Community Air Sensor Network (CAIRSENSE) Project: Lower Cost, Continuous Ambient Monitoring Methods

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Low Cost Sensors

• **Pros:** Low cost allows for different applications than traditional monitors

• **Cons:** Without testing, questions about data quality, reproducibility, etc.

• Lots of current research on low cost sensors:
  – Calibration
  – Interferences
  – Drift
  – Reproducibility

Typical sensor testing setup, EPA ORD
## Next-Generation Air Measurement (NGAM) Technology Groups

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Community Air Sensor Network (CAIRSENSE) Project Overview

• Participants:
  – EPA Regions 4, 1, 5, 7, and 8; EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD); EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS); and Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD).

• Objectives:
  1. Evaluate in situ the long-term comparability of several lower cost sensors of interest against regulatory monitors.
  2. Determine the capabilities and limitations of a long-term multi-node wireless sensor network applied for community air monitoring, in terms of operational stability (communications, power) and long-term data quality under ambient conditions.
General Project Timeline

Year 1
- Priorities defined, Study design
- Year 1 site and sensor selection; Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Development
- Year 1 Data Collection in Atlanta, Review, and Analysis; Develop Year 2 priorities

Winter 2013 to Summer 2014

Year 2
- Priorities defined, Study design
- Year 2 site and sensor selection; QAPP Amendment
- Year 2 Data Collection in Denver, Review, and Analysis; Disseminate results

Winter 2014 to Summer 2015*

*Summer of 2015 → transition from Atlanta to Denver
CAIRSENSE sensor selection

Selection Criteria: Overarching goal to test sensors or sensor systems with potential near-term wide use

1. Priority on criteria pollutants (NAAQS)
2. General upper cost limit at $2000 per pollutant (e.g., $2000 for a one pollutant sensor device, $4000 for a two-pollutant sensor device, etc.)
3. Priority to test commercially available sensors, with potential near-term high degree of use
4. Priority to test sensors already in use by general public.
5. Real time or continuous monitoring technologies of gases and particulates were of interest (no laboratory analysis)
6. Priority to test sensors that are turnkey – lower priority to develop custom electronics for raw sensors.
South Dekalb Air Monitoring Site

- National Core (NCore) regulatory monitoring site in suburban Atlanta
- Extensive suite of measurements including criteria pollutants and precursors, air toxics, and meteorology
- Long historical data record
## CAIRSENSE Project Design

### Module 1: Wireless sensor network (WSN)
- >6 month field test
- 4 sensor node locations (1 located at NCore site)
- 1 sensor per pollutant, per node
- Wireless data streaming of entire network to an off-site server
- Operating primarily on solar power

### Module 2: Sensor ad-hoc field testing (SAFT)
- >30 day test
- All sensors at NCore site
- Replicates of the same sensor co-located; multiple sensor types for the same pollutant
- Data logging vary by sensor technology
- Land power provided
CAIRSENSE Locations

- **B**: Base station for local wireless network
- **N**: Wireless sensor network nodes
- **AT**: Ad-hoc testing location

▲ = Regulatory site

Locations:
- **N1**, **N2**, **N3**, **N4**
- **B** (Base station for local wireless network)
Wireless sensor network (WSN) ancillary equipment

Sensor network configuration:

Node 1:
- Sensors: PM, NO/O₃, O₃
- Plus: XBee antenna, SD card data storage
  *LARGE SOLAR PANEL*

Node 2:
- Sensors: PM, NO/O₃
- Plus: XBee antenna, SD card data storage
  *SMALL SOLAR PANEL*

Node 3:
- Sensors: PM, NO/O₃
- Plus: XBee antenna, SD card data storage
  *SMALL SOLAR PANEL*

Node 4 + Base Station at NCORE site
- Sensors: PM, NO/O₃, O₃
- Plus: XBee antenna, Cellular modem, SD card data storage
  *LAND POWER*

Data via ZigBee communication

Data to server via cell modem
Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) components example
Sensor Ad-hoc Field Testing (SAFT) components example
Ad-Hoc Testing: Initial sensors to test

- AQMesh: NO₂, NO, O₃, SO₂, CO
- MetOne 831 particle sensor
- Dylos particle sensor
- Air Quality Egg (CO, NO₂, PM, VOCs)
- Aeroqual SM50 O₃ sensor
- Shinyei particle sensor
- Airbeam particle sensor
- Not shown: Cairpol NO₂/O₃ sensor
Correlation matrix (Pearson correlation) of 12-hr average PM between sensors and co-located FEM

|                   | SAFT-Egg 3 Dust | SAFT-Egg 1 Dust | SAFT-Egg 2 Dust | SAFT-Shinyei 2 | SAFT-Shinyei 1 | SAFT-Dylos 1 S | SAFT-Airbeam 3 | SAFT-Airbeam 2 | SAFT-Airbeam 1 | SAFT-Dylos 3 S | SAFT-Dylos 2 S | FEM PM$_{2.5}$ | SAFT-MetOne 3 | SAFT-MetOne 1 | SAFT-MetOne 2 | WSN-N4 Shinyei | SAFT-Egg 1 Dus | SAFT-Egg 2 Dust | SAFT-Shinyei 1 | SAFT-Shinyei 2 | SAFT-Dylos 1 S | SAFT-Dylos 3 S | SAFT-Dylos 2 S | FEM PM$_{2.5}$ | SAFT-MetOne 3 | SAFT-MetOne 1 | SAFT-MetOne 2 | WSN-N4 Shinyei |
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- Moderate to high correlation between most identical units
- Variable correlation with reference ($r = -0.06$ to $0.68$)
Correlation Matrix of Hourly Average $O_3$ between Sensors and Co-located FEM

Strong correlation between identical units

Variable correlation with reference ($r = 0.15$ to $0.95$)
Correlation Matrix of Hourly Average NO\textsubscript{2} between Sensors and Co-located FEM

Moderate to high correlation between most identical units

Poor correlation with reference ($r = -0.25$ to 0.38)
Technical maintenance for SAFT-CairClip 1 sensor

The non-functional CC2 was excluded

Improved correlation with reference after sensor replacement

$R^2 = 0.82$

$R^2 = 0.62$
Wireless Sensor Network (WSN)

- Radio transmission:
  - Initial success tested in RTP (~ 1 mile range)
  - Limited communication in South Dekalb area
  - Manual download

- Sensors
  - PM: light interference issue resolved with adding aluminum foils, deviations related to possible local sources
  - Ozone: tracked well with FEM but showed some spatial variability ($r$ from farthest N1 of 0.85 to co-located N4 of 0.91)
Light interference for some PM sensors

Before extra light shielding was added to field set-up
Conclusions

• Variable sensor performance under real-world conditions

• A wide range of field utility for long-term data collection

• Some sensors have desirable traits for flexible field use, but many require further development to support ease of application, and provide adequate accuracy and precision performance
Future Work

- Explore temperature/humidity artifact corrections
- Complete analysis for all pollutants measured will be shown in a separate journal paper (in preparation)
- Year 2 deployment in Denver to include additional sensors
Thank you!

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Appendix

(1) Shinyei PM sensor
(2) Dylos PM sensor
(3) Airbeam PM sensor
(4) Met One PM sensor
(5) Aeroqual O₃ sensor
(6) CairClip O₃/NO₂ sensor
(7) AQMesh
(8) Air Quality Egg
Shinyei Sensor Base Design

- **Model:** PM Sensor Evaluation Kit (http://www.shinyei.co.jp/stc/optical/main_pmmonitor_e.html):
  - PM Sensor PM1, Connection Interface board I/F, Cable harness, AC adapter (DC12V), Evaluation software
- **Measurement:** PM$_{2.5}$ in unit of $\mu$g/m$^3$
- **Mechanism:** light scattering using an internal light emitter (suggested environmental light intensity to be <500 lux)
- **Power:** 12 VDC is required
- **Data retrieval and/or logging:** Arduino microcontroller with an Ethernet shield to return string into PM concentration and store onto a micro-SD card
- **Enclosure:** need to put under a cover or in an enclosure for environmental protection and from incidental contact with metal objects
- **Field utility:** once configured and communication is established, Shinyei device is reliable and easy to deploy
Shinyei Field Setup

Figure A-1. Housing for the CAIRSENSE ad-hoc sensor testing in Atlanta.

Figure A-2. Shinyei detection and power/communication units inside the chamber (Figure A-1) during field deployment.
Shinyei 1 PM$_{2.5}$ ($\mu$g m$^{-3}$) vs. FEM T (Deg C):

Shinyei 1 PM$_{2.5}$ ($\mu$g m$^{-3}$) vs. FEM RH (%):

Shinyei 1 PM$_{2.5}$ ($\mu$g m$^{-3}$) = 0.082[T - 0.3] + 7.5

$R^2 = 0.015$

Shinyei 1 PM$_{2.5}$ ($\mu$g m$^{-3}$) = 0.054[RH] + 4.5

$R^2 = 0.026$
Dylos Sensor Base Design

• **Model:**
  - DC1100 PRO with PC interface, quantity × 2
    (http://www.dylosproducts.com/dcproairqumo.html)
  - DC1100 with PC interface, quantity × 1
    (http://www.dylosproducts.com/dcairqumowip.html)

• **Measurement:**
  - DC1100 PRO: small (≥0.5 μm) and large (≥2.5 μm) particles in unit of pt/0.01cf
  - DC1100: small (≥1 μm) and large (≥5 μm) in unit of pt/0.01cf

• **Mechanism:** laser particle counter

• **Power:** battery-operated, can be run continuously by connecting the cable to a powered USB port

• **Data retrieval and/or logging:** Arduino microcontroller with an Ethernet shield to return PM concentration and store onto a micro-SD card

• **Enclosure:** The instrument has a rugged enclosure as it is designed for portability, but it is not designed for outdoor installation and must be placed under a cover or in an enclosure to protect it from the elements.

• **Field utility:** once configured and communication is established, Dylos device is reliable and easy to deploy
Dylos Field Setup

Figure A-3. Dylos units inside the chamber (Figure A-1) during field deployment.
Airbeam Sensor Base Design

- **Model**: Airbeam, sometimes referred to as AirCasting ([http://aircasting.org](http://aircasting.org))
  - Shinyei PPD60PV particle sensor, MaxDetect RH03 T&RH sensor, Nova MDCS42 version 2.1+EDR Bluetooth, Atmel Atmega32U4 microcontroller, Arduino Leonardo bootloader

- **Measurement**: PM$_{2.5}$ in hppcf, temperature and relative humidity
- **Mechanism**: light scattering (air is drawn through a sensing chamber wherein light from an LED bulb scatters off particles in the airstream)
- **Power**: battery-operated (a few hours), can be run continuously by connecting the cable to a powered USB port
- **Data retrieval and/or logging**: Arduino microcontroller with an Ethernet shield to return string into PM concentration and store onto a micro-SD card; bluetooth enabled, Andriod app available to initiate and log data
- **Enclosure**: need to put in an enclosure for environmental protection and allow it to be freely exposed to the atmosphere
- **Field utility**: once configured and communication is established, Airbeam device showed excellent responsiveness
Airbeam Field Setup

Figure A-4. Airbeam air monitoring device inside the chamber (Figure A-1) during field deployment.
Met One Sensor Base Design

- **Model:** Met One Aerocet 831 (http://www.metone.com/particulate-831.php)
- **Measurement:** PM$_1$, PM$_{2.5}$, PM$_4$, PM$_{10}$ and TSP in unit of $\mu$g/m$^3$
- **Mechanism:** particles drawn through the inlet nozzle located on top of the instrument are sized via light scattering (laser diode, 780 nm, 40 mW)

- **Power:** battery-powered (8 hours for continuous sampling), can be operated for an extended period by connecting the instrument to a DC power supply.
- **Data retrieval and/or logging:** The Met One outputs a serial string to its USB port at the end of each sampling period. However, the appropriate drivers for the Arduino to communicate with the 831 USB port are not available. The 831 data were logged to a separate Panasonic Toughbook running a custom MS Visual Basic program. Data was retrieved manually by visiting the site. Met One also provides “Comet” software that can be used to view and analyze data stored on the 831.
- **Enclosure:** The instrument has a rugged enclosure as it is designed for portability, but it is not designed for outdoor installation and must be placed under a cover or in an enclosure to protect it from the elements.
- **Field utility:** Aside from the current inconvenience of logging data to a separate laptop, the Met One 831 is reliable and easy to deploy. Data communication is reliable and the instrument itself appears to be robust. Another potential drawback is that only 2500 records can be internally saved.
Met One Field Setup

Figure A-5. Met One 831 air monitoring device.

Figure A-6. Met One inside the chamber (Figure A-1) during field deployment (behind a Dylos instrument).
Aeroqual Sensor Base Design

- **Measurement:** ozone concentration in ppb (range: 0-0.15 ppm, LDL: 1 ppb)
- **Mechanism:** Aeroqual’s proprietary gas sensitive semiconductor (GSS) sensors which incorporate a dynamic baseline adjustment to reduce sensor drift

- **Power:** The SM50 module will run off a DC input voltage in the range 11 - 24 VDC. Connect power to the V+ and GND screw terminal connectors or to the VIN and GND pins on the micromatch connectors. Power consumption varies depending on the SM50 sensor in the range 2.5 to 6W.
- **Data retrieval and/or logging:** There are multiple outputs fitted as standard including diagnostic LEDs, 0-5V signal, relay, RS232, and RS485 digital communications. Gas concentration data and diagnostic information is available on the RS232 and Rs485 digital communication. The study uses Arduino microcontroller with an Ethernet shield to connect the RS232 and store the data onto a micro-SD card.
- **Enclosure:** The SM50 comes in as a sensor circuit board, which needs to be put in an enclosure for environmental protection and allow it to be freely exposed to the atmosphere.
- **Field utility:** The SM50 provides analyzer-like performance, with 1ppb detection limits, yet cost as much as 4-5 times less then the most cost effective ozone analyzers on the market. But it has higher power draw than other sensors.
Aeroqual Field Setup

Figure A-7. Aeroqual SM50 ozone sensor circuit.

Figure A-8. Aeroqual board inside the chamber (Figure A-1) during field deployment.
CairClip Sensor Base Design

- **Model:** CairClip O₃/NO₂ UART version – applications require extended runtime and interface with supervisory data loggers (http://www.cairpol.com/)
- **Measurement:** combined O₃ + NO₂ concentration in ppb (range: 0 to 250 ppb)

- **Mechanism:** The amperometric sensor consists of three electrodes: working electrode (anode), counter-electrode (cathode) and the reference electrode. The electrical signal generated between anode and cathode is proportional to the concentration.
- **Power:** The UART version does not include a battery and must be powered via the mini USB connection. Power is supplied via a DC/DC converter that converts 12 VDC to 5 VDC.
- **Data retrieval and/or logging:** The serial string is 3.3 VDC TTL logic and must be converted to 5 VDC TTL logic for direct input into an Arduino. Cairpol has written a manual to describe the details of the serial communication protocol including how to poll the unit and interpret the response.
- **Enclosure:** The CairClip device is a small individual unit and requires no assembly. It has no environmental protection and is therefore best deployed in a well ventilated enclosure for long term outdoor deployments.
- **Field utility:** The UART version sometimes report an unrealistically high number due to the power supply problem. Serial communication is not always reliable but typically do not last for a long time. Its compact size, robustness, low power usage, and ease of use make it potentially useful for field deployment. Possible interference include abrupt variation in RH and T.
CairClip Field Setup

Figure A-9. CairClip O\textsubscript{3}/NO\textsubscript{2} sensor.

Figure A-10. CairClip sensor inside the chamber (Figure A-1) during field deployment.
The non-functional CC2 was excluded in the analysis.
CCN4_NO2 = 0.41[T...C.] - 3.2 R² = 0.15

CCN4_NO2 = 0.2[RH] - 16 R² = 0.31
AQMESH Sensor Base Design

- **Model:** AQMesh ([http://www.aqmesh.com/](http://www.aqmesh.com/))
- **Measurement:** one unit containing sensors for CO, NO, NO\(_2\), O\(_3\), CO, SO\(_2\), pressure, temperature, and humidity
- **Mechanism:** electrochemical gas sensors

- **Power:** The onboard battery (listed to last for up to 2 years) allows for easy deployment without the need for an external power source.
- **Data retrieval and/or logging:** AQMesh logs data to a web-based remote server “AQMesh.net”. Access to the server requires a username and password from the manufacturer or local distributor. Depending on the application, the manufacturer can periodically send data to the user in Excel format via email.
- **Enclosure:** The AQMesh has its own protective enclosure and is very versatile in terms of how it may be deployed in the field. With a built-in protective weather shield, it is well suited for outdoor installations.
- **Field utility:** A 5 day stabilization period plus a 2 to 4 day baseline adjustment period are required after sensor activation and should be taken into account when planning for deployment.
# AQMesh Parameters

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AQ Mesh Field Deployment

Figure A-11. AQ Mesh field setup.

Figure A-12. Underside of the AQ Mesh unit showing the included sensors, the communication port, and the SIM card.
No observed T/RH effect
No observed T/RH effect
Air Quality Egg
Sensor Base Design

- **Model:** Air Quality Egg, including a sensor egg and a base egg (http://airqualityegg.com)
- **Measurement:** CO (e2v MiCS-5525), NO₂ (e2v MiCS-2710), VOCs (e2v MiCS-5521), PM (Shinyei PPD42), temperature, and relative humidity.

- **Mechanism:** electrochemical for gases, and light scattering for PM
- **Power:** The Egg uses a 7.5VDC, 1A, AC/DC switching power supply and requires constant access to a standard outlet for continuous operation.
- **Data retrieval and/or logging:** If using the standard Ethernet connection, then data sent to the base from the RF transmitter on the sensor unit is relayed to the Xively website. If using a data logger, it can be reprogrammed to send serial data from the base to the logger for logging to a micro-SD card. In the study, the base units were reprogrammed to output serial data to a supervisory Arduino.
- **Enclosure:** Three eggs were deployed in two different ways. For the first two systems, a “base” unit and a “sensor” unit have been used with the traditional wireless communication between them. The third egg was deployed by condensing the two units (base and sensor) into one egg.
- **Field utility:** The versatility of data acquisition lends to wide use in lengthy field settings. Laboratory characterization of the Egg units is suggested prior to field deployment to verify correct operation and response of component sensors. The wireless transmission between the base and sensor eggs appears to be robust. The sensors and fans are not well secured in the egg shells.
Air Quality Egg Field Setup

Figure A-13. Inside of Air Quality Egg.

Figure A-14. Air Quality Egg inside the chamber (Figure A-1) during field deployment.
# Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) components

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