

# Calisph'Air

what's up in my atmosphere?



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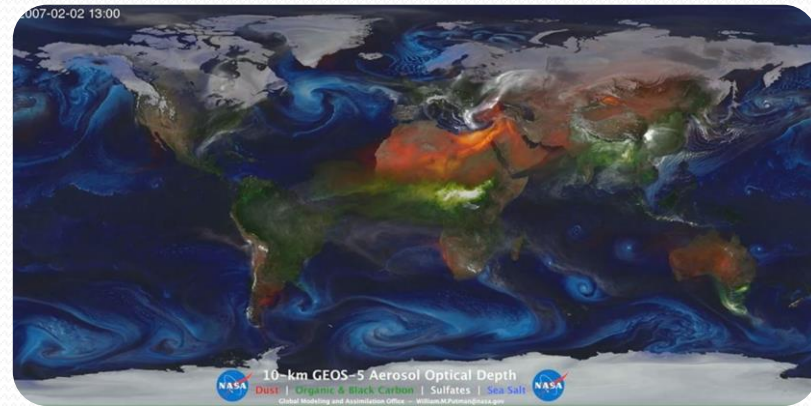
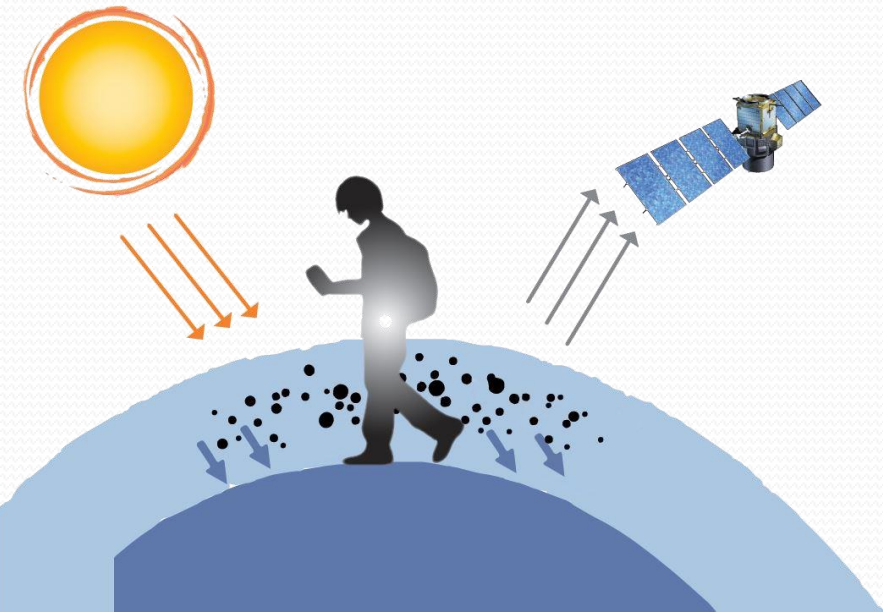
# GLOBE France



***'The survey on air quality is open !'***



**Spring campaign : 01 March to 31 May**



# The Aerosols

## Three billion tonnes of aerosols produced each year

The atmosphere contains tiny liquid or solid particles in suspension, called **aerosols**. They may be volcanic ash, desert dust, sea spray, industrial dust and so on. Their size can vary from a few nanometres to almost 100 microns, the thickness of a hair. They have a much shorter lifetime than greenhouse gases and both this and their situation in the atmosphere vary according to the emission source and the size of their particles.



# Why study aerosols ?

## ➤ Impact on the radiation budget

Aerosols diffuse and absorb sunlight and also modify the reflective power of clouds, so they can affect climate in several ways

Aerosols that absorb cause warming



Solar radiation absorbed (warming) by carbon, soot, dust etc.

Aerosols that diffuse cause cooling



Solar radiation backscattered into space (cooling) by sulphates, organic compounds etc.

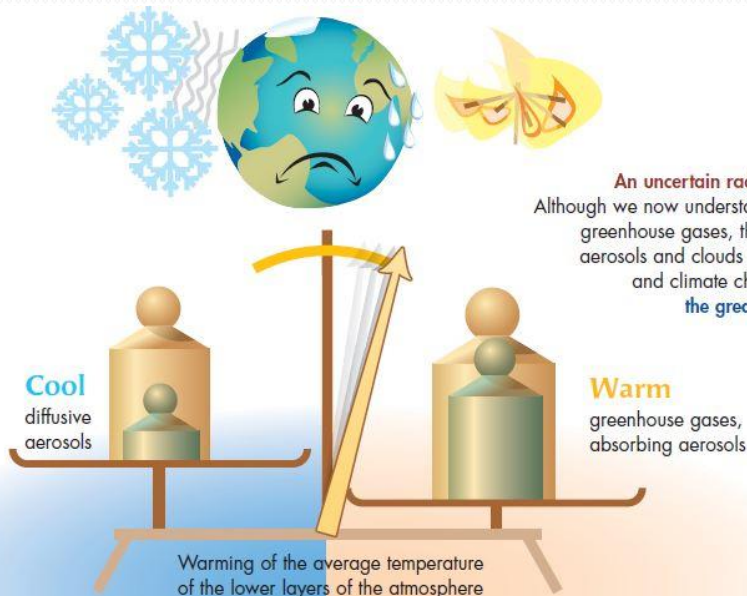
## ➤ Short time period

It varies quickly usually in less than one week

Manmade aerosols over India and Bangladesh



High estimate  
Low estimate



## ➤ Danger for human health

48 000 deaths each year just in France

# How do we measure ?

## Satellite Data



### Satellite Calipso

- Active teledetection (Lidar)
- Integration of aerosol concentration in the atmospheric column
- View from Space



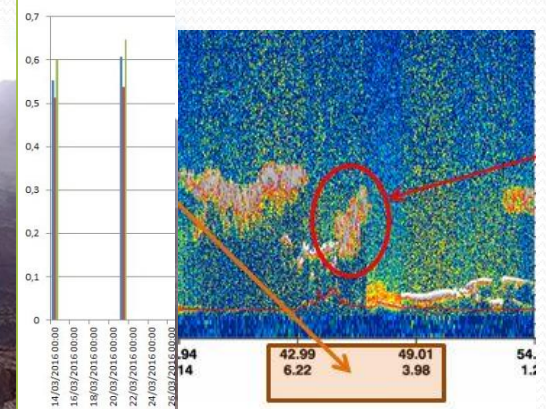
## Measures from school

### Sunphotometer Calitoo

- Attenuation of light by aerosols (Aerosol Optical Thickness =AOT)
- Overall distribution of aerosols
- Type of particles: average size of the aerosols distribution
- Air Quality Study



### Examples (school and satellite)



# GLOBE France Campaign

Calisph'Air campaigns are organized on a European scale in spring and autumn. Measures obtained by schools are posted on the GLOBE database to be shared and used in classroom projects.

## ➤ Activities and measures

**Ask questions** and explore

**Observe** atmosphere (kind of clouds, colors of the sky ...)

**Collect** data (atmospheric pressure, temperature ...)

**Measure** optical thickness

**Share** the data on the GLOBE database

**Correlate** measurements with satellite data **Analyze** the results

**Think** about the solutions and **be part** of the change

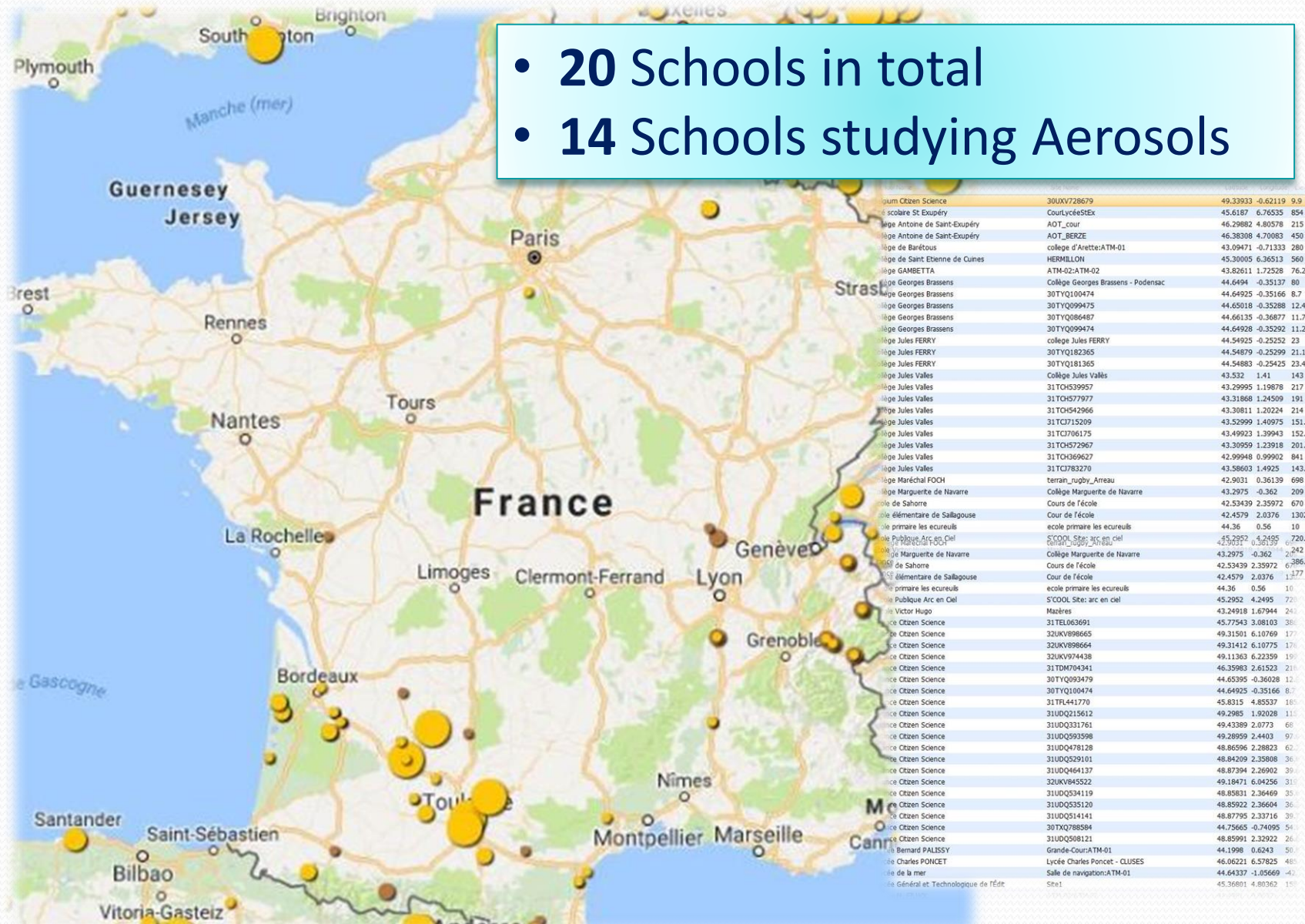


## ➤ Analyse the data and synthesis

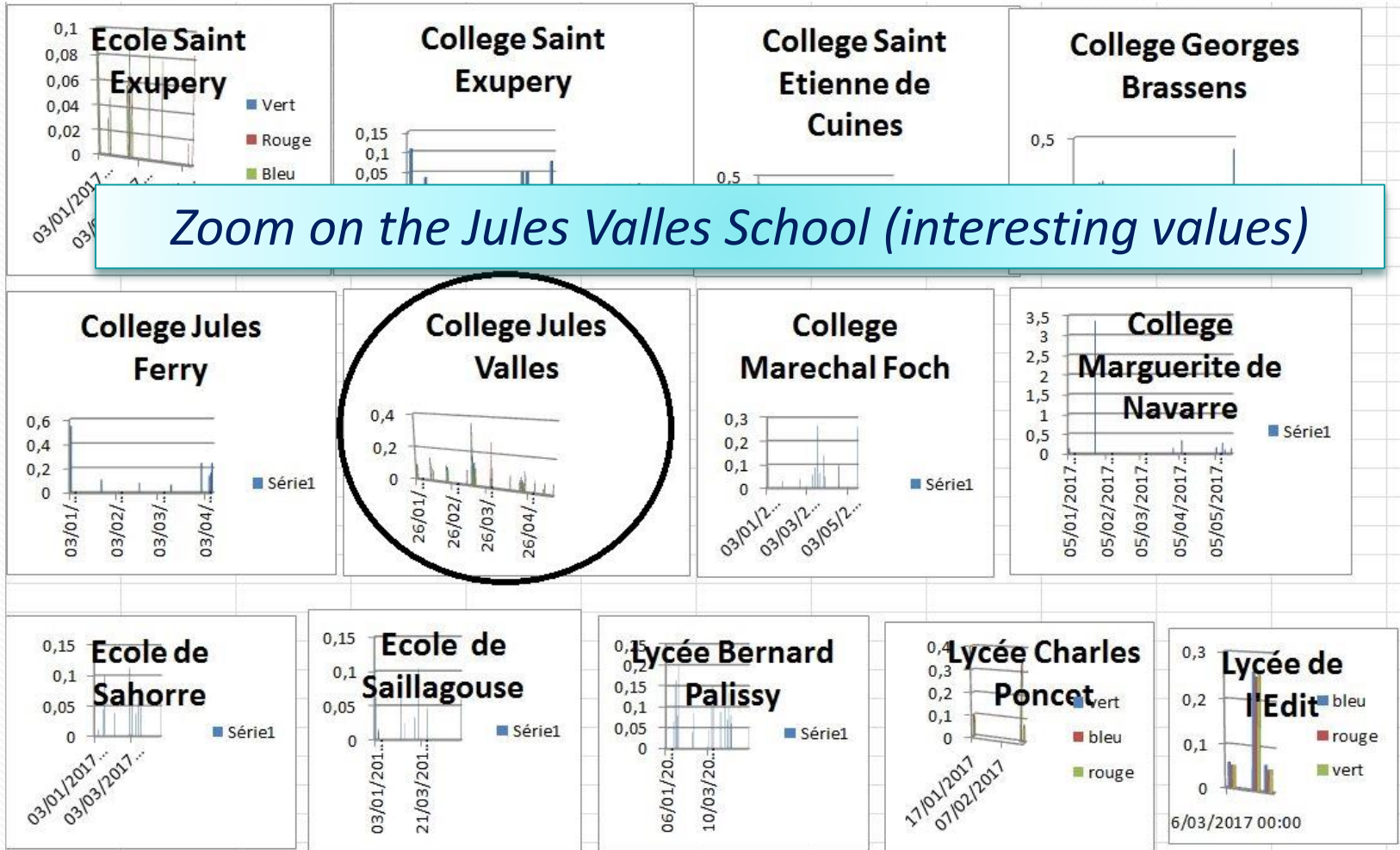
Every schools do a resume of the local and global data at the end of the campaign to truly understand the meaning of the campaign. Then, the results are exposed at the meeting of Calisph'Air and a synthesis at the Europe scale is done with the help of the scientists.

# Who participated during this spring 2017 ?

- 20 Schools in total
- 14 Schools studying Aerosols

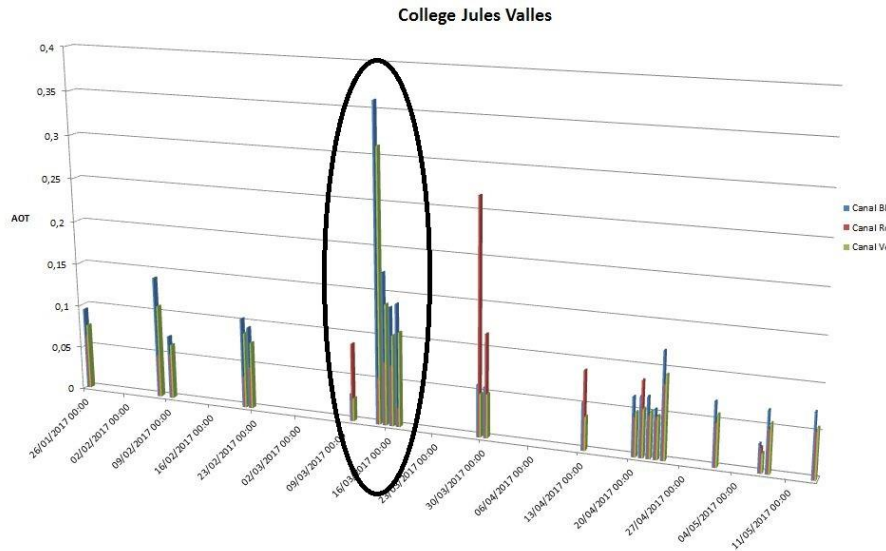


# Results of the campaign



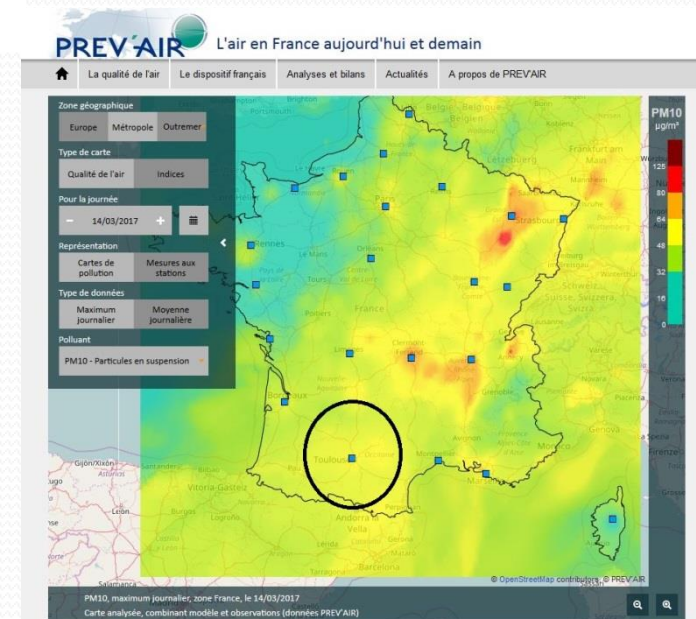


# Case study of Jules Vallès : Relatively high AOT



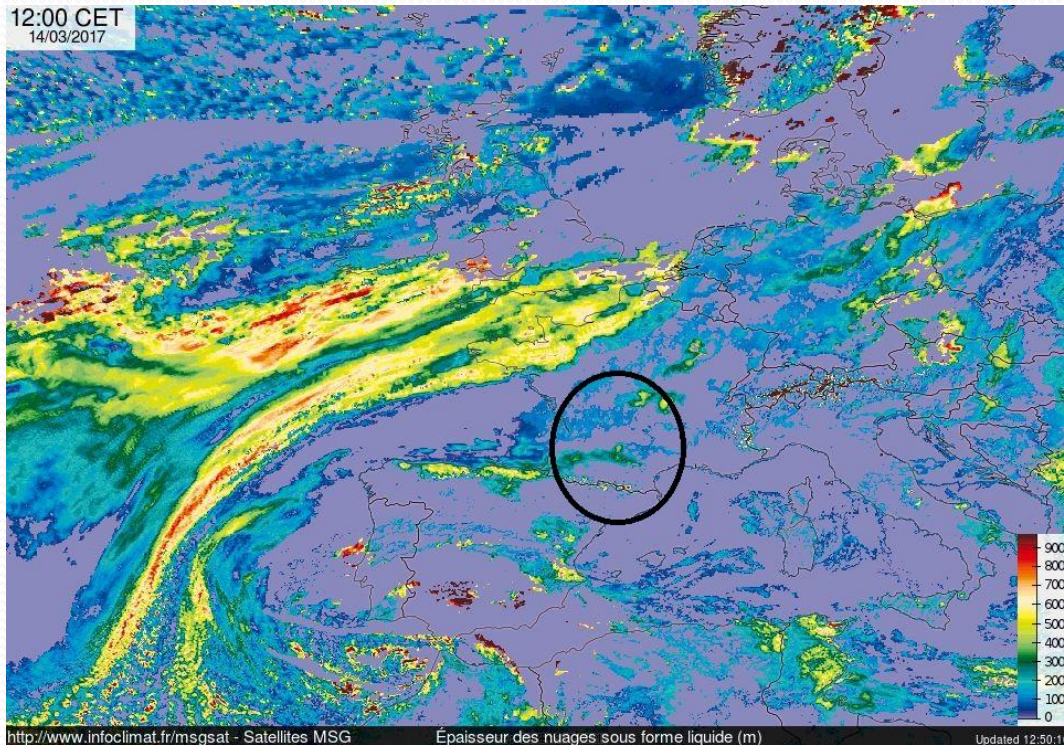
➤ AOT measured from school : ~ 0,4 max

PM 10 measured by professionals this day >



## *Results of Jules Vallès : Cloudsat*

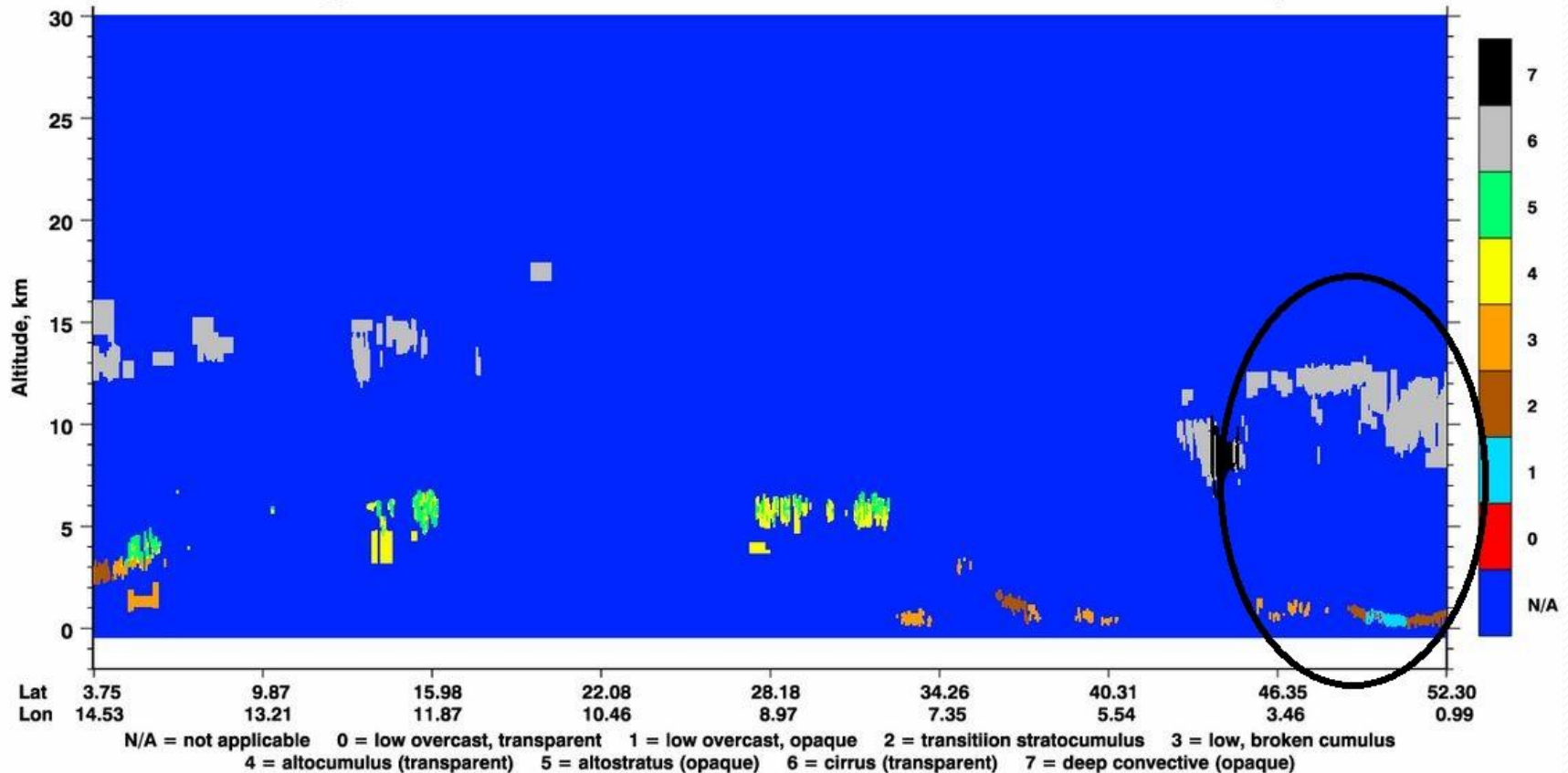
Did the 'high' AOT was cause by a cloud between observer and the sun, or by a pollution of the lower layer ?



➤ Pictures of clouds over Toulouse with the satellite Cloudsat

# Results of Jules Vallès : Calipso

Cloud Subtype UTC: 2017-03-14 12:44:18.9 to 2017-03-14 12:57:47.6 Version: 4.10 Standard Daytime



- Cirrus at the higher altitudes and a non-identified layer on the lower layer

## ***Results of Jules Vallès : Angstrom coefficient***

Smaller particles will scatter based on the wavelength more so than larger particles  
Since we have the value on the 3 wavelength we can calculate the Angstrom coefficient :  
this is a good indicator of the average distribution of the aerosols concentration

$$\alpha = - \frac{\ln\left(\frac{\tau_1}{\tau_2}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}\right)}$$

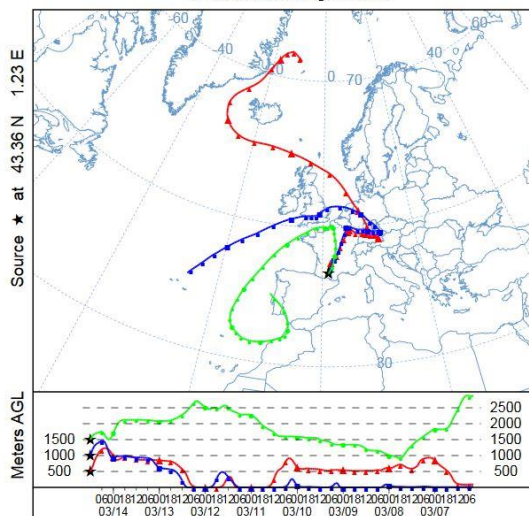
**Angstrom coefficient : 1,05**

this is an indicator of thin particule matter (clouds are large PM)

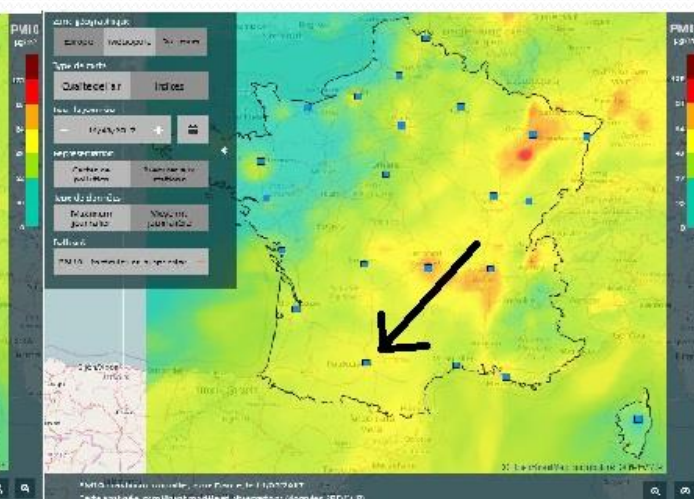
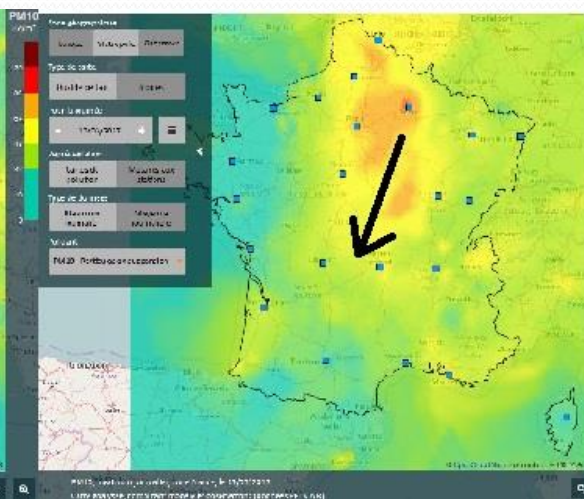
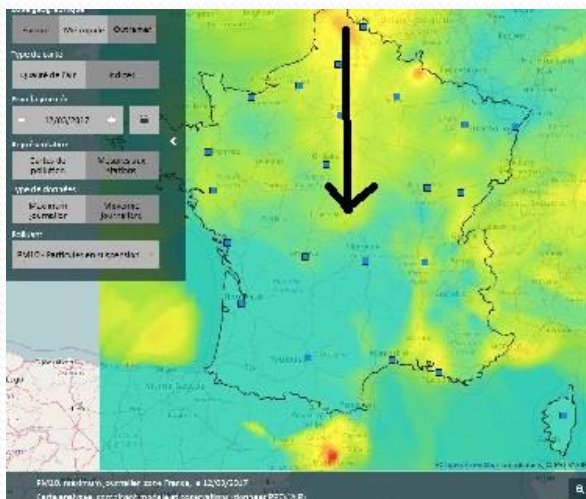
The pollution must come from the lower layer

# Results of Jules Vallès : Retrotrajectory

NOAA HYSPLIT MODEL  
Backward trajectories ending at 1200 UTC 14 Mar 17  
GDAS Meteorological Data

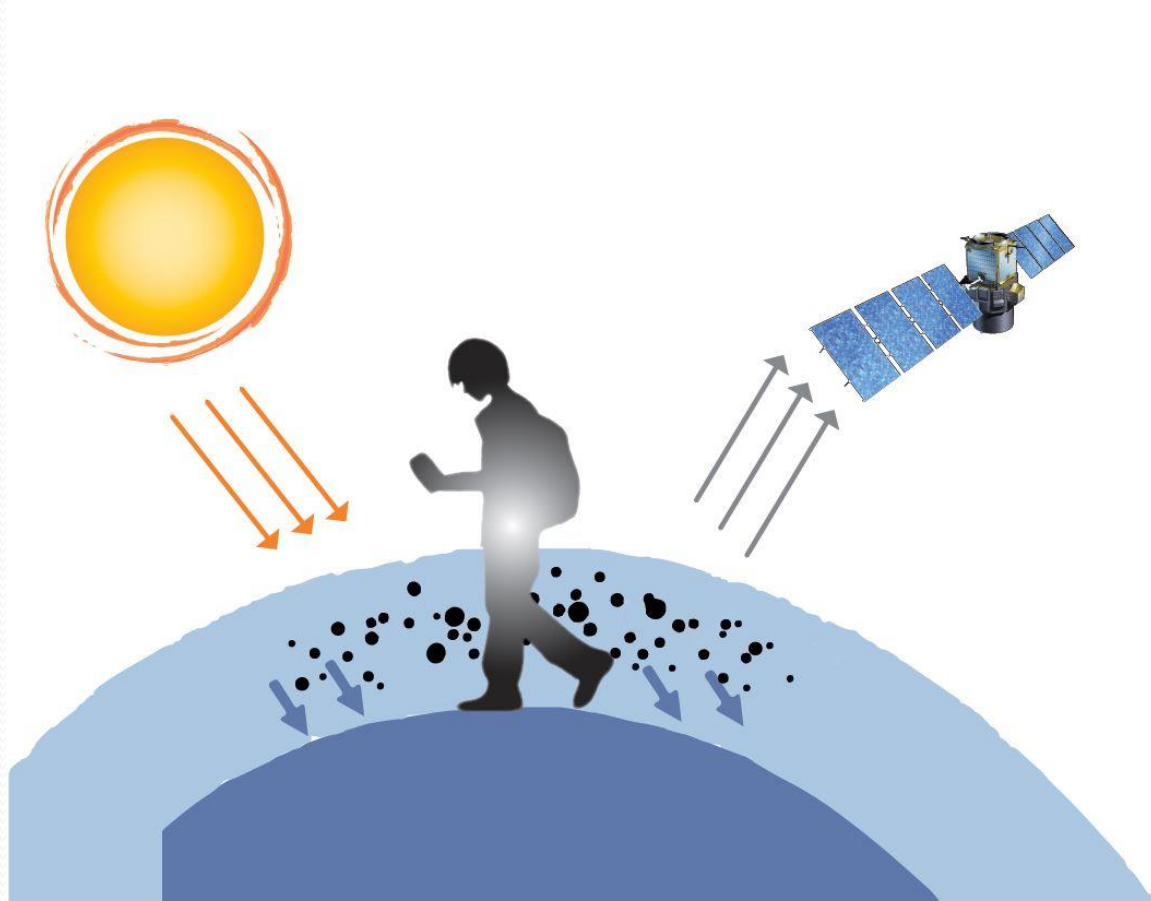


➤ Retrotrajectory : Aerosols coming from the north east of France ?



## *Results of Jules Vallès : Conclusion*

- High AOT probably came from a pollution above the north east of France
- Further data are necessary to be more accurate



## Conclusion

- Having a **new global view** of the earth : from the space
- Developing a **scientific process** and an **environmental consciousness**
- Sharing with other countries with the **international cooperation**
- Learning about the world, **spreading hopes** for the world of tommorow
- Acting **locally** to observe **global impacts...**
- A new platform is on study to simplify the analysis for schools



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