

1 **Cloud-microphysical sensors intercomparison at the**  
2 **Puy-de-Dôme Observatory, France**

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## Abstract

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27 Clouds play an important role in the radiative budget of the earth  
28 (Boucher et al., 2013). Since the late 70s, great advances have been  
29 made in instrumental development in order to quantify the  
30 microphysical and optical properties of clouds, both for airborne and  
31 ground-based applications. However, the cloud properties derived  
32 from these different instrumentations have rarely been compared.

33 In the present work, we report the results of an intercomparison  
34 campaign, performed at the Puy de Dôme during May 2013, involving  
35 a unique set of cloud instruments, located at two different places: a  
36 PVM, a FSSP, a Fog Monitor and a PWD on the roof of the station  
37 and a CDP and a SPP in a wind tunnel located underneath the roof.  
38 The main objectives of this paper are to study the effects of the wind  
39 on the ground based cloud observations with a focus on the FSSP  
40 measurements, to quantify the cloud parameters discrepancies  
41 observed by the different instruments, and to find a way to normalize  
42 the measurements.

43 The results reveal that most instruments show a good agreement in  
44 their sizing abilities, both in term of amplitudes and variability, but  
45 some of them have large discrepancies in their capability to assess the  
46 cloud droplet number concentrations. As a result, the total liquid water  
47 content can differ by up to a factor of 5 between the probes. The use  
48 of a standardization procedure, based on integrating probes (PVM or  
49 visibilimeter) and extinction coefficient comparison, substantially  
50 enhances the instrumental agreement. During ROSEA, the  
51 normalization coefficient range was from 0.43 to 2.2. This paper  
52 highlights the necessity to have an instrument which provides a bulk  
53 measurement of cloud microphysical or optical properties during  
54 cloud ground-based campaigns. Moreover, we show that the  
55 orientation of the probes in the main wind flow is essential for an

56 accurate characterization of cloud microphysical properties. In  
57 particular, FSSP experiments show strong discrepancies when the  
58 wind speed is lower than  $3 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$  and when the angle between the wind  
59 direction and the orientation of the instruments is greater than  $30^\circ$ .  
60 Moreover, an inadequate orientation of the FSSP towards the wind  
61 direction leads to an underestimation of the measured effective  
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# 1. Introduction

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82 The cloud droplet size distribution is one of the key parameter for a  
83 quantitative microphysical description of clouds (Pruppacher and  
84 Klett, 1997). It plays an important role in the radiative characteristics  
85 of clouds and, for example, is needed to assess the anthropogenic  
86 influence on the size and number of cloud droplets (Twomey, 1974,  
87 1977) and on the cloud lifetime (Albrecht, 1989). Moreover, the  
88 knowledge of droplet size distribution is crucial for a better  
89 understanding of the onset of precipitation (Kenneth and Ochs, 1993)  
90 and the aerosol-cloud interaction (McFarquhar et al., 2011); according  
91 to Brenguier et al. (2003), aerosol-cloud interaction studies need  
92 accurate assessment of the cloud microphysical properties such as  
93 liquid water content (LWC), concentration and effective diameter.  
94 Moreover, the representation of liquid stratiform clouds in current  
95 climate models is relatively poor, leading to large uncertainties in  
96 climate predictions (Randall et al., 2007). Radiative, dynamic and  
97 feedback processes involved in liquid clouds still need to be studied  
98 (e.g., Petters et al., 2012, Bennartz et al., 2013) and thus require  
99 accurate measurement instrumentation. In addition, in situ  
100 measurements may be directly used for model validations, or to  
101 improve and validate remote sensing, RADAR and LIDAR retrieval  
102 algorithms.

103 A large set of instruments have been developed since the late 70's to  
104 obtain precise information on cloud microphysical and optical  
105 properties. Two strategies are mainly used to measure in situ  
106 properties of clouds. The first one consists in mounting instruments on  
107 the wings of an aircraft that flies within the cloud (Gayet et al., 2009;  
108 Baumgardner et al., 2011, Brenguier et al., 2013). The other one  
109 consists in instruments operated on a ground-based platform,  
110 generally on a mountain site which altitude allows sampling natural

111 clouds (Kamphus et al. 2010). The basic measurement principle for  
112 the size detection used in most of these devices is based on a  
113 conversion of the forward scattering of light into a size bin using the  
114 Lorentz-Mie theory (Mie, 1908). However, comparisons between the  
115 various devices reveal large discrepancies (Baumgardner, 1983,  
116 Burnet and Brenguier 1999; 2002). In addition, for the same method,  
117 studies have shown that some effects could influence the  
118 measurements, e.g., Gerber et al. (1999) highlighted the inertial  
119 concentration effect and Wendisch et al. (1998) highlighted activity  
120 corrections, changing velocity acceptance ratio, wind ramming effect,  
121 Mie curve adjustment and sensitivities to droplet size and  
122 concentration . A cloud ground based experiment performed at the  
123 Junfraujoch, Switzerland, by Spiegel et al. (2012), showed potential  
124 biases in the absolute values of the parameters, especially comparing  
125 the Fog Monitor to others instruments. Burnet and Brenguier (2002)  
126 also pointed out noticeable differences in fog measurements for  
127 airborne instrumentation, where a maximum of 30% biases were  
128 found for the LWC. Then, as recommended for airborne  
129 measurements in Brenguier et al. (2013), it is still of crucial  
130 importance to perform liquid water cloud instrumental comparison  
131 with ground based experiments.

132 The site of the Puy de Dôme, France, provides a unique opportunity  
133 for an intercomparison study of cloud microphysical measurements.  
134 Indeed, the station is in clouds about 50 % on the time on average  
135 (annual mean). The station consists of a platform on the roof, where a  
136 ground-based instrumentation can be installed, and a wind tunnel  
137 facing the dominant western winds used to sample air masses at air  
138 speeds up to  $55 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$  in order to reproduce airborne conditions. In this  
139 paper, we will focus on the cloud instrumentation intercomparison  
140 performed within the ROSEA (Réseau d'Observatoires pour la  
141 Surveillance et l'Exploration de l'Atmosphère, i.e., Network of  
142 Monitoring centers for the Study and the Supervision of the Water

143 Atmospheric). The first objective is to provide a status of the  
144 instrumental variability within the cloud microphysical probes  
145 available for the scientific community to this date. A second objective  
146 is to assess the effects of the orientation of the cloud microphysical  
147 probes on the cloud droplet size distributions under different wind and  
148 cloud conditions. In particular, the response of the FSSP to non-  
149 isoaxial measurements will be investigated. As this instrument was  
150 installed on a mast, which can be oriented manually; this system  
151 allowed us to highlight the effect on the FSSP size distribution of an  
152 increasing angle between instrument orientation and wind direction.

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## 2. Instrumentation and site

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### 170 2.1 Measurement Site

171 The cloud microphysics instrumental intercomparison was performed  
172 at the Puy-de-Dôme atmospheric measurement station (PdD, 45.46°N,  
173 2.57°E, 1465 m altitude), central France, in the frame of the ROSEA  
174 project (Network of Monitoring centers for the Study and the  
175 Supervision of the Water Atmospheric). The station is part of the  
176 EMEP (European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme), GAW  
177 (Global Atmosphere Watch), ACTRIS (Aerosols, Clouds, and Trace  
178 gases Research InfraStructure Network) networks where atmospheric  
179 clouds, aerosols and gases are studied.

180 The PdD station is located on the top of an inactive volcano rising  
181 above the surrounding area where fields and forest are predominant.  
182 The main advantage of the site is the high frequency of the cloud  
183 occurrence (50% of the time on average throughout the year).  
184 Westerly and northerly winds are dominant. Meteorological  
185 parameters, including the wind speed and direction, temperature,  
186 pressure, relative humidity and radiation (global, UV and diffuse),  
187 atmospheric trace gases (O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>) and particulate black  
188 carbon (BC) are monitored continuously throughout the year (for  
189 more details see Boulon et al., 2011). Long term studies have been  
190 conducted at the site, in particular for aerosol size distribution  
191 (Venzac et al., 2009), aerosol chemical composition (Bourcier et al.,  
192 2012), aerosol optical properties (Hervo et al., 2014), aerosol  
193 hygroscopic properties (Holmgren et al., 2014), cloud chemistry  
194 (Marinoni et al., 2004; Deguillaume et al., 2014) and cloud  
195 microphysics (Mertes et al., 2001).

196 The ROSEA intercomparison campaign took place from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the  
197 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2013 (see Table 1 for the details). Eleven cloudy episodes

198 were sampled, for several hours. Temperatures were always positive,  
199 thus preventing freezing to disturb the measurements. The  
200 meteorological situation was characterized by westerly winds with  
201 speeds ranging from 1 to 22 m.s<sup>-1</sup>. The cloud microphysical properties  
202 exhibited values of droplet effective diameter ranging between 10 and  
203 30 μm and liquid water content (LWC) values were between 0.1 and 1  
204 g.m<sup>-3</sup>.

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## 206 2.2. Cloud instrumentation and sampling methodology

207 During the ROSEA campaign, a set of instruments was deployed on  
208 the Puy de Dôme station sampling platform and in the wind tunnel to  
209 provide a description of cloud droplets from a few micrometers to 50  
210 micrometers in terms of particle size distribution, effective diameter,  
211 extinction coefficient, LWC and number concentration. The suite of  
212 instruments mounted on the roof terrace was composed of a Forward  
213 Scattering Spectrometer Probe (PMS FSSP-100), a Fog Monitor  
214 (DMT FM-100), two PVM (Particle Volume Monitor) GERBERs and  
215 a PWD (Present Weather Detector) (see photo 1.a). 

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217 The Forward Scattering Spectrometer Probe (FSSP-100) initially  
218 manufactured by Particle Measuring Systems, Inc. of Boulder,  
219 Colorado is the oldest instrument still in use for measuring cloud  
220 droplet size distribution. The FSSP counts and sizes each droplet  
221 individually from an aspirated airstream, using forward (between the  
222 angles 4° and 12°) scattered laser-light intensity ( $\lambda = 0.633 \mu\text{m}$ ) and  
223 the Mie theory, to compute the droplets size (Knollenberg, 1981). The  
224 operation, the accuracy, the limitations and the corrections are detailed  
225 by Dye and Baumgardner (1984), Baumgardner et al. (1985) and  
226 Baumgardner and Spowart (1990). For water droplet clouds, the  
227 accuracy of the derived effective diameter and liquid water content

228 was estimated as 2  $\mu\text{m}$  and 30 %, respectively (Febvre et al., 2012).  
 229 According to Gayet et al. (1996), errors in particle concentration can  
 230 reach 20 to 30%. In the operating range used at the Puy-de-Dôme, the  
 231 resulting counts were summarized into 15 size bins, each of 3  $\mu\text{m}$   
 232 width, beginning from 2  $\mu\text{m}$  and ending at 47  $\mu\text{m}$  of the diameter.  
 233 Liquid water content was calculated by integrating the droplet  
 234 volumes from the measured droplet spectrum and dividing the total  
 235 mass of liquid water by the sampled air volume. The theoretical air  
 236 speed through the inlet was 9  $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ . The FSSP was checked  
 237 periodically to keep the inlet facing into the wind.

238 The total concentration  $N$ , liquid water content  $LWC$  and extinction  
 239 coefficient  $\sigma$  are respectively computed using the following equations  
 240 (Cerni, 1983):

$$241 \quad N = \sum_D \frac{n(D)}{S * TAS * \Delta t} \quad (1)$$

$$242 \quad LWC = \frac{\pi}{6} * 10^{-6} * \sum_D n(D) D^3 \quad (2)$$

$$243 \quad \sigma = \frac{\pi}{2} * \sum_D n(D) D^2 \quad (3)$$

244 where  $n(D)$  is the concentration measured for the size class of  
 245 diameter  $D$ ,  $TAS$  the speed of the air in the inlet (True Air Speed) and  
 246  $\Delta t$  the sampling duration.  $S$  is the sampling surface computed as the  
 247 Depth of Field ( $DOF$ ) multiplied by the width of the laser beam. The  
 248 equation of the extinction coefficient takes into account the  
 249 approximation that the extinction efficiency is equal to 2 within the  
 250 droplet size and laser wavelength range. These equations are also  
 251 valid for the FM 100 and the CDP. The activity correction and  
 252 changing velocity acceptance ratio (Wendisch, 1998) was taken into  
 253 account in the calculations. The activity correction consists of a factor,  
 254 lower than 1, applied to  $\Delta t$  in order to take into account the losses due  
 255 to instrument dead time. The others effects will be discussed below.

256 The Fog monitor (FM-100) is a forward scattering spectrometer  
257 probe ( $\lambda = 0.658 \mu\text{m}$ ) placed in his own wind tunnel with active  
258 ventilation (Eugster et al., 2006), manufactured by Droplet  
259 Measurement Technologies, Inc., Boulder, USA , designed for use  
260 during ground-based studies. This instrument measures the number  
261 size distribution of cloud particles (with a high time resolution) in the  
262 size range between 2 and 50  $\mu\text{m}$ . For the ROSEA experiments, we  
263 used a resolution of 20 channels describing the size distribution.  
264 Details about the operation of this instrument are given by Droplet  
265 Measurement Technologies (2011). According to Spiegel et al.  
266 (2012), uncertainties in concentration due to particle losses, i.e.  
267 sampling losses and losses within the FM-100 can be as high as 100  
268 %. The FM-100 was installed on the mast next to the FSSP.

269 The Particle Volume Monitor (PVM-100, manufactured by  
270 Gerber Scientific, Inc., Reston, Virginia) is a ground-based forward  
271 scattering laser spectrometer for particulate volume measurements  
272 (Gerber, 1984, 1991). It is designed to measure the cloud liquid water  
273 content ( $LWC$ ), the particle surface area ( $PSA$ ) and to derive the  
274 droplet effective radius ( $r_{eff}$ ). The PVM measures the laser light (at  $\lambda =$    
275 0.780  $\mu\text{m}$ ) scattered in the forward direction by an ensemble of cloud  
276 droplets which crosses the probe's sampling volume of 3  $\text{cm}^3$  (length  
277 of 42 cm by sampling area of 7  $\text{mm}^2$ ). The light scattered in the 0.32-   
278 3.58° angle range is collected by a system of lenses and directed  
279 through two spatial filters. The first filter converts scattered light to a  
280 signal proportional to the particle volume density (or  $LWC$ ) of  
281 droplets; the second filter produces a signal proportional to the particle  
282 surface area density ( $PSA$ ) (Gerber et al., 1994). From the ratio of  
283 these two quantities,  $r_{eff}$  is derived. These two filters guarantee a linear  
284 relationship between scattering intensity and  $LWC$  or  $PSA$  for droplets  
285 diameter from 3 to 45  $\mu\text{m}$  (Gerber, 1991). The extinction coefficient  $\sigma$   
286 is directly proportional to the  $PSA$ . According to Gerber et al. (1994),  
287 the accuracy of  $LWC$  is 10% for ~~particle diameter lower than 30  $\mu\text{m}$~~

288 ~~and increases up to 50% for particle diameter greater than 45  $\mu\text{m}$ . The~~  
289 ~~study from Wendish et al. (2002) confirms the shortcoming of the~~  
290 ~~response of a PVM-100 airborne version with increasing droplet~~  
291 ~~diameter, and suggests that it begins between 20 and 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , up to an~~  
292 ~~efficiency of 50% for particles as large as 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .~~

293 The Present Weather Detector (PWD22) is a multi-variable  
294 sensor for automatic weather observing systems. The sensor combines  
295 the functions of a forward scatter visibility meter and a present  
296 weather sensor. PWD22 can measure the intensity and the amount of  
297 both liquid and solid precipitations. As the detector is equipped with a  
298 background luminance sensor, it can also measure the ambient light  
299 (Vaisala, 2004). This instrument provides the visibility or  
300 Meteorological Optical Range (MOR), which is a measure of the  
301 distance at which an object or light can be clearly discerned and from  
302 which we can deduce the extinction coefficient  $\sigma$  by:

$$303 \quad \sigma [km^{-1}] = \frac{3000}{MOR [m]} \quad (4)$$

304 According to Vaisala (2004), the accuracy of MOR and  $\sigma$  is 10%.

305 These cloud probes were operated at approximately 2 meters above  
306 the platform level. The FSSP and the FM-100 were mounted on a  
307 tilting and rotating mast allowing them to be moved manually in the  
308 dominating wind direction. The proper alignment of their inlet with  
309 the flow was based on the wind direction measurements performed by  
310 a mechanical and ultrasonic anemometer placed on a separate mast  
311 fixed on the terrace of the PdD station. A commercial pump located  
312 beneath the rotating mast was used to aspirate a constant air flow  
313 through the FSSP inlet with a sampling air speed of about 9  $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ . The  
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315 theoretical air speed of 15  $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ .

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327 theoretical air speed of 15 m.s<sup>-1</sup>.

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329 In addition to the continuous measurements performed on the station  
330 instrumental platform, the Puy de Dome research station is also  
331 equipped with an open wind tunnel located on the west side of the  
332 building. The wind tunnel consists of a 2 meter length sampling  
333 section with an adjustable airflow up to 17 m<sup>3</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup> corresponding to the   
334 airspeed of 55 m.s<sup>-1</sup>. The applied air speed inside the wind tunnel was  
335 between 10 and 55 m.s<sup>-1</sup>. For additional information about the site  
336 description, see Bain and Gayet (1983) and Wobrock et al. (2001).  
337 During the campaign a forward scattering spectrometer probe SPP-  
338 100 model and two Cloud Droplet Probes DMT-CDPs were installed  
339 in the sampling section of the wind tunnel (see photo 1.b) to  
340 characterize the cloud microphysical properties in terms of droplet  
341 size distributions and extinction coefficients. Four experiments were  
342 performed in the wind tunnel, each with the duration of nearly two  
343 hours (see Table 1).

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345 The SPP-100 is a modified model of the FSSP-100 from DMT  
346 with 40 size classes and a revised signal-processing package (fast-  
347 response electronic components). It has been periodically installed in

348 the wind tunnel. Brenguier et al. (2011) have shown that the SSP-100  
349 noticeably improve the accuracy of the size distribution assessment  
350 compare to the FSSP-100 version.

351 The CDP (Cloud Droplet Probe) is a forward-scattering optical  
352 spectrometer ( $\lambda = 0.658 \mu\text{m}$ ), manufactured by Droplet Measurement  
353 Technologies, Inc., Boulder, USA. Light scattered by a particle is  
354 collected over a range of angles from 4 to 12° in the forward direction  
355 and then split equally between the qualifier and sizer, which allow the  
356 instrument to count and size the cloud droplets. According to Lance et  
357 al. (2010), oversizing of 60% and undercounting of 50% can occur in  
358 the CDP due to coincidence. Mie resonance structure is most  
359 pronounced for a single mode laser such as used in the CDP (Lance et  
360 al., 2010), while a multi-mode laser, as is used in the standard FSSP,  
361 can potentially dampen the Mie resonances (Knollenberg et al., 1976).  
362 As a consequence, some size bins were grouped to a total of 24 size  
363 bins, instead of 30 initially, from 3 to 49  $\mu\text{m}$ . The two CDPs were  
364 installed in the wind tunnel.

365 During the campaign, measurements were performed with 1Hz  
366 acquisition frequency instruments. Data have been averaged over ten  
367 seconds or one minute, depending on the duration of the experiment,  
368 cloud heterogeneity, possible small gap in time synchronization of the  
369 instruments and eventual high variability of the measurements. The  
370 PVM1 measurements are provided with routine protocol which  
371 averaged the data over 5 minutes, thus any comparison with this  
372 instrument has to be carrying out with 5 minutes average data. The  
373 FSSP show incoherent measurement from March 23 to 26, probably  
374 due to electronic interferences. An overview of the data availability  
375 during the campaign is shown in Table 2.

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### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Data analysis strategy based on a preliminary case study

The purpose of this section is to give an overview of the microphysical measurement strategy performed during the campaign with a focus on the instrument variability. During the 16<sup>th</sup> of May a large number of instruments were deployed simultaneously on the station platform and in the wind tunnel (see Table 1).

Figure 1 provides an example of the temporal evolution of the parameters measured the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. On this graph, we choose to represent only the time series of the cloud properties when the wind tunnel was actually in function, the data are averaged over 10 seconds. The wind speed outside and inside the wind tunnel is shown on Figure 1a. The outside wind speed varied from 2 to 7 m.s<sup>-1</sup> while the air speed in the wind tunnel was set up to fixed values ranging from 25 to 55 m.s<sup>-1</sup>. The cloud parameters displayed on Figures 1b-1d are: the effective diameter, the number concentration and the liquid water content of cloud droplets measured by the FSSP, the PVM 2 (except for the concentration) and the FM on the roof of the PdD station as well as those ones obtained from the two CDP and the SPP located in the wind tunnel. The time series of the extinction coefficient derived from these instruments and the PWD are shown on Figure 1e. The observed cloud layers were above the freezing level with temperatures almost constant around 1 °C. During the sampling period, the dominant wind was blowing westward and the instruments positioned on the mast were oriented accordingly.

We can observe that the effective diameters of the cloud droplets are reliably sized by the different probes. Indeed both the values and the variability of the effective diameter measured by the instruments are in good agreement with a correlation coefficient close to 0.9. Only two instruments make an exception, strong discrepancies are observed

409 when comparing the effective diameter of the PVM2 to the others  
410 instruments (Figure 1). As the discrepancies of the PVM2 can only be  
411 explained by a dysfunction of the instrument, its results were not  
412 further discussed.

413 The temporal evolution of the number concentration exhibit  
414 systematic differences amongst the instruments although the  
415 microphysical properties variability is well captured by all the  
416 instruments (correlation coefficient close to 0.9). The number  
417 concentration measured by the FM 100 is systematically lower than  
418 the one derived from the other instruments whereas the FSSPs (SPP  
419 and FSSP-100) show the highest values. The ratio of concentration  
420 (namely the FSSP number concentration divided by the FM number  
421 concentration) derived from these two types of instruments reaches  
422 values up to 5. Regarding the CDPs installed in the wind tunnel, the  
423 concentration measurements lie between the values obtained by the  
424 FSSPs and the FM 100. The CDPs ratio of concentration values is  
425 close to 2 between them, 1.3 between the CDP 1 and the FSSPs and  
426 2.2 between the CDP 2 and the FSSPs. Accordingly the LWC and  
427 extinction coefficient values show significant discrepancies. The bias  
428 between the instruments is potentially very important (up to 5 when  
429 comparing the FSSPs concentration to the FM 100). At the same time,  
430 the data are well correlated ( $R^2$  close to 0.9).

431 This example illustrates that the probes adequate sizing of cloud  
432 droplets is subject to a systematic bias when particle counting (number  
433 concentration) is involved. This can be clearly seen on figure 2 where  
434 the average Particle Size Distributions (PSD) measured by the  
435 different spectrometer probes are displayed.

436 The PSD show similar trends and shapes, with modes around 10 to 14  
437  $\mu\text{m}$  which explains the agreement in the effective diameter values.  
438 The computed average Mean Volume Diameter (~~DVM~~) shows similar   
439 values with a maximum deviation of 1.3  $\mu\text{m}$ , which is within the

440 instrumental errors. This confirms the good agreement observed  
441 between all the instruments in the qualitative parameters. However,  
442 the discrepancies observed for the magnitude (concentration) of the  
443 PSD are significant and linked to the systematic concentration bias  
444 evidenced in figure 1. This means that the size bins partitioning is  
445 correct and the number concentration discrepancies are likely to come  
446 from an incorrect assessment of the probe sampling volume. In  
447 addition, the SPP presents an overestimation of the concentration for  
448 the largest particles (larger than 30  $\mu\text{m}$ ), compared to the other  
449 instruments, especially for the two CDPs of the wind tunnel. One  
450 possible explanation could be the effect of ~~slashing~~ artifacts inside the   
451 SPP inlet, as evidenced by Rogers et al. (2006). This result highlights  
452 the difficulties to accurately derive the droplets concentration, which  
453 was expected due to the lack of simple number calibration for these  
454 instruments.

455 The red-framed parts of the time series displayed in figure 1  
456 correspond to additional experiments where the orientation of the  
457 instruments on the mast was changed (the FM 100 and the FSSP).  
458 Those orientation changes lead to a strong decrease of all the  
459 microphysics parameters of the instruments installed on the mast,  
460 especially of the FSSP. The data corresponding to those orientation  
461 experiments are ~~then~~ removed for the following analysis. ~~The~~  
462 ~~corresponding results~~ will be discussed in the section 3.4. On the  
463 example of May the 16<sup>th</sup>, we observe that the differences in  
464 concentrations measured with different probes seem to vary, and may  
465 be a function of wind speed and direction. As a consequence, we will  
466 in the next section compare instruments over the entire campaign  
467 when they all were orientated coaxially to the wind direction.

468 Concerning the wind tunnel, the experiments highlight the effect of  
469 the air speed applied to the measurements. Figure 3 shows the  
470 evolution of the 10 seconds average size distribution of the two CDPs  
471 present in the wind tunnel, during the experiment of the 16<sup>th</sup> of May.

472 During this day, the air speed in the wind tunnel varies between 25  
473 and 55 m.s<sup>-1</sup>, but the abrupt variations in air speed have no  
474 consequences on the size distributions of both CDP1 and CDP2. This  
475 result is applicable to the entire campaign. The air speed has to be  
476 taken into account in the calculation of the sample volume and the  
477 concentration, but the results show that the sampling of the cloud  
478 performed by the wind tunnel does not modify its microphysical  
479 properties.

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### 481 3.2. Instrumental intercomparison for wind-isoaxial conditions

482 In this section, we focus on measurements performed in the wind  
483 tunnel and on the roof of station when the wind was isoaxial to the  
484 sampling probes inlets, over the whole campaign. Microphysical  
485 changes, due to the orientation of the instruments, observed in figure  
486 1, will be investigated in section 3.4. The data are averaged over 10  
487 seconds for the wind tunnel measurements and over 1 minute for  
488 ambient conditions in order to make the measurements comparable  
489 (see section 2.3).

490 Figure 4 displays the scatter plots of the effective diameter for the  
491 instruments deployed on the PdD platform in the ambient conditions.  
492 There is a good agreement between the FM 100 and the FSSP as  
493 confirmed by the high linear correlation coefficient value ( $R^2=0.94$ ).  
494 Additionally, the bias observed between these two instruments is  
495 within the “theoretical” measurement errors. The comparison between  
496 the PVM1 and the FSSP and FM-100 shows that the overall  
497 variability of cloud droplet effective diameter is well captured ( $R^2$   
498 close to 0.9). Even if the slope of the linear regression is greater than  
499 1, the measurement points are close to the line 1:1 and the scatter is  
500 within the measurement uncertainties. Such discrepancy between the  
501 FM100 and the PVM has already been reported in Burnet and  
502 Brenguier (2002) and analyses are currently conducted to better

503 understand such behavior. Moreover, the comparisons (not shown  
504 here) between the PVM 1 and the FM 100 extinction and LWC give a  
505 slope  $a$  of 2.1 with  $R^2=0.72$  and  $a=2.6$  with  $R^2=0.78$  respectively.  
506 When comparing the PVM 1 and the FSSP 100 the slopes are  $a=0.35$   
507 with  $R^2=0.65$  and  $a=0.4$  with  $R^2=0.8$  for the extinction and the LWC  
508 respectively. The rather good correlations obtained between the  
509 instruments as well as the comparable slope for the extinction and the  
510 LWC can be explained by the agreement of the effective diameter for  
511 the different instruments. The bias between these instruments results  
512 from a constant error stemming from the inaccurate assessment of the  
513 sampling volume or the number calibration coefficient.

514 The comparison between the number concentrations measured  
515 coaxially to the wind direction by the FSSP and the FM-100 over the  
516 whole campaign is displayed on Figure 5. The concentration  
517 measurements are slightly less correlated than the effective diameter  
518 measurements but the correlation remains acceptable ( $R^2=0.79$ ).  
519 However, a significant discrepancy (slope of 0.15 which corresponds  
520 to a factor 6) between the instrument concentration measurements is  
521 clearly evidenced. This ratio of 6 is the same as the one obtained when  
522 LWC are compared (not shown), thus confirming that the sizing is  
523 coherent between the two instruments. The constant bias found for the  
524 concentration affects the extinction and the LWC in the same way.

525 Moreover the effect of the wind speed on the concentration  
526 measurements is color coded on figure 5. We can observe that the  
527 measurements performed under low wind speed conditions (lower  
528 than  $5 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ ) are more scattered compared to the ones corresponding  
529 to higher wind speed. We will discuss this point in details, specifically  
530 concerning the FSSP data, in Section 4.

531 Figure 6 shows the comparison between the 5 minutes averaged  
532 extinction coefficients measured by the PVM 1 and the PWD, two  
533 instruments that do not need an active ventilation. There is a good

534 agreement between the two instruments ( $R^2 = 0.86$ ) and the slope is  
535 close to 1. The discrepancies between these two instruments can be  
536 attributed to the heterogeneity of the cloud properties and the  
537 instrumental errors. The points with the low extinction values show  
538 larger variations, corresponding to the cloud edge where the properties  
539 are the most heterogeneous. However, the Pearson Principal   
540 Component Analysis shows that the correlation remains significant.

541 Therefore, the fact that there is a systematic constant bias (slope of 6  
542 on Fig. 5) in the intercomparison of the droplet number concentration  
543 and of the LWC measured by the different probes, could be indicative  
544 of the inaccurate assessment of the probe sampling volume directly  
545 linked to the air flow speed measurement accuracy. In order to discuss  
546 this issue, the measurements performed under ambient conditions can  
547 be confronted with the measurements in a wind tunnel where the air  
548 flow is more accurately monitored.

549 During the campaign a forward scattering spectrometer probe SPP-  
550 100 model and two Cloud Droplet Probes were installed in the  
551 sampling section of the wind tunnel (see photo 2). Four wind tunnel  
552 experiments were performed with a varying applied wind tunnel air  
553 speed from 10 to 55 m.s<sup>-1</sup> (see Table 2 for details).

554 Figure 7a presents the results of the effective diameter (Fig 7.a) and  
555 intercomparisons for the three instruments installed in the wind tunnel.  
556 A very good agreement amongst the probes is found, with correlation  
557 coefficients  $R^2$  always larger than 0.9. The slope of the linear  
558 regression is close to 1, meaning that the assessment of this parameter  
559 is consistent for the CDPs and the SPP-100 thus confirming the good  
560 calibration in diameter.

561 The concentration intercomparisons are displayed on figure 7b. The  
562 correlation coefficient are comparable to those ones found for the  
563 effective diameter ( $R^2 = 0.9$ ). The linear regression plots show that the  
564 slope values vary between 0.42 and 0.69 for the instruments

565 positioned in the wind tunnel. It should be noted that these slopes are  
566 independent of the air speed applied in the wind tunnel. Even though,  
567 the discrepancies are less pronounced than that ones for the  
568 instruments placed on the platform of the PdD station, a significant  
569 bias still exists (up to a factor of 2). This bias may be attributed to the  
570 assessment of the probe sampling speed/volume. In particular, it is  
571 known that the Depth Of Field (DOF) of an instrument can be  
572 significantly different from the value given by the manufacturer. This  
573 uncertainty may exceed a factor 2 (Burnet and Brenguier, 2002) and  
574 can thus explain a large part of the biases observed between the  
575 instruments in term of concentration, extinction and LWC.

576 In order to evaluate the consistency of the measurements performed in  
577 ambient air (on the mast) with the ones performed in a wind controlled  
578 environment, we can characterize the relative sensitivity of the  
579 concentration measurements to the wind speeds. As seen on Figure 7,  
580 all the instruments in the wind tunnel are very well correlated. Since  
581 only the slope of the linear regression differs from one instrument to  
582 another, we choose to compare the FSSP and the FM 100 with the  
583 SPP only; as these instruments are based on the same measurement  
584 principle.

585 Figure 8 displays the scatter plots of the number concentration  
586 measured by the instruments on the mast against the SPP observations  
587 performed during the four wind tunnel experiments (the 16<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>  
588 and 28<sup>th</sup> of May with the 10 seconds average measurements). The  
589 concentrations measured by the FM 100 are rather well correlated to  
590 the SPP observations even though the wind speeds are quite different  
591 for the instruments on the roof (speeds ranging from 2 to 21 m.s<sup>-1</sup>)  
592 compared to the instruments in the wind tunnel (air speed from 10 to  
593 55 m.s<sup>-1</sup>). Additionally there is no clear dependence of the  
594 measurements to the wind speed. We can thus conclude that the FM  
595 100, the SPP and the CDPs coaxial measurements do not seem to  
596 depend on the air speed values (ambient wind speed or applied in the

597 wind tunnel). However, a factor 4 is found between the concentrations  
598 measured on the roof by the FM-100 and by the SSP in the wind  
599 tunnel (factor 3 when compared to the CDP1). These discrepancies are  
600 once again expected considering the sample volume uncertainties  
601 (including errors on the DOF and the sampling speed that can exceed  
602 100%), instrumental errors (around 20-30% on the concentrations for  
603 most of the instruments) and the cloud inhomogeneity.

604 On the contrary, the 10 seconds average FSSP measurements exhibit a  
605 high variability and show no correlation with the SPP observations.  
606 Both the inter and intra experiment variability is significant meaning  
607 that a global-data correction is not possible. Additionally, due to some  
608 instrument data availability (see Table 1), the correlation plots relative  
609 to the FSSP and the FM-100 are not directly comparable. Indeed, the  
610 24<sup>th</sup> of May experiment is not available for the FSSP but shows a large  
611 variability in concentration, which mechanically increase the  
612 correlation of the FM 100 compared to the FSSP. However, as the FM  
613 100 was designed for ground-based measurements, it is not surprising  
614 that the FM 100 measurements are more in accordance with the others  
615 instruments of the wind tunnel than the FSSP.

616 The droplet diameter and concentration intercomparisons ~~underlines~~   
617 that the uncertainties linked to the calibration; ~~and the uncertainties of~~  
618 the calculation of the sampling volume lead to systematic biases  
619 similar for the measurement of concentration, extinction and LWC.  
620 The agreement observed between the FM 100, the SPP and the CDP  
621 measurements indicates that these data could be standardized on the  
622 base of a reference instrument with a simple relation of proportionality  
623 that would be valid for the entire campaign. However, ~~a~~ particular  
624 attention should be ~~address~~ to the FSSP measurements which were   
625 shown to be sensitive to meteorological conditions. Therefore, the  
626 remainder of this study will focus on the standardization of the results,  
627 on biases correction for isoaxial measurements as well as on the study

628 of the effect of the air speed (wind speed or suction in the wind  
629 tunnel) on the measurements.

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### 631 3.3. Improvement of data processing

632 The difficulties to estimate the speed of cloud particles inside the  
633 inlets, which directly impacts the assessment of the sampling volume  
634 value and derived quantities such as the number concentration,  
635 combined with the fact that there is no number calibration for the  
636 instrumentation, lead to the need to standardize the recorded data. The  
637 most natural way is to standardize the measurements with the  
638 instruments which are not based on single particle counting but on the  
639 measurements of an ensemble of particles (i.e. from an integrated  
640 value). Such measurements are performed by the PVM and the PWD.

641 Since a good agreement was found between the extinction coefficients  
642 measured by the PVM 1 and the PWD (Fig. 6), these two instruments  
643 can be used as absolute reference of the extinction of cloud particles.  
644 As the PWD was the only instrument working during the entire  
645 campaign, all recorded data are standardized according to this  
646 instrument. Hence, the data of other instruments were averaged over 1  
647 minute according to the PWD time resolution.

648 Figure 9 presents the comparison between the 1 minute averaged  
649 PWD extinctions and the data obtained in the wind tunnel for all the  
650 experiments, as a function of the wind tunnel air speed. The results  
651 show good correlations ( $R^2 > 0.7$ ), and the slope of the regression  
652 curves corresponds to the correction coefficient ~~to apply~~ to the   
653 sampling volume of the probes. The dispersion can be attributed to the  
654 spatial difference between the instruments on the roof and in the wind  
655 tunnel and the instrumental errors. A factor of 0.44 and 0.63 ~~were~~   
656 found, respectively for the SPP and the CDP 1. As those coefficients  
657 are linked to the modification of the sampling volume and number

658 calibration, they can be applied to the concentration, the extinction  
659 and the LWC with a simple relation of proportionality. Moreover,  
660 Figure 9 confirms that the air speed in the wind tunnel has no  
661 influence on the measured data when the sampling volume correction  
662 is taken into account. This agrees with the results obtained for the 16<sup>th</sup>  
663 of May shown in figure 3. The measurements performed with an air  
664 speed equal to 10 m.s<sup>-1</sup> were removed from the dataset because of the  
665 high discrepancies observed with the PWD observations ( $R^2 = 0$  for  
666 the SPP and 0.4 for the CDP 1), meaning that the sampling is  
667 inadequate at this speed. For cloud measurements, we thus  
668 recommend to use the wind tunnel with an air speed higher than 10  
669 m.s<sup>-1</sup>.

670 In a similar way figure 10 presents the comparison of the PWD  
671 extinctions with the instruments placed on the mast during the  
672 campaign, as a function of the external wind speed (right panels). The  
673 FM 100 and PWD measurements are correlated, even though the FM  
674 100 extinction is underestimated by a factor 2 compared to the PWD  
675 reference measurements. This factor is of the same order of magnitude  
676 ~~than~~ the bias found when comparing the PWD to the instruments   
677 positioned in the wind tunnel (Figure 9). On the other hand, figure 10  
678 shows only a poor correlation between the FSSP and the PWD  
679 extinction coefficient measurements. Additionally, the wind speed  
680 seems to have an influence on the FSSP measurements. Indeed,  
681 several points, corresponding to low wind speeds, show a large  
682 overestimation of the extinction for the FSSP. Removing the data  
683 corresponding to a wind speed lower than 5 m.s<sup>-1</sup>, leads to a better  
684 correlation ( $R^2 = 0.55$ ) and a slope of 0.4. It should be pointed out that  
685 the results remain almost unchanged for the FM 100 when removing  
686 the same low wind speed cases. As a consequence, the FSSP seems to  
687 be very sensitive to meteorological conditions, especially the wind  
688 conditions. Again, this reveals that low wind speeds contribute heavily

689 towards the amount of scatter ~~and~~ so some physical phenomenon seem   
690 to affect the droplet detection (see Section 4).

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692 Table 3 presents the summary of the instrumental intercomparison  
693 during the ROSEA campaign in term of the instrumental bias (slope  $a$ )  
694 and the correlation coefficient  $R^2$ . In this Table, the correlation  
695 between two instruments has been computed when the data of the two  
696 instruments were available at the same time (see Table 2),  during  
697 coaxial measurements toward the wind direction and during stable  
698 cloudy periods. One minute averaged data were used to compare the  
699 instruments on the roof while. Ten seconds averaged data were used to  
700 compare instruments when wind tunnel instrumentation is involved.  
701 However, due to the time resolution (see Table 1), comparison with  
702 the PWD is made at 1 minute average and with the PVM1 at 5  
703 minutes average. The comparisons between the PVM1 and the wind  
704 tunnel instruments are not representative due to the lack of points.  
705 Comparisons with the PWD measurements, colored in orange, give  
706 the coefficient to be applied in order to normalize the data of each  
707 instrument. All the instruments, except the FSSP, show at least an  
708 acceptable correlation ( $R^2 \geq 0.6$ ) with the PWD during the entire  
709 campaign, independently of the meteorological conditions.

710 We have investigated above the coherence of performed  
711 measurements using the different probes when they were sampled  
712 isoaxially to the main wind stream. In the following, we will  
713 investigate the effect of non-isoaxial sampling on the measurements.

#### 714 3.4 Effect of wind direction

715 In this section we focus on experiments where the mast was orientated  
716 in different directions with respect to the main wind stream. Each  
717 position was maintained during 5 minutes and the orientation was  
718 regularly moved back and forth to an isoaxial position to check if the

719 cloud properties remained unchanged during the experiment. Four  
720 measurement series were carried out during May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The wind was  
721 blowing west all day long and the cloud properties were rather stable.

722 Figure 11 presents the temporal evolution of the FSSP and FM 100  
723 size distributions along with the wind speed and the deviation angle  
724 between the instrument orientation and the wind direction. First, for  
725 the measurement with an angle equal to 0°, the cloud size distribution  
726 is almost unchanged throughout the experiment. The FSSP LWC and  
727 number concentration are approximately 1 g.m<sup>-3</sup> and 1000 cm<sup>-3</sup>,  
728 respectively. Then, notable changes are observed from 30° to larger  
729 angles. The concentration decreases with increasing angles and with a  
730 more pronounced impact for large water droplets (larger to 15 μm   
731 approximately). An impact on the small droplets is also seen for large  
732 angles, but appears to be lower for low wind speeds. Indeed,  
733 comparing the series 3 and 4 with the average values of wind speed of  
734 7 and 3 m.s<sup>-1</sup>, the size distribution shows a higher decrease in  
735 concentration when the wind is strong. The FM 100 shows the same  
736 behavior but with a lower sensitivity.

737 The impact of the combination of both wind speed and direction on  
738 the probe's efficiency to sample cloud droplets is clearly illustrated on  
739 Figure 12. Figure 12 displays the cloud droplet size distribution,  
740 averaged for each angle  $\theta$  and average wind speed. The percentage of  
741 the FSSP isoaxial number concentration loss for each angle and wind  
742 speed values is shown in Table 4. This percentage is computed for the  
743 total size range of droplets, for small and for large droplets, ~~arbitrary~~   
744 defined as a droplet diameter lower or greater than 14 μm  
745 respectively. On average, the greater the angular deviation from  
746 isoaxial configuration is, the more the size distribution is reduced,  
747 except for a 3 m.s<sup>-1</sup> wind speed. For wind speed 5, 6 and 7 m.s<sup>-1</sup>, the  
748 total percentages displayed on Table 4 go up from 74, 75 and 28 % to  
749 95, 96 and 98%, respectively. The results also show that, for the same  
750 angle of deviation, the percentage increases with increasing wind

751 speed, with only one exception for 30° and a wind speed of 7 m.s<sup>-1</sup>.  
752 Thus, with increasing wind speed, the total percentage goes up from  
753 88 to 93% for 60° and from 95 to 98% for 90°.

754 However for a wind speed of approximately 3 m.s<sup>-1</sup>, the size  
755 distribution shows very small changes. Despite a ratio of about 4  
756 between the coaxial and a deviation angle of 60°, the size distribution  
757 displays the same shape whatever the angle is. Indeed, the particle loss  
758 percentages presented on Table 4 for small and the large droplets,  
759 show very small differences compared to the other wind speed values.  
760 The size distribution could then be corrected by applying a constant  
761 factor. However, for wind speeds higher than 5 m.s<sup>-1</sup>, the FSSP size  
762 distribution shape changes, the effective diameter decreases, if the  
763 instrument is not facing the wind. Indeed, Table 4 shows that the  
764 particle loss percentage for small particles is almost always largely  
765 lower than for larger droplets. This means that the reduction of the  
766 measured particle number due to changes in instrument orientation is  
767 more efficient for large particles. An inadequate orientation of the  
768 mast leads to an underestimation of the effective diameter. Thus, a  
769 simple correction of the size distribution is not possible if the wind is  
770 greater than 3 m.s<sup>-1</sup> and the deviation angle is larger than 30°.

771 Table 5 shows the results to the FM 100. For the same wind speed and   
772 direction, the values of the FM 100 concentration loss are  
773 systematically lower than the FSSP. This means that the FM 100  
774 undergoes a weaker loss of measured particles when the instruments  
775 are not facing the wind. The variations of the FM 100 concentration  
776 loss with the wind speed and the angle are less obvious than the FSSP.  
777 Moreover, the amplitude of these variations is much weaker than the  
778 FSSP, with a minimum of 15 % and a maximum of 68 %. This  
779 confirms that the FM 100 is less sensitive to the wind speed and  
780 orientation than the FSSP-100.

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## 4. Discussion

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784 In order to further investigate the influence of the wind speed on the  
785 FSSP response, three additional experiments with the SPP-100  
786 installed on the mast along with the FSSP were performed (from the  
787 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2013).

788 The SPP has an internal estimation of the droplet speed within the  
789 sampling volume: the so-called transit speed. We recall that ideally  
790 the transit speed through the laser beam should be the same as the SPP  
791 sampling speed. In addition, this also allows us to estimate the values  
792 and the variations of the sampling volume, needed in the computation  
793 of the concentration, when assuming that the air speed is close to the  
794 particle speed. The SPP was connected to the pump used with an  
795 aspiration speed was  $15 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$  which corresponds to a theoretical  
796 sampling speed in the instrument's inlet of  $9 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ . The instruments on  
797 the mast were always performed as coaxial measurements. The goal of  
798 this study was to use the SPP transit speed measurements to quantify  
799 the FSSP sampling volume as a function of the wind speed and the  
800 pump aspiration speed, in order to have a better understanding of the  
801 sampling processes in the inlets.

802 Over the period of November 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, the wind speeds ranged  
803 from 0 to  $15 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$  and LWC values varied between 0 and  $1 \text{ g.m}^{-3}$ . The  
804 SPP transit time showed relatively high variations between 7 and 12  
805  $\mu\text{s}$ . Transit time is theoretically inversely proportional to transit speed.  
806 These values correspond to SPP transit speeds between 15 and  $25 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ ,  
807 which are higher than the theoretical value of  $9 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$  that was taken  
808 into account for the data processing of both the SPP and the FSSP.  
809 Even if the transit speed depends on the particle size distribution,  
810 these differences could explain the overestimation of the concentration  
811 and the LWC obtained from the FSSP data. It ~~underlines~~ the need of   
812 an accurate estimation of the sampling volume. Indeed, an error on the

813 determination of the DOF or the air speed, combined with the absence  
814 of the number calibration coefficient, lead to potentially high biases  
815 even if the instruments are still capable to capture the cloud properties  
816 variations.

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818 In order to explain the variations of the SPP transit time, it can be  
819 compared to the wind speed and the pumping speed. Figure 13  
820 presents the comparisons of one minute averaged data. The effective  
821 diameter measured by the SPP is also shown on the colorbar. It should  
822 be pointed out that the effective diameter values higher than 20  $\mu\text{m}$   
823 were observed only during a relatively small period of time when the  
824 wind speed was below 7  $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ . The transit time fluctuates  
825 independently of the wind speed or of the pump aspiration. As a  
826 consequence, there is no simple explanation to describe the absolute  
827 values and the variations of the SPP transit time.

828 Choularton et al. (1986) compared the FSSP volume sampling rate  $V$   
829 to wind speed values. In that experiment, the ground-based FSSP was  
830 coupled with a fan with a sampling speed of 26  $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ , which  
831 corresponds to a value of  $V = 8,14 \text{ cm}^3\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  in windless air conditions.  
832 The wind speed varied approximately between 10 and 20  $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ . The  
833 measured FSSP volume sampling rate  $V$  increased from 12 to 16  
834  $\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  with increasing wind speed. Such values correspond to the  
835 sampling speed from 38 to 51  $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ . Choularton et al. (1986)  
836 concluded that the ventilation speed and hence the volume sampling  
837 rate is modified by the ramming of air through the sample tube by the  
838 wind.

839 This ramming effect was not observed during our November 2013  
840 experiments. First, the sampling air speed within the FSSP inlet was  
841 higher than expected ( $\geq 15$  instead of 9  $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ). This difference can be  
842 attributed to the underestimation of the diameter value of the  
843 instrument's laser beam (that value was set at manufacture). The

844 results of Figure 13 show that the ramming effect cannot explain the  
845 overestimation of the concentration of the FSSP and SPP or the  
846 relatively high variability of the SPP transit time. At the same time,  
847 the variability observed in the SPP transit time measurements explains  
848 the results shown on figures 6 and 9. Indeed, in the assumption that  
849 the SPP and the FSSP have the same behavior in ground based  
850 conditions, the high variability in the FSSP sampling speed leads to  
851 high uncertainties in computed number concentrations and extinctions.  
852 That is why the FSSP number concentration and extinction show high  
853 discrepancies with the SPP and the CDP 1 (both installed in the wind  
854 tunnel) and the PWD (mounted on the roof terrace) measurements.

855 In addition, the variability seems to be a function of the droplet  
856 diameter. Indeed, for a diameter lower than 20  $\mu\text{m}$ , the SPP transit  
857 speed varies approximately between 12 and 27  $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  whereas, for a  
858 diameter greater than 20 $\mu\text{m}$ , the SPP transit speed is between 15 and  
859 20  $\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ . In the non-isokinetic conditions and for high Reynolds  
860 number (about  $2\cdot 10^4$ ), turbulent flows are expected inside and near the  
861 FSSP inlet. This could lead to strong changes in the droplets  
862 trajectories and speeds. The smaller the particle is, the more it follows  
863 the air flows. This can explain that the smallest droplets show the  
864 highest variability in the SPP transit speed. This result highlights the  
865 complex influence of the air flow and the droplet inertia may play an  
866 ~~important role~~ in the measurements.

867 Moreover, Gerber et al. (1999) compared the LWC measurements of  
868 the FSSP and the PVM during ground-based experiments. That study  
869 highlights the need of the knowledge of the ambient wind speed and  
870 the instrument orientation with respect to the wind direction, and  
871 suggests that the FSSP overestimates the concentration due to the  
872 droplet trajectories inside the flow accelerator when the ambient air  
873 speed is inferior to the velocity near the position of the laser. A simple  
874 trajectory model was used to understand if the suction used to draw  
875 droplets into the sampling tube of the FSSP can cause changes in the

876 droplet concentration at the point where the laser beam interacts with  
877 the droplets. The modeling was performed for a sampling velocity of  
878  $25 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$  and two wind-speed values of 0 and  $2 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ . As it is expected,  
879 the air flow converges and accelerates into the inlet. At the same time,  
880 droplets are unable to follow the curved streamlines and, due to the  
881 droplets' inertia, show a tendency to accumulate near the centerline of  
882 the insert where the sampling volume is located. The overestimation  
883 can be determined by the enhancement factor  $F$  ~~corresponding to the~~  
884 ~~ratio between FSSP measurements and the referent filter LWC of the~~  
885 ~~PVM~~. The enhancement factor decreases with increasing wind speed  
886 (from 0 to  $2 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ ) and increases with increasing droplet effective  
887 radius (from 0 to  $25 \mu\text{m}$ ). For a droplet radius of  $25 \mu\text{m}$ , the  
888 concentration enhancement varies between a factor of 3.5 and 30  
889 depending on the ambient air velocity. For droplet smaller than  $R_{\text{eff}} =$   
890  $5 \mu\text{m}$  the enhancement is less than 10%. FSSP is behaving as an  
891 inertial droplet concentrator that generates spurious droplet  
892 concentration much larger than ambient values. Errors are small for  
893 droplet radius less than  $5 \mu\text{m}$  but increases rapidly with increasing  
894 droplet size.

895 To compare our results with Gerber et al. (1999) findings, Figure 14  
896 displays the ratio between the FSSP and PWD extinctions as a  
897 function of the effective radius provided by the FSSP and the wind  
898 speed, for the entire ROSEA campaign. The lowest values of the  
899 PWD extinction were removed in order to avoid ~~absurd~~ ratio values   
900 The ratio of extinction or LWC (used in Gerber et al. (1999)) is the  
901 same within the hypothesis that it is due to an inaccurate assessment  
902 of the sampling volume. As we selected the PWD as the reference  
903 instrument, this ratio is similar to the enhancement factor  $F$  from  
904 Gerber et al. (1999). Our results show high values and variability of  
905 the ratio for low values of the wind speed whereas the ratio is constant  
906 ( $\sim 2.5$  which join the slope of 0.4 seen in the figure 10) when the wind  
907 speed is greater than  $5\text{-}6 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ . However, it seems that there is some

908 increase of the ratio with the droplet diameter for diameter values  
909 greater than 6  $\mu\text{m}$ , which is in agreement with the conclusion of  
910 Gerber et al. (1999). For diameter lower than 6  $\mu\text{m}$ , an important  
911 scatter is observed that should confirm the idea that potential turbulent  
912 flow in the inlet can sweep the smallest particles and so can alter the  
913 measurements.

914 Thus, a relative good agreement between the inertial concentration  
915 effect showed by Gerber et al. (1999) and our results is observed. As a  
916 consequence, we have indications which tend to show that the FSSP  
917 measurements with a wind speed too low have to be removed if any   
918 incoherence is found.

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## 5. Conclusion

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935 Accurate measurements of cloud microphysics properties are crucial  
936 for a better understanding of cloud processes and its impact on the  
937 climate. A large set of various cloud instrumentation were developed  
938 since the 80's. However, accurate comparisons between instruments  
939 are still scarce, in particular comparisons between ground-based and  
940 airborne conditions. To address this problem, we analyzed the results  
941 of both ground-based and wind tunnel measurements performed with  
942 various instrumentations during the ROSEA campaign at the station of  
943 the Puy-de-Dôme (Central France, 1465 m altitude) in May 2013. This  
944 instrumental intercomparison includes a FSSP, a Fog Monitor 100, a  
945 PWD, a PVM on ground-based conditions and two CDPs and a SPP-  
946 100 in the wind tunnel.

947 Our results show very good correlations between the measurements  
948 performed by the different instruments, especially, for the shape of the  
949 size distribution and the effective-diameter values. Whereas effective  
950 diameter absolute values show good agreement within the 10 %  
951 average instrument uncertainty, total-concentration values can diverge  
952 by a maximum factor of 5. It was expected in our study since there  
953 was no preliminary calibration in particle total-number for the  
954 instruments we used. On the other hand, comparisons between  
955 ground-based and controlled wind measurements lead to original  
956 results, which show rather good correlation, but with the same  
957 problem of the concentration-values bias. We thus propose to  
958 standardize with a reliable instrument, which doesn't use a sample  
959 volume. The data were thus normalized based on the bulk extinction  
960 coefficient measurements performed by the PWD. When comparing  
961 the extinction with the PWD, the results show that the measurements  
962 do not depend on the air speed for the instruments in the wind tunnel  
963 and on the wind speed for ground based instruments. Moreover, the

964 measurements can be standardized with a simple relation of  
965 proportionality, with a coefficient comprised between 0.43 and 2.2  
966 during ROSEA, which is valid for the entire campaign. However this  
967 is not applicable to the ground based FSSP measurements which were  
968 shown to be very sensitive to the wind speed and direction. Indeed,  
969 these measurements are highly variable when the wind speed was  
970 lower to the theoretical air speed through the inlet. The observed FSSP  
971 extinction overestimation, compared to the PWD, ~~has~~ showed some  
972 agreements with the Gerber et al. (1999) study, which highlights the  
973 inertial concentration effects. Moreover, additional orientation  
974 experiments were performed. The FSSP and FM orientation was  
975 modified with an angle ranging from 30° to 90° angle with wind  
976 speeds from 3 to 7 m.s<sup>-1</sup>. The results show that the induced number  
977 concentration loss is between 29 and 98 % for the FSSP and between  
978 15 and 68 % for the FM-100. This study revealed that it is necessary  
979 to be very critical with cloud measurements when the wind speed is  
980 lower than 3 m.s<sup>-1</sup> and when the angle between the wind direction and  
981 the orientation of the instruments is greater than 30°.

982 Finally ~~to explain~~ the high dispersion of the ground based FSSP  
983 measurements compared to the others instruments. The transit speed  
984 of droplets in the sampling volume was investigated using the SPP  
985 measurements on the mast. The ground based SPP observations  
986 showed a strong variability in the transit speed of the cloud droplets.  
987 This variability did not depend of the variations of the pump  
988 aspiration or the wind speed. As this effect was more pronounced for  
989 small particles, the presence of turbulent flow inside the inlet could be  
990 a plausible explanation of the discrepancies of the measurements  
991 based on particle counting.

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## Tables

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Date	Wind tunnel			Roof					meteo
	SPP	CDP 1	CDP 2	FSSP	PVM 1	PVM 2	PWD	FM 100	
16/05/2013	√	√	√	√	×	√	√	√	cloudy
17/05/2013	×	×	×	√	√	×	√	√	cloudy
19/05/2013	×	×	×	√	√	×	√	√	cloudy
20/05/2013	×	×	×	√	√	×	√	√	cloudy
21/05/2013	×	×	×	√	×	×	√	√	cloudy
22/05/2013	√	√	×	√	×	×	√	√	cloudy
23/05/2013	×	×	×	×	~	~	√	√	cloudy
24/05/2013	√	√	×	×	×	√	√	√	cloudy
25/05/2013	×	×	×	×	√	√	√	√	cloudy
26/05/2013	×	×	×	×	√	√	√	√	cloudy
27/05/2013	×	×	×	√	√	√	√	√	clear
28/05/2013	√	√	×	√	√	√	√	√	cloudy
√ = data available									
~ = data available during a part of the day									
× = data not available									

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1221 *Table 1: Data availability for each instrument used during ROSEA*

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Instrument	Measured parameter(s)	Measurement range	Accuracy	Time resolution
Forward Scattering Spectrometer Probe (FSSP & SPP)	size distribution	2 - 47 μm	D : ±3μm Number conc : ±20%	1 sec
Fog Monitor (FM)	size distribution	2 - 50 μm	D : ±3μm Number conc : ±100%	1 sec
Cloud Droplet Probe (CDP)	size distribution	2 - 50 μm	D : ±3μm Number conc : ±50%	1 sec
Particle Volume Monitor (PVM)	extinction, LWC, Reff	<u>2 - 70 μm</u>	LWC : ±10%	PVM1 : 5 min PVM2 : 1 sec
Present Weather Detector (PWD 22)	extinction	all	±10%	1 min

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1224 *Table 2: Instrumental set-up during the ROSEA intercomparison*  
1225 *campaign at the Puy-de-Dôme*

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	Roof			Wind tunnel		
	FM 100	PVM1	FSSP	SPP	CDP1	CDP2
PWD	a=2,23 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,58	a=1,17 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,86	a=0,35 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,24	a=0,44 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,86	a=0,63 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,72	a=1,05 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,72
FM 100		a=0,45 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,74	a=0,15 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,79	a=0,26 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,61	a=0,39 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,61	a=0,46 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,61
PVM1			a=0,34 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,64	/	/	/
FSSP				no correlation	no correlation	no correlation
SPP					a=0,69 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,95	a=0,42 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,91
CDP1						a=0,59 ; R <sup>2</sup> =0,91
CDP2						

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*Table 3: Summary of the cloud extinction coefficient intercomparison performed during ROSEA. The coefficient  $a$  is the slope of the linear regression, the correlation coefficient  $R^2$  is also indicated. The orange colored part corresponds to the standardization of each instrument according to the PWD, the values of  $a$  give the factor of standardization.*

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	wind	3m/s	5m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s
30°	total	29	74	75	28
	2 to 14 μm	31	58	68	30
	14 to 29 μm	25	94	86	26
60°	total	71	88	95	93
	2 to 14 μm	65	82	93	87
	14 to 29 μm	80	96	99	99
90°	total	46	95	96	98
	2 to 14 μm	41	93	95	97
	14 to 29 μm	55	97	99	100

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1251 *Table 4: FSSP concentration loss in percentage compared to the*  
1252 *isoaxial measurement concentration, as a function of the wind speed*  
1253 *and the angle between wind direction and instrument orientation. For*  
1254 *each angles and wind speed values, this percentage is computed for*  
1255 *the entire size range (2 to 45μm), the small particles (2 to 14 μm) and*  
1256 *the large particles (14 to 29μm).*

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	wind	3m/s	5m/s	6 m/s	7 m/s
30°	total	15	43	34	21
	2 to 14 μm	16	32	34	21
	14 to 29 μm	18	74	35	31
60°	total	45	55	68	62
	2 to 14 μm	41	44	67	50
	14 to 29 μm	62	84	71	90
90°	total	37	58	47	54
	2 to 14 μm	33	59	52	52
	14 to 29 μm	49	67	16	52

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1259 *Table 5: Same as Table 4, for the FM 100*

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## Figures

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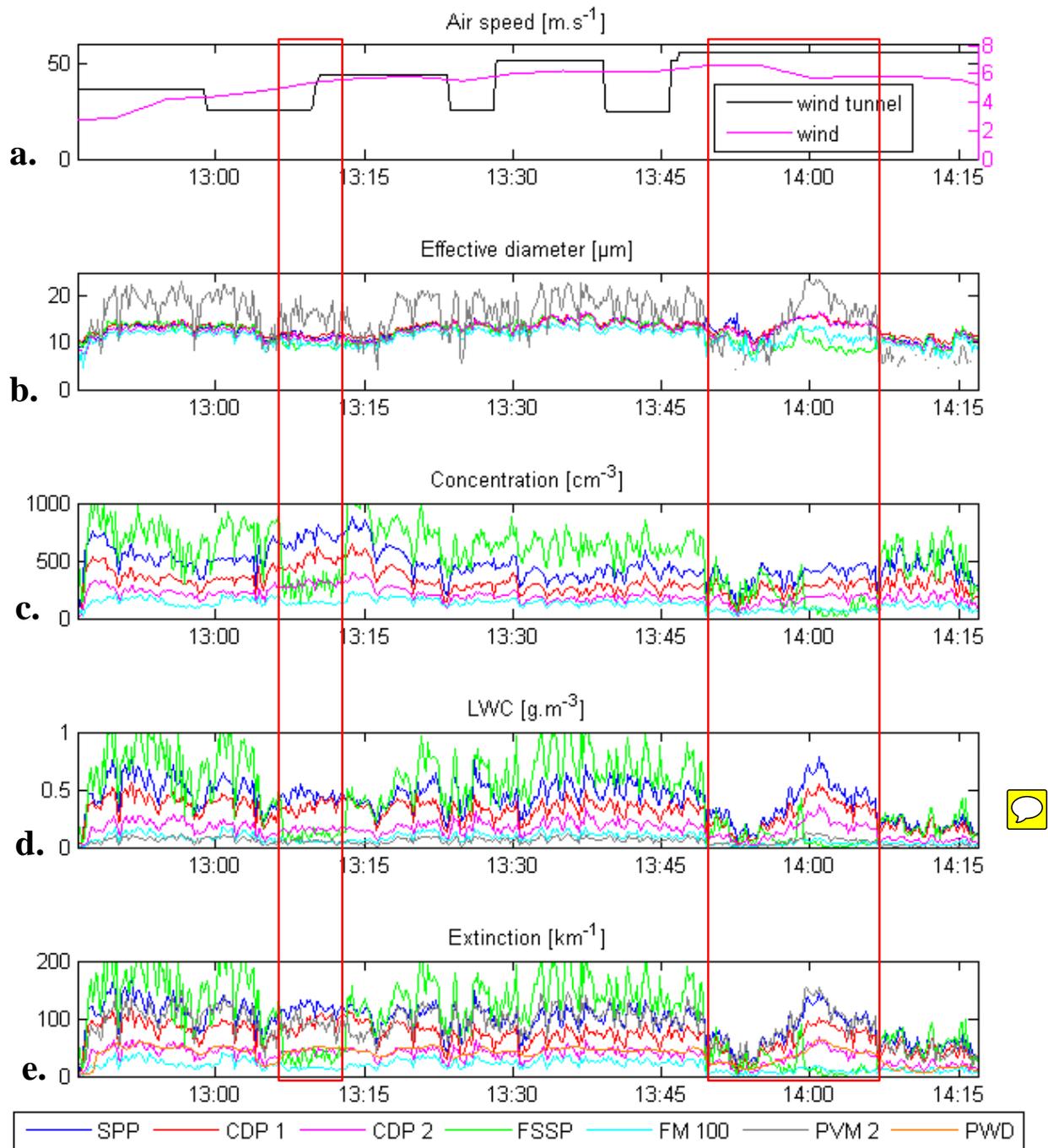


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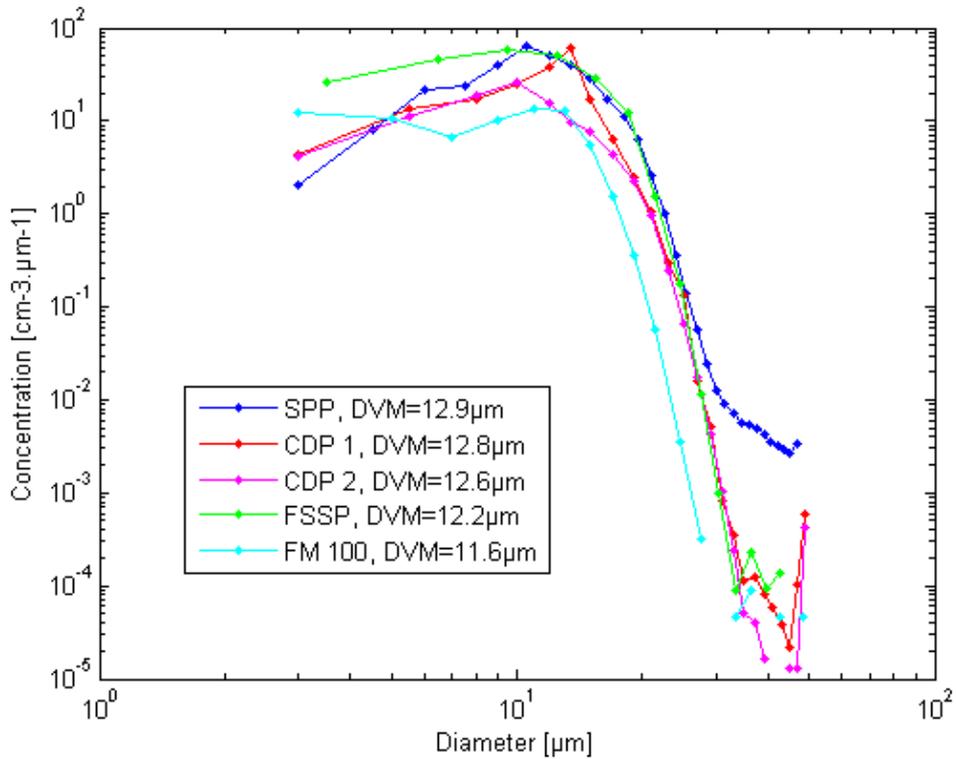
1267 *Photo 1: a) Instruments set-up on the roof. The FSSP and the FM 100*  
1268 *were placed on the mast, which can be oriented manually, so the*  
1269 *direction where pointed these two instruments can be chosen and b)*  
1270 *instruments set-up in the wind tunnel, the SPP at the right, the CDP 1*  
1271 *at the top and the CDP 2 at the left.*

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1274 *Figure 1: Time series of the 16 May experiment of the main measured*  
 1275 *parameters: a. ambient wind speed (purple) and wind tunnel air speed*  
 1276 *(black); b. effective diameter; c. concentration; d. LWC and e.*  
 1277 *extinction. The data are 10 seconds averaged, except for the PWD*  
 1278 *measurements performed with a 1 minute time resolution. The red-*  
 1279 *framed parts of the time series correspond to additional experiments*  
 1280 *where the orientation of the instruments on the mast was changed (for*  
 1281 *the FM 100 and the FSSP).*



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1283 *Figure 2: Averaged size distribution for the 16<sup>th</sup> of May over the*  
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 1285 *color corresponds to the different instruments displayed in the legend.*  
 1286 *The average median volume diameter DVM is also shown.*

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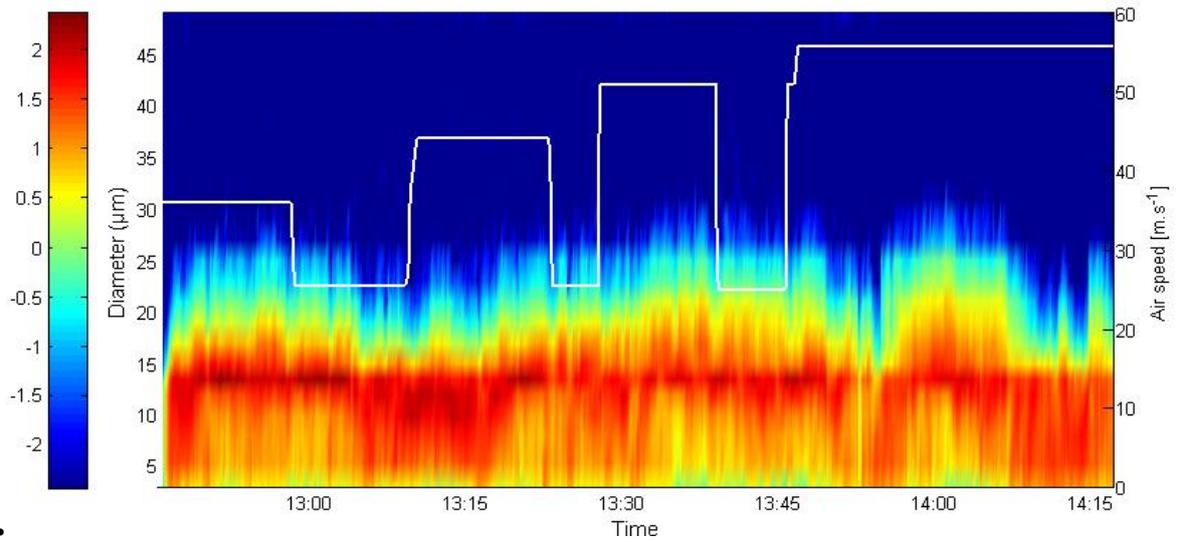
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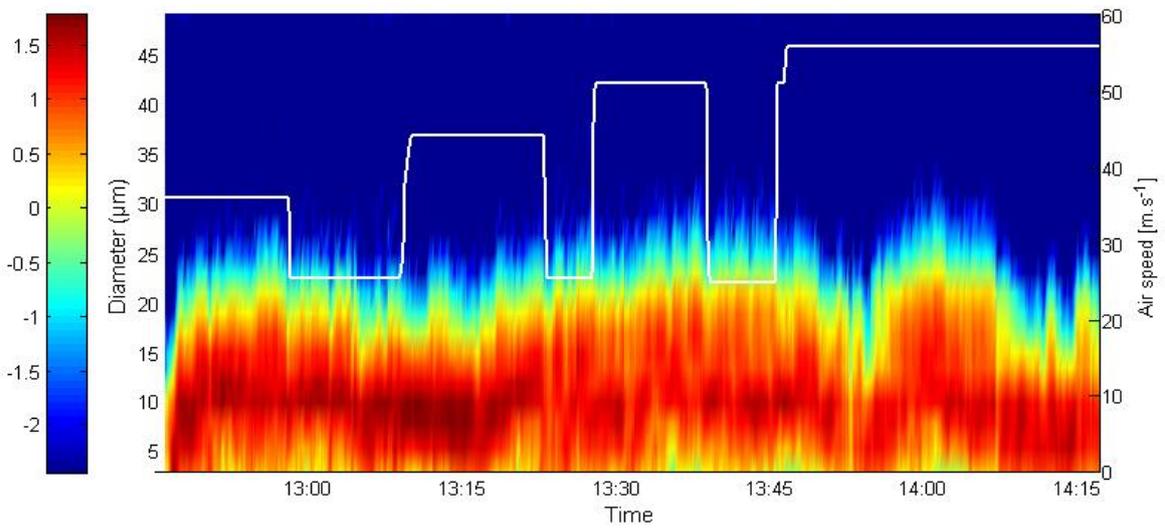
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1299 *Figure 3: Time series of the 10 seconds average size distributions of*  
 1300 *CDP1 (a) and CDP2 (b), for the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. The logarithmic values*  
 1301 *of the concentration for each size bin of the CDP in  $cm^{-3} \cdot \mu m^{-1}$  are*  
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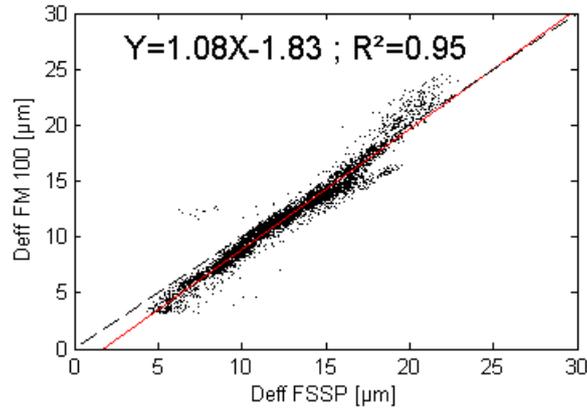
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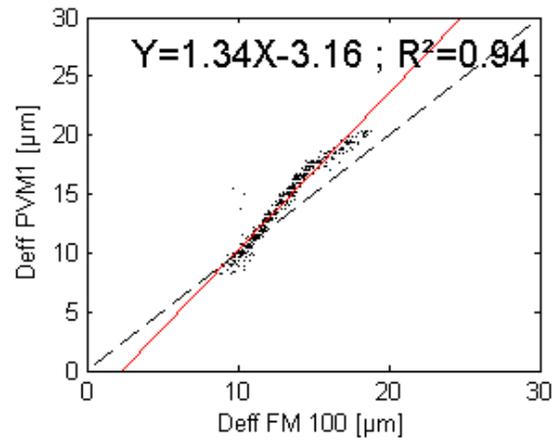
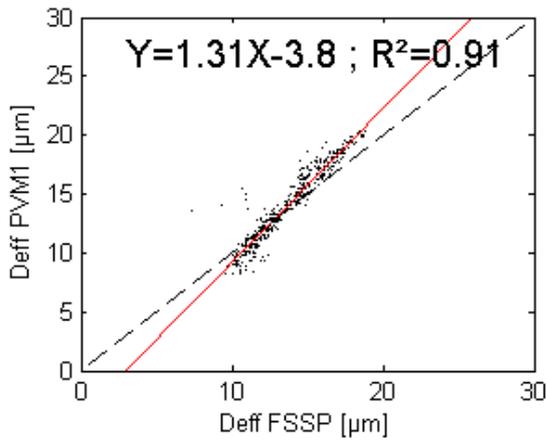
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1311 *Figure 4: a. Comparison between the 1-minute averaged effective*  
 1312 *diameters of the FM 100 and the FSSP*

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 1314 *between the PVM1 and the FSSP (left) and with the FM 100 (right).*

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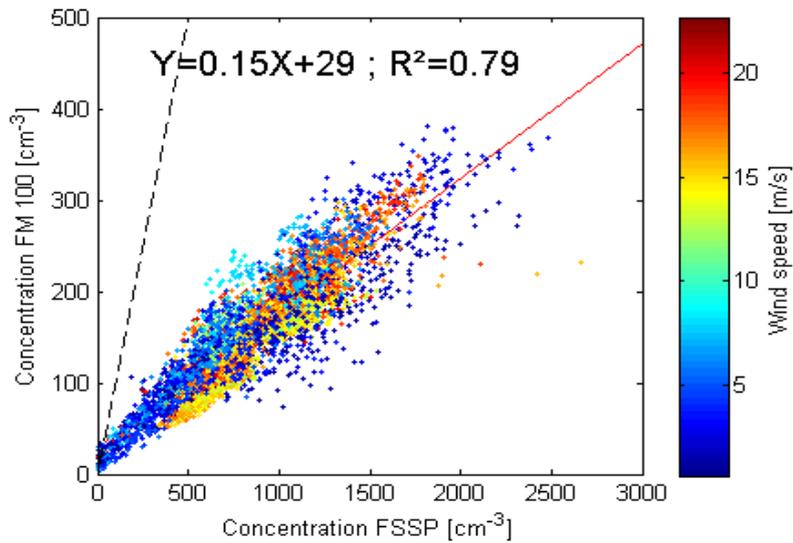
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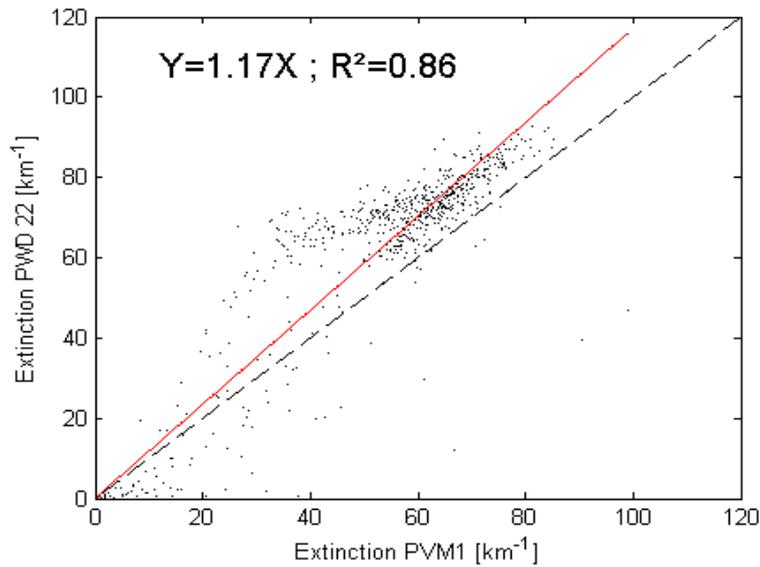
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1323 *Figure 5: 1-minute averaged concentration in cm<sup>-3</sup> measurements*  
 1324 *obtained from the FM 100 as a function of the FSSP concentration of*  
 1325 *the FSSP. The color shows the values of the wind speed.*

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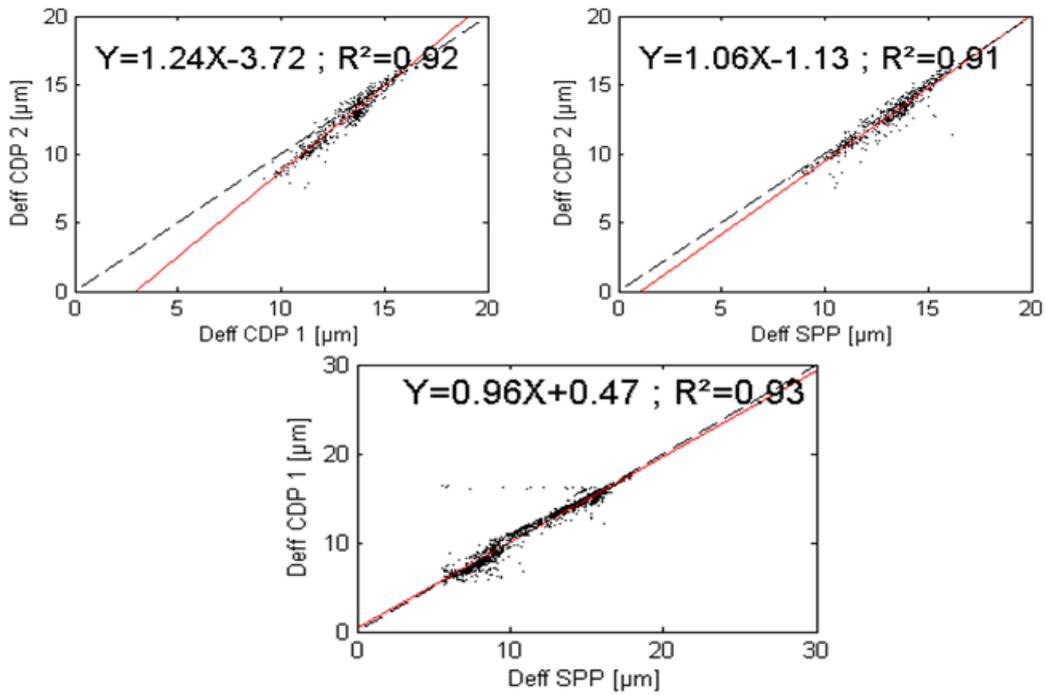


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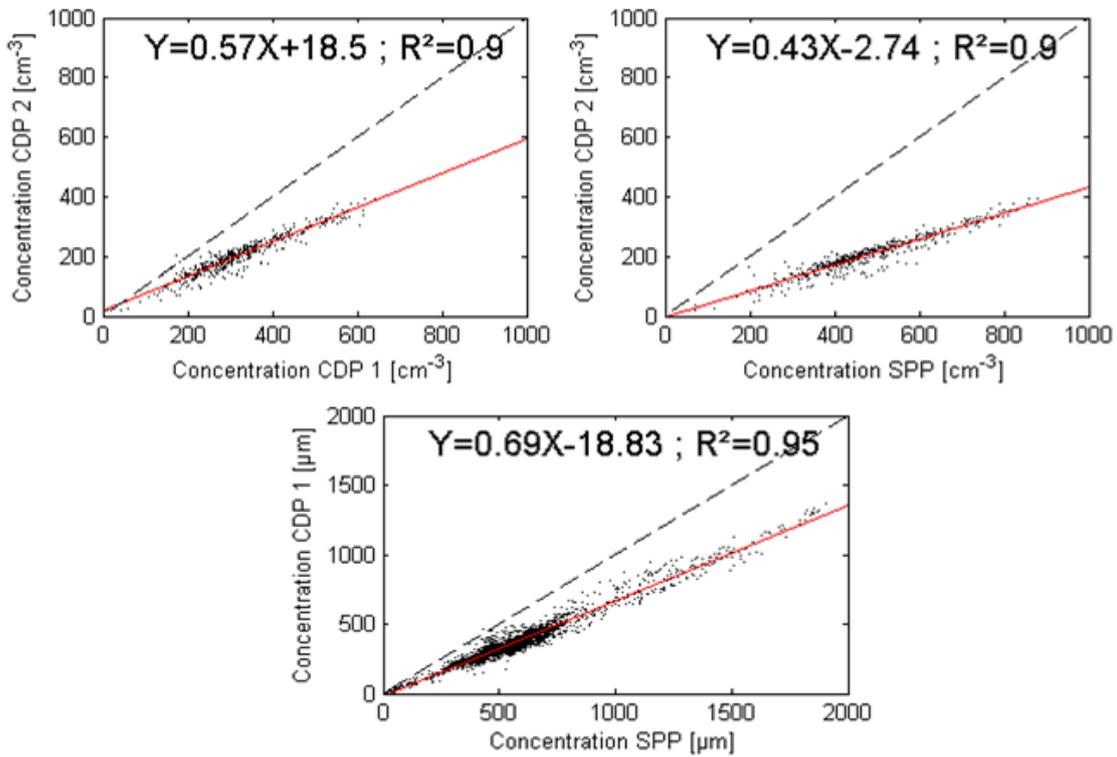
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 1329 *extinction coefficients.*

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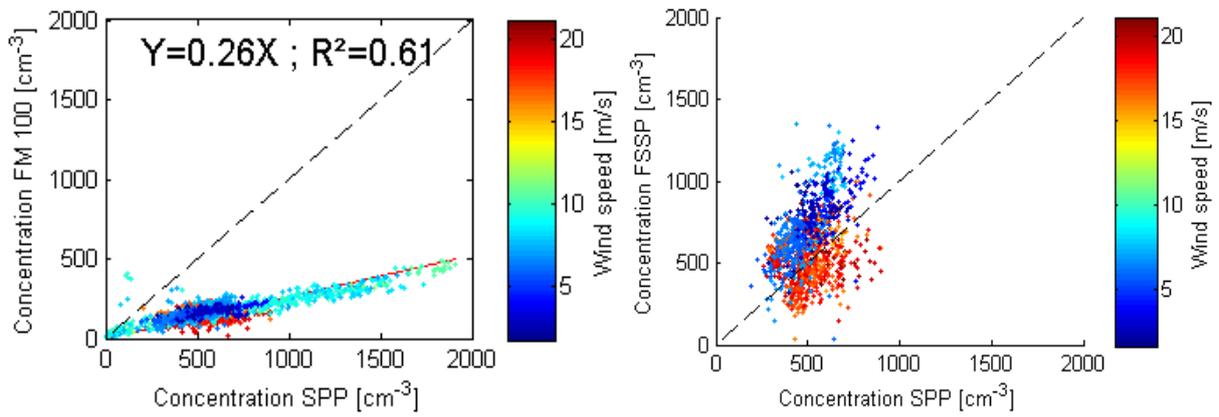


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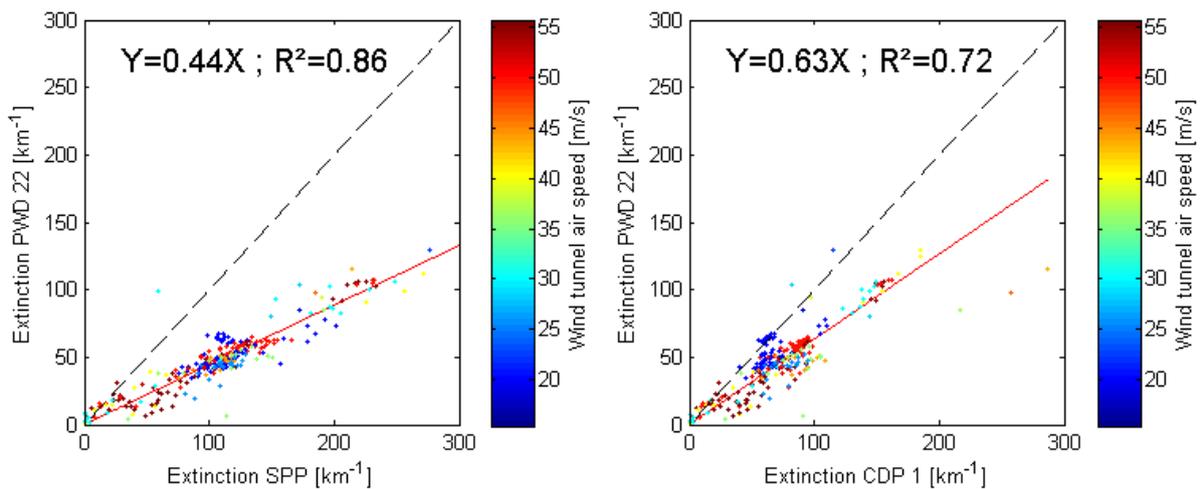
1334 *Figure 7: (a) 10 seconds averaged data comparison of the effective*  
 1335 *diameter measured by the instruments installed in the wind tunnel, i.e.*  
 1336 *the CDP1, the CDP2 and the SPP; and (b) 10 seconds averaged data*  
 1337 *comparison of the concentration measured by the instruments*  
 1338 *installed in the wind tunnel.*



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1340 *Figure 8: Scatter plots of the 10-second averaged concentrations*  
 1341 *measured by the FM 100 (left) and the FSSP (right), in ambient*  
 1342 *conditions, with the wind tunnel SPP. The color reveals the ambient*  
 1343 *wind speed.*

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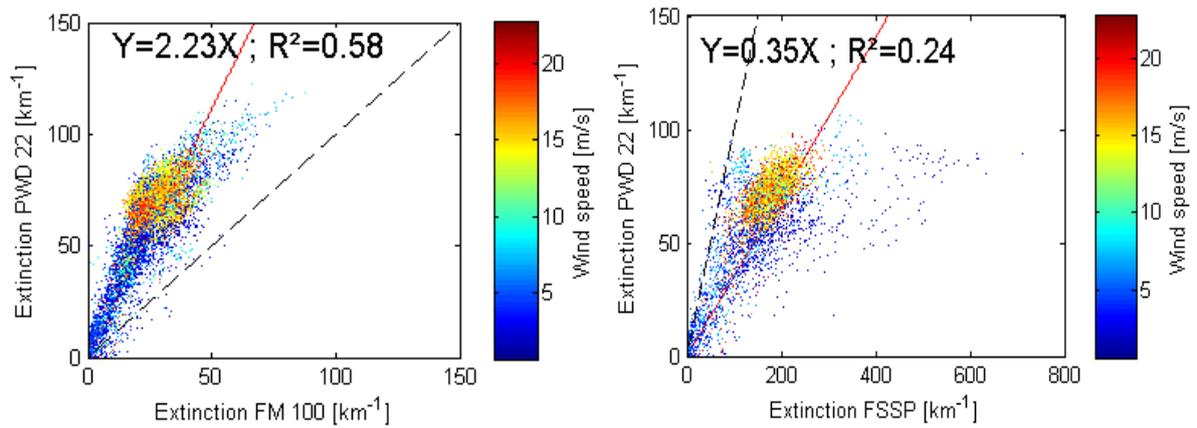
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 1347 *with the PWD extinction for the four wind tunnel experiments. The air*  
 1348 *speed applied in the wind tunnel is shown on the colorbar.*

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1354 *Figure 10: 1 minute averaged FSSP and FM 100 extinctions versus*  
 1355 *the PWD extinction during the entire ROSEA campaign. The*  
 1356 *measurements have been selected for cloudy events. The red line*  
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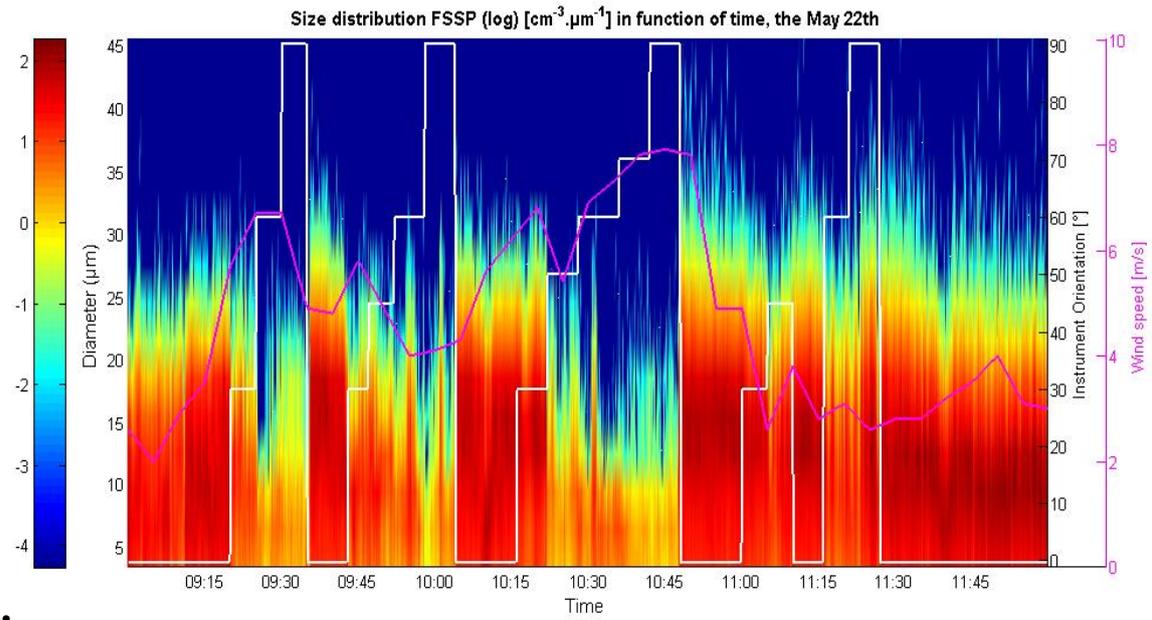
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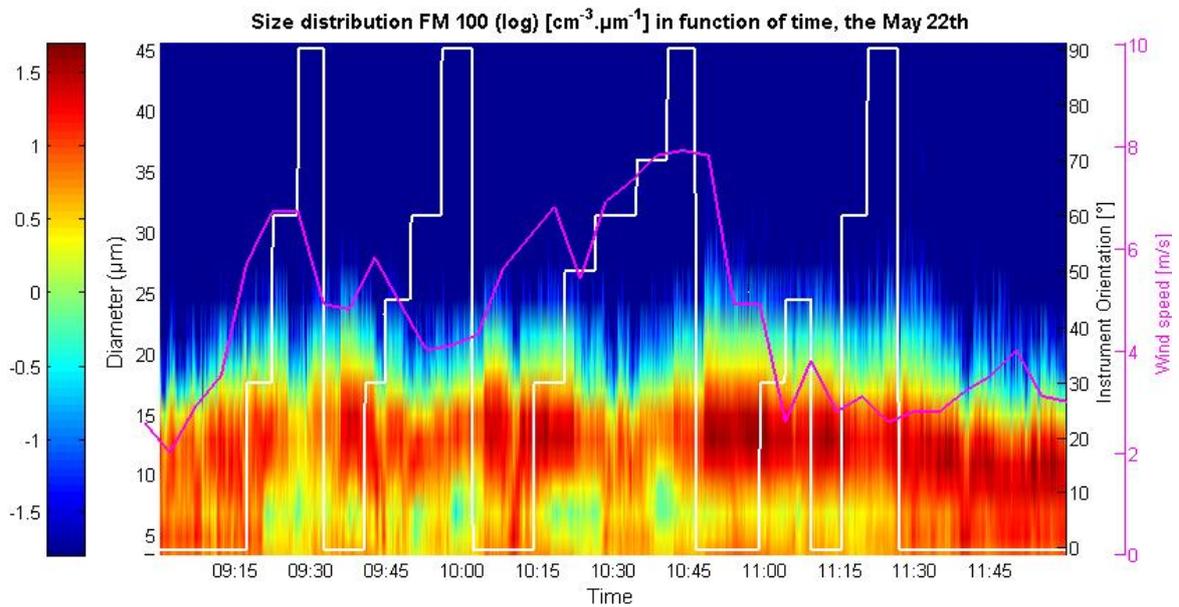
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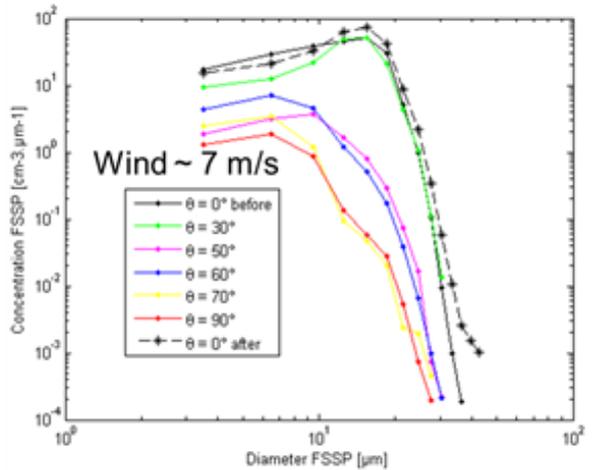
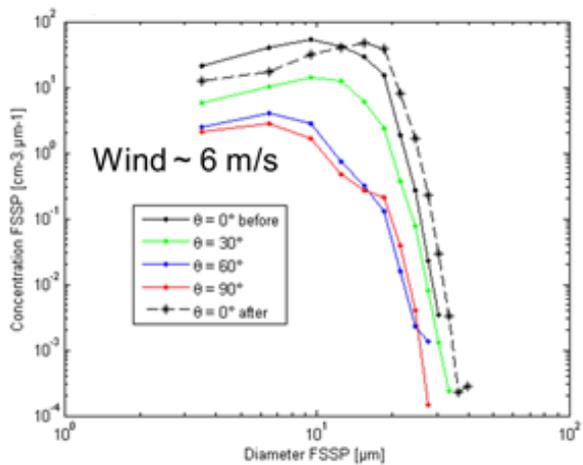
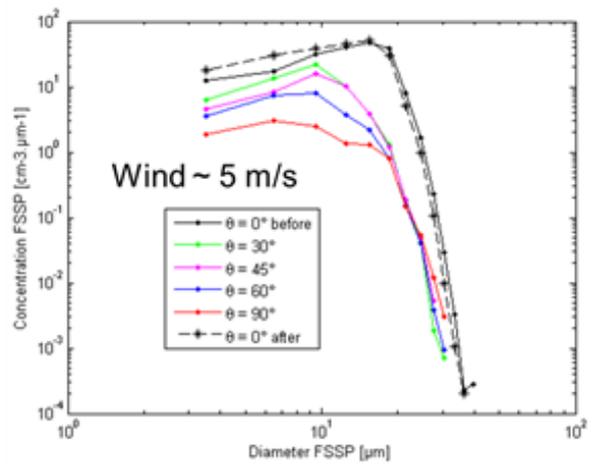
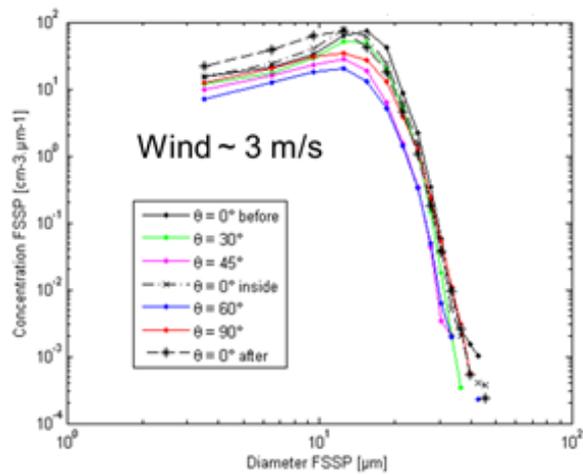
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1374 *Figure 11: FSSP (a) and FM 100 (b) time series of the size*  
 1375 *distribution [ $\text{cm}^{-3} \cdot \mu\text{m}^{-1}$ ] during May the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The angle between the*  
 1376 *wind direction and the mast direction is plotted in white and the wind*  
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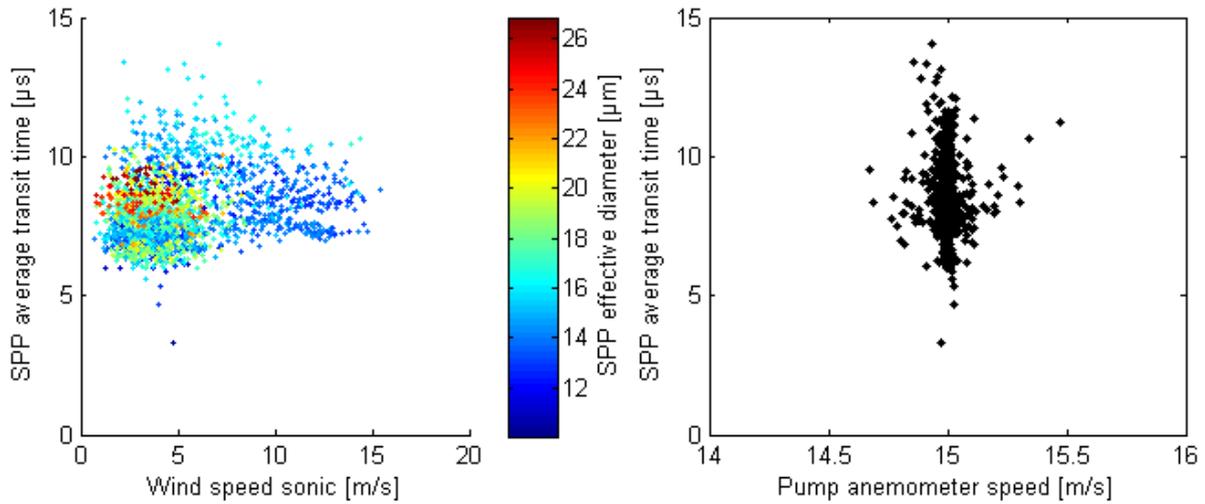
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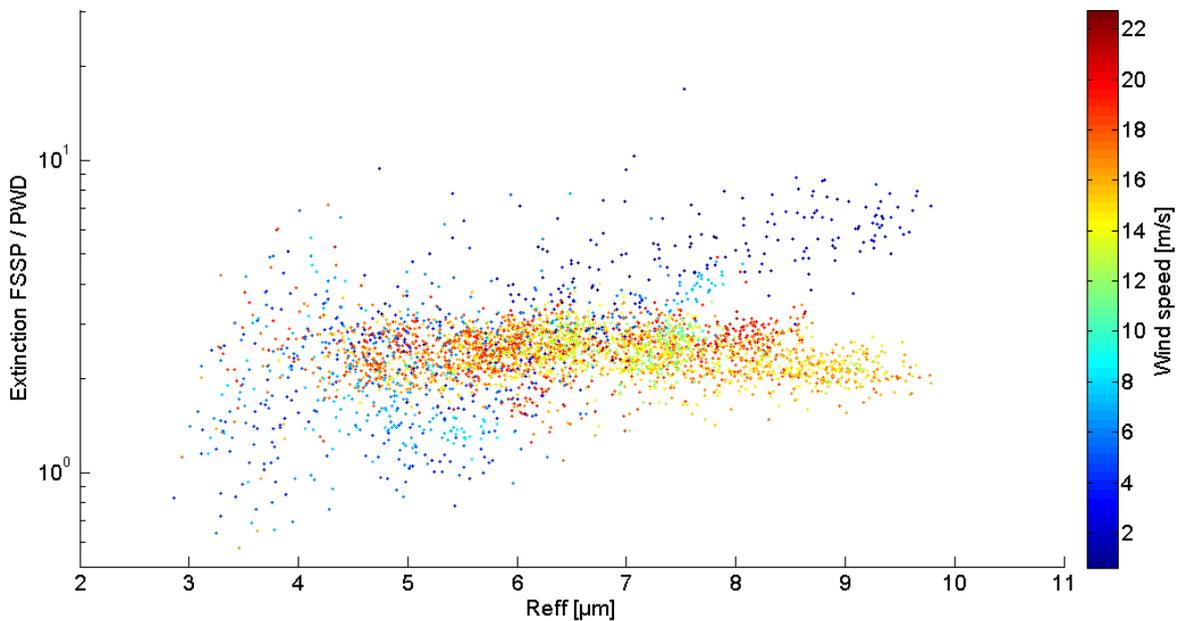
*Figure 12: FSSP size distribution averaged for each angle  $\theta$  corresponding to the angle between the wind direction and the instrument orientation, for the four manipulations. The averaged wind speed is indicated for each experiment.*



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1394 *Figure 13: SPP average transit time as a function of the ambient wind*  
 1395 *speed (left) and of the pump suction speed (right). The color shows the*  
 1396 *effective diameter measured by the SPP. The data are averaged over 1*  
 1397 *minute.*

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1400 *Figure 14: Extinction ratio between the FSSP and the PWD as a*  
 1401 *function of effective radius of cloud droplets and ambient wind speed,*  
 1402 *during the ROSEA campaign.*

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