



# Assessment of model responses' sensitivity to emission changes in support of local emission reduction strategies: The FAIRMODE CT9 platform

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# FAIRMODE CT9 OBJECTIVES

- For a given mitigation scenario (**scen**) and a base case (**bc**), models (**M**) provide different absolute results  $C_{scen}^M$
- **BUT, HOW DO THEY BEHAVE ON DELTAS?**

$$\Delta = C_{scen}^M - C_{bc}^M$$



## Policy Implication:

It is important to assess the robustness of deltas for urban air quality policies!

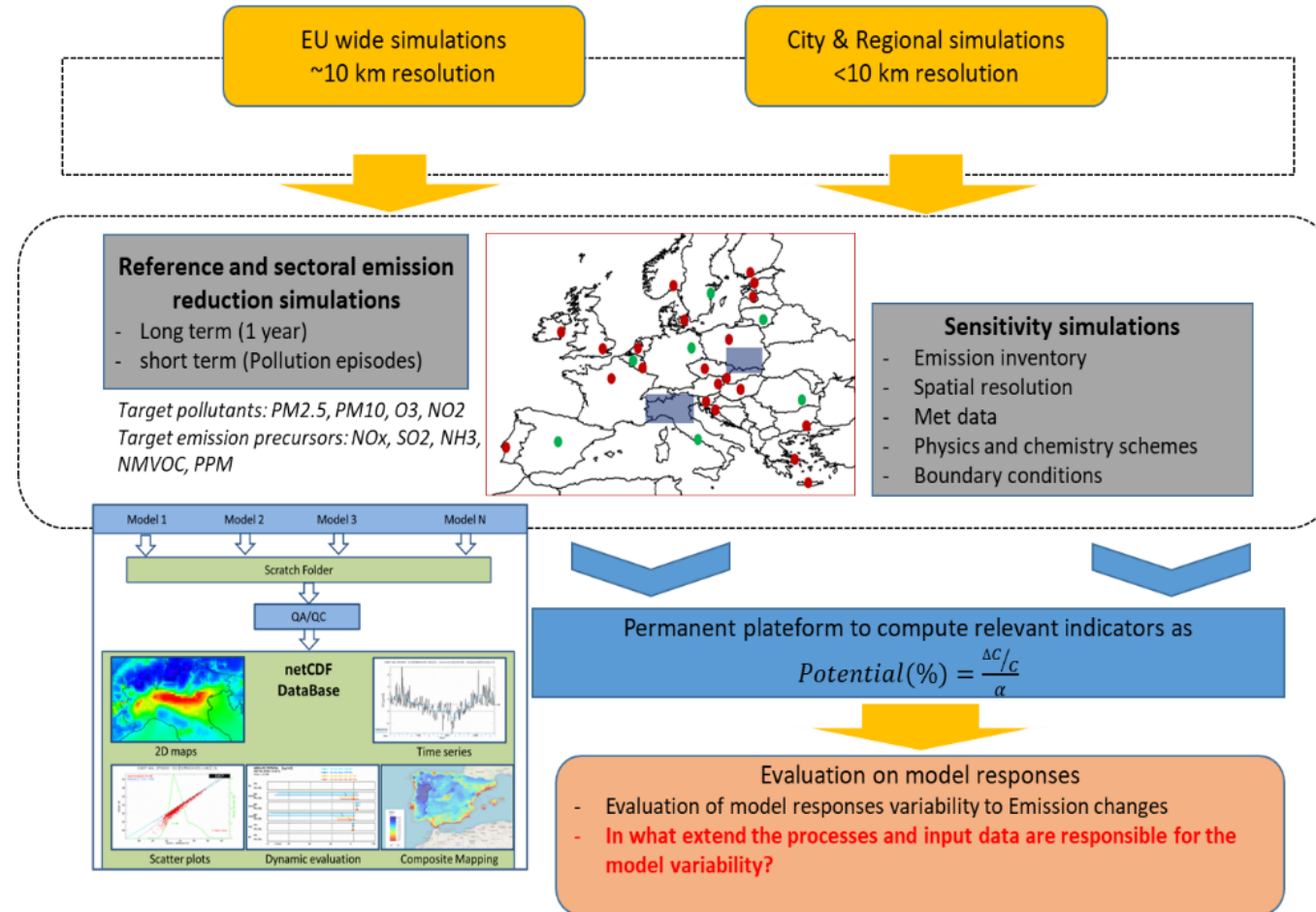
- What is the order of magnitude of differences? How to evaluate these differences? Which indicators?
- Can we explain the differences, what are the main drivers?

# Models and teams involved - Overview

## Constraints:

- Meteorology 2015
- Emission reductions 25 and 50%
- Target domains, periods (episodes)

Team name - Country	Model Name
JRC (EU)	EMEP
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ZAMG (AT)	WRF-Chem
Met Norway (NO)	EMEP
Met Norway (NO)	EMEP + uEMEP
Cyl (CY)	WRF-Chem
NKUA (GR)	WRF-Chem
DHMZ (HR)	ADMS-Urban
DHMZ (HR)	LOTOS-EUROS
LMD/IPSL (FR)	WRF-CHIMEREv2020r1
UH-CACP (UK)	WRF-CMAQ
CIEMAT (ES)	IFS-CHIMEREv2017r4
ENEA (IT)	WRF-MINNI
IRCELINE (BE)	CHIMERE + RIO + ATMOSTREET

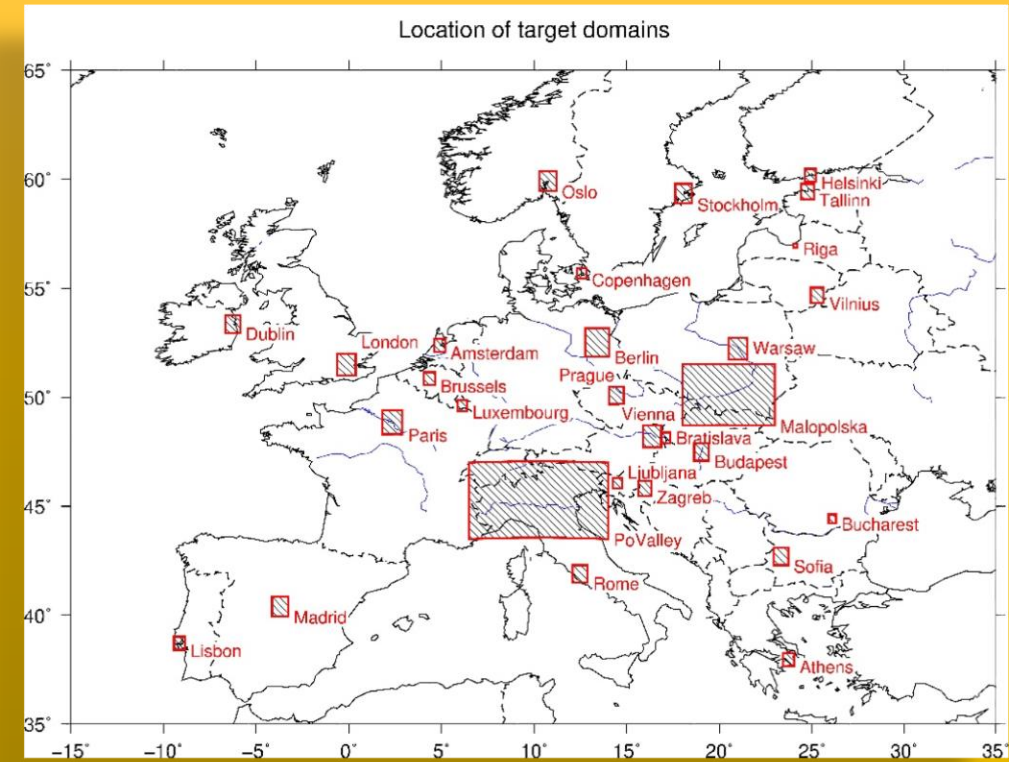


# The overall framework

## Set-up

- Short term (ST) on episodes
  - *Emissions reduced only during 2015 episodes from 00:00 to 23:00*
- Long term (LT) simulations
  - *Emissions reduced for the whole year 2015*
- Two reductions so far:
  - 25% and 50% from a base case (BC)
- Reduced species depends on target pollutants
  - **PM10:** PPM, NO<sub>x</sub>, VOC, NH<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, **ALL** (All together )
  - **Ozone:** NO<sub>x</sub>, VOC, **ALL** (All together )

## Domains of emission reductions





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## Basis Indicators

- **Absolute Potential** defined as the reduction in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  scaled by the reduction  $\alpha$  of the scenario (25 or 50%) of a precursor from base case BC

- $API = (C_{SCEN} - C_{BC}) / (\alpha \times C_{BC})$  ( $API \times \alpha$  is the delta of concentrations)

- **Relative Potential** defined as the reduction in % scaled by the reduction  $\alpha$  of the scenario (25 or 50%) of precursor  $n$  from base case BC and by the BC concentrations.

- $RPI = (C_{SCEN} - C_{BC}) / (\alpha \times C_{BC})$

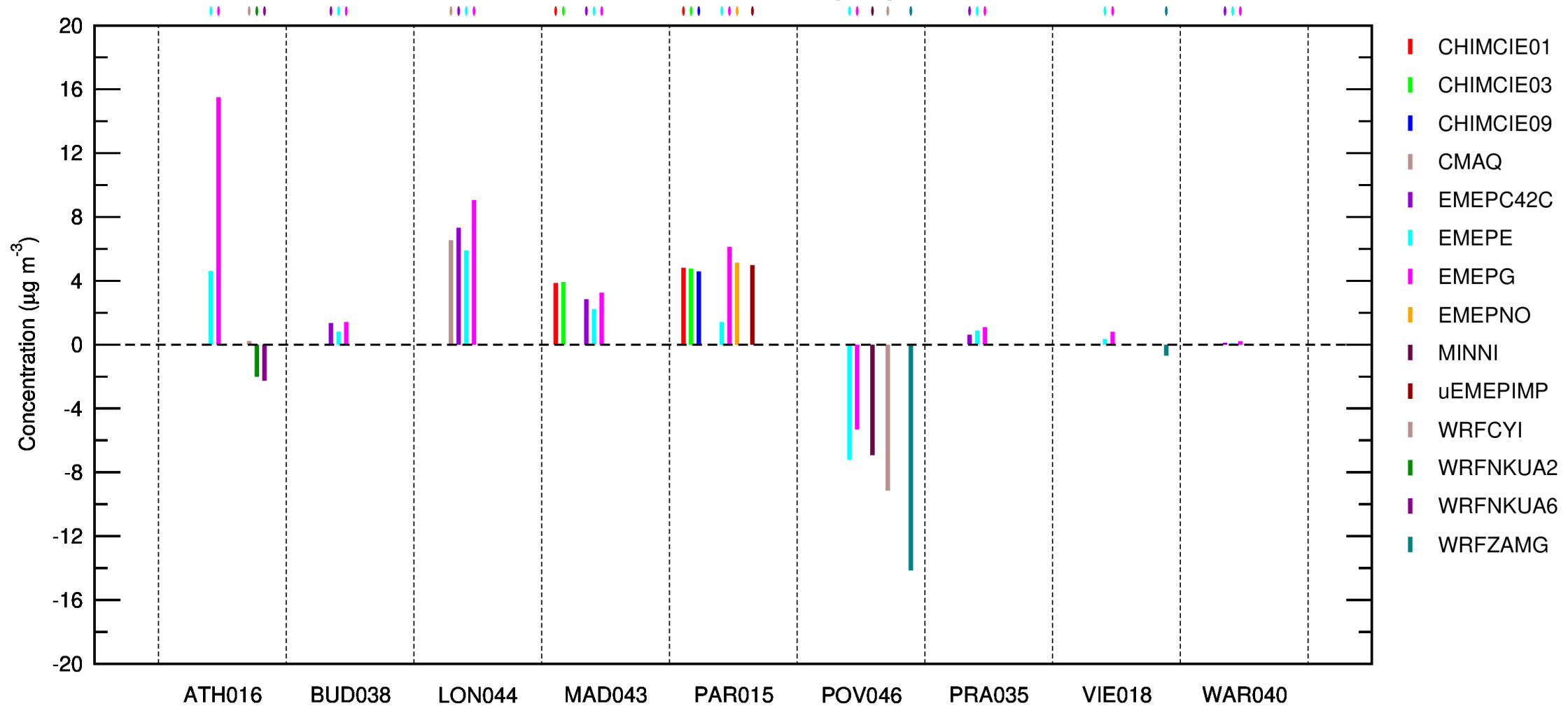
- **Absolute Potency** in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/(\text{ton}/\text{day})$  defined as the derivative of the concentration with respect to the emissions density  $E$  of a precursor or in other words the rate with which the concentrations ( $C$ ) will change as a result of an emission density  $E$ )

- $APy = (C_{SCEN} - C_{BC}) / (\alpha \times E_{BC})$

# Absolute Potential for O3 for NOx reduction

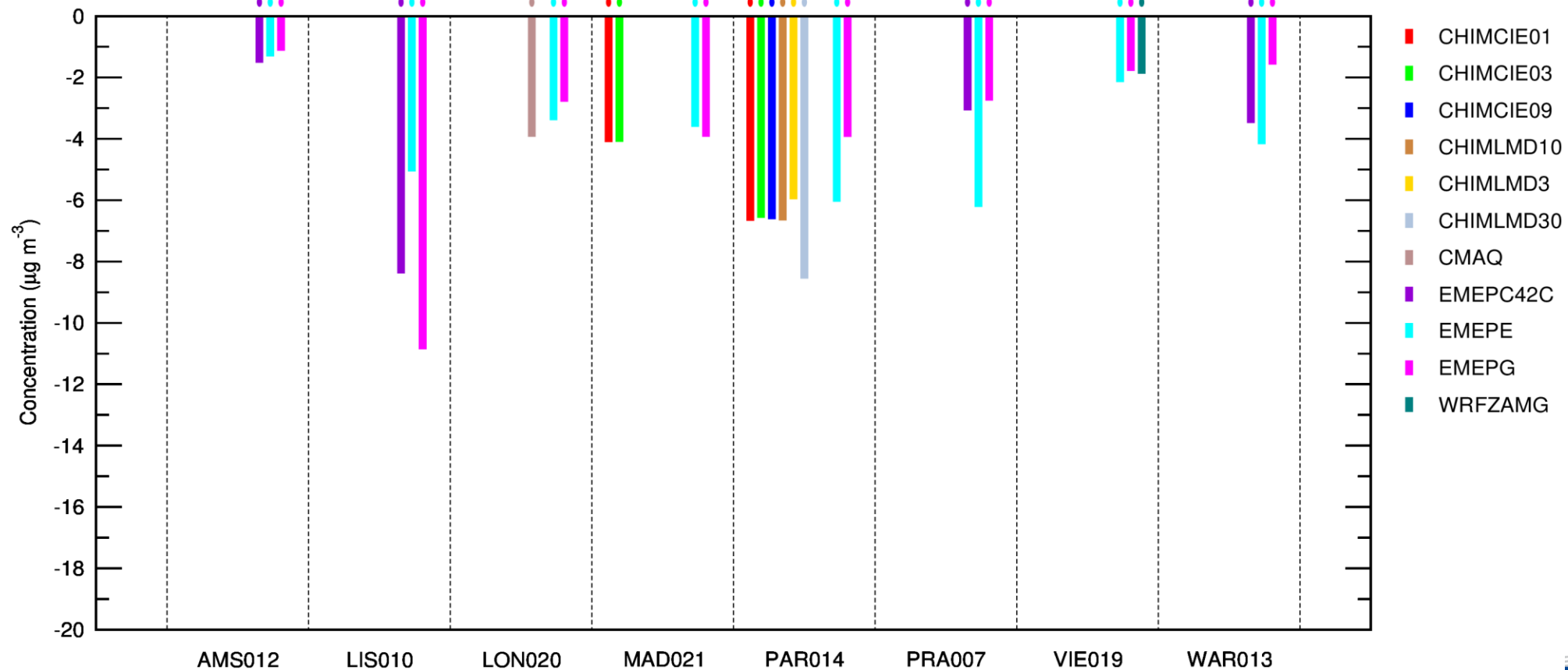
AbsPOTENTIAL50% Mean O3

NOx reduction (ST)



# Absolute Potential for PM10 with ALL pollutant reductions

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ALL reduction (ST)





# Other indicators

➤ **Variability** for each indicator

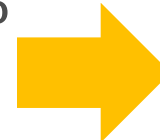
- IND = API, RPI, APY



Variability from models M assessed by Norm. Std. Dev.

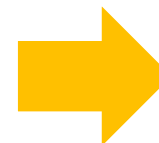
$$VAR_{IND} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{m=1}^M (IND_m - \overline{IND})^2}{(\overline{IND})^2}}$$

➤ Test of linearity using the 50% and 25% runs. **Deviation to linearity for API**



$$100 \times \left( \frac{API_{50\%} - API_{25\%}}{API_{25\%}} \right)$$

➤ Test of additivity using the ALL scenarios and “ADD” as the sum of individual precursors reductions. **Deviation to additivity for API, RPI**



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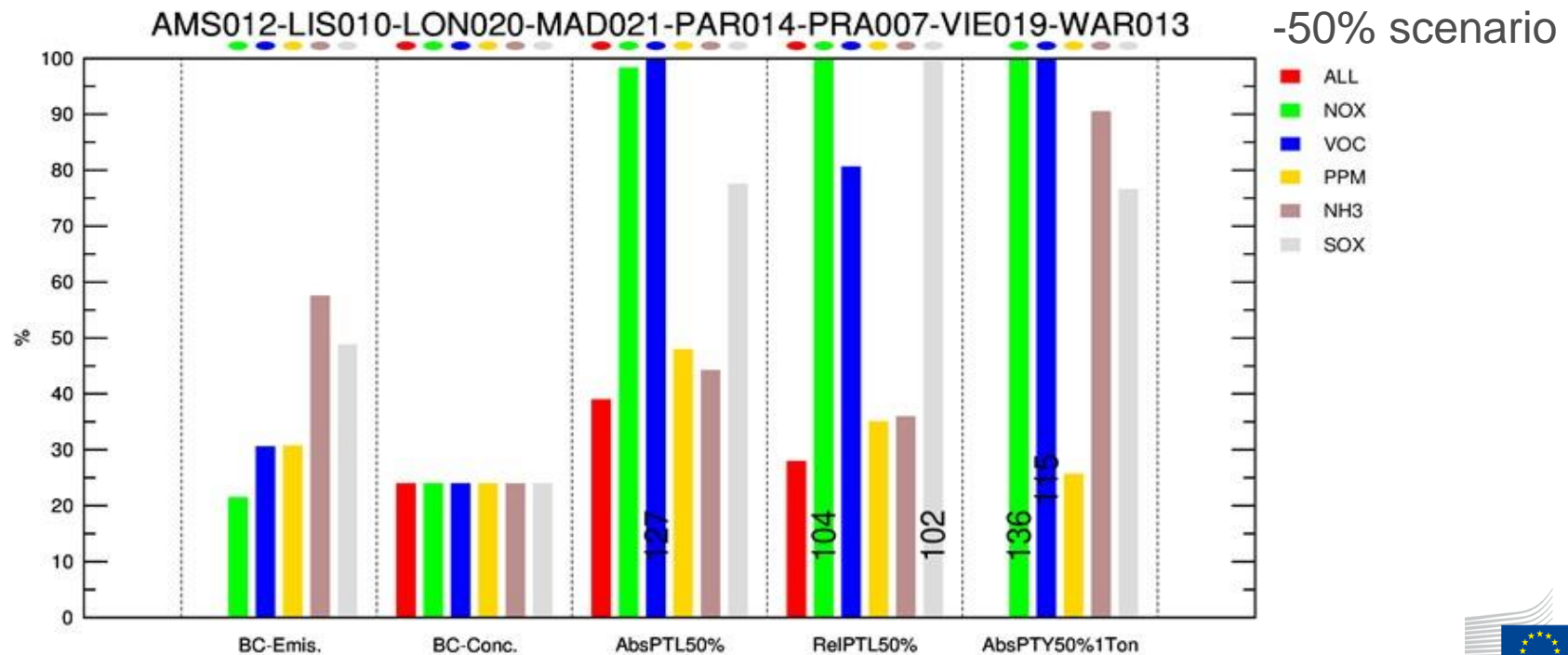
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## Variability for Mean PM10 ST



# Results on variability

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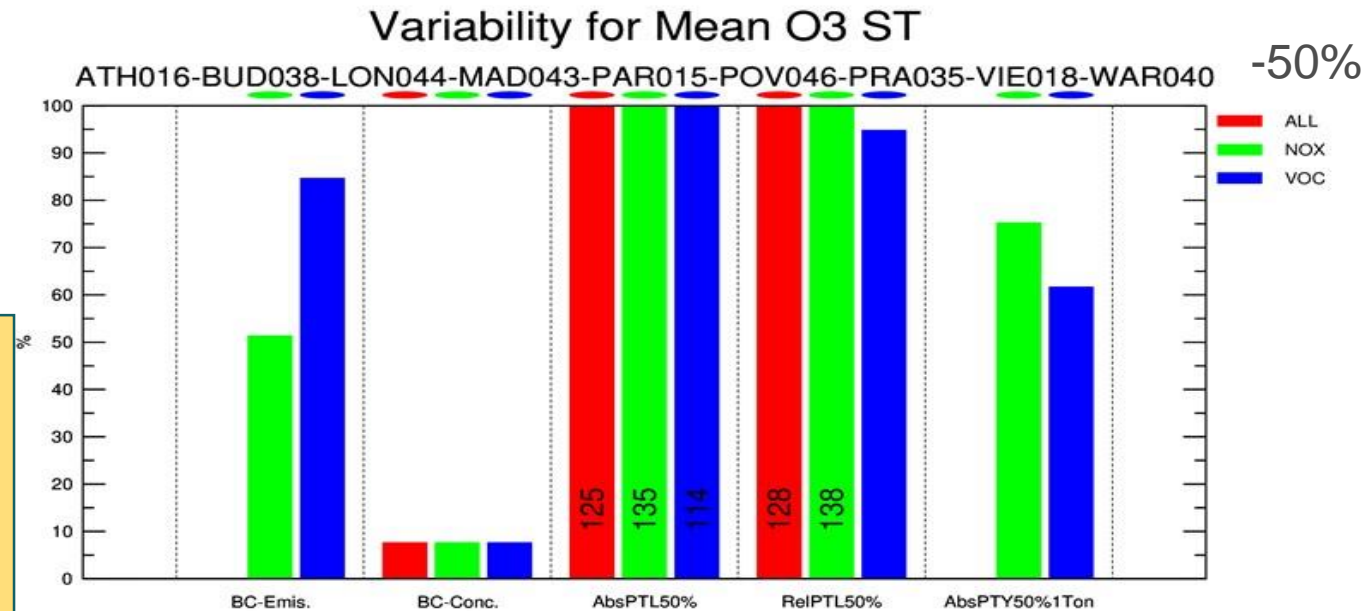
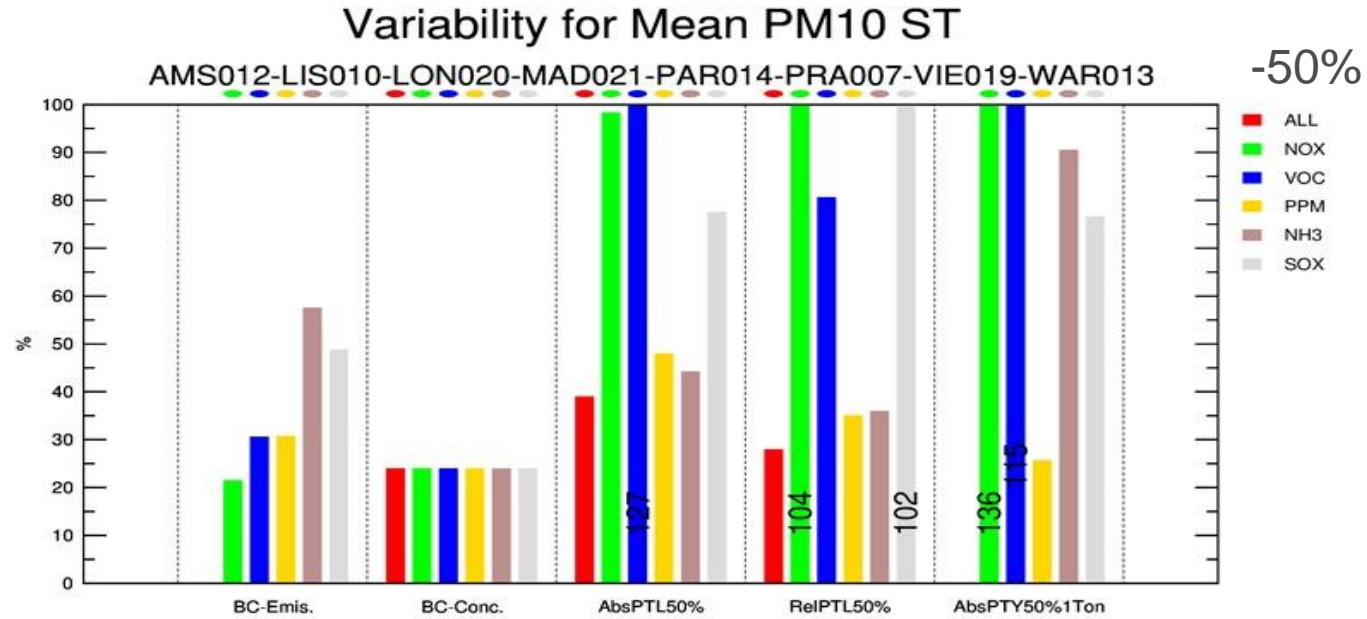
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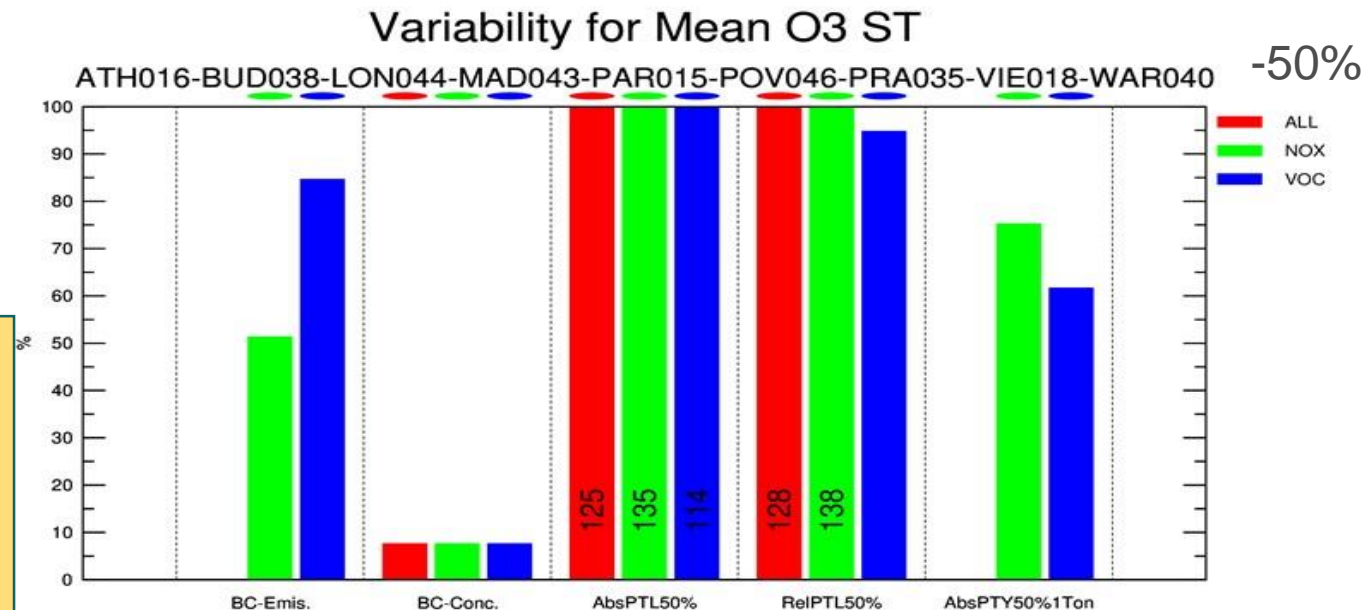
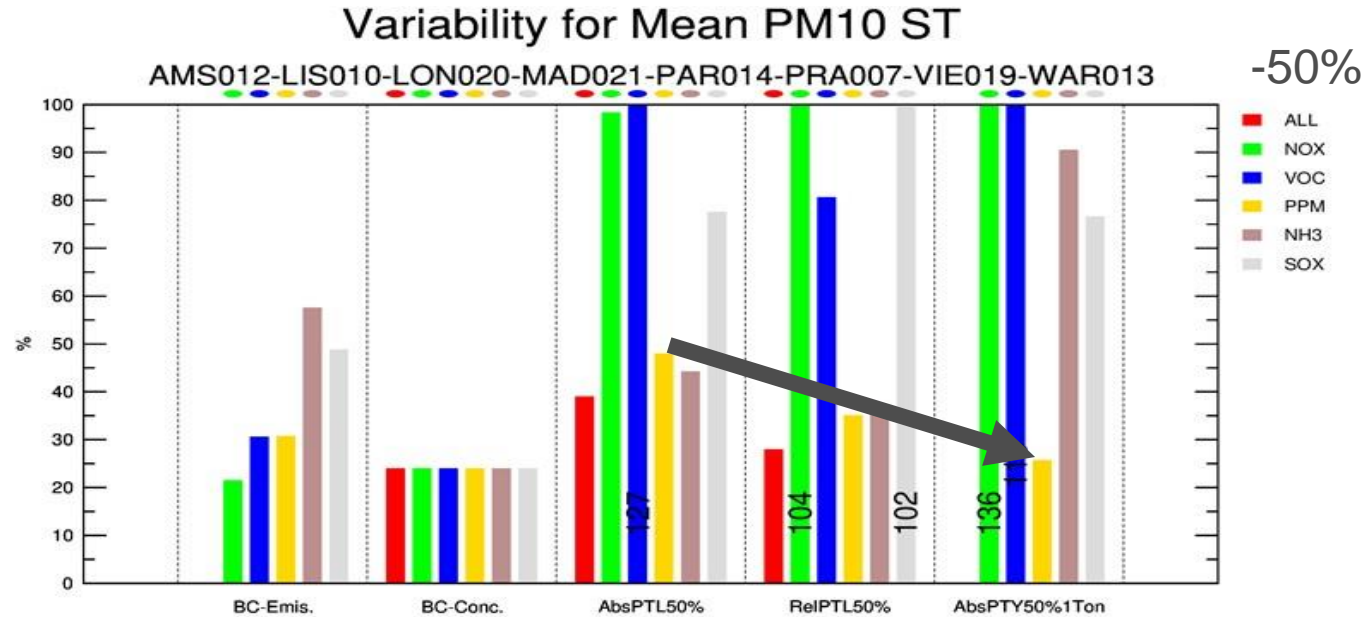
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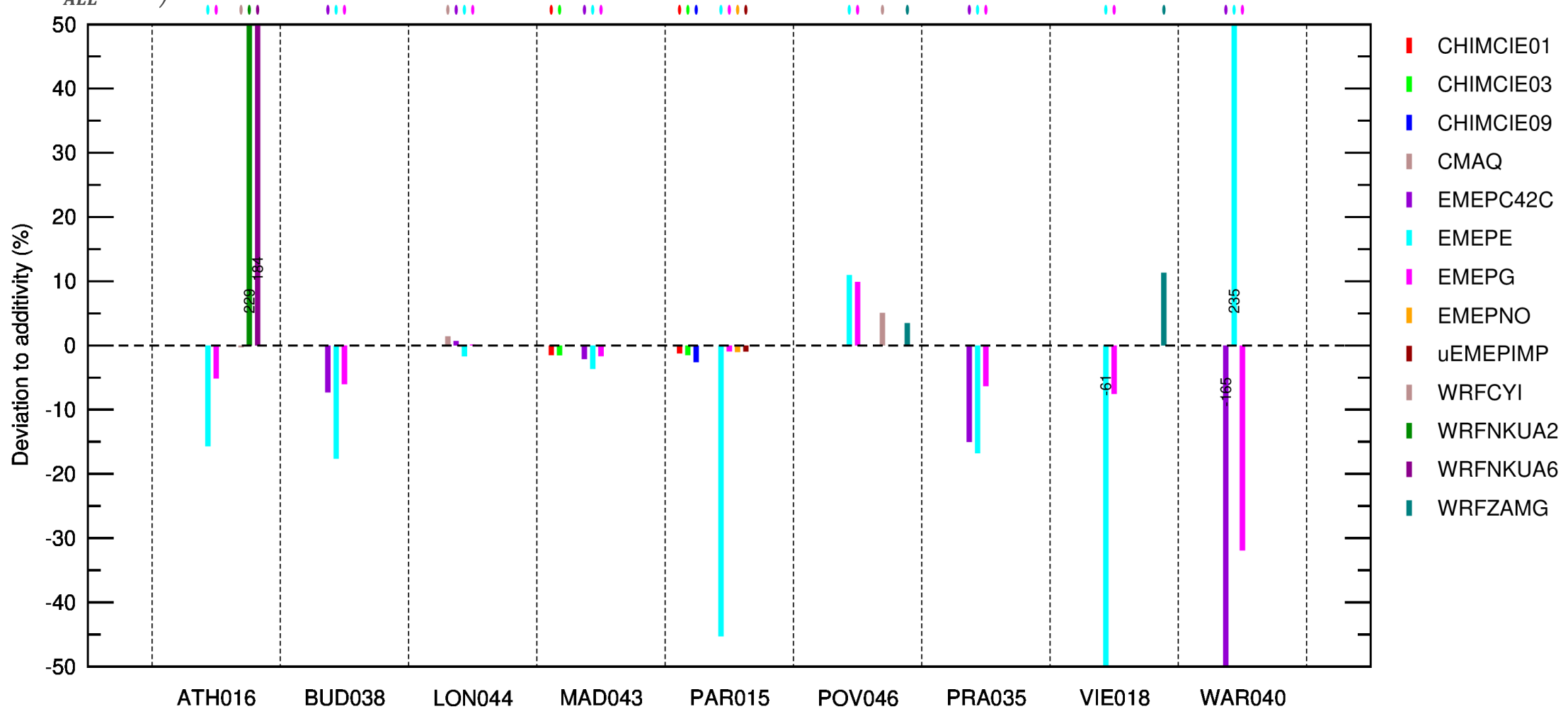


# Additivity on O3

*Deviation=0% means perfect additivity*

## AbsPOTENTIAL50% Mean O3 Additivity deviation ADDvsALL reduction (ST)

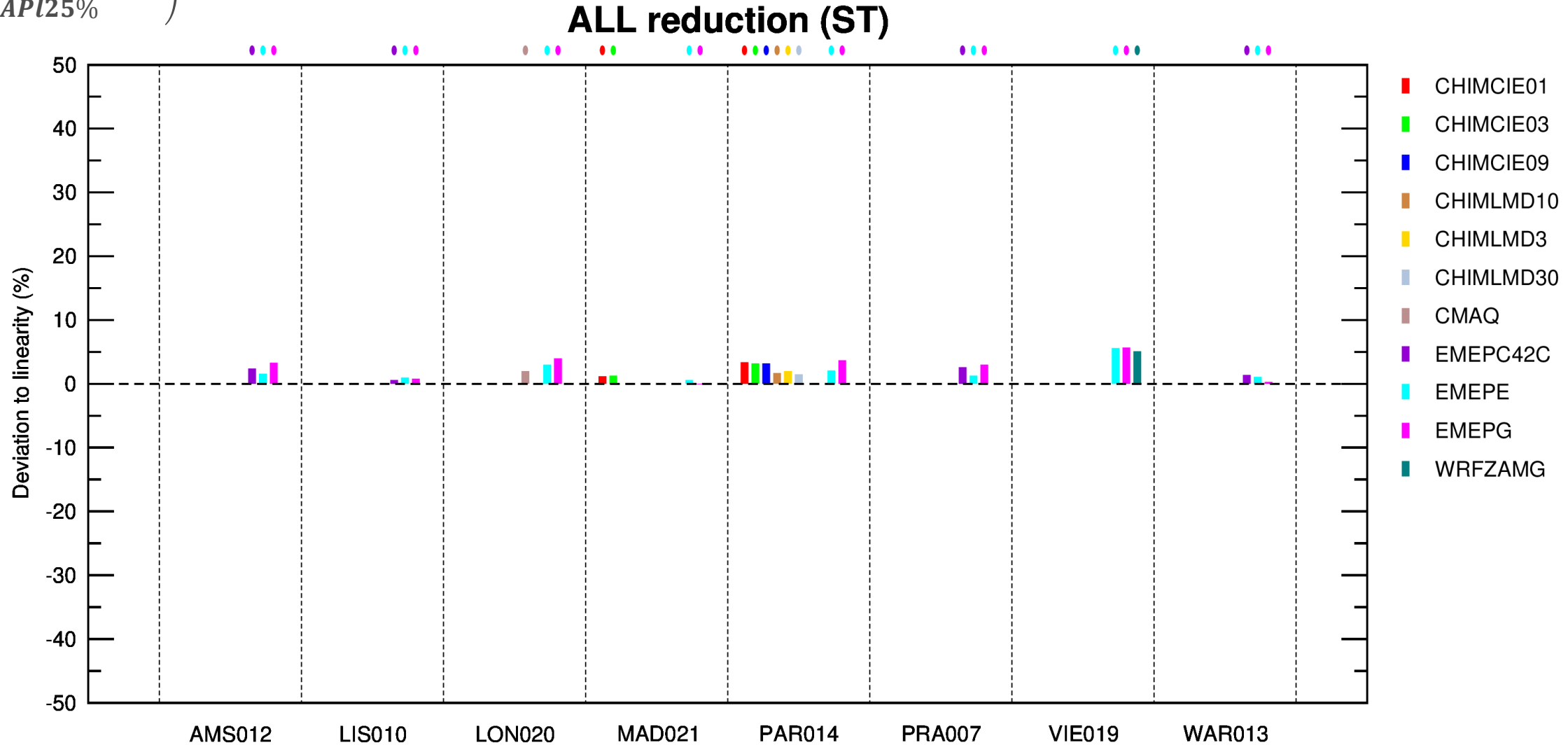
$$100 \times \left( \frac{APL_{ADD} - APL_{ALL}}{APL_{ALL}} \right)$$



# Linearity on PM10

*Deviation=0% means perfect linearity*

$$100 \times \left( \frac{API50\% - API25\%}{API25\%} \right)$$





# Conclusions

## ➤ High variability of indicators observed in our first results

- Larger variability on model responses to emission reduction than for absolute values!
- Less variability between models for the Potency compare to Potential

## ➤ Next steps

- ✓ FAIRMODE meeting in Oslo (18-20th October 2022)
- ✓ Rough analyses and paper I (presentation of the exercise)
- ✓ In depth work in sub groups on the impact of:
  - *Resolution (CIEMAT, LMD, NKUA)*
  - *Chemistry (CIEMAT, NKUA)*
  - *Emissions on LT (Alexander de Meij – METCLIM/JRC) → **Presentation by Kees Cuvelier***
- ✓ Possible extension investigating the impact on threshold exceedances using observations
  - Impact at stations applying an absolute or relative delta

## ➤ Other modelling groups are welcome!

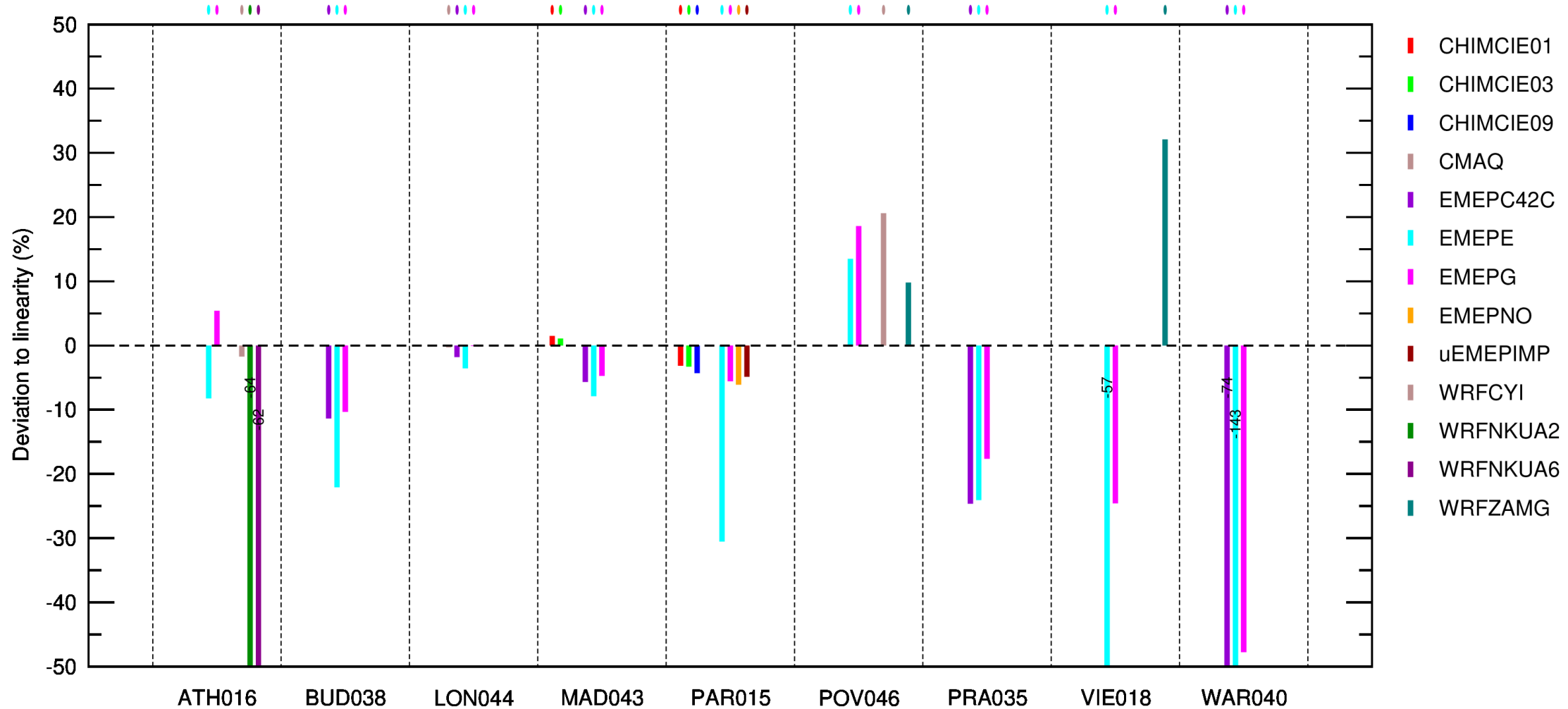
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# Linearity on O3

AbsPOTENTIAL(50%)/AbsPOTENTIAL(25%) Mean O3

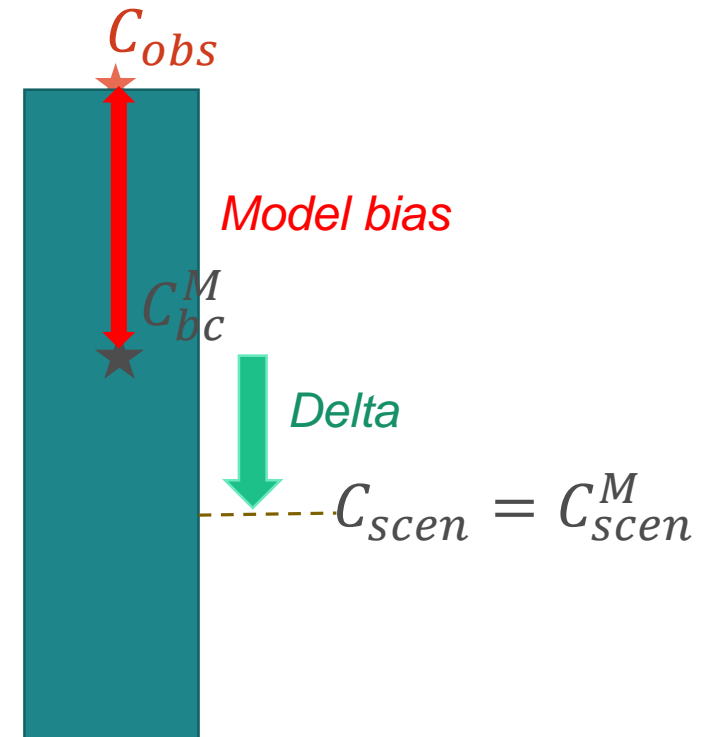
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- A Model Concentration Delta can be applied to an observation  $C_{obs}$  to evaluate a scenarios based on ‘bc’ reference and ‘scen’ simulations:

- Absolute (for O3?):  $C_{scen} = C_{obs} + \overbrace{(C_{scen}^M - C_{bc}^M)}^{delta}$
- Relative (for NO2 or PM?):  $C_{scen} = C_{obs} \times (C_{scen}^M - C_{bc}^M) / C_{bc}^M$
- ***Techniques often used but rarely assessed***

*Mod.+obs only based method*

