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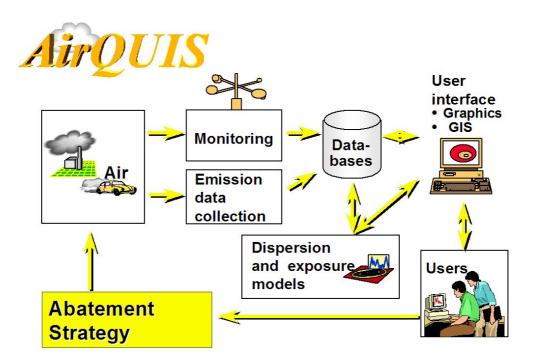




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1 INTRODUCTION

One of the main challenges in today's society is to have timely and appropriate access to relevant and good quality environmental data. The aim is to enable actions whenever environmental requirements and limits are violated. There is an increasing need for integrated solutions, which include monitoring data and planning tools into one system. A main objective of the modern Air Quality Management System is to enable direct data and information transfer, provide information on how much pollution the population is exposed to, establish a basis for strategies to reduce pollution and estimate air pollution impacts from present and future developments.

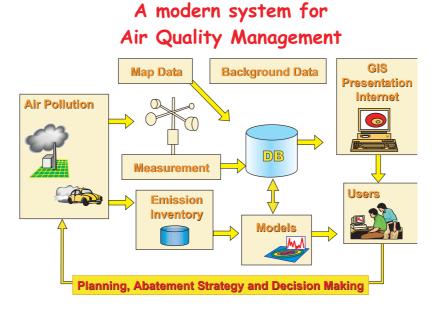
The AirQUIS system developed by the Norwegian Institute for air Research (NILU) includes dispersion and exposure modelling and has been used for forecasting of future air quality and development of cost-effective abatement strategies. The AirQUIS technology has been established in more than 30 locations worldwide and is now being used in air quality management to support integrated pollution prevention and control.

2 THE AIR QUALITY Management platform

The integrated Air Quality Management (AQM) platform, AirQUIS, includes all elements needed to undertake assessment and planning of air quality. AirQUIS provides the basis for air quality management through an integrated tool for monitoring and emission inventorying, air quality modelling and assessment, enabling forecasting of future air quality and development of cost-effective abatement strategies.

The GIS based AirQUIS system includes several modules that can be selected and applied according to the user's needs. Important common parts are the measurement database, and the graphical user interface including the GIS (Geographical Information 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 AirQUIS surveillance and planning system

The GIS (Geographical Information System) functionality of the AirQUIS 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.

AirQUIS consists of six components and makes use of an Oracle database. The system has integrated forms and maps, was developed in Visual Basic and Map Object (GIS) and works well on an ordinary NT-server. The different components consist of:

- 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 of air 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.

AirQUIS has tools for graphical presentation and control of data, and tables for numerical presentation of data and statistical summaries. The information system provides a report generator and the possibility of exporting data and map images

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

3 Design the monitoring programme

In the design of a complete sampling and monitoring programme for air quality there are several phases and steps that have to be considered:

- 1. Define the objectives and strategies for the measurement programme,
- 2. Define the contents,
- 3. Perform a screening,
- Problems and relevant air pollution sources,
- Collect available data (meteorology and air quality),
- 4. Evaluate existing data,
- Representativeness of equipment,
- QA/QC procedures,
- 5. Plan the programme in detail,
- Siting studies,
- Consider field investigations,
- Emission source locations, simple modelling,
- Select relevant sites,
- 6. Optimise measurements, (cost/effective design),
- 7. Procure instruments,
- Specify technical requirements,
- Purchase and test instruments
- 8. Establish and initiate operation,
- Laboratory control systems,
- Develop standard operational procedures (SOP),
- Define and describe QA/QC procedures,
- 9. Training.

4 Operational sequence

Once the objective of air sampling is well defined, a certain operational sequence has to be followed. A best possible definition of the air pollution problem together with

and analysis of available personnel, budget and equipment represent the basis for decision on the following questions:

- 1. What spatial density of sampling stations is required?
- 2. How many sampling stations are needed?
- 3. Where should the stations be located?
- 4. What kind of equipment should be used?
- 5. How many samples are needed, during what period?
- 6. What should be the sampling (averaging) time and frequency?
- 7. What other than air pollution data are needed:
 - Meteorology,
 - Topography,
 - Population density,
 - Emissions,
 - Effects and impacts, etc.?
- 8. What is the best way to obtain the data (configuration of sensors and stations)?
- 9. How shall the data be communicated, processed and used?

The answers to these questions will vary according to the particular need in each case.

5 The modern air quality monitoring system

A modern air quality monitoring system should include:

- Data collectors; sensors and monitors,
- Data transfer systems and data quality assurance/control procedures,
- Data bases,
- Statistical and numerical models (included air pollution dispersion models and meteorological forecast procedures),
- User friendly graphical presentation systems including Geographical Information Systems (GIS),
- A decision support system,
- Data distribution systems and communication networks for dissemination of results to "outside" users.

The key features of the system described above is the integrated approach that combines monitoring, surveillance, information and planning and enables the user in a user friendly way to not only access data quickly, but also to use the data directly in the assessment and in the planning of actions.

The demand of the integrated system to enable monitoring, forecasting and warning of pollution situations has been and will be increasing in the future. The data may also be used for generating new indicators that relate directly to health impacts. This will require that numerical models are available with on-line data input as a part of the system.

6 Site selection

The urban air quality monitoring programme shall normally provide information to support and to facilitate the assessments of air quality in a selected area. The information shall be available in such a form that it is suitable to:

- Facilitate a general description of air quality, and its development over time (trend);
- Enable comparison of air quality from different areas and countries;
- Produce estimates of exposure of the population, and of materials and ecosystems;
- Estimate health impacts;
- Quantify damage to materials and vegetation;
- Produce emissions/exposure relations and exposure/effect relations;
- Support development of cost-effective abatement strategies;
- Support legislation (in relation to air quality directives);
- Influence/inform/assess effectiveness of future/previous policy.

The assessments should be based upon concentration fields (space-time fields) produced by the monitoring and information network or by a combination of monitoring and modelling, and should cover local as well as regional scale. The modelling efforts are essential in forming the link between emissions on the one hand and exposure and effects on the other hand.

7 Representativity

It is important to bear in mind, when measuring air quality or analysing results from measurements that the data you are looking at is a sum of impacts or contributions originating from different sources on different scales.

The total concentration is a sum of

- a natural background concentration,
- a regional background,
- a city average background concentration (kilometre scale impact),
- local impact from traffic along streets and roads,
- impact from large point sources; industrial emissions and power plants.

To obtain information about the importance of these different contributions it is therefore necessary to locate monitoring stations so that they are representative for the different impacts. This normally means that more than one monitoring site is needed for characterising the air quality in the urban area. It is also important to carefully characterise the monitoring representativeness, and to specify what kind of stations we are reporting data from. An often-used terminology is to classify according to the area type (urban, suburban, rural) where they are located, and according to what type of sources (traffic, industrial, background) dominates the air pollution levels at the station. The background stations are divided into; near-city background, regional and remote background stations.

8 Selection of indicators

It is normally not possible to measure all the air pollutants present in the urban atmosphere. We therefore have to choose some indicators that should represent a set of parameters selected to reflect the status of the environment. They should enable the estimation of trends and development, and should represent the basis for evaluating human and environmental impact. Further, they should be relevant for decisionmaking and they should be sensitive for environmental warning systems.

The selected set of environmental indicators are being be used by local and regional authorities as a basis for the design of monitoring and surveillance programmes and for reporting the state of the environment.

Air quality indicators should:

- Provide a general picture,
- Be easy to interpret,
- Respond to changes,
- Provide international comparisons,
- Be able to show trends over time.

The most often selected indicators are: SO₂, NO₂, O₃, CO, PM₁₀, PM_{2,5} and Benzene or BTX).

9 Instrumentation for air pollution measurements

Instruments for measurements of air pollutants may vary strongly in complexity and price from the simplest passive sampler to the most advanced and most often expensive automatic remote sampling system based upon light absorption spectroscopy of various kinds. The following Table indicates four typical types of instruments, their abilities and prices.

Instrument type	Type of data collected	Data availability	Typical averaging time	Typical price (US \$)
Passive sampler	Manual, in situ	After lab analyses	1-30 days	10
Sequential sampler	Manual /semi- automatic , in situ	After lab analyses	24 h	1 000
Monitors	Automatic Continuous, in situ	Directly, on-line	1h	>10 000
Remote monitoring	Automatic/Continuous , path integrated (space)	Directly, on-line	<1 min	>100 000

Different types of instruments, their abilities and price.

Relatively simple equipment is usually adequate to determine background levels (for some indicators), to check Air Quality Guideline values or to observe trends. Also for undertaking simple screening studies, passive samplers may be adequate. However, for complete determination of regional air pollution distributions, relative source impacts, hot spot identification and operation of warning systems more complex and advanced monitoring systems are needed. Also when data are needed for model verification and performance expensive monitoring systems are usually needed.

10 Meteorological data

Meteorological data are important input data to a system that is to be used for information, forecasting and planning purposes. Meteorological data are also important for explanatory reasons together with climatological data.

Meteorological data are needed from the surface, normally collected along 10 m towers, and up to the top of the atmospheric boundary layer. Automatic weather stations are currently being used in most large field studies, in remote areas and in complex terrain. Meteorological "surface data" such as winds, temperatures, stability, radiation, turbulence and precipitation are normally located together with the air quality monitoring station and data are being transferred to a central computer via radio communication, telephone or satellite.

11 Data retrieval and QA/QC

When the air quality monitoring programme has been designed and indicators selected, it is important to prepare the Quality Assessment and Quality Control programme.

Procedures for Quality Assessment (QA) and Quality Control (QC) are developed to ensure that the data emerging from the monitoring will at least satisfy the data quality objectives (DQOs) defined by the responsible authorities. Complete QA/QC procedures are rather complex, and they should be documented. A very important element in the quality control procedures is the calibration procedures and the traceability of the calibration standards used in the network/station back to absolute standards of known quality. Institutions responsible for the QA/QC procedures and their follow-up may be national, regional or local

12 Reporting

Reporting procedures may vary from country to country and from one city to another. The requirements are normally given by central authorities and may include:

- Daily reports (AQI)
- Weekly reports (printouts)
- Monthly reports (data summary results)
- Bi-annual summary reports (normally not required)
- Annual report (status, assessment)

13 Dispersion models for future impacts

Numerical and statistical models are being used in air pollution studies of various content and complexity. The models can roughly be divided into two main types:

- 1. Source oriented models
- 2. Receptor models

Receptor models use measured concentrations of various air pollutants over long time periods and can by statistical analyses identify source impact and the different sources contribution to the concentration measured at specific receptor points.

The source oriented models combine information about sources (emission inventories), meteorology as well as area characteristics, topography, surface roughness etc. to estimate concentration distributions. To estimate the future impact at ground level from planned emissions of air pollution, different type of source oriented air pollution dispersion models have to be applied.

The **source oriented models** are the only ones that adequately can be used for planning purposes. Receptor models can mainly be used for explaining measured concentrations, and is useful in such cases.

Wide ranges of different models have been published in scientific papers and even a larger number of unpublished models and special model versions exist. Models can be distinguished on many grounds: e.g. the underlying physical concepts, the temporal and spatial scale, and type of component. Contemporary air pollution models deal with "conventional" primary pollutants (mainly SO₂, CO, NOx and VOC).

The models need as input data some background information on;

- Source characteristics and emission data
- Area characteristics (surface roughness, topography etc..)
- Measurement data (measurement type, heights etc..)
- Meteorological data (wind, stability, mixing height, temperatures etc..)
- Dispersion coefficients (type to be used and parameters)
- Dry and wet removal coefficients
- Location of receptor points (distances or grid specifications)

14 Emission inventories

Emission estimates are collected together into inventories or databases which usually also contain supporting data on, for example: the locations of the sources of emissions; emission measurements where available; emission factors; capacity, production or activity rates in the various source sectors; operating conditions; methods of measurement or estimation, etc.

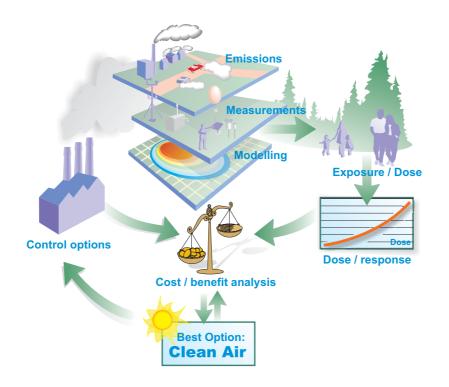
To identify the characteristics of different sources the different air pollution sources are normally divided into:

- Point sources (emissions from stacks, e.g. power plants and industries),
- Line sources (emission from traffic along a road or a street),

• Area sources (e.g. residential heating and other small sources distributed over an area),

15 Cost benefit analyses

When data and models are made available there are several analyses that can be performed to estimate the impacts of planned actions. We will present two examples using the AQM system to estimate the most cost-effective actions to reduce air pollution.



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. 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.

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.

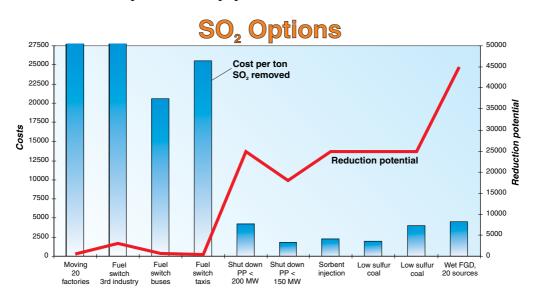
16 Optimal abatement strategies and action plans

Based on defined abatement options and scenarios, cost-benefit analyses can be used to evaluate the best possible options to reduce the air pollution load seen from an economic point of view. The results of such analyses may again lead to the development of action plans.

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 essence of the Action Plan dealt with air pollution exposure of the population rather than just emissions. In the action plan, the costs of each control option were calculated in terms of costs per percentage point of exposure reduction, and this is compared with the potential to reduce the pollution exposure that is associated with the option.

Based upon this, the control options are ranked according to their cost-effectiveness. Least cost packages of control options to arrive at a given target for air quality can then be developed. This method is superior to the most used method of looking only at costs of emissions reduction and prioritising according to that, without taking into consideration the large effects that the emission conditions (location compared to the population centres, the stack height, etc.) have on the resulting pollution concentrations and exposure of the population.



Evaluating ten different SO_2 control options indicated that plant shut down and low sulphur coal use are the most cost effective options in Guangzhou.

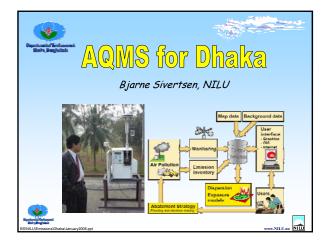
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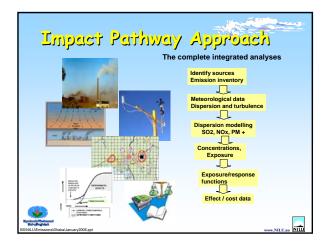
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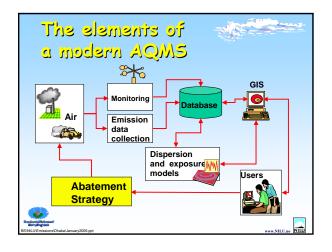
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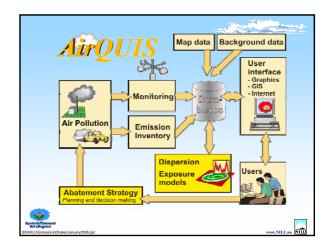
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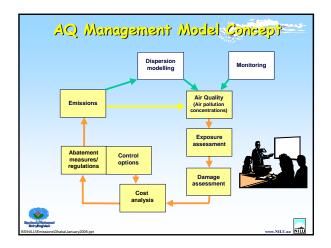


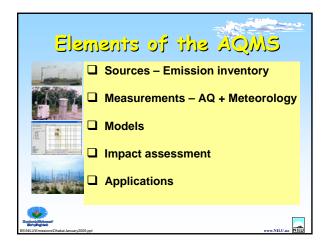


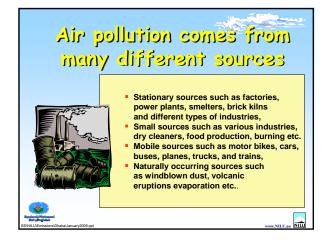




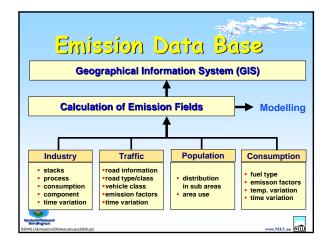


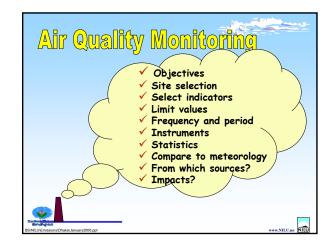




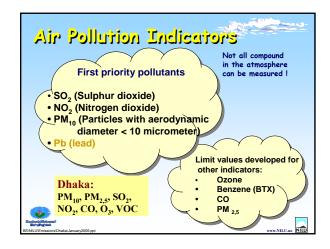






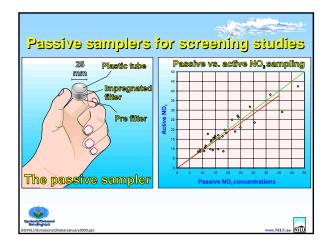


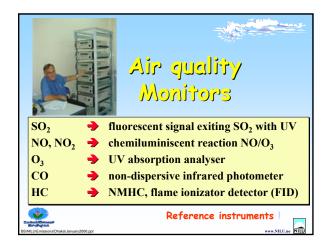


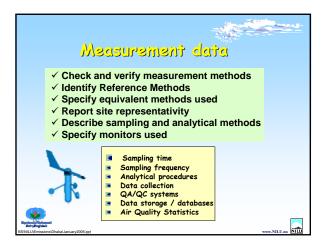


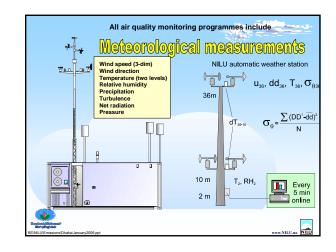
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NO ₂	1-hour average	200 µg/m ³	-
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O ₃	1-hour average	150-200 μg/m ³	235 μg/m ³
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PM ₁₀	24- hour average	50 (EU)	150 μg/m ³
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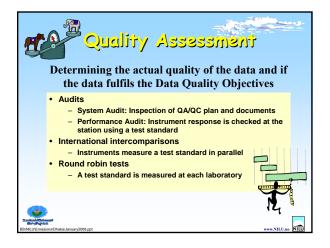


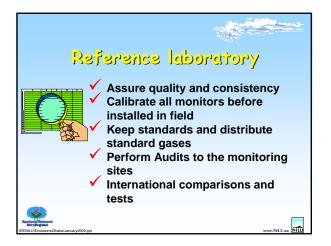




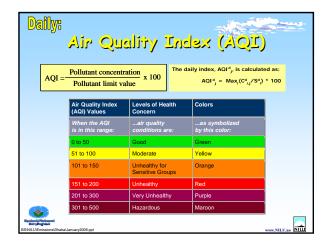




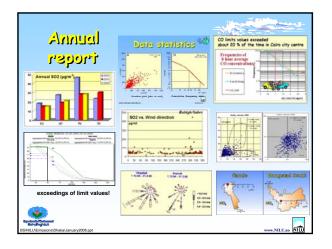


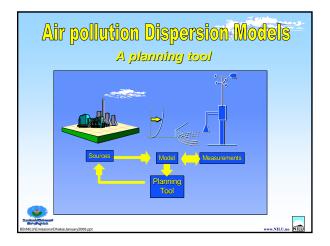


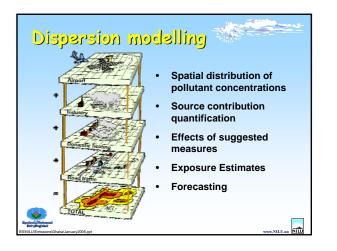


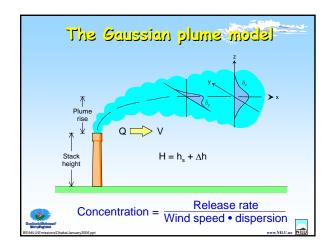


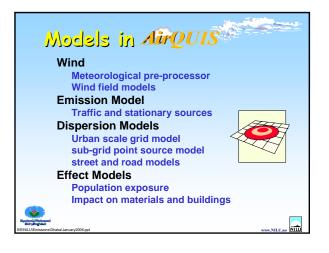


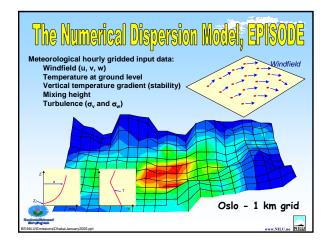


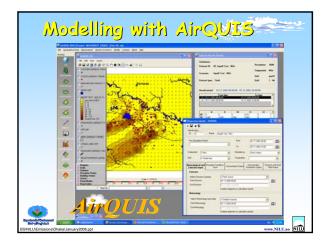


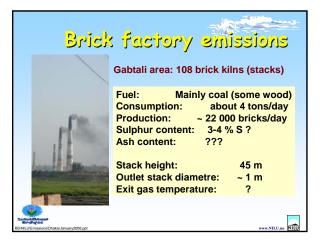


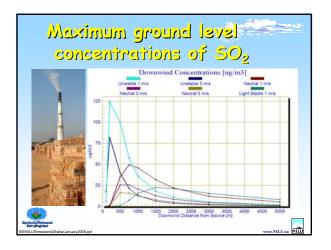


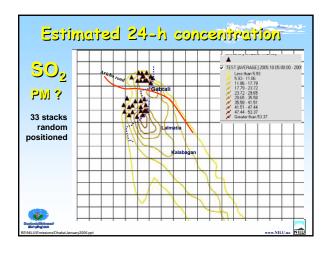


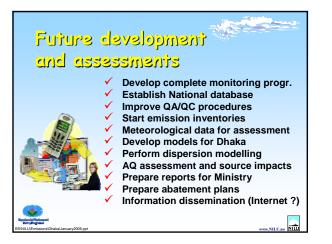


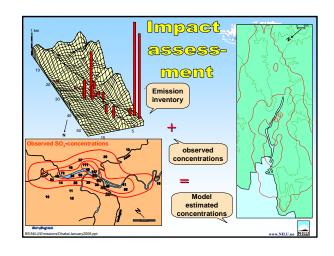






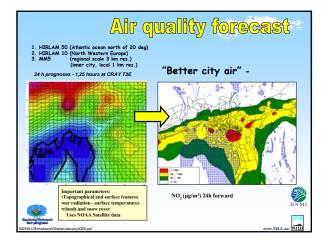






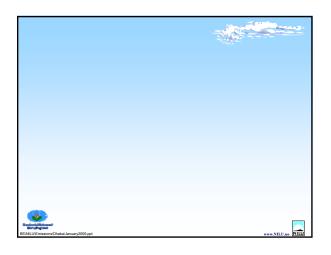


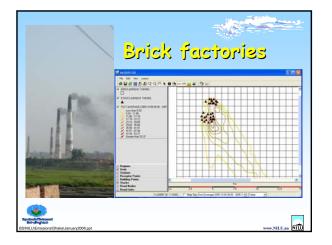




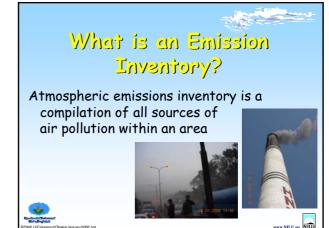




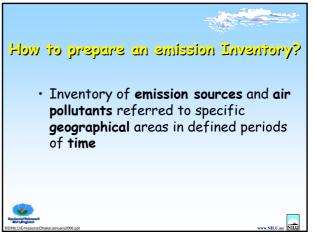


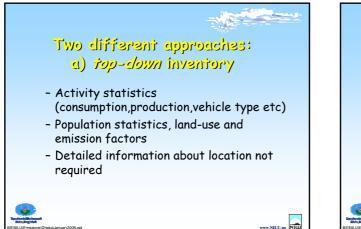






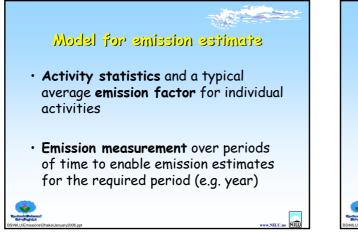


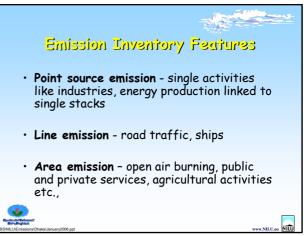


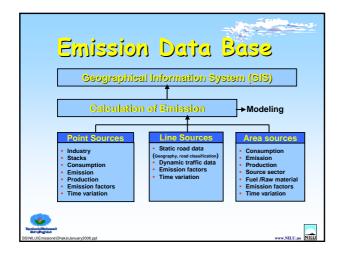


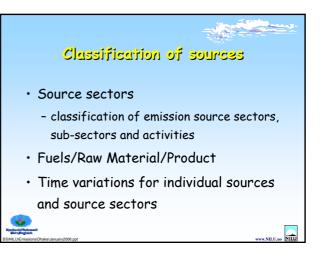


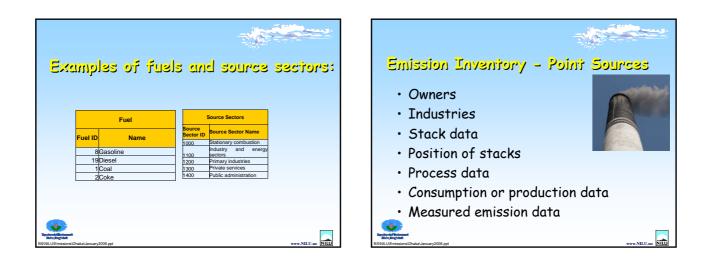
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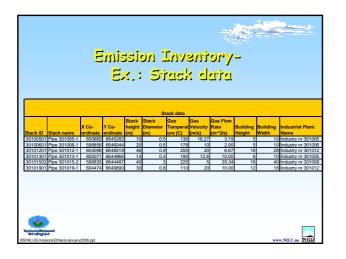






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