Health Impact Assessment – Effects of Particulate Matter

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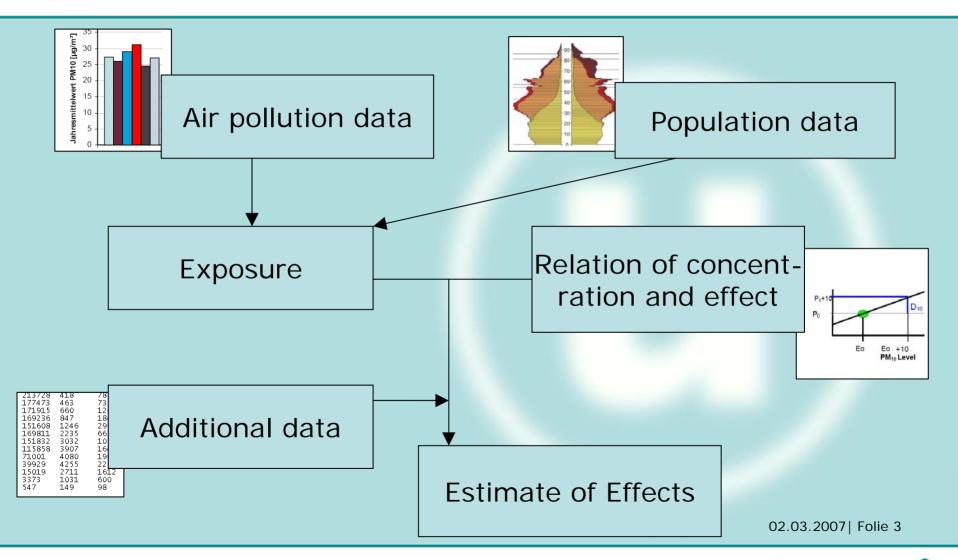
Content

- Method of Health Impact Assessment
- Data and methods used in the Austrian study
- Resultats
- Conclusions





Health Impact Assessement







Exposure

- "Exposure of the body to impacts from the environment".
- In the present study:



How many persons



In which regions



Are exposed to which concentration of particulate matter?



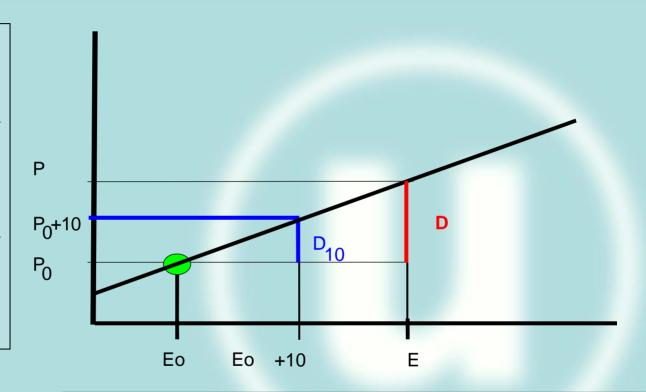


Relation of concentration and effect

Effect

Morbidity (e.g. number of asthma cases)

Mortality (number of attributed fatalities)



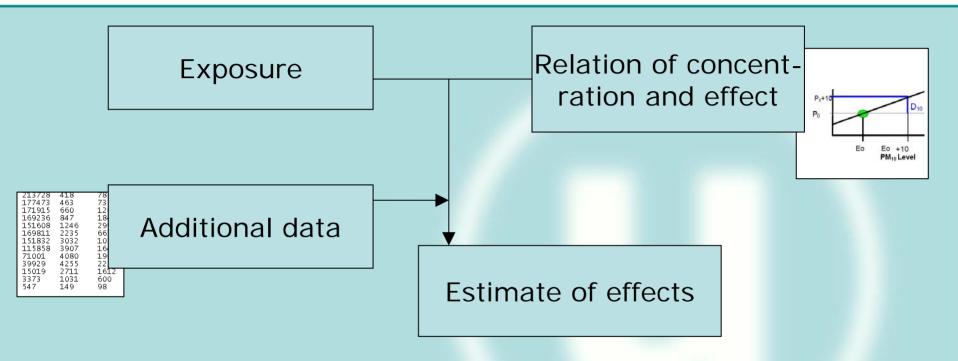
Concentration

e.g. average particulate matter concentration





Additional data



Additional population data is needed to calculate the effect on life expectancy instead of mortality.





Data for Austria



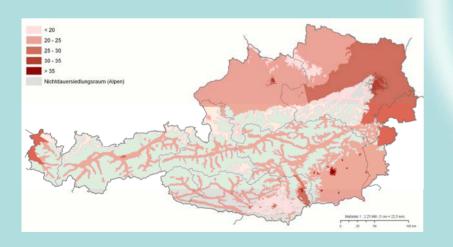
Air quality data:

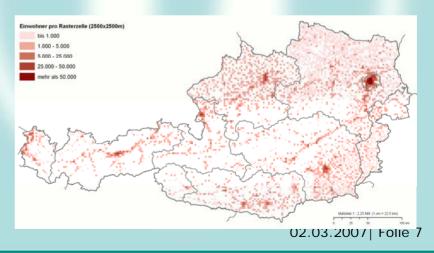
- PM10 concentration averages of 2003-2004.
- Extrapolated to the area of Austria, taking into account topography.



Population data

- Population distribution
- Additional data: Age distribution and mortalities





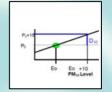






Relation of concentration and effect

- "American Cancer Society" study*.
- Linear relation between PM2,5 concentration and mortality.



*Pope C.A. 3rd, Burnett T.R., Thun M.J., Calle E.E., Krewski D., Kazuhiko I. & Thurston G.D. (2002): Lung cancer, cardiopulmonary mortality, and long-term exposure to fine particulate air pollution. JAMA, 287:1132–1141.





Reduction of life expectancy

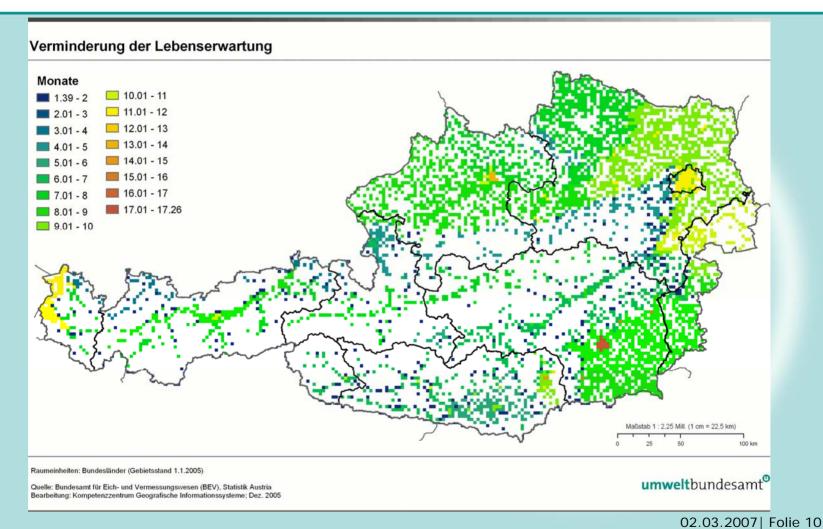
| City | Average PM10 background concentration (µg/m³) | Reduction of life expectancy (months)* |
|------------|---|--|
| Graz | 41 | 17 |
| Linz | 35 | 14 |
| Wien | 31 | 12 |
| St. Pölten | 30 | 11 |
| Innsbruck | 28 | 10 |
| Klagenfurt | 27 | 9 |
| Salzburg | 24 | 7 |

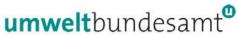
^{*}compared to a PM2,5 reference level of 8 µg/m³.





2-dimensional distribution





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Discussion

Uncertainties



Measured data (number of stations, extrapolation)

Referring from PM10 to PM2,5



Uncertainty of the relation of concentration and effect



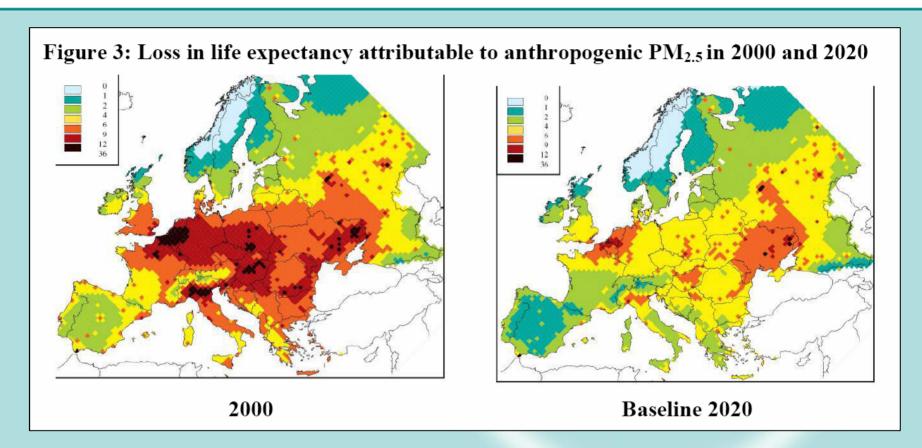
Uncertainties of the population data

- Advantages of the method
 - Linear relation of concentration and effect
 - Based on a large long-term epidemiological study
 - Mortality is clearly defined





"Clean Air for Europe" Study



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