Composite mapping tool: comparison of maps from Portugal, Spain, France and Italy

Maps

- Spain: Two maps from BSC and CIEMAT.
 - BSC. HERMES emission model+CMAQ model (4x4 Km). 2013.
 - CIEMAT. National Emission Inventory (EMEP) + CHIMERE Model + data fusion (kriging). 2012. (10x10 km, improved for 2015 to 5x5 km).
- Portugal.
 - U. Aveiro. National Emission Inventory (EMEP) + CHIMERE Model
- France:
 - INERIS. EMEP emission inventory + CHIMERE Model (10x10 km) + Data assimilation for PM10 (5x5 km).
- Italy: Two maps from ENEA and ARPA.
 - ENEA. National emission inventory + FARM model. (5x5 km, whole Italy)
 - ARPA. Regional emission inventory composite + CHIMERE model.....
 (4x4 km, Northern Italy)

Inconsistencies

- Spain: Two maps from BSC and CIEMAT.
 - Significant differences specially for PM10 (all domain, lower results for BSC), for NO2 in some cities.
 - CIEMAT overestimates NO2 at some rural background after comparing with AIRBASE.
 - Different models (including data fusion), different year, different emissions, different resolution.
- Italy: Two maps from ENEA and ARPA.
 - Differences in big cities like Milan
 - Different models, different emissions.

Inconsistencies

- Portugal-Spain boundary:
 - PM10. BSC << Aveiro < CIEMAT</p>
 - NO2. BSC \approx Aveiro < CIEMAT
- France-Spain boundary:
 - PM10. BSC < INERIS < CIEMAT</p>
 - NO2. BSC < INERIS < CIEMAT</p>
- Italy-France boundary:
 - PM10. ENEA \approx INERIS \approx ARPA
 - NO2. ENEA \approx INERIS < ARPA
- Causes:
 - Different models (including data fusion), different year, different emissions, different resolution

Some suggestions for the composite mapping tool

- AIRBASE data. Remove traffic stations or option to switch them off.
- Maps. Color concentration scale range too narrow. Recommend to extend it.

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