

# ETC/ACM air quality mapping method and its evaluation

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**1. Mapping methodology**

**2. Routine evaluation (especially cross-validation)**

**3. Evaluation using Delta tool (first attempt)**

# ETC/ACM mapping methodology

Developed (in 2005-2007) with the objective of the European Environmental Agency of having interpolated maps ***primarily based on air quality measurements***.

The Directive 2008/50/EC on Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe requires that air quality should be assessed throughout the territory of each member state. It requires that the fixed measurements should be used as a primarily source of information for such assessment in the polluted areas. Those measurement data may be supplemented by modelling techniques to provide adequate information on the spatial distribution of the air quality.

***Primarily data*** – measurement data

***Supplementary data*** – chemical transport model output,  
other proxy data (altitude, meteorology, popul. density)

# ETC/ACM mapping methodology – continuation

## *Linear regression model followed by kriging of its residuals (residual kriging)*

The supplementary data for **linear regression model** were selected based on their relation with measured AQ data.

In the case of  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$ , both measured data and dispersion model output are **logarithmically transformed**, due to the lognormal distribution of these data.

**kriging** – spatial interpolation geostatistical method (i.e. knowledge of the spatial structure of air quality field is utilized, using variogram)



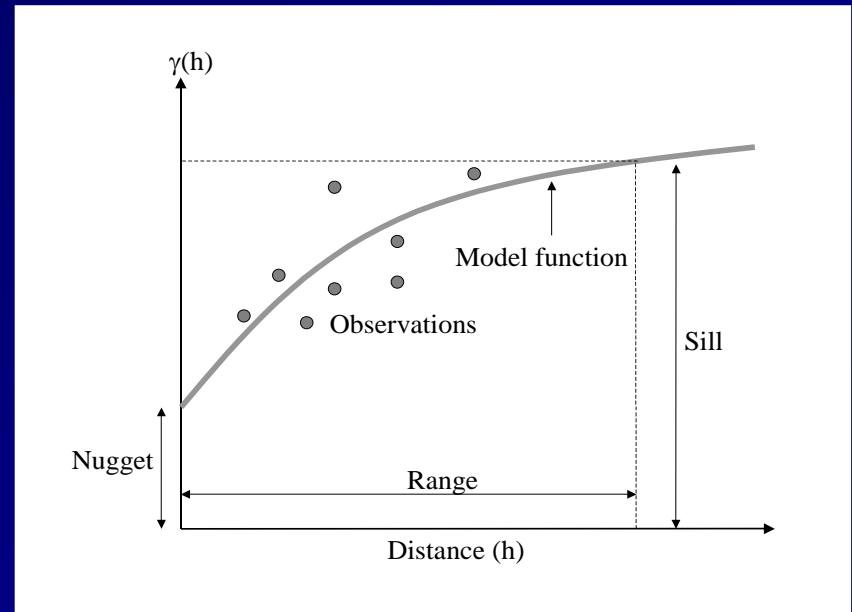
# Mapping method – continuation

**variogram** - measure of a spatial correlation

parameters:

***sill, nugget, range***

Empirical variogram fitted by an analytical function – in our case spherical.



The method is routinely used for **annual data** (i.e. the monitoring and modelling and other data combined for annual indicators.) For sensitivity analysis (and comparison with the results based on daily data), see ETC/ACM Technical Paper 2012/8.

## Mapping methodology – continuation

### *Separate mapping of rural and urban air quality*

– due to different character of urban and rural air quality

PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub> – urban/suburban concentrations are in general higher than the rural concentrations

Ozone – rural concentrations are higher than urb/sub

Rural and urban background maps are created separately,

**rural maps** – based on rural background stations

**urban background maps** – based on urban and suburban background stations

**Final maps** are created by merging of rural and urban background maps, using **population density**.

# Mapping methodology – continuation

## *Grid resolution of the health-related indicators*

Separate rural and urban background maps

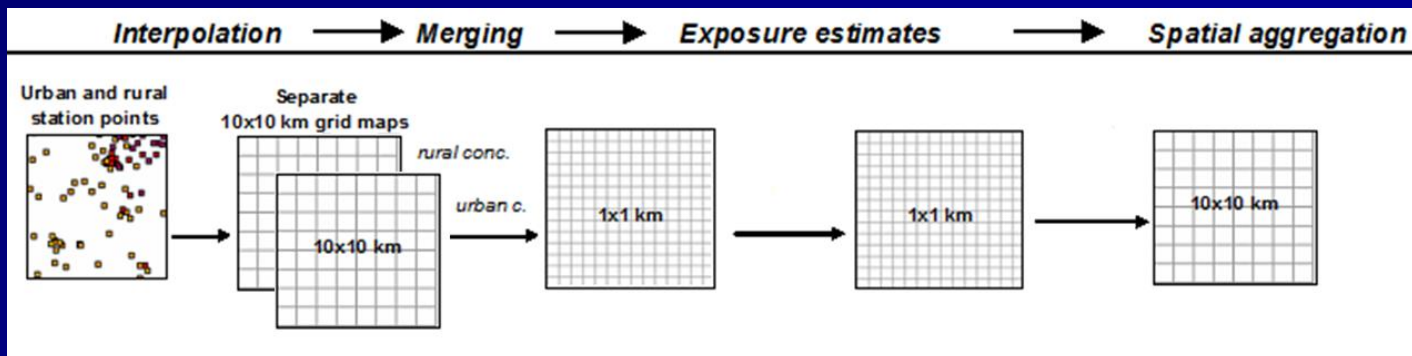
– created in **10x10 km resolution**

These maps are merged using population density (in 1x1 km)

– into **1x1 km resolution**

Exposure estimates – based on these 1x1 km maps.

Presentation – final maps are spatially aggregated into 10x10 km resolution. (Plus urban background maps.)



# Mapping methodology – continuation

## *Pollutants and indicators mapped*

### Regularly:

**PM<sub>10</sub>** – annual average [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}$ ]  
– 36<sup>th</sup> maximum daily average value [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}$ ]

**PM<sub>2.5</sub>** – annual average [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}$ ].

**Ozone** – 26<sup>th</sup> highest daily max. 8-hourly mean [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}$ ]  
– SOMO35 [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}.\text{day}$ ]  
– AOT40 for crops [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}.\text{hour}$ ]  
– AOT40 for forests [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}.\text{hour}$ ]

Repetitively: **NO<sub>2</sub>** – annual average [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}$ ]

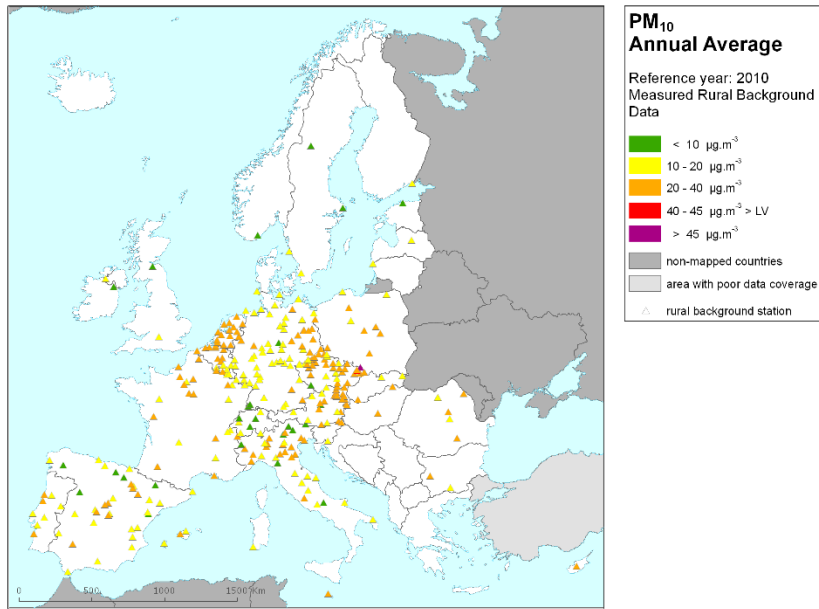
**NO<sub>x</sub>** – annual average [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}$ ]

**SO<sub>2</sub>** – annual average [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}$ ]

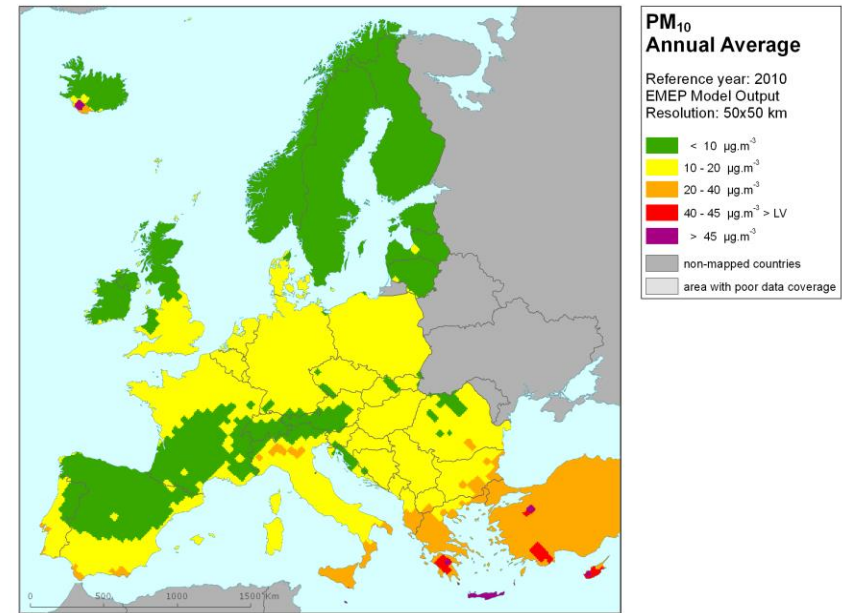
Newly: **BaP** – annual average [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}$ ]

# PM<sub>10</sub> annual average, 2010 – rural areas

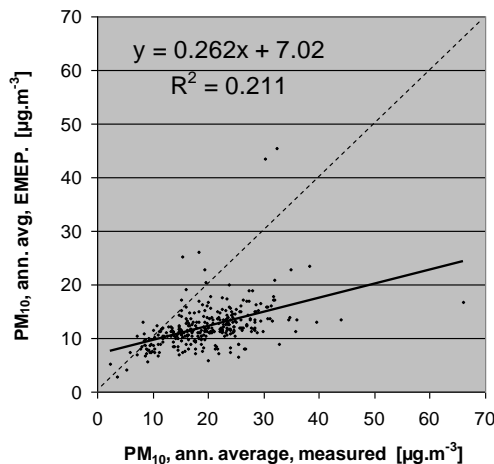
## measured data



## EMEP model



PM<sub>10</sub> ann. avg., rur. - EMEP vs. meas.



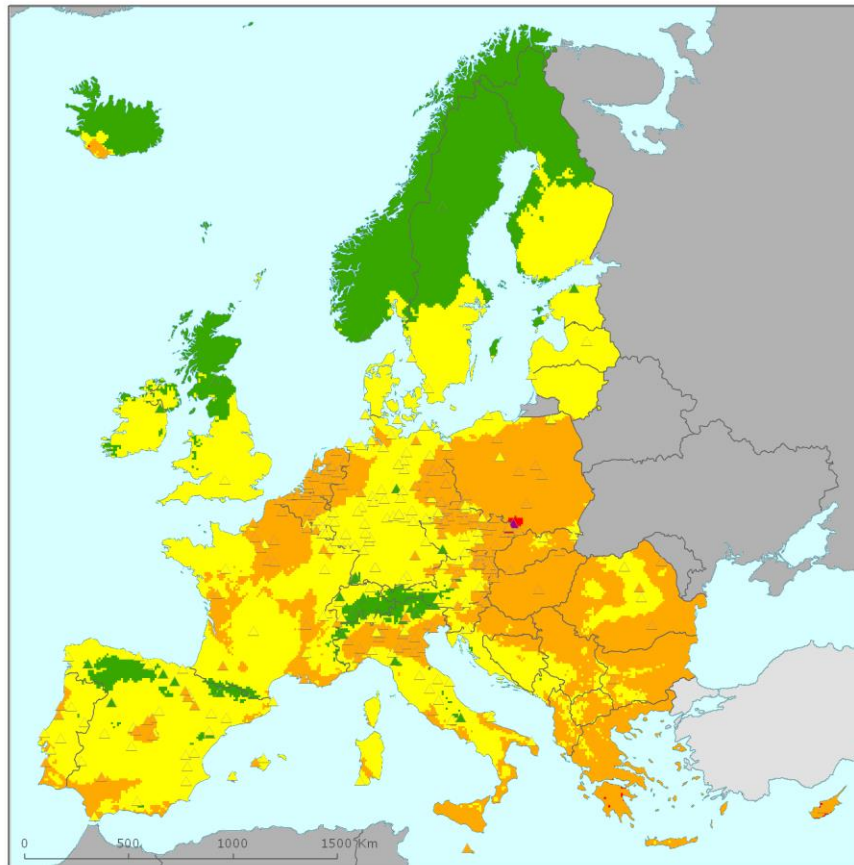
**Linear regression model (log. transformed):**

	adj. R <sup>2</sup>	SEE
EMEP model	0.33	0.324
EMEP model, altitude	0.41	0.306
EMEP m., altitude, wind speed	0.44	0.295



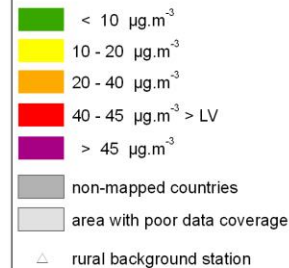
# *PM<sub>10</sub> annual average, 2010 – rural areas*

## *rural map (applicable for rural areas only)*

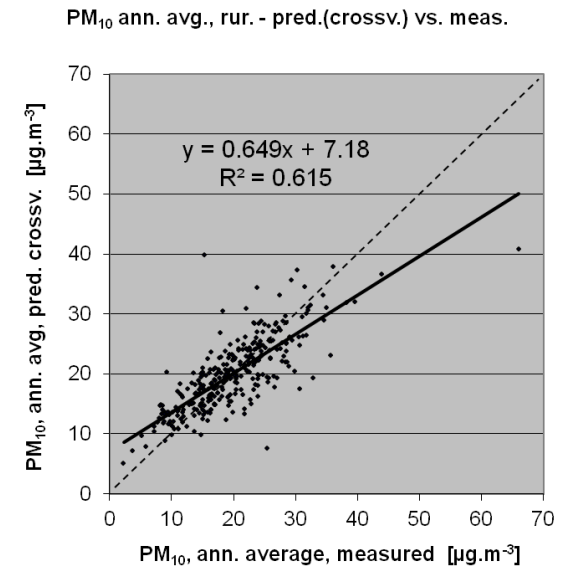


### PM<sub>10</sub> Annual Average

Reference year: 2010  
Map of Rural Quality  
Resolution: 10x10 km



### cross-validation

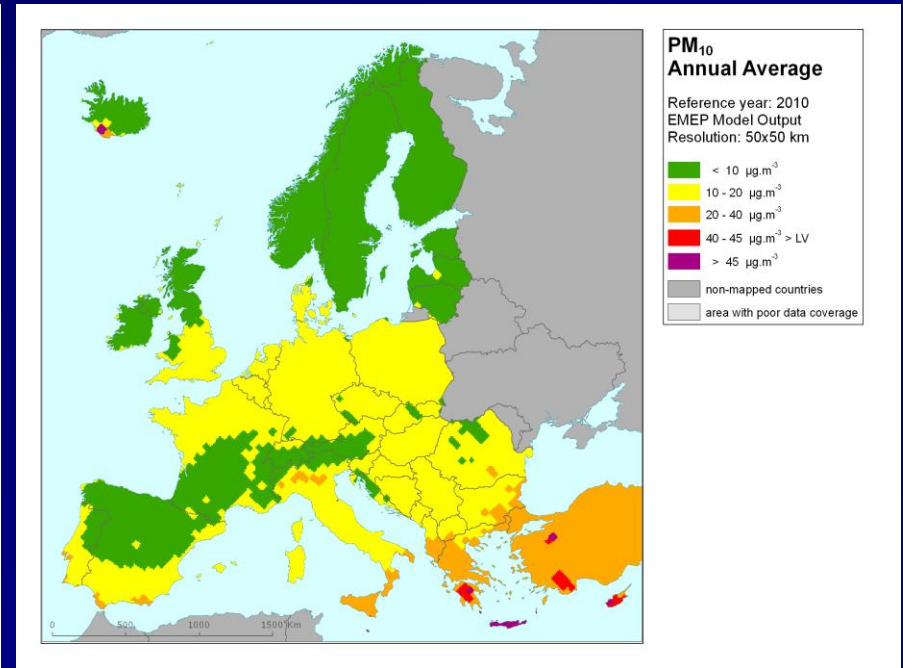
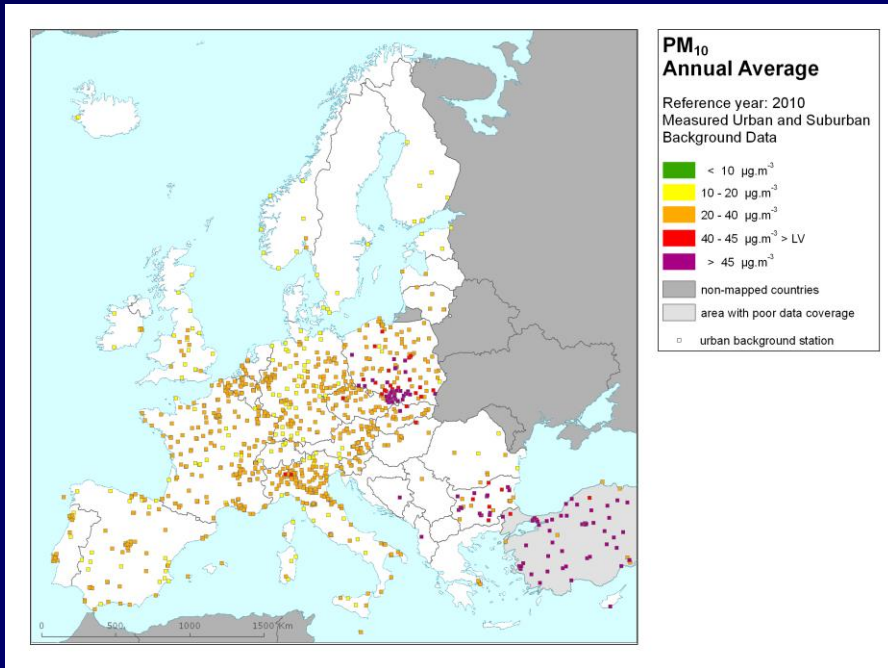


$$RMSE = 4.5 \mu\text{g. m}^{-3}$$

$$Bias = 0.2 \mu\text{g. m}^{-3}$$

# *PM<sub>10</sub> annual average, 2010 – urban areas*

*measured data* *EMEP model*

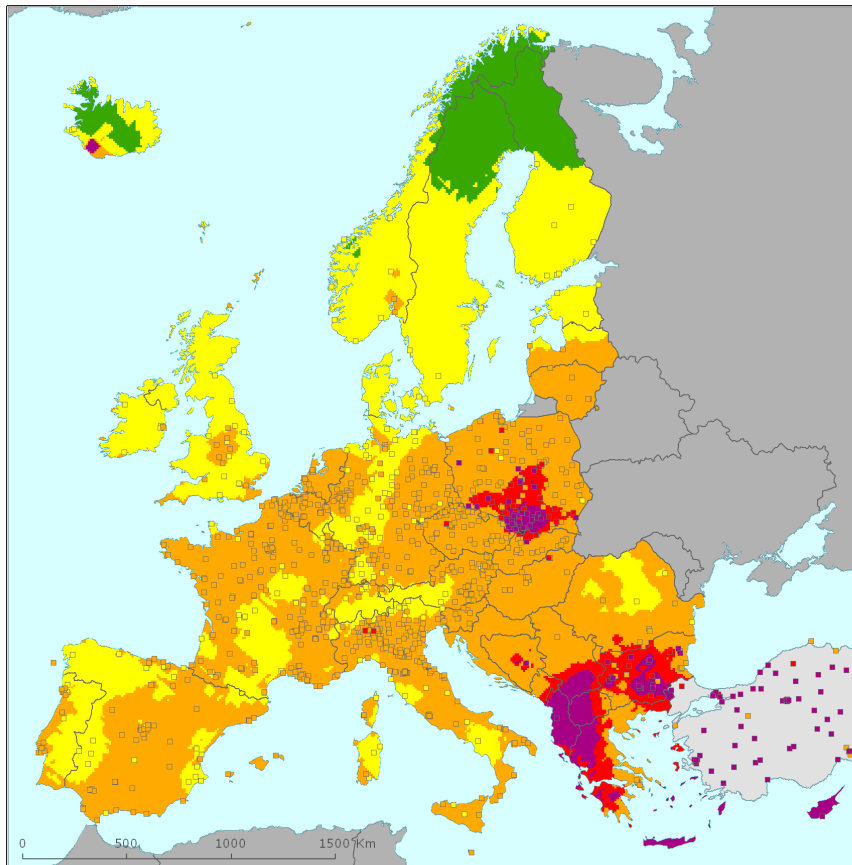


*Linear regression model (log. transformed):*

	<i>adj. R<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>SEE</i>
<i>EMEP model</i>	<i>0.38</i>	<i>0.292</i>

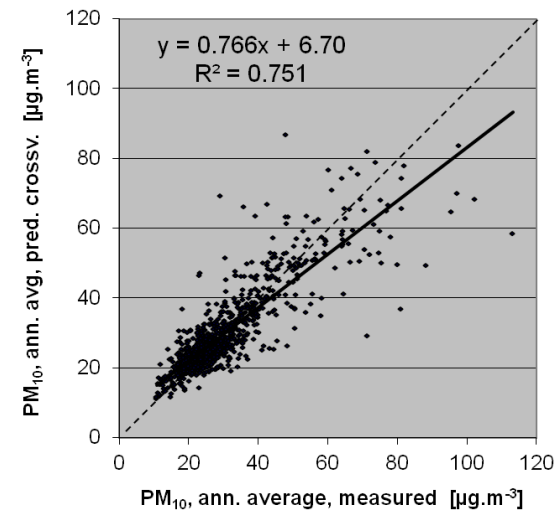
# *PM<sub>10</sub> annual average, 2010 – urban areas*

## *urban background map (applicable for urban areas only)*



### *cross-validation*

PM<sub>10</sub>, ann. avg. urb.- pred.(crossv.) vs. meas.



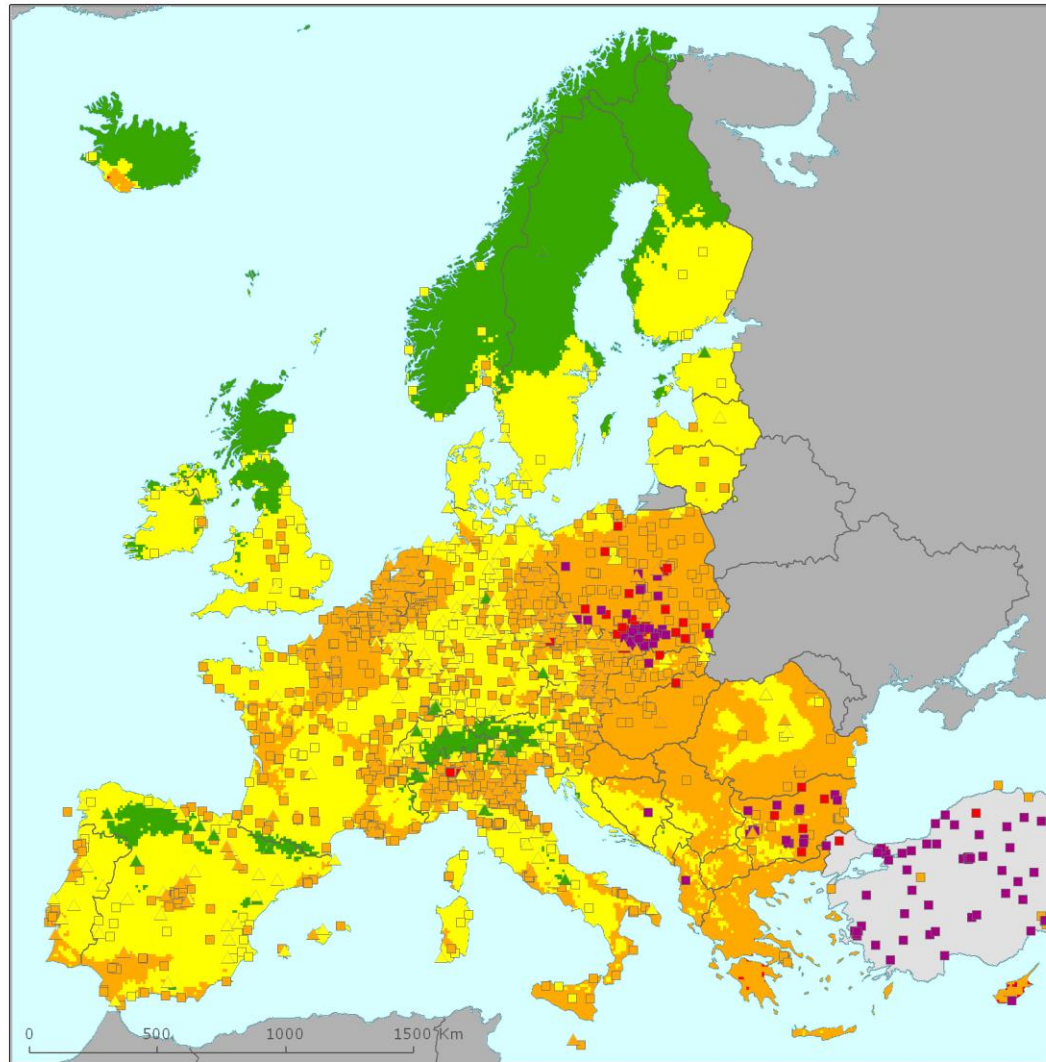
***RMSE = 6.6  $\mu\text{g. m}^{-3}$***

***Bias = -0.1  $\mu\text{g. m}^{-3}$***



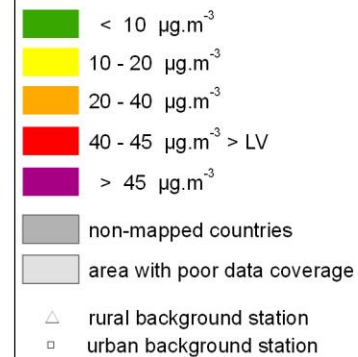
# *PM<sub>10</sub> annual average, 2010*

## *final merged map*



### **PM<sub>10</sub>** **Annual Average**

Reference year: 2010  
Combined Rural and Urban Map  
Resolution: 10x10 km



# Actual air quality maps

Regular annual product:

**ETC/ACM Technical Paper**  
**„European air quality maps of**  
**PM and ozone and their**  
**uncertainty“**

Concentration maps, inter annual  
difference maps, exposure  
tables, uncertainty analysis.

Most recent : **ETC/ACM TP**  
**2014/4**, maps for 2012

<http://acm.eionet.europa.eu/reports/>

European air quality maps of  
PM and ozone for 2012  
and their uncertainty



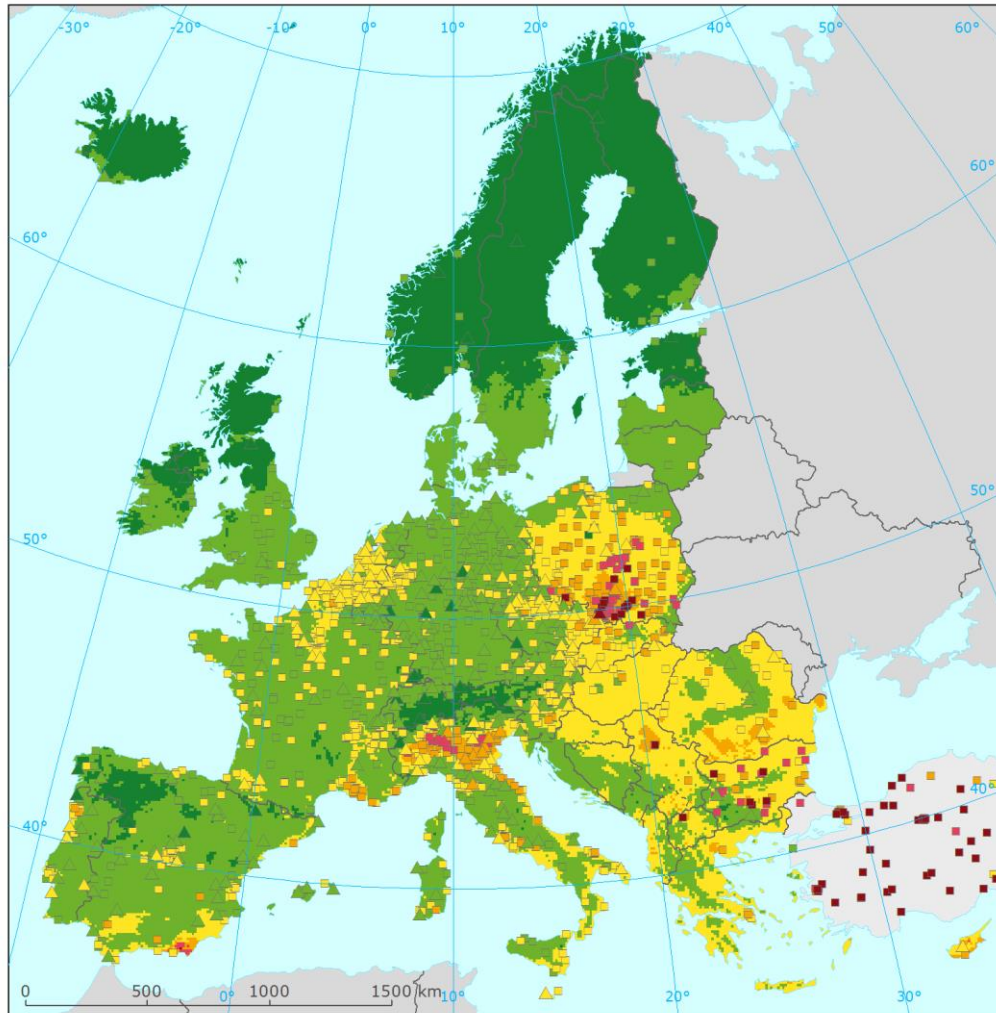
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# *PM<sub>10</sub> – annual average, 2012*

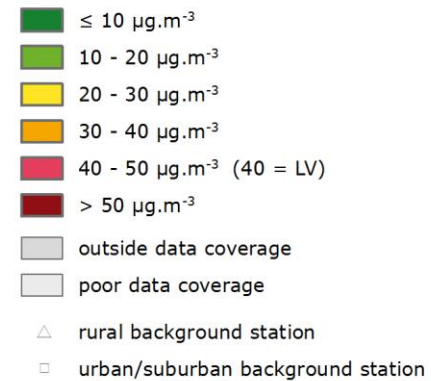


## **Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) Annual Average**

Reference Year: 2012

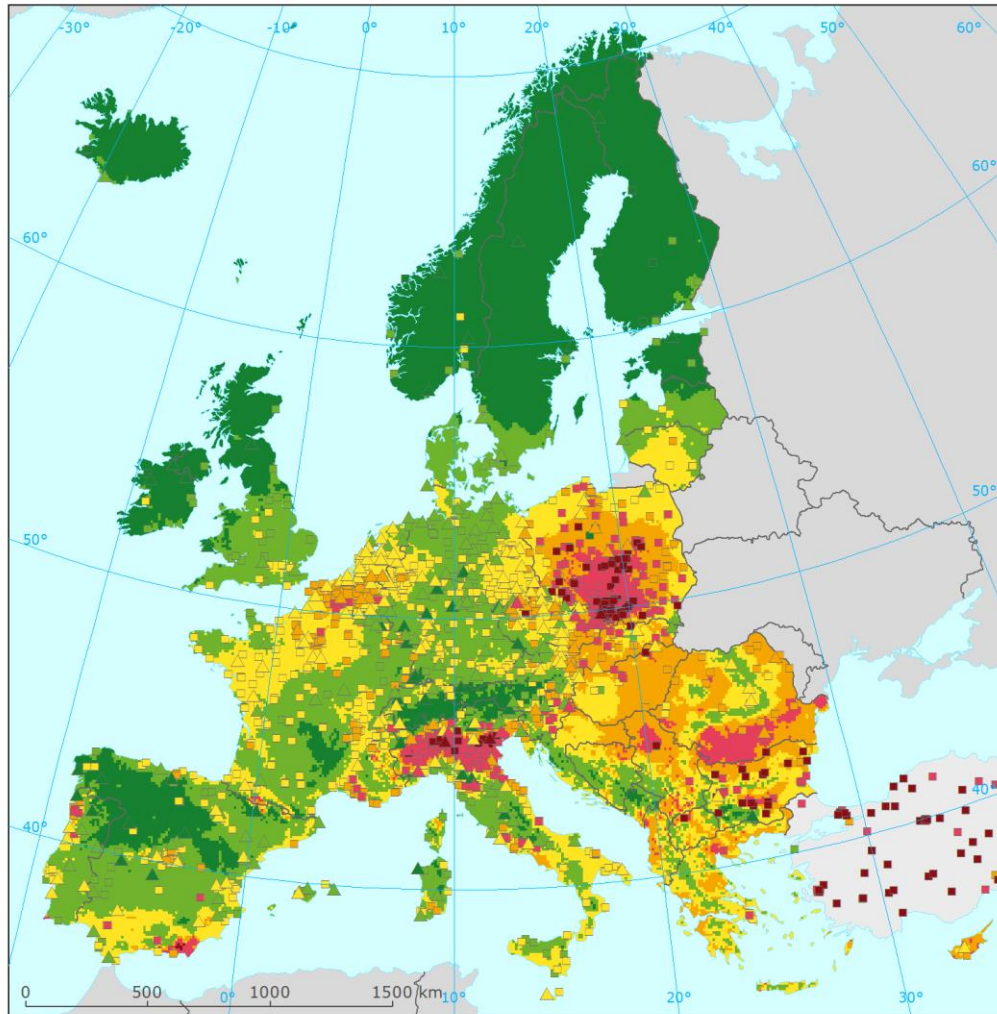
Combined Rural and Urban Background Map

Resolution: 10x10 km





# PM<sub>10</sub> – 36<sup>th</sup> highest daily mean, 2012

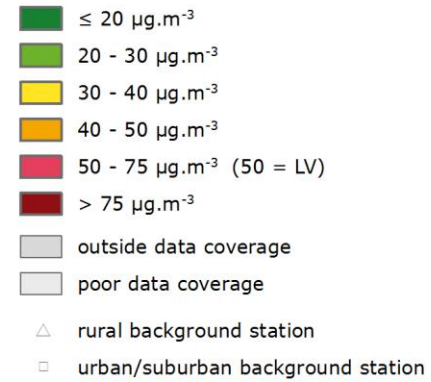


## Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) 36<sup>th</sup> Highest Daily Mean

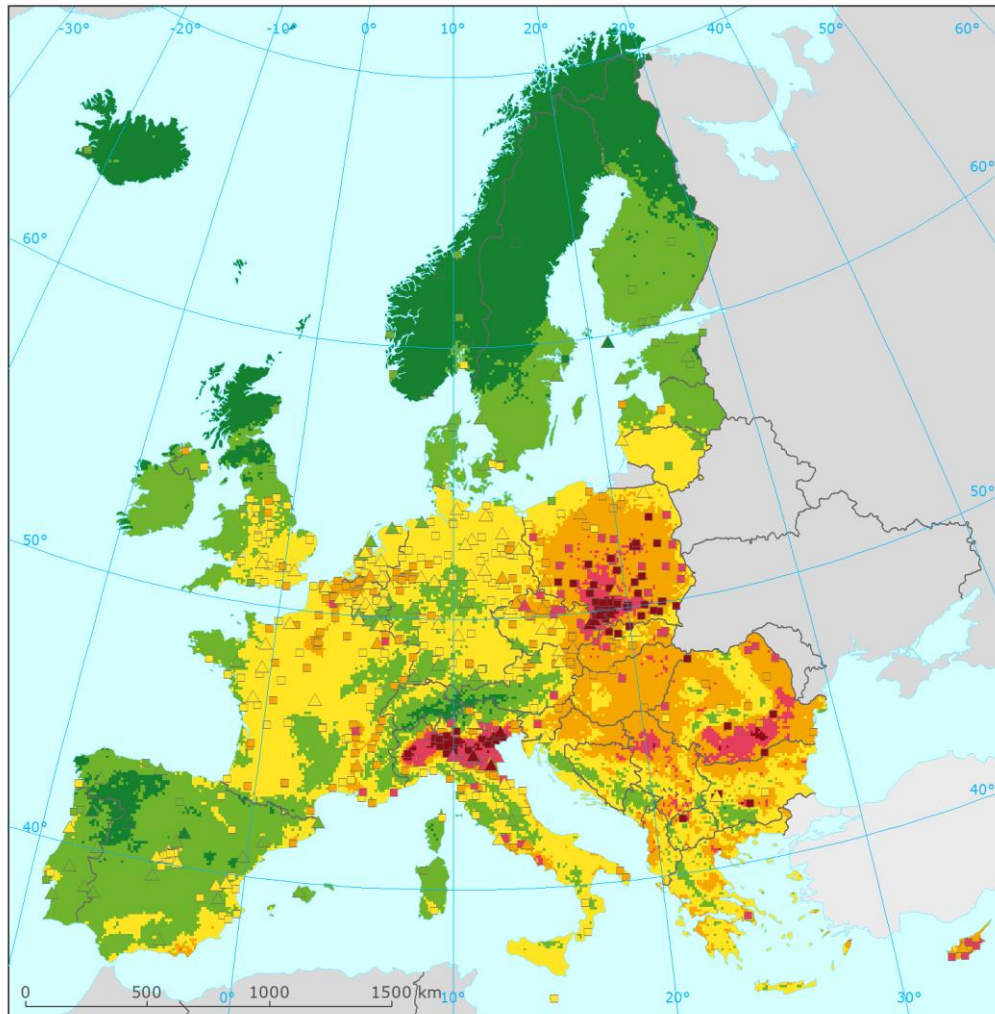
Reference Year: 2012

Combined Rural and Urban Background Map

Resolution: 10x10 km



# PM<sub>2.5</sub> – annual average, 2012













## Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) Annual Average

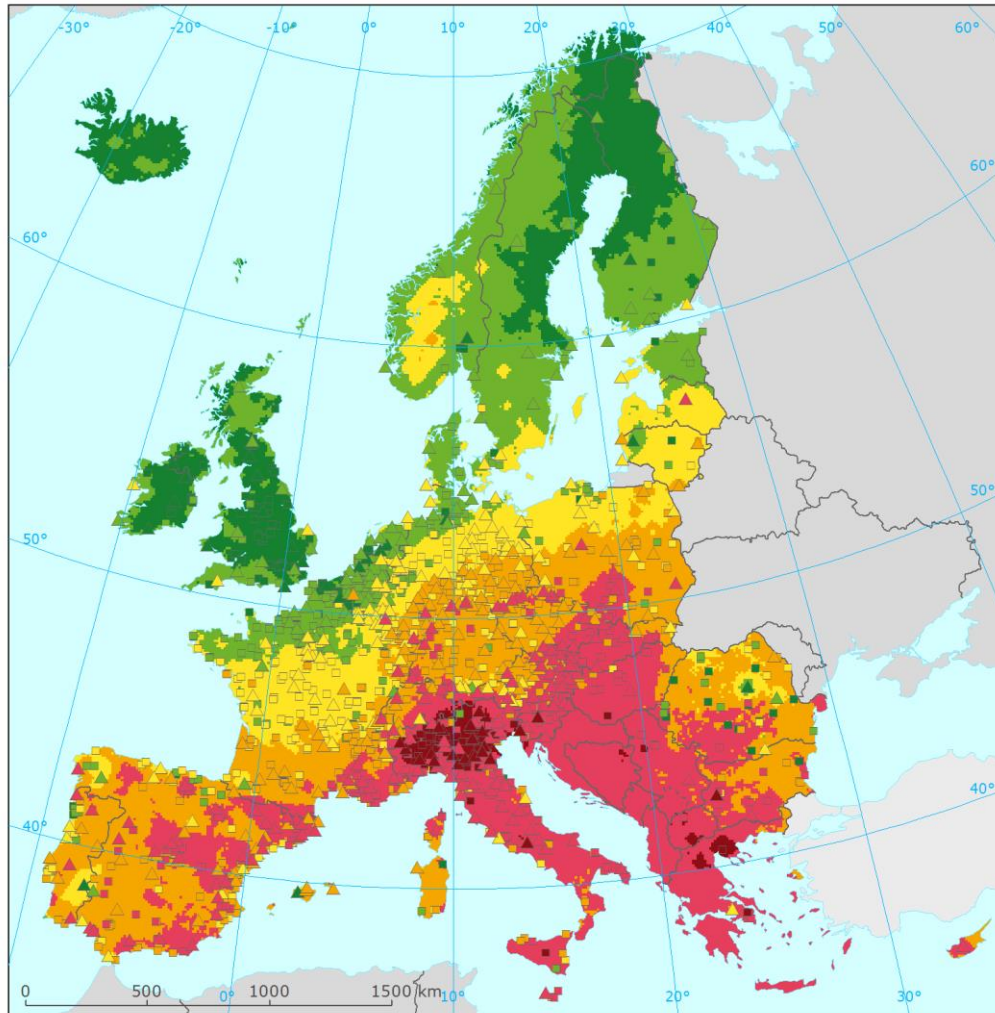
Reference Year: 2012

Combined Rural and Urban Background Map

Resolution: 10x10 km

-  ≤ 5 µg.m<sup>-3</sup>
-  5 - 10 µg.m<sup>-3</sup>
-  10 - 15 µg.m<sup>-3</sup>
-  15 - 20 µg.m<sup>-3</sup>
-  20 - 25 µg.m<sup>-3</sup> (20 = LV<sub>2020</sub>)
-  > 25 µg.m<sup>-3</sup> (25 = TV, LV<sub>2015</sub>)
-  outside data coverage
-  poor data coverage
-  rural background station
-  urban/suburban background station

# *O<sub>3</sub> – 26<sup>th</sup> highest daily max. 8-hourly mean, 2011*

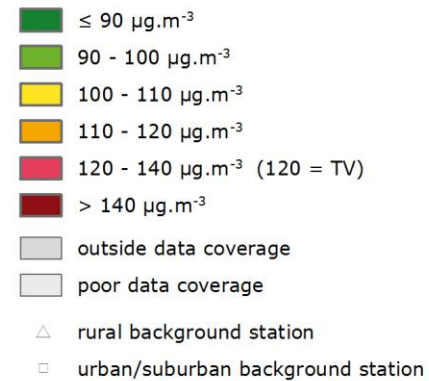


## **Ozone – 26<sup>th</sup> Highest Daily Maximum 8-hour Mean**

Reference Year: 2012

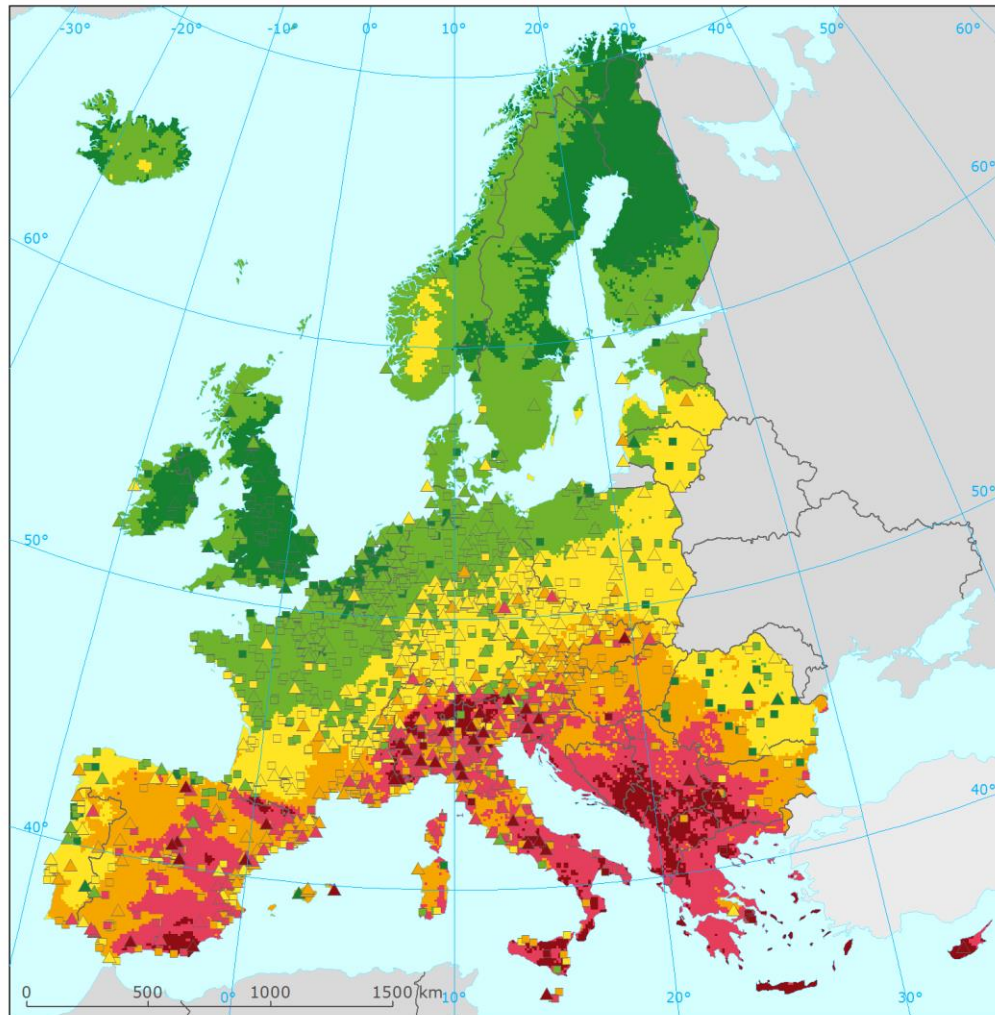
Combined Rural and Urban Background Map

Resolution: 10x10 km





# $O_3$ – SOMO35, 2011

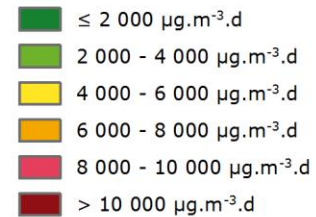


## Ozone SOMO35

Reference Year: 2012

Combined Rural and Urban Background Map

Resolution: 10x10 km



outside data coverage

poor data coverage

△ rural background station

□ urban/suburban background station

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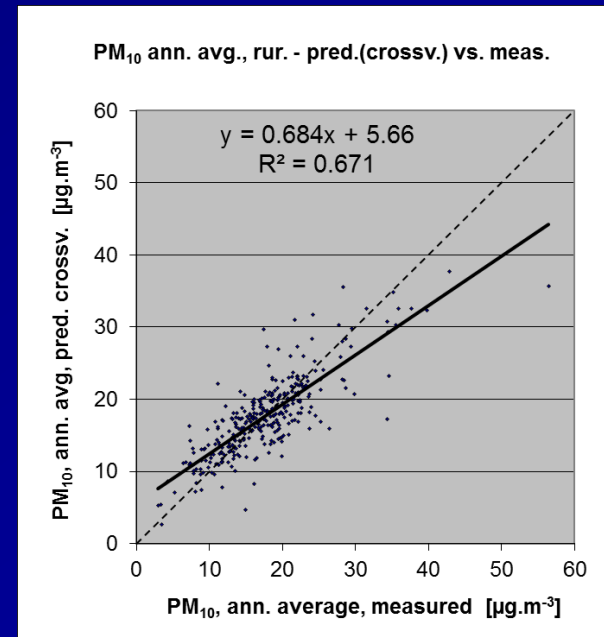


# Routine evaluation

**cross-validation** – the spatial interpolation is calculated for every measurement point based on all available information except from the point in question. These estimated values are compared with the measured ones by scatter-plot (including  $R^2$  and regression equation) and by statistical indicators, espec. RMSE and bias (MPE). Occasionally also MAE and other ones.

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{Z}(s_i) - Z(s_i))^2}$$
$$bias(MPE) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{Z}(s_i) - Z(s_i))$$
$$MAE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |Z(s_i) - \hat{Z}(s_i)|}$$

where  $Z(s_i)$  is the measured value in point  $s_i$ ;  
 $\hat{Z}(s_i)$  is the estimation in the point  $s_i$   
using other points  
 $N$  is the number of the stations



## Routine evaluation – continuation

Next to this: RMSE in relative terms

$$RRMSE = \frac{RMSE}{Z} \cdot 100$$

Z is the mean of the air pollution indicator value for all stations

Cross-validation evaluates of the quality of the predicted values at locations without measurements.

It also enables to validate the quality of the uncertainty map , i.e. kriging standard error (or standard deviation) map, created based on the geostatistical theory.

## Routine evaluation – continuation

**Comparison of the point measured and interpolated grid values** – the linear regression equation and its  $R^2$  , by RMSE and bias.

Simple comparison evaluates the quality of the map at locations of measurements. (Variability – due to interpolation smoothing, spatial averaging into 10x10 km cells , and eventually rural/urban merging).

### **Validation done separately for urban and rural areas**

- for rural maps (using rural background stations)
- for urban background maps (using urban background stations)
- for final merged maps (using rural and urban background stations, separately)

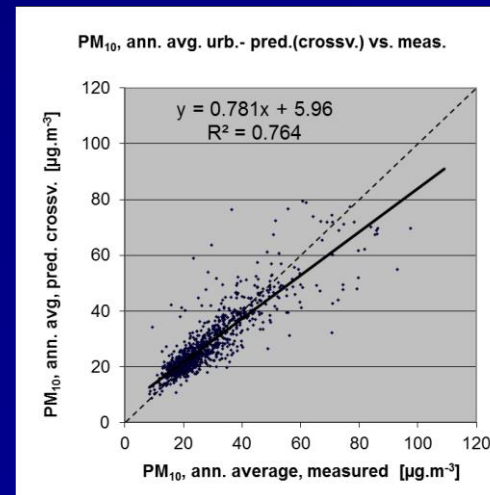
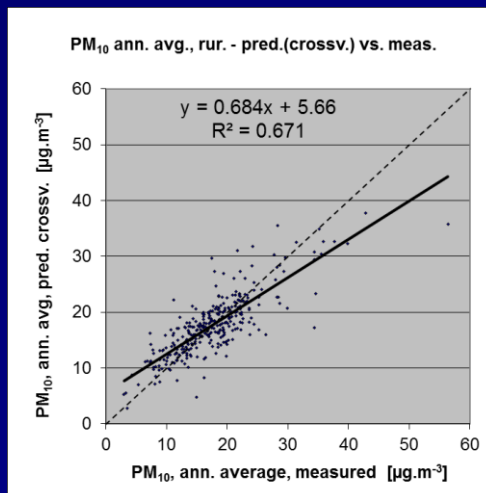
# Routine evaluation – continuation

*Separate for rural and urban background maps*

***PM<sub>10</sub>, annual average, 2012***

***cross-validation***

linear regr. model + OK of its residuals	rural areas	urban areas
	parameter values	parameter values
RMSE [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}$ ]	3.8	6.1
Relative RMSE [%]	21.4	22.1
bias (MPE) [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}$ ]	0.1	0.0

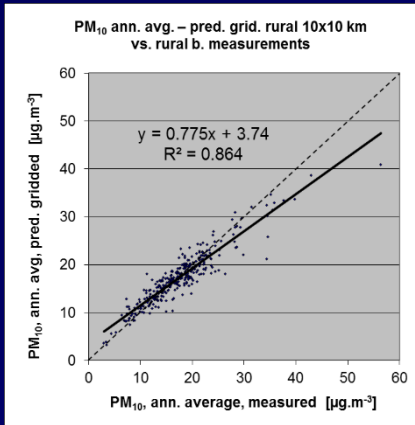


Level of underestimation in areas without measurement can be estimated.

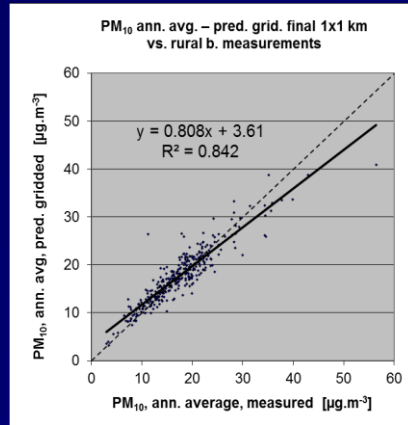
# Analysis of rural/urban areas in final map

## $PM_{10}$ , annual average, 2012

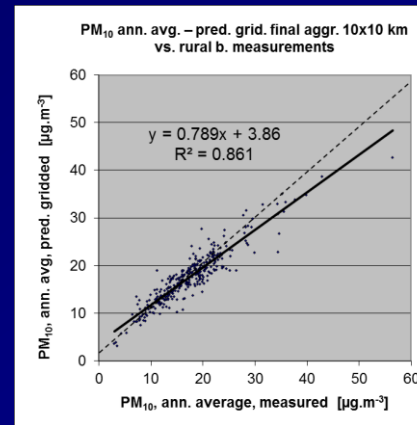
### simple comparison – rural areas



*rural 10x10*



*final merged 1x1*



*final, aggr. 10x10*

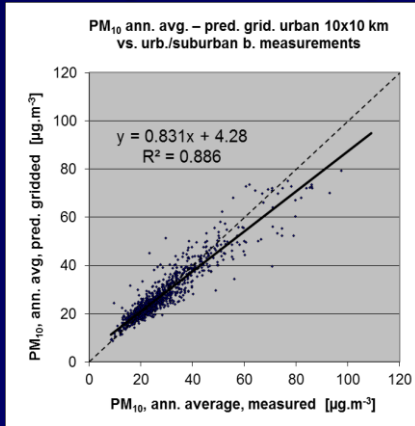
Good representation in both 1x1 km and 10x10 km maps.

	rural backgr. stations			
	RMSE	bias	R <sup>2</sup>	equation
cross-valid. prediction, separate (r or ub) map	3.8	0.1	0.67	$y = 0.684x + 5.66$
grid prediction, 10x10 km separate (r or ub) map	2.5	-0.2	0.86	$y = 0.775x + 3.74$
grid prediction, 1x1 km final merged map	2.6	0.3	0.84	$y = 0.808x + 3.61$
grid prediction, aggr. 10x10 km final merged map	2.5	0.2	0.86	$y = 0.789x + 3.86$

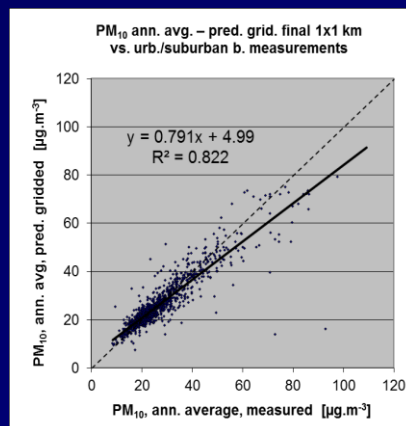
# Analysis of rural/urban areas in final map – cont.

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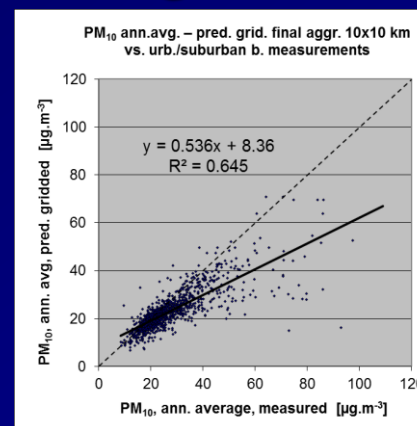
**simple comparison – urban background areas**



**rural 10x10**



**final merged 1x1**



**final, aggr. 10x10**

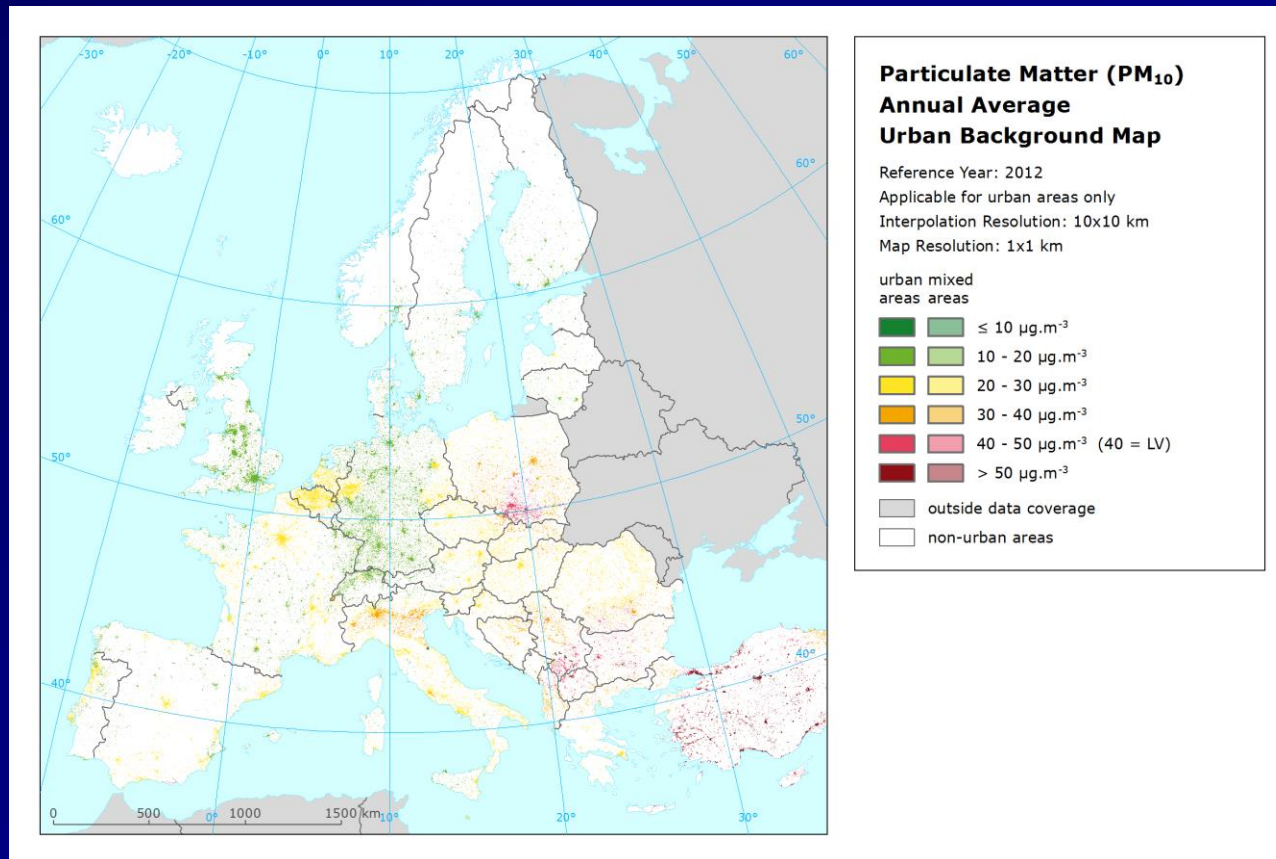
Good representation in 1x1 km map, but not in 10x10 km map (bias, RMSE,  $R^2$ ).

	urb./suburban backgr. stations			
	RMSE	bias	$R^2$	equation
cross-valid. prediction, separate (r or ub) map	6.1	0.0	0.76	$y = 0.781x + 6.0$
grid prediction, 10x10 km separate (r or ub) map	4.3	-0.3	0.89	$y = 0.831x + 4.3$
grid prediction, 1x1 km final merged map	5.3	-0.7	0.82	$y = 0.791x + 5.0$
grid prediction, aggr. 10x10 km final merged map	8.7	-4.2	0.65	$y = 0.536x + 8.4$



# Analysis of rural/urban areas in final map – cont.

Action: to present **separate urban background AQ map** to illustrate the difference with the aggregated final map.

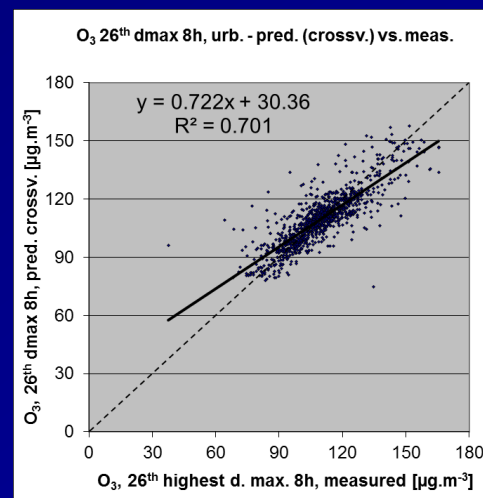
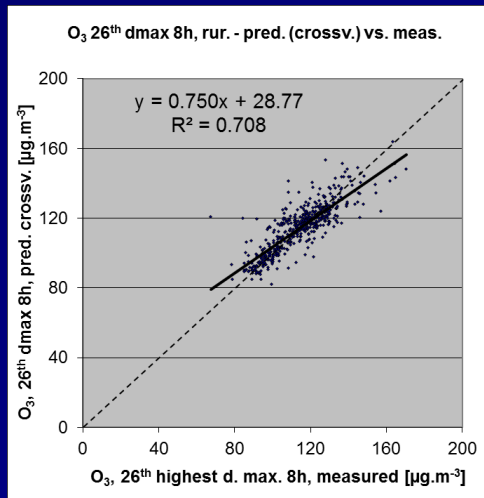


# Routine evaluation – continuation

## *O<sub>3</sub>, 26th highest daily maximum 8-hourly mean, 2012*

### *cross-validation*

linear regr. model + OK on its residuals	rural areas	urban areas
	parameter values	parameter values
RMSE [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}$ ]	8.49	9.06
relative RMSE [%]	7.4	8.3
bias (MPE) [ $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}$ ]	0.18	-0.07



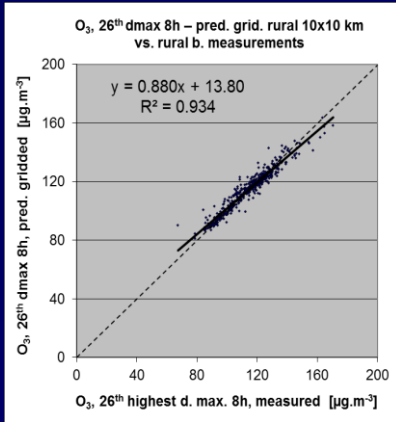
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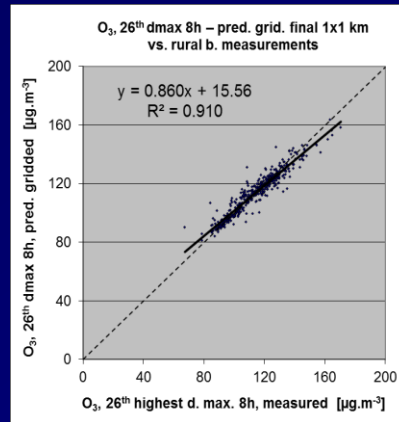
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## $O_3$ 26th highest daily maximum 8-hourly mean, 2012

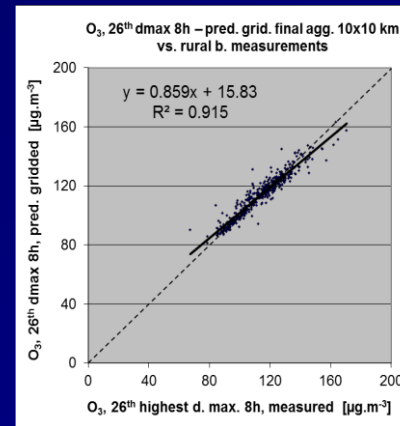
### simple comparison – rural areas



*rural 10x10*



*final merged 1x1*



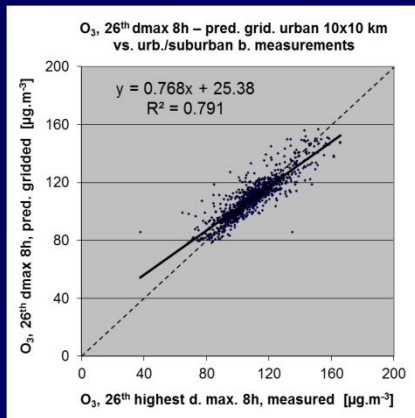
*final, aggr. 10x10*

Good representation in both 1x1 km and 10x10 km maps.

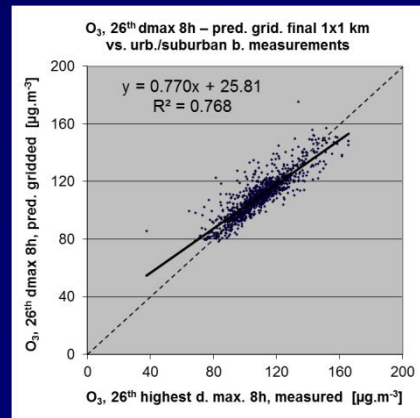
	rural backgr. stations			
	RMSE	bias	R <sup>2</sup>	equation
cross-valid. prediction, separate (r or ub) map	8.5	0.2	0.71	$y = 0.750x + 28.8$
grid prediction, 10x10 km separate (r or ub) map	4.1	0.1	0.93	$y = 0.880x + 13.8$
grid prediction, 1x1 km final merged map	4.8	-0.4	0.910	$y = 0.860x + 15.6$
grid prediction, aggr. 10x10 km final merged map	4.7	-0.3	0.915	$y = 0.859x + 15.8$

# Analysis of rural/urban areas in final map

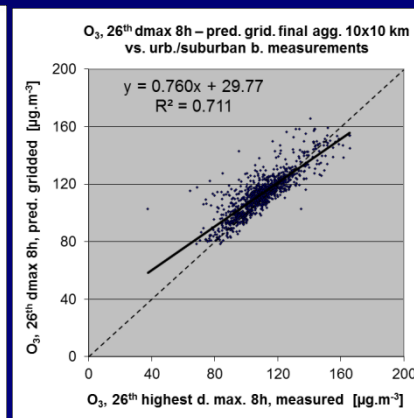
## ***O<sub>3</sub> 26th highest daily maximum 8-hourly mean, 2012*** ***simple comparison – urban background areas***



***rural 10x10***



***final merged 1x1***



***final, aggr. 10x10***

Good representation in 1x1 km map, but not in 10x10 km map (bias, RMSE, R<sup>2</sup>).

	urb./suburban backgr. stations			
	RMSE	bias	R <sup>2</sup>	equation
cross-valid. prediction, separate (r or ub) map	9.1	-0.1	0.70	$y = 0.722x + 30.4$
grid prediction, 10x10 km separate (r or ub) map	7.6	0.0	0.79	$y = 0.768x + 25.4$
grid prediction, 1x1 km final merged map	8.0	0.7	0.77	$y = 0.770x + 25.8$
grid prediction, aggr. 10x10 km final merged map	9.6	3.5	0.71	$y = 0.760x + 29.8$

# Analysis of different CTMs use

Detailed analysis presented in ***ETC/ACM Technical Paper 2013/9 „Evaluation of Copernicus MACC-II ensemble products in the ETC/ACM spatial air quality mapping“***

Comparison of the use of EMEP, MACC-II Ensemble and CHIMERE-EC4MACS (in two different resolution) in ETC/ACM mapping.

Additionally, comparison of ETC/ACM mapping and the model results

Evaluation of Copernicus MACC-II ensemble products  
in the ETC/ACM spatial air quality mapping



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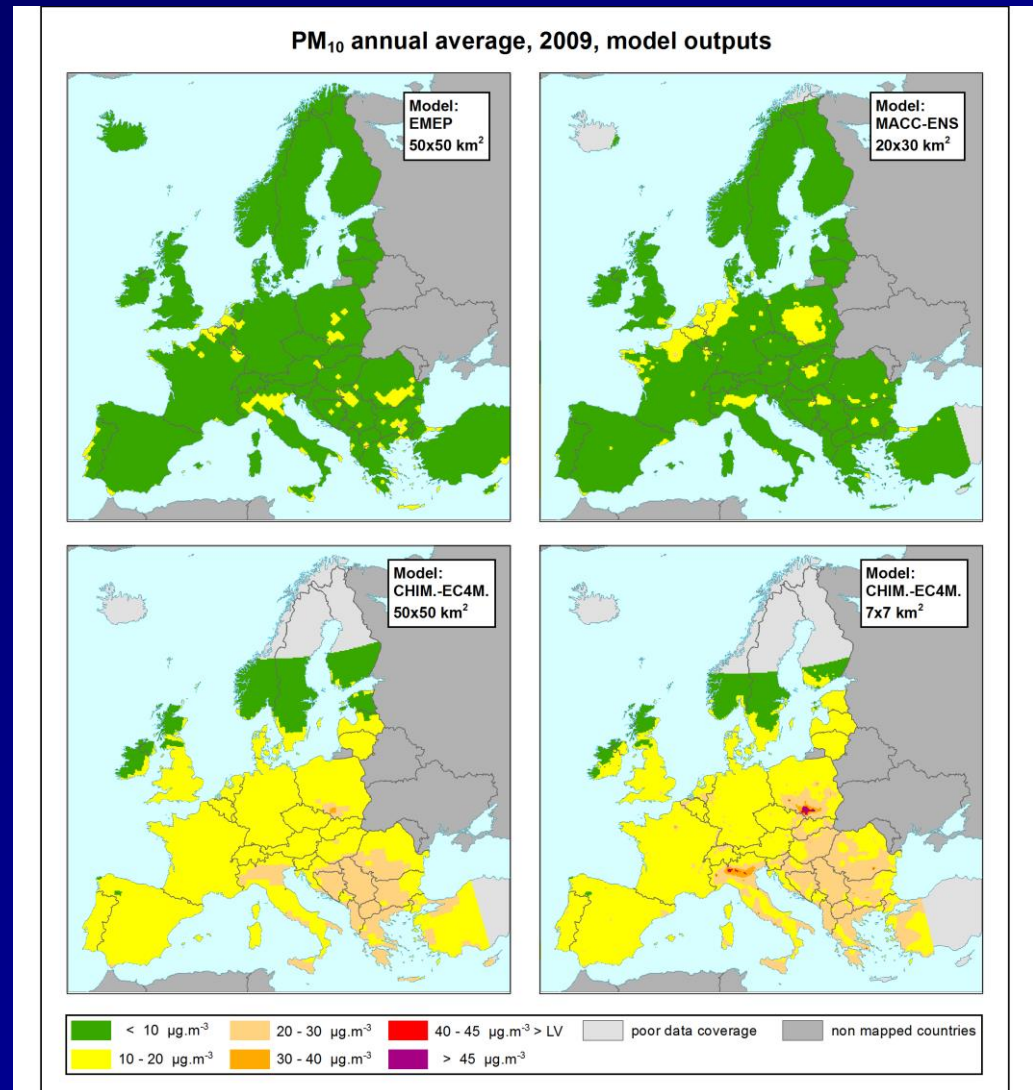
# Analysis of the use of other models - continuation

## Outputs of different models. $PM_{10}$ , annual average, 2009

Statistical indicators against measured data at rural stations.

chemical transport model	rural			
	RMSE	bias	$R^2$	regr. equation
EMEP, 50x50	13.05	-11.63	0.254	$y = 0.182x + 4.17$
MACC-ENS, 20x30	12.49	-11.02	0.261	$y = 0.192x + 4.60$
CHIMERE-EC4M., 50x50	6.45	-3.67	0.348	$y = 0.258x + 10.67$
CHIMERE-EC4M., 7x7	5.36	-2.12	0.474	$y = 0.414x + 9.21$

Different results for different models.





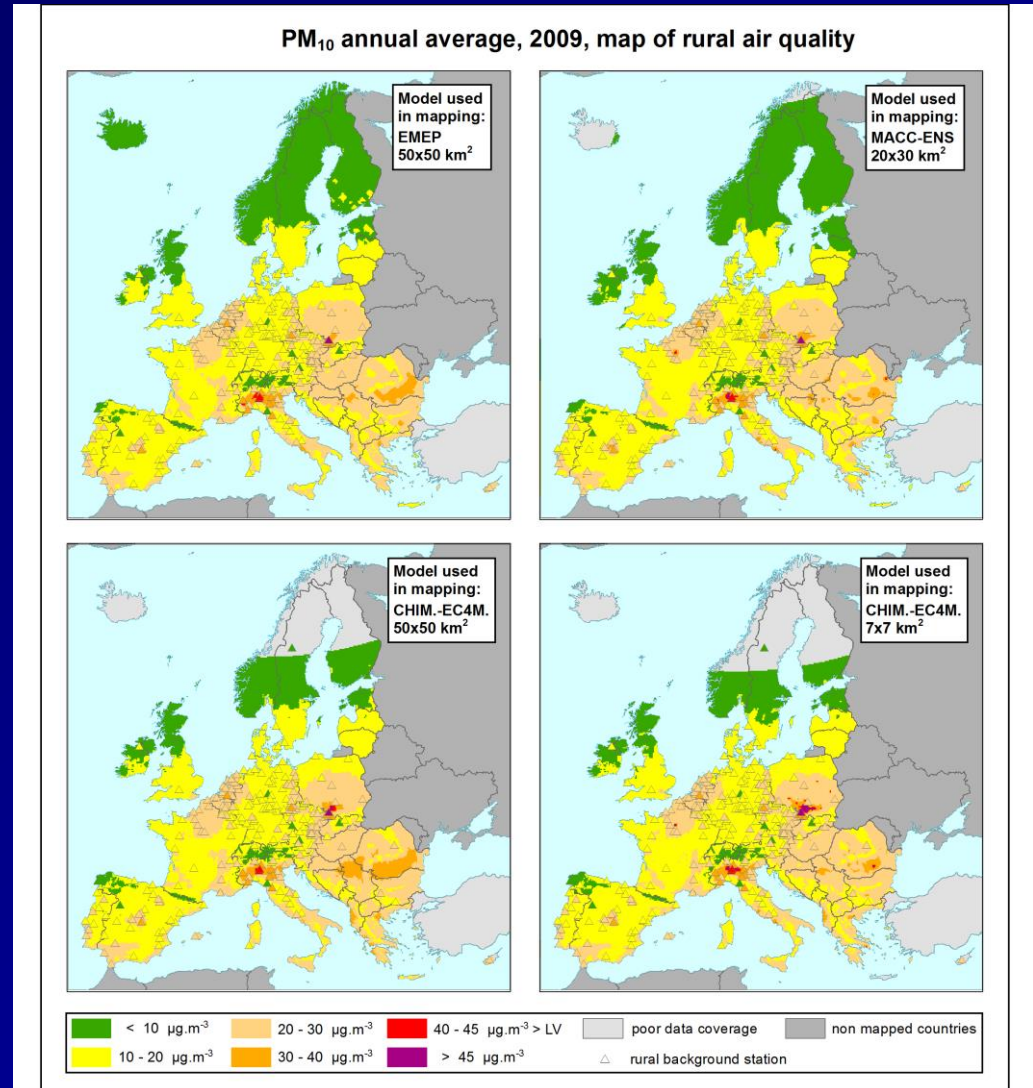
# Analysis of the use of other models - continuation

## ETC/ACM mapping using different models, rural map, $PM_{10}$ , ann. average, 2009

Statistical indicators using cross-validation at rural stations.

model used in ETC/ACM mapping	rural				
	RMSE	bias	$R^2$	regr. equation	
EMEP, 50x50	4.70	24.3%	0.16	0.518	$y = 0.565x + 8.58$
MACC-ENS, 20x30	4.55	23.5%	0.16	0.554	$y = 0.620x + 7.51$
CHIMERE-EC4M., 50x50	4.43	22.9%	0.14	0.568	$y = 0.577x + 8.32$
CHIMERE-EC4M., 7x7	4.21	21.8%	0.15	0.613	$y = 0.645x + 7.01$

Similar bias for mapping using different models.



**1. Mapping methodology**

**2. Routine evaluation (especially cross-validation)**

**3. Evaluation using Delta tool (first attempt)**

## Evaluation using Delta tool (first attempt)

**Obstacles:** Annual, not daily data.  
Especially: Monitoring data used in the result.

*Is Delta tool suitable for the mapping methods based on the combination of monitoring and modelling data?*

**Approach:** To test

- mapping using full set of the stations, against the same set of the stations
- mapping using the assimilation-subset of the stations, against the validation-subset of the stations

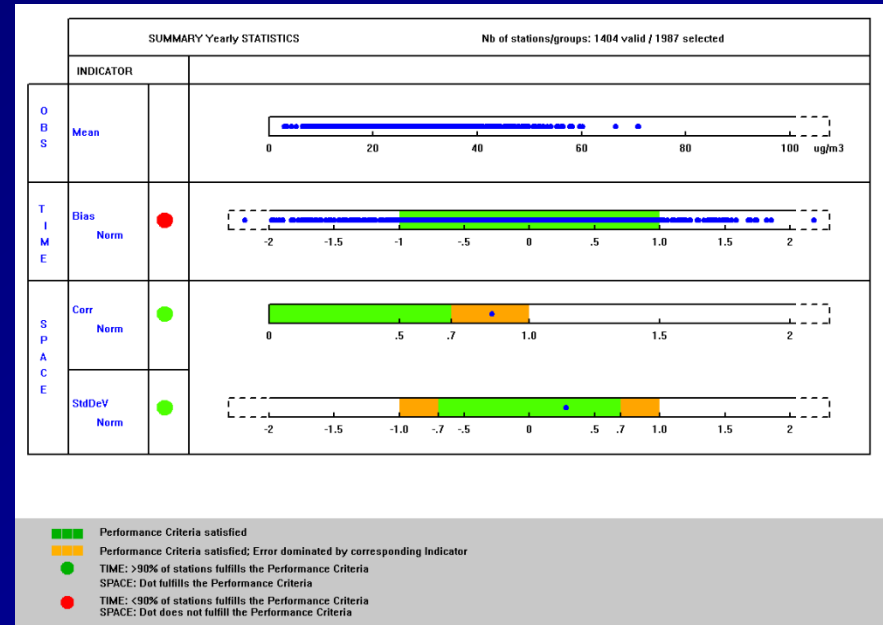
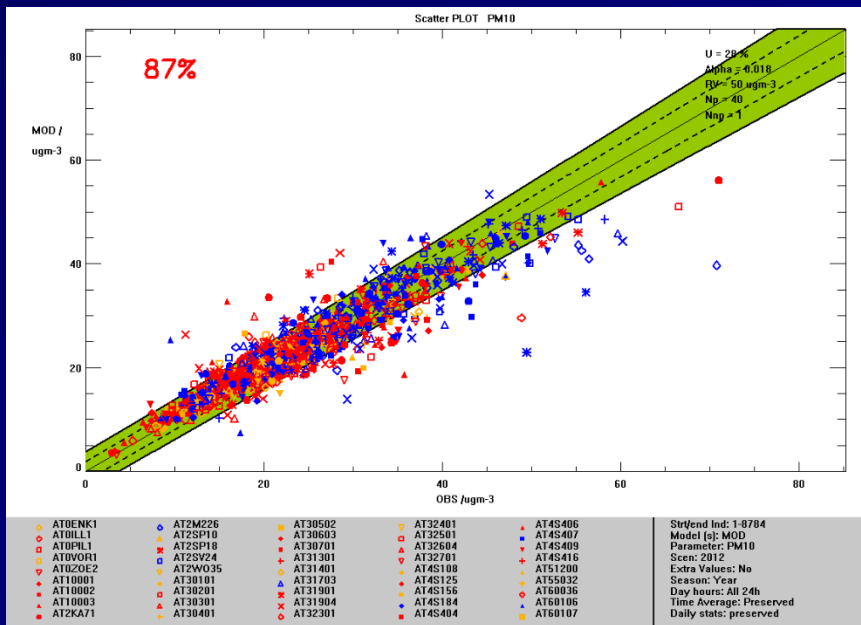
The subsets – received by INERIS, as used in MACC.

# Evaluation using Delta tool (first attempt) – contin.

## Preliminary results

### PM<sub>10</sub> annual average, 2012

full set of the stations, all types of the stations



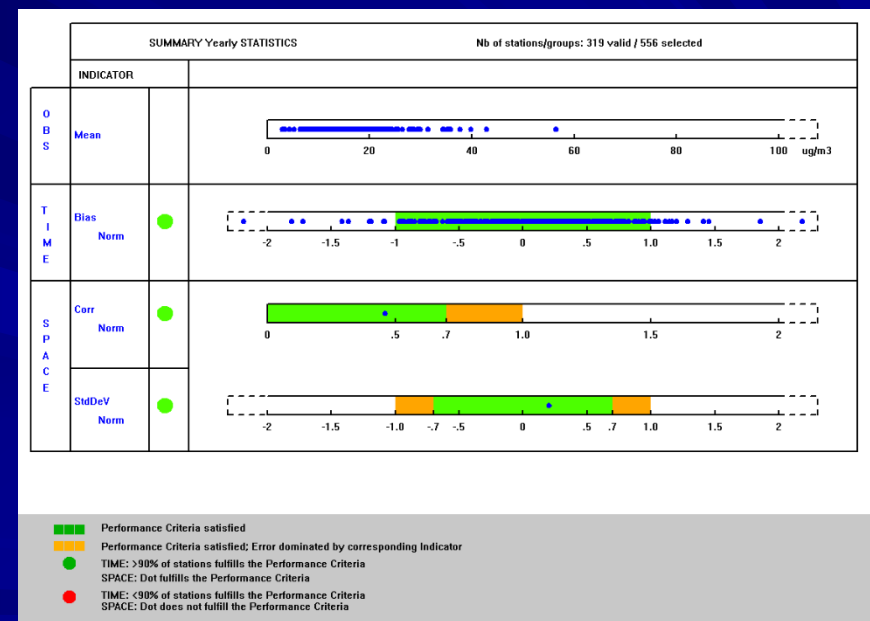
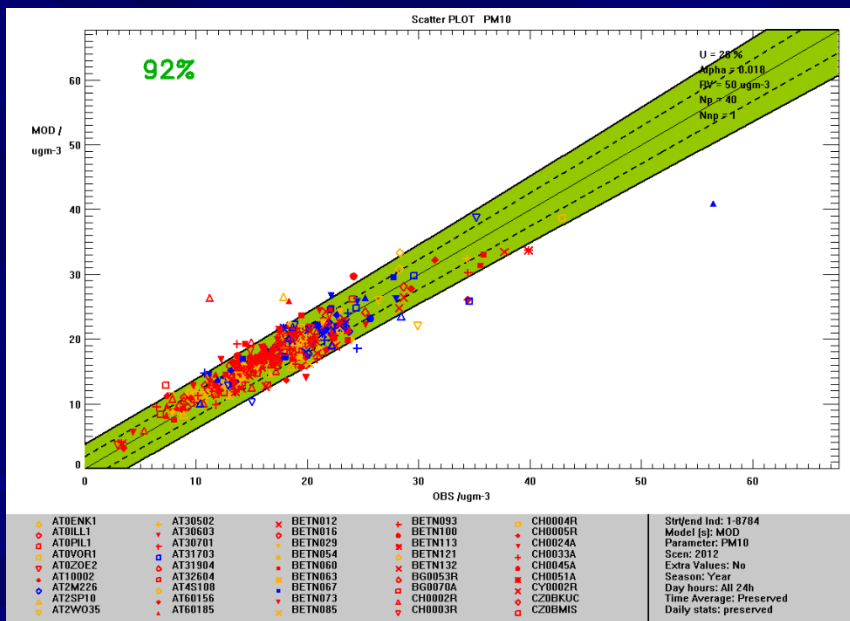


# Evaluation using Delta tool (first attempt) – contin.

## Preliminary results

### PM<sub>10</sub> annual average, 2012

full set of the stations, rural background stations

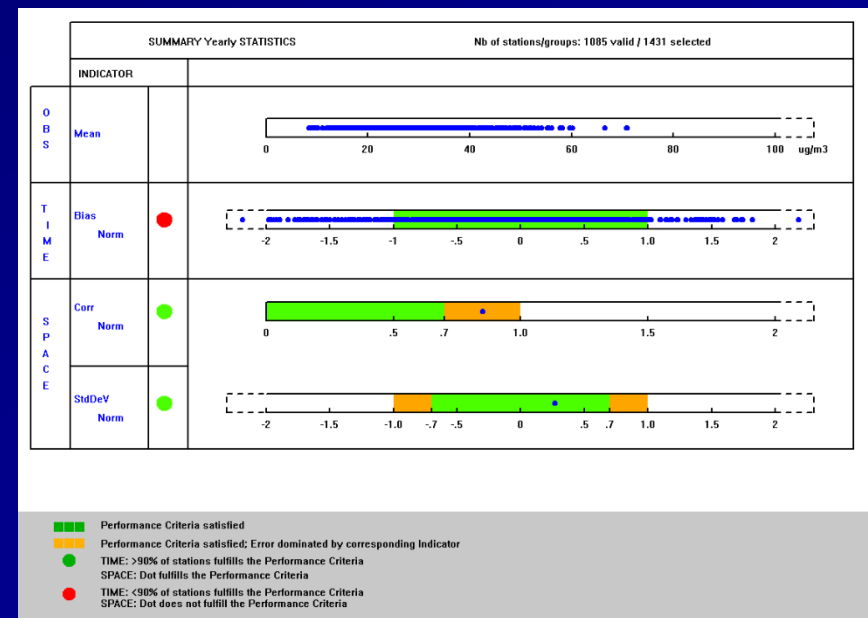
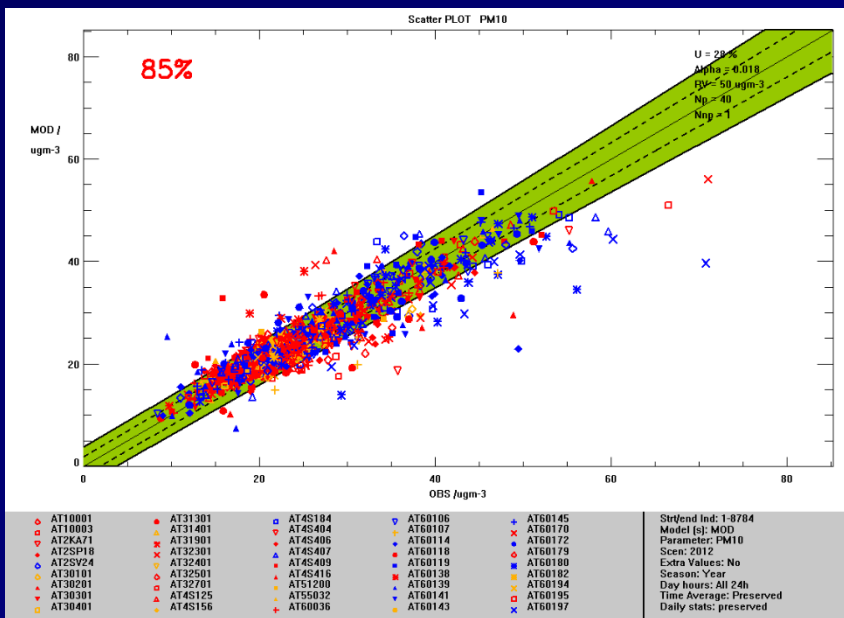


# Evaluation using Delta tool (first attempt) – contin.

## Preliminary results

### PM<sub>10</sub> annual average, 2012

full set of the stations, urban/suburban backgr. stations

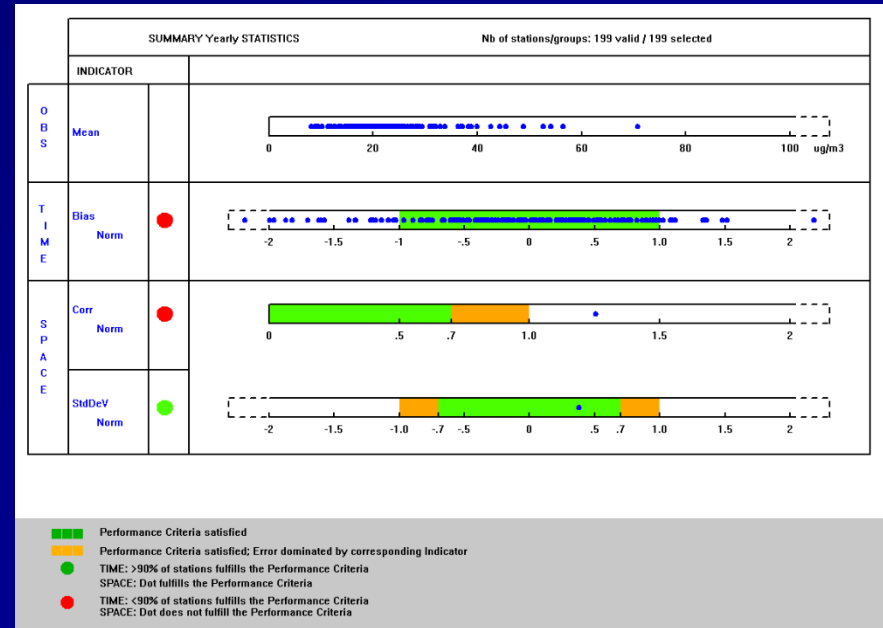
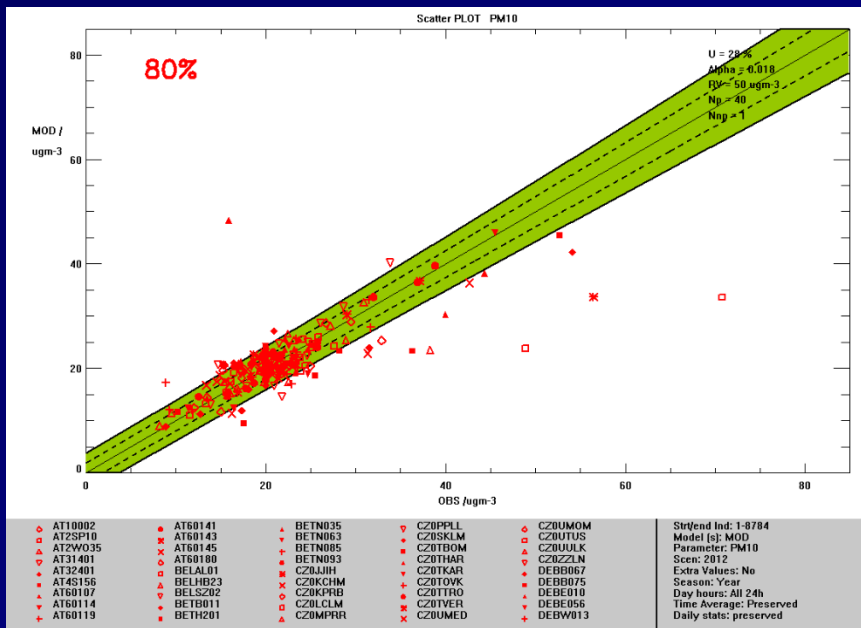


# Evaluation using Delta tool (first attempt) – contin.

## Preliminary results

### PM<sub>10</sub> annual average, 2012

mapping using assimilation subset of the stations,  
against validation subset of the stations, all types

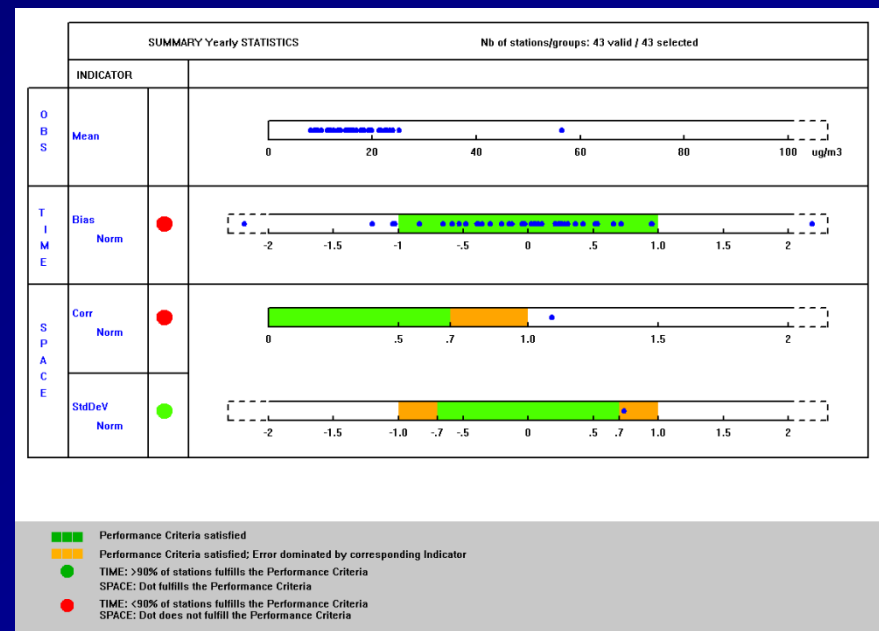
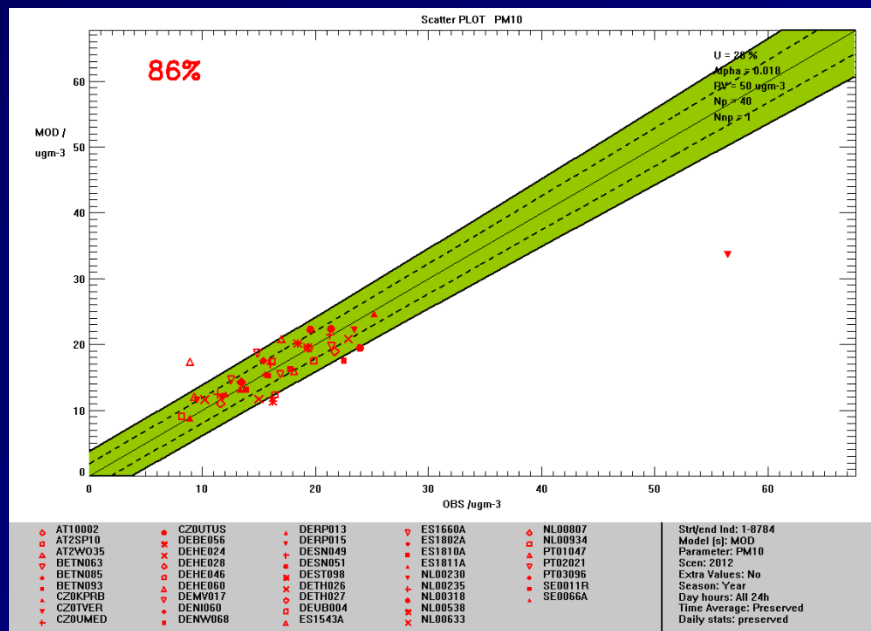


# Evaluation using Delta tool (first attempt) – contin.

## Preliminary results

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mapping using assimilation subset of the stations, against validation subset of the stations, rural background stations

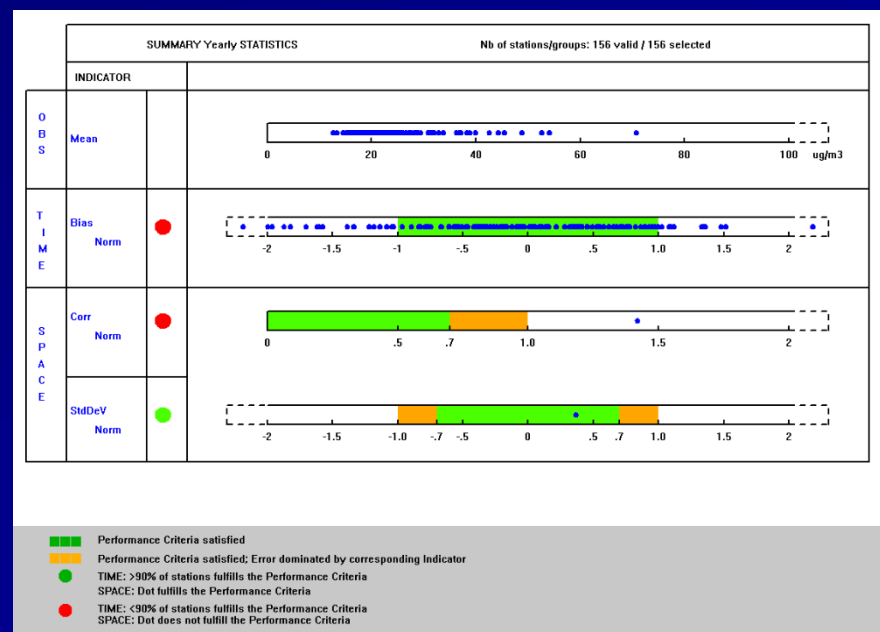
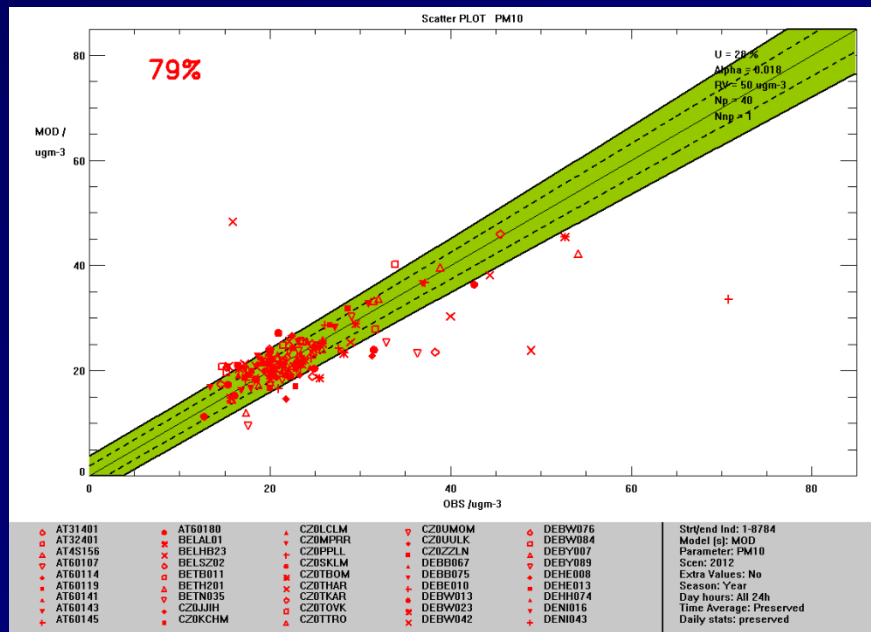


# Evaluation using Delta tool (first attempt) – contin.

## Preliminary results

### PM<sub>10</sub> annual average, 2012

mapping using assimilation subset of the stations, against the validation subset, urban/suburb. background stations

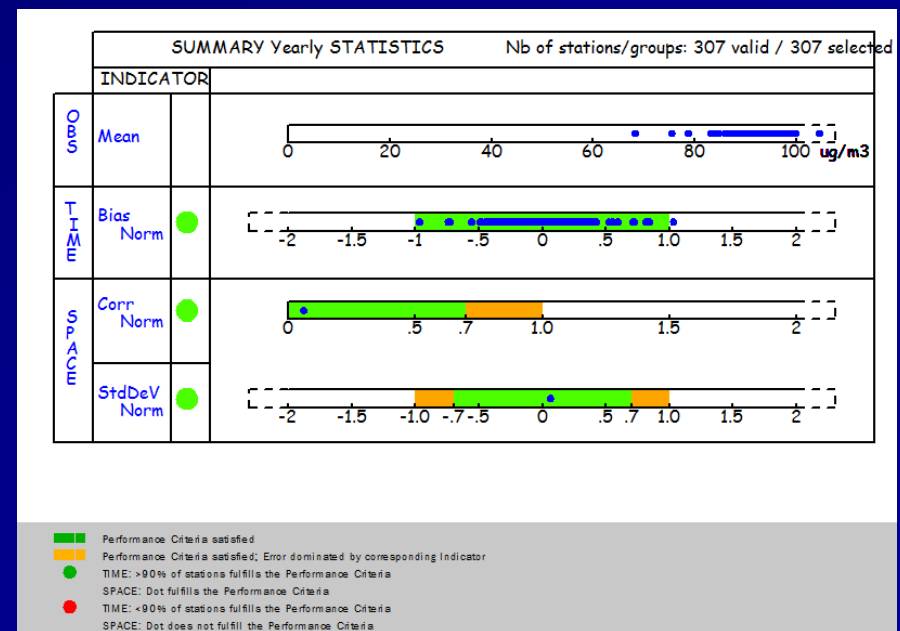
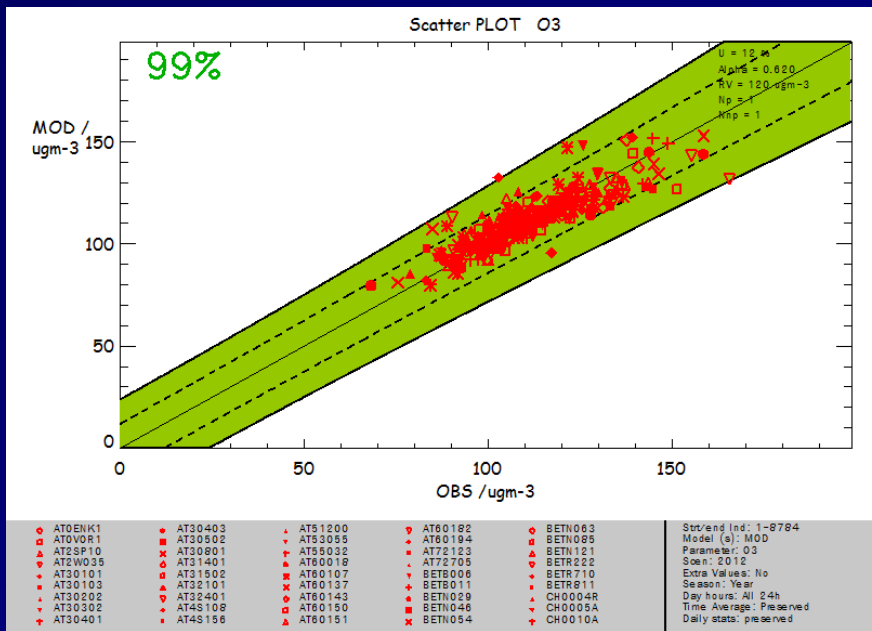


# Evaluation using Delta tool (first attempt) – contin.

## Preliminary results

### Ozone, 26<sup>th</sup> highest daily max. 8-hourly daily mean, 2012

mapping using assimilation subset of the stations,  
against validation subset of the stations, all types



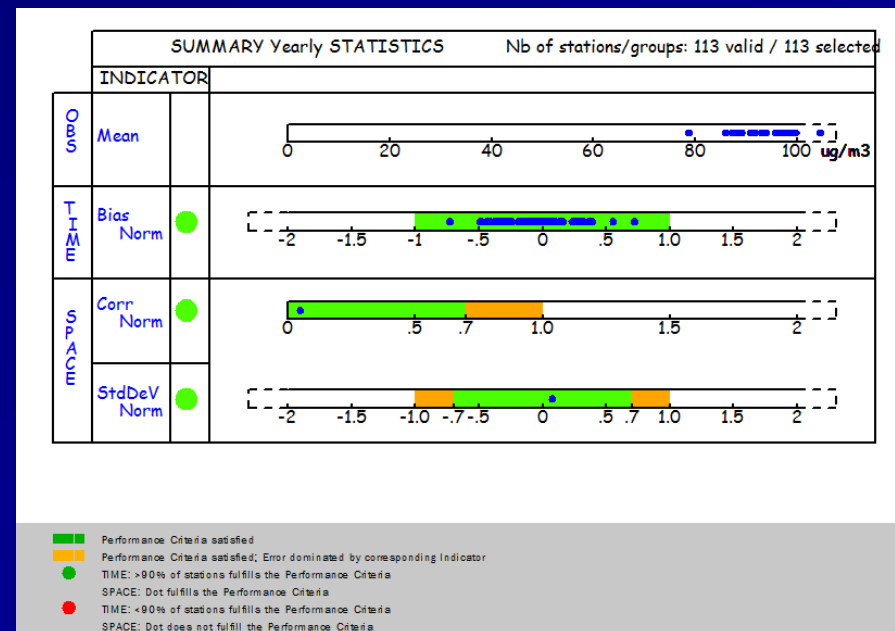
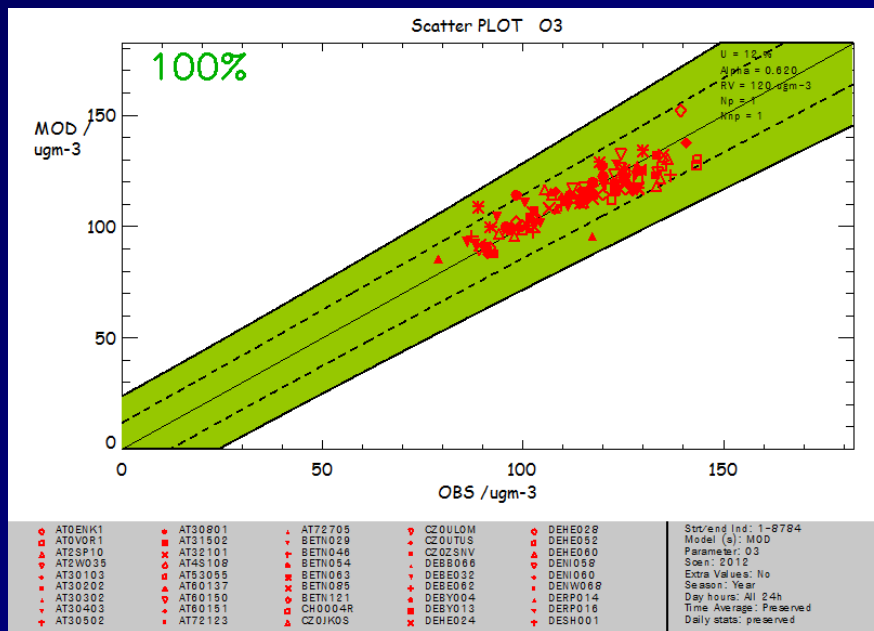


# Evaluation using Delta tool (first attempt) – contin.

## Preliminary results

### Ozone, 26<sup>th</sup> highest daily max. 8-hourly daily mean, 2012

mapping using assimilation subset of the stations, against validation subset of the stations, rural background stations

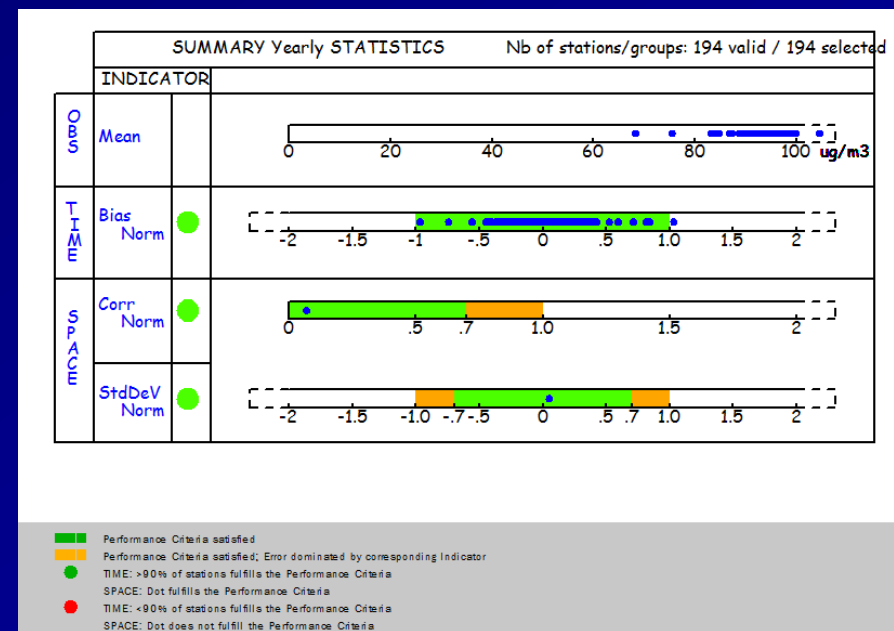
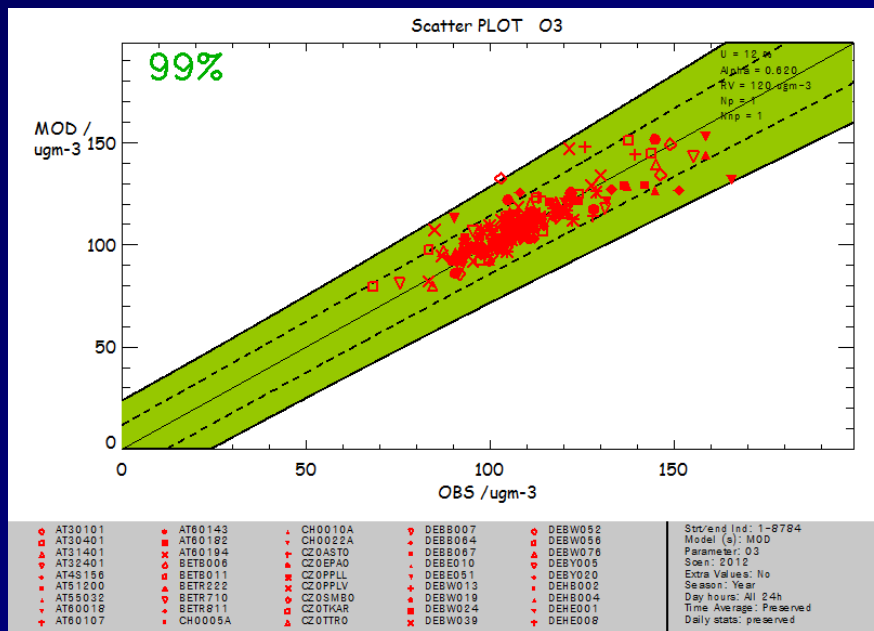


# Evaluation using Delta tool (first attempt) – contin.

## Preliminary results

### Ozone, 26<sup>th</sup> highest daily max. 8-hourly daily mean, 2012

mapping using assimilation subset of the stations, against the validation subset, urban/suburb. background stations



## Conclusions

ETC/ACM spatial interpolation mapping is based primarily on the measured data. Secondary data – chemical transport model data, altitude, meteorology, population density. Linear regression model plus kriging on its residuals.

Urban and rural areas are mapped separately, merged together using population density.

Routine evaluation – cross-validation, simple comparison of monitoring and mapped data. Separately for rural and urban/suburban background station.

Evaluation using Dela tool – first attempt, preliminary results. Is Delta tool suitable for the combined monit.-modelled map?

**Thank you for your attention.**