



CoCo2

Prototype system for a
Copernicus CO₂ service

CO₂ PLUME DETECTION AND INVERSION USING NEURAL NETWORKS: APPLICATION TO SYNTHETIC IMAGES

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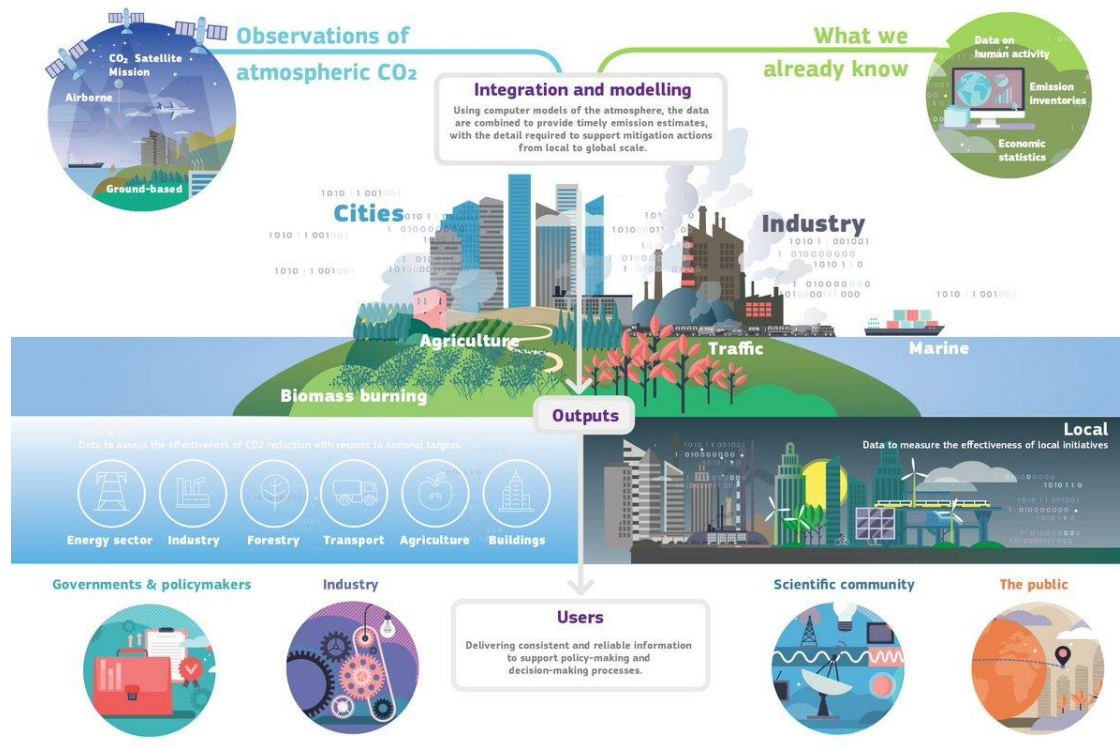
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CoCO2, prototype system for a CO2MVS



CO2MVS concept

Copernicus CoCO2 project

Build a prototype system for a CO₂ emission monitoring service exploiting atmospheric CO₂ measurements

Our Task:

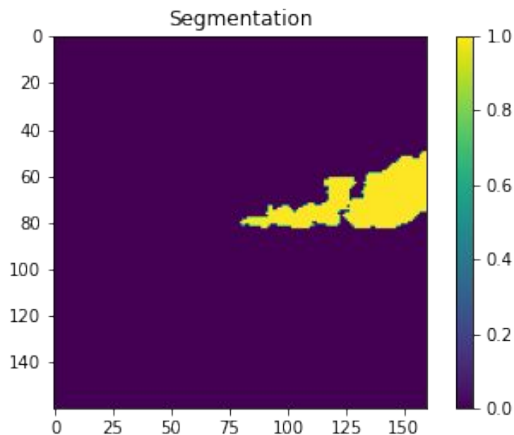
Build an inverse system to improve the quantification of CO₂ sources

- of large magnitude
- at urban scale

based on the spaceborne imagery of the CO₂ atmospheric plumes from these sources.



Three objectives

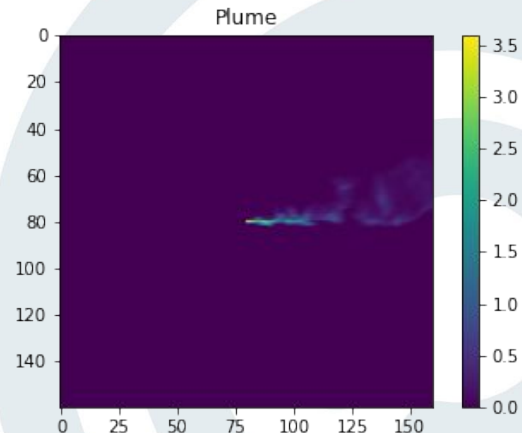
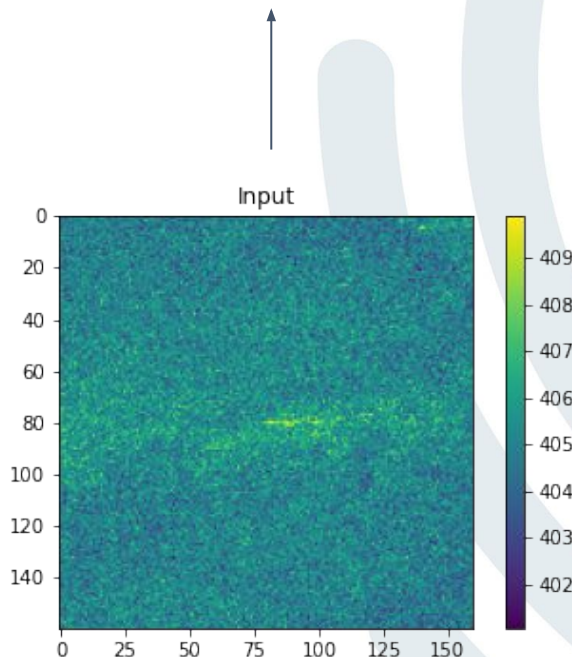


Segmentation:

-> find map of probabilities
(pixel values between 0 and 1)
describing potential positions
of the plume

Inversion:

-> retrieve emission rates
on the hours preceding the
image



Concentration map retrieval:

-> find map of values (all >0
pixel values) describing pixel
concentrations of the
anthropogenic plume



Detectability factors¹

➤ Signal-to-noise ratio:

- Noise:
 - Variability of the background
 - Instrument noise
- Plume “definition” or signal:
 - Meteorological conditions, which determine dilution and dispersion
 - Intensity of the emission source

➤ Image integrity:

- Clouds
- Number of satellite overpasses

Simulate satellite observations (OSSE)

based on 1-year simulation of the hourly XCO₂ fields in the

- ❖ Paris (LSCE/Suez-Origins)
- ❖ Berlin, and three power plants (EMPA)

areas, tracing the anthropogenic plume and other bio and anthropogenic components.

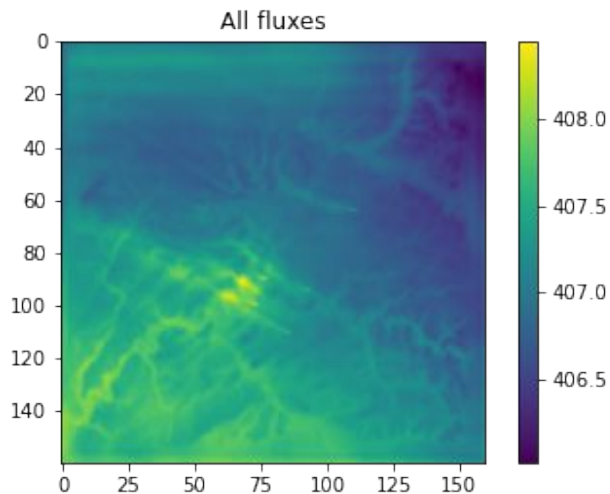
1. Detectability of CO₂ emission plumes of cities and power plants with the Copernicus Anthropogenic CO₂ Monitoring (CO₂M) mission. Kuhlman et al.



Creation of an input

July, afternoon
emissions from Paris
= 17.3 Mt.yr-1

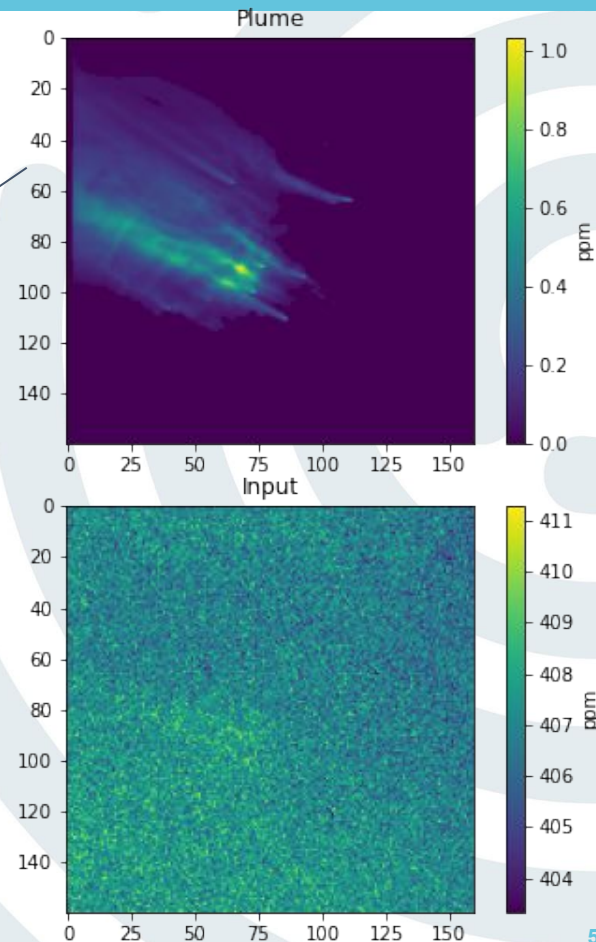
*Simulated atmospheric
dispersion of the plume
only*



*Addition of the
simulated
background*

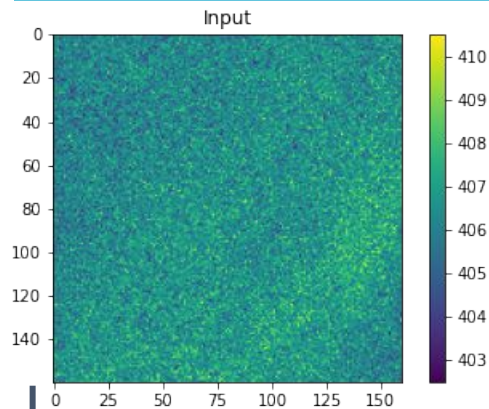
*Addition of the
satellite noise
(1ppm)*

Signal of CO₂ plumes induced by emissions
= intrinsically difficult to detect



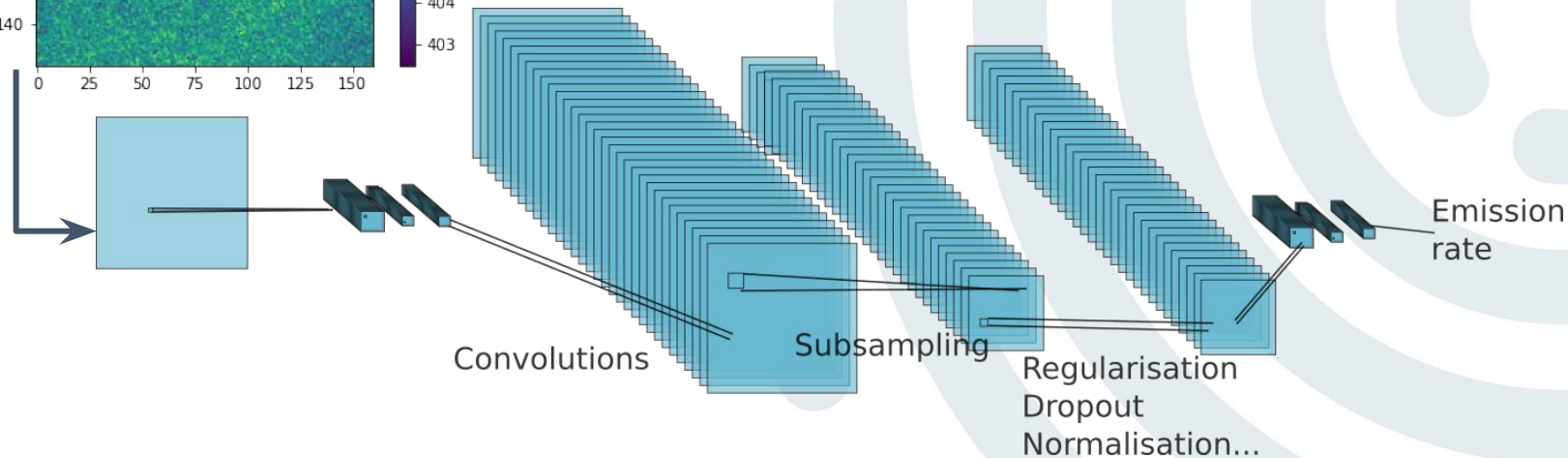


Convolutional Neural Networks



CNN:

- capture spatial features of the image through application of successive filters
- i.e., transform image into relevant features maps
- used to recognise spatial features that belong to an anthropogenic plume

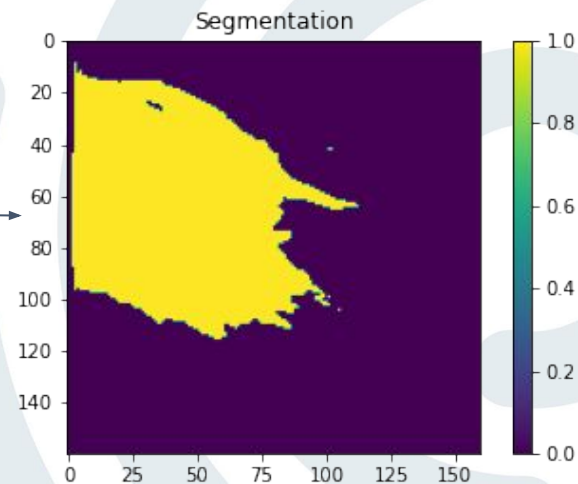
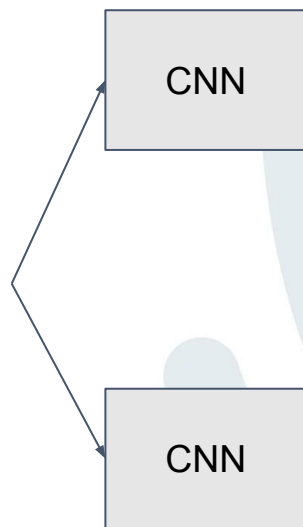
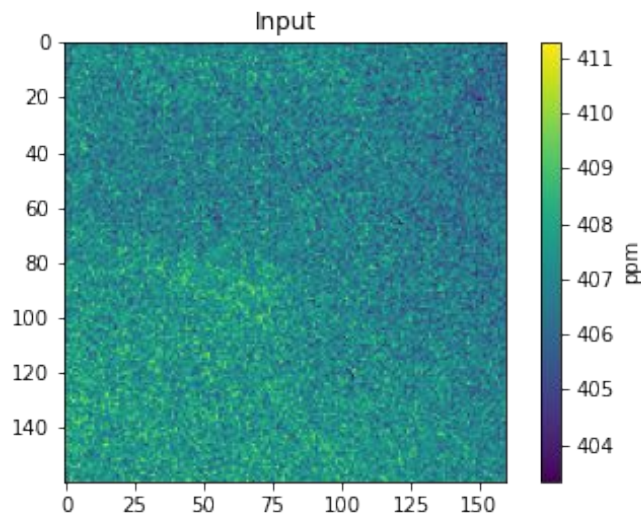


Supervised learning: the CNN learns the relation between pairs of provided inputs (simulated satellite image) and outputs (plume - emissions)



Segmentation and Inversion: Training

- Model = Slightly customised U-net (~1.5 million parameters)
- Loss = pixel-concentration-weighted binary cross entropy loss function

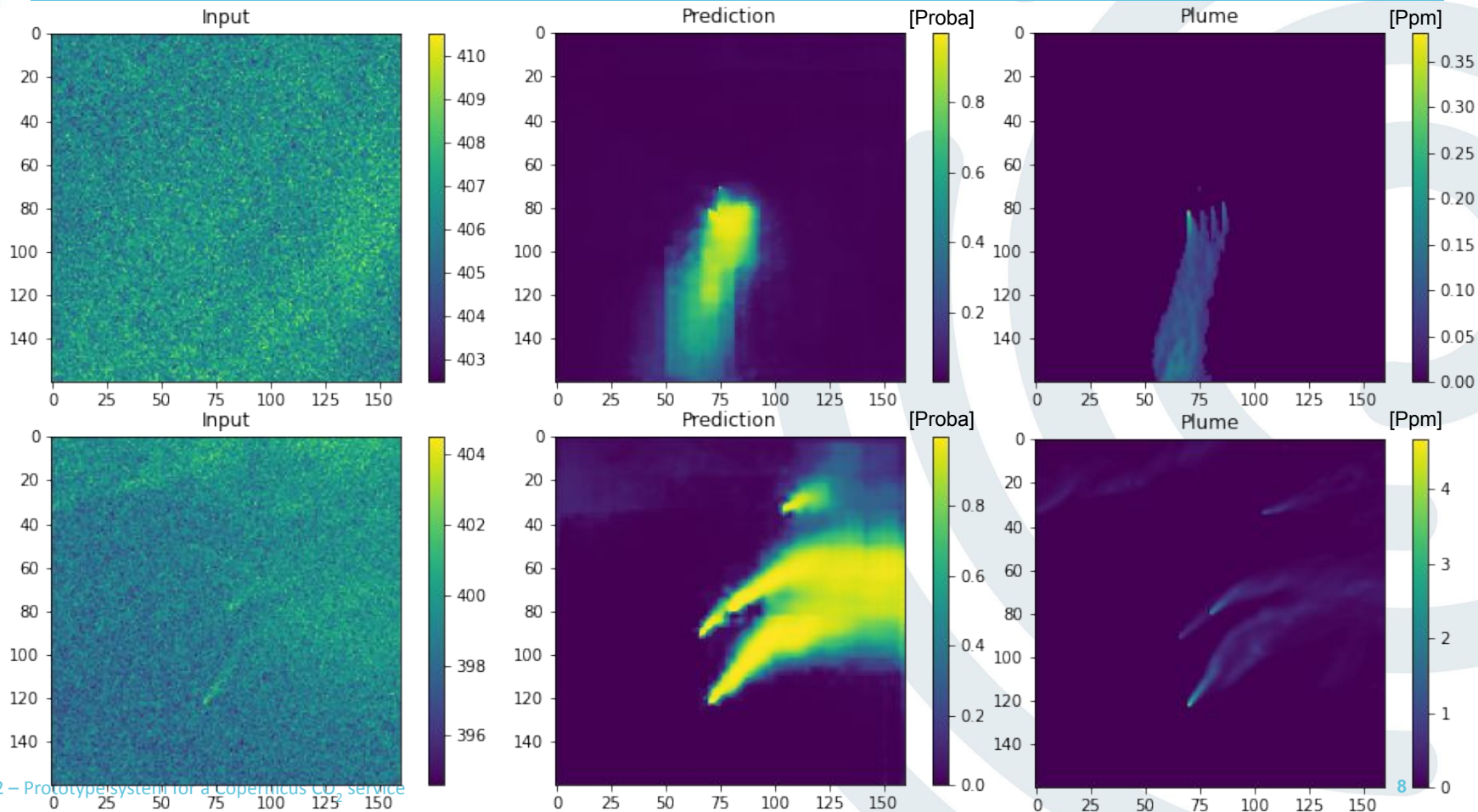


17.3 Mt.yr-1

- Model = Slightly customised EfficientNetB0 (~4 million parameters)
- Loss = Mean Squared Logarithmic Error

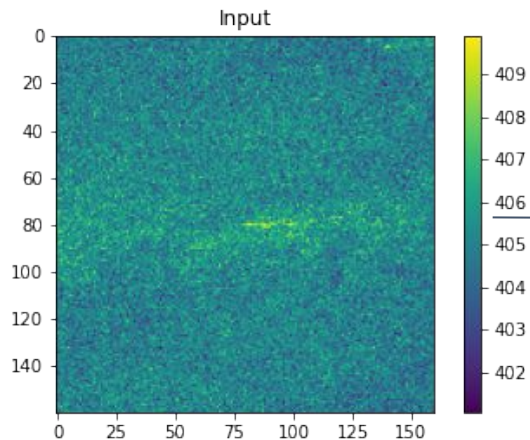


Segmentation: results





Inversion: results



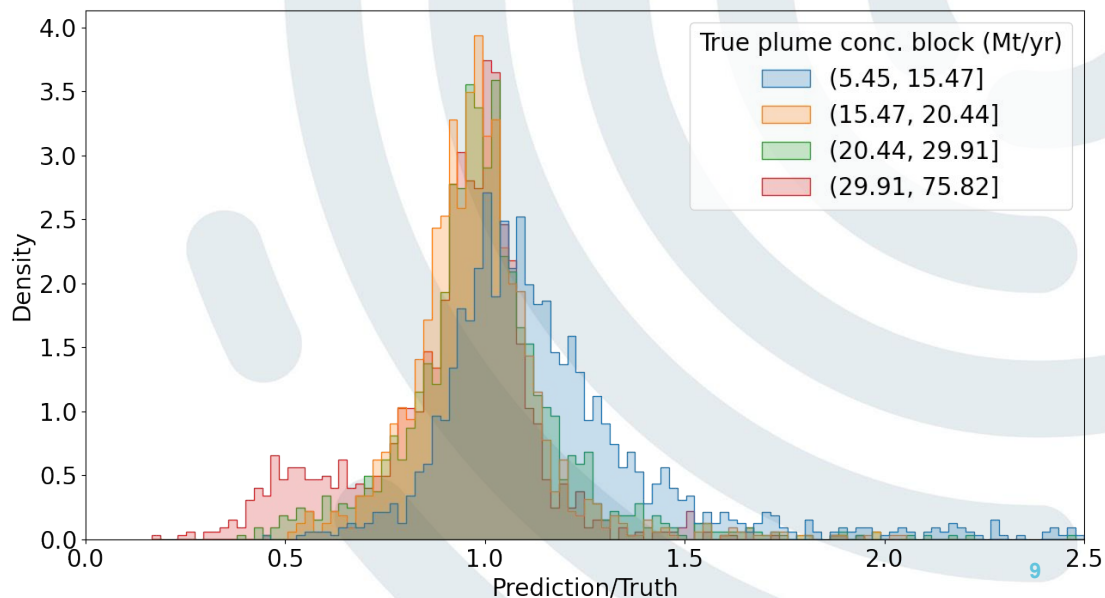
True emissions rate:
22.47 Mt.yr⁻¹

Trained CNN

Predicted emissions
rate: 25.82 Mt.yr⁻¹

Emissions reconstructed tend to get close to the mean:

- high emissions are slightly underestimated
- low emissions are slightly overestimated



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