

Dust in Barcelona

Urban-scale air pollution model
using Data Lake's Near-Data Computing



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Synthesis of the Use Case. Motivation

Brief introduction to the use case

Air pollution in urban areas is a major concern for all relevant institutions as it is linked to adverse health effects.

PM₁₀ particles (coarse, ~10µm) represent a significant health threat. They are derived both from human activity such as vehicular traffic, and from natural sources such as dust storms.



What are you trying to achieve?

A numerical framework for modelling the transport of PM₁₀ or other suspended particles at the street level, covering large urban areas. The numerical model runs on DEDL infrastructure and uses its framework to connect to various sources of federated data.

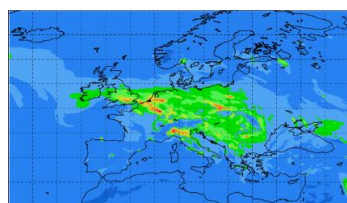
Expected outputs:

- Wind velocity over Barcelona
- Concentration of PM₁₀ over Barcelona

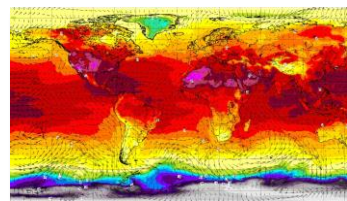


Use Case Technical Implementation

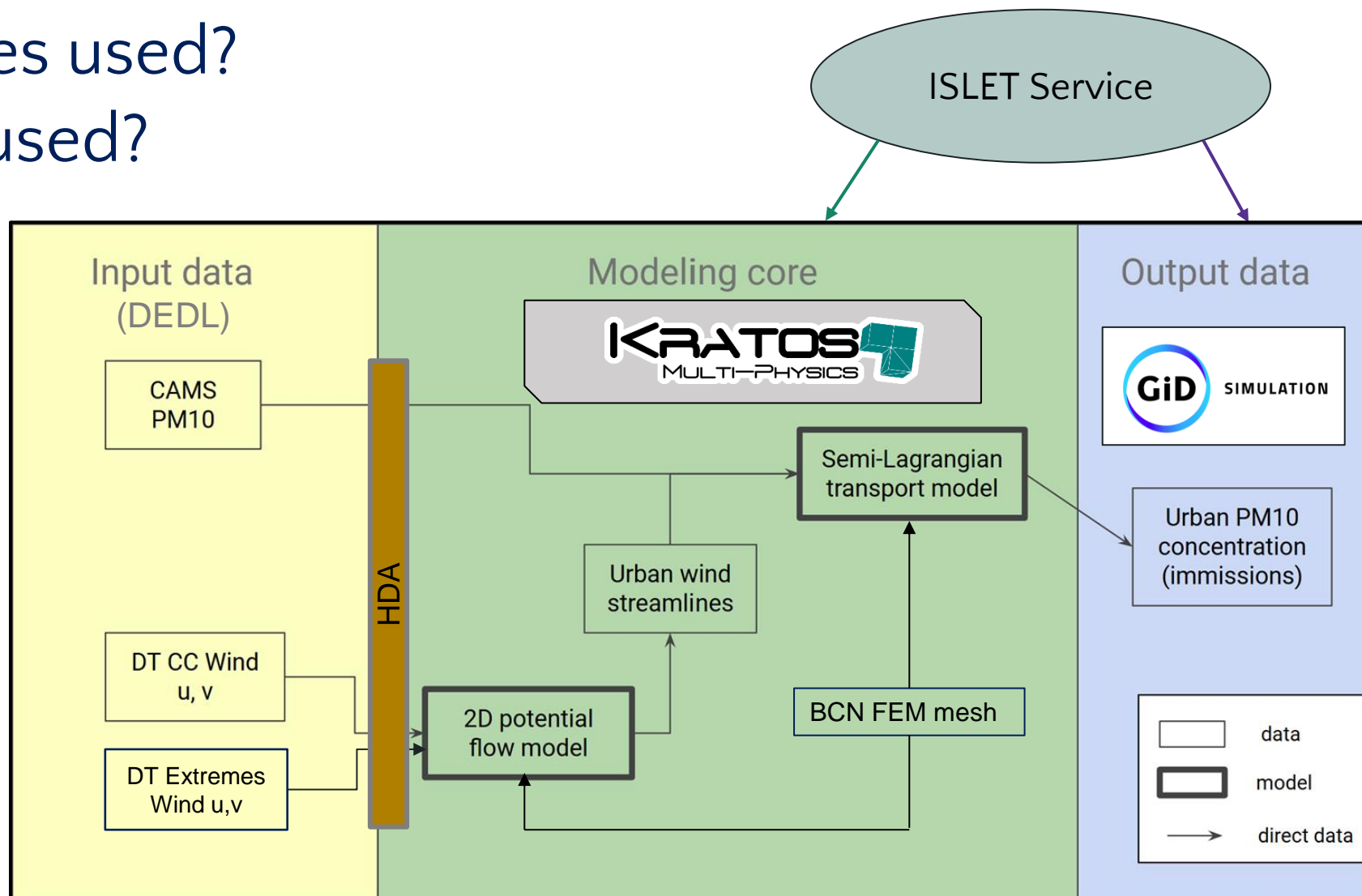
How are services used?
What data are used?



European Air Quality Forecasts
PM₁₀ particulate matter

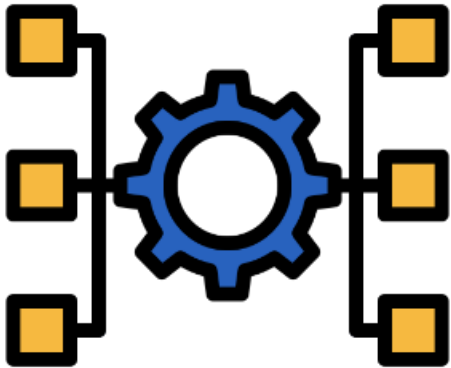


DT: Climate Change Adaptation / Extremes
2m temperature and 30m wind forecast (u/v)





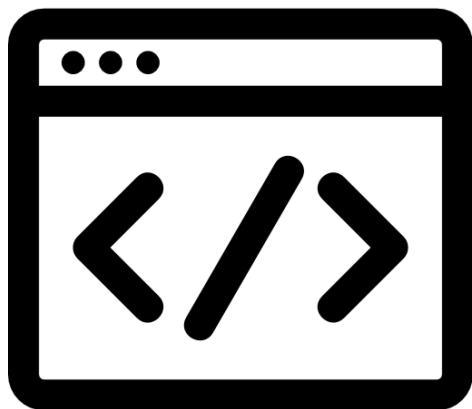
General methodology



1. Selection of data from DEDL
 - STAC search/selection of relevant datasets via HDA-PyStac
 - Retrieval of datasets (HDA-PyStac)
 - ETL of datasets on VM via Python (on Islet VM)
2. Modeling via Kratos Multiphysics framework on Islet VM



STAC search, retrieval and ETL scripts



DEDL_HDA_pystac_get.py (collection, dataset)

- Executes STAC selects on the two (3) collections
- Downloads datasets to S3 bucket (mount point)
- Converts wind data to csv (clips to bounding)

grib_select.py (grib, lat, lon)

- Retrieves PM₁₀ data from grib by lat/lon coordinate within the bounding – each corresponds to a point on the FE mesh

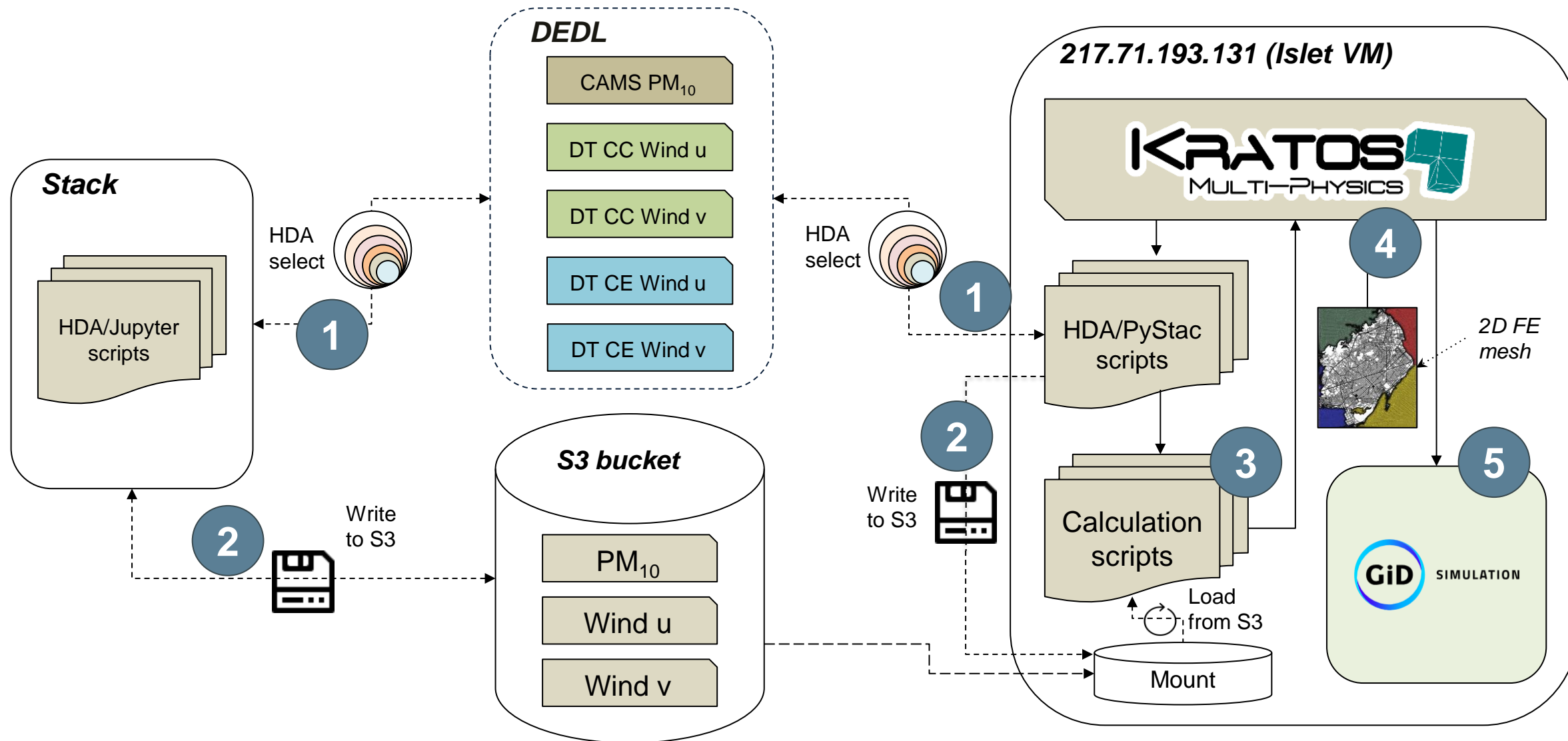
calculate_exterior_averages.py (csv)

- Farfield generation: reads wind csv (x2) and calculates average values for exterior points of the bounding –
- Generates lists of farfield (averages) by hour



Use Case Technical Implementation

Overview of use case architecture





Use Case Technical Implementation - HDA

DEDL_HDA_pystac_get.py

DAT.DT_CLIMATE_ADAPTATION
or
DAT.DT_CLIMATE_EXTREMES
or
CAMS_EUROPE_AIR_QUALITY_FORECASTS

165 (u) and 166 (v)
or
particulate_matter_10um

grib

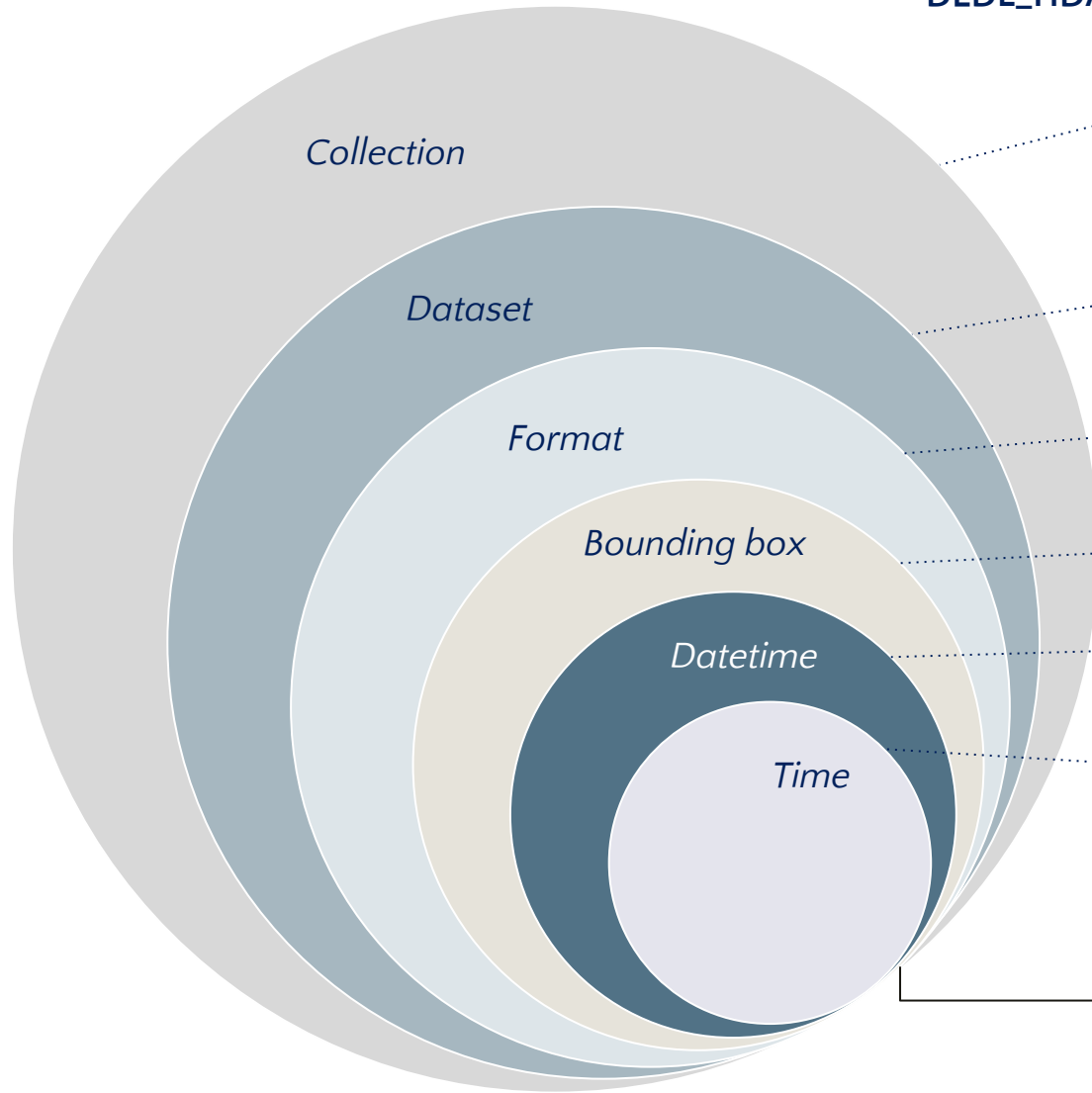
1.554252,40.94932,2.762153,41.858645

Clipping to a bounding box is under development for wind datasets

date_plus_3_days
or
date

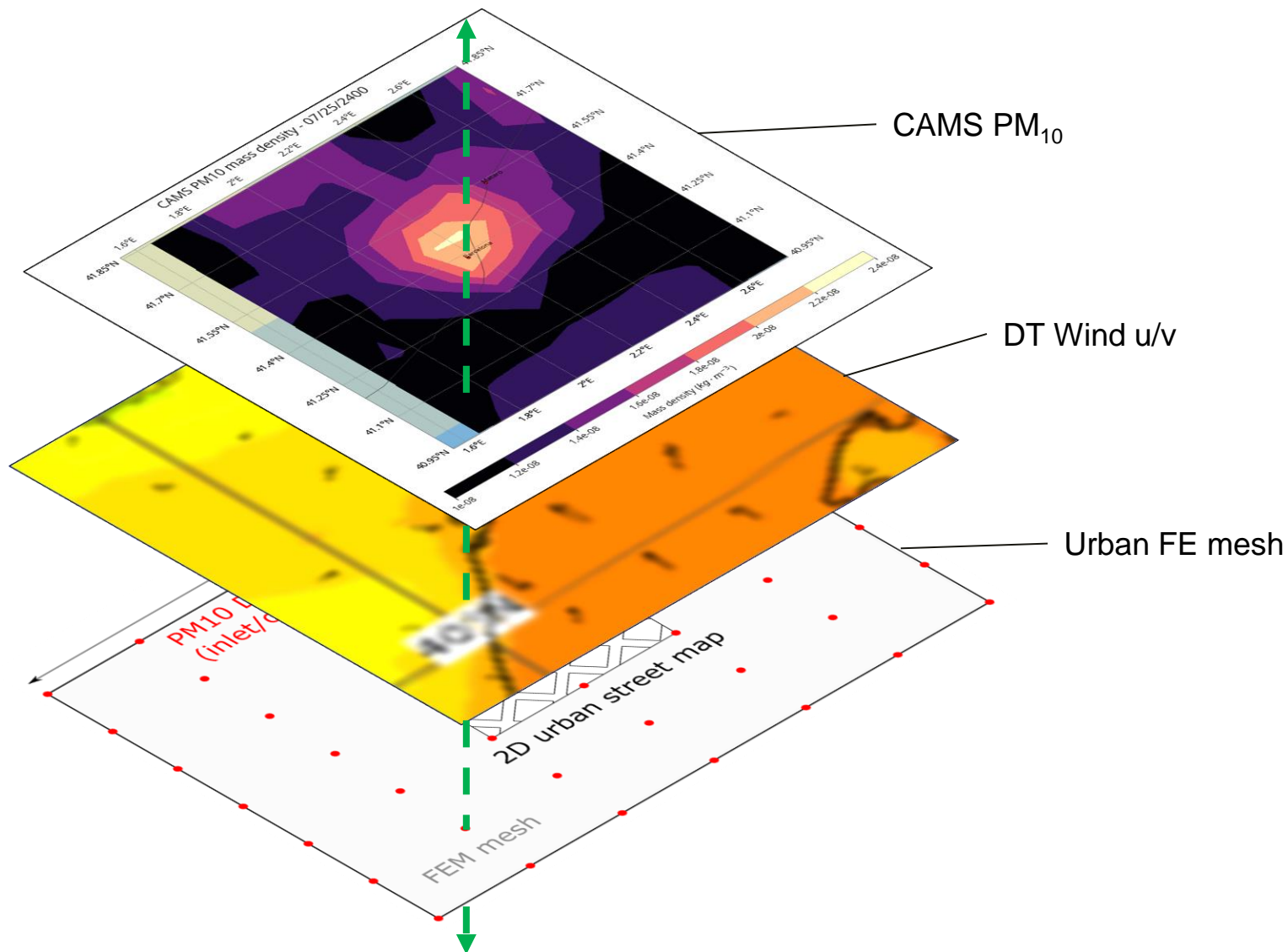
0-24
or
0-72

STAC item – wind
(x2) for download





General methodology - interpolation of points in DEDL datasets

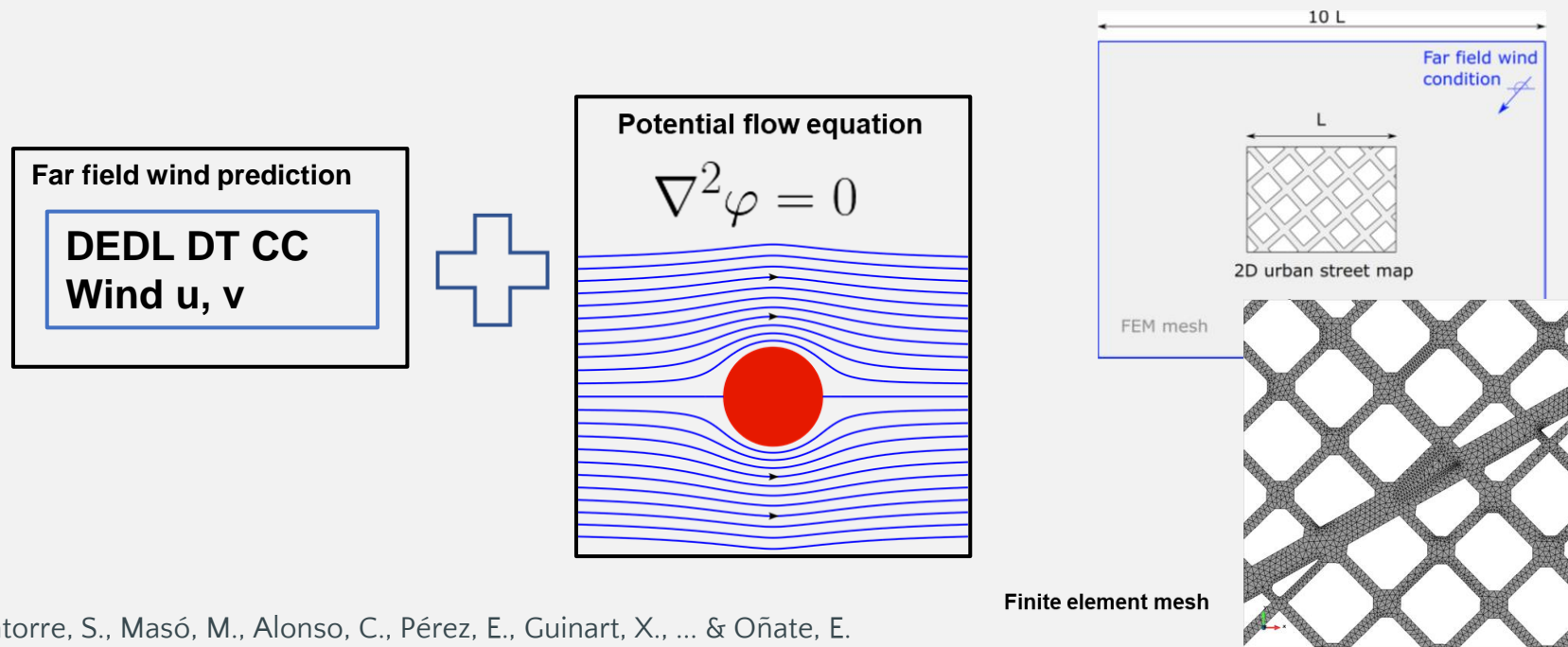


`grib_select.py`

for each lat/lon in the datasets, interpolation to the corresponding node in the model mesh

Modeling methodology (in a nutshell)

1. Estimate wind speed and direction over the streets of a urban area at 3.5 m height

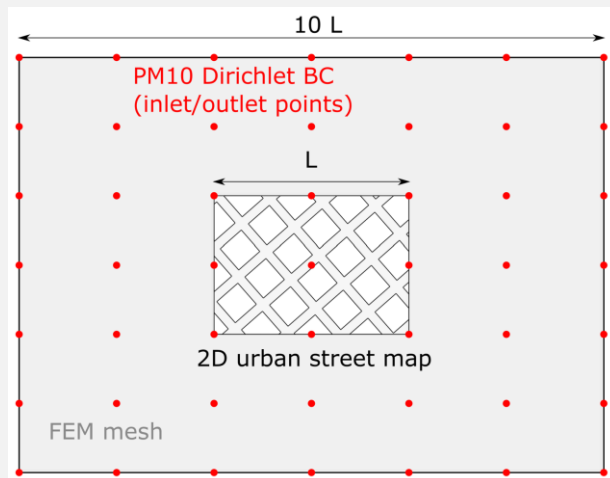


De-Pouplana, I., Latorre, S., Masó, M., Alonso, C., Pérez, E., Guinart, X., ... & Oñate, E. (2023). A prototype of a micro-scale model for the distribution of NO₂ in urban areas. *Atmospheric Pollution Research*, 14(2), 101668.

Modeling methodology (in a nutshell)

2. Transport pollutant over the streets

Transient advection-diffusion-absorption equation



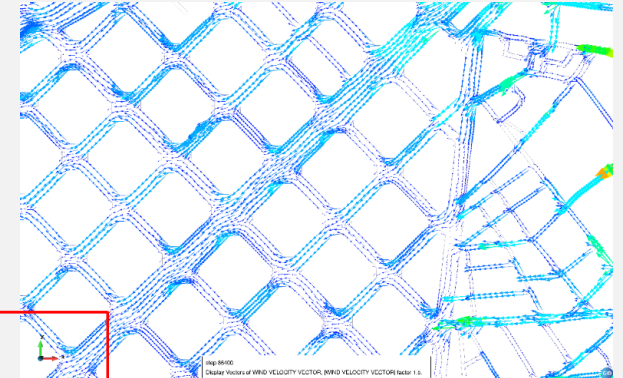
DEDL CAMS PM₁₀

$$\frac{D\phi}{Dt} - \nabla^T \mathbf{D} \nabla \phi + s\phi + Q = 0$$

$$\frac{D\mathbf{x}}{Dt} = \mathbf{v}$$

Advective terms

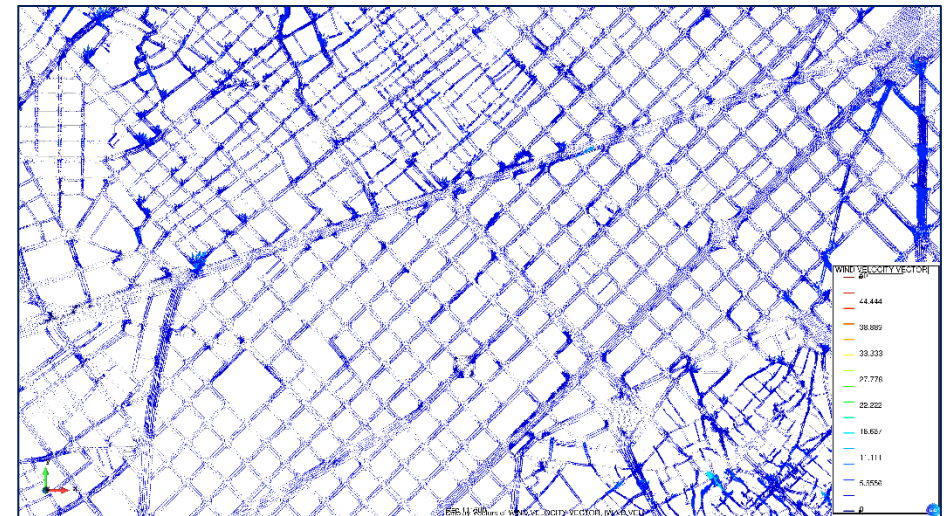
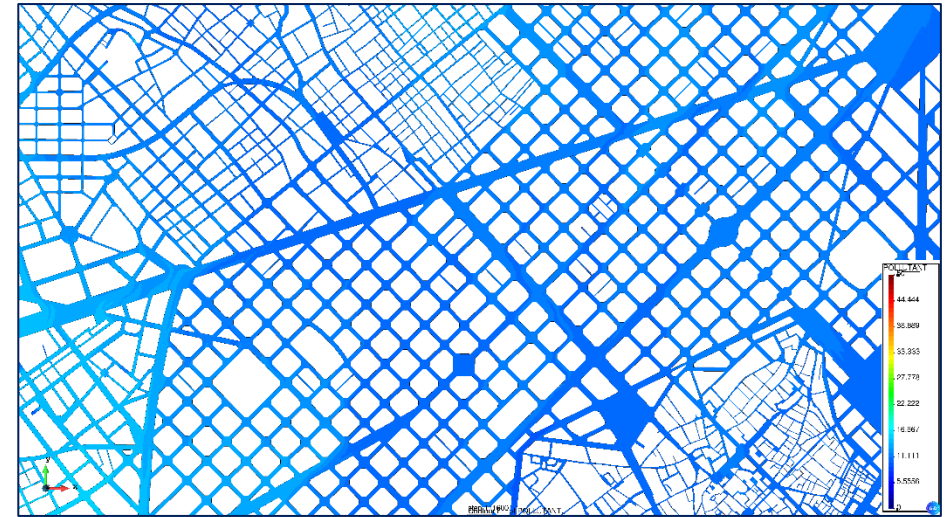
ϕ : Concentration of pollutant
 \mathbf{v} : Wind velocity at 3.5 m height



Puigferrat, A., Masó, M., De-Pouplana, I., Casas, G., & Oñate, E. (2021). Semi-Lagrangian formulation for the advection-diffusion-absorption equation. *Computer methods in applied mechanics and engineering*, 380, 113807.

Today's use case maturity and achievements

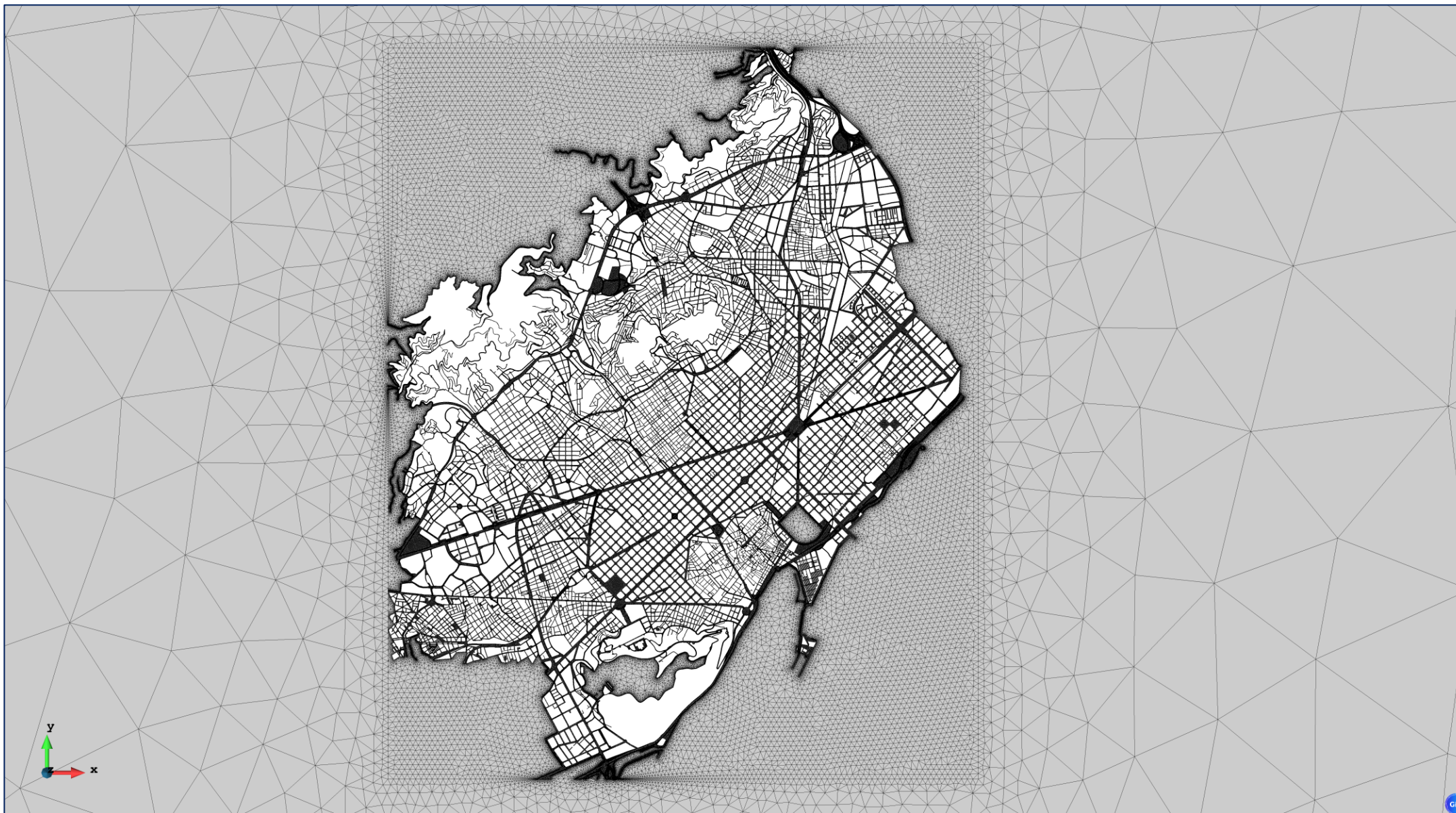
- A simplified physical model is already implemented and running on realistic size domains.
- Data is downloaded, converted and used in the model, all within the DEDL infrastructure. **Download issues are preventing further testing.**
- Visualization of contour fills of wind velocity and pollutant concentration over the domain is achieved using GiD.
- Time evolution of wind velocity and pollutant is plotted using matplotlib.





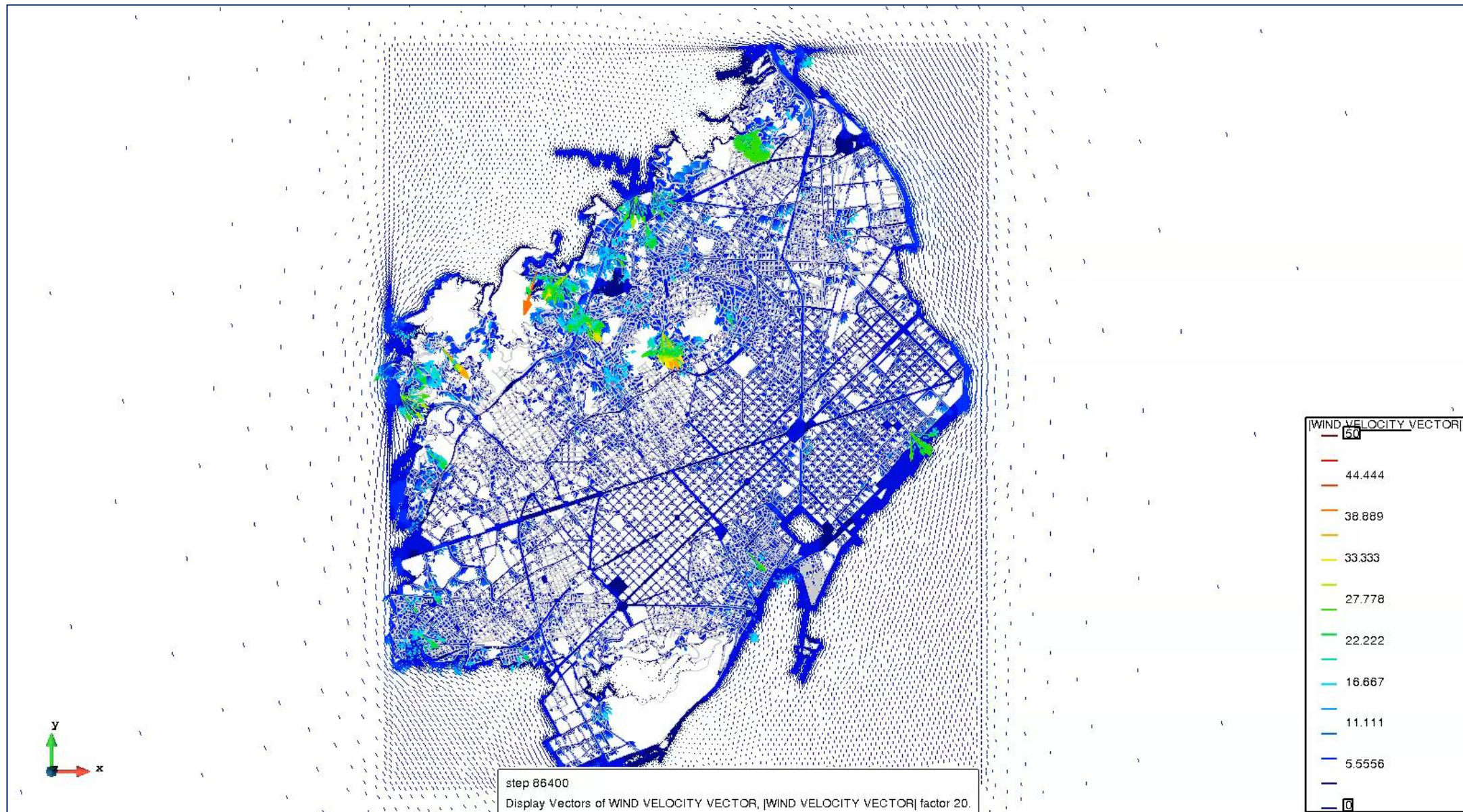
2D FEM
mesh of
Barcelona

1,067,153
3-noded
triangles



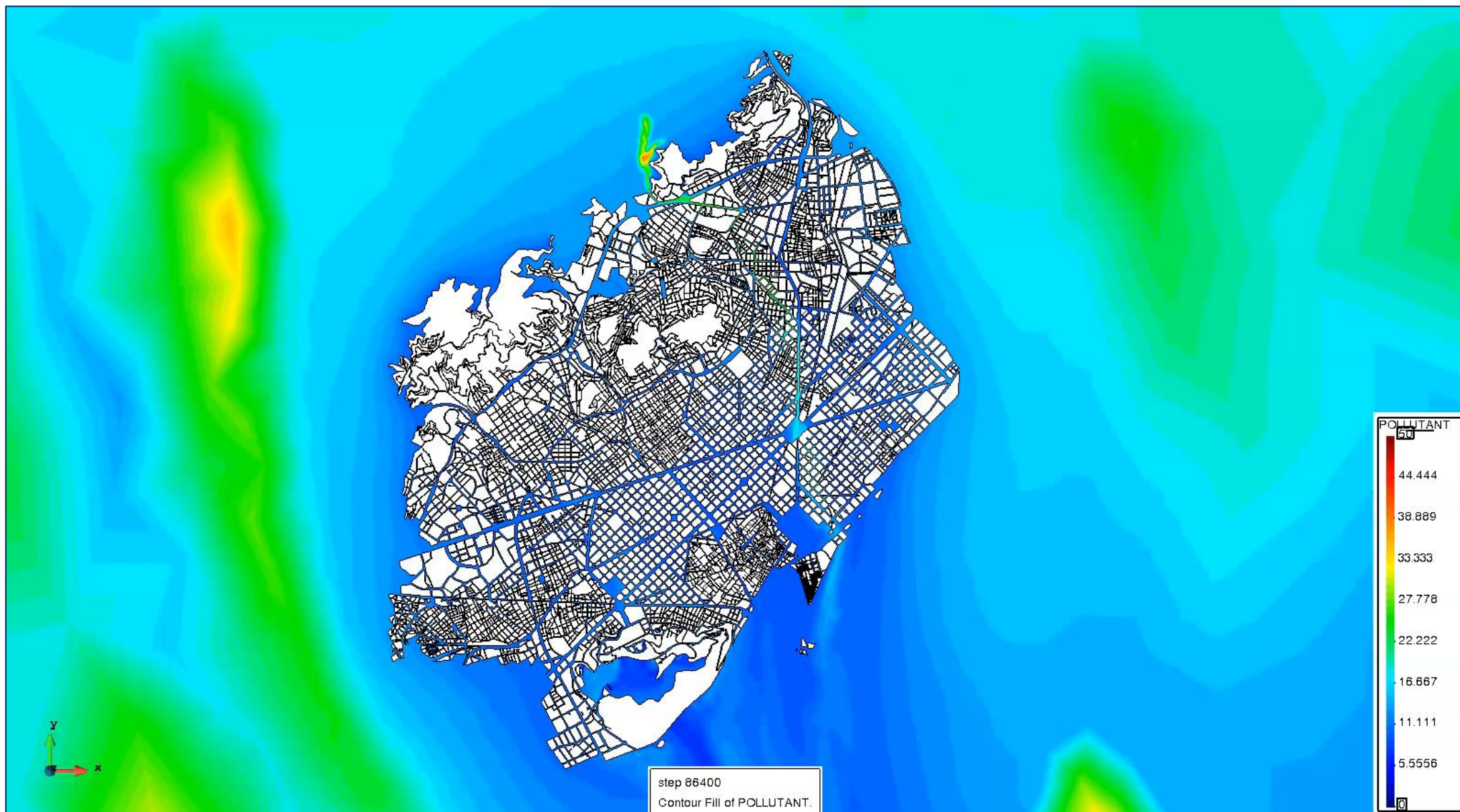


Wind u/v
10m (Km/h)



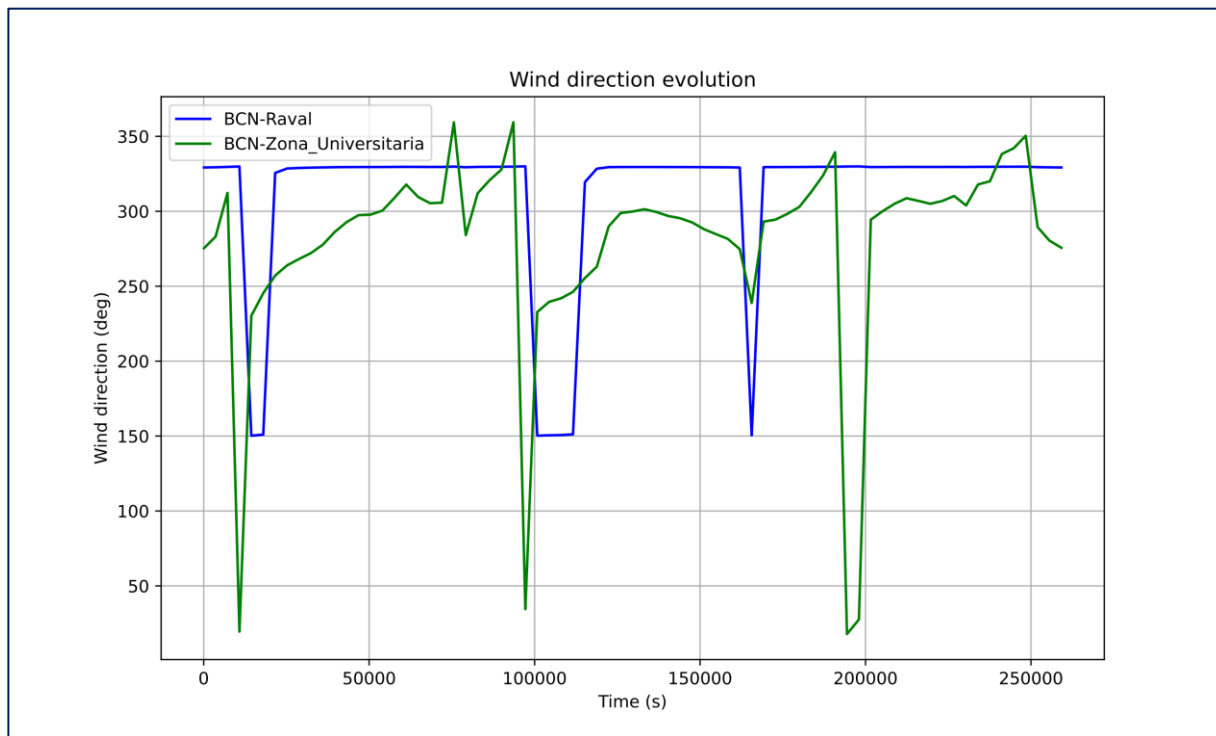
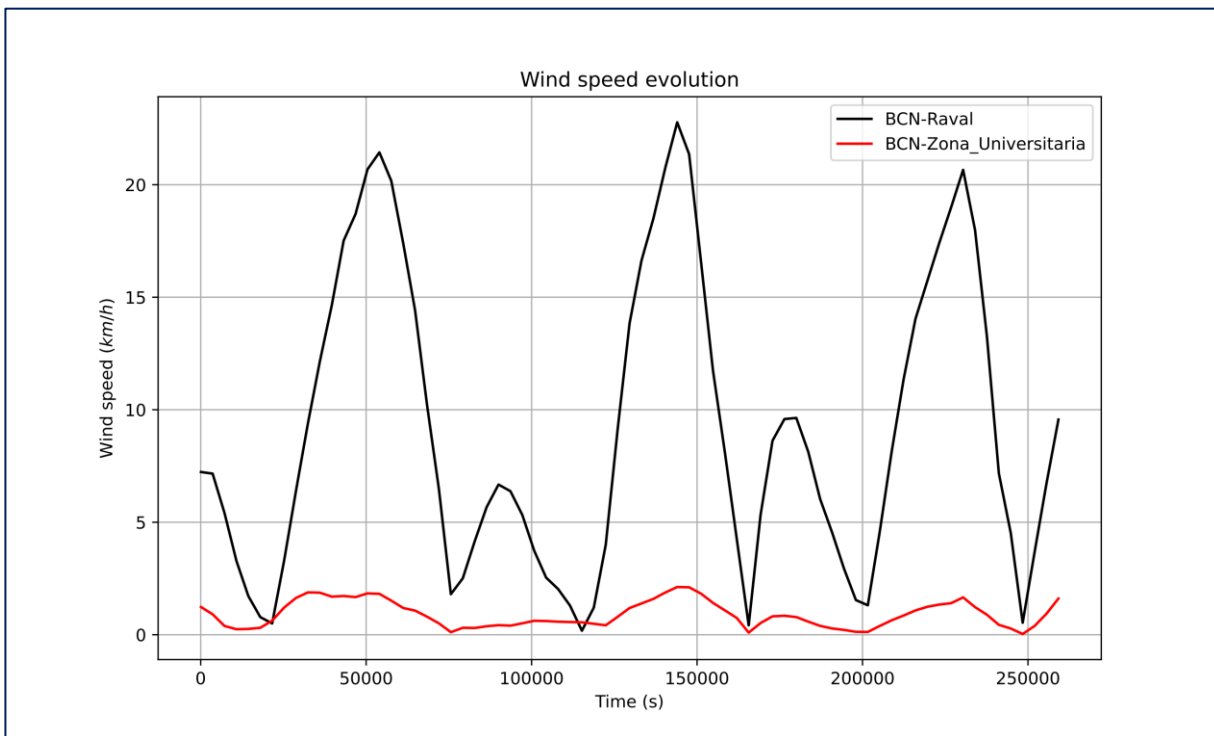


PM₁₀
concentration
($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)

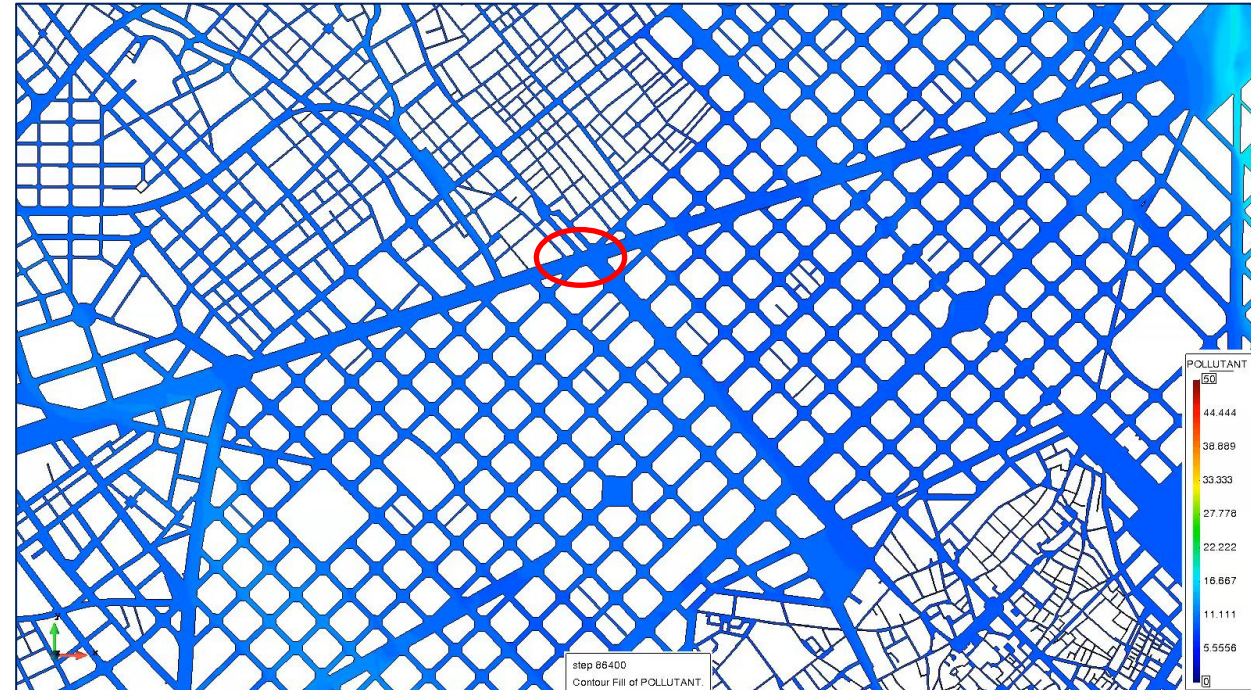
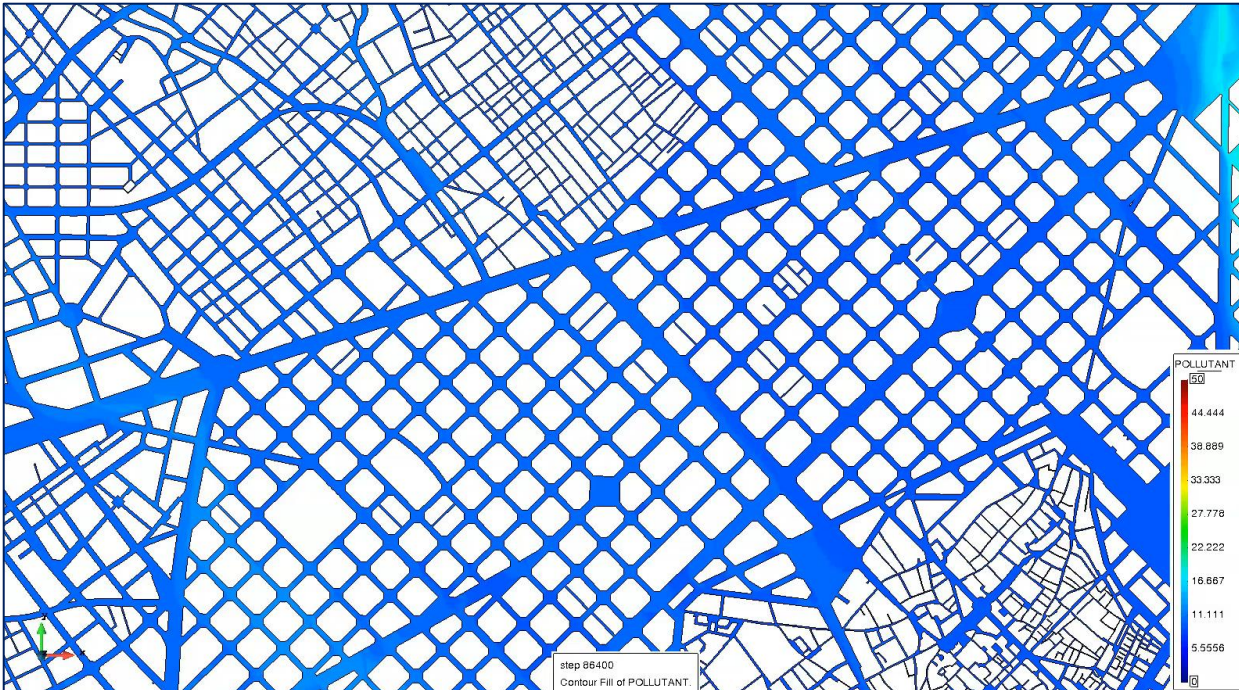




Wind speed and direction evolution in time at two points in the city. These points correspond to existing meteorological stations for future validation.



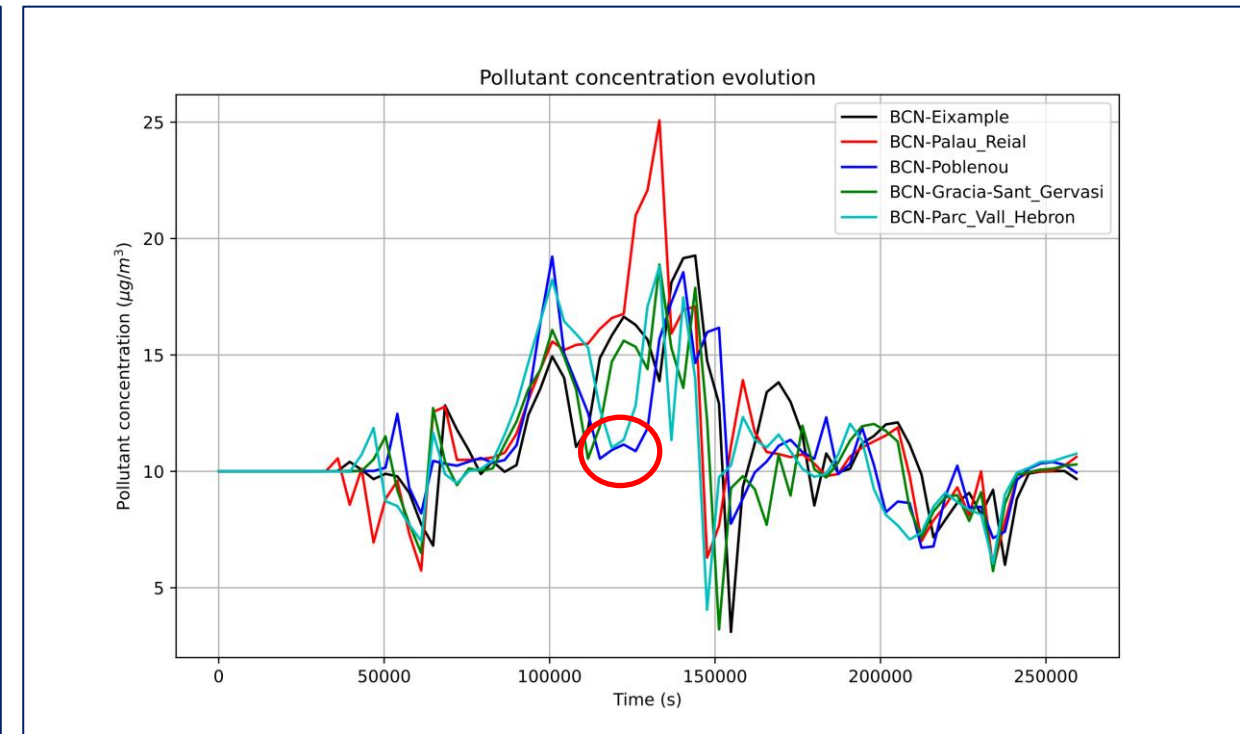
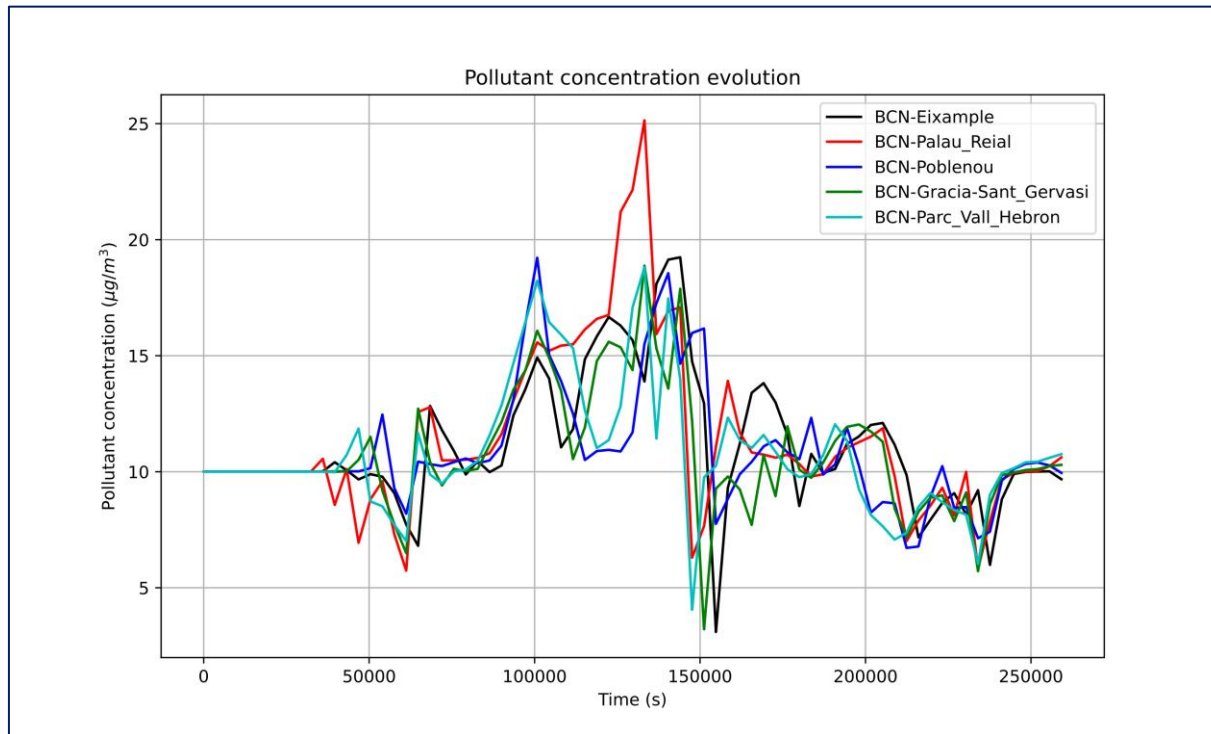
Pollutant concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) from DEDL datasets (left) and from DEDL with added local event (right).



We added an artificial pollutant concentration spike for 12 hours at *Pg.Gràcia - Av.Diagonal* intersection.



Pollutant concentration evolution in time at five points in the city. These points correspond to existing pollutant measuring stations for future validation. DEDL datasets (left) and DEDL with added local event (right).



A small increase can be observed at the *BCN-Poblenou* node.



- A practical demonstration of use of the DEDL and possibilities for reuse of resources on the DestinE platform.
- A numerical tool prototype able to provide a fast, urban-scale and short-term prediction of the particulate matter immissions in any street of an urban area, including local pollution events.
- A robust computational framework that can be easily adapted to other transport problems such as nitrogen dioxide, odors, allergens, etc.
- Easy to export/extrapolate to other geographies and datasets



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