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1 Introduction and background

Training on use of the AirQUIS system represents an integral part of the training on techniques for evaluation of existing data. The AirQUIS database system will serve as a database for preparing the input to future air quality modelling. A first introduction to the use of AirQUIS was given at NILU in September 2001 to one of our Romanian consultants and to the subcontractor responsible for air quality modelling in the IDAQ project.

The NILU developed AirQUIS system is a map oriented, user-friendly air quality management system to be used in urban and industrial areas. It contains all modules necessary to perform air quality assessment, such as databases for measurement and emissions, dispersion models and exposure module for health and materials. The AirQUIS system operates through menus and maps on Windows NT or Windows 2000 platform in network with several PC clients. The AirQUIS system was delivered to the IDAQ project on a server with 4 clients.

The workshop prepared and presented at NILU from 4 to 7 September 2001 contained an introduction to the system and demonstrations of the air quality database and the emission inventory module. During this workshop, maps and data from the Pilot EPIs were collected and used for demonstration purposes. Possibilities and future applications for Romania were presented and their future tasks and responsibilities were discussed.

Copies of overhead slides used during the presentations and discussions are presented in Chapter 4.

Further presentations of AirQUIS will be given in Bucharest (Sivertsen, F 9/2001). The programme for this workshop can be found in Mission 5 Report from NILU (Sivertsen, OR 65/2001).



2 Schedule

A tentative schedule for the workshop was prepared and agreed upon with the participants. The schedule is given in the following Table.

Date	Time	Activity	Responsible person(s) at NILU
4 September	12:00 – 16:00	AirQUIS Introduction	B. Sivertsen
5 September	09:00 – 12:00	GIS and Measurement Database	R. Ødegård
5 September	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	
5 September	13:00 – 16:00	Industry and Area Source Emission Database	R. Ødegård
6 September	09:00 – 12:00	Traffic Source Emission Database	R. Ødegård
6 September	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	
6 September	13:00 – 16:00	Interface between the DMU models and AirQUIS Discussion	R. Ødegård
7 September	09:00 – 12:00	Measurement Database Exercises	R. Ødegård
7 September	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	
7 September	13:00 – 16:00	Emission Database Exercises	R. Ødegård



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5 Presentations

As part of the presentations and demonstrations some air quality data from Romanian Pilot areas should have been collected for input and to AirQUIS. Furthermore, we tried to collect some digital maps before the training at NILU. This, however, was a problem, but our consultant, George Mocioaca, had managed to collect some information, which he brought to NILU on CD. A status for the data collection was discussed and presented at the workshop at NILU.

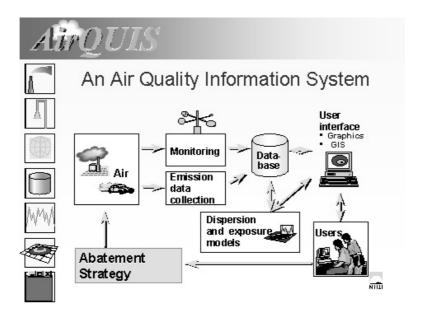
According to the work plan the following data should have been available (collected by the EPIs and delivered to AGRARO), also as part of the input to the NERI dispersion models:

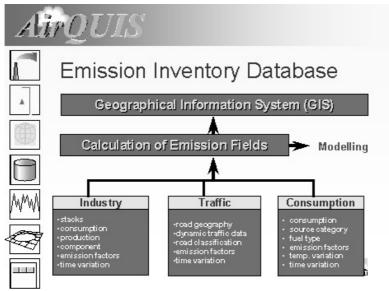
- Selection of a limited number of street canyons in the pilot areas
- General description of the streets
- Maps of the streets with individual buildings
- Street configuration data

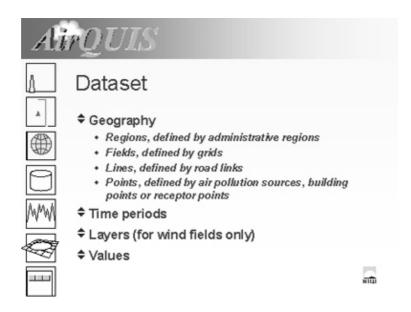
Also some source and emission data for point sources should be available. George Mocioaca also brought these data to NILU, and some of them were imported to AirQUIS and tested.

Concerning digital maps the collection started and available maps were import to AirQUIS.



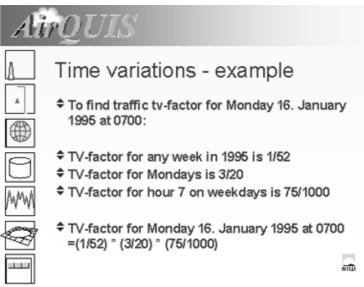


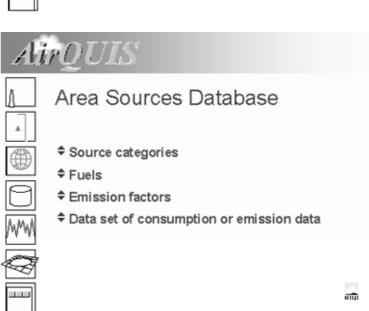




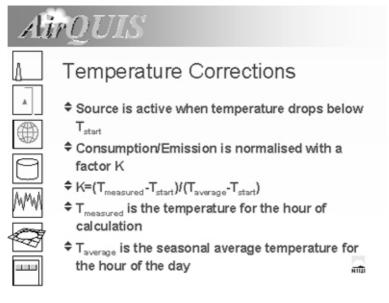


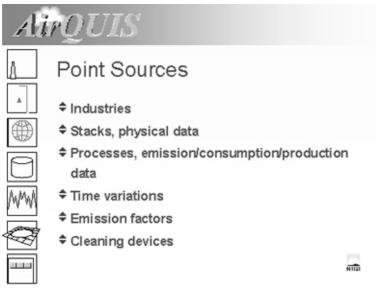
Time variations Factors for scaling annual emissions to hourly emissions Hierarchical structure (sub-time variations) Specific or general validity period (1995, dany) Sum of factors for all time steps is 1.0 Sub-factors are multiplied to find the factor

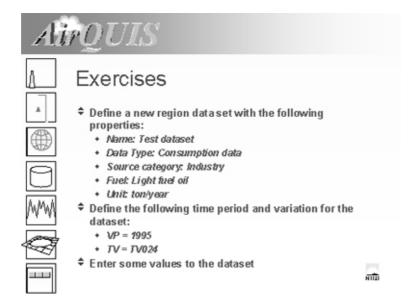




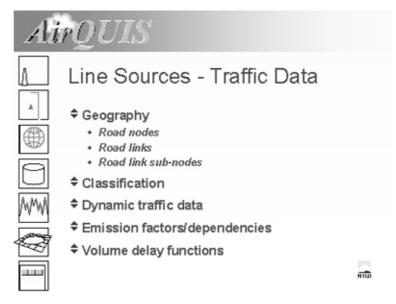


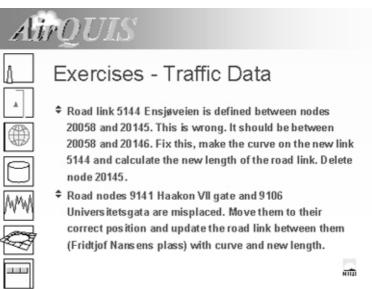




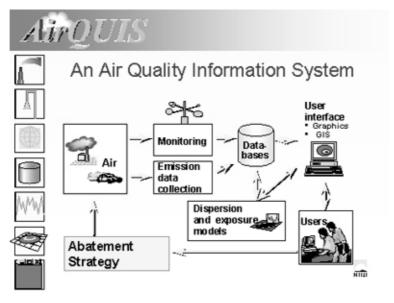


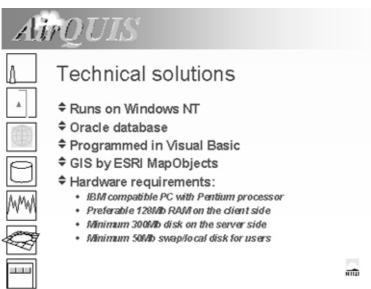


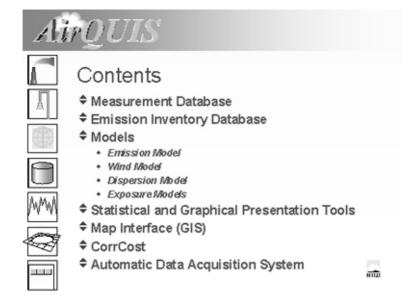






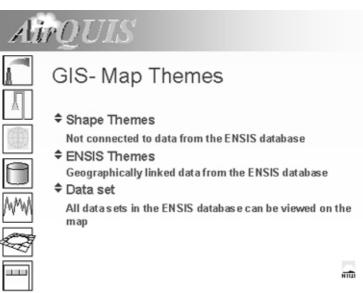


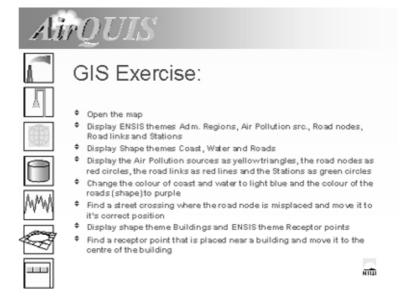




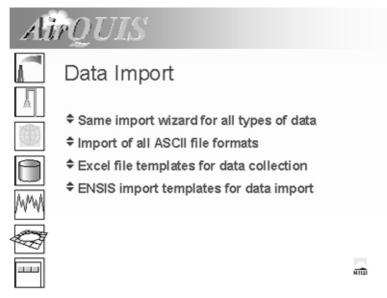




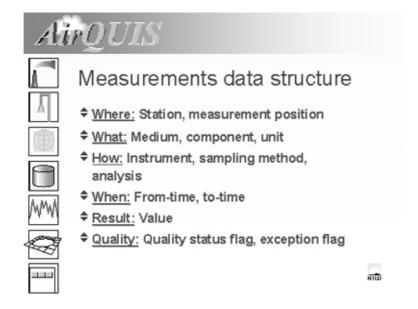




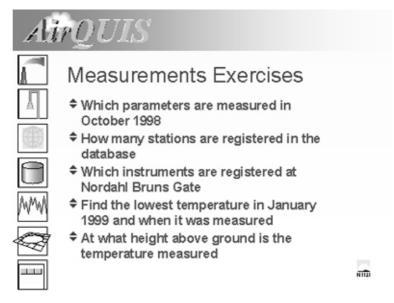


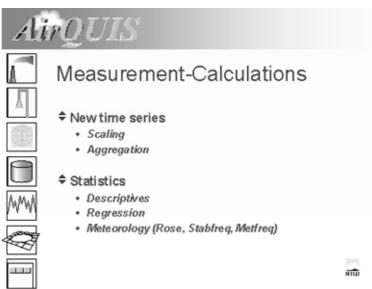




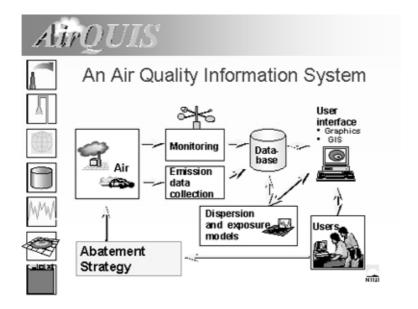












AirQUIS





 Calculates hourly emissions from area, line and point sources. Stores results as field, line or point data set

Wind field model (MATHEW)

 Calculates 3-dimensional hourly wind fields from measurements of wind direction, wind speed, temperature, temperature gradient and a topography field

Dispersion model (EPISODE)

 Calculates hourly concentrations of pollutants in fields, points and along roads

Exposure models

Combines pollution concentrations with population distribution



Emission Model

Area sources:

 Uses emission factors, time variations and temperature variation to calculate hourly emissions from annual consumption of fossil fuels for area sources

Line sources:

 Uses road and traffic data, road and traffic classification, emission factors, traffic dependencies and time variations to calculate emissions from line sources

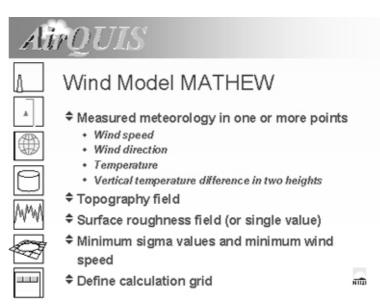
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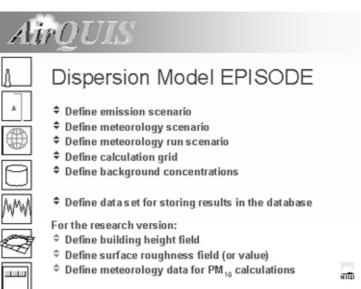
 Uses physical stack data, process consumption or emission data, emission factors and time variations to calculate emissions from point sources



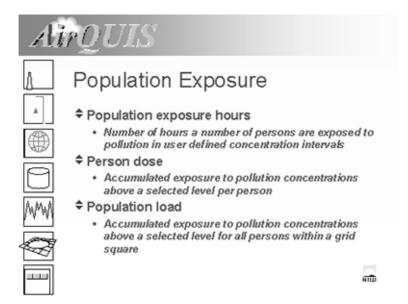


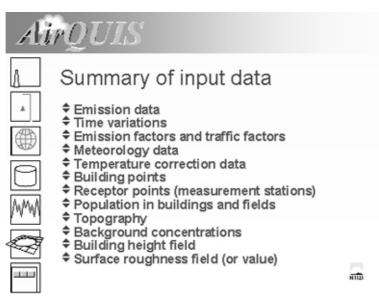
Emission Model - Input Data Area emissions from the ENSIS database Traffic emissions from the ENSIS database Point sources emissions from the ENSIS database Point sources emissions from the ENSIS database Temperature data from the ENSIS database Research version: For PM10 emissions from traffic: data for temperature, air humidity and precipitation collected from a file in the directory where ENSIS is installed

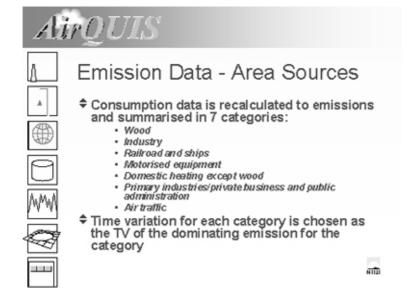














Emission Data - Point Sources

Point sources data may be difficult to collect

- · Check that the following is complete:
- · Location and stack parameters
 - · Process consumption/emission
 - · Emission factors for the components to calculate for
 - Which process data to use (emission or consumption)
 - · Time variations (check that each process has a time
- Missing data may in some cases stop the model run without a proper error message, point sources with missing data should therefore not be included in the model runs





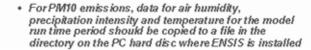
- . Check that the main roads are located correctly relative to the building points and receptor points
 - Check that the Traffic Emission Factors are updated
 - · Check that the time variation for traffic is defined and that it is reasonable
 - Check that the relationship between Lane Capacity and Volume Delay is adjusted to local conditions
 - Experience from Norwegian conditions: Beware that the quality of the traffic data may be varying





Model Run Parameters







· Check that diurnal average temperature for the heating season and start temperature for domestic heating is entered in the temperature dependency function

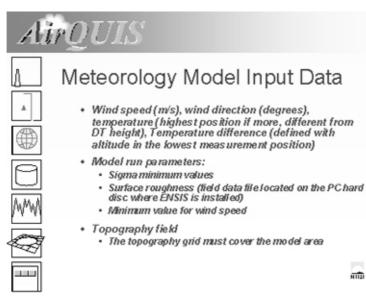


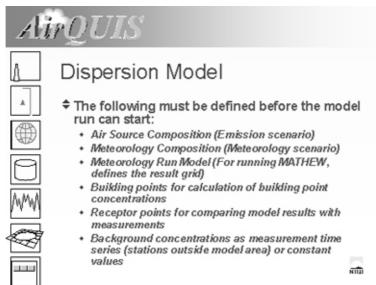
. Decide the AADT limit for road links to be calculated as area sources

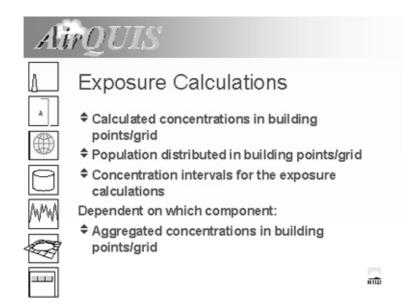




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