

# MEASUREMENTS OF AIRBORNE FINE DUST AND ULTRAFINE PARTICLES AT A SEAPORT IN SOUTHERN ITALY

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# Introduction / Motivation

## Project Description

Determine impact of UFP emissions from ferries on urban areas in Brindisi (South Italy)



Client



Contractor



University of Salento

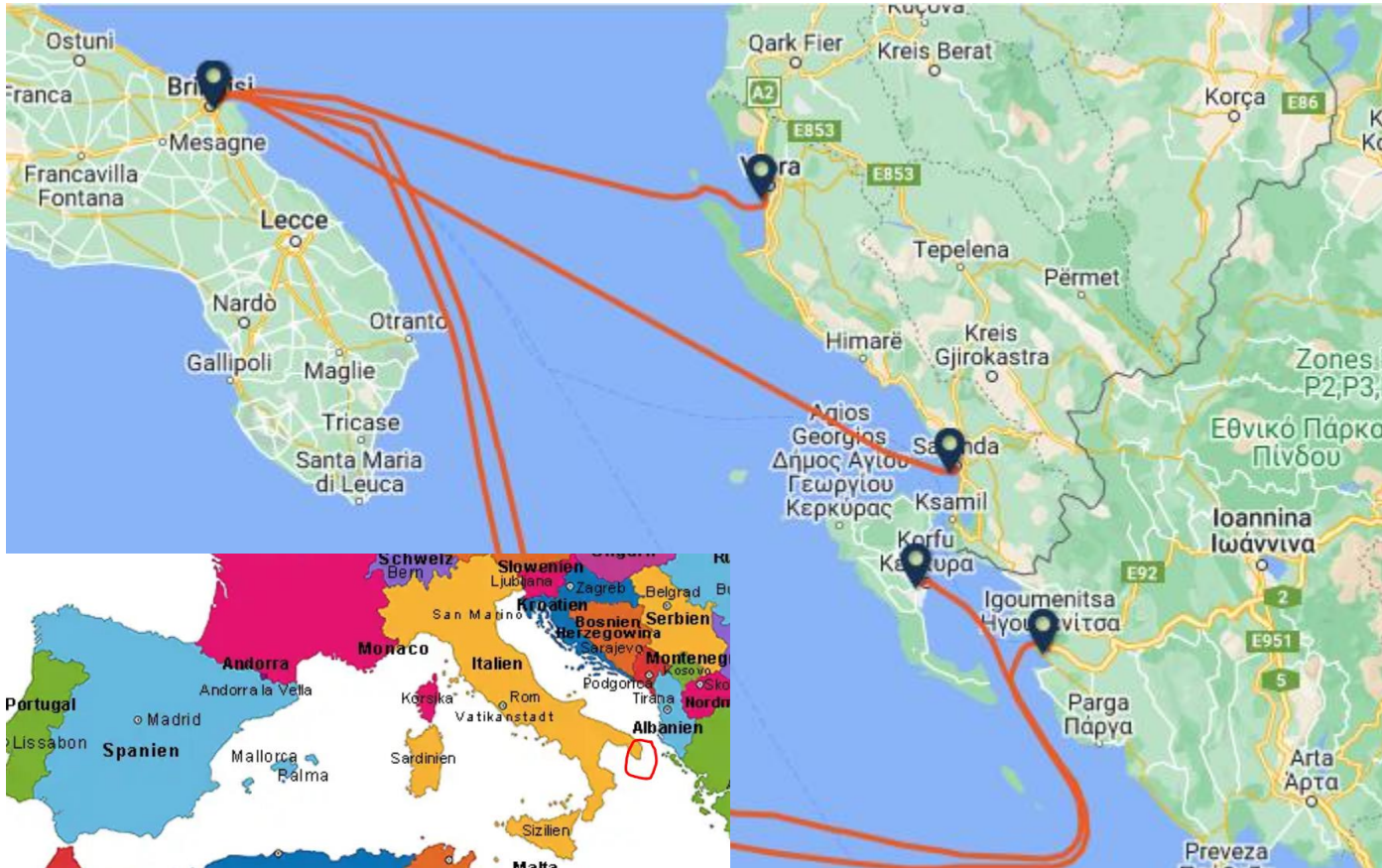
Scientific support



Technical support

# Introduction / Motivation

## Local Conditions



### Brindisi Ferries

- **Grimaldi Lines, Starlines and A-Ships Management S.A.** operate ferries from Brindisi that connect the port of Brindisi with **4 destinations**.
- Connecting Italy with: **Greece, Albania and Corfu via Adriatic Sea.**
- **4 times a day** and up to **25 times a week (peak times)**

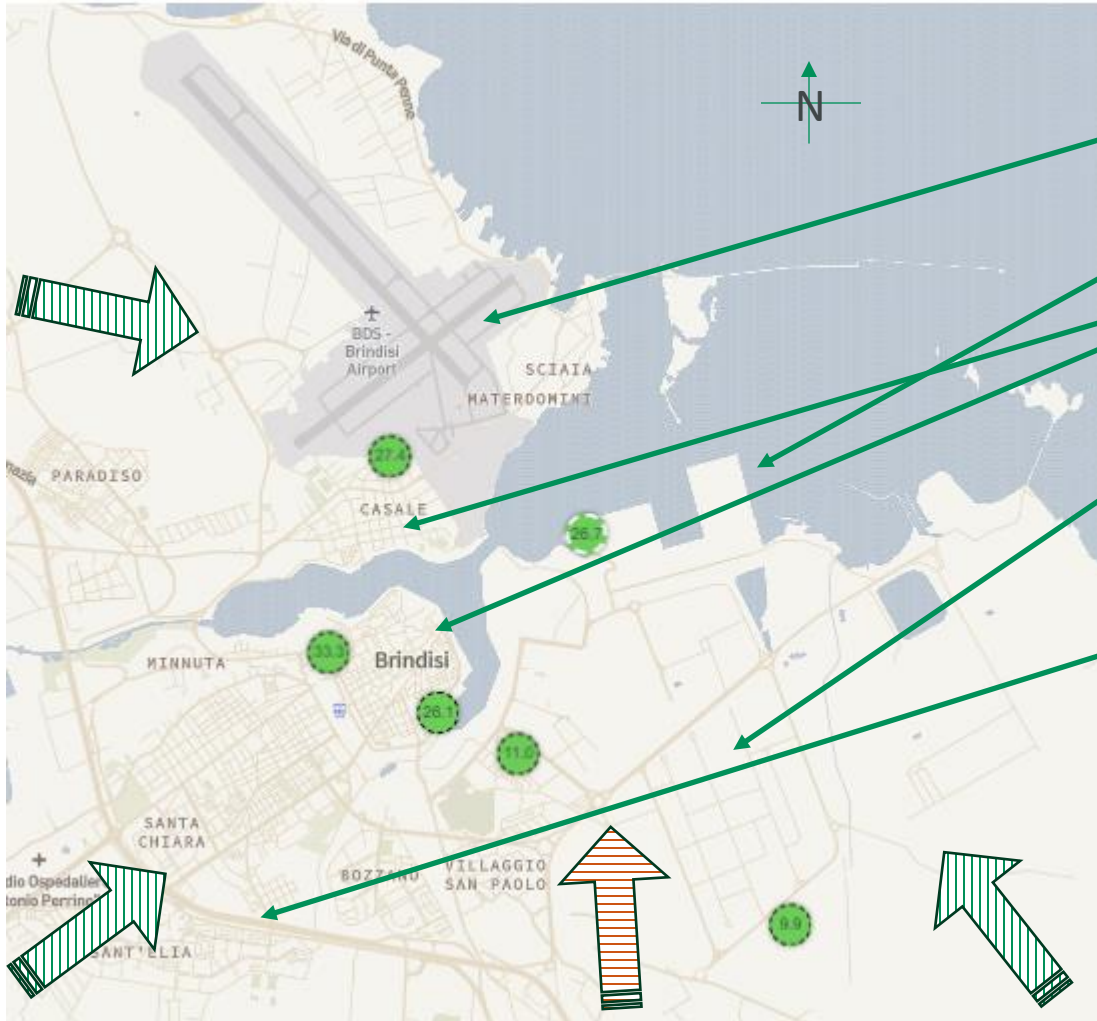
### Port address

Stazione Marittima "Brindisi Terminal" - **Costa Morena**  
Terrare, Brindisi 72100 (BR) - Italy

[https://www.directferries.de/brindisi\\_faehre.htm#map](https://www.directferries.de/brindisi_faehre.htm#map)

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## Local Conditions



International Airport

Ferry port

City center

Industrial area

(chlorine and petrochemicals,  
dismantling activities)

Motorway/Transportation (Lecce, Bari,  
Talent, Naples)

Other environmental sources (transboundary):

Agriculture

Sahara dust

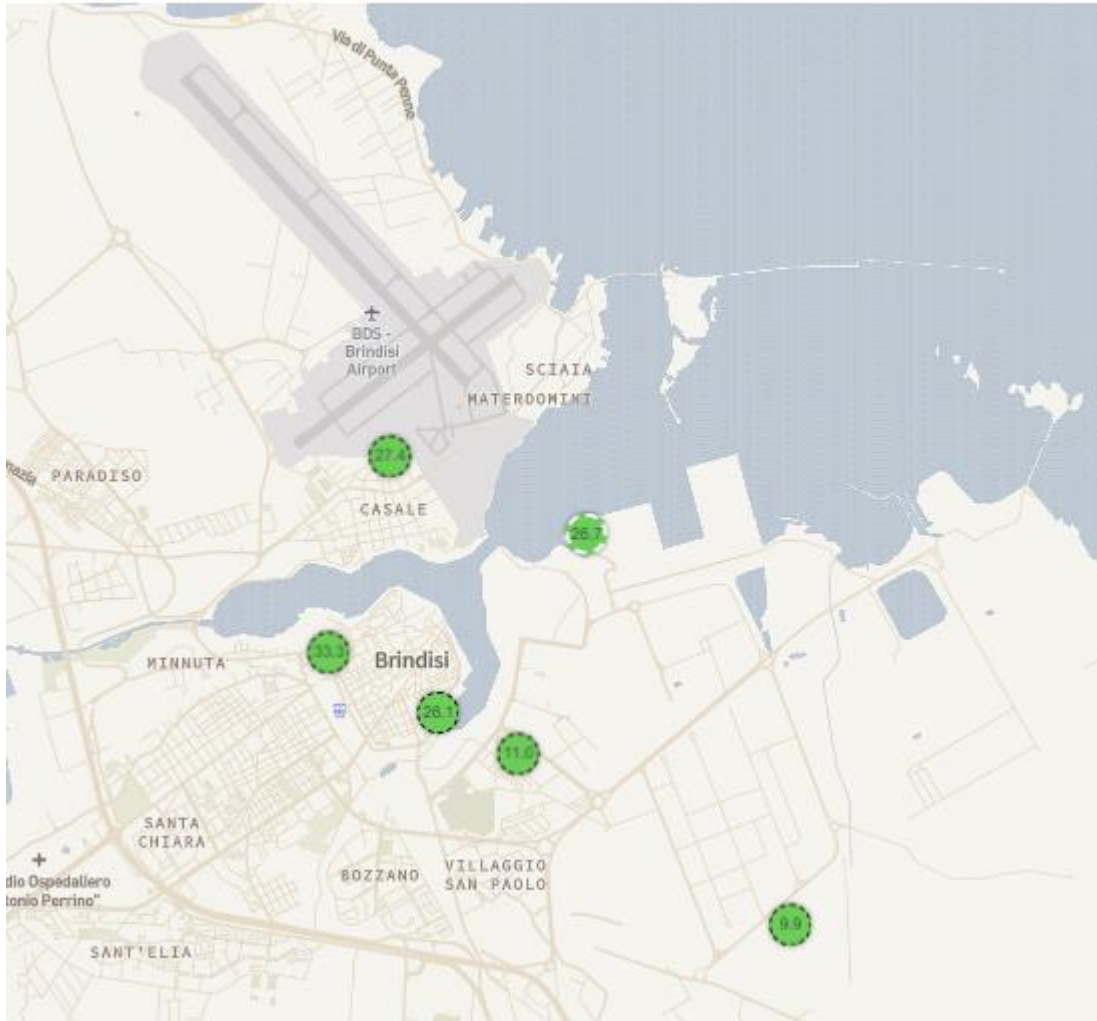


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Bologna, Geneva,  
Paris, London,  
Palermo,  
Brussels,  
Stockholm,  
Madrid



# Method / Structure

## Measurement Infrastructure



## Official measuring network:



Measured values:

NO<sub>2</sub> in 6 stations

SO<sub>2</sub> in 2 stations

CO in 3 stations

O<sub>3</sub> in 1 station

PM<sub>10</sub> in 1 station

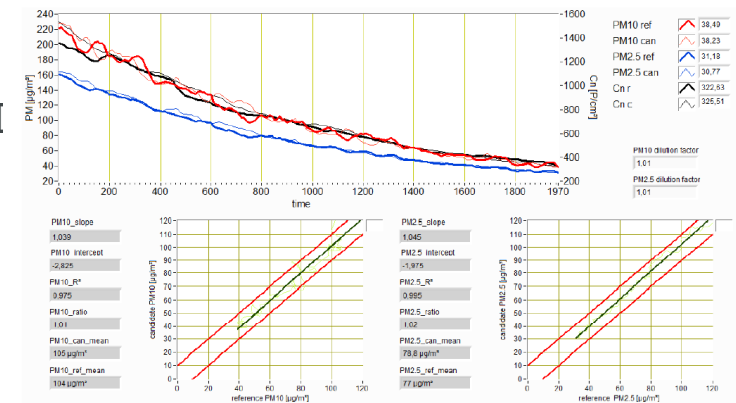
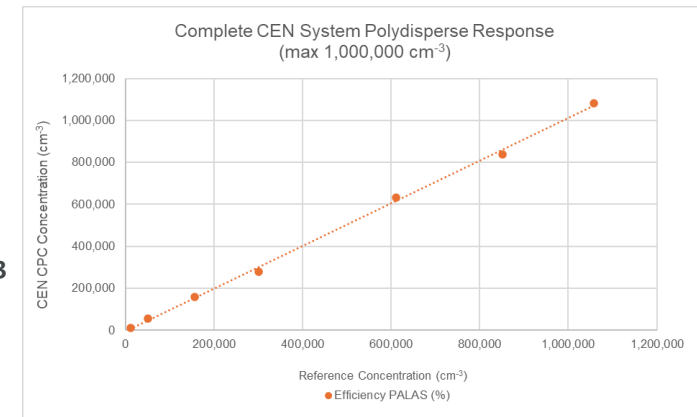
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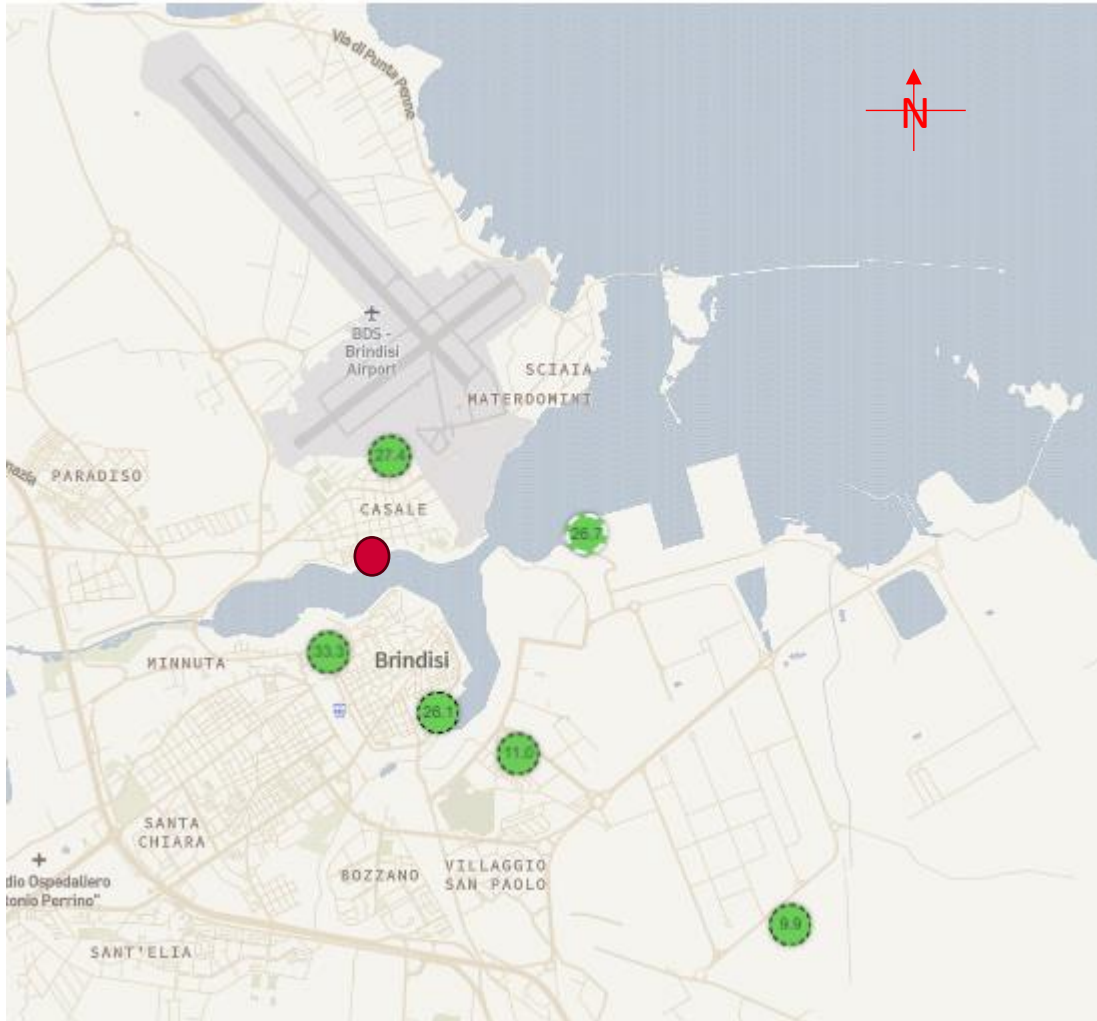
Measuring instruments:

- **AQ Guard Smart 2000**
  - Diffusion charging (diffusion charger)
  - Measuring range 10 nm to approx. 1  $\mu\text{m}$
  - PNC up to approx. 10 million particles/ $\text{cm}^3$
  - PN, mean diameter, LDSA, temp, rH, p
  
- **AQ Guard Smart 1000**
  - OPC (Single particle count, White light LEI)
  - Measuring range 0.18  $\mu\text{m}$  to 18  $\mu\text{m}$
  - PN, PSD,  $\text{PM}_{10}$  to TSP, temp, rH, p, ...

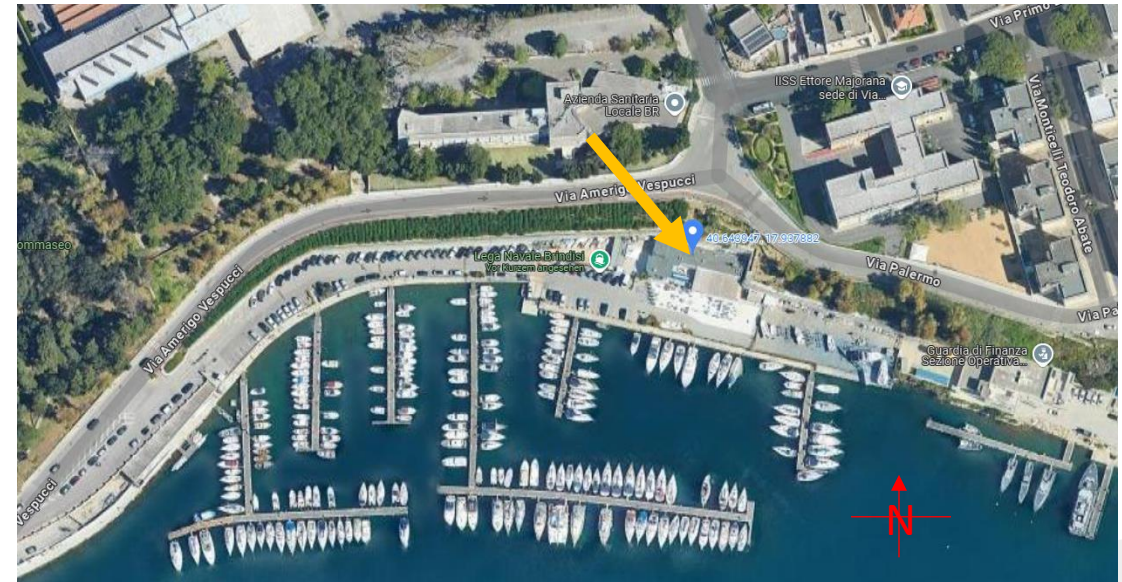


# Results

## Measurement of Ultrafine Particles and Fine Dust



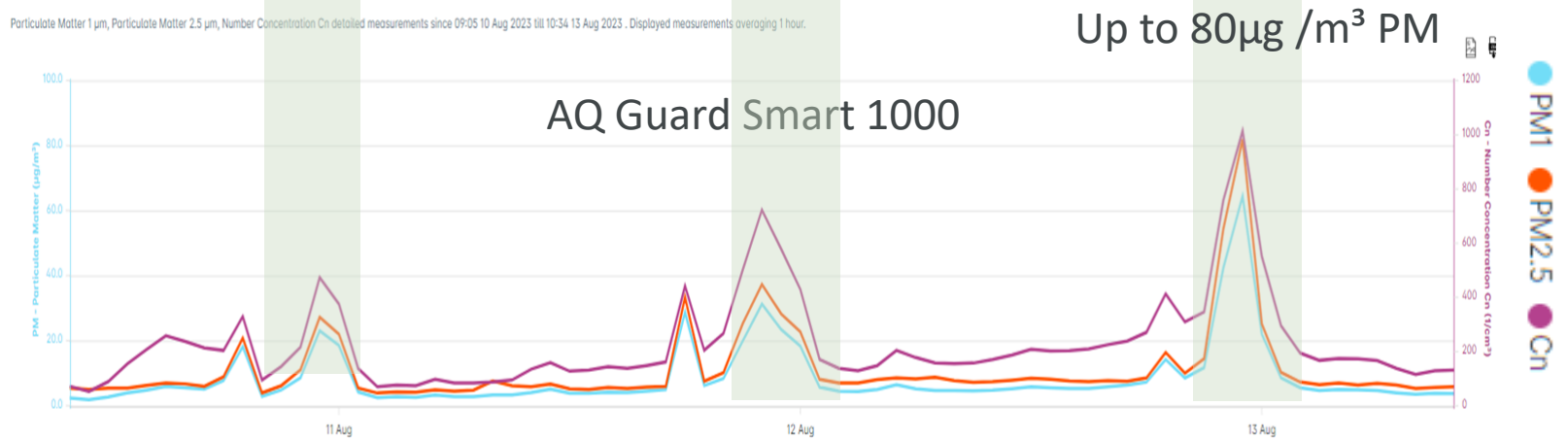
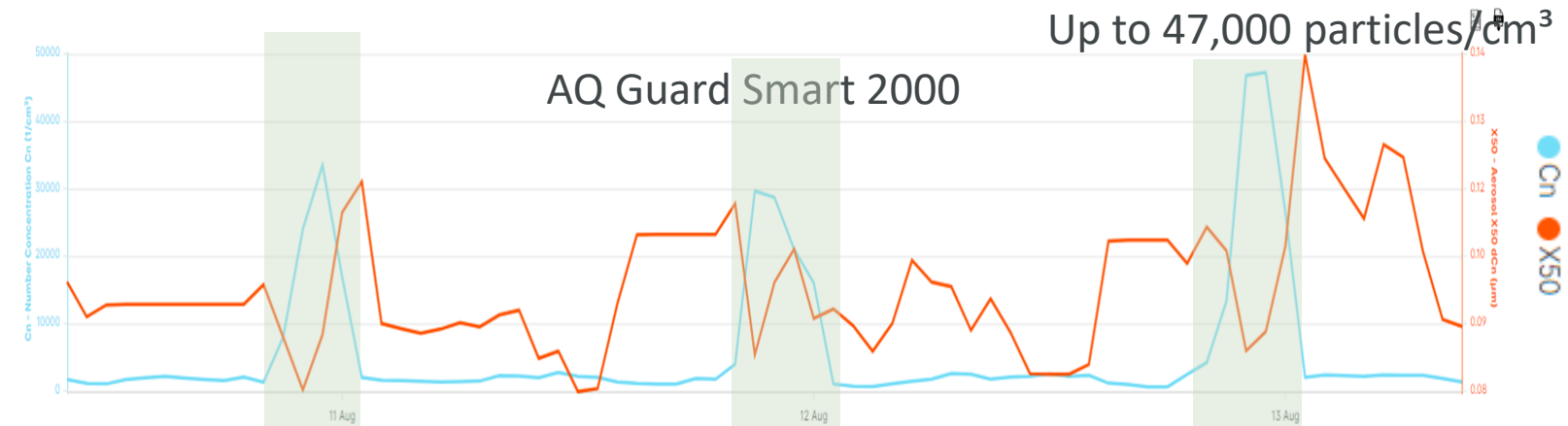
- First installation "Brindisi city harbor"
  - West of the ferry port
  - Close to the city
  - At a height of approx. 4 m (roof)





# Results

## Measurement of ultrafine particles and fine dust (data exemplary from August 11-13 - hourly values)



- Periodic daily fluctuations of UFP concentrations and mean diameter
- Recurring every 19:45 - 24:00
- Increase in particle number concentration and PM values
- Good correlation between UFP and PM
- big mean diameters at peaks (not really typical for mineral fuels?)

# Results

## Measurement of Ultrafine Particles and Particulate Matter (data from August 11-13)



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del Mare Adriatico Meridionale

Bari, Brindisi, Manfredonia, Barletta, Monopoli, Termoli

26/07/2023	mercoledì	EMERALD AZZURRA	EMERALD CRUISE	MONOPOLI	FISKARDO	17:00	19:00
31/07/2023	lunedì	MSC SINFONIA	MSC CROCIERE	VENEZIA	MYCONOS	16:00	22:00
07/08/2023	lunedì	MSC SINFONIA	MSC CROCIERE	VENEZIA	MYCONOS	16:00	22:00
14/08/2023	lunedì	MSC SINFONIA	MSC CROCIERE	VENEZIA	MYCONOS	16:00	22:00
19/08/2023	sabato	CLUB MED 2	CLUB MED			07:00	23:00
21/08/2023	lunedì	MSC SINFONIA	MSC CROCIERE	VENEZIA	MYCONOS	16:00	22:00
24/08/2023	giovedì	SEABOURN ENCORE	SEABOURN CRUISE LINE			08:00	18:00
28/08/2023	lunedì	MSC SINFONIA	MSC CROCIERE	VENEZIA	MYCONOS	16:00	22:00

- No correlation to ship, flight or other activities.
  - No shipping traffic during this period at all!
- Other source!

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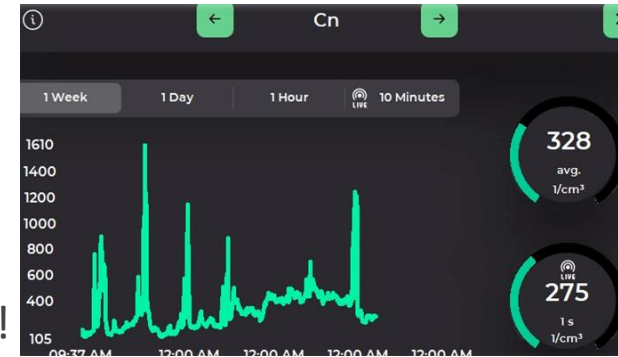
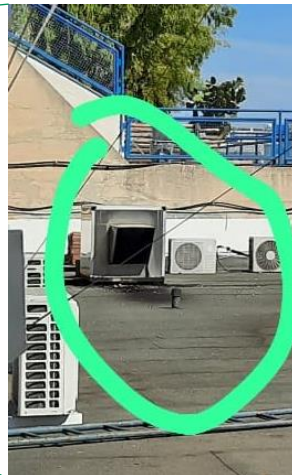
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Very good correlation with

# !! PIZZA Time !!

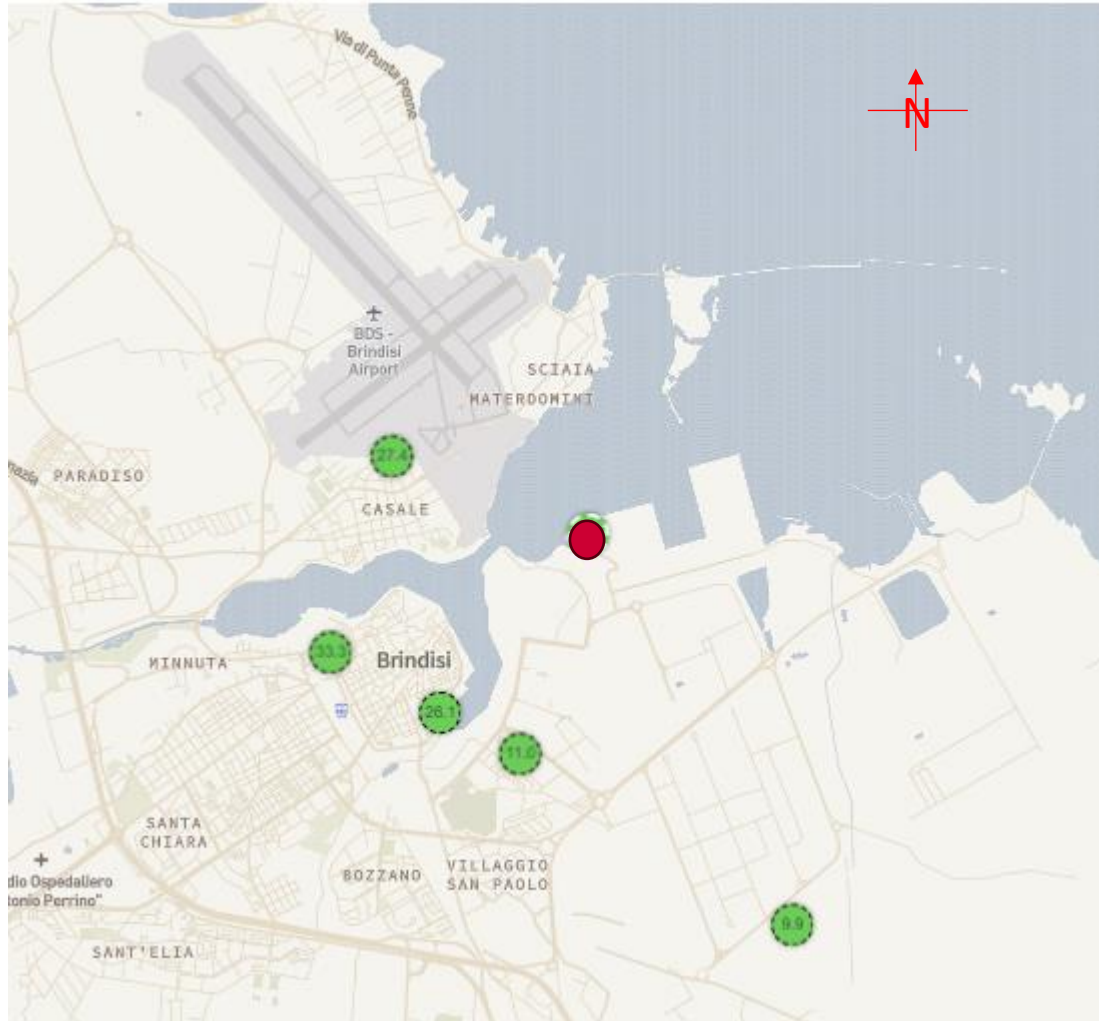
Exhaust air from nearby restaurant - Weekend evenings !

→ Not active during installation; explains bigger mean diameter of UFPs



# Results

## Measurement of Ultrafine Particles and Fine Dust



- Second installation "Ferry port"
  - Dropped off at the feeder
  - At a height of approx. 2 m
  - Next to the local measuring station IT2139A



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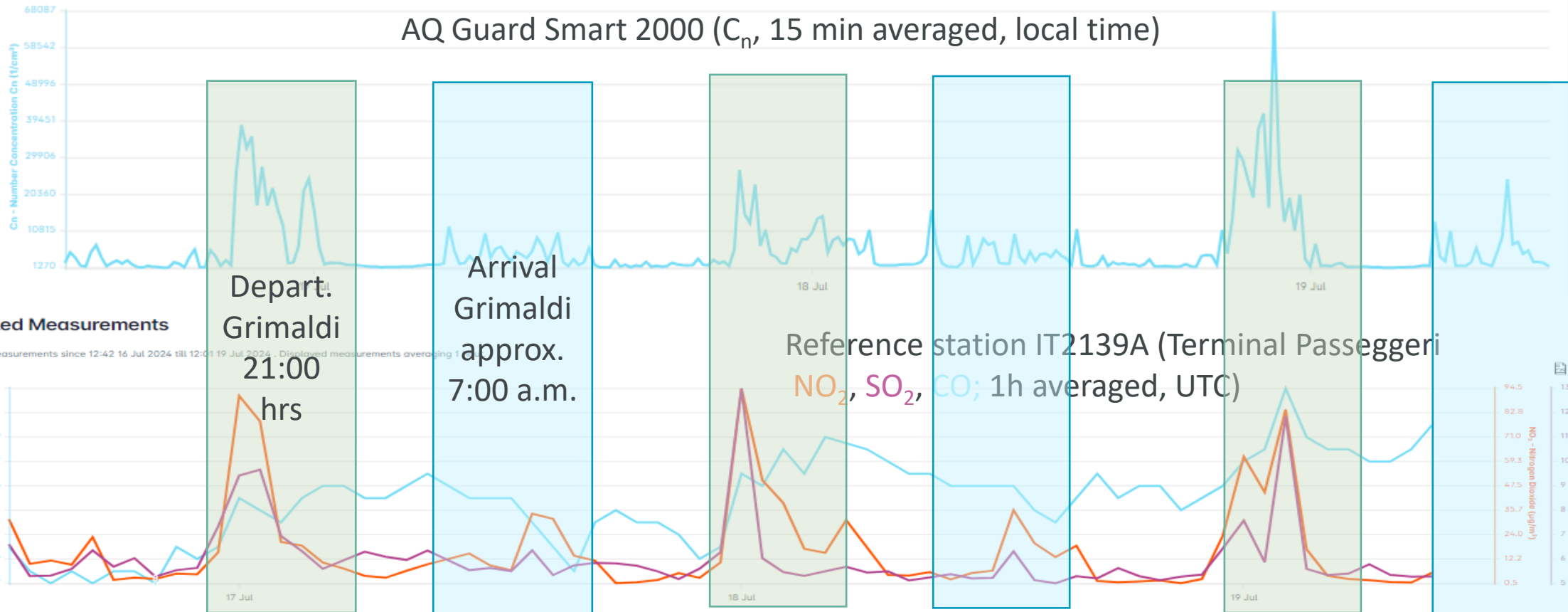
## Measurement of Ultrafine Particles and Fine Dust (17.-19.07.2024)

Excellent correlation between peaks and timetable!  
→ Ferry is the source!

### Detailed Measurements

Number Concentration Cn, Aerosol X50 dCn detailed measurements since 12:00 16 Jul 2024 till 11:59 19 Jul 2024 . Displayed measurements averaging 15 minutes.

Approx. 70,000 particles/cm<sup>3</sup>



# Summary

- **DC systems** (here AQ Guard Smart 2000 from Palas)
  - are **well suited for indicative measurement** of UFP
  - **Suitable for high concentrations** without dilution ( $>10^6$  particles/cm<sup>3</sup>)
  - give **good results even over long periods** without maintenance and can be installed easily and without great effort.
- **Hotspot measurements must be validated** (causality - origin - sources - wind direction („pizza time“ effect))
- Always **all available information** have to be taken in consideration **for source determination** (surrounding must be checked visually for other possible sources at different times)
- **Next steps:**
  - Long-term measurements at locations with high cyclical load (at least 6 months)
  - Additional meteorological information (windspeed)
  - Additional parameters (eg BC, etc.)

➔ Only then it is possible to clearly show a possible link between emissions by the ferry vessels and urban exposure situations!

**Thank you for your attention**



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Other environmental influences due to:

- Transportation (Lecce, Bari, Talent, Naples)
- Agriculture
- Sahara dust



**Brindisi, an industrial history that dates back to the 1960s ...**

- **founded in 1960** with the commissioning of the **Montedison plants for cracking and chlor-alkali**
- **Transfer to EniChimica** in the early 1980s, which was then responsible for the site
- 1991, after the transfer of the Enimont business to **Enichem Anic**.
- **Enichem (Syndial** since 2003 and now **Eni Rewind**) also took over the territories of **Dow, Polimeri Europa (Versalis)** and **EniPower** from **1999**.
- The petrochemical area extends over **450 hectares** and is one of the areas of national interest in Brindisi.

<https://www.eni.com/enirewind/en-IT/remediation/remediation-projects-brindisi.html>



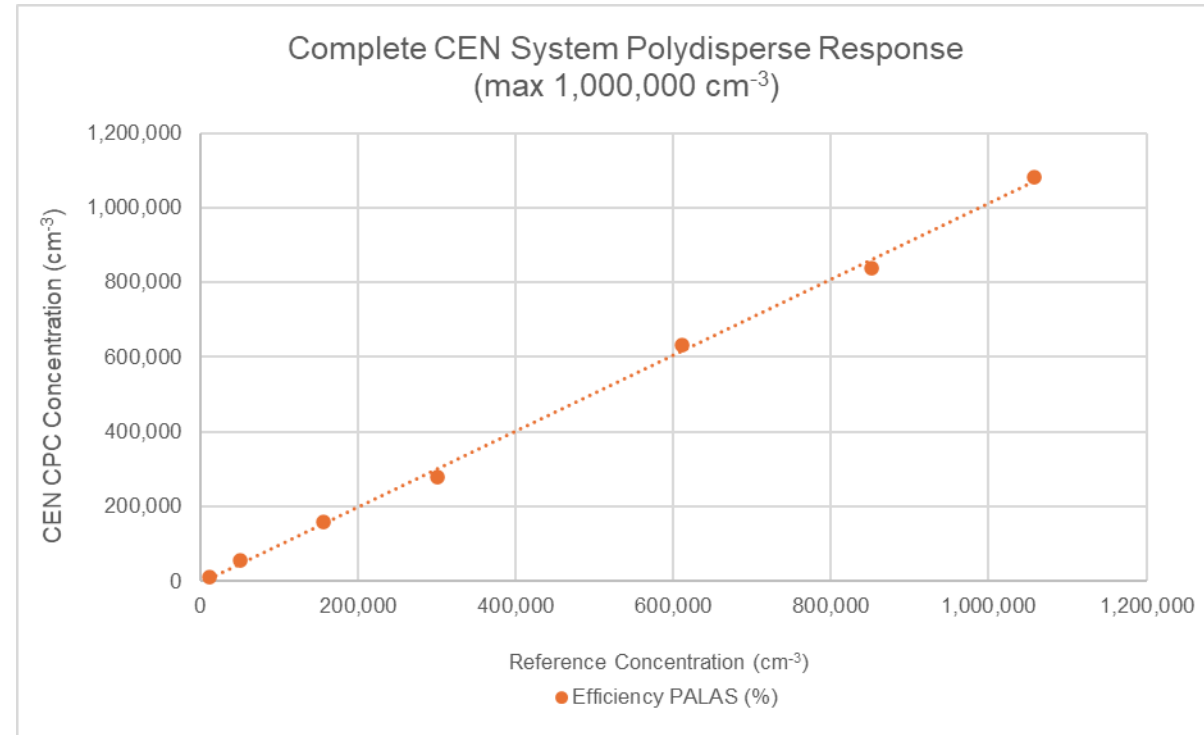
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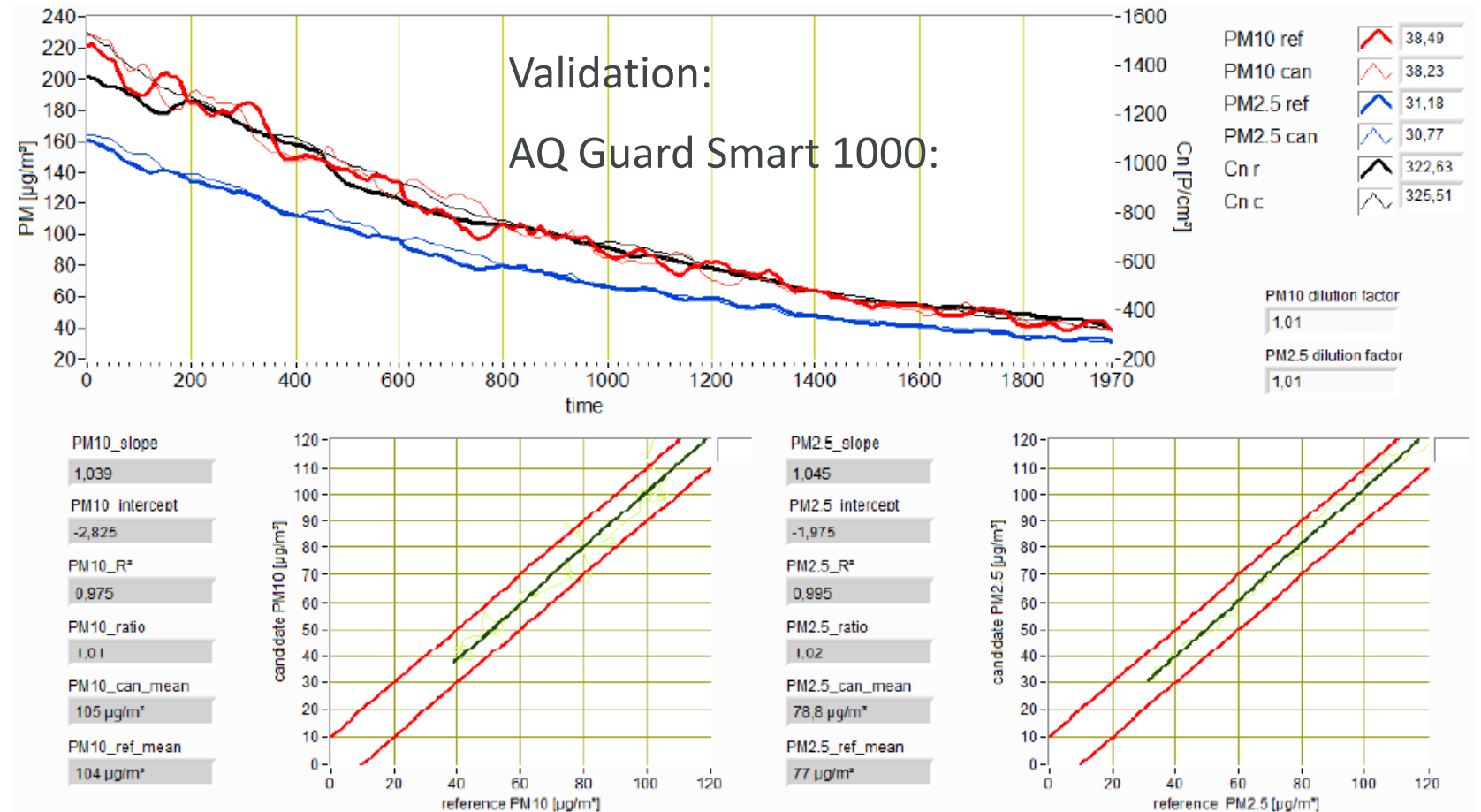
Validation:

**AQ Guard Smart 2000:**



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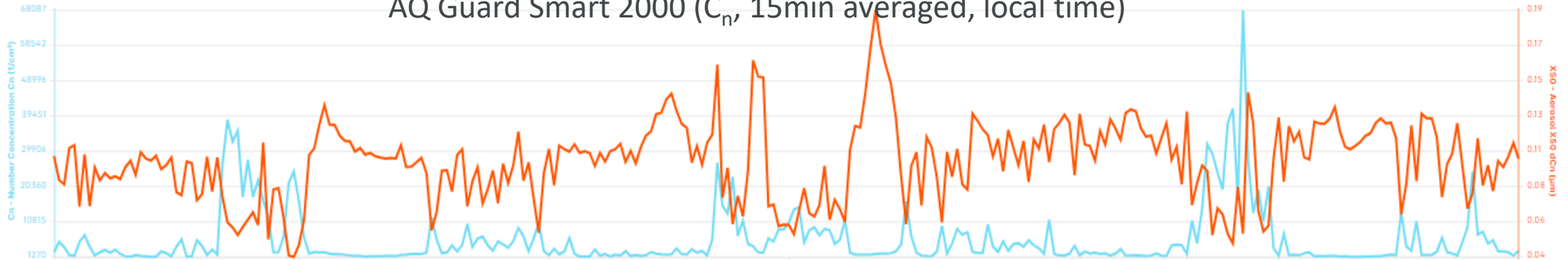
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Approx. 70,000 particles/cm<sup>3</sup>

AQ Guard Smart 2000 (C<sub>n</sub>, 15min averaged, local time)



### Detailed Measurements

detailed measurements since 12:42 16 Jul 2024 till 12:01 19 Jul 2024 . Displayed measurements averaging 1 hour.

Reference station IT2139A (Terminal Passeggeri)

NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, CO; 1h averaged, UTC

