# INTERCOMPARISON OF THE ESA SENTINEL-5P NO<sub>2</sub> TROPOSPHERIC COLUMN NUMBER DENSITY PRODUCT AGAINST IN-SITU GROUND MEASUREMENTS

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# PHD RESEARCH TOPIC AND HYPOTHESIS

PhD research topic:

Potential of using Sentinel-5P satellite data to support air pollution monitoring in Poland, using computing cloud

Hypothesis:

Sentinel-5P (S-5P) satellite data combined with meteorological data can be used to support the air quality monitoring system in Poland

# MOTIVATION

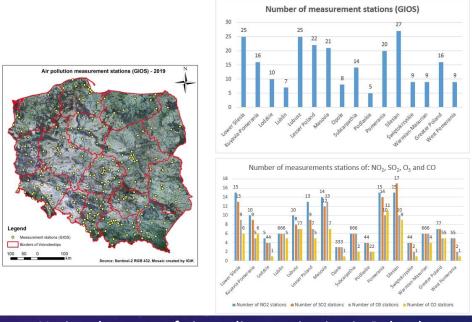
Mission has started in October 2017

Data has beeing provided from July 2018

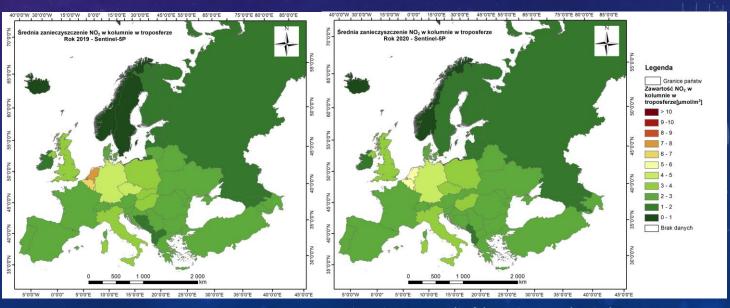
Spatial data

Supplementing monitoring with data from non-urban regions

Poor air quality over Poland



National system of air quality monitoring in Poland.



NO<sub>2</sub> TVCD over Europe – average NO<sub>2</sub> level in 2019 (left) and 2020 (right)

# SENTINEL-5P PRECURSOR

Sentinel-5P

Passive sensor

Start mission

• 13th of October 2017

Temporal resolution – 1 day (at the same point in every 17 days)

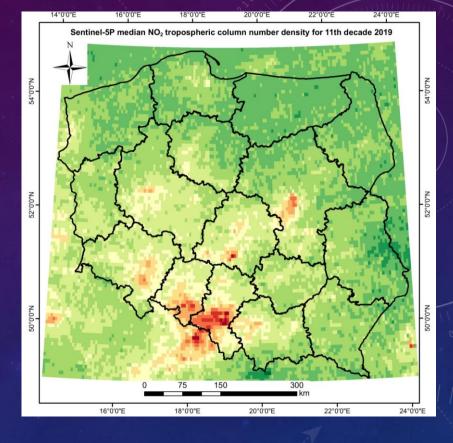
Spatial resolution – 3,5kmx7km, 7kmx7km (od sierpnia 2020 – 3,5kmx5,5km)

Sensor: TROPOMI

### Objectives

• Monitoring of the atmosphere and air pollution

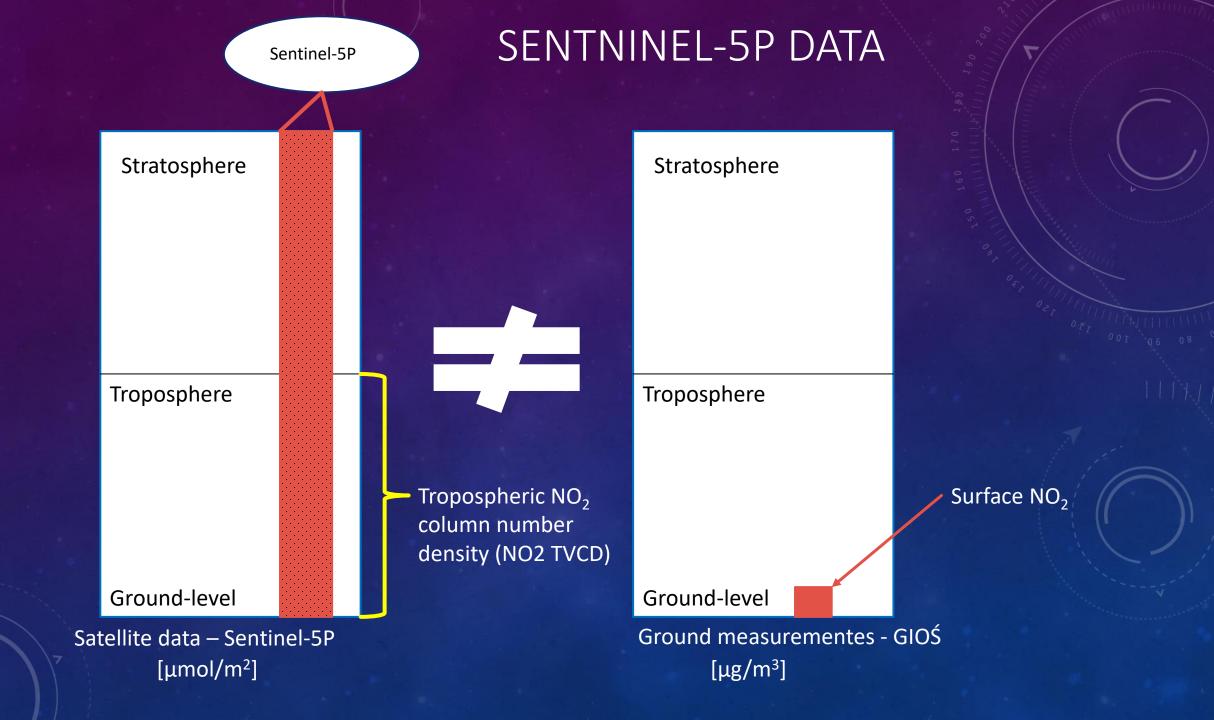
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Band	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Range [nm]	270-300	300-320	320-405	405-465	675-725	725-775	2305-2345	2345-2385



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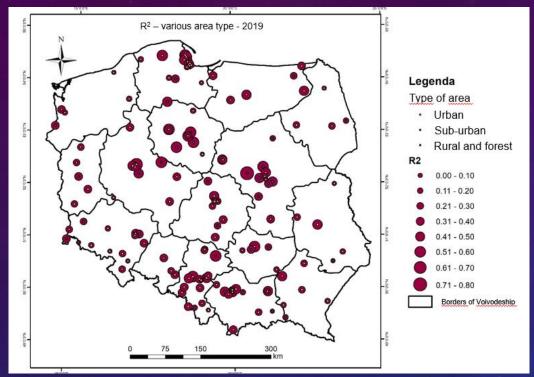
# RETRIEVAL AND GENERATION OF THE PRODUCT

- 400-465 nm used for NO2 retrieval;
- Generated by The Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute (KNMI);
- Procedure:
  - Using Differential Optical Absorption Spectroscopy (DOAS) method NO<sub>2</sub> slant columns from the measured radiance and irradiance spectra is retrieved;
  - Separation of tropospheric and stratospheric columns. Conversion to tropospheric and stratospheric slant columns;
  - Conversion of tropospheric and stratospheric slant columns into tropospheric and stratospheric vertical column
    density (Boersma et al., 2011; van Geffen et al., 2015).
  - Vertical profiles of  $NO_2$  are calculated for the center of a pixel featuring a spatial resolution of  $1^{\circ} \times 1^{\circ}$  and are based on the chemistry transport model (CTM)—TM5-MP (van Geffen et al., 2015; Williams et al., 2017).
  - Finally, filtering of cloud cover is performed by the Fast Retrieval Scheme for Clouds from the Oxygen A-band (FRESCO-S) algorithm (Loyola et al., 2020).
- Within this study, reprocessed Sentinel-5P TROPOMI NO<sub>2</sub> product (S5P-PAL) data was used (version 2.3.1)



# Problems? Challneges?

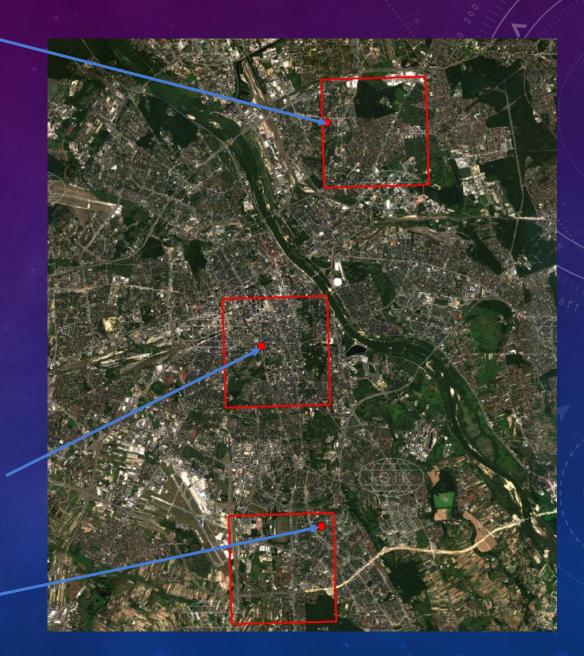
Kondratowicza



R<sup>2</sup> (Surface NO<sub>2</sub> vs. NO<sub>2</sub> TVCD) for each station in Poland

Al. Niepodległości

Wokalna



# WHAT IS GOING TO BE ACHIEVED?

Sentinel-5P

Meteorological data

Socio-economic factors

"Anthropogenic data"

Elevation

Model

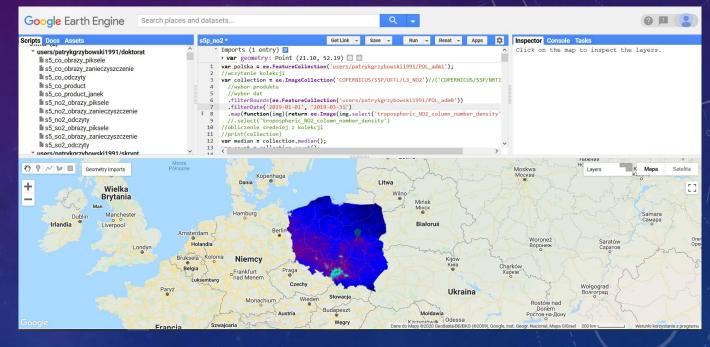
Surface NO<sub>2</sub> concentration

# DATA

Kind of data	Source	Data	
Satellite data	Senitnel-5P – ESA, European Commission	NO2 TVCD	
Ground-based concentration	GIOŚ	Surface NO2	
Meteorolgical data	ECMWF	Temperature Dew point temperature Pressure Solar radiation accumulated by 1 hour U component of wind V component of wind Boundary layer height Relative humidity Wind speed Wind direction	
	NCEP/NCAR	Sea level pressure	
Socio-Economic data	NASA/EC JRC/NOAA	Population Nightlights	
Geography	NASA	Elevation	

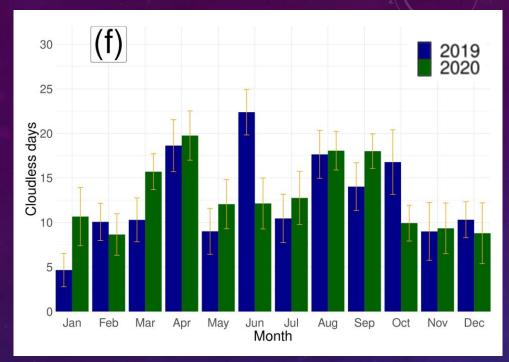
## DATA PROCESSING

- Platform based on the JavaScript programming language
- A platform for analyzing and visualizing geospatial datasets for academic, non-profit, business and government users
- It provides satellite data and stores it in a public data archive that includes historical images of the Earth from more than forty years ago. The images that are taken daily are then made available for data mining on a global scale.
- Earth Engine also provides APIs and other tools to analyze big data
- Provides easy, access to a comprehensive catalog of satellite imagery and other geospatial data in an analysis-ready format. The data catalog is connected to the cloud computing supported by Google data centers and flexible APIs that allow you to seamlessly implement existing scripts and schemas. This enables state-of-the-art global analysis and visualization of geospatial data.



# DATA PRE-PROCESSING

- Time analysis: 07.2018-06.2021
  - 2019 and 2020 for availability of data
- Data was linearly interpolated to the time of S-5P acquisition
- Data has been resampled to spatial resolution 3.5 km x 5.5. km using bilinear interpolation
- Outliers:
  - Station measuring surface NO2 was closer than 100 meters from the road (2 stations; 1 024 observations; 2% of all observations).
- Training dataset (22 678):
  - January, March, May, July, September, Novemeber
- Testing dataset (27 241):
  - February, April, June, August, October, December

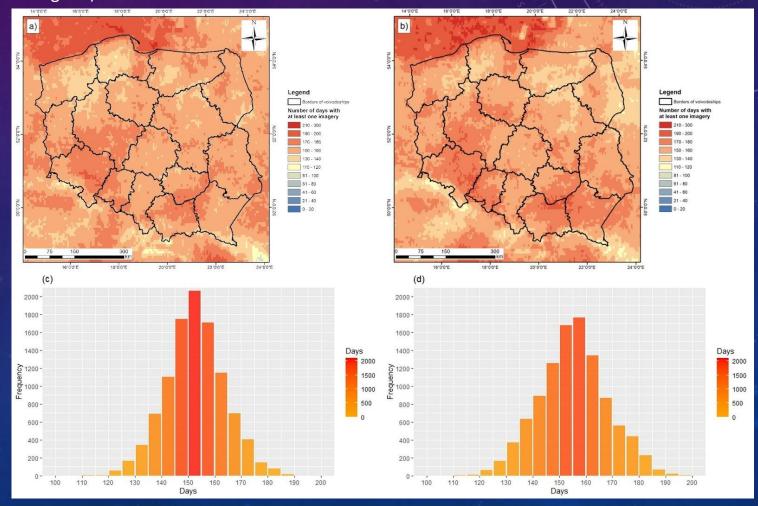


Avearge numer of cloudless days over Poland in each month. Blue – 2019; green – 2020. Yellow bars are minimum and maximum cludless days.

# KNOW THE LIMITATIONS

qa\_value >= 0.75 cloud fraction =< 0.50

Count of cloudless days in Poland in 2019 (a – map; c – histogram) and in 2020 (b – map; d – histogram)



# PREDICTION METHODS

Linear regression with one undependable variable (LM)

NO<sub>2</sub> TVCD

Multiple linear regression with several undependable variables (MLM)

NO<sub>2</sub> TVCD

Air temperature (T)

Pressure (P)

Solar radiation (RADNET)

Wind speed (WS)

Planetary boundary layer height (PBLH)

Nightlights (NIGHTLIGHT)

Population (POP)

Road density (ROADS)

Elevation (ELEVATION)

Random forest with several undependable variables (RF)

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Circulation type (CT)

Radial kernel support vector machine with several undependable variables (SVM)

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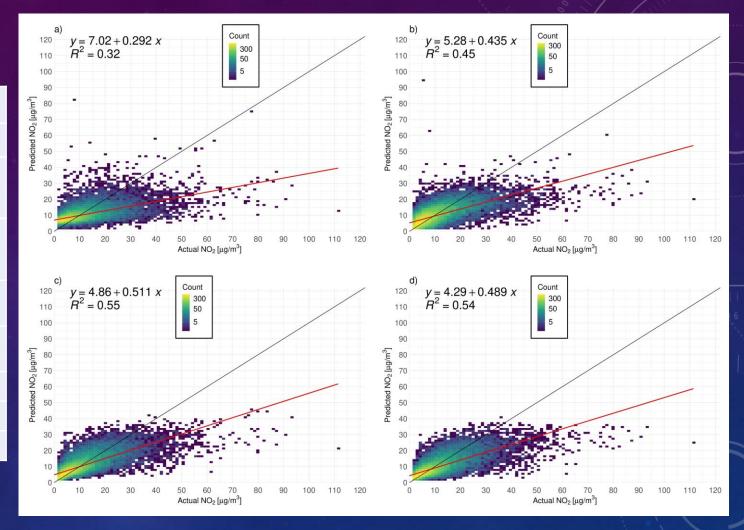
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Elevation (ELEVATION)

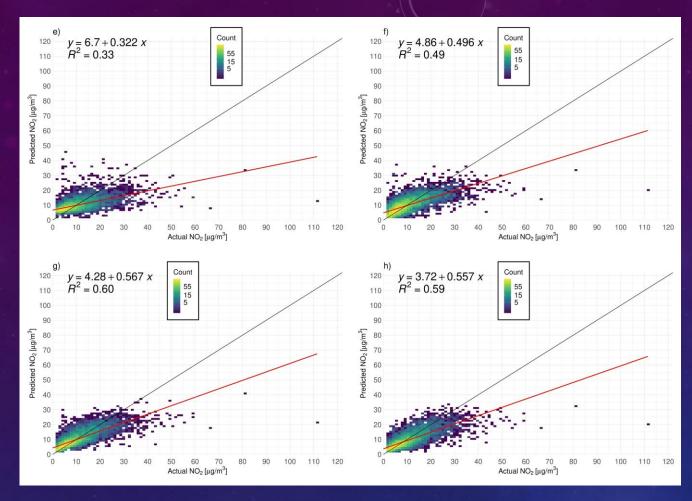
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# PREDICTION OF SURFACE NO<sub>2</sub> - HOURLY

Surface NO2 mass concentration estimations										
		MEAN	MIN	MAX	SD	1st Q	3rd Q			
Testing dataset (n=27241)		10.07	0.01	111.41	8.89	4.40	13.12			
Training dataset (n=22678)		10.44	0.01	100.59	8.61	4.44	12.93			
nts		R2	MSE	RMSE	Bias [ug/m3]	MAE [ug/m3]	MAPE [%]			
Hourly measurements	LM - S5P	0.32	53.22	7.30	0.11	4.87	48.38			
y me	MLM	0.45	43.11	6.57	0.42	4.24	42.08			
Hourl	RF	0.53	34.83	5.90	-0.04	3.74	37.15			
	SVM	0.54	37.67	6.09	1.04	3.72	36.94			



Results of prediction of surface NO<sub>2</sub> based on four methods: linear regression – LM-S5P (a); multilinear regression - MLM (b); random forest - RF (c) and suport vector machine - SVM (c)



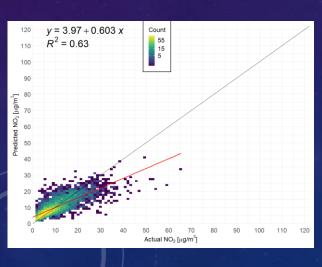
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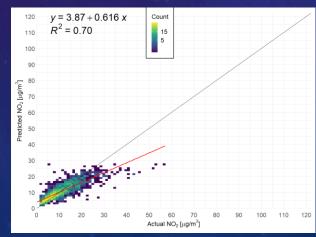
# PREDICTION OF SURFACE NO<sub>2</sub> – WEEKLY AVERAGES

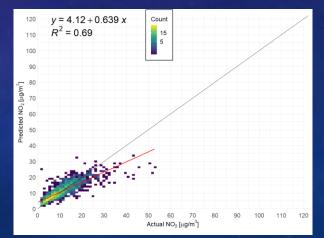
Surface NO2 mass concentration estimations										
		MEAN	MIN	MAX	SD	1st Q	3rd Q			
Testing dataset (n=6639)		10.07	0.01	111.41	8.89	4.40	13.12			
Training dataset (n=7126)		10.44	0.01	100.59	8.61	4.44	12.93			
		R2	MSE	RMSE	Bias	MAE	MAPE			
				[ug/m3]	[ug/m3]	[ug/m3]	[%]			
averages	LM - S5P	0.33	38.09	6.17	0.14	[ug/m3] 4.27	[%] 42.37			
eekly averages	LM - S5P MLM	0.33	38.09 28.96							
Weekly averages				6.17	0.14	4.27	42.37			

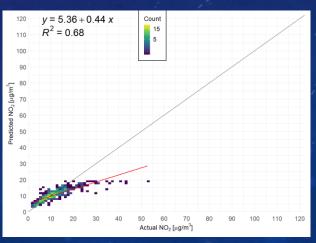
# MONTHLY, SEASONLY, YEARLY AVERAGES

	R²	MSE	RMSE [ug/m3]	BIAS [ug/m³]	MAE [ug/m³]	MAPE [%]
HOURLY	0.53	34.83	5.90	-0.04	3.74	37.15
WEEKLY	0.60	23.08	4.81	-0.09	3.10	30.75
TWO WEEKLY	0.63	19.14	4.38	-0.07	2.96	29.00
MONTHLY	0.71	15.51	3.94	-0.31	2.58	23.49
SEASONLY	0.69	15.72	3.97	-0.08	2.63	23.57
YEARLY	0.68	20.42	4.52	-1.24	2.50	21.22









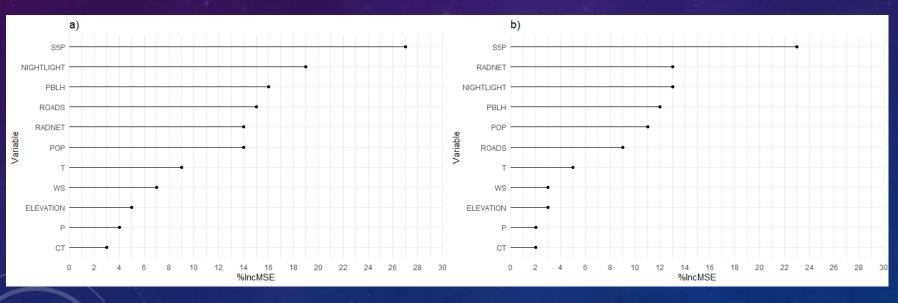
# VARIABLES' IMPORTANCE

### Multilinear regression

Variable	S5P	т	P	RAD	ws	PBLH	NIGHTLIGHT	POP	ROADS	ELEVATION	INTERCEPT
Coefficient	0.62	-0.01	-0.03	-0.06	-0.07	-0.08	0.05	0.03	0.06	0.01	0.07
hourly	(57%)	(1%)	(3%)	(6%)	(6%)	(7%)	(5%)	(3%)	(6%)	(1%)	(6%)
Coefficient	0.69	-0.04	-0.04	-0.06	-0.07	-0.10	0.06	0.04	0.08	0.01	0.10
weekly	(53%)	(3%)	(3%)	(5%)	(5%)	(8%)	(5%)	(3%)	(6%)	(1%)	(8%)

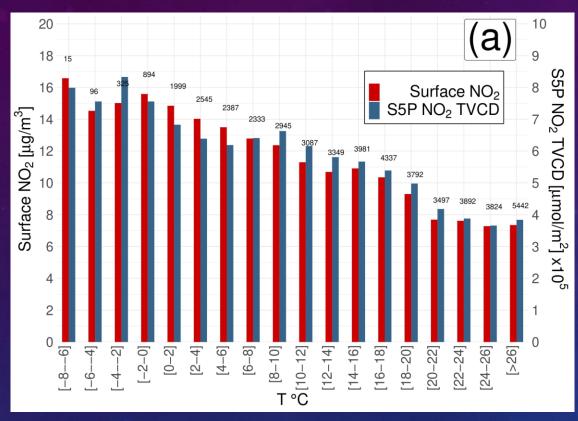
- 1. Standarization of variables
- 2. Sum of coefficeints (absulute values)
- 3. Percentage of each coeffcient within the sum

### Random Forest



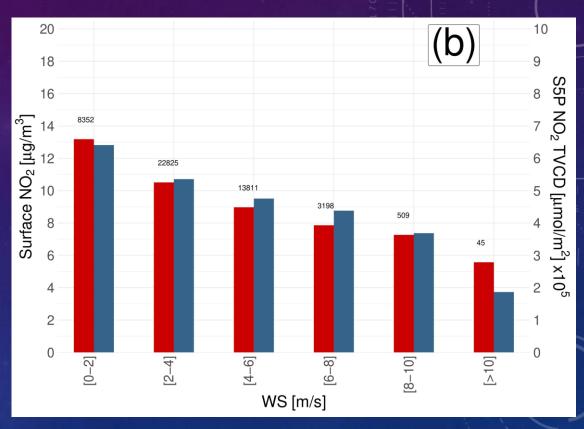
- 1. Compute model MSE;
- 2. For each variable in the model:
  - 1) Permute variable
  - 2) Calculate new model MSE according to variable permutation
  - 3) Take the difference between model MSE and new model MSE

# CHANGES IN NO2 TVCD AND SURFACE NO2 MASS CONCENTRATION IN RESPECT TO METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS



Change of air pollution in respect to air temperature

Left y axis, red font and red bars correspond to surface NO<sub>2</sub> mass concentration while the right y axis, blue font and blue bars correspond to TVCD of NO<sub>2</sub>.



Change of air pollution in respect to wind speed

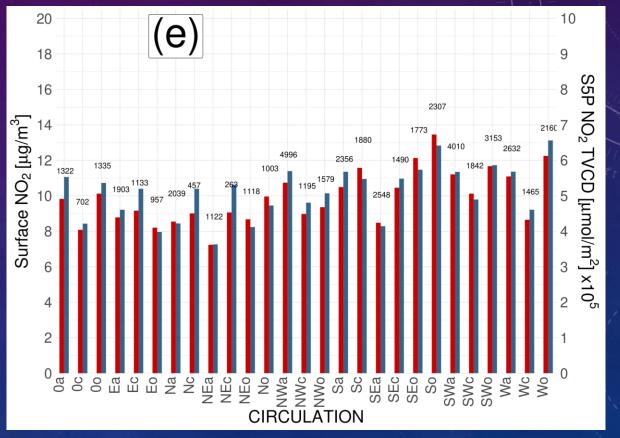
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Change of air pollution in respect to PBLH



Change of air pollution in respect to wind direction

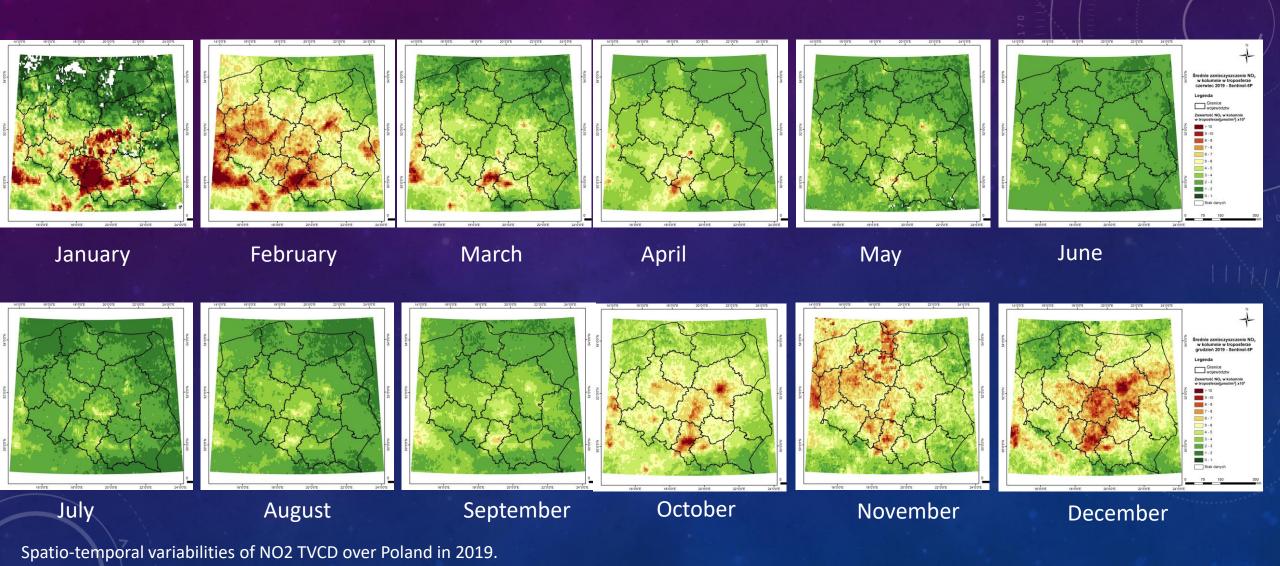
# CHANGES IN NO2 TVCD AND SURFACE NO2 MASS CONCENTRATION IN RESPECT TO METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND OTHER FACTORS



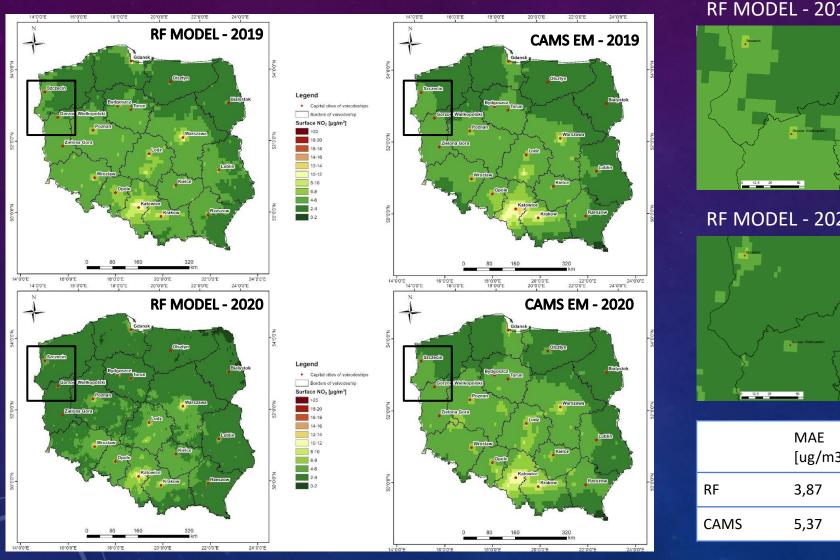
Change of air pollution in respect to type of atmospheric circulation

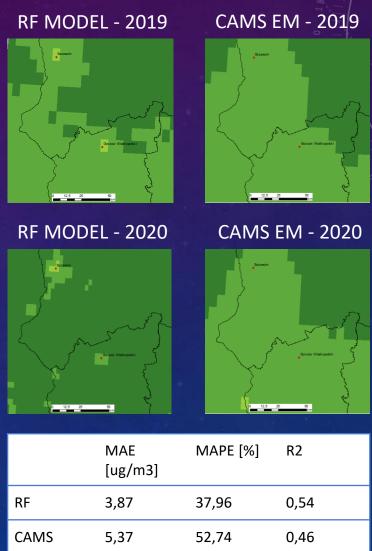
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# SPATIO-TEMPORAL CHANGES

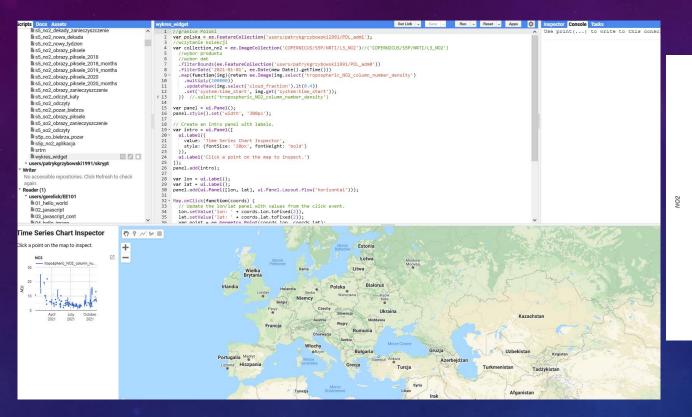


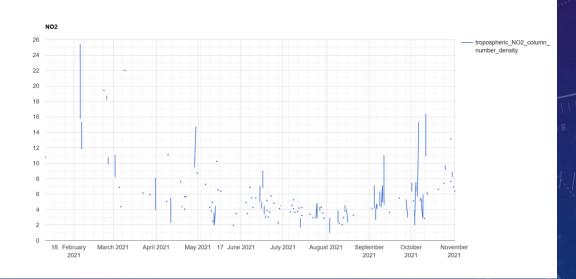
# COMPARISON WITH CAMS ENSEMBLE MEDIAN (CAMS EM)





# APP





# CONCLUSIONS

- There were at least 120 days per year when it was possible to perform model for Poland using TROPOMI observations
- Results revealed machine learning methods (RF and SVM) gave accuracy 63% for hourly estimation and 69% for weekly averages
- Implementation of meteorological and anthropogenic variables extremely improved the quantity of models. MLM approach gives 6% (hourly) and 7% (weekly) lower MAPE than LM-S5P approach while RF and SVM approaches gives 11% (hourly) and 12% (weekly) lower MAPE than LM-S5P
- NO<sub>2</sub> TVCD, Planetary boundary layer height, solar radiation, nightlights, roads density and population influenced on estimations the most
- Air temperature, wind speed, surface pressure, elevation and type of atmospheric circulation influenced on estimation the least
- Trends for surface NO2 and TVCD of NO2 were negative for raising air temperature, PBLH and wind speed while they were
  positive for rising of population and nightlights
- The RF model created within the study was better fitted to actual values than CAMS ensemble median

## FURTHER ACTIVITIES

Station's representativeness in respect to area of TROPOMI pixel

14°0'0"E 16°0'0"E 18°0'0"E 20°0'0"E 22°0'0"E 24°0'0"E Średnia zanieczyszczenie NO<sub>2</sub> w kolumnie w troposferze grudzień 2021 roku - Sentinel-5P Legenda Granice województw 54°0'0"N 54°0'0"N Granice powiatów Zawartość NO<sub>2</sub> w kolumnie w troposferze[µmol/m²] 6 - 7 52°0'0"N 52°0'0"N 5 - 6 Brak danych N.0.0.09 10.0°03 300 150 16°0'0"E 24°0'0"E 18°0'0"E 20°0'0"E 22°0'0"E

Thank you for your attention!