

AIR QUALITY SENSOR PERFORMANCE: LABORATORY AND FIELD OBSERVATIONS

Results based in EU projects CITI-SENSE and Citi-Sense-MOB

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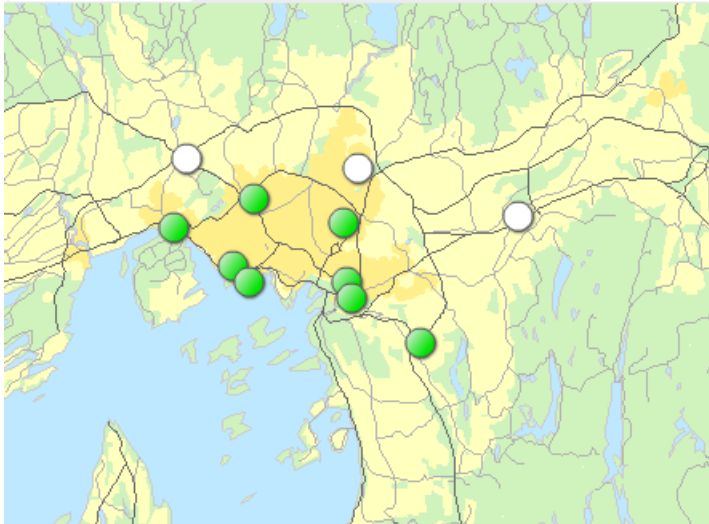
Our vision

Important problems:

Quality of life in cities
Health effects from traffic pollution

Decreasing air pollution
Increasing quality of life

Few monitoring stations
No real-time data where people are
Absence of personalized data

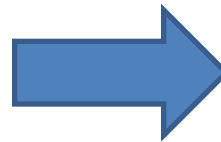
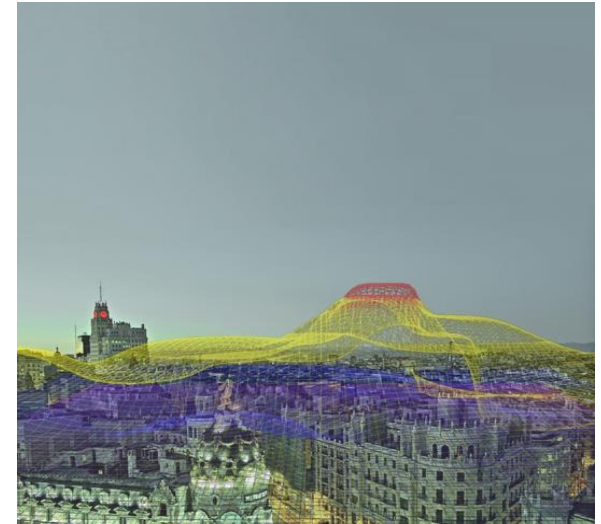


Opportunities and challenges:

Small, low-cost sensors
Information and Communication Tech.

Participatory Urbanism
Citizens' Empowerment

Increased spatial coverage
Complementary air quality data
Personalized data

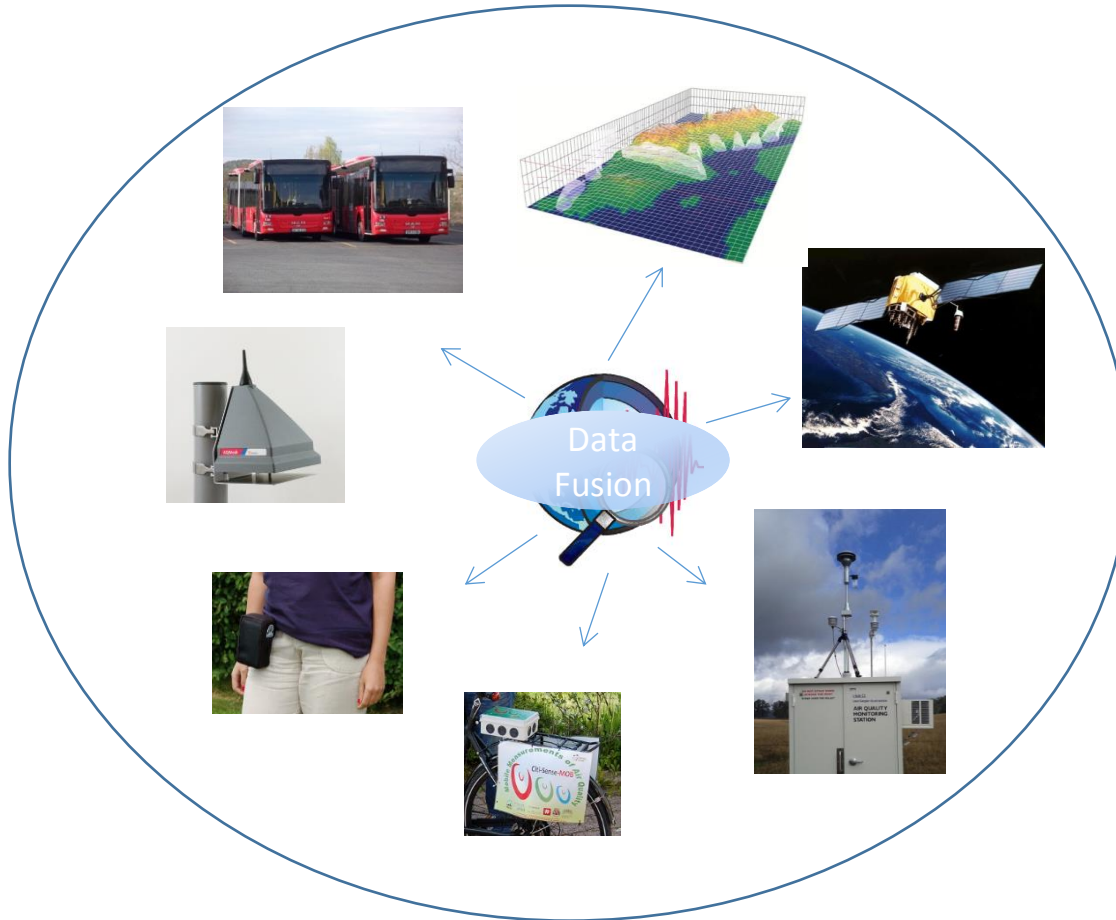


Our approach

Innovative technology to continuously sense, measure and communicate environmental data



Real-time city management
Citizen participation / empowerment
Data where *you* are



Data visualization



Sensor platforms employed



Ateknea PSP
(On person)

130 x 75 x 50 mm
300 gr
Bluetooth



Dunavnet EB700
(On bikes)

225 x 150 x 100 mm
500 gr
GPRS

Environmental Parameters

CO, NO₂, O₃, temperature, humidity

Power consumption

3.7V LiPo 1300mAh, battery life about 24 hrs

Environmental Parameters

CO, CO₂, NO, NO₂, O₃, SO₂, pressure, temperature, humidity

Power consumption

External supply of 8-28V DC



ADN & IA Cated NanoEnvi
(On buses)

150 x 140 x 100 mm &
500 x 390 x 190 mm
GPRS



GeoTech AQMesh
(Static sensors)

170 x 180 x 140 mm
2000 gr
GPRS

Environmental Parameters

CO, NO₂, Temperature and humidity

Power consumption

External supply of 12-24V DC

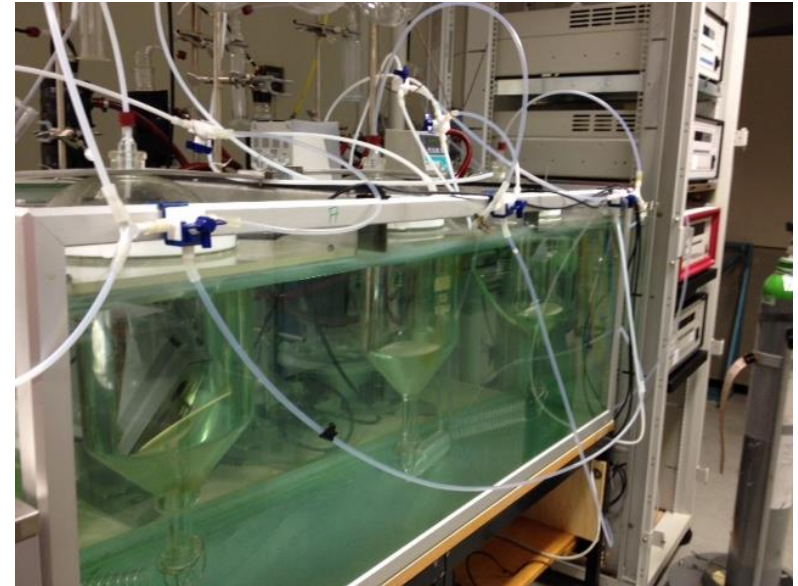
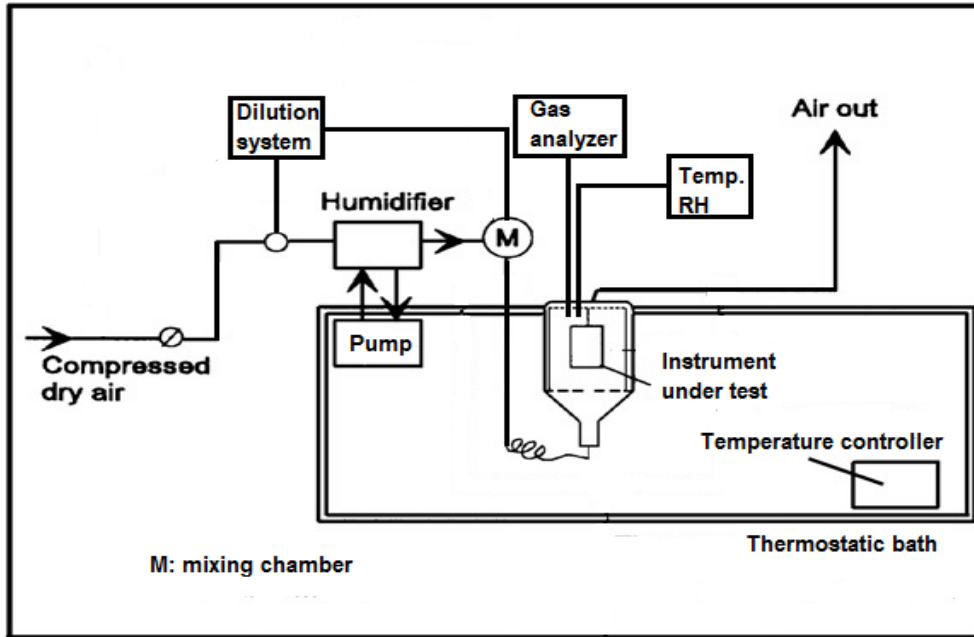
Environmental Parameters

CO, NO, NO₂, O₃, Pressure, Temperature, Humidity

Power consumption

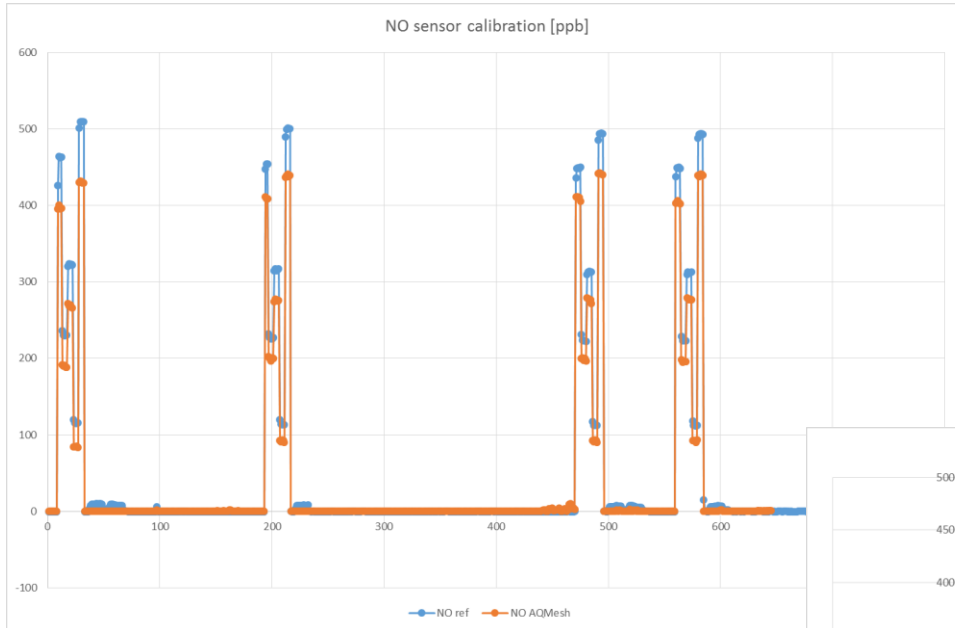
Lithium battery, battery life about 1 year (transmission 15min)

Laboratory performance Geotech platform

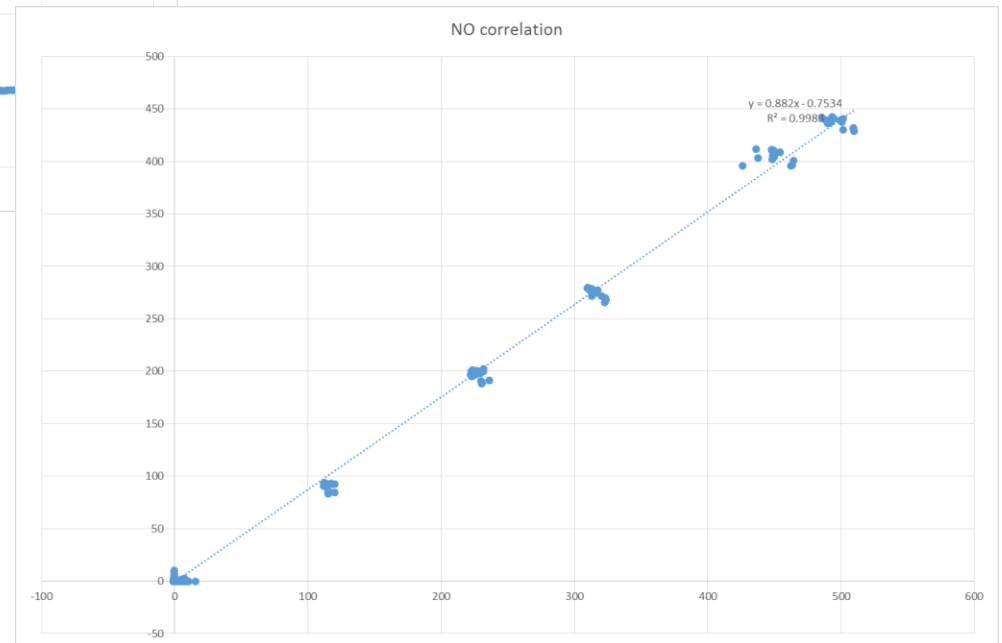


Instrument type	Instrument	Measurement principle
O ₃ analyzer	Teledyne API 400	UV photometry
SO ₂ analyser	Teledyne API 100A	UV fluorescence
CO analyzer	Teledyne API 300E	IR absorption, GFC
NO _x analyzer	ML 9841A	Chemiluminescence
Temperature sensor	Rotronic Hygroclip2-S	Pt100
RH sensor	Rotronic Hygroclip2-S	Hygromer sensor
Dilution system	EnviroNics Series 100	Dilution by MFCs

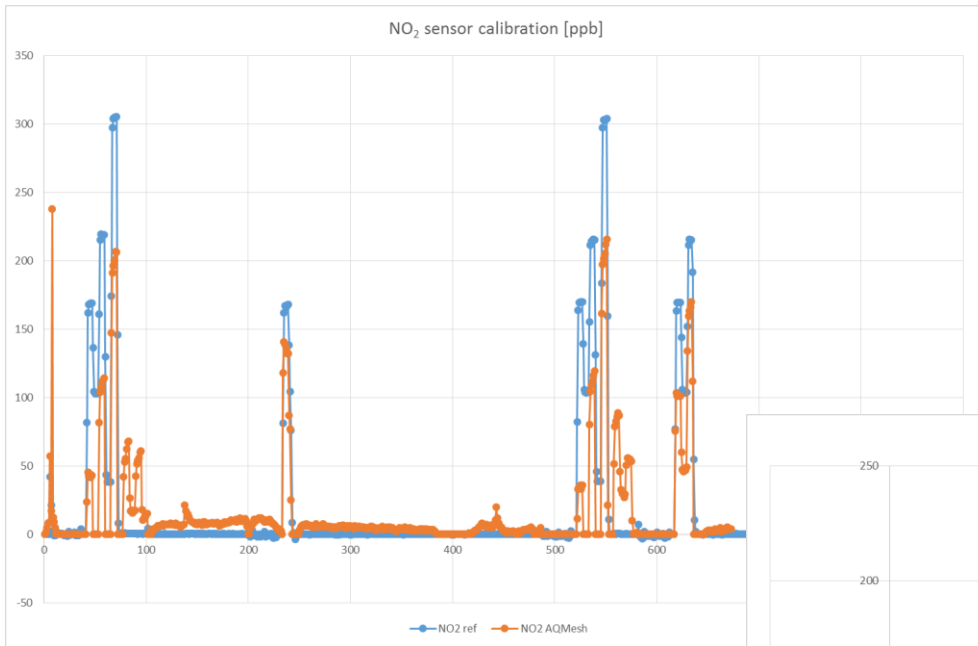
Laboratory performance Geotech platform: NO



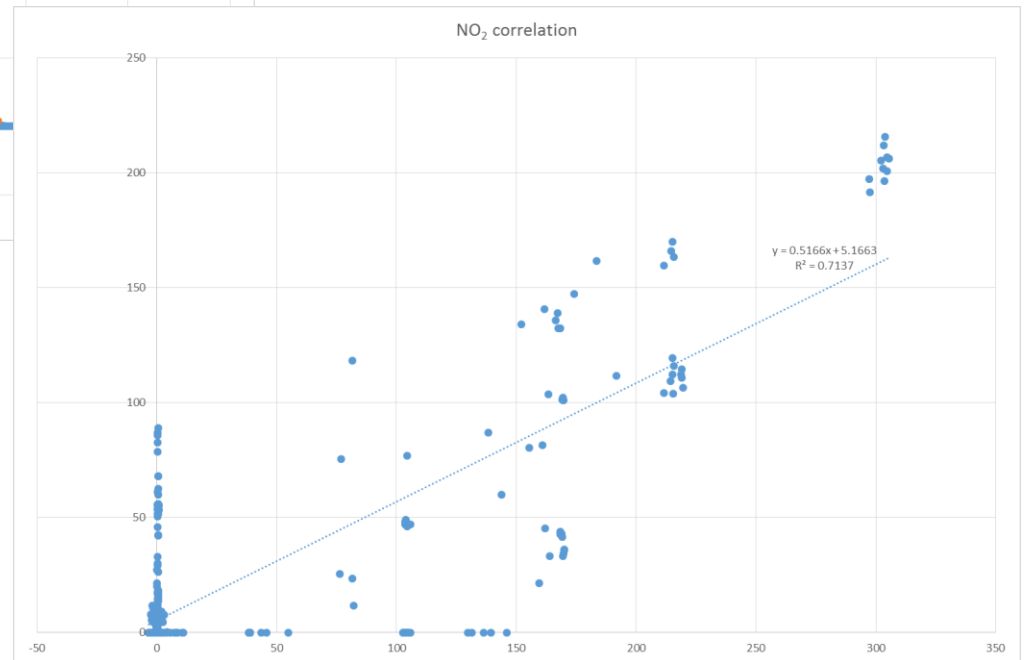
$$y = 0.882x - 0.7534$$
$$R^2 = 0.9983$$



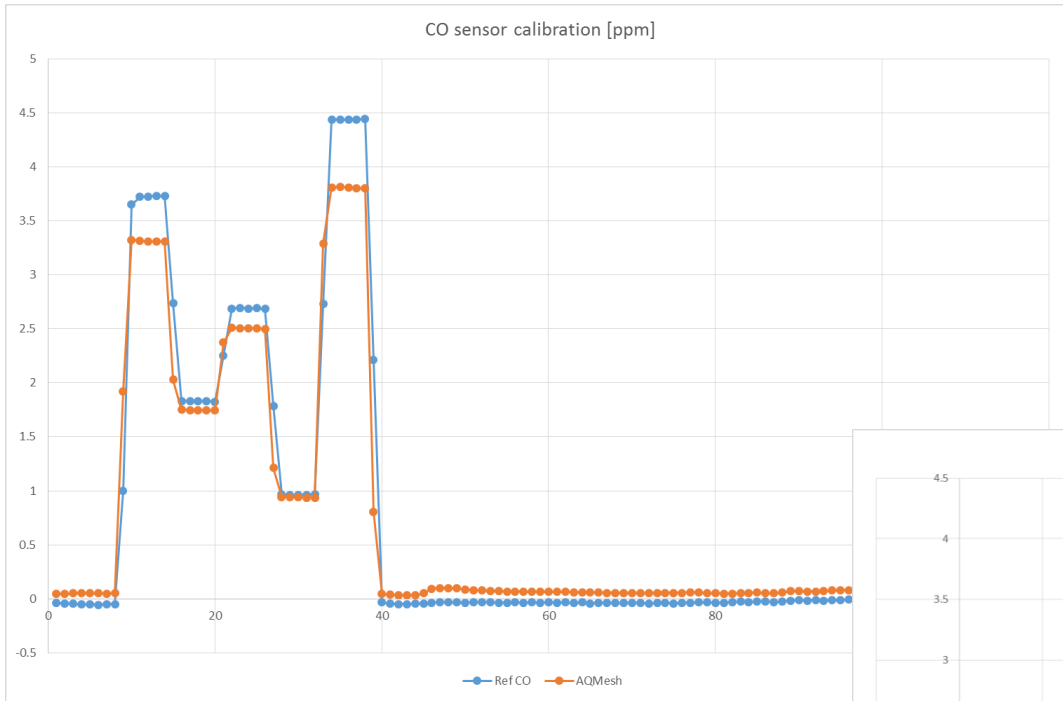
Laboratory performance Geotech platform: NO₂



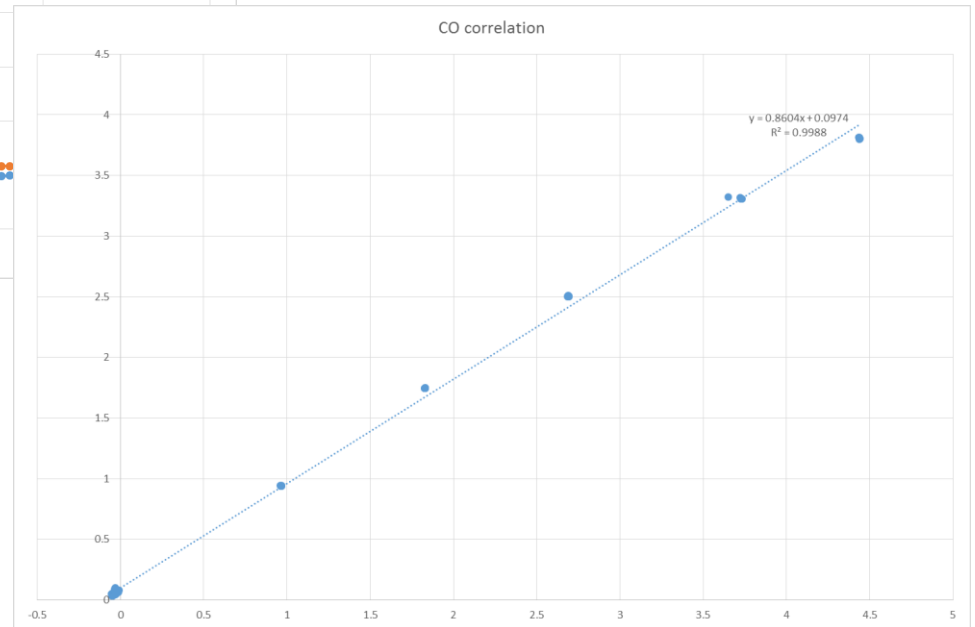
$$y = 0.5166x + 5.1663$$
$$R^2 = 0.7137$$



Laboratory performance Geotech platform: CO



$$y = 0.8604x + 0.0974$$
$$R^2 = 0.9988$$



First results for the co-location of static units

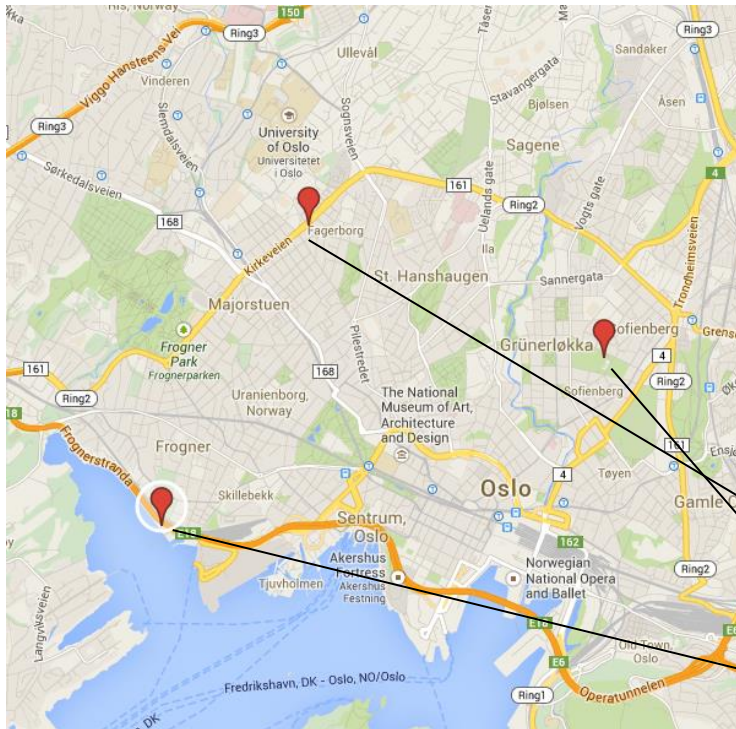
5 Geotech units: NO, NO₂, O₃,
CO, Temp, RH, Pressure

From: 13/02/2014



Co-location of the static units

- 5 Geotech units were tested co-located with air quality monitoring stations.



From	To	Station
13/02/2014	03/06/2014	Kirkeveien
04/06/2014	20/06/2014	Sofienberg
25/06/2014	03/09/2014	Hjortnes
15/09/2014	now	Kirkeveien

Station	Parameters
Kirkeveien	PM10, PM2.5, NO, NO ₂ , NO _x , CO
Sofienberg	PM10, PM2.5
Hjortnes	PM10, PM2.5, NO, NO ₂ , NO _x

Description of the sites



Kirkeveien

High traffic (ADT:20200)
High residential
Altitude: 58m



Sofienberg

Urban background (ADT:0)
Urban green area
Altitude: 23 m

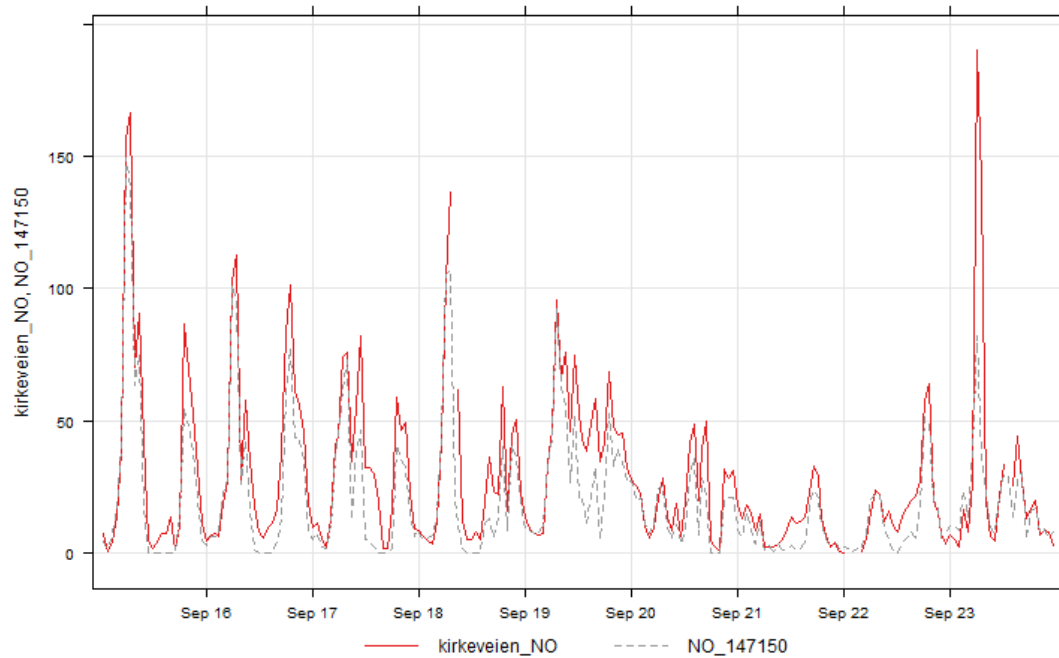


Hjortnes

Super traffic(ADT:73100)
Commercial, High residential
Close to harbour
Altitude: 3 m

Field performance Geotech platform: NO

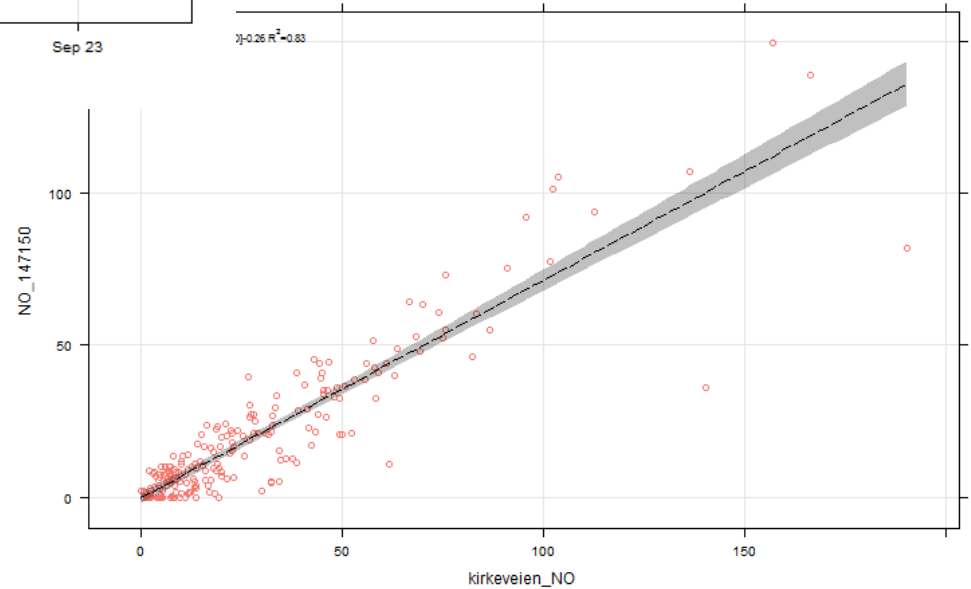
Kirkeveien, 15/09/2014 - 24/09/2014



Laboratory
 $y = 0.882x - 0.7534$
 $R^2 = 0.9983$

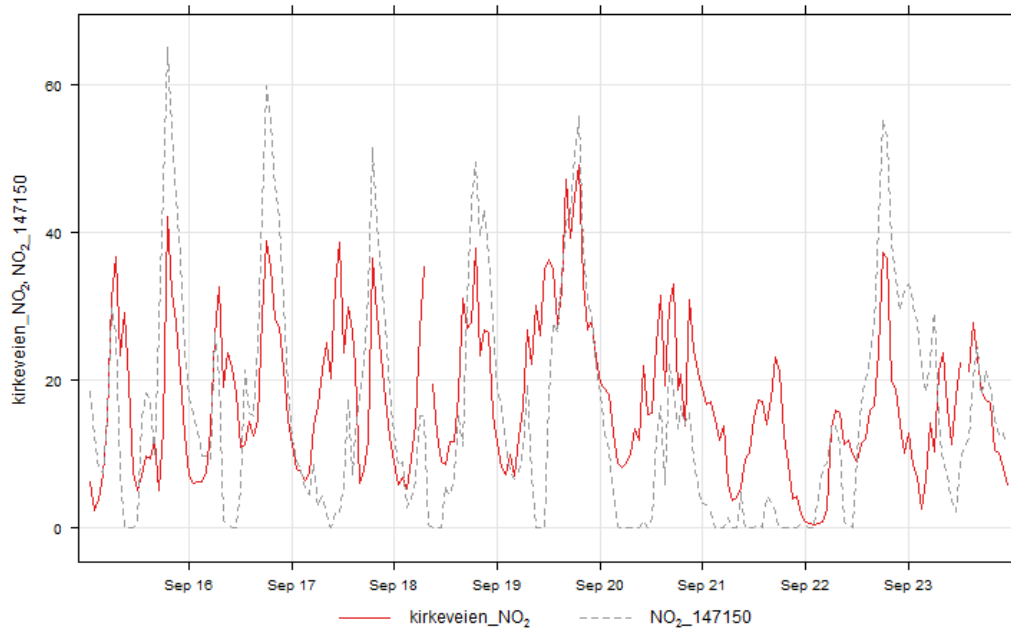
Field
 $y = 0.72x - 0.26$
 $R^2 = 0.83$

Kirkeveien, 15/09/2014 - 24/09/2014



Field performance Geotech platform: NO₂

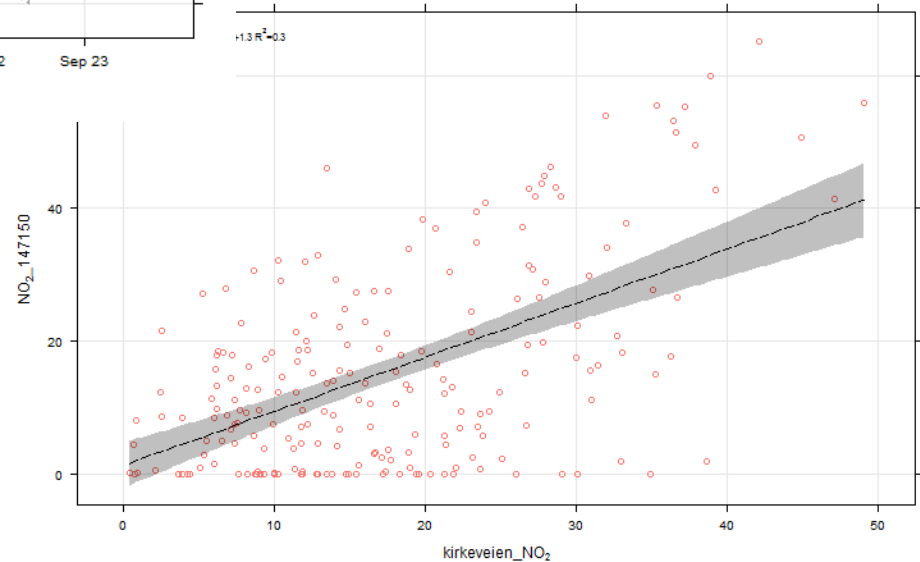
Kirkeveien, 15/09/2014 - 24/09/2014



Laboratory
 $y = 0.5166x + 5.1663$
 $R^2 = 0.7137$

Field
 $y = 0.81x + 1.3$
 $R^2 = 0.3$

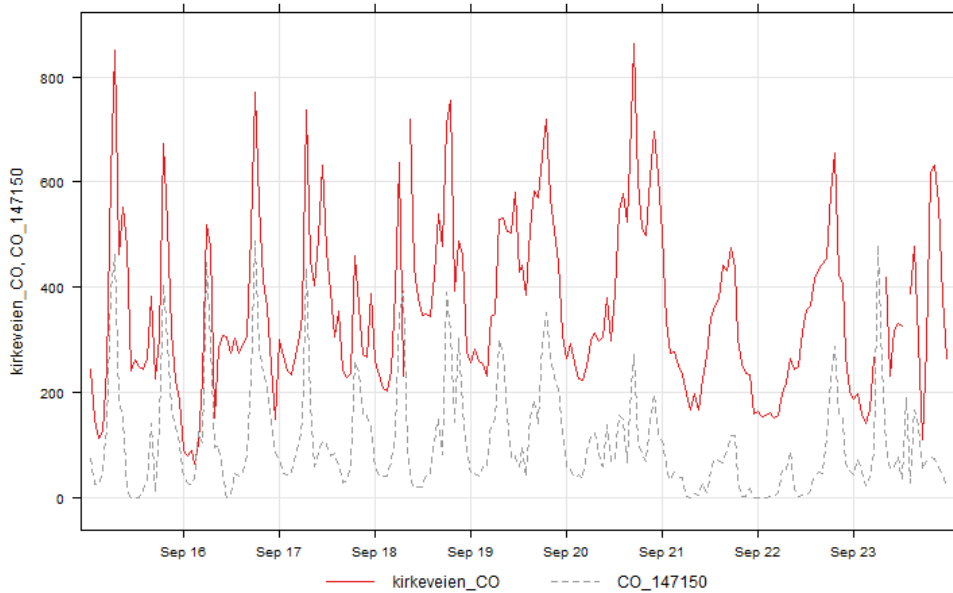
Kirkeveien, 15/09/2014 - 24/09/2014



False zeros
Overestimation in some peaks

Field performance Geotech platform: CO

Kirkeveien, 15/09/2014 - 24/09/2014

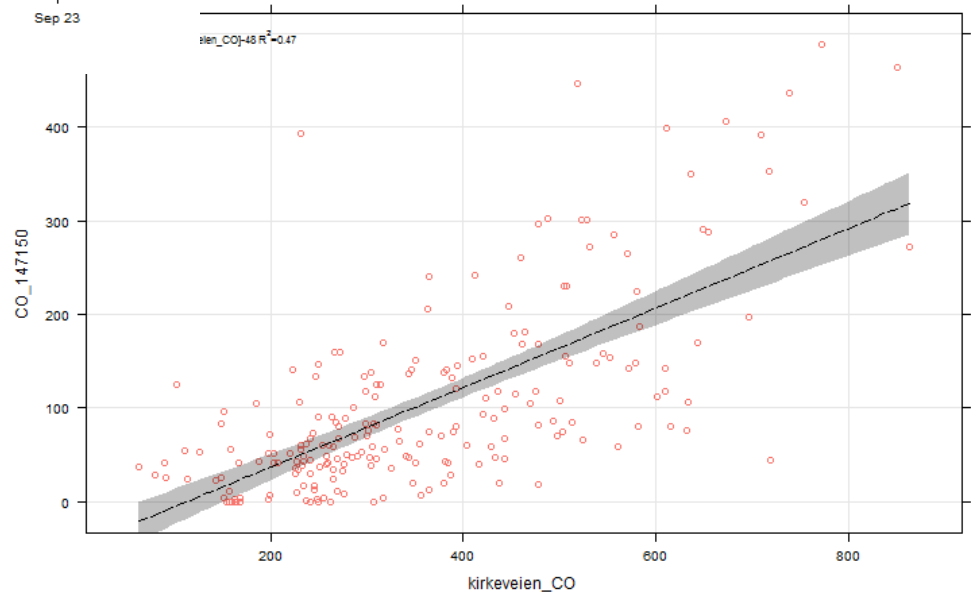


Laboratory
 $y = 0.8604x + 0.0974$
 $R^2 = 0.9988$

Field
 $y = 0.42x - 48$
 $R^2 = 0.47$

Offset about 200 ppb

Kirkeveien, 15/09/2014 - 24/09/2014



Field performance Geotech platform: NO

13/02/2014 - 02/06/2014

Kirkeveien/ NO	124150	144150	145150	146150	147150
n	2558	2558	2558	1288	2558
MB	-3,38	-3,29	-8,3	-8,1	-3,74
RMSE	11,05	9,92	16,75	15,24	10,63
r	0,91	0,93	0,83	0,85	0,92

First period
MB: -3 and -8 ppb
RMSE: 10 and 17
R: 0.8 and 0.9

25/06/2014 - 03/09/2014

Hjortnes/ NO	124150	144150	145150	146150	147150
n	1670	1670	1670	1670	1670
MB	-6,6	-6,53	-16,33	-1,34	-9,3
RMSE	16,37	16,10	25,37	20,7	18,33
r	0,87	0,87	0,75	0,85	0,85

Second period
MB: -1 and -16 ppb
RMSE: 16-25
R: 0.7 and 0.9

Field performance Geotech platform: NO₂

13/02/2014 - 02/06/2014

Kirkeveien/ NO ₂	124150	144150	145150	146150	147150
n	1062	2615	2615	2645	2613
MB	-11,3	-5,7	-1,45	-5,3	-8,95
RMSE	14,3	12,11	11,3	12,9	14,3
r	0,67	0,56	0,57	0,53	0,52

First period
MB: -1 and -11 ppb
RMSE: 11 and 14
R: 0.5 and 0.7

25/06/2014 - 03/09/2014

Hjortnes/ NO ₂	124150	144150	145150	146150	147150
n	1679	1679	1679	1679	1679
MB	-0,15	4,01	8,9	0,7	-2,29
RMSE	18,45	19,0	18,3	18,3	17,9
r	0,45	0,46	0,51	0,43	0,45

Second period
MB: 0 and 9 ppb
RMSE: 18-19
R: 0.4 and 0.5

Temporal variation of the performance: NO

144150 NO	March 2014	April 2014	May 2014	July 2014	August 2014	15/09 - 24/09
n	742	689	726	743	736	210
MB	-2,5	-1,83	-5,57	-9,33	-5,04	-6,16
RMSE	7,6	9,93	12,36	14,57	17,8	14,9
r	0,97	0,86	0,69	0,8	0,88	0,91

General increase in the MB and RMSE over time

145150 NO	March 2014	April 2014	May 2014	July 2014	August 2014	15/09 - 24/09
n	742	689	726	743	736	210
MB	-7,3	-8,63	-11,2	-16,4	-18,0	-16,03
RMSE	17,88	16,8	17,5	21,9	28,9	23,1
r	0,85	0,66	0,44	0,55	0,78	0,86

Lower correlation in May
Higher correlation in September

147150 NO	March 2014	April 2014	May 2014	July 2014	August 2014	15/09 - 24/09
n	742	689	726	743	736	210
MB	-1,87	-2,7	-6,94	-11,7	-8,5	-8,55
RMSE	7,7	10,71	13,53	16,71	20,2	16,1
r	0,97	0,84	0,65	0,77	0,86	0,9

Temporal variation of the performance: NO2

144150 NO2	March 2014	April 2014	May 2014	July 2014	August 2014	15/09 - 24/09
N	744	720	744	744	744	213
MB	-7,6	-4,4	-4,13	-0,66	10,89	-1,93
RMSE	12,43	12,02	12,1	15,49	21,5	10,99
r	0,67	0,51	0,4	0,4	0,6	0,59

General increase in the MB and RMSE over time

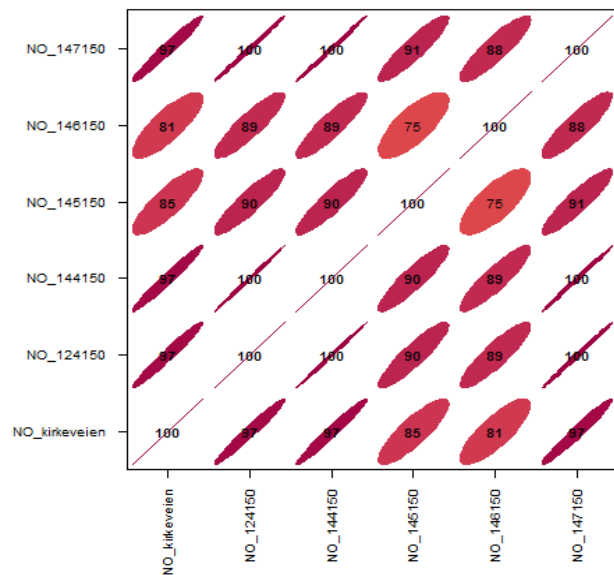
145150 NO2	March 2014	April 2014	May 2014	July 2014	August 2014	15/09 - 24/09
n	744	720	744	744	744	213
MB	-4,12	0,99	0,81	4,9	14,9	0,15
RMSE	10,8	12,14	11,31	15,83	20,6	8,53
r	0,68	0,5	0,47	0,33	0,68	0,7

Low correlation in May and higher again in September

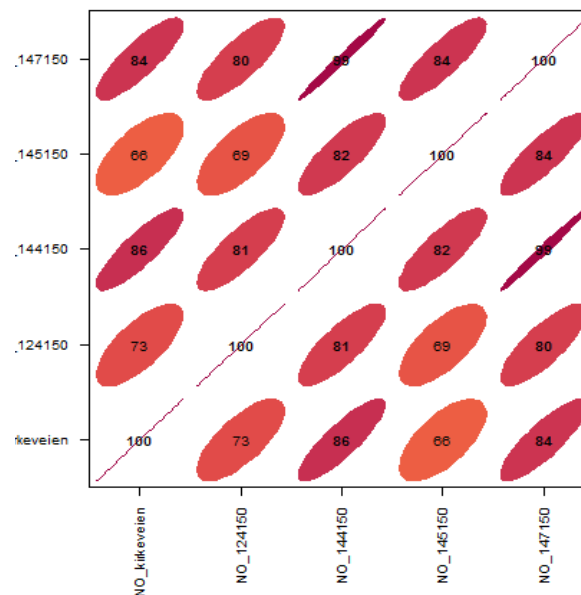
147150 NO2	March 2014	April 2014	May 2014	July 2014	August 2014	15/09 - 24/09
n	743	720	743	744	744	213
MB	-12,41	-7,23	-7,37	-7,4	4,01	-1,94
RMSE	17,43	12,73	13,48	15,6	18,9	12,9
r	0,45	0,59	0,34	0,42	0,54	0,55

Pearson correlation between units and station: NO

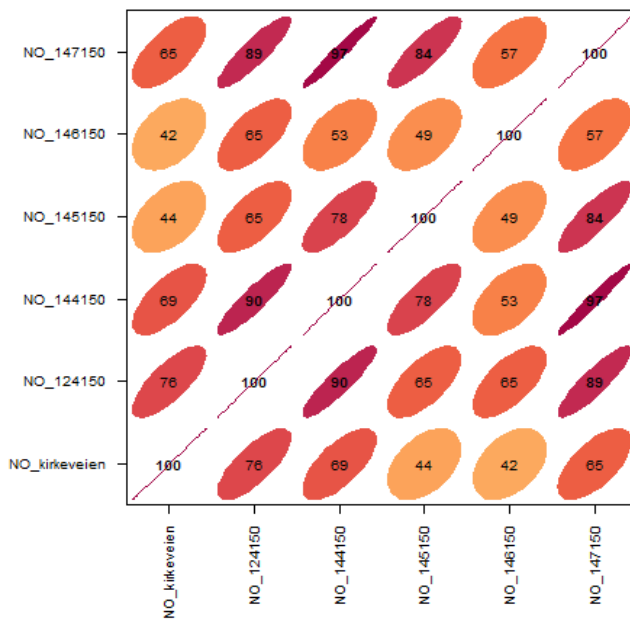
Kirkeveien, March 2014



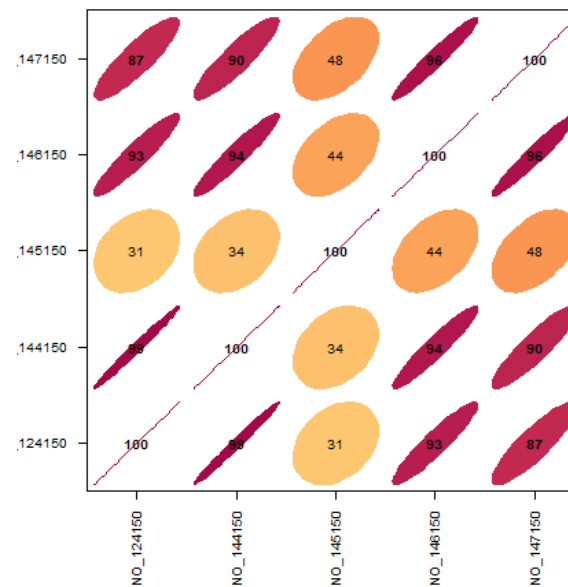
Kirkeveien, April 2014



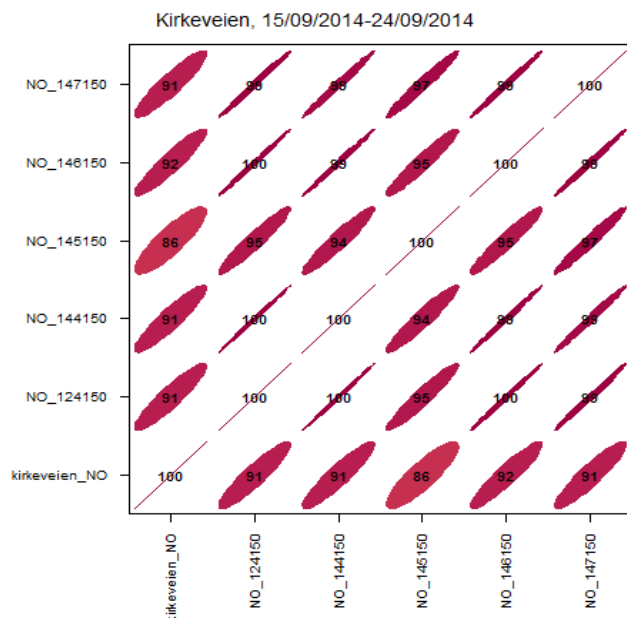
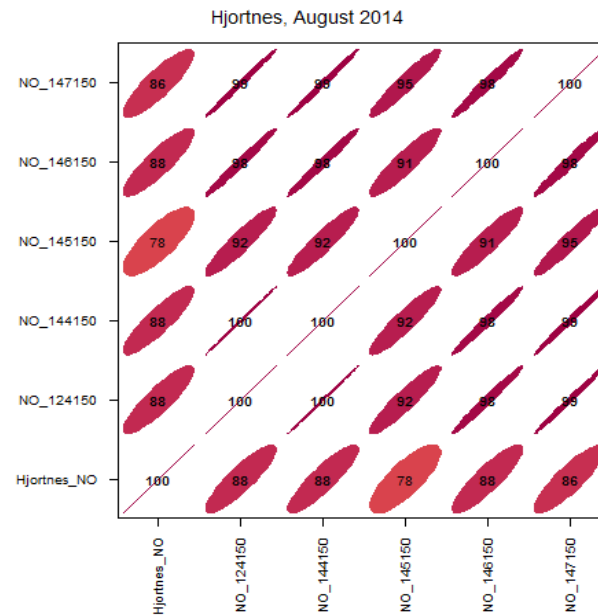
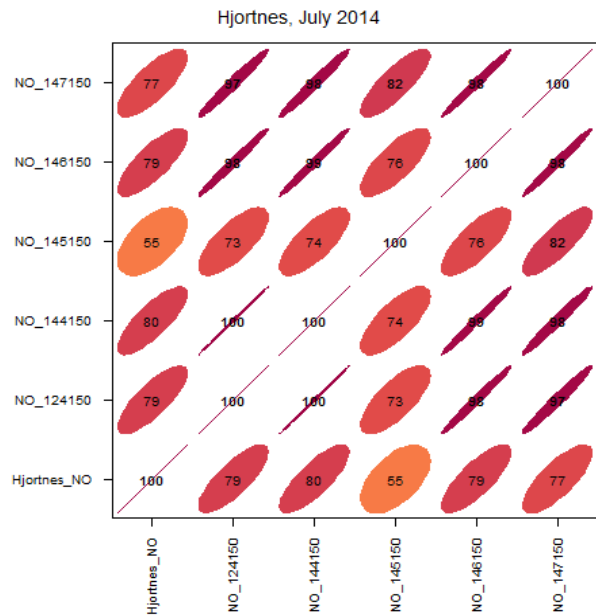
Kirkeveien, May 2014



Sofienberg, 04/06/2014 - 20/06/2014



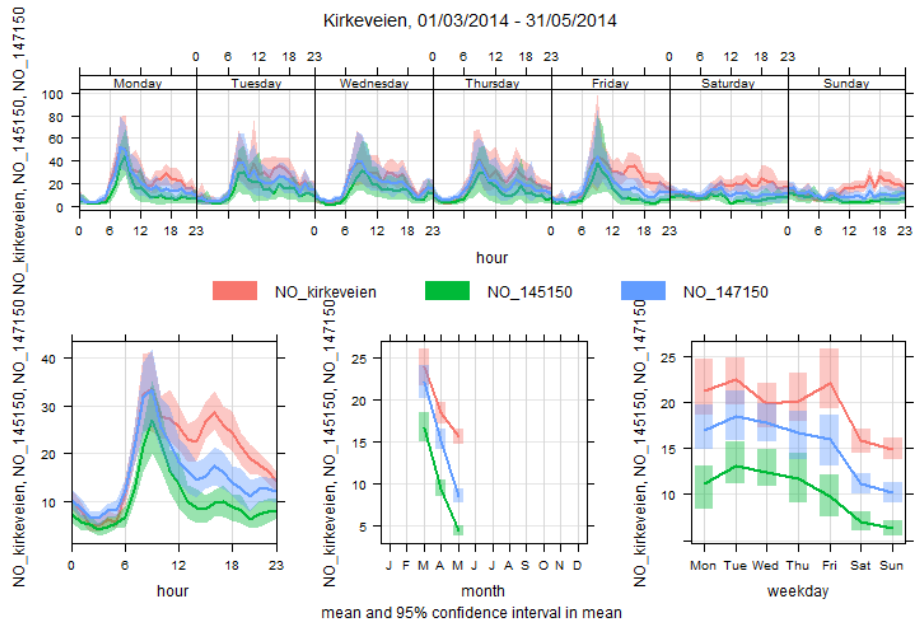
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The correlation between pods varies with the time. Lower in May. Higher again in July and August.

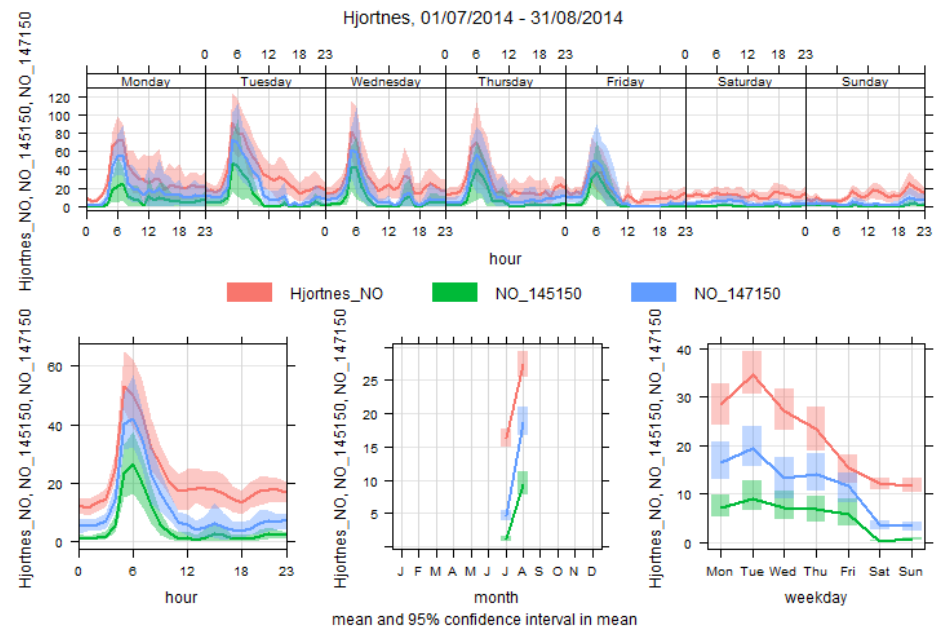
Temporal patterns (daily, weekly, monthly): NO

Kirkeveien, 01/03/2014 - 31/05/2014

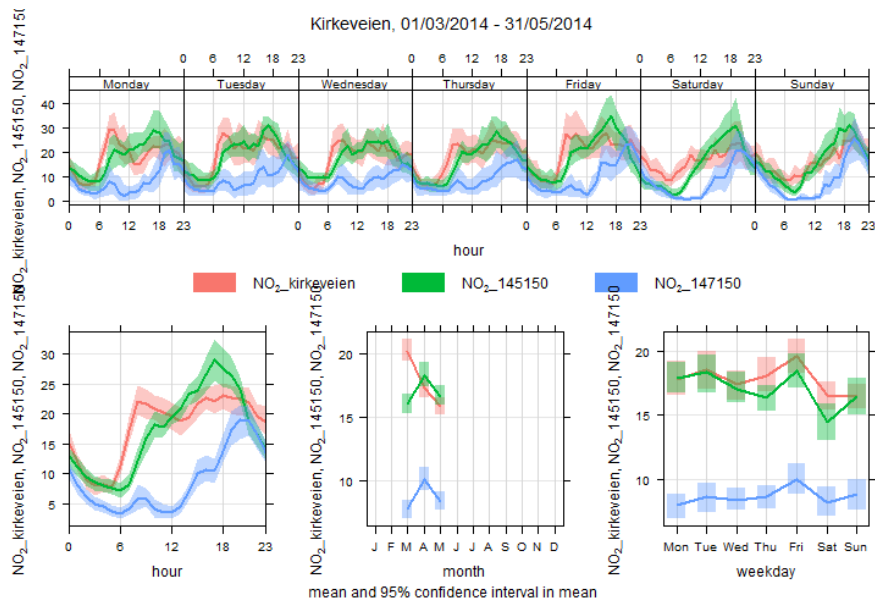


Temporal pattern for NO is well captured.
 Peak in morning and afternoon
 Weekend effect

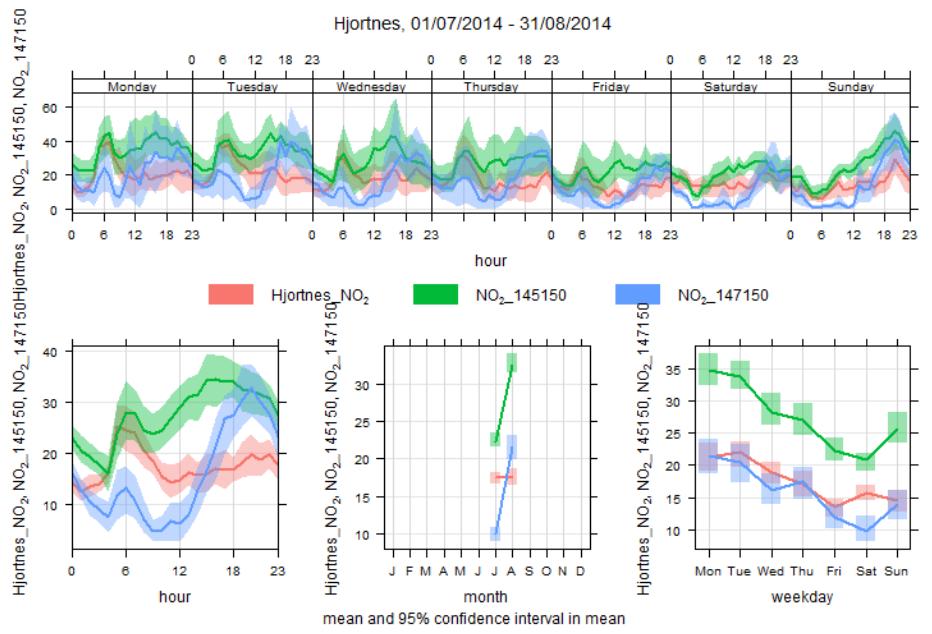
Hjortnes, 01/07/2014 - 31/08/2014



Temporal patterns (daily, weekly, monthly): NO₂



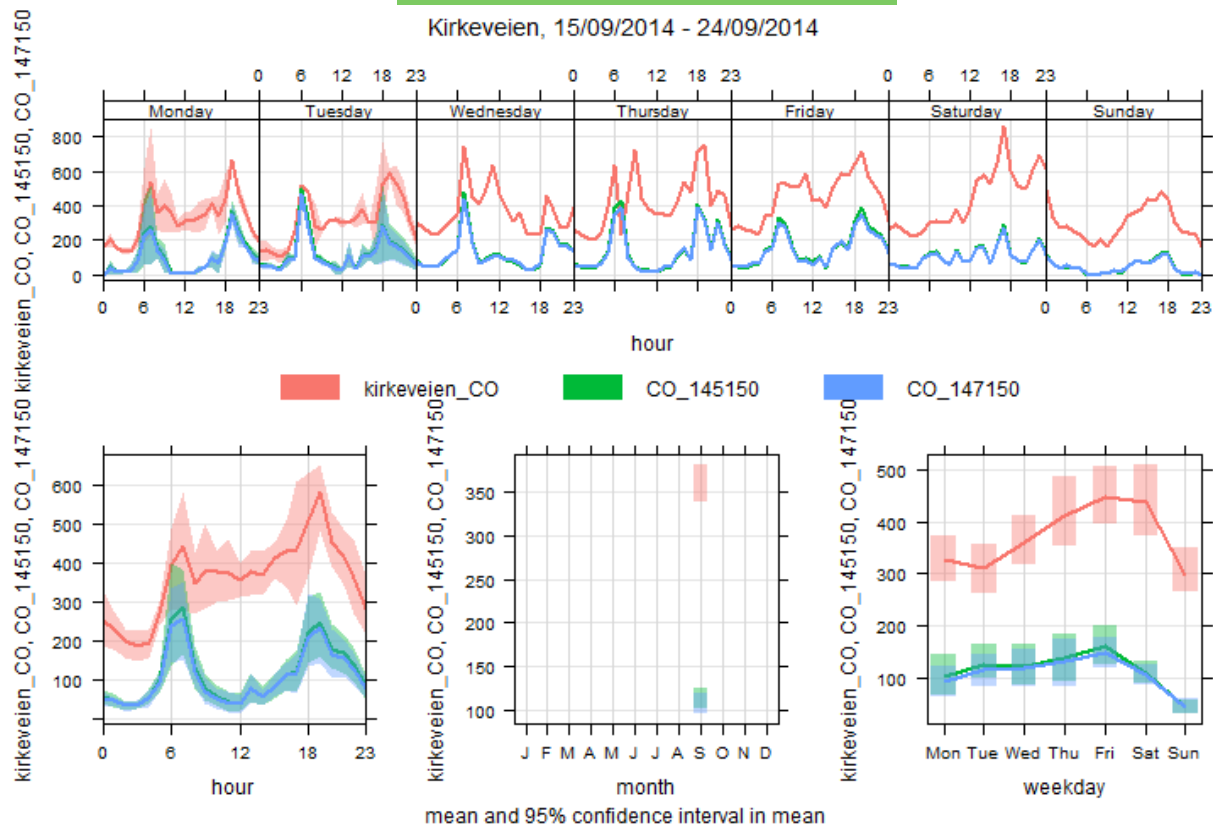
Temporal pattern for NO₂ is always well captured.
 Peak in the afternoon larger than in the morning (O₃ effect?)
 Peak on Sunday evening captured



Temporal patterns (daily, weekly, monthly): CO

Only data for 10 days

Kirkeveien, 15/09/2014 - 24/09/2014



The temporal variation is well captured. Peak in morning and afternoon. Lower concentrations on Sunday.

Conclusions

- Results from laboratory:
 - High correlation ($r^2=0.99$) and good linear response for NO and CO.
 - Lower correlation ($r^2=0.7$) and higher dispersion for NO₂. Interferences with O₃ in the chamber that lowered the correlation (need to remove these values).
- Challenges in the field comparison :
 - Only one station is measuring CO (urban traffic)
 - None of the urban traffic station measures O₃. There is a background station outside the city (Bærum)
 - None of the background stations measures NO and NO₂.
 - Meteorology is not measured in the AQ stations.

Conclusions

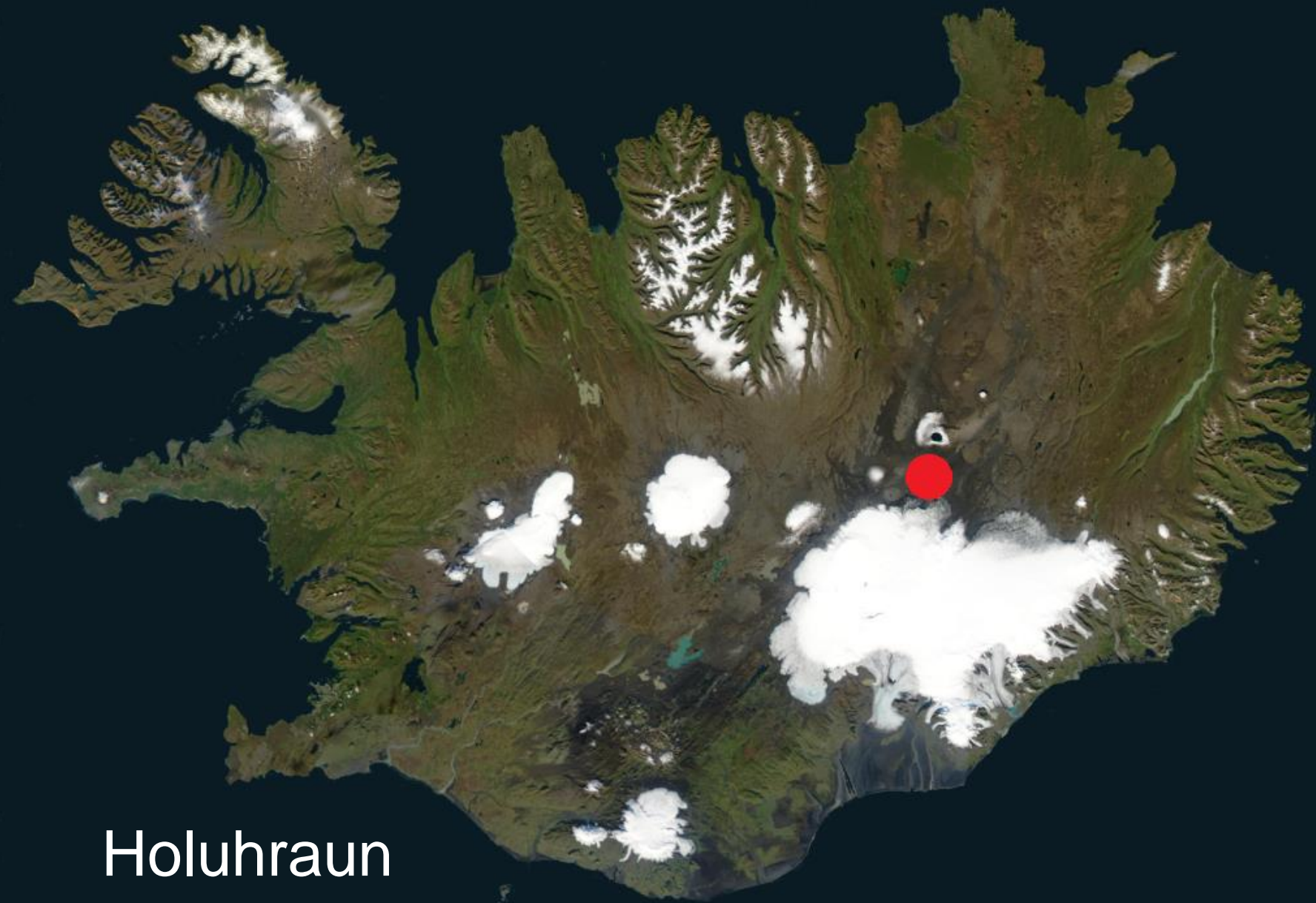
- Sensors have been co-located during three periods at two traffic stations: March-May (Kirkeveien); July-August (Hjortnes), and September (Kirkeveien).
- Results for NO sensor show that:
 - The overall correlation is between 0.8 and 0.9
 - Changes in correlation over time due to environmental conditions
 - The MB and the RMSE increases from March to September
 - The sensor captures the temporal pattern, rush hours and weekend effect
- Results for NO₂ sensor show that:
 - The overall correlation is between 0.4 and 0.7
 - Changes in correlation over time due to environmental conditions
 - The MB and RMSE increases from March to September
 - The NO₂ sensor doesn't capture the temporal pattern as well as CO and NO sensors (interferences with O₃?).

Conclusions

- Next steps:
 - Continuing with the co-location to study long-term variations in the performance of the sensors
 - Evaluate the performance of new NO₂ sensors that incorporate a filter for O₃

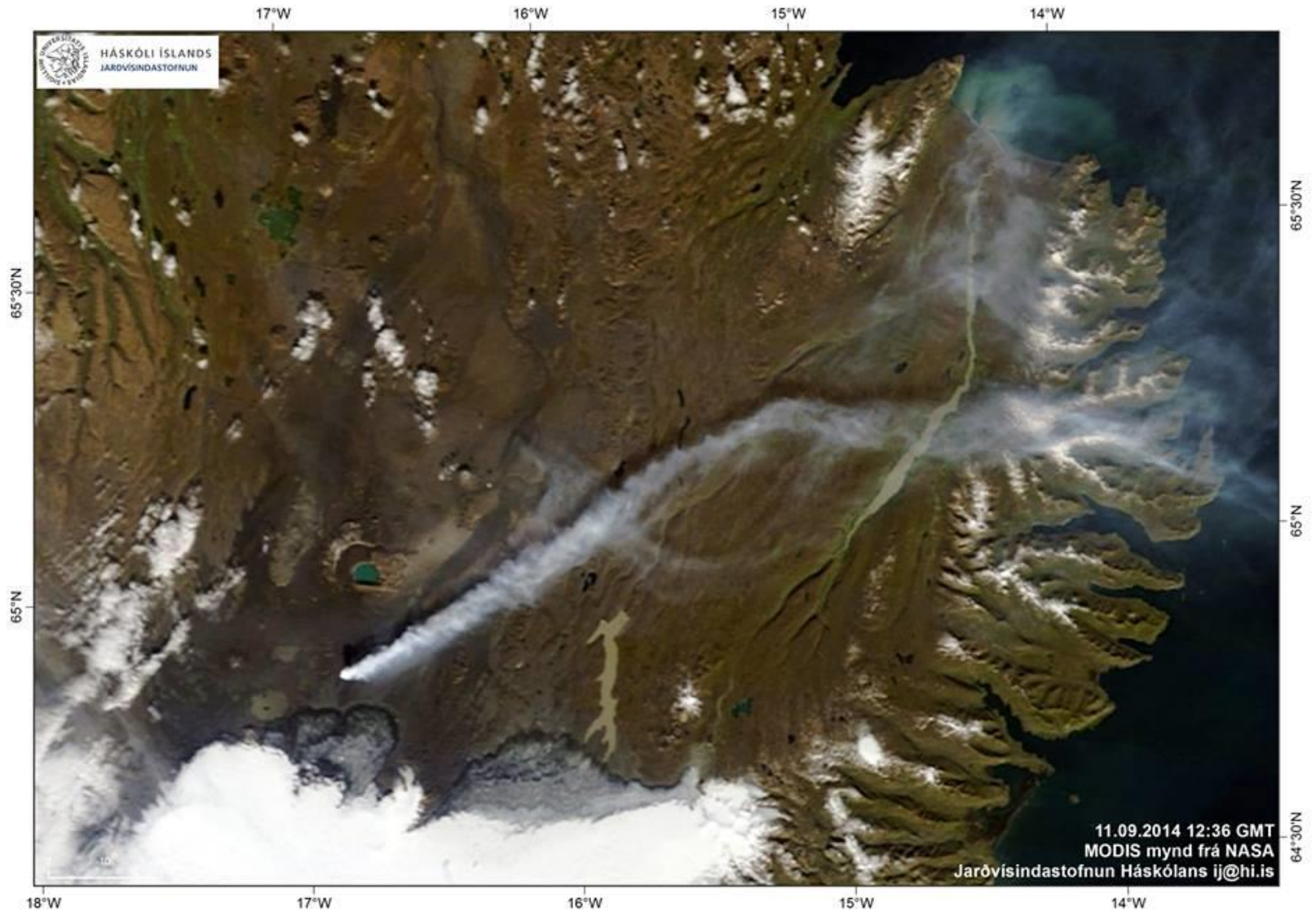
SO₂ Emissions from Eruption in Holuhraun

- Eruption started August 26, no signs of it to come to an end
- Estimated SO₂ emissions 20-60 000 t/per day
- 20 measurement instruments, published on the EAI's website (www.airquality.is)
- 26 handheld instruments distributed around Iceland
- Measurements
 - 5 800 µg/m³ highest peak measured in a populated area
 - 90 000 µg/m³ measured flying through the plume
 - 130 000 µg/m³ measured by scientist in the field close to the eruption



Holuhraun

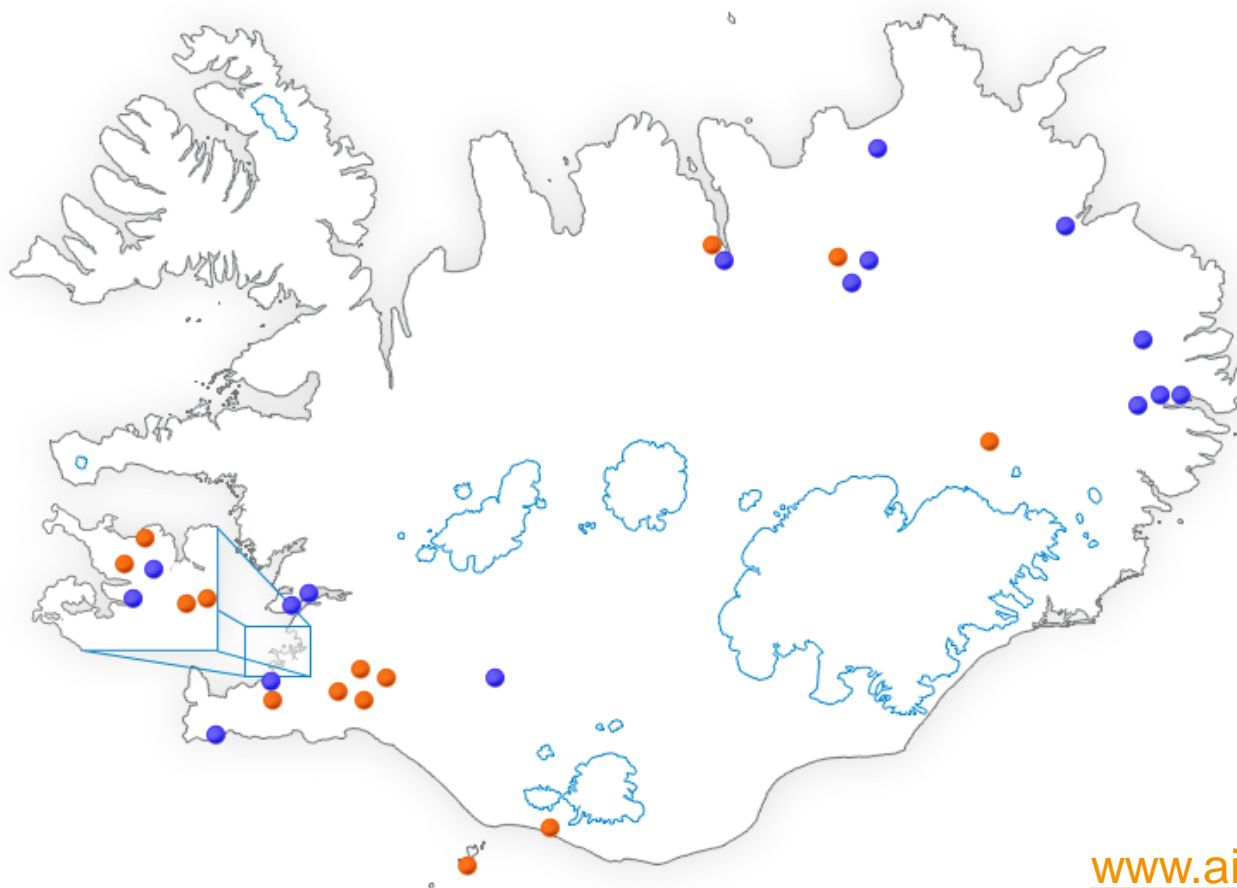
Plume



Measurement Stations - online

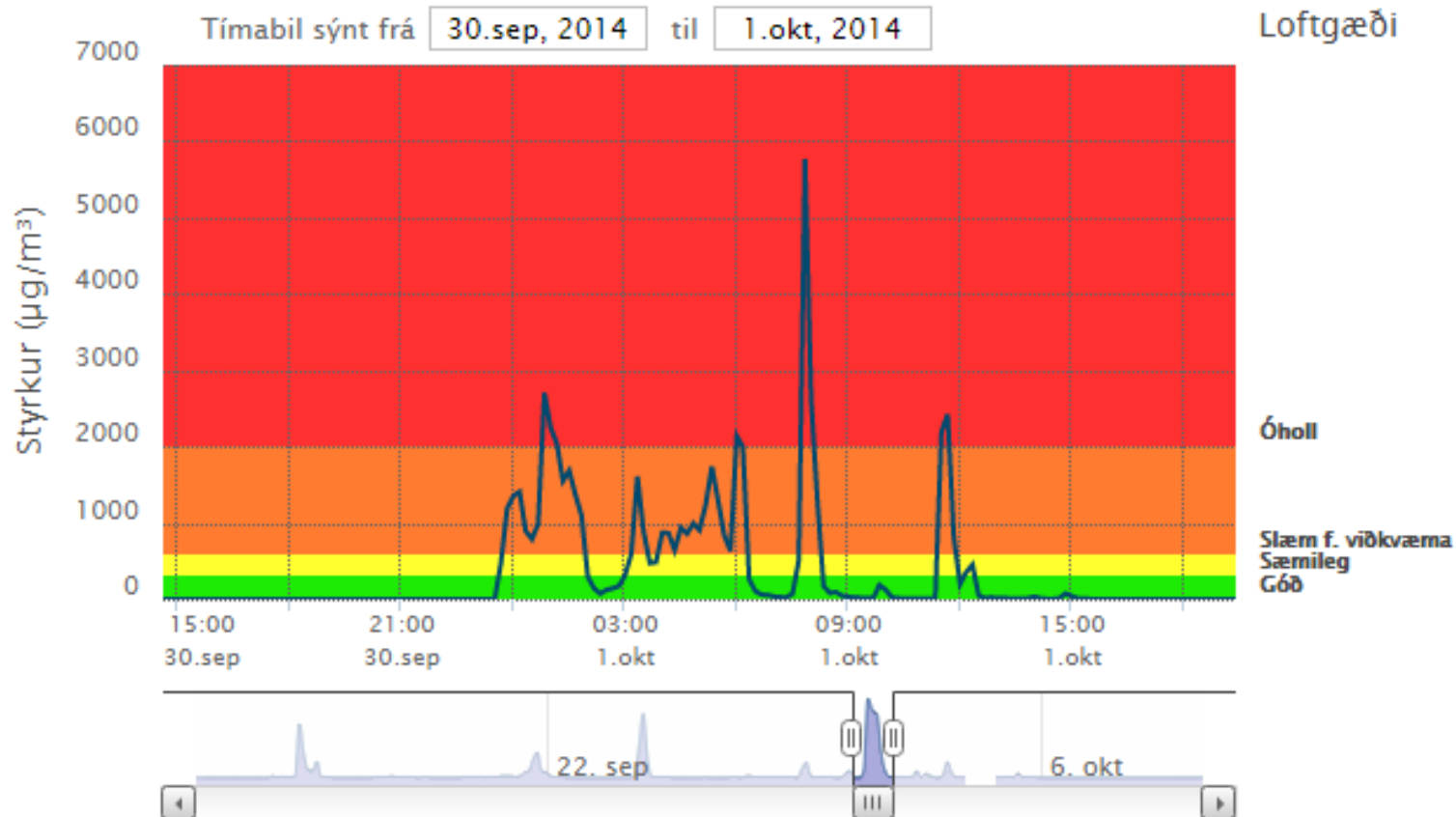
● Mælingar á brennisteinsdíoxíði (SO_2) vegna eldgossins í Holuhrauni.
Sulphur dioxide (SO_2) measurements monitoring the volcanic activity near Bárðarbunga.

● Aðrar mælistöðvar sem ekki mæla brennisteinsdíoxíð (SO_2).
Other stations not measuring sulphur dioxide (SO_2).

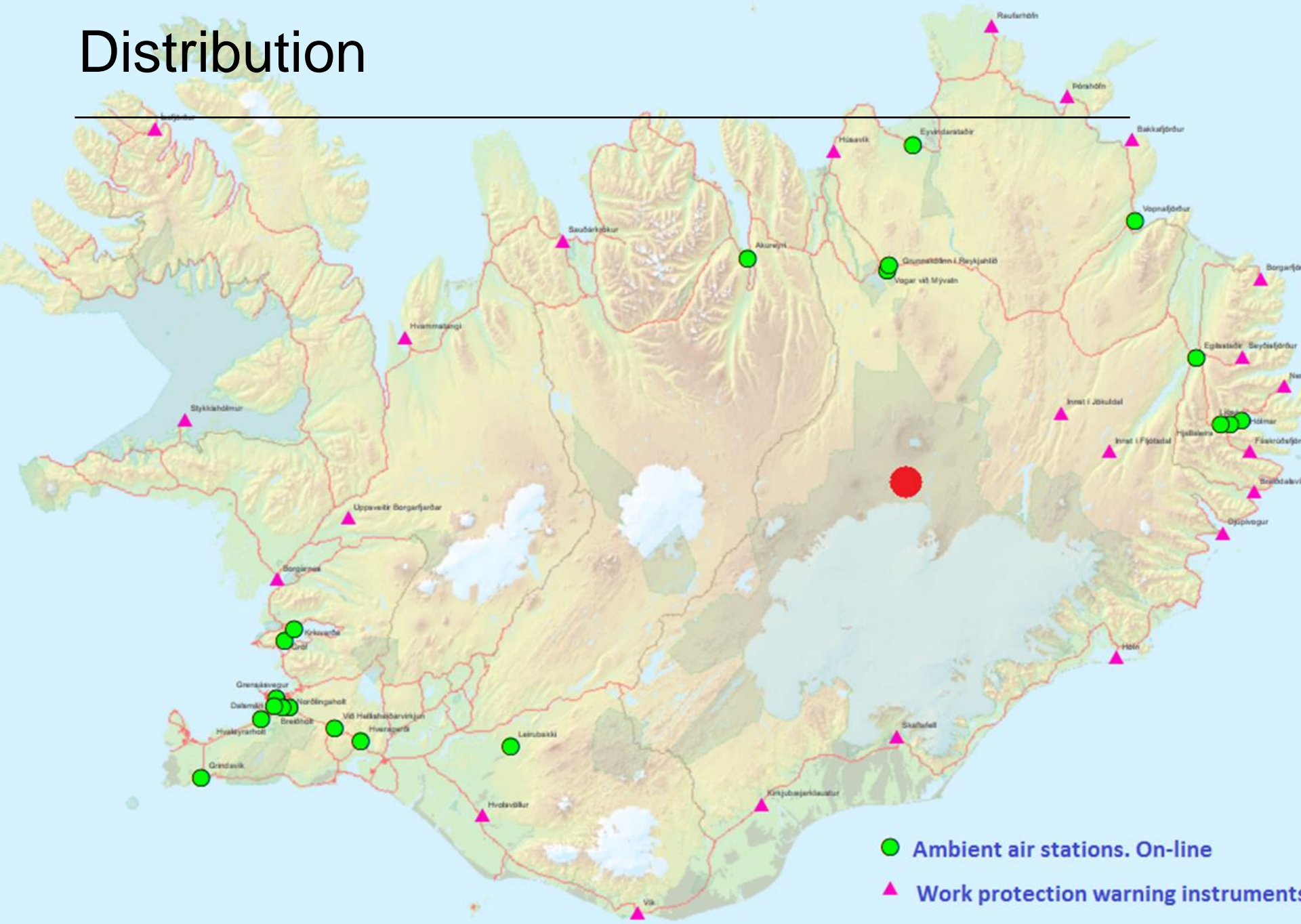


Online Measurements

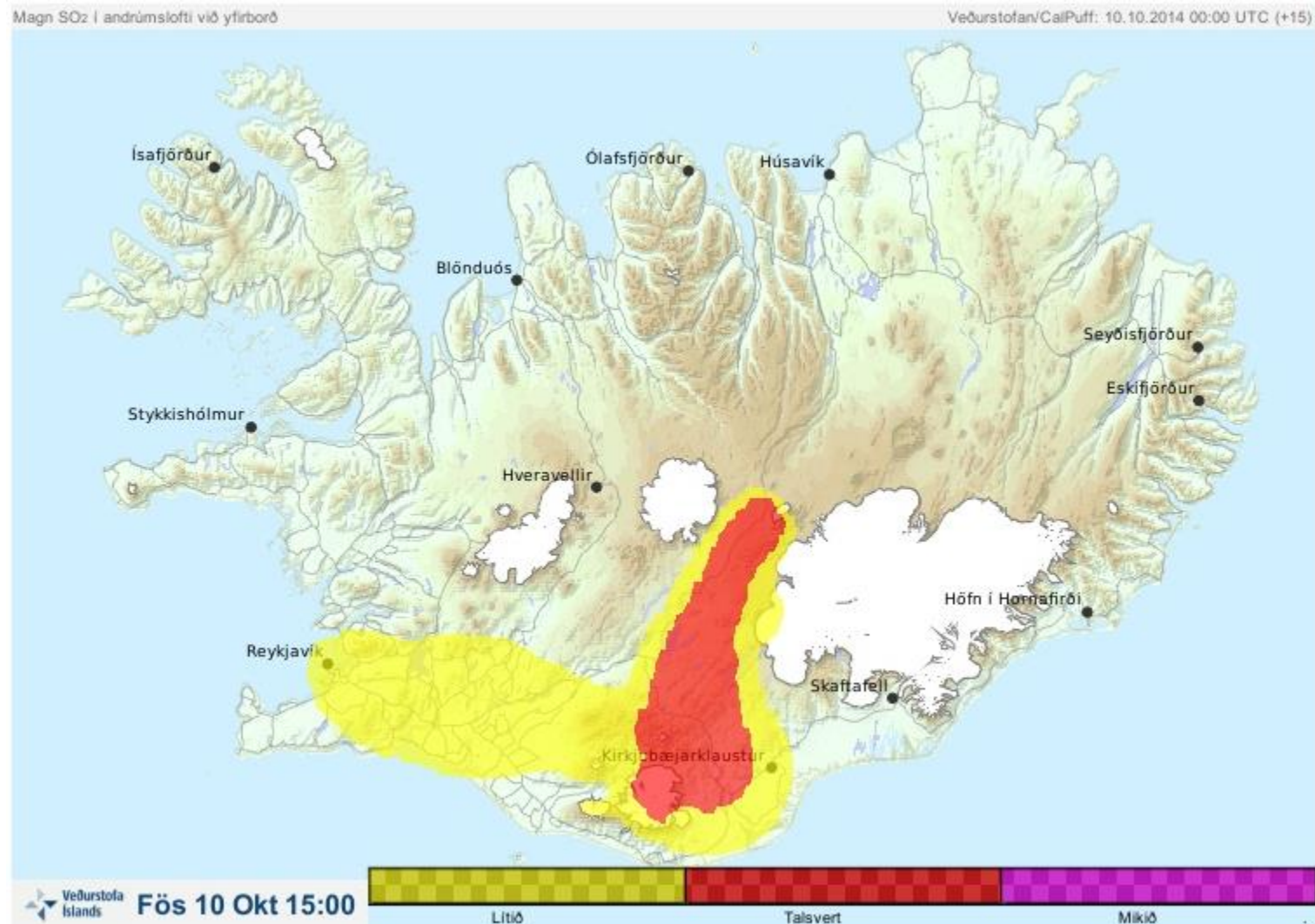
Reykjahlíð, grunnskóli – Brennisteinsdíoxíð (SO₂) – 10 mín. meðaltöl



Distribution



Distribution Model /Forecast



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