Atmospheric transport modelling analyzing source regions for recurring peak detections of radioxenon at RN38 and the Pacific

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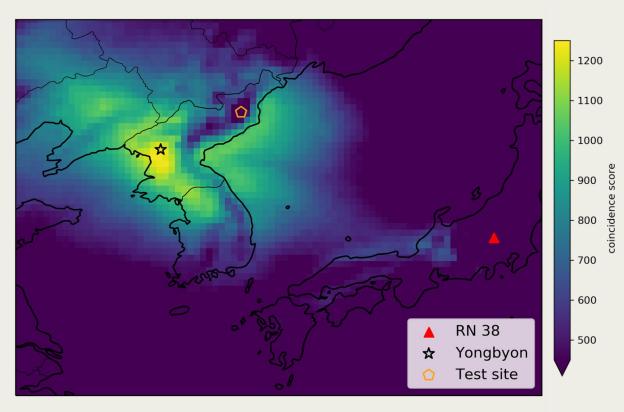
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 RN38 in Takasaki has played an important role in the detection of radioxenon following North Korean

nuclear tests, particularly in 2013 and 2016

- At RN38 from Jan 2024 to Aug 2025 about 115 samples contained >8 mBg/m³ ¹³³Xe activity concentration.
- Backward atmospheric transport modelling (ATM) was performed for those samples using HYSPLIT with 0.25° Global Forecast System (GFS) meteorological data. Only the sampling times were considered, regardless of the absolute activity concentration values.
- Counting the number of sensitivity time steps that coincide spatially in the range of 10⁻¹⁷ to 10⁻¹⁴ per m³ indicates the area around Yongbyon as common sensitivity spot. However, a contribution of local sources cannot be excluded.





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