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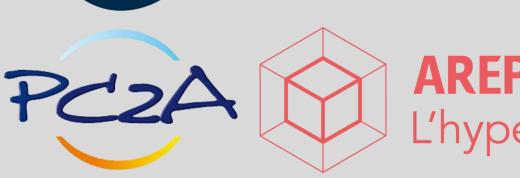
# EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF FILTRATION SYSTEMS IN PARISIAN **UNDERGROUND RAILWAY STATIONS**







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### Introduction

Air quality in underground railway stations (URS) poses a significant public health challenge due to high particulate matter (PM) concentrations which exceed both outdoor air levels close to the station<sup>[1]</sup> and the thresholds set by the WHO<sup>[2]</sup>. The French railway company, SNCF, is addressing this issue by testing filtration systems in URS.



How can we assess filtration systems effectiveness within URS?

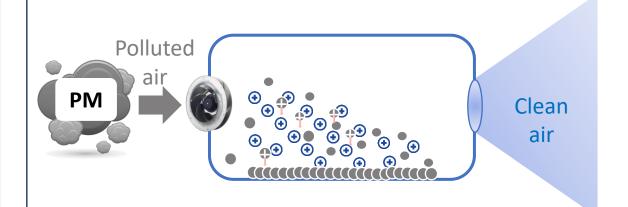
## Instrumentation and dataset



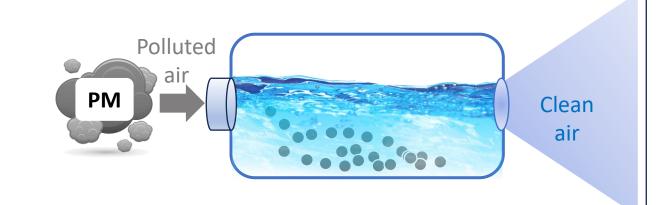
2 TEOMs: one for PM10 🔀 1/4 hourly timestep and the other for PM2.5

12/04/2018 – 31/12/2022 RER train line

**Experiment 1: Positive** ionization method (2019)



**Experiment 2: Wet method** (2020)



## Data analysis methods

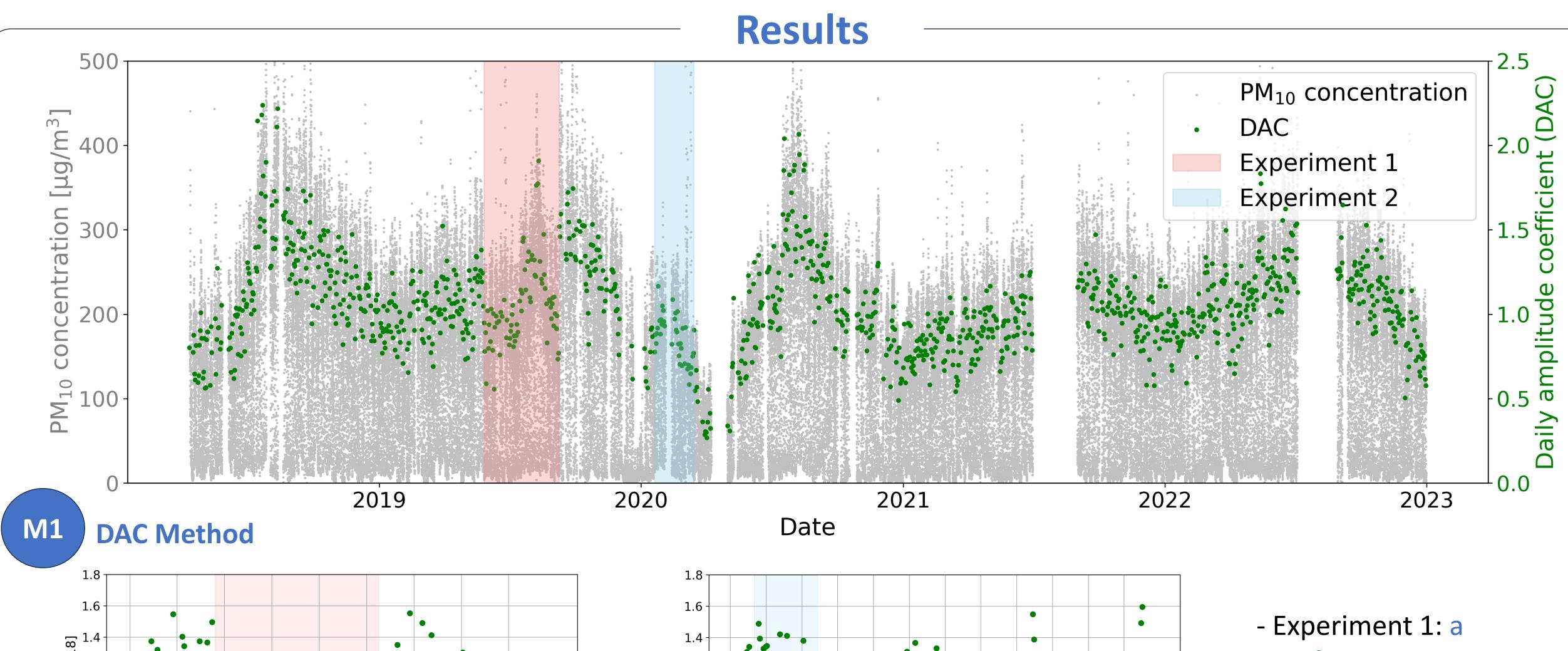


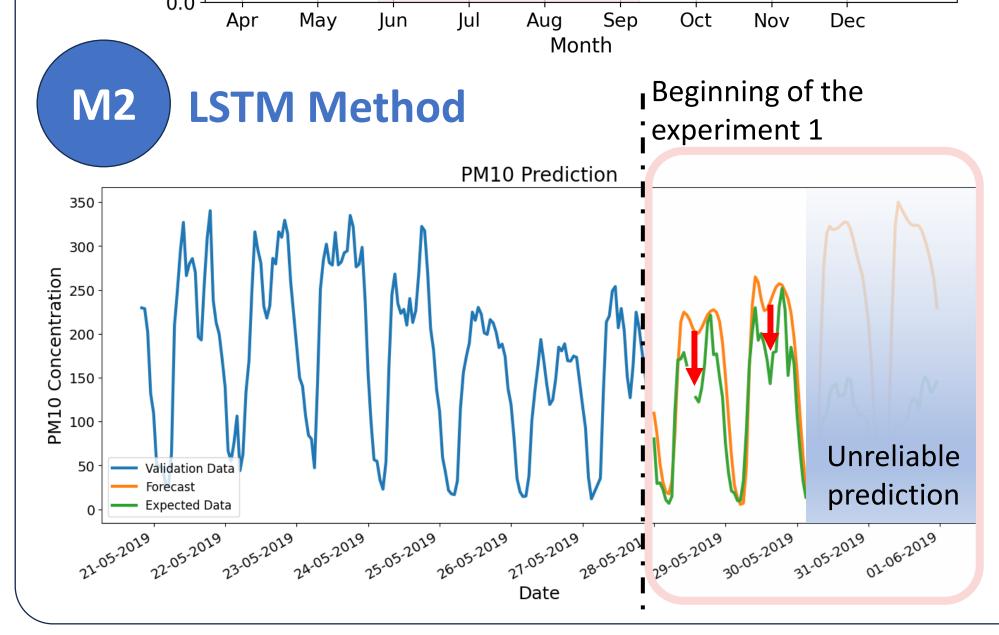
#### Daily Amplitude Coefficient (DAC)

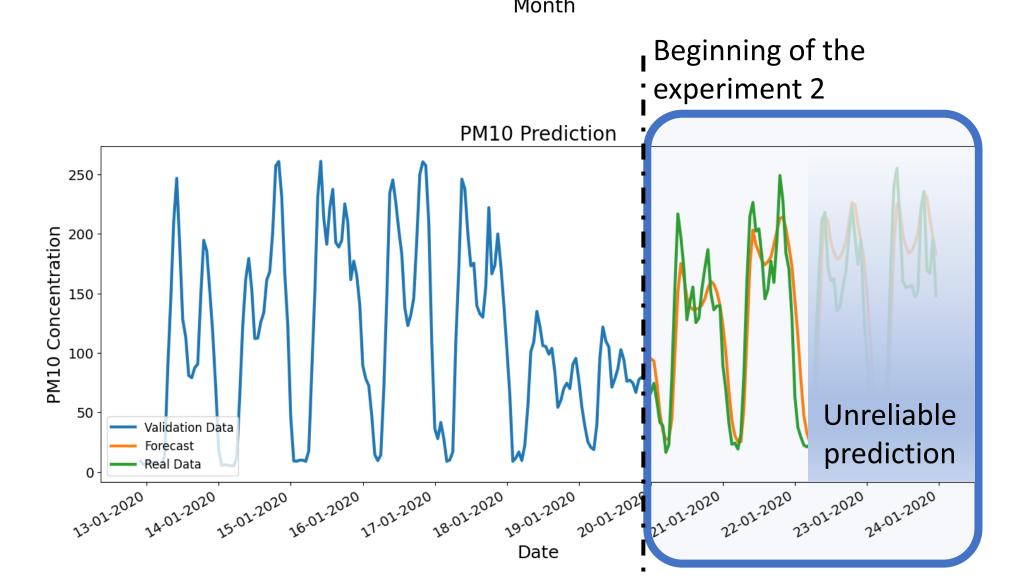
Using the methodology outlined in POSTER M-Aerosols-126 to establish typical time profiles of PM concentrations in URS, we compare the daily amplitude coefficient (DAC) between a year with particle depollution experiment and a year without such an experiment, so as to take into account the annual variations in PM concentrations.

### LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) model

In our Al-based analysis<sup>[3]</sup> of the initial days of the experiment, we compare the PM concentrations from the first two days of the experiment with those of the actual measurements.







- significant 30% ± 9% reduction in PM<sub>10</sub> levels observed.
- Experiment 2: No observable reduction noted.
- Experiment 1: a 30% ± 1% reduction in PM<sub>10</sub> levels is expected starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the experiment.
- Experiment 2 : No reduction in PM<sub>10</sub> levels is anticipated.

## Conclusions

- DAC method: a posteriori evaluation over the entire period of the experiment.
- LSTM method: near real-time evaluation of the efficiency of the filtration system.
- Same reduction observed for both short-term and long-term analyses.

DAC\_2019 / DAC\_2018

- Both methods require at least one year of data to produce reliable results (before/after for the DAC and pre-experimental data for the LSTM).
- No conclusion can be drawn regarding the distance at which the filtration system remains effective.

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[3] Rahmani et al., PM FORECAST: Leveraging Temporal LSTM to Deliver In situ Air Quality Predictions, 2024 (Under review)

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