

Development of AirBox (NO2, PM10, PM2.5) and its Application as Network in City of Eindhoven

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Background / Problem statement:

- Need for sensors for urban air quality measurements
 - High density network in larger cities
 - Measurement info for smaller cities
- Can this be done low cost and with sufficient quality?
- Primary focus on PM and NO2





Sensors to measure PM

Low cost means optical

Issues with specific weight, UFP (can't see), volatile fraction (NH4NO3 yes, H2O no) size distribution (conversion by volume)



Sensors to measure NO₂

- Electrochemical Cells showed potential in the lab
 - USEPA test, sufficient sensitivity
- Severe Issues with
 - Relative Humidity
 - Base line drift
 - Cross contamination





How to maintain network quality?

• Accuracy:

Classic calibrations are **not** low cost

(calibration gas – monodispers PM)

• Precision:

Roulation with reference systems are not low cost either

• Find in situ solutions





Current activities

Electromagnetic

Intak

Photodiode



- Lower threshold diameter by using shorter wavelenghts
- Drift performance in urban environment by comparison with local reference stations
- Characterization of precision by meteo conditions
- Equivalence testing (4 seasons / 4 different sites)



Focusing

Current activities

NO₂

- Solving the rH cross sensitivity and baseline drift in situ
- Drift in sensitivity
- Equivalence testing by GGD Amsterdam
- Pending Patent



Current activities Network



- Progress pilot network in Eindhoven since 1 year
- at 35 locations for PM, O3, rH, T and GPS
- At 5 locations with UFP (Nanomonitor)
- This year 4 NO2 sensors planned
- Next year NO2 for all 35 locations

Adjacent Cities joining in

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Achieved RESULTS PM

- Single particle observation
- Size classification by comparison with LasX through correlation

Take time series for each size channel and determine correlation with all size channels of LasX





Achieved RESULTS Good comparison with BAM

Measurement at city background site in Amsterdam

Comparison with BAM for PM10 and PM2.5 Also PM1 and size distribution





Achieved RESULTS Network



Precision shown at October storm 2013

Enough to reveal city gradients





Most healthy route per component





Achieved RESULTS NO2



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Development and assessment of full service networks for urban air quality and bulk goods transit areas.

Highly interested in projects in these fields of application



CONCLUSIONS

- PM 10 and 2.5 fair precision and accuracy
- NO2 sensor breakthrough, no visible sensitivity for rH and O3
- Research network (n=35) in operation for a year
- Equivalence measurements with standard being conducted
- Network QA/QC to be developed





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