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## O<sub>3</sub> sensitivity by reducing emissions of precursors in Barcelona

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#### The CALIOPE air quality forecast system www.bsc.es/caliope



## **CALIOPE for mitigation strategies**

Modelling approach – Earth Science Department @BSC



- Targeting Barcelona & Madrid cities: different regimes (chemical, meteorological).
- Focused on the road traffic sector (PM10, PM2.5 and NO<sub>2</sub>).
- Impact on NO<sub>2</sub> and PM: "effectively" reduced in the conurbations (up to 30%).
- Impact on O<sub>3</sub>: slightly increase in the urban area (~1-4%) and low and negligible changes downwind.



## What remains? Diagnosis of O<sub>3</sub> problem



Counterpart of NO<sub>x</sub>/VOC reduction on O<sub>3</sub>





## Source apportionment

**Emission** are

critical



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#### **Experiment set-up**



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Tagging method





BSC-ES/AOF ARWv3+CMAO-ISAM+HERMESv2 O3 SNAP1 (µg/m3)

BSC-ES/AQF ARWv3+CMAQ-ISAM+HERMESv2 O3 SNAP34 (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) p90 forecast for 31 Jul 2012 - Res:4x4km

180

120

80

70

60

50

40

30

25

20 15

10

8

6

4

2



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Others

35.3°N

36.8°N

35.3°N

10.5°W 9°W 7.5°W 6°W 4.5°W 3°W 1.5°W 0° 1.5°E 3°E 4.5°E

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- Imported
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- Non-road transport
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Daily mean contribution during exceedances (DMA8 > 120  $\mu/m^3$ )



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Receptor: urban station (3)



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- Main contributor to concentration overall (background levels).
- Processes: advection + vertical mixing.
- High model performance at rural background stations (bias = 4.5µg/m<sup>3</sup> and r= 0.7)





## **Conclusions and next steps**

- **Regional/local source** contributions dominate O<sub>3</sub> during peaks
  - <u>Next</u>: Quantify the relative importance of imported vs. regional/local  $O_3$ .
  - <u>Next</u>: Identify key emissions sectors.
- Imported O<sub>3</sub> to the IP is a main contributor to ground-level O<sub>3</sub> concentration overall in summer in Spain (background levels).
  - <u>Next</u>: Design mitigation strategies should be coordinated at different scales.
- **Modelled mitigation strategies** have been designed mostly for targeting primary pollutants and the traffic sector.
  - <u>Next</u>: define air quality plan targeting O<sub>3</sub>. Main elements:



# Thank you!



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