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1. Purpose of Document

This final report describes the C-MAPEX campaign executed in August 2012, its data processing and quality, a description of the generated data set, preliminary results for selected targets and its overall achievements.

The document is structured as follows: Chapter 2 summarises the main campaign objectives and overall campaign set-up. Chapter 3 gives a summary of the instrumentation as used in the campaign. In chapter 4 it is summarised how the campaign was performed, which targets were flown, which data set was collected and examples of the collected data are given.

Chapter 5 contains background information about how the campaign data is processed and chapter 6 gives a summary on the campaign data format and data archive.

An initial analysis of the in-situ measurements to derive emission was performed by METAIR and is summarised in Chapter 7.

Chapter 8 contains the initial analysis of the remote sensing data set to derive emissions, first using external meteorological parameters and second using meteorological parameters from the in-situ campaign data set.

The data analysis part of the report is closed with chapter 9, where inversion results from both in-situ and remote sensing are compared and discussed.

The report closes with a summary (Chapter 10) and some recommendation and lessons learned (Chapter 11).

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2. The C-MAPEXp campaign objectives and campaign set-up

The C-MAPEXp campaign was planned and executed to support the demonstration of CarbonSat capabilities in:

- Quantification of “gradients” in atmospheric CO₂ and CH₄ from strong local greenhouse gas sources e.g. from coal-fired power plants, localized industrial complexes, landfills, etc.
- Derivation of CO₂ and CH₄ emissions from atmospheric gradient measurements.

This is addressed through the collection, processing and preliminary analysis of airborne remote sensing and airborne in-situ data from CH₄ and CO₂ emitting targets of different but mostly known emission strength. Within this project, an airborne campaign combining remote sensing (RS) measurement (similar to CarbonSat) of XCO₂ and XCH₄ with in-situ measurements of atmospheric CO₂ and CH₄ concentration as well as wind speed and direction in the boundary layer was performed in August 2012 [RD-5].

For the remote sensing of the greenhouse gases CO₂ and CH₄, the Methane Airborne MAPper (MAMAP) was flown on a Cessna T207A above the boundary layer. MAMAP [Gerilwoski et al. 2011] is an airborne 2 channel NIR-SWIR grating spectrometer system for accurate measurements of gradients on column-averaged methane and carbon dioxide concentrations. It was jointly developed by the Institute of Environmental Physics / Remote Sensing (IUP/IFE), University of Bremen (Germany) and the Helmholtz Centre Potsdam, German Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ). It has to be noted that MAMAP has – in comparison to CarbonSat EE8 no 2 μm CO₂ channel, which is limiting MAMAP’s capability to detect very small gradients for example from biosphere fluxes.

For the in-situ airborne measurements, the small research aircraft (METAIR-DIMO) was flown in the boundary layer to perform in-situ measurements in the plume emitted from the target, to perform background concentration measurements and to perform wind measurements needed for the interpretation of the total column measurements of MAMAP. The aircraft is equipped with underwing-pods, carrying up to 50 kg scientific payload each. The standard equipment measures the meteorological parameters wind (three-dimensional components in turbulent resolution), fast temperature and fast, redundant humidity. A two-channel aerosol counter (MetOne for >0.3 and >0.5 μm) can characterise the structure of the boundary layer. The chemical measurements are for CO₂ (redundant), CO, O₃, NO₂, NO_x, NO_y, O_x, and – in the focus here – CH₄. The methane monitor is a "Los Gatos DLT-100 Fast Methane Analyser" which was bought by ETH Zurich, modified in a joint project, and was flown during three years for about 40 measuring days. The data turned out to be very reliable and accurate (comparison with flask-samples, analysed at MPI Jena). More details about the instrumentation can be found in [RD-5] and references therein.

With both aircrafts, dedicated and coordinated flights were performed in an area with strong localised emission sources of CO₂ and CH₄. The main campaign area encloses targets in the Rhine-Ruhr, but also some targets in southern Lower Saxony were flown.

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3. Description of main campaign instrumentation

3.1. Methane Airborne MAPper (MAMAP) on Cessna

For the remote sensing of the greenhouse gases CO₂ and CH₄ the Methane Airborne MAPper (MAMAP) will be flown on a Cessna T207A above the boundary layer. MAMAP is an airborne 2-channel NIR-SWIR grating spectrometer system for accurate measurements of gradients on column-averaged methane and carbon dioxide concentrations (for details, see Gerilowski et al. 2011, Krings et al. 2011 and [RD-5]).

| CH ₄ /CO ₂ -SWIR-spectrometer | O ₂ -NIR-spectrometer |
|---|---|
| F = 300 mm temperature stabilized grating spectrometer system (f/3.9) | F = 300 mm temperature stabilized grating spectrometer system (f/3.9) |
| Grating: 600 grooves/mm | Grating: 1200 grooves/mm |
| Detector: LN cooled 1024 pixel InGaAs FPA | Detector: 512 x 512 pixel CCD Sensor, TE cooled, 6 pixel binned in imaging direction |
| Spectral range: 1.590 - 1.690 nm | Spectral range: 755 - 785 nm |
| Spectral resolution: ~0.82 nm FWHM | Spectral resolution: ~0.46 nm FWHM |
| Spectral sampling: ~8 pix/FWHM | Spectral sampling: ~6 pix/FWHM |
| Detector-SNR: ~ 1000 at ~ 0.6 - 1.0 sec. integration/co-adding time | Detector-SNR: ~ 4000 (1D-binned) at ~ 0.6 - 1.0 sec integration/co-adding time |
| Detector-Cooling: Liquid Nitrogen (LN) (~ 1.5 l LN / 10h operation) | Detector-Cooling: Peltier |
| IFOV: ~ 1.14° across track(CT) x ~ 1.14° along track | IFOV: ~ 1.14° across track(CT) x ~ 1.14° along track |
| Spatial resolution: at 3 km flight altitude, ground speed 200 km/h, the co-added ground pixel size is in the order of 55 m along track x 60 m across track (non-imaging) | Spatial resolution: at 3 km flight altitude, ground speed 200 km/h, the co-added ground pixel size is in the order of 55 m along track x 60 m across track (non-imaging) |
| Precision: ~ 0.3 % XCH ₄ (CO ₂) & XCO ₂ (CH ₄) (1 σ) for 0.6-1 sec co-adding/integration time (precision is defined as the random error of the retrieved XCH ₄ and XCO ₂ columns due to instrument noise). Slightly degraded precision expected for XCH ₄ (O ₂) & XCO ₂ (O ₂). | |
| Relative Accuracy: < 0.5 % XCH ₄ (CO ₂) & XCO ₂ (CH ₄) on spatial scales in the range of 20-30 km at clear sky, < 1 % XCH ₄ (CO ₂) & XCO ₂ (CH ₄) on spatial scales in the range of ~ 100 km at clear sky. | |
| Measurement modes: nadir- (terrestrial targets) or glint- radiance (marine targets) on demand, zenith sky irradiance (optional as reference). | |
| Size: 2 standard racks, 556 x 650 x 968 mm each. | |
| Weight: 2 x ~120 kg. | |
| Power consumption: ~ 600 Watt at nominal operation, < 1000 Watts at warm-up | |
| Flight record: Cessna Caravan (RWE), Cessna 207 (FU-Berlin), DC3T-BT67 (AWI Polar-5, Transport Canada certification) | |

MAMAP was jointly developed by the Institute of Environmental Physics / Remote Sensing (IUP/IFE), University of Bremen (Germany) and the Helmholtz Centre Potsdam, German Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ). MAMAP is fully certified for the Cessna T207A and was already flown successfully in 2008 and 2011 on that aircraft. Data analysis methods for MAMAP data are well developed to derive from the gradient measurement the emission strength of strong point sources [Krings et al. 2011, 2013].

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For MAMAP, it was demonstrated that the instrument is able to detect and retrieve the total dry column of the greenhouse gases CH₄ and CO₂ with a precision of ~ 0.3% (1-sigma) at local scales (several 10s of km), and that MAMAP is an appropriate tool for detection and inversion of localized GHG emissions from aircraft (Gerilowski et al. 2011, Krings et al. 2011, 2013, Annex 1).

Assuming a wind speed of ~ 2-3 m/s (min. for Gauss plume inversion), a 0.3% precision translates to a (flight path and pointing accuracy dependent) detection limit of this airborne non-imaging instrument of approx. to 1-2kt CH₄/yr (1-2Mt CO₂/yr) and a minimum quantifiable (error 50%) source strength of approx. 5 kt CH₄/yr (5 Mt CO₂/yr), assuming that on the scale of a plume extension, the precision is dominating the relative accuracy.

For extended sources, the relative accuracy might be dominated by systematic biases due to albedo and scattering effects. Assuming a 1 % relative accuracy over scales of 100 km would allow quantifying upper limit constraints for extended area fluxes in the order of several 100 mg CH₄ m⁻² day⁻¹ (4 m/s wind speed, 100x100 km²). To detect wetland emissions, this value needs to be decreased significantly, for example, by decreasing the relative accuracy for the given scale by algorithm improvements and/or hardware modifications (i.e. adding an additional channel to the instrument in analogy to CarbonSat's SWIR-2 channel or increasing the instrument spectral resolution).

Therefore, MAMAP, with its current proven instrument and algorithm performance, is well suited for the detection of strong point sources of CH₄ and CO₂. Different optimizations and instrument redevelopments to further decrease the detection limit and/or improve the relative accuracy are planned.

In comparison to CarbonSat, there are some differences to be mentioned:

- Due to the measurement geometry MAMAP has compared to CarbonSat an enhanced sensitivity to the column below the aircraft.
- MAMAP in comparison to CarbonSat does not allow for "absorber free" solar reference measurements, with the consequence that MAMAP delivers no absolute single total column data, but accurate gradients in columns below aircraft.
- As MAMAP on a Cessna can only probe gradients on small scales up to 100 km, quantification of larger scale biospheric fluxes is not feasible with MAMAP on a Cessna (but with CS).
- MAMAP has no 2 μm channel

During the campaign the instrument worked as expected with the performance known from previous campaigns and without any problems.

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3.2. In-situ GHG sensor on METAIR-DIMO

For the in-situ airborne measurements, the small research aircraft METAIR-DIMO was flown in the boundary layer to catch the plumes emitted from the target and to perform background measurements. The aircraft was equipped with underwing-pods, carrying up to 50 kg scientific payload each. The standard equipment measures the meteorological parameters wind (three-dimensional components in turbulent resolution), fast temperature and fast, redundant humidity. A two-channel aerosol counter (MetOne for >0.3 and $>0.5 \mu\text{m}$) can characterise the structure of the boundary layer. The chemical measurements are for CO_2 (redundant), CO , O_3 , NO_2 , NO_x , NO_y , O_x ($= \text{O}_3 + \text{NO}_2$), and – in the focus here – CH_4 . The methane monitor is a "Los Gatos DLT-100 Fast Methane Analyser" which was bought by ETH Zurich, modified in a joint project, and was flown during three years for about 40 measuring days. The data turned out to be very reliable and accurate (comparison with flask-samples, analysed at MPI Jena). METAIR prepared the standard instrumentation as described above, with the focus on CH_4 and CO_2 . All other parameters can be very useful, as well (e.g. the ratio of CH_4 to CO , CO_2 and NO_x can characterise sources).

During the campaign the instrument worked as expected with the performance known from previous campaigns and without any problems. Also some in-situ probes by flasks were performed which will be analysed by MPI Jena.

All in-situ parameters listed could be measured at the specified quality (see table below), however, the focus was on CH_4 , CO_2 , 3-d-wind, and the temperature profiles. Other parameters like H_2O (humidity) and aerosols were useful for checking the boundary layer height in cases where this was not obvious just based on virtual potential temperature (an important input for the inversion of the remote-sensing results). CO and NO_x are available as well. However, since this was not within the scope of this project, they were not systematically analysed.

The table below is summarizing the in-situ measurements system performance.

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| 1 | position (x,y,z) | GPS TANS Vector and second GPS for moving map | 1996 | 0 | 1, 2 | global; 1 m | 10 Hz | 0.1 m; 10 m | fix points |
| 1 | ground speed (GS, vx, vy, vz) | GPS TANS Vector and second GPS for moving map | 1996 | 0 | 1, 2 | 0..100; 0.1 m/s | 10 Hz | 0.01; 0.1 m/s | zero & wind calculation |
| 1 | attitude angles (azi, pitch, roll) | GPS TANS Vector | 1996 | 0 | 1 | 0..360°/±90°; 0.1° | 5 Hz | 0.05; 0.2° | fix & wind calculation |
| 2 | acceleration (ax, ay, az) | Kistler/DLR | 1996 | 1 | 2 | ±30; 0.001 m/s ² | 10 Hz | 0.001; 0.01 m/s ² | integration to vx, vy, vz |
| 2 | air temperature (T) | Meteolabor TP-3 thermocouple | 1990 | 1 | | -50..+50 °C; 0.01 K | 5 Hz | 0.01; 0.5 K | mercury thermometer & integration of zInt |
| 2 | dew point | Meteolabor TP-3 dew point mirror | 1990 | 1 | | T-40 K..T; 0.01 K | 1 Hz | 0.01; 0.5 K | psychrometer & infrared |
| 1 | flow angles and TAS | five hole probe using Keller capacitive sensors | 1996 | 3 | 3 | ±30°; 0.1° | 10 Hz | 0.1; 0.5° | wind calculation |
| 1 | wind (u, v, w) | post-processing from above parameters | 1996 | 3 | 3 | ±30; 0.1 m/s | 10 Hz | 0.1; 0.5 m/s | consistency of wind calculation (min TKE) |
| 2 | aerosol number (>0.3 and >0.5 µm) | MetOne R4903 optical particle counter (2-channel OPC) | 1996 | 1 | | 0..300 n/ml; 1 n/ml | 3 Hz | 1 n/ml | none (last factory cal) |
| 1 | CH ₄ | Fast Methane Analyzer Los Gatos LGR DLT-100 | 2009 | 2 | 4 | 1800..5000; 0.1 ppb | 5 Hz | 0.1; 2 ppb | lab and flasks, very stable |
| 2 | CO | Aerolaser AL-5003 (fast Vacuum UV-fluorescence) | 2001 | 2 | | 0..2000; 0.5 ppb | 5 Hz | 0.5; 5 ppb | in-flight zero and calgas |
| 1 | CO ₂ | closed and open path IRGA LI-6262 and LI-7500 (combined use) | 2001 | 2 | 5 | 320..800; 0.01 ppm | 10 Hz | 0.01; 0.5 ppm | cal gas and/or flasks |
| 2 | H ₂ O | open path IRGA LI-7500 (combined with dew point mirror) | 2001 | 2 | 5 | 0..30; 0.01 g/kg | 10 Hz | 0.01; 0.2 g/kg | dew point |
| 3 | O ₃ | single cell UV photometer built at PSI, based on a Monitorlabs instrument | 1990 | 1 | 6 | 0..500; 0.5 ppb | 10 s | 0.5; 2 ppb | O ₃ -generator & rem 4 |
| 3 | NO ₂ , NOx, NOy, HNO ₃ , PAN, Ox | NOxTOy: 6-channel instrument using Luminol chemoluminescence and chemical converters (developed and built by PSI and Metair) | 1998 | 3 | 6 | 0.5..200; 0.1 ppb | 1 Hz | 0.1 ppb; 0.5 ppb + 20% sig | complex procedure; not applied here; focus on NO ₂ and NOx |
| 3 | vertical digital photography | Canon PowerShot S100, remote control from cockpit | 2009 | 0 | | up to 12 Mpix | 3 s | n.a. | n.a. |
| 3 | CO ₂ , CO, CH ₄ , N ₂ O, H ₂ , SF ₆ , ¹⁸ O, ¹³ C | grab samples in glass flasks, analyzed at MPI-Jena | 2005 | 0 | 7 | upon request MPI | 6/flight | upon request MPI | specialized lab at MPI-Jena |

prio: Priority for C-MAPEXp: 1: core-parameter; 2: important parameter; 3: nice to have – as long as it is running without problems

inss: In service since (year) including integration in the post-processing

mod: Degree of modification: 0: original instrument; 1: minor modifications; 2: major modifications; 3: built by metair

rem: remarks:

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1: A more advanced IMU/GPS (OXTS RT3102) is available but does not fit in the configuration with the CH4-Monitor in the LH-pod (backup)

2: With the 3-axis high-sensitivity, low noise accelerometers, the movement of the boom, and hence, the precision and resolution of the position, and the wind is improved

3: Both the flow angles and the winds are a result of complex calibrations and post-processing (know-how built into the post-processing software)

4: Corrected for H₂O interference (dilution and spectroscopic; details see Hiller et al. 2014)

5: These IRGAs are modified for airborne use by Metair (e.g. reference gas, N₂-flushing instead of scrubbers, etc.)

6: The consistency of NO₂+O₃ = O_x can be used for the checking and adjustment of the calibration

7: flask samples were performed during C-MAPEXp.

range and resolution: The measured range and useful resolution of the parameter (based on experience when not identical with data sheets)

temporal resolution: The useful temporal resolution of the parameter (sometimes less than the recorded resolution)

precision is the repeatability of signals for recognizing some pattern, whereas accuracy is the absolute accuracy of the values after post processing

calibration or checks: Keywords on how the quality of the parameter is checked and validated

4. Overview of campaign as performed

4.1. Summary of campaign and flown targets

In this section an overview is given about the campaign as performed. The campaign was successfully performed based on the priorities and guidelines summarised in the Campaign Implementation Plan [RD05]. The table below summarises the campaign activities as performed. Reference to the target numbers can be found in Annex 1.

| Date | Day of Week | Activity | Comment |
|-----------|-------------|---|--|
| 10.8.2012 | Fri | Integration MAMAP into Cessna | |
| 11.8.2012 | Sat | 1 st Test Flight Berlin | Minor issues with O2 band channel, fixed on-site |
| 12.8.2012 | So | 2 nd Test Flight MAMAP Berlin and Transfer to Dinslaken, Arrival METAIR at Dinslaken | |
| 13.8.2012 | Mo | Aircrafts ready at Dinslaken, Test flight T1.7, T2.2, T2.4, 2.9 | Start Data Acquisition Phase |
| 14.8.2012 | Tue | T2.3, 2.4, DIMO pre-screening T2.11-2.15 | |
| 15.8.2012 | Wed | Targets: 1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 2.2, 2.9 | |
| 16.8.2012 | Thu | Targets: 1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 2.3 | |
| 17.8.2012 | Fri | Targets: 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5 | |
| 18.8.2012 | Sat | Targets: 1.1 - 1.5, 2.2, 2.5, 2.10 | |
| 19.8.2012 | Sun | Targets: 2.1, 2.2 | |
| 20.8.2012 | Mo | No Flights | |
| 21.8.2012 | Tue | No Flights | |
| 22.8.2012 | Wed | No Flights | |
| 23.8.2012 | Thu | T1.4, FLEX Selhausen/Altendorf | |
| 24.8.2012 | Fri | End of Acquisition Phase, dis-integration | |
| 25.8.2012 | Sat | | |

Table 1: Campaign schedule as executed. Details of the targets flown by METAIR-DIMO and MAMAP/Cessna are listed in tables Table 2 and Table 3.

During the period between 14.08.2012 and 23.08.2012 the weather was systematically better than the forecasted conditions. Even when some clouds limited the remote-sensing during some days, the conditions for the in-situ measurements were good to ideal. The criteria for ideal or less ideal measurements are discussed with the inversion method in Chapter 7.

In [RD-05] it was planned also to fly with the MetAir Dimona cylinders around sources. This was not necessary, as the point sources under study emitted plumes that were clearly detectable above the background within single cross sections (see the detailed description in Chapter 7). Flying cylinders on different altitudes would have multiplied the flying time by a factor of at least four, or – vice versa – much less targets could have been measured, with a poorer vertical resolution.

It was therefore decided that it is more important to probe the plumes with the best possible resolution (as many levels as possible, within a quasi-stationary duration) instead of flying around in low background concentrations for >80% of the time. In some cases, "curtains" in two distances could be flown. However, also this was not a clear advantage (see the discussion in Chapter 7). Single curtains flown in high resolution during suitable weather conditions are regarded as the optimum now.

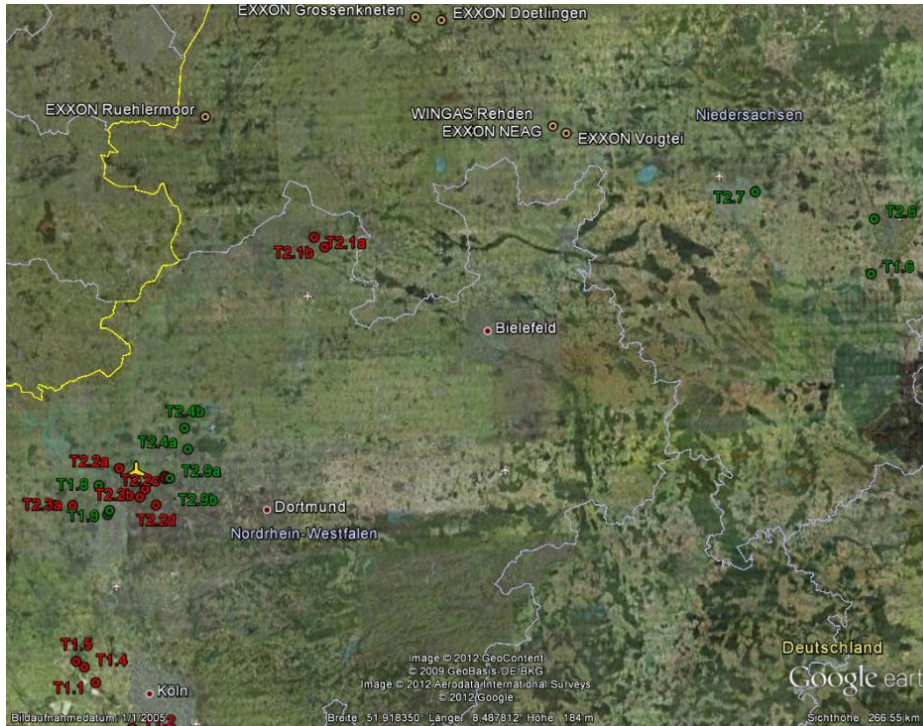


Figure 1: Overview map of campaign area. The yellow airplane marks the airfield Dinslaken Schwarze Heide. Red: high priority targets; Green: medium priority targets. Target summary see tables 1-3. Target details see Annex.

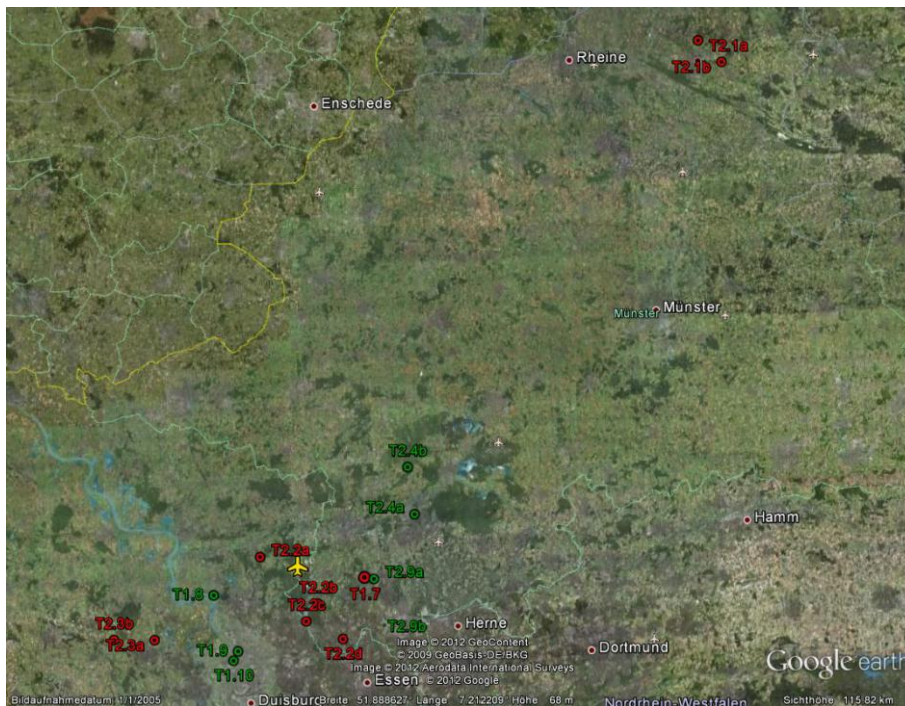


Figure 2: Overview map of mid to northern NRW targets. The yellow airplane marks the airfield Dinslaken Schwarze Heide. Red: high priority targets; Green: medium priority targets. Target summary see tables 1-3. Target details see Annex.

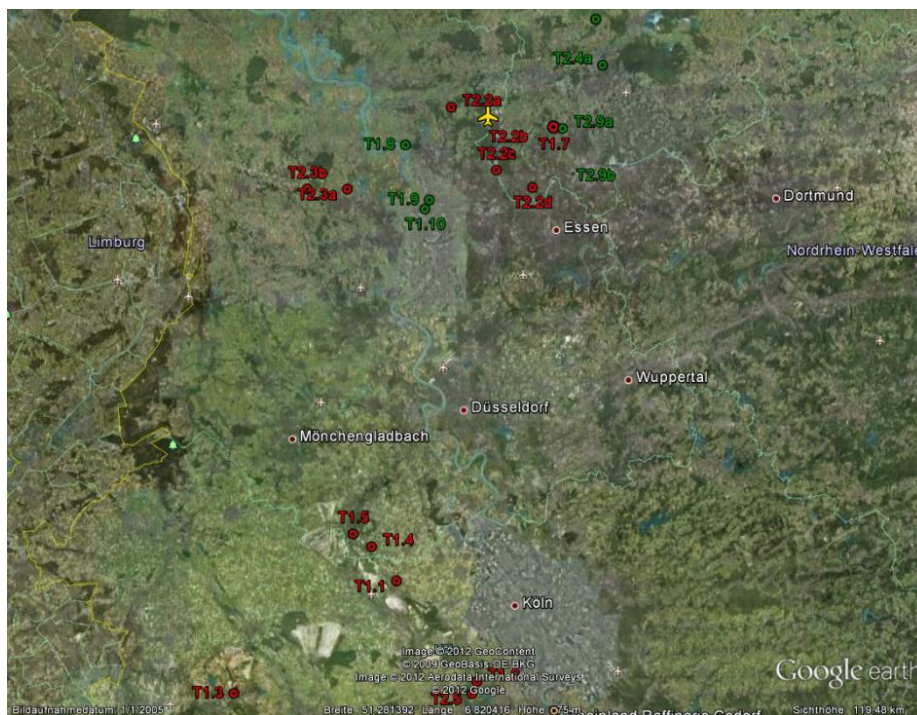


Figure 3: Overview map of mid to southern NRW targets. The yellow airplane marks the airfield Dinslaken Schwarze Heide. Red: high priority targets; Green: medium priority targets. Target summary see tables 1-3. Target details see Annex 1.

In the following tables the campaign activities per airplane are given together with a first assessment about the quality of the data and its suitability for further analysis.

| C-MAPExp | Flight Days in August 2012 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 23 |
|----------|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| METAIR | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lee von Koeln | | | | | | X | | |
| | RWE neu | | | X | X | X | X | | |
| T1.1 | RWE Kraftwerk Niederaussem | | | X | X | X | X | | |
| T1.2 | RWE Kraftwerk Goldenberg | | | | | X | X | | |
| T1.3 | RWE Kraftwerk Eschweiler | | | | | | X | | X |
| T1.4 | RWE Kraftwerk Neurath | | | X | X | X | X | | |
| T1.5 | RWE Kraftwerk Frimmersdorf | | | X | X | X | X | | |
| T1.6 | Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH | | | | | | | | |
| T1.7 | Kraftwerk Scholven | X | | X | | | | | |
| T2.1 | RAG Anthrazit Ibbenbüren | | | | | | | X | |
| T2.1 | Bockradener Schacht | | | | | | | X | |
| T2.1 | Theodorschacht | | | | | | | X | |
| T2.2 | RAG Bergwerk Prosper-Haniel | X | | X | | X | | X | |
| T2.2 | Schacht Hünxe | X | | X | | | | X | |
| T2.2 | Schacht Prosper - 9 | X | | X | | X | X | X | |
| T2.2 | Haniel Schacht 1 | X | | X | | X | | X | |
| T2.2 | Förderberg | X | | | | X | | X | |
| T2.3 | RAG Bergwerk West | | X | | X | X | | | |
| T2.3 | Rossenray / Schacht 1 | | X | | X | X | | | |
| T2.3 | Schacht Friedrich Heinrich - 4 | | X | | X | X | | | |
| T2.4 | RAG Bergwerk Auguste Victoria | X | | | | | | | |
| T2.4 | Schacht AV 7 | X | | | | | | | |
| T2.4 | Schacht AV 8 | X | X | | | | | | |
| T2.5 | AVG Zentraldeponie Vereinigte Ville | | | | | X | X | | |
| T2.6 | Deponie Watenbüttel BS | | | | | | | | |
| T2.7 | ABZ Hannover/Lahe | | | | | | | | |
| T2.8 | Deponie Schöneicher Plan | | | | | | | | |
| T2.9 | Ruhr Öl Gelsenkirchen | X | | X | | | | | |
| T2.10 | Rheinland Raffinerie Godorf | | | | | | X | | |
| T2.11 | EXXON Grossenkneten | | X | | | | | | |
| T2.12 | EXXON NEAG | | X | | | | | | |
| T2.13 | EXXON Voigtei | | X | | | | | | |
| T2.14 | EXXON Dötlingen | | X | | | | | | |
| T2.15 | WINGAS Rehden | | X | | | | | | |
| T2.16 | EXXON Rühlermoor | | | | | | | | |
| | FLEX Selhausen | | | | | | | | X |
| | FLEX Altendorf | | | | | | | | X |
| | high concentrations detected | | | | | | | | |
| | enhanced concentrations detected | | | | | | | | |
| | no or low enhancement detected | | | | | | | | |

Table 2: Flights performed by METAIR Dimo and initial indication about signals detected.

During the eight observation days, the in-situ airplane (MetAir) documented 52 plumes, from which 18 were very clear, 28 detectable as well, but less pronounced or less densely flown, and 6 targets observed turned out not to emit detectable amounts of CO₂ or CH₄ during the time of observations.

| C-MAPExp | Flight Days in August 2012 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 23 |
|--|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|----|----|
| MAMAP | | | | | | | | | | |
| T1.1 | RWE Kraftwerk Niederaussem | | | | + | | ++ | + | | |
| T1.2 | RWE Kraftwerk Goldenberg | | | | | | | o | | |
| T1.3 | RWE Kraftwerk Eschweiler | | | | | | | +++ | | |
| T1.4 | RWE Kraftwerk Neurath (incl. neue Blöcke) | | | | + | | + | o | | + |
| T1.5 | RWE Kraftwerk Frimmersdorf | | | | + | | o | o | | |
| T1.6 | Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH | | | | | | | | | |
| T1.7 | Kraftwerk Scholven | | | | o | | | | o | |
| T2.1.a | RAG Anthrazit Ibbenbüren | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.1.b | Bockradener Schacht | | | | | | | | ++ | |
| T2.1.c | Theodorschacht | | | | | | | | ++ | |
| T2.2.a | RAG Bergwerk Prosper-Haniel | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.2.b | Schacht Hünxe | | + | | | | | | o | |
| T2.2.c | Schacht Prosper - 9 | | ++ | | + | | | | o | |
| T2.2.d | Haniel Schacht 1 | | o | | o | | | | o | |
| T2.2.e | Förderberg | | o | | | | | | o | |
| T2.3.a | RAG Bergwerk West | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.3.b | Rossenray / Schacht 1 | | | o | | | o | | | |
| T2.3.c | Schacht Friedrich Heinrich - 4 | | | ++ | | ++ | ++ | | | |
| T2.4.a | RAG Bergwerk Auguste Victoria | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.4.b | Schacht AV 7 (incl. EVONIK/INEOS) | | o | | | | | | o | |
| T2.4.c | Schacht AV 8 | | o | | | | | | | |
| T2.5 | AVG Zentraldeponie Vereinigte Ville | | | | | | | o, o | | |
| T2.6 | Deponie Watenbüttel BS | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.7 | ABZ Hannover/Lahe | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.8 | Deponie Schöneicher Plan | o | | | | | | | | |
| T2.9 | Ruhr Öl Gelsenkirchen | | o | | | | | | o | |
| T2.10 | Rheinland Raffinerie Godorf (Werk Nord + Süd) | | | | | | | o, o | | |
| T2.11 | EXXON Grossenkneten | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.12 | EXXON NEAG | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.13 | EXXON Voigtei | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.14 | EXXON Dötlingen | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.15 | WINGAS Rehden | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.16 | EXXON Rühlermoor | | | | | | | | | |
| | FLEX Selhausen | | | | | | | | | X |
| | FLEX Altendorf | | | | | | | | | X |
| Suitable for Inversion (preliminary, based on visual inspection of quick looks): | | | | | | | | | | |
| ++ | probably very well suited for inversion with Gaussian model approach | | | | | | | | | |
| + | probably invertable with Gaussian model approach | | | | | | | | | |
| o | not well suited for inversion, either no increase in column detected or very patchy pattern and/or bad met. conditions | | | | | | | | | |

Table 3: Flights performed by MAMAP/Cessna and initial indication about plume signals detected and suitability for further data analysis. Targets marked with thick line box are proposed to be analysed further with high priority.

During the eight observation days, the remote sensing airplane (Cessna FUB with MAMAP) documented 39 plumes, from which 16 were clear and of good quality for flux inversion, and 23 were not well suited for flux inversion either due to a plume at or below the detection limit or due to non-optimum meteorological conditions (partly cloudy, strong boundary layer disturbances etc.).

4.2. Examples of collected data

In the following, to give an impression on the data quality based on quick look data analysis, initial results are presented for one selected campaign day. The selected day is the 19.8.2012 with fair weather conditions in the morning. Coordinated flights with both airplanes were performed in the morning (8:30-10:50 UTC) over the Ibbenbüren active coal mine area (T2.1), which includes two coal mine exhaust shafts and a small power plant.

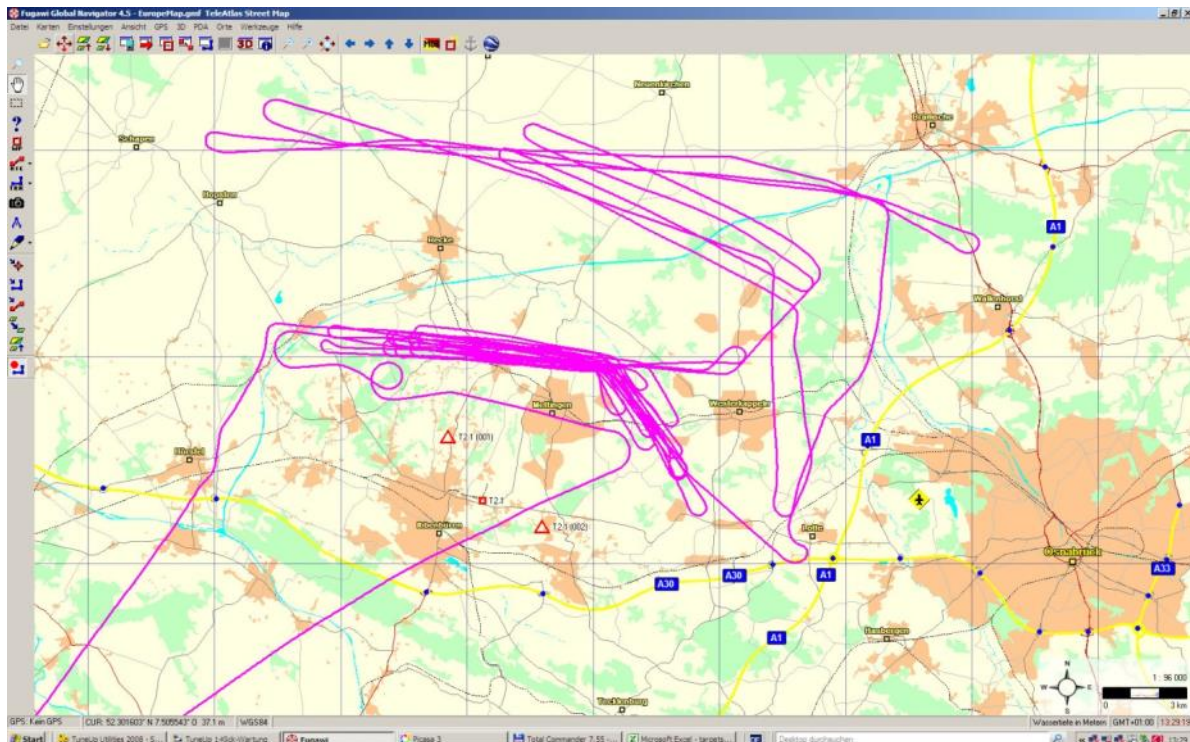


Figure 4: Flight pattern of METAIR DIMO over Ibbenbüren 19.8.2012. The red triangles are marking the two coal mine exhaust shafts and the red square is marking the small power plant.

In the early morning the campaign area was dominated by clear sky conditions. At the end of the flight, medium height clouds started to contaminate clear sky, in some areas with visible shadows. This is documented by photographs taken during the flight; see Figure 5 and Figure 6. A photographic documentation of all campaign days can be found in Annex 2.

For all data quick-look analysis were performed. Examples can be found in the next chapter.



Figure 5: Left: Cloud situation over Ibbenbüren 19.8.2012 in the morning. Right: Power plant Ibbenbüren.



Figure 6: Situation at the End of the flight, march through of medium height clouds in some areas with visible shadows.

4.3. Quick look processing

After each flight, the team performed a quality check on the raw data, normally on the same day, to determine data quality sufficiency. A quick look data analysis up to concentration maps was performed for selected targets within a few days to verify data quality. To decide if the flight can be declared as successful quick-look processing was done at the end of the campaign.

Data saving and quick looks MAMAP

During measurements, MAMAP data are saved on different solid state disks of the instrument (separate for O₂, CH₄/CO₂, and camera/gyro). Correct functioning of the instrument is ensured in-flight by the operator checking the recorded spectra. However, no trace gas information is available immediately in-flight.

Raw data are downloaded post flight and stored on at least two different hard drives at different locations. Quick looks in form of geo-referenced qualitative total column information using a generic radiative transfer model simulation are typically available within a few days at latest, depending on maintenance and calibration work to be conducted at the instrument.

Figure 8 shows an example quick look of XCH_4 data from the coal mine ventilation shafts of the RAG Anthrazit Ibbenbüren. An example for XCO_2 released from the coal fired power plant in Eschweiler is shown in Figure 7.

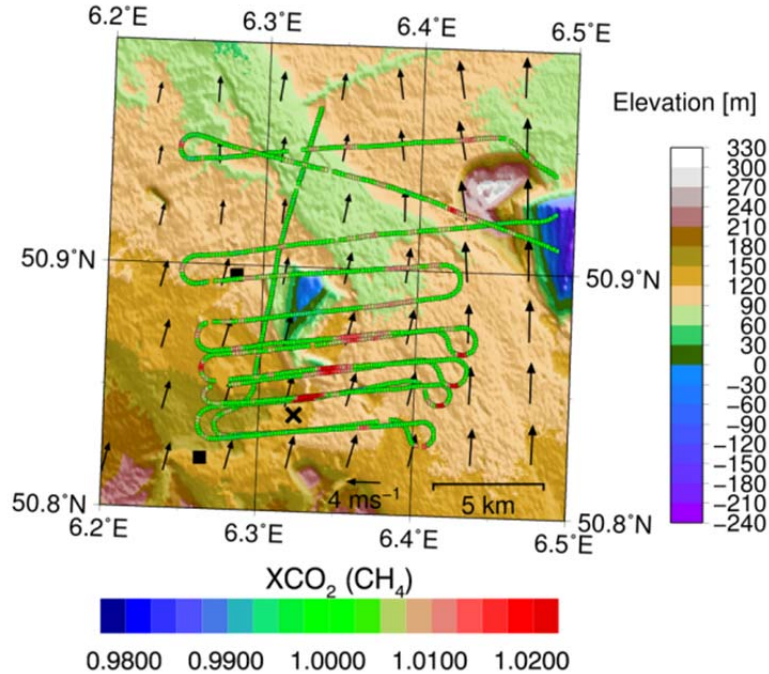


Figure 7: MAMAP flight pattern and quick-look analysis of the coal fired power plant Eschweiler (center location denoted by black cross) on 18.8.2012. The CO_2 plume is visible as an enhancement in the XCO_2 dry column ratio. Wind field is indicated by black arrows. Topography map underneath.

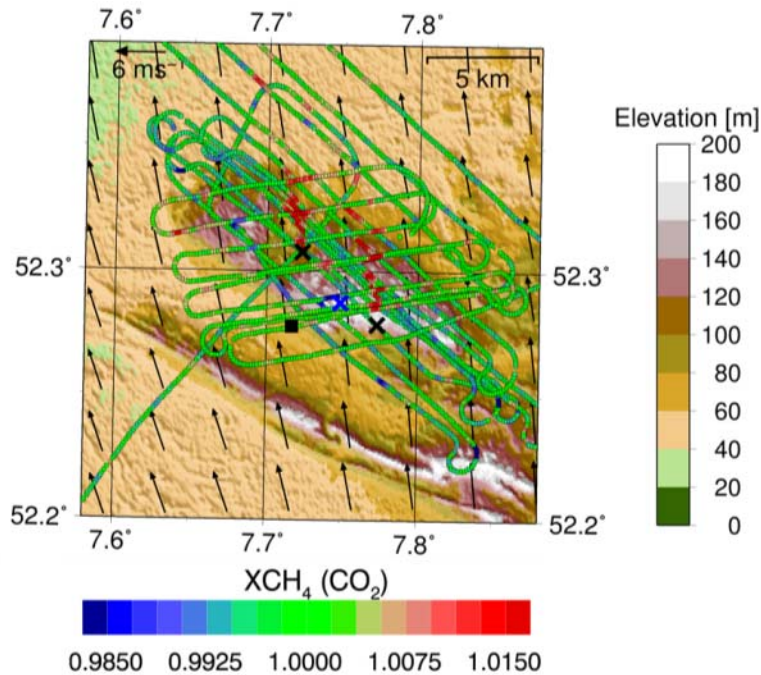


Figure 8: MAMAP flight pattern and quick-look analysis Ibbenbüren (exhaust shafts Bockradener-Schacht and Theodor-Schacht, black crosses) 19.8.2012. The two CH_4 plumes are visible as an enhancement in the XCH_4 dry column ratio. Wind field is indicated by black arrows. Topography map underneath.

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The results of the quick-look data screening for MAMAP data are summarised in Table 3.

Quick looks METAIR

All data were saved on different solid state flash memories (one in each pod, one in the center, one in the camera, and one in the CH₄-monitor). Once the data are secured a quick look of data was performed in several stages:

- (i) Are all data there and looking ok?
- (ii) Time series or maps of core parameters.
- (iii) Forwarding tracks and other data to the partners.

Normally, this is not a problem and a standard procedure. After this, a full post-processing of the data, including synchronisation and calibration, takes about twice as much time as its production, i.e. typically one working day per flight. This procedure is usually divided into steps, i.e. for distributing preliminary data (geo-referenced concentrations, winds, temperatures, etc.), so that one can post-process about four flights (two measuring days) within one working day.

A quick-look example for the Ibbenbüren flight on 19.8.2012 (see also above) is given in Figure 9.

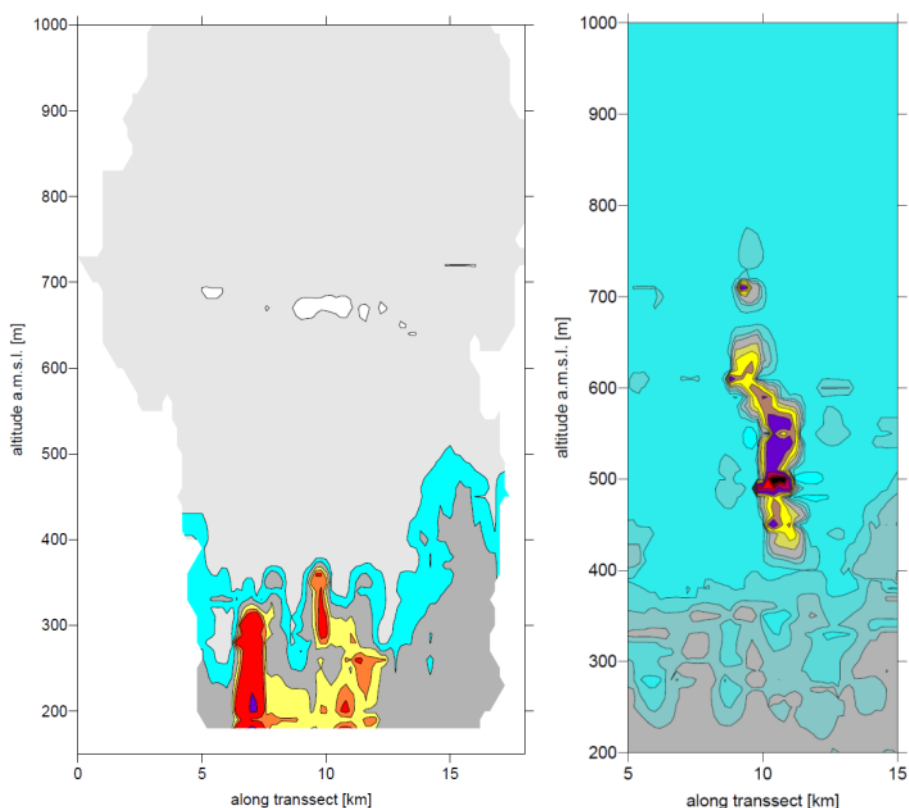


Figure 9: METAIR quick-look analysis of in-situ data over Ibbenbüren 19.8.2012. Left: CH₄ plumes from (exhaust shafts Bockradener-Schacht and Theodor-Schacht). Right: CO₂ plume from coal fired power plant Ibbenbüren, located in between the two exhaust shafts (for final analysis see Chapter 7 and compare Figure 21 and Figure 22).

The results of the quick-look data screening are summarised in Table 2.

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4.4. Other relevant data

As in principle the data described above can be used stand-alone to derive emissions from large point sources, other relevant data can help to improve the data analysis or the interpretation of the data.

4.4.1. Wind and topography data

For the interpretation of the data high resolution wind fields from DWD COSMO-DE are available at IUP-UB and high resolution topography data from SRTM v2.1 was used. Together with the wind field measured by METAIR, also the validity of the COSMO-DE wind fields on small scales – as relevant for plume inversion – can be tested.

4.4.2. GOSAT Data

With the support of H. Bösch, University of Leicester, GOSAT target mode was scheduled for the campaign period and target area. JAXA implemented GOSAT target mode for parts of the campaign. The data can later be used to investigate the background GHG concentrations and in case of a perfect match, to investigate how far even GOSAT is able to detect enhanced XCO₂ in areas of very large point sources.

4.4.3. Ceilometer data

In addition and where available the DWD ceilometer network (see www.dwd.de/ceilomap) data providing information on aerosol and thin cirrus layers can be used for quick look and detailed analysis of the data. DWD already provided IUP-UB with an interactive tool to get on-line access to quick-look ceilometers data. The ceilometer data can be accessed via DWD. The ceilometer data can help to characterise the remotely sensed data w.r.t. impact of atmospheric scattering due to aerosol and cirrus clouds.

4.4.4. Emission data

Reported emissions of strong point sources will be used to independently verify the derived emissions from remotely sensed and in-situ CO₂ and CH₄ data. IUP-UB contacted Bezirksregierung Arnsberg, RWE and other local authorities of the different emitting facilities to obtain hourly reported emissions.

The Bezirksregierung Arnsberg provided data for several of the coal mine ventilation shafts for the relevant days and time of overflight comprising airflow and CH₄ concentrations (see Table 4). This included data for the RAG Anthrazit Ibbenbüren coal mine (independently for both ventilation shafts) that was used to validate the inversion results.

The company RWE Power AG is operator of most of the coal-fired power plants in the target list. RWE has kindly provided hourly values of power generation of power plant locations investigated in this study which can be used for calculation of approximate CO₂ emissions (see Table 5).

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Table 4: Information on emission provided by the Bezirksregierung Arnsberg. Note that for Schacht Rossenray and Schacht Friedrich Heinrich only data at 2:00 am (CEST) was available.

| Target | Date and Time [CEST] | Airflow [m ³ /s] | CH ₄ concentration [%] |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Hünxe | 13.08.2012, 8:00-12:00 | 210 | 0.10 |
| Hünxe | 15.08.2012, 9:00-15:00 | 207 | 0.10 |
| Prosper 9 | 13.08.2012, 8:00-12:00 | 76.16 | 0.28 |
| Prosper 9 | 15.08.2012, 8:00-15:00 | 81 | 0.30 |
| Theodor Schacht | 19.08.2012, 9:00-13:00 | 265 | 0.30 |
| Bockraden Schacht | 19.08.2012, 9:00-13:00 | 240 | 0.375 |
| Schacht Rossenray/Schacht1 (Lüfter 2) | 14.08.2012, 2:00 | 328.91 | 0.04 |
| Schacht Rossenray/Schacht1 (Lüfter 2) | 16.08.2012, 2:00 | 331.77 | 0.04 |
| Schacht Rossenray/Schacht1 (Lüfter 2) | 17.08.2012, 2:00 | 331.34 | 0.03 |
| Schacht Friedrich Heinrich 4 | 14.08.2012, 2:00 | 154.63 | 0.50 |
| Schacht Friedrich Heinrich 4 | 16.08.2012, 2:00 | 154.9 | 0.45 |
| Schacht Friedrich Heinrich 4 | 17.08.2012, 2:00 | 155.11 | 0.46 |

Table 5: Sample data as provided by RWE AG, Essen for the example of power plant Weisweiler. Approximate emissions for the time of the overflight can be derived from this information.

| Power plant | MWh el | Monthly amount MWh el | Monthly amount CO ₂ in t | CO ₂ /MW h _{el} (monthly mean) [t/h] |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|--|---|
| Weisweiler (2 x 300 MW_{el}, 2 x 600 MW_{el}) | | 1042343 | 1380865 | 1.32 |
| Sat., 18. August 2012 | 14:00 - 15:00 | 1826 | | |
| | 15:00 - 16:00 | 1829 | | |
| | 16:00 - 17:00 | 1842 | | |
| Thu., 23. August 2012 | 09:00 - 10:00 | 1312 | | |
| | 10:00 - 11:00 | 1313 | | |
| | 11:00 - 12:00 | 1321 | | |
| | 12:00 - 13:00 | 1316 | | |
| | 13:00 - 14:00 | 1310 | | |
| | 14:00 - 15:00 | 1308 | | |

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5. Processing of campaign data

5.1. MAMAP processing

The data processing of the campaign data from MAMAP will be performed along the lines using the already developed and tested tools as described in Gerilowski et al. 2011 and Krings et al. 2011, 2013. For the processing of MAMAP data, a modified version of the Weighting Function Modified Differential Optical Absorption Spectroscopy (WFM-DOAS) algorithm will be used to obtain vertical column information of CH₄, CO₂ and also O₂ (Level 1 data product).

It is based on a least squares fit of the logarithmic simulated radiance spectrum to the measurements after correction for dark signal and pixel-to-pixel gain. The fit parameters are:

- 1 atmospheric parameters of interest: partial or total columns of CH₄, CO₂ and O₂,
- 2 additional trace gas atmospheric parameters for spectrally interfering gases (water vapour),
- 3 other atmospheric parameters (temperature),
- 4 a low order polynomial (usually of the second or third order) in wavelength to account for spectrally smooth varying parameters which are not explicitly modelled or less well known. These parameters include, for example, the MAMAP absolute radiometric calibration function, aerosol scattering and absorption parameters, and the surface spectral reflectance,
- 5 and shift and squeeze parameters from an iterative wavelength calibration procedure.

The results of the algorithm are height averaged increased or decreased profile scaling factors for the respective trace gases. Model radiances and required weighting functions that refer to the sensitivity of model radiances to individual fit parameters are computed with the radiative transfer model SCIATRAN using the HITRAN 2008 spectroscopic data base. To further increase the accuracy of the retrieved data, it is planned to process at least part of the data using a newly implemented look-up-table approach accounting for varying surface elevations and solar zenith angles.

For the interpretation of the MAMAP measurements with respect to sources and sinks of the greenhouse gases CO₂ and CH₄, the column averaged dry air mole fractions (in ppm for CO₂ or ppb for CH₄) are the preferred quantity rather than the total columns (in molecules cm⁻²). This is because dry air mole fractions are less affected by changes in surface topography, pressure and flight altitude compared to the absolute column.

Dry air mole fractions (XCH₄, XCO₂) from MAMAP column data are generally obtained by using a proxy method. Assuming light path errors at different wavelengths to cancel, XCH₄ can be computed by using CO₂ as a reference and vice versa. O₂ can be used as reference as well but, due to the larger spectral distance, correlation between light paths can be less good. Nevertheless, in the presence of spatially coinciding CO₂ and CH₄ sources, this method may become necessary.

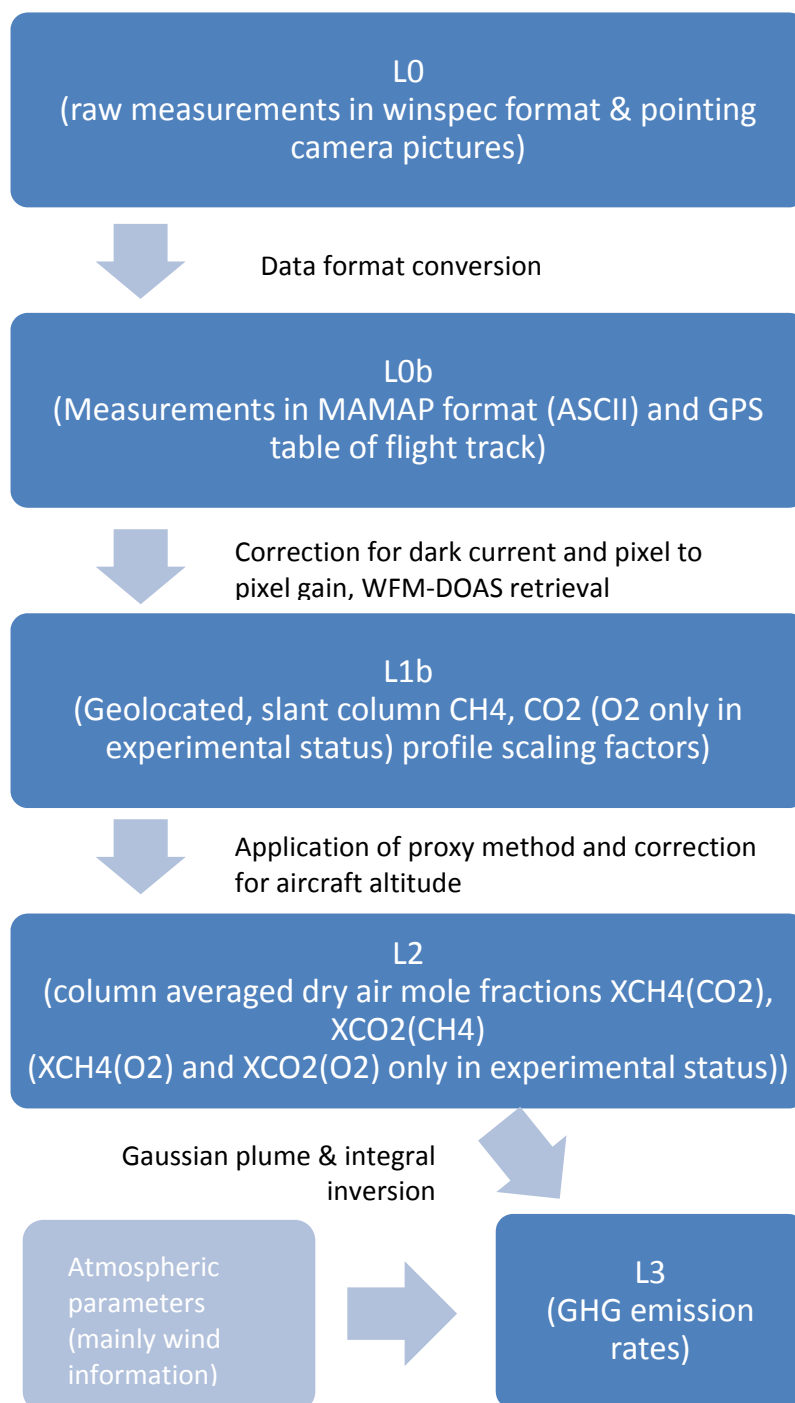


Figure 10: Data processing scheme for MAMAP data.

The MAMAP WFM-DOAS retrieval does not resolve different altitude levels. However, the retrieval has different sensitivities for different altitudes. This behavior can be characterised by the so called column averaging kernels (AK). Below the aircraft, the averaging kernels are increased by a factor of about 2 (for low aircraft altitudes) compared to above the aircraft. This is due to the fact that light from the sun passes through the absorber below the aircraft twice - once before and once after surface reflection. The higher the aircraft flies, the less pronounced the effect becomes, since the height averaged AK are about unity.

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For a typical MAMAP measurement, elevated or decreased trace gas concentrations can be expected mainly below the aircraft due to activity at the surface, for example, power plants emitting CO₂ or landfills releasing CH₄. Since the retrieval is not height sensitive, the measurements will be weighted with the mean averaging kernel (ideally being close to unity). If the concentration changes occur evenly at all altitude levels, this gives the correct result. For changes only below the aircraft, this has to be accounted for in the final Level 2 product, for example, by a conversion factor. Otherwise, the column averaged mole fraction variations from the retrieval appear about twice as high as they actually are.

5.2. Processing of In-situ data

The in-situ data has three levels: Raw data that will never be changed, pre-processed data (which usually are called post-processed physical values such as temperature, wind, concentrations, etc.), and a higher level of post-processing in order to get "fluxes". Both the pre-processing and the post-processing can always be refined.

Key characteristics of the METAIR post-processing software are, that neither raw data need to be edited, nor any meta-files are produced. The results are always a one-step transformation of raw data to final results. Refining the post-processing does not mean modifying existing files, but building a new transformation which is transparently documented in a journal-file, which also contains free format comments such as a copy of the flight log and manual notes from the post-processing. Therefore, each set of results is well documented in one file.

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6. Data formats and data archive

6.1. Data format and Data archive MAMAP

For the MAMAP sensor the following data products are specified and delivered:

- L0 data - raw measurements in winspec format and pointing camera pictures.
- L0b data of measurements in MAMAP format (ASCII) + gps-table data of flight path. The MAMAP data is organized in a file with structured by headers followed by the detector read outs pixel by pixel, as shown in Figure 11 and Figure 12. The Level 0b data also contains dark current spectra and white light calibration spectra, both to be applied to the data for further processing. Generally white light source spectra consist of four measurements: (1) white light source + straylight + dark current (shutter open), (2) white light source + dark current (shutter closed), (3) stray light + dark current (shutter open), (4) dark current (shutter closed). There are 3 ASCII files for each channel (CH₄ and O₂): A *-index.txt file which lists the white light source files available, *-table.txt which shows the spectra in the same format as the regular data, and additionally a *.txt file which shows for all detector pixels the average result of (1) minus (3) to normalize the data with.
- L1b processed geolocated slant column data CH₄, CO₂ for one fixed SCIATRAN reference scenario per target area/flight day, ASCII format. Each data file contains a header including the date of the measurement and a description of the data format (see also Table 6). Furthermore, relevant input parameters for the reference radiative transfer are given (surface elevation, aircraft altitude, solar zenith angle, background XCO₂ and CO₂ column, background XCH₄ and CH₄ column).
- L2 geolocated XCH₄(CO₂), XCO₂(CH₄) for one SCIATRAN reference scenario per target area/flight day, ASCII format. Each data file contains a header including the date of the measurement, description of the target, the background XCH₄ (or XCO₂) value and a description of the data format. The data is organized in columns and will cover data as specified in Table 7. Additionally the files contain a header that explains the data format and basic description of date, target and background XCO₂ or XCH₄.

MAMAP data includes the L0b spectra and GPS files, L1b data and the L2 data files for selected targets. The MAMAP data archive will be organized in subfolders for each flight day and further subfolders for L0b, L1bL1 and L2 data. Additional readme files explain data format and content.

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Figure 11: File format for MAMAP LOB spectra. The aircraft attitude (roll (R), pitch (P) and yaw (Y) is not yet implemented in the file. CHN refers to the number of pixels in a row. ROWS is 1 for a line detector. RO refers to the number of readouts in a burst (before a new header occurs), EXP the exposure time for single measurements in seconds, ACCUMS the number of stacked spectra. SHUT : 1 indicates an open shutter, whereas a value of 0 denotes a dark current measurement. NADIR is a flag for the referred port. Note that the external telescope is coupled in via the zenith sky port and the flag is hence set to 0. The tag SAT refers to a flag for saturation which however is not implemented in the LOB spectra yet. Saturated pixels will be rejected at a later stage in the retrieval itself.

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| date | time | latitude | longitude | altitude | pitch | roll | yaw | computer's UTC time | (HH MM SS milli) | | | | | | | | | | | |

Figure 12: File format for MAMAP LOB GPS files. Latitude and longitude are given in degrees, minutes and seconds, the aircraft attitude information in degrees. The aircraft altitude is given in m.

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| Column | Parameter name | Parameter unit | Description |
|--------|--------------------|----------------|--|
| 1 | Longitude | degree | Ground pixel center longitude |
| 2 | Latitude | degree | Ground pixel center latitude |
| 3 | CH4 | - | Scaling factor for background CH4 |
| 3 | CO2 | - | Scaling factor for background CO2 |
| 4 | Precision | - | Measurement precision (1σ) for scaling factors for XCH4(CO2) or XCO2(CH4) |
| 5 | RMS CH4 | % | Root mean square error for CH4 fit |
| 6 | RMS CO2 | % | Root mean square error for CO2 fit |
| 7 | Aircraft Altitude | m | Aircraft altitude during measurement |
| 8 | Solar zenith angle | degree | Solar zenith angle for the time and place of measurement |
| 9 | Hour | hr | UTC time |
| 10 | Minute | min | UTC time |
| 11 | Second | s | UTC time |

Table 6: Data format of MAMAP L1b data. Additionally, the file may contain other auxiliary data.

| Column | Parameter name | Parameter unit | Description |
|--------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 1 | Longitude | degree | Ground pixel center longitude |
| 2 | Latitude | degree | Ground pixel center latitude |
| 3 | XCH4(CO2) or XCO2(CH4) | - | Scaling factor for background XCH4 or XCO2 |
| 4 | Precision | - | Measurement precision (1σ) for scaling factors for XCH4(CO2) or XCO2(CH4) |
| 5 | Background col. | molec./cm ² | Background total column of CH4 or CO2 (depending on surface elevation) |
| 6 | Total CH4 change or Total CO2 change | molec./cm ² | Total measured variation from background of CH4 or CO2 |
| 7 | Elevation | m | Surface elevation |
| 8 | Aircraft Altitude | m | Aircraft altitude during measurement |
| 9 | Hour | hr | UTC time |
| 10 | Minute | min | UTC time |
| 11 | Second | s | UTC time |

Table 7: Data format of MAMAP L2 data. Additionally, the file may contain other auxiliary data.

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6.2. Data Format and Data Archive In-Situ (METAIR)

The standard format (Level 1b) for METAIR data are tab-delimited ASCII-Files containing all parameters after explicit time and 3-d-position. Import in Excel is directly possible. The in-situ data archive will be organized in the C-MAPEXp subfolders for METAIR. Data will additionally be separated by subfolders for each day (yyyymmdd). Readme files will explain data format and content.

From all the flights and targets treated, there are results in

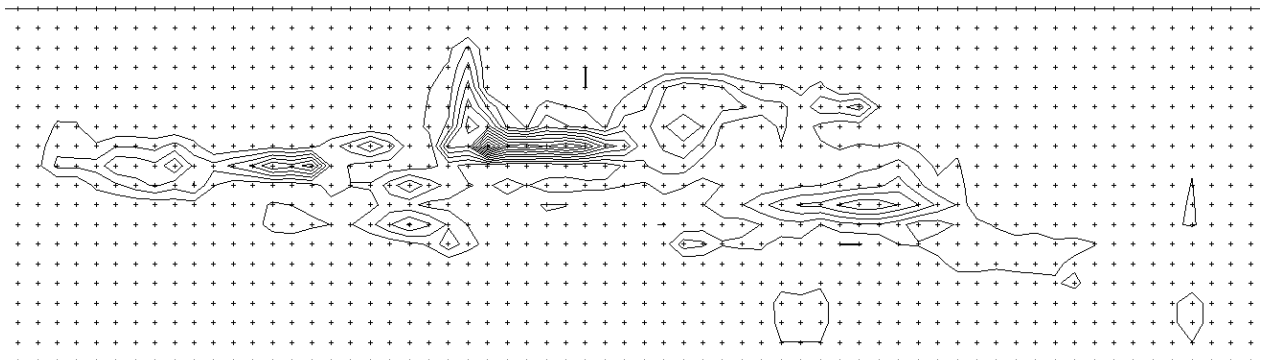
C_Map_Exp_MetAir_results_YYYYMMDD.zip, in the following directories (details see Annex 3):

docu:

This report and other documents.

main_grd_100:

The main grids (concentrations, masses and fluxes above background) with 100 m resolution. This .grd format is very transparent (ASCII, with rows and columns, and ranges in the header). However, the easiest use is to download SURFER from www.goldensoftware.com, where also the demo version will open these grids as a preliminary graph (more elaborated graphics see directory pdf; examples below). When clicking of such a plot (e.g. 23_Weisw_100_CO2_T1_3flux_ex.grd), such a plot will occur, and the values can be read at the cursor position:



maps:

In this folder, all screenshots of regional views of the moving map with the flight patterns are stored.

MetInfo:

In this folder, information about the general weather situation can be found (charts, METAR, nearby soundings)

other_grids:

Additional parameters (concentrations including background, wind, and other resolutions) in the same format as in main_grd_100.

pdf:

All graphics that were generated either to check the post-processing, or to display selected plumes, as e.g. *23_Weisw_100_CO2_contours.pdf*, or *19_Bockrad_plus_Theo_100_near_CH4_contours.pdf*.

results:

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All result files as described below, with very detailed meta-data, and print-plots of all the targets treated until now, with all the different resolutions. A summary is in *Results_in_situ_plumes_vYYYYMMDD.xlsx*

selected_data:

From every target where the emissions have been calculated, the data used is stored in these files. Some of it is plotted in plots like *15_RWE_cluster_plume_check.pdf*, or *15_RWE_cluster_plume_bubbles_CO2.pdf*.

7. The calculation of "fluxes" based on in-situ measurements of concentrations and wind

7.1. Methodology

There are exhaustive discussions in the literature about "fluxes", and their "closure" (complete treatment). However, this is mainly about vertical turbulent fluxes and budgets of energy and constituents in larger areas, where all the terms, including storage terms, are important. A concise and recent overview about this basic problem is given in Foken et al. (2009) and references therein.

However, in this study, the focus is on horizontal fluxes close to a strong point source, or groups of point sources. In this situation, the main fluxes are through a vertical plane, perpendicular to the mean flow during the measurement. In some convective situations, also the vertical flux above the source has to be considered.

When dealing with distinct sources in a limited area, where deposition, storage and other terms can be neglected, we have the following situation:

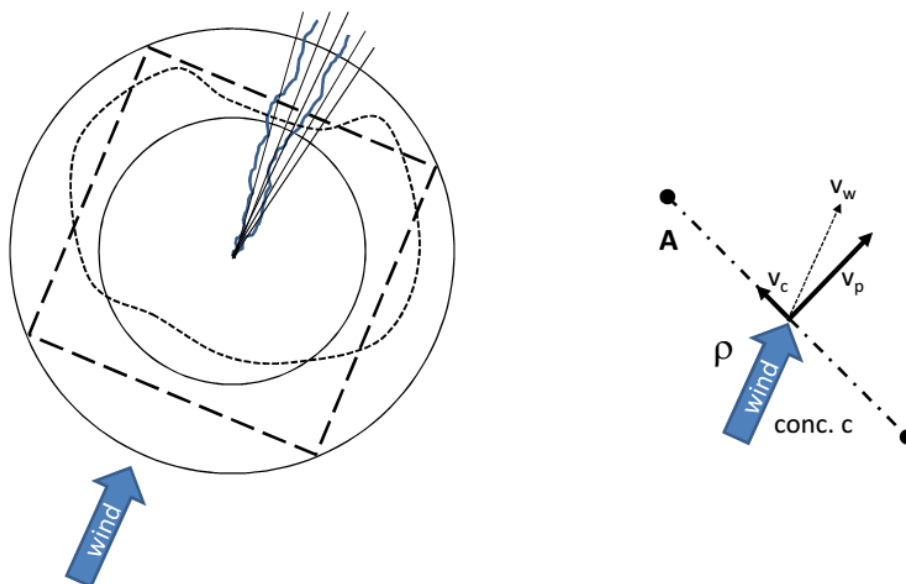


Figure 13: A two-dimensional area limited by two cylinders of different radius (fine solid lines), by a rectangular box (thick dashed line), or by an irregular boundary (shorter dashed line), with a plume leaving the area. In all these cases, the net flux out of the defined region is concentrated within the part of the boundary, where the plume is crossing. All other (background) fluxes are assumed to be balanced (same fluxes into the box as out of the box). The radial lines along the plume are indicating that instead of the length of a boundary, also angles from a polar coordinate system could be used (finally not applied, but mentioned here because it was under discussion). The detail on the right is showing the incremental calculation of any fluxes through any shape of boundary: the flux is the product of area A , the density ρ , the concentration c , and the perpendicular wind component v_p , with the wind vector v_w , and the crosswind component v_c .

Since the wind field is not homogeneous in the vertical, the conceptual model described in Figure 13 can either be applied for different layers, or the "wind vectors" and the "concentrations" are already multiplied and averaged in the vertical. The second interpretation is better, because the first one raises the question what happens if a parcel of air changes its altitude, and hence the layer. The general statement is, that the inflow and outflow of background concentrations is balanced (sum = zero), and only the additional fluxes added to the background by known (and unknown) sources in the "box" are of interest.

Initially, we intended to apply the method with the radial coordinate system, where every flux perpendicular to a cylinder around a known source is attributed to an incremental angle of this cylinder (e.g. 1°), which is invariant with the radius. The measured fluxes would then initially have the unit $\text{kg}\cdot\text{deg}^{-1}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$, where the total fluxes could be integrated over the relevant sector (where the plume was in), and over the height. However, this approach is questionable when two or more sources are in the cylinder, and has no advantages compared with the final method chosen.

A second idea was to calculate backward trajectories from background concentrations into the plume. Both options originated from work, where we flew a cylindrical flight pattern with two aircraft over a larger area, with no point sources in it (Beringer et al., 2011).

However, when working with the data, it became obvious that the concept of one single vertical cross section perpendicular to the mean flow is sufficient, more universal, and easier to explain.

Instead of a box or cylinder around the source, we put a virtual box downwind of the source(s) according to Figure 14.

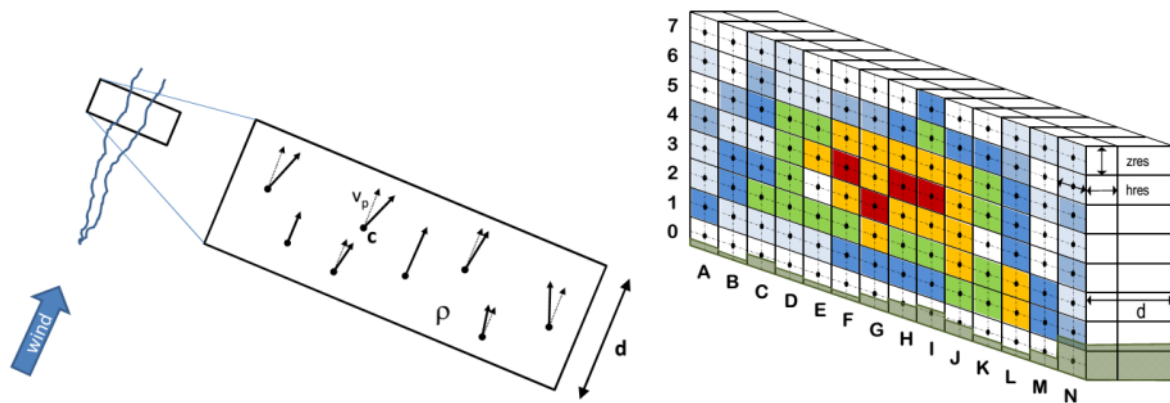


Figure 14: Left: Instead of a vertical cross-section with infinitesimal thickness, a "wall" with a defined thickness d , where the cross section was flown, was observed with the in-situ measurements. The individual fluxes are calculated from individual wind vectors and concentrations in turbulent resolution (5 Hz). In order to get a spatial distribution of the fluxes, this "wall" is divided in grid cells (right). Right: The cross section of figure left.

This "wall" has a certain depth, and was observed during a certain amount of time. The fluxes through each "brick" of that "wall" (a grid with vertical and horizontal spacing according to Figure 14, (right)) are calculated straight-forward:

Each measurement of an instantaneous flux (concentration times perpendicular component of the wind) is regarded as a sample, and averaged in each grid cell. It is important to note that this includes both the "mean advective fluxes", and the "turbulent fluxes" (see key terms above). Let us call this approach the "customs approach": Each individual "parcel of air" found to cross the "wall" with the perpendicular wind component is summed up to be representative for this grid cell. In case there is a relevant turbulent flux (both horizontally and vertically from neighbouring grid cells), this is included with this approach. Maybe we would get similar results when multiplying average concentrations with average winds per grid cell. However, the fully resolved approach is better (more complete), because possible co-variances are included. To explain: If lower concentrations are associated with lower wind speeds, and vice versa, a real (turbulent) flux is there. However, when concentrations and winds are averaged first, this turbulent flux would not be detected. With the remote sensing approach, the turbulent fluxes are indirectly included when fitting the column concentrations to a Gaussian plume model. Mentioning the Gaussian plume model it is important to note that the in-situ method described here is not assuming any shape of the plume. It is a pure statistics about parcels of

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air crossing an imaginary border. The assumptions and the consequences when they are hurt are discussed below.

Average concentrations and average winds per grid cell were calculated in order to plot these fields for the cross-sections. Concentration fields were calculated as absolute concentrations, and as net concentrations, with the background concentrations subtracted. How the background concentrations were calculated is described below.

For the intercomparison of the in-situ measurements with the column concentrations from the spectroscopic remote sensing data, the concentrations (i.e. the masses of CO₂ or CH₄) were summed up in vertical columns. Even then, a direct intercomparison is difficult when the flights were not simultaneous, and not on the same radial. Maybe the most robust number to compare is the mass of CO₂ or CH₄ across the plume. This would only be affected when the wind field or the emissions would have been non-stationary within the time of both observations.

The positions of the cross-sections were selected based on the flight patterns (minimum and maximum distance), and the mean wind direction. The angle of the cross-section was adjusted for a cross-wind component of 0.1 m/s or less, and the width of the cross section should include enough background concentrations.

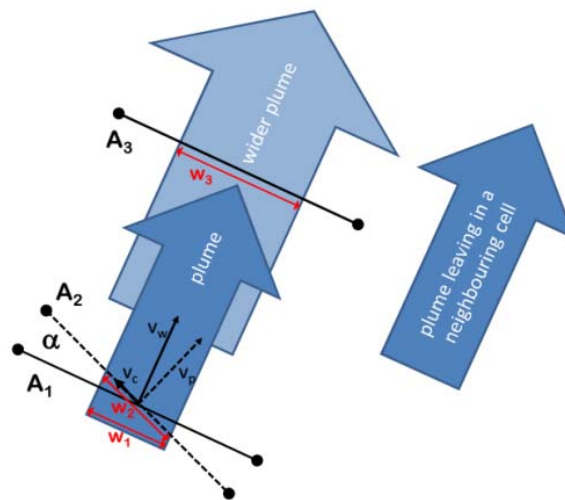


Figure 15: Discussing three possible problems assuming a misalignment of the wall, a widening of the plume within the wall, or a plume leaving the wall in another cell than it has entered. A₁ is the perfectly aligned wall element for the given wind vector v_w with no cross wind component, where the plume crosses with a width of w_1 . A₂ is misaligned by angle α with a cross wind component v_c , and A₃ is a wall element further downstream, where the plume might be wider (w_3). It is obvious from the graphics that $v_p = v_w \cdot \cos(\alpha)$, and $w_1 = w_2 \cdot \cos(\alpha)$, i.e. $w_2 = w_1 / \cos(\alpha)$. Since now $v_w \cdot w_1$ and $v_p \cdot w_2$ are equal, there is the same total mass transport across the wall (air or trace gas), even when the flux (mass per area and time) is reduced when misaligned. When the plume is widening, the concentration is diluted accordingly, i.e. the total mass transport remains the same (also in two dimensions) as long as the flow (not the plume!) has no convergence or divergence within the wall. The only interesting case is when a plume does not leave the wall in the same grid cell than it has entered. In this case, both grid cells are associated with the same flux, i.e. the mass transport is doubled. This is also the case when a plume that is smaller than one grid cell is found in both cells (split). Conclusions: (i) the alignment with the mean wind should be adjusted because of this third effect (this has absolute priority, i.e. the wall does not need to be aligned with the flight track, which was – in some cases – due to airspace restrictions – not crossing the plume perpendicularly); (ii) the size of the grid cells must not be too large; (iii) as stated elsewhere, the variation of the grid size is a measure for the sensitivity.

A good example is given in Figure 16 with the plume of "Weisweiler" on August-23.

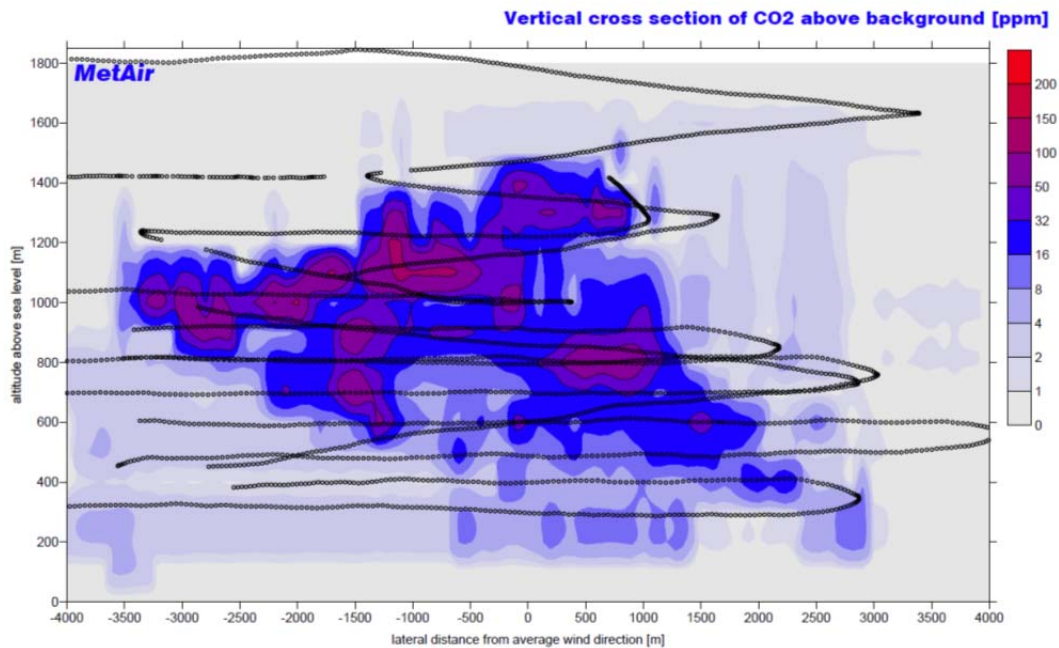


Figure 16: The CO₂-plume of the coal power plant of Weisweiler (Eschweiler) was captured perfectly on August-23. The dense flight pattern (circles every second) allowed a good vertical and horizontal resolution. The background concentrations (minimum concentrations per layer) were subtracted. The extrapolation to the surface is described below.

Not all the plumes that were analysed are displayed as contour plots of concentrations and fluxes, but for 21 targets, the grid-files and the summarised results are available in the electronic data package. For the case shown in Figure 16, the details of the numerical results to be found in `23_Weisw_results.txt` are shown in the Annex 3 as an example.

Using Figure 14, most steps of the processing can be explained. Based on the flight track on the map, the minimum and maximum distance from the source was defined. The difference of these distances is the thickness of the "wall", shown as d in Figure 14. The orientation of the wall is adjusted until the amount of the average crosswind component is 0.1 m/s or less. However, as shown in Figure 15, even larger crosswind components would not be a problem. However, it makes sense to adjust the cross section perpendicular to the average wind direction. In a second step, the lateral boundaries are chosen. They should be clearly outside of the plume, but not too far away since this would increase the uncertainty about the background concentration. The wider the cross section the more likely secondary sources are included in the flux calculation (see below, when discussing the background).

The horizontal and vertical resolution "hres" and "zres" was either 50 or 100 m until now. All calculations were done in vertical columns of hres x hres, i.e. all the measurements within d – which is in the order of a few hundred meters – were projected onto a "wall" of thickness hres. In the vertical, the grid spacing was zres. Therefore, the calculations were done in grid cells with the dimension hres x hres x zres, using data in the volumes hres x d x zres.

In Figure 14 (right), all grid cells containing data are coloured and cells with no data are left blank. The algorithm that interpolates the cross section begins on the top level, where measurements might be sparse. In the example shown, the cells E7 to H7 and J7 to K7 would be interpolated linearly, where A7 to B7 would be kept at the value of C7. Missing values in E3 and K3 would be interpolated vertically from neighbouring grid cells E2/E4 and K2/K4 respectively. The same for A5, M3, M4 and

M6. Of course we could have applied standard interpolation methods like "anisotropic inverse distance averaging" or "Kriging" which are included in the software package Surfer (goldensoftware.com) used for the graphs. However, the linear interpolations and extrapolations were sufficient for filling the grids (mainly for graphical reasons), because our focus was on measured data, and the results should not depend too much from interpolations and extrapolations. However, varying the resolution of the grid (e.g. 100 m instead of 50 m for hres and zres) is a good sensitivity test for assessing the robustness of the results.

Two examples, for those plumes shown in Figure 16 and Figure 17:

| case | hres and zres 100 m | hres and zres 50 m | hres and zres 200 m | hres and zres 100 m, no_ext |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Weisweiler_23 with good coverage | 21.43 Mt/a | 21.17 Mt/a -1.2% | 22.05 Mt/a +2.9% | 21.27 Mt/a -0.75% |
| Weisweiler_18 with less coverage | 15.58 Mt/a | 13.76 Mt/a -11.7% | 12.46 Mt/a -20.9% | 14.16 Mt/a -9.1% |

The reference in both cases is 100 m resolution, with extrapolations to the surface (both) and extrapolation to the inversion (Weisweiler_18). However, the extrapolation is a minor uncertainty; the different resolutions are causing larger differences. The measurement on August 23 is robust, with a total uncertainty of less than 5% (coarse estimate), whereas the measurement on the 18th seems to have an uncertainty in the order of 20 to 30 %. These two examples are showing that the main uncertainty is not resulting from the uncertainties of the measurements (wind speed 0.5 m/s; CO₂ concentration 0.5 ppm), but, from the flight pattern.

Extrapolation to the surface

Usually there was a gap between the lowest flight track, and the surface (taken from SRTM). The maximum of the DTM below the flight track was taken as the terrain elevation below the column. The different parameters were treated differently:

Concentrations: Kept constant in the grid cells below the lowest flight track. This might cause an underestimation for CH₄ (sources near the surface), and an overestimation for CO₂. However, both is not very relevant, and we just do not know it better. See the comment concerning fluxes.

Masses for column concentrations: Proportional to the gap, i.e. in cell C0 in Figure 14 (right), about 55% of the mass of cell C1 is taken.

The wind is zero below the DTM. However, the fluxes above the surface are taken from the layer above. For CO₂ this is irrelevant, since the plumes did not reach the surface, and we flew in the background concentrations below the plume in most cases. For CH₄ this choice is considering the fact that concentrations tend to increase towards the surface, compensating the lower wind speeds. Empirically, we very often observed the same wind speeds at 10 m height (reported from the airfields) as we have measured in flight 150 m or higher above the ground, i.e. the "logarithmic wind profile" is very shallow, close to the surface. Anyhow, this extrapolation should not be important. The fraction of fluxes compared with the truly measured flux is indicated as a percentage in the numerical results.

Extrapolation above the highest flight track

In two cases, the "curtain" flown did not reach the top of the plume. However, there were strong inversions above, allowing the conclusion that the plume did not extend higher than this. In these cases, the altitude of the inversion was known, leading to a linear interpolation between the highest flight track (e.g. at 1050 mAMSL) and the 1300 mAMSL (altitude of the inversion) as shown in Figure 17.

Background concentrations

The background concentrations were assumed to be the minimum concentrations in each layer (1 to 7 in Figure 14 right). It is clear that the background is not just one concentration for all altitudes. However, it is clear that this is a sensitive parameter. Taking the minimum per layer means that any enhancement above this lowest possible background concentration is considered to be a flux from the source(s) under study. However, concentrations exceeding the background could also be caused by sources far away, or convective mixing from the boundary layer. Taking the minimum tends to overestimate the local fluxes. However, in clear cases like in Figure 16 and others this should not be a problem. It might be a problem when the concentrations are not strongly enhanced (as e.g. on the far cross section in Figure 22), or when the coverage by measurements is poor (also Figure 22f).

Another approach to calculate background concentrations would be to take the 10% or 20%-percentile of lowest concentrations per layer. However, the difference in clear cases would not be relevant, and the minimum concentration is the best estimate for the background concentrations on a larger scale, especially because the measurements are accurate (both CO₂ and CH₄), and we do not have to consider artefacts in minimum concentrations. They are at least averaged in the 50 x 50 or 100 x 100 m grid cells.

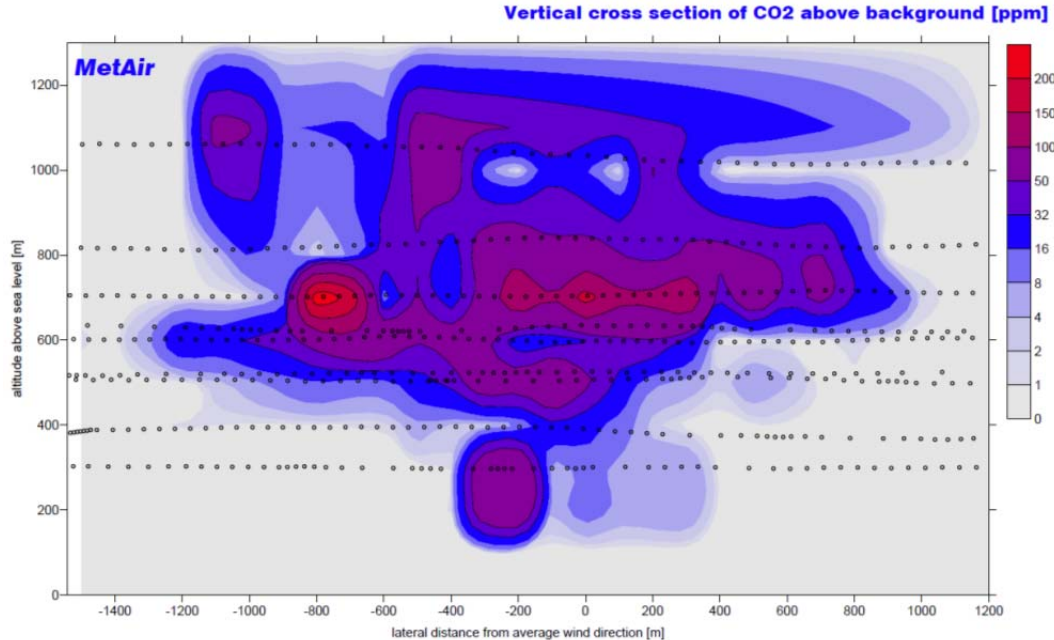


Figure 17: The CO₂-plume of the coal power plant of Weisweiler (Eschweiler) was not captured completely on August-18. The highest traverse flown was at about 1050 mAMSL, while an inversion was present at 1300 mAMSL (radio sounding of Essen) Therefore, the concentrations measured on 1050 mAMSL were linearly interpolated to background concentrations on 1300 mAMSL. The higher concentrations above the highest flight track at 1100 mAMSL are looking like an artefact. However, they are not. This is due to the fact that the grid resolution is 100 m, and the concentrations measured at 1050 mAMSL or higher were averaged in the grid cell centred at 1100 mAMSL (see Figure 14 right). The same is true for the 300 m level, where the measurements at

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about 330 mAMSL are attributed to. Below, the interpolation goes to zero (background) below the digital terrain model (not visible here). The percentage of extrapolations of the CO₂ fluxes above and below the explicit measurements was only 9% (6% on top; 3% below).

7.2. Ibbenbüren August-19, with CO₂- and CH₄-sources

The three plumes in the region of Ibbenbüren form one small coal power plant Ibbenbüren and two coal mine ventilation shafts Bockraden and Theodor were an interesting set of sources documented on August-19 (see Figure 18).

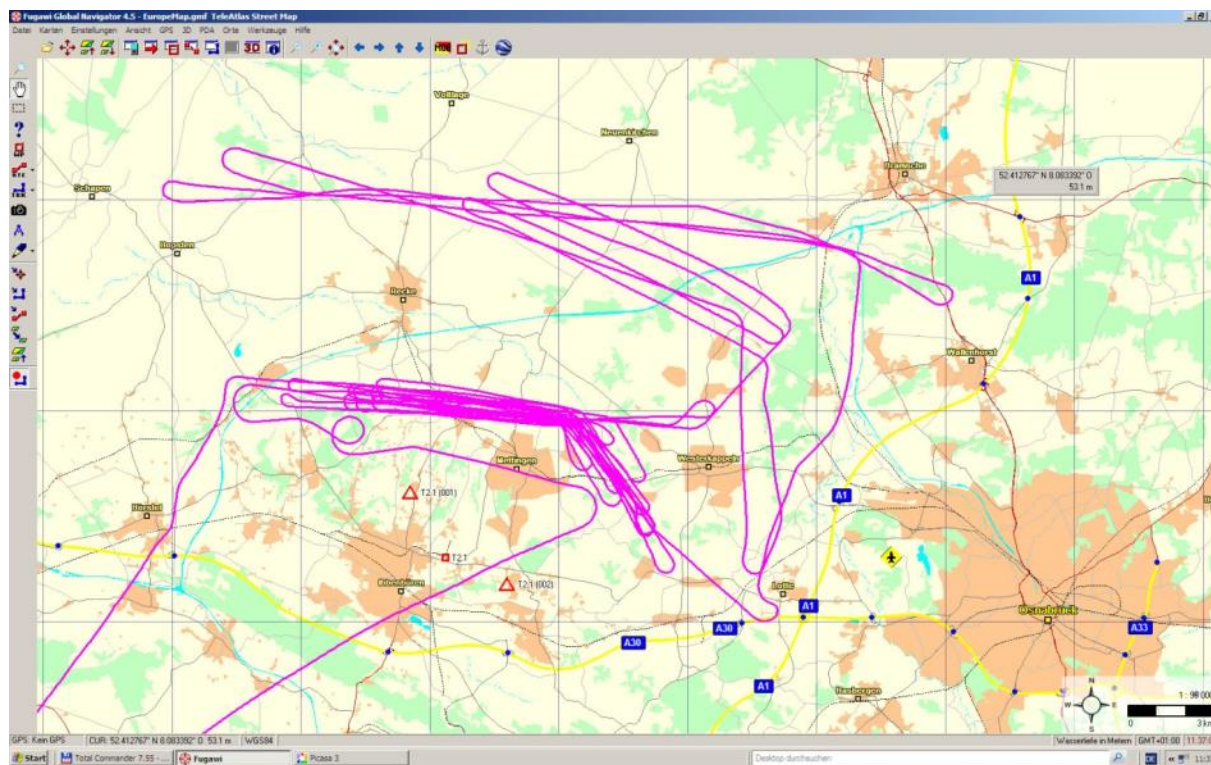


Figure 18: The CO₂-plume of the coal power plant of Ibbenbüren (T2.1) and the two shafts Bockradener_Schacht (T2.1(001)) and Theodorschacht (T2.1(002)) with two curtains flown. The first one is roughly 5 km away from the sources, and the second one roughly 12 km. The CO₂ plume from T2.1 was captured well in both cross sections (Figure 19 and Figure 20), whereas the CH₄-sources are well captured in the near range (Figure 21), leading to some questions on the second cross section (Figure 22).

For the power plant Ibbenbüren the results for the two cross sections in Figure 19 and Figure 20 were in very good agreement: 6.71 Mt/a and 6.50 Mt/a. This is an indication that the flux calculations based on the in-situ measurements are quite accurate and robust.

The CH₄ fluxes of Bockradener Schacht and Theodorschacht in the first cross section (Figure 21) was 22.74 kt/a and 19.44 kt/a respectively. However, the sum in the more distant cross section (Figure 22), where the plumes were overlapping, was calculated to be 72.49 kt/a. It is obvious that some significant overestimation was from the western part above 500 mAMSL, where there were no measurements, and the top-down interpolation led to artefacts. Additionally, plumes and enhanced concentrations in the boundary layer from other sources might have been captured as well.

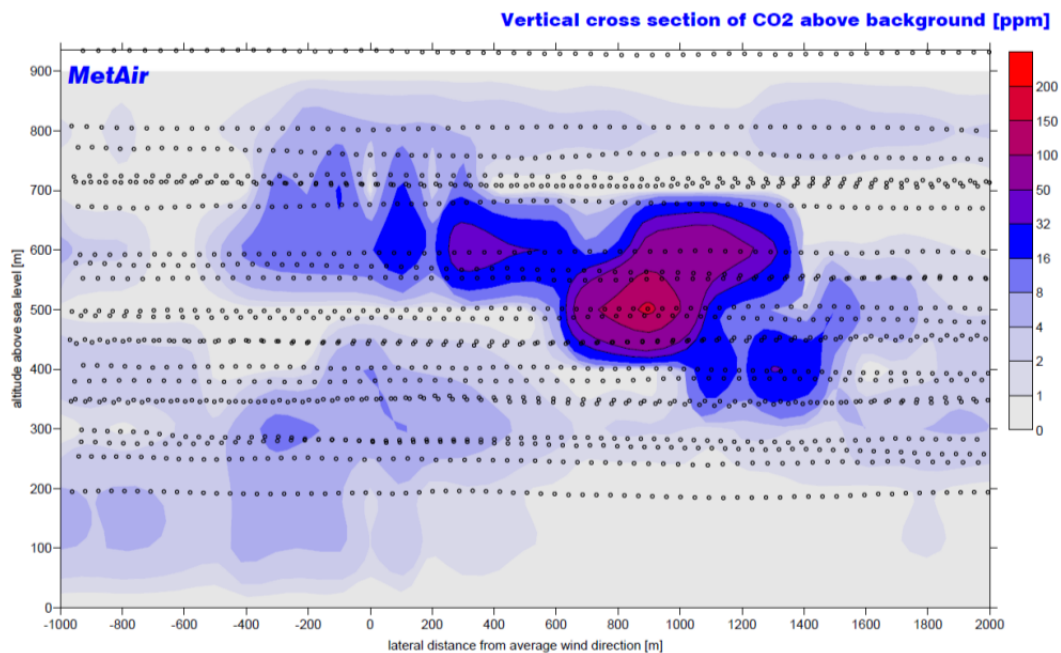


Figure 19: The plume of the coal power plant of Ibbenbüren captured on the nearer cross section.

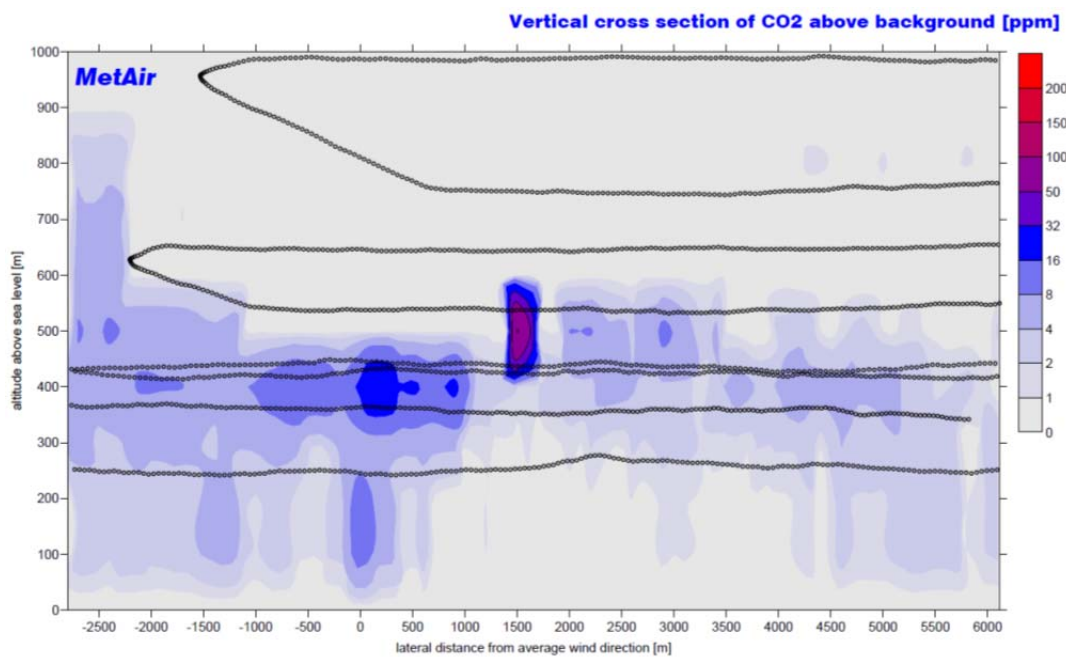


Figure 20: The same plume as in Figure 19 on the second cross section.

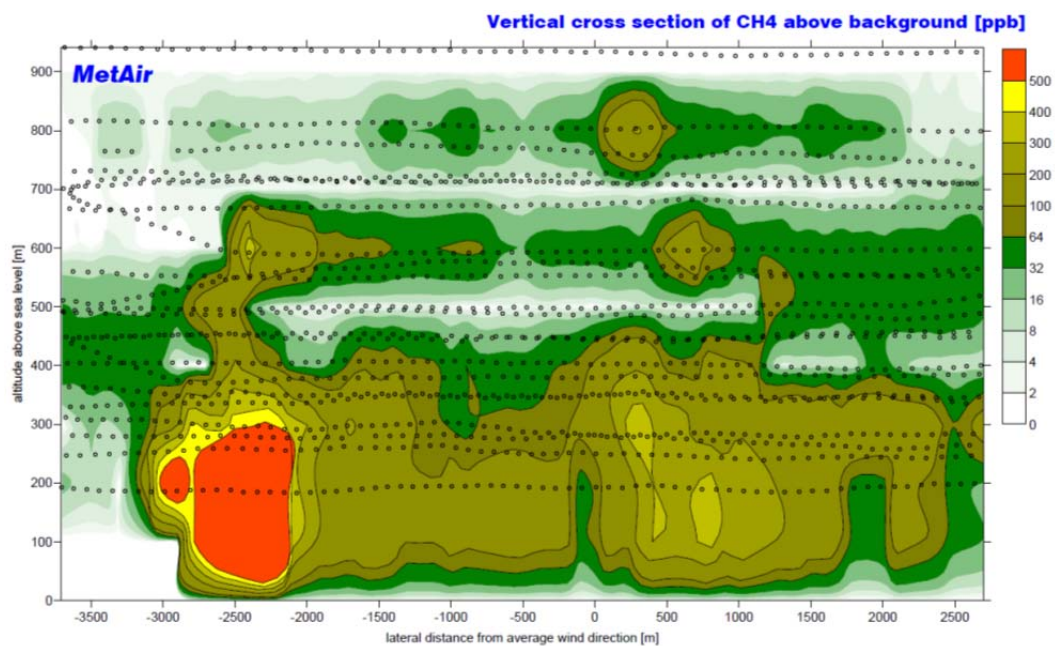


Figure 21: The two CH₄-plumes of Bockradener Schacht and Theodorschacht in 5 km distance from the sources.

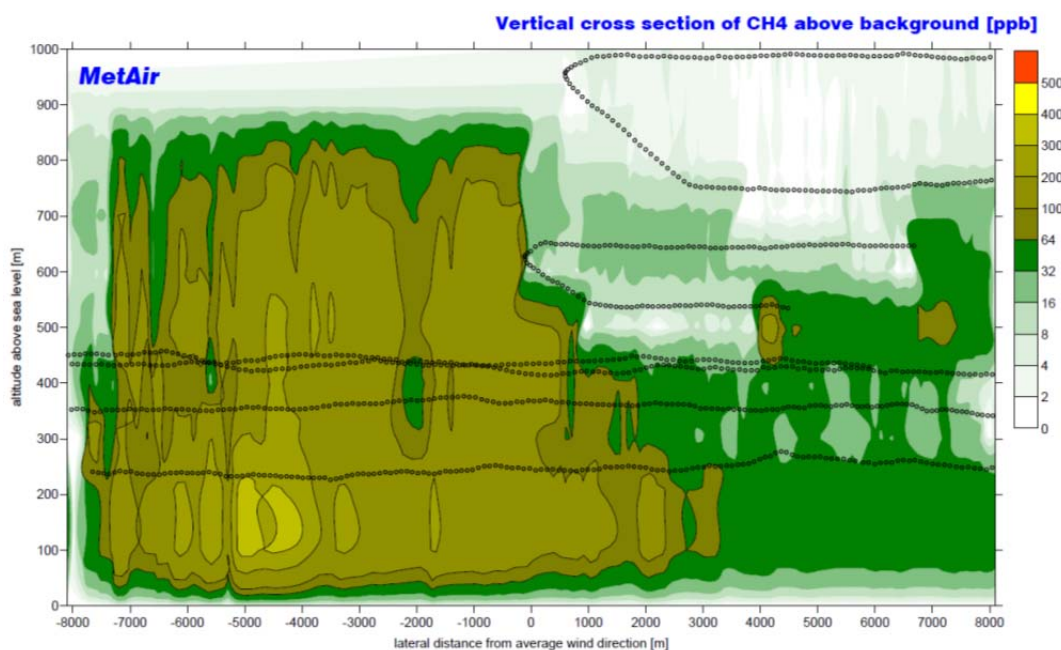


Figure 22: The two CH₄-plumes of Bockradener Schacht and Theodorschacht in 12 km distance from the sources. The flight track was not covering the western part of the altitude range above 500 mASL, leading to artefacts and inconsistent results.

The main conclusion in this case is, that very remote cross sections, with incomplete coverage, do not deliver reliable measurements.

7.3. The cluster of four power plants near Neurath - Niederaussem

These targets were documented during four days (August-15/16/17/18), delivering estimates of 53 Mt/a, 49 Mt/a, and 50 Mt/a for August-16 to 18 (August-15 not yet evaluated), which seems quite consistent. However, these cases were completely different (see Figure 23).

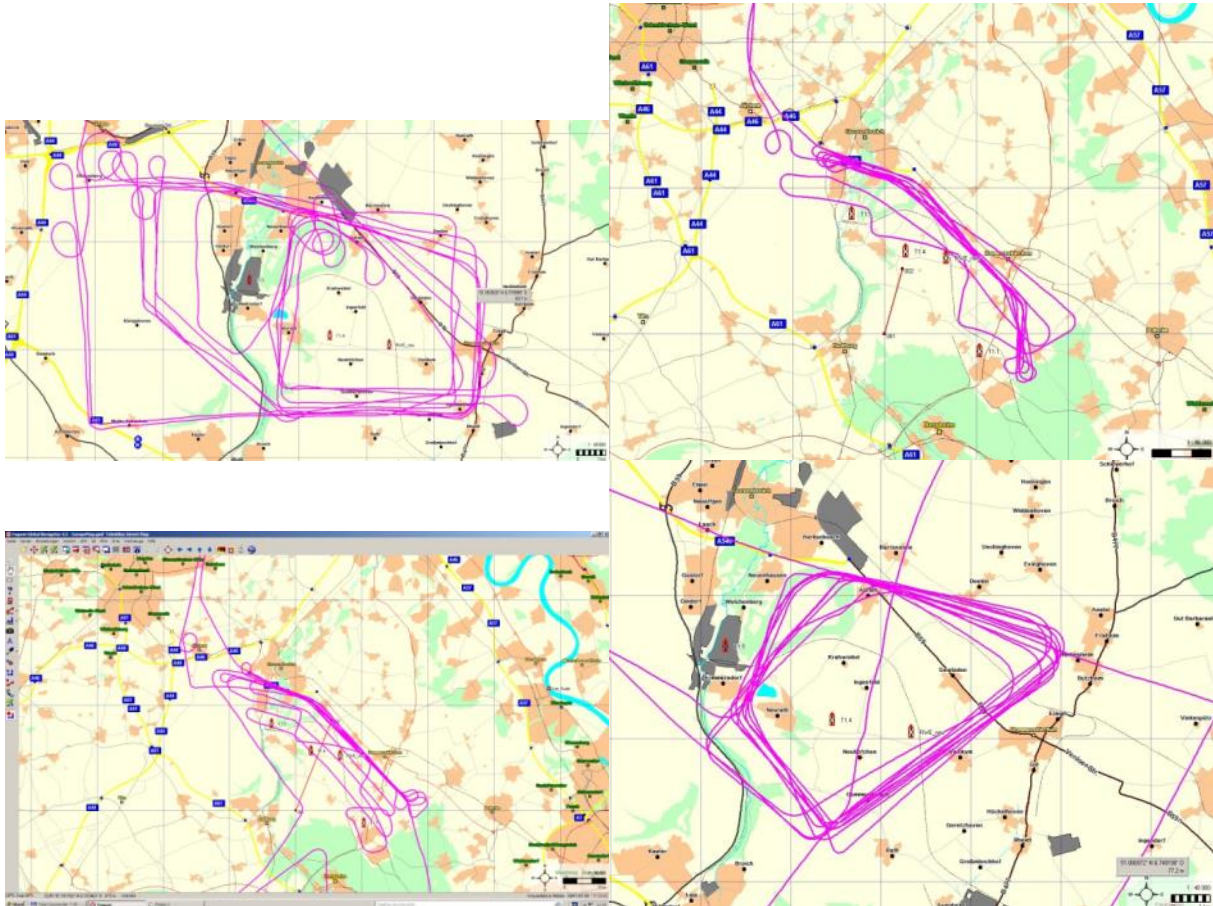


Figure 23: RWE cluster Neurath-Niederaussem flow on four days (August-15 top left, 16 top right, 17 bottom left, and 18 bottom right). On the 16th and 17th, relevant convective fluxes were visible and were included in the calculations. On August-18 it was possible to separate the emissions of T1.5 and the other sources.



Figure 24: Two photographs of sources shown in Figure 23.

For all the details, please refer to the files containing the results, and the grid-files. In the following, only some examples of cross sections of plumes are shown.

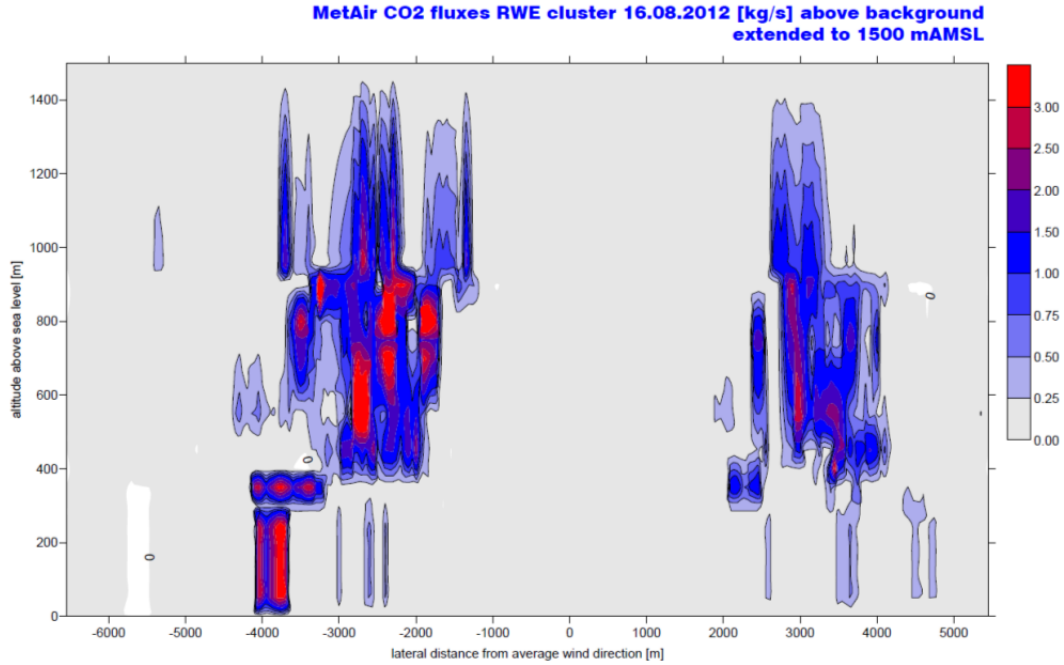


Figure 25: CO₂ plumes of the four sources in the RWE cluster on August-16. The measurements were extrapolated up to the inversion on 1500 mAMS L. This extrapolation contained about 20% of the emissions.

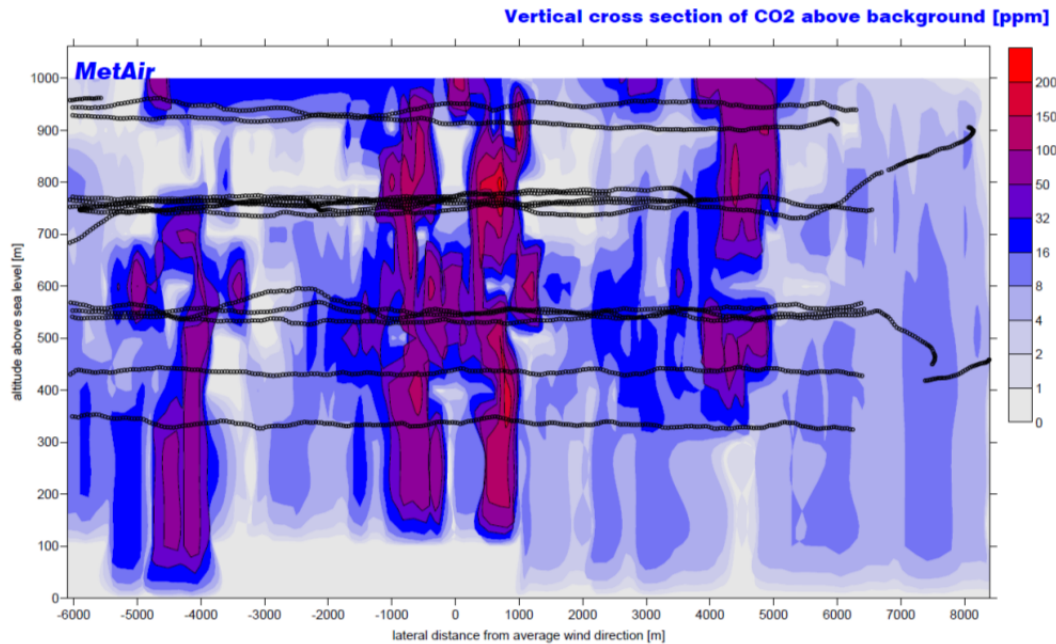


Figure 26: CO₂ plumes of the four sources in the RWE cluster on August-17.

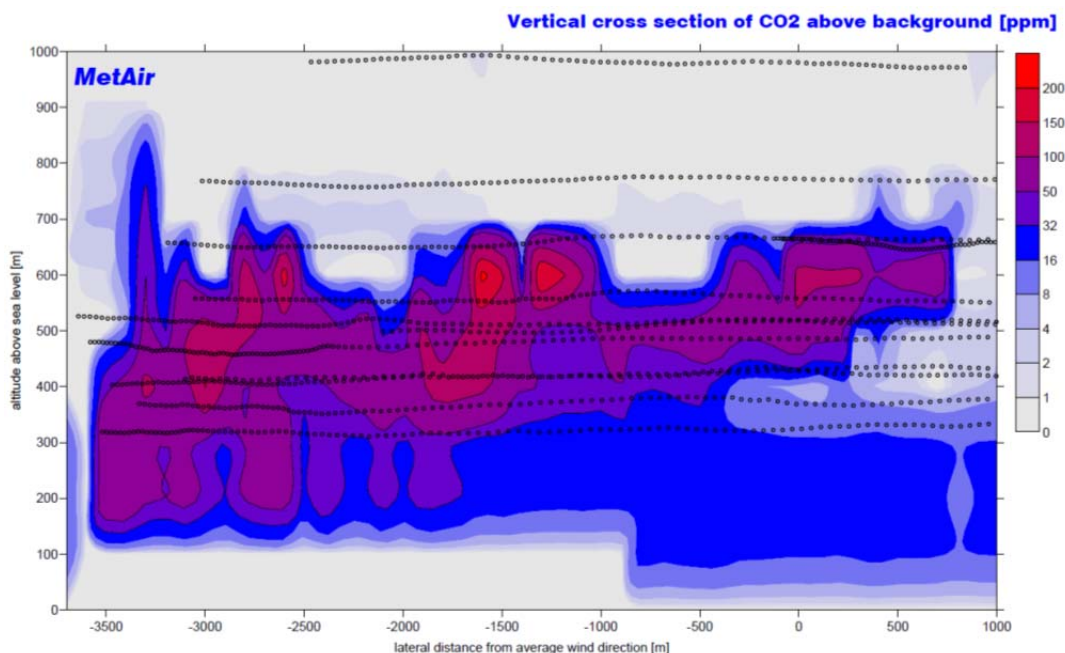


Figure 27: CO₂ plumes of the four sources in the RWE cluster on August-18.

7.4. Discussion about the main uncertainties

7.4.1. Measurement errors

The wind components have an accuracy of 0.5 m/s, the CO₂ concentrations have an accuracy of better than 1 ppm, and the CH₄ of better than 5 ppb. Meanwhile we also got the analysis of the flask-samples, which would allow to increase the absolute accuracy by a factor of two. However, since the background is removed, the absolute concentrations are not important, remaining with uncertainties in terms of "precision" (stability of the parameters within an hour), which leaves us with maximum uncertainties of 0.5 ppm CO₂ and 2 ppb CH₄ (very conservative). The uncertainties of the wind measurements remain in the order of 0.5 m/s. However, the main uncertainty is the crosswind component. When flying back and forth through any plume on a similar altitude, then this error is averaged out.

However, we make a coarse error assessment with these numbers. Then the relative error based on the wind measurement is 10 % at wind speeds in the order of 5 m/s, increasing with weaker winds, and decreasing with higher wind speeds. For CO₂, a plume with moderate 50 ppm above background (we observed up to 300 ppm) only adds another percent (or less), and the uncertainty of the excessive CH₄ is in the order of a permille. Considering the fact that all estimates were rather overestimating the possible errors, we remain with a relative error from the measurements of less than 10 %. It is possible to reduce this uncertainty by further inspection and optimisation (for each flight, the parameters for the complex wind calculations could be reviewed).

The estimate of 10 % was confirmed by adding these errors (wind and concentration) to the individual measurements of a specific case (15_RWE_cluster). This was a worst-case addition of errors in the plume, i.e. without changing the background, and without applying any statistical distribution of errors and their sign. An improved version of the software could introduce a Monte-Carlo-Error on each individual measurement in order to assess the influence on the result. An

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analytical assessment of the error propagation is not possible. Therefore, we remain with this worst-case estimate for this stage of the work.

7.4.2. Methodological limitations

As the sensitivity analysis shows, the main uncertainties are dependent from the meteorological conditions and the flight patterns. This uncertainty is quantified in the table. "10 %" means, that the ratio between the highest and the lowest value was 1.10. This is +/- 5 % for the average. However, we leave this doubled percentage as a conservative estimate for the methodological uncertainty.

In summary, the accuracy for the fluxes for those cases, where the meteorological conditions and the flight pattern was favourable, is in the order of 10 % or less. However, there are cases in the "middle field", where the relative uncertainty is in the order of 20 %, and some cases like T2.2 Prosper_9 on Aug-15, where it is obvious that the method does not deliver reliable estimates.

A closer look into these cases with low or high sensitivity makes clear that an ideal flight pattern is covering the plume as complete as possible, which is trivial. For the CO₂ plumes, the minimum height of 50 m or more above ground was never a problem, because the sources were from high chimneys. However, for the CH₄ sources, this might be a problem. In two cases, we did not reach the top of the plume due to air space restrictions or other reasons. This was not ideal, but the inversion not far above was known, and allowed a reasonable closure. Due to reasons discussed above, when explaining the method with the "gridded wall", it is clear that the "wall" should be as thin as possible, because otherwise, artefacts could occur.

7.4.3. Other sources for errors

An obvious problem is instationarity. It is clear that the extrapolations to annual emissions are useless when the source strengths are varying from day to day, or even by the hour. In such cases, we should either compare daily declarations of emissions, or a percentage of the possible variation should be known.

Another type of instationarity is caused by the atmospheric turbulence on the scale of a few hundred metres. Especially convection, but also shear turbulence, can cause intermittent concentrations. This effect is statistically minimised when at least the legs in the core of the plume were flown several times.

Of course we could imagine other special flows, or a combination with instationarities, that would cause specific artefacts.

Bottom line: It is possible to measure a source strength representative for one or more hours with a well-adapted flight pattern with an accuracy in the order of 10 %. In some cases, a detailed inspection of the individual uncertainties, with improved post-processing of the wind, it should even be possible to reach 5 %. On the other hand, non-stationary conditions and non-ideal flight tracks (e.g. caused by air space restrictions or pure lack of time), the error can grow above 20 %.

7.5. Summary of flux estimates based on in-situ data

The results are summarised in Table 8. All plumes (CO₂ and CH₄) that were found in the raw data were attributed to sources or groups of sources, classified by intensity and labelled with the time (full hour Central European Summer Time) when it was measured.

| | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 23 | Mt/a CO ₂ 50 / 100 / 200 | kt/a CH ₄ 50 / 100 / 200 | av. wind m/s | accuracy % | remarks |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|--|-----------------|---------------|--|
| Lee von Koeln | | | | | | X | | | | | | | |
| sum of T1.1+T1.4+RWE_neu | | | 15 | | | | | | 42.74 / 31.70 / 36.66 | | 8,3 | 35 | |
| sum of T1.1+T1.4+T1.5+RWE_neu | | | 15 | | | | | | 52.33 / 54.38 / 55.12 | | 8,3 | 5 | only 5 % of the total flux is extrapolated (to surface only) |
| | | | | 12 | | | | | 53.01 / 50.27 / 56.46 | | 3,8 | 12 | about 25 % of the flux was extrapolated below the inversion |
| | | | | | 12 | | | | 41.03 / 47.54 / 49.10 | | 3,5 | 20 | about 18 % of the flux was vertical flux above the sources |
| | | | | | | | | | 50.33 / 47.24 / 47.07 | | 8,3 | 7 | only 15 % of the total flux is extrapolated (to surface only) |
| RWE neu | | | 15 | | 12 | 11 | | | | | | | |
| T1.1 RWE Kraftwerk Niederaussem | | | 15 | | 12 | | | | 19.74 / 24.54 / 22.88 | | 7,8 | 24 | only 5 % of the total flux is extrapolated (to surface only) |
| | | | | | 12 | | | | | | | | single source is possible to extract; not yet done |
| | | | | | | 11 | | | 37.38 / 37.18 / 36.33 | | 9,5 | 3 | |
| T1.4 RWE Kraftwerk Neurath | | | 15 | | 12 | 11 | | | | | | | |
| T1.5 RWE Kraftwerk Fimmersdorf | | | 15 | | 12 | 11 | | | | | | | |
| T1.2 RWE Kraftwerk Goldenberg | | | | | | X | 12 | | | | | | |
| T1.3 RWE Kraftwerk Eschweiler | | | | | | | 16 | | 13.76 / 15.58 / 12.46 | | | 25 | about 10 % of the flux was extrapolated below the inversion |
| | | | | | | | | 13 | 21.17 / 21.43 / 22.05 | | 2,9 | 4 | no extrapolations, even not to the surface |
| T1.6 Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T1.7 Kraftwerk Scholven | | 17 | | | | | | | 7.34 / 6.8 / 6.14 | 10.18 / 13.24 / 8.81 | 1,5 | 20 / 50 | about 50 % of the flux was vertical flux above the source |
| T1.7 Kraftwerk Scholven | | | 14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.1 RAG Anthrazit Ibbenbüren | | | | | | | 11 | | 5.95 / 6.71 / 6.28 | | 6,8 | | main cross section in about 6 km distance |
| T2.1 Bockradener Schacht | | | | | | | 11 | | | 22.74 / 22.69 / 15.65 | 4,4 | 45 | |
| T2.1 Theodorschacht | | | | | | | 11 | | | 20.97 / 19.44 / 14.25 | 4,9 | 47 | |
| sum of all three T2.1 on the far cross section | | | | | | | 11 | | 8.34 / 6.50 / 7.62 | 101.28 / 89.92 / 77.31 | 4,7 | 28 / 31 | consistent sum for CO ₂ , however, not for CH ₄ close to surface |
| T2.2 RAG Bergwerk Prosper-Haniel | X | | 13 | | 11 | | 10 | | | | | | |
| T2.2 Schacht Hünxe | X | | 13 | | | | 10 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 6.88 / 6.57 / 5.88 | 5,1 | 17 | |
| T2.2 Schacht Prosper - 9 | | 14 | | 17 | | 11 | 10 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 17 | | | | | | 10.6 / 20.11 / 28.63 | 13,5 | 100 | very unstable solution, i.e. about +/- 50 % of average |
| | | | | | | | | 14 | | 7.17 / 7.84 / 7.26 | 6,2 | 9 | |
| T2.2 Haniel Schacht 1 | X | | 17 | | 11 | | 10 | | | | | | |
| T2.2 Förderberg | X | | | | 11 | | 10 | | | | | | |
| T2.3 RAG Bergwerk West | | | 13 | | 17 | X | | | | | | | |
| T2.3 Rossenray / Schacht 1 | | | 13 | | 17 | X | | | | | | | |
| T2.3 Schacht Friedrich Heinrich - 4 | | | 13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 14 | | | | | 11.55 / 10.47 / 12.03 | 5,2 | 15 | far cross section (>2.5 km) |
| | | | | | 14 | | | | | 7.09 / 8.00 / 5.24 | 3,4 | 53 | nearer cross section (<2.5 km) |
| | | | | | 17 | | | | | 8.44 / 8.53 / 7.97 | 3,5 | 7 | near |
| | | | | | | | | | | 7.03 / 8.39 / 7.78 | 3,6 | 19 | near |
| T2.4 RAG Bergwerk Auguste Victoria | | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.4 Schacht AV 7 | X | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.4 Schacht AV 8 | X | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.5 AVG Zentraldeponie Vereinigte Ville | | | | | | X | X | | | | | | |
| T2.6 Deponie Watenbüttel BS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.7 ABZ Hannover/Lahe | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.8 Deponie Schöneicher Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.9 Ruhr Öl Gelsenkirchen | X | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.10 Rheinland Raffinerie Godorf | | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| T2.11 EXXON Grossenkneten | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.12 EXXON NEAG | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.13 EXXON Volgtei | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.14 EXXON Döttingen | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.15 WINGAS Rehden | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| T2.16 EXXON Röhlermoor | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FLEX Selhausen | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |
| FLEX Altendorf | | | | | | | | X | | | | | |

This table shows all targets flown by METAIR. The color codes were based on the quick-looks:
 high concentrations above background
 enhanced concentrations visible
 no or very weak enhancement

All marked targets/days are suitable for flux calculations; those targets written in red were not possible to assess (time, weather, air space, or other reasons)

Days in August 2012 (Aug-13 to Aug-23).
The numbers in the fields below are the times (rounded hours CEST) where these targets have been characterised.

Results of the flux calculations as described and discussed in the report. The results are given for grid resolutions of 50, 100, and 200 m, which shows the sensitivity. The "accuracy" is given as the percentage between the highest and the lowest value.
av_wind is the average wind when dividing the total flux by the total net column mass for the reference case with 100 m grid resolution.

Table 8: Summary of preliminary results on of flux estimates based on in-situ data.

This first screening was only based on maximum concentrations and could not lead to any ranking about "best data sets". A pre-assessment was possible by remembering the cases, and by looking into the flight tracks. However, the first priority for the post-processing was given by those targets that were also successfully measured with MAMAP.

The two main cases were the power plant Eschweiler/Weisweiler (T1.3) on August-18, and the group of sources for CO₂ (Ibbenbüren, T2.1) and CH₄ (Theodor and Bockradener Schacht; T2.1x) on August-19. These are the main cases for intercomparison.

However, Eschweiler/Weisweiler (T1.1) was measured in-situ also on August-23 even under better conditions, and the cluster of power plants near Niederaussem (T1.1, T1.4, T1.5 and a new plant named RWE_neu). This cluster was documented on four days, and allowed to isolate single sources on two days.

During this work, also other sources were assessed by curiosity, like e.g. T1.7 (power plant Scholven), where we knew that the convection above the source was quite relevant. This was also the case for the RWE_cluster on August-17. The individual results with many meta-data can be found in the files *date_target_results.txt* in the METAIR part of the CMAPEXP data package. They are summarised Table 8.

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The main results are the Mt/a CO₂, or kt/a CH₄, i.e. the kg/s measured during the very limited time of the measurements (typically half an hour up to two hours for a cluster). The method how this was done is explained above. For the table, a systematic sensitivity study was made, using grid sizes of 50, 100, and 200 m (see discussion about uncertainties in the next chapter). Another key parameter is the average wind. This is the total flux divided by the total mass of the plume in the cross section, i.e. this av_wind could directly be applied to total column mass concentrations measured by MAMAP, or vice versa to divide the fluxes based on the MAMAP-inversion to get the total mass of the plume in the cross section. All concentrations, masses and fluxes are "above background" if not specified otherwise.

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8. Inversion of emission rates from MAMAP measurements using model and airborne in-situ data to constrain wind speed estimates

8.1. Power plant Weisweiler

8.1.1. Target description

On August 18, 2012 measurements were performed at the coal and gas fired power plant Weisweiler in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. In 2012, the power plant had an installed base load power of 2100 MW (lignite) and a mid-load and peak load power of 540 MW (gas) (RWE Power AG, <http://www.rwe.com/web/cms/de/60142/rwe-power-ag/standorte/braunkohle/kw-weisweiler/>, last access: December 2013). Reported CO₂ emissions were about 19.3 Mt CO₂ in 2011 (E-PRTR, <http://prtr.ec.europa.eu/>, last access: January, 2014). In the vicinity of the power plant is a waste incineration plant with considerably lower emissions of about 148 kt CO₂ in 2011 (E-PRTR, <http://prtr.ec.europa.eu/>, last access: January, 2014).

The power plant has a number of stacks distributed on an about 300 m wide area releasing flue gas to the atmosphere including three large cooling towers of about 120 m height. The surrounding of the power plant is mostly flat but exhibits two depressions from open cut mining which however do not spacially coincide with the CO₂ plume originating at the power plant (see below). Time of overflight was approximately from 13:35 UTC to 14:33 UTC. Local time was 15:35 to 16:33 (CEST).

8.1.2. Measurement data

The column averaged dry air mole fractions of CO₂ were retrieved using methane (CH₄) as a proxy: XCO₂(CH₄). The corresponding background profiles for the linearization points are based on the U.S. standard atmosphere (U.S. Committee on Extension to the Standard Atmosphere, 1976) scaled to actual values. Background XCO₂ was set to 389 ppm based on the SECM model presented by Reuter et al (2012). The methane background XCH₄ was estimated to about 1.76 ppm. An assumed uncertainty of the ratio of the background columns of 1% accounts for possible deviations from these values.

Aircraft altitude during the measurements was almost constant at 1600 m (+/-25m), which was also selected for the reference radiative transfer. Assuming a constant aircraft velocity of 200 km/h, the ground scene size is about 22m x 54m (cross track x along track). Thereby the along track ground scene size describes the full width at half maximum for the sensitivity along the flight track. During the measurements, the solar zenith angle varied from about 45.2° to 52.4°.

The radiative transfer model was interpolated using a two dimensional look-up table (LUT) based on solar zenith angle and surface elevation. For that the SRTM digital elevation model (Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) version 2.1, http://dds.cr.usgs.gov/srtm/version2_1/), a collaborative effort from NASA, NGA as well as the German and Italian Space Agencies) was used. Due to the changing measurement geometry, also the conversion factor *k* to correct for the altitude sensitivity effect (Krings et al, 2011) has to be determined for each measurement independently using also a LUT. On average, the conversion factor for the present measurements is about 0.49.

Due to the instrument improved instrument performance reported in Krings et al (2013) basically no filtering based on the fit quality needs to be applied. Only measurements in saturation or with low signals, for example, over water which has a very low spectral reflectance in the short-wave infrared, are rejected from further processing. Figure 28 shows the fit root mean square (RMS) error for all

measurements in the vicinity of the power plant ordered by size. The RMS is generally very low except for a few measurements most of which are caused by bad signal strength.

The precision in the measurement area is approximately 0.28% determined as standard deviation of the data.

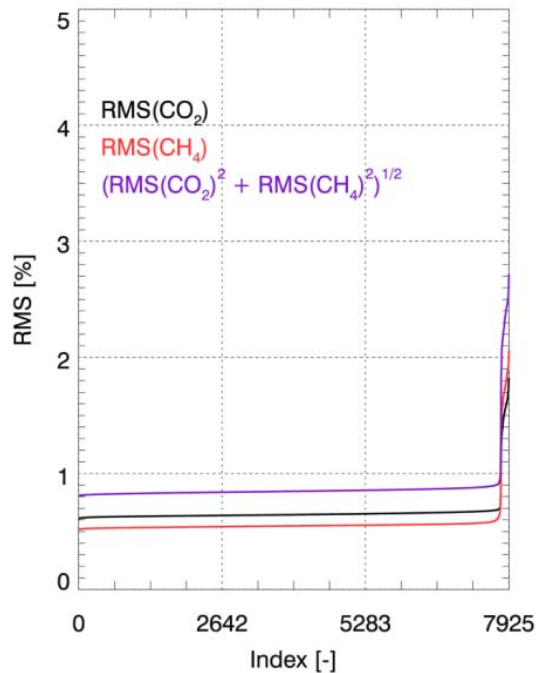


Figure 28: Fit quality based on the root mean square (RMS) values of the fit for CO₂ and CH₄ measured in the vicinity of the power plant Weisweiler. Basically no quality filter based on the RMS was applied.

Figure 29 shows the XCO₂(CH₄) data acquired over the power plant Weisweiler plotted as a 3-point moving average on top of a topography map that was used for the surface elevation look-up table approach. Clearly visible is the CO₂ plume originating at the power plant's location and advected in downwind direction towards North. The arrows indicate the wind field of the COSMO-DE model operated by the German Weather Service (DWD) based on the COSMO model (Doms, 2011) at model layer 45 which is approximately 350m above sea level. The two large depressions North and North-East of the power plant are lignite open cut mines.

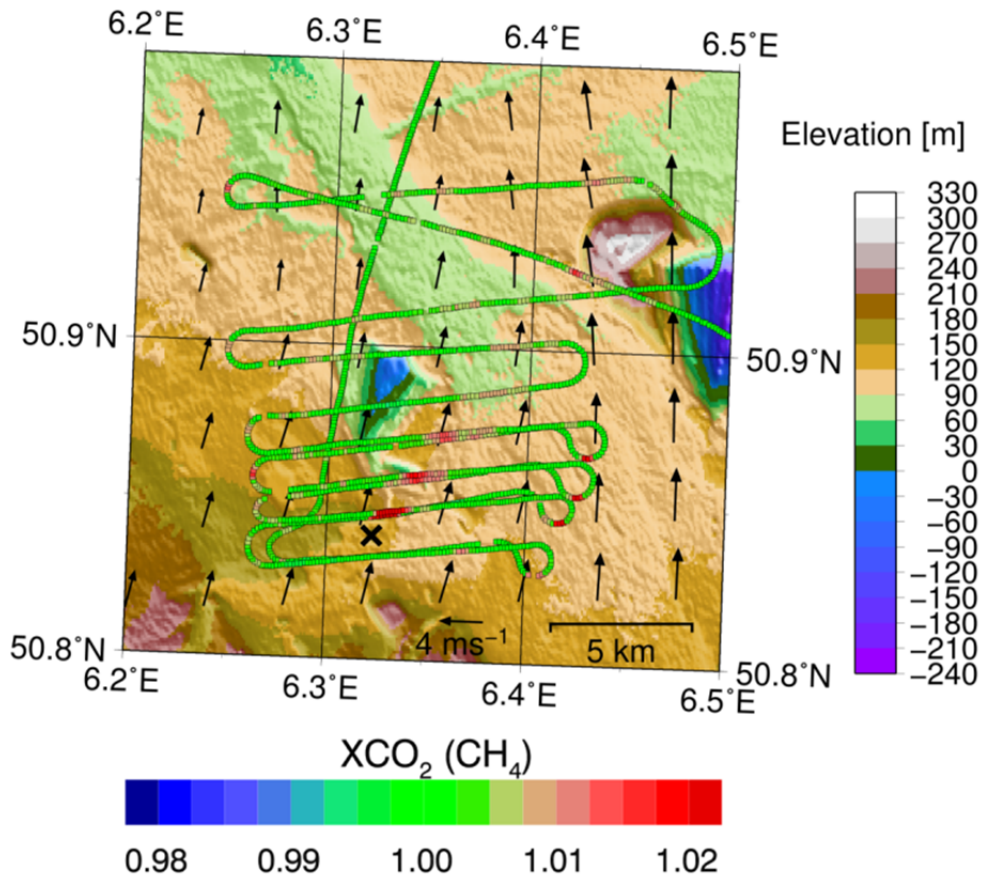


Figure 29: MAMAP XCO₂(CH₄) and surface elevation for the area of power plant Weisweiler. The power plant position is denoted by a black cross. MAMAP data have been smoothed by a 3-point moving average. The arrows denote wind speed and direction in altitude layer 45 of the COSMO-DE model, i.e. approximately at 350m above sea level. (Maps in UTM projection. Topographic data were obtained from the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) version 2.1 (http://dds.cr.usgs.gov/srtm/version2_1/), a collaborative effort from NASA, NGA as well as the German and Italian Space Agencies.)

8.1.3. Atmospheric conditions and wind information from model data

Very important for the dispersion of trace gases in the atmospheric boundary layer are wind speed and direction, atmospheric stability and boundary layer height. While wind direction and atmospheric stability can generally be retrieved from the data directly (Krings et al, 2011, 2013), the boundary layer height and in particular wind speed need to be determined from external data.

The boundary layer or mixing layer is separated from the free troposphere by a zone that largely prevents further vertical propagation. The mixing layer is usually characterized by constant (virtual) potential temperature due to convective mixing whereas an increase of potential temperature with altitude indicates a stable layering that can inhibit further convection. Since wind speed is generally not constant with altitude, boundary layer height and associated final plume rise can be an important parameter when estimating the average wind speed the trace gas plume is subject to.

Figure 30 shows the COSMO-DE result for temperature and virtual potential temperature for the model grid point North-West of the power plant location. Potential temperature refers to the temperature an air parcel would have if brought adiabatically to a pressure of 1000hPa, while the

virtual potential temperature is the temperature a dry air parcel must have when having the same density and pressure as moist air.

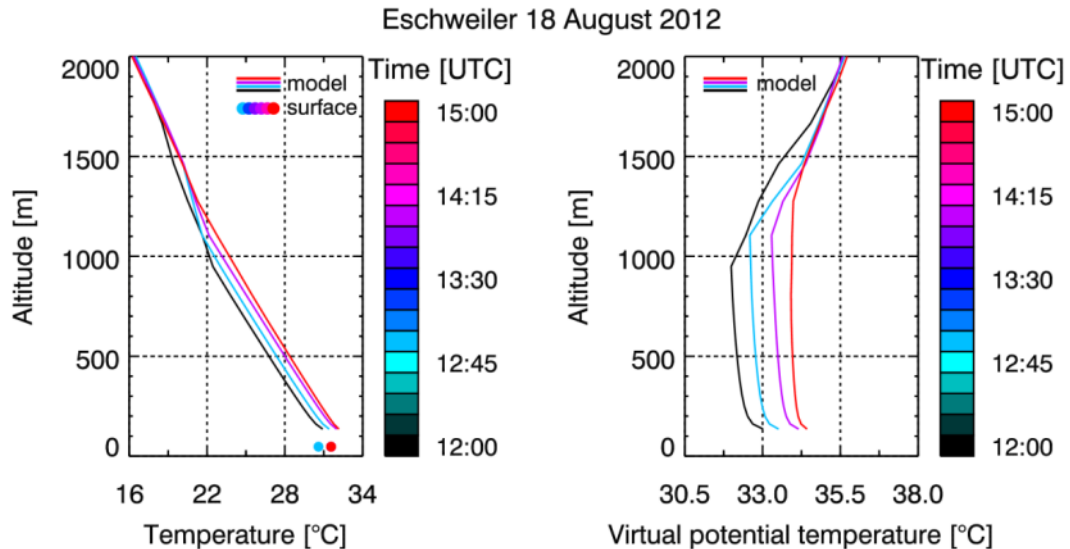


Figure 30: Temperature (left) and virtual potential temperature (right) for the COSMO-DE model grid point North-West of the power plant. Surface in situ data for temperature was obtained from Düsseldorf airport (EDDL) located approximately 60 km North-East of Weisweiler power plant.

In a first approximation the boundary layer height can be identified by a sharp increase in virtual potential temperature. According to Figure 30, the boundary layer altitude is evolving from about 1000m altitude above ground at 13:00 UTC to about 1150m altitude above ground at 15:00 UTC. This can only be a very crude approximation as the transition between boundary layer and free troposphere is not a sharp boundary, but rather an area in which vertical dispersion decreases depending also on other parameters such as wind speed and wind shear, which so far are not considered here.

Figure 31 shows wind speed and direction for the same model grid point. In general, also the wind speed changes when reaching the boundary layer height which can also be seen in the figure. The wind speed ranges from about 2.5m/s to 6m/s for the time and altitude range of the overflight.

To obtain an adequate estimate of the average wind speed which transports the plume in downwind direction, a weighted mean of the wind profile was computed considering the vertical Gaussian dispersion of the plume based on the stability derived from the MAMAP data and dynamically taking into account the evolving boundary layer. This is achieved by computing the effective wind speed for each MAMAP transect which is averaged for the Gaussian plume model inversion, whereas for the integral method each track is evaluated independently and the resulting emission rates subsequently averaged.

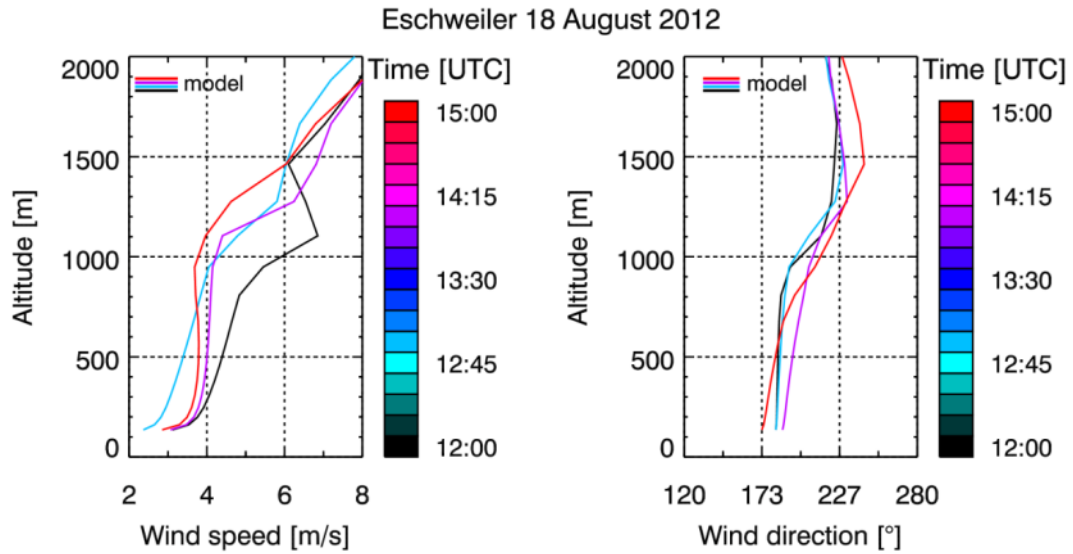


Figure 31: Wind speed (left) and direction (right) for the model grid point North-West of Weisweiler power plant.

8.1.4. Inversion for emission data

Preparation and performance of the Gaussian plume inversion and the integral inversion method is very much in line with Krings et al (2011, 2013).

Before the inversion the data were gridded to pixels of 100m x 100m. There was no additional smoothing or filtering, beside the signal filter described in Section 8.1.2. The measurements were normalised to background using as reference an upwind area defined by $-2000\text{m} < x < 0\text{m}$ and $-2000\text{m} < y < 2000\text{m}$ for the coordinate system that has been rotated so that wind direction points to positive x-direction. Since the power plant site exhibits various stacks where it is not clear if they are emitting CO_2 or not, basically the whole area was treated as a homogenous source with a cross section of 300m perpendicular to wind direction. The cooling tower height is about 128m above ground which was hence assumed as injection altitude for the CO_2 . Note that source width and injection altitude matter explicitly only for the Gaussian plume model inversion, whereas the integral method is independent of these parameters.

Wind direction was determined empirically from the measured data to about 219° . When fitting the stability parameter to the retrieved XCO_2 this yields $a=220.2$ ($\pm 3.0\%$ statistical error), i.e. very unstable atmospheric conditions (stability class A), independent of wind speed. Using this stability as input for a vertical Gaussian dispersion model as a function of distance to source to compute a weighted mean of the wind profile, an average wind speed of 3.96m/s was obtained for the plume area covered by MAMAP data.

Applying this wind speed to the Gaussian plume inversion, the result for the average emission rate for the time of the overflight is 16.35 Mt CO_2/yr with a statistical error of $\pm 2.6\%$. The contour lines as an overlay on the retrieved $\text{XCO}_2(\text{CH}_4)$ can be seen in Figure 32.

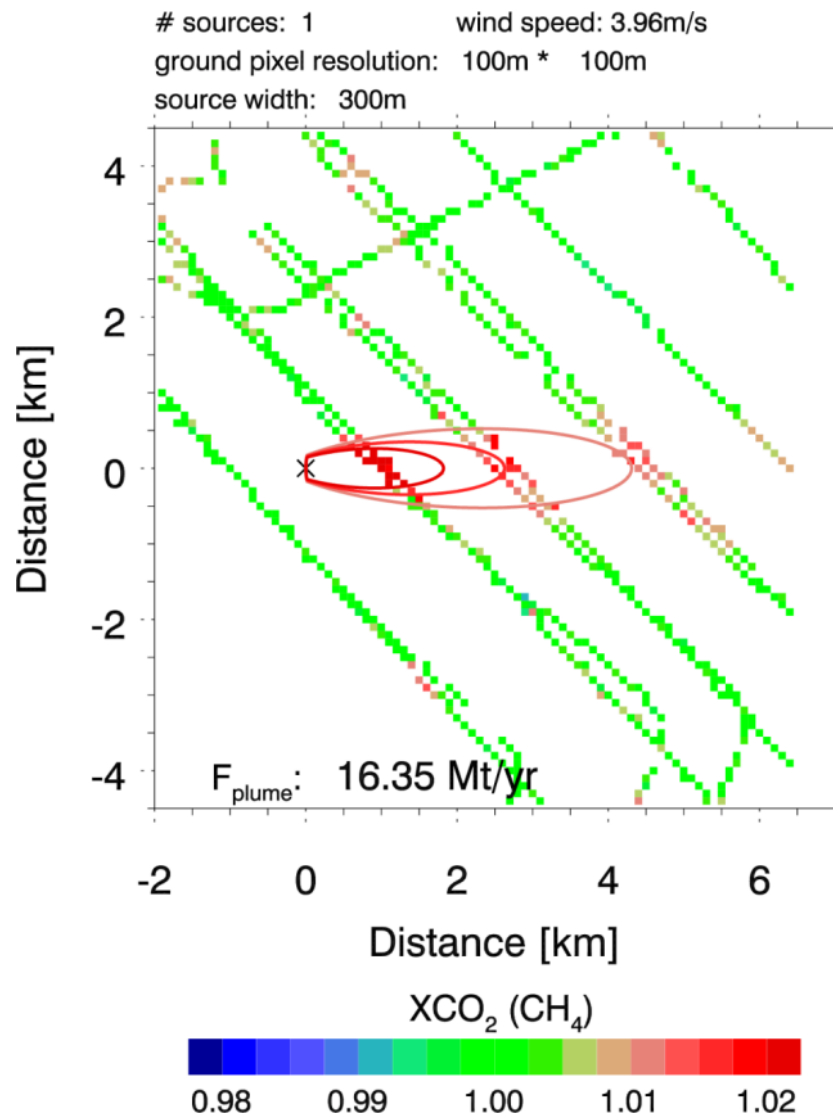


Figure 32: MAMAP XCO₂(CH₄) data as used for the inversion rotated so that wind direction points to positive x-direction. The contour lines indicate the result of the Gaussian plume inversion with a resulting emission of 16.35 Mt CO₂/yr for the time of the overflight.

Since the upwind area was basically defined as background, the upwind transect has not been used for the integral inversion. When evaluating the individual flight tracks with the integral method, there are substantial variations in the inversion result most likely due to convective cells that are not homogeneously distributed in time and space. This is in line with the idea of the Gaussian plume model, which is only a good approximation on average. When taking the mean of the single track inversions with independent wind speed calculations for each track (see Figure 33 - Figure 35), the result for the integral method is about 15.83 Mt CO₂/yr and hence very close to the result for the Gaussian plume inversion.

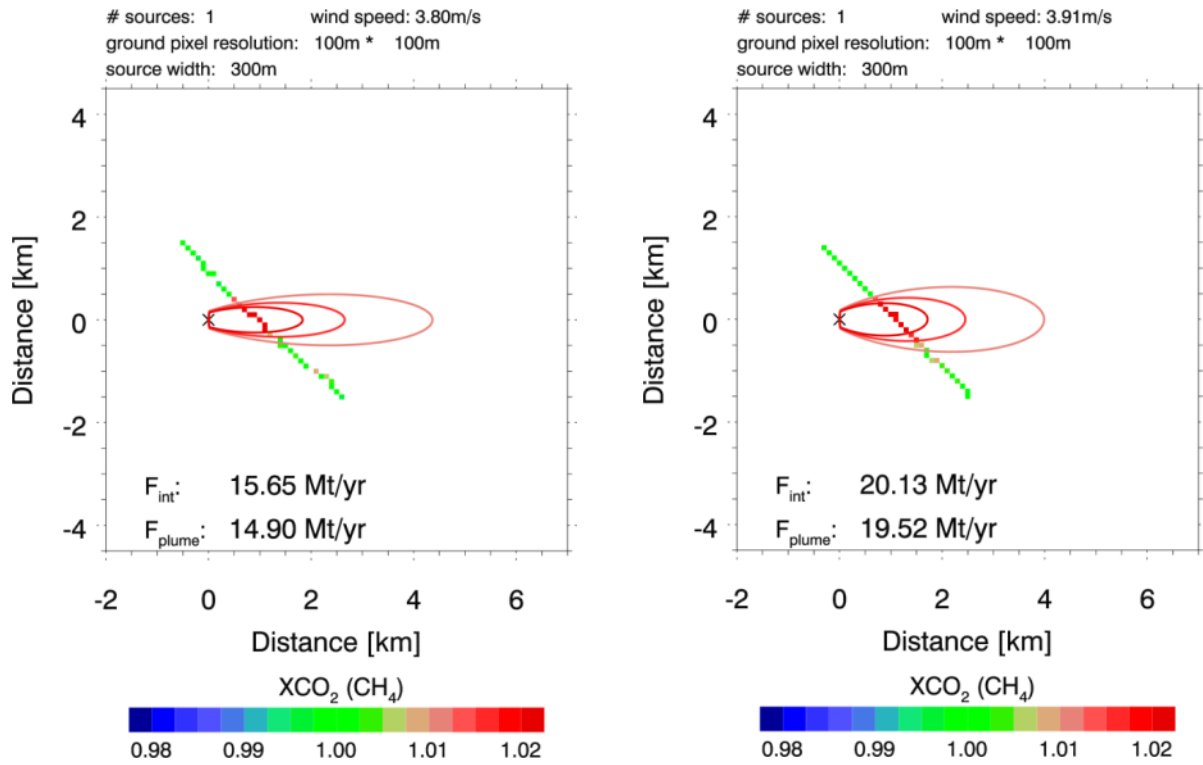


Figure 33: Result of integral (F_{int}) and Gaussian plume model inversion (F_{plume}) for each of the 6 flight tracks under consideration independently evaluated. Each figure shows a different track with independently computed wind speed given in the header. The results are continued in Figure 34 and Figure 35.

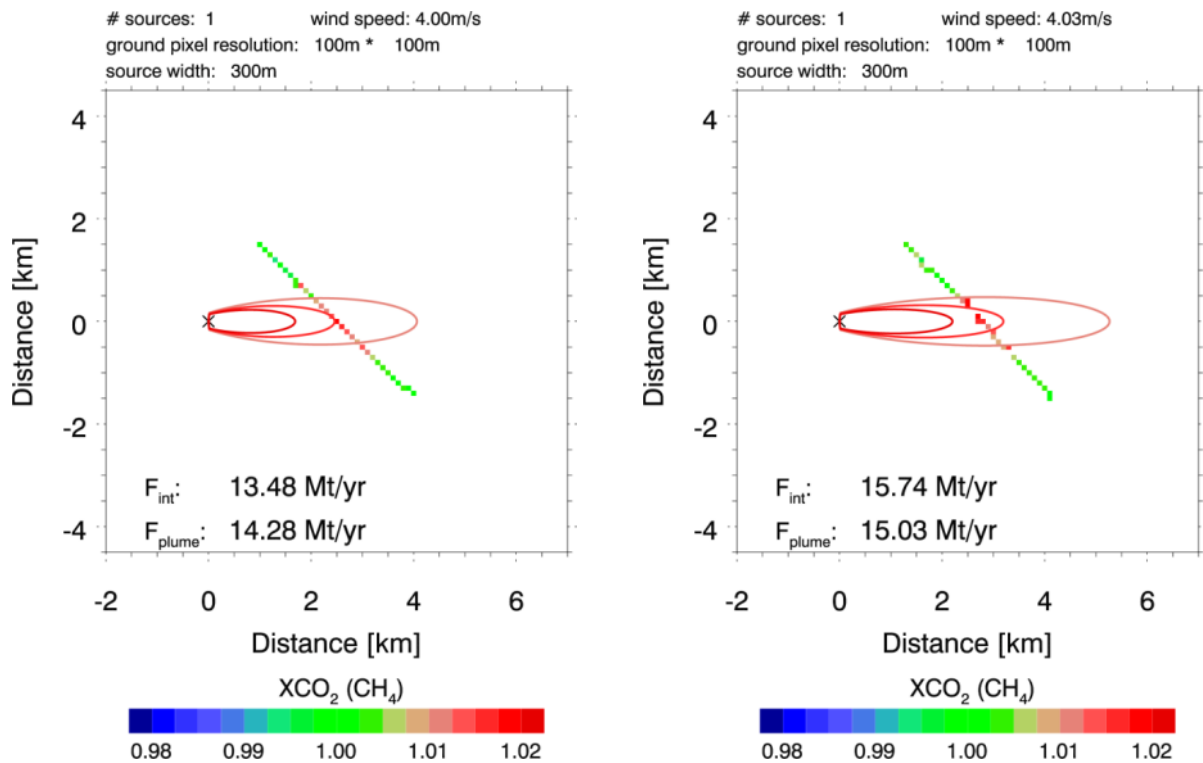


Figure 34: Continuation of Figure 33.

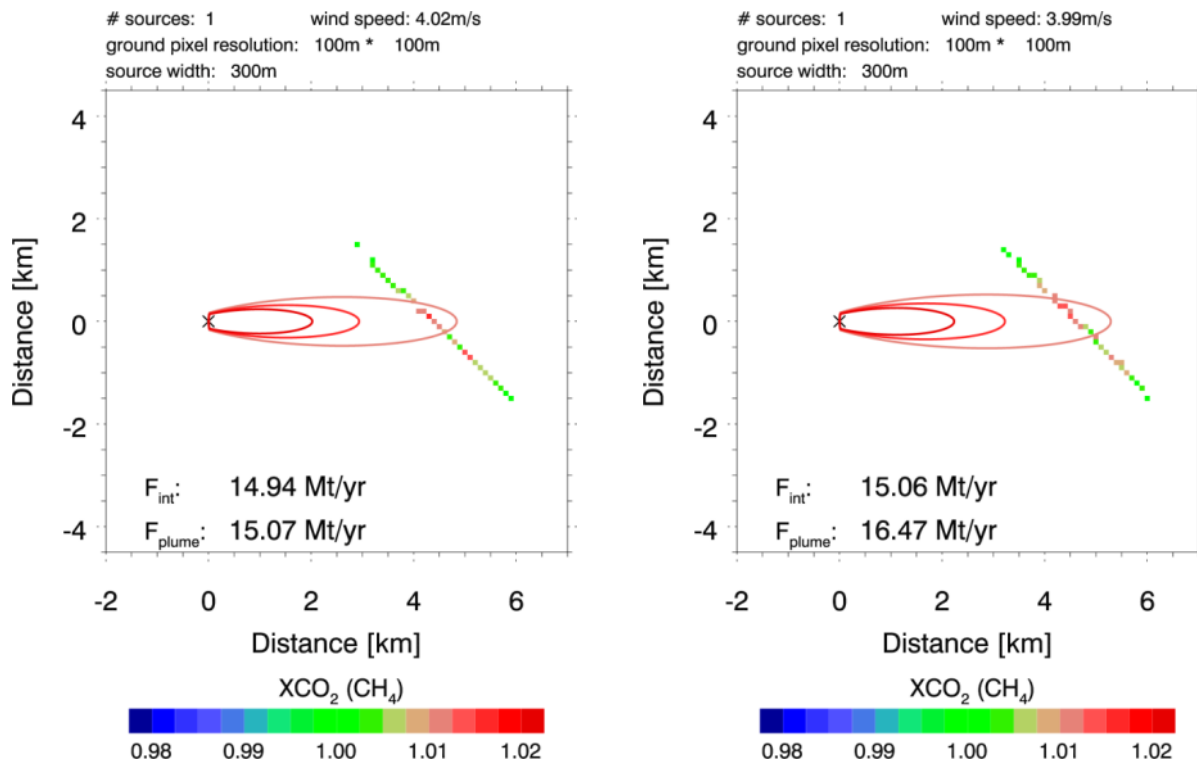


Figure 35: Continuation of Figure 33.

In principal, also the Gaussian plume inversion can be applied to individual flight tracks instead of on all data at once (see Figure 33-Figure 35). The average result of 15.88 Mt CO₂/yr for the time of the overflight is very similar to before showing that the inversion is rather stable.

8.1.5. Incorporation of atmospheric in situ information

The precision of the wind model was roughly estimated to about 0.9 m/s (1σ) with negligible bias for the case described in Krings et al (2011). Assuming the same error holds in the present study, this leads to a relative error (1σ) on the inversion of about 23%.

This error can potentially be drastically reduced when on-site wind information is available, e.g. from airborne turbulence measurements as they were used in Krings et al (2013) and that were also performed during the C-MAPEXp campaign. Furthermore, an aircraft can acquire information on additional atmospheric parameters that can be used to validate and potentially correct model estimates for the boundary layer height.

Figure 36 shows the flight pattern of the in-situ measurements performed at the Weisweiler power plant location. The measurements concentrate on transects at several altitude layers downwind of the source from about 150m above ground to about 960m above ground. The acquired temperature data as compared to the corresponding model data is shown in Figure 37 for the temperature and in Figure 38 for the virtual potential temperature. It can be seen that there is an offset between measurement and model most likely caused by an offset in the model data. This is supported by the fact that several independent measurement devices on-board the aircraft recorded similar temperatures.

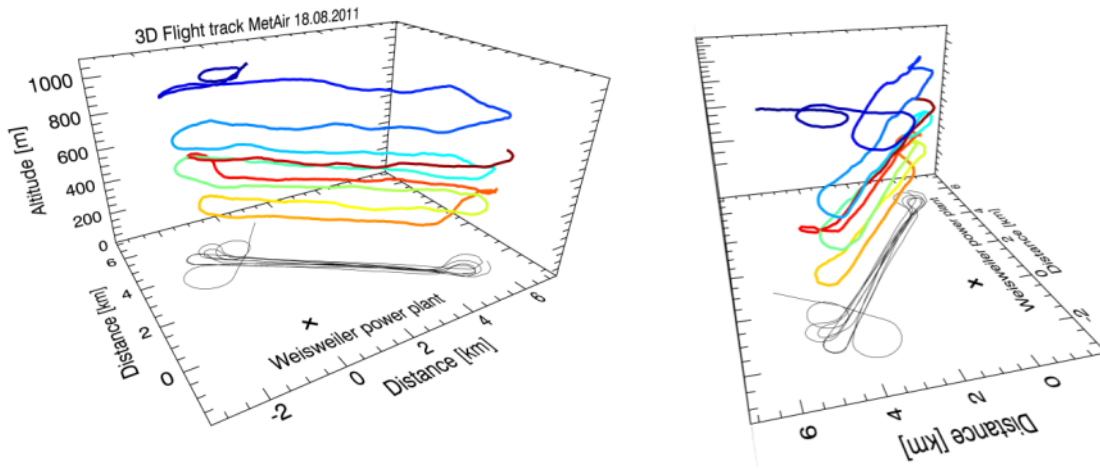


Figure 36: Flight track of in-situ measurements displayed from two different viewing angles. Location is in UTM projection relative to the power plant location. The colors indicate the temporal progression from dark blue to dark red, while the thin black lines denote the projection of the flight tracks on the surface.

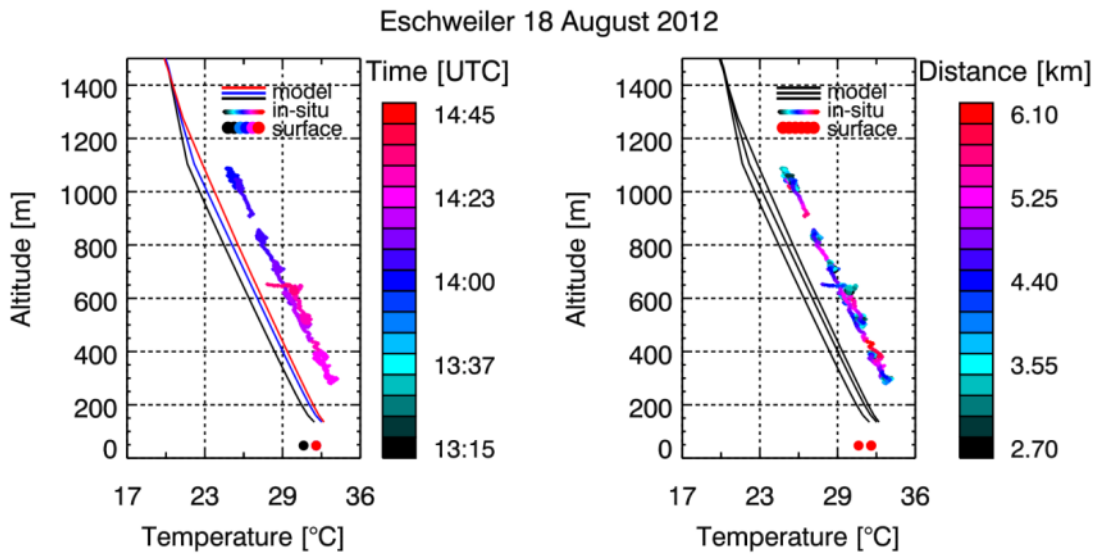


Figure 37: Temperature as given by the COSMO-DE model grid point North-West of Weisweiler power plant (straight lines), airborne and ground based in-situ measurements (discs). Data is colour coded for time (left) and distance to the source (right). Ground based measurements from Düsseldorf Airport (60km North-East of the power plant) have been obtained through Weather Underground (www.wunderground.com).

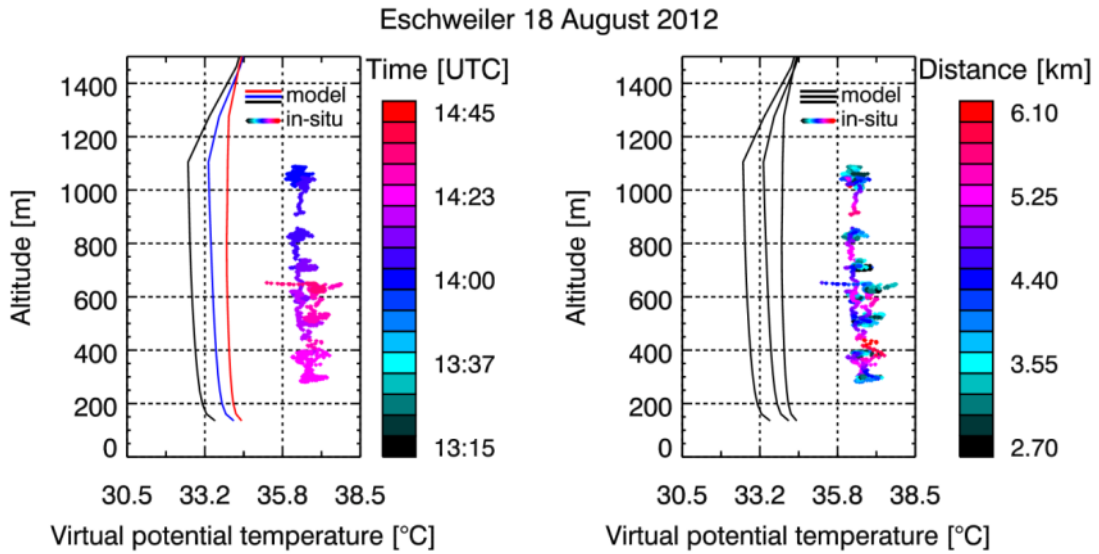


Figure 38: Virtual potential temperature as given by the COSMO-DE model grid point North-West of Weisweiler power plant (straight lines), airborne and in-situ measurements (discs). Data is colour coded for time (left) and distance to the source (right).

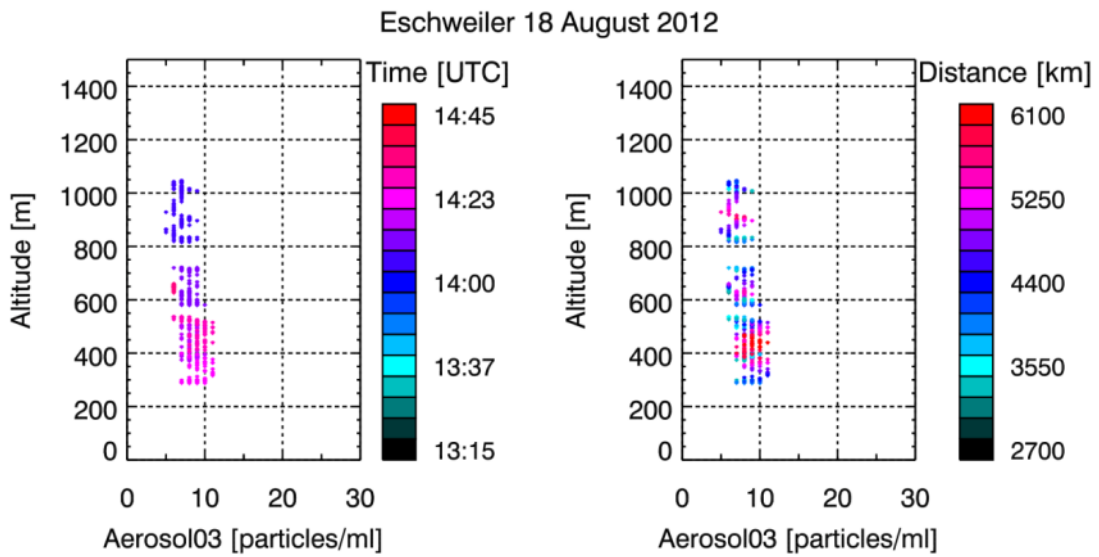


Figure 39: Vertical aerosol distribution measured in-situ for aerosol particles larger than $3\mu\text{m}$. Data is colour coded for time (left) and distance to the source (right).

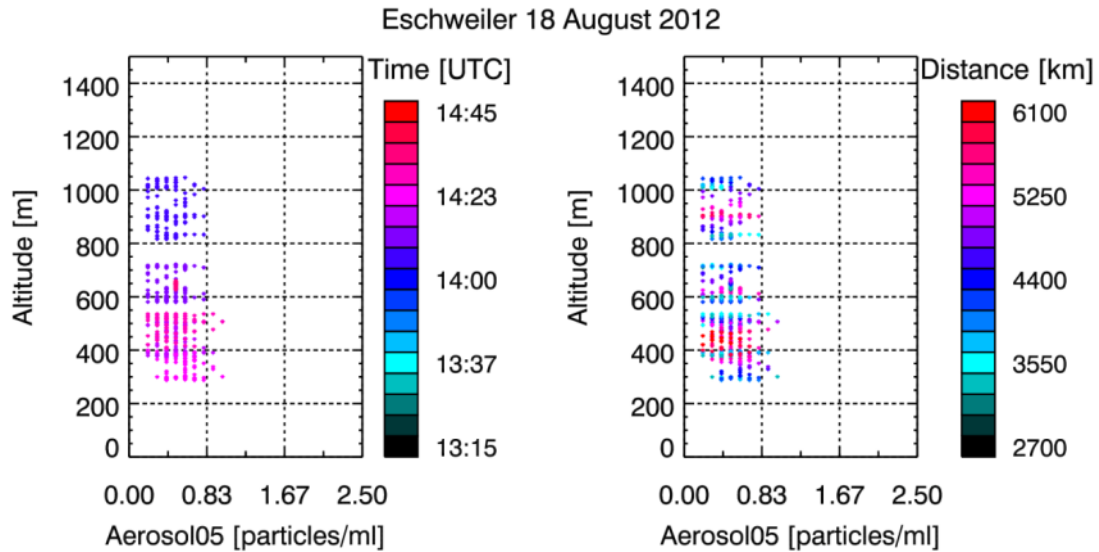


Figure 40: Vertical aerosol distribution measured in-situ for aerosol particles larger than $5\mu\text{m}$. Data is colour coded for time (left) and distance to the source (right).

Although an offset would not hamper an approximation of the boundary layer height, the in-situ data unfortunately do not cover the complete boundary layer. It is therefore not possible to validate the boundary layer height estimate by the model data. This is also confirmed by inspecting the recorded vertical aerosol distribution for particles larger than $3\mu\text{m}$ (Figure 39) and for particles larger than $5\mu\text{m}$ (Figure 40) outside the plume area. Changes in vertical aerosol concentrations can in principal be used as a proxy for the boundary layer height, because aerosols are largely trapped in the mixing layer. However, the probed altitude layers show a rather even distribution of particles with height indicating that the boundary layer height was not reached.

The comparison of wind speed and direction is shown in Figure 41 and Figure 42 for 1 Hz temporal resolution of the in-situ data and in Figure 43 and Figure 44 for a 60 s moving average. The in-situ wind speed is significantly varying, but it appears that the model underestimates the wind speed on average for the time of the overflight. To quantify this underestimation, the probed altitude range has been divided into five equally thick layers in which the deviation between the in-situ measurements on the one hand and the associated model data interpolated in time and space on the other hand were quantified and subsequently averaged over the altitude layers. For the available model and measurement data at the target area and time, this yields an average underestimation of about 0.23m/s , i.e. about 5.4%. The target area and time were defined by a maximum distance to the source of 7.5km in a time interval between 13:35 and 14:33 UTC. The complete results are shown in Table 9. Note that the results do not directly relate to Figure 41 and Figure 43 which only shows the model wind speed at the North-West COSMO-DE grid point while model wind data from the whole measurement area enters the computations in Table 9.

Table 9: Results of the wind speed comparison between model and airborne in-situ data for Weisweiler power plant.

| Altitude range a.s.l. [m] | Model wind speed [m/s] | In-situ wind speed [m/s] | Wind speed difference [m/s] | Relative wind speed difference [%] |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 282 – 443 | 4.07 | 4.66 | +0.60 | +14.7 |
| 443 – 605 | 4.23 | 4.62 | +0.39 | +9.2 |
| 605 – 766 | 4.29 | 5.04 | +0.75 | +17.4 |
| 766 – 928 | 4.34 | 3.32 | -1.01 | -23.4 |
| 928 – 1089 | 4.37 | 4.80 | +0.43 | +9.9 |
| | | | Average: +0.23m/s | Average: +5.4% |

Following these calculations, the inversion results for the CO₂ emissions of the power plant need to be adjusted upwards by +5.4%. This leads to an emission rate of 17.23 Mt CO₂/yr (Gaussian plume inversion) and 16.68 Mt CO₂/yr (integral method) for the time of the overflight.

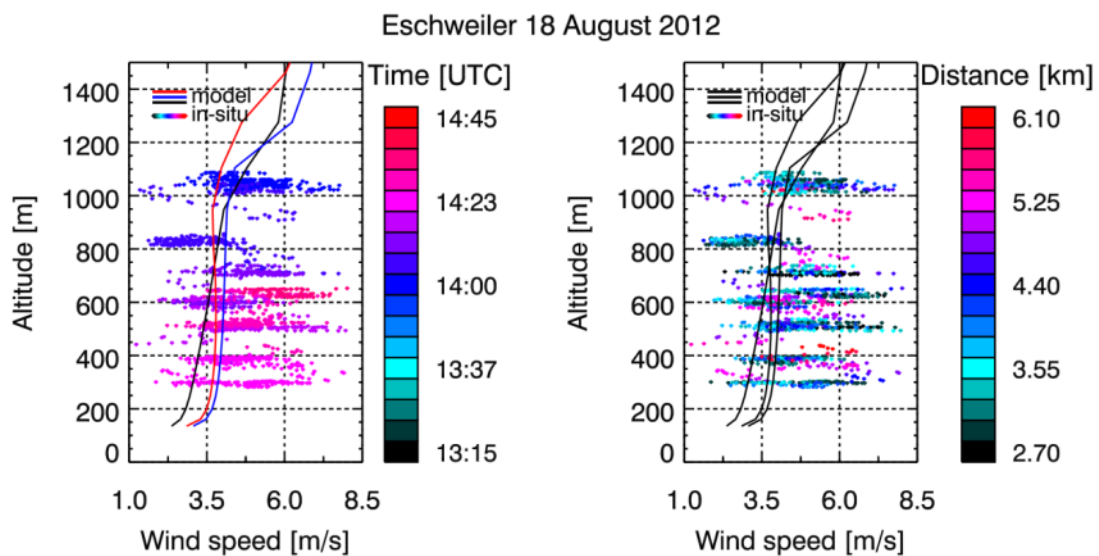


Figure 41: Wind speed as given by the COSMO-DE model grid point North-West of Weisweiler power plant (straight lines) and airborne in-situ measurements (discs). Data is colour coded for time (left) and distance to the source (right).

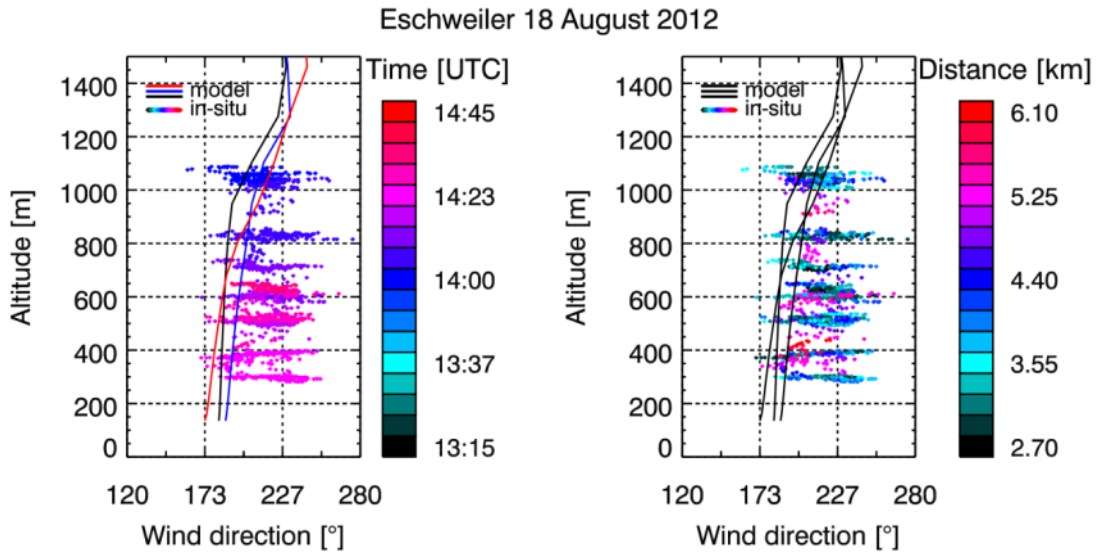


Figure 42: Wind direction as given by the COSMO-DE model grid point North-West of Weisweiler power plant (straight lines) and airborne in-situ measurements (discs). Data is colour coded for time (left) and distance to the source (right).

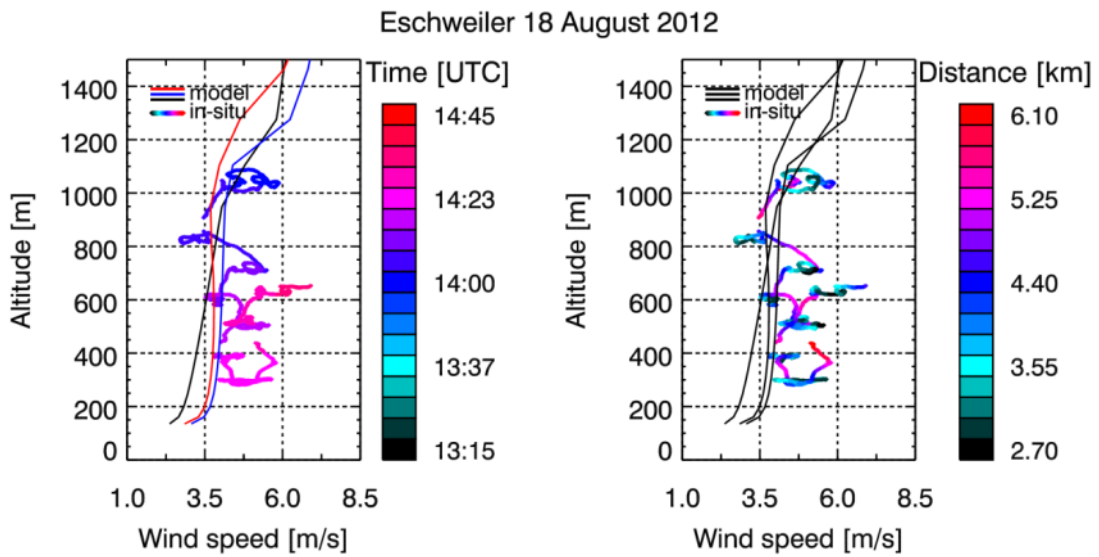


Figure 43: As Figure 41 but smoothed by a 60s moving average.

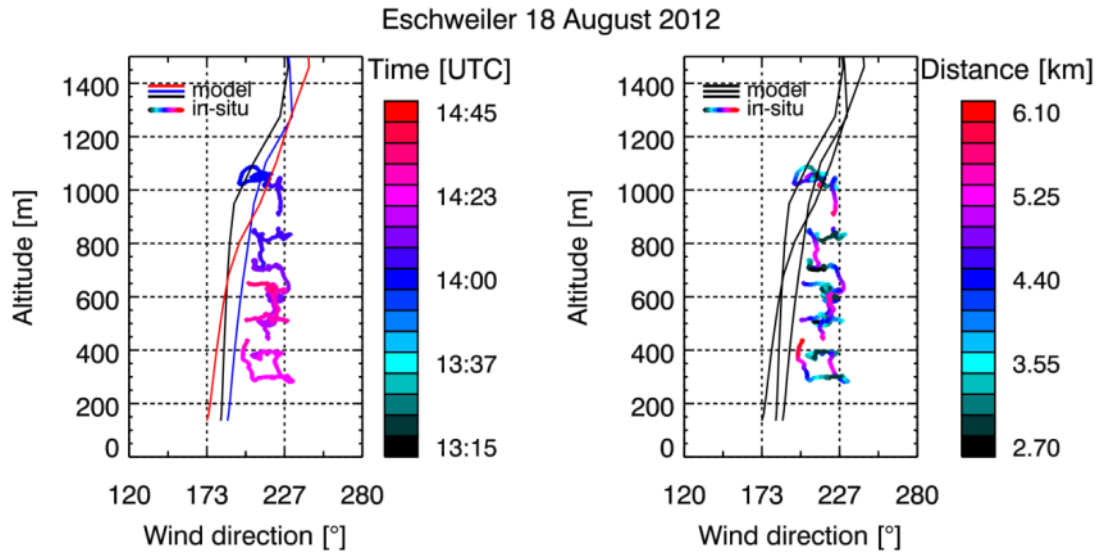


Figure 44: As Figure 42 but smoothed by a 60s moving average.

8.1.6. Error discussion

The main error arises from uncertainty of wind speed. This error is composed of the uncertainty of the model and the in-situ measurements (ca. 0.5m/s) and on assumptions that are made to estimate the average, vertically integrated wind speed throughout the plume. One example is the boundary layer height estimate, which in this case has been estimated from the model data only as there are no in-situ data available for the relevant altitudes. However, changing the boundary layer height has only a small impact. Changing the boundary layer height by +/- 200m only results in an average wind speed change of +1.8%/-0.25%. Hard to quantify is the impact of the vertical distribution that may not be Gaussian as assumed for the estimation. However, on average the Gaussian distribution is likely a good assumption.

Another source of uncertainty is the source extension. The power plant area exhibits a number of stacks of different diameter and height, so that not each stack has been considered independently but rather an effective emission area and injection height. However this affects mainly the Gaussian plume model. Since the results of integral and plume model inversion are very similar a systematic error due to this effect is probably rather low.

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8.2. CH₄ from coal mine ventilation shafts Ibbenbüren

8.2.1. Target description

On August 19, 2012 measurements were performed at the ventilation shafts of RAG Anthrazit Ibbenbüren GmbH coal mine in western Germany. The features of this coal mine were described in detail in Krings et al (2013) and are only briefly summarized here.

The mine gas, which consists to a large part of methane (CH₄), is released by the two ventilation shafts Theodor Shaft and Bockraden Shaft that are about 4.5 km apart. The ventilation shafts are approximately 15m high and have a diameter of about 7m. Reported CH₄ emissions of the mine were about 41.8 kt CH₄ in 2011 (E-PRTR, <http://prtr.ec.europa.eu/>, last access: January, 2014).

In between the two ventilation shafts, a small coal fired power plant is located with an installed power of about 800MW (<http://www.rwe.com/web/cms/de/1770936/rwe-generation-se/standorte/deutschland/kw-ibbenbueren/>, last access: January, 2014) which emitted about 5.02 Mt CO₂ in 2011 (E-PRTR, <http://prtr.ec.europa.eu/>, last access: January, 2014).

Time of overflight was approximately from 08:25 UTC to 10:49 UTC. Local time was 10:25 to 12:49 (CEST).

8.2.2. Measurement data

The column averaged dry air mole fractions of CH₄ were retrieved using carbon dioxide (CO₂) as a proxy: XCO₄(CH₂). The corresponding background profiles for the linearization points are based on the U.S. standard atmosphere (U.S. Committee on Extension to the Standard Atmosphere, 1976) scaled to actual values. Background XCO₂ was set to 389 ppm based on the SECM model presented by Reuter et al (2012). The methane background XCH₄ was estimated to about 1.76 ppm based on previous measurements in the same area (Krings et al, 2013). An assumed uncertainty of the ratio of the background columns of 1% accounts for possible deviations from these values.

Aircraft altitude during the measurements was almost constant at about 2135 m (+/- 40 m), which was also selected for the reference radiative transfer. Assuming a constant aircraft velocity of 200 km/h, the ground scene size is about 30m x 54m (cross track x along track). Thereby the along track ground scene size describes the full width at half maximum for the sensitivity along the flight track. During the measurement, the solar zenith angle varied from about 40° to 53°.

The radiative transfer model was interpolated using a two dimensional look-up table (LUT) based on solar zenith angle and surface elevation. For that the SRTM digital elevation model (Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) version 2.1, http://dds.cr.usgs.gov/srtm/version2_1/), a collaborative effort from NASA, NGA as well as the German and Italian Space Agencies) was used. Due to the changing measurement geometry, also the conversion factor *k* to correct for the altitude sensitivity effect (Krings et al, 2011) has to be determined for each measurement independently using also a LUT. On average, the conversion factor for the present measurements is about 0.61.

Due to the instrument enhancement reported in Krings et al (2013) basically no filtering based on the fit quality needs to be applied. Only measurements in saturation or with low signals, for example, over water which has a very low spectral reflectance in the short-wave infrared, are rejected from further processing. Figure 45 shows the fit root mean square (RMS) error for all measurements in the vicinity of the power plant ordered by size. The RMS values are very low except for a few measurements that mostly did not pass the subsequent signal filter.

The $X_{CH_4(CO_2)}$ precision in the measurement area is approximately 0.45% determined as standard deviation of the data just outside the measurement area.

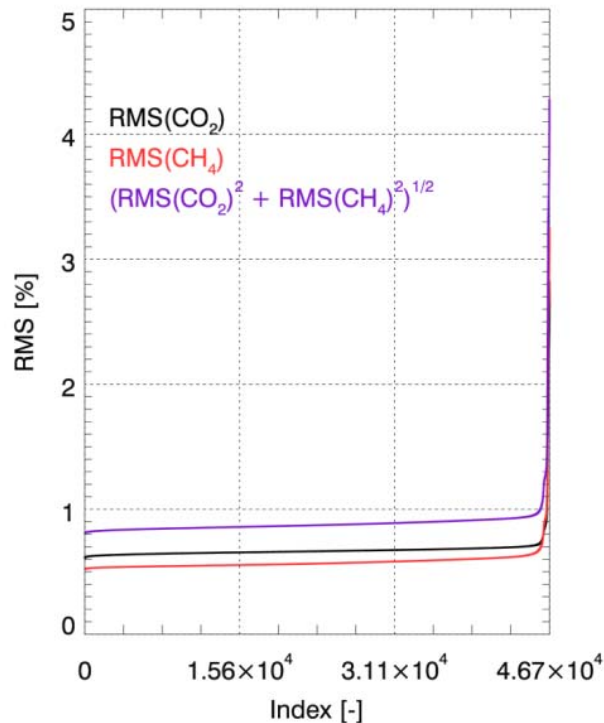


Figure 45: Fit quality based on the root mean square (RMS) values of the fit for CO₂ and CH₄ for the flight on 19 August 2013. Basically no quality filter based on the RMS was applied.

Figure 46 shows the $X_{CH_4(CO_2)}$ data acquired over the coal fired power plant plotted as a 3-point moving average on top of a topography map that was used for the surface elevation look-up table approach. Clearly visible are the CH₄ plumes originating at the ventilation shafts Theodor in the North-West and Bockraden in the South-East and advected in downwind direction towards North. The CO₂ emissions from the small power plant in between are far less striking as an apparent small decrease in X_{CH_4} downwind. The arrows indicate the wind field of the COSMO-DE model at model layer 48 which is approximately 190m above sea level.

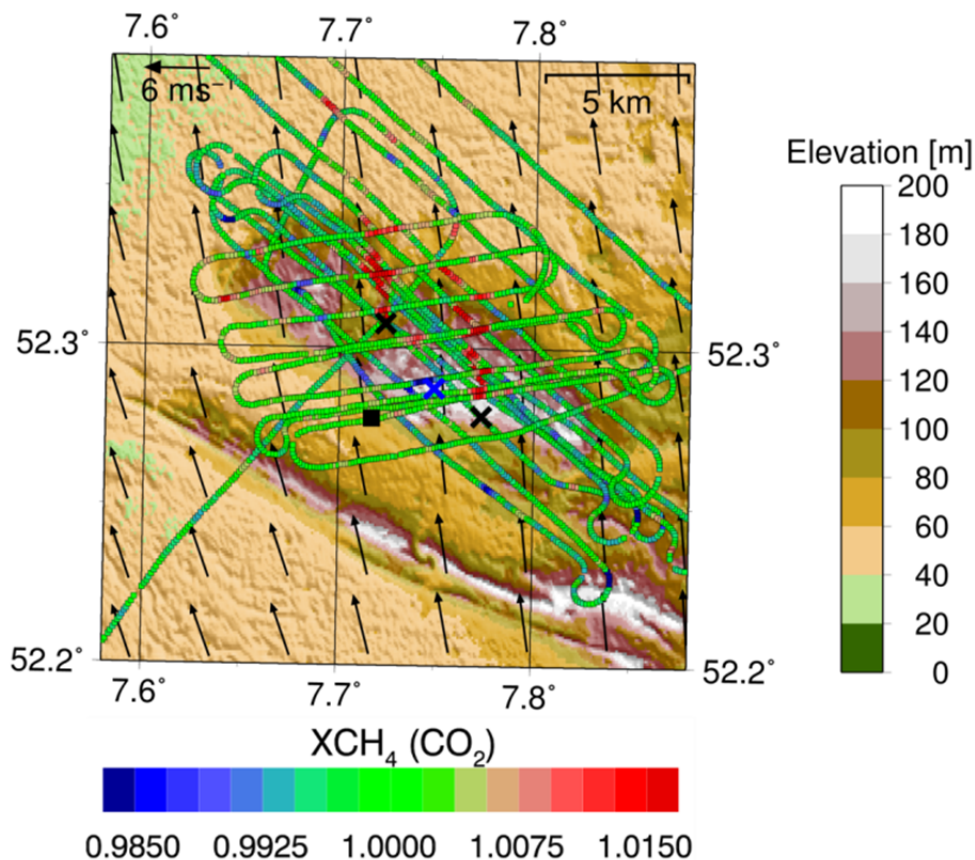


Figure 46: MAMAP $XCH_4(CO_2)$ and surface elevation for the area of Ibbenbüren coal mine. MAMAP data have been smoothed by a 3-point moving average. The North-Western Theodor Shaft and the South-Eastern Bockraden Shaft are denoted by black crosses. The blue cross in between denotes the small coal fired power plant. The arrows denote wind speed and direction in altitude layer 48 of the COSMO-DE model, i.e. approximately at 190m above sea level. (Maps in UTM projection. Topographic data were obtained from the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) version 2.1 (http://dds.cr.usgs.gov/srtm/version2_1/), a collaborative effort from NASA, NGA as well as the German and Italian Space Agencies.)

8.2.3. Atmospheric conditions and wind information from model data

As mentioned in Section 8.1.3, wind speed is an important input parameter for the inversion. For that also the boundary layer height is needed.

Figure 47 shows the COSMO-DE result for temperature and virtual potential temperature for the model grid point North-West of the small power plant location (in the centre of the measurement area).

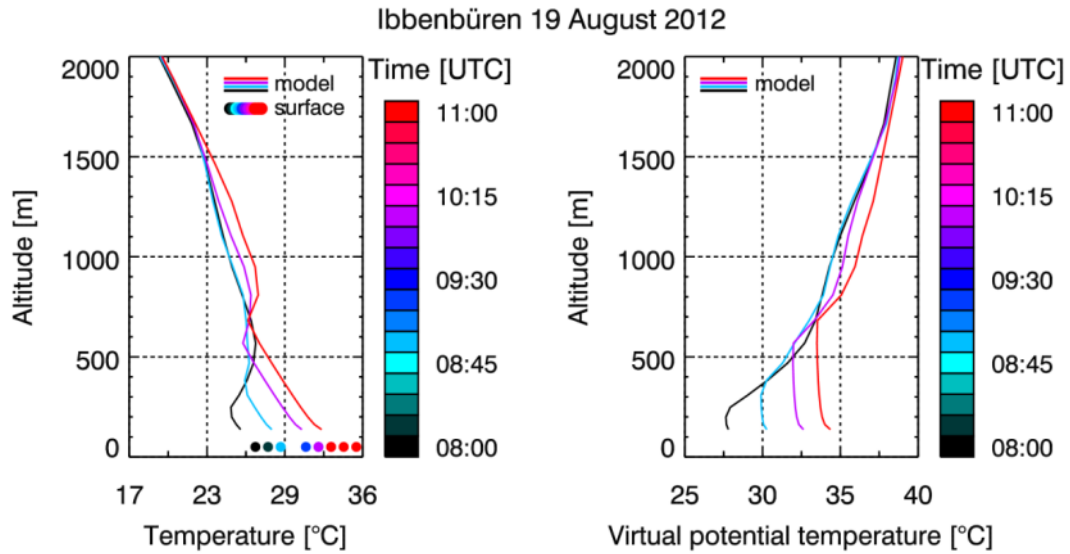


Figure 47: Temperature (left) and virtual potential temperature (right) for the COSMO-DE model grid point North-West of the small power plant in the centre of the measurement area. Surface in situ data for temperature was obtained from Münster/Osnabrück airport (EDDG) located approximately 10km South of the coal mine ventilation shafts.

In a first approximation the boundary layer height can be identified by a sharp increase in virtual potential temperature. According to Figure 47, the boundary layer altitude is evolving from about 100m altitude above ground at 08:00 UTC to about 550m altitude above ground at 11:00 UTC. As in Section 8.1.3, this can only be a very crude approximation.

Figure 48 shows wind speed and direction for the same model grid point. At the boundary layer height wind speed and direction also changes. The wind speed ranges from about 4m/s to 12.5m/s for the time and altitude range of the overflight.

To obtain an adequate estimate of the average wind speed which transports the plume in downwind direction, a weighted mean of the wind profile was computed taking into account the vertical Gaussian dispersion of the plume based on the stability derived from the MAMAP data and dynamically taking into account the evolving boundary layer. This is achieved by computing the effective wind speed for each transect which is averaged for the Gaussian plume model inversion. For the integral method each track is evaluated independently and the resulting emission rates subsequently averaged.

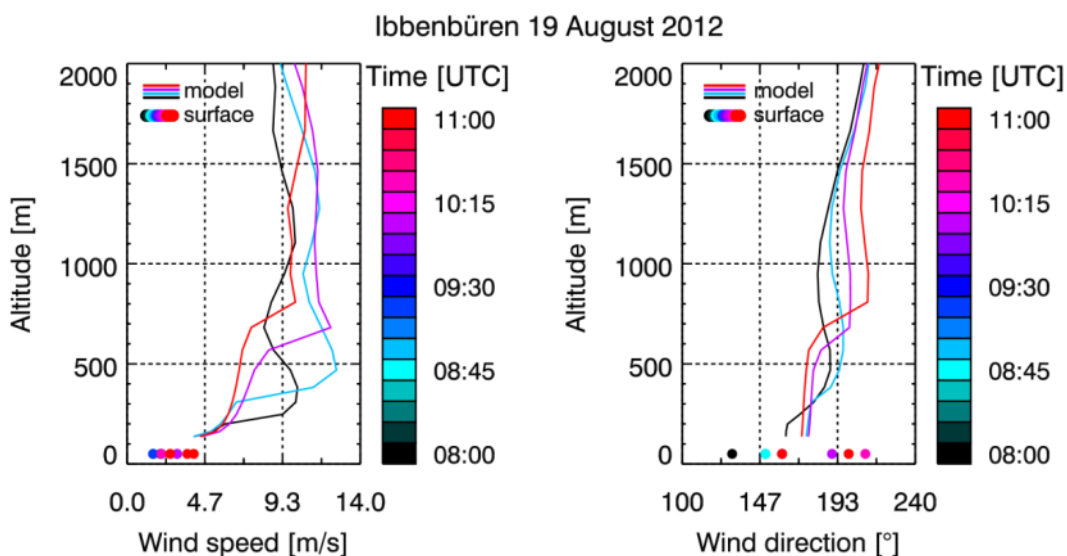


Figure 48: Wind speed (left) and direction (right) for the model grid point North-West of the small power plant in the center of the measurement area.

8.2.4. Inversion for emission data

Preparation and performance of the Gaussian plume inversion and the integral inversion method is very much in line with Section 8.1.4 and Krings et al (2011, 2013).

Before the inversion the data were gridded to pixels of 100m x 100m. There was no additional smoothing or filtering, beside the signal filter described in Section 8.2.2. The measurements were normalised to background using as reference an upwind area defined by $-2000\text{m} < x < 0\text{m}$ and $-2000\text{m} < y < 2000\text{m}$ for Theodor Shaft and $-1000\text{m} < x < 0\text{m}$ and $-1000\text{m} < y < 1000\text{m}$ for Bockraden Shaft. In both cases this is applied for the coordinate system that has been rotated so that wind direction points to positive x-direction.

Wind direction was determined empirically from the measured data to about 175° for both ventilation shafts. When fitting the stability parameter to the retrieved XCH_4 at Theodor Shaft this yields $\alpha=122.8$ (+/- 7.1% statistical error), i.e. stability class B/C (between moderately and slightly unstable atmospheric conditions), independent of wind speed. In case of Bockraden Shaft, the retrieved stability parameter is $\alpha=138.4$ (+/- 6.5% statistical error), i.e. also stability class B/C.

Using this stability as input for a vertical Gaussian dispersion model as a function of distance to source to compute a weighted mean of the wind profile, average wind speeds of 5.85m/s (Theodor) and 5.49m/s (Bockraden) were obtained for the two plume areas covered by MAMAP data.

Applying this wind speed to the Gaussian plume inversion, the result for the average emission rate for the time of the overflight is 13.08 kt CH_4/yr with a statistical error of +/- 5.9% for Theodor Shaft and 18.34 kt CH_4/yr (+/- 5.6%) for Bockraden Shaft. The contour lines as an overlay on the retrieved $\text{XCH}_4(\text{CO}_2)$ can be seen in Figure 49 and Figure 50.

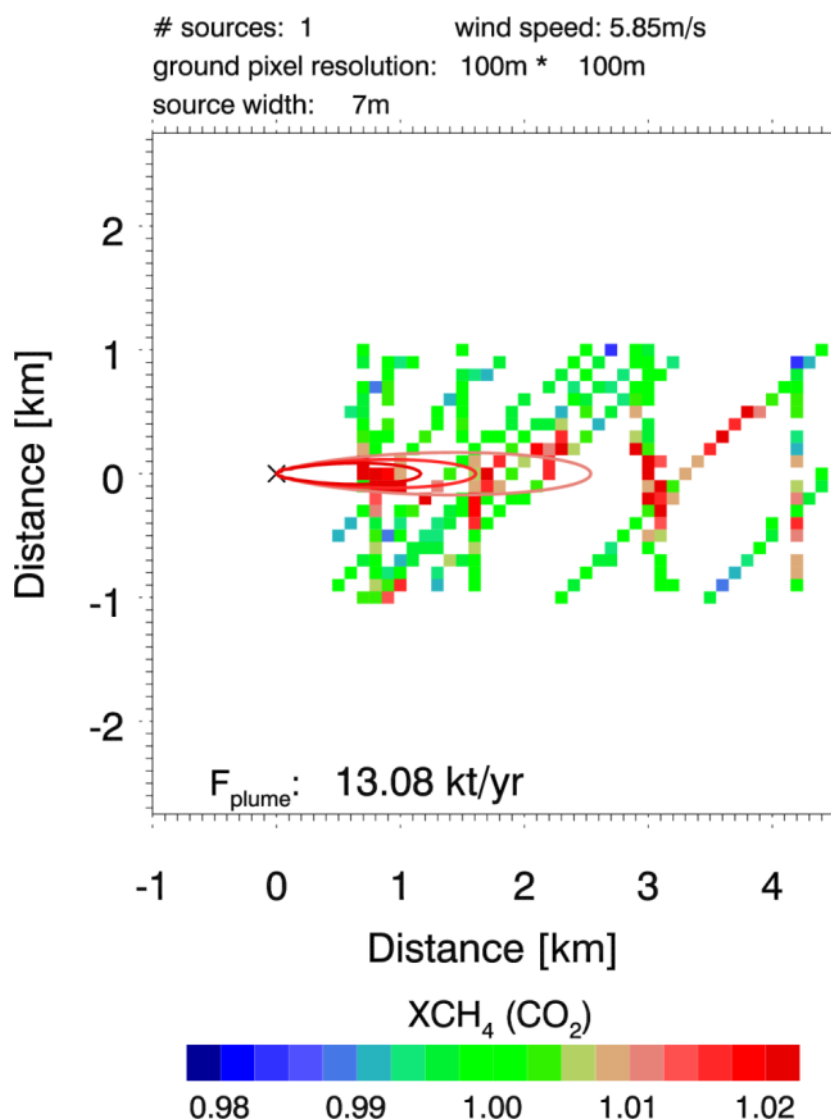


Figure 49: Theodor Shaft MAMAP $XCH_4(CO_2)$ data as used for the inversion. Data are rotated so that wind direction points to positive x-direction. The contour lines indicate the result of the Gaussian plume inversion with a resulting emission of 13.08 kt CH_4/yr for the time of the overflight.

Since the upwind area was basically defined as background, the upwind transect data have not been used for the integral inversion. When evaluating the individual flight tracks with the integral method, there are substantial variations in the inversion result most likely due to convective cells that are not homogeneously distributed in time and space. This is in line with the idea of the Gaussian plume model, which is only a good approximation on average. When taking the mean of the single track inversions with independent wind speed calculations for each track (examples see Figure 51 and Figure 52), the results for the integral method are about 12.49 kt CH_4/yr for Theodor Shaft and 16.87 kt CH_4/yr for Bockraden Shaft and hence very close to the result for the Gaussian plume inversion. The emission rate estimates for individual tracks are partly below zero. This might be due to the fact, that inhomogeneous convective movement lead to a discontinuous plume distribution where noise can dominate the inversion result.

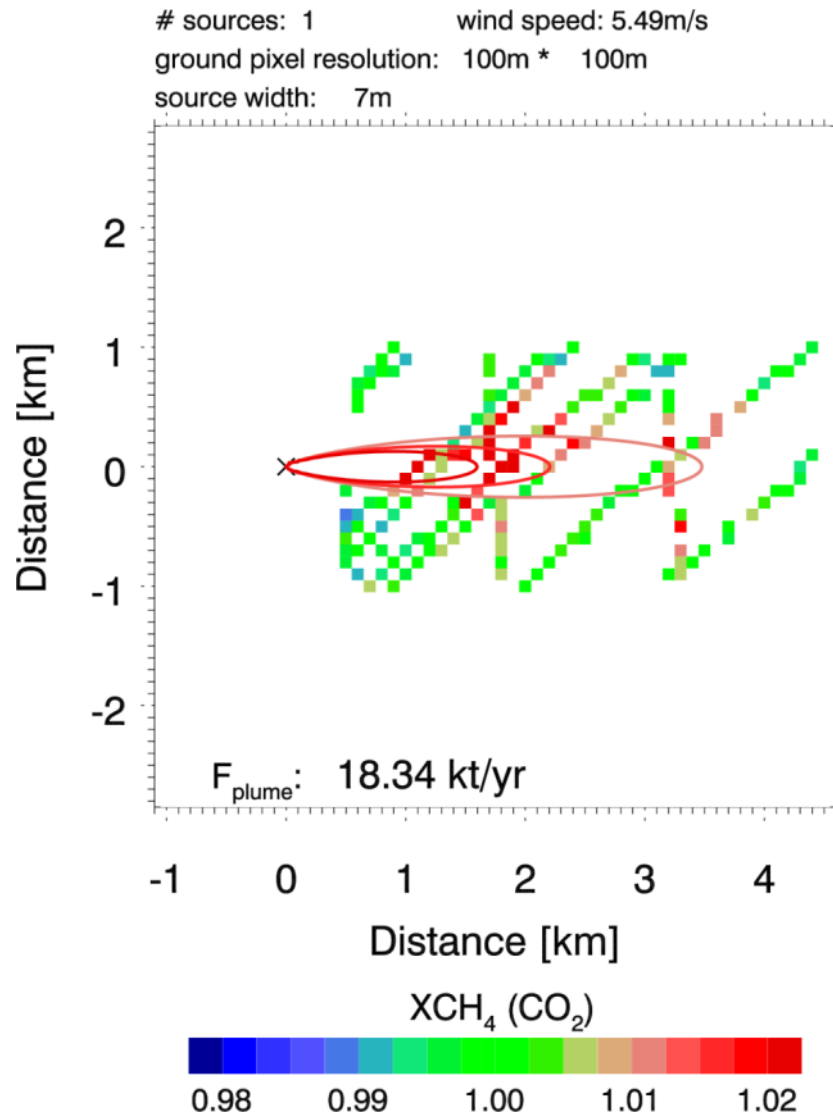


Figure 50 : Bockraden Shaft MAMAP XCH₄(CO₂) data as used for the inversion rotated so that wind direction points to positive x-direction. The contour lines indicate the result of the Gaussian plume inversion with a resulting emission of 18.34 kt CH₄/yr for the time of the overflight.

As for Weisweiler power plant in Section 8.1.4, in principal, also the Gaussian plume inversion was applied to individual flight tracks instead of on all data at once (example see Figure 51 and Figure 52).

The average result of 16.51 kt CH₄/yr (Theodor) and 19.71 kt CH₄/yr (Bockraden) for the time of the overflight differs in particular for Theodor Shaft from the result when considering all data at once. This could be due to the fact that the plume dispersion in the target area appears to be very discontinuous as can be seen from the individual single track results for Gaussian plume and integral inversion. In this case it is more reliable to invert all data at once so that a statistically correct treatment of data following an optimal estimation procedure is ensured.

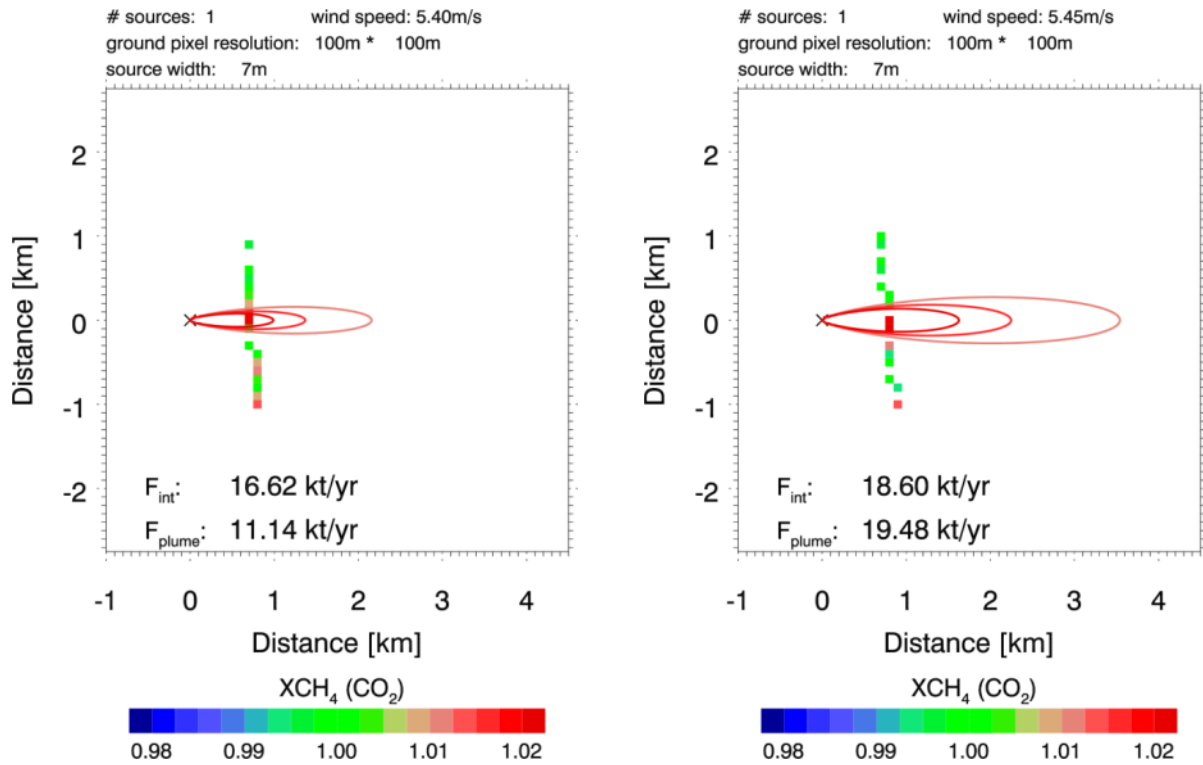


Figure 51: Example for result of integral (F_{int}) and Gaussian plume model inversion (F_{plume}) for individual tracks under consideration for Theodor Shaft independently evaluated. Each figure shows a different track with independently computed wind speed given in the header.

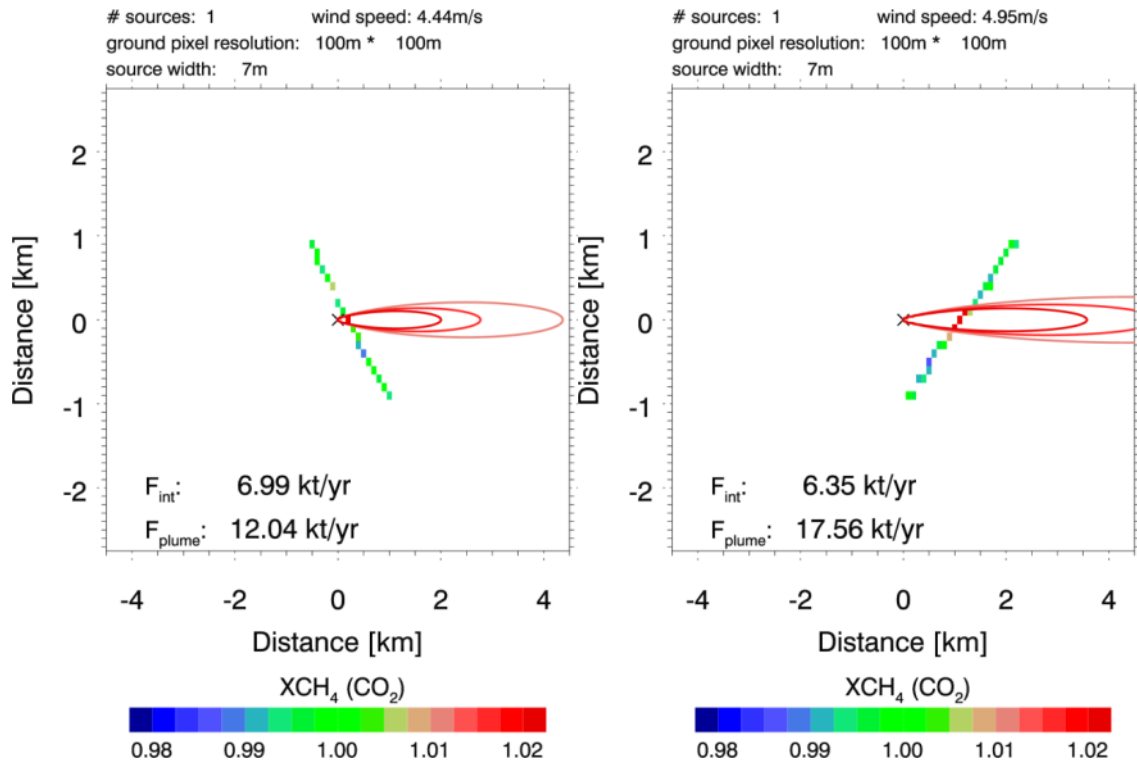


Figure 52: Example of results of integral (F_{int}) and Gaussian plume model inversion (F_{plume}) for individual tracks under consideration for Bockraden Shaft independently evaluated. Each figure shows a different track with independently computed wind speed given in the header.

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8.2.5. Incorporation of atmospheric in situ information

The precision of the wind model was roughly estimated to about 0.9 m/s (1σ) with negligible bias for the case described in Krings et al (2011). Assuming the same error holds in the present study, this leads to a relative error (1σ) on the inversion of about 15-16%.

This error can potentially be drastically improved when on site wind information is available, e.g. from airborne turbulence measurements as they were used in Krings et al (2013) and that were also performed during the C-MAPExp campaign.

Figure 53 shows the flight pattern of the in-situ measurements performed at the Ibbenbüren coal mine location. The measurements concentrate on transects at several altitude layers and two distances downwind of the source from about 180 m to about 990 m above sea level.

The acquired temperature data as compared to the corresponding model data is shown in Figure 54 for the temperature and in Figure 55 for the virtual potential temperature. In general, model and in-situ measurements agree rather well. It is however hard to validate the selected boundary layer heights (see Section 8.2.3). Inspecting the aerosol vertical profiles (see Figure 56 and Figure 57) gives a clearer on boundary layer height showing a drop in aerosol concentrations at about 500m altitude for particles larger than $3\mu\text{m}$ for about 10:00 UTC. This is in good agreement with the boundary layer height derived from modelled virtual potential temperature. However, the exact boundary layer height is not critical because when for comparison running the wind speed computation without any boundary layer at all, the wind speed only differs by +3% (Theodor) and +4% (Bockraden) which is well below the wind uncertainty.

The comparison of wind speed and direction is shown in Figure 58 and Figure 59 for 1 Hz temporal resolution of the in-situ data and in Figure 60 and Figure 61 for a 60 s moving average. The in-situ wind speed is significantly varying, but it appears that the model overestimates the wind speed for the time of the overflight. To quantify this overestimation, the probed altitude range has been divided into 5 equally thick layers in which the deviation between the in-situ measurements on the one hand and the associated model data interpolated in time and space on the other hand were quantified and subsequently averaged over the altitude layers. For the available model and measurement data at the target area and time, this yields an average overestimation of about 3.03m/s, i.e. about 28.1%. Thereby the target area and time were defined by a maximum distance to the centre of the measurement area of $-15\text{km} < x,y < 15\text{km}$ in a time interval between 08:25 and 10:49 UTC. The complete results are shown in Table 2. Note that the results do not directly relate to Figure 58 and Figure 60 which only show the model wind speed at the North-West COSMO-DE grid point while model wind data from the whole measurement area enters the computations in Table 2.

However, in contrast to the conditions at Weisweiler power plant (see Section 8.1.5), the wind profile shape of model and in-situ measurements significantly differ. In this case it would be helpful to weight the individual height layers due to their importance for the dispersion. For that, the most important layers would be the surface layer and the lowest layers in Table 10. This is further supported by the fact, that the computed average wind speed from the model is about 5-6m/s (basically independent of boundary layer height). The surface layer is about 100m thick and was not probed by the airborne instrument, so that this option is not feasible without strong assumptions. A simple approximation would be to assume that the relative wind difference in the lowest layer of Table 10 is also valid for the surface layer, so that the model alone overestimates the wind speed by about 28%.

If this information is used to correct the inversion results from the previous chapter this yields for the Gaussian plume inversion 9.42 ktCH₄/yr (Theodor) and 13.20 ktCH₄/yr (Bockraden). For the integral

inversion the emission rate estimates change to 8.99 ktCH₄/yr (Theodor) and 12.15 ktCH₄/yr (Bockraden).

Table 10: Results of the wind speed comparison between model and airborne in-situ data for Ibbenbüren.

| Altitude range a.s.l. [m] | Model wind speed [m/s] | In-situ wind speed [m/s] | Wind speed difference [m/s] | Relative wind speed difference [%] |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 183 – 345 | 6.68 | 4.82 | -1.85 | -27.8 |
| 345 – 507 | 11.52 | 6.17 | -5.35 | -46.1 |
| 507 – 668 | 12.61 | 8.40 | -4.21 | -33.3 |
| 668 – 830 | 11.88 | 9.45 | -2.43 | -20.4 |
| 830 – 992 | 11.21 | 9.91 | -1.31 | -11.6 |
| | | | Average: -3.03m/s | Average: -28.1% |

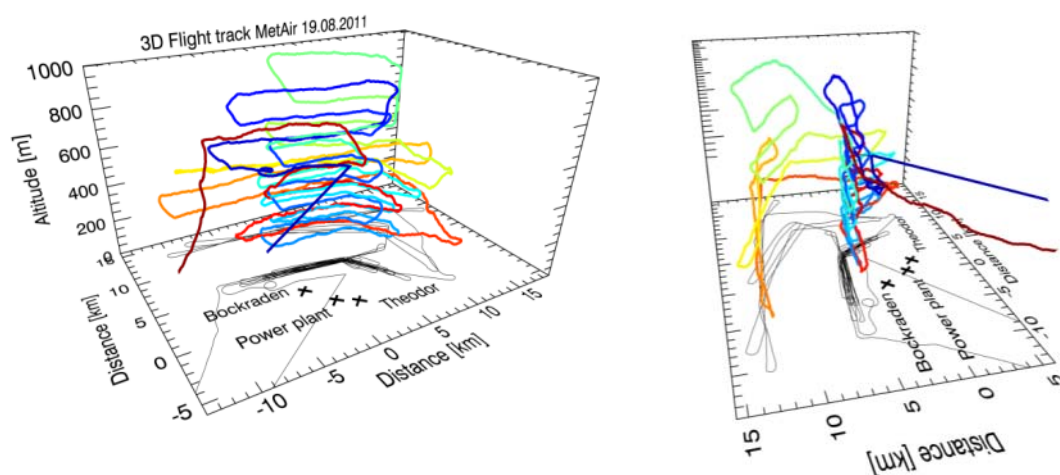


Figure 53: Flight track of in-situ measurements. Location is in UTM projection relative to the power plant location. The colours indicate the temporal progression from dark blue to dark red, while the thin black lines denote the projection of the flight tracks on the surface.

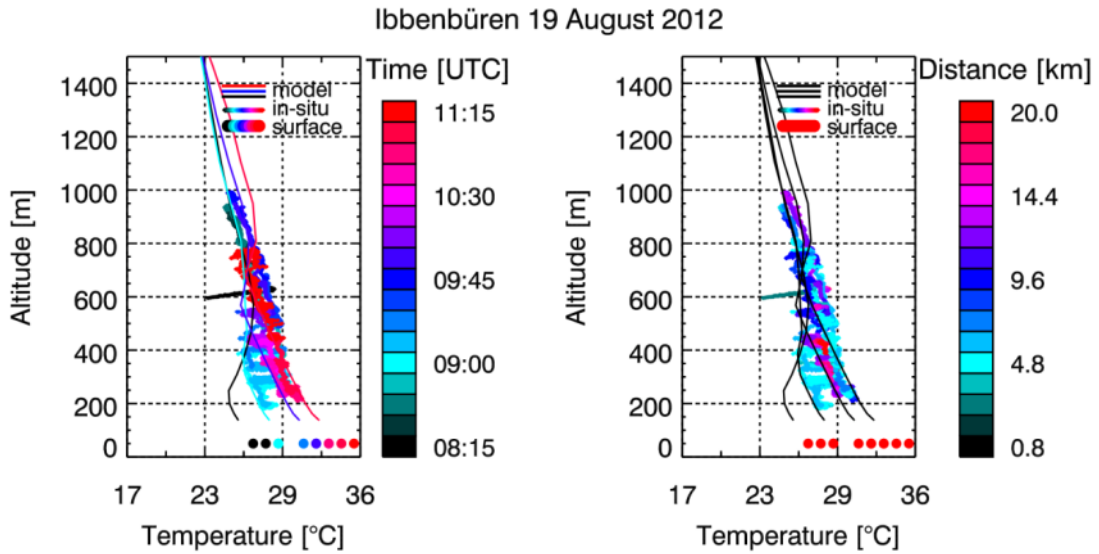


Figure 54: Temperature as given by the COSMO-DE model grid point North-West of the small power plant in the centre of the measurement area (straight lines), airborne and ground based in-situ measurements (discs). Ground based measurements from Münster/Osnabrück Airport (10km South of the measurement area) have been obtained through Weather Underground (www.wunderground.com). Data is colour coded for time (left) and distance to the source (right).

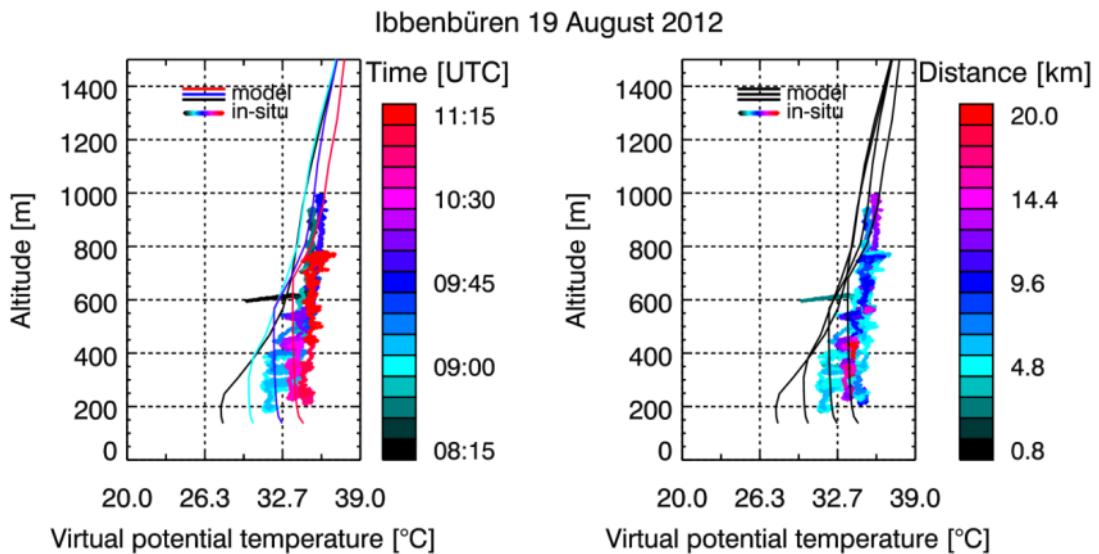


Figure 55: Virtual potential temperature as given by the COSMO-DE model grid point North-West of the small power plant in the centre of the measurement area (straight lines) and airborne in-situ measurements (discs). Data is colour coded for time (left) and distance to the source (right).

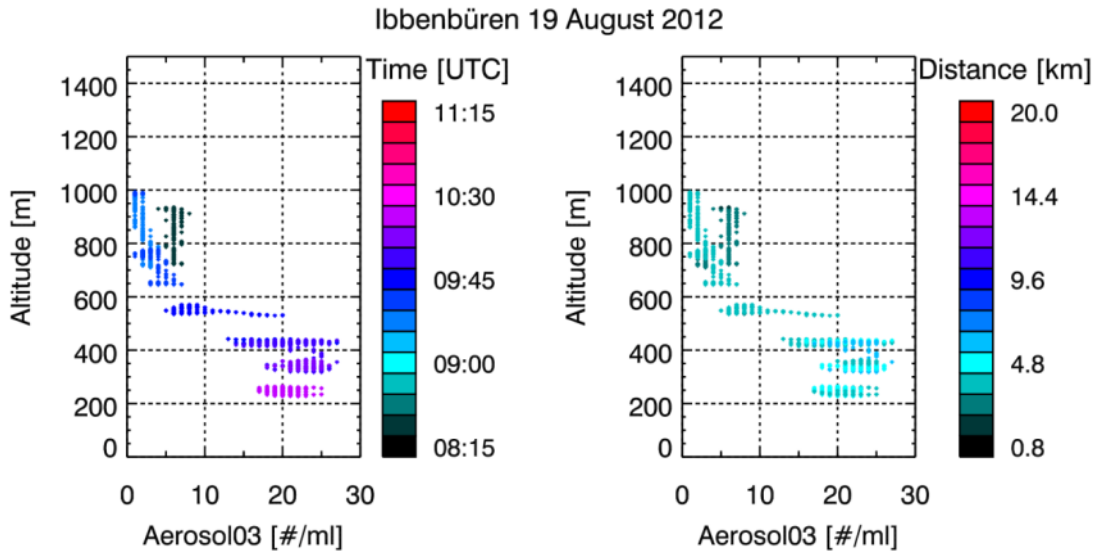


Figure 56: Vertical aerosol distribution measured in-situ for aerosol particles larger than $3\mu\text{m}$. Data is colour coded for time (left) and distance to the source (right).

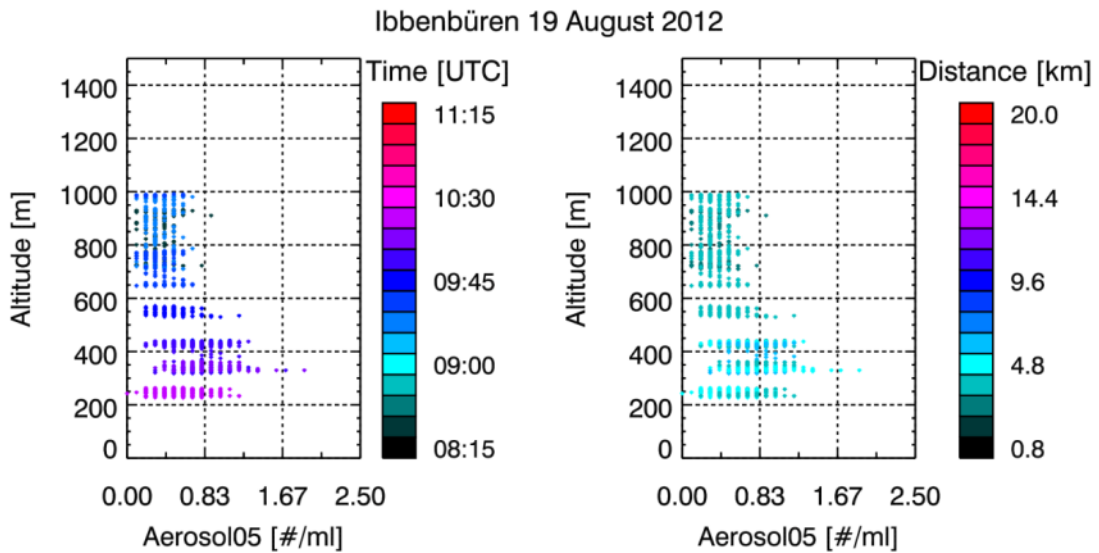


Figure 57: Vertical aerosol distribution measured in-situ for aerosol particles larger than $5\mu\text{m}$. Data is colour coded for time (left) and distance to the source (right).

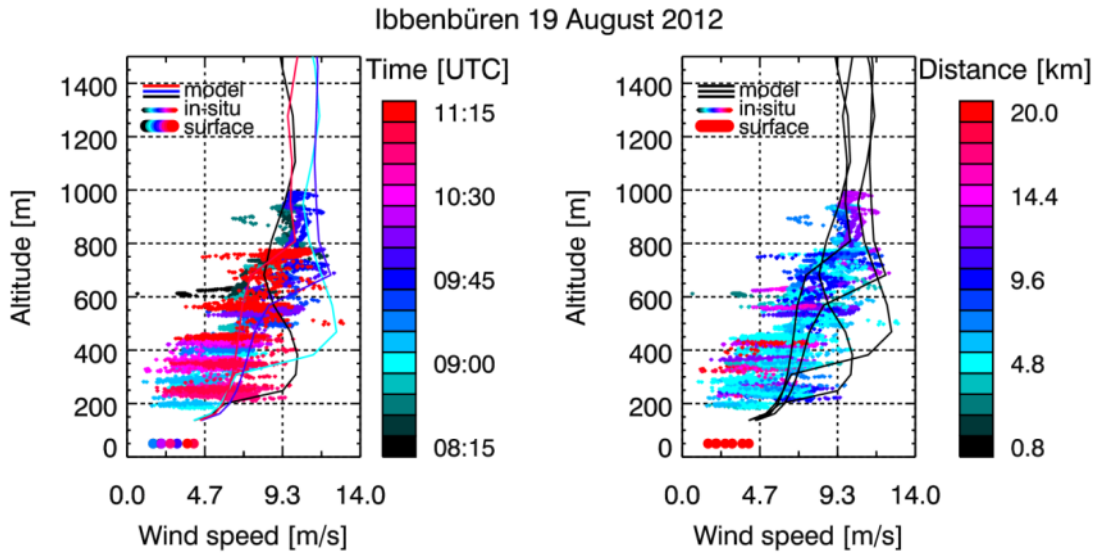


Figure 58: Wind speed as given by the COSMO-DE model grid point North-West of the small power plant in the centre of the measurement area (straight lines) airborne and ground based in-situ measurements (discs). Ground based measurements from Münster/Osnabrück Airport (10km South of the measurement area) have been obtained through Weather Underground (www.wunderground.com). Data is colour coded for time (left) and distance to the source (right).

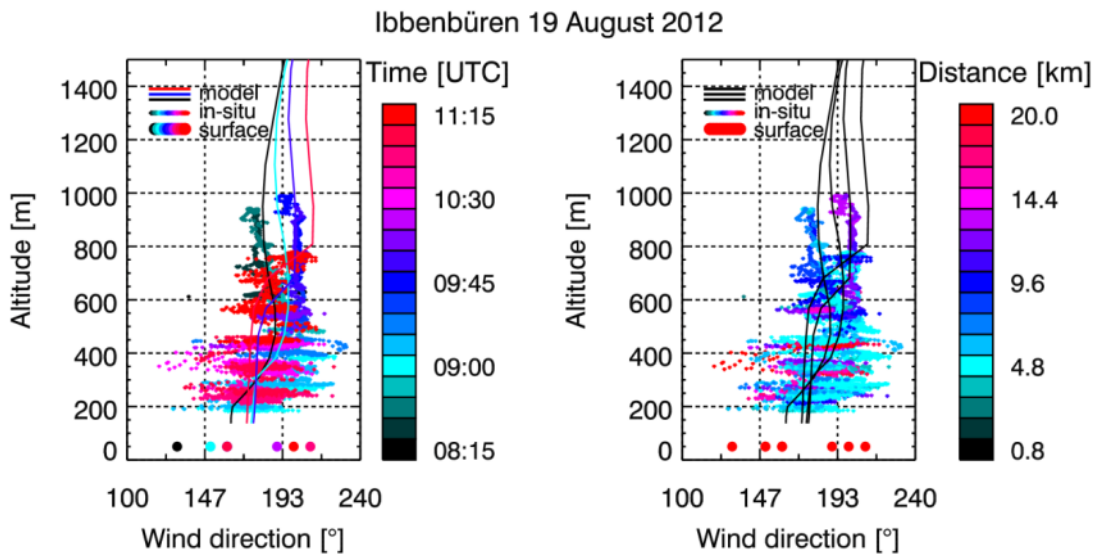


Figure 59: Wind direction as given by the COSMO-DE model grid point North-West of the small power plant in the centre of the measurement area (straight lines) airborne and ground based in-situ measurements (discs). Ground based measurements from Münster/Osnabrück Airport (10km South of the measurement area) have been obtained through Weather Underground (www.wunderground.com). Data is colour coded for time (left) and distance to the source (right).

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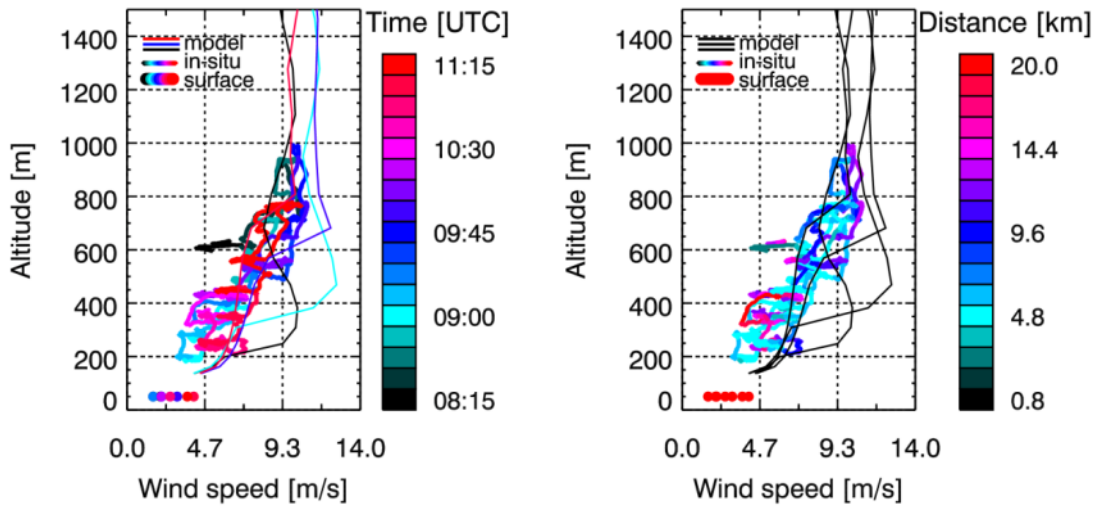


Figure 60: As Figure 58 but smoothed by a 60s moving average.

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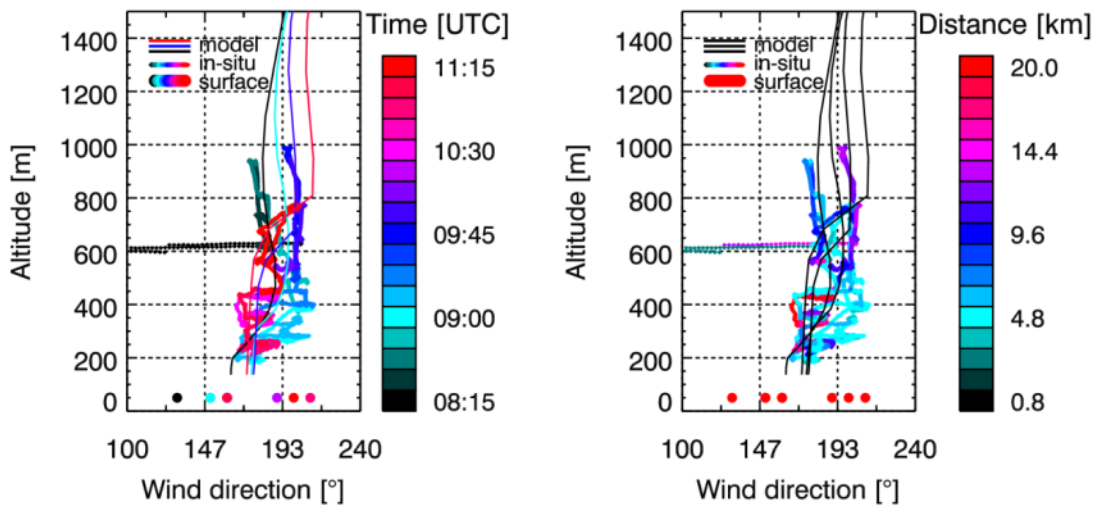


Figure 61: As Figure 59 but smoothed by a 60s moving average.

8.3. Conclusions for the remote sensing inversions

The results from the measurements performed over Weisweiler power plant on August 18, 2012 and over the coal mine ventilation shafts of the coal mine RAG Anthrazit Ibbenbüren on August 19, 2012 are summarized in Table 11.

Table 11: Results of the data analysis for CO₂ emissions from Weisweiler power plant and CH₄ emissions from coal mine ventilation shafts of the coal mine RAG Anthrazit Ibbenbüren.

| Data basis | MAMAP and COSMO-DE | | | MAMAP, COSMO-DE and airborne in-situ | | | Reported in 2011 | Reported for the time of the overflight | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | Target | Gaussian plume | Integral | Approx. wind error | Gaussian plume | Integral | | | |
| Weisweiler power plant | | 16.35 MtCO ₂ /yr (+/- 2.6%) | 15.83 MtCO ₂ /yr | 23% | 17.23 MtCO ₂ /yr (+/- 2.6%) | 16.68 MtCO ₂ /yr | 12% | 19.3 MtCO ₂ /yr | 21.2 MtCO ₂ /yr |
| Ibbenbüren: Theodor Shaft | | 13.08 ktCH ₄ /yr (+/- 5.9%) | 12.49 ktCH ₄ /yr | 15% | 9.42 ktCH ₄ /yr (+/- 5.9%) | 8.99 ktCH ₄ /yr | 12% | 41.8 ktCH ₄ /yr | 16.4 ktCH ₄ /yr |
| Ibbenbüren: Bockraden Shaft | | 18.34 ktCH ₄ /yr (+/- 5.6%) | 16.87 ktCH ₄ /yr | 16% | 13.20 ktCH ₄ /yr (+/- 5.9%) | 12.15 ktCH ₄ /yr | 13% | | 18.2 ktCH ₄ /yr |

The highest uncertainties are expected to result from uncertainty in wind speed and estimation of an average wind speed and are denoted in Table 11 along with the statistical uncertainties based on the instrument precision for the plume inversion. In case of Weisweiler power plant, the COSMO-DE model wind speed was biased low compared to the measurements. Adjusting for this bias leads to emission rates that are about 5.4% higher than the results considering only MAMAP measurements and COSMO-DE model data. The emission rate estimate for the time of the overflight is about 20% lower than the emission rate computed from data provided by RWE.

In case of the coal mine ventilation shafts, the wind profiles between airborne in-situ measurements and model significantly differed. However, the lowest atmospheric layer which contains a large part of the emitted CH₄ was not probed. Assuming that the bias in the lowest atmospheric layer is as in the lowest probed layer, the inverted emission rates need to be adjusted by -28%.

The emission rate estimate for the two ventilation shafts combined is then about 46-49% lower than the average emission rate for 2011. Generally the CH₄ emissions in coal mines are related to cutting of fresh coal with a resulting maximum emission rate on Friday evening and a minimum on Monday morning (EnergieAgentur.NRW, 2009). Hence, an emission rate that is lower than the yearly average is likely for a Sunday when the present measurements were performed and assuming that the interannual variations of CH₄ emissions of the coal mine are low. However, compared to the actual emissions as provided by the Bezirksregierung Arnsberg, the result is biased by about -37%.

Main error source is the uncertainty of wind information which is roughly between 10% and 20%. An additional uncertainty arises from the computation of an average wind speed which is challenging especially in case of Ibbenbüren where the wind profile significantly differs from the model wind profile (see Section 8.2.5).

9. Comparison of inversion results using in-situ and remote sensing

9.1. Comparison of columns

The in-situ measurements converted to vertical columns and projected on straight lines are shown in Figure 62 for Weisweiler power plant and in Figure 65 for the coal mine ventilation shafts Ibbenbüren.

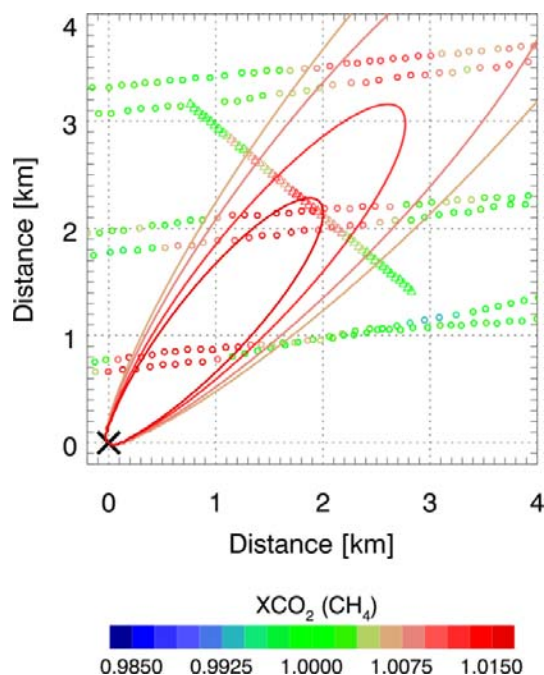


Figure 62 : Comparison between remote sensing measurements of XCO_2 (circles) at Weisweiler power plant with in-situ measurements converted to vertical columns projected on a straight line (triangles).

For Weisweiler power plant, the location of the plume between remote sensing and in-situ measurements coincide very well. The horizontal cross section of the in-situ data is additionally shown in Figure 63. For comparison also the cross sections of the remote sensing data closest to the projected in-situ measurements are shown in Figure 64, showing similar values in both cases. However, the remote sensing results appear to be somewhat higher which is also reflected in the inversion result of the in-situ data (see Section 9.2). An exact agreement between in-situ and remote sensing is not to be expected. On the one hand this is because the measurements were not performed at the same time and on the other hand the vertical columns computed from the in-situ measurements are only virtual columns that have been obtained from numerous measurements performed at various altitudes at different times.

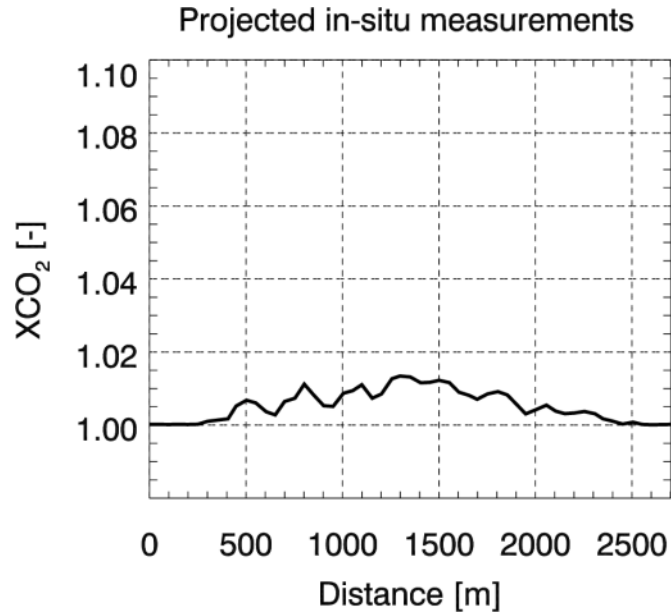


Figure 63 : Cross section of in-situ measurements converted to column averaged dry air mole fractions at power plant Weisweiler.

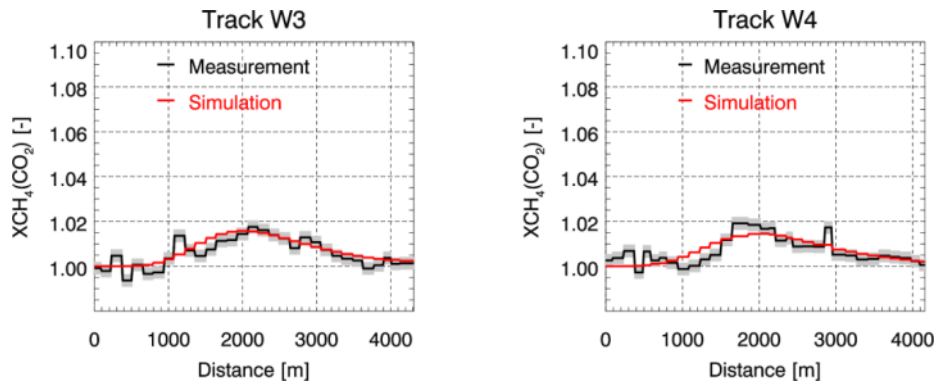


Figure 64 : Cross sections of remote sensing column averaged dry air mole fractions at power plant Weisweiler closest to the in-situ measurements. Measurements are shown in black, while the result of the model based on the inverted emission rate using the plume model and sampled like the measurement is shown in red.

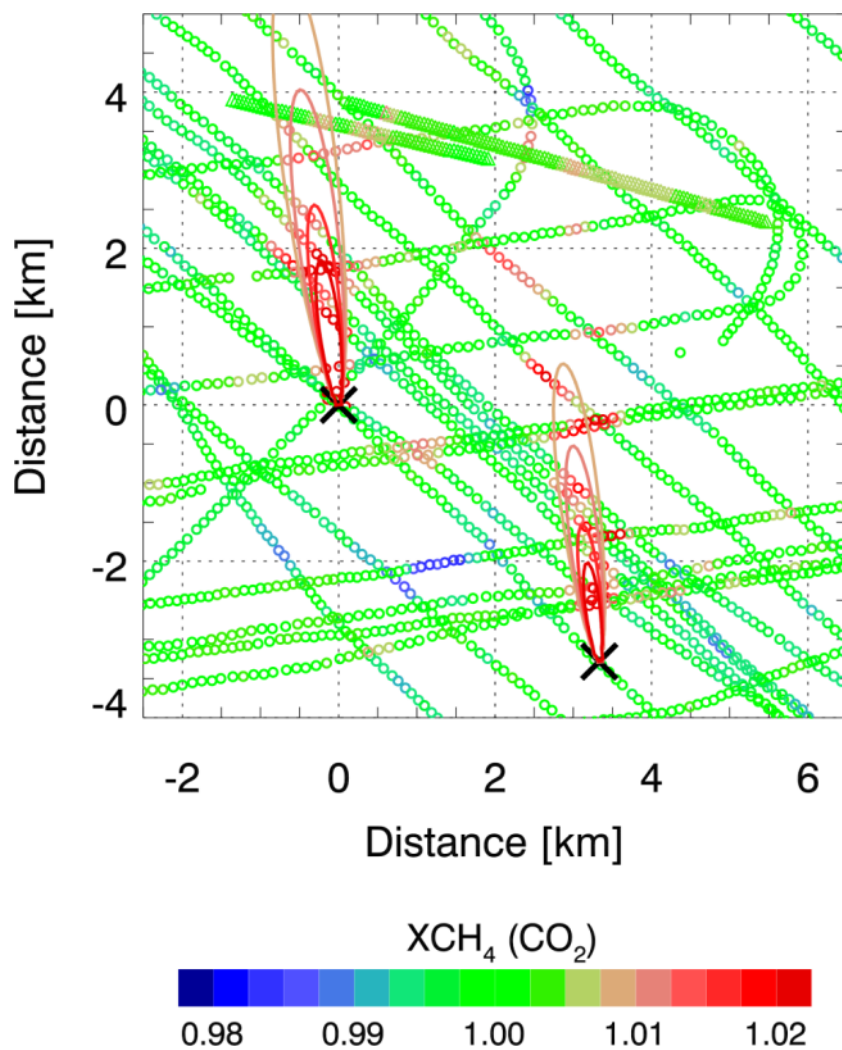


Figure 65 : Comparison between remote sensing measurements of XCH_4 (circles) at coal mine ventilation shafts Ibbenbüren with in-situ measurements converted to vertical columns projected on a straight line (triangles) for each shaft.

The in-situ cross section for the two ventilation shafts of the coal mine Ibbenbüren are shown in Figure 66, the relevant remote sensing cross sections in Figure 67 for Theodor Shaft and in Figure 68 for Bockraden Shaft. From all measurements it can be seen that the plume has not a Gaussian profile but appears to be rather ragged. This makes a comparison between remote sensing and in-situ particularly difficult. Nevertheless, the order of magnitude of obtained column mole fractions are similar.

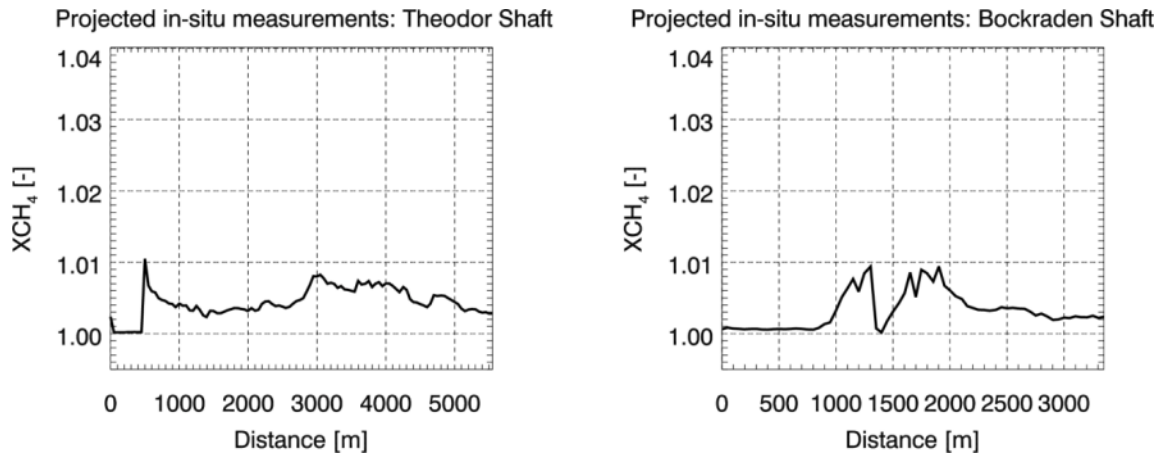


Figure 66 : Cross section of in-situ measurements converted to column averaged dry air mole fractions at Theodor Shaft (left) and Bockraden Shaft (right).

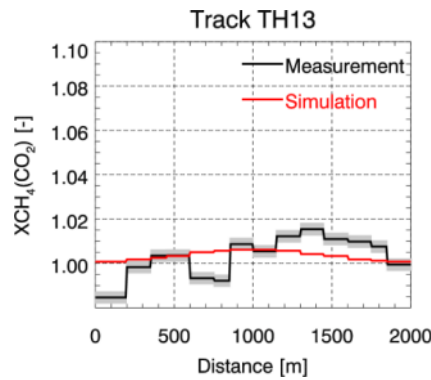


Figure 67 : Cross section of remote sensing column averaged dry air mole fractions at Theodor Shaft closest to the in-situ measurements. Measurements are shown in black, while the result of the model based on the inverted emission rate using the plume model and sampled like the measurement is shown in red. However this track is more than 1km closer to the source than the projected in-situ measurements.

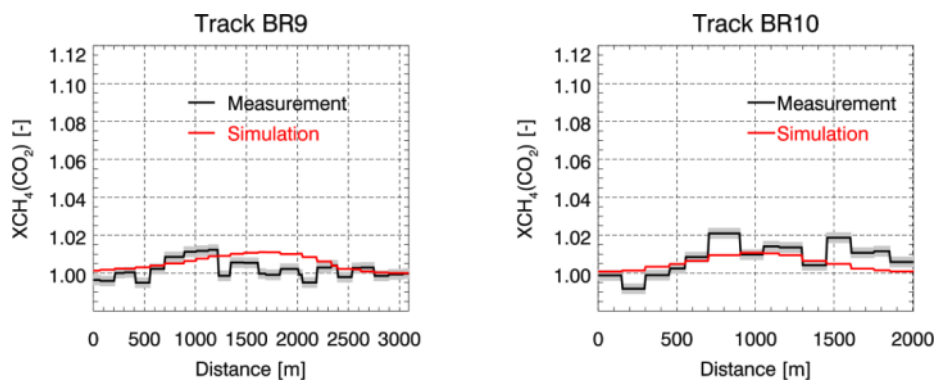


Figure 68 : Cross sections of remote sensing column averaged dry air mole fractions at Bockraden Shaft closest to the in-situ measurements. Measurements are shown in black, while the result of the model based on the inverted emission rate using the plume model and sampled like the measurement is shown in red.

9.2. Preliminary Comparison of Inversion Results

Preliminary inversion results for remote sensing and in-situ measurements are shown in Table 12. In case of CO₂ emissions from Weisweiler power plant, the remote sensing results incorporating the in-situ meteorological data are about 17 MtCO₂/yr for the time of the overflight. The in-situ result (for a horizontal resolution of 50m as defined in Section 7.1) is significantly lower at about 13.8 MtCO₂/yr. The total emissions in 2011 as reported within the framework of emission release registers were about 19.3 MtCO₂/yr (E-PRTR, <http://prtr.ec.europa.eu/>, last access: January, 2014). Reported emissions for the time of the overflight as inferred from data provided by RWE are about 21.2 MtCO₂/yr

In case of Ibbenbüren, the in-situ results for the near and far track strongly differ by a factor of about 2.3. The reason for that is not clear (see also Section 7.2 for a discussion). Compared to the reported data provided by the Bezirksregierung Arnsberg, the near in-situ tracks overestimate the emissions by about 26%, the far track by about 193%. The inversion using remote sensing data on the other hand underestimates the emissions by about 47%. In case of the remote sensing result, this bias is larger than the expected errors. Possible reasons for that will be discussed in Section 9.3.

The columns of CO₂ and CH₄ computed from the in-situ data by Metair can of course also be used with the IUP inversion approaches applied for the remote sensing data. The average inversion result for Weisweiler is then 12.1 MtCO₂/yr for the time of the overflight and hence very close to the in-situ inversion result by Metair. The results for Theodor Shaft using the IUP remote sensing inversion techniques applied to the in-situ data yields about 24.1ktCH₄/yr which is about 15% higher than the in-situ inversion. For Bockraden Shaft on the other hand the IUP inversion using the in-situ data leads to an emissions estimate of about 14.1ktCH₄/yr, that is 35% lower than the Metair result.

| Data basis | MAMAP and COSMO-DE | | | | MAMAP, COSMO-DE and airborne in-situ wind information | | | | In-situ (Metair) | | | | Reported | | |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Gaussian plume | Integral | Wind speed | Approx. wind error (+) | Gaussian plume | Integral | Wind speed | Approx. wind error (+) | Near field inversion (*) | Far field inversion (*) | Wind speed | | | Approx. wind error (+) | |
| Target | | | | | | | | | | | Near field | Far field | | | |
| Weisweiler power plant | 16.35 MtCO ₂ /yr (+/- 2.6%) | 15.83 MtCO ₂ /yr | 3.96 m/s | 23% | 17.23 MtCO ₂ /yr (+/- 2.6%) | 16.68 MtCO ₂ /yr | 4.19 m/s | 12% | | | 13.76 MtCO ₂ /yr | | 4.91 m/s | 10% | 21.2 MtCO ₂ /yr |
| Ibbenbüren: Theodor Shaft | 13.08 ktCH ₄ /yr (+/- 5.9%) | 12.49 ktCH ₄ /yr | 5.85 m/s | 15% | 9.42 ktCH ₄ /yr (+/- 5.9%) | 8.99 ktCH ₄ /yr | 4.21 m/s | 12% | 20.97 ktCH ₄ /yr | | 4.9 m/s | 4.25 m/s | 10/12% | 16.4 ktCH ₄ /yr | |
| Ibbenbüren: Bockraden Shaft | 18.34 ktCH ₄ /yr (+/- 5.6%) | 16.87 ktCH ₄ /yr | 5.49 m/s | 16% | 13.20 ktCH ₄ /yr (+/- 5.9%) | 12.15 ktCH ₄ /yr | 3.95 m/s | 13% | 22.74 ktCH ₄ /yr | 101.28 ktCH ₄ /yr | 4.38 m/s | 3.42 m/s | 11/14% | 18.2 ktCH ₄ /yr | |

Table 12: Preliminary comparison of inversion results for remote sensing and in-situ measurements. The results for remote sensing are splitted according to the used meteorological data. Explanations: (+) Approximate wind error is computed from the errors of 0.9m/s for COSMO-DE and 0.5m/s for the in-situ wind data. For the in-situ inversion the wind speed is only an effective wind speed computed in the post-processing and is not used as such for the inversion. (*) "Near field" and "Far field" refers to the in-situ measurement tracks flown at different distances from the source. The far field inversion in case of Ibbenbüren in-situ data includes emissions from both shafts. For Weisweiler there is only one track for in-situ column data, therefore it is not distinguished between near and far field.

| Powerplant | Date | Emissions at Time of Overpass [MtCO ₂ /yr] | | |
|---|------------|--|------------|----------------|
| | | Derived from Energy Production Data | In-situ | Remote Sensing |
| Weisweiler | 18.08.2012 | 21.2 | 13.8 ±25% | 15.5 ± 25% |
| | 23.08.2012 | 15.2 | 21.2 ± 4% | -- |
| Niederaußem | 15.08.2012 | 25.7 | 24.5 ± 24% | -- |
| | 18.08.2012 | 22.5 | 37.2 ± 3% | -- |
| Gesamt- emissionen: Niederaußem + Neurath + Frimmersdorf | 15.08.2012 | 69.8 | 54.4 ± 4% | -- |
| | 16.08.2012 | 71.0 | 50.3 ± 12% | -- |
| | 17.08.2012 | 64.0 | 47.5 ± 20% | -- |
| | 18.08.2012 | 46.2 | 47.2 ± 7% | -- |
| Ibbenbüren | 19.08.2012 | 3.9 | 6.7 ± 6.8% | -- |

Table 13: Comparison of inverted emissions with emissions derived from energy production.

Table 13 compares the emissions inverted from the in-situ data set to the emissions reported at the time of the overpass. Due to the larger effort of inverting the remote sensing data, only data from Weisweiler could be evaluated in this project. Further investigations on the observed commonalities and differences are out of scope of this campaign project (main focus was data acquisition), but it indicates that further investigations on the data set are required and will lead into new insights into the field of determining point source emissions from remote sensing data.

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9.3. Possible bias in the inversion of remote sensing data due to assumptions in background correction

It is evident that the inversion of remote sensing data in case of Ibbenbüren strongly underestimates the reported emissions. The difference is about -47%. The most likely candidate that can potentially have such an impact is the choice of the normalisation of MAMAP data. The MAMAP instrument is not absolutely calibrated and therefore needs a normalisation to the designated background. General procedure is to divide (normalise) the data by the median of a region that is trusted to be at background concentration level.

In case of Ibbenbüren the data region for normalisation was selected upwind of the measurement area, stated in detail in Section 8.2.4. A revised normalisation was tested afterwards that uses the same normalisation for both ventilation shafts using the complete surrounding area of the shafts excluding the plume area, while the plume area is approximated empirically (see Figure 69). Since this data also includes several turns of the airplane it is useful to include an inclination filter rejecting all data for instrument inclination geometries of more than 5° off nadir. The advantage of this method is that significantly more data is taken into account giving potentially a better average. In this way also variations during flight, e.g. due to changing atmospheric conditions (clouds, aerosols, ...) are taken into account to some degree. The disadvantage is that upwind sources cannot be completely separated anymore from the source of interest. However, this is not critical for Ibbenbüren since there are no significant (localised) sources upwind of the ventilation shafts. For the former normalisation method, the normalisation factor was about 0.981 (Theodor Shaft) and 0.980 (Bockraden Shaft). Using the revised normalisation method, this factor becomes 0.978 for both shafts. This result is rather stable with respect to the excluded plume area leading to varying inversion results of less than 1.5% for a reasonable modification of the selected data for normalisation. The cross sections for all tracks in comparison with data using the former normalisation are shown in Figure 70 to Figure 76. It is apparent that the scatter due to noise appears to be rather high making a determination of background by eye quite difficult.

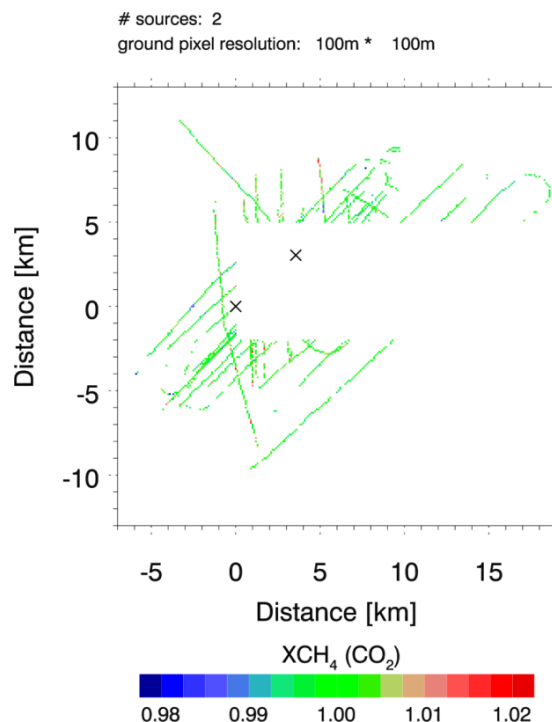


Figure 69 : Remote sensing data used for the revised normalization method for data at Ibbenbüren coal mine. The methane plume area originating at the two ventilation shafts is excluded.

In doing so, the emission rate estimates are significantly higher (see Table 14). For Theodor Shaft, the emission rate is about 14.76 ktCH₄/yr (integral method) and 12.30 ktCH₄/yr (Gaussian plume inversion). For Bockraden emissions are estimated to 15.30 ktCH₄/yr (integral) and 16.05 ktCH₄/yr (plume). All in all the bias is decreased to an underestimation of 16% relative to the reported emissions.

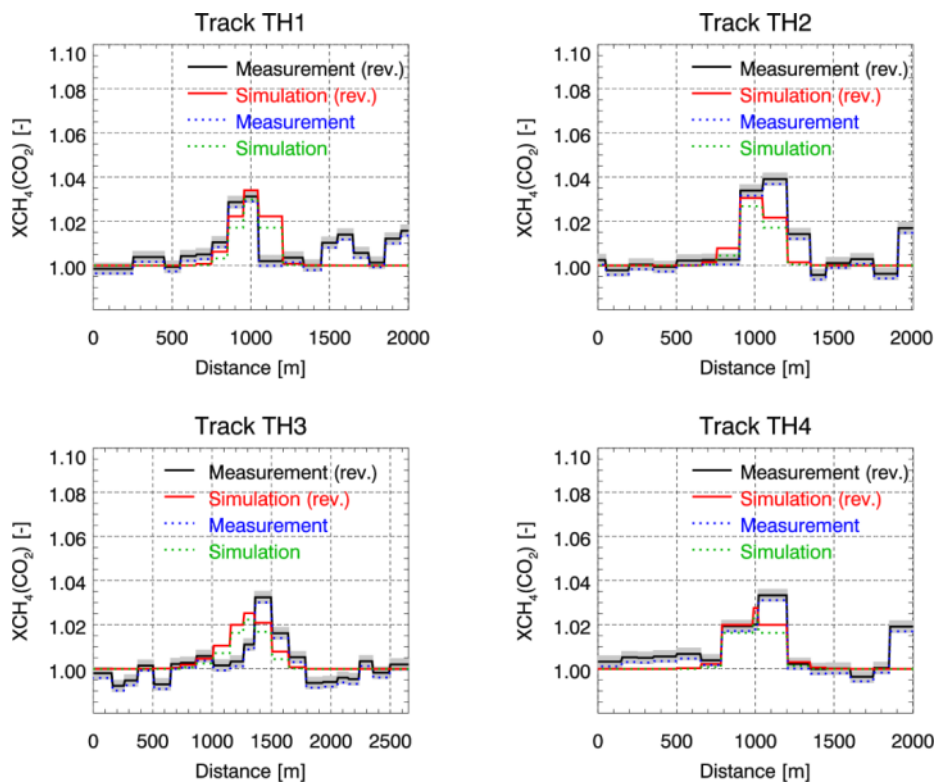


Figure 70 : Cross sections of remote sensing column averaged dry air mole fractions at Theodor Shaft. Measurements with revised normalization are shown in black, while the result of the model based on the inverted emission rate using the plume model and sampled like the measurement is shown in red. Measurement and simulation based on the former normalization are shown in blue and green dotted lines respectively.

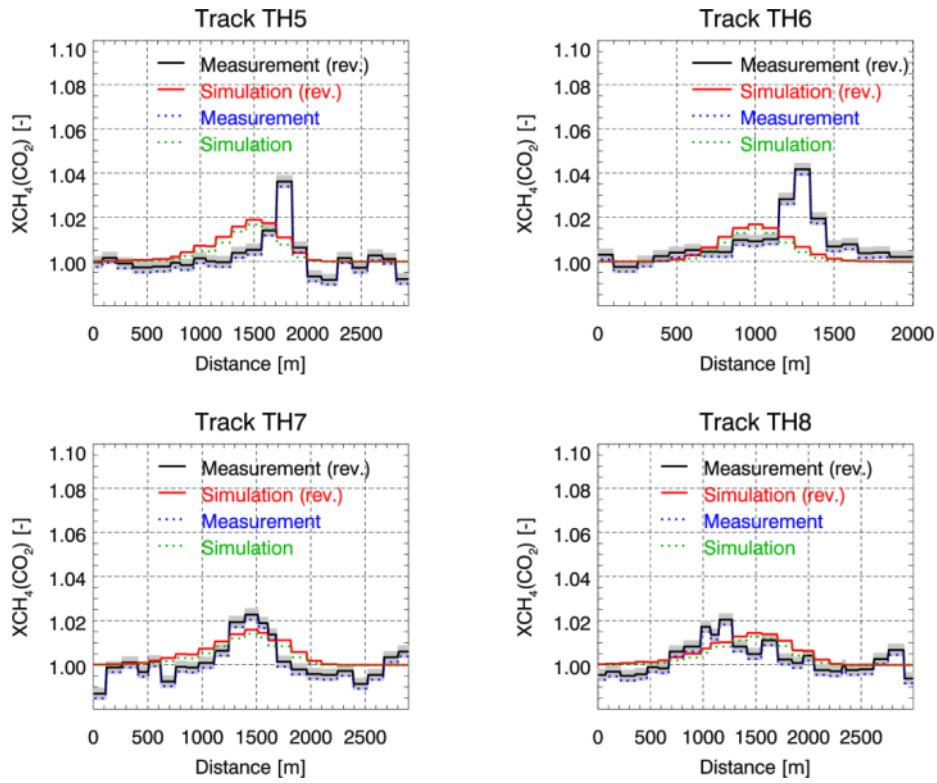


Figure 71 : Continuation of Figure 70.

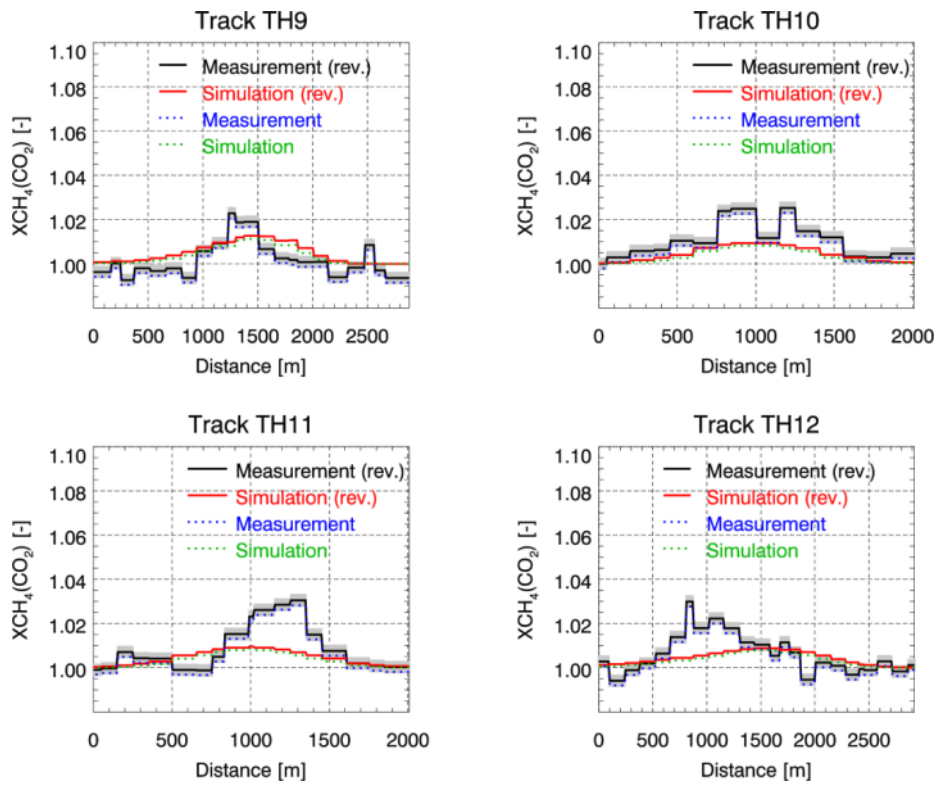


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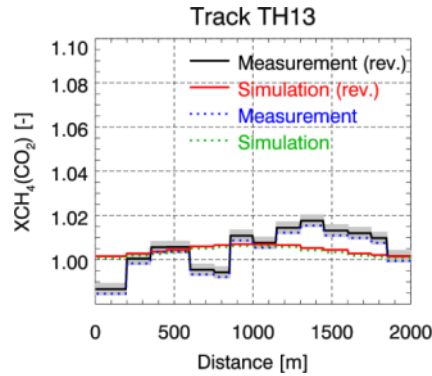


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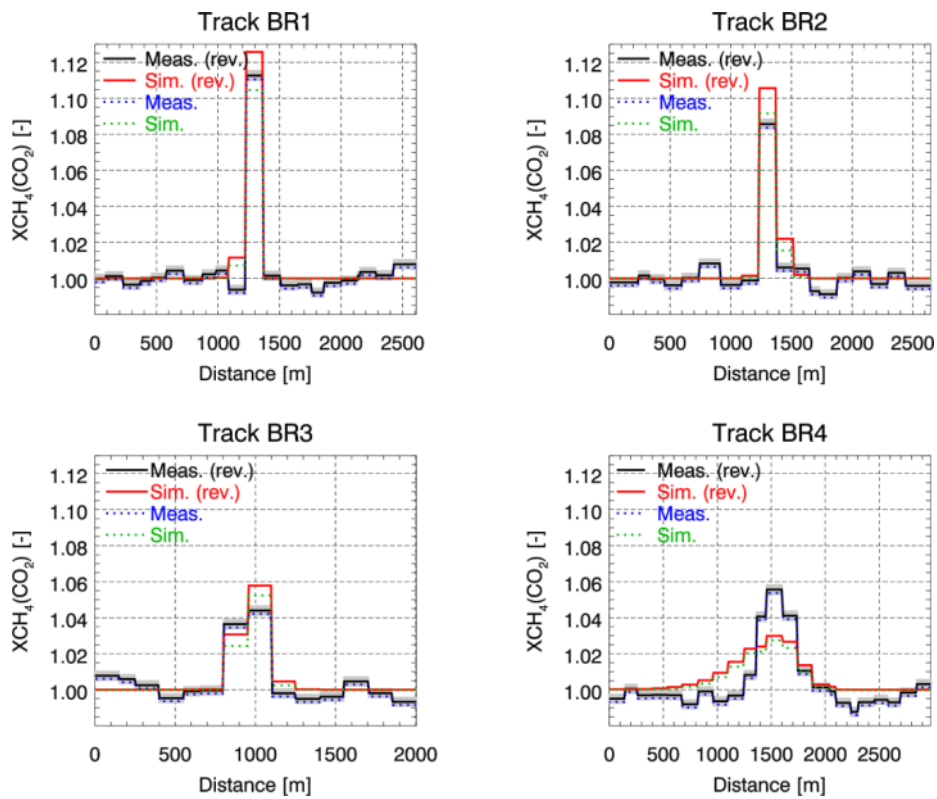


Figure 74 : Cross sections of remote sensing column averaged dry air mole fractions at Bockraden Shaft. Measurements with revised normalization are shown in black, while the result of the model based on the inverted emission rate using the plume model and sampled like the measurement is shown in red. Measurement and simulation based on the former normalisation are shown in blue and green dotted lines respectively.

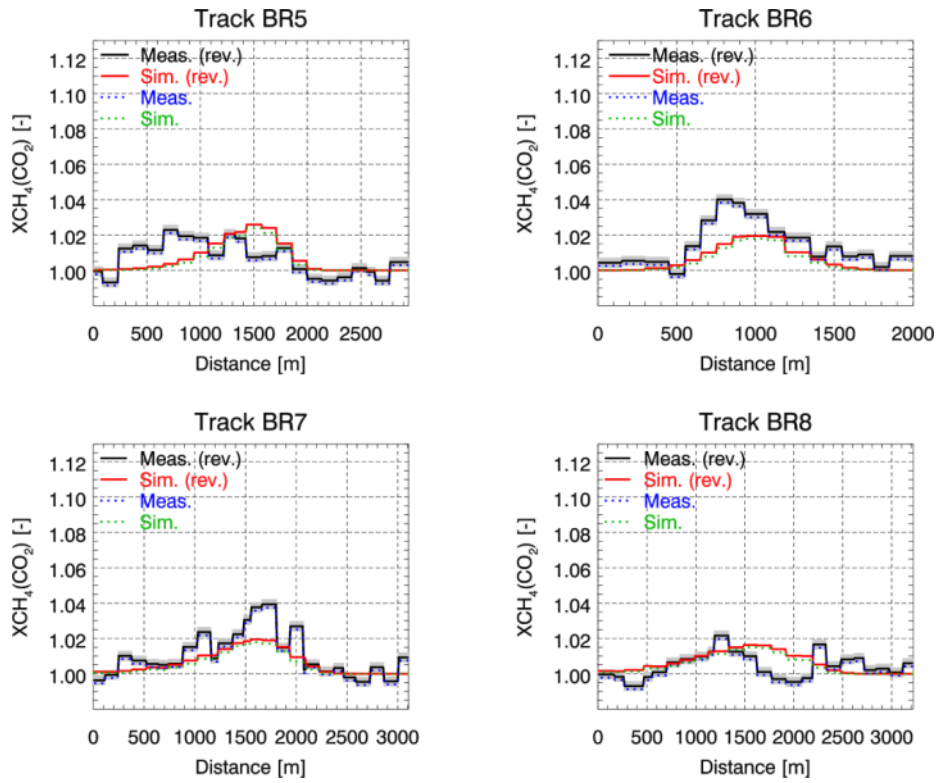


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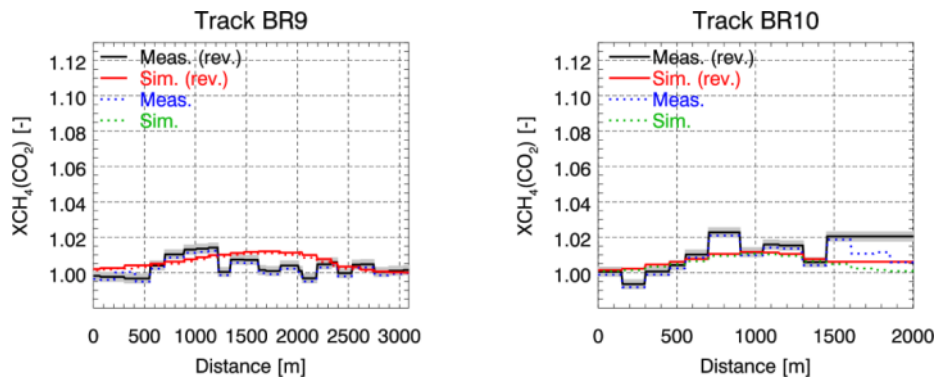


Figure 76 : Continuation of Figure 74. Note that track BR10 has not been taken into account for the mean of the integral method, because of rejected data at the end of the track (due to the applied inclination filter).

For this method to be consistent it should also be applied in case of Weisweiler power plant and the results compared with the reported emissions (see Table 14). Using the revised normalisation (Figure 77), the normalisation factor changes from about 1.024 to about 1.026 leading to decreased emission results of 15.08 MtCO₂/yr (integral) and 15.93 MtCO₂/yr(plume). This is about 9% lower than before.

In case of the power plant Weisweiler this modification increases the bias to about -27% but with the new result being closer to the in-situ inversion results by Metair which are still lower. The cross sections are shown in Figure 78 and Figure 79 exhibiting less noisy data that fit the simulated Gaussian plume well.

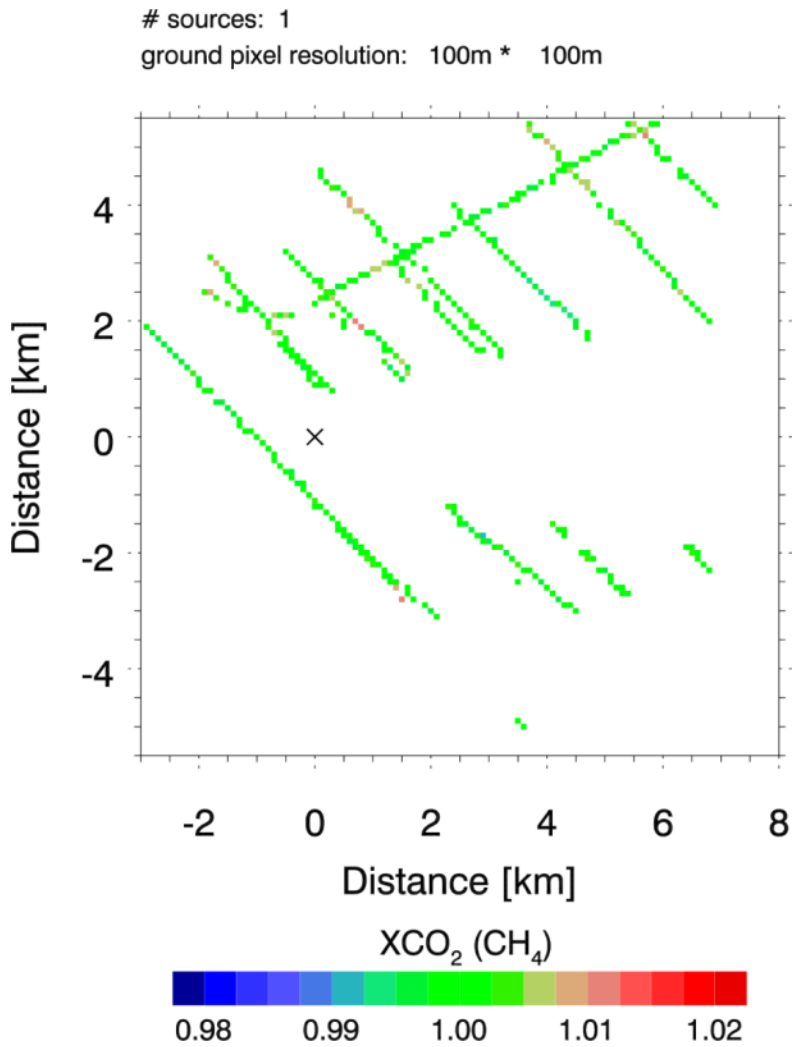


Figure 77 : Remote sensing data used for the revised normalization method for data at Weisweiler power plant. The methane plume area originating at the two ventilation shafts is excluded.

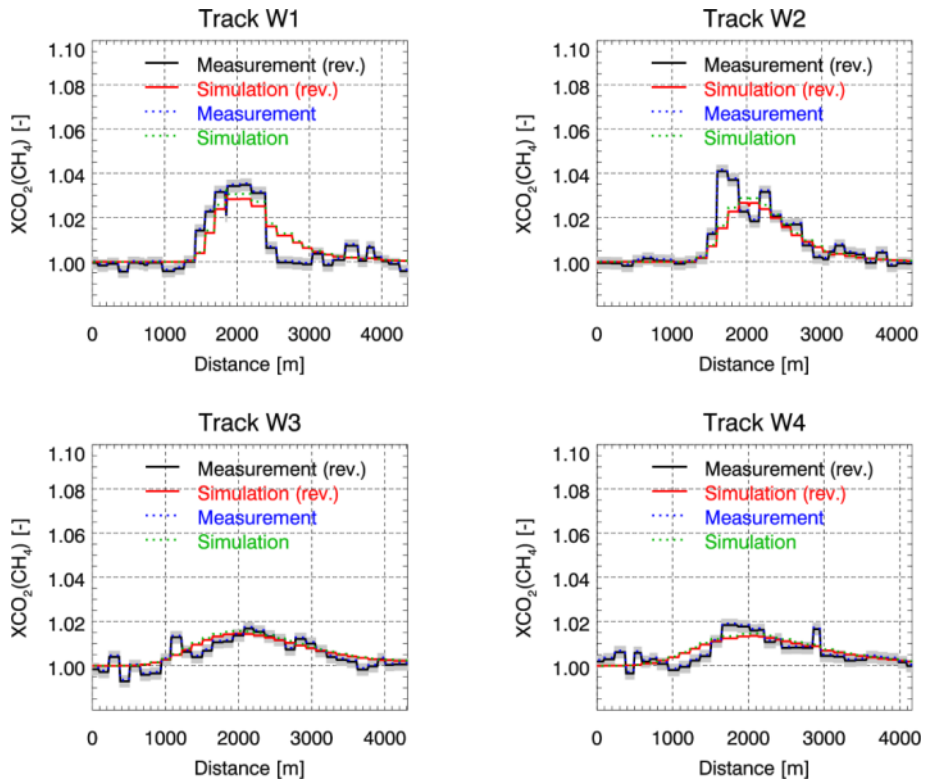


Figure 78 : Cross sections of remote sensing column averaged dry air mole fractions at Weisweiler power plant. Measurements with revised normalization are shown in black, while the result of the model based on the inverted emission rate using the plume model and sampled like the measurement is shown in red. Measurement and simulation based on the former normalisation are shown in blue and green dotted lines respectively.

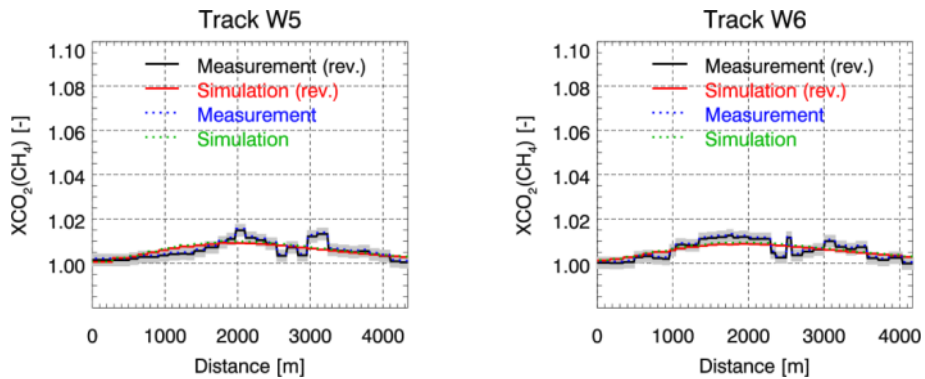


Figure 79 : Continuation of Figure 78.

| Data basis | MAMAP and COSMO-DE (updated normalisation) | | | | MAMAP, COSMO-DE and airborne in-situ wind information (updated normalisation) | | | | In-situ (Metair) | | | | Reported | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------|
| | Gaussian plume | Integral | Wind speed | Approx. wind error (+) | Gaussian plume | Integral | Wind speed | Approx. wind error (+) | Near field inversion (*) | Far field inversion (*) | Wind speed | | | Approx. wind error (+) |
| Target | | | | | | | | | | | Near field | Far field | | |
| Weisweiler power plant | 15.06 MtCO ₂ /yr (2.8+/- %) | 14.25 MtCO ₂ /yr | 3.96 m/s | 23% | 15.93 MtCO ₂ /yr (+/- 2.8%) | 15.08 MtCO ₂ /yr | 4.19 m/s | 12% | | 13.76 MtCO ₂ /yr | 4.91 m/s | | 10% | 21.2 MtCO ₂ /yr |
| Ibbenbüren: Theodor Shaft | 17.08 ktCH ₄ /yr (+/- 4.9%) | 20.50 ktCH ₄ /yr | 5.85 m/s | 15% | 12.30 ktCH ₄ /yr (+/- 4.9%) | 14.76 ktCH ₄ /yr | 4.21 m/s | 12% | 20.97 ktCH ₄ /yr | 101.28 ktCH ₄ /yr | 4.9 m/s | 4.25 m/s | 10/12% | 16.4 ktCH ₄ /yr |
| Ibbenbüren: Bockraden Shaft | 22.29 ktCH ₄ /yr (+/- 4.9%) | 21.27 ktCH ₄ /yr | 5.49 m/s | 16% | 16.05 ktCH ₄ /yr (4.9+/- %) | 15.30 ktCH ₄ /yr | 3.95 m/s | 13% | 22.74 ktCH ₄ /yr | | 4.38 m/s | 3.42 m/s | 11/14% | 18.2 ktCH ₄ /yr |

Table 14: Preliminary comparison of inversion results for remote sensing and in-situ measurements. For the remote sensing data the background correction as described above was applied. The results for remote sensing are splitted according to the used meteorological data. Explanations: (+) Approximate wind error is computed from the errors of 0.9m/s for COSMO-DE and 0.5m/s for the in-situ wind data. For the in-situ inversion the wind speed is only an effective wind speed computed in the post-processing and is not used as such for the inversion. () "Near field" and "Far field" refers to the in-situ measurement tracks flown at different distances from the source. The far field inversion in case of Ibbenbüren in-situ data includes emissions from both shafts. For Weisweiler there is only one track for in-situ column data, therefore it is not distinguished between near and far field.*

10. Evaluation of C-MAPEXp data on the scales probed by CarbonSat

While the data analysis concept for MAMAP remote sensing data and CarbonSat measurements is in principle rather similar, the spatial scales differ by an order of magnitude. MAMAP observations have a ground scene size in the order of 100 m x 100 m depending on aircraft altitude, velocity and the used telescope. For CarbonSat ground scenes are considerably larger at about 2 km x 2 km. Furthermore, MAMAP data is more sparse than data from the imaging CarbonSat instrument.

Consequently, gridding sparse MAMAP data to CarbonSat resolution has limitations. To better assess what to expect from CarbonSat measurements for sources that have been surveyed during the C-MAPEXp campaign two approaches were made. The first is the simple regridding of MAMAP data to CarbonSat measurement ground scene size. This of course yields no observations in grid boxes where there are no MAMAP measurements. In some cases this could potentially also lead to overestimation or underestimation of the vertical column if the available MAMAP data is not representative for the respective CarbonSat ground scene. The second approach uses a 2D interpolation method (Kriging) to fill the gaps in the MAMAP data. In cases where MAMAP data is too sparse this can lead to artifacts, in particular at the edges of the measurement patterns. To avoid too strong artifacts a filtering approach was chosen for data analysis similar as in Chapter 9.3. The additional filter is based on the inclination angle of the instrument. While for the previous analysis the data was mainly evaluated on the straight flight lines that cross the plume, for the 2D interpolation also the data at the edges of the pattern that are mostly formed by aircraft turns are important. Therefore data was only accepted for the analysis, if the inclination did not deviate more than 10° from the vertical.

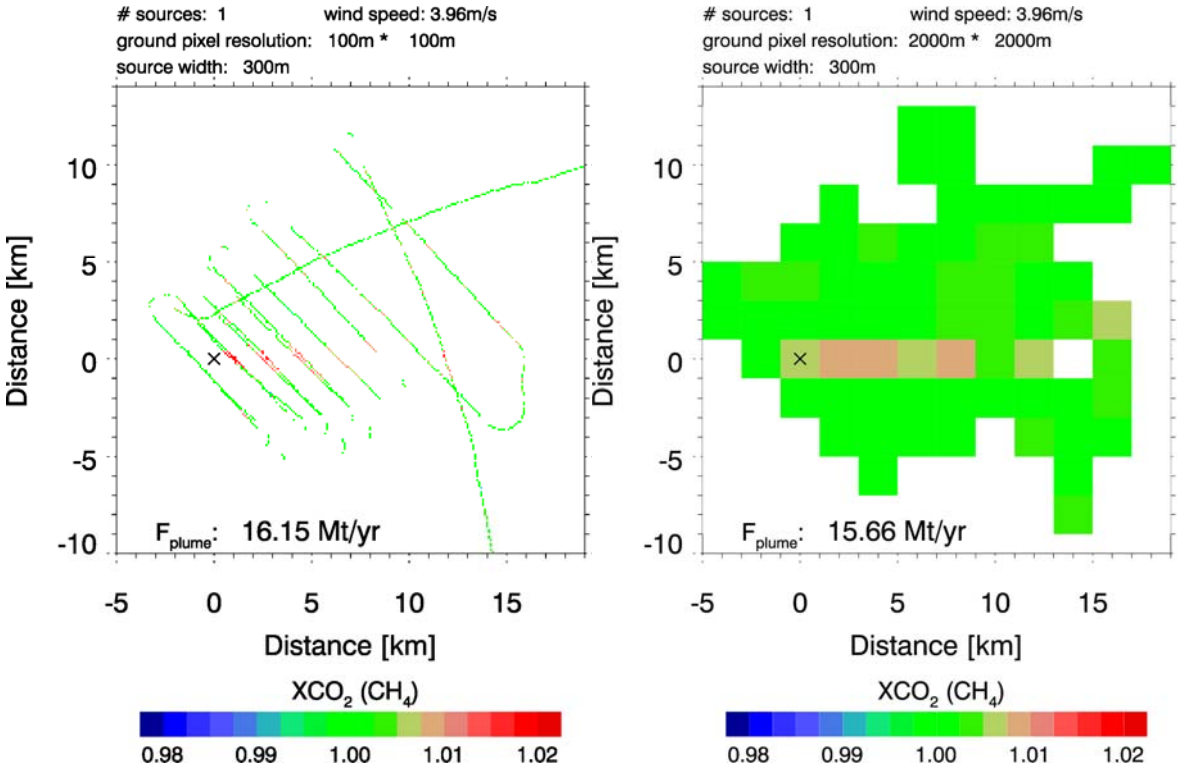


Figure 80: Left: MAMAP data gridded to 100 m x 100 m that has been used for the analysis. An inclination filter was applied that filtered most of the aircraft turning events. F_{plume} denotes the inversion result for CO₂ for the data shown. Right: Same data but gridded to 2 km x 2 km.

The resulting data for power plant Weisweiler is shown in Figure 80 (left). Applying the Gaussian plume inversion method, this results in an emission rate of 16.15 MtCO₂/yr. Note that this result is slightly different from the result in Chapter 9.3, due to the fact that a larger region was used as well as a different filtering. When gridding the data to a larger footprint of about 2 km x 2 km there are regions that are not covered by measurements (see Figure 80, right). However, the remaining pixels clearly visualize the plume extend downwind of the power plant location. The resulting emission rate using the 2 km x 2 km data is 15.66 MtCO₂/yr for the time of the overflight and – with respect to the errors involved – very close to the original result.

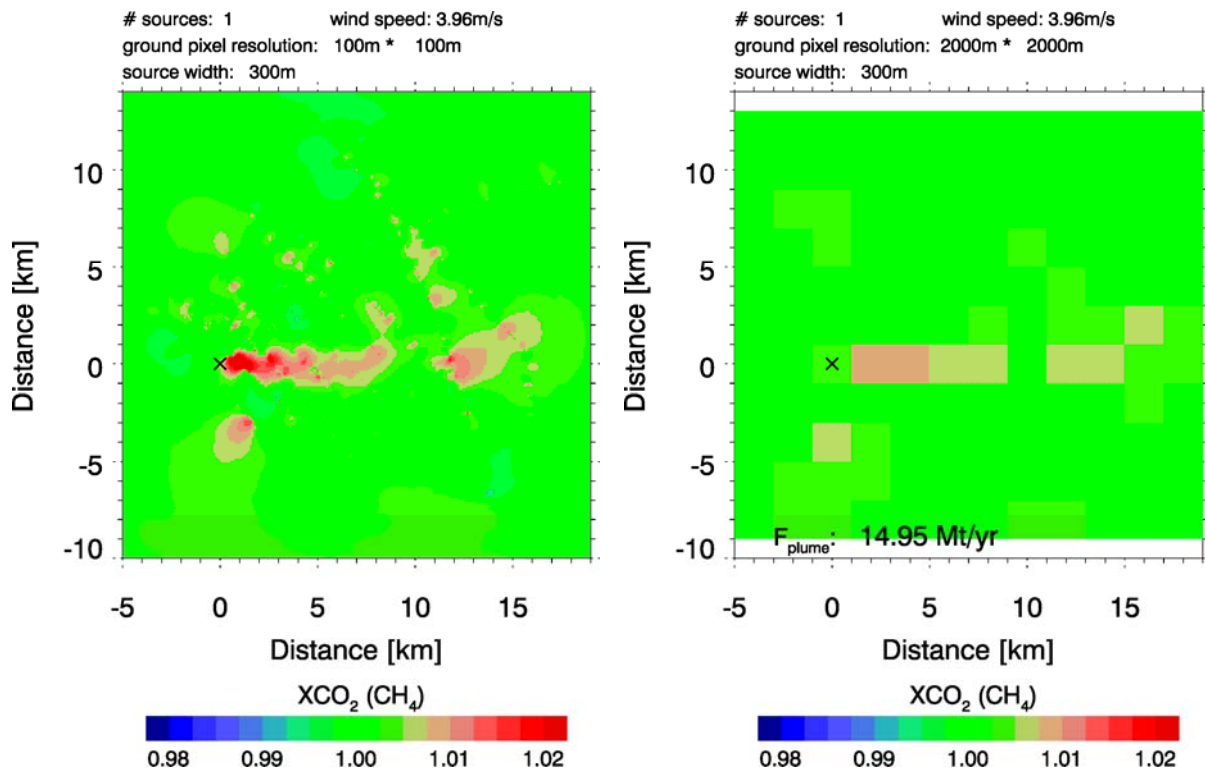


Figure 81: Left: 2D interpolation (Kriging) of MAMAP data shown in Figure 80 (left). Right: Interpolated data gridded to CarbonSat resolution. F_{plume} denotes the inversion result for CO₂ for the data shown.

Instead of directly gridding the MAMAP data to 2 km x 2 km CarbonSat resolution, the gaps in observations can be filled using a 2D interpolation approach. For this, the Kriging method (spherical weighting, range=15km, nugget=0) was used. The result is shown in Figure 81 (left). The plume structure is better visible than in the sparse MAMAP data but also few artifacts are present. As before, this data can now be gridded to CarbonSat resolution (see Figure 81, right). Inverting this data yields an emission rate estimate (14.95 MtCO₂/yr) that is very close to the inversion result at MAMAP resolution and to the inversion result for the simple regridding approach. This gives some confidence that the scaling was performed appropriately. For other, less adequate flight patterns the degree of agreement between the inversions could be significantly less. This approach does not consider the CarbonSat precision. Instead the gridded MAMAP data will be slightly smoother than to be expected from measurements of a single overpass with CarbonSat.

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11. Summary

During August 2012 the C-MAPEXp campaign was performed to quantify “gradients” in atmospheric CO₂ and CH₄ from strong local greenhouse gas sources e.g. from coal-fired power plants, localized industrial complexes, landfills, etc. with the overall goal to demonstrate that CO₂ and CH₄ emissions from atmospheric gradient measurements can be derived. The campaign was performed in support of the mission definition of CarbonSat EE8 candidate.

Within a unique campaign set-up – to the knowledge of the authors it is the first ever set-up of this type - using one aircraft with the XCO₂ and XCH₄ remote sensing instrument MAMAP probing the partial column of the gases below the aircraft in combination with another aircraft equipped with in-situ sensors for atmospheric CO₂ and CH₄ concentration as well as wind speed and direction probing the CO₂ and CH₄ plumes in the boundary layer, over 20 targets were successfully probed. This included the collection, processing and preliminary analysis of airborne remote sensing and airborne in-situ data from CH₄ and CO₂ emitting targets of different but mostly known emission strength.

During the eight observation days, the in-situ airplane (MetAir) documented 52 plumes, from which 18 were very clear, 28 detectable as well, but less pronounced or less densely flown, and 6 targets observed turned out not to emit detectable amounts of CO₂ or CH₄ during the time of observations.

The remote sensing airplane (Cessna FUB with MAMAP) documented during the same period 39 plumes, from which 16 were clear and of good quality for flux inversion, and 23 were not well suited for flux inversion either due to a plume at or below the detection limit or due to non-optimum meteorological conditions (partly cloudy, strong boundary layer disturbances etc.).

The flight conditions during campaign were very good. The data quality of the collected data set is generally high. The data set was processed and a data archive was delivered to ESA.

For two selected targets an end-to-end data analysis up to fluxes was performed. This was done individually for both the in-situ and the remote sensing data set alone, but also using in-situ meteorological data to better constrain the flux inversion from the remote sensing data. In addition to assess consistency w.r.t. atmospheric “gradients”, the in-situ data was “integrated” and analysed with the same approach as the remote sensing data. For both targets an independent emission rate estimate for validation was based on reported emissions and energy production data, respectively, and was then used to further assess the results for the different inversion techniques.

For the remote sensing data set it was identified that – beside other error sources already known and controlled - the background correction can result in significant biases and a new background correction scheme was successfully developed and applied.

From the preliminary data analysis it can be concluded that the campaign data set is of high data quality. It allows from both in-situ and remote sensing data to derive emissions of point sources as documented for two examples and results on emissions compare well within error bars (approx. 20-30%) with reported emissions. Re-gridding/interpolating the C-MAPEXp data to the CarbonSat spatial scale and successive plume inversion established the linkage between the scales and demonstrates the value of CarbonSat data to constrain point source emissions.

Campaign results were already highlighted in an ESA web-story:

http://www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Observing_the_Earth/The_Living_Planet_Programme/Campaigns/Pinpointing_sources_of_greenhouse_gases

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12. Recommendations and Lessons Learned

12.1. Future analysis of the campaign data set

As the main focus of this campaign project was the collection of a unique CO₂ and CH₄ in-situ and remote sensing data set around strong point sources, the analysis of the data set could only be done in some depth for the combined data set for two sources.

There is therefore the obvious need to perform a full data analysis & interpretation of the whole data set. This should focus on the point sources, but could also include analysis of MAMAP data from longer transfer flights to characterise larger scale gradients and compare them with gradients from mesoscale modelling.

Future activities should include for the point sources:

- Refinement of in-situ data pre-processing
 - (i) individual optimisation of wind, (ii) more accurate calibrations for the concentrations using the few flask-samples available, and (iii) a more thorough inspection of the whole data set. This would improve the accuracy and the precision above the basic specifications.
- Refinement of the in-situ post-processing to fluxes, especially w.r.t. better take into account the boundary layer structure and improved background corrections.
- Calculate emissions from additional sources and for additional constituents (like CO, NO_x, and water vapour) could be included as well.
- Refinement of remote sensing flux inversion w.r.t. background correction
- Refinement of the computation of an average wind speed, in particular for cases where modelled and measured wind profiles significantly differ
- Extension of remote sensing flux inversion to all “good” targets, with the goal to investigate consistency of methodology under different conditions.
- Common analysis using both in-situ and remote sensing data for all “good” targets, incl. Gaussian plume fit to the in-situ measurements (initial results see chapter 9).
- Compare in-situ and remote sensing data to LES simulations to gain more detailed insight into plume mixing and entrainment processes.
- Comparison of inversion results for the “good” targets to the independent data of reported respectively computed emissions based on provided data from federal governments and companies.

Future activities should include for larger scale gradients:

- Generate high quality concentration transects for transfer flight from remote sensing data. This also has to include refinement of MAMAP Level 2 data analysis w.r.t. the usage of the O2-A band to characterise scattering effects.
- Compare measured concentration gradient with concentration gradient from mesoscale models to judge on the variability in CO₂ and CH₄.

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12.2. Lessons learned

The team operated an ideal combination of methods very efficiently, and preliminary results presented in this report are better than expected, and a future campaign could build upon these experiences.

The separation of remote sensing sensors on one aircraft flying above the boundary layer and in-situ sensors on another aircraft probing curtains in the boundary layer, is a set-up which can be recommended for any future campaign focussing on collecting data for flux inversion (GHG and GRG).

However, to better compare in-situ and remote sensing columns and also flux estimates the sensors should measure at the same time and location. While the in-situ sensor completes measuring the “curtain”, the remote sensing instrument should measure above this curtain several times. This will provide optimal conditions to ensure that both instruments are probing the same plume and better assess differences in the individual measurement techniques. Another advantage of the co-location in time and space will be the improved applicability of the obtained in-situ wind information.

Of course, if the main goal is only to obtain accurate emission estimates for a source that is known to be constant in time, then the observations could be decoupled. While the remote sensing measurements are restricted to cloud free conditions, this does not interfere with in-situ measurements. Then, each system could be active when the conditions for the method are ideal.

This would allow to further increase the number of optimum measurements for each method for temporal constant sources.

One area of uncertainty introduced in the in-situ flux inversion is the lack of knowledge of the concentrations below the lowest flight track, which was a problem for high stack emissions. For future campaigns it is recommended to mitigate by establishing ground based in-situ measurements (ideally a mobile tower). For smaller plumes, the use of a mid-size RPAS like ZHAW-UMARS¹ might be possible.

The inversion of the remote sensing data suffers most from unknown wind profiles. The fine structure of the wind profile also from very advanced and highly resolved models such as COSMO-DE are known to significantly differ from actual winds at local scales. However it still needs to be investigated more closely, how modelled and in-situ data can be combined most effectively to give a better estimate for the average wind speed for the purposes outlined in this study.

In principle, however, LIDARs would be very interesting for a “real” wind model calibration and quality assessment study. This might be even of advantage for future analysis of CarbonSat data.

¹ <http://www.imes.zhaw.ch/en/engineering/institutes-centres/imes/projekte/leichtbautechnik/umars/project-status.html>

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15. Acronyms and abbreviations

| Acronym | Meaning |
|-----------|--|
| AOD | Aerosol Optical Depth |
| BESD | Bremen optimal ESTimation DOAS |
| CarbonSat | Carbon Monitoring Satellite |
| DOAS | Differential Optical Absorption Spectroscopy |
| DWD | Deutscher Wetterdienst |
| ENVISAT | Environmental Satellite |
| FLEX | Fluorescence Explorer |
| GHG | Greenhouse Gas |
| GRG | Global Reactive Gases |
| GOSAT | Greenhouse Gases Observing Satellite |
| IUP-UB | Institute of Environmental Physics (Institut für Umweltphysik), University of Bremen, Germany |
| MAMAP | Methane Airborne MAPper |
| MRD | Mission Requirements Document |
| RMSE | Root Mean Square Error |
| SCIAMACHY | Scanning Imaging Absorption Spectrometers for Atmospheric Chartography |
| SNR | Signal to Noise Ratio |
| TOA | Top of atmosphere |

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Annex 1: Overview of targets

As the focus of the campaign is on strong point source targets, a number of targets were pre-selected according to the source strength, source type (CO₂, CH₄) and the expected knowledge about the source strength.

As the methodology of determining emission source strength of CO₂ and CH₄ using remote sensing data is quite new, highest priority will be given to those targets with well known and high emissions. For CO₂, these are typically coal fired power plants with emissions larger than 10 MtCO₂ per year, and for CH₄, these are typically ventilation shafts of active coal mining areas with emission larger than 5-10 kt CH₄/year. These targets will be used to establish and demonstrate the methodology to derive source strength using RS in comparison to in-situ sensors.

Medium priority targets are those where the expected emission might be high but with larger uncertainty on emission information, or well known emitters with emissions near the detection limit of the RS sensor (see below). These are, for example, landfills for CH₄ and steel production facilities and smaller power plants for CO₂.

Low priority targets are those whose emission strengths are not well-known but with expected emissions near the detection limit of the RS sensor (see below).

The data about the reported emissions as documented in European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (E-PRTR) for 2010 were used to categorise the targets w.r.t. their source strength.

Beside the point source targets there is one city target (Cologne) and the TCCON station at IUP Bremen.

The tables below summarize the preselected targets, with their respective emission strength, position and priority according to the above mentioned criteria.

| | CO ₂ Emitters | Emissions in E-PRTR 2010 | Coordinates | | Distance to Airfield | Priority |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| Target # | | Mt/year | E [°] | N [°] | [km] | |
| T1.1 | RWE Kraftwerk Niederaussem | 28 | 6,66882 | 50,99213 | 70.7 | High |
| T1.2 | RWE Kraftwerk Goldenberg | 26 | 6,84098 | 50,85720 | 84.4 | High |
| T1.3 | RWE Kraftwerk Eschweiler/Weisweiler | 20 | 6,32385 | 50,83895 | 94.2 | High |
| T1.4 | RWE Kraftwerk Neurath | 17 | 6,61523 | 51,03771 | 66.5 | High |
| T1.5 | RWE Kraftwerk Frimmersdorf | 14,4 | 6,57578 | 51,05481 | 65.5 | High |
| T1.6 | Salzgitter Flachstahl GmbH | 7,5 | 10,40308 | 52,15475 | 251.1 | Medium |
| T1.7 | EON Kraftwerk Scholven | 9,4 | 7,00947 | 51,60275 | 10.4 | High |
| T1.8 | Kraftwerk Voerde OHG | 6,2 | 6,68192 | 51,57850 | 13.1 | Medium |
| T1.9 | ThyssenKrupp Steel AG Werk Schwelgern | 5,5 | 6,73591 | 51,50369 | 15.2 | Medium |
| T1.10 | ThyssenKrupp AG Werk Hamborn | 3,8 | 6,72648 | 51,49125 | 16.7 | Medium |

Table 1: C-MAPExp CO₂ targets.

| CH ₄ Emitter | Emissions in E-PRTR 2010 [kt/year] | Coordinates E [°] N [°] | | Distance to Airfield [km] | Priority | |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Coal Mining | | | | | | |
| T2.1 | RAG Anthrazit Ibbenbüren | 37,4 | 7,74155 | 52,28712 | 96.1 | High |
| | Bockradener Schacht | | 7,72320 | 52,30757 | 97.1 | |
| | Theodorschacht | | 7,77287 | 52,27859 | 96.8 | |
| T2.2 | RAG Bergwerk Prosper- Haniel | 24 | 6,97500 | 51,51600 | 13.6 | High |
| | Schacht Hünxe | | 6,78248 | 51,62828 | 5.6 | |
| | Schacht Prosper - 9 | | 6,90598 | 51,56699 | 6.3 | |
| | Haniel Schacht 1 | | 6,88067 | 51,54383 | 8.1 | |
| | Förderberg | | 6,95861 | 51,52061 | 12.6 | |
| T2.3 | RAG Bergwerk West | 23 | 6,54694 | 51,49276 | 25.7 | High |
| | Rossenray / Schacht 1 | | 6,55859 | 51,51774 | 23.6 | |
| | Friedrich Heinrich - 4 | | 6,47228 | 51,51745 | 29.1 | |
| T2.4 | RAG Bergwerk Auguste Victoria | 2 | 7,11087 | 51,68864 | 19.1 | Low |
| | Schacht AV 7 | | 7,11051 | 51,68520 | 18.9 | |
| | Schacht AV 8 | | 7,09591 | 51,74732 | 21.9 | |
| Landfill | | | | | | |
| T2.5 | AVG Zentraldeponie Vereinigte Ville | 5 | 6,83080 | 50,84081 | 86.2 | High |
| T2.6 | Deponie Watenbüttel BS | 2,6 | 10,43179 | 52,31655 | 257.4 | Medium |
| T2.7 | ABZ Hannover/Lahe | 4,4 | 9,85792 | 52,41068 | 223.9 | Medium |
| T2.8 | Deponie Schöneicher Plan | 4,9 | 13,52829 | 52,23947 | 463.6 | Medium |

Table 2: C-MAPExp CH₄ targets part 1.

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| CH ₄ Emitter | Emissions in E-PRTR 2010 [kt/year] | Coordinates E [°] N [°] | | Distance to Airfield [km] | Priority | |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Refineries (Oil & Gas) | | | | | | |
| Oil Refineries | | | | | | |
| T2.9a | Ruhr Öl Gelsenkirchen (Werk Scholven) | ???? | 7,02309 | 51,60000 | 11.4 | Medium |
| T2.9b | Ruhr Öl Gelsenkirchen (Werk Horst) | | 7.04556 | 51,53827 | 15,5 | Medium |
| T2.10 | Rheinland Raffinerie Nord, Godorf | ???? | 6,97685 | 50,85499 | 85.0 | Medium |
| T2.11 | Rheinland Raffinerie Süd, Wesseling | ???? | 7,00576 | 50,81411 | 89.7 | Medium |
| Gas Refineries | | | | | | |
| T2.12 | EXXON Grossenkneten | ???? | 8,22800 | 52,95500 | 175.8 | Medium |
| T2.13 | EXXON NEAG | ???? | 8,88700 | 52,62300 | 178.3 | Medium |
| Gas Production | | | | | | |
| T2.14 | EXXON Voigtei | ???? | 8,95100 | 52,60100 | 180.3 | Low |
| Gas Storage | | | | | | |
| T2.15 | EXXON Dötlingen | ???? | 8,35497 | 52,94444 | 179.5 | Low |
| T2.16 | WINGAS Rehden | ???? | 8,49300 | 52,61500 | 157.6 | Low |
| Oil Production | | | | | | |
| T2.17 | EXXON Rühlermoor | ???? | 7,19600 | 52,66700 | 119.2 | Low |

Table 3: C-MAPExp CH₄ targets part 2.

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| | Other targets | Coordinates | | Distance to Airfield [km] | Priority | Comment |
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| | | E [°] | N [°] | | | |
| T3.1 | Flugplatz Dinslaken Schwarze Heide | 6,859 | 51,616 | 0 | | Baseline Airfield |
| T3.2 | Forschungszentrum Jülich | 6,4083 | 50,90758 | 86 | Medium | HyFLEX |
| T3.3 | TCCON Bremen | 8,84965 | 53,10365 | 214 | Low | Total column validation target, MAMAP only |
| T3.4 | Cologne | 6,96285 | 50,9395 | 76 30 km flight diameter | Medium-Low | City Target, only when easterly winds, otherwise contamination from T1.1-T1.5 |

Table 4: C-MAPEXp other targets.

Annex 2: C-MAPEXp Flight Documentation (day-by-day), incl. Photographic Material

Overview

| Date | Day of Week | Activity | Comment |
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| 10.8.2012 | Fri | Integration MAMAP into Cessna | |
| 11.8.2012 | Sat | 1 st Test Flight Berlin | Minor issues with O2 band channel, fixed on-site |
| 12.8.2012 | So | 2 nd Test Flight MAMAP Berlin and Transfer to Dinslaken, Arrival METAIR at Dinslaken | |
| 13.8.2012 | Mo | Aircrafts ready at Dinslaken, Test flight T1.7, T2.2, T2.4, 2.9 | Start Data Acquisition Phase |
| 14.8.2012 | Tue | T2.3, 2.4, DIMO pre-screening T2.11-2.15 | |
| 15.8.2012 | Wed | Targets: 1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 2.2, 2.9 | |
| 16.8.2012 | Thu | Targets: 1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 2.3 | |
| 17.8.2012 | Fri | Targets: 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5 | |
| 18.8.2012 | Sat | Targets: 1.1 - 1.5, 2.2, 2.5, 2.10 | |
| 19.8.2012 | Sun | Targets: 2.1, 2.2 | |
| 20.8.2012 | Mo | No Flights | |
| 21.8.2012 | Tue | No Flights | |
| 22.8.2012 | Wed | No Flights | |
| 23.8.2012 | Thu | T1.4, FLEX Selhausen/Altendorf | |
| 24.8.2012 | Fri | End of Acquisition Phase, dis-integration | |
| 25.8.2012 | Sat | | |

Table 5: Campaign schedule as executed. Details of the targets flown by METAIR-DIMO and MAMAP/Cessna.

Flight Day 12.08.2012

MAMAP

Target(s): Schöneiche (LF)

Flight ID : 2012_08_12_1

Start of Measurement: 07:57 UTC

End of Measurement: 08:34 UTC

Spectrometer Temperature: 28°C

Weather Conditions: clear sky, calm wind from East, ca. 3 n/sec., BL ca. 500 m (estimated visually).



Figure 1: Clear Sky over Schöneiche.

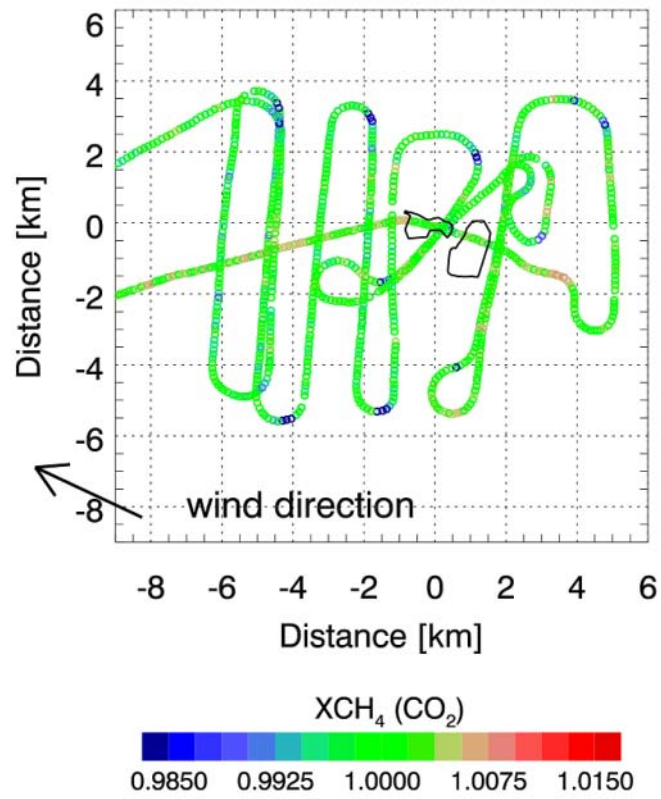


Figure 2: MAMAP flight pattern and quick-look analysis Schöneiche 12.8.2012

Flight Day 13.08.2012

MAMAP

Target(s): Prosper-Haniel (CM), Auguste-Victoria (CM), Ruhr Oil Gelsenkirchen (RF)

Flight ID : 2012_08_13_1

Start of Measurement: 08:57 UTC (Prosper-Haniel)

End of Measurement: 10:00 UTC (Prosper-Haniel)

Start of Measurement: 10:00 UTC (Ruhr Oil Gelsenkirchen)

End of Measurement: 10:13 UTC (Ruhr Oil Gelsenkirchen)

Start of Measurement: 10:13 UTC (Auguste-Victoria)

End of Measurement: 10:40 UTC (Auguste-Victoria)

Spectrometer Temperature: 28°C

Weather Conditions: slight to medium/strong Cirrus, wind from SW, ca. 4m/sec, BL ca. 600 m (estimated visually).



Figure 3: Cloud situation over Prosper-Haniel and Auguste-Victoria, 13.8.2012.

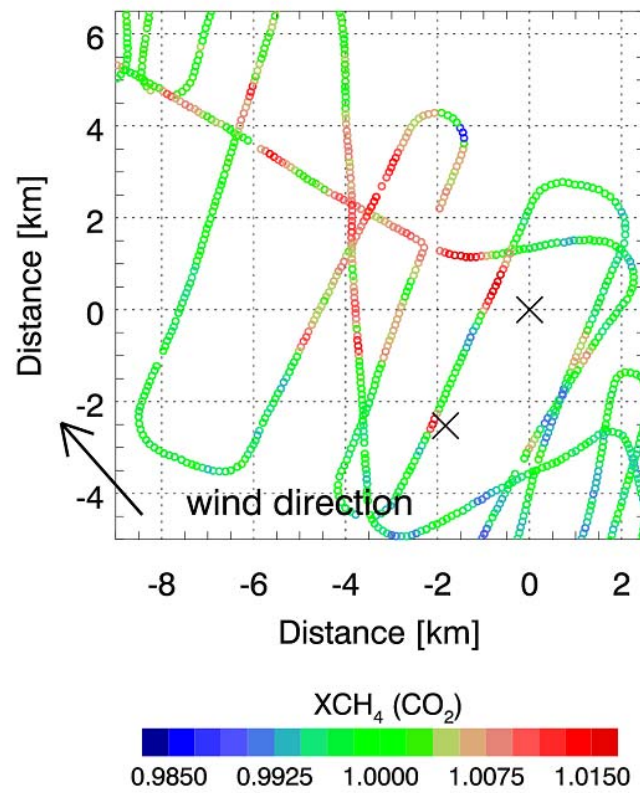
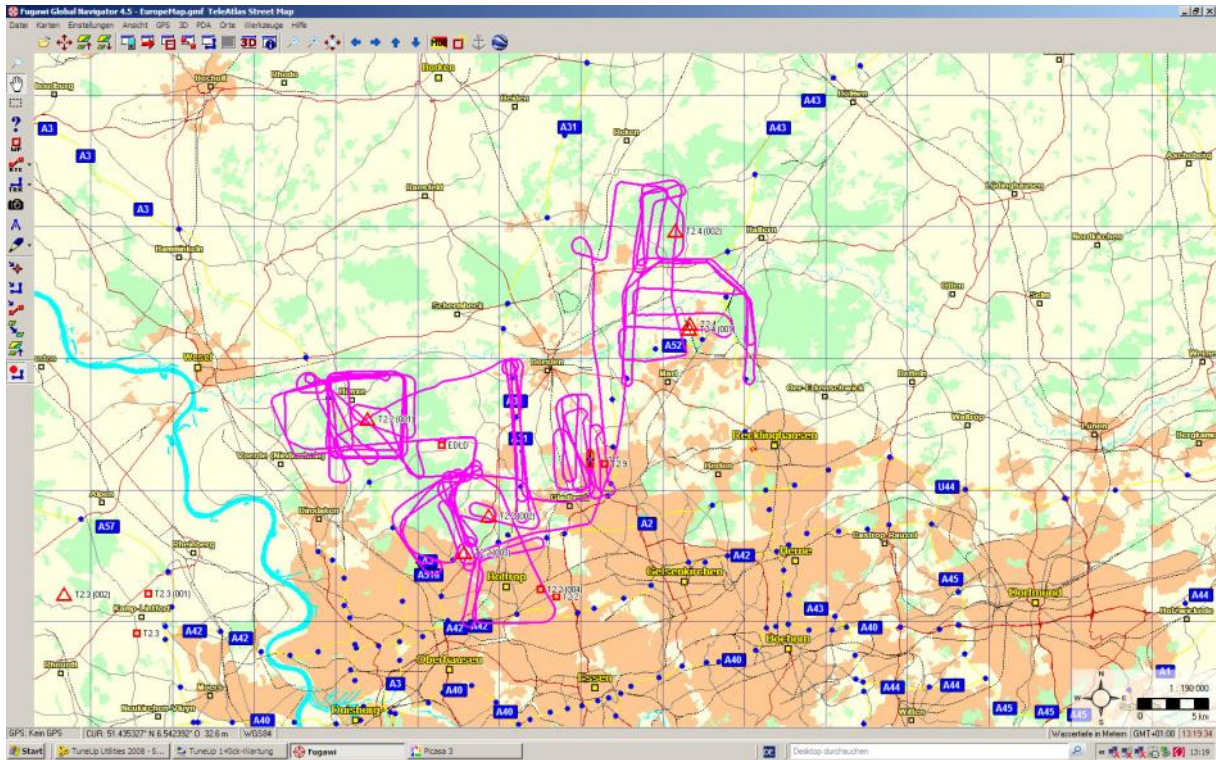


Figure 4: MAMAP flight pattern and quick-look analysis Prosper-Haniel (Prosper-9 and Schacht-1 exhaust shafts) 13.8.2012.

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Flight Day 14.08.2012

MAMAP

Target(s): Niederaussem (PG), Neurath (PG), Fimmersdorf (PG), Bergwerk-West (CM)

Flight ID : 2012_08_14_1

Start of Measurement: 08:45 UTC (Bergwerk-West)

End of Measurement: 09:32 UTC (Bergwerk-West)

Spectrometer Temperature: 32°C

Weather Conditions: flight over Niederaussem, Neurath, Fimmersdorf aborted due to strong clouds. Medium to stronger Cirrus over BW-West (Cirrus stronger in comparison to 13.8.2012), wind from SSW, no additional measurements over CM Prosper Haniel due to strong Cirrus.



Figure 5: Cloud situation over CM BW-West at the beginning of the flight. Cloud situation during the later measurements over the Power-Plants comparable as shown on the pictures for the beginning of the flight.

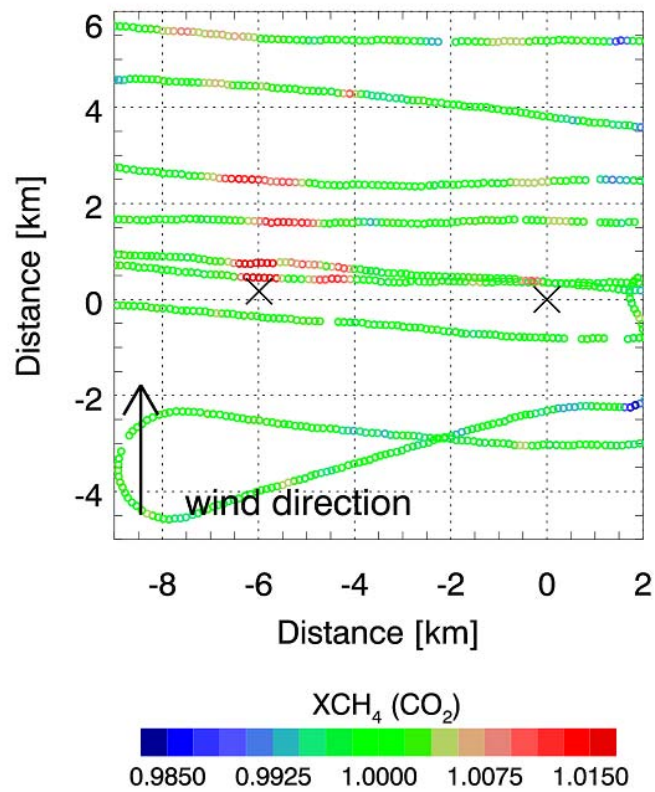
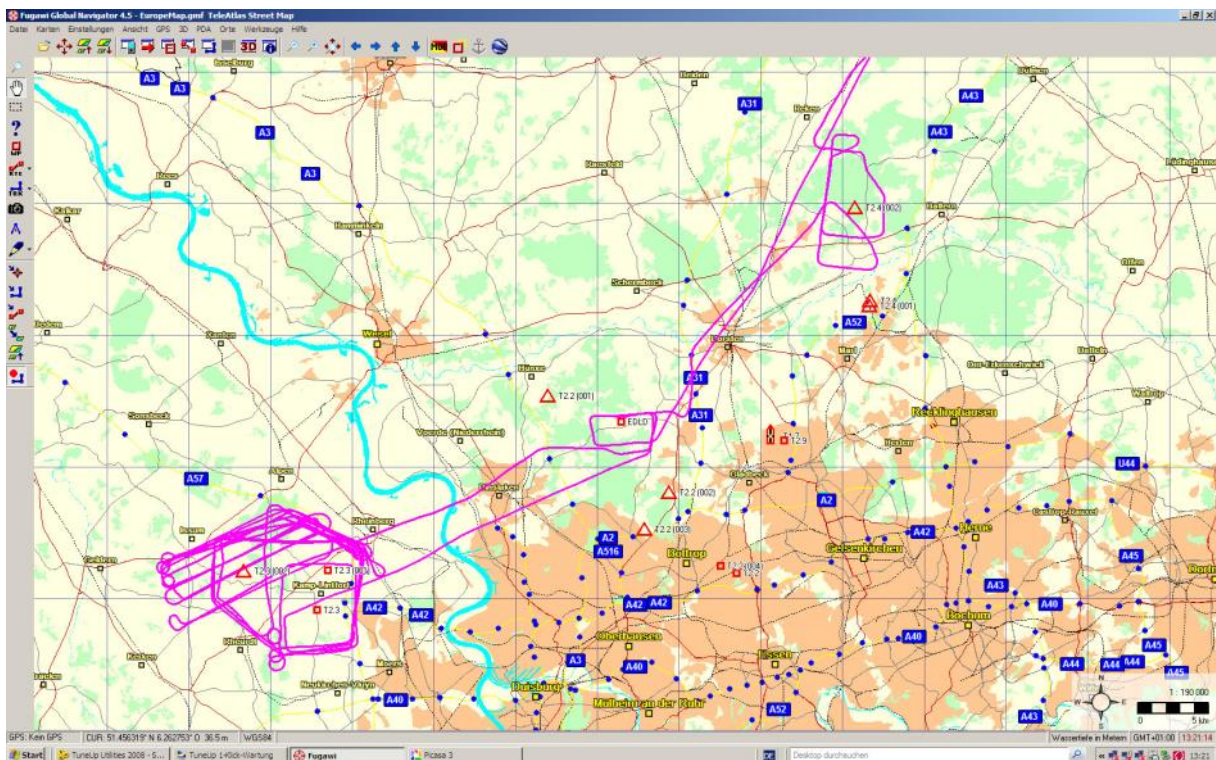
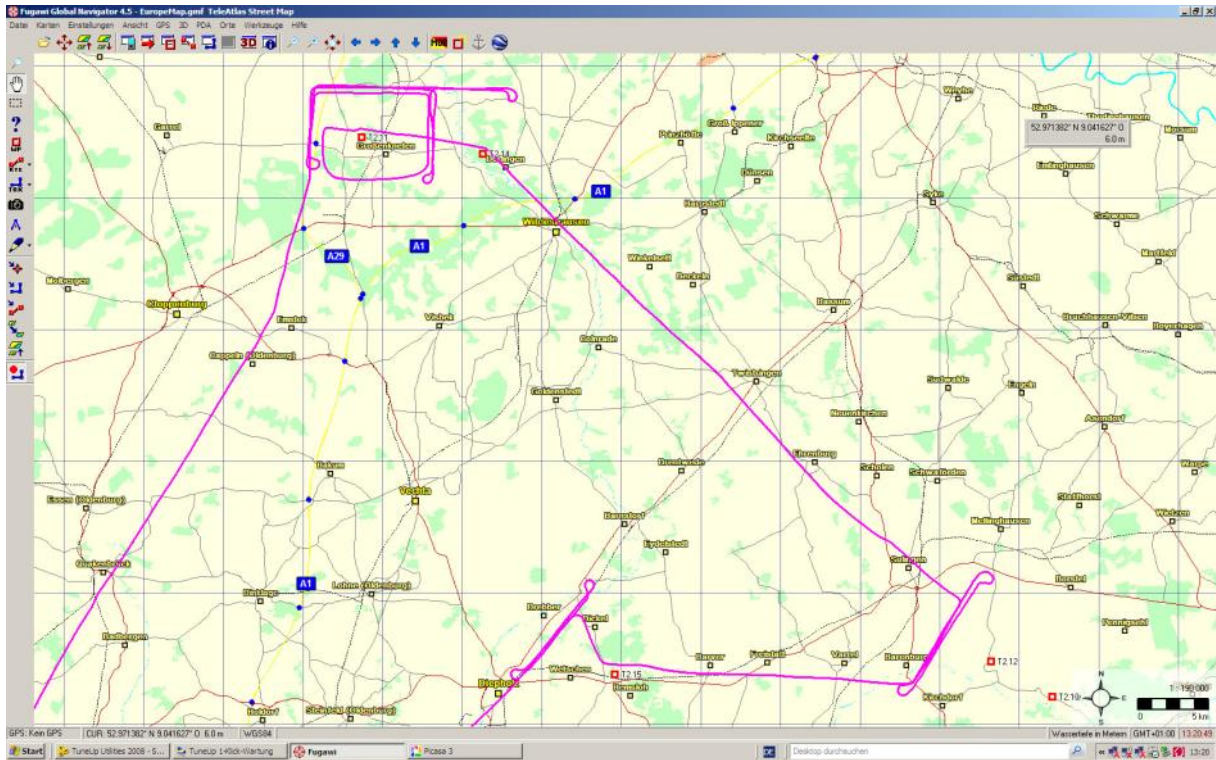


Figure 6: MAMAP flight pattern and quick-look analysis Bergwerk-West (CM) (Friedrich-Heinrich-4 and Rossenray exhaust shafts) 14.8.2012.

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Flight Day 15.08.2012

MAMAP

Target(s): Scholven (PG), Niederaussem (PG), Neurath (PG), Fimmersdorf (PG),
Prosper-Haniel (CM)

Flight ID : 2012_08_15_1

Start of Measurement: 10:53 UTC (Prosper-Haniel, Scholven, Ruhr-Oil Gelsenkirchen)

End of Measurement: 11:40 UTC (Prosper-Haniel, Scholven, Ruhr-Oil Gelsenkirchen)

Start of Measurement: 11:53 UTC (Niederaussem, Neurath, Fimmersdorf)

End of Measurement: 13:41 UTC (Niederaussem, Neurath, Fimmersdorf)

Start of Measurement: 13:50 UTC (Prosper-Haniel, Scholven, Ruhr-Oil Gelsenkirchen)

End of Measurement: 14:23 UTC (Prosper-Haniel, Scholven, Ruhr-Oil Gelsenkirchen)

Spectrometer Temperature: 32°C

Weather description: in the area of Scholven stronger Cirrus, no consecutive measurements over shaft Hünxe und Förderberg due to clouds, wind from SW, ca. 6-7 m/sec. At Neurath, Fimmersdorf, Niederaussem area slight broken cirrus at the center of the flight legs (less as compared to Scholven area) and stronger Cirrus at the beginning and end of the flight legs. During the flight, Cumulus development in direction from East to West. Last legs flown between the Cirrus trying to avoid measurements in the cloud shadows. BL ca. 1200 m (visually estimated). In BW-West area stronger Cirrus.

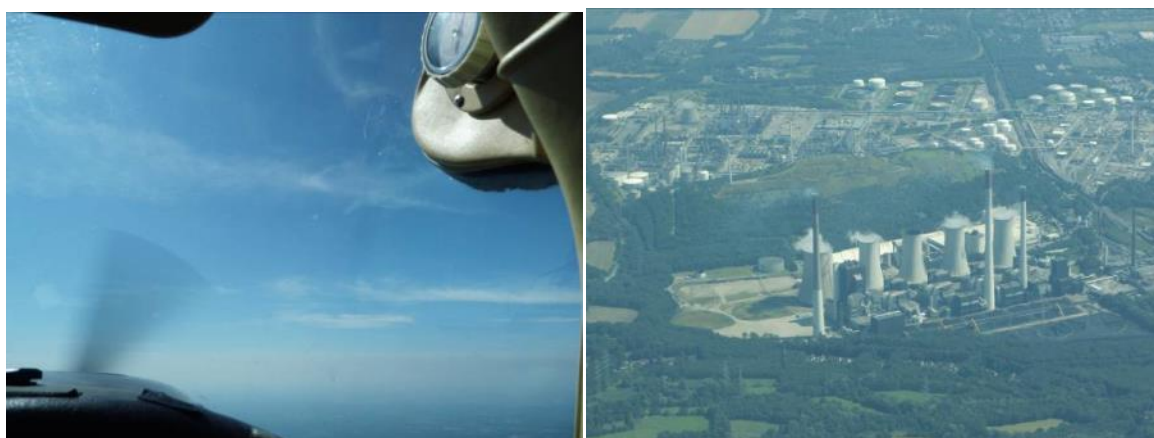


Figure 7: Cloud situation Scholven area.



Figure 8: left: Neurath, Fimmersdorf, Niederaussem. right: cloud free situation at the centers of the flight legs.



Figure 9: Cloud situation at both ends of the flight tracks/legs.

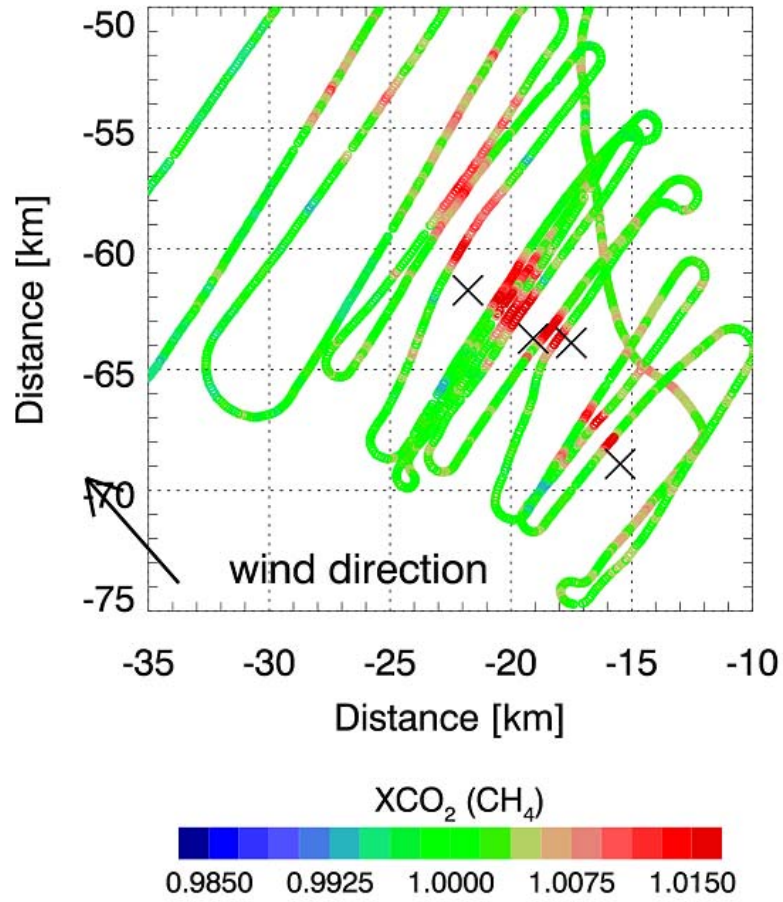
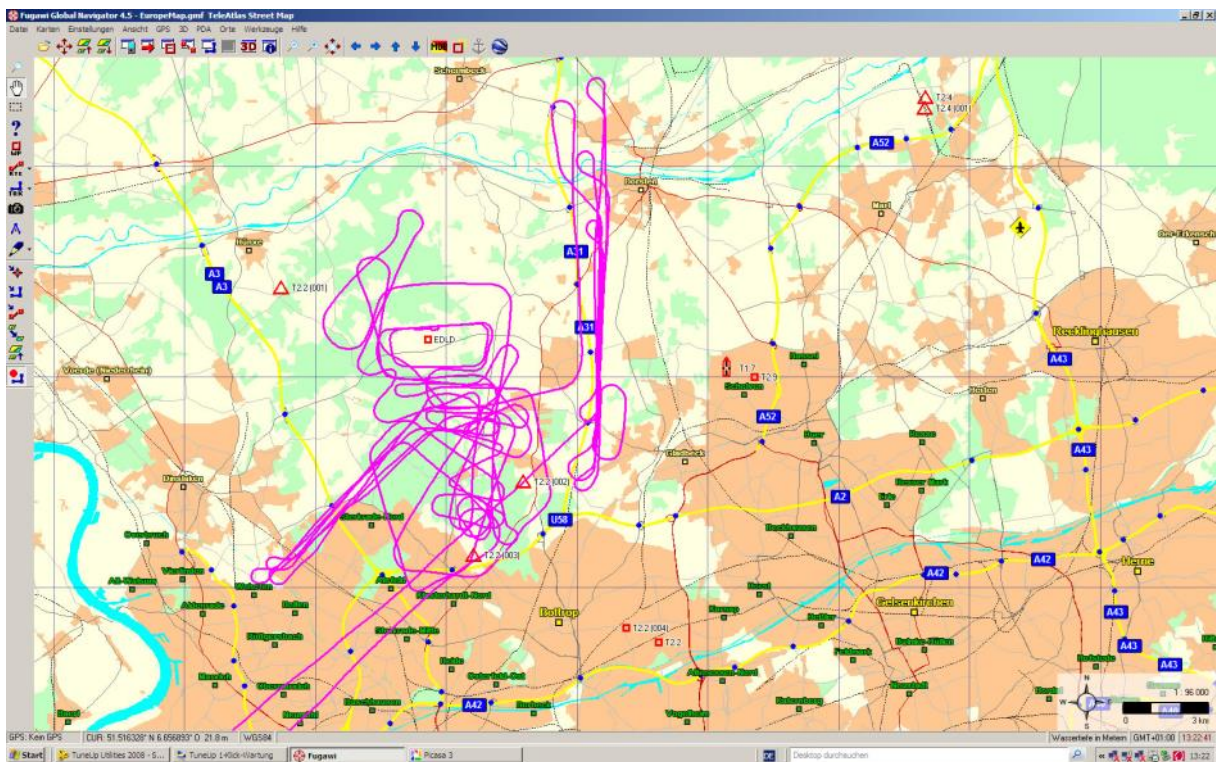
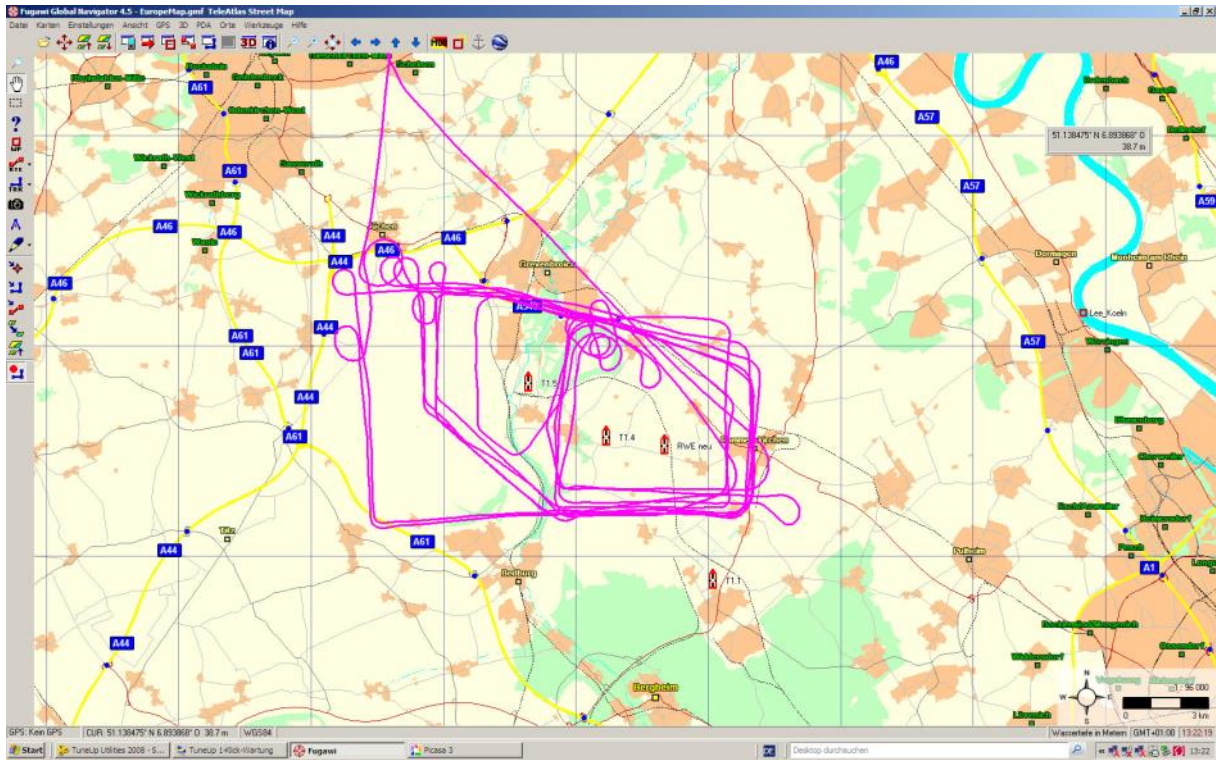


Figure 10: MAMAP flight pattern and quick-look analysis power plants Niederaussem, Neurath and Fimmersdorf 15.8.2012.

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Flight Day 16.08.2012

MAMAP

Target(s): Niederaussem (PG), Neurath (PG), Fimmersdorf (PG), Bergwerk-West (CM)

Flight ID : 2012_08_16_1

Start of Measurement: 08:57 UTC (Neurath, Niederaussem, Fimmersdorf)

End of Measurement: 09:29 UTC (Neurath, Niederaussem, Fimmersdorf)

Start of Measurement: 09:34 UTC (Bergwerk-West)

End of Measurement: 10:12 UTC (Bergwerk-West)

Spectrometer Temperature: 32°C

Weather description: measurements over Niederaussem, Neurath, Fimmersdorf aborted due to Cumulus development. Measurements taken only over BW-West, shaft FH-4 due to Cumulus over the Rossenray shaft. Further measurements aborted due to further Cumulus development. BL ca. 1600 m (visual estimate), wind ca. 8 m/sec.



Figure 11: Cumulus situation over the power plants.

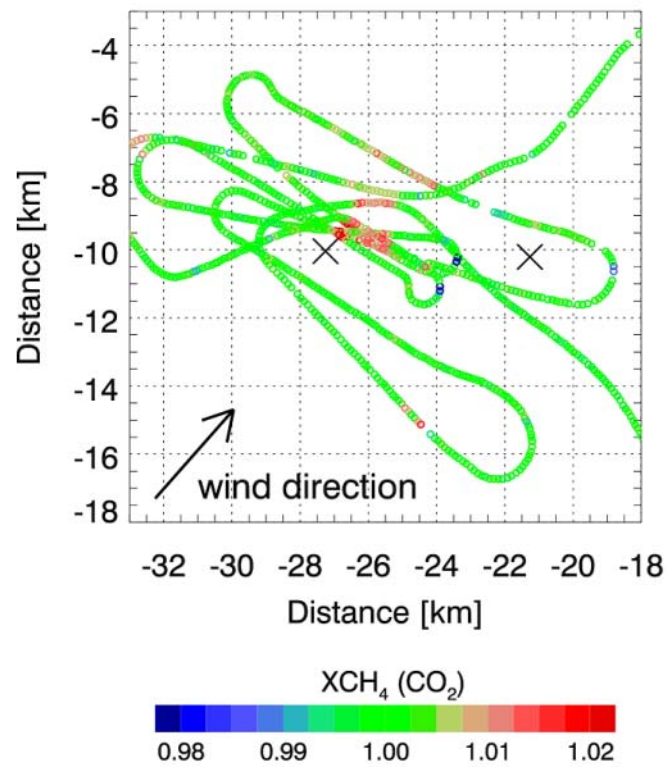
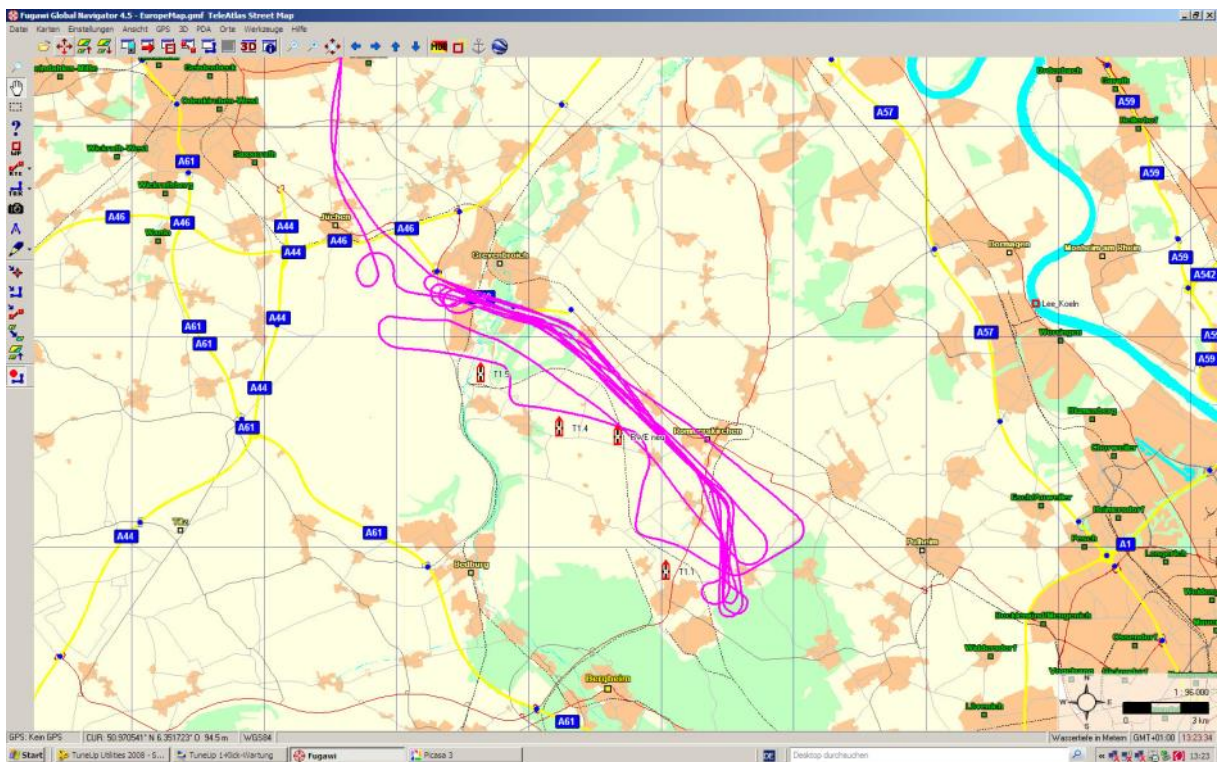
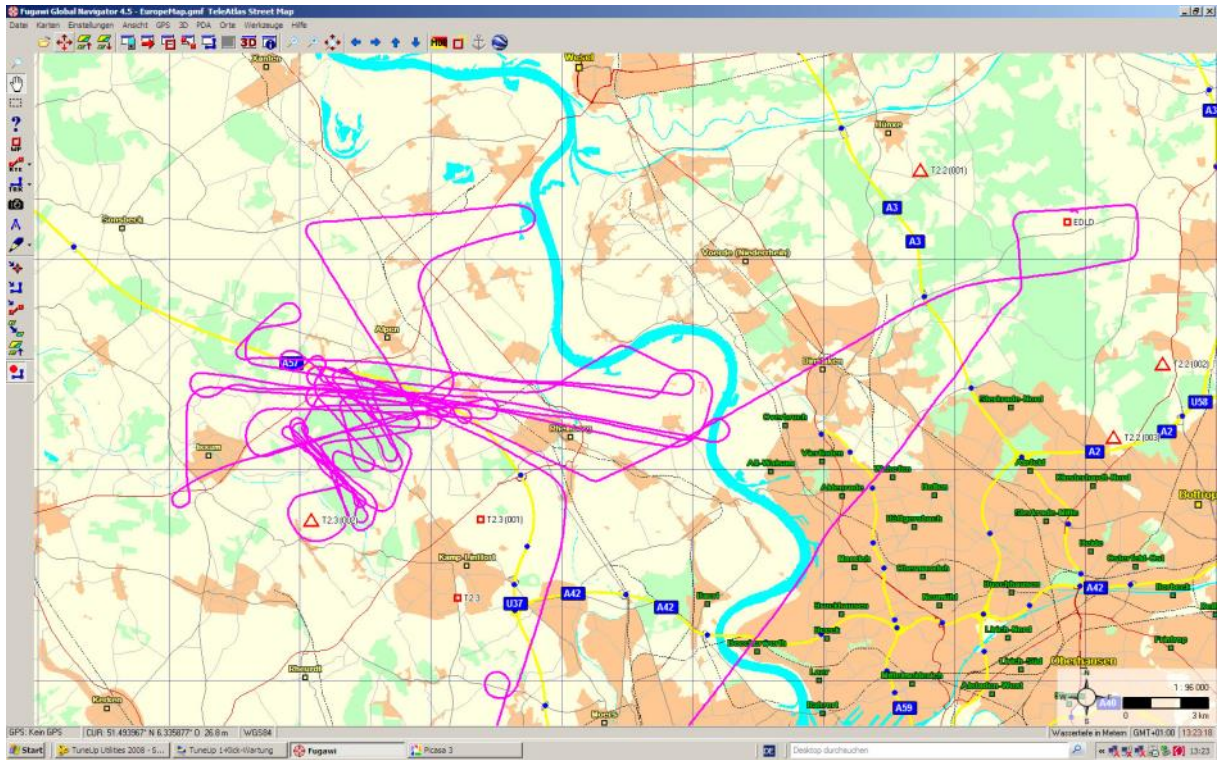


Figure 12: MAMAP flight pattern and quick-look analysis Bergwerk West 16.8.2012.

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Flight Day 17.08.2012

MAMAP

Target(s): (Scholven (PG)), Niederaussem (PG), Neurath (PG), Fimmersdorf (PG),
Bergwerk-West (CM)

Flight ID : 2012_08_17_1

Start of Measurement: 09:25 UTC (Niederaussem, Neurath, Fimmersdorf)

End of Measurement: 10:47 UTC (Niederaussem, Neurath, Fimmersdorf)

Start of Measurement: 10:56 UTC (Bergwerk-West)

End of Measurement: 12:13 UTC (Bergwerk-West)

Spectrometer Temperature: 32°C

Weather description: no measurements performed in the Scholven area due to string Cirrus. Slight to medium inhomogeneous Cirrus at Niederaussem, Neurath, Fimmersdorf area. Later development of Cumulus from Luv to Lee-ward. Aircraft flown always in-front of Cumuli outside the cloud-shadows. Last track/leg potentially affected by Cumulus shadows.

Measurements performed at larger distance to the plant-stacks due to strong steam cloud development over the cooling towers. In the BW-West slight to medium/stronger Cirrus. Later Cumulus development. Wind from SSW.

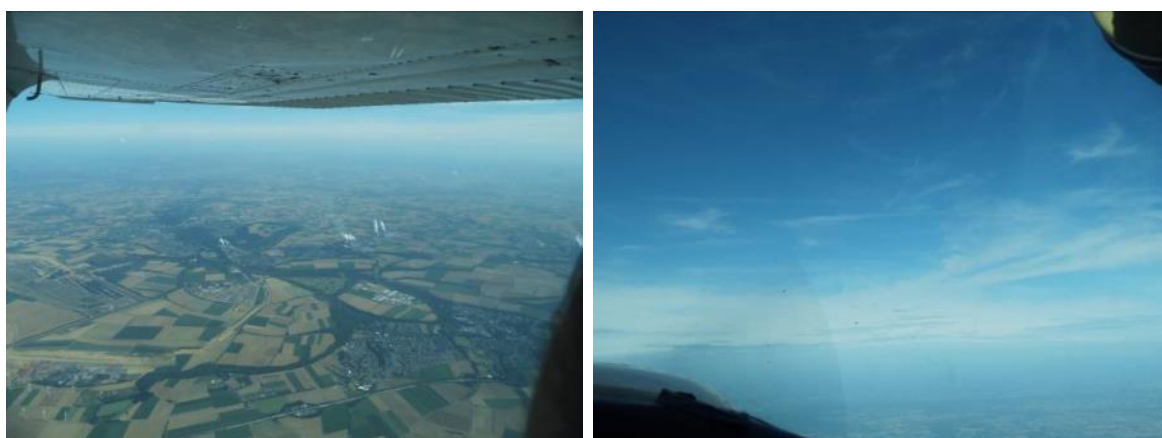


Figure 13: Situation at the beginning of the measurements at Niederaussem, Neurath and Fimmersdorf area.



Figure 14: Development of Cumulus from Luv to Lee-ward

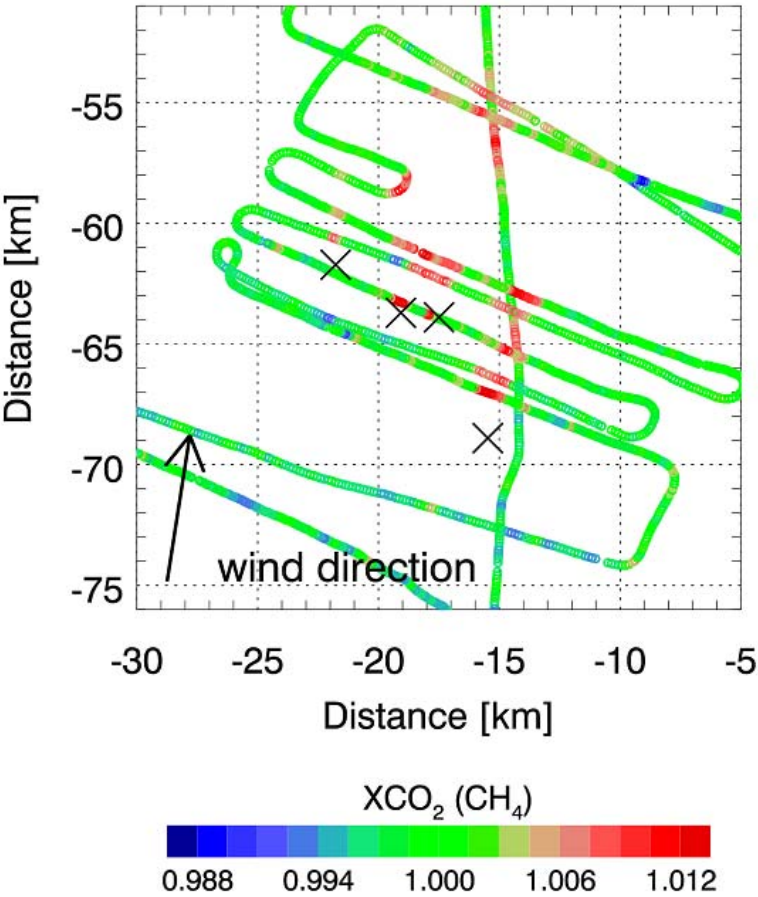
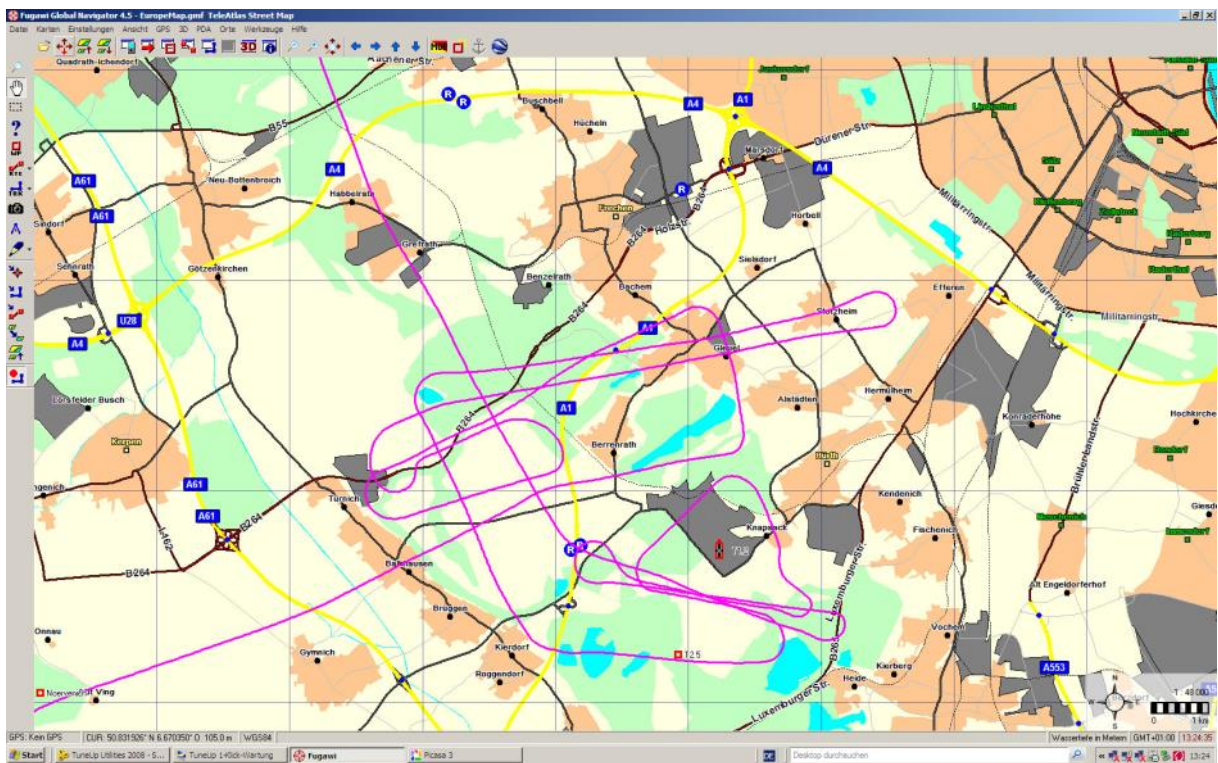
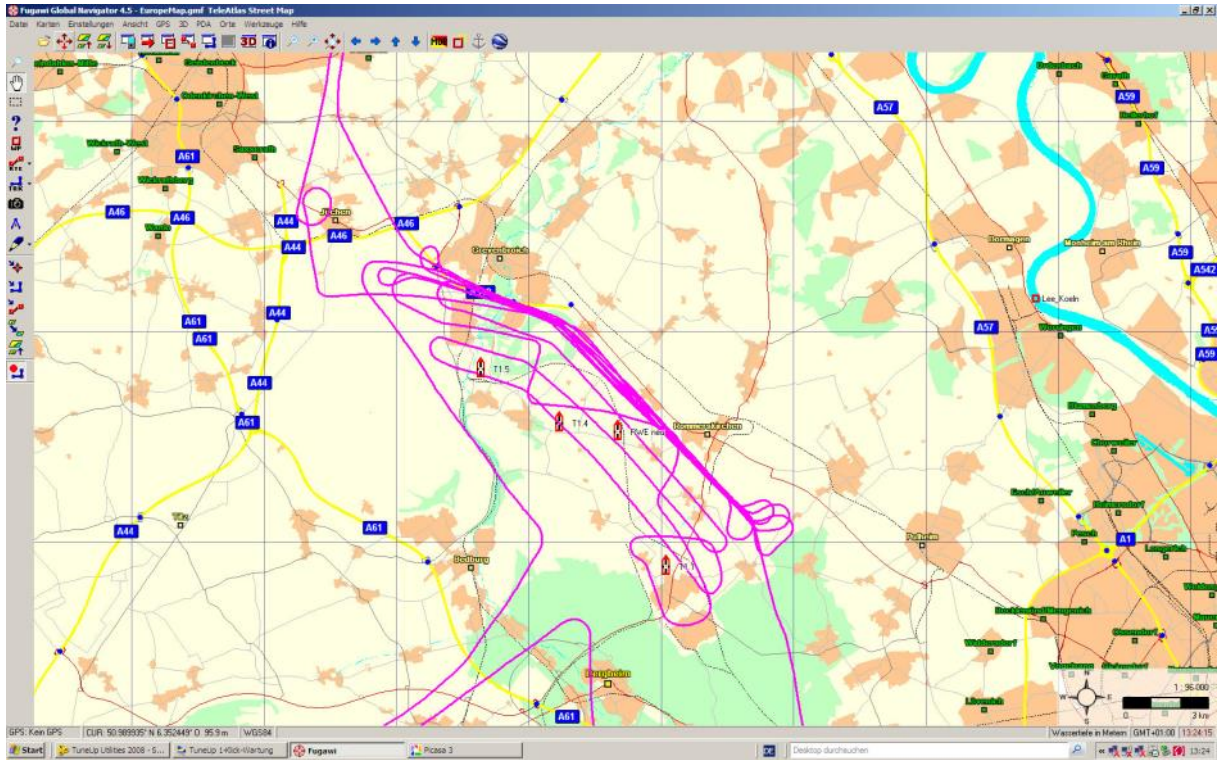
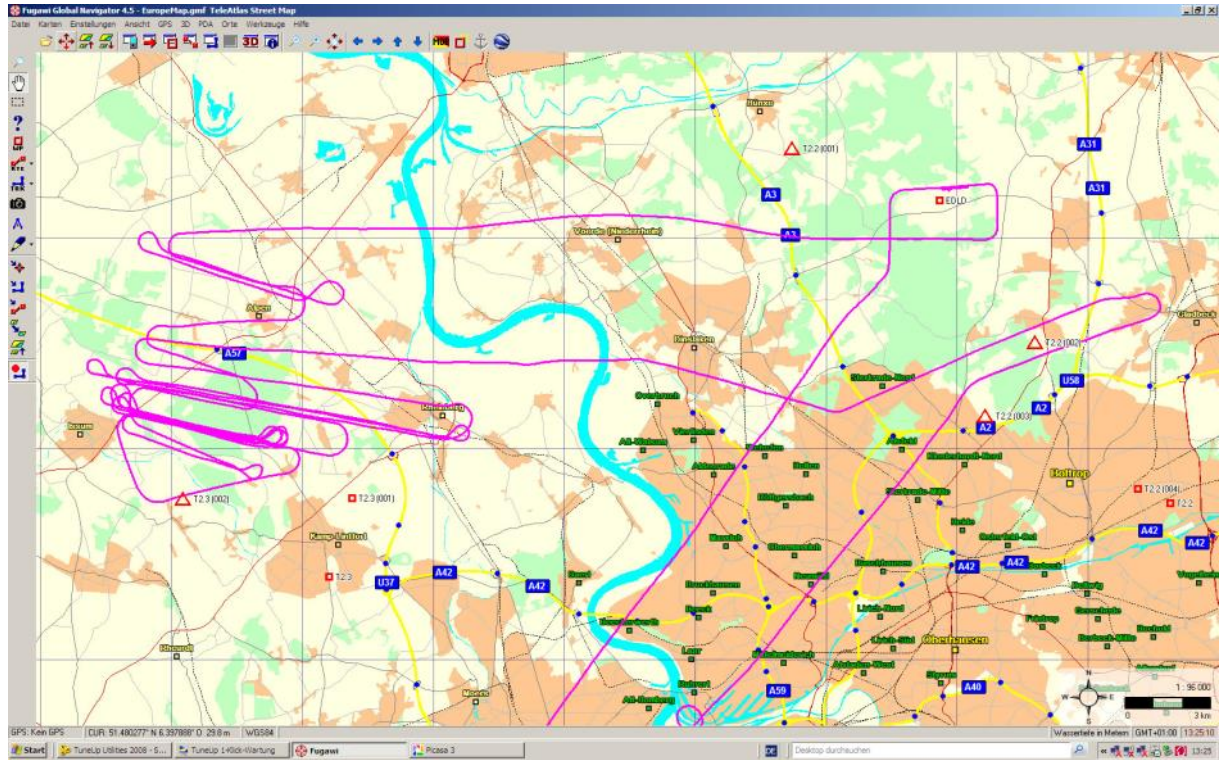


Figure 15: MAMAP flight pattern and quick-look analysis power plants Niederaussem, Neurath and Fimmersdorf 17.8.2012.

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Flight Day 18.08.2012

MAMAP Morning

Target(s): Niederaussem (PG), Neurath (PG), Fimmersdorf (PG), Vereinigte-Ville (LF), (Goldenberg (PG))

Flight ID : 2012_08_18_1

Start of Measurement: 07:54 UTC (Niederaussem, Neurath, Fimmersdorf)

End of Measurement: 10:27 UTC (Niederaussem, Neurath, Fimmersdorf)

Start of Measurement: 10:38 UTC (Vereinigte Ville, Goldenberg)

End of Measurement: 11:04 UTC (Vereinigte Ville, Goldenberg)

Spectrometer Temperature: 32°C

Weather description: in the Niederaussem, Neurath, Fimmersdorf area slight to medium Cirrus. In the area around Ville, clear sky with slight Cirrus, decreasing over time. Only few measurements performed over Vereinigte Ville due to lack of fuel. Wind from SSE, ca. 6 m/sec.

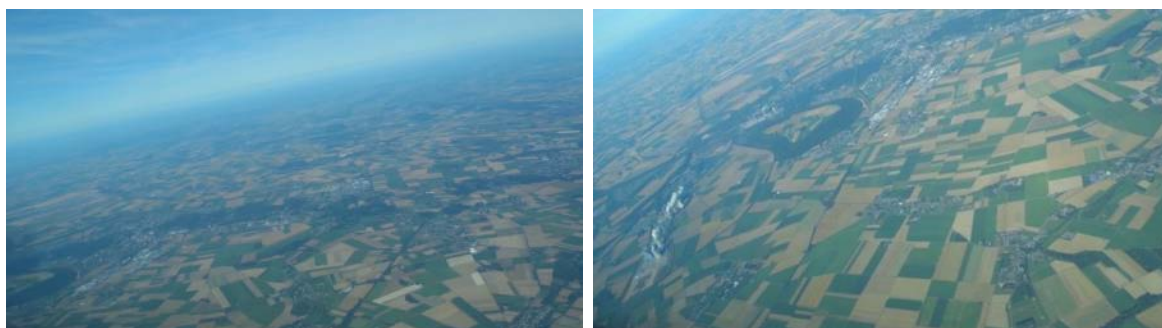


Figure 16: Situation at the Niederaussem, Neurath and Fimmersdorf (PG) area.



Figure 17: Situation over the Vereinigte Ville landfill.

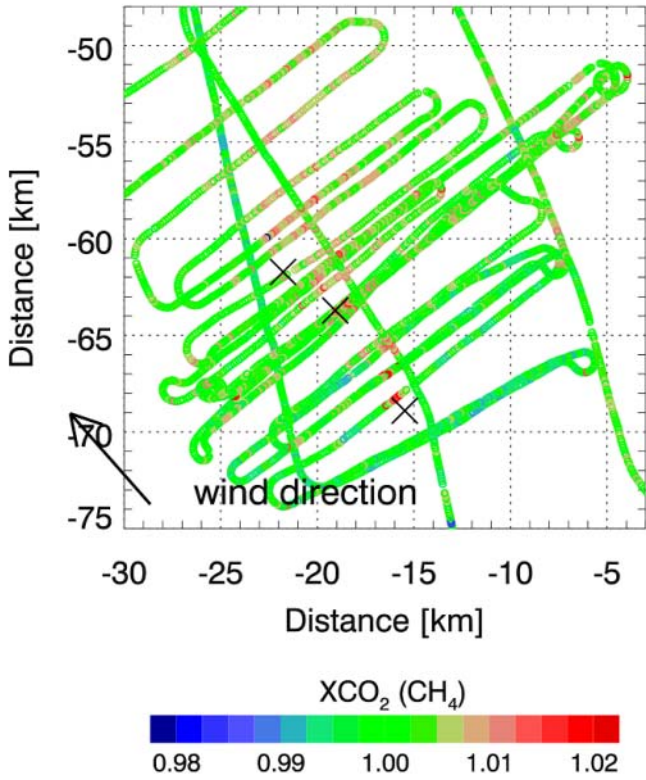


Figure 18: MAMAP flight pattern and quick-look analysis power plants Niederaussem, Neurath and Fimmersdorf 18.8.2012.

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MAMAP Afternoon

Target(s): Eschweiler (PG), Vereinigte-Ville (LF), (Goldenberg (PG)), Rheinland Raffinerie Godorf (RF)

Flight ID : 2012_08_18_2

Start of Measurement: 13:34 UTC (Eschweiler)

End of Measurement: 14:35 UTC (Eschweiler)

Start of Measurement: 14:38 UTC (Vereinigte-Ville, Goldenberg, Rheinland Raffinerie Godorf)

End of Measurement: 16:24 UTC (Vereinigte-Ville, Goldenberg, Rheinland Raffinerie Godorf)

Spectrometer Temperature: 36°C

Weather description: in the Eschweiler and Vereinigte-Ville area, clear sky. In the Godorf area: initially clear sky, later on slight medium height clouds and development of Cumulus.



Figure 19: Cloud situation in the Eschweiler area.



Figure 20: Cloud situation in the Vereinigte Ville area.

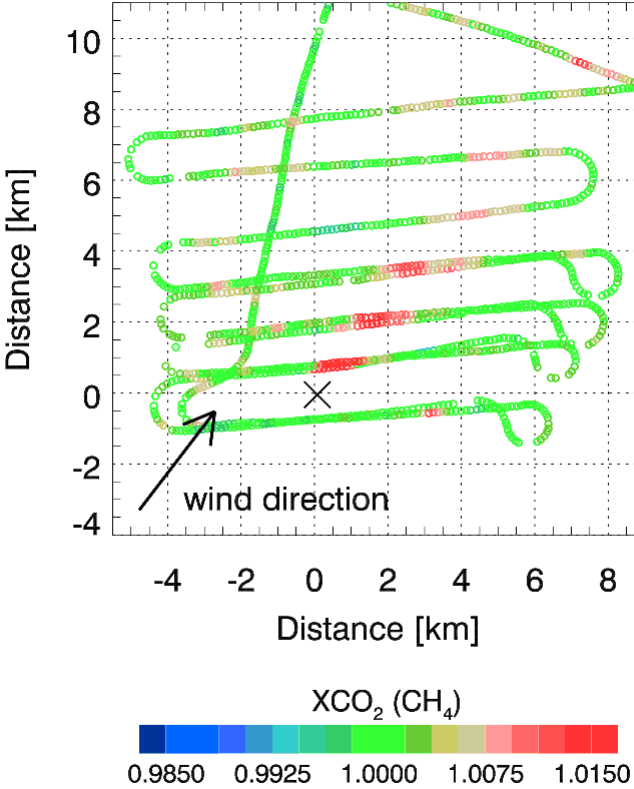
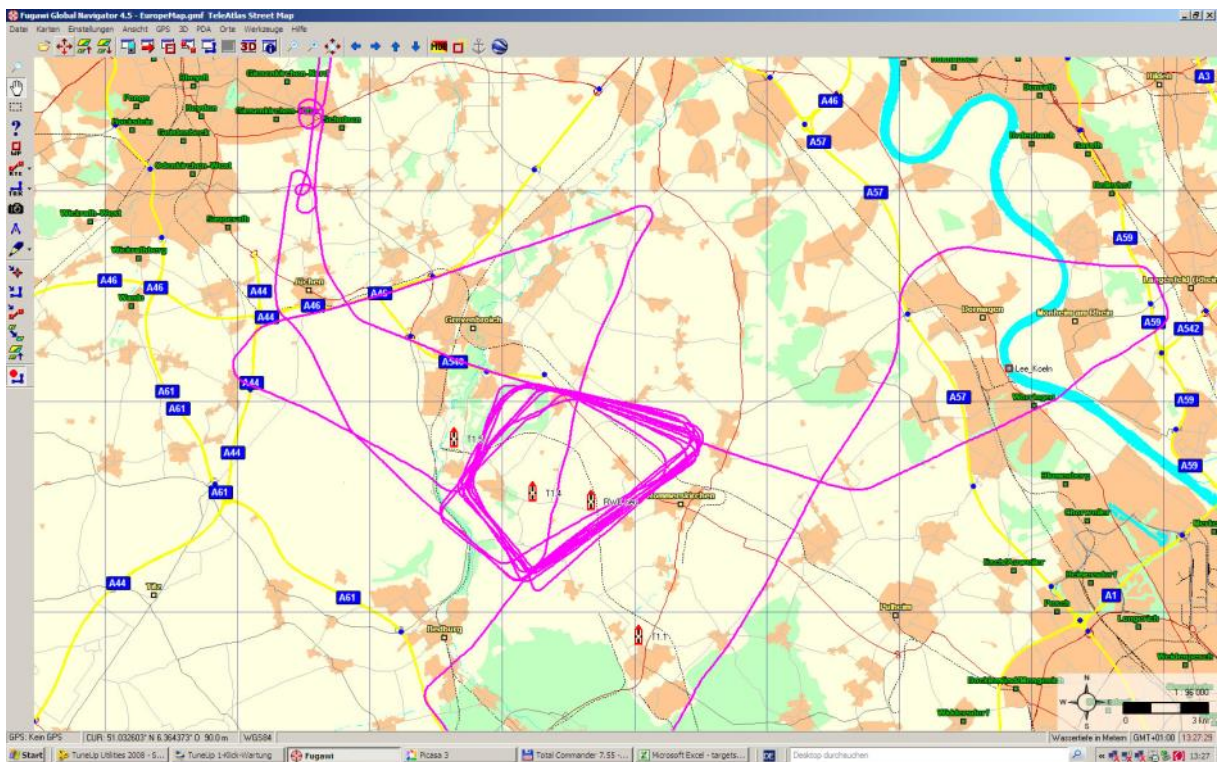
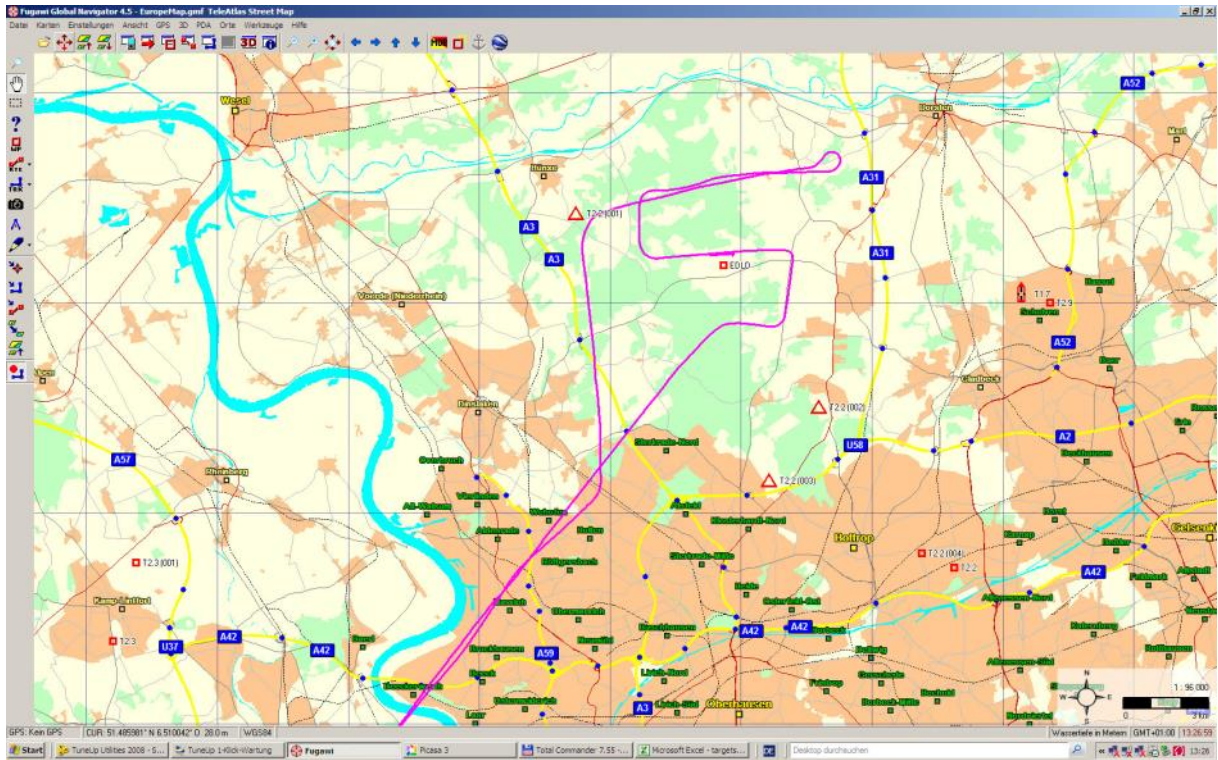
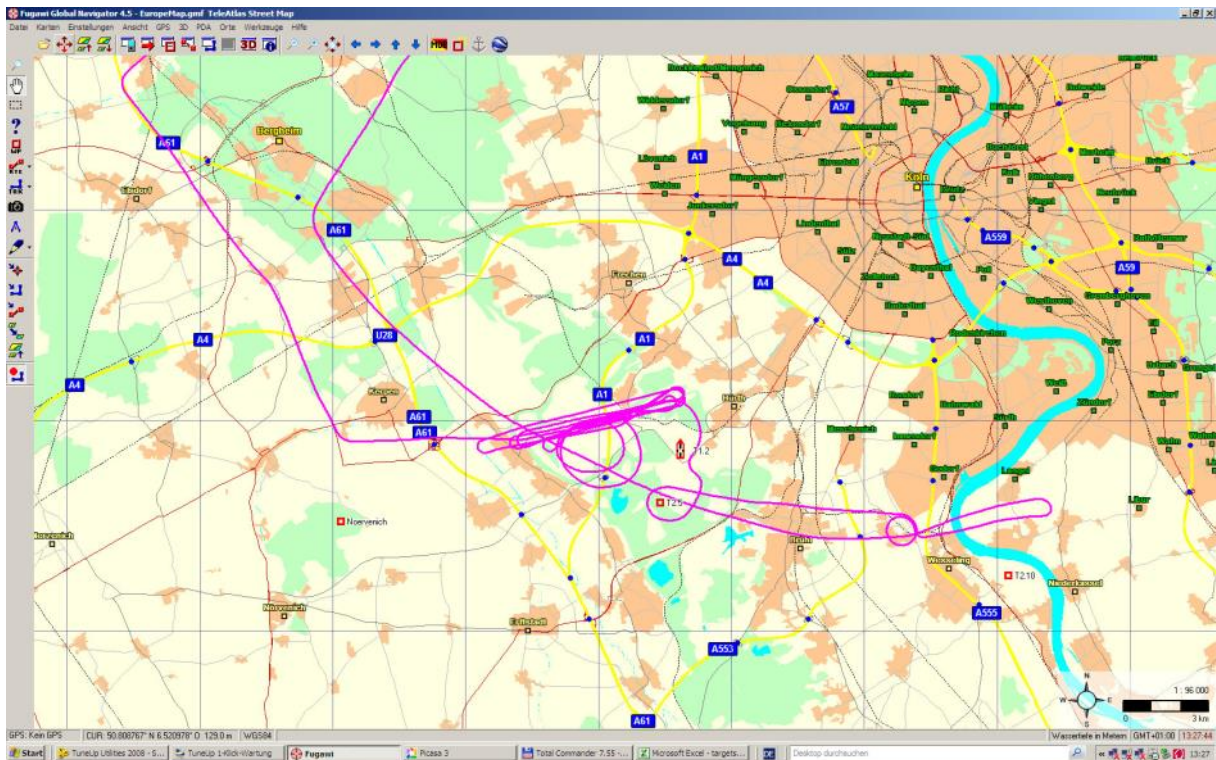


Figure 21: MAMAP flight pattern and quick-look analysis power plant Eschweiler 18.8.2012.

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Flight Day 19.08.2012

MAMAP Morning

Target(s): Ibbenbüren (CM)

Flight ID : 2012_08_19_1

Start of Measurement: 08:25 UTC

End of Measurement: 10:49 UTC

Spectrometer Temperature: 36°C

Weather description: in the Ibbenbüren area, clear sky. At the End of the flight, march through of medium height clouds in some areas with visible shadows.



Figure 22: Cloud situation over Ibbenbüren



Figure 23: Situation at the End of the flight, march through of medium height clouds in some areas with visible shadows.

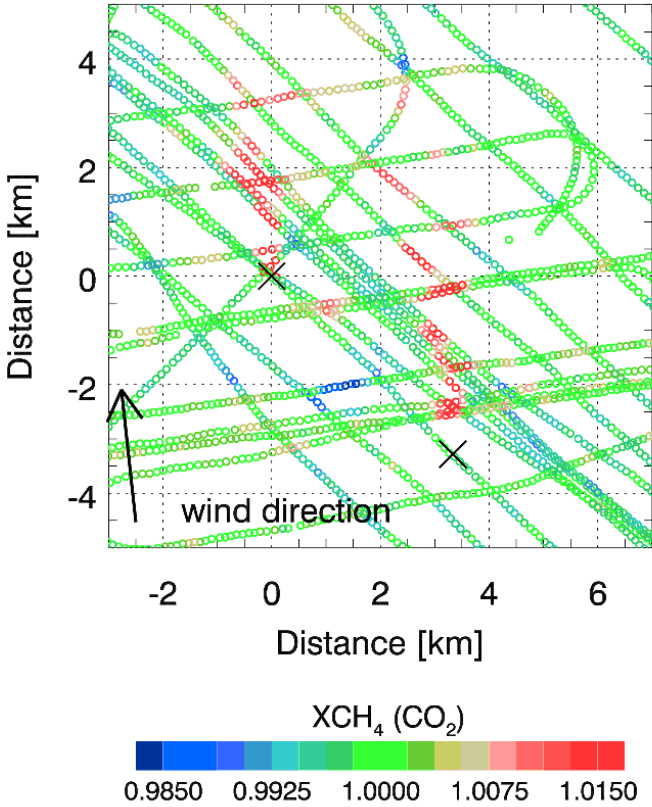


Figure 24: MAMAP flight pattern and quick-look analysis Ibbenbüren (exhaust shafts Bockradener-Schacht and Theodor-Schacht) 19.8.2012.

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Target(s): Prosper-Haniel (CM), Scholven (PG), Ruhr Öl Gelsenkirchen (RF), Auguste-Viktoria (CM)

Flight ID : 2012_08_19_2

Start of Measurement: 12:12 UTC (Prosper-Haniel, Scholven, Ruhr Öl Gelsenkirchen)

End of Measurement: 15:13 UTC (Prosper-Haniel, Scholven, Ruhr Öl Gelsenkirchen)

Start of Measurement: 15:13 UTC (Auguste Viktoria AV7)

End of Measurement: 15:30 UTC (Auguste Viktoria AV7)

Spectrometer Temperature: 36°C

Weather description: in the Prosper-Haniel area clear sky at the beginning, later on development of medium height clouds over Scholven and the refinery. At the End of the flight stronger medium height clouds. Last both legs/tracks taken over the refinery should not be used for data processing because of strong clouds.



Figure 25: Cloud situation at the End of the flight over the refinery.

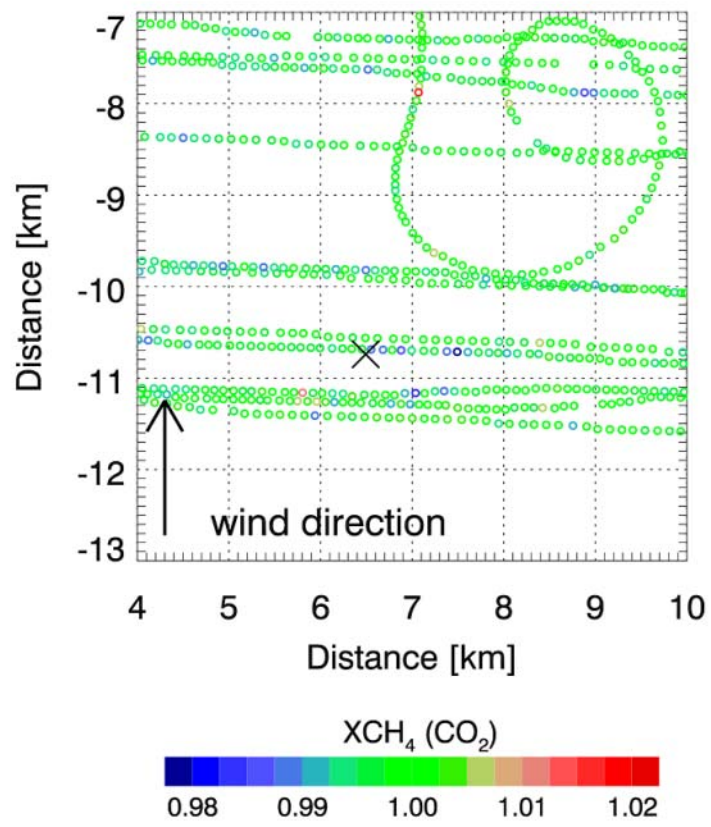


Figure 26: MAMAP flight pattern and quick-look analysis Prosper-Haniel (exhaust shaft Förderberg) 19.8.2012.

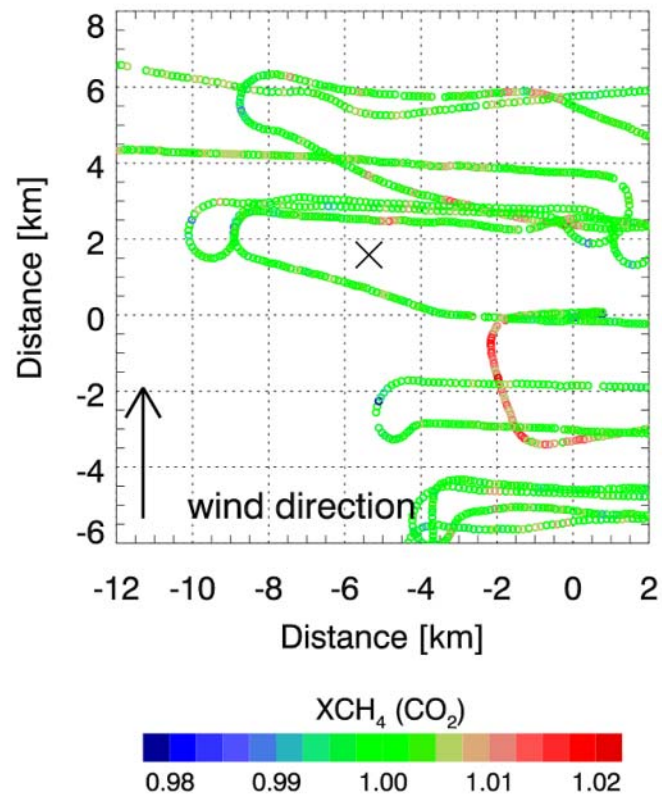
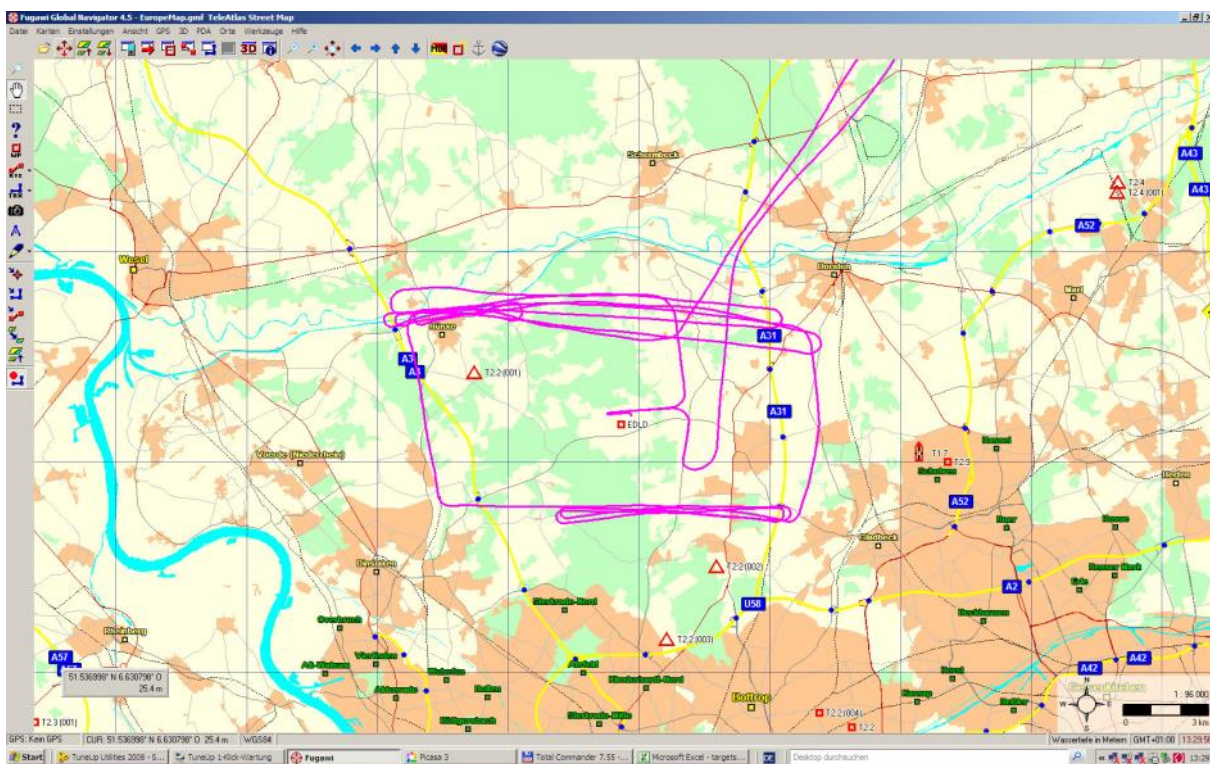
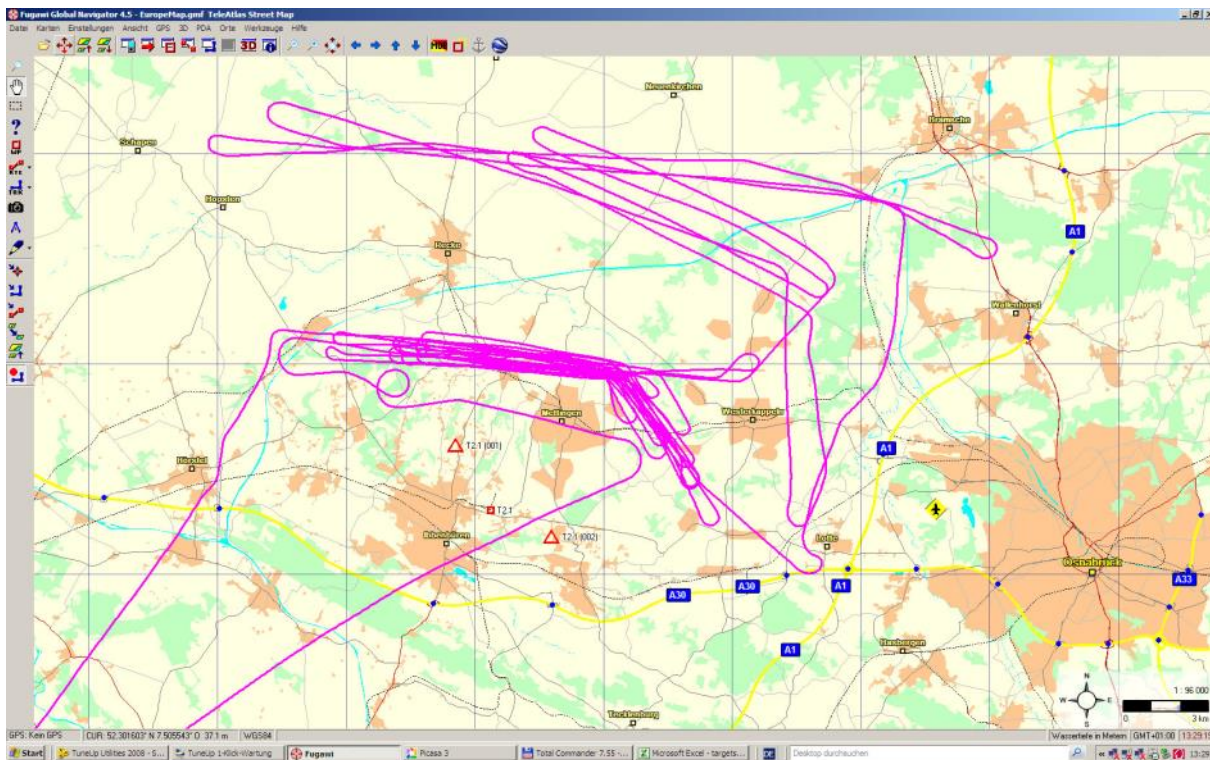


Figure 27: MAMAP flight pattern and quick-look analysis Prosper-Haniel (exhaust shaft Hünxe) 19.8.2012.

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Flight Day 23.08.2012

MAMAP

Target(s): Eschweiler (PG), Selhausen (FLEX), Altendorf (FLEX), Eschweiler (PG),
Selhausen (FLEX)

Flight ID : 2012_08_23_1

Start of Measurement: 09:59 UTC (Eschweiler, Selhausen)

End of Measurement: 11:12 UTC (Eschweiler, Selhausen)

Start of Measurement: 11:18 UTC Altendorf

End of Measurement: 11:47 UTC Altendorf

Start of Measurement: 11:54 UTC (Eschweiler, Selhausen)

End of Measurement: 13:02 UTC (Eschweiler, Selhausen)

Spectrometer Temperature: 36°C

Weather description:

Eschweiler : before Noon Cirrus, Afternoon clear sky.

Selhausen: before Noon Cirrus, Afternoon clear sky.

Altendorf: closed cloud cover or broken Cumulus at Noon.



Figure 28: Situation at Eschweiler/ Selhausen before noon.



Figure 29: Situation at Altendorf around noon.



Figure 30: Situation at Eschweiler/ Selhausen in the afternoon.

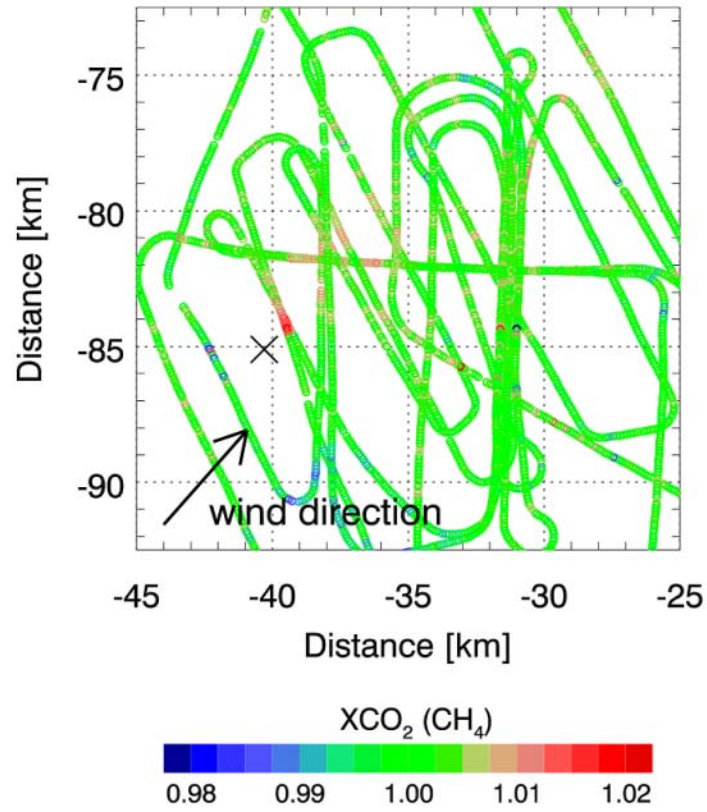


Figure 31: MAMAP flight pattern and quick-look analysis power plant Eschweiler and area around Selhausen 23.8.2012.

Annex 3: Content of the in-situ result files (METAIR)

The title is identifying the case and some parameters like the extrapolation scheme ("SE1" means extrapolation to the digital terrain) and the horizontal and vertical resolution (50 m each):

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23_Weisw_CrossSect CO2_T1_3 SE1 50 50
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Then, the total column mass concentration of CO₂ exceeding the background is given:

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ME 236.869 kg 18.763 kg 0.000 kg (92.1 % measured)
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The 237 kg are the total, and the 19 kg are the extrapolated mass between the lowest flight track and the surface. No extrapolation was necessary on top. 92.1 % of the mass was measured, and only 7.9 % was extrapolated.

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FE 671.191 kg/s 9.073 kg/s 0.000 kg/s (98.6 % measured)
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The horizontal flux of CO₂ from the point source (exceeding the background concentration) was 671 kg/s, from which only 9 kg/s was extrapolated to the surface, i.e. 98.6 % was explicitly measured.

estimated emission of 21.17 Mt/a and an inverted average wind speed of 2.83 m/s

The 9 kg/s are equal to 21 Mt/a. When the flux is divided by total mass in the cross section, an average wind speed of 2.8 m/s is resulting. This can be compared with the wind speed used for the inversion of MAMAP.

The average cross wind component is to check the proper alignment (fig. 4 shows that this is not important).

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average crosswind component = 0.1 m/s
```

In cases with relevant convection, the vertical flux of CO₂ or CH₄ above the source was calculated based on flight-tracks above the sources. However, this was not the case in this example:

```
estimated vertical flux of 0.000..0.000 kg/s or 0.00..0.00 Mt/a
```

The average concentration of CO₂ in the cross section:

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CT average concentration was 389.72 ppm
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The average concentration of CO₂ above the background concentration in the cross section:

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CE average concentration above background was 8.69 ppm
```

Obviously, the background concentration was 381 ppm.

The following table is summarising the average positions of the flight track, i.e. the "centre of gravity" of the measurements:

ih is the index of the column (comparable with "A" to "N" in **Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.**); n is the number of measurements; xr and yr are the coordinates relative to the source [m], xa and ya are the UTM-coordinates [km] of the column

| "ih" | "n" | "xr" | "yr" | "xa" | "ya" | "xrl" | "yrl" | "xal" | "yal" | "terr" |
|------|-----|------|------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| -80 | 20 | 982 | 5571 | 335 | 5101 | 6.3378 | 50.8890 | 6.3286 | 50.8848 | 114 |
| -79 | 33 | 1011 | 5530 | 339 | 5058 | 6.3382 | 50.8886 | 6.3287 | 50.8844 | 115 |
| -78 | 36 | 1040 | 5489 | 374 | 5023 | 6.3386 | 50.8883 | 6.3292 | 50.8841 | 116 |
| -77 | 36 | 1068 | 5448 | 355 | 4948 | 6.3391 | 50.8879 | 6.3289 | 50.8834 | 117 |
| -76 | 35 | 1097 | 5407 | 445 | 4949 | 6.3395 | 50.8875 | 6.3302 | 50.8834 | 117 |
| -75 | 35 | 1126 | 5366 | 471 | 4908 | 6.3399 | 50.8872 | 6.3306 | 50.8830 | 116 |
| ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| -5 | 105 | 3133 | 2499 | 2945 | 2368 | 6.3684 | 50.8614 | 6.3658 | 50.8602 | 115 |

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-----|
| -4 | 102 | 3162 | 2458 | 2969 | 2323 | 6.3688 | 50.8610 | 6.3661 | 50.8598 | 114 |
| -3 | 104 | 3191 | 2417 | 3027 | 2303 | 6.3692 | 50.8607 | 6.3669 | 50.8596 | 111 |
| -2 | 101 | 3219 | 2376 | 3090 | 2286 | 6.3697 | 50.8603 | 6.3678 | 50.8595 | 110 |
| -1 | 101 | 3248 | 2335 | 3115 | 2242 | 6.3701 | 50.8599 | 6.3682 | 50.8591 | 109 |
| 0 | 101 | 3277 | 2294 | 3139 | 2198 | 6.3705 | 50.8596 | 6.3685 | 50.8587 | 109 |
| 1 | 99 | 3305 | 2253 | 3204 | 2184 | 6.3709 | 50.8592 | 6.3694 | 50.8586 | 110 |
| 2 | 104 | 3334 | 2212 | 3250 | 2153 | 6.3713 | 50.8588 | 6.3701 | 50.8583 | 111 |
| 3 | 98 | 3363 | 2171 | 3285 | 2116 | 6.3717 | 50.8585 | 6.3706 | 50.8580 | 111 |
| 4 | 101 | 3391 | 2130 | 3343 | 2096 | 6.3721 | 50.8581 | 6.3714 | 50.8578 | 111 |
| 5 | 98 | 3420 | 2090 | 3389 | 2068 | 6.3725 | 50.8577 | 6.3721 | 50.8575 | 111 |
| ... | | | | | | | | | | |
| 75 | 13 | 5428 | -778 | 7122 | 409 | 6.4011 | 50.8320 | 6.4252 | 50.8426 | 118 |
| 76 | 13 | 5456 | -818 | 7157 | 371 | 6.4015 | 50.8316 | 6.4257 | 50.8423 | 118 |
| 77 | 13 | 5485 | -859 | 7190 | 334 | 6.4019 | 50.8312 | 6.4262 | 50.8420 | 118 |
| 78 | 15 | 5514 | -900 | 7227 | 301 | 6.4023 | 50.8309 | 6.4267 | 50.8417 | 119 |
| 79 | 19 | 5542 | -941 | 7266 | 266 | 6.4027 | 50.8305 | 6.4272 | 50.8413 | 120 |
| 80 | 11 | 5571 | -982 | 7288 | 235 | 6.4031 | 50.8301 | 6.4275 | 50.8411 | 120 |

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|------|---|-------|------|---|
| 2800 | m | 0.047 | kg/s | > |
| 2850 | m | 0.047 | kg/s | > |
| 2900 | m | 0.047 | kg/s | > |
| 2950 | m | 0.047 | kg/s | > |
| 3000 | m | 0.047 | kg/s | > |
| 3050 | m | 0.047 | kg/s | > |
| 3100 | m | 0.047 | kg/s | > |
| 3150 | m | 0.047 | kg/s | > |
| 3200 | m | 0.047 | kg/s | > |
| 3250 | m | 0.001 | kg/s | |
| 3300 | m | 0.006 | kg/s | |
| 3350 | m | 0.001 | kg/s | |
| 3400 | m | 0.002 | kg/s | |
| 3450 | m | 0.001 | kg/s | |
| 3500 | m | 0.001 | kg/s | |
| 3550 | m | 0.001 | kg/s | |
| 3600 | m | 0.000 | kg/s | |
| 3650 | m | 0.000 | kg/s | |
| 3700 | m | 0.000 | kg/s | |
| 3750 | m | 0.000 | kg/s | |
| 3800 | m | 0.000 | kg/s | |
| 3850 | m | 0.000 | kg/s | |
| 3900 | m | 0.000 | kg/s | |
| 3950 | m | 0.000 | kg/s | |
| 4000 | m | 0.051 | kg/s | > |

