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Air quality in Poland – Spatial Representativeness

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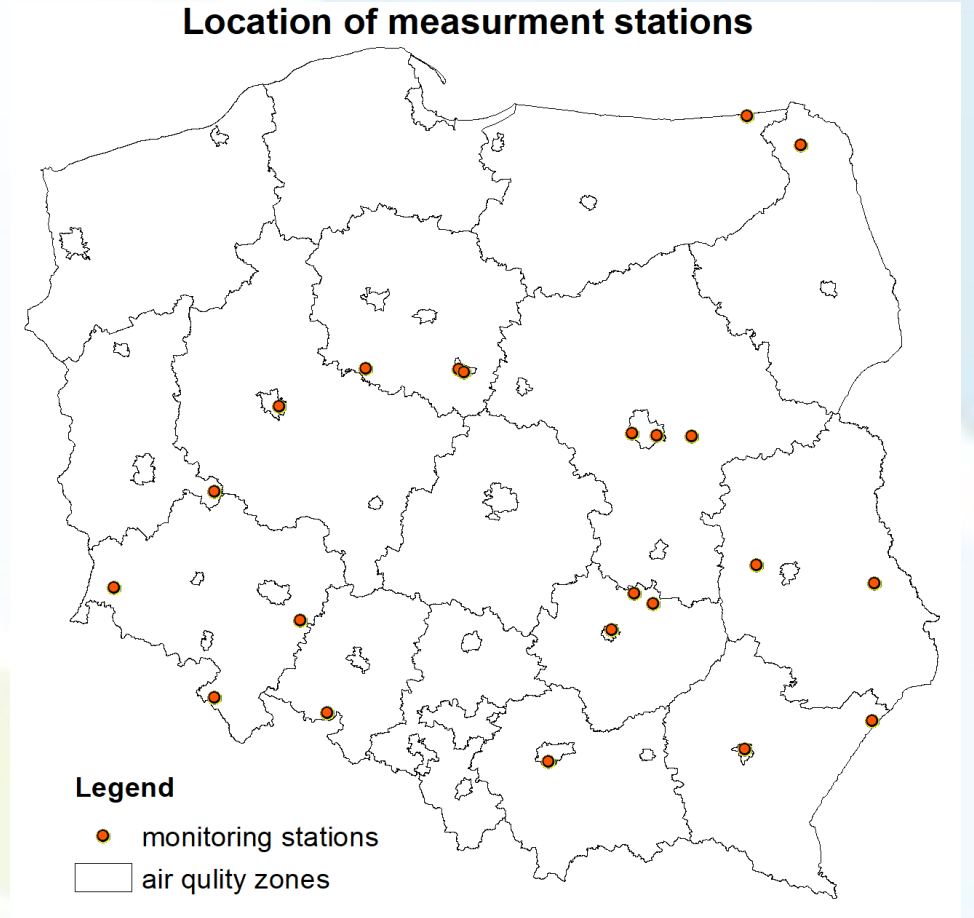
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Monitoring stations for SR

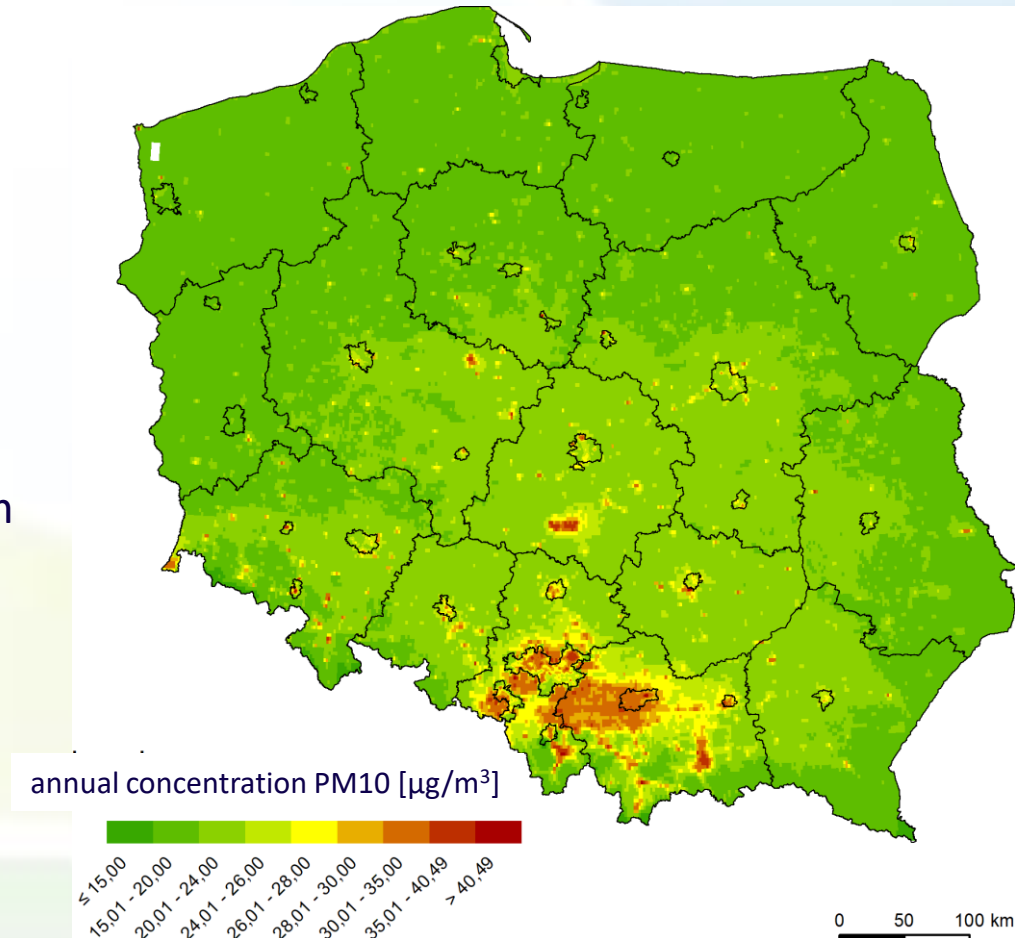
1. Same set of monitoring stations as for our Annual report of Spatial Representativeness in 2020
2. PM10, PM2.5, Ozone, NO₂
3. Limiting criterion:
 $ABS(\text{observed value} - \text{modelled value}) > RMSE$

Pollution	Number of stations		
	rural	urban background	traffic
PM10	2	11	1
PM2.5	2	10	1
NO ₂	2	7	0
Ozone	1	6	0



Annual Air Quality Assessment - modeling data

1. Annual concentration (PM10, PM2.5, Ozone, NO₂ based on Annual Air Quality Assessment for Poland 2019)
2. Annual assessment (45 zones, including 29 urban areas)
3. Model: GEM-AQ
4. Resolution ~0,5 km over urban zones and ~2,5 km over other zones
5. Emissions: Bottom up inventory for Poland and EMEP for Europe
6. Meteorology 2019



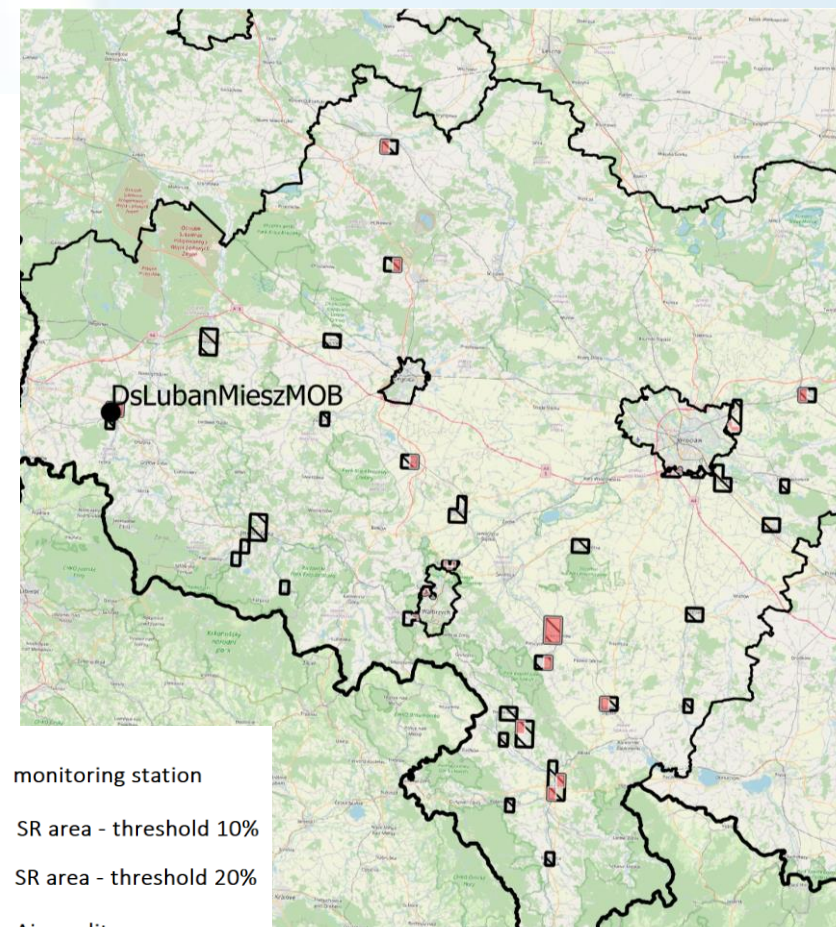
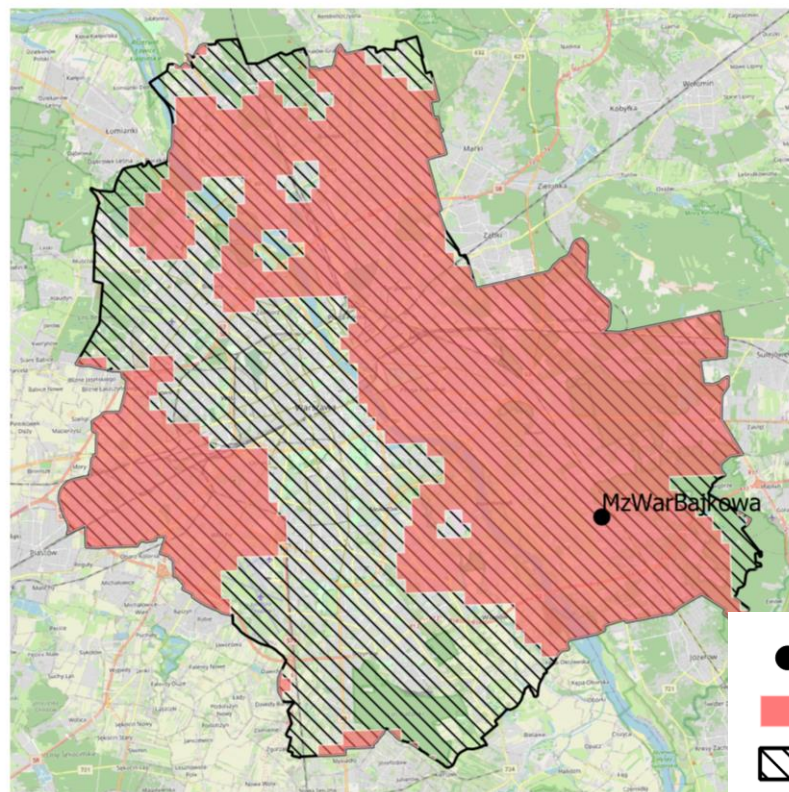
SR areas - criteria

1. Within the SR area a deviation from the modelled concentration at the monitoring stations is allowed within a threshold or tolerance level of 20% (Two thresholds tested **20% and 10%**)
2. Discontinuous approach
3. The boundaries of the Air Quality Zones are used as maximal extend of the SR area



SR areas –results PM10

station name	annual concentration	threshold 20%			annual concentration - Air Quality Zone
		min	max	part of the air quality zone [%]	
MzWarBajk owa	27,9	22,32	33,48	100%	23,68
DsLubanMieszMOB	32,92	26,34	39,51	2%	21,08
station name	annual concentration	threshold 10%			annual concentration - Air Quality Zone
		min	max	part of the air quality zone [%]	
MzWarBajk owa	27,9	25,11	30,69	61%	23,68
DsLubanMieszMOB	32,92	29,63	36,22	1%	21,08



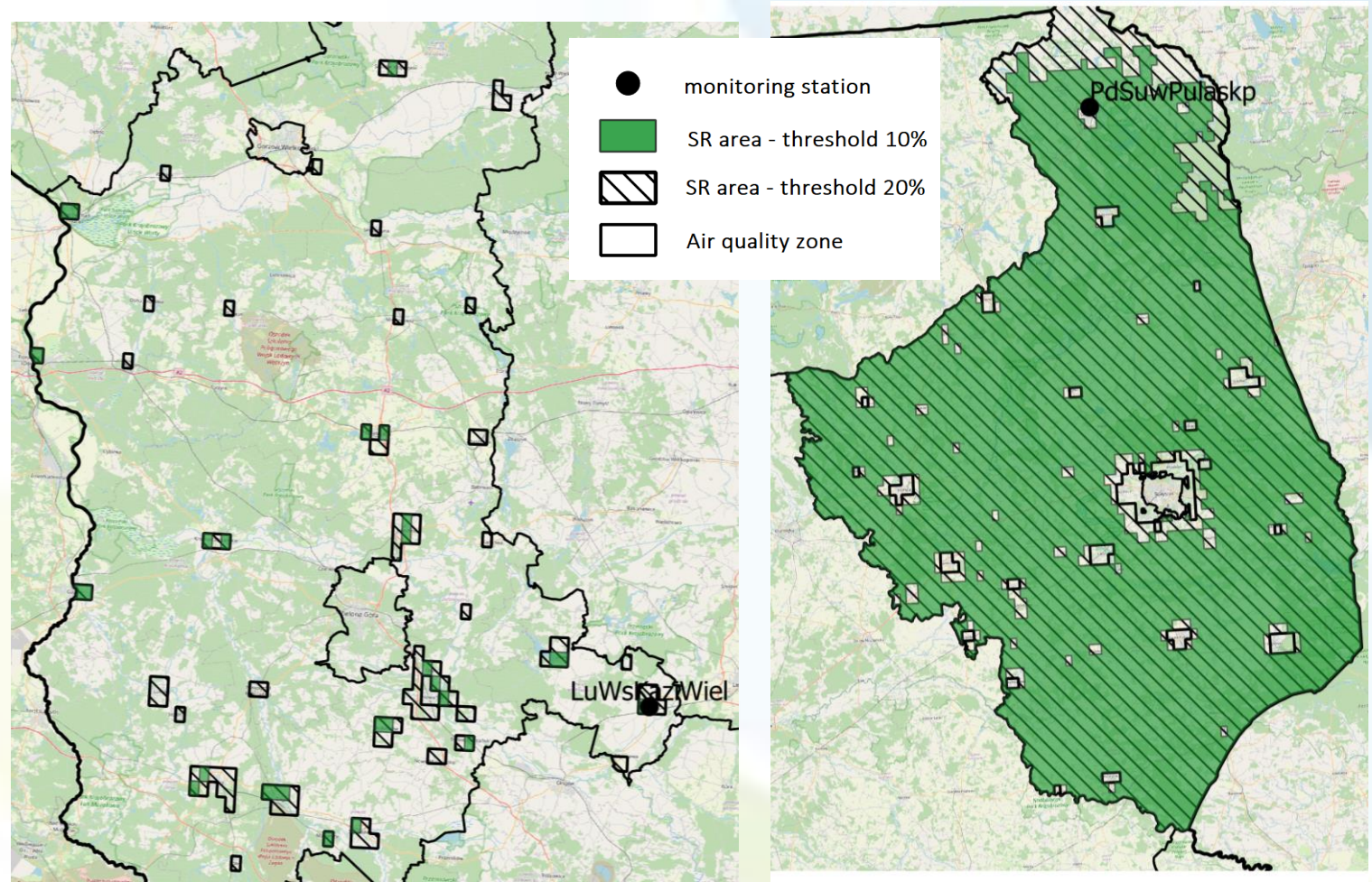
- monitoring station
- SR area - threshold 10%
- ▨ SR area - threshold 20%
- Air quality zone



SR areas –results PM2.5

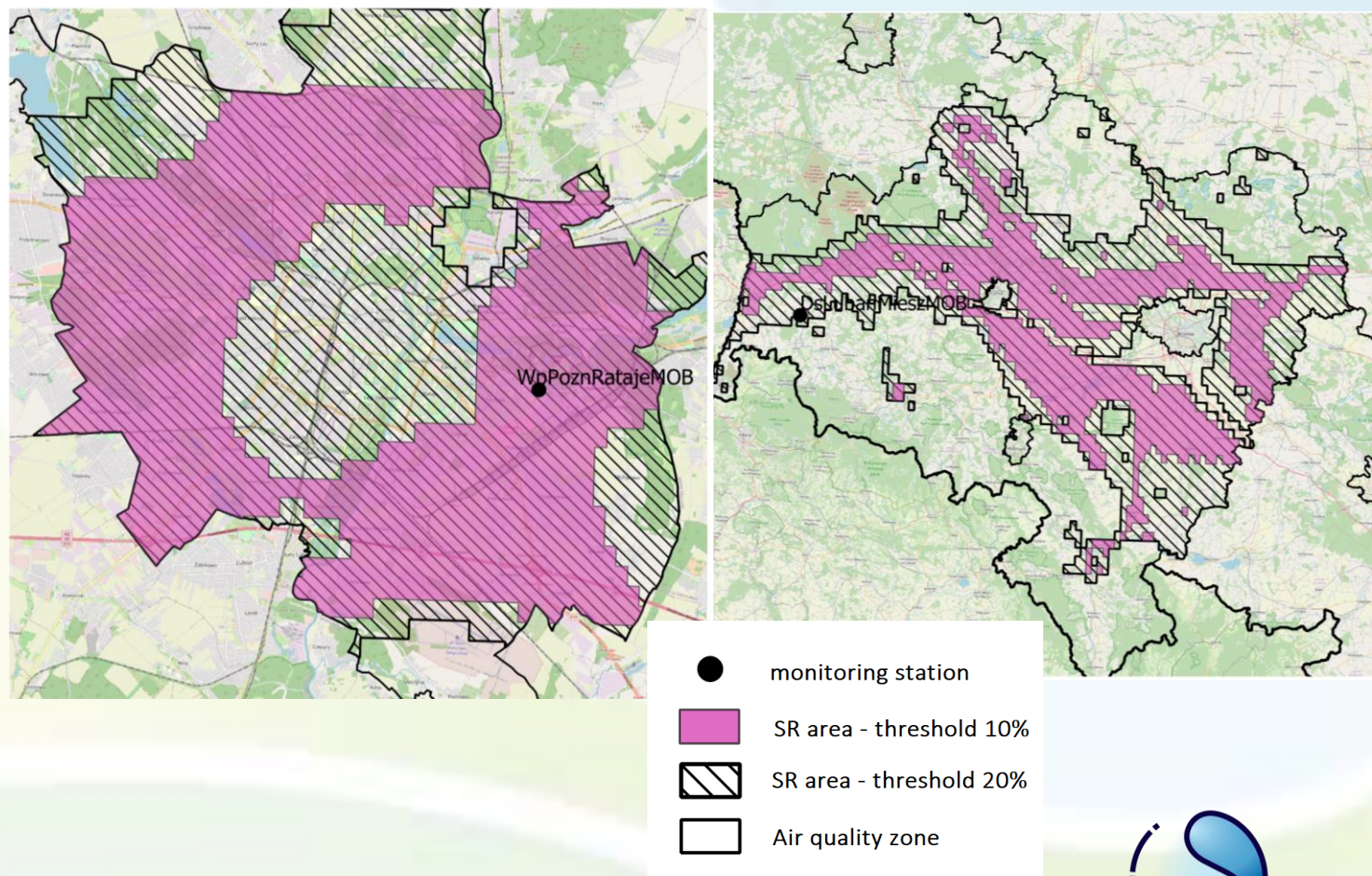
station name	annual concentration	threshold 20%			annual concentration - Air Quality Zone
		min	max	part of the air quality zone [%]	
PdSuwPulaskp	12,0	9,6	14,4	97%	12,6
LuWskaziWiel	21,9	17,5	26,3	4%	12,2

station name	annual concentration	threshold 10%			annual concentration - Air Quality Zone
		min	max	part of the air quality zone [%]	
PdSuwPulaskp	12,0	10,8	13,2	88%	12,6
LuWskaziWiel	21,9	19,7	24,1	1%	12,2



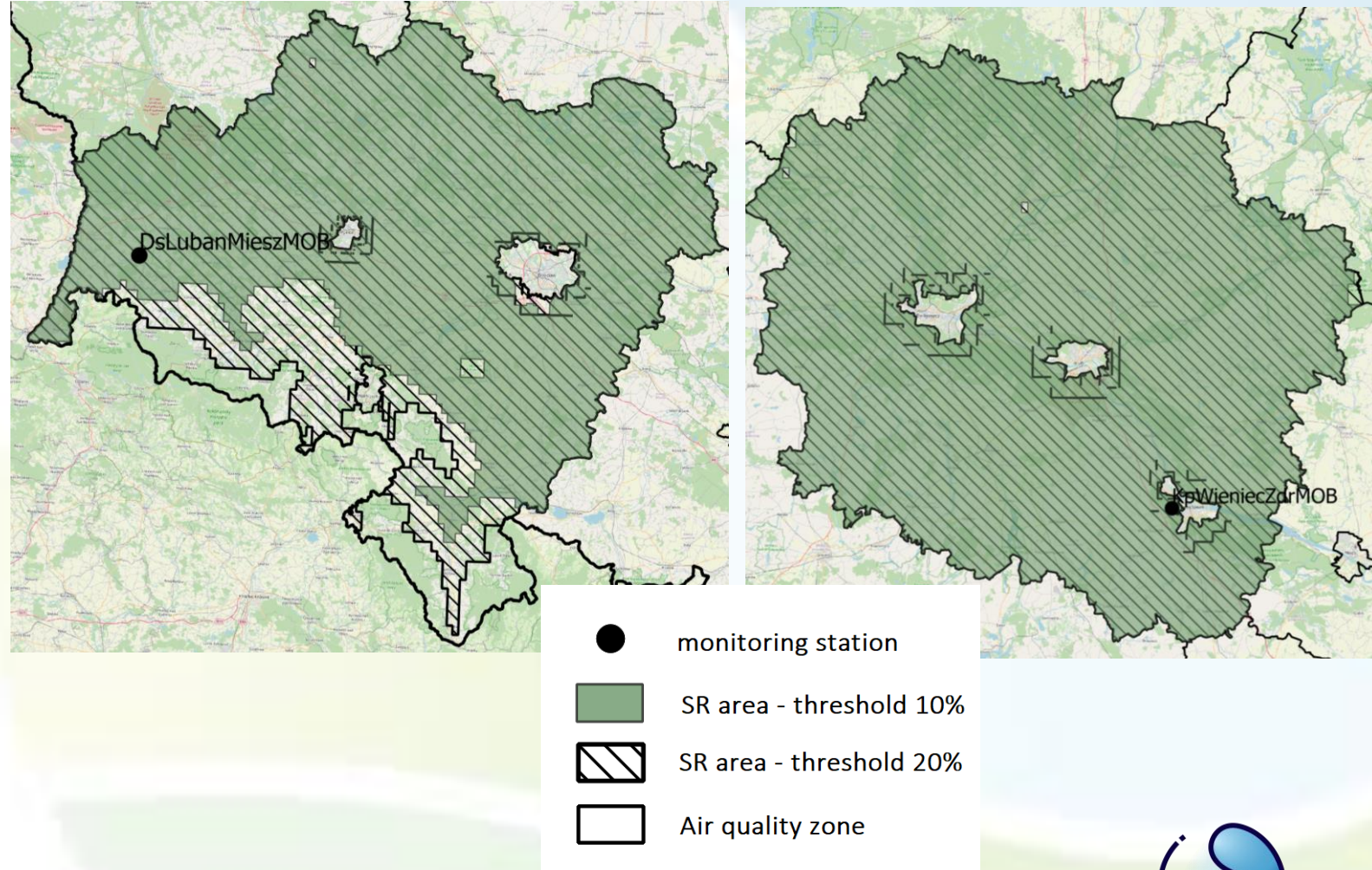
SR areas –results NO2

station name	annual concentration	threshold 20%			annual concentration - Air Quality Zone
		min	max	part of the air quality zone [%]	
DsLubanMieszMOB	11,2	9,0	13,5	49%	11,6
WpPoznRatajeMOB	18,5	14,8	22,2	87%	17,6
station name	annual concentration	threshold 10%			annual concentration - Air Quality Zone
		min	max	part of the air quality zone [%]	
DsLubanMieszMOB	11,2	10,1	12,4	23%	11,6
WpPoznRatajeMOB	18,5	16,6	20,3	54%	17,6



SR areas – results Ozone

station name	annual concentration	threshold 20%			annual concentration - Air Quality Zone
		min	max	part of the air quality zone [%]	
KpWieniecZdrMOB	50,2	40,2	60,2	100%	52,7
DsLubanMieszMOB	54,2	43,4	65,1	91%	56,3
station name	annual concentration	threshold 10%			annual concentration - Air Quality Zone
		min	max	part of the air quality zone [%]	
KpWieniecZdrMOB	50,2	45,2	55,2	100%	52,7
DsLubanMieszMOB	54,2	48,8	59,6	77%	56,3



SR methodology in Poland

1. Autocorrelation

$$AF(i, j) = \frac{\sum_{time=1}^{nhours} Cst(t) C(i, j, t) - \overline{Cst} \overline{C(i, j)}}{(n-1) \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{time=1}^{nhours} (Cst(t) - \overline{Cst})^2}{n-1}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{time=1}^{nhours} (C(i, j, t) - \overline{C(i, j)})^2}{n-1}}}$$

2. Land use according monitoring station type

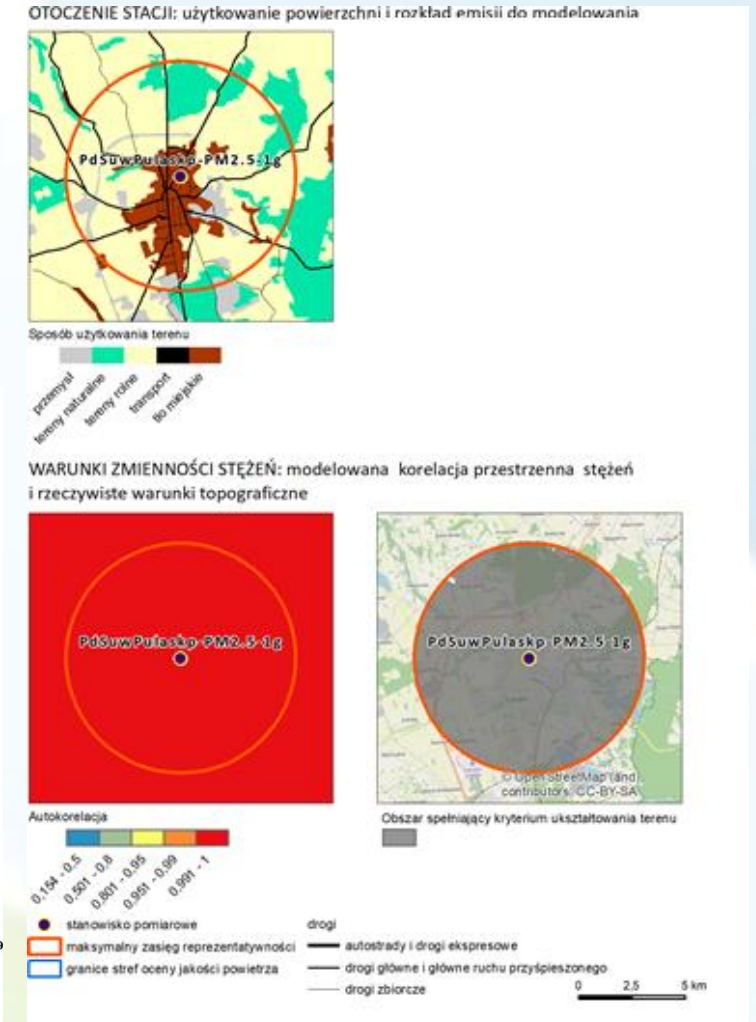
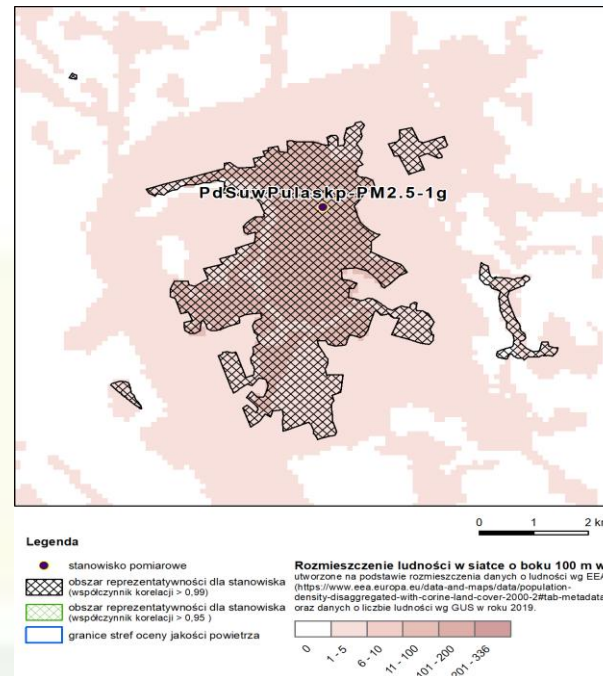
3. Maximum area based on Polish regulations and boundaries of the Air Quality Zones

4. Topology criterion

$Z < Z_{station} + 50 \text{ m}$, where:

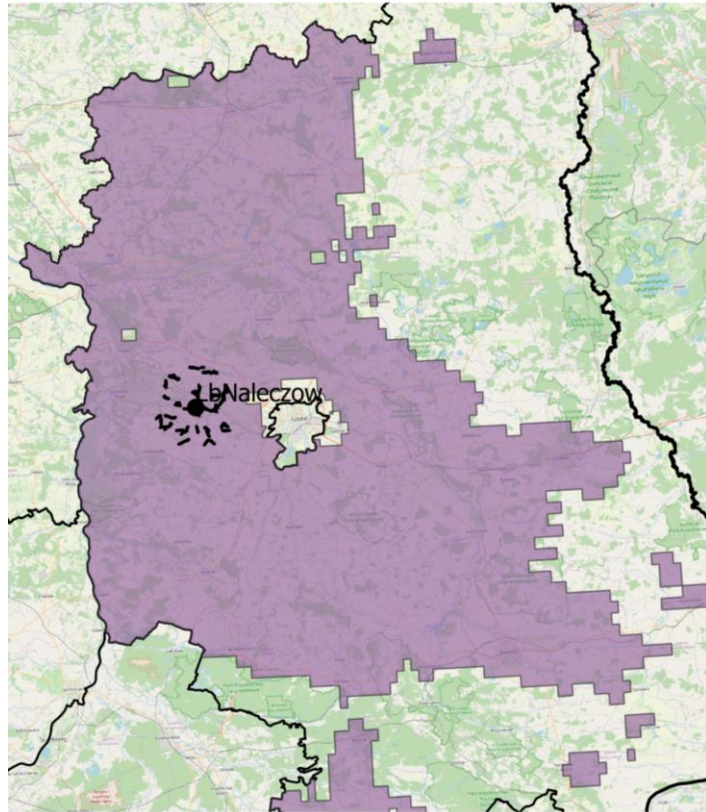
Z – heigh of the terrain

$Z_{station}$ – heigh of the terrain at location of station

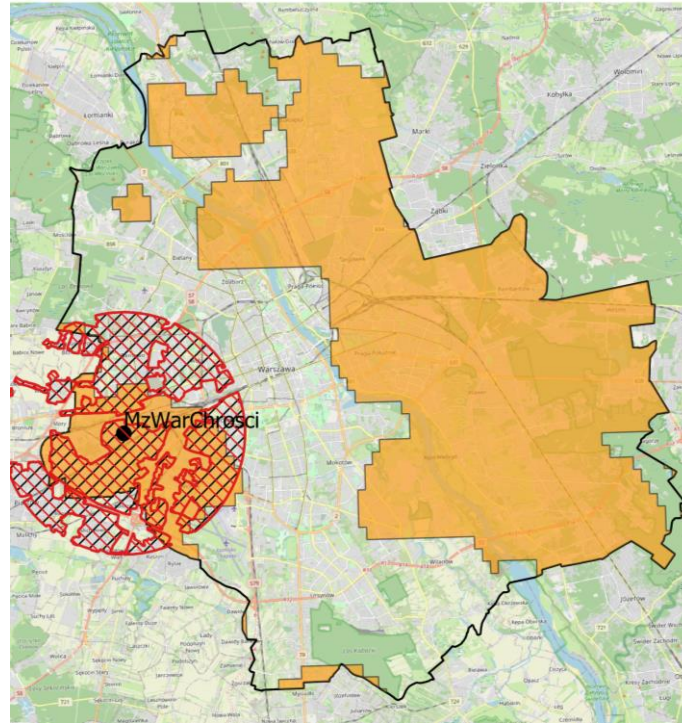


SR areas - comparison

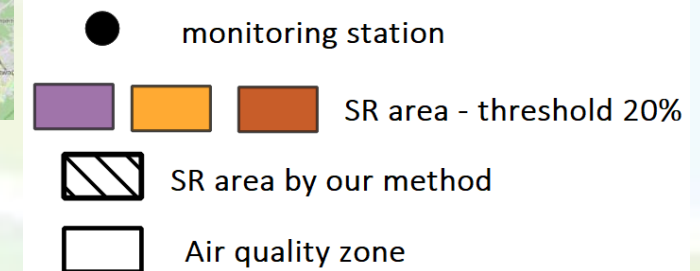
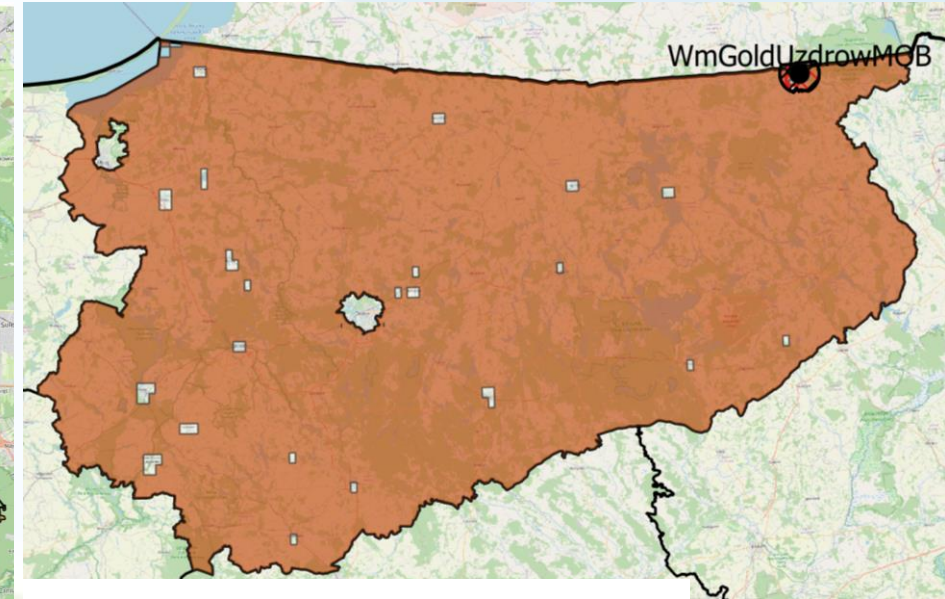
NO2



PM2.5



PM10



Summary

Conclusions:

- SR methodology by FAIRMODE – fast result and easy to implement
- Much bigger SR areas than in our own methodology SR (often covering entire zone)
- If the concentration value at station location is closer to avg in the air quality zone - the area of SR is bigger (potentially covering locations of other stations)

To improve:

- Only one traffic station and no industrial station
- Criteria of margin (10%, 20%) is intuitive rather than scientifically justified

Questions

- What about other pollutions SO₂, NO_x, heavy metals, benzene, CO, BaP?
- What about station with huge bias (model vs measurement)?





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Thank you

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