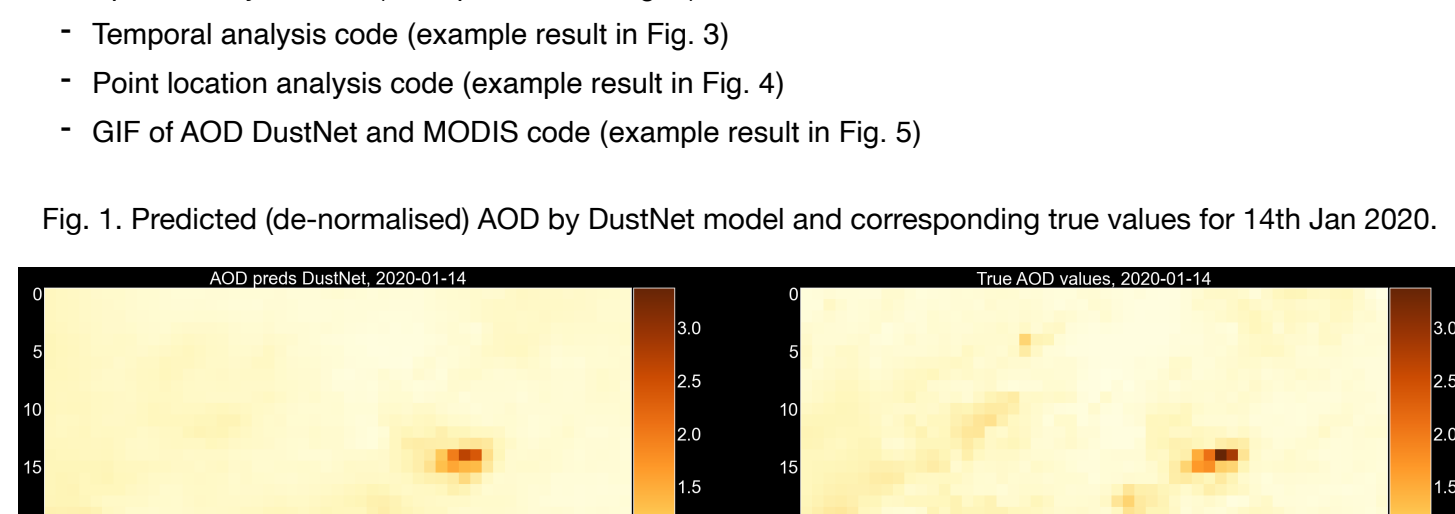


## Zip Files contain:

- **Models input - data and code**
  - Data - structured
  - DustNet model code (example result in Fig. 1)
  - DustNet pre-trained model
- **Normalised and split - data and code**
  - Data - split into train/validate/test
  - U-NET model code
  - U-NET pre-trained model
  - Conv2D model code
  - Conv2D pre-trained model
- **Models output - data and code**
  - Data - output from model
  - Spatial analysis code (example result in Fig. 2)
  - Temporal analysis code (example result in Fig. 3)
  - Point location analysis code (example result in Fig. 4)
  - GIF of AOD DustNet and MODIS code (example result in Fig. 5)

Fig. 1. Predicted (de-normalised) AOD by DustNet model and corresponding true values for 14th Jan 2020.



## Models\_input

Processed MODIS AOD data (from Aqua and Terra) and selected ERA5 variables ready for forecasting with Machine Learning. These long-term daily timeseries (2003-2022) are provided as n-dimensional NumPy arrays.

The Python code to handle the data and run the DustNet model is included as Jupyter Notebook 'DustNet\_model\_code.ipynb'. An example of DustNet model predictions versus true values is illustrated below.

All arrays included in the .zip folder have:

- **Format:** NumPy
- **Resolution:** 1° x 1°
- **Location:** Northern Africa (0°S - 31°N, 20°W - 31°E)
- **Length:** 7305 - corresponds to time in days
- **Longitude:** 51
- **Latitude:** 31
- **Date\*:**
  - start: 1st Jan 2003
  - end: 31st Dec 2022

\*NOTE that the *datetime* is not included in the features. But, the index number of each array corresponds to the start and end time of timeseries, thus a date index can be added to the model after running predictions.

## DATA:

- **1\_met\_x35.npy**  
Shape(7305, 31, 51, 35)  
Features in the 4th dimension:
  1. -> wind u ground (1000hPa)
  2. -> wind v ground (1000hPa)
  3. -> wind speed ground (1000hPa)
  4. -> wind power ground (1000hPa)
  5. -> wind speed (550hPa)
  6. -> wind speed (750hPa)
  7. -> wind speed (850hPa)
  8. -> wind speed (950hPa)
  9. -> wind power (550hPa)
  10. -> wind power (750hPa)
  11. -> wind power (850hPa)
  12. -> wind power (950hPa)
  13. -> wind u Level 1 (550hPa)
  14. -> wind u Level 2 (750hPa)
  15. -> wind u Level 3 (850hPa)
  16. -> wind u Level 4 (950hPa)
  17. -> wind v Level 1 (550hPa)
  18. -> wind v Level 2 (750hPa)
  19. -> wind v Level 3 (850hPa)
  20. -> wind v Level 4 (950hPa)
  21. -> temperature at Level 5 (1000hPa)
  22. -> temperature at Level 1 (550hPa)
  23. -> temperature at Level 2 (750hPa)
  24. -> temperature at Level 3 (850hPa)
  25. -> temperature at Level 4 (950hPa)
  26. -> relative humidity Level 5 (1000hPa)
  27. -> relative humidity Level 1 (550hPa)
  28. -> relative humidity Level 2 (750hPa)
  29. -> relative humidity Level 3 (850hPa)
  30. -> relative humidity Level 4 (950hPa)
  31. -> vertical velocity Level 5 (1000hPa)
  32. -> vertical velocity Level 1 (550hPa)
  33. -> vertical velocity Level 2 (750hPa)
  34. -> vertical velocity Level 3 (850hPa)
  35. -> vertical velocity Level 4 (950hPa)

- **2\_terrain.npy**  
Variable: 'Terrain' (meters above sea level)  
Shape: (7305, 31, 51, 1)

- **3\_time\_sin\_cos.npy**  
Shape(7305, 31, 51, 2)  
Features in the 4th dimension:
  1. sine of timestamps
  2. cosine of timestamps

- **4\_AOD\_imputed.npy**  
Variable: 'AOD' (imputed)  
Shape(7305, 31, 51, 1)

## CODE:

- **DustNet\_model\_code.ipynb**
  - Use with Models\_input\_data. The Python (v. 3.10) code to create lagged AOD (x5 days) and lagged meteorological data (x1 day), normalise the data (0-1) and split the data into train/validate/test sets. The DustNet model is defined here (trains in ~7min), and sample images of predicted vs true AOD values are plotted.
  - Code by T.E. Nowak

## Normalised\_and\_split\_data

The normalised and split data is called in UNet\_model and Conv2D\_model code. The 'x' data contains all atmospheric input features described in 1\_met\_x35.npy lagged by 1 day, and AOD data (4\_AOD\_imputed.npy) with 5 days lag. The lagged data was concatenated, normalised and split into training, validation and test sets. The full process of adding lag data, normalising and splitting is included in DustNet\_model\_code file. Here are the resulting NumPy files:

- **1\_x\_train.npy**  
Training set: 70% of data  
Starts: 06th Jan 2003  
Ends: 01st Jan 2017  
Shape: (5110, 31, 51, 43)
- **2\_x\_valid.npy**  
Validation set: 15% of data  
Starts: 2nd Jan 2017  
Ends: 01st Jan 2020  
Shape: (1095, 31, 51, 43)
- **3\_x\_test.npy**  
Testing set: 15% of data  
Starts: 2nd Jan 2020  
Ends: 31st Dec 2022  
Shape: (1095, 31, 51, 43)
- **4\_y\_train.npy**  
Training set: 70% of data  
Starts: 06th Jan 2003  
Ends: 01st Jan 2017  
Shape: (5110, 31, 51, 1)
- **5\_y\_valid.npy**  
Validation set: 15% of data  
Starts: 2nd Jan 2017  
Ends: 01st Jan 2020  
Shape: (1095, 31, 51, 1)
- **6\_y\_test.npy**  
Testing set: 15% of data  
Starts: 2nd Jan 2020  
Ends: 31st Dec 2022  
Shape: (1095, 31, 51, 1)

## CODE:

- **UNet\_model\_code.ipynb**
  - Use with Normalised and split data. The Python (v. 3.10) code to run the U-NET model (trains for ~1hr)
  - Code by Dr S. Siegert
- **Conv2D\_model\_code.ipynb**
  - Use with Normalised and split data. The Python (v. 3.10) code to run the Conv2D model (trains for ~15min)
  - Code by Dr S. Siegert

## Models\_output

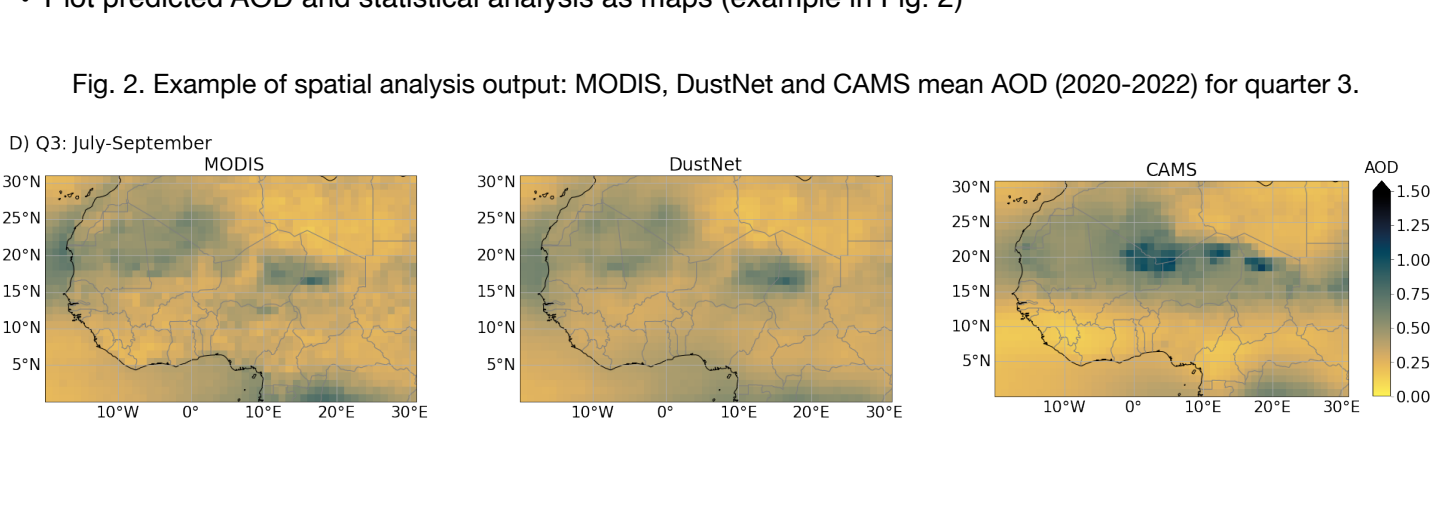
The output data from DustNet\_model\_code of de-normalised AOD predictions in NumPy format. The data also contains matching predictions from CAMS and corresponding MODIS data as ground truth. All AOD predictions are for 24-hr ahead and cover 1095 days from 2nd Jan 2020 to 31st Dec 2022 (inclusive of both days). Jupyter Notebooks with Python (v. 3.8.13) code for statistical analysis are also included. See below for full description and examples of plots.

- **1\_DustNet\_predictions.npy**  
Variable: 'AOD'  
Shape: (1095, 31, 51, 1)
- **2\_CAMS\_predictions.npy**  
Variable: 'AOD'  
Shape: (1095, 31, 51, 1)
- **3\_Persistence\_predictions.npy**  
Variable: 'AOD' (imputed)  
Shape: (1095, 31, 51)
- **4\_Climatology\_predictions.npy**  
Variable: 'AOD'  
Shape: (31, 51)
- **5\_MODIS\_observations.npy**  
Variable: 'AOD'  
Shape: (1095, 31, 51)
- **Sah\_lat.npy**  
Variable: Latitude  
Shape: (31,)
- **Sah\_lon.npy**  
Variable: Longitude  
Shape: (51,)

## CODE:

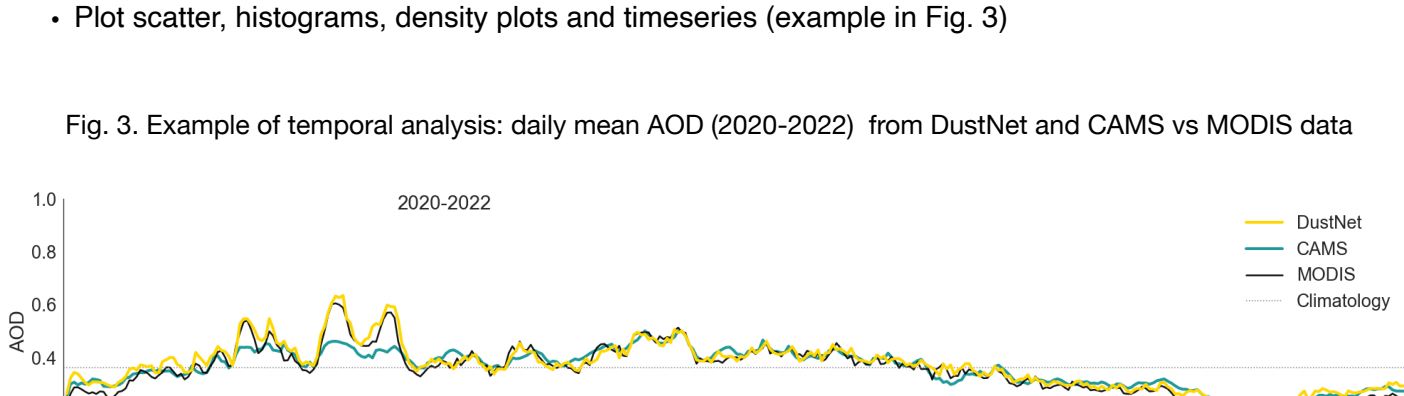
- **DustNet\_spatial\_analysis.ipynb**
  - Python (v. 3.8.13)
  - Use with Models output data to calculate the mean bias error (MBE), root mean square error (RMSE), and accuracy correlation coefficient (ACC) between predicted and true AOD values for each grid location (spatial)
  - Plot predicted AOD and statistical analysis as maps (example in Fig. 2)

Fig. 2. Example of spatial analysis output: MODIS, DustNet and CAMS mean AOD (2020-2022) for quarter 3.



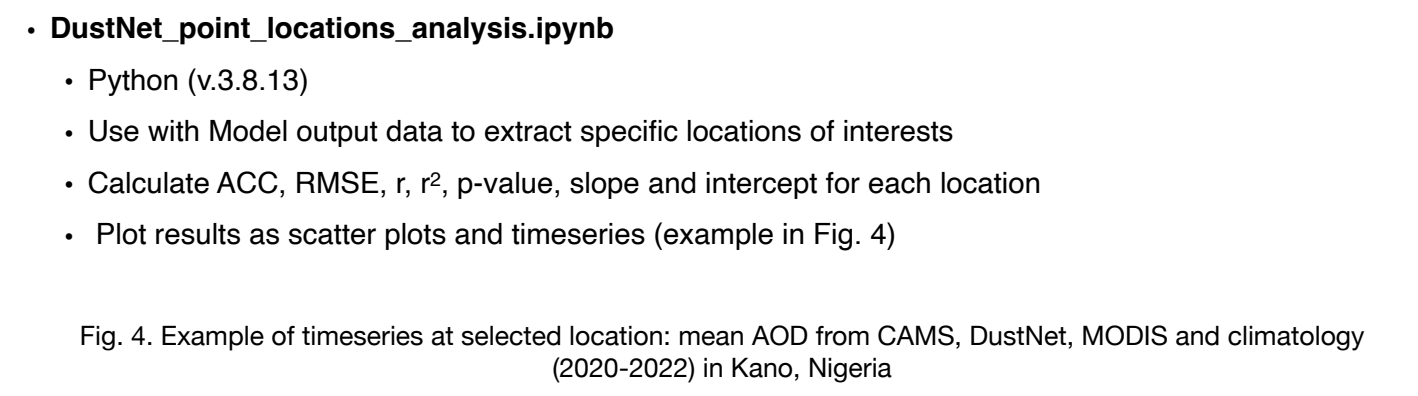
- **DustNet\_temporal\_analysis.ipynb**
  - Python (v. 3.8.13)
  - Use with Models output data to calculate temporal RMSE, MBE, r, r<sup>2</sup>, p-value, slope and intercept
  - Plot scatter, histograms, density plots and timeseries (example in Fig. 3)

Fig. 3. Example of temporal analysis: daily mean AOD (2020-2022) from DustNet and CAMS vs MODIS data



- **DustNet\_point\_locations\_analysis.ipynb**
  - Python (v.3.8.13)
  - Use with Model output data to extract specific locations of interests
  - Calculate ACC, RMSE, r, r<sup>2</sup>, p-value, slope and intercept for each location
  - Plot results as scatter plots and timeseries (example in Fig. 4)

Fig. 4. Example of timeseries at selected location: mean AOD from CAMS, DustNet, MODIS and climatology (2020-2022) in Kano, Nigeria



- **GIF\_AOD\_DustNet\_MODIS.ipynb**
  - Python (v.3.8.13)
  - Use with Model output data to create a GIF of model predictions vs MODIS for specific time (Feb 2020)
  - Single day example in Fig. 5

Fig. 5. Example of single frame from created GIF: AOD from MODIS and DustNet on 29th Feb 2020

