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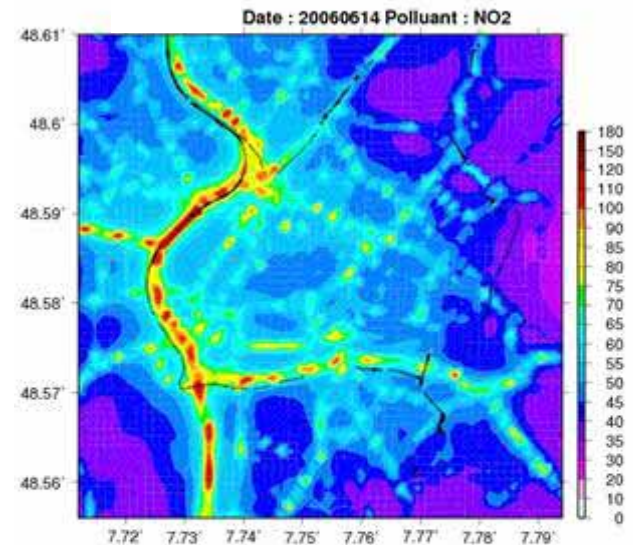
# Study of air pollution dispersion in a street: case of Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam)



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# Objectives of LIV work on air pollution modeling

Understand processes driving air pollution over urban areas, human behaviour and the social context of these areas in order to optimize air pollution management.



## Current projects:

- improve air pollution forecasts over cities (ex: Paris).  
L. Menut - LMD, INERIS (Paris), A. Clappier (EPFL).
- estimate population exposure to air pollution and health impacts  
S. Glatron - LIV (Strasbourg), D. Bard - EHESP (Rennes).
- understand vegetation ecological function (impact on air pollution).  
C. Weber, A. Wania - LIV (Strasbourg), M. Bruse (Univ. Mainz).
- improve estimate of traffic emission factors.  
A. Clappier, L. C. Belalcazar, A. Rasheed - LPAS (EPFL).

# Numerical models running at LIV :

**The chemistry-transport model CHIMERE**  
(coordinator: L. Menut, LMD, Paris):

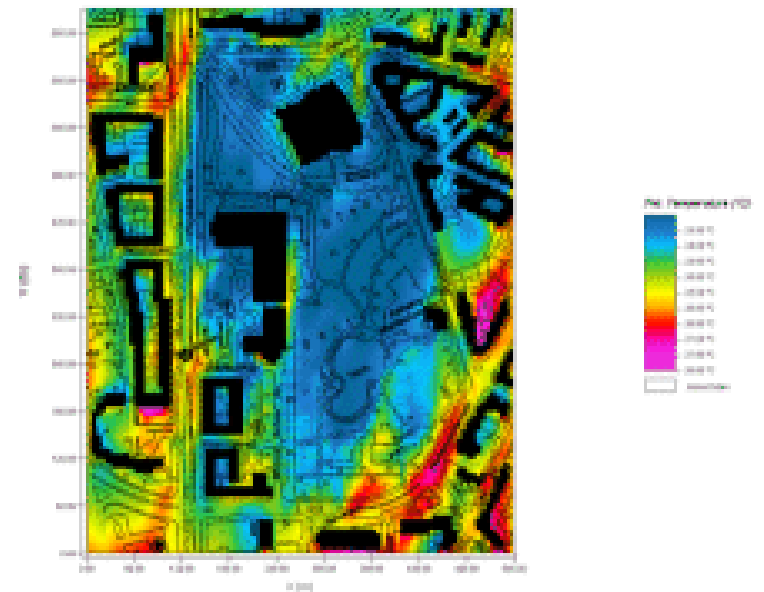
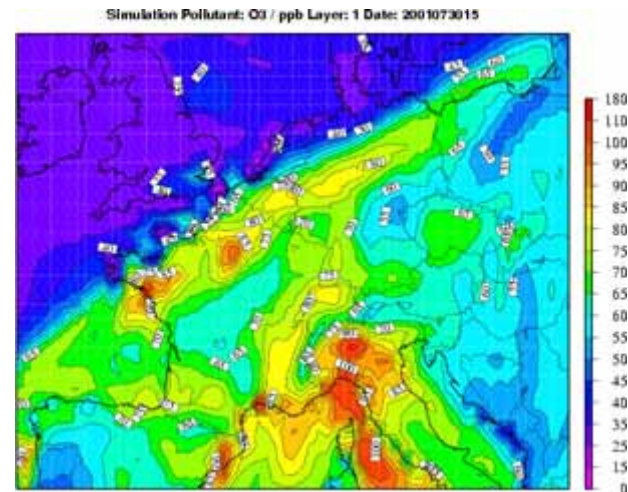
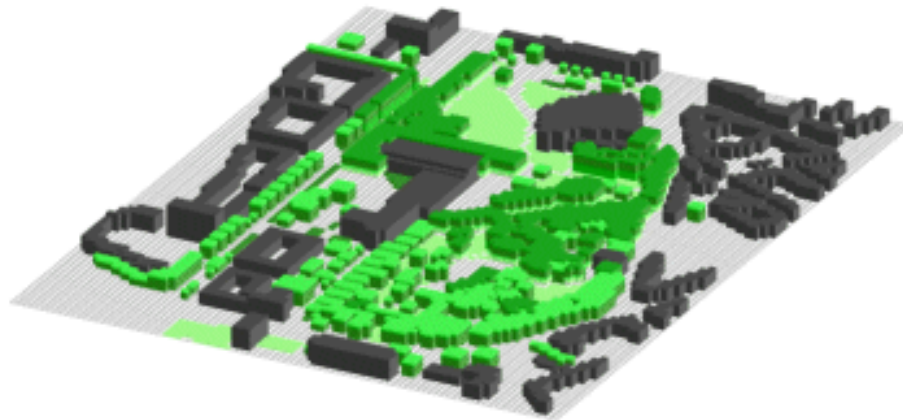
<http://euler.lmd.polytechnique.fr/chimere>

Muti-scale model – runs over a range spatial scale from regions and urban areas.

**The RANS model ENVI met**  
(coordinator: M. Bruse, Univ. Mainz):

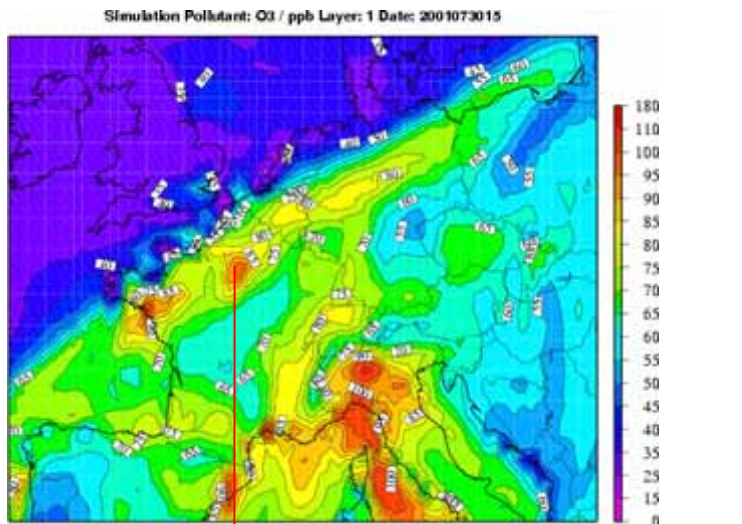
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Studies over few streets.



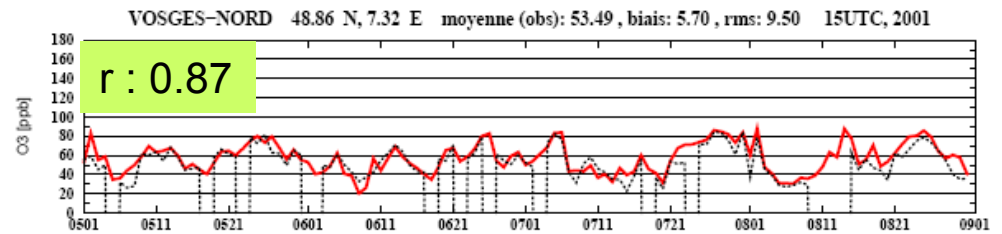
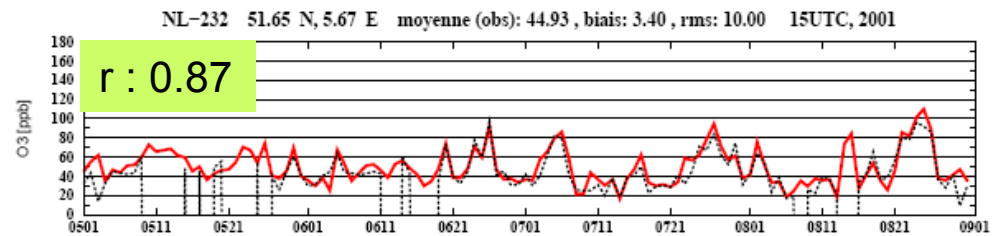
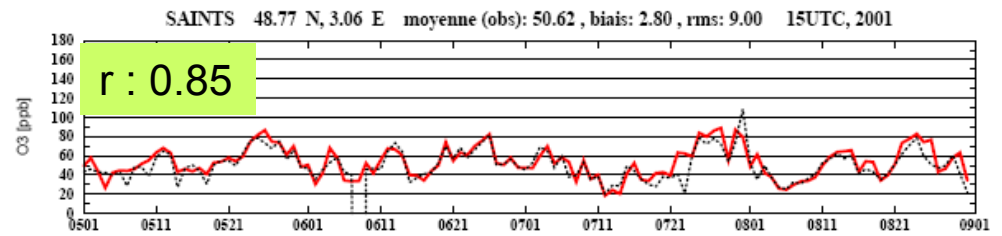
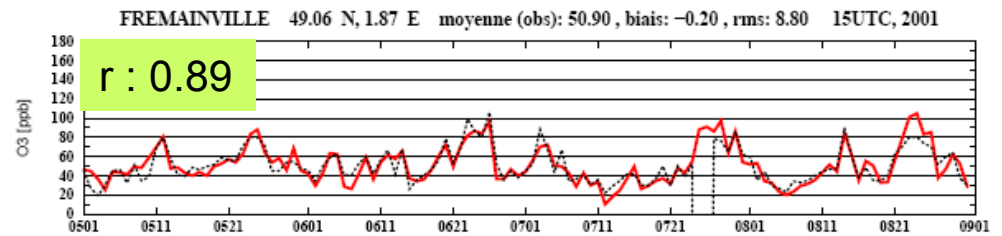
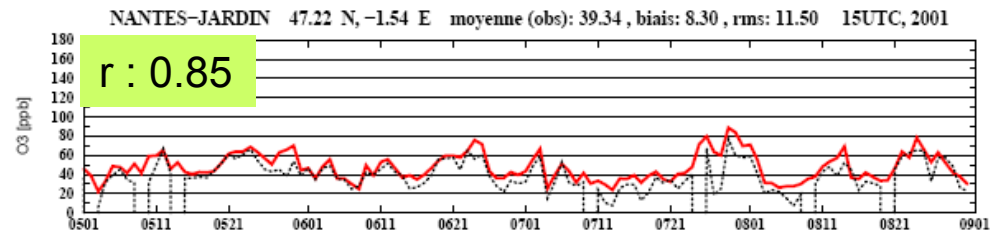
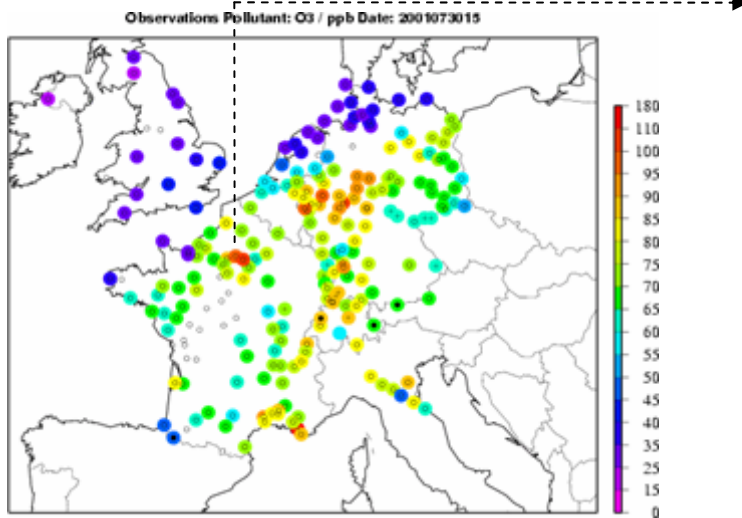
Pictures taken from <http://www.envi-met.com>

# CHIMERE validation using surface data

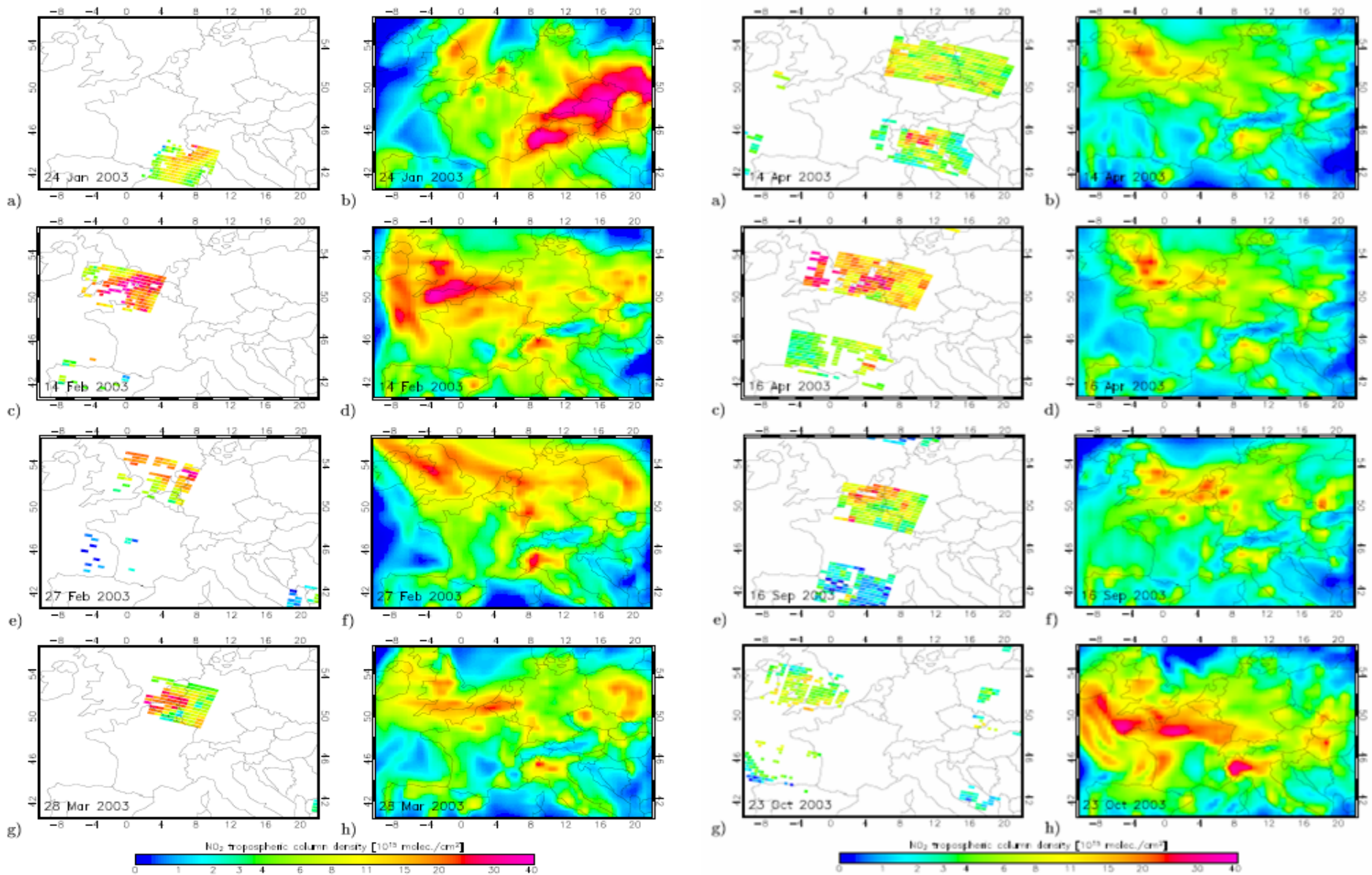


Simulations

Observations



# Comparison of CHIMERE with satellite data (collaboration with H. Eskes from KNMI)



# Recent work: use of ENVImet to understand air pollution dispersion in a street in Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam).

## Ho Chi Minh City measuring campaign January - March 2007

Conducted by A. Clappier et al.,  
EPFL, Lausanne.

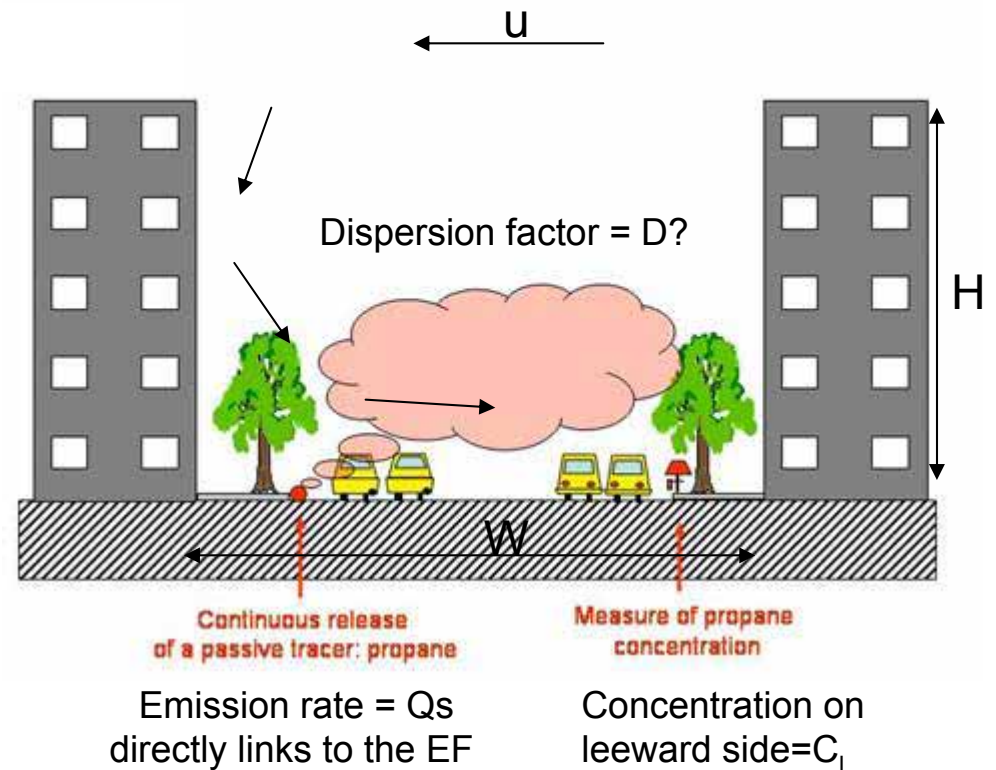
### Objectives of the campaign:

Identify the sources of pollutant.  
Estimate traffic emission factors  
(EF) as previously done in Bogotá  
(Zarate et al., 2007).

$$C_l = D * Q_s$$

D computed using the model STREET

$$D(z) = k(H-z) / [HW(u+0.5)]$$



# Ba Thang Hai street

14 000 motorcycles/hour (95% of the fleet distribution)



# Tracer liberation and measurements

**(2) Tracer liberation:**  
n-Propane from  
LPG (non toxic): 12  
h/day, 30 days



**(1) Traffic recording**  
24 h/day, 60 days

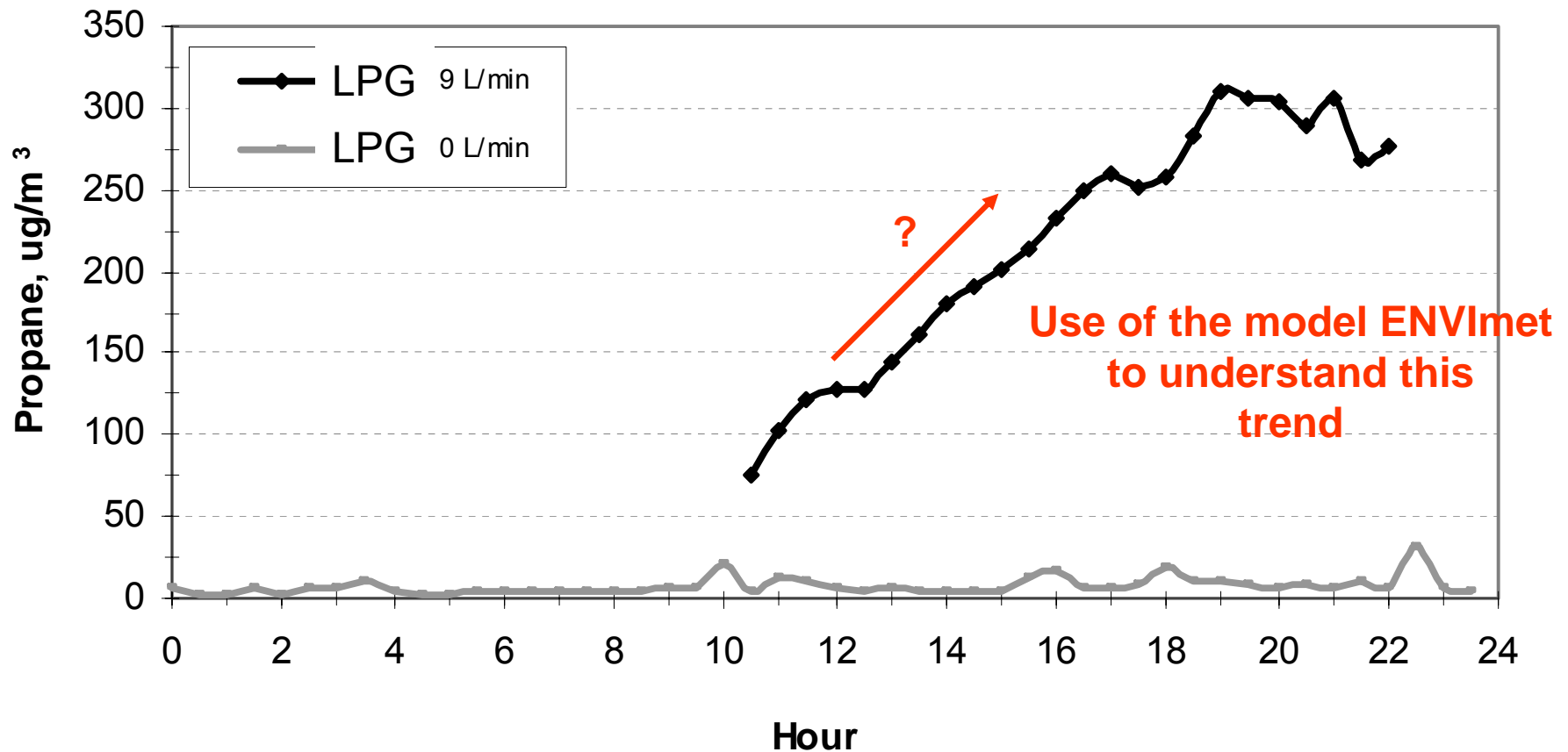
**(4) Meteorology**

**(3) Monitoring station:**  
NO, PM<sub>2.5</sub>,  
18 VOC

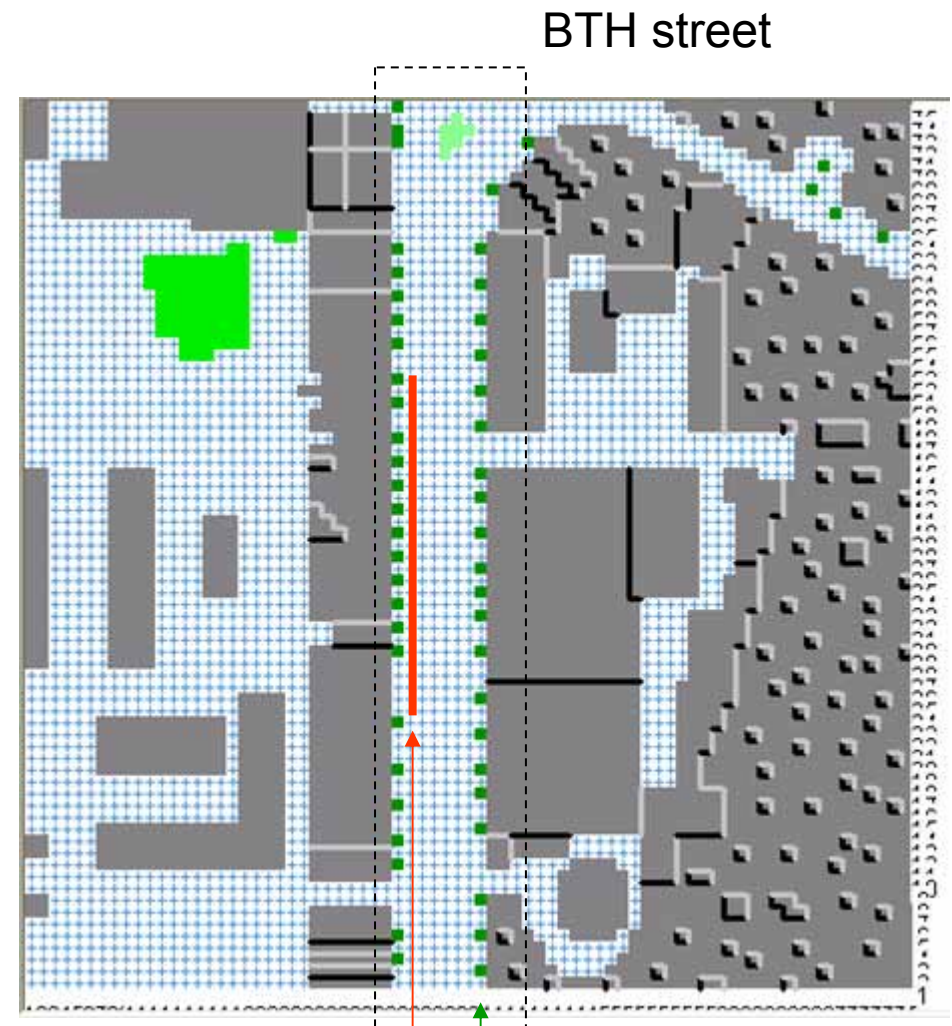




# Comparison of propane concentrations when LPG was released (9 L/min) with normal background levels (0 L/min).



# Setup of first ENVImet simulations



LPG emission line source with an emission rate of 9L/min

Series of 20m-height trees

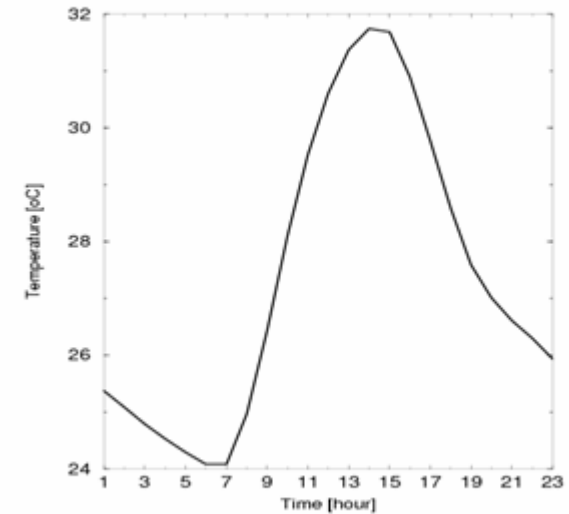
Horizontal resolution 4x4m<sup>2</sup>

# Model initialization and simulations

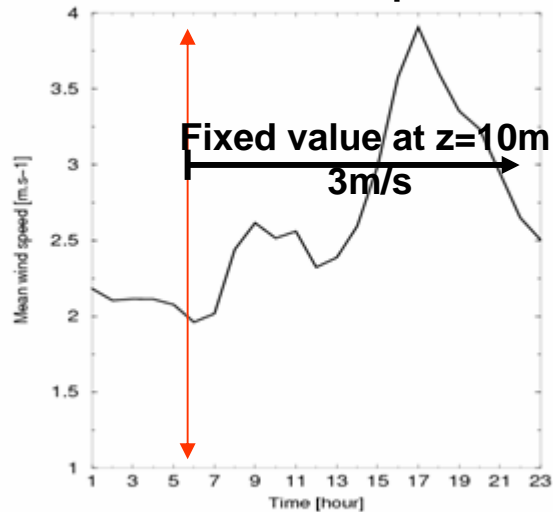
Initialization of the model at 6h (local time) with **typical values** computed using the meteorological observations.  
 $\Theta(z=2500\text{m})=290\text{K}$ ,  $\text{RH}=50\%$   
Initial values:  $T_{\text{soil/surface}}=25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  
 $T_{\text{inside-building}}=25^\circ\text{C}$

Runs for 24 hours.  
Spin up of 6h

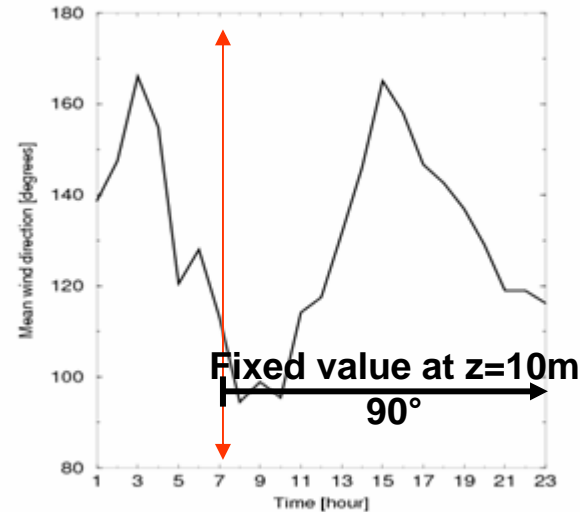
Mean temperature



Mean wind speed

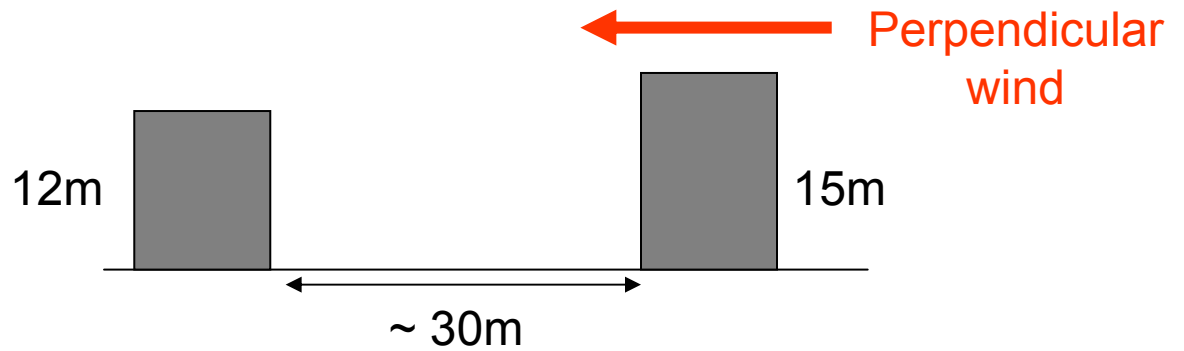


Mean wind direction



Perpendicular wind  
of 3m/S

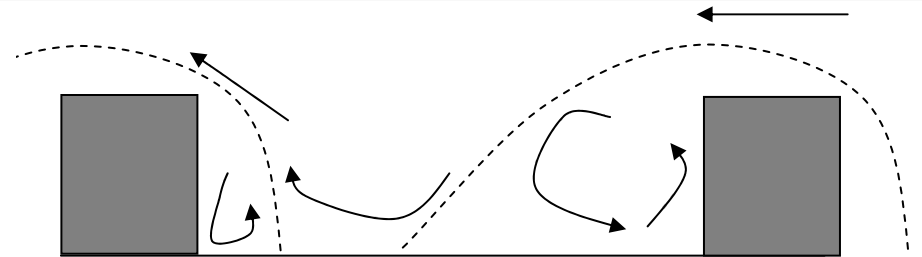
Ba Thang Hai Street case



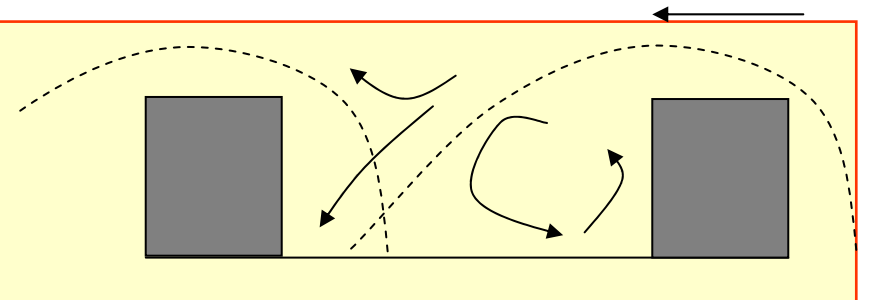
Referring to street canyons studies: **BTH street is a shallow, long and step down street canyon ( $H/W \sim 0.5$ ,  $L/H > 10$ )**

**Flow regimes for perpendicular approaching wind direction : Oke, 1988**

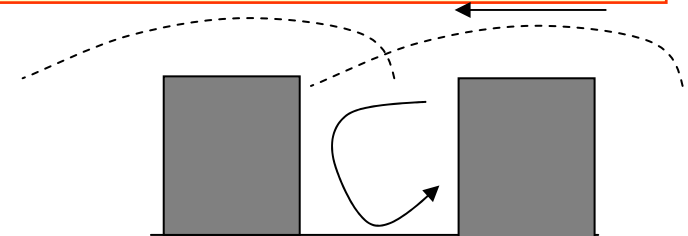
**Isolated roughness flow**  
Flow fields do not interact



**Wake interference flow**



**Skimming flow**  
Circulatory vortex is established.



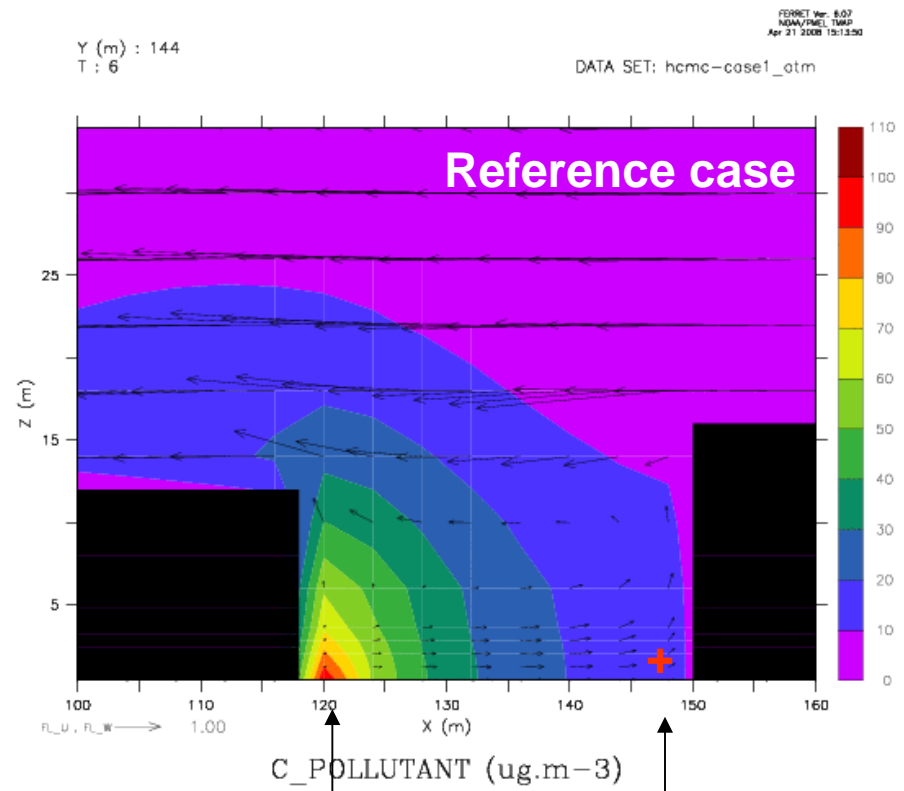
# First results



Consistent wind flow.

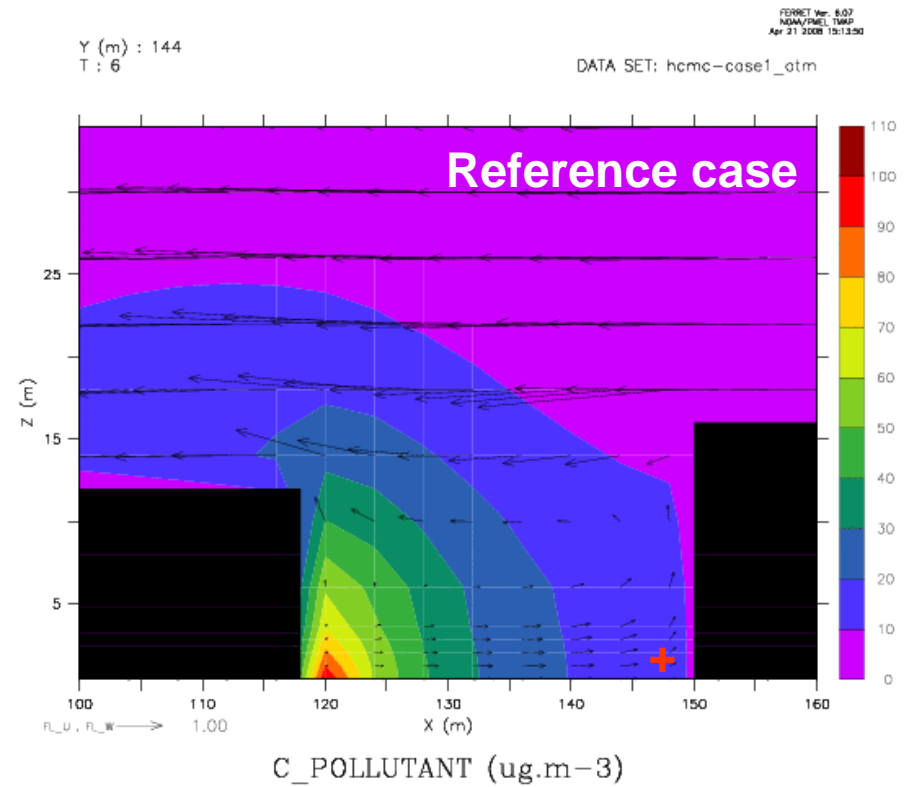
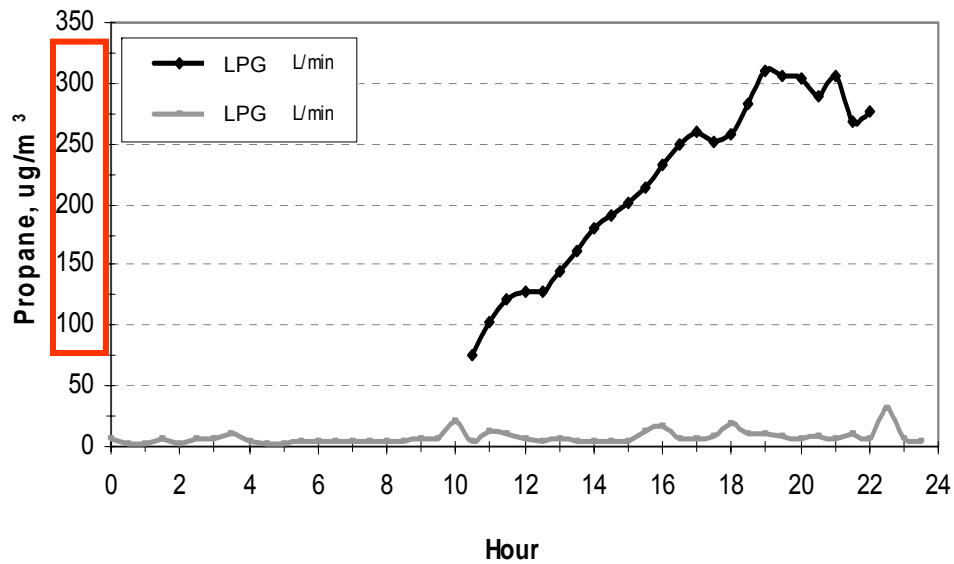
## Windward side:

Near sources, concentrations in the range of what we should have on the other side of the street



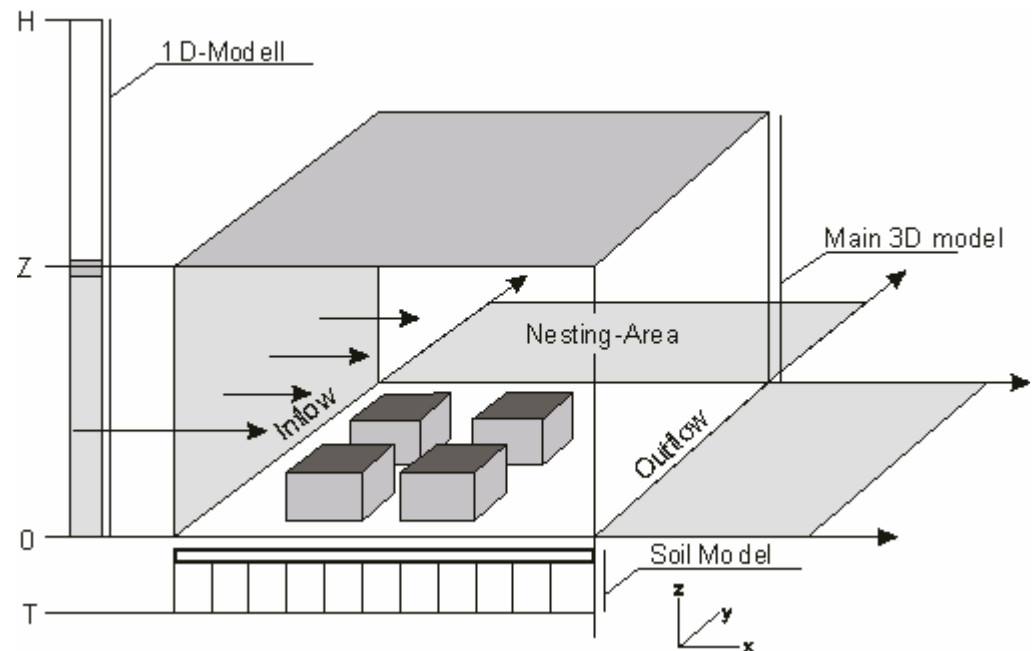
## Leeward side:

Low concentrations. Factor 10 compared to the observations.



**Differences observations/simulations?**  
**Rôle of turbulent diffusion?**  
**Rôle of thermal effects?**  
**Rôle of the trees?**

# Sensitivity studies to input parameters which can influence the turbulent diffusion, thermal effects or the trees effects.

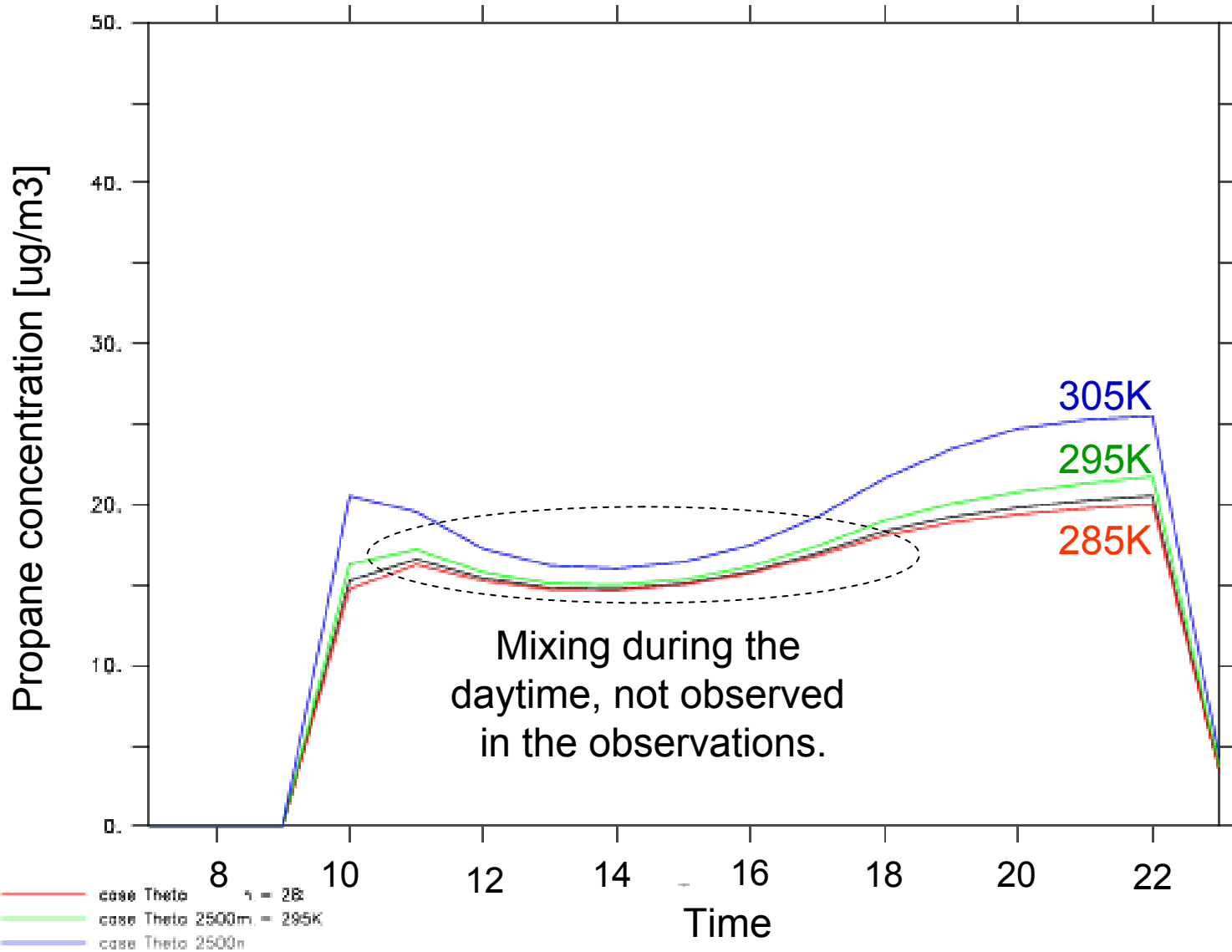


## Modified input parameters:

- potential temperature in 2500 m height (start value for all layers, fixed at 2500m but re-calculated below)
- Initial surface temperature of surfaces and soil
- Initial inside temperature of buildings
- wind direction (fixed value during the simulation)
- wind speed (fixed value during the simulation)
- leaf area density of the trees

# Changes in potential temperature in 2500m height

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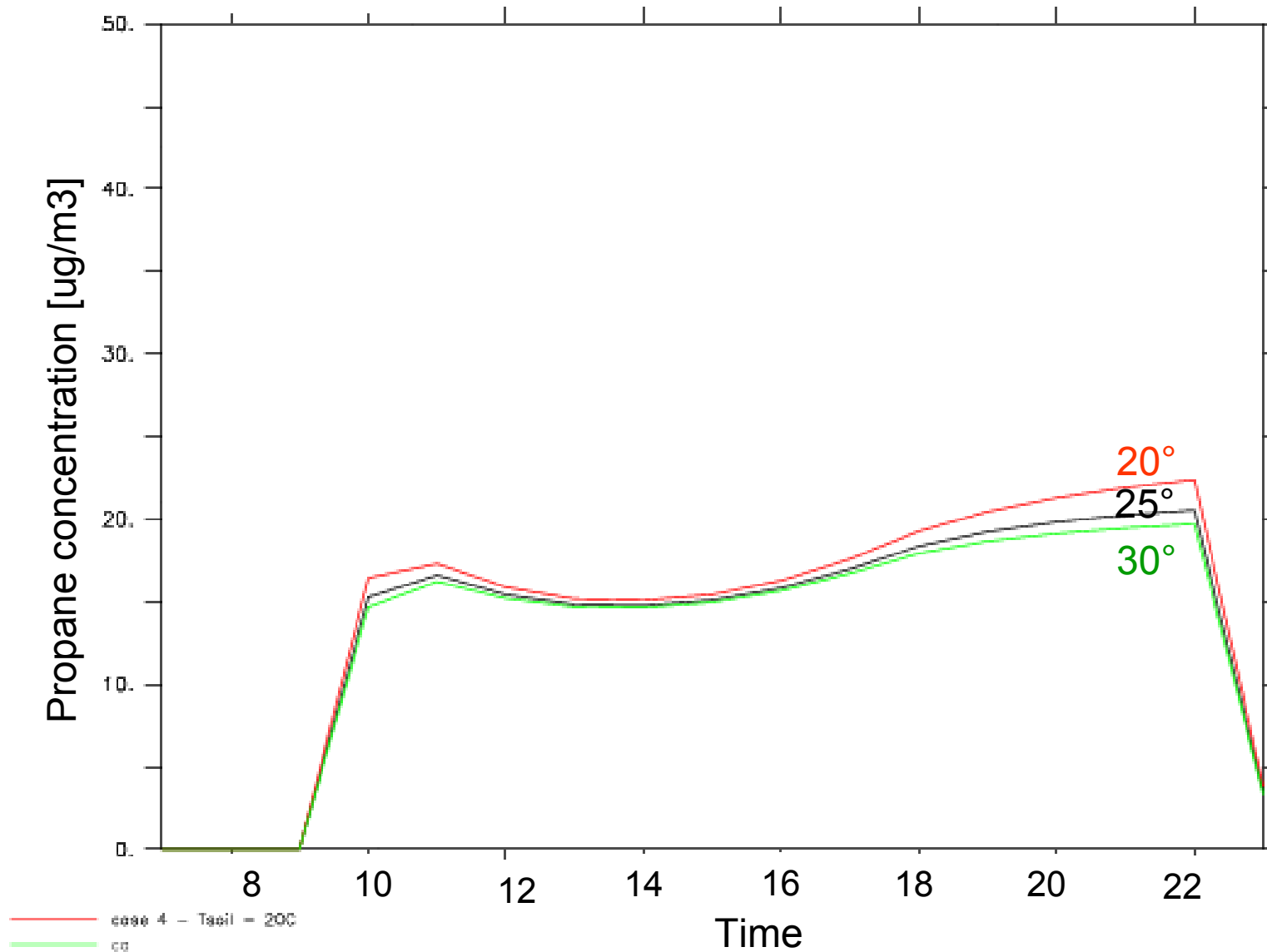




# Changes in initial surfaces and soil temperature

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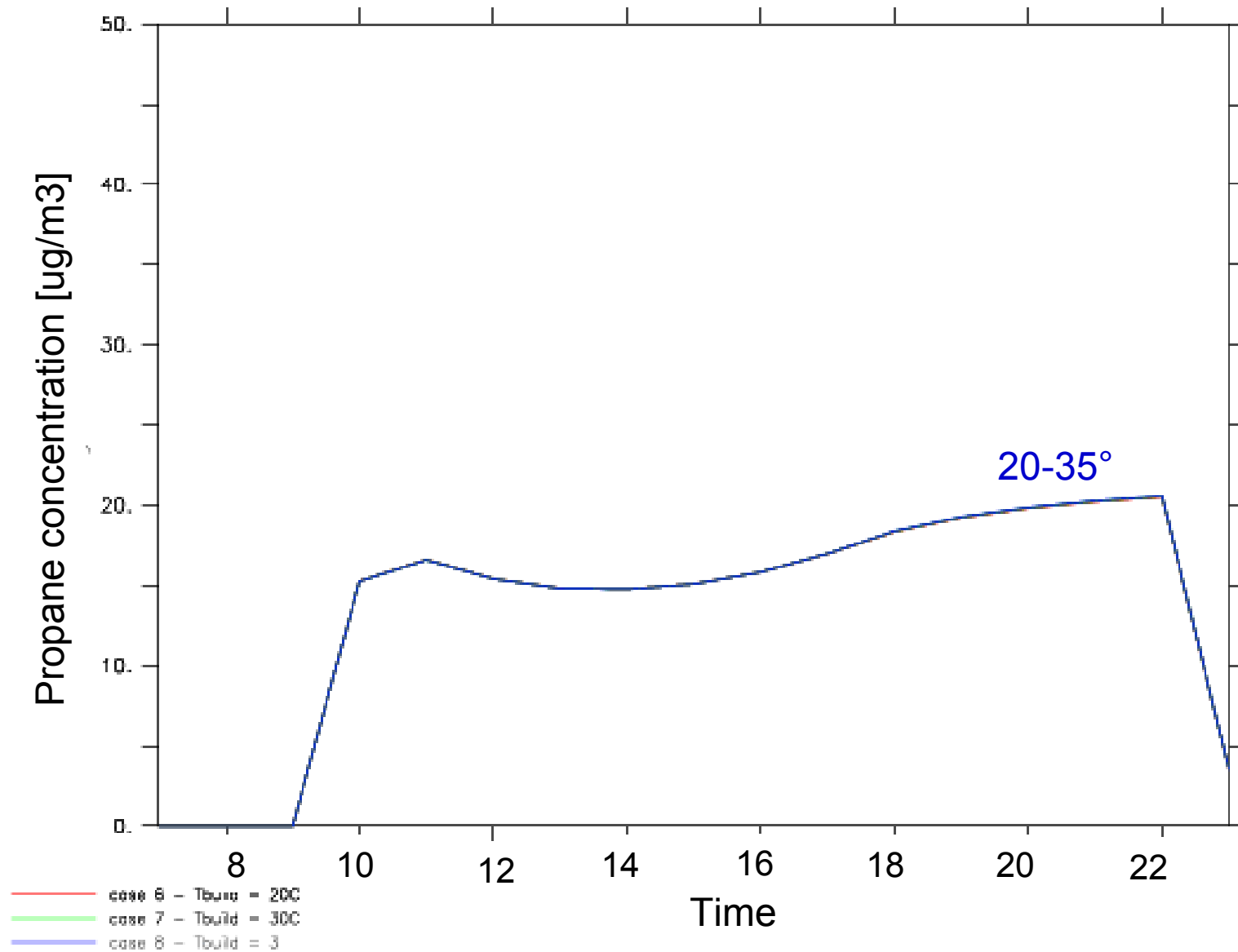
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# Changes in inside temperature of buildings

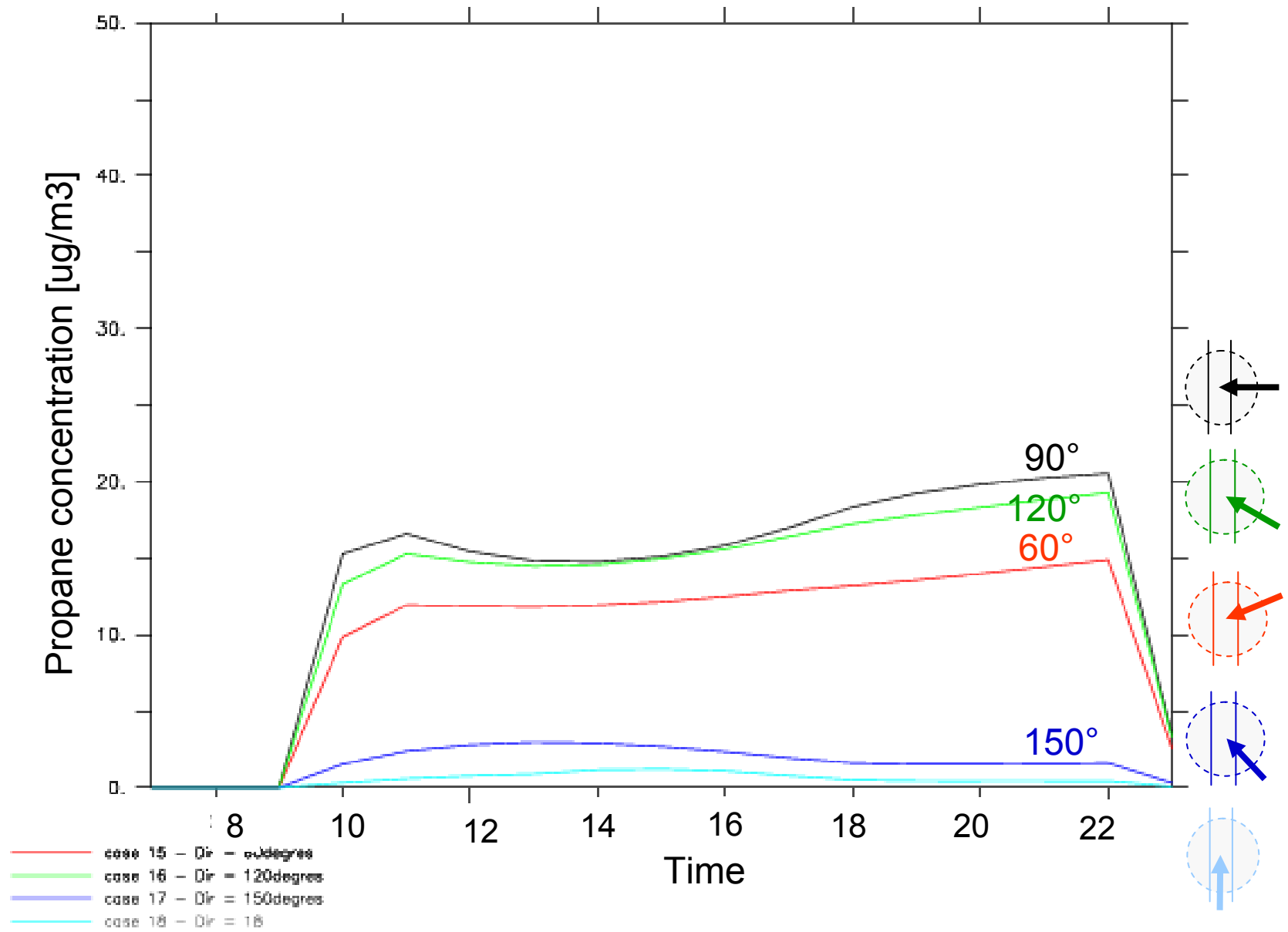
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DATA SET: home-case1\_atm



# Changes in wind direction

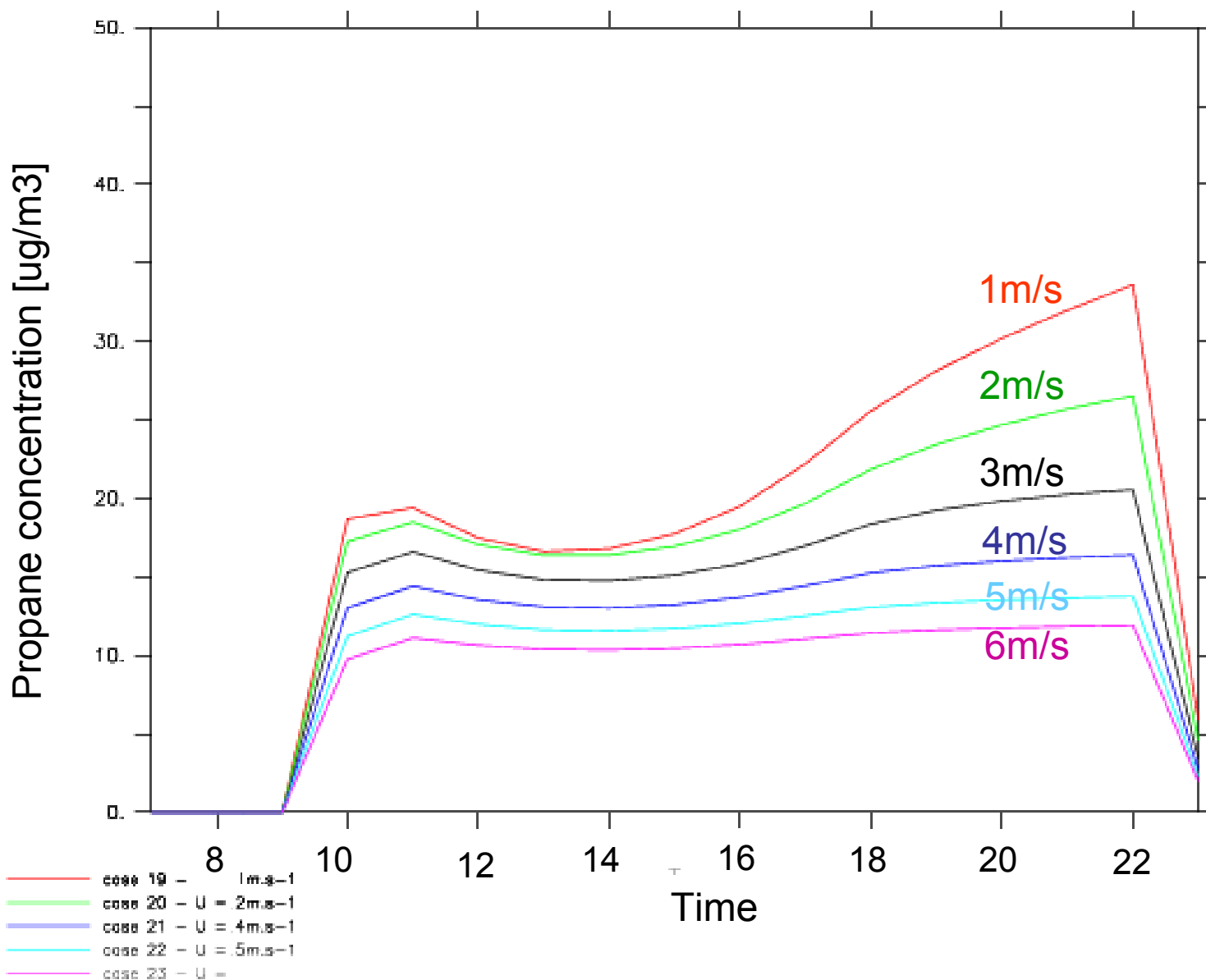
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# Changes in wind speed

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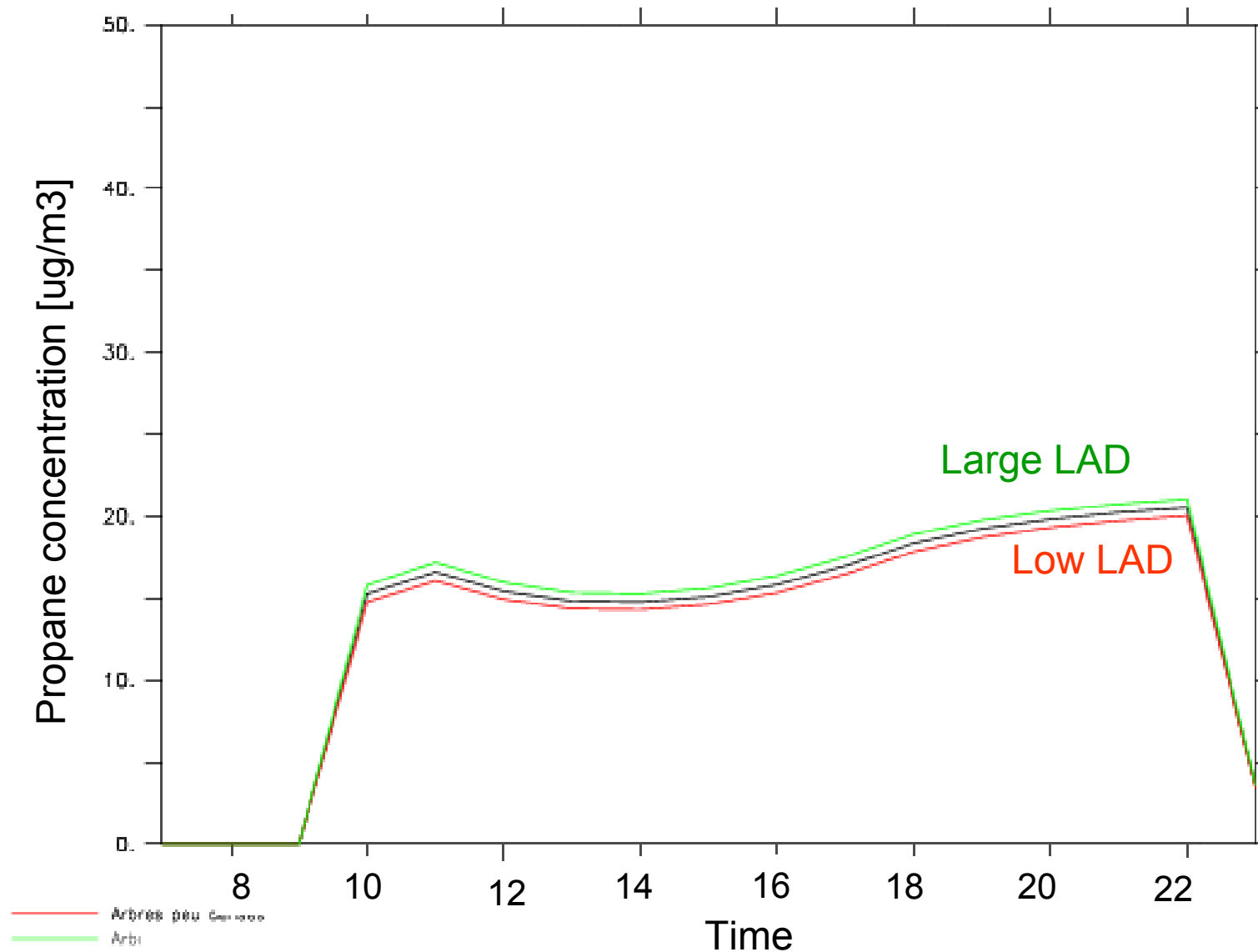
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# Changes in leaf area density

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# Conclusions

⇒ The sensitivity studies performed with ENVI-met didn't help to understand air pollutant dispersion in the BTH street.

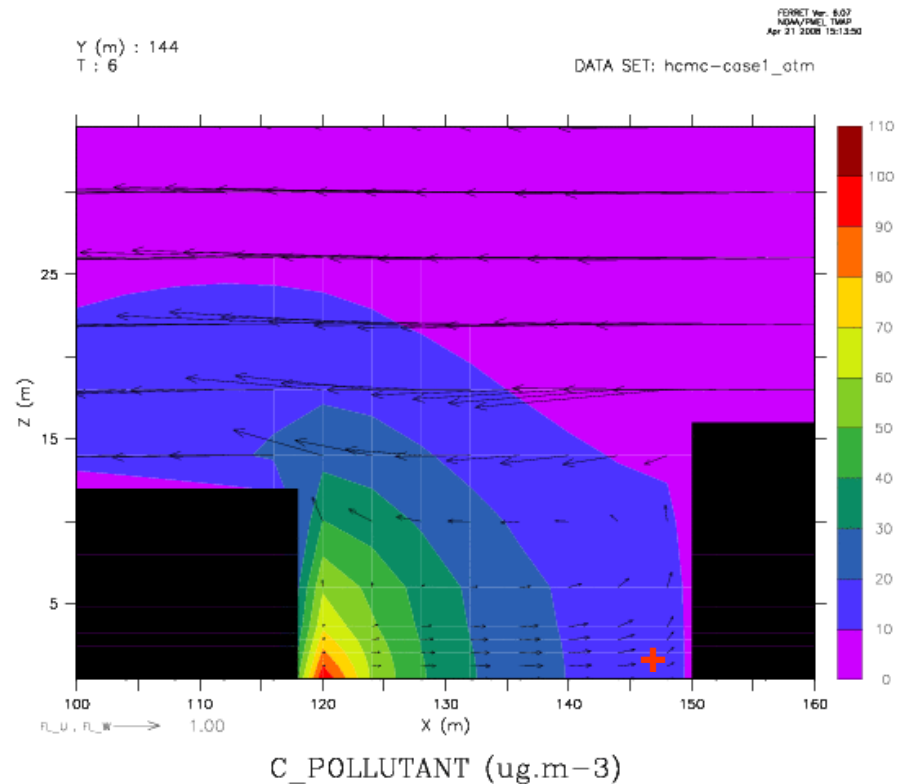
Turbulent diffusion and thermal effects cannot explain differences between observations and simulations.

⇒ The most important factors which influence the concentrations are:

- Wind speed
- Wind direction.

⇒ Less important factors which influence the concentrations are:

- Potential temperature in 2500 m height
- Initial temperature of surface/soil.
- Initial inside temperature of buildings.
- Leaf area density of the trees.



# Perspectives

Preliminary study, more tests are needed

⇒ Modify the geometry of the street to be closer to the reality. Different flow regime?

⇒ Look at the impact of spatial resolution.

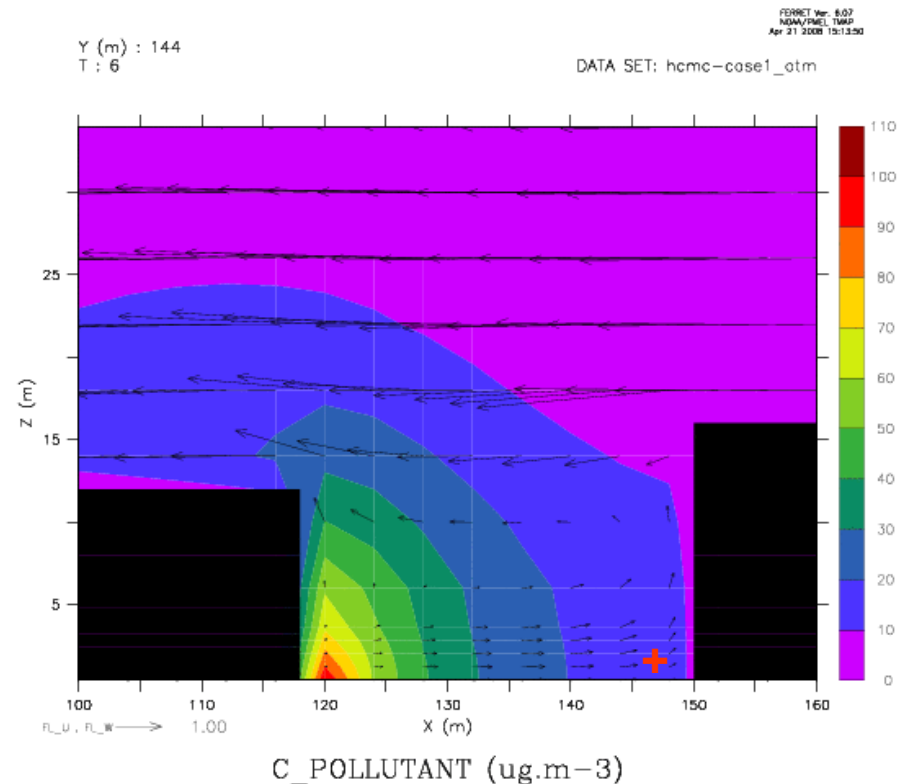
⇒ Add traffic-induced turbulence and test its impact on the dispersion.

⇒ Change parameters from one hour to the other to be closer to the reality.

⇒ Make tests on other streets where we have more climatological data:

- Basel
- Lausanne

⇒ Make tests with a LES model (model used by Adil Rasheed).



⇒ Check the impact of the trees.  
Surprising small effects...

# Thank you for your attention

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