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# Trace metal characterization of aerosol particles and cloud water during HCCT 2010

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## Abstract

Trace metal characterization of bulk and size resolved aerosol and cloud water samples were performed during the Hill Cap Cloud Thuringia (HCCT) campaign. Cloud water was collected at the top of Mt. Schmücke while aerosol samples were collected at two stations upwind and downwind of Mt. Schmücke. Fourteen trace metals including Ti, V, Fe, Mn, Co, Zn, Ni, Cu, As, Sr, Rb, Pb, Cr, and Se were investigated during four full cloud events (FCE) that fulfilled the conditions of a continuous air mass flow through the three stations. Aerosol particle trace metal concentrations were found to be lower than those observed in the same region during previous field experiments but were within a similar range to those observed in other rural regions in Europe. Fe and Zn were the most abundant elements with concentration ranges of 0.2–111.6 and 1.1–32.1 ng m<sup>-3</sup>, respectively. Fe, Mn and Ti were mainly found in coarse mode aerosols while Zn, Pb and As were mostly found in the fine mode. Correlation and enrichment factor analysis of trace metals revealed that trace metals such as Ti and Rb were mostly of crustal origin while trace metals such as Zn, Pb, As, Cr, Ni, V, and Cu were of anthropogenic origin. Trace metals such as Fe, Mn, were of mixed origins including crustal and combustion sources. Trace metal cloud water concentration decreased from Ti, Mn, Cr, to Co with average concentrations of 9.18, 5.59, 5.54, and 0.46 μg L<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. A non-uniform distribution of soluble Fe, Cu and Mn was observed across the cloud drop sizes. Soluble Fe and Cu were found mainly in cloud droplets with diameters between 16 and 22 μm while Mn was found mostly in larger drops greater than 22 μm. Fe (III) was the main form of soluble Fe especially in the small and larger drops with concentrations ranging from 2.2 to 37.1 μg L<sup>-1</sup>. In contrast to other studies, Fe (II) was observed mainly in the evening hours, implying its presence was not directly related to photochemical processes. Aerosol cloud interaction did not lead to a mark increase in soluble trace metal concentrations, but led to differences in the chemical composition of the aerosol due to preferential loss of aerosol particles through physical processes including cloud drop deposition to vegetative surfaces.

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## 1 Introduction

Aerosol trace metals play important roles in aerosol cloud interactions as they can serve as good catalysts for aqueous phase reactions. They are useful in understanding chemical processes and in the identification of parameters that are important in controlling aerosol behavior. Dissolved trace metals can form complexes with water, sulfate, and organic compounds and can thereby influence their redox cycles (Zuo and Hoigne, 1994; Jacob and Hoffmann, 1983). They play important roles in the oxidation of S (IV) to S (VI) which has been shown to substantially influence the sulfate budget and thus the formation of cloud droplets (Harris et al., 2013). Transition metal ions such as iron and copper significantly influence the OH radical budget in aqueous media as they can react efficiently with many oxidizing and reducing agents such as HO<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> radicals and hydrogen peroxide in aqueous media. On the other hand photochemical dissociation of metal complexes may also lead to sources of OH radicals and hydrogen peroxide. Trace metals, therefore, play important roles in the variation of the oxidative capacity of the atmosphere (Deguillaume et al., 2005; Spokes et al., 1994). Nevertheless, their reactivity is closely related to their concentrations in aqueous media (Clarke and Radojevic, 1987). To assess the importance and further understand the various reactions that are influenced by trace metals, it is necessary to quantify their concentrations in cloud drops and aerosol particles.

Trace metals in continental aerosols originate from extremely complex mixtures of gaseous and particulate components comprising of motor vehicle emissions, abrasion of tires or brake linings, road dust, fly ashes from wood, coal, lignite and oil combustion, refuse incineration, and also crustal weathering. This mixture influences the chemical composition and properties of the aerosol as well as the state at which trace metals are available in the aerosol particles. Depending on the location and meteorological conditions, the sources of trace metals can differ significantly leading to variations in the trace metal and chemical composition of the aerosol. The concentrations vary according to the major sources of the trace metals with crustal sources usually found to

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strongly influence concentrations of trace metals such as Fe, Al, Ti and Mn in ranges of up to a few  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , especially during dust storms. However, in rural and continental background regions, trace metal concentrations are relatively lower. In cloud water a wide range of concentrations have been observed (Deguillaume et al., 2005) which have also been found to influence the chemical reactions they take part in, as well as the composition of the aerosol after cloud processing. During the past years some studies have reported trace metal concentrations in different cloud conditions during various field measurements (Plessow et al., 2001; Cini et al., 2002; Hutchings et al., 2009; Mancinelli et al., 2005; Burkhard et al., 1992; Siefert et al., 1998; Liu et al., 2012; Bruggemann et al., 2005; Wang et al., 2014; Straub et al., 2012; Li et al., 2013; Guo et al., 2012; Rao and Collett, 1998) showing strong variability due to the location and air mass history.

During the Hill Cap Cloud Thuringia (HCCT) experiment that took place in autumn 2010, trace metals were characterized both in aerosol particles at two valley stations, upwind of and downwind from the Schmücke mountain, as well as in cloud water collected at the top of the mountain. The aim was to characterize the trace metal content in the aerosol before and after the particles interact with the cloud and also in cloud water in order to investigate the role of trace metals in altering the chemical composition of the cloud and the properties of the particles after passing through the cloud. Four full cloud events (FCE) during which the air mass was found to have traveled through all three stations and the strict criteria of the experiment were fulfilled as described in (Tilgner et al., 2014) were chosen. In this study the temporal variation of the trace metals during the selected FCE and the changes in trace metal particle size distribution and their properties after the passage of the particles through the cloud will be presented.

## 2 Experimental setup

### 2.1 Sampling site

The HCCT-2010 experiment was carried out in the Thüringer Wald, Germany. Based on the experience from the previous FEBUKO (Herrmann et al., 2005) field studies at the same site, sampling was done in the months of September and October in 2010. Three measurement stations were built. One in-cloud mountain station, Mt. Schmücke, and two valley stations, Goldlauter (GL, upwind of the summit station) and Gehlberg (GB, downwind of the summit station) were setup. Cloud water collection was carried out only at Mt. Schmücke while aerosol particle sampling was conducted at the valley stations. A detailed description of the experiment, sampling site and meteorological conditions during the experiment has been reported by (Tilgner et al., 2014).

### 2.2 Aerosol sampling

Size resolved aerosol particle sampling was conducted using a humidity controlled low pressure five-stage Berner impactor with a  $PM_{10}$  cut off. The collected particle diameter ranged from 0.05 to 10  $\mu m$  with lower stage cutoffs (stages 1 to 5) at aerodynamic diameters of 0.05, 0.14, 0.42, 1.2 and 3.5  $\mu m$ , respectively. For the regulation of the humidity, seven parallel tubes were used after the isokinetic inlet to regulate the relative humidity to approx. 80 % via heating/cooling of the tubes. This was done in order to avoid water condensation on the impaction substrates under very humid conditions during cloud appearance at Mt. Schmücke. The impactors were operated with aluminum foils and polycarbonate foils placed upon them as impaction substrates. The aluminum foils were used for aerosol mass, organic/elemental carbon (OC/EC) and inorganic ions as well as levoglucosan analysis, while the polycarbonate foils were used for trace metal analysis. Bulk particulate matter sampling was completed on Munktell quartz fiber filters using a high-volume sampler (Digitel DHA-80) with a  $PM_{10}$  inlet. The inlet height of the collectors was 4 m above ground level.

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## 2.3 Cloud water sampling

Bulk cloud water was collected using 4 stainless steel compact Caltech Active Strand Cloudwater Collectors (CASCC2) (Demoz et al., 1996). As will be further discussed below, due to the utilization of the stainless steel collector, high blanks of some trace metals were observed. For size resolved cloud water collection, a 3-stage plastic CASCC (Raja et al., 2008) cloud water collector with nominal cloud droplet cutoffs (50 % lower cut size specified as drop diameter) at 4, 16 and 22  $\mu\text{m}$  was used. Bulk cloud water samples were collected every hour, while size-resolved samples were taken at a 2 h time resolution during cloud events. Aliquots were taken immediately after sample collection for on-site analysis or stabilization of trace species and the remainders of the sample volumes were frozen. For soluble trace metal redox state analysis, which was completed immediately after collection of the samples at the sampling site, 1 mL cloud water was filtered through a 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$  syringe filter and 0.5 mL filtrate was obtained for the analysis.

## 2.4 Chemical analysis

Total trace metal analysis was performed using Total reflection X-Ray Fluorescence (TXRF) analysis. Size resolved trace metals were analyzed from the polycarbonate foils that were placed on the aluminum foils on each impactor stage. Only filters from impactor stages 1 to 4 were used for trace metal analysis since impaction spots on the 5 stage were mostly not visible. Thus the trace metal concentration at the valley stations is representative of  $\text{PM}_{3.5}$ . For TXRF analysis, the impacted spots on the polycarbonate foils were cut and placed on a TXRF carrier and were spiked with conc.  $\text{HNO}_3$  and Ga (as an internal standard) and subsequently left to evaporate at 100 °C. The carrier was thereafter, cooled to room temperature and measured. Blank filters that were loaded in the impactor but no air sucked through them were also analyzed using the same procedure as the sampled filters. Further details of the sample preparation procedure as well as the limitations of this method have been previously described

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(Fomba et al., 2013). The analyzed aerosol trace metals were Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Se, Pb, As, Rb and Sr. Trace metal blank correction for the aerosol samples was performed by subtracting the elemental average concentrations of the blank filters from each analyzed sample. Due to this procedure, values for trace metals with low concentrations ( $< 0.01 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ ) especially for the fine mode particles in stages 1 and 2 were accompanied with uncertainties of about 15 % especially for metals such as V, As, and Sr.  $\text{PM}_{10}$  soluble aerosol trace metals were also analyzed using TXRF from  $0.45 \mu\text{m}$  syringe filtrates of  $\text{PM}_{10}$  filters extracted in DI water. The extracts were filtered in order to eliminate the contribution of particulate matter to the measured soluble concentrations.

For cloud water analysis, aliquots were spiked with 69 % conc.  $\text{HNO}_3$  solution and heated in a water bath at  $60^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 h. After cooling, aliquots of  $100 \mu\text{L}$  were taken and brought onto the TXRF carrier surface via pipetting ( $4 \times 25 \mu\text{L}$ ). Ga was then added to the sample to serve as internal standard for the TXRF measurements. These analyses could not be performed on size resolved cloud water samples due to insufficient sample volume and were thus performed only on bulk cloud water samples. For the bulk cloud water samples only Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Co, Se, Pb, As, Rb and Sr were analyzed. Fe, Ni, Cu, and Zn were excluded from the analysis due to contamination arising from sample collection and preparation. For the analysis of organic/elemental carbon (OC/EC), inorganic ions and levoglucosan, the same procedure as described earlier (Muller et al., 2010; Iinuma et al., 2007) was used.

Cloud water trace metal blanks were measured from blank samples that were collected after cleaning of the stainless steel bulk cloud water collector with deionized water after each cloud event. The blanks were not subtracted since they were considered to be influenced by residual materials in the collectors from previous cloud events that were not fully removed during the cleaning process. Therefore, the first collected sample of each event was not considered in the data analysis due to likely strong influence of the wash-off of the collectors. However, most trace metal blanks were lower than 25 % of the hourly cloud water concentrations except for Fe, Cu, Ni and Zn whose

blanks were mostly higher (up to 65%) of the hourly concentrations. The results of these 4 trace metals were thus considered to be very inaccurate and were, therefore, not considered in the further analysis of the results.

For the analyses of the soluble transition metal ions (TMI) redox states, a DIONEX ICS 900 ion chromatography instrument, equipped with a CS5A column and a UV-VIS detector was used. Using this instrument, transition metal ions such as Fe (III), Fe (II), Cu (II), and Mn (II) can be determined via post column derivatization simultaneously. This is performed via a procedure similar to the one reported by (Oktavia et al., 2008), however using a 4-(2-pyridylazo) resorcinol (PAR, P/N 039672) as post column reagent. This combination renders a good separation of the above mentioned ions making the analysis easier to handle. TMI redox state measurements were only performed on size resolved cloud water samples. As indicated above, similar redox state measurements on bulk cloud water samples were not considered for the data interpretation due to their high blank values.

### 3 Results and discussion

The presented results are focused on data obtained during four full cloud events (FCE); FCE1.1, FCE 11.3, FCE 13.3, and FCE 22.1. The results will be presented in two sections. The first section will be focused on the aerosol particle analysis and the second on the cloud water analysis.

#### 3.1 Aerosol trace metal concentrations

The aerosol trace metal concentrations during HCCT-2010 at the valley stations are presented in Table 1. Reported trace metal concentrations in other rural regions in Europe and during previous experiments in this region reported by (Rüd, 2003) are also presented in Table 1 for comparison. Amongst the 14 investigated elements, Fe was the most abundant element. Similar findings were obtained by Rüd (2003) during

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the FEBUKO experiment. The next most abundant trace metals were Zn, Cr, and Pb. Iron concentrations were within the range of 0.2–111.6 ngm<sup>-3</sup> with an average value of 16.5 ngm<sup>-3</sup> while Zn, Cr, and Pb values were within the ranges of 1.1–32.1, 0.4–21.9 and 0.3–2.9 ngm<sup>-3</sup> with average values of 11.1, 2.7 and 1.3 ngm<sup>-3</sup>, respectively.

The average aerosol particle mass concentrations of the other elements were all less than 1 ngm<sup>-3</sup> but their concentrations ranged between 0.01 and 4 ngm<sup>-3</sup>. The concentration ranges of elements such as Cr, Mn, and Zn were within the same order of magnitude as those reported by Rüd (2003) during the FEBUKO campaign in the same location. Comparatively, the mean concentrations and the obtained concentration ranges during HCCT-2010 were in good agreement with those reported at other rural regions in Europe. For trace metals such as Cr and Zn, their mean concentrations were higher than those reported at Boccadifalco (Italy) (Dongarra et al., 2010) and at Auchencorth (UK) (Allen et al., 2001) although in the case of Zn the average concentration was comparable with that observed at Castlemorton (UK) (Allen et al., 2001) but lower than that reported at Schmücke by Rüd (2003). However, the concentration ranges were similar to those reported by Rüd (2003). Trace metals such as Sr and As showed comparable average values and ranges to those reported at other rural sites in Italy (Dongarra et al., 2010; Allen et al., 2001; Hueglin et al., 2005), UK and Switzerland. For trace metals such as Ti, Co, Fe, Ni, Cu, Se, Pb, Rb, the mean concentrations were lower than those reported in the above stated sites. However, the concentration ranges were within the same order of magnitude. The lower average values obtained during HCCT-2010 and those reported at other rural sites are likely due to the different geographical settings of the sampling sites and the different particulate matter size ranges sampled at some of these sites. The measurements at the UK sites were based on total suspended particulate matter (TSP) while the measurements at Payerne in Switzerland (Hueglin et al., 2005) and the measurements from Rüd (2003) were done on PM<sub>10</sub> particles and those during HCCT-2010 on PM<sub>3,5</sub> particles. In addition, Goldlauter and Gehlberg do not experience frequent strong air mass outflow from major urban cities as do the other investigated sites. The differences in the ob-

served concentrations between HCCT-2010 and those reported by (Rüd 2003) during the FEBUKO experiment could also be due to a reduction in particulate matter emission in Germany and central Europe during the past 15 years. It has been observed in other rural regions in Germany that the PM<sub>10</sub> concentration has dropped by more than 10 % within the past decade (Spindler et al., 2013). Although these values varied during the campaign as shown in their ranges, their size distributions were different as the air mass parcel crossed the mountain station to the downwind station.

### 3.1.1 Aerosol trace metal size distribution

Figure 1 shows the size distribution of the trace metals during four full cloud events (FCE 1.1, FCE 11.3, FCE 13.3 and FCE 22.1). In principle, the aerosol mass may decrease during the passage of the air mass parcel through the cloud and over the mountain due to particle and/or cloud droplet deposition during air mass transit across the forested mountain. Entrainment of cleaner air from above might also reduce concentrations. In Fig. 1, such a trend is observed for FCE 1.1, 13.3 and 22.1 wherein the total trace metal mass decreased from the upwind side (GL) to the downwind side (GB) of the mountain. During FCE 11.3, there was no significant difference in the total particle trace metal mass, suggesting there may have been limited deposition or an influence from local sources such as traffic as seen in the increase in the Cr and Cu concentrations. During FCE 1.1 Fe was mostly found in the coarse mode while Zn and Pb were mostly found in the fine modes (stages 2 and 1) at Goldlauter. In Gehlberg, the trace metal size distribution changed with the trace metals concentrated in the fine mode as compared to the coarse mode observed in Goldlauter. The different concentrations and size distributions are indicative of preferential particle loss during this event as a significant part of the concentration difference is largely due to the decrease in the Fe concentration by a factor of 4 in the fourth stage. The decrease in the mass concentration is related to loss of Fe-containing material after passage of the air mass through the cloud, especially as iron is mostly found in the coarse mode. Coarse mode particles are usually emitted from mechanical processes such as re-suspension of soil

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particles in the atmosphere or abrasion of car parts due to friction or from other industrial processes. These particles are larger and heavier and can therefore be easily lost through deposition.

During FCE 11.3 the size distribution did not vary largely. Although a decrease in the fine mode fraction was apparent especially due to loss of Zn and Pb containing particles, the changes in the coarse mode fraction were not significant. Although observed Cr concentrations showed a slight increase at GB, these were not very significant. A different trend was observed during the FCE 13.3 during which the total mass of the trace metals decreased. No significant changes in the shape of the size distribution of most elements were observed. The major elements observed were also Fe, Zn and Pb. A similar trend was observed during FCE 22.1 when the trace metal concentration decreased from GL to GB and the size distribution of these metals did not change significantly. Slight increases in Cr and Cu were observed in the coarse mode fraction at GB. In general during most of the FCE the total trace metal concentration dropped from GL to GB while in most cases preserving the size distribution. An exception was observed during FCE 11.3 where a significant difference was not observed in the coarse mode fraction. Fe, Rb, Sr, Mn and Ti were mostly found in the coarse mode while Pb, Zn, As, Se, Cr, Ni were mostly found in the fine mode aerosol particles. Fe and Zn were the most deposited trace metals especially during FCE 1.1 and FCE 11.3. Although back trajectory analysis showed slight differences between the air mass origins during FCE 1.1, 11.3, and 13.3, this difference was not strongly reflected in the trace metal distributions and no significant difference in the relative contribution of a particular metal was observed. Details on the likely sources of these trace metals will be further discussed in Sect. 3.3 below.

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## 3.2 Correlation between trace metals and other aerosol chemical components

### 3.2.1 Levoglucosan

Figure 2 shows scatter plots of levoglucosan with potassium, zinc, lead and arsenic in the particulate matter at the upwind (GL) and downwind (GB) stations in  $PM_{1,2}$  particles. These elements showed good correlation with levoglucosan, both in  $PM_{1,2}$  and  $PM_{3,5}$  particles. Alongside potassium, levoglucosan is known (Schkolnik and Rudich, 2006; Simoneit et al., 1999; Iinuma et al., 2007) to be a good tracer for particles originating from biomass burning. The correlation between potassium and levoglucosan is indicative of a common source, likely biomass burning. A good correlation also observed between Zn and levoglucosan implies that biomass burning could also account for the observed Zn concentrations found in the particles at the valley stations. Zn amongst other elements have been observed in biomass combustion emissions (Fine et al., 2004) and although it is not largely accumulated in plants as has been observed by (Schmidl et al., 2008), plumes of biomass burning can influence their concentrations in the atmosphere. Trace metals may also originate from the walls of the combustion chambers as well as the applied fuel (Boman et al., 2006) used for biomass burning (Fine et al., 2001).

The correlations of As and Pb with levoglucosan, although weaker, also suggest a possible common source such as biofuel combustion as well as waste incineration (Pacyna, 1984; Pacyna et al., 2007). Table 2 shows the correlation of levoglucosan and other trace metals in  $PM_{1,2}$  particles at both valley stations before and after the passage of air mass through the cloud. Positive correlations were also observed for Mn, Fe and Ti with levoglucosan at Goldlauter the upwind side. This correlation to trace metals such as Ti, Mn, and Fe is likely related to trace metals may have originated from mixed long range transported aged particles, or are simply due to changes in similar meteorological conditions. However, some correlations were not conserved as the air mass passed through the cloud at the mountain station before arriving at Gehlberg. As shown in Table 2, the correlations of K, Fe, As, and Ti with levoglucosan became weaker sug-

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gesting that deposition of levoglucosan and particles containing such metals during the air mass transport over the mountain to GB may have significantly affected the state at which these components were present at GL. Levoglucosan is a water soluble compound that can dissolve in cloud water and may also be lost from particles, aqueous reaction in cloud drops, or deposition of the cloud droplets. Such losses may account for the lower (about 40 %) concentration of levoglucosan observed at the downwind stations as depicted in Fig. 2b and the observed change in the correlation with the trace metals observed in Table 2. Similarly, trace metals can also be deposited during their transport.

The combination of these losses may lead to differences in the correlations observed between the upwind and downwind stations. In principle, no differences in this tendency were observed for the coarse and fine mode concentrations of these components, indicating that the fine mode aerosols carried most of the observed levoglucosan. Similar observation has been reported elsewhere (Herckes et al., 2006).

### 3.2.2 Elemental and organic carbon

Elemental carbon (EC) is often considered as soot particles that are emitted from diesel engines, or from other combustion processes as well as from industrial emissions while organic carbon (OC) has both anthropogenic and biogenic sources. In rural areas such as Goldlauter (GL) and Gehlberg (GB), EC could originate from combustion processes or long range transport from industrial and urban regions. Figures 3 and 4 show scatter plots of Ti, Mn, and Fe against OC as well as Pb, As, and Zn against EC at the upwind stations, respectively. The scatter plots reveal good correlation between these components in PM<sub>3.5</sub> particles. Good correlations were also observed for selenium with EC as well as Zn with OC. The good correlation of As, Pb, and Se with EC suggest that they could have similar source origins, such as soot originating from fossil fuel or coal combustion (Hashimoto et al., 1970; Pacyna, 1984). Likewise, the good correlations of Fe, Mn, and Ti with organic carbon suggest that organic carbon and these trace metals might have similar sources, possibly including re-suspended soil or coal combustion

emissions containing both OC and such trace metals. Rural areas such as GL and GB are known for higher agricultural activities and heating of the homes using coal pellets (Zhang et al., 2014) in comparison to urban regions. Another source of organics and these trace metals are fuel combustion, long range transport and traffic emissions.

5 Traffic emissions relating to tire or brake wear and fuel combustion have been found as possible sources for these metals in the atmosphere (Handler et al., 2008).

EC correlation with Pb, Se, As and Zn remained stable after passage of air masses through the cloud, implying that the Se, Pb or As containing material might have not been strongly deposited or lost during their transport through the cloud or the deposition of these metals and EC were similar. Apparently, these elements are mostly present in particles in the fine mode. OC also showed good correlation with Fe after passage of air mass through the cloud but poor correlation with Ti and Mn. The poor correlation after passage of air mass through the cloud as already explained above is probably related to preferential loss via wet or dry deposition of Ti or Mn as well as of OC/EC containing particles.

### 3.2.3 Other correlations

At the upwind station, oxalate showed good correlation with iron ( $r^2 = 0.69$ ). This correlation between oxalate and iron as also observed above for iron and organic carbon indicates that the studied aerosols could be aged aerosols from sources such as biomass burning or even crustal sources especially for the coarse mode fractions. This correlation did not change significantly after the passage of the air parcel through the cloud especially during the FCEs. Despite the fact that the photolysis of iron oxalate complexes in aqueous media is known (Weller et al., 2013) to lead to the destruction of oxalate which may indirectly lead to a poor correlation between iron and oxalate after the air mass passes through the cloud, and also particulate matter loss due to droplet deposition, a significant change of the correlation was not observed. However, this could also be due to the fact that most of the cloud events were observed in the evening hours where photochemical processes such as photolysis are not significant.

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### 3.3 Enrichment factor analysis

Enrichment factor (EF) analysis was performed on PM<sub>3.5</sub> aerosol trace metals to evaluate the contribution of crustal material to the aerosol trace metals obtained at the valley stations. The evaluation was done using (Wedepohl, 1995) upper continental crust composition with Ti chosen as a marker for crustal material. The EF of an element Z in the aerosol with respect to its composition in the crust is given as  $EF = \frac{(Z/Ti)_{Aerosol}}{(Z/Ti)_{Crust}}$ .

An enrichment factor above 10 is considered as a significant enrichment of the element and below 0.70 as a strong depletion in comparison to the composition of the reference source. Enrichment factors between 0.70 and 10 are considered to be similar and within the error range of the reference source, implying that the elements with such factors might have originated from a similar source. Figure 5 shows the size resolved enrichment factors with respect to Ti for the measured elements of the various impactor stages at the valley stations GL and GB during HCCT 2010. The values are average enrichment factor values for the FCE's and the SD plotted as error bars to indicate the variability of the values for each element at the various stations. As shown in Fig. 5, the enrichment factors decreased with particle size with lower enrichment observed for the coarse mode fraction (such as stage 4) in comparison to the fine mode fraction (stages 1 and 2). In principle, no significant difference especially for the fine mode particles was observed between the enrichment factors of the elements at the upwind and downwind stations, implying that the aerosol cloud interactions did not lead to heavy loss of only a particular element with respect to Ti. Slight differences were observed with slightly higher enrichment factors observed at the downwind stations in comparison to the upwind station in the coarse mode fraction. This slight increase could be as a result of preferential loss through, for example, deposition processes of crustal material containing Ti which is mostly present in the coarse mode as in the fine mode.

Despite these changes, clear trends with increasing enrichment factors from Rb to Se could be observed. Trace metals were identified and grouped according to their similar EF. One group of trace metals including Mn, Fe, Co, Rb and Sr showed little to

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no enrichment at all the stages at both the upwind and downwind stations with  $EF < 10$  indicating that their occurrences were predominantly of crustal origin. Slightly elevated enrichment factors observed for Fe and Mn in fine mode fraction stages 2 and 3 is likely related to the emission of these elements from other sources such as coal combustion as well as biomass burning. The good correlations observed above between iron and oxalate or levoglucosan as well as between Mn, Fe, and organic carbon is a further indication of the likely influence of these combustion sources. The second group of elements includes V, Cr and Ni. These elements showed high enrichment at all the stages and at both stations indicating they were of anthropogenic origin. Such metals are known to originate from fuel oil or coal combustion (Lee and Vonlehmd, 1973). The last group of trace metals including Cu, Zn, As, Pb and Se, showed very high enrichment factors with values higher than 1000 in the fine mode. The very high enrichment is also indicative of their anthropogenic origins. Cu and Zn are known to be emitted from exhaust gas (Pakkanen et al., 2003) and also car brake linings and tire wear in urban aerosols (Maenhaut et al., 2005). Zn, As, Se, and Pb have been observed from high temperature combustion processes such as coal combustion or waste incineration processes as well as from non-metallurgic industrial processes (Belis et al., 2013; Minguillon et al., 2007). The correlations observed between Zn, As, Pb, and elemental carbon further supports the likely influence of such sources. These metals were also strongly enriched in the fine fraction of the aerosol particles and could have also originated from long range transport due to the long atmospheric lifetimes of fine particles. Back trajectory analysis of the air masses during these four events showed that the air masses crossed populated and industrial regions in Germany and France prior to their arrival at the measurement site.

### 3.4 Cloud water trace metal concentration

The average concentrations and the range of the various metal concentrations observed at Mt. Schmücke are presented in Table 3. Reported concentrations from previous FEBUKO experiment performed at the same location in 2002 and also reported



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concentrations from fog and cloud measurements done at other mountain sites in the world are also presented. For comparison of the cloud data with the valley stations, and for the understanding of the changes from sample to sample, and to obtain the equivalent air loading, the variation of the liquid water content (LWC), which alters dilution of solutes in the cloud water, was removed by multiplying the cloud water aqueous concentration with the LWC.

Trace metal concentrations decreased from Ti, Mn, Cr, to Co in cloud water. The average Ti concentration was observed at  $9.8 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  ( $2.6 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ ) while for Mn, Cr and Co, average concentrations of  $5.59 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  ( $1.54 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ ),  $5.54 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  ( $1.5 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ ) and  $0.46 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  ( $0.13 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ ), respectively, were observed. The average concentrations of Sr, Pb, and Se ranged between  $1.38$  to  $2.45 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  while for V, As, Rb, and Co, their concentrations were  $< 1 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ . Compared to previous FEBUKO experiments, apart from Cr, the average trace metal concentrations observed during HCCT were lower for most of the elements but their concentration ranges were similar to those observed during FEBUKO. The lower average concentrations might be due to reduction in particulate matter emissions over the time period of these studies in this area. Pb concentrations during HCCT were lower than those reported at Mt. Brocken (Plessow et al., 2001) and at Fichtelgebirge (Wrzesinsky and Klemm, 2000) but were higher than those reported in fogs at rural regions in Pennsylvania (Straub et al., 2012) and in marine clouds (Vong et al., 1997; Wang et al., 2014). Rb, Sr and As concentrations were similar to those observed at Mt. Brocken. However, As values were lower than those observed at Fichtelgebirge (Wrzesinsky and Klemm, 2000). Mn and Se concentrations were within a similar order of magnitude as those reported at Mt. Brocken, Fichtelgebirge and in marine clouds. However, the concentrations were far lower than those reported in cloud water at Mt. Tai, China, (Guo et al., 2012; Liu et al., 2012). Lower concentrations than those observed in this study have also been reported by (Wang et al., 2014) at higher elevated stratocumulus clouds collected via measurements using aircraft in California. The differences in these concentrations are related to differences in location and source influence hence differences in air mass origin and in the cloud droplet composition.

### 3.4.1 Temporal variation of trace metals during selected FCE

Figure 6 shows the temporal variation of the trace metals during the four FCE and the variations between the cloud events. Often, higher trace metal concentrations were observed during the first hours of the events and subsequently decreased during the course of the event. This trend was mostly observed during FCE 1.1 and FCE 11.3 while during FCE 1.1 very small differences were observed between the temporal variations of the metals. During FCE 1.1 the trace metal concentrations show uniform variation with slight increase in concentrations observed after 17:00 h. While As, Pb, Se, V, and Mn, showed similar trends, Ti and Cr showed very different patterns. Similar trends were observed during FCE 11.3, 13.3 and FCE 22.1 for As, Pb and Mn. Ti trends were unique throughout the FCE. During FCE 13.3 and FCE 22.1, Co, V, Cr, showed similar temporal variations. The temporal variations in the trace metal concentrations are likely due to the temporal changes in the trace metal concentrations in the activated cloud condensation nuclei (CCN) and changes in air mass origin. The similar trend in the temporal variation of the trace metals is indicative of their similar origin. Ti is a good tracer for crustal sources while Pb and V are good tracers of anthropogenic activities. Thus the origins of the trace metals were similar throughout most of the events and were of anthropogenic and crustal origins.

### 3.4.2 Size resolved soluble metal ions

Soluble Fe (III), Fe (II), Cu (II) and Mn (II) were measured from 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$  syringe filtered samples collected using a plastic 3-stage CASCC collector with Teflon collection surfaces. However, because of low sampling amounts only the analyses during FCE 1.1 were successful. The size distribution and temporal variations of these ions are shown in Fig. 7 below. The nominal cloud water size cut-offs were 22, 16 and 4  $\mu\text{m}$  for stages (St.) 1, 2 and 3, respectively. Fe (II) was mainly found on the second stage (size range: 16–22  $\mu\text{m}$ ) with concentrations of up to 28.2  $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  meanwhile Fe (III) was found on all of the stages during the event with observed concentrations ranging up to 37.1  $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ .

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The lowest concentration of Fe (III) was found in the larger droplets (stage 1). Soluble Cu (II) was concentrated in the first and second stages, likewise Mn (II). The Cu (II) concentrations ranged from 0.4 to 10.5  $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  with higher concentrations observed on the second stage. Mn (II) concentrations varied from 1.1 to 24.5  $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  with about 48 % present in the larger droplets (stage 1) which was different to the size distribution of the other measured transition metal ions (TMIs).

Similar soluble trace metal concentrations have been reported in fogs (Straub et al., 2012) and cloud water (Li et al., 2013; Parazols et al., 2006; Hutchings et al., 2009) in other regions. The differences in the size distribution of these trace metals suggest that these TMIs might have had different source origins especially for Mn and Fe. Although Mn as well as Fe has high crustal abundance, both also have different anthropogenic sources such as waste incineration or metallurgical industries for Mn and fly ash for Fe. Fine mode iron can also be emitted from fuel combustion processes (Sholkovitz et al., 2012) which can thus explain its occurrence in this size fraction. Thus the differences in the size distribution of these metal ions could be due to their source origins during this event or the differences in the efficiency of activation of the particles containing these metals. Fe (II) was observed mostly during evening hours during which photochemical processes are expected to be low due to lower solar radiation. This indicates that the observed night time Fe (II) concentrations were not directly related to photochemical processes. Fe (III) is known to be the most stable form of iron but it can be reduced to Fe (II) via  $\text{HO}_x$  radicals or Cu (I). The production of  $\text{HO}_x$  radicals is predominantly photochemically driven. Their reactions with Fe (II) are, therefore expected to be faster in the present of UV light such as during daytime; meanwhile, the reduction of Fe (III) to Fe (II) via Cu (I) is not directly limited by solar radiation and thus could be dominant at night (Deguillaume et al., 2004).

Although Cu (I) is difficult to measure due to its fast oxidation to Cu (II), during FCE 1.1 Cu (II) was successfully measured with results revealing comparable concentrations as those reported elsewhere (Deguillaume et al., 2005; Li et al., 2013; Hutchings et al., 2009). The Cu (II) temporal variation is also shown in Fig. 7. The observed Cu (II)

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concentration in the same size fraction as soluble iron indicates that the Fe (II) at night could have been related to aqueous phase reductions of Fe (III) to Fe (II) by Cu (I) species. Fe (III) catalyzed oxidation of sulfur (IV) has been suggested to be another important source of Fe (II) in cloud water during nighttime (Schwanz, 1998; Millero et al., 1995). However, with no data available on sulfur (IV) measurements during FCE1.1, conclusions about the contribution of this pathway cannot be made. Anthropogenic sources of Fe in the environment, e.g. in fly ash, biomass burning emissions and other combustion sources have been found to contain considerable concentration of Fe (II) (Trapp et al., 2010). This suggests that, although aqueous phase reduction processes could have contributed to the observed night time Fe (II) concentrations, the source of the aerosol cannot be neglected. Night time concentrations of Fe (II) have also been observed in different studies but no unique reason for their occurrence has been presented yet (Schwanz, 1998; Kotronarou and Sigg, 1993; Siefert et al., 1998; Parazols et al., 2006). The variation of the soluble trace metal concentrations with cloud drop size suggests that the metal catalyzed oxidation of S (IV) may be strongly drop size dependent since the concentrations of TMI influence the in cloud S (IV) oxidation rates (Rao and Collett, 1998).

### 3.5 Comparison between trace metal concentrations in cloud water and in particles

#### 3.5.1 Total trace metal concentration

As shown in Tables 1 and 2 above, Mn, Rb and Ti in cloud water were higher than at the valley stations. However, although the average values for Mn and Ti were higher in cloud water as compared to those from the valley stations, the concentration ranges were similar. One reason for the observed difference in the Mn, Ti and Rb concentrations could have been the analyzed particle size from the impactor samples collected from the valley stations. Mn, Ti and Rb are often of crustal origin and also often found in the coarse aerosol fraction. As explained above, the aerosol trace metal analysis was

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performed only on  $PM_{3.5}$  particles. Thus the difference in the sampled particle sizes may explain the observed difference. For other trace metals such as V, Co, Se, As and Sr, only small differences were observed with slightly lower concentrations observed in the cloud water in comparison to those at the valley stations. The average Pb and Cr, concentrations were also lower in cloud water as compared to the concentrations at the valley stations. The observed differences between the cloud water and aerosol particle concentrations are also related to the strong variation of the trace metal concentrations during the FCEs due to their varying sources as well as the variation in the activation of the particles to suitable cloud condensation nuclei.

### 3.5.2 Soluble trace metal concentration

Soluble aerosol trace metal concentrations were measured from  $0.45 \mu\text{m}$  syringe filtrates obtained from DI water extracts of  $PM_{10}$  bulk samples and the concentrations were compared with those obtained from filtered cloud water to find out if there were significant changes in the soluble trace metal concentration after the passage of the air mass through the cloud. Table 4 summarizes the soluble metal concentrations during selected FCEs. Due to the observed high blanks of Fe, Zn, Cu, Mn, in bulk cloud water samples, their values were not discussed except during FCE 1.1 whereby the values of the sized resolved analysis presented above are included (in bold). The size resolved data were converted to bulk concentrations by multiplying the volume weighted mean size-resolved concentrations with the bulk LWC. As shown in Table 4, during FCE 1.1 no significant change in the soluble content of the trace metals was observed before and after the cloud. Mn, Cu, Ni, and Zn, as well as As, Se, Sr, V, Cr, concentrations were of the same order of magnitude while only slight increases were registered for Pb concentrations. Cu, Mn, and Fe concentrations were within same order of magnitude as those at the valley stations, suggesting that there might have been no significant in-cloud processing of the particles containing these metals that affected trace metal solubility. During FCE 11.3 small increases in the soluble concentration of Cr, Mn, Ni, Cu, Zn, As and Pb were observed between Goldlauter and Gehlberg. For Fe, Ti and

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Rb, a decrease in the concentration was observed. Fe, Ti and Rb are often from crustal origin and may be lost via deposition during air mass transfer. However, during FCE 13.3 the soluble content decreased from Goldlauter to Gelberg for elements such as V, Mn, Fe, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Se, Rb, Sr while a slight increase could only be observed for Ti and Cr. Similarly, during FCE 22.1 an increase in soluble content was observed for Ti, V, Fe, Cu, while a decrease was observed for Cr, Mn, Ni, Zn, As, Se, Rb, Sr, and Pb.

Although it is known that cloud processes enhance the solubility of trace metals, especially for elements such as Fe via acid dissolution or complexation with organic acids such as oxalic acid, no clear trend and significant difference was observed between the upwind station (GL) and the downwind station (GB) soluble iron concentrations. Since most of the FCE were observed in the evening period, the possibilities for photochemical processes to occur were limited. As with iron, no clear trend in the variation of the soluble trace metal concentrations was observed for the other metal ions during all the FCE. The variation in the observed concentrations during the different FCE is also related to influences in air mass origin and the loss due to preferential deposition of larger or more efficiently cloud-scavenged particles.

#### 4 Summary

The characterization of trace metals in size resolved and bulk aerosol particles at the valley upwind (Goldlauter, GL) and downwind (Gehlberg, GB) stations as well as in cloud water at Mt. Schmücke during four cloud events during HCCT has been presented. The concentrations of the 14 investigated trace metals showed variations between the cloud events with Fe and Zn being the most abundant observed trace metals in the aerosol. The most deposited trace metals between the upwind and downwind stations were also Fe and Zn. Aerosol particle trace metal concentrations were lower than those observed in the same region during the FEBUKO field experiments about 9 year ago. The decrease in metal concentrations could be related to decreases in emission as well as differences in the PM size fraction analyzed (PM<sub>3.5</sub> vs. PM<sub>10</sub>).

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Aerosol and cloud trace metal concentrations observed in this study were within a similar range to those observed in other rural regions in Europe. Strong changes in aerosol particle chemical properties were observed as particles passed through clouds with changes in the correlation between some chemical components observed. Trace metals such as Zn, Pb, Fe, Mn and Ti showed good correlation with levoglucosan, oxalate, and organic and elementary carbon suggesting their similar source origins. In addition to correlation analysis, enrichment factor analysis showed that trace metals during HCCT were of various origins, including crustal, biomass burning, coal combustion, long range transport, and traffic sources. Soluble aerosol trace metal concentrations did not show strong variations after aerosol cloud interaction. However, size resolved soluble trace metal concentrations in cloud water showed a non-uniform distribution of Fe, Cu and Mn across the drop sizes with Cu and Fe mainly found in drop sizes between 16 and 22  $\mu\text{m}$  and Mn in drop sizes greater than 22  $\mu\text{m}$ . Such variations suggest that TMI catalytic process such as TMI enhanced oxidation of S (IV) may be drop size dependent. Soluble iron was mainly found in its Fe (III) state. Strong temporal variation was observed in the soluble Fe concentrations with Fe (II) dominating the soluble iron concentrations during some episodes. In contrast to other studies, Fe (II) was mostly observed in the evening hours implying its presence in cloud water was not directly related to photochemical processes.

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**Table 1.** Aerosol trace metal averages and concentration ranges during HCCT at the valley stations and results from the FEBUKO experiment by Rüd (2003) Ref 1, and from other rural regions for comparison, Ref 2: Dongarra et al. (2010), (Boccadifalco, Italy), Ref 3: Allen et al. (2001), (Auchencorth, UK), Ref 4: Allen et al. (2001), (Castlemorton, UK) Ref 5: Hueglin et al. (2011), (Payerne, Switzerland), Ref 6: Hueglin et al. (2011), (Chaumont, Switzerland).

	HCCT-2010 PM <sub>3.5</sub>		Ref 1 PM <sub>10</sub>		Ref 2 PM <sub>2.5</sub>		Ref 3	Ref 4	Ref 5	Ref 6
	Mean ± SD	Range	Mean	Range	Mean ± SD	Range	TSP Mean ± SD	TSP Mean ± SD	PM <sub>10</sub> Mean	PM <sub>2.5</sub> Mean
Ti	0.87 ± 0.88	0.04–3.88			9.6 ± 10	1.9–29				
V	0.18 ± 0.11	0.03–0.44	2.6	1.2–4.8					0.7	0.8
Cr	2.67 ± 4.31	0.35–21.87	0.52	10–28	1.0 ± 1.4	0.1–3.5				
Mn	0.42 ± 0.47	0.01–2.37	4.6	0.7–7	1.8 ± 1.4	0.02–5.0	1.5 ± 1.2	1.7 ± 2.1	2.8	0.8
Co	0.02 ± 0.03	0.01–0.11			0.1 ± 0.1	0.01–0.3		0.06 ± 1.4		
Fe	16.5 ± 21.2	0.22–111.6	340	102–1152	97 ± 60	14–218		78 ± 2.5	89	26
Ni	0.38 ± 0.69	0.02–2.54			6.1 ± 3.3	2.4–12	0.8 ± 1.3	1.3 ± 1.8	1.2	1.3
Cu	0.70 ± 0.44	0.10–2.19	17	6–58	7.2 ± 3.1	1.2–13	1.1 ± 1.2	1.1 ± 2.2	6	6
Zn	11.08 ± 7.6	1.14–32.09	18	6.2–41	9.2 ± 4.7	5.9–16	5.2 ± 1.2	11 ± 2		
Se	0.57 ± 0.86	0.02–3.67		< 14				1.1 ± 1.3	0.16	0.22
Pb	1.34 ± 0.74	0.25–2.87	8.2	2.8–23	5.6 ± 2.0	2.5–10	10 ± 1.9	7.9 ± 2.2	10	4.7
As	0.28 ± 0.28	0.01–1.21		< 2.3	0.2 ± 0.1	0.04–0.4			0.53	0.16
Rb	0.04 ± 0.03	0.01–0.12							0.3	0.15
Sr	0.43 ± 0.34	0.02–1.73			1.1 ± 0.8	0.03–2.9	0.41 ± 1	0.71 ± 1.4		

All values are given in ng m<sup>-3</sup>.

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**Table 2.** Correlation coefficients ( $r^2$ ) between levoglucosan and Zn, K, Pb, Fe, As and Ti before (GL) and after (GB) air mass parcel passed through the cloud.

PM <sub>1.2</sub>		Zn	K	Pb	AS	Fe	Mn	Ti
LEV	GL	0.67	0.89	0.78	0.96	0.78	0.76	0.75
	GB	0.77	0.57	0.51	0.37	0.51	0.61	

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**Table 3.** Mean and range of trace metal concentrations in cloud water at Mt. Schmücke during HCCT 2010.

	HCCT		[ngm <sup>-3</sup> ]		Ref. A		Ref. B		Ref. C		Ref. D	Ref. E		Ref. F	
	Mean	Range	Mean	Range	Mean	Range	Median	Range	Mean	Range	Mean	Mean	Range	Mean	Range
Ti	9.18	0.1–79.1	2.60	0.01–24.1			2.3	< 1–466							
V	0.71	0.1–2.5	0.19	0.03–0.5			1.8	0.4–15.0			1.3				
Cr	5.54	0.3–52	1.54	0.11–14	0.52	0–26	< 9.3	< 0.3	< 0.3–9.0			1.1	< 3.6	1.3	0.5–1.4
Mn	5.59	0.1–30.1	1.50	0.01–8.1		4.8–133	7.8	1.0–158		66.3	< 1645	1.1		4.4	3.2–14.0
Co	0.46	0.1–3.5	0.13	0.01–0.9			0.08	< 0.02–2.1							
Se	1.38	0.1–4.9	0.42	0.01–1.7		< 9.6				13.2	< 99.9		4.7	1.1–11.5	
Pb	1.40	0.3–10.5	0.38	0.04–2	4.2	2.8–63	11	1.97–84.0			0.5	27.6	3.4–61.4	0.6	0.4–2.3
As	0.63	0.2–4.1	0.15	0.03–0.4			0.4	0.4–6.6				3.1	< 13.2		
Rb	0.57	0.1–1.7	0.16	0.01–0.3			< 1	< 1–6							
Sr	2.45	0.2–13.5	0.66	0.02–3.6			2.3	0.1–68.7							

Concentrations are in  $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$  except otherwise mentioned.

Ref. A Rüd (2003) Mt. Schmücke.

Ref. B Plessow et al. (2001) Mt. Brocken.

Ref. C Guo et al. (2012) Mt. Tai.

Ref. D Vong et al. (1997) Marine clouds.

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**Table 4.** PM<sub>10</sub> soluble aerosol trace metal content at the upwind station Goldlauter (GL), downwind station Gehlberg (GB) and soluble trace metals in cloud water at Mt. Schmücke (SM) during four FCE.

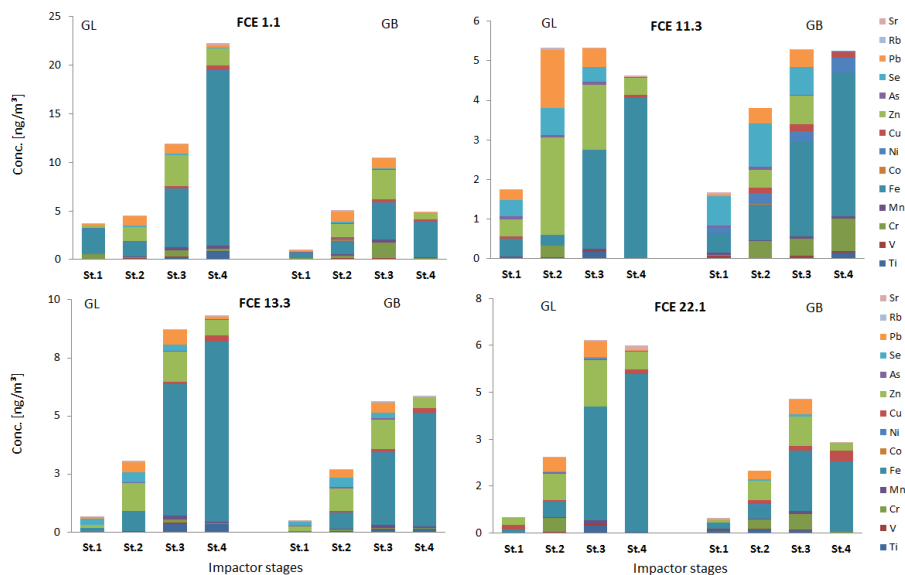
EVENTS		Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Ni	Cu	Zn	As	Se	Rb	Sr	Pb
FCE 1.1	GL	0.27	0.19	0.37	1.01	1.81	0.69	1.77	13.63	0.80	0.32	0.21	0.81	0.95
	SM	0.15	0.17	0.93	<b>0.57</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>1.35</b>		0.08	0.32	0.07	0.89	0.48
	GB	0.09	0.24	0.46	0.84	–	0.39	1.34	13.68	0.62	0.32	0.11	0.72	1.53
FCE11.3	GL	0.40	0.00	0.25	0.19	1.20	0.18	0.37	7.38	0.39	0.17	0.19	0.25	0.26
	SM	0.11	0.00	0.24	0.38					0.02	0.51	0.11	0.35	0.34
	GB	0.28	0.00	0.47	0.34	0.64	0.22	–	9.86	0.60	0.71	0.08	0.74	0.39
FCE13.3	GL	0.10	0.11	0.28	0.70	5.82	0.70	3.23	5.28	0.22	1.09	0.16	0.33	0.88
	SM	0.41	0.16	0.23	0.64					0.08	0.64	0.16	0.40	0.58
	GB	–	0.06	0.45	0.42	3.86	0.24	0.73	4.08	0.19	0.63	0.10	0.16	0.97
FCE22.1	GL	0.12	0.00	1.19	0.30	1.14	0.43	0.54	3.48	0.30	0.12	0.12	0.30	0.36
	SM	0.31	0.10	0.29	0.61					0.10	0.10	0.10	0.61	0.98
	GB	0.38	0.12	0.20	0.16	1.44	0.10	–	2.36	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.22	0.29

Concentrations are in ng m<sup>-3</sup>.



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**Figure 1.** Aerosol particle size resolved trace metal concentrations during four full cloud events at Goldlauter (GL) and Gehlberg (GB). The PM stage cut offs for St.1 to St. 4 are 0.05, 0.14, 0.42, 1.2, and 3.5  $\mu\text{m}$ , respectively.

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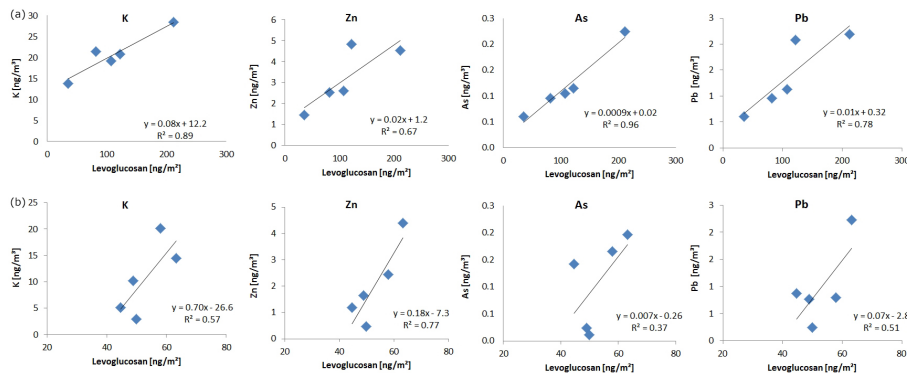
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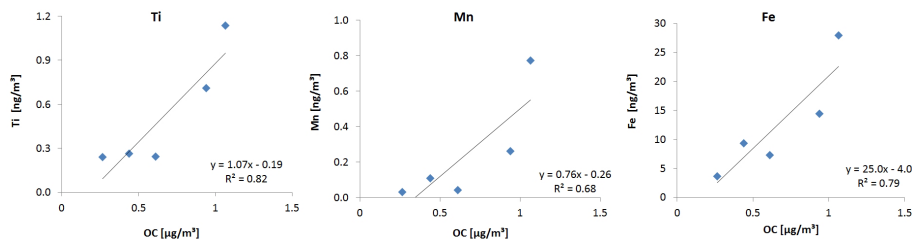
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**Figure 2.** Scatter plots of levoglucosan a biomass burning tracer and K, Zn, As and Pb, in PM<sub>1.2</sub> particulate matter at **(a)** upwind GL and **(b)** downwind GB stations during HCCT2010.

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**Figure 3.** PM<sub>3.5</sub> scatter plots of Ti, Mn and Fe against OC at the upwind stations.

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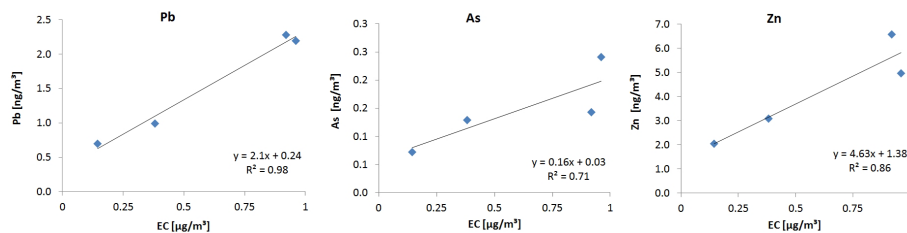


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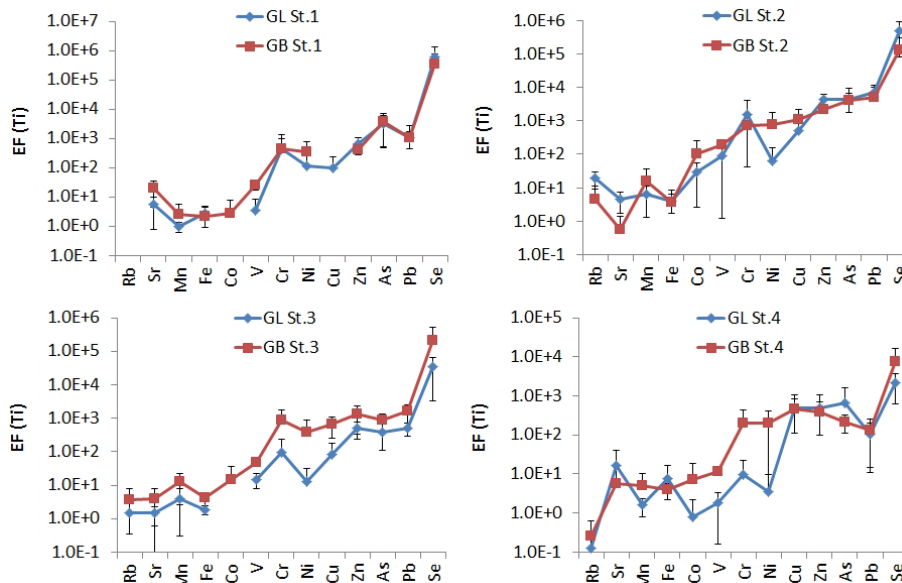
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**Figure 5.** Size resolved enrichment factor analysis of aerosol trace metals at the valley stations. Plotted values are average over all FCE with their respective SDs plotted as error bars.

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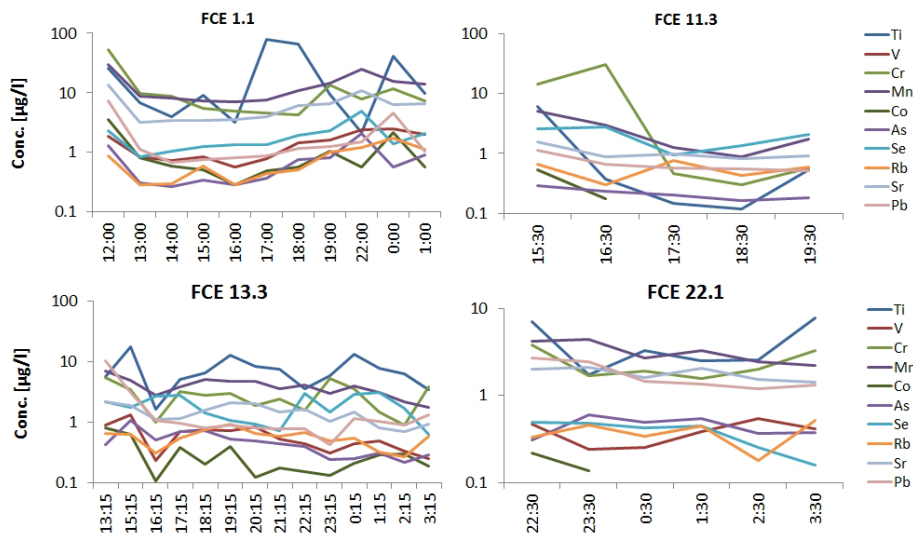
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**Figure 6.** Trends in total trace metal cloud water concentrations during selected full cloud events, FCE 1.1: 14–15 September 2010, FCE 11.3: 02 October 2010, FCE 13.3: 06–07 October 2010 and FCE 22.1: 19–20 October 2010.

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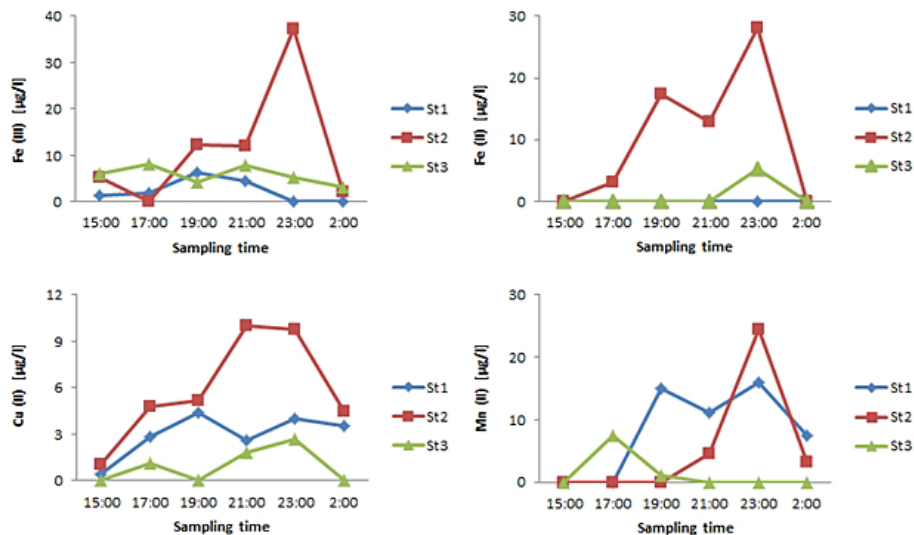
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**Figure 7.** Temporal variation of size resolved soluble transition metal ions, Fe (III), Fe (II), Cu (II) and Mn (II) in cloud water on the 14–15 September 2010 during FCE 1.1. The nominal stage cut-offs were 22, 16 and 4  $\mu\text{m}$  for st1, st2 and st3, respectively.

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