

What is the Impact of Common Sources of Error on Air Quality LCS Measurements Performance?

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Quantification of Utility of Atmospheric Network Technologies

(QUANT, PI Dr Pete Edwards)

- 3 sites: Manchester, London & York
- ~3 years of data
- 13 brands
- 51 devices
- ~100 gas measurements
- ~200 PM measurements

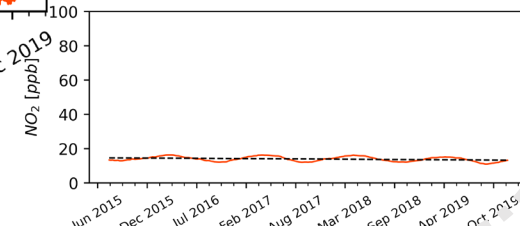
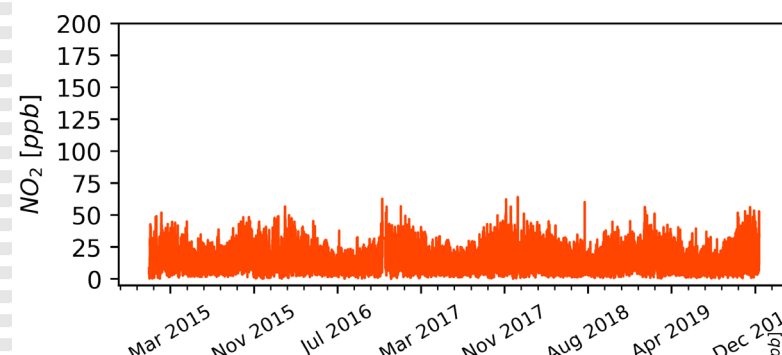
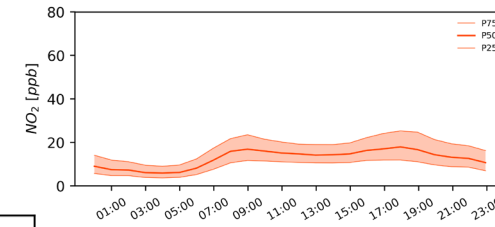
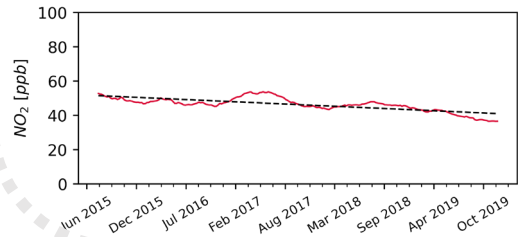
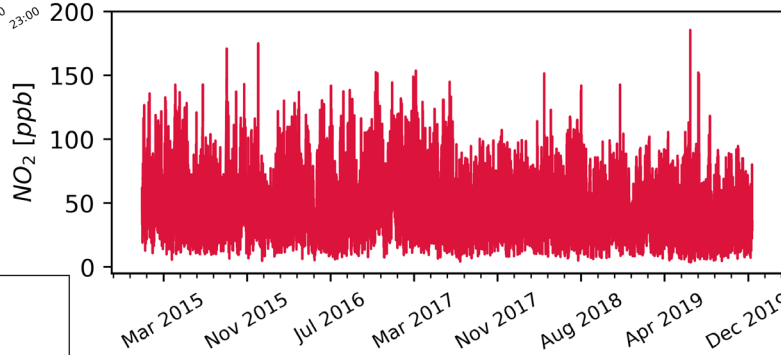
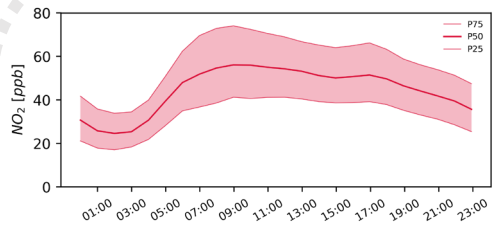


Credit: Dr Nicholas Mardsen

Site 1

2 Sites' fingerprint (5yr, 1hr data)

Site 2



Potential instruments to do the job

Instrument 8
 $R^2 = 0.90$
 RMSE = 4.0
 Time res.: 15min

Instrument 1
 $R^2 = 0.95$
 RMSE = 4.5
 Time res.: 1hr

Instrument 2
 $R^2 = 0.90$
 RMSE = 5.0
 Time res.: 24hs

Instrument 7
 $R^2 = 0.85$
 RMSE = 3.5
 Time res.: 30min

Instrument 3
 $R^2 = 0.85$
 RMSE = 5.5
 Time res.: 30min

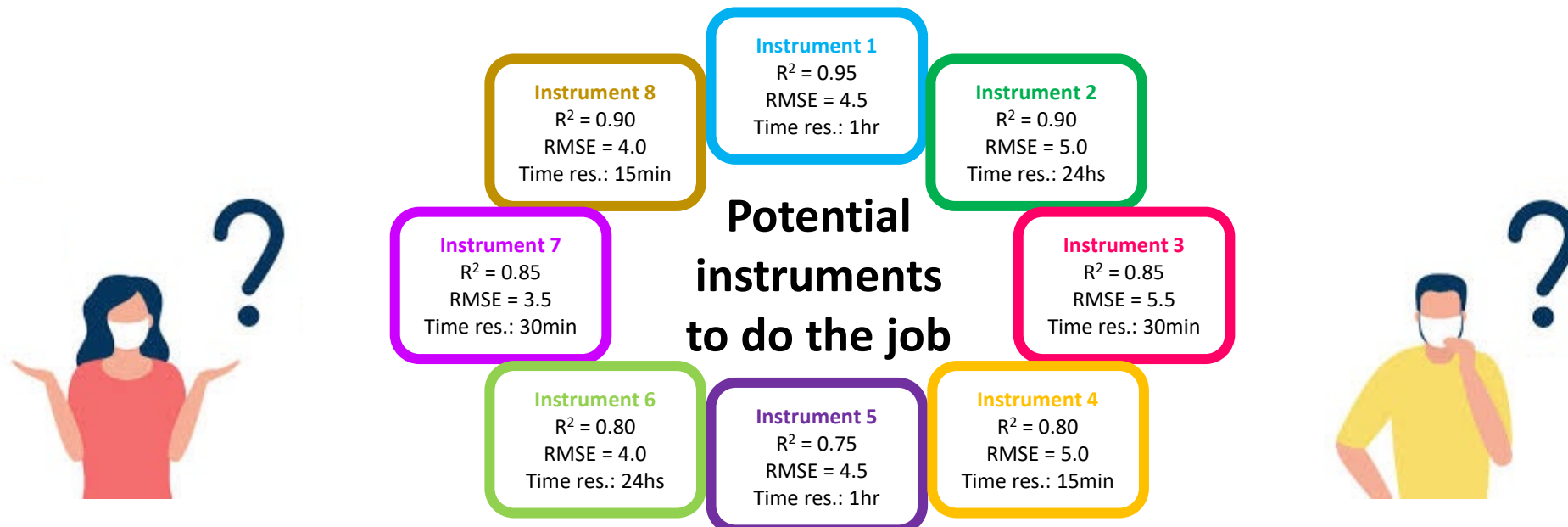
Instrument 6
 $R^2 = 0.80$
 RMSE = 4.0
 Time res.: 24hs

Instrument 5
 $R^2 = 0.75$
 RMSE = 4.5
 Time res.: 1hr

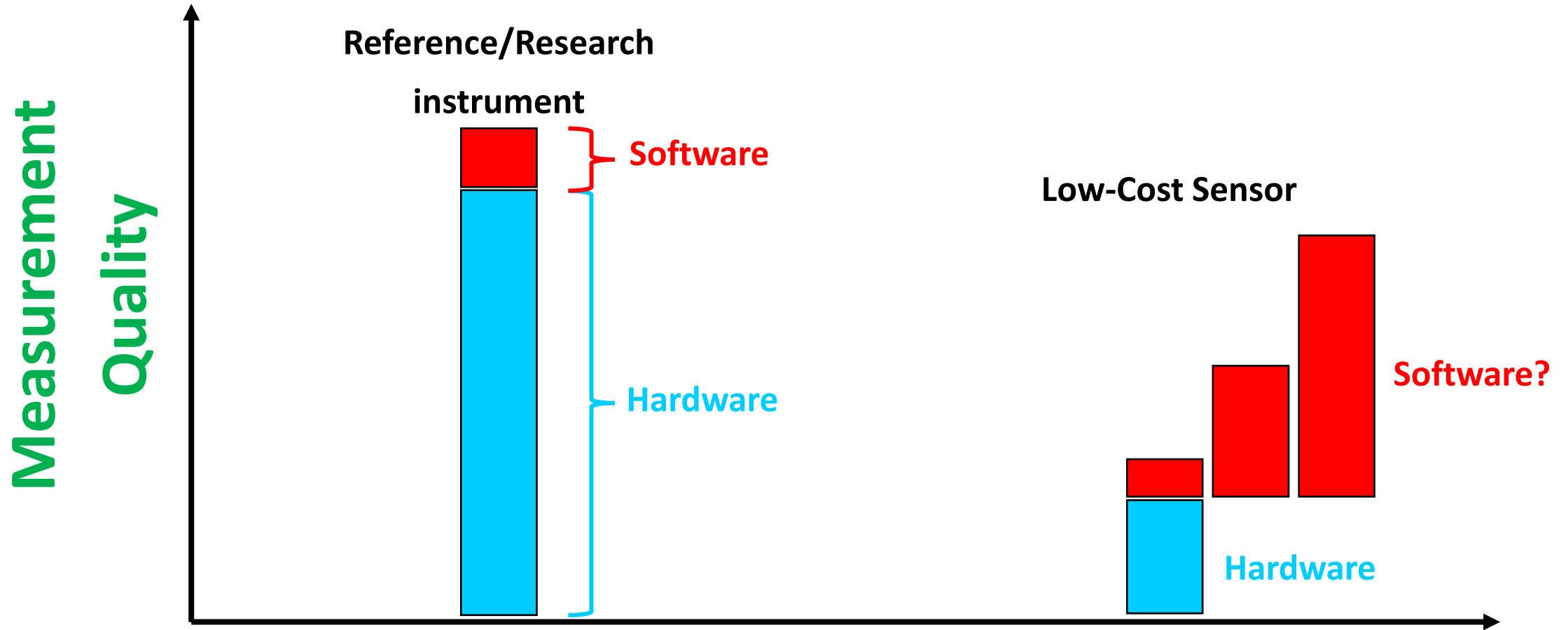
Instrument 4
 $R^2 = 0.80$
 RMSE = 5.0
 Time res.: 15min

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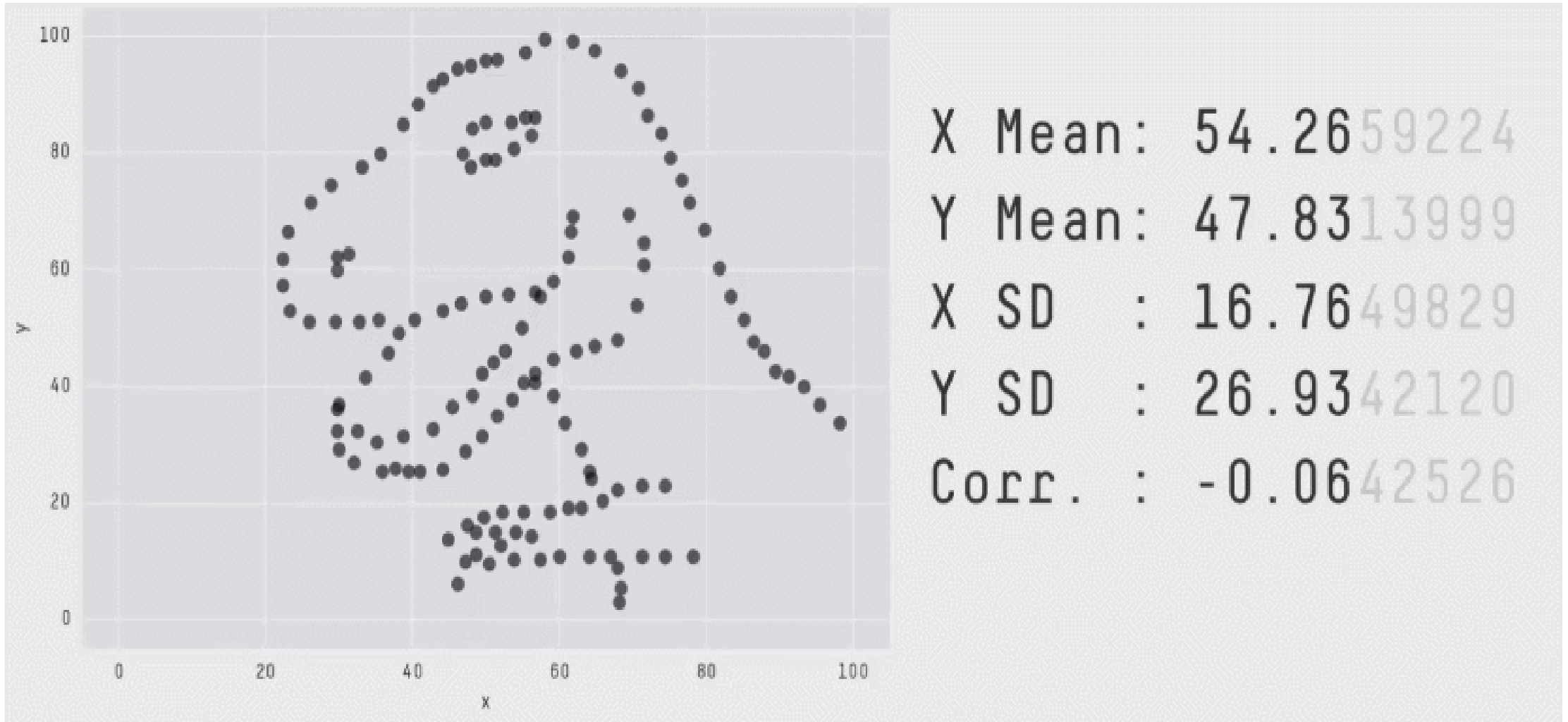
- Is it possible to know in advance how a LCS will perform?
- How do we now which LCS will perform best for a particular task?
- How the performance indices were obtained? Period? Site?
- And more importantly, are they comparable?



$$\text{Measurement Quality} = f(\text{Hardware}, \text{Software})$$

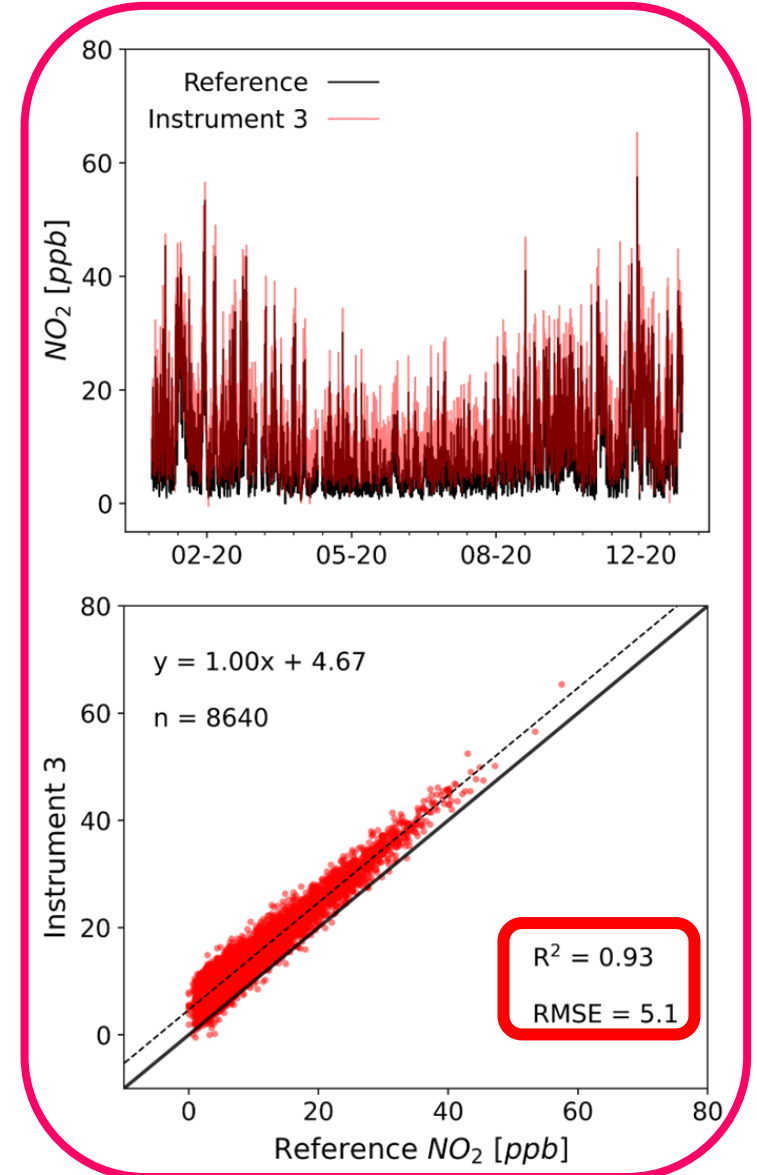
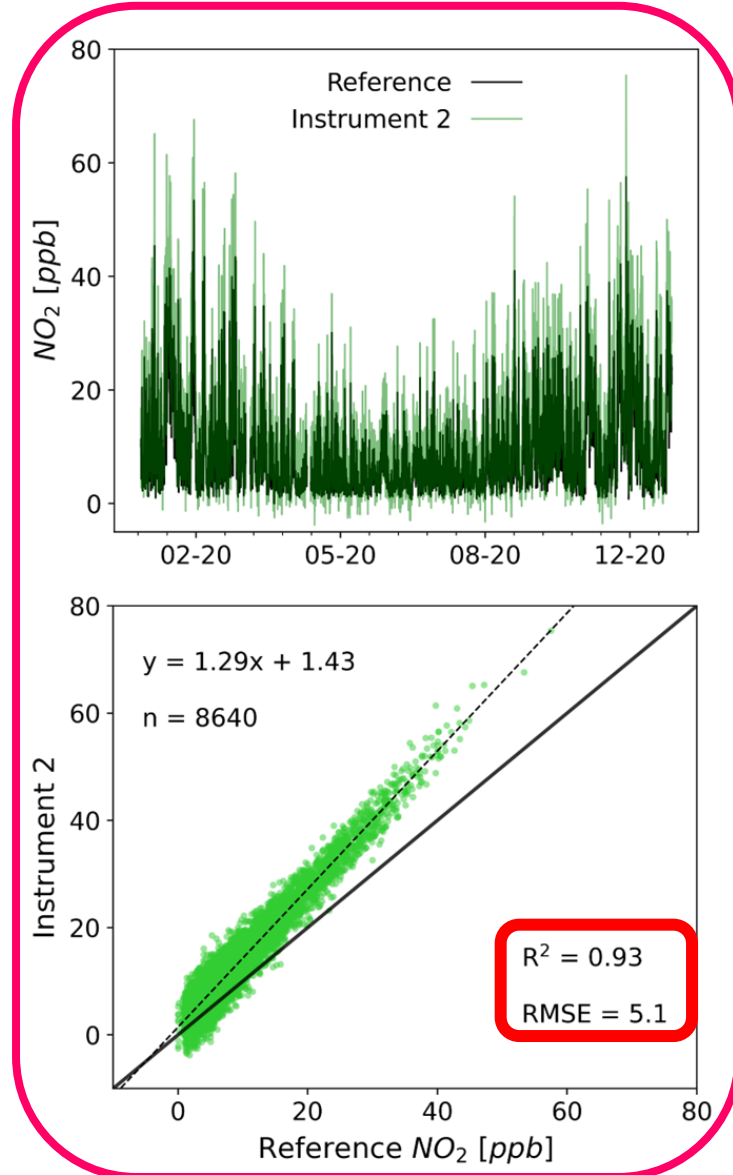
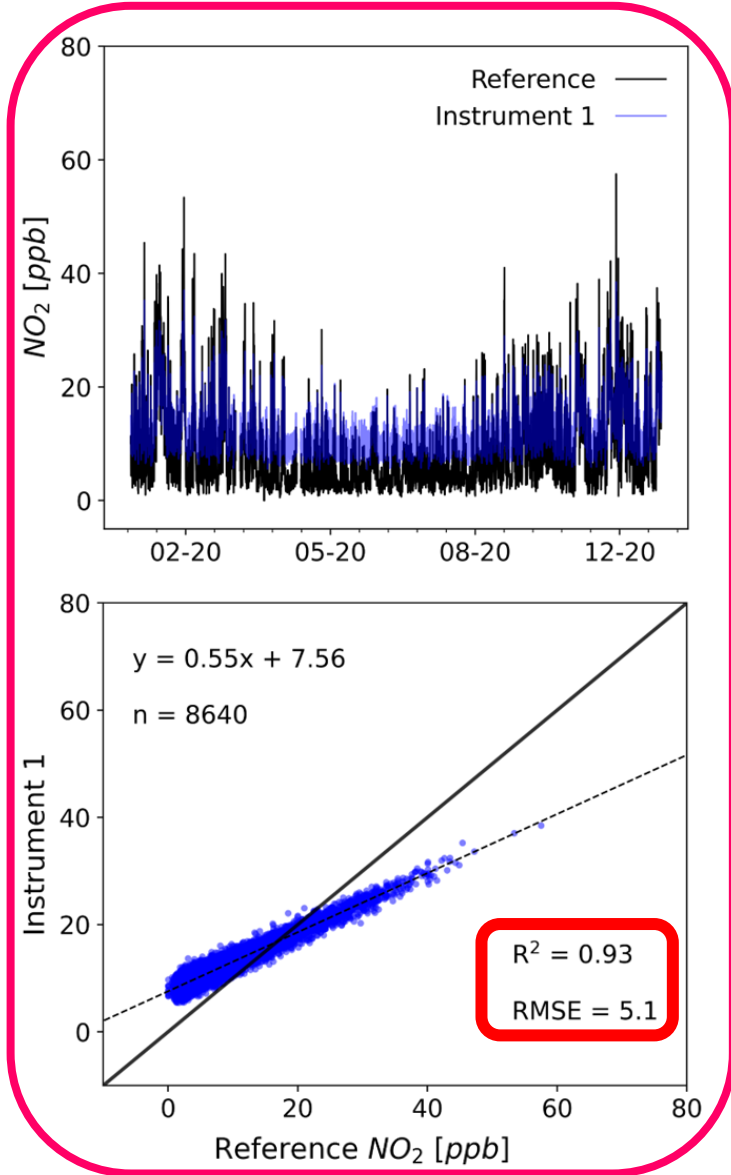


Single value metrics: The Datasaurus



Same Stats, Different Graphs:
Generating Datasets with Varied Appearance and Identical Statistics through Simulated Annealing
(Matejka & Fitzmaurice, 2017)

Single value metrics: different error structure, same R² and RMSE



Methods

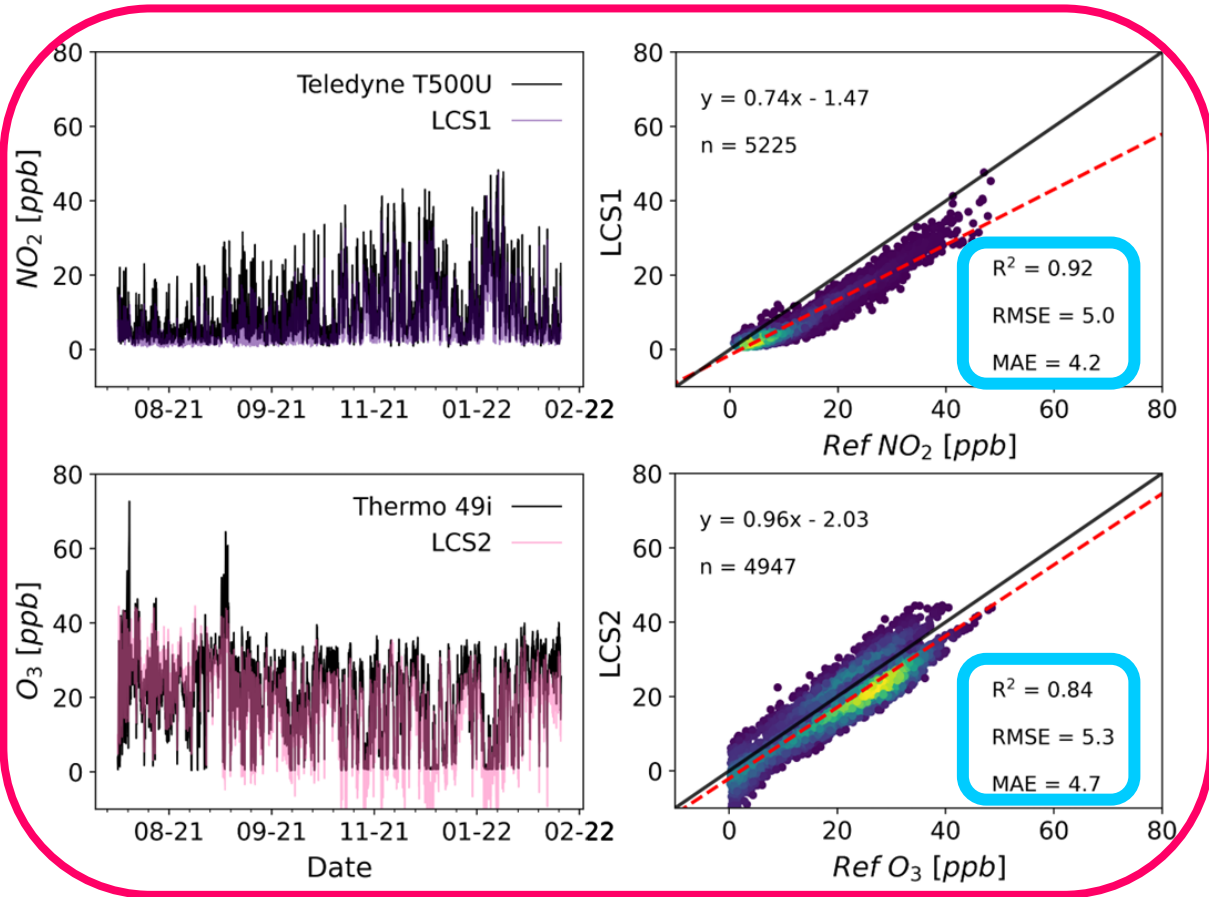
“Real-world” measurements:

- Duplicate QUANT sensors: PM_{2.5}, NO₂ and O₃
- Duplicate Ref grade instruments: NO₂ and O₃

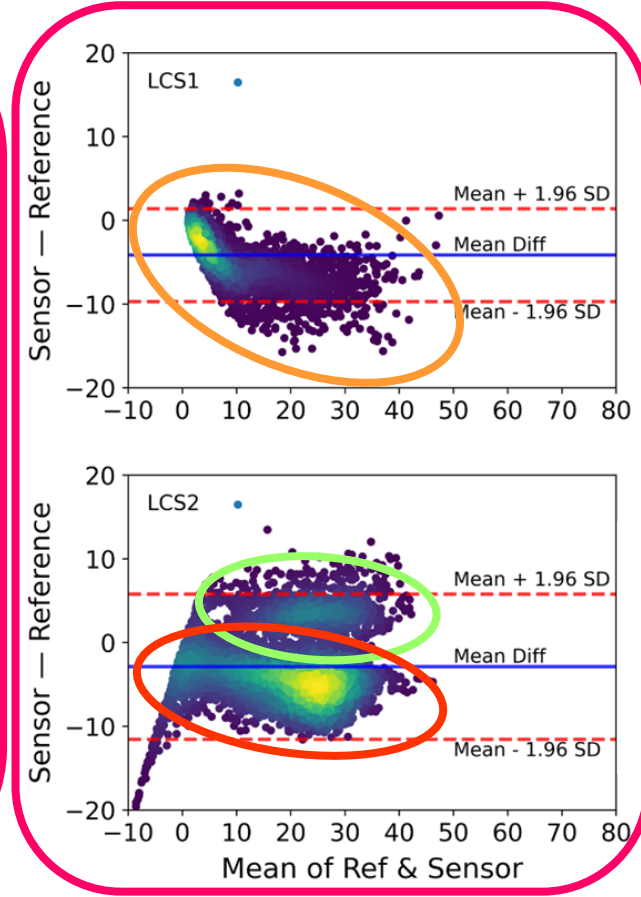
Tools:

- Single-value metrics
- Time-series plots
- Regression plots
- Bland-Altman plots
- Relative Expanded Uncertainty plots

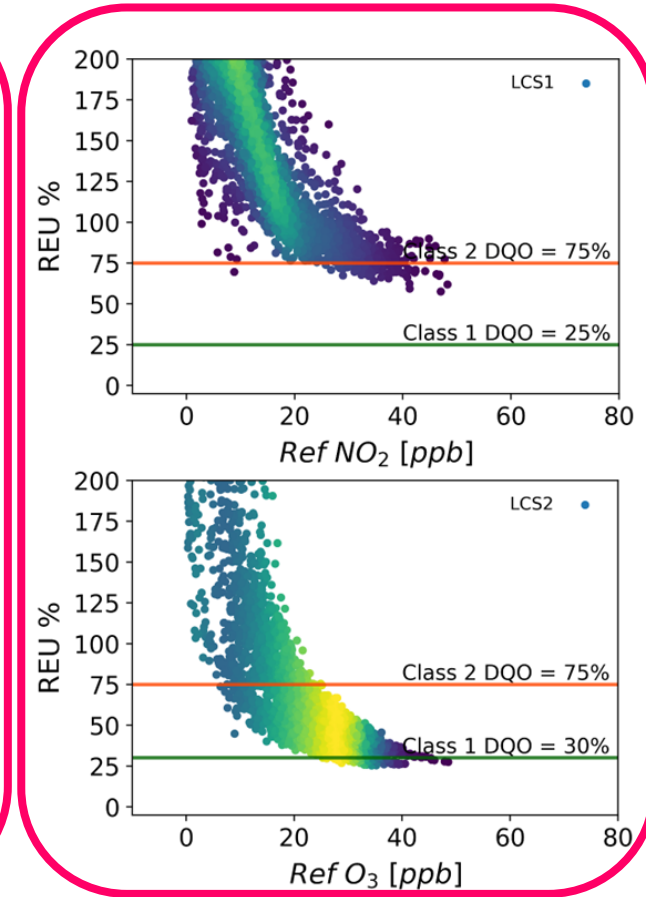
“Real-world” instruments: LCS NO₂ and O₃



Time series & regression plots

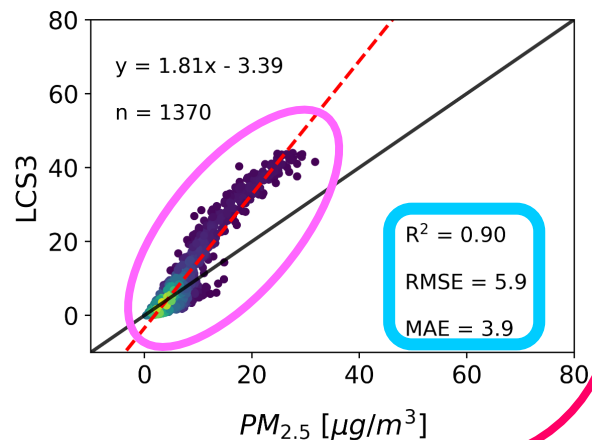
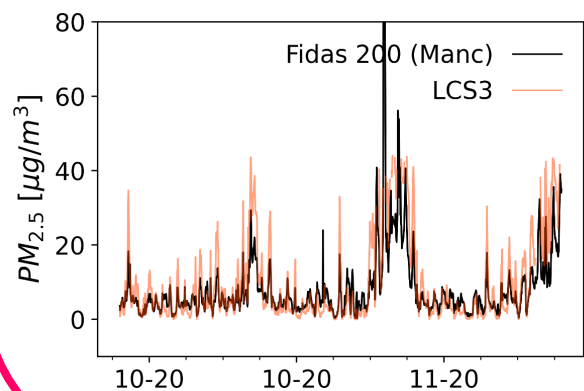
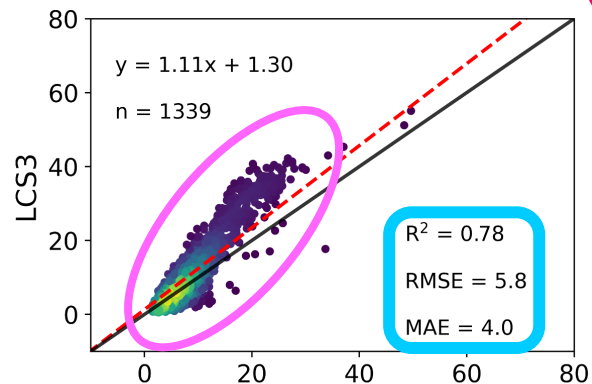
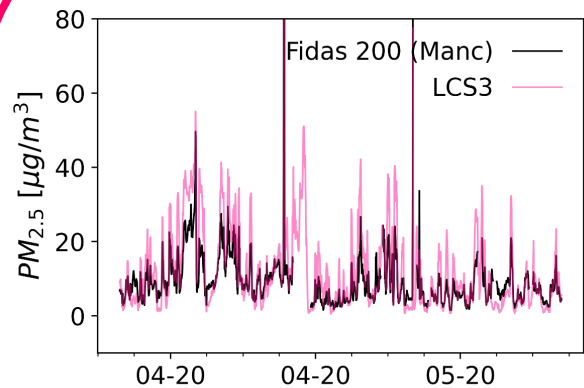


Bland-Altman plots

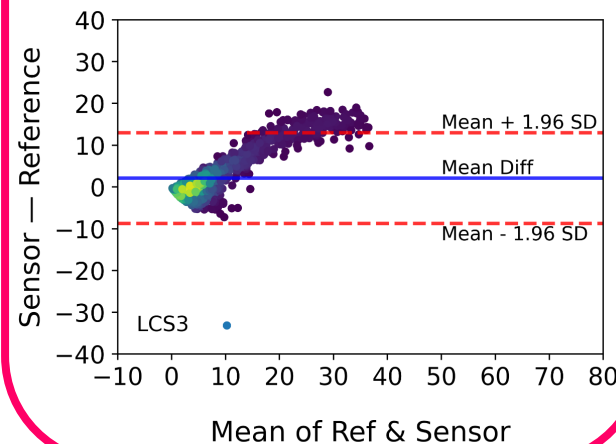
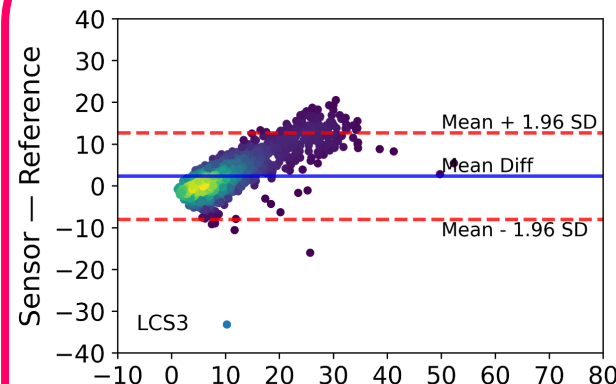


REU plots

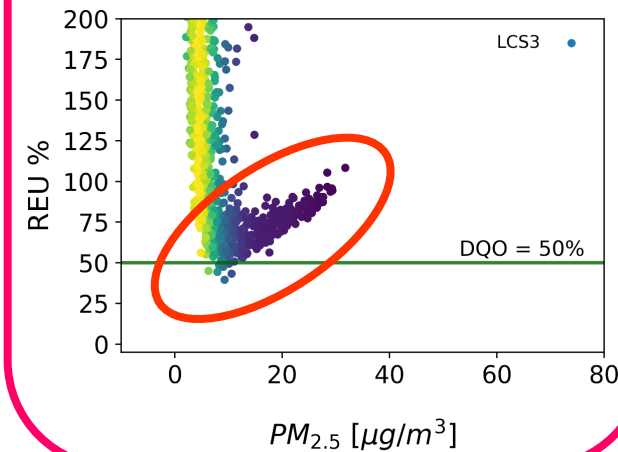
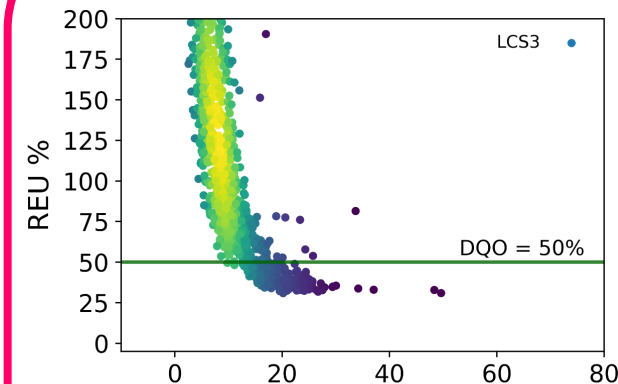
“Real-world” instruments: LCS PM_{2.5}



Time series & regression plots

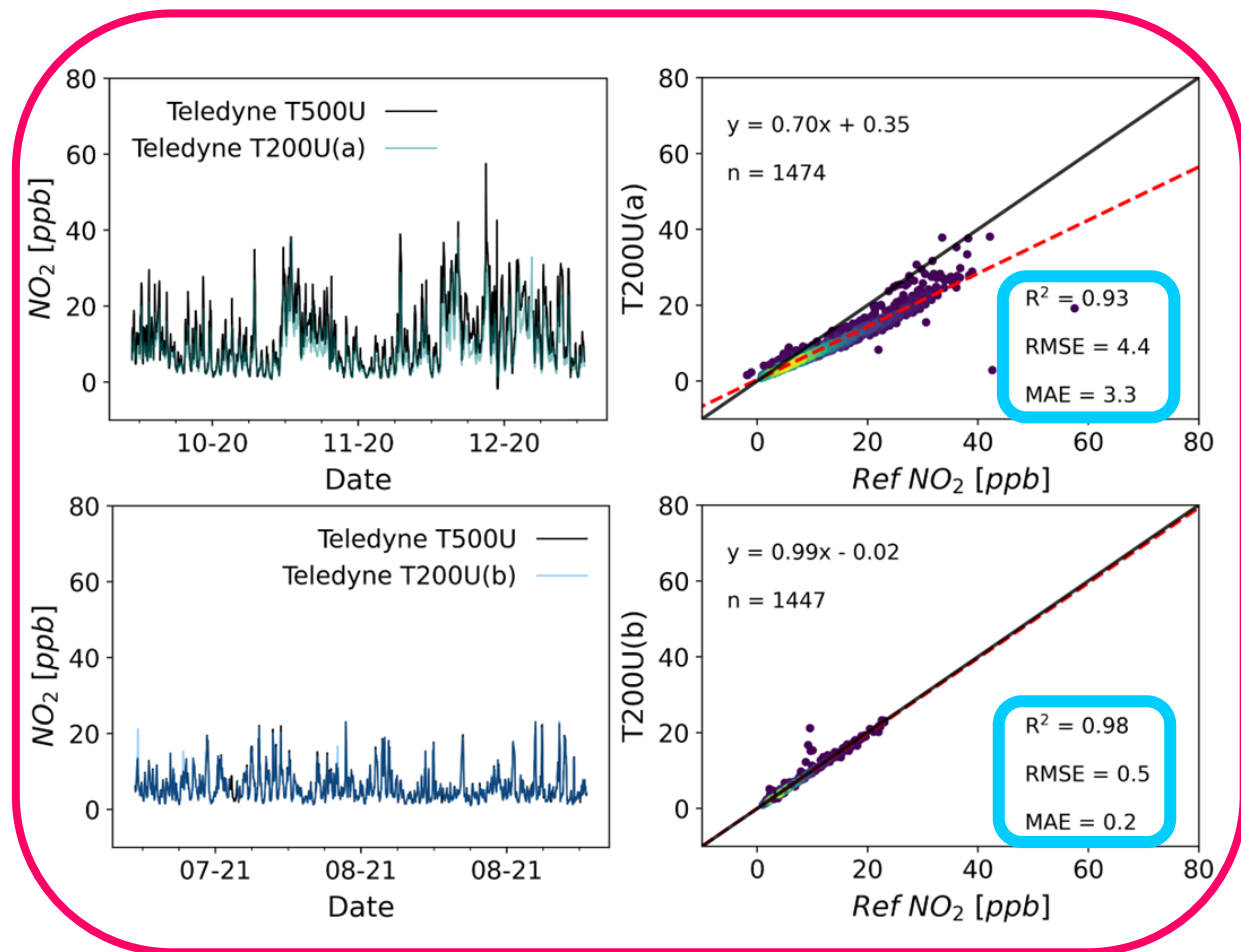


Bland-Altman plots

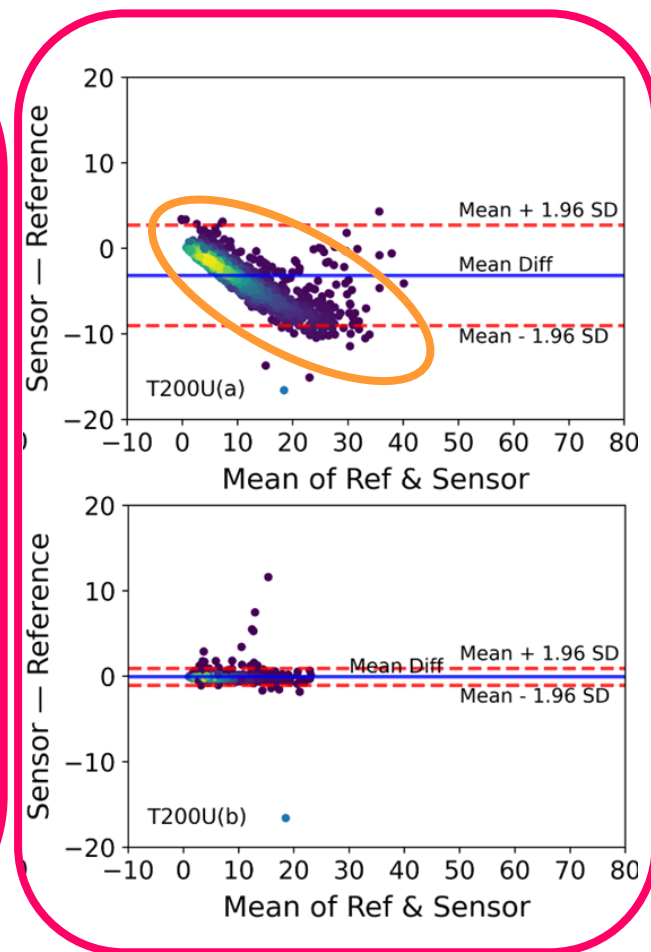


REU plots

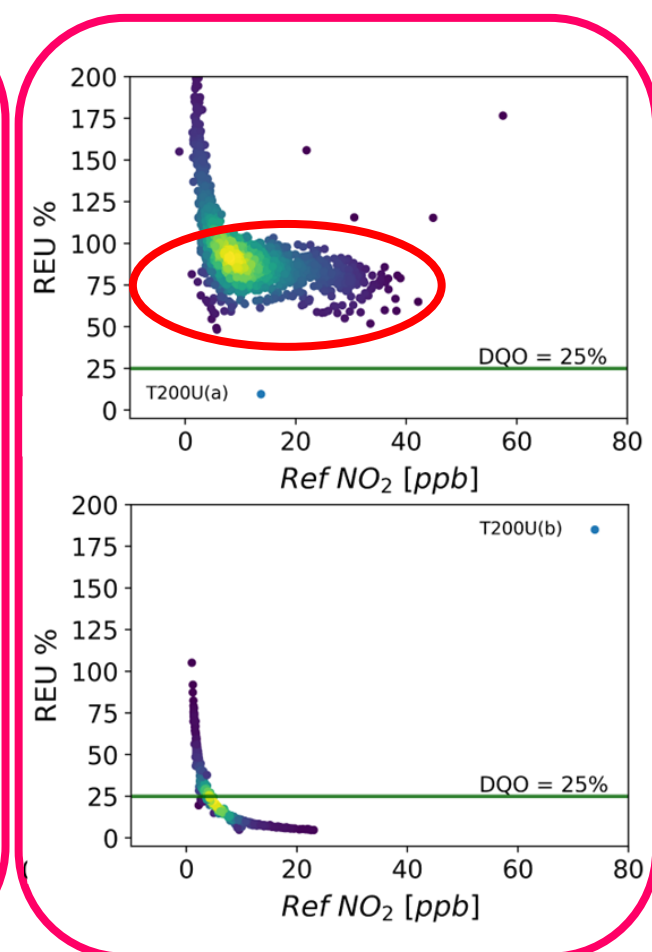
“Real-world” instruments: NO₂ Reference Grade



Time series & regression plots



Bland-Altman plots



REU plots

Take-home messages

- End users need to **clearly identify** the data requirements. What is the question you want to ask?
- **Single-value metrics** convey very useful information...but take proper care as they **can be misleading**
- **Plot your data!!!...in as many ways as possible**
- **Visualizing the data** enables the user to make **more informed decisions** about the LCS capabilities in the target range
- As **error sources** can **change** significantly for different **sites/seasons**, the LCS should ideally be tested **relevant environments**



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Extras

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Air pollution measurement errors: Is your data fit for purpose?

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We compare the quality of the information provided by cheaper and more expensive but accurate...

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Air pollution measurement errors: Is your data fit for purpose?

This repository contains Python and R code for reproducing the diagnostic plots shown in *Air pollution measurement errors: Is your data fit for purpose?* (Diez et al, 2022) (currently under review).

Python package

To install the Python package, run `pip install git+https://github.com/wacl-york/quant-measurement-errors-tools#subdirectory=quantpy`.

The `quantpy.plots` module contains functions to reproduce all 4 of the main plots in the functions: `time_series`, `scatter`, `bland_altman`, `reu_plot`. These can be used as follows:

```
import quantpy.plots as plots
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Creating a simple dataframe with random reference data
times = pd.date_range('2021-10-01', periods = 1000, freq = '60min')
df = pd.DataFrame(np.random.lognormal(mean = 3, sigma = 0.4, size = 1000),
                  columns = ['NO2'], index = times)
# Simulate a LCS with noise and bias
df['LCS1'] = (df['NO2'] + np.random.normal(0,3,len(df.index))).tolist()*1.2

plots.bland_altman(df, 'NO2', 'LCS1')

plots.scatter(df, 'NO2', 'LCS1')

plots.reu_plot(df, "NO2", "LCS1", DQO = 25, ylim=[0, 200])

plots.time_series(df, 'NO2', 'LCS1')
```

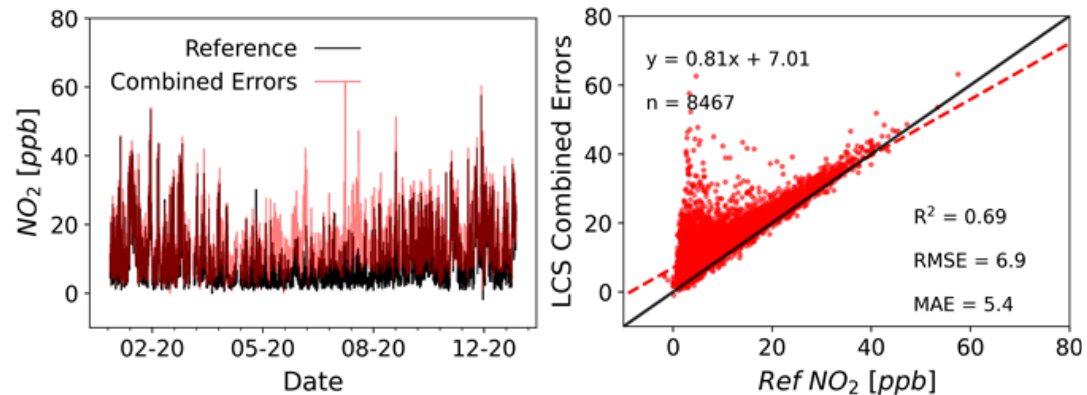
See the accompanying documentation for further support (i.e. `help(plots.bland_altman)`). Furthermore, the `quantpy.reu` module contains the function `reu` to calculate the REU.

<https://github.com/wacl-york/quant-air-pollution-measurement-errors>

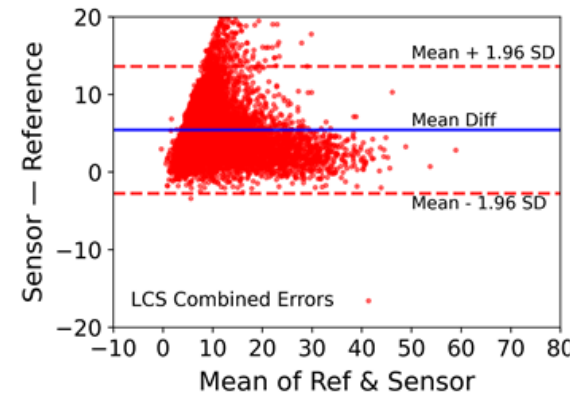
Simulated instruments: NO₂

Linear combination of arbitrary interferences:

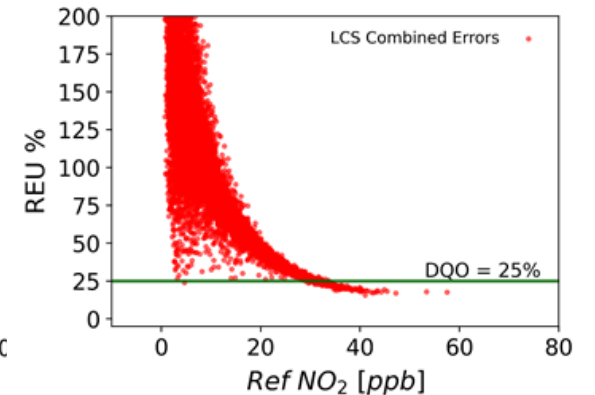
- temperature
- ozone
- electrical noise



Time series & regression plots



Bland-Altman plots



REU plots

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We will have a Champagne Toast in Ballroom DE at 3:30 PM.
And at 4:30 PM, please join us for the International Connections Happy Hour, located at the Hilton Hotel, 168 South Los Robles Ave.

