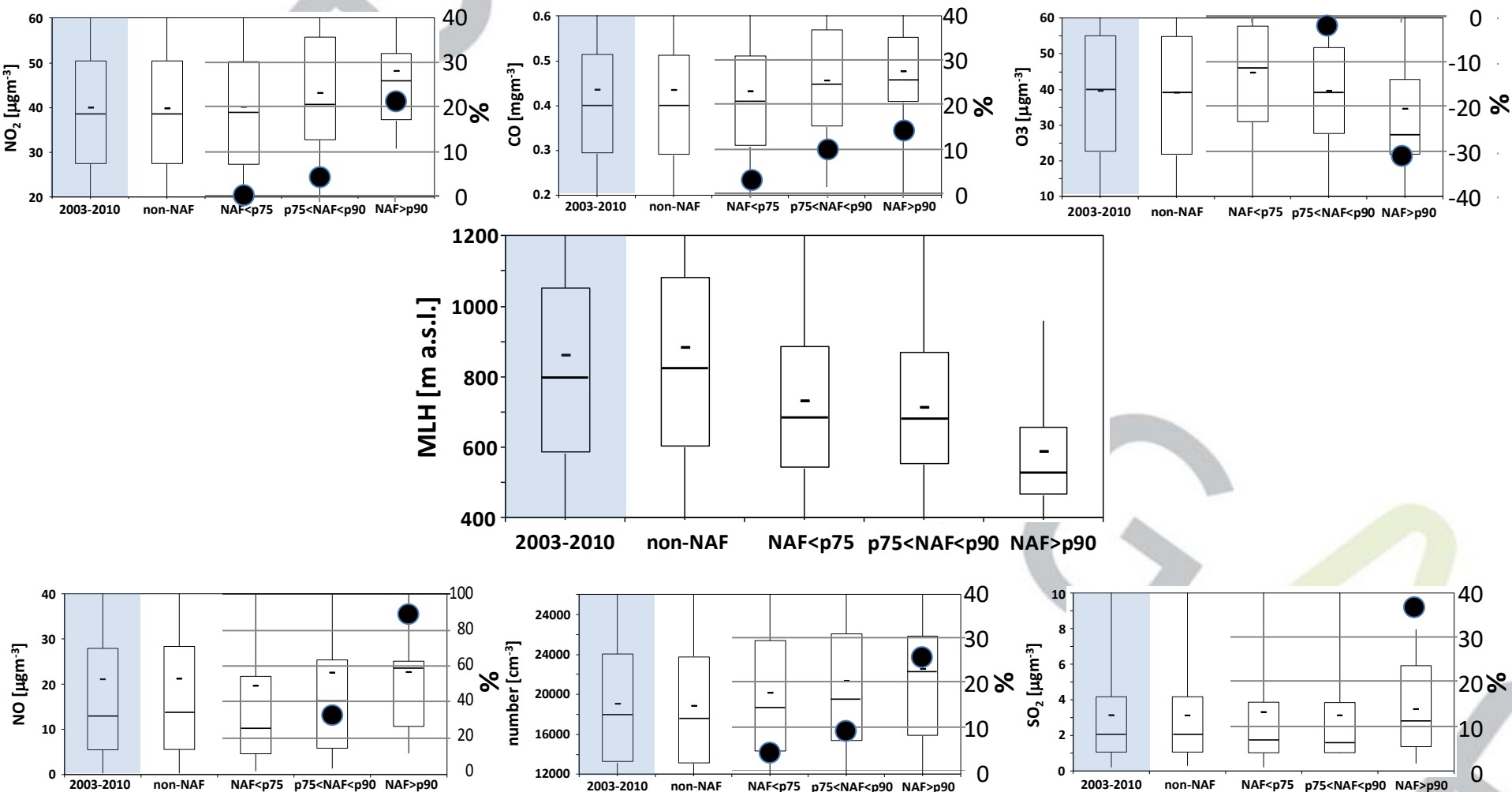
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Saharan dust days (n = 145)									
Local contributions to PM ₁₀	27.7 (10.7)	0.0	20.6	27.5	34.6	53.0	Lag 0	4.9 (−0.3 to 10.3)	
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BARCELONA 2003 – 2010: 2513 MLH days from radiosounding at 12:00 UTC

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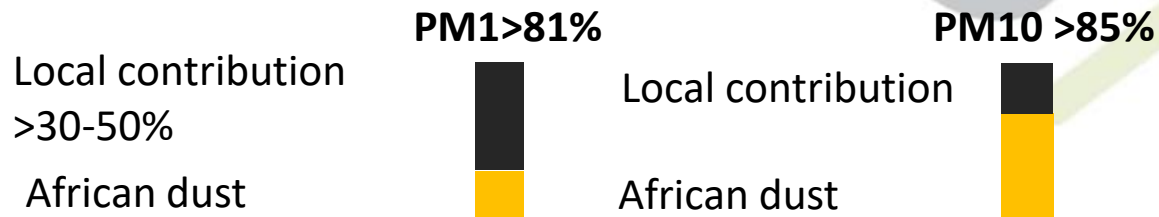
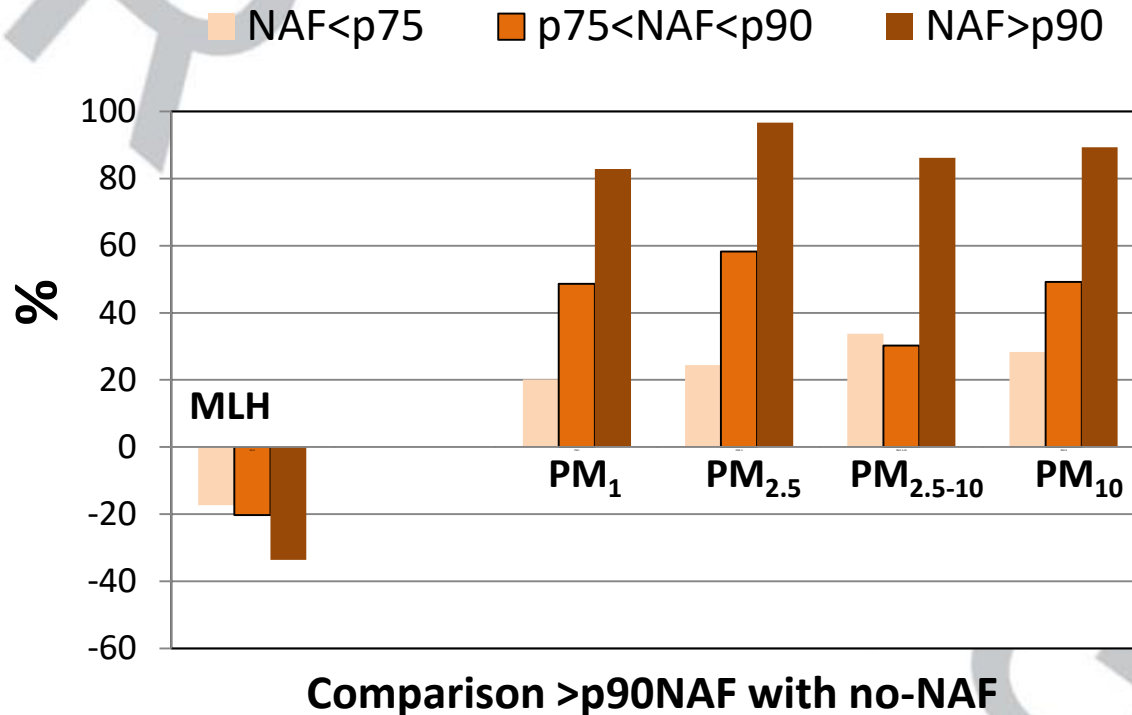


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Relative decrease [%] of MLH and relative increases [%] of PM_x concentrations during different NAF episodes intensities compared to non-NAF days



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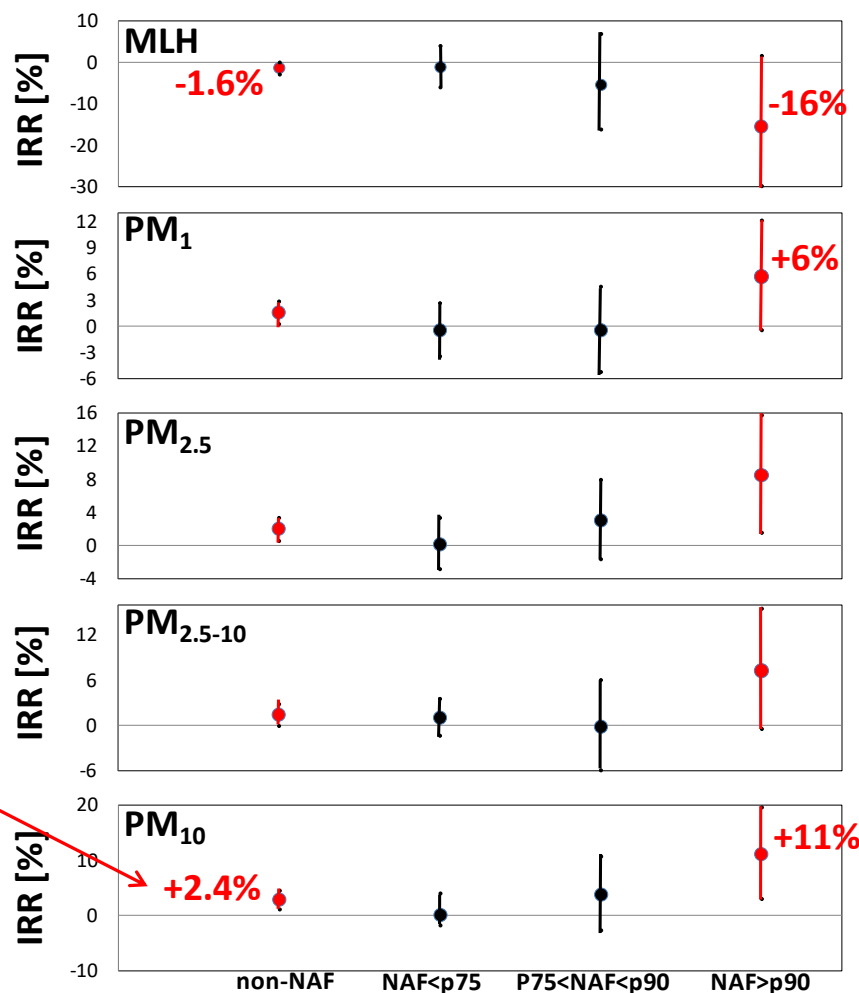
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Barcelona (2003-2007)

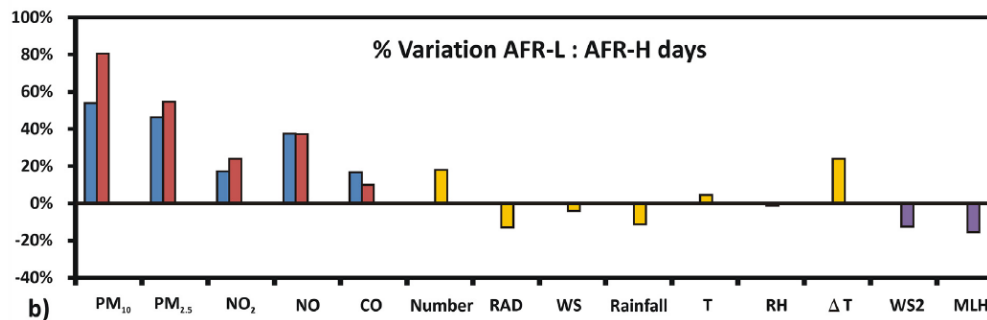
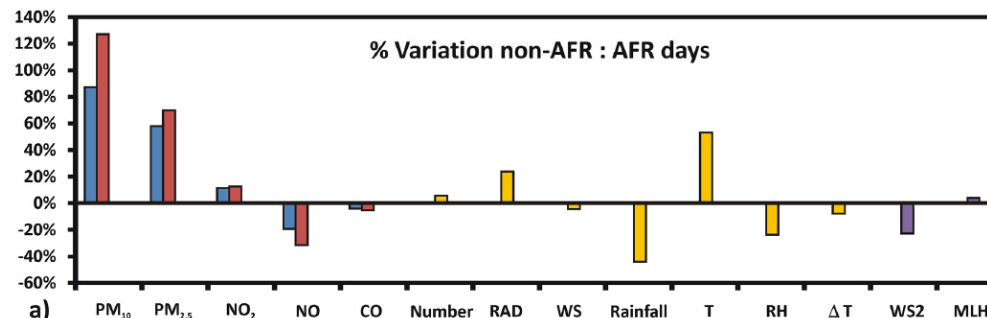
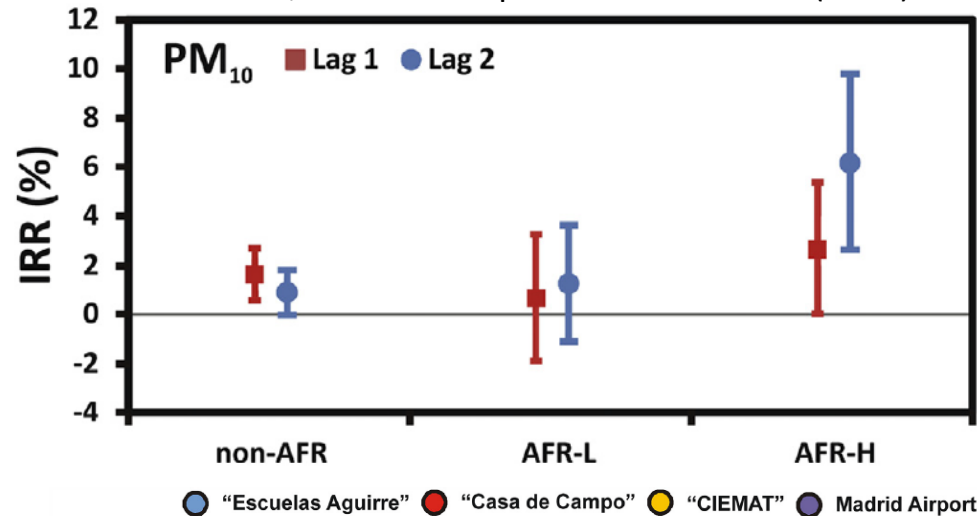
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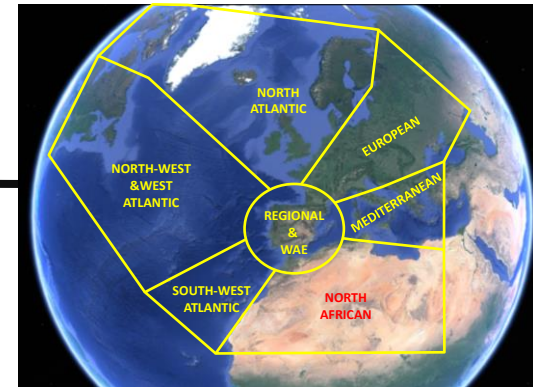
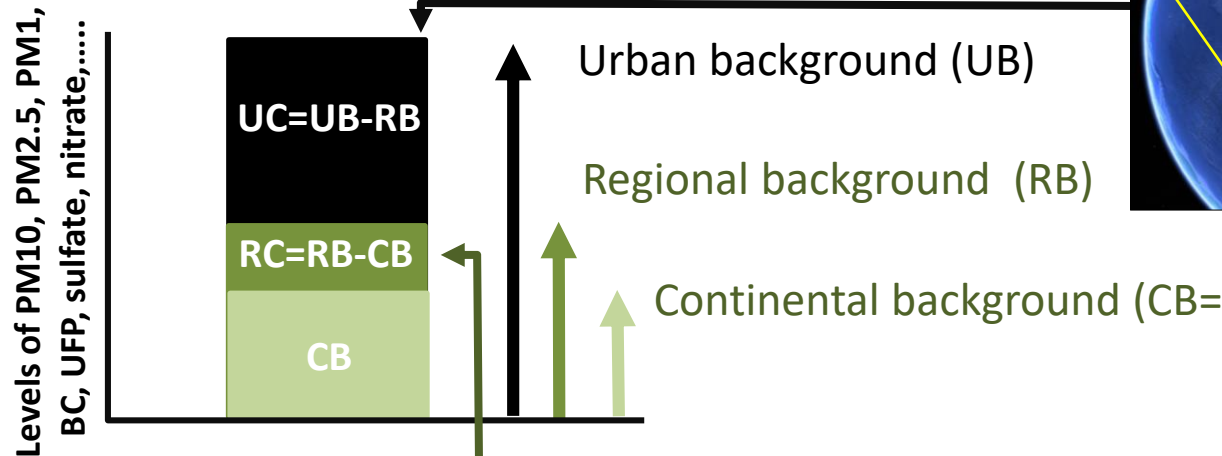
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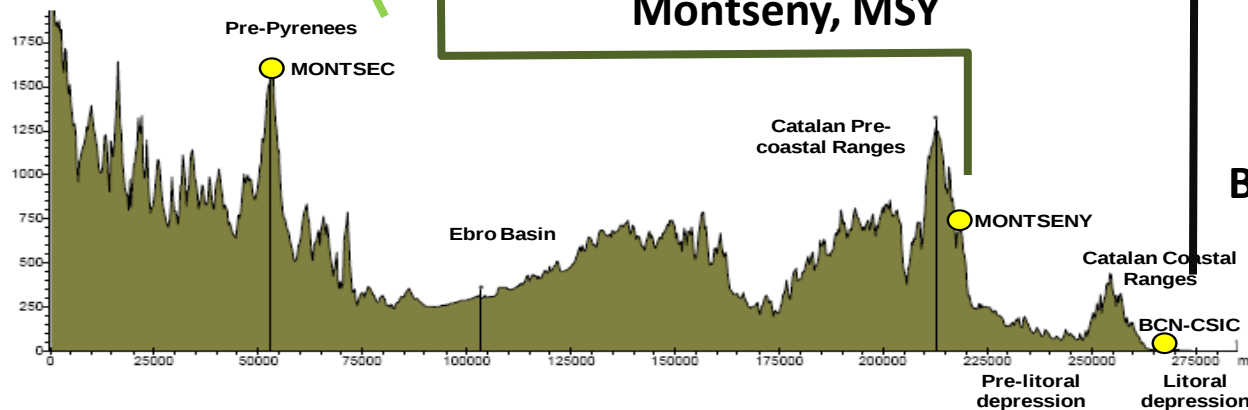
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ADO
(African dust outbreaks)

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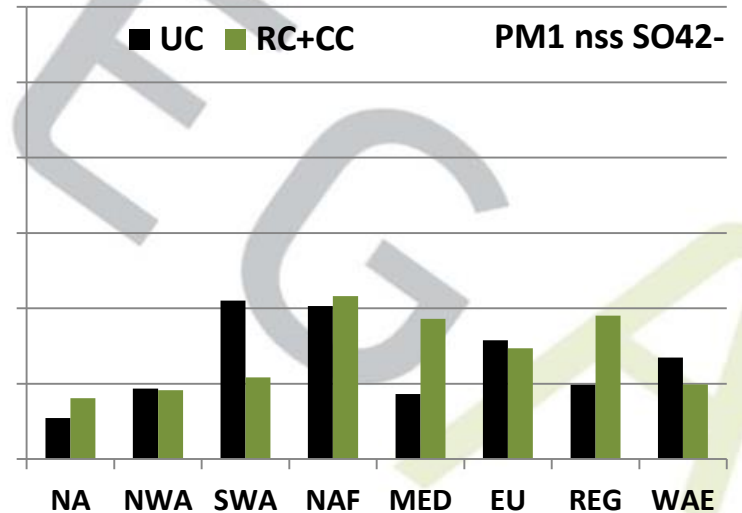
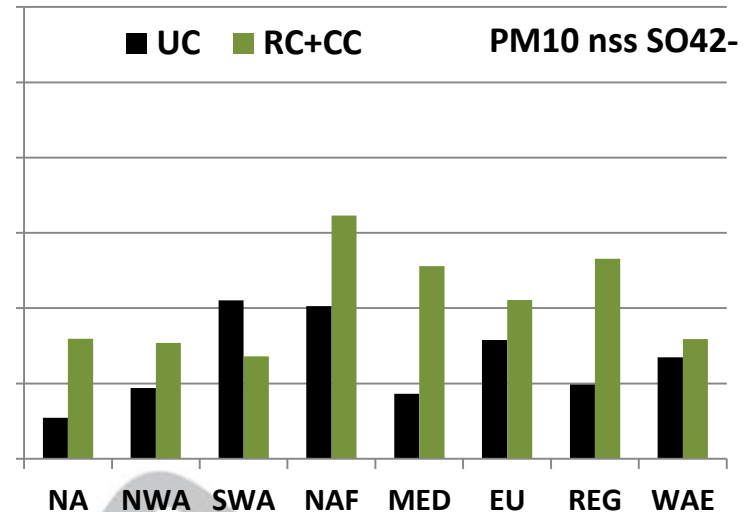
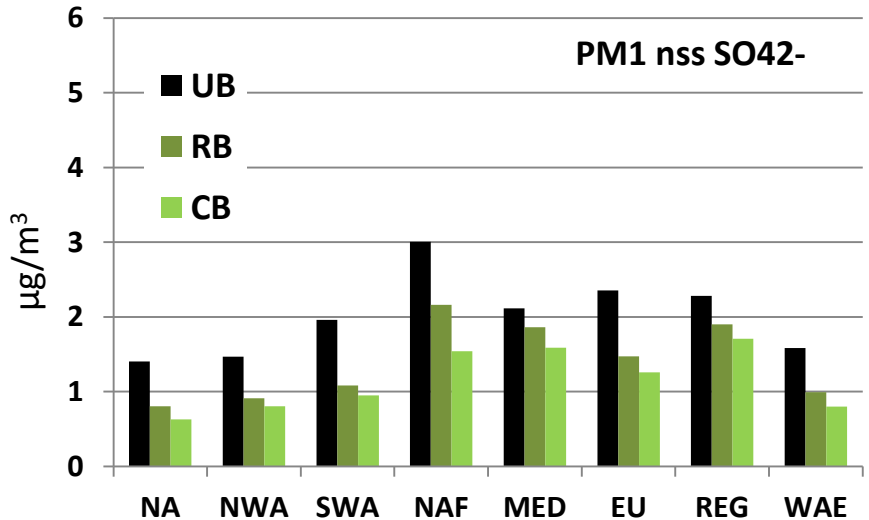
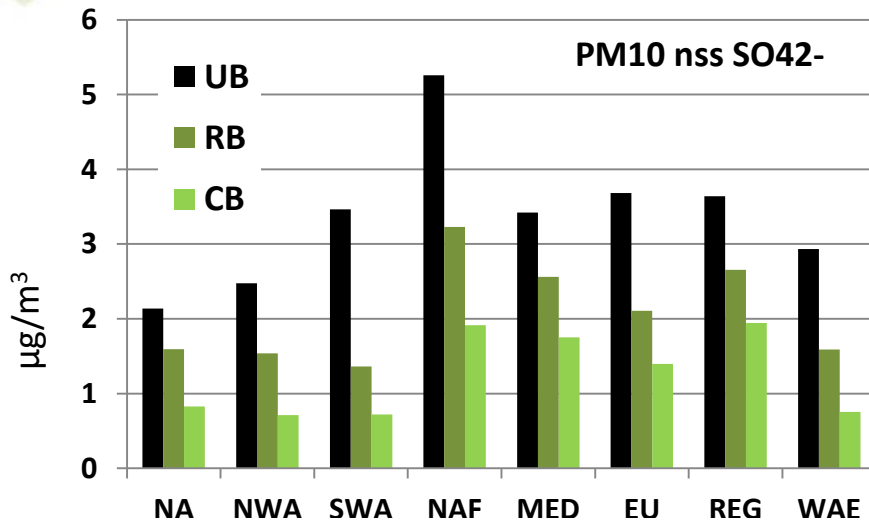


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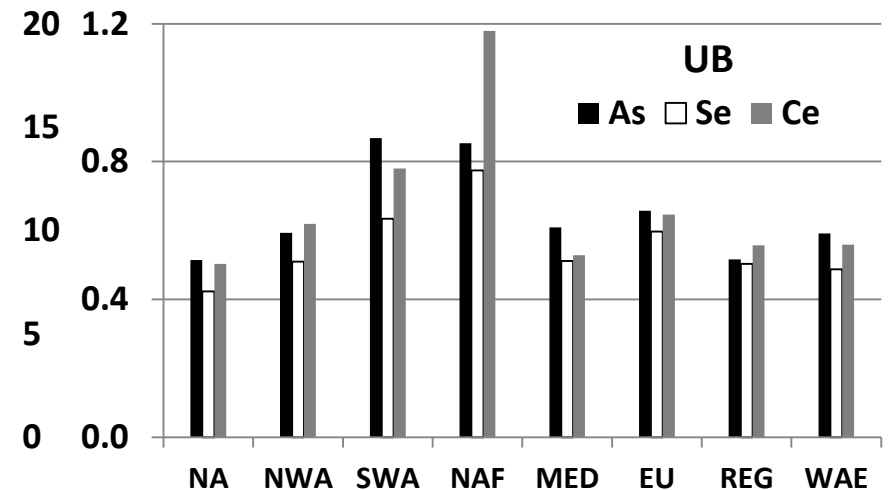
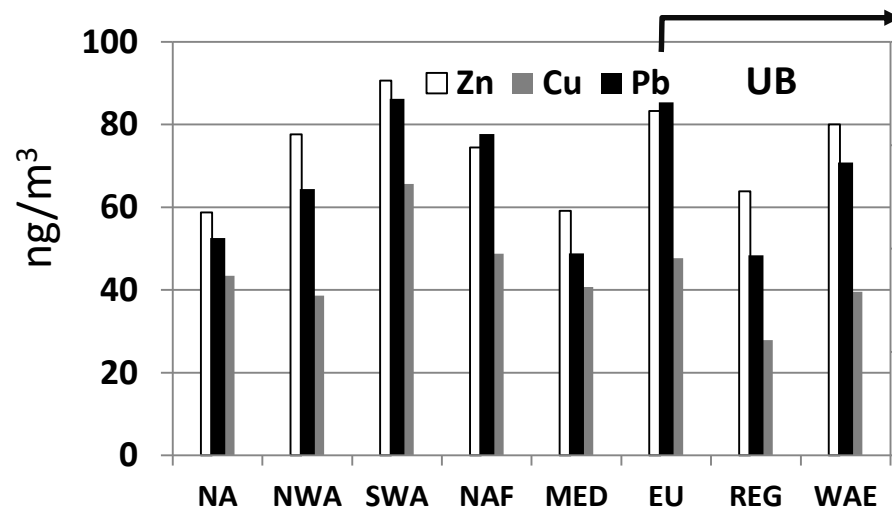
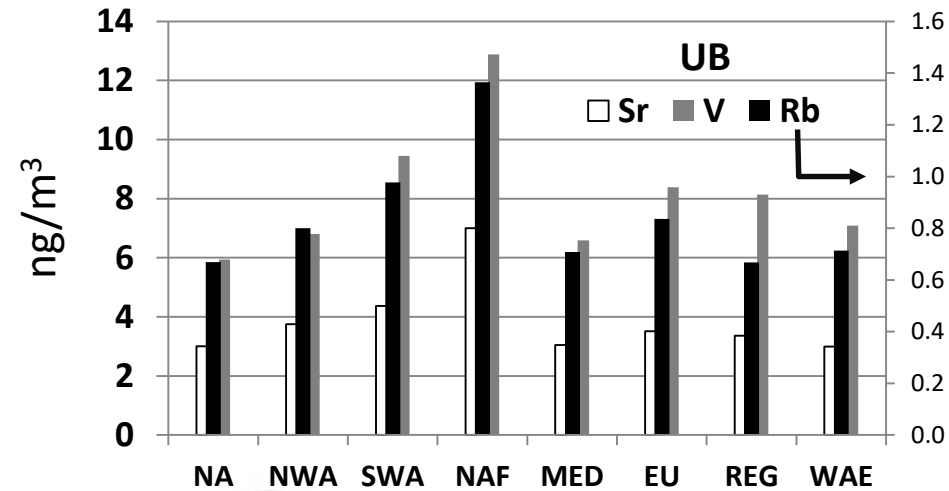
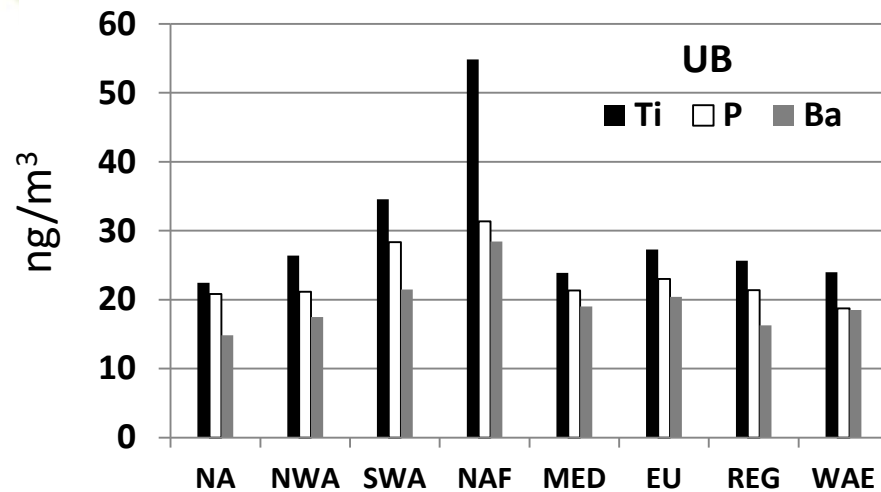
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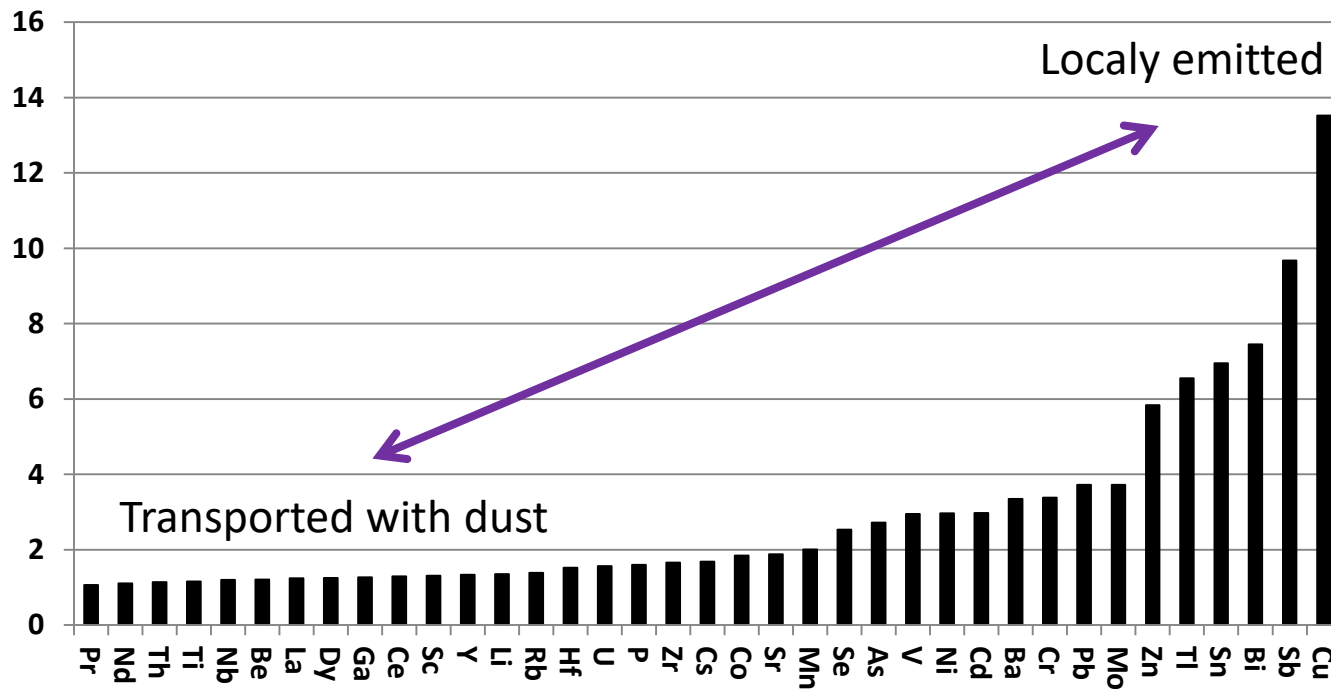


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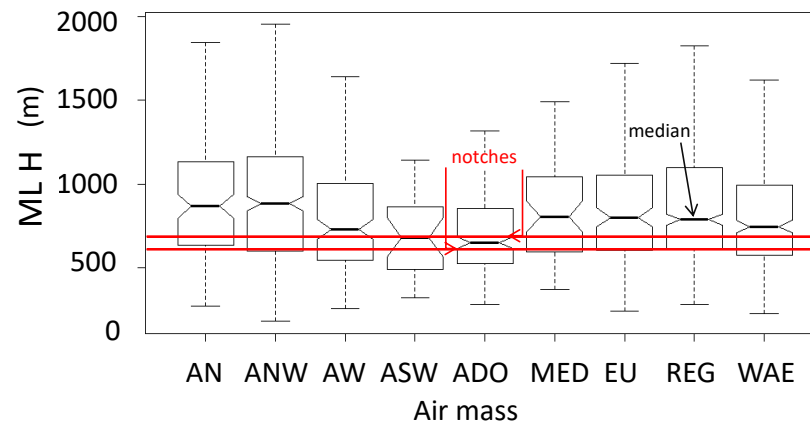
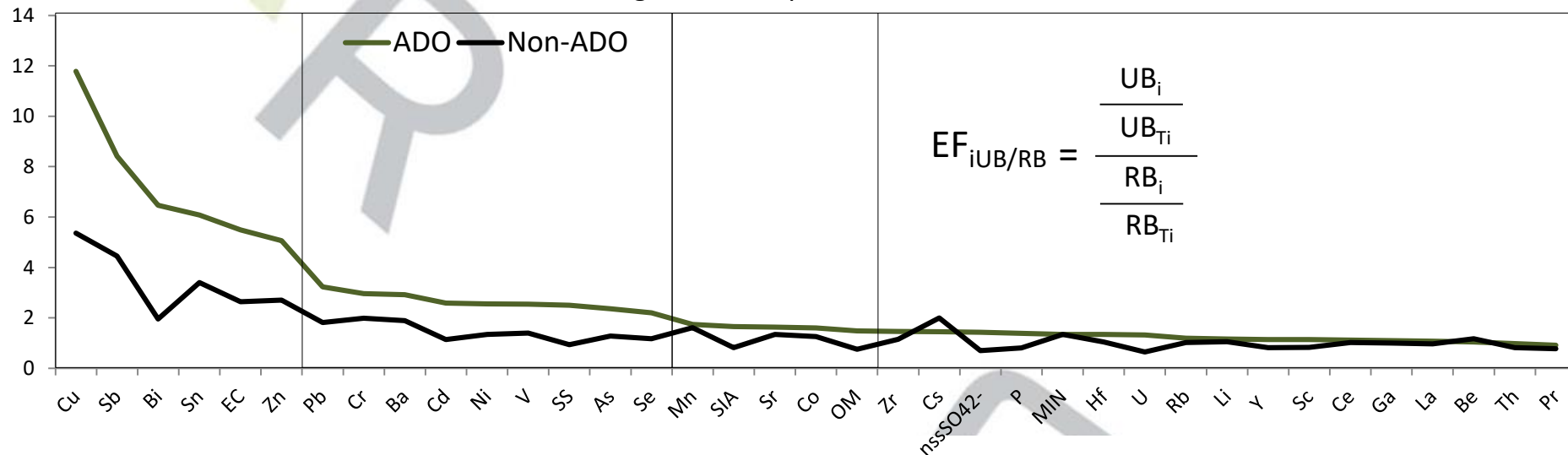


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Enrichment of PM components in the urban background compared with the regional background during ADOs compared with non-ADOs



Final considerations (1)

- African dust outbreaks highly influence PM10, PM2.5 and PM1 levels over Spain
- The degree of impact widely varies according the distance to North Africa
- Levels of mineral dust markedly increase during these outbreaks, **but it is only dust that matters**, because levels of PM1, specially those of sulfate and metals also increase relatively when compared with other air mass transport origins
- Probably is the PBL height that decreases during African dust events and this results in the concentration of pollutants
- For African dust outbreaks a statistically significant associations of PM10 and increase of premature mortality have been found, but this relation is driven mostly by the anthropogenic load of PM10 more than by African mineral dust
- **These results apply to the Western Mediterranean, not necessarily to other areas affected by dust outbreaks**

Final considerations (2)

Major questions still not replied

What causes health effects?

- Temperature increase
- Dust
- Non-dust fraction
- Microorganisms
- Mixed anthropogenic PM
- Other

Why in some studies we find health outcomes and not in others?

- **Do methods yield same outputs concerning PM contributions?**
- A temperature increase much pronounced in some regions
- Microorganisms
- Different source or mix (with anthropogenic PM)
- Other

Need for harmonization of study designs and exposure control

How might we reduce population exposure to PM during dust outbreaks?

- Abate resuspension after episodes
- Decrease emissions of local pollutants
- Informing sensible population (How? When?)
- Other ???

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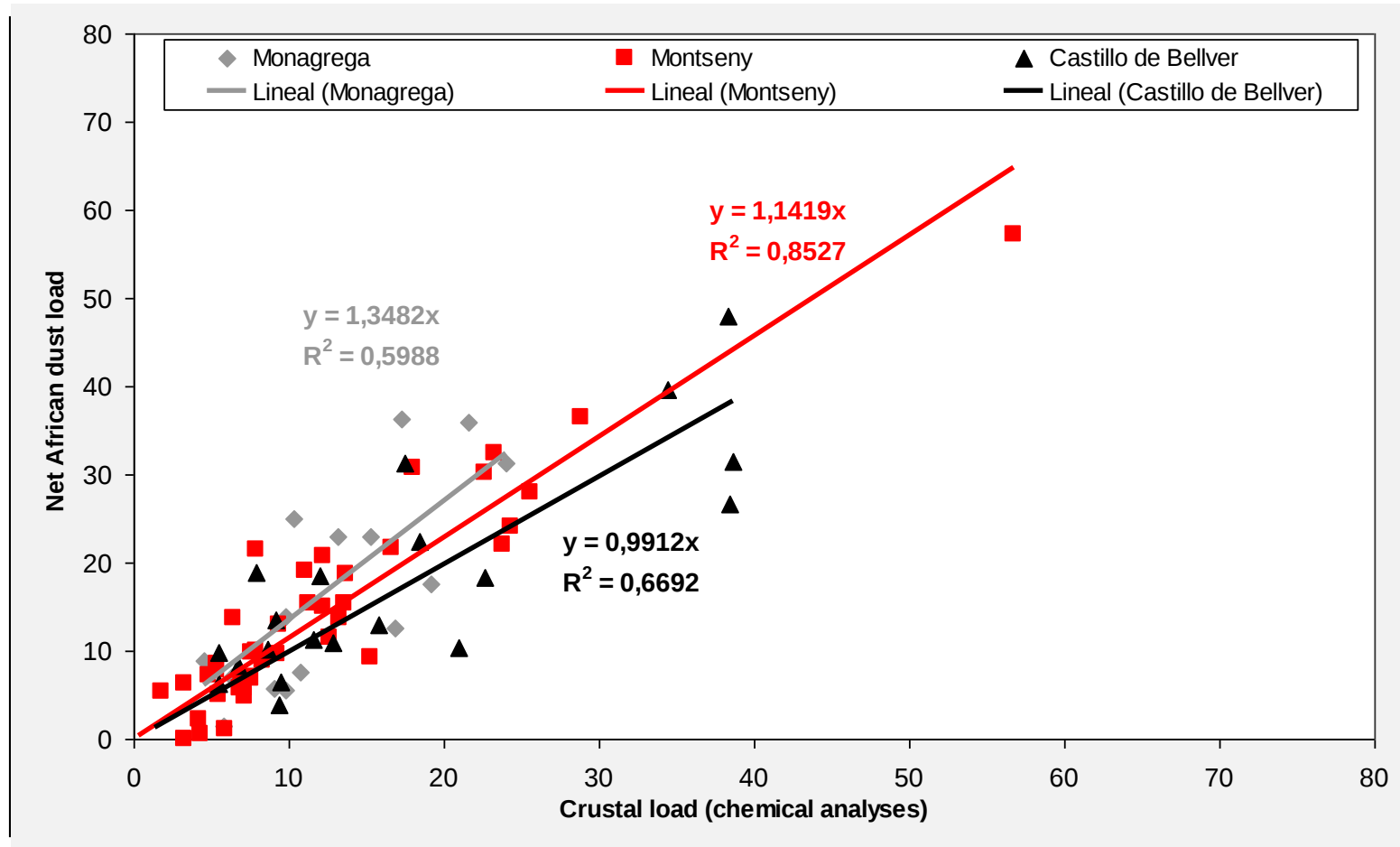
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Method to quantify dust and anthropogenic PM

Validation of the procedure by chemical analysis of PM10



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Reporting on episodes

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