

Modelling of Biogenic Volatile Organic Compounds Emissions over Italy

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Why ?

1. Develop a Plant-Specific emission model (**BIOVOC**) based on an **accurate recognition of plants over the Italian territory**;
2. Compare BVOCs emissions estimated by BIOVOC model with MEGAN model ones;
3. Compare CTM (with BIOVOC/MEGAN) BVOCs predicted concentrations with **measurements** collected during the QuASAR (**Qualità dell'Aria Studi Ambientali e Ricerca**) experimental field campaign (July 14-16, 2015).

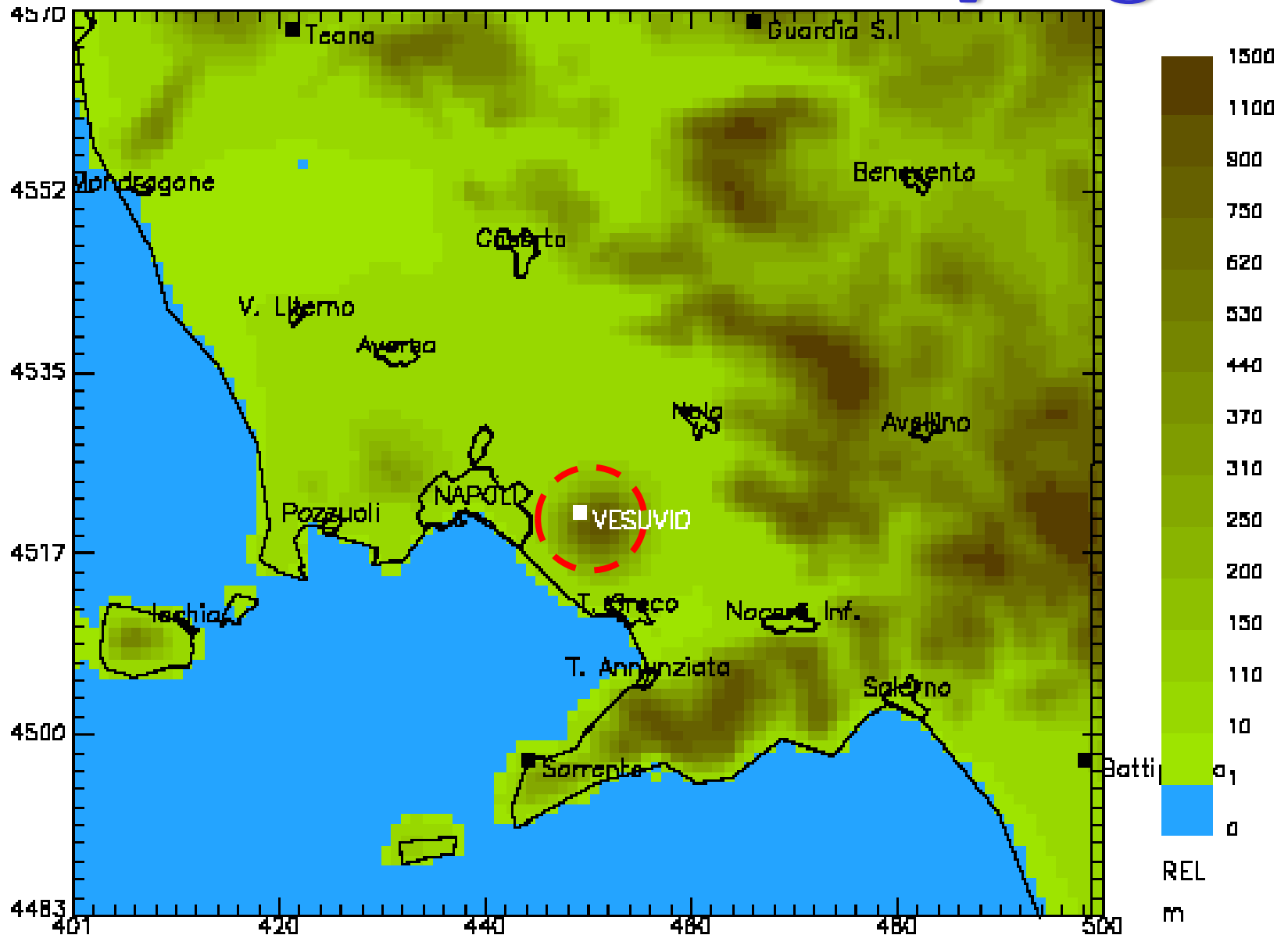
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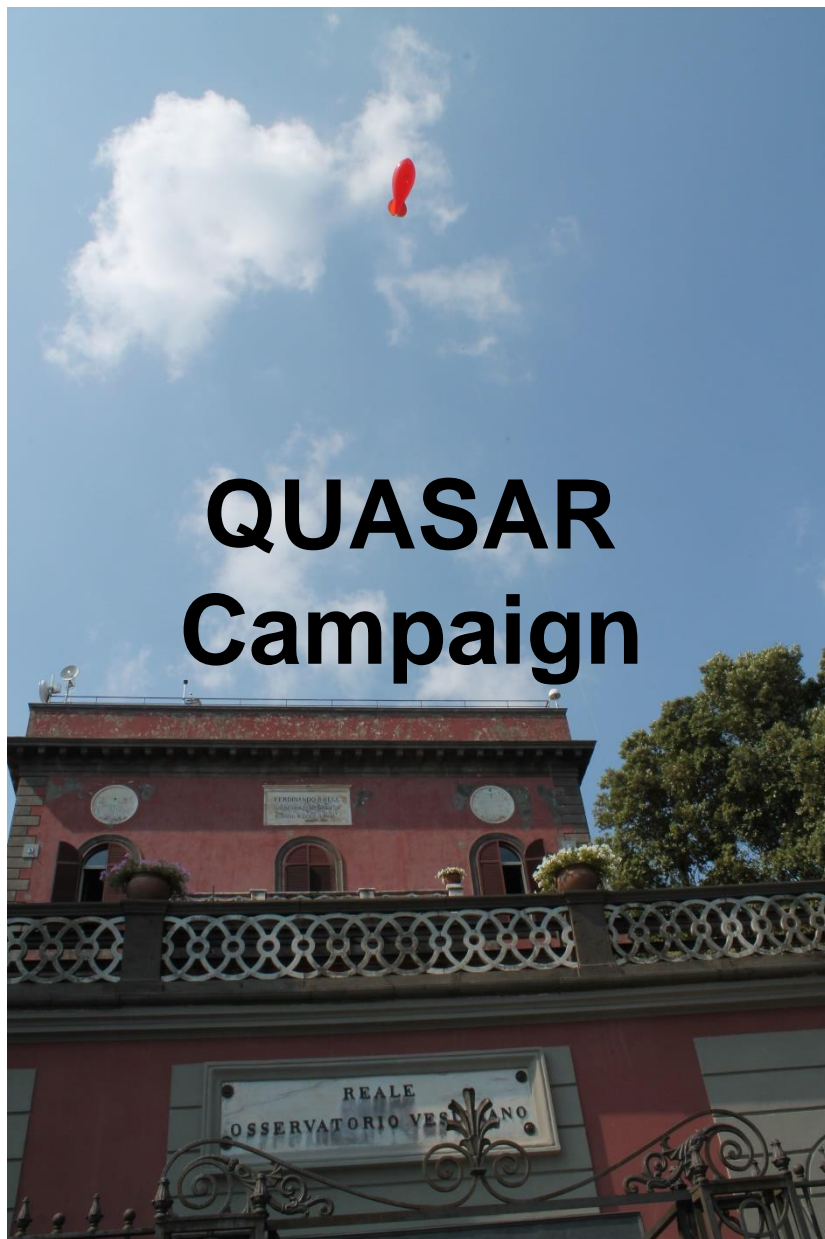


Where QuASAR Campaign ?



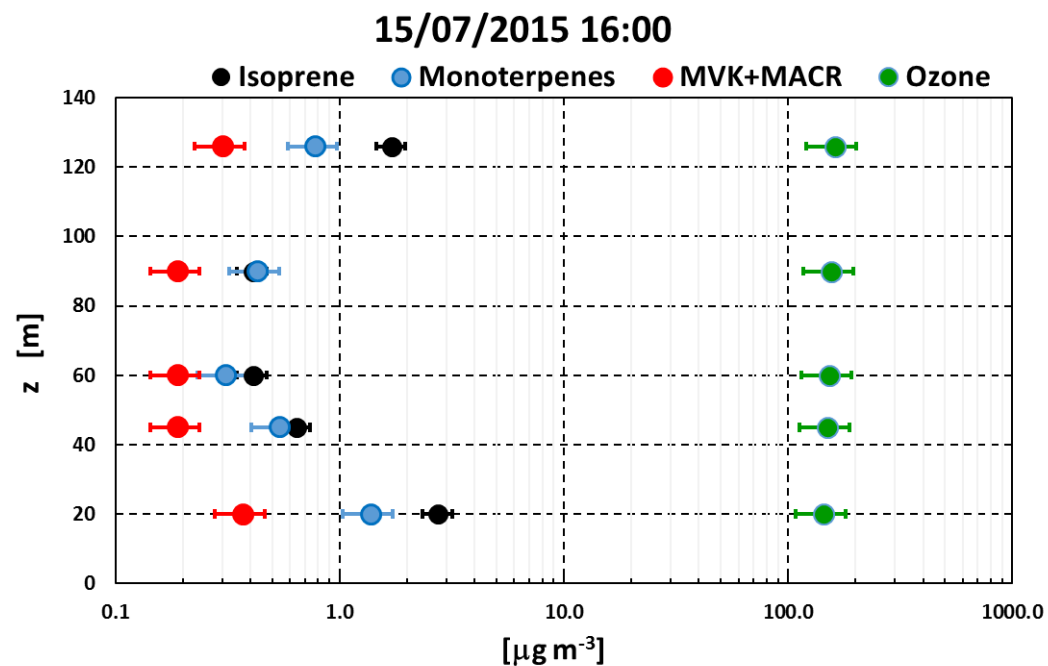
Where QuASAR Campaign ?





QUASAR Campaign

A **tethered balloon**, filled with 9 m³ of helium, was used to lift the inlet of a Teflon sampling line connected to a Proton Transfer Reaction - Mass Spectrometer (**PTR-MS**) measuring different **BVOC compounds** to altitudes **up to 100 m** above the Vesuvius Observatory (614 m a.s.l.). **Three measurements per day** were performed during the campaign (July 14-16, 2015).



Plant-Specific emission model

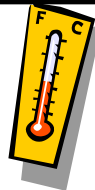
Based on: Pacheco *et al.*, 2015: A highly spatially resolved GIS-based model to assess the isoprenoid emissions from key Italian ecosystems. *Atm. Environ.*, 96, 50-60

- **Tree species/Vegetation types**
- **Basal Emission Factors** (BEF, $\mu\text{g g (DW)}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$): express the capacity of plants to emit isoprenoids under so called “basal conditions” ($T= 30^\circ\text{C}$ and $\text{PAR}=1000 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$).

Environmental Correction factors



LIGHT



TEMP



SEASON (γ_s)

- Foliar biomass (LAI)
- phenology enzymes activity photosynthesis



CANOPY (γ_c)

Leaves emissive characteristics under direct sunlight or shaded



LITTER (γ_L)

emissions from dead biomass accumulated on the soil



Synthesis (E_{L+T})
ISOP,OVOC, MTS




Pool (E_T)
MTP,SQT




Emission rates

The real emission rate (E_{real}) [$\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$] is expressed by following eq.:

$$E_{\text{real}} = \underbrace{(E_{\text{max}})}_{\text{CANOPY}} \cdot \underbrace{\gamma_S}_{\text{SEASON}} \cdot \underbrace{\gamma_C}_{\text{CANOPY}} \cdot \underbrace{(1 + \gamma_L)}_{\text{LITTER}} \cdot \underbrace{D_B}_{\text{foliar biomass density}}$$



Synthesis emission
 E_{L+T}
 ISOP, OVOC, MTS

$$E_{L+T, \text{max}} = BEF_{\text{max}} C_L C_T$$


Pool emission
 E_T
 MTP, SQT

$$E_{T, \text{max}} = BEF_{\text{max}} \exp[-\beta(T - T_S)]$$

C_L and C_T are activity factors accounting for light and temperature, β an empirical coefficient equal to $0.09 \text{ } ^\circ\text{K}^{-1}$, T is the leaf temperature ($^\circ\text{K}$) and T_S is the leaf temperature at standard conditions ($=303.15 \text{ } ^\circ\text{K}$).

Basal Emission Factors

Tree species

Nr.	Specie	Foliar biomass density	E°_{\max} Isoprene	E°_{\max} MTS (T+L)	E°_{\max} MTP (T)	E°_{\max} SQT (T)	E°_{\max} OVOC METHANOL 80% (L+T)	Leaf seas. type	Seas. Type Karl et al.
1	Acer campestre	270	0	1.5	0	0.001	10	0	dec
2	Acer monspessulanum	270	0	2	0	0.001	10	0	dec
3	Acer platanoides	270	0.1	1.5	0	0.001	10	0	dec
4	Acer sp.	270	0	2	0	0.001	10	0	dec
5	Ailanthus Altissima	270	0	0	0	0	0	0	dec
6	Alnus cordata	270	0	0	0.72	0.001	2	0	dec
7	Alnus glutinosa	270	0	1.5	0	0.001	10	0	dec
8	Alnus incana	270	0	1.5	0	0.001	10	0	dec
9	Arbutus unedo	300	0.1	0	0.2	0.001	2	0	dec
10	Betula pendula	230	0	0	1.5	0.15	2	0	dec
11	Betula pubescens	230	0	2	0.2	0.2	2	0	dec
12	Carpinus betulus	300	0	0.5	0	0.001	10	0	dec
13	Carpinus orientalis	300	0	0	0	0.001	10	0	dec

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Vegetation types

86	Transitional Woodland-Shrub	400	5	5	5	0.01	2	0	eve
87	Sparsely Vegetated Areas	140	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.001	2	2	eve
88	Inland Marshes	200	10	1	1	0.001	2	2	eve
89	Peatbogs	330	10	1	1	0.001	2	2	eve
90	Salt-Marshes	200	10	1	1	0.001	2	2	eve
91	Broad-Leaved Forest	360	15	5	0.5	0.001	2	2	dec
92	Coniferous Forest	950	3	2.5	2.5	0.001	2	3	eve
93	Mixed Forest	660	10	2	2	0.001	2	2	mix

Broadleaf forests (CLC level IV)

3.1.1.1

Forest areas covered by evergreen oaks and evergreen broadleaf species

Quercus:
Ilex (33%)
Suber (33%)
Coccifera (34%)

3.1.1.2

Forest covered by deciduous oaks

Quercus:
Cerris (40%)
Pubescens (40%)
Petraea (8%)
Frainetto (8%)
Robur (4%)

Tree species associated to each CLC subclasses (lev. IV) according to Italian regional forestry departments data

3.1.1.3

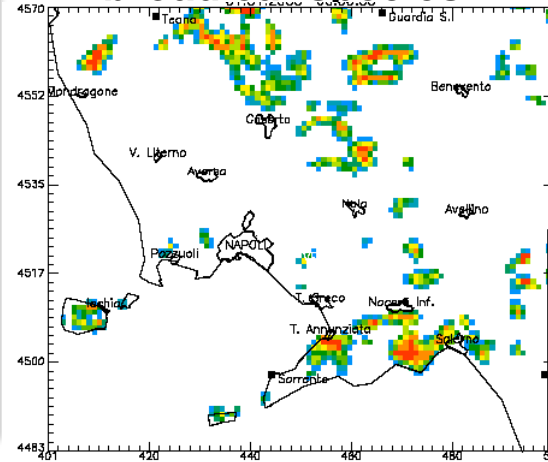
Mixed forest areas covered by autochthonous broadleaf species

Fraxinus excelsior 50%
Carpinus betulus 50%

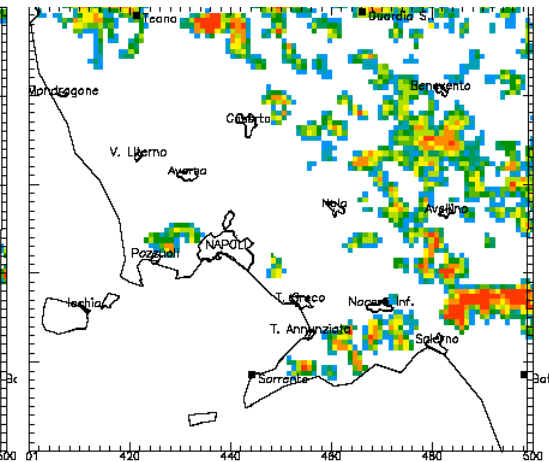
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Forest areas covered by *Fagus sylvatica* (100%)

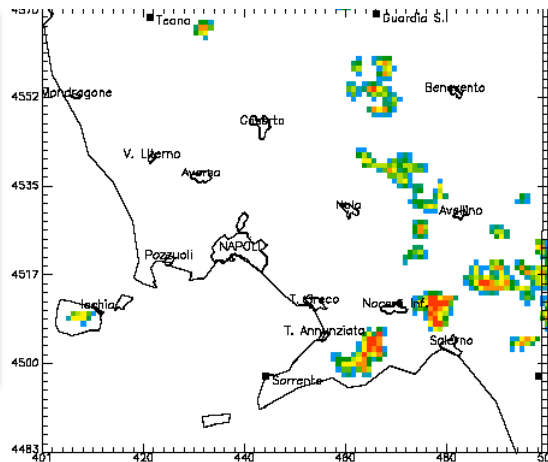
Evergreen oaks and broadleaf species



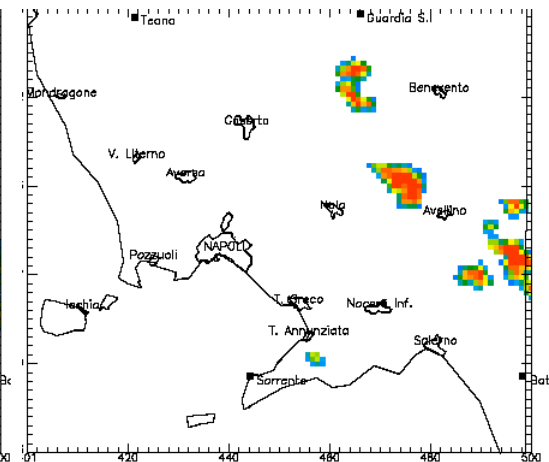
Deciduous oaks

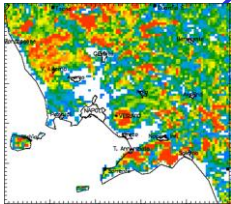
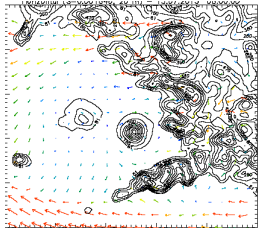
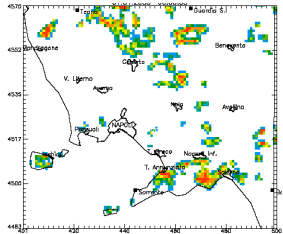
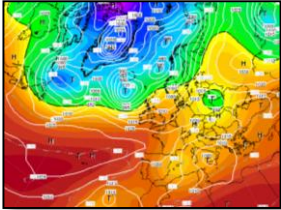
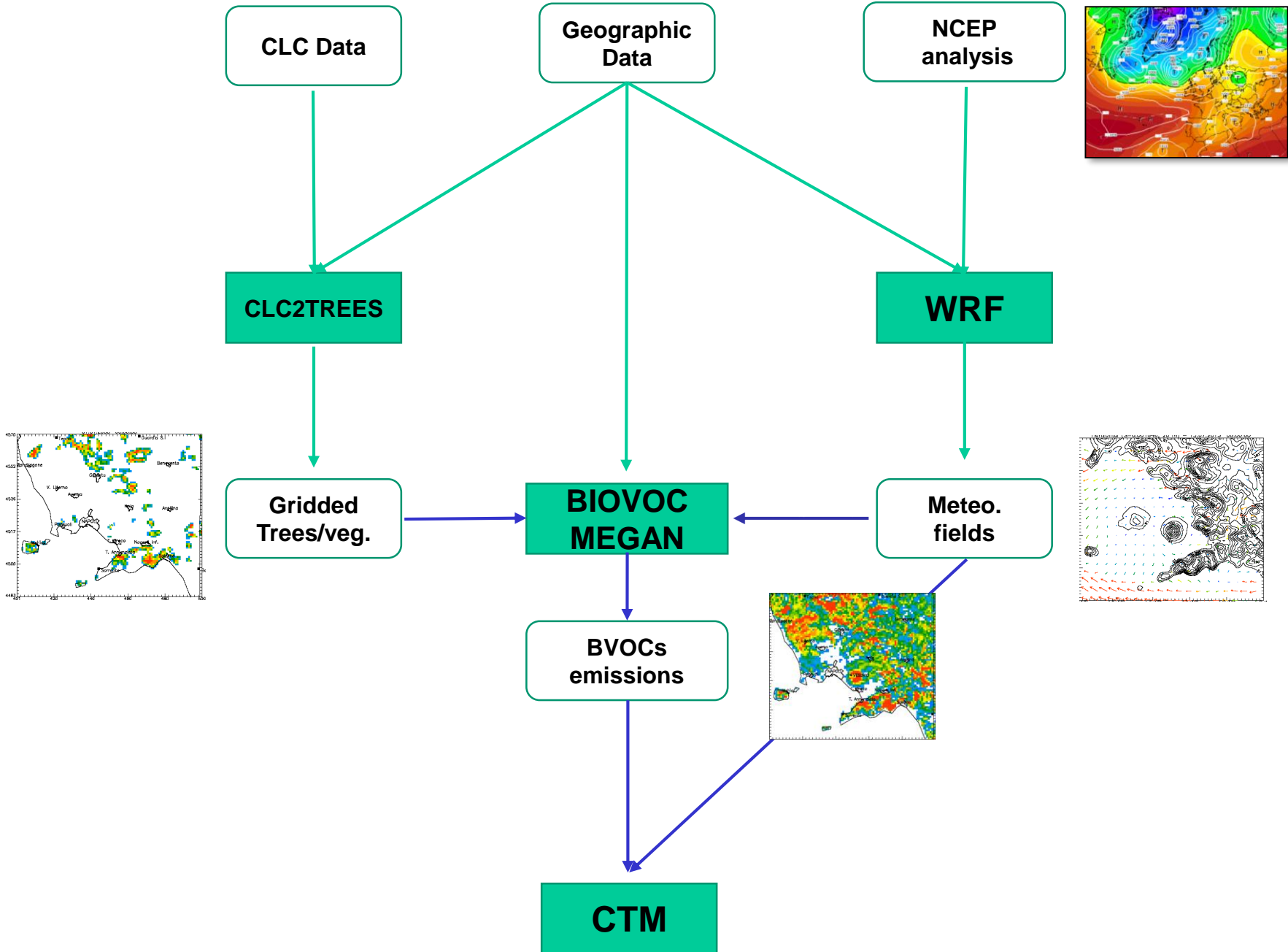


Mixed forest areas (autochthonous species)



Fagus sylvatica





CTM

BVOC emissions (July, 14-17 2015)

- Plant-Specific emission model (**BIOVOC**);
- **MEGAN v.04** model based on 4 Plant Functional types:
 1. Broadleaf trees;
 2. Needle leaf trees;
 3. Shrublands;
 4. Herbaceous.

Emissions from ISOP concentration Measurements and WRF PBL height (Mixed Boundary Layer Method)

$$ISOP_{emission} = ISOP_{concentration} \cdot \frac{PBL_{height}}{lifetime}$$



$$\frac{d[ISOP]}{dt} = -k[OH][ISOP]$$

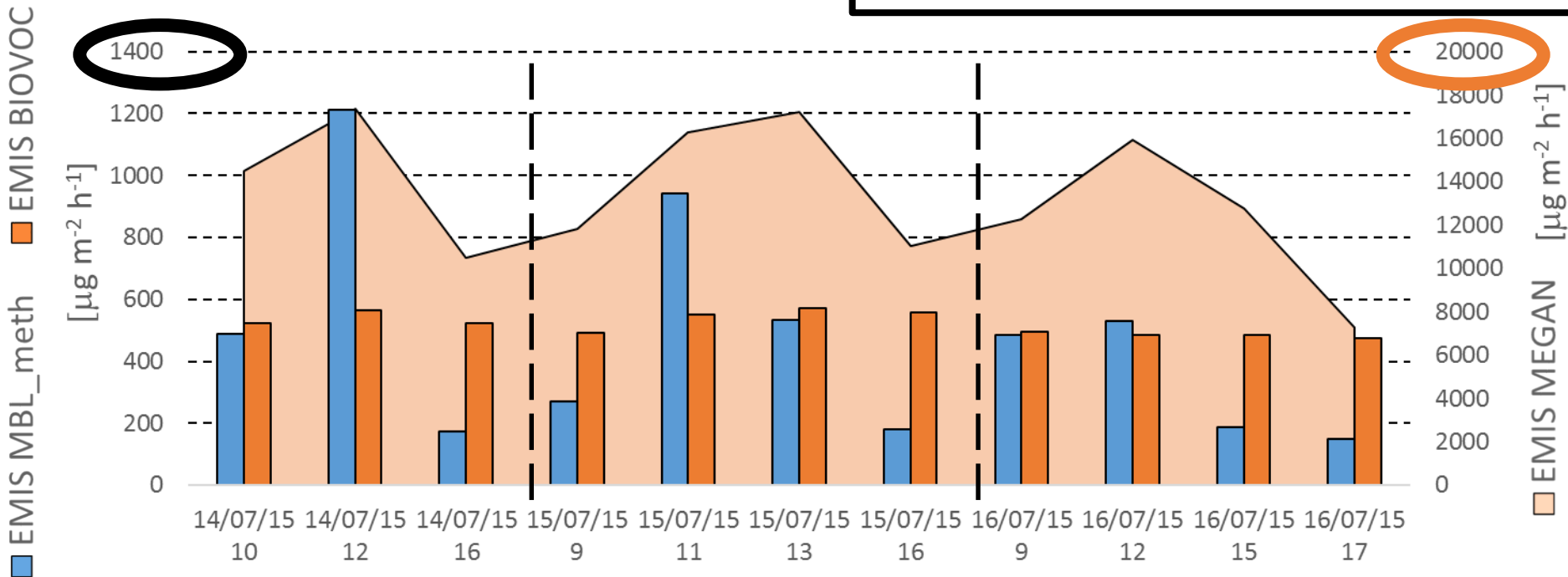
$$k = 9.9 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ (at 298 °K)}$$

$$[OH] = 1.5 \cdot 10^6 \text{ molec cm}^{-3}$$

Typical lifetime of ISOP:

$$\tau_{ISOP} = 1 / (k [OH]) = 1.9 \text{ hr}$$

Using WRF PBL height and typical lifetime



Emissions from TRP concentration measurements and WRF PBL height
(Mixed Boundary Layer Method)

$$TRP_{emission} = TRP_{concentration} \cdot \frac{PBL_{height}}{TRP_{lifetime}}$$

Using WRF PBL height and typical lifetime



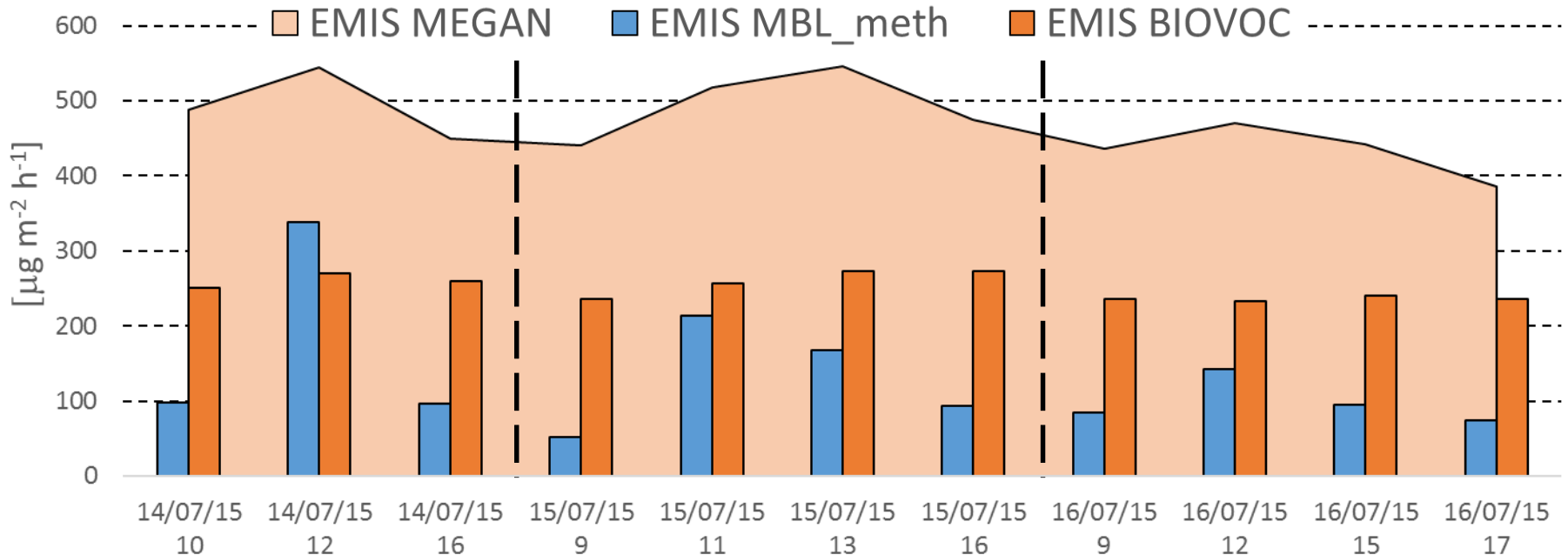
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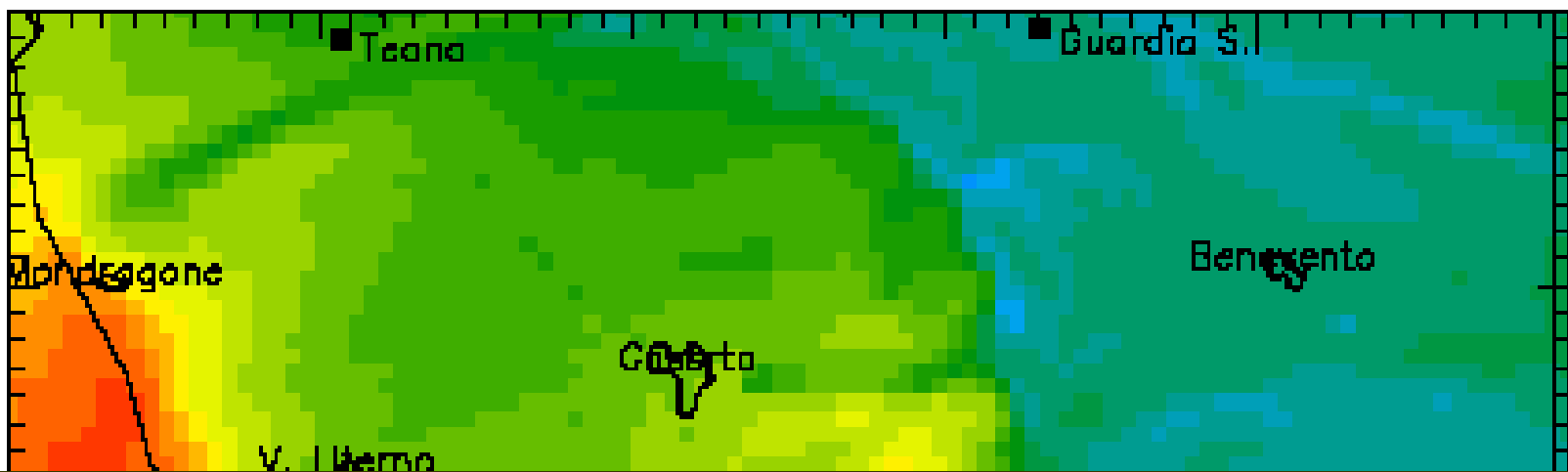
$$k = 8.2 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molec}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ (at 298 } ^\circ\text{K)}$$

$$[OH] = 1.5 \cdot 10^6 \text{ molec cm}^{-3}$$

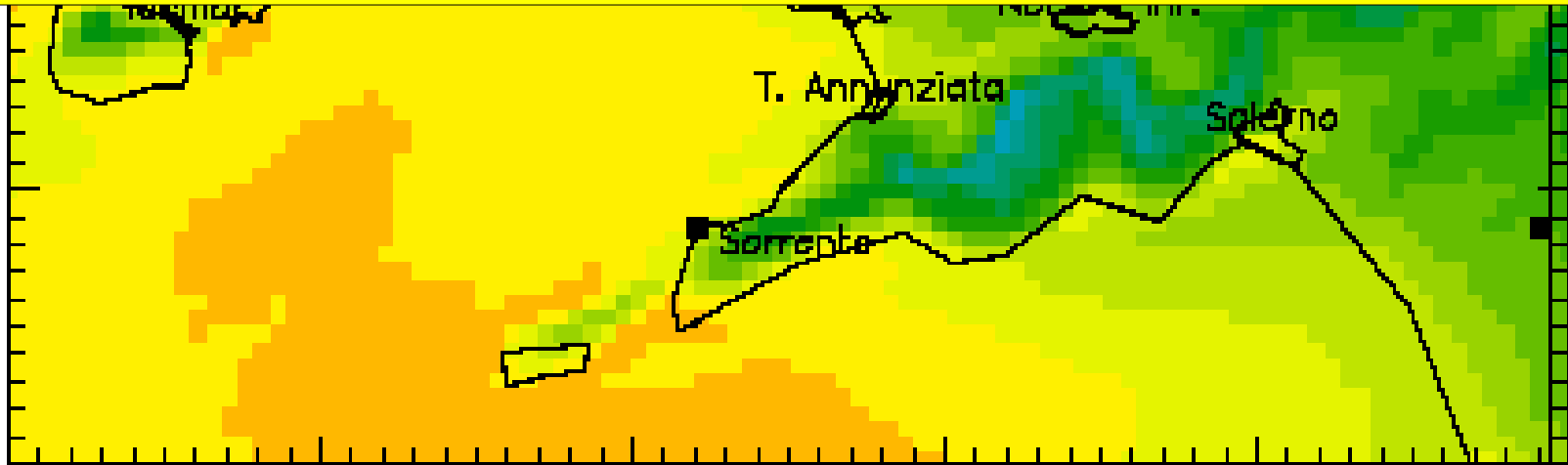
Typical lifetime of TRP:

$$\tau_{TRP1} = 1 / (k [OH]) = 2.3 \text{ hr}$$



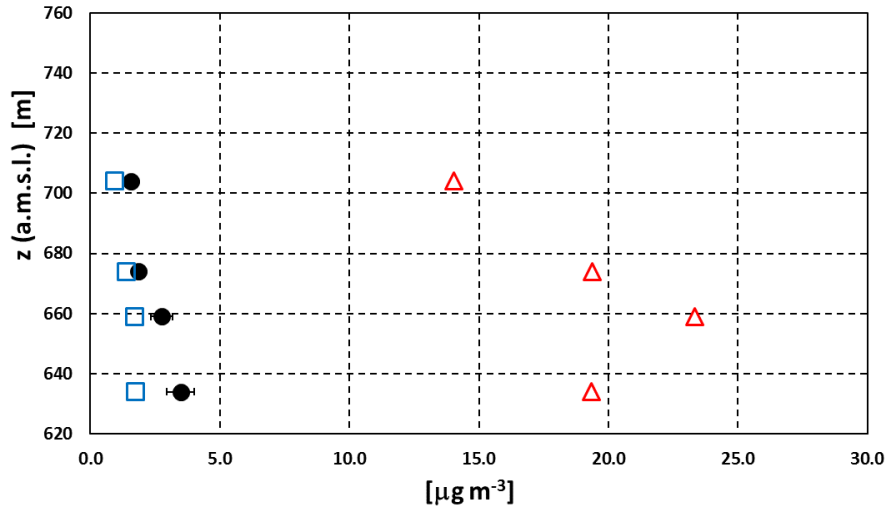


Observed and predicted BVOCs
vertical profiles using FARM
Chemical Transport Model

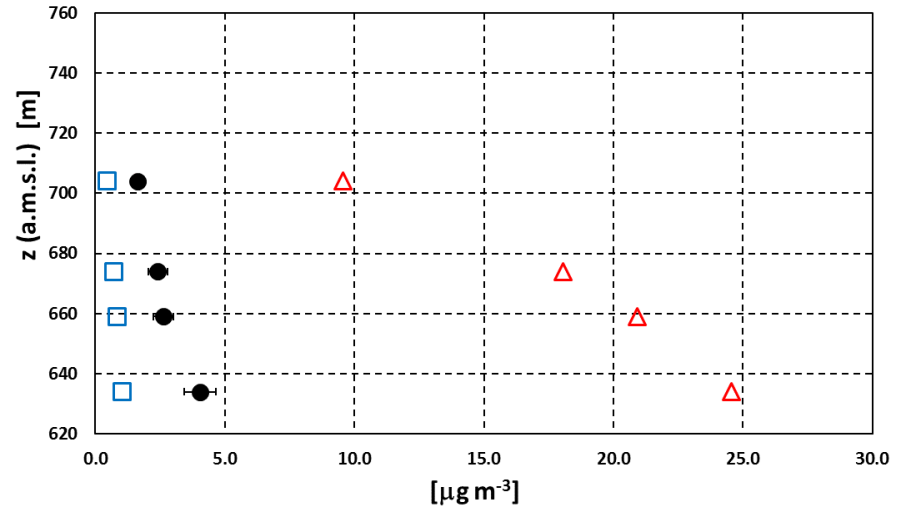


Isoprene

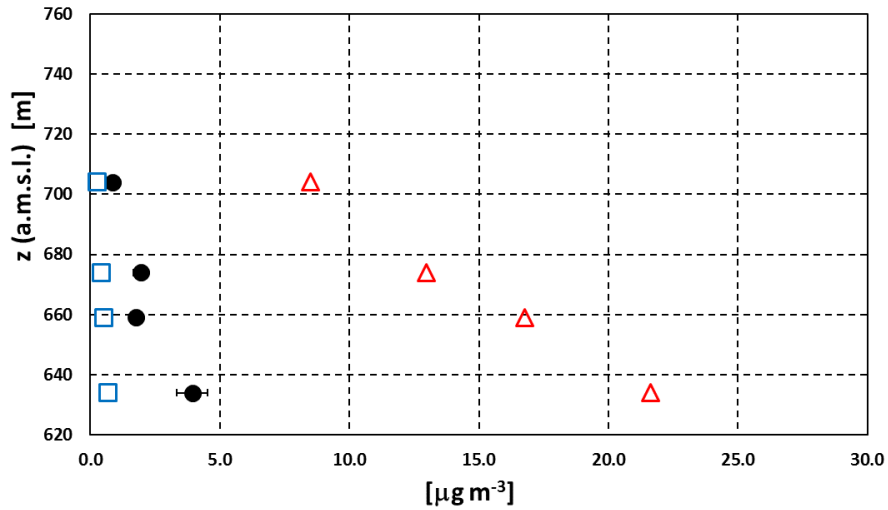
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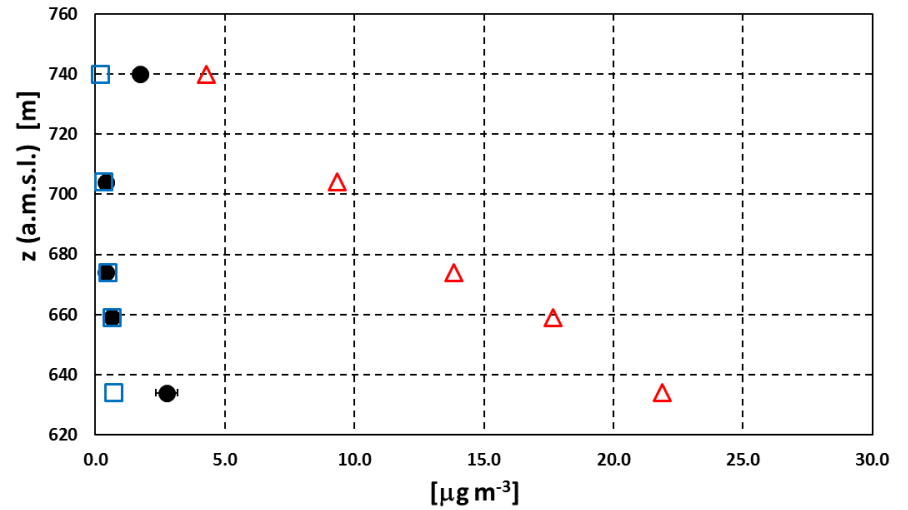
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ISOP - 15/07/15 hour: 16



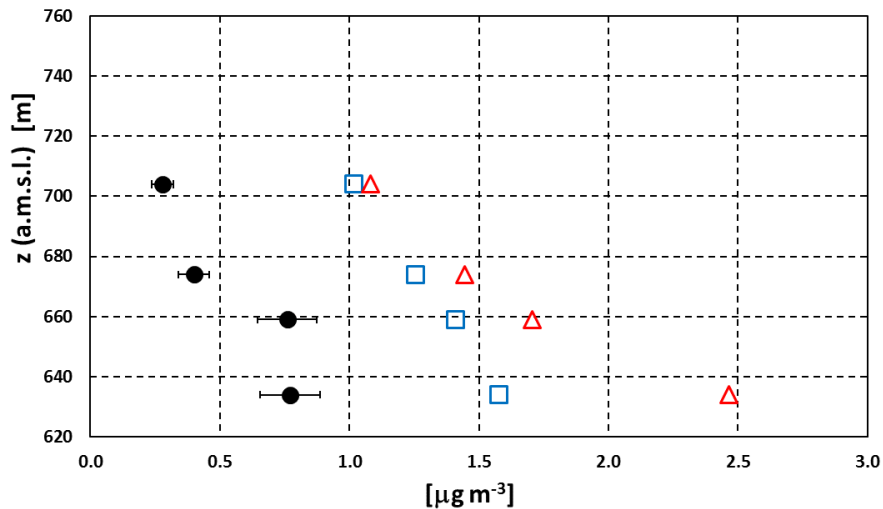
● PTRMS

□ BIOVOC

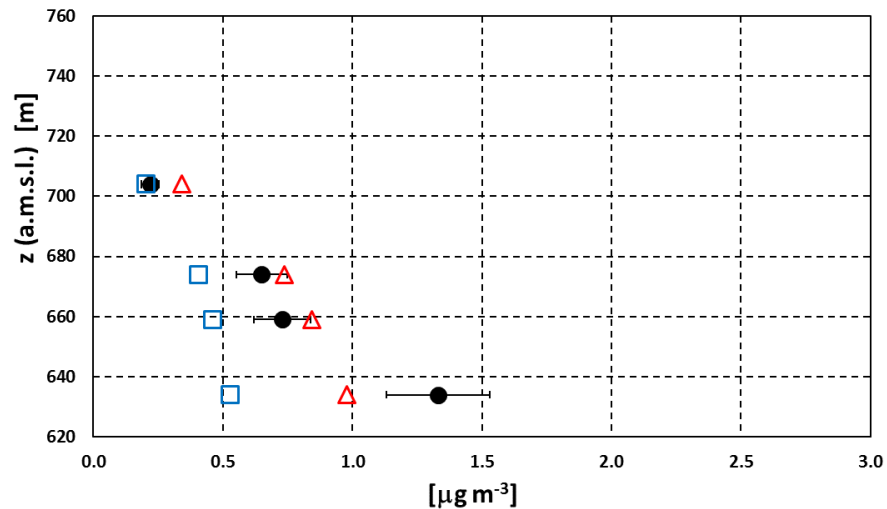
△ MEGAN

Monoterpenes

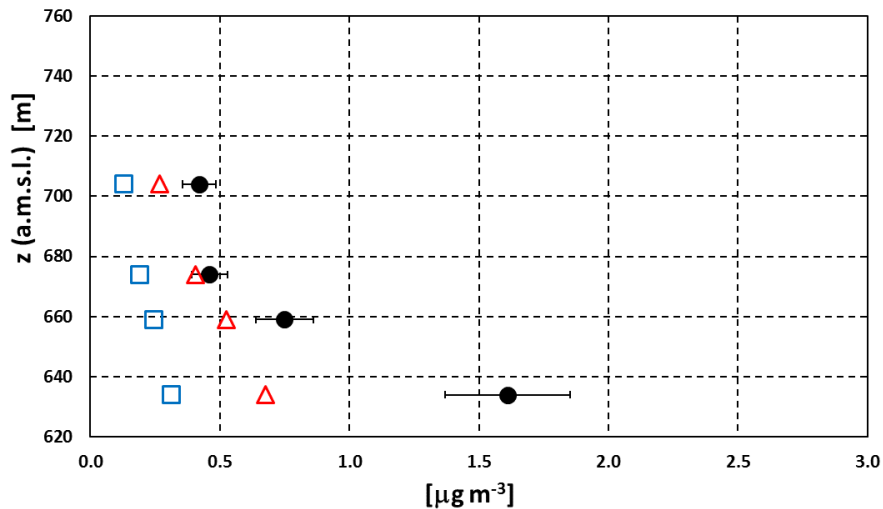
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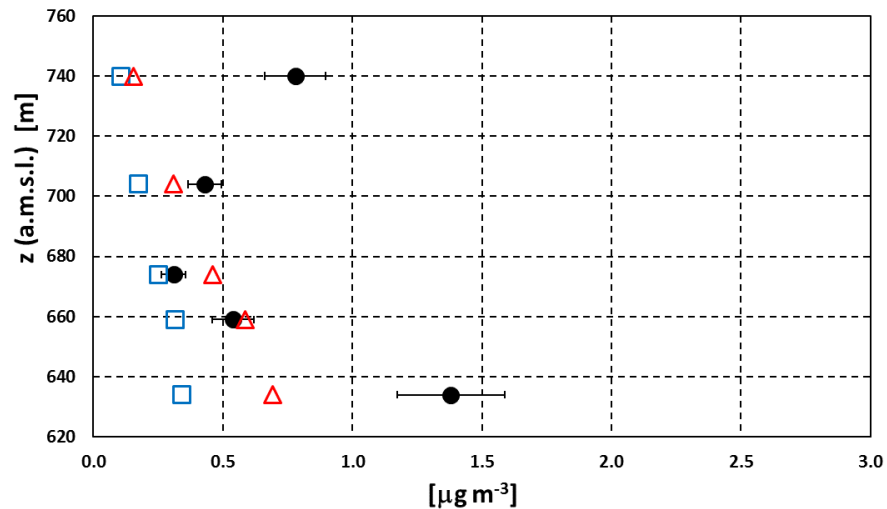
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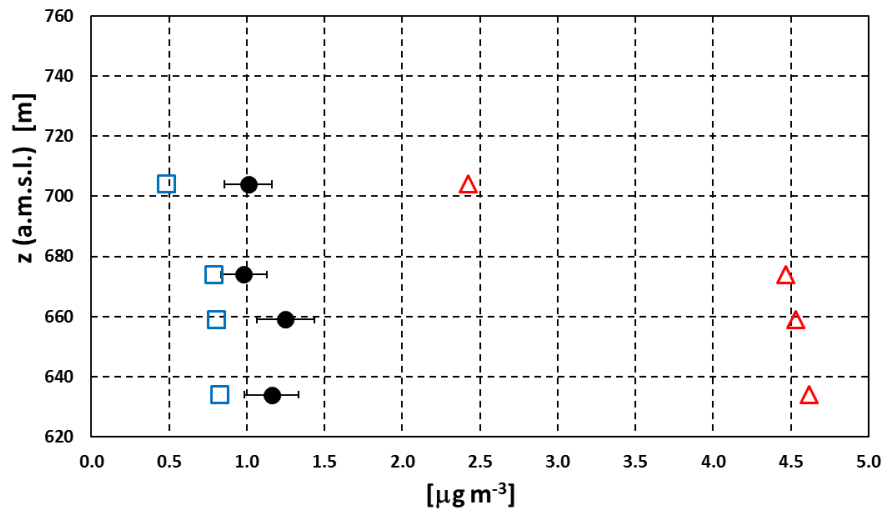
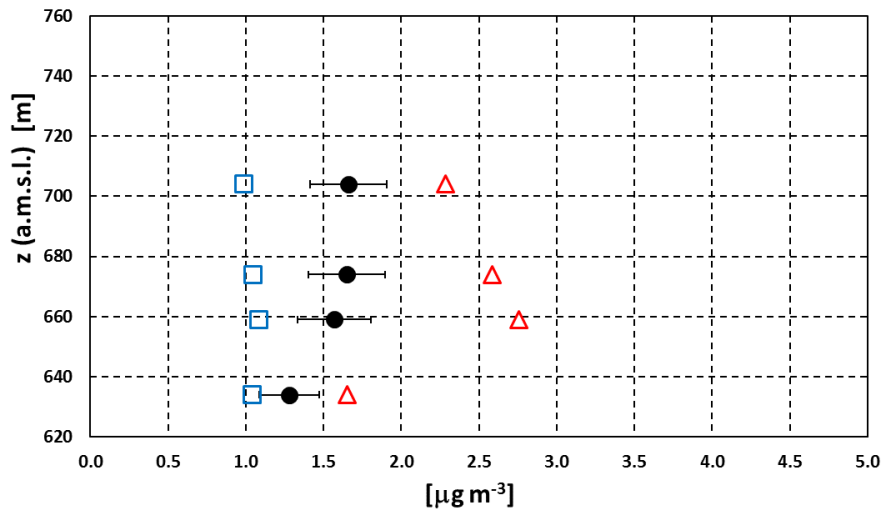
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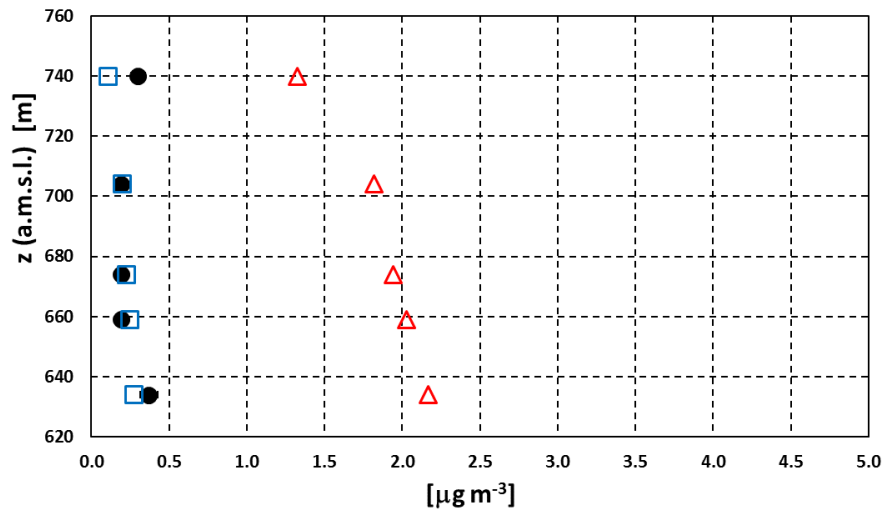
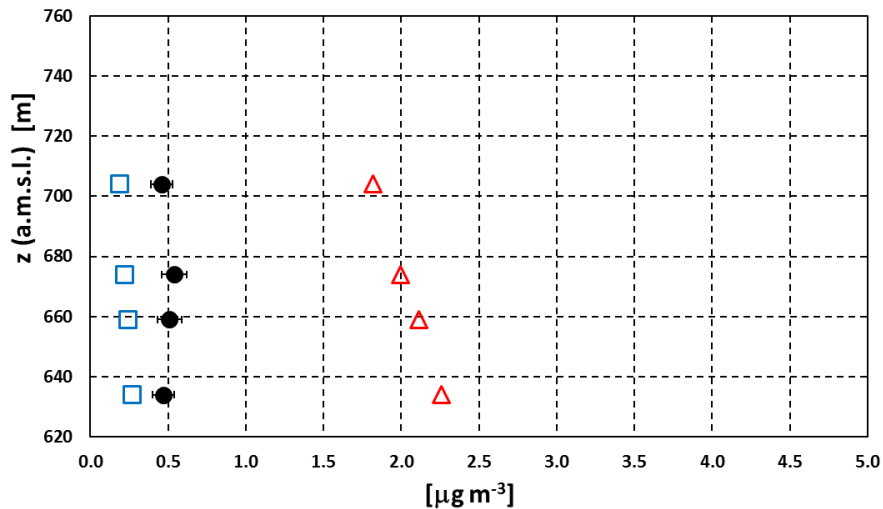
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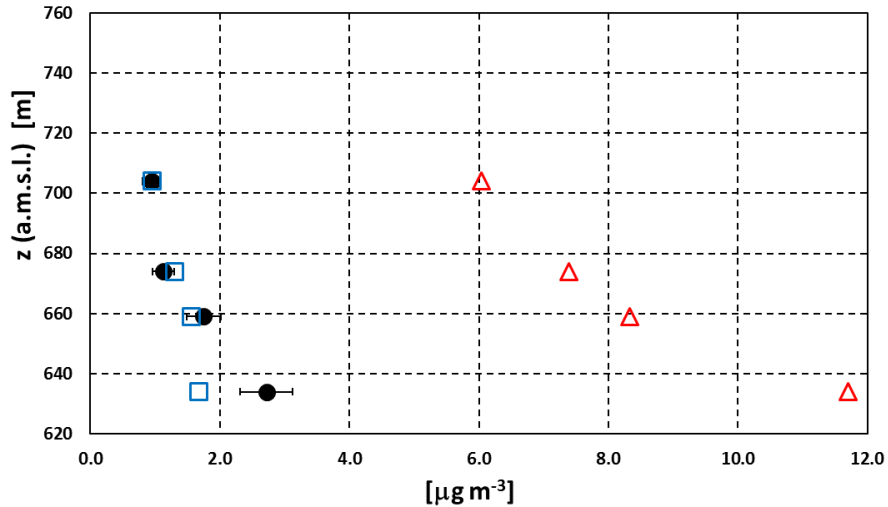
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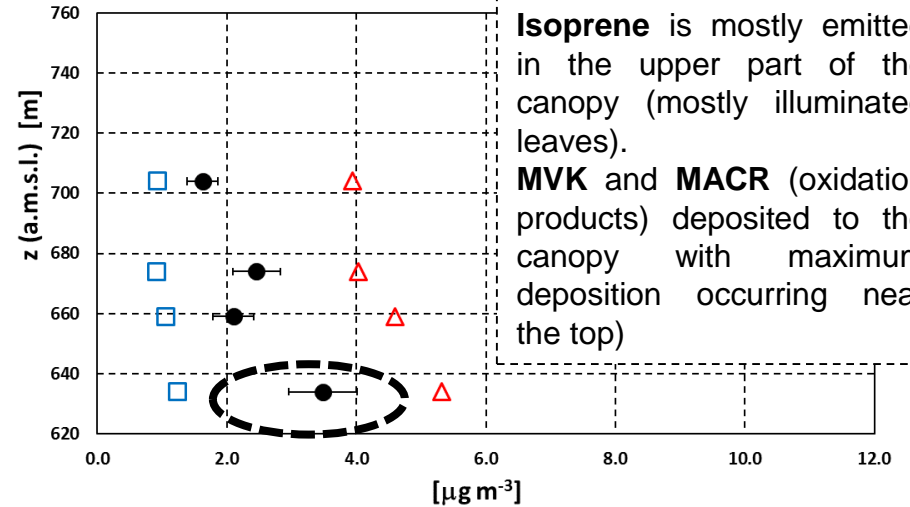
△ MEGAN

Isoprene/(MVK+MACR)

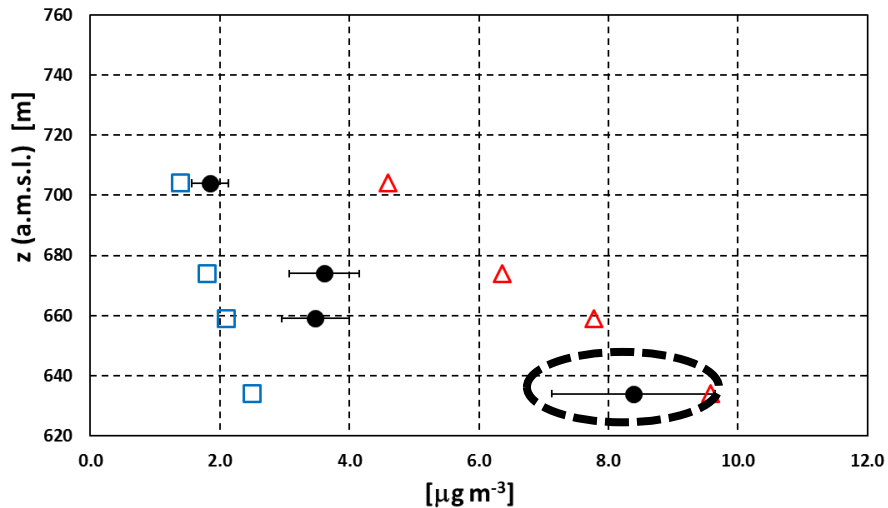
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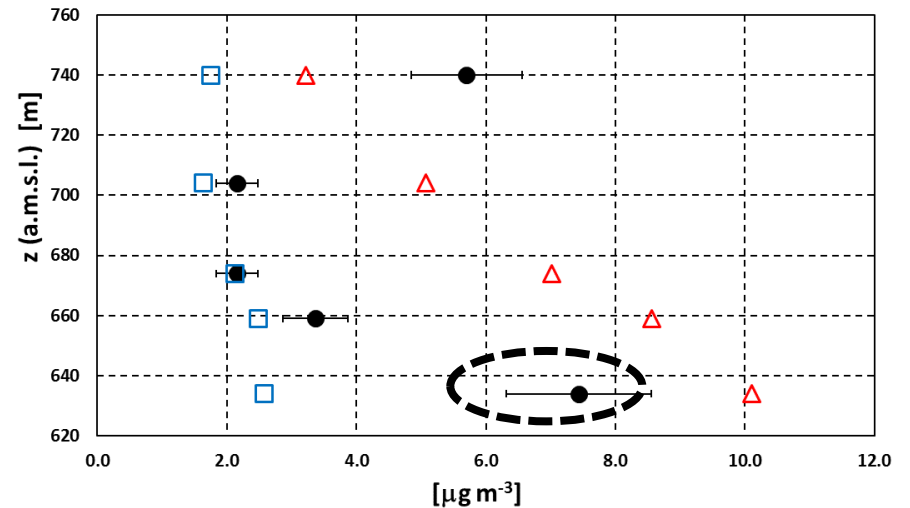
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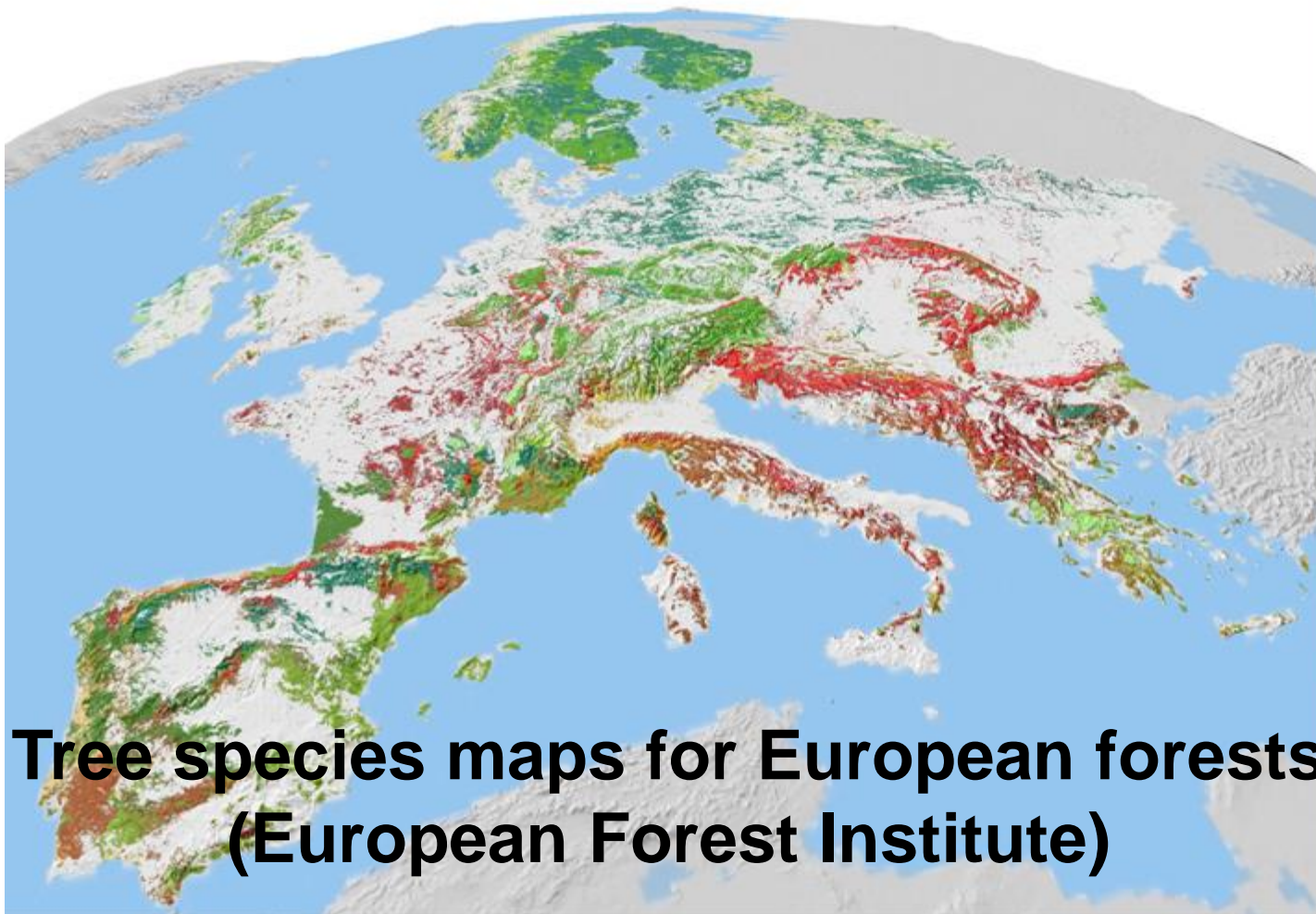


● PTRMS

□ BIOVOC

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If I will use a different trees distribution map?

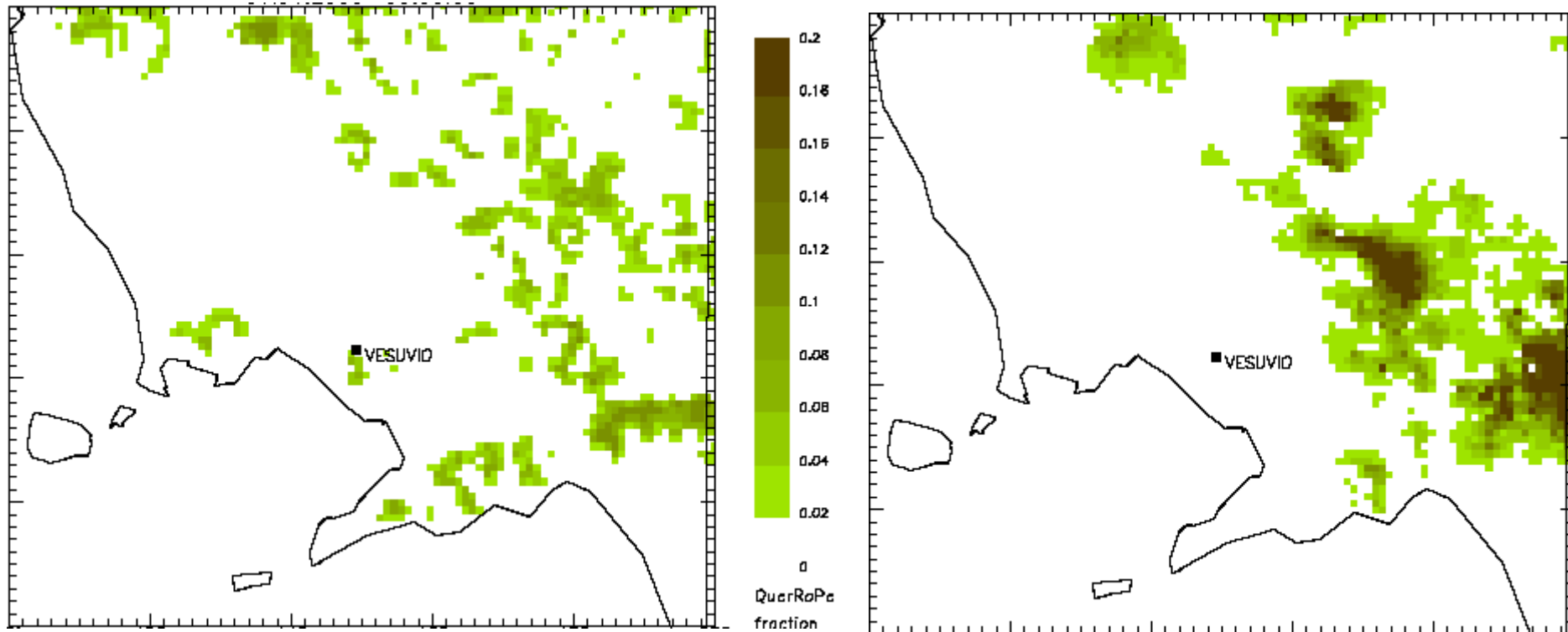


**Tree species maps for European forests
(European Forest Institute)**

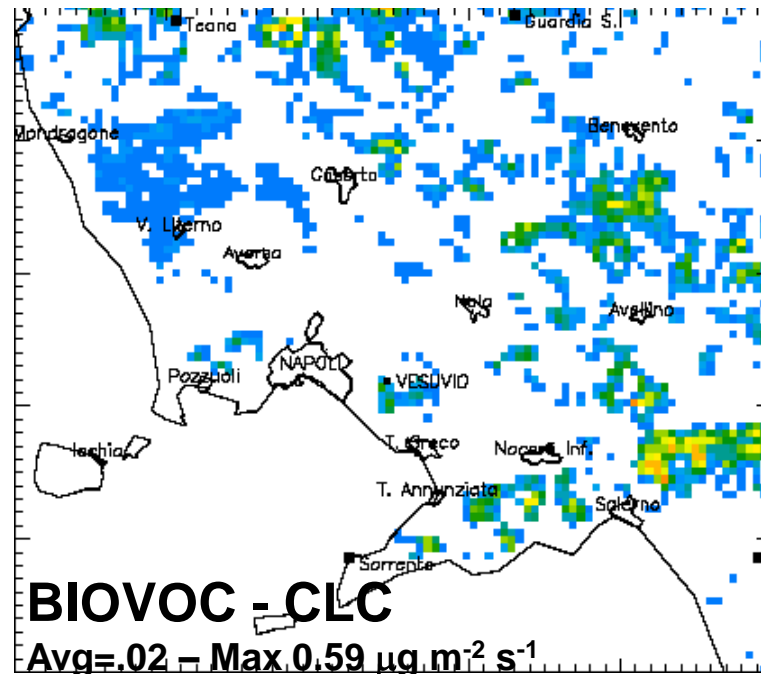
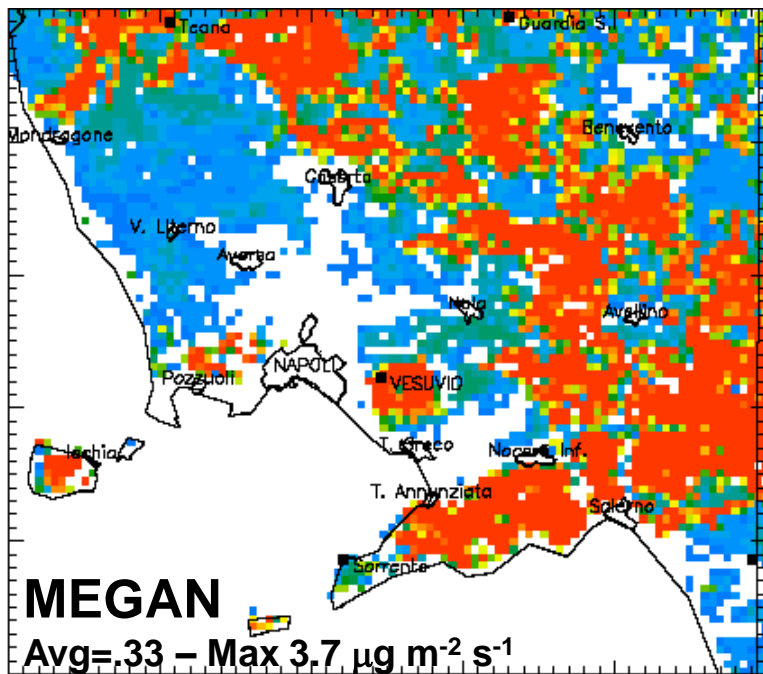
Quercus Petraea and Quercus Robur

CLC lev IV elab.

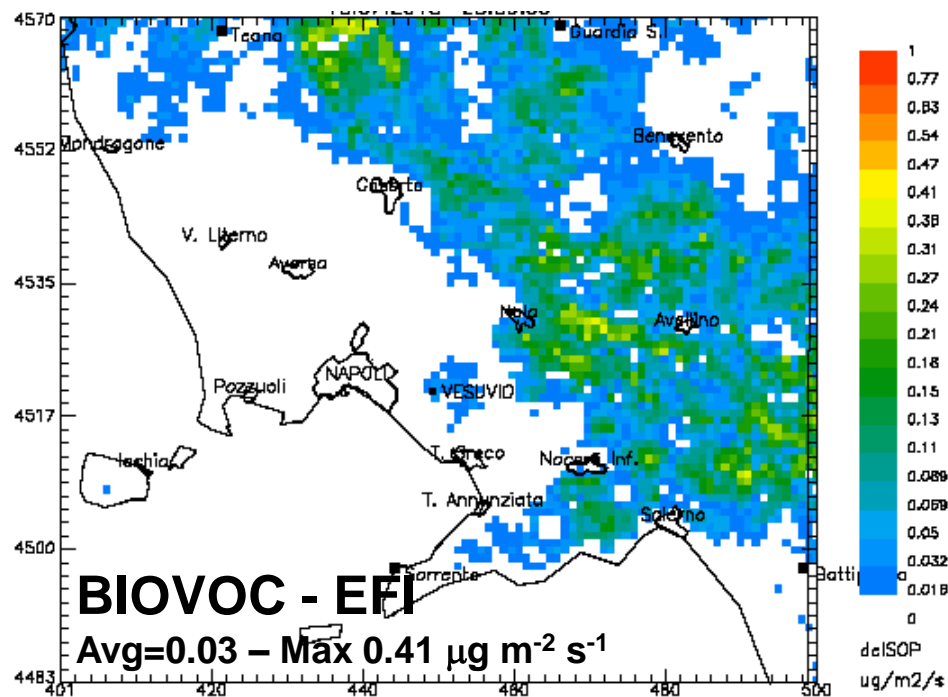
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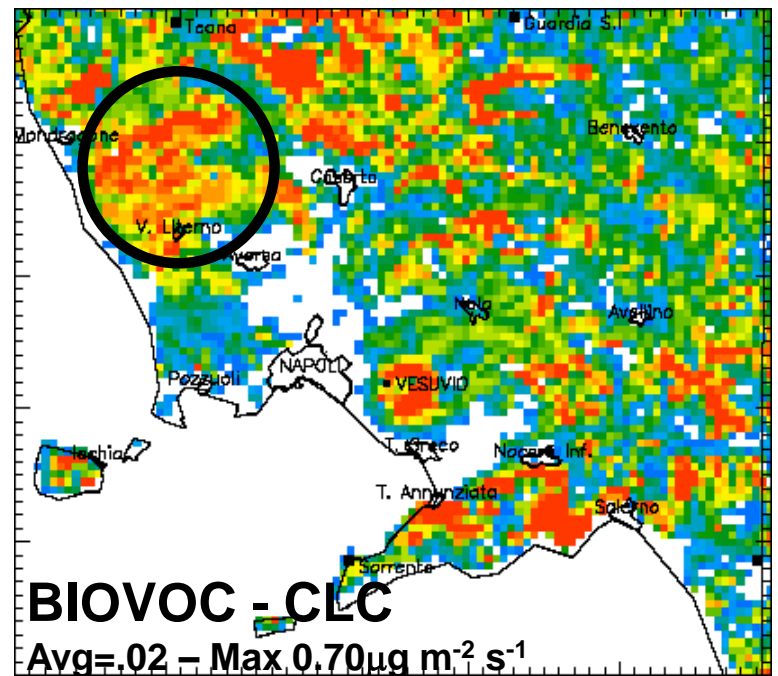
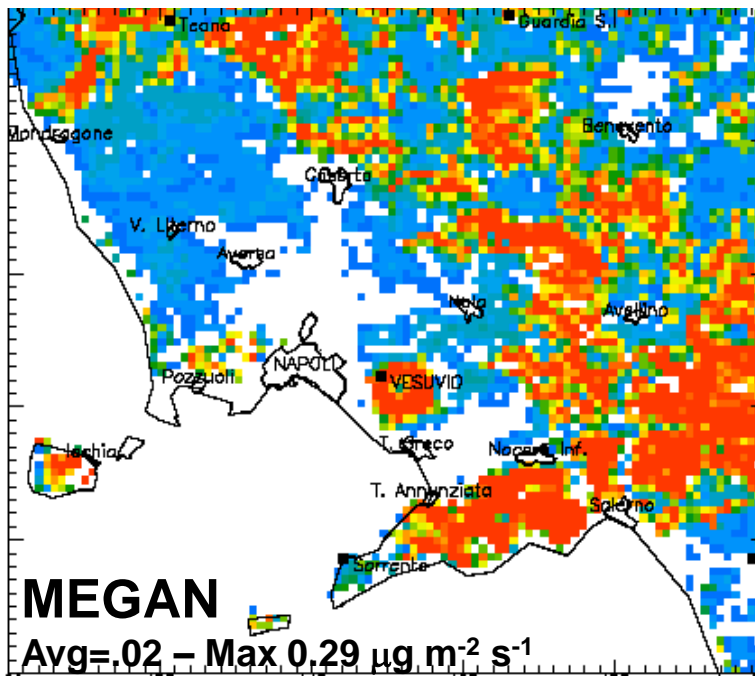


Fraction covered by Quercus Petraea and Quercus Robur from the elaboration of CLC database (left) and from the “Tree species maps for European forests” (right).

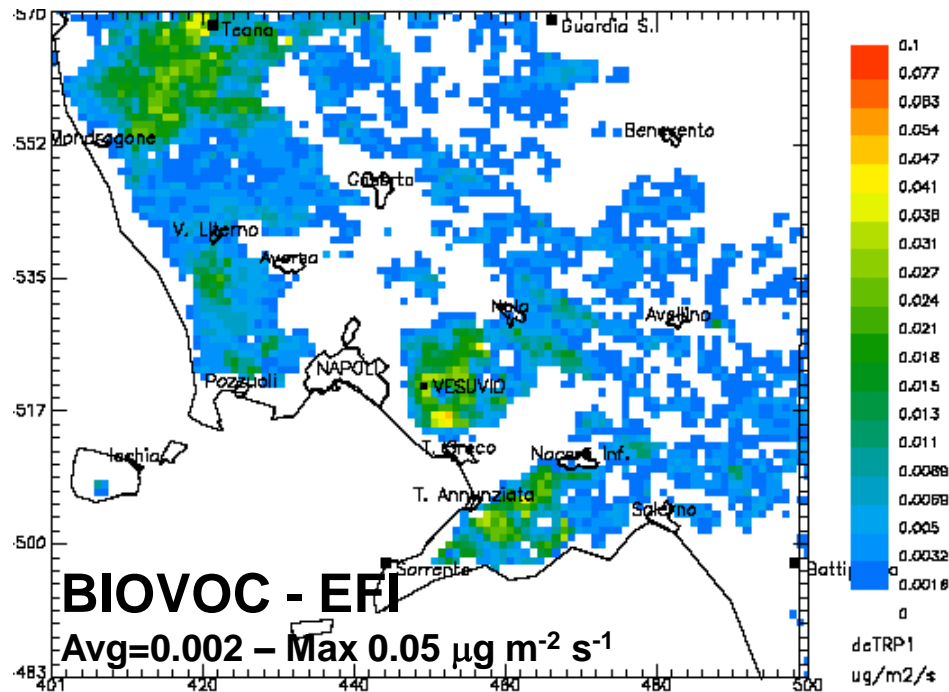


Isoprene
emission
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[$\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$]

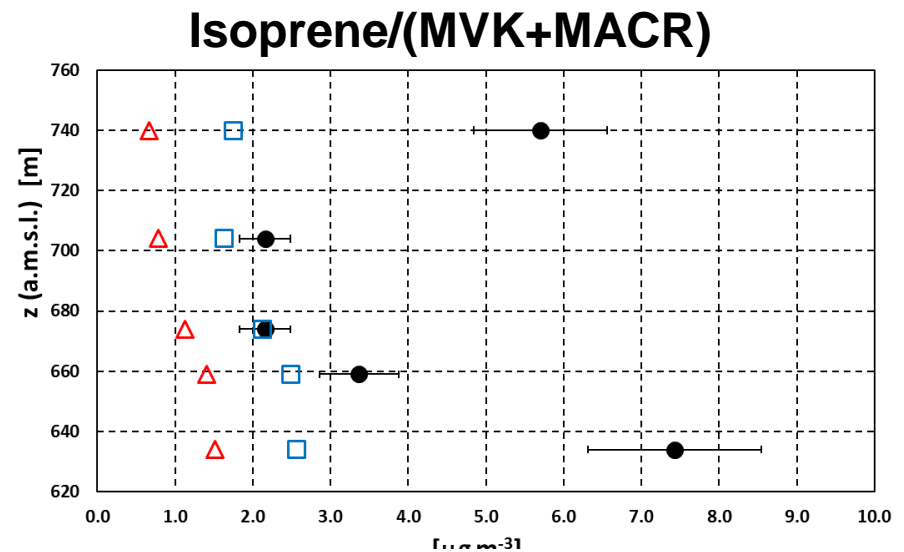
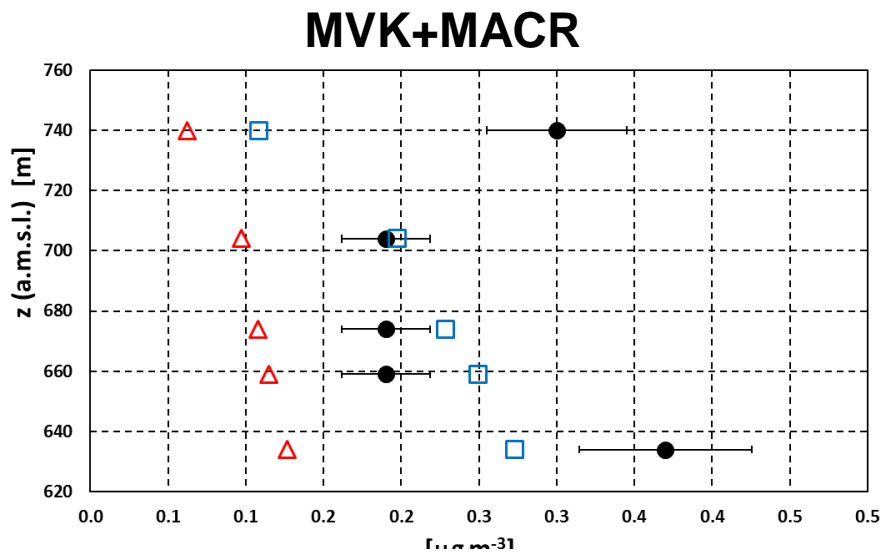
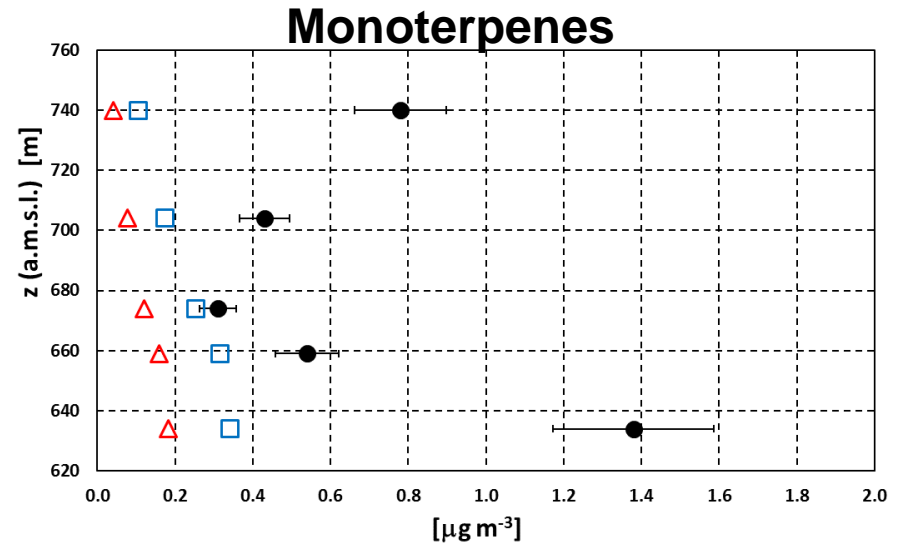
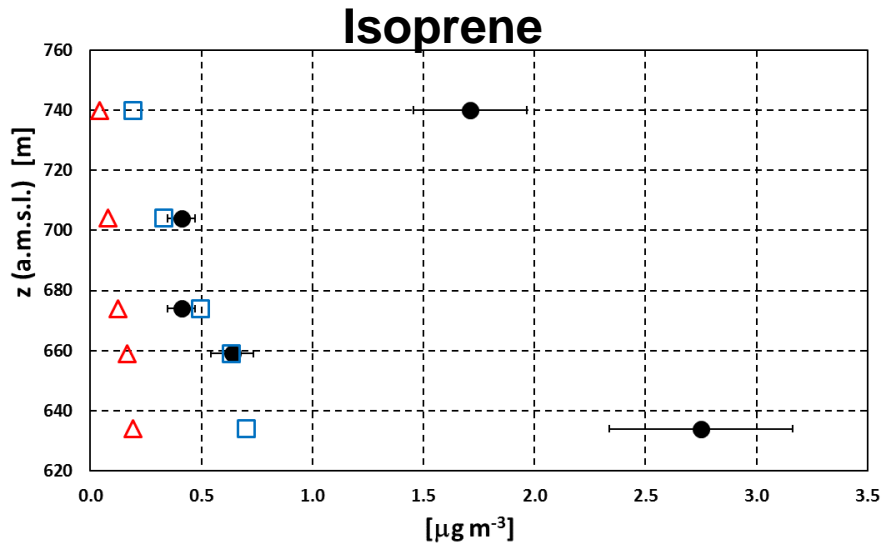




**Mono-
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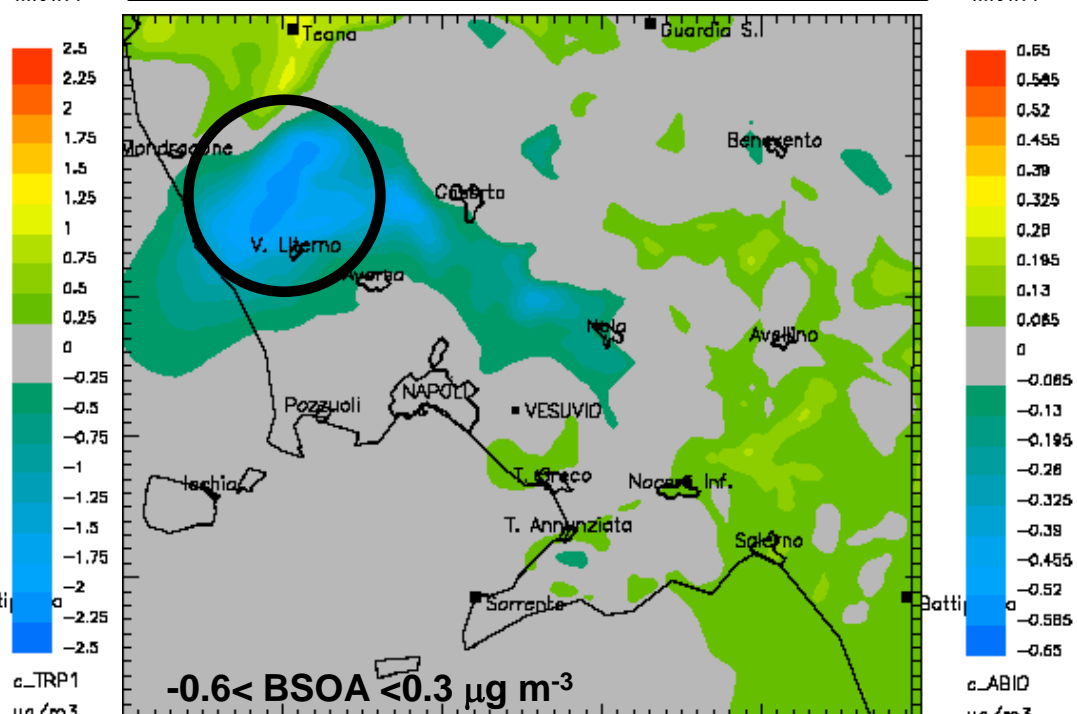
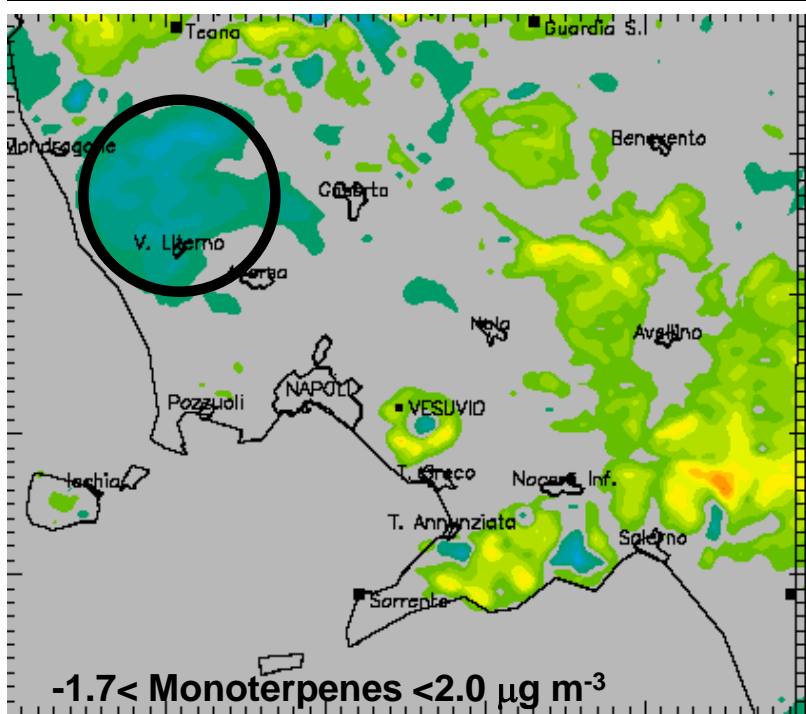
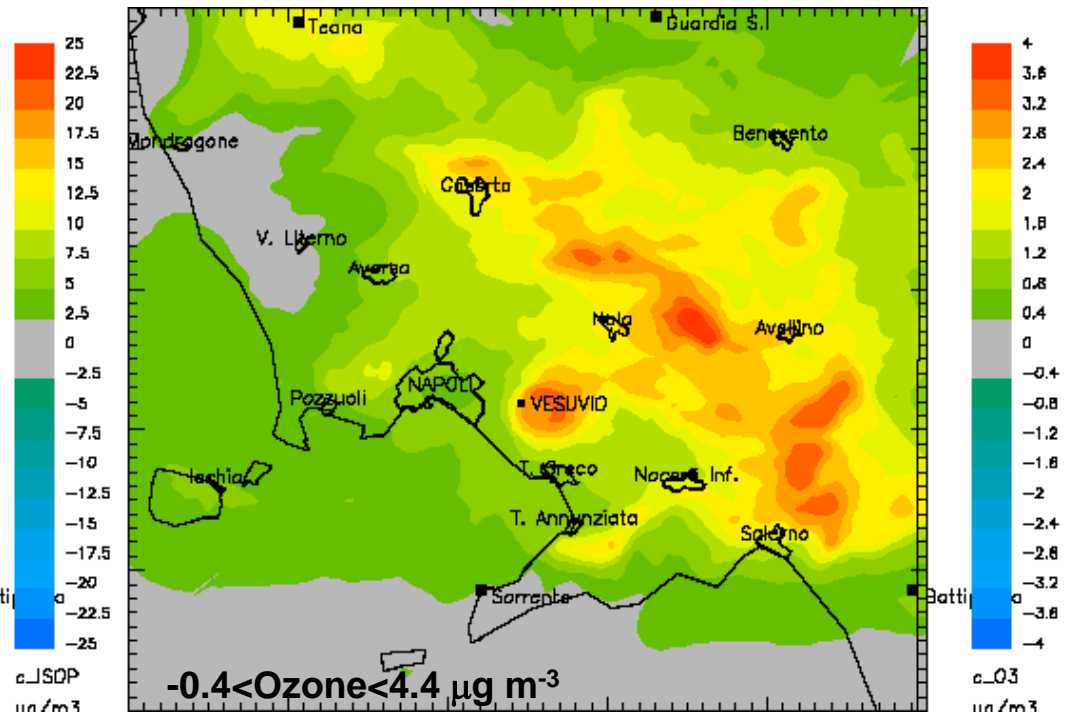
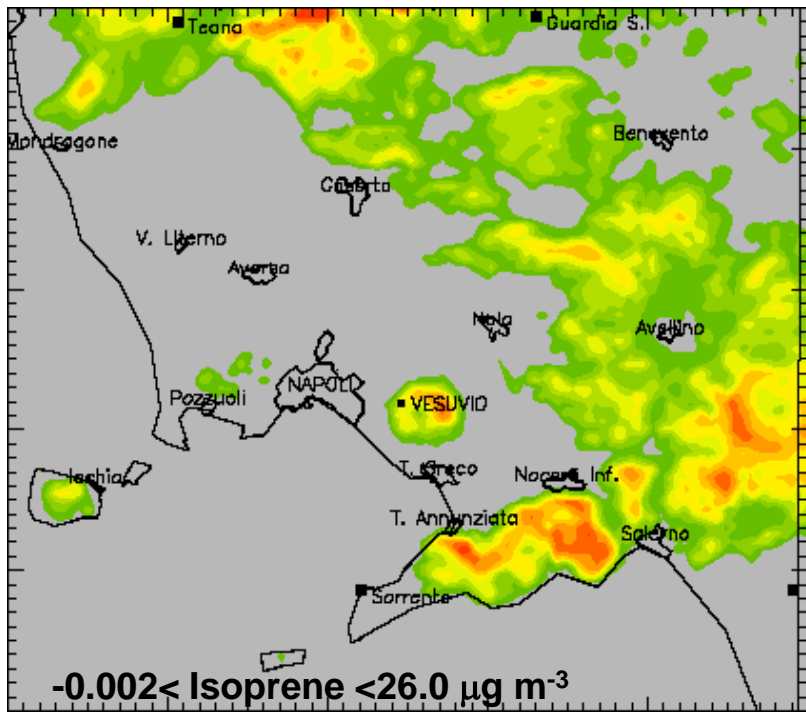
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● PTRMS □ BIOVOC ▲ BIOVOC_EFI

What we can expect from BIOVOC with respect to MEGAN?

MEGAN minus BIOVOC (CLC) runs



Insights from these first tests

- ❑ Significant differences in isoprene emissions between MEGAN and BIOVOC modules
- ❑ Better performance of BIOVOC module fed with Corine Land Cover data (particularly for Isoprene)
- ❑ Higher estimated Isoprene and O₃ levels using MEGAN
- ❑ Higher estimated Monoterpenes levels using BIOVOC in some areas leading to higher BSOA concentrations

*After
June
2017
forest
fire ...*



*Thank you for
your attention !*