



The Aerosol Chemical Monitor Calibration Center (ACMCC): A facility for the quality control of ACTRIS Aerosol Chemical Speciation Monitor (ACSM) measurements

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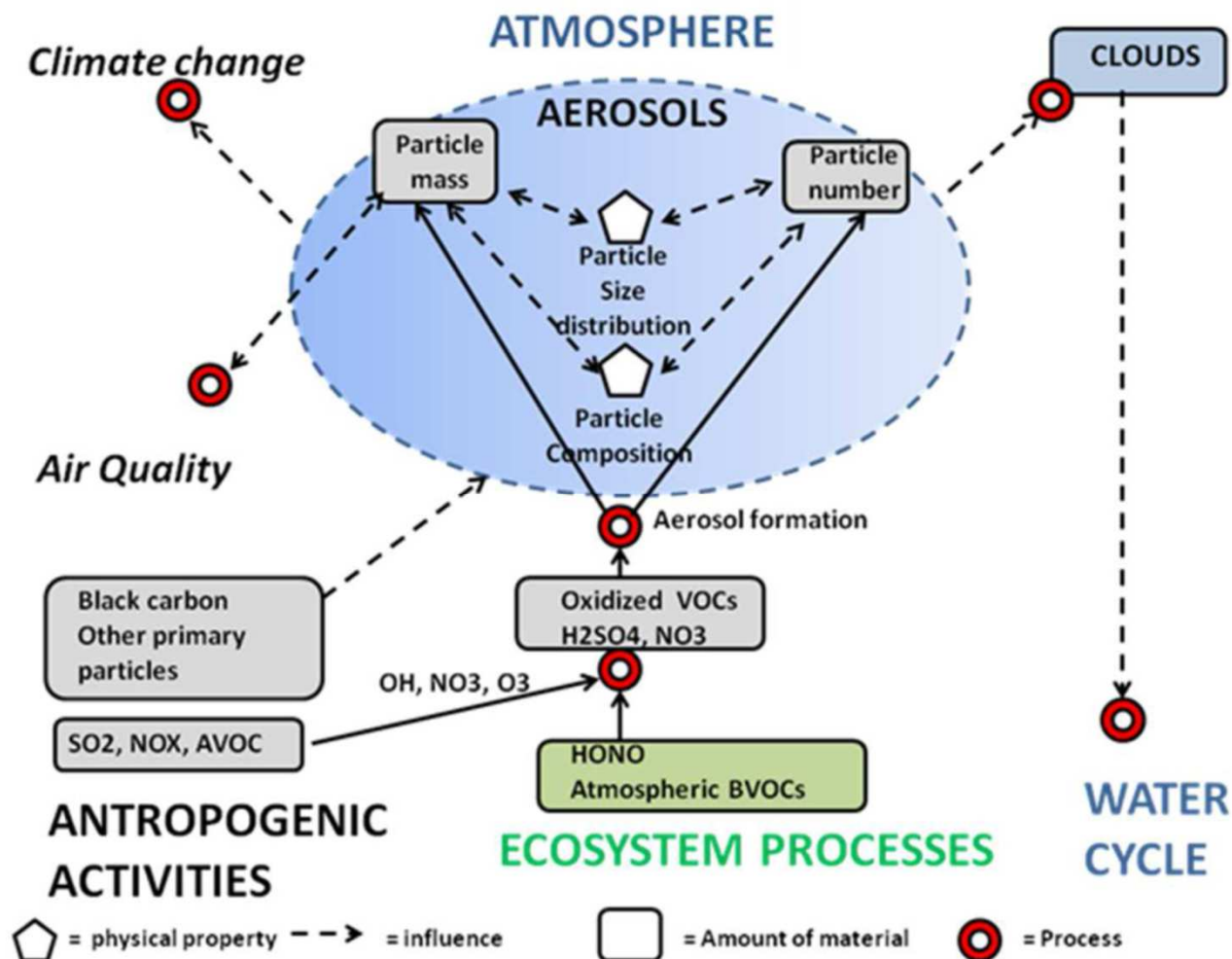
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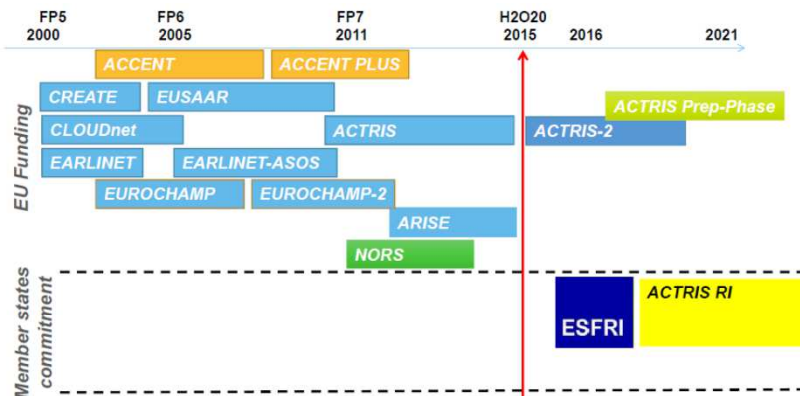
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Atmospheric processes relevant to ACTRIS:



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From research programs toward a multi-decade research infrastructure :



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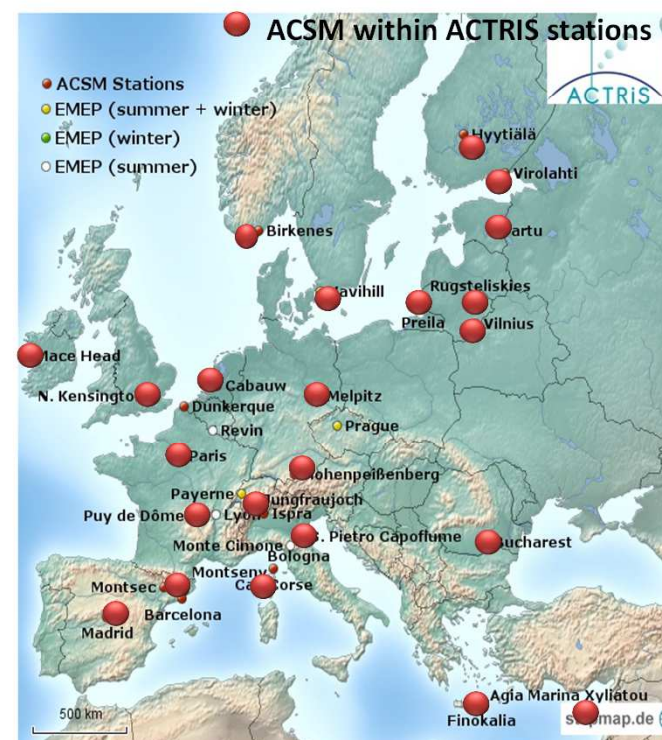
Coordinated service provision:

ACTRIS Services for users

- Data and data-product services
- Physical Access services
- Innovation and research-support services
- Training services

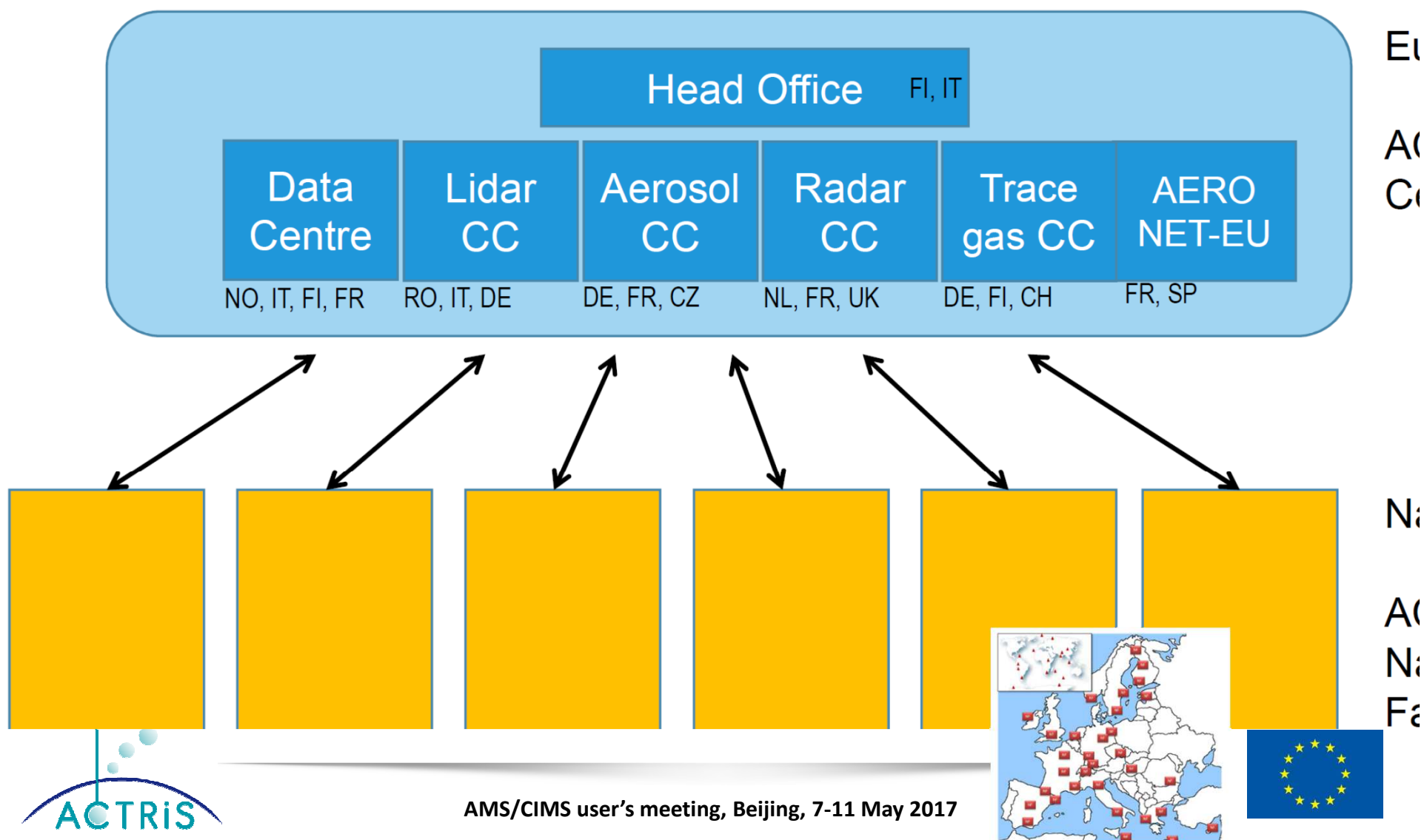
Access modes for the ACTRIS

- Physical access
- Data access/virtual access



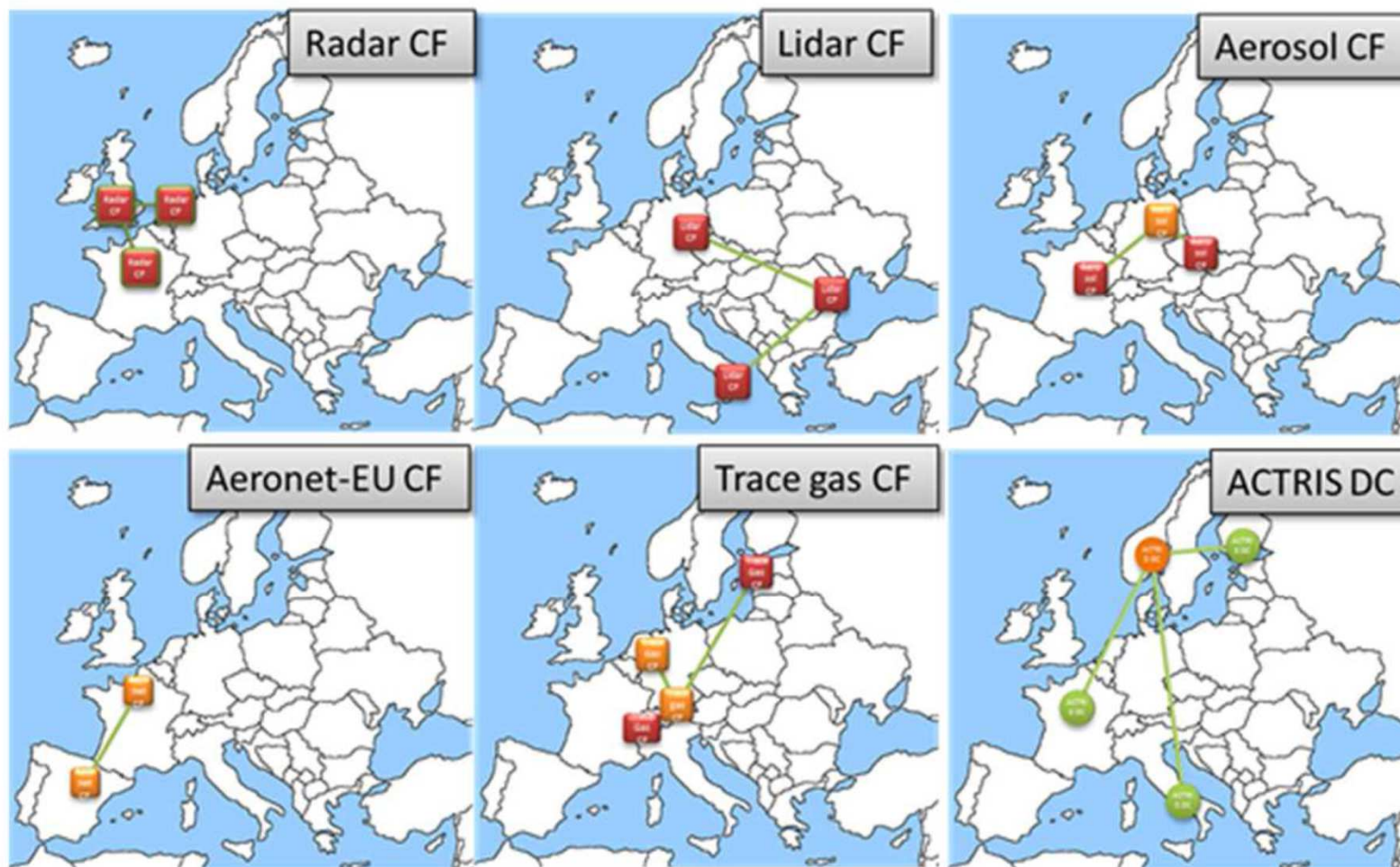
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ACTRIS structure:



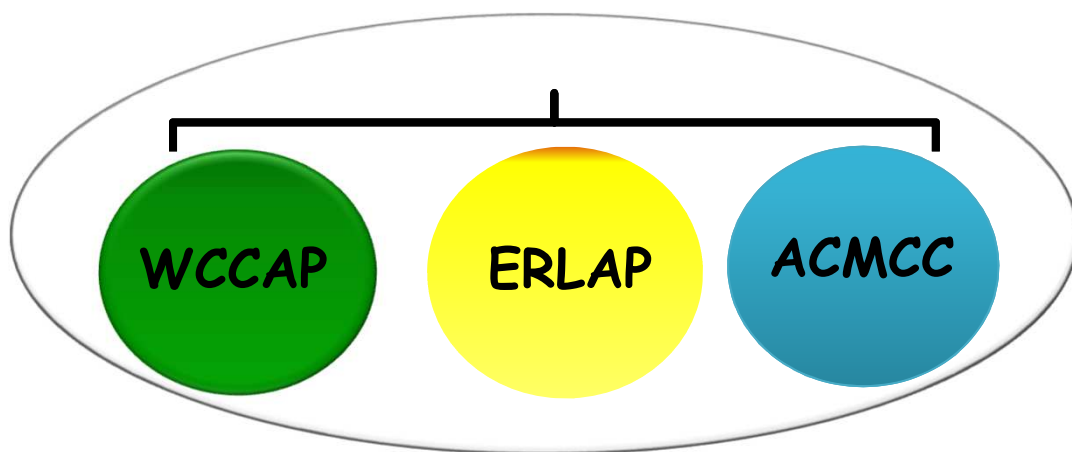
Central facilities

ACTRIS current Central Facilities / Expertise centers:



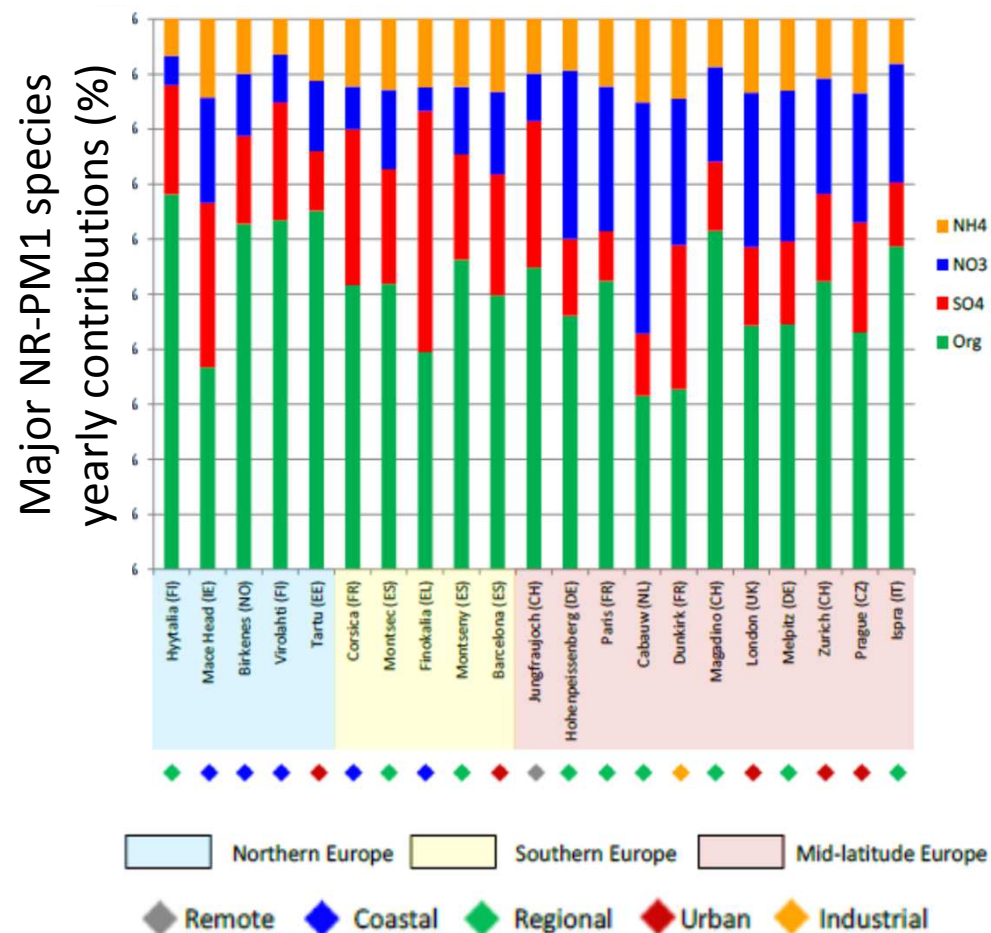
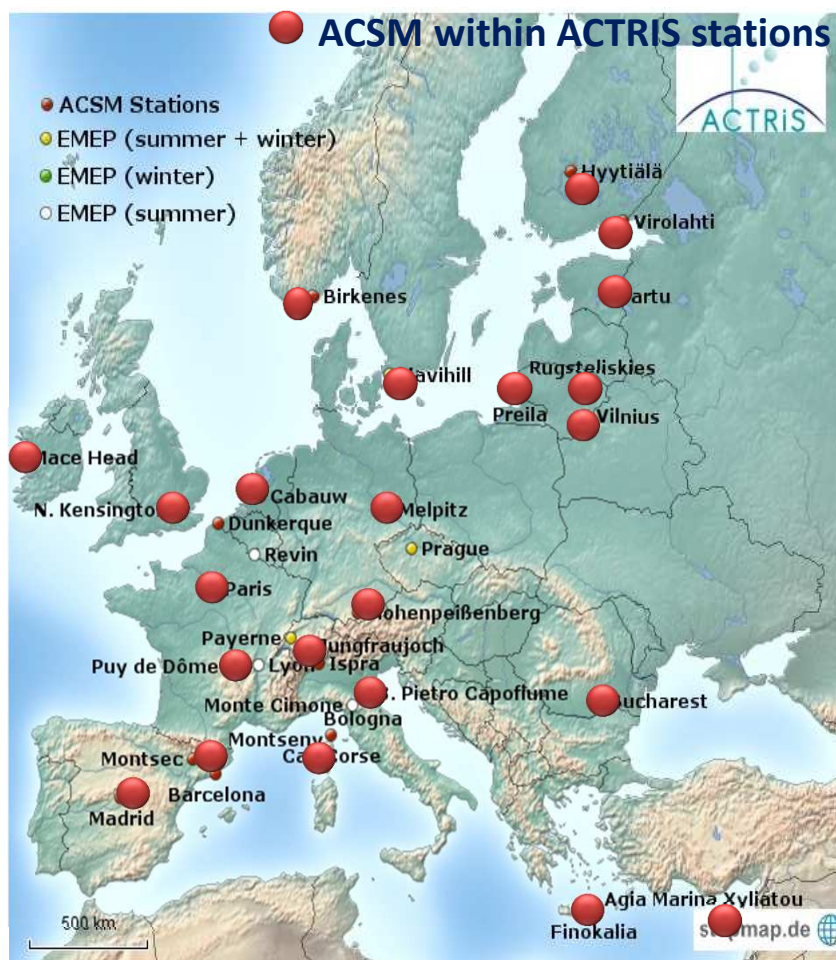
Central facility for in situ aerosol measurements

3 distinct nodes:



- WCCAP: particle counters, aerosol size distribution, optical properties
- ERLAP: off-line measurements of major chemical species (EC-OC)
- ACMCC: on-line aerosol chemistry (ACSM)

A dense ACSM networks within ACTRIS



Bressi et al., in prep.

ACMCC presentation

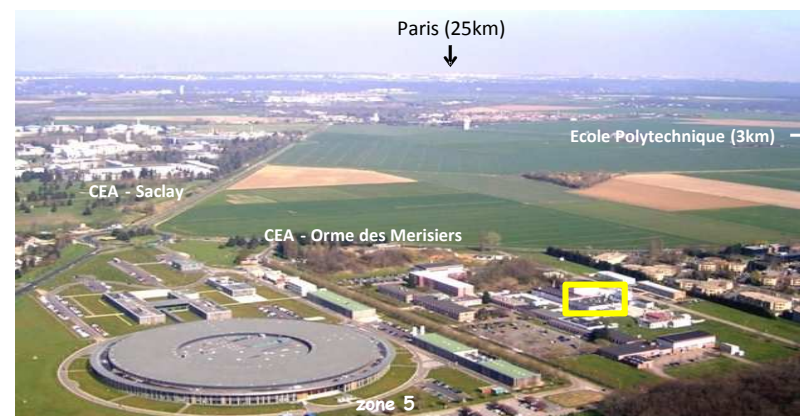
- ✓ Collaboration between different institutes



Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l'Environnement
LSCE (UMR 8212)



- ✓ Located 25km South-West of Paris, France



- ✓ Co-located with the SIRTACTRIS monitoring station



SMPS + OPC



TEOM - FDMS EC-OC Sunset Field Inst. + PILS-IC



Nephelometers + Aethalometers



ACSM



Filter chemistry NO, NO₂, O₃



PTR-MS & GC-FID



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In situ real-time PM1 chemical speciation at SIRT

Aerosol chemical speciation monitor (ACSM)



Non-refractory chemical species (NR-PM₁):

Organic aerosol (OA), nitrate (NO₃),
sulfate (SO₄), ammonium (NH₄),
chloride (Cl)

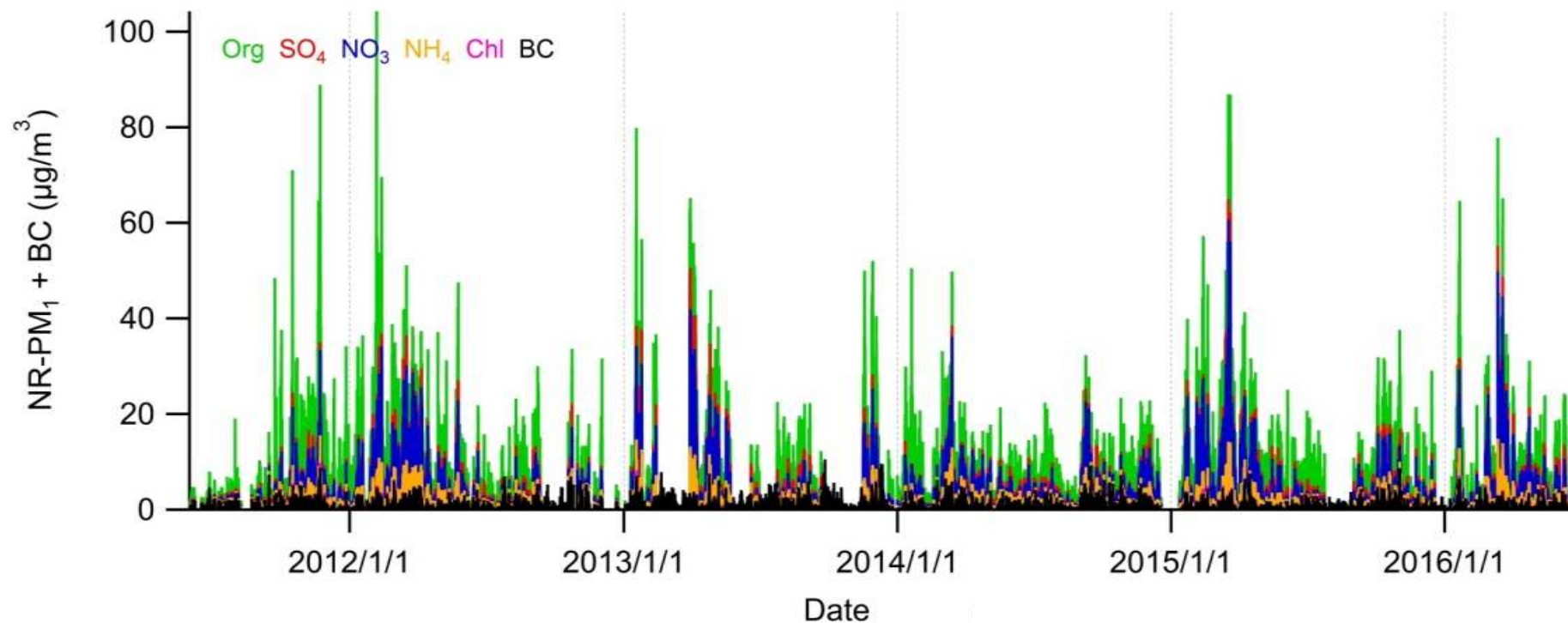


7-wavelength Aethalometer (AE31 then AE33)

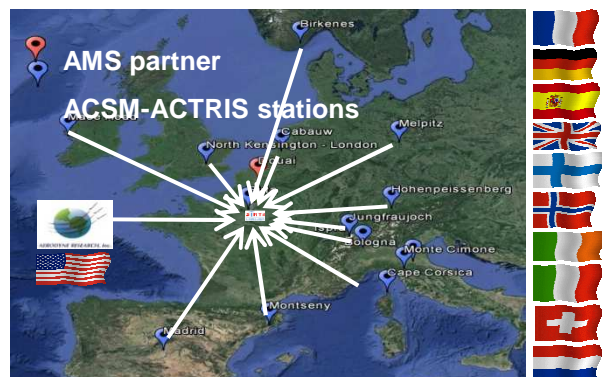


Black Carbon (BC):

Fossil fuel BC (BC_{ff}) & Wood
burning BC (BC_{wb}), calculated from
Aethalometer model

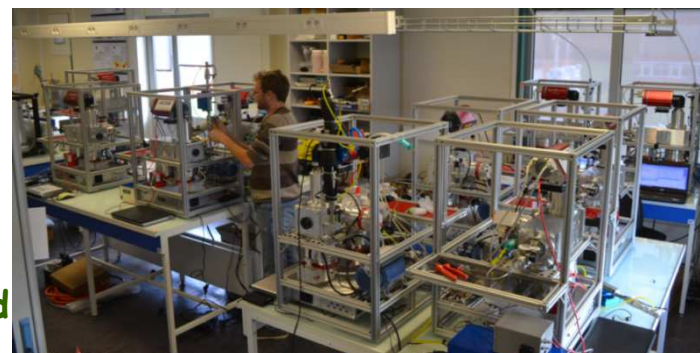


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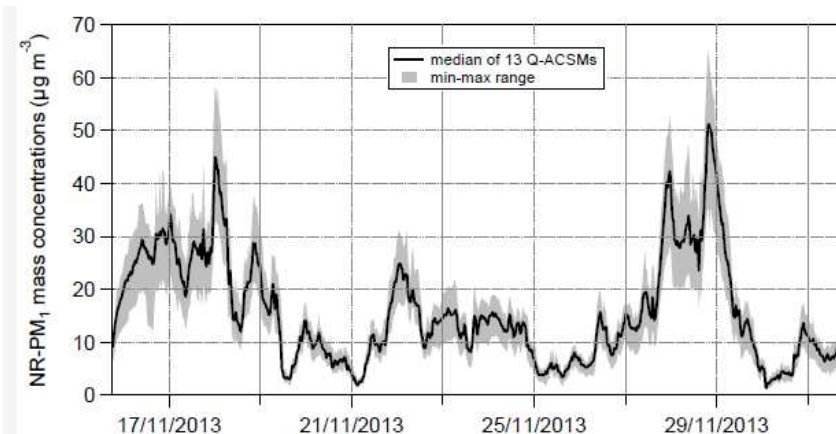
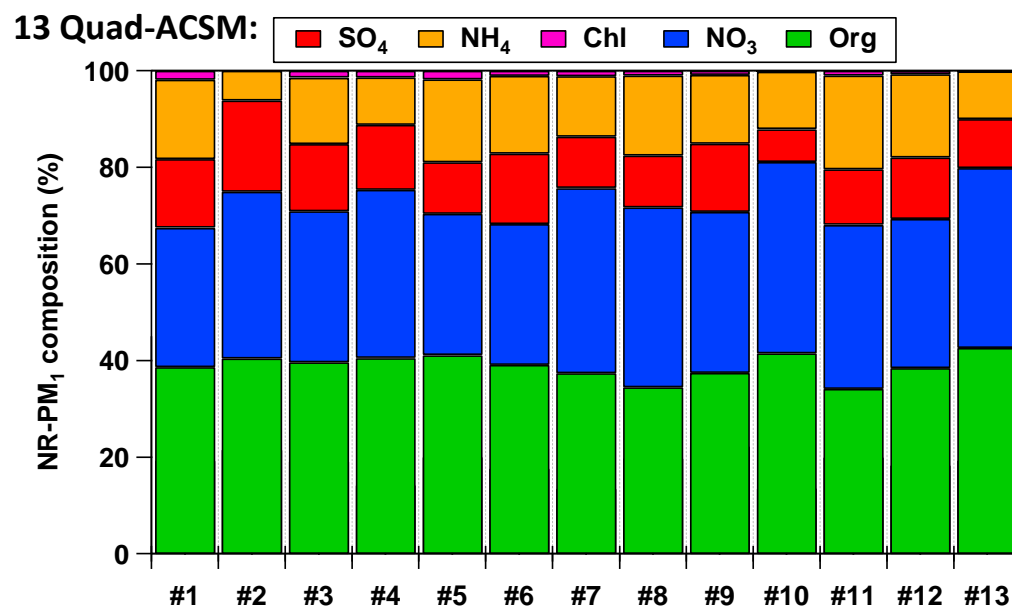


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countries
participating

15 aerosol mass
spect. intercompared



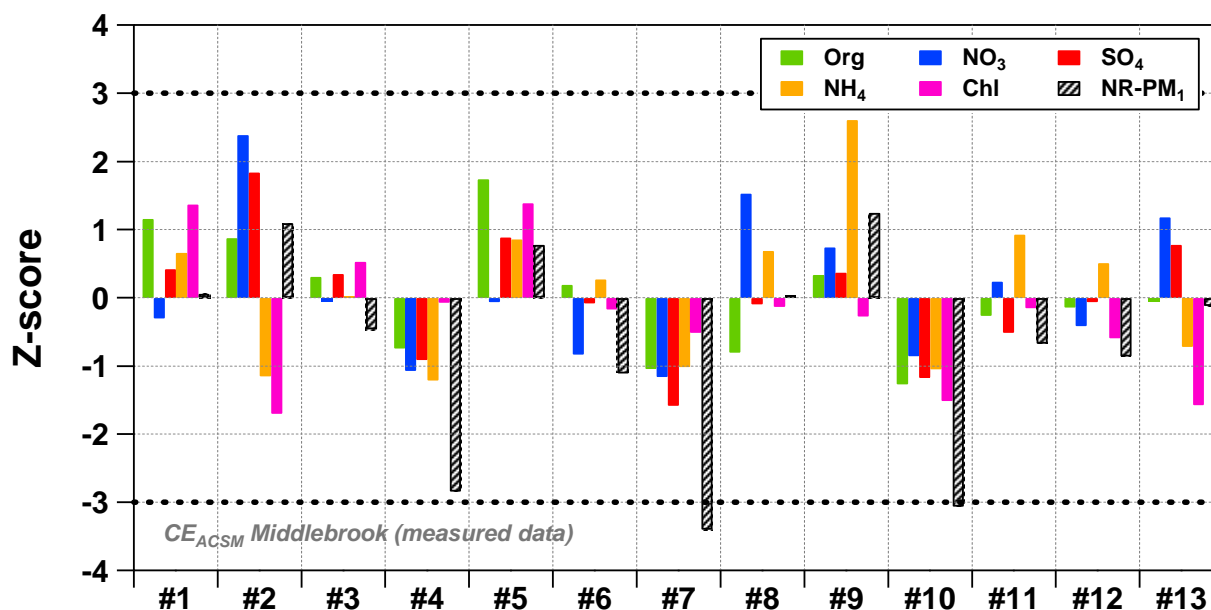
✓ robust measurements of the NR-PM₁ total mass and its major components.



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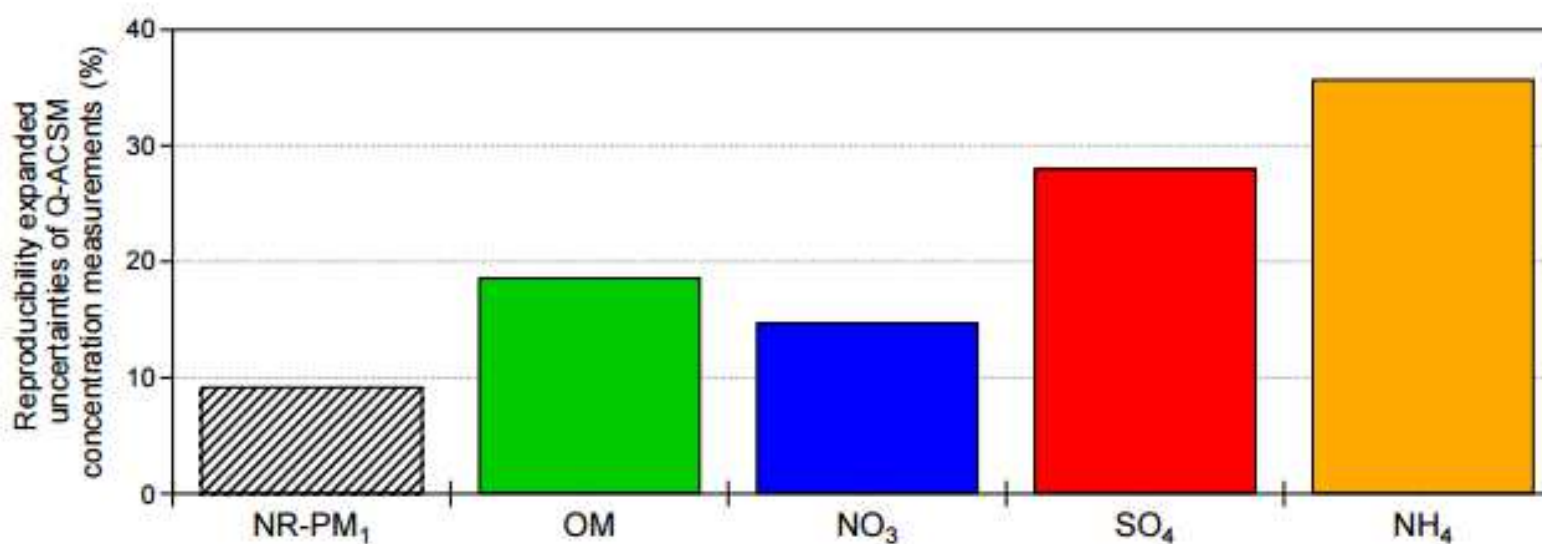
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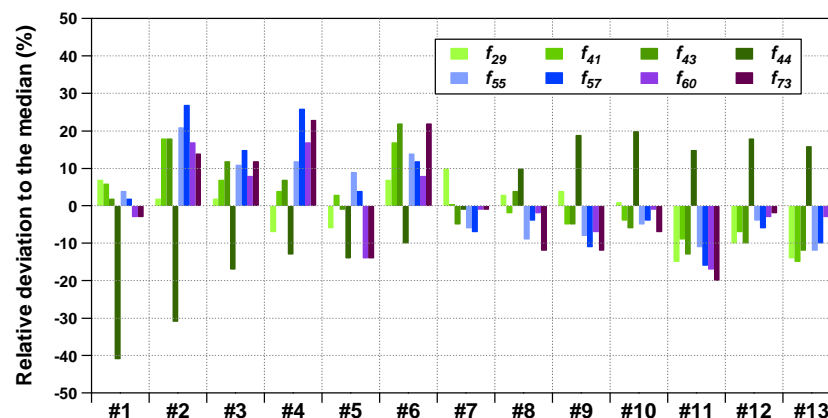
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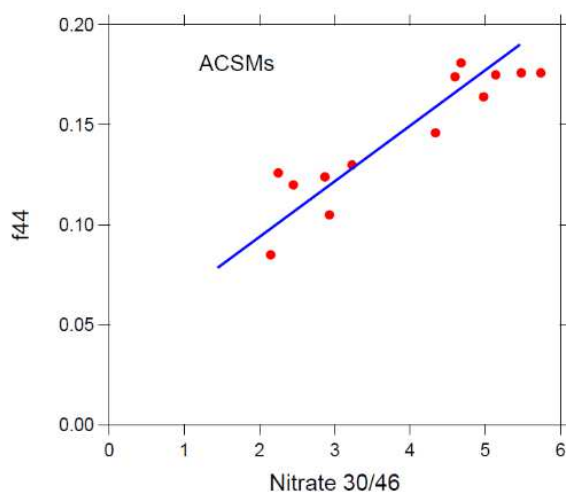
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Relationship
Between
30/46 and
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NH₄NO₃

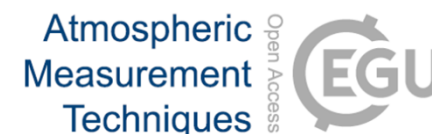


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- ☺ But good agreement between Source Apportionment results between from the 13 ACSMs

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ACTRIS ACSM intercomparison – Part 1: Reproducibility of concentration and fragment results from 13 individual Quadrupole Aerosol Chemical Speciation Monitors (Q-ACSM) and consistency with co-located instruments



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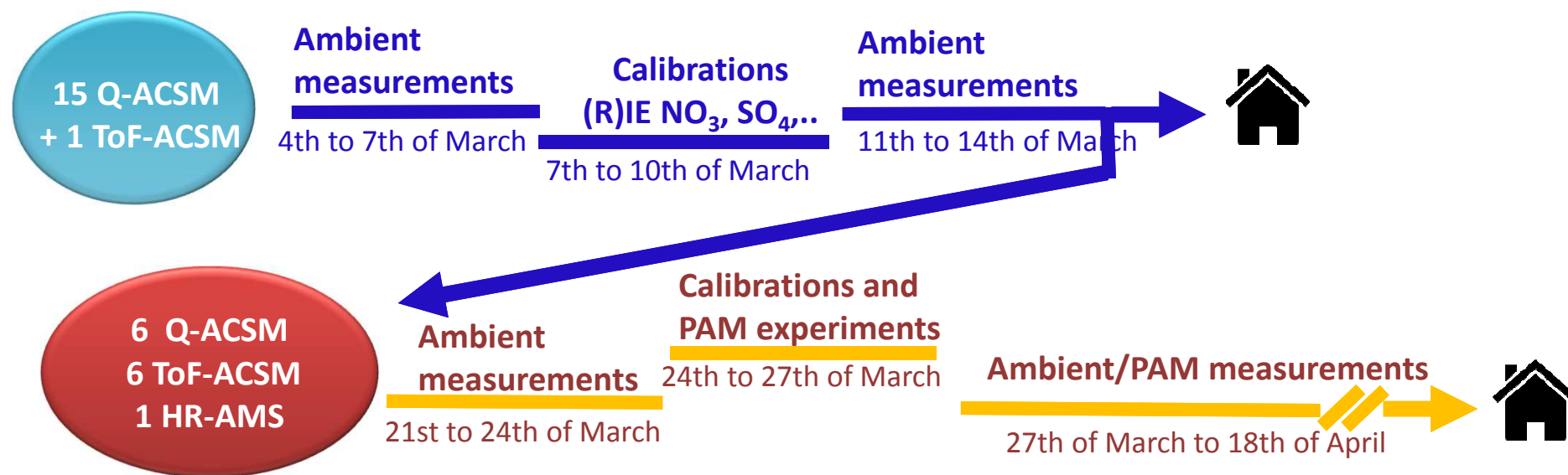
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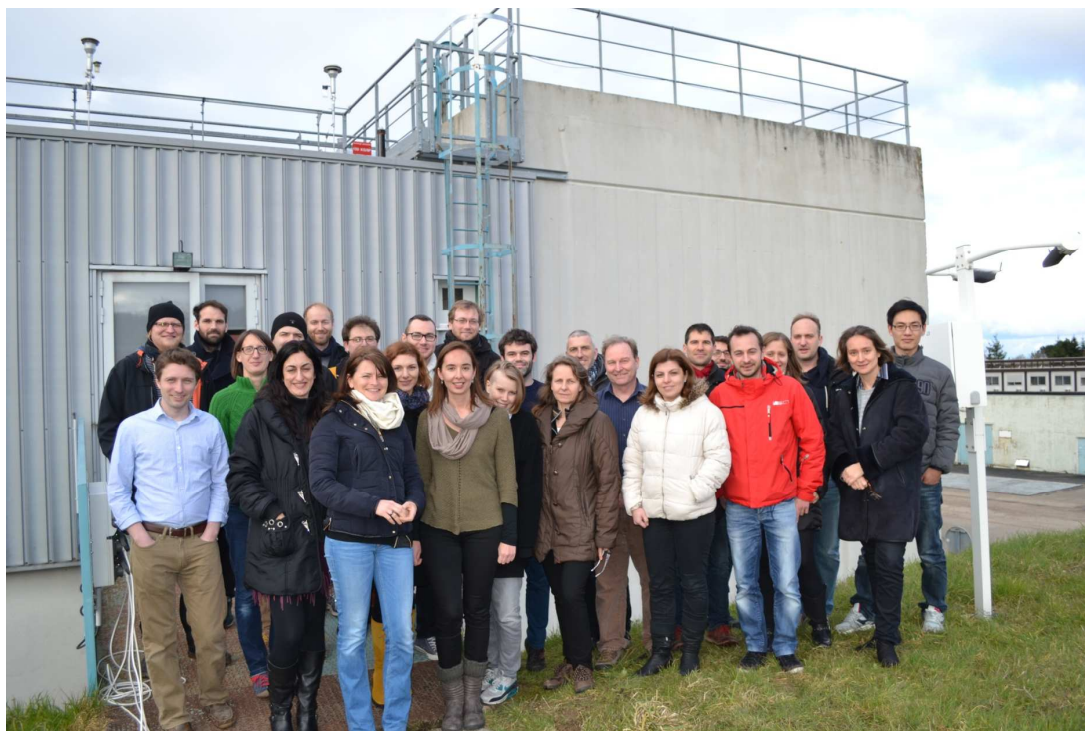
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Organization:

1. Three to four days pre-calibration intercomparison.
2. Calibration using single and mixed inorganic solutions
3. Three to four days post-calibration intercomparison (extended for ToF-ACSM).



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Site	Q-ACSM	ToF-ACSM
Hohenpeissenberg		
Hyytiala		
Cyprus		
Melpitz		
Finokalia		
London		
Bologna		
Madrid		
Vavihill		
SMEAR		
Zurich		
JFJ		
Bucharest		
Barcelona		
PUY		
SIRTA		
CapCorse		
Tartu		
ToFwerk		

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15 Q-ACSM
+ 1 ToF-ACSM

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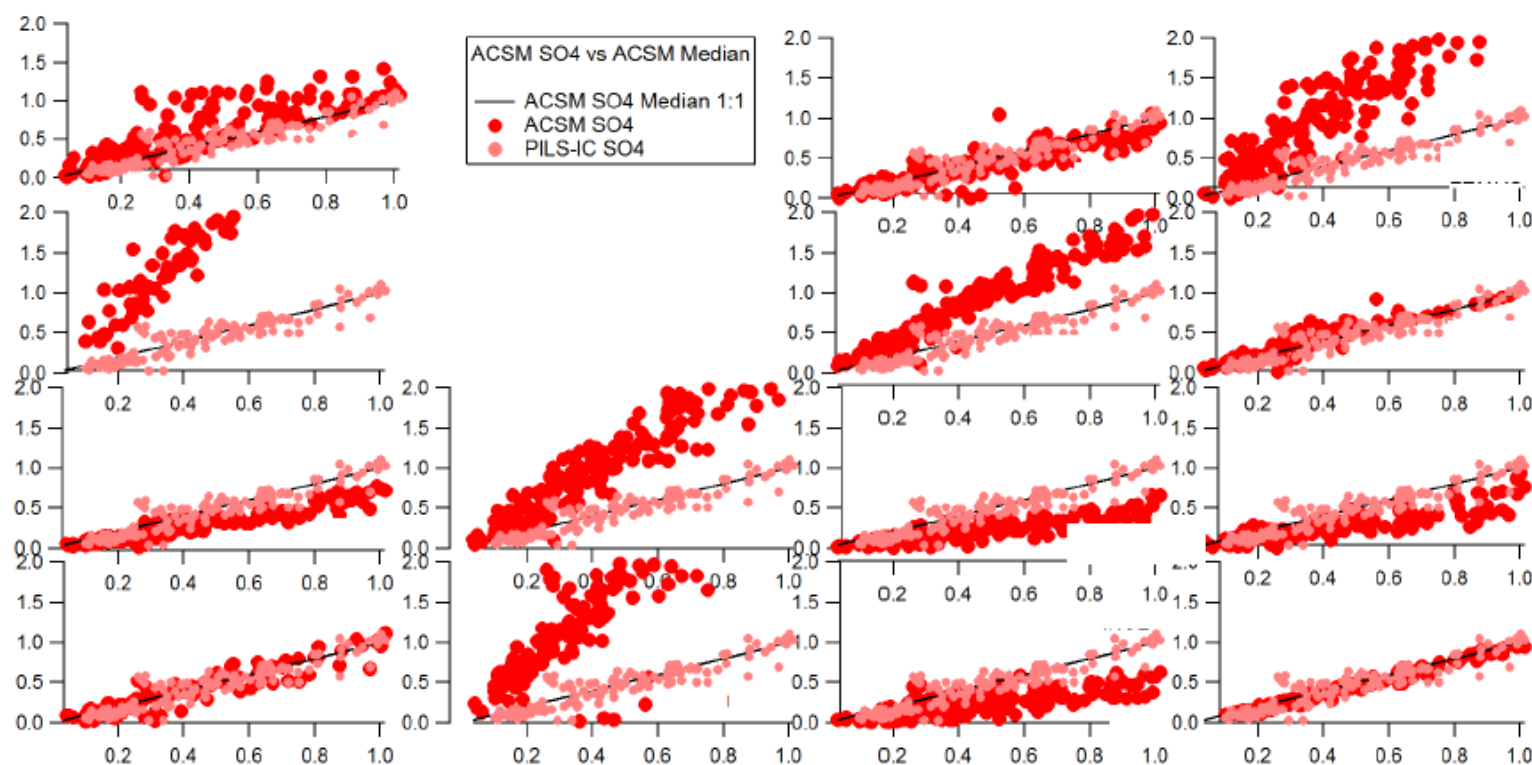
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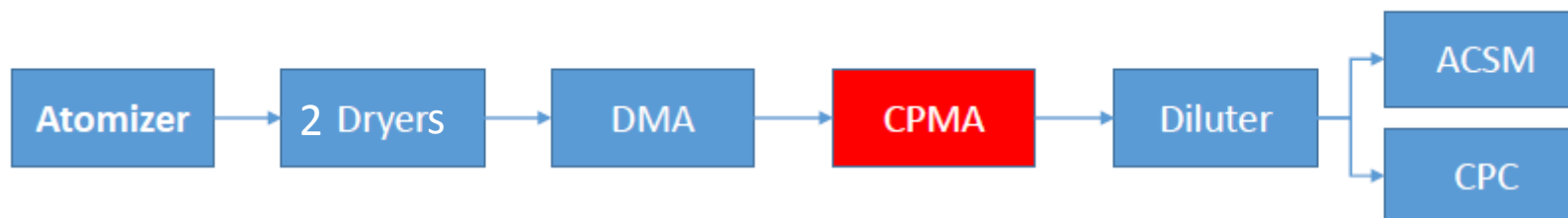
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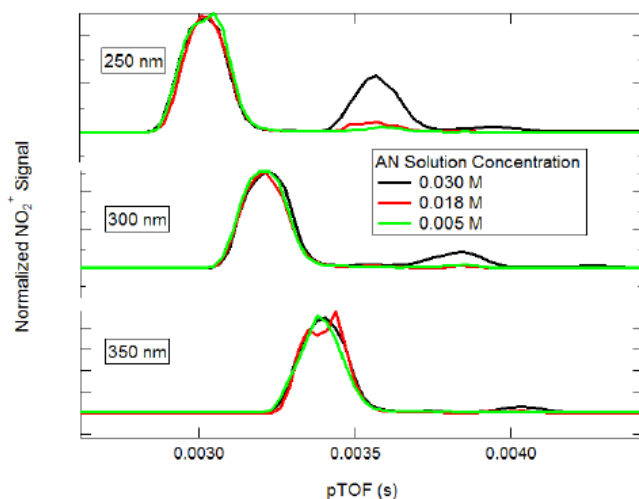
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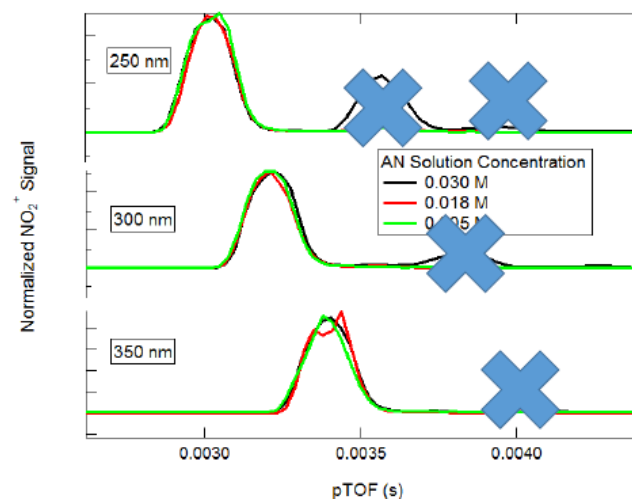
Like normal ACSM Calibration Setup but with CPMA after DMA

CPMA selects particles by Mass/Particle

Combined with DMA, this eliminates Q2s



No CPMA

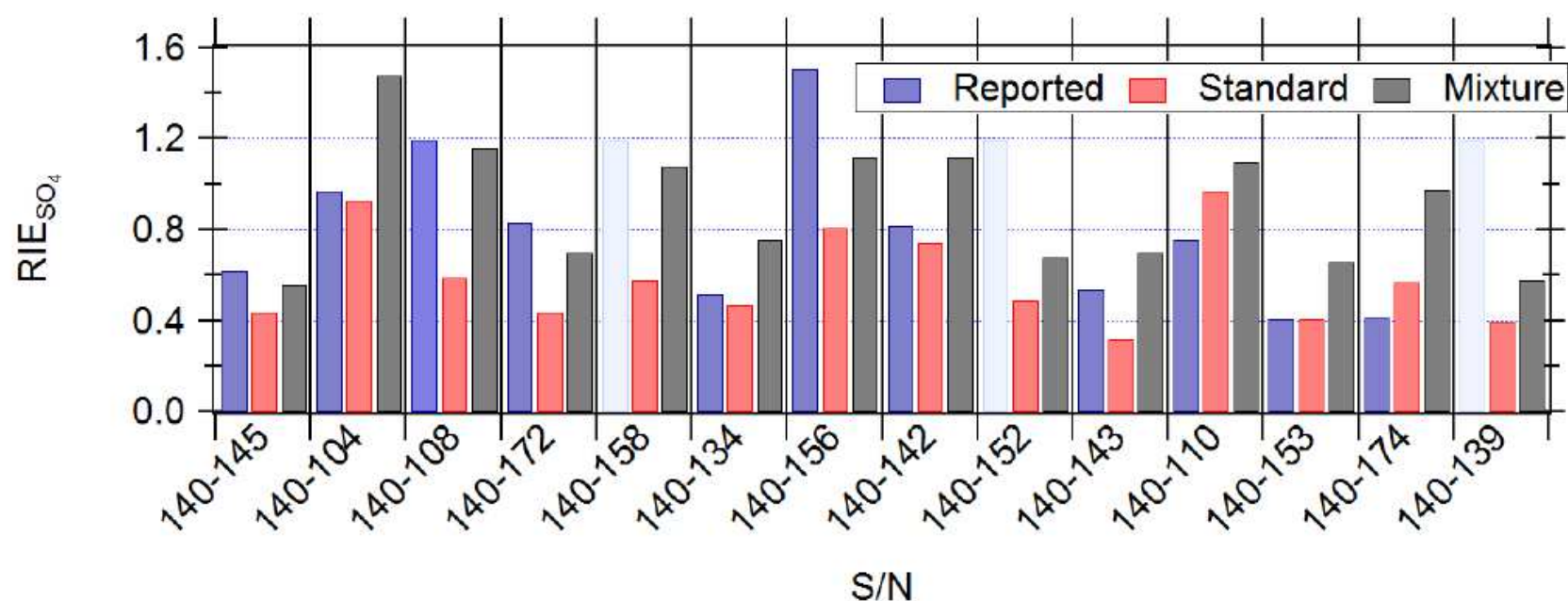


With CPMA

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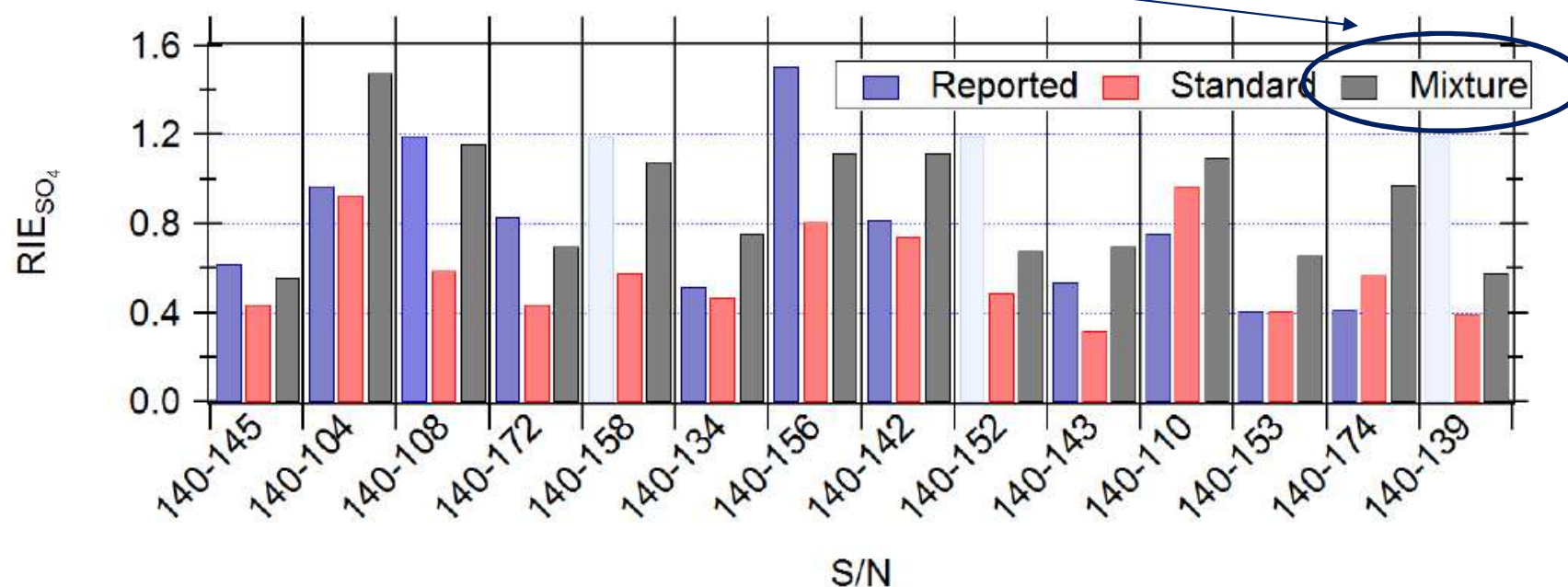
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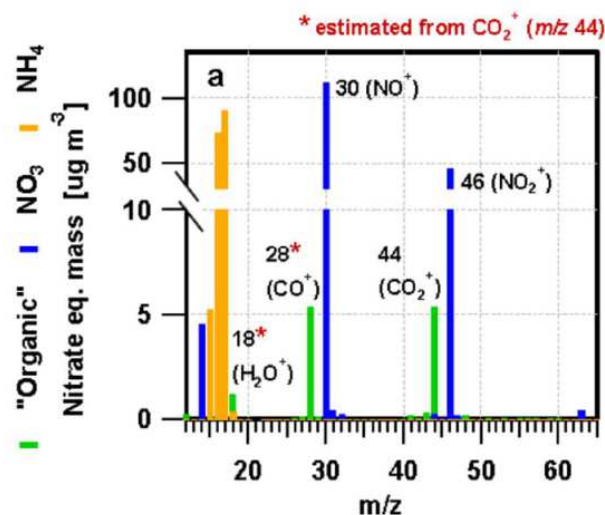


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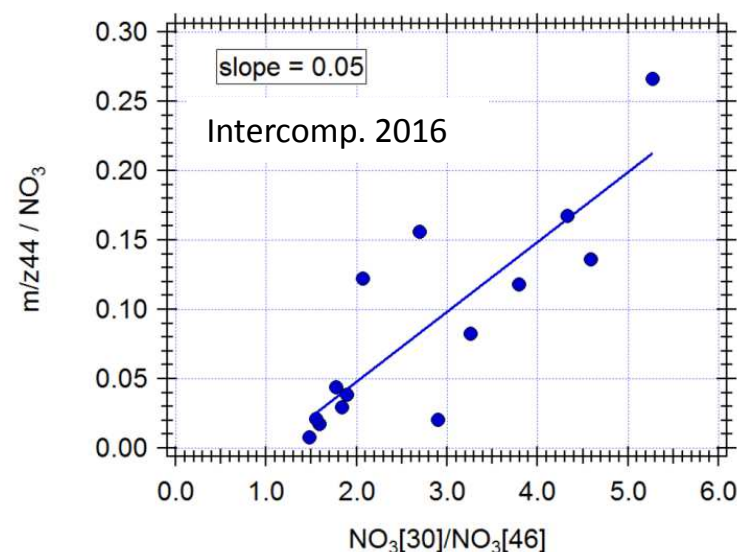


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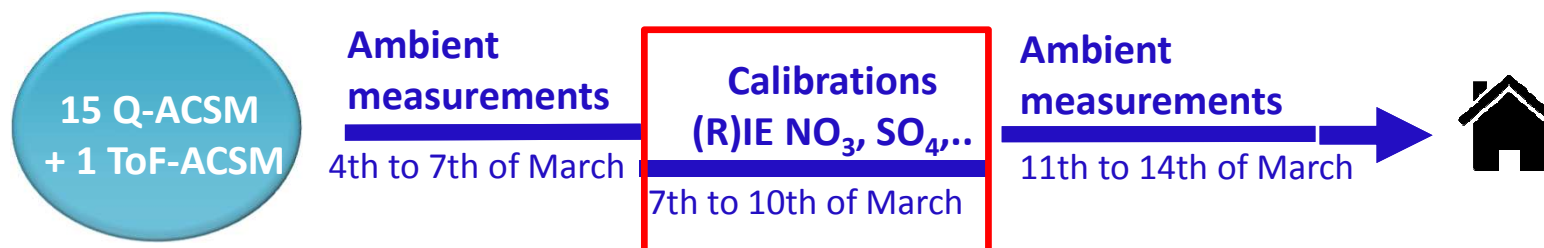
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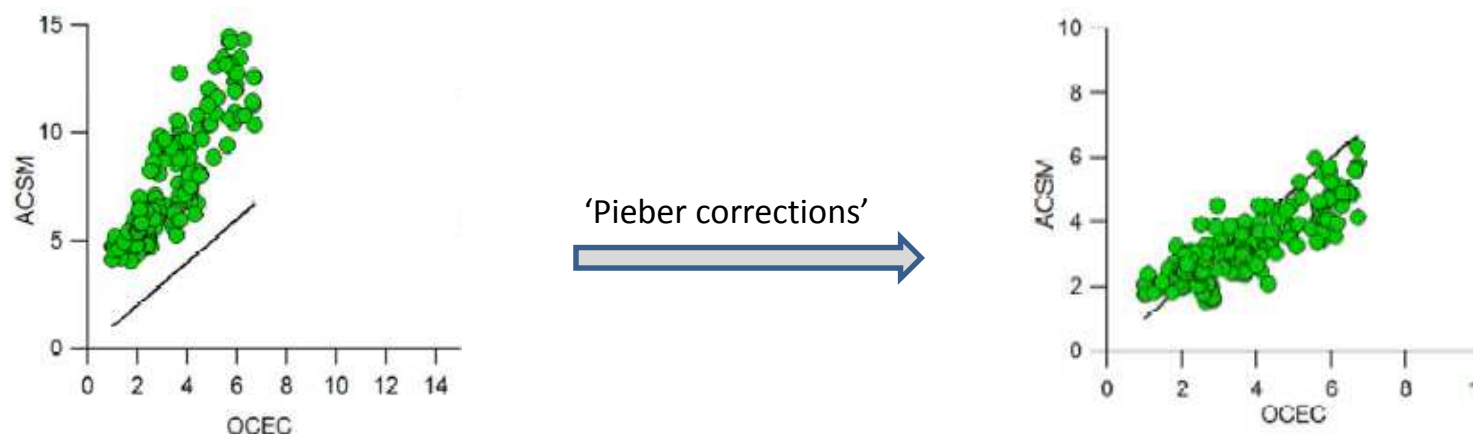


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Comparison with SIRTa reference instrument

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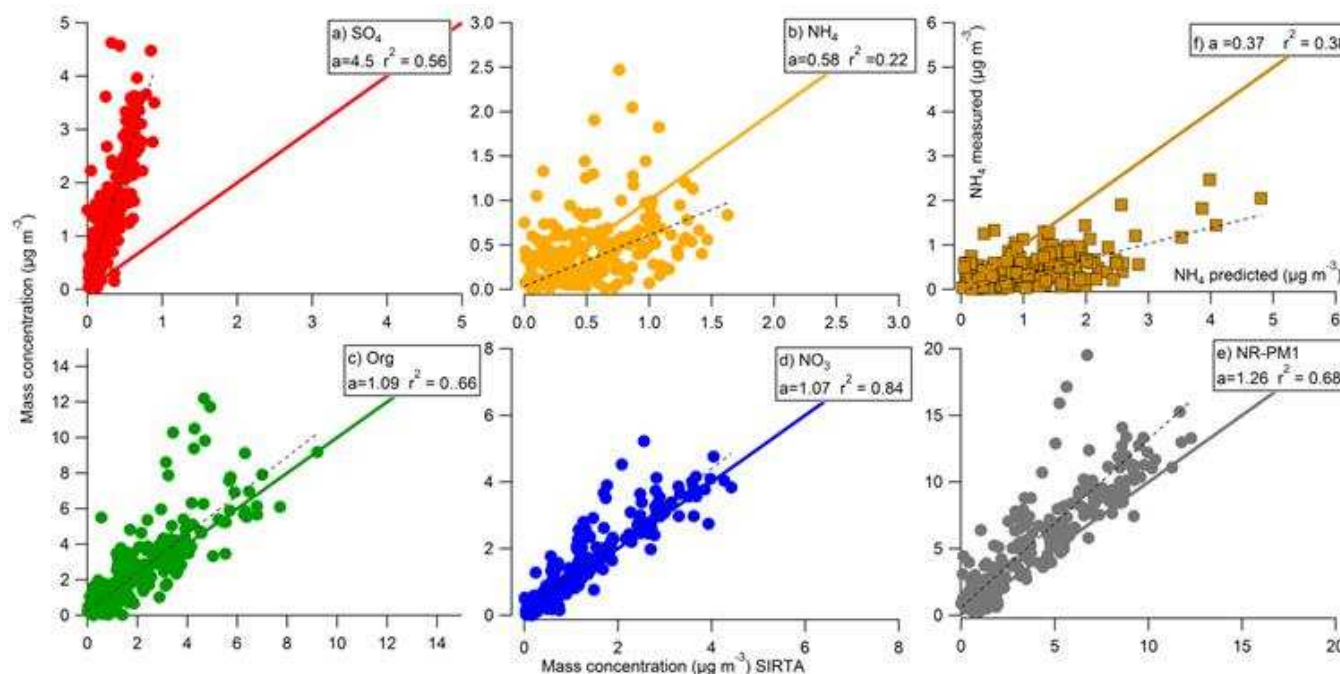
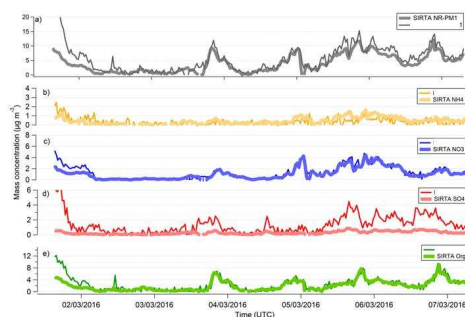
Calibrations

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2-7 March



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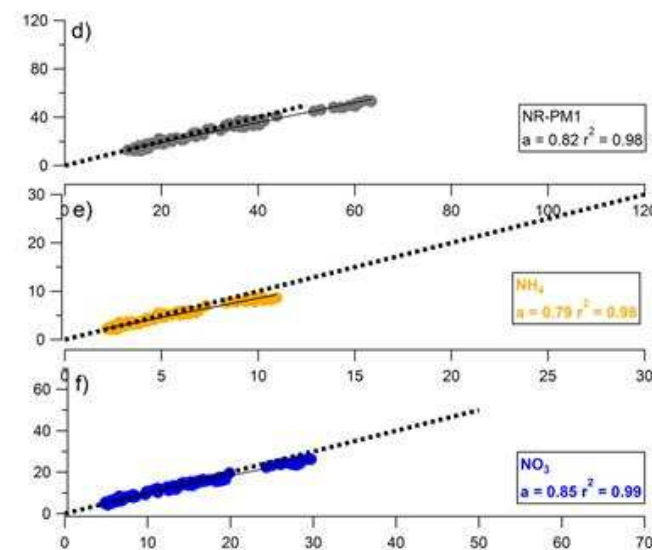
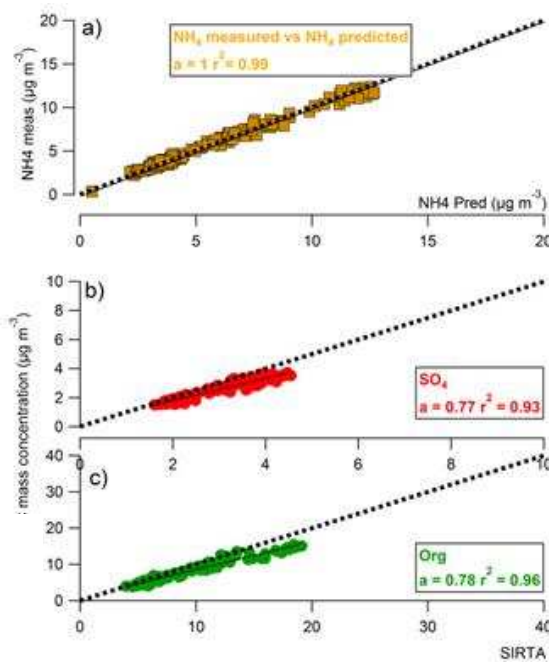
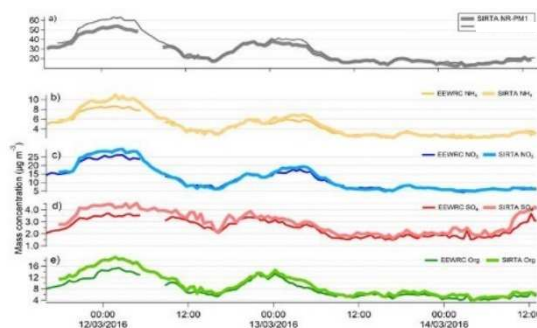
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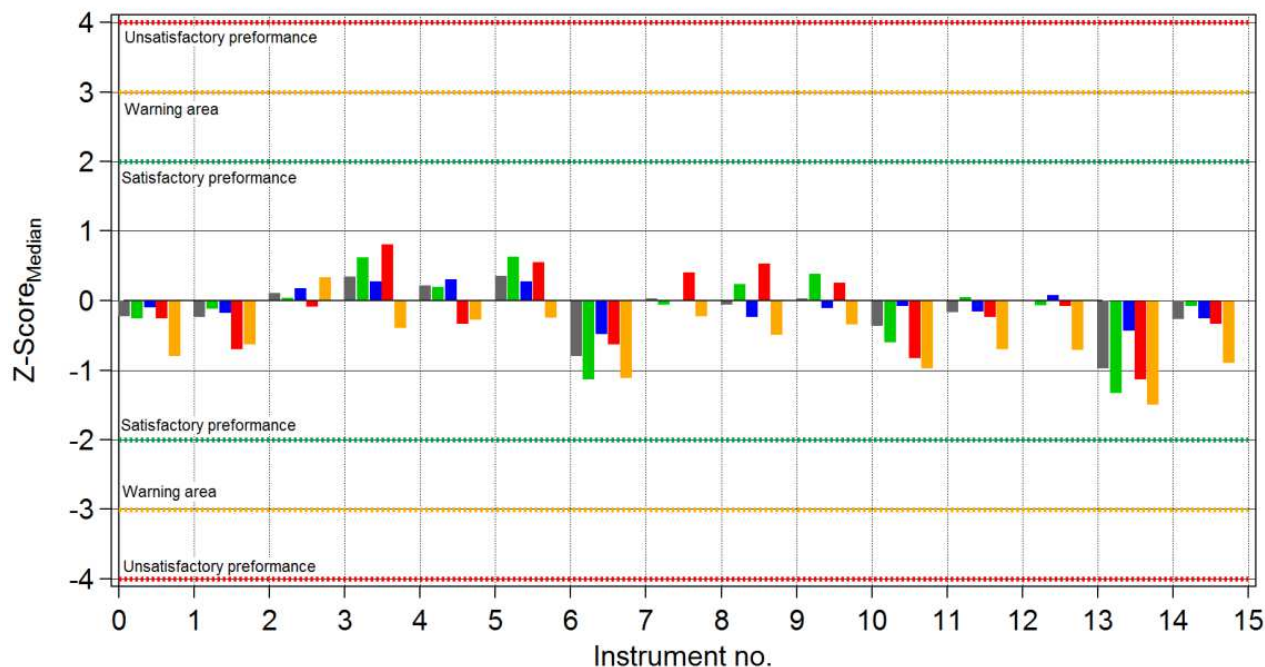
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Instrument performance evaluated against the Median using the Z-score method (after checks and calibrations)



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(Preliminary) Conclusions on Q-ACSM 2016 campaign:

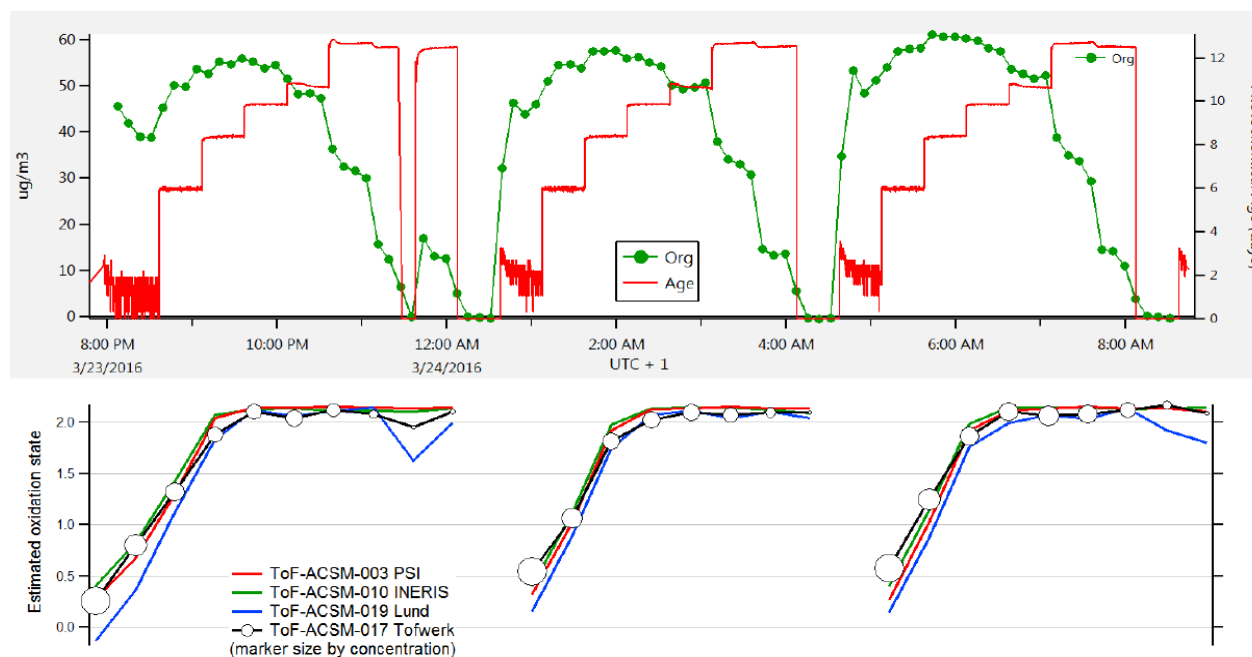
- The ACSM is still a research instrument on which we have to keep performing research activities
- The data acquired during the ACMCC intercomparison exercises will be used to further determine robust uncertainties for these instruments
- Calibrations in acquisition mode significantly improved the accuracy of SO₄ measurements, and allows for tracking « Pieber effects »
- Tuning of ACSM (AMS) Analog Input used for CPC reading has to be checked

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Ability of the PAM system to produce aerosols with a very wide range of oxidation states

- Napthalene PAM SOA as test aerosol
- Anthropogenic precursor
- Wide range of f44 with high yield

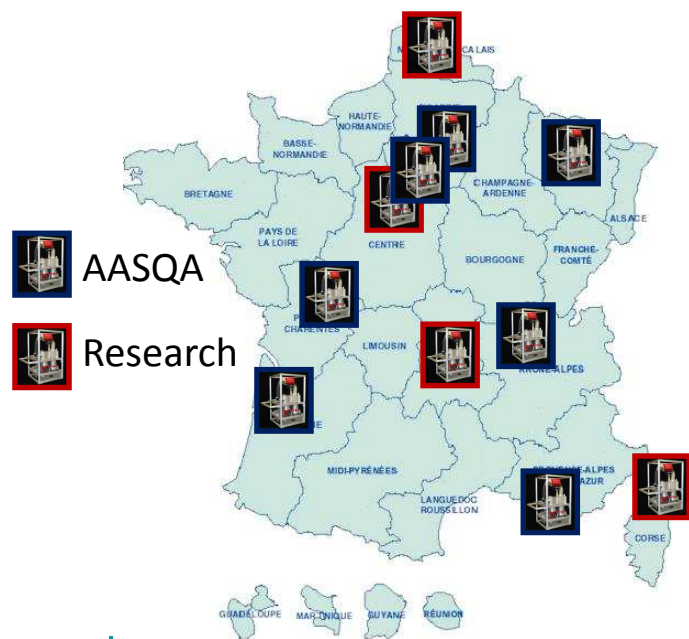


Other / future activities at the ACMCC

Role:

- Calibration facility for various on-line *in-situ* chemical analyzers (ACSM, but also MARGA, Sunset Field Inst., ...)
- Intercomparison studies, training, exchange of knowledge, best-practices, ... at the ACMCC ;
- Perform quality control audits and provide assistance directly at ACTRIS stations

Users: Research institutions, and (French) regional monitoring networks (AASQA)



Calibrations and trainings for
French AQ networks,
Oct. 2014 & Nov. 2015



Thank you

Any question ?

