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8 **S3 Model simulations used for flight planning**

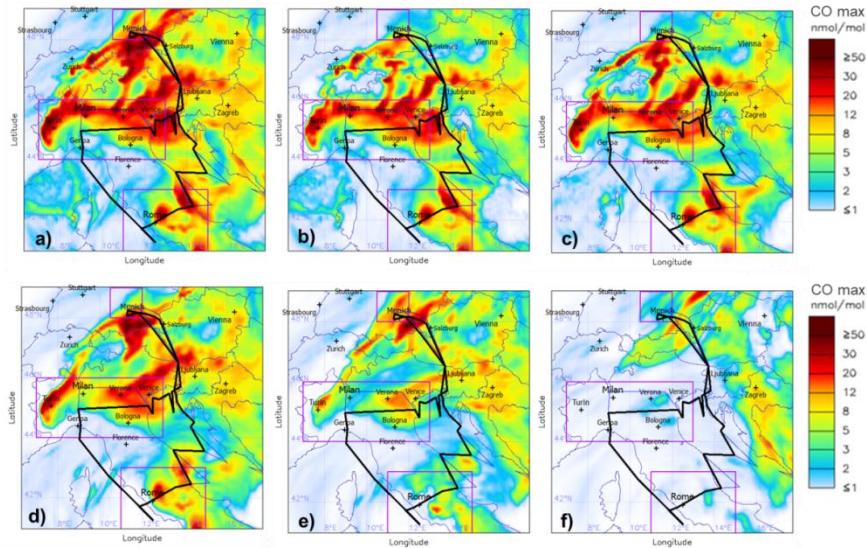
9 **S3.1 CAMS**

10 CAMS (Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service, <http://atmosphere.copernicus.eu>) is the successor of the
11 former GEMS (Global and regional Earth-system Monitoring using Satellite and in-situ data; Hollingsworth et
12 al., 2008) and three succeeding MACC (Monitoring Atmospheric Composition and Climate, [http://www.gmes-](http://www.gmes-atmosphere.eu/)
13 atmosphere.eu/) projects. It extends weather services of the ECMWF (European Centre for Medium-Range
14 Weather Forecasts) with simulations of atmospheric trace gases and aerosols as part of its global component.
15 Operational air quality forecasts and analyses for Europe are provided at much finer resolution through the
16 regional component.

17 CAMS-global simulations of atmospheric composition are based on the C-IFS (Composition - Integrated
18 Forecasting System; Flemming et al., 2015) of the ECMWF. C-IFS is a version of the CB05 (Carbon Bond 2005
19 chemistry scheme; Huijnen et al., 2010) derived from the CTM Transport Model 5 (TM5). Within C-IFS,
20 modules of atmospheric chemistry and physical processes are integrated on-line and several ground-based and
21 satellite data are assimilated (see Inness et al., 2015). For EMeRGe in Europe, CO passive tracer (i.e., no
22 chemical loss or production) forecasts for the MPCs of London, the Ruhr area, Amsterdam/Rotterdam, Berlin,
23 Po Valley, Madrid, Paris, Rome and of biomass burning from Europe, North America and Siberia were provided
24 through the CAMS field campaign support service ([https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/scientific-field-campaign-](https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/scientific-field-campaign-support)
25 support, see Flemming et al., 2019). In these runs either emissions from EMeRGe target cities (CO city tracer),
26 or only BB emissions were switched on in the simulations. A stratospheric ozone tracer subject to loss in the
27 troposphere from the CAMS operational model system was used as indicator of stratospheric versus tropospheric
28 air masses. For flight planning and analysis of conditions for EMeRGe in Europe, the CAMS tracer output is
29 used in addition to full atmospheric chemistry forecasts of the operational suite. The CAMS-global simulations
30 were performed with T511L60 model resolution. The MACCity (Granier et al., 2011) emission inventory is used
31 for anthropogenic emissions, GFASv1.2 (Kaiser et al., 2012) for near-real-time fire emissions and a climatology
32 of MEGAN-MACC (Sindelarova et al., 2014) for biogenic emissions. Stratospheric chemistry is not
33 implemented in C-IFS, stratospheric ozone is derived from the Cariolle scheme (Cariolle and Teyssèdre, 2007),
34 stratospheric NO_x is implicitly constrained by fixing the HNO₃/O₃ ratio at the 10 hPa level.

35 **S3.2 HYSPLIT**

36 The Lagrangian Particle Dispersion Model HYSPLIT (<https://www.arl.noaa.gov/hysplit/>) was used to calculate
37 the transport and dispersion of local CO emissions, accumulated over 6 days. The simulated CO concentrations
38 do not include accumulated "background" values due to the much longer lifetime of CO and are thus not to be
39 compared with absolute concentrations but rather with "enhancements" inside of local plumes. HYSPLIT was
40 driven by meteorology data from operational ECMWF forecast (0-11 hours forecast, 12-hourly update,
41 interpolated at 0.1 deg horizontally, pressure levels, 1-hourly output). CO emission rates were taken from the
42 EDGAR HTAP V2 emission inventory, http://edgar.jrc.ec.europa.eu/htap_v2/). Dry and wet deposition can be
43 modelled, but no chemical reactions. No convection, only large-scale vertical movements as provided by the
44 meteorological data set used as input. The computation (core-model) and the visualisation (post-processing) are
45 controlled by a specific client-server infrastructure developed at DLR-IPA for campaign-support as well as post-
46 campaign analysis.



49 **Figure S3.2.1:** Example of HYSPLIT forecast for the flight planning on 20 July 2017 resulting from a 6 days accumulation
 50 of CO from selected EU metropolitan areas, as indicated by the squares (in purple). In this example the ECWMF forecast is
 51 initialised on 19 July 2017 at 12 UTC for a) total maximum volume mixing ratio (VMR) between ground level and 3200m, b)
 52 mean VMR between 300-700m above ground level (agl), c) mean VMR between 700-1200m agl d) mean VMR between
 53 1200-1800m agl, e) mean VMR between 1800-2500m agl, and f) mean VMR between 2500-3200m agl; all averaged from 12
 54 to 15 UTC. The flight track is superimposed in black.

55 S4 Perfluorocarbon tracer experiments

56 Tracer experiments were performed during EMeRGe using perfluorocarbon compounds (PFC). PFCs are
 57 suitable tracers as they are chemically inert, do not interact with aerosol and clouds, have a very low background
 58 in the atmosphere (~10 ppqv), and can be detected at mixing ratios as low as 1 ppqv. The tracer experiments
 59 involved the release of a mixture of PFCs at a site close to the centre of a MPC. These experiments establish
 60 Lagrangian connections between MPC centres and HALO measurements downwind. They supported studies on
 61 the formation of secondary gases and aerosol particles from the primary emissions in the pollution plumes. In
 62 addition, tracer experiments were used to test the dispersion parametrisations in transport models.

63 During the EMeRGe IOP in Europe, PMCH (C_7F_{14} , 350 amu) was the PFC used to tag polluted air masses at the
 64 release sites. The tracer was sampled on sorption tubes on-board and subsequently analysed in the laboratory, as
 65 described in Ren et al., (2013, 2015). The limit of detection (LOD) and limit of quantification (LOQ) of the PFC
 66 analysis system for sorption tube samples loaded for 3 min are 0.7 ppqv and 2 ppqv, respectively. The precision
 67 and accuracy are 6% and 11%, respectively. Three tracer releases were performed: two in the city centre of
 68 London at the Imperial College on 17 and 26 July 2017 and one in the industrial Ruhr region, at the University
 69 of Wuppertal on 26 July 2017 in Germany. The HALO flights and pattern for the tracer sampling in the plumes
 70 downstream were optimised with respect to the time of the tracer releases by using HYSPLIT tracer dispersion
 71 forecasts. Post-campaign comparisons of the tracer measurements were performed with HYSPLIT and
 72 FLEXPART.

74 **S5 BAHAMAS**

75 Basic meteorological and aircraft data were provided from DLR-FX developed BAHAMAS (BAsic HALO
 76 Measurement And Sensor System) instrument at 1 s and 0.1 s time resolution in NASA Ames and NetCDF
 77 (Network Common Data Form) format. In the standard configuration BAHAMAS acquires data from airflow
 78 and thermodynamic sensors as well as from the aircraft avionics and a high-precision GNSS/IMU (Global
 79 Navigation Satellite System / Inertial Measurement Units) system to derive basic meteorological parameters like
 80 pressure, temperature, humidity and the 3-D wind vector as well as aircraft position and altitude.

81 High accuracy water vapour concentration and further derived humidity parameters are measured by the SHARC
 82 (Sophisticated Hygrometer for Atmospheric ResearCh) instrument, installed inside of BAHAMAS, based on
 83 direct absorption measurement by a tunable diode laser (TDL) system.

84 Typical absolute accuracy of the basic meteorological data is 0.3hPa for static pressure, 0.5 K for temperature,
 85 0.5 m s⁻¹ for east and north and 0.3 m s⁻¹ for vertical wind component, 10 m for pressure altitude, 4.2 m for
 86 altitude above mean sea level (see Schumann, 2020) and 5 % ± 1 ppmv for water vapour volume mixing ratio
 87 from SHARC (see Schulz et al., 2018).

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 89 **Table S5.1:** BAHAMAS 1Hz and 10Hz standard output data.

Data	Parameter [unit]	Data	Parameter [unit]
Time	Seconds after midnight (UTC)		Pressure altitude [m]
Aircraft position and attitude	WGS84 altitude [m]		Calculated altitude above sea level from meteorological data [m]
	WGS84 latitude and longitude [°]		Static pressure [hPa]
	root mean square value for x-, y- and z-position [m]		Dynamic pressure [hPa]
	Ground speed [m s ⁻¹]		Static air temperature [K]
	Calculated true air speed [m s ⁻¹]		Total air temperature [K]
	Mach number [Ma]		Potential temperature [K]
	North-, East-, up-velocity [m s ⁻¹]		Virtual temperature [K]
	x-, y- and z-axis acceleration [m s ⁻²]		Virtual potential temperature [K]
	Vertical acceleration [m s ⁻²]		Dewpoint temperature [K]
	Angle of attack [°]		Absolute humidity [g m ⁻³]
	Angle of sideslip [°]		Relative humidity respect to water [%]
	Actual track angle [°]		H ₂ O volume mixing ratio [μmol mol ⁻¹]
	True heading [°]		H ₂ O mass mixing ratio [g kg ⁻¹]
	Pitch angle [°]		Horizontal wind direction [°]
	Roll angle [°]		Horizontal windspeed [m s ⁻¹]
	Yaw rate [° s ⁻¹]		Wind vector North component [m s ⁻¹]
	Pitch rate [° s ⁻¹]		Wind vector East component [m s ⁻¹]
	Roll rate [° s ⁻¹]		Wind vector vertical component [m s ⁻¹]

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92 **S6 Complementary observations within EMeRGe international**

93 **S6.1 Airborne observations**

94 The Facility for Airborne Atmospheric Measurements (FAAM, see www.faam.ac.uk) from the UK Natural
95 Environment Research Council (NERC) joined the EMeRGe IOP in Europe. It made a set of flights around
96 London in the Southeast of England in the UK.

97 The research flight on 13 July 2017 was dedicated to common and simultaneous measurements of HALO and
98 FAAM in a so-called blind intercomparison exercise. In total, 24 instruments were operated on the two aircraft
99 and provided data for the comparison. The data obtained were uploaded under blind conditions and evaluated by
100 an external referee (see S7).

101 The Italian Sky Arrow Environmental Research Aircraft (see Gioli et al., 2006) from the National Research
102 Council of Italy (CNR) undertook additionally two research flights up to 2000 m over the city of Rome (Italy)
103 concurrently with the HALO overpass flight on 11 July 2017. The aircraft was equipped with instrumentation
104 targeting some aerosol parameters (total number and size distribution), gas concentrations (CO_2 , O_3 , H_2O) and
105 key meteorological data (temperature, pressure and wind).

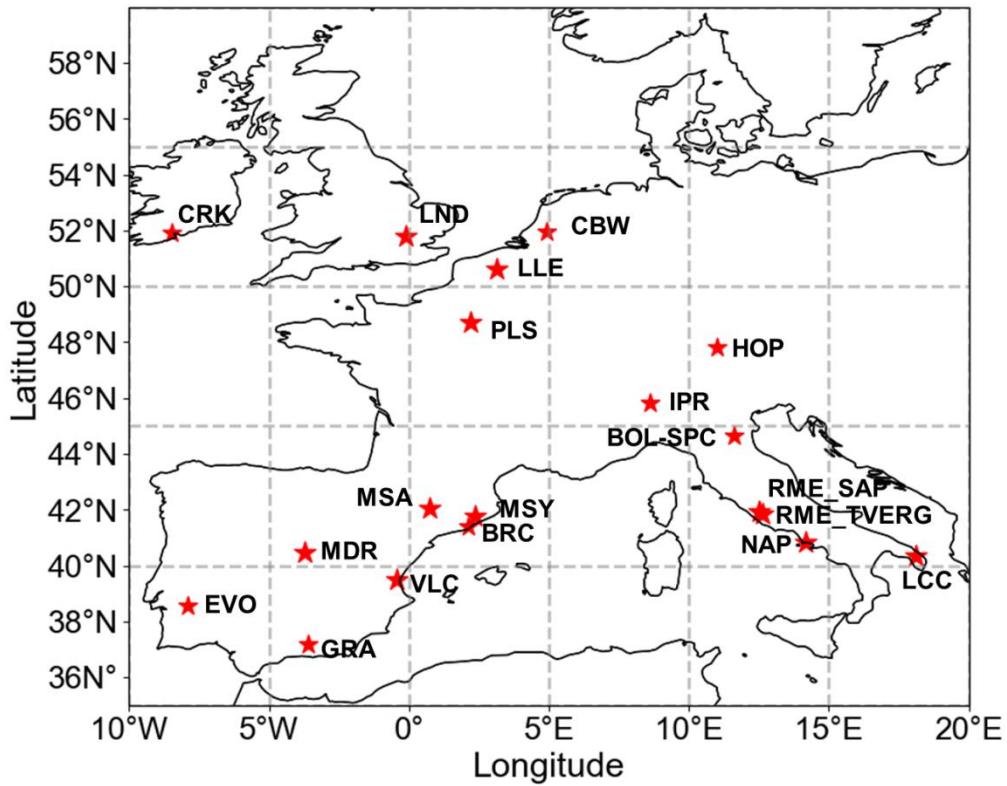
106 **S6.2 Collocated ground-based observations**

107 EMeRGe was supported by measurements from a variety of ground-based stations which complemented the
108 HALO observations. These measurements were also used for the planning of subsequent HALO flights and
109 occasionally for in-flight manoeuvres. For example, the European Aerosol Research Lidar Network, EARLINET
110 (Pappalardo et al., 2014), a key component of the Aerosols, Clouds and Trace gases Research Infrastructure
111 ACTRIS, joined as an EMeRGe international partner and provided coordinated, ground-based lidar
112 measurements. Additional support was provided from other non-EARLINET lidar stations. Altogether, 19
113 stations supported the EMeRGe IOP in Europe. The specifications and location of the operated lidars as well as
114 the coordinated measurements for each HALO flight are shown in Figure S6.2.1.

115 In addition, measurements from several ceilometer networks contributed to EMeRGe, in particular the German
116 Ceilonet of DWD (Deutscher Wetterdienst), the Italian ALICEnet (Automated Lidar-Ceilometer network,
117 <https://www.alice-net.eu/>) and the ceilometers of the Belgian RMI (Royal Meteorological Institute of Belgium).
118 The RMI also provided ozone soundings from Uccle three times per week. Additional ground-based and in-situ
119 measurements were provided from ACTRIS stations, and sun-photometer measurements from AERONET
120 (Aerosol Robotic Network, Holben et al., 1998)

121 Two ground-based field campaigns deploying both remote sensing and in-situ measurements concurred with the
122 EMeRGe IOP: ACTRIS-2 in the Po Valley, Italy (see <http://actris-cimone.isac.cnr.it/>), and HOUSE (High
123 Ozone, Ultrafine particles and Secondary aerosol Episodes in urban and regional backgrounds) in Northeast
124 Spain (see <https://www.idaea.csic.es/egar/portfolio-items/house/>). These data were made accessible for the
125 analysis in the framework of EMeRGe international.

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128 **Figure S6.2.1:** Coordinated lidar and ceilometer measurements during the EMeRGe campaign in Europe.
 129 Names corresponding to the abbreviations are listed in Table S6.2.1.

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131 **Table S6.2.1:** Coordinated lidar and ceilometer measurements provided from EARLINET ground based stations during the
 132 EMeRGe IOP in Europe, Coordinates, abbreviations and principal investigators are additionally specified Multiwavelength-
 133 Polarization; MR: Multiwavelength-Raman; MPR: Multiwavelength-Polarization-Raman; PR: Polarization-Raman.

Station	Coordinates	Instrument	Principal Investigator
Barcelona (BRC)	41.386 N 2.117 E	Polarization-Lidar	J. M. Baldasano, M. Sicard
Bologna (BOL-SPC)	44.652 N 11.624 E	Polarization-Lidar	A. Boselli
Cabauw (CBW)	51.970 N 4.930 E	MPR Lidar	A. Apituley
Cork (CRK)	51.893 N -8.494 E	PR Lidar	A. Ruth
Evora (EVO)	38.568 N -7.912 E	MPR Lidar	D. Bortoli
Granada (GRA)	37.1640 N -3.605 E	MPR Lidar	L. A. Arboledas
Hohenpeissenberg (HOP)	47.802 N 11.012 E	MPR Lidar	I. Mattis
Ispra (IPR)	45.817 N 8.617 E	MPR Lidar	J.-P. Putaud
Lecce (LCC)	40.333 N 18.100 E	Multiwavelength-Lidar	M. R. Perrone
Lille (LLE)	50.612 N 3.142E	MP Lidar	P. Goloub
London (LND)	51.775 N -0.095 E	Lidar	D. Müller
Madrid (MDR)	40.456 N -3.726 E	MR Lidar	M. Pujadas
Montsec (MSA)	42.050 N 0.733 E	Ceilometer	A. Alastuey
Montserrat (MSY)	41.767 N 2.350 E	Ceilometer	A. Alastuey
Naples (NAP)	40.838 N 14.183 E	MPR Lidar	N. Spinelli
Palaiseau (PLS)	48.713 N 2.208 E	MP Lidar	M. Haeffelin
Rome I (RME_SAP)	41.920 N 12.520 E	MPR Lidar	M. Cacciani
Rome II (RME_TVERG)	41.833 N 12.650 E	MR Ceilometer	D. Dionisi F. Barnaba
Valencia (VLC)	39.500 N -0.420 E	Multiwavelength-Lidar	J. L. Gómez-Amo

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Table S6.2.2: Ground-based stations with estimated horizontal distance from HALO during the flights carried out during EMeRGe in Europe. For flight details see Sect. 3.6.

Flight number	Flight date	Ground-based station	Distance (km)
E-EU-03	11.07	Bologna (BOL)	70
		Hohenpeissenberg (HOP)	20
		Ispra (IPR)	35
		Lecce (LCC)	350
		Naples (NAP)	170
		Rome (RME)	0
E-EU-04	13.07	Hohenpeissenberg (HOP)	135
E-EU-05	17.07	Cabauw (CBW)	185
		Cork (CRK)	390
		Lille (LLE)	40
		London (LND)	160
		Palaiseau (PLS)	115
E-EU-06	20.07	Bologna (BOL)	45
		Ispra (IPR)	100
		Lecce (LCC)	395
		Naples (NAP)	170
		Rome (RME)	0
E-EU-07	24.07	Barcelona (BRC)	55
		Hohenpeissenberg (HOP)	25
		Ispra (IPR)	155
		Madrid (MDR)	530
		Montsec (MSA)	185
		Montserrat (MSY)	50
E-EU-08	26.07	Cabauw (CBW)	90
		Hohenpeissenberg (HOP)	130
		Lille (LLE)	85
		London (LND)	80
		Palaiseau (PLS)	106
E-EU-09	28.07	Barcelona (BRC)	50
		Granada (GRA)	435
		Hohenpeissenberg (HOP)	85
		Montsec (MSA)	50
		Montserrat (MSY)	10
		Valencia (VLC)	60

139 **S6.3 Satellite observations**

140 Near real-time tropospheric NO₂ columns from the GOME-2 instruments on MetOp-A (GOME2-A; 40 km x 40
141 km resolution) and MetOp-B (GOME2-B; 80 km x 40 km resolution) as well as OMI (13 km x 24 km resolution
142 at nadir) on NASA Aura were provided in July and August 2017 to support flight planning and quick-look
143 interpretation of the EMeRGe IOP observations. NO₂ columns are calculated using the method described in
144 Richter et al., (2005, 2011), and Hilboll et al., (2014). The retrievals use GOME-2 lv1 data provided by
145 EUMETSAT and OMI lv1 data provided by NASA. They are not official GOME-2 / OMI data products. The
146 plots were usually available 6 hours after the measurement (<https://www.iup.uni-bremen.de/doas/emerge.htm>).
147 In addition, daily values of the aerosol optical thickness (AOT) at 0.55 μm were retrieved from the Spinning
148 Enhanced Visible and Infrared Imager (SEVIRI) on-board the Meteosat Second Generation (MSG) satellite. The
149 spatial and temporal resolutions for the SEVIRI AOT product are 3 km at nadir and 15 minutes, respectively.
150 The SEVIRI AOT product over land (SMAOL_AOT.v1.3.6) and ocean (SEV_AER-OC-L2.v1.04) (see
151 Thieuleux et al., 2005; Bréon et al., 2011) are merged and post-processed by using the eXtensible Bremen
152 Aerosol/cloud and surface parameters Retrieval (XBAER) algorithm to minimise potential cloud contamination
153 (Mei et al., 2017a, 2017b).

154 **S7 HALO-FAAM intercomparison exercise**

155 HALO and FAAM research aircrafts flew in close formation for 1.6 hours around noon in the northern part of a
156 restricted airspace, “TRA Allgaeu”, between Augsburg and Ulm, in Southern Germany. HALO and FAAM flew
157 closely together in a racetrack pattern on three flight levels. The formation flight started at FL150 (4572 m) in a
158 rather dry and clean troposphere and ended at FL 40 (1219 m) in a more polluted convective boundary layer.
159 Table S7.1 summarises the instrumentation on-board FAAM available for comparison. In total, 24 instruments
160 were operated on the two aircraft and provided data for the comparison.

161 The uploaded data were evaluated by an external referee (see Schumann, 2020), accessible via
162 <https://zenodo.org/record/4427965>. The data collection identified 28 parameters sampled on both aircrafts and
163 further 13 pairs of data from sampling on either HALO or FAAM. In addition, observational data were collected
164 from the German Weather Service at the observatory Hohenpeissenberg (47°48'N, 11°01'E), located about 1000
165 m above sea level and 40 to 100 km downstream of the aircraft track in the TRA Allgaeu, and model results
166 were generated from 6 models and interpolated along the common flight path. Together, the combined data set
167 includes 221 parameters allowing for comparisons between 277 pairs of data. An overview of the measured and
168 modelled data available for direct comparisons is provided in the following tables.
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170 **Table S7.1:** FAAM instrumentation for the intercomparison exercise on 13 July 2017. NS: navigation system; SDPS: Static
 171 and dynamic pressure sensor; PtRT: platinum resistance thermometers; RH: relative humidity; C-ToF-AMS: Compact time-
 172 of-flight aerosol mass spectrometer; CPC: Condensation Particle Counter; FGGA: Fast greenhouse gas analyser; TILDAS:
 173 Tunable IR laser direct absorption spectrometer; WAS-GC-FID: Whole air canister sample - Gas chromatography - Flame-
 174 ionization detection; OA.-COS: Off axis-integrated cavity output spectroscopy, AC: Academic institution

FAAM measurements			
Species/parameters	Acronym	Institution	Technique/Instrument
Org, NO ₃ , SO ₄ , NH ₄ , Chl, Org44	AMS	Manchester AC	C-ToF-AMS
NO, NO ₂	AQD	York AC	Chemiluminescence
Lon, Lat, altitude , T, U, V, W, T_DI, CO, (O ₃), H ₂ O, P, CPC, RH	CORE	FAAM	Satellite/inertial NS, SDPS, PtRT, VUV fluorometry (CO), UV photometry (O ₃), CPC
CH ₄ , CO ₂	FGGA	NERC AC	OA-COS
Np, Dp	SMPS	Manchester AC	Scanning mobility particle sizer
rBCm, rBCn, SCn, MMD, CTTR	SP2	Manchester AC	Single particle soot photometry
C ₂ H ₆	TILDAS	Manchester AC/York AC	Laser absorption spectrometry
C ₂ H ₆ , C ₂ H ₄ , C ₃ H ₈ , C ₃ H ₆ , C ₄ H ₁₀ ,C ₂ H ₂ , C ₅ H ₁₀ , C ₅ H ₁₂ , C ₄ H ₆ , C ₆ H ₁₄ , C ₇ H ₁₆ , C ₆ H ₆ , C ₈ H ₁₈ , C ₈ H ₁₈ ,C ₇ H ₈	WAS-GC-FID	York AC	Off line GC-FID

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177 **Table S7.2:** Overview of measured and model data available for the intercomparison exercise on 13 July 2017. x, xx, xxx
 178 denotes data from 1, 2 or 3 instruments on one aircraft, and (x): outside comparison period. Columns: HALO and FAAM:
 179 aircraft instruments; HOP: measurements at Germany Weather Service (Deutscher Wetterdienst, DWD) Hohenpeissenberg;
 180 Models: CAMS: Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service model, EMAC: Global ECHAM/MESSy atmospheric
 181 climate/chemistry model, MECO: Regional air chemistry/climate model based on ECHAM/COSMO, CESM2: air chemistry
 182 version of the CAM6 model, Photo: a photochemistry equilibrium model, IFS: Integrated Forecasting System (IFS) of the
 183 European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF).

	HALO	FAAM	HOP	CAMS	EMAC	MECO	CESM2	Box	184
CO ₂	x	x	x		x	x			
CH ₄	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		185
O ₃	xx		x	x	x	x	x		
CO	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		186
NO	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
NO ₂	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	187
HONO	x				x	x	x		
HNO ₃	x			x	x	x	x		188
PAN	(x)			x	x	x	x		
NOy	x				x	x	x		189
J _{NO2} , J _{O1D} , ...	x		x		x	x	x		
SO ₂	x			x	x	x	x		190
RO ₂	x				x	x	x		
Org aerosol	x	x	x	x			x		191
NO ₃ aerosol	x	x	x				x		
SO ₄ aerosol	x	x	x	x			x		192
NH ₄ aerosol	x	x	x				x		
Chl aerosol	x	x	x	x			x		193
Org44 aerosol	x	x	x				x		
BCm aerosol	x	x	x	x			x		194
BCn aerosol	x	x	x				x		
SCn aerosol	x	x	x				x		195
CPC	x	x	x						
CH ₂ O_FOR	xx		x	x	x	x	x		196
C ₂ H ₆ _ETA		xx	x	x	x	x	x		
CH ₃ OH_MET	xx		x		x	x	x		197
C ₂ H ₄ O ACA	xx		x		x	x	x		
C ₃ H ₆ O ACE	xx		x		x	x	x		198
C ₅ H ₈ _ISO	xx		x	x	x	x	x		
C ₆ H ₆ _BEN	xxx	x	x				x		199
C ₇ H ₈ _TOL	xxx	x	x				x		
C ₈ H ₁₀ _XYL	xxx		x				x		200
C ₇ H ₁₆ _HEP	x	x	x				x		201
CCl ₄	x		x		x	x			
H ₂ O, RH	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	202
U, V, W	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
T, p, h, lon, lat	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	203

204 Overall, about half of the data pairs from the sets of measurements on the two aircraft differ less than their
 205 combined error estimates. In most cases, the differences between the measurements are smaller than the
 206 deviations between the model results. For some instruments, the comparison led to significant data analysis
 207 improvements. The root mean square deviations between the measurements on FAAM and HALO were less than
 208 estimated errors for temperature, relative and absolute humidity, CO₂, benzene, vertical and horizontal wind
 209 components, and methane. The largest discrepancies were found for some VOCs, sulphate aerosol and black
 210 carbon mass and number concentrations. The instrumental accuracy assessment from the comparison results is in
 211 Schumann (2020).

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214 **S8 Coordinates of the EMeRGe MPC target areas shown in Figure 4**

215 **English Channel (purple)**

216 Longitude: [-5.0, 0.5, 0.5, 1.5, 1.5, -5.0, -5.0]

217 Latitude: [48.0, 48.0, 49.5, 49.5, 50.8, 50.8, 48.0]

218 **North Sea (red)**

219 Longitude: [-0.5, 3.0, 3.0, 4.0, 4.0, -0.5, -0.5]

220 Latitude: [50.8, 50.8, 51.8, 51.8, 54.8, 54.8, 50.8]

221 **Benelux/Ruhr (orange)**

222 Longitude: [3.0, 49.5]

223 Latitude: [8.5, 51.8]

224 **Paris (black)**

225 Longitude: [0.5, 47.0]

226 Latitude: [7.0, 49.5]

227 **Po Valley (cyan)**

228 Longitude: [7.5, 11.0, 11.0, 14.5, 14.5, 7.5, 7.5]

229 Latitude: [43.5, 43.5, 44.5, 44.5, 46.5, 46.5, 43.5]

230 **Central Italy (blue)**

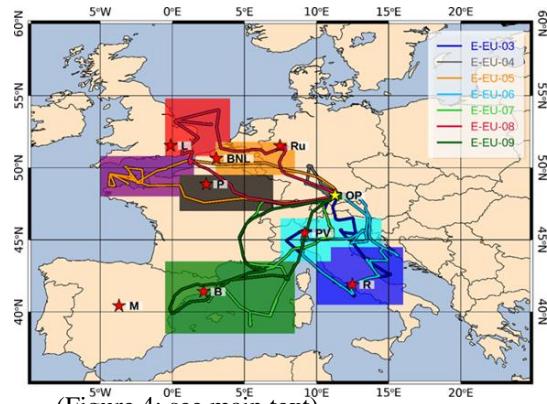
231 Longitude: [10.0, 16.0, 16.0, 11.0, 11.0, 10.0, 10.0]

232 Latitude: [40.5, 40.5, 44.5, 44.5, 43.5, 43.5, 40.5]

233 **East Mediterranean (green)**

234 Longitude: [0.5, 38.5]

235 Latitude: [8.5, 43.5]



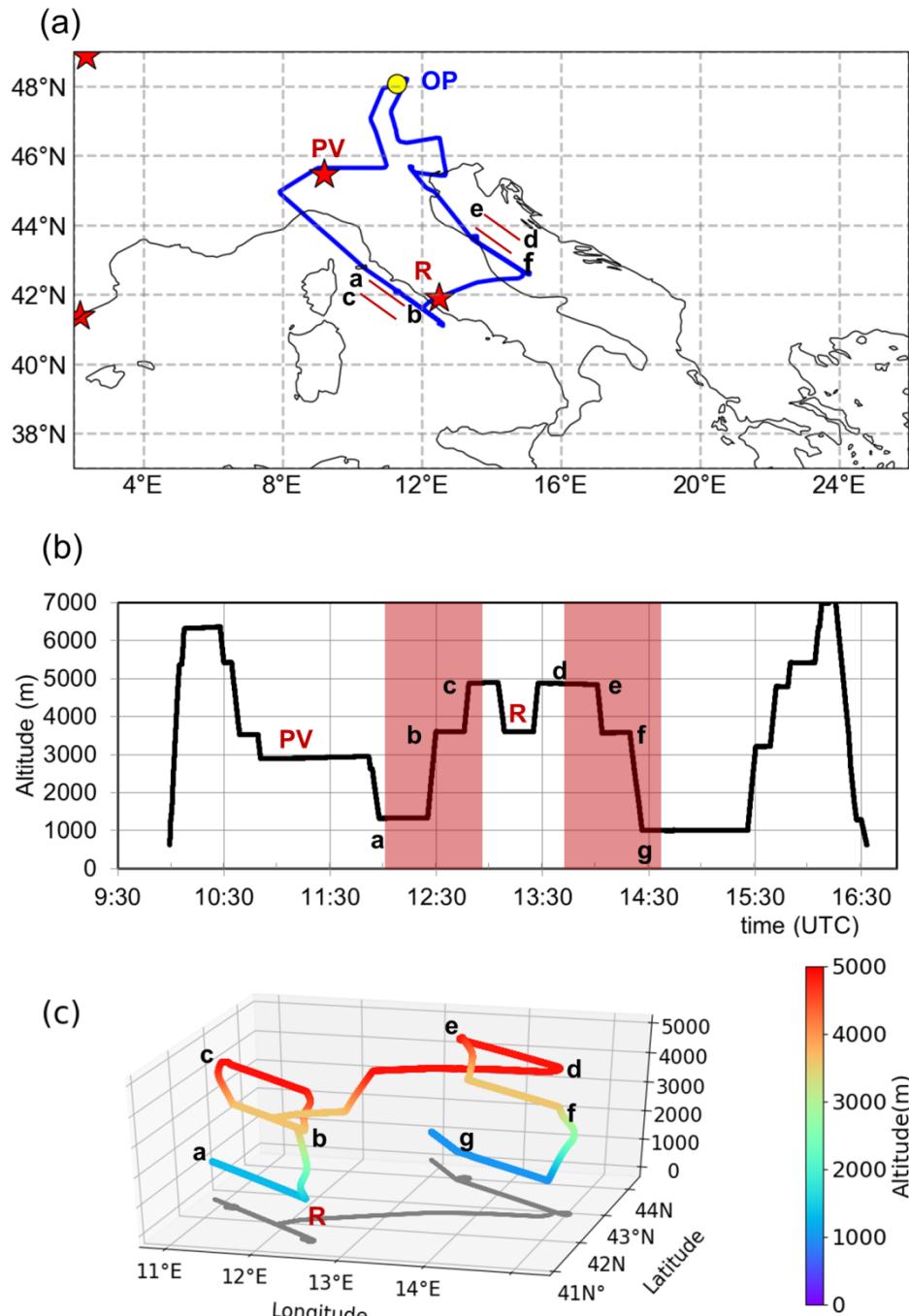
(Figure 4: see main text)

236 **S9 Details of selected flights tracks and flight regions**

237 **Table S9.1:** Time in UTC and flight levels (FL) of the shuttles and special flight patterns carried out during the EMeRGe
238 flights in the flight region 1. The FL are also given in m for clarity.

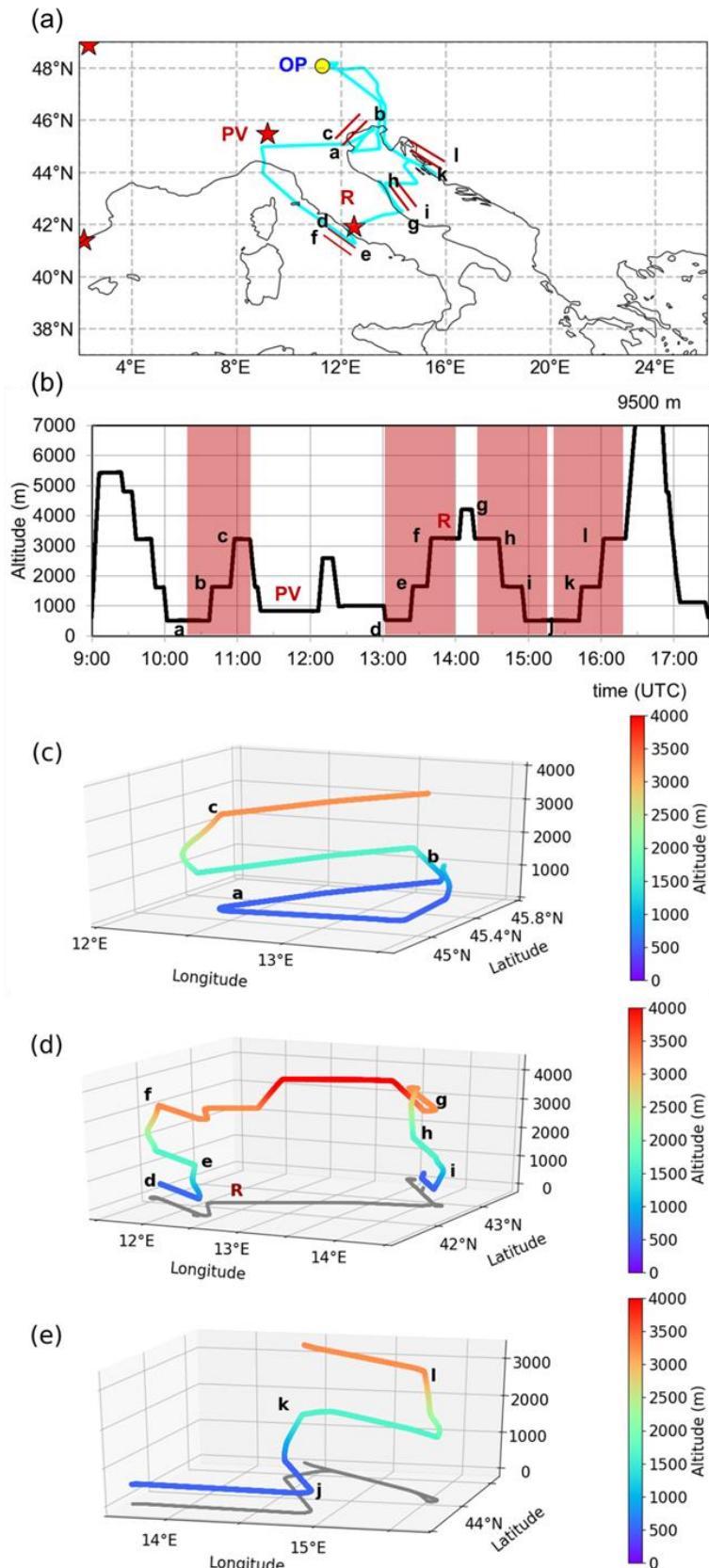
Flight region 1	E-EU-03	E-EU-06
Alps	ca. 10:20 UTC FL170, 5100 m ca. 15:50 UTC FL170-240, 5100-7300 m	ca 9:20 UTC FL 170-110, 5100-3300 m 16:20 UTC FL300, 9100 m
MPC Po Valley	10:30 UTC FL110, 3300 m	9:39 UTC and 10:00 UTC FL15/50/100, 450/1500/3000 m 11:50-12:10 UTC; FL25, 750 m
Mediterranean coast of Italy	10:50 UTC FL90, 2700 m	12:20 UTC FL30, 900 m
Shuttle upwind Rome	12:00 UTC FL40/110/150, 1200/3300/4000 m	13:00 UTC FL15/50/100, 450/1500/3000 m
MPC Rome	13:30 UTC; FL 110,3300 m	14:00 UTC FL 100, 3000m
Adriatic coast	13:42 UTC, FL150/110/40, 4600/3300/900 m (to the North FL30, 900 m)	14:15 UTC FL15/50/100, 450/1500/3000 m Croatian coast shuttle 15:15 UTC FL15/50/100, 450/1500/3000 m
Munich		16:50-17:30 UTC Special landing ca 1000 m

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241 **Figure S9.1:** Details of the E-EU-03 track on the 11 July 2017. Two shuttles took place upwind Rome (R) and along the
 242 Adriatic coast and are marked a) with red lines on the map, b) as red shaded areas on the altitude diagram, and c) as 3-D
 243 graph. The flight track during the shuttles is shown in grey. The flight track in a) is coloured as in Fig. 4 and the EMeRGe
 244 MPC targets in red. Main changes in course and altitude are marked (a-g) on the graphs for reference. OP indicates the
 245 position of the HALO base.



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Figure S9.2: Details of the E-EU-06 track on the 20 July 2017. Three shuttles took place downwind of the Po Valley (PV), upwind Rome (R) and along the Adriatic coast and are marked a) with red lines on the map, b) as red shaded areas on the altitude diagram, and c), d) and e) as a 3-D graph. The flight tracks during the shuttles d) and e) are shown in grey. The flight track in a) is coloured as in Fig. 4 and the EMeRGGe MPC targets in red. Main changes in course and altitude are marked (a-l) on the graphs for reference. OP indicates the position of the HALO base.

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Table S9.2: Time in UTC and flight levels (FL) of the shuttles and special flight patterns carried out during the EMeRGe flights in the flight region 2. The FL are also given in m for clarity.

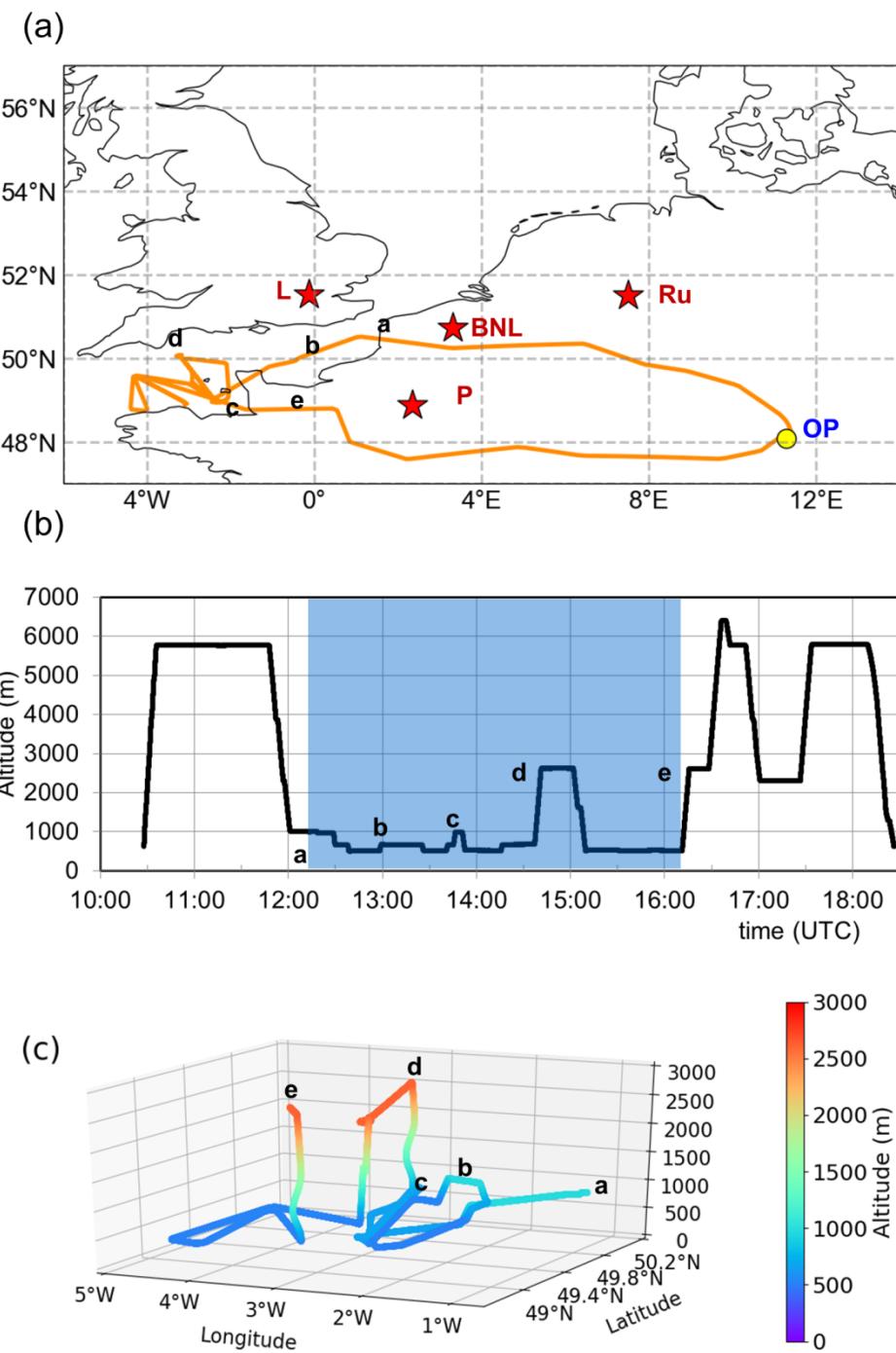
Flight region 2	E-EU-05	E-EU-08
MPC BNL/Ruhr	ca. 10:40 UTC FL180, 5500 m	ca. 12:45 -14:30 UTC ~FL80 cloudy Shuttle 13:20 UTC FL 30/50/80, 900/1500/2400 m
MPC London	English Channel 12:00-16:45 UTC FL15-80, 400-2400 m	10:14 UTC (North Sea) FL20/40/200, 600/1200/600 m 13:05 UTC FL30/50/80, 900/1500/2400 m
MPC Paris	17:00 UTC FL70, 2100 m	8:40 UTC FL70, 2100 m
Munich		ca 15:00 UTC Special landing ca 1000 m

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Table S9.3: Time in UTC and flight levels (FL) of the special flight patterns carried out during the special case E-EU-04 in the flight region 2. The FL are also given in m for clarity.

Flight region 2 (FAAM_HALO intercomparison exercise E-EU-04)	
Restricted airspace	ca. 10:55 UTC entering race track FL90 (ca 2700 m) FL150/FL90/FL40, 4500/2700/1200 m ca 12:51 UTC end of the exercise
Intercontinental transport pollution/Canada fires	ca. 13:20-14:00 UTC FL230, 7100 m
Munich	ca 14:40 UTC, ca FL30, 1000 m

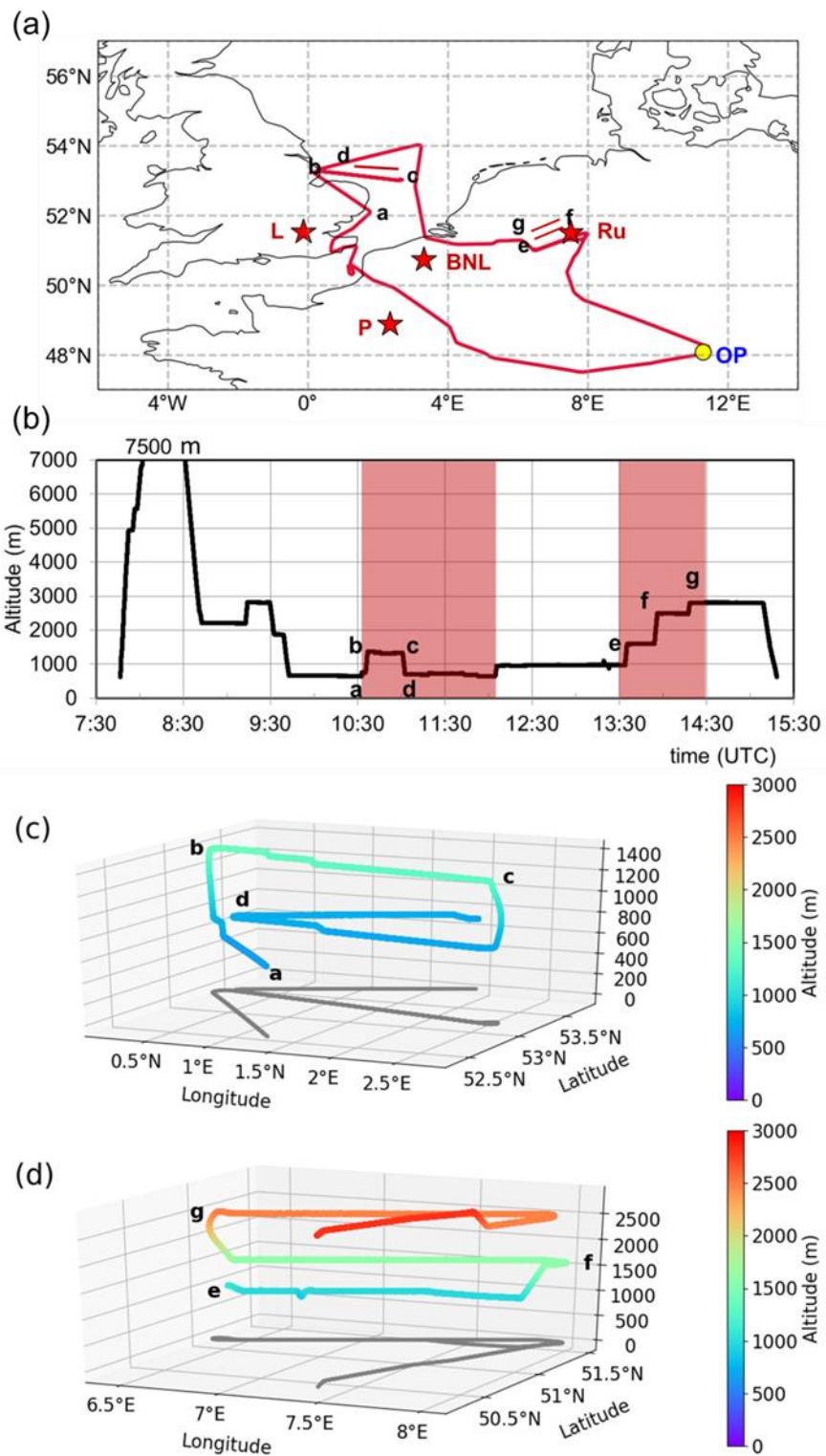
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263 **Figure S9.3:** Details of the E-EU-05 track on the 17 July 2017. The probing area of the outflow of London over the English
 264 Channel is shown in a), as a blue shaded area on the altitude diagram, in b), and as a 3-D graph in c). The flight track in a) is
 265 coloured as in Fig. 4 and the EMeRGe MPC targets marked in red. Main changes in course and altitude are marked (a-e) on
 266 the graphs for reference. OP indicates the position of the HALO base.
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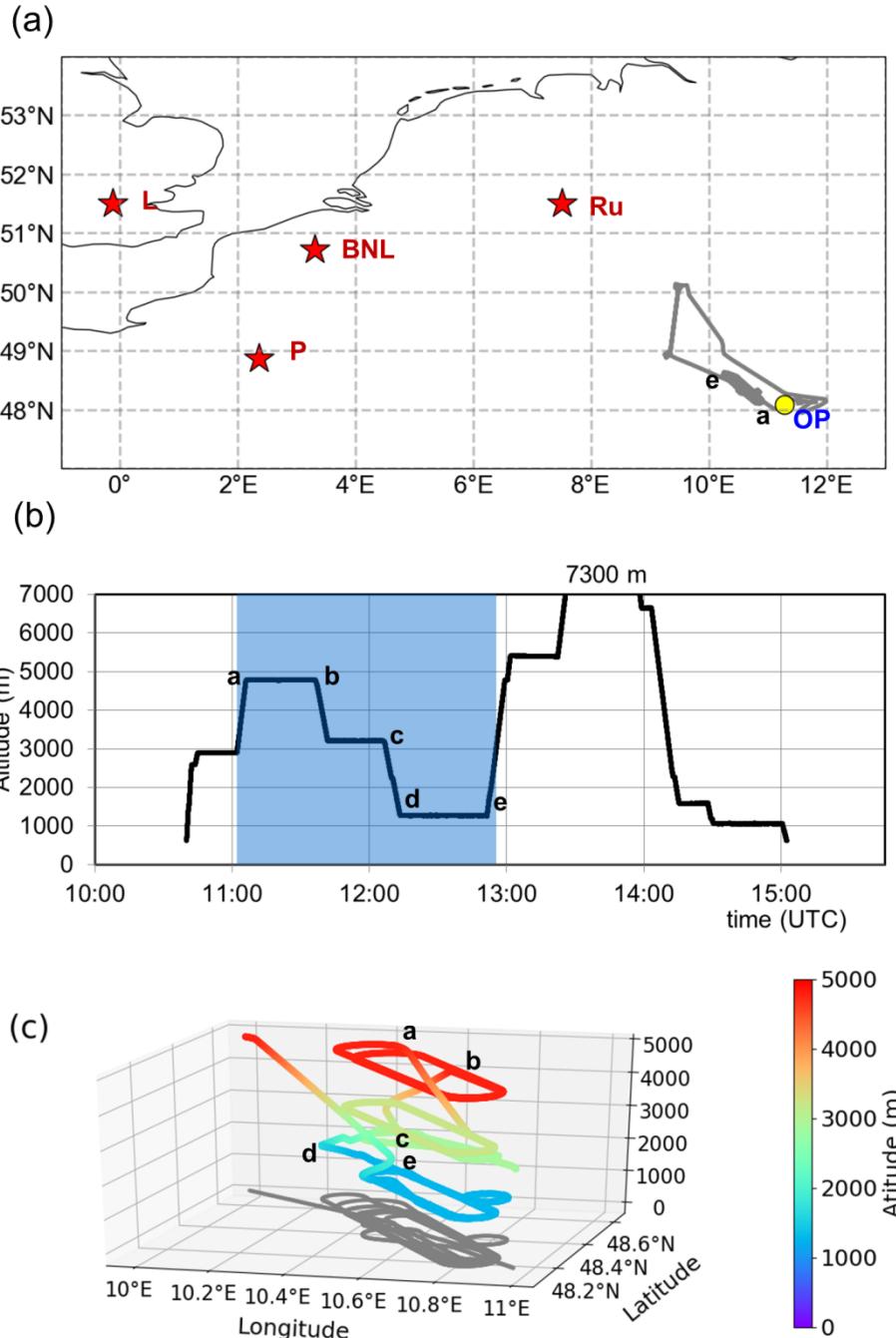
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270 **Figure S9.4:** Details of the E-EU-08 flight on the 26 July 2017. The position of the shuttles downwind London and the BNL/
 271 Ruhr area are indicated a) in red on the map, b) marked by the red shaded areas, and c), d) as a 3-D graph. The flight tracks
 272 during the shuttles are shown in c) and d) in grey. On the map in a) the EMeRGe MPC targets are marked in red and the
 273 flight track coloured as in Fig.4. Main changes in course and altitude are marked (a-g) on the graphs for reference. OP
 274 indicates the position of the HALO base.

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277 **Figure S9.5:** Details of the E-EU-04 flight on the 13 July 2017. The flight track coloured as in Fig. 4 is shown on the map in
 278 a). The HALO-FAAM intercomparison exercise is indicated by the blue shaded area in b), and as a 3-D graph in c). The
 279 flight track is shown in c) in grey. In a), the position of the nearest MPC targets is indicated in red. Main changes in course
 280 and altitude are marked (a-d) on the graphs for reference. OP indicates the position of the HALO base.

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282**Table S9.4:** Time in UTC and flight levels (FL) of the shuttles and special flight patterns carried out during the EMeRGe flights in the flight region 3. The FL are also given in m for clarity.

Flight region 3	E-EU-07	E-EU-09
Po Valley	ca. 10:20 UTC FL60, 1800 m	10-11 UTC FL 240,7300 m
Outflow South France (Marseille fires)	11:35 UTC FL90/50/15, 2700/1500/450 m	10:55 UTC FL100/30/15, 300/100/450 m 16:00 UTC FL90, 2700 m
MPC Barcelona	shuttle 12:40 UTC FL50/15, 1500 m/450 m	shuttle 15 UTC coast of Barcelona FL15/50/90, 3000/900/450 m
Mediterranean	ca. 13:30 UTC FL15-50, 450-1500 m 14:50 UTC NW of Sardinia FL15/50/110, 450/1500/3300 m	11:50 UTC FL60, 1800m 13:45 UTC East of Valencia FL100/30/15, 3000/900/450 m
Central France	16:40 UTC FL 200, 6100 m	16:40 UTC FL 200, 6100 m
Munich		18:00-18:30 UTC Special landing ca 1000m

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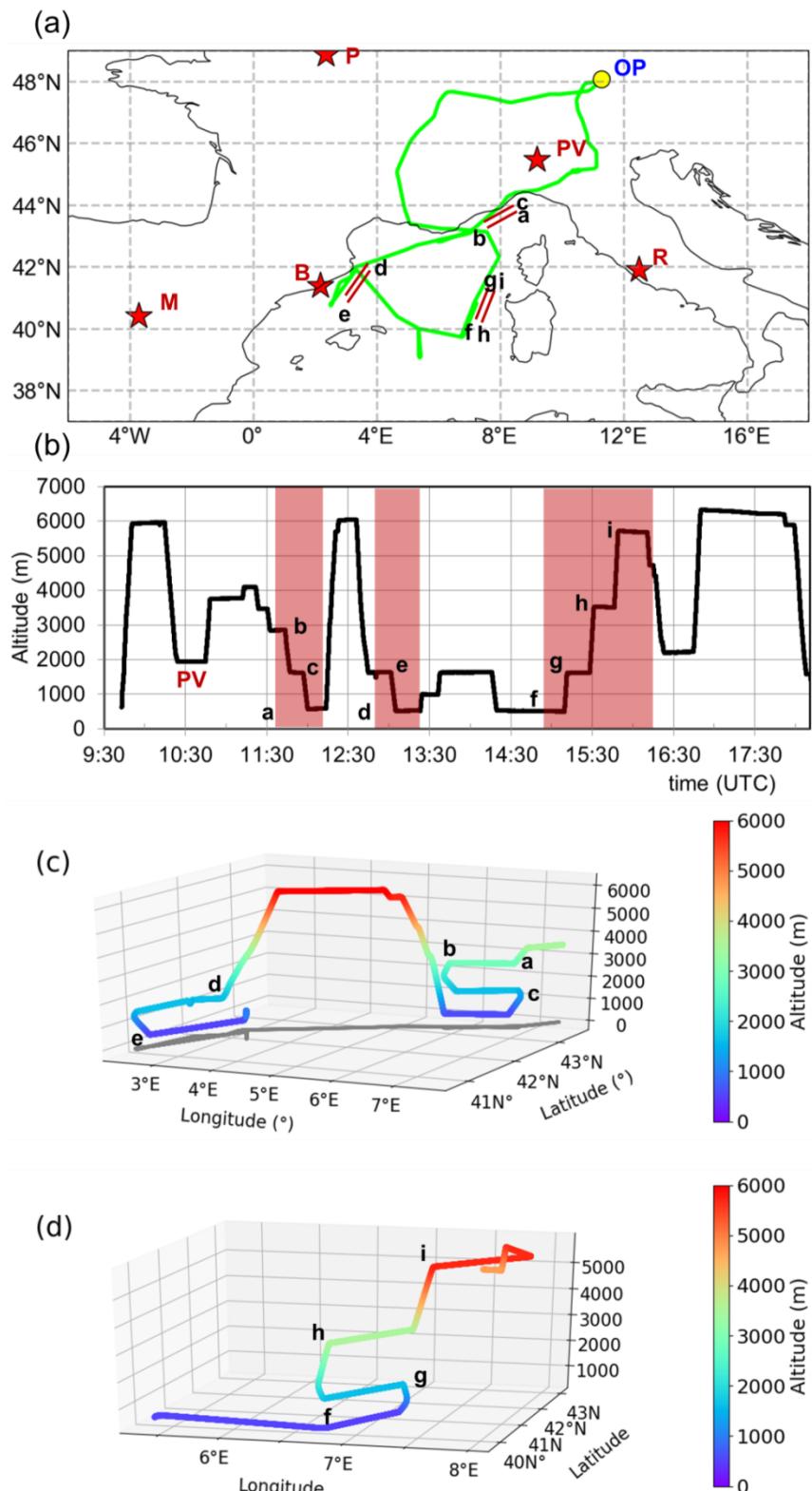
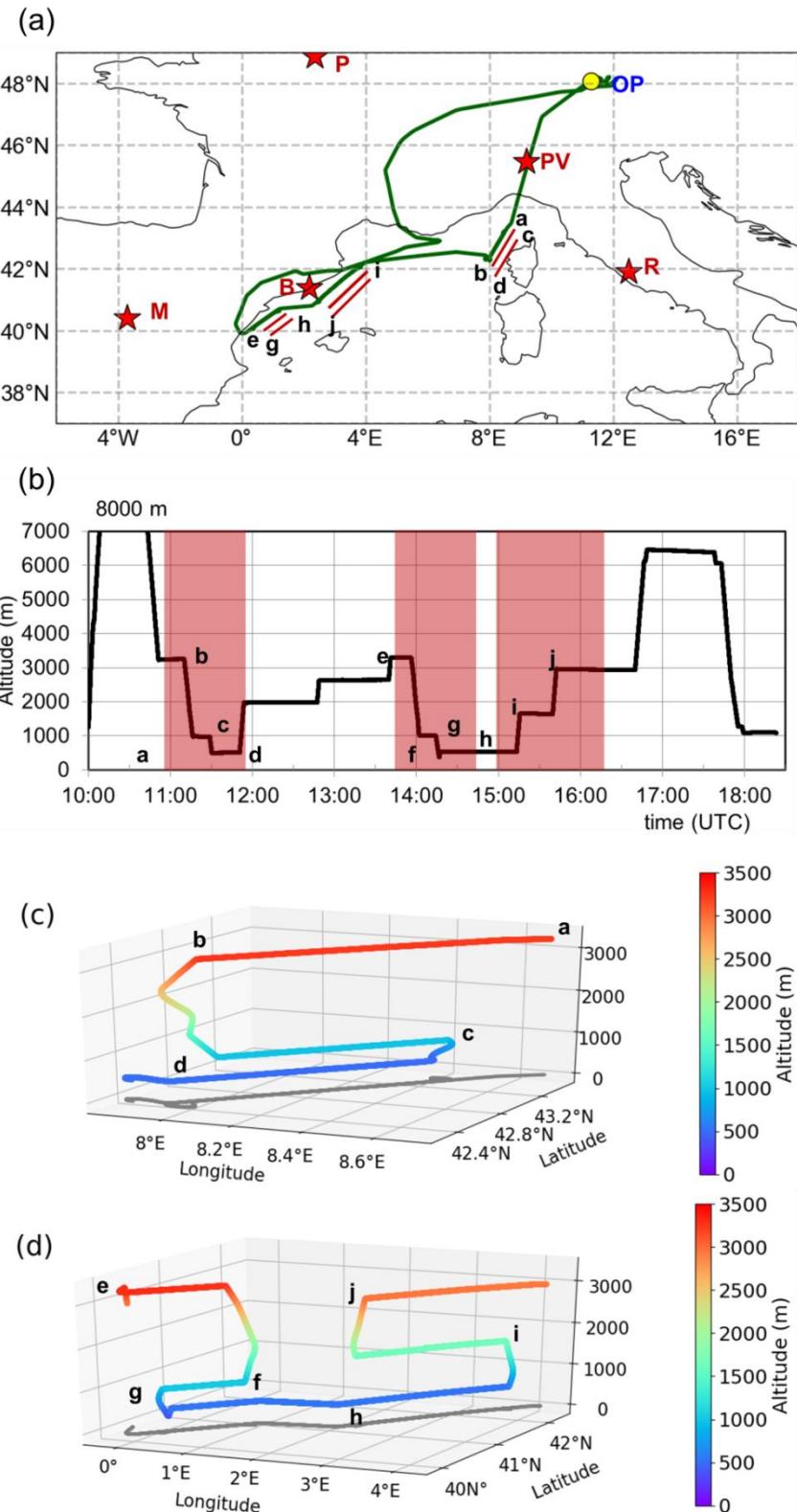


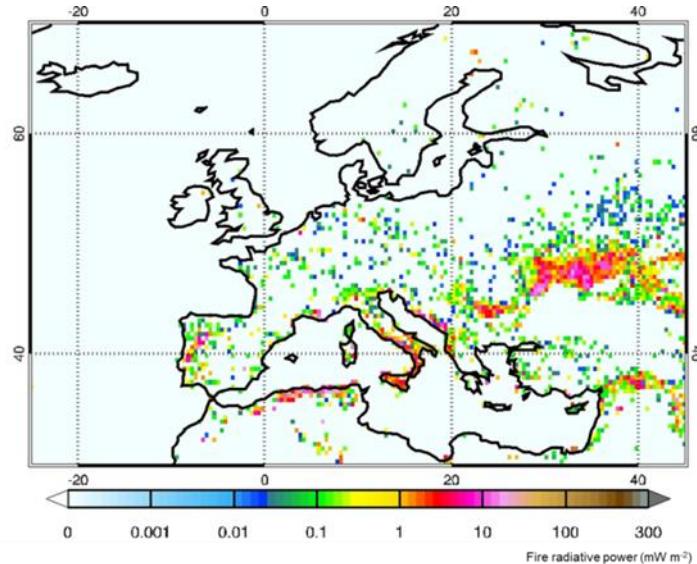
Figure S9.6: Details of the E-EU-07 flight on the 24 July 2017. The position of the shuttles taking place downwind of Marseille, Barcelona and the West coast of Sardinia are indicated in red on the map in a), marked by the red shaded areas in b), and as a 3-D graph depicted in c) and d). The flight tracks during the shuttles are shown in c) and d) in grey. In a) the EMeRGe MPC targets are marked in red and the flight track coloured as in Fig. 4. Main changes in course and altitude are marked (a-i) on the graphs for reference. OP indicates the position of the HALO base.



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298 **Figure S9.7:** Details of the E-EU-09 flight on the 28 July 2017. The position of the shuttles taking place downwind of Marseille, Barcelona and the East coast of Spain are indicated in red on the map in a), marked by the red shaded areas in b), and 3-D depicted in c) and d). The flight tracks during the shuttles are shown in c) and d) in grey. In a) the EMeRGe MPC targets are marked in red and the flight track coloured as in Fig. 4. Main changes in course and altitude are marked (a-j) on the graphs for reference. OP indicates the position of the HALO base.

299 **S10 MODIS fire radiative power**

300 Figure S10.1 shows average fire radiative power observed by MODIS (MODerate resolution Imaging
301 Spectroradiometer, <http://modis-fire.umd.edu/>) and assimilated within CAMS-global over Europe in July 2017.



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303 **Figure S10.1:** Average fire radiative power (mW m^{-2}) as observed by MODIS over Europe in July 2017.
304 Data from the CAMS Global fire assimilation system (GFAS). [https://www.ecmwf.int/en/forecasts/dataset/
305 global-fire-assimilation-system-gfas](https://www.ecmwf.int/en/forecasts/dataset/global-fire-assimilation-system-gfas) fire emission database (see Kaiser et al., 2012).

306 **S11 Selected measured average concentrations for all the EMeRGe flights**

307 **Table S11.1:** Mean (mean), median (med) and quartiles (25th 75th) concentrations of selected measured trace gases and
308 aerosol particles for the EMeRGe flights: Note that HCHO, NO₂, HONO, CH₂O, C₂H₂O₂ and C₃H₄O₂ were remotely
309 measured by the mini DOAS instrument; for the averaging volume, see Kluge et al., (2020)¹. *HCHO: HCHO from PTRMS
310 measurements; *HCHO: HCHO from miniDOAS measurements; n.a. non-available; NCN: N_{D>250nm} particle with D > 10 nm,
311 and D > 250 nm, respectively (inlet cut-off 1.5 to 3 μm depending on height); BCm: black carbon mass concentration; BCn:
312 black carbon number concentration; OA: Organic aerosol. Note that NCN, Nd, BCm, BCn, OA, NO₃⁻, SO₄²⁻, NH₄⁺ and Cl⁻
313 are given for standard temperature and pressure conditions.

314 ¹The averaging volume of the remotely measured NO₂, HONO, CH₂O, C₂H₂O₂, and C₃H₄O₂ concentrations are
315 given in the vertical by the field of view of the telescope (0.380) (see table 2 in Hüneke et al., 2017) and at clear
316 skies in the horizontal perpendicular to the aircraft flight. They range between 10 km to 25 km near the ground
317 and up to 75 to 100 km at 14 km altitude between 343.7 nm and 477.6 nm, respectively, with considerable
318 shorter (photon path) lengths occurring in the aerosol loaded and cloudy atmosphere (for details see section 2 in
319 Kluge et al., 2020). In flight direction, the skylight spectra are co-added within less than 30 s, which averages
320 over 6 km for a typical aircraft speed of 200 m s^{-1} . Detailed radiative transfer simulations indicated that the
321 averaging kernel in horizontal perpendicular to the aircraft flight direction maximizes for clear skies at about 20
322 % of the averages, i.e. for 2 to 5 km near ground and 15 km to 20 km at 14 km for 343.7 nm/477.6 nm,
323 respectively (see figure 6.8 in Raecke, 2013), which supported to resolve filaments due to mixing of trace gases
324 in the polar jet (see figure 17 in Oelhaf et al., 2019).

E-EU-03	<2000 m				2000-4000 m				>4000 m				unit
	mean	med	25 th	75 th	mean	med	25 th	75 th	mean	med	25 th	75 th	
O ₃	61.9	63.4	57.4	68.6	60.1	60.1	56.8	63.3	73.7	75.5	63.8	83.9	ppbv
CO	96.7	99.9	86.7	104.5	80.8	85.1	75.9	89	89	88.7	83	95.6	ppbv
NO	144	135	108	167	66	57	39	82	38	36	28	44	pptv
NO _y	1561	1414	880	2035	576	599	340	751	410	409	355	470	pptv
HONO	51	49	35	65	42	25	12	40	5	5	4	6	pptv
NO ₂	363	331	120	475	86	60	51	73	44	34	29	49	pptv
*HCHO	1983	2006	1322	2503	751	737	547	914	342	338	288	382	pptv
RO ₂ ⁺	58	64	37	78	46	43	34	62	30	26	11	43	pptv
SO ₂	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
N _{CN}	4478	4309	2232	5951	2142	1835	1084	2777	974	877	771	1031	cm ⁻³
N _{D>250nm}	103.3	106.1	55	126.8	48.4	36.6	13.2	82.3	9.8	9	6	11.8	cm ⁻³
BCm	0.215	0.196	0.118	0.279	0.048	0.03	0.01	0.065	0.01	0.005	0.002	0.01	µg m ⁻³
BCn	97	96	54	128	23	16	6	36	4	3	2	5	cm ⁻³
OA	1.992	2.157	1.236	2.543	1.424	1.264	0.549	2.213	0.394	0.394	0.307	0.478	µg m ⁻³
NO ₃ ⁻	0.224	0.114	0.07	0.21	0.187	0.184	0.067	0.272	0.044	0.038	0.028	0.05	µg m ⁻³
SO ₄ ²⁻	1.088	1.115	0.783	1.469	0.386	0.263	0.161	0.551	0.113	0.108	0.092	0.127	µg m ⁻³
NH ₄ ⁺	0.521	0.497	0.329	0.659	0.289	0.288	0.139	0.399	0.08	0.072	0.058	0.085	µg m ⁻³
Cl ⁻	0.03	0.029	0.018	0.039	0.021	0.02	0.017	0.025	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	pptv
C ₃ H ₆ O	2375	2473	1901	2906	1560	1613	1210	1933	1656	1691	1512	1863	pptv
CH ₃ CN	123	121	104	138	118	120	104	129	140	139	125	156	pptv
C ₅ H ₈	100	93	68	116	66	64	53	75	77	68	57	90	pptv
C ₆ H ₆	115	123	55	162	40	31	24	46	28	27	24	31	pptv
C ₇ H ₈	45	44	23	60	23	21	18	25	28	25	20	31	pptv
*HCHO	2190	2197	1364	2841	816	770	562	1018	469	460	385	551	pptv
C ₂ H ₂ O ₂	183	158	125	219	120	89	58	139	93	90	71	122	pptv
C ₃ H ₄ O ₂	1235	1231	1106	1346	988	806	621	1126	790	758	623	1013	pptv

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E-EU-04	<2000 m				2000-4000 m				>4000 m				unit
	mean	med	25 th	75 th	mean	med	25 th	75 th	mean	med	25 th	75 th	
O ₃	45	45	42	48	55	54	51	60	67	69	59	74	ppbv
CO	86	86	84	89	79	79	78	80	94	89	87	99	ppbv
NO	310	274	220	375	50	40	30	50	41	34	27	43	pptv
NO _y	2078	1885	1651	2419	345	234	166	427	294	273	233	327	pptv
HONO	75	73	68	82	19	17	11	24	11	11	8	13	pptv
NO ₂	722	544	423	964	72	59	49	78	32	32	28	35	pptv
*HCHO	1251	1196	1147	1431	375	347	314	411	169	168	150	182	pptv
RO ₂ ⁺	21	24	8	30	29	29	20	36	19	18	8	28	pptv
SO ₂	181	176	154	202	111	107	100	119	107	106	97	115	pptv
N _{CN}	9619	7905	4444	13898	928	691	587	849	1701	1172	980	1632	cm ⁻³
N _{D>250nm}	68.8	67.6	54.4	80.7	7.6	6	4.7	8.1	8.9	7.3	5.8	10	cm ⁻³
BCm	0.08	0.06	0.04	0.09	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	µg m ⁻³
BCn	44	39	31	52	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	4	cm ⁻³
OA	1.47	1.45	1.33	1.59	0.37	0.33	0.27	0.40	0.56	0.51	0.41	0.71	µg m ⁻³
NO ₃ ⁻	0.73	0.70	0.54	0.82	0.13	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.05	µg m ⁻³
SO ₄ ²⁻	0.63	0.62	0.55	0.71	0.18	0.18	0.14	0.22	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.12	µg m ⁻³
NH ₄ ⁺	0.49	0.48	0.40	0.55	0.15	0.08	0.05	0.15	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.10	µg m ⁻³
Cl ⁻	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.05	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	µg m ⁻³
C ₃ H ₆ O	1356	1351	1261	1442	1376	1388	1314	1435	1682	1614	1543	1716	pptv
CH ₃ CN	69	70	61	80	98	100	88	112	134	132	108	149	pptv
C ₅ H ₈	83	77	63	96	70	68	55	84	75	72	61	90	pptv
C ₆ H ₆	41	38	32	48	30	30	26	35	31	28	23	35	pptv
C ₇ H ₈	40	38	29	48	26	22	19	28	22	21	18	27	pptv
*HCHO	1215	1175	1017	1378	518	515	448	594	487	469	385	607	pptv
C ₂ H ₂ O ₂	168	150	112	208	98	65	28	103	68	71	19	112	pptv
C ₃ H ₄ O ₂	1108	1150	844	1303	806	641	409	866	560	453	250	829	pptv

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E-EU-05		<2000 m				2000-4000 m				>4000 m				
species		mean	med	25 th	75 th	mean	med	25 th	75 th	mean	med	25 th	75 th	unit
O ₃		32	33	30	35	44	43	36	50	61	58	52	71	ppbv
CO		79	80	76	83	65	63	54	73	63	63	57	67	ppbv
NO		173	109	91	150	57	39	24	58	34	33	27	40	pptv
NO _y		2725	2455	2056	3025	1115	931	751	1175	577	547	280	822	pptv
HONO		8	3	0	15	4	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	pptv
NO ₂		275	258	186	339	87	49	34	149	27	29	25	30	pptv
*HCHO		1004	1010	926	1107	613	425	370	914	209	204	185	231	pptv
RO ₂ [*]		25	24	16	31	27	26	19	32	28	28	15	40	pptv
SO ₂		111	84	61	116	52	49	39	62	44	42	34	52	pptv
N _{CN}		3545	2833	1843	4555	1681	578	402	2855	852	692	592	935	cm ⁻³
N _{D>250nm}		89.9	84.4	45.8	127.8	25.3	9.3	5.1	50.3	3.4	2.6	1.8	3.8	cm ⁻³
BCm		0.11	0.09	0.05	0.14	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	µg m ⁻³
BCn		52	50	28	69	22	4	2	47	2	2	1	3	cm ⁻³
OA		1.44	1.49	0.98	1.86	2.20	2.28	0.39	3.79	0.24	0.21	0.16	0.27	µg m ⁻³
NO ₃ ⁻		0.73	0.49	0.24	1.11	0.65	0.49	0.39	0.70	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	µg m ⁻³
SO ₄ ²⁻		0.71	0.69	0.42	0.88	0.29	0.19	0.16	0.51	0.19	0.18	0.12	0.25	µg m ⁻³
NH ₄ ⁺		0.54	0.49	0.30	0.73	0.32	0.32	0.09	0.42	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.09	µg m ⁻³
Cl ⁻		0.04	0.04	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.04	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	µg m ⁻³
C ₃ H ₆ O		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
CH ₃ CN		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
C ₅ H ₈		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
C ₆ H ₆		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
C ₇ H ₈		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
*HCHO		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
C ₂ H ₂ O ₂		161	144	106	201	82	59	15	96	66	69	19	109	pptv
C ₃ H ₄ O ₂		1128	1175	884	1318	753	626	416	848	613	585	260	822	pptv

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E-EU-06		<2000 m				2000-4000 m				>4000 m				
species		mean	med	25 th	75 th	mean	med	25 th	75 th	mean	med	25 th	75 th	unit
O ₃		69	71	58	77	52	51	50	52	58	56	53	64	ppbv
CO		111	113	94	125	78	77	73	81	77	78	70	82	ppbv
NO		189	123	84	205	71	56	47	66	483	42	23	136	pptv
NO _y		3321	2542	1701	4104	737	581	465	939	2006	366	283	490	pptv
HONO		15	13	0	27	3	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	pptv
NO ₂		454	378	238	531	169	174	115	199	191	172	43	303	pptv
*HCHO		1408	1219	996	1731	709	690	627	748	588	597	580	599	pptv
RO ₂ [*]		49	52	36	63	41	44	30	53	31	38	16	44	pptv
SO ₂		673	514	289	877	136	131	113	152	120	85	73	100	pptv
N _{CN}		6136	2943	2052	4823	1493	1291	1147	1496	914	803	603	1185	cm ⁻³
N _{D>250nm}		174.2	150	85.8	224.3	49	48.5	41.1	54.9	22.2	16.3	7	30.7	cm ⁻³
BCm		0.30	0.28	0.14	0.40	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.10	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.04	µg m ⁻³
BCn		127	127	65	176	34	33	28	39	11	7	4	18	cm ⁻³
OA		3.12	3.25	2.02	3.92	1.07	1.00	0.73	1.32	0.45	0.34	0.28	0.51	µg m ⁻³
NO ₃ ⁻		0.69	0.15	0.09	0.62	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.08	µg m ⁻³
SO ₄ ²⁻		1.64	1.49	0.98	1.93	0.59	0.61	0.55	0.68	0.27	0.20	0.11	0.44	µg m ⁻³
NH ₄ ⁺		0.82	0.67	0.46	1.04	0.28	0.29	0.24	0.32	0.17	0.17	0.09	0.22	µg m ⁻³
Cl ⁻		0.04	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	µg m ⁻³
C ₃ H ₆ O		2444	2434	1935	2937	1645	1656	1514	1799	1476	1452	1316	1605	pptv
CH ₃ CN		140	131	115	152	129	131	118	138	135	132	123	145	pptv
C ₅ H ₈		98	78	59	112	62	57	50	64	73	67	55	83	pptv
C ₆ H ₆		109	94	56	152	36	34	25	41	32	30	22	37	pptv
C ₇ H ₈		57	42	25	77	35	25	22	51	32	30	26	37	pptv
*HCHO		1843	1651	1088	2374	891	875	748	993	641	616	491	782	pptv
C ₂ H ₂ O ₂		220	192	132	276	182	103	49	260	101	63	8	111	pptv
C ₃ H ₄ O ₂		1496	1275	1075	1577	1351	790	574	1622	817	571	296	756	pptv

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E-EU-07	<2000 m				2000-4000 m				>4000 m				
species	mean	med	25 th	75 th	mean	med	25 th	75 th	mean	med	25 th	75 th	unit
O ₃	47	46	41	54	51	51	44	56	64	62	58	69	ppbv
CO	105	101	92	109	115	102	92	110	103	106	97	110	ppbv
NO	189	136	110	265	120	67	47	121	283	49	37	72	pptv
NO _y	1335	919	743	1823	904	564	390	729	1140	451	393	604	pptv
HONO	25	16	7	34	9	5	0	16	5	0	0	5	pptv
NO ₂	202	172	144	236	161	61	27	152	52	53	24	67	pptv
*HCHO	973	832	720	1245	438	382	323	450	280	265	140	380	pptv
RO ₂ *	39	40	29	49	35	33	19	48	26	19	5	32	pptv
SO ₂	224	177	118	262	78	66	48	91	60	57	44	73	pptv
N _{CN}	6508	3446	2367	6854	2919	1995	1235	2907	4350	3123	1518	5453	cm ⁻³
N _{D>250nm}	99.2	65.1	33.4	111.1	94	15.7	7.8	65.1	11.4	6.1	3.9	11.1	cm ⁻³
BCm	0.12	0.07	0.04	0.12	0.10	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	µg m ⁻³
BCn	55	37	21	62	46	9	3	20	5	4	2	6	cm ⁻³
OA	2.34	1.68	1.21	3.12	1.30	0.59	0.36	2.03	0.44	0.35	0.26	0.45	µg m ⁻³
NO ₃ ⁻	0.31	0.15	0.08	0.49	0.18	0.08	0.03	0.26	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.06	µg m ⁻³
SO ₄ ²⁻	0.82	0.85	0.38	1.16	0.25	0.13	0.07	0.30	0.10	0.08	0.05	0.13	µg m ⁻³
NH ₄ ⁺	0.46	0.43	0.29	0.62	0.31	0.23	0.15	0.51	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.09	µg m ⁻³
Cl ⁻	0.09	0.05	0.02	0.16	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	µg m ⁻³
C ₃ H ₆ O	1734	1678	1400	1974	1580	1399	1244	1644	1535	1605	1364	1691	pptv
CH ₃ CN	124	117	103	131	191	139	119	154	132	134	117	149	pptv
C ₅ H ₈	92	69	57	114	170	80	58	108	66	62	54	70	pptv
C ₆ H ₆	81	66	43	94	71	39	29	54	31	29	24	35	pptv
C ₇ H ₈	51	44	34	61	69	26	20	38	32	31	18	43	pptv
*HCHO	1391	1211	903	1684	1015	682	468	925	467	446	385	527	pptv
C ₂ H ₂ O ₂	221	201	141	268	192	116	54	259	132	88	22	172	pptv
C ₃ H ₄ O ₂	1603	1380	1140	1999	1430	808	591	1841	1012	616	430	1255	pptv

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E-EU-08	<2000 m				2000-4000 m				>4000 m				
species	mean	med	25 th	75 th	mean	med	25 th	75 th	mean	med	25 th	75 th	unit
O ₃	43	45	37	49	51	53	49	55	64	63	56	73	ppbv
CO	98	96	92	102	90	91	85	93	94	93	92	96	ppbv
NO	407	225	155	450	138	77	60	108	109	102	82	131	pptv
NO _y	3734	3039	2075	4018	1991	1302	720	1777	4619	3765	2652	5761	pptv
HONO	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
NO ₂	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
*HCHO	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
RO ₂ *	20	21	10	29	31	28	21	37	19	13	0	35	pptv
SO ₂	193	99	68	169	55	54	43	64	55	52	38	68	pptv
N _{CN}	4514	3186	2066	4551	1041	790	582	1245	2900	1635	728	3935	cm ⁻³
N _{D>250nm}	119.2	111.5	61.1	161.1	18.2	12.3	6.2	21.8	7.7	4.4	2.3	9.2	cm ⁻³
BCm	0.14	0.12	0.07	0.18	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	µg m ⁻³
BCn	71	68	42	92	10	8	4	13	4	3	2	6	cm ⁻³
OA	1.80	1.88	1.21	2.37	0.58	0.51	0.34	0.71	0.49	0.50	0.36	0.63	µg m ⁻³
NO ₃ ⁻	1.21	0.96	0.60	1.68	0.10	0.07	0.05	0.11	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.08	µg m ⁻³
SO ₄ ²⁻	0.85	0.73	0.56	0.97	0.20	0.18	0.13	0.23	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.11	µg m ⁻³
NH ₄ ⁺	0.80	0.65	0.46	1.08	0.16	0.13	0.10	0.19	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	µg m ⁻³
Cl ⁻	0.09	0.08	0.05	0.12	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	µg m ⁻³
C ₃ H ₆ O	1517	1543	1347	1705	1384	1404	1312	1495	1602	1614	1534	1707	pptv
CH ₃ CN	94	95	80	106	130	126	113	140	130	131	116	147	pptv
C ₅ H ₈	80	68	56	89	61	57	50	65	69	65	56	71	pptv
C ₆ H ₆	64	63	47	78	33	29	25	36	30	27	24	38	pptv
C ₇ H ₈	45	35	25	55	29	24	18	33	22	19	17	24	pptv
*HCHO	1234	1165	937	1461	642	637	538	733	411	407	290	496	pptv
C ₂ H ₂ O ₂	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
C ₃ H ₄ O ₂	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv

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E-EU-09	<2000 m				2000-4000 m				>4000 m				
species	mean	med	25 th	75 th	mean	med	25 th	75 th	mean	med	25 th	75 th	unit
O ₃	46	45	41	53	59	60	51	69	54	53	46	62	ppbv
CO	94	94	89	103	104	102	84	129	65	62	60	64	ppbv
NO	148	135	101	190	84	80	67	95	39	35	27	46	pptv
NO _y	1151	1051	851	1287	827	907	357	1169	331	281	189	379	pptv
HONO	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
NO ₂	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
*HCHO	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
RO ₂ [*]	46	48	35	62	53	55	39	66	13	10	1	20	pptv
SO ₂	301	287	193	384	203	204	98	281	73	68	54	85	pptv
N _{CN}	4080	3921	2960	4813	2634	3025	865	3493	2282	1465	1125	3191	cm ⁻³
N _{D>250nm}	66	65.1	42.8	78.8	133.9	129	12.6	251.2	1.2	0.6	0.2	1.5	cm ⁻³
BCm	0.12	0.10	0.07	0.15	0.33	0.32	0.02	0.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	µg m ⁻³
BCn	57	52	40	69	97	102	7	165	1	0	0	1	cm ⁻³
OA	2.41	1.89	1.06	3.58	5.47	6.11	4.61	7.27	0.25	0.23	0.19	0.31	µg m ⁻³
NO ₃ ⁻	0.22	0.17	0.13	0.27	0.34	0.32	0.23	0.44	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	µg m ⁻³
SO ₄ ²⁻	0.97	0.66	0.46	1.45	0.36	0.34	0.20	0.50	0.16	0.17	0.12	0.21	µg m ⁻³
NH ₄ ⁺	0.45	0.41	0.28	0.60	0.36	0.34	0.26	0.45	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.13	µg m ⁻³
Cl ⁻	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	µg m ⁻³
C ₃ H ₆ O	1774	1610	1419	2022	1811	1851	1319	2302	915	814	774	955	pptv
CH ₃ CN	126	126	111	140	168	169	147	192	133	131	118	141	pptv
C ₅ H ₈	72	69	55	84	68	63	54	75	64	60	55	67	pptv
C ₆ H ₆	79	72	54	96	80	81	54	104	33	31	25	35	pptv
C ₇ H ₈	35	28	20	38	25	22	19	27	23	18	17	28	pptv
*HCHO	1418	1369	1209	1555	1136	1201	788	1406	433	421	341	493	pptv
C ₂ H ₂ O ₂	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv
C ₃ H ₄ O ₂	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	pptv

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332 S12 Plume identification and tagging used during EMeRGe IOP in Europe

333 For the identification of plumes observed during the EMeRGe IOP in Europe, plume tagging and identification
 334 approaches were complementary used:

335 I) Enhancement in the concentration of selected atmospheric species

336 Periods in which large pollution plume events were measured on-board HALO were initially categorised into a)
 337 anthropogenic pollution (AP), b) biomass burning (BB), c) mixed plumes and d) biogenic, by using the presence
 338 of three selected VOCs with different sources. Signal identification resulted from concentration enhancements of
 339 CH₃CN, C₆H₆ and C₅H₈ when being measured significantly, i.e., three times the instrumental noise, over their
 340 individual atmospheric background values or the LODs, resulting in thresholds of 184, 49 and 85 ppt,
 341 respectively (for a detailed description see Förster et al., 2022). For example, CH₃CN is almost exclusively
 342 emitted from BB (de Gouw et al., 2003; Warneke et al., 2010) whereas C₆H₆ is emitted by traffic and petroleum-
 343 related industrial activities (Paz et al., 2015) as well as BB (Simpson et al., 2011; Andreae, 2019). Hence, C₆H₆
 344 enhancements in the absence of CH₃CN were used to identify relatively “pure” anthropogenic pollution.
 345 Similarly, CH₃CN enhanced plumes in the absence of C₆H₆ were identified as pure or aged BB events. Events
 346 with only CH₃CN can originate from mixed sources, as C₆H₆ may have decayed while CH₃CN remains, due to
 347 the different atmospheric lifetimes of these two tracers (CH₃CN ~ 6 month, C₆H₆ ~ 10 days). When both VOCs
 348 were enhanced, the plumes were considered to have air masses from both BB and AP sources or only from
 349 recent BB. Additionally, enhanced concentrations of the short-lived biogenic tracer C₅H₈ were used as indicator
 350 for recent contact with the PBL having biogenic sources (Förster et al., 2022).

351 These large categorised pollution events were then further classified into single plumes by using altitude, water
 352 content, wind direction and enhancements in the concentrations of pollution tracers such as CO and NO_y
 353 measured on-board HALO. Fine structures or signatures in individual plumes were numbered relative to the
 354 main plume event they belonged to. All plumes encountered were numbered using the notation E-EU-FN-S-PL
 355 similarly to the flight nomenclature mentioned in Sect. 2.3, i.e., E stands for EMeRGe, EU for the campaign in
 356 Europe, FN are 2 digits for the flight number, S is the letter assigned to the identified captured pollution event,
 357 and PL are two digits reserved for the plume number within each pollution event.

358 **II) Backward trajectories: last contact with PBL**

359 The origin and history of the plumes probed at each point of the flight track were traced by using highly-resolved
360 backward trajectories calculated by the kinematic trajectory model FLEXTRA (see Stohl et al., 1995, 1999).
361 Parameters calculated using FLEXTRA and meteorological fields were used to assign the origin of the observed
362 plumes to the EMeRGe targets in different parts of the flight tracks. Typically, the last contact to the PBL
363 (lcPBL), i.e., the time when the backward trajectory reaches the PBL the first time, was used in combination
364 with sensitivity trajectories, which provide the probability of contact of a particular air mass with the lower
365 meters of the PBL before the measurement. This information was cross-checked with the estimated age of air
366 masses based on HYSPLIT CO dispersion calculations in III). Air mass back trajectories for the EMeRGe flights
367 were calculated with the FLEXTRA 5.0 trajectory model and using the European Centre for Medium-Range
368 Forecasts (ECMWF) operational data set ERA5 meteorological data at 0.25° horizontal resolution. Trajectories
369 are started every 1 minute of flight time and reach back 10 days. The general content of the model output was
370 enhanced by adding manually other parameters after the simulations (troph, tropp, blh, sp, surf, cwc) which
371 provided additional information over the BL conditions along the trajectory.

372 Two sets of data are available:

- 373 1. Original trajectories of the FLEXTRA runs at the ~10 min temporal resolution along the flight tracks.
- 374 2. Interpolated trajectories at a strict 5 min temporal resolution, linearly interpolated from the original
375 trajectories. In the interpolated trajectories the timestamps are the same for all releases / trajectories and the
376 temporal resolution is higher.

377 **III) Forward trajectories: dispersion of MPC outflows**

378 In a similar approach to that used in the forecast procedures (see Sect.3.2 and S3.2), the HYSPLIT dispersion
379 model was used to calculate the dispersion of CO emissions using emission rates from the EDGAR HTAP V2
380 emission inventory. They are expressed as CO enhancement caused by the selected MPC outflow over the CO
381 background. The performance of FLEXPART and HYSPLIT for the EMeRGe data was compared for case
382 studies within EMeRGe.

383 **IV) Detection of released PFC tracers**

384 Sampling of PMCH from a tracer release in the centre of London during E-EU-05, and from a tracer release in
385 the centre of London and at the University of Wuppertal during E-EU-08, enabled the prediction of the
386 dispersion and the mixing of the targeted MPC outflows in these flights to be compared (see S5).

387 **S13 Identification of plumes in E-EU-08**

388 **Table S13.1:** Synopsis of identified structures (A and B) and plumes with anthropogenic (AP), biomass burning (BB) and
 389 biogenic signatures (BIO), MPC assignments and estimated transport times (Ttime) based on HYSPLIT and FLEXTRA for
 390 E-EU-08.

Notation	begin [UTC]	end [UTC]	signature	MPC origin	Ttime [h]
E-EU-08-0-01	07:47:34	07:57:40	BB, BIO		
E-EU-08-A-00	08:32:45	09:19:00			
E-EU-08-A-01	08:32:45	08:42:00	BB		
E-EU-08-A-02	08:46:00	08:54:00	BB		
E-EU-08-A-03	09:14:00	09:19:00	AP, BB		
E-EU-08-B-00	09:41:25	13:56:45			
E-EU-08-B-01	09:41:25	10:17:00	AP, BIO	London	0-3
E-EU-08-B-02	10:17:00	10:39:30	AP, BIO	London	0-3
E-EU-08-B-03	10:39:30	11:10:00	AP, BIO	London	6-24
E-EU-08-B-04	11:14:10	11:25:35	AP, BIO	London	3-6
E-EU-08-B-05	11:25:35	11:45:00	AP, BIO	London	3-6
E-EU-08-B-06	11:45:00	11:53:00	AP	London	12-24
E-EU-08-B-07	11:53:00	12:05:50	AP		
E-EU-08-B-08	12:05:50	12:42:45	AP	London	12-24
E-EU-08-B-09	12:42:45	13:02:00	AP, BIO	London/BNL/Ruhr	12-48/0-6
E-EU-08-B-10	13:06:00	13:14:00	AP, BIO	BNL/Ruhr	0-12
E-EU-08-B-11	13:14:00	13:38:15	AP, BIO	BNL/Ruhr	0-3
E-EU-08-B-12	13:38:15	13:56:45	AP, BIO	BNL/Ruhr	0-3

391 **S14 General description of MECO(n)**

392 The MECO(n) model system (see Kerkweg and Jöckel, 2012a,b, Hofmann et al., 2012, Mertens et al.,2016)
 393 consists of the global chemistry-climate model EMAC and the regional chemistry-climate model COSMO-
 394 CLM/MESSy. The nesting of COSMO in EMAC is performed during runtime. The boundary conditions which
 395 are necessary for the regional model instances are provided by the next coarser resolved model instance. New
 396 boundary conditions are provided at every time step of the driving model, and specific events of long-range
 397 transport (e.g. from biomass burning) are captured well in the regional refinements.

398 **S14.1 Model dynamics**

399 EMAC and COSMO-CLM/MESSy are chemistry-climate models which calculate the atmospheric dynamics by
 400 solving the primitive equations. The global model EMAC applies the spectral core of the global circulation
 401 model ECHAM5. The Newtonian relaxation (nudging) is performed in spectral space for the prognostic
 402 variables divergence, vorticity, temperature, and the logarithm of the surface pressure. This applied for 48, 6, 24,
 403 and 24 h, respectively for the EMeRGe simulations (see Jöckel et al., 2016). The nudging data are linearly
 404 interpolated during updates every 6 hours. Usually, ERA-Interim, ECMWF operational analysis or ERA-5 data
 405 are used for the nudging. The regional refinements are not nudged towards ECMWF or any other data. As in
 406 classical downscaling applications the prognostic variables are relaxed towards the global model (or coarser
 407 resolved regional refinements) at the lateral and top boundaries. This means that the regional model can develop
 408 to a certain degree its own dynamics.

409 **S.14.2 Chemical kinetics**

410 In total, the mechanism is described by 298 reactions of 188 species. The chemical species and reactions are as
 411 described by Jöckel et al. (2016). Basic gas-phase chemistry of ozone, methane, and odd nitrogen, alkanes and
 412 alkenes up to C4 are included. Alkynes and aromatics are not considered. Halogen chemistry includes bromine
 413 and chlorine species. For the chemistry of isoprene and selected non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHCs), version 1

414 of the Mainz Isoprene Mechanism (MIM1) based on Pöschl et al. (2000) is used. Heterogeneous reactions of
415 dinitrogen pentoxide (N_2O_5), halogen nitrates (ClNO_3 , BrNO_3), and hypohalous acids (HOCl , HOBr) are also
416 included. All Hg reactions are switched off.

417 NO_y is defined as: $\text{NO}_y = \text{BrNO}_2 + \text{BrNO}_3 + \text{ClNO}_2 + \text{ClNO}_3 + \text{HNO} + \text{HONO} + \text{HNO}_3 + \text{HNO}_4 + \text{IC}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO}_3 +$
418 $\text{ISON} + \text{LC}_4\text{H}_9\text{NO}_3 + \text{N} + 2 \cdot \text{N}_2\text{O}_5 + \text{NO} + \text{NO}_2 + \text{NO}_3 + \text{NO}_3^-_{\text{cs}} + \text{PAN}$.

419 $\text{NO}_3^-_{\text{cs}}$ is a residual aerosol nitrate as reaction product of the heterogeneous reaction of N_2O_5 :



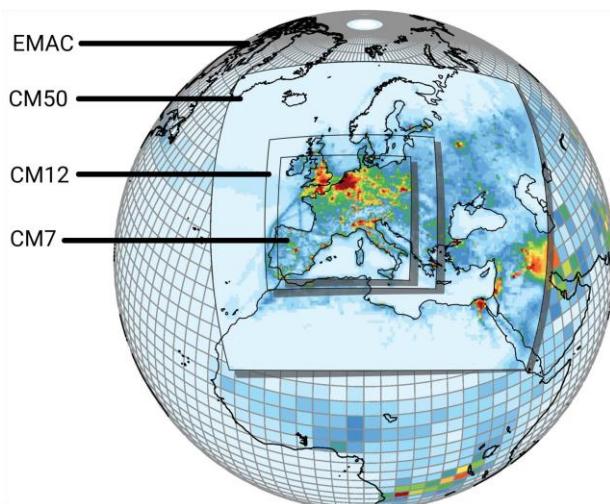
421 RO_2 is defined as: $\text{RO}_2 = \text{HO}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{O}_2 + \text{ISOOH} + \text{CH}_3\text{CO}_3 + \text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O}_2$

422 S14.3 Aqueous phase chemistry, scavenging, wet and dry deposition

423 As in Jöckel et al. (2016) aqueous-phase chemistry in clouds and wet deposition are simulated with the help of
424 the combined explicit scavenging submodel SCAV, which calculates the uptake/release to/from the gas and
425 aqueous phase and subsequent wet deposition. In contrast to more simplified schemes, dissociation and aqueous-
426 phase redox reactions are also explicitly calculated, e.g. the sulphur (IV) to sulphur (VI) oxidation, such that the
427 effective exchange between gas and liquid phase is taken into account. The scheme also includes nitric acid
428 (HNO_3) uptake on aerosol and cloud particles. Wet deposition is calculated from the in-cloud (and subsequent
429 conversion of in-cloud to in-precipitation) and in-precipitation chemical concentrations for both large-scale and
430 convective clouds. Dry deposition of chemical species is calculated using the big leaf approach as proposed by
431 Wesely (1989).

432 S14.4 Simulation set-up

433 The simulations are performed using MECO(n) in a MECO(3) configuration, meaning three refinements of
434 COSMO-CLM/MESSy are embedded in EMAC: a) 50 km horizontal resolution, 131 x 121 horizontal grid
435 boxes, time step length = 240 s (CM50), b) 12 km horizontal resolution, 245 x 221 horizontal grid boxes, time
436 step length = 120 s (CM12) and c) 7 km resolution, 330 x 310 horizontal grid boxes, time step length = 60 s
437 (CM7).



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439 **Figure S14.1:** Definition of the computational domains of the MECO(3) set-up.

440 EMAC is applied at a horizontal spectral resolution of T42 (approx. $2.8^\circ \times 2.8^\circ$) and 90 vertical, terrain following
441 levels from the surface up to approx. 80 km. The time step length is 12 minutes. All COSMO-CLM/MESSy
442 refinements are applied with 40 terrain following vertical levels from the surface up to around 20 km. The results
443 of CM12 and CM7 were not significantly different.

444 The emission set-up of the reference simulation is the following:

- 445 • Long lived greenhouse gases (CO_2 , N_2O , CH_4) and CFCs concentrations are relaxed towards prescribed
446 concentrations at surface following the RCP 8.5 emission inventory and zonally averaged.
447 • Anthropogenic emissions are taken from the 4.3.1 emission inventory (monthly resolution/year 2010).

- 448 • Emissions from biomass burning and agricultural waste burning following the RCP 8.5 emission inventory,
 449 i.e., it does not correspond the real biomass burning emissions in 2017.
 450 • Emissions of NOx from soils and biogenic VOC are calculated depending on the meteorological conditions
 451 following the parametrisations of Yienger and Levy (1995) and Guenther et al. (1995).
 452 • Lightning NOx is parametrised according to Price and Rind (1994).

453 **S14.5 Sensitivity experiments**

- 454 • emerge3 b (CM50, CM12): Reference simulation with emissions as described above. Nudging of EMAC
 455 towards ERA-Interim.
 456 • emerge3 s1 (CM50, CM12, CM7): CH₄ emissions from the EDGAR 4.2 FT emission inventory.
 457 • emerge3 s3 (CM50, CM12): VEU2 emission inventory for anthropogenic emissions are applied for Europe
 458 instead of EDGAR 4.3.1
 459 • emerge3 s4 (CM50, CM12): Dynamics in EMAC is nudged towards ECMWF operational analysis data
 460 instead of ERA-Interim
 461 • emerge3 s5 (CM50, CM12): 50 instead of 40 vertical model layers increasing vertical resolution in the free
 462 troposphere
 463 • emerge3 s6 (CM50, CM12): EDGAR 5.0 emissions for CO₂ and CH₄, diagnostic SO₂ tracer with reaction
 464 SO₂ + OH as only loss, additional budget terms for the kinetic calculations.

465 **S14.6 Tagging method for source apportionment**

466 The tagging method used for source apportionment is reported by Grewe et al. (2017) and Rieger et al. (2018).
 467 This method is an accounting system which follows the reaction pathways of emissions from different emission
 468 sectors. The source apportionment is made for O₃, CO, PAN, NO_y (without PAN), NMHC, OH and HO₂. In this
 469 study 12 categories are used (Table S14.1).

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 471 **Table S14.1.** Definition of the tagging categories used for EMeRGe.

Tagging Category	Description
Stratosphere	downward transport from the stratosphere
CH ₄	degradation of CH ₄
Biogenic	biogenic emissions (soil-NOx, biogenic VOCs and CO)
N ₂ O	degradation of N ₂ O
Biomass Burning	biomass burning emissions
Lightning	lightning emissions (NOx)
Shipping	shipping emissions (IPCC codes 1A3d + 1C2)
Aviation	aviation emissions
Anth. non-traffic EU	emissions of IPCCs sectors 1A1a, 1A1b + 1B2a5, A1c + 1A5b1 + 1B1b + 1B2a6 + 1B2b5 + 2C1b, 1A2, 1A4, 1B1a + 1B2a1 + 1B2a2 + 1B2a3 + 1B2a4 + 1B2c, 2 + 3, 4B + 4C + 4D + 4F, 6 and 7A in Europa
Anth. non-traffic ROW	emissions of IPCCs sectors 1A1a, 1A1b+1B2a5, 1A1c + 1A5b1 + 1B1b + 1B2a6 + 1B2b5 + 2C1b, 1A2, 1A4, 1B1a + 1B2a1 + 1B2a2 + 1B2a3 + 1B2a4 + 1B2c, 2 + 3, 4B + 4C + 4D + 4F, 6 and 7A in the rest of the world
Landtransport EU	emissions of IPCCs sectors 1A3b + 1A3c + 1A3e in Europe
Landtransport ROW	emissions of IPCCs sectors 1A3b + 1A3c + 1A3e in the rest of the world

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