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**AirQUIS**

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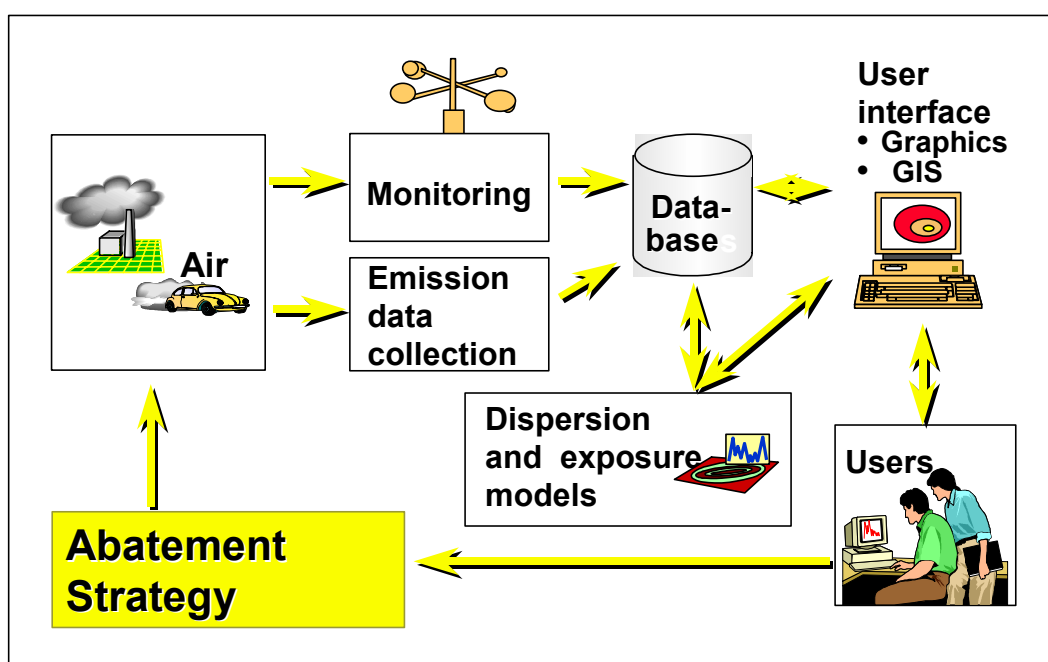
# 1 What is AirQUIS

## 1.1 AirQUIS, A GIS based surveillance and planning tool

Based on a Geographical Information System (GIS) platform the Environmental Surveillance and Information System (ENSIS) have been developed to handle air pollution and water pollution problems. AirQUIS is the air pollution related module of this system.

The main objective of a modern environmental surveillance platform of this kind is to enable direct data and information transfer and obtain a remote quality control of the data collection. The system combine monitoring, data presentation and modelling in one package, which enable the user not only to present and evaluate the present situation, but also to undertake environmental planning for a sustainable future. The GIS platform, on which the system is operated, provides easy access to the data and gives a perfect and easily understandable data presentation tool

The ENSIS system contains in addition to AirQUIS and WaterQUIS common modules that are shared by air and water specific parts of the program system. Important common parts are the measurement database, and the graphical user interface including the GIS (geographical information system).



*The AirQUIS surveillance and planning system*

The user interface is to a large extent a map interface from which spatial distribution of pollution sources, monitoring stations, measurements, model results and other geographically linked objects can be presented. The map interface can also be used as an entrance for making queries to the database

The GIS (Geographical Information System) functionality of the ENSIS system is designed to offer several possibilities for understanding the problems of air pollution.

- The GIS makes it easier to place the air pollution sources at the correct location, for example by making it easy to display the total network of road links in a city.
- GIS presentation of area-distributed consumption of fossil fuels and direct emissions gives a good overview of where to expect high impact of air pollution.
- Viewing the measurement stations on a map with the pollution sources will give an idea of what concentrations one may expect to find at the stations for a given wind direction.
- The GIS makes it easier to search for geographically linked data in the database.
- Displaying results of model calculations as a map can be used for public information on pollution levels at different parts of a city.

## **1.2 ENSIS/AirQUIS themes**

There are three types of data that can be displayed on the map: shape themes, ENSIS themes and data set.

### ***1.2.1 Shape Themes***

The Shape Themes are themes that are not connected to data in the ENSIS database. Examples of shape themes may be coastlines, lakes, parks, borders, or anything that will make the map look better and be easier to understand. The user decides which shape themes to display by selecting from a list of available themes. The available themes may be different for different projects. This is organised through the User Manager.

### ***1.2.2 ENSIS Themes***

The ENSIS Themes are the GIS representation of the data in the ENSIS database, for example administrative regions, air pollution sources, road links, stations, receptor points. The user decides which themes to display by selecting from a list of all ENSIS themes. All ENSIS themes will be available for all projects, and may be shown on the map, provided they contain data.

### ***1.2.3 Data Set***

All data set in the database can be viewed on the map. This may be data distributed on administrative or user defined regions (region data set), data distributed in grids (field data set), data distributed on lines (line data set) or data distributed in points (point data set). The data set may have been entered into the database manually or by import, or the data set may be results of model calculations.

### 1.3 The AirQUIS components

AirQUIS consists of six components and makes use of an Oracle database. The system has integrated forms and maps developed in VisualBasic and MapObject (GIS):

- A manual data entering application,
- An on line monitoring system,
- A module for online data acquisition and quality control,
- A measurement data base for meteorology and air quality,
- A modern emission inventory data base with emission models,
- Numerical models for transport and dispersion in air of pollutants,
- A module for exposure estimates and population exposure assessment,
- Statistical treatment and graphical presentation of measurements and modelling results,

All objects described above are integrated in a map and menu oriented user-friendly interface with direct link to the databases for measurements, emissions, modelling results and presentation tools. Advanced import/export wizards allow the user to transfer data easily to and from the AirQUIS system

## 2 Input data for AirQUIS

### 2.1 The Air Emission Database

#### 2.1.1 Type of Emissions

The sources of air pollution are divided in three categories.

- 1) Emissions from single activities of some size, like industries, energy production etc., that are linked to single stacks, are treated as point sources.
- 2) Emissions from road traffic are treated as line sources in the emission database.
- 3) Emissions from home heating, public and private services, agricultural activities etc., which cannot be represented as a point or line are treated as area sources. These may also be converted to grid.

Regardless of being point, line or area distributed, emission data can be retrieved either as direct emission data for different components, or as a set consisting of consumption data and emission factors for the components for different fuels and activity types. The emission data usually comes as yearly data, and a time factor is used to find the fraction of the yearly value that is valid for a specific period within the year.

#### 2.1.2 Search Criteria for Emissions

The emission data is easily accessed through search for region, field, line or point data sets. The specific industry is accessed through search criteria such as emission type/consumption type. Road links properties may also be accessed and edited easily through search criteria. By using the functionality search by

polygon/rectangle on geographical areas via the map, the user can find/edit information on emission sources.

### **2.1.3 Congruent with CORINAIR**

The user defines the AirQUIS emission and consumption database structure. It has a hierarchical structure containing of different layers with inter relationships. In Norway, emission data is structured by the Norwegian Bureau of Statistics (SSB) and imported directly into AirQUIS by an efficient import wizard. The structure of the SSB is a simplified version of SNAP95.

### **2.1.4 Functions**

The emission module can calculate all combinations of emissions in an area, such as total emissions of a component in selected areas or divided into source categories in a selected time period. The aggregation tool can also be used to obtain selected values such as maximum, minimum, average, sum and selected percentiles.

## **2.2 Air Emission Model**

The air emission model combines emission, consumption and production from region and point sources with traffic emissions to calculate hourly emissions distributed in fields, lines and/or points. The results may be stored as field, line and/or point data set. Before running the model the emission scenario must be defined. Here the user decides which sources to include, in the use of source selection criteria, see table below.

Source type	Selection choice in scenario setting
Area	Region, consumption type, activity type, product or fuel type
Line	Region, ADT limit, road classes, vehicle classes, traffic factor set
Point	Region, point source, line of business, activity type and fuel

In addition to an air emissions scenario, a meteorology scenario has to be selected in order to handle temperature dependent emission data. It is, for this purpose, possible to use meteorological data from time periods different from the calculation period.

The different parameters and factors determining the emission is easily edited. This can be seen through the windows presented below:

## **2.3 Time Series Database**

The data in the database are organised in data series (measurement time series). The data series are identified by a set of properties that describes the values. The averaging period is set by the data collecting system. The necessary properties to identify data series in the measurement database are given in the table:



<b>Information</b>	<b>Properties describing the data series</b>	<b>Properties describing each value</b>
Where are the measurements taken	Station, Measurement position	
Time step	Length of time step	
What is measured	Medium, Component (Parameter), Unit	
How is this measured	Instrument, Sampling method, Analysis	
When is this measured		From-time, To-time
What was the result		Value
Quality status of the measurements		Quality status flag, Exception flag

## 2.4 Digitalised Datasets

The AirQUIS system needs map themes to describe the characteristics of the area, such as topography, road co-ordinates, community boarders, local subareas (if any) and population distribution, either in subareas or buildings. Further needs of map themes are dependant on what to be presented and what kind of functionality the Client want. The format of the themes is as shape or ARC/INFO.

If the Client want to prepare or present digitalised data in MapInfo, Norgit will develop a module for direct conversion between MapInfo and shapes to obtain full flexibility between MapInfo and AirQUIS.

## 2.5 Climatological Database

All meteorological data are stored as time series. Climatological statistics can be achieved by the use of the statistical packages Windrose, Stabfreq and Metfreq presented under point 3. In this way joint frequency distribution of wind speed, wind direction and atmospheric stability can be calculated.

## 2.6 Database Solution

The database used in the AirQUIS system is the ORACLE relational database version 7.3.4 or higher on server.

## 2.7 Air Emission Model

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### 3 Applications

#### 3.1 Air surveillance and management system

The software system AirQUIS has been adapted to meet the needs of different clients. The system normally includes data retrieval, databases, and data presentations, modelling and air quality management systems. A complete AirQUIS system is supplied according the client specifications.

This also provides the development of emission inventories, dispersion models and exposure assessment. Measurements of air quality and meteorology together with model results may be presented to evaluate the contribution from different sources to the air quality of the selected area. The system has been applied in this mode in Oslo, Sarpsborg/Fredrikstad and in the Telemark region in Norway, in Yantai, China in Botswana and is being developed for Haifa, Israel, Stockholm Sweden and for the Saudi Electric Co. in Saudi Arabia.

The system may present hourly, daily and monthly concentration distributions, as well as next-day predictions, forecasts and early warnings based upon population exposure. The user-friendly planning tool may, for example, estimate the change in air quality impact if a road is closed or transport composition and patterns are changed, or a factory reduces or changes its emissions.

#### 3.2 Impact assessment

Regulatory risk assessment in air pollution management includes a consideration of hazard identification, exposure-response relationships, exposure assessment and quantitative risk characterization. Numerical models, which are part of the

AirQUIS system, may estimate the exposure of harmful pollution to human health, materials and the ecosystem.

Dose-relationships are being used to evaluate the impact and to perform a complete impact and damage assessment. For the environmental impact on buildings and building materials (Our Cultural Heritage) a sub module of AirQUIS, CorrCOST has been developed. The system was used in Norway to evaluate the economic impact of air pollution on building material in Oslo and in other areas of Norway. NILU is working in co-operation with other research institutes within the field of environmental impact assessment.

### **3.3 Cost-benefit analyses**

The Cost-benefit analyses (CBA) are a highly interdisciplinary task. The CBA should provide a benefit-cost ratio based on monetarised costs and benefits, and be accompanied by a description of the non-monetarised items that also should be considered.

Monetary valuation of control actions, and of the effects on health and the environment, may be different in concept and vary substantially from country to country. NILU has conducted such CBA of possible measures for reducing the extent of pollution damage in several major urban areas in Asia. The World Bank project "URBAIR" was a forerunner for these analyses. All the various possible measures are cost estimated and put together in relation to calculated reductions in air pollution and the consequences for damage impact.

### **3.4 AQMS**

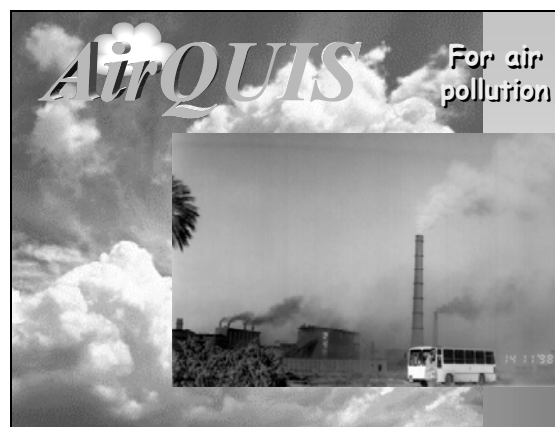
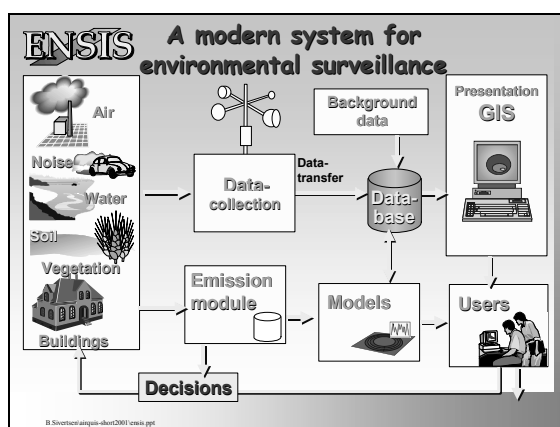
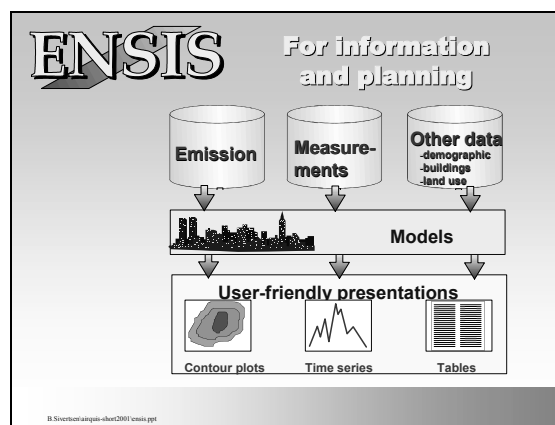
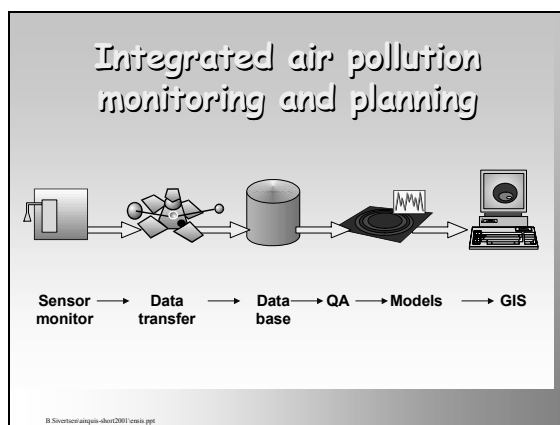
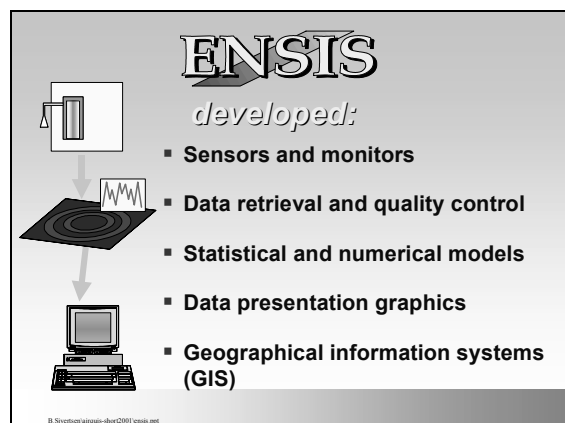
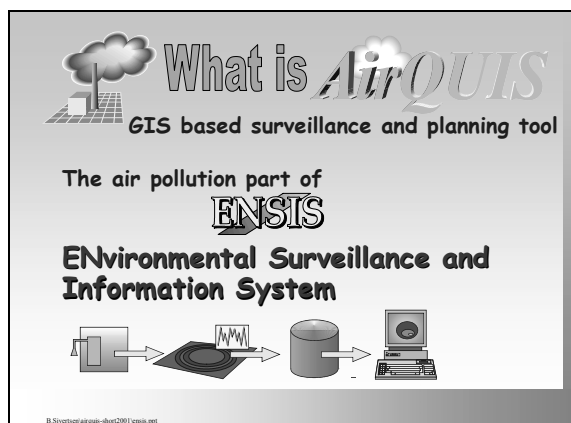
An Air Quality Management and Planning System (AQMS) was established in the city of Guangzhou (6 mill. inhabitants) in South China. The core of the system was the GIS based AirQUIS system. The system is applied to develop action plans for air quality improvement in a cost-efficient manner. The project was a co-operation effort between the NORCE consortium of Norwegian institutes (with NILU as the leading institute) and research and municipal government institutions in Guangzhou. The nature of the project was "knowledge and tools transfer.



## **Appendix A**

### **What is AirQUIS? - Overheads presented**






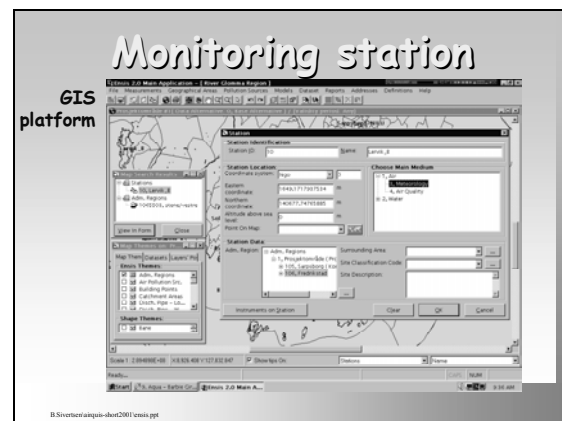
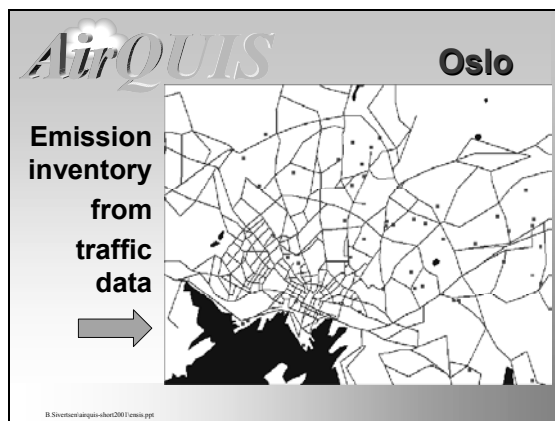
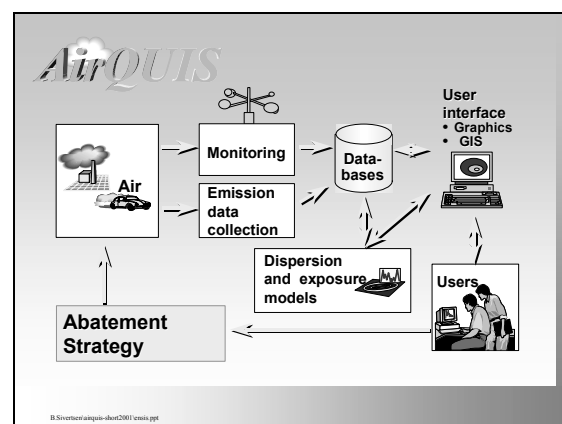
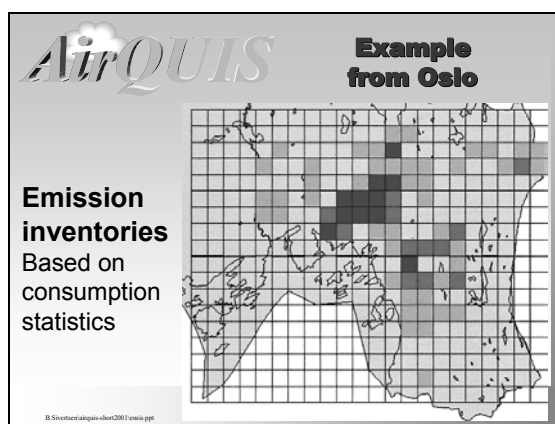
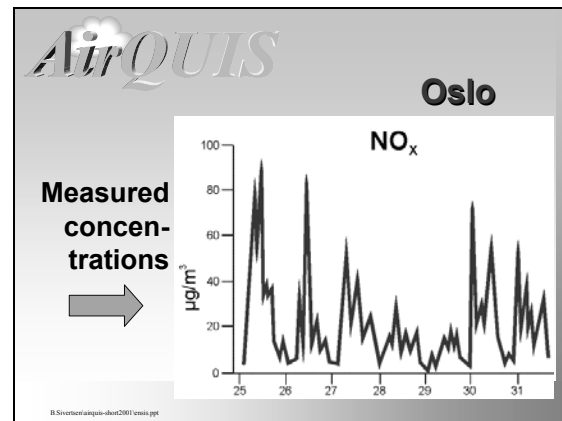
**AirQUIS**

**6 modules**

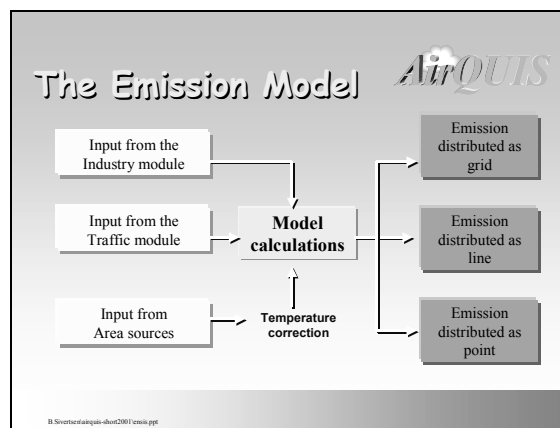
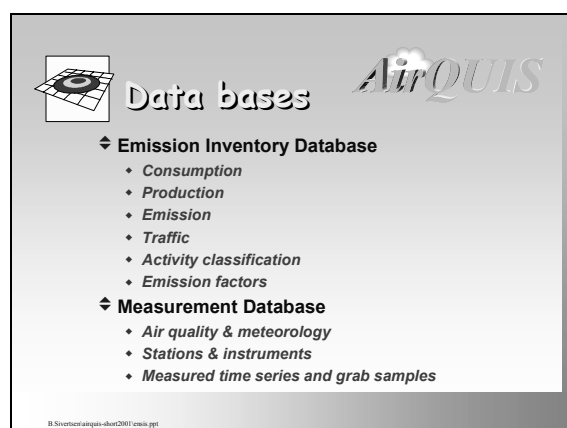
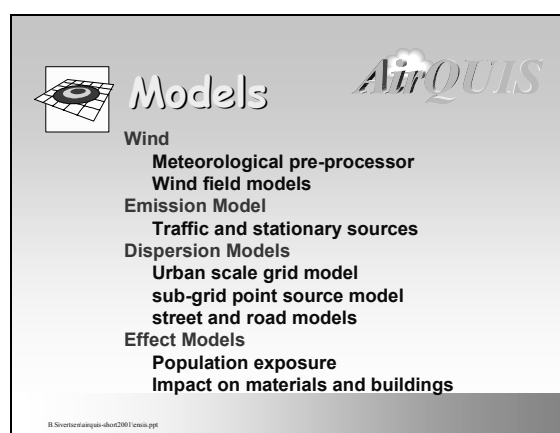
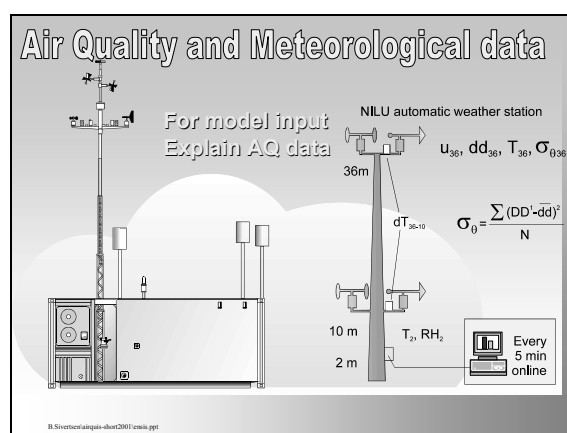
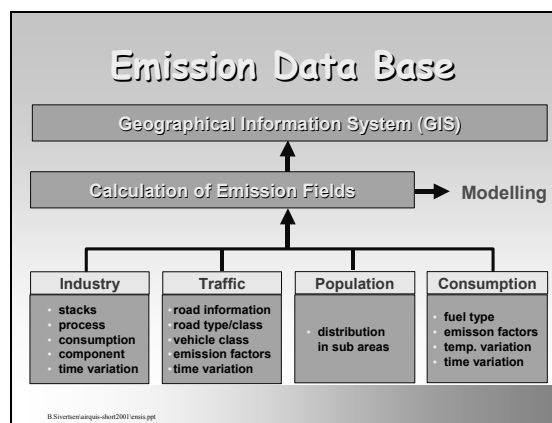
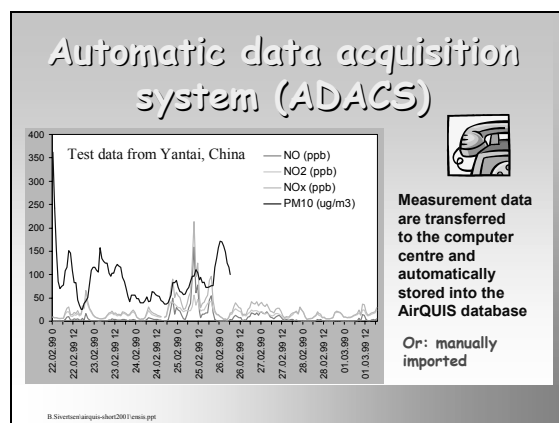
- Emissions
- Meteorology / wind
- Dispersion models
- Statistics
- Exposure
- GIS platform



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## AirQUIS Presentations

**Statistical and Graphical Presentation Tools**  
 Maxima, minima, averages  
 Percentiles  
 Cumulative frequency distribution  
 Wind rose and meteorology frequency distributions

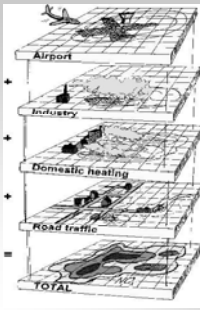
**User Interface**  
 For viewing and editing data in all databases  
 Integrating GIS

**Automatic Data Acquisition System**  
**Manual Data Acquisition System**



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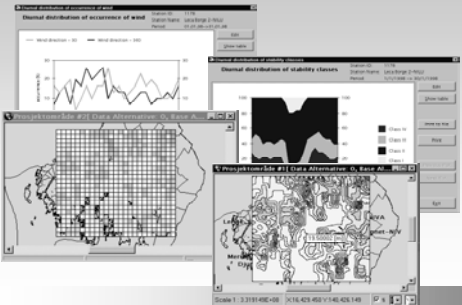
## Dispersion modelling



- ❖ Spatial distribution of pollutant concentrations
- ❖ Source contribution quantification
- ❖ Effects of suggested measures
- ❖ Exposure Estimates
- ❖ Forecasting

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## Data presentations

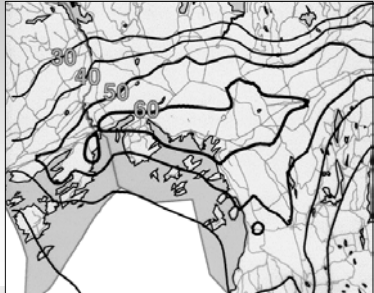


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## Model calculations

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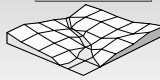
**Oslo:**  
 Seasonal average concentration of NO<sub>2</sub> (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)



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## Wind field model

**Met monitoring**  
 Temperature  
 Stability (ΔT)  
 Wind speed  
 Wind direction

**Geography data**  
 Topography data  


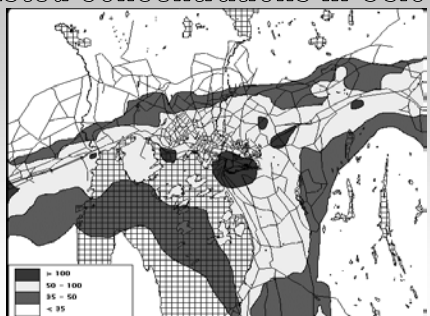
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Calculation 3D wind field model

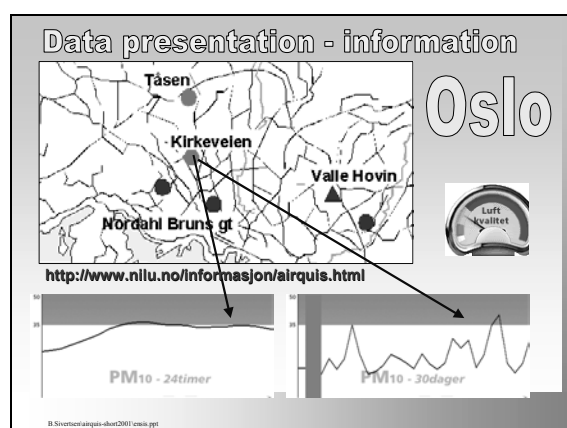
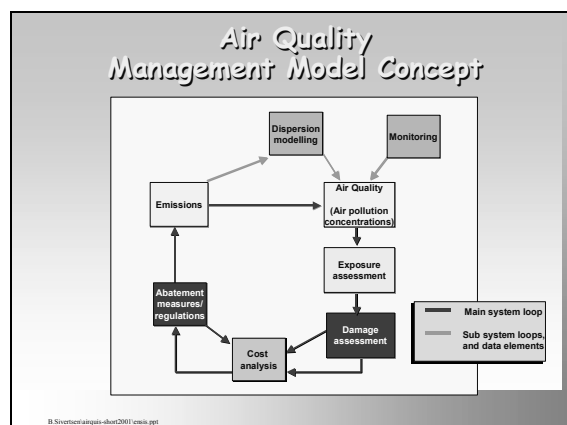
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## Forecasted concentrations in Oslo

**NO<sub>2</sub>**  
 (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)  
 24h forward



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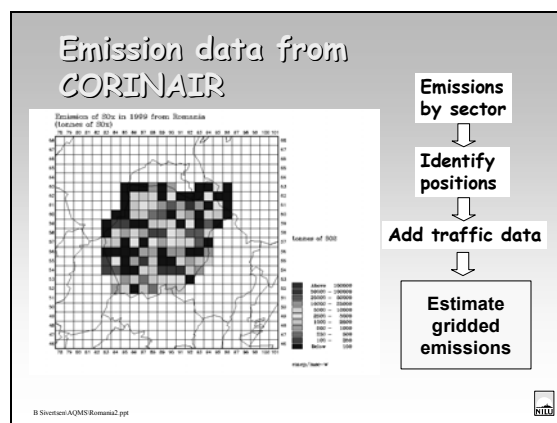
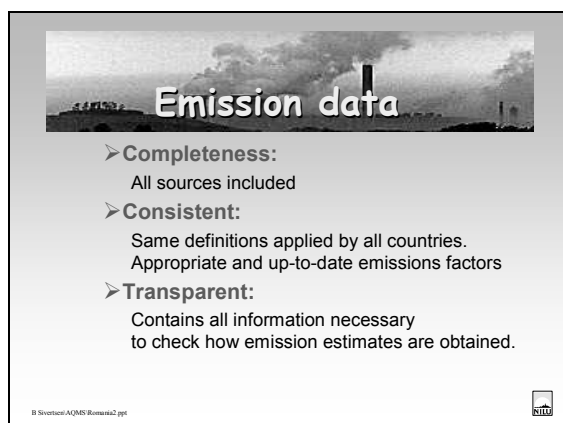
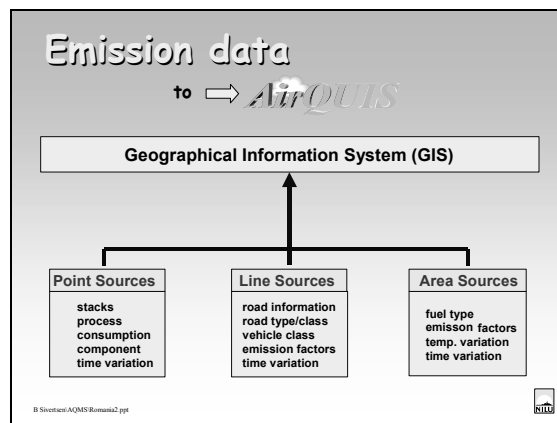
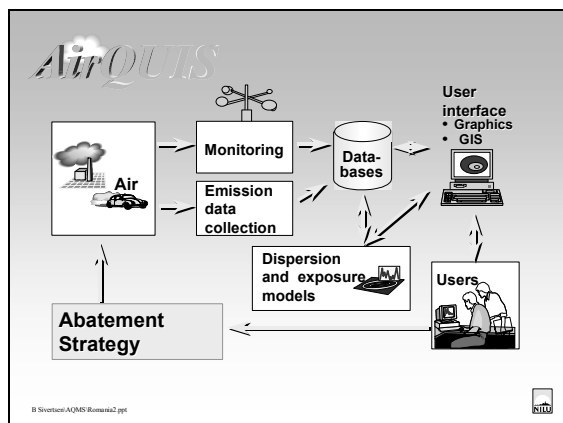
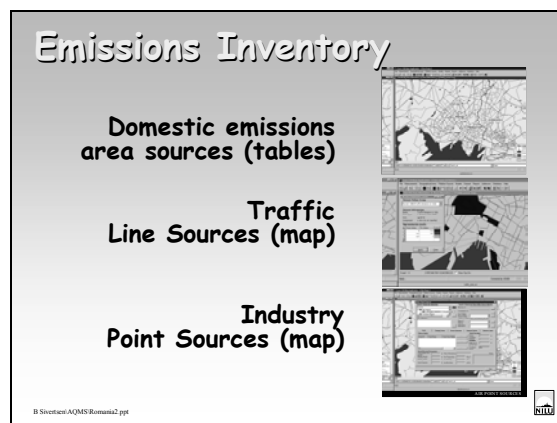
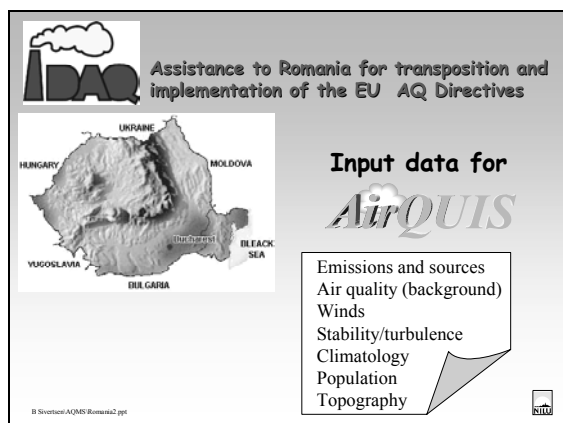




## **Appendix B**

### **Input data for AirQUIS - Overheads presented**





## Point sources, stack data

Industry ID	Stack ID	Stack name	Validity Period	X Co-ordinate	Y Co-ordinate	Height above Sea Level (m)	Stack height (m)	Inner Stack Diameter (m)	Outer Stack Diameter (m)	Gas Temp (°C)	Gas Velocity (m/s)	Gas Flow Rate (m³/s)	Building Height	Building Width
1	1001	Stack 1001	1970-2020	569110	6621355	5	10	0.30	0.60	200	200	0.058333	20	50
1	1002	Stack 1002	1970-2020	569110	6621355	5	10	0.32	0.62	230	230	0.166667	15	45
1	1003	Stack 1003	1970-2020	569110	6621355	5	11	0.55	0.85	220	220	0.305556	16	50
2	2001	Stack 2001	1970-2020	569371	6623352	20	17	1.00	1.30	220	220	2.944444	10	70
2	2002	Stack 2002	1970-2020	569509	6623416	33	20	0.60	0.90	220	220	1.472222	15	12
3	3001	Stack 3001	1970-2020	568934	6620650	44	68	0.45	0.75	220	220	15	17	10
4	4001	Stack 4001	1970-2020	568019	6623245	50	25	0.70	1.00	235	235	15	12	50
4	4002	Stack 4002	1970-2020	569178	6623410	5	10	1.00	1.30	200	200	15	16	30
6	5001	Stack 5001	1970-2020	566052	6623407	8	16	0.40	0.70	237	237	0.055556	7	40
6	6001	Stack 6001	1970-2020	566052	6623407	10	16	0.40	0.70	237	237	0.083099	16	50
7	7001	Stack 7001	1970-2020	569004	6623000	11	10	1.00	1.30	200	200	15	16	30
8	8001	Stack 8001	1970-2020	567468	6623407	30	16	0.50	0.80	200	200	15	19	40
9	9001	Stack 9001	1970-2020	569004	6622794	40	16	0.70	1.00	240	240	0.122778	14	80

Input data may be prepared by EPIs in pre-prepared excel sheets!

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## Emission factors (f)

- From literature:
  - check – boiler
  - type of oil
  - refining
  - raw material characteristics
  - operating conditions
- E.g.: SO<sub>x</sub>
  - sulphur content in fuel
  - sulphur retained in ashes
  - control efficiency
  - type of process

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## Point sources, stack data

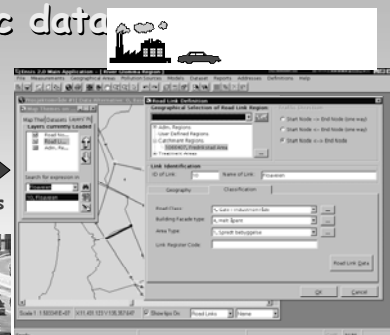
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22	CET	Cos 1	1.02.2001	2000	425309	4921379	75	51	4.2	159	3.81	42.81	463.813	449.9766	40.47589
	Cos 2	1.02.2001	2000	425309	4921379	75	51	3.2	179	4.09	56.2	377.137	302.0843	38.72529	
	Cos 3	1.02.2001	2000	425309	4921379	75	51	3.2	180	3.8	52.89	295.886	292.695	42.03853	
23	CET	Cos 4	1.02.2001	2000	425309	4921379	75	51	3.2	159	3.8	52.42	379.383	236.9694	32.87378
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## Traffic data

Define road links  
Digital maps



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## Point Sources in Bucharesti



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## Line Distributed Data Road Traffic



- Road Nodes & Sub - Nodes
- Road Link Geographical Definition
- Road Link Physical Properties
- Road Link Classification
- Traffic Volume and Distribution
- Traffic Flow Properties

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**On road links :**  
**Collect traffic data**  
**Traffic volume – dynamic data**  
**- develop emission factors**

**Road nodes**

**Input data prepared in excel sheets**

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**Emission Model**

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**Area Distributed Data**  
**-on Administrative Districts**

- **Administrative District Level Definition**
- **Administrative District Definition**
- **Data distributed on Administrative Districts:**
  - Emissions
  - Consumption
  - Population
  - etc.

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**Measurement Database**

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**Area Distributed Data**  
**in Fields**

**A Field is a set of Data that are distributed in one of the defined Grids**

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**Air Quality data**

Information	Properties describing the data series	Properties describing each value
Where are the measurements taken	Station, Measurement position	
What is measured	Medium, Component (Parameter), Unit	
How is this measured	Instrument, Sampling method, Analysis	
When is this measured		From-time, To-time
What was the result		Value
Quality status of the measurements		Quality status flag, Exception flag

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## Input data

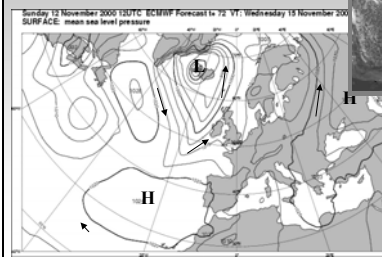
Recommended format:

Start Time (dd.mm.yyyy hh:mi)	End Time Time (dd.mm.yyyy hh:mi)	Wind Direction [deg ], Station: Name	Wind Speed [m/s ], Station: name	NO2 [ug/m <sup>3</sup> ], Station: name	O3 [ug/m <sup>3</sup> ], Station: name
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02.01.2000 16:00	02.01.2000 17:00	267.7	4.5	5.4	61
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## Weather maps



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## Meteorological data

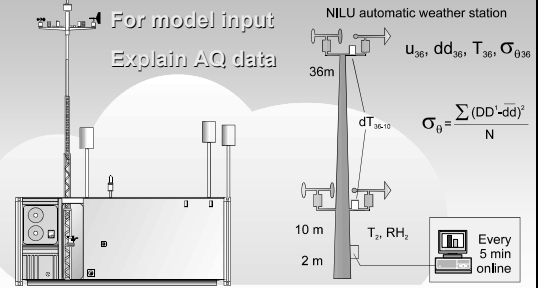


- ✓ Wind direction (deg)
- ✓ Wind speed (m/s)
- ✓ Temperature (K)
- ✓ Vertical temp.gradient (deg)
- ✓ Turbulence
- ✓ Mixing heights
- ✓ Relative humidity (%)
- ✓ Precipitation (mm)
- ✓ Pressure (mb)

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## Meteorological measurements



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## Wind - Vântul

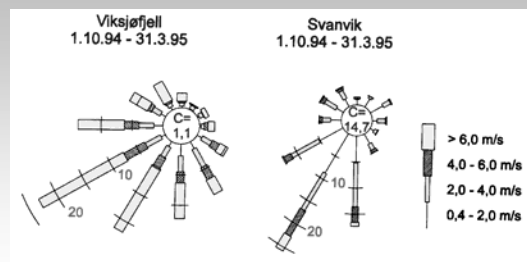
Wind generated at different scales  
Generat la scări diferite:

- Scara sinoptica (harti meteo)
- Mezoscara (uscat/mare, munte/vale)
- Locala (dirijare, diferite de nivel, strazi, cladiri)
- Micro scara (turbulenta)

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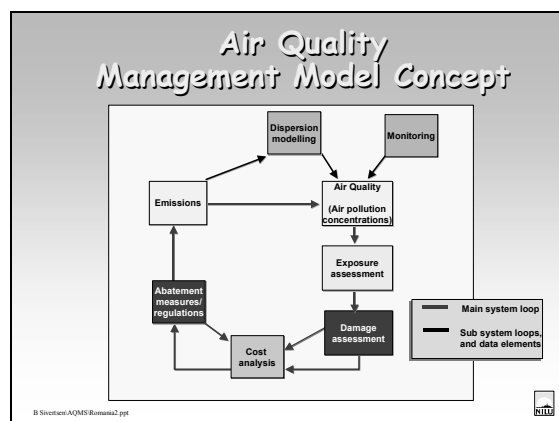
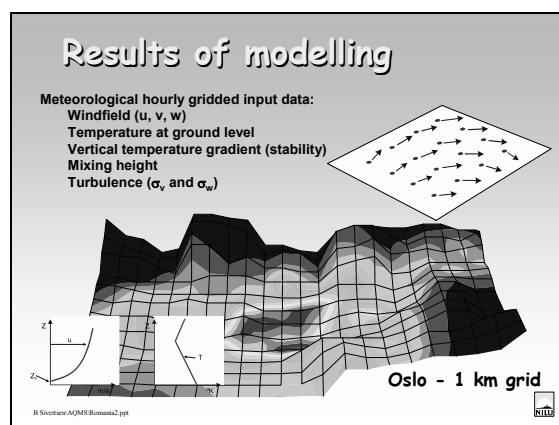
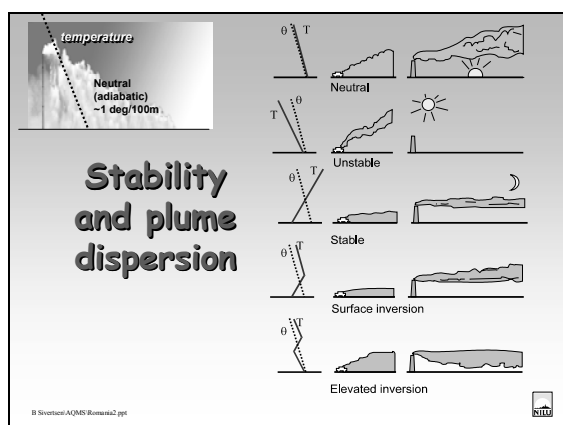
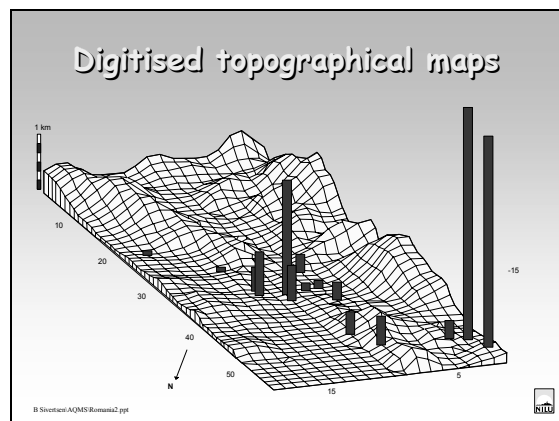
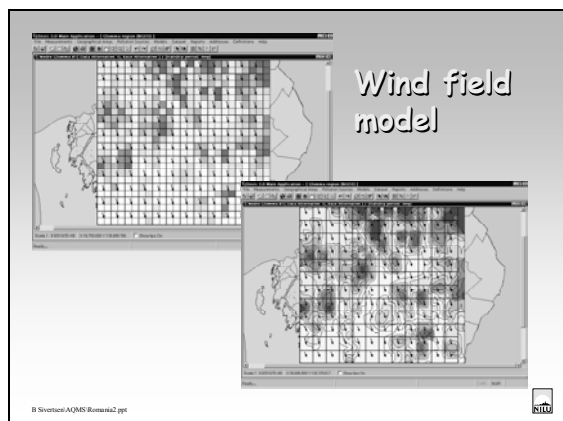


## Wind roses



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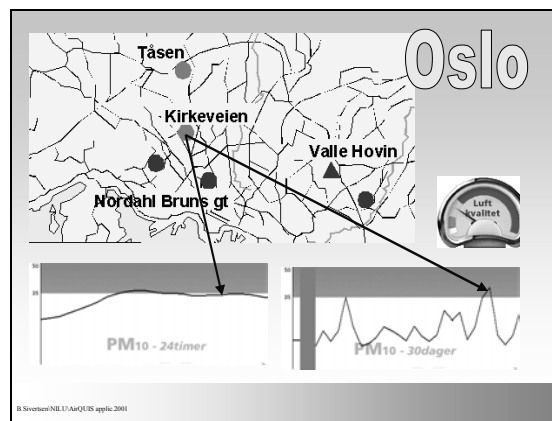
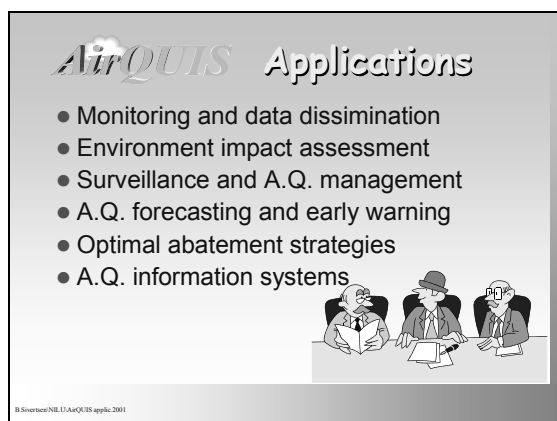
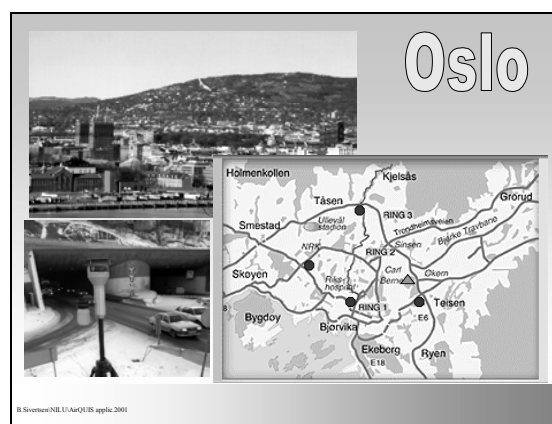
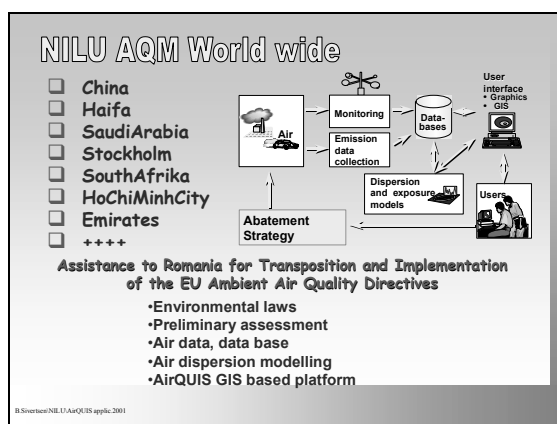
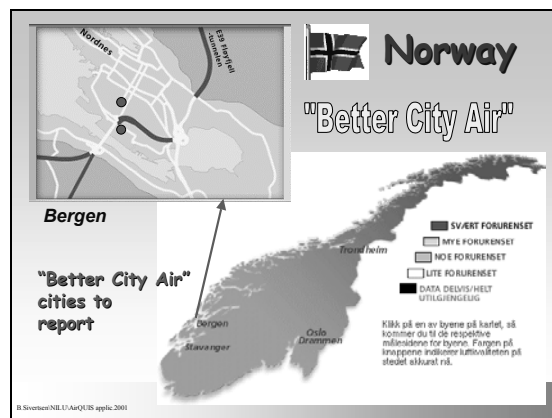


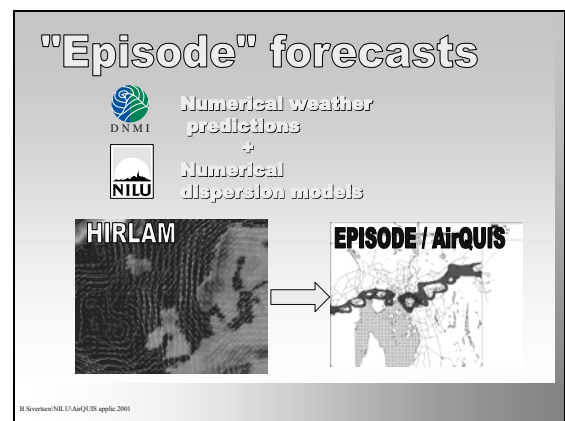


## **Appendix C**

### **AirQUIS applications - Overheads presented**









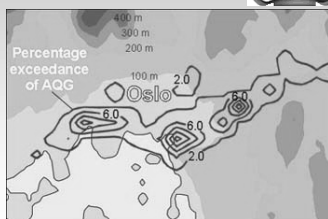
## Measures to reduce air pollution

### Oslo

**Immediate action:**  
 $PM_{10} > 100 \mu g/m^3$   
 > 20 000 persons  
 forecasted 24h ahead

Reduce speed < 60 km/h

$NO_2$  conc. > 200  $\mu g/m^3$   
 cars older than 1989  
 prohibited 0900-2100



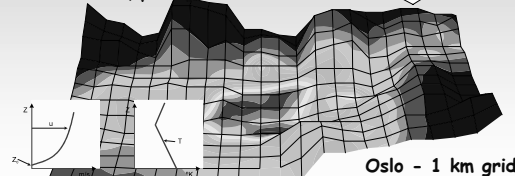
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## EPISODE

### The Numerical Dispersion Model

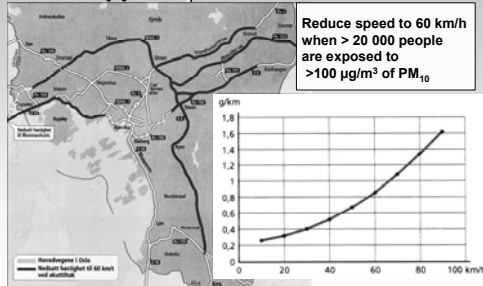
Meteorological hourly gridded input data:

Windfield ( $u, v, w$ )  
 Temperature at ground level  
 Vertical temperature gradient (stability)  
 Mixing height  
 Turbulence ( $\sigma_z$  and  $\sigma_y$ )



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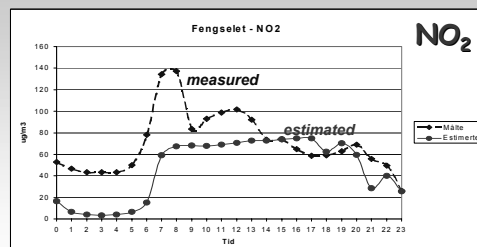
## Immediate Action on traffic speed reductions



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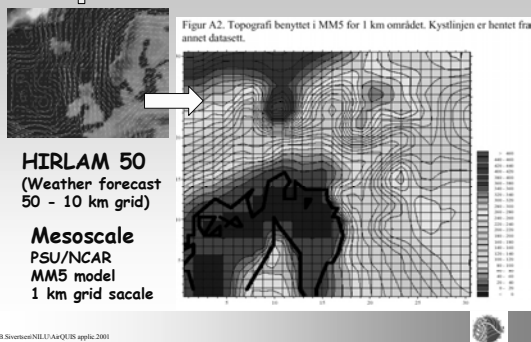
## Model evaluation, Bergen

19 November 1998, 00-23:00 hrs



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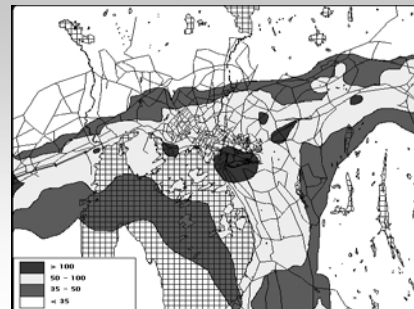
## Air pollution forecast models



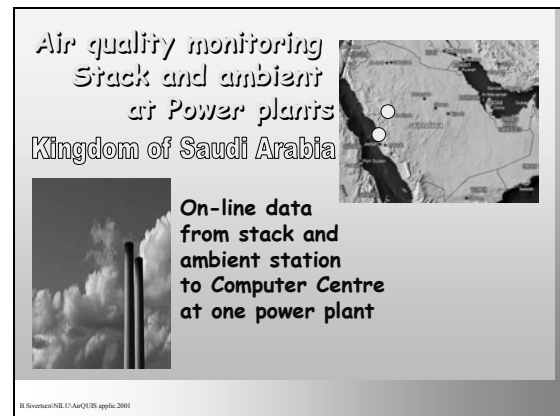
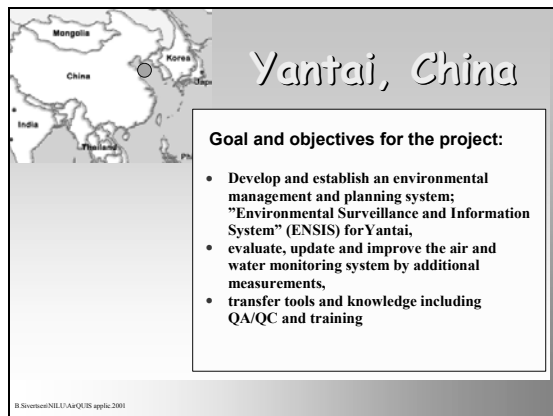
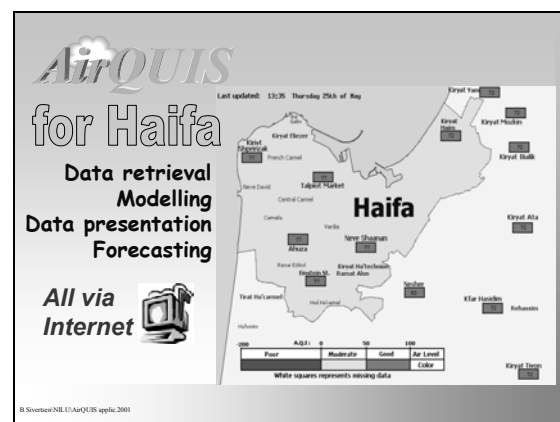
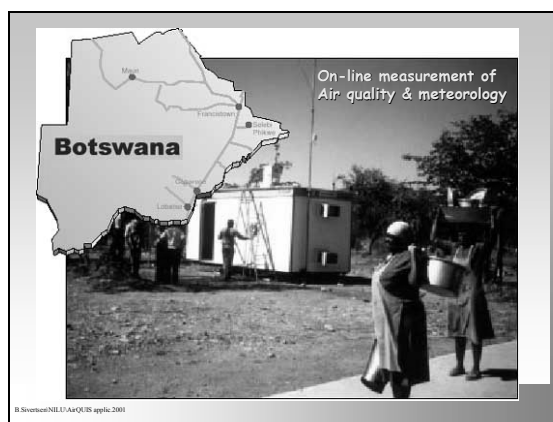
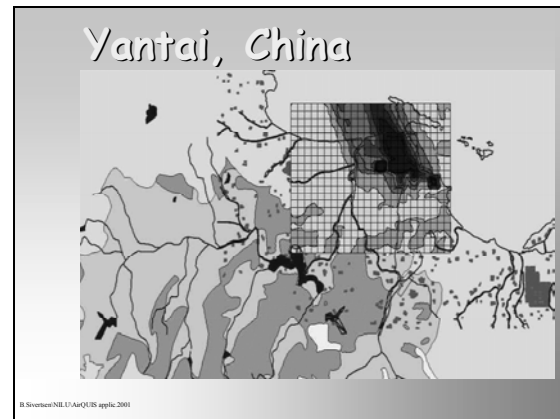
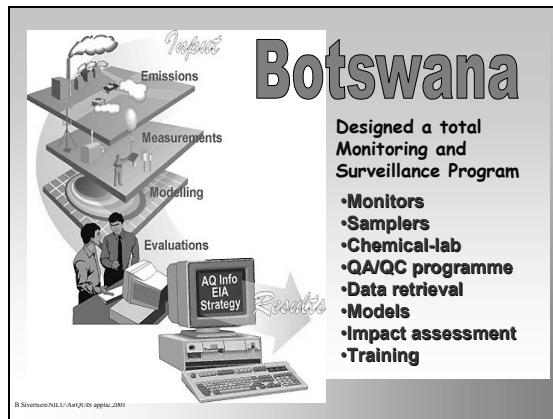
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## Forecasted concentrations in Oslo

$NO_2$   
 ( $\mu g/m^3$ )  
 24h  
 forward



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## Air quality monitoring programme for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



### Objectives:

1. Develop and establish GIS based on-line AQ monitoring and planning system for the Kingdom
2. Evaluate need for new monitoring sites - install operate and train



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B. Sivertsen, Information Management

## Development of Air Quality Management Strategy



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## HoChiMinh City Environmental Improvement Project



- NORAD funded 800 000 USD (+Danida+ADB)
- by DOSTE (Dept of Science, Techn. & Env.)
- Danida 4 monitoring sites
- NORAD 6 monitoring sites
- Adaption, Training & Operations

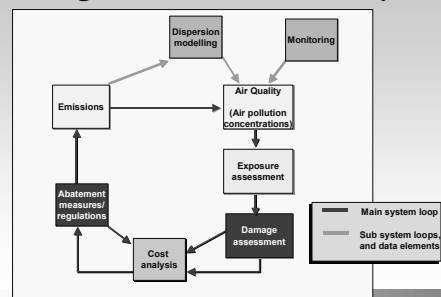


Capacity building  
Reference laboratory  
Training  
Abatement strategies



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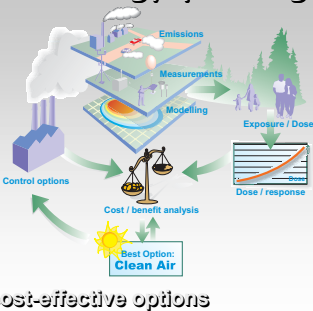
## Air Quality Management Model Concept



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## Abatement strategy planning

**Main objective:**  
Identify actions to improve air quality



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## Guangzhou, China

## Air Quality management and Planning System



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