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# CALIOPE forecasts evaluated by DELTA

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# CALIOPE Air Quality Forecast System

## CALIOPE modules

- WRF-ARWv3.5
- 38 sigma levels (top 50 hPa)
- IBC: GFS (NCEP)
- 33 layers/50 hPa

Meteorology

- HERMESv2
- EU: HERMES-DIS (EMEP data)
- Spain: HERMES-BOUP

Emission

- CMAQv5.0.1
- CB05/AERO5
- BC: NCAR MOZART4
- 15 layers/ 50 hPa

Chemistry

- BSC-DREAM8bv2
- Desert PM10 and PM2.5

Desert dust

- Kalman filter (point and 2D)

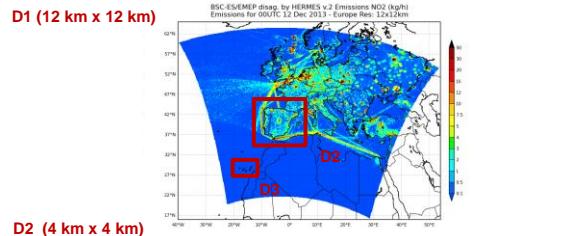
Post-process

## Air Quality Forecast

O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, CO, PM10, PM2.5, Benceno

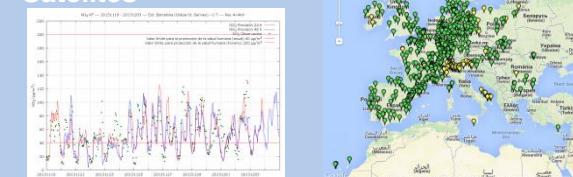
## Forecast 48h

- Maps: concentración, emisión, meteo.
- Air Quality Index



## NRT evaluation

- AQ and Met network
- Satellites



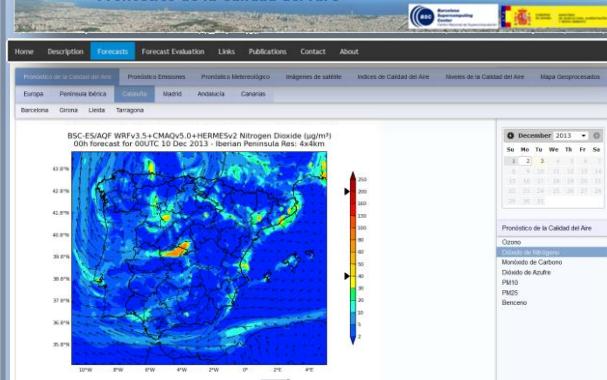
## Difusion

- Web ([www.bsc.es/caliope](http://www.bsc.es/caliope))
- Smartphone



## Sistema CALIOPE

Pronóstico de la Calidad del Aire



## CALIOPE

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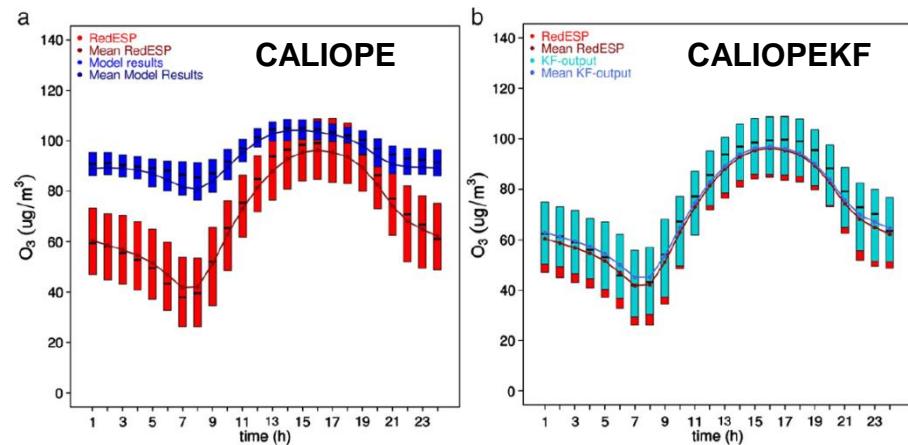
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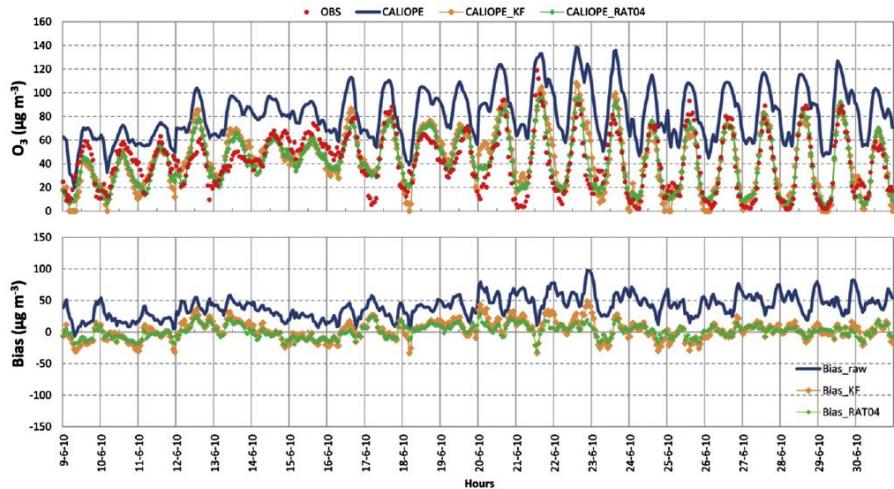
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Y ORDENACIÓN DEL TERRITORIO

# Experience with bias-correction techniques in CALIOPE

- « KF improves  $O_3$  forecast (timing, daily variability) bias and capability to predict exceedances of air quality thresholds.
- « Among different bias-correction techniques, KF was more robust in terms of the absence of observation and computational cost.
- « KF is applied for  $O_3$ ,  $NO_2$ , and  $PM_{10}$



Sicardi et al. (2011): STOTEN- Assessment of Kalman filter bias-adjustment technique to improve the simulation of ground-level ozone over Spain



Borrego et al. (2011): AE- How bias-correction can improve air quality forecasts over Portugal

# Objective

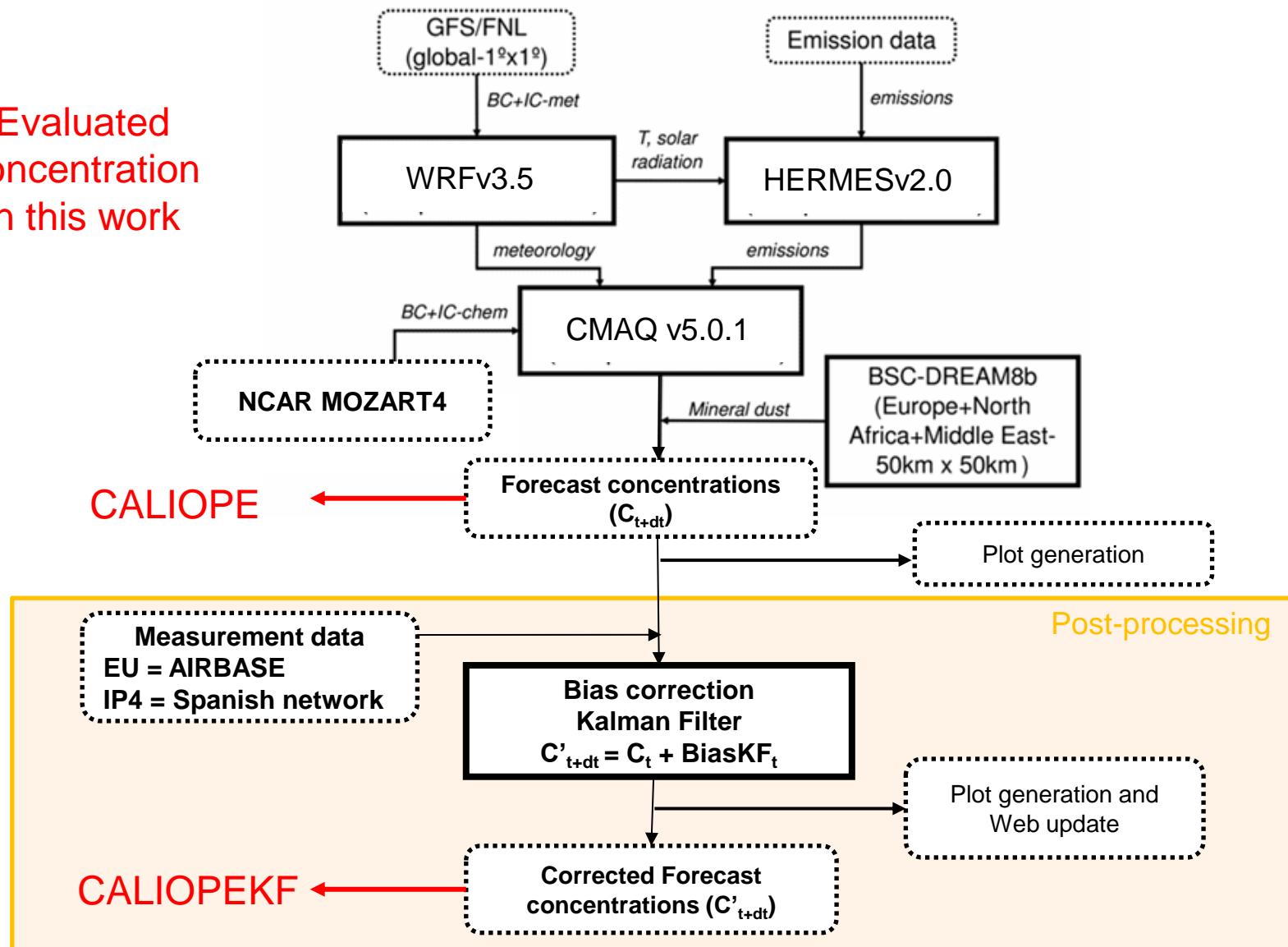
- Using the DELTA tool (benchmarking and exploration) to evaluate the CALIOPE performance, with a special focus on:
  - Analysing the effect of bias correction techniques in terms of the MQO.
  - Testing the Target Indicator for forecasting applications.

## Case study

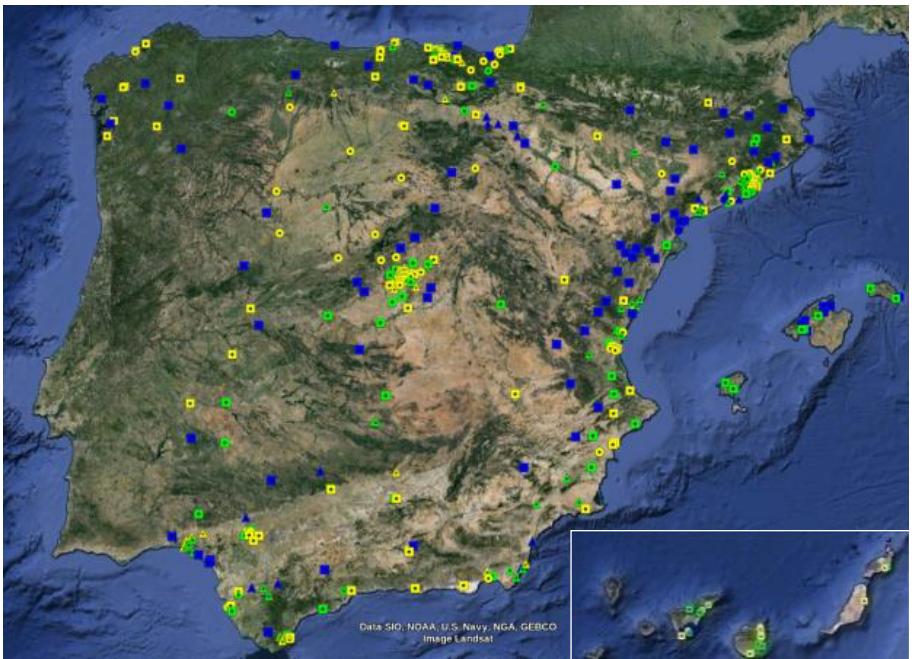
- Modelling system:** CALIOPE-AQFS (4 km x 4 km)
- Domain:** Spain
- Annual evaluation:** 2013
- Evaluated pollutants:** O<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub>
- Observation:** Spanish air quality monitoring network.
- DELTA tool v3.6:**  
init.ini: ELAB\_FILTER\_TYPE=ADVANCED

# Forecast post-processing within CALIOPE-AQFS

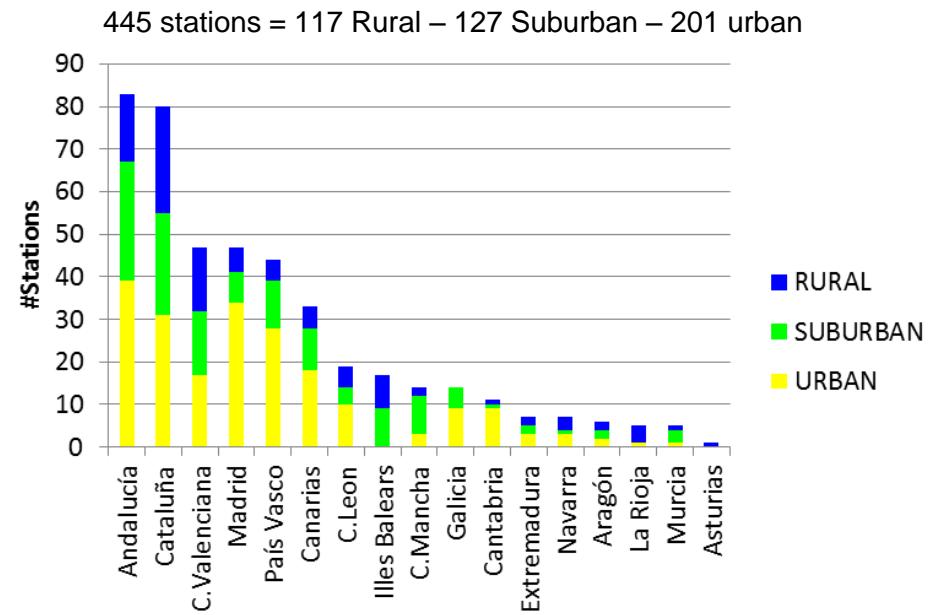
Evaluated  
concentration  
in this work



# AQ Monitoring Network in 2013: Near Real Time (NRT) observations



	# stations	%U	%S	%R
O <sub>3</sub>	290	42	30	29
NO <sub>2</sub>	345	48	29	23
SO <sub>2</sub>	250	48	29	20
PM10	223	51	29	20
PM2.5	43	42	33	26

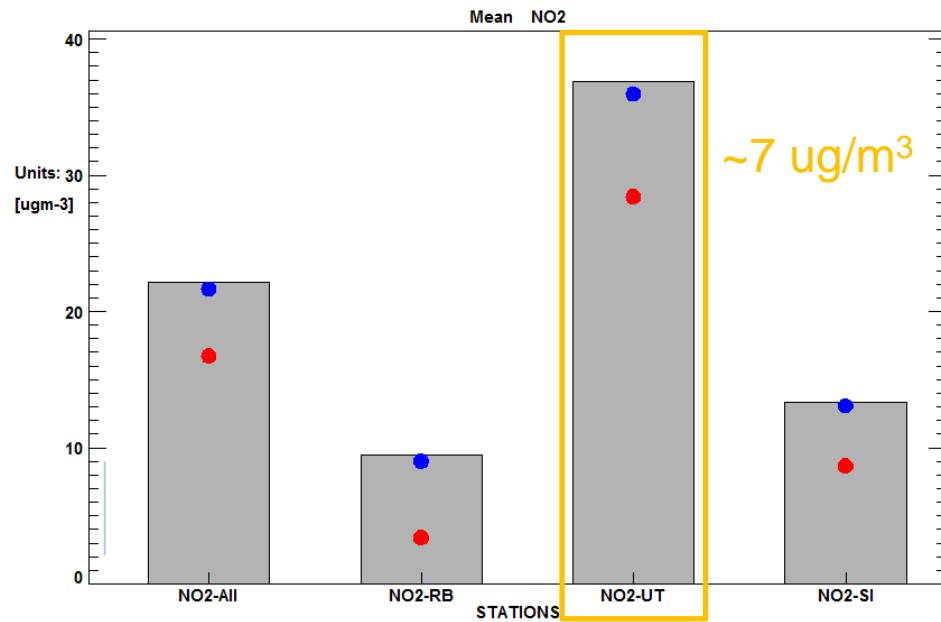
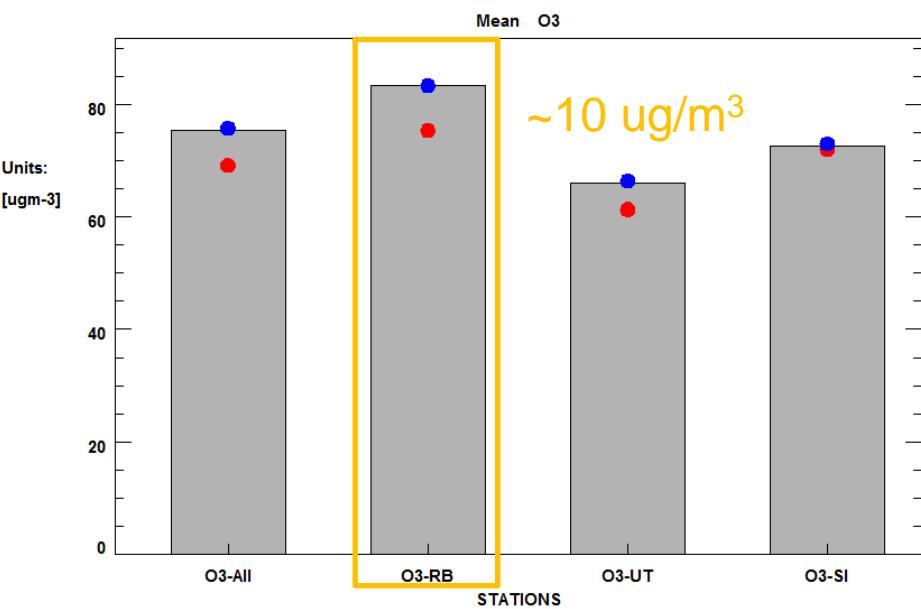


## Institutions providing data in NRT during 2013:

1. [La Agencia Europea de Medioambiente \(EEA\)](#)
2. [Generalitat de Catalunya](#)
3. [Gobierno de Cantabria](#)
4. [Junta de Andalucía](#)
5. [Gobierno de Canarias](#)
6. [Comunidad de Madrid](#)
7. [Ayuntamiento de Madrid](#)
8. [Govern de les Illes Balears](#)
9. [Xunta de Galicia](#)
10. [Gobierno de La Rioja](#)
11. [Gobierno Extremadura](#)
12. [Junta de Castilla y León](#)
13. [Junta de Castilla-La Mancha](#)
14. [Govern d'Andorra](#)

# Bar plot in DELTA tool

● CALIOPE  
● CALIOPEKF



O<sub>3</sub> period  
(April to September)

OBS

○ CALIOPE  
○ CALIOPEKF

Start/end Ind: 2161-5832  
 Station: -1  
 Parameter: O3  
 Scen: 2013  
 Extra Values: No  
 Season: Year  
 Day hours: All 24h  
 Time Average: Preserved  
 Daily stats: preserved

○ CALIOPE  
○ CALIOPEKF

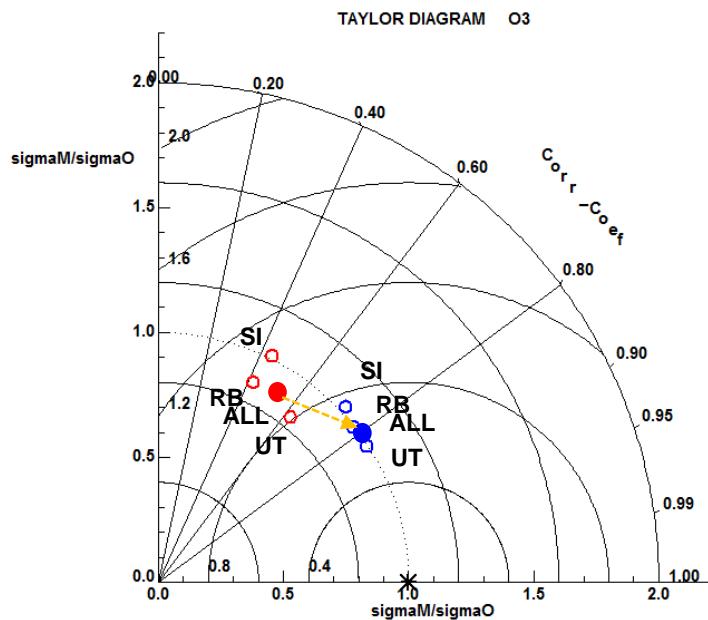
OBS

Start/end Ind: 1-8760  
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 Daily stats: preserved

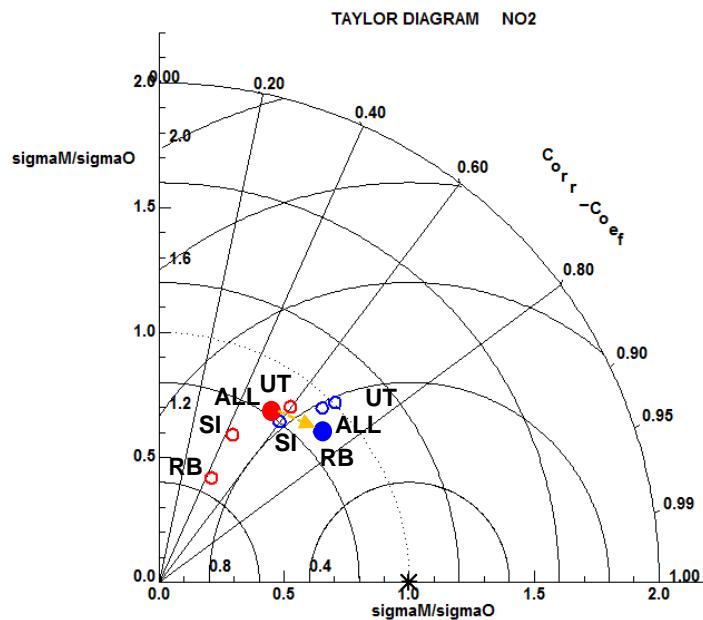
# Taylor diagram in DELTA tool

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O<sub>3</sub>



NO<sub>2</sub>



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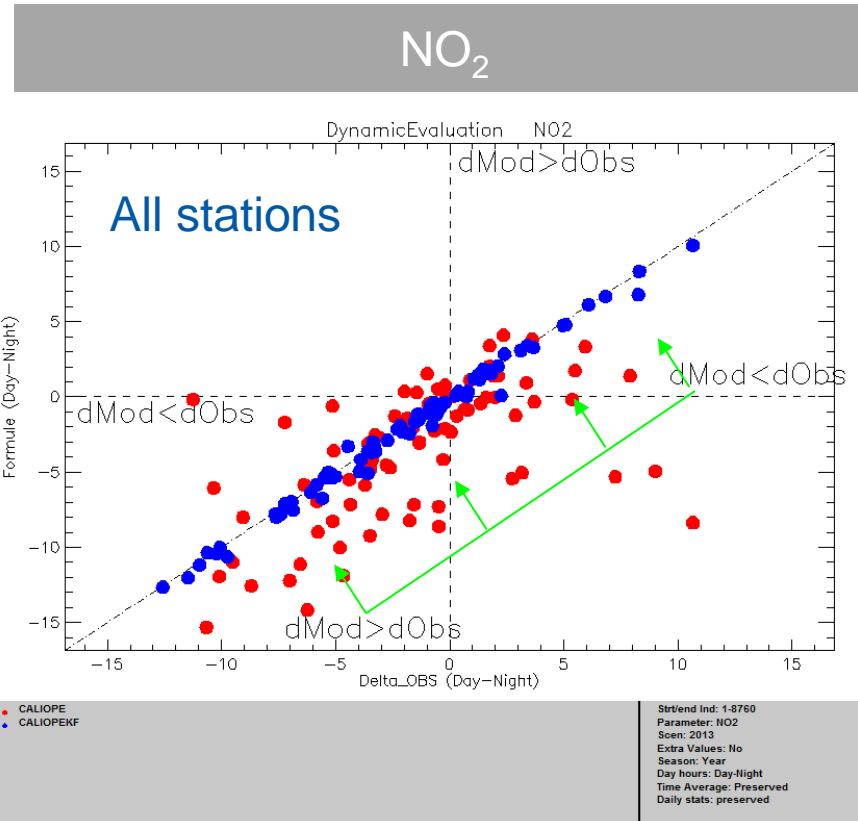
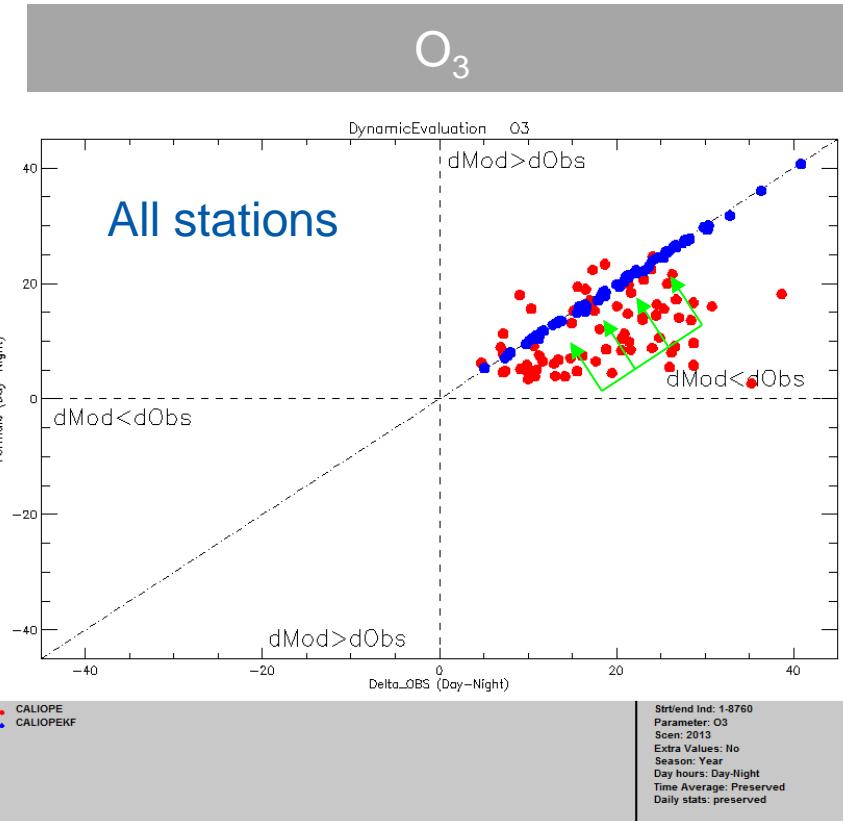
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 Parameter: O3  
 Ssen: 2013  
 Extra Values: No  
 Season: Year  
 Day hours: All 24h  
 Time Average: Preserved  
 Daily stats: Mean

○ CALIOPE  
○ CALIOPEKF

Start/End Ind: 1-8760  
 Station: -4  
 Parameter: NO2  
 Ssen: 2013  
 Extra Values: No  
 Season: Year  
 Day hours: All 24h  
 Time Average: Preserved  
 Daily stats: Mean

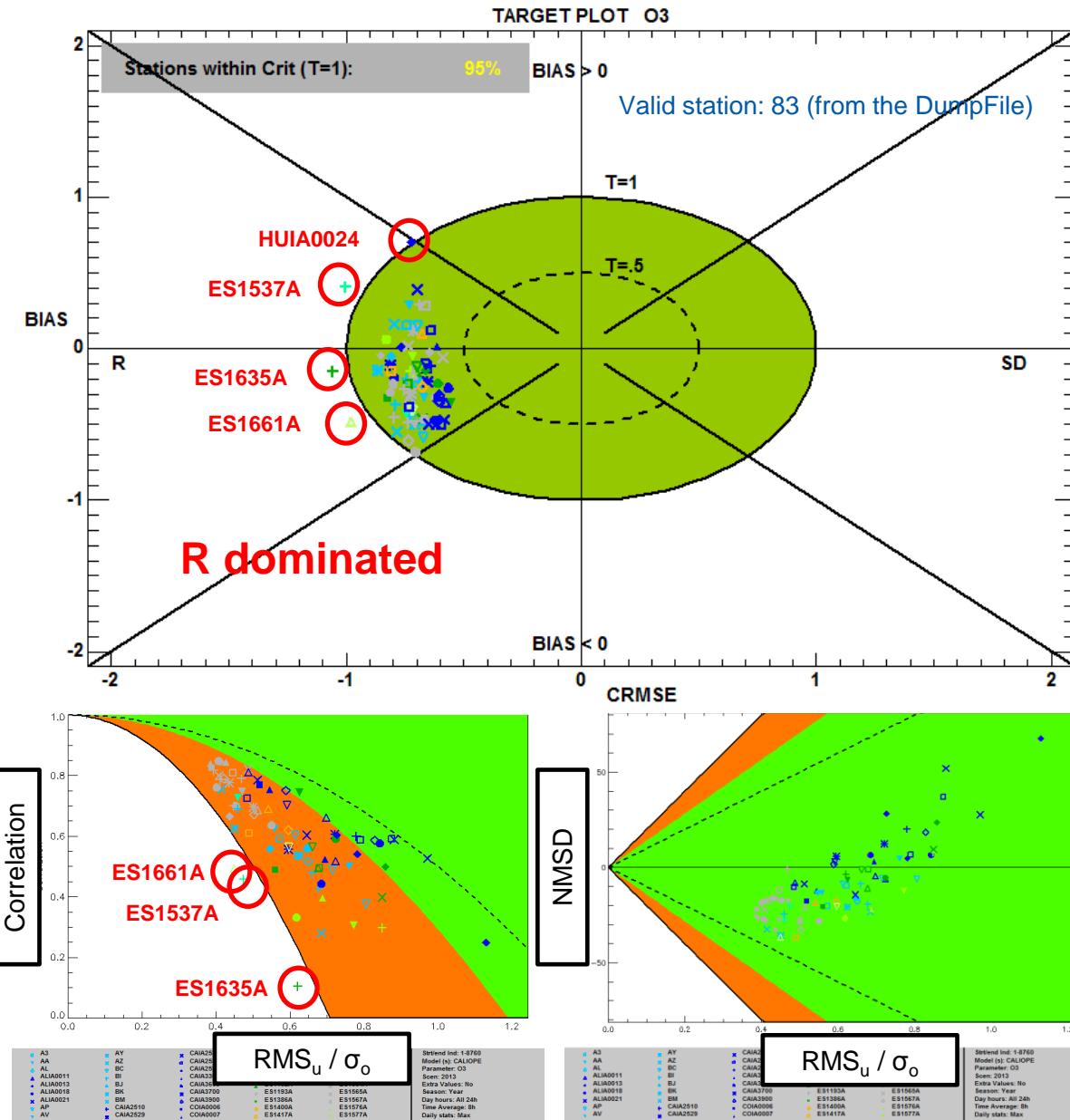
# Dynamic evaluation: day/night

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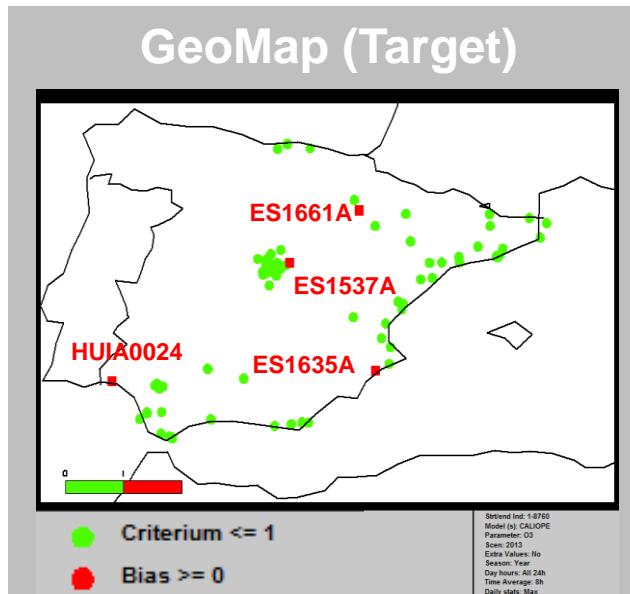
Day-night variability (almost negative) is significantly improved with KF

# Target Plot and GeoMap



**From Target plot description in User**

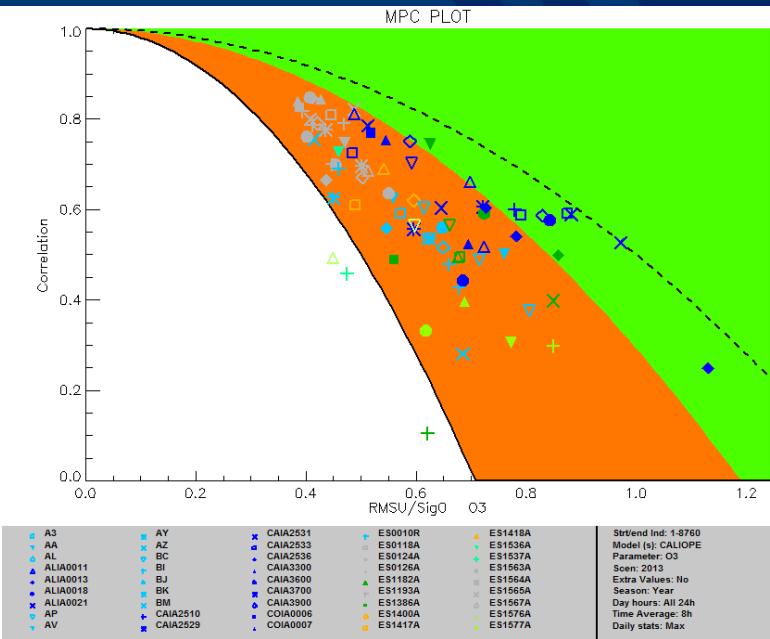
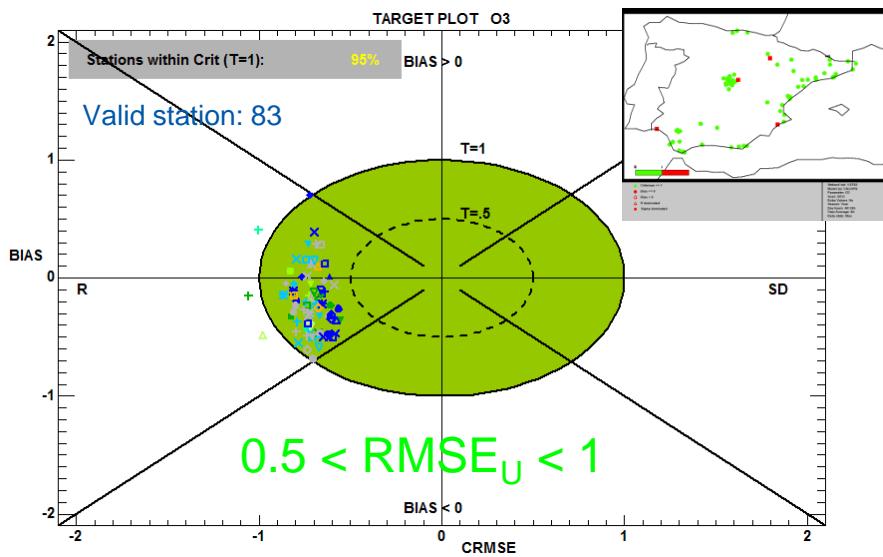
$$\frac{\text{NMSD}}{\sqrt{2(1-R)}} \begin{cases} > 1 \rightarrow \text{SD dominates on R (left)} \\ < 1 \rightarrow \text{R dominates on SD (right)} \end{cases}$$



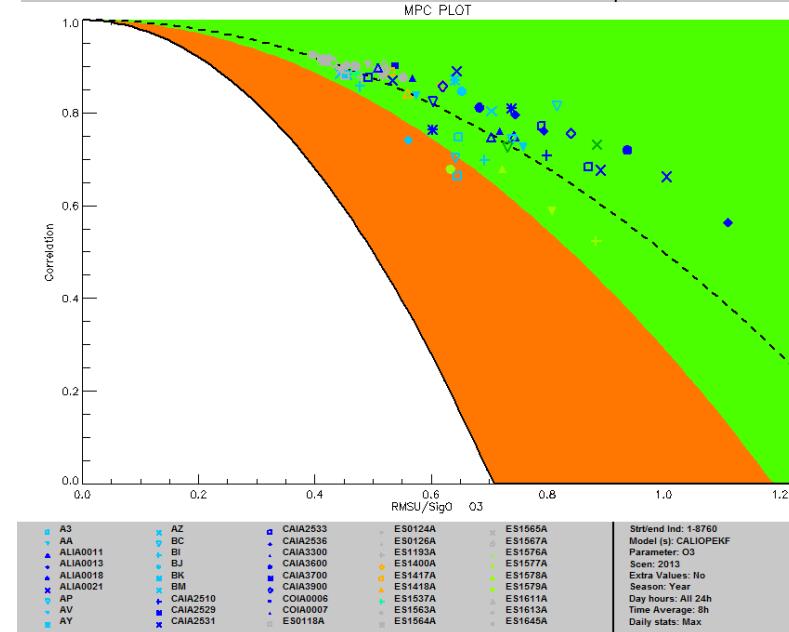
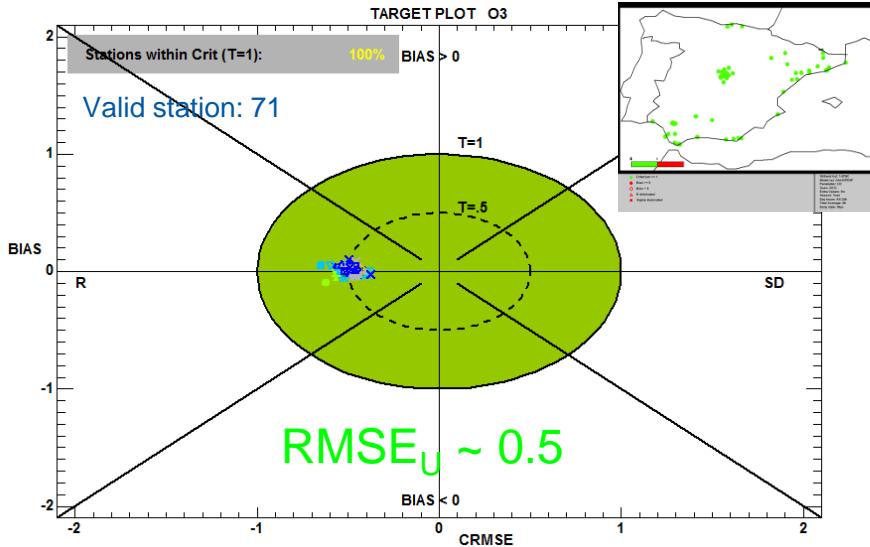
It is not consistent

# Target Indicator: 8h Max daily O<sub>3</sub>

CALIOPE



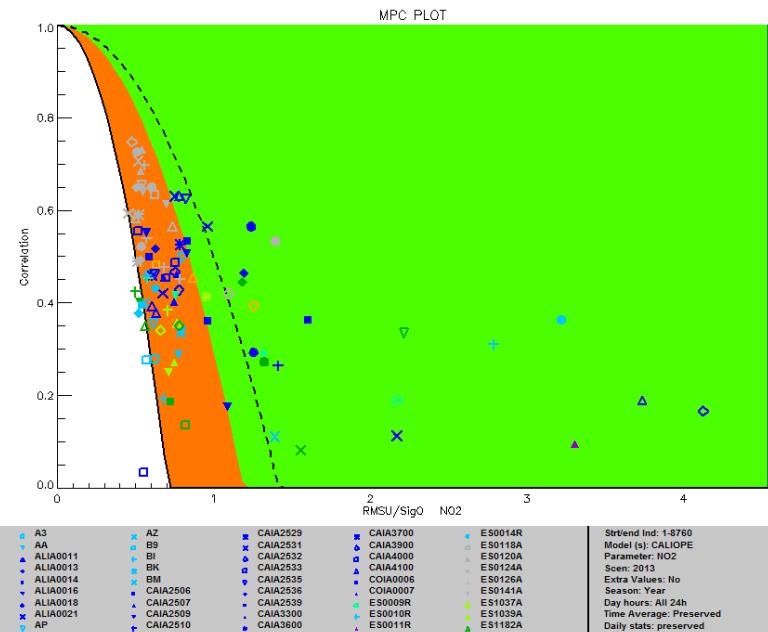
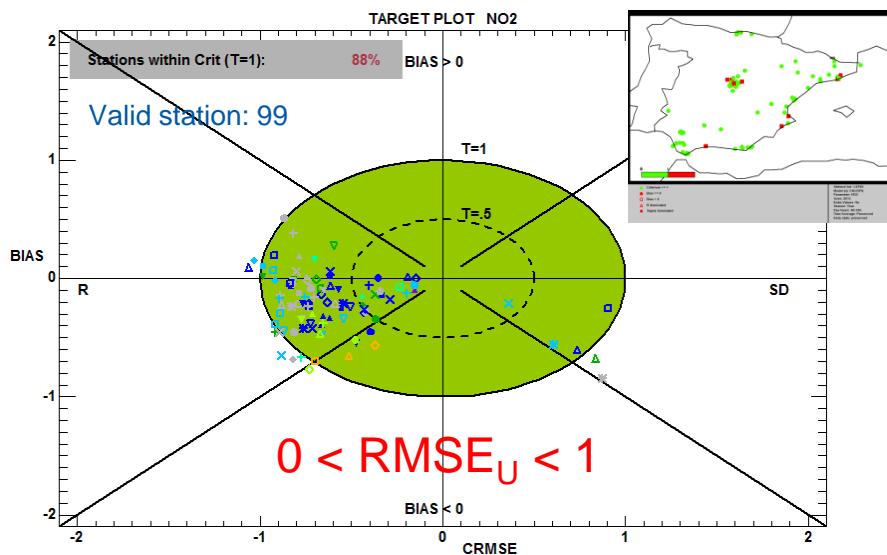
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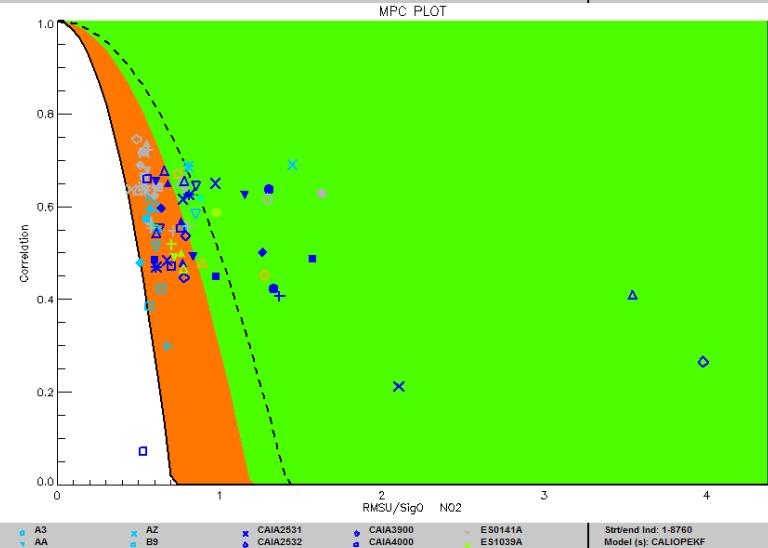
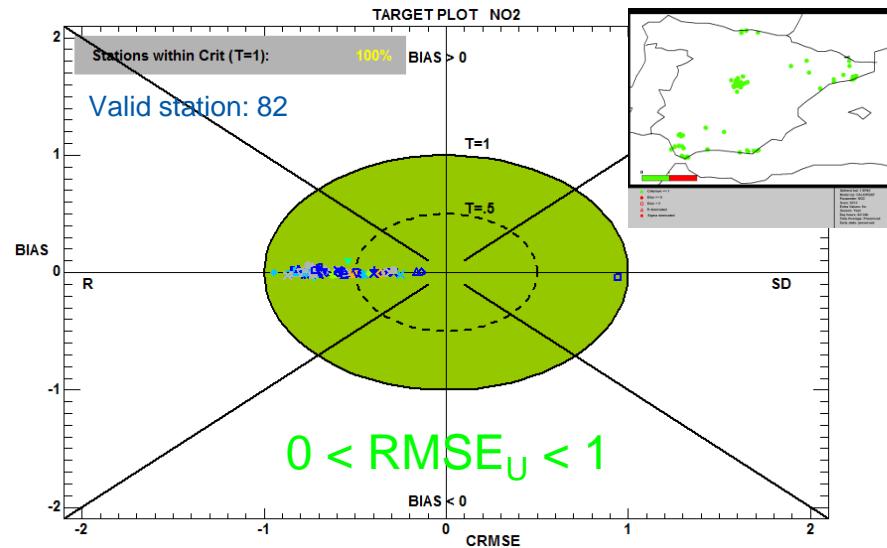
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# Target Indicator: hourly NO<sub>2</sub>

CALIOPE



CALIOPEKF



# Suggested MQO for forecast

Previously ...

$$\text{RMSE}_U = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum (O_i - M_i)^2}}{2U}$$

Evaluate if models are good enough based on observation uncertainty

New target indicator for forecast application (Thunis et al., 2012, FAIRMODE SG4 Report):

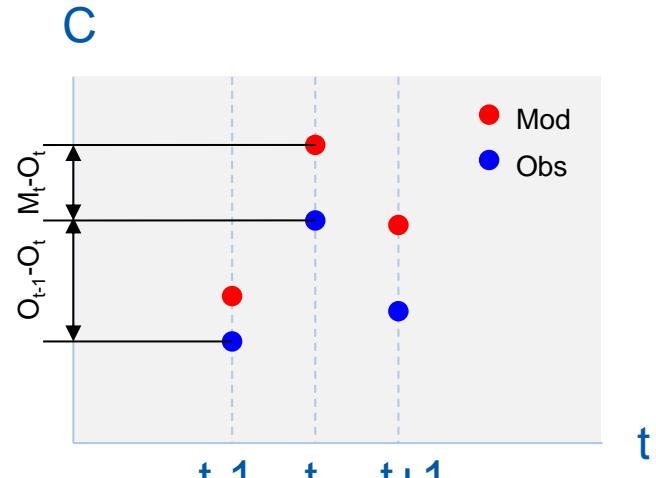
$$\text{Target} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (M_i - O_i)^2}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (O_{i-1} - O_i)^2}}$$

Where N is the length of the time series.

“normalize by a quantity representative of the day-to-day variations”

- Comparison between  $|M_t - O_t|$  vs  $|O_{t-1} - O_t|$

Any sense?



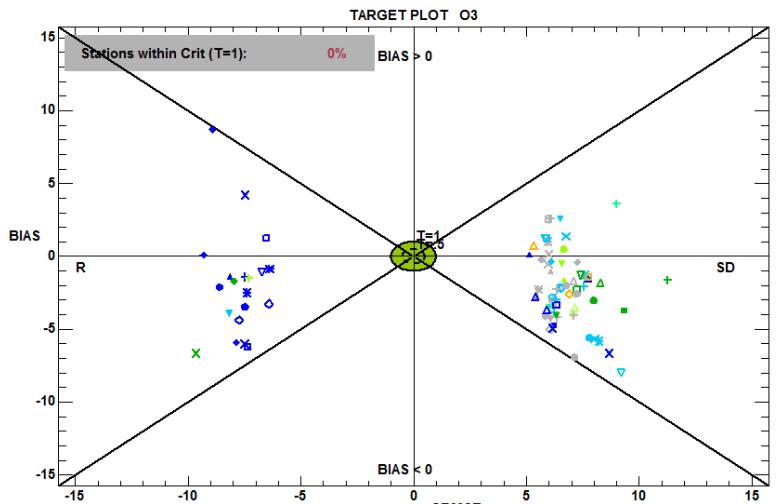
- $O_{t-1} - O_t$  depends on:

- $\Delta t$  = hourly, daily, annual, etc.
- Pollutant: e.g.  $O_3$  marked daily cycle
- Station type: e.g.  $NO_2$  daily cycle at UT vs remote rural background station
- Observation uncertainty of the pollutant: in forecast we work with no validated data!!

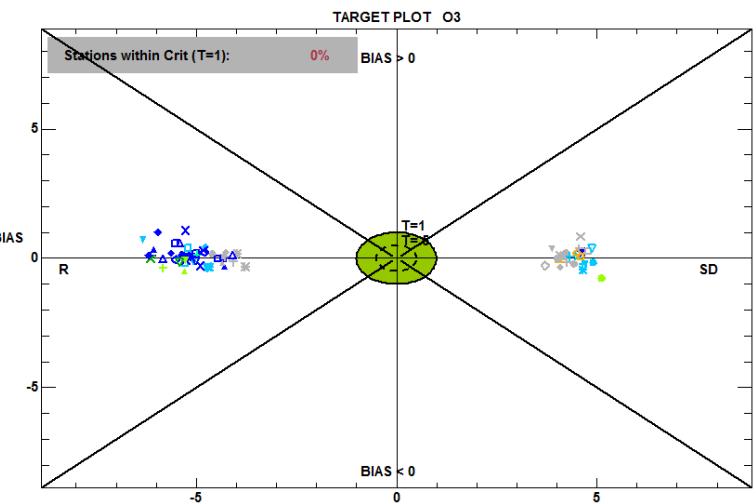
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# MQO for forecast in CALIOPE

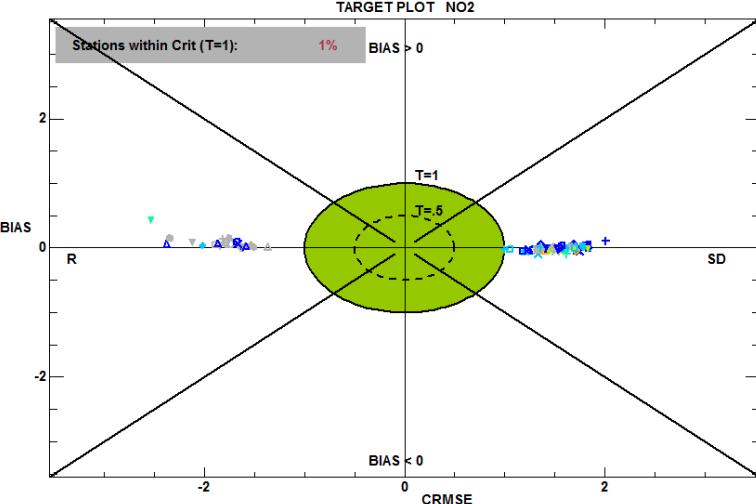
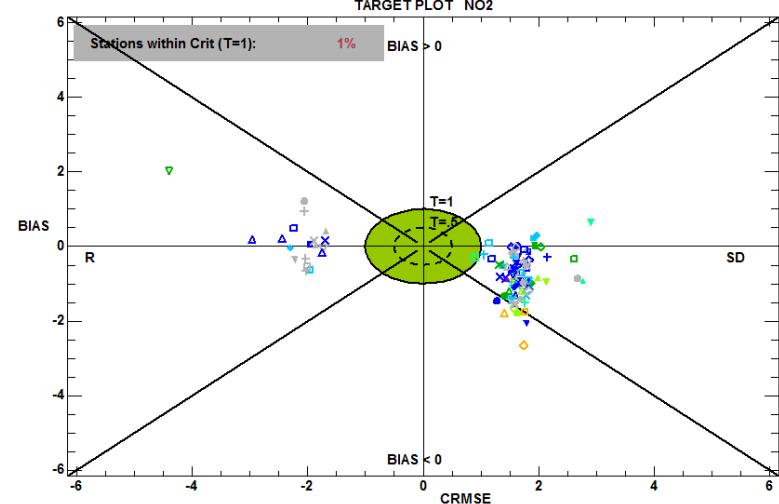
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CALIOPEKF



O<sub>3</sub> MAX 8h



NO<sub>2</sub> HOURLY

# Conclusions and discussion (1/2)

¶ Evaluation of the effect of bias correction technique with Delta tool v 3.5. After applying KF (CALIOPE vs CALIOPEKF):

- Reduction of **annual mean bias** for  $O_3$  (RB,  $\sim 10 \text{ ug/m}^3$ ) and  $NO_2$  (UT,  $\sim 7 \text{ ug/m}^3$ )
- Increasing of **annual r** from 0.5-0.6 to 0.8 in  $O_3$  and 0.5-0.6 to 0.7-0.8 for  $NO_2$ .
- Higher agreement obs/mod for the **day/nighth variability**.
- **CALIOPE** fulfils the criterion for  $RMSE_U < 1$  for **8hMax  $O_3$**  (95%) but not for **Hourly  $NO_2$**  (only 88%)
- **CALIOPEKF** fulfils the criterion (100%) for **8hMax  $O_3$**  and **Hourly  $NO_2$**  to be acceptable for regulatory applications.

¶ New target for forecast applications:

- The normalization with the observation variability, does it significant sense?
- A new target for forecast (with regulatory orientation) should answer:
  - Is the model good enough to forecast exceedances of EU limit values?:
    - Categorical statistics (CSI, POD, FAR) suggested by Kang et al. (2005)
    - Categorical statistics normalized by area (aH, aFAR, WSI) suggested by Kang et al. (2007).
  - How the model performance degenerate with the forecast period (24h, 48h, 72h)? What is the confidence of that?

# Conclusions and discussion (2/2)

## About the DELTA tool v3.6

### « DELTA tool is useful for exploratory analysis:

- It harmonizes the evaluation techniques (e.g. statistic calculation) and it includes MQO acceptance.
- Representative statistical diagrams and indicators: e.g. Dynamic evaluation, spatial evaluation, GeoMap.

### « Suggestions:

- Problem with the preprocessor MODEL.csv to netcdf. csv\_to\_modeltypeV2.sav is working but with warnings.
- Indicate the number of stations (valid, selected, rejected) in each plot (e.g. in target plot).
- Valued outputs:
  - ~/DELTATOOL/dump/DumpFile.txt → Target plot
  - ~/DELTATOOL/dump/MODELNAME.txt → Summary Statistics
- Linux version? Scripting capabilities?

# Thank you for your attention

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