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Comparatively using the original CAMS and refined dataset of pollution sources for evaluation of a high-resolution application of SILAM model.

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# SILAM

Atmospheric chemical-transport model, global-to-mesoscale, developed by FMI.

Varying input emissions: coarser CAMS v5.1 inventory vs finer national OSIS inventory.

Aim of study: does the finer resolution inventory perform better?

Model timeseries comparison with measurements at stations.

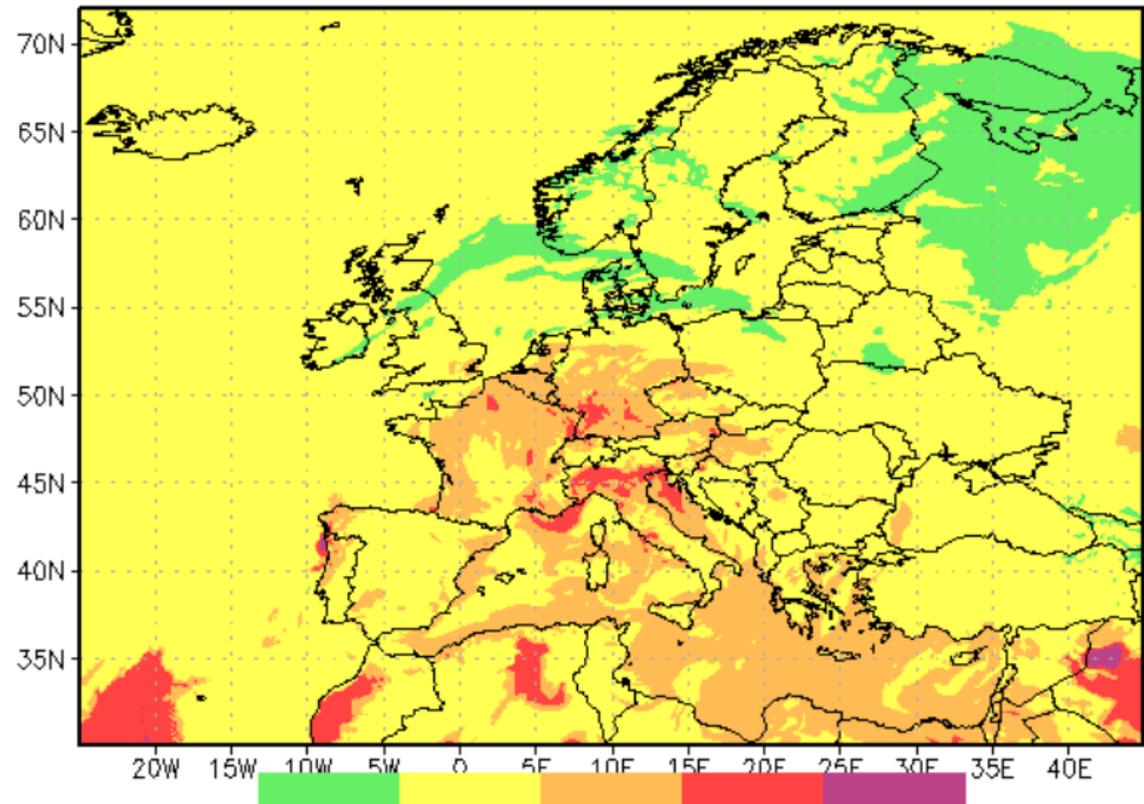


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Forecast for AQI. Last analysis time: 20250918 00

AQI



Good Fair Moderate Poor Very Poor

SILAM AQI forecast for current hour.

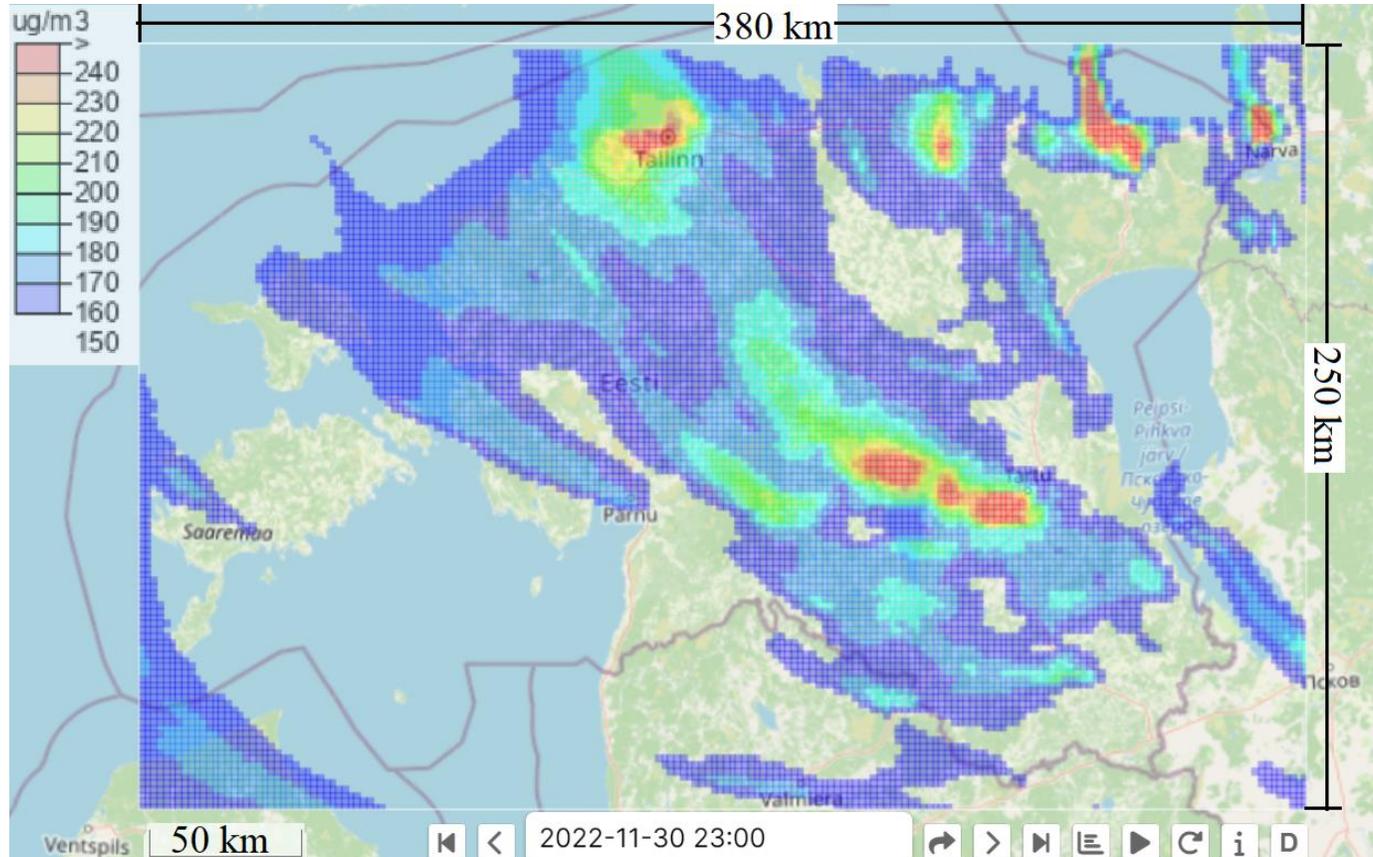
# Modelling setup

- Period 01.02.2023 – 01.02.2024 (full year)
- 2 km resolution
- 11 vertical layers, bottom one: 20 m
- 2 minute time step

FMI SILAM  
boundary  
fields,  
~11x6 km

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Domain example (CO hourly average concentration).

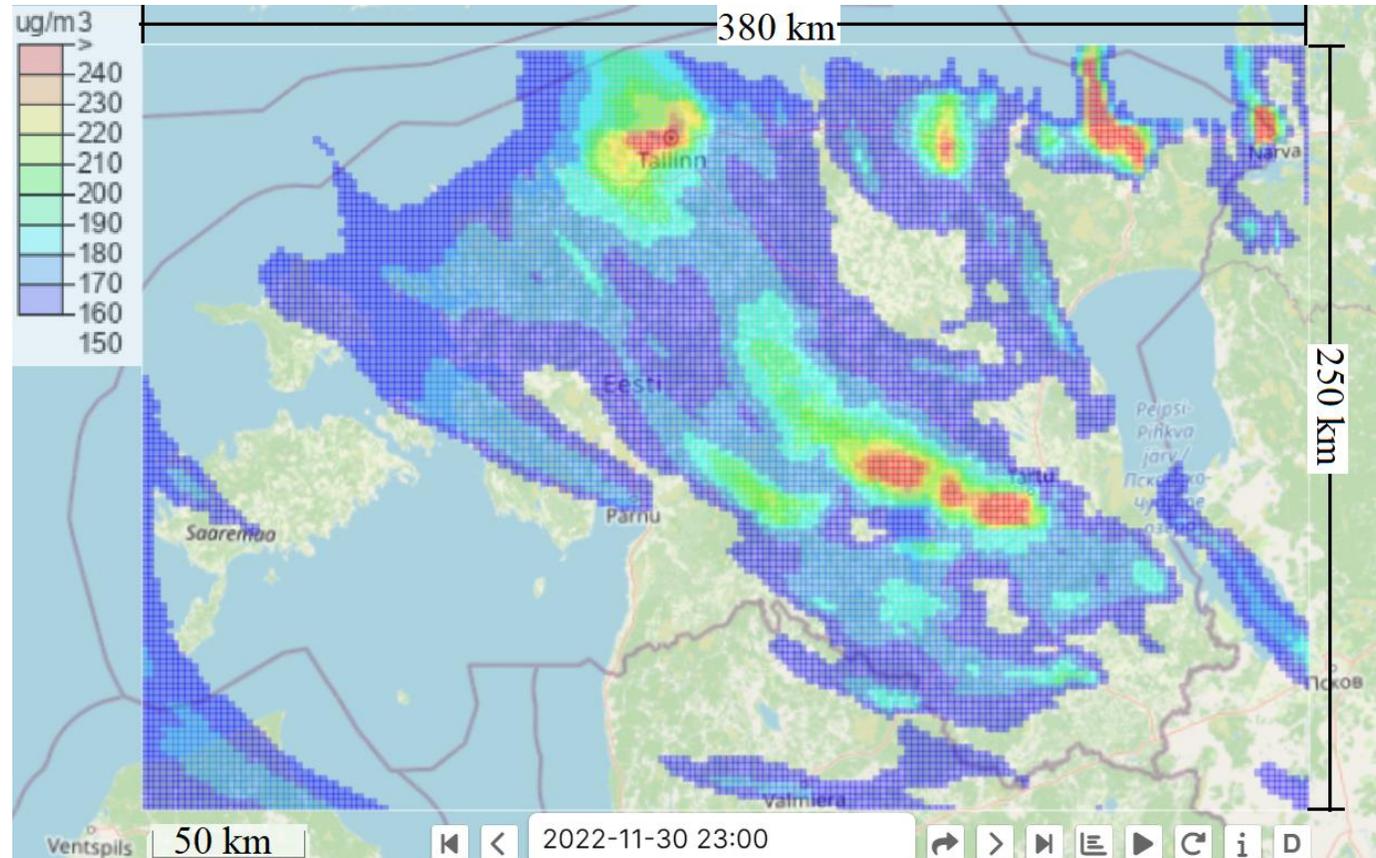
# Modelling setup

- „Full chemistry“ setup
- Different emission data
- Validation runs for  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ ,  $\text{PM}_{10}$  and  $\text{CO}$
- Time series comparison at stations

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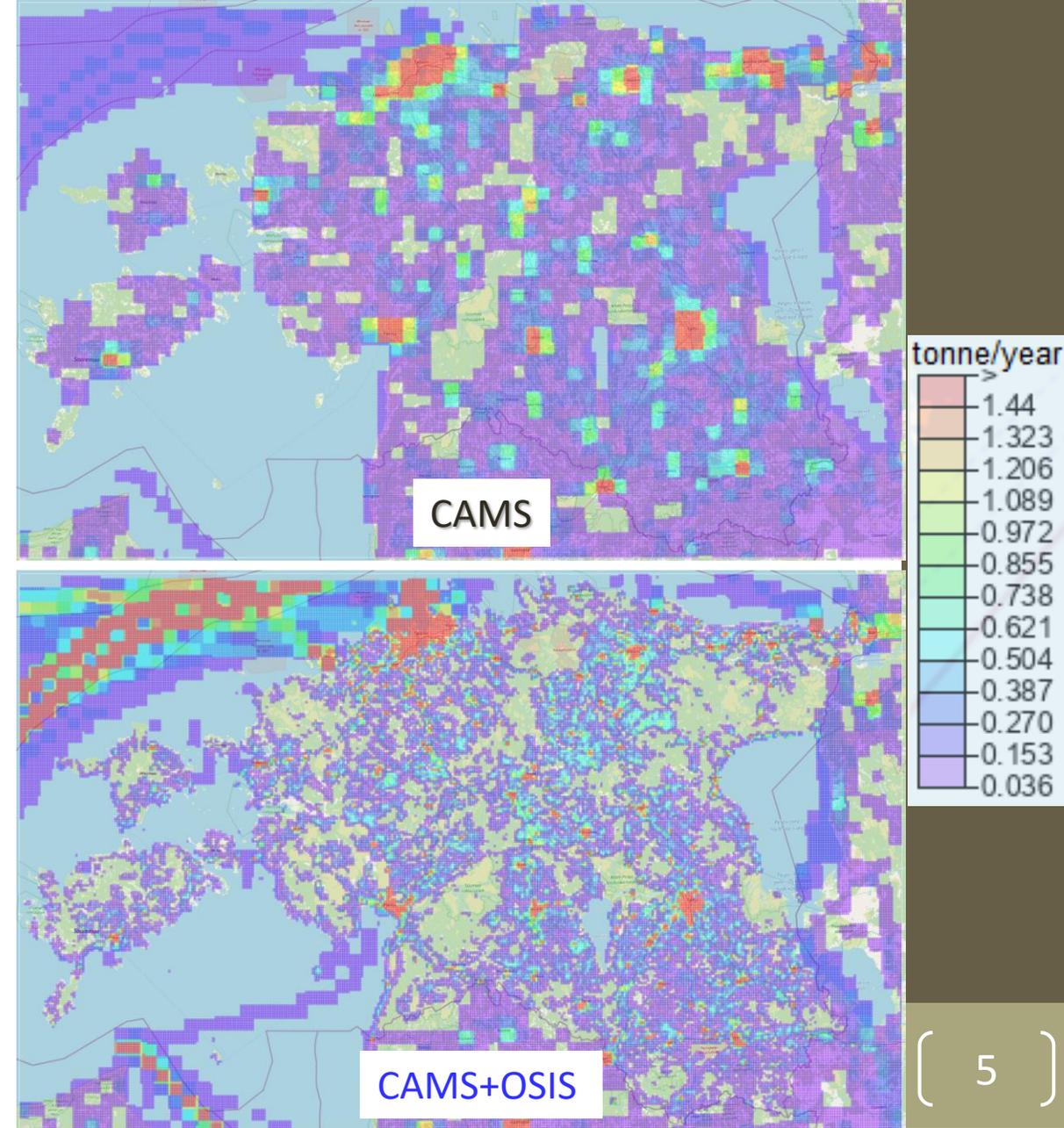
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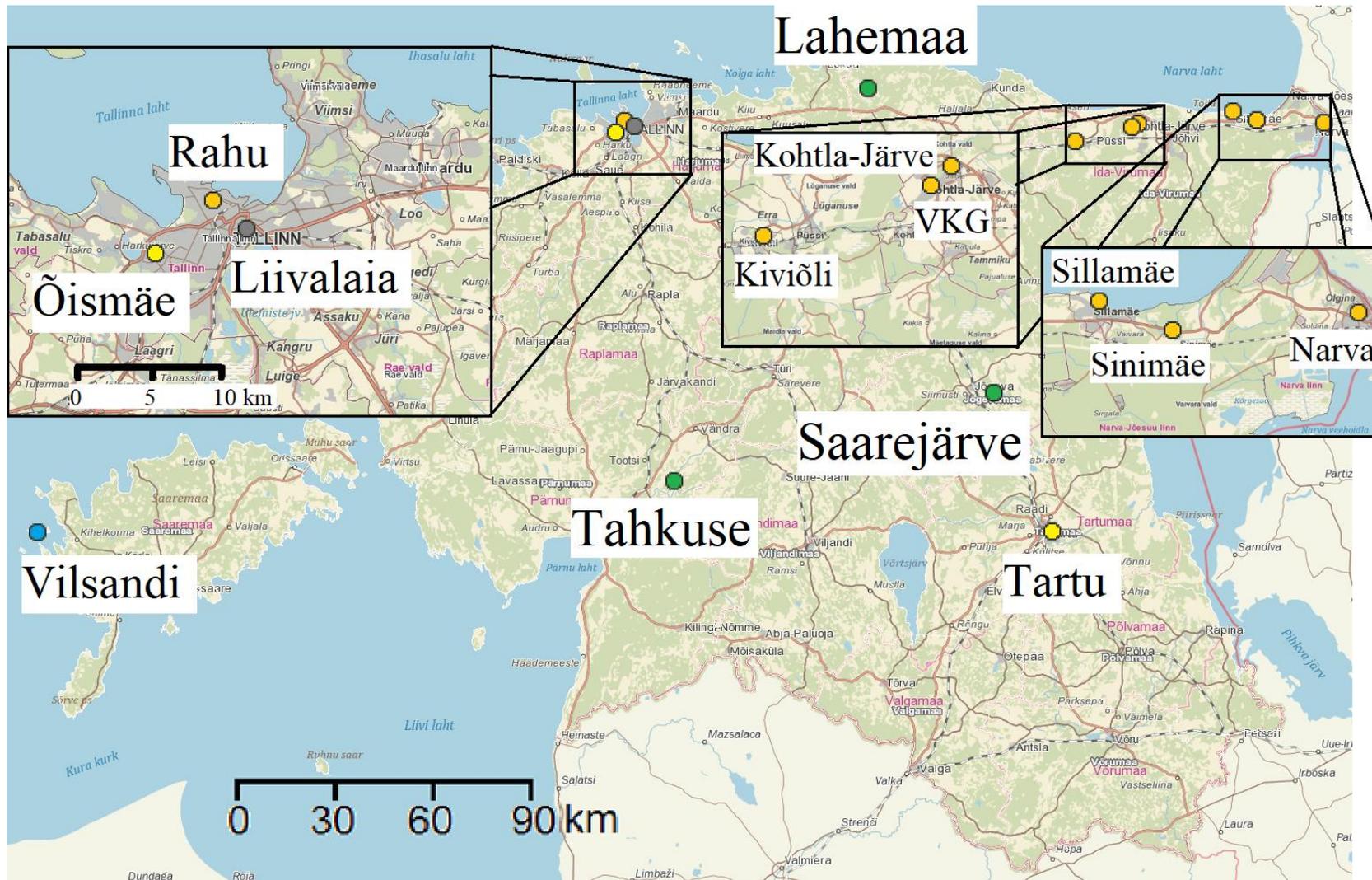
# Emission inventories

- CAMS anthropogenic emissions v5.1, 2018 data
  - input from us, is harmonized, sent back, ~6x6 km resolution
- OSIS emissions, based on national reports, 2019 data
  - not harmonized similarly, but 1x1 km resolution
  - four pollutants: **NO<sub>x</sub>**, **SO<sub>2</sub>**, **CO**, **NH<sub>3</sub>** (no PM-s!)
  - necessary additions: sector-based temporal variation and vertical distribution
- **Aim of study: which inventory / combination of them gives best modelling results?** (And is it worth the work?)



Different resolution emission examples: primary PM<sub>2.5</sub> (top), NO (bottom), yearly totals, tonne/year.

# Monitoring stations



Urban-industrial, urban background, street, rural background and rural maritime monitoring stations used for timeseries validation, 14 in total.

# Statistical procedure (recommended by HARMO initiative)

Linear correlation coefficient  $R$

$$R = \frac{(\overline{C_p} - \overline{C_p})(\overline{C_o} - \overline{C_o})}{\sigma_{C_o} \sigma_{C_p}}$$

Fractional bias  $FB$

- Symmetrical measure of over- and underestimation

$$FB = \frac{(\overline{C_o} - \overline{C_p})}{0.5(\overline{C_o} + \overline{C_p})}$$

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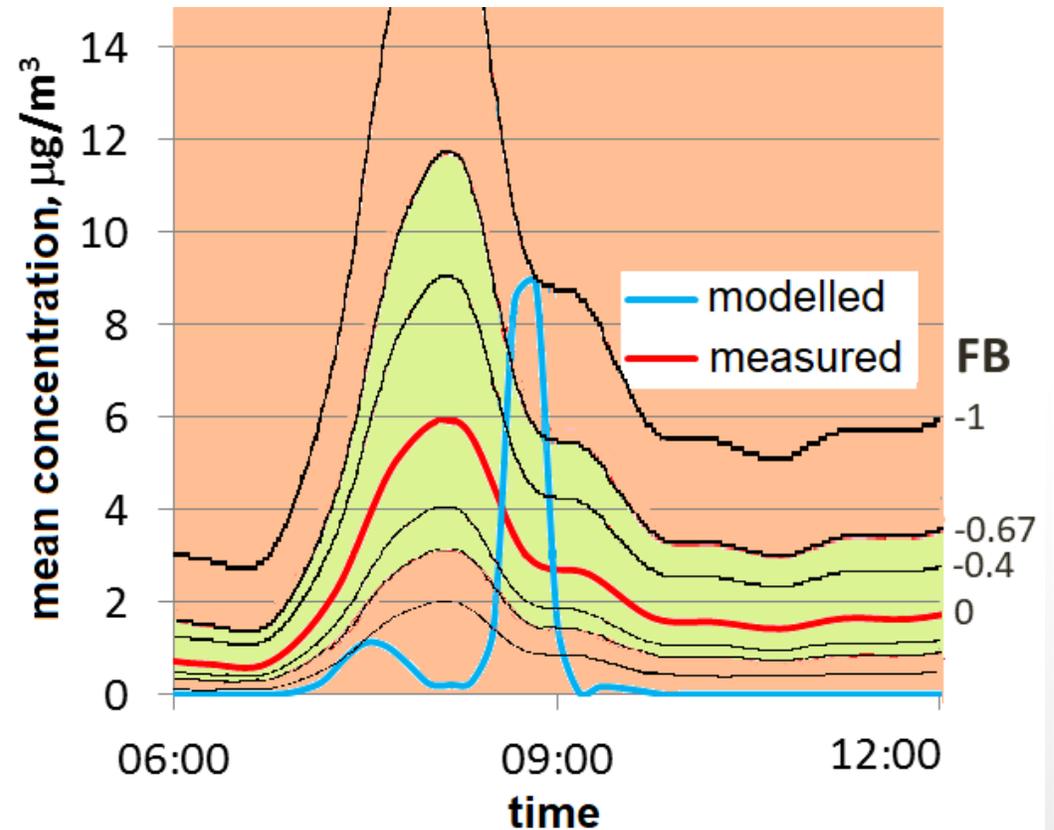
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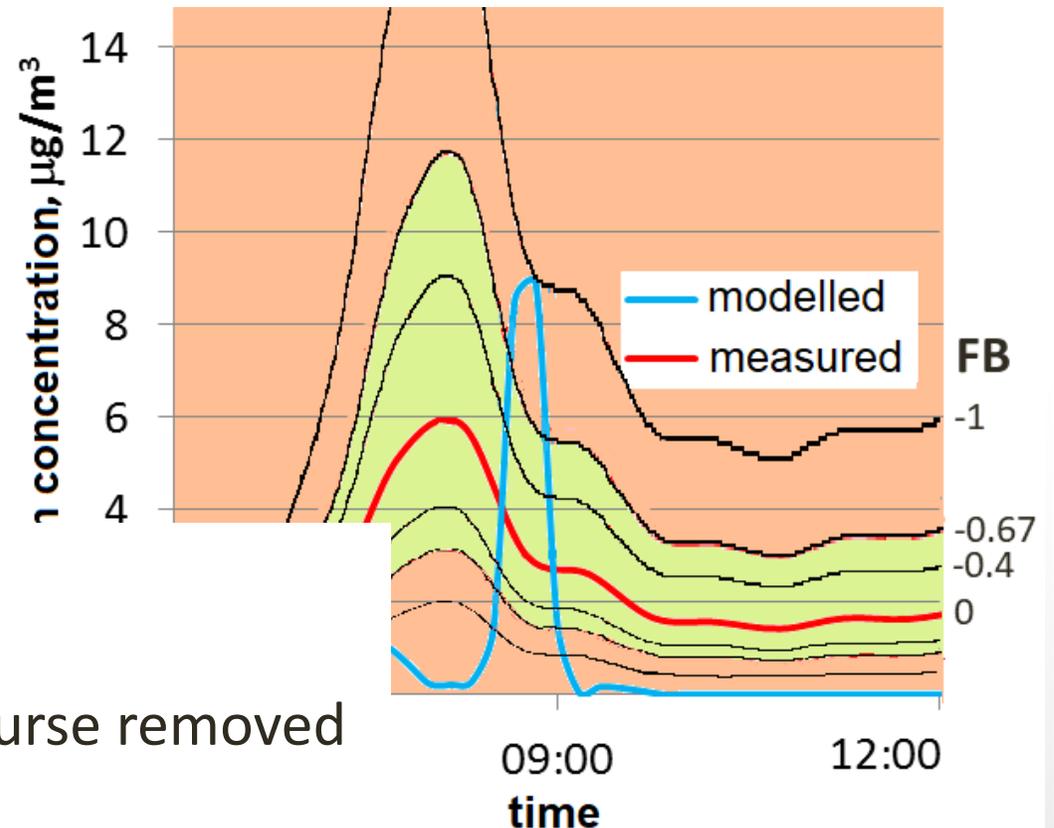
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- How much modelled data differs less than two times, in green.

Statistics applied to concentration...

- ...annual average daily course
- ...hourly values, hourly values with daily course removed
- ...daily averages, maxima and minima



# Results: NO<sub>2</sub>

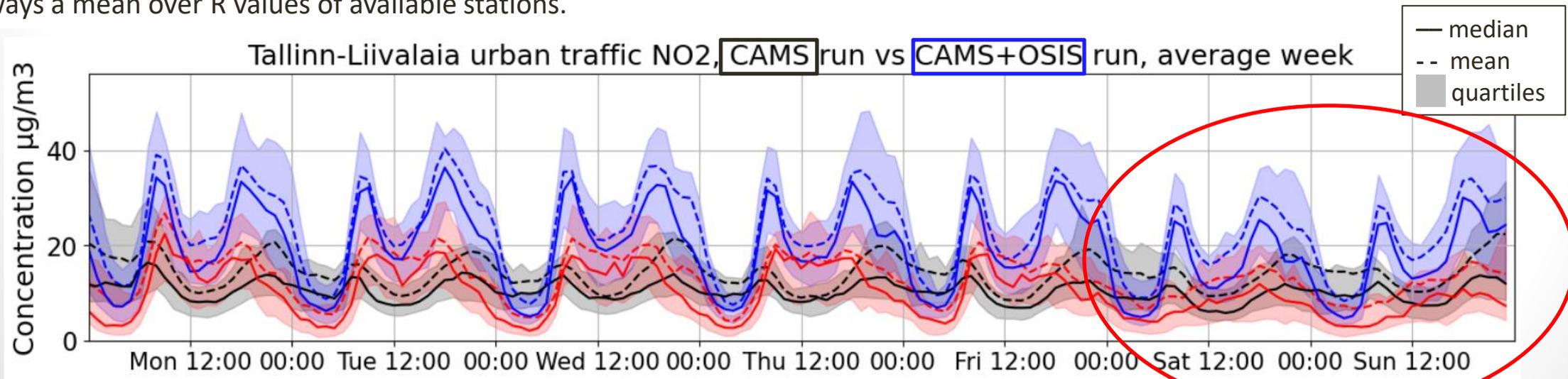
- Initial CAMS run: hourly values mean\* R=0.62.
- Daily minimum overestimated on average by 2x.

Main problem: CAMS+OSIS overestimates urban measured values, more than CAMS.

Potential to outperform CAMS: NO<sub>x</sub> urban overestimation, weekend temporal variation.

hourly values	rural	urban	industrial
FB, CAMS	-0.42 1.53x	-0.18 1.20x	0.11 1.12x
FB, CAMS+OSIS	-0.38 1.47x	-0.53 1.72x	0.45 1.58x

\*always a mean over R values of available stations.



# Results: NO

- Initial CAMS run: urban hourly values mean R=0.39, other stations mean R=0.23.
- CAMS+OSIS run: urban R=0.43, others R=0.17.

hourly values	rural	urban	industrial
FB, CAMS	0.66 -1.98x	0.30 -1.35x	1.17 -3.82x
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## Results: O<sub>3</sub>

- Initial CAMS run: hourly values mean R=0.79, mean FB=0.02.
- Traffic station daily course R=0.38, other stations R > 0.94.
- CAMS+OSIS** run: mean urban R=0.74, FB=0.16 due to overestimated NO

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# Results: SO<sub>2</sub>

- Initial CAMS run: SO<sub>2</sub> is the worst-performing pollutant: poor R, overestimated.
- CAMS+OSIS run: most statistics in all stations improved or stayed the same. Urban and industrial improved more than rural.

mean   best FA2 change	rural	urban	industrial
Daily course	0.09   0.33	0.99   1.00	0.18   0.67
Daily min	0.00   0.09	0.15   0.19	0.07   0.25
Daily mean	0.04   0.18	0.42   0.56	0.11   0.23
Daily max	0.04   0.13	0.22   0.42	0.07   0.17

hourly values	rural	urban	industrial
R, CAMS	0.19	0.36	0.04
R, CAMS+OSIS	0.22	0.34	0.21
FB, CAMS	-0.50 1.66x	-1.12 3.55x	-0.32 1.38x
FB, CAMS+OSIS	-0.37 1.45x	-0.38 1.47x	-0.24 1.27x

- CAMS v6.1 has 13% (2019) and 24% (2020) less SO<sub>2</sub>. Might yield even better results.

## Results: PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>

- No OSIS emissions, no CAMS+OSIS run.
- CAMS run: hourly PM<sub>2.5</sub> mean R=0.51, FB=-0.27 (1.31x)  
Urban mean FB=-0.46 (1.60x)

Hourly PM<sub>10</sub> mean R=0.28, FB=0.20 (1.20x)

- Both PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> daily course FA2 > 0.95, but PM<sub>10</sub> 7/9 stations R<0, PM<sub>2.5</sub> 6/10. Outliers from R=-0.87 to 0.87.
- May improve with better temporal variations.

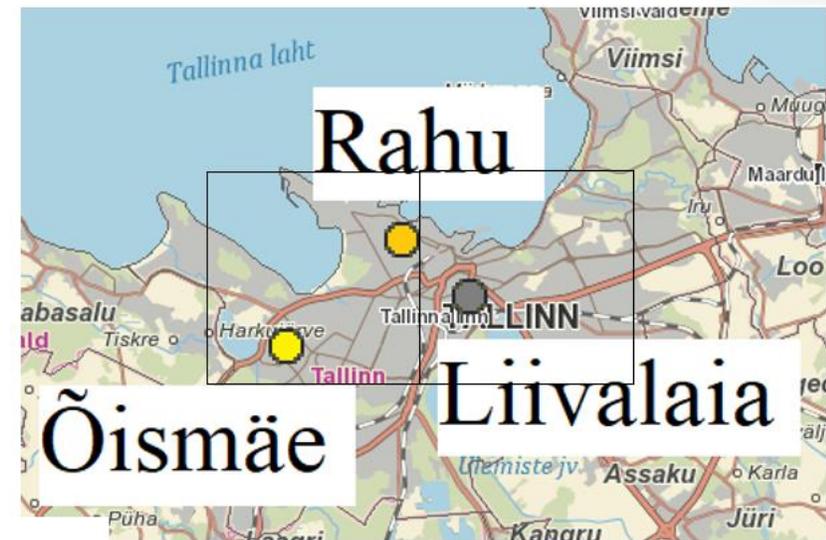
## Results: CO

- Initial CAMS run: hourly values mean FB=0.23 (1.26x), R=0.62
- Daily course mean R=0.65 with FA2=1, mean urban R=0.55 outlier traffic station, R=0.32.
- CAMS+OSIS run: goes both ways in small magnitudes.
- Urban daily course improved most, mean urban R=0.75, now outlier R=0.69.
- Urban hourly values mean R slightly up, FB slightly down.

# Conclusions, future plans

- Higher resolution emissions improved SO<sub>2</sub> results
- Potential to improve NO<sub>x</sub> results, influencing O<sub>3</sub>

- Find out why urban/industrial NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are over/underestimated (sectors F and A?); make better temporal variation.
- Move on to CAMS v6.1, to potentially improve SO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- Try a different PM temporal variation
- Fairmode evaluation



Total NO<sub>x</sub> difference

g/s, differences



Middle cell totals, g/s:

OSIS	46.8 (2.4x)	53.9 (3.0x)
CAMS	19.2	18.1

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Thank you!

	NOX_diff												
	Kohtla-Jar	Narva		Tallinn_Liiv	Tallinn_Oi	Tallinn_Rahu		Tartu		Lahemaa	Saarejarve	Tahkuse	Vilsandi
<b>Initial</b>													
CORREL	-0.07	-0.10		-0.02	-0.04	-0.02		-0.01		-0.03	-0.05	-0.05	-0.03
FA2	-0.09	-0.08		-0.06	-0.26	-0.05		0.02		-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.01
FB	0.19	0.52		0.56	0.91	0.53		0.14		0.02	-0.08	-0.02	-0.08
<b>Daily course removed</b>													
CORREL	-0.07	-0.11		-0.11	-0.06	-0.04		-0.02		-0.02	-0.06	-0.06	-0.03
FA2	-0.12	-0.14		-0.29	-0.41	-0.18		-0.07		0.00	0.05	-0.02	0.00
<b>Daily course only</b>													
CORREL	0.09	0.38		0.82	0.39	0.54		0.10		0.18	-0.50	0.09	0.15
FA2	0.00	0.00		-0.33	-0.83	-0.54		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Daily min.</b>													
CORREL	-0.16	0.02		-0.03	-0.04	-0.10		-0.07		-0.01	-0.02	-0.03	-0.04
FA2	0.00	-0.01		0.06	-0.16	0.23		0.03		0.02	0.07	-0.02	0.02
FB	-0.22	0.09		-0.06	0.23	-0.32		-0.07		-0.01	-0.10	-0.08	-0.09
<b>Daily average</b>													
CORREL	-0.09	-0.11		-0.15	-0.03	-0.04		0.00		0.00	-0.06	-0.04	-0.04
FA2	-0.21	-0.21		-0.40	-0.64	-0.32		-0.10		0.01	0.08	-0.01	0.01
FB	0.19	0.52		0.55	0.91	0.53		0.14		0.02	-0.08	-0.02	-0.08
<b>Daily max.</b>													
CORREL	-0.04	-0.09		-0.08	-0.03	-0.01		0.00		-0.06	-0.09	-0.05	-0.04
FA2	-0.07	-0.13		-0.25	-0.38	-0.34		0.04		-0.04	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01
FB	0.09	0.42		0.53	0.90	0.75		0.21		0.12	-0.04	0.05	-0.07

SO2_diff																
	Kivioli	Kohtla-Jar	Narva	Sinimae	VKG		Tallinn_Liiv	Tallinn_Oi	Tallinn_Rahu		Tartu		Lahemaa	Saarejarve	Tahkuse	Vilsandi
<b>Initial</b>																
CORREL	0.06	0.35	0.06	0.08	0.31		-0.03	-0.01	0.01		-0.05		0.05	0.10	-0.01	-0.01
FA2	0.00	0.22	0.19	0.03	0.13		0.24	0.18	0.22		0.11		0.09	0.10	-0.02	0.01
FB	0.34	-0.35	-0.59	0.17	0.27		-0.88	-0.69	-0.80		-0.56		-0.06	-0.20	-0.20	-0.05
<b>Daily course removed</b>																
CORREL	0.09	0.37	0.07	0.08	0.32		-0.01	-0.01	0.01		-0.04		0.05	0.10	-0.01	-0.01
FA2	-0.01	0.22	0.08	-0.03	0.01		0.37	0.12	0.26		0.23		0.02	0.11	-0.05	0.00
<b>Daily course only</b>																
CORREL	-0.03	0.12	-0.04	0.28	0.36		-0.14	-0.22	-0.02		0.09		0.03	-0.16	-0.15	0.25
FA2	-0.46	0.67	0.67	0.00	0.00	0.18	1.00	1.00	1.00		0.96	0.99	0.04	0.33	0.00	0.00
<b>Daily min.</b>																
CORREL	-0.01	0.21	0.01	0.06	0.46		-0.02	-0.04	0.01		0.02		0.05	0.05	0.02	-0.01
FA2	0.04	0.25	0.10	0.01	-0.03	0.07	0.14	0.12	0.19		0.16	0.15	0.02	0.09	-0.10	0.01
FB	-0.17	-0.54	-0.54	-0.33	-0.04		-0.29	-0.35	-0.46		-0.26		-0.07	-0.20	0.26	-0.04
<b>Daily average</b>																
CORREL	0.12	0.62	0.08	0.08	0.47		-0.06	-0.04	0.00		-0.13		0.02	0.12	-0.01	-0.01
FA2	0.06	0.23	0.16	-0.01	0.11	0.11	0.56	0.32	0.34		0.47	0.42	0.01	0.18	-0.03	-0.01
FB	0.34	-0.35	-0.59	0.17	0.28		-0.88	-0.69	-0.80		-0.56		-0.06	-0.20	-0.20	-0.05
<b>Daily max.</b>																
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FB	-0.50	0.02	-0.50	0.10	-0.39		-0.88	-0.44	-0.82		-0.52		-0.08	-0.22	-0.23	-0.06

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<b>Initial</b>													
CORREL	0.50	0.38	0.59	0.58		0.58	0.51		0.50		0.56	0.61	0.32
FA2	0.56	0.44	0.64	0.59		0.57	0.54		0.66		0.58	0.64	0.52
FB	-0.38	-0.40	0.08	-0.10		-0.49	-0.50		-0.38		-0.01	-0.32	-0.14
<b>Daily course removed</b>													
CORREL	0.51	0.41	0.59	0.57		0.59	0.52		0.55		0.56	0.61	0.33
FA2	0.57	0.58	0.71	0.71		0.62	0.61		0.63		0.65	0.66	0.50
<b>Daily course only</b>													
CORREL	-0.40	-0.06	0.54	0.87		-0.01	-0.04		0.11		-0.87	-0.15	0.54
FA2	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		0.88	0.88		0.83		1.00	1.00	1.00
<b>Daily min.</b>													
CORREL	0.57	0.56	0.62	0.60		0.67	0.67		0.62		0.57	0.65	0.60
FA2	0.51	0.59	0.74	0.72		0.64	0.68		0.67		0.65	0.69	0.56
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CORREL	0.65	0.54	0.70	0.66		0.77	0.68		0.69		0.66	0.68	0.40
FA2	0.68	0.64	0.82	0.83		0.71	0.67		0.76		0.78	0.75	0.59
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<b>Daily max.</b>													
CORREL	0.53	0.33	0.51	0.52		0.61	0.43		0.56		0.51	0.62	0.22
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