

JRC AQSens and modelling



Objectives

Contract with DG ENV, involving modelling subcontractors: NILU, VITO.

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- 1. Compare performance of lower-cost air quality sensor systems to measure air pollution with conventional air quality monitoring and modelling;
- 3. Elaborate on a potential way to integrate lower-cost sensor systems in already existing air quality monitoring networks and air quality modelling systems
- 5. Establish guidance on the use of lower-cost sensor systems and their interrelationship with existing conventional monitoring and modelling systems.



Domains and available data

Available data:

- Antwerp, Oslo, Zagreb
- Both models (Atmo-street, Episode/uEMEP, Atmosys) and observations
- Summer (2020) and winter (2021) campaigns
- Hourly / 10m resolution data

Idea:

 using model results, official observations and low cost-sensors observations, to test different data fusion approaches -> guidance and Shiny-app



Guidance

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- Why do we need Data Fusion?
- Which are the existing techniques?
- Which are the suggested best practices?
- Conclusion
- Discussion: what's next?
- Appendix A: User manual of the shiny application



Guidance: residual kriging approach

- **Step 1:** fitting a linear regression between the observations and the model:
- Step 2: spatial trend: applying the previous regression on entire domain
- Step 3: compute the residuals, i.e. the difference between observations and their estimations based on the linear regression, then optimally interpolated by kriging.
- Step 4: data fusion is provided, adding spatial trend and interpolation of residuals.



Guidance: description of existing techniques

3. Which are the existing techniques?

- 3.1 Spatial trend
 - 3.1.1 Ordinary Least-squares regression (OLS)
 - 3.1.2 Generalized additive model (GAM)
 - 3.1.3 Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)
 - 3.1.4 Random Forest (RF)
 - 3.1.5 Weaknesses and strengths
- 3.2 Residual interpolation
 - 3.2.1 Inverse distance weighting (idw)
 - 3.2.2 Optimal Interpolation (Ol/kriging)
 - 3.2.3 Weaknesses and strengths
- 3.3 How to deal with outliers and uncertainties
- 3.4 How to deal with gaps in sensors time series



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Conclusions

A dedicated repository (JRCbox, access on request) where to get:

- Data
- Guidance document
- Shiny App

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