



# Source apportionment of particulate matter (PM10) collected within PMinter using the macro-tracer approach



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**PMinter**

- PM10 sampling at *PMinter* sites
- Chemical analyses
- Sources of PM
  - Macro-tracer approach
  - “Urban impact”
- Comparison of Methods used for source apportionment

Description of PM10 sources in the border region of Austria and Slovenia, in order to understand the origin of European PM10 short-time limit value (50 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) exceedances, commonly observed in this region during wintertime.



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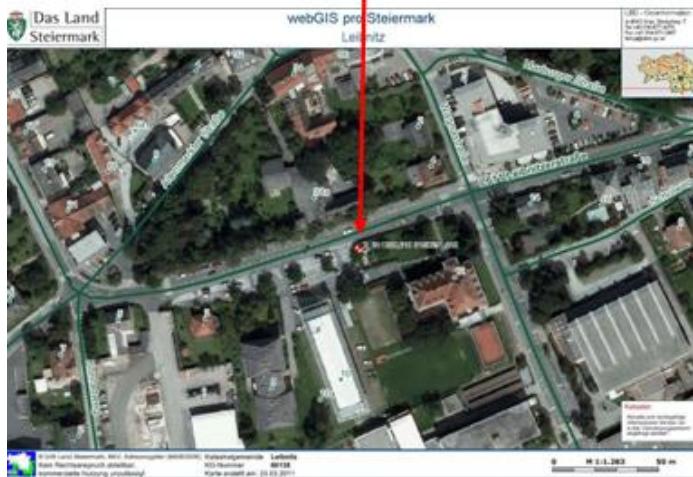
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## Sampling in Carinthia

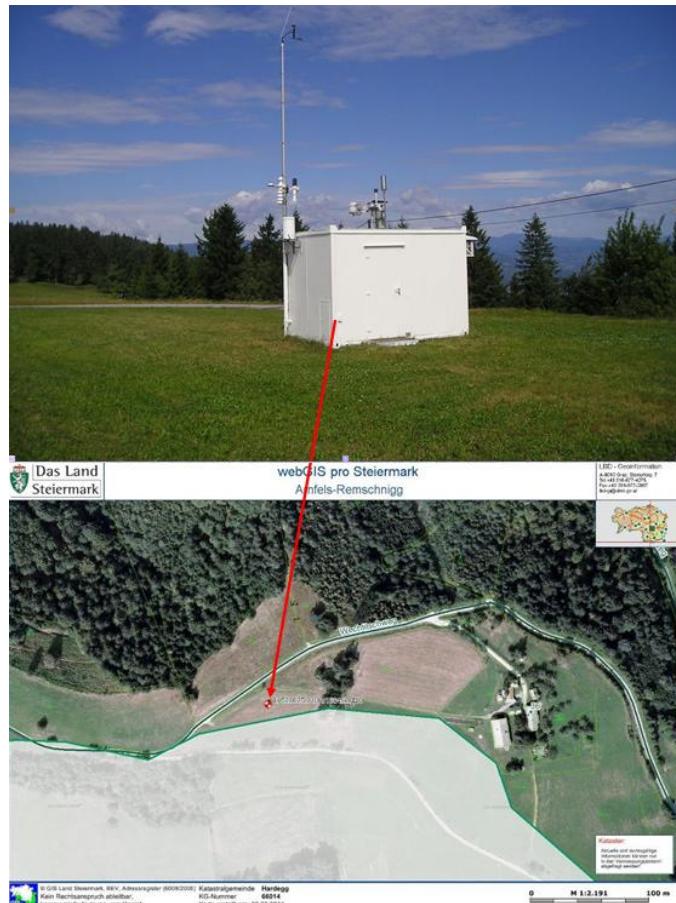
- Klagenfurt – Völkermarkterstraße (1), urban
- Klagenfurt-Ost, Limmersdorf (2), background
- Ebenthal Zell (3)

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## Sampling in Styria

- Leibnitz (1), urban
- Arnfels – Remschnigg (2), background

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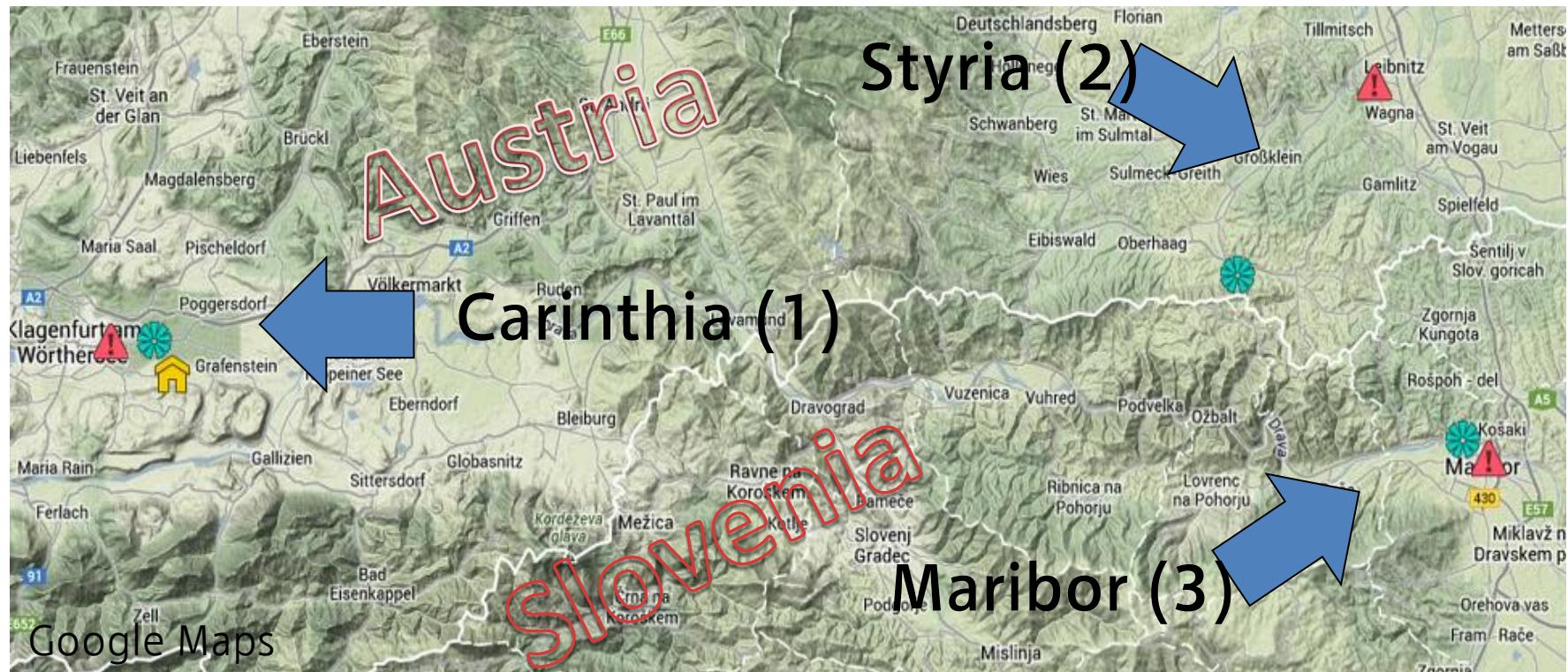
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## Sampling in Slovenia

- **Maribor Center (1), urban**
- **Vrabanski Plato (2), background**



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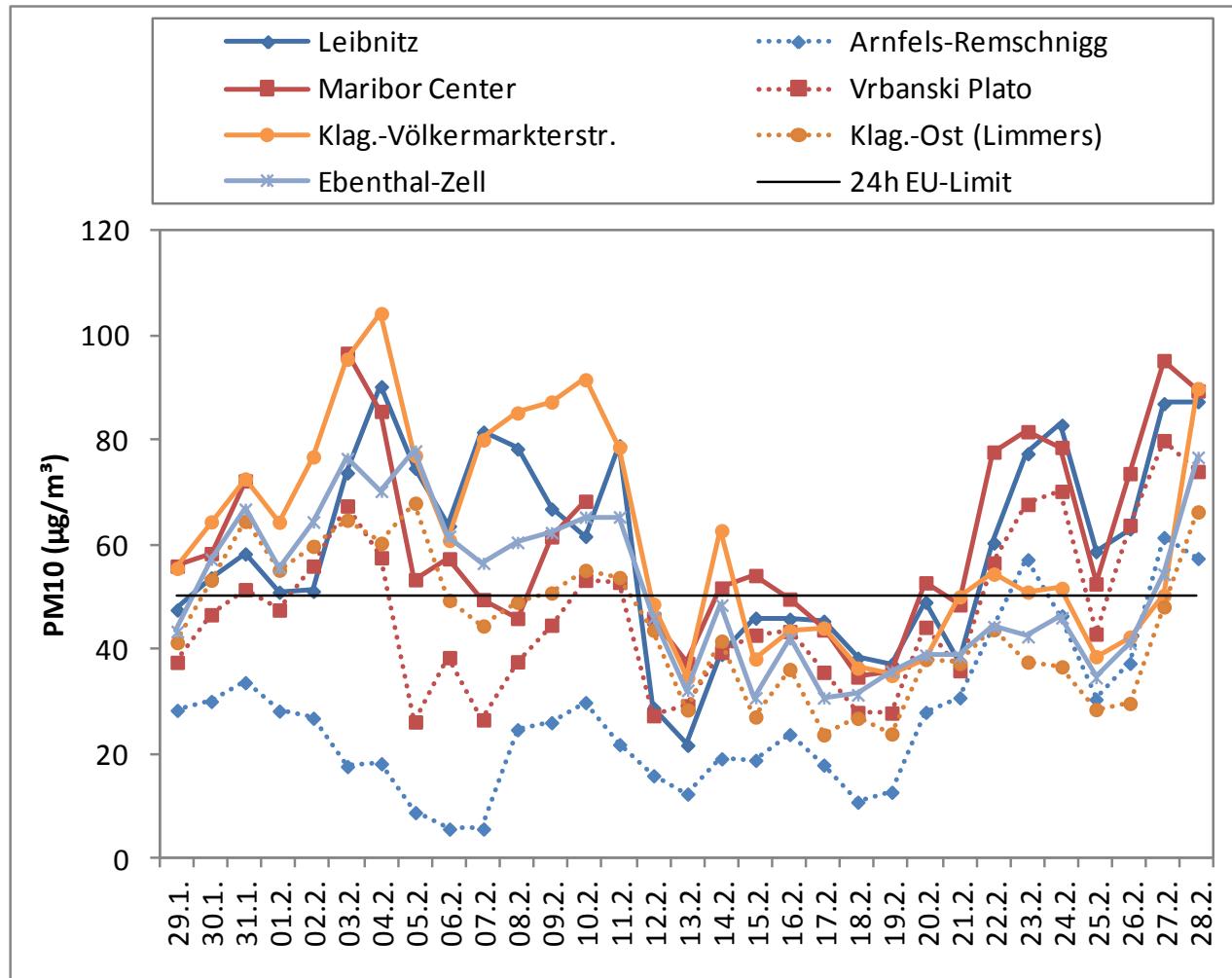
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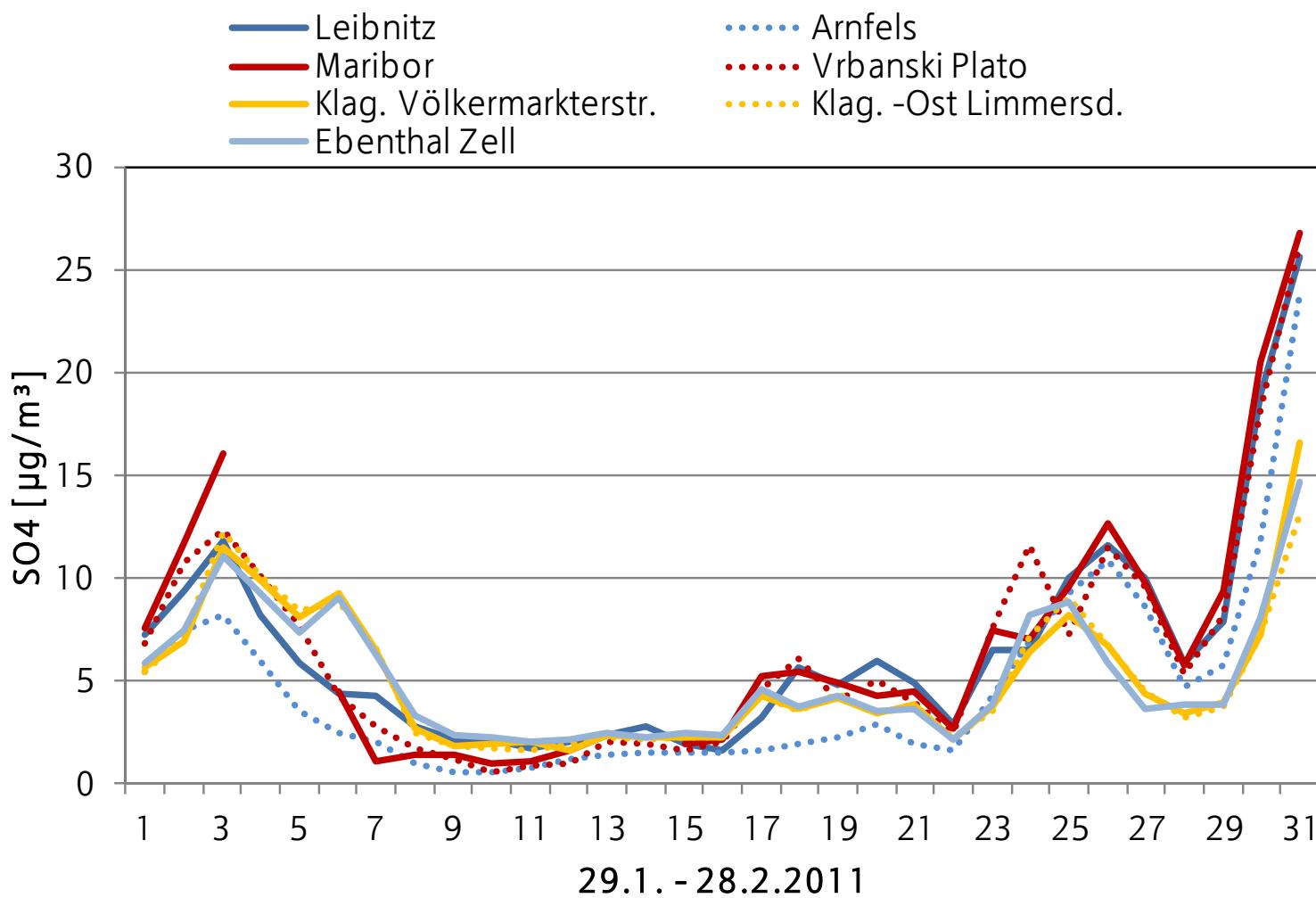
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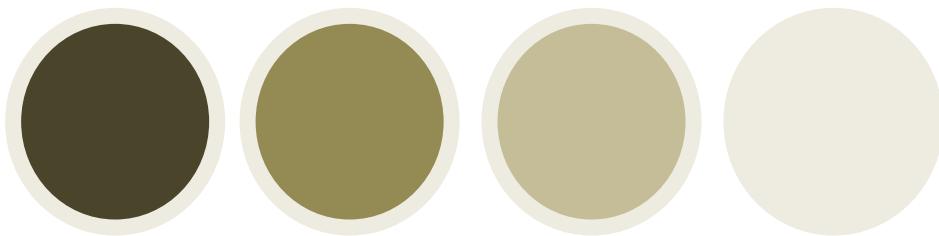
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# PM10 concentrations at PMinter sites – January 29<sup>th</sup> until Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2011

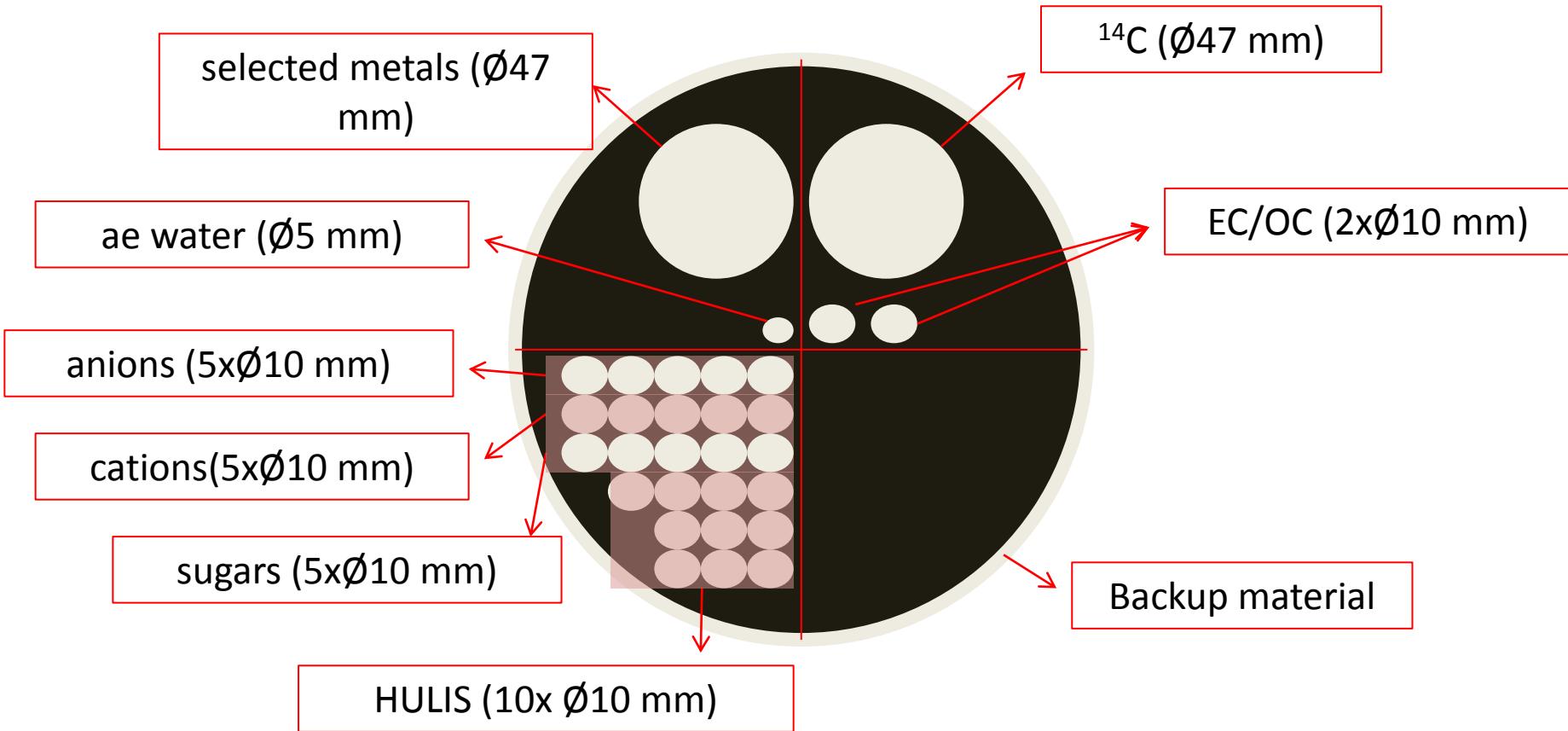


# Sulfate concentrations at PMinter sites – January 29<sup>th</sup> until Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2011





Analysis was performed at the Vienna University of Technology and at the University of Bern ( $^{14}\text{C}$ )



Anions and Cations:

aqueous extracts (ultra-pure water or  
methane sulphonic acid), ion  
Chromatography,

Organic Carbon, Elemental Carbon:  
thermal-optical determination with an OC-  
EC analyzer (Sunset Laboratory Inc.)

Anhydrosaccarides:

aqueous extracts, ion chromatography  
with pulsed amperometric detection

<sup>14</sup>C:

combustion to obtain total carbon, <sup>14</sup>C  
measurement with accelerator mass  
spectrometry

Selected Metals:

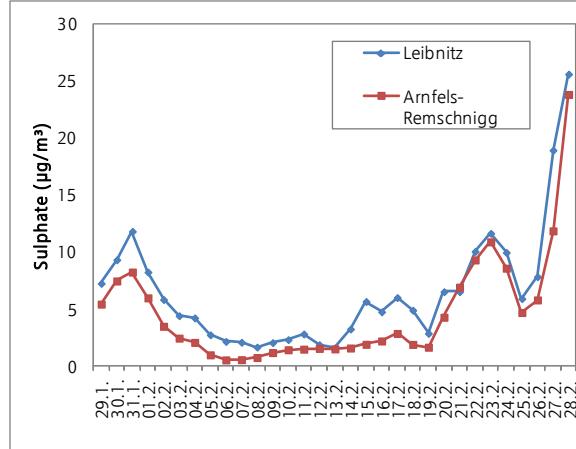
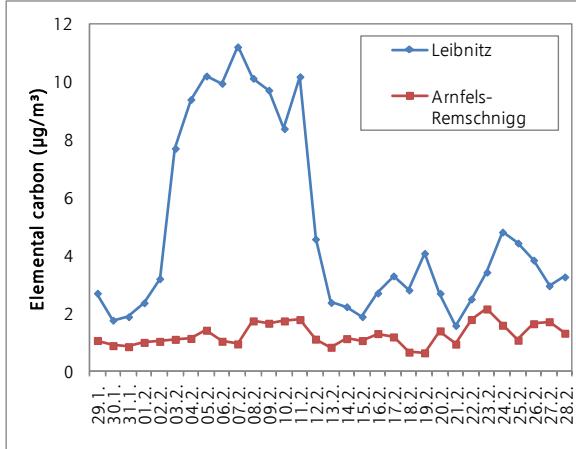
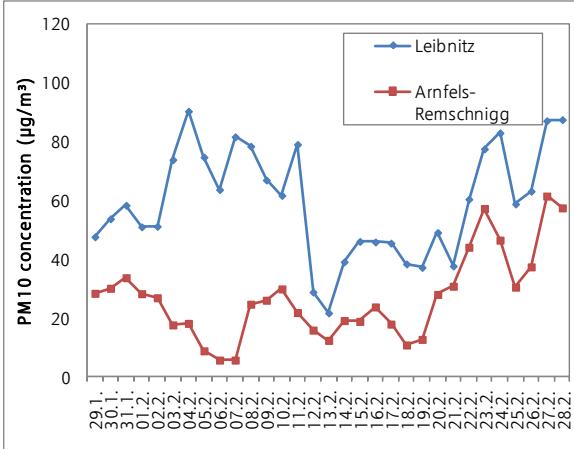
X-ray fluorescence

Aerosol Water:

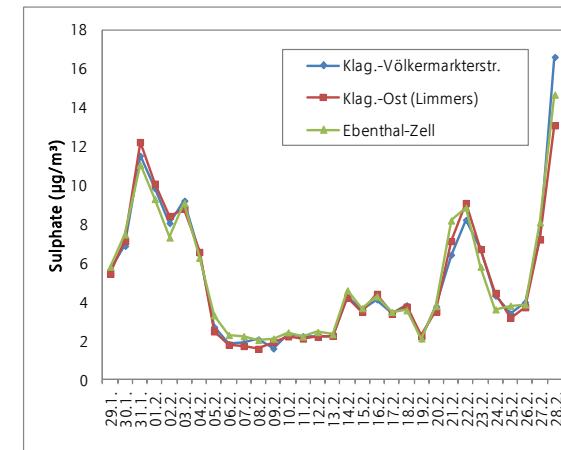
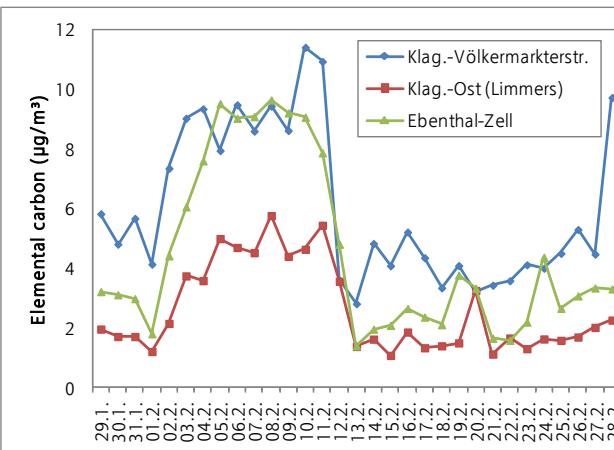
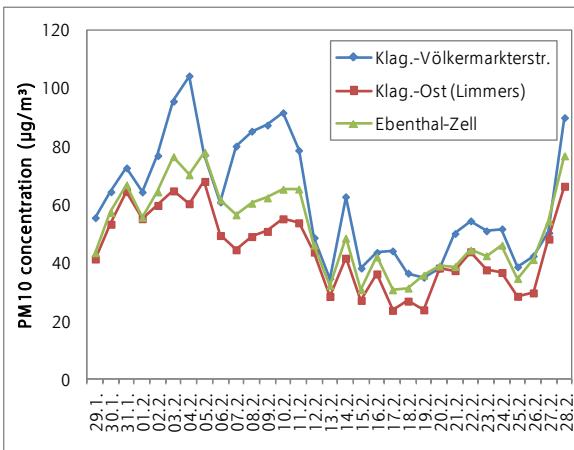
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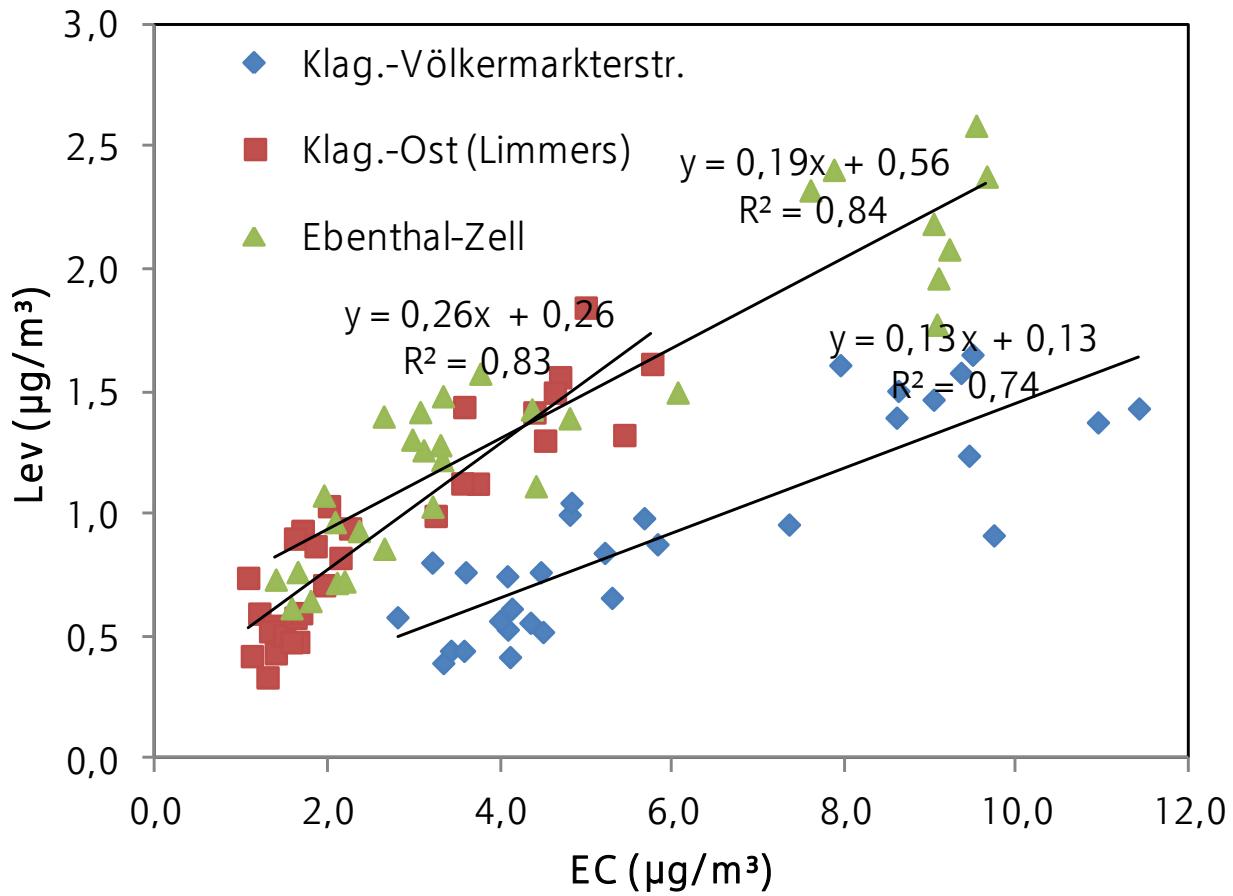
Humic like substances (HULIS):

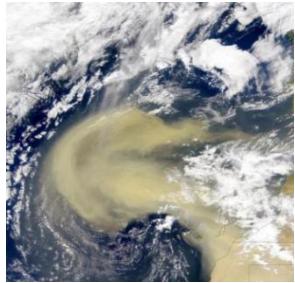
solid phase extraction of aqueous  
extracts followed by the determination of  
organic carbon by combustion and NDIR  
detection



## Concentration trends for selected parameters







## Sources for Particulate Matter

natural sources – anthropogenic sources  
primary aerosols – secondary aerosols

### define specific sources

Traffic exhaust, tire abrasion, de-icing salts, construction activites, industry, agriculture, wood combustion, power generation, wind blown dust, sea spray, volcanoes, ....  
formation of ammonium nitrate and sulfate from gaseous precursors, formation of secondary organic aerosols .....



# Sources for Particulate Matter – Macro-tracer Approach

based on the chemical tracers determined in PM the major sources of PM are identified and quantified

- analyse macro-tracers in ambient PM samples
- multiply macro-tracer concentrations with conversion factors
- obtain contribution of respective PM sources

• Macro-tracers have to be identified and analysed  
• conversion factors have to be determined

## Sources:

Traffic, Wood smoke, De-icing salts, Mineral Dust (Carbonates),  
Secondary Inorganics, Not-defined Organic Matter  
Mineral Dust (Silicates), HULIS – SOA, Aerosol Humidity

Macro-tracer	Conversion Factors	Derived Source
Levoglucosan, Mannosan	$M_{WS\ PMinter} = Levo * 16.8$	Wood burning small-scale residential heating
EC	$EC_D = EC - EC_{WS}$ $D_{EX} = EC_D + (EC_D * 0.33)$ $EC_{WS} = M_{WS} * 0.10$ $D_{AB} = D_{EX} * 0.3$	Traffic (Exhaust + Abrasion) $EC_D$ = from diesel $D_{EX}$ = Diesel emissions (Road, off-road) $EC_{WS}$ = from wood smoke
NaCl	> 1% of PM10	De-icing salt
Ca, Al, Si	Ca*2.5; Si*2.7	Carbonates, Silicates – Mineral dust part of soil re-suspension
Ammonium, Sulfate, Nitrate	$(NH_4 + SO_4 + NO_3) * 1.1$ (for 10% moisture)	Inorganic secondary aerosols
OC	$OC_{ND} = OC - OC_D - OC_{ws},$ $OM_{ND} = OC_{ND} * 1.5$	Not defined OM $OC_D = EC_D * 0.33$ $OC_{ws} = Levo * 6.8$ , bio-aerosol, secondary organic aerosols
HULIS	1	Hulis – as secondary organic aerosols
Not identified in this approach	-	industrial emissions, coal combustion/other combustion sources

References given in Bauer et al. 2006

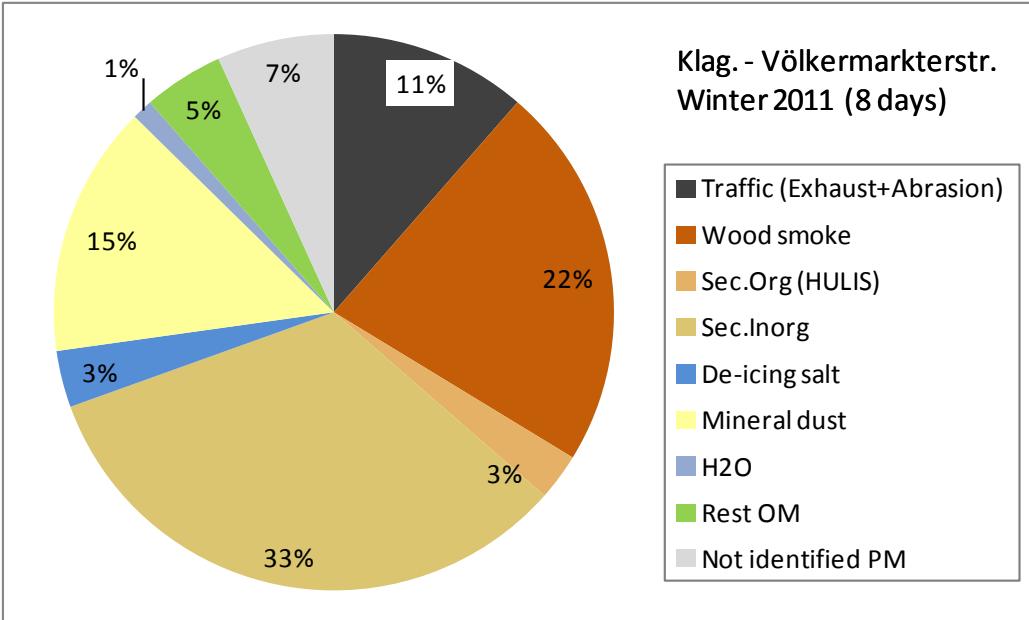


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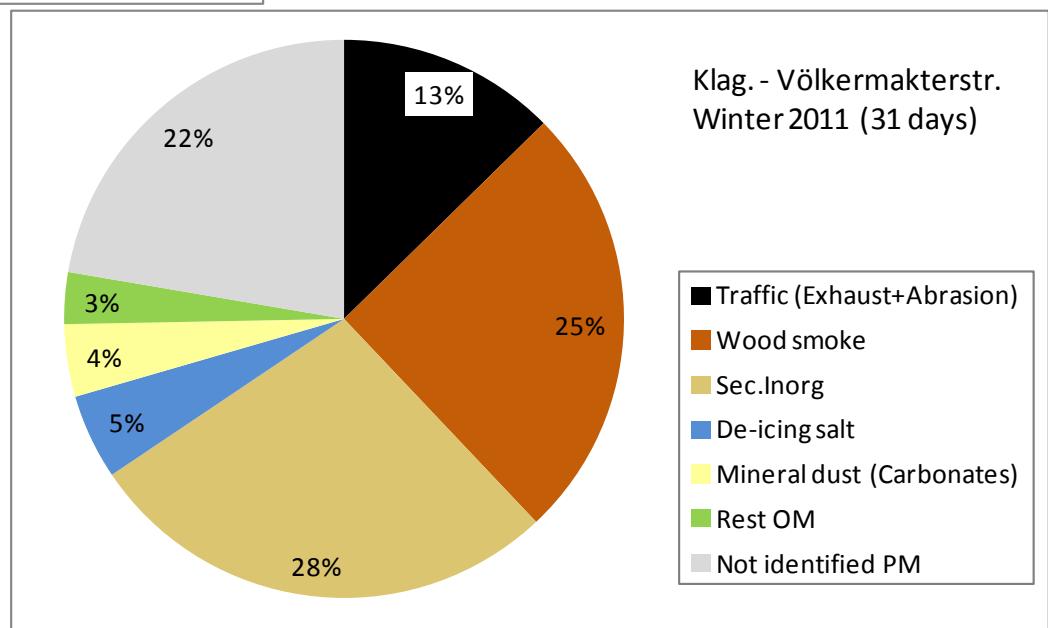


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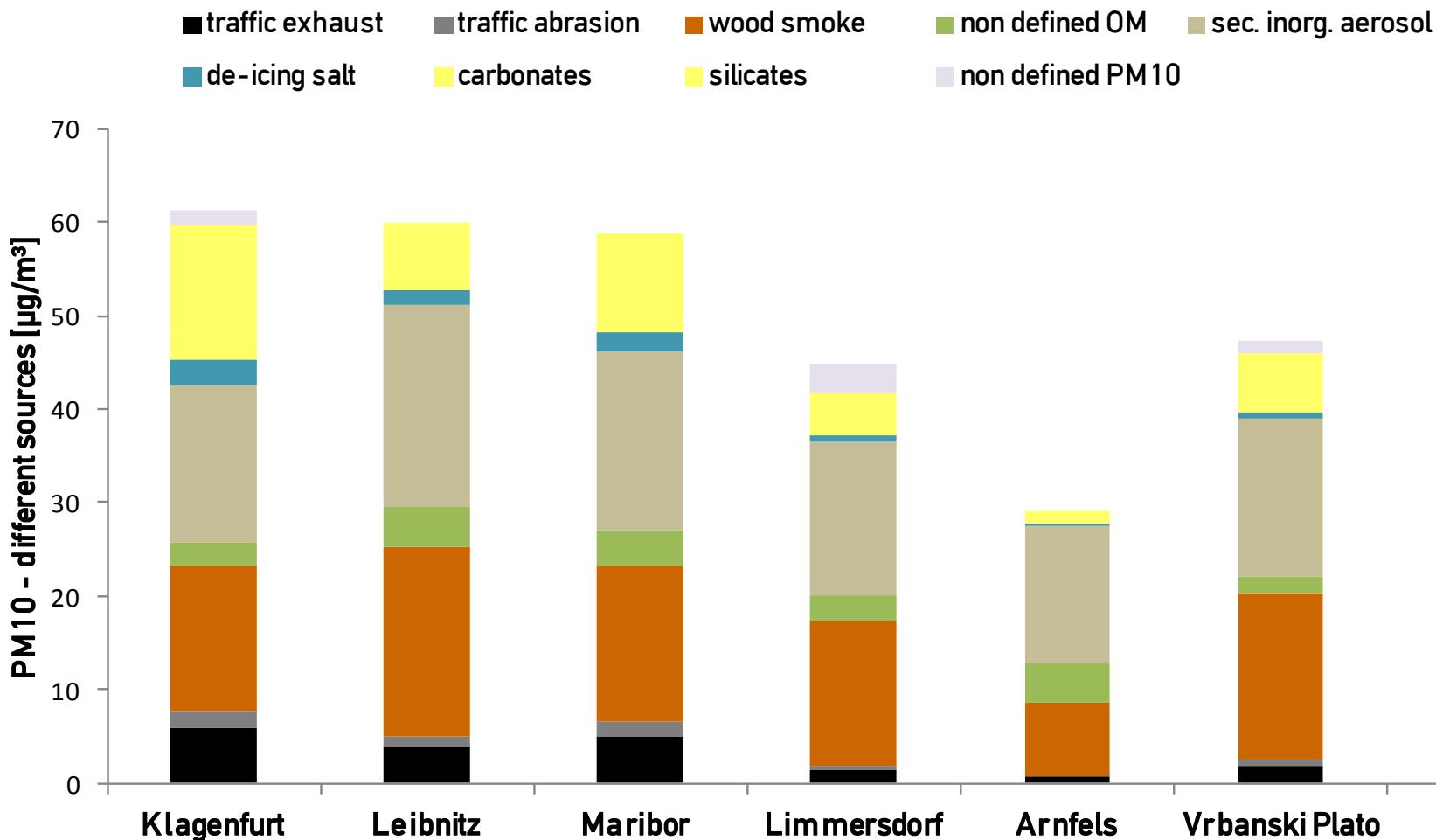


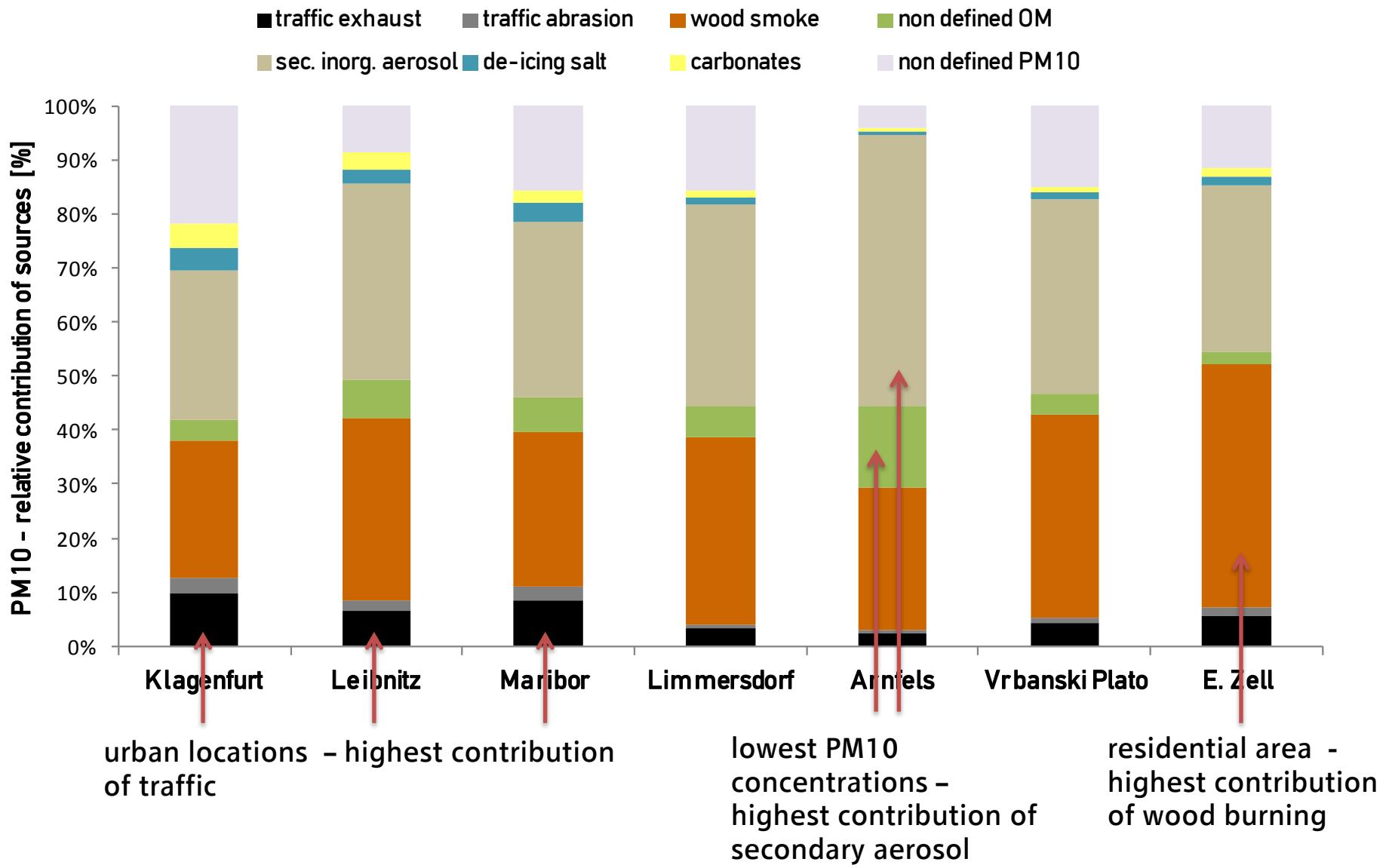


**Contribution of PM Sources  
8 day average for Klagenfurt –  
Völkermarkterstraße PM10: 72 µg/m<sup>3</sup>**



**Contribution of PM Sources  
31 day average for Klagenfurt –  
Völkermarkterstraße PM10: 61 µg/m<sup>3</sup>**



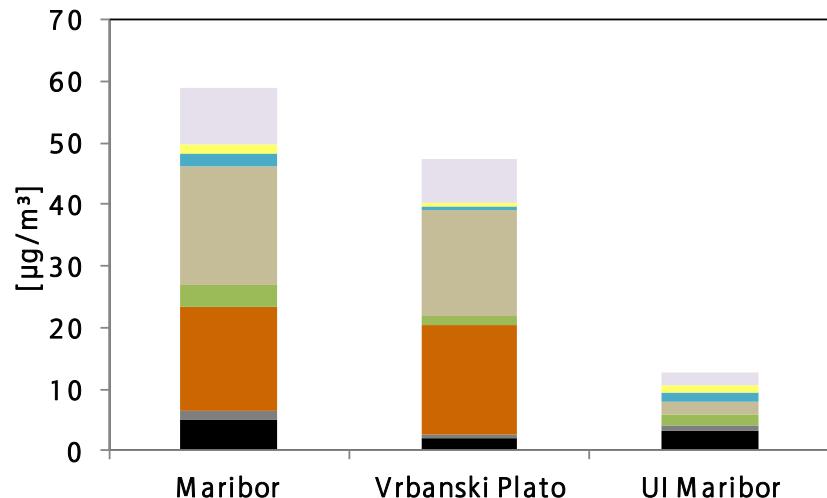
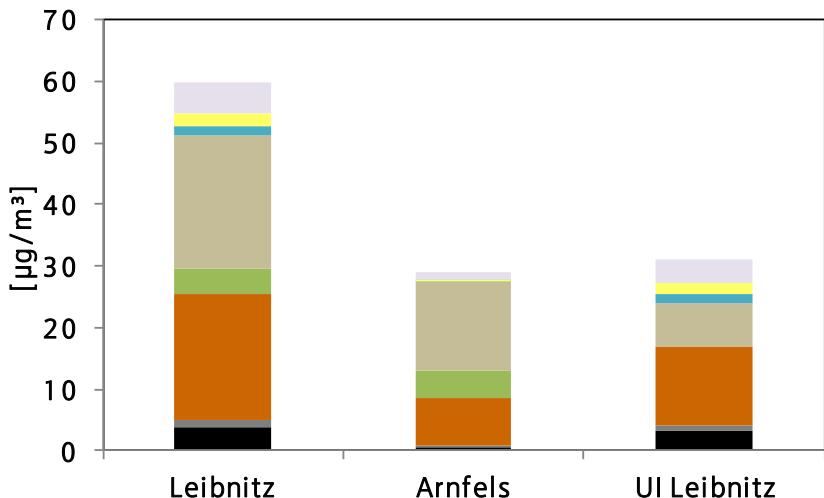
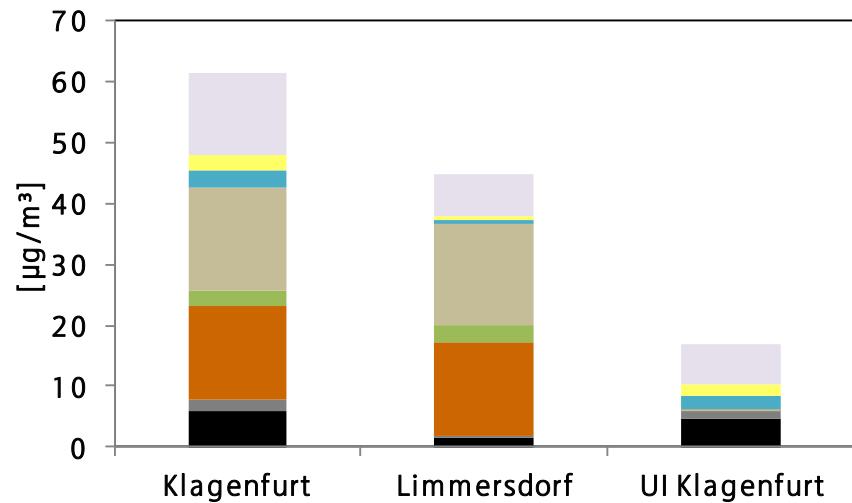


# Urban impact -

## defined as the difference between the urban and the background sites

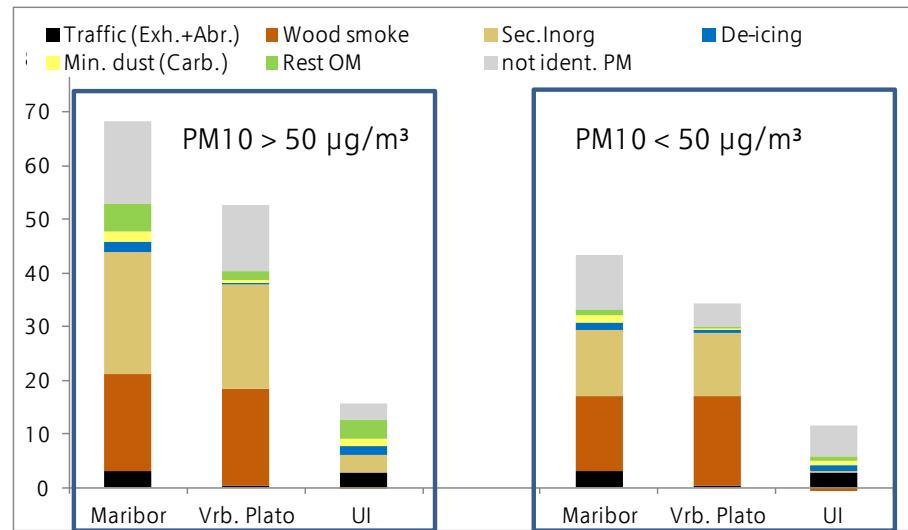
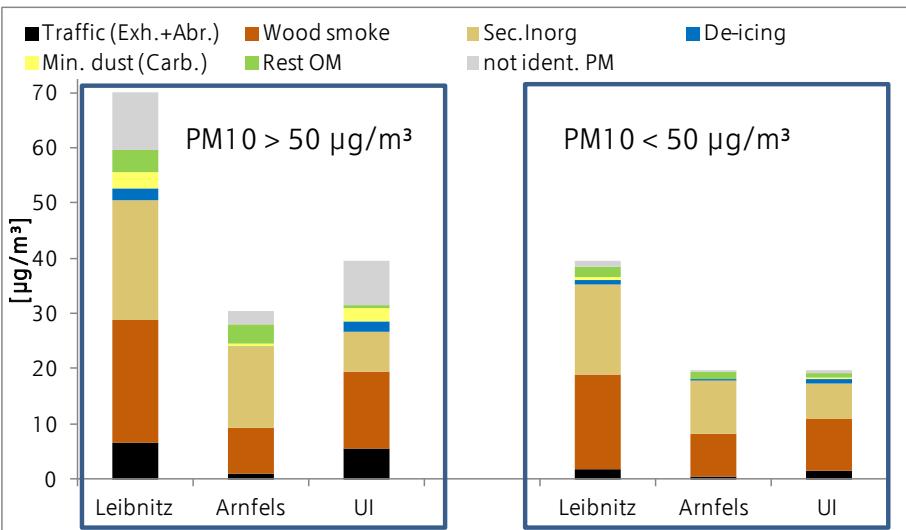
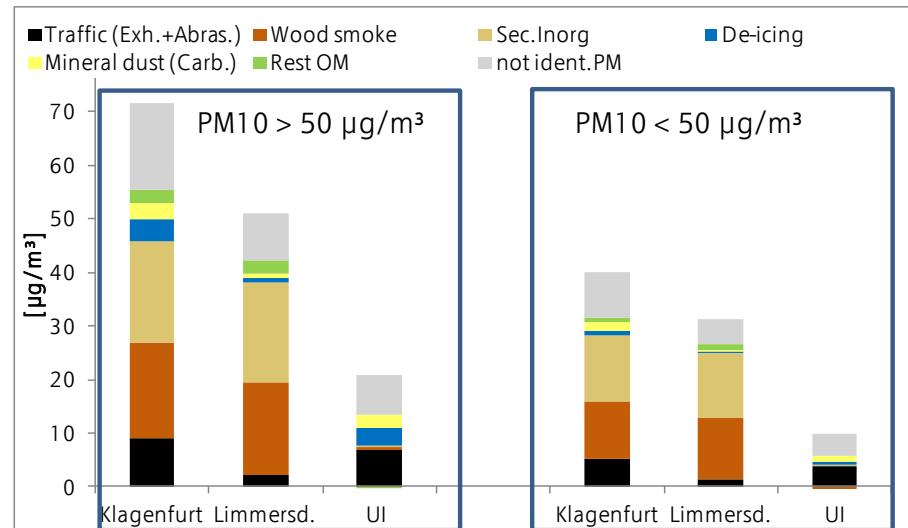
averages of entire sampling period i.e. mainly Feb 2011

- traffic exhaust
- wood smoke
- secondary inorganic aerosol
- carbonates
- traffic abrasion
- non defined organic matter
- de-icing salt
- non defined PM 10

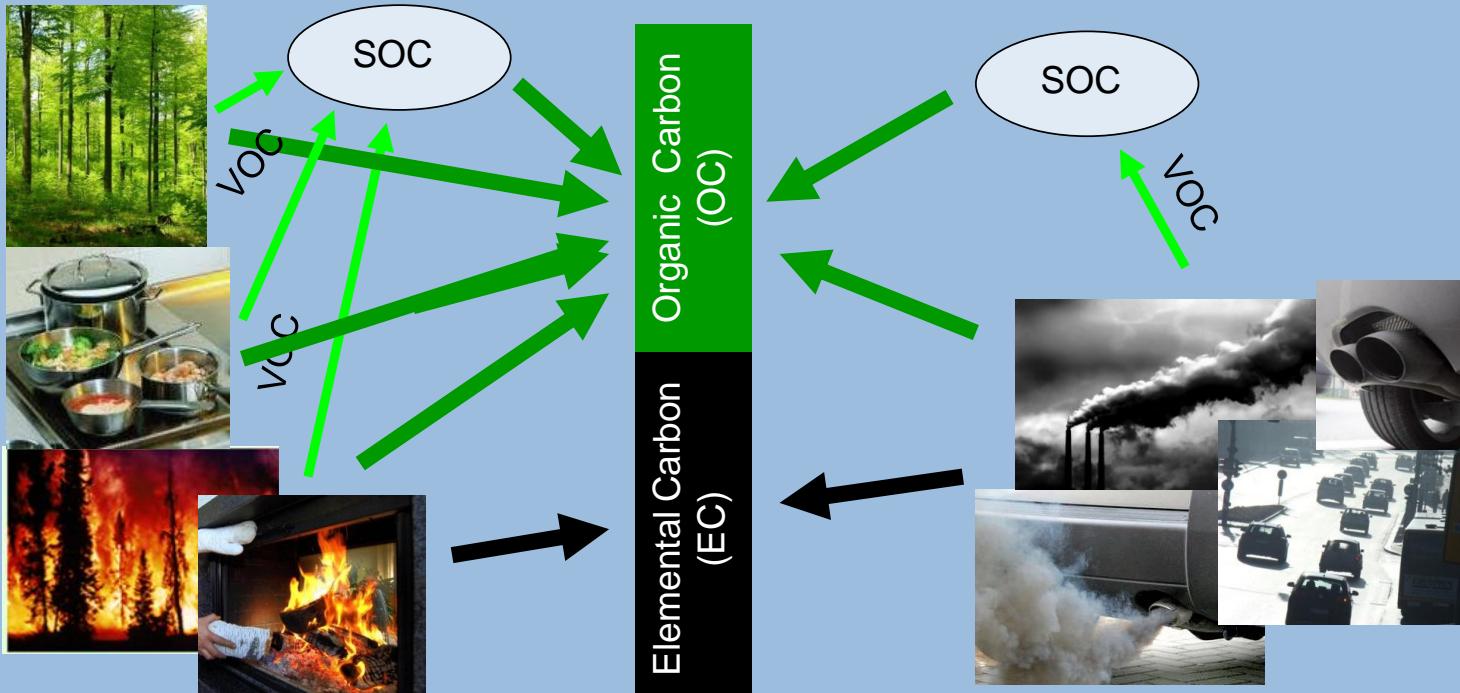


# Urban Impact for days with PM10 concentrations above and below 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> at the urban sites

	PM10 > 50 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	PM10 < 50 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
	UI/urban PM10 [%]	UI/urban PM10 [%]
Klagenfurt	29	23
Leibnitz	56	50
Maribor	22	21



# Different sources of carbonaceous aerosols



Modern  $^{14}\text{C}$  level

Fossil  $^{14}\text{C}$  level

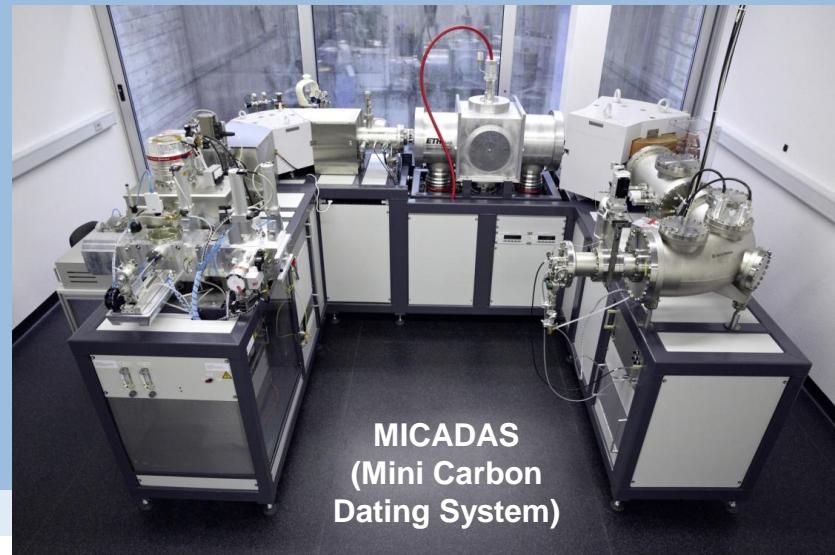
# Sample preparation and $^{14}\text{C}$ measurement

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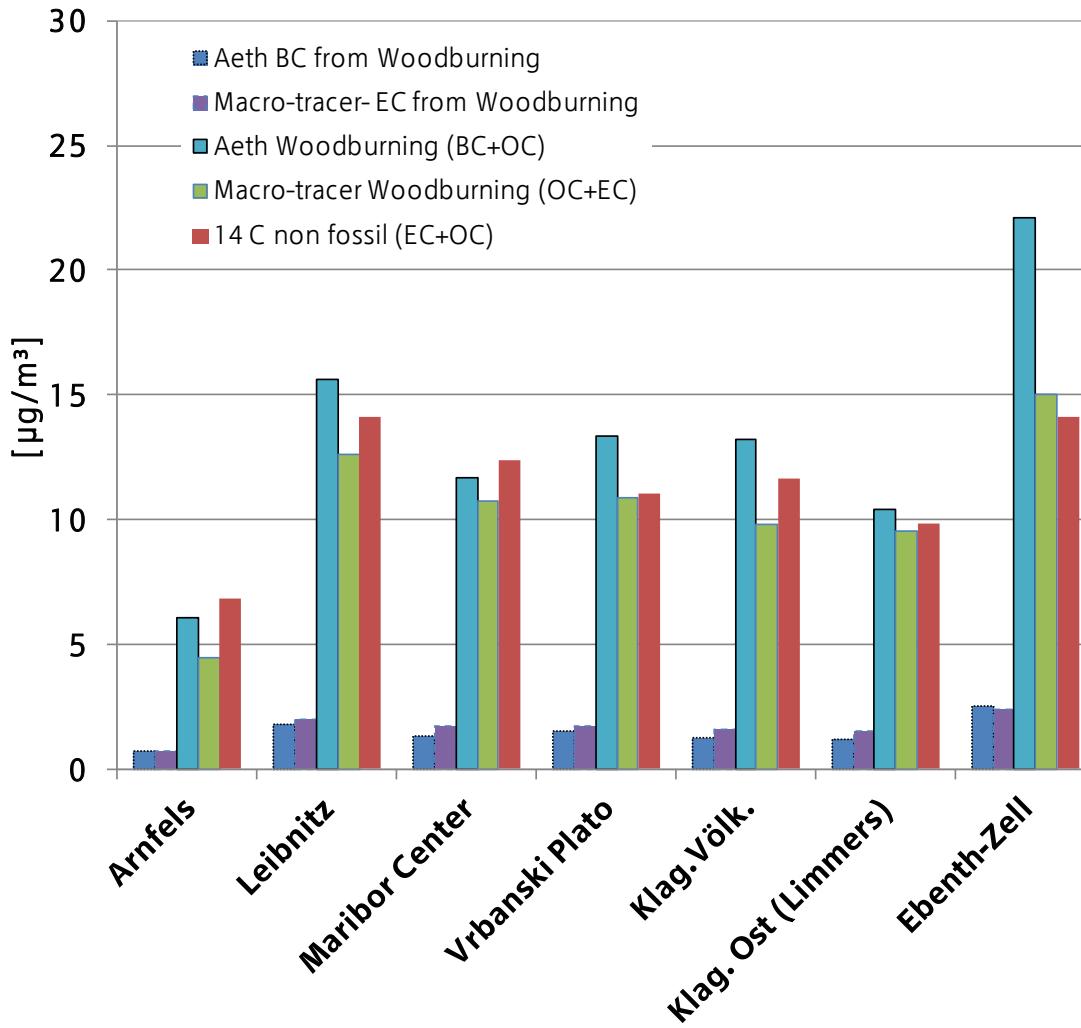
- Sealing of filter samples in glass ampoules filled with CuO
- Oxidation to  $\text{CO}_2$  at  $850^\circ\text{C}$

## > $^{14}\text{C}$ measurement with accelerator mass spectrometry

- Transfer of  $\text{CO}_2$  to gas ion source
- Sample sizes: 3-50  $\mu\text{gC}$



# Comparison of Methods used for source apportionment



Aethalometer data from Grisa Mocnik, Aerosol

# Summary and Conclusions

Most of PM mass at PMinter sites is formed by

- secondary inorganics which are produced from gaseous precursors (nitrogen dioxides, sulfur dioxide, ammonia) (28 – 54 %)
- Wood smoke (25 – 45 %)
- Traffic + traffic related emissions (3 – 13 %)
- Secondary organics

Thus the reduction of elevated PM10 levels needs actions on both the local and the regional scale.

