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# PM SOURCE APPORTIONMENT ANALYSIS IN THE VENETIAN AREA

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## HARMO 12 Conference

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Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling for Regulatory Purposes  
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## Aim

Investigate Particular Matter (PM10) source apportionment on the wide urban area of Venice and its mainland

## Methodology

A multi-scenario approach applied on a CALMET-CAMx System

Nested grid structure to separate local contributions from those of middle and long range transports.

## Background

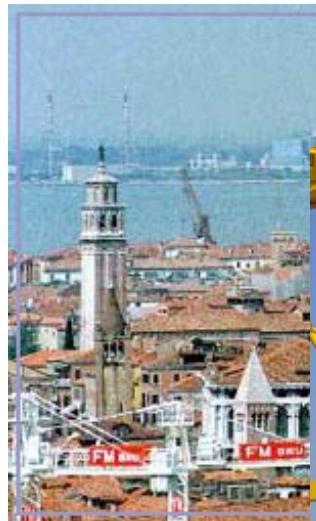
Assessment of Model Uncertainty using measurements of PM10 and chemical speciation of filters



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# The scene



Assessment of the potential effectiveness of local pollutant emissions control strategies for PM10



... already described in previous Harmo conferences,  
together with Sensitivity and Uncertainty Analysis  
applied on 1 year run  
and on contemporary concentration and deposition  
measurements

Benassi A. et al., 2007

The Veneto region modelling system for air quality  
assessment

**11th Harmo**

Dalan F. et al., 2005

Validation and source apportionment analyses of CAMx model  
over the Veneto Region and Venice Lagoon

**10th Harmo**

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## Initial & Boundary Conditions

### **CHIMERE**

**PREVAIR, Laplace Institute, INERIS, LISA, C.N.R.S.**

output of 0.5x0.5 degrees

Initial : 3D variable in space

Boundary: function of (z, t) for the four borders;

top: one constant value for each specie

### Meteorology

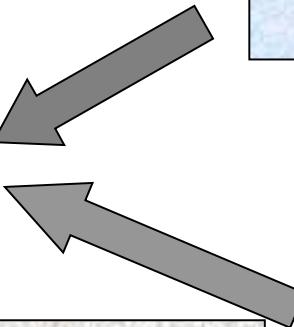
#### **CALMET (version 5.5)**

temperature field, horizontal wind (u, v), vertical diffusivity

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**interpolation of  
radio-soundings data**

pressure and water vapour concentration

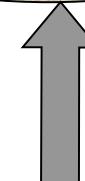


landuse and albedo: **CORINE LAND-COVER**  
(250m x 250m);  
haze (**AErosol RObotic NETwork - NASA**);  
ozone column (**TOMS - NASA**);  
photolysis rate.

**Gridded emissions**

+

**Major Point Source**



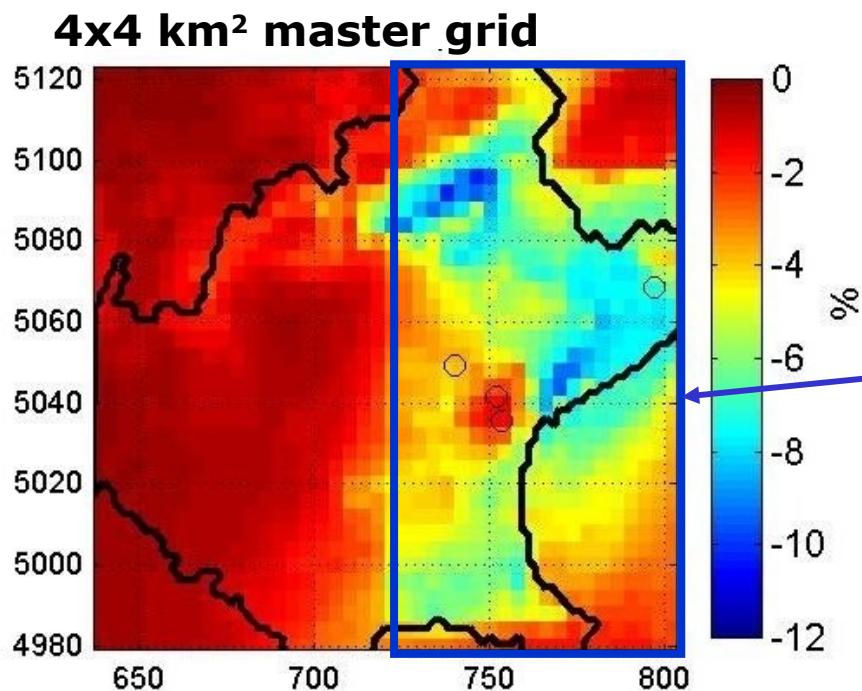
## Emission Inventory

**Top-Down: CORINAIR National Inventory (APAT) for all sources**  
**Bottom Up: source sectors 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 (SNAP '97)**



Estimation of different emission sectors contribution to PM10 concentrations through:

- scenarios runs with 50% emission reduction for each sector one by one
- calculation of the changes in pollutant concentrations resulting from the perturbations



*50% reduction scenarios in order to minimize non-linear effect due to drastic changes in atmospheric composition and reactivity*

## 1x1 km<sup>2</sup> nested grid

*Reductions applied only on the **nested grid** in order to separate local contributions (generated in the nested area) from middle and long range pollution transports*

**“Brute-force” method, PSAT not available for CAMx ver. 4.0**



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## Check of the baseline scenario



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a 2 (winter) months run  
daily concentrations and chemical speciation of PM10  
in 4 sites:

200x 168 km<sup>2</sup> master grid

**a kerbside  
in a mid-size  
town  
surrounded by  
countryside**

**urban site in Mestre  
the mainland town of Venice**

80x 120 km<sup>2</sup> nested grid

**rural background  
site**

Concordia Sagittaria

Noale (piazzetta Grano)

via Lissa (VE)

via Moranzani (VE)

**industrial site  
(Porto Marghera)**



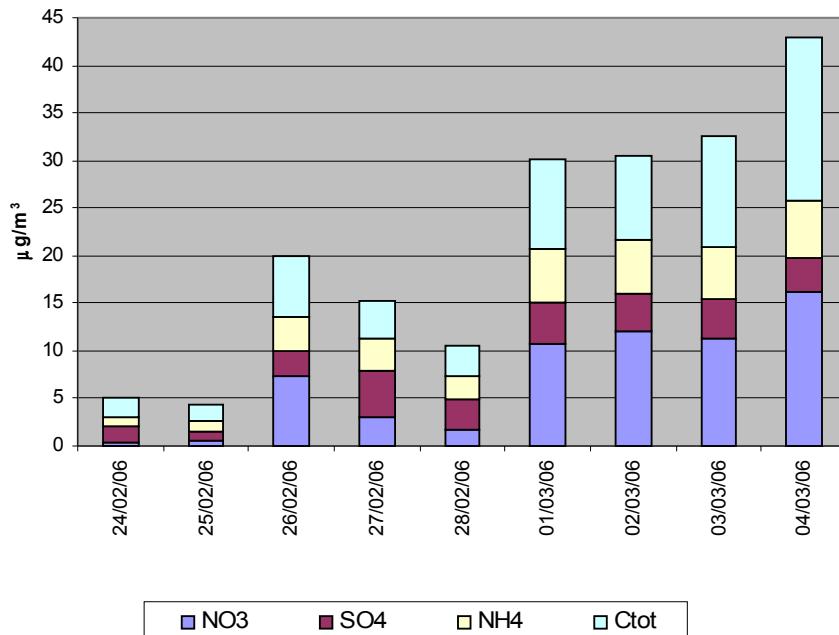
# Check of the baseline scenario

Daily measured and modelled PM10 components in the rural site from low PM10 pollution thanks to a thunderstorm to high PM10 build-up concentrations before next thunderstorm arrival.

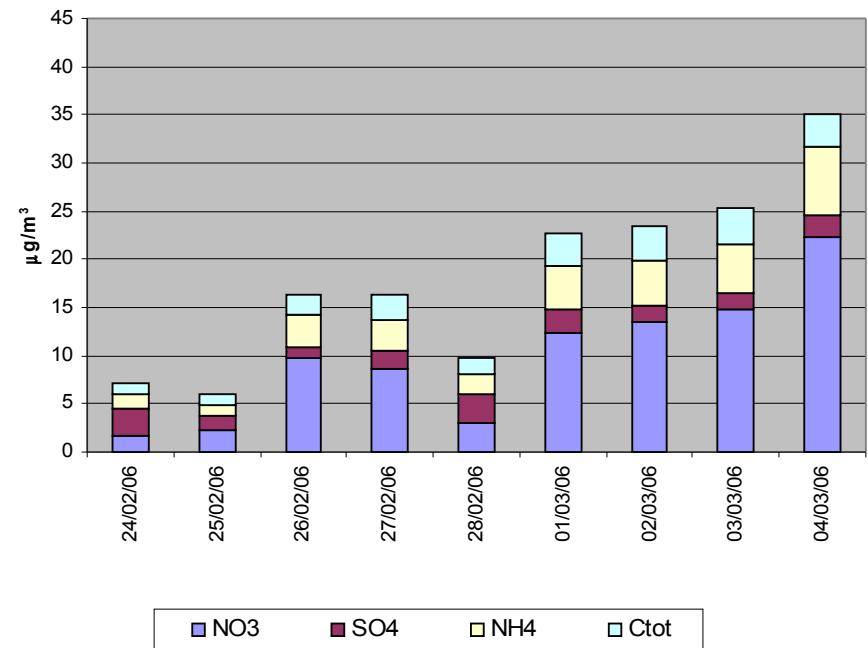
The model reproduces the inorganic aerosols growth  
(only SO<sub>4</sub> slightly underestimated),

but cannot capture the growth of the total carbon component.

Rural site – inorganics observed



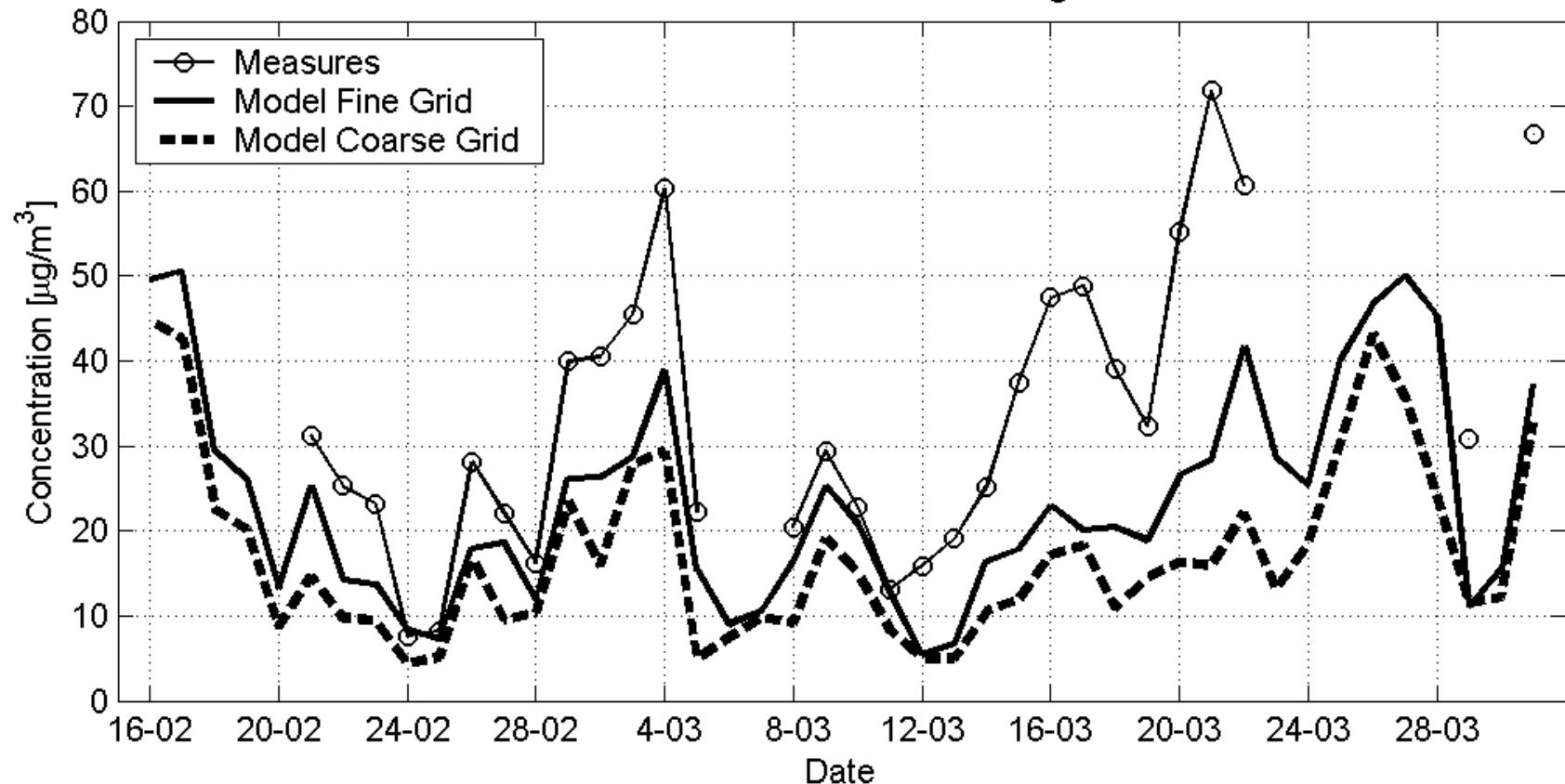
Rural site – inorganics modelled



Only PM10 components presents both in measurements and in model outputs are shown.



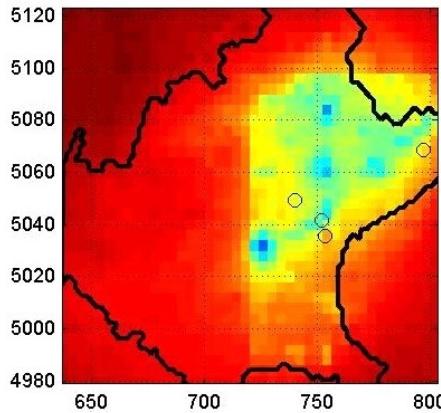
## PM10 at rural site of Concordia Sagittaria



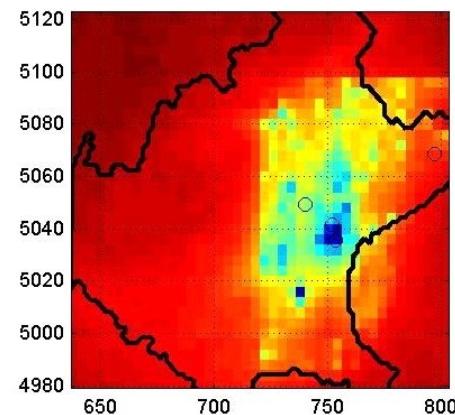
**A fine resolution run (nest-grid output -  $1 \times 1 \text{ km}^2$  resolution) improves the model estimate compared to a coarse grid one (master grid output -  $4 \times 4 \text{ km}^2$  resolution).**



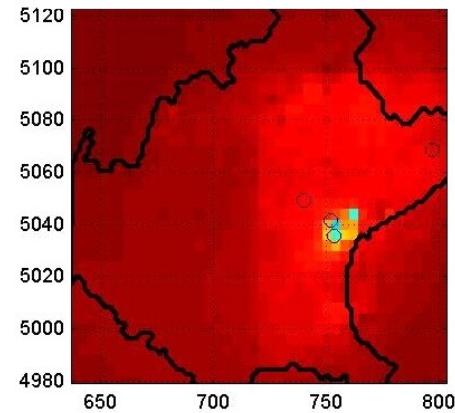
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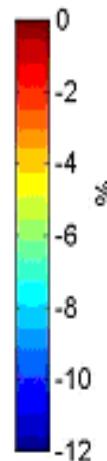
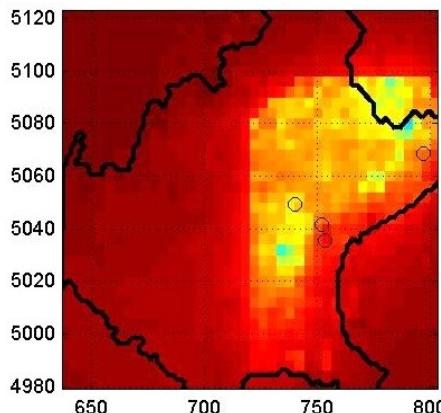
Industrial Plants



Other transports

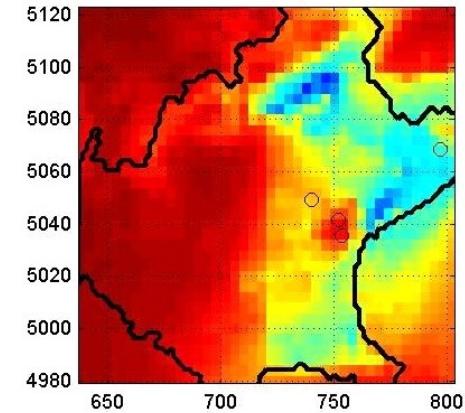


Domestic Heating



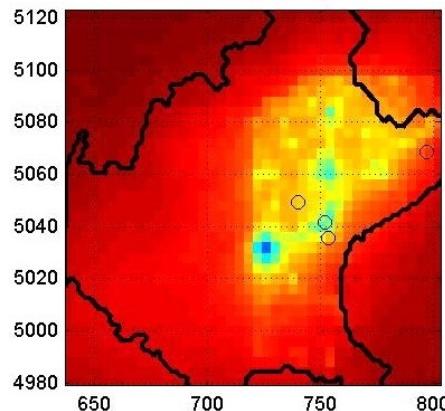
relative (%)  
reductions of  
average PM10  
of the 2-months  
period  
for the 5  
reduction  
scenarios

Agriculture

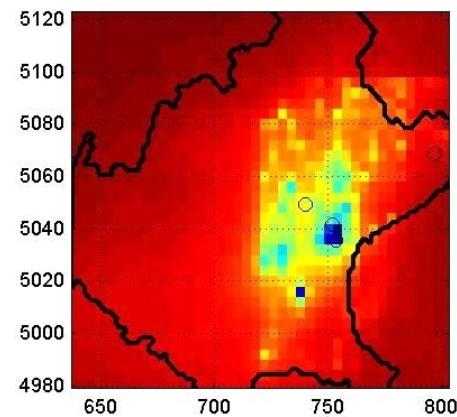




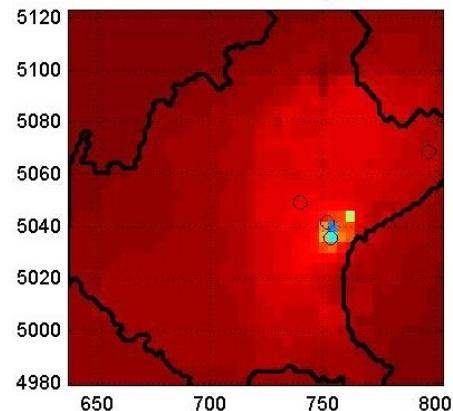
Road Transport



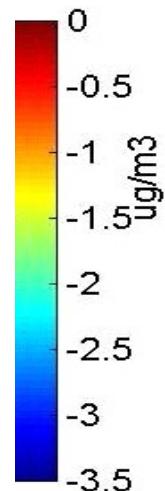
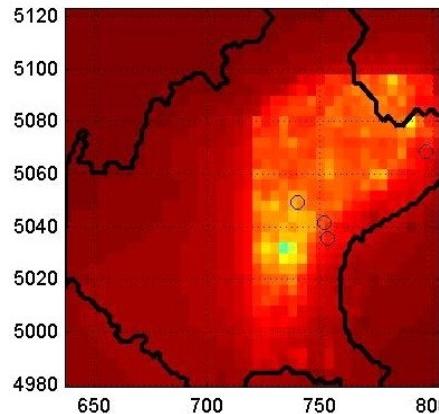
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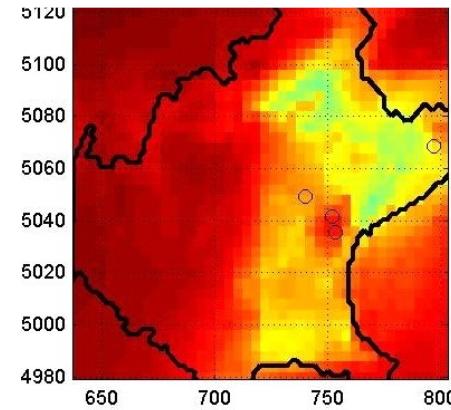


Domestic Heating



The reductions vary from a few tenths to a few units of  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  of PM10

Agriculture



The average PM10 level estimated by the model is around  $17 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  at the rural site and between  $27$  and  $31 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  in the other sites



- Estimation of Local Anthropogenic Emission Contribution (LAEC) to PM10 concentrations

$$\text{LAEC} = 2 * \sum_{i=1}^5 \Delta \text{ sector}_i$$

Since:

- scenario reductions applied = 50% of the sector's emission
  - 5 scenarios = include all anthropogenic sources

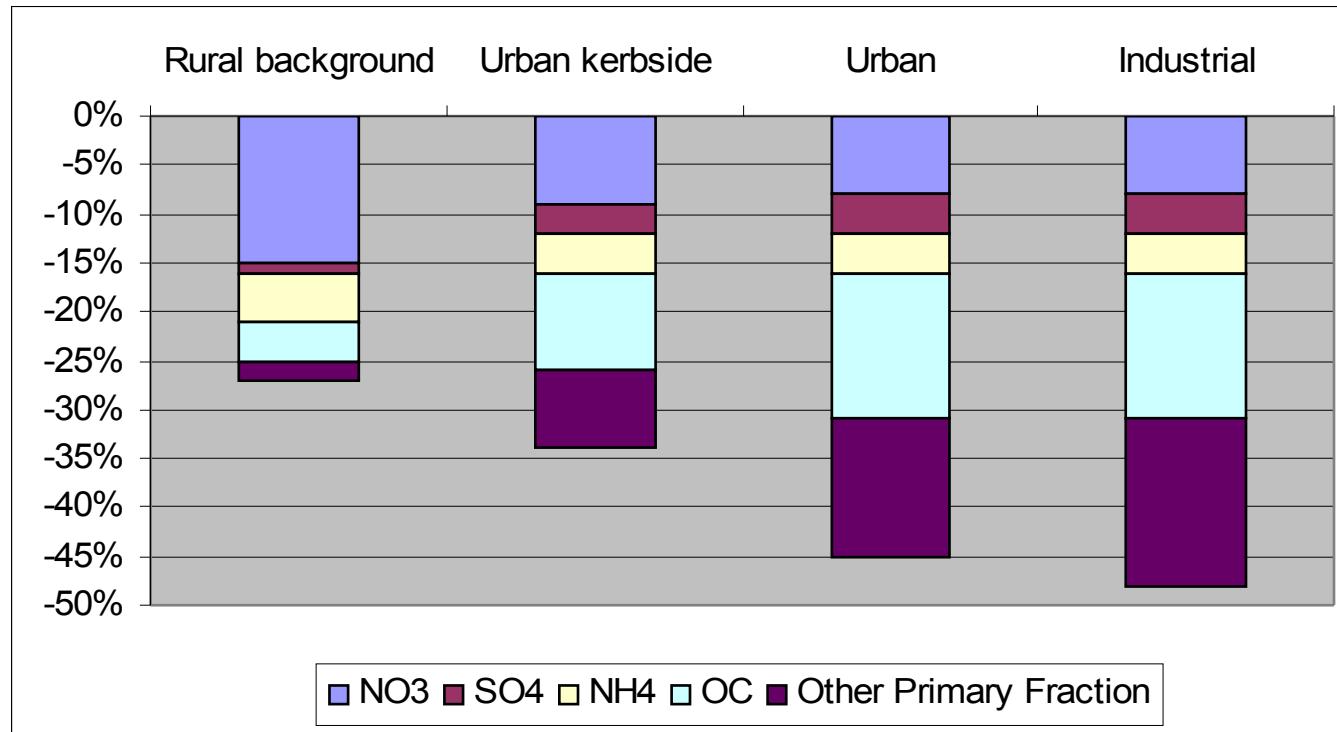
(in the hypothesis that the emission perturbations had not changed significantly the atmospheric composition and reactivity)

2. Source Apportionment (SA) of the different emission sectors to the locally produced PM10

(at least for the primary and the secondary inorganic PM10 components for which the modelling system shows an acceptable level of confidence)



Local emission contributions to PM10 concentrations,  
divided in the different PM10 components,  
for the 4 sites



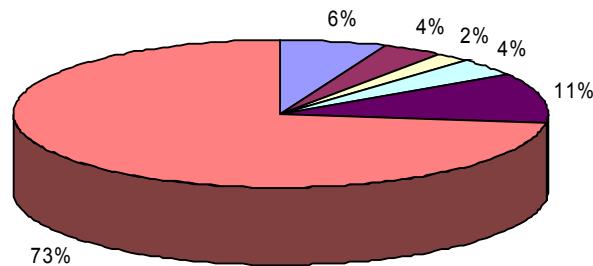
The local contribution is minimum in the rural site (less than 30%)  
and maximum in the industrial one (more than 45%)

$$2 * \sum_i^5 \Delta \text{sector}_i / \text{PM10}_{\text{baseline}}$$

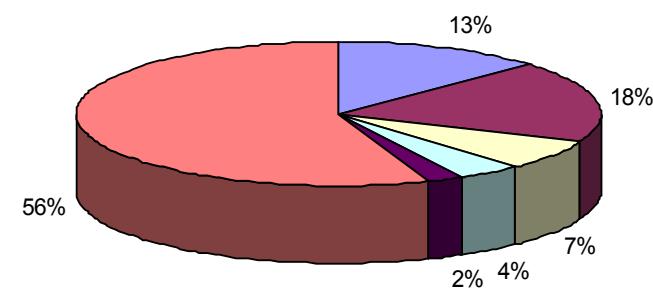


## SA for total PM10 concentration levels

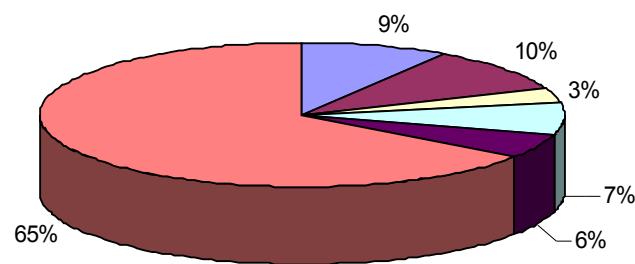
Rural background



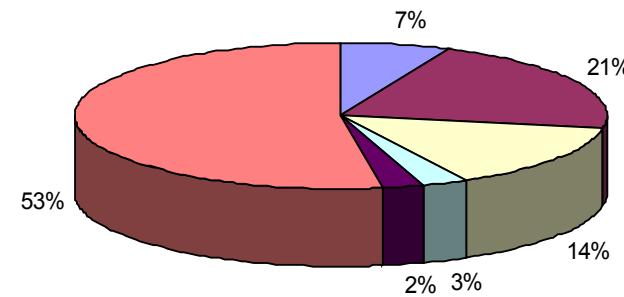
Urban



Urban kerbside



Industrial



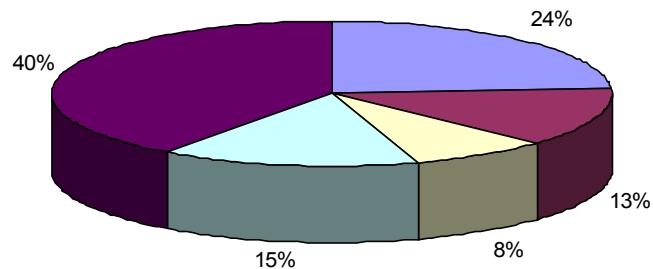
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5=Agriculture 6=Extra domain contributions**

The source apportionment depends on the location of the site

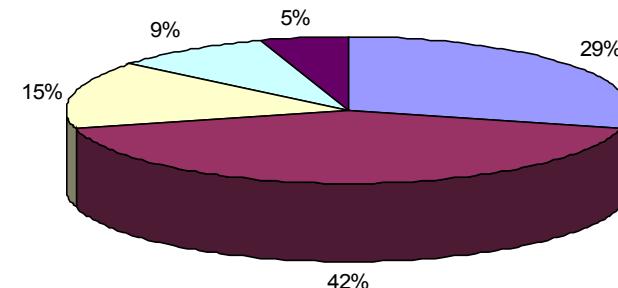


## SA for locally produced PM10 concentrations

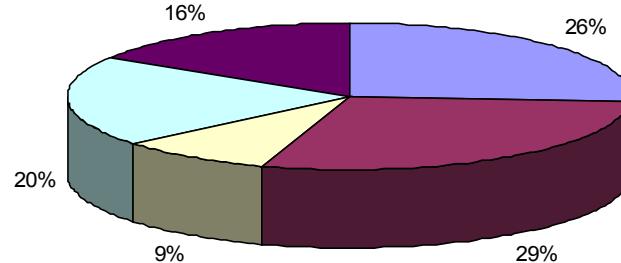
Rural background



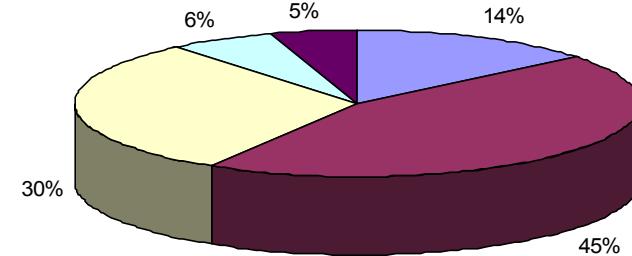
Urban



Urban kerbside



Industrial



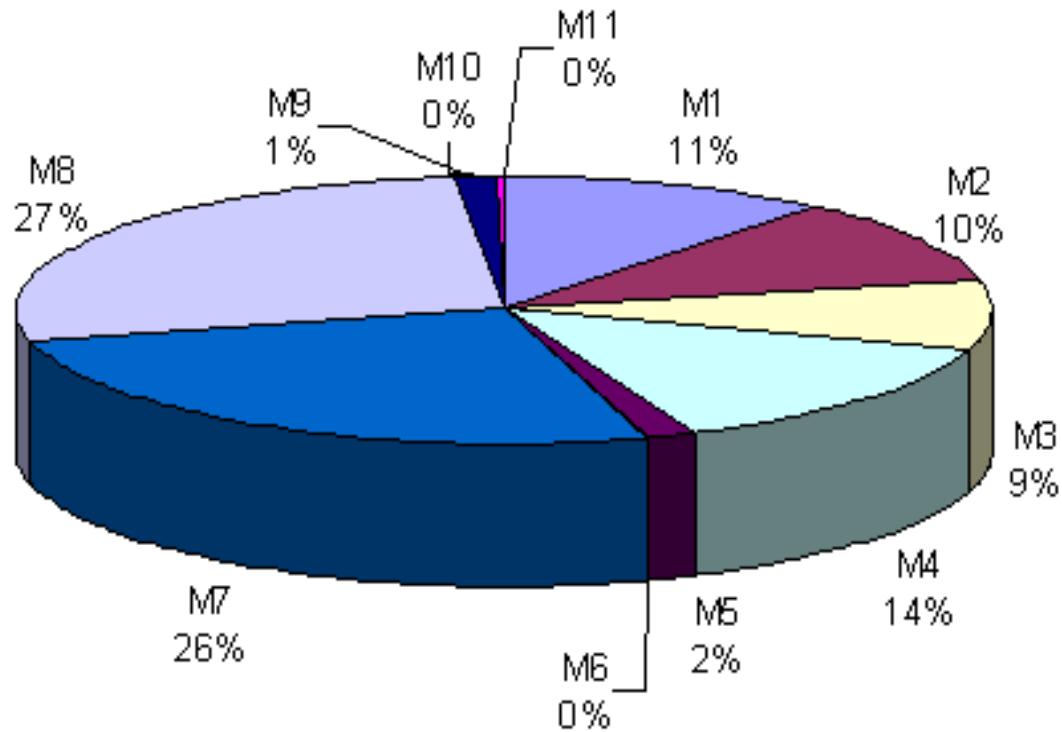
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## Emissions

### Integrated BU-TD PM10 ESTIMATION



$$\mathbf{M1+M3+M4+M5+M6 = 26\%}$$

## Concentrations

**M1+M3+M4+M5+M6**

**Urban (Mestre): 41%**  
**Industrial Site: 44%**  
**Rural Background: 13%**

**M2**

**Urban (Mestre): 9%**  
**Industrial site: 6%**  
**Rural background: 15%**

**M7**

**Urban (Mestre): 29%**  
**Industrial site: 14%**  
**Rural background: 21%**



# Conclusions (of general interest)

- daily mean measures of PM10 concentrations are well reproduced by the modelling system for *clean* days, but model underestimates PM10 levels in the days with stagnant air conditions and the underestimation becomes stronger as the stagnant conditions persist;
- secondary inorganic aerosol production proved to be well described by the model; organic aerosol is underestimated;
- the changes in PM10 concentrations resulting from the emission source perturbations are always less severe than the source perturbation itself. Inorganic secondary components of the aerosol are more resilient than primary ones; however the reduction of the local anthropogenic primary aerosol is not sufficient to turn down significantly PM10 concentration levels.

# Conclusions

(of local interest)

- the average PM10 level estimated by the model is around 17 µg/m<sup>3</sup> at the rural site and between 27 and 31 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in the other sites. The average scenarios impact vary between few tenths to few units of micrograms per cubic metre;
- the local emissions contribution to the PM10 varies between 30 and 50% (but the model captures only part of PM in the area under investigation, which, at worst, is about half of the measured value);
- a Source Apportionment analysis has been performed by calculating the differences in concentrations of each scenario and the base case. The traffic emission contributes roughly 26-29% of the locally produced PM10 at kerbside or in a rural background site. Agriculture emission contributes 40% in a rural site and Industrial emissions accounts for 44% of the local portion of PM10 in an industrial site. These estimates do not account for the PM10 concentrations coming from outside the wide Venice area;



- Underestimation of organic aerosol
- Resuspension not modelled
- Not specific (from local data) formulation for sea salt
- Underestimation of water content in the atmosphere
- PM10 and precursor gases speciation profiles from references by work of other part of the world
- non-linear effect in “brute-force” scenarios

## (some) Remedies

- BU Wood burning Inventory for M2
- Parametrization for resuspension and sea salt
- Prognostic Meteo model instead of diagnostic CALMET (?)
- PM10 speciation profiles from local emission measurements
- New version of CAMx with PSAT Tool

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Any other suggestion?



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**Thank you for your patience**

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# THE END



La versione di CAMx (v. 4.0) implementata, permette la trattazione dell'aerosol solo attraverso il meccanismo CBIV. L'estensione consta essenzialmente nell'introduzione delle emissioni di una nuova specie gassosa organica, **OLE 2 che rappresenta i terpeni (emissione biogenica), e di 11 specie aerosoliche:**

- PSO<sub>4</sub> (solfato, < 2.5 µm);
- PNO<sub>3</sub> (nitrato, < 2.5 µm);
- PNH<sub>4</sub> (ammonio, < 2.5 µm);
- NA (sodio, < 2.5 µm);
- PCL (cloro, < 2.5 µm);
- POA (frazione organica antropogenica, < 2.5 µm);
- PEC (carbonio elementare, < 2.5 µm);
- FPRM (altre componenti primarie fini, < 2.5 µm);
- FCRS (componente crostale fine, < 2.5 µm);
- CPRM (altre componenti primarie grossolane, 2.5 - 10 µm);
- CCRS (componente crostale grossolana, 2.5 - 10 µm ).

In pratica le frazioni granulometriche considerate sono due: PM *fine* (0 – 2.5 µm) e PM *coarse* (2.5 -10 µm), che sommate danno PM10.

L'emissione primaria di sulfati, nitrati e ammonio è in realtà molto scarsa, e tali specie subiscono un notevole accrescimento nel corso della simulazione per formazione in fase omogenea (nitrati, che si formano anche in assenza di acqua) ed eterogenea (nitrati e sulfati) [1].

Data la mancanza di informazioni inerenti l'emissione crostale, nell'applicazione presentata le specie FCRS e CCRS sono in realtà presenti nel modello in concentrazioni di fondo ( $10^{-9}$  mg/m<sup>3</sup>).

[1] La formazione inorganica in fase omogenea è basata sul modulo termodinamico ISORROPIA, mentre quella in presenza d'acqua sul modulo RADM.



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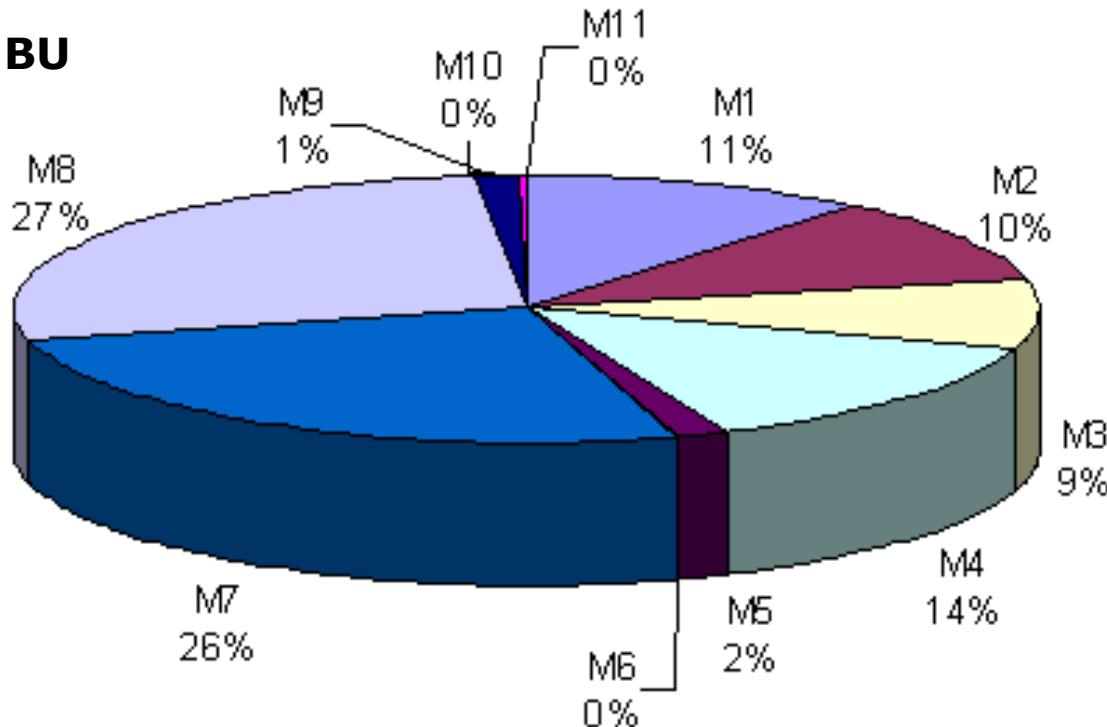


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## Integrated BU-TD PM10 ESTIMATION

**Harbour and Airport BU  
Emission Inventory  
(DAPVE, 2007)**

**Transport Emissions  
BU Inventory from  
vehicular flows  
(COPERT III)**





Reductions of each scenario,  
relative to the total emissions in the whole domain and in the nested area

