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Clean Air Testzone

Reduction of emissions from wood stoves
-> from lab to real life

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Background

- ~700,000 wood stoves in Denmark (population 6m)
 - Accounts for up to 70% of BC and PM2.5 pollution
- Regulation:
 - Emission only regulated for type approval in laboratory
 - Stoves from before 2003 replaced when change of ownership
 - Intensive political discussions at the moment...
- Stove operation has a huge impact on emissions
- Recent development in wood stove technology
- Real-life effect on emissions?





Clean Air Test zone – Reduction of emissions from wood stoves

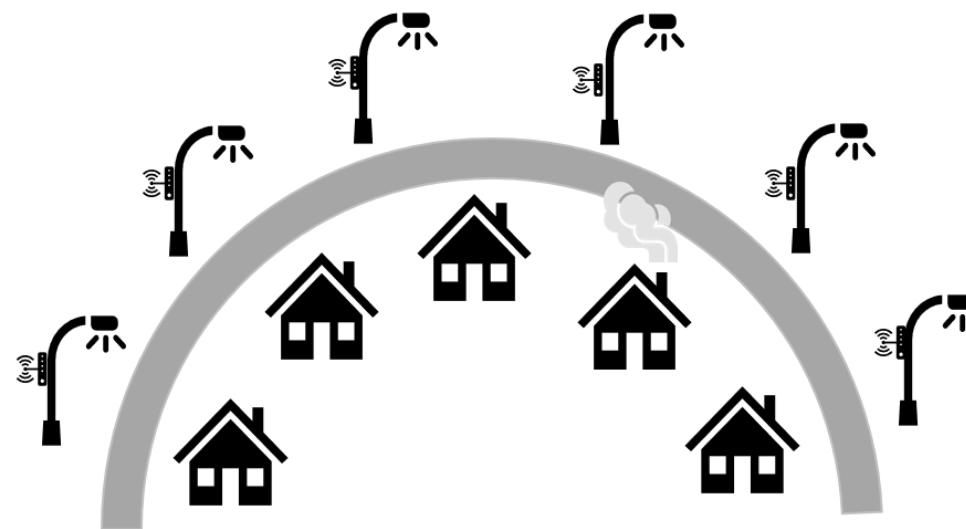
- Effect of interventions on emissions in real life situations
- Impact on indoor environment and neighborhood

! Identify measures that provide most environmental impact from a cost-benefit perspective (cost/effect)



How?

- Carefully selected residential area
- Technological approaches:
 - New stoves
 - Filter
 - Draft booster / new chimney
 - Education
- Documentation of effect:
 - Outdoor air quality sensors – main focus on PM
 - Indoor air quality sensors
 - Direct emission measurements in chimneys with state-of-art equipment





Installation af stove/filters
(summer/autumn 2021)

Education in correct burning
(autumn/winter 2021)

Winter 2020/21

- Sensor installation
- Baseline:
 - Air quality measurements (indoor + outdoor)
 - Direct emissions (selected stoves)

Winter 2021/22

- Year 1 with initiatives
 - New stoves
 - Filters
 - Education

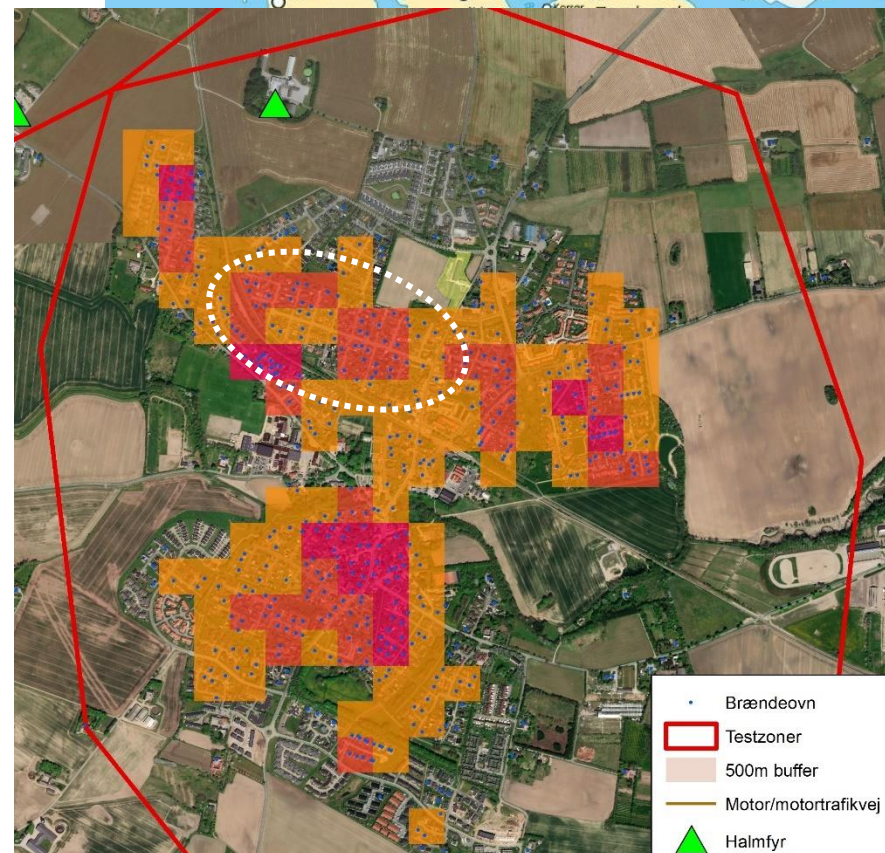
Winter 2022/23

- Year 2 with new/further initiatives:
 - Chimneys
 - Draft booster
 - Education
 - (new stoves)



Mårslet, Denmark

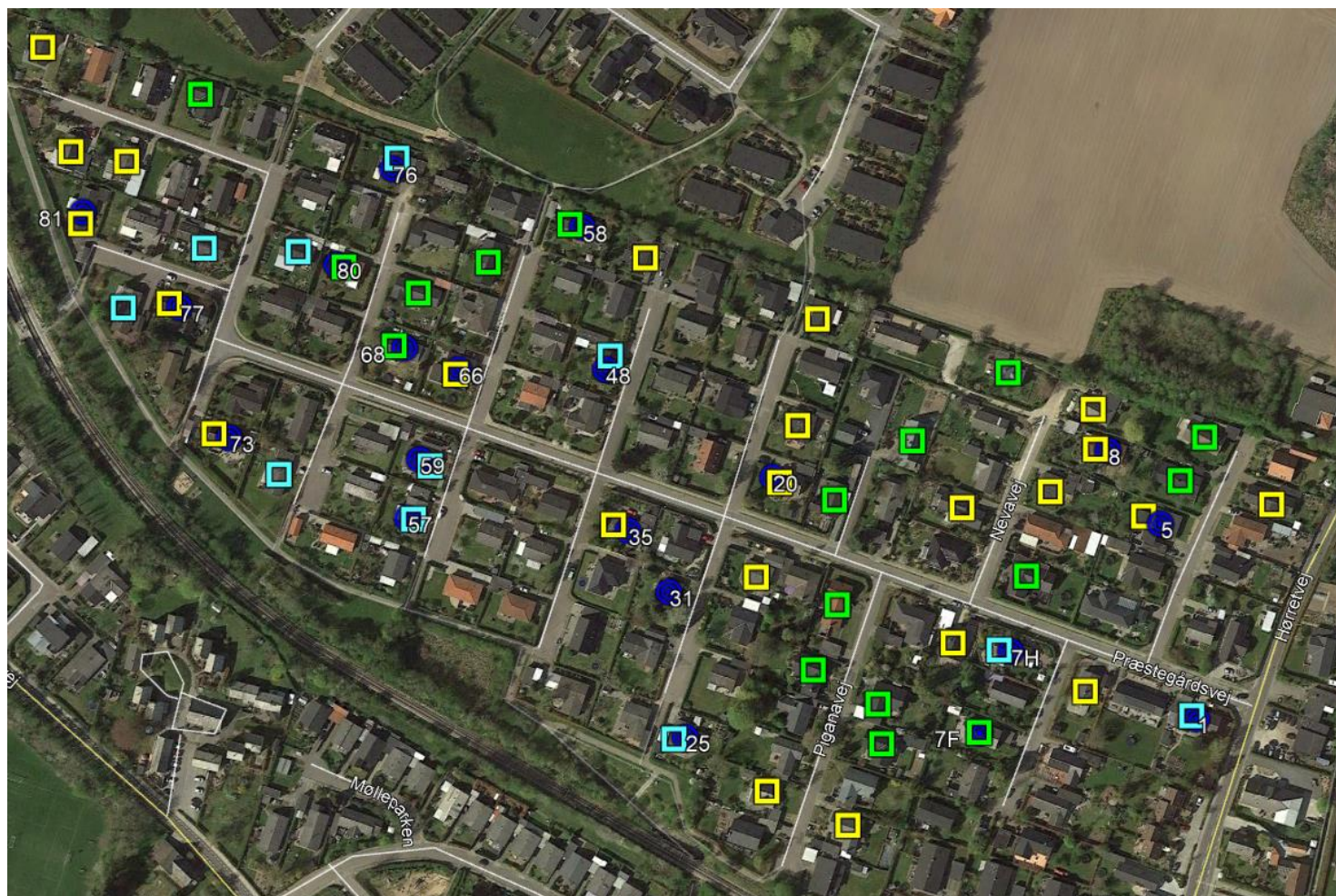
- Sufficient number of wood stoves – and active in use
- Little expected background pollution (roads, industry, etc.) for dominating wind direction
- Criteria for selection:
 - Frequency of use and age of stoves
 - Density and placements of participants
 - Lamp-posts for adequate sensor placements





Præstegårdsvej, Mårslet

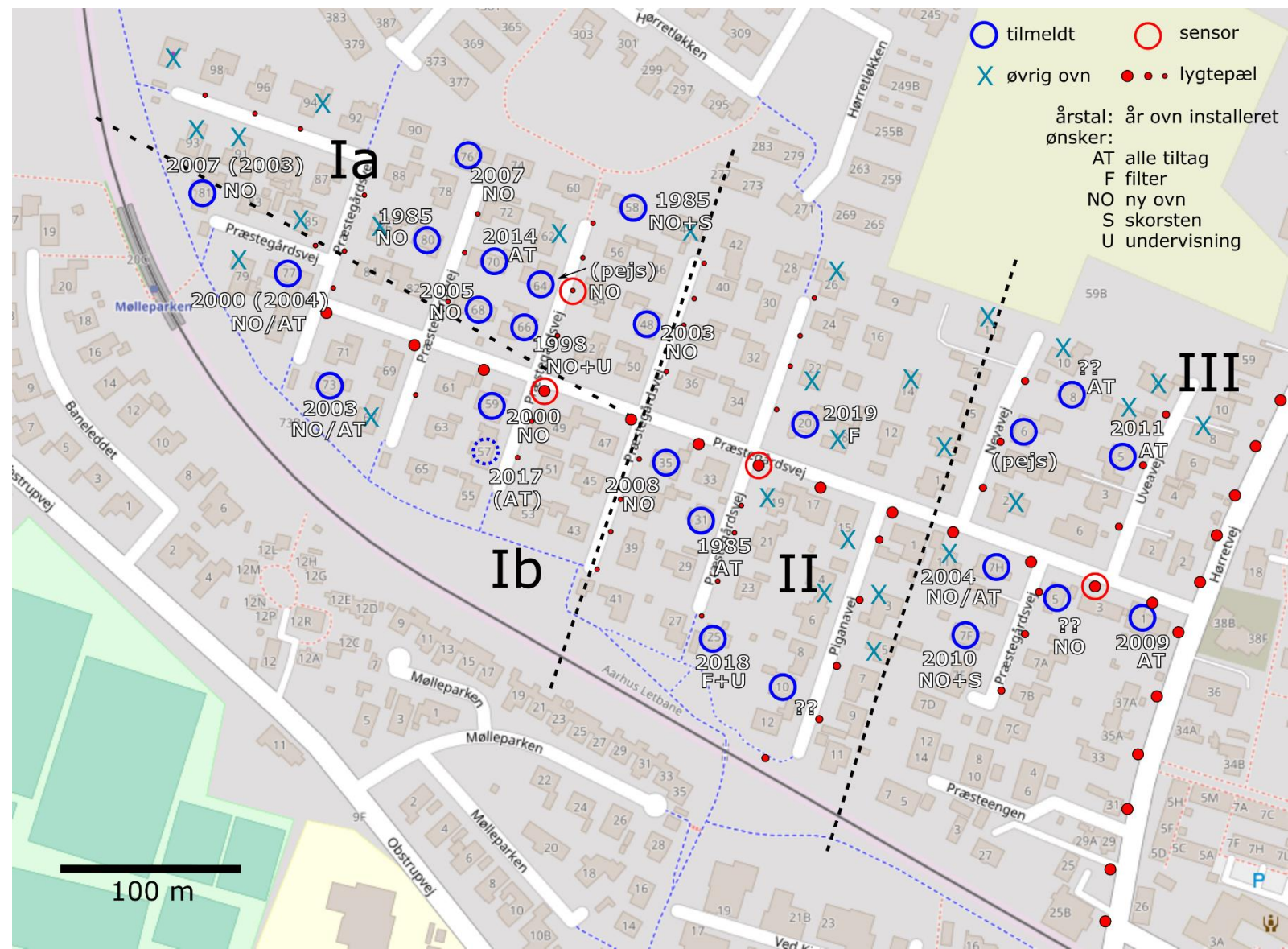
- 25 participating households
- ~20 indoor sensors installed
- 4 outdoor sensors + 1 background sensor



Præstegårdsvej,
Mårslet

- Divided into 4 main zones:

	Year 1	Year 2år (tentative)
Ia	New stove	-
Ib	New stove	New chimney / draft booster
II	Filter	New stove and/or education
III	Education	(new technology)





Local interviews during a pandemic and installing indoor sensors – not an easy job!

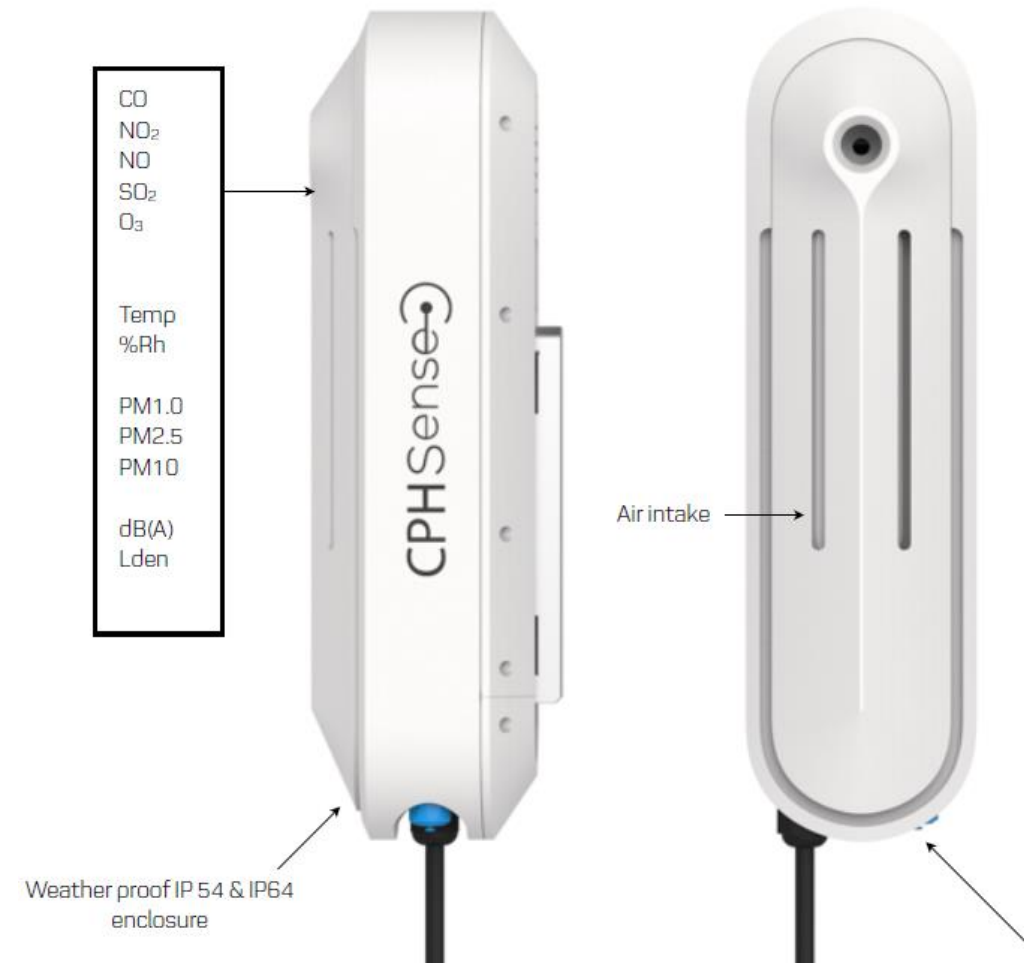


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Type skorsten, stand:	
Rumbeskrivelse, størrelse, åben til køkken:	
Brug:	
Brændsel: type, opbevaring, fugt, størrelse, mængde:	
Typisk opstart:	
Typisk genfyring:	
Spjæld-håndtering:	
Fyring ved flammer eller gløder?:	
Føler I der er træk nok?:	
Generer den varme nok til rummet?:	
Giver ovnen gener i boligen?:	Klager fra naboer?:
Er der husdyr:	Rygning i hjemmet:
Brug af levende lys:	Bruges oven samtidig med emhætte:
Åbnes vindue eller slukkes emhætte ved opstart?:	
Indeklima sensor, SN:	Egnet til online målinger: (J/N)
Manuel log over tidspunkt for opstart og genfyring første 4 måneder:	
Øvrig:	



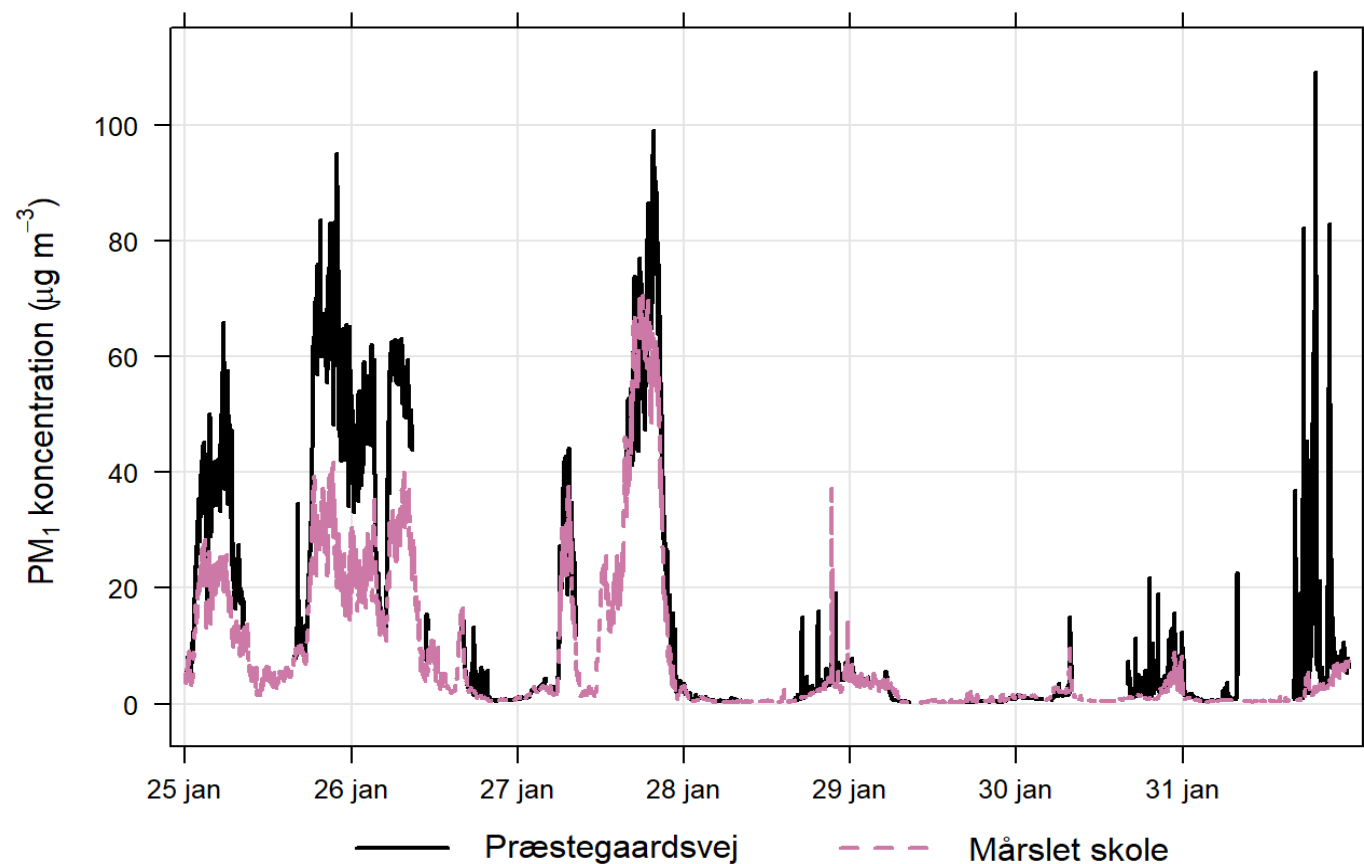


Data collection – outdoor sensors



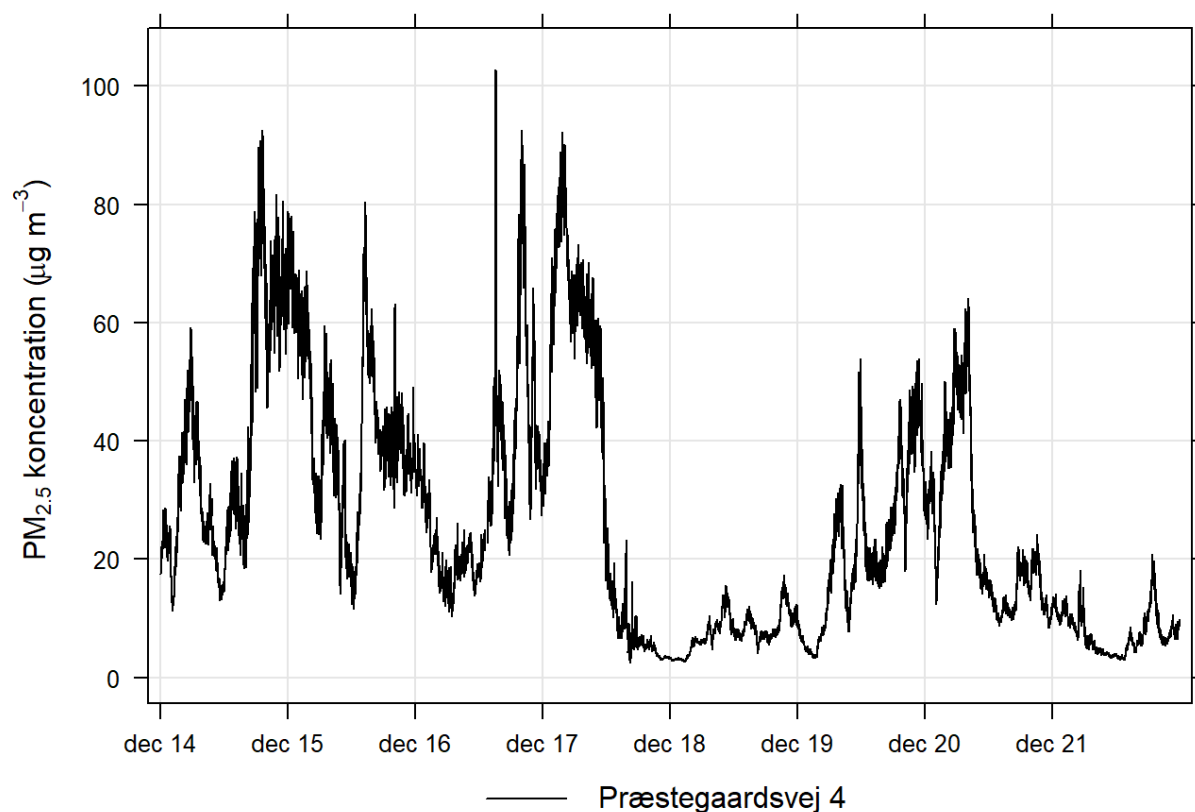


Raw data from Test zone – background sensor (red) vs. local (black)





Example: Præstegaardsvej sensor 4 (pm_{2.5})



Observed variations can be due to many different effects, such as:

- Local emissions (incl. wood stoves)
- Wind (direction, dilution, speed, turbulence, ...)
- Background (long distance transport)
- ...

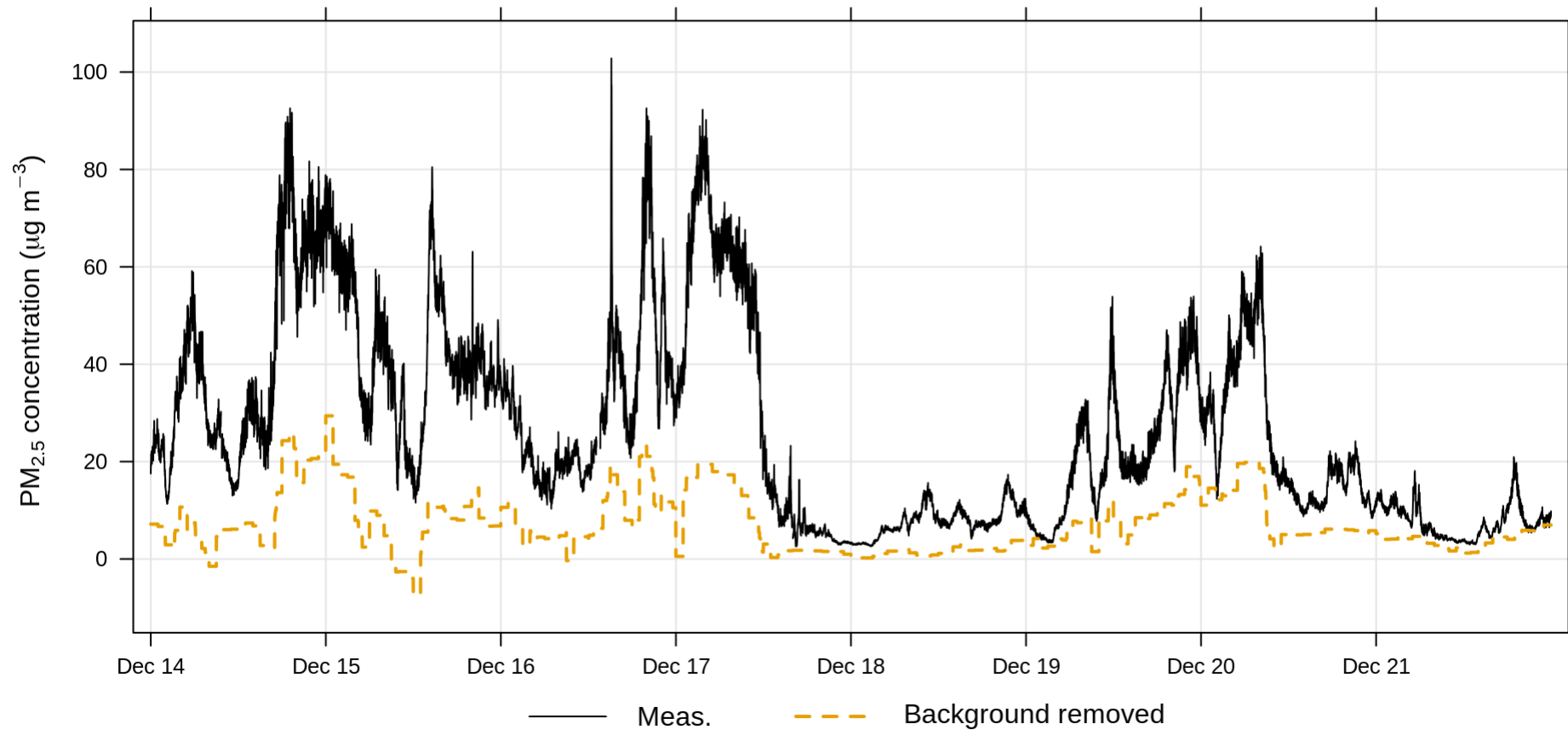
Analysis approach – met. normalization:*

- Fit concentrations based on input (wind speed, wind direction, diurnal variation, etc.)
- Non-linear fit performed through random forest (machine learning)

* See Grange & Carslaw (2019) for further information

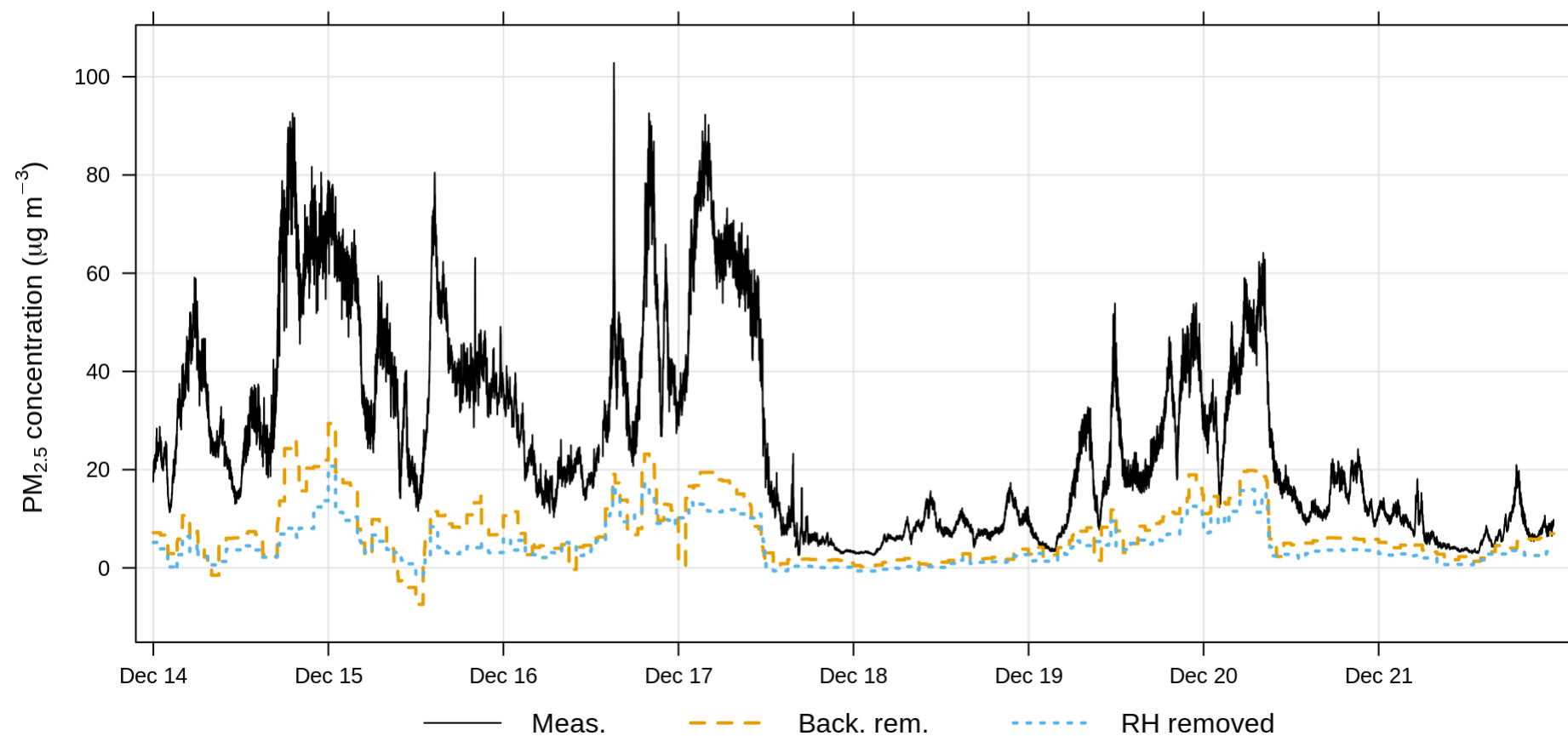


Prel. results



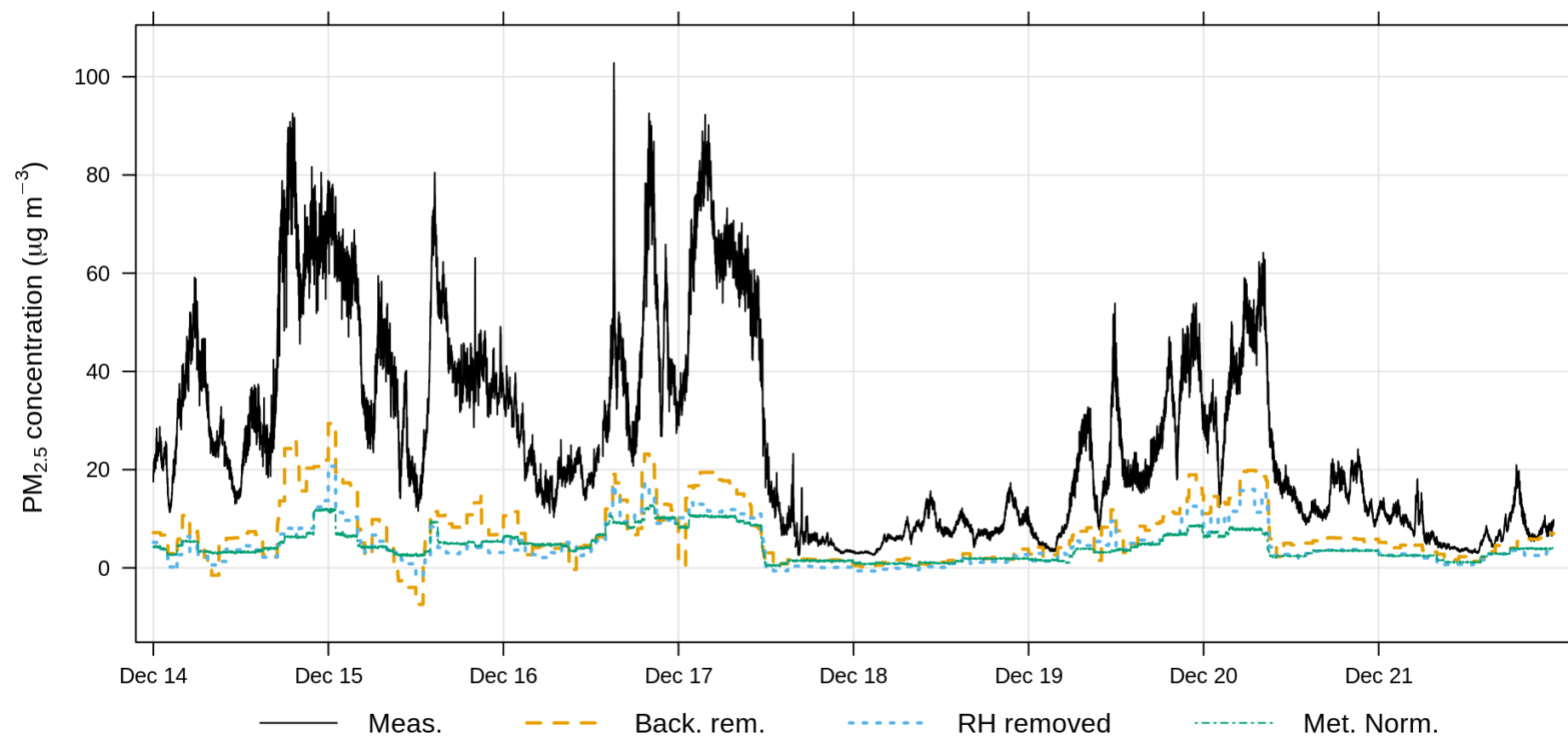


Prel. results





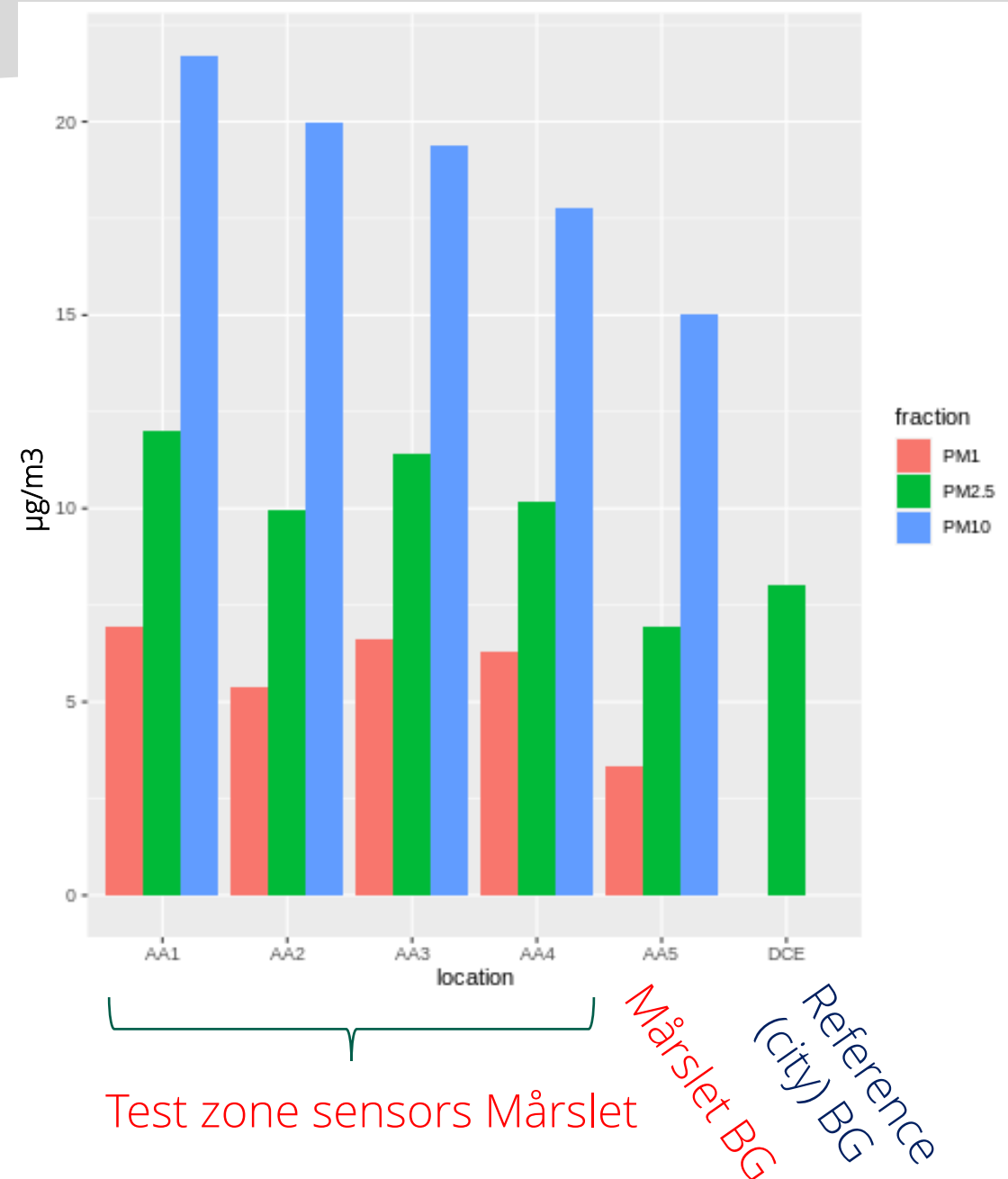
Prel. results





Prel. results - summary

- Substantial contribution from wood stoves (and other local sources) in all size fractions
- Largest relative contribution for PM1
- 25-50 % increase in PM2.5 as compared to BG (average for a 3 month period)
- Comparing results with reference city monitoring station (Botanic garden, Aarhus) provides a good sanity check of data for now



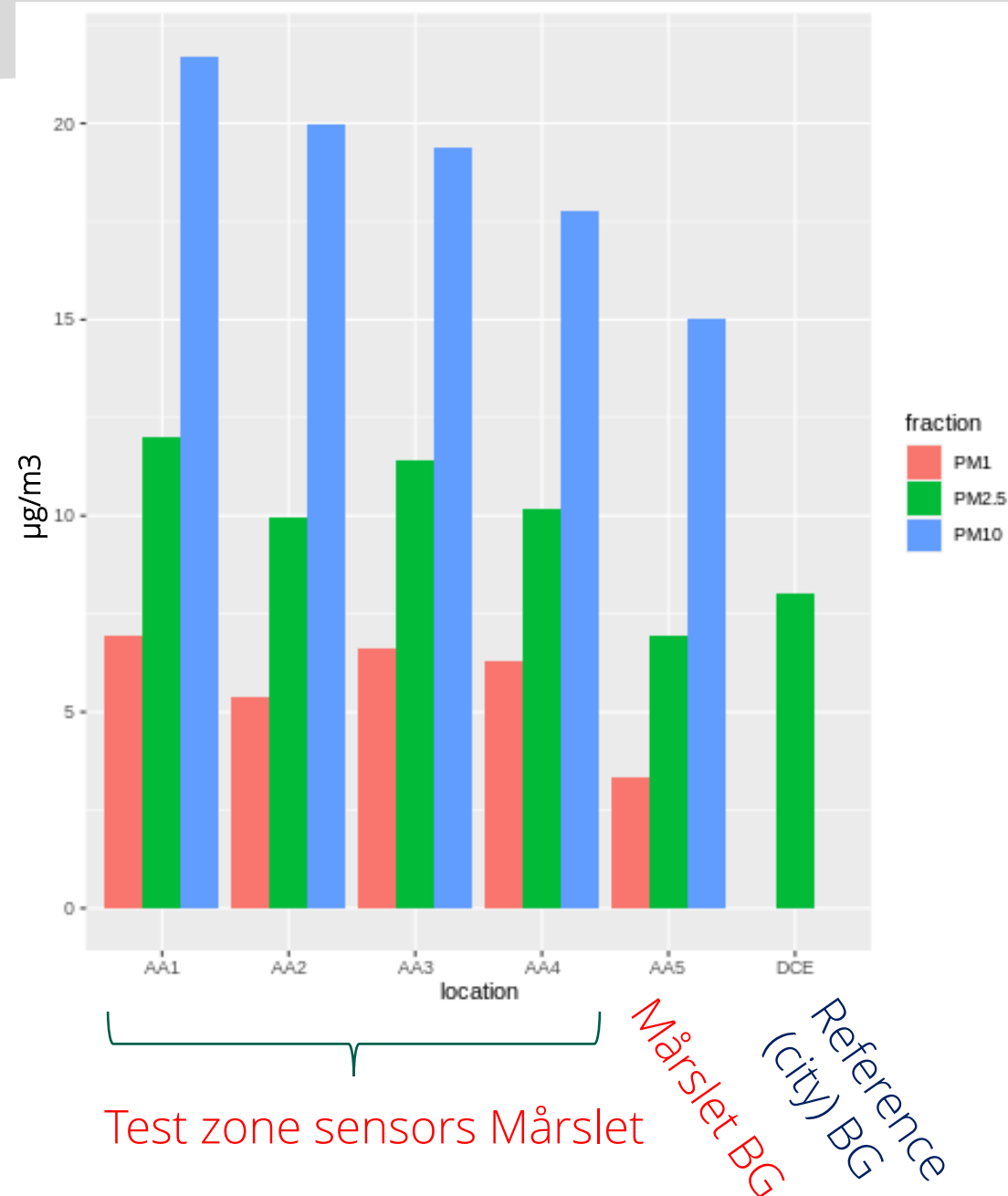


Uncertainties

- Separation between wood stoves and other local sources
- Correction for sensor artefacts (e.g. spikes at high RH)
- Potential systematic biases between sensors

Next steps:

- Explore temporal variation and coupling with fuel logs / chimney temperature profiles
- On-site calibration of sensors (scheduled fall 2021)
- Add subsequent measurements to explore source attribution (e.g. summer vs. winter contributions)
- Improve on sensor artefact identification





Reference measurements

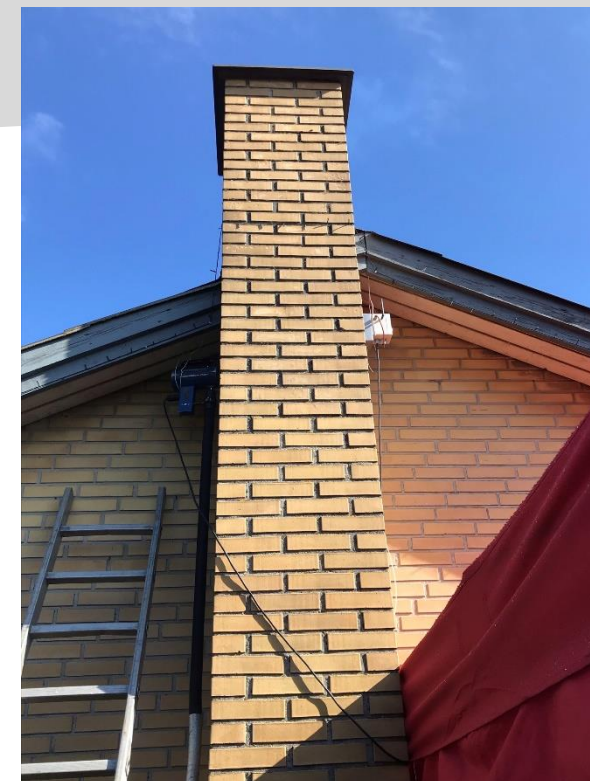
- Selected households (2 per zone)
- Onsite measurements (1-2 days)
- Measurements before/after intervention
- Measurement of:
 - Temperature [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]
 - CO₂ [%-vol]
 - CO [%-vol og mg/Nm³ v/13% O₂]
 - OGC [mgC/nm³ v/13% O₂]
 - NO_x [mg/nm³ v/13% O₂]
 - Dust (PM in hot exhaust)
 - PM_{2.5} (with developed ambient sensor)

PM_{2.5}

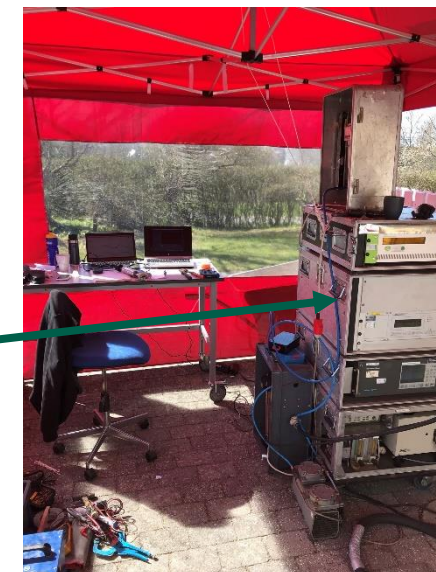
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Gases

Temp



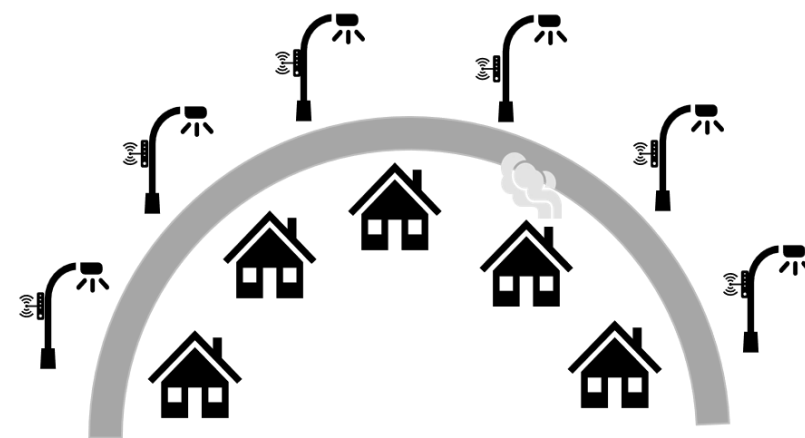
Measurement
rack





Summary

- Emission reducing steps demonstrated in real life test zone
- 25 participating households in Mårslet, Denmark
- Focus on baseline so far – main challenge is separating wood stove signal from other local sources (ambient measurements)
 - To be coupled with direct emission measurements
- Effect of different interventions to be demonstrated the next two heating seasons
- Measurements indicate a 25-50% increase in PM_{2.5} during heating season 20/21 as compared to suburban background.





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