

# **Smart Emission**

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# **Inclusive Citizen Sensing:**

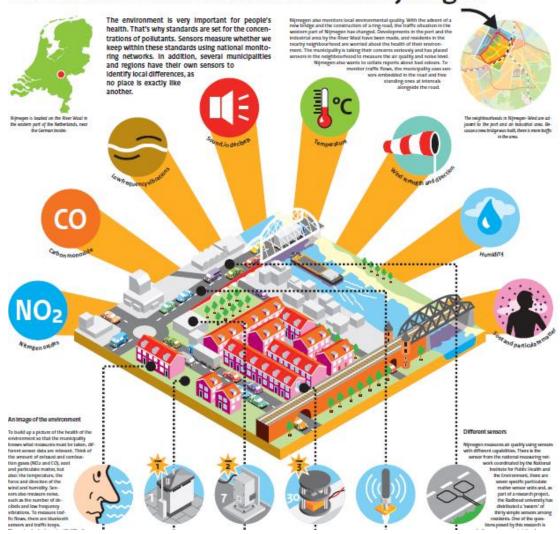
- Citizen-sensor-networks for fine-grained measurements, with new low-cost sensing devices;
- Transparency and democracy of pollution monitoring, 'making the externalities (e.g. noise, air pollution) visible';
- Cost-effective environmental monitoring, Open Data.

# The smart residents well-informed residents create solutions themselves





### Case: Environmental health in Nijmegen





### Issues and questions to deal with

#### 1. Deployment of a local air quality network using a low-cost sensors:

- What is the quality of low-cost sensors in general?
- Which type of low cost sensors to deploy?
- How to calibrate the low-cost sensors?
- How many and at what locations (spatial pattern) to deploy the sensors?
- What data platform for data collection and distribution?
- Which standards for data acquisition and distribution?
- Which (interpolation) models for further processing air quality data?
- How to visualise the results?

#### 2. Involvement of citizens in the deployment and maintenance of the sensor network:

- Which method to use for citizen engagement?
- Do we need to training citizens to deploy and maintain the sensor?

#### 3. Involvement of citizens in the analysis of the results of local air quality monitoring:

- How to engage citizens?
- How to preprocess and visualise the data for citizens?
- How to interact with citizens?
- How and when to meetup with citizens?
- What applications need the citizens?



# Which type of low cost sensors to deploy?

### **Quality and price**

National Air Quality stations



Aireas "Airbox"



Smart emission "Jose"



"Smart Citizen Kit"





# Multi-purpose environmental sensor installation





How many and at what locations (spatial pattern) to deploy the sensors?

- How many?
  - Goals to achieve?
- Where to locate?
  - Covering the whole City or certain parts of the city (e.g. potential problem areas)
  - Financial resources (also in case of many low-cost sensors)!

Dilemma: research versus politics

- Professionals: put sensors at high risk areas for what-if analysis
- Politicians say: no clustering of sensors in potential high risks areas, because they rather do not want to specify 'problem areas' as such!



# Citizens decision making of deployment of sensors?

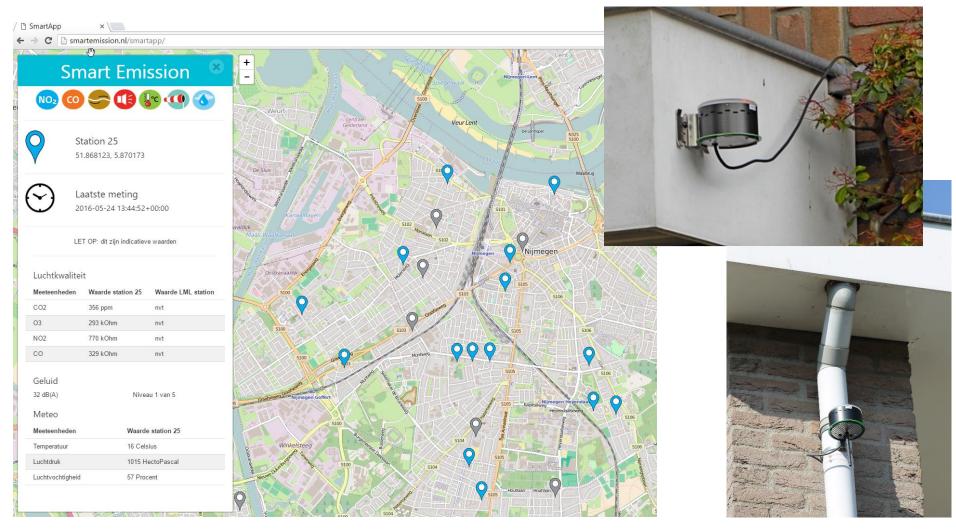




Know the citizen? Basic citizens statistics from the Nijmegen Smart Emission case.



# **Citizen participation**





# How to calibrate the low-cost sensor for air quality?

Calibration at two national air quality locations by and in the City of Nijmegen and in laboratory setting at the National Institute of Environment and Health (RIVM)













# Open data?

# Radboud Universiteit



Data open available for citizens, researchers, students, government, companies, ...

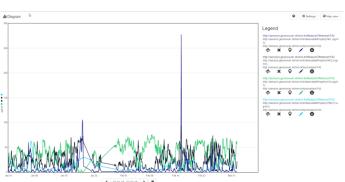
Data available for download in tabular and geospatial formats!

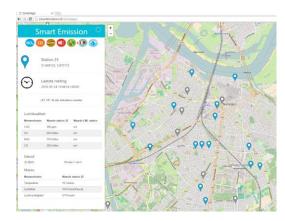




# Clients for data exploration and processing









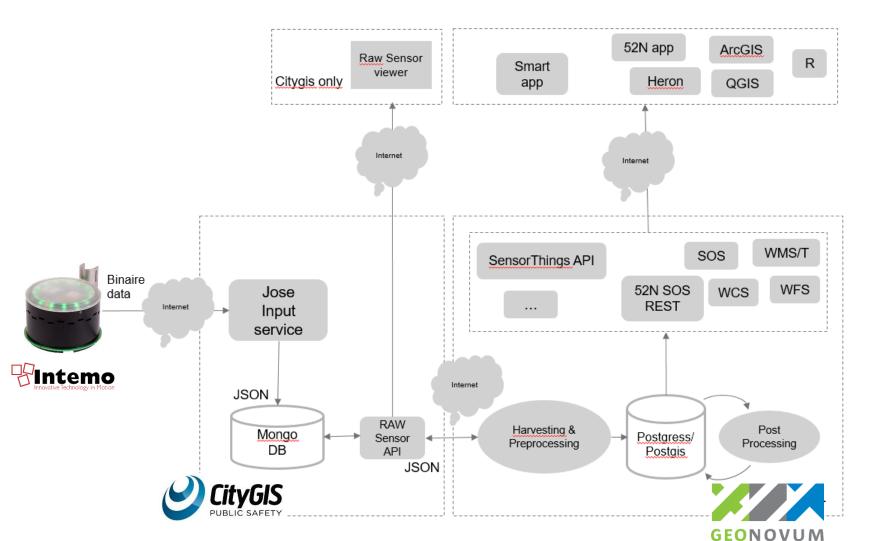




http://smartemission.nl (data platform)

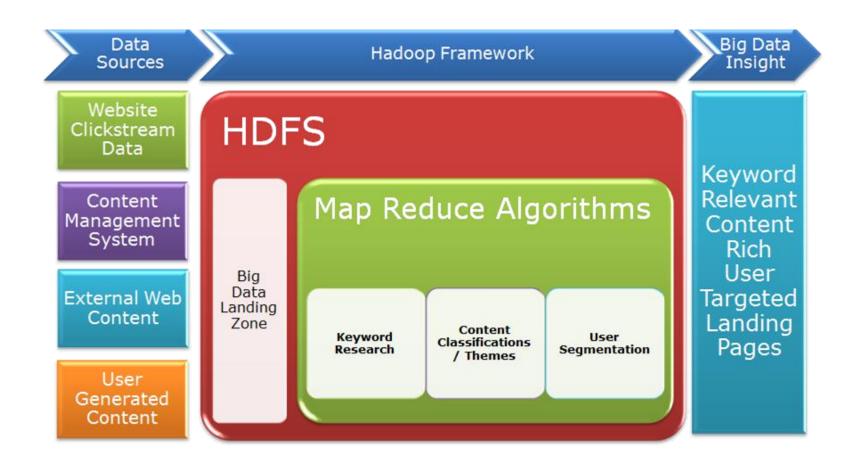


### Data architecture: geospatial data infrastructure





### Data architecture: BIG data infrastructure





### **Final Remarks**

The interest in low-cost sensor networks in cities is increasing. In the Netherlands several cities are more or less exploring local (air quality) monitoring with low-cost sensor networks.

There are still several issues to be solved and research questions to be answered. There is need for multidisciplinary experts in these environmental sensing initiatives with strong citizen engagement.

 The geospatial data approach is an obvious start of a citizen-sensor-network for environmental monitoring for sustainable cities.



### With Smart Emission towards sustainable cities



Air Quality



Noise disturbance



Light pollution



Climate adaptation



**Heat stress** 



# Thank you for your attention!

#### More information:

Smart emission

http://smartemission.ruhosting.nl/ (citizens)

http://smartemission.nl (data platform)

Making Sense for Society

http://www.geonovum.nl/onderwerpen/sensorgeo-informatie/algemeen-living-lab-interneteverything

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# Data architecture with ETL Steps



