



Model Evaluation

Statistic Parameter	Formula	Range	Perfect Score
Correlation Coefficient (r)	$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (c_i - c)(o_i - o)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (c_i - c)^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (o_i - o)^2}}$	-1 to 1	1
Fractional Gross Error (FGE)	$FGE = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left \frac{c_i - o_i}{c_i + o_i} \right $	0 to 2	0
Mean Bias Error (MBE)	$MBE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (c_i - o_i)$	$-\infty$ to $+\infty$	0
Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)	$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (c_i - o_i)^2}$	0 to $+\infty$	0

The correlation coefficient (r) indicates the extent to which patterns in the model match those in the observations. The correlation coefficient ranges from -1.0 to +1.0

The fractional gross error (FGE) is a measure of model error, ranging between 0 and 2 and behaves symmetrically with respect to under- and overestimation, without over emphasizing outliers.

The mean bias error (MBE) captures the average deviations between two datasets. It has the units of the variable. Values near 0 are the best, negative values indicate underestimation and positive values indicate overestimation.

The root mean square error (RMSE) combines the spread of individual errors. It is strongly dominated by the largest values, due to the squaring operation. Especially in cases where prominent outliers occur, the usefulness of RMSE is questionable and the interpretation becomes more difficult.



Domains

The area of interest is bounded by the following coordinates:

Domain	Lat. (N)	Lon. (E)
West Asia	10 - 50	20 - 80
Turkey	36 - 42	26 - 45
North-Eastern Africa	10 - 36	20 - 36
Middle East	15 - 39	35 - 65
Central Asia	15 - 50	25 - 80





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ECMWF-CAMS model characteristics:

Institution	ECMWF	Vertical resolution	137 sigma-layers
Meteorological driver	ECMWF-IFS	Height of first layer	10 m a.g.l.
Coverage	Global	Radiation interactions	No
Emission scheme	Uplifting (Ginoux et al., 2001; Morcrette et. al., 2008, 2009)	Transport size bins	3 bins (0.03-20 μ m)
Horizontal resolution	8-10 km approx. (O1280)	Data assimilation	Yes (AOD550/MODIS)