





| | Atmospheric nuclear weapons test | | Chernobyl | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | Global | Sweden | Global | Sweden |
| All nuclides (PBq) | 2,600,000 | | 5,300 [†] | |
| Cs-137 (PBq) | 890 [‡] | 1.25 [‡] | 89 [‡] | 4.25 [‡] |
| Collective dose, excl ¹⁴ C (manSv) | 4,500,000 [‡] | 10,000 [‡] | 600,000 [‡] | 6,000 [‡] |
| Malignancies 1986-2036 ICRP 60 | 225,000 | 500 | 30,000 | 300 |
| Malignancies 1988-1999 Tondel 2006 | | | | 1,278 |

‡ Moberg, ed. The Chernobyl fallout in Sweden, 1991.

† UNSCEAR 2000



Increased incidence of malignancies in Sweden after the Chernobyl accident—a promoting effect?

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- Inhabitants in 8 out of 21 counties in Sweden
- 0-60 years old 1986
- Same address, Dec 31, 1985 and Dec 31, 1987

Dwelling coordinate (100 m) National Land Survey of Sweden

Digital maps (200 x 200 m) Geological Survey of Sweden (TGR)
and Swedish Radiation Protection Authority (Cs-137)

GIS-technique to match dwelling coordinate with TGR and Cs-137

Categories for TGR and Cs-137 with the same proportions of
population (30-25-20-15-5-5%)

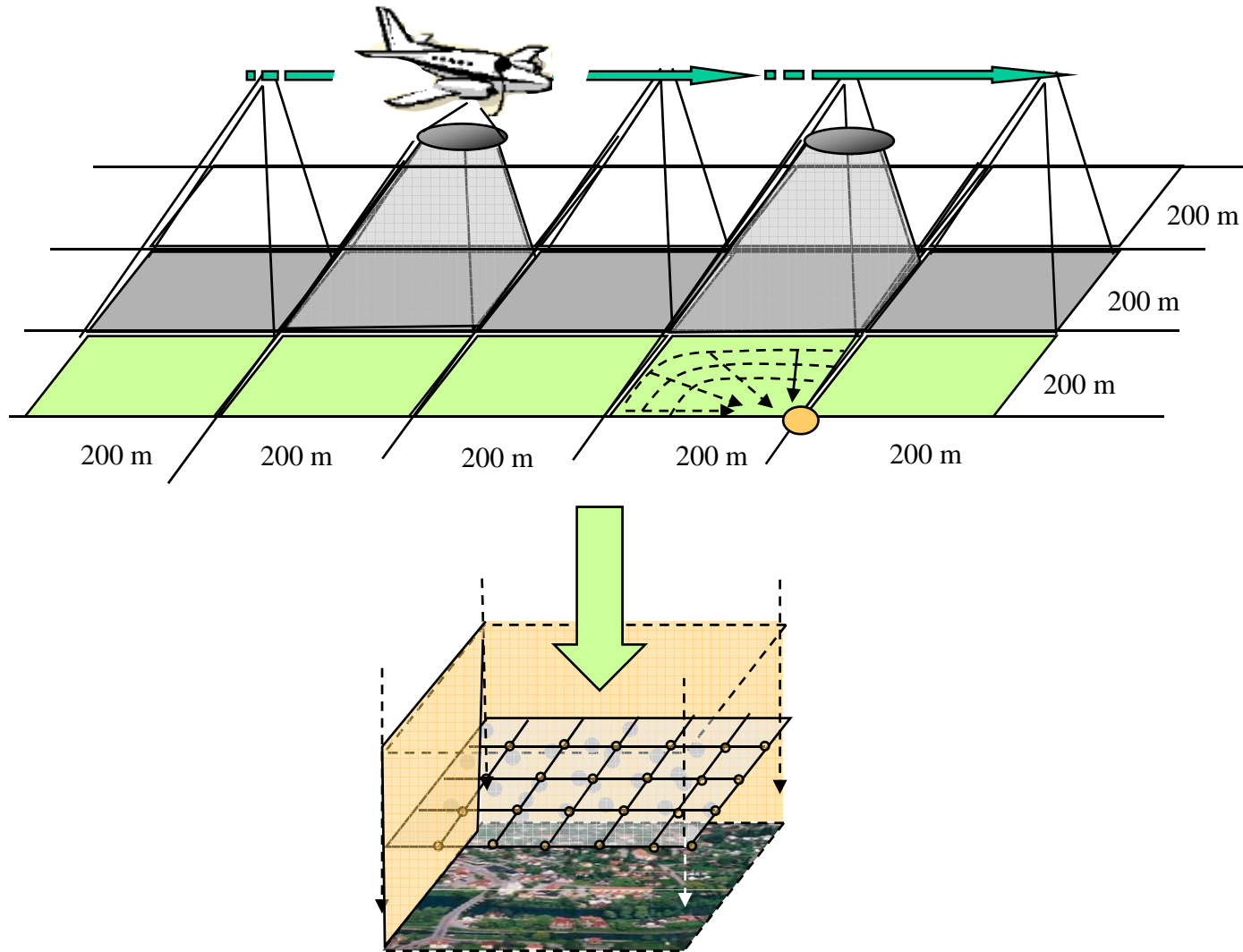


Number of people and cases of malignancies

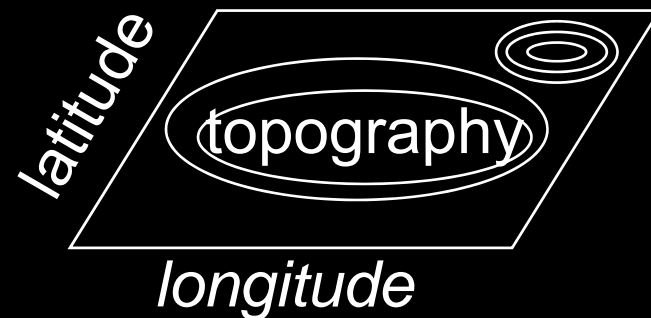
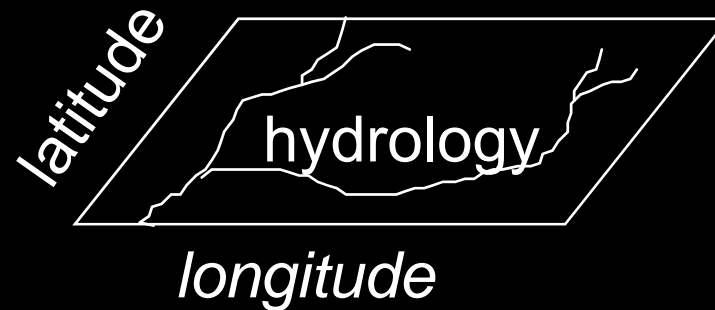
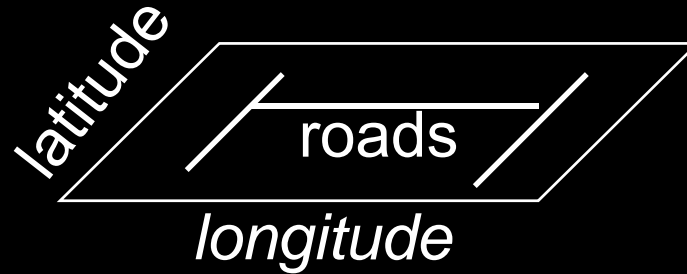
| Cs-137 nGy/h | Population 1988 (%) | Malignancies 1988-1999 |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 0-8 | 350,387 (30.8) | 10,212 |
| 9-23 | 277,518 (24.4) | 8,164 |
| 24-43 | 216,588 (19.1) | 6,491 |
| 44-66 | 178,875 (15.7) | 5,531 |
| 67-84 | 57,014 (5.0) | 1,735 |
| ≥ 85 | 56,724 (5.0) | 1,718 |
| Total | 1,137,106 (100.0) | 33,851 |



From airborne measurements to digital map



GIS - example of layers



GIS - map

grid

caesium-137

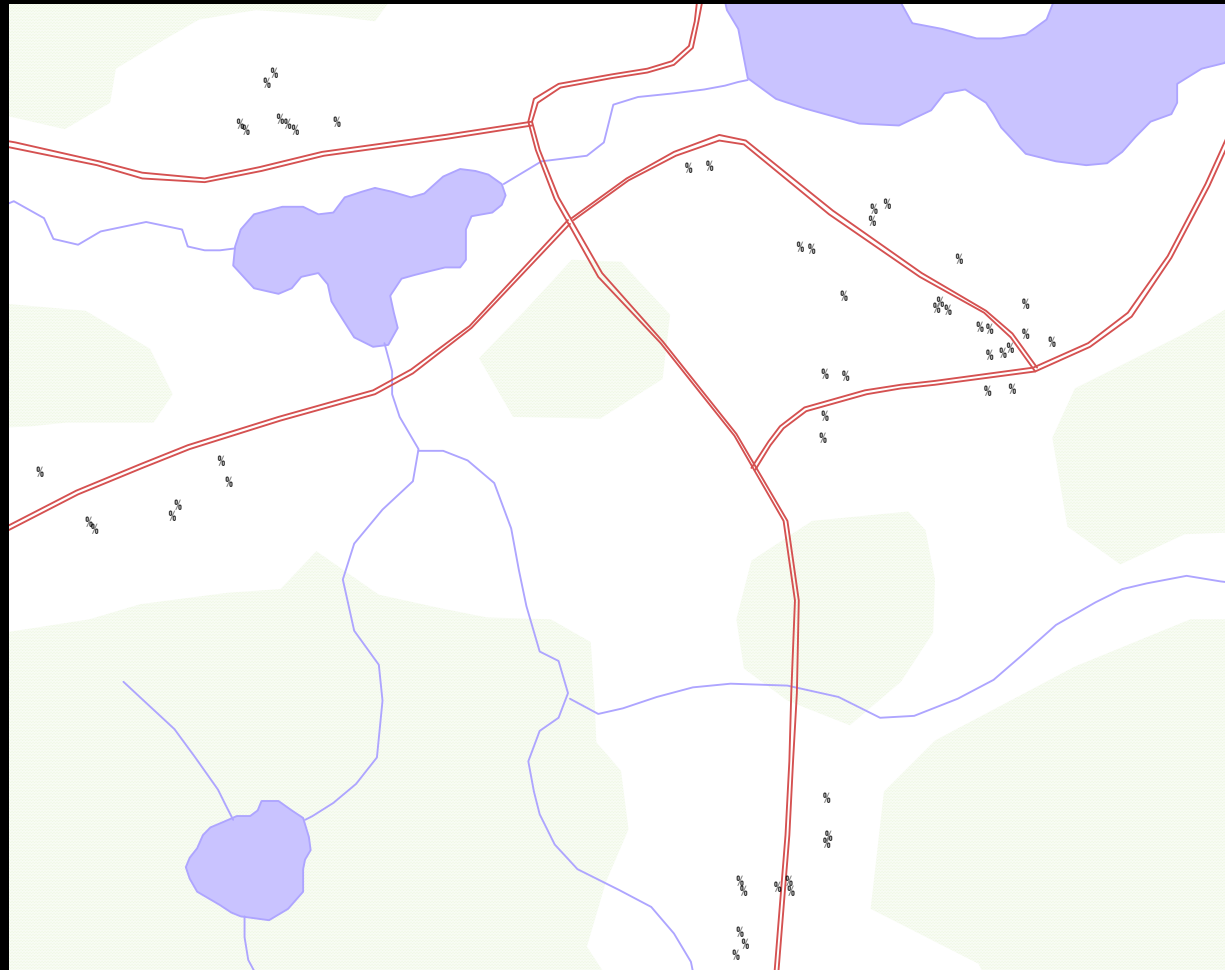
coordinate points

V dwellings

V roads

V lakes

V forest



GIS – dwellings at a coordinate

grid

caesium-137

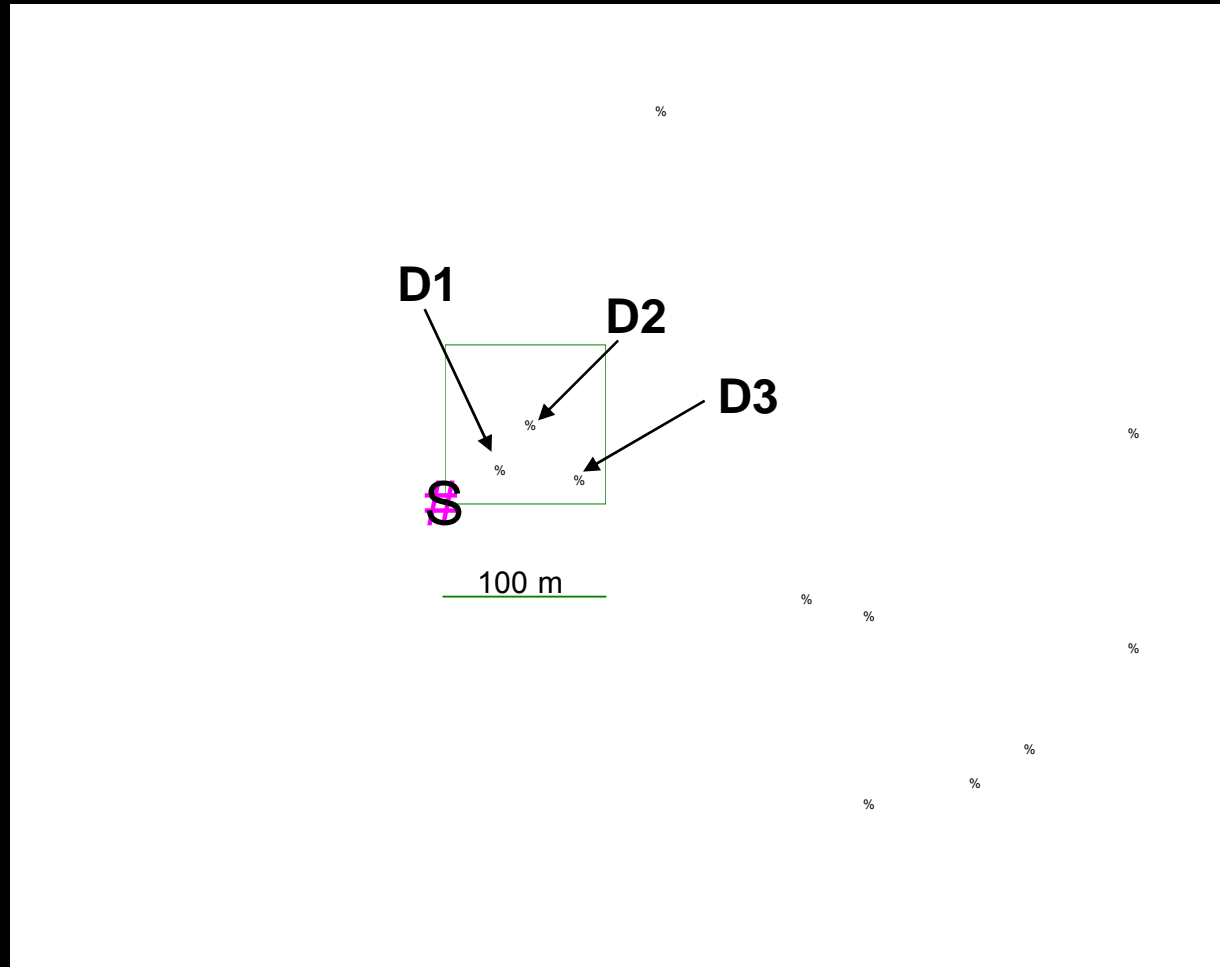
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V dwellings

roads

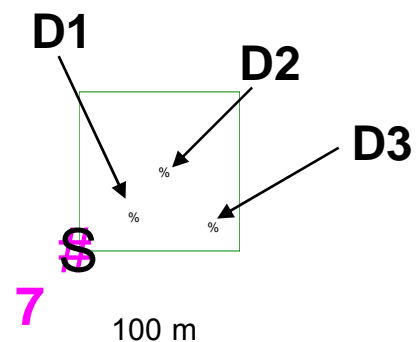
lakes

forest



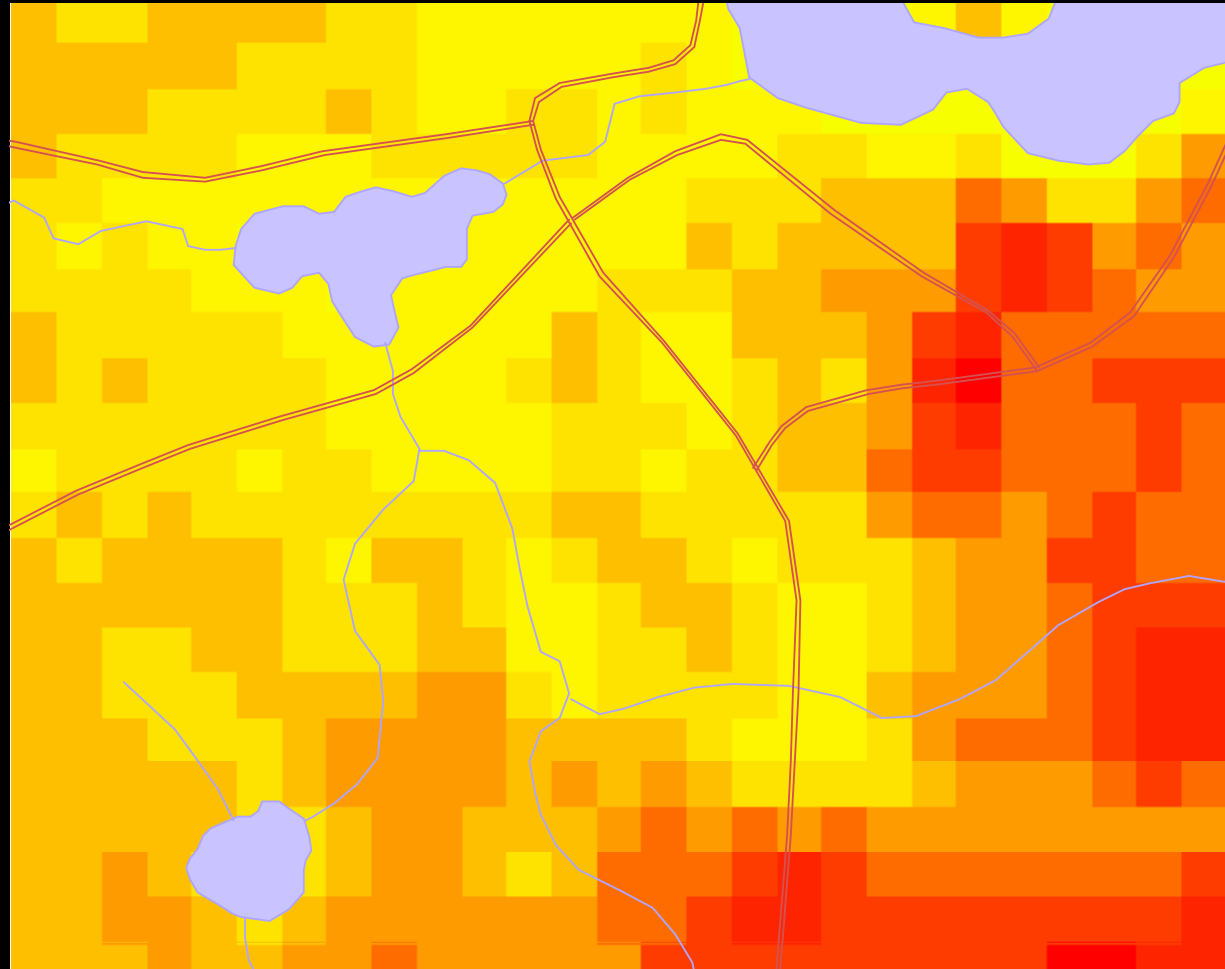
GIS – individuals at a coordinate

| Id | Born | Sex | Dwelling | Coordinate id |
|-----|------|-----|----------|---------------|
| 391 | 1919 | M | D1 | 15672 |
| 221 | 1982 | M | D2 | 15672 |
| 235 | 1983 | F | D2 | 15672 |
| 236 | 1974 | M | D3 | 15672 |
| 237 | 1978 | F | D3 | 15672 |
| 508 | 2000 | M | D3 | 15672 |
| 509 | 2004 | M | D3 | 15672 |



GIS – Cs-137 map

- grid
- ✓ caesium-137
- coordinate points
- dwellings
- ✓ roads
- ✓ lakes
- forest



GIS – coordinates

grid

caesium-137

V coordinate points

dwellings

roads

lakes

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GIS – overlay Cs-137 and coordinates

grid

V caesium-137

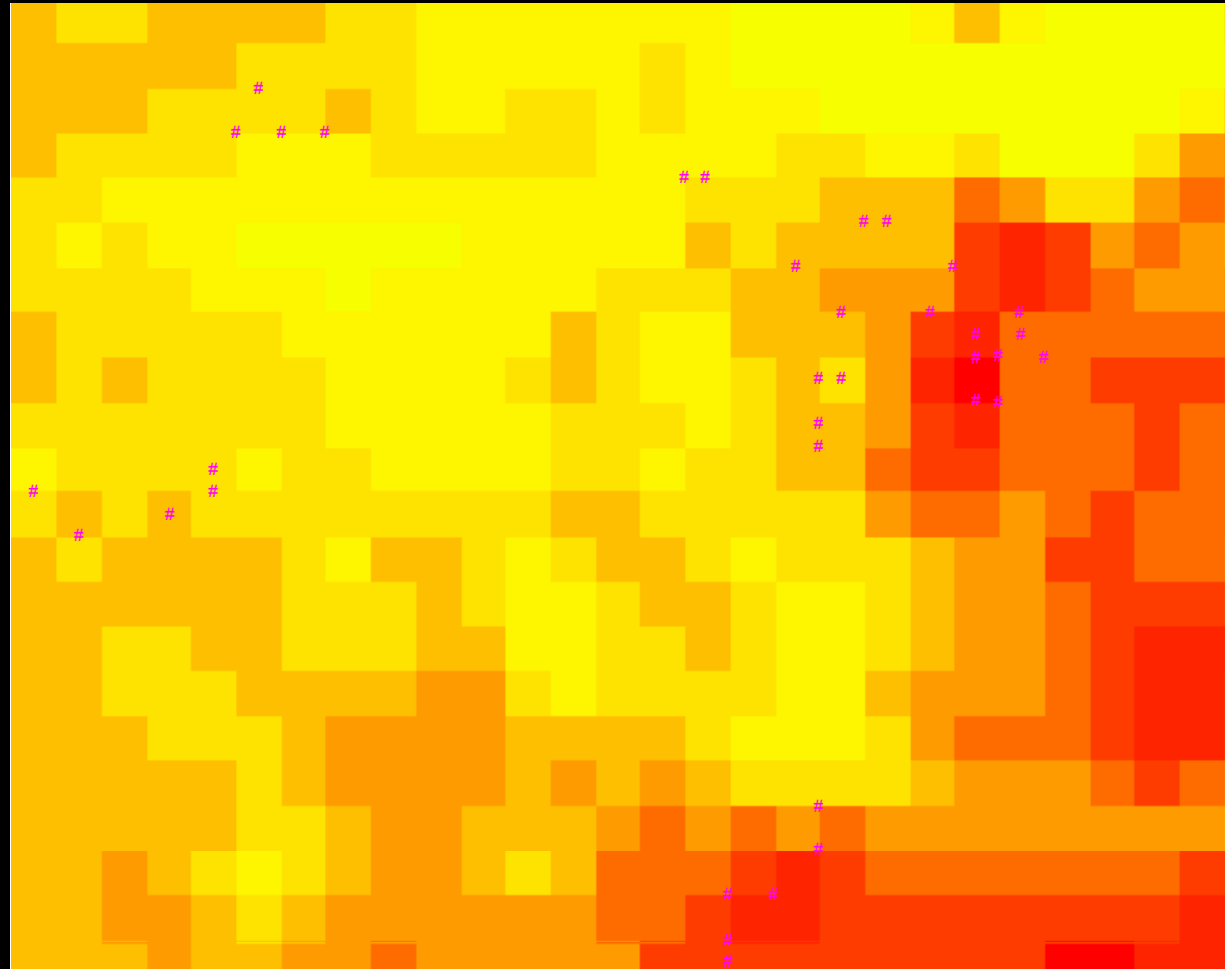
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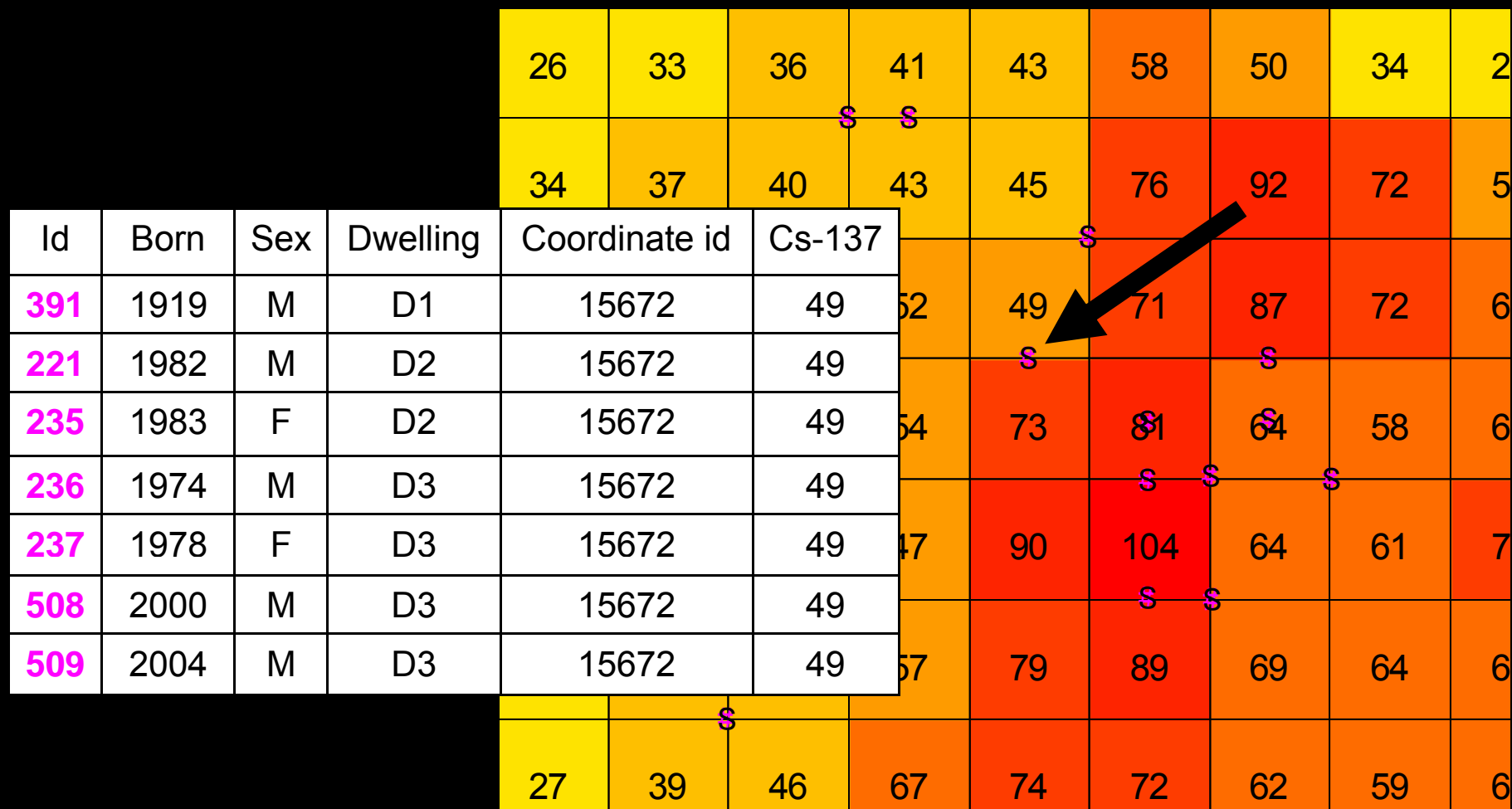
GIS – geometric join

- V grid
- V caesium-137
- V coordinate points
- dwelling
- roads
- lakes
- forest

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|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|---|
| 26 | 33 | 36 | 41 | 43 | 58 | 50 | 34 | 2 |
| | | | S | S | | | | |
| 34 | 37 | 40 | 43 | 45 | 76 | 92 | 72 | 5 |
| | S | | | | S | | | |
| 42 | 41 | 50 | 52 | 49 | 71 | 87 | 72 | 6 |
| | | S | | S | | S | | |
| 43 | 43 | 46 | 54 | 73 | 81 | 64 | 58 | 6 |
| | | | | | S | S | S | |
| 33 | 37 | S | S | 47 | 90 | 104 | 64 | 7 |
| | | | | | S | S | | |
| 25 | 41 | S | 40 | 57 | 79 | 89 | 69 | 6 |
| | | S | | | | | | |
| 27 | 39 | 46 | 67 | 74 | 72 | 62 | 59 | 6 |



GIS – individuals and exposure

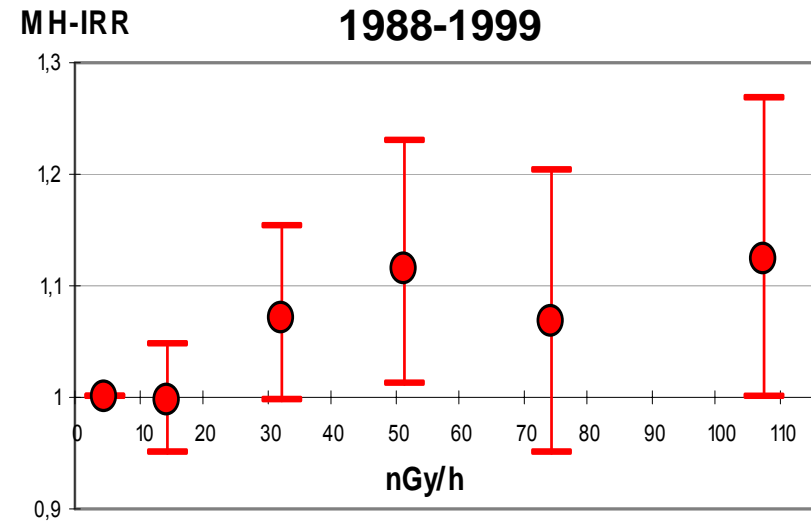
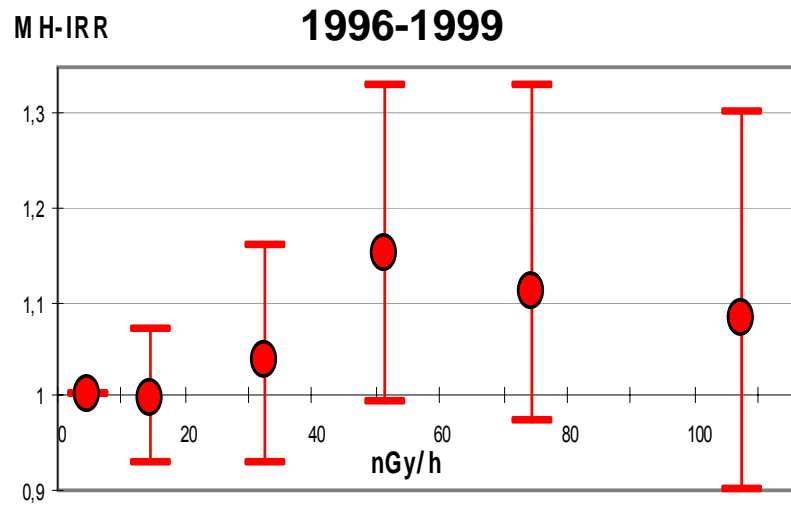
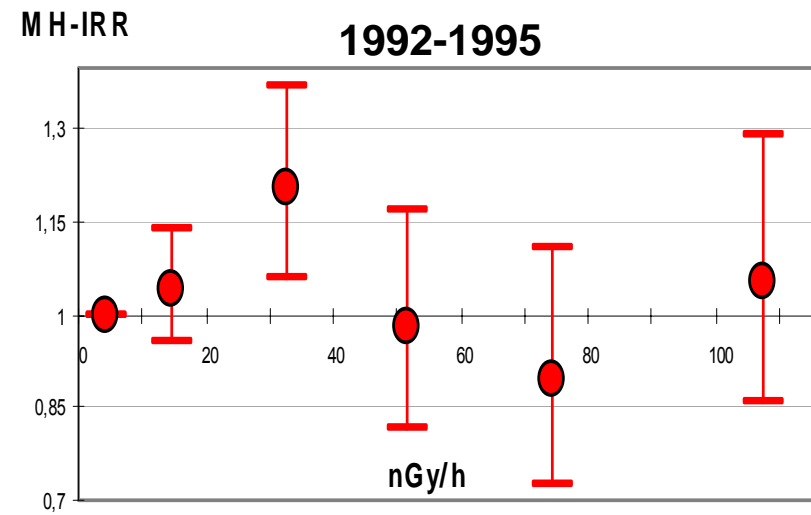
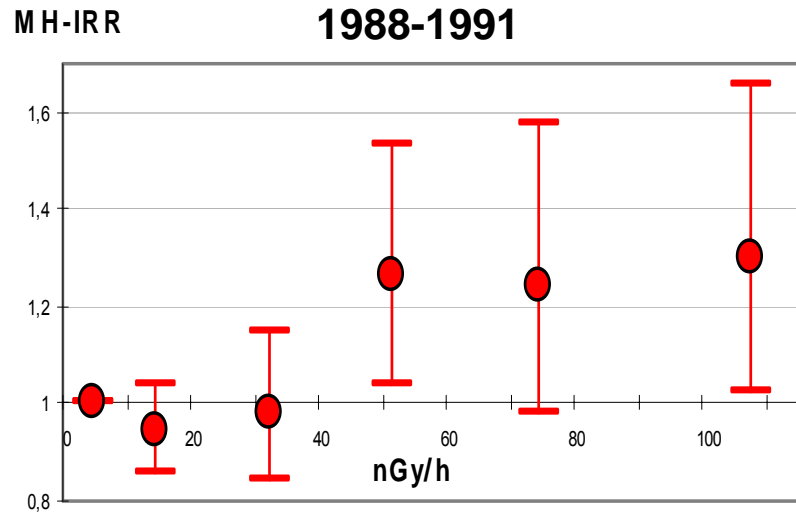


MH-IRR, EAR and ERR adjusted for:

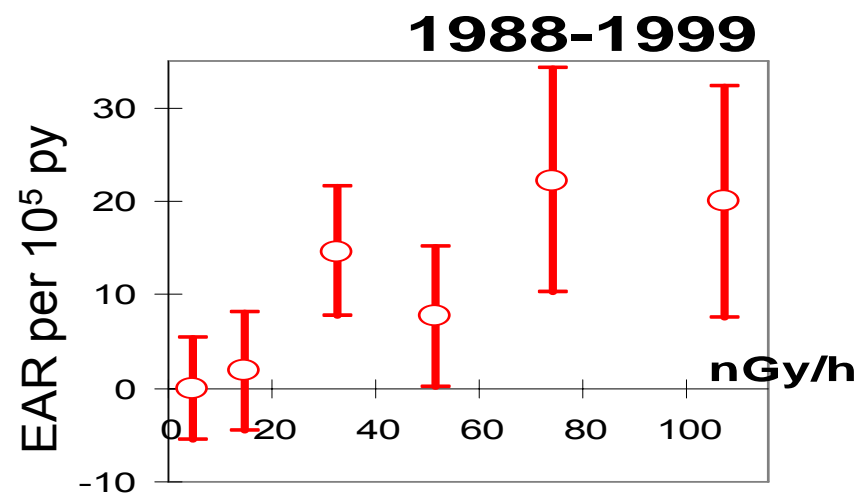
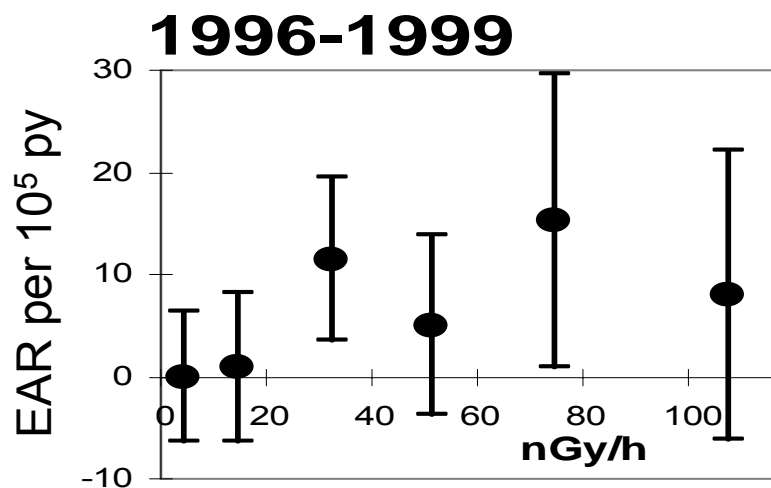
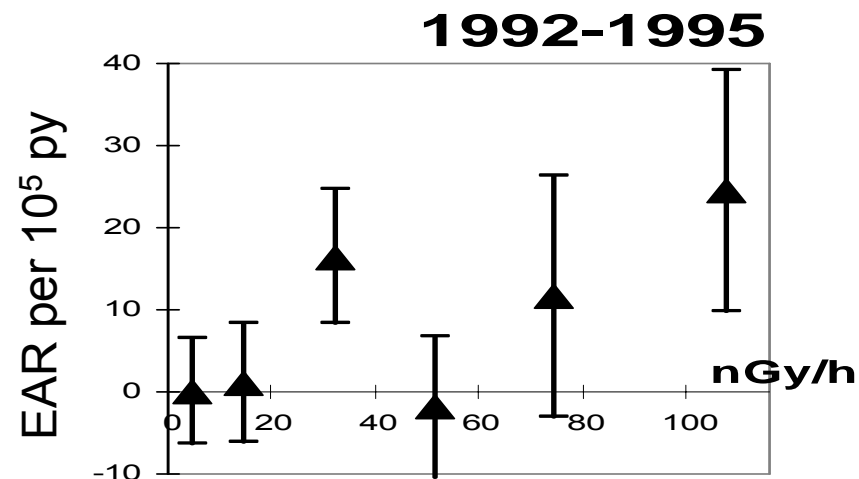
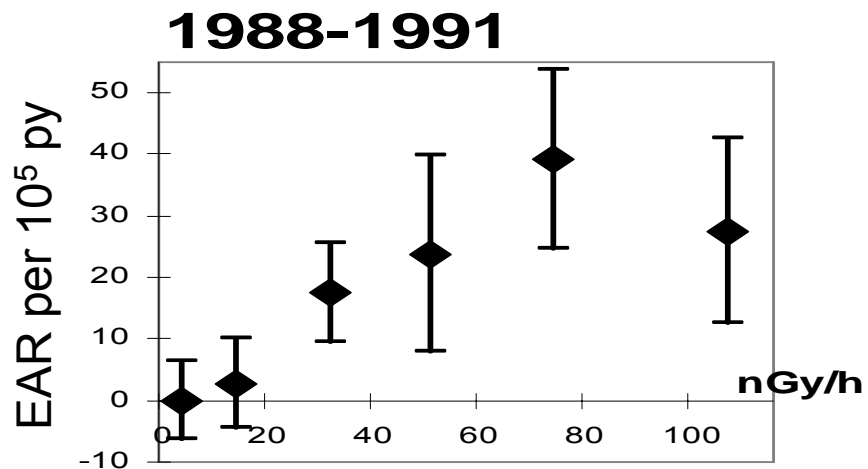
- A. Population density by parish
- B. Population density by municipality (H-regions)
- C. Lungcancer 1988-1996 by municipality (proxy for smoking)
- D. Total cancer incidence 1986-1987 (geographic difference)
- E. Terrestrial Gamma Radiation (TGR)



Total malignancies



Total malignancies



Conclusion



Increase in the incidence of total malignancies related to increasing caesium radiation in the time period 1988-1991 which contributes to the increase in the follow-up period 1988-1999.

After control for confounding factors this increase can be seen in MH-IRR, EAR and ERR.



| Environmental | |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| | Average (min-max) |
| Radon | 0.8 (0.2-10) |
| Indoor γ | 0.54 (0.08-11) |
| Cosmic | 0.34 (0.30-0.50) |
| Food/water | 0.17 (0-10) |
| K-40 | 0.16 (0.08-0.25) |
| Outdoor γ | 0.045 (0-1) |
| Sum | 2.055 (0.66-32.75) |

| Man-made | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Average (min-max) |
| Medical | 0.9 (0.010-100) |
| Flight | 0.024 (0-3.4) |
| Chernobyl - External | 0.008 (0-0.500) |
| - Internal | 0.0025 (0-2) |
| Sum | 0.9345 (0.010-105.9) |

Annual effective dose (mSv) in Sweden 2005

SSI-rapport 2007:2

Total 2.9895
(0.67-138.65)



Transfer of ^{137}Cs from Chernobyl debris and nuclear weapons fallout to different Swedish population groups

Rääf, Hubbard, Falk, Ågren, Vesanen. Sci Total Environ 2006;367:324-340

Effective dose over a 70 y period:

1. general Swedish population 20–30 $\mu\text{Sv}/\text{kBq m}^{-2}$
2. reindeer herders $\sim 700 \mu\text{Sv}/\text{kBq m}^{-2}$
3. hunters $\sim 100 \mu\text{Sv}/\text{kBq m}^{-2}$
4. rural non-farming populations 40–150 $\mu\text{Sv}/\text{kBq m}^{-2}$
5. farmers $\sim 50 \mu\text{Sv}/\text{kBq m}^{-2}$

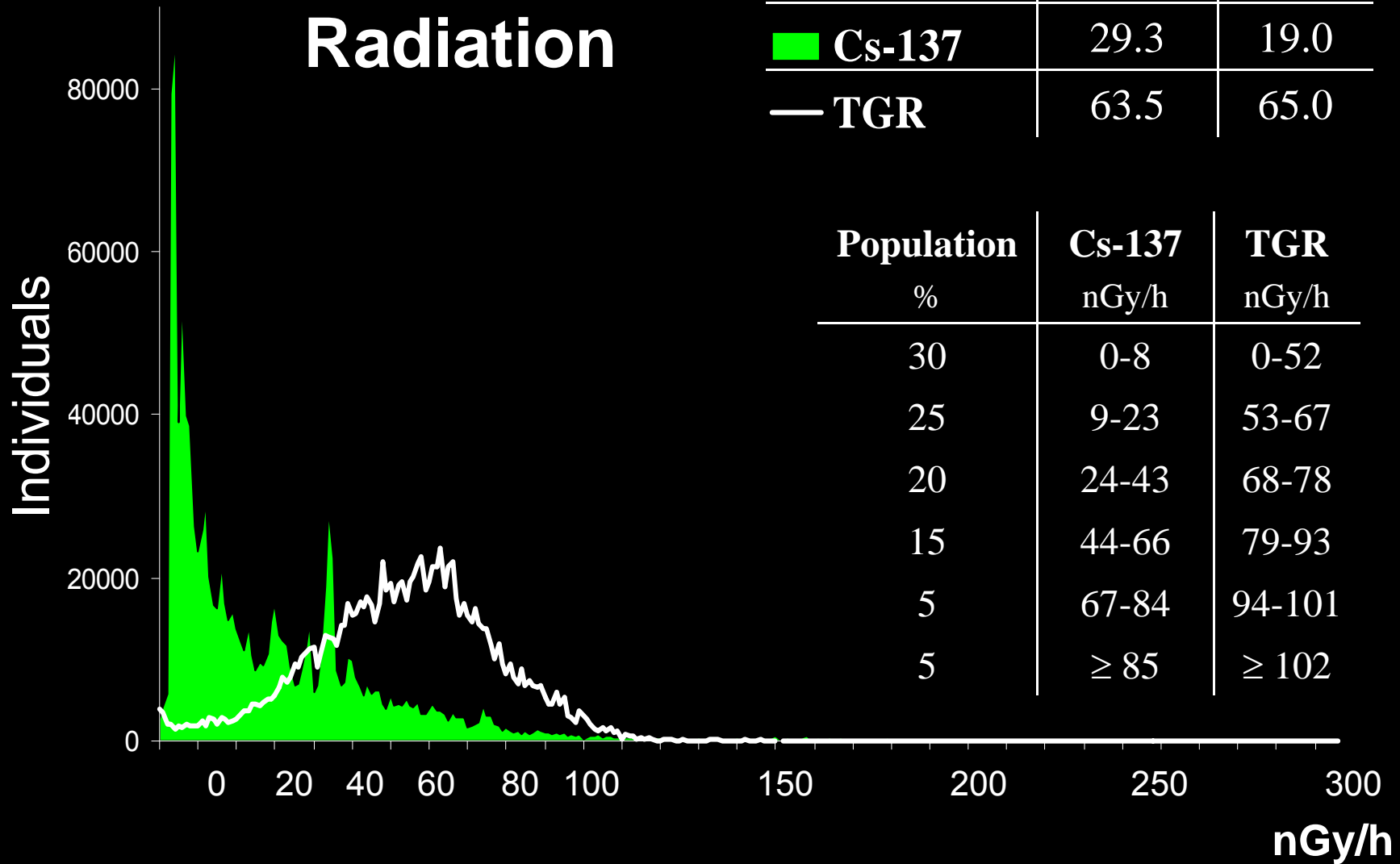
Transfer from ground deposition determined by:

1. dietary habits
2. inclination to follow the recommended food restriction by the authorities

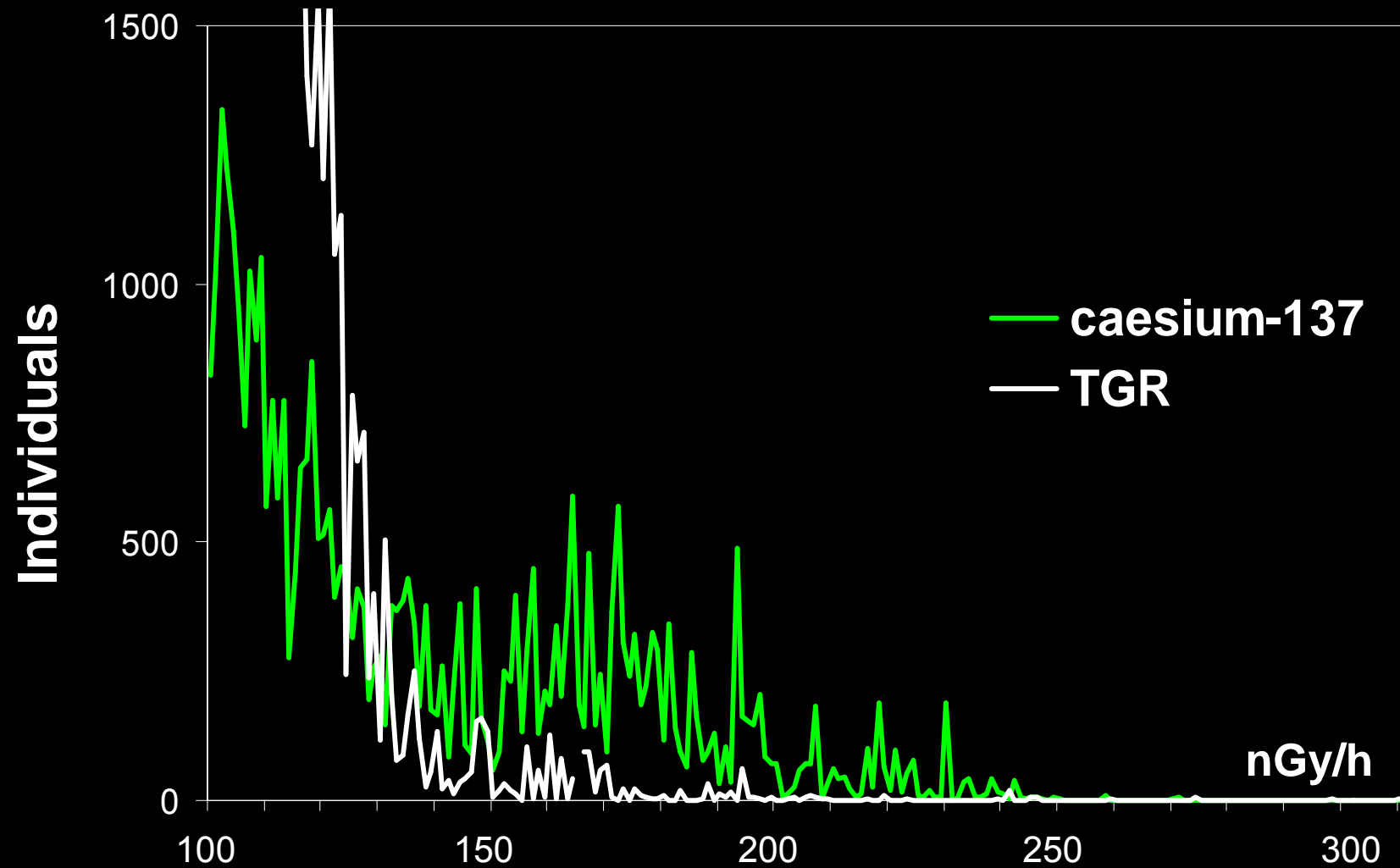
Transfer to the general population is a factor 3 lower for the Chernobyl fallout than nuclear weapons fallout due to:

1. higher awareness of the public and authorities
2. nuclear weapons fallout during the growth season

Radiation



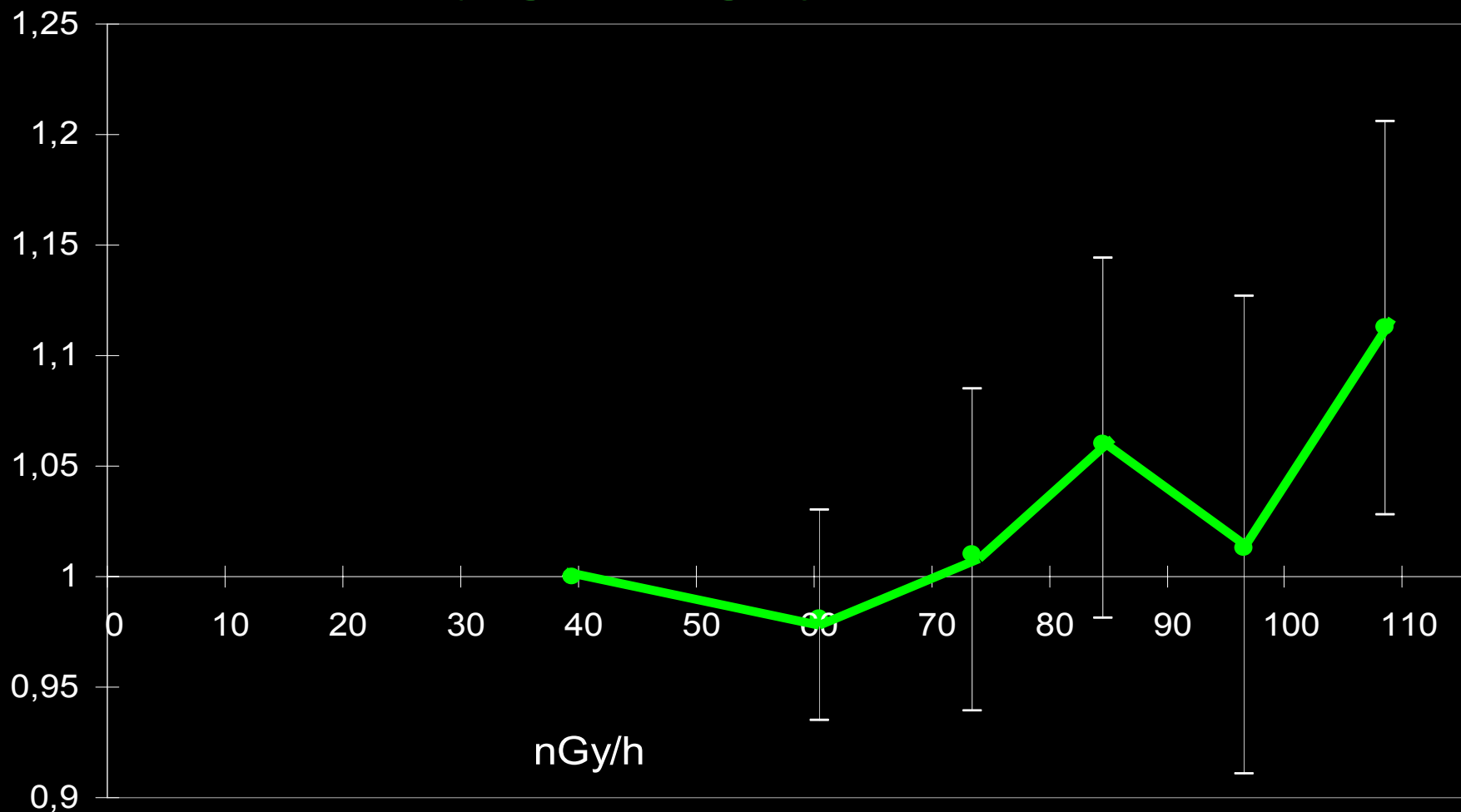
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Total malignancies 1988-99

MH-IRR
(95% CL)

TGR (adj age, category 1)

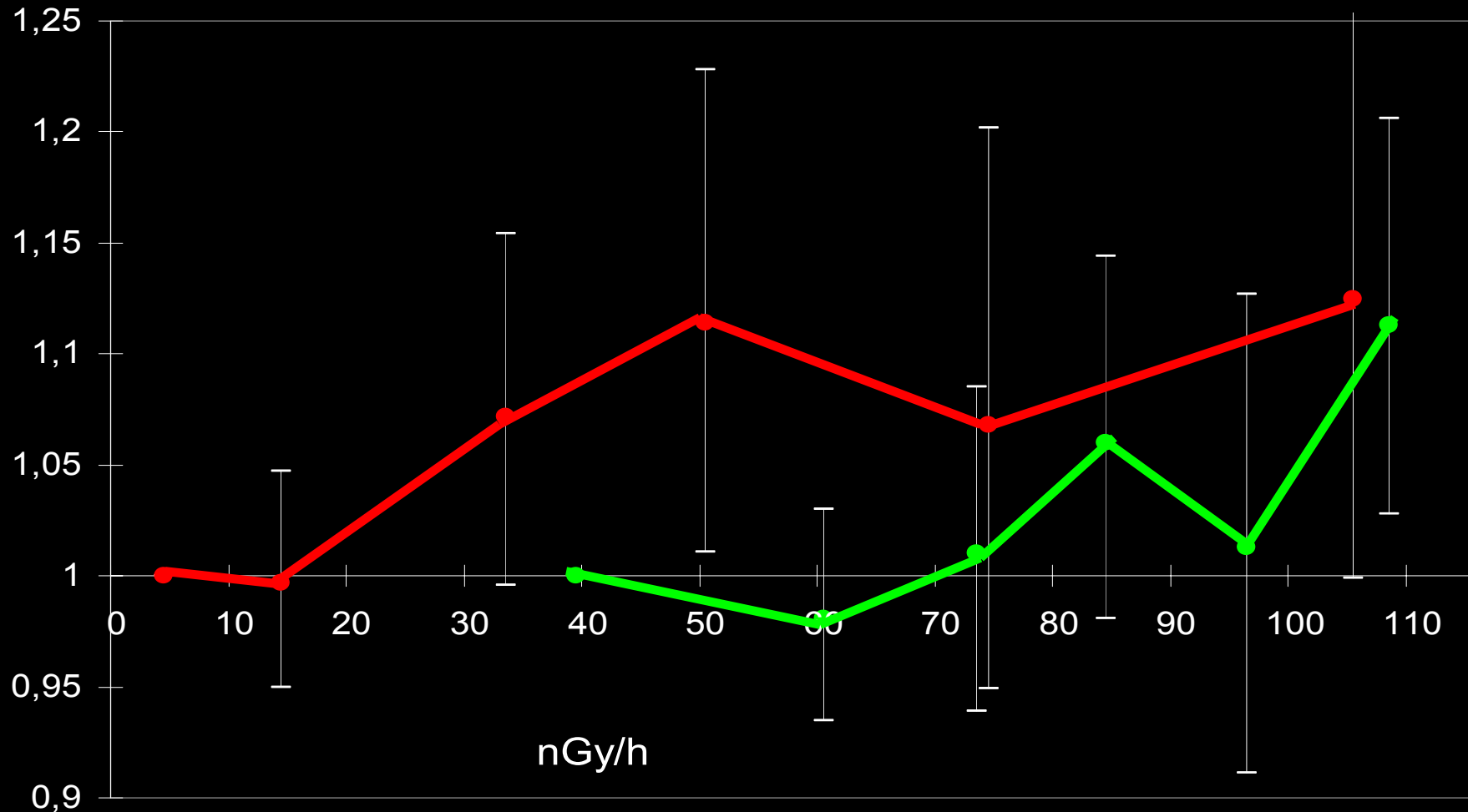


Total malignancies 1988-99

MH-IRR
(95% CL)

TGR (adj age, category 1)

Cs-137 (adj A-E)



| Cohorts | Follow-up period | Malignancies (n) | Person-years | Dose (mSv) | ERR per Sv (95% CL) |
|---------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|
| Chernobyl | 1988-1999 | 33,851 [‡] | 13,391,362 | 0-10 | 10 (0;23) |
| Atom bombs | 1950-2000 | 10,127 [†] | 3,184,354 | 5-3,000 | 0.42 (0.33;0.51) |
| Semipalatinsk | 1960-1999 | 889 [†] | 582,750 | 20-4,000 | 1.77 (1.35;2.27) |

‡ incident cases of total malignancies

† deaths in all solid cancer



The Excess Relative Risk (ERR):

RR-1 in the fully adjusted model using the
Poisson regression

Dose rate as a continuous variable

The ERR 0.042 per 100 nGy/h (95% CL
0.001;0.084)



Excess Absolute Risk (EAR per 10^5 person-years)

$$\text{SIRD}_{ij} = (\text{SIR}_{ij} - \text{SIR}_{jk})$$

$$\text{EAR}_{ij} = (\text{SIRD}_{ij} - \text{SIRD}_{0i})$$

i = time period or follow-up,

j = exposure category,

k = 1986-1987,

0 = reference category (0-8 nGy/h).

By definition SIRD_{0i} is not influenced by the exposure i.e. is an underlying time trend or secular trend.



| | Hiroshima-Nagasaki, Japan | Chernobyl accident, USSR |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Source | Atomic bombs | Nuclear power plant explosion |
| Exposure | Instant high 1945 | Protracted low since 1986 |
| Radiation | Neutron, gamma | Gamma |
| Route of exposure | External | External and internal |
| Dose assessment | Final dosimetry 2002? | Ongoing |
| Follow-up | 1950- | 1986- |
| Population | Two cities, 560,000 in 1945 | Europe, 572,000,000 in 1986 |
| Malignancies | Mortality | Incidence, mortality |
| Strength | Already long time follow-up High doses Individual dose assessment | Long time follow-up in future Low doses Dose assessment from 1986 |
| Weakness | No data 1945-1950 Few persons with low dose Extrapolation to low dose | Short follow-up period Few persons with high dose No individual dose assessment |

