



# **AQ in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan:**

**Compiling evidence to  
support policy formation**

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## Key successes

- Building an evidence base – a start
- Education of local counterparts
- Co-ordination from UNEP, UNDP, WB, ADB, UNICEF...





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# Introduction/Context

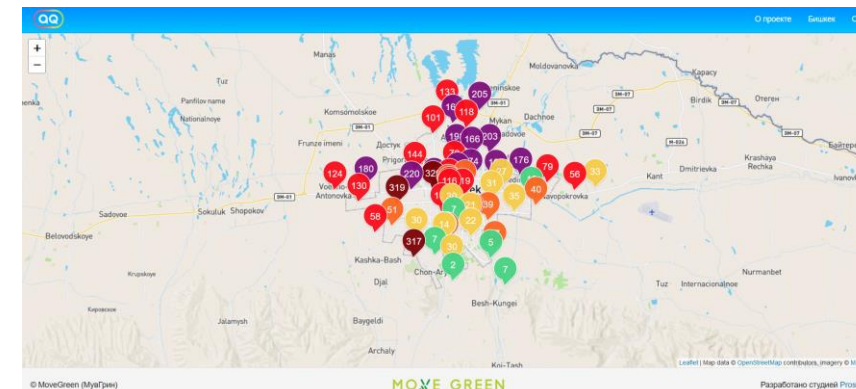
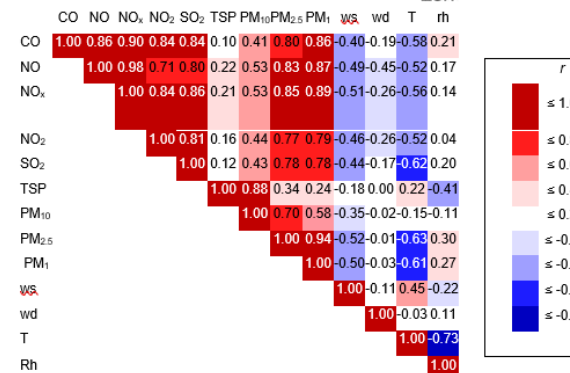
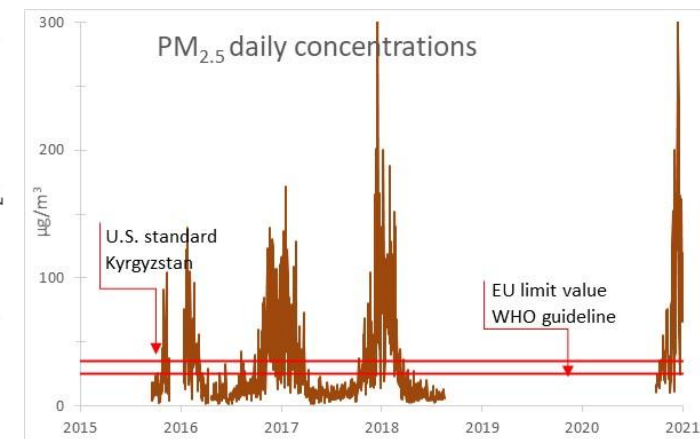
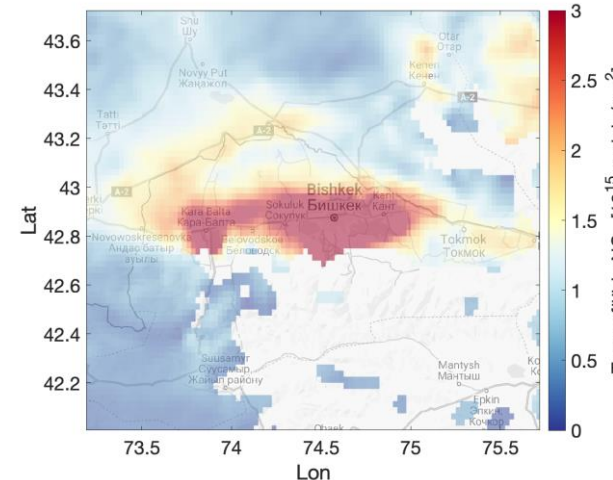
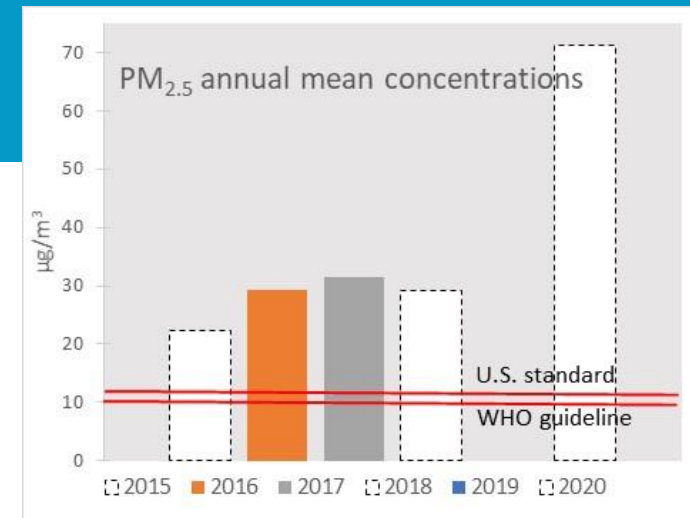
- Bishkek is sometimes the most polluted city in the world
- A lot of **residential coal use**
- Old road transport vehicle fleet
- Mountains to the South
- Strong winter-time **inversions**
- Current AQ strategy is more of a “wish list”
- **Little/no evidence base**





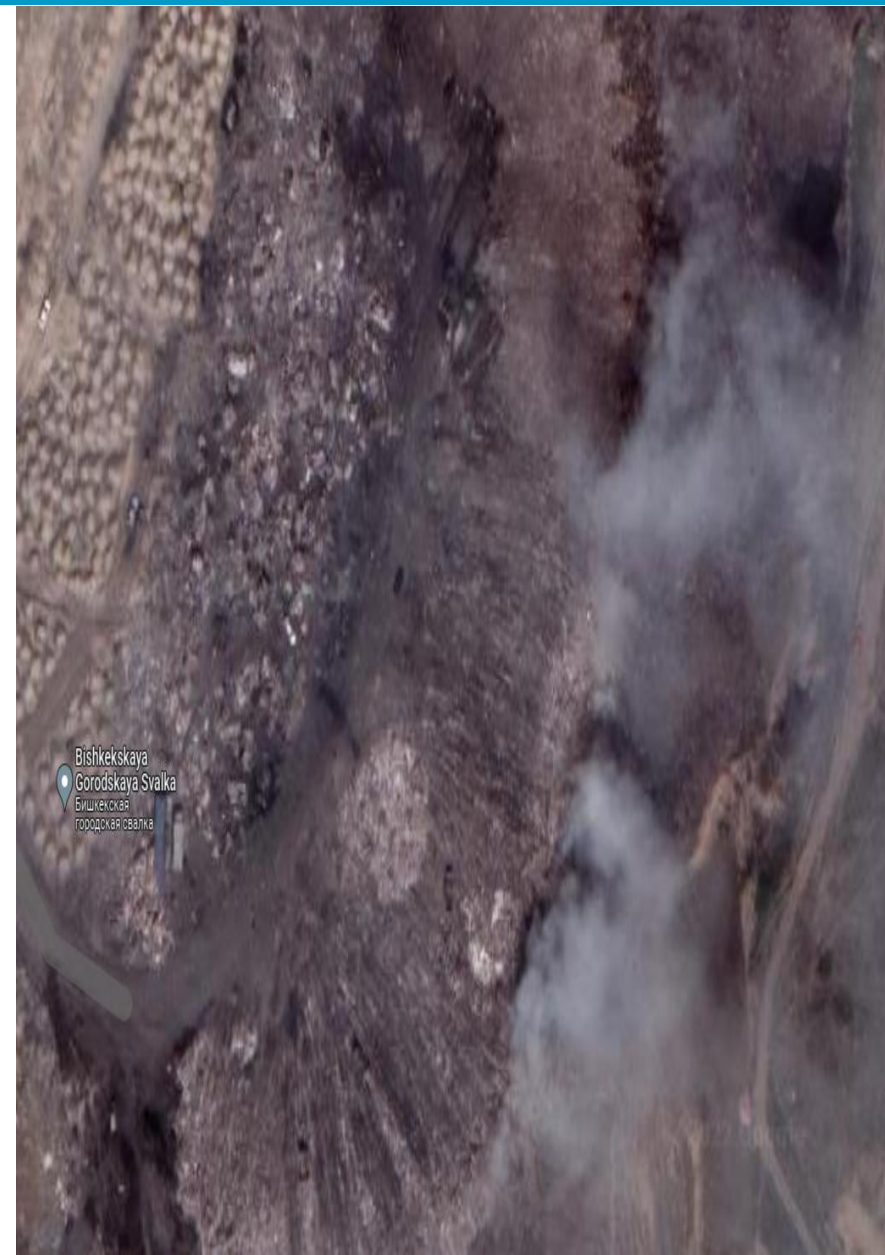
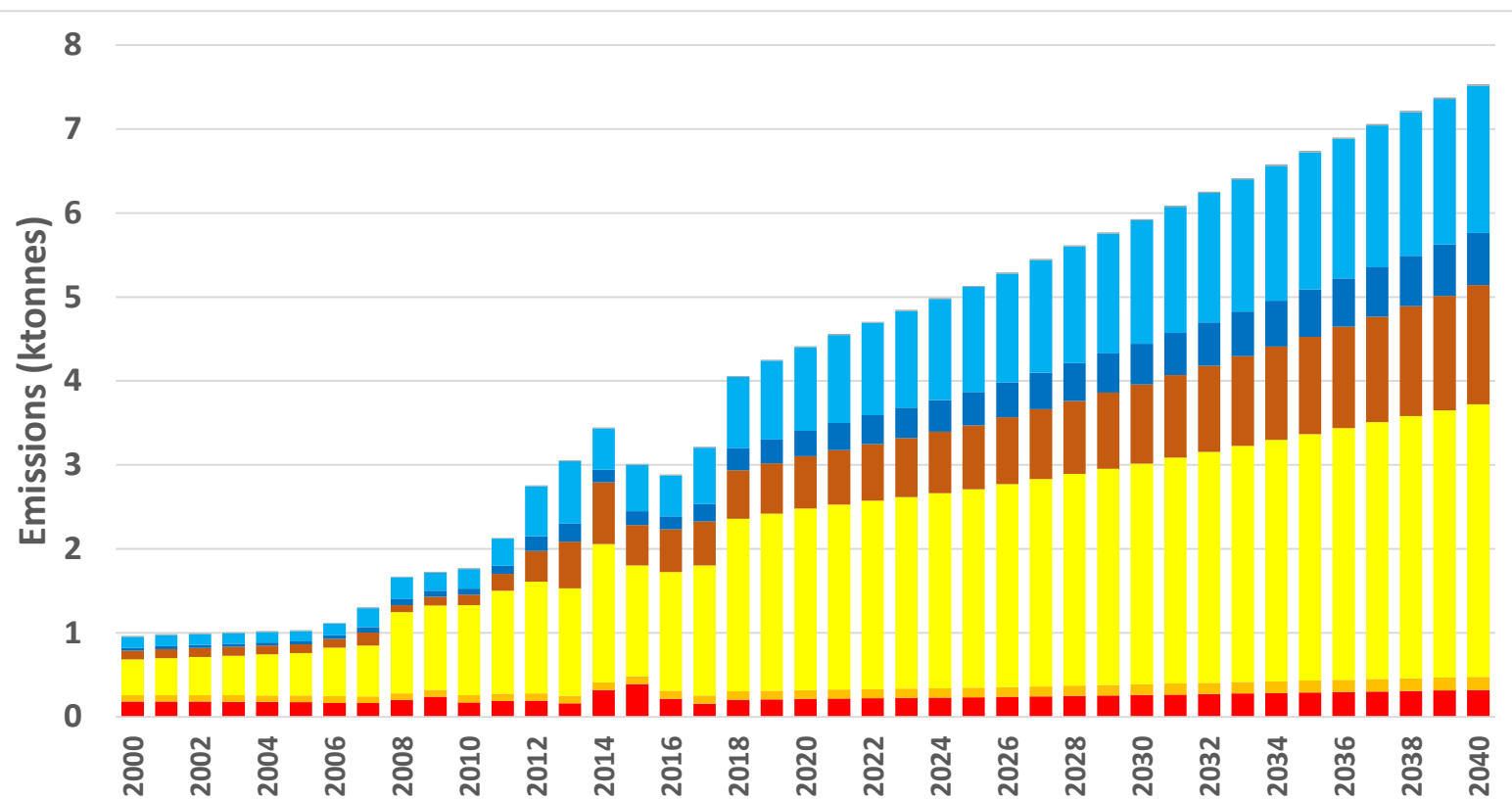
# 1. Review of AQ Monitoring & Meteorology

- Limited **automatic monitoring** stations
  - KyrgysHydromet station in operation since 2015
- Numerous **low-cost sensors**
  - Networks run by different operators
- Satellite data**
- Very limited measurements of **meteorological conditions**
- Strong **winter-time inversions.**



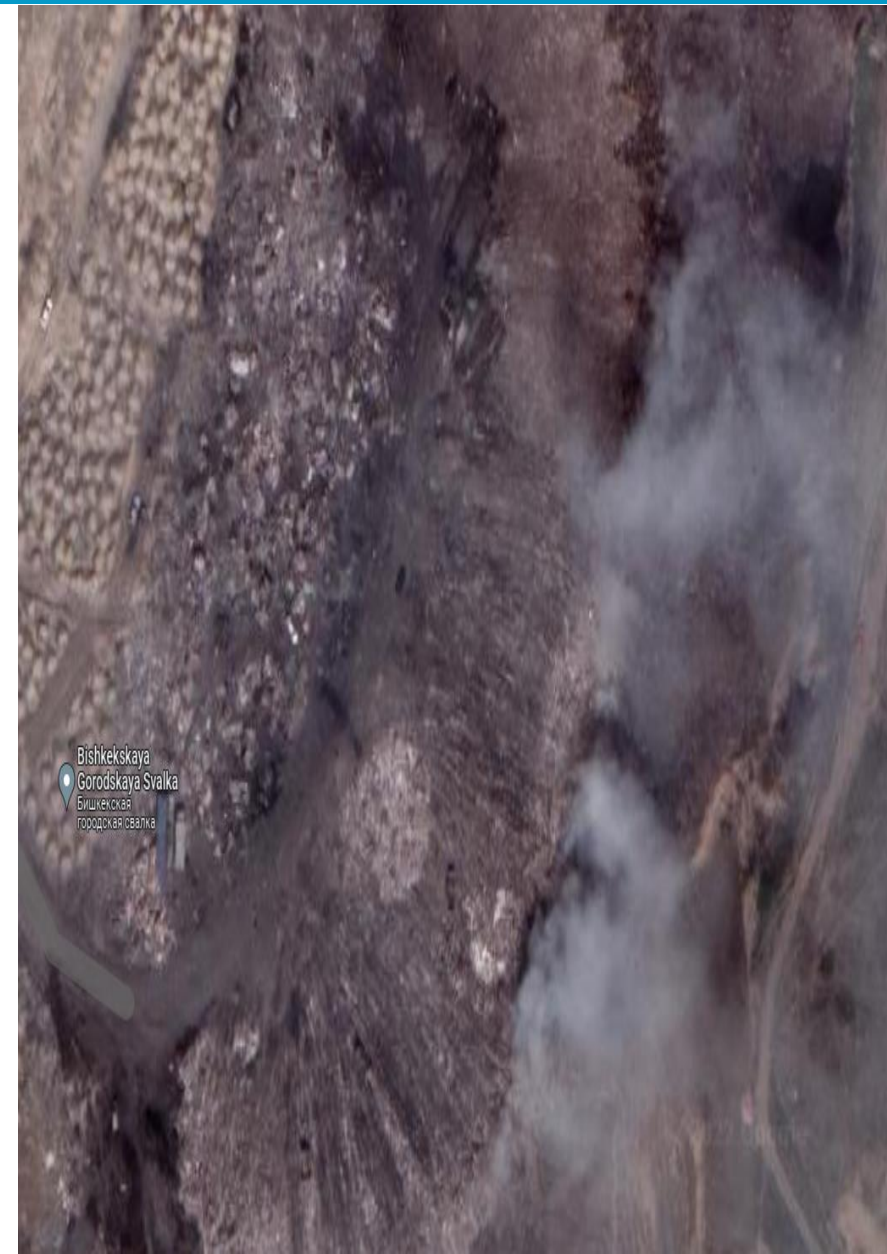
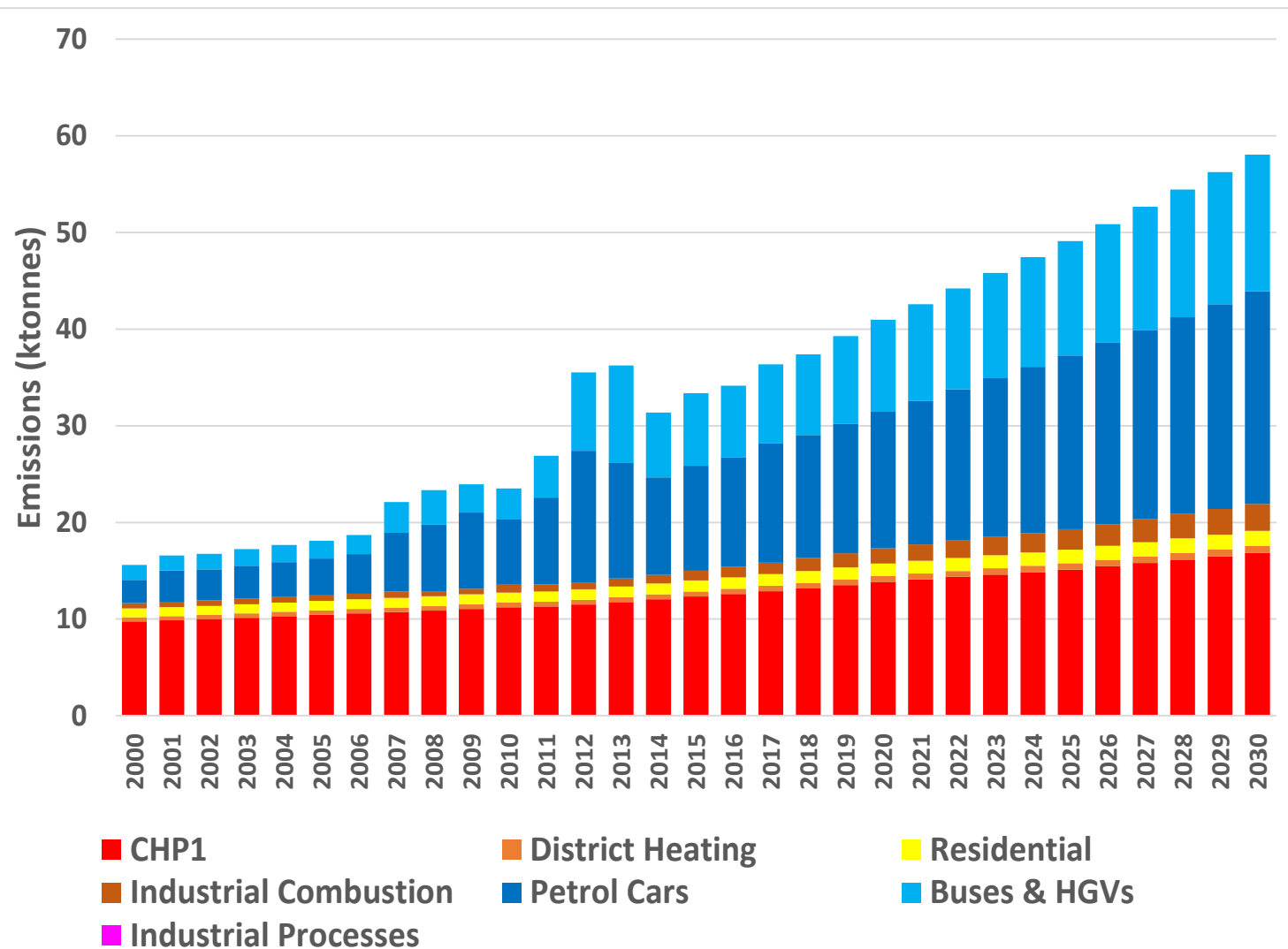
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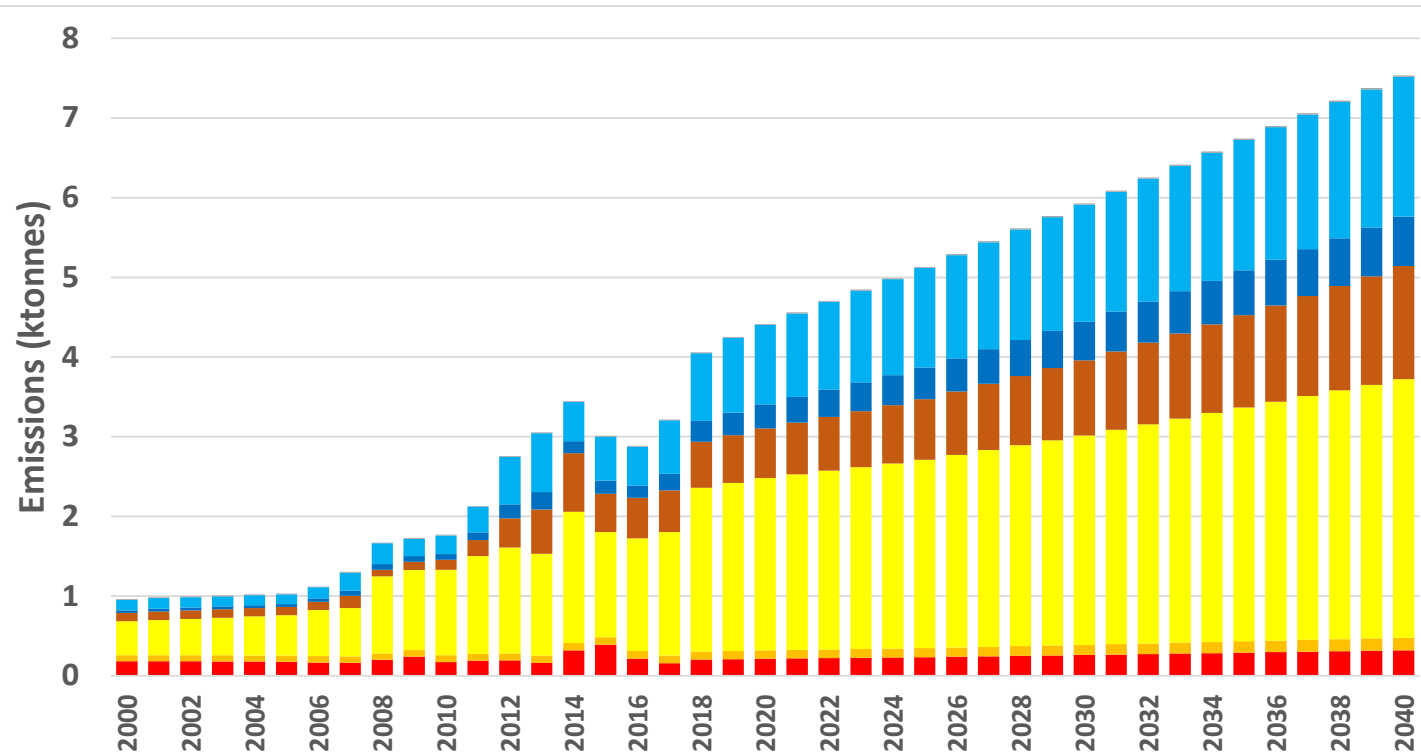
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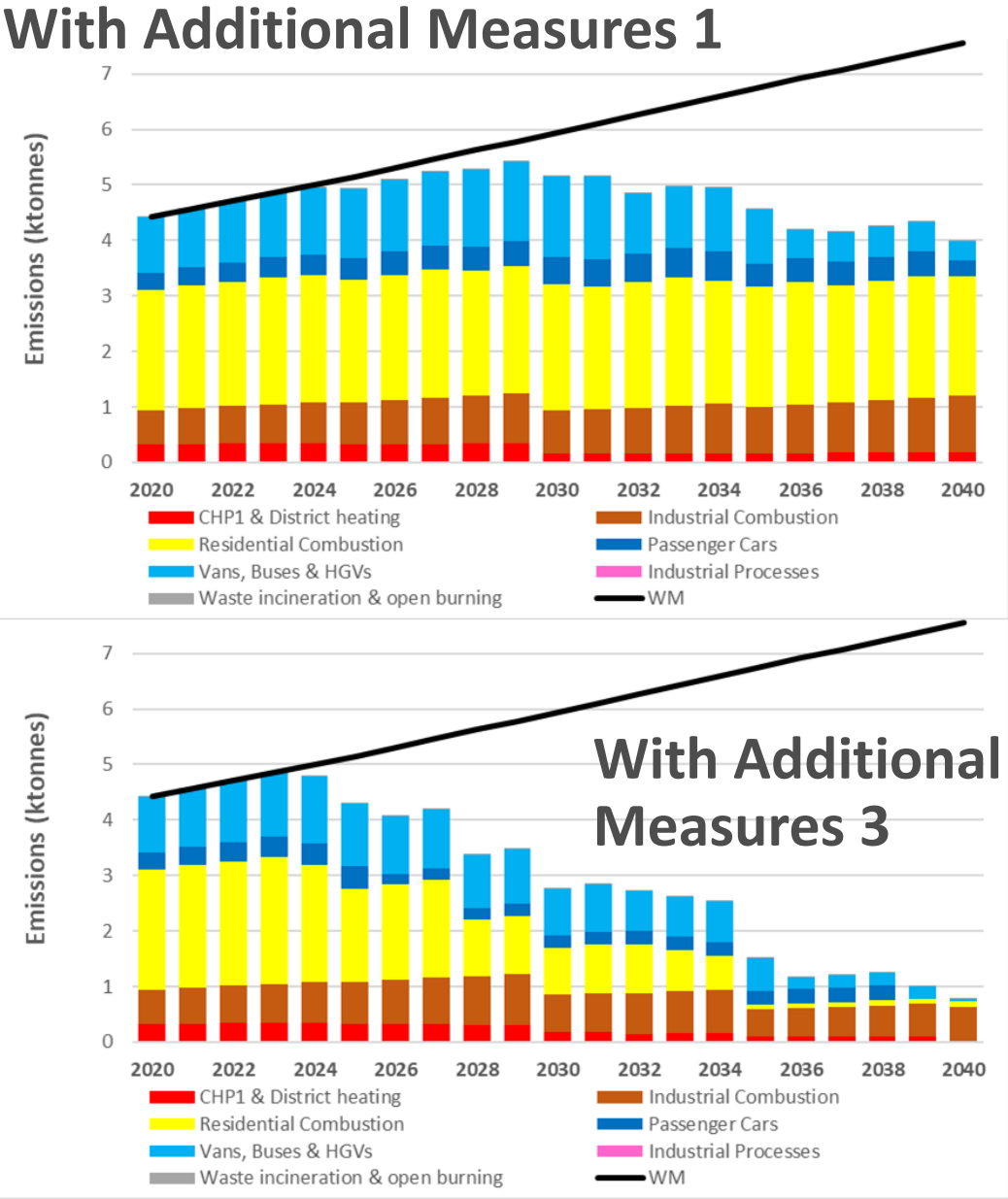
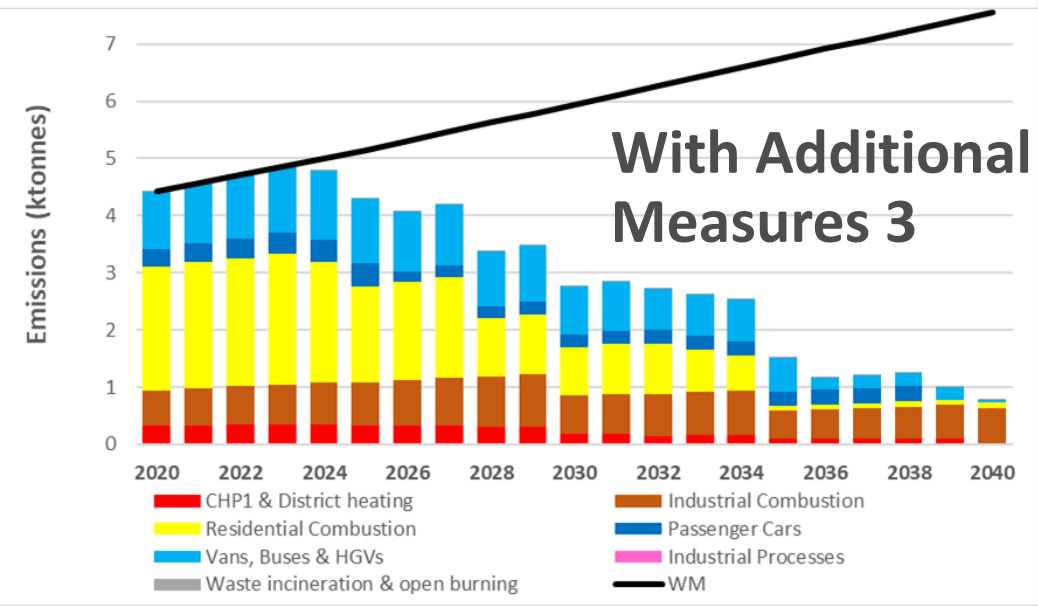
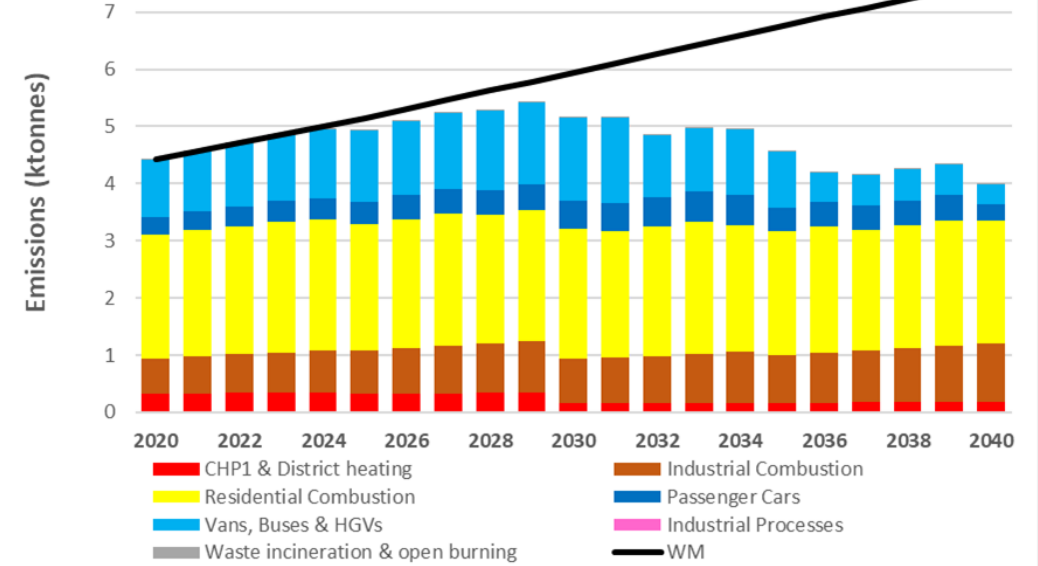


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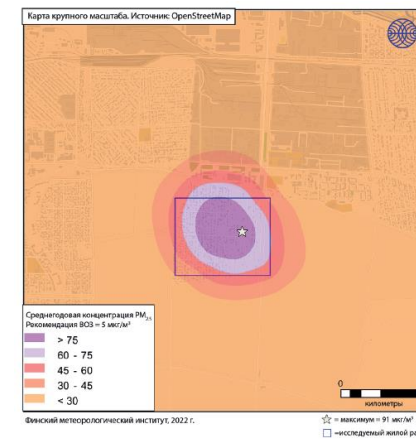
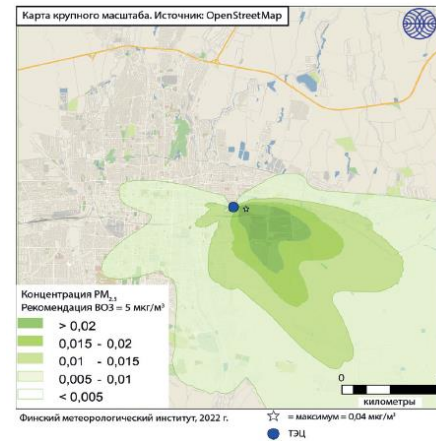
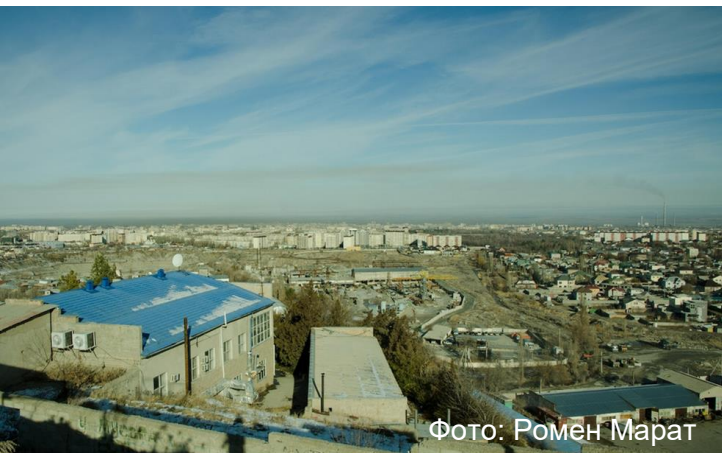
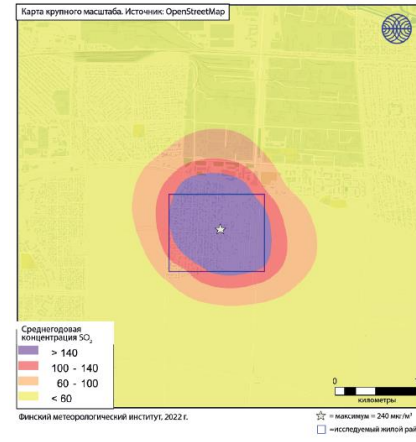
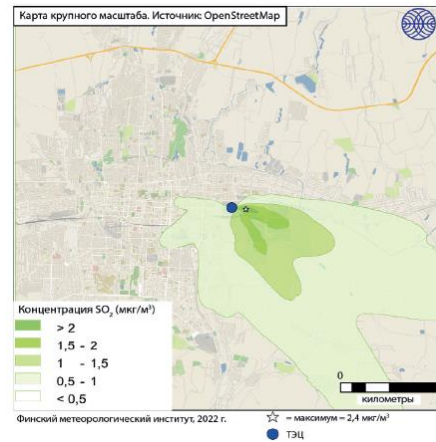
## With Additional Measures 1





# 3. Dispersion Modelling

- Two case studies – CHP and a residential location
- Demonstrates very differing contributions to ground level concentrations



	Maximum average annual concentration [µg/m <sup>3</sup> ]
SO <sub>2</sub>	24
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	29
PM <sub>10</sub>	100
NO <sub>2</sub>	40

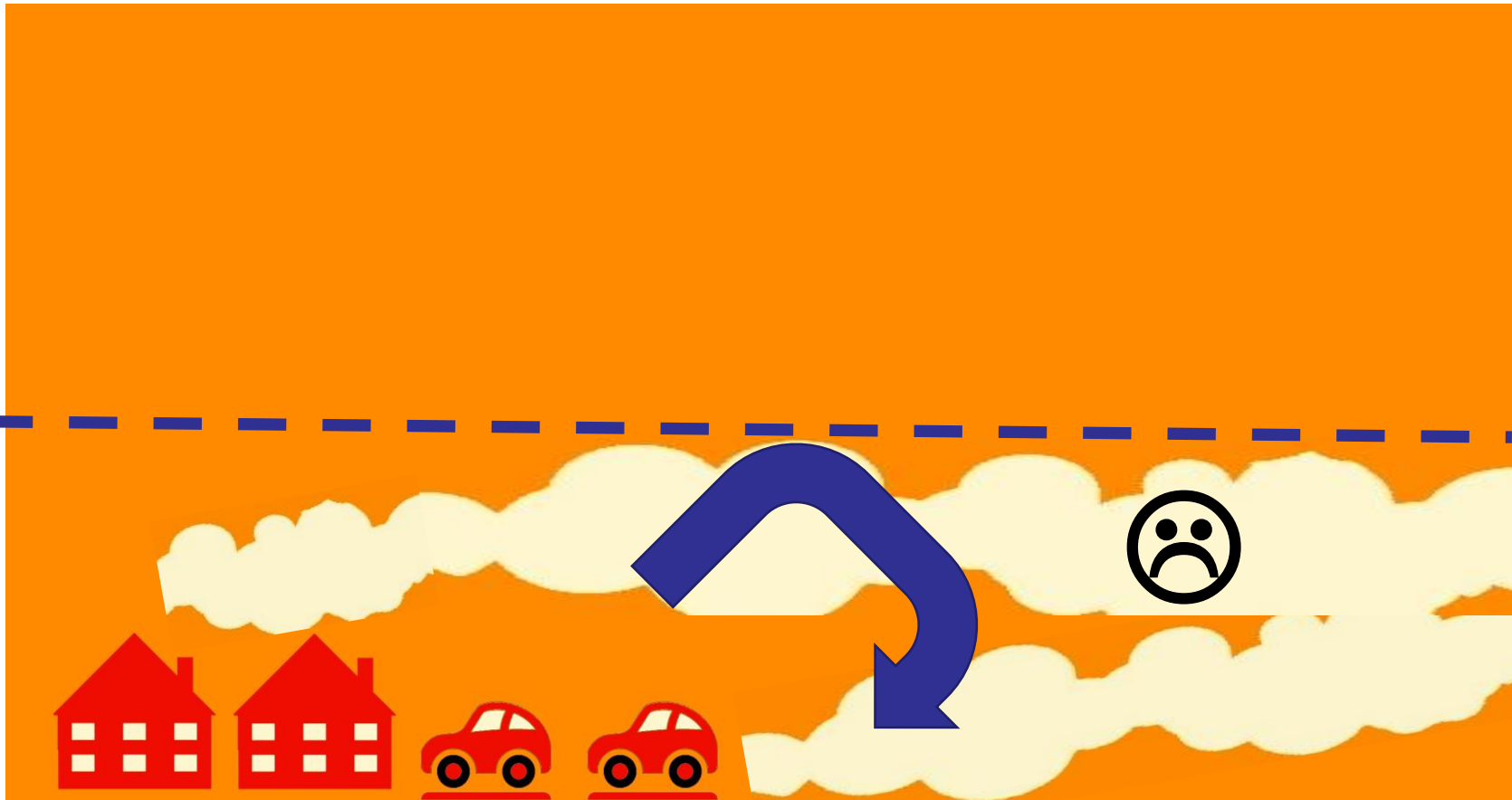
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Concentrations  $\rightarrow$  Health impacts

But, Emissions  $\neq$  Concentrations

... and we need to understand the relationships



## 4. Conclusions and follow-on work

- Made a start on **building the evidence base** – clear recommendations for future investments
- Recommendations to **update AQ legislation**
- Explaining some fundamentals of air quality management to local counterparts
- Newly formed **co-ordination** from UNEP, UNDP, WB, ADB, UNICEF...
  - Technical co-ordination meetings
  - Donor co-ordination meetings
- World Bank project
  - Emission maps, modelling to generate **concentration maps.**
  - Compiling evidence needed to support investment in **residential sector policies & measures.**





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