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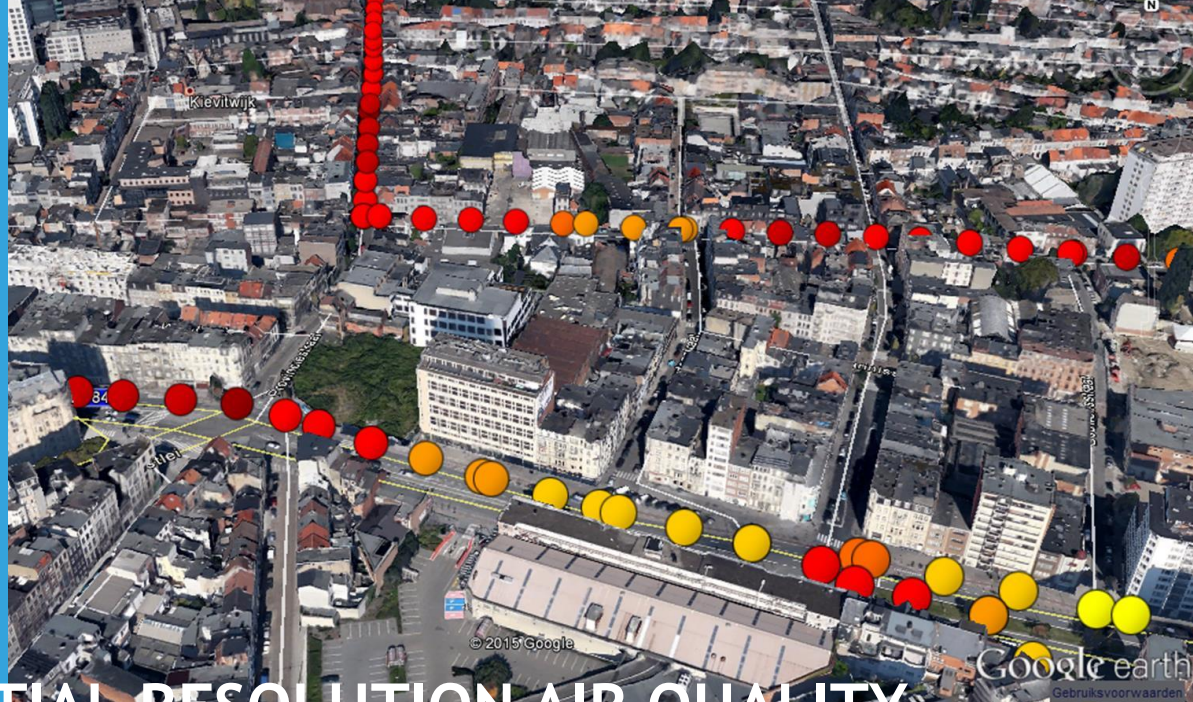
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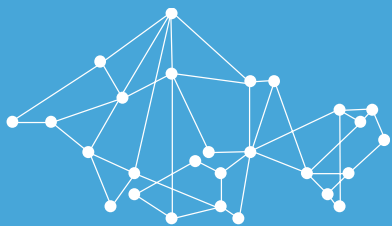




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MOBILE MONITORING STRATEGIES

Targeted and opportunistic mobile monitoring

» **targeted mobile monitoring**

- » a coordinated, goal-driven approach in which the mobile measurements are deliberately planned and carried out along predefined tracks and at predefined times with a specific purpose in mind
- » high level of human interaction
- » repeated, controlled sampling

- » **cycling**
- » **walking**



Easy to use measurement device to collect mobile BC measurements in a 'cost-effective' way :

GPS and microAeth AE-51

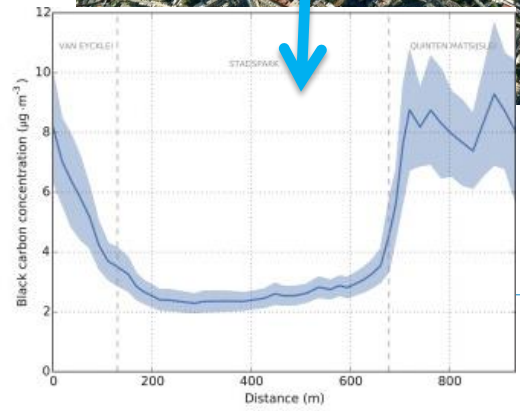
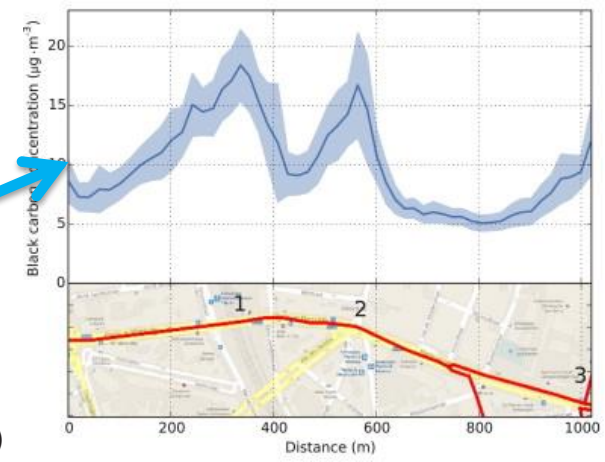
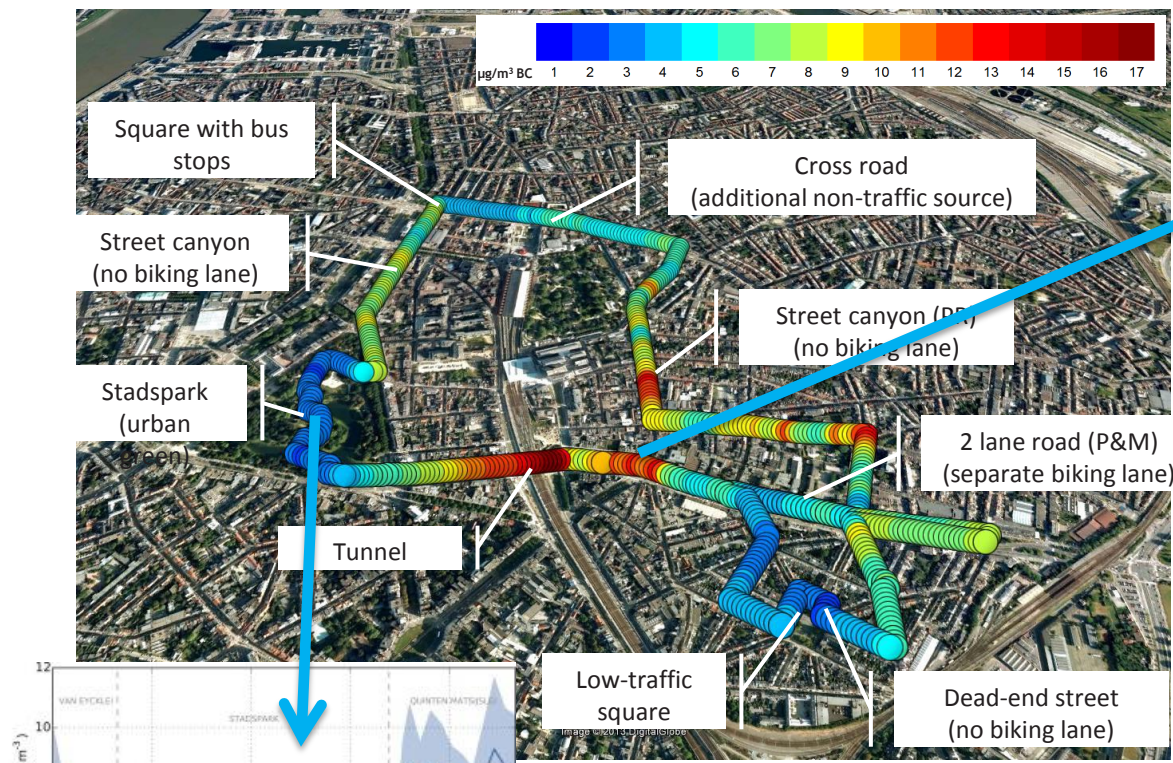
TARGETED MOBILE MONITORING

Case study in Antwerp

Cyclist exposure to UFP and BC on urban routes in Antwerp, Belgium

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- » large gradients over short distances, differences up to a factor of 10 in BC concentrations
- » mobile monitoring suitable for mapping urban air quality at a high spatial resolution.

TARGETED MOBILE MONITORING

Method development and validation

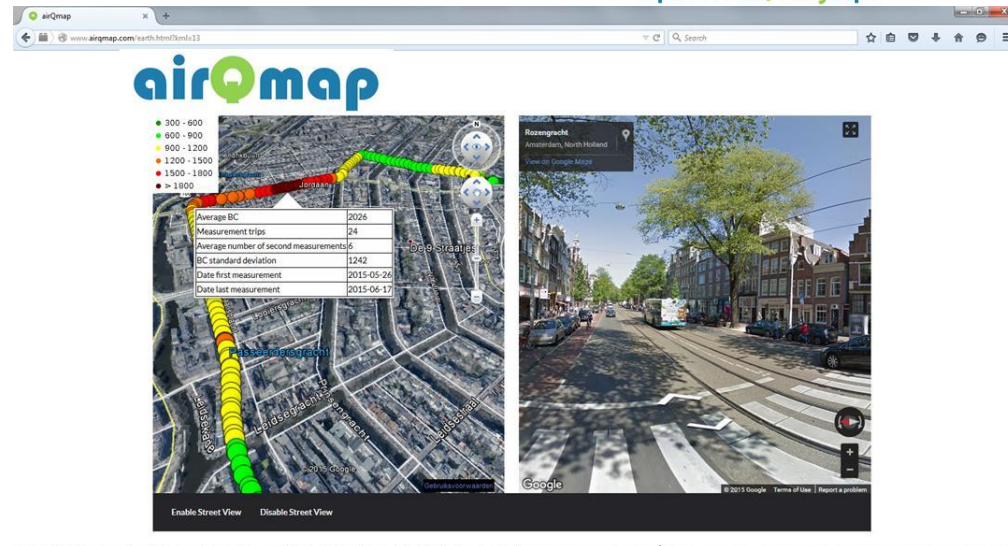
- » data processing to increase representativity
 - » using trimmed mean to deal with extreme events
 - » background normalisation
- » About 40 repeated measurement runs to map the BC concentrations at 50 m resolution with 25% uncertainty
- » About 10 repeated measurement runs for 50 % uncertainty

Mobile monitoring for mapping spatial variation in urban air quality: Development and validation of a methodology based on an extensive dataset

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a powerful platform
 for people without air quality expertise
 to produce airQuality maps.



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- » *opportunistic mobile monitoring*
 - » data collection making use of existing carriers to move measurement devices around
 - » public transport, commuters, postmen, taxi drivers, parking wardens, ...
 - » differing degree of human interaction
 - » repeated structure (same routes, same time frame) versus unstructured
 - » no control over the specific location and time of the measurements → BIAS !

OPPORTUNISTIC MOBILE MONITORING

Opportunistic mobile air pollution monitoring: A case study with city wardens in Antwerp



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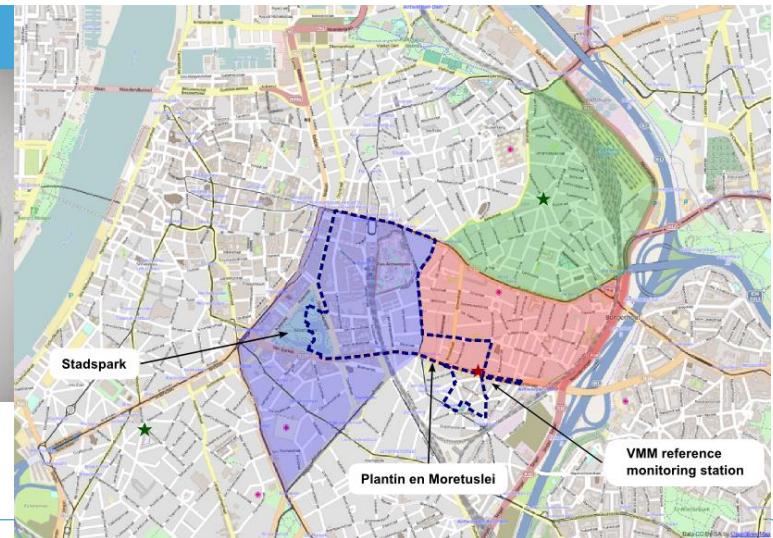
City wardens in Antwerp

- » Case study with city wardens in Antwerp, Belgium, during a one-year period (from July 2012 until June 2013)
 - » unstructured → data collection is unevenly spread in space and/or time
 - » 393 hours of raw 1 second second measurements (459 hours of measurements before filtering for GPS quality) spread over 110 days
 - » Most of the measurements were done between 10 am and 16 pm during working days.
- » Data analysis:
 - » spatial aggregation (50 m segments), trimmed mean, background normalization

3 teams of 'City Guards' measuring air quality during one year



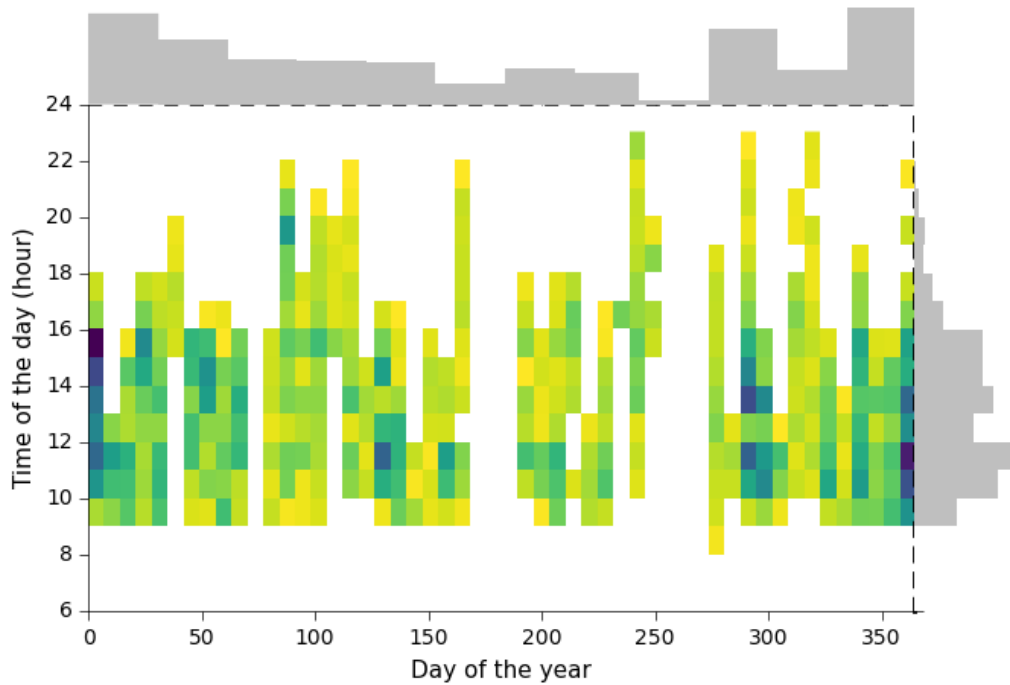
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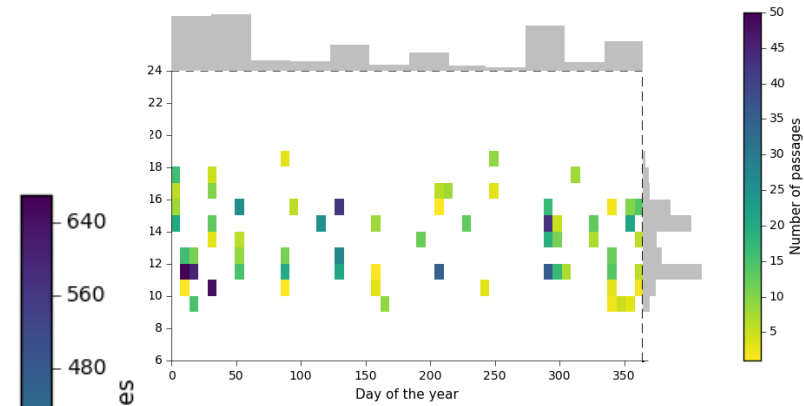
OPPORTUNISTIC MOBILE MONITORING : ANTWERP CITY WARDENS

Sampling bias

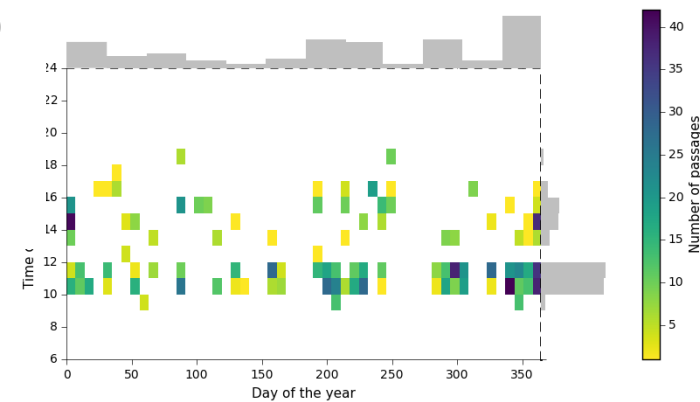
All data (total of 40284 passages)



Stadspark (total of 932 passages)



Provinciestraat (total of 1127 passages)



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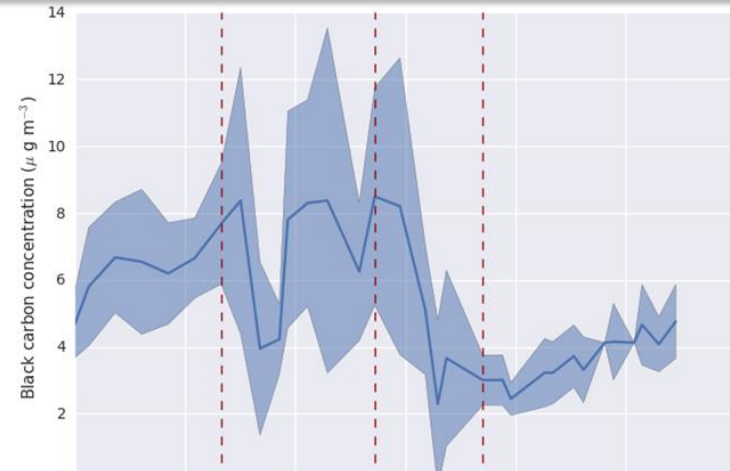
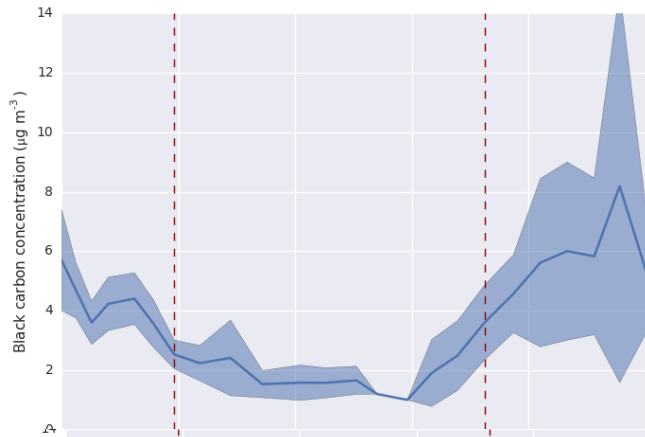
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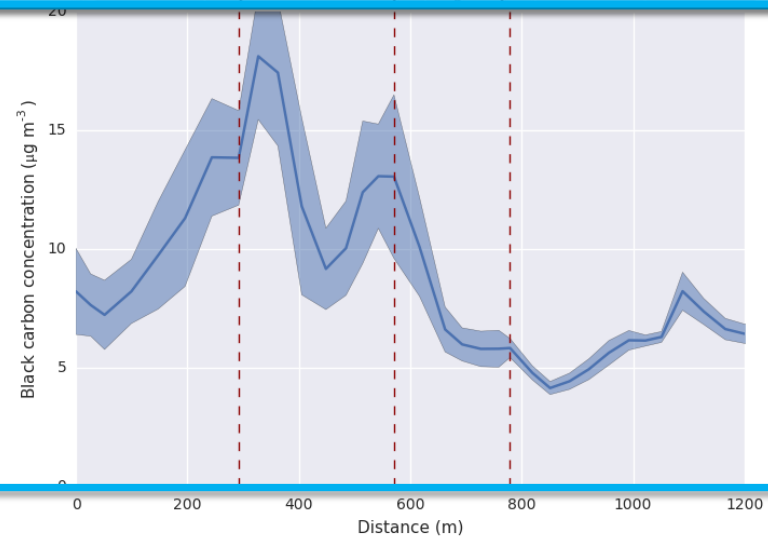
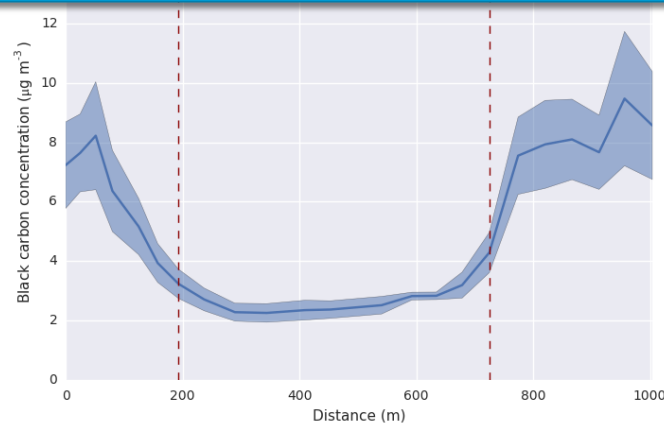
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Results

CITY WARDENS



TARGETED MONITORING



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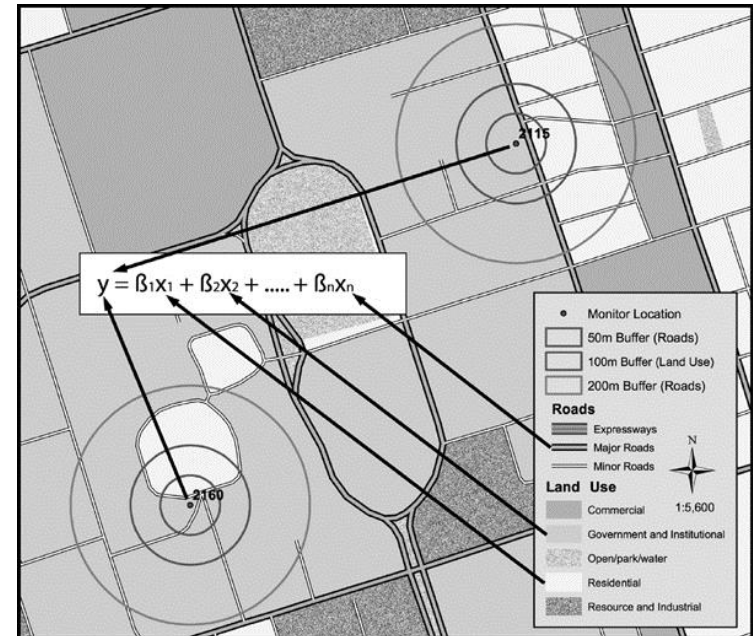
Conclusions

- » high spatial coverage in the selected area
- » unstructured data collection both in space and time →
 - » sampling bias
 - » temporal adjustment can partly counteract this bias, but will not fully correct uncertainty associated with temporal variation
- » large spatial patterns within the city are clearly captured - identify broad spatial trends and hotspots
- » rather large uncertainty at individual locations (50m segments)
- » Need for :
 - » sufficient data needed to cover both spatial and temporal variability
 - » repeated measurements
 - » careful processing and interpretation of the results
- » *promising approach to monitor urban air quality at a high spatial resolution*
- » *potential for participatory monitoring and crowdsourcing approaches based on opportunistic monitoring.*

DEVELOPMENT OF A LUR MODEL BASED ON MOBILE MEASUREMENTS

Inputs and targets

- » Predictor variables
 - » Road types
 - » Land use - land cover
 - » Address locations
 - » Traffic data (from traffic model)
 - » Sky view factor
 - » Biking lanes (distance to traffic lanes)
- » Transformations
 - » Inverse distance, squared inverse distance
 - » Interactions (quadratic terms) :
 - » traffic * inverse (squared) distance
 - » Traffic * sky view factor
- » Aggregated concentration level - 50 m segments as dependent variables



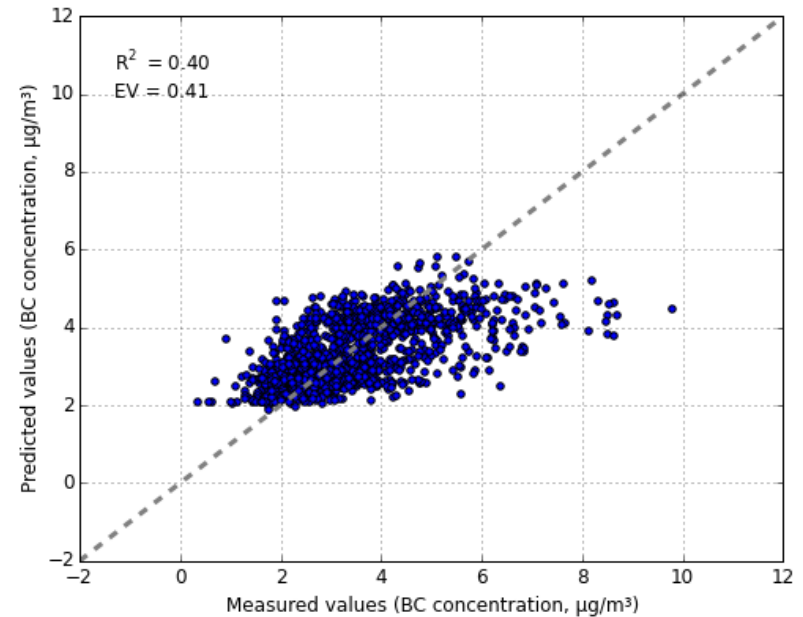
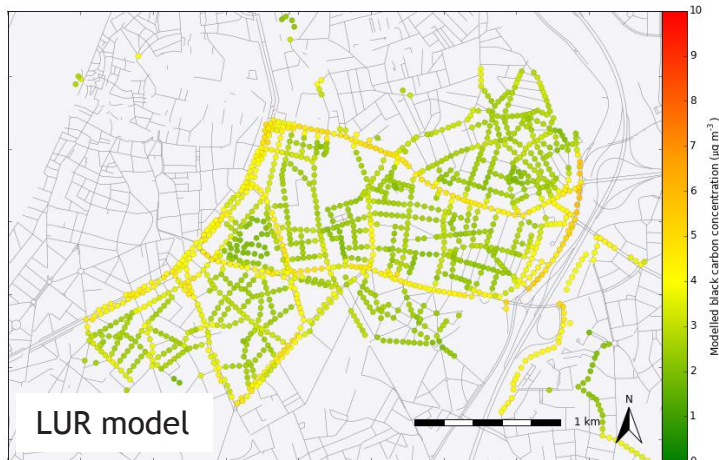
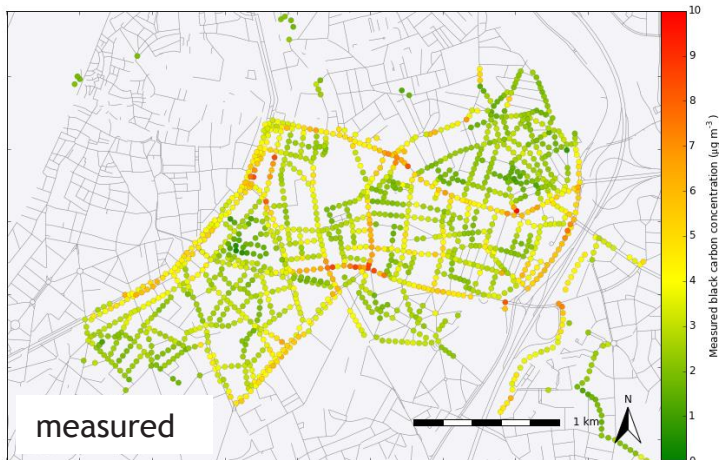
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Model building and evaluation

- » Linear regression - Support Vector Regression
- » Predictor variable selection
 - » No selection
 - » “Classic” - supervised stepward forward selection
 - » LASSO : regularised linear model estimating sparse coefficients
 - » Optimal CV : combined forward and backward selection; optimising cross-validation R^2
 - » Forward CV : stepwise forward selection based on cross-validation R^2
- » Spatial cross-validation
 - » For model building : Selecting predictor variables - Tuning hyperparameters
 - » For model performance
 - » Cross-validation (only parameter estimation)
 - » Nested cross-validation (full model rebuilding)



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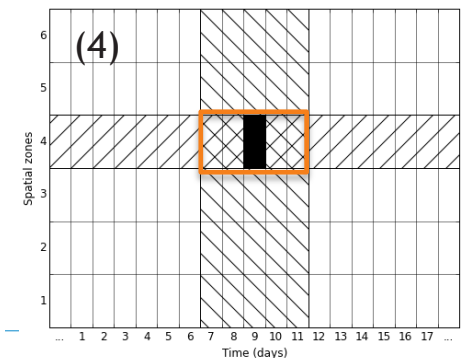
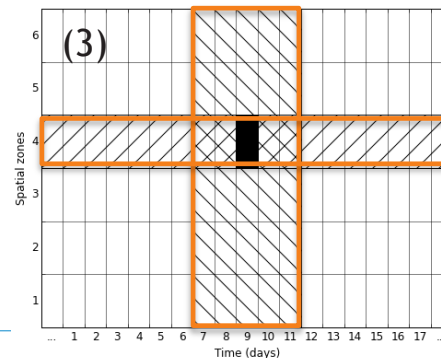
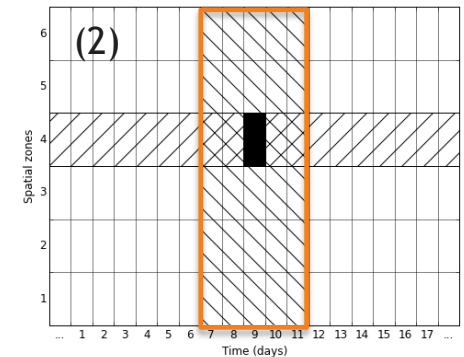
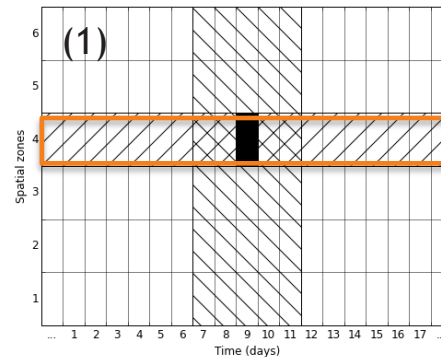
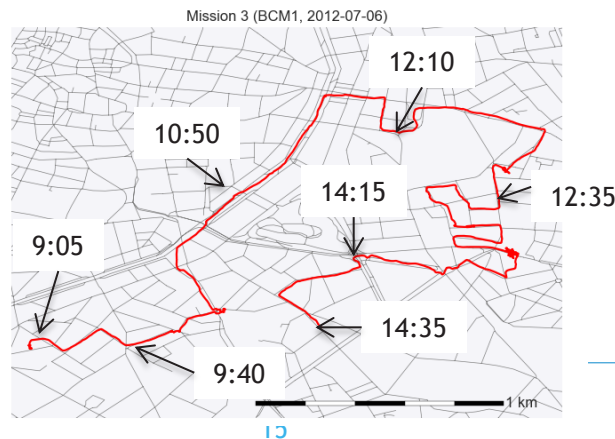


overestimating low concentrations
underestimating high concentrations

SPATIO-TEMPORAL LUR MODEL TO ASSESS STREET-LEVEL EXPOSURE

Inputs and targets

- » Incorporating time-dependent predictor variable : concentrations measured at official central monitoring station (Flemish Environmental Agency)
- » use hourly average BC concentrations as target to build model
- » 30,099 hourly data points (x, y, t)
- » Model validation
 - » Spatial cross-validation (1)
 - » Temporal cross-validation (2)
 - » Spatio-temporal cross-validation (3)
 - » Minimal cross-validation (4)
 - » Validation using *trips*



SPATIO-TEMPORAL LUR MODEL TO ASSESS STREET-LEVEL EXPOSURE

Evaluation

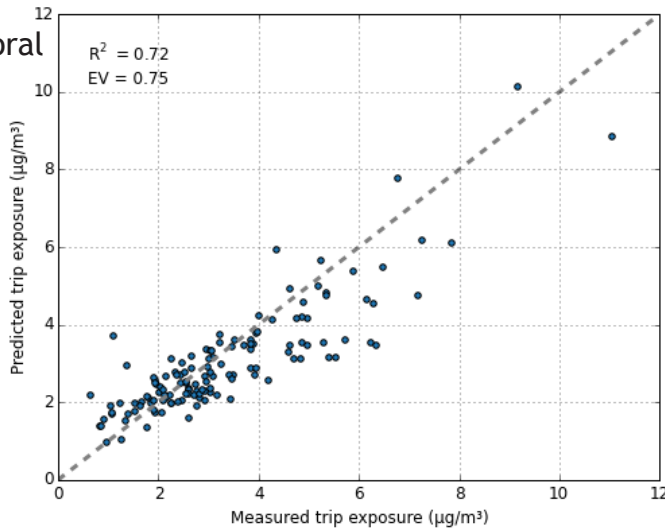
- » Evaluation 50 m segments at hourly level (spatio-temporal unit) : $R^2 = 0,08$ (EV 0,09)
- » Evaluation on spatial level : $R^2 = 0,29$ (EV 0,34) (*predicted average concentration at specific location*) : comparable to spatial model
- » Evaluation on temporal level : $R^2 = 0,49$ (EV 0,57) (*predicted average daily concentration*)
 - » (without
- » Evaluation on trip level : predicted average exposure during a trip based on GPS coordinates and spa

Table 11.1: Overview of the evaluation results based on the trips for the different methods and cross-validation schemes.

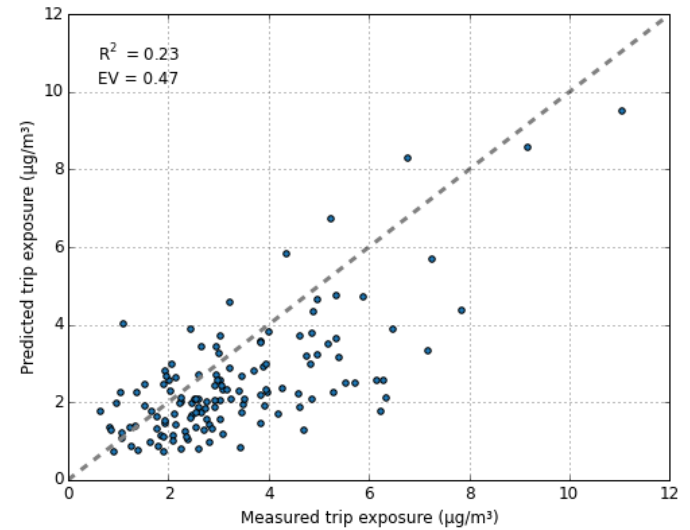
	R^2	EV	RMSE
Spatio-temporal LUR			
Minimal CV	0.72	0.75	0.9
Spatial CV	0.75	0.75	0.9
Temporal CV	0.58	0.61	1.1
Spatio-temporal CV	0.61	0.61	1.1

SPATIO-TEMPORAL LUR MODEL : TRIP EXPOSURE PREDICTION

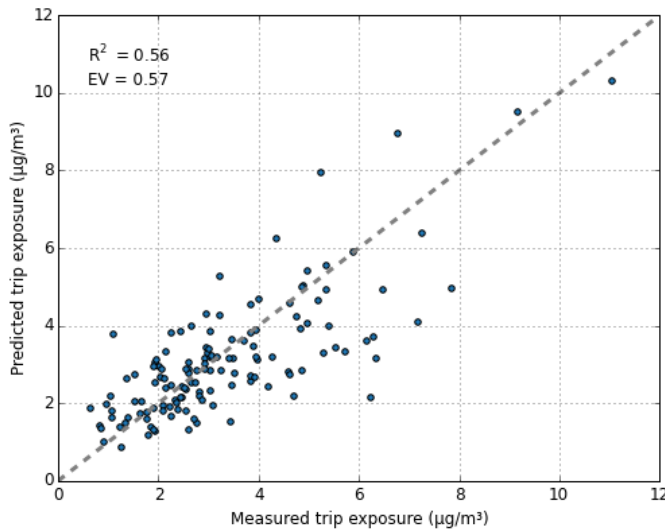
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LUR model



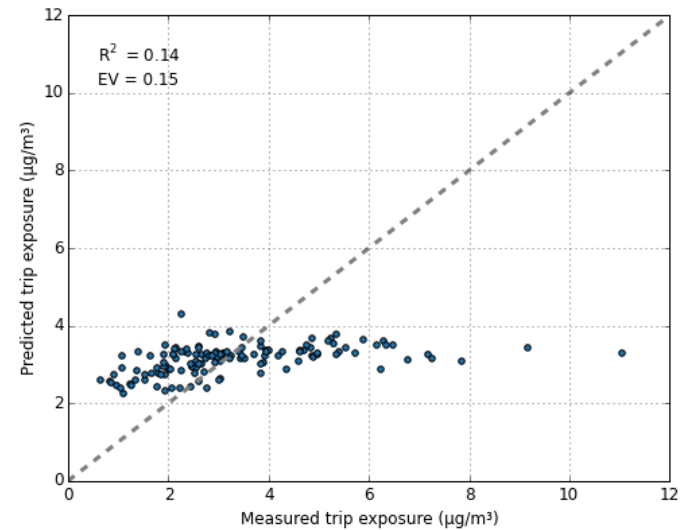
central
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temporally
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spatial
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STREET-LEVEL POLLUTION EXPOSURE MAPS USING DATA FROM AN OPPORTUNISTIC MOBILE MONITORING CAMPAIGN

Conclusions

- » Data collected continuously in an unstructured way
 - » Spatial LUR model
 - » Need for more data to improve performance
 - » Spatiotemporal model
 - » Prediction model based on historical data + real-time information from central monitoring station
 - » Exposure prediction based solely on GPS track
 - » Better exposure prediction than spatial LUR model, temporally adjusted spatial LUR model or central monitoring station
 - » Predictive abilities depending on data availability :
 - » *better than* performance estimated by spatiotemporal cross-validation
 - » differentiated map
 - » Continuously update and improve model based on new data
- Proof of concept for real-time dynamic pollution map