

# PR- PLPM (Plume Rise Photochemical Lagrangian Particle Model): Formulation and validation of the new plume rise scheme

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# A Lagrangian Dispersion Model: PLPM

(Photochemical Lagrangian Particle Model) - Bellasio et Al., 1999

- Single particle's trajectory:

$$\vec{x}(t + \Delta t) = \vec{x}(t) + \Delta t(\vec{u} + \vec{u}')$$

Deterministic term (wind mean velocity)

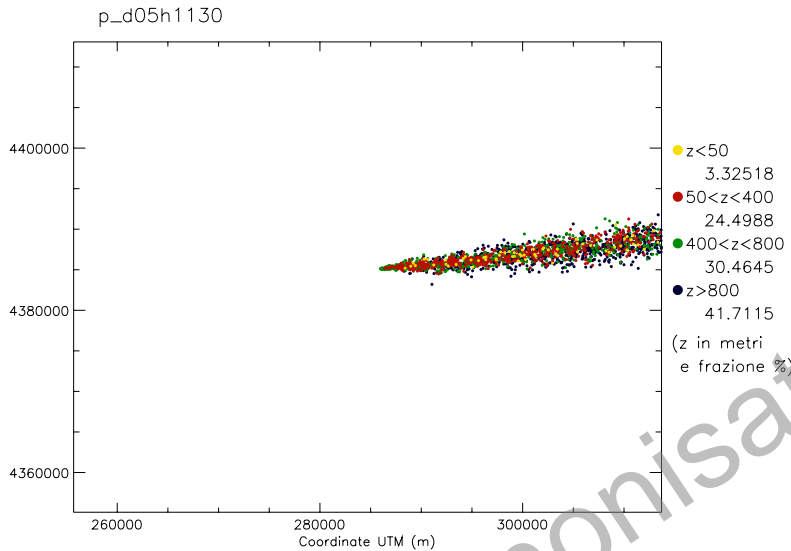
Stochastic term (turbulence)

- $u'$  achieved from Langevin equation (Thomson, 1987):

$$du'_i = a_i(\underline{x}, \underline{u}', t) dt + b_{ij}(\underline{x}, \underline{u}', t) d\xi_j(t)$$

Luhar and Britter (1989), Hurley and Physick (1993), Bianconi et al. (1999)

# Density reconstruction

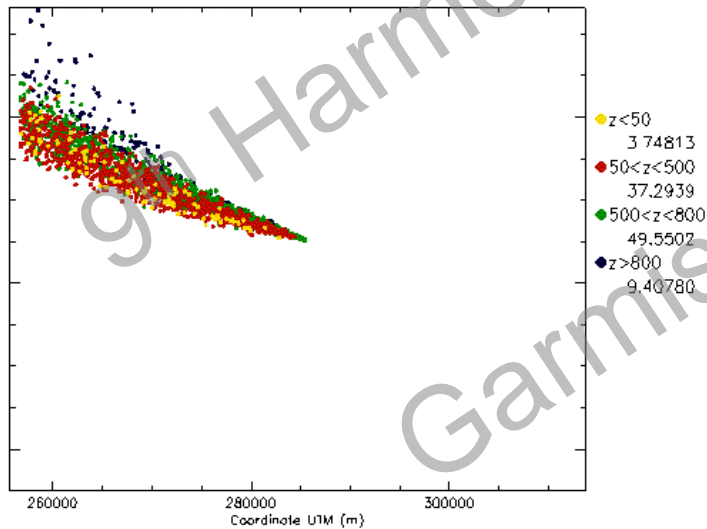


Particles positions  $\mathbf{X}_i$

Particles masses  $M_i$



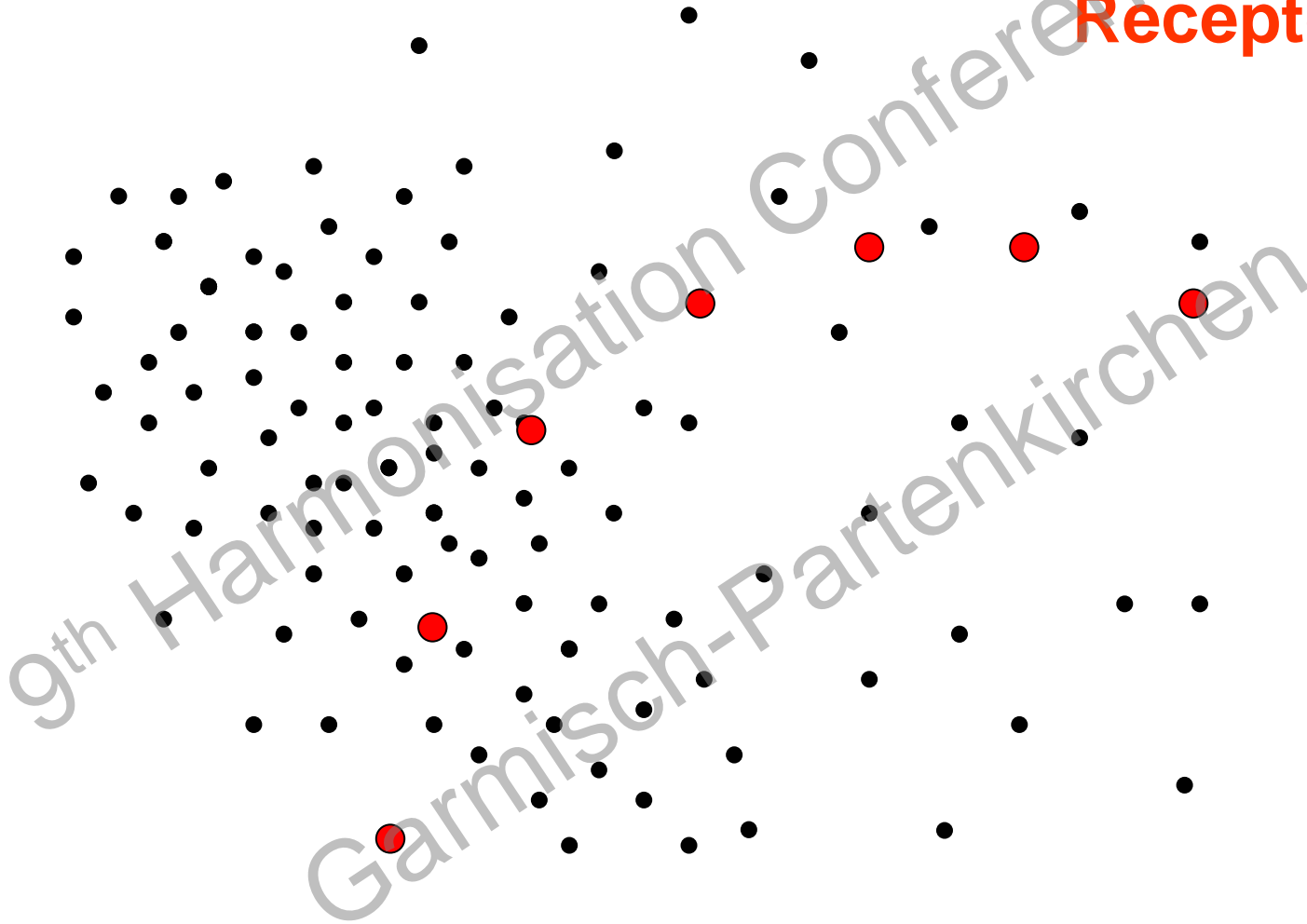
Concentration field  $C(x,y,z)$



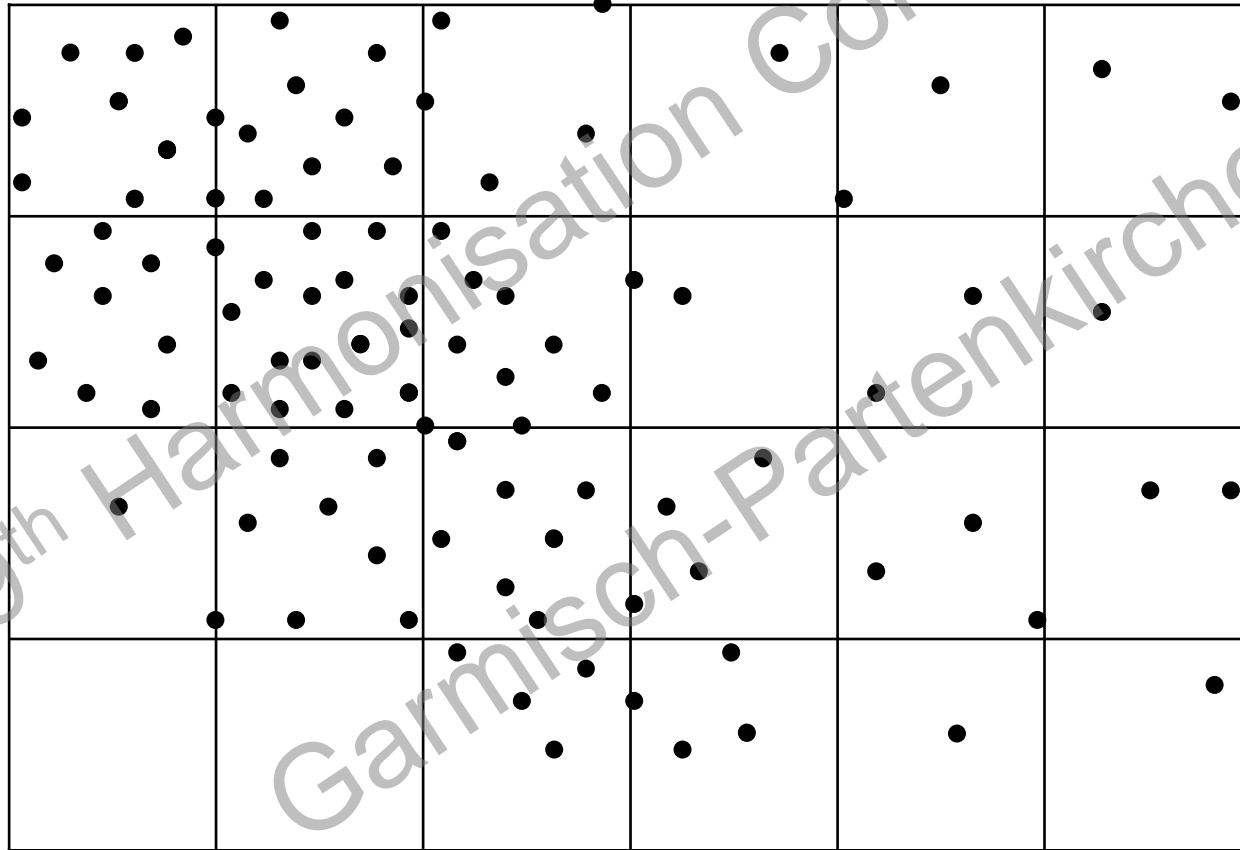
# Density reconstruction

Particles

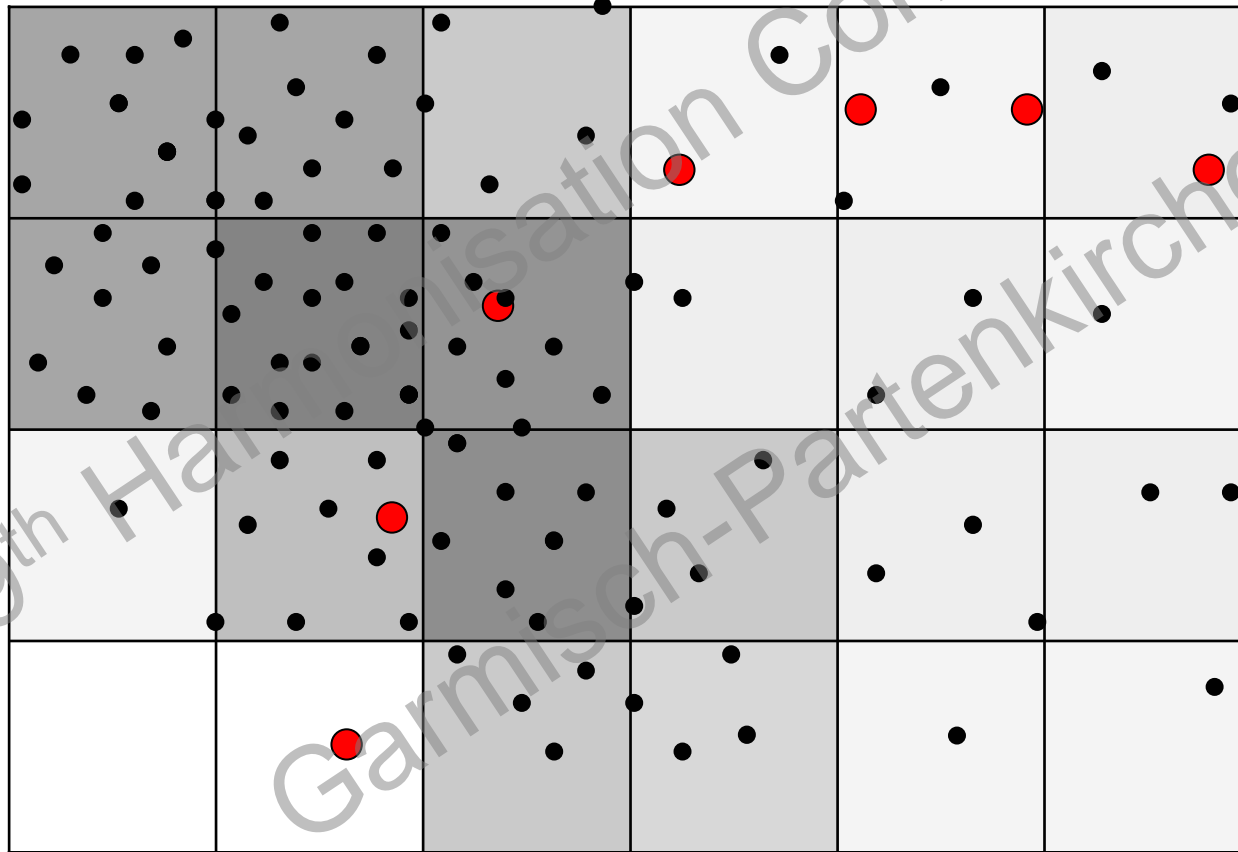
Receptors



# Density reconstruction – Box Counting



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# Density reconstruction - Kernel

Particles mass is distributed in space by means of a **kernel function**

$$c(x, y, z, t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i}{\lambda_x \lambda_y \lambda_z} K\left(\left|\frac{x_i - x}{\lambda_x}\right|\right) K\left(\left|\frac{y_i - y}{\lambda_y}\right|\right) K\left(\left|\frac{z_i - z}{\lambda_z}\right|\right)$$

$$K(x) = 0.75(1-x^2) \quad \text{if } |x| < 1$$
$$K(x) = 0 \quad \text{otherwise}$$

**Bandwidths are crucial for density estimation**

# Particles-based Global (PG)

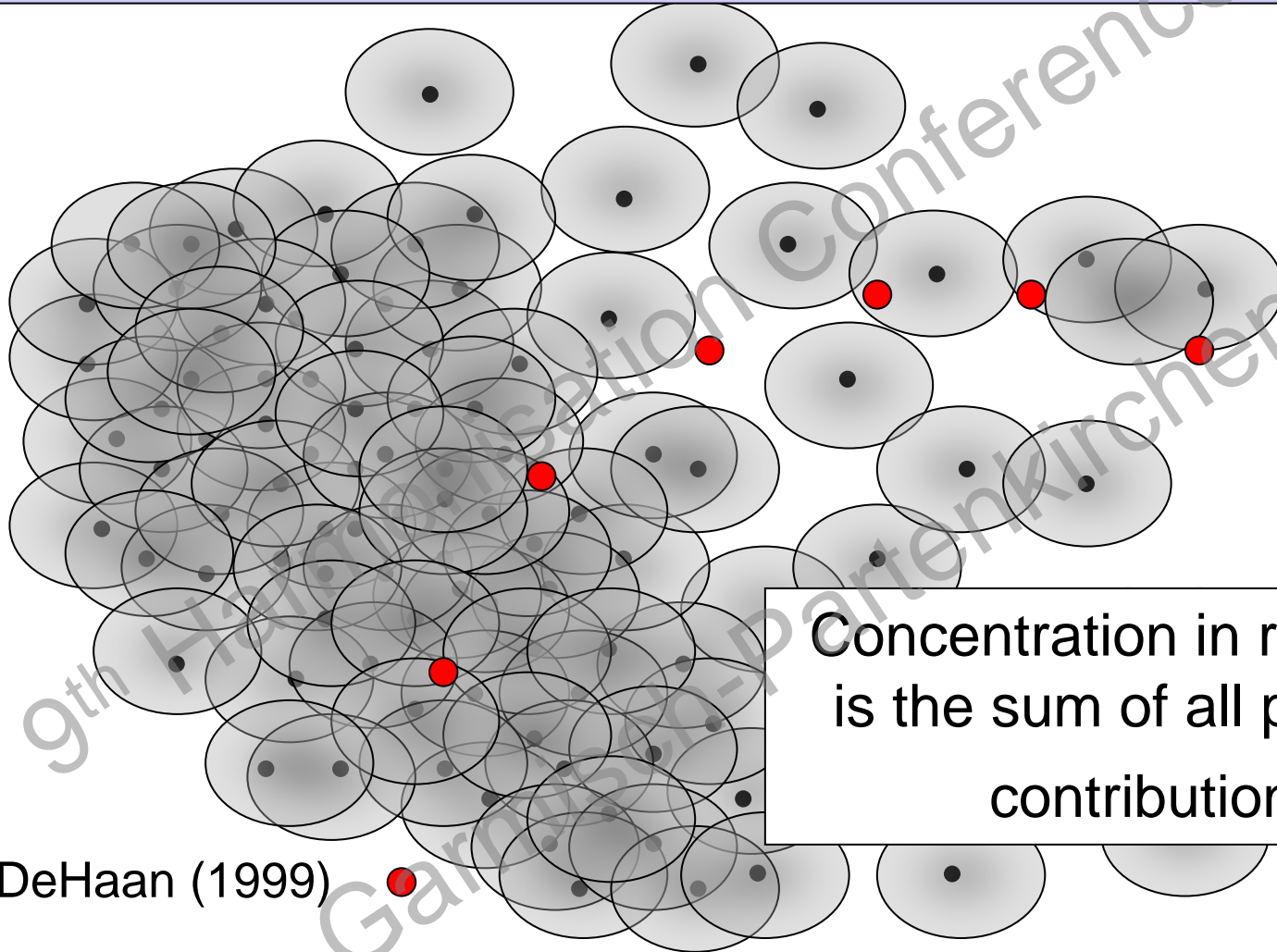
$$\lambda_i = \alpha \cdot A(K) \cdot n^{-\frac{1}{d+4}} \cdot \min\left(\sigma_i, \frac{R_i}{1.34}\right)$$



DeHaan (1999)



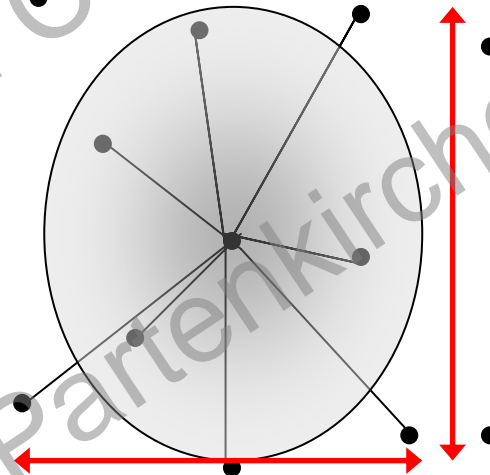
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DeHaan (1999)

# Particles-based Local 3-D (PL3)

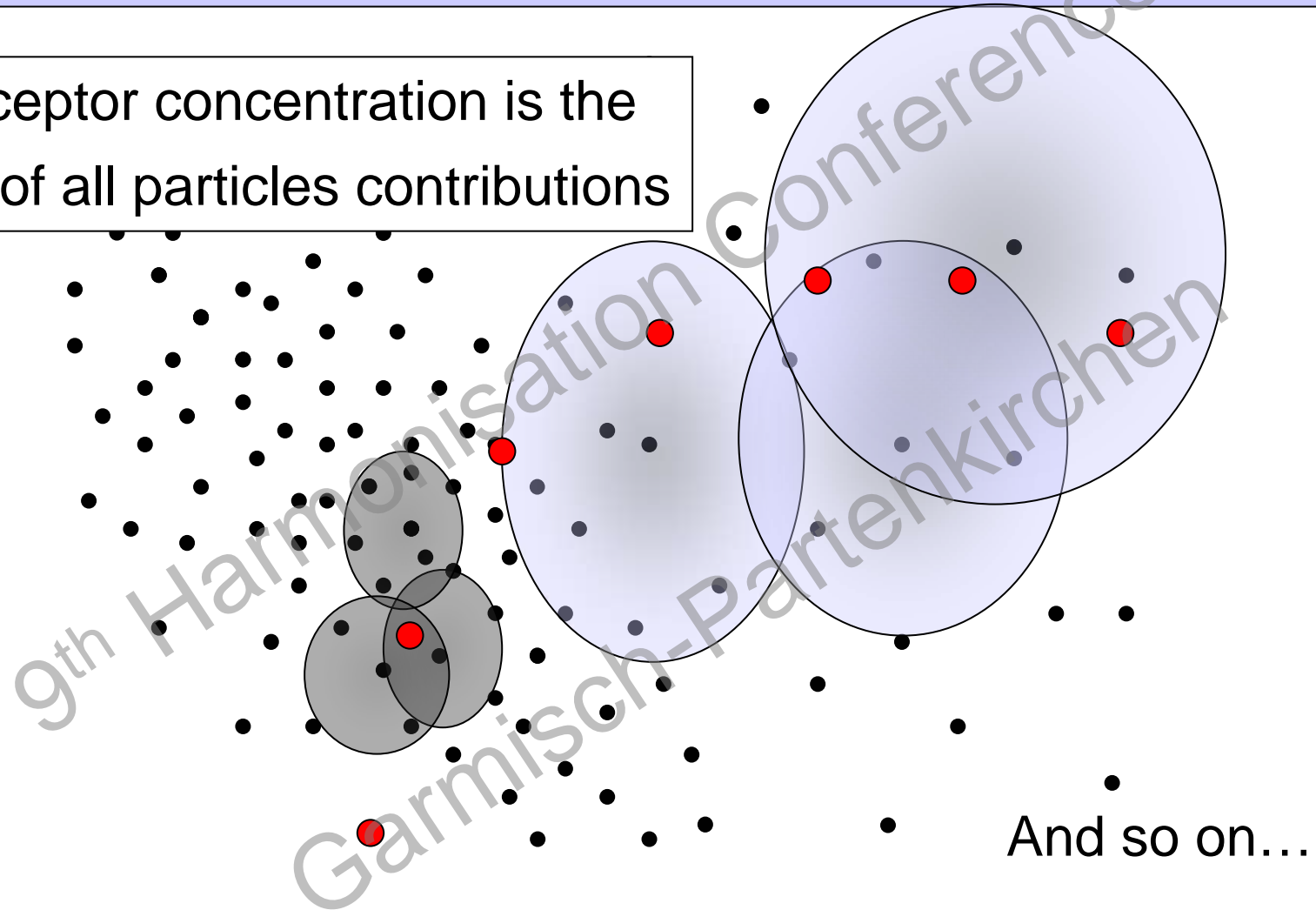
Closest particles selected until  
1/8 of total mass has been  
reached (neighbourhood)



BWs are set as maximum projected  
distance of neighbours

# Particles-based Local 3-D (PL3)

Receptor concentration is the sum of all particles contributions



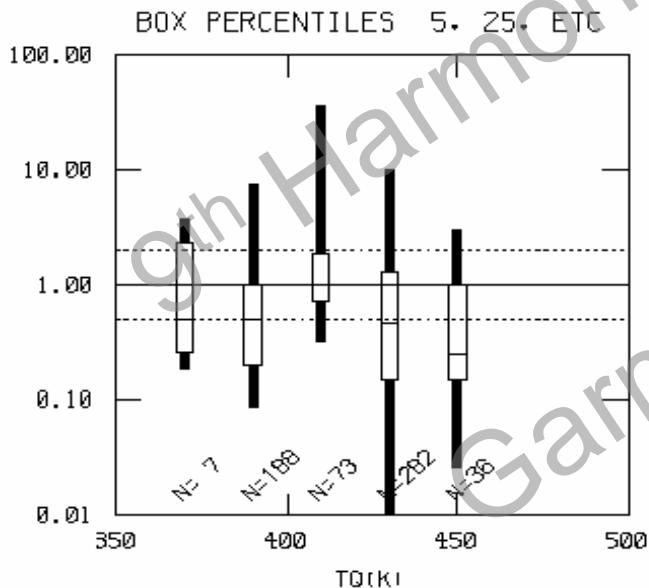
# Limits of PLPM (Harmo 8)

- Plume rise empirical model (Briggs Formulae):

$$\Delta H(x) = const \cdot F_b^\alpha \bar{u}^{(-\beta)} x^\gamma$$

$$F_b = f(u_p, T_p, T_a, d)$$

- Worse performances when  $T_p$  increases (underestimation of the ground concentration values)



PLUME RISE  
DESCRIPTION



# The new PR-PLPM model

- Implementation of the Ooms plume rise model

- Eulerian ODE conservation system (Ooms 1972, Ooms and Mahieu 1981, Robins et Al. 1999):

$$\bullet \frac{d}{ds} \begin{pmatrix} F_m \\ F_{Mx} \\ F_{My} \\ F_{Mz} \\ F_h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_m \\ -F_m (du_a/ds) - D_x \\ -F_m (dv_a/ds) - D_y \\ -F_m (dw_a/ds) + B - D_z \\ -F_m c_p (d\theta_a/ds) \end{pmatrix} \quad \bullet P_i = \rho_i \cdot RT_i \quad i = a, p$$

Mass, momentum and enthalpy conservation equations referred to a plume control volume; perfect gas law

- Integration within PLPM

- Introduction of the concept of the **plume-particle**
- New expression of the particle trajectory (Webster and Thomson, 2002):

$$x(t + \Delta t) = x(t) + (\bar{u} + u')\Delta t$$

$U_p$   
IF  $[(t+\Delta t) \leq 1h$   
OR  $(U_{pz} - U_{az}) > 0.1 \text{ m/s}]$

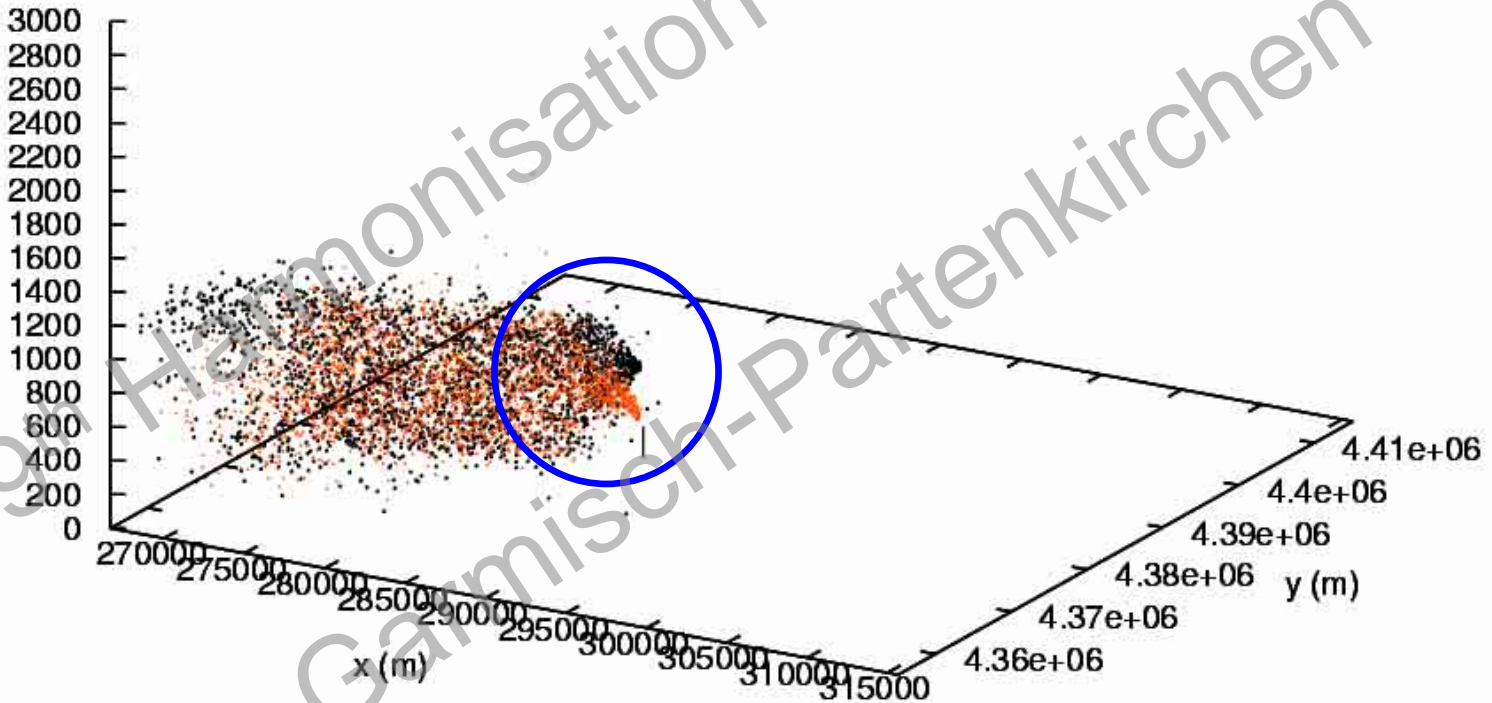
$U_a$   
ELSE

# Results: particle distribution

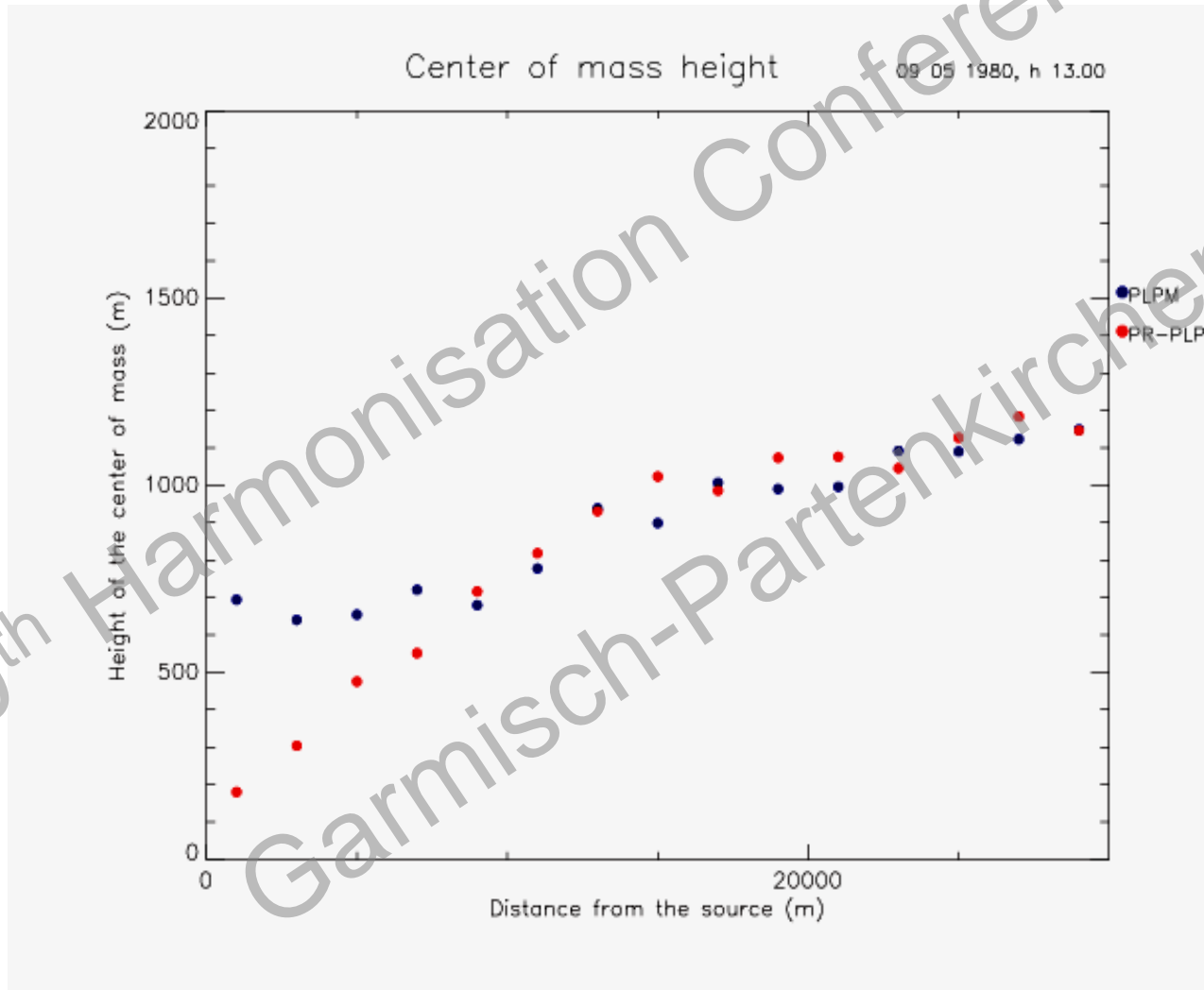
PLPM

PR-PLPM

z (mgl)



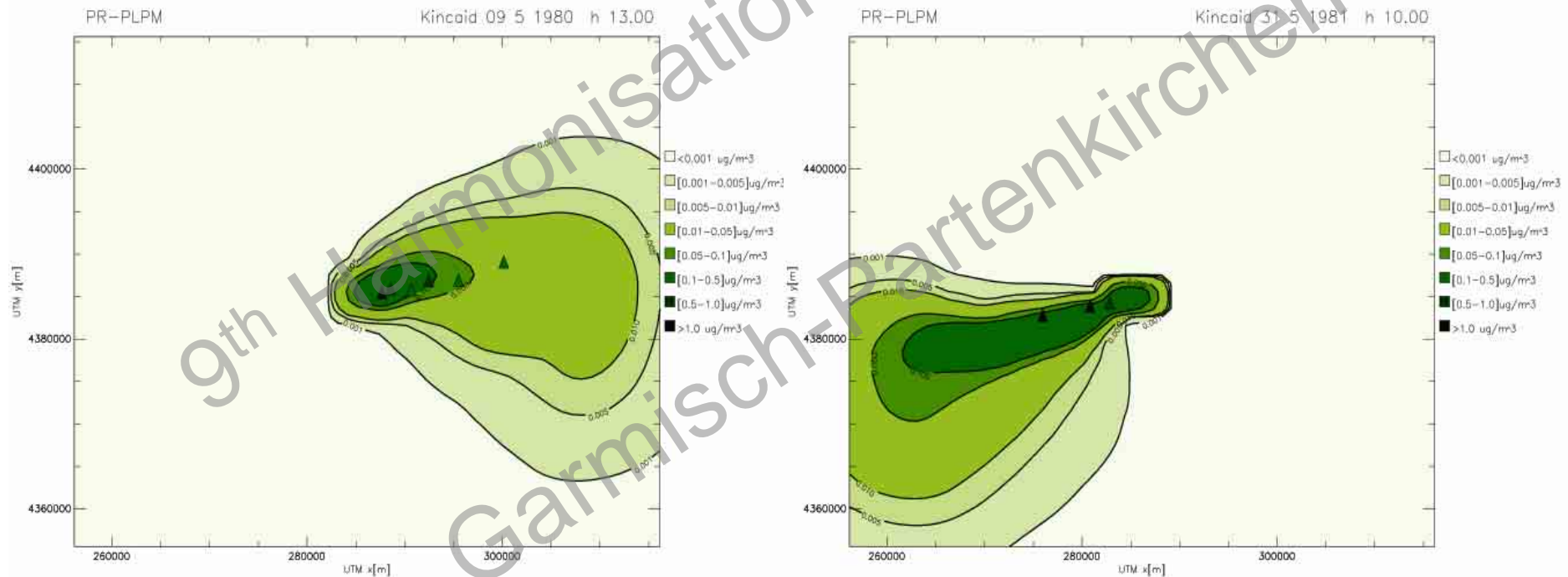
# Results: height of the centre of mass





# Results: Density Reconstruction (PL3)

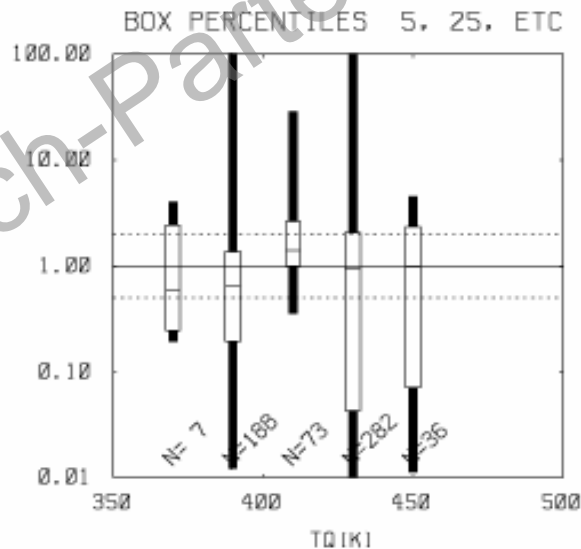
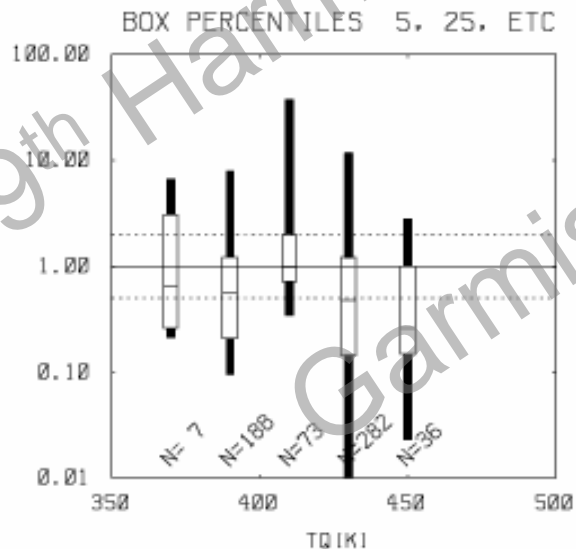
Ground concentration maps: comparison with measured data



# PR-PLPM Validation Results

Q=2,3 N=586	mean [(ng/m <sup>3</sup> )/(g/s)]	sigma [(ng/m <sup>3</sup> )/(g/s)]	bias [(ng/m <sup>3</sup> )/(g/s)]	NMSE	R	FAC2	FB	FS
MIS	40.96	39.26	0	0	1	1	0	0
PLPM	23.89	28.96	17.07	2.65	0.036	0.319	0.526	0.302
PR-PLPM	34.41	42.43	6.55	2.38	0.007	0.332	0.174	-0.077

Q=3 N=338	mean [(ng/m <sup>3</sup> )/(g/s)]	sigma [(ng/m <sup>3</sup> )/(g/s)]	bias [(ng/m <sup>3</sup> )/(g/s)]	NMSE	R	FAC2	FB	FS
MIS	54.34	40.25	0	0	1	1	0	0
PLPM	22.85	25.18	31.49	2.57	0.029	0.302	0.816	0.461
PR-PLPM	32.02	39.26	22.31	2	0.056	0.361	0.517	0.025



## Conclusions and work in progress

- A plume rise scheme enhancing PLPM performance has been implemented and validate on the "classic" Kincaid data set.
- Full inert validation of PLPM on MVK in progress
- Tests are in progress for chemical reactions (box models and active plumes)

# Chemical reactions

- Concentrations  $C_i$  in particle locations are computed every chemical step.
- Chemical mechanism computes “new” concentrations  $C'_i$
- Particles chemical composition is reassigned proportionally to  $C'_i/C_i$  and new mass is added if necessary

# Chemical reactions – in progress tests

- Dynamic time step and chemical time step.
- Is the kernel best performing in the inert case also the best performing in complex reactions?
- How complex is to use “local” inertia ellipsoid axis as kernel axis?