

# Spatial Representativeness of Spanish AQ Stations

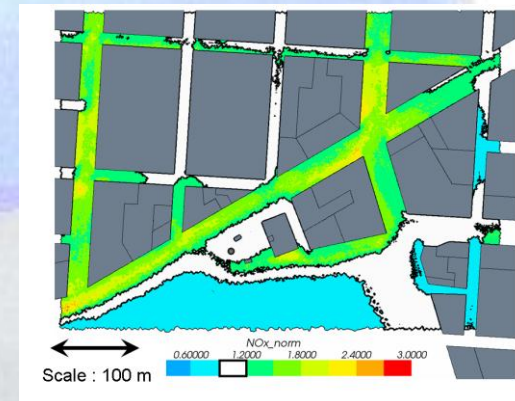
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# Introduction (1)

- Pollutant concentration data measured at monitoring stations needed for air quality assessment.
- How representative is a station?
- Spatial representativeness (SR) influenced by:
  - topography or obstacles,
  - air flows,
  - distribution of pollution sources,
  - averaging time and pollutant type.
- Methods for estimating the SR area of a station try to find out:
  - how the pollution is distributed around the station
  - which is the area where pollutant concentrations do not differ more than a certain percentage of measured one at the station site.

# Introduction (2)

- Methods to estimate SR:
  - **Measurement campaigns** with many **passive samplers** distributed around station.
    - Advantage: Cheap, good pollution map.
    - Disadvantage: Only long term concentration averages.
  - **Surrogate indicators related to emission sources distribution**, but the effect of transport and dispersion of pollutants is not estimated.
  - **Climatic-topographic criteria**, recommended specially for rural background stations.
  - **Air quality models**.
    - Advantage: Effects of the emission sources distribution and atmospheric pollutant processes taken into account → quite realistic pollution map.
    - Disadvantage: Computational burden.

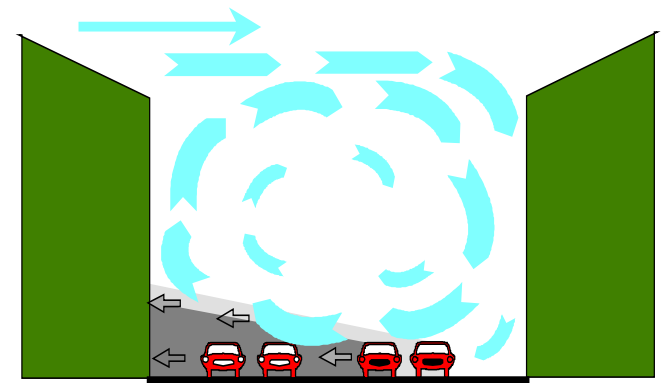


# Representativeness studies in CIEMAT

- Station representativeness for air quality assessment.
- Using modelling.
- Two types of stations:
  - **Urban (traffic) stations** using CFD model simulations (for several months) (*Santiago et al, Science of Total Environment, 2013*)
  - **Rural background stations** using annual (2008-2010) CHIMERE simulations combined with observations (*Martín et al., 2013, HARMO15 and submitted for publishing in Atmos. Pol. Research*)

# Representativeness of urban stations

- Urban air quality assessment is an important part of urban air quality management.
- Usually based on a network of urban monitoring stations.
- Urban morphology with atmospheric processes:
  - complex flow field
  - strong spatial heterogeneities of pollutant concentration patterns
- Spatial representativeness of point measurements is very limited
- Very difficult to catch this heterogeneity.
- Increase the number of stations:
  - very expensive
  - often not possible in practice.



# Representativeness of urban stations

- **To estimate the spatial representativeness of the urban air quality stations.**
  - Maps of areas of similar concentration to that measured in the AQ station.
- How? → Using the **RANS-CFD models.**
  - Disadvantage → computational time that prevents unsteady simulations for large time periods.
- Other option? → Steady-state simulations of representative cases and averaging the results.
  - Less computationally expensive.

# Description of Methodology

- Steady simulations for meteorological scenarios: every wind direction (16 wind directions: N, NNE, NE, ...) with a passive tracer emitted from each street. (*Parra et al., 2010, Atmospheric Environment*) or for some wind speed cases.
- Averaged tracer concentration maps computed by applying weighted average of steady simulations taking into account how frequent are the scenarios.
- Due to the linearity of the conservation equation of the passive scalar, the concentration at every hour is

$$C = \sum_i C_i \frac{N_i}{v_{in}}$$

$$A = f(car_{speed}, car_{emission}, L_{street}, V_{source})$$

Where  $N_i$  is the number of cars passing in road  $i$ , and  $v_{in}(t)$  is the inlet wind speed at that hour.

# Methodology: Assumptions

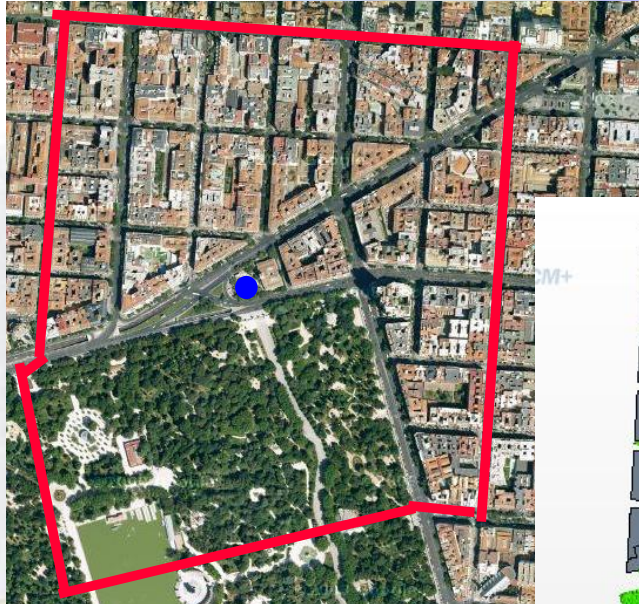
- ❑ Pollutants must be non-reactive or at least for the time period studied pollutants should be little influenced by atmospheric chemistry
- ❑ Thermal effects negligible in comparison with dynamical effects.
- ❑ Emissions inside each street at a selected hour proportional to traffic intensity at that hour.
- ❑ Emissions modelled as a line source inside each street and several tracers (one for type of street).
- ❑ Tracer concentration at certain hour only depending on emissions and meteorological conditions at that hour.



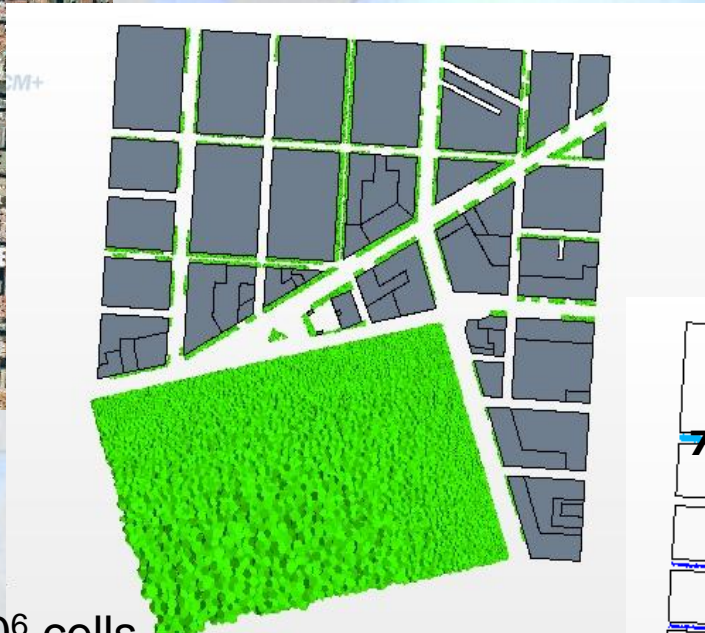
# Representativeness of urban stations

- Estimated representiveness area in two traffic oriented stations in Madrid:
  - Escuelas Aguirre (EEAA)
  - Plaza de Castilla (Pza Castilla).
- Other potential locations close to the stations has been explored to get better locations for stations.

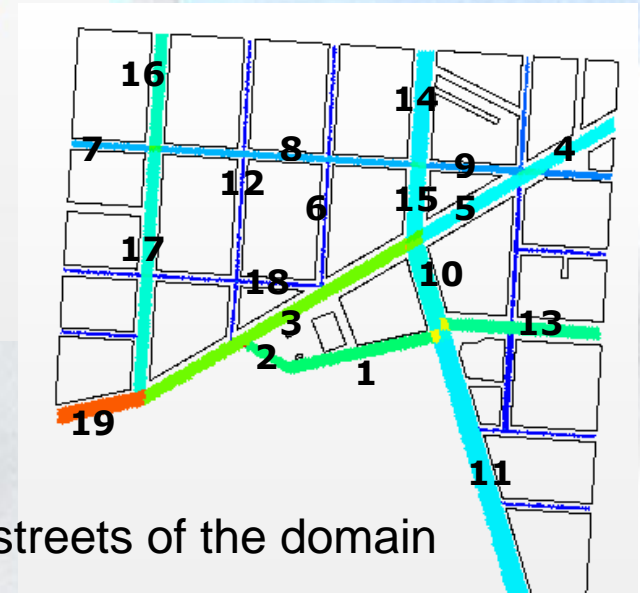
# Traffic station - close to an urban park - Madrid



Max high buildings = 90 m  
Most between 18-24 m  
Size of simulated area 700x800 m<sup>2</sup>



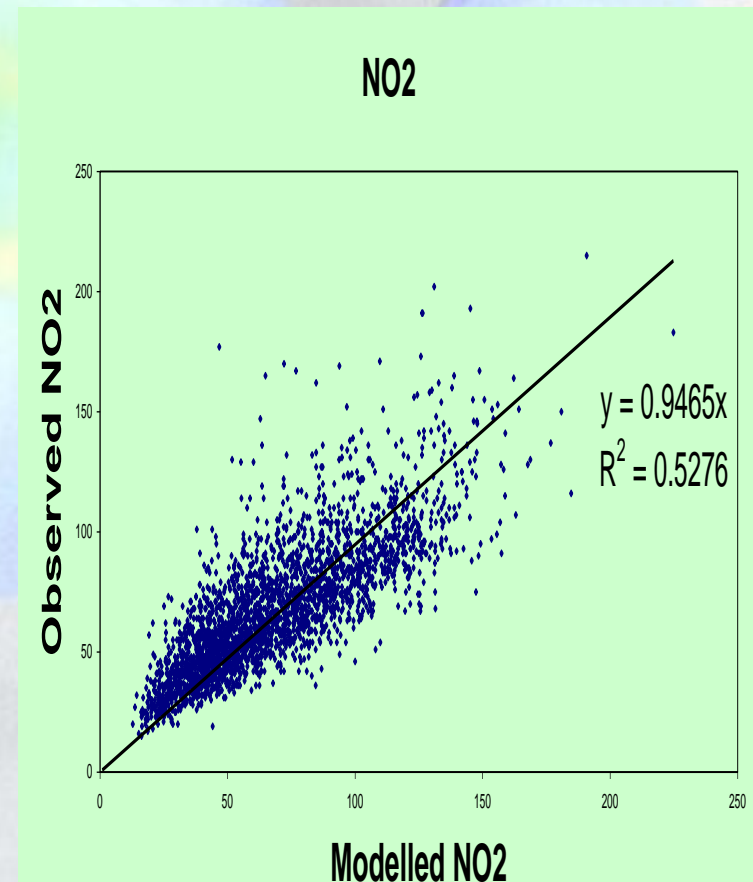
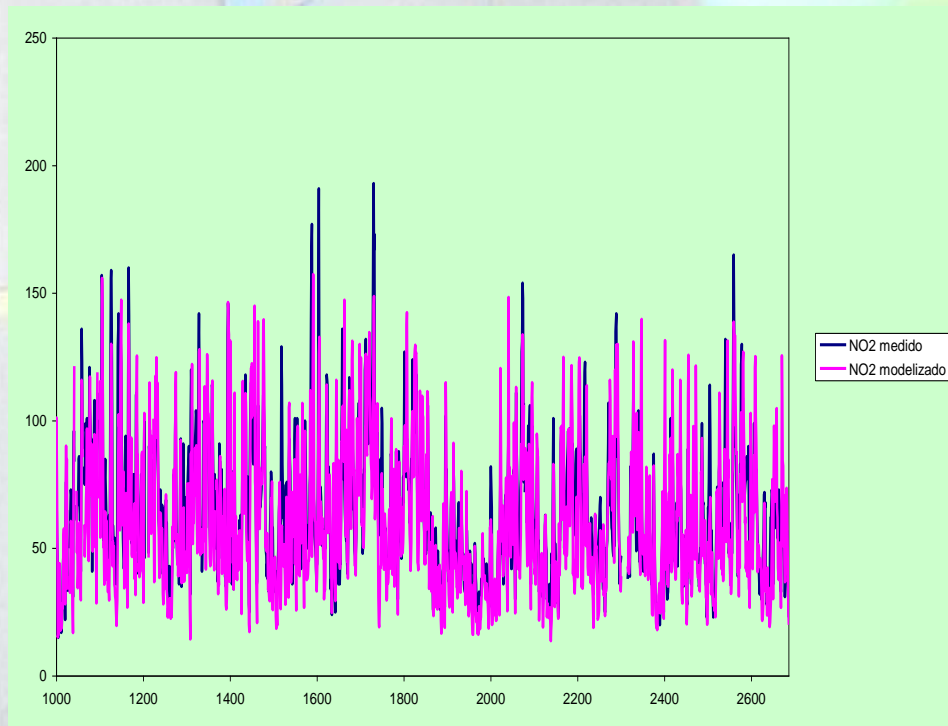
Irregular mesh of  $3 \cdot 10^6$  cells  
resolution of about 1m-3m close to the buildings



Relative traffic intensity in the main streets of the domain

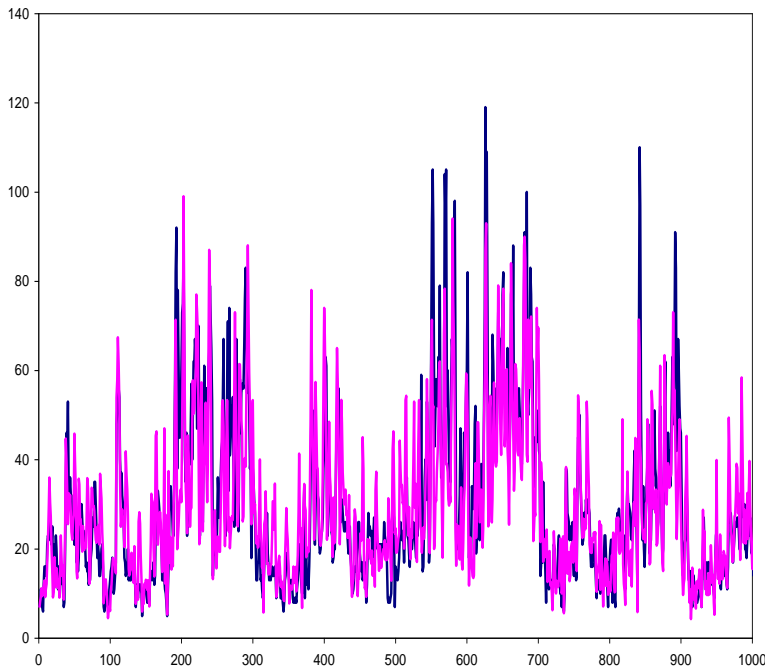
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- Comparison with observed data at AQ station for hourly data for NO<sub>2</sub>.

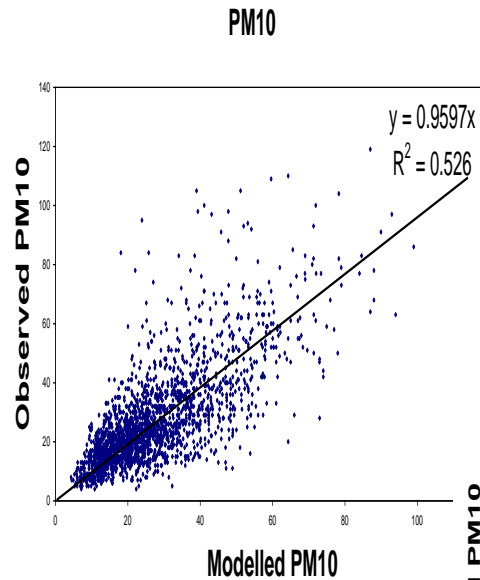


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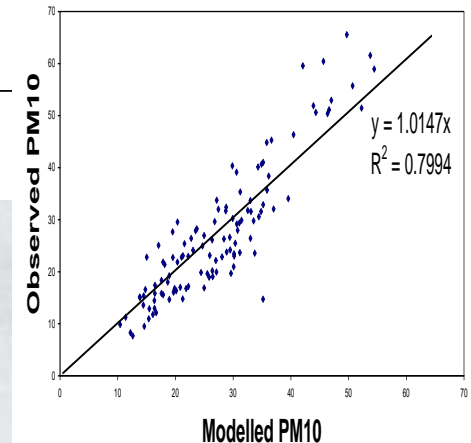
- The simulated period was January-May 2011.
- Comparison with observed data at AQ station for hourly and daily mean data for PM10.



— PM10 medido  
 — PM10 modelizado

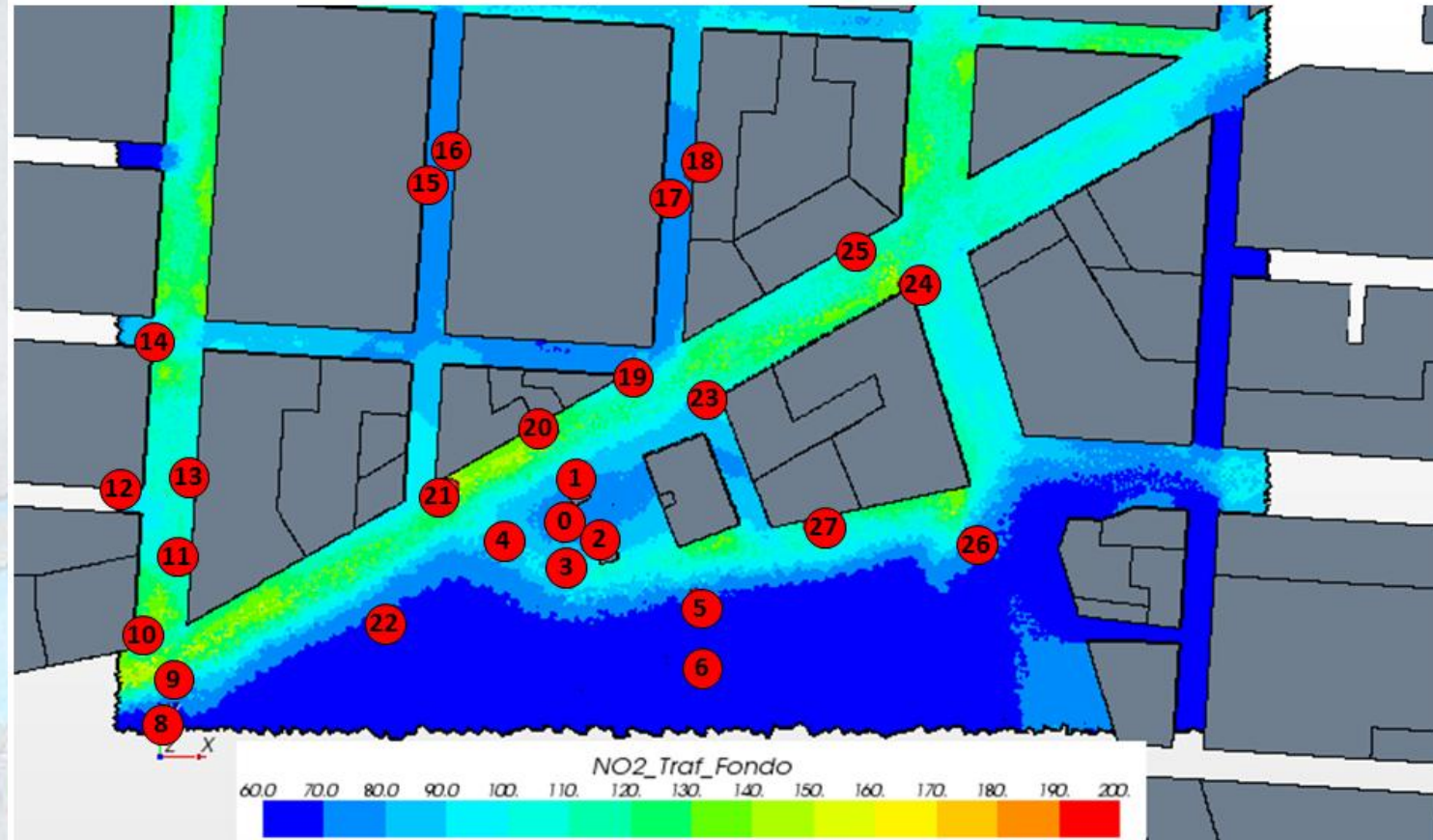


PM10 (daily averages)



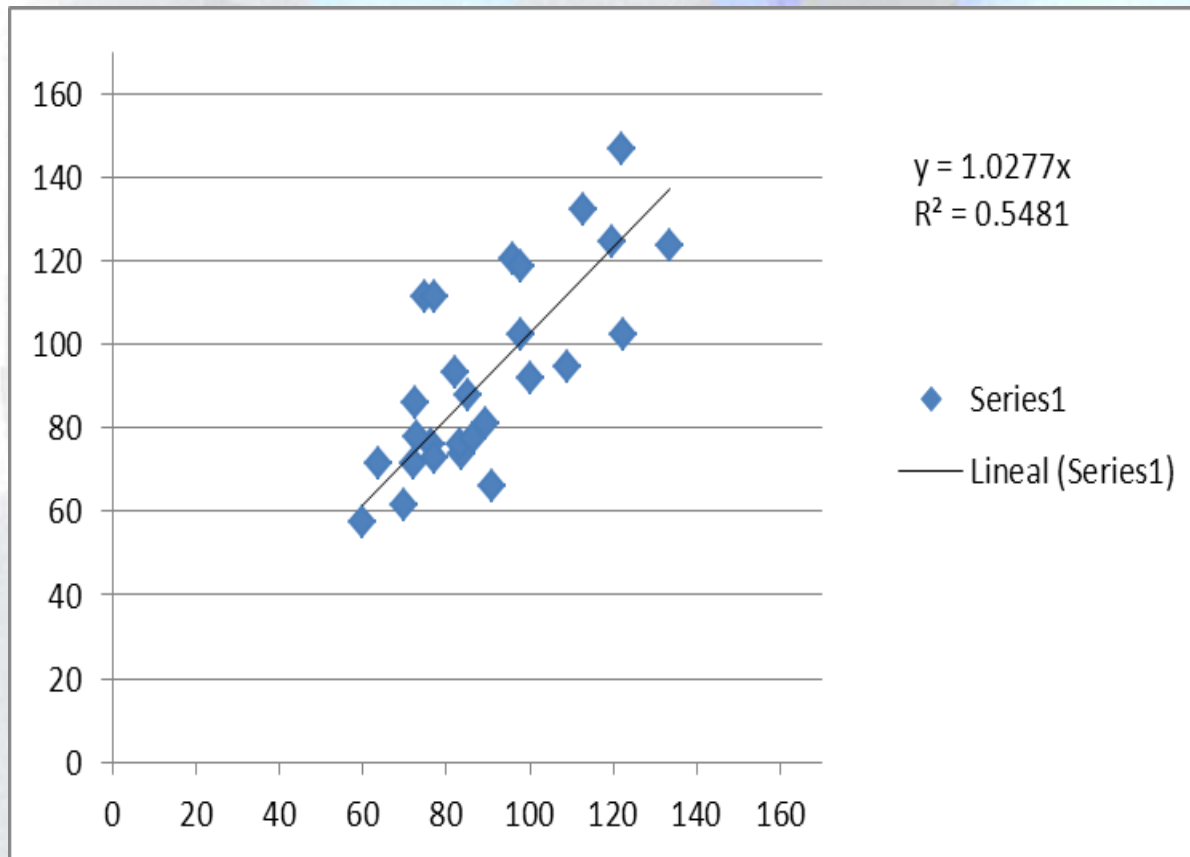
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Deployed by ETSII-UPM-Madrid  
NO<sub>2</sub>, January 26th – February 16th, 2014



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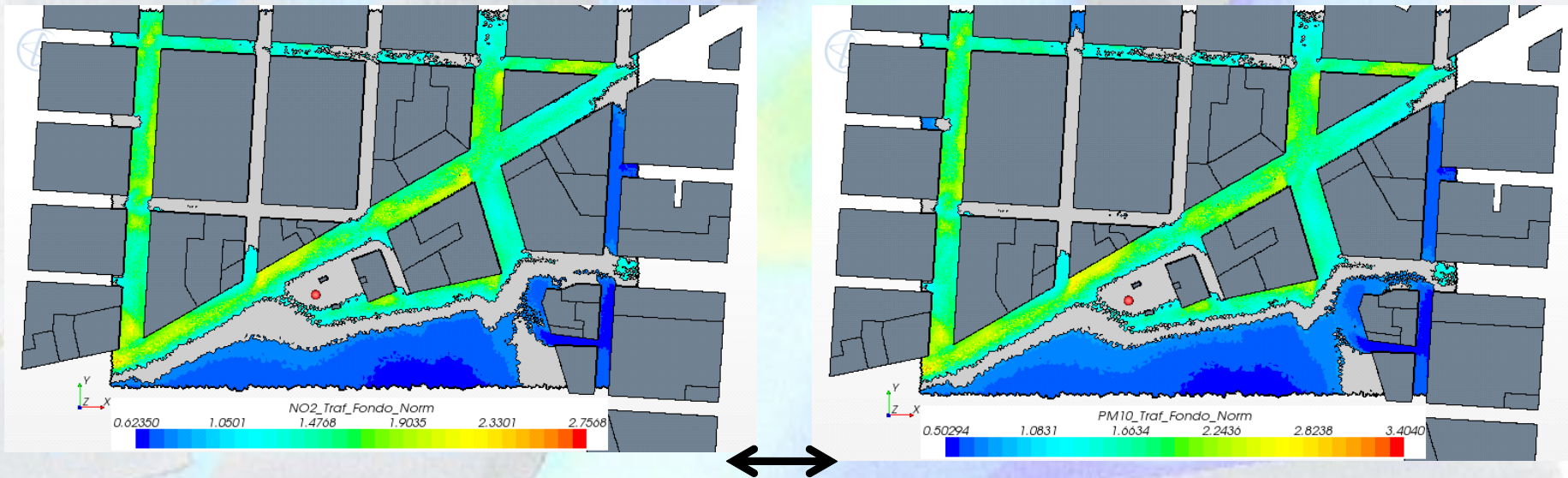


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<b>ERROR-ABS</b>	<b>14,345</b>
<b>RMS</b>	<b>21,741</b>
<b>NMB</b>	<b>-0,022</b>
<b>NMAE</b>	<b>0,155</b>
<b>MFE</b>	<b>0,148</b>
<b>MFB</b>	<b>-0,025</b>
<b>CMRSE</b>	<b>21,643</b>
<b>TARGET</b>	<b>0,977</b>
<b>BNMBF</b>	<b>-0,023</b>
<b>ENMAEF</b>	<b>0,158</b>
<b>FAC2</b>	<b>0,963</b>

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Results related to average concentrations January-May 2011:

- Averaged  $\text{NO}_2$  and  $\text{PM}_{10}$  concentration maps



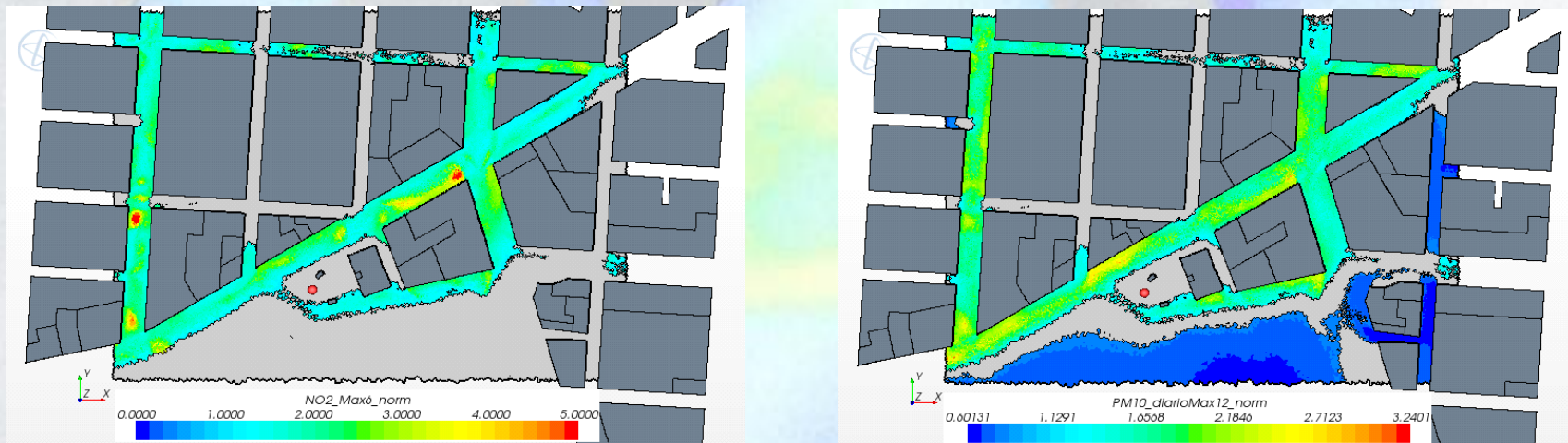
Scale: 100 m

Mean concentration map normalized by concentration at station location (red dot) for  $\text{NO}_2$  (left) and  $\text{PM}_{10}$  (right). Grey shows the area with concentrations into  $\pm 20\%$  around the station concentration.

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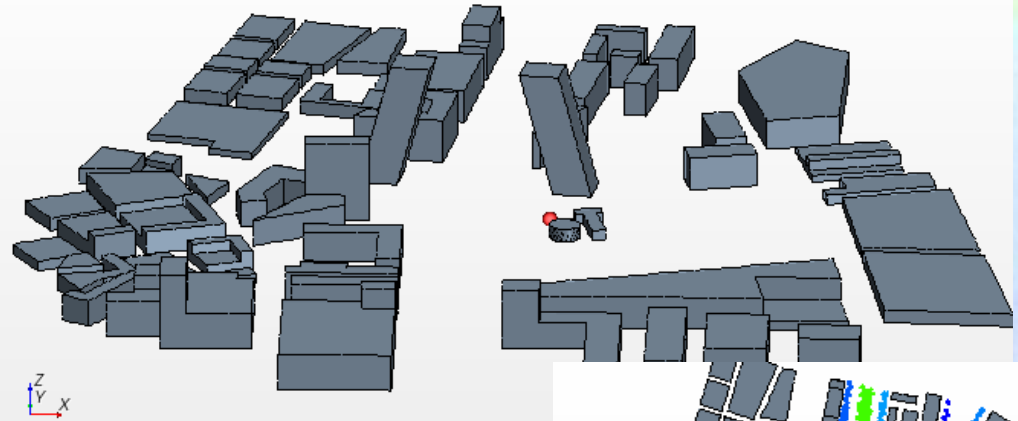
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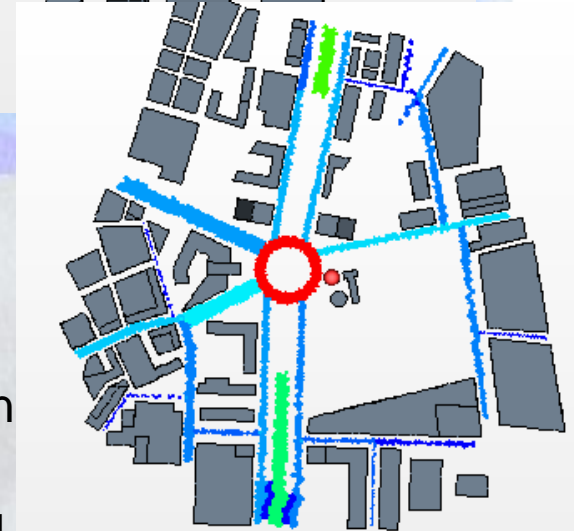


Open area with high buildings  
Size of simulated area 1km x 1km



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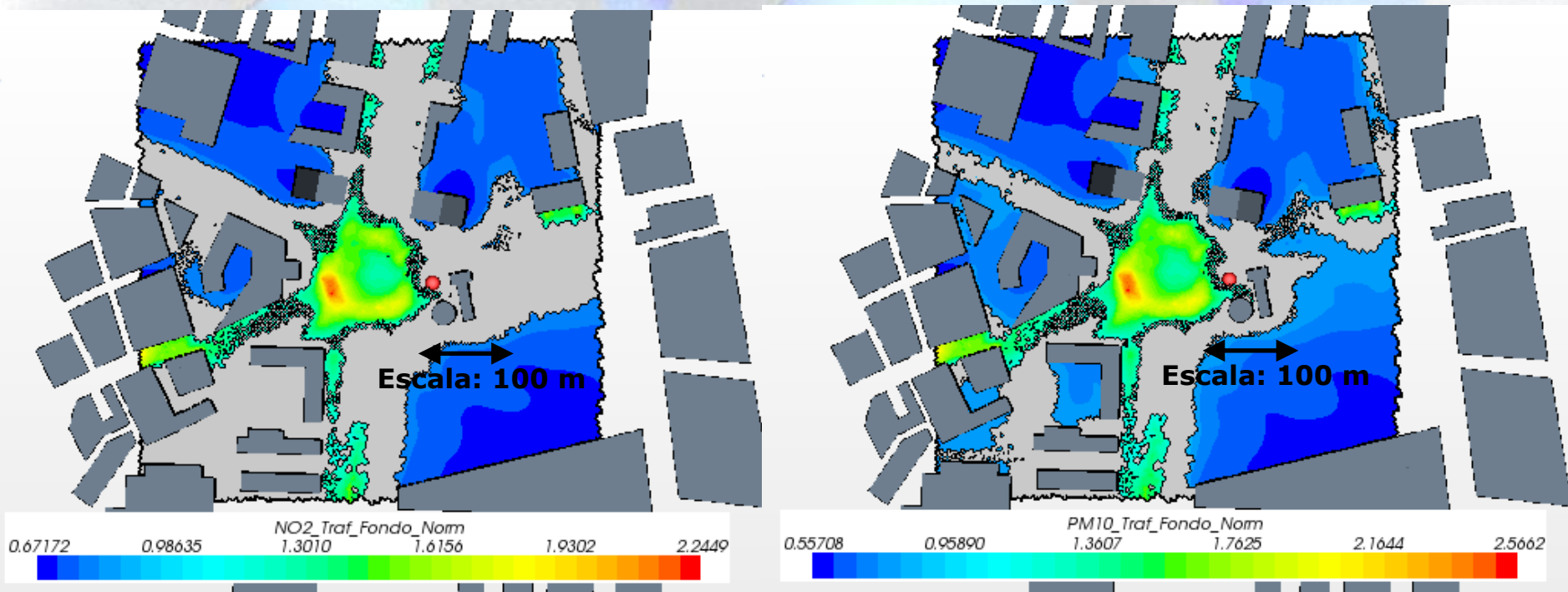
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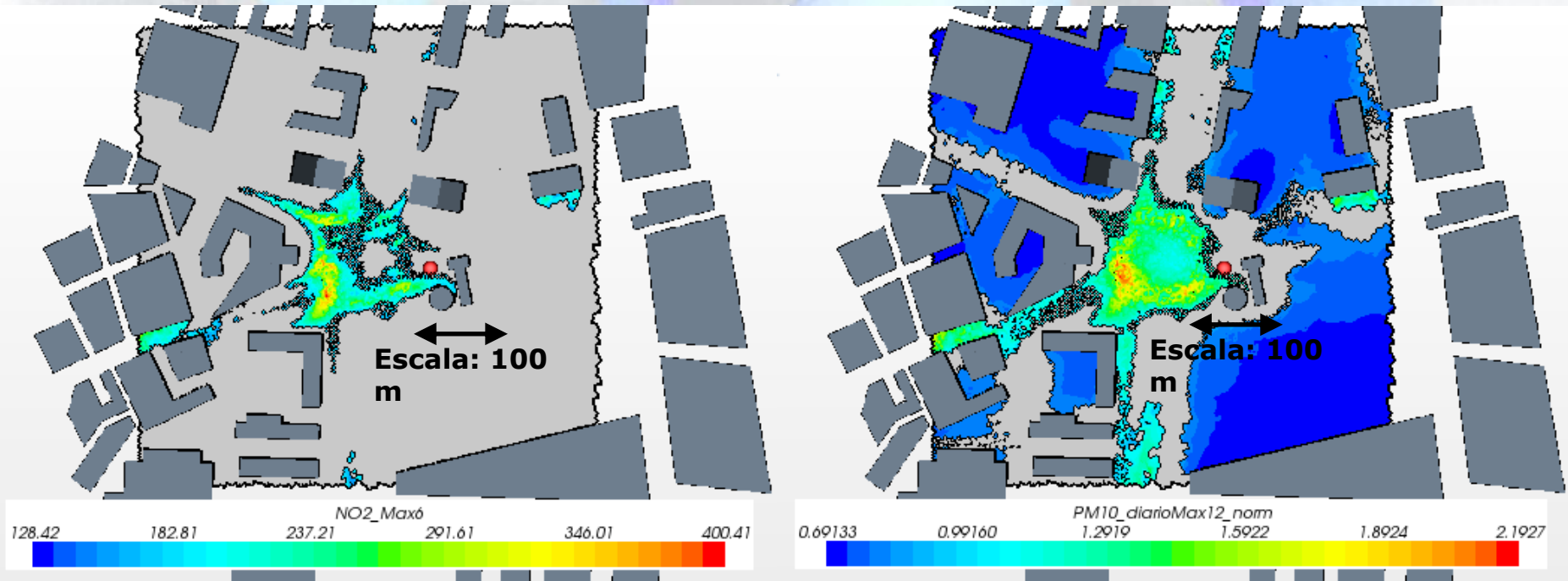


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# Macroscale siting of sampling points

## Directive 2008/50

### 1. Protection of human health

- (a) Sampling points directed at the protection of human health shall be sited in such a way as to provide data on the following:
- the areas within zones and agglomerations where the highest concentrations occur to which the population is likely to be directly or indirectly exposed ...
  - levels in other areas within the zones and agglomerations which are representative of the exposure of the general population;
- (b) Sampling points shall in general be sited in such a way as to avoid measuring very small micro-environments in their immediate vicinity, which means that a sampling point must be sited in such a way that the air sampled is representative of air quality for a street segment no less than 100 m length at traffic-orientated sites and at least 250 m x 250 m at industrial sites, where feasible;

# Representativeness Index

**AR=100 (Ra / Da)**

Ra= representiveness area

Da= domain area

**ANRmayor= 100 (NRahc / Da)**

NRahc = Non-representiveness area with concentration > station concentration

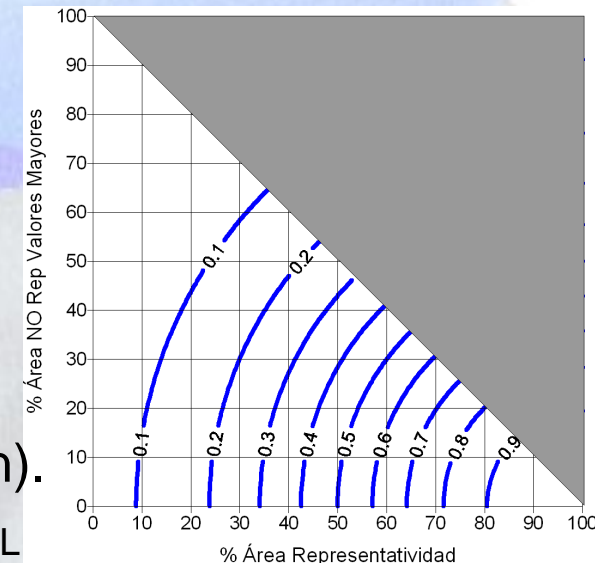
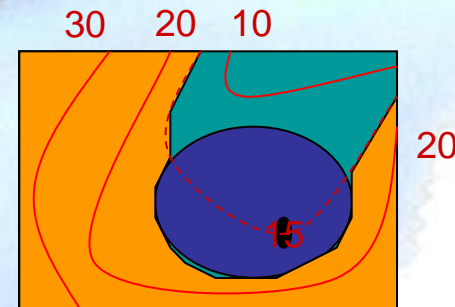
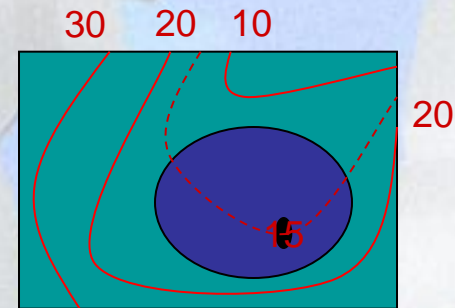
$$IR = e^{-\left[ \frac{AR-100^2}{2\sigma_x} + \frac{ANRmayor^2}{2\sigma_y} \right]}$$

$\sigma_x = \sigma_y = 42.48 \rightarrow$  circular isolines of  $IR$

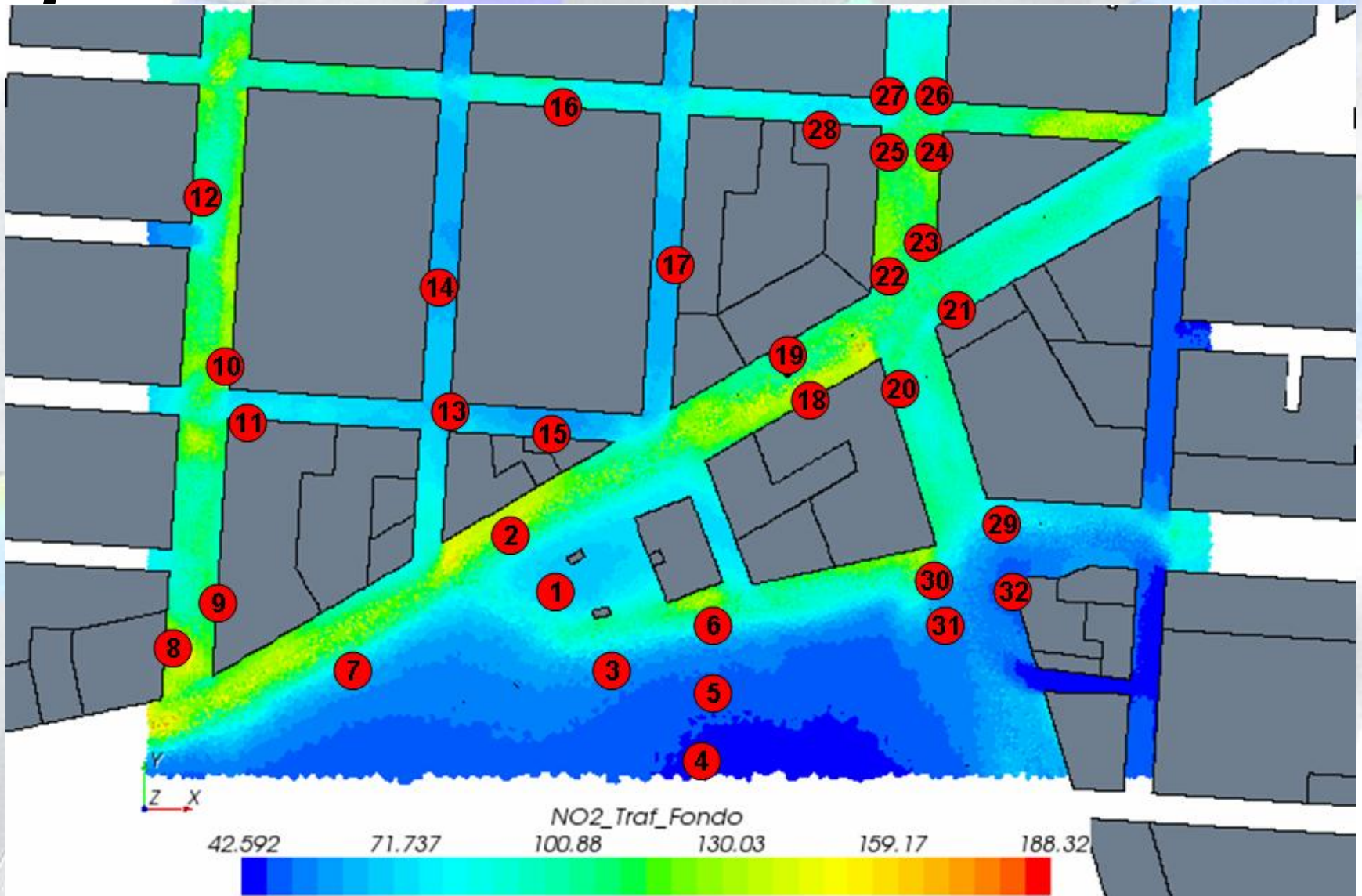
$IR$  ranges 0-1,

$AR = 50\%$  and  $ANRmayor = 0\% \rightarrow IR = 0.5$ .

if  $IR=1 \rightarrow AR=100$  and  $ANRmayor=0$  (perfect station).



# Representativeness of other potential locations. EEAA Area

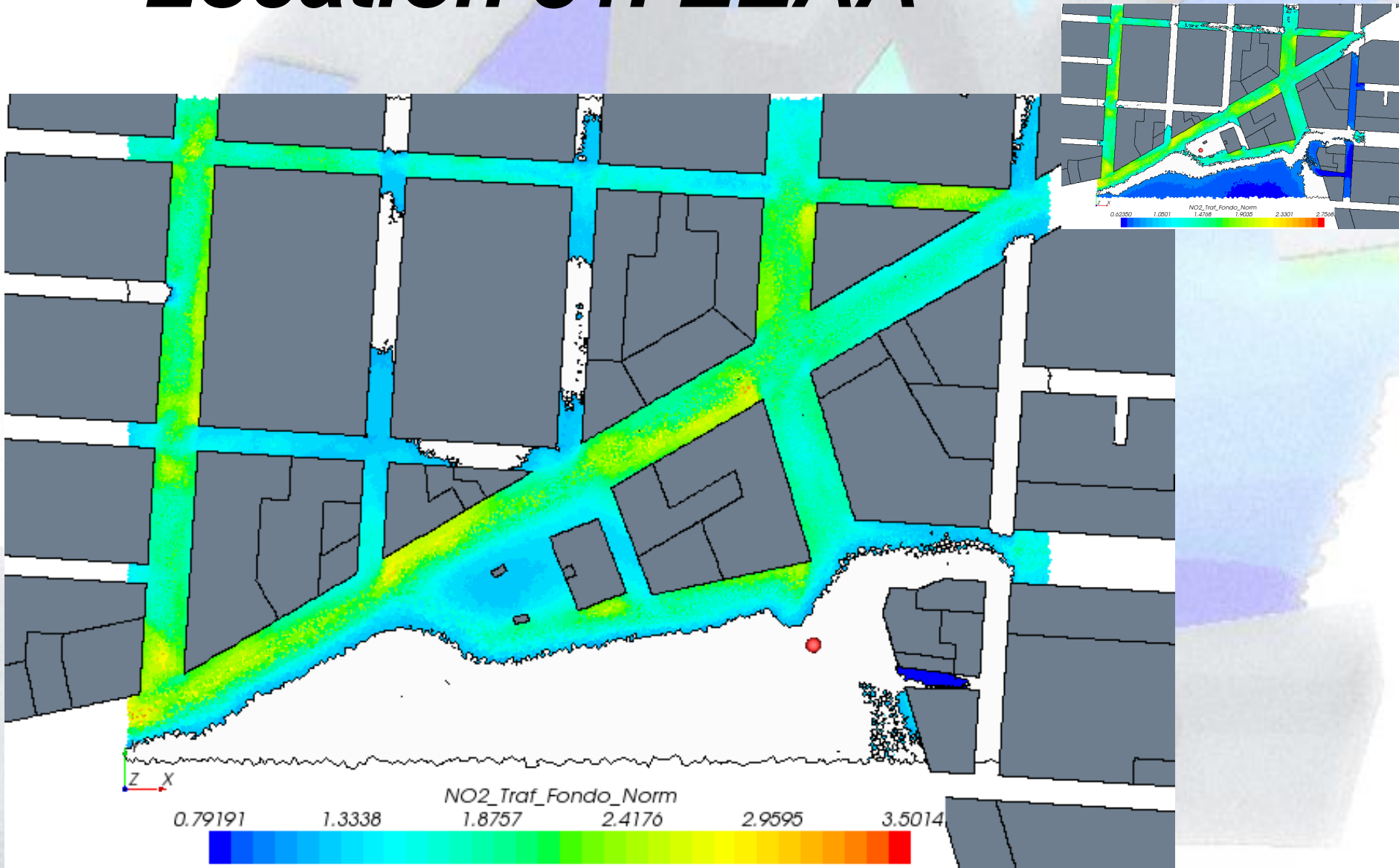


# Representativeness of other potencial locations sorted by AR.

## EEAA area

Posición	Conc	% AR rectángulo	% ANRmayor rectángulo	% ANRmenor rectángulo	IR
31	53.8	39	60	0	0.13
3	53.6	39	61	0	0.13
17	62.9	38	48	14	0.18
15	63.2	37	48	15	0.18
14	63.3	37	47	16	0.18
26	96.4	36	10	54	0.31
19	103.4	36	5	59	0.32
20	95.5	36	11	53	0.31
12	103.6	36	53	11	0.15
27	93.7	36	13	52	0.31
21	106.7	35	4	61	0.31
9	108	35	3	62	0.31
30	108.3	35	3	62	0.31
7	65.9	34	45	21	0.17
5	50.3	33	67	0	0.09
29	82	33	26	41	0.24
16	81.8	33	26	41	0.24
25	112.4	33	2	65	0.29
11	79.4	33	29	38	0.22
28	75.9	33	34	34	0.21
1 (estación)	68.3	33	42	25	0.17
32	49.4	32	68	0	0.08
13	69.4	32	41	27	0.17
23	115	32	1	67	0.27

# Location 31. EEAA

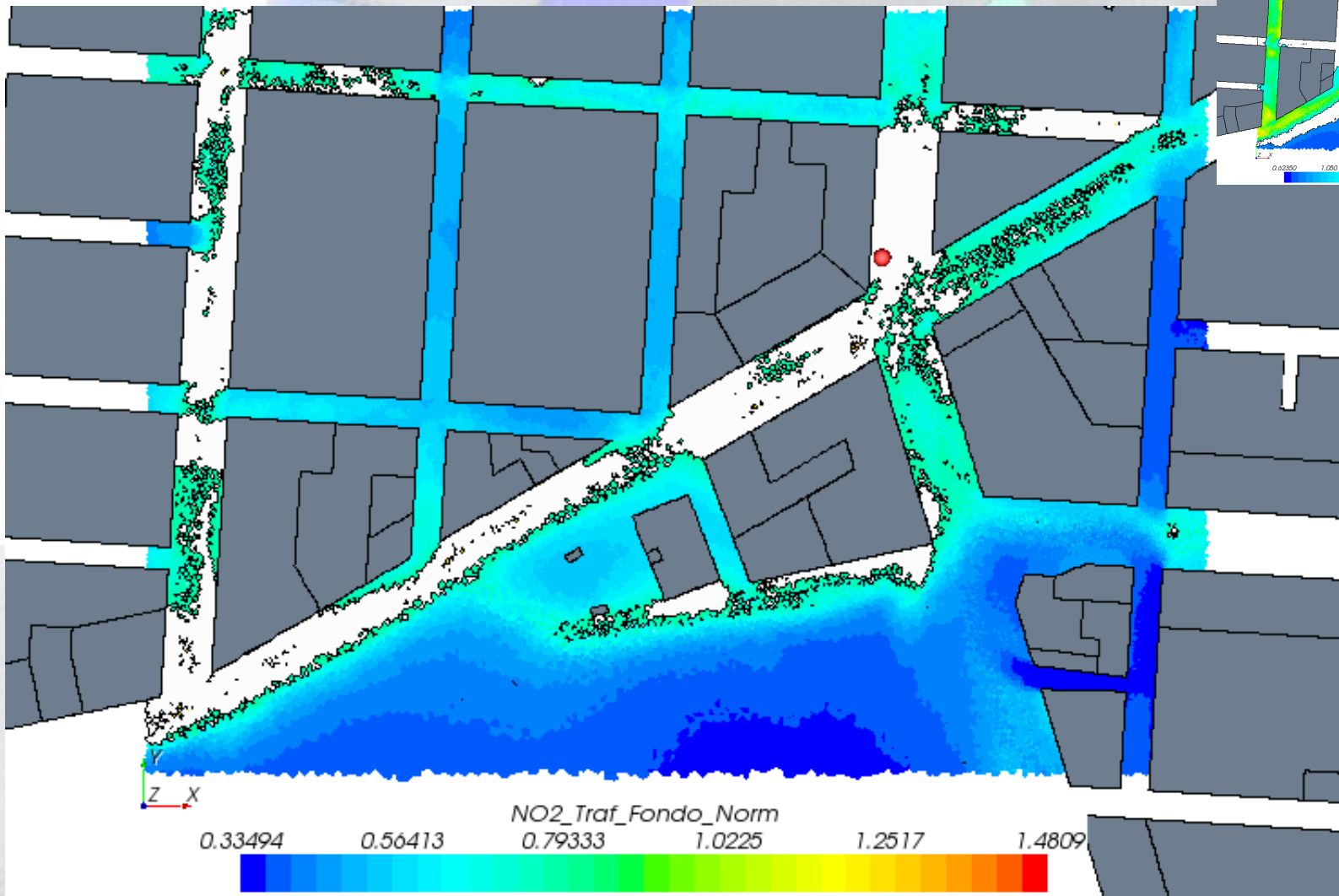




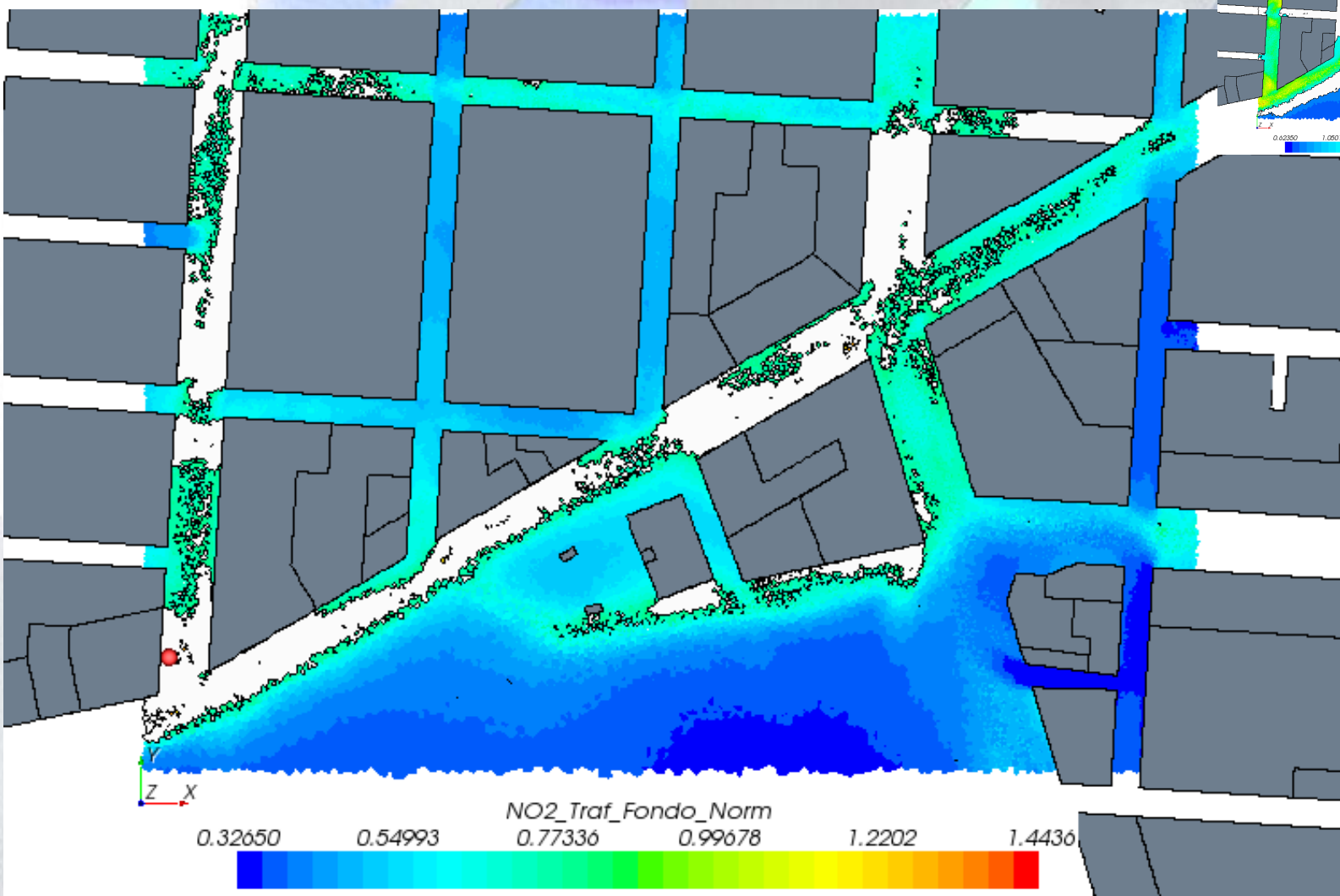
# Representativeness of other potencial locations sorted by ANR<sub>mayor</sub>. EEAA area

Posición	Conc	% AR rectángulo	% ANR <sub>mayor</sub> rectángulo	% ANR <sub>menor</sub> rectángulo	IR
22	127.2	22	0	78	0.19
8	130.4	19	0	81	0.16
10	130.9	19	0	81	0.16
6	134.9	16	0	84	0.14
2	137.8	14	0	86	0.13
18	138.2	14	0	86	0.13
24	140.4	13	0	88	0.12
23	115	32	1	67	0.27
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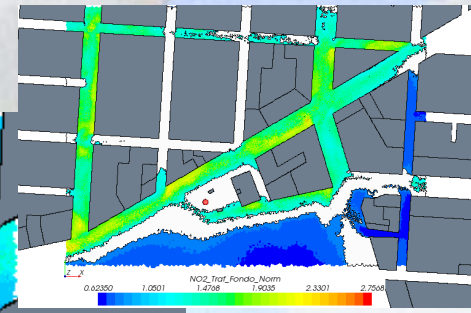
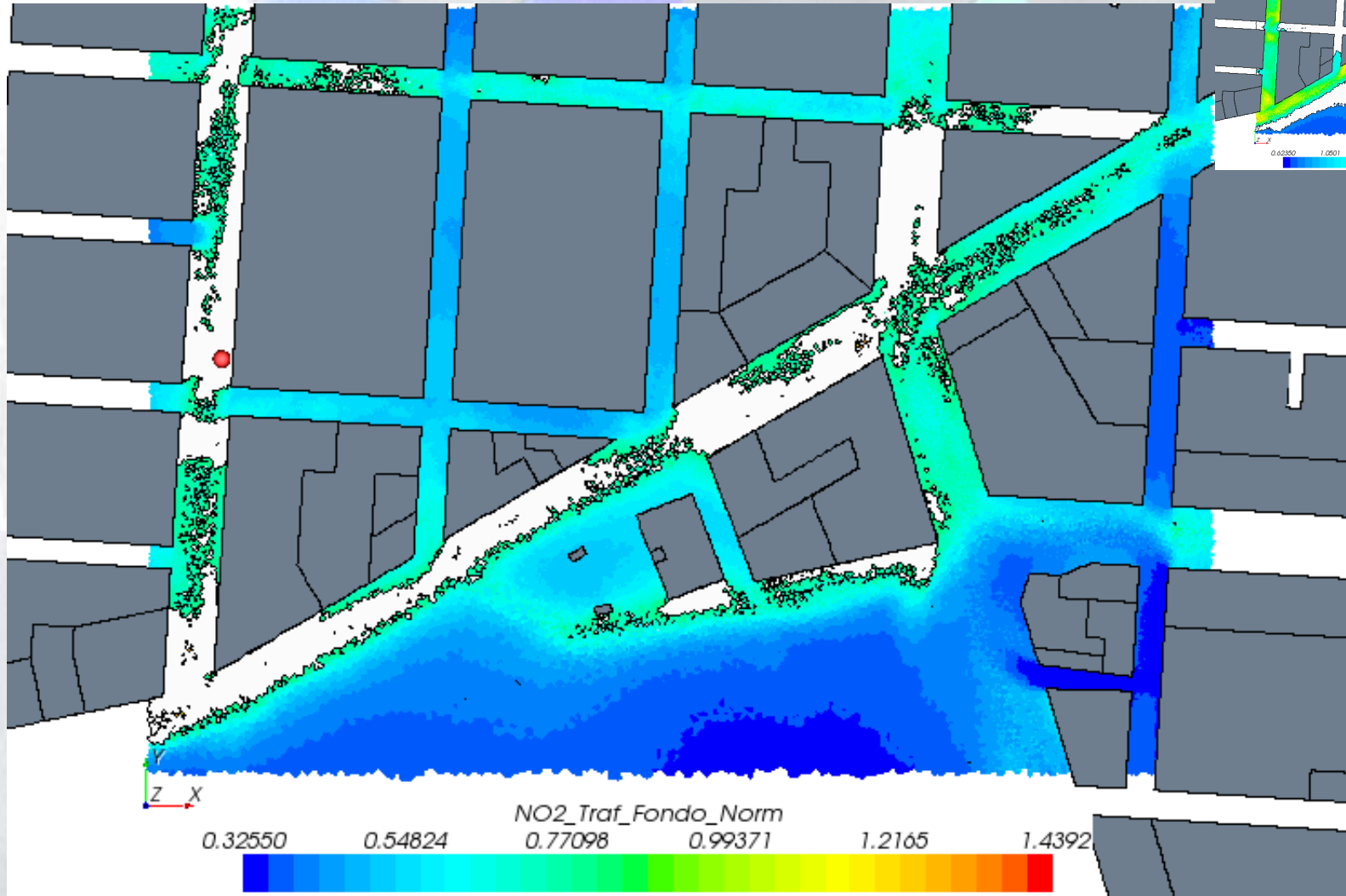
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# Location 8. EEAA



# Location 10. EEAA

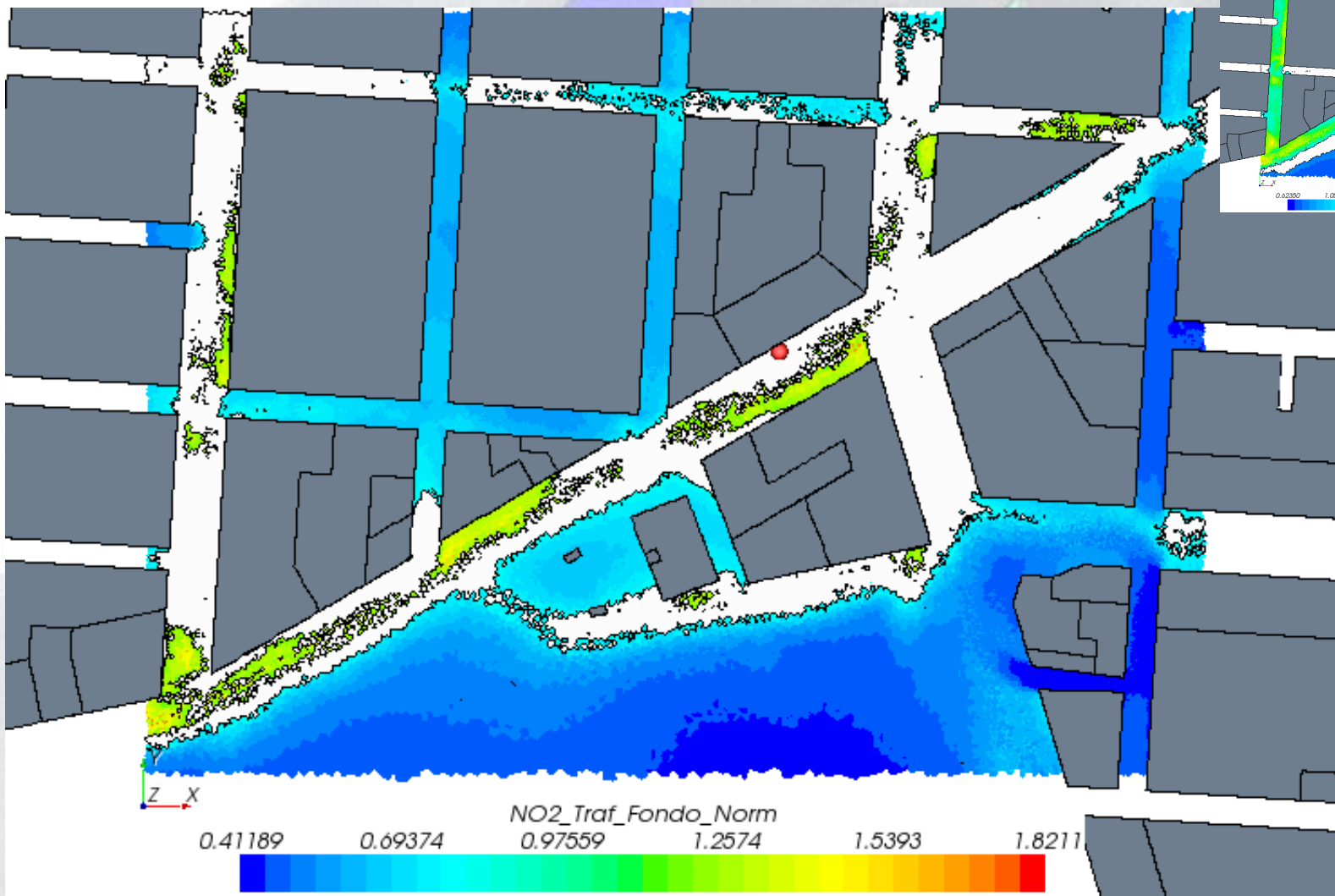


# Representativeness of other potencial locations sorted by IR.

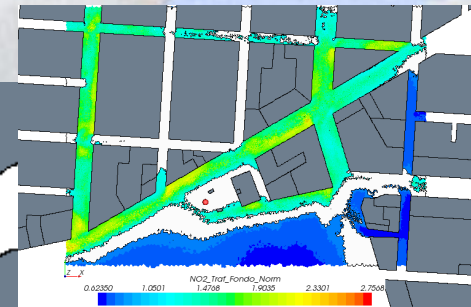
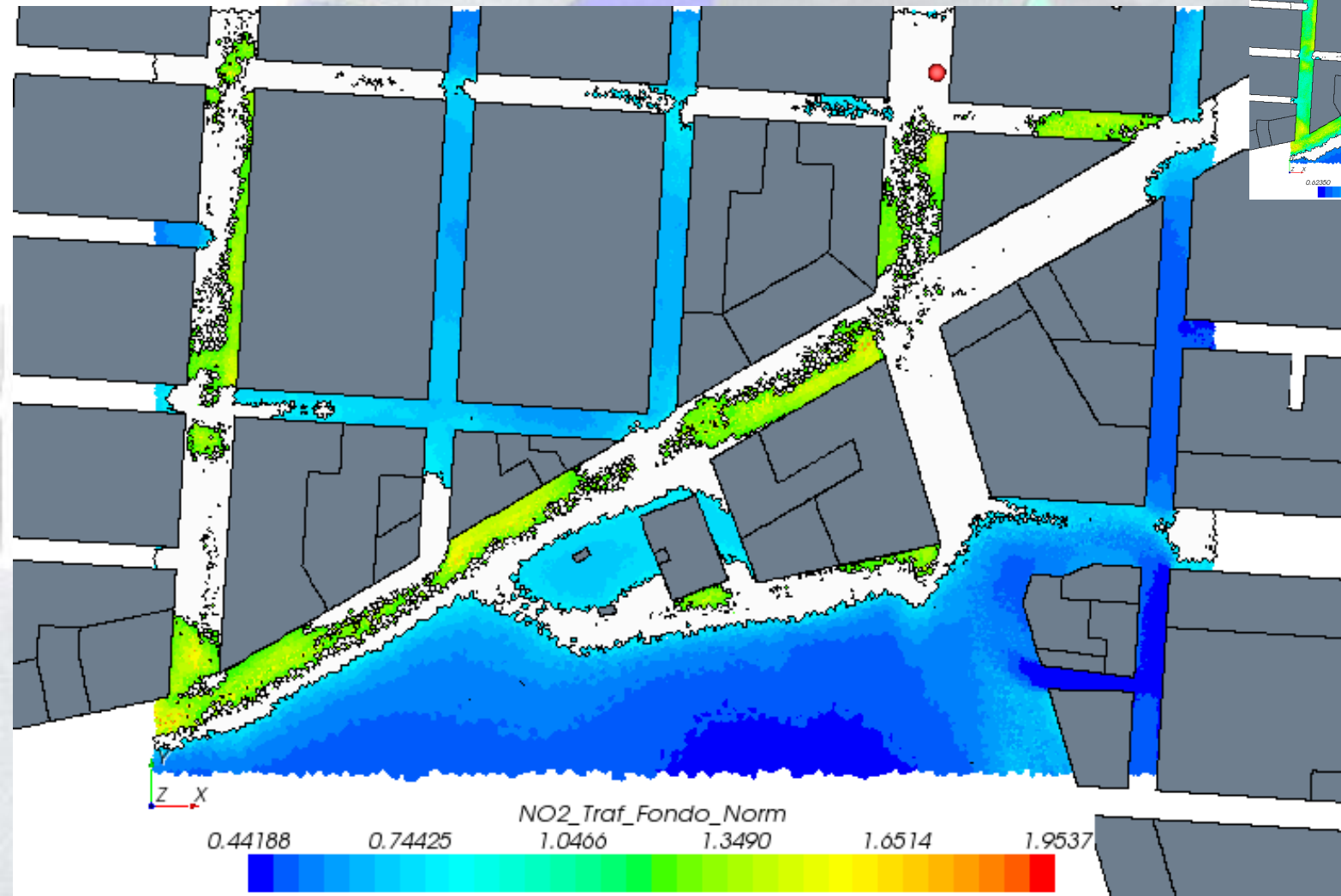
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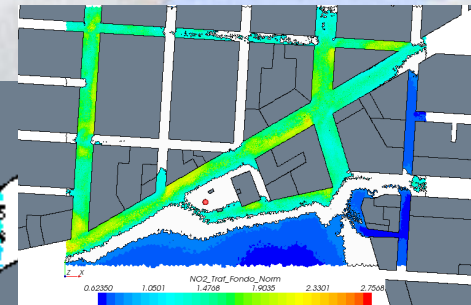
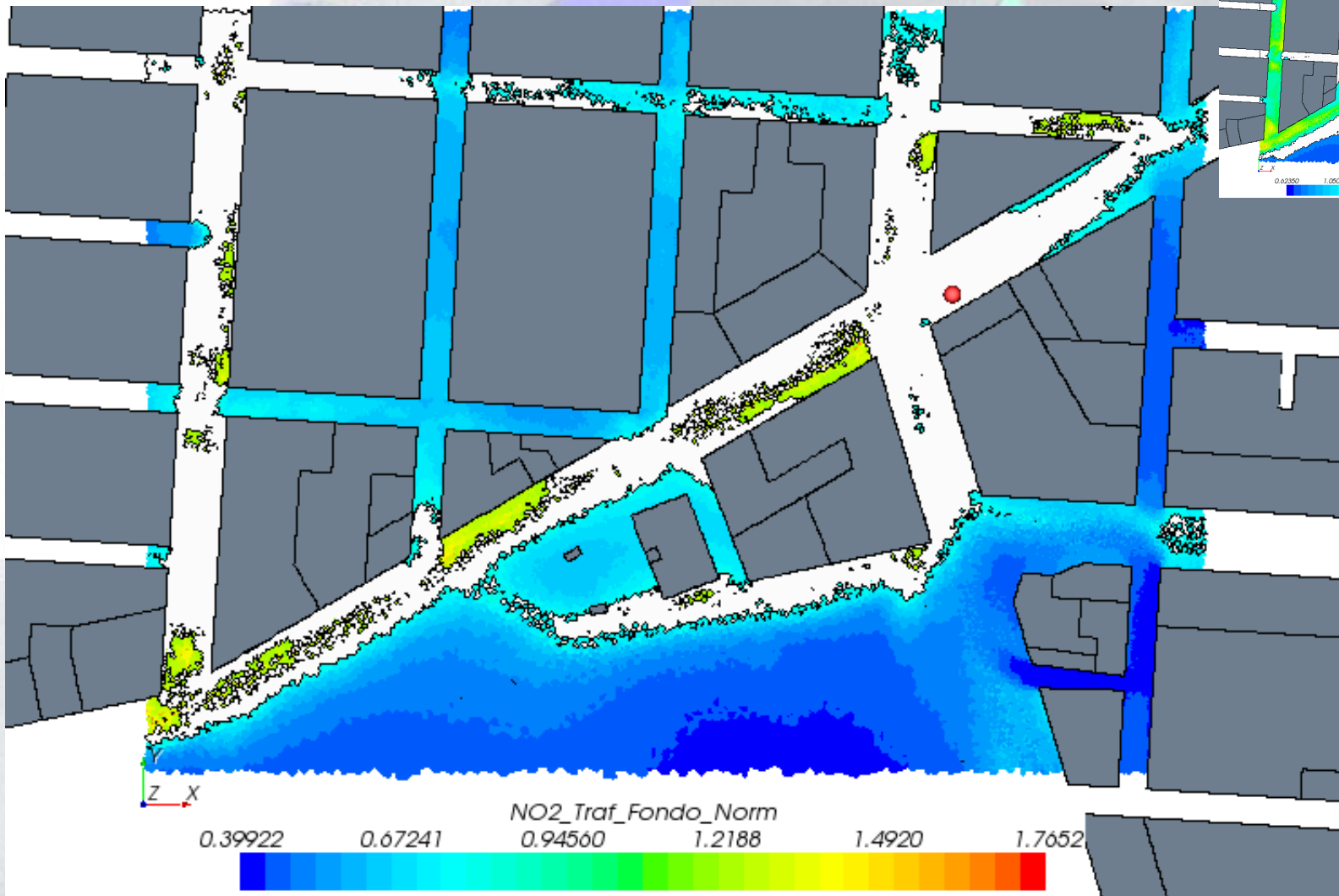
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# Location 26. EEAA



# Location 21. EEAA

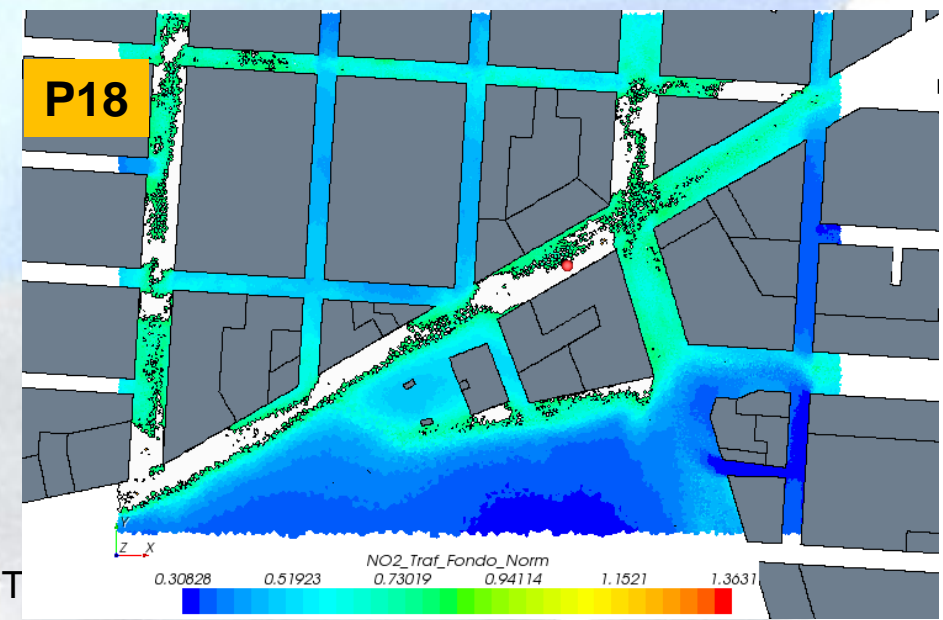
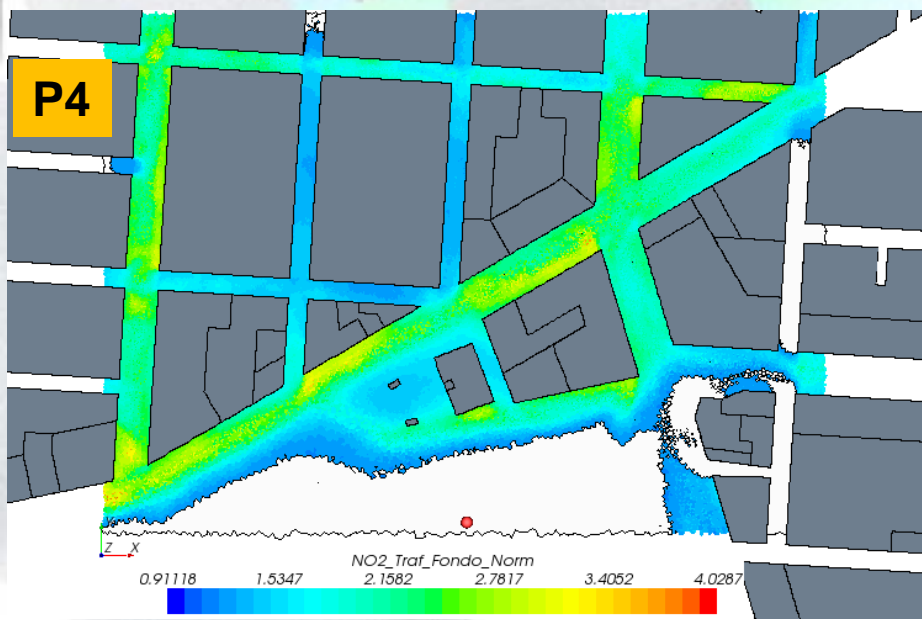
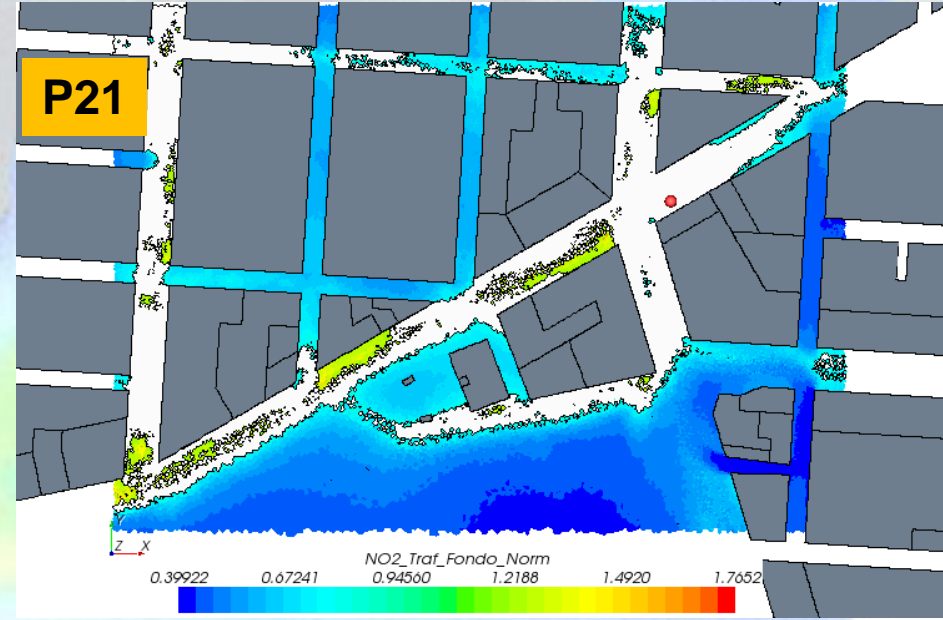
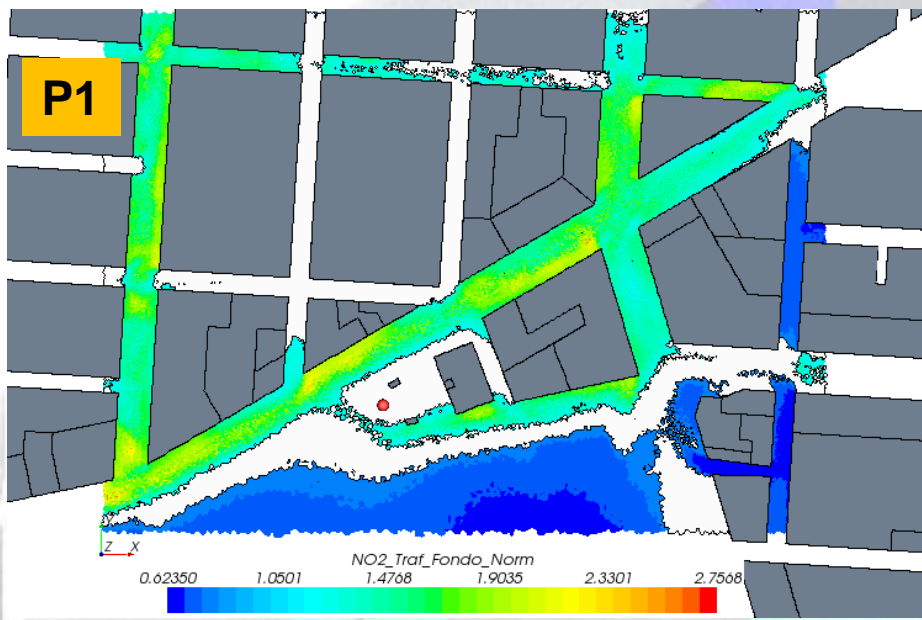




# ***EEAA area: Conclusions***

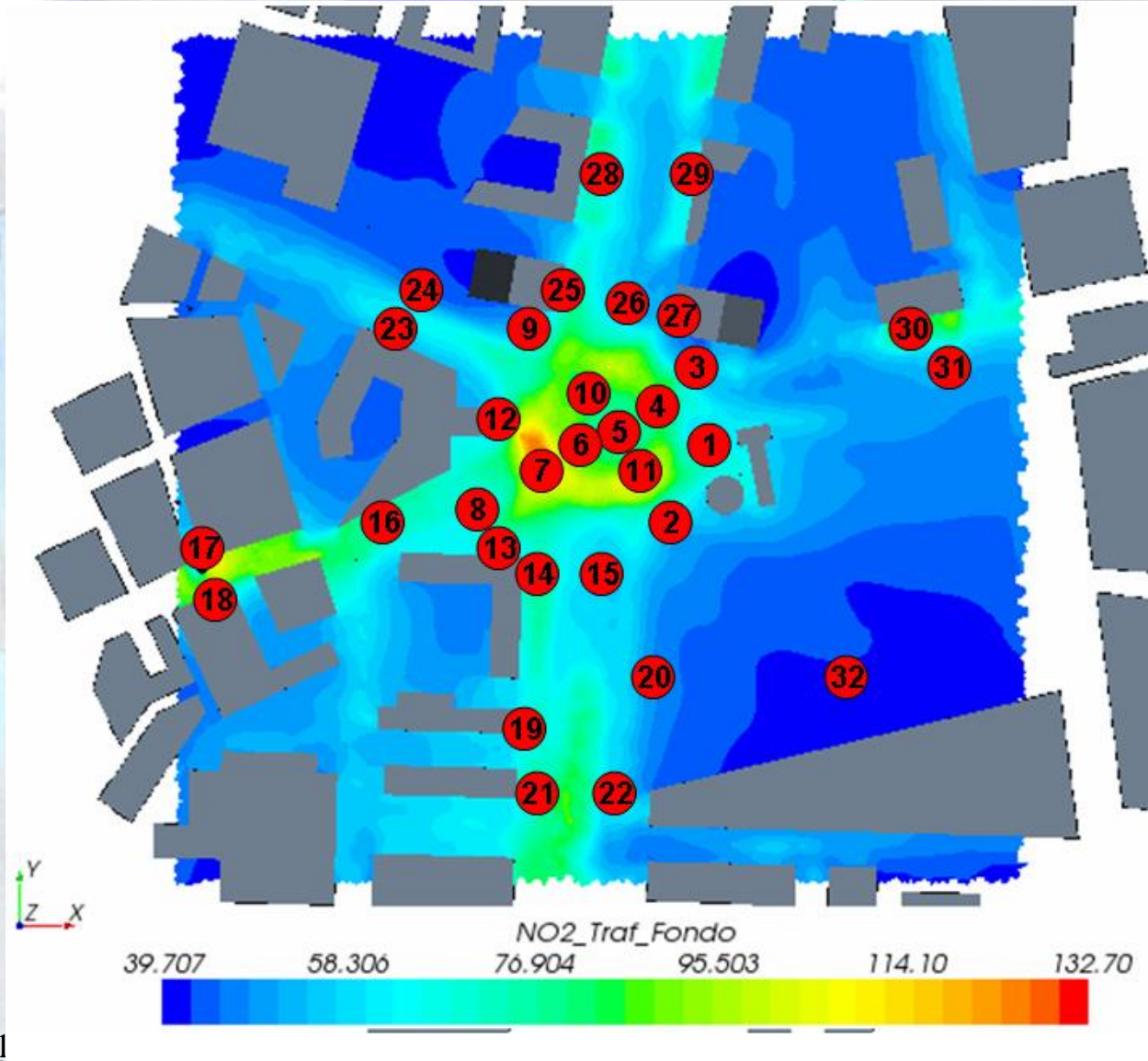
- ❑ At least 4 stations needed to cover 100% of area. For example: **P1, P21, P18 y P4.**
- ❑ Representativeness area (**P1 + P21**) = 68%.

# Representativeness of other potencial locations. EEAA Area



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# Representativeness of other potencial locations. Pza Castilla Area

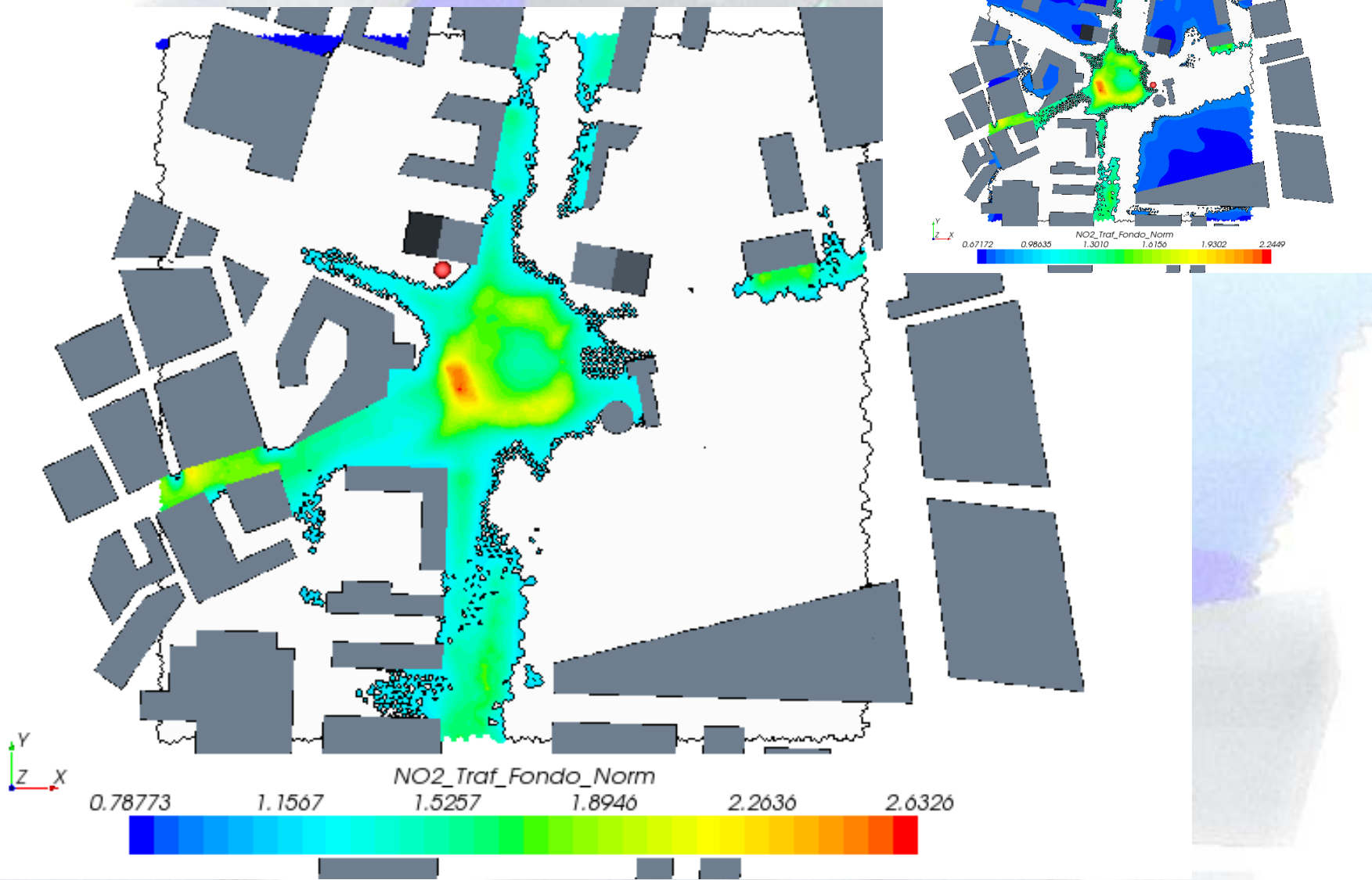


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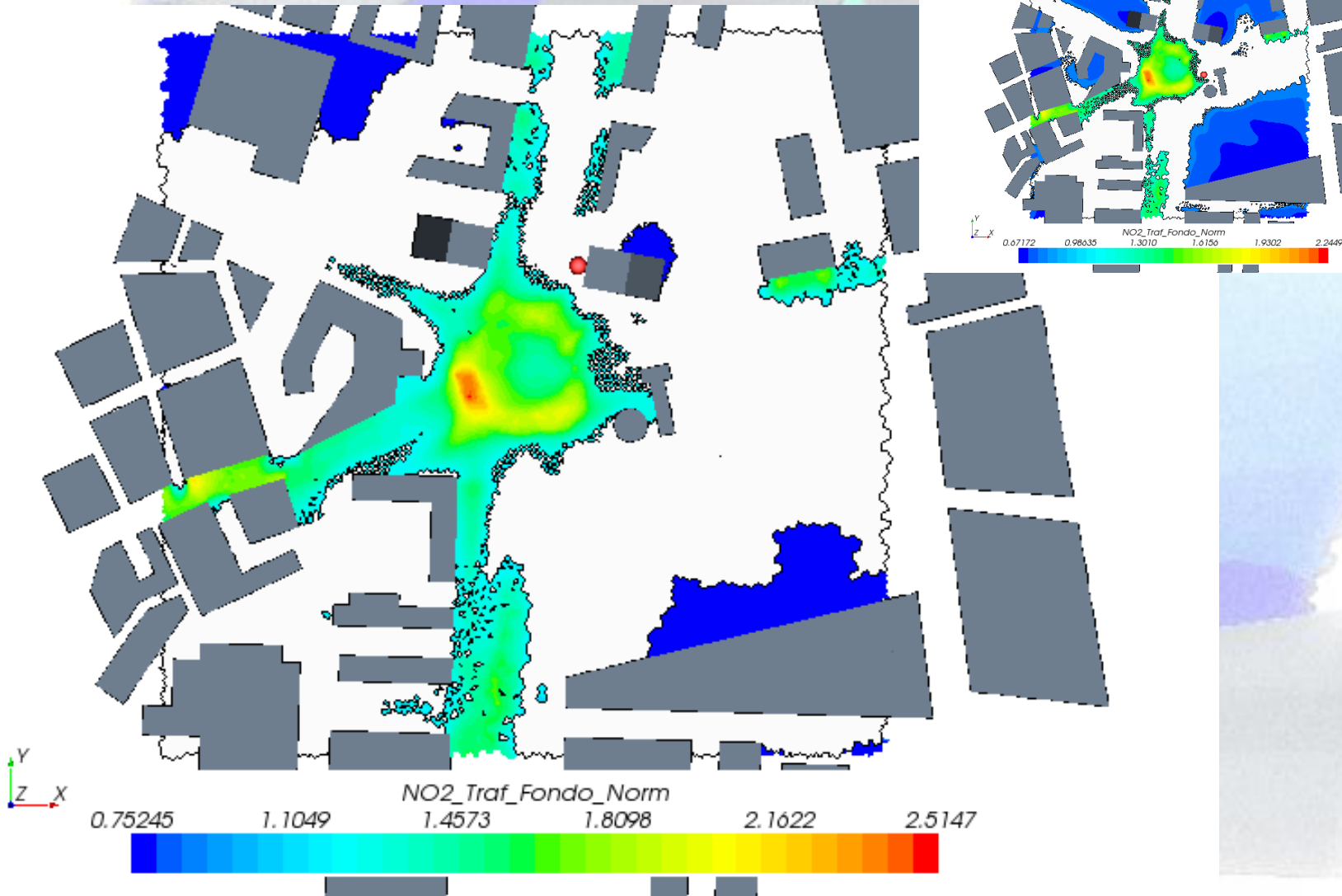
## Pza Castilla area

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9	50.4	77	23	0	0.75
27	52.8	74	19	7	0.75
20	47.8	71	29	0	0.63
22	47.6	71	29	0	0.62
3	47.4	70	30	0	0.61
24	44	60	40	0	0.41
32	42.4	55	45	0	0.33
29	56.4	55	15	31	0.53
15	57	53	14	33	0.52
26	57.7	52	13	35	0.50
23	58.9	50	12	38	0.48
31	58.9	50	12	38	0.48
1 (estación)	59.1	49	12	39	0.47
2	62.4	39	10	51	0.35
12	62.6	38	9	52	0.34
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8	64.9	34	8	58	0.30
28	66.2	33	7	61	0.28
25	67.6	30	6	64	0.26
19	70.1	27	5	68	0.23
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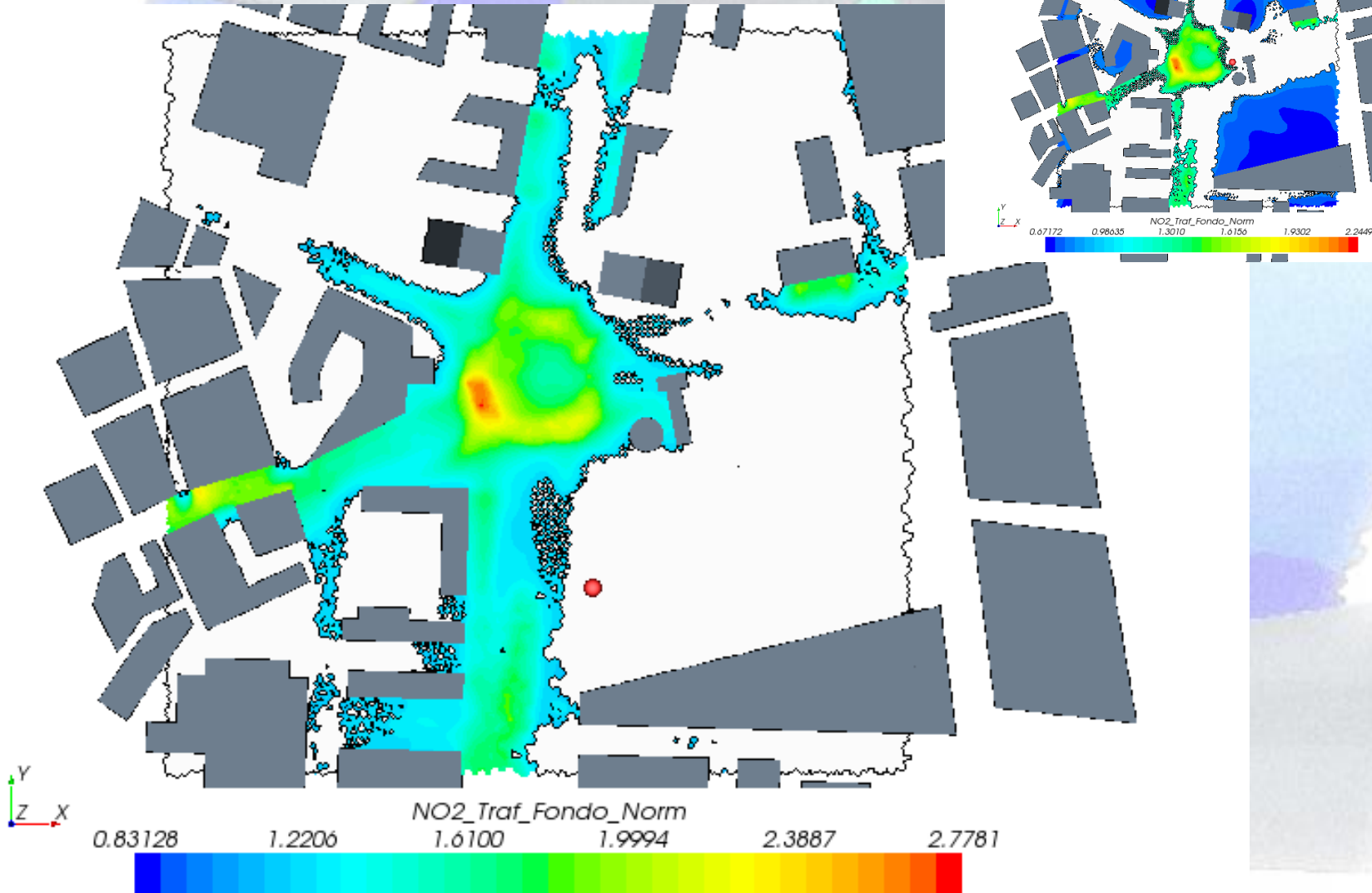
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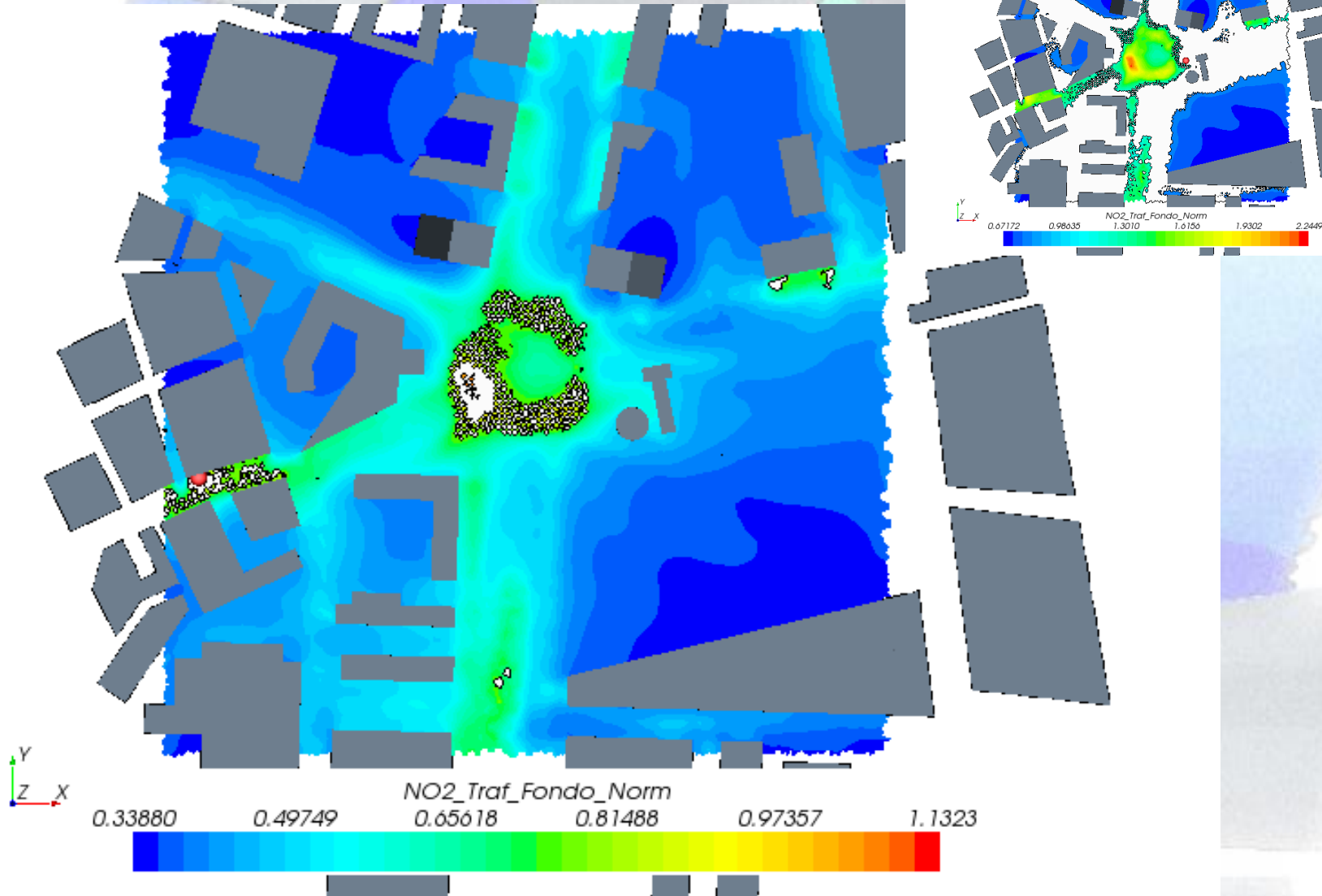
# Representativeness of other potencial locations sorted by ANRmajor.

## Pza Castilla area

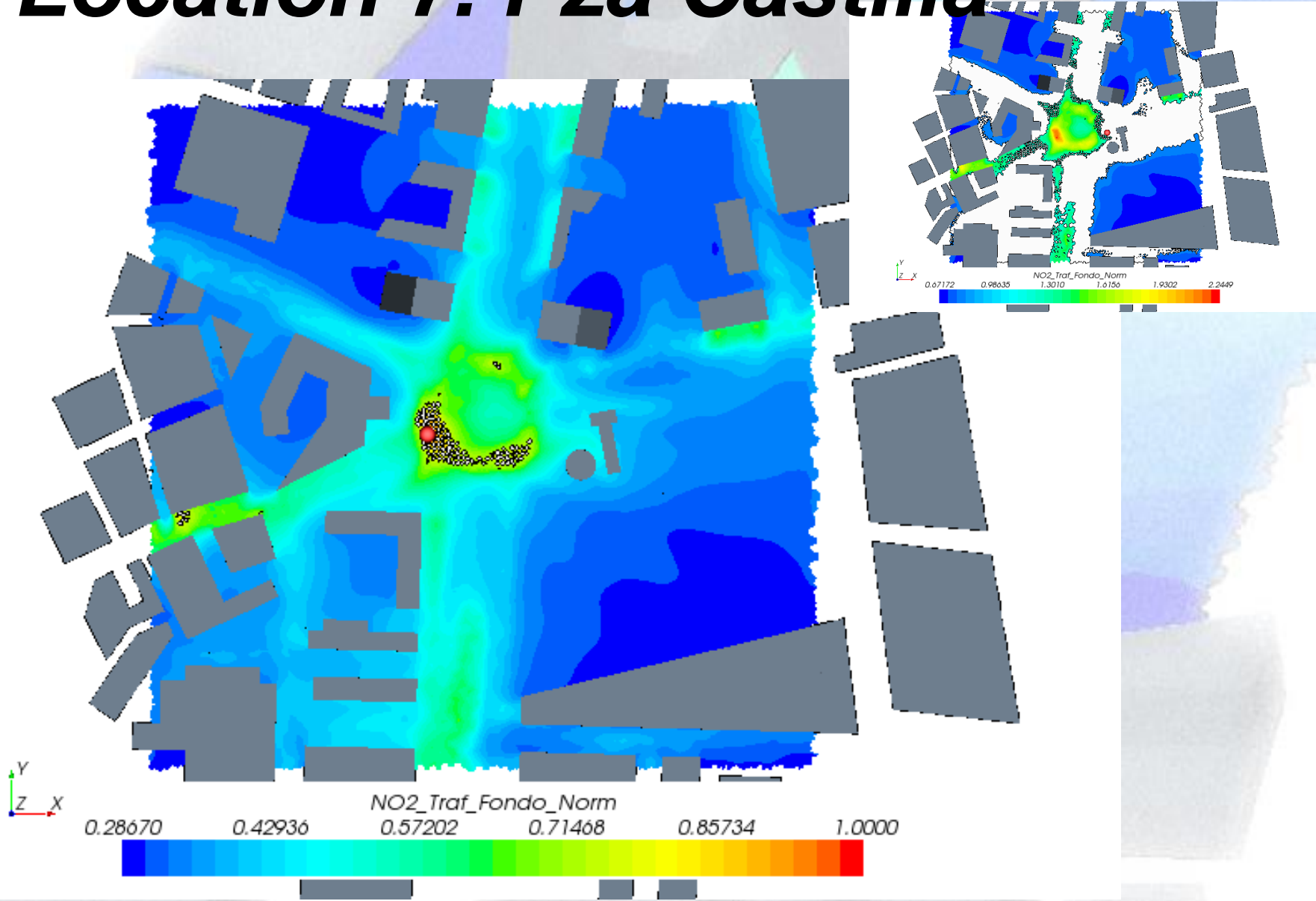
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17	117.2	2	0	98	0.07
7	138.5	0	0	100	0.06
18	105	5	0	95	0.08
6	85.4	13	1	86	0.12
30	85	13	1	86	0.12
16	81.8	15	2	83	0.14
11	81.9	15	2	83	0.14
5	80.4	16	2	82	0.14
10	80.6	16	2	82	0.14
4	78.9	17	2	81	0.15
14	77.5	18	2	79	0.16
21	73.8	22	3	75	0.18
19	70.1	27	5	68	0.23
25	67.6	30	6	64	0.26
28	66.2	33	7	61	0.28
8	64.9	34	8	58	0.30
13	63.9	36	9	56	0.31
12	62.6	38	9	52	0.34
2	62.4	39	10	51	0.35
1 (estación)	59.1	49	12	39	0.47
23	58.9	50	12	38	0.48
31	58.9	50	12	38	0.48
26	57.7	52	13	35	0.50
15	57	53	14	33	0.52



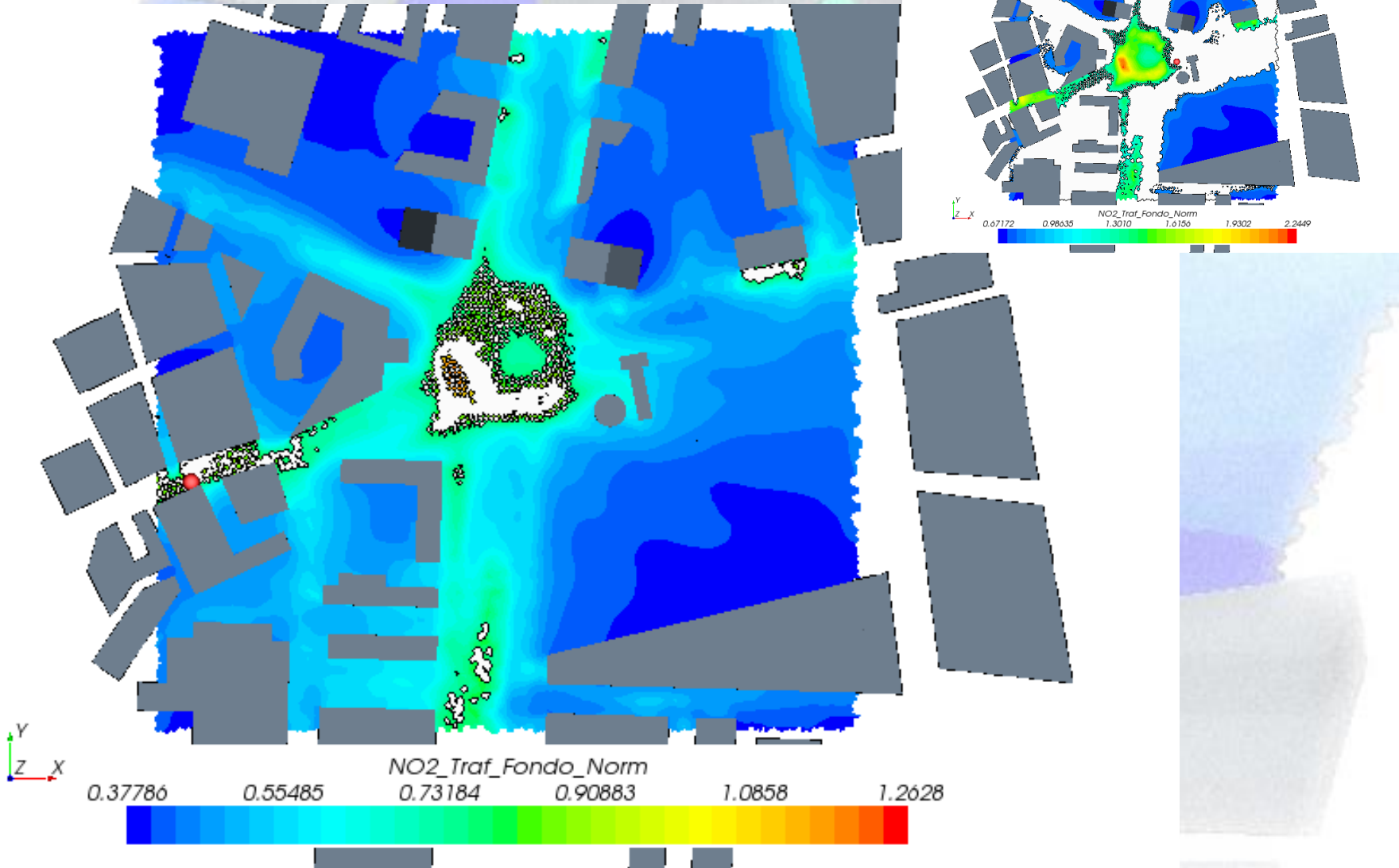
# Location 17. Pza Castilla



# Location 7. Pza Castilla



# Location 18. Pza Castilla

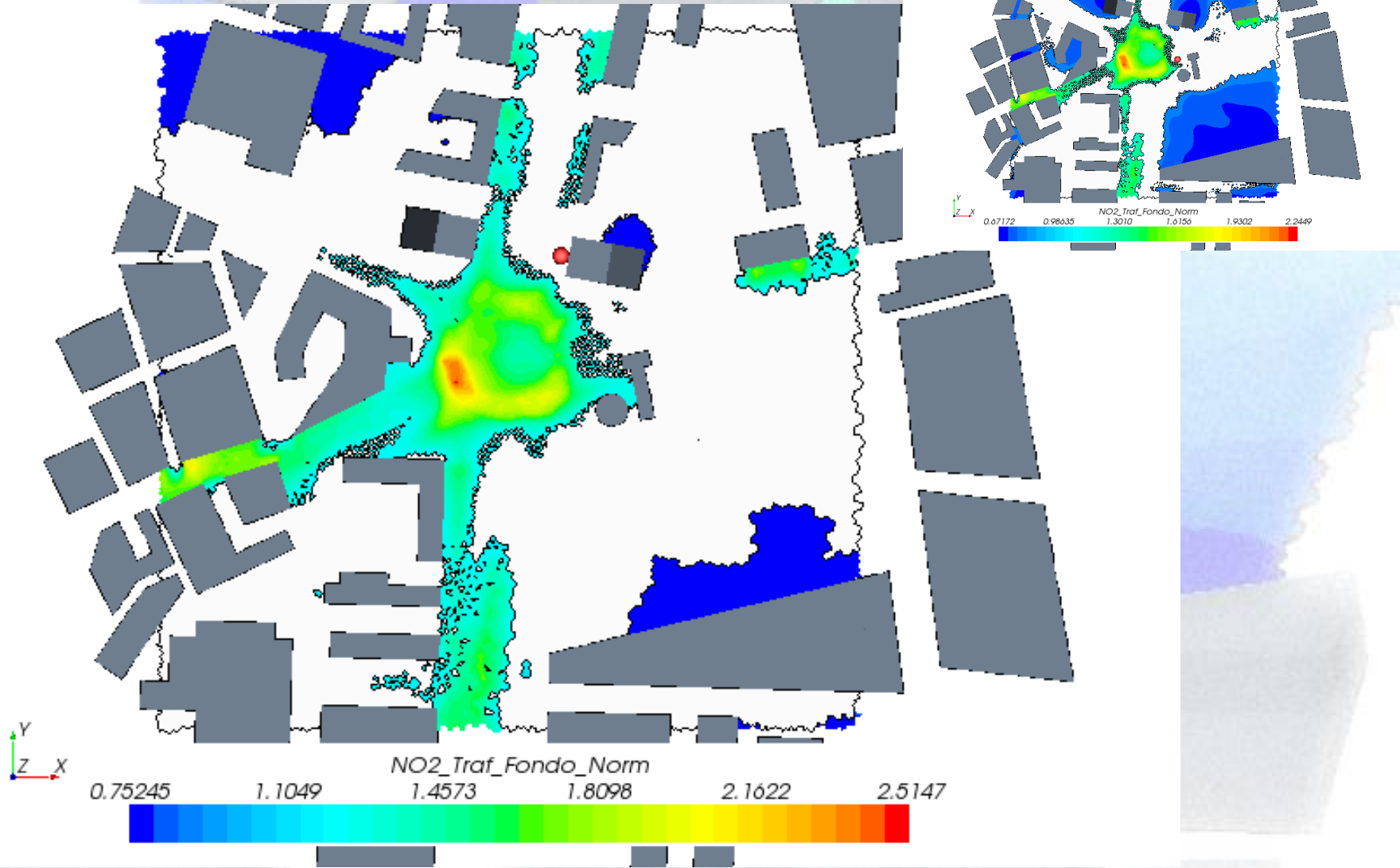


# Representativeness of other potencial locations sorted by IR.

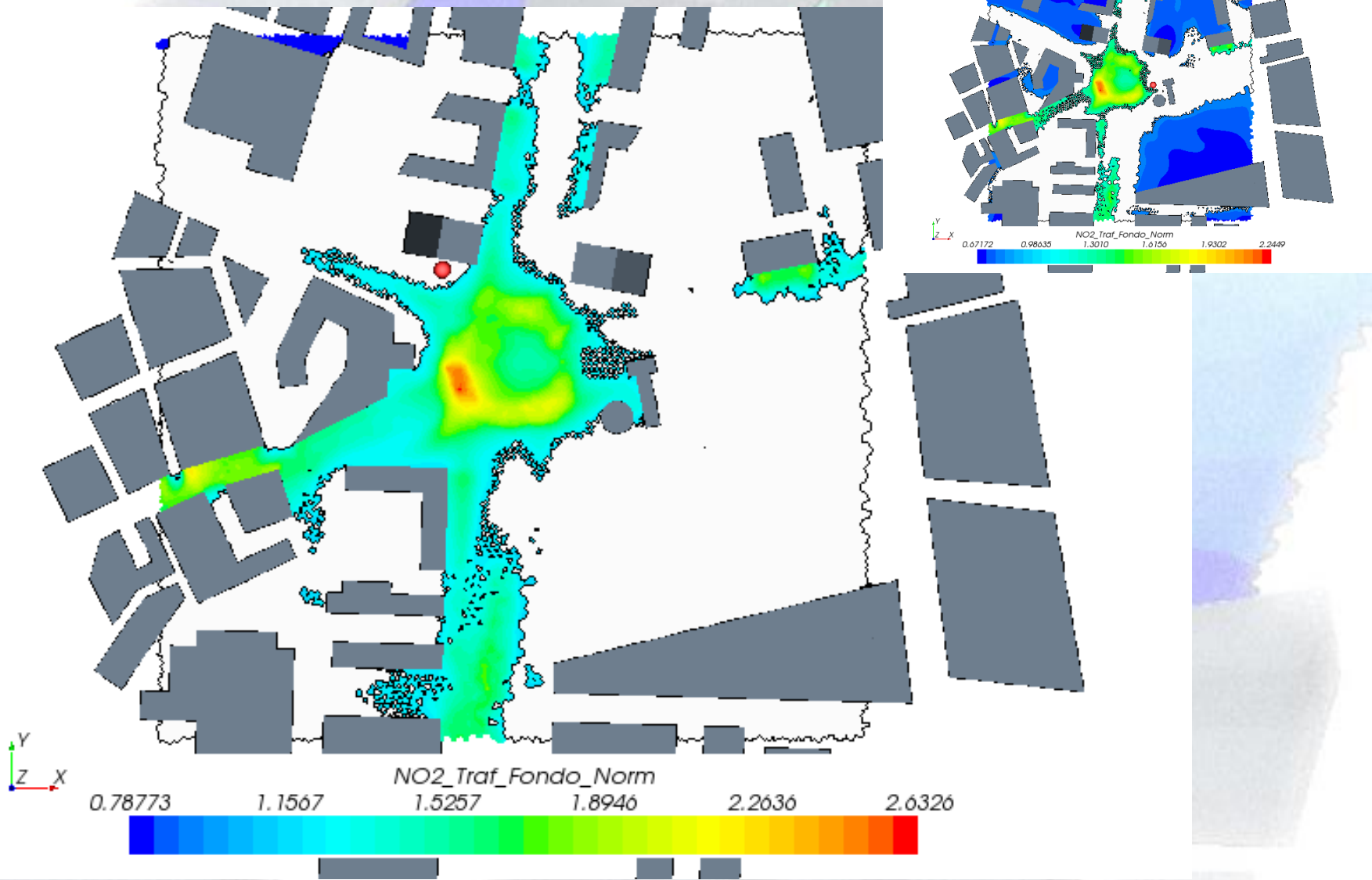
## Pza Castilla area

Posición	Conc	% AR rectángulo	% ANRmayor rectángulo	% ANRmenor rectángulo	IR
27	52.8	74	19	7	0.75
9	50.4	77	23	0	0.75
20	47.8	71	29	0	0.63
22	47.6	71	29	0	0.62
3	47.4	70	30	0	0.61
29	56.4	55	15	31	0.53
15	57	53	14	33	0.52
26	57.7	52	13	35	0.50
23	58.9	50	12	38	0.48
31	58.9	50	12	38	0.48
1 (estación)	59.1	49	12	39	0.47
24	44	60	40	0	0.41
2	62.4	39	10	51	0.35
12	62.6	38	9	52	0.34
32	42.4	55	45	0	0.33
13	63.9	36	9	56	0.31
8	64.9	34	8	58	0.30
28	66.2	33	7	61	0.28
25	67.6	30	6	64	0.26
19	70.1	27	5	68	0.23
21	73.8	22	3	75	0.18
14	77.5	18	2	79	0.16
4	78.9	17	2	81	0.15

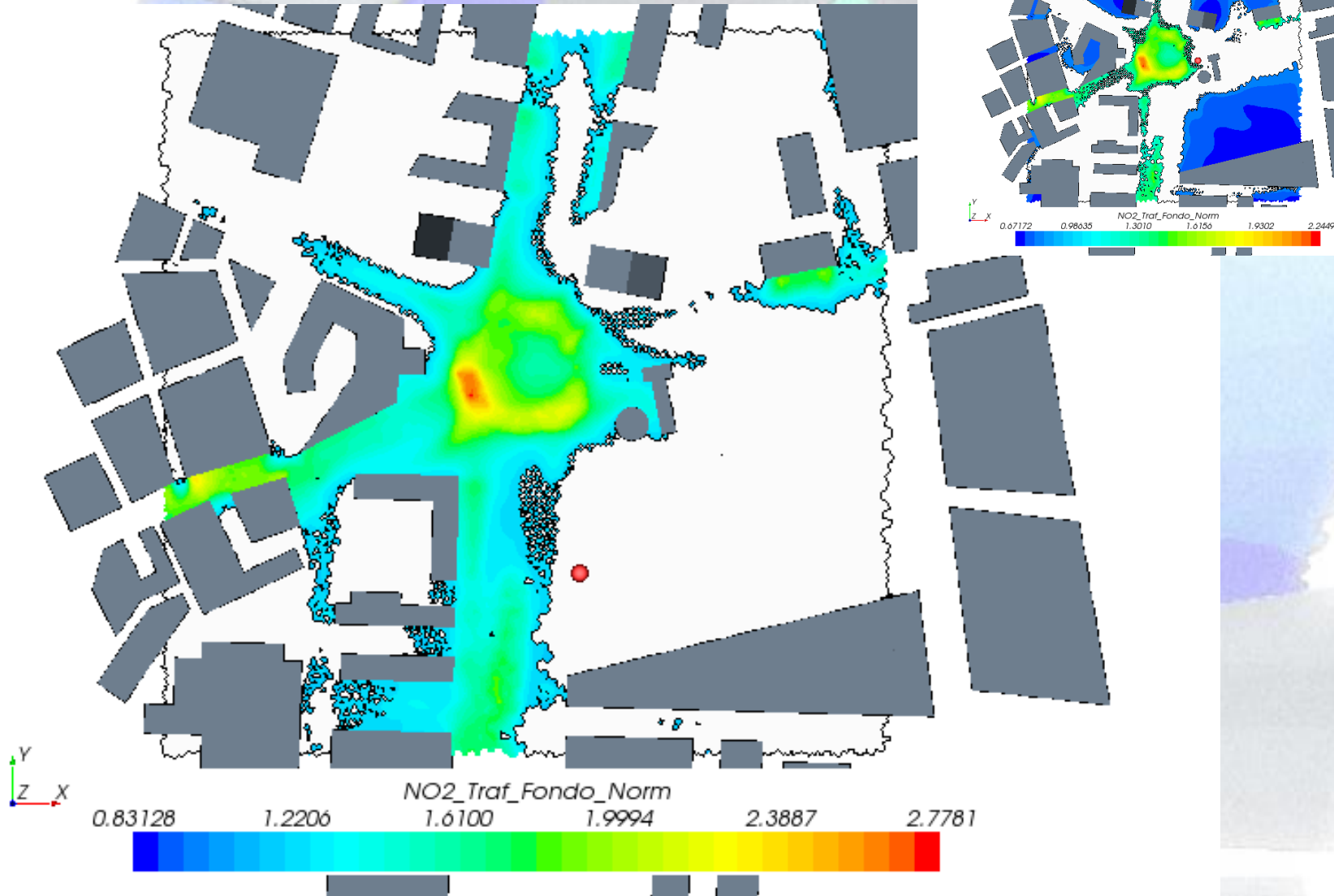
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# Location 9. Pza Castilla



# Location 20. Pza Castilla



# ***Pza Castilla: Conclusions***

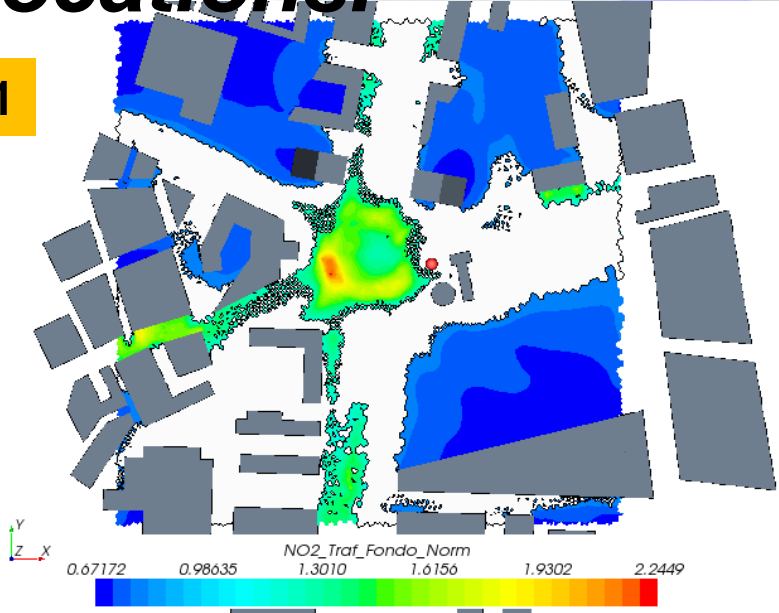
- ❑ More locations with high AR ( $AR > 70\%$ ) and low concentrations due to it is very open area.
- ❑ Only two stations needed to cover almost all area:
  - ❑ **P1 (station) and P20**, AR total = 88%
  - ❑ **P19 and P20**, AR total = 95%.



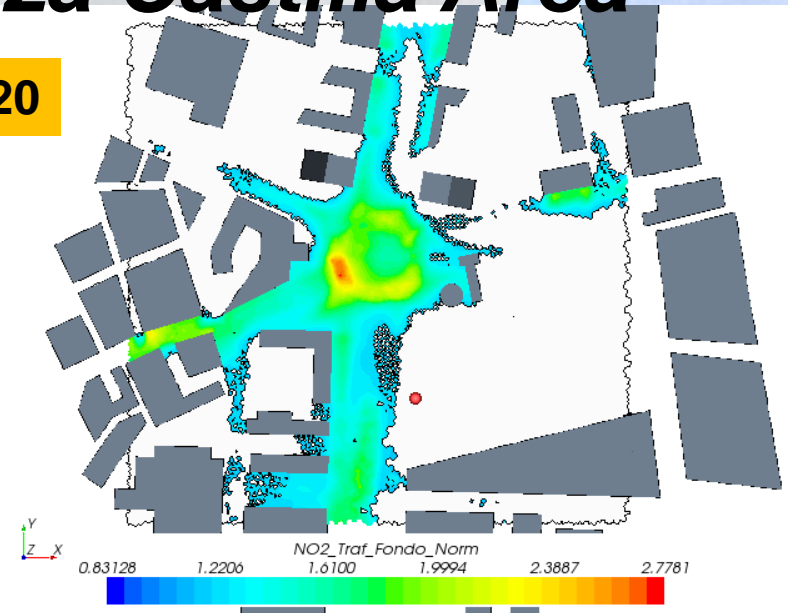
# Representativeness of other potential locations.

## Pza Castilla Area

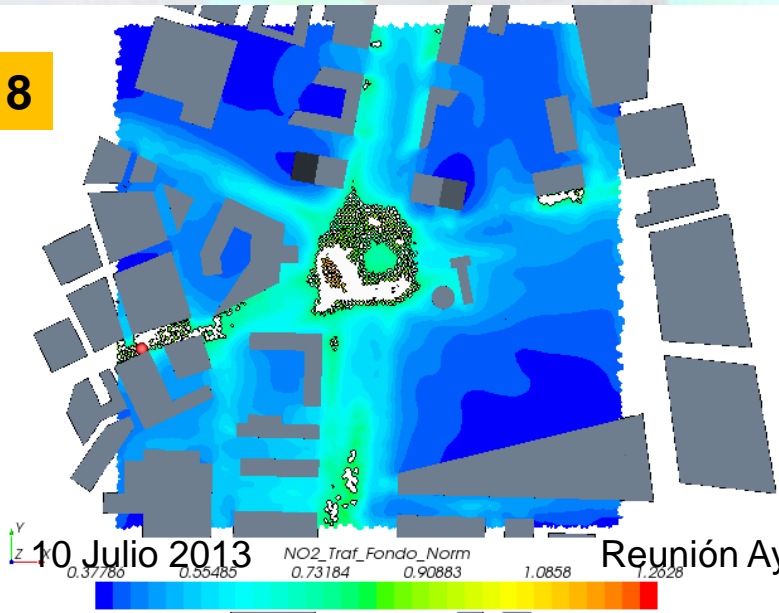
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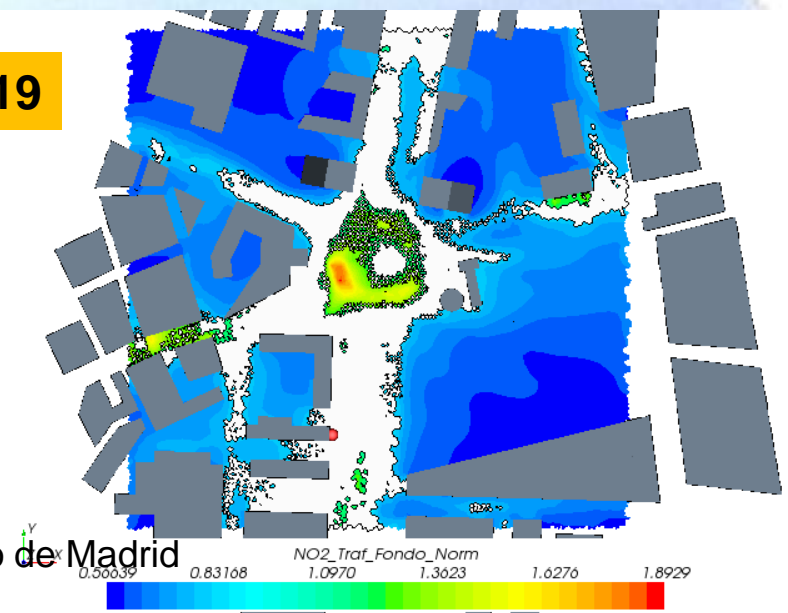
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# Rural Background Stations

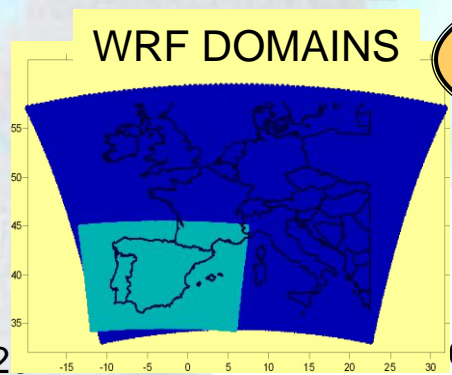
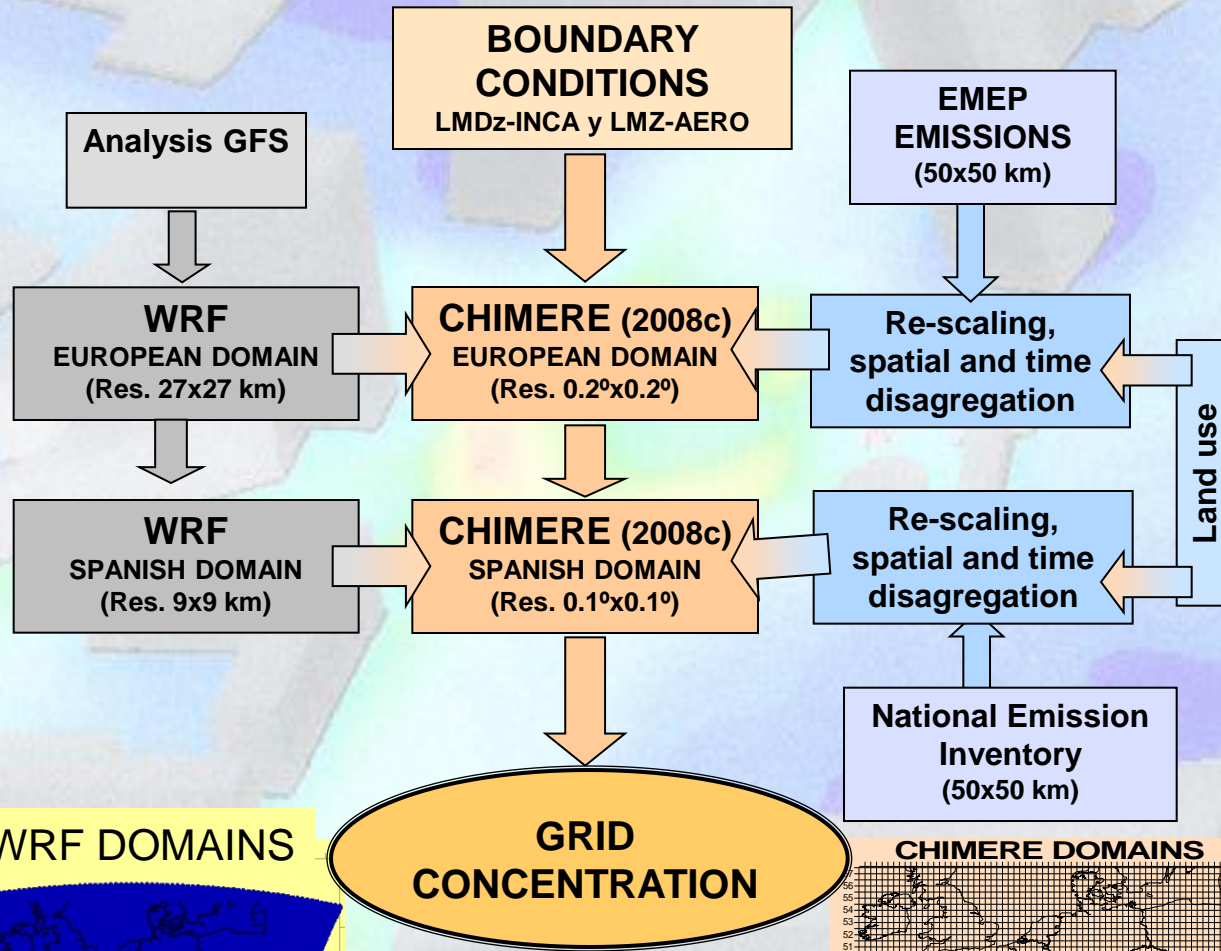
- **To estimate the SR area of the rural background (RB) stations based on the analysis of the pollutant concentration distribution around the stations in the Iberian Peninsula and Balearic Islands** obtained from annual WRF-CHIMERE model simulations combined with measurements of air quality stations for three years (2008-2010).
- The resulted SR areas are analysed and discussed:
  - size distribution
  - interannual variability
  - station redundancy
  - network coverage

# Methodology

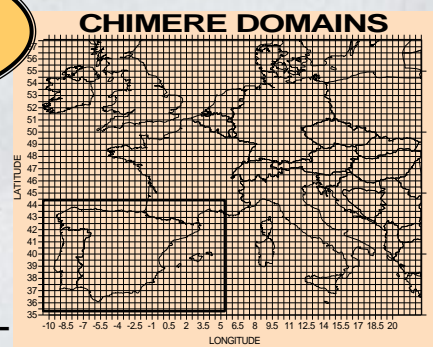
- Analysis of the annual maps of pollutant concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> for three years (2008-2010) computed routinely for annual air quality assessment in Spain.
- Maps obtained from annual simulations with the WRF-CHIMERE model system combined with measurements at air quality stations.

	<b>Annual mean</b>	<b>Daily limit value (daily average)</b>	<b>Hourly limit value (hourly average)</b>	<b>Target value (8-hour average)</b>	<b>Information threshold (hourly average)</b>
<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	Yes	4 <sup>th</sup> upper value	25 <sup>th</sup> upper value	No	No
<b>O<sub>3</sub></b>	No	No	No	26 <sup>th</sup> upper value	Maximum value
<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	Yes	No	19 <sup>th</sup> upper value	No	No
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	Yes	36 <sup>th</sup> upper value	No	No	No

# Modeling scheme

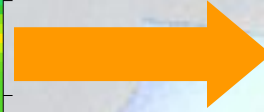
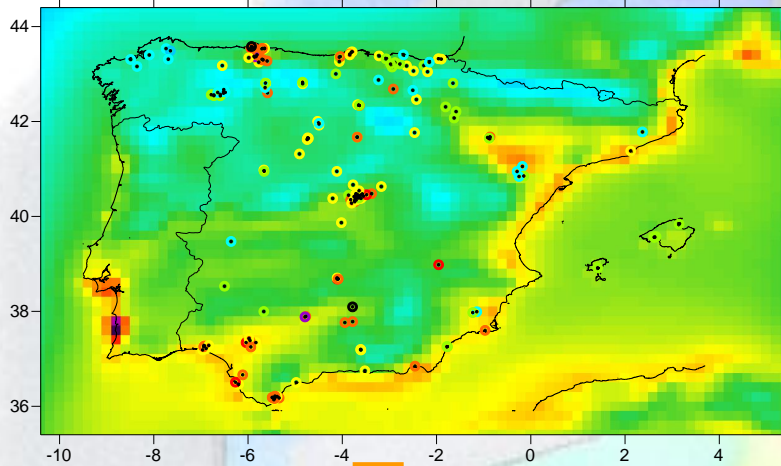


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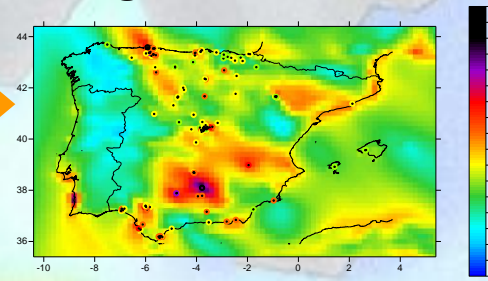
# Measurements and modeling combination

Model and measurement



Kriging applied to residuals

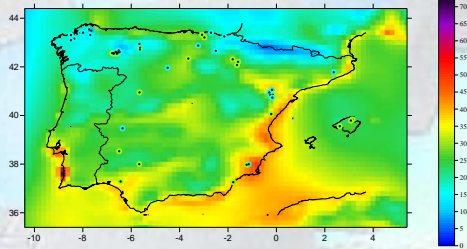
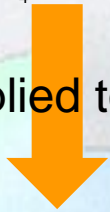
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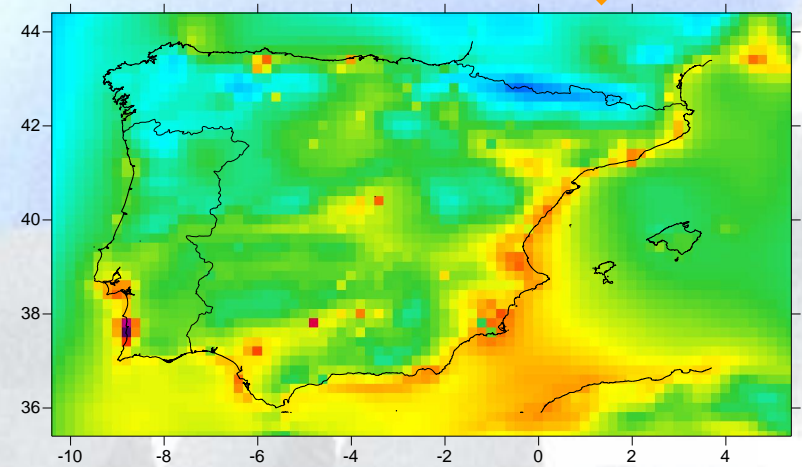
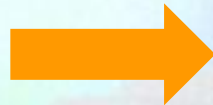
POPULATION



Kriging applied to residuals



RURAL

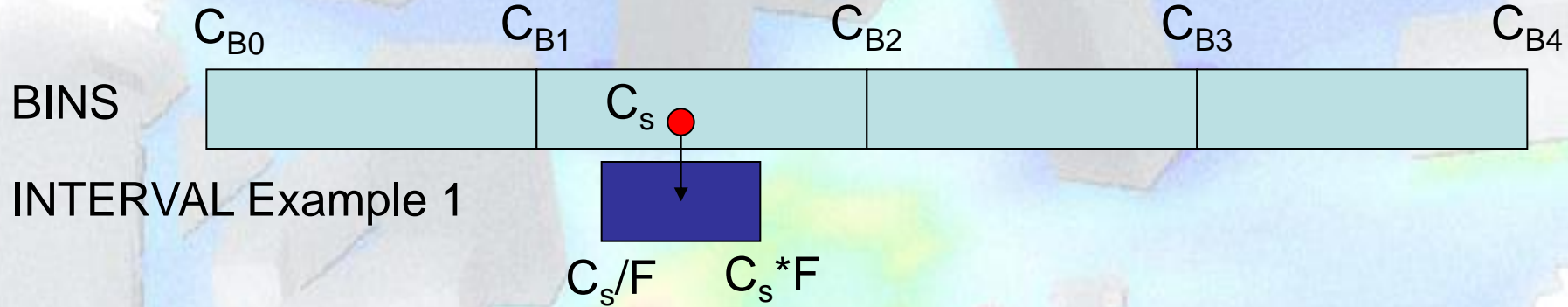


MERGED MAP

# SR delimiting criteria

- Criteria for delimiting representativeness area are based on:
  - Concentration does not vary more than a certain percentage or factor (F) of the concentration at the station,
  - Concentration in the SR falls in the same air quality assessment classification (assessment thresholds, limits values).
  - Maximum SR area is a circle of 200 km of radius around the station (area of 125664 km<sup>2</sup>). Directive EC 2008/50 states one rural background station per 100000 km<sup>2</sup>.
- Procedure:
  1. Several concentration bins were set up for every pollutant and air quality standard (related to LV, TV, UAT, LAT).
  2. When station concentration falls in a bin, limits of concentration interval to comparison with concentrations around station are computed by applying factor F (1.2) to concentration at station site.
  3. SR area of a station will contain all the surrounding grid cells (10x10 Km) in circle of 200 km of radius with concentrations falling into interval.

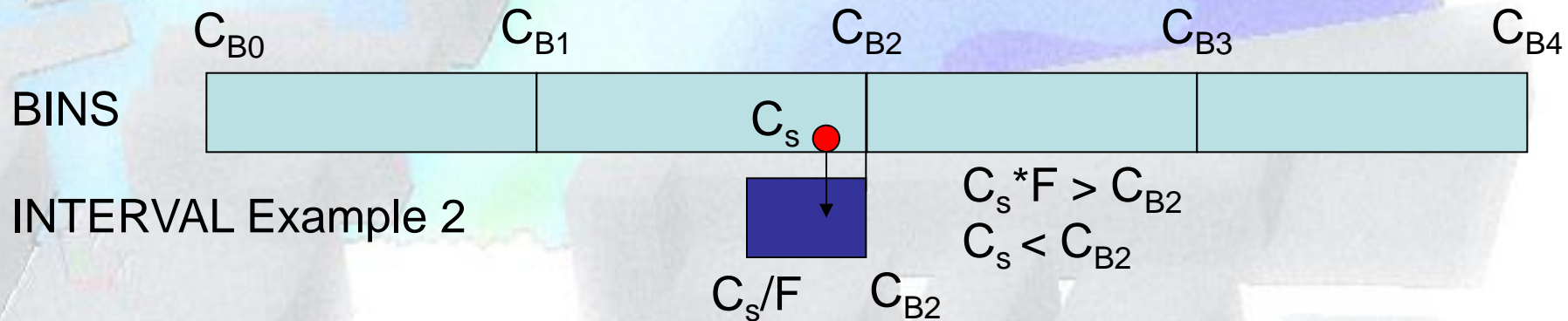
# Setting concentrations intervals



$C_{Bi}$  = bin limits (related to LV, TV, UAT, LAT)

$C_s$  = concentration at station

F = factor for setting intervals (1.2 or 2.0 for very low concentrations)



**Table 2. Criteria for delimiting the SR of the RB stations for every pollutant and air quality standard.** I = bins of concentrations ( $\mu\text{g}\text{m}^{-3}$ ), F = factor applied to set the concentration interval respect to the reference concentration at the station, and L = limits ( $\mu\text{g}\text{m}^{-3}$ ) applied to the upper and lower values of the intervals for each concentration bin.

Averaging time	SO <sub>2</sub>			O <sub>3</sub>			NO <sub>2</sub>			PM <sub>10</sub>		
	I	F	L	I	F	L	I	F	L	I	F	L
Annual mean	<4	2	max≤4				<13	2	max≤13			
	≥4	1.2	min≥4				≥13	1.2	min≥13	<20	1.2	max≤20
	<8		max≤8				<26		max≤26			
	≥8	1.2	min≥8				≥26	1.2	min≥26	≥20	1.2	min≥20
	<12		max≤12				<32		max≤32	<28		max≤28
	≥12	1.2	min≥12				≥32	1.2	min≥32	≥28	1.2	min≥28
	<20		max≤20				<40		max≤40	<40		max≤40
	≥20	1.2	min≥20				≥40	1.2	min≥40	≥40	1.2	min≥40
Daily average	<25	2	max≤25									
	≥25	1.2	min≥25							<25	1.2	max≤25
	<50		max≤50									
	≥50	1.2	min≥50							≥25	1.2	min≥25
	<75		max≤75							<35		max≤35
	≥75	1.2	min≥75							≥35	1.2	min≥35
	<125		max≤125							<50		max≤50
	≥125	1.2	min≥125							≥50	1.2	min≥50
Hourly average	<70	2	max≤70	<90	1.2	max≤90	<50	2	max≤50			
	≥70	1.2	min≥70	≥90	1.2	min≥90	≥50	1.2	min≥50			
	<140		max≤140	<135		max≤135	<100		max≤100			
	≥140	1.2	min≥140	≥135	1.2	min≥135	≥100	1.2	min≥100			
	<210		max≤210	<180		max≤180	<140		max≤140			
	≥210	1.2	min≥210	≥180	1.2	min≥180	≥140	1.2	min≥140			
	<350		max≤350	<210		max≤210	<200		max≤200			
	≥350	1.2	min≥350	≥210	1.2	min≥210	≥200	1.2	min≥200			
			<240		max≤240	<400		max≤400				
			≥240	1.2	min≥240	≥400	1.2	min≥400				
8-hour average				<84	1.2	max≤84						
				≥84	1.2	min≥84						
				<108		max≤108						
				≥108	1.2	min≥108						
				<120		max≤120						
				≥120	1.2	min≥120						
			<180		max≤180							
			≥180	1.2	min≥180							

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# Results

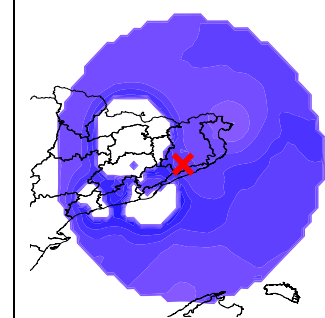
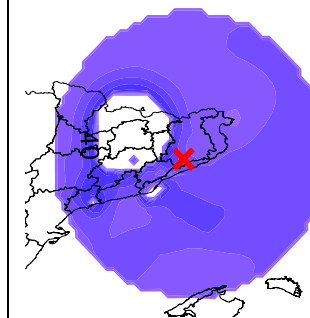
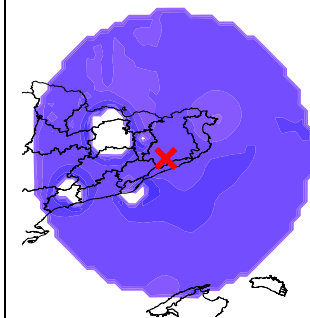
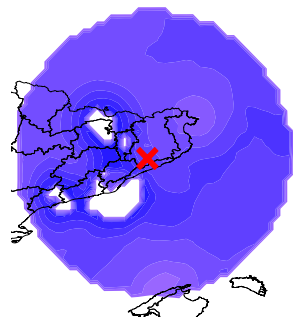
- The SR area of the RB stations was estimated for each of the three years (2008, 2009 and 2010).
- The multiyear SR area can be estimated computing the intersection of the yearly SR areas.

2008

2009

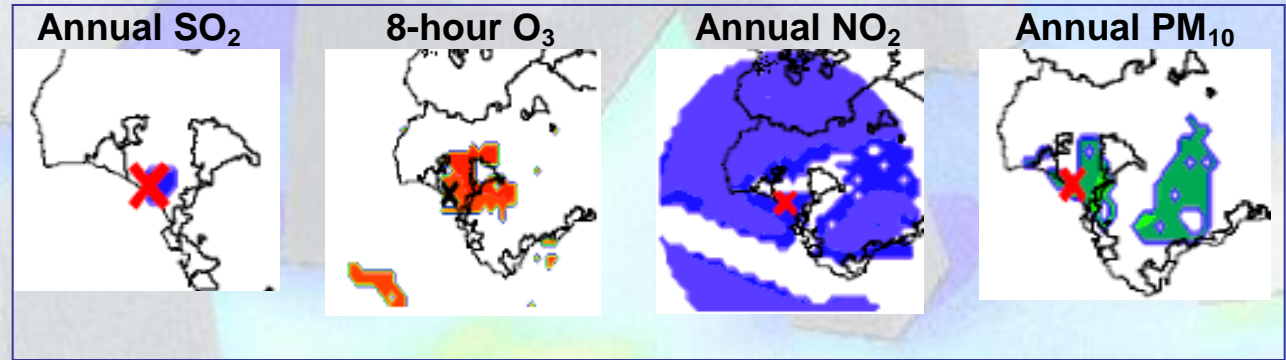
2010

Intersection

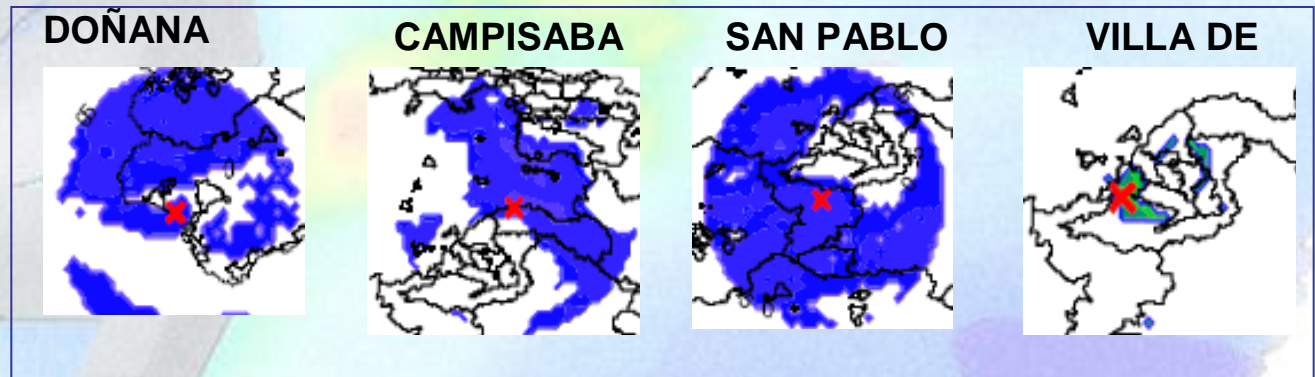


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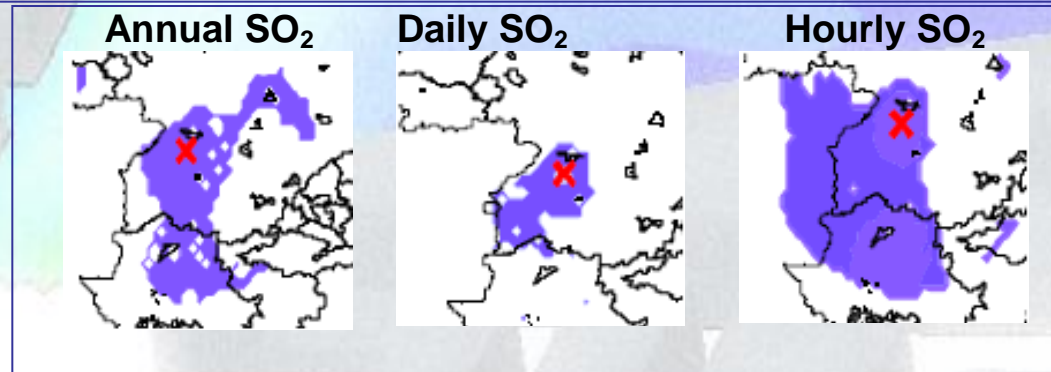
SRs for Doñana station and several pollutants



SR for hourly NO<sub>2</sub> and several stations

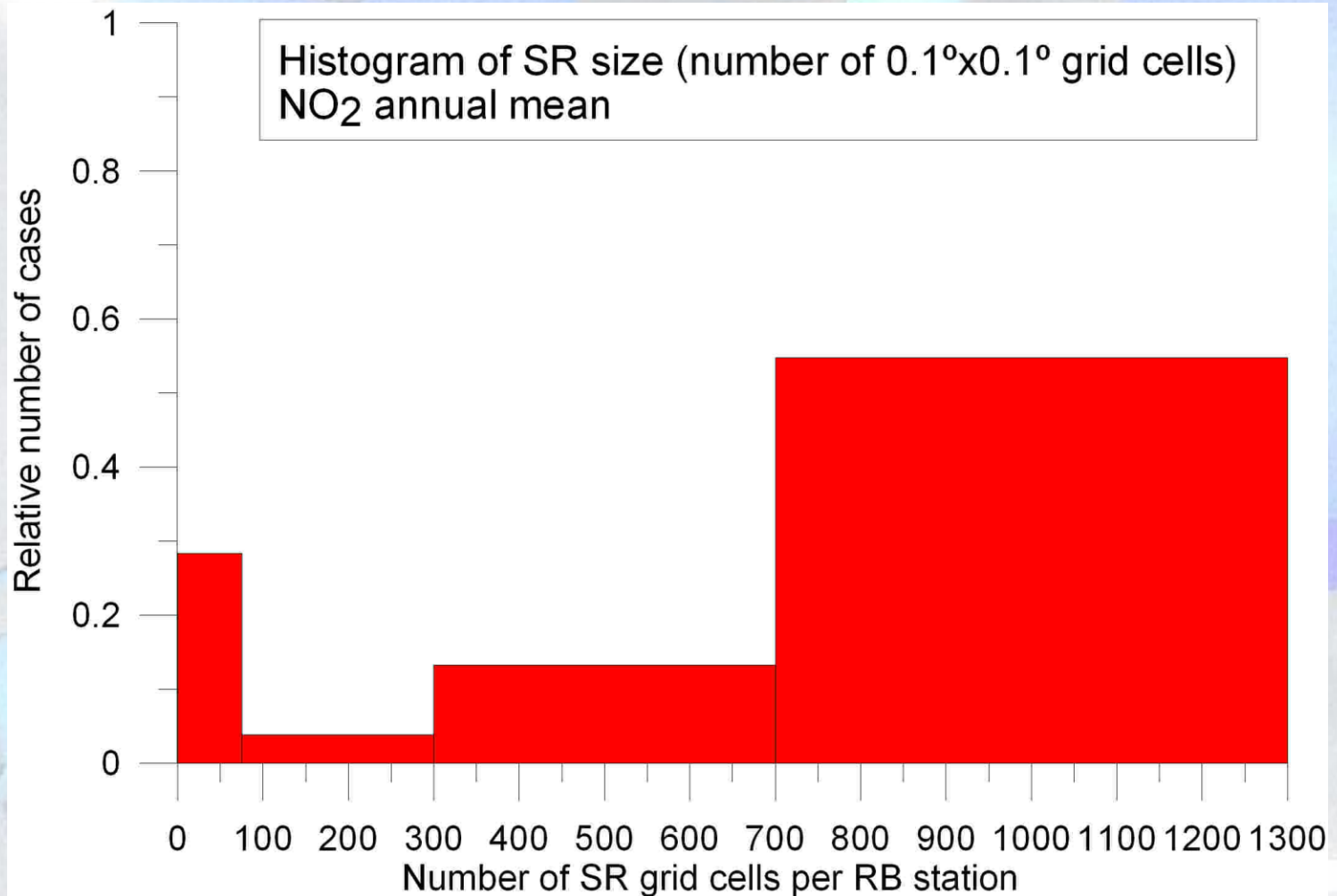


SRs for Peñausende station and SO<sub>2</sub>



# SR size (1)

Bins of grid cell (10x10 km<sup>2</sup>) numbers are 0-75, 75-300, 300-700 and 700-1300.

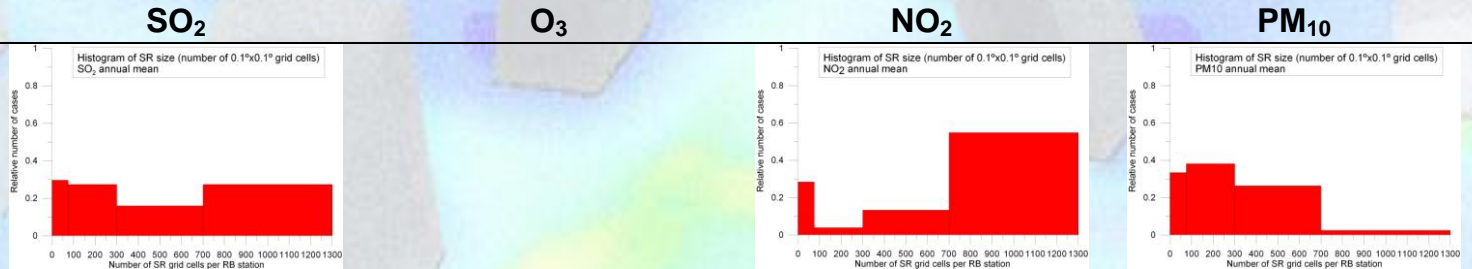


# SR size (2)

Bins of grid cell (10x10 km<sup>2</sup>) numbers are 0-75, 75-300, 300-700 and 700-1300.

**Averaging time**

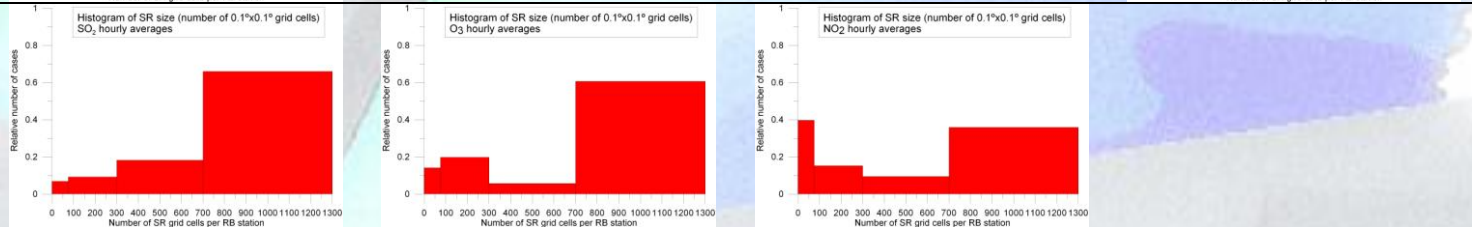
Annual mean



Daily average



Hourly average



8-hour average



# SR size (3)

Bins of grid cell ( $10 \times 10 \text{ km}^2$ ) numbers are 0-75, 75-300, 300-700 and 700-1300.

- Large SR areas are more frequent for hourly and daily  $\text{SO}_2$ , hourly  $\text{O}_3$  and annual  $\text{NO}_2$ .
- More small or medium SR areas for  $\text{PM}_{10}$  and 8-hourly averages of  $\text{O}_3$ .
- Generally, the SR areas ranging from 300 to 700 grid cells are less frequent.

# Interannual variability (1)

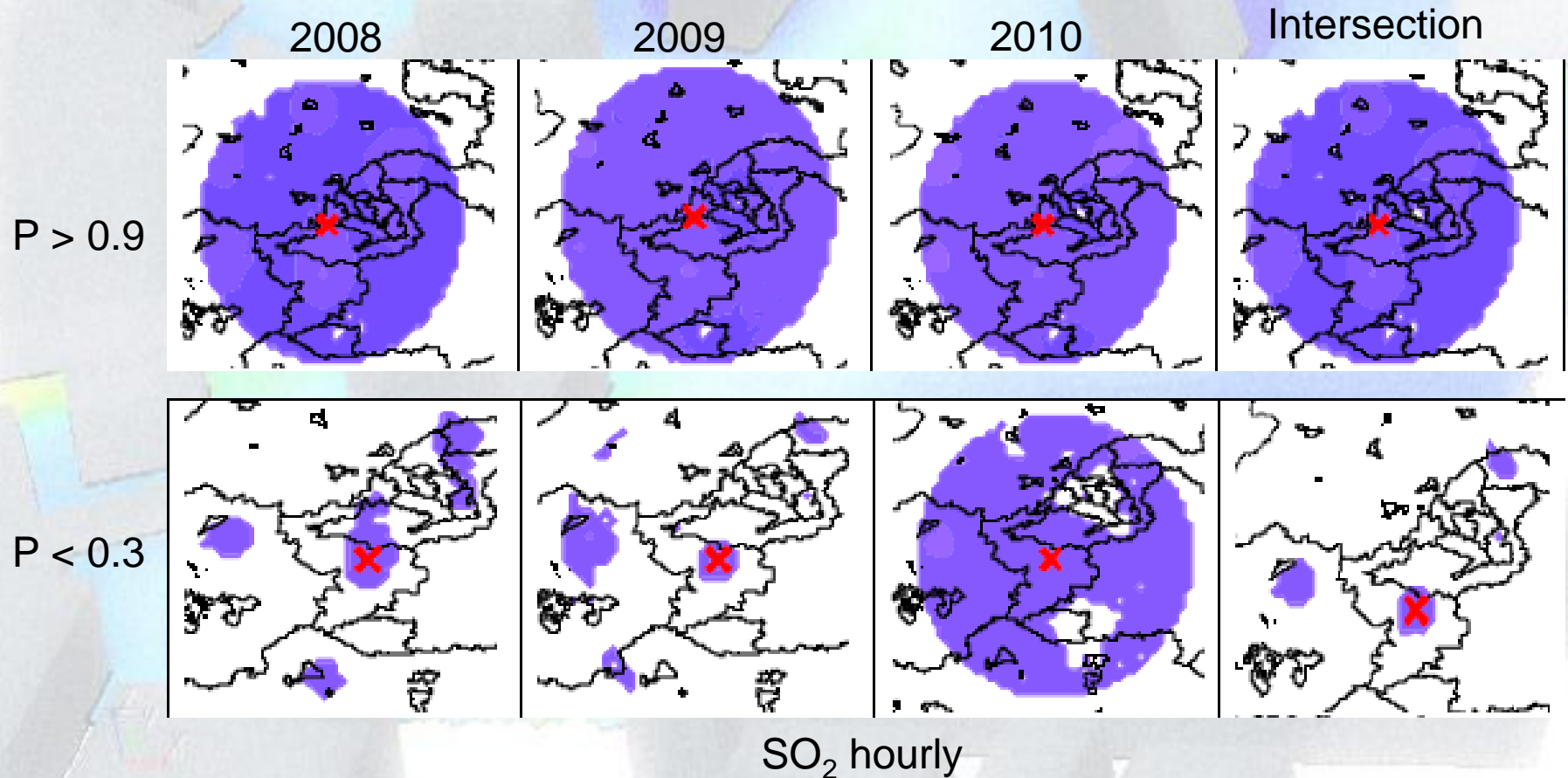
- Interannual variability of the SR areas has been analysed by computing a persistence index  $P$  defined by:

$$P = \min \left[ \frac{SR_T}{SR_Y} \right]$$

- $SR_Y$  = SR area of a station for a year  $Y$  (2008, 2009 or 2010)
- $SR_T$  = multiyear SR area of the same station.
- $P \in [0, 1]$ ,  $P=0 \rightarrow$  no persistency,  $P=1 \rightarrow$  same SR all years.

P	SO <sub>2</sub>			O <sub>3</sub>		NO <sub>2</sub>		PM <sub>10</sub>	
	annual	daily	hourly	8-hour	hourly	annual	hourly	annual	daily
0.0 - 0.3	23	8	7	34	21	14	21	22	20
0.3 - 0.7	10	7	8	29	11	12	16	17	22
0.7 - 1.0	11	29	29	8	39	27	16	3	0
Total	44	44	44	71	71	53	53	42	42

# Interannual variability (2)



# Station redundancy (1)

- Redundancy → two or more stations are representative of the same portion of territory.
- Q factor = ratio between the common area of two stations and the total area covered by both stations (percentage of redundancy between two stations).

$$Q = I_{ab} / (N_a + N_b - I_{ab})$$

- $I_{ab}$  = number of cells in common between SR of two stations (A, B)
- $N_a$  = number of cells in SR of station A
- $N_b$  = number of cells in SR of station B
- $Q \in [0, 1]$
- $Q=0$  means no common SR area,
- $Q=1$  means that the two stations are totally coincident.



# Station redundancy (2)

<b>Q&gt;0.5</b>	<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>O<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>O<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>
Intersections	annual	hourly	8-hourly	hourly	annual	daily	annual	daily	hourly
<b>0</b>	32	28	27	14	27	27	35	17	16
<b>1</b>	5	14	21	15	14	12	2	5	7
<b>2</b>	3	6	0	4	1	3	3	4	5
<b>3</b>	6	2	5	4			4	2	3
<b>4</b>	5	3	2	3				13	6
<b>5</b>	1		3	15				1	1
<b>6</b>	1		4	3				3	5
<b>7</b>			3	0					1
<b>8</b>			3	2					
<b>9</b>			0	4					
<b>10</b>			1	1					
<b>11</b>			2	3					
<b>12</b>				2					
<b>13</b>				1					
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>

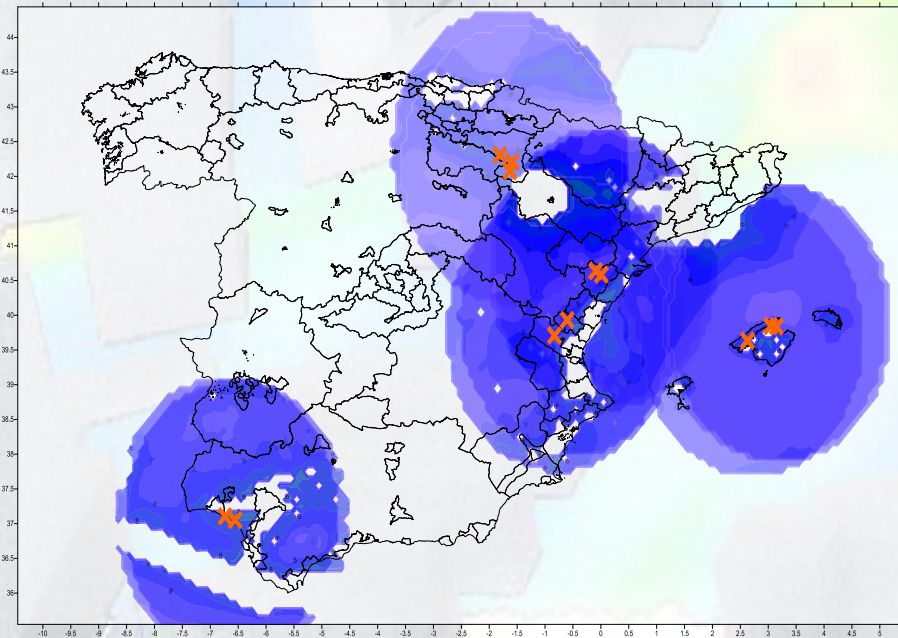
# Station redundancy (3)

<b>Q&gt;0.8</b>	<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>O<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>O<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>
Intersections	annual	hourly	8-hourly	hourly	annual	daily	annual	daily	hourly
<b>0</b>	41	42	39	30	36	35	41	32	35
<b>1</b>	8	8	20	18	6	4	0	3	2
<b>2</b>	4	3	4	8		3	3	8	5
<b>3</b>			2	3				1	2
<b>4</b>			4	11					
<b>5</b>			2	1					
<u>Total</u>	53	53	71	71	42	42	44	44	44

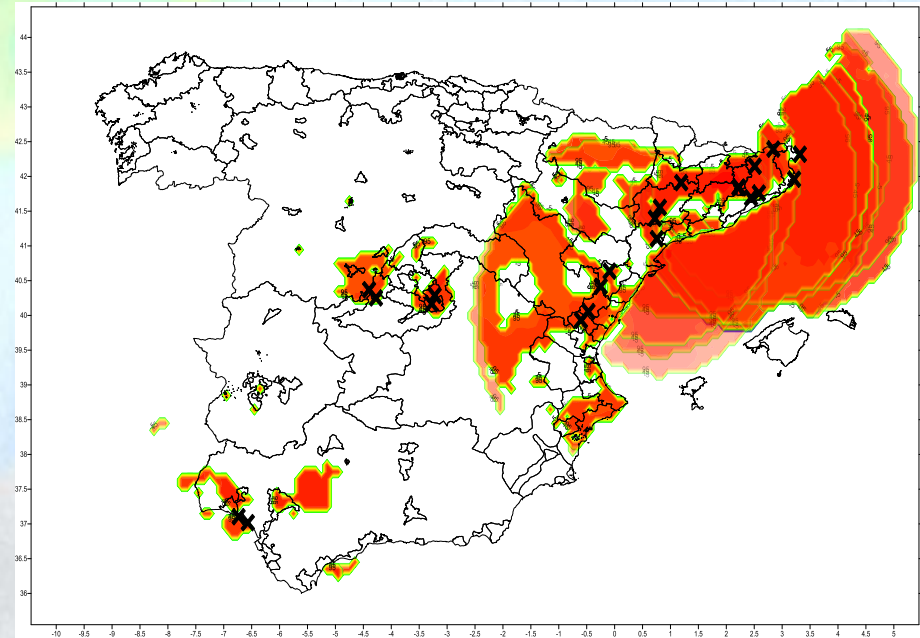
# Station redundancy (5)

- Examples of stations with  $Q > 0.8$

NO<sub>2</sub> anual



O<sub>3</sub> 8-hourly



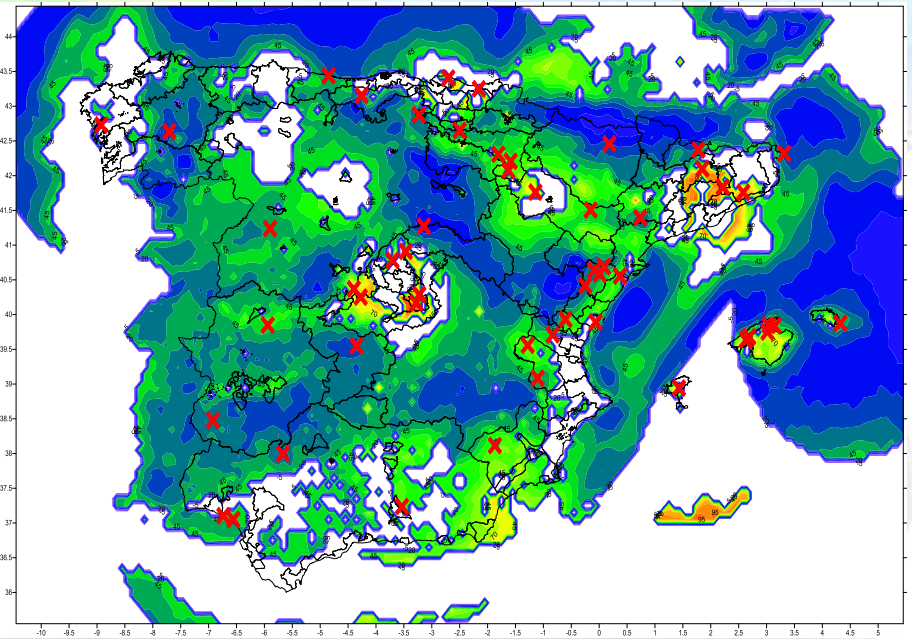
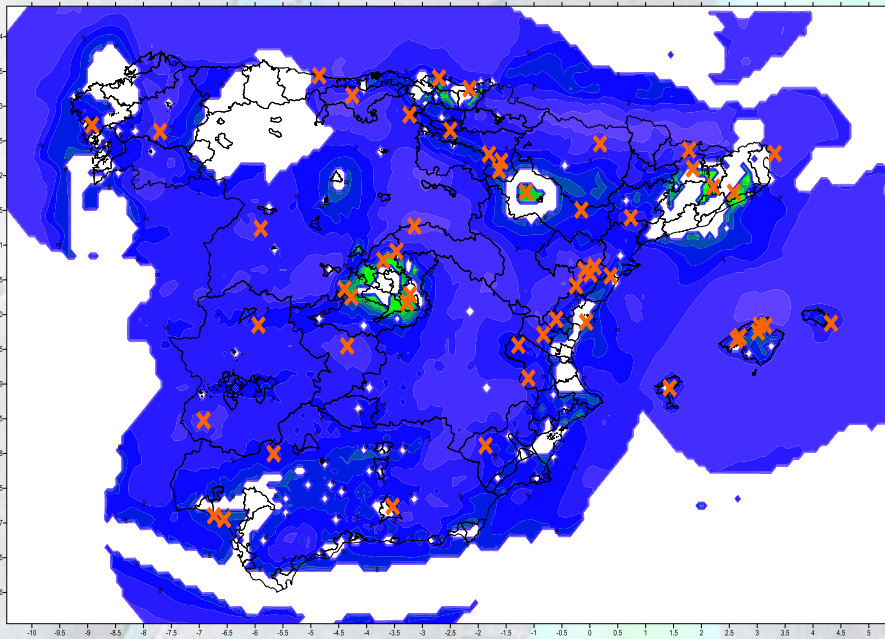
# Station redundancy (5)

<b><math>Q = 1</math></b>	<b><math>O_3</math></b>	<b><math>O_3</math></b>	<b><math>PM_{10}</math></b>	<b><math>PM_{10}</math></b>
	<i>8-hourly</i>	<i>hourly</i>	<i>annual</i>	<i>daily</i>
	3	2	1	3

# Network coverage (1)

NO<sub>2</sub> annual

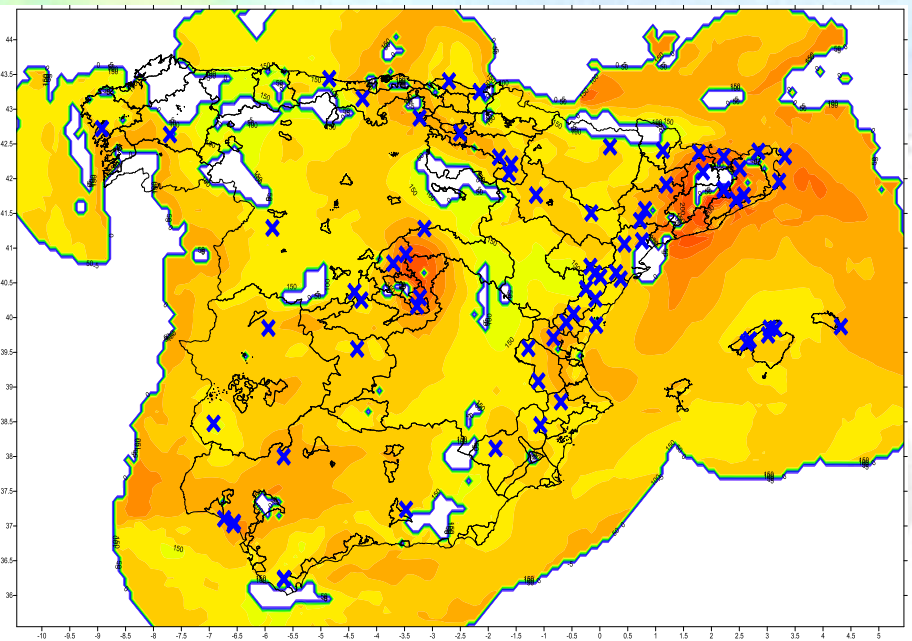
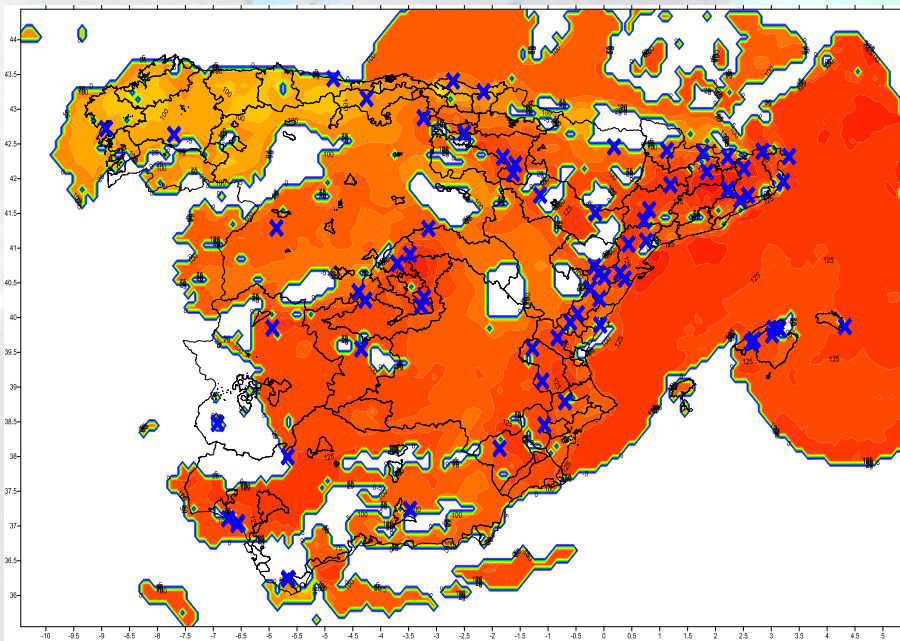
NO<sub>2</sub> hourly



# Network coverage (2)

O<sub>3</sub> 8-hourly

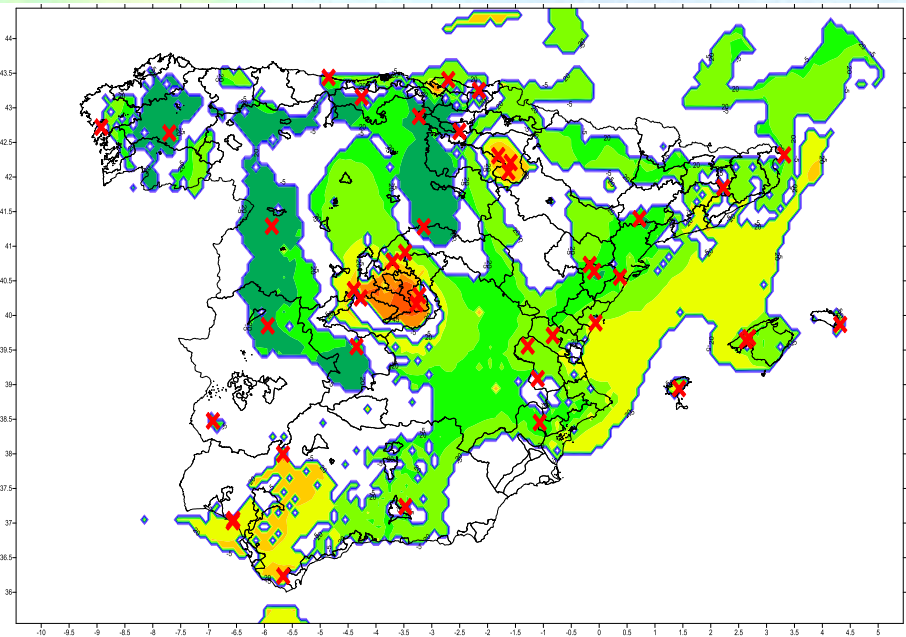
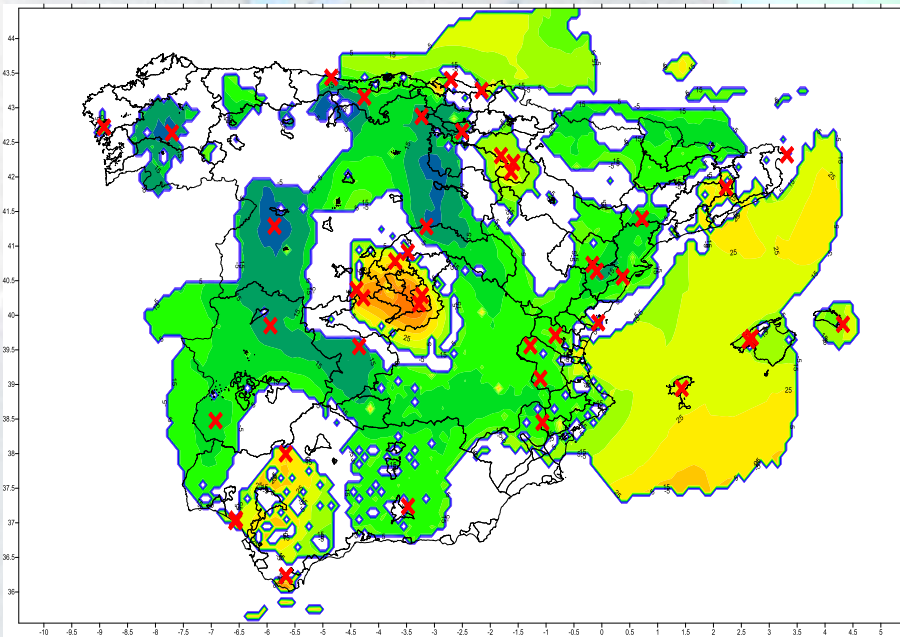
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# Network coverage (3)

PM<sub>10</sub> annual

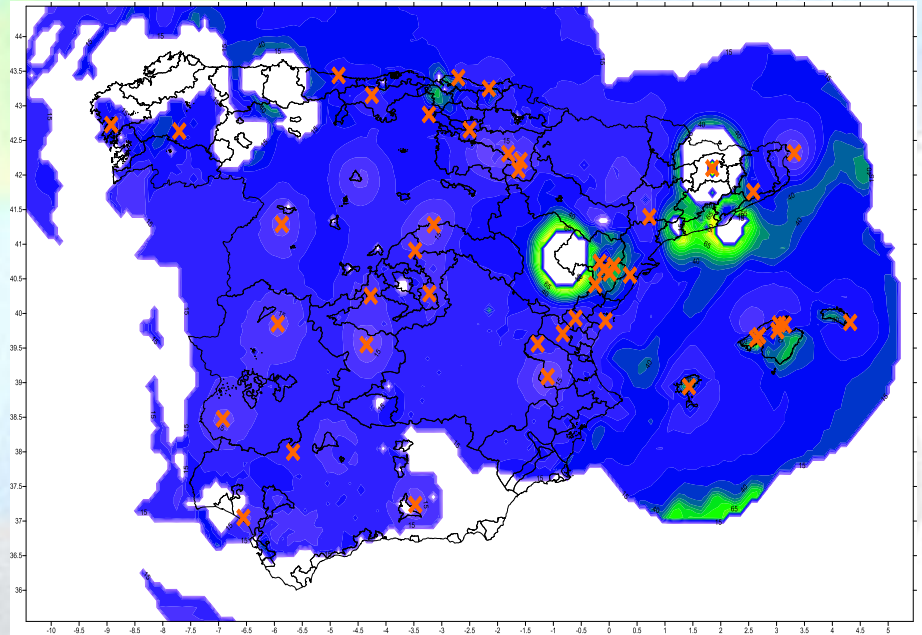
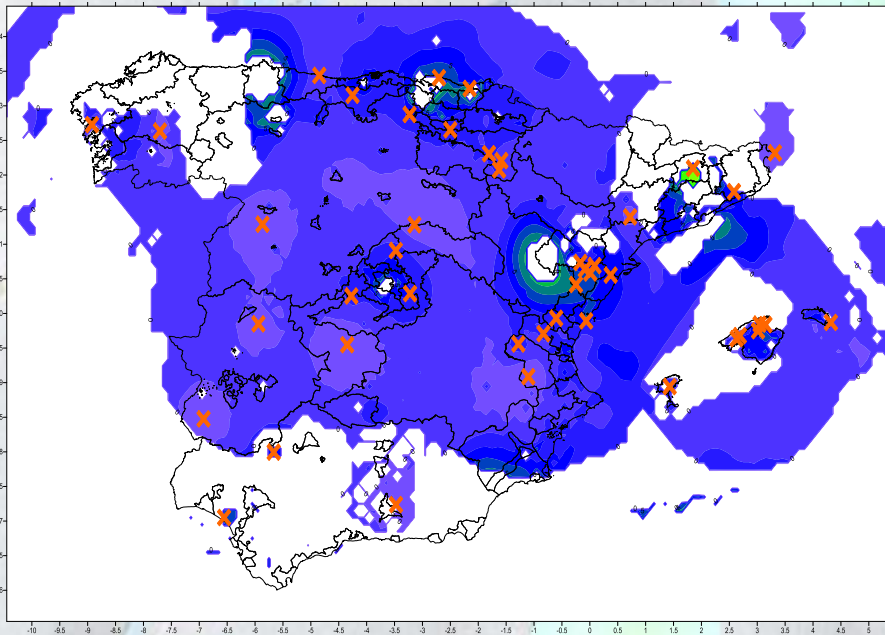
PM<sub>10</sub> daily



# Network coverage (4)

SO<sub>2</sub> annual

SO<sub>2</sub> hourly





# Conclusions

- Methodology to estimate spatial representativeness (SR) of rural background (RB) stations using maps from combination of modeling and monitoring.
- Great variability of SR sizes and shapes.
- For same station, different SR depending on pollutant and averaging time.
- High interannual variability of SR except to daily and hourly  $\text{SO}_2$ , hourly  $\text{O}_3$  and annual  $\text{NO}_2$ .
- A significant number of stations are redundant especially for  $\text{O}_3$ .
- The coverage of the AQ station network shows some rural areas not well covered.