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# First Emission estimates from the UK DECC network



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# Key Objectives

- Establish new tall tower network to measure greenhouse gases across the UK
- Resolve English, Scottish, Welsh and N Irish emissions of GHG & halocarbons using the inversion methodology INTEM
  - and use these emission estimates for inventory verification
- Assess trends in emissions and concentrations of GHGs & halocarbons; identify departure from expected trends & causes



# UK Deriving Emissions linked to Climate Change Network



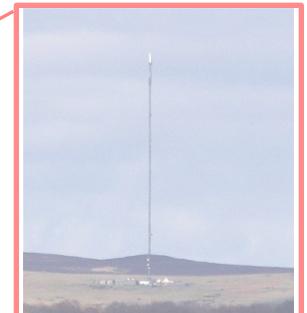
Mace Head



Ridge Hill



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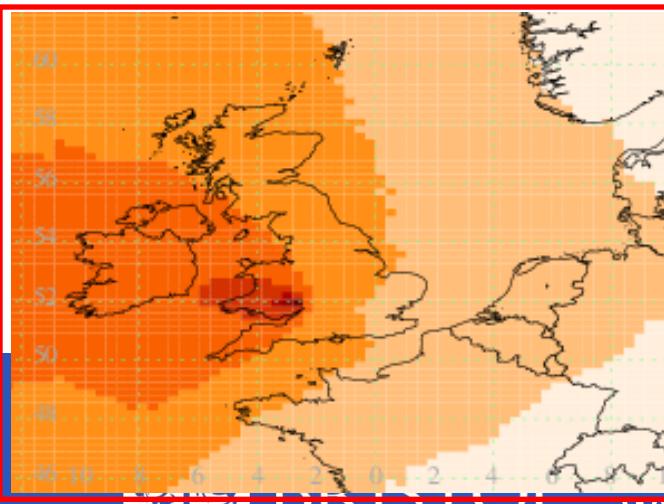
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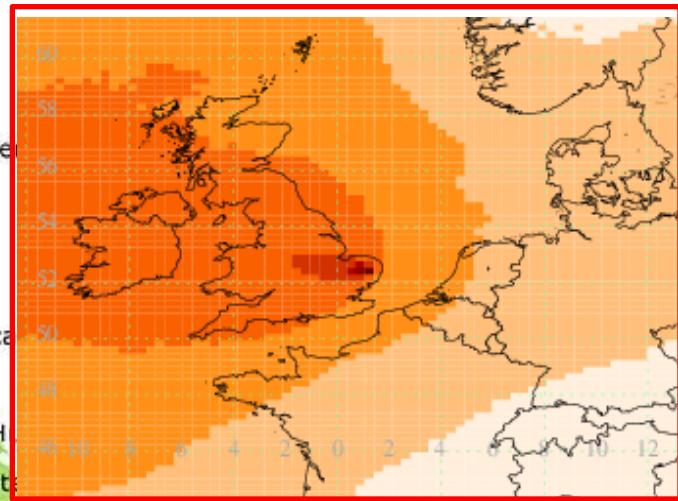
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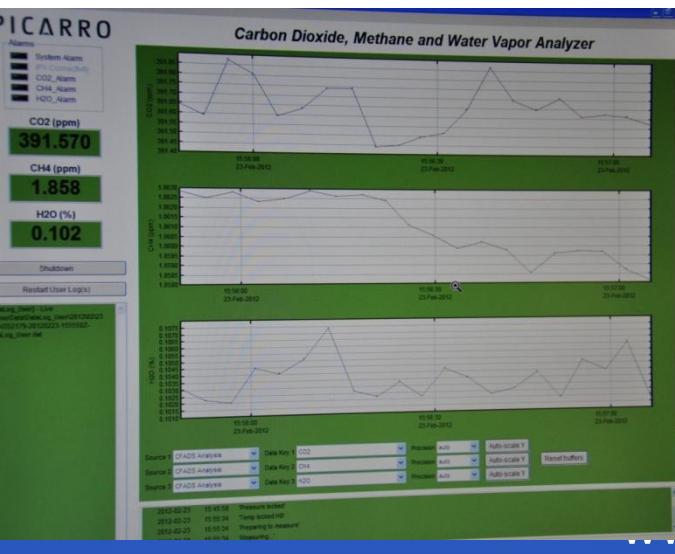
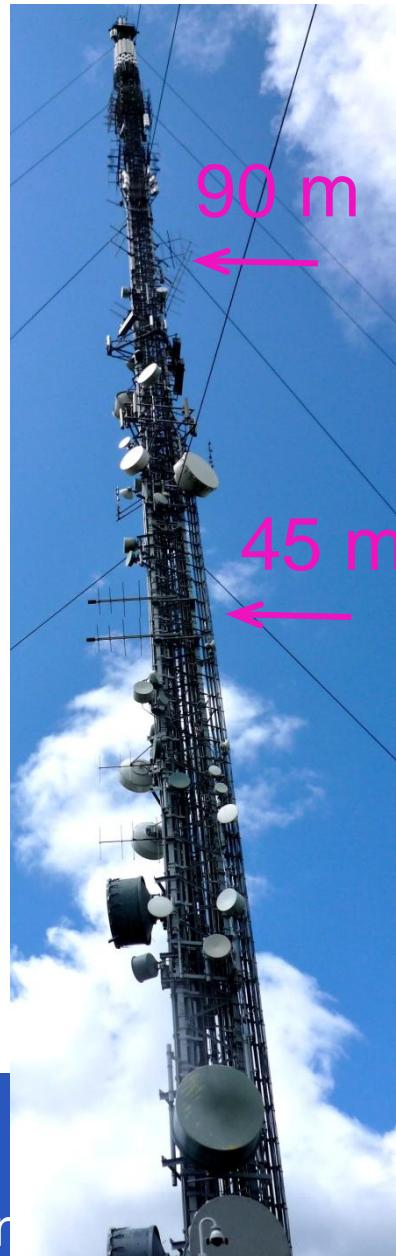
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# Gases & Instrumentation

Tacolneston & Mace Head	Ridge Hill	Angus	Frequency	Instrument
CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>4</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>4</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>4</sub>	1 second	Picarro – CRDS
N <sub>2</sub> O SF <sub>6</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O SF <sub>6</sub>		10 min	GC-ECD
H <sub>2</sub> CO			10 min	PP1/RGA3
PFCs HFCs HCFCs CFCs Halons Etc.			1 hour	GC-Mass Spectrometer (Medusa)

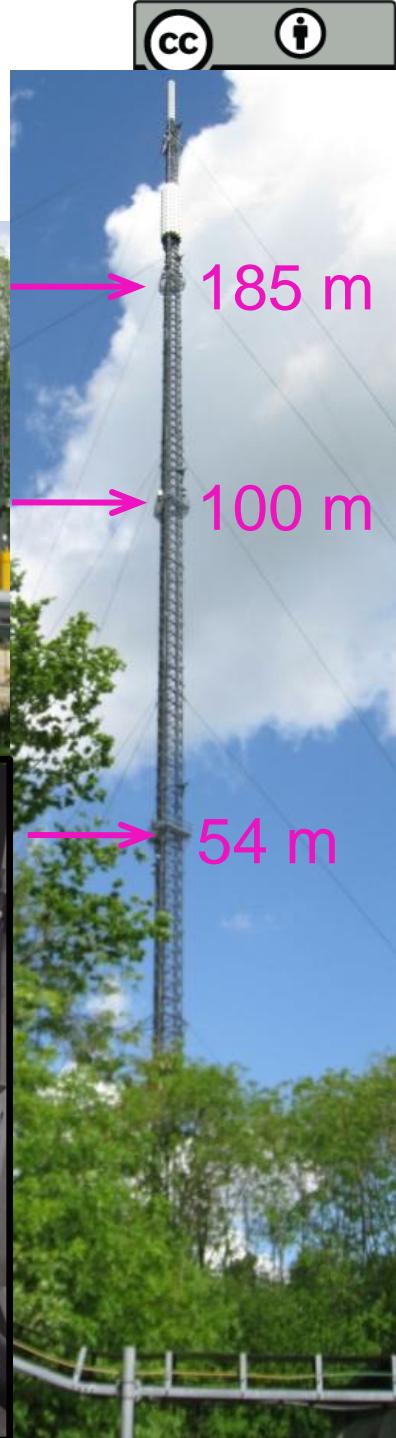


# Ridge Hill

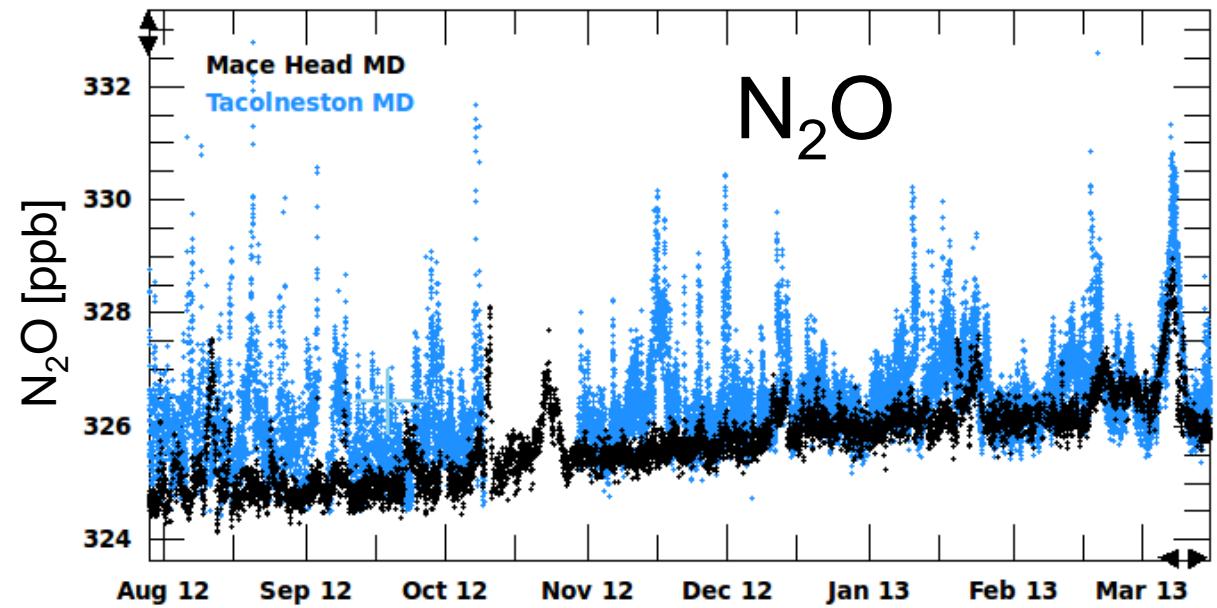


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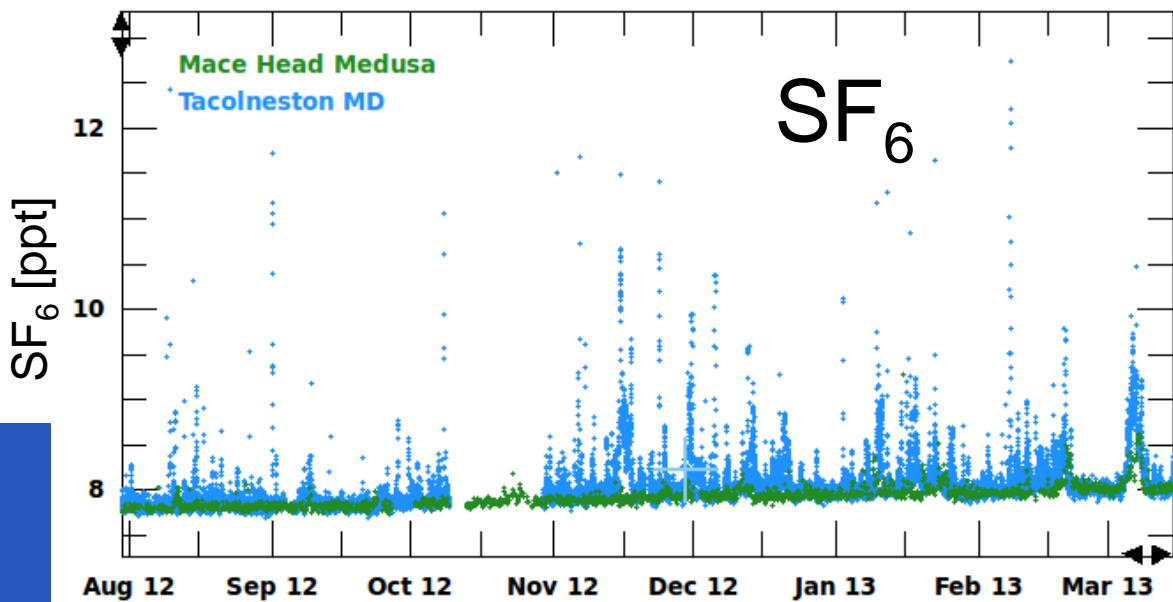


# Data at Tacolneston



Mace Head  
Tacolneston

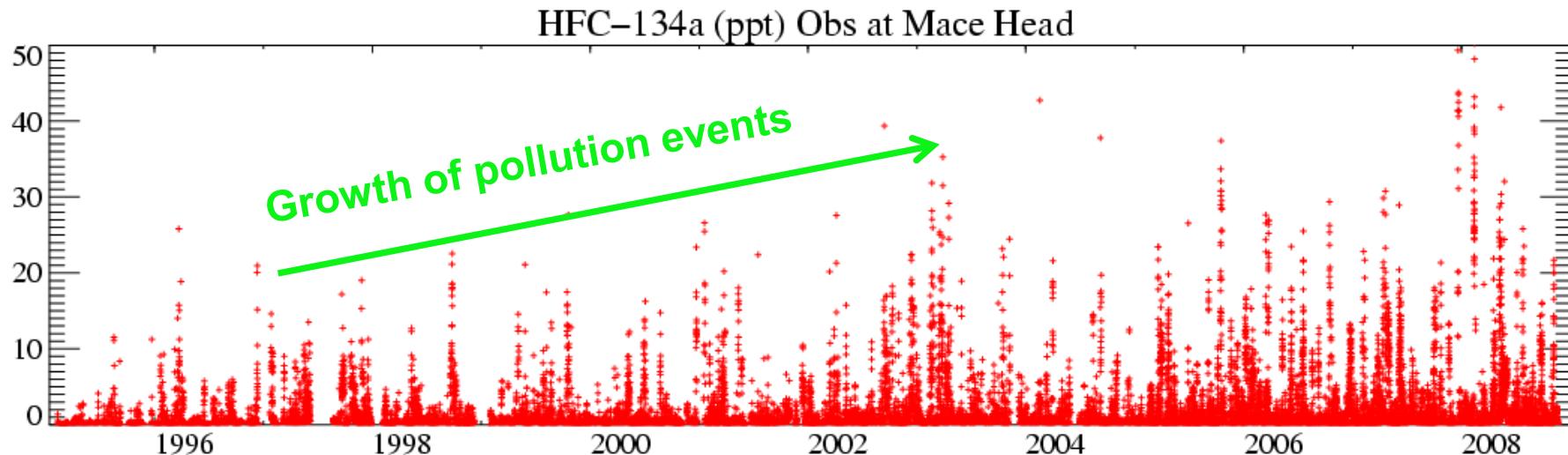
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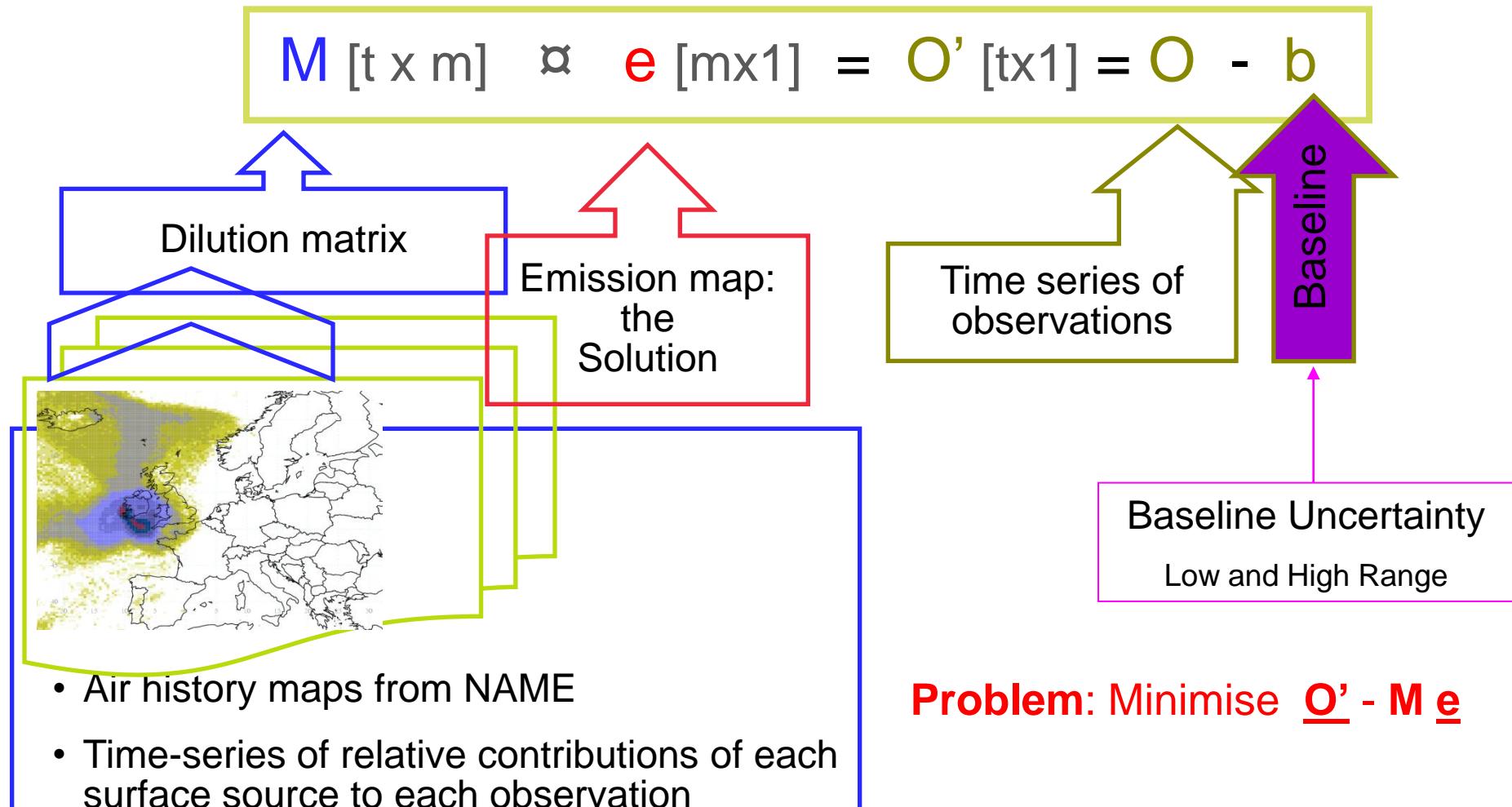
using InTEM (Inversion Technique for Emision Modelling)

Aim: **Generate emission estimates from ‘polluted’ (above baseline) observations.**

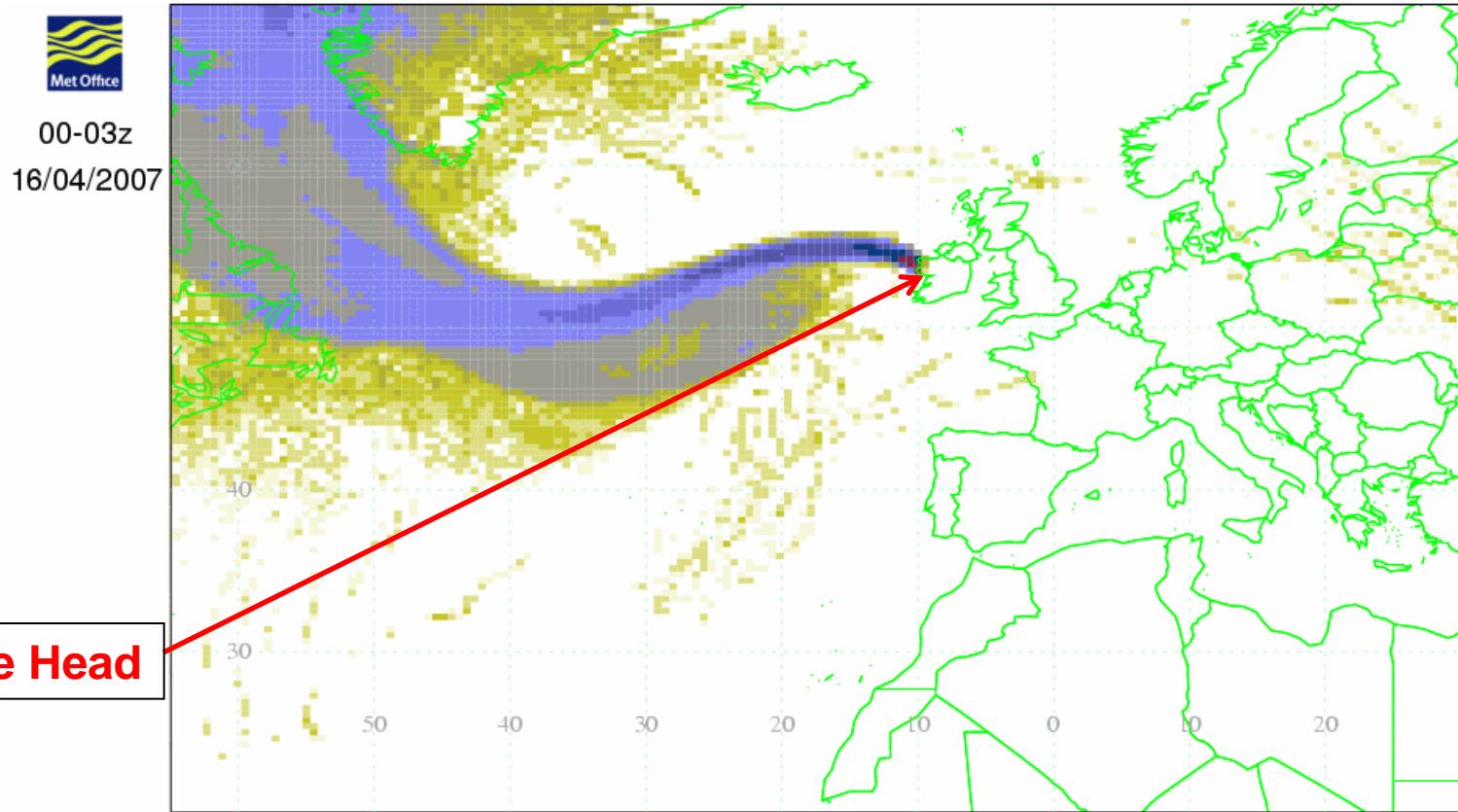


# Step 2: Estimating Emissions $e$

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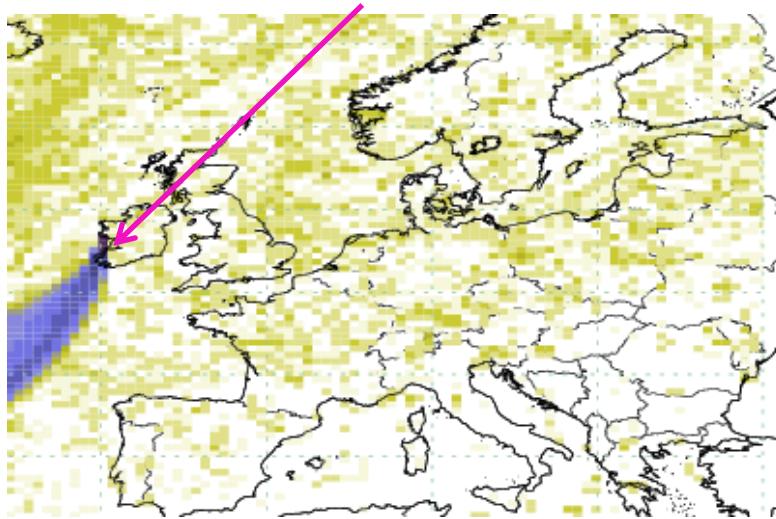


# Air history of Mace Head

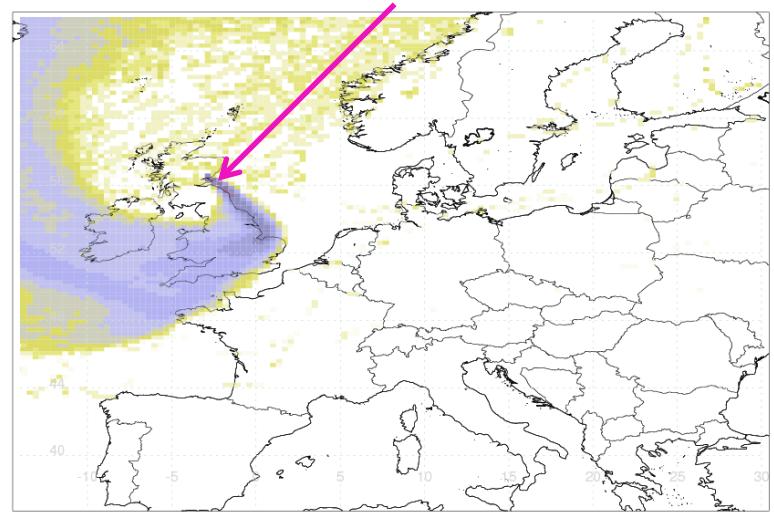


# Air History Maps for all stations in network

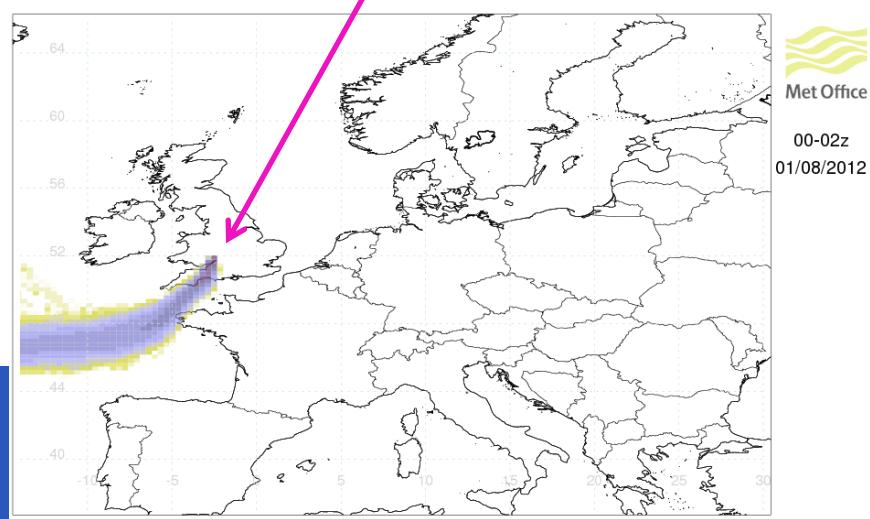
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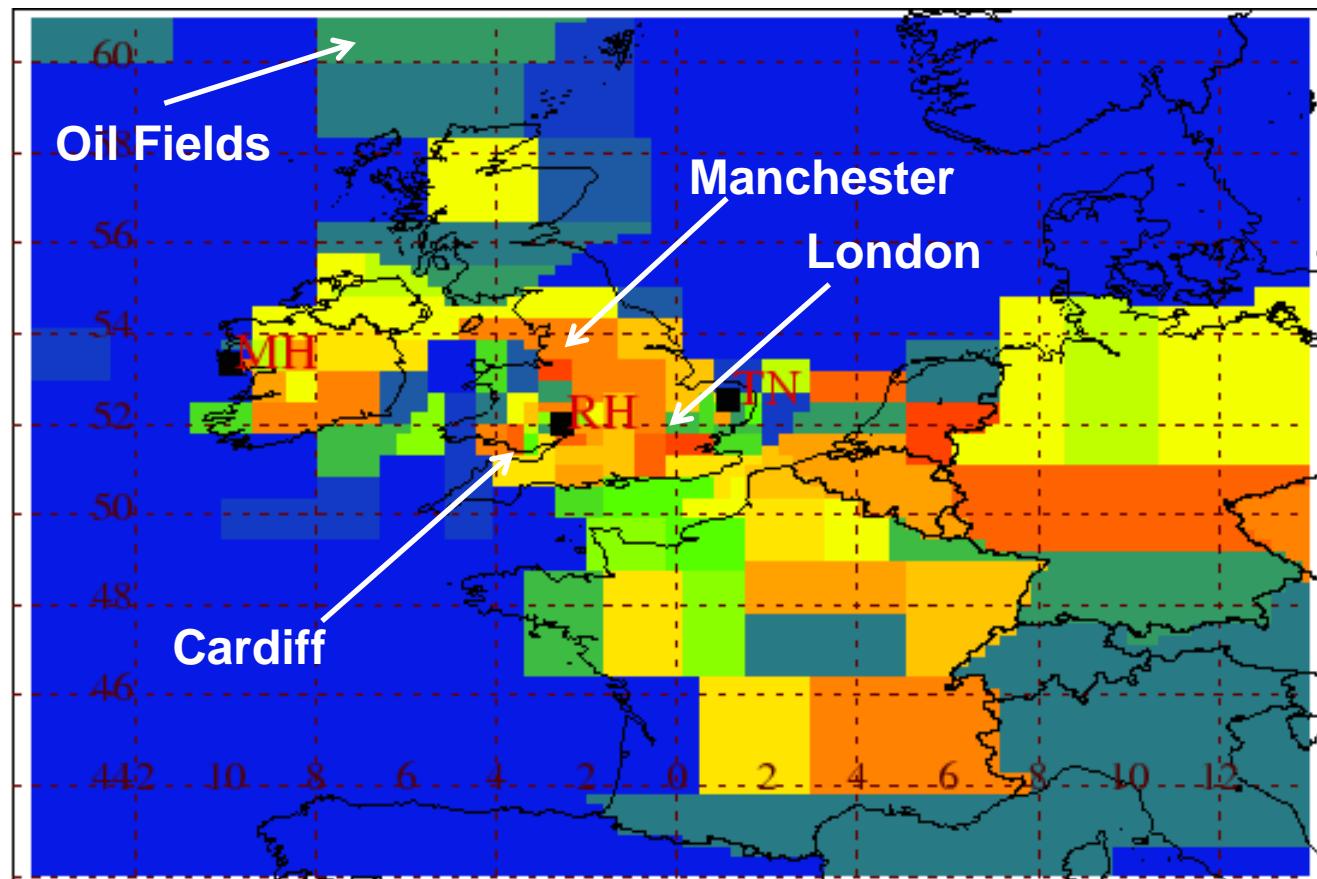
2012

 CH<sub>4</sub>

MHD

TAC

RGL



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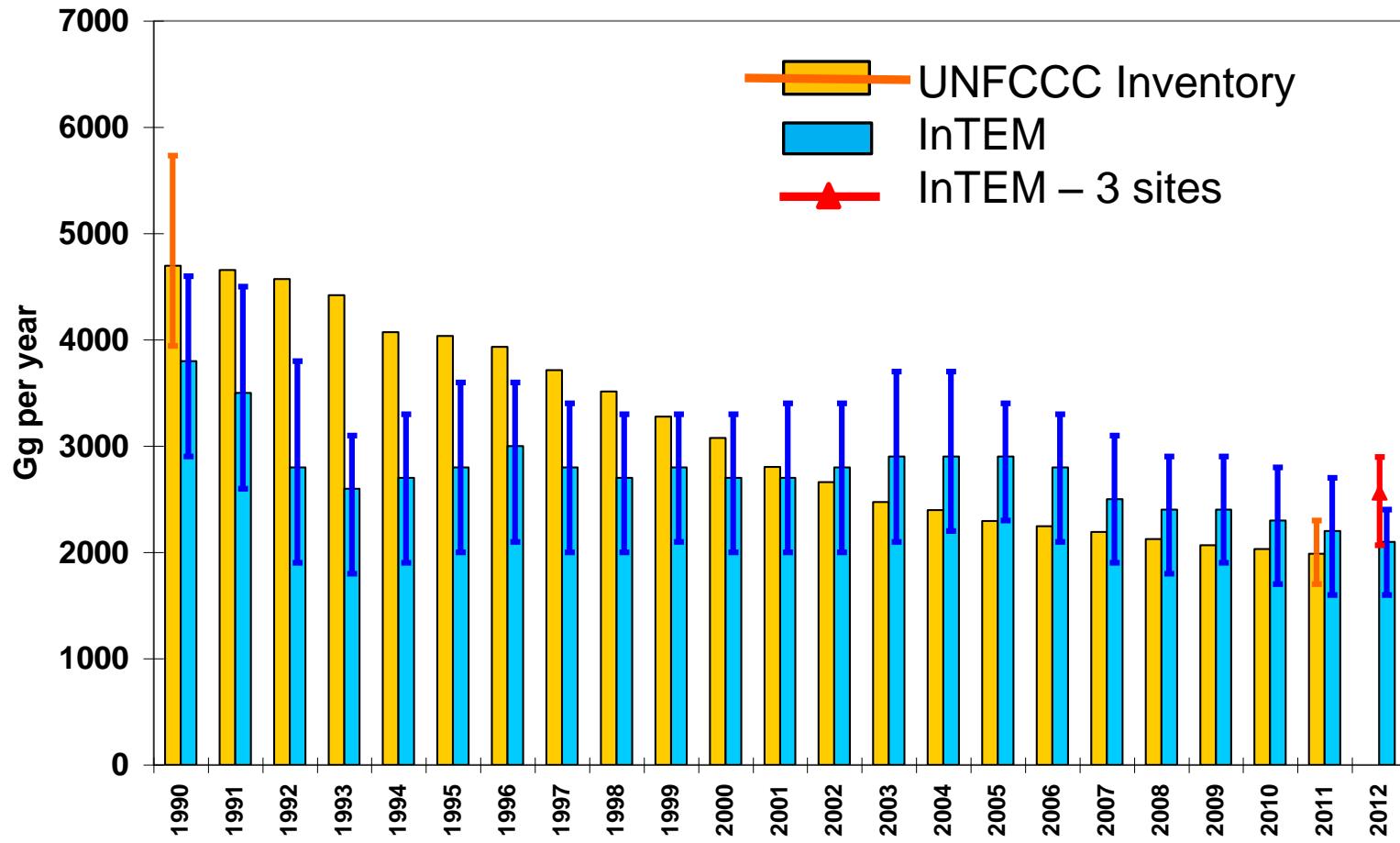


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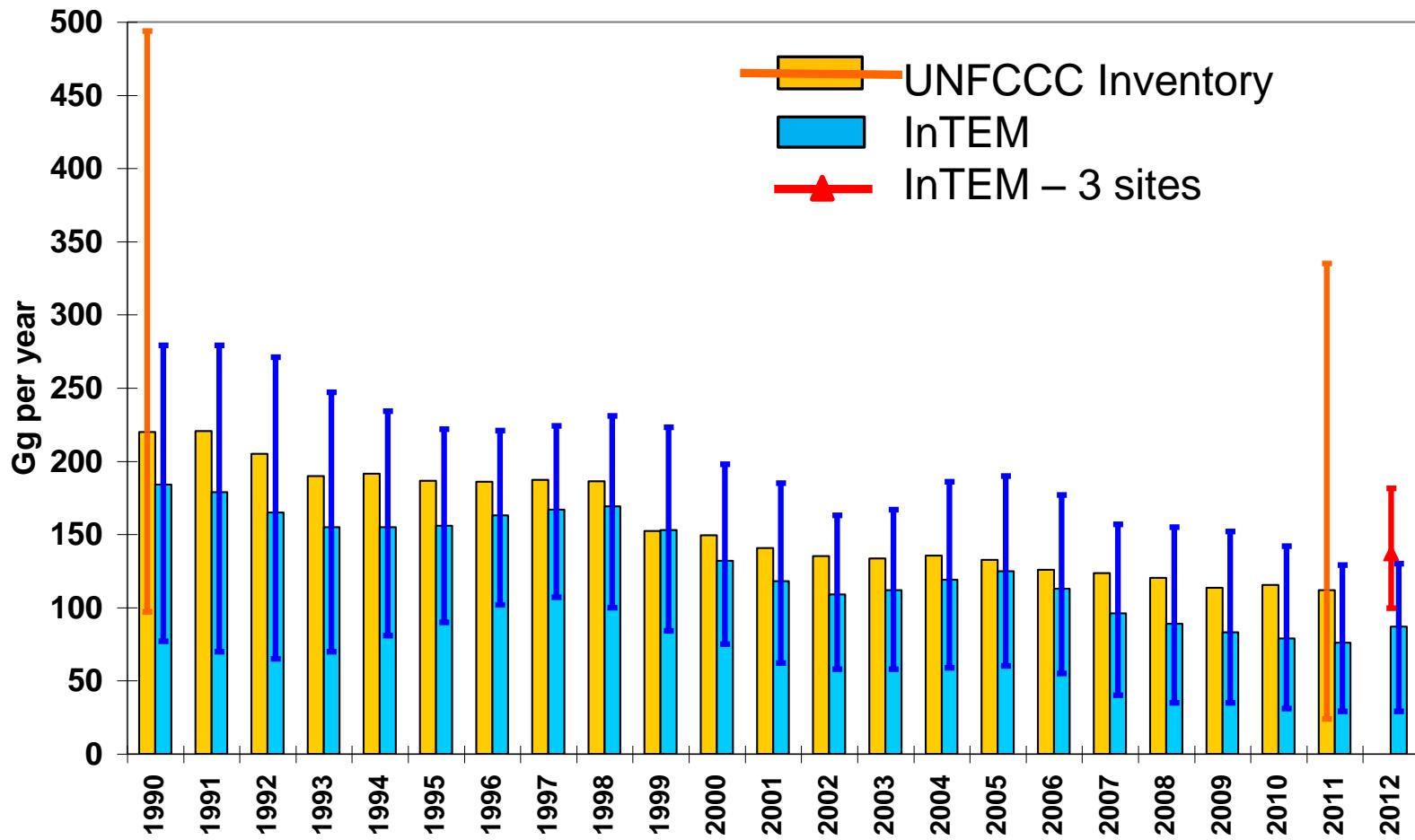
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# Step 3: Compare UK Emission Estimates to inventory - CH<sub>4</sub>



# Step 3: Compare UK Emission Estimates to inventory – N<sub>2</sub>O



# Summary

- A tall tower network of greenhouse gas measurements across the UK has been established - spring/summer 2012
- Measurements enable constraint of regional level emissions of greenhouse gases across the UK using inversion methodology InTEM  
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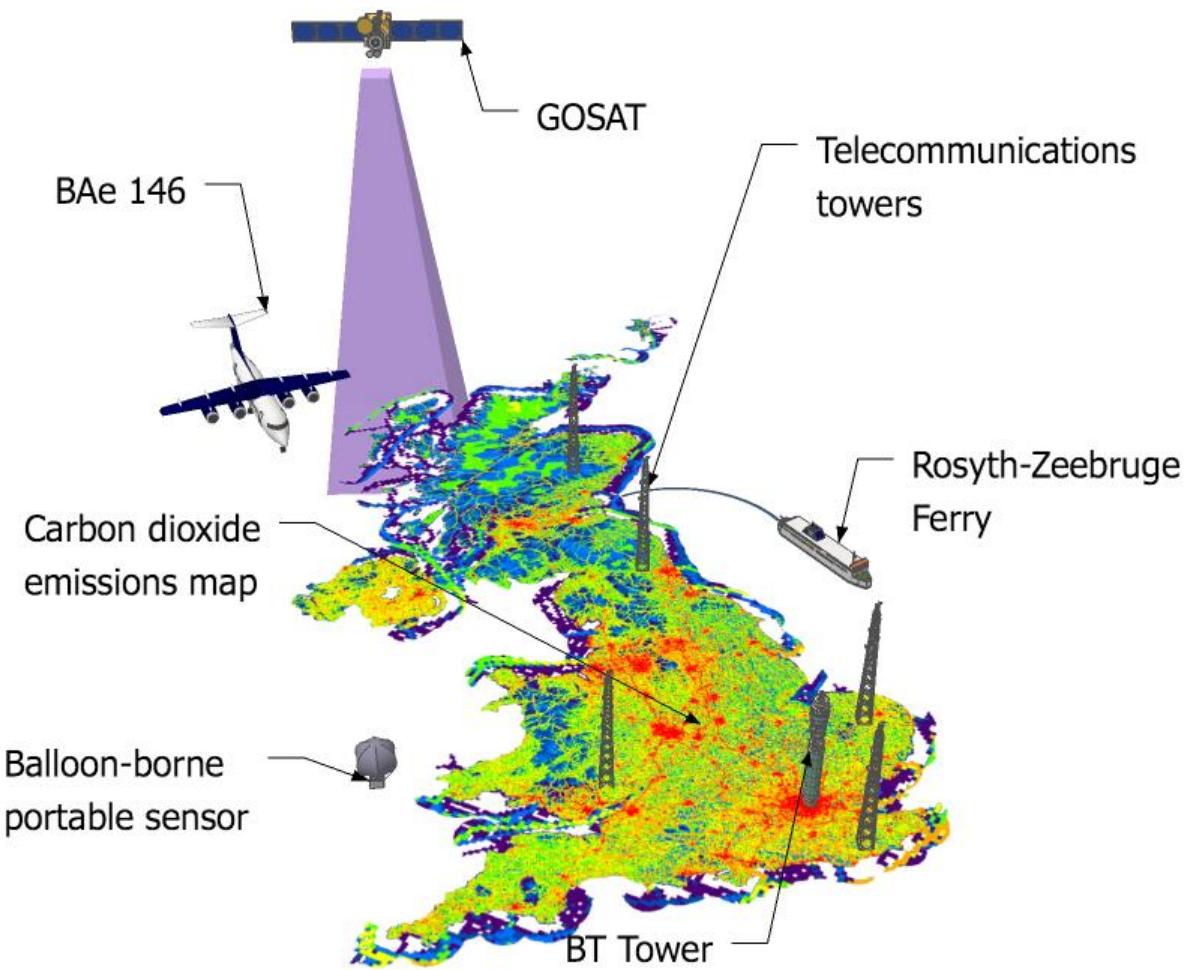
## Future Developments

- Angus is being reequipped with same instrumentation as other UK DECC Network sites
- New GAUGE project: Setting up two extra tall tower GHG sites in the UK & Post-doctoral position in Bristol

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# Greenhouse gAs UK and Global Emissions Project



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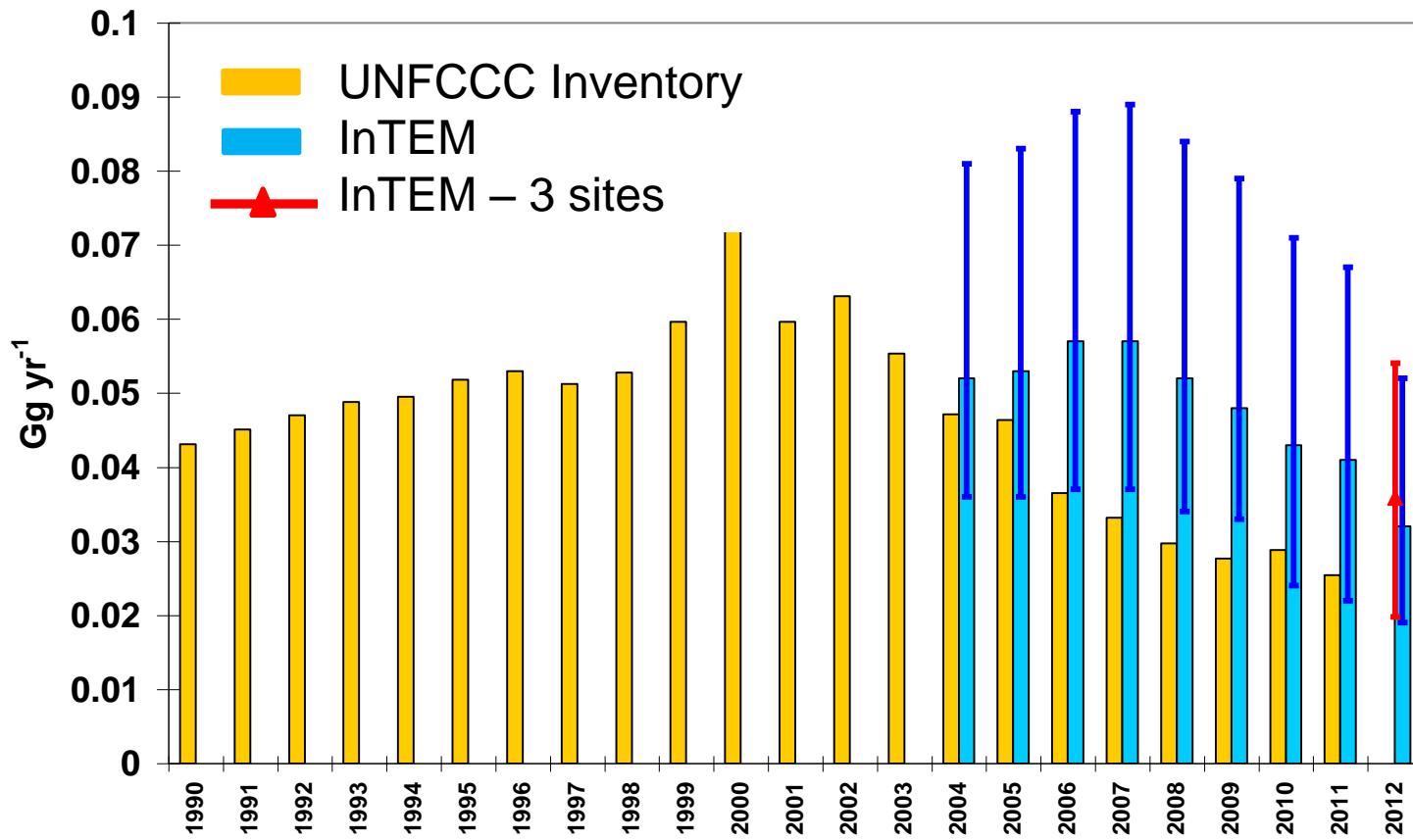


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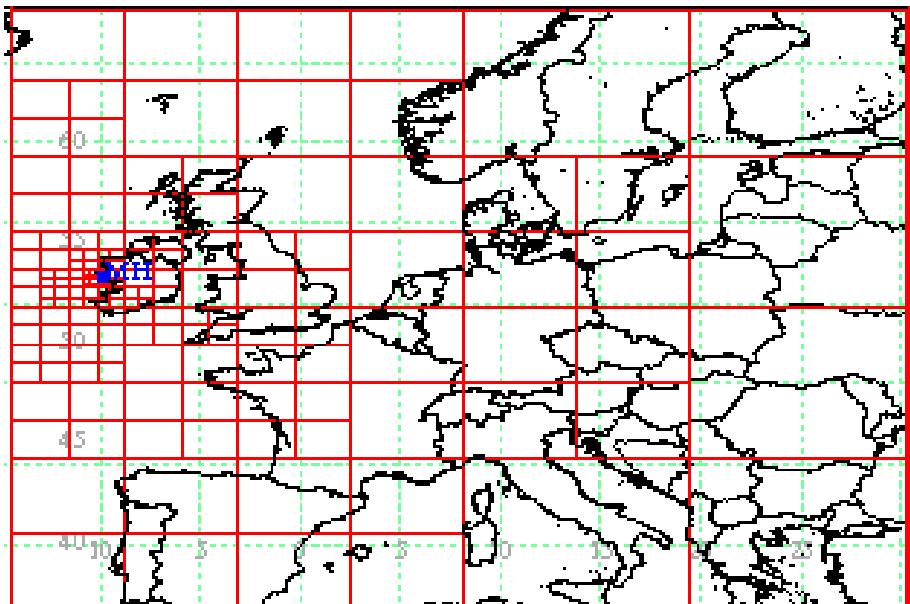
Any Questions?

# UK Emission Estimates: SF<sub>6</sub>

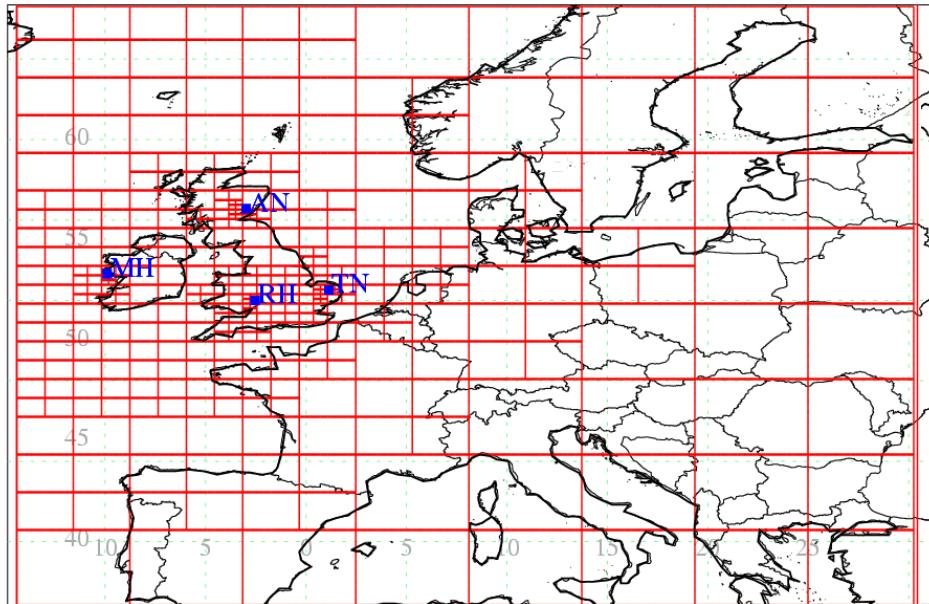


# Improved resolution

- Mace Head + 3 new sites – Emission grid squares reduced in size >> enable distinction between DA emissions



1 site



4 sites



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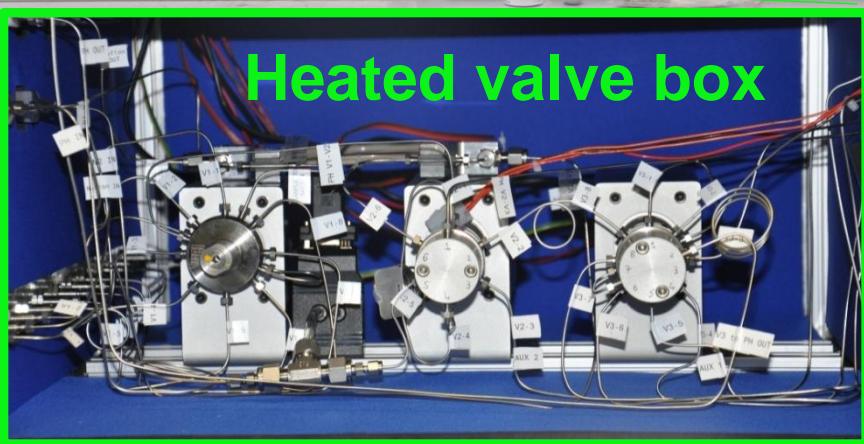
# Calibration

<b>CO<sub>2</sub> &amp; CH<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>N<sub>2</sub>O &amp; SF<sub>6</sub></b>
4 calibrated tanks – conc. range 1 target	std-air-air-air-std..
Tanks filled & calibrated at MPI-Jena under ICOS	std = air calibrated at Mace Head under AGAGE network
CO <sub>2</sub> – NOAA x2007 scale	N <sub>2</sub> O – SIO-98 scale
CH <sub>4</sub> – NOAA 2004 scale	SF <sub>6</sub> – SIO-95 scale



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- Constructed July-Sept 2011



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# Sampling Line Set-up

