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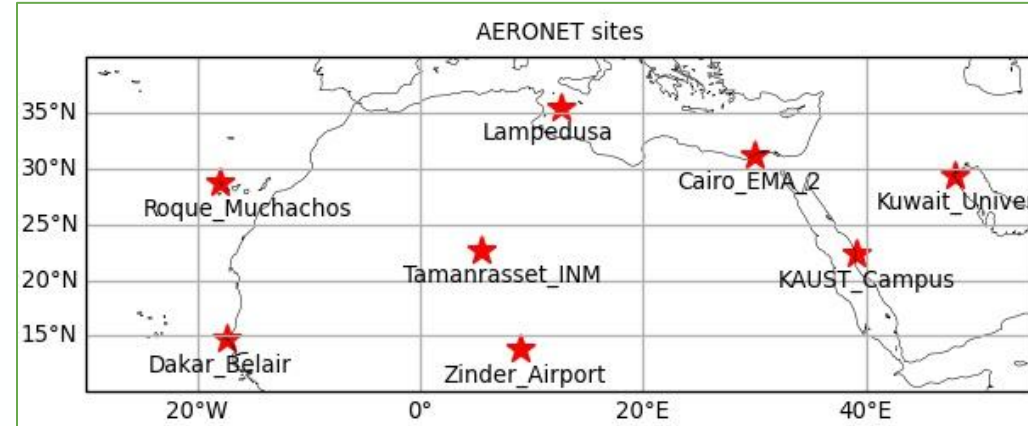
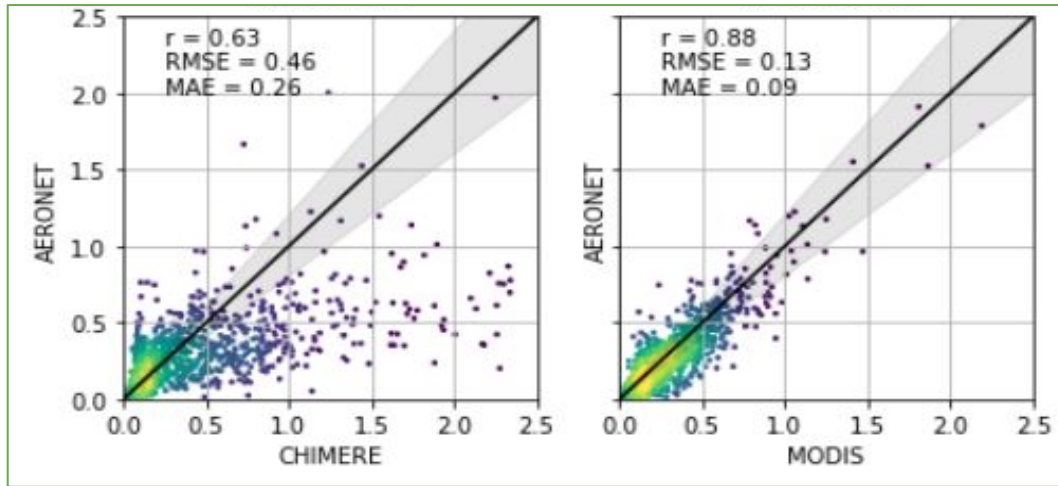


- **CHIMERE** AOD is less accurate in the regions lacking *in situ* monitoring stations for constraining the simulation e.g **Africa**.

	CHIMERE AOD	MODIS AOD
Temporal resolution	1h	24h
spatial coverage	Full coverage	Cloud-free only
Accuracy	good	Better

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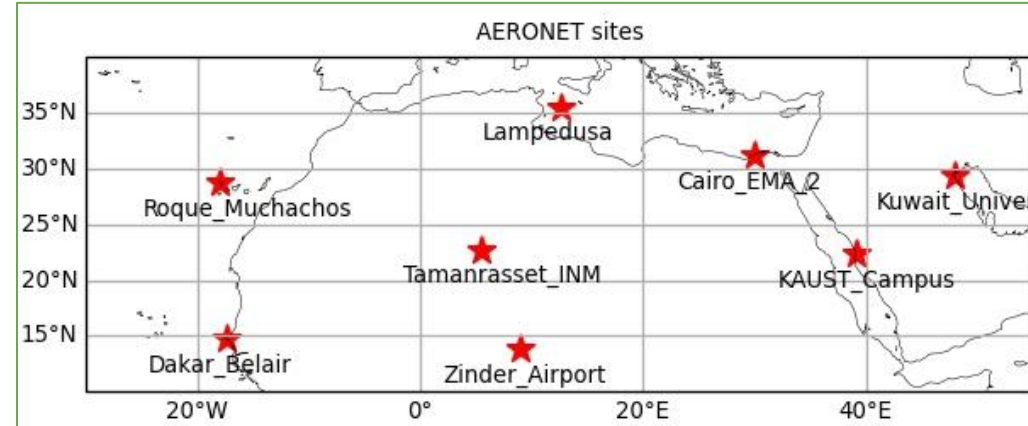
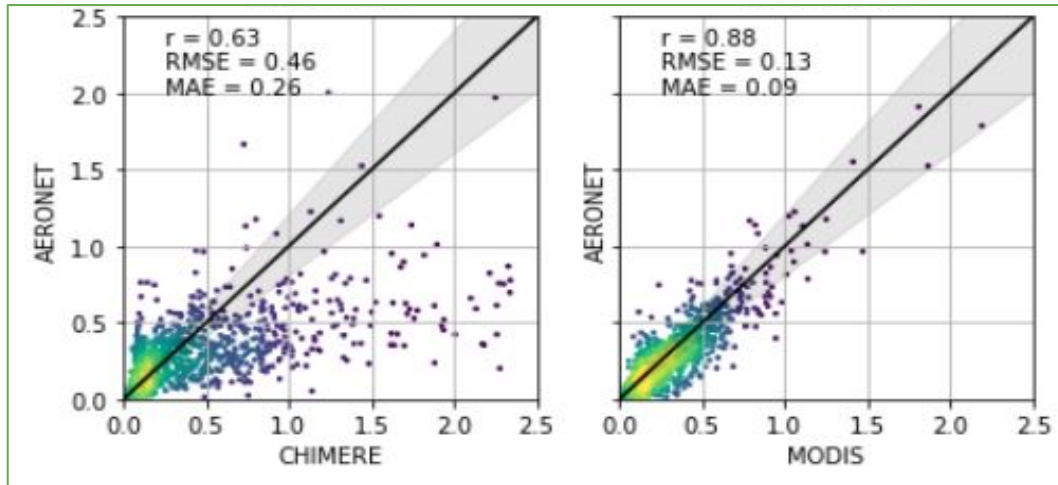
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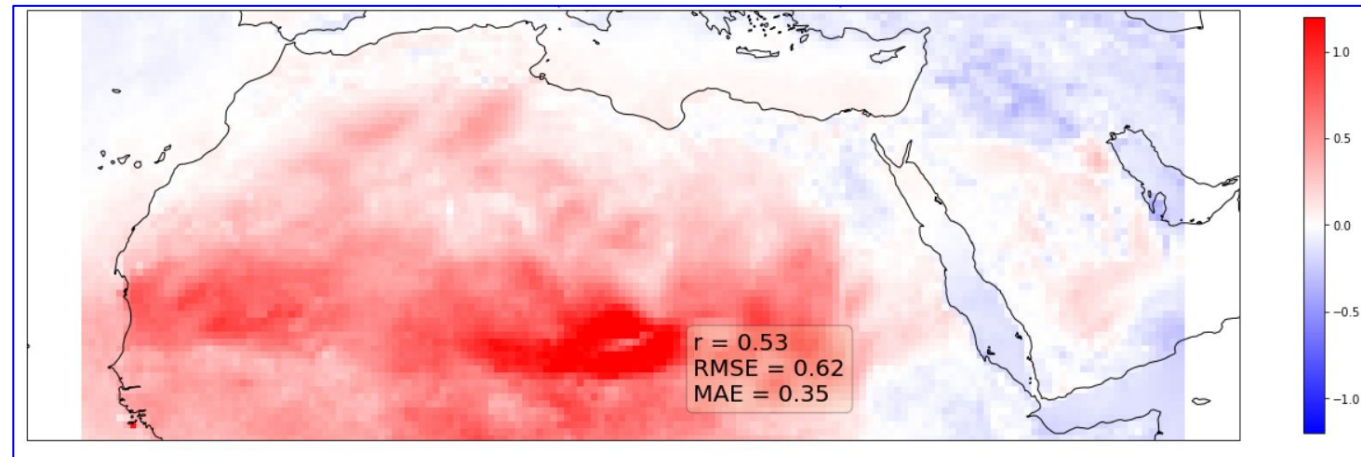
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CHIMERE overestimate AOD in the deserts and underestimate it elsewhere.

AOD year 2021 average bias CHIMERE-MODIS AQUA



One year (2021) of data over north Africa with 0.45° horizontal resolution.



Inputs

- CHIMERE simulation at 1:00 PM : AOD_{550} , PM_{10} , PM_{25} , $pDUST$, $pOCAR$, $pWATER$, $pSALT$, $ROOH$, $HCNM$, pH_2SO_4 , $pHNO_3$, pNH_3 , $sphu$, O_3 , SO_2 , CO , OH , NH_3 , TOL , NO_x , NO_y
- ERA5 at 1:00 PM: *pres, relh, soil moisture, boundary layer height, albedo*

Reference

MODIS/aqua $AOD_{550\text{ nm}}$

- Random forest
- Neural networks
- Multiple Linear Regression

The **goal** is to improve the AOD estimation of CHIMERE chemistry-transport model using MODIS AOD observations.

One year (2021) of data over north Africa with 0.45° horizontal resolution.

Training + testing dataset :

The first 20 days of each month = 240 days

=> Table of ~1.4M simulation ground pixel and 97 features

Validation data :

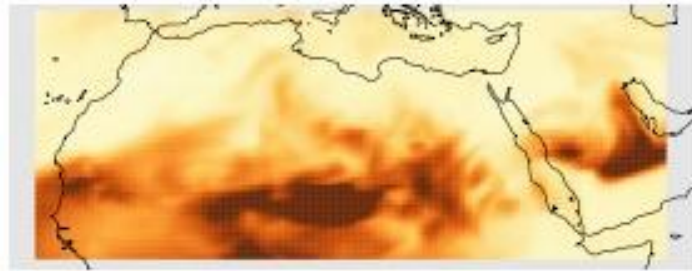
The rest of the days => 122 days

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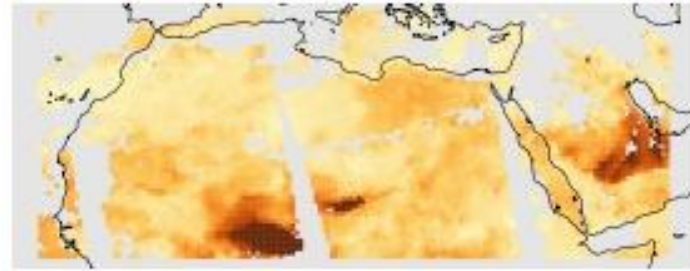
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Results of AOD simulation post-processor

Corrected AOD : case of 21 Jan 2021



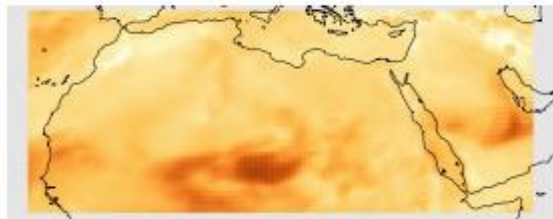
CHIMERE AOD_{550 nm}



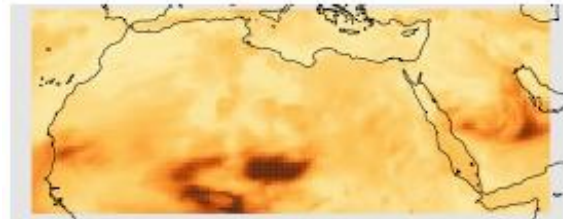
MODIS AQUA AOD_{550 nm}



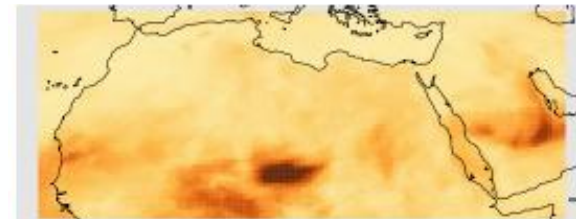
CHIMERE AOD_{550nm} corrected



Multiple linear model



Neural network

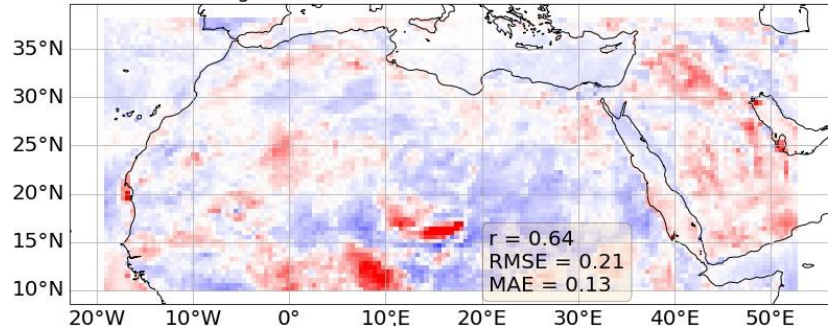


Random forests

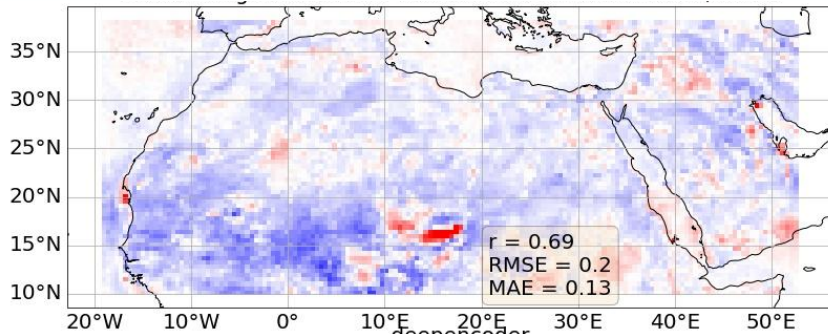
Good overall performance.

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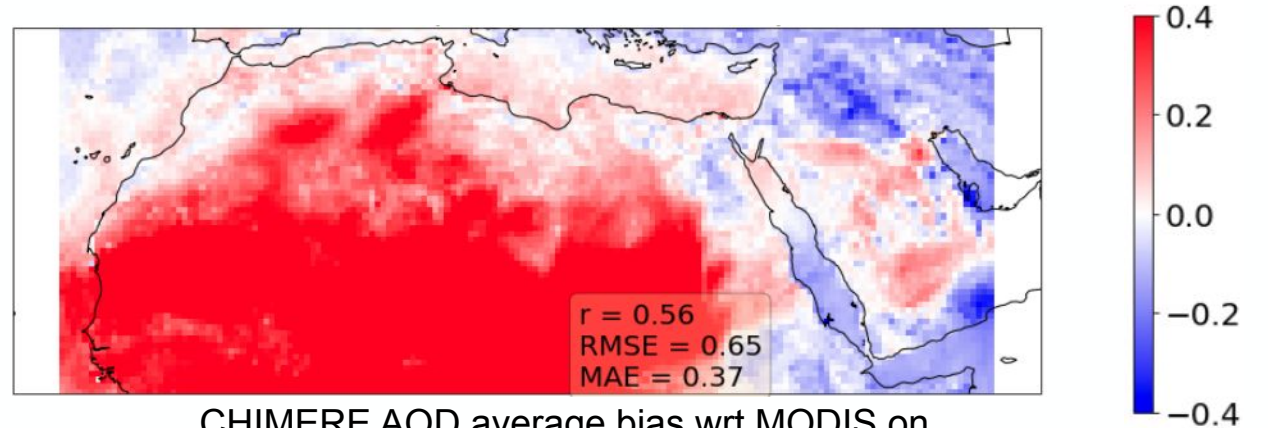
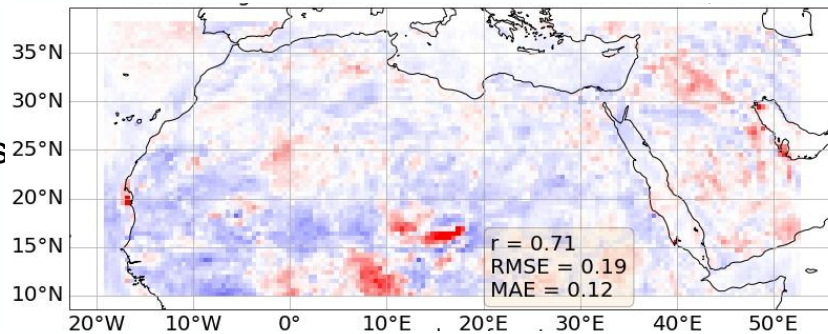
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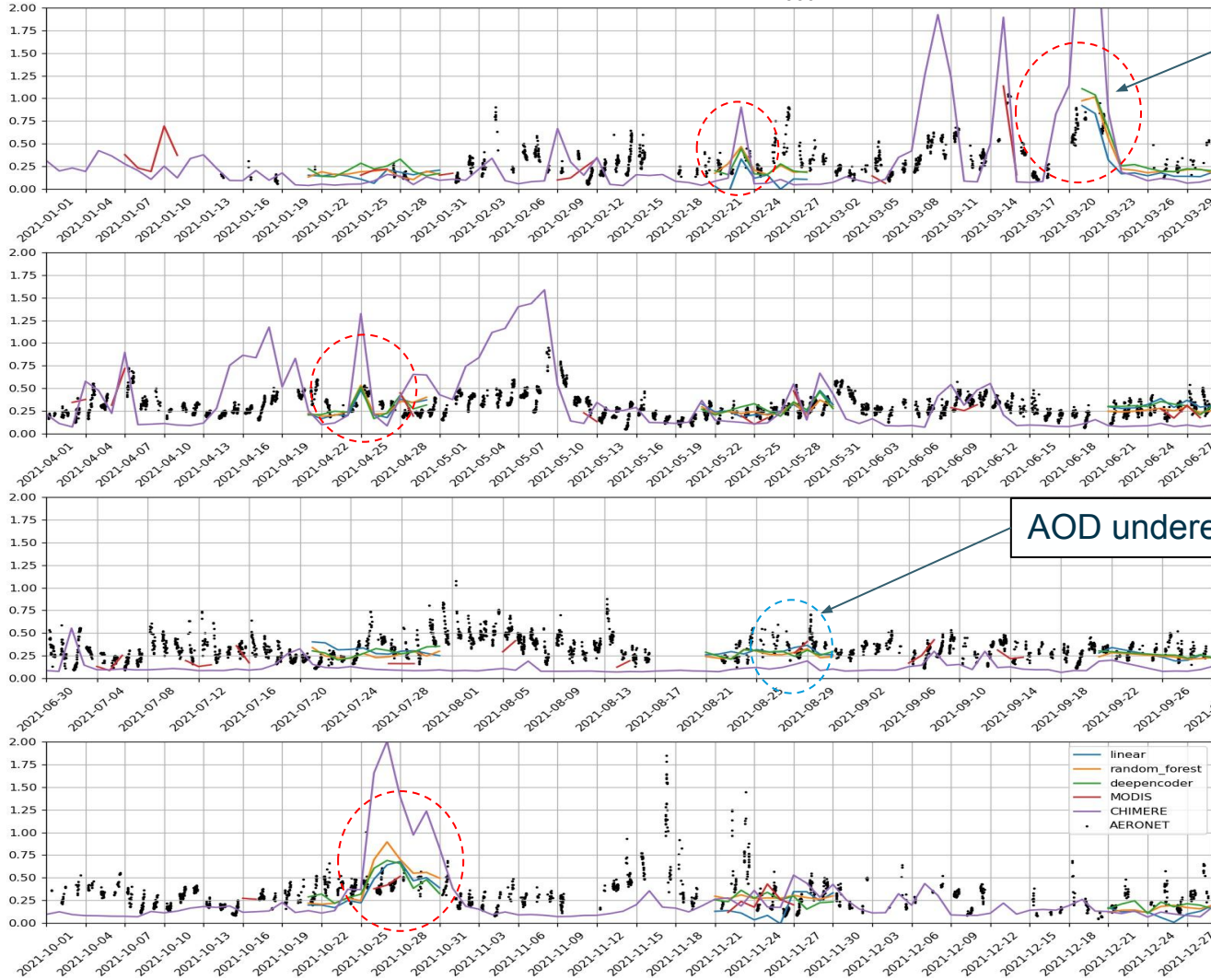
CHIMERE AOD average bias wrt MODIS on validation dataset

	Improvement in r	Improvement in RMSE
Multiple linear regression	14 %	68 %
Random forests	27 %	71 %
Neural network	23 %	69 %

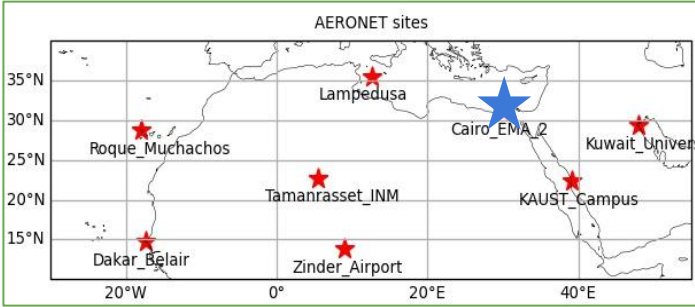
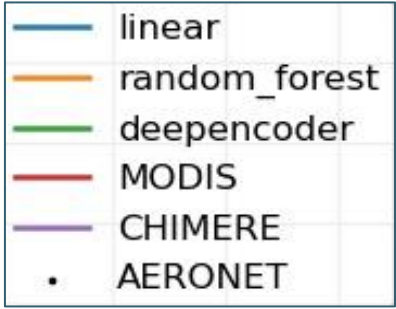
AOD comparison: CHIMERE corrected vs MODIS Aqua. N = 1.2M

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Cairo_EMA_2 AERONET AOD_{550nm}



AOD Overestimation corrected



AOD underestimation corrected

	Improvement in r	Improvement in RMSE
Multiple linear regression	16 %	67 %
Random forests	19 %	67 %
Neural network	11 %	65 %

AOD comparison: CHIMERE corrected vs 8 AERONET Stations. N = 330

Conclusions

- We have corrected CHIMERE overestimation of AOD over north Africa using MODIS aqua observations with a post processing approach.
- The best model for the correction is random forests model.

Perspectives

- Develop a post processor that uses MODIS Terra for the training.

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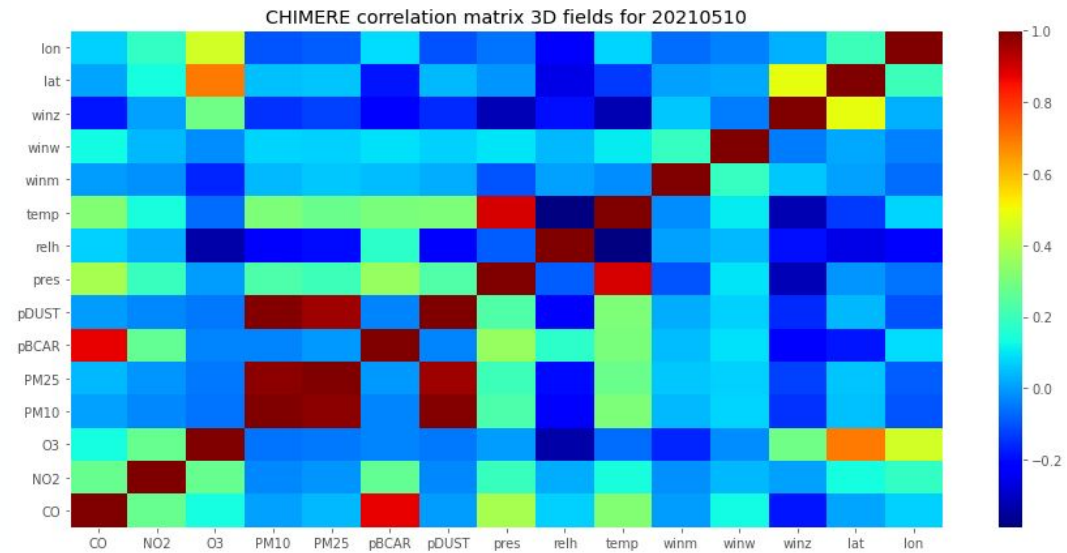
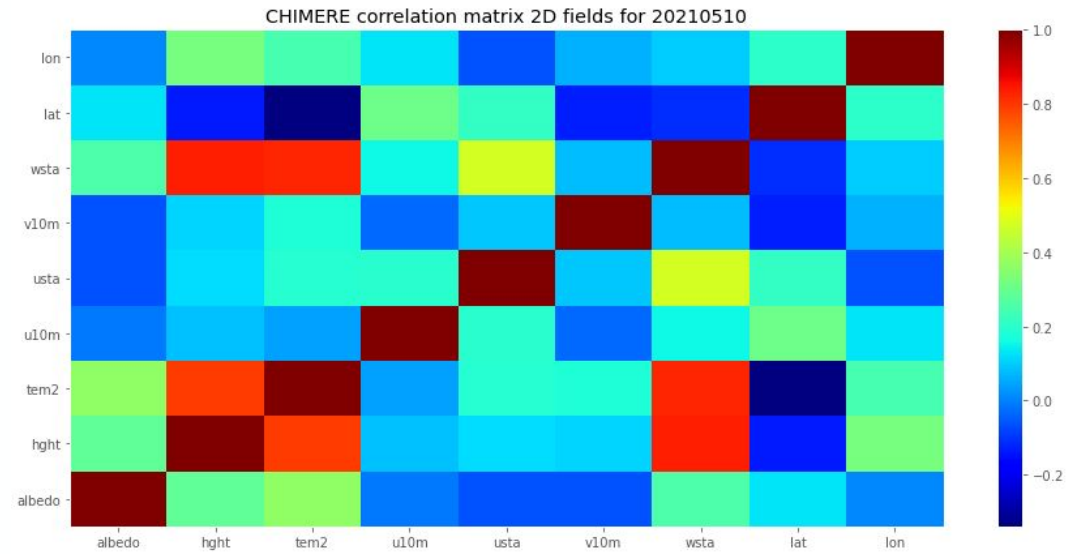
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	aod_550	albedo	swrd	soim	sreh	hght	slhf	sshf	PM100	PM101	...	TOL3	NOX0	NOX1	NOX2	NOX3	NOY0	NOY1	NOY2	NOY3	MODIS
1275	0.173605	0.069919	898.295843	1.000000	0.738572	279.161852	98.242683	4.697709	70.857063	56.149590	...	6.172077e-05	0.536248	0.081407	0.010487	0.050271	2.003414	0.541531	0.327809	0.571008	0.230000
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...
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Multiple linear regression

Built with $\frac{1}{3}$ of the available dataset

fit_intercept=False, positive=False

Important coefficients: pOH, specific humidity

Random forest model

2 fold cross validation using 10k data points for forests exploration, then using $\frac{2}{3}$ of the available dataset for training.

max_features=[20, 25, 30]

n_bins=[64, 128]

min_samples_leaf=[2, 4, 6],

min_samples_split=[2, 4, 6],

n_estimators=[100]

scoring='neg_mean_squared_error'

Neural network model

Training dataset : $\frac{1}{3}$ of the available dataset

Testing dataset : $\frac{1}{3}$ of the available dataset

N_layers : 4 to 10

N neurons : 10 to 50 per layer

Adam optimizer with respect to mse.

'batch_size', 5000, 20000, step=1000

100 random trials

50 epochs