

# **Role of Sensors and Data in an Integrated Transportation and One Health Approach**

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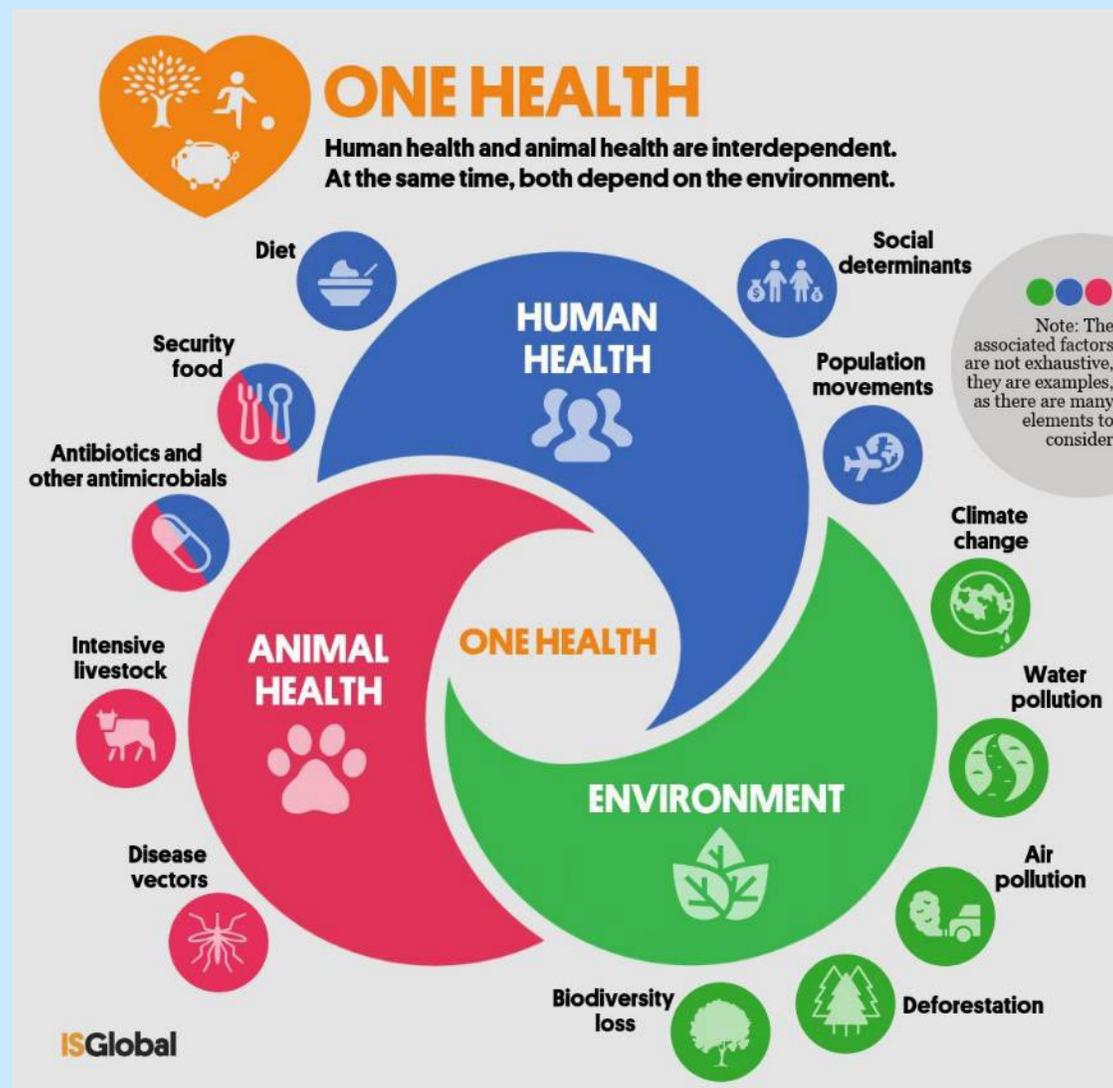
- **Over-Arching Contexts**
- **Office of Research and Development**
- **ORD Research on Source to Impact Continuum**
- **High Resolution Data**
- **Opportunities**

# One Health

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# One Health & Environmental Contaminants



Barcelona Institute of Global Health

<https://www.isglobal.org/en/-/one-health-una-sola-salud->

# EPA's Mission

To protect human health and  
the environment.

# One Health Actions by EPA

## Laws



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- [FIFRA](#)
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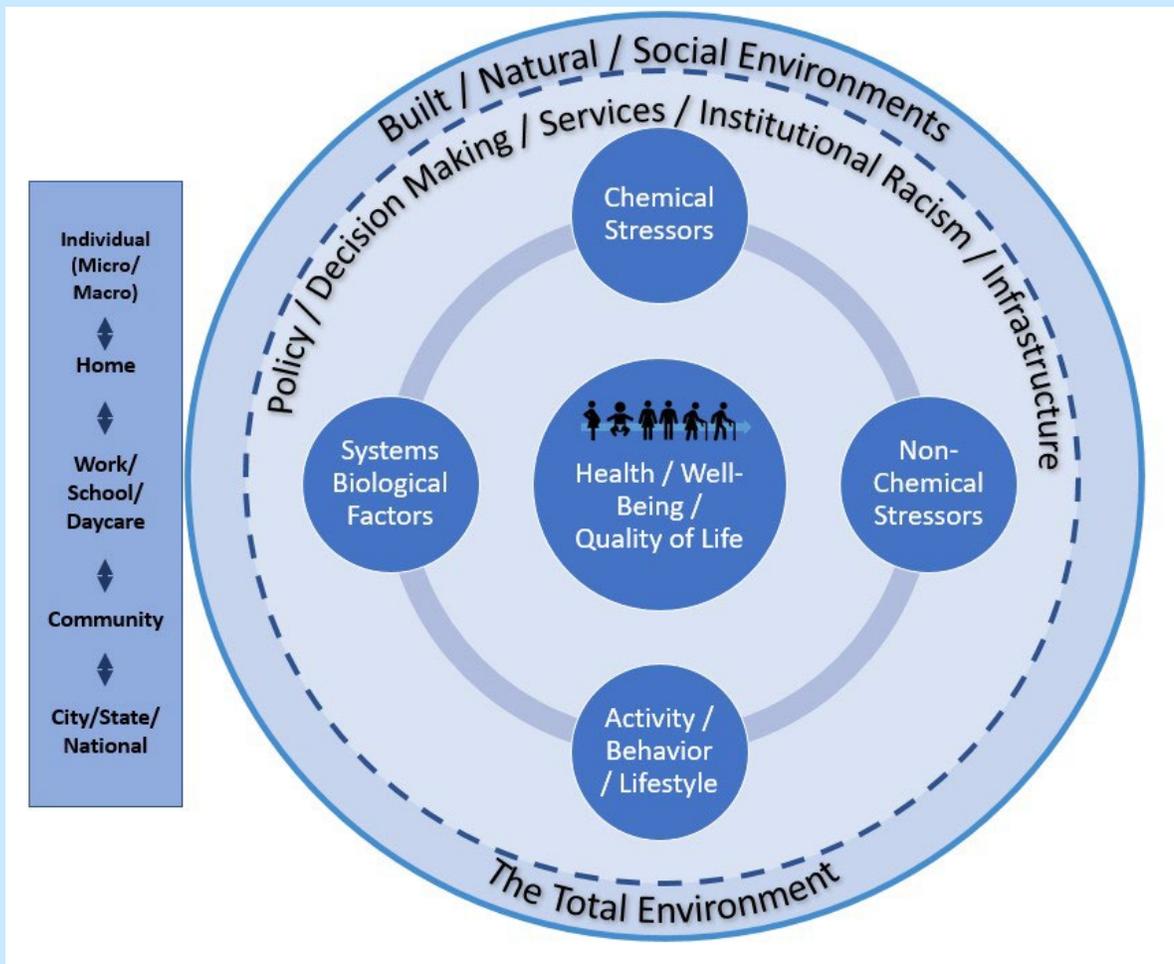
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# One Health and Transportation

- Transportation systems interact not just with humans, but also modify the natural environment.
- Holistic approaches to improving community health and wellbeing via transportation improvements can address One Health.
- The work that the PEMS community does is an important contributor to characterizing the spatial and temporal distribution of chemical stressors.

## Positive/Neutral/Negative Influences of the Total Environment (Built, Natural, Social)

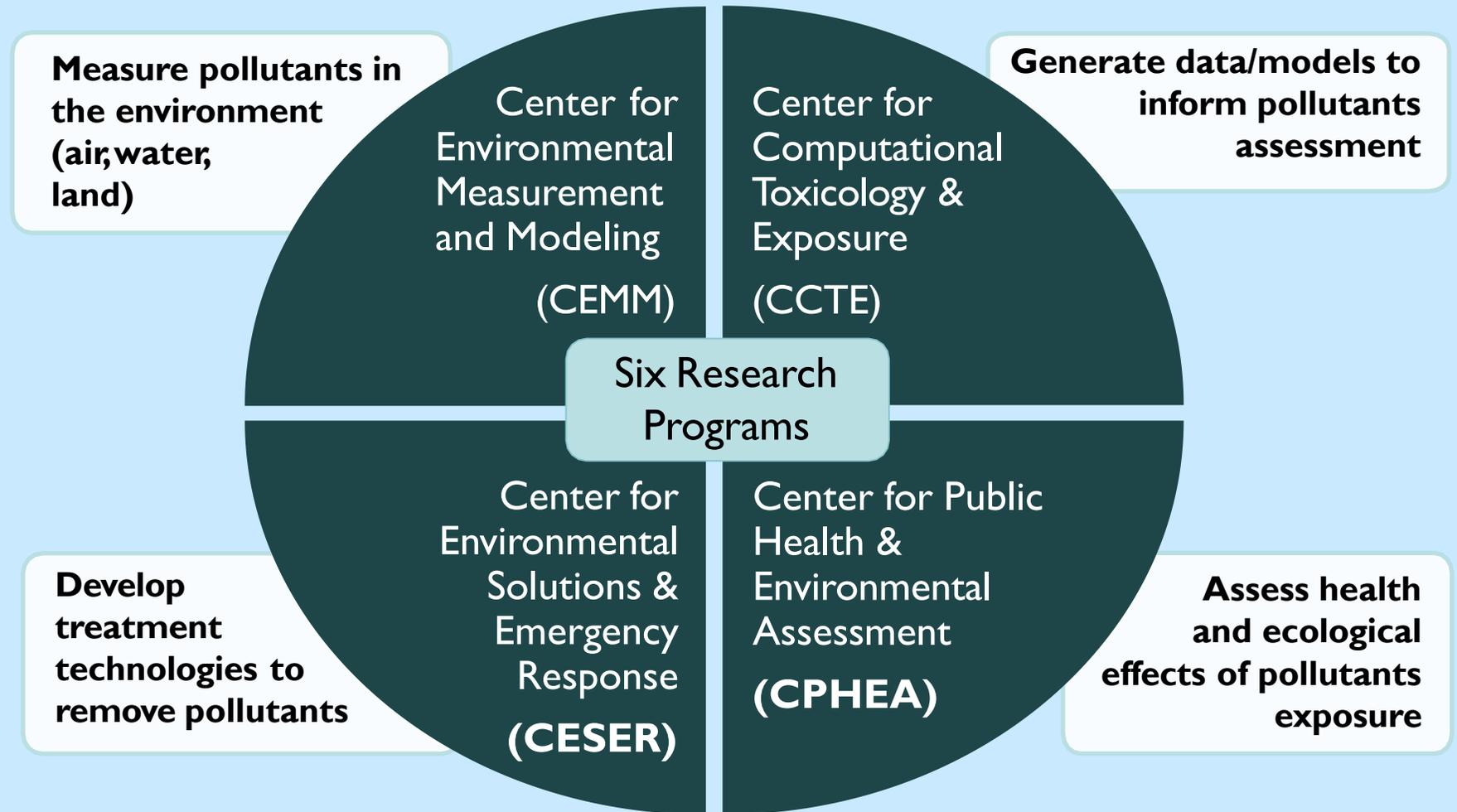


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# EPA's Office of Research and Development

- ORD conducts research, providing the foundation for credible decision making to protect human health and the environment
- ORD's Mission: To provide the best available environmental science and technology to inform and support human health and environmental decision making at the federal, state, tribal, and local levels, addressing critical environmental challenges and anticipating future needs through leading edge research.

# ORD's research is carried out by four Centers



# ORD's Research Programs

ORD's work is focused into six research programs



**Air,  
Climate,  
& Energy**



**Chemical Safety  
for Sustainability**



**Homeland  
Security**



**Health &  
Environmental  
Risk Assessment**



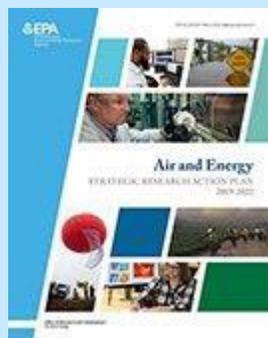
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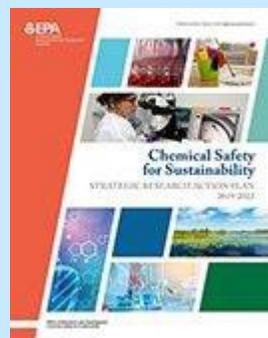
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Communities**

# ORD Research Planning

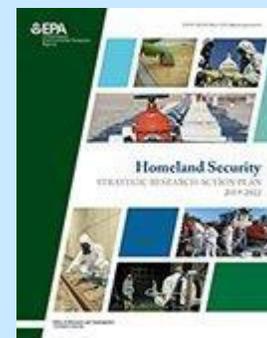
ORD is in the middle of a long-term research planning cycle, developing Strategic Research Action Plans (StRAPs) for FY23-FY26.



**Air,  
Climate,  
& Energy**



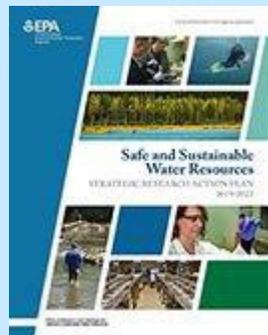
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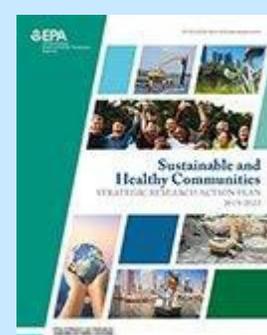
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**Sustainable &  
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# ORD Cross-Cutting Research Priorities



**Environmental  
Justice**



**Cumulative  
Impacts**



**Climate  
Change**



**Community  
Resiliency**

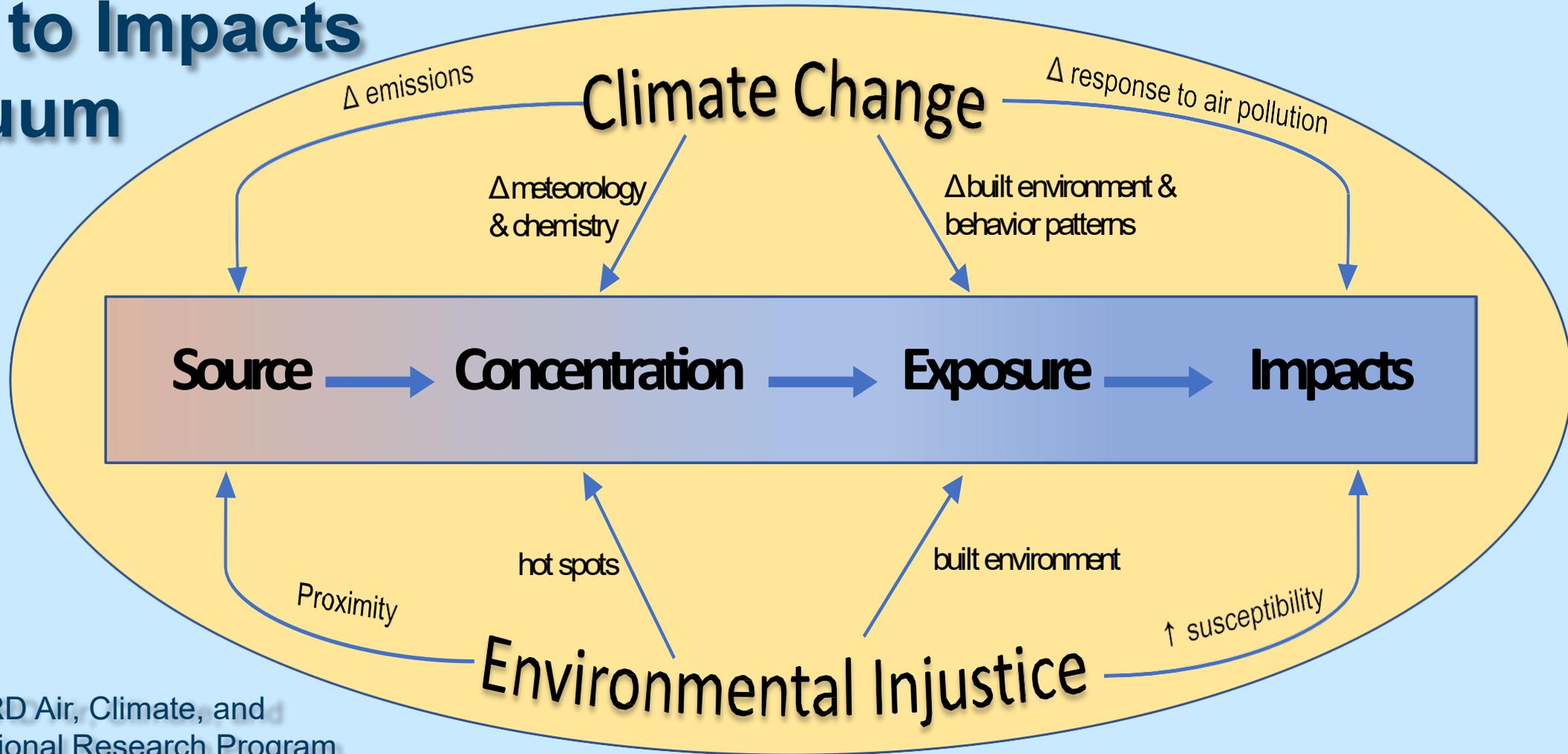


**Children's  
Environmental  
Health**



**Contaminants of  
Immediate and  
Emerging Concern**

# Source to Impacts Continuum



Source: ORD Air, Climate, and Energy National Research Program

# Environmental Justice Considerations (examples)

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Article

**High Resolution Spatial and Temporal Mapping of Traffic-Related Air Pollutants**

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## Research

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## Changes in Transportation-Related Air Pollution Exposures by Race-Ethnicity and Socioeconomic Status: Outdoor Nitrogen Dioxide in the United States in 2000 and 2010

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A census of the US near-roadway population: Public health and environmental justice considerations

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Estimating mortality impacts from vehicle emission reduction efforts: The Tune In and Tune Up program in the San Joaquin Valley

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Environmental Research Letters

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LETTER

**Household-level disparities in cancer risks from vehicular air pollution in Miami**

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Evaluating health outcomes from vehicle emissions exposure in the long range regional transportation planning process

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Agent-based modeling to estimate exposures to urban air pollution from transportation: Exposure disparities and impacts of high-resolution data

Sashikanth Gurram<sup>a,d</sup>, Amy Lynette Stuart<sup>a,b,\*</sup>, Abdul Rawoof Pinjari<sup>c</sup>

## What common questions do community members have?

Should I be concerned about air pollution in my community?

How do air pollution concentrations change from place to place in my community?

What are the causes of air pollution in my community?



*Supplementing data collected in national air monitoring networks, a variety of monitoring strategies exist to provide answers to these common questions. Models can provide important complementary information. This presentation is primarily about monitoring.*

## Measurement considerations for these questions



Should I be concerned about air pollution in my community?



Measure air pollutant types of concern using methods that are accurate enough to compare against benchmark values

How do air pollution concentrations change from place to place in my community?



Measurements should be precise enough to determine changes in concentrations and support multi-location measurement

What are the causes of air pollution in my community?



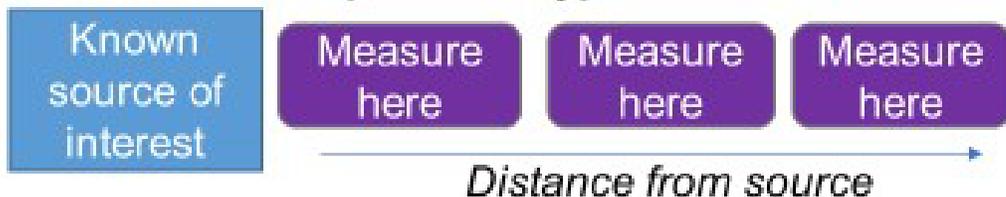
Measurement strategy is needed, which could involve complementary modeling and combining ancillary data to explore local and distributed source contributions to air pollution concentrations

# Common measurement research strategies to isolate local-scale impacts



Note: These two strategies can be used in combination

## Strategy 1: Evaluate whether spatial differences exist for pollutant types of interest

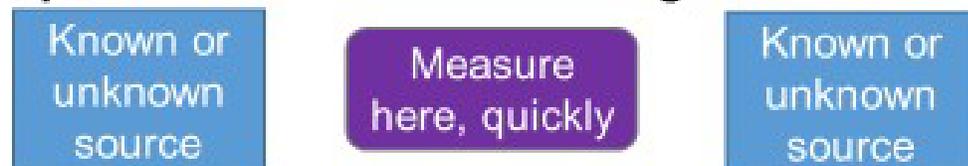


$C_{loc}$  estimated by the difference between locations (downwind – upwind; near – far)

### Conducted with:

Instruments onboard mobile platform  
or  
Multiple fixed monitoring stations

## Strategy 2: Measure quickly to assess how pollutant concentrations change with wind



Source location and  $C_{loc}$  estimated using wind and air pollutant data; supporting information if available (e.g., source activity data)

### Conducted with:

One or multiple fixed monitoring stations; includes meteorological measurements

# Community-Focused Research Needs

- Environmental Justice
- Community stakeholder perspective: science-informed action to solve problems
- EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (NEJAC) (2004):
  - Promote a paradigm shift to community-based approaches, particularly community-based participatory research and intervention
  - Develop and implement efficient screening and targeting methods/tools to identify communities needing immediate intervention

# Decision-Makers

Individuals

Communities

Companies

Local Government (City, County)

State Government

Federal Government

# Health Impact Assessment (HIA)

is one method of accounting for combinations of chemical and non-chemical stressors in a decision-focused manner.

HIA's rely on extensive collaboration between community members, scientists, and government

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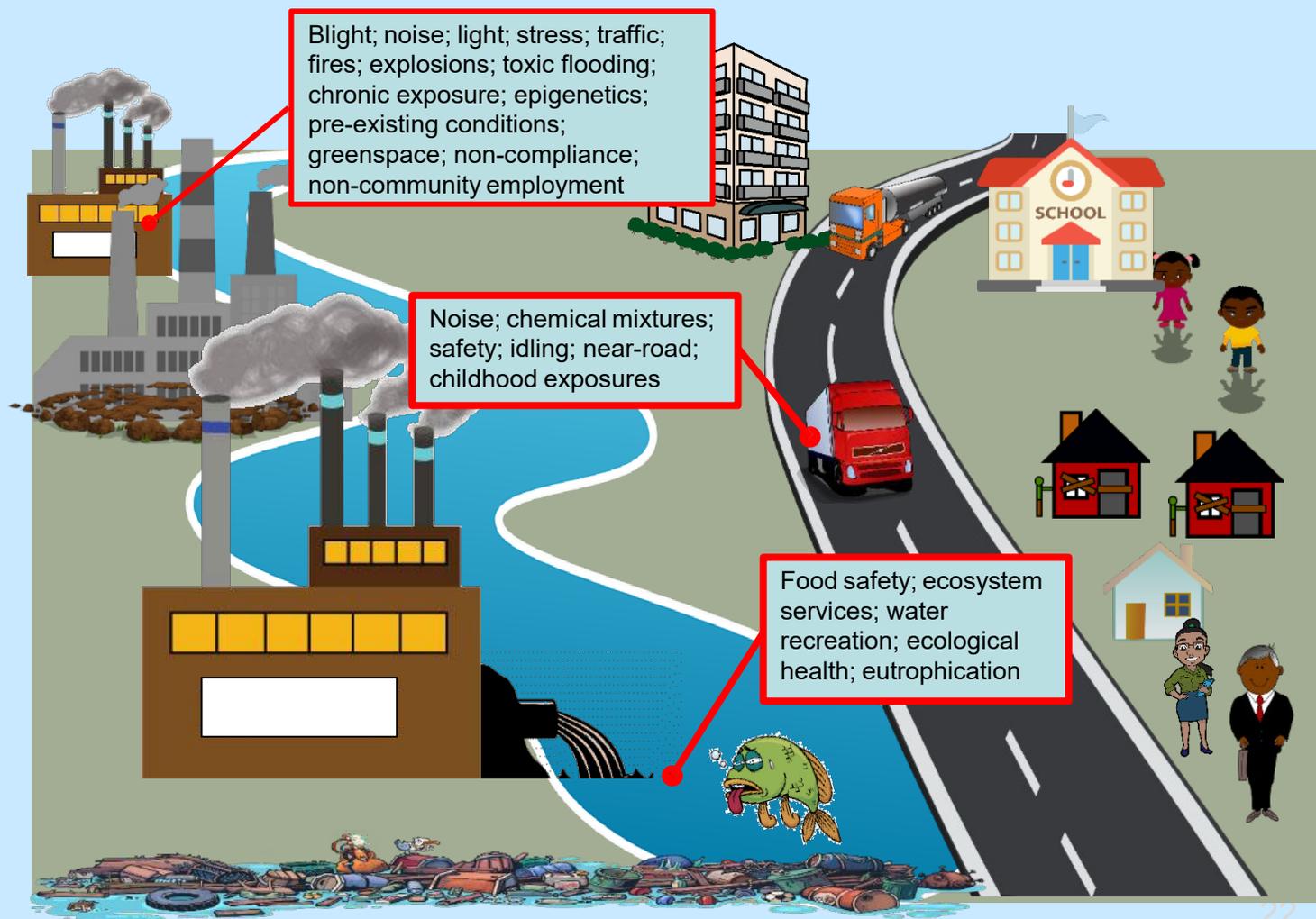
Impacts
Air/water/soil quality
Community/household economics
Education
Exposure to hazards
Healthcare access/insurance
Housing
Infectious disease
Land use
Traffic Safety
Mental health
Access to goods and services
Noise pollution
Nutrition
Parks and recreation
Physical activity
Water Resources
Safety and security
Social capital
Soil quality

Health Effects		
- attention deficit disorder (ADD)/attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)	- endocrine disorders	- malnutrition
- alcoholism/substance abuse	- eye/nose/throat/lung irritation	- mental health
- allergies	- fatigue	- metabolic disorder/disease
- anemia	- food-borne illness	- morbidity
- anxiety	- gallbladder disease	- mortality/death/fatality
- arthritis	- genotoxicity	- musculoskeletal/bone & joint
- asthma	- gynecological/reproductive health	- myocardial infarction
- behavioral health/development	- headaches	- nausea
- birth defects	- hearing loss/impairment	- neurological health
- bronchitis	- heart attack	- nutrition
- cancer	- heart disease	- obesity/weight
- carbon monoxide poisoning	- heat/cold related illnesses	- osteoporosis
- cardiovascular/circulatory health	- hypertension/high blood pressure	- overall/general health
- central nervous system function	- immune system/function	- physical health
- childhood growth/development	- infection	- physiological health
- cholesterol	- infectious disease	- pneumonia
- chronic disease	- inflammation/inflammatory response	- psychological health
- chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)	- injury	- rape
- cognitive function	- irregular heart beat	- respiratory health
- communicable disease	- kidney disease/disorder	- sexually transmitted disease
- depression	- lead poisoning	- sick building syndrome
- diabetes	- learning disabilities/reduced learning	- sleep apnea
- diarrhea	- life expectancy	- sleep disturbance
- disability	- liver disease/health	- stress
- dyslipidemia	- low birth weight	- stroke
- emphysema	- lung disease/health	- suicide
		- ulcers
		- vector borne illness
		- water borne illness/water toxics exposure

*Rhodus et al. 2012. A Review of Health Impact Assessments in the U.S.: Current State-of-Science, Best Practices, and Areas for Improvement.*

# Cumulative Impacts

- EPA-regulated pollutants are one of many issues of concern for communities
- While EPA cannot address all health risks in communities, understanding these interactions is important for decision-making



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## Cumulative Impacts

ORD will integrate efforts across research programs to improve understanding of cumulative impacts and develop and apply the necessary models, methods, and tools to conduct real-world assessments that result in both adverse and beneficial health and environmental effects.

- Addressing the cumulative impacts of exposure to multiple chemical and non-chemical stressors is necessary with the best available science.
- Internal and external partners can make informed, scientifically credible decisions to protect and promote individual, community, and environmental health.



# Cumulative Impacts White Paper: Recommendations for ORD Research



Cumulative  
Impacts



# Summary of Recommendations

## Establish the Decision Context and Stakeholder Engagement

Identify partners, policies, decisions and tools; engage partners to translate research into action; and establish trust and true partnerships with communities.

## Address Scientific Considerations for Meeting Partner Needs

Develop fit-for-purpose approaches to characterize exposures; evaluate health disparities and well-being impacts; identify intervention points; and evaluate impacts of policies and interventions.

## Empower Local Decisions and Actions

Support fit-for-purpose use of community-generated data; provide access to transparent data; offer training and technical support on EPA methods, guidance, and tools for cumulative impact assessment.

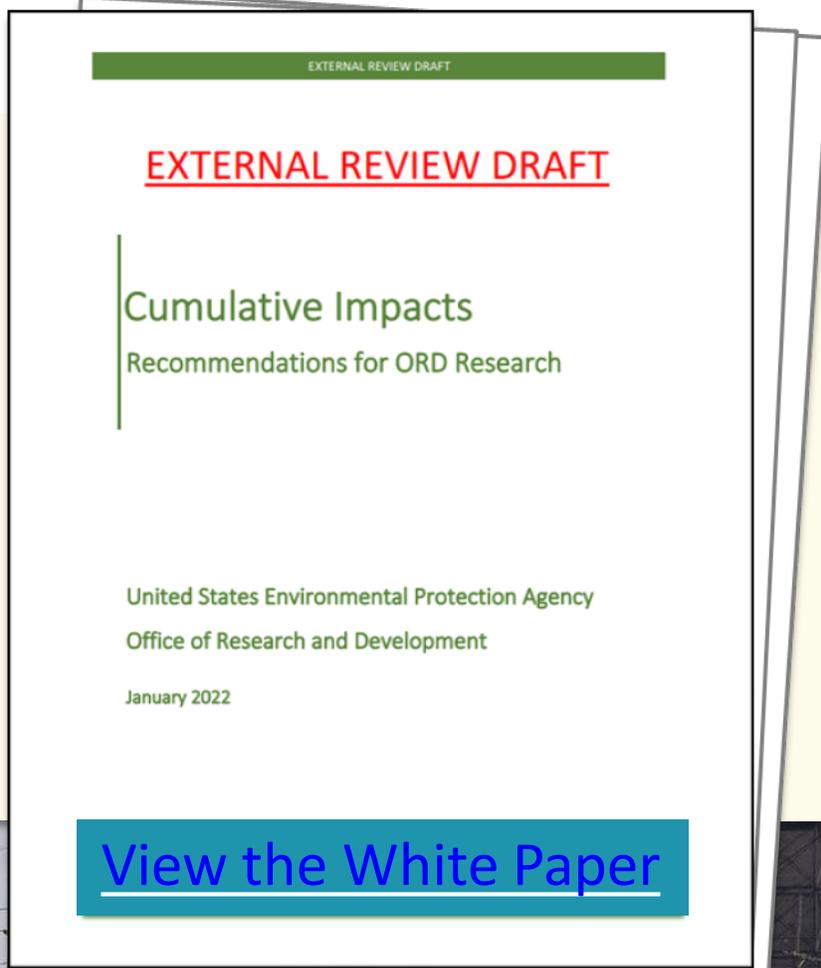




# Summary of Recommendations

## Support Science Translation and Delivery

Deliver solutions that improve community health and well-being and translate approaches and results for broader contexts.



## Provide Research Mgmt Support for Cumulative Impact Assessment

Integrate cumulative impact research into ORD's portfolio; address technological, workforce and culture issues; build partnerships to advance cumulative impact research and policy.

ORD collaborated with program and regional offices on a 'OneEPA' joint SAB Consultation on cumulative impact assessment.



**Consultation occurred on March  
2&7, 2022**

Consultation sought advice on the following:

1. Understanding and accounting for uncertainties in the use of cumulative impact assessment for a range of both near- and long-term Agency decision-making contexts, including regulatory, permitting, land-use decisions, and more.
2. Contents and recommendations in the Cumulative Impacts White Paper, including research directions to develop the science to support these cumulative impact assessments.

# Transportation-Related ORD Research

## Emissions Characterization

- Chassis Dynamometers
- On-board Measurements (PEMS)
- Analytical Laboratories

## Air Quality and Exposure Assessments

- Mobile Monitoring
- Fixed-site Sampling
- Portable Sensors
- Wind Tunnel
- CFD Modeling

## Health Effects

- Epidemiological
- Toxicological

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# Emissions Examples

Motor vehicle emissions while operating on alternative and renewable fuels

- Ethanol-blends with gasoline
- Biodiesel

Current and new technology vehicle emissions

- Understand deterioration and future benefits from new technologies
- Tier 2 and 3 Light-Duty and GDI vehicles
- 2010 compliant Heavy-Duty trucks

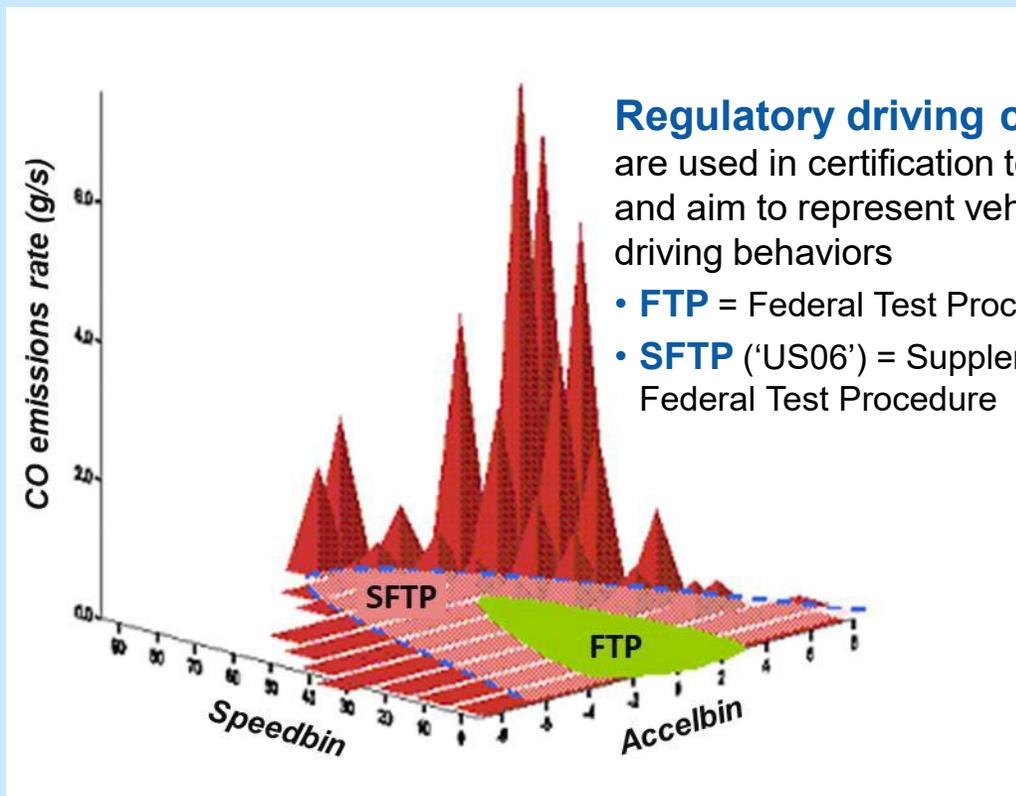
Effects of cold temperature and cold start conditions

Brake and tire wear (including nano-materials)

Influence of driving activity on emission changes

Projects in US and internationally

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### Regulatory driving cycles

are used in certification tests and aim to represent vehicle driving behaviors

- **FTP** = Federal Test Procedure
- **SFTP** ('US06') = Supplemental Federal Test Procedure



# On-Board Measurements

Emissions can greatly increase when driving conditions fall outside our federal test methods, notably at high speed/acceleration

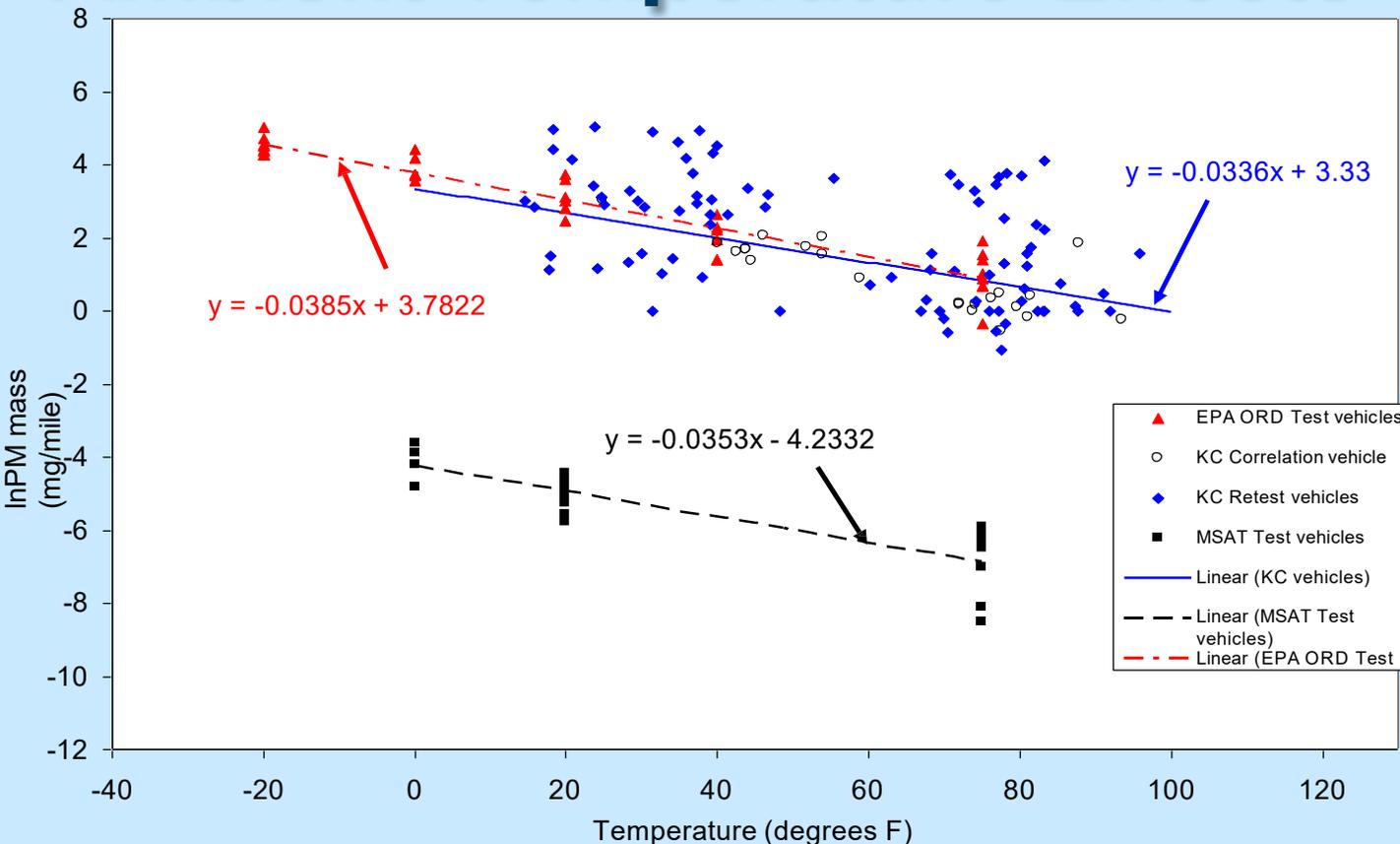
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# Ambient Temperature Effects

EPA's MOVES emissions model now accounts for ambient temperature effects on PM emissions



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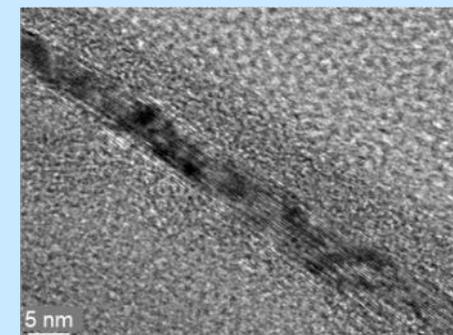
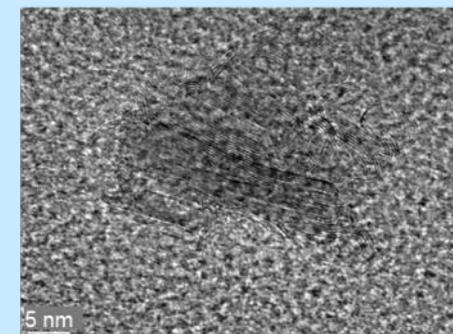
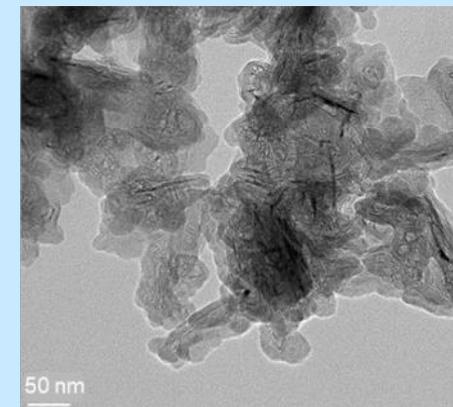
Lab and field studies show that emissions increase with decreasing temperature for running and start (used in MOVES)

# Brake and Tire Wear

- Focus on PM emissions brake and tire include coarse, fine and ultrafine particles
- Especially Nano-materials used in manufacturing



*Deshmukh, Bang,  
Kumbhar, and Baldauf,  
2010, Health Effects  
Institute Annual  
Conference*



# Air Quality and Exposure

## Field measurements of traffic, meteorology and air quality

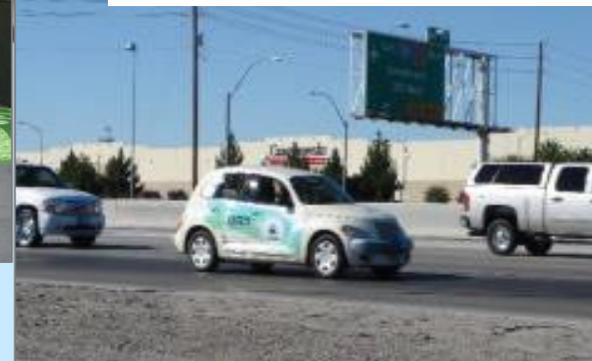
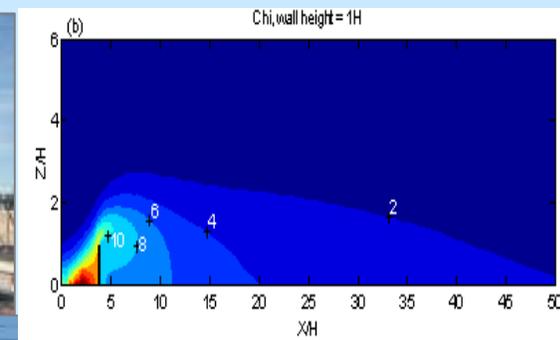
- Fixed and
- Mobile monitoring that include
- Reference and lower cost sensors

## Wind tunnel assessments

- General road configurations
- Simulations of field sites

## Modeling assessments

- Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)
- Research dispersion model (R-LINE)
- EPA regulatory emissions (MOVES) and dispersion (AERMOD) models
- EPA mapping software (*e.g.*, EnviroAtlas)



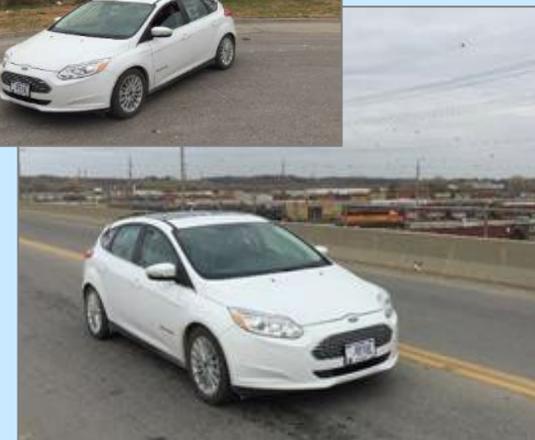
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# Mobile Air Quality Measurements

**Mobile can be with EV or walk/bike**

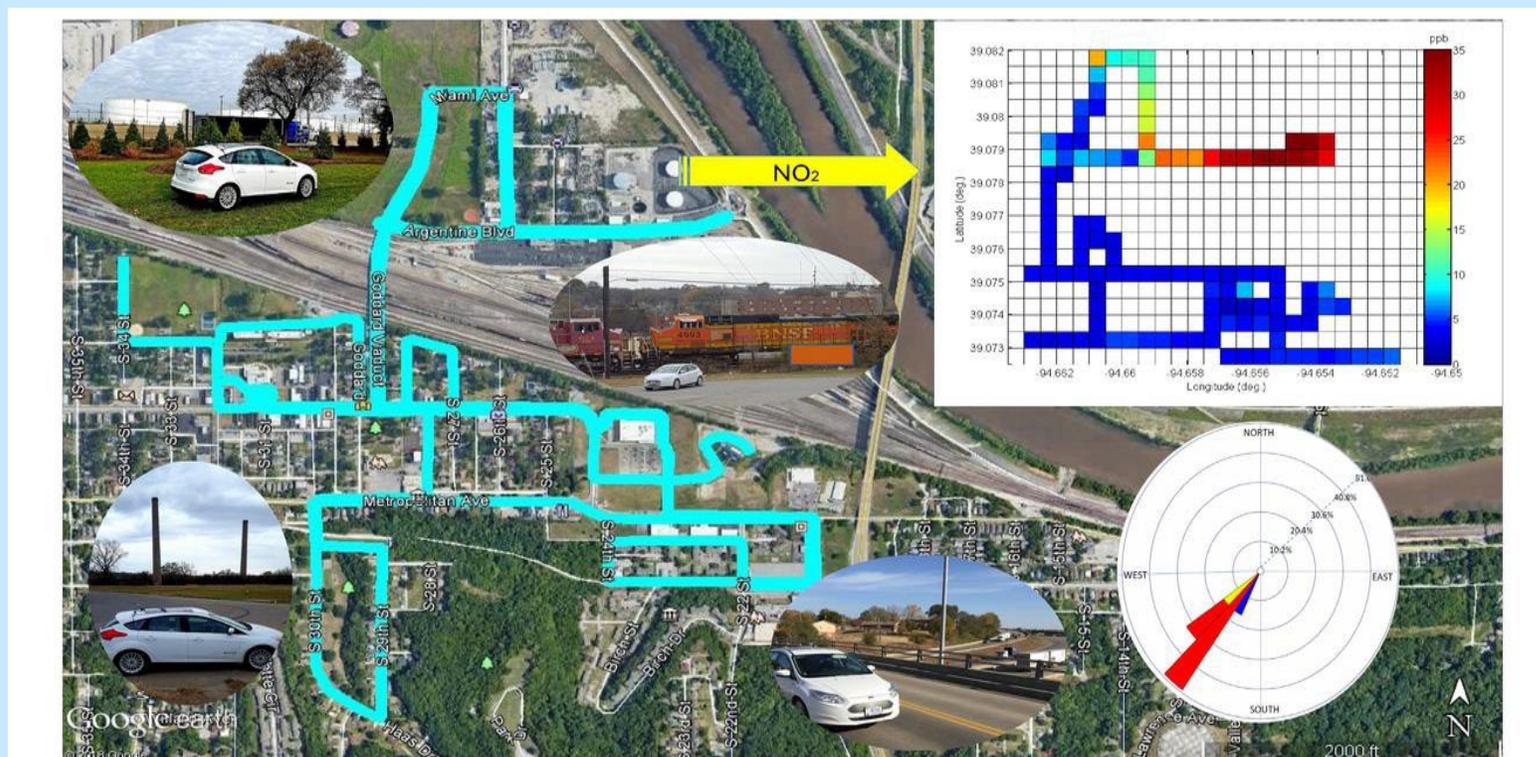
**(Match fixed monitors)**

- Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)
- Ultrafine Particles (UFP)
- Black Carbon (BC)
- Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)
- Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
- GPS
- Video
- Met Data (remote)
  - Wind Speed
  - Wind Direction



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# Source Impacts on Community Air Quality



Mobile monitoring for railyard, highways, industrial  
 Integrate with fixed for spatial and temporal resolution

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# FWHA/EPA Near-Road Collaboration

Long-term near-road studies

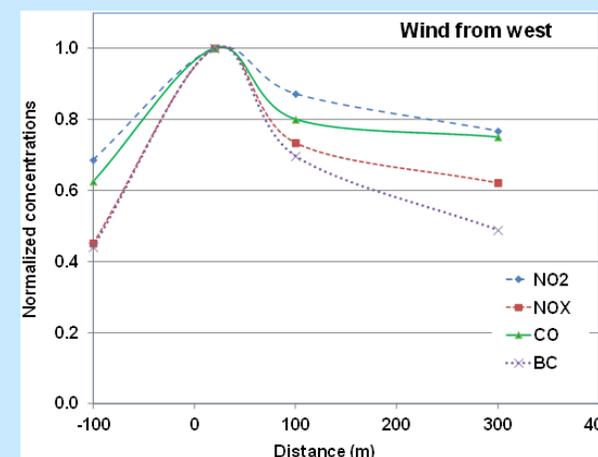
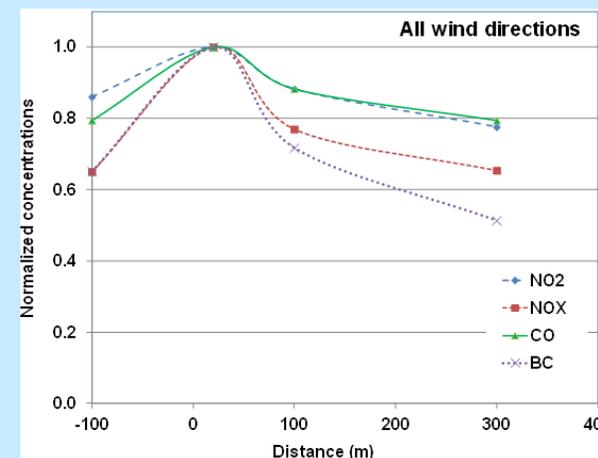
- Highlight sharp gradients

Near roads

- Las Vegas
- Detroit
- Raleigh
- Multiple monitoring locations
  - 100 m upwind
  - 20, 100, 300 m downwind
- Multiple pollutants
  - PM (mass, number, BC)
  - Gases (CO, NO/NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub>)
  - Speciation (VOC, PM)

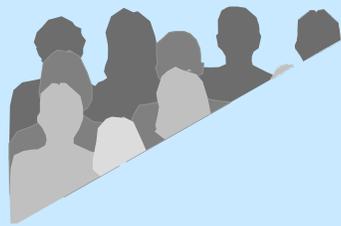


Las Vegas



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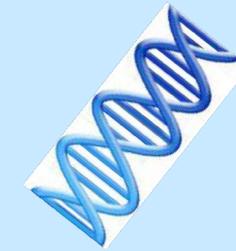
# Health Effects Research



**Epidemiology**



**Clinical and Animal  
Toxicology**



**Molecular Biology**

- Which chemical components of air pollution (either single or in combination) cause health effects?
- What are the likely sources? Do production conditions (e.g., engine type, combustion efficiency, fuel, etc) and atmospheric transformation change toxicity?
- How air pollution exacerbates diseases and if so, how?

## Recent Health Effects Projects

- Epidemiological studies identifying associations focus on roadway proximity and air quality exposure measurements
- Animal toxicity studies linking exposures to adverse health effects
  - Diesel/biodiesel exhaust, Including comparison of “fresh” vs. “aged”
  - Near-road
  - Ethanol and ethanol-blend gasoline vapors
- Human toxicity studies comparing effects of diesel/biodiesel exhaust to ambient air exposures

# Elements of Real-World Measurements

## Purpose

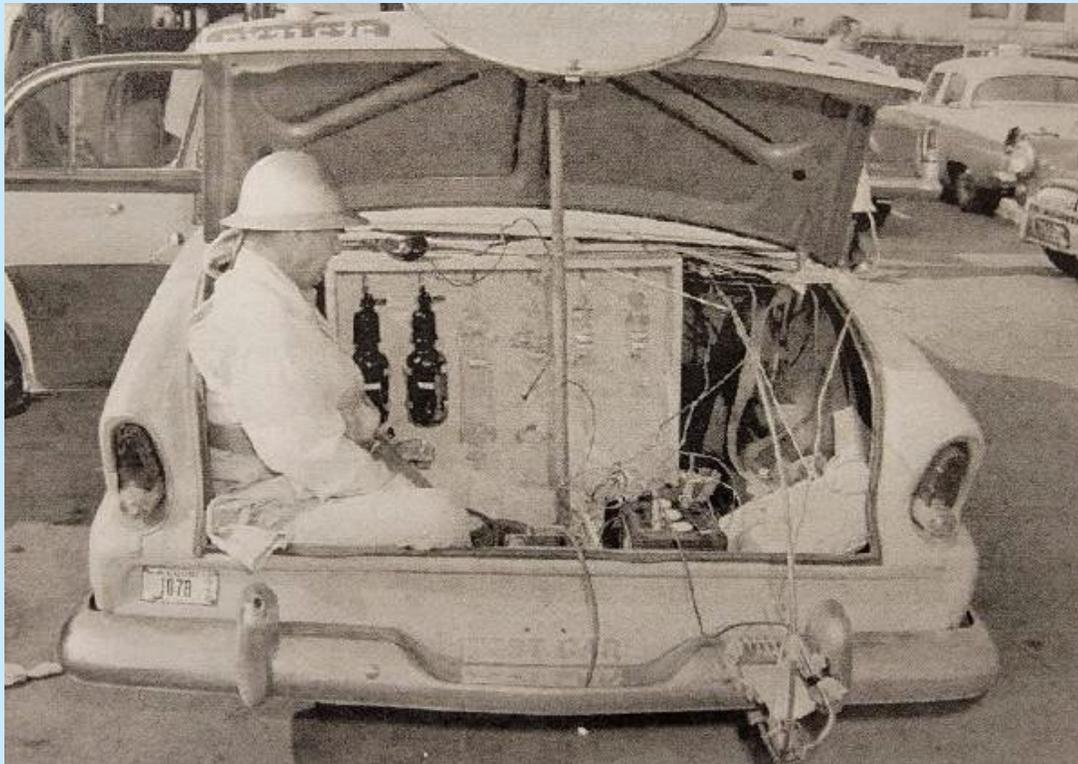
- How will the data be used?
- What data are needed?

## Study Design

- Controllable
- Observable but not controllable
- Not observable

Instruments	Data collection
Calibration	QA/QC
Maintenance	Data analysis
Repair	People
Deployment	Training

# PEMS Have Come A Long Way...



# Examples of Portable Emission Measurement Systems



SEMTECH-DS  
CFR 1065 Compliant  
NDIR: CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, HC  
FID: THC  
NDUV: NO, NO<sub>2</sub>  
Heated Sample Line  
~50 lbs  
High Power Demand



ParSYNC  
“micro-PEMS”  
Electrochemical:  
CO<sub>2</sub>, NO, NO<sub>2</sub>  
PM: light-scattering,  
opacity, ionization  
Water separation  
~10 lbs  
Low Power Demand

Axion (“simplified”)  
NDIR: CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, HC  
Electrochemical: NO,  
O<sub>2</sub>  
Light-scattering: PM  
Water separation bowl  
~30 lbs  
Low Power Demand



# Tailor Study Design to Purpose: Examples for Onroad Vehicle Tailpipe Emissions

- Real-world effectiveness of
  - Emission standards
  - Emissions controls
- Trends over time
- Source categories
- Fuels
- Operating modes (e.g., cold starts)
- Road functional class
- Level of service, congestion
- Effect of road grade
- Identification of emissions hotspots
- Roundabout vs. signalized intersections
- Signal timing and coordination
- Idle reduction
- Driver behavior and driving cycles
- Alternative routes for an Origin/Destination pair
- Siting of remote sensing locations
- Comparison of transport modes (e.g., rail vs. passenger car)

# Environmental Justice and High-Resolution Data

**High Resolution spatial data support environmental justice research areas, including:**

- Integrating chemical and nonchemical stressor data to characterize cumulative health impacts
- Characterizing environmental conditions and pollution exposure to support community decision-making

# Mapping and Environmental Justice

- Map communities in terms of a variety of characteristics simultaneously, including social factors (such as race and income) along with likely exposure risks
- EJ mapping tools can help address cumulative impacts
- An EJ tool should be:
  - Science-based
  - Informed by community experience
  - Endorsed and utilized by government
  - Available for all to use
  - Informed by public participation
  - Available as a third-party validator for local issues

Lee, 2020

# Challenges

- Ammonia slip
- Formaldehyde
- Ethylene oxide
- Cold Start
- High Altitude
- Other emissions processes: evaporative, running losses, brake and tire wear

# International Considerations

## Regions:

U.S., Europe, China,  
Australia  
Latin America  
Africa

## Vehicle life cycle:

new vehicle markets  
used vehicle markets

## Variations in:

Fuel quality  
Fuel type  
Vehicle type/fleet  
Road type  
Land use patterns  
OBD  
I/M  
(etc.)

# Fit-for-Purpose Mobility & Transport Solutions

- Personal passenger transport – urban centers, inter-city
- Local goods transport and delivery
- Long-haul transport
- Vehicle sharing
- Autonomous vehicles
- Intermodal travel
- Work from home

# Related Issues

Supply chain

Energy Transitions (e.g., more electrification)

- Critical mineral availability or substitutability
- Environmental and other implications

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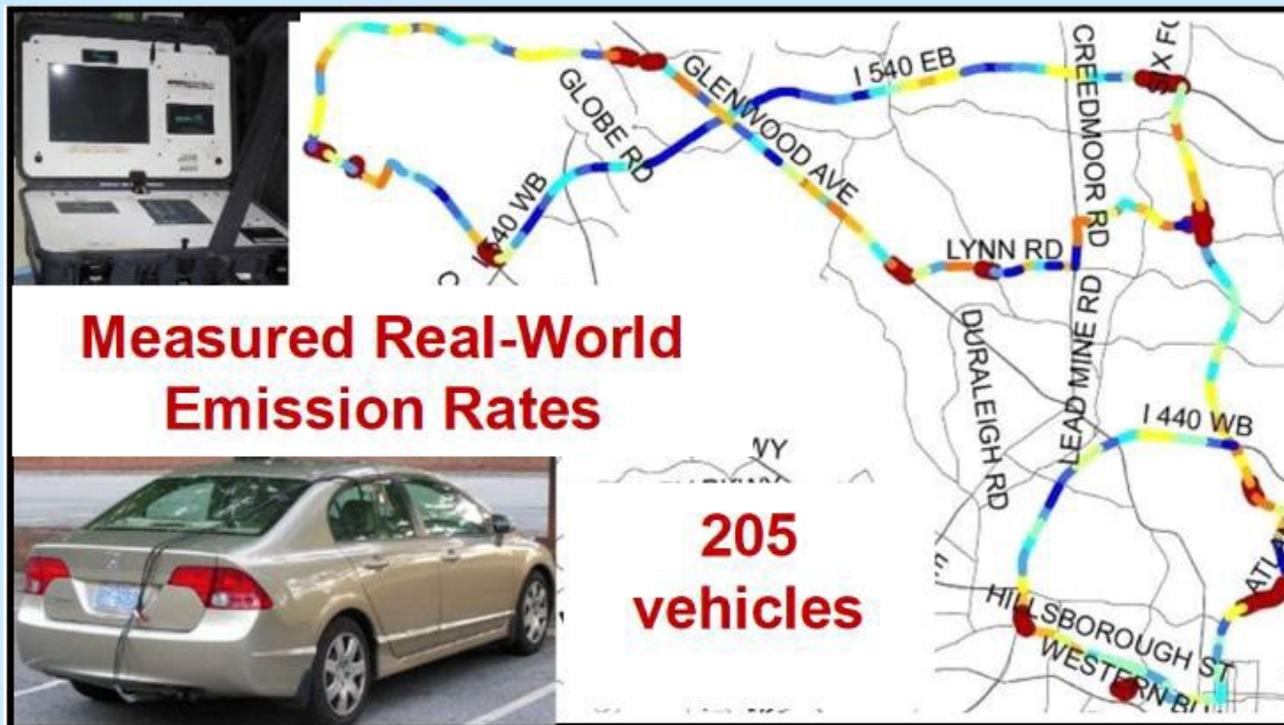
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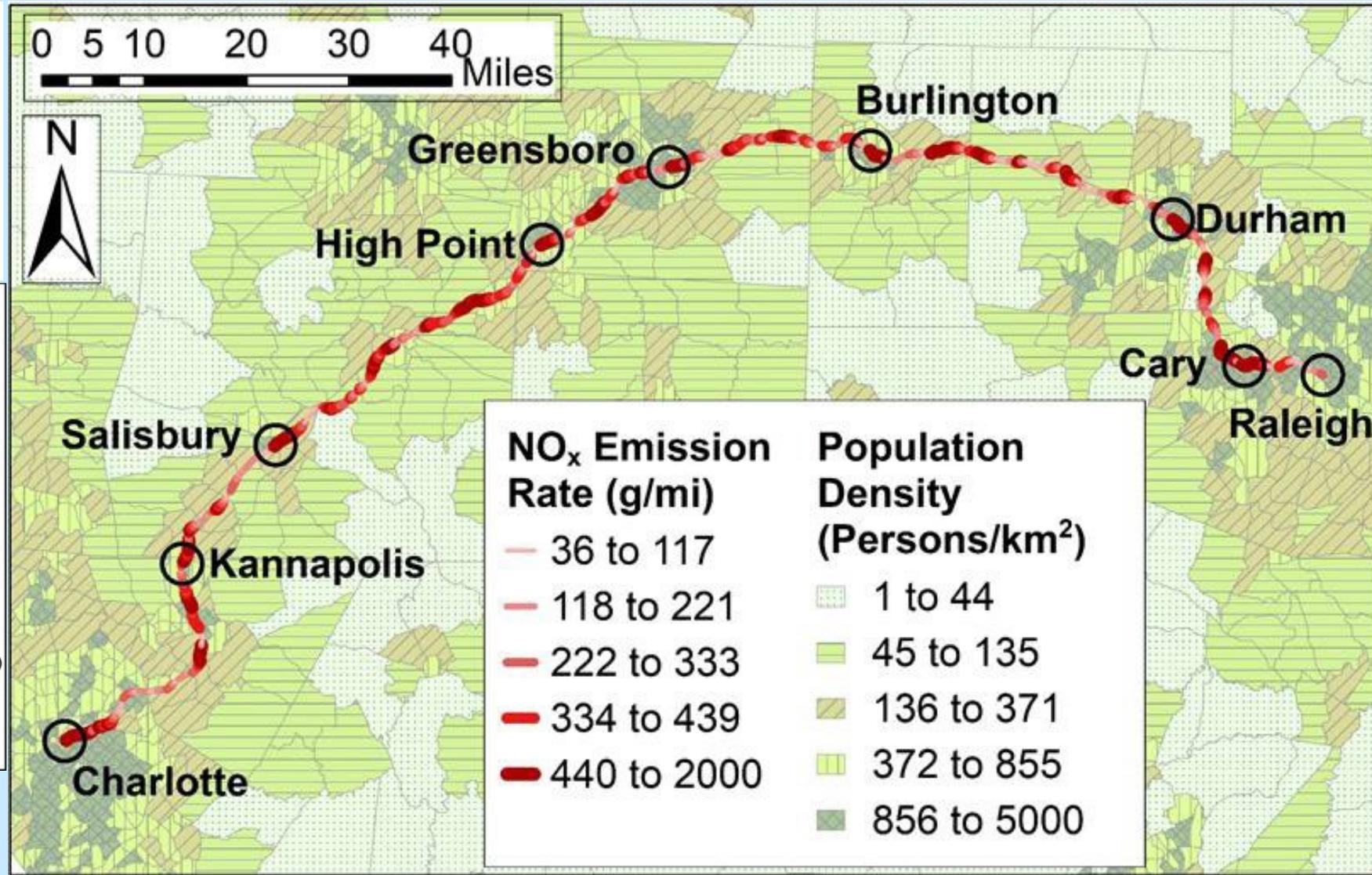
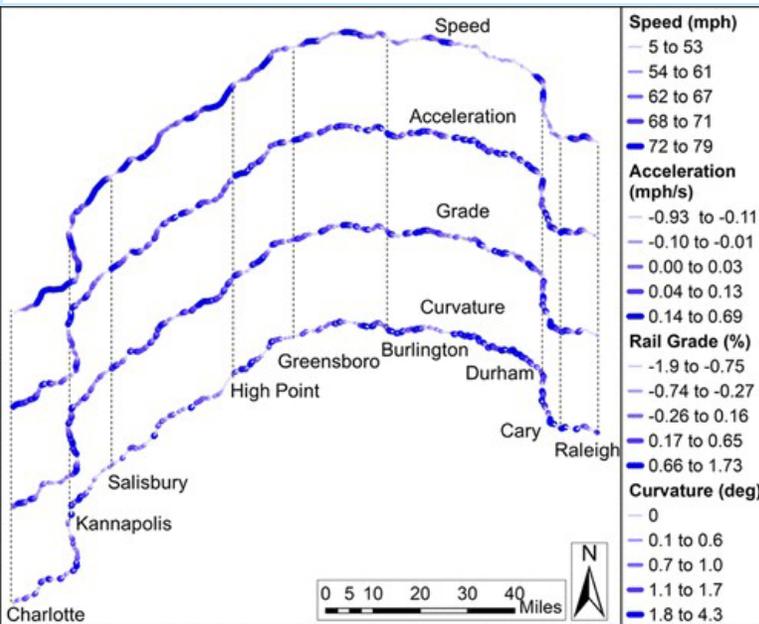
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# Characterizing Fuel Use and Emission Hotspots for a Diesel-Operated Passenger Rail Service

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# Air Pollution Mapping

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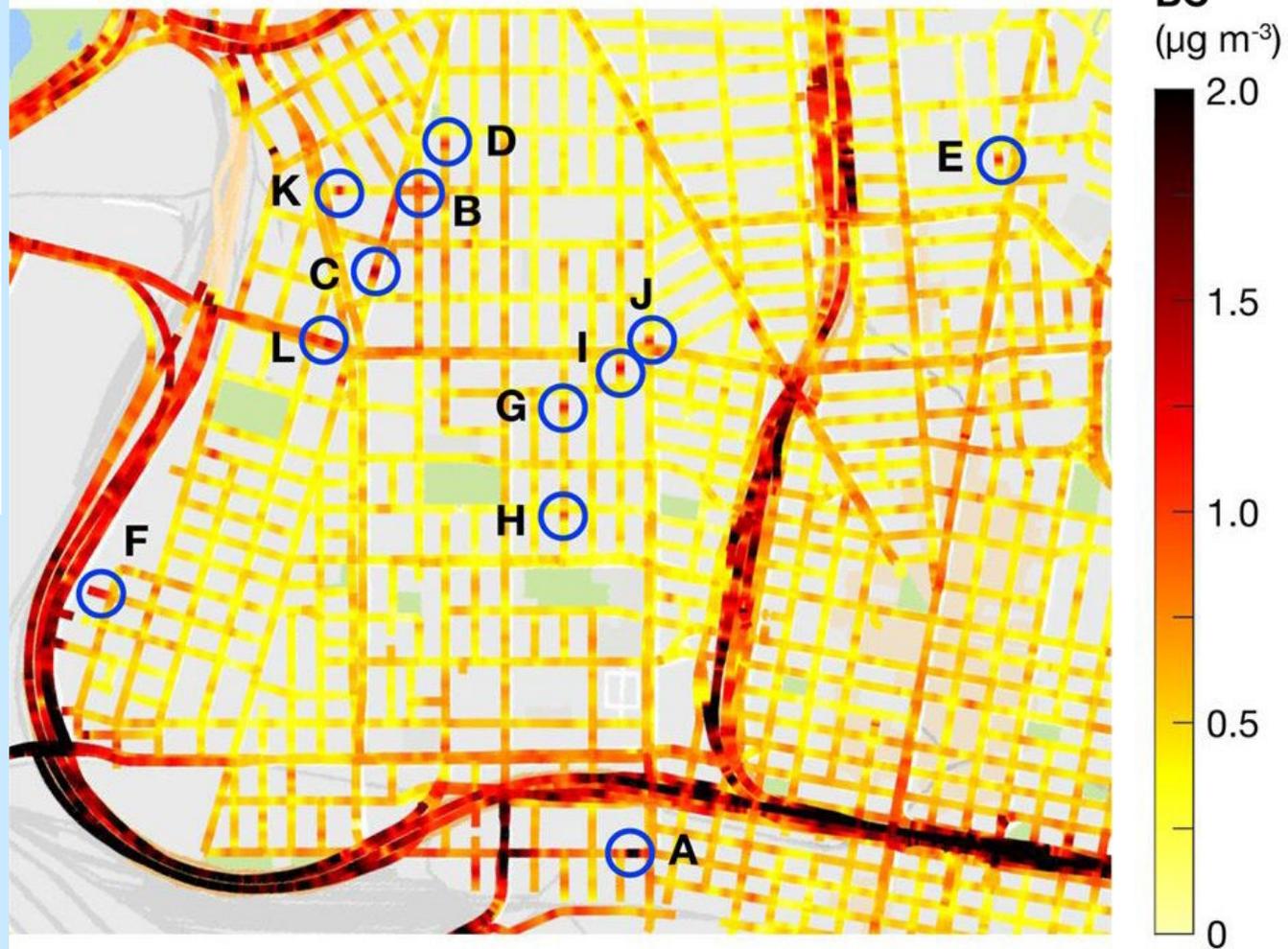
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## High-Resolution Air Pollution Mapping with Google Street View Cars: Exploiting Big Data

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b. Illustrative multi-pollutant hotspots



# Median Organic Aerosol Concentration from a Mobile Aerosol Mass Spectrometer

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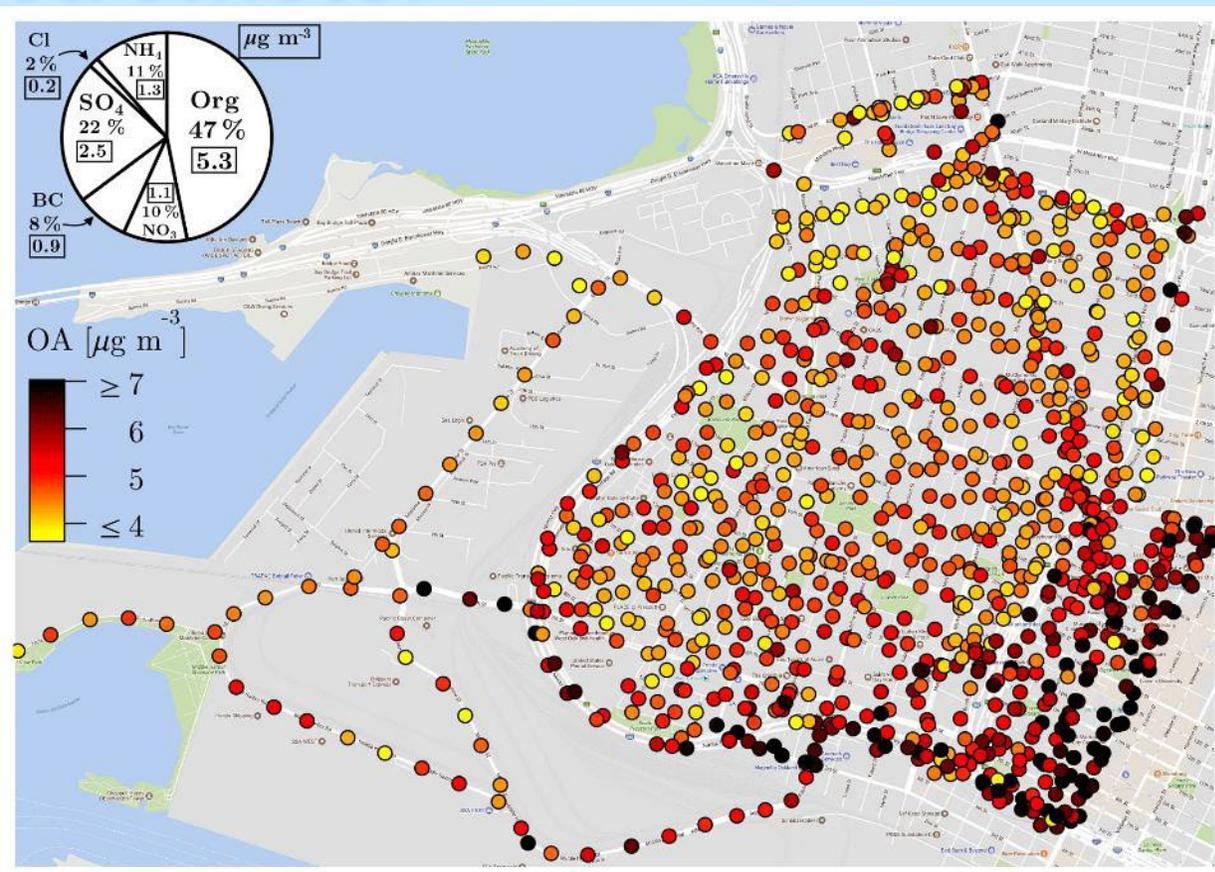
## High-spatial-resolution mapping and source apportionment of aerosol composition in Oakland, California, using mobile aerosol mass spectrometry

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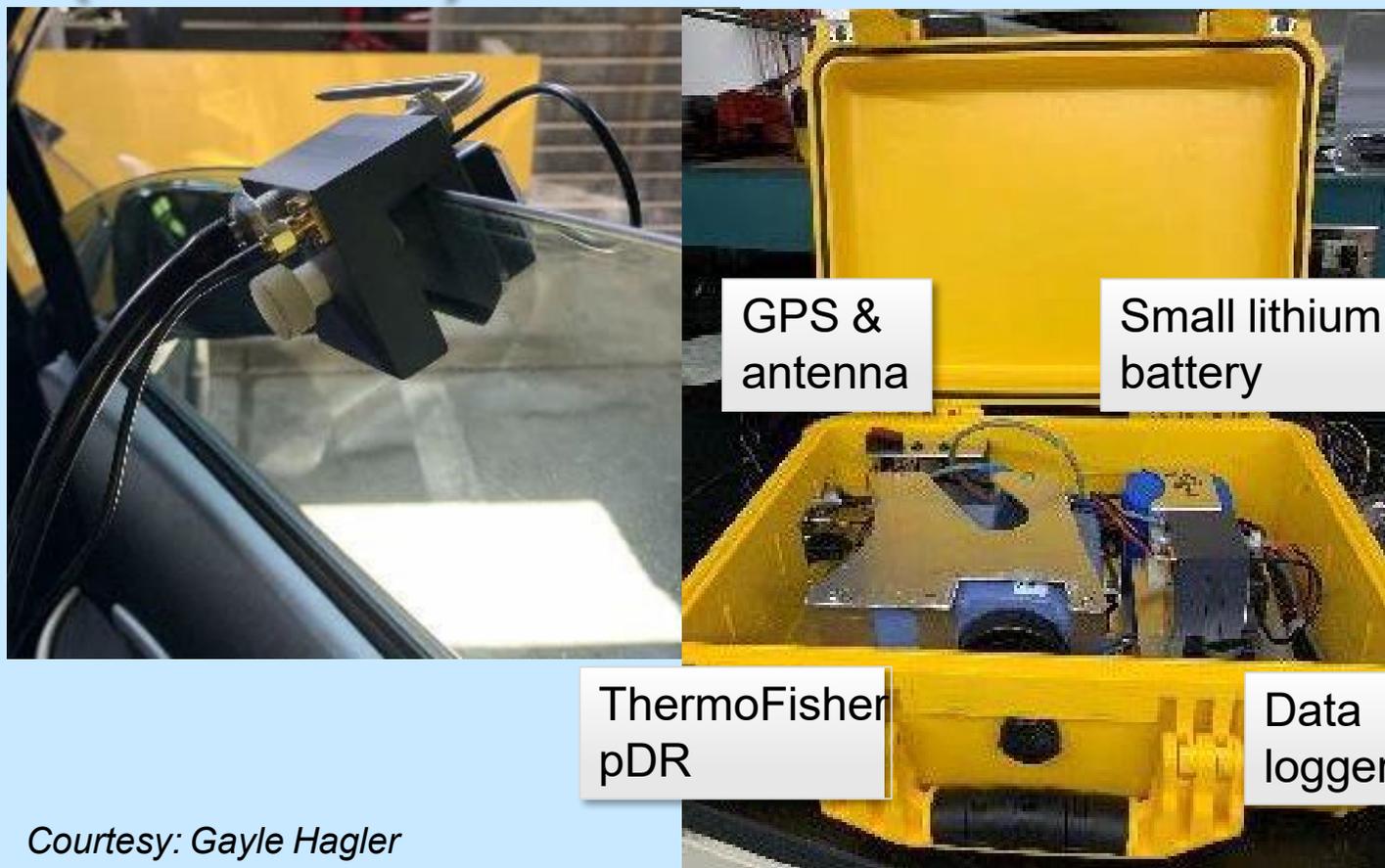
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# Vehicle Add on Mobile Monitoring Systems (VAMMS) for Wildfire Smoke

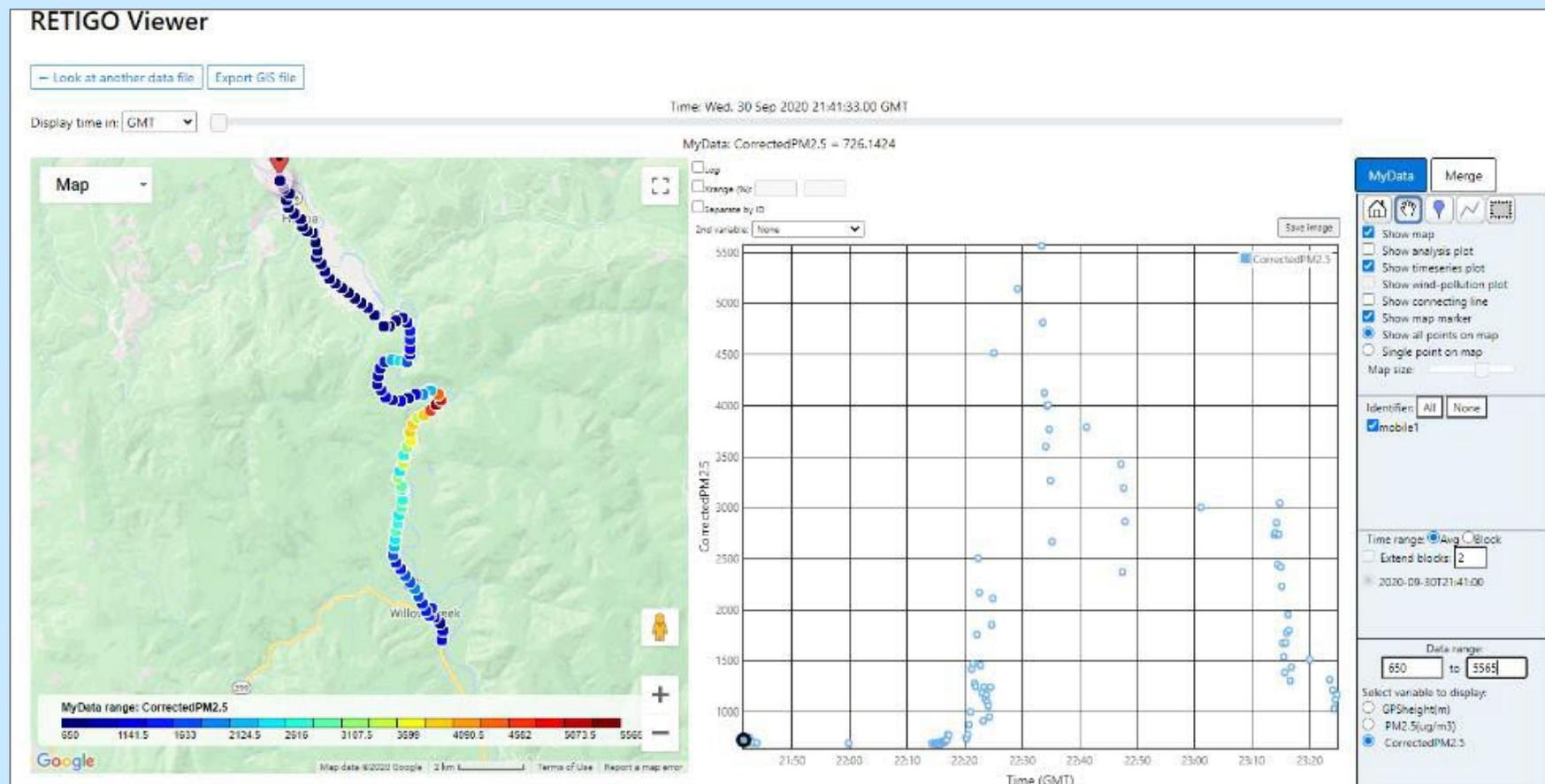


- Ambient PM is sampled through an external isokinetic probe (@ 35 mph)
- Window mount provides an easy install on any vehicle
- High resolution GPS data (<3m accuracy)
- System cost is currently high (about \$9k), but EPA is developing lower-cost solutions

Courtesy: Gayle Hagler

# RETIGO (Real-Time Geospatial Data Viewer)

- Web-based data visualization tool available to the public
- Plug and play visualization of VAMMS data:
  - Mapping
  - Time series
  - Toggle between parameters
  - Import data from other sources (e.g., AirNow, WMO)



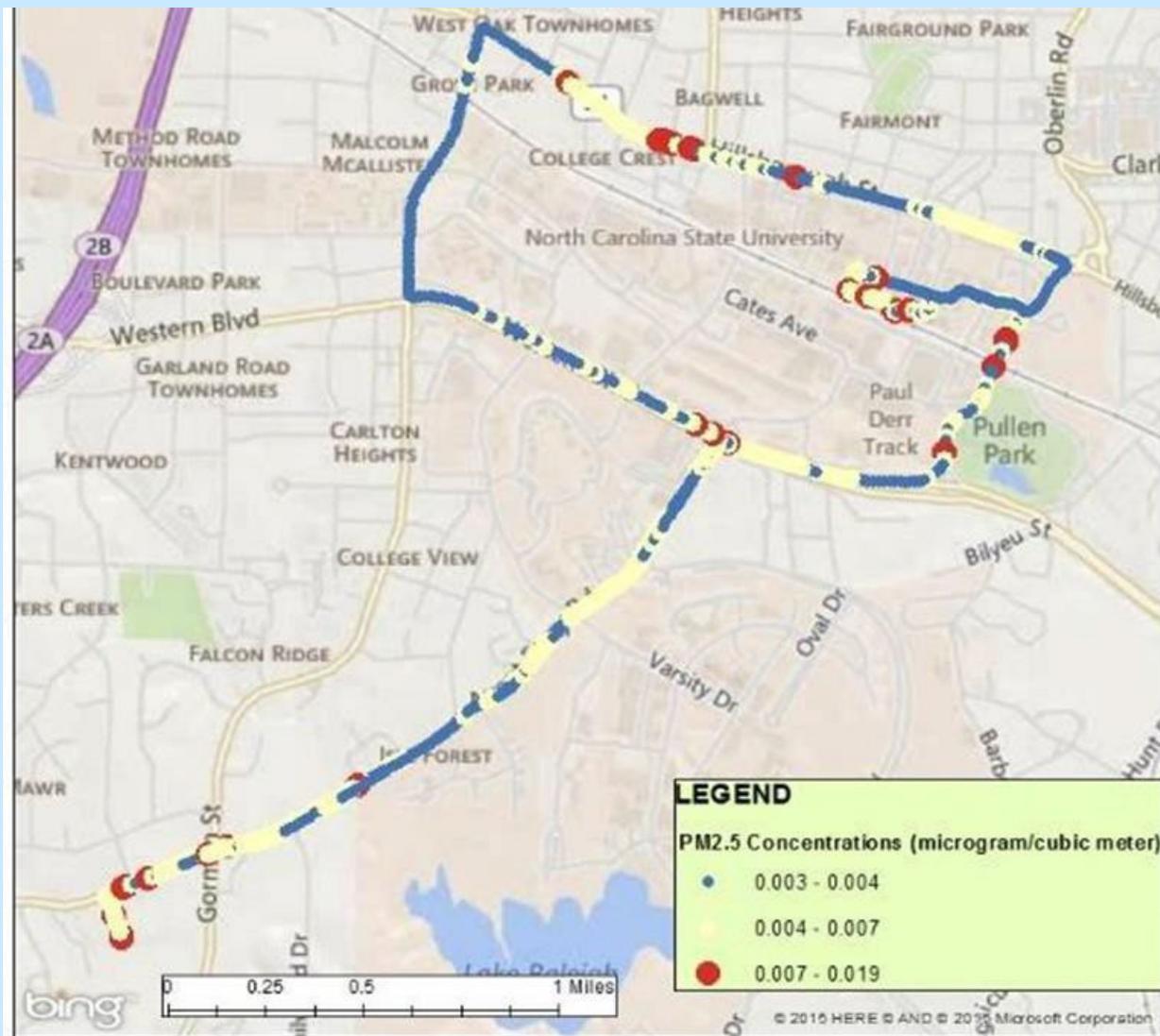
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<https://www.epa.gov/hesc/real-time-geospatial-data-viewer-retigo>

# Quantification of Sources of Variability of Air Pollutant Exposure Concentrations among Selected Transportation Microenvironments

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## Community Engaged Participatory Air Monitoring

Partnership of a university and community-based organization

Trained local youth

Incorporated community members into data collection

Temporal as well as spatial variability

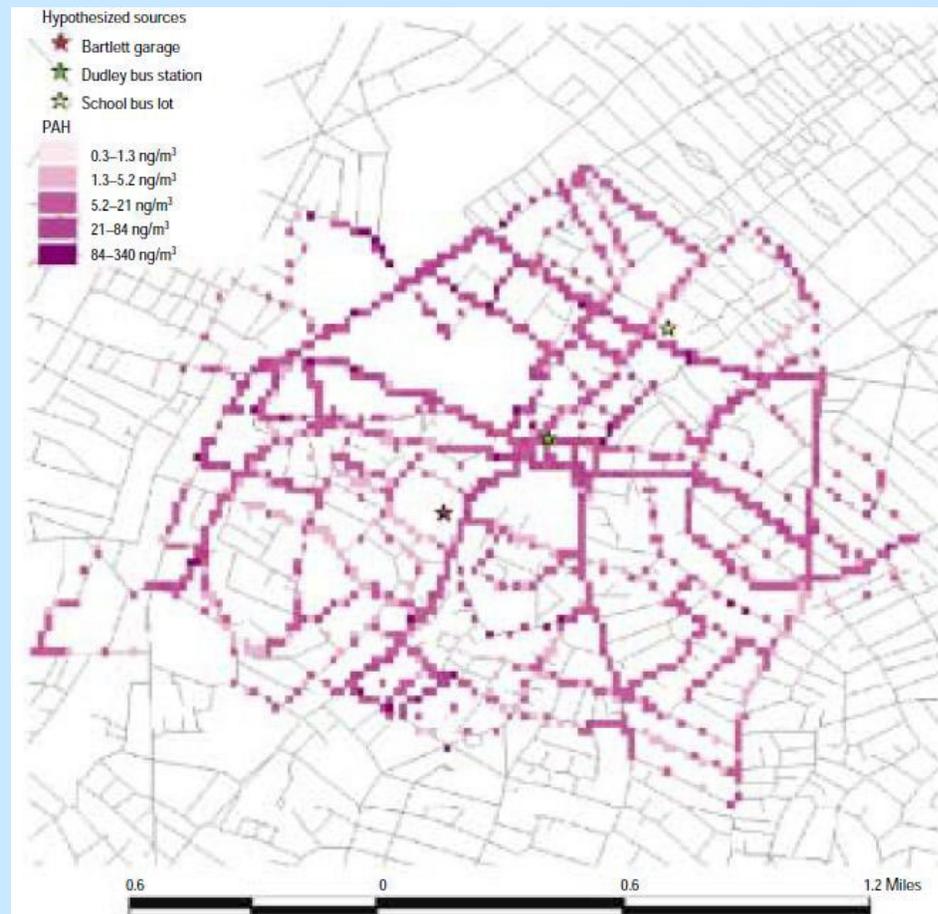


Figure 4. GIS representation of cell-averaged, 1-min average PAH concentrations near Dudley Square, derived from mobile PAS 2000CE monitoring in July/August 1999 (ng/m<sup>3</sup>).

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### Fine Particulate Matter and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon Concentration Patterns in Roxbury, Massachusetts: A Community-Based GIS Analysis

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# Youth Engaged Participatory Air Monitoring

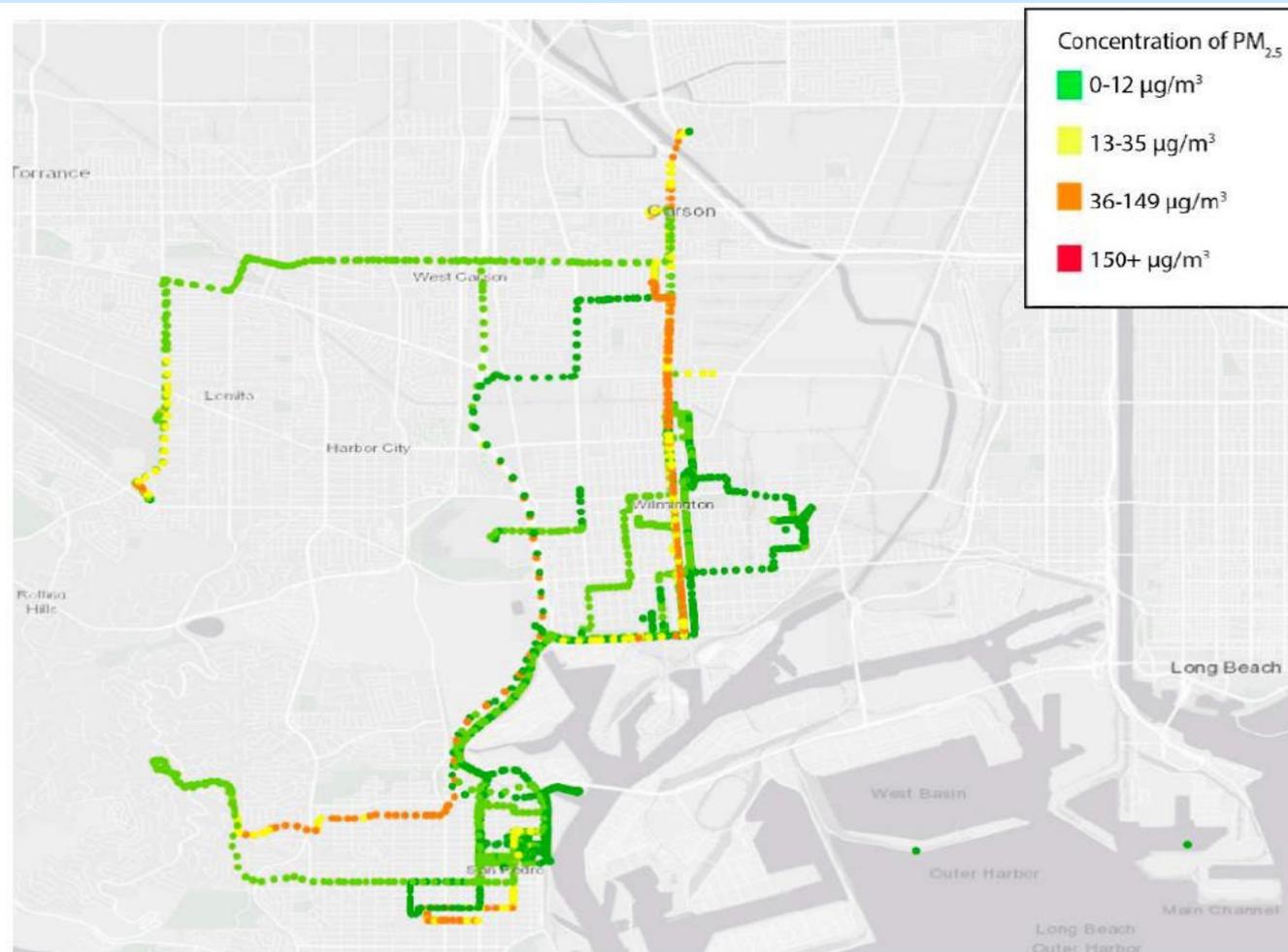
“With all of this new information, I want to educate my community on how harmful these particulates are, and how change should begin with personal choices people make throughout their day”



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## Youth Engaged Participatory Air Monitoring: A ‘Day in the Life’ in Urban Environmental Justice Communities

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**Figure 2.** Map of PM<sub>2.5</sub> air monitoring exposure measurements from all CBE youth participants.

# Data Challenges and Opportunities

- Large datasets
- Participatory Science
- Study design (purpose)
- Space
- Time
- Instruments
- Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)
- Applications: Policy, Planning, Operations, Evaluation

# Opportunities

- Vehicle emissions measurements are part of multiple frameworks
  - One Health
  - Health Impact Assessment
  - Cumulative Impacts
  - Others: energy life cycle, materials life cycle (critical minerals), etc.
- Evidence-based approach to inform decisions at multiple scales: international, national, regional, community
- Integration with other scientific, technical, research, policy, planning, operations, and evaluation communities

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