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**OPERATIONAL SHORT TERM HEALTH IMPACT ASSESMENT OF AIR  
POLLUTION MODELLING SYSTEM OVER EUROPE**

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# METHODOLOGY

## AIR QUALITY



## HEALTH IMPACT FUNCTIONS

## HEALTH



# HEALTH IMPACT FUNCTIONS

**Mortality Change = Air Pollution Change \* Mortality Effect Estimate \* Mortality Incidence \* Exposed Population**

- **Air Pollution Change ( $\Delta PM$ ):** Difference between the initial air pollution concentration and the air pollution concentration after some change (specific period of time).
- **Mortality Effect Estimation (Beta):** Percentage change in mortality due to one unit change in ambient air pollution.
- **Mortality Incidence ( $y_0$ ):** Average number of people who die in a given population over a given period of time.
- **Exposed Population:** Number of people affected by the air pollution change.

>>>>>> % / (period of time)



# DERIVING HEALTH IMPACT FUNCTIONS

1. CHOOSE A FUNCTIONAL FORM OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONCENTRATION AND HEALTH EFFECT. THIS IS THE C-R (CONCENTRATION-RESPONSE) FUNCTION. LOG-LINEAR REGRESSION (POISSON) IS THE MOST COMMON FORM.
2. ESTIMATE THE VALUES OF THE PARAMETER IN THE ASSUMED C-R FUNCTION, BASED ON DATA FROM EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES.
3. DERIVE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONCENTRATION CHANGE ( $\Delta C$ ) AND MORTALITY CHANGE ( $\Delta Y$ ) FROM THE C-R FUNCTION. THIS IS THE FINAL HEALTH IMPACT FUNCTION



## LOG-LINEAR MODEL (POISSON)

$$\ln(y) = \alpha + \beta PM$$

$$y = e^{\alpha + \beta PM}$$

$$\Delta y = y_2 - y_1 = e^{\alpha + \beta PM_2} - e^{\alpha + \beta PM_1} = e^{\alpha} (e^{\beta PM_2} - e^{\beta PM_1})$$

**y: Incidence rate**

**B: Incidence rate of y when the concentration is zero**

**$\alpha$  : Ln (B)**

**$\beta$  : Parameter to adjust**

**PM: Concentration**

**$y_0$  : Baseline incidence rate of the health effect**



## $\beta$ ESTIMATION. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES

THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES DO NOT REPORT THE  $\beta$  PARAMETER OF THE C-R FUNCTION. THEY REPORT THE RELATIVE RISK (RR) ASSOCIATED WITH A GIVEN CHANGE IN THE POLLUTANT CONCENTRATION.

RR = POPULATION AFFECTED / TOTAL BASELINE POPULATION

$$\beta = \frac{\ln(RR)}{\Delta PM}$$

$\Delta PM$ : Concentration change



# EUROPEAN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES. RR



# EUROPEAN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES. RR META-ANALYSIS OF TIME-SERIES STUDIES AND PANEL STUDIES OF PARTICULATE MATTER (PM) AND OZONE (O<sub>3</sub>)

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## HEALTH EFFECTS:

- **Mortality for all causes**
- **Mortality for respiratory causes**
- **Mortality for cardiovascular causes**

## POLLUTANTS:

- **PM<sub>10</sub> Daily average and O<sub>3</sub> Maximum daily 8-hour mean**
- **Without reference concentrations for the RR calculations**



# SPANISH EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY. EMECAM PROJECT

**EMECAM PROJECT:** Spanish Multicenter Study on the Relationship Between Air pollution and the Mortality.

**Data published in:** Rev. Esp. Salud Pública 1999.Nº2 March-April

**CITIES:** Barcelona, Bilbao, Cartagena, Castellón, Gijón, Huelva, Madrid, Pamplona, Sevilla, Oviedo, Valencia, Vigo, Vitoria, Zaragoza.

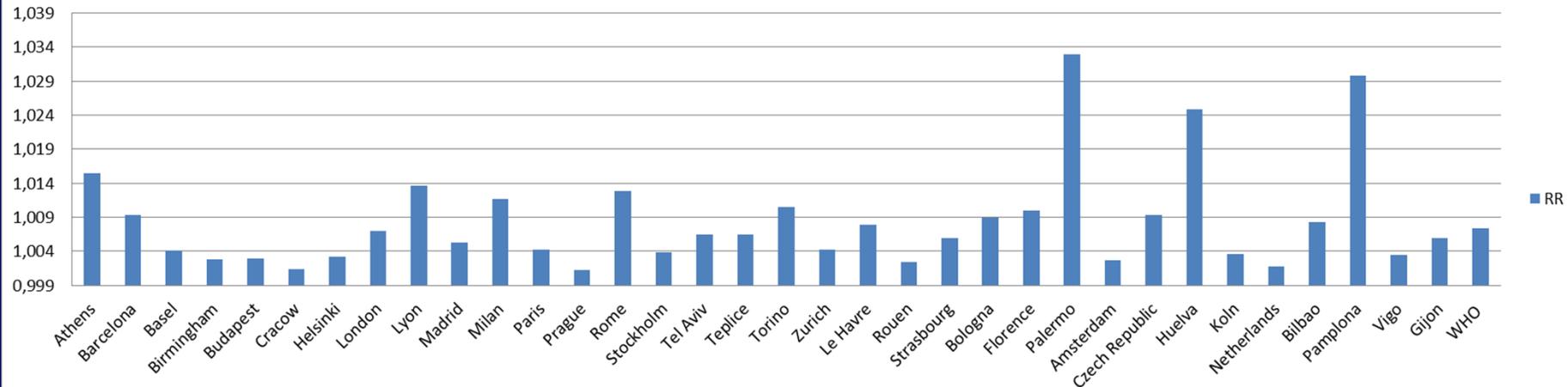
**TIME PERIOD:** 1990 – 1996 . Between 3 and 5 years. It depends on the city.

**METHODOLOGY:** Time series data are taking the daily deaths, pollutants and other factors (Flu deaths). Analysis Poisson Regresion.

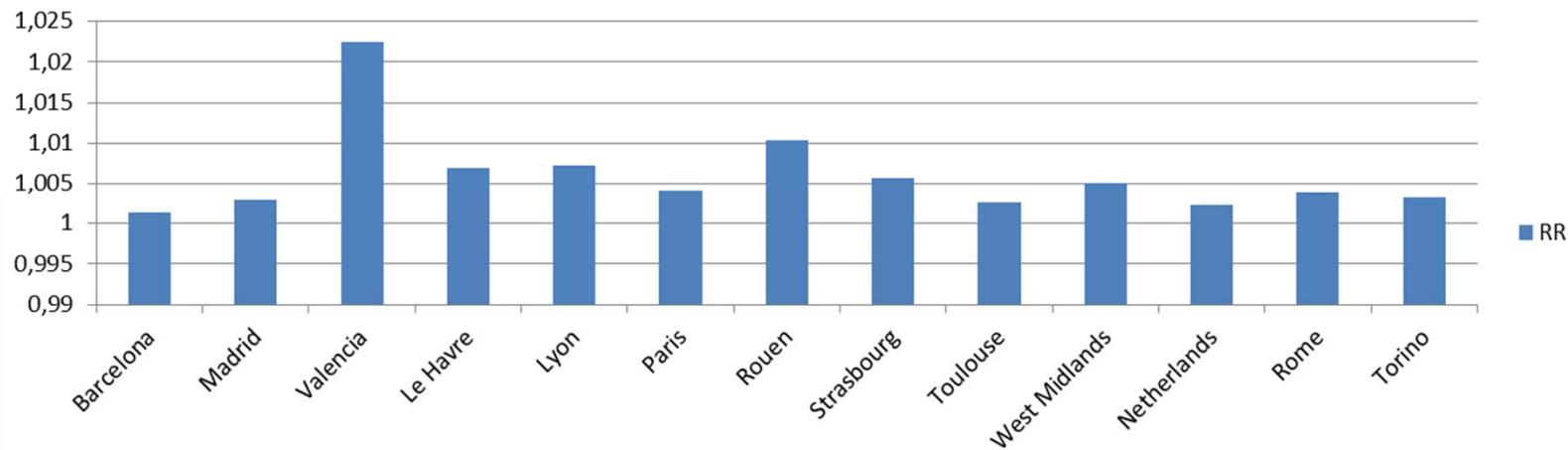


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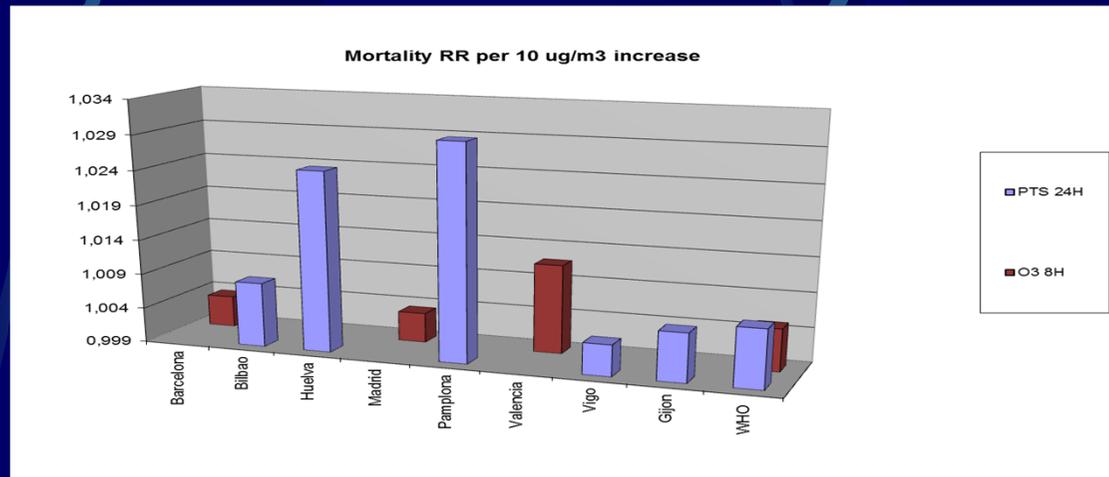
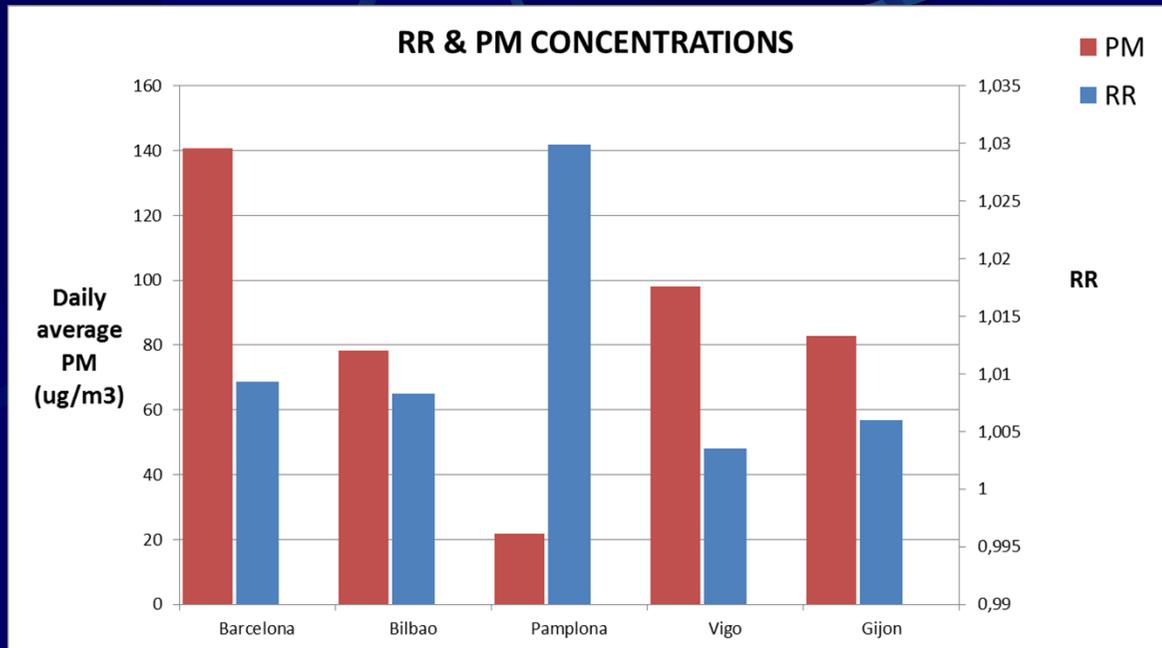
All cause mortality PM10 (daily average)



All cause mortality O3 (max. oct. average)



# SPANISH EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES. RR



For the non Spanish cities, values of concentrations are taken from the EUROPEAN OPERATIONAL AIR QUALITY FORECASTS SYSTEM.

The values are updated daily



# SHORT-TERM IMPACT FORECAST OF AIR POLLUTION ON THE MORTALITY. EUROPEAN CASE STUDY

**FINAL PRODUCT:** Forecast of the European mortality change (%) for tomorrow related to today's mortality due to air pollution concentration changes

## 3 Health effects:

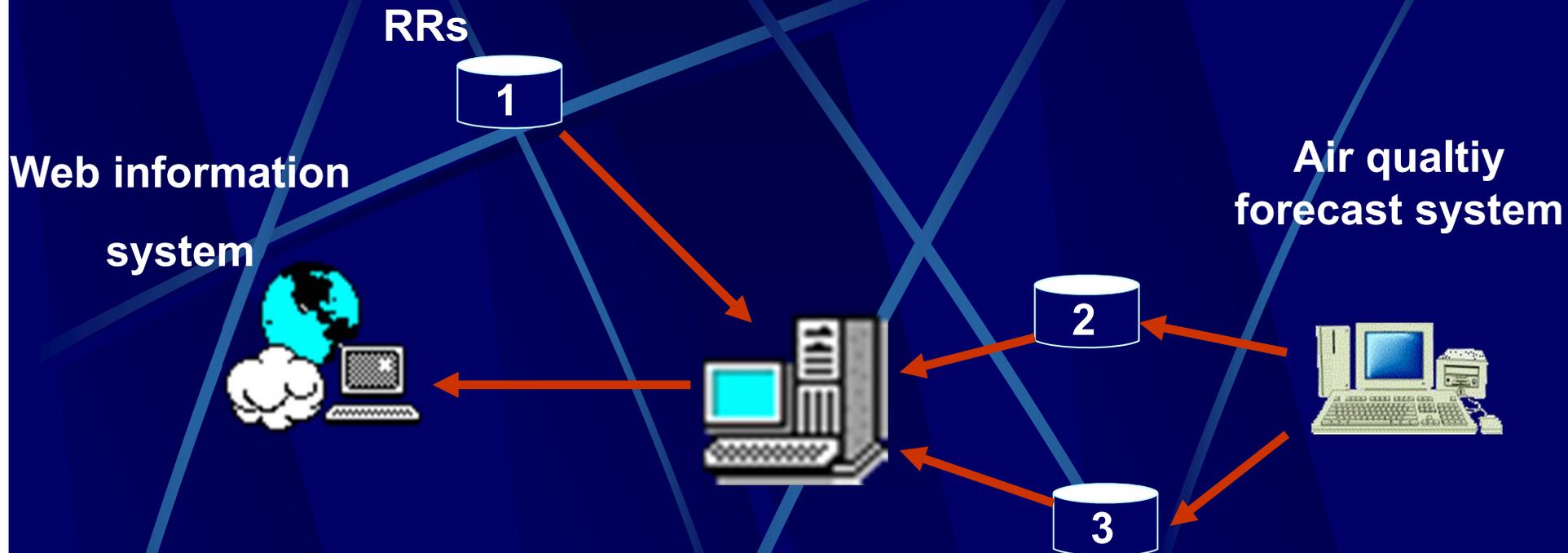
- Mortality for all causes
- Mortality for respiratory causes
- Mortality for cardiovascular causes

## 2 Air pollution indicators:

- Daily average PM10
- Maximum daily 8-hour mean: O3



# DATA SOURCES



1. RR from epidemiological studies
2. Air pollution over European cities of the epidemiological studies.
3. Air quality forecast for today and tomorrow 50 Km resolution.

Source: UPM MM5-CMAQ European Air quality System  
([http://verde.lma.fi.upm.es/cmaq\\_eu](http://verde.lma.fi.upm.es/cmaq_eu))



# FLOW WORK

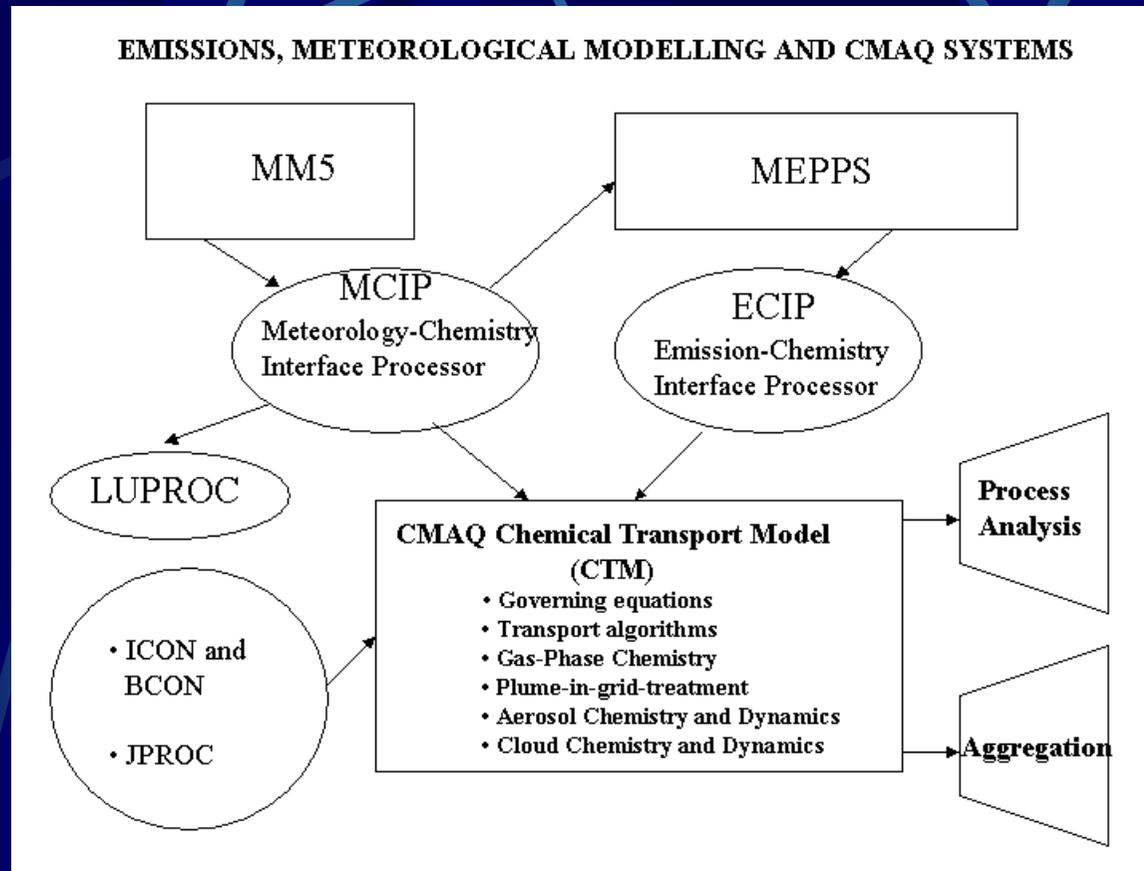
## BY EACH GRID CELL AND HEALTH INDICATOR:

1. Search the city with air pollution levels close to the level of the grid cell. Choose the RR associated to the selected city.
2. Calculate the concentration change between tomorrow and today.
3. Forecast the mortality change for tomorrow. Log-Linear model.
4. Write results



# THE MM5-CMAQ MODELLING SYSTEM

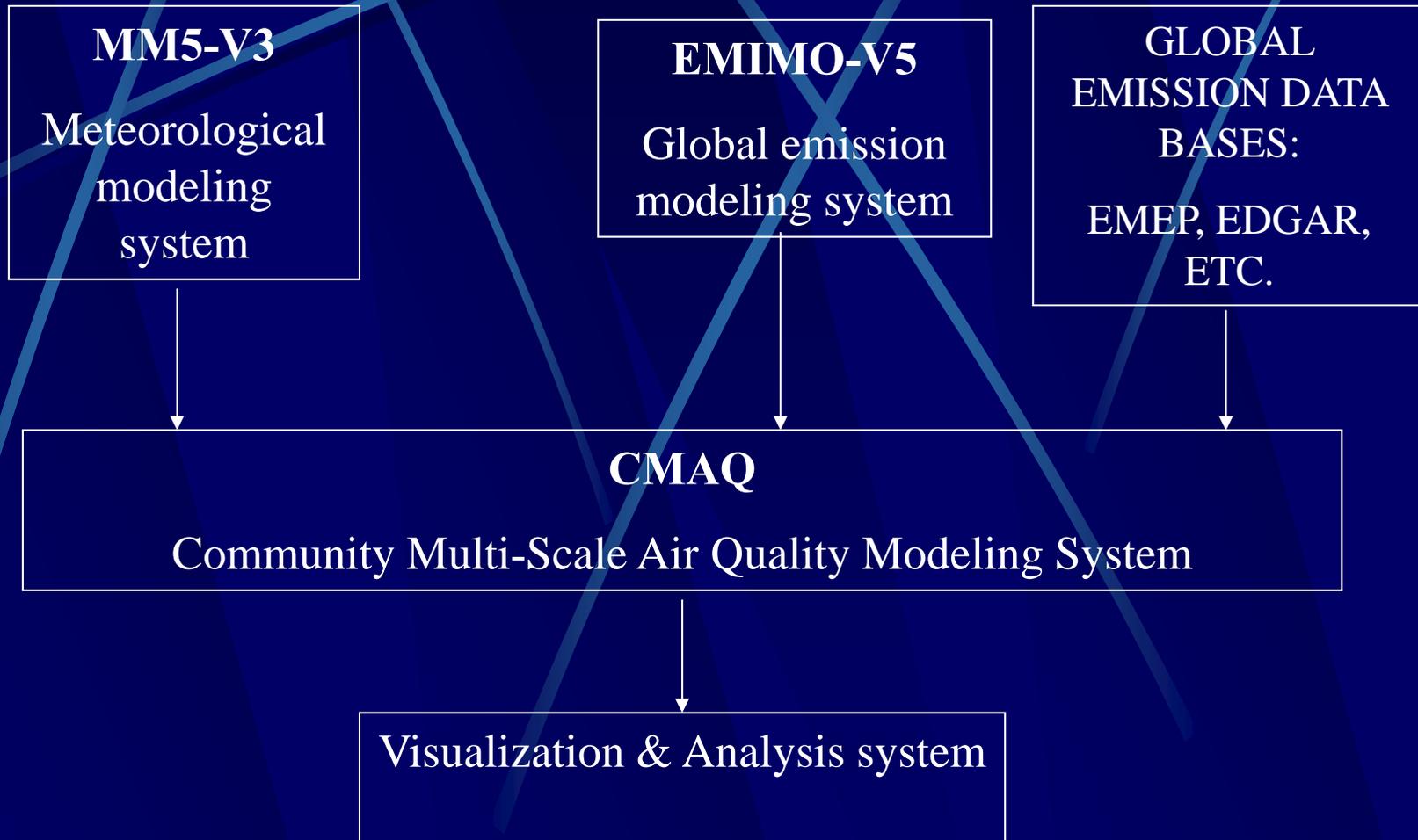
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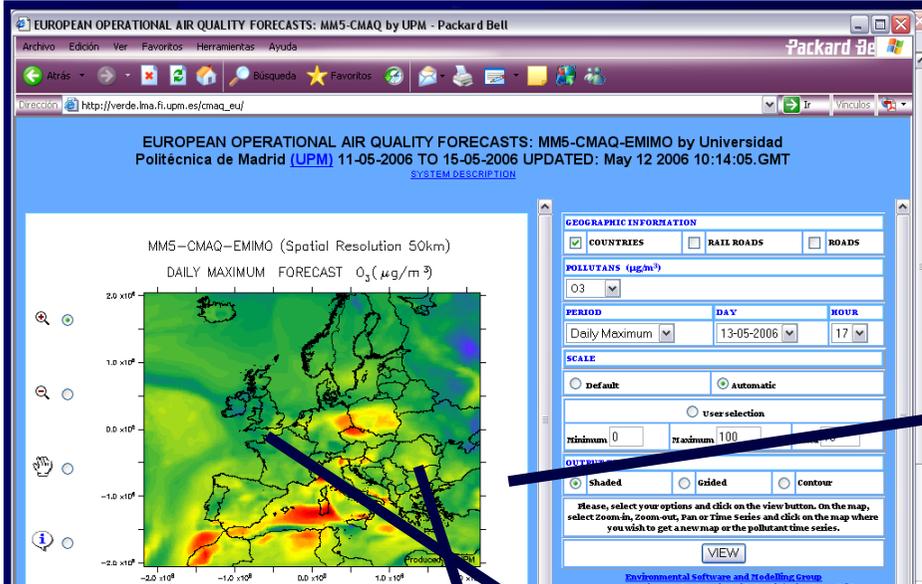


**THE CMAQ  
MODEL:  
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AIR QUALITY  
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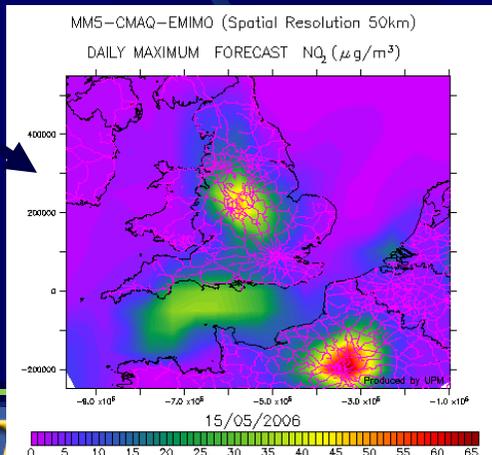
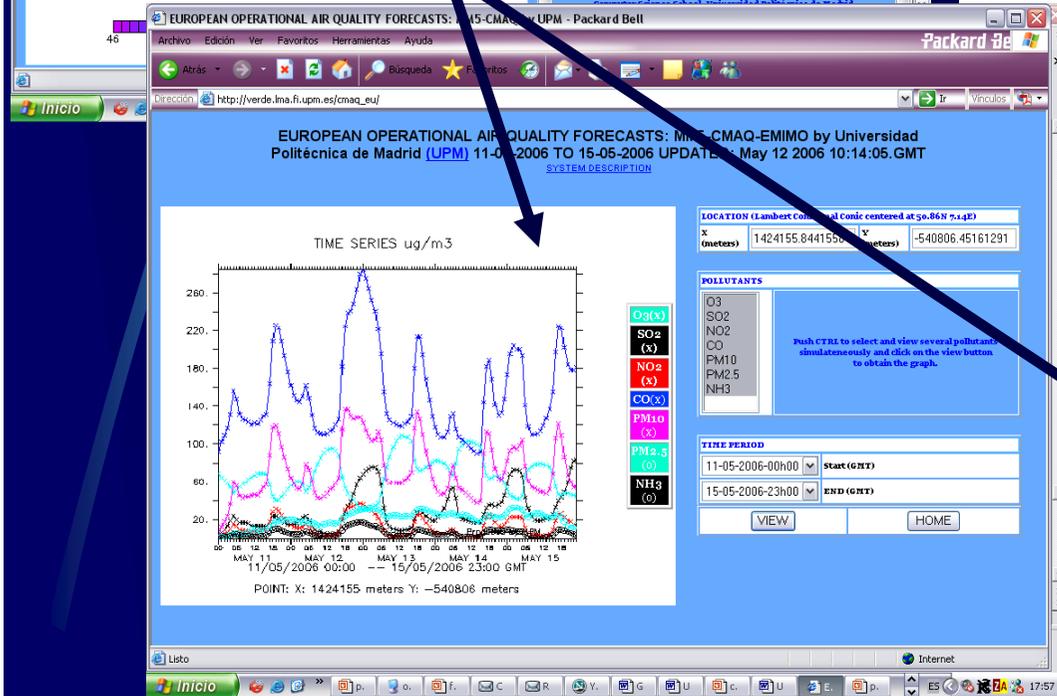
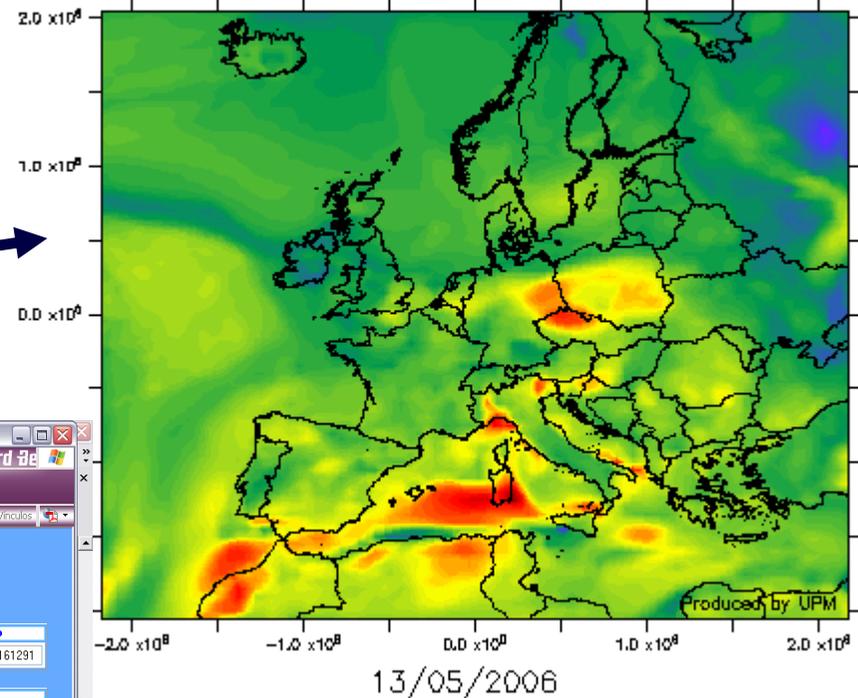


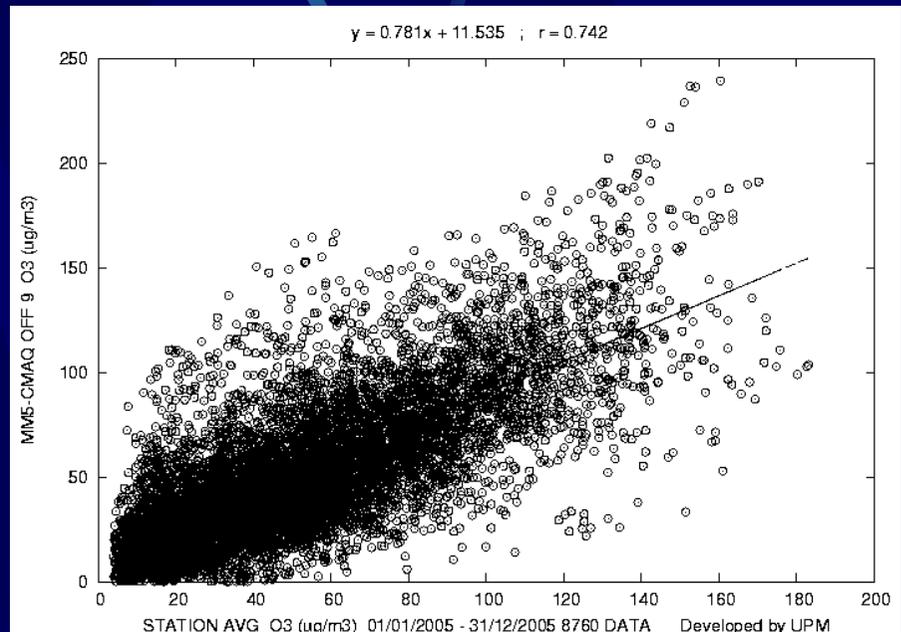
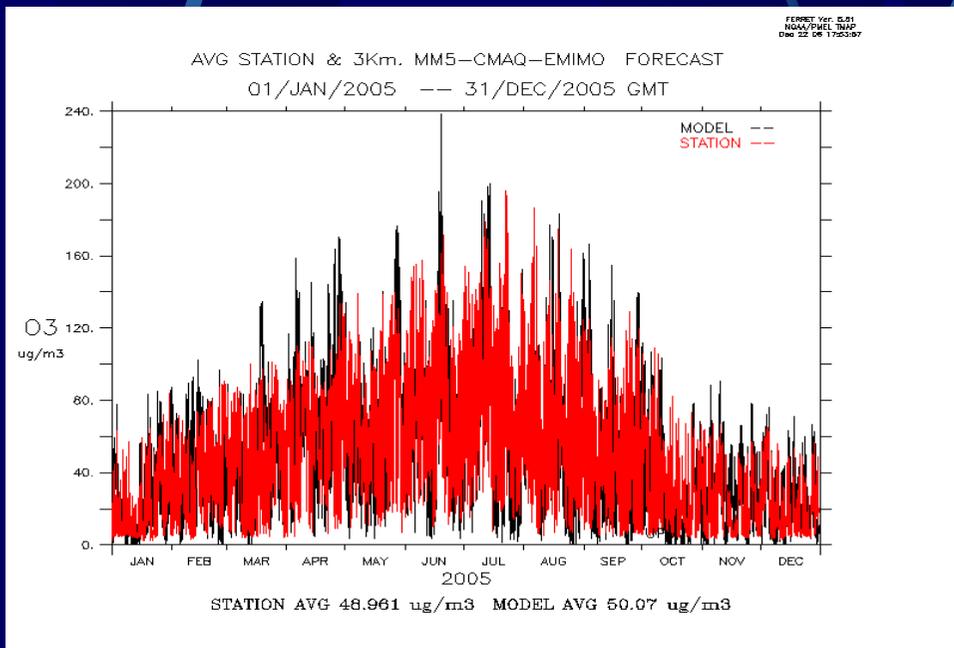
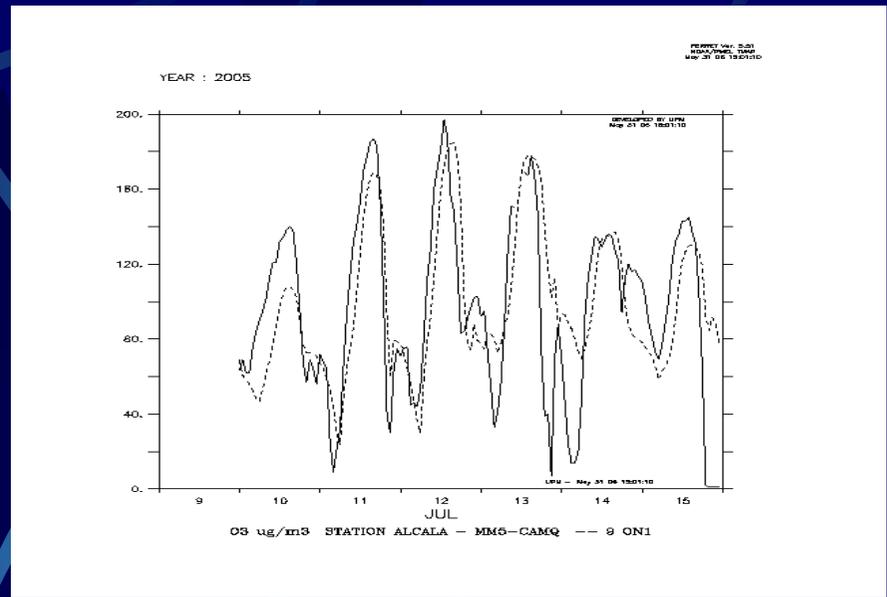
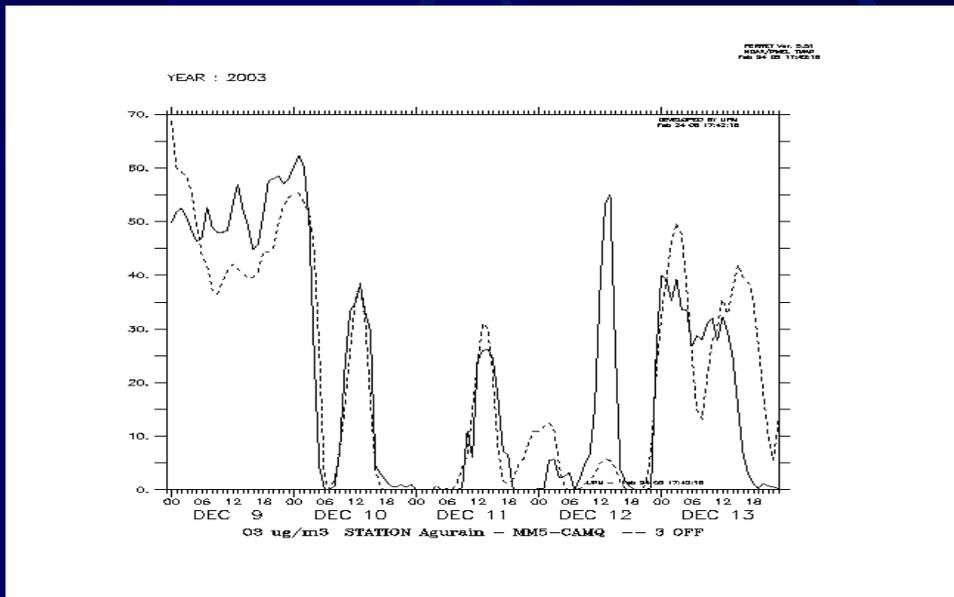
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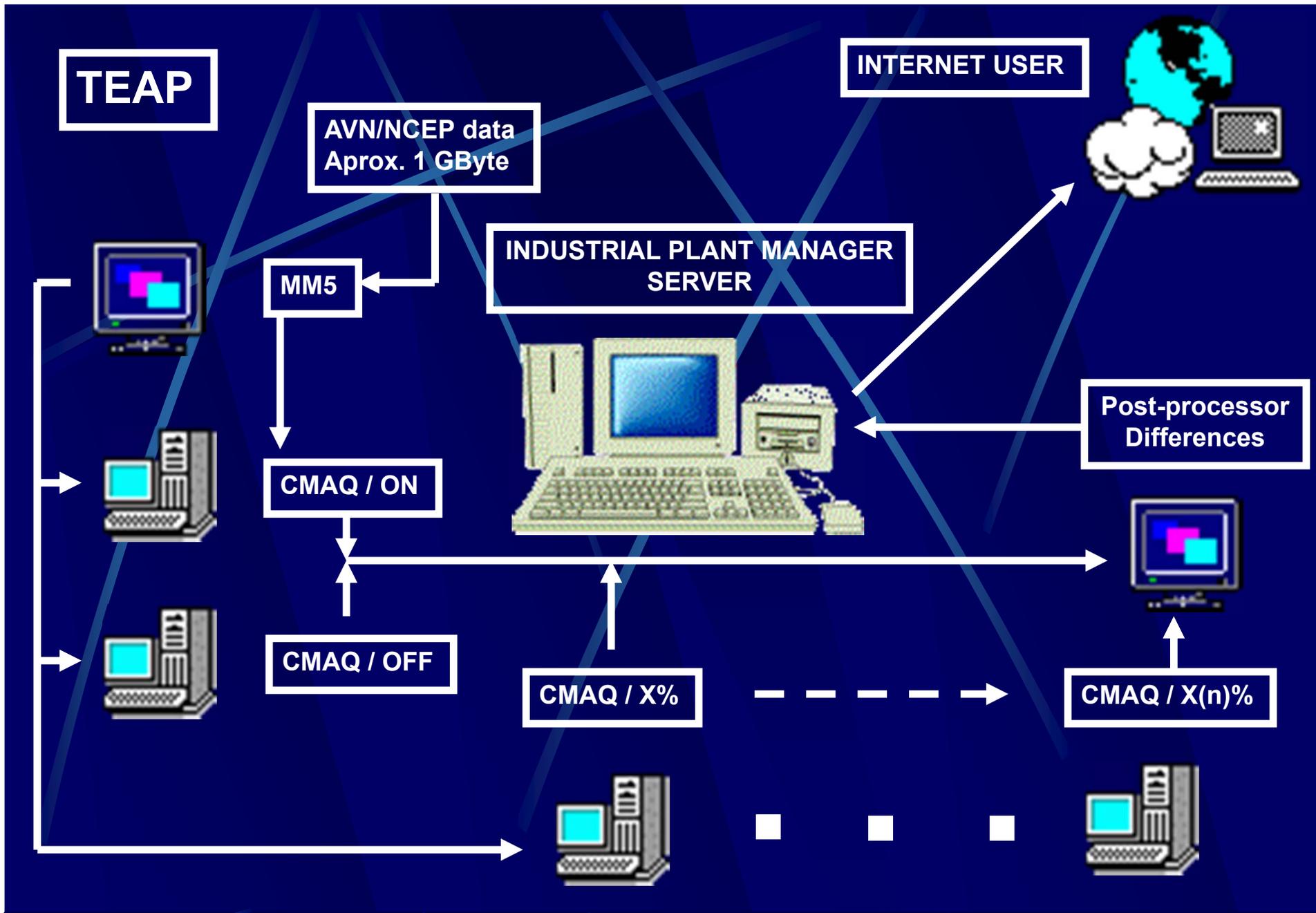


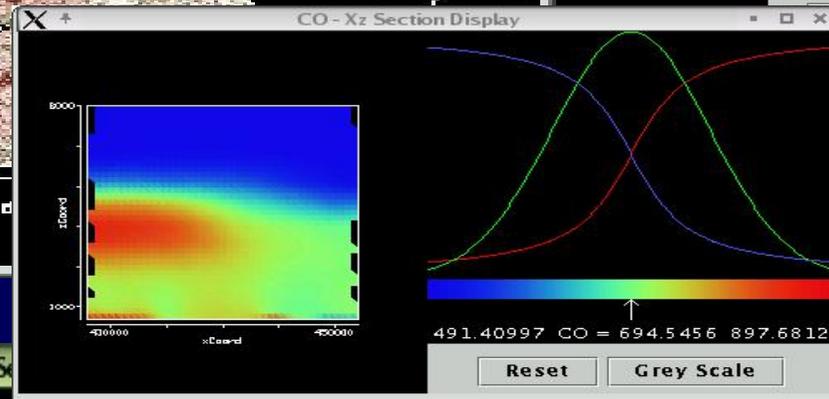
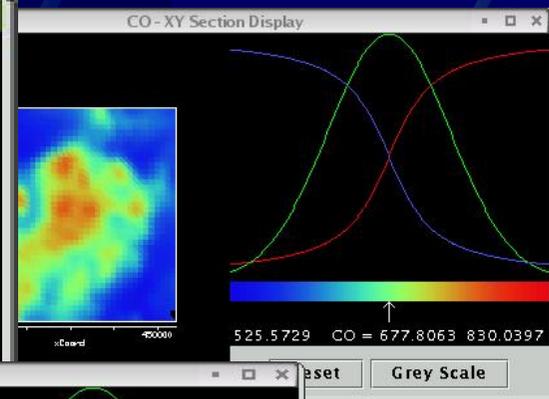
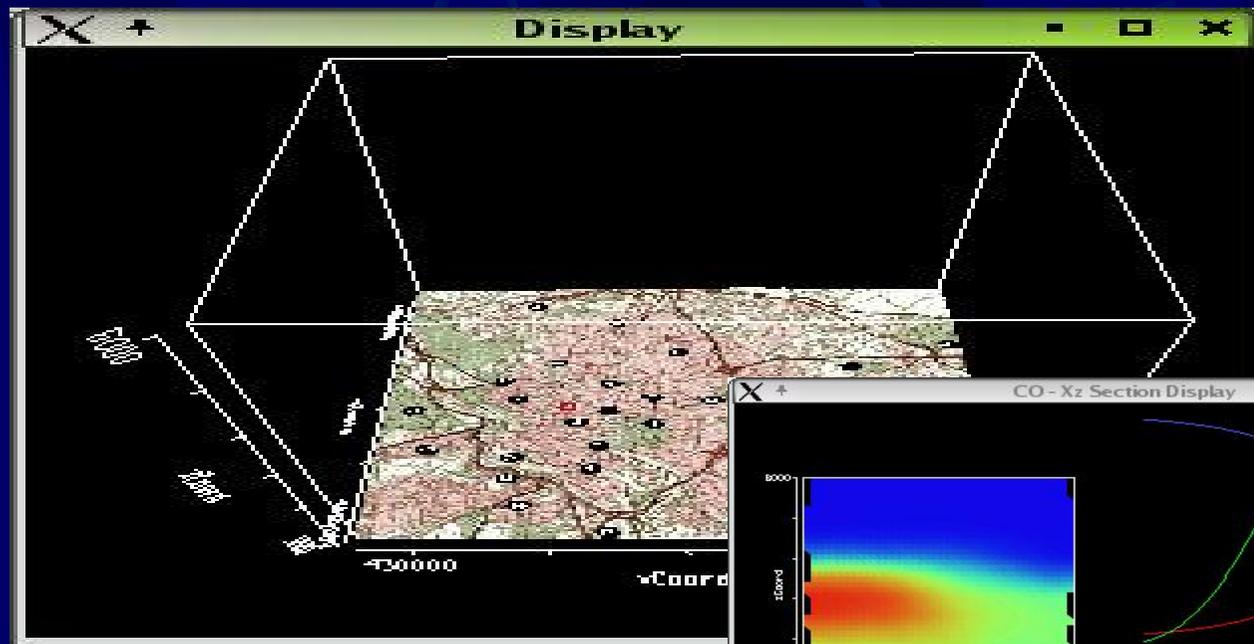


MMS-CMAQ-EMIMO (Spatial Resolution 50km)  
DAILY MAXIMUM FORECAST  $O_3$  ( $\mu g/m^3$ )

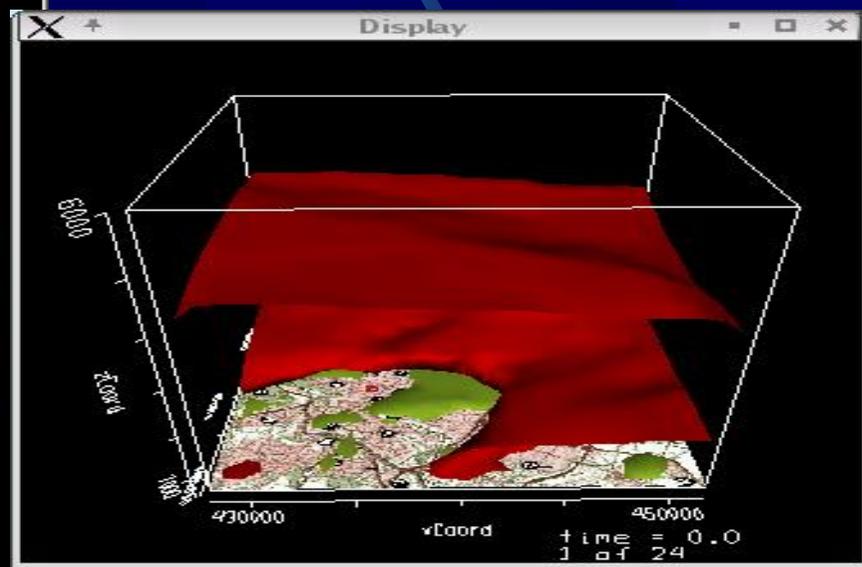
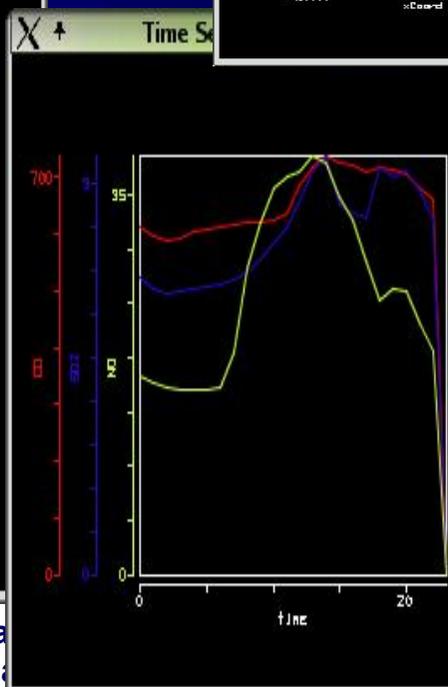
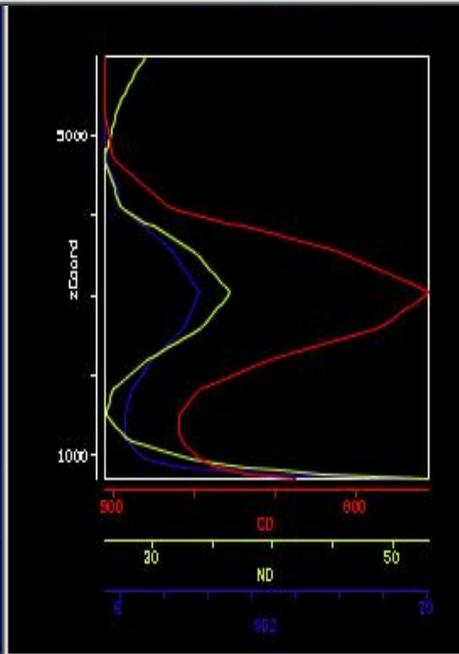






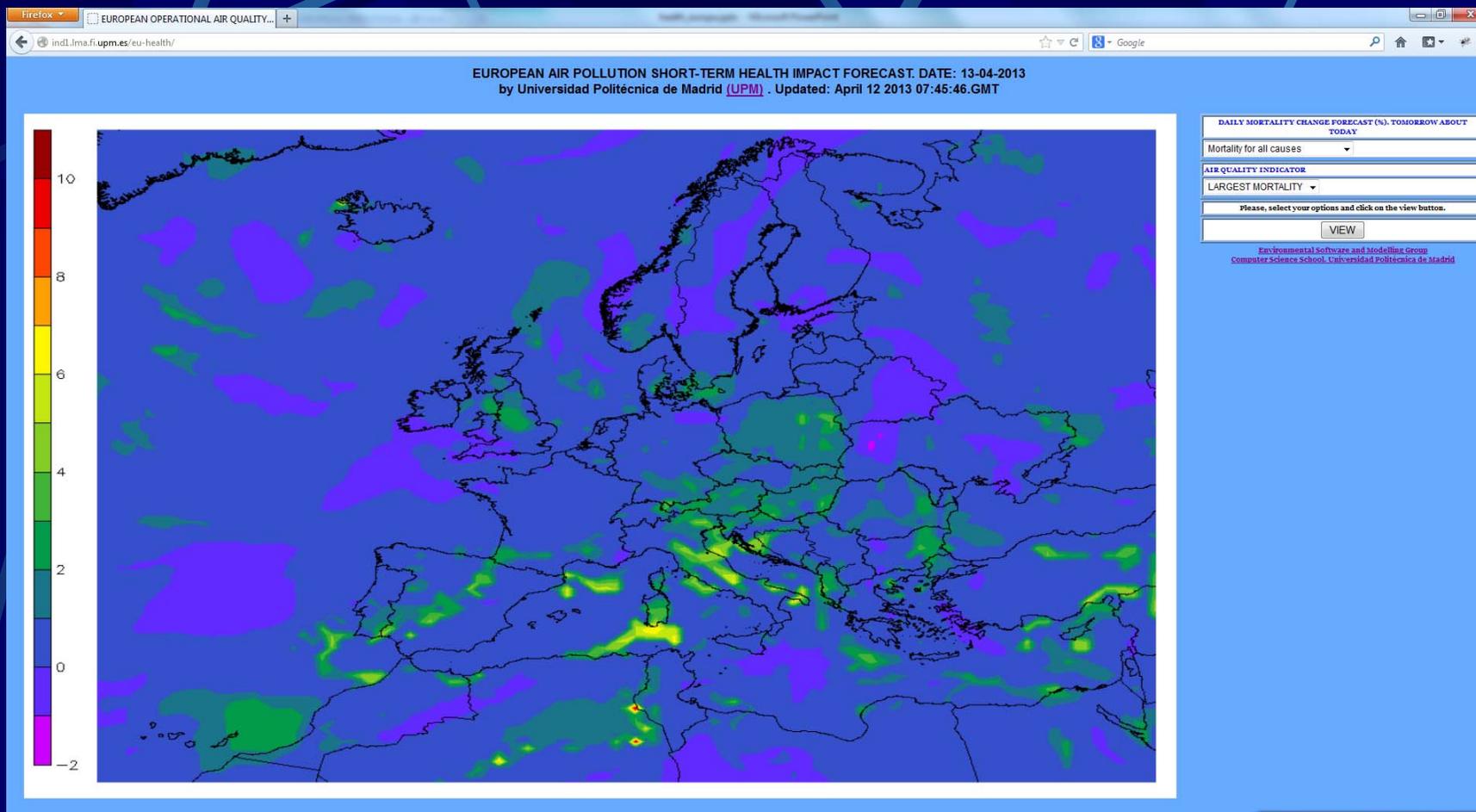


**SOPHISTICATED  
DISPLAY  
SYSTEM**

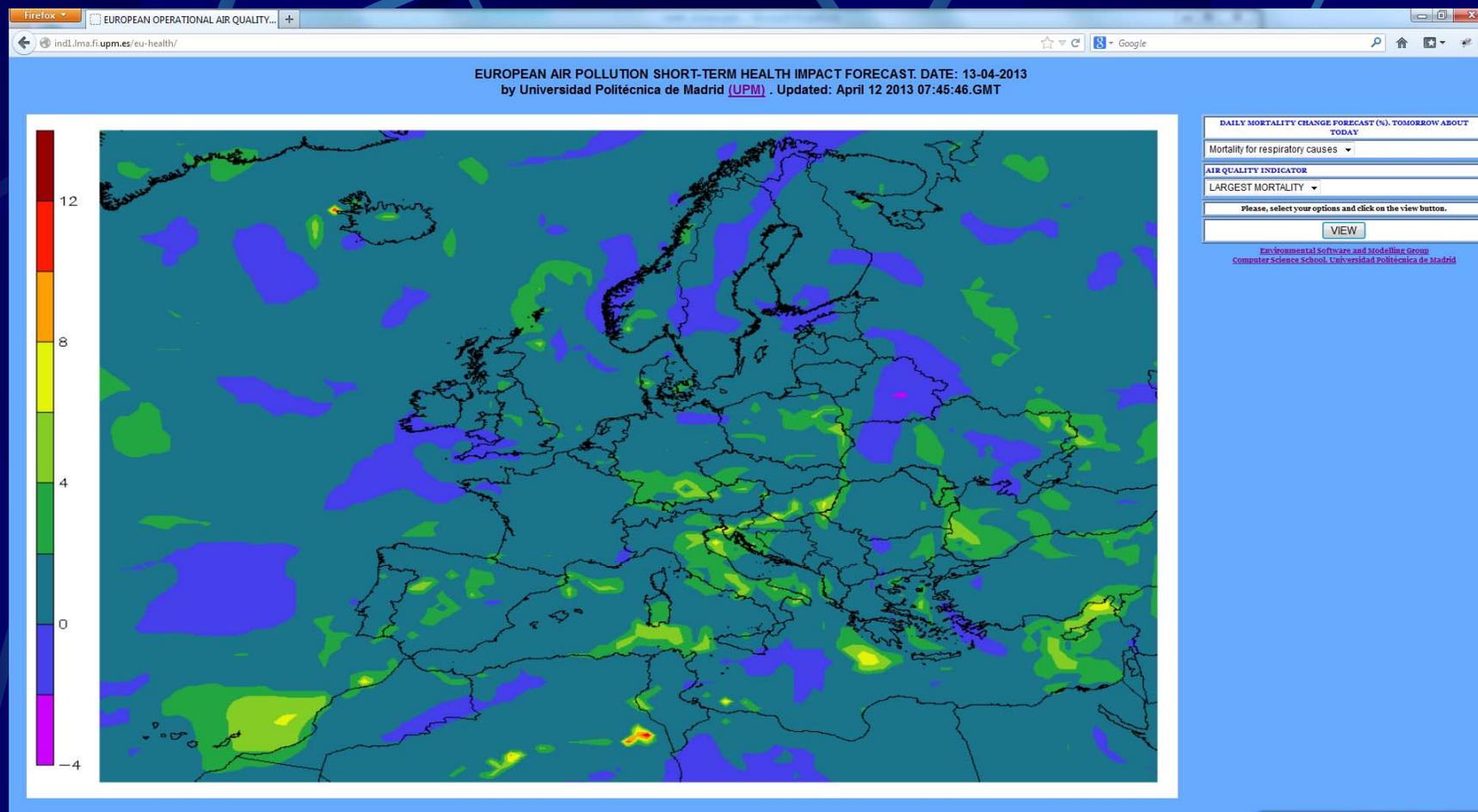


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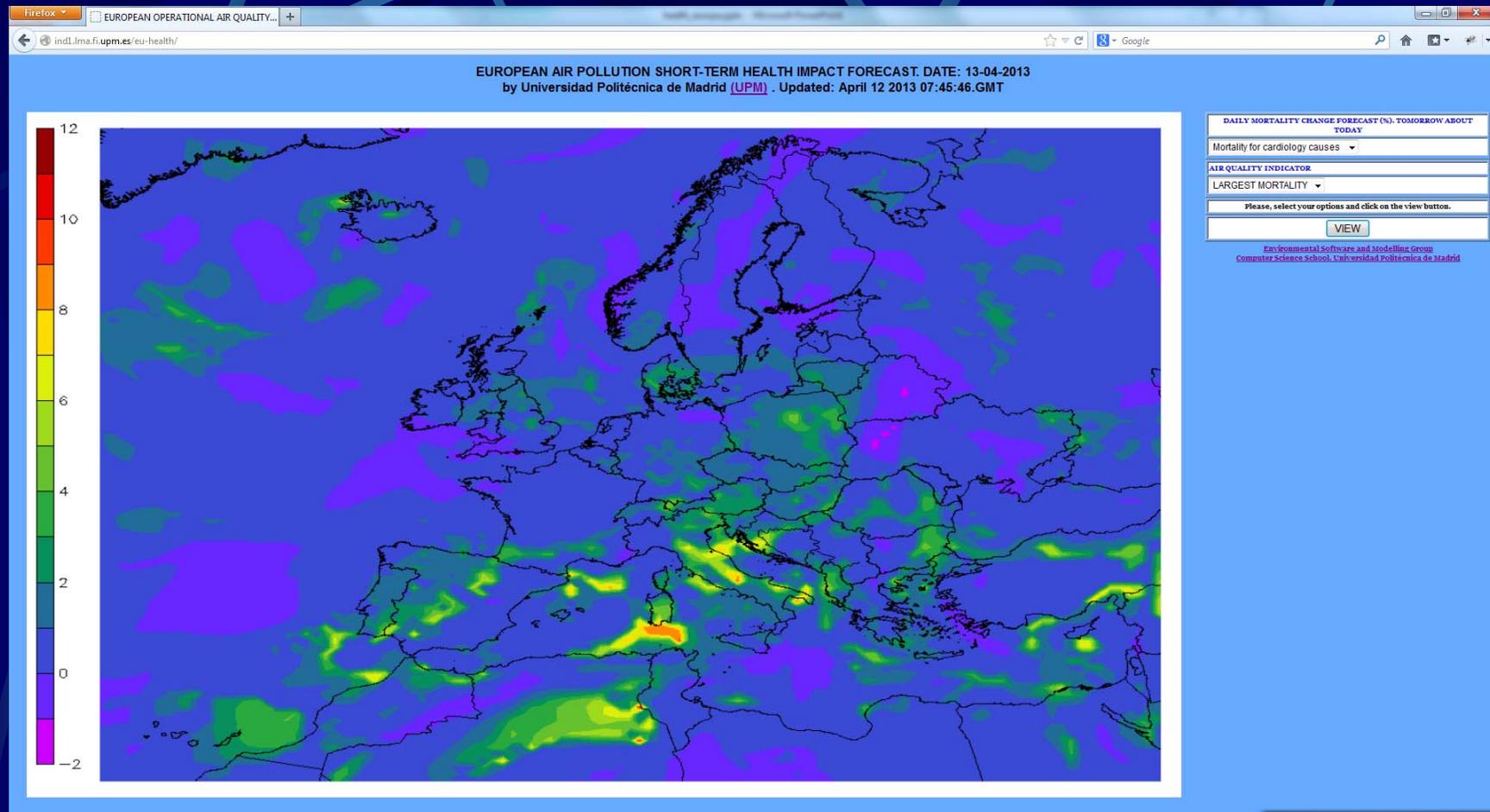
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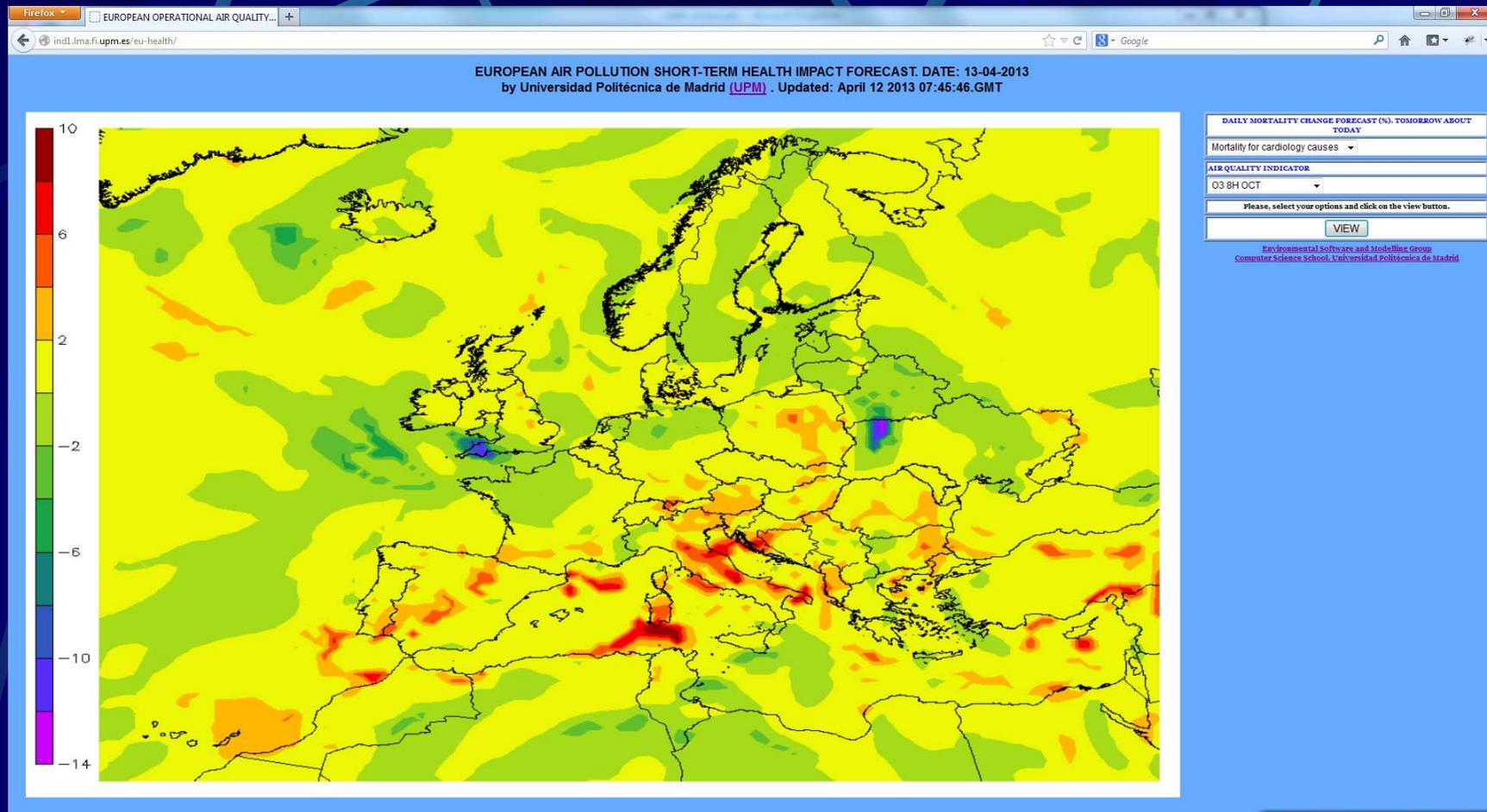
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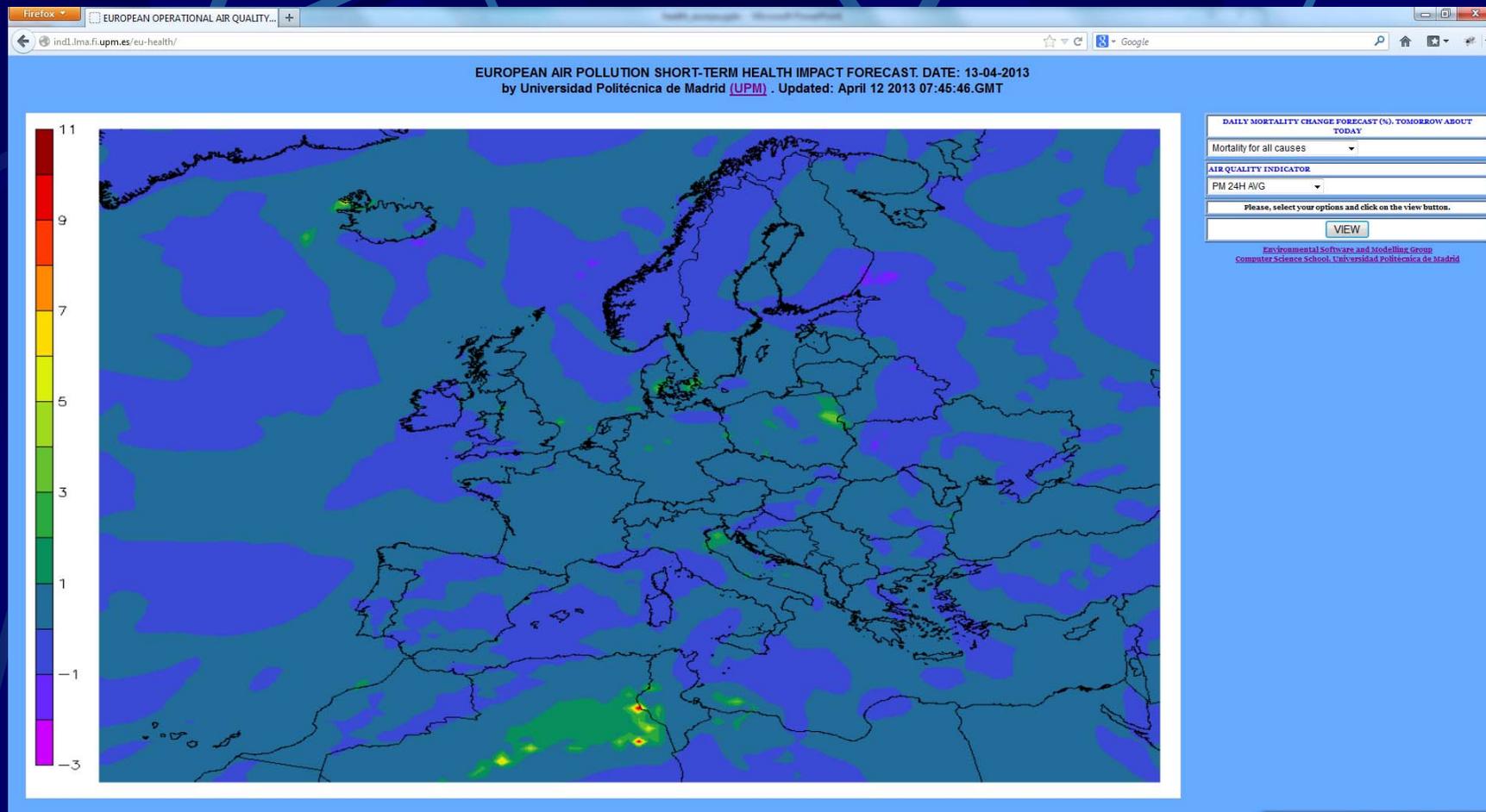
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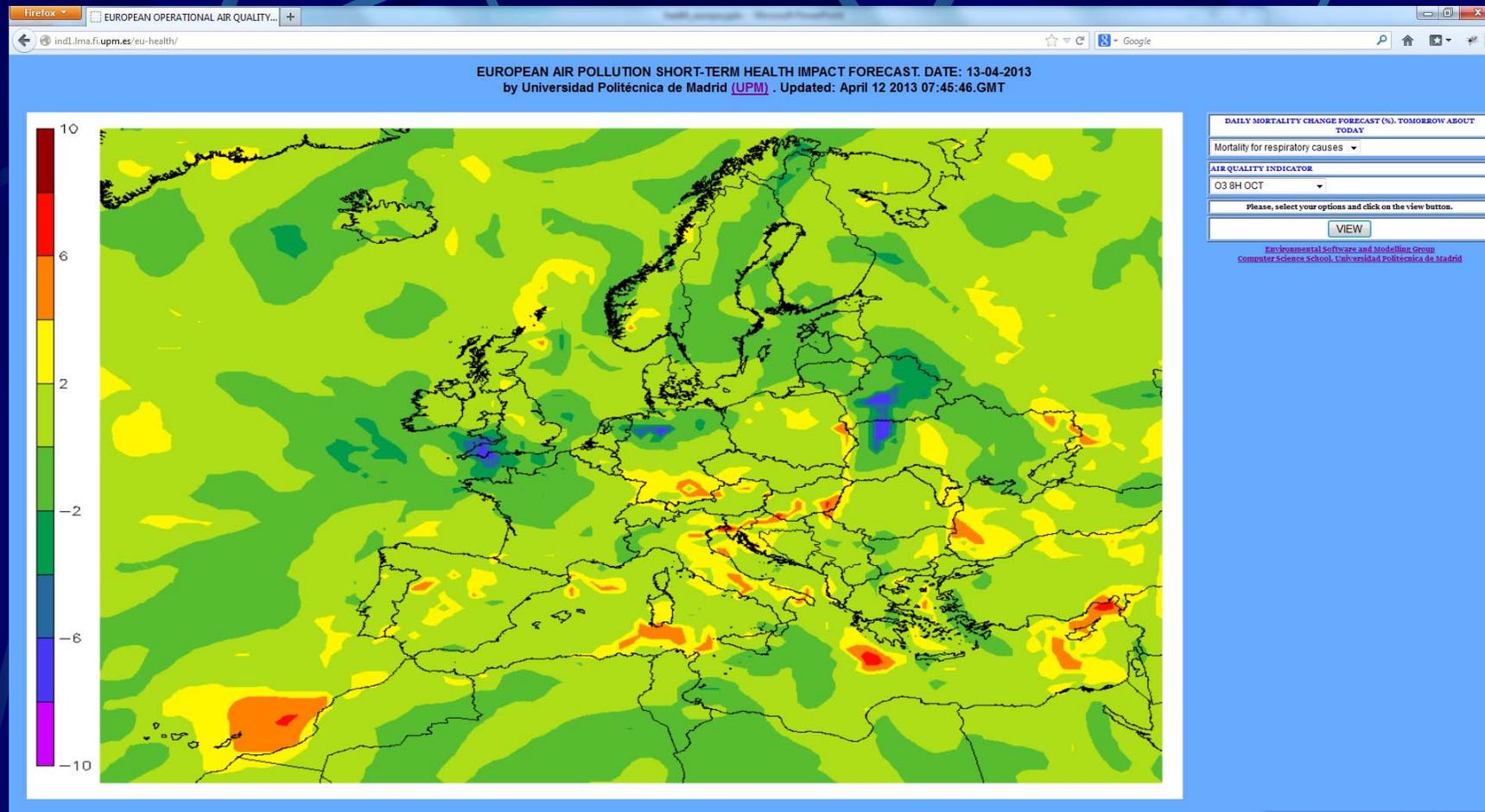
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# FORECAST DAILY MORTALITY CHANGE (PM10) (%) FOR TOMORROW (12/04/2013) RELATED TO TODAY. MORTALITY FOR ALL CAUSES. PM10 24 H. AVERAGE AIR QUALITY INDICATOR



# FORECAST DAILY MORTALITY CHANGE (O3) (%) FOR TOMORROW (12/04/2013) ABOUT TODAY. MORTALITY FOR RESPIRATORY CAUSES. O3 8H. MORTALITY AIR QUALITY INDICATOR



# OPERATIONAL FORECAST DAILY MORTALITY CHANGE (%) FOR TOMORROW RELATED TO TO-TODAY'S MORTALITY.

<http://ind1.lma.fi.upm.es/eu-health>

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## CONCLUSIONS

1. We have developed an operational health impact system based on the MM5-CMAQ operational air quality forecasts over all Europe with 50 km spatial resolution.
2. Results show a high sensitivity to the dynamical meteorology and chemical components in the atmosphere.
3. The impact of air pollution in the mortality is very important (percentages higher than 20 % are very common)



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