

# Considerations when deploying a sensor-based air quality network

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- Air quality sensor-based systems: Challenges and Issues
- Considerations: Air quality network
- Uses cases:
  - Spain
  - Ethiopia
  - Formula E – Germany
  - India



WORLD  
METEOROLOGICAL  
ORGANIZATION

**Quality Assurance (QA)** - **appropriate calibration** ensures that data monitored are robust and accurate.

**Quality Control (QC)** - monitoring the long-term performance to ensure it **remains calibrated** and **help notify the user** when it needs to be corrected, removed or re-calibrated.

*Snyder et al., 2013 "Data of poor or unknown quality is less useful than no data since it can lead to wrong decisions".*



- Important to develop and refine new **scalable calibration and quality control approaches**.
- Proper **QA&QC procedures allow users to better understand the quantitative capabilities** and are resource-efficient → keep the overall cost of the network operation low.
- **Developing, optimizing, and refining advanced techniques for sensor calibration and validation** is essential to obtain reliable and meaningful data.

**Correct installation and maintenance** to ensure the proper performance of the devices and the quality of the data.



- ✓ **Usability** → easy of use, reduced maintenance
- ✓ **Portability** → autonomy, mass and volume (Form factor)

## Making the invisible visible:

A guide for mapping hyperlocal air pollution to drive clean air action

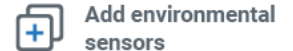


Two major questions arise when you start designing your monitoring effort: What sensor systems should you use? and What monitoring approach should you take?

## SELECTING MONITORING EQUIPMENT

The monitor sensors you choose to add to your network will depend on:

- the pollutant(s) you want to measure
- the data quality
- the budget you can devote to purchase and maintain the equipment.



## Examples:

- Solar Panel vs. Main Electrical Network
- Solar Panel Dimensions
- Easy&Fast installation vs. Difficult deployment in field

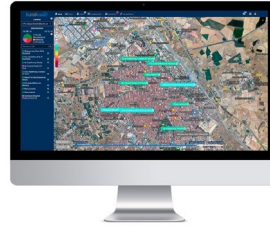


## USES CASES - Spain

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- SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, CO and particles (PM1, PM2.5 and PM10)
- Noise level.
- Temperature, relative humidity and atmospheric pressure.
- Wind speed and direction.



### CHALLENGES

- AQ data diffusion to citizens
- Civil engineering work. Poles installation.
- Public electrical network spots
- Lack of concern about the O&M of the network
- Public tender – fixed price

### SOLUTIONS

- AQ data accessible from web portal and screens.
- National Project
- Powered by public electric bikes chargers
- Operation and Maintenance Service in remote
- Price not adaptable for improvements





## USES CASES - Ethiopia

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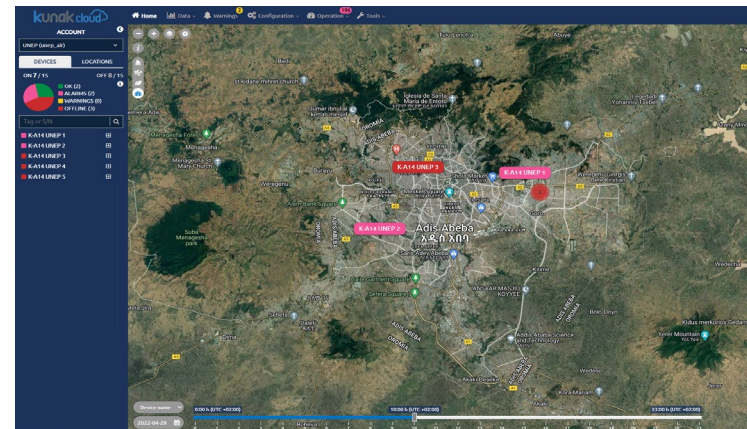
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### CHALLENGES

### SOLUTIONS

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|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not Official Reference Stations</li><li>• High temperature and humidity conditions</li><li>• Low budget</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Factory calibration against reference standards</li><li>• Remote baseline and sensitivity correction</li><li>• Kunak temp/RH correction algorithm</li><li>• Automatic maintenance of the network (not technician hours)</li></ul> |
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## USES CASES – Formula E (Germany)

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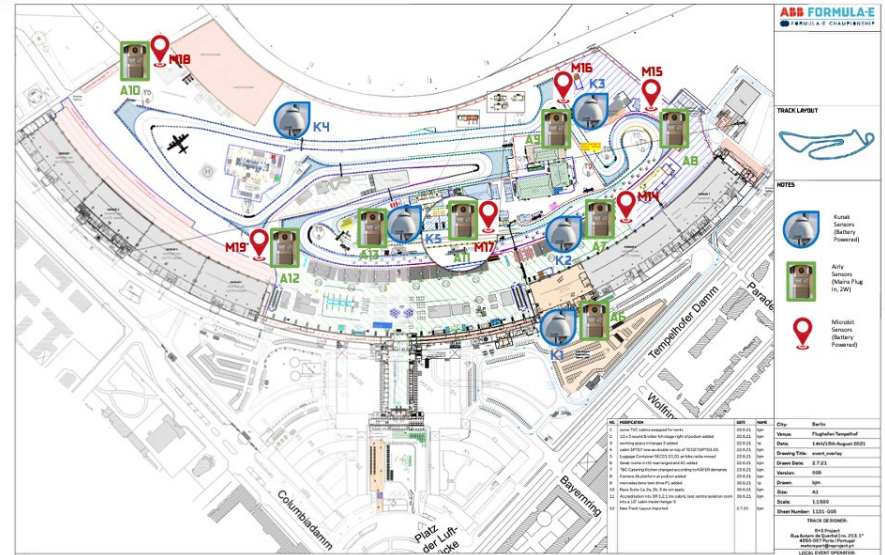
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### CHALLENGES

### SOLUTIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fast deployment (1 week project)</li> <li>• Electrical network not fully accessible</li> <li>• Not RS data for calibration</li> <li>• Pilot Project (low budget)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plug&amp;Play installation</li> <li>• Solar panel (small dimensions)</li> <li>• Factory calibration against reference standards</li> <li>• Remote baseline and sensitivity correction</li> </ul> |
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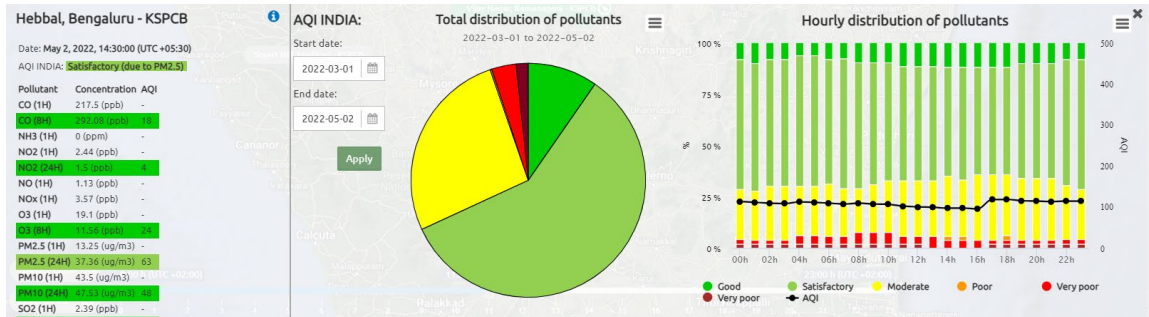


## USES CASES - India

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### CHALLENGES SOLUTIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature &gt;40°C</li> <li>• AQ data diffusion to citizens</li> <li>• New country</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kunak temp/RH correction algorithm</li> <li>• RS web widget development</li> <li>• Local partner help</li> </ul> |
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**AQI INDIA layer**

The marker colour indicates the level of air quality based on the Air Quality Index (AQI) at a given moment indicated by the temporal scroll located at the bottom of the page.

- Good
- Satisfactory
- Moderate
- Poor
- Very Poor
- Severe
- No data

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## Air quality platform

- **Visualize the operation** of the equipment and the data obtained → to monitor the health of the network and the status of the devices.
- **Detect errors and anomalies** in the devices and data **immediately**, consult them, and invalidate the data if needed.
- **Detect** that the gas and particle sensors need **calibration** and allow the **calibration remotely**.
- Availability of a validation tool for **validating and invalidating the data remotely**, to have reliable data for advanced analysis.
- A **Computer-based Maintenance Management System** → to facilitate network maintenance.
  - maintenance tasks
  - uploading of images and documents
  - access to configuration history, logbook, etc.

## Advanced platform for air quality networks remote management and noise levels analysis



Data visualization



Data integration



Remote device configuration



Warnings and alarms



Calibration tools



CMMS (Computerized maintenance management system)



Validation tool



Analysis tool



Automatic reports



## USES CASES - Spain



## Data Visualization

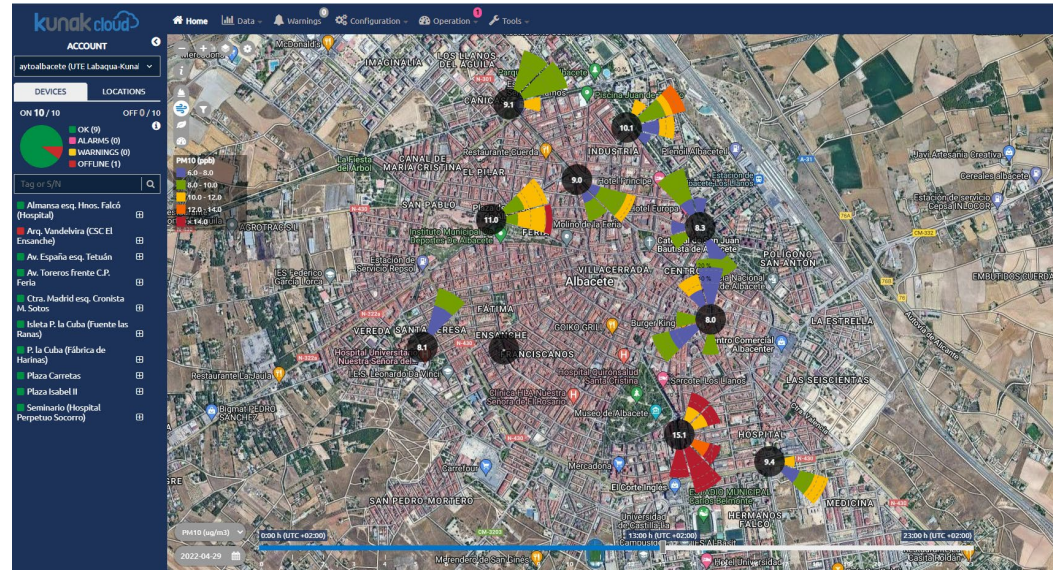
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### Warnings and alarms



The screenshot shows the Kunak Cloud web interface. The top navigation bar includes Home, Data, Warnings (2), Configuration, Operation (196), and Tools. The main content area is for device 'K-A14 UNEP 1' and is currently on the 'Operation' tab. It features a 'Parameters (24)' dropdown, a 'Period: All' filter, and a 'TZ: (UTC+3:00) Nairobi' dropdown. Below these are checkboxes for 'Active', 'Unconfirmed', and 'Confirmed' alarm types, and a 'Notifications Settings' section with an 'Apply' button. A table at the bottom displays alarm events with columns for Status, Device, Periodicity, Parameter, Description, Help, Start, End, and Checked by. The table shows three unconfirmed alarms related to a disconnected charger, PM sensor issues, and a low battery warning.

Status	Device	Periodicity	Parameter	Description	Help	Start	End	Checked by
<input type="checkbox"/> Unconfirmed	K-A14 UNEP 1	Daily	Charge (V)	Disconnected or broken charger or solar panel		Mar 16, 2022, 03:00:01	Mar 17, 2022, 02:59:59	
<input type="checkbox"/> Unconfirmed	K-A14 UNEP 1	Daily	PM sensor	The sensor has a serious problem and its data are not being received		Mar 14, 2022, 03:00:01	Active	
<input type="checkbox"/> Unconfirmed	K-A14 UNEP 1	Daily	PM sensor	The sensor has a serious problem and its data are not being received		Feb 21, 2022, 03:00:01	Feb 22, 2022, 02:59:59	
<input type="checkbox"/> Unconfirmed	K-A14 UNEP 1	Hourly	Battery (V)	Device close to run out of battery		Feb 17, 2022, 09:00:01	Feb 17, 2022, 11:00:01	

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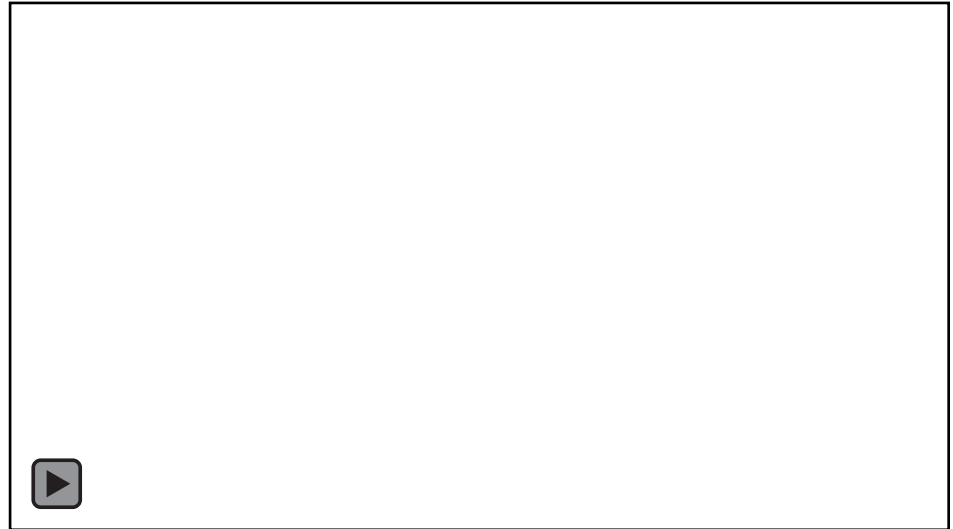
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Analysis tool



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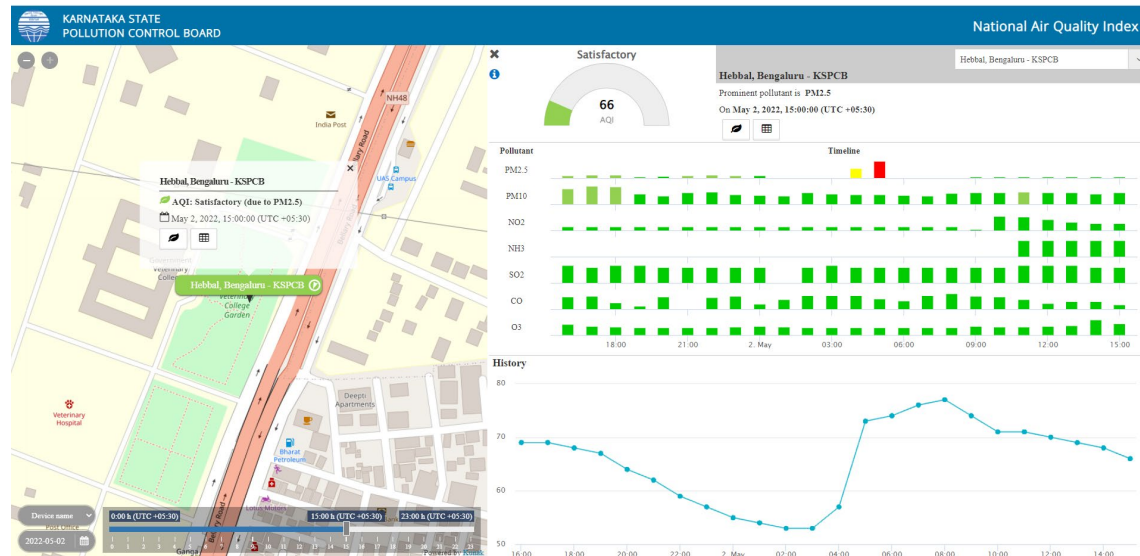
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Data integration



<https://kunakcloud.com/dashboards/india/karnataka.html>



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