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# NIVELES DE OZONO TROPOSFÉRICO:

EVOLUCIÓN HISTÓRICA  
Y SITUACIÓN ACTUAL  
EN EL SURESTE DE  
ESPAÑA.



# FINALIDAD:

O<sub>3</sub>

*El Ozono troposférico es uno de los principales contaminantes del aire que afectan la salud humana y el medio ambiente (OMS).*

*Se pretende analizar la variación en los niveles de O<sub>3</sub> alcanzados en el sureste de España a lo largo de los últimos 20 años. Se observarán sus tendencias y se estudiará la implicación de diferentes variables.*

## OBJETIVOS:

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1. Determinar las concentraciones de ozono de fondo existentes en la zona de medición.
  2. Identificar las variables que justifiquen la tendencia
  3. Caracterizar escenarios

# ESTADO DE LA CUESTIÓN:

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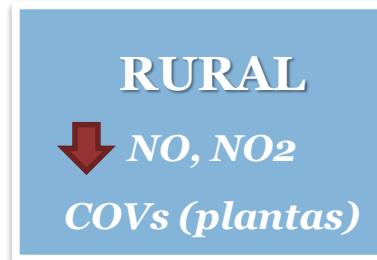
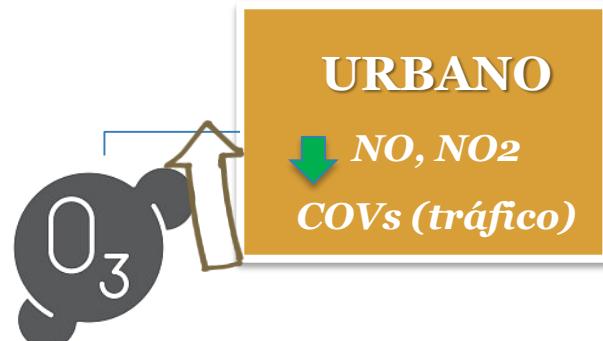


## Eliminación:



## Situación actual:

↓NOx emitidos = $\text{NO}_2 + \text{NO}$   
Aumento ratio  $\text{NO}_2/\text{NO}$



# METODOLOGÍA



## A) Área de estudio y obtención de datos

Para conseguir los objetivos, se empleará la base de datos de la **Red Valenciana de Vigilancia y Control de la Contaminación Atmosférica (RVVCCA)** de la Generalitat Valenciana.

### PASOS:

**Selección** de emplazamientos objeto de estudio Incluidos en RVVCCA

Descarga ficheros de RVVCCA  
Y elaboración base de datos

Análisis\* de variabilidad de contaminantes y tendencias

\*Análisis datos

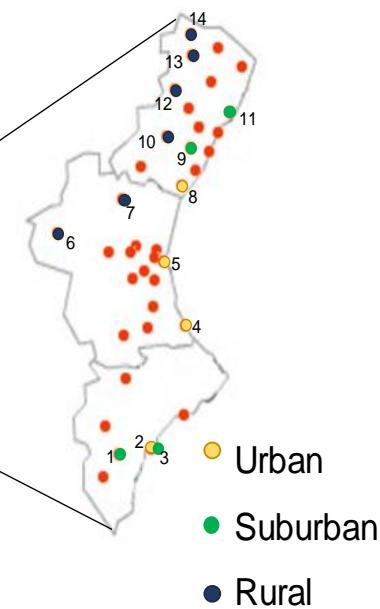
Openair ® Version 2.9-1 Environmental Modelling- Software

R Development Core Team (2011)

# RESULTADOS: 1-Emplazamientos



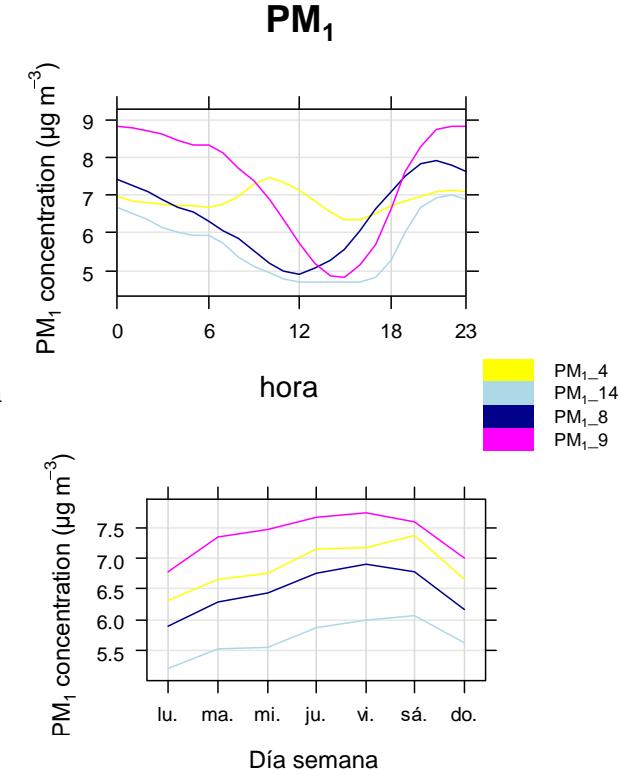
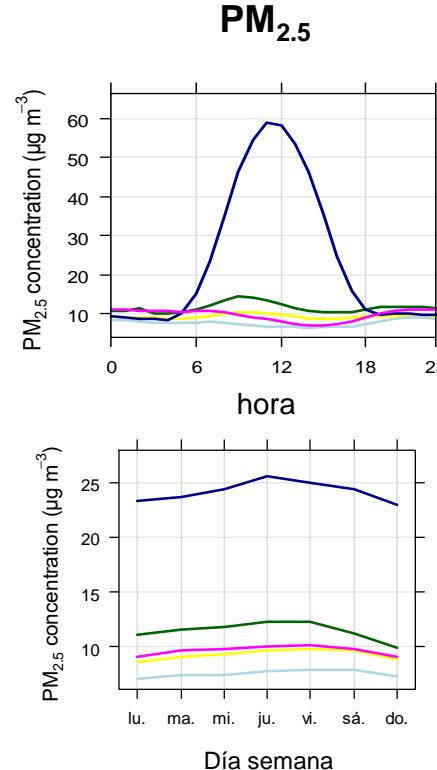
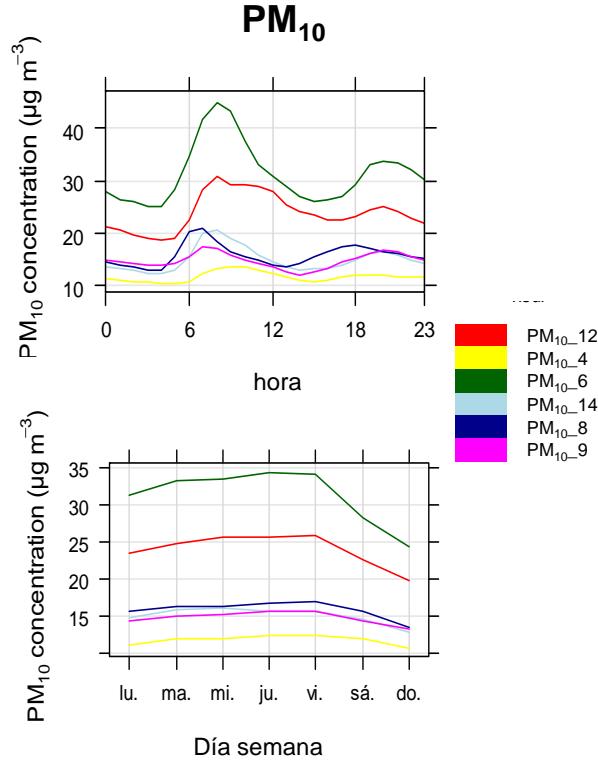
## 16 Emplazamientos seleccionados (5-6 por tipo):



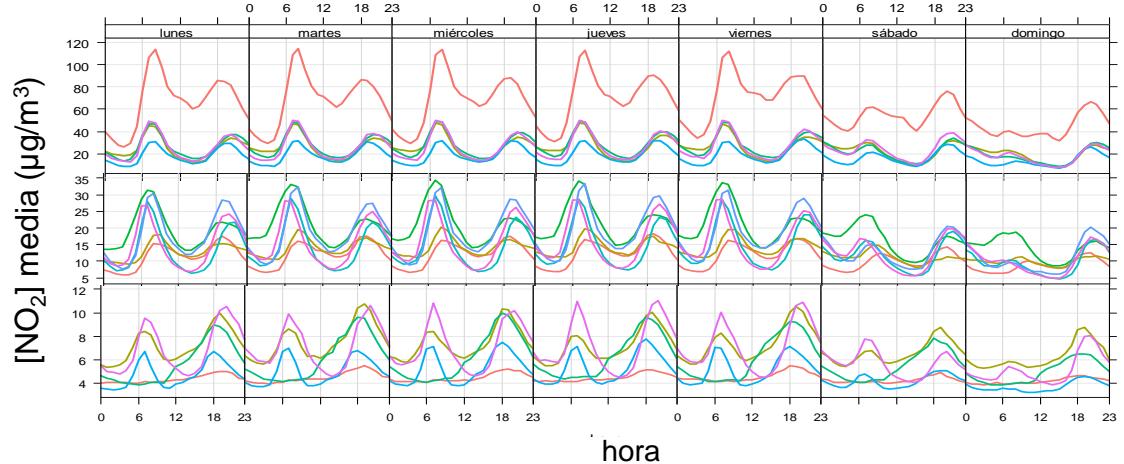
No.	Station	Type	Period	NO <sub>x</sub>	O <sub>3</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	PM <sub>1</sub>
1	Morella	Rural	2000-2019	X	X			
2	Villafranca del Cid	Rural	2000-2019	X	X			
3	Cirat	Rural	2006-2019	X	X			
4	Penyeta	Suburban	2000-2019	X	X	X	X	X
5	Castellón PD	Urban	2006-2019	X	X			
6	L'Alcora	Suburban	2004-2019	X	X	X	X	
7	Onda	Suburban	2000-2019	X	X			
8	Villar del Arzobispo	Rural	2005-2019	X	X	X	X	X
9	Caudete de las Fuentes	Rural	2006-2019	X	X	X	X	X
10	Paterna	Suburban	2006-2019	X	X			
11	Burjassot	Urban	2002-2019	X	X			
12	Pista de Silla	Urban	2000-2019	X	X	X		
13	Gandía	Urban	2000-2019	X	X	X		
14	Rabassa	Suburban	2010-2019	X	X	X	X	X
15	Pla	Urban	2003-2019	X	X			
16	Agroalimentari	Suburban	2003-2019	X	X			

# Evolución Partículas diaria

## RESULTADOS: 2-Evolución de contaminantes



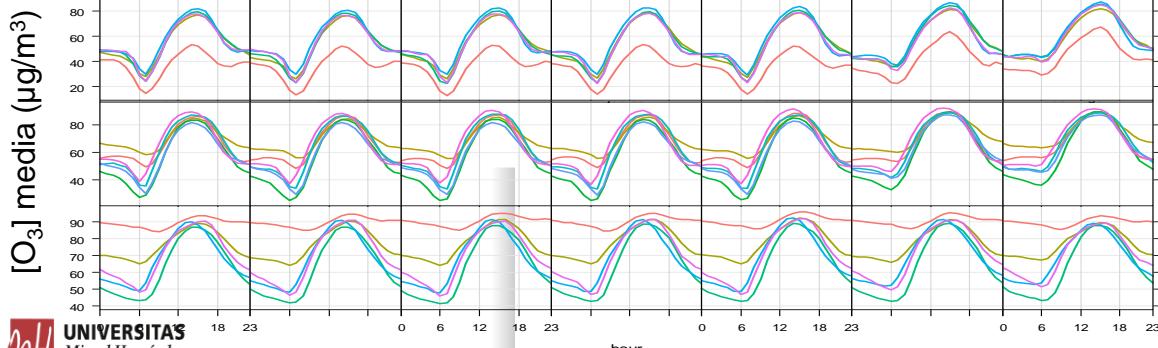
## Evolución NO<sub>2</sub> semanal



URBANA SUBURBANA

NO<sub>2</sub>-1  
NO<sub>2</sub>-2  
NO<sub>2</sub>-3  
NO<sub>2</sub>-8  
NO<sub>2</sub>-9  
RURAL

## Evolución O<sub>3</sub> semanal



URBANA

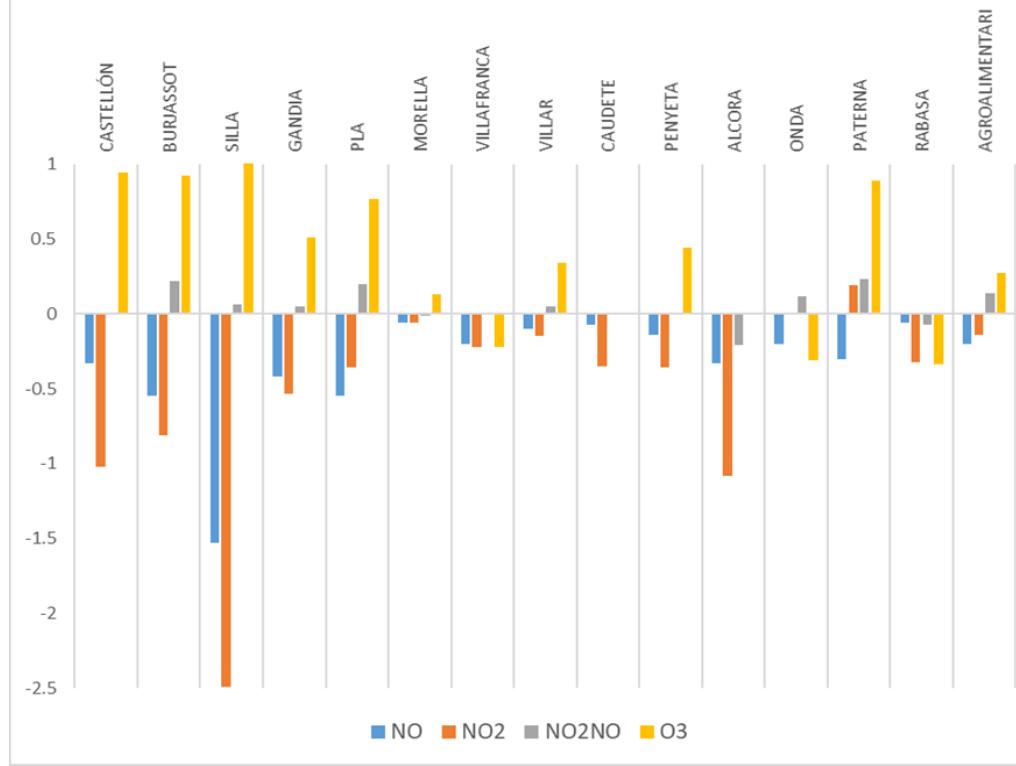
SUBURBANA

O<sub>3</sub>-1  
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O<sub>3</sub>-3  
O<sub>3</sub>-8  
O<sub>3</sub>-9  
RURAL

# RESULTADOS:

## 4-Tendencias a largo plazo

### Evolución contaminantes a lo largo del año



Evolución de las concentraciones de NO, NO2 y O3 en las estaciones de medida. Los valores se dan en  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  año $^{-1}$ . También se muestra la tendencia de la relación NO2 a NO.

# ACCIONES DE FUTURO:

*¿Qué nos queda?*

## To do list:

- Búsqueda bibliográfica
- Revisión de bases de datos
- Análisis de datos y tendencias
- Estudio de influencia de variables
- Tratamiento estadístico
- Discusión de Hallazgos
- Publicación de resultados

## ARTICLE

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## Twenty years of air pollution in eastern Spain: long-term trends and cycles

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The present study examines daily, weekly and seasonal patterns, as well as long-term trends in nitrogen oxides, ozone and particulate matter ( $\text{PM}_{10}$ ,  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ , and  $\text{PM}_1$ ) concentrations in the eastern Spanish Mediterranean coast. Daily cycles were also analysed as a function of the day of the week and season of the year. For this, data from urban, suburban and rural sites of the Regional Air Quality Monitoring Network from 2000 to 2019 were used. In general, daily, weekly and seasonal cycles for  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  and  $\text{PM}_{10}$  were mainly driven by traffic emissions, meteorological conditions and the variability of the mixing layer height. Alternatively, solar radiation intensity was a key factor, although not the only one, controlling  $\text{O}_3$  concentrations. Some differences in the variability of pollutant concentrations at different time scales depending on the type and specific characteristics of the monitoring station were found. For instance, all urban stations showed an increasing  $\text{O}_3$  long-term trend, while heterogeneous results were obtained for suburban and rural sites.

### Introduction

Despite the efforts for improving air quality in Europe, atmospheric pollution continues to be one of the main environmental and social issues, particularly in large urban areas due to vehicle and industrial emissions. According to the European Environment Agency<sup>1</sup>, around 0.5 million premature deaths in Europe are associated with air pollution. Particulate matter with a diameter lower than 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  ( $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ ), ozone ( $\text{O}_3$ ) and nitrogen dioxide ( $\text{NO}_2$ ) are among the pollutants causing greatest concern in Europe.

PM is emitted by a great variety of sources or formed in the atmosphere. These sources produce secondary aerosols, which are significant contributors to PM mass across Europe in the summer months. In addition to a reduction in secondary PM, a decrease in secondary PM has been observed despite of this, in spite of the increase in primary PM pollutant<sup>2,3</sup>. The health effects of PM are well known and include cardiovascular diseases, respiratory problems, etc.

Traffic is also the main source of PM in urban areas. Tailpipes emit PM directly into the atmosphere (primary PM) and the atmosphere is rapidly oxidized by NO<sub>x</sub> to form secondary PM (nitrogen dioxide). As a consequence,  $\text{NO}_2$  concentrations are higher at urban stations than at rural and suburban sites. In the case of ozone, in 2018, 95% of the exceedances of the annual limit value established by the European legislation were observed at traffic stations.<sup>1</sup> A

number of studies have demonstrated the association between exposure to  $\text{NO}_2$  and human health hazards.<sup>4,5</sup> Furthermore, nitrogen dioxide also plays a crucial role in the production of secondary pollutants such as nitrate particles and ozone.

Ground-level  $\text{O}_3$  is formed from chemical reactions of  $\text{NO}_x$  and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the presence of sunlight. In urban centres where  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions from traffic are high, a fraction of  $\text{O}_3$  is removed by reaction with  $\text{NO}$ , which explains the fact that  $\text{O}_3$  levels are usually lower at urban areas than at nearby rural sites. The health effects of  $\text{O}_3$  on human health and vegetation are now well known. Ozone can induce airway inflammation and respiratory problems, and it can damage both plants and animals. Seasonal phenological changes in vegetation have been observed at urban and rural sites.<sup>14</sup>

Some works on the variability of PM concentrations have been carried out in Spain in last decade. However, these studies were focused either on short-term variations<sup>16,17</sup> or long-term trends of specific pollutants<sup>3,18</sup>. In this context, we show the results of an integrated study aimed at analysing trends of key pollutants in the western Mediterranean basin on daily, weekly, seasonal and yearly time scales.

Actualmente contamos con un artículo en proceso de revisión por revista de alto impacto

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