



# Ανάπτυξη Μεθόδων Αφομοίωσης Παρατηρήσεων ("DATA ASSIMILATION") σε Μοντέλα Ατμοσφαιρικής Διασποράς

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Recently

“DATA  
ASSIMILATION”

in the atmospheric  
dispersion models

became one of the  
challenging problems

# DATA ASSIMILATION

**MODEL**  
**-FORECAST**

**-HIGH SPACIAL AND  
TEMPORAL COVERAGE**

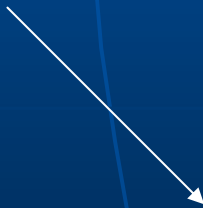
**-PHYSICAL LAWS**

**-IMPERFECT MODEL**

**OBSERVATIONS**

**-REPRESENTATION OF  
REALITY**

**-INCOMPLETE COVERAGE**



use the advantages of both a model and the measurements by combining their respective information in an optimal way

# THE BENEFITS OF DATA ASSIMILATION

By combining (and comparing) model forecasts and observational data, D.A. can

Enable scientists to determine possible problems with both the data and their models, thereby leading to **improvements** in both

Data quality

Model forecasts

# “DATA ASSIMILATION” AN INVERSE PROBLEM

DATA ASSIMILATION methodology  
should be viewed more like an  
'inverse problem'

As long as we have the ability to predict the  
observations from the model state (the 'forward problem')

then

DATA ASSIMILATION solves the  
inverse problem  
of determining the model state from the observations

# DATA ASSIMILATION TECHNIQUES

Two families of data assimilation techniques are common used:

LINEAR FILTERS

Use the optimal estimation equations to  
Compute the analysis explicitly

VARIATIONAL METHODS

Compute the analysis by  
Minimizing  
a  
Cost function.

# TYPES OF MODELS FOR THE SIMULATION OF ATMOSPHERIC DISPERSION

## EULERIAN MODELS

the model simulates the species concentrations in an array of fixed computational cells, by solving the mass conservation equation.

## LAGRANGIAN MODELS

The pollutant is emitted in parcels which move with the local wind speed. The concentration is calculated by summing the contribution of all parcels.

# STATEMENT of the PROBLEM

The problem of Atmospheric Dispersion forecast with the Assimilation of the Data of available concentration measurements is considered.

## CURRENT WORK

Development of a Data Assimilation algorithm based on Variational approach and its implementation in a Lagrangian puff dispersion model.





# THE MODEL

The Gaussian puff model used is a simplified version of the **DIPCOT** model

parcel of pollutant is characterized

concentration in the given location is obtained

by Gaussian distribution of concentration inside the parcel

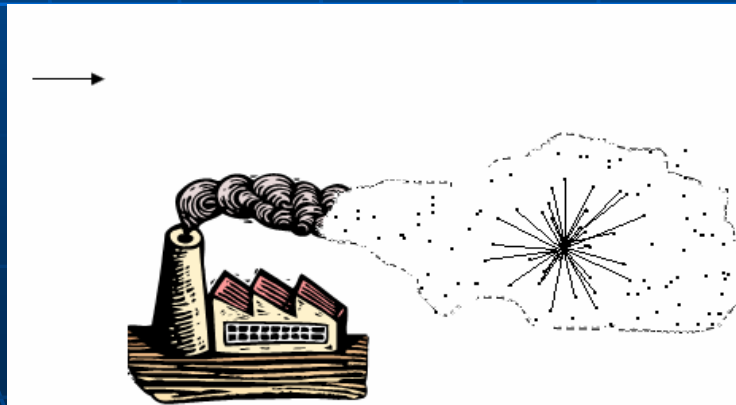
by summing of the impacts of all puffs



# The concentration at every point $(X, Y, Z)$

:

$$C^M(X, Y, Z) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \sum_{P=1}^L \frac{M_p}{\sigma_{xp} \sigma_{yp} \sigma_{zp}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(X_p - X)^2}{\sigma_{xp}^2}\right] \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(Y_p - Y)^2}{\sigma_{yp}^2}\right] \left\{ \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(Z_p - Z)^2}{\sigma_{zp}^2}\right] + \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(Z_p + Z - 2Z_g)^2}{\sigma_{zp}^2}\right] \right\}$$





# VARIATIONAL METHOD

a set of unknown parameters is selected  
("control variables")



The unknown parameters are estimated such that minimize the functional

$$J = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K (\sigma_{nk}^O)^{-2} (C_{nk}^O - C_{nk}^M)^2$$

Where: N observation times and K measurement locations, and

$\sigma_{nk}^O$

root-mean-square error of the  $(n, k)$  observation

$C_{nk}^O$

measured concentration

$C_{nk}^M$

concentration predicted by the model

# Selected Control Variables

the selected control variables are  
the values of the source strength  
during the release of each model puff.

In the event of accidental gas releases,  
there is a high uncertainty regarding the release rate which is important  
for forecasting the gas concentration

$$J = (\underline{\mathbf{C}}^O - \underline{\mathbf{G}} \times \underline{\mathbf{q}})^T \mathbf{O}^{-1} (\underline{\mathbf{C}}^O - \underline{\mathbf{G}} \times \underline{\mathbf{q}}) + (\underline{\mathbf{q}} - \underline{\mathbf{q}}_B)^T \mathbf{B}^{-1} (\underline{\mathbf{q}} - \underline{\mathbf{q}}_B)$$

Finally,

$$\left( \mathbf{I} + \left( \underline{\mathbf{O}}^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{G}} \underline{\mathbf{B}} \right)^T \underline{\mathbf{G}} \right) \times \underline{\mathbf{q}} = \left( \underline{\mathbf{O}}^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{G}} \underline{\mathbf{B}} \right)^T \underline{\mathbf{C}}^O + \underline{\mathbf{q}}_B$$

$$\left( \sigma^2 + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{G} \right) \cdot \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{C}_O + \sigma^2 \mathbf{q}_B$$

$$\left( \sigma_{\text{modif}}^2 + \mathbf{G}_{\text{modif}}^T \mathbf{G}_{\text{modif}} \right) \cdot \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{G}_{\text{modif}}^T \mathbf{C}^O + \sigma_{\text{modif}}^2 \mathbf{q}_B$$



# RESULTS

The “identical twin” experiments were used to evaluate the performance of the data assimilation methodology for the puff model.

“Twin” experiment is a method for testing a DA algorithm, when real observations are not available. “Twin” experiments include two parts:

‘truth’ run

and

‘Simulation’ run.

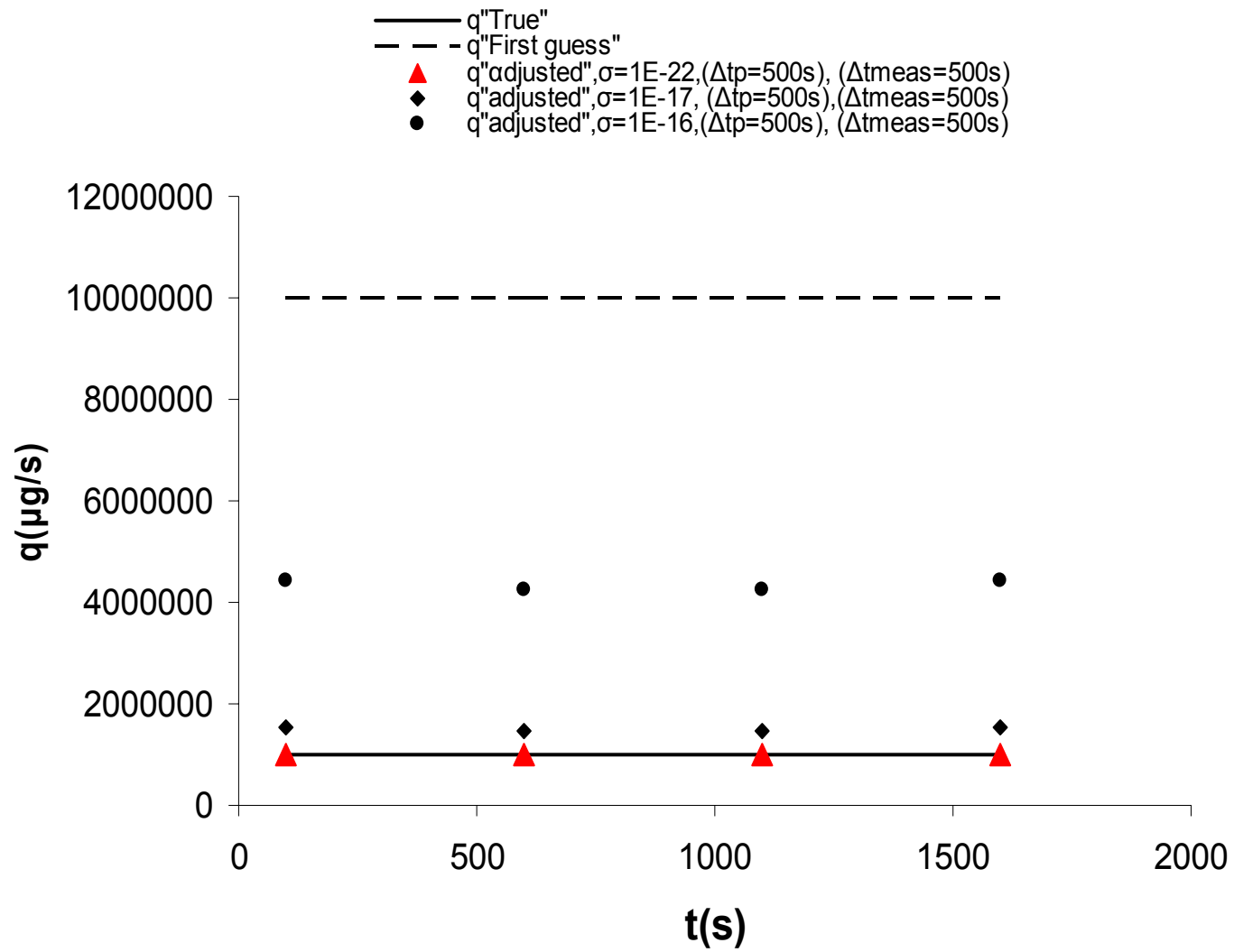
The dispersion model generates “concentration observations” using a “true” source term function.

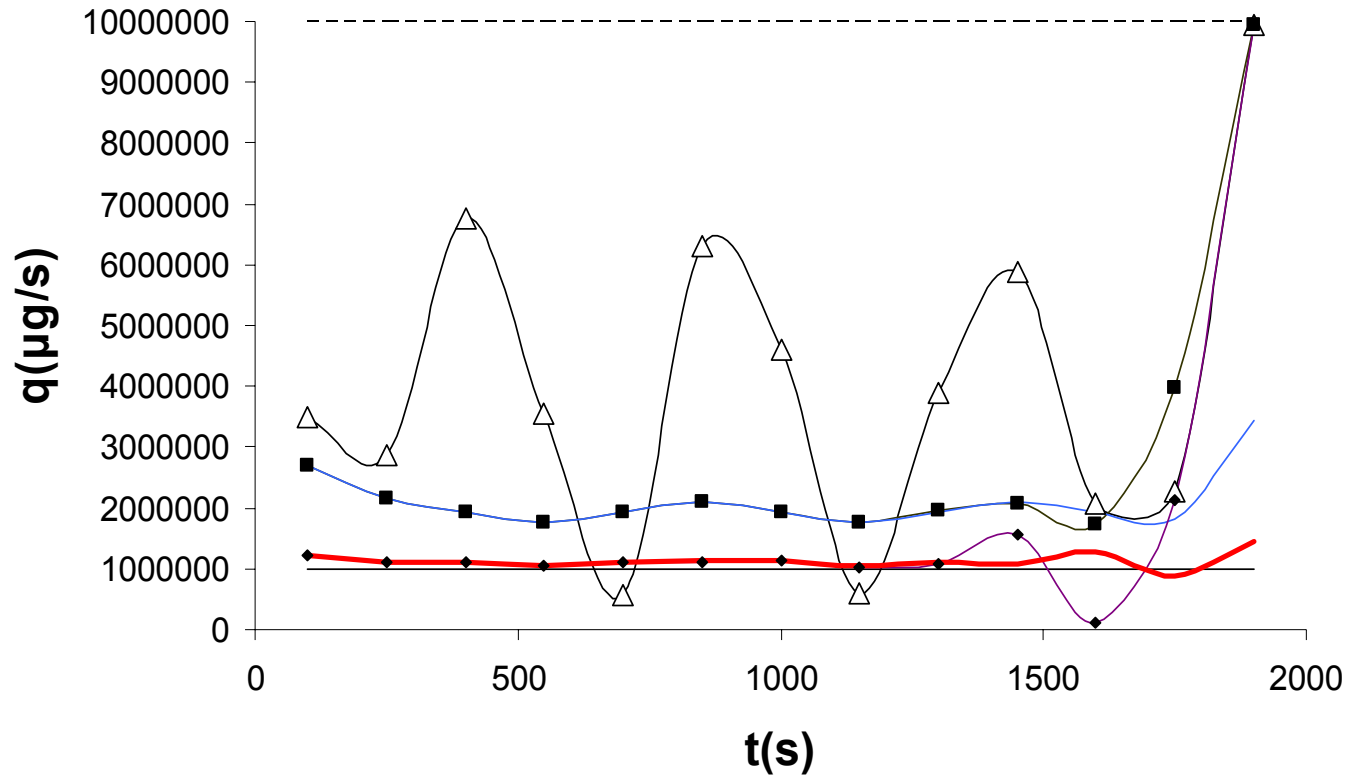
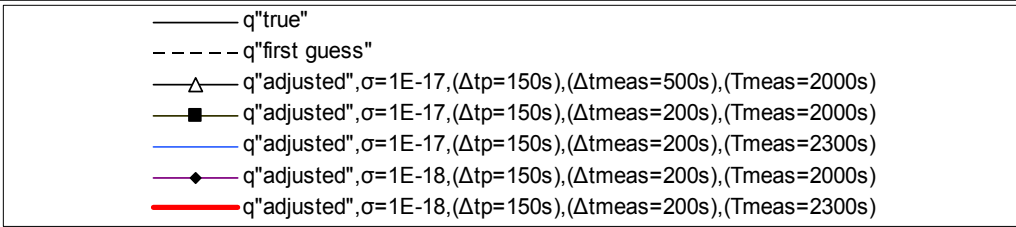
Then the model is run again using an “assumed” source term and assimilating the observations with the aim to evaluate the true source function.

# FIRST TESTS

- ▶ 1-dimensional dispersion
- ▶ constant in time source rate
- ▶ constant wind speed
- ▶ constant root mean square error of the observations
- ▶ one observation point

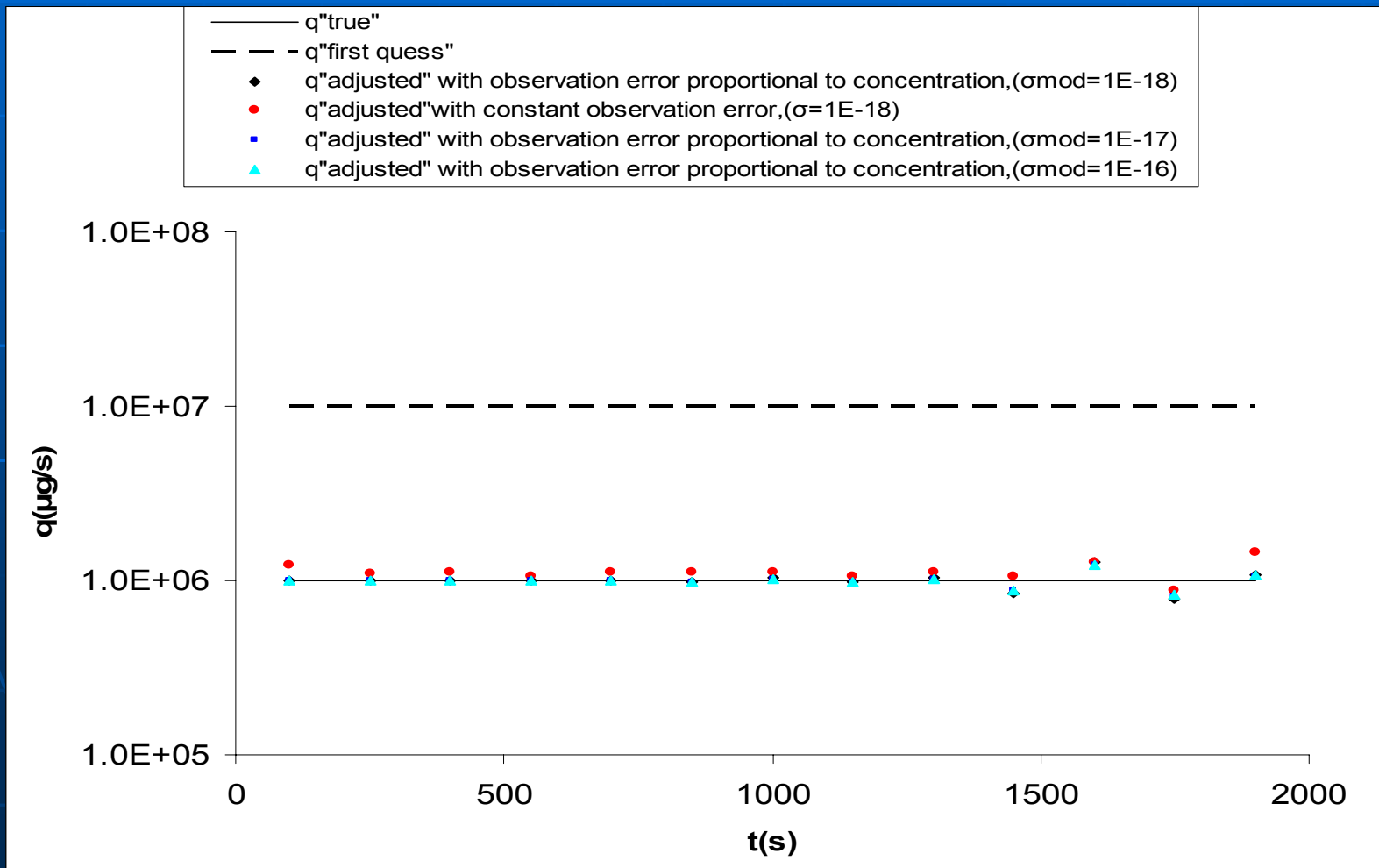
The initially assumed source term function, differs by a factor of 10 from the "true" one



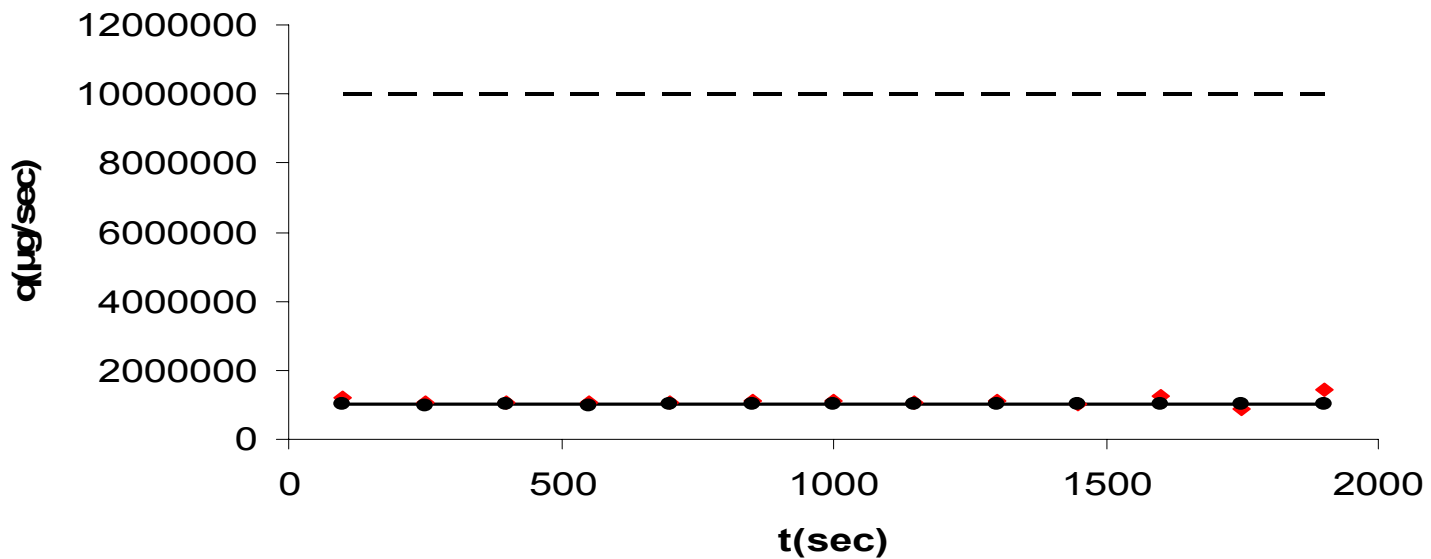
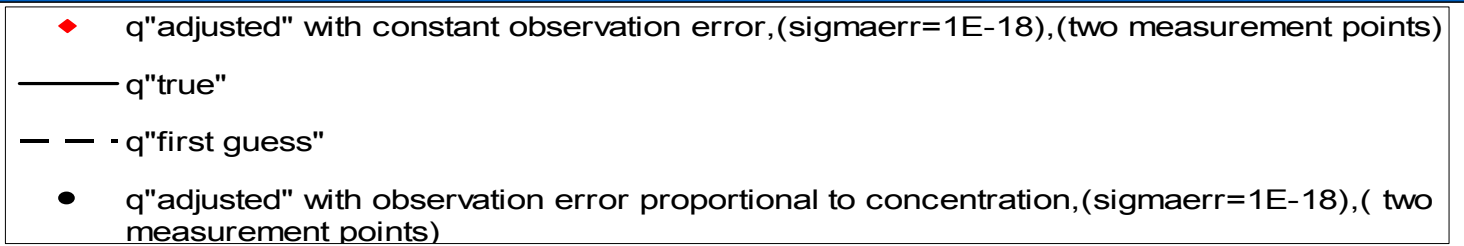




# ▶ Root mean square error of the observations proportional to the values of concentration

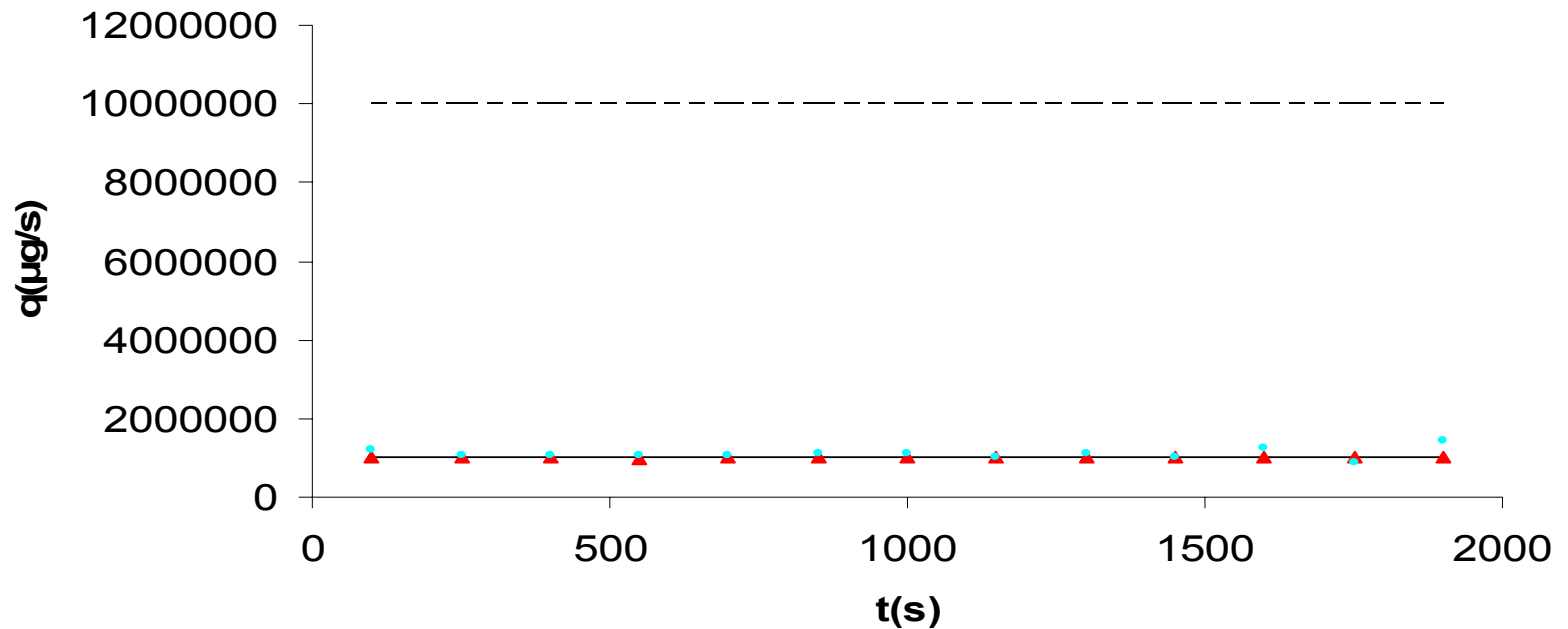


# ▶ 2 MEASUREMENT POINTS



# ▶ 3 MEAUREMENT POINTS

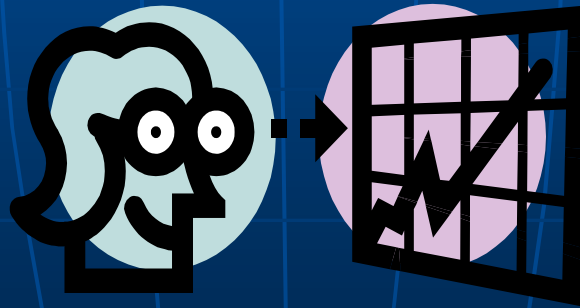
- ▲  $q$ "adjusted", with observation error proportional to concentration, (three measurement points)"
- $q$ "true"
- - - -  $q$ "first guess"
- $q$ "adjusted" with constant observation error, (three measurement points)

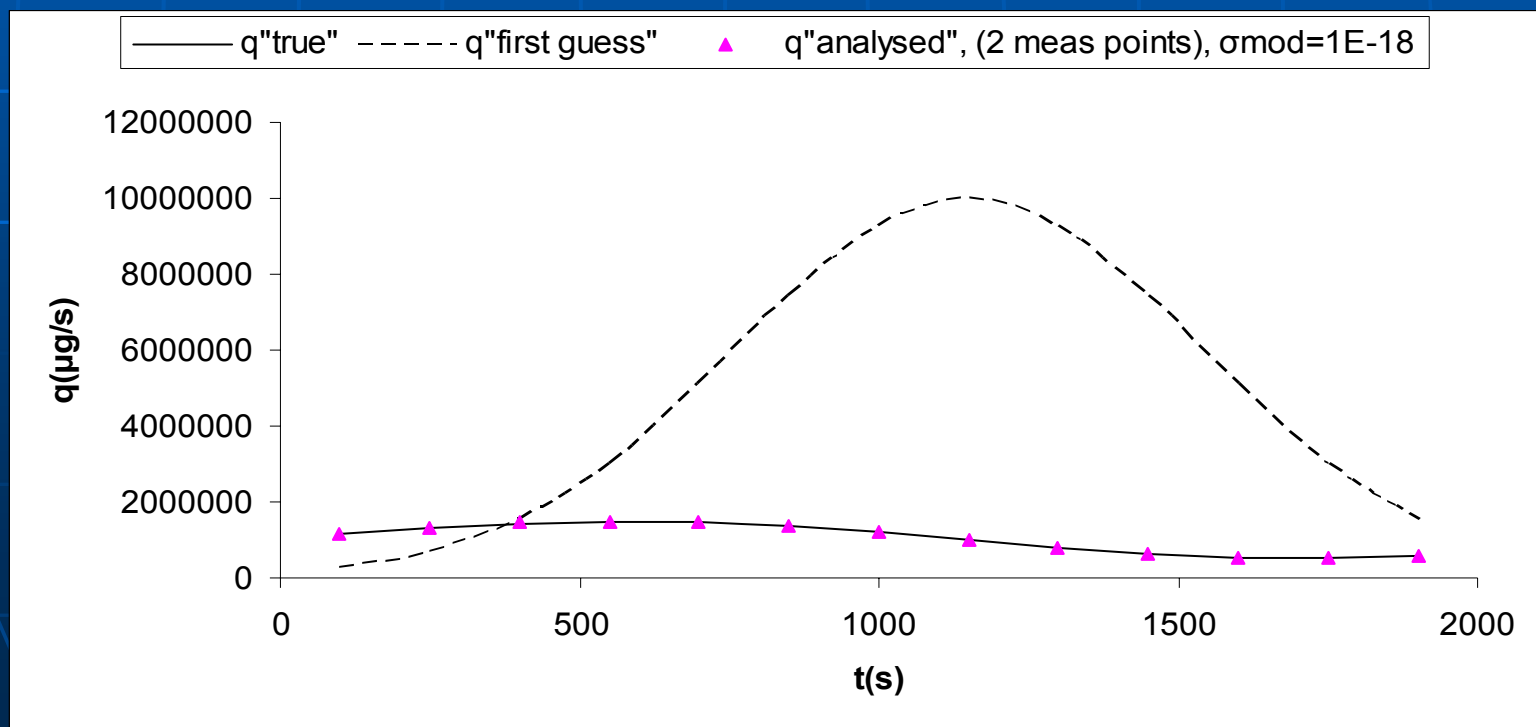
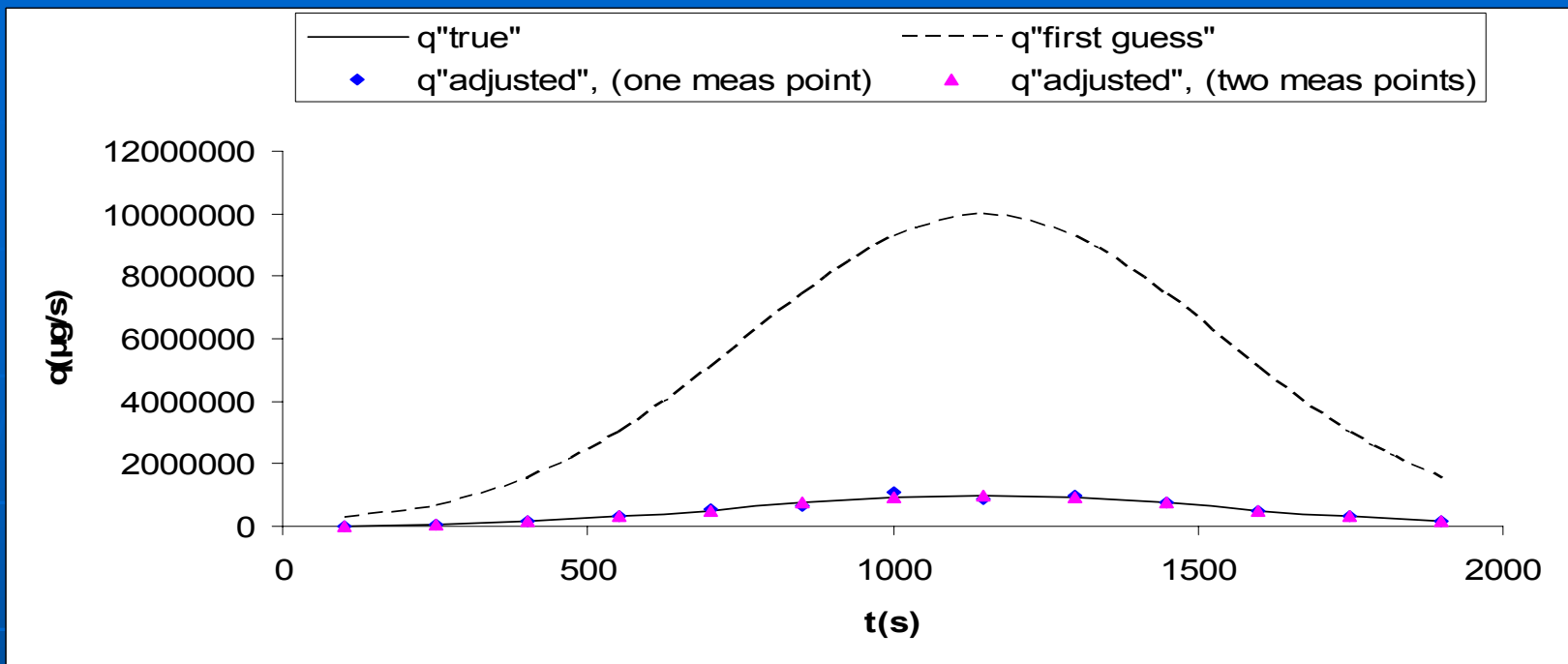


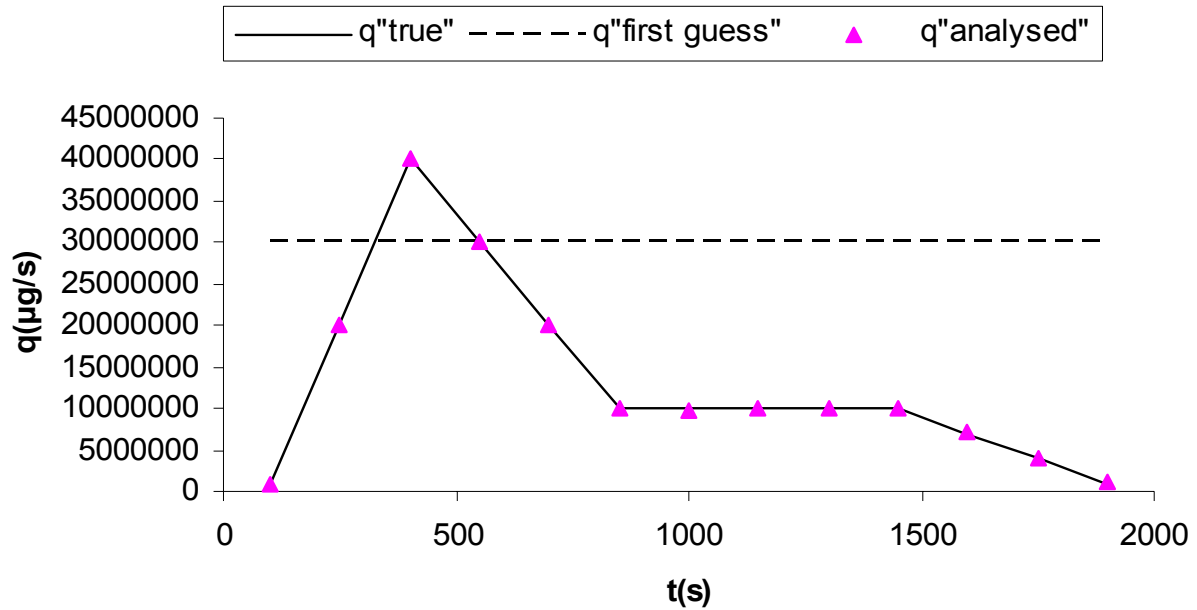
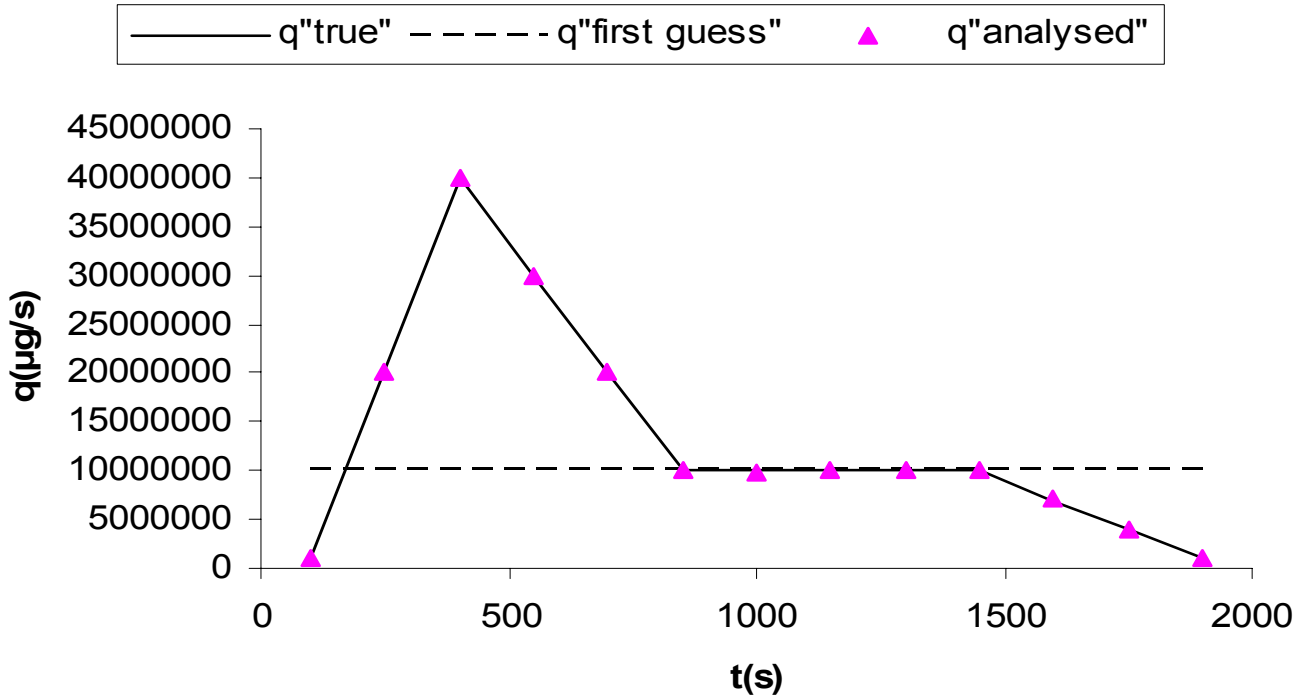


## 1-dimensional cases

- ▶ Several forms of Source term functions







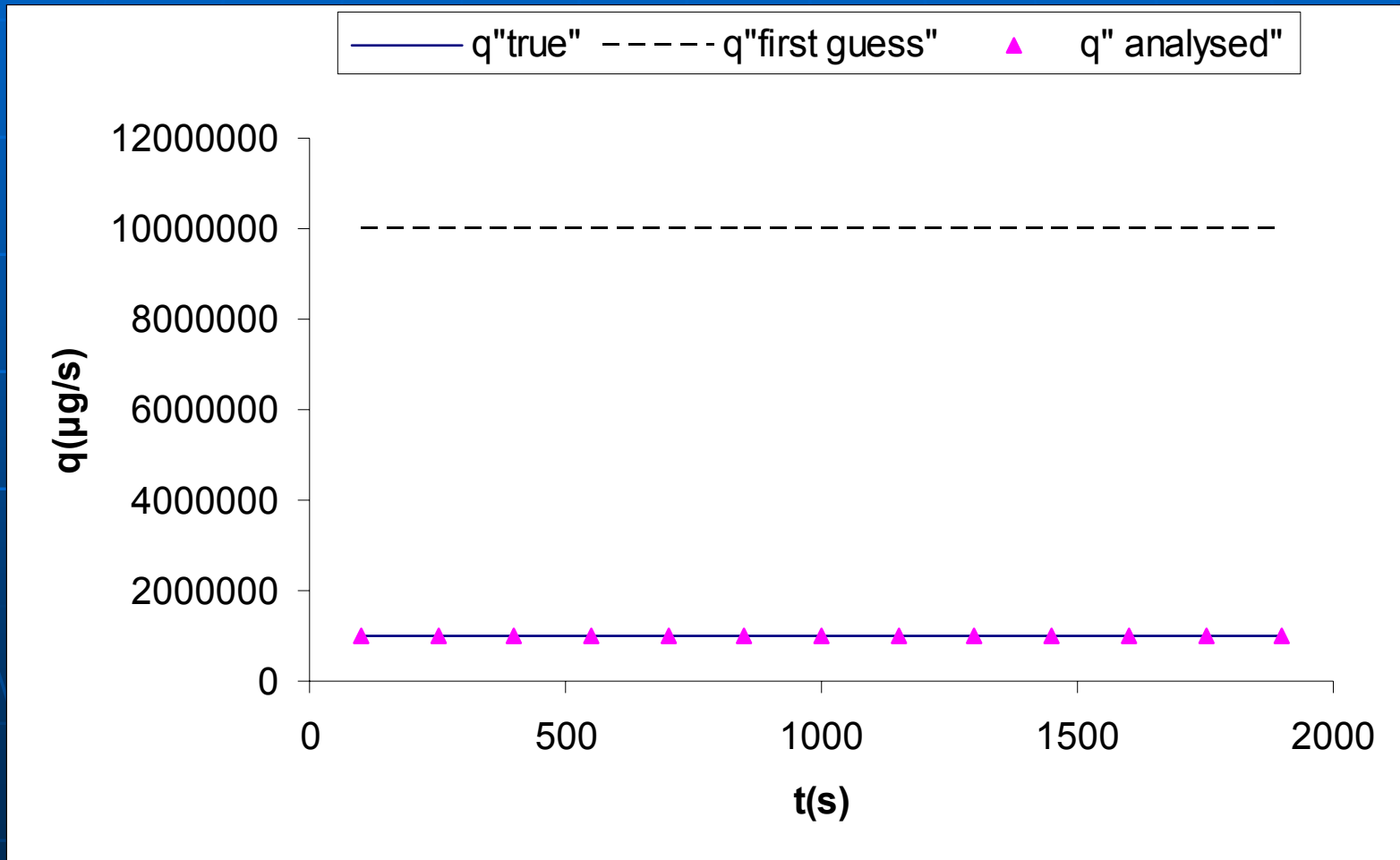
# Variable Wind Speed

- ▶ instead of the constant wind speed of 10m/sec that we had in the previous tests

For different  $x$  -coordinate of the centre of each puff, different value of velocity exists - periodical perturbation

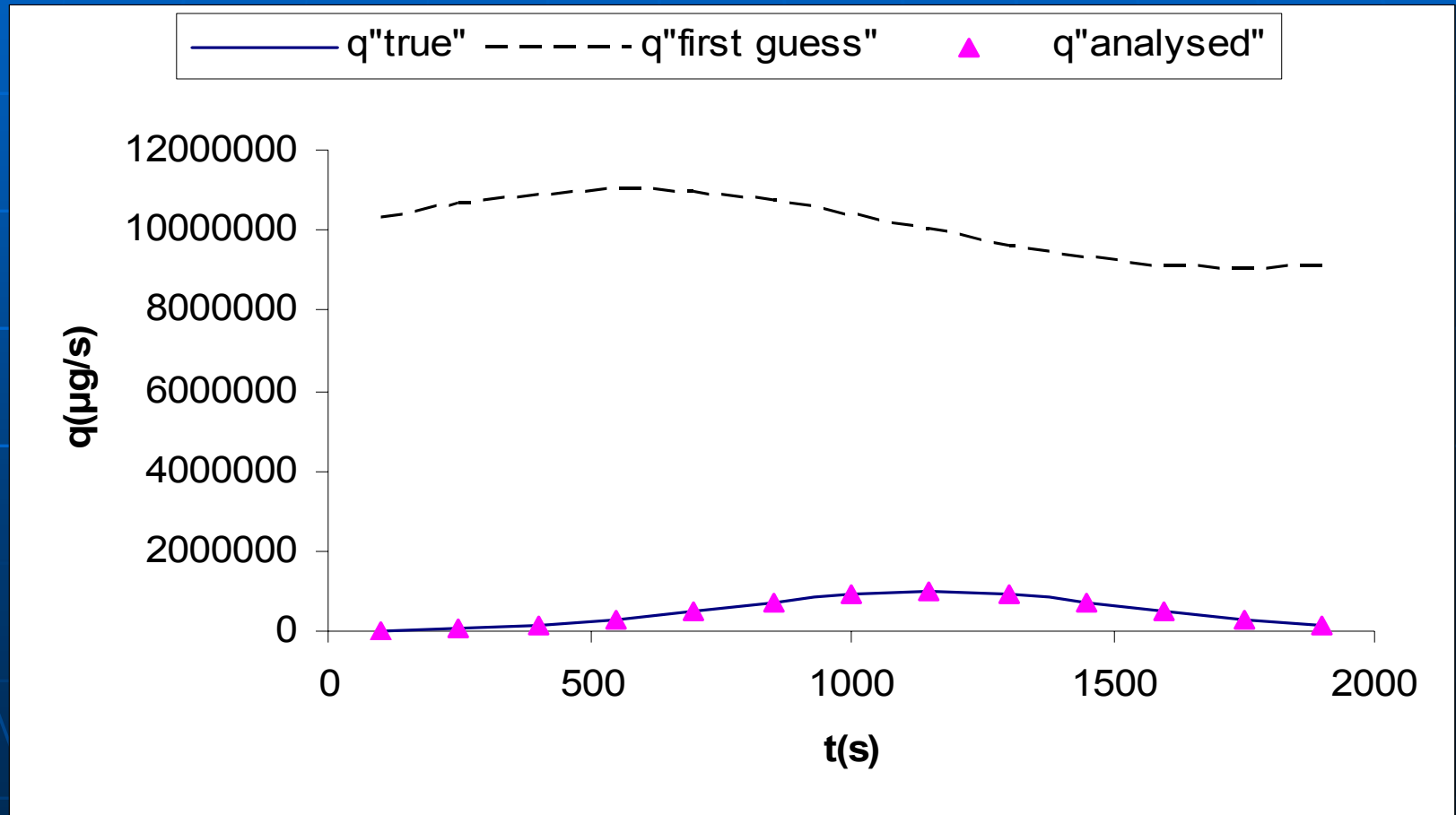
$$v = v_0 + A \sin k \times Xp$$

- ▶ constant source function
- ▶ three measurement points

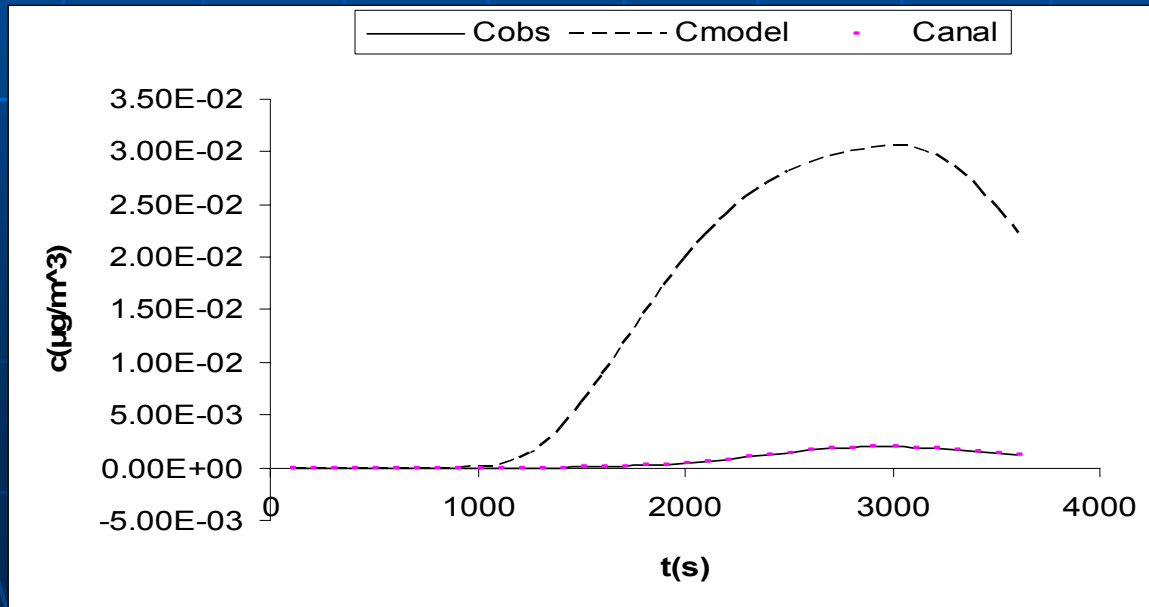
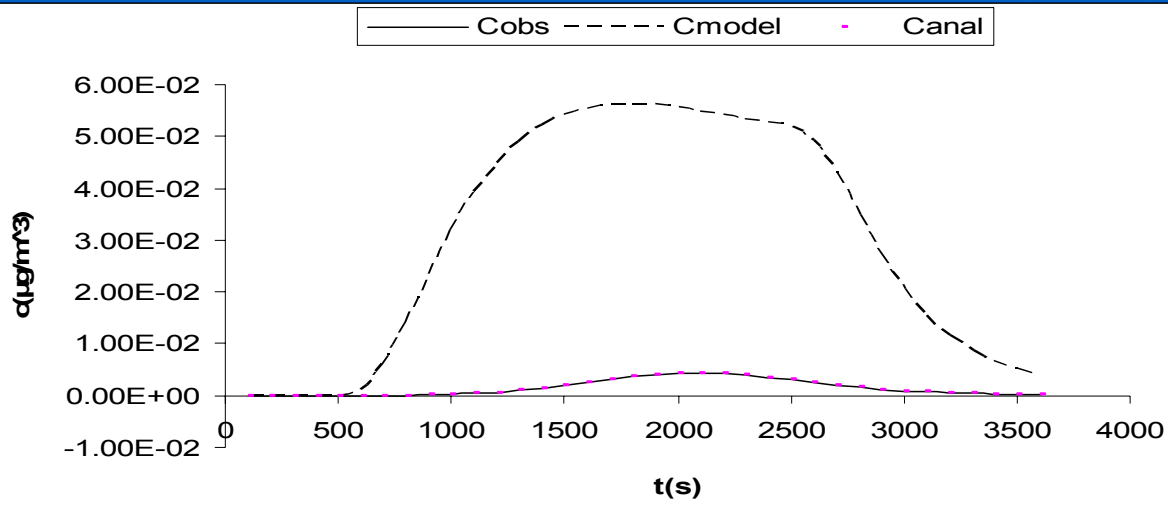




- ▶ variable source function
- ▶ three measurements points



# Results for the Concentration after Data Assimilation



# Future Work



Future work involves the application of the method to more realistic situations and required optimisations