

Prediction of severe driving conditions in winter

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Objectives

- **Problem:** Statistical estimation of relation between measured environmental variables and driving conditions in winter.
- **Basis for treatment:** Experimentally estimated probability density function - PDF.
- **Extraction of a relation:** General regression expressed by the conditional average estimator - CA.
- **Goal:** To provide data for optimization of winter roads service by intelligent control.

Experimental basis

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- A **vector variable** $Z = (X, Y)$ is utilized to join data about environment - X , and driving conditions - Y .
- Calibration by units u and v yields the joint instrument scattering function

$$w(z, w; \sigma) = w(x, u; \sigma) w(y, v; \sigma)$$

σ is assumed to be equal for all components

Statistical basis

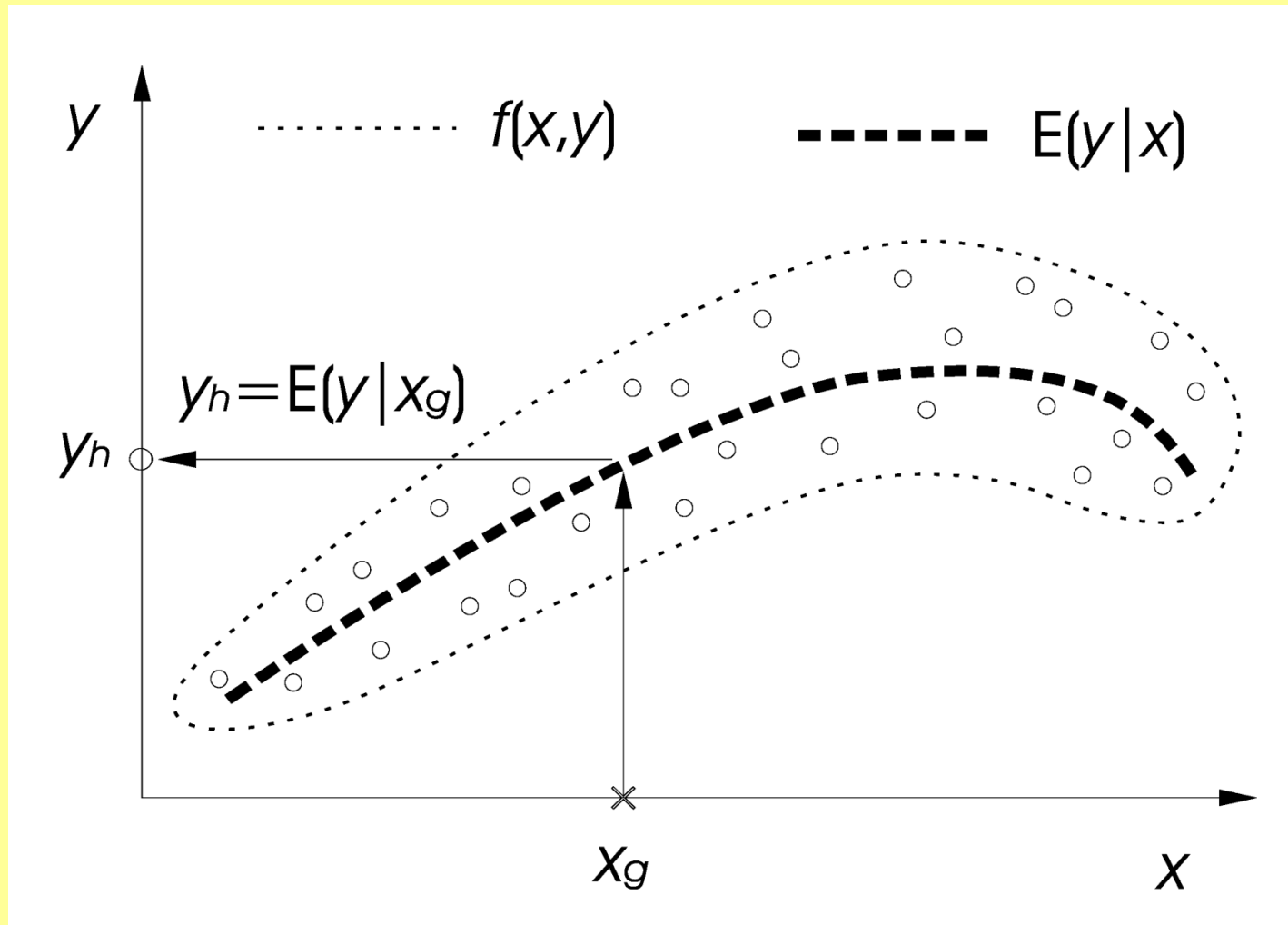
the joint probability density - PDF

N measured joint data z_1, \dots, z_N are given

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N w(x, x_i; \sigma) w(y, y_i; \sigma)$$

w denotes normal probability distribution
 σ is the mean distance between data points

Statistical estimation of hidden driving conditions Y_h from given weather data X_g



Extraction of relation $Y(x)$ from PDF

Optimal predictor is the conditional average:

$$Y_p(x) = \mathbb{E}[y|x] = \int y f(y|x) dy$$

Expressed by data it gets the form:

$$Y_p(x) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N y_i w(x - x_i; \sigma)}{\sum_{j=1}^N w(x - x_j; \sigma)} = \sum_{i=1}^N y_i S_i(x)$$

Properties of $S_i(x)$

$$S_i(x) = \frac{w(x - x_i; \sigma)}{\sum_{j=1}^N w(x - x_j; \sigma)}$$

S_i is a **normalized measure of similarity** between given x and stored x_i

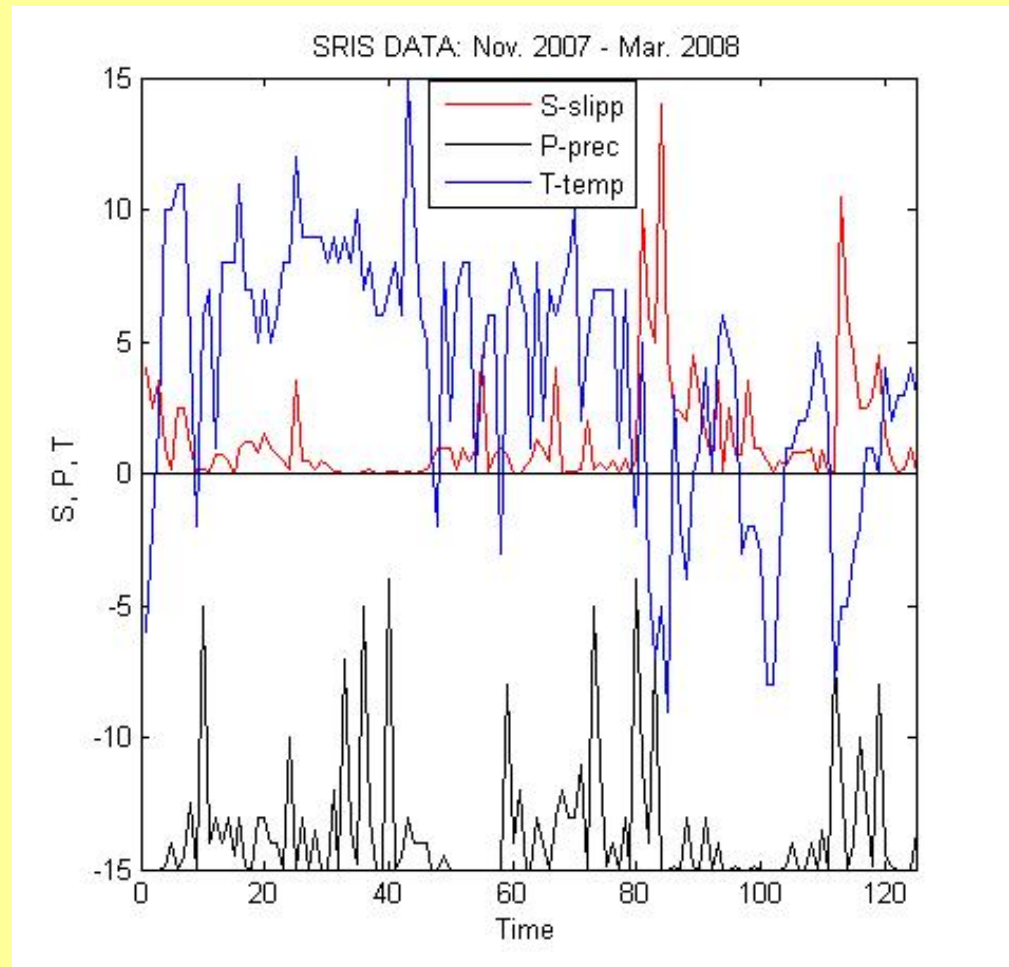
$$\sum_{i=1}^N S_i = 1$$

$$0 \leq S_i \leq 1$$

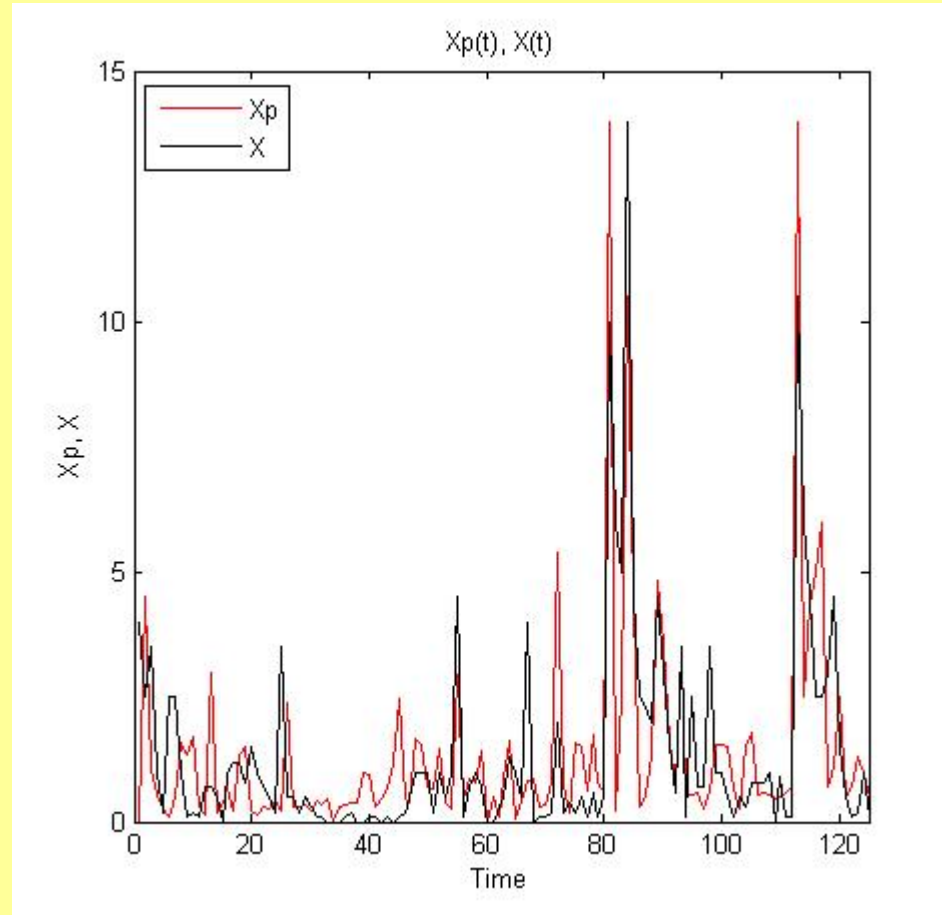
Prediction of road slipperiness from weather forecasts in Sweden

Data: S – Slipperiness
P – Precipitation,
T – Temperature,

Data provided by: Slippery
road information system –
SRIS - www.sris.nu



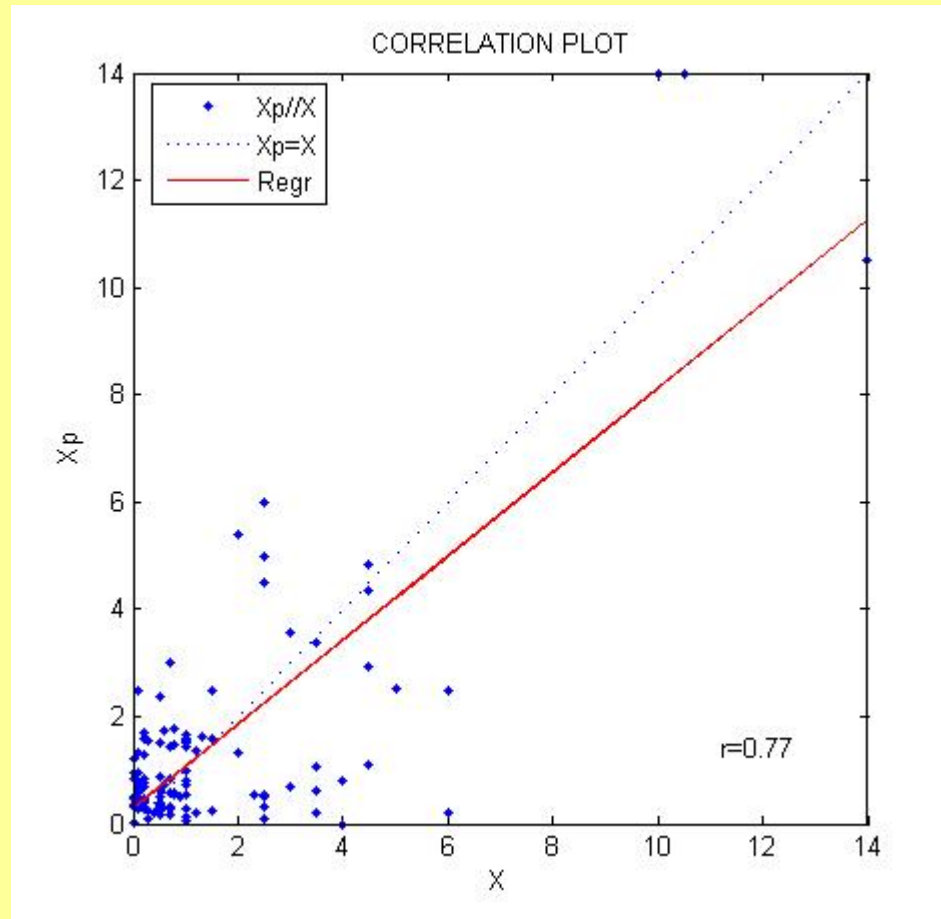
Predicted and original slipperiness



1 day ahead prediction

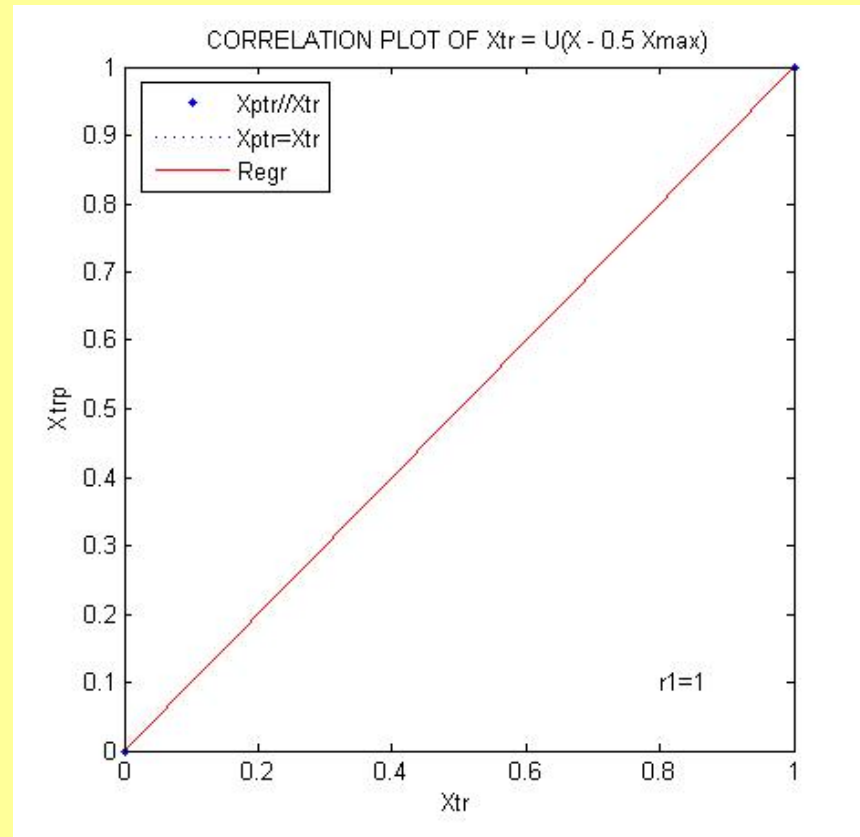
Accounting of past data improves accuracy of prediction

Correlation plot of X_p and actual X



r – correlation coefficient of X_p and X

Correlation plot of transformed critical variable: $X_{tr} = U(X - 0.5 X_{max})$



r – correlation coefficient of X_{trp} and X_{tr}

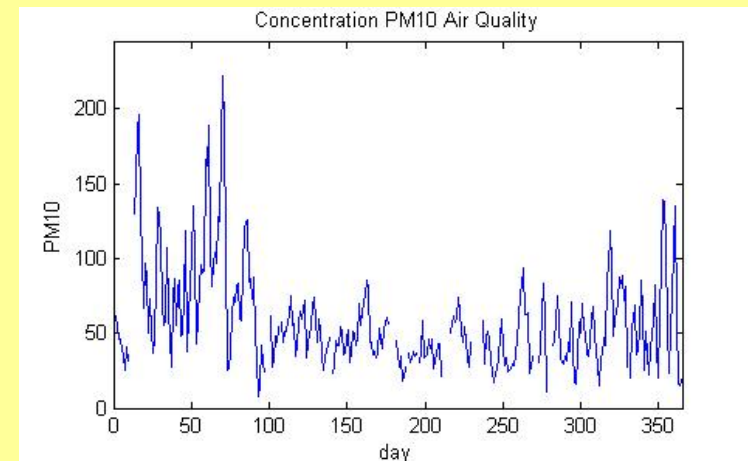
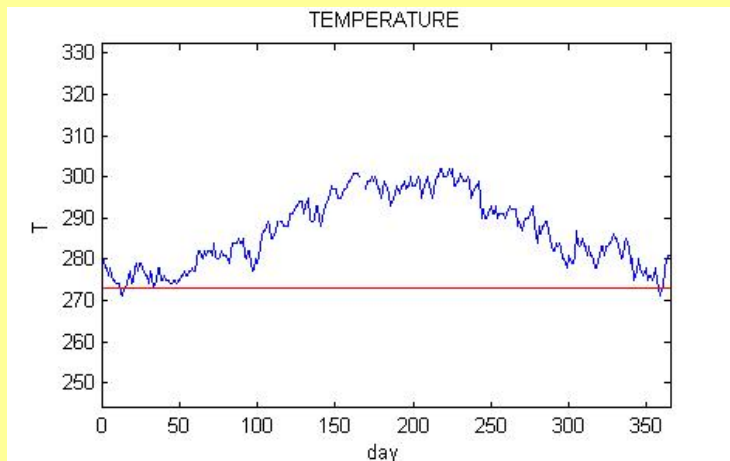
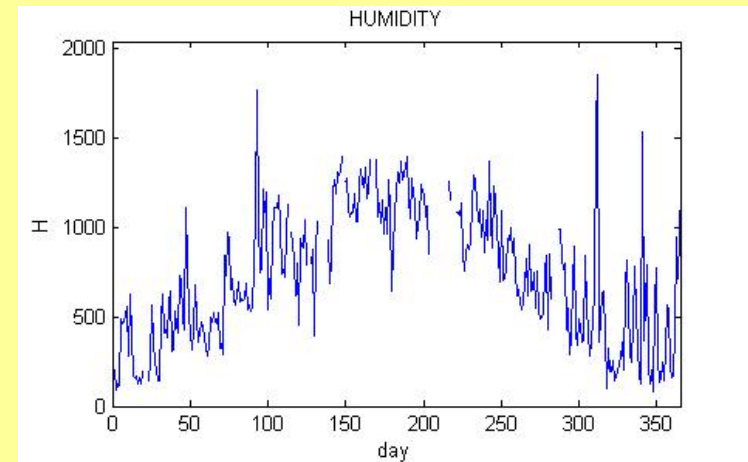
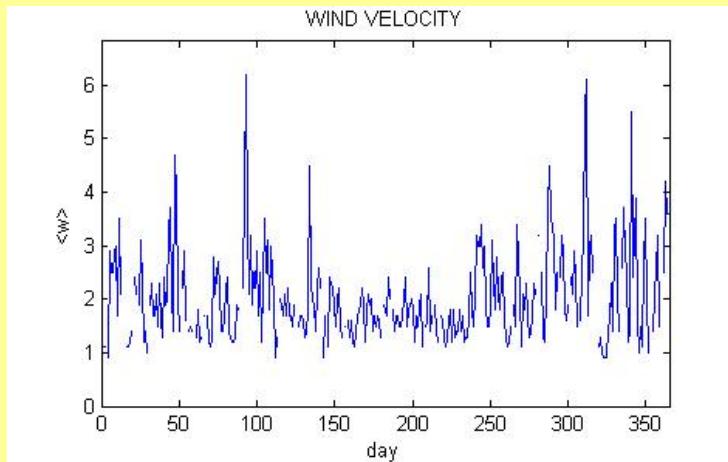
Prediction of air pollution ARPV data about *PM10*

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1		Percentage of wind calm <0.5 m/s	Average wind speed	Average wind speed (without values<0.5 m/s)	Average wind direction	Hmix rural	Hmix urban	Stanford Index	Average radiation	T minimum	Average T	Total precipitation	Equivalent potential temperature	Concentration PM10 Air Quality Station in Arcella	Concentration PM10 in Air Quality Station in Mandria	Concentration PM10 in Air Quality Station. Average Mandria and Arcella				
2	date	% wind calm	wv_m	wvc_m	dv_m	zlr	zlu	stan_u	rmed	tmin	tmed	ptot	thte	PM10_arc	PM10_man	PM10_tpo		aa	mm	gg
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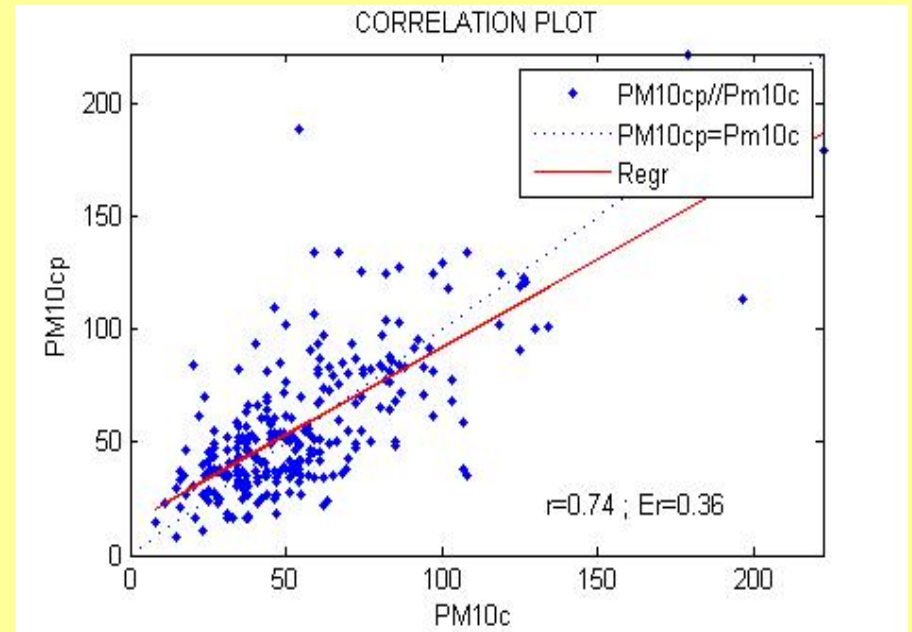
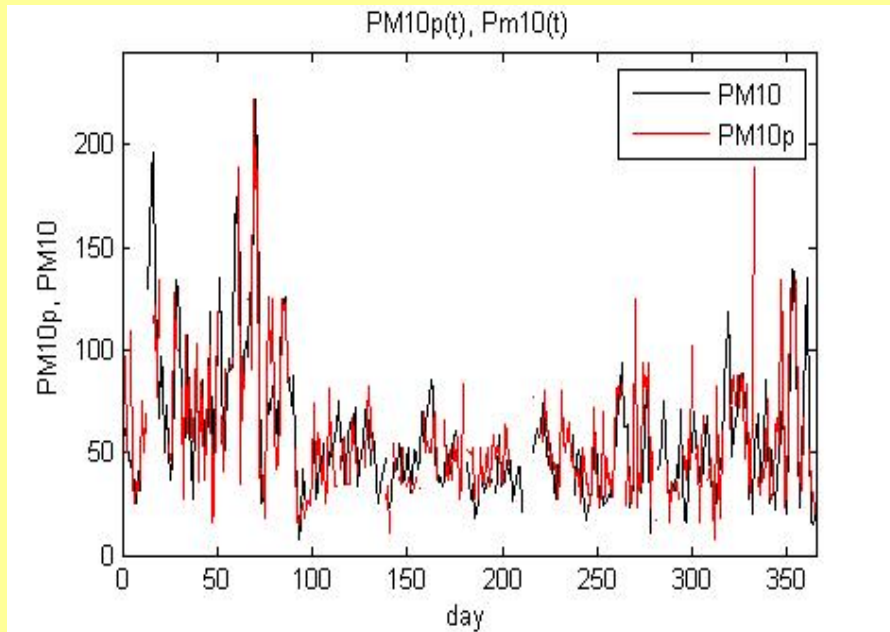
Selection of variables used in modelling predictor of PM_{10}

- As **given** variables we consider: the average wind velocity - W , humidity – H and average temperature – T .
- As **hidden** variables we consider concentration $P=PM_{10}$.
- Using sample vectors $Z_i = (W, H, T, P)$ from the data base we create statistical model of the relation $P=G(W, H, T)$ by the CA estimator.
- By using the model we predict hidden P from some given data W, H, T .
- Here the time is used as sample index i .
- Agreement between predicted and really measured data is described by the correlation coefficient r and shown in a **correlation diagram**.

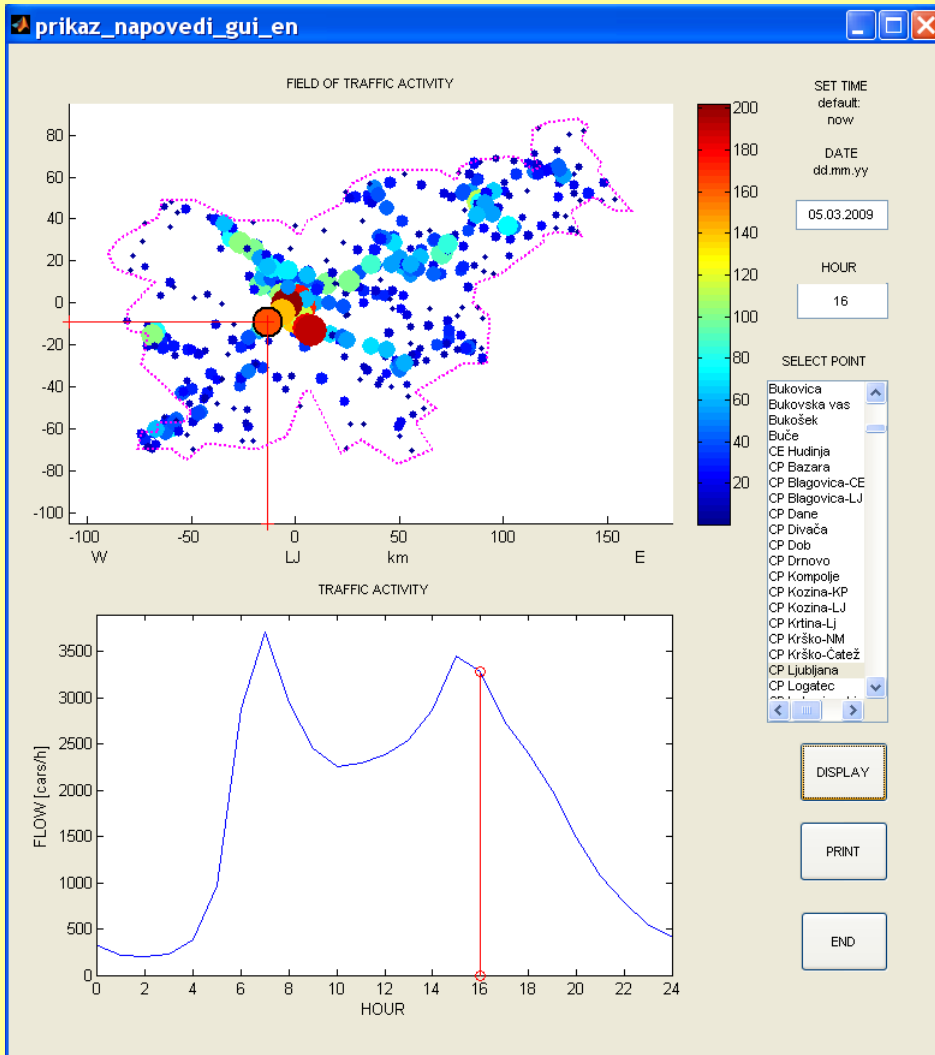
Variables used in modelling



Results of prediction



Graphic user interface for display of predicted traffic activity in Slovenia



- User sets time – **day and hour** - of prediction in the interval from now to the year 2015.
- From the pop-up menu an observation **point** is selected.
- GUI displays the **field of traffic activity** from the start of the selected day to the selected hour in the top graph.
- GUI displays the distribution of predicted **traffic flow** over the selected day in the bottom graph.
- The selected place and hour of prediction are **marked** in graphs.
- The prediction can be **repeated** with varied time and place.
- The display can be **printed**.

Conclusions

- Our approach to prediction of driving conditions needs **no analytical model**, but extracts it from experimental data.
- The same approach was successfully applied also to **forecasting of traffic flows**.
- The method provides **information support** for planning of winter roads service.
- The next step is an approach **to intelligent control** of winter roads service.

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