MURMURATION

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EARTH MEGAPIXEL

High resolution air quality measurements: from city to neighborhood level, combining Sentinel-5P, CAMS models and in-situ measurements

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Satellite data enabling the monitoring of environmental impact

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- Carbon sequestration

BIODIVERSITY
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- Protected areas
- Presence of endangered species

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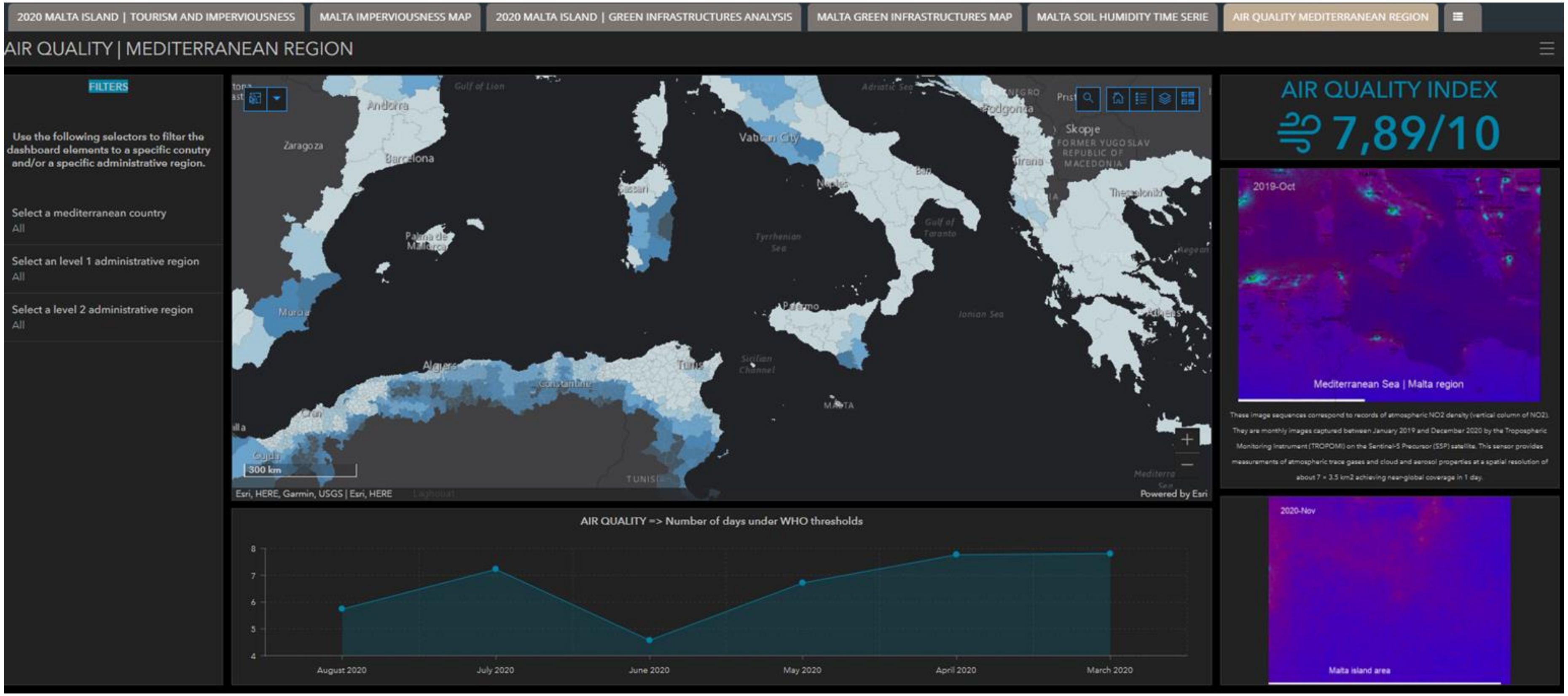
- Land cover
- Urbanization
- Urban heat
- Coastal erosion

TOURISM STATISTICS
- Tourist presence
- Touristic infrastructures

1.2 Air quality monitoring

1.2.1 Dashboards



#2 PROBLEM

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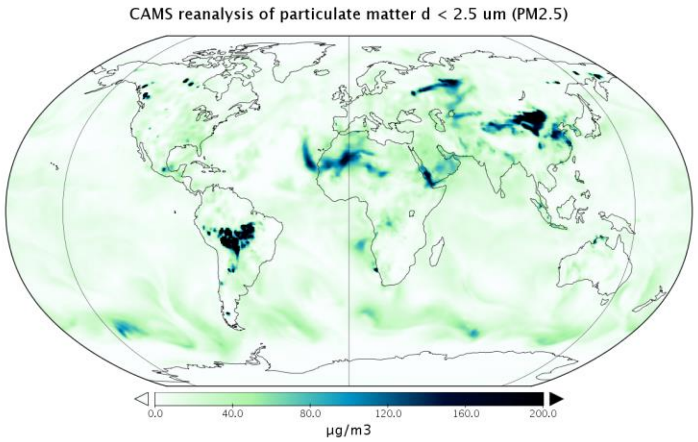
- Resolution



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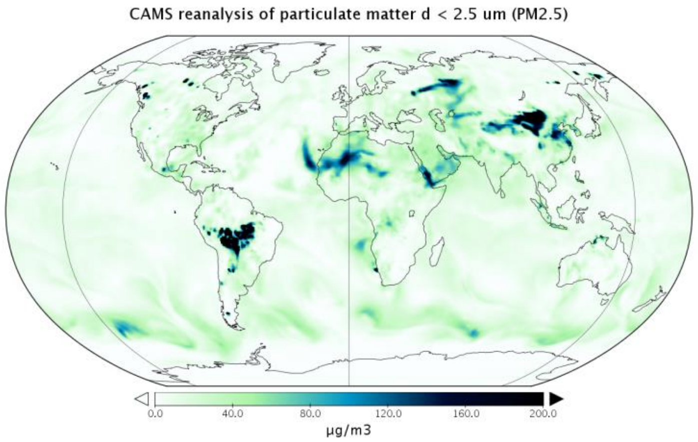

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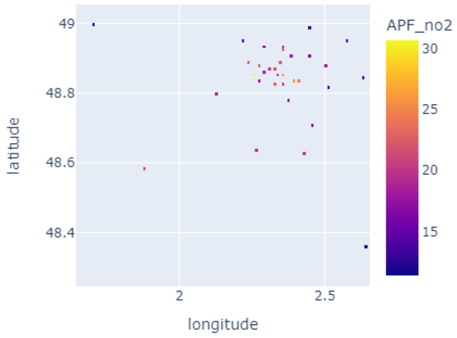

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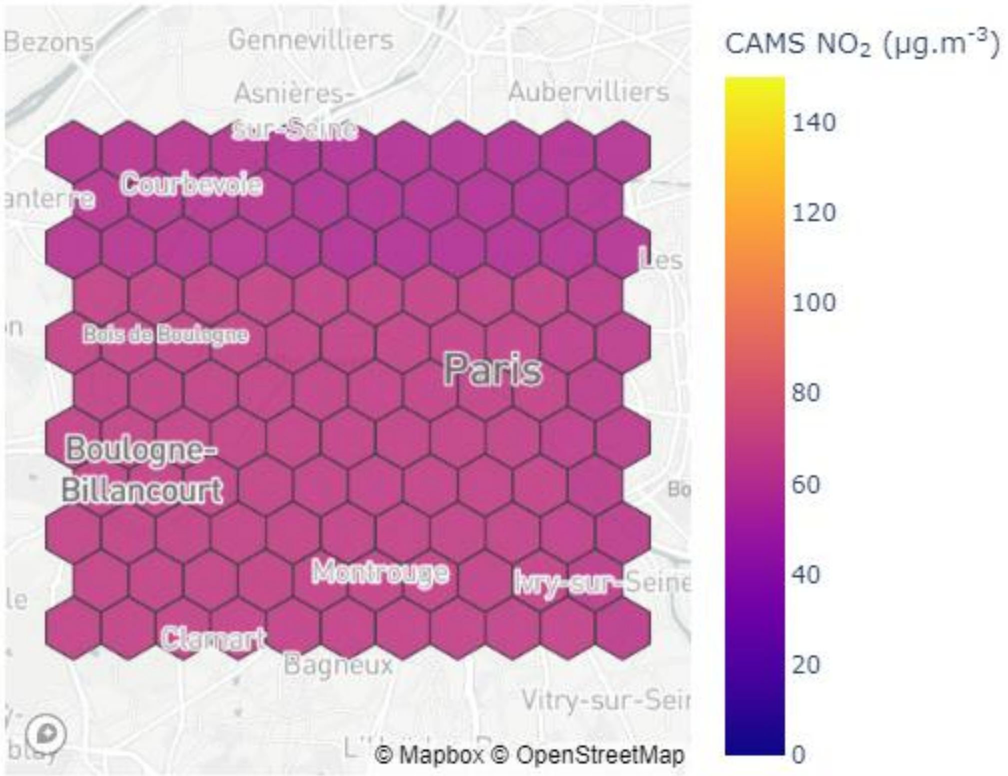

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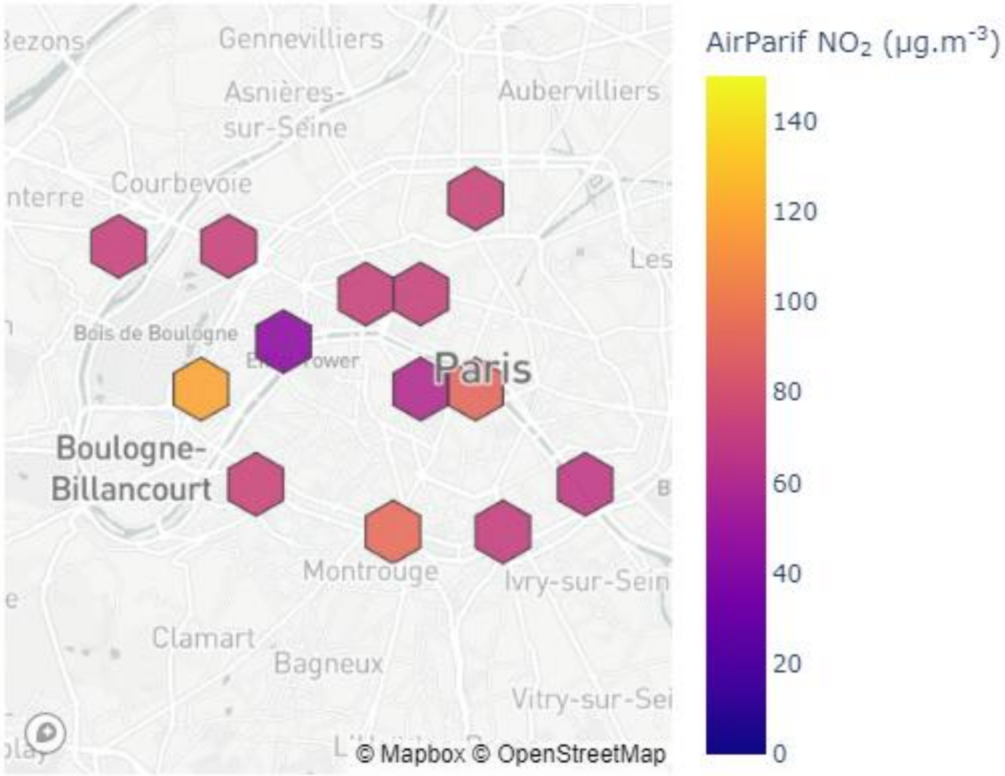

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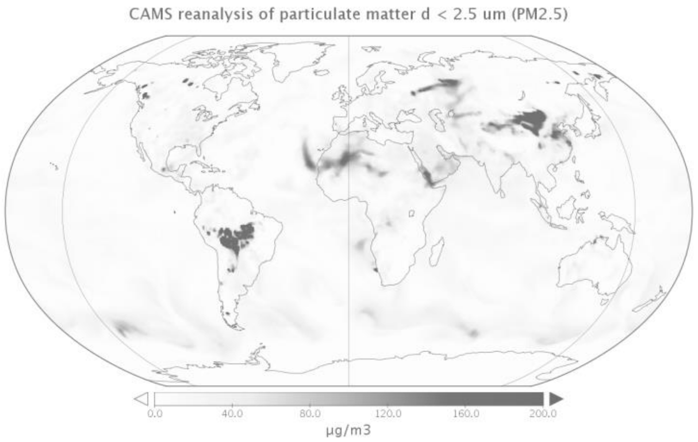

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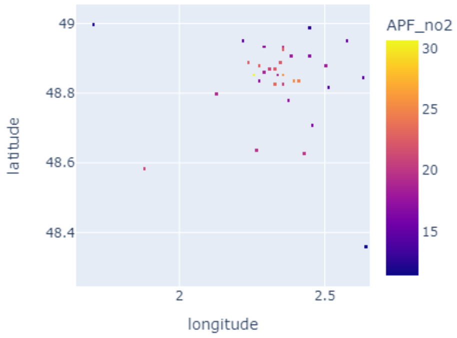

Air quality actors develop regional models from in-situ sensors with good accuracy, but these models are not applicable to regions that are not equipped with in-situ sensors.

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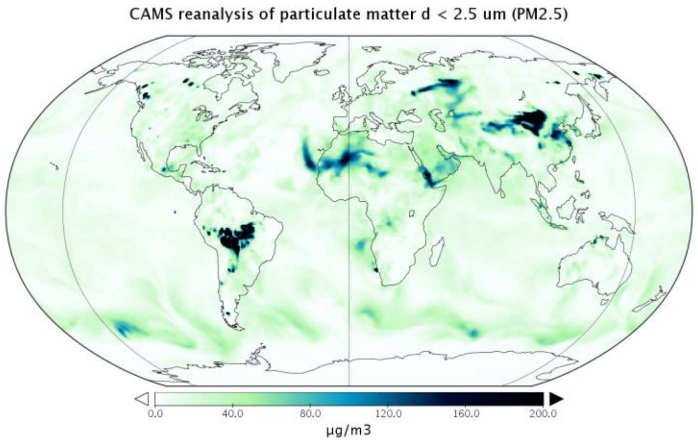

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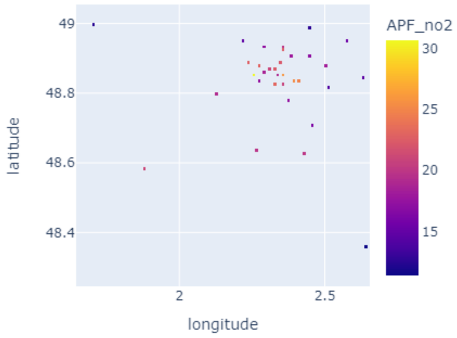

Need :
- Global coverage
- High resolution

#3
STATE OF THE ART

3.1 Kim, Brunner and Kuhlman

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Importance of satellite observations for high-resolution mapping of near-surface NO_2 by machine learning

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A B S T R A C T

Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) is an important air pollutant with negative health effects and a precursor of ozone and particulate matter responsible for photo-chemical smog and wintertime air pollution. To evaluate human exposure to NO_2 for public health assessment, maps of near-surface NO_2 concentrations at a high resolution of 100 m are desirable. In this study, we report hourly maps of gridded near-surface NO_2 concentrations that are produced using an extreme gradient-boosted tree ensemble for an Alpine domain (Switzerland and northern Italy) spanning two years, from June 2018 to May 2020. To estimate the NO_2 distribution at ground level, we used satellite observations of NO_2 vertical column density, land use data, meteorological fields and topographical information to train models with *in situ* NO_2 ground measurements. The best model with this approach captured up to 59% of hourly NO_2 variation for 40 test stations in the domain with a mean absolute error of $7.69\mu g/m^3$, performing especially well for urban regions with dense sampling. We present the first hourly maps of NO_2 concentrations that reveal previously unresolved spatio-temporal variations. Local interpretations of the machine learning model demonstrate that TROPOMI NO_2 satellite observations make a strong contribution to the information content of the near-surface NO_2 maps besides their relatively coarse resolution (3.5×5.5 km^2) and the fact that they are only available once a day under cloud-free conditions. The COVID-19 pandemic lockdown presents a case study that offers new insights into the importance of satellite data that can partially re-mediate statistical models' unsusceptibility to unusual events (like changes due to political intervention) with regard to model training.

3.1.1 Methodology

Model:
XGBoost Regressor

Data:
- TROPOMI NO_2
- In situ NO_2 measurements
- Meteorological data
- Land use data
- Road length density
- Average traffic volume
- Industrial emissions
- Digital Elevation Model

3.1.2 Area of validation
North of Italy and Switzerland

3.2 Murmuration's implementation

3.2.1 Methodology (same basis)

Model:
XGBoost Regressor

Differences in data choice:
- CAMS NO_2 instead of TROPOMI NO_2
- Tomtom data for traffic statistics
- Population density data instead of Land use data

3.2.2 Area of validation
Île-De-France (region of Paris)

Goals

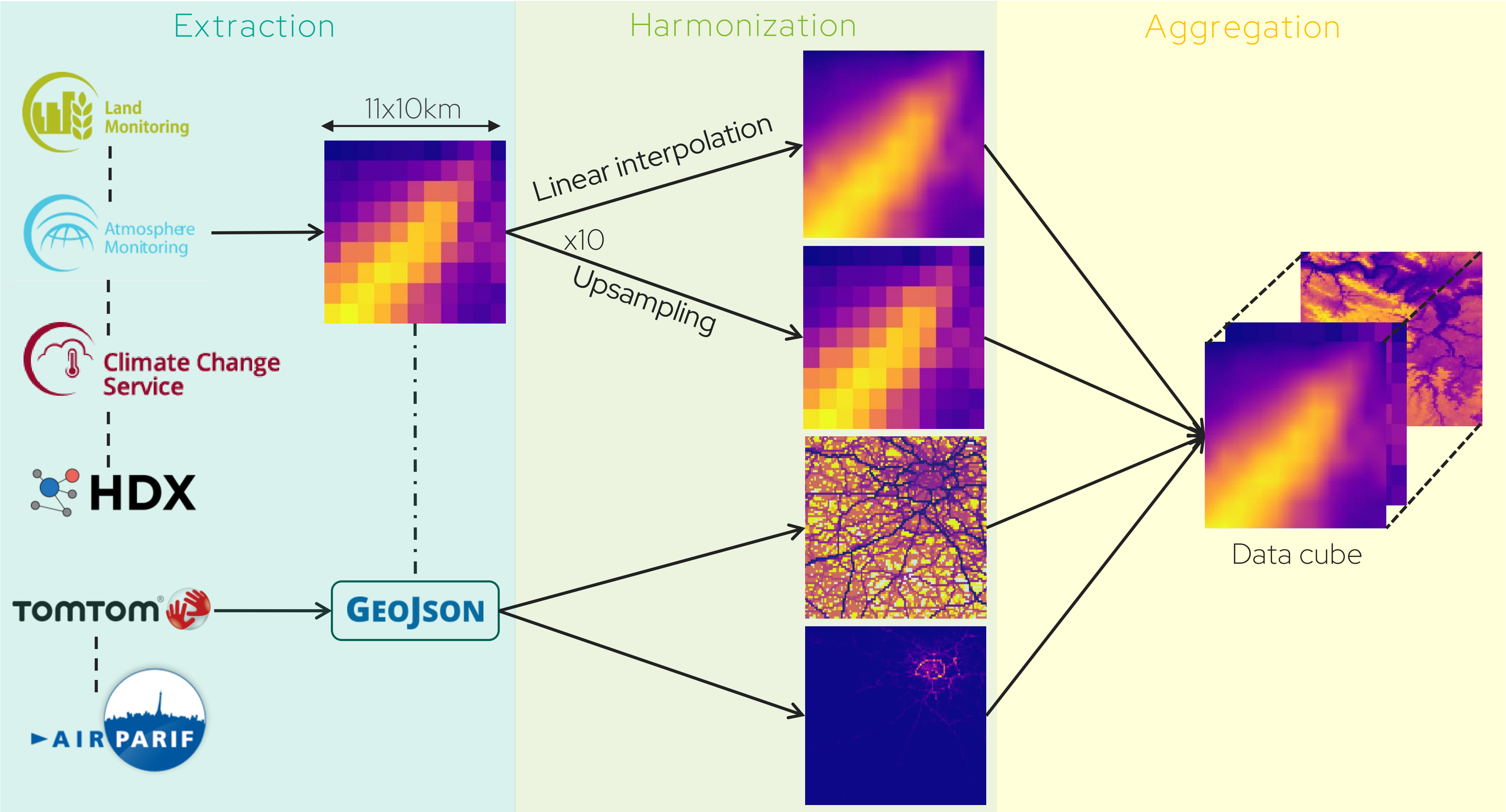
- The ability to generalize the algorithm on other locations
- The possibility to industrialize all over the world with accessible data

#4 DATA

4.1 Input data

	Data source	Variables	Temporal coverage	Spatial coverage	Temporal resolution	Spatial resolution	Size (1 month of data)
Model source data	**CAMS**	Satellite NO_2	2019 - 2022	Europe	Hourly	0.1° (~10 km)	61 MB
	ERA5	Precipitation Temperature Wind Boundary layer height	1950 - 2022	Global	Hourly	0.1° (~10 km)	138 MB
	Copernicus Land	Topography	2011	Europe	-	25 m	51 kB
	Humanitarian Data Exchange	Population density	2020	Global	-	1 km	48 KB
	Tomtom Statistics	Road traffic Road classes	2021/01	France	Hourly	In-situ	300 GB -> 47 MB
Model target data	**Airparif**	In-situ NO_2	2019 - 2021	Ile de France	Hourly	In-situ	55 MB

4.2 Data processing



#5 MODEL

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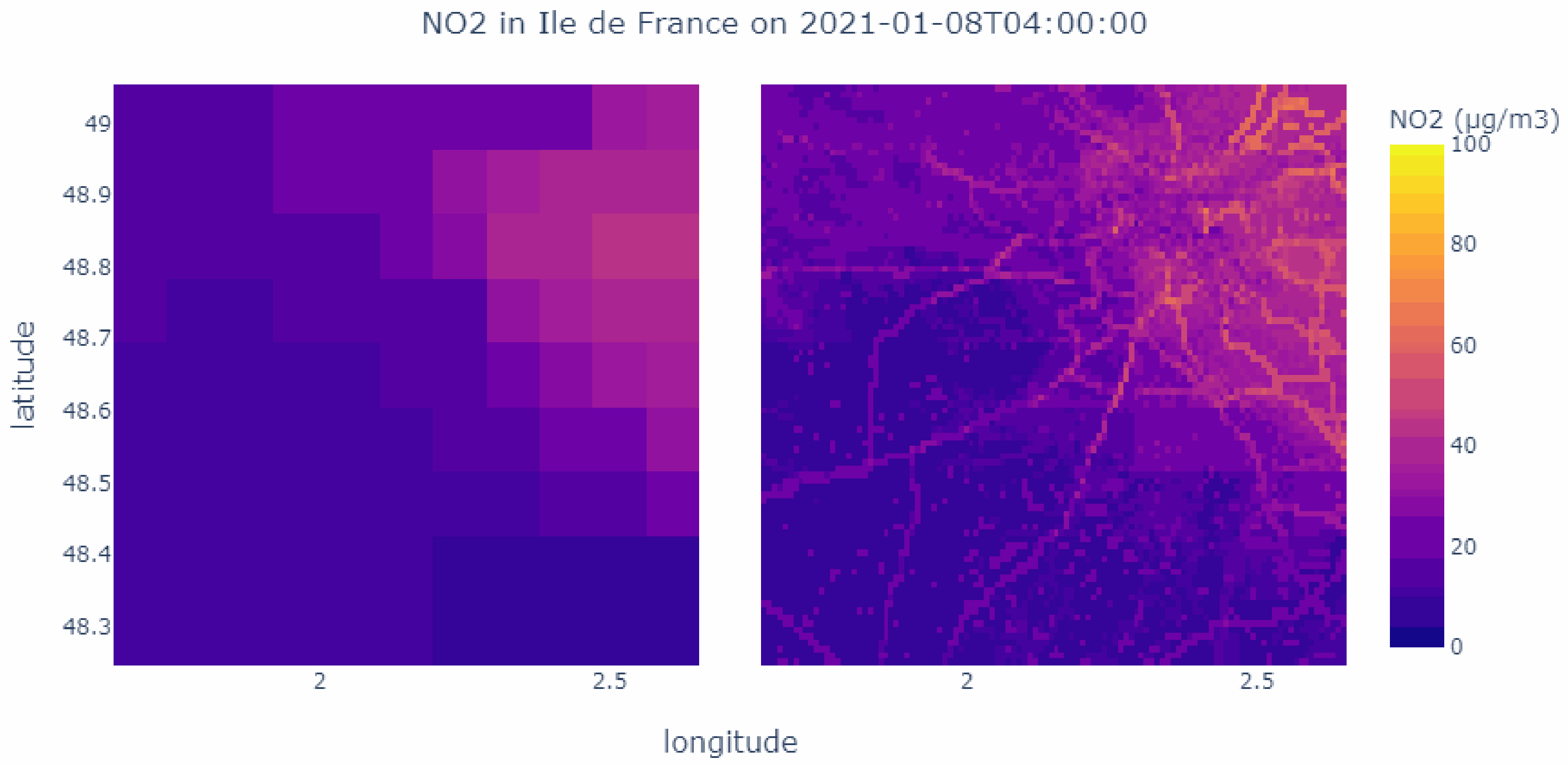
Output

NO_2 prediction

#6 RESULTS

Predictions, evaluation and explainability

6.1 Predictions



6.1 Predictions

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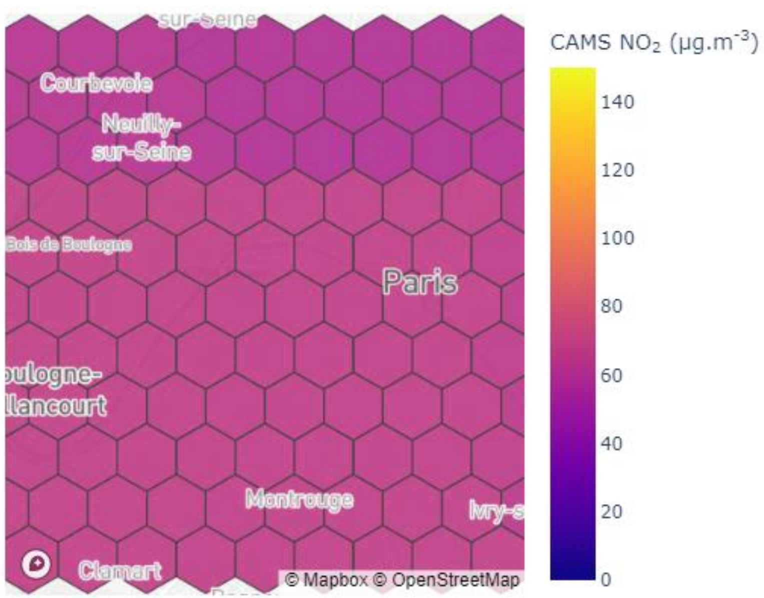
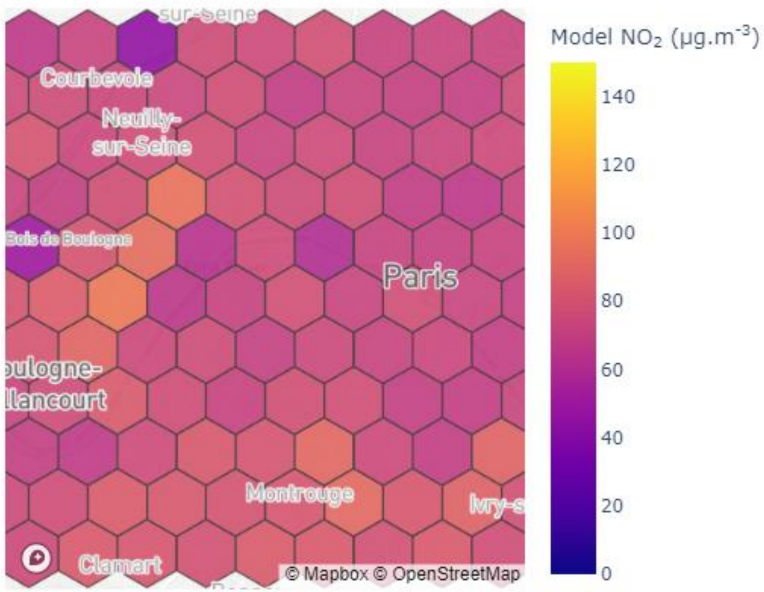
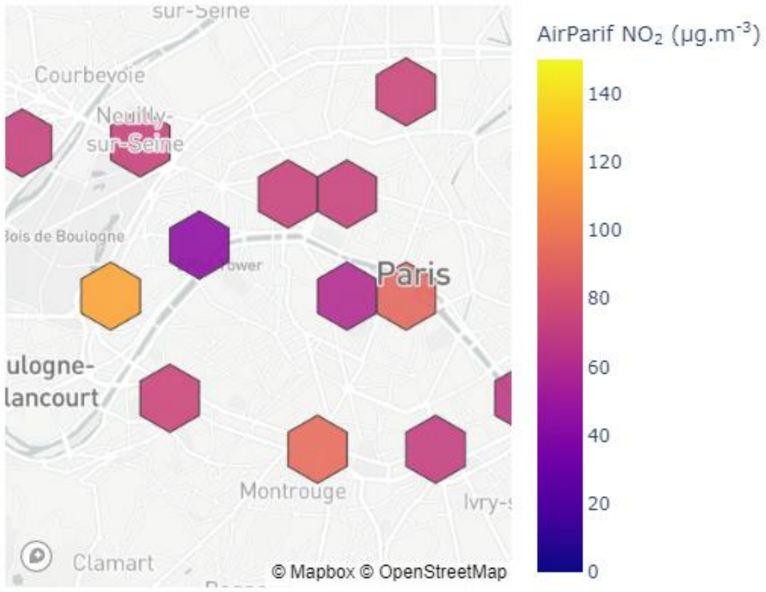


Model prediction

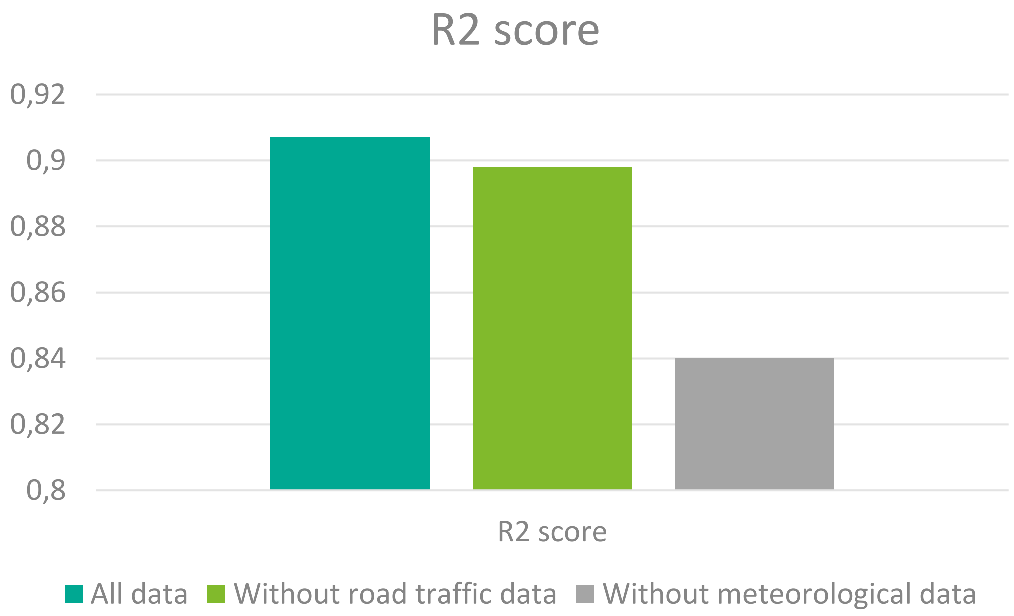


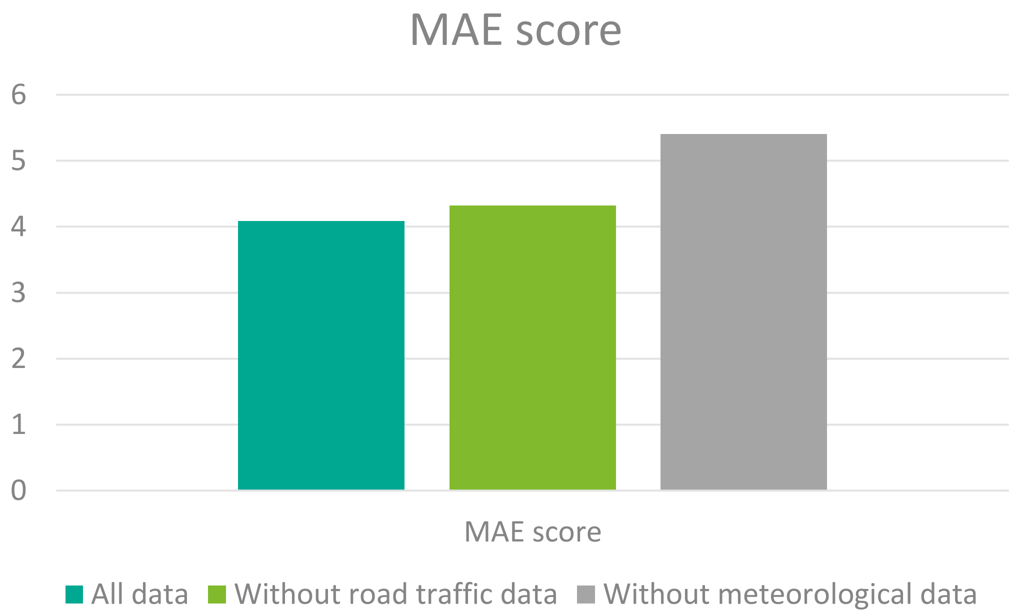
In-situ data



6.2 Model evaluation

$$\text{MAE} = 4.082\ \mu g.m^{-3}$$
$$R^2 = 0.907$$





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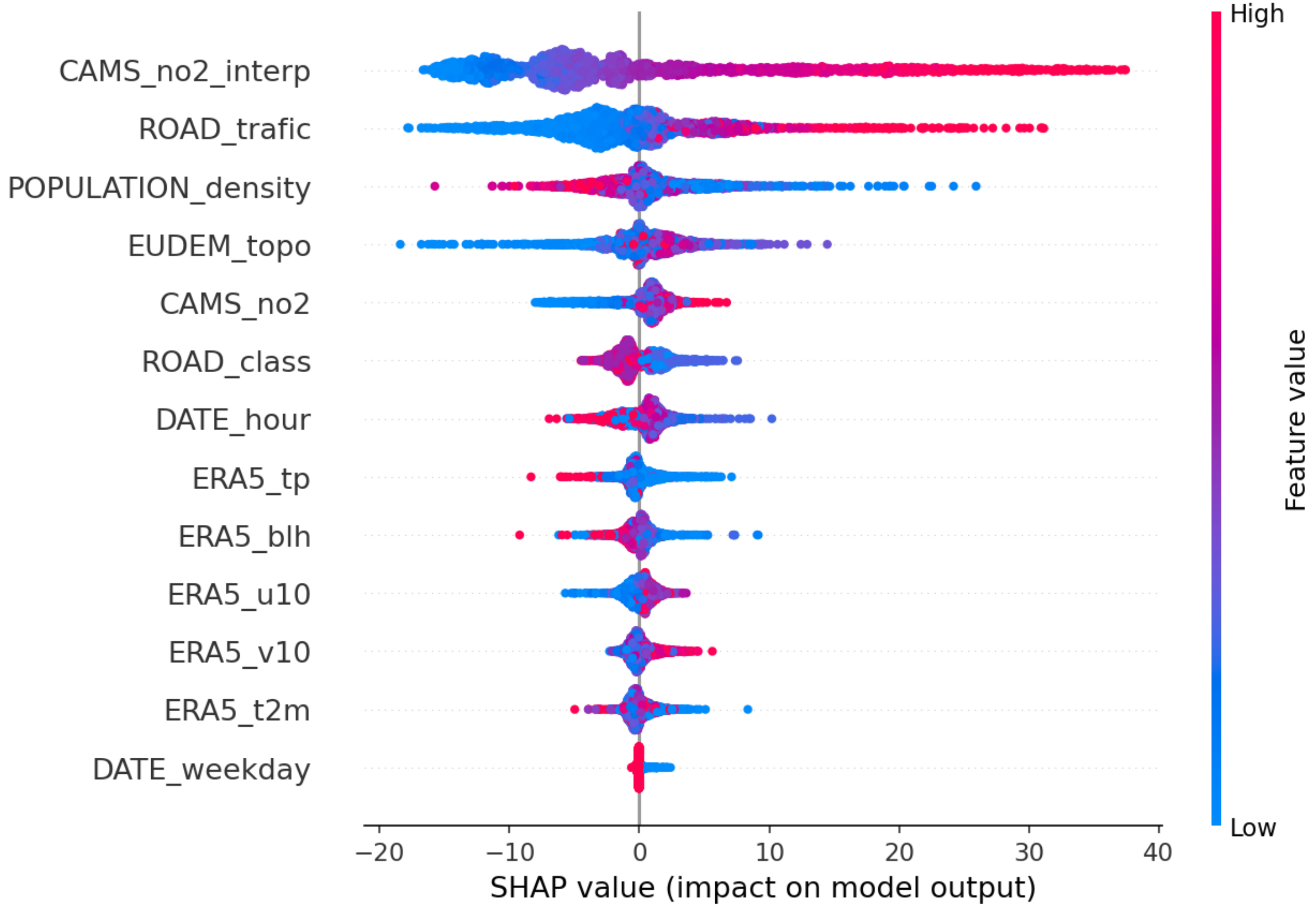

#7
CONCLUSION

7.1 Conclusion and perspectives

Done

- High resolution air quality prediction on new location with accessible data

Next steps

- Add more road traffic data and check the scores
- Validate on other locations : Atmo data
- Create high resolution maps in areas without in-situ sensors

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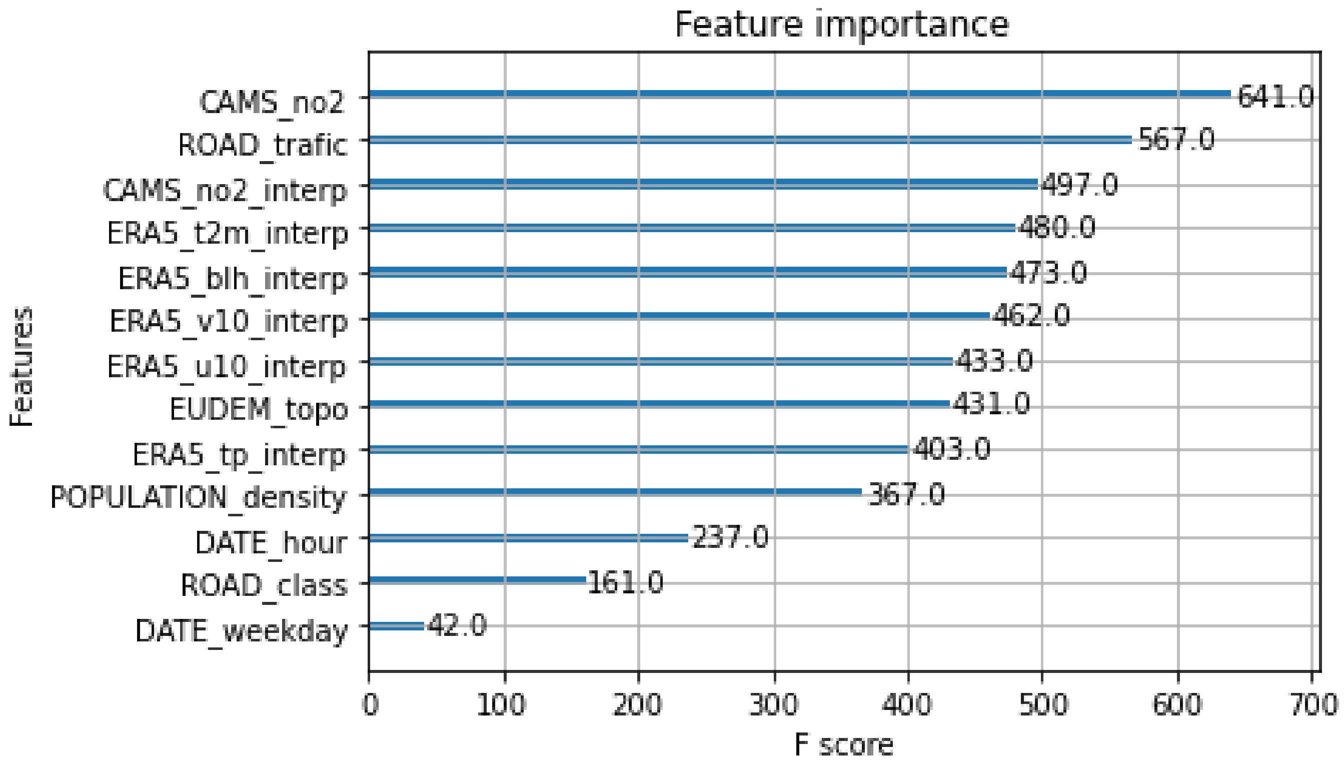

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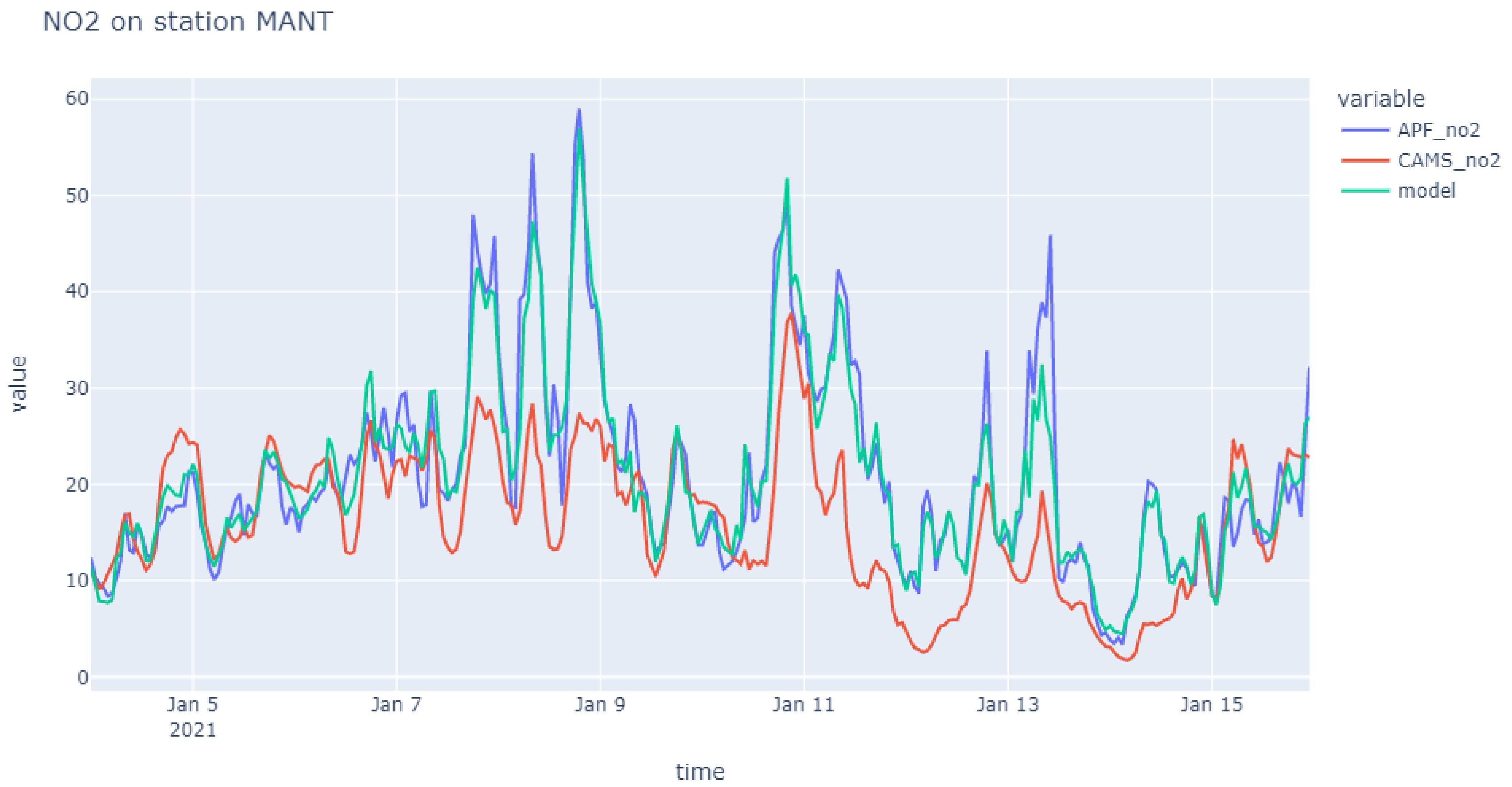

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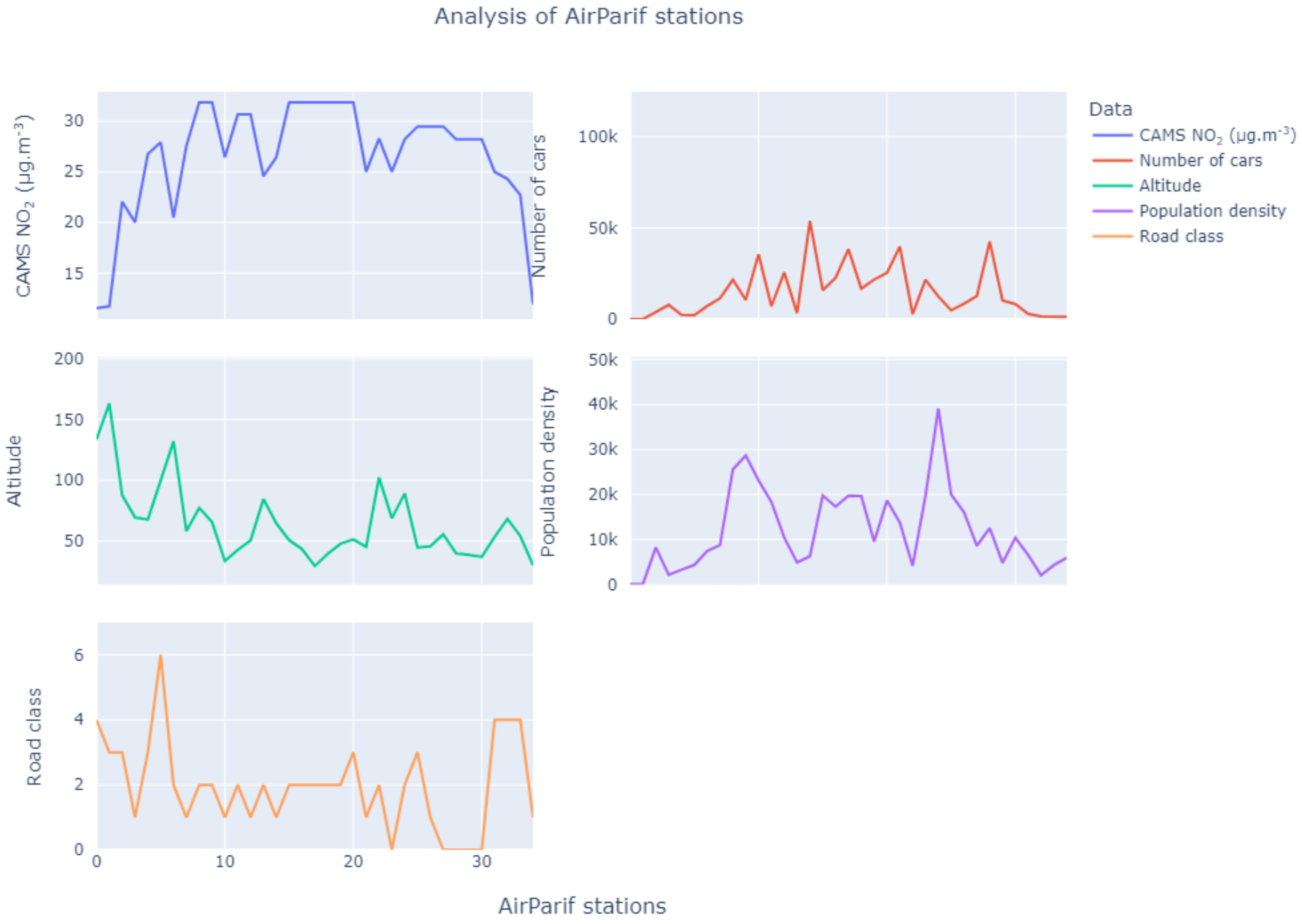

8.4 Tomtom road classes

TOMTOM

Tomtom Functional Road Classes

0 : Motorway
1 : International road
2 : Major road
3 : Secondary road
4 : Connecting road
5 : Major local road
6 : Local road
7 : Minor local road