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**Challenges and opportunities from an in-house
cross collaboration between three
research infrastructure data repositories**

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ICOS – a European Research Infrastructure



ICOS IN SHORT

16 countries

180 stations

500 researchers

110 renowned
universities or institutes

- Integrated Carbon **O**bservation **S**ystem
- Produces high-quality greenhouse gas data
- Data is free for all, used by policy makers and scientists alike
- Measurements at Atmosphere, Ecosystem, Ocean stations
- Standardised data production ensures the high-quality of the data

What is this all about?

The ICOS Carbon Portal is hosting three data repositories:

Integrated Carbon Observation System
ICOS RI <https://data.icos-cp.eu/portal/>

The Swedish Infrastructure for Ecosystem Science
SITES <https://data.fieldsites.se/portal/>

Pilot Applications in Urban Landscapes – Towards Integrated City Observatories for Greenhouse Gases
ICOS CITIES <https://citydata.icos-cp.eu/portal/>

What is this all about?

Each of the data portals has an instance based on the same software stack
(backend, frontend, triple store, programmatical access, authentication, ...)

Hence, we have tried to answer the following questions:

- FAIRness of data portal?
- Is it easy to load/access data from the Research Infrastructure?
- Can we load/analyze/visualize data ACROSS Research Infrastructure?
- What are the challenges?
- What are the opportunities?

Data Portal and the very basics

SITES data portal

The screenshot displays the SITES data portal interface. On the left, a sidebar contains filter options: 'Filters' (Advanced), 'Data origin' (4 items), 'Theme' (4 items), 'Station' (10 items), 'Location' (74 items), and 'Ecosystem' (10 items). The main content area shows 'Search results' in 'Compact view' for 'Stations map'. It indicates 'Data objects 1 to 20 of 910' and includes a 'Submission time' dropdown menu, a 'Preview' button, and a 'Download' button. The first search result is 'Water balance - stream discharge from Åhedbäcken, Catchment 14', with a description: 'Discharge calculations based on stream level measurements and a constantly validated stream discharge relation curve. For detailed information on calculations and installation read COMMENT in the header of the data set, which guides to related information document.' Below the description are tags: 'Aquatic', 'Level 2', 'Svartberget Research Station', '(Sub-)hourly', and '2008-04-23-2017-10-31'. A second result is partially visible below.

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Filters **Advanced**

Data origin

Theme (4 items)

Station (10 items)

Location (74 items)

Ecosystem

faceted search
data set description

Submission time

Water balance - stream discharge from Åhedbäcken, Catchment 14

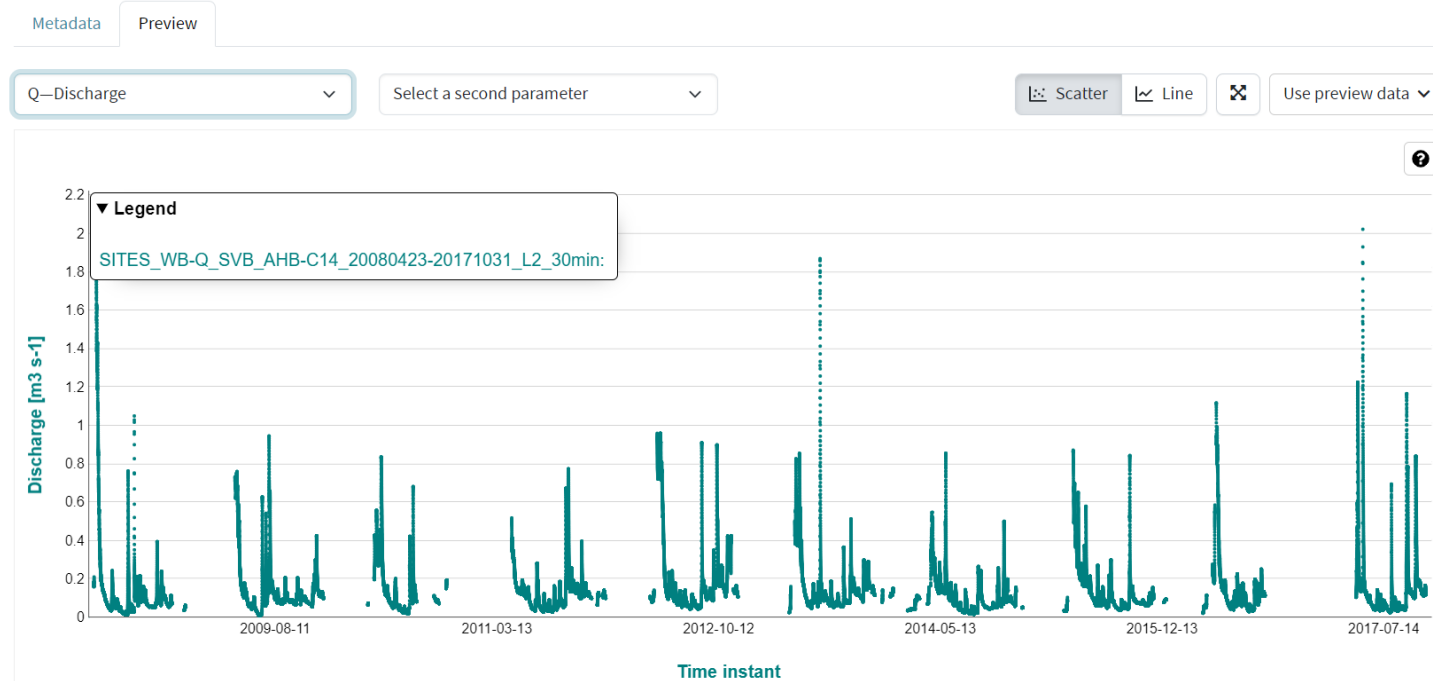
Discharge calculations based on stream level measurements and a constantly validated stream discharge relation curve. For detailed information on calculations and installation read COMMENT in the header of the data set, which guides to related information document.

Aquatic Level 2 Svartberget Research Station (Sub-)hourly 2008-04-23-2017-10-31

Water balance - stream discharge from Åhedbäcken, Catchment 14

Data Portal and the very basics

2008-04-23–2017-10-31



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Water balance - stream discharge from Åhedbäcken, Catchment 14

Add to cart

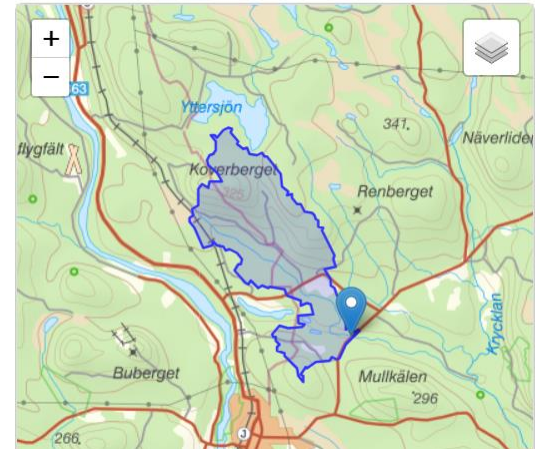
Download

2008-04-23–2017-10-31

Metadata

Preview

PID	11676.1/kyCDtIXhWr-xJcyah0_hOyBt (link)
Description	Discharge calculations based on stream level measurements and a constantly validated stream discharge relation curve. For detailed information on calculations and installation read COMMENT in the header of the data set, which guides to related information document.
Data affiliation	SITES Water
Citation	Svartberget Research Station (2024). Water balance - stream discharge from Åhedbäcken, Catchment 14, 2008-04-23–2017-10-31 [Data set]. Swedish Infrastructure for Ecosystem Science (SITES). https://hdl.handle.net/11676.1/kyCDtIXhWr-xJcyah0_hOyBt BibTex RIS
File name	SITES_WB-Q_SVB_AHB-C14_20080423-20171031_L2_30min.csv
File size	4 MB (4429994 bytes)



Are we FAIR?

Assessment by F-UJI <https://www.f-uji.net/index.php?action=test>

F-UJI is a web service to programmatically assess FAIRness of research data objects at the dataset level based on the FAIRsFAIR Data Object Assessment Metrics developed by Anusuriya Devaraju & Robert Huber ([PANGAEA](#)) under the umbrella of the [FAIRsFAIR](#) project.

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Are we FAIR?

ETC L2 ARCHIVE, Tharandt, 2019-12-31–2023-10-31

Save [JSON] New

FAIR level: advanced

Resource PID/URL: <https://meta.icos-cp.eu/objects/e-1f32ycaNdDBiWU-6jWiW3j>

DataCite support: enabled

Metric Version: metrics_v0.5

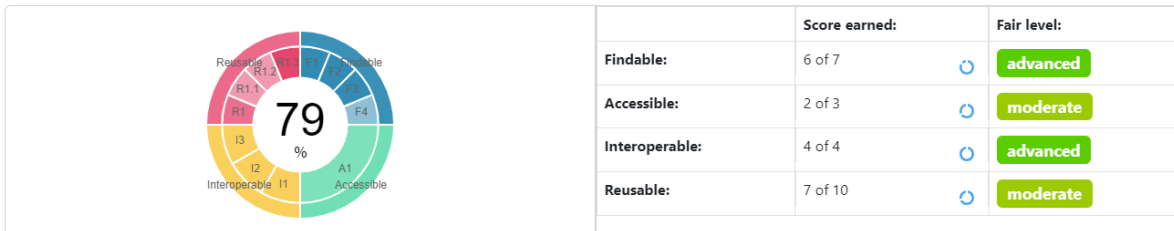
Metric Specification: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6461229>

Software version: 3.1.0

Download assessment results: [\(JSON\)](#)

Save and share assessment results:

Summary:



Are we FAIR?

Chemical variables - stream from Röbbäcksdalen Catchment, Sampling point 5, 2016-11-17-2023-11-15

FAIR level: ⓘ **advanced**

Resource PID/URL: https://meta.fieldsites.se/objects/NbNbJ33f_K47Ndmcc_0lw9wp

DataCite support: enabled

Metric Version: metrics_v0.5

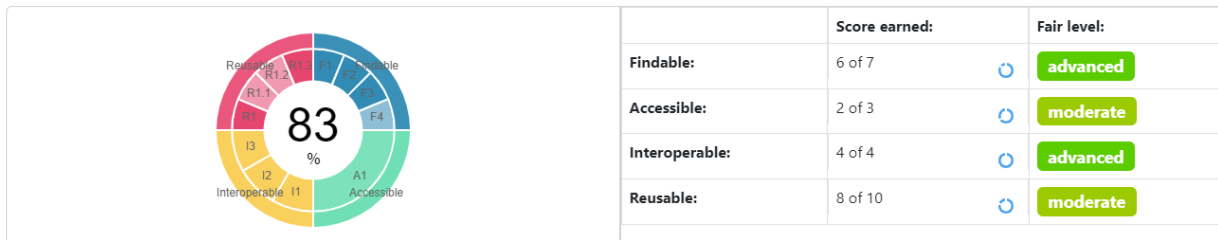
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Software version: 3.1.0

Download assessment results: [\(JSON\)](#)

Save and share assessment results:

Summary:



Are we FAIR?

FAIR level: advanced

Resource PID/URL: https://citymeta.icos-cp.eu/objects/bO_M0cDx8SeVfyzGo1CbxDWZ

DataCite support: enabled

Metric Version: metrics_v0.5

Metric Specification: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6461229>

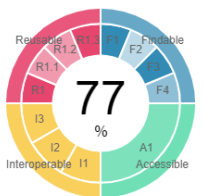
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Download assessment results: [\(JSON\)](#)

Save and share assessment results:

Title missing

Summary:



	Score earned:	Fair level:
Findable:	4.5 of 7	advanced
Accessible:	2 of 3	moderate
Interoperable:	4 of 4	advanced
Reusable:	8 of 10	moderate

Put it to the test

Two use cases:

- Load data from Svartberget (co-located) research station in Sweden from ICOS and SITES and compare air temperature
- Compare CO₂ concentrations from ICOS Cities, Pilot City Zurich, and ICOS Atmospheric Station of Beromunster
 - Load a single dataset from a low-cost sensor in Zurich and access the concentration measurements and create a fingerprint plot, a day profile
 - Load more data from ICOS Switzerland and compare

Jupyter Service @ ICOS

<https://www.icos-cp.eu/data-services/tools/jupyter-notebook>

Load Library

```
[1]: from icoscp_core.sites import meta as sitesmeta, data as sitesdata
```

Access the metadata

```
[2]: metaSITES = sitesmeta.get_dobj_meta('https://meta.fieldsites.se/objects/v0bn_ufBJ4vgq8Nen9d-Vqe5')
```

```
[ ]:
```

Svartberget FIELDSITES & ICOS

Top functions to access meta data

'accessUrl'

'coverageGeo'

'doi'

'fileName'

'hash'

'latestVersion'

'nextVersion'

'parentCollections'

'pid'

'previousVersion'

'references'

'size'

'specificInfo'

'specification'

'submission'

Svartberget FIELDSITES & ICOS

Use the locations provided to calculate distance in KM, where the measurements are coming from

```
: coordSITES = (metaSITES.specificInfo.acquisition.station.location.lat, metaSITES.specificInfo.acquisition.station.location.lon)
```

```
: coordICOS = (metaICOS.specificInfo.acquisition.station.location.lat, metaICOS.specificInfo.acquisition.station.location.lon)
```

```
: distance = geodistance.distance(coordSITES, coordICOS).km  
print(f'Distance in KM between the two research stations: {distance:.2f}')
```

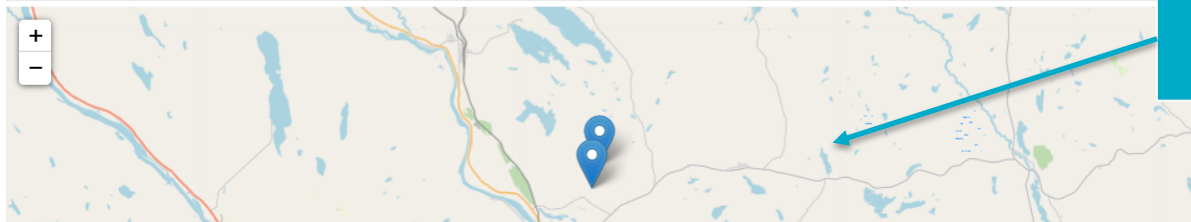
```
Distance in KM between the two research stations: 1.37
```

Distance between
research stations

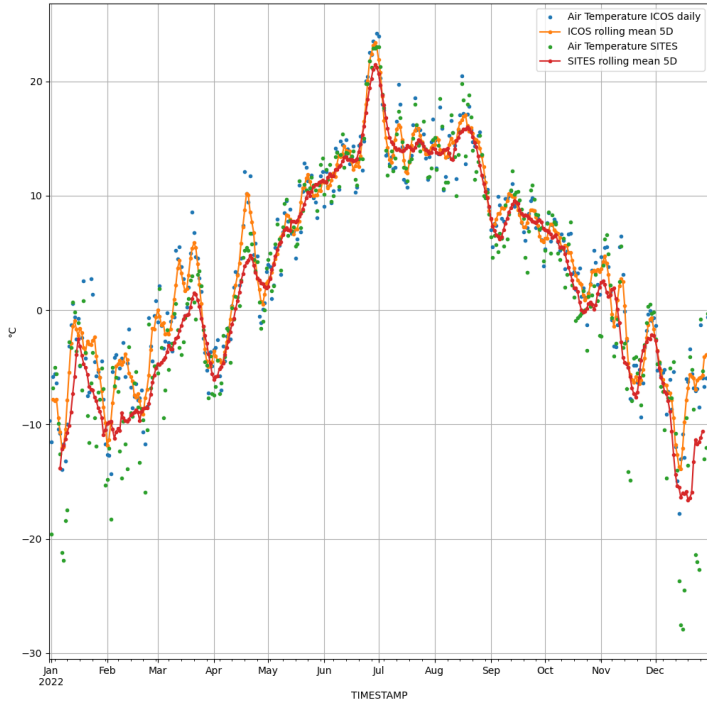
```
: # create a map with all stations  
# define the initial parameters of centre point and zoom  
Center = [64, 19]  
Zoom = 8  
#create the map  
myMap = folium.Map(location=Center, zoom_start=Zoom, no_wrap=True, preferCanvas=True)
```

```
: #create a marker to display the station on the map  
myMap.add_child(folium.Marker(location=[coordSITES[0], coordSITES[1]], popup='SITES'))  
myMap.add_child(folium.Marker(location=[coordICOS[0], coordICOS[1]], popup='ICOS'))
```

Create a map and
plot the location

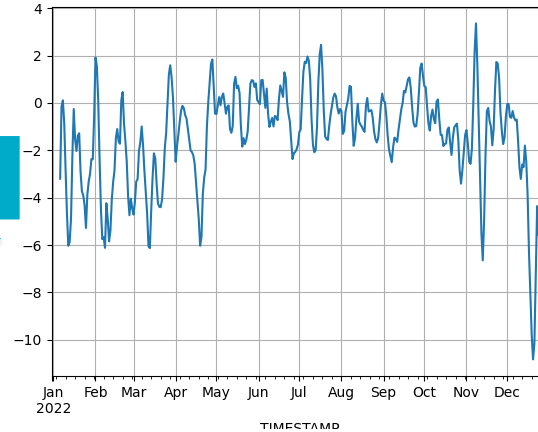


Svartberget FIELDSITES & ICOS

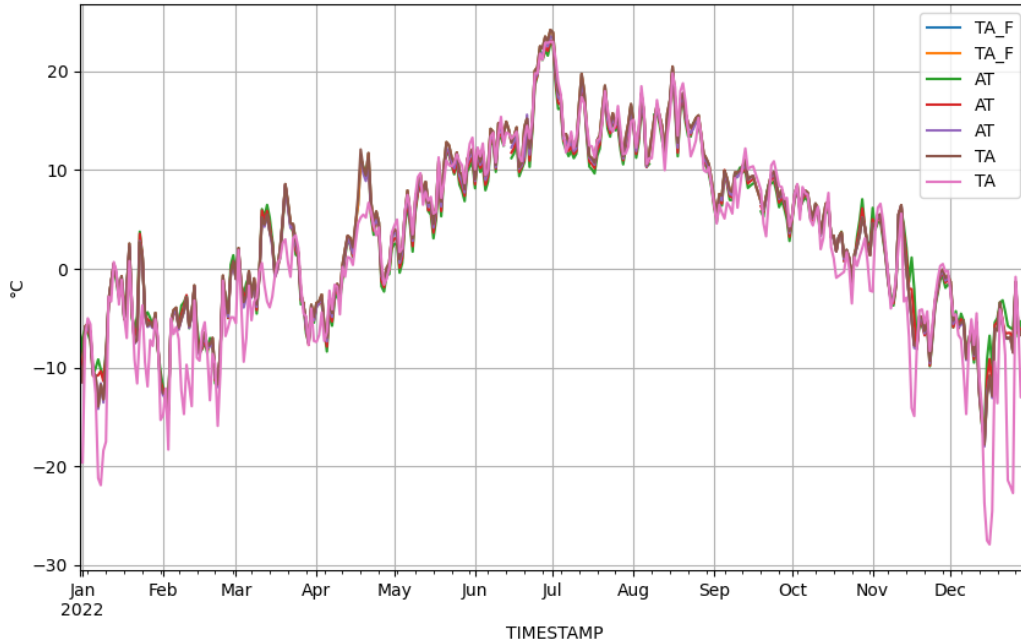


Air Temperature from Svartberget, ICOS and FIELDSITES plus rolling mean and the difference.

difference



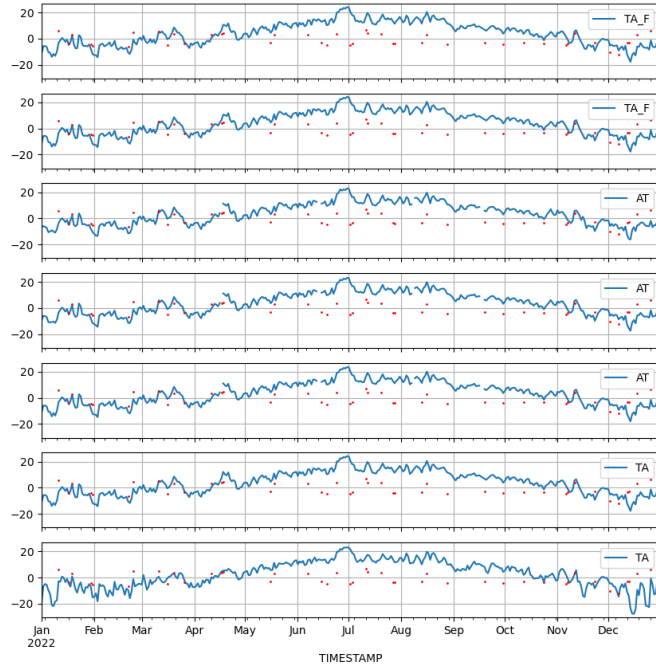
Svartberget FIELDSITES & ICOS



Compare more datasets.
The feature of 'Air Temperature' helped to find more datasets, although the variables have different naming schemes.

Svartberget FIELDSITES & ICOS

Air Temperature with outliers highlighted from a 5 day rolling mean and distance of 3σ



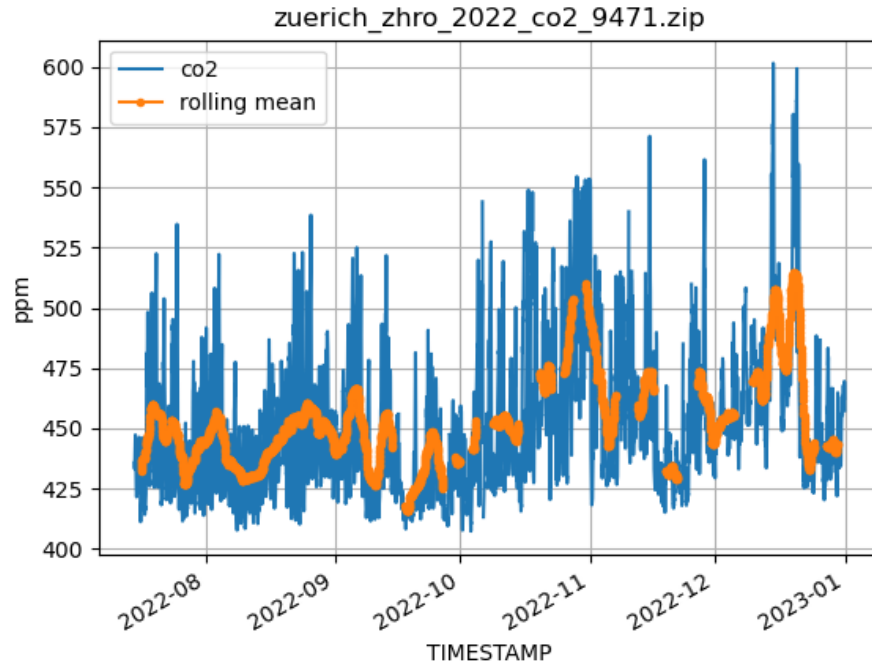
Easy to start analyzing and comparing.

Is it useful, do you gain insight?
Just because you can, not always helpful
to make pretty pictures.

Svartberget FIELDSITES & ICOS

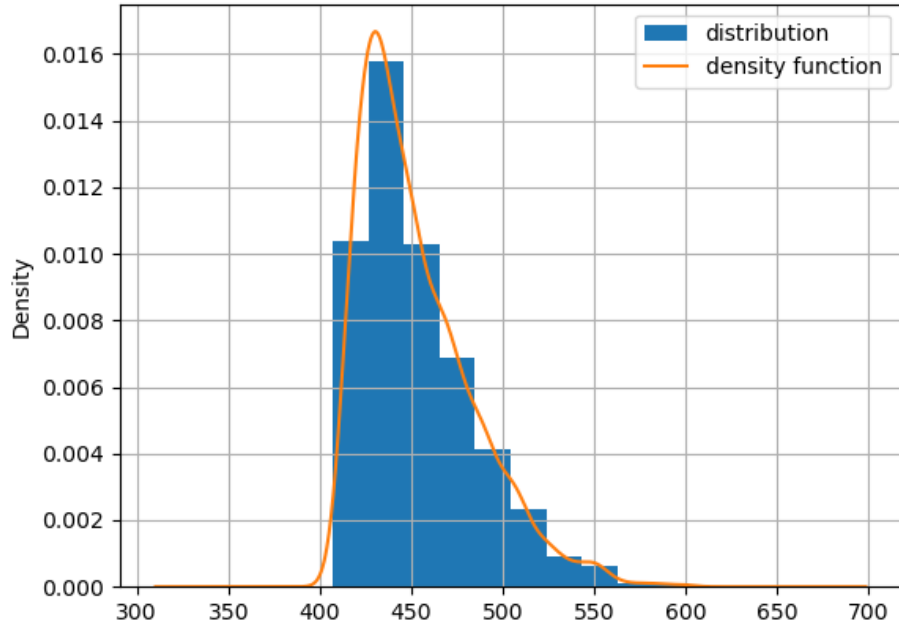
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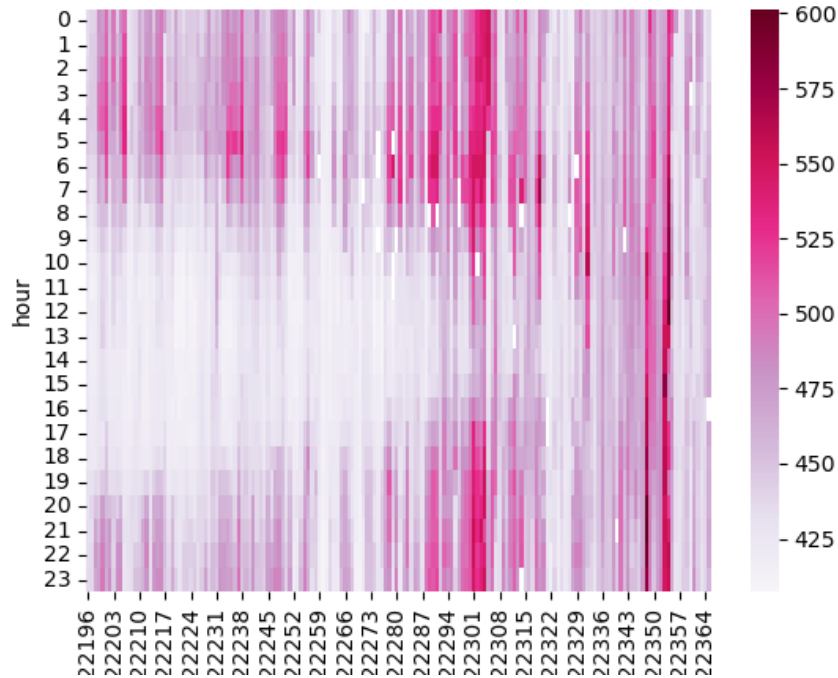
Timeseries of CO₂
from a low-cost sensor
in the city of Zurich including
a rolling mean (72h)

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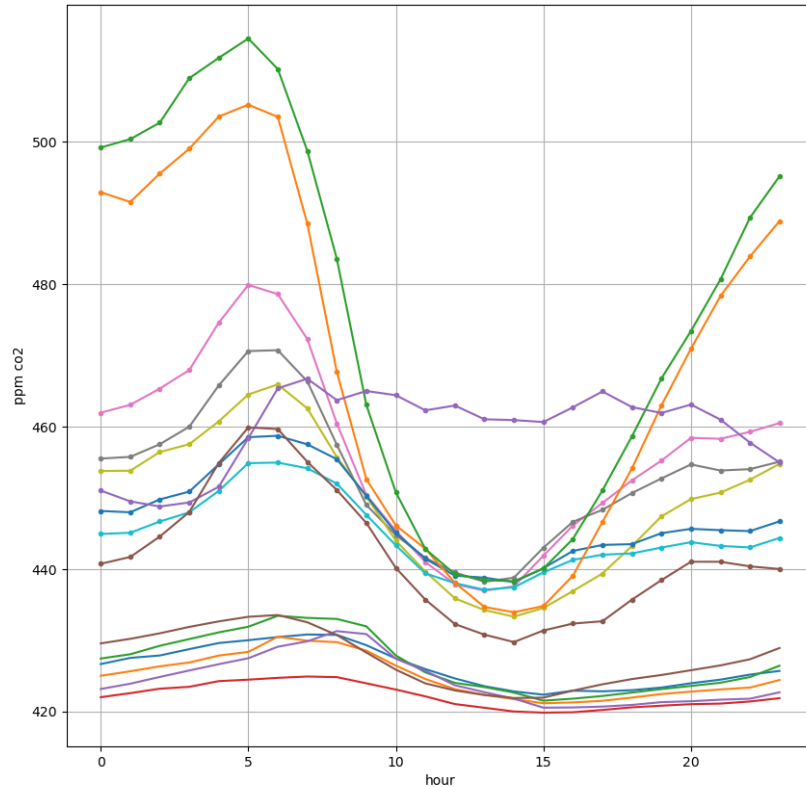
Distribution and density function of the CO₂ signal.

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Fingerprint plot:
means for all data points
grouped by hours of day

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Compare many different data sets from ICOS and ICOS Cities (lines including the 'dots')

- ICOS_ATC_OBSPACK-Europe-L2-2023_LHW_32.0_CTS_CO2.zip
- ICOS_ATC_OBSPACK-Europe-L2-2023_BRM_72.0_CTS_CO2.zip
- ICOS_ATC_OBSPACK-Europe-L2-2023_BRM_44.6_CTS_CO2.zip
- ICOS_ATC_OBSPACK-Europe-L2-2023_BRM_212.0_CTS_CO2.zip
- ICOS_ATC_OBSPACK-Europe-L2-2023_BRM_132.0_CTS_CO2.zip
- ICOS_ATC_OBSPACK-Europe-L2-2023_BRM_12.5_CTS_CO2.zip
- zuerich_zbad_2022_co2_9442.zip
- zuerich_zbad_2022_co2_9441.zip
- zuerich_zhsf_2022_co2_5658.zip
- zuerich_sma1_2022_co2_9417.zip
- zuerich_sma1_2022_co2_9416.zip
- zuerich_leub_2022_co2_9331.zip
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Discussion of content

As shown in the previous slides, we found many different measurements, and probably all are valid, but more context is needed for science

- We could now talk about the scientific content and discussion would include
 - SamplingHeight
 - Horizontal Profiles
 - Sensor drift and bias
 - Instruments and calibration,
 - Sampling rate
 - etc.
- The provided sampling rate is different (half hourly, hourly, day) and needs to be harmonized / resampled to compare
- We found different names like TA and AT (the unit is the same), the overarching meta data descriptions is the same (Air Temperature)

Discussion of FAIR'ness

- Overall, a very rich set of metadata.
- Information is structured in a complex way, and possibly hard to find.
- Easy access for humans and machines.
- Timestamp for these three repositories is harmonized to UTC. But if you look at Ecosystem measurements, it is important to take sunrise and sunset into account, hence, if you compare two sites, you need to think about time zones and photosynthesis.

Challenges

- Expert knowledge is still required
- The trap of producing pretty pictures
- Easy to compare non-comparable data
- Timestamps, all harmonized to UTC, take care if you cross timezones
- Separation of metadata and data

Opportunities

- Crossing RI's and domains made easy
- Combine data sets to find new dependencies or correlations
- Potential for machine learning by adding new features to observations
- Validate observations across domains
- Simplify workflows

