

# Approaches for an integrated study of urban air pollution

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# Outline of Seminar

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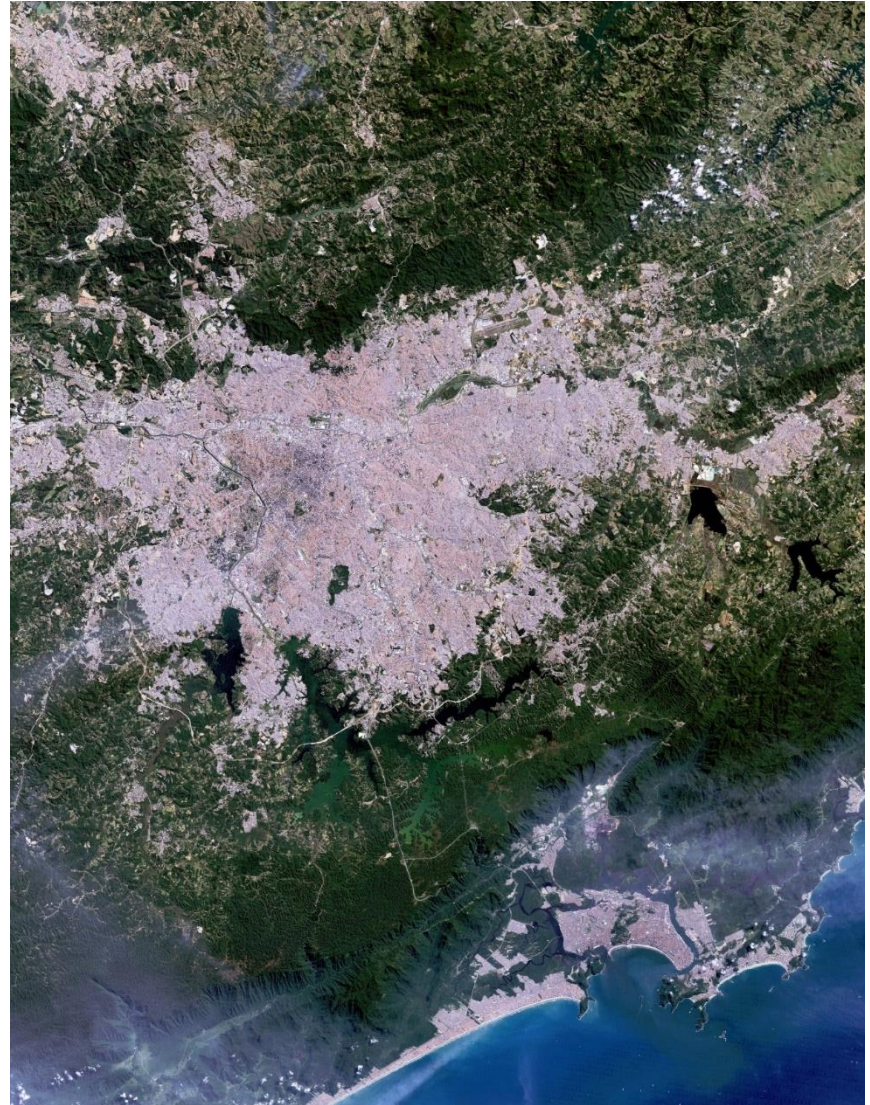
- Motivation
  - Health effects
  - Climate
- What to study:
- Gaps in knowledge
  - Measurements (including low-cost sensors)
  - Regulated (PM, O<sub>3</sub>) and other important species (VOC, OM, BC)
  - Hot spots
- Emissions

## Modeling

air quality

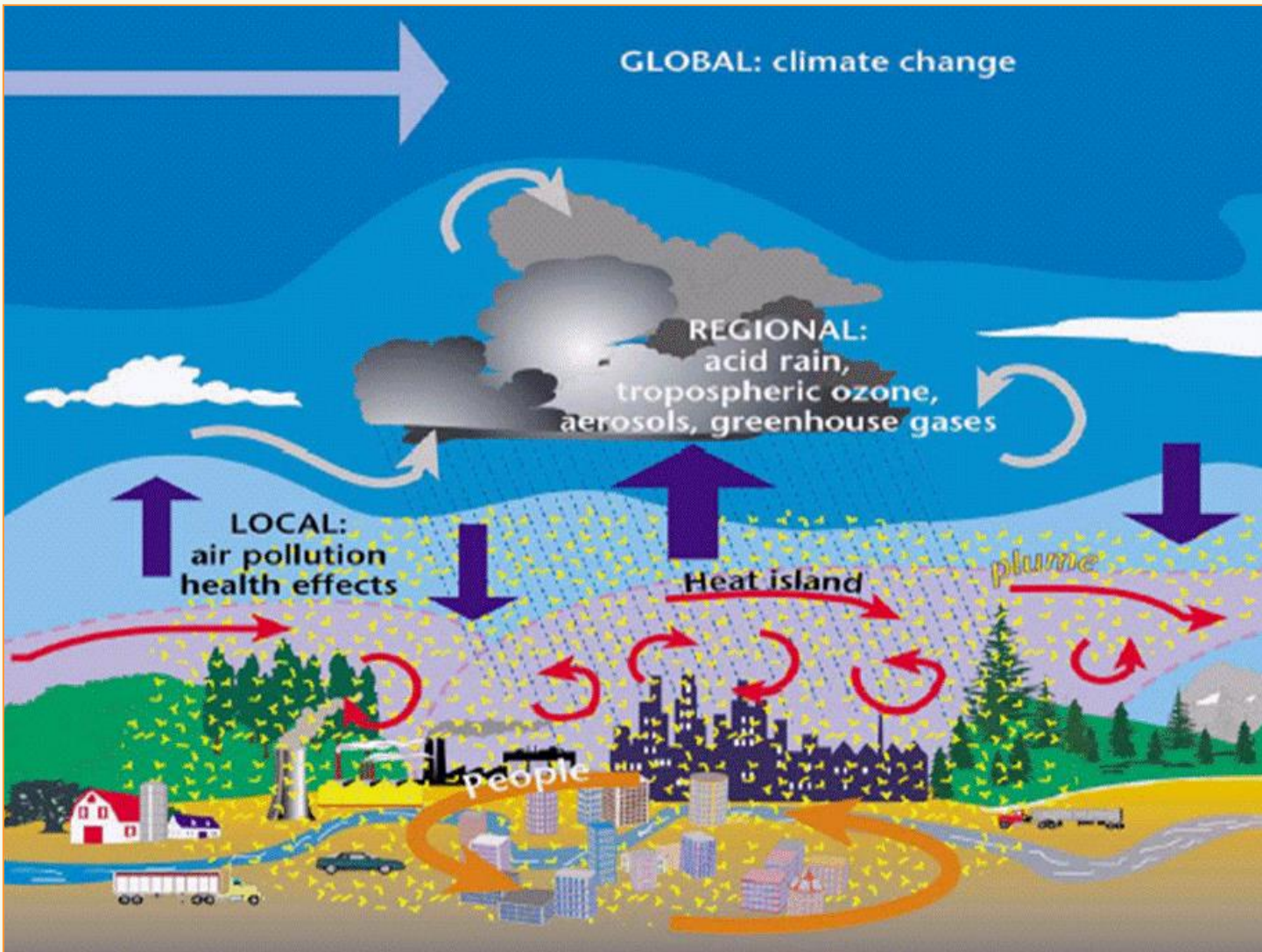
emissions

high-resolution



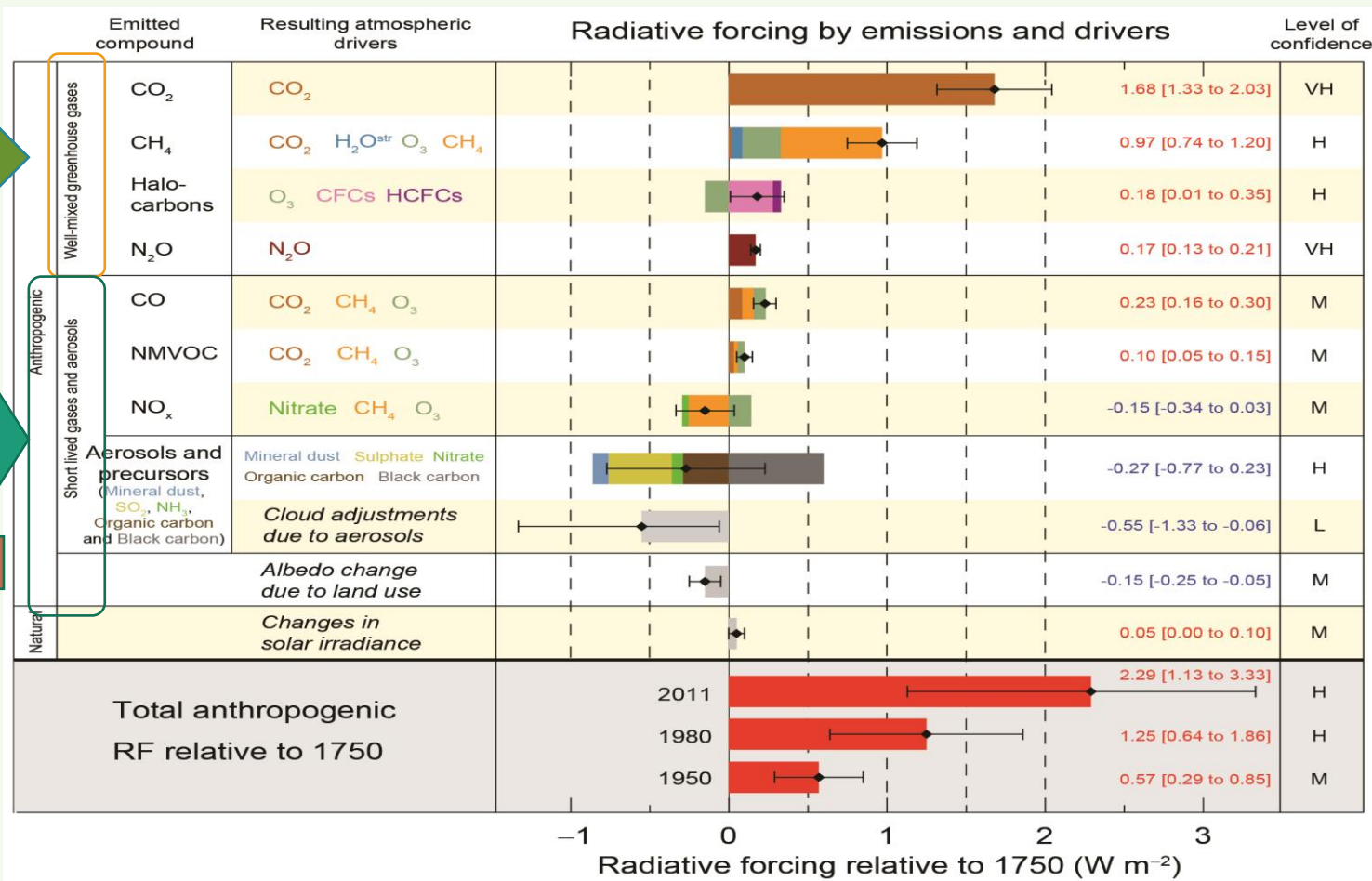
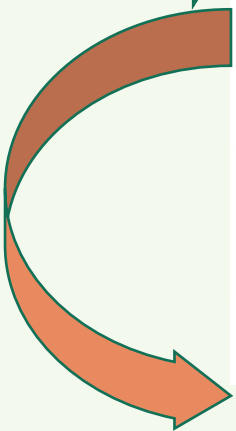


## Urban air pollution integrated approach



Source: WMO, GAW program

Long residence time



Radiative Forcing – IPCC, AR5

“short-lived health- and climate relevant air contaminants (SHCC)”

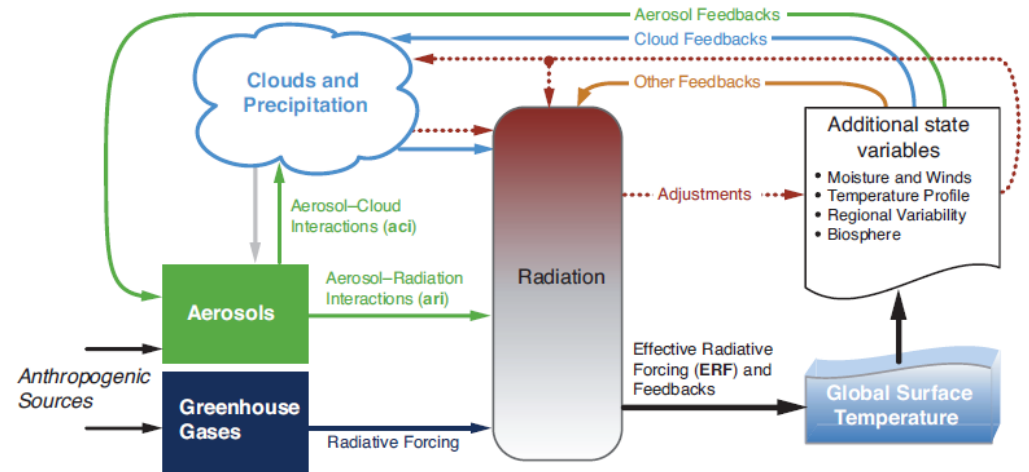
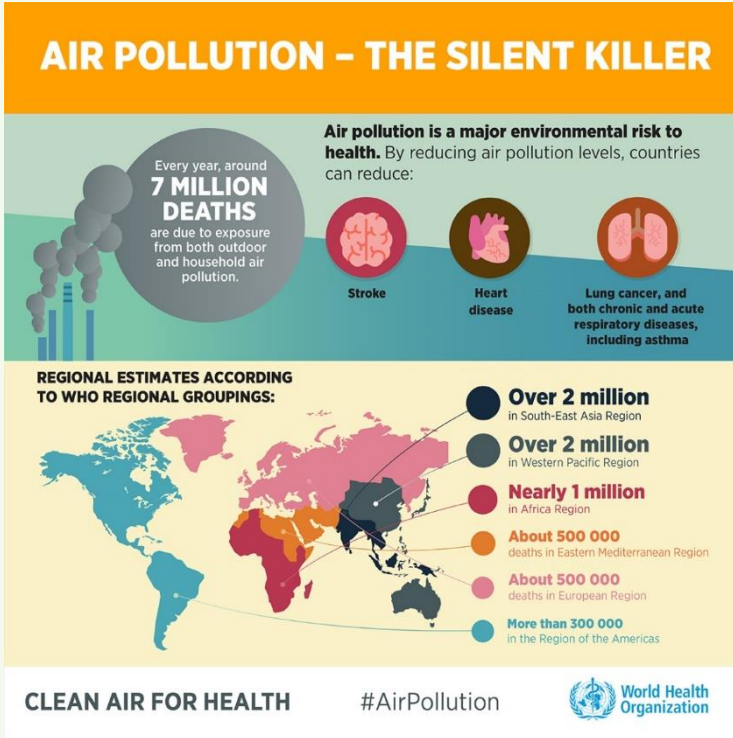


# Tackling Short- Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCPs)

- Term SLCP is not as commonly used with local governments . More generic terms: **air pollution / pollutants**
- **SLCPs have short lifetimes, affecting near-term climate**
- Include methane, black carbon, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), and tropospheric ozone (black carbon is a component of fine particulate matter – need to monitor PM2.5, PM10)
- Black carbon and tropospheric ozone associated with **adverse health effects**.
- **tackling climate change mitigation and air pollution following an integrated approach** – many actions can benefit both air quality and reducing GHG emissions, benefiting the community.

# Why do we care about pollution?

- Health effects
- Climate effects

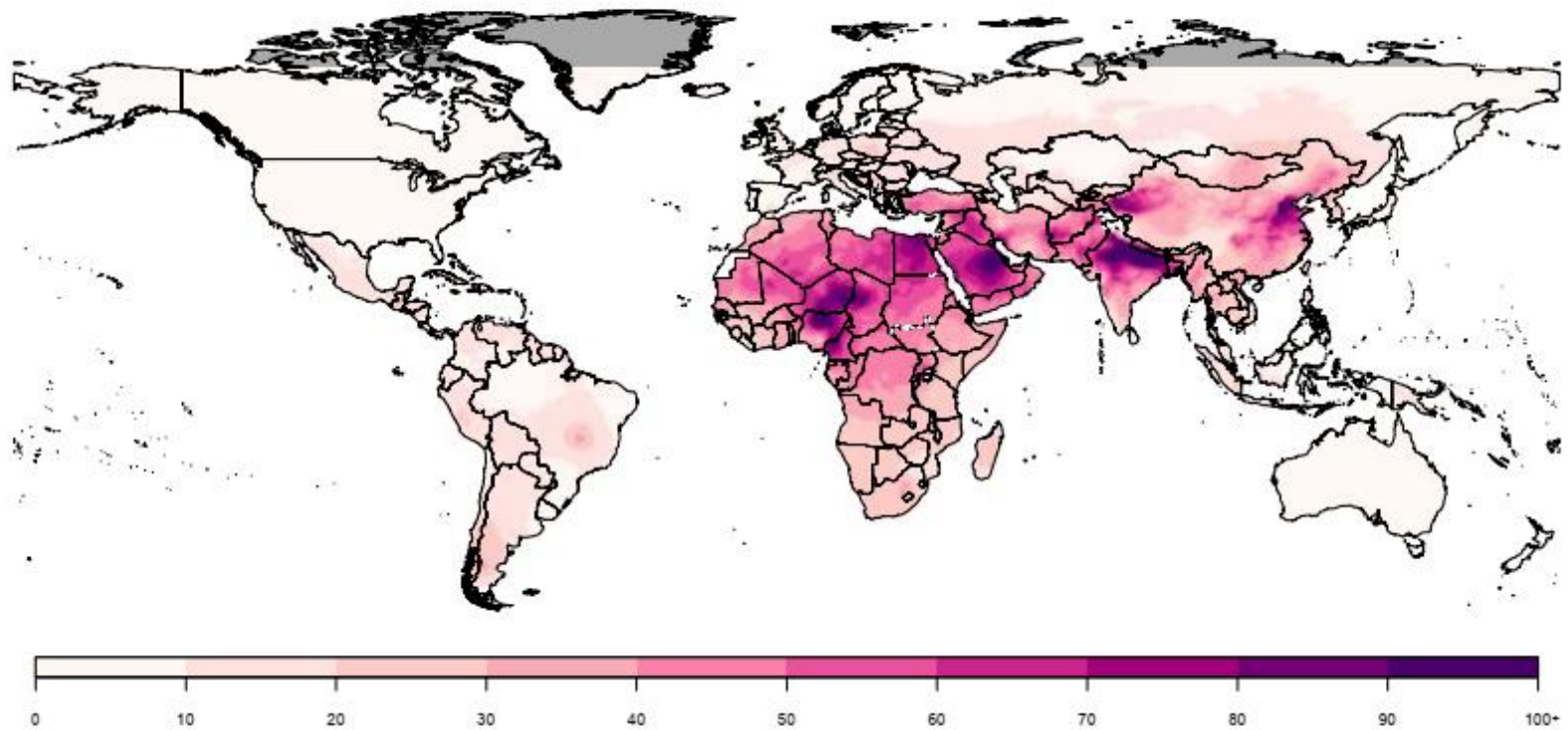


Overview of forcing and feedback pathways for greenhouse gases, aerosols and clouds

Source: IPCC AR5

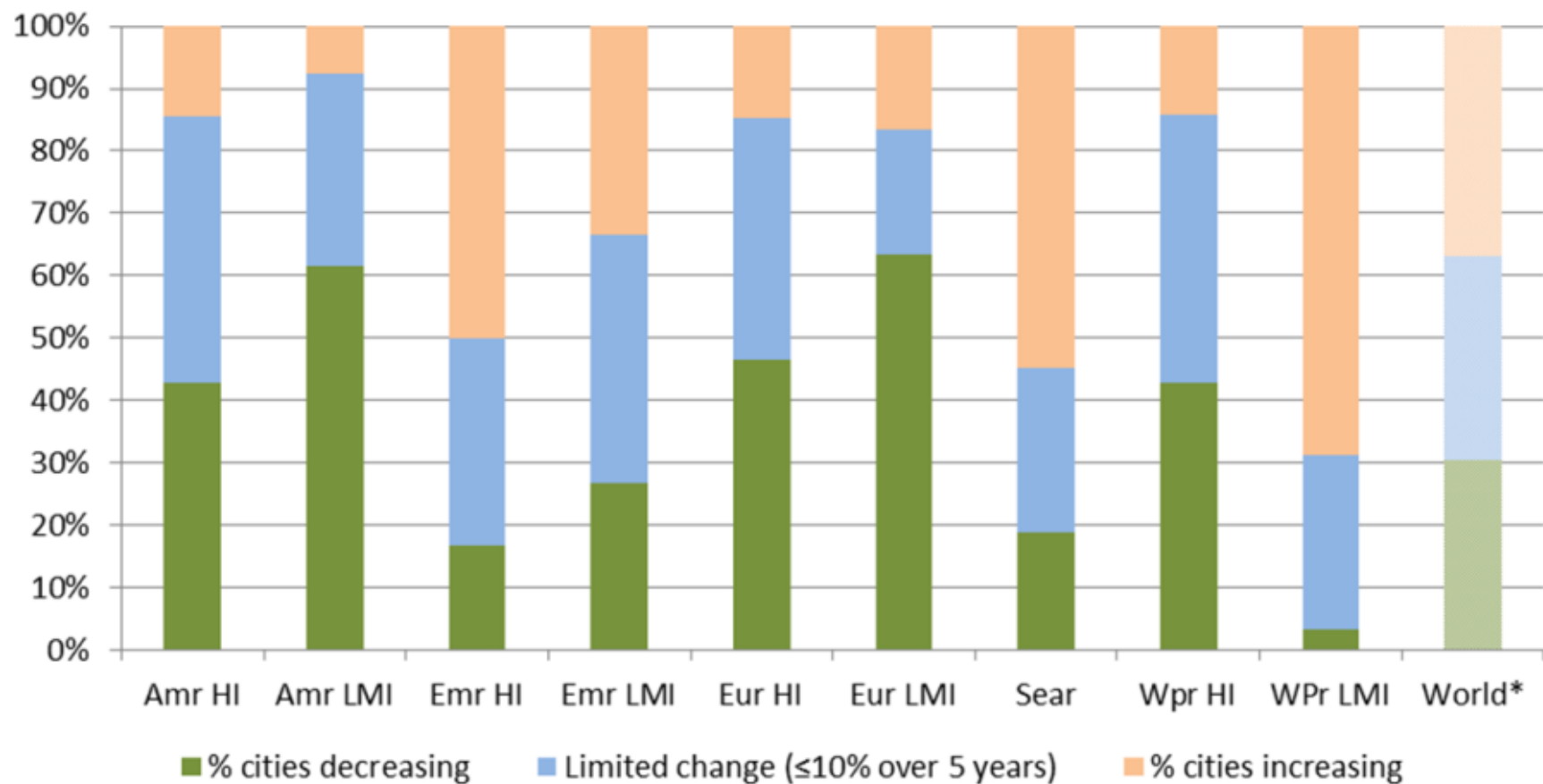


Exposure to ambient particulate matter of a diameter equal or less than  $2.5 \mu\text{m}$  (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) modelled for the year 2016 in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

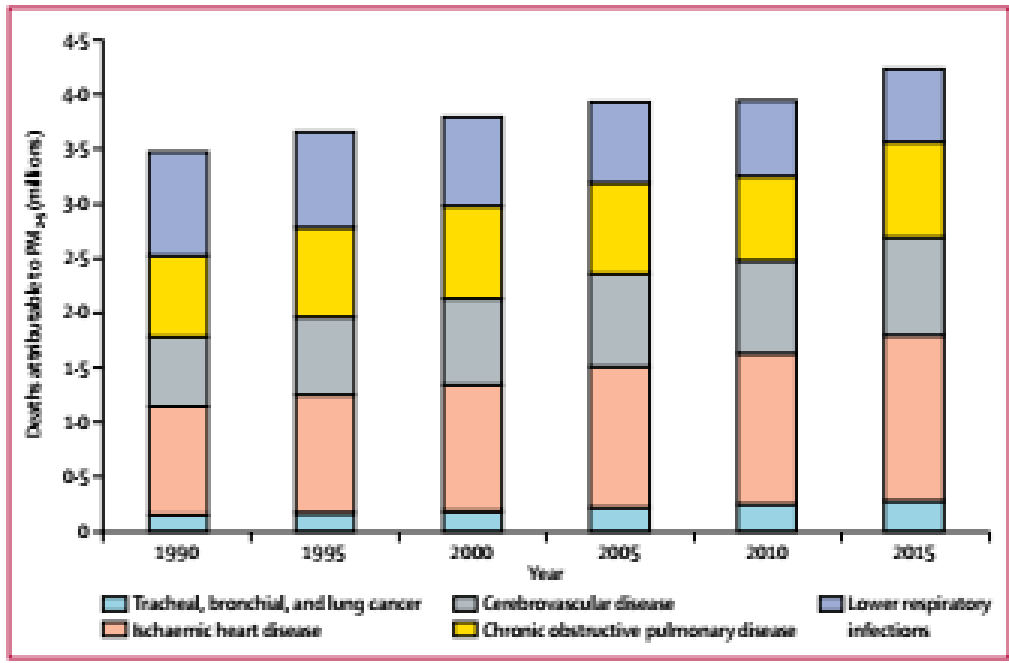


Percentage of cities with increasing and decreasing PM2.5 or PM10 annual means, by region

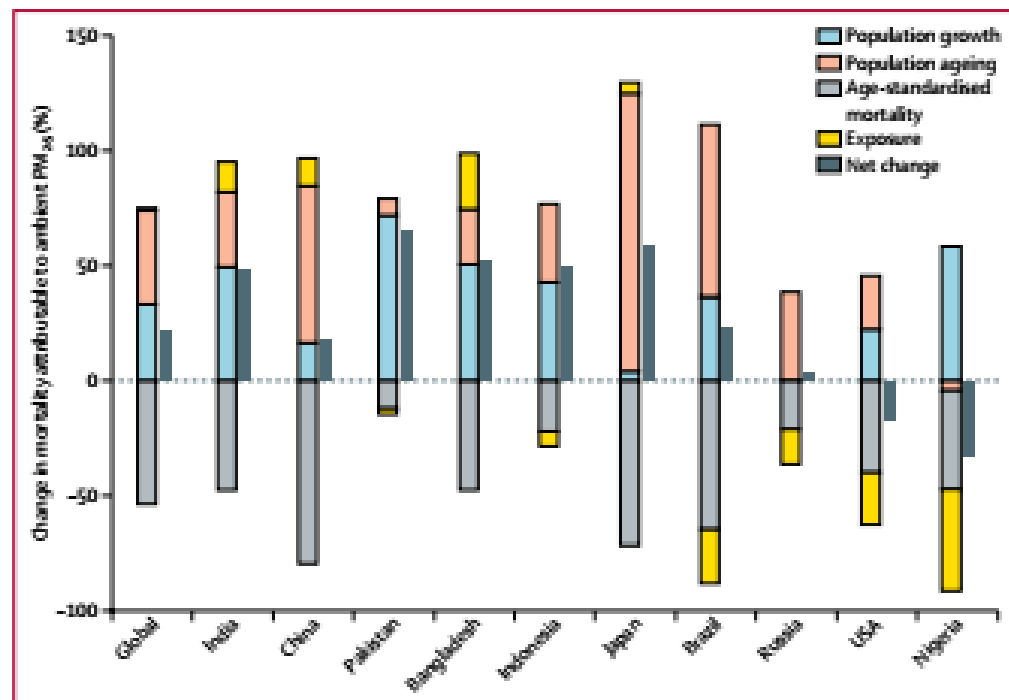
- Amr: America; Emr: Eastern Mediterranean; Eur: Europe; Sear: South-East Asia, Wpr: Western Pacific; LMI: Low- and middle-income; HI: high-income. \*The world figure is regional population-weighted.







**Deaths attributable to ambient PM<sub>2.5</sub> by year and cause**



**Changes in mortality attributable to PM<sub>2.5</sub> according to population-level by country from 1990 to 2015**

*Lancet* 2017; 389: 1907–18  
[http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(17\)30505-6](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(17)30505-6)

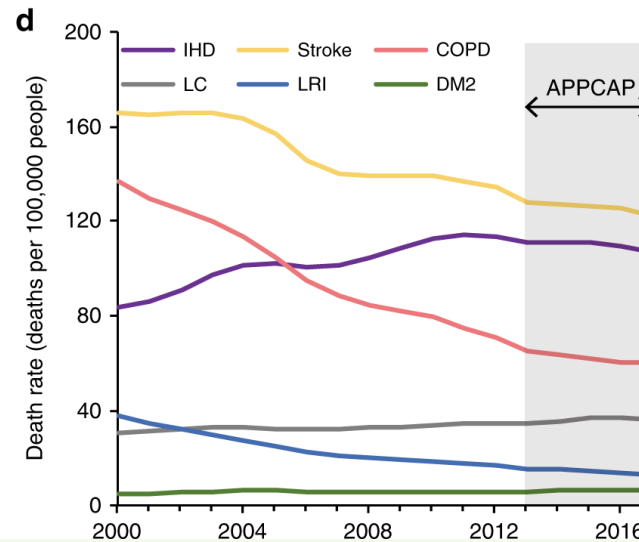
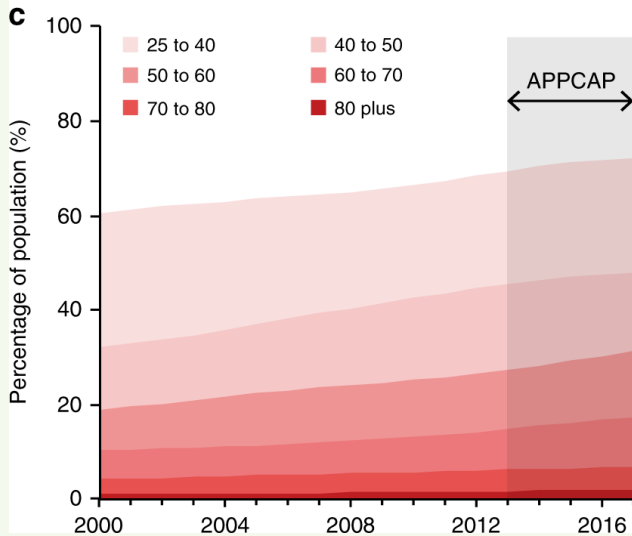
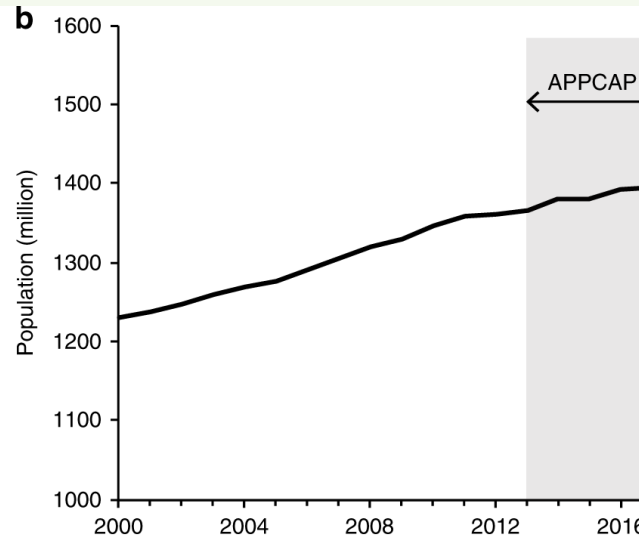
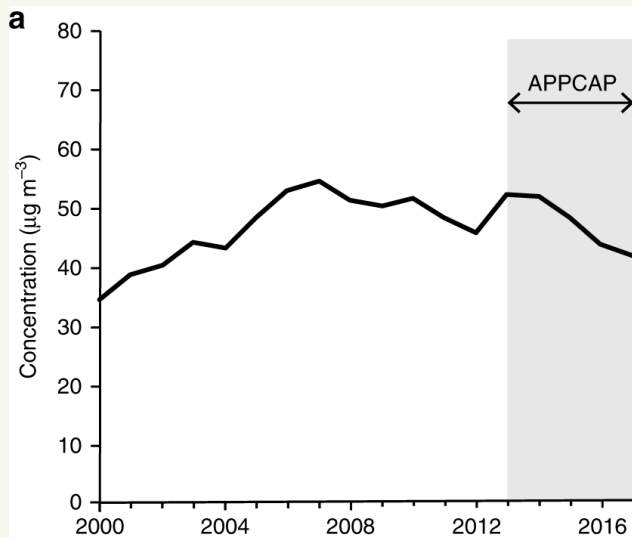
# Population weighted annual mean PM2.5 in cities

- Method of calculating the indicator

Population weight annual mean of **PM** =  
**SUM {(Pi/P)\*Ci}**

where:

Ci = annual mean PM10 or PM2.5  
concentration in sub-population Pi,  
P = SUM (Pi), which is the total population  
in cities with data.



**a** population-weighted PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration.

**b** total population.

**c** age structure

**D** age-standardized death rate of diseases:

IHD, COPD, LC, LRI, and DM2 refer to ischemic heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, lung cancer, lower respiratory infection, and diabetes mellitus type 2,

## Air Pollution Prevention and Control Action Plan (APPCAP)

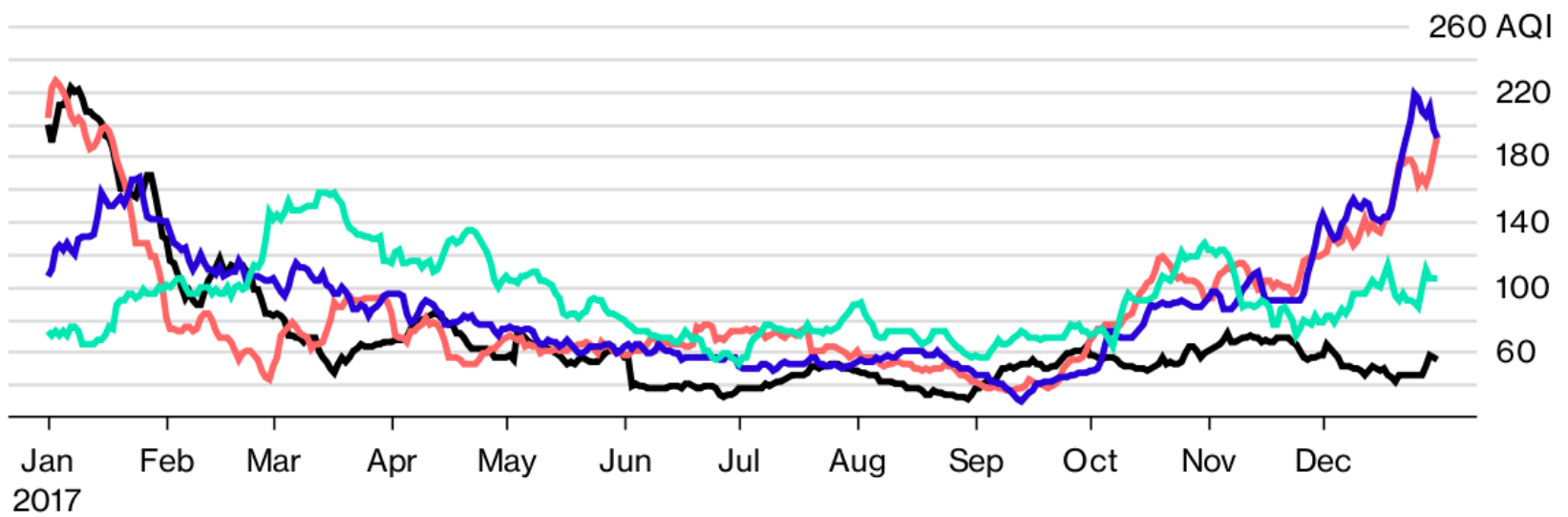
Yue, H., He, C., Huang, Q. *et al. Nat Commun* **11**, 1462 (2020).



# Bluer Skies in Beijing

Pollution levels in China's capital fell as the government clamped down on coal burning

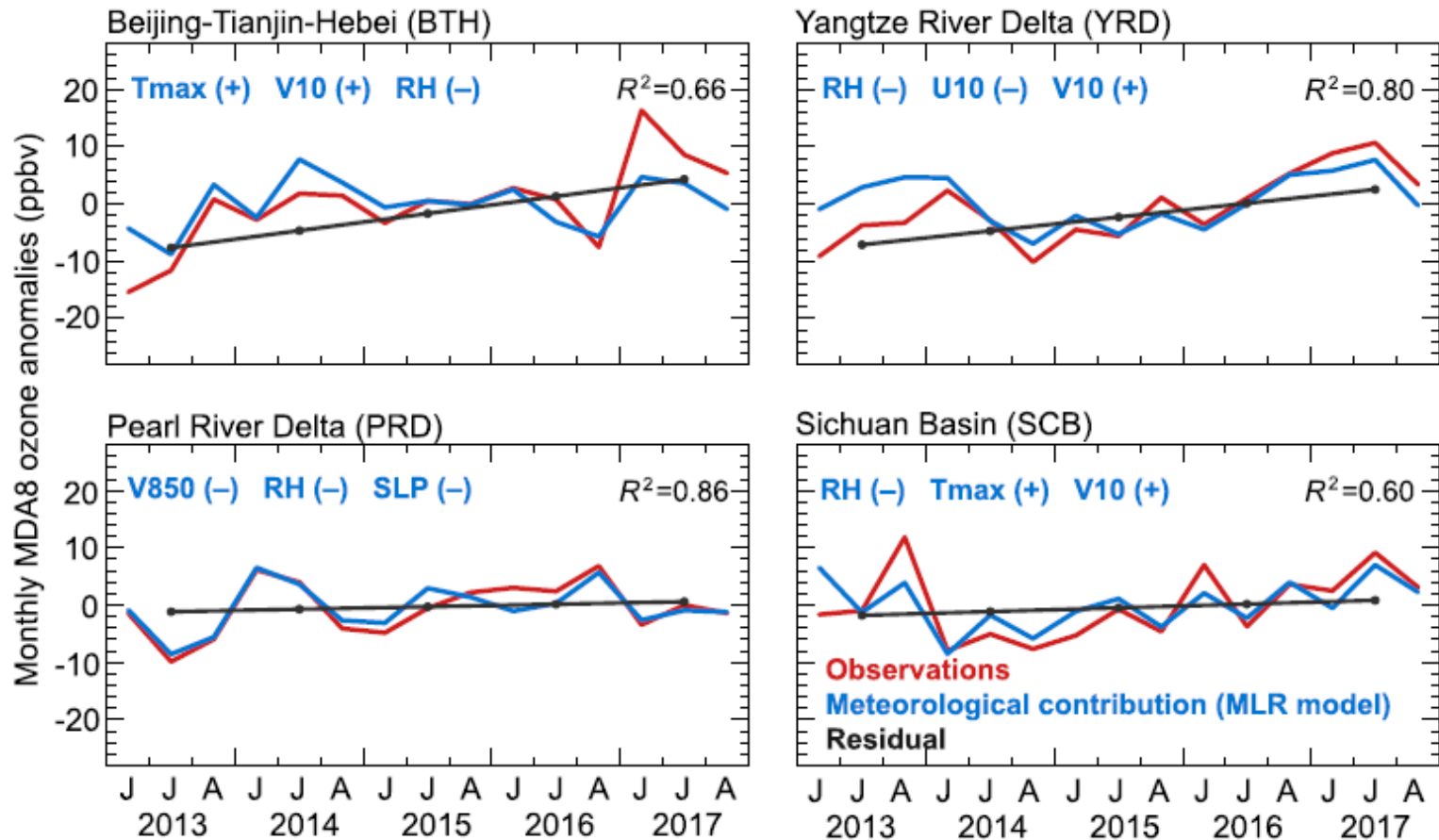
2017 2016 2015 2014



Note: Chart illustrates 30-day moving average of air pollution levels  
Source: China Air Quality Index



## 2013-2017 summer ozone trends for the four megacity clusters



**Fig. 2** Time series of monthly mean MDA8 ozone anomalies in summer (JJA) 2013–2017 for the four megacity clusters of Fig. 1: BTH, YRD, PRD, SCB. MDA8 ozone values for individual  $0.5^\circ \times 0.625^\circ$  grid cells are averaged over each cluster and month, and anomalies are computed relative to the 2013–2017 means for that month of the year. In each panel, observations (red line) are compared with results from an MLR model driven by meteorological variability (blue line). The linear trend of the 3-mo average residuals for each year is shown in black. The MLR model uses the top three meteorological predictors (Table 1) for each  $0.5^\circ \times 0.625^\circ$  grid cell in the cluster, and the results are then averaged for each cluster. The dominant variables in each cluster are indicated in legend with the sign of their correlation to MDA8 ozone. The coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ) for the MLR model are shown in the right corner of each plot for the detrended time series (removing the residual linear trend).



# Examples of important questions in urban areas

- **Main urban sources of SLCPs:**
  - Fossil fuel powered **transportation**
  - Open biomass burning (**waste**, cooking, etc.)
  - Heating **buildings** - commercial and residential
  - Fossil fuel powered **industries**, including energy plants
- Location is key, **SLCP pollution varies from city to city**, e.g.:
  - Sao Paulo, Bogota, Medellin & Quito: transport

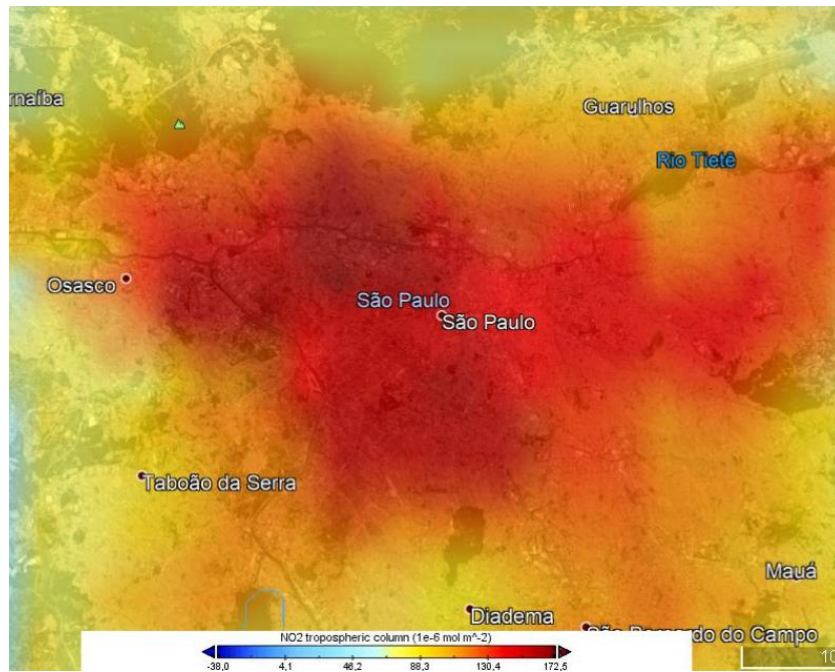


# WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS PANDEMY

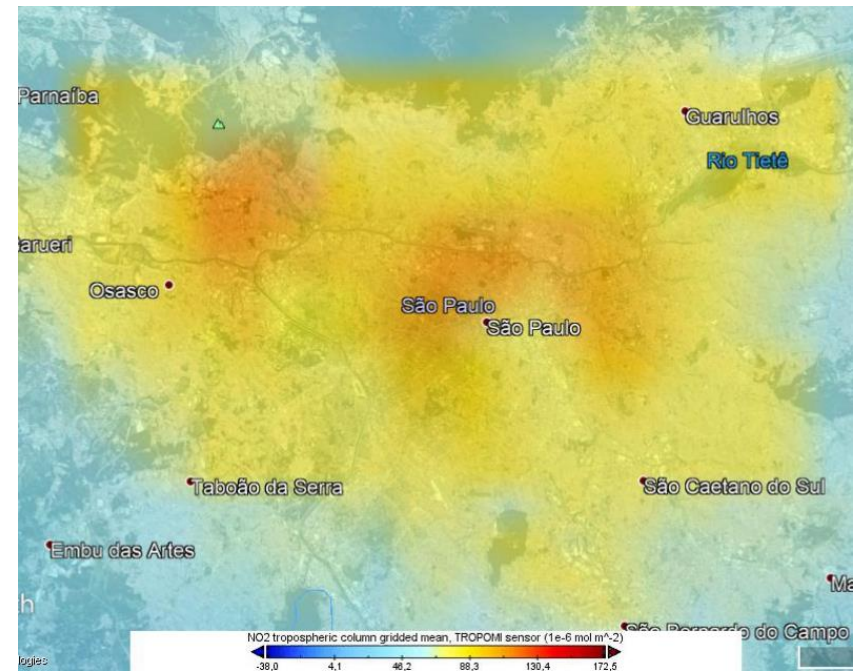
With lockdowns, quarantines and “stay home”

Cities are presenting significant reductions of air pollution

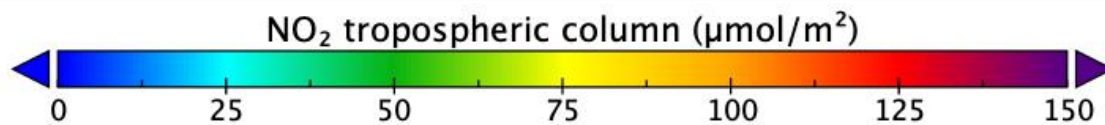
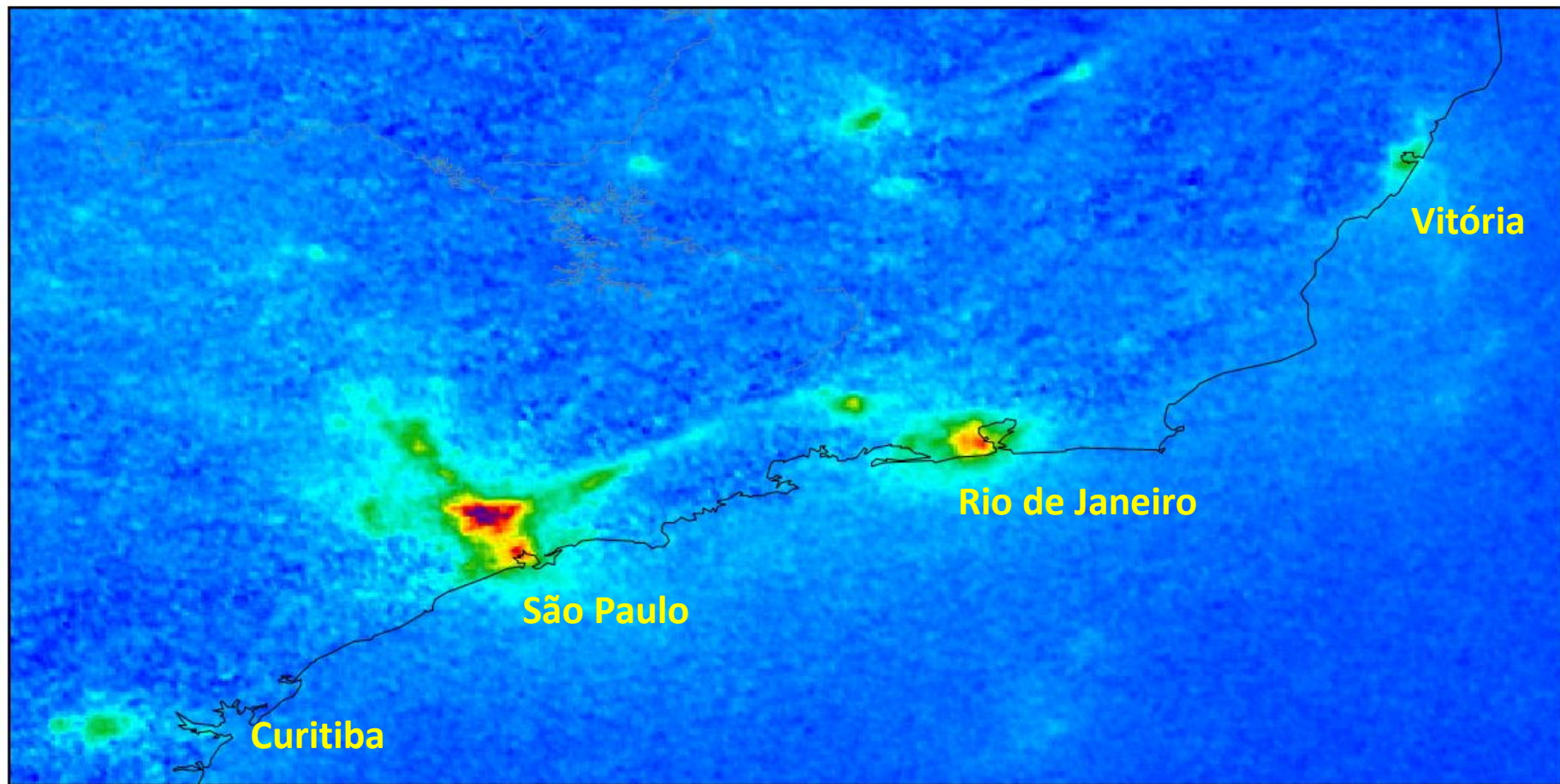
2019 - March



2020 – March 21 – April 8

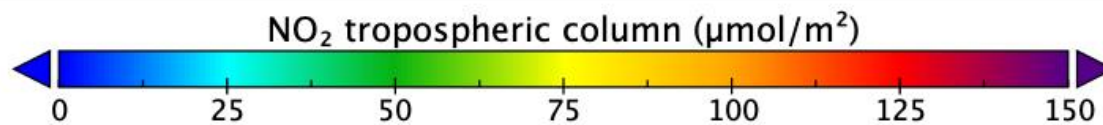
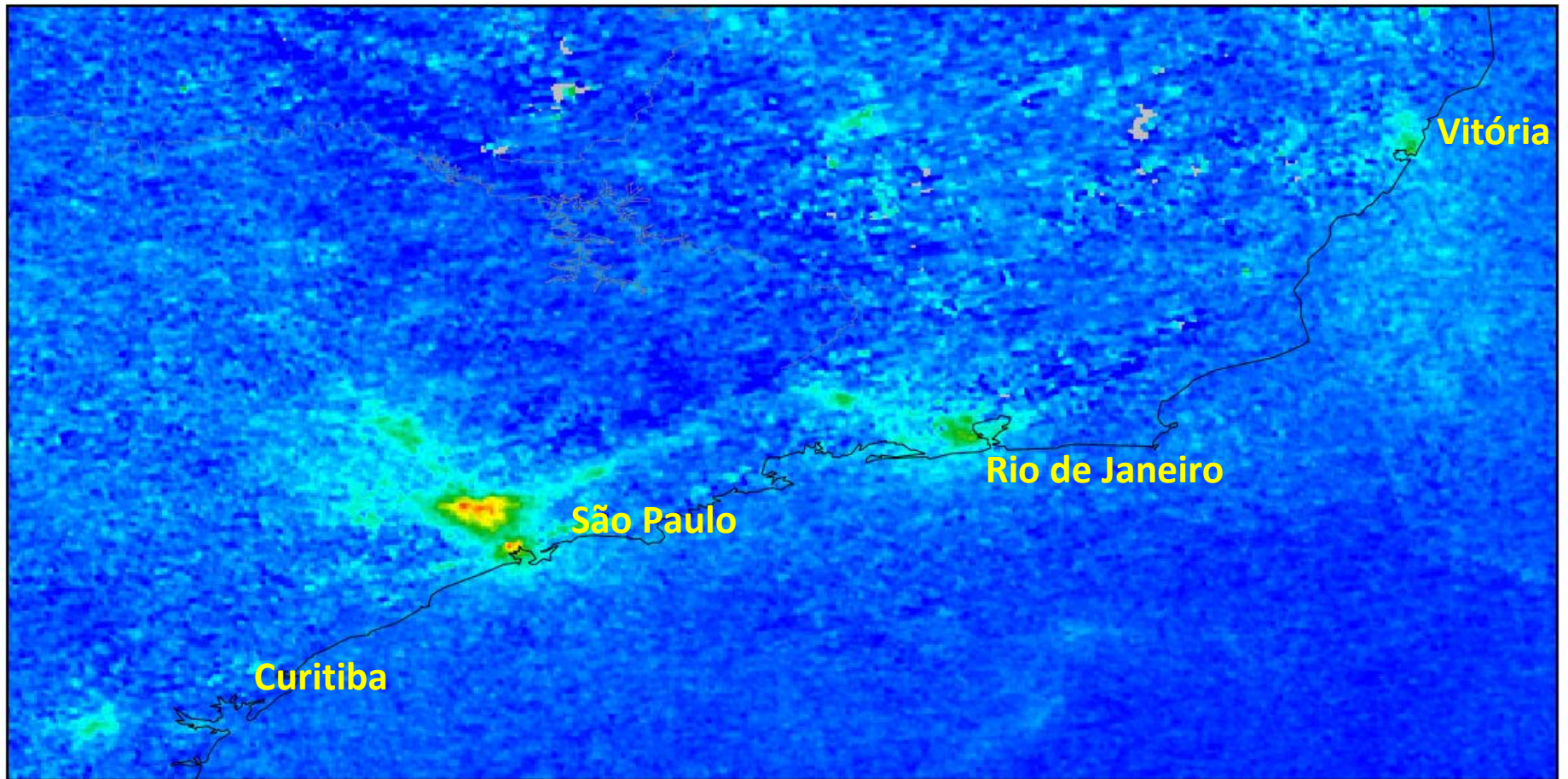


# Sentinel-5P NO<sub>2</sub> tropospheric column, March–April 2019





Sentinel-5P NO<sub>2</sub> tropospheric column, 21 March – 8 April 2020





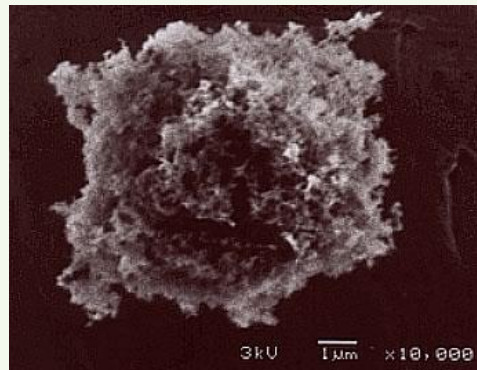
Challenges

Main Air  
Pollution  
Problems

Modelling of the  
Atmospheric Process

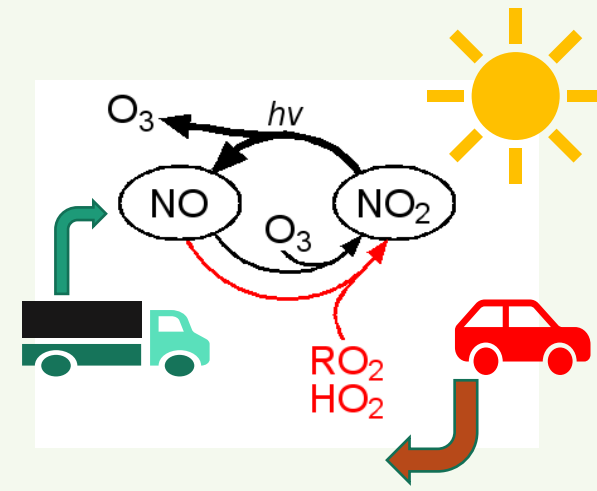
- PM2.5

- Secondary organic formation
- Secondary inorganic formation
- Nano-particles



- OZONE

- Contribution of different fuels
- Evaporative emissions



# Challenge

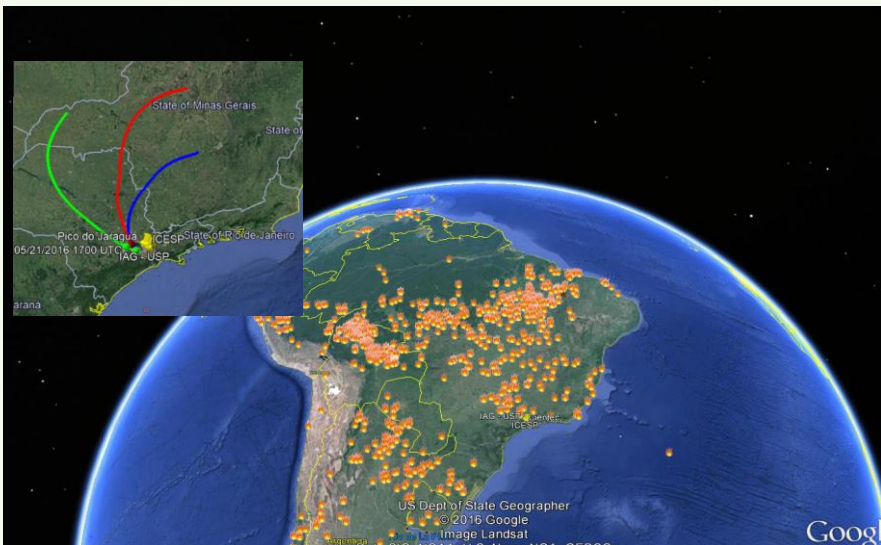
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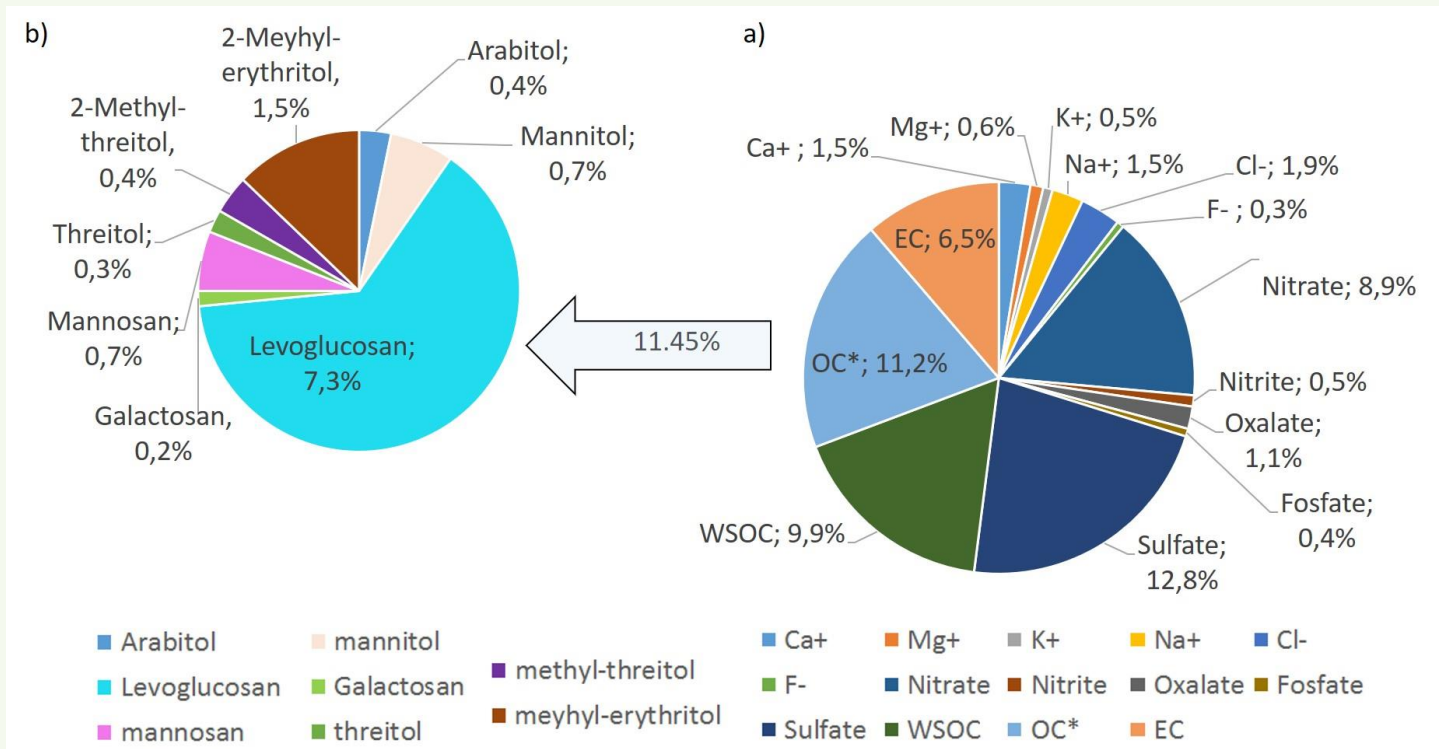
- Evaporative emissions during refuelling
- Solvents: painting and industries
- Biomass burning
  - Vegetation residues
  - Wood, charcoal



### Vehicular Emissions

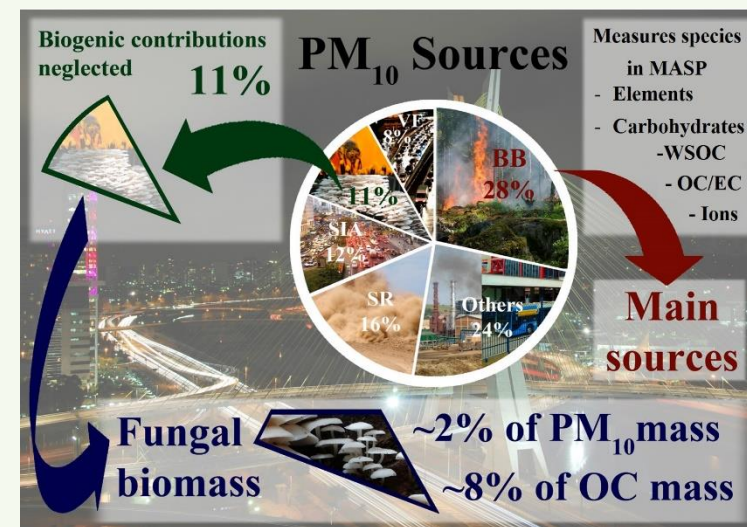
Combustion (Exhaust system)  
Evaporation (Fuel Storage and delivery system)





Contribution (a) ions, WSOC, OC and EC to the PM<sub>10</sub>, (b) the contribution of each carbohydrate to OC, together accounting for 11.5% of the total OC mass.

Biomarkers as indicators of fungal biomass in the atmosphere of São Paulo, Brasil. Sci. Tota. Envir., 2017





## CHALLENGE

### Air quality measurements and Modeling

- Middle size cities impacted by the large metropolitan areas (example São Paulo)
- Impact of biofuels: gasohol, biodiesel
- Biomass burning, industrial emissions

## São Paulo Macrometropolis

more than 30 million inhabitants



For Regional Modelling



# Latin America and the Caribbean Population

- 648,476,231 (in 2017 according to United Nations)
- Latin America and the Caribbean population is equivalent to 8.62% of the total world population.
- The population density in Latin America and the Caribbean is 32 per Km<sup>2</sup> (83 people per mi<sup>2</sup>).
- The total land area is 20,158,154 Km<sup>2</sup> (7,783,104 sq. miles)
- 79.7% of the population is urban (516,362,188 people in 2017)
- The median age in Latin America and the Caribbean is 29.6 years.

AIR POLLUTION IN NUMBERS

# AIR POLLUTION AFFECTS NEARLY ALL OF US

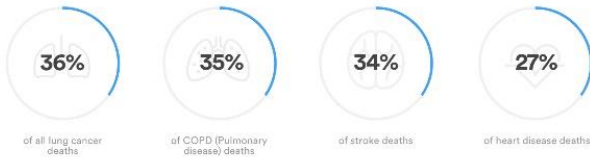
An estimated **6.5 million** deaths were associated with air pollution in 2012. This is **11.6% of all global deaths.**

CITIES EXCEEDING WHO GUIDELINES FOR SAFE AIR\*



\*From the 3,000 cities and towns that are monitoring and reporting air pollution levels

DISEASE BURDEN CAUSED BY AIR POLLUTION



90% of people living in cities do not breathe safe air



Air pollution levels have risen 8% globally from 2008-2013



Almost 1/3 of cities monitoring air pollution have reduced air pollution levels by 5% in the last 5 years



Almost half of cities monitoring air pollution in high-income countries reduced air pollution levels by 5% in 2008-2013

AIR POLLUTION REDUCTIONS

# People in The Americas are breathing cleaner air than 5 years ago

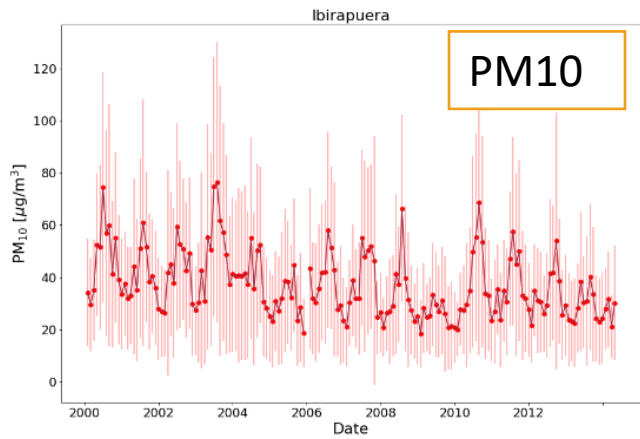
# 60%

About 60% of urban residents in low- and middle-income countries in the Region of the Americas are breathing cleaner air than they did 5 years ago, about the same progress seen in high-income countries in the Region of the Americas.

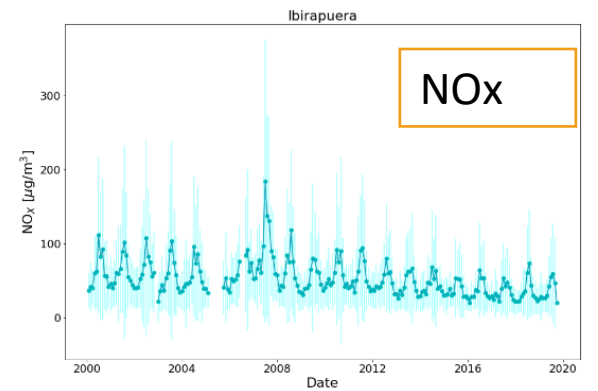
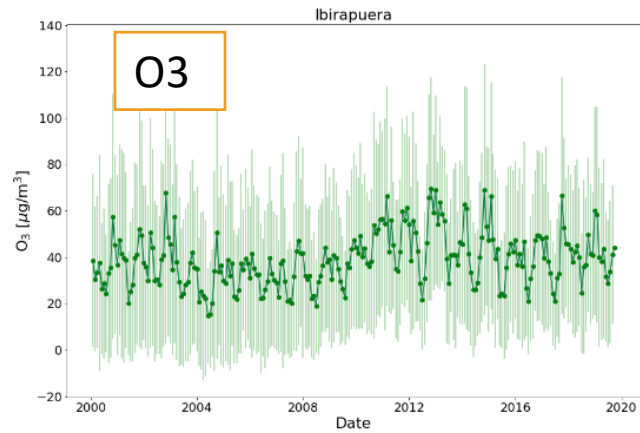
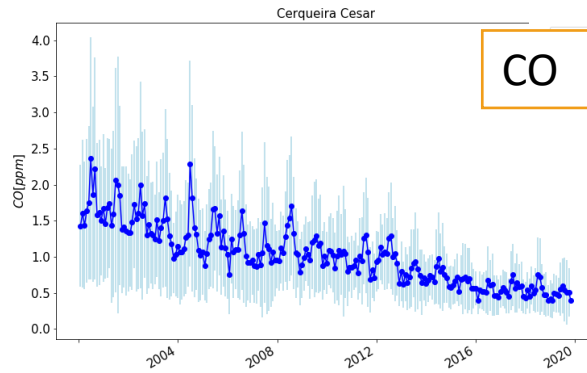
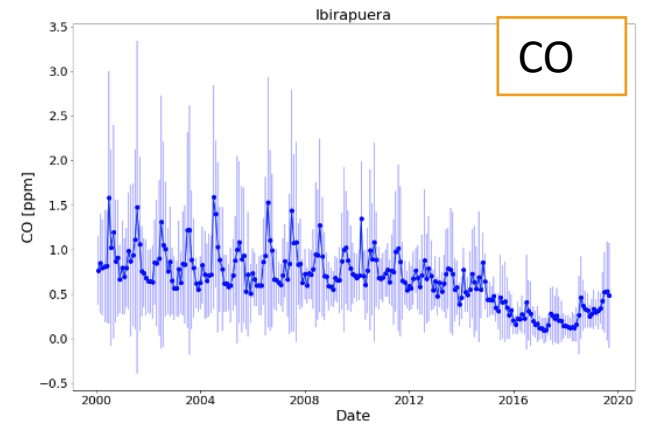
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Pollutants  
concentration  
in MASP





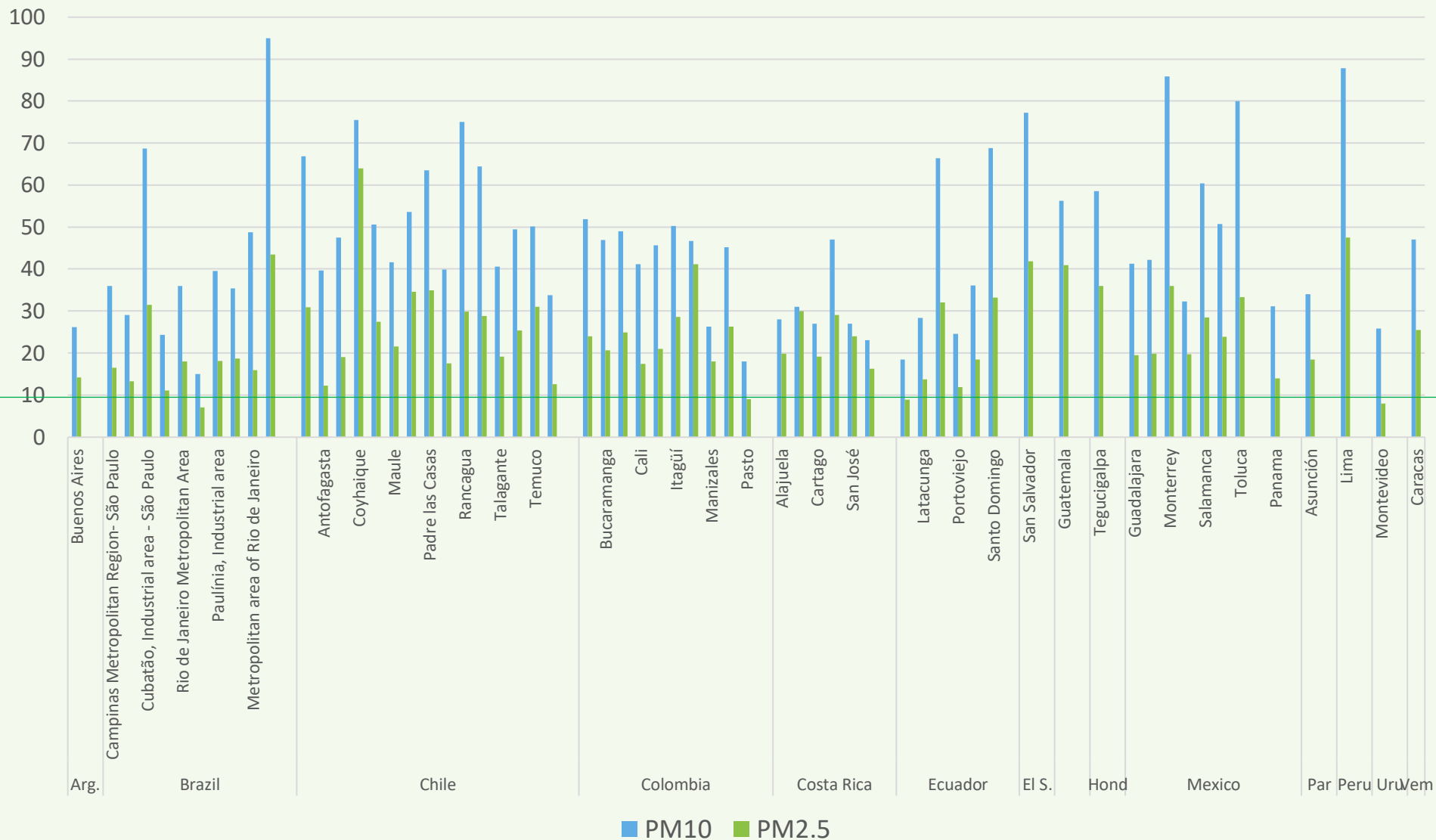
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## Distribution of Air Quality Monitoring Stations among cities in Latin America and Caribbean

Riojas-Rodriguez et al.,  
2016. Rev. [Panm Salud Publica](#) 40(3)



## Concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> in µg/m<sup>3</sup>



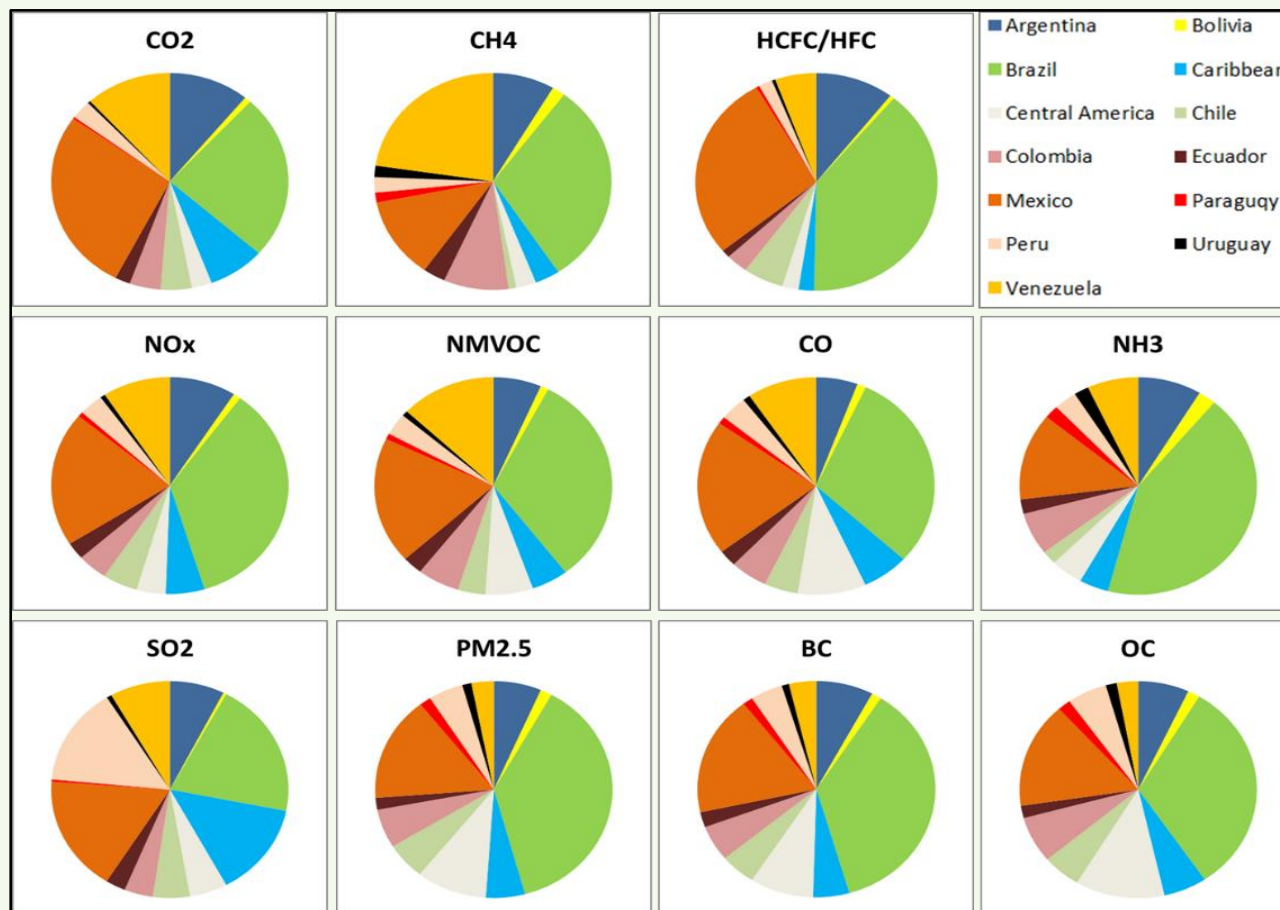


CLIMATE &  
CLEAN AIR  
COALITION  
TO REDUCE SHORT-LIVED  
CLIMATE POLLUTANTS

# Emissions and impacts of SLCP in LAC

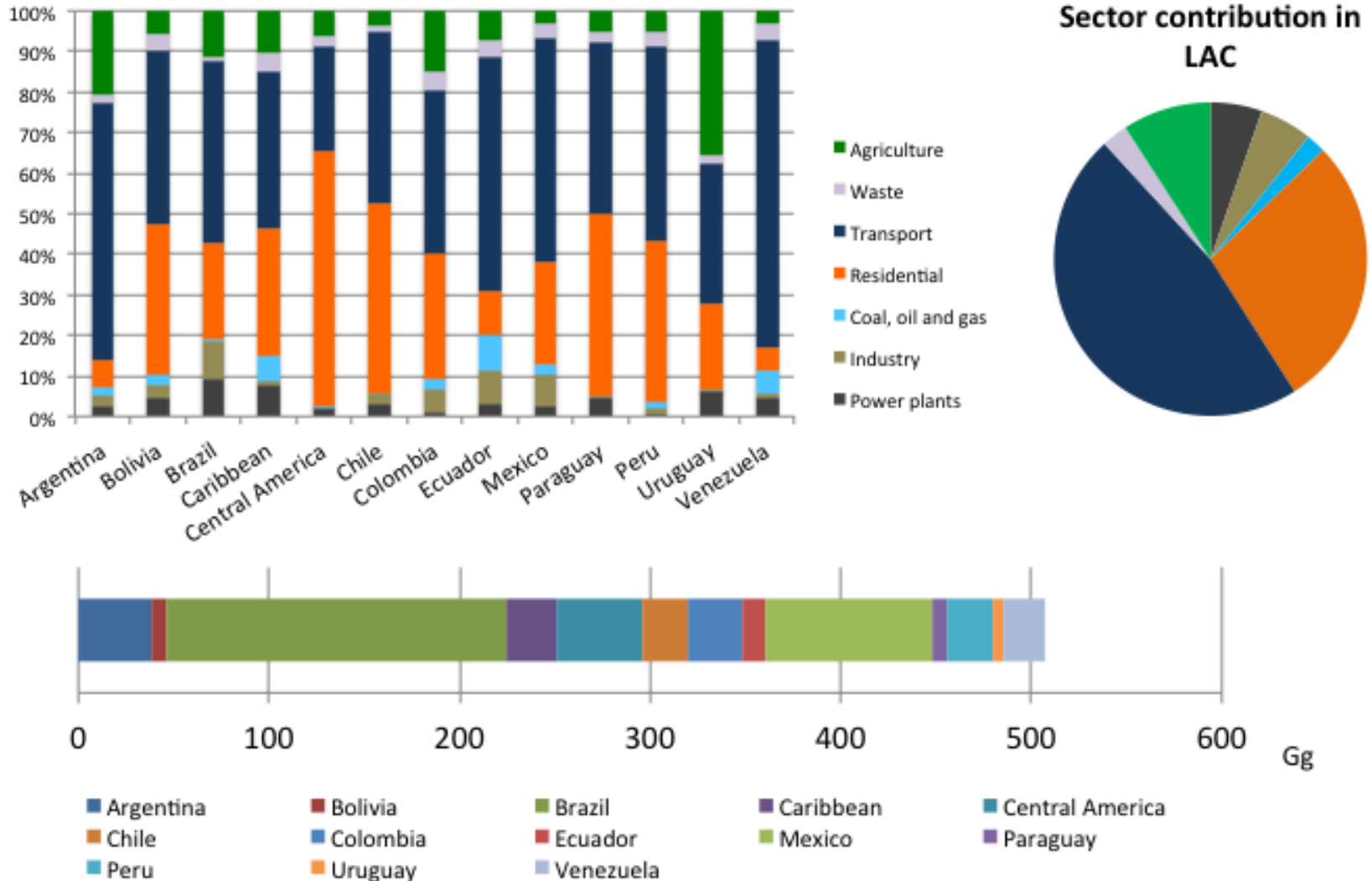
Integrated Assessment of Short-Lived  
Climate Pollutants in Latin America  
and the Caribbean

# Sectoral distributions of emissions of key air pollutants and methane in LAC in 2010



**THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE FOREST  
AND OTHER VEGETATION FIRES**

# Sectoral and regional contribution to black carbon emissions in the LAC region in 2010



Based on the reference scenario, the influence of LAC emissions on climate, human health and agriculture will increase significantly by 2050





# Future scenarios

## PM2.5

- Premature mortality from exposure to PM2.5 pollution is expected to almost double by 2050, compared to 2010
- (from 47000 in 2010 to 62000 in 2030).

## Ozone

- Premature mortality from exposure to ambient O3 doubles between 2010 and 2050 under the reference scenario.
- (from 5000 premature deaths in 2010 to 7000 by 2030 and 10000 by 2050).
- Lost in productivity for major crops- soybean, wheat, maize and rice. Crop losses of approximately 7.4 million tonnes in 2010.



# Measures to improve air quality and climate

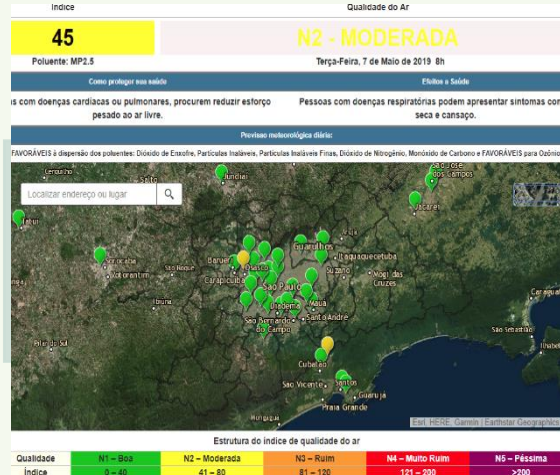
- Euro VI standards including diesel particle filters (DPF)
- Clean cooking and heating stoves
- Modernized coke ovens
- Controls in biomass and waste combustion
- Monitoring of pollutants concentrations
- Air quality modeling
- Emissions inventories

# Low-cost/portable sensors

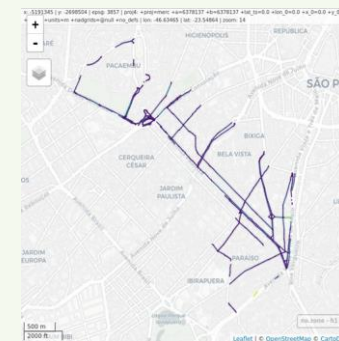
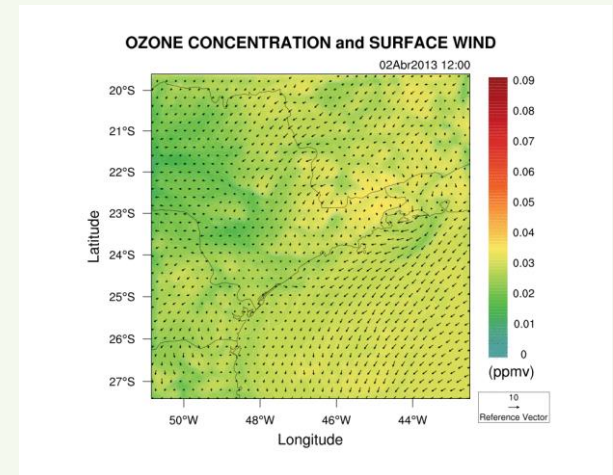


Examples of methods to study air pollution in cities

# Reference stations



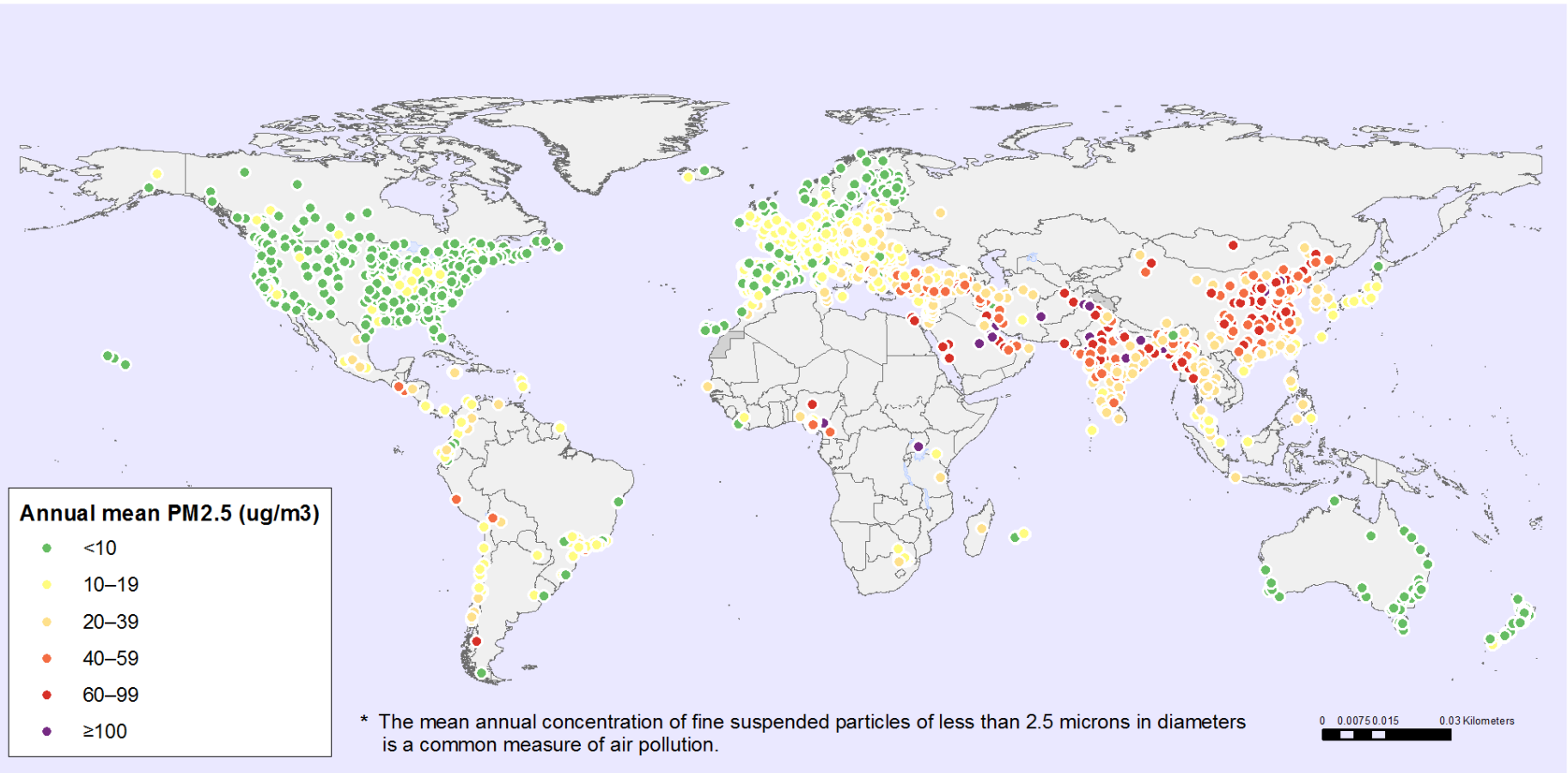
# Emission + air quality Models



Street In-grid model

# IMPORTANCE OF MONITORING

## Concentration of particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ or less (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) in nearly 3000 urban areas\*, 2008–2015



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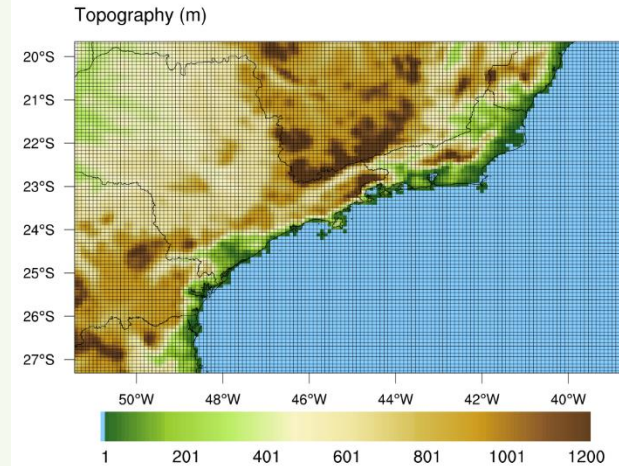


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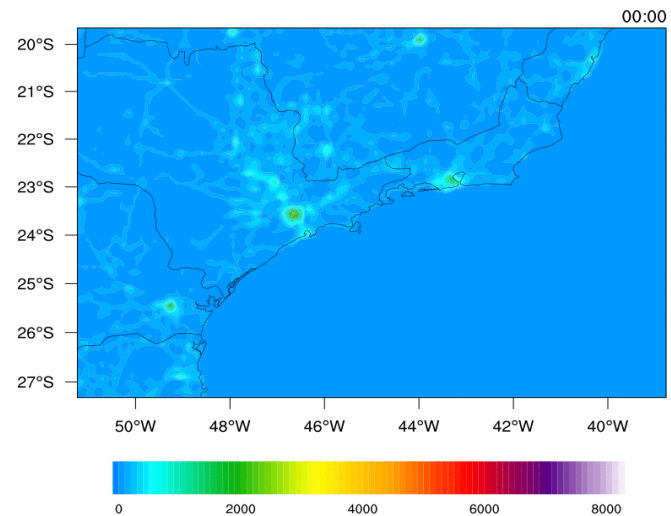
# Modelling air quality

- Formation of fine particles and radiative and microphysics process
- Impact of biofuels use in the formation of ozone and new phases of the PROCONVE program
- Transport of pollutants from São Paulo to other areas

GRID - Sao Paulo/Rio de Janeiro



CO EMISSIONS (mol km<sup>-2</sup> hr<sup>-1</sup>)





# Vehicular Emissions INventory (VEIN)

<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=vein>

Geosci. Model Dev. Discuss., <https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-2017-193>  
Manuscript under review for journal Geosci. Model Dev.  
Discussion started: 25 September 2017  
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## VEIN v0.2.2: an R package for bottom-up Vehicular Emissions Inventories

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### vein: Vehicular Emissions Inventories

Elaboration of vehicular emissions inventories, consisting in four stages, pre-processing activity data, preparing emissions factors, estimating the emissions and post-processing of emissions in maps and databases.

Version: 0.3.9  
Depends: R (≥ 2.10)  
Imports: sf, sp, data.table, graphics, stats, units, methods  
Suggests: knitr, rmarkdown, testthat, covr  
Published: 2018-03-01  
Author: Sergio Ibarra-Espinosa [aut, cre]  
Maintainer: Sergio Ibarra-Espinosa <sergio.ibarra@usp.br>  
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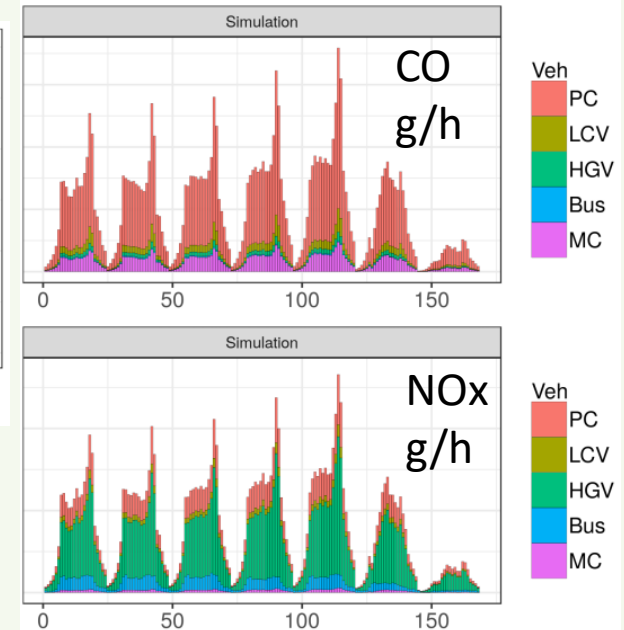
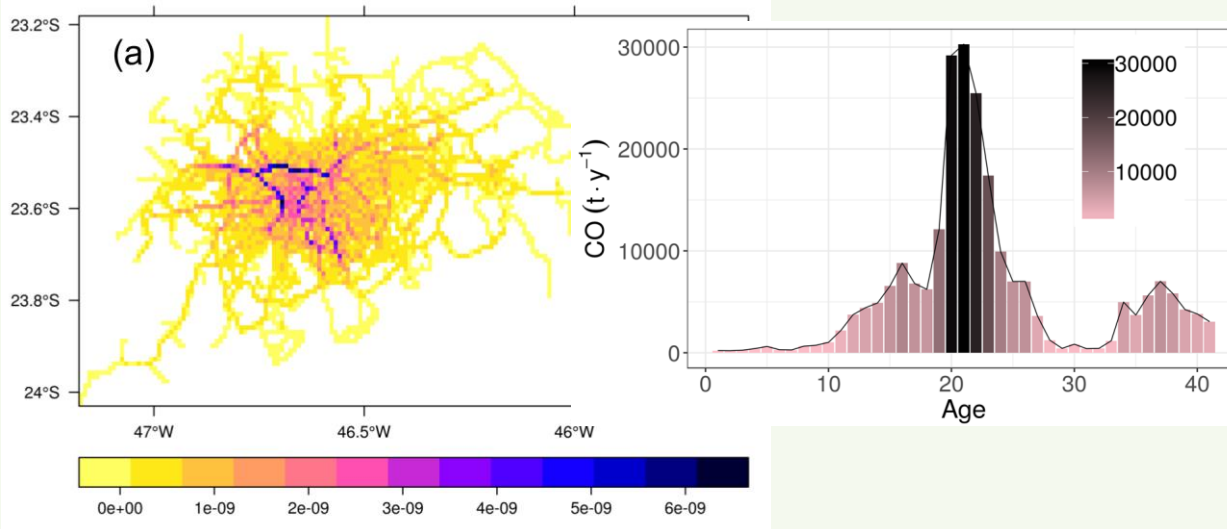
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Old sources: [vein archive](#)



<https://www.geosci-model-dev-discuss.net/gmd-2017-193/>

**Impact of  
ethanol/  
gasohol on  
ozone  
formation**

Scenarios for LDV

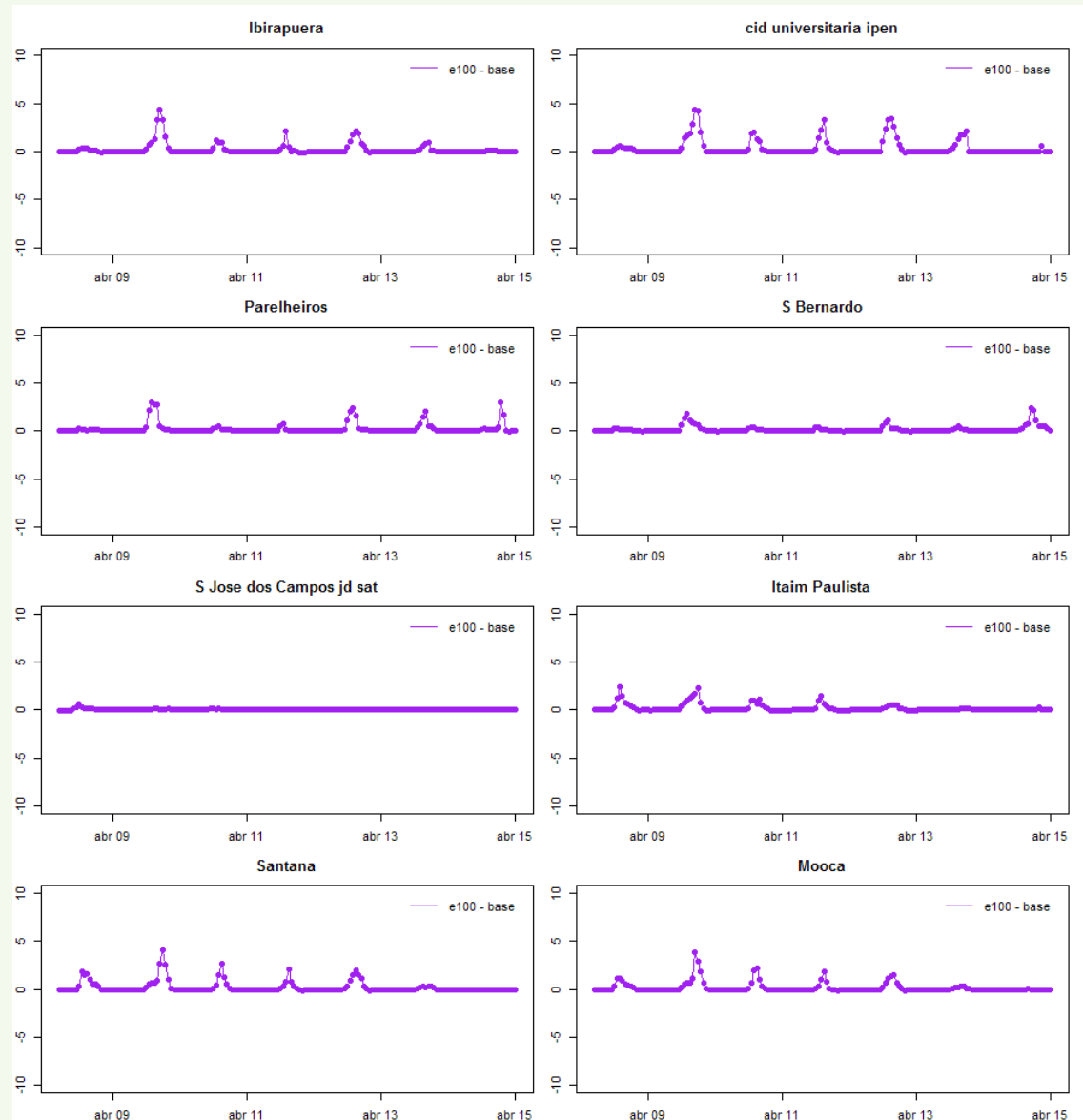
Gasohol and ethanol fleet

1- All the FLEX Fuel  
vehicles running with  
gasohol

2- All the Flex Fuel  
vehicles running with  
ethanol

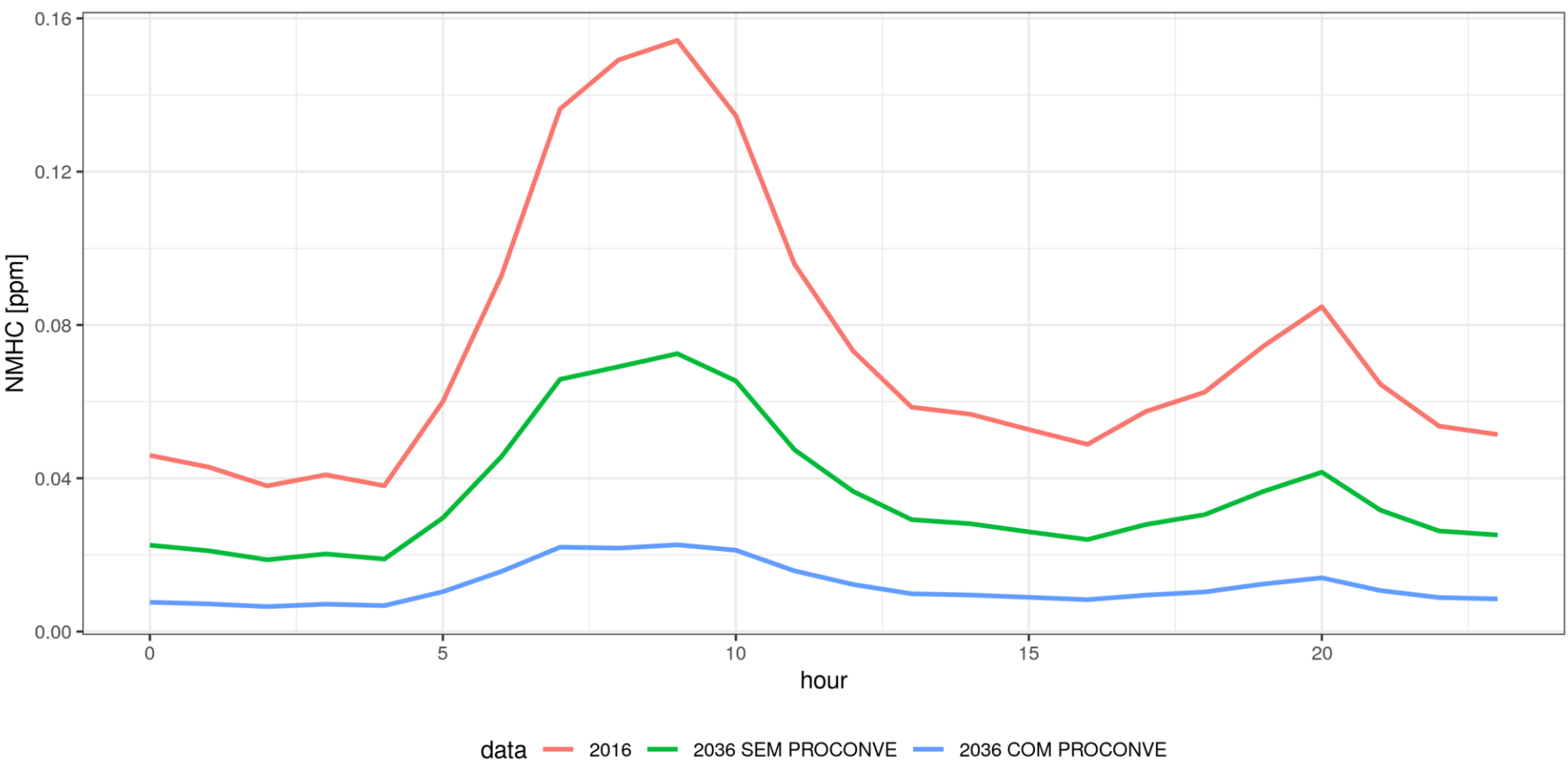
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# SIMULATIONS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PROCONVE NEW PHASES

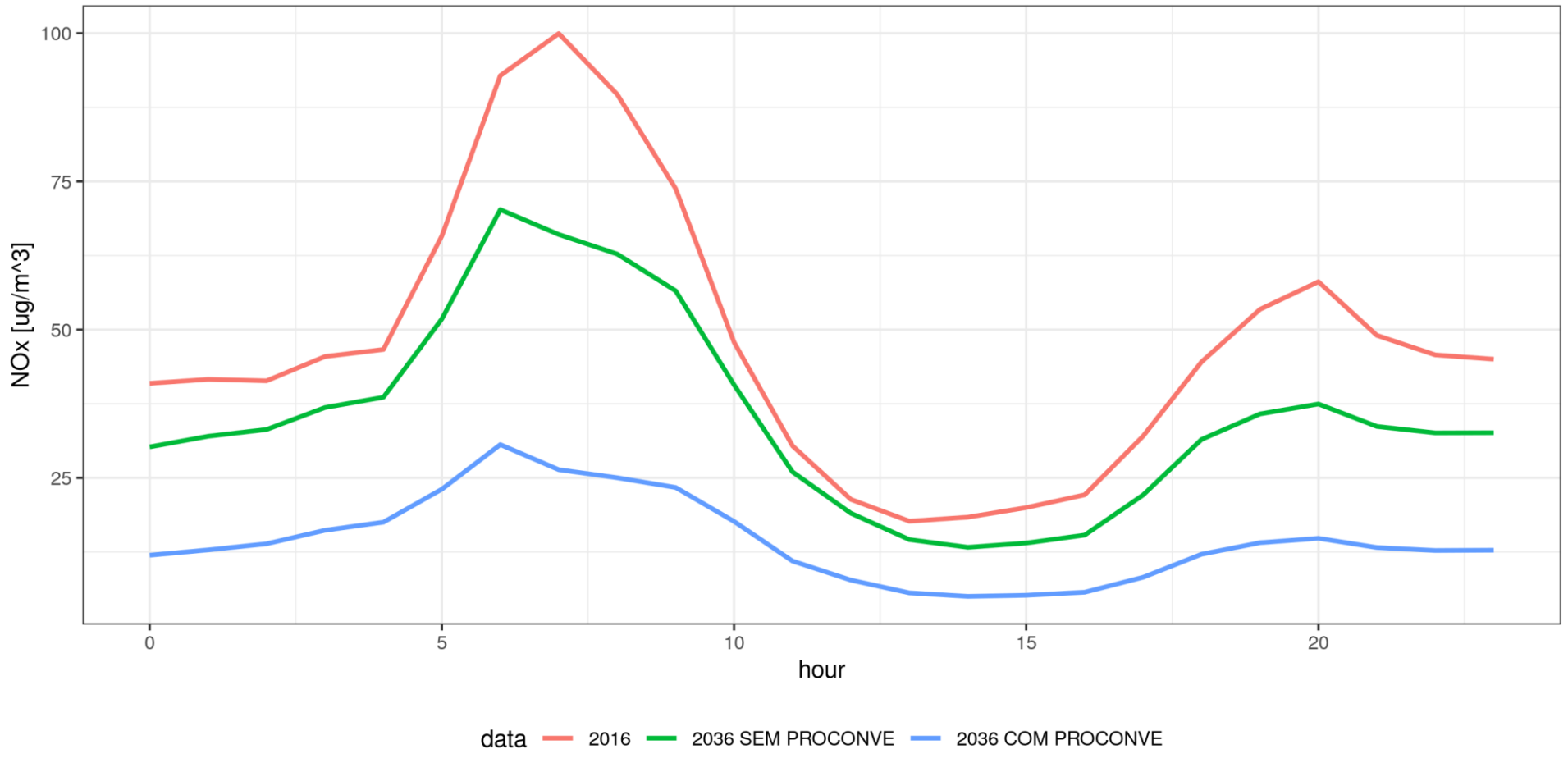
$$\text{NMHC (ppm)} = \text{ETH} + \text{HC3} + \text{HC5} + \text{HC8} + \text{HCHO} + \text{ALD} + \text{ISSO} + \text{KET}$$





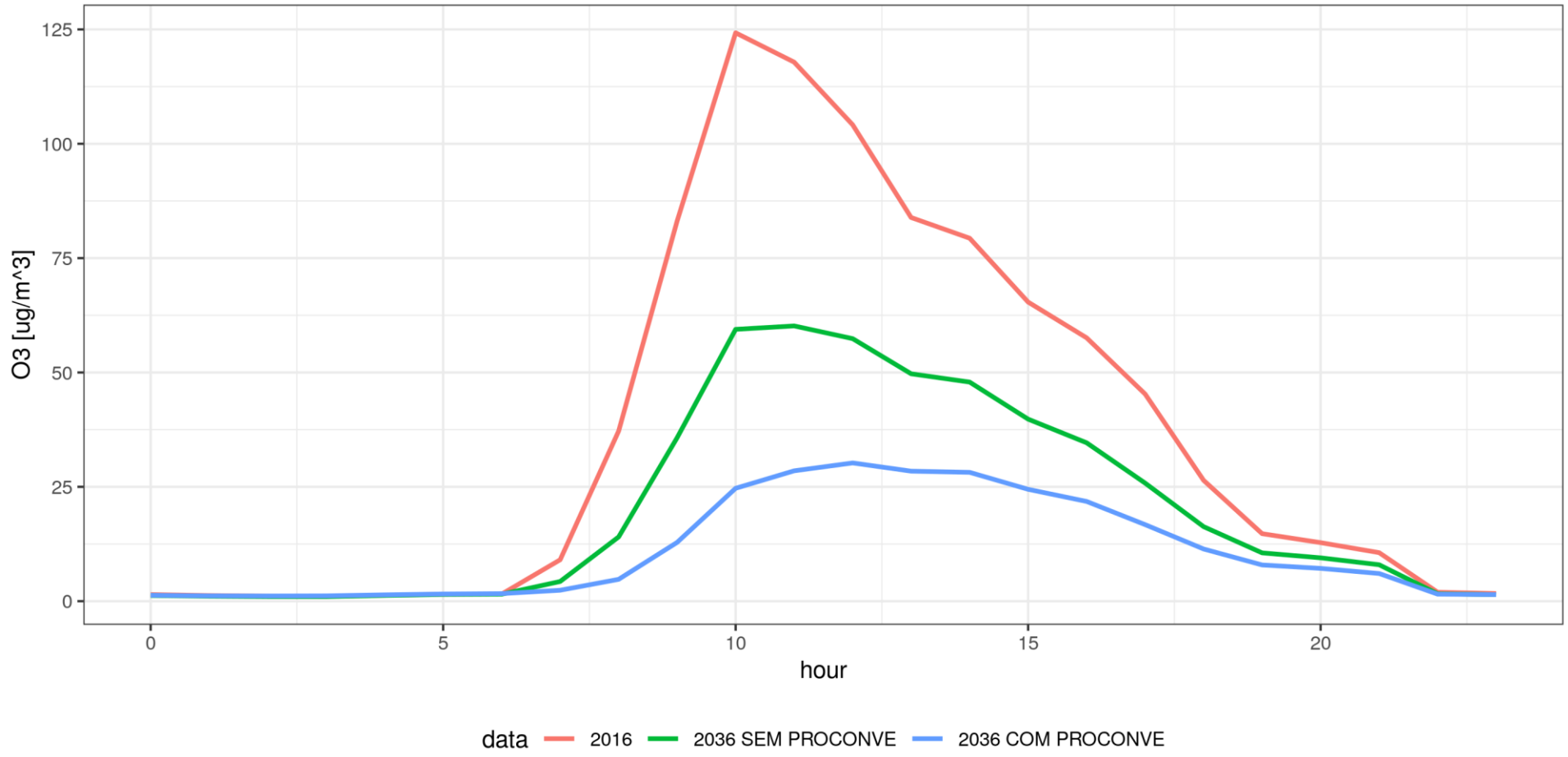
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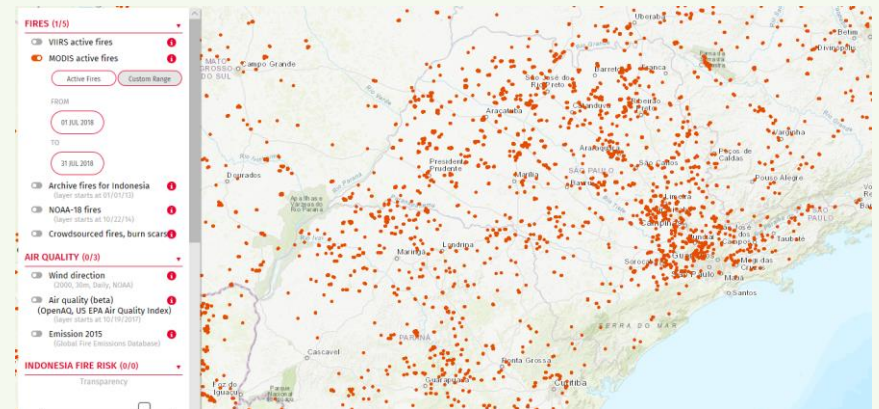
# SIMULATIONS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PROCONVE NEW PHASES

O<sub>3</sub> (μg/m<sup>3</sup>)



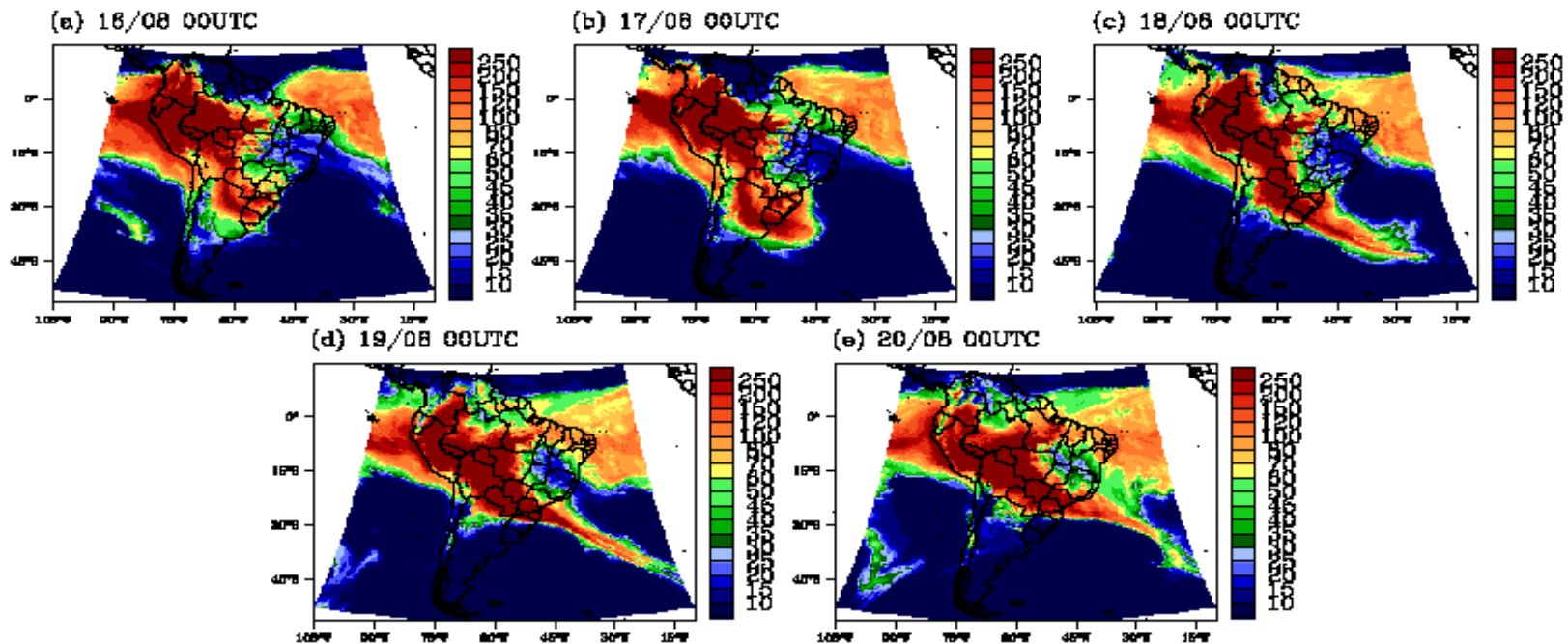
# Impact of Biomass Burning

Active fires (July 1<sup>st</sup> to 31)  
[fires.globalforestwatch.org.html](http://fires.globalforestwatch.org.html)



# AOD for August 2019, 16-20

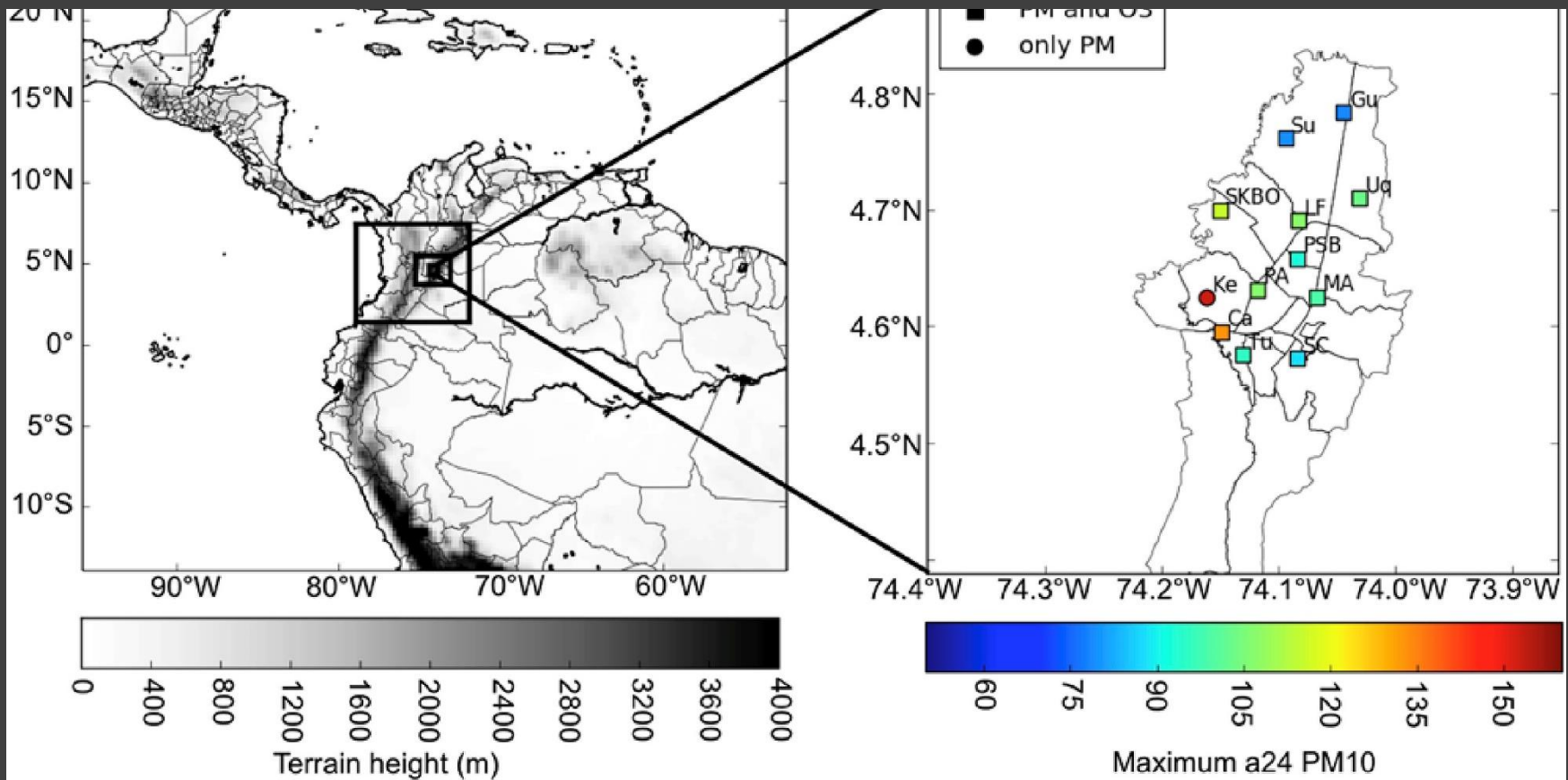
## WRF - Chem





# Example in Bogota - Colombia

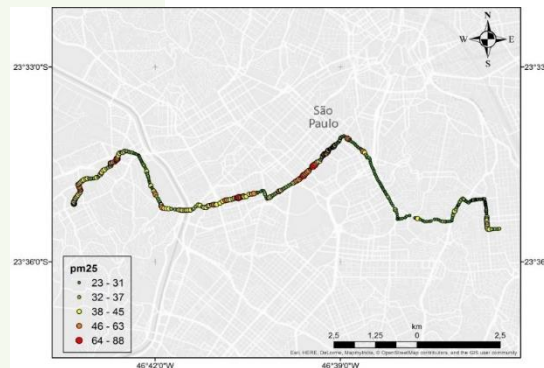
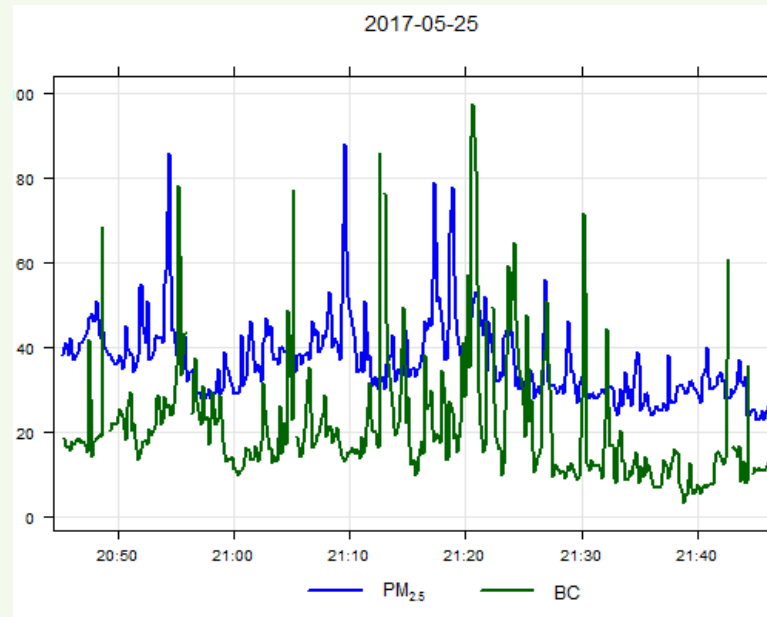
- Domain configuration for the WRF/CMAQ modeling system. The map on the left represents the 27 km outermost domain (d01), with the 9 km, 3 km, and 1 km resolution domains (d02 d03, and d04 as black boxes). The d04 domain covering Bogotá is on the right with RMCAB monitor locations showing maximum daily 24-h  $PM_{10}$  concentrations for the modeling periods. Square stations have  $PM_{10}$  observations and  $O_3$  observations; circle stations have only  $PM_{10}$  observations.
- Air quality modeling in Bogotá, Colombia using local emissions and natural mitigation factor adjustment for re-suspended particulate matter
- [RobertNedbor-Gross<sup>a</sup>Barron H.Henderson<sup>a</sup>María PaulaPérez-Peña<sup>b</sup>Jorge E.Pachón, 2018](#)



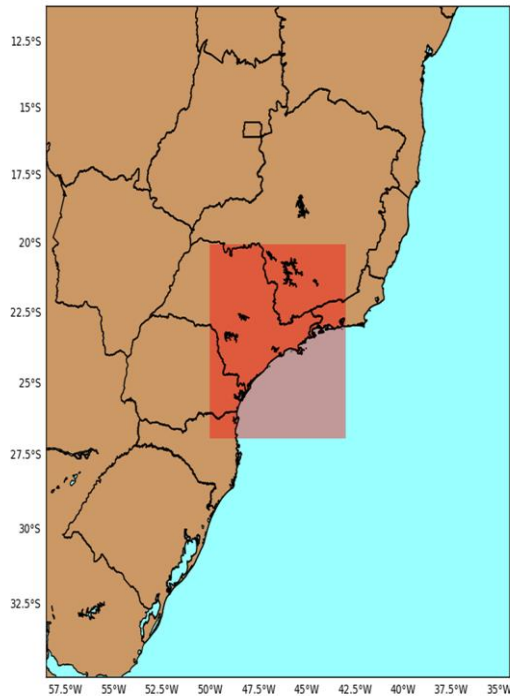
# Combination of measurement and high resolution modeling



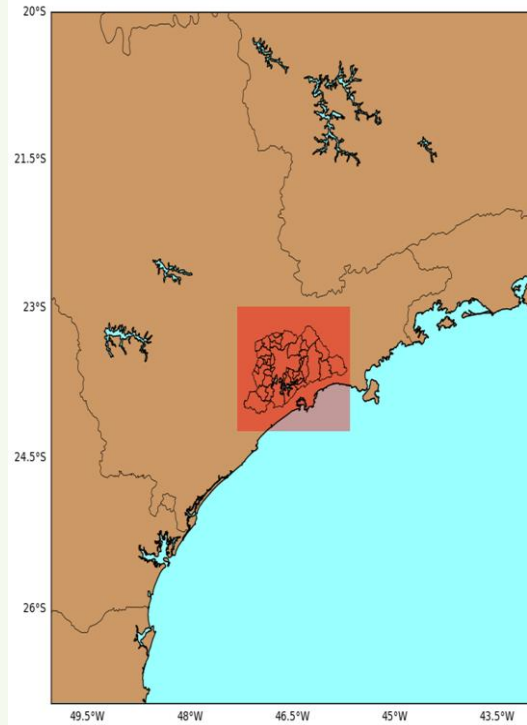
Bicycle users exposure to pollutants



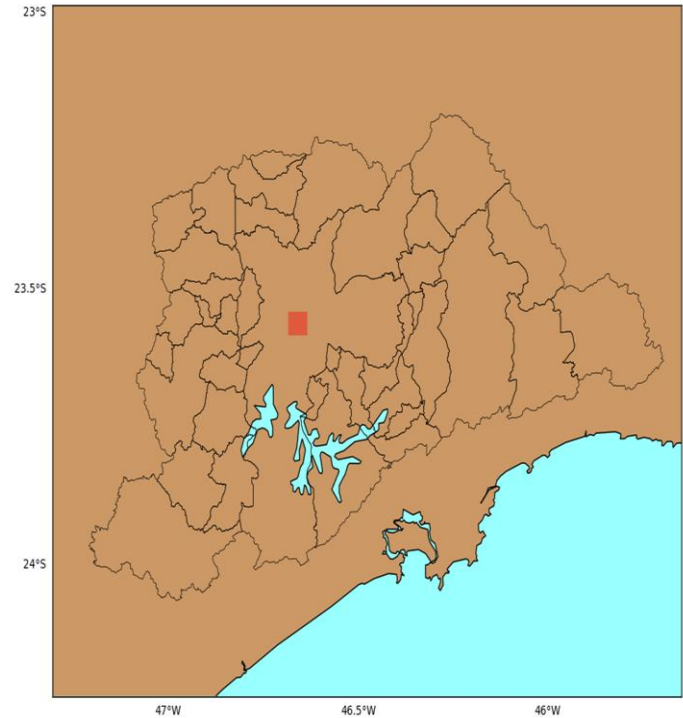
**PEDALS: PARTICLES AND BLACK CARBON EXPOSURE TO LONDON AND SAO PAULO BIKE-LANE USERS. FAPESP SPRINT 3/2016**

**D1**

SouthEast Brazil  
( $\Delta X = 25$  km)  
100 x 108 points

**D2**

Sao Paulo State  
( $\Delta X = 5$  km)  
146 x 156

**D3**

MASP  
( $\Delta X = 1$  km)  
171 x 141

Motivation

## MUNICH The **M**odel of **U**rban **N**etwork of **I**ntersecting **C**anyons and **H**ighways

- Mesoscale chemical transport models have good representation of pollutants concentrations, but can't include the urban features (e.g. **urban canyons**) To address the relation between **traffic-related pollution** and its effects in **human health** **Street-levels models** can be a useful tool.

(Kim et al., 2018)

<http://cerea.enpc.fr/munich/index.html>



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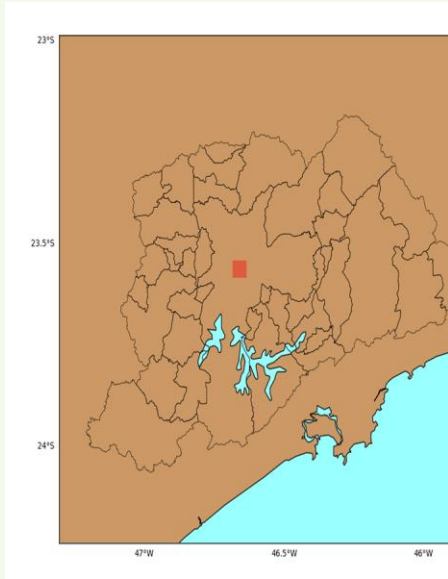
Street View - Nov 2017



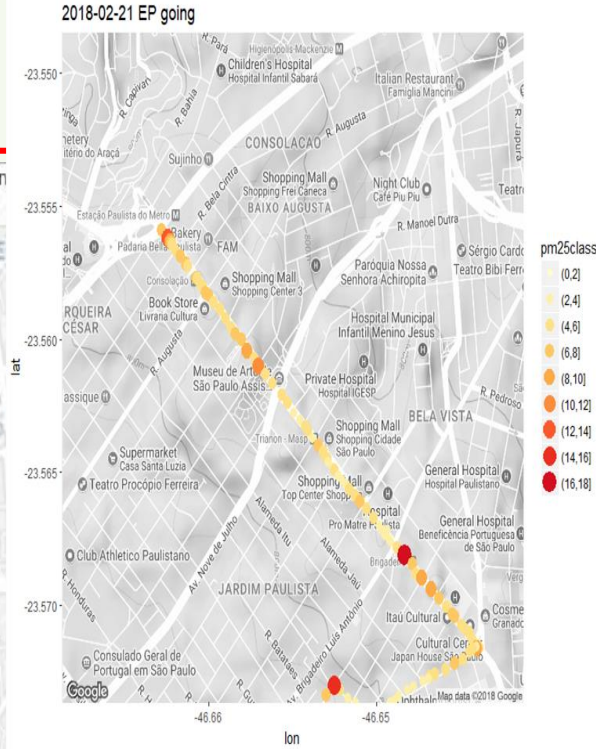
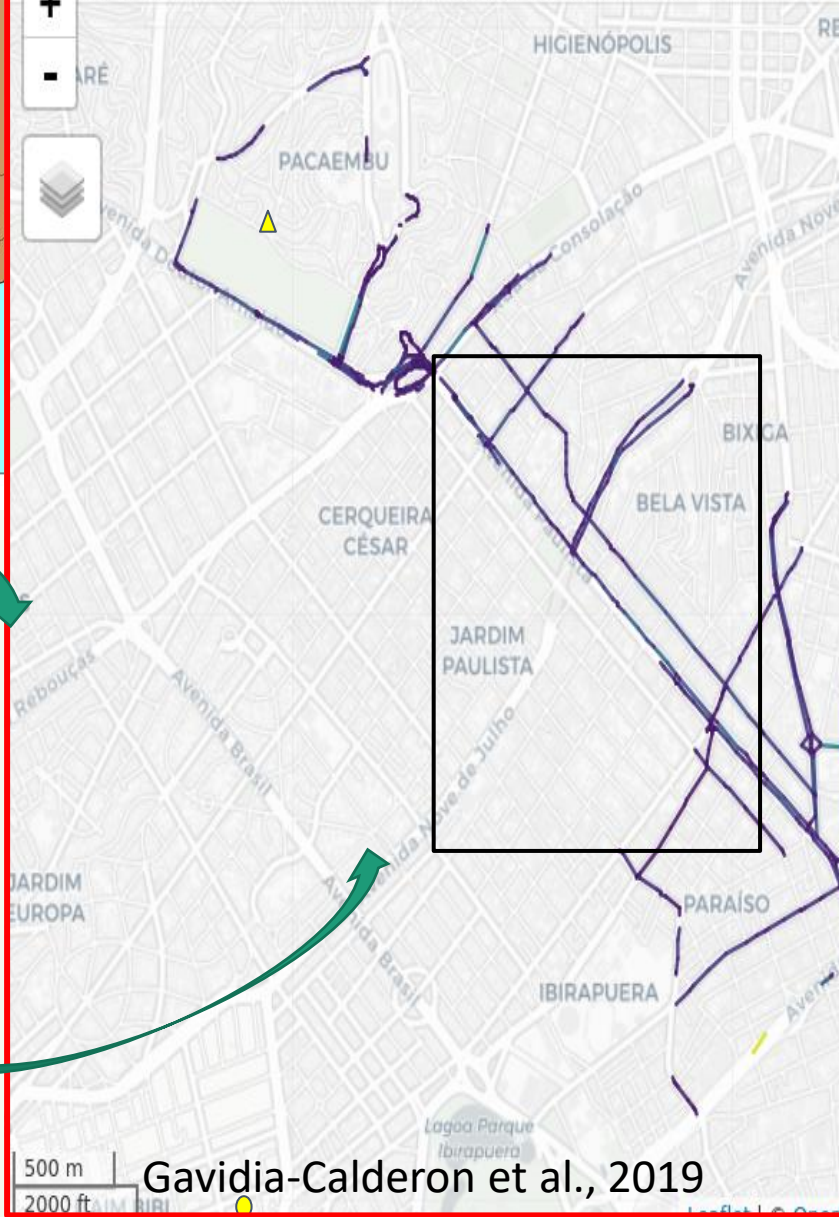
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# MUNICH Domain



x: -5191345 | y: -2698504 | epsg: 3857 | proj4: +proj=merc +a=6378137 +b=6378137 +lat\_ts=0.0 +lon\_ts=0.0 +units=m +nadgrids=@null +no\_defs | lon: -46.63465 | lat: -23.54864 | zoom: 14



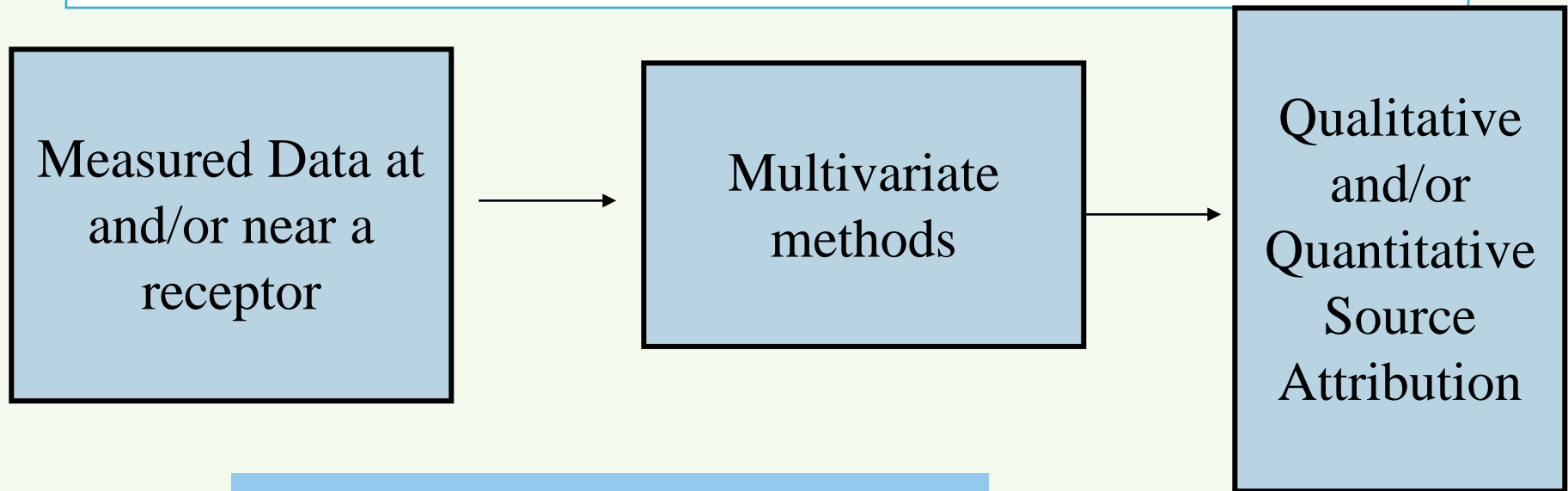
Red square: MUNICH domain: 837 links, ~ 5 km<sup>2</sup>

Black square: the area with obs. from ASTRID project

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Gavidia-Calderon et al., 2019

# Receptor Models



## Models:

CMB, Chemical Mass Balance

PCA, Principal Component Analysis

PMF, Positive Matrix Factorization

# Advantages of Receptor Models

- derives information about sources from measured data
- estimate the contribution of sources for most of the PM chemical components
- does not require an extensive input data set (e.g. 3D meteorological data, 3D emission data, air concentrations at boundaries)
- does not require significant computing resources and data storage is negligible
- the uncertainty of the output is estimated.

# Experimental design

- ❖ Site selection
- ❖ Species selection
- ❖ Number and frequency of samples



# Receptor models (RMs)

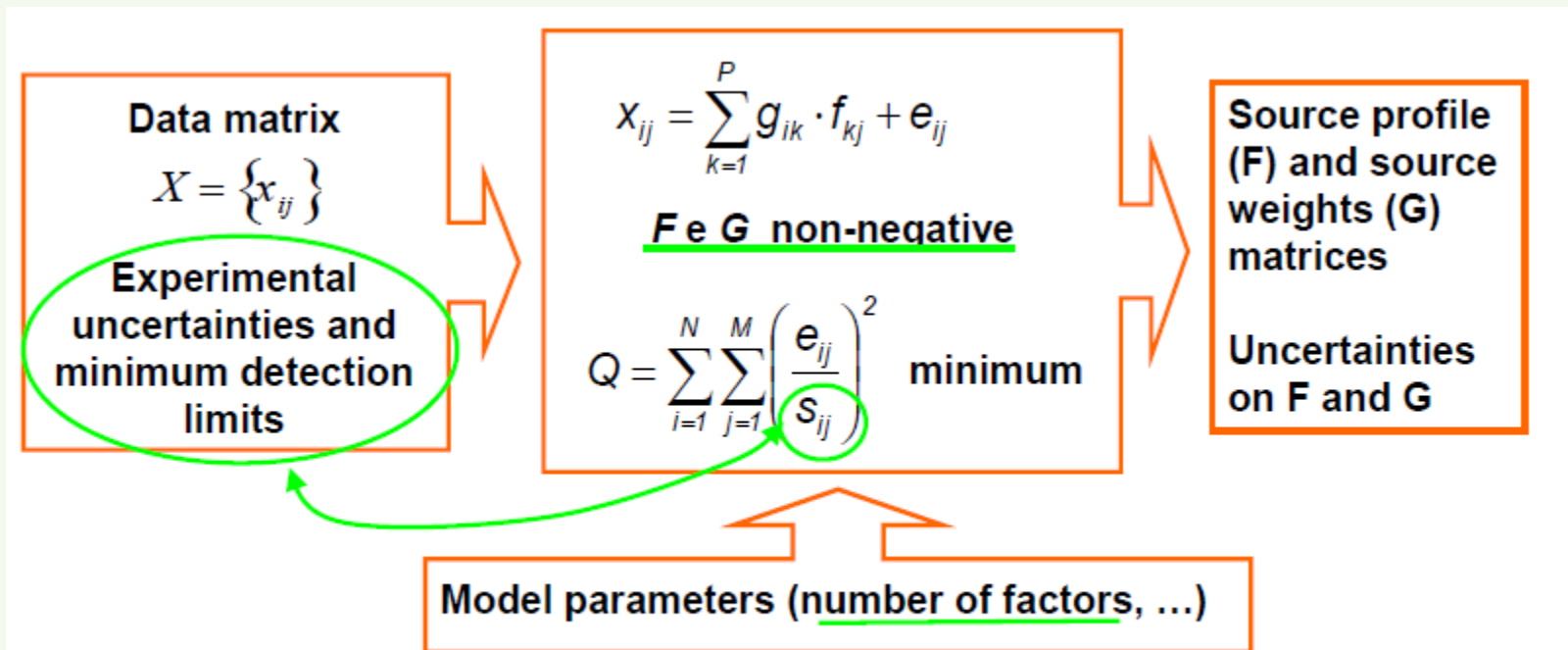
RMs are based on a chemical mass balance equation associating the concentration of each PM chemical component ( $x_{ij}$ ) with the chemical profiles of all major sources and their contributions to PM mass:

$$x_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^N g_{ik} \cdot f_{kj} + e_{ij} \quad (1)$$

where:  $N$  is the assumed number of sources,  $g_{ik}$  is the contribution of source  $k$  to sample  $i$ ,  $f_{kj}$  is the relative concentration of species  $j$  to the chemical profile of source  $k$ , and  $e_{ij}$  is the residual for sample  $i$  of species  $j$ .

# Basic principles of PMF (Positive Matrix Factorization)

PMF solves the factor analysis problem  $X = GF + E$  by an explicit **least-square approach** with **individual data point weights**: G and F are determined so that the residual matrix E, weighted with experimental uncertainties, is minimised; furthermore the solution is constrained so that all the elements of G and F are required to be **non-negative**



# Possible input data

Ions	sulphate, nitrate, ammonium, chloride, Na <sup>+</sup> , Mg <sup>2+</sup> , K <sup>+</sup> , Ca <sup>2+</sup>
Carbonaceous fractions	Total carbon (TC), elemental carbon (EC)/organic carbon (OC) total or fractions obtained in every analytical step
Elements	Na, Mg, Al, Si, P, S, Cl, K, Ca, Sc, Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, Ge, As, Se, Br, Rb, Sr, Zr, Mo, Rh, Pd, Ag, Cd, Sn, Sb, Te, I, Cs, Ba, La, W, Au, Hg, Pb
Organic markers	n-alkanes, alkanolic (carboxylic) acids (especially fatty acids), aromatic carboxylic acids, levoglucosan/mannosan, PAHs, hopanes, resin acids, syringols, cholesterol
Aerosol size distribution	scanning mobility particle sizer (SMPS), optical particle counter (OPC), aerodynamic particle sizer (APS), cascade impactors, streakers, Davis rotating-drum Universal-size-cut Monitoring impactor (DRUM/RDI)
Mass fragments (m/z) concentrations	obtained with aerosol mass spectrometer (AMS) or aerosol chemical speciation monitor (ACSM) techniques and used to apportion the organic fraction (see section 13).
Optical properties	absorption coefficients to apportion $G_{ff}^*$ and $C_{wb}^*$ , light scattering at multiple wavelengths (see section 14).
Isotopic ratios	<sup>14</sup> C/ <sup>12</sup> C ratios to apportion fossil and modern C fractions (see section 15)
Radon	indicator of planetary boundary layer (PBL) mixing and long-range pollution transport

# Tunnel Measurements for evaluation of vehicular emissions factors

Experiments performed in 2001, 2004, 2011, 2018

Sanchez-Ccoyllo et al., 2006

Martins et al., 2008

Perez-Martinez et al., 2015

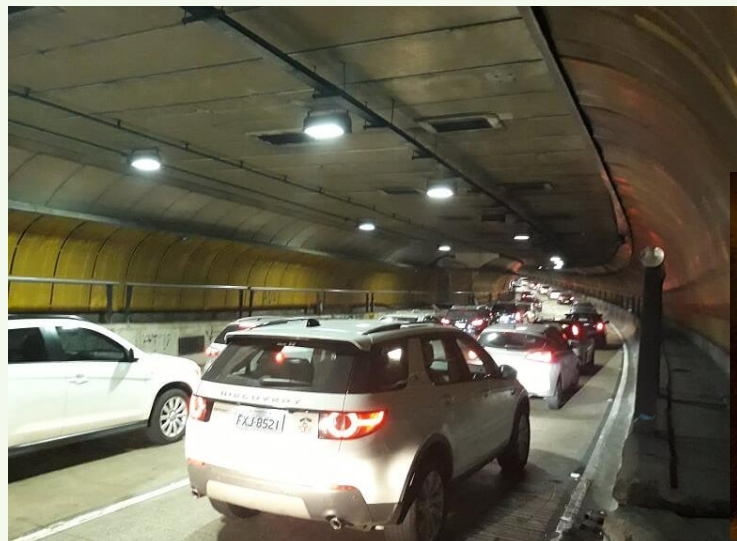
Brito et al., 2016

Nogueira et al., 2017

etc



2018





# Road Dust Emission





# Review on recent progress in observations, source identifications and countermeasures of PM<sub>2.5</sub>

Chun-Sheng Liang<sup>a,c</sup>, Feng-Kui Duan<sup>a,\*\*\*</sup>, Ke-Bin He<sup>a,b,\*</sup>, Yong-Liang Ma<sup>a,b</sup>

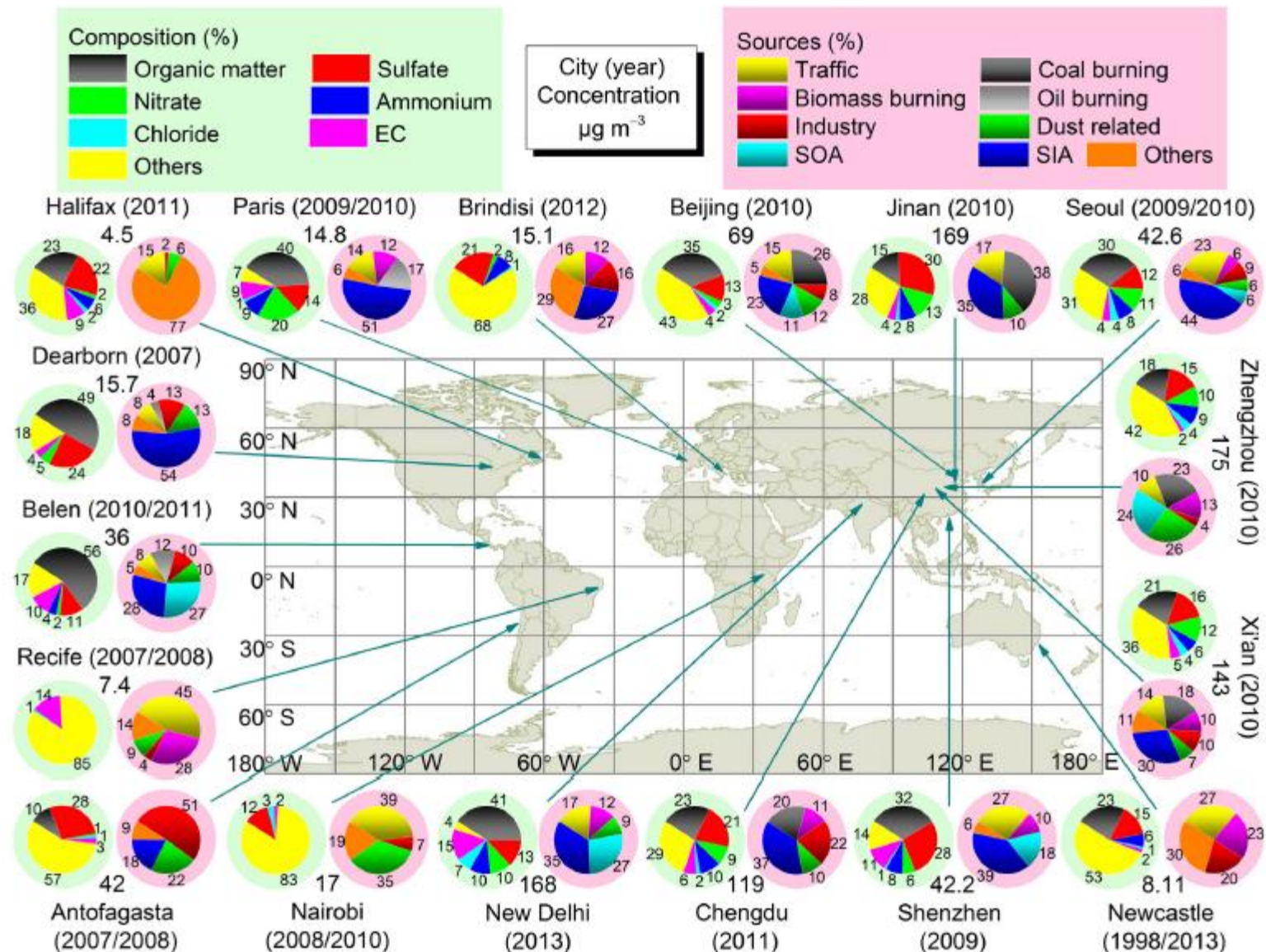
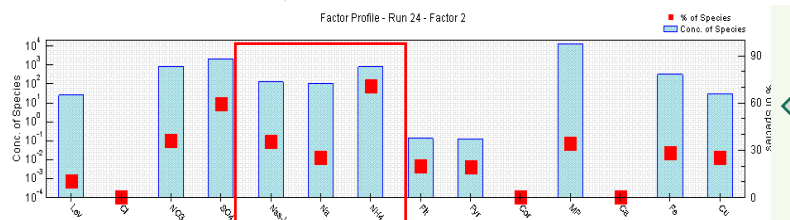


Fig. 2. Concentrations, composition and sources of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in different continents according to the recently reported results. Results were based on PMF, except in New Delhi (pragmatic mass closure). Data taken from references: Seoul (Choi et al., 2013), Beijing (Wu et al., 2014b), Jinan (Gu et al., 2014), Zhengzhou (Geng et al., 2013), Xi'an (Wang et al., 2015c), Chengdu (Tao et al., 2014a), Shenzhen (Huang et al., 2014b), New Delhi (Pant et al., 2015), Paris (Bressi et al., 2013; Bressi et al., 2014), Brindisi (Cesari et al., 2014), Halifax (Gibson et al., 2013), Dearborn (Panaras et al., 2013), Costa Rica (Murillo et al., 2013b), North Chile (Jorquera and Barraza, 2013), Recife (dos Santos et al., 2014), Nairobi (Gaita et al., 2014), Newcastle (Stelcer et al., 2014). See Table S3 for details.

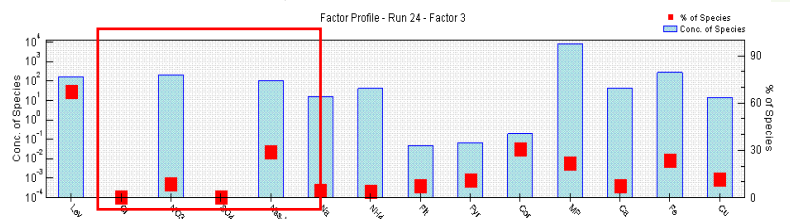
# PM<sub>2.5</sub> source identification with PMF - 2014



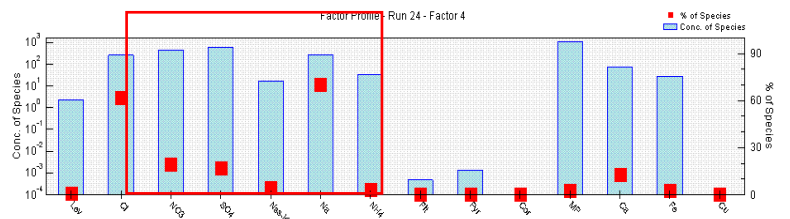
**Coroneno – HPA associado com emissões veiculares**



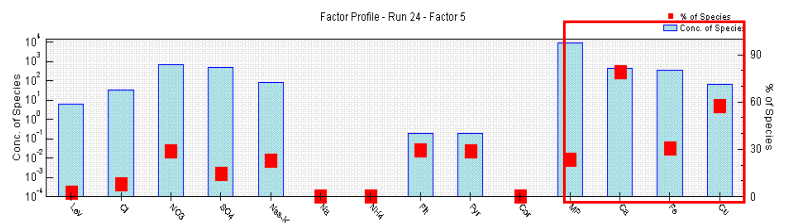
**NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> – aerossol inorgânico secundário**



**Levoglucosan e Nss-K<sup>+</sup> - queima de biomassa**



**Na<sup>+</sup> e Cl<sup>-</sup> - aerossol marinho**



**Ca e Fe – ressuspensão do solo**

# Some points:

- The importance of having measurements, even with low-cost sensors
- The necessity of having an emission model
- The knowledge of the emissions of the region
- The use of modeling approaches: receptor or dispersion
- Evaluation of risks impact

# Current uncertainties in urban emissions must be tracked

- Estimates of Pollutants emissions from many cities are either not available or are generated using "bottom-up" accounting methods.
- Where such estimates are available agencies collect data from different sectors and use emission-factors to calculate the emissions associated with a given activity. The results are then tabulated in an emission inventory for the city (typically annually).
- The degree of uncertainty in these emission inventories depends on the quality and completeness of the emission activity data, accuracy of the emission factors, and the estimation, quality control, error quantification, and verification processes applied to them.
- These uncertainties and errors represent a risk to decision makers in terms of drawing the wrong conclusions when trying to answer the following questions: are policies having the intended impact and if not, why and how should they be change? are the policies being implemented cost-effective or could they be made more efficient?



**Gracias!  
Thank You!  
Obrigada!**

