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# APPLICATION OF SESAM (data fusion with SEnSors for Air quality Mapping)

## WG6 sensors and data fusion

FAIRMODE technical meeting 7-9/10

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# SESAM (data fusion with SEnSors for AQ Mapping)

## METHODOLOGY 1/4

### Geostatistical approach → universal kriging with an external drift (KED)

Initial development in the framework of the French central laboratory for air quality monitoring:

- Merging fixed and mobile sensor data with model outputs at the urban scale
- Take into account uncertainty and variability of sensor observations
- Application: French city /Nantes (modelling data provided by Air Pays de la Loire – a regional AQ monitoring association / PM sensor data provided by AtmoTrack)



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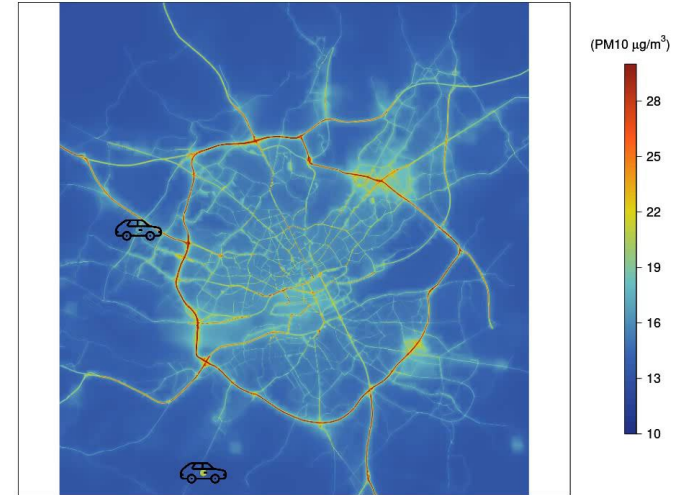


Data fusion for air quality mapping using low-cost sensor observations: Feasibility and added-value

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<https://github.com/AliciaGressent/SESAM>



Application in Nantes for PM<sub>10</sub> based on AtmoTrack sensors and ADMS-Urban simulations.

## METHODOLOGY 2/4

### KRIGING

- Estimate that considers observed values and the information on the position
- Response on the spatial regularity and anisotropy of the regionalized phenomenon
- Spatial continuity: 2 observations located close to each other should on average be more similar than 2 distant observations



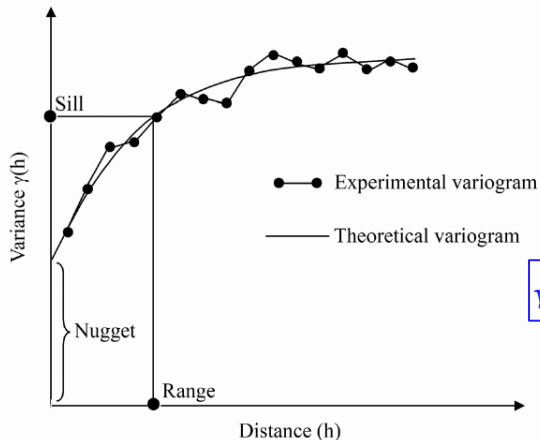
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x2

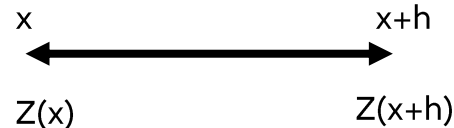


x3



$$\gamma(h) = \frac{1}{2} \text{var}[Z(x) - Z(x+h)]$$

- Pollutant concentration fields to be estimated  $\Leftrightarrow$  random process with  $Z(x)$ : realization of the random variable in  $x$  described by the variogram:  $\gamma(h)$



## METHODOLOGY 3/4

### KRIGING

- Non-stationary framework:  
**Z(x) expectation is unknown, and it varies in space**

At a location  $s_0$ , the concentration  $y(s_0)$ :

$$y(s_0) = m(s_0) + \varepsilon(s_0) \quad \leftarrow \text{Random process}$$

with:

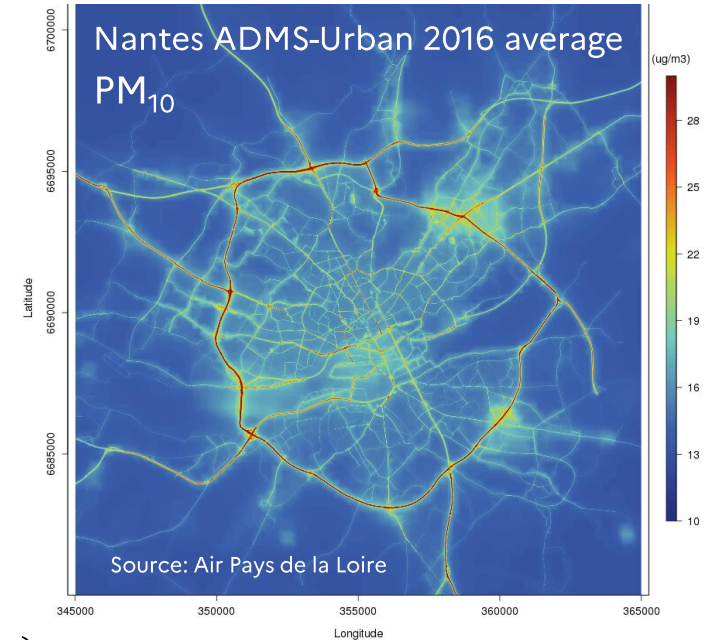
$$m(s_0) = b_0 + b_1 x_1(s_0) + b_2 x_2(s_0) + \dots + b_p x_p(s_0)$$

↑ **Expectation drift**    
 ↑ **Coefficients of the linear relation**    
 ↑ **Auxiliary variables**

At a location  $s_0$ , the estimated concentration  $\widehat{y}(s_0)$ :

$$\widehat{y}(s_0) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i y(s_i) \quad \text{and} \quad \forall x_p : x_p(s_0) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i x_p(s_i)$$

Dispersion model simulation  $\Leftrightarrow$  drift



# SESAM (data fusion with SEnSors for AQ Mapping)

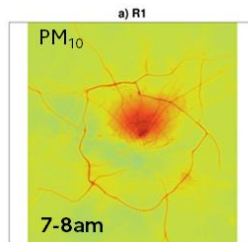
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- Weight the importance of the sensor data in the spatial interpolation based on data reliability and dispersion

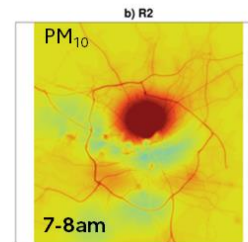
### Variance of Measurement Error:

$$\mathbf{VME} = \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} \right)^2 + \frac{\nu_r^2}{N} \sum_{j=2}^N (C_j)^2 \right]_i$$

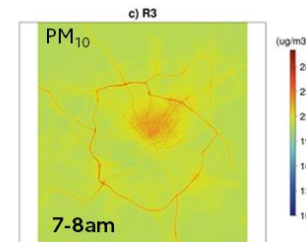
Uncertainties:  
25% REF, 50% FS,  
75% MS



Uncertainties:  
25% REF, 25% FS,  
25% MS



Uncertainties:  
25% REF, 100%  
FS, 150% MS



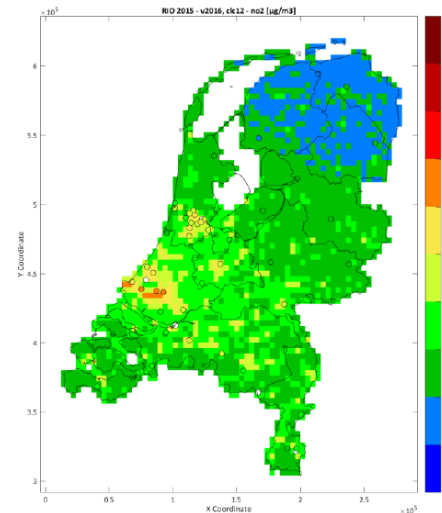
- $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of the pollutant observations at the position  $i$ ;
- $N$  is the number of observations at the position  $i$ ;
- $\nu_r$  is the constant relative type uncertainty (which depends on the type of sensor → in the original version of the code: **50% fixed sensor observations** and **75% mobile sensor observations**);
- $C_j$  is the  $j^{\text{th}}$  pollutant concentration at the position  $i$ .

# WG6 SENSORS AND DATA FUSION EXERCISE

## SETUP

- Fairmode WG6 exercise: Netherlands, **PM<sub>2.5</sub>** sensor and station data + **RIO model** estimations 1 x 1 km<sup>2</sup>
- Data fusion for 3 runs: basic/standard, sparse and midOut ↔ reference stations used in RIO model

Run	Official measurements	Sensor measurements	RIO map	Goal
Basic run	All	Raw and calibrated using <b>all</b> measurements	Based on <b>all</b> official measurements	Compare results from different data fusion methods
Option 1a	Leave out 1-2 official measurements in each province	Raw and calibrated using <b>all</b> measurements	Leave out the same 1-2 measurements in each province	Can <b>good</b> sensors compensate for less official measurements?
Option 1b	Leave out 1-2 official measurements in each province	Leave out the same 1-2 measurements in each province in the calibration	Leave out the same 1-2 measurements in each province	Can <b>not so good</b> sensors compensate for less official measurements?
Option 2a	Leave out <b>all</b> official measurements in <b>one</b> province	Raw and calibrated using <b>all</b> measurements in <b>all</b> provinces	Based on <b>all</b> official measurements in the <b>other</b> provinces	Can <b>good</b> sensors compensate for a gap in the official measurements?
Option 2b	Leave out <b>all</b> official measurements in <b>one</b> province	Raw and calibrated using <b>all</b> measurements in the <b>other</b> provinces	Based on <b>all</b> official measurements in the <b>other</b> provinces	Can <b>not so good</b> sensors compensate for a gap in the official measurements?



<https://vito.be/en/news/vito-model-local-air-quality-international-context>

- Periods: **January 16-21, 2024,** and **August 25-30, 2024**

# WG6 SENSORS AND DATA FUSION EXERCISE

## DATASET 1/2

- Observations from sensors and reference stations on **January 16-21, 2024**

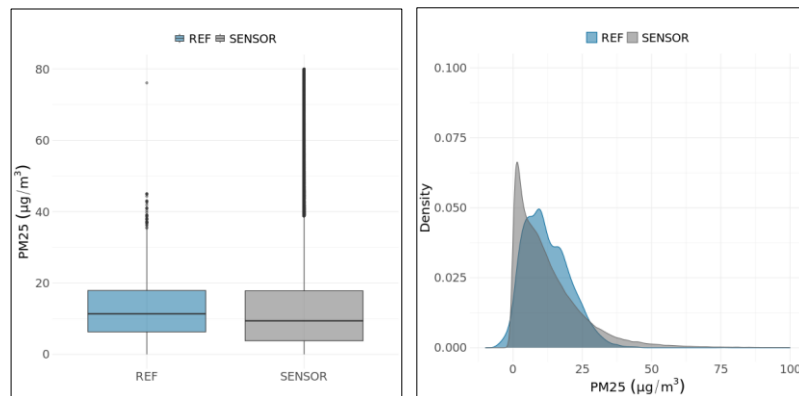
### Reference data: 56 reference stations

ID	lon	lat	pol
Length:8815	Min. : 46954	Min. : 317396	Min. : -999.00
Class :character	1st Qu.: 99415	1st Qu.: 400665	1st Qu.: 5.45
Mode :character	Median : 119510	Median : 439310	Median : 10.76
	Mean : 134562	Mean : 438255	Mean : -17.11
	3rd Qu.: 177004	3rd Qu.: 488302	3rd Qu.: 17.50
	Max. : 259669	Max. : 594143	Max. : 76.10

### Sensor data: 1761 sensors

ID	lon	lat	pol
Length:214173	Min. : 29266	Min. : 309377	Min. : -458.2
Class :character	1st Qu.: 138699	1st Qu.: 425482	1st Qu.: 3.8
Mode :character	Median : 169468	Median : 459471	Median : 9.7
	Mean : 171350	Mean : 472241	Mean : 36.3
	3rd Qu.: 203619	3rd Qu.: 528124	3rd Qu.: 18.5
	Max. : 275881	Max. : 610575	Max. : 13149.2

### Data quick look



- Negative and > 500 µg/m<sup>3</sup> PM<sub>2.5</sub> values have been removed from the dataset for data fusion
- Only stations that are not used in the RIO estimation for each run type are considered:  
Basic: 34 stations, midOut: 31 stations and sparse: 8 stations

# WG6 SENSORS AND DATA FUSION EXERCISE

## DATASET 2/2

- Observations from sensors and reference stations on **August 25-30, 2024**

### Reference data: 54 reference stations

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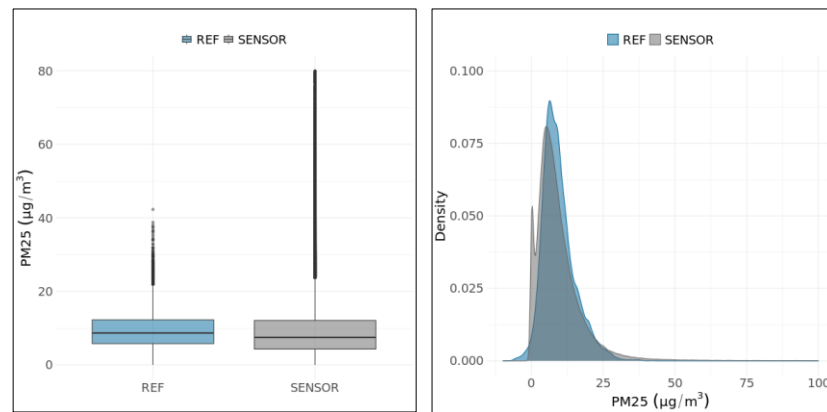
ID                lon                lat                pol
Length:8431      Min. : 46954      Min. :317396      Min. : -999.00
Class :character 1st Qu.: 99415    1st Qu.:400665    1st Qu.:  5.30
Mode :character  Median :119806   Median :441664   Median :  8.21
                Mean  :135922   Mean  :438436   Mean  : -27.84
                3rd Qu.:178070 3rd Qu.:489238 3rd Qu.: 12.00
                Max. :259669   Max. :594143   Max. : 42.30
  
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### Sensor data: 1662 sensors

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ID                lon                lat                pol
Length:229235    Min. : 29411     Min. :315002     Min. : -446.60
Class :character 1st Qu.:138108   1st Qu.:426396   1st Qu.:  4.40
Mode :character  Median :168504   Median :458651   Median :  7.70
                Mean  :170476   Mean  :471856   Mean  : 45.11
                3rd Qu.:203926 3rd Qu.:527944 3rd Qu.: 12.80
                Max. :273238   Max. :610796   Max. :4160.10
  
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### Data quick look



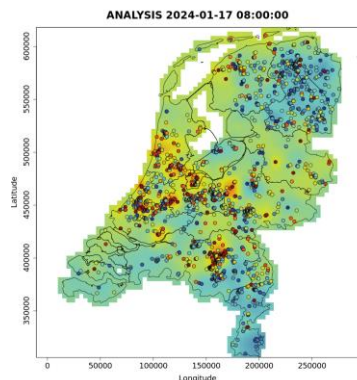
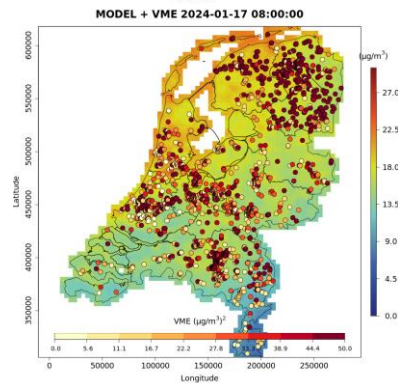
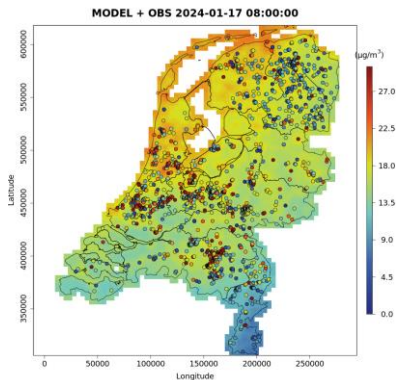
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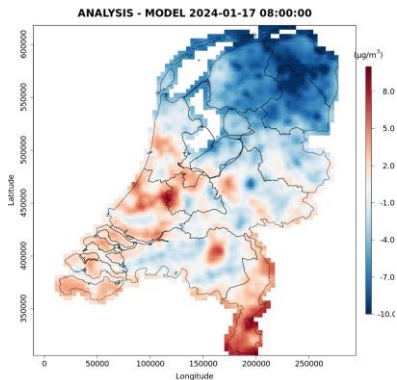
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Example on January 17, 8 am

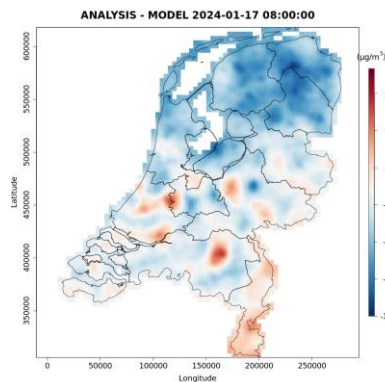


$$VME = \sqrt{U_{random}^2 + U_{calibration}^2}$$

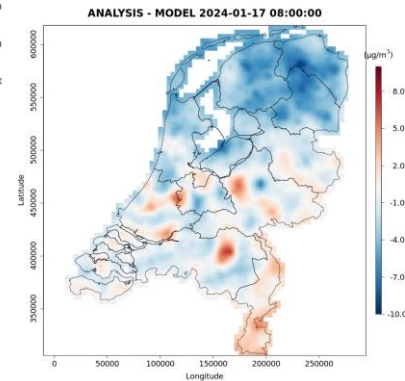
Sparse run



Basic run



MidOut run



# WG6 SENSORS AND DATA FUSION EXERCISE

## INTERIM CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

### Use of the SESAM tool:

- Adjustment of SESAM from the use at the urban scale to national scale
- Implementation of a more realistic VME into the kriging by using the calculated sensor uncertainties and reference station accuracy

→ **SESAM seems to improve PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration estimate at most stations but significant deterioration at some locations**

### To be implemented / tested with the SESAM tool:

- Take model uncertainty into account in the kriging approach → for instance error-in-variable KED model
- Test other approaches based on AI (Land use regression based on random forest for example and compare to kriging)

Average ratio RMSE over  
the two estimation  
periods

INERIS	STANDARD	MIDOUT	SPARSE
	91%	89%	84%
NL01485			110%
NL01487	107%	108%	104%
NL01488			
NL01489	95%	95%	90%
NL01491	111%	111%	122%
NL01493	113%	113%	114%
NL01494			
NL01495			96%
NL01496			
NL01913	91%	89%	85%
NL10131			62%
NL10136	80%	83%	80%
NL10138			
NL10230			
NL10240	106%	106%	87%
NL10241			73%
NL10247			57%
NL10248	75%	72%	69%
NL10404			77%
NL10418			97%
NL10444			83%
NL10449	89%	89%	86%
NL10450	94%	91%	78%
NL10538			74%
NL10636	83%	90%	85%
NL10641	83%	79%	79%
NL10643		90%	98%
NL10644		82%	
NL10738		74%	
NL10741	80%	79%	75%
NL10742			80%
NL10821			62%
NL10934			
NL10937	62%	64%	52%
NL10938			60%
NL49007	97%	94%	100%
NL49012	94%	94%	97%
NL49014			88%
NL49016			
NL49017	84%	82%	79%
NL49551			81%
NL49553			79%
NL49556			77%
NL49561			100%
NL49570			88%
NL49572			85%
NL49573			87%
NL49701			83%
NL49703			86%
NL49704			70%