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Analysis of spatial representativeness in Friuli Venezia Giulia

fixed threshold vs uncertainty-dependent threshold

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aRPa FVG exercise



- pollutants: PM10, NO₂, O₃
- each pollutant considered separately
- AQ index: annual mean modelled concentration
- two methods:
 - fixed threshold
- similarity criterion: concentration in range c_{station} ± 20% (relative tolerance)
- absolute cutoff: concentration in range c_{station} ± 2µg/m³ (absolute tolerance) is ok, even if similarity criterion is not satisfied

uncertainty-dependent threshold (UDT) similarity criterion: concentration in range c_{station} \pm U_{95} (c_{station}) ¹

- spatial representativeness (SR) region can be discontiguous
- SR region is limited to the IPR AQ zone

¹as described in the Guidance [Janssen et al., 2017] and implemented in R package *dartle* [Bonafè, 2020]





- domain: Friuli Venezia Giulia (north-eastern Italy)
- two models:
 - FARM (chemistry-transport model, 2 km resolution)
 - KED (kriging with external drift, same grid)
- only background stations
- periods: 2015–2020 (KED), 2017–2020 (FARM)

model: FARM, period: 2017-2020







-NOZ

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