



## LIFE Emerald – Delivering Air Quality Forecasts & Mapping for Ireland

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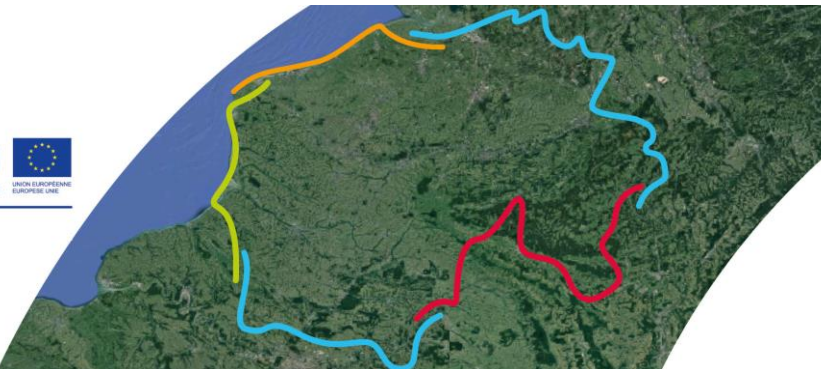
# Summary



- EPA air quality monitoring overview
- LIFE Emerald & what it will deliver
- Application of FAIRMODE guidance on forecast model evaluation
  - Configuration of AQ Forecasting System in Ireland
  - Forecast model validation Belgium and Hauts-de-France
  - Validation of forecast bias correction techniques Belgium and Hauts-de-France



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## Ambient Air Quality Monitoring in Ireland

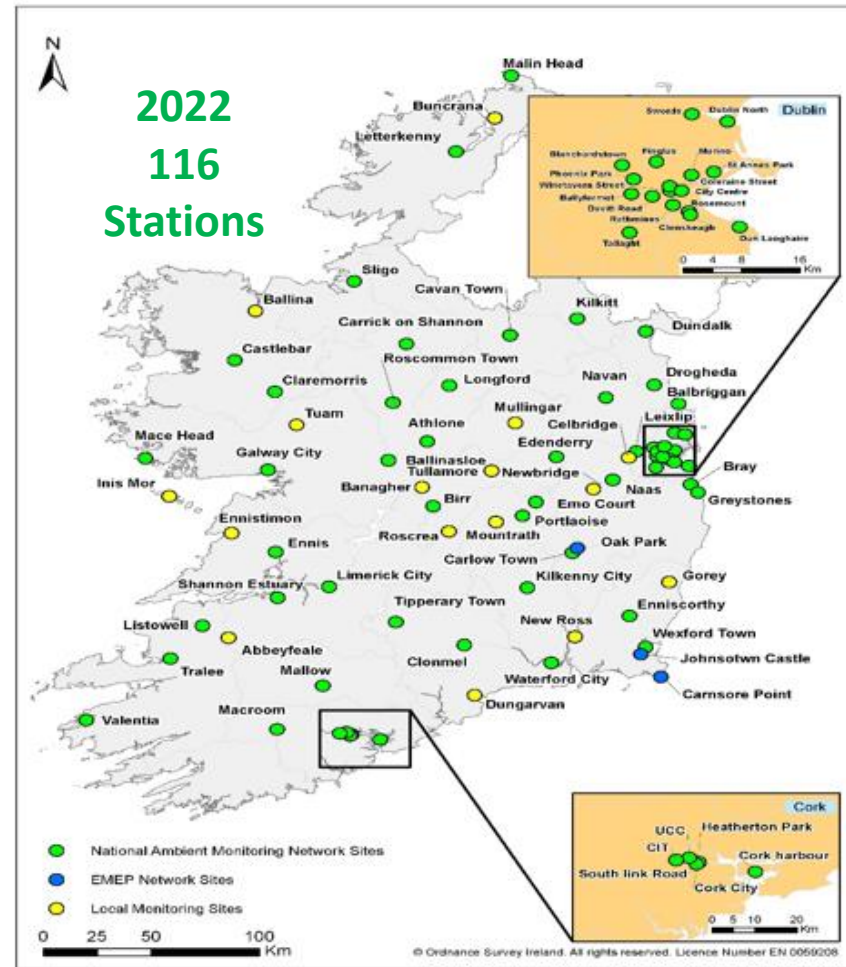
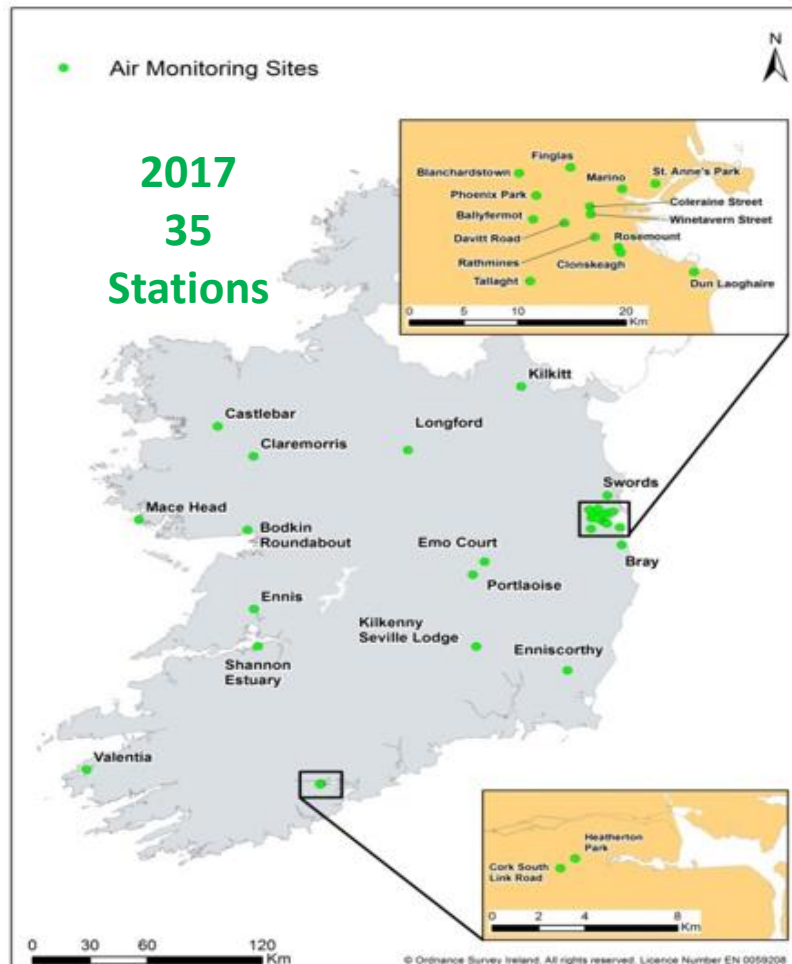
- **The EPA is the Competent Authority for implementation**
  - **Manages the national ambient monitoring network**
  - **National Reference Laboratory (NRL) for air quality**
- **Pollutants monitored for;**
  - **NO<sub>2</sub> / NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> / PM<sub>10</sub>, Ozone**
  - **Benzene, CO, PAH, Metals – As, Ni, Pb, Cd, Hg**

- **In 2017, the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme (NAAMP) was established and placed air quality monitoring on a statutory footing**
- **The NAAMP was a five year programme consisting of three main pillars:**
  - 1. A greatly expanded national monitoring network in three tiers**
  - 2. Modelling and forecasting capability**
  - 3. Citizen science and citizen engagement initiatives**

# EPA air quality monitoring overview

Key

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# LIFE Emerald - Main Objective



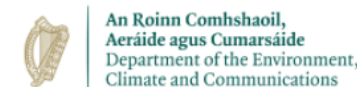
**The main objective is to strengthen air quality management in Ireland to ensure effective implementation of the EU Ambient Air Quality Directives**



# Project Details



- **LIFE19 GIE/IE/001101- LIFE Emerald**
- **Emissions ModELing and FoREcasting of Air in IreLand**
- **Start: 01/01/21 - End: 30/09/24**
- **Total: €1.6 million 52% of which is EC Co-funded**
- **Co-ordinating Beneficiary – EPA**
- **Associated Beneficiaries - ASI , DECC , HSE , UCC, VITO**



# Project Stakeholders

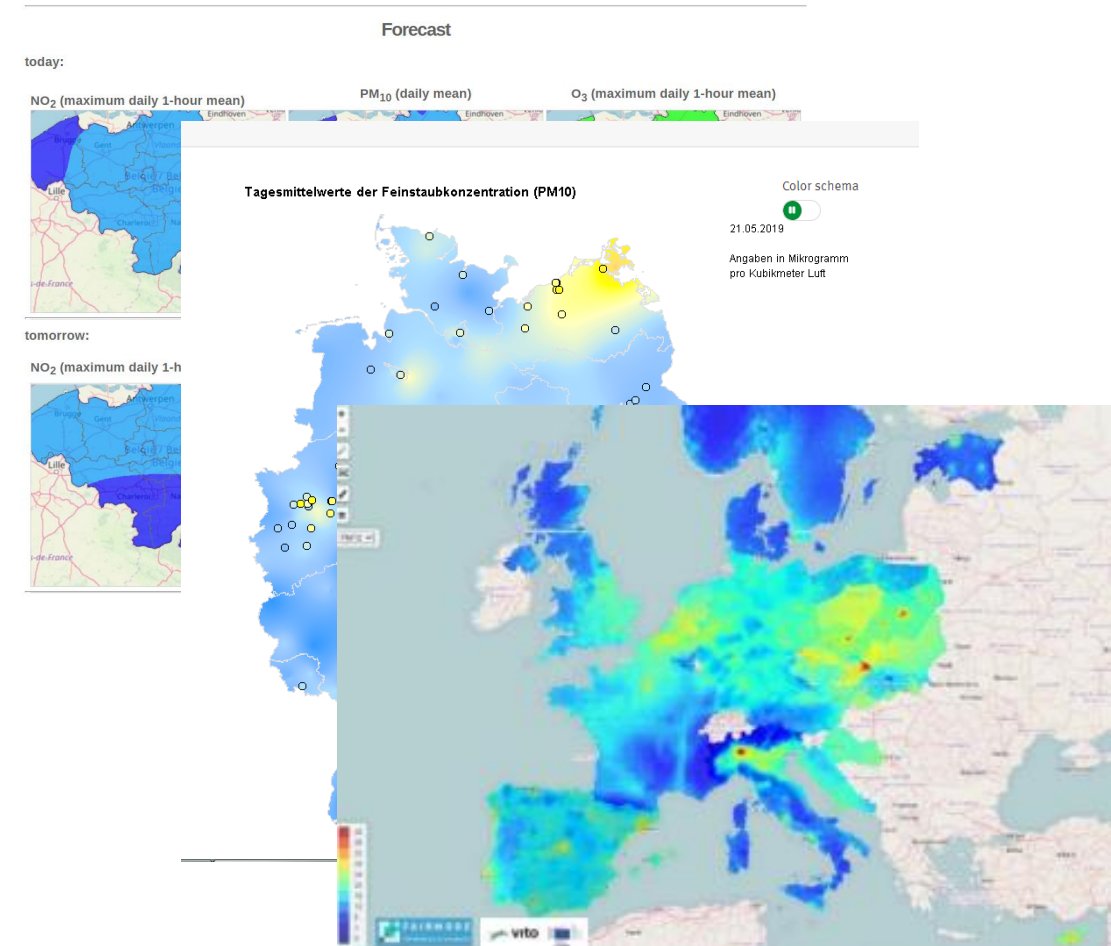




# What will LIFE EMERALD deliver?



- Provide a lot of answers to queries on the future of modelling in Ireland
- 3 day forecast for Ireland with high resolution in urban areas verified by DELTA forecasting tool
- Existing AQIH incorporated into Nowcast maps to provide more detailed information at a local level
- Production of annual historical maps both nationally and city level coupled with EU reporting mechanisms

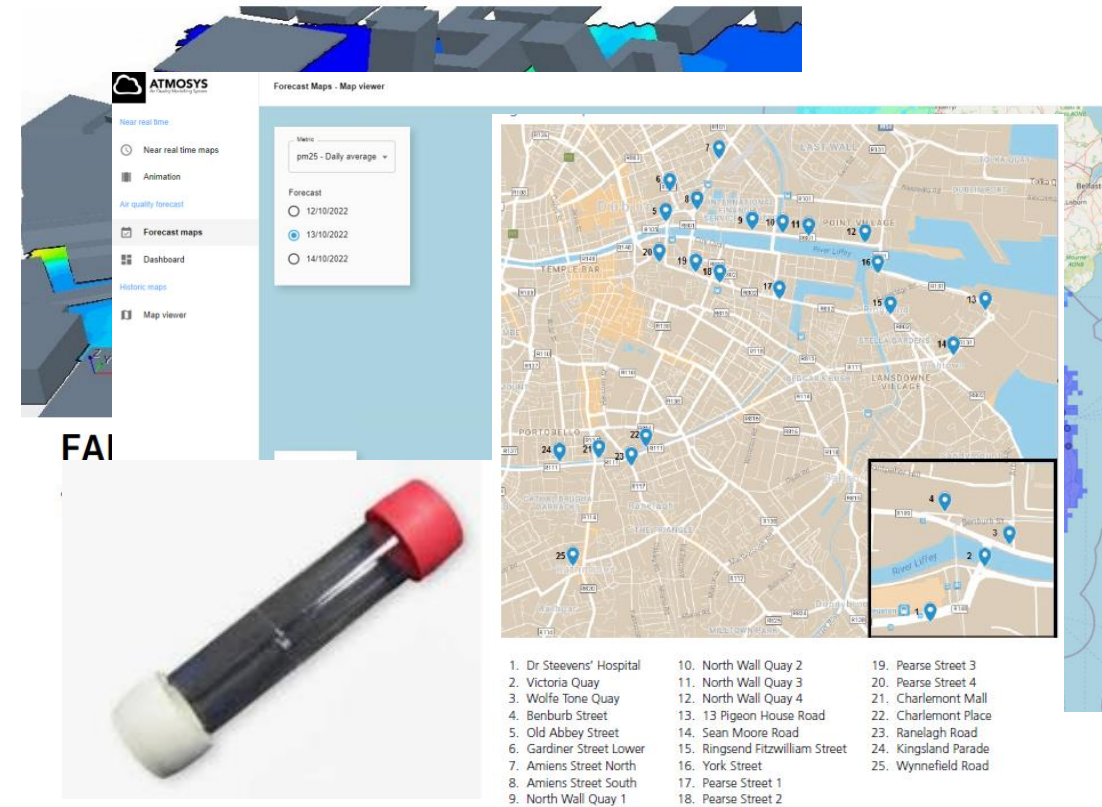


# What will LIFE EMERALD deliver?



- **Spatial representativeness study for 1 – 2 new LIFE funded air monitoring stations in Dublin / Rural town**
- **Air quality management dashboards for planning purposes**
- **Measurement campaigns to validate modelling chain**
- **Outreach & dissemination to raise awareness**

## JRC TECHNICAL REPORT

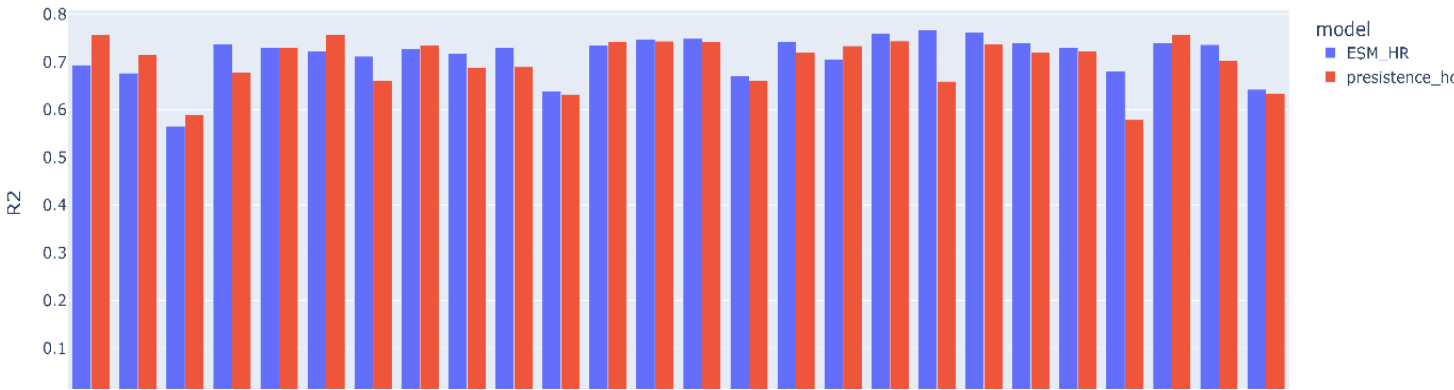


# DELTAPY DASHBOARD

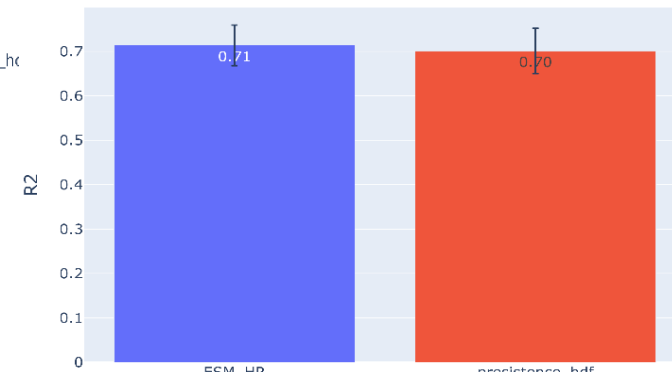
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**Score**  **typologie**

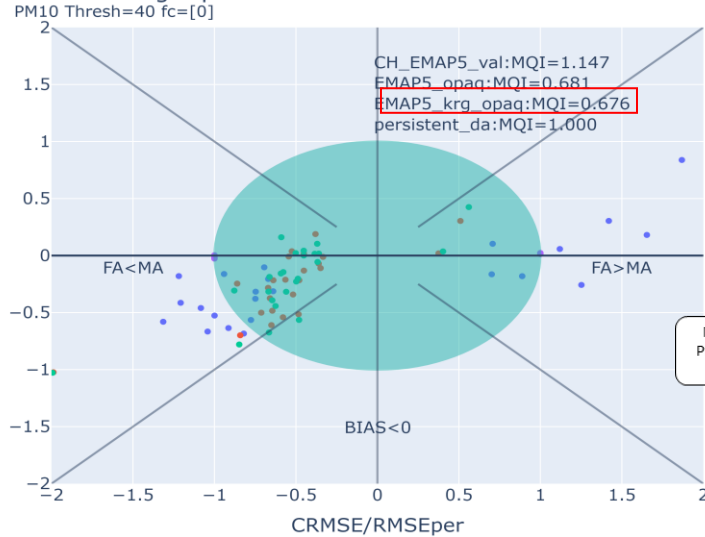
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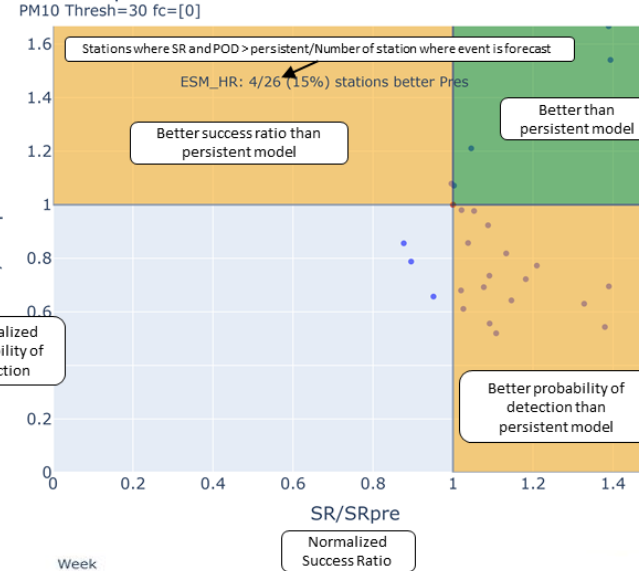
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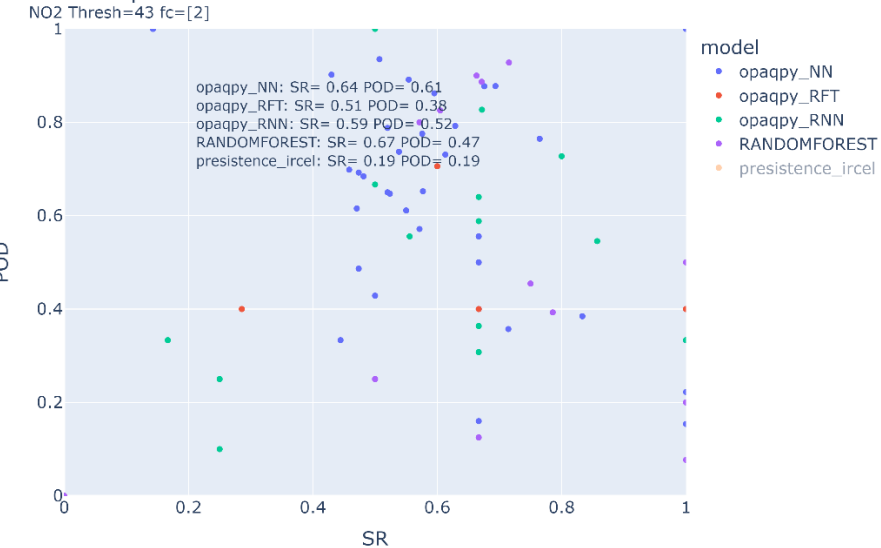
Forecast target plot



Cuvelier plot



Forecast performance



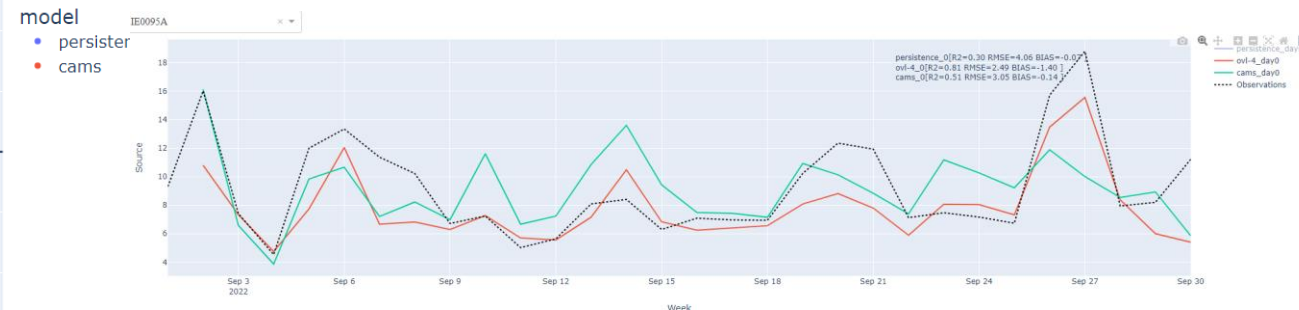
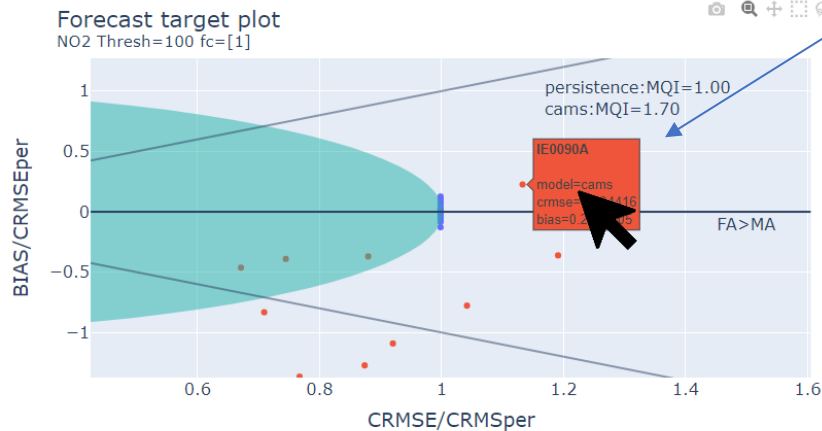
# DELTAPY: dynamic features



Dynamic selection: pollutants; models, horizon; aggregation, flexible in data formats



Interactive plots (hovering zoom)



# How to draw conclusions?

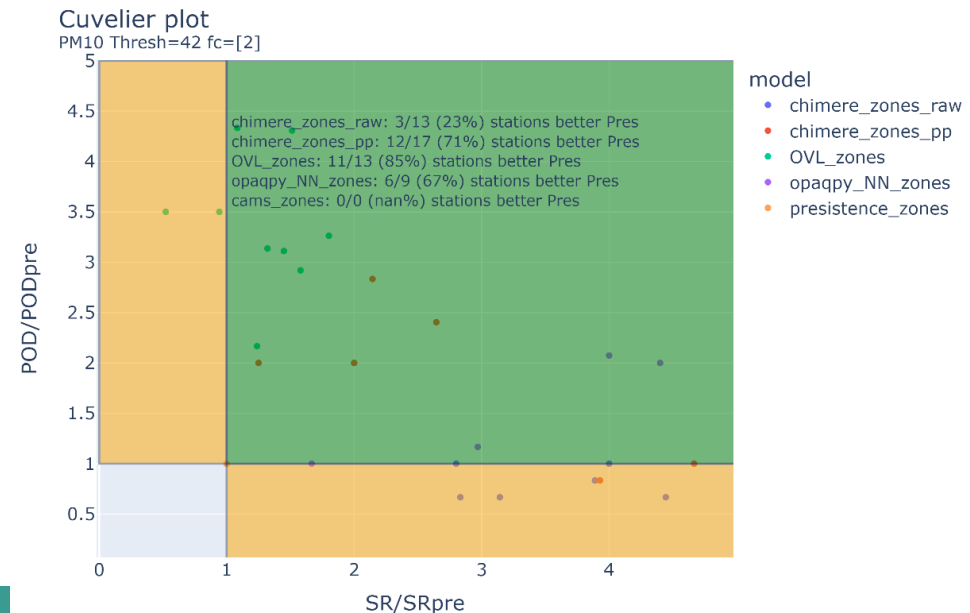
PM <sub>10</sub> - MQI	Day0	PM <sub>10</sub> - MQI	Day1
opaqpy_nn	0.62	ESM_AS	0.64
PREVAIR_AS	0.72	opaqpy_nn	0.64
ESM_AS	0.73	PREVAIR_AS	0.65
OVL	0.79	Chimere_pp	0.67
Chimere_pp	0.82	ESM_BR	0.68
ESM_BR	0.89	ESM_HR	0.75
ESM_HR	0.96	CAMS	0.85
CAMS	1.15	Chimere_raw	0.86
Chimere_raw	1.18	PREVAIR_BR	0.97
PREVAIR_BR	1.28	PREVAIR_HR	0.99
PREVAIR_HR	1.32	OVL	1.07

	Day0	Day1	Day2
<b>Best Forecast model (MQI)</b>	Opaqpy_nn	Opaqpy_nn	Opaqpy_nn
<b>Best peak predictor (POD and SR)</b>	OVL	OVL	OVL

Figure 1: Models ranked by MQI for PM<sub>10</sub>, Left- day0 right- day1.

PM <sub>10</sub> - % better	Day0	PM <sub>10</sub> - % better	Day1
opaqpy_nn	100%	OVL	92%
OVL	77%	opaqpy_nn	90%
ESM_BR	46%	ESM_BR	65%
ESM_HR	42%	ESM_HR	62%
Chimere_pp	40%	PREVAIR_AS	54%
ESM_AS	35%	Chimere_pp	36%
PREVAIR_AS	23%	Chimere_raw	29%
Chimere_raw	14%	ESM_AS	0%
PREVAIR_HR	0%	PREVAIR_HR	0%
PREVAIR_BR	0%	PREVAIR_BR	0%
CAMS	0%	CAMS	0%

Figure 1: PM<sub>10</sub> Models ranked by percentage of stations outperforming the persistence model in terms of success ratio and probability of detection. Left- day0 right- day1



# PM<sub>10</sub> – Statistical forecast model config



## Models

- 1120:** *obs*<sub>8:-9</sub>, pm10, t2m, u10, v10, lcc, tp **FFNN**, **OVL**
- 1121:** *obs*<sub>8:-9</sub>, pm10 **FFNN**, **OVL-1**
- 1123:** *obs*<sub>8:-9</sub>, pm10, u10, v10 **FFNN**, **OVL-3**
- 1124:** *obs*<sub>8:-9</sub>, pm10, t2m **FFNN**, **OVL-4**
- 1125:** *obs*<sub>8:-9</sub>, t2m, u10, v10, lcc, tp **FFNN**, **OVL-5**
- 1126:** *obs*<sub>(8:-9)</sub>, pm10, t2m, tp, lcc, t2m, globalradiation, r, 2d, pressure **FFNN**, **OVL-6**
- 1127:** *obs*<sub>8:-9</sub>, pm10, t2m, u10, v10, mcc, tp **FFNN**, **OVL-7**
- 1130 :** *obs*<sub>8:-9</sub>, pm10 **RNN**, **OVL-RNN**

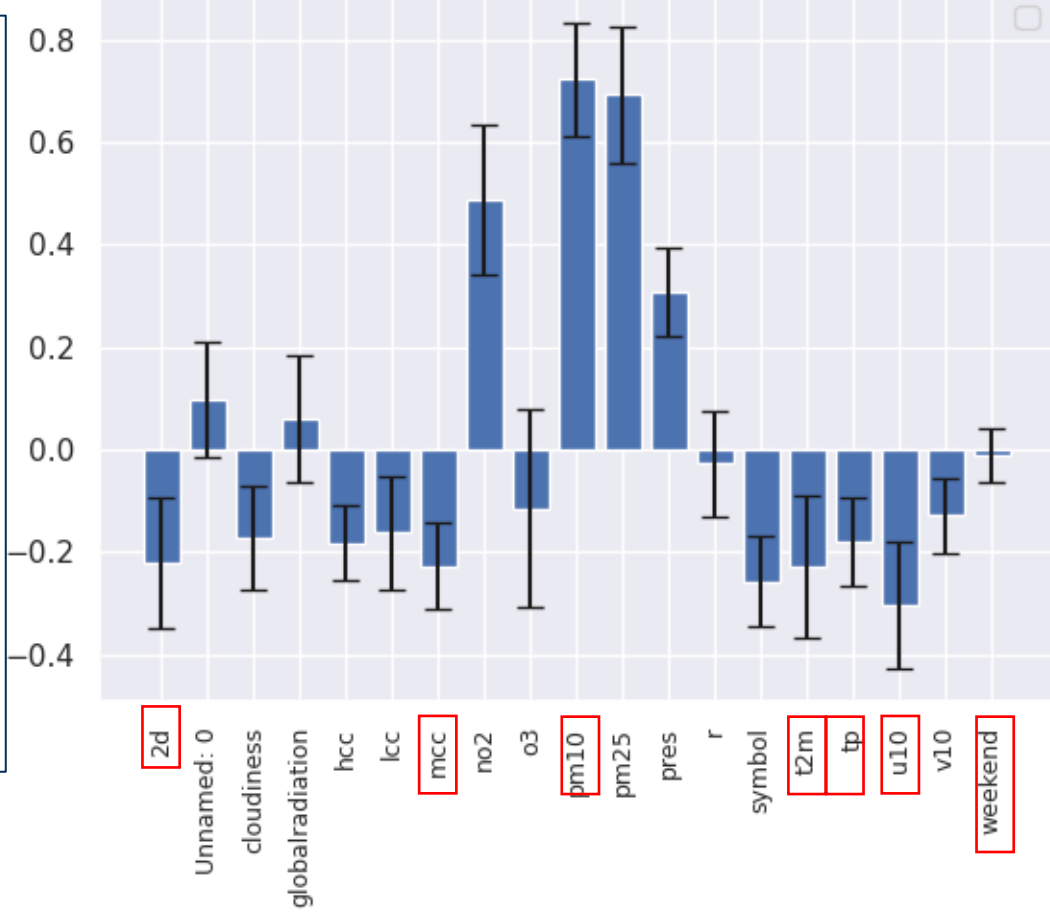
## Data split

start\_date\_test: 2021-10-05  
end\_date\_test: 2022-04-30  
Start\_date\_training: 2021-10-05  
Start\_end\_training: 2022-04-30  
Start\_date\_validation: 2022-05-01  
End\_date\_validation: 2022-06-30

## Training Features

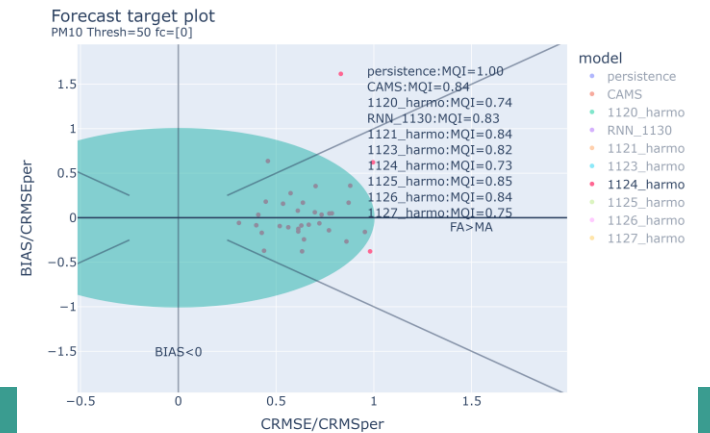
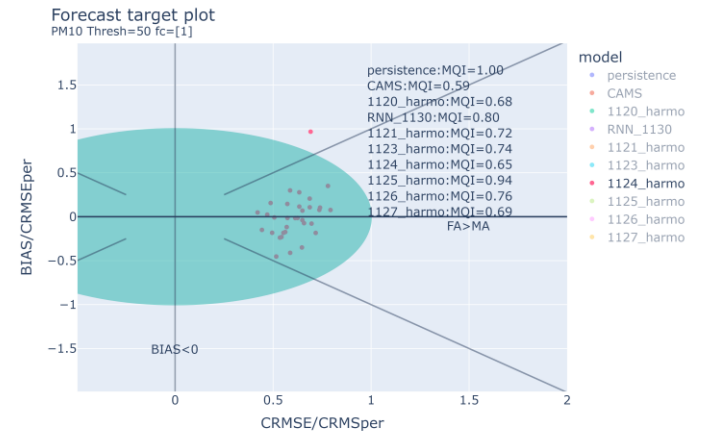
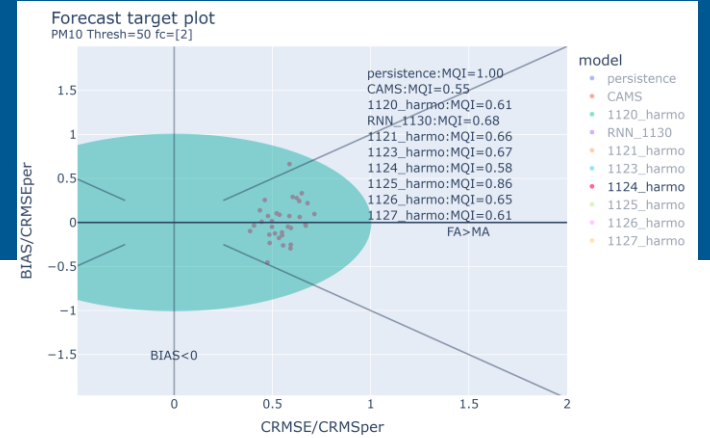
- **2d:** 2m dew point temperature [K]
  - **cloudiness:**
  - **globalradiation:** [W / m<sup>2</sup>]
  - **hcc:** high cloud cover [%]
  - **lcc:** low cloud cover [%]
  - **mcc:** medium cloud cover [%]
  - **no2:** cams no2 [µg/m<sup>3</sup>]
  - **o3:** cams o3 [µg/m<sup>3</sup>]
  - **pm10:** cams pm10 [µg/m<sup>3</sup>]
  - **pm25:** cams pm25 [µg/m<sup>3</sup>]
  - **Pressure:** [Pa]
  - **r:** relative humidity [%]
  - **t2m:** 2m temperature [K]
  - **tp:** total precipitation [m]
  - **u10:** 10 metre U wind component [m/s]
  - **v10:** 10 metre V wind component [m/s]
  - **weekend:** obs in weekend [µg/m<sup>3</sup>]
- Meteo variables from [Met Éireann](#)

## Features Analysis



# PM<sub>10</sub> model selection

models	R2			RMSE			BIAS			MQI		
	Day0	Day1	Day2	Day0	Day1	Day2	Day0	Day1	Day2	Day0	Day1	Day2
Pers.	0.56	0.28	0.18	4.29	5.79	6.60	0.06	0.43	0.05	1	1	1
CAMS	0.80	0.81	0.79	3.60	3.43	3.64	-0.98	-0.91	-0.97	0.84	0.59	0.55
OVL-1	0.83	0.69	0.67	3.16	3.96	4.10	0.52	0.51	0.61	0.74	0.68	0.61
OVL-2	0.90	0.61	0.79	3.58	4.19	4.41	1.19	2.44	2.48	0.84	0.72	0.66
OVL-3	0.89	0.80	0.79	3.48	4.33	4.51	2.48	2.39	2.19	0.82	0.74	0.67
<b>OVL-4</b>	0.85	0.79	0.70	3.10	3.80	3.92	2.19	0.04	0.3	0.73	0.65	0.58
OVL-5	0.78	0.73	0.16	3.62	5.43	5.66	0.80	1.75	1.49	0.85	0.94	0.86
OVL-6	0.79	0.26	0.64	3.62	4.43	4.39	1.49	0.51	0.25	0.84	0.76	0.65
OVL-7	0.83	0.65	0.67	3.20	4.01	4.11	0.25	0.88	0.61	0.75	0.78	0.61
OVL-RNN	0.80	0.61	0.62	3.37	4.50	4.57	0.58	1.16	1.19	0.83	0.80	0.68



- Near real time
- Near real time maps
- Animation
- Air quality forecast
- Forecast maps**
- Dashboard
- Historic maps
- Map viewer

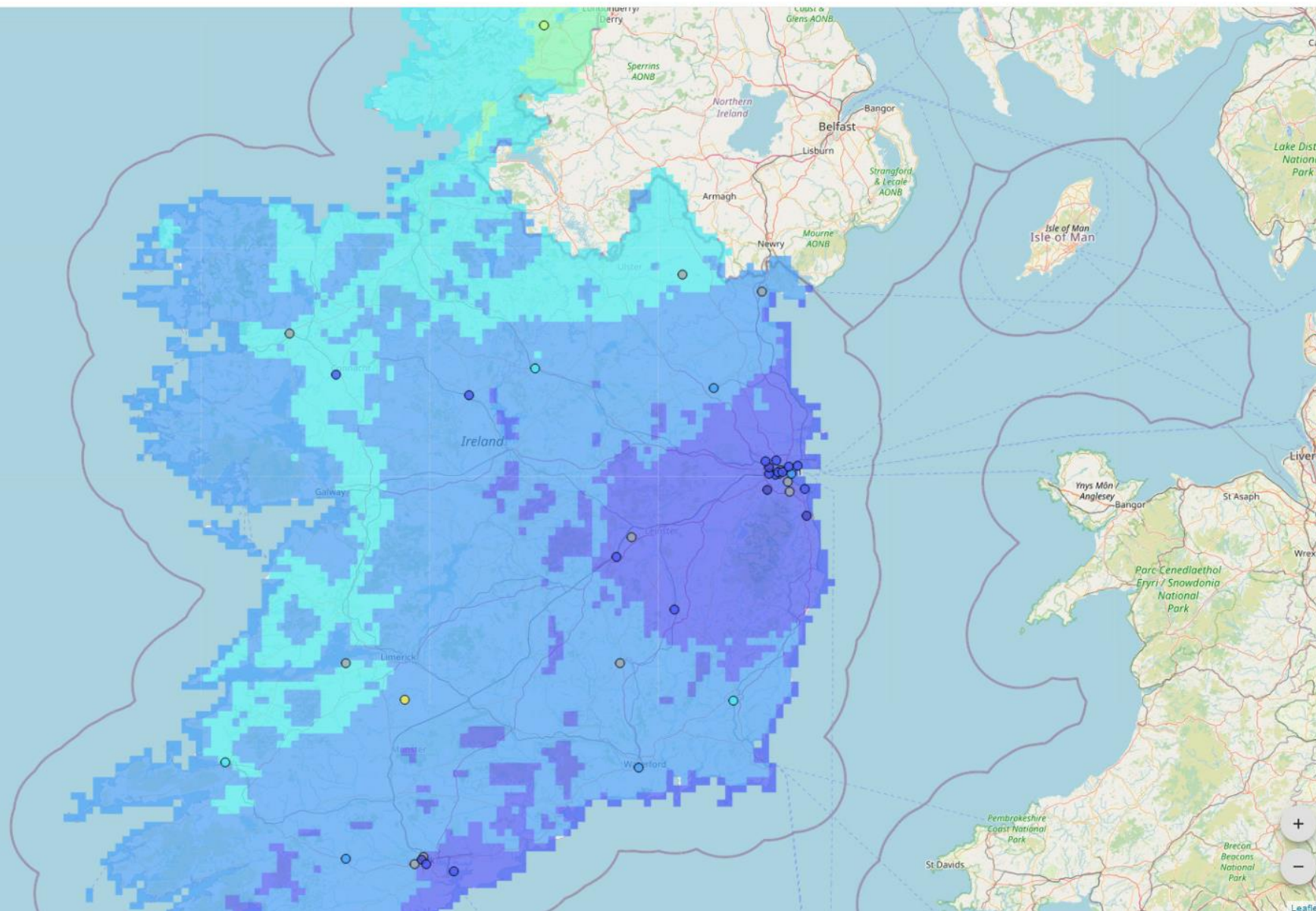
Metric  
pm25 - Daily average

Forecast

- 12/10/2022
- 13/10/2022**
- 14/10/2022

pm25  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

no data
0-2.5
2.5-5
5-7.5
7.5-10
10-12.5
12.5-15
15-17.5
17.5-20
20-22.5
22.5-25
$\geq 25$





Near real time

Near real time maps

Animation

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Overview Validation

Station  
 Clare Ennis Simms Lane - IE01...

Metric  
 pm10 - Daily average

Horizon  
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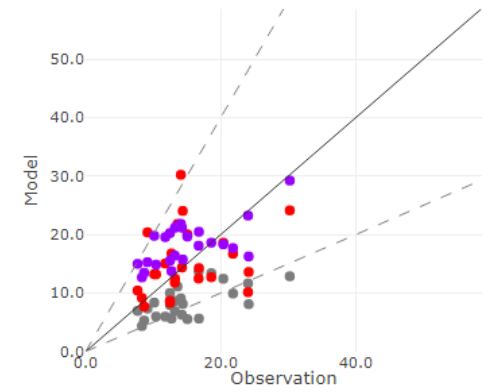
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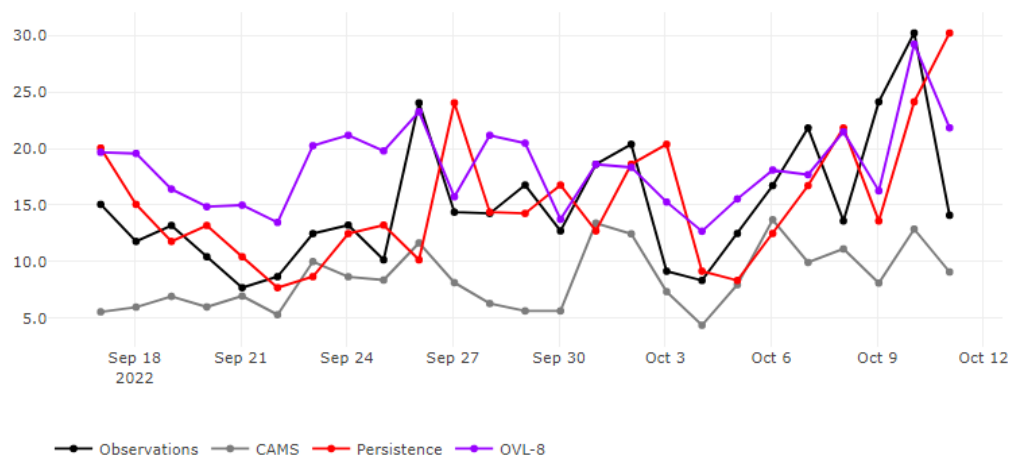
Statistics - IE0137A - Horizon 0 - pm10 -  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Model	RMSE	Bias	$r^2$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAMS	7.81	-6.52	0.4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Persistence	6.6	0.24	0.08
<input type="checkbox"/> OVL	6.84	4.98	0.34
<input type="checkbox"/> OVL-2	6.73	5.25	0.44
<input type="checkbox"/> OVL-4	7.34	5.83	0.37
<input type="checkbox"/> OVL-5	5.83	4.03	0.41
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<input type="checkbox"/> OVL-7	7.54	5.34	0.28
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OVL-8	5.45	3.41	0.39
<input type="checkbox"/> OVL-RNN	10.39	6.76	0.34

Scatter plot - IE0137A - Horizon 0 - pm10 -  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



Daily average Concentration - IE0137A - Horizon 0 - pm10 -  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



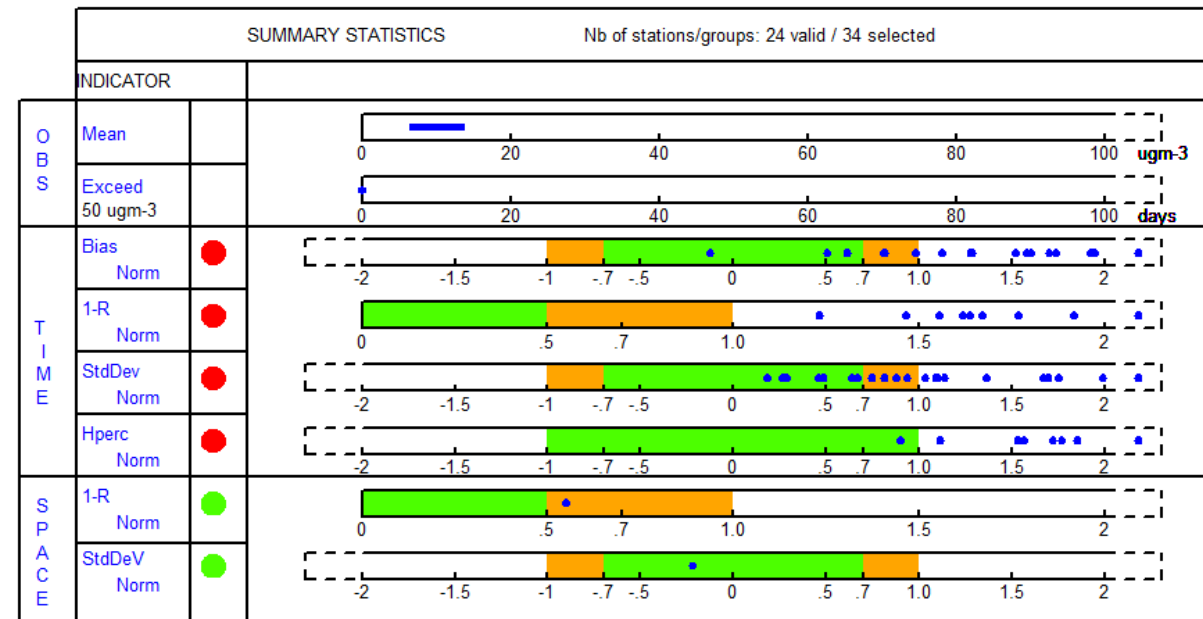
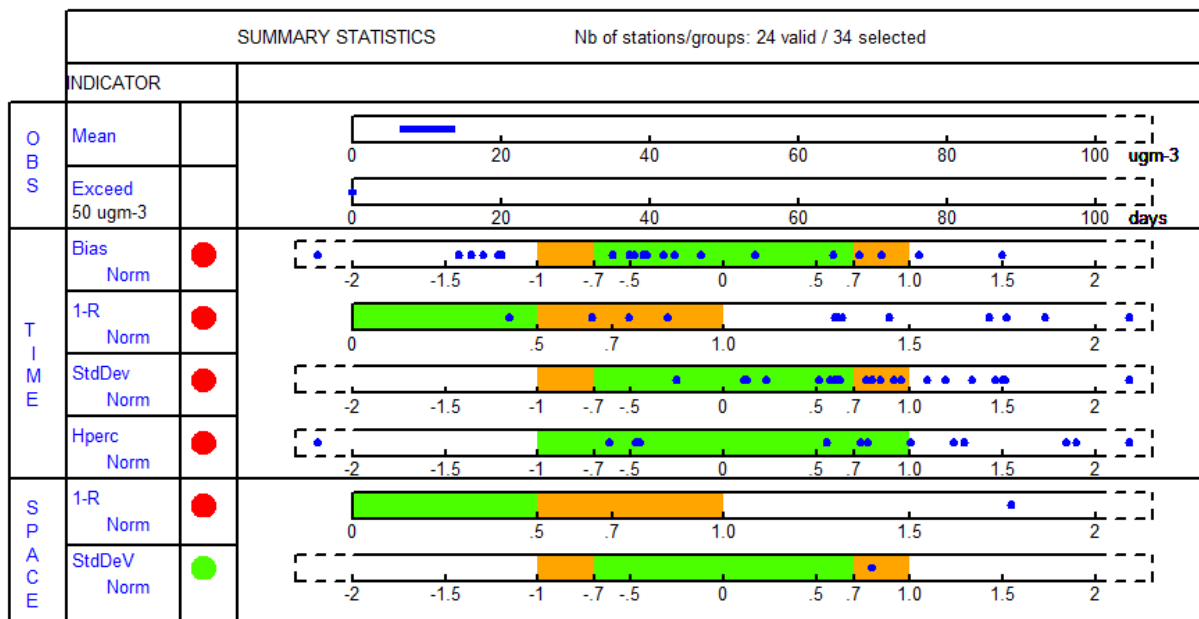
# Model assessment: summary report plot



## Delta tool v7.0, FAIRMODE 3.3

OPAQ

CAMS



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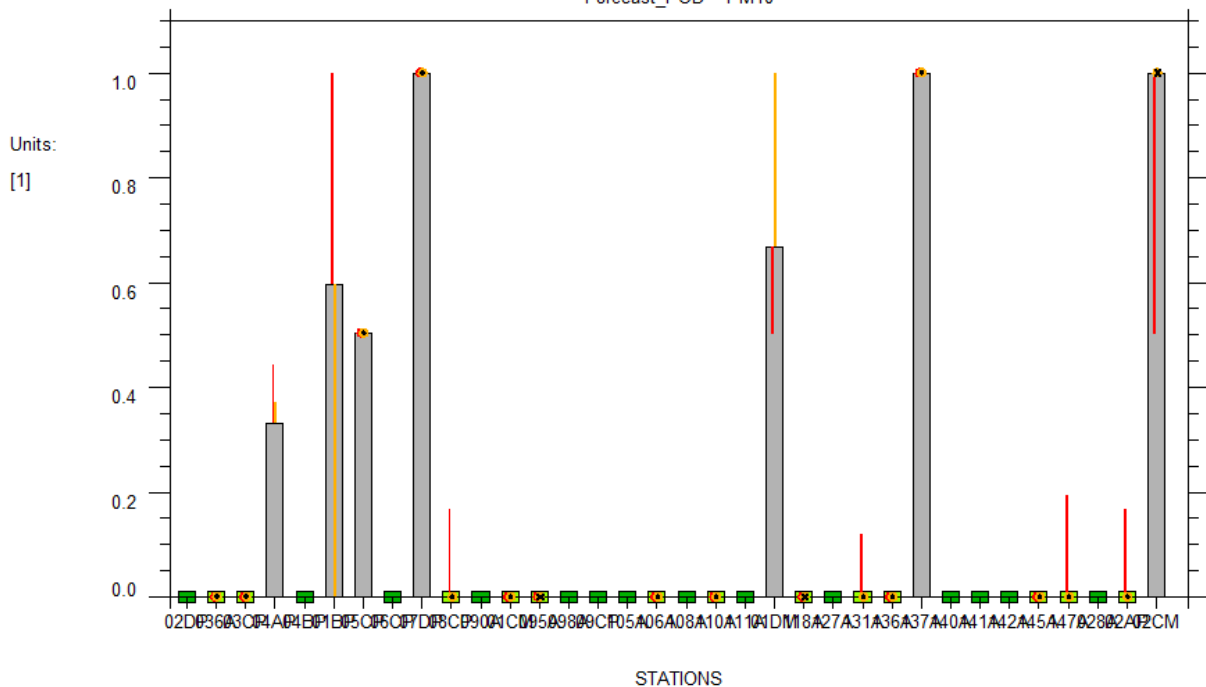
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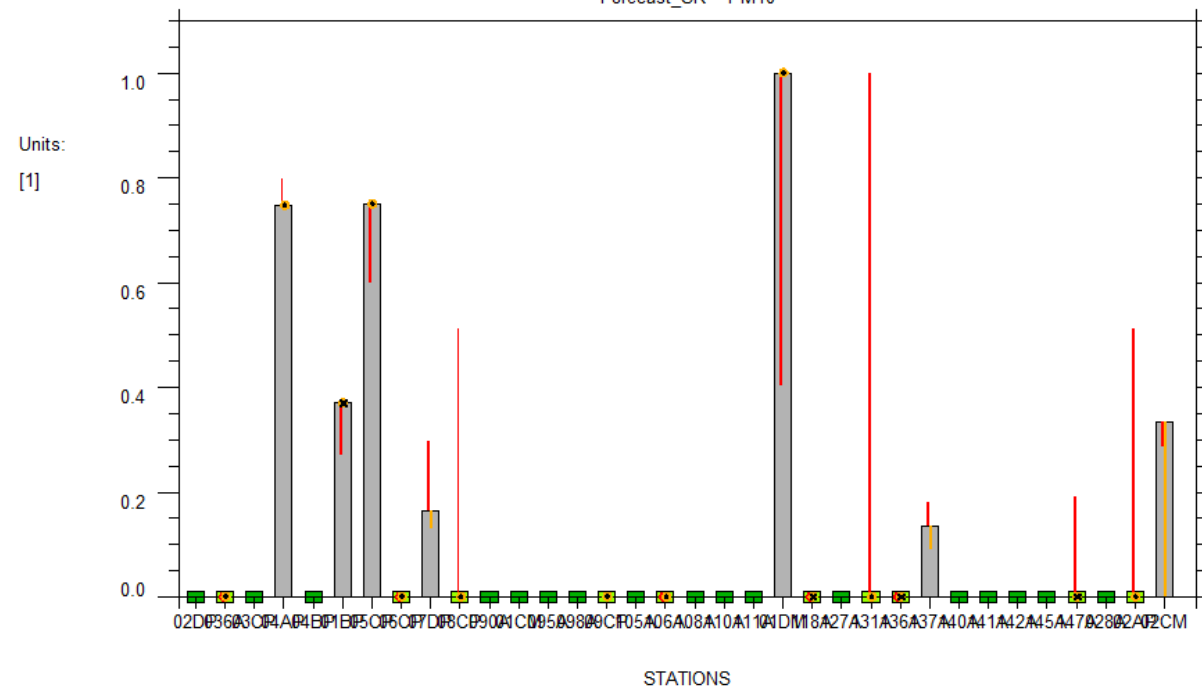
# Forecast POD/SR plot



Forecast\_POD PM10



Forecast\_SR PM10



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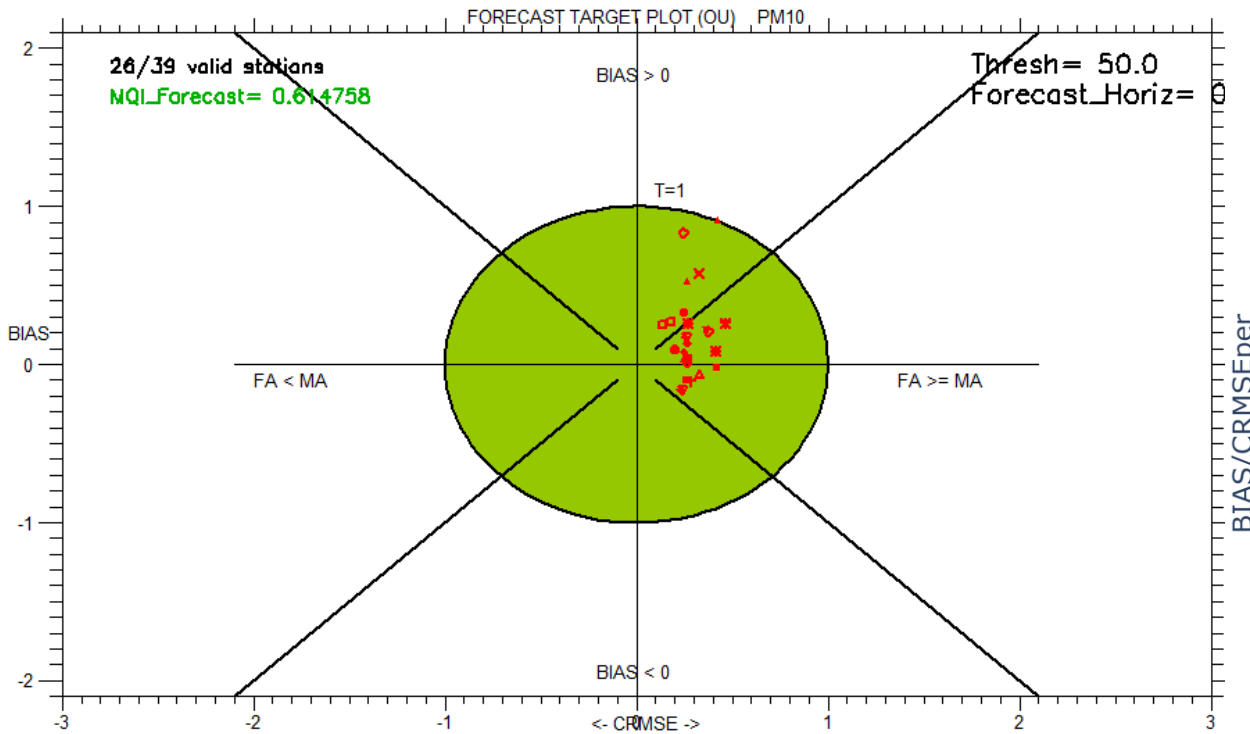
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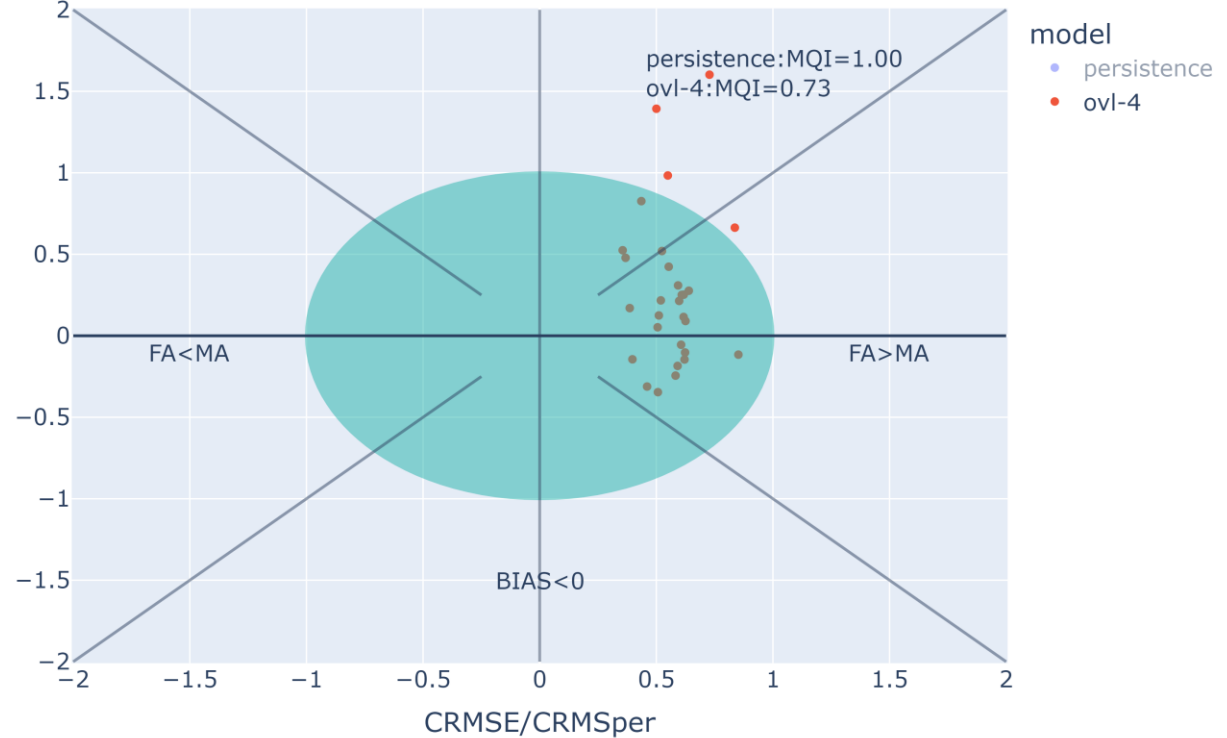


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Forecast target plot

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# Questions

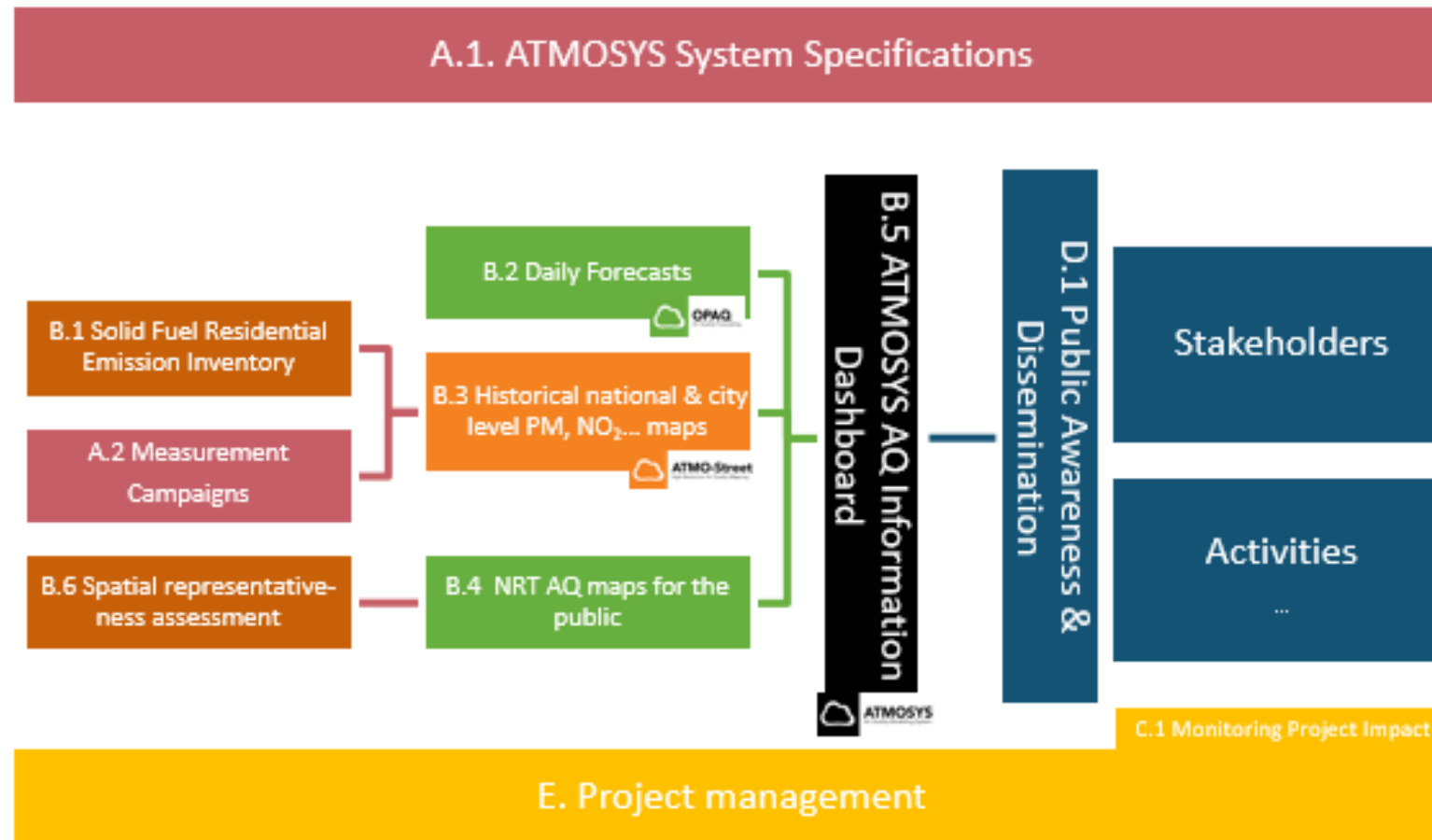


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Questions?

# The Overall Workflow



# CT3 Future Activities



## 4 Questions

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Thank You!!





Data selection Analysis Execute

**Run (Model/Scenario) Info**

Models:

Scenarios:

Runs:

MOD without OBS  
 All available scenario(s)

**Observation Info**

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**Elaboration/Parameter Info**

Statistic:

Diagram:

Var(s):

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Goals, Criteria...

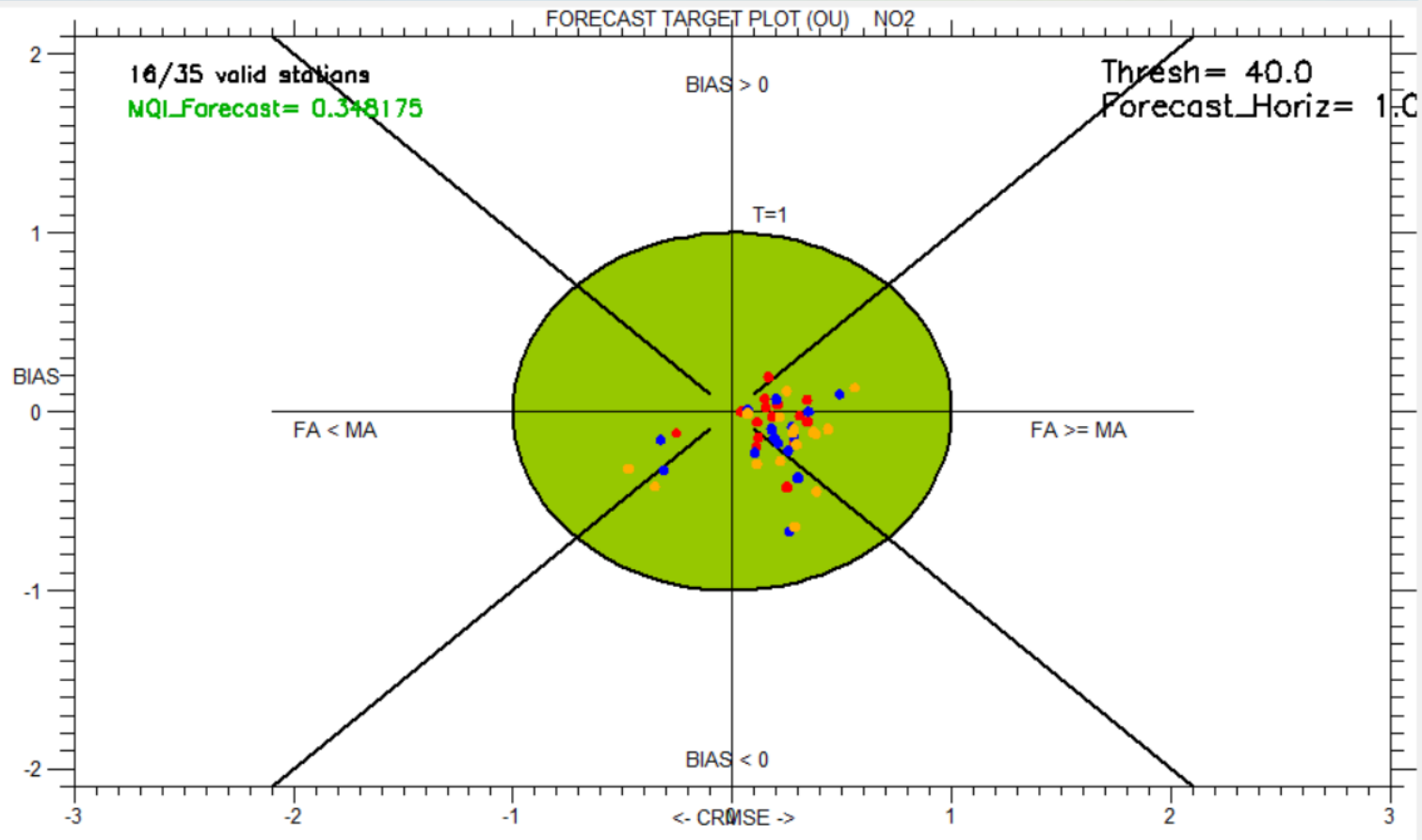
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Info on data points (click!)



Data selection Analysis Execute

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Scenarios: 2022\*

Runs: ovl-4day1(2022)\*

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[View Details](#)

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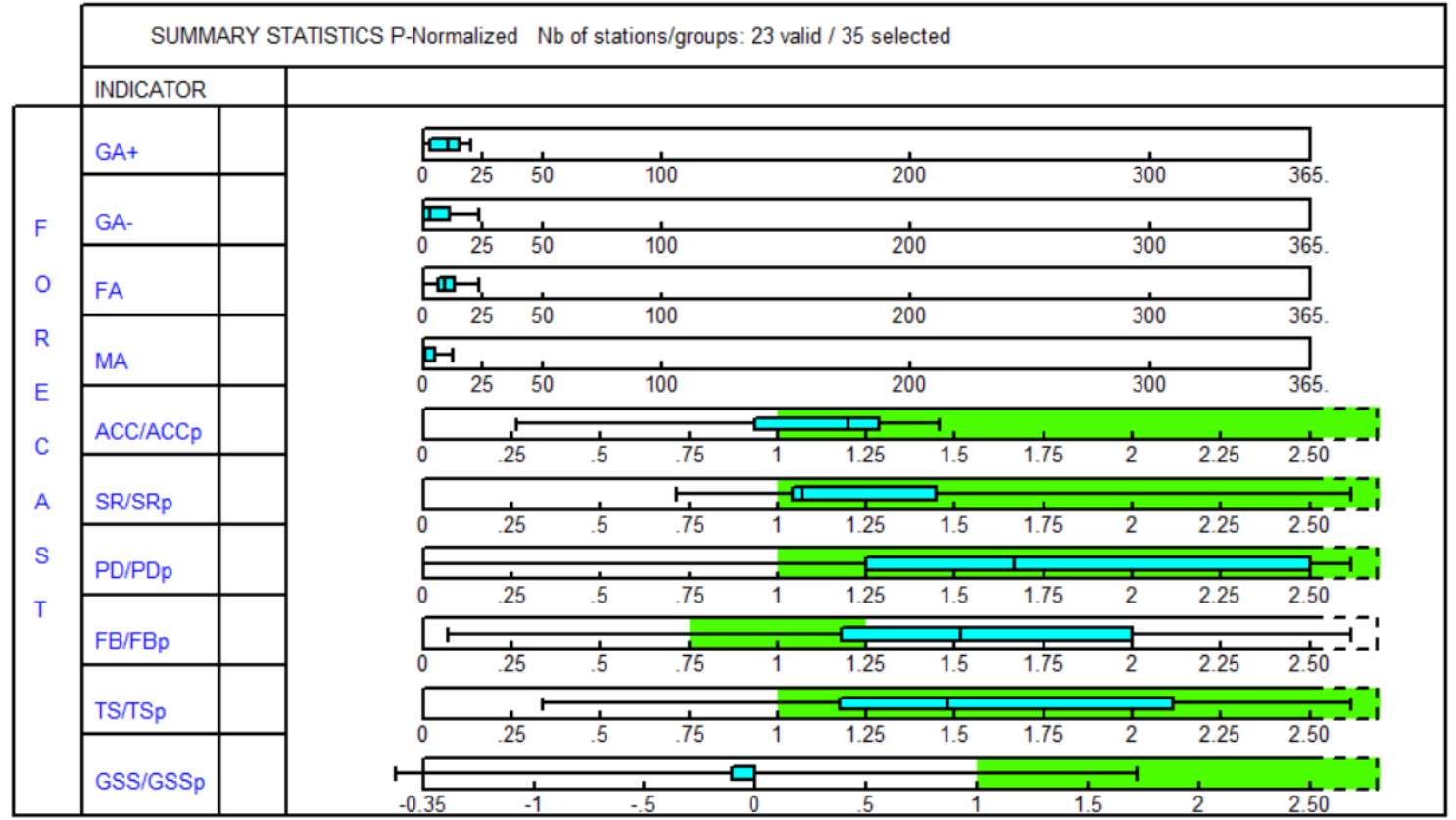
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Data selection Analysis Execute

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Scenarios: 2022\*

Runs: camsday1(2022)\*

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**Observation Info**

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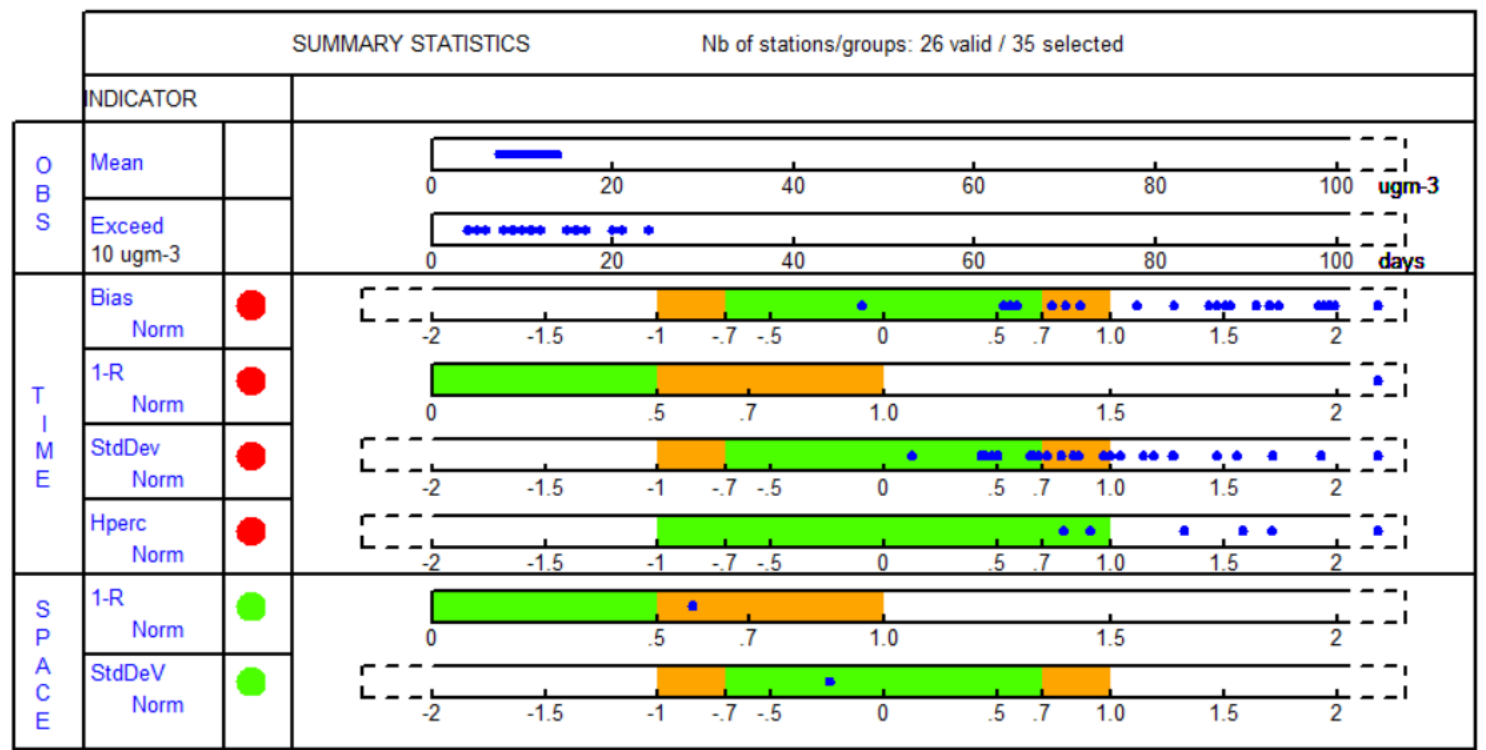
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Data selection Analysis Execute

### Run (Model/Scenario) Info

Models: ovl-4day1\*

Scenarios: 2022\*

Runs: ovl-4day1(2022)\*

MOD without OBS

All available scenario(s)

### Observation Info

single obs: IE002DP, IE0036A, IE003CP, IE004AP

group obs: No group\*

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### Elaboration/Parameter Info

Statistic: Assessment Summary O3/NO2/PM

Diagram: Summary Report & print (OU)

Var(s): PM10\*

EXTRA

Extra val#: 10

Goals, Criteria...

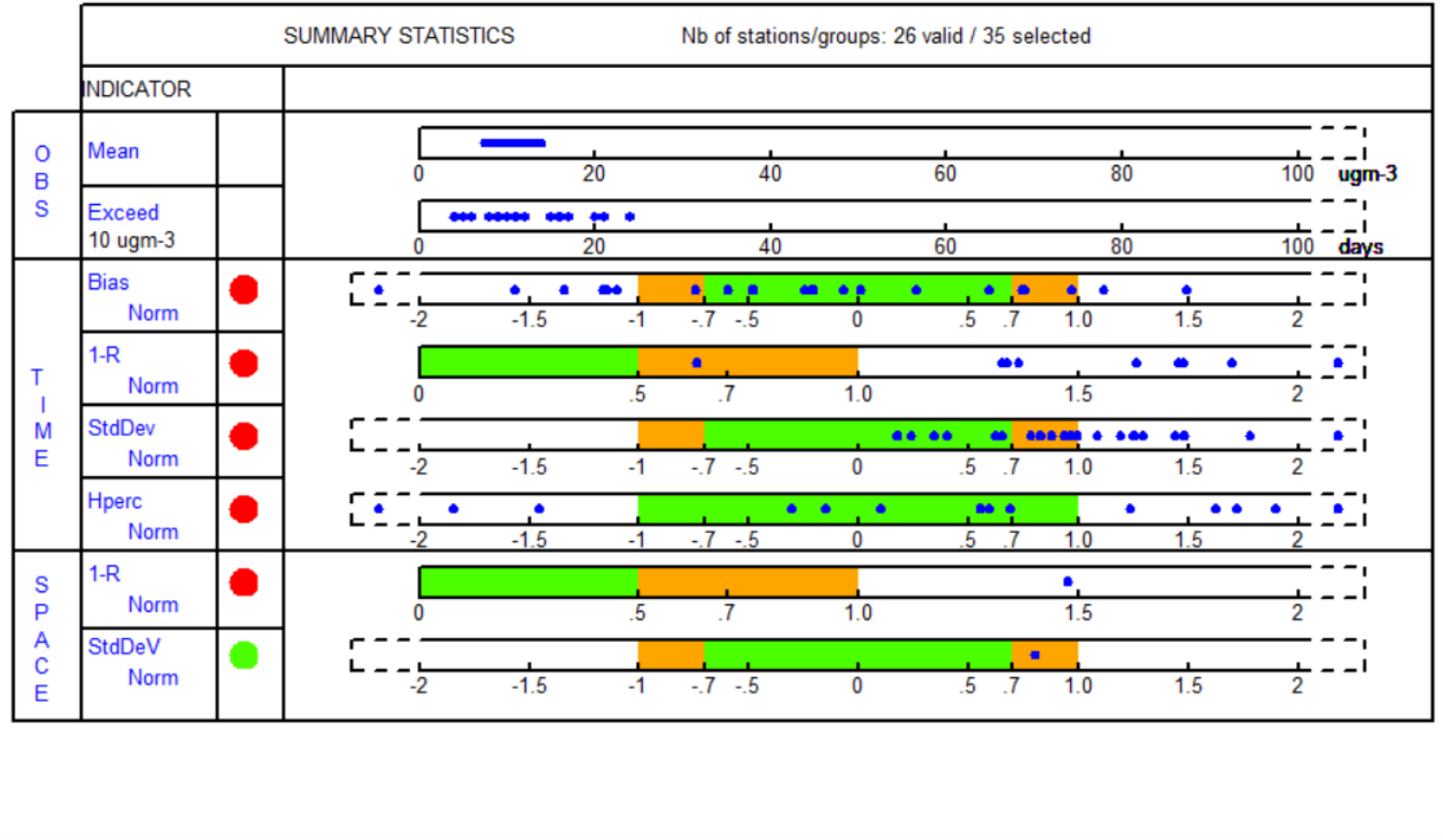
Stat: Mean Time: preserve (none)

### Date/Period Selection

Season: All

Hour type: All

Date: 0 1 9 23 30 9



---DeltaTool version 6.0---Info about plot data---

- Performance Criteria satisfied
- Performance Criteria satisfied; Error dominated by corresponding Indicator
- TIME: >90% of stations fulfills the Performance Criteria
- SPACE: Dot fulfills the Performance Criteria
- TIME: <90% of stations fulfills the Performance Criteria
- SPACE: Dot does not fulfill the Performance Criteria

[Info on data points \(click!\)](#)