FAIRMODE WG4 - Planning

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What do we intend by planning in WG4 ?

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WG1: assessment ⇨ Base case model validation

WG4: planning ⇨ Scenario model validation

Objective: Quantify the model accuracy when run in scenario mode via a common template with the following characteristics:

- Simplicity
- Comparability
- Overview.

Why do we need something?

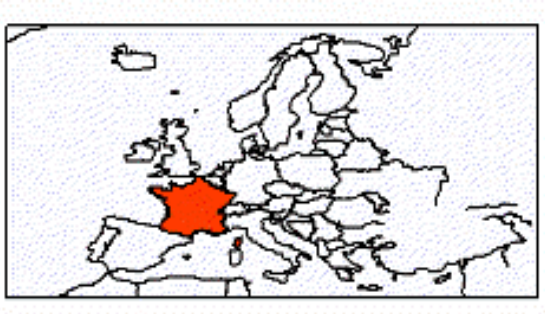
APPRAISAL FP7 project has shown that the **base case simulations are validated in only 40% of the reported cases**,

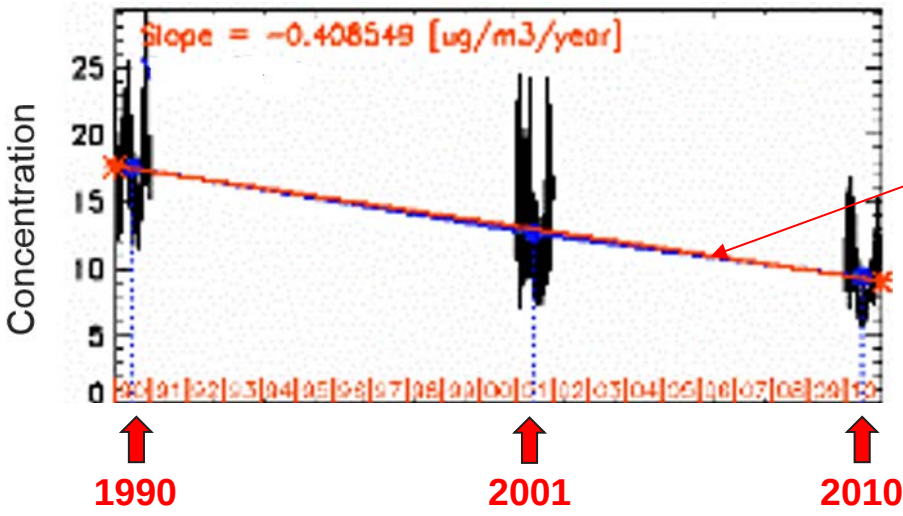
in addition, **scenarios are never validated**.

Indeed, Air Quality Models are used, for a large part, in scenario mode to produce results in order to design abatement strategies.

What is currently done?

Trend analysis: e. g. Eurodelta exercise





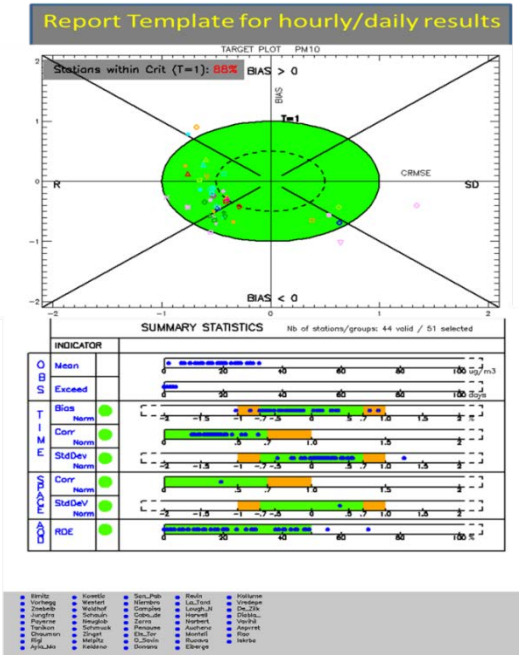
$\Delta C_{model}/\Delta t$ ⇔ $\Delta C_{observation}/\Delta t$

Courtesy: K. Cuvelier

What is currently done?

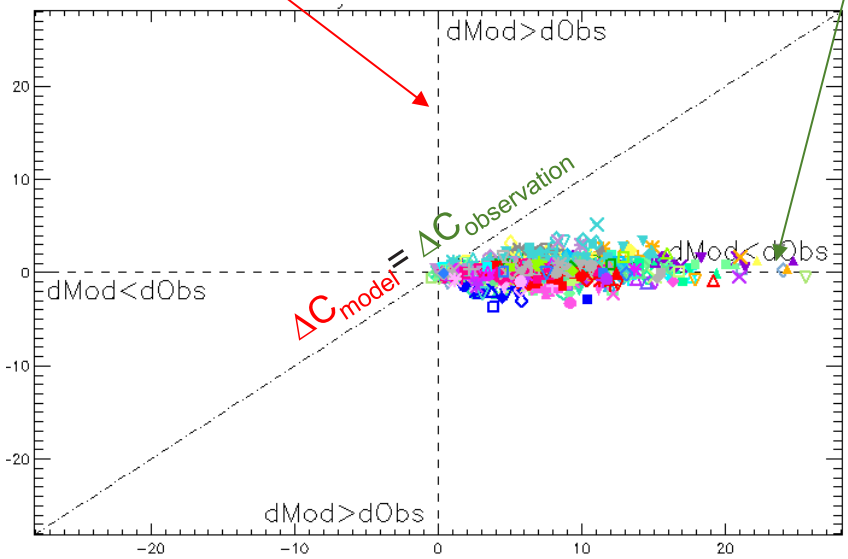
Segregation periods

Example: $E_{week} \Rightarrow C_{week}$ $E_{week\text{-}end} \Rightarrow C_{week\text{-}end}$



$\Delta C_{model}=(C_{week} - C_{week\text{-}end})$

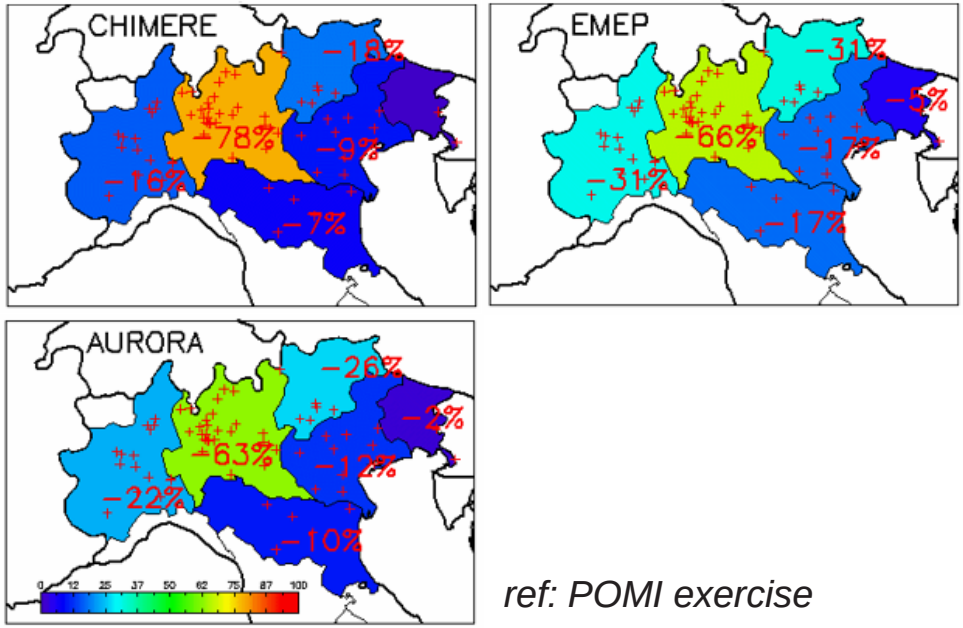
$\Delta C_{observation}=(C_{week} - C_{week\text{-}end})$



What is currently done?

Model inter-comparison exercise e.g: Citydelta, Eurodelta, POMI, etc…

% reduction **ΔPM / PM** over North Italy



ref: POMI exercise

ΔE/E = 100% over Lombardia

ΔC/C over different North Italian regions

What did we propose so far?

Potency concept

We proposed simple indicators to quantify the model responses to emission reduction and facilitate model inter-comparison.

$$p = -\frac{\Delta C/C}{\Delta E/E}$$

α is the % emission reduction over a given area, then: $$p = \frac{\Delta C}{\alpha C}$$

ΔE/E < 0 → ΔC/C > 0 | ΔE/E < 0 → ΔC/C < 0

0 | -0.5 | -1

ΔE/E=100% → ΔC/C=0%
ΔE/E= 50% → ΔC/C=0%
Emission reduction has no effects on concentrations

ΔE/E=100% → ΔC/C=50%
ΔE/E= 50% → ΔC/C=25%

ΔE/E=100% → ΔC/C=100%
ΔE/E= 50% → ΔC/C= 50%
Full emission reduction reduces all concentrations

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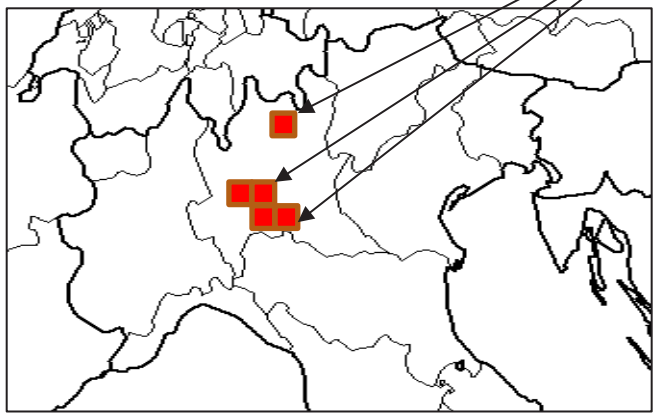
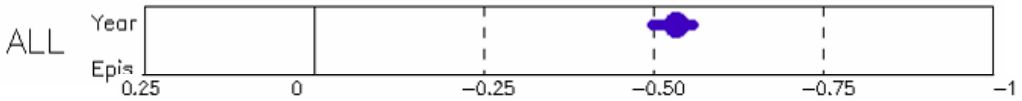
only the cells containing concentrations greater than the 95% percentile



Yearly averaged **PM**



$p \approx 0.5$ $\quad \Delta E/E = 100\% \Rightarrow \Delta C/C = 50\%$

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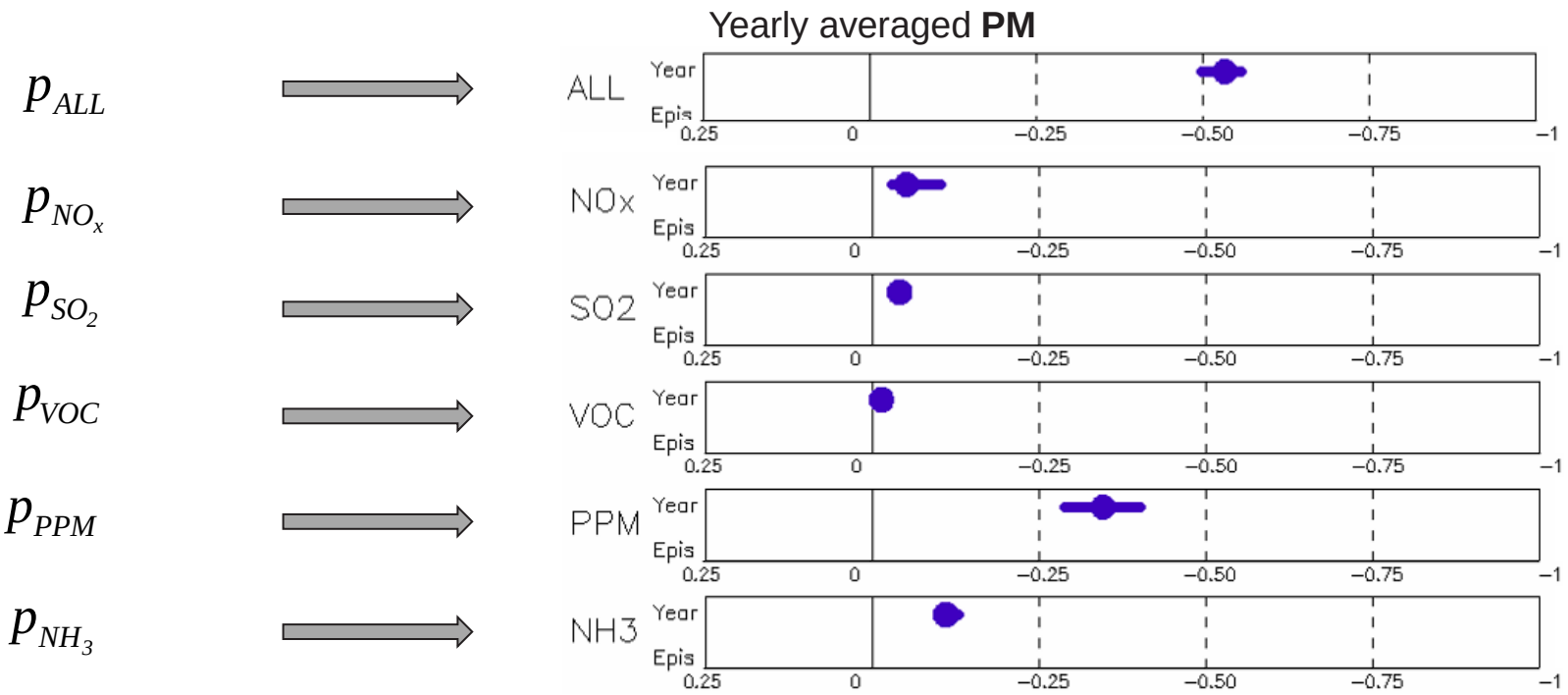
Potencies can be computed for each precursors.



The PPM produce the main contribution to the PM formation, then NH_3 and NO_x.

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$$p_{ALL} = p_{NO_x} + p_{SO_2} + p_{VOC} + p_{PPM} + p_{NH_3} + p_{int}$$

$p_{ALL}^{50\%}$ $p_{ALL}^{30\%}$ ⇒

$p_{NO_x}^{50\%}$ $p_{NO_x}^{30\%}$ ⇒

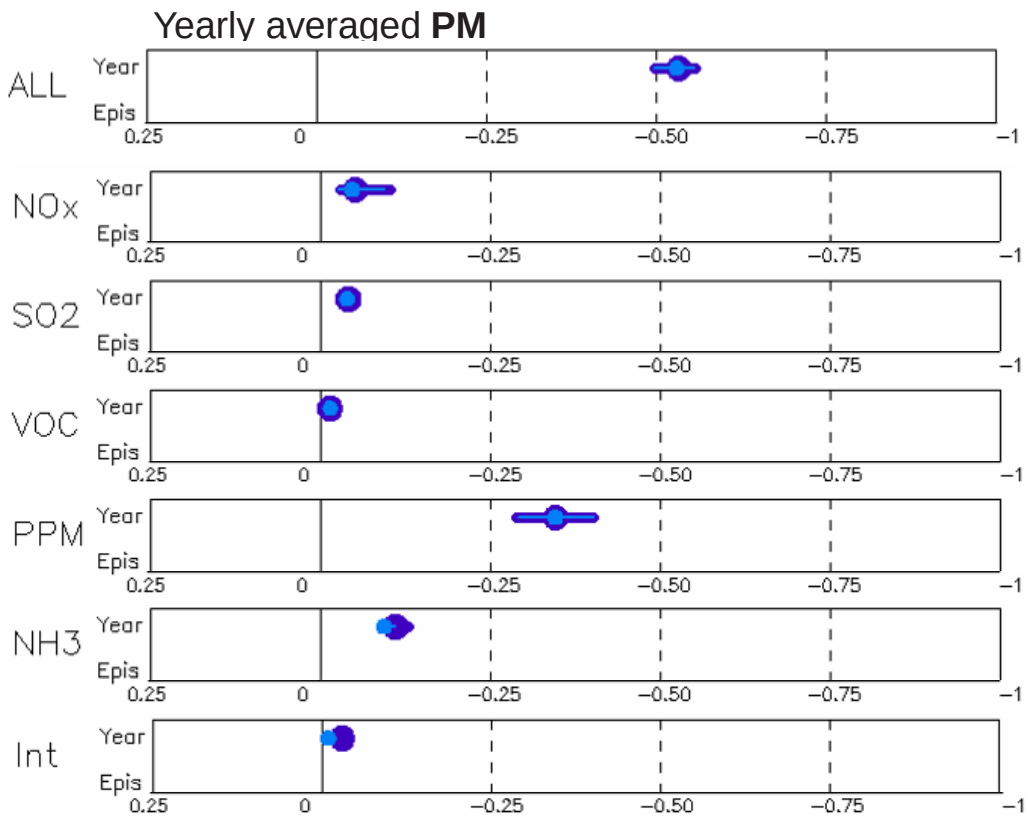
$p_{SO_2}^{50\%}$ $p_{SO_2}^{30\%}$ ⇒

$p_{VOC}^{50\%}$ $p_{VOC}^{30\%}$ ⇒

$p_{PPM}^{50\%}$ $p_{PPM}^{30\%}$ ⇒

$p_{NH_3}^{50\%}$ $p_{NH_3}^{30\%}$ ⇒

$p_{int}^{50\%}$ $p_{int}^{30\%}$ ⇒



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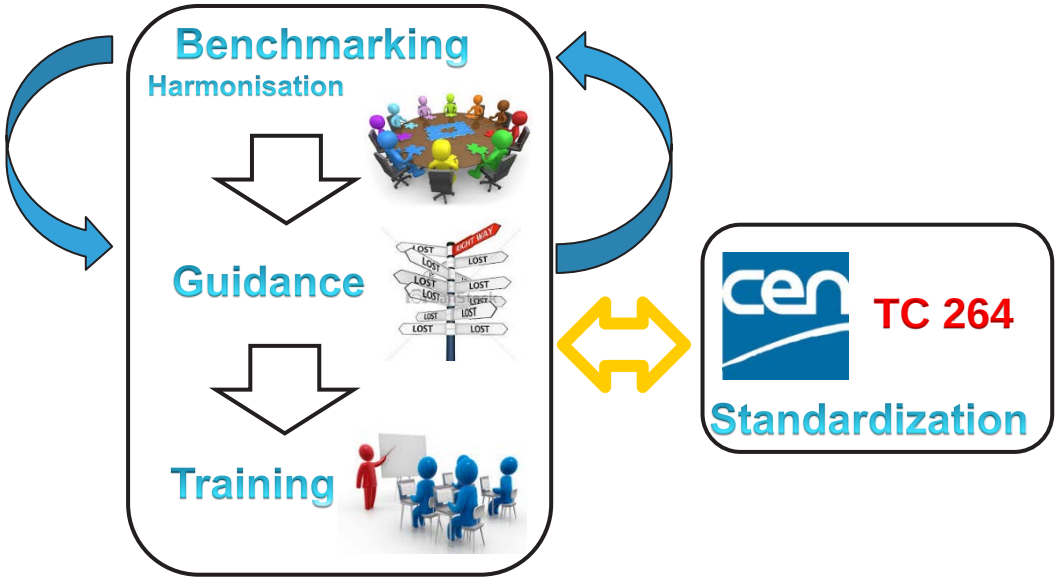
What do we propose?

We could not identify a fully satisfying approach to validate a model used in scenario mode.
The potency approach developed in the framework of FAIRMODE-WG4 can certainly help for results interpretation but it is still not a real validation methodology (no comparison with observations).

- ⇨ Need of further brainstorming
- ⇨ Group volunteers (around 5)
- ⇨ Preliminary **Guidance**



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