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# OFFLINE INVERSION OF DUST EMISSIONS

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# TASK 1.1: DUST EMISSION INVERSIONS

## Rationale

- Spatial and temporal simulation of mineral dust in the model can be better estimated with the use of satellite aerosol optical depth observations
- Better the spatial and temporal estimates, better the assessment of the impact of the dust



## Why in CAMAERA?

- Top-down emission inversions typically depends on the numerical modelling system: **target optimal dust emissions in IFS**

## T1.1 Outcome:

- Dust emission dataset that can be use as baseline for online dust inversions (WP2)
- Provides useful information for new dust scheme developments (WP5)

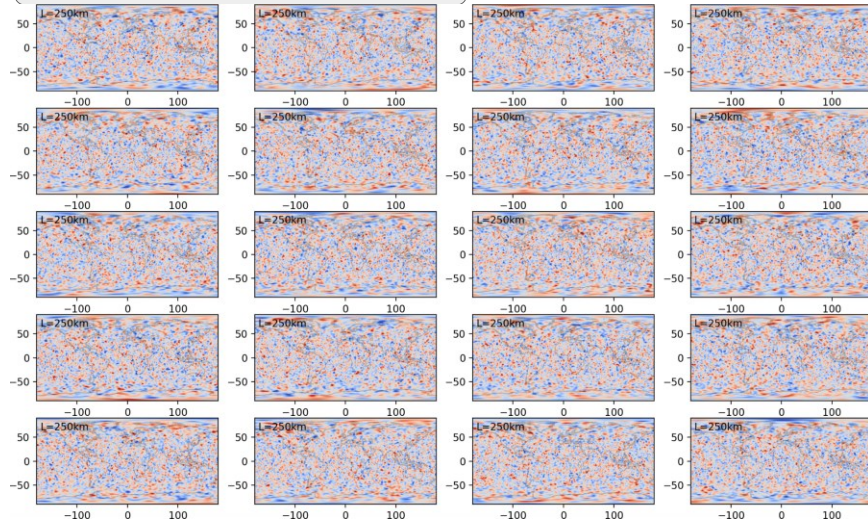
## How?

- **Data assimilation** of satellite dust optical depth to estimate dust emissions
- Modified workflow of the **Local Ensemble Transform Kalman Filter** used at the Barcelona Supercomputing Center
- Scale factors for the prior **emissions** (3 days temporal resolution, gridpoint spatial resolution)

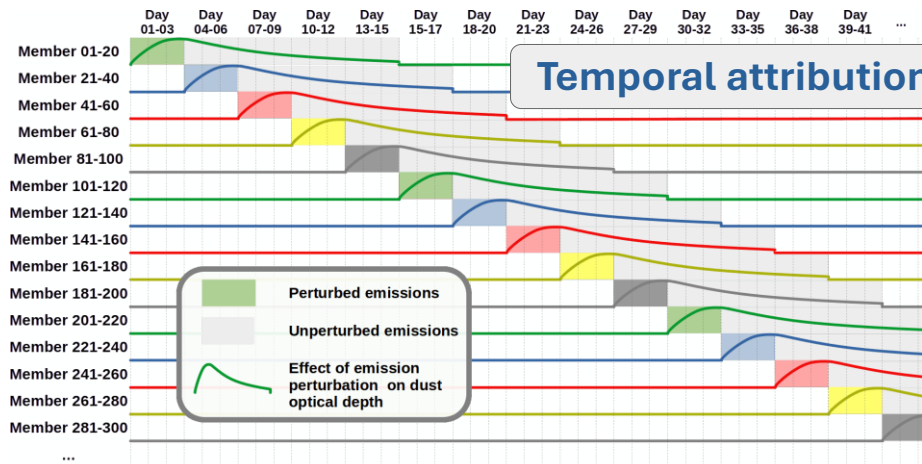


# METHOD: MODIFIED ENSEMBLE AND WORKFLOW OF LETKF

## Spatial perturbations



## ENS inputs



## Temporal attribution

## Assimilated DOD

VIIRS SNPP Deep Blue

IFS-COMPO  
Ensemble

20 members  
with  
perturbed  
emissions at  
the time

100 *active*  
members

LETKF (smoother)

Control: dust  
emission

- 3 days temporal resolution
- Model horizontal resolution

Observations: Dust  
AOD or AOD 550nm

Analysis  
emissions  
(correction  
factors)

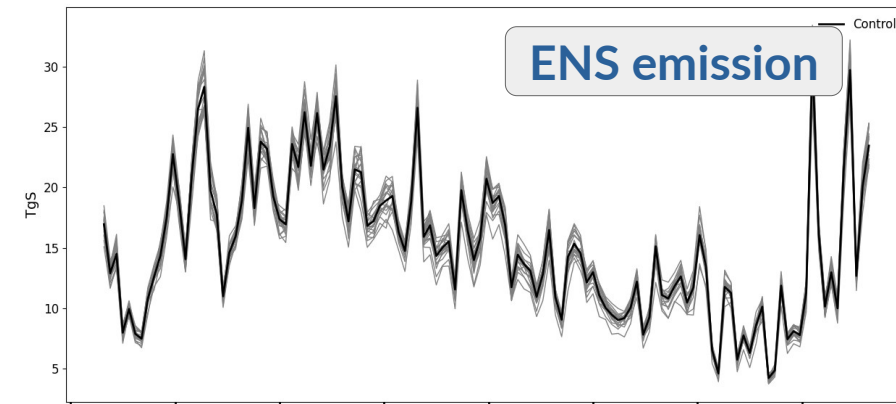
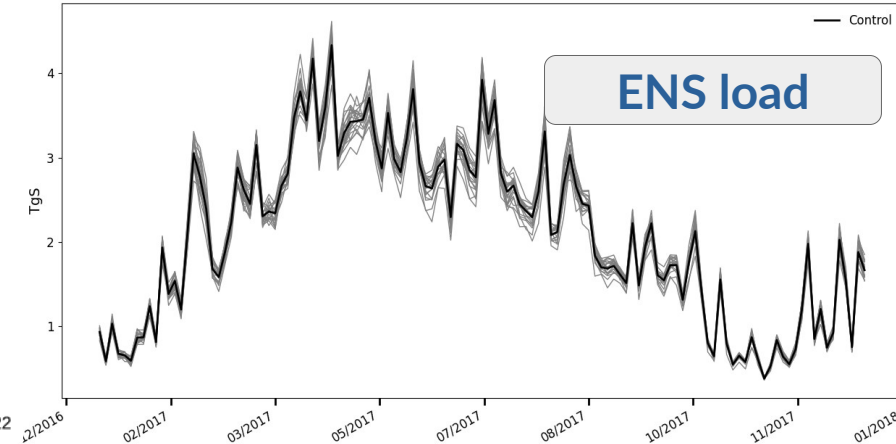
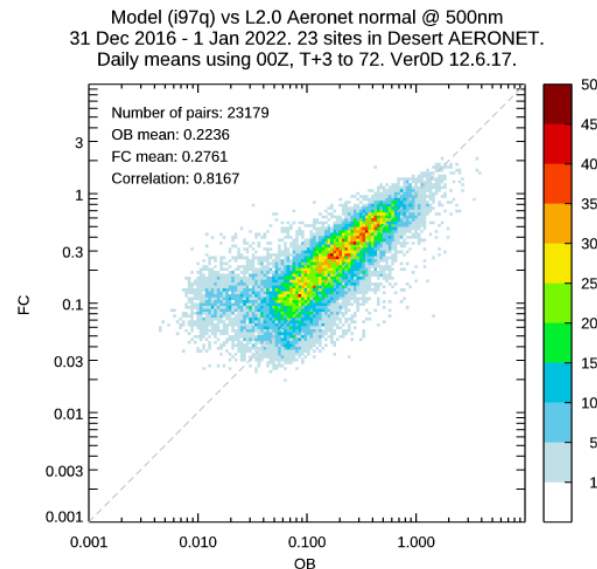
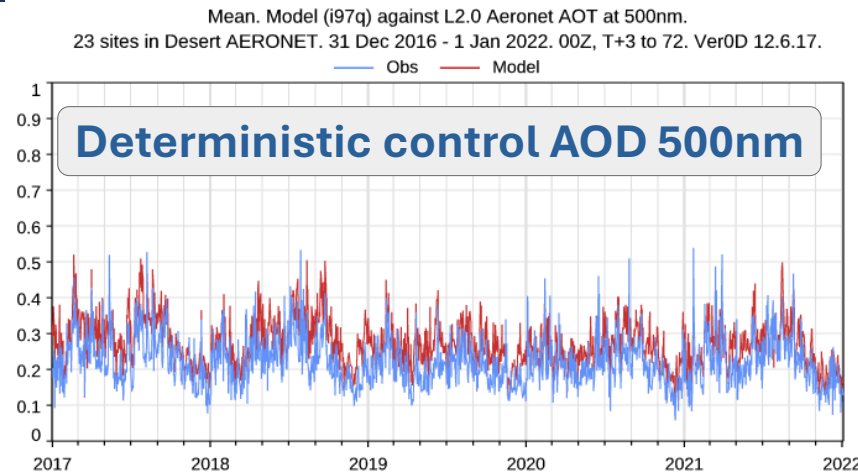
IFS

Analysis driven  
AOD, Dust  
AOD, PM, etc.



# CONTROL RUN AND ENSEMBLE

- 1 control and 20 perturbed members,
- 15 days forecasts, cycling every three days, no data assimilation,
- Meteorology nudged to ERA-5 during the forecast,
- Perturbation of dust emissions applied in the first three days,
- TL511 L137 resolution,
- Aerosol only IFS-COMPO pre cycle 50R1 version, no chemistry configuration,
- Processed from 31/12/2016 to 1/1/2022.

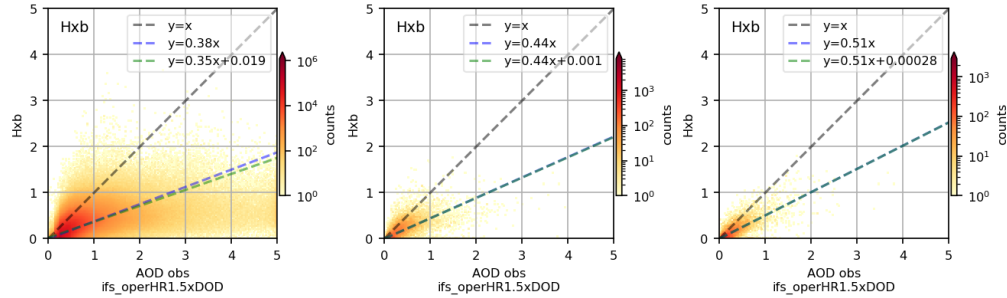




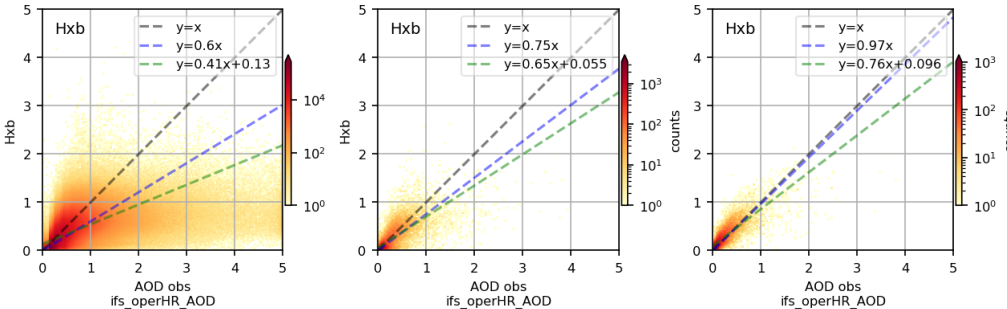


# CONTROL VS OBS

Model  
DOD



Model  
AOD



VIIRS

AERONET  
(ang<0.3, all  
stations)

AERONET  
(all points,  
selected  
stations)

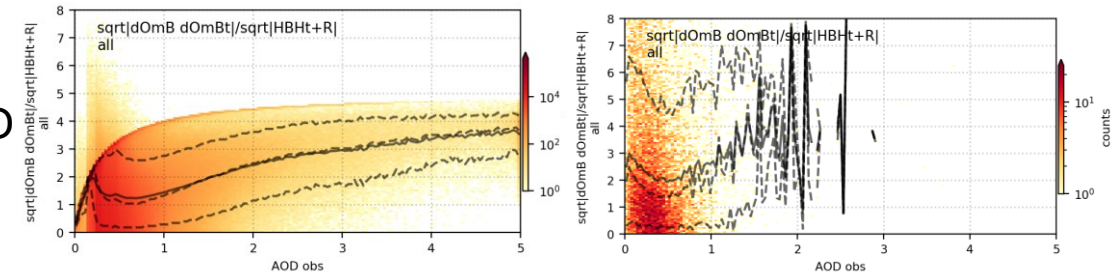
DA experiments:  
**EXP1: AOD**  
**EXP2: 1.5xDOD**

Analysis AOD experiments:  
**EXP1: AOD (daily)**  
**EXP2: 1.5xDOD (daily)**  
**EXP3: MONTH (monthly averaged scaling)**

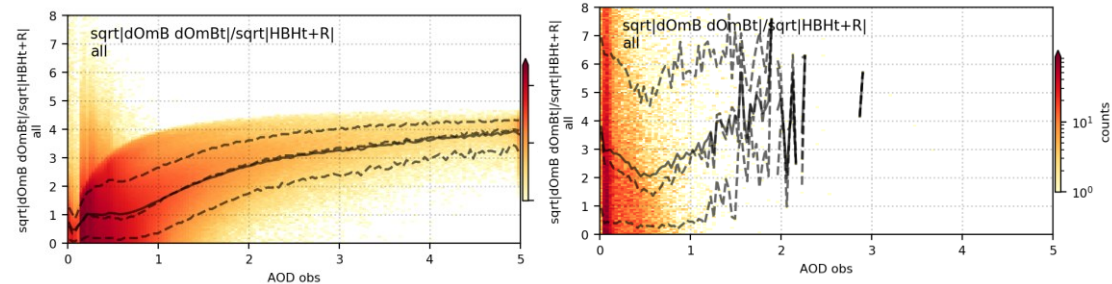
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Diagnostic on innovation:  
(ideally)  $\sqrt{d_o^b (d_o^b)^T / (HBH^T + R)} \sim 1$

1.5xDOD



AOD



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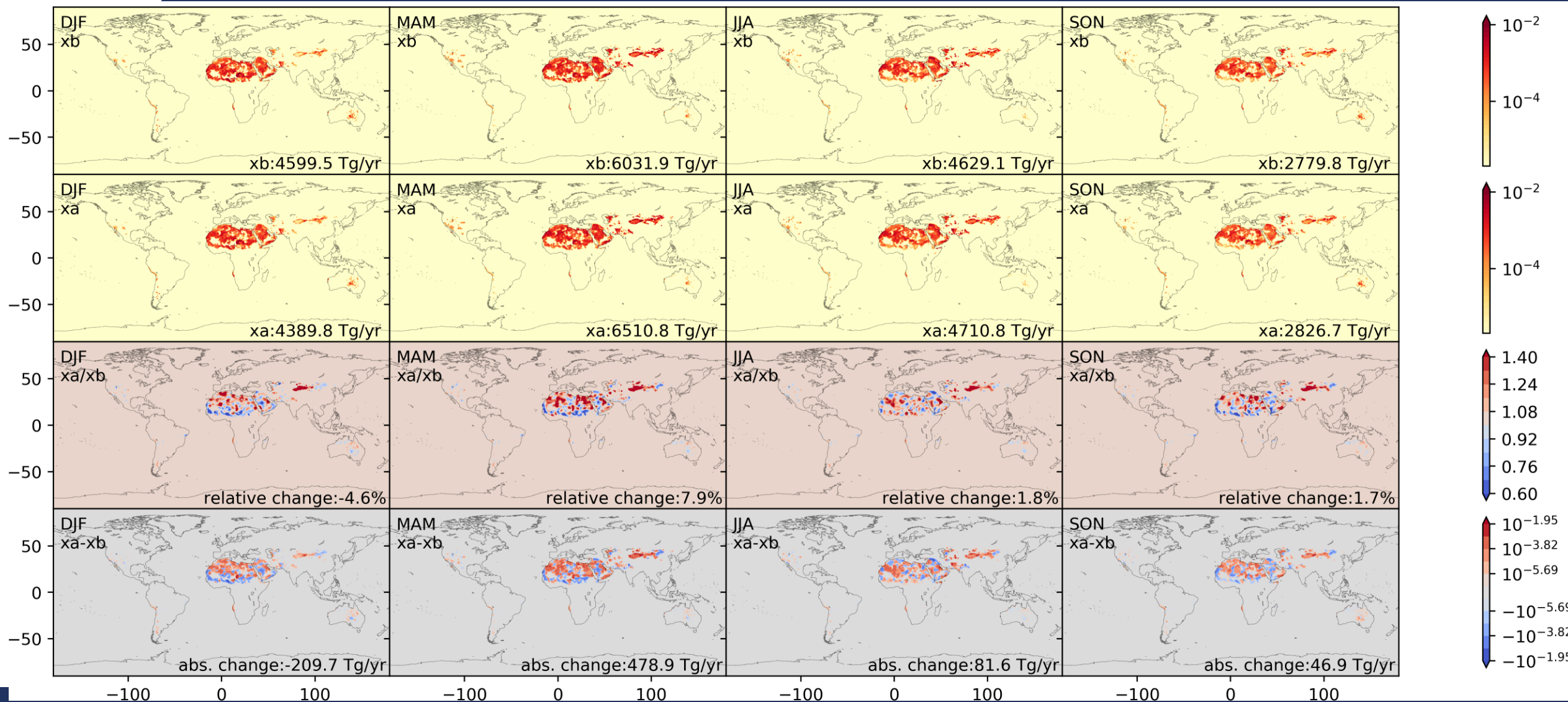


**B inflation of 2.5**

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# RESULTS: EMISSION CHANGES (EXAMPLE: AOD, B INFL2.5)





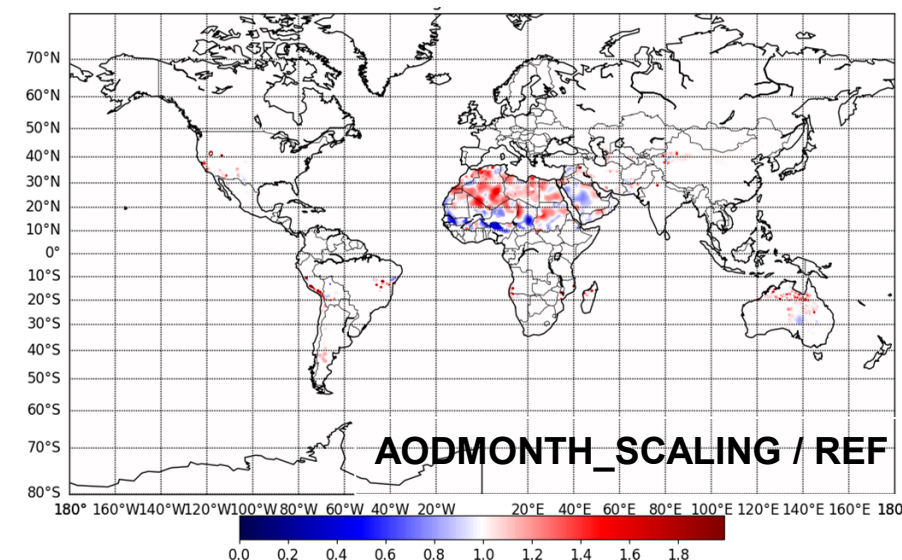
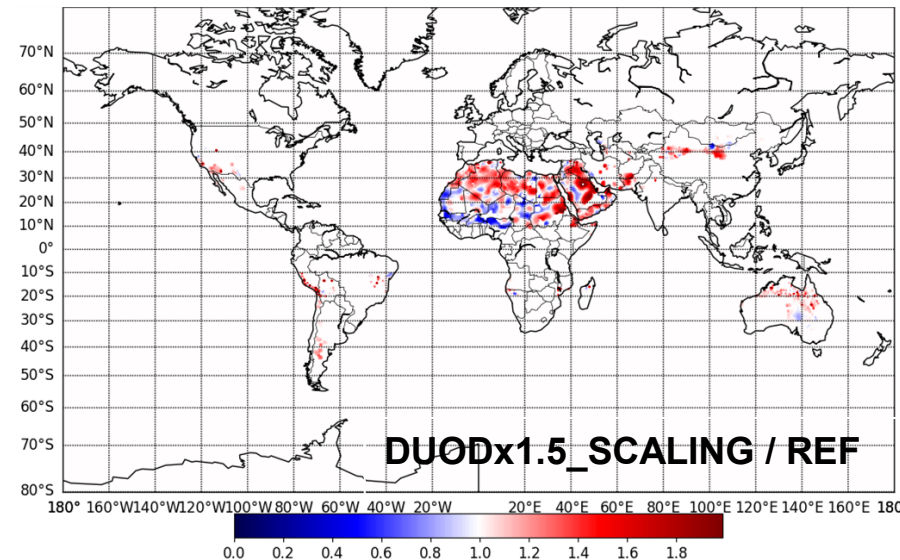
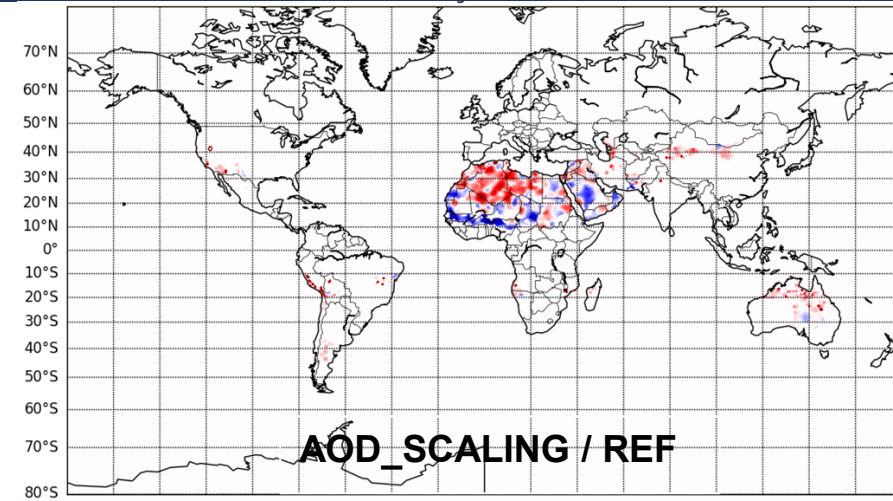
# RESULTS: DUST EMISSION MAPS

January 2017 mean

Regional  
decrease/increase of  
dust emissions of up to  
40%

Some agreements  
(lower emissions over  
Sahel)

Some disagreement  
(Arabic Peninsula)







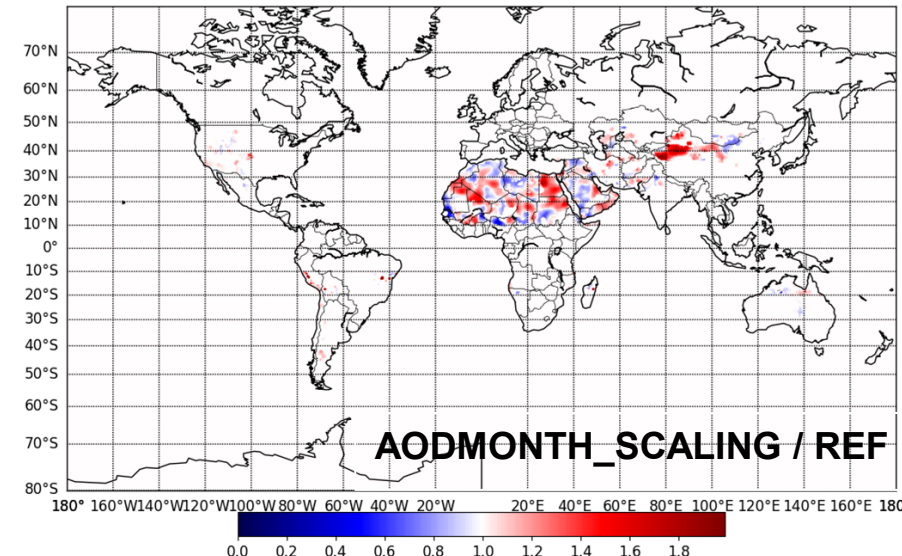
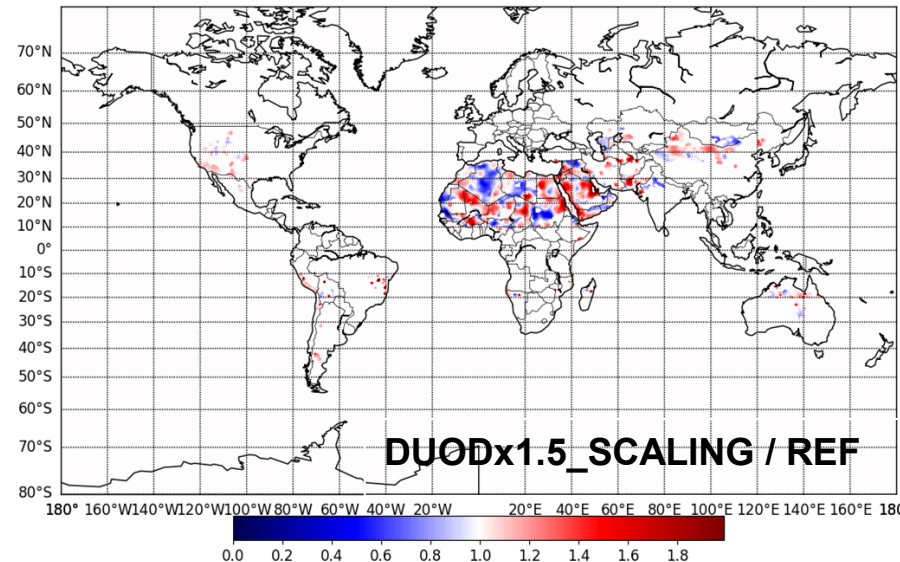
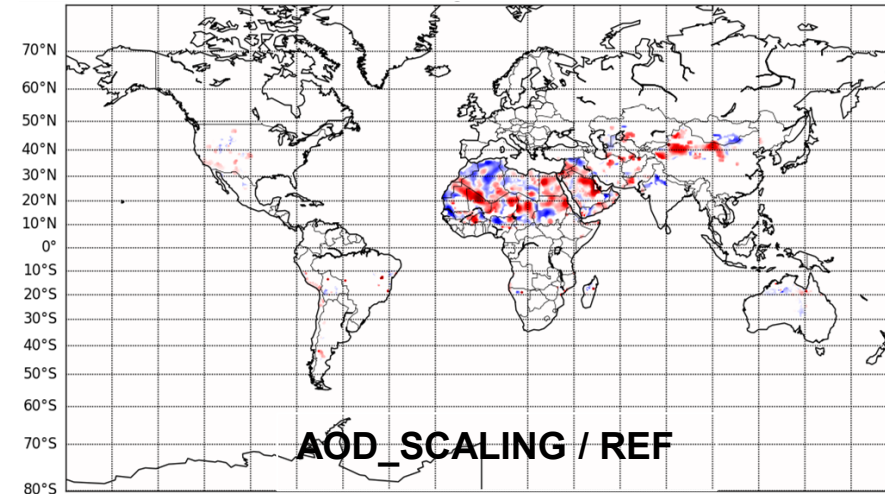
# RESULTS: DUST EMISSION MAPS

May 2017 mean

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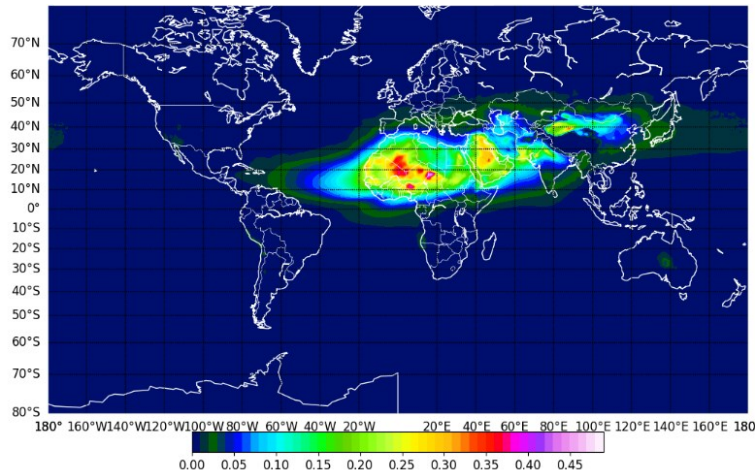






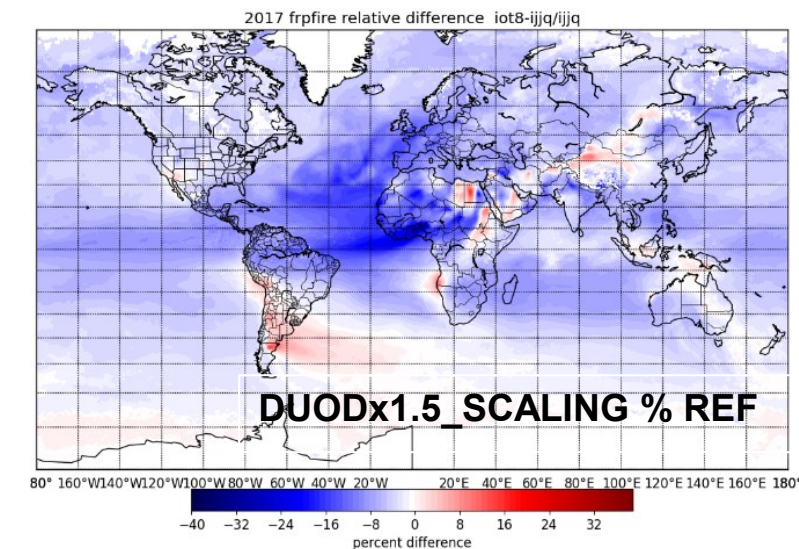
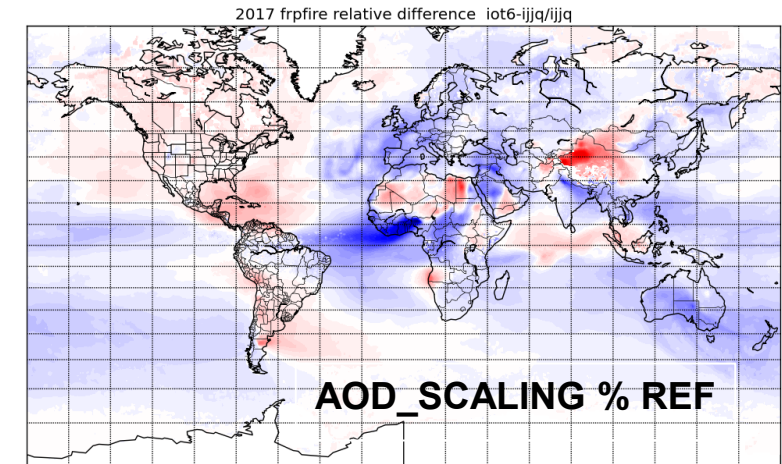
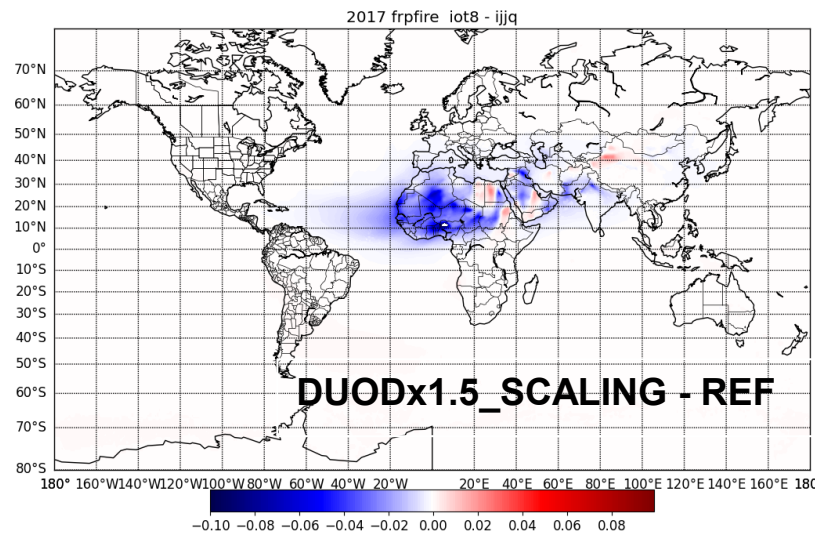
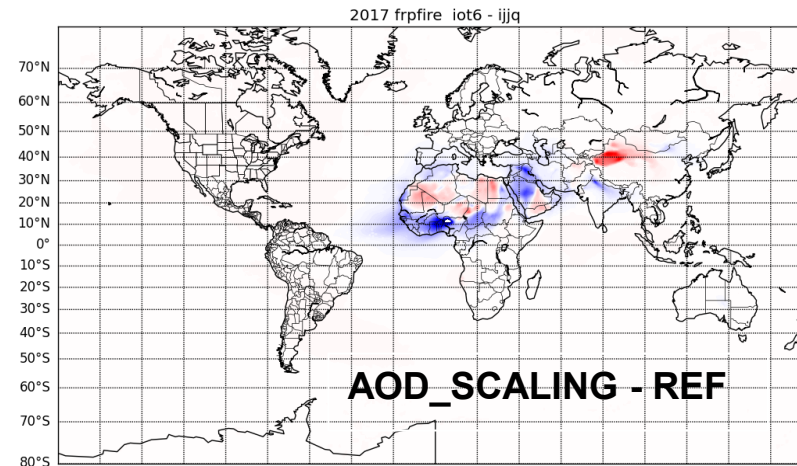
# RESULTS: DOD MAPS WITH DAILY CORRECTION FACTORS

## Averaged AOD



AOD in agreement with  
emission scaling

Max relative changes of  
~10% in dusty regions

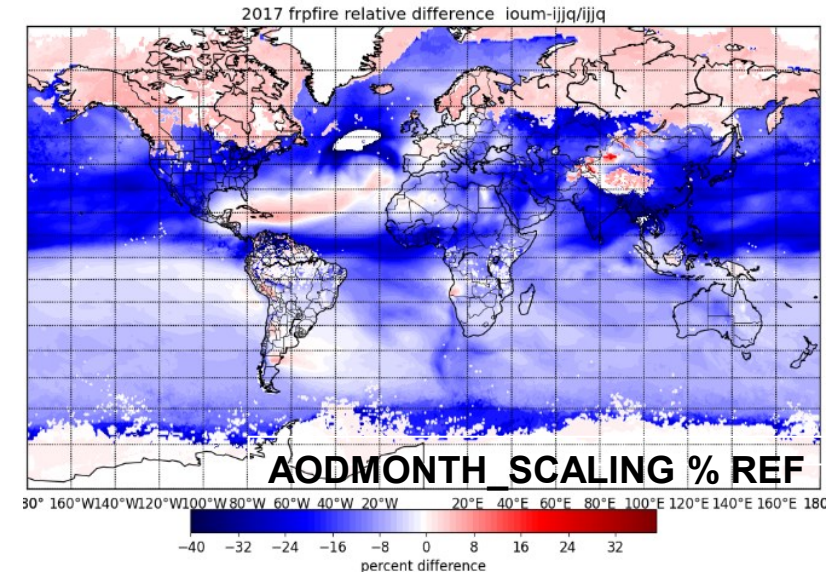
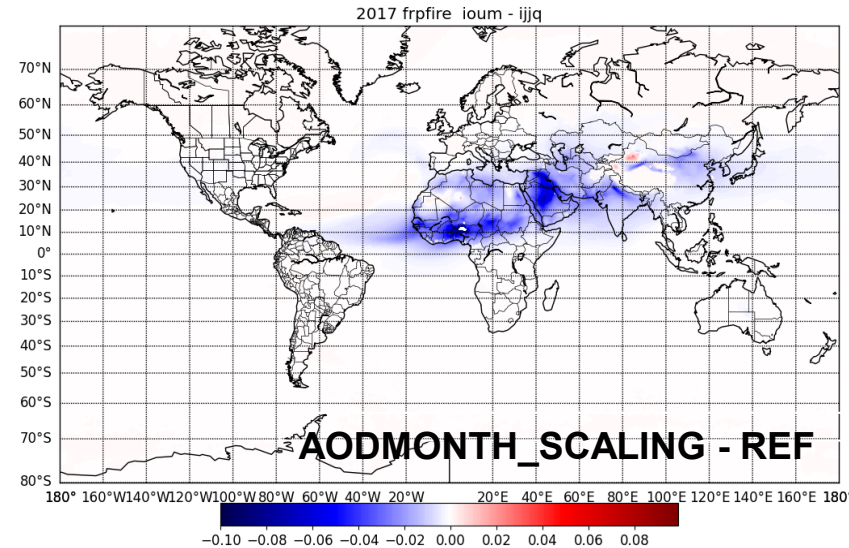
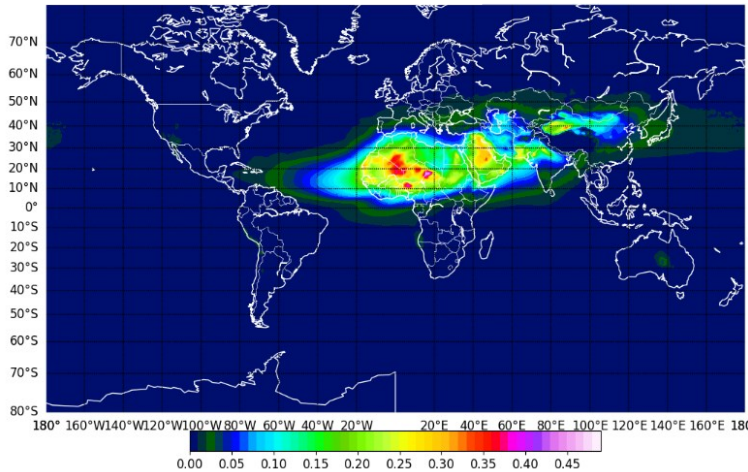






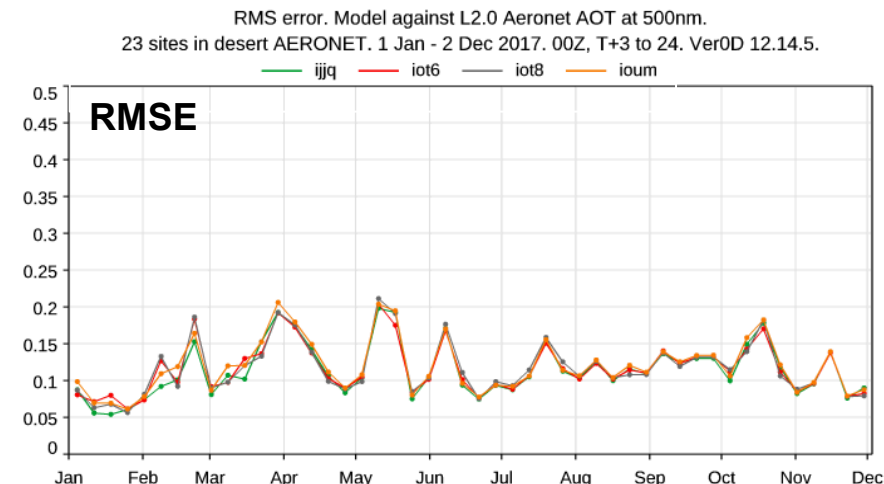
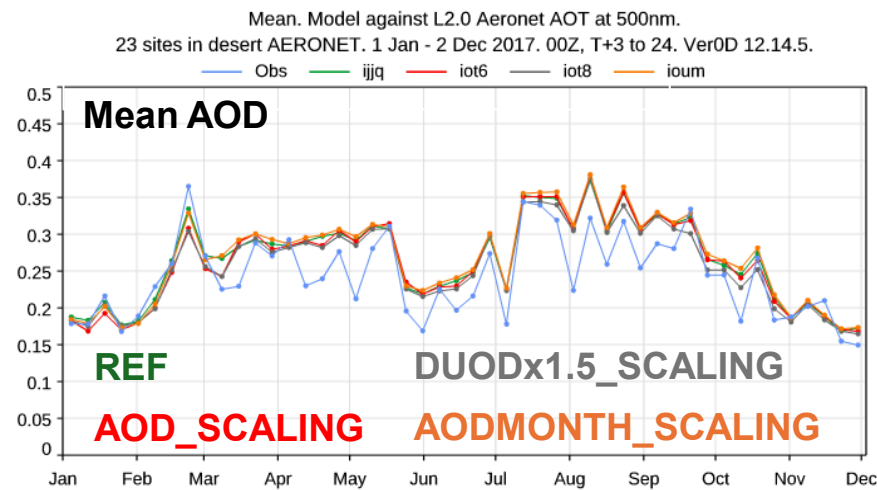
# RESULTS: AERONET AND USE IN FORECASTS

## Averaged AOD



Very low impact on the aggregated time series

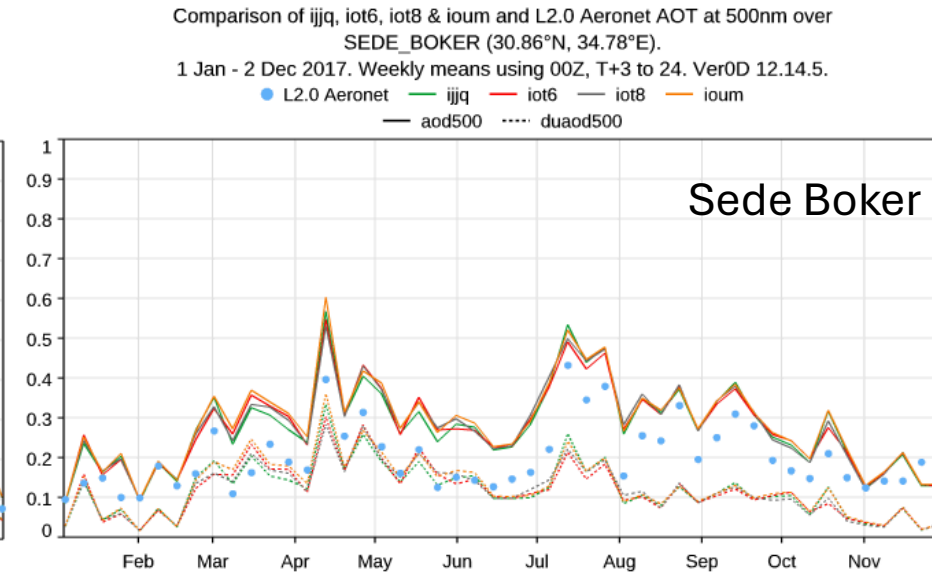
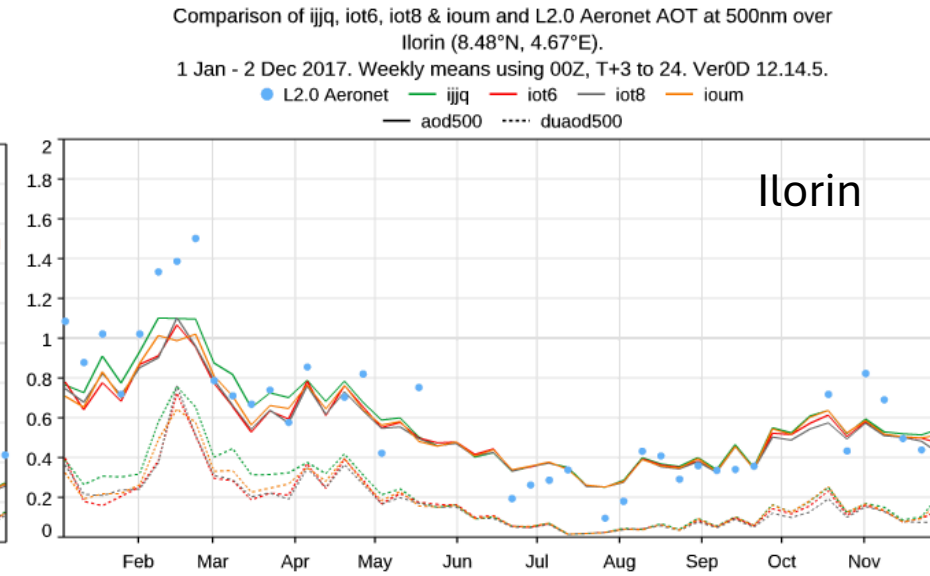
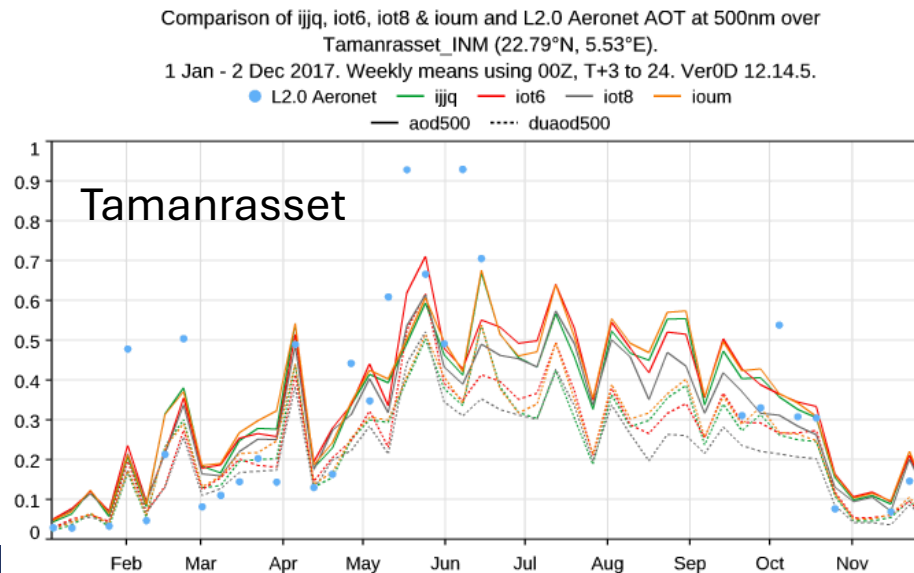
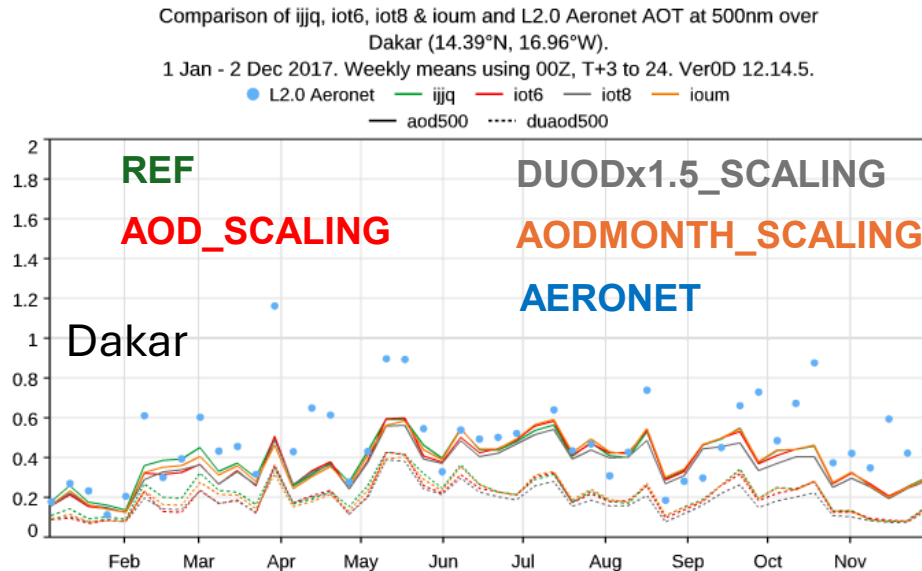
AODMONTH scaling not improving forecast on the aggregated time series





# RESULTS: AERONET AND USE IN FORECASTS

Larger impact on individual station plots





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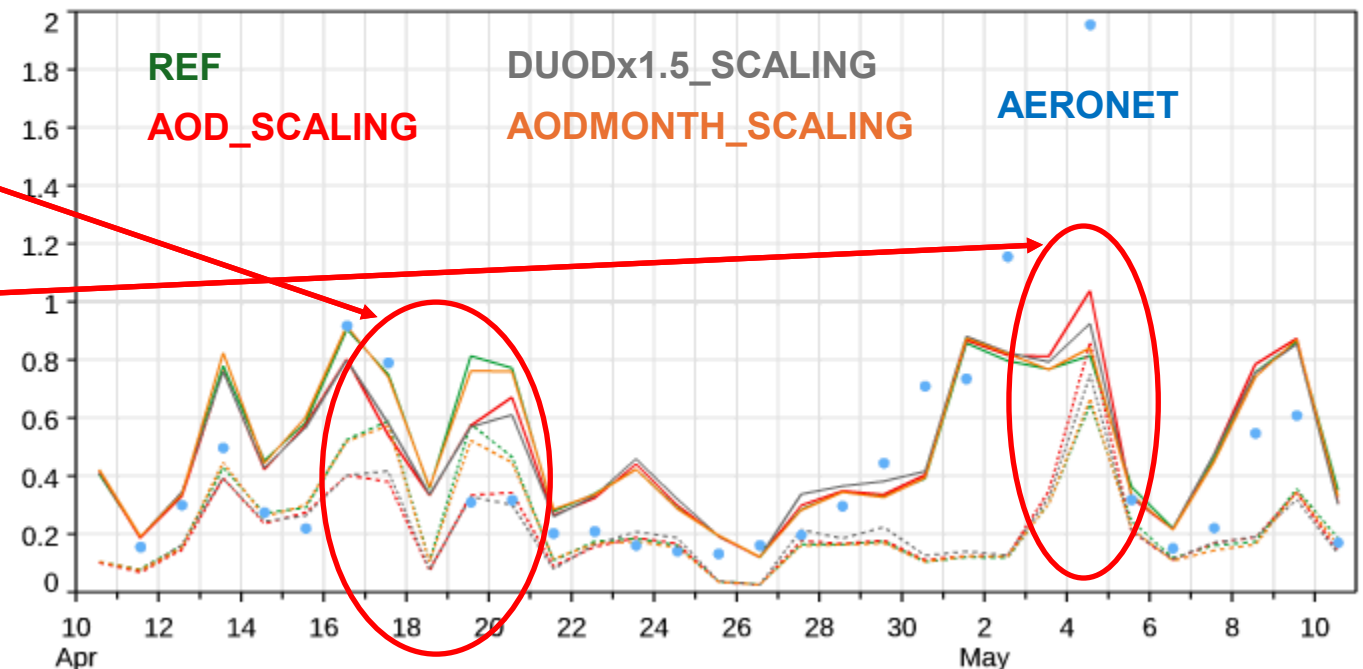
Zoom on North China dust storms in April/May 2017

- The use of the scaling factors brought a decrease in simulated dust OD on 16-21 April => Desert dust from Inner Mongolia?
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Comparison of *ijjq*, *iot6*, *iot8* & *ioum* and L2.0 Aeronet AOT at 500nm over Beijing (39.98°N, 116.38°E).

10 Apr - 10 May 2017. Daily means using 00Z, T+3 to 24. Ver0D 12.14.7.

● L2.0 Aeronet — *ijjq* — *iot6* — *iot8* — *ioum*  
— aod500 ..... duaod500



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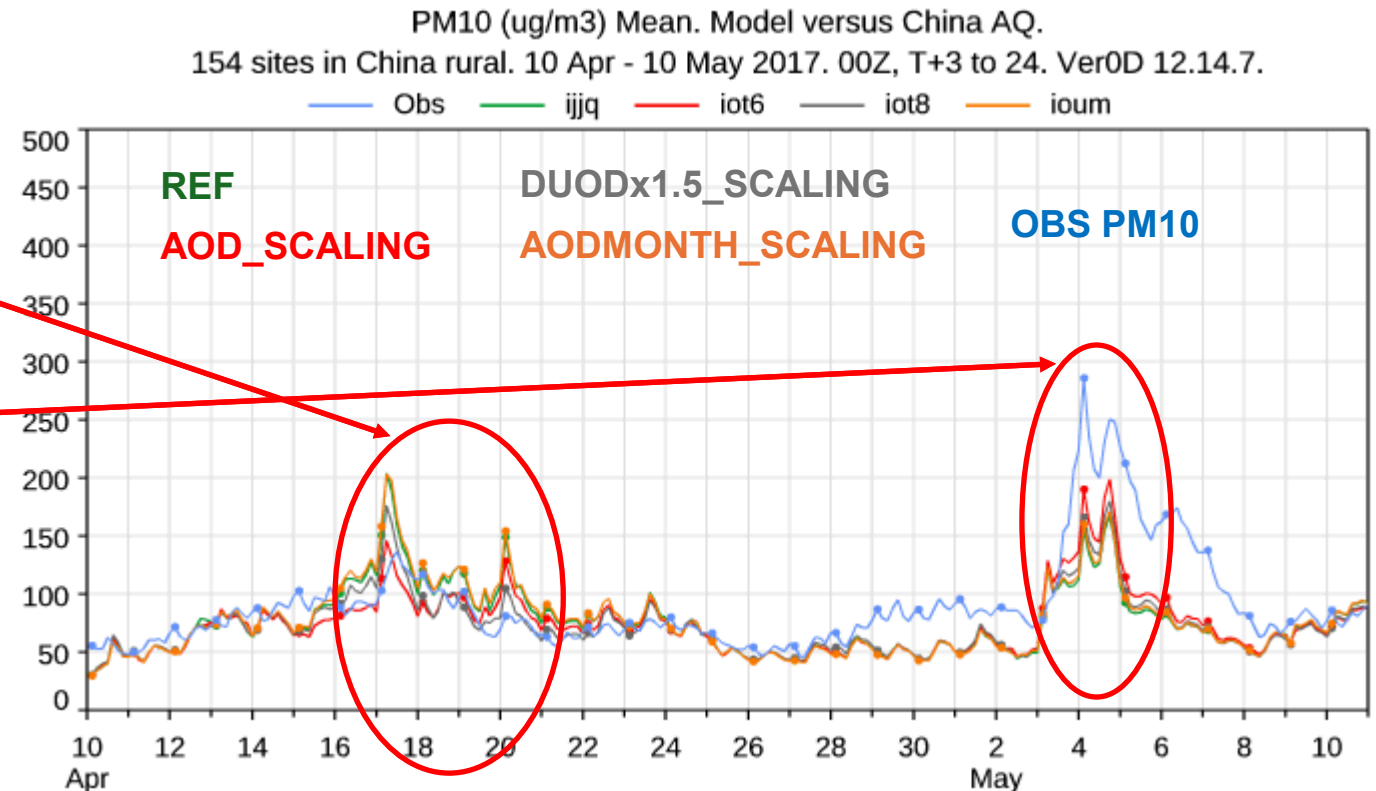




# RESULTS: PM10 AND USE IN FORECASTS

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PM10 BEIJING

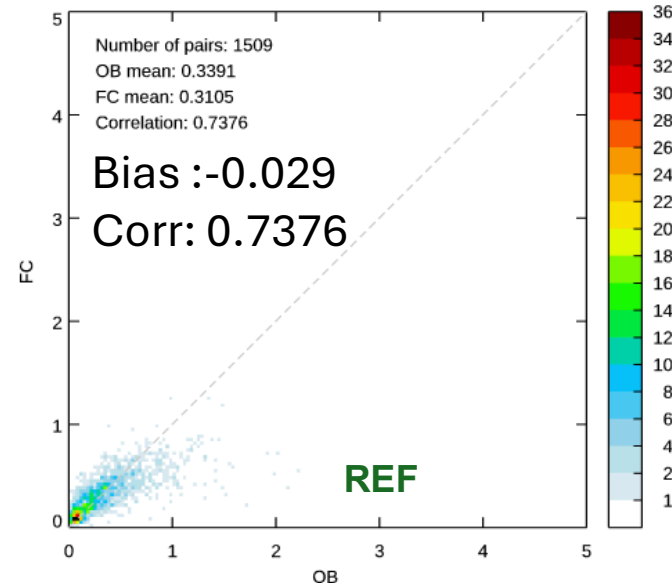


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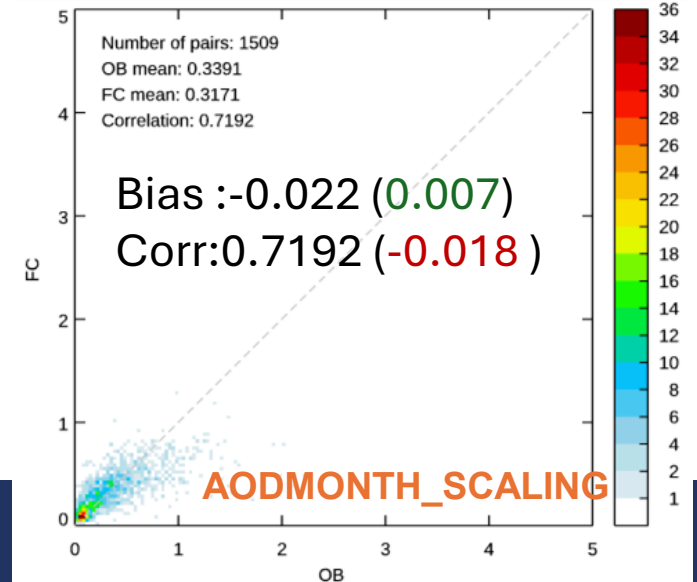
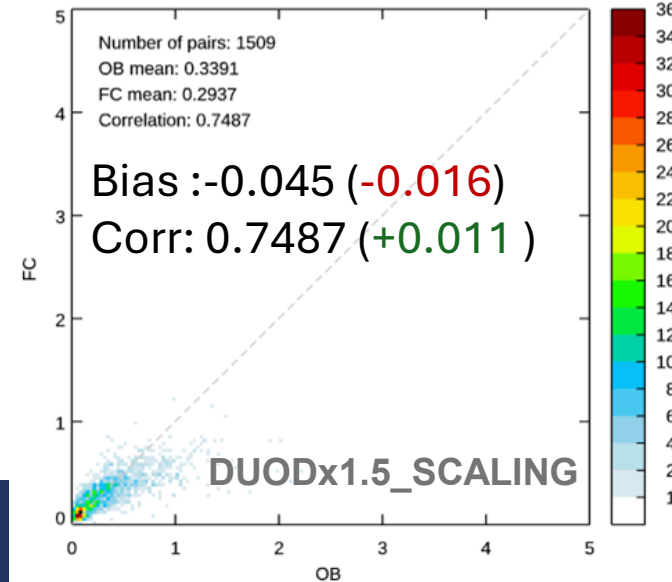
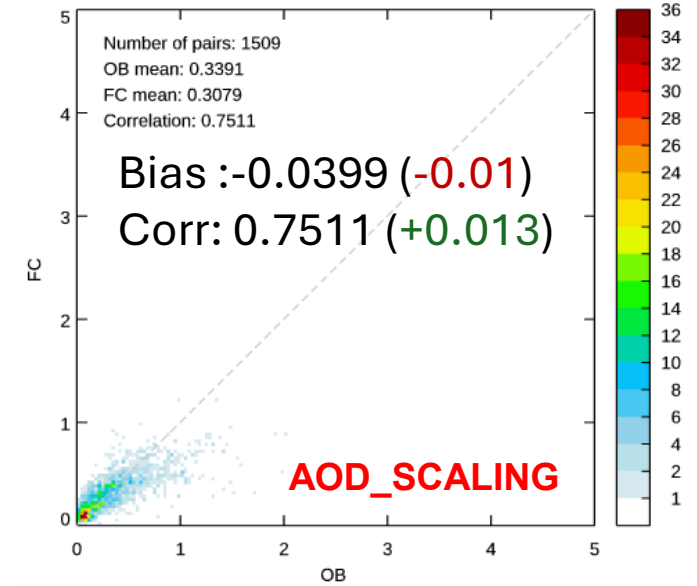
Density scatter plot of obs/simulated AOD at 500nm, with an AE thresholds on observations => only dusty observations

Small improvement in correlation with AOD\_SCALING and DUODx1.5\_SCALING, degradation with AODMONTH\_SCALING

Model (ijjq) vs L2.0 Aeronet Low AE @ 500nm  
1 Jan - 2 Dec 2017. 23 sites in desert AERONET.  
Daily means using 00Z, T+3 to 24. Ver0D 12.14.5.



Model (jot6) vs L2.0 Aeronet Low AE @ 500nm  
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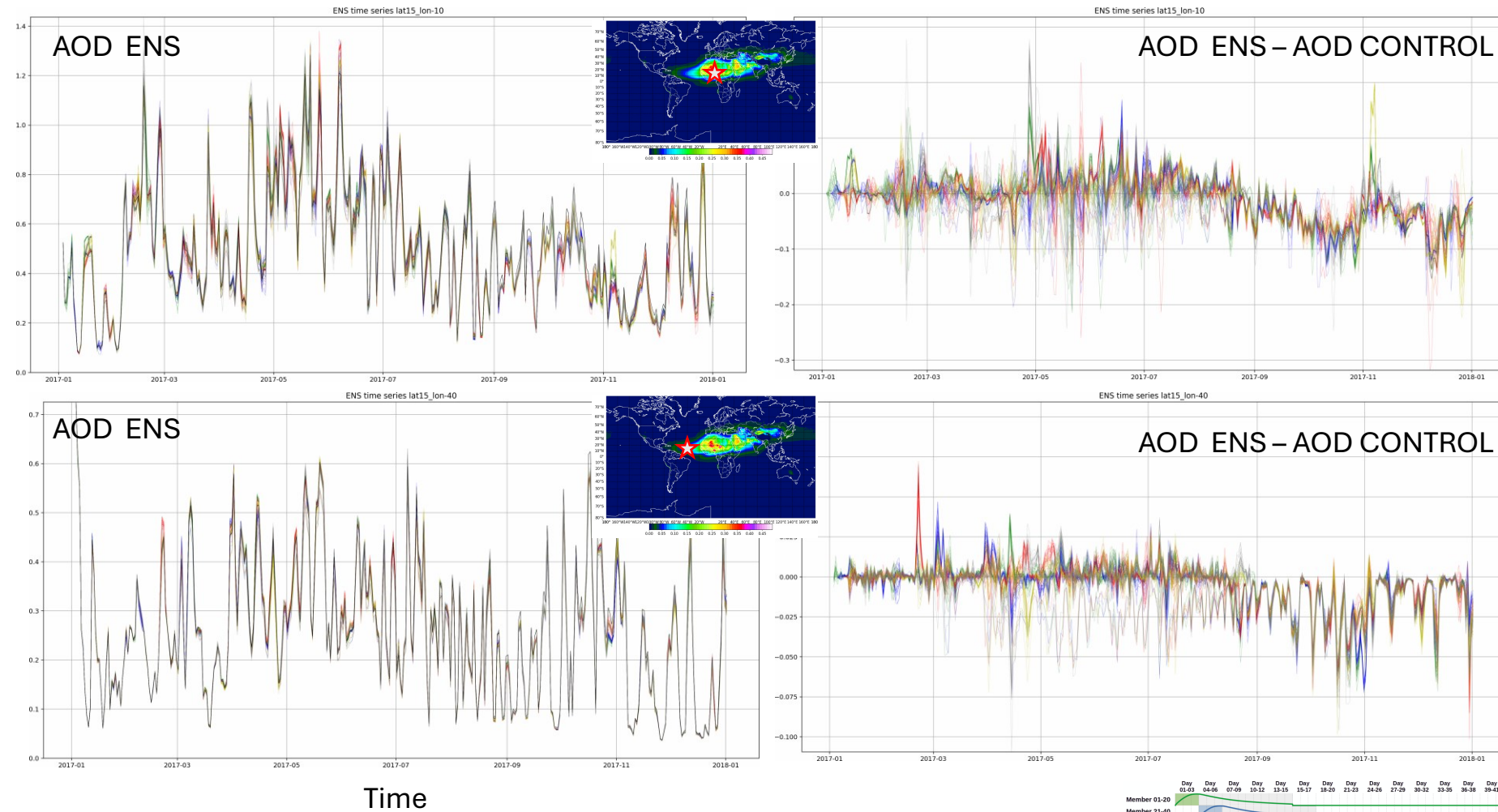




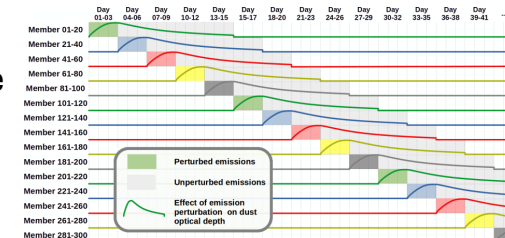
# TWO POSSIBLE REASONS OF SMALL IMPACT IN AOD TIMESERIES

## Small impact of emission in AOD time series for the ENS1 experiment.

- The validation time series are spatial averages of weekly averages of AOD simulations at AERONET sites.
  - Scales of 250km of perturbation cannot resolve inter-weekly variations
  - New ENS3 should help
- Control run is somehow not aligned with ENS from ~September (at least 2017)
  - Probably an unwanted technical issue
  - Estimate control with ENS mean

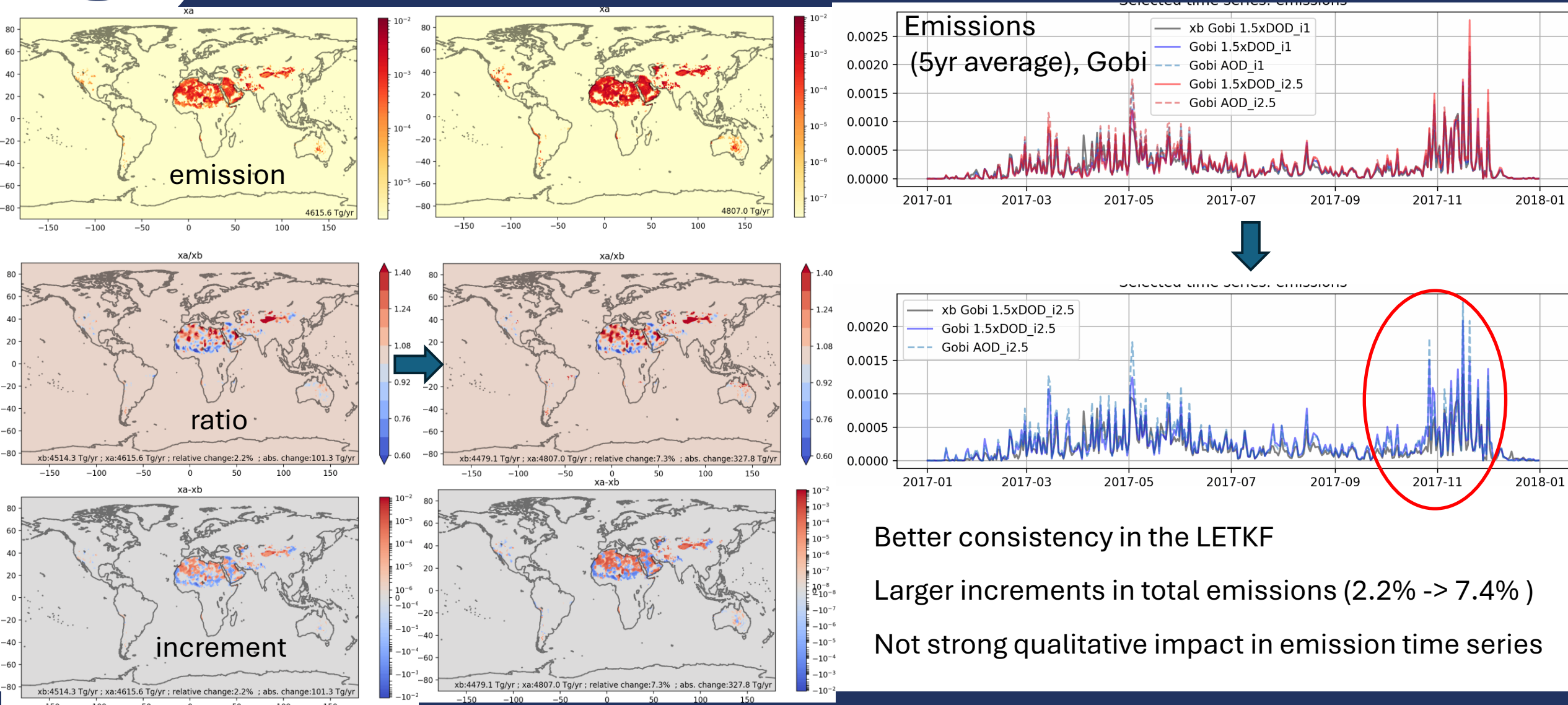


Timeseries colours are grouped by emission perturbation time:





# UPGRADE: CONTROL AND ENS MEAN CONSISTENCY



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# ONGOING WORK: NEW ENSEMBLE

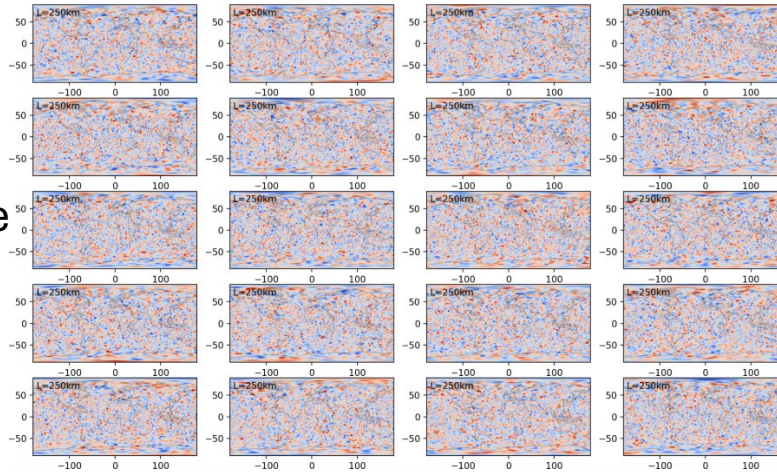
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(preliminar: only 2017)

L:250km

Standard dust  
emission scheme

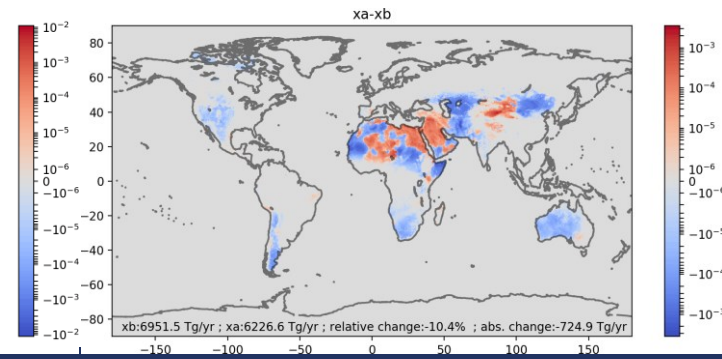
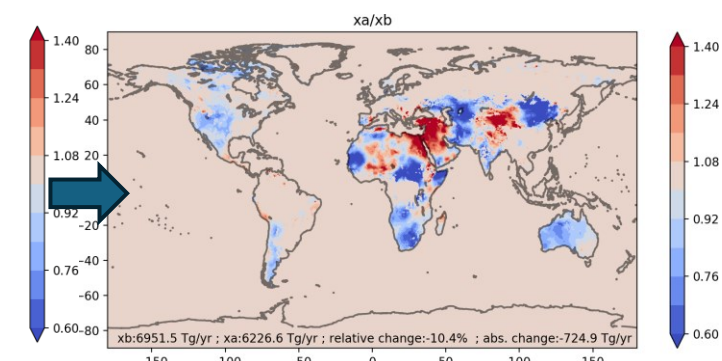
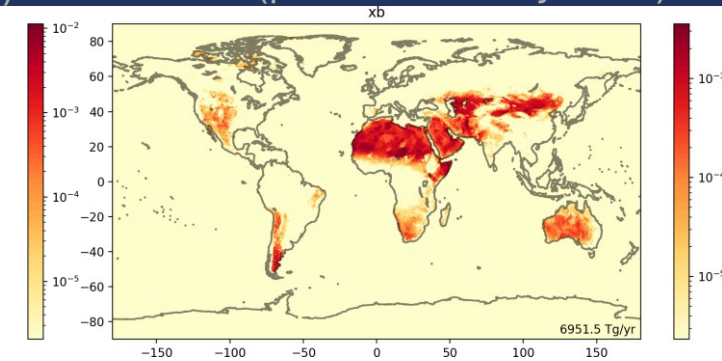
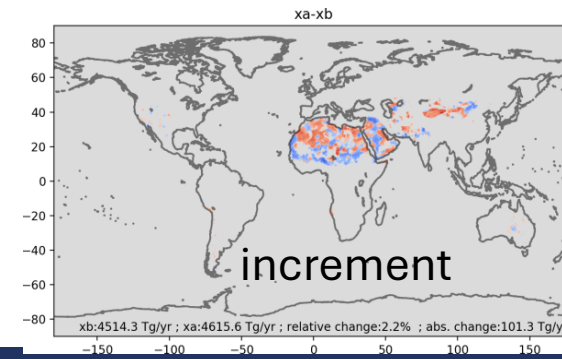
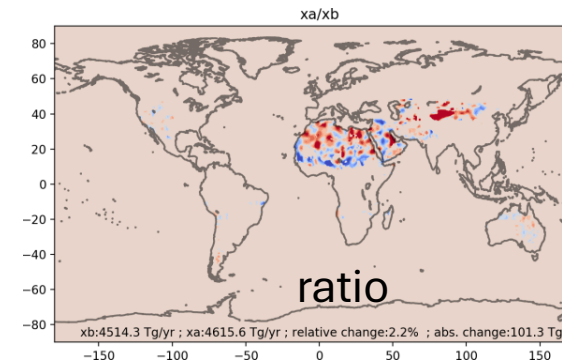
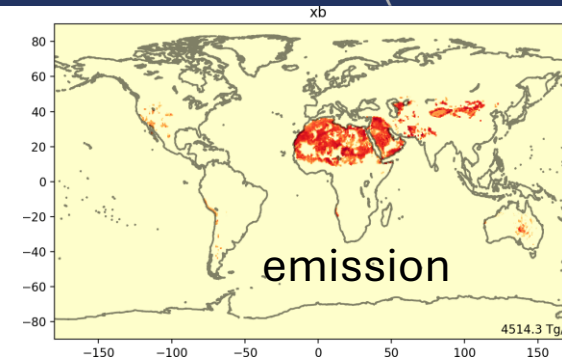
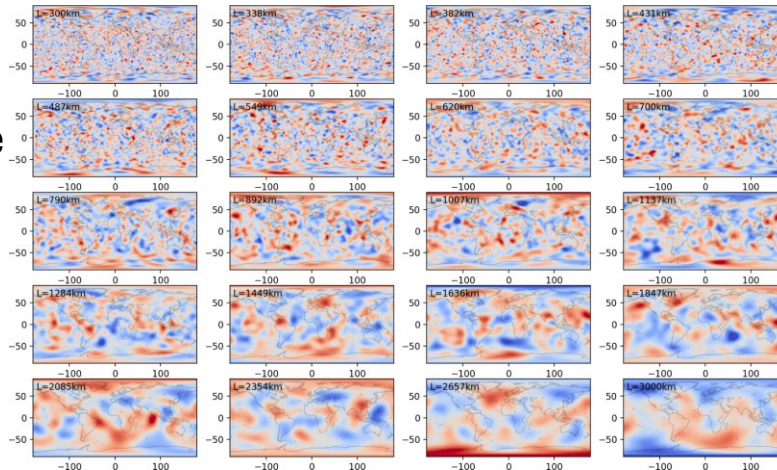
Fc: 4514 Tg/yr  
An: 4615 Tg/yr  
(+2.2%)



L: 300 to 3000 km

New dust scheme  
(Deliv 5.1)

Fc: 6951 Tg/yr  
An: 6229 Tg/yr  
(-10.4%)





# SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, FUTURE WORK

- Offline dust emission inversion has been implemented and tested for IFS-COMPO
  - Detected issues and biases in the forecasts: DOD -> AOD in the OO
  - Ensemble shows expected spread, control shows good skills
- Emission corrections shows a spatial correction with relatively small seasonal variations
- Improvements with respect to weekly AERONET AODs are very small in the aggregated scale
  - Increments are smoothed during transport -> Testing new ensemble with larger correlation length
  - Small improvement in correlation coefficient and disaggregated comparisons (by station)
  - Monthly scaling experiment does not show better skills

## Next steps:

- New sets of IFS-COMPO simulations are being produced, with new perturbation set and dust emission scheme
- Inconsistency between the mean state and the control run in the DA code has been detected and the impact has been mitigated
- Latest developments will provide a better constrain of IFS-COMPO dust emissions.

**Thank you!**