### Dust products for solar power industry in northern Chile

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#### **Partners**

1. Germany: Max Planck Society (Project leader)

2. Israel: Breezometer

**3. France:** CNRS

4. Finland: Instituto Meteorológico Finlandes

**5. Spain:** Barcelona Supercomputing Center

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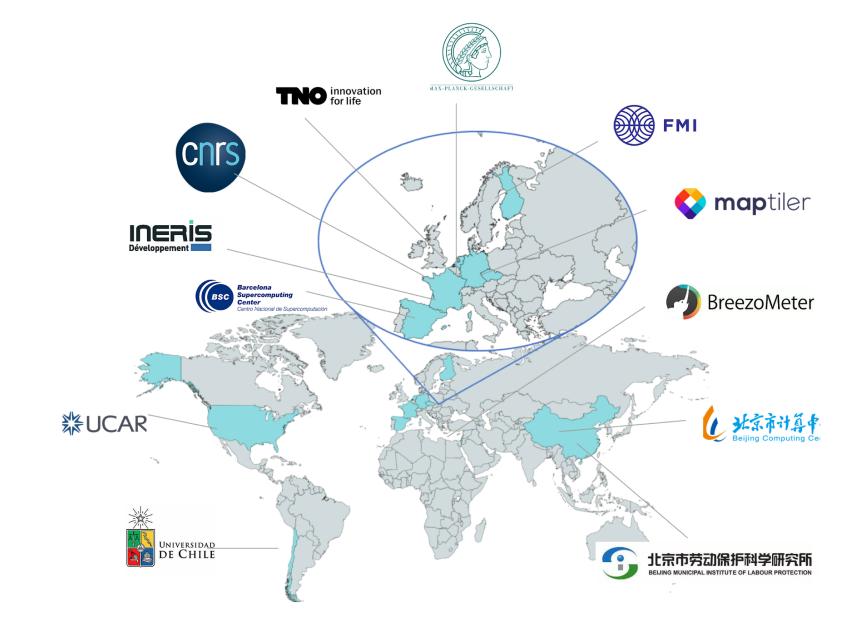
8. Chile: Universidad de Chile

9. **EEUU:** UCAR

10. China: Beijing Computing Center

11. China: Beijing Municipal Institute of Labour

Protection





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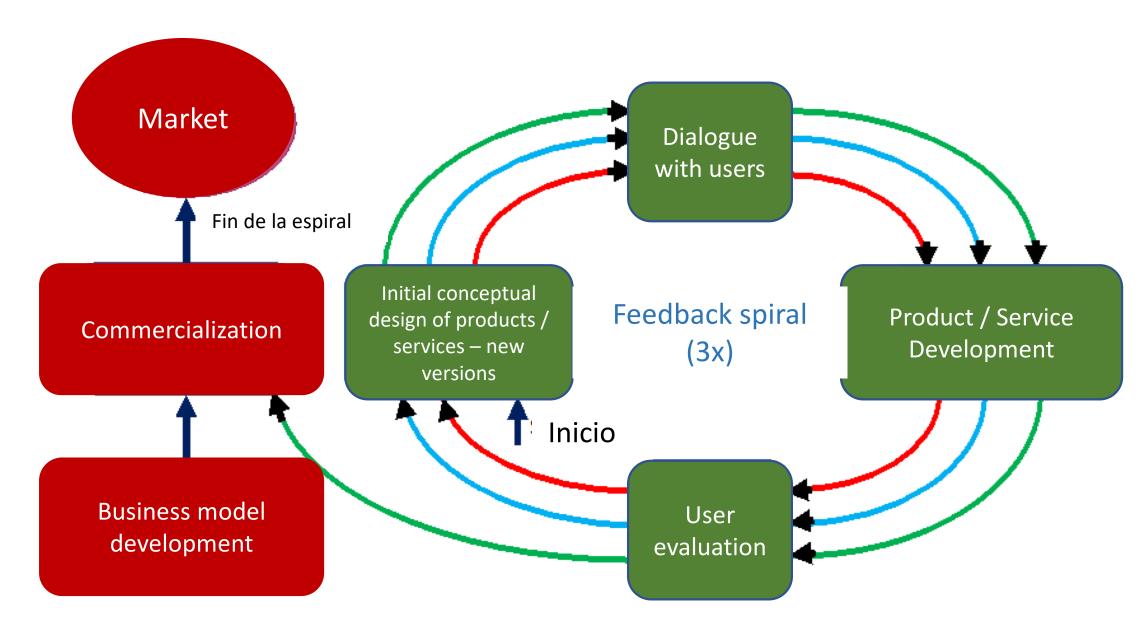




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## The spiral process

Successively collect feedback from key users during the product / service development phase





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#### Workshop December 2020

#### Meetings with stakeholders:

 Chilean Association of Renewable Energies and Storage (ACERA) – December 2020



#### Survey conducted to participants:

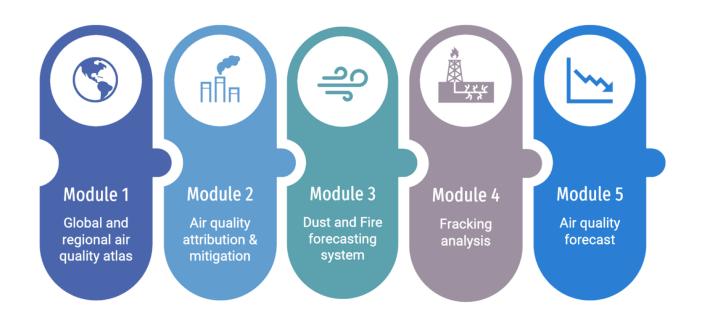
- 1. Who is currently using air quality (AQ) information?
- 2. Who imagines using AQ information if the platform is operational?
- 3. What is missing from the platform to make it useful for your project?
- 4. What information from AQ would be useful for your project?
- 5. Who is interested in/uses the past-time AQ information?

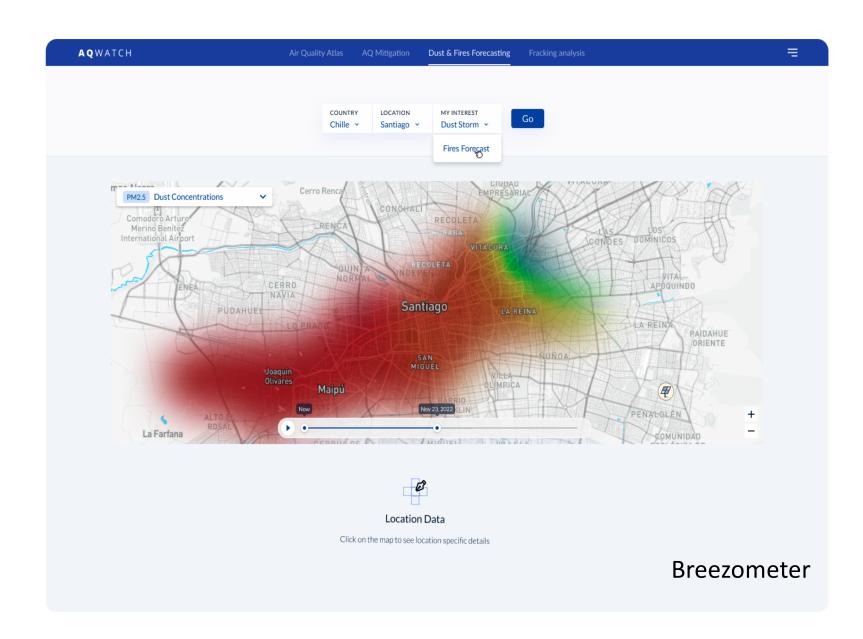
- Currently no service or dust products are available => operation based on local experience
- No intense dust events => use of products more oriented for yearly planning (cleaning, maintenance, pricing)



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# Dust prediction tool







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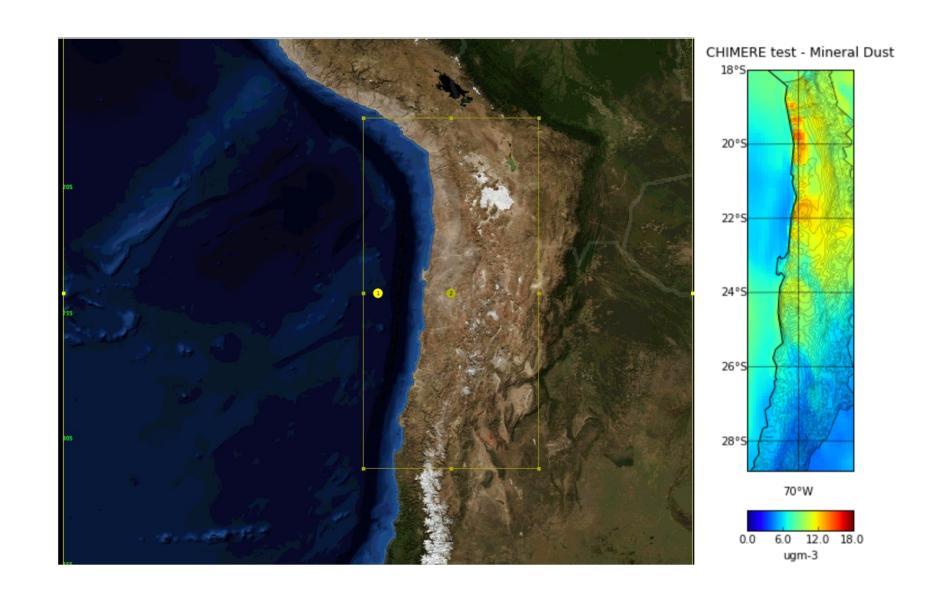
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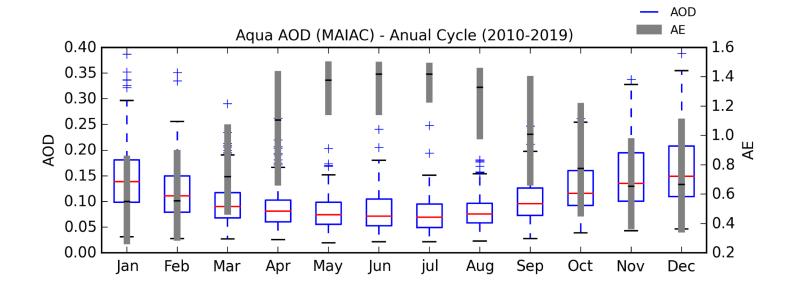
# Implementation of a model for dust forecasting

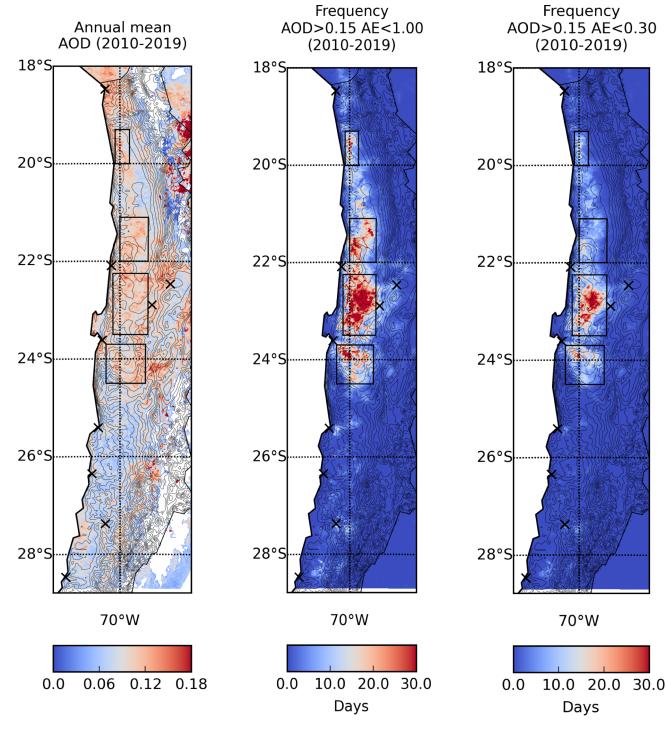
- WRF: weather simulation
- WRF-CHIMERE dust forecasting (Uchile)
- Test runs, parameterisations tests
- MONARCH dust forecasting (BSC)





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