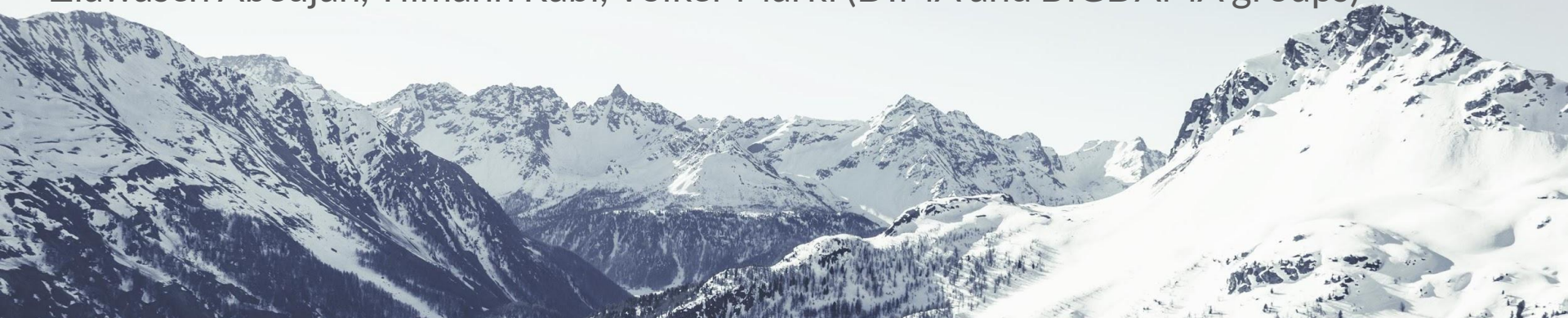


# Explanation of Air Pollution Using External Data Sources

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# BTW Data Science Challenge

LuftDaten (pollution sensor data)

## Challenges:

- Limited feature set
- Different schemas/sensors
- Malfunctioning sensors
- Stream nature of data

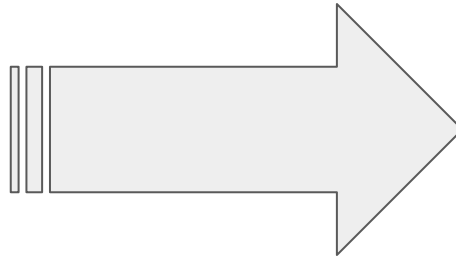
# BTW Data Science Challenge - Our Goal

- Goal:
  - Explaining air pollution
  - Detecting the reasons of low air quality
- Problem:
  - Lack of information in provided data
  - Current ML algorithms cannot explain pollution based on provided data

# BTW Data Science Challenge - Our Proposal

- Decision tree and Macrobase [Bailis'2017]\*

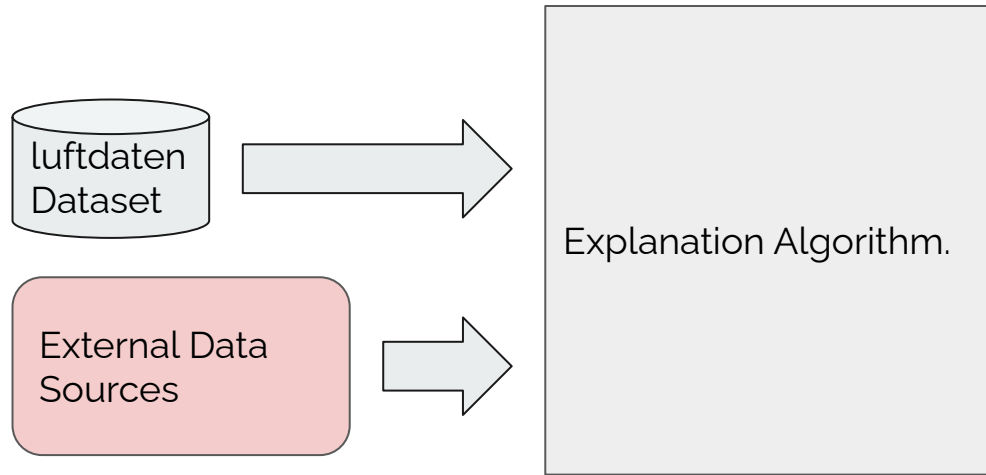
Sensor_type	Pollution
SDS011	35.07
SDS011	38.10
SDS011	1420.42



Sensor_type	Location	Pollution
SDS011	Tiergarten	35.07
SDS011	Tiergarten	38.10
SDS011	Tv Tower	1420.42

# BTW Data Science Challenge - Our Proposal

- Enriching the main dataset (Luftdaten) with extra information
- Adding features that correlate with air pollution



# External Data Sources



- Air traffic data
  - Airplanes' route



- Event data

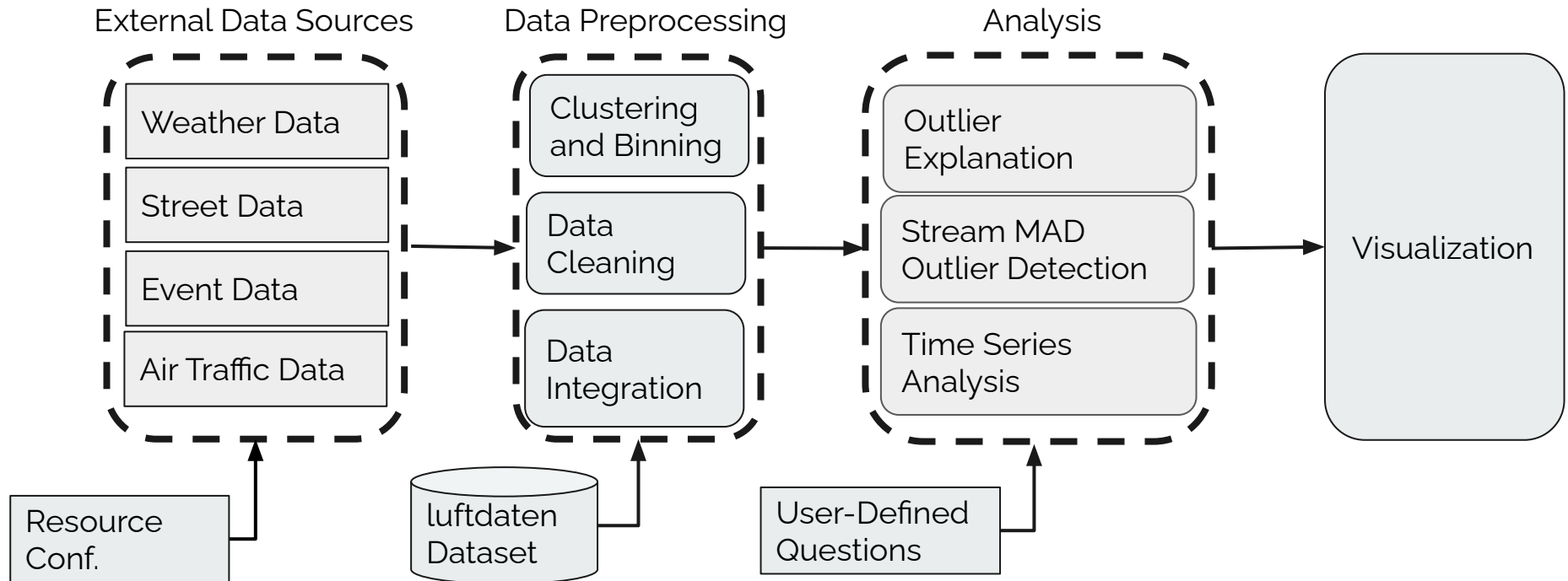


- Weather data
  - Wind (speed and direction)/Temperature/Precipitation



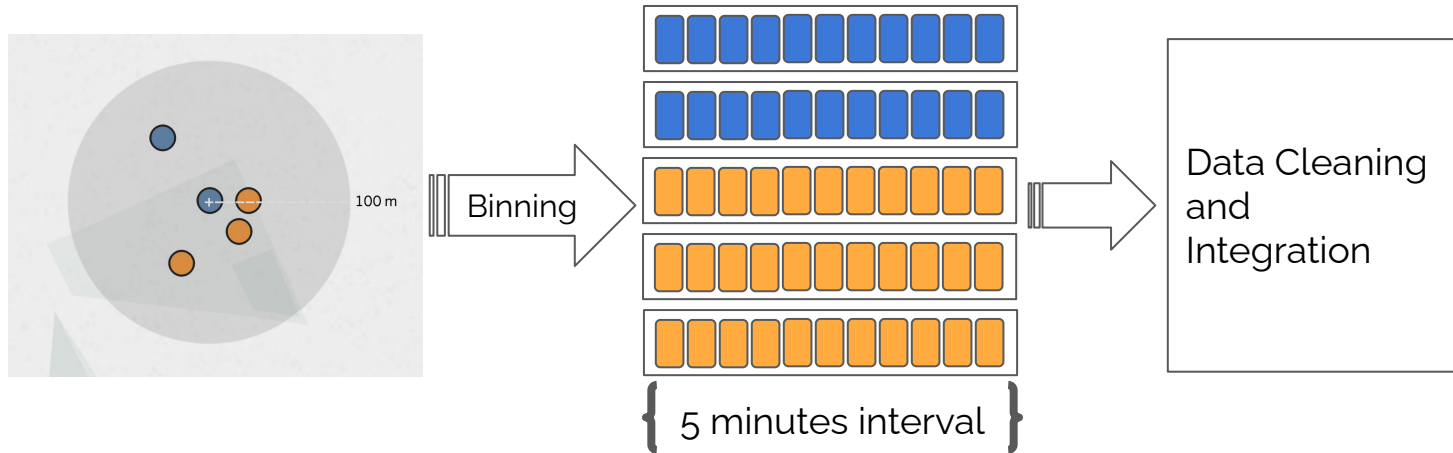
- Openstreetmap data
  - Number of crossroads and streets/Train stations

# System Architecture



# Clustering and Binning

- Spatial: clustering, 100-meter radius
- Temporal: binning, 5 minute-interval





# Data Cleaning

- Wrong readings - malfunctioning sensors / network
- Deviating readings - outliers within the cluster / time slot

TimeStamp	P1
11:17:31	3.5
11:17:59	1.9
11:18:26	100012.7
11:20:44	3.2
11:21:58	2.4

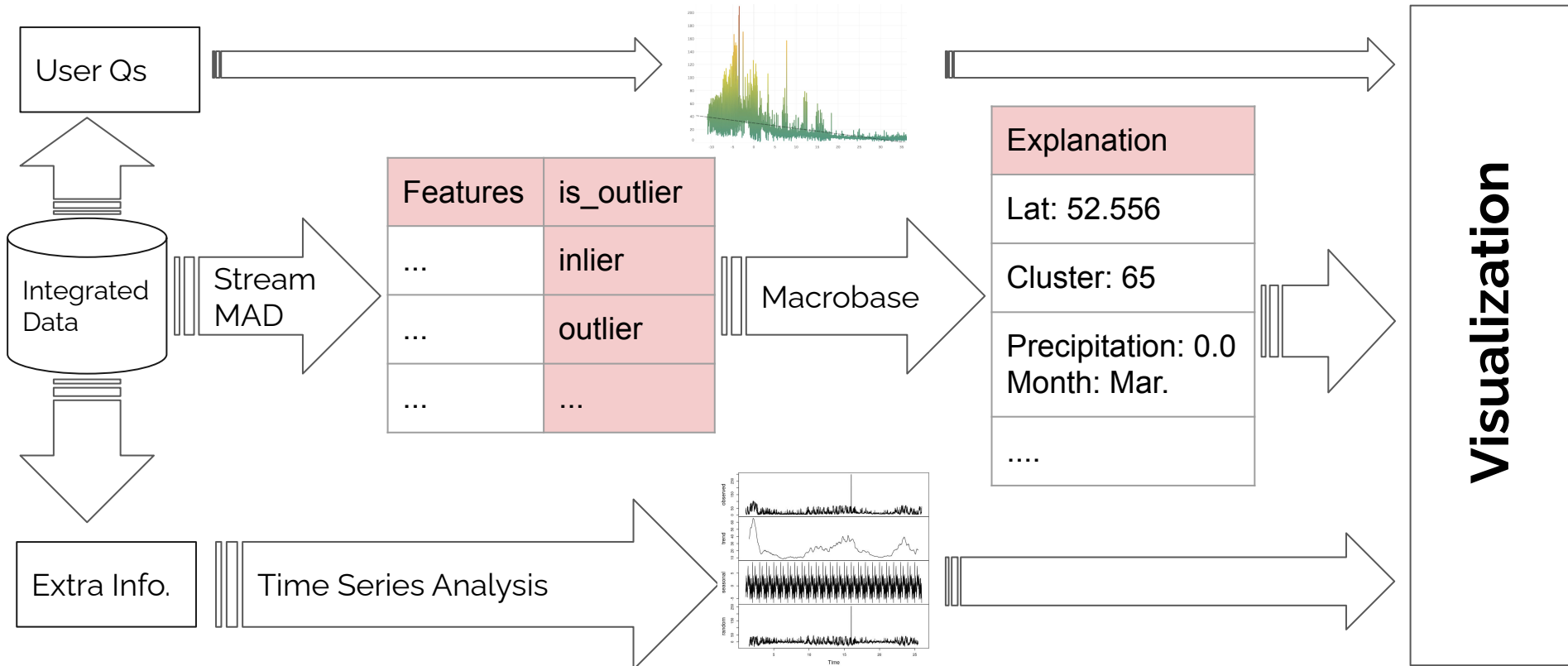
Observation error

# Data Integration

Time	P1	Time	Temp.	Time	Prec.	Time	Humid.	Time	Wind	Degree
11:15:31	3.5	11:16:06	18.1	11:15:18	0.2	11:19:01	60%	11:15:09	1.2	240
11:16:59	2.5	11:18:44	18.2	11:17:55	0.1			11:15:19	1.2	240
11:17:26	3.0			11:19:26	0.1			11:19:22	1.3	250
11:18:12	3.1									
11:19:00	2.9									

Time	P1	Temp.	Prec.	Humid.	Wind	Degree
11: [15 - 20]	3.0	18.15	0.1	60%	1.2	240

# Analysis and Visualization



# Results Based on External Data Sources



- Air traffic data
  - How does air traffic affect particulate matter pollution?



- Event data
  - Are there events that lead to short-term particulate matter pollution?




- Weather data
  - What is the correlation between weather data and air quality?



- Openstreetmap data
  - Do crossroads/roads/stations/diesel bans affect air pollution?



**Berlin**

A black silhouette of an airplane in flight, angled upwards and to the right.

# Results (Air Traffic)

# How Air Traffic Affects air quality?

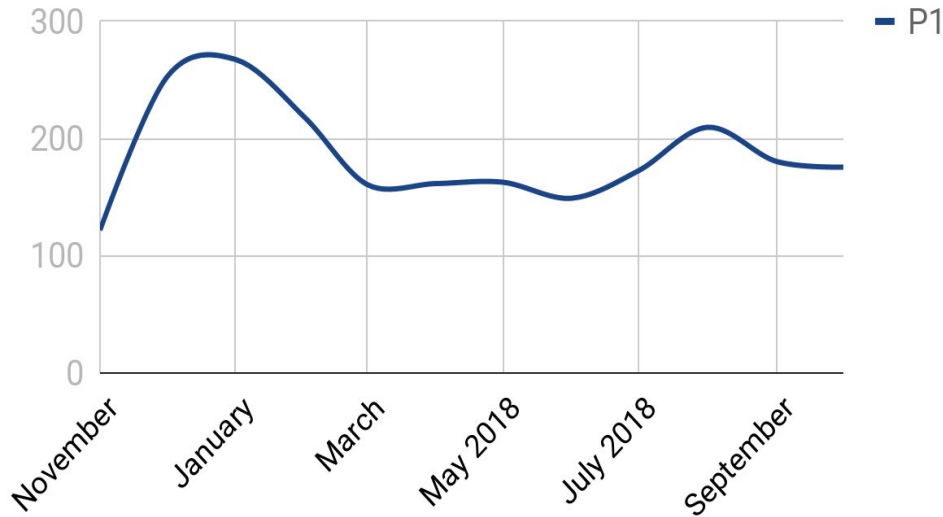
Explanation: Latitude: 52.556 (TXL Airport)



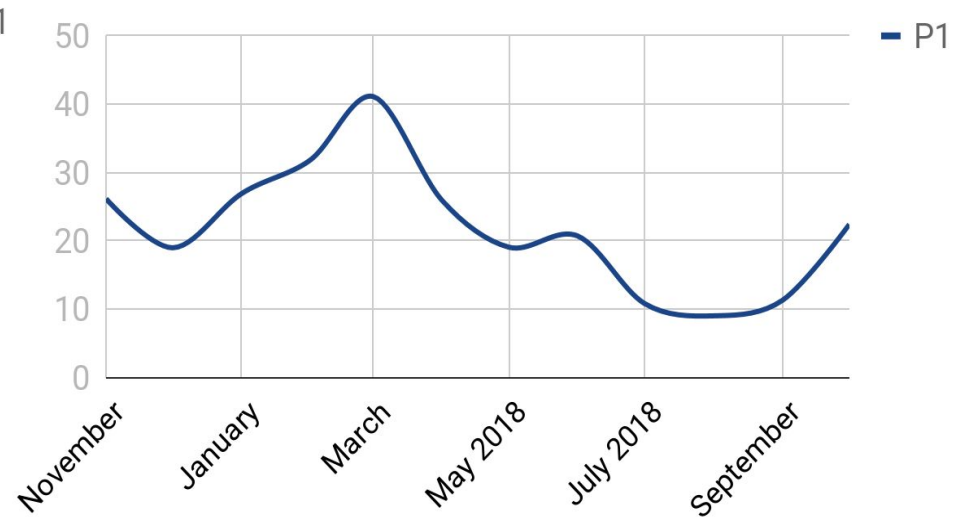
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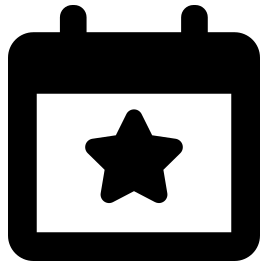
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Sensors with lat = 52.556



Other sensors





# Results (Events)

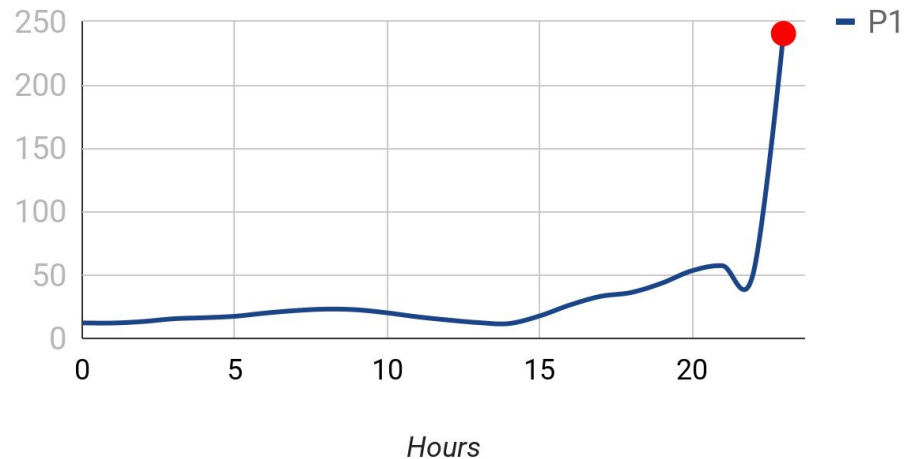


# How Events Play a Role in Pollution?

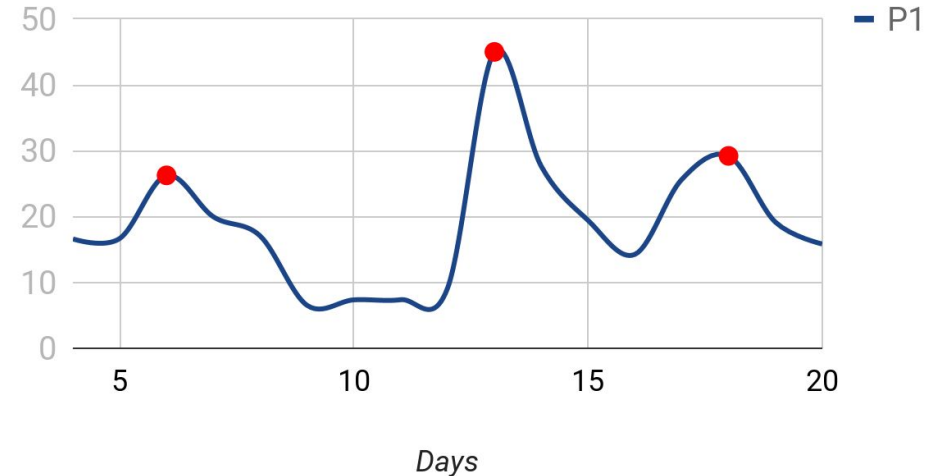
New Year's Eve

Berlin International Film Festival

Pollution in 31st of Dec.



Berlin - February 2019



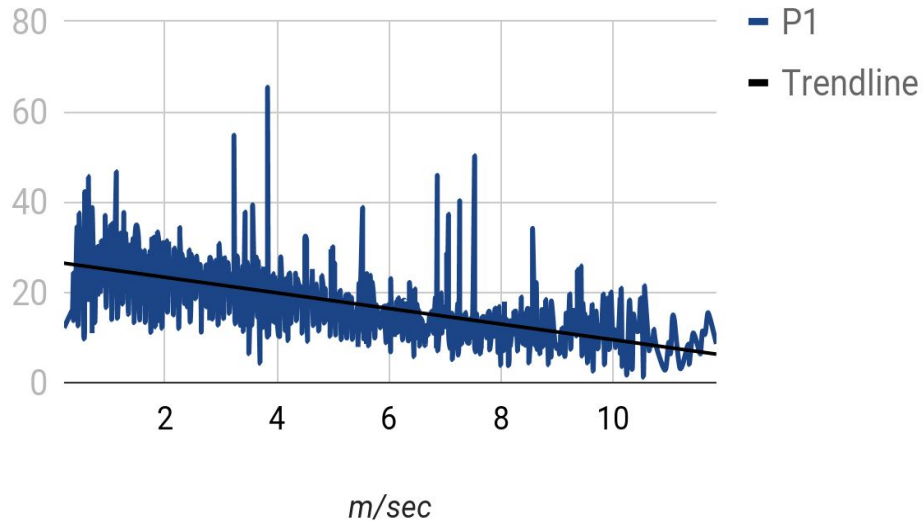


# Results (Weather)

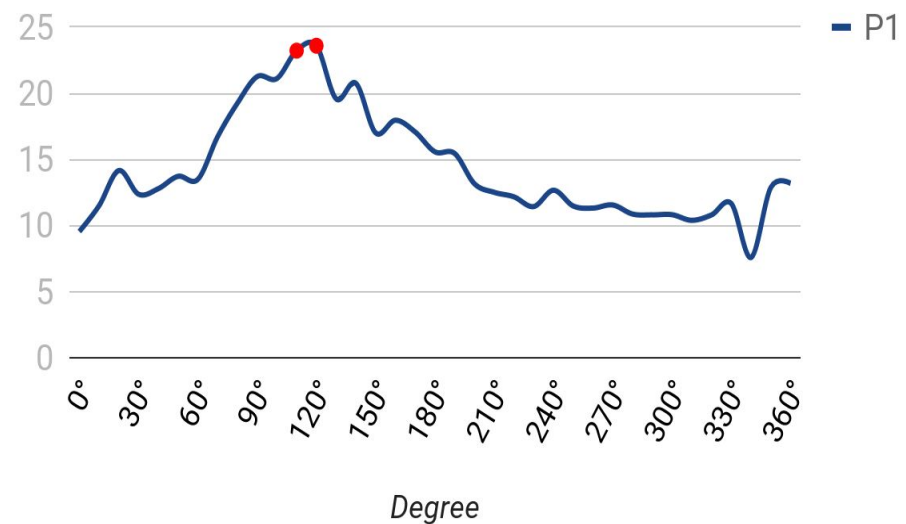
# How Does The Weather Affect Air Pollution?

Explanation: Wind degree (cluster 104): 110 - 120

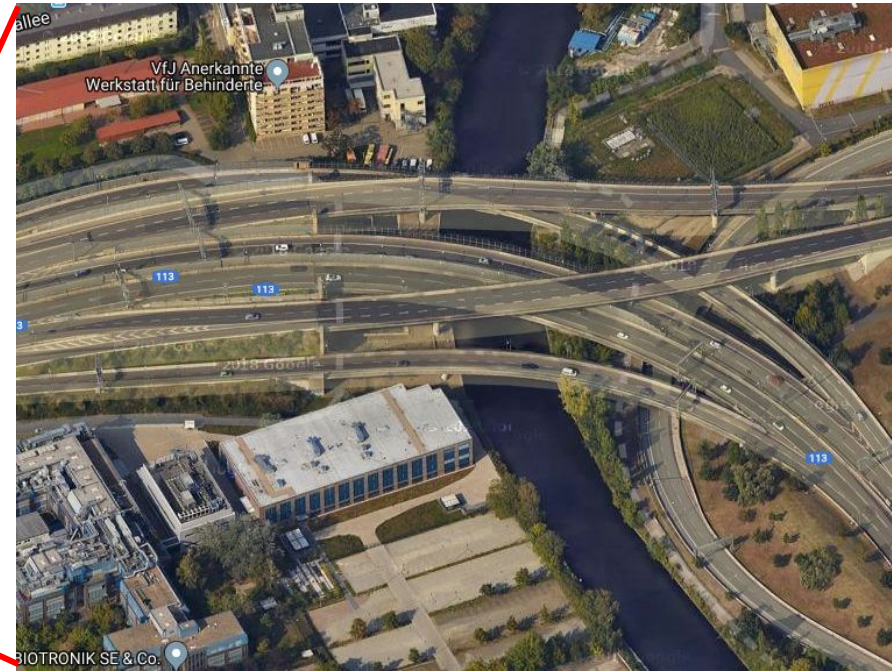
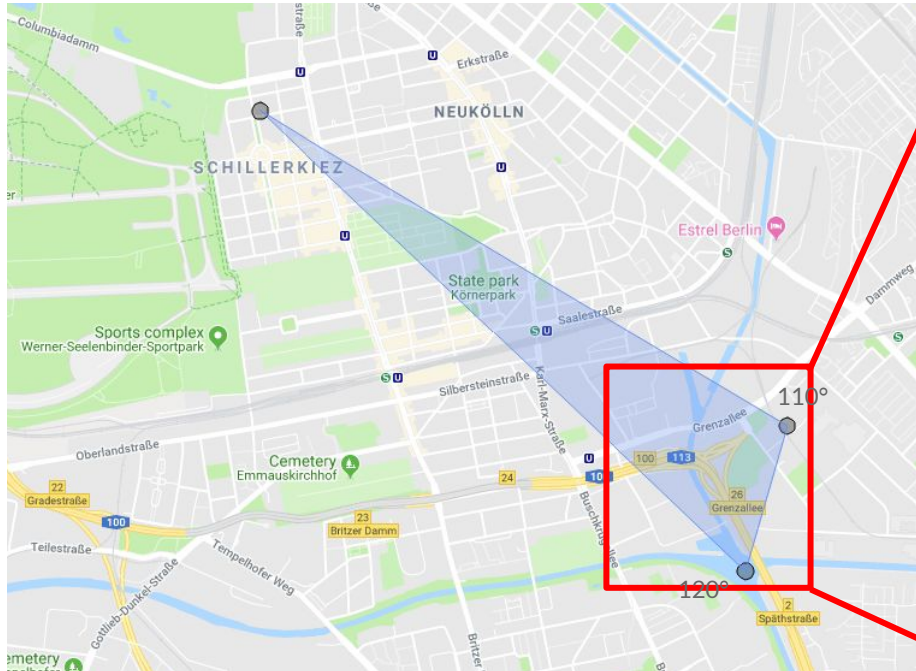
Wind speed effect on air quality

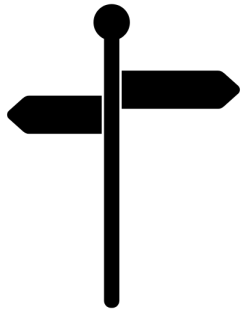


Wind direction



# How Weather Data Affect Air Pollution?

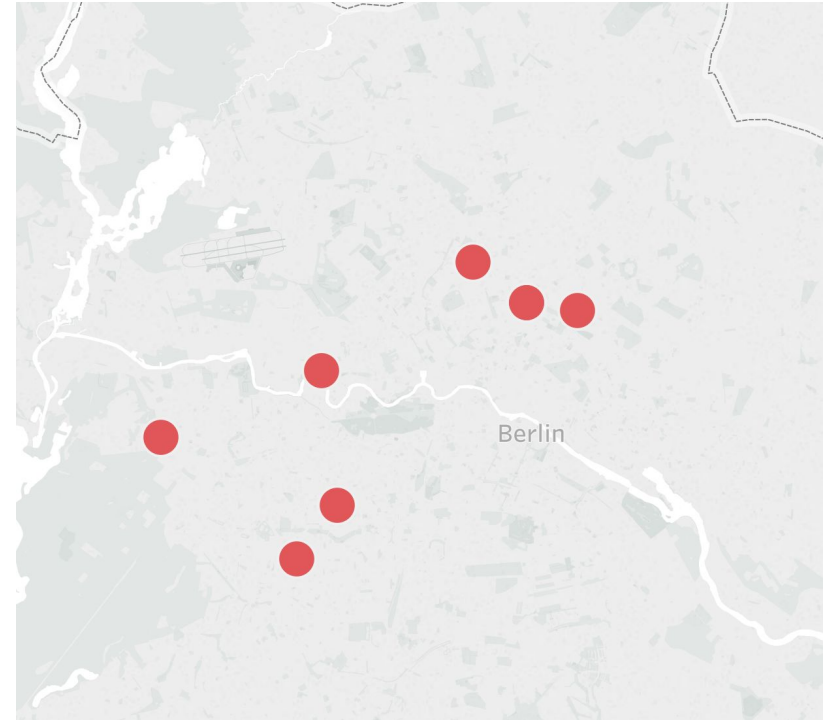


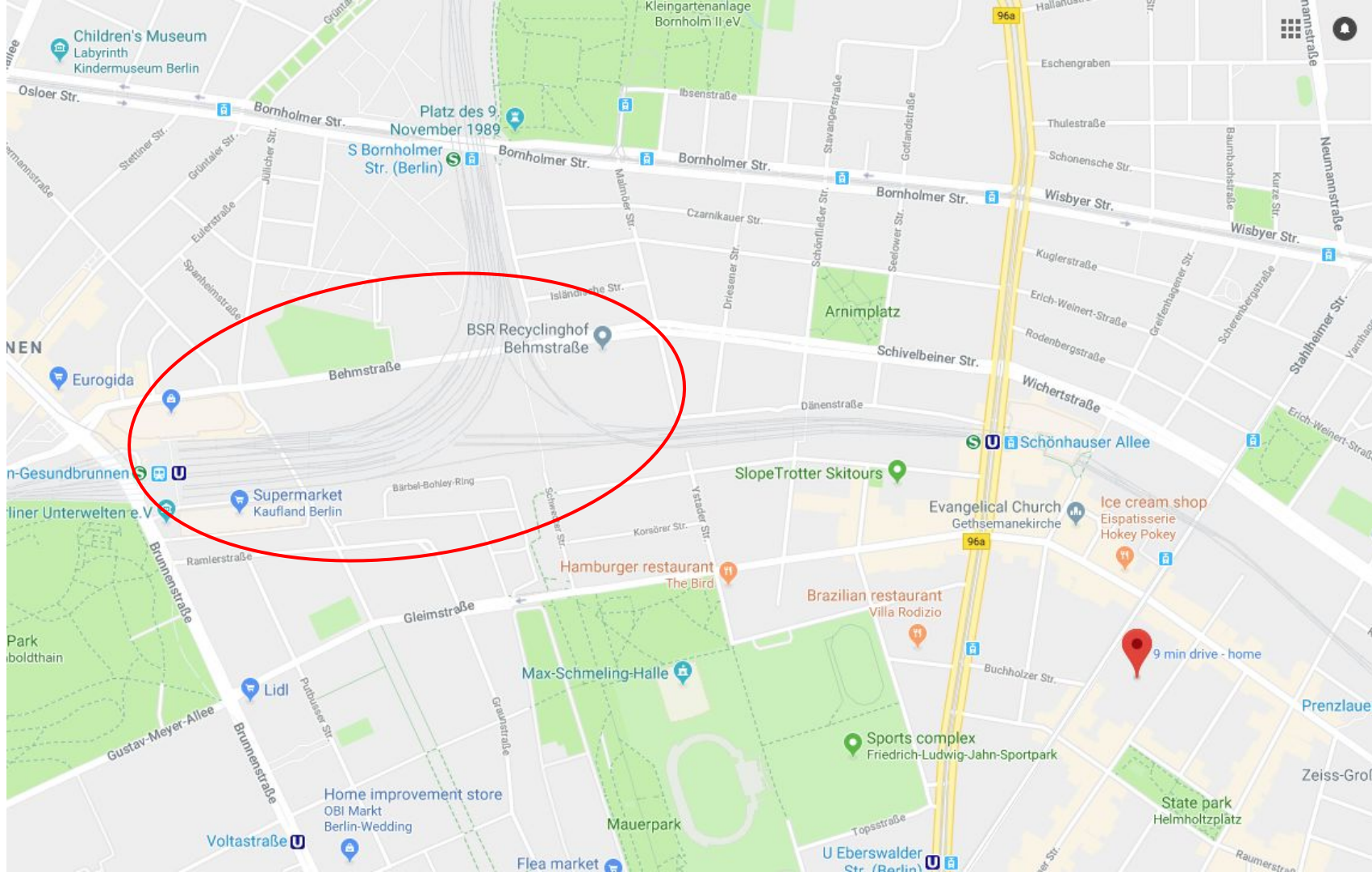


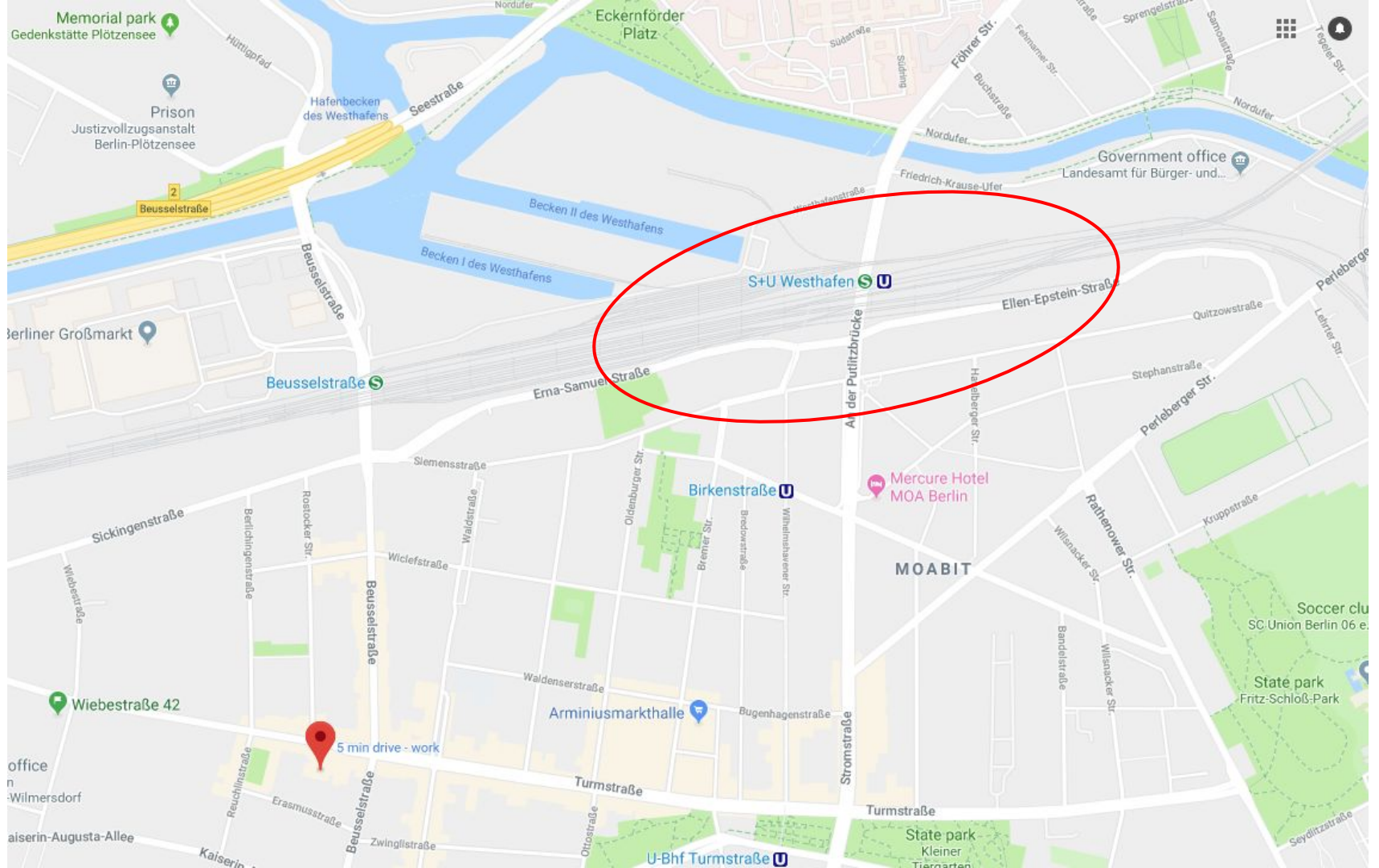
# Results (OpenStreetMap)

# How Roads and Stations Affect Air Quality?

- The most polluted points are close to Ring or main S-Bahn stations in Berlin

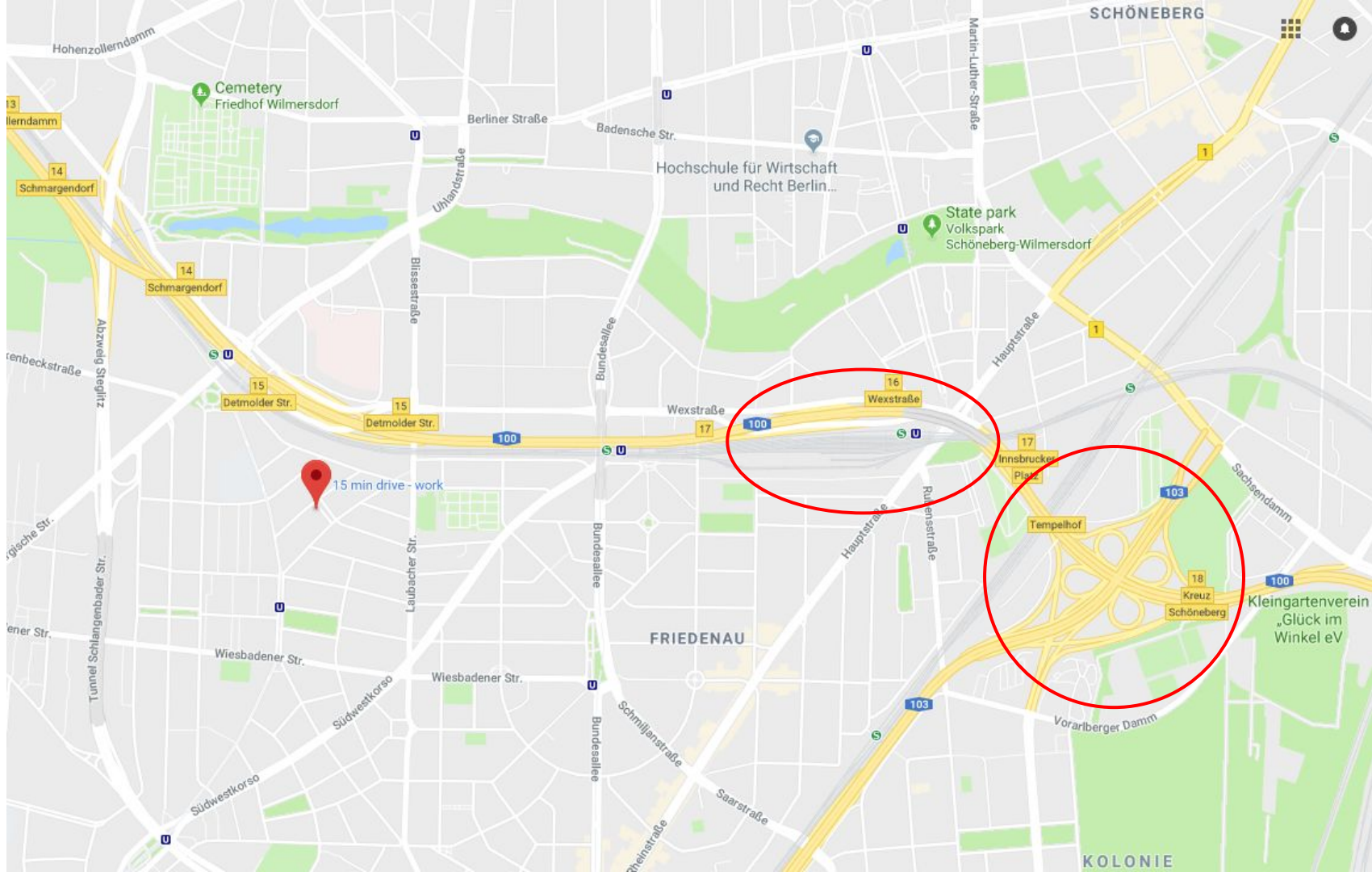






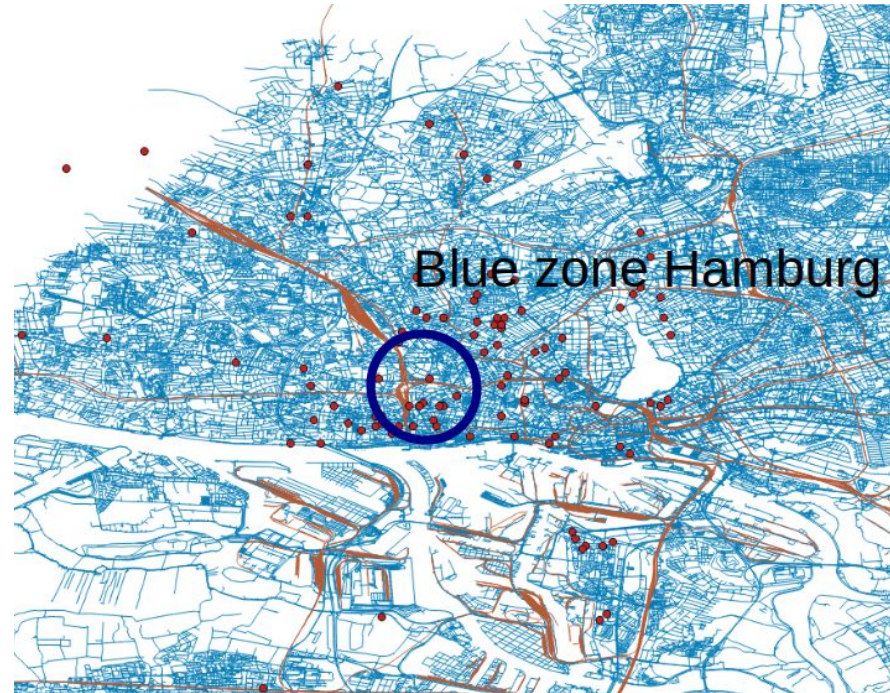






# How Do Diesel Bans Affect Pollution?

- 10% local decrease in pollution
- No global impact
- Berlin diesel ban (1st of April 2019)
- Affected streets: e.g. Friedrichstraße
- Due to the locality, diesel bans should address the most polluted roads



# Conclusion

- Luftdaten is limited by its own
- Current solutions are not effective due to the dearth of information
- Idea of enriching main dataset with external data sources
- Detected causes of pollution: e.g. public events, weather, air traffic, and etc.
- We built a general pollution explanation system that can be applied on every city

# Potential Future Directions

- Exploration of pollution causes
  - a. Explore more dimensions, e.g., more cities, more influencing factors,
  - b. Use other ML or statistical methods
- Research direction: automated selection additional sources
  - a. What are effective heuristics to choose datasets that improve explanation experience?
  - b. What types of indexing mechanisms are necessary to make this process efficient?