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MULTI-SCALE MONITORING OF ANTHROPOGENIC EFFECTS ON AIR QUALITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN LOMBARDY REGION



SPACE SYSTEMS





- **SINOPIAE Objectives, Team and Role in the project**

- **Satellite, ground-based and modelling data: a multi-scale and multi-source synergistic use for environmental indicator assessment**
 - **Lombardy-Northern Italy Air Quality monitoring: PM and NO2**
 - **Garda Lake Water Quality: desert dust deposition effects**
 - **Aerosol direct effects evaluation on climate at regional scale**

- **Remote Sensing of Energy dispersion in urban scenarios**

- **Perspectives from next satellites and conclusion**

- **SINOPIAE ?**

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Regione Lombardia

Sistema prototipale multi-sorgente **I**ntegrante tecniche di **O**sservazione multispettrale da satellite, aeromobile e a terra per il monitoraggio multi-scala della variazione di **I**ndicatori Ambientali legata ai costituenti **A**tmosferici e dispersione **E**nergetica

From the classical antiquity and the Middle Ages, *sinopia* is a “prototype” design for painting a picture

SINOPIAE is a prototype system fusing multispectral satellite, aircraft and ground-based observations for monitoring environmental indicators affected by atmospheric constituents variability and energy dispersion



SINOPIAE objectives

➤ Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) exploitation

- Design and development of a thermo-optical multisensor payload, integration on RPAS for thermal parameters monitoring at urban scale;
- Hyperspectral sensors integration on RPAS: atmospheric parameter monitoring & remote sensing of atmospheric optical parameters;

➤ Atmospheric constituents monitoring on the basis of multi-source data fusion (A) satellite observations, ground-based measurements, meteo and CTM simulations

➤ Environmental Indicators (B)

algorithms develop. for the identification of cause-effect relationships between meteo-atmospheric parameters and environmental indicators on areas characterized by different anthropic pressures: thermal dispersion of buildings in urban areas, water quality, snow and ice surfaces;

➤ Modeling tools (C)

estimating aerosol direct radiative forcing and energetic and emissions scenarios as a function of pollutants concentration and spatial distribution in urban areas;

➤ Prototype modular system (SW) equipped with external interfaces, data archiving functions, and by integrating each single sw module (as A,B,C)



SINOPIAE Team → role in the project (1/2)



company leader in Europe for aerospace systems integration together with design and development of sw infrastructures and operat. services.

→ Algorithms and data processing for the monitoring of air quality in terms of PM and gases concentrations at the ground on the basis of satellite observations. Design, Test and Integration of the whole SINOPIAE sw system.



(sme) Design, manufacturing, production and commercialization of small RPA with the corresponding Ground Control Systems.

→ Integration on a UAV of a thermo-optical payload leading to a ready-to-use systems, use of the system in dedicated field campaigns both for energetic efficiency and air quality monitoring.



(sme) has a strong background in complex modeling systems, achieved and exploited in several applied research projects.

→ WRF-Chem model tuning and simulations of pollutants concentration transport, diffusion and chemico-physical processes over the domain of the project.



Research institution dedicated to methods and technologies for acquisition and analysis of images and data from remote sensing platforms for env. monitoring.

→ Algorithm and data analysis for monitoring and estimating water quality and study of the exchanges process between atmosphere and waters.



has a strong background in spectroscopy, radiometry, proximal sensing sensor, and atmospheric aerosol chemistry and physics.

→ Monitoring of the atmospheric pollution with estimates of the effects on the snow-ice remote surfaces reflectance properties.



participates to SINOPIAE with 3 depts: Science and Technologies of the Building Environment, Electronic and Information, and Aerospace Engineering

→ Modeling of the thermic dispersion at the district and urban scale, monitoring and mapping of energetic efficiency of the urban areas.



(sme) know-how on the technology for termal cameras and their integration.

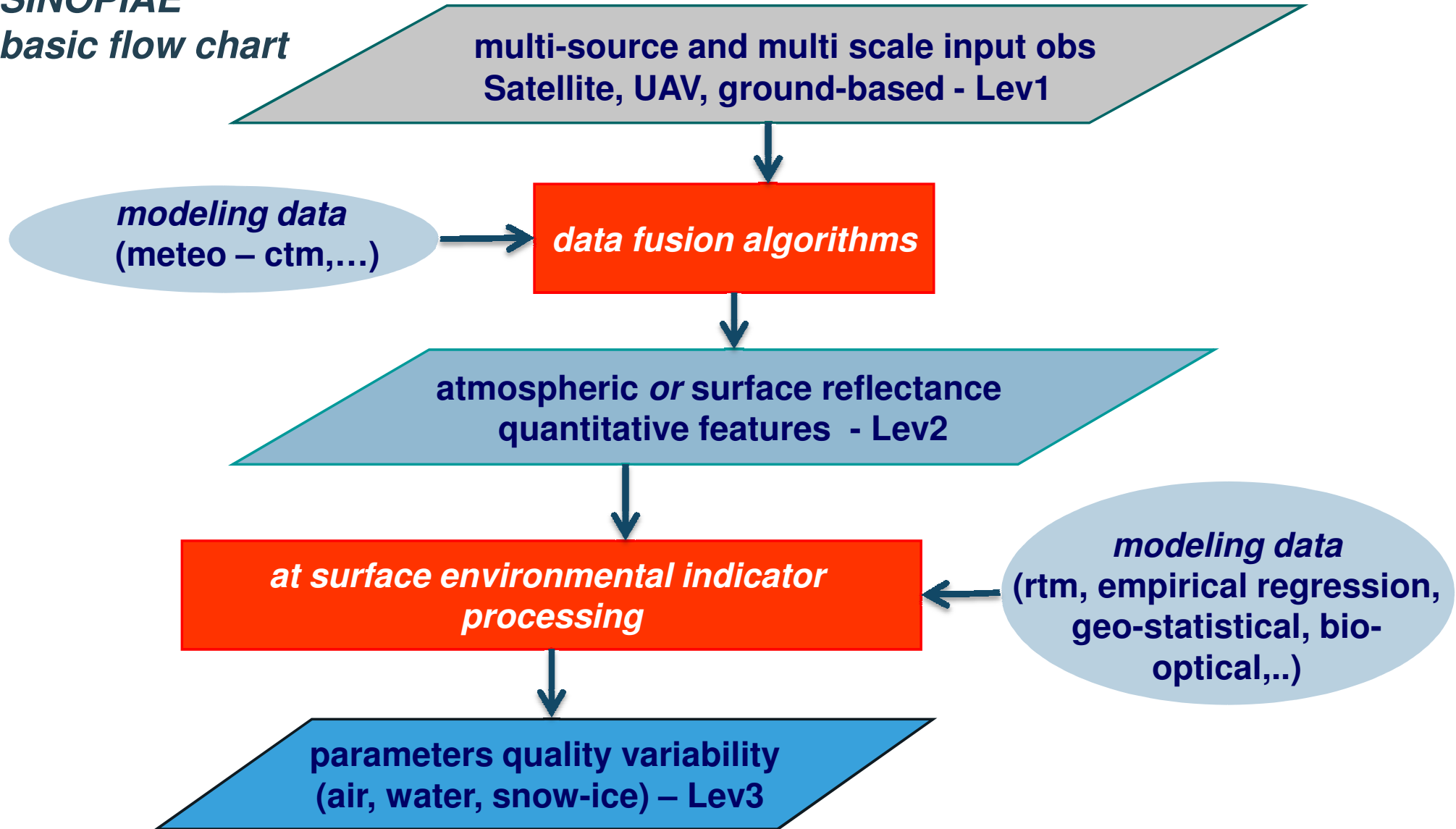
→ manufacturing of embedded system with FPGA technology for images acquisition and on line integration with analysis instruments.



Satellite, ground-based and modeling data: multi-scale and multi-source inputs synergistic use

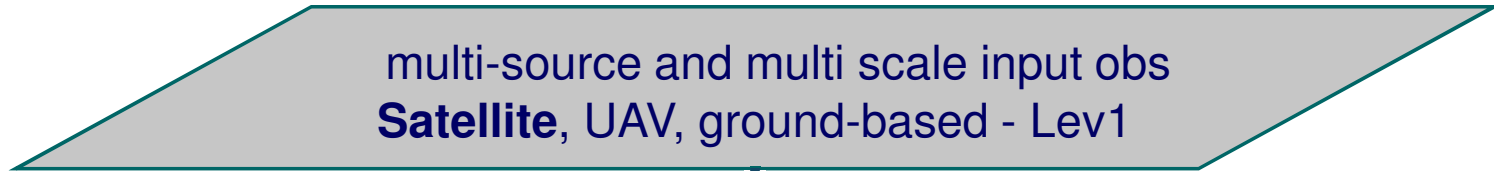


SINOPIAE basic flow chart





Satellite, ground-based and modeling data: multi-scale and multi-source inputs synergistic use



EO satellite sensors actually employed

- **MODIS** / Terra – Aqua
36 channel VIS/IR spectroradiometer
expected lifetime up to 2014

- **OMI** / Aura
UV/VIS grating imaging spectrometer,
1560 channels expected lifetime up to 2014

- **MERIS** / Envisat
15 channel VIS/NIR spectroradiometer
flown since until April 2012

- **SEVIRI** / MSG
12 channel VIS/IR Imager
flying on operational programme
expected lifetime up to 2022

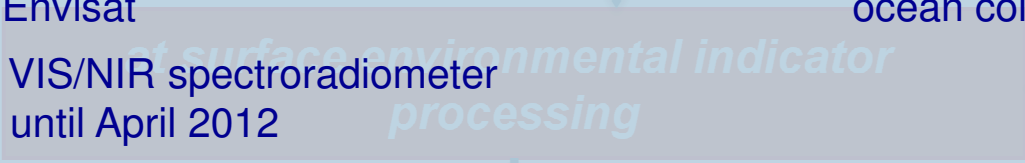
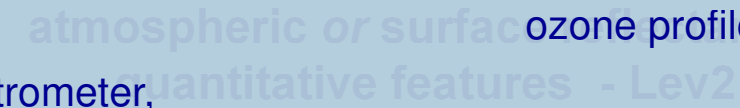
PURPOSE

multi-purposes imagery: atmosphere, land, ocean

ozone profile, trace gases and aerosols

ocean colour, vegetation, aerosol

multi-purposes imagery, clouds, winds,
water vapour features



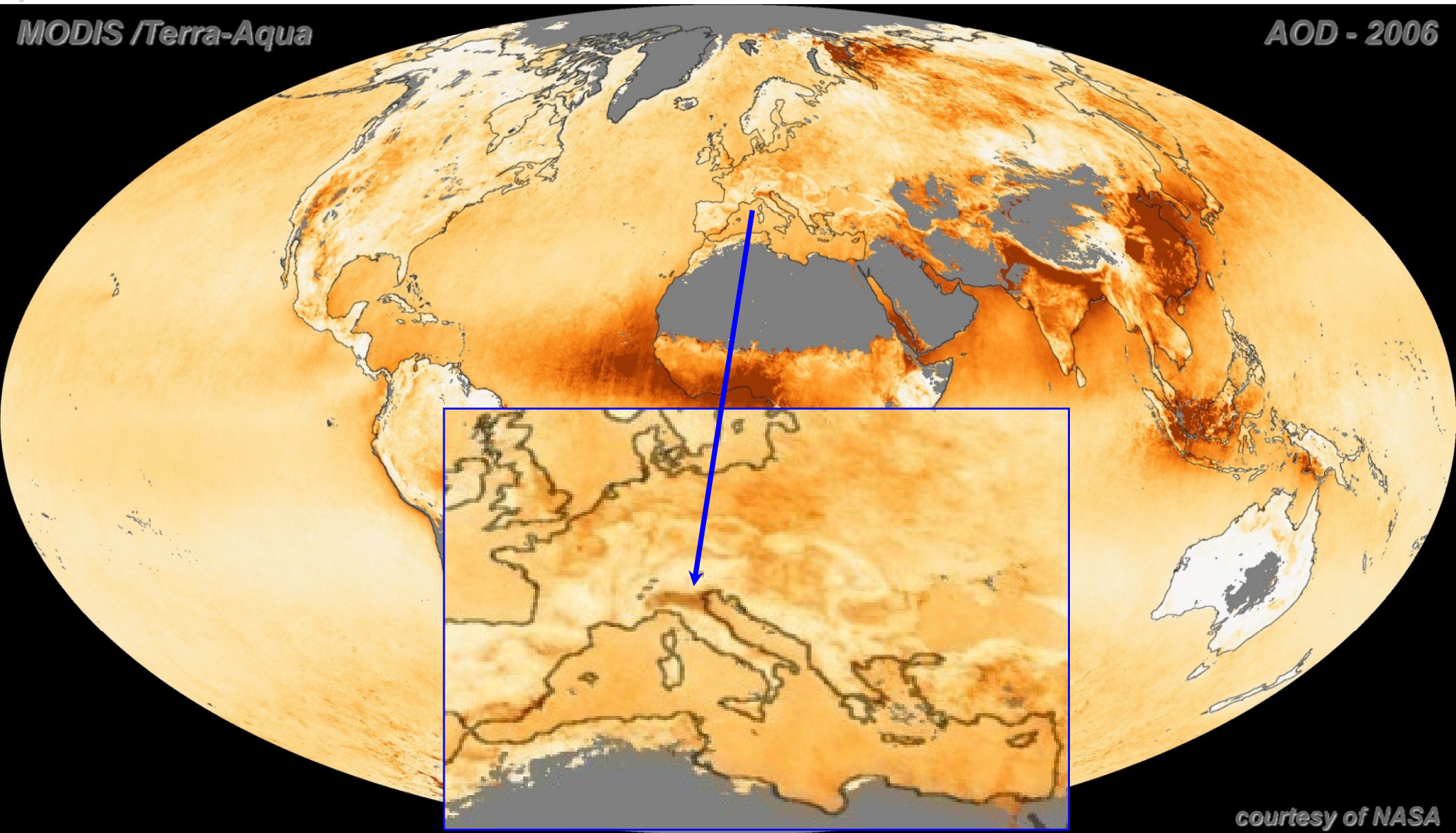


Aerosols & PM - Anthropogenic and/or natural



MODIS /Terra-Aqua

AOD - 2006

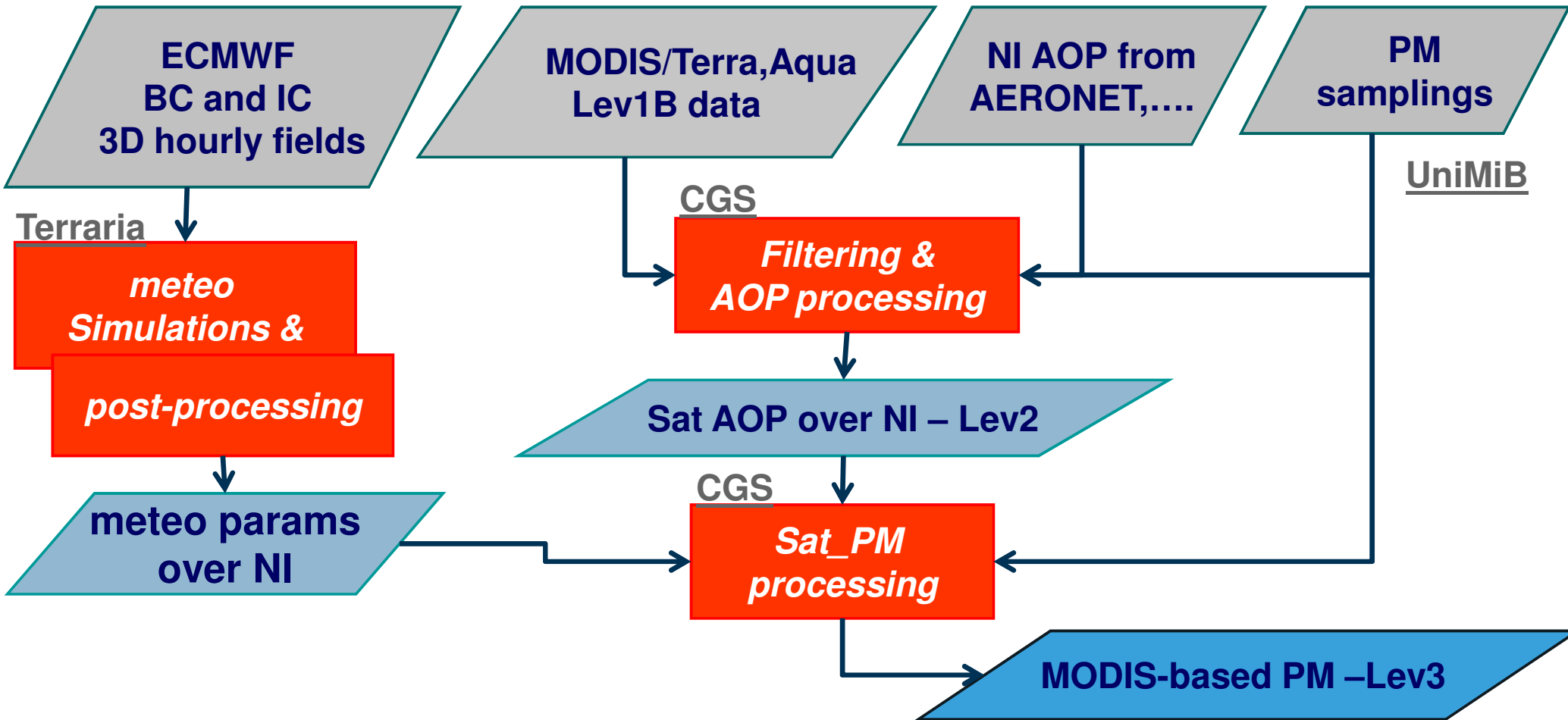


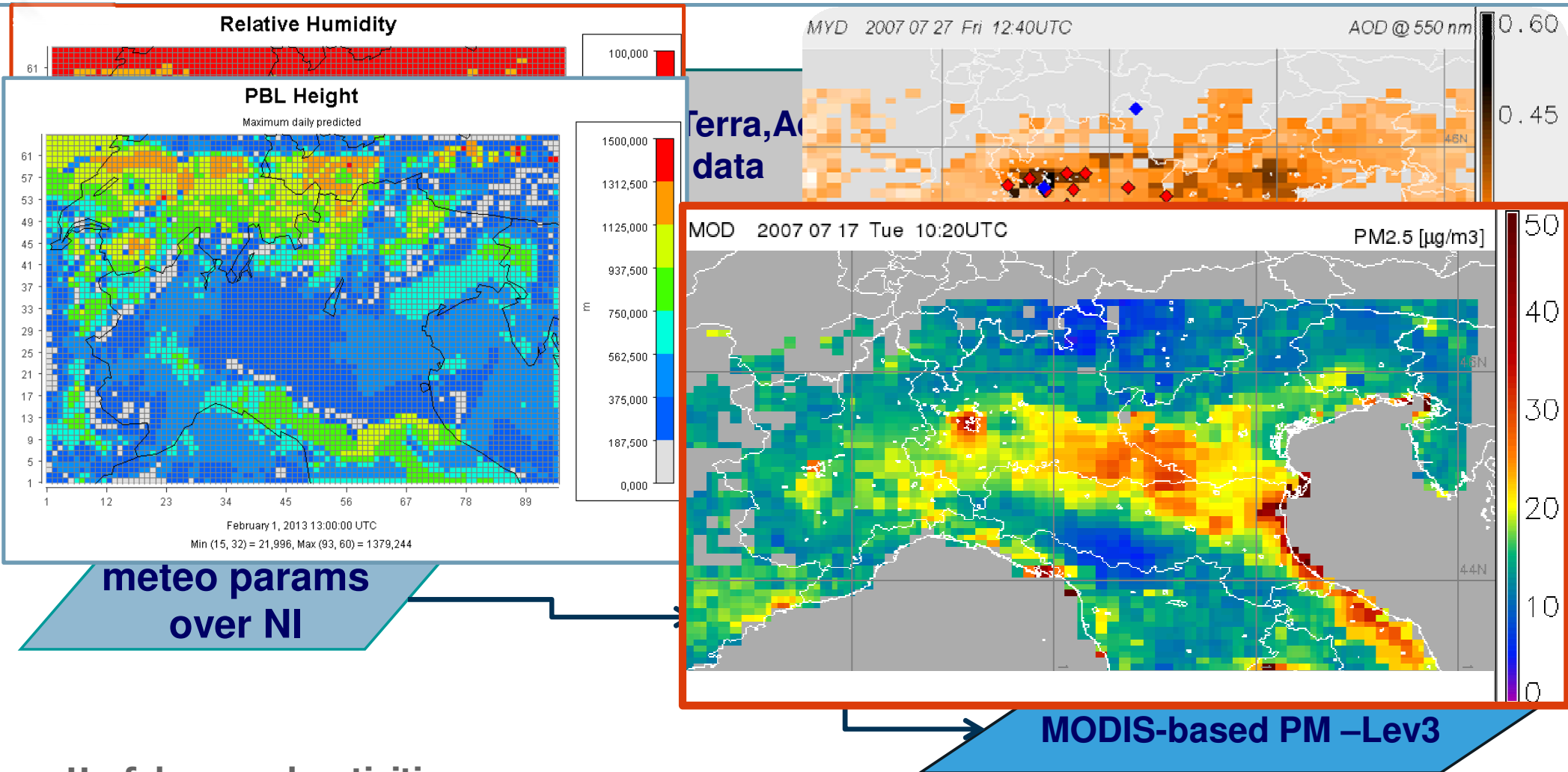
courtesy of NASA





Lombardy-Northern Italy Air Quality monitoring: PM





meteo params
over NI

MODIS-based PM -Lev3

Useful research activities

- Corresponding PM samplings and other optical measurements (super-site concept)
- Increase the spatial resolution of satellite aerosol data and meteo and CTM models
- Integration of satellite-based and CTM data



NI Air Quality monitoring: PM satellite-based & EC Directive



July 17th 2007 - MODIS/Terra

PM2.5 [$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$]

February 10th 2008 - MODIS/Terra

PM2.5 [$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$]

2008 yearly average MODIS-based

PM2.5 [$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$]

$25 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

2008 yearly average MODIS-based

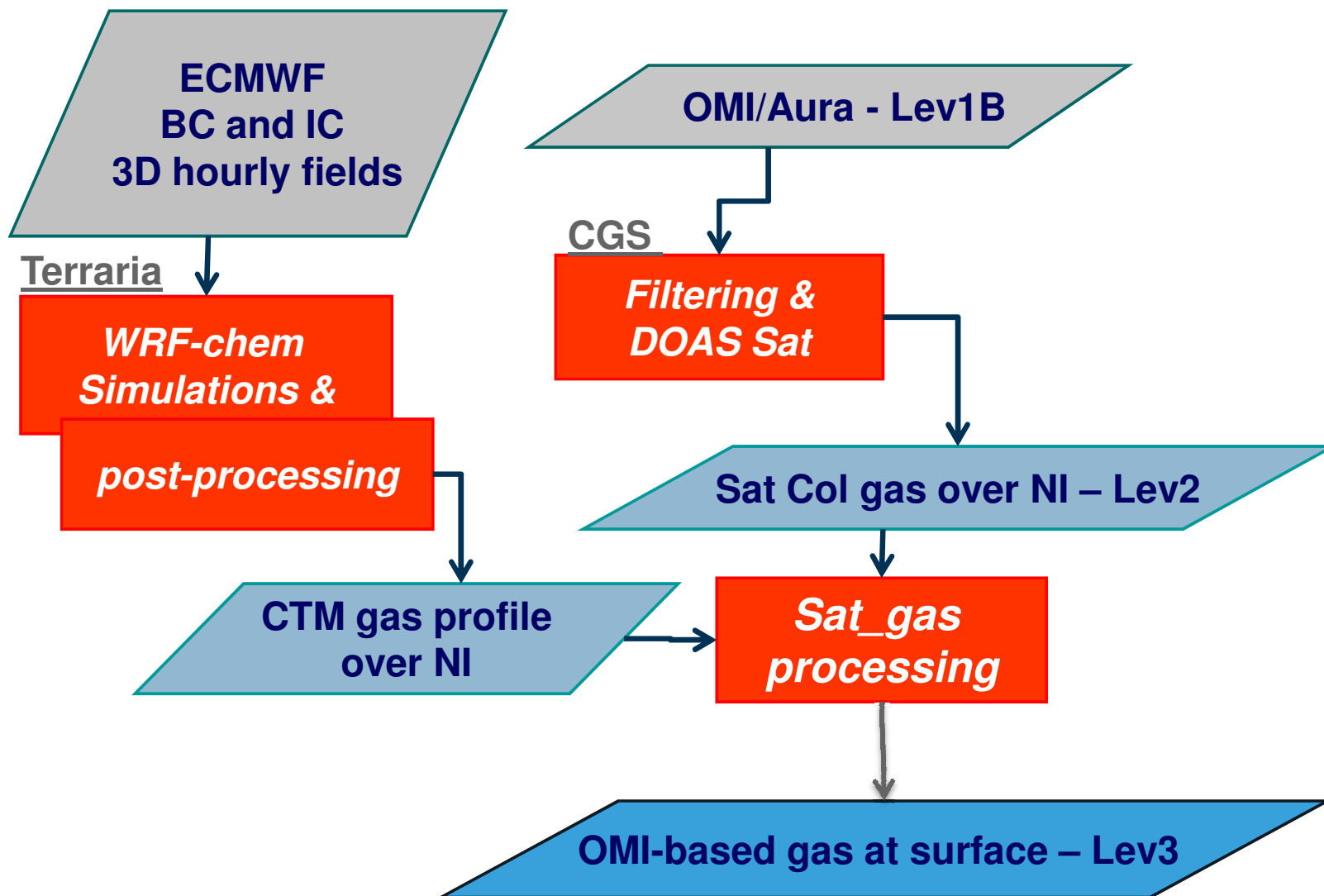
PM10 [$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$]

2008- PM10 MODIS-based

% exceedances above 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

$40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

$>50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for 35 days/year, as 10 %



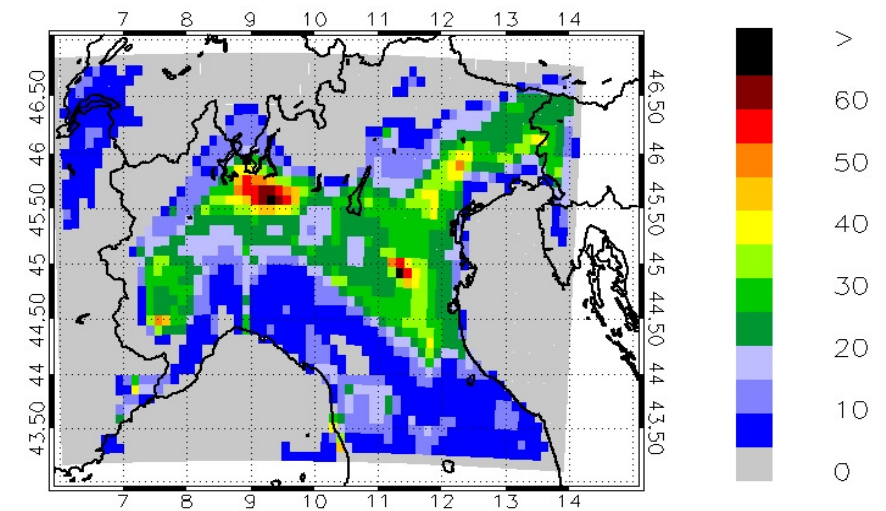
ECMWF
BC and IC
3D hourly fields

OMI/Aura

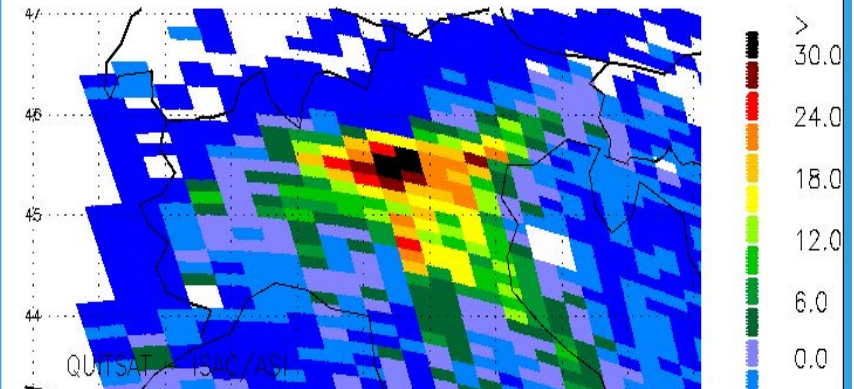
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Filtering &
OAS Sat

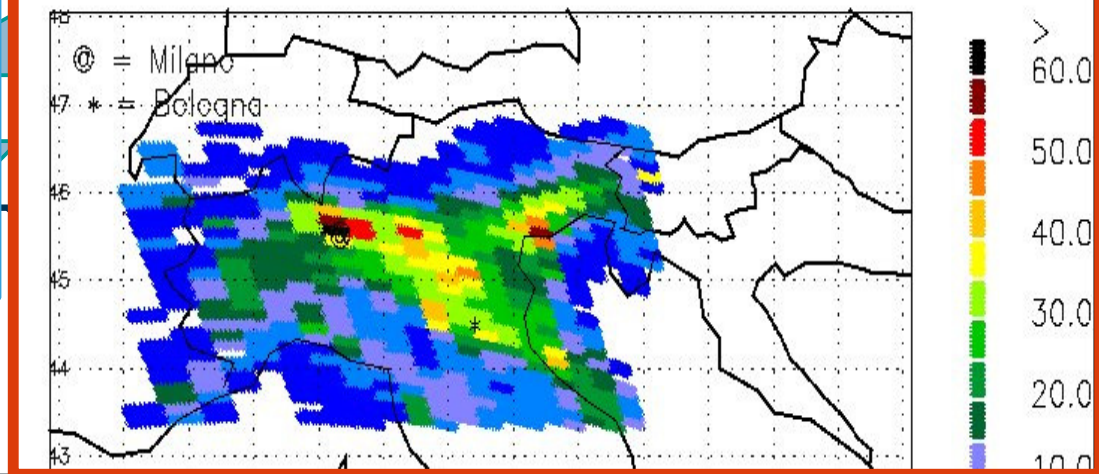
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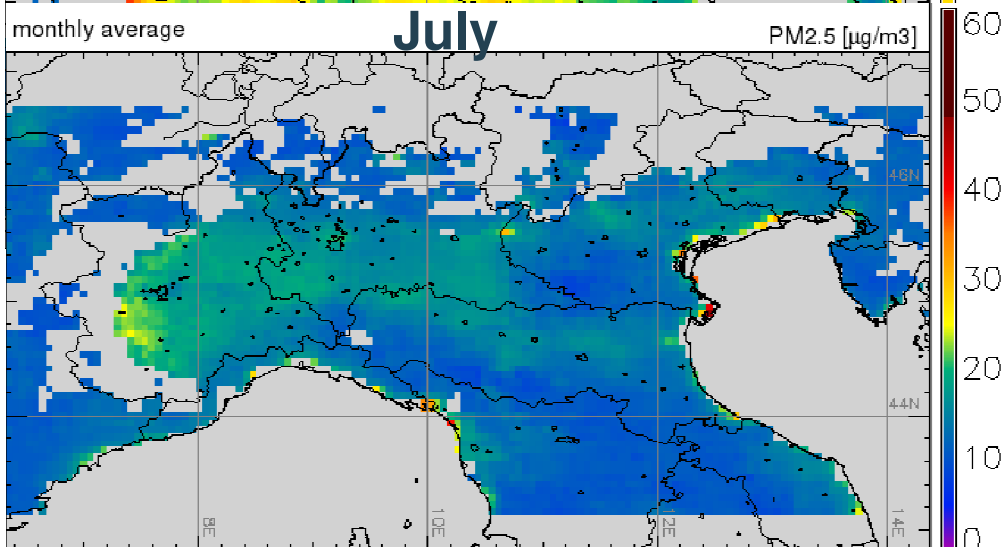
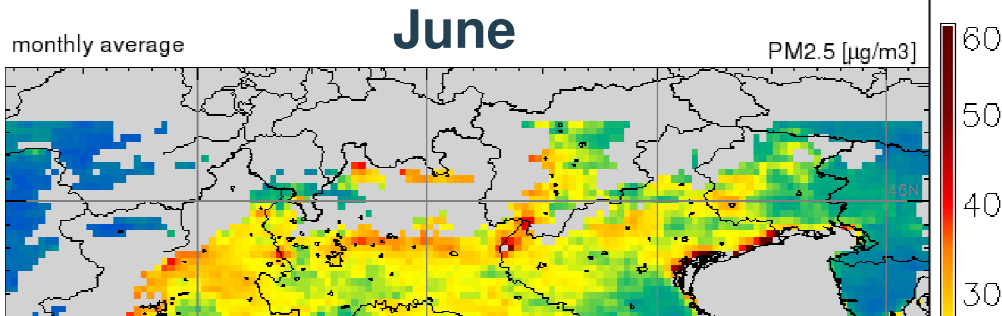
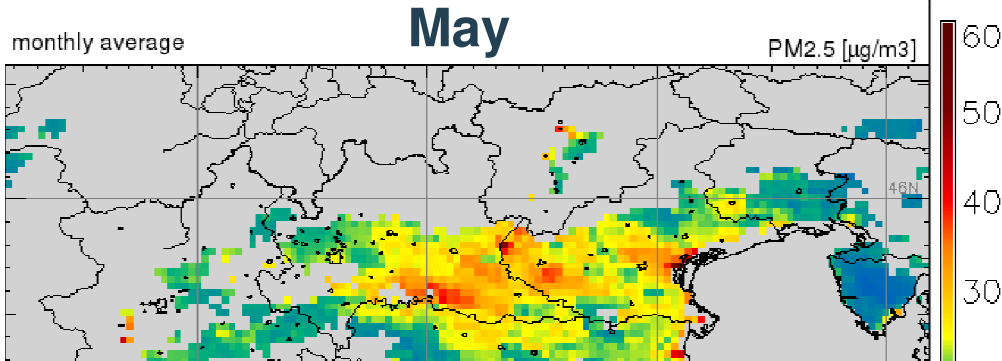
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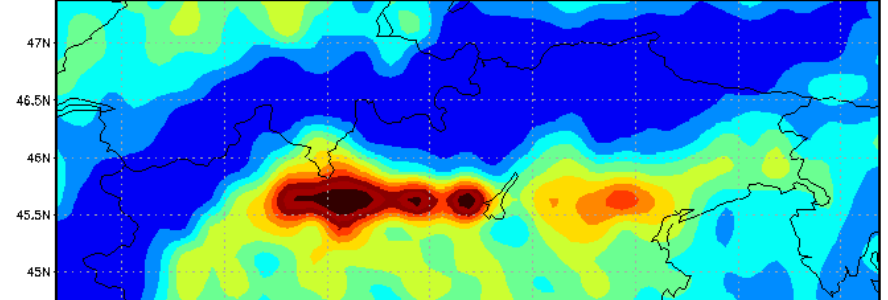
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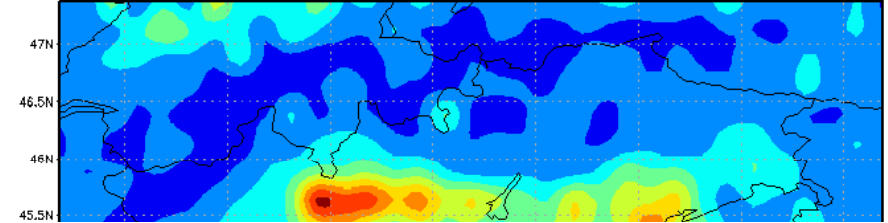
OMI-based gas at surface – Lev3



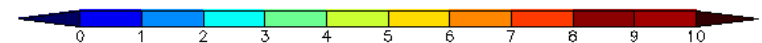
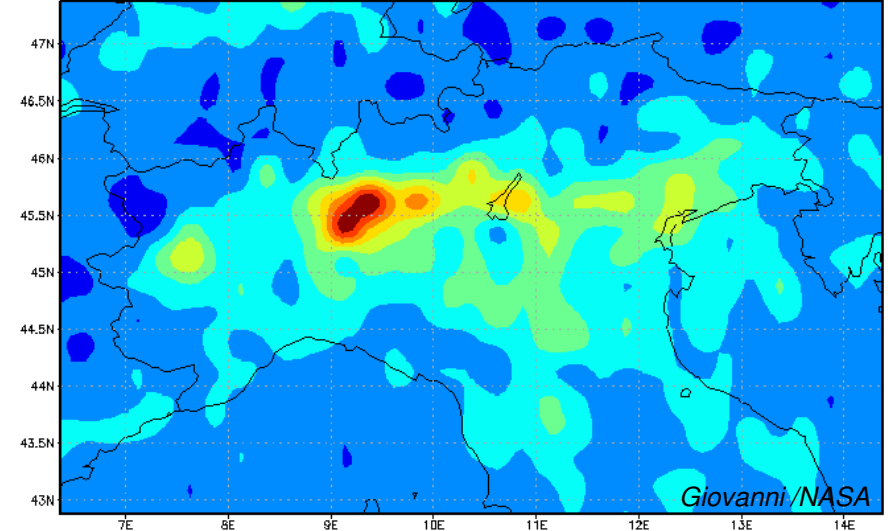
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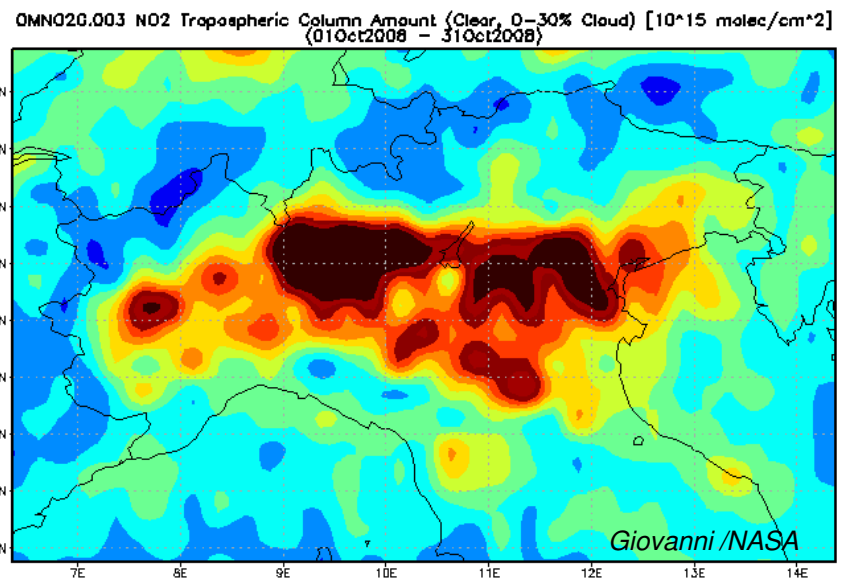
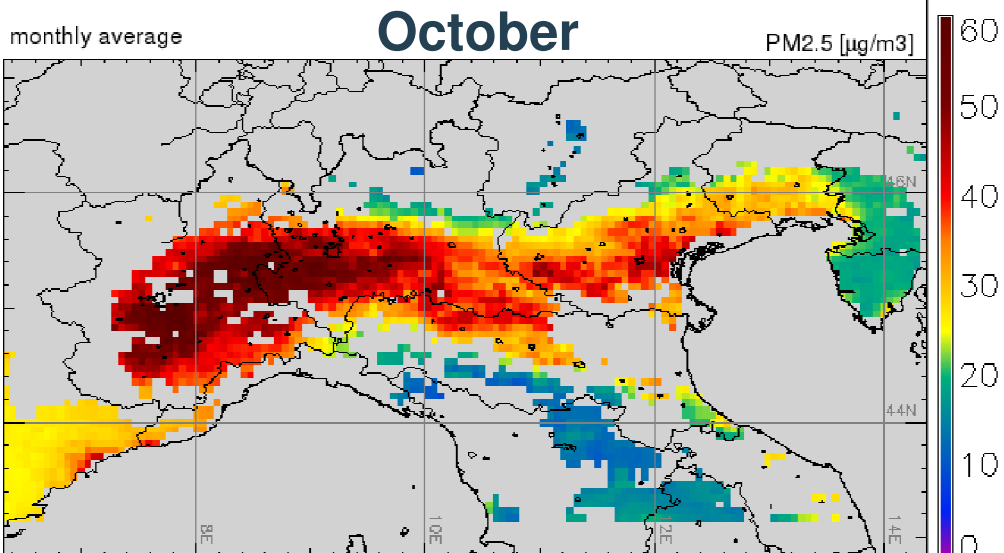
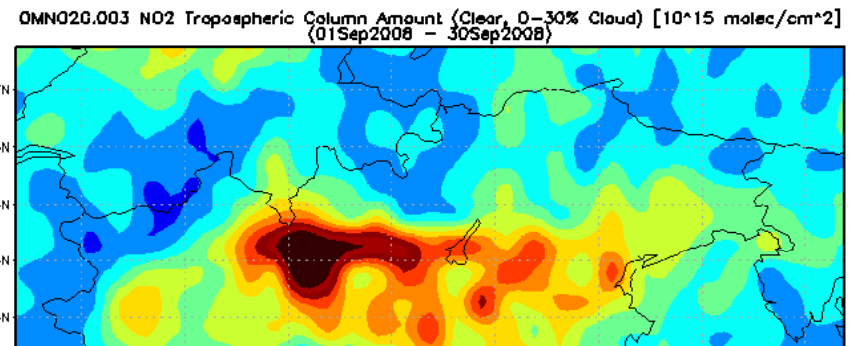
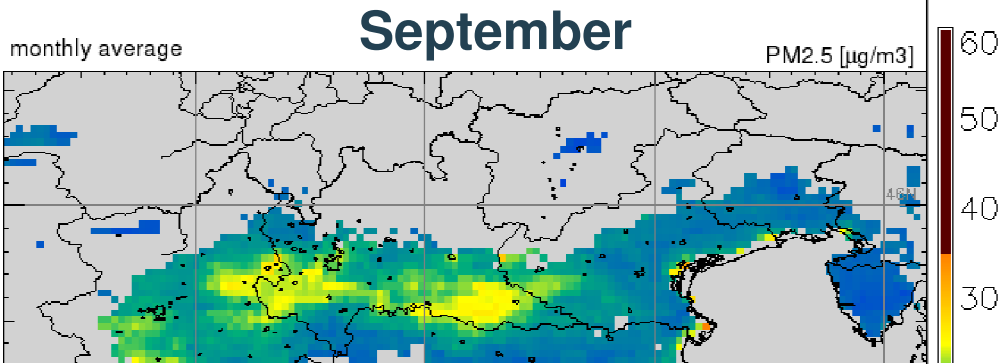
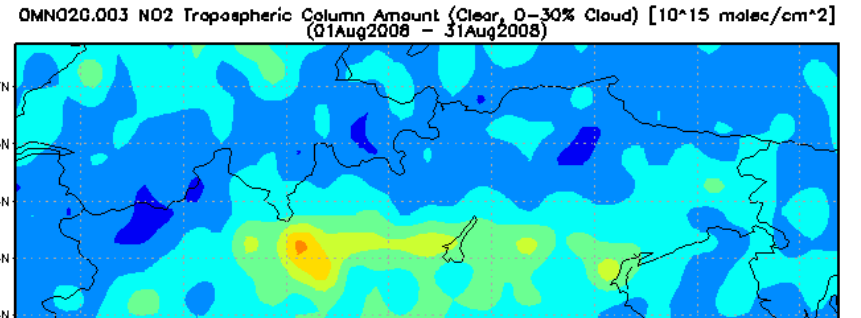
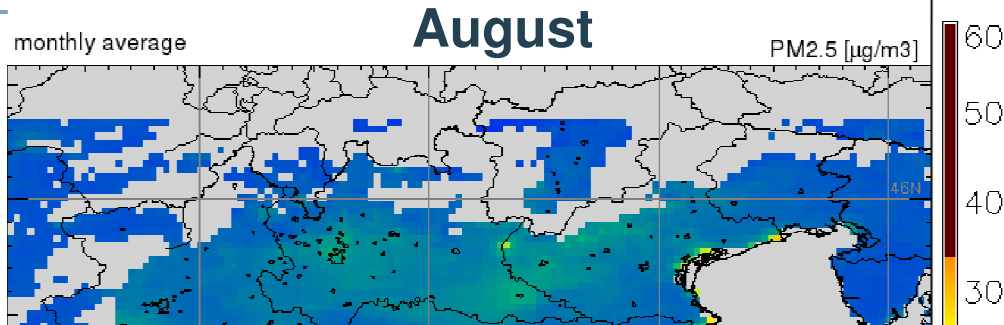


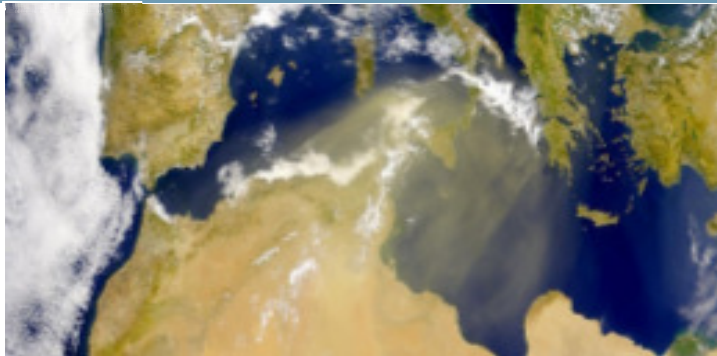
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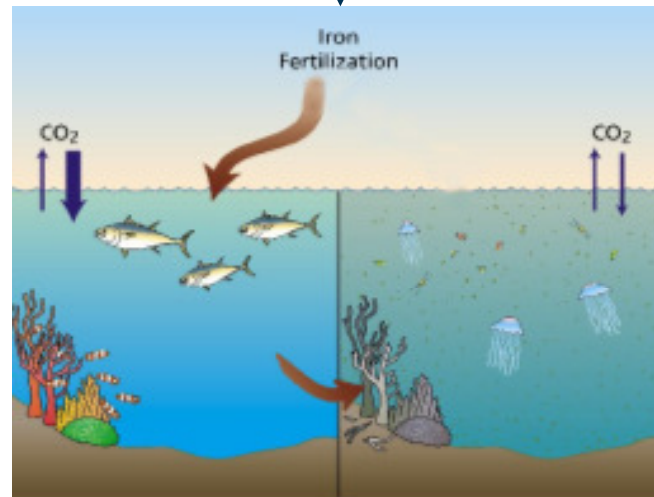
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*Saharan dust
(saharan sand rich
in trace metals)*



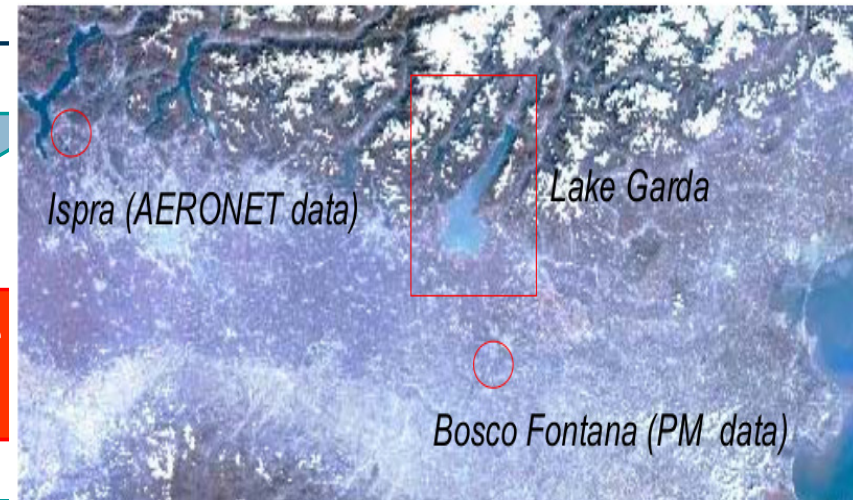
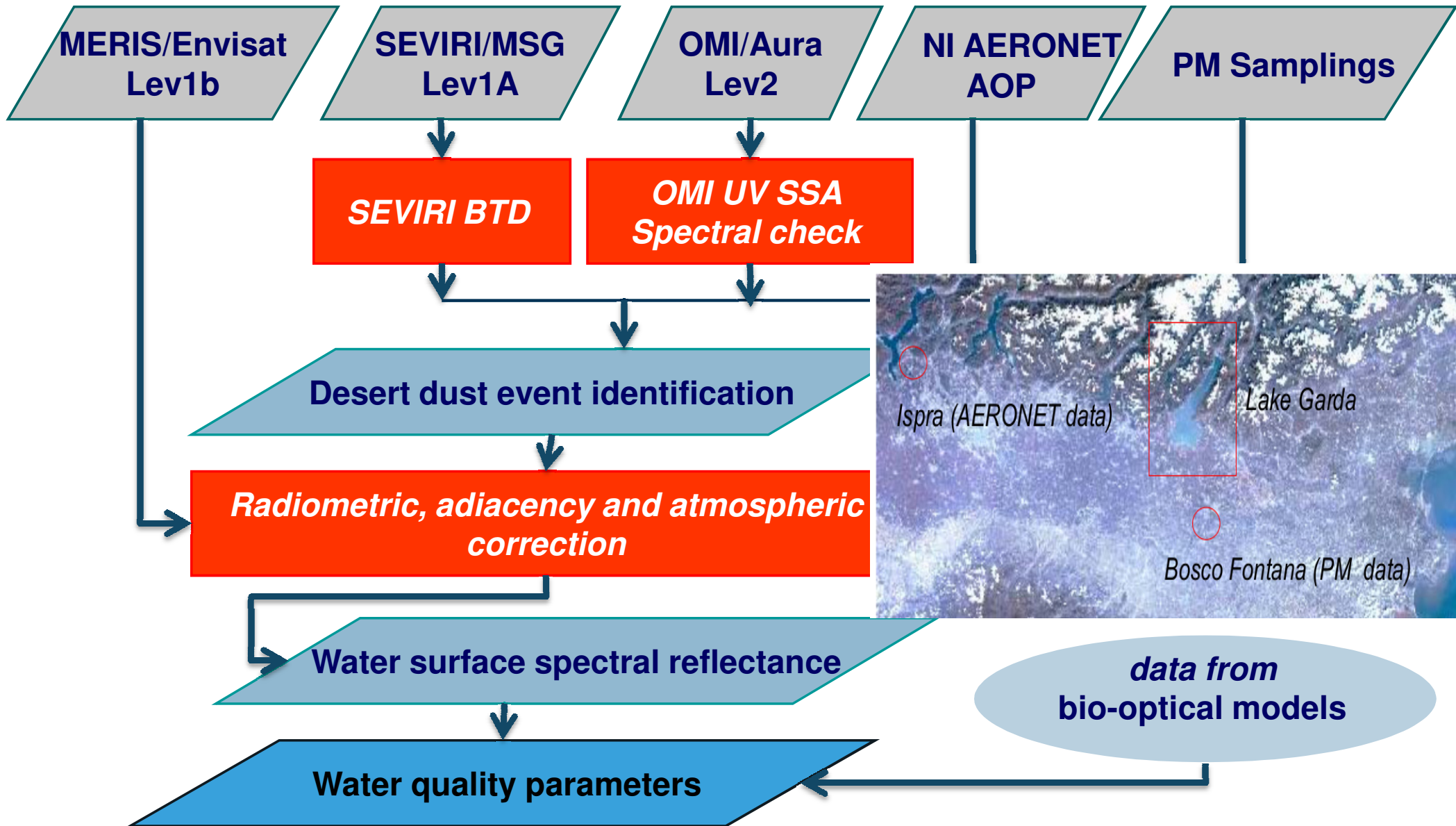
Increase of nutrients thanks to trace metals in water and consequent phytoplankton development



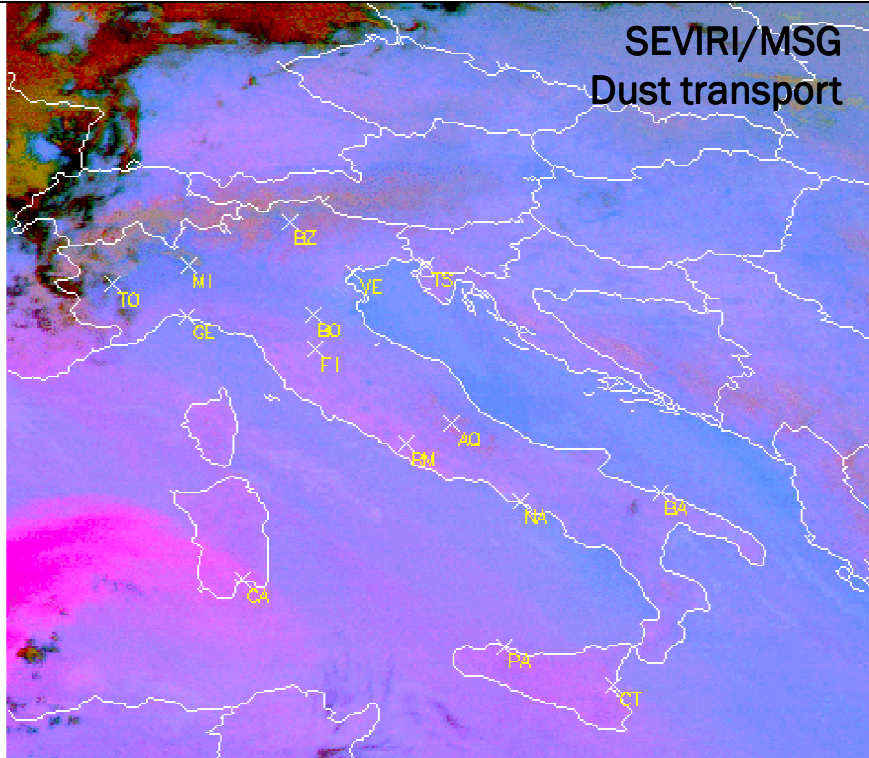
Potential increase of chl-a concentration



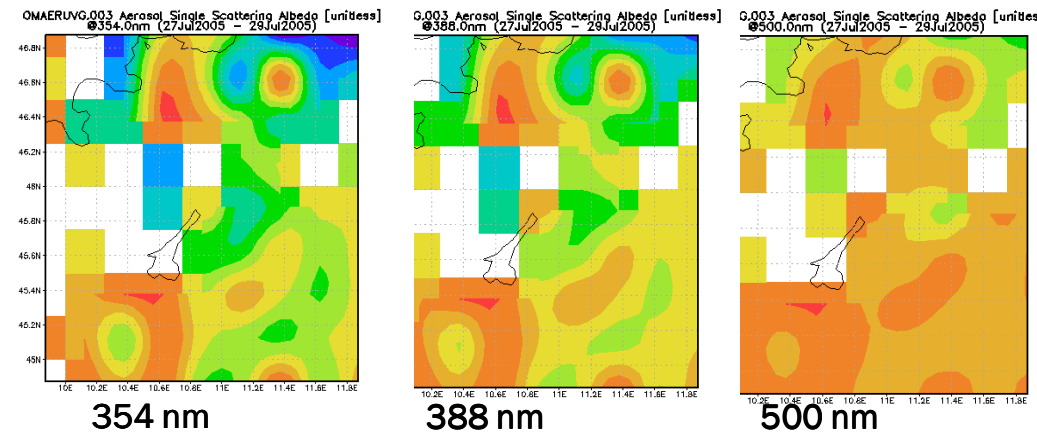
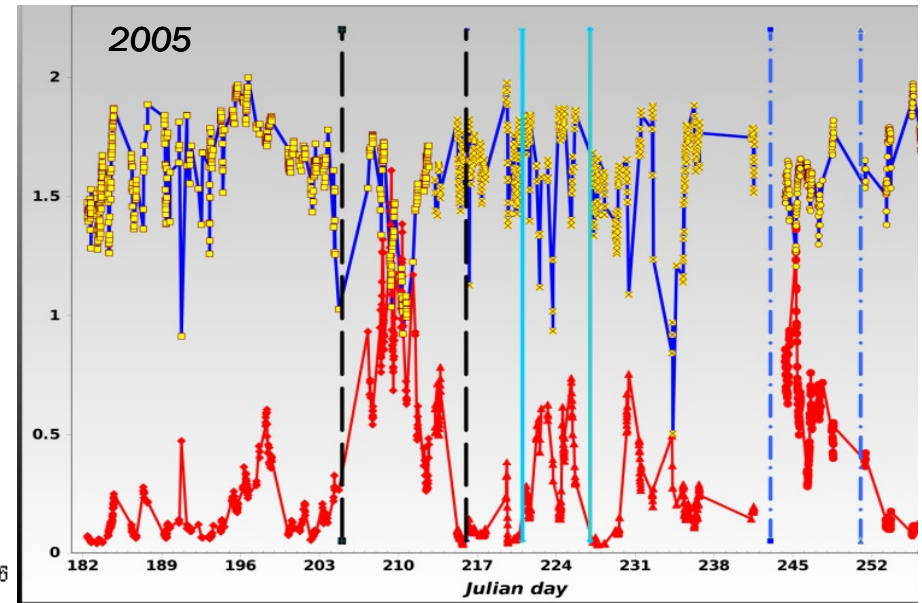
Garda Lake Water Quality: method



- BTID RGB (IR12.0-IR10.8, IR10.8-IR8.7, IR10.8) 2005 07 28 01:00

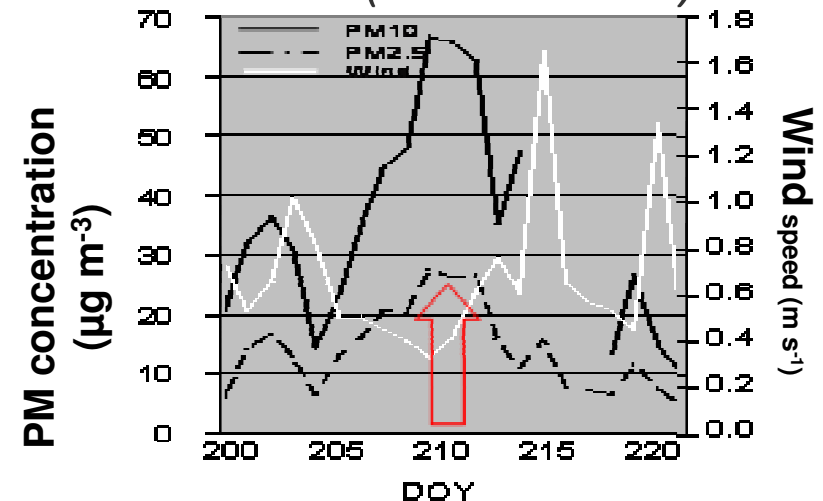


AOD & Angstrom parameter - Ispra (VA)

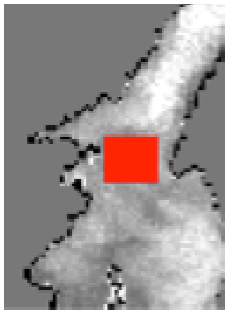


OMI UV SSA: 27-29 July '05 : dust SSA increase with wavelength

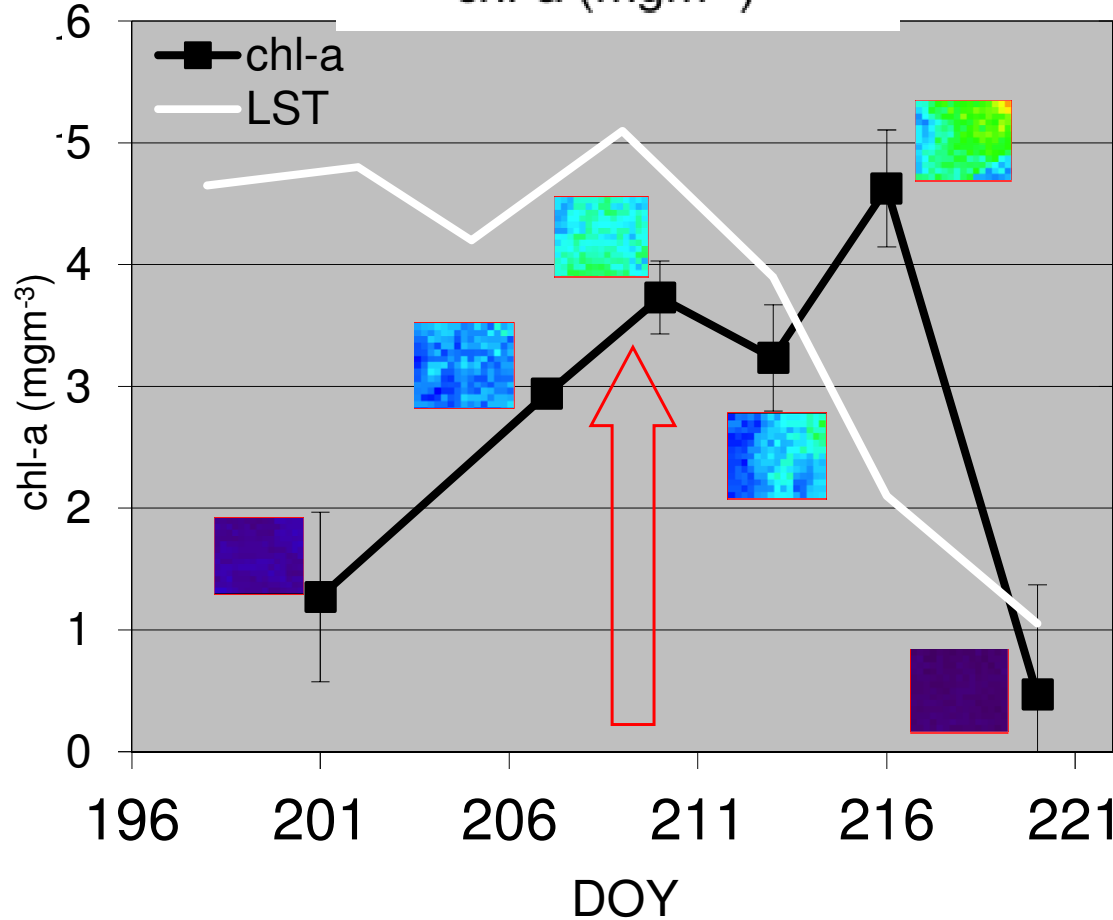
PM in-situ (Bosco Fontana)



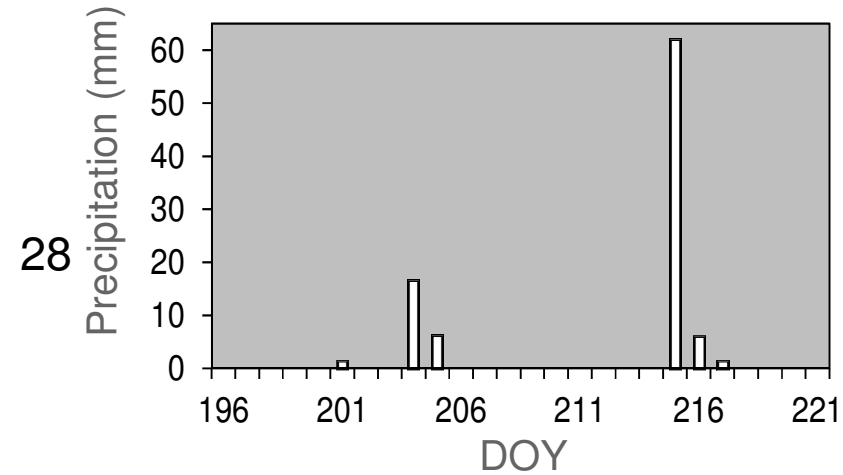
Saharan dust event 2005 July 28



Deposition impacts



precipitation



allows wet deposition and impacts water quality

Chl-a concentration: good agreement between in situ and MERIS estimation.

Chl-a increase is due to dust deposition

Direct aerosol-induced radiative forcing

- due to a variation in the content and optical properties of columnar particulate matter
- **evaluated as the net radiative flux change induced** at the tropopause or at the ToA (downwelling minus upwelling $F_{net} = F_{\downarrow} - F_{\uparrow}$)

→ Estimating the DARF effects on the Earth-atmosphere radiative balance

- at Top of Atmosphere $\Delta F(ToA) = F_{net} - F_{* net}$

estimate of the instantaneous forcing induced at a certain time by aerosol particles

- at Bottom of Atmosphere $\Delta FBoA = \Phi_{net} - \Phi_{* net}$

measure of the perturbation in the net flux reaching the surface induced by aerosols

- within the Atmosphere $\Delta F_{Atm} = \Delta F_{ToA} - \Delta F_{BoA}$

this term does not modify the net energy budget of the surface–atmosphere system redistributes energy internally and then affects temperature gradients and atmospheric circulation.

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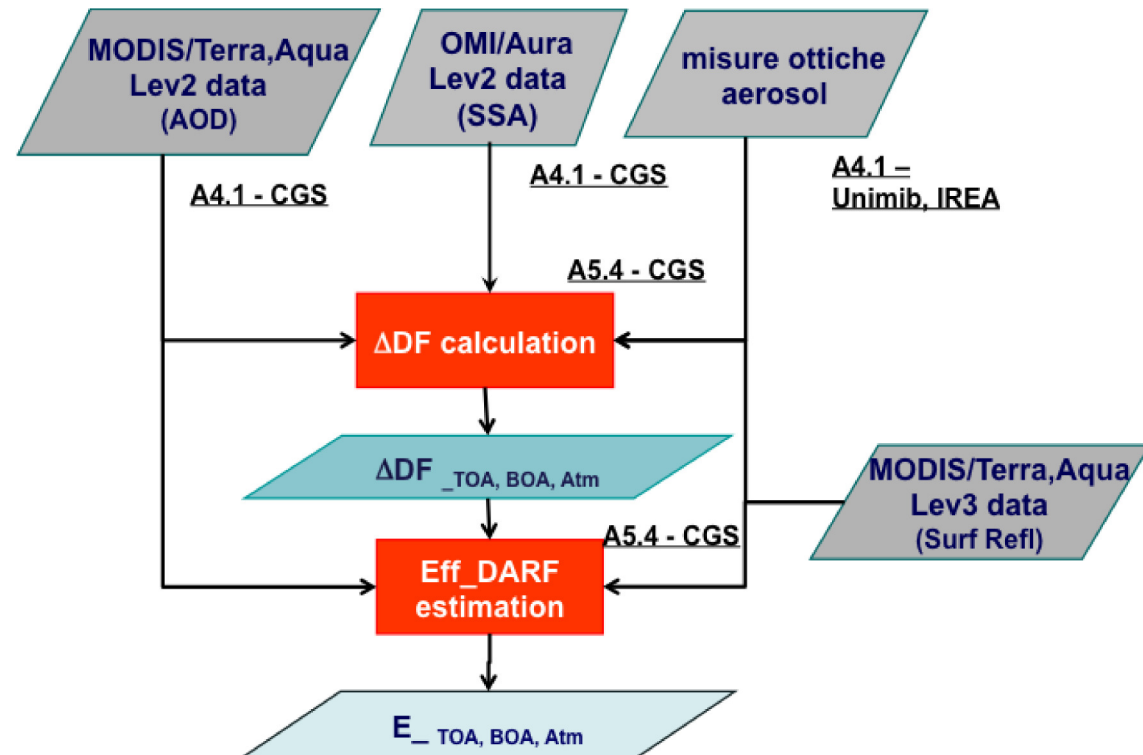
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- at Top of Atmosphere $\Delta F(\text{ToA})$

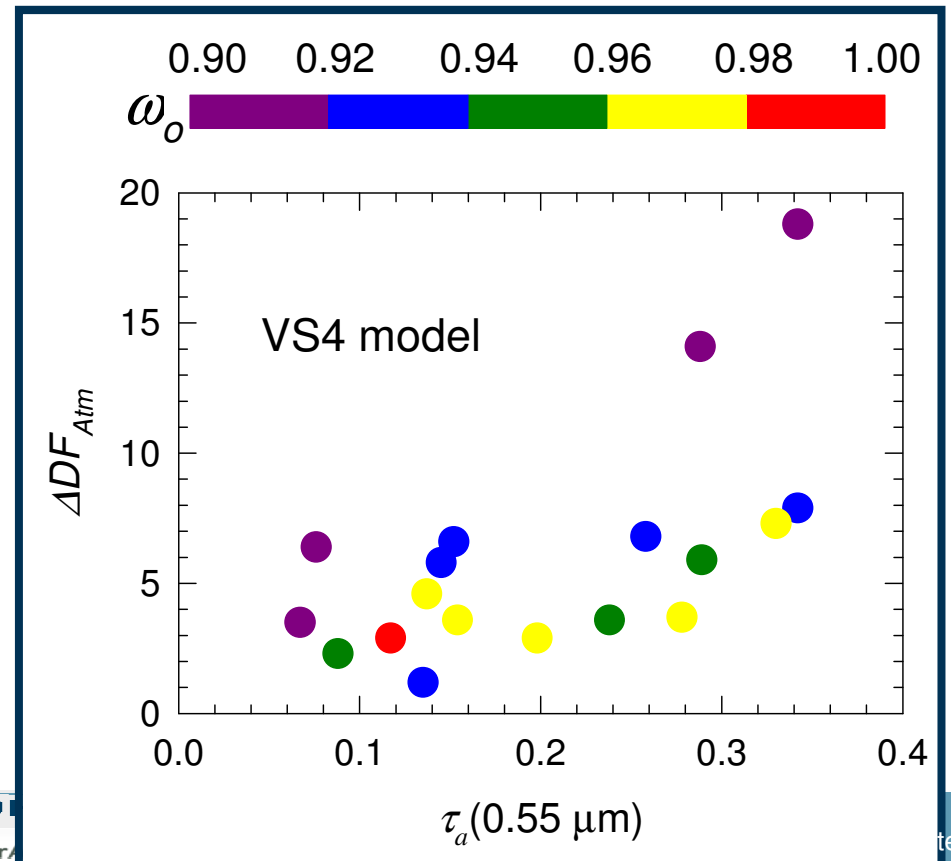
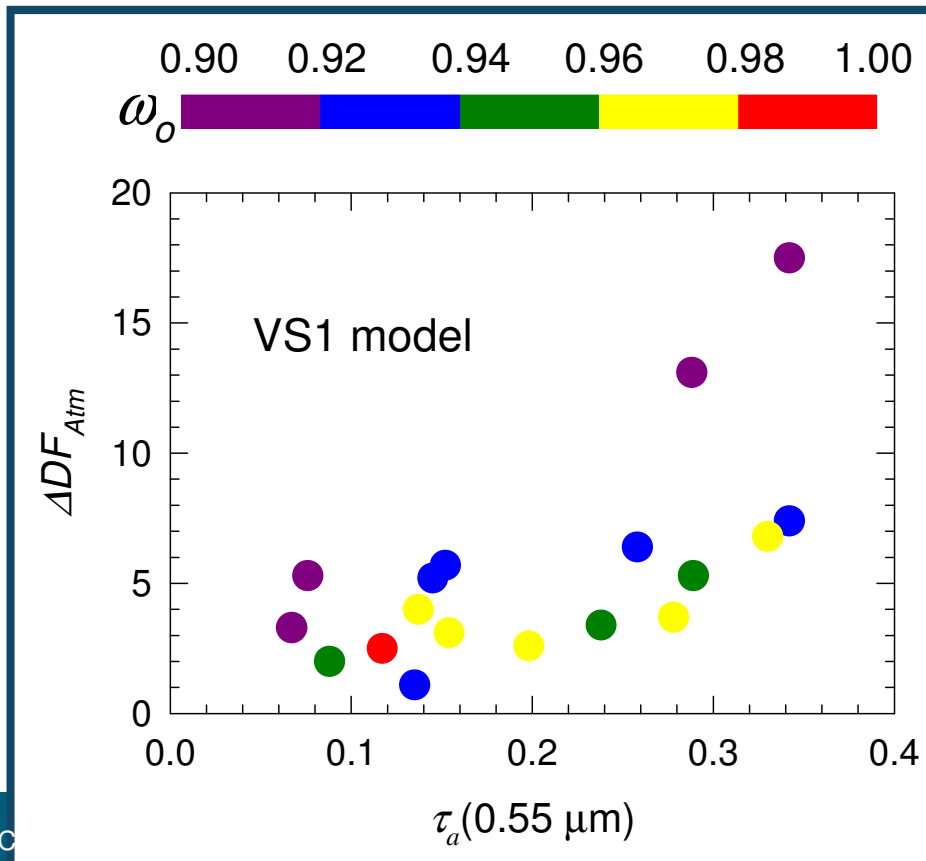
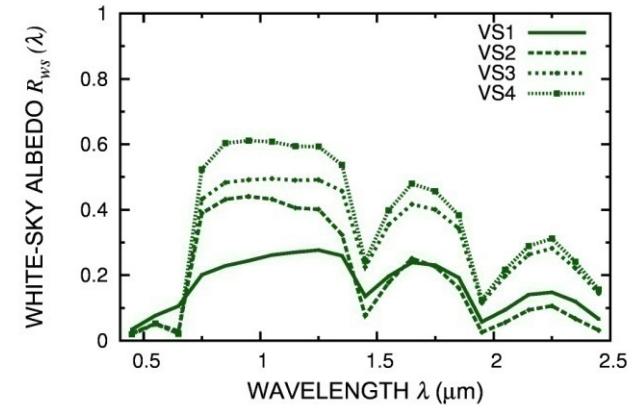
- at Bottom of Atmosphere ΔF_{BoA}

- within the Atmosphere ΔF_{Atm}



ΔF_{Atm}

radiative transfer simulations (6S code) for different surface reflectance scenarios and for aerosol optical properties (AOD, Angstrom exponent, ssa) derived from filed measurements in the Po valley



UAV: Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA)



Advanced Sensors Integration:

- Customized I/R and visible sensor
- Air Quality Sensors
- Hyper spectral Sensors



350 – 1000 nm
1.5 nm FWHM
190 g



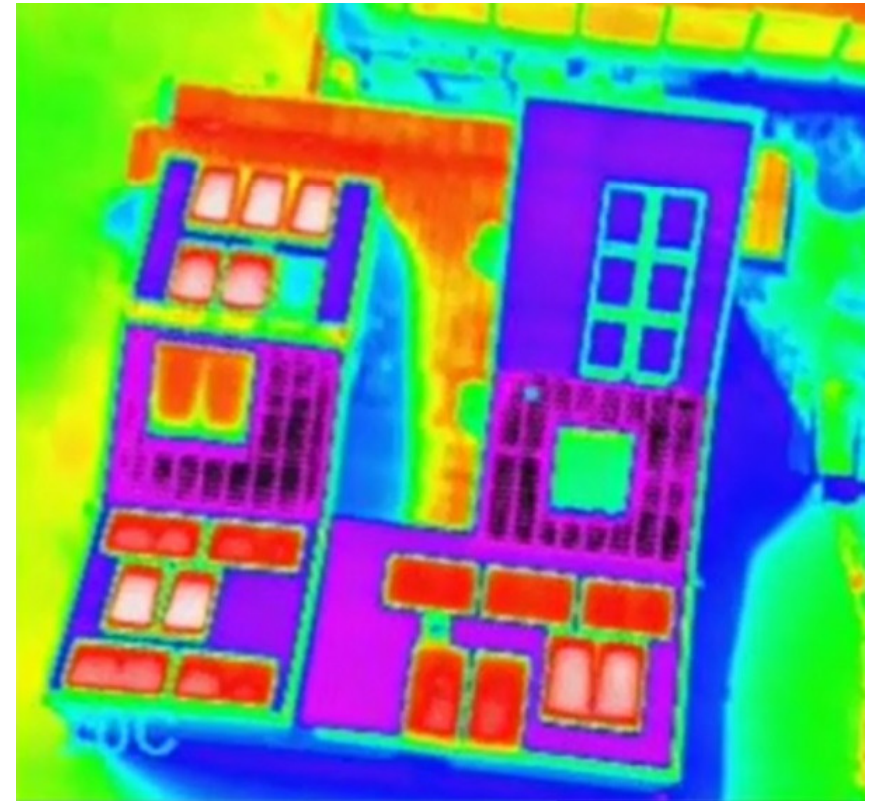
To gather experimental data of:

Energy Dispersion and Air Quality parameters

In Urban Scenarios, at High Altitude above sea level and over lake

Energy Characteristics of Buildings Monitoring

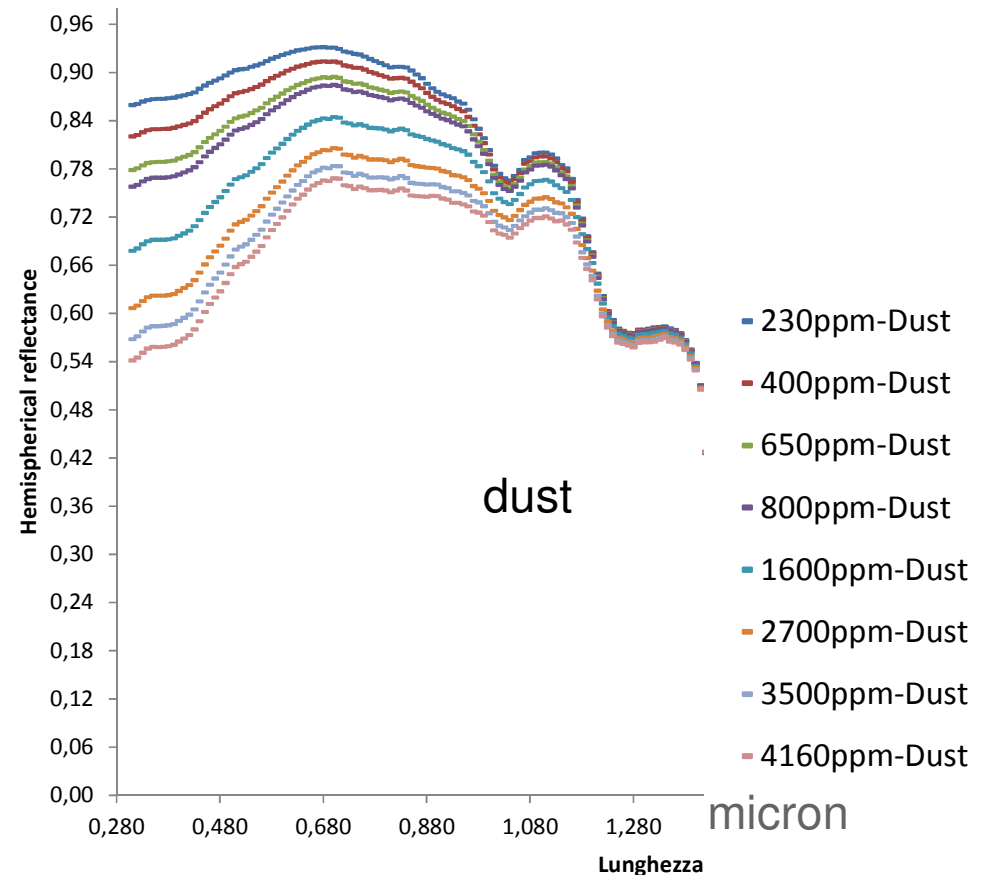
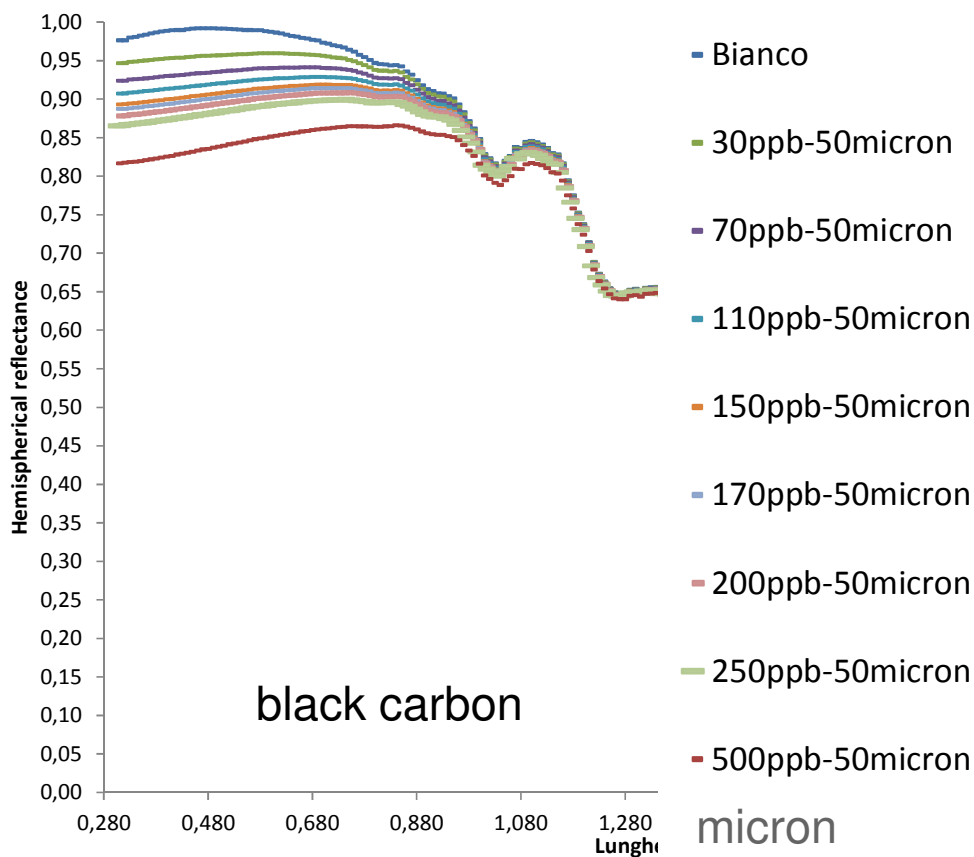
experimental data of **Energy Dispersion** in Urban Scenarios



See also the Environmental & Sustainable session (Branka Cuca talk)

Variation in snow reflectance due to air pollutants deposition

Spectral (UV-VIS-NIR) behaviour of snow at changing surface impurities (RTM simulations with SNICAR model, *Flanner et al., 2007*)





Next satellites



future EO satellite sensors

- **VIIRS** / SUOMI-NPP (JPSS-1,-2)

22 channel VIS/IR radiometer imager, MODIS heritage
 Spatial res 275 m – 750 m at s.s.p
 Flying on SUOMI-NPP,
 expected lifetime up to 2029 on JPSS

- **TROPOMI** / Sentinel 5P

UV/VIS grating spectrometer, OMI heritage
 Spatial res 7km at s.s.p
 Expected lifetime 2015-2021

- **OLCI**/ Sentinel-3A, 3B

21 channel VIS/NIR optical imager, MERIS heritage
 Spatial res 300 m
 Expected lifetime 2014-2022

- **SLSTR** / Sentinel-3A,3B

9 channel VIS/IR optical imager, AATSR heritage
 Spatial res 0.5 km, 1 km for TIR
 Expected lifetime 2014-2022

- **UVN** / Sentinel-4

UV VIS NIR grating spectrometer, OMI heritage
 Spatial res < 8km
 Expected lifetime 2021-2029 on board MTG-S1

PURPOSE

multi-purposes imagery: atmosphere, land, ocean

atmospheric chemistry: trace gases and aerosol

ocean colour, vegetation, aerosol

multi-purpose imagery: aerosol, clouds, and surface temperature

frequent observation of trace gases and aerosol

Conclusions and perspectives

- PM and NO₂ satellite-based concentrations maps will be improved in terms of spatial resolution, 2 km and 6 km respectively.
- Water quality variability can be also conditioning by air quality and other factors (LST, water and atmospheric circulation, meteorological factor). The installation at Sirminione of a CIMEL sunphotometer will bring new information on dust deposition and water parameters
- The exploitation of RPA system will be demonstrated in different scenarios (urban, over lake, and at high altitude over not populated areas - snow-ice).
- In the future, algorithms tested in the frame of SINOPIAE project can be improved using new Sentinel satellites (mainly S3, S5P, S4)

Sinopiae will be a modular prototype monitoring system of environmental indicators. We know that a sufficient “condition” to well foreseen and then well mitigate the climate change effects is not handy.

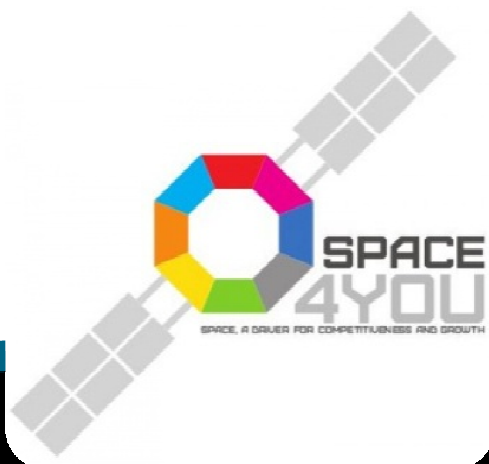
Surely, the improvement of the observation capabilities, using independ sources of data, for better monitoring these effect is a necessary “condition” to better address forecasting system and, then, to decide for proper mitigation actions.

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