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Using Satellite Data for Health and Air Quality Applications

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Upcoming Satellite Products Will Enable a New Generation of Health Research



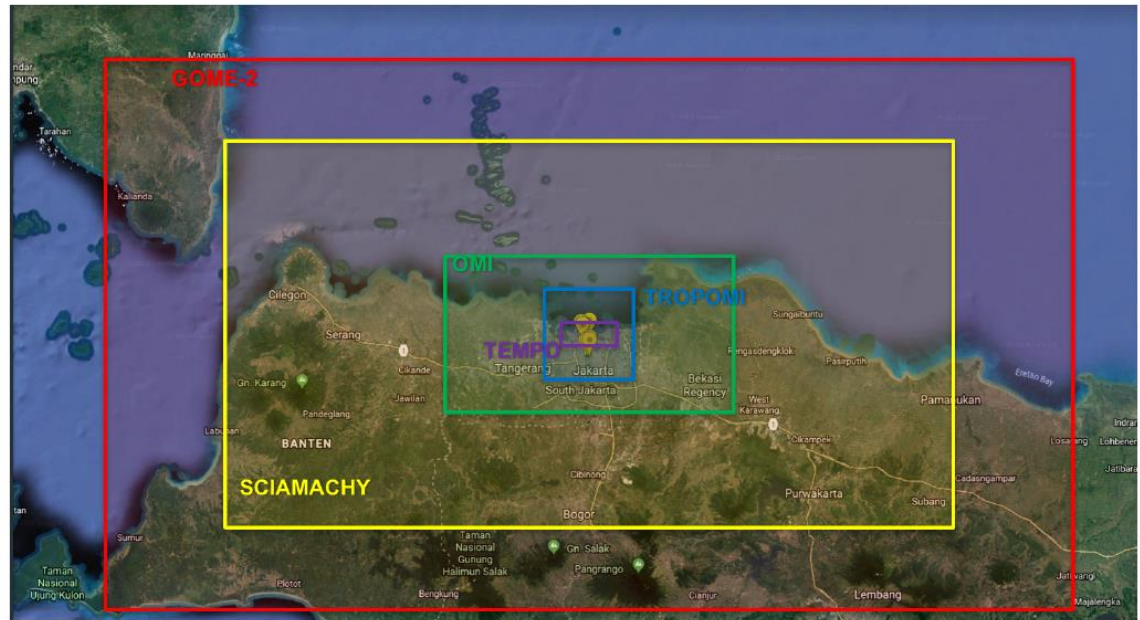
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TROPOspheric Monitoring Instrument (TROPOMI)

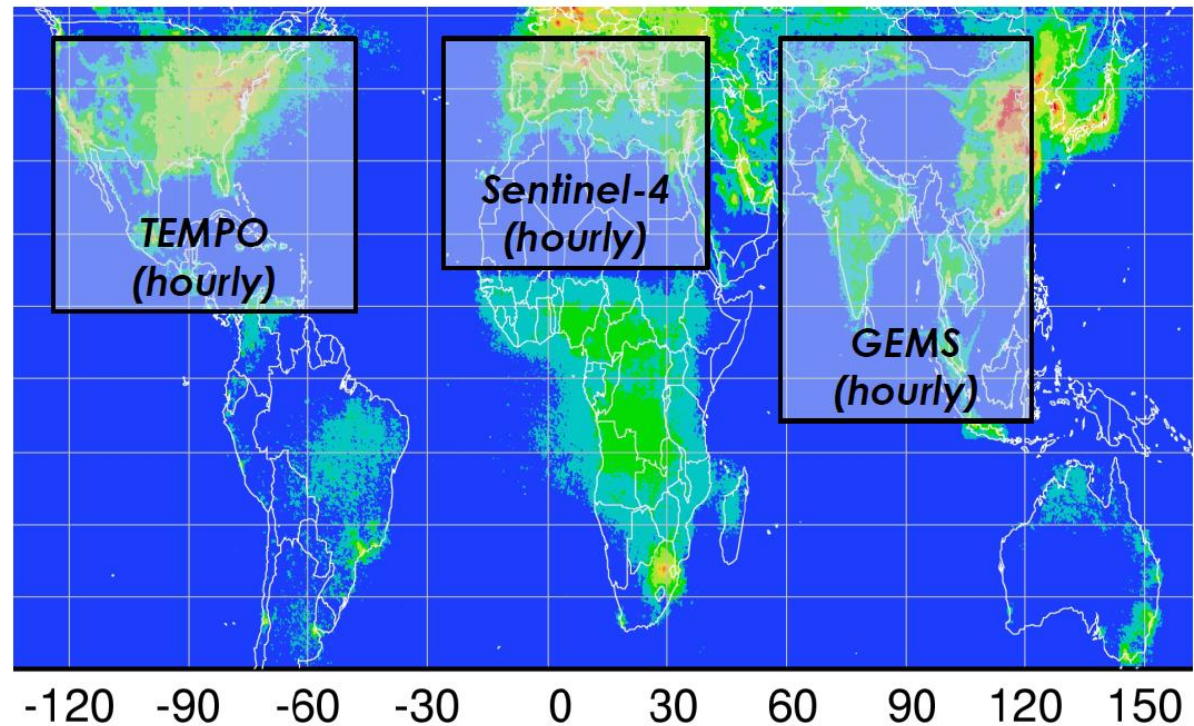
TROPOMI Highlights

- Launched on October 13 2017 by the European Space Agency
- Global Coverage
- Sub-urban spatial resolution (3.5 x 7 km²)
- 1x/day: NO₂, ozone (0-2 km vertical), aerosol, clouds, formaldehyde, glyoxal, SO₂, CO, methane



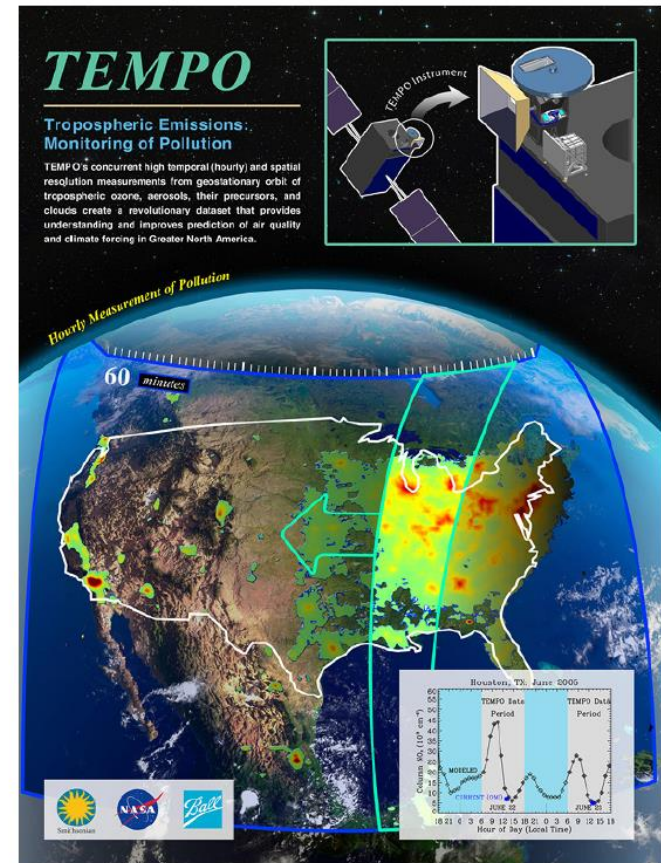
Global Pollution Monitoring Constellation (2020s)

- Improved emissions, at common confidence levels, over industrialized Northern Hemisphere
- Improved air quality forecasts and assimilation systems
- Improved assessment, e.g., observations to support United Nations Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution



TEMPO: Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Air Pollution

- Geostationary over North America
- High Temporal Resolution
 - 1 hr
- High Spatial Resolution
 - 2.2 x 4.7 km²
- Spectral Range
 - 290-740 nm
- Data Products:
 - O₃, NO₂, C₂H₂O₂, aerosols, cloud parameters, & UVB radiation
- Expected Launch: 2021



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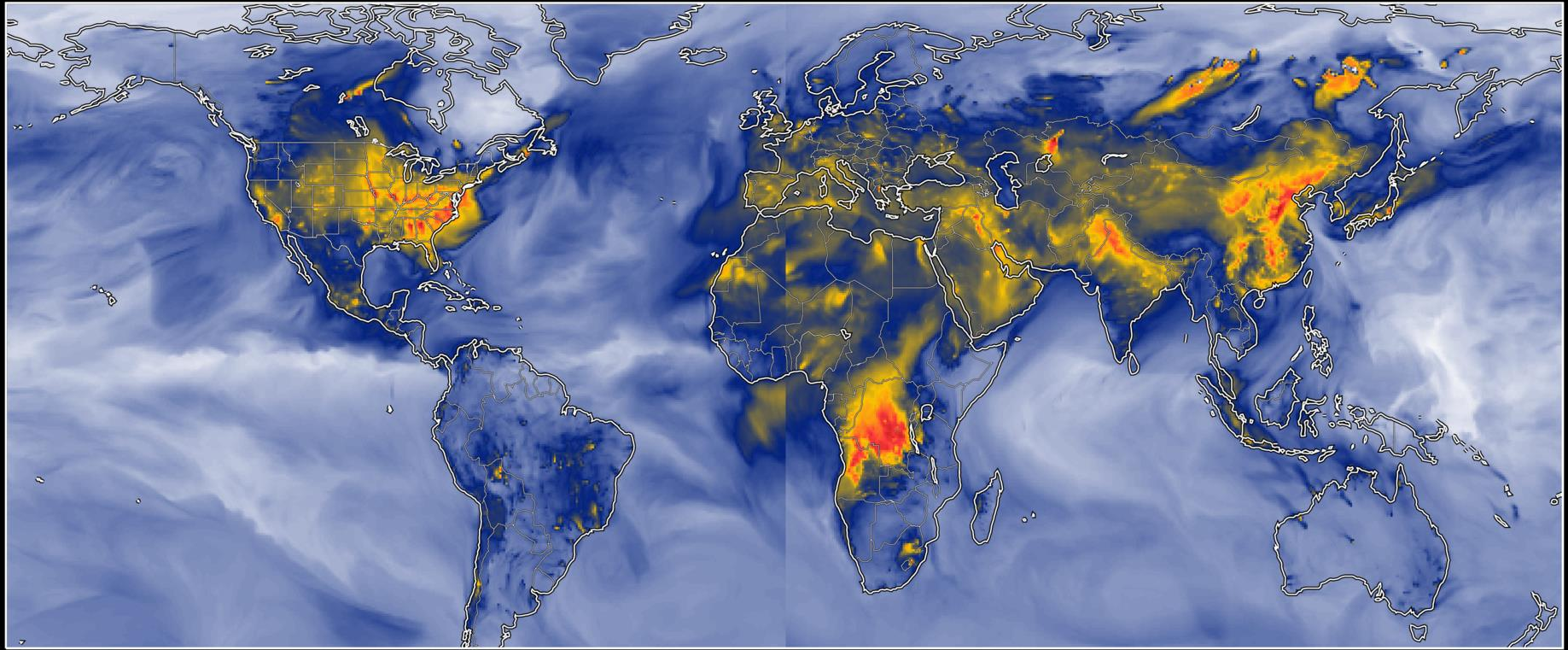
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Creating a Health-based Air Quality Index using Global Modeling Data



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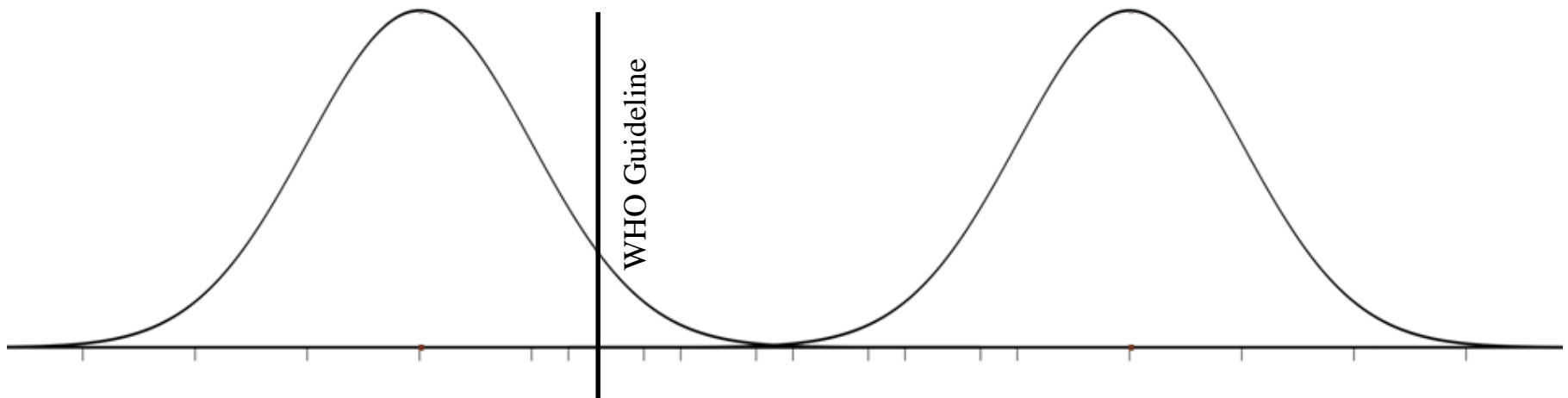
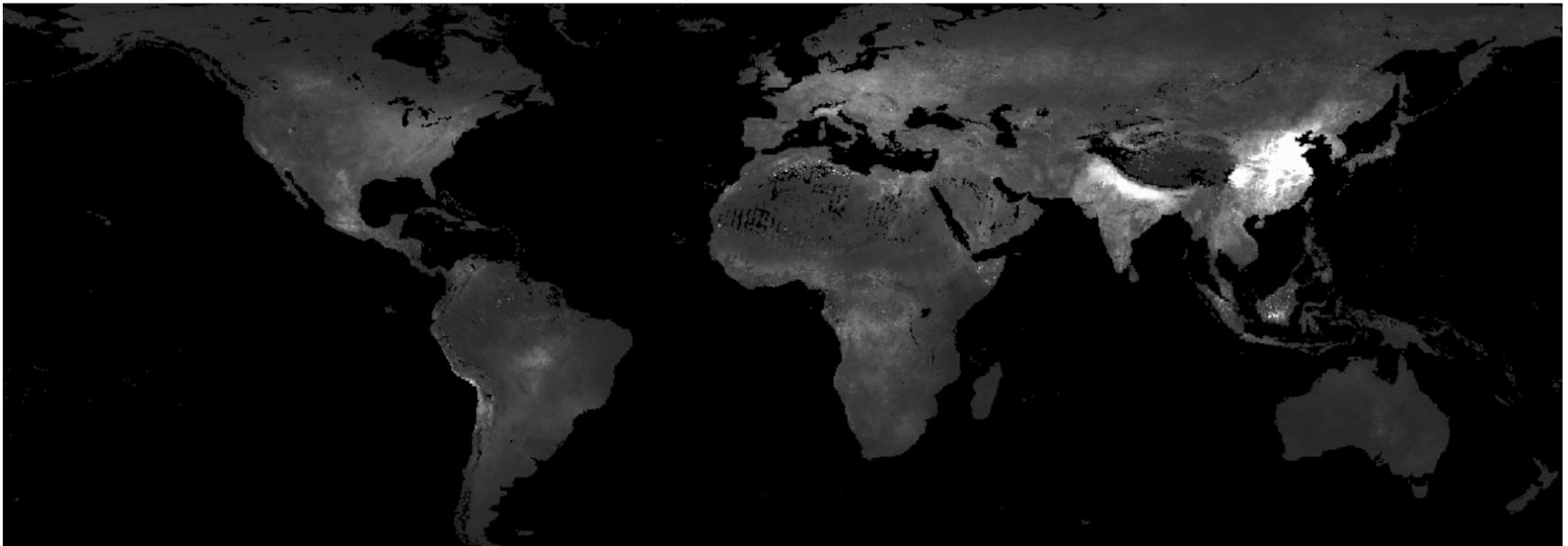
NASA's GEOS-CF System

Global air pollution model with forecasting capabilities:

- *The GEOS model/assimilation system (meteorology, transport, etc.)*
- *Aerosols from NASA's GOCART module*
- *Dynamic emissions modules*
- *The GEOS-CHEM chemical mechanism*
- *Many [NASA] observations of physical and chemical parameters (i.e., distribution of fires, vegetation, ocean color, etc.)*

Target date for routine production system is early 2019





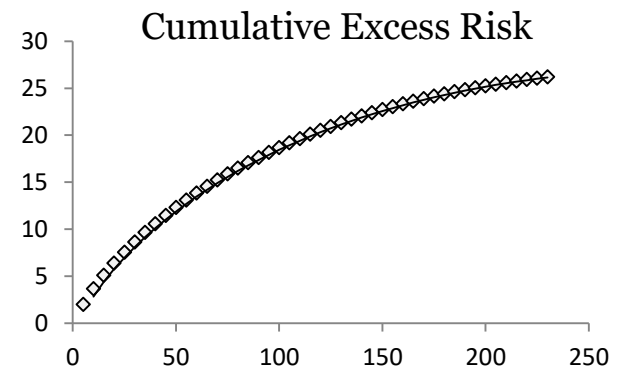
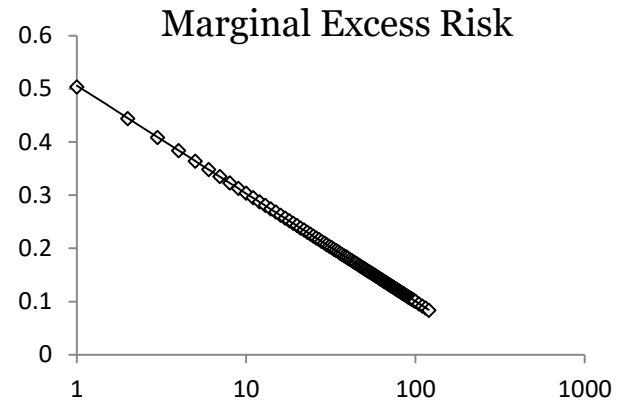
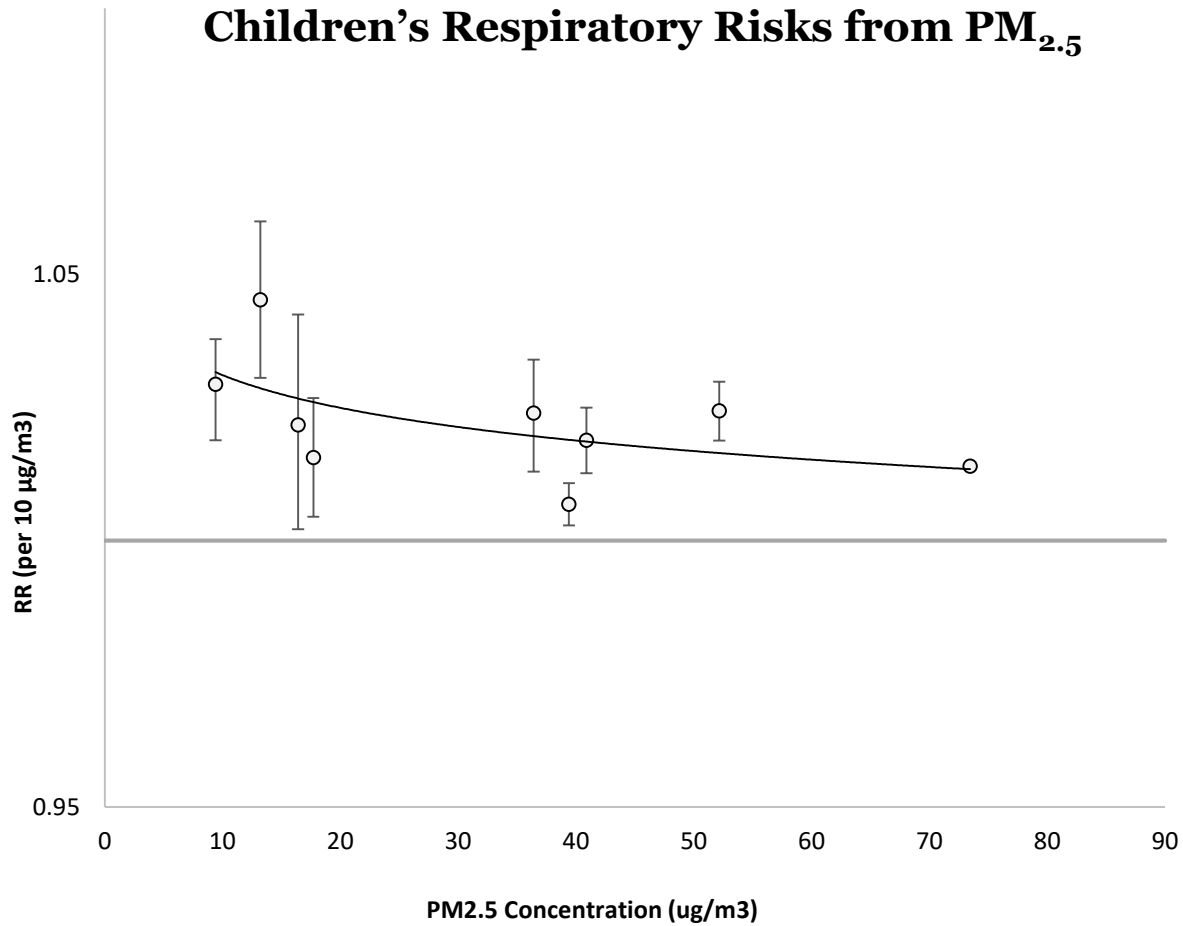
Good	Satisfactory	Moderate	Poor	Very Poor	Severe
0-50	51-100	101-200	201-300	301-400	>401

Initial search terms were run through the Ovid Medline, Embase, CINAHL, Wiley Cochrane, CENTRAL, and Web of Science. **Terms included air pollution terminology, specific respiratory outcomes and a list of countries** in order to capture any studies with data from developing nations.

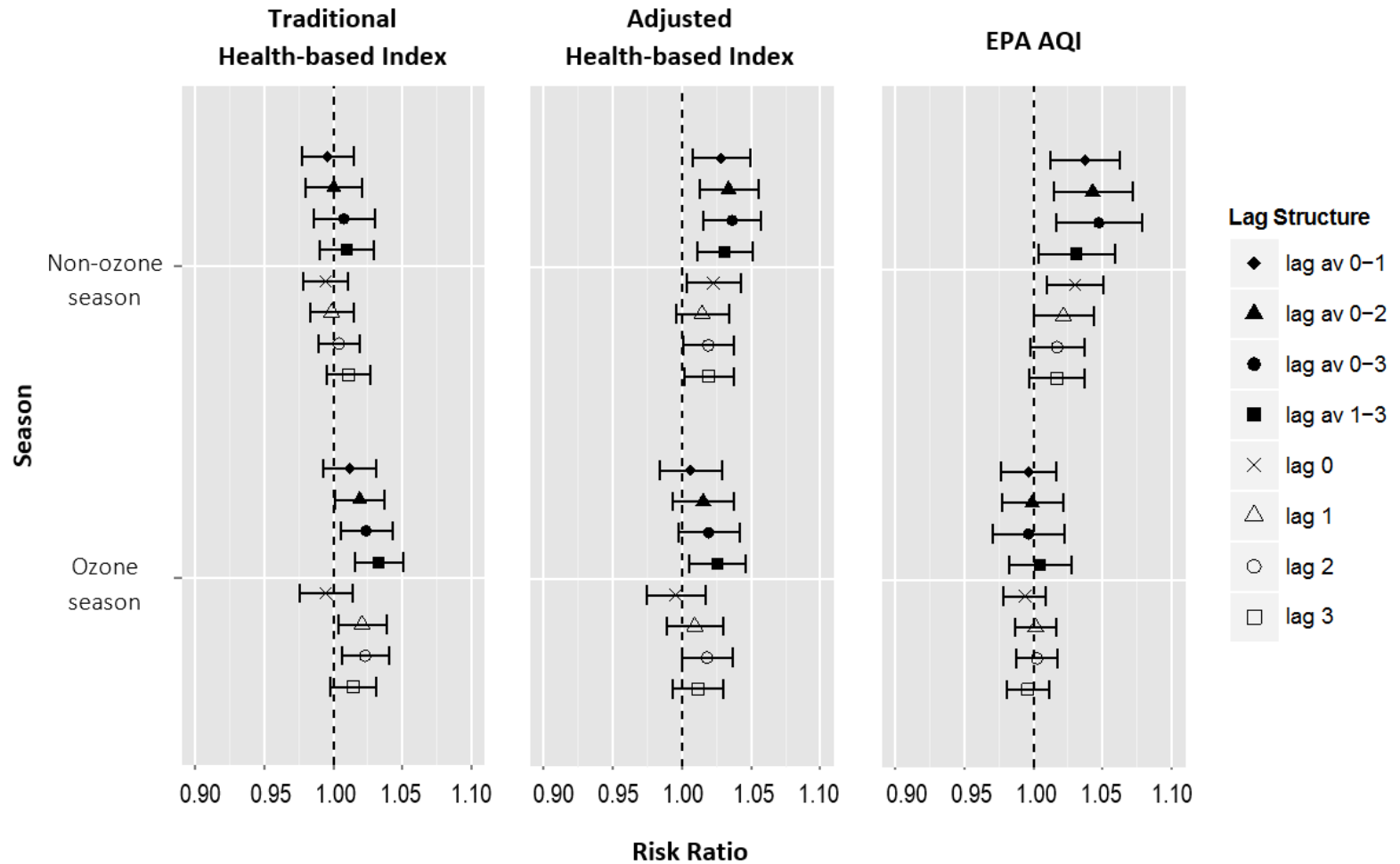
The resulting 5,868 results were screened using Covidence online software, restricting results to systematic reviews and meta-analyses. Title and abstract screening. Remaining articles were downloaded and a **full text screening was performed** to remove remaining mortality-only studies, as well as articles not reporting on one of the four focus pollutants (PM_{2.5}, O₃, NO₂, SO₂) or not providing relative risks by continuous pollutant concentration change.

32 systematic reviews and meta-analyses were extracted and from these, a total of **75 relevant studies were pulled and summarized** in a preliminary database.

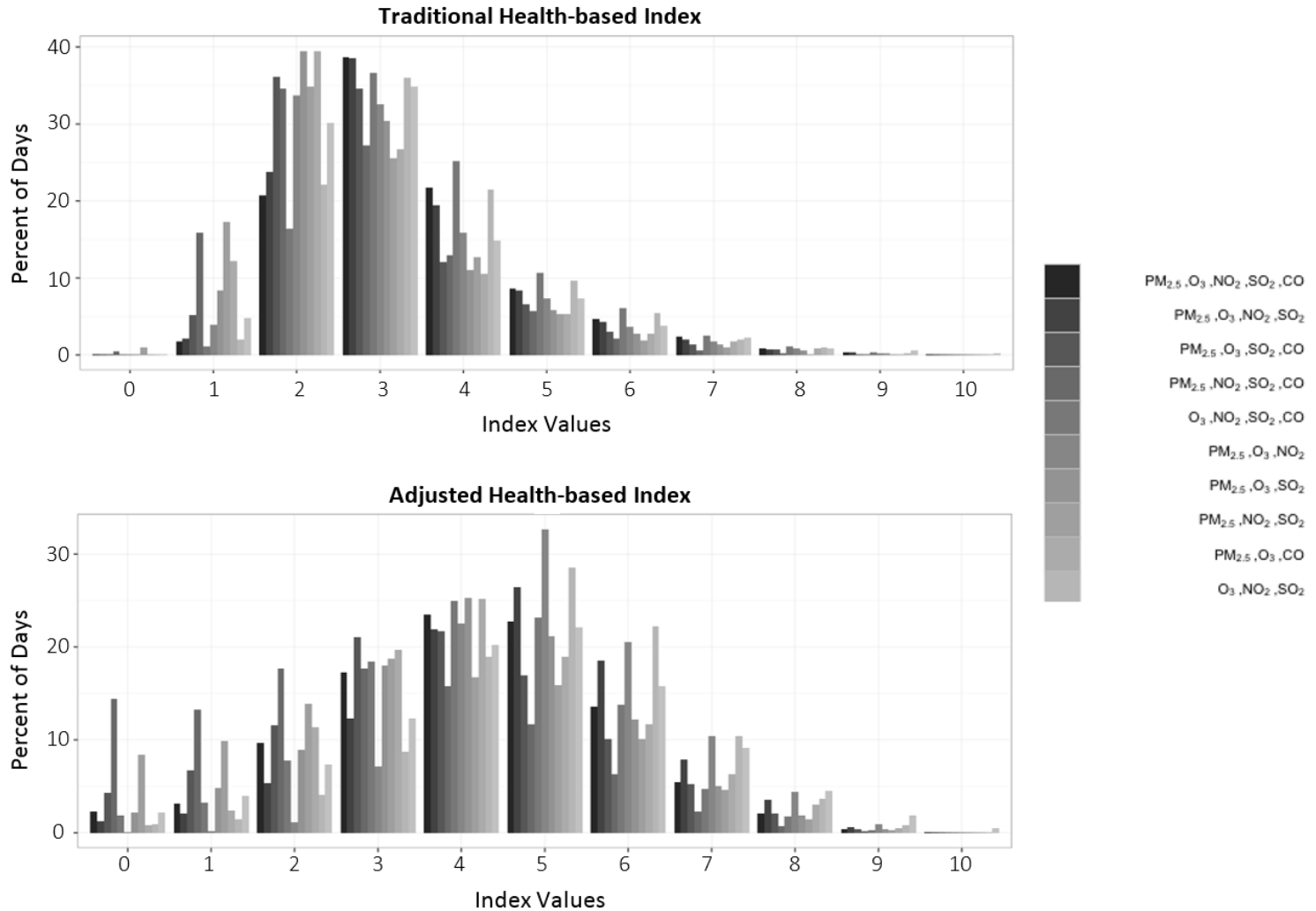
Children's Respiratory Risks from PM_{2.5}



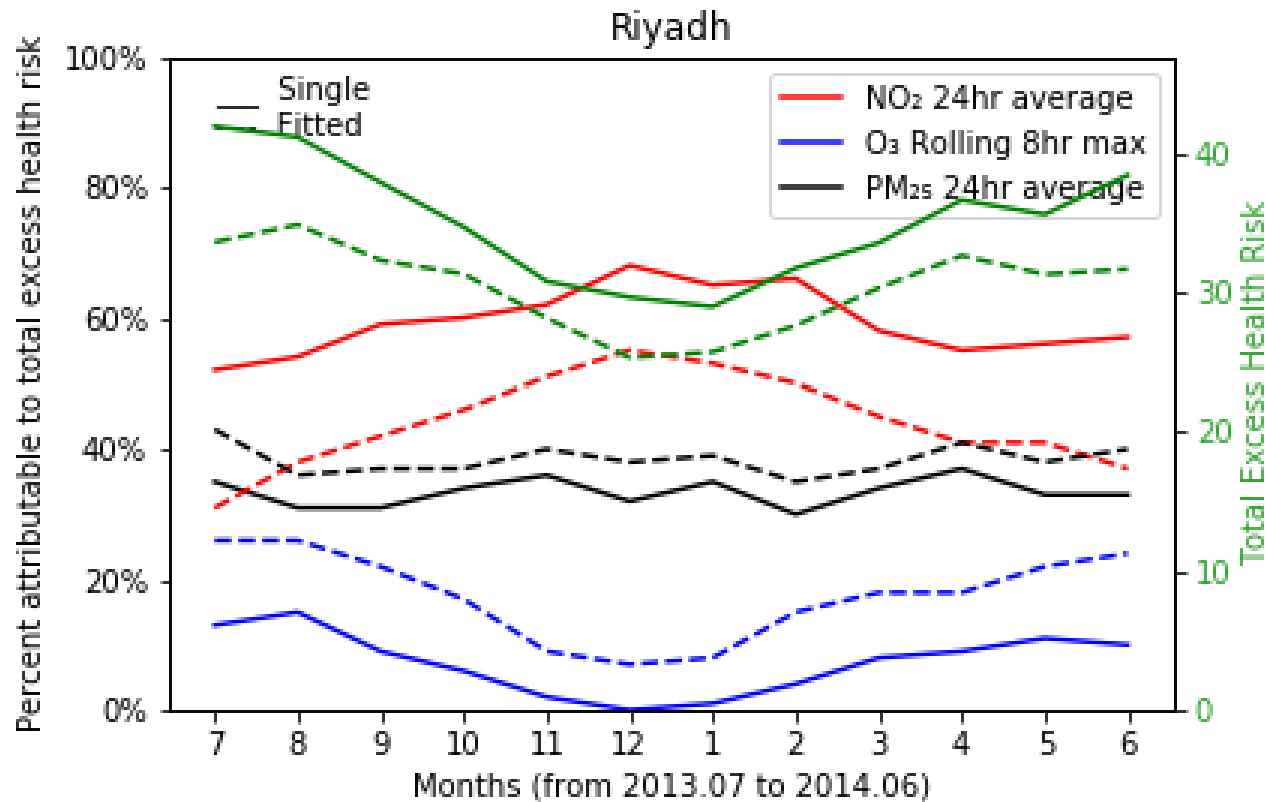
Verification using Population Health Data



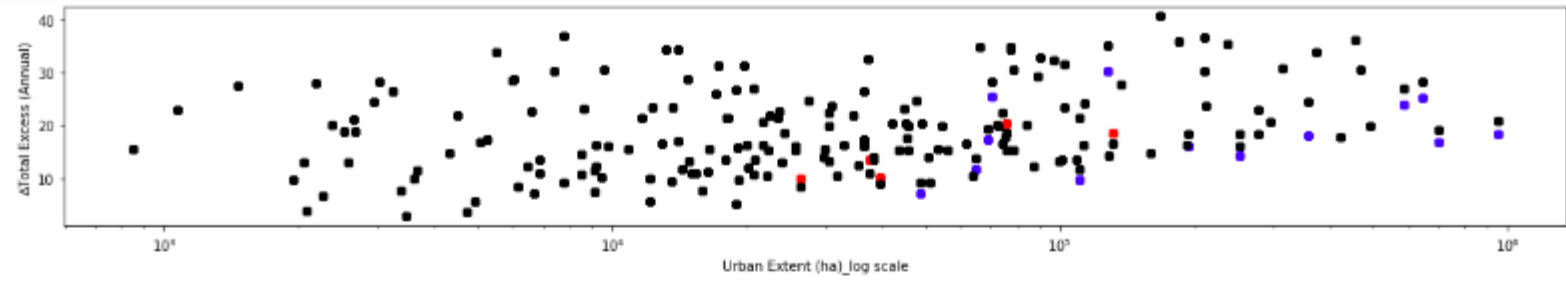
Verification using Index Value Distributions



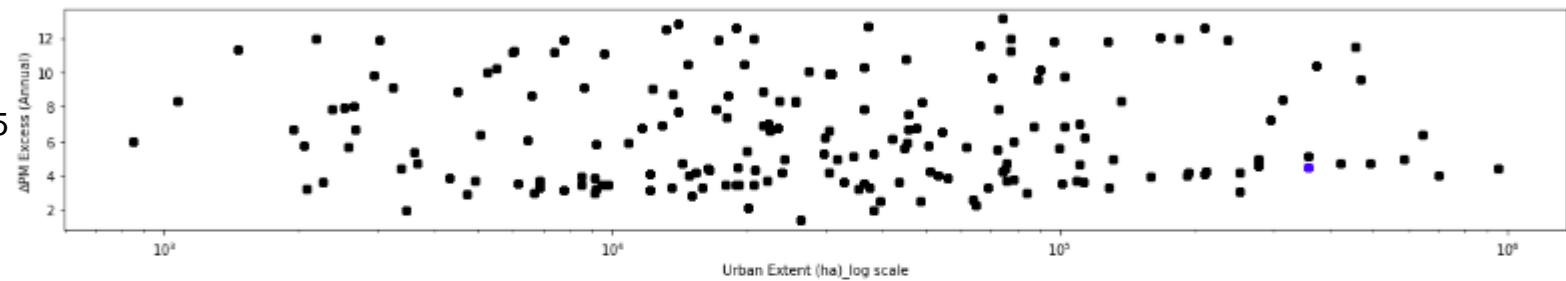
Urban Extent & City-Level Pollution Estimates



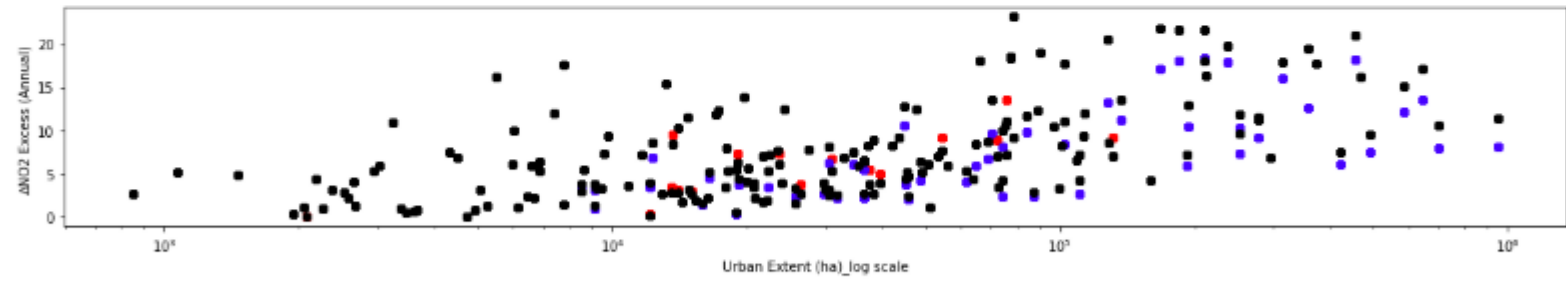
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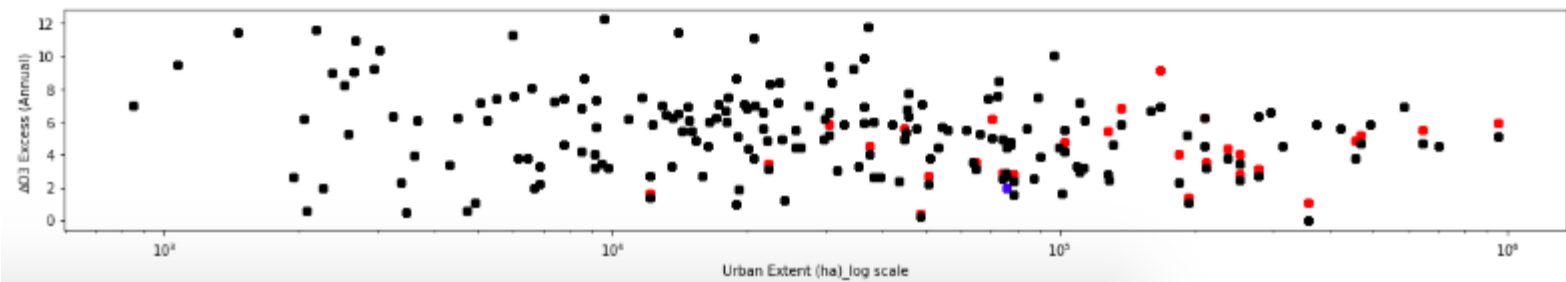
PM_{2.5}

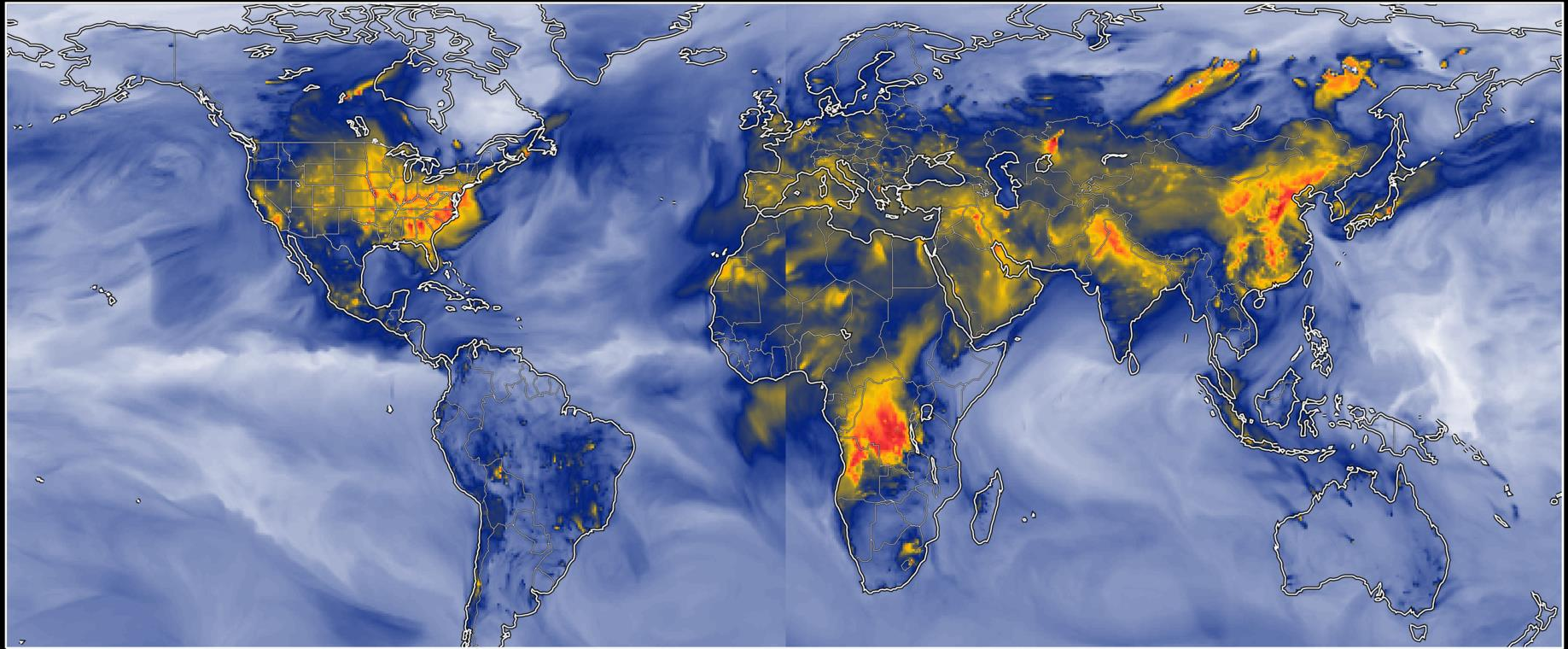


NO₂



O₃





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Summary of Main Points

- Upcoming satellite data products (e.g., TEMPO, MAIA) will enable a new generation of air pollution health research due to improved spatial, and more importantly, temporal resolution
- Global models (e.g., GEOS-CF) are now able to provide forecasted and real-time pollution estimates at the city-level enabling global risk communication
- Urban extents need to be accounted for when estimating city-level air pollution for health purposes

