

NASA Applied Remote Sensing Training (ARSET) Program Overview

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Satellite Remote Sensing of Dust, Fires, Smoke, and Air Quality, July 10-12, 2018



NASA's Applied Remote Sensing Training Program (ARSET)

<http://arset.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

- Empowering the global community through remote sensing training
- Part of NASA's Applied Sciences Capacity Building Program
- Goal: increase the use of Earth Science in decision-making through training for:
 - policy makers
 - environmental managers
 - other professionals in the public and private sector
- Trainings offered focusing on applications in:



Disasters
9 Trainings



Eco
12 Trainings



Health & Air Quality
52 Trainings



Water Resources
20 Trainings



ARSET Training Levels

Advanced Training, Level 2

- Online and in-person
- Requires Level 1 training or equivalent knowledge
- More in-depth or focused topics

Beginning Training, Level 1

- Online and in-person
- Requires Level 0 training or equivalent knowledge
- Specific applications

Fundamentals Training, Level 0

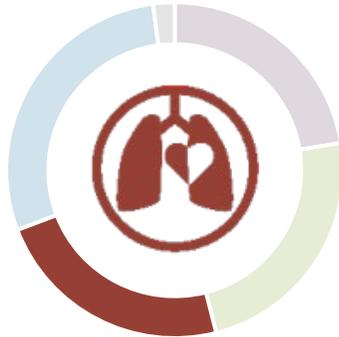
- Online only
- Assumes no prior knowledge of remote sensing



ARSET Training Impacts: Health & Air Quality (2008-2017)

Total ARSET Participants (2009-2017): 13,042

Health & Air Quality Participants
2,978



17 online trainings



75 countries

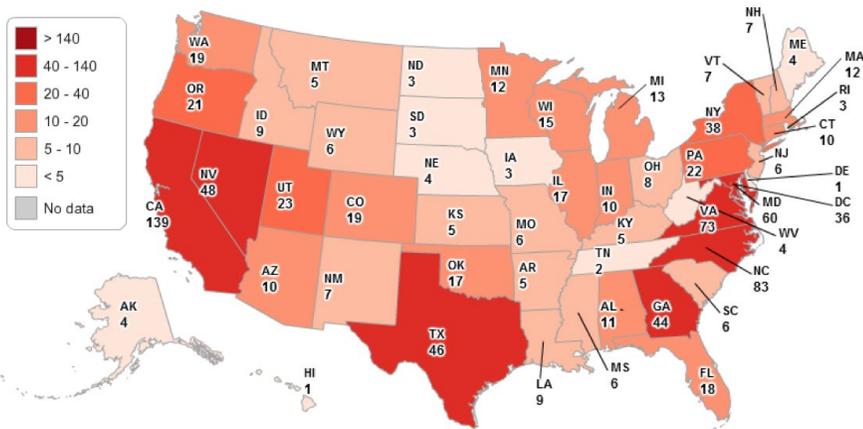


38 in-person trainings

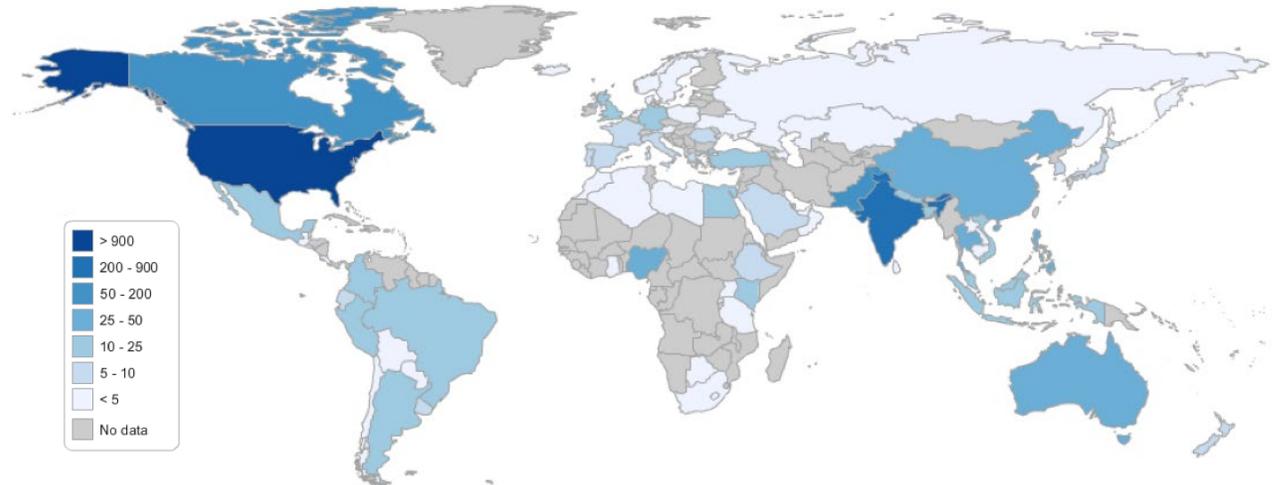


836 organizations

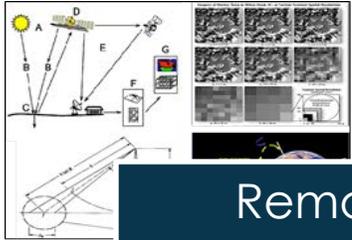
US Health & Air Quality Participants



Global Health & Air Quality Participants



ARSET Air Quality Trainings



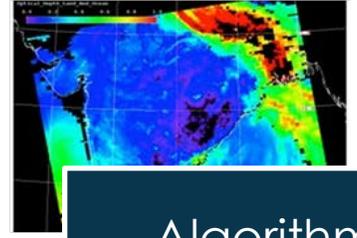
Remote Sensing



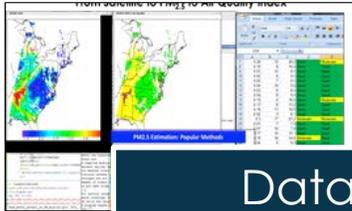
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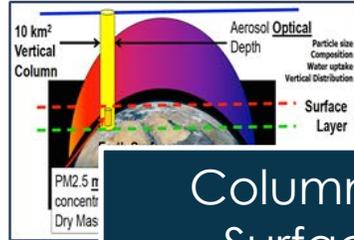
Imagery



Algorithms



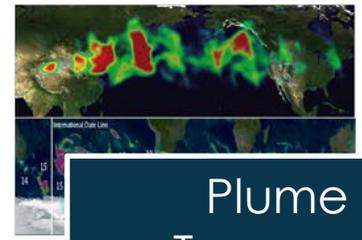
Data & Tools



Column to Surface



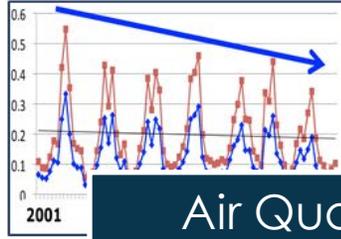
Dust & Smoke



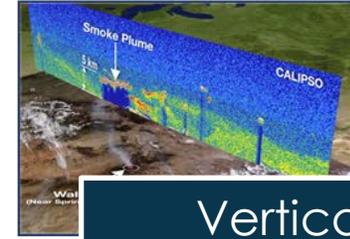
Plume Transport



Satellite & Model Comparison



Air Quality Trends



Vertical Profiles



Learn More About ARSET

<http://arset.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

The screenshot displays the ARSET website interface. At the top, there is a header with the NASA logo, the text "ARSET Applied Remote Sensing Training", and navigation links for "Earth Sciences Division", "Applied Sciences", and "ASP Water Resources". A search bar is located on the right side of the header. Below the header is a navigation menu with "Home", "About", and "Trainings" (which is expanded to show "Fundamentals", "Disasters", "Health & Air Quality", "Land", and "Water Resources"). The main content area features a large image of a satellite view of a coastal area with a greenish tint, overlaid with a dark box containing the text: "Introduction to Remote Sensing of Harmful Algal Blooms", "Tuesdays, Sep 5-26, 2017", "11:00-12:00 or 21:00-22:00 EDT (UTC-4)", and a "Register Now" button. Below the image is the credit: "Image Credit: Landsat 8 OLI, NASA Earth Observatory". To the right of the main content is a sidebar with the heading "ARSET" and a list of links: "Online Trainings", "In-Person Trainings", "Sign up for the Listserv" (highlighted with a red arrow), "Tools Covered", "Suggest a Training", "Personnel", and "Resources". Below the sidebar is a section titled "Upcoming Training" with the heading "Water" and the link "Satellite Observations of Water Quality for".



Training Outline

• Day 1

- Introduction
- Remote Sensing
- Image Access & Interpretation
- Data Formats
- Aerosol Observations
- Near Real Time
- Trace Gases
- Fire and Smoke

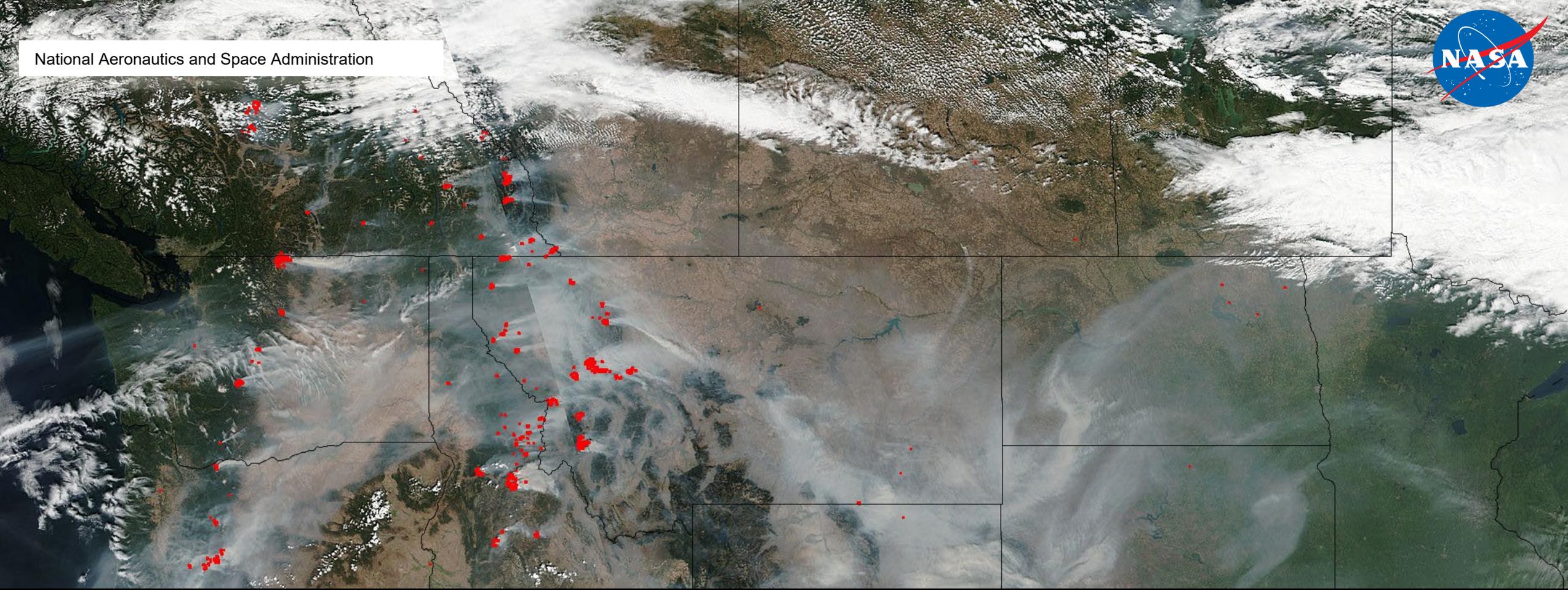
• Day 2

- Aerosol Products
- Aerosol Data Validation
- Reading and Mapping Aerosol data
- PM_{2.5} Estimations
- PM_{2.5} Data Sets
- PM_{2.5} Applications
- CALIPSO & CATS
- Geostationary

• Day 3

- USFS
- Air Quality Forecast
- Reanalysis Data Sets
- Future Missions
- Case Study Analysis





Overview of Satellite Capabilities for Air Quality Monitoring

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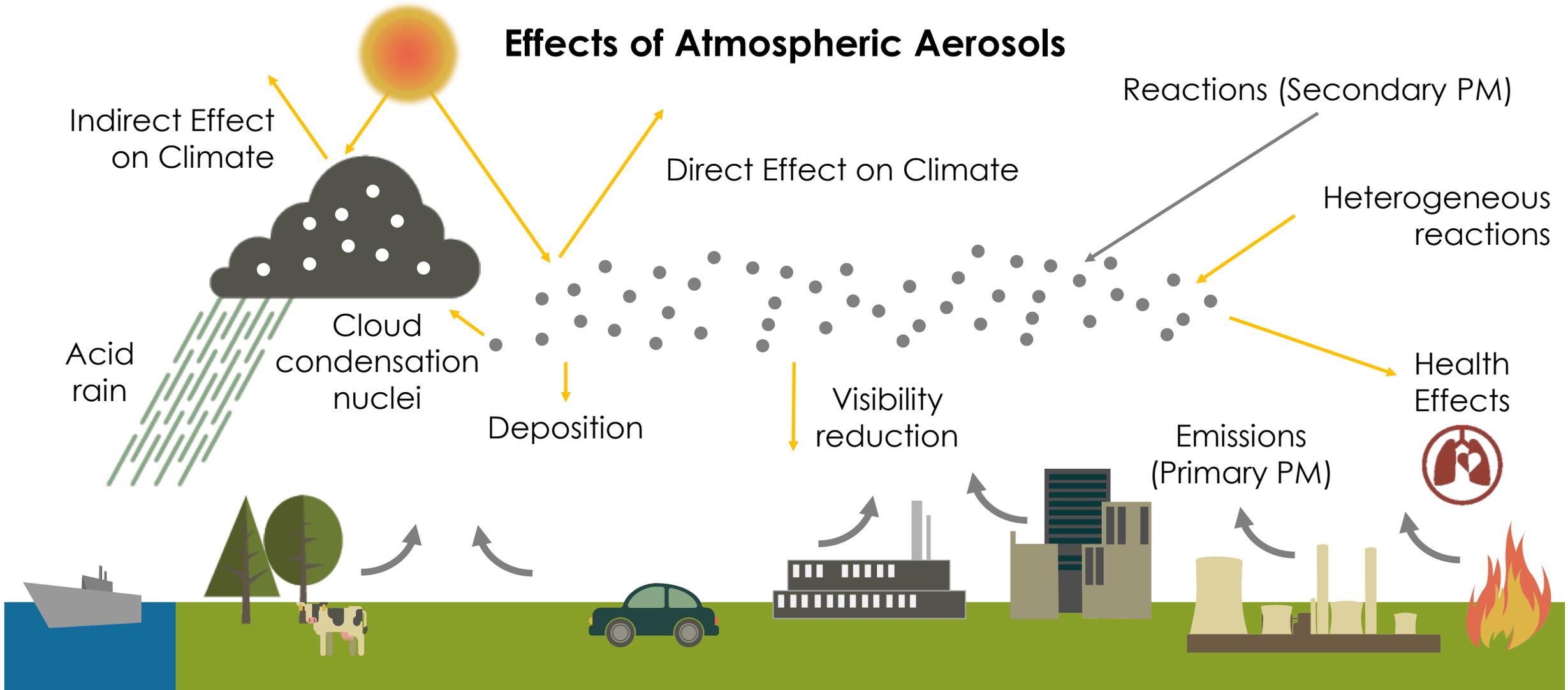


Learning Objectives

By the end of this presentation, you will be able to:

- Describe existing satellite capabilities for global air quality monitoring
- Identify various air quality monitoring applications

Motivation: Tiny, but Potent

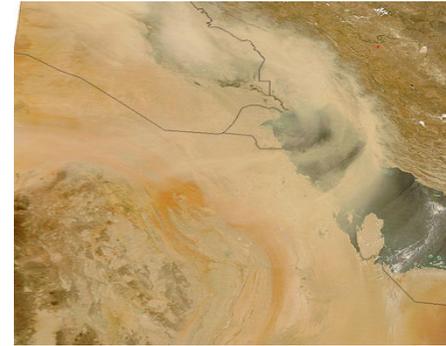


Pollution Sources

Atmospheric aerosols are highly variable in space and time



Dust



Fossil Fuels & Biomass Burning



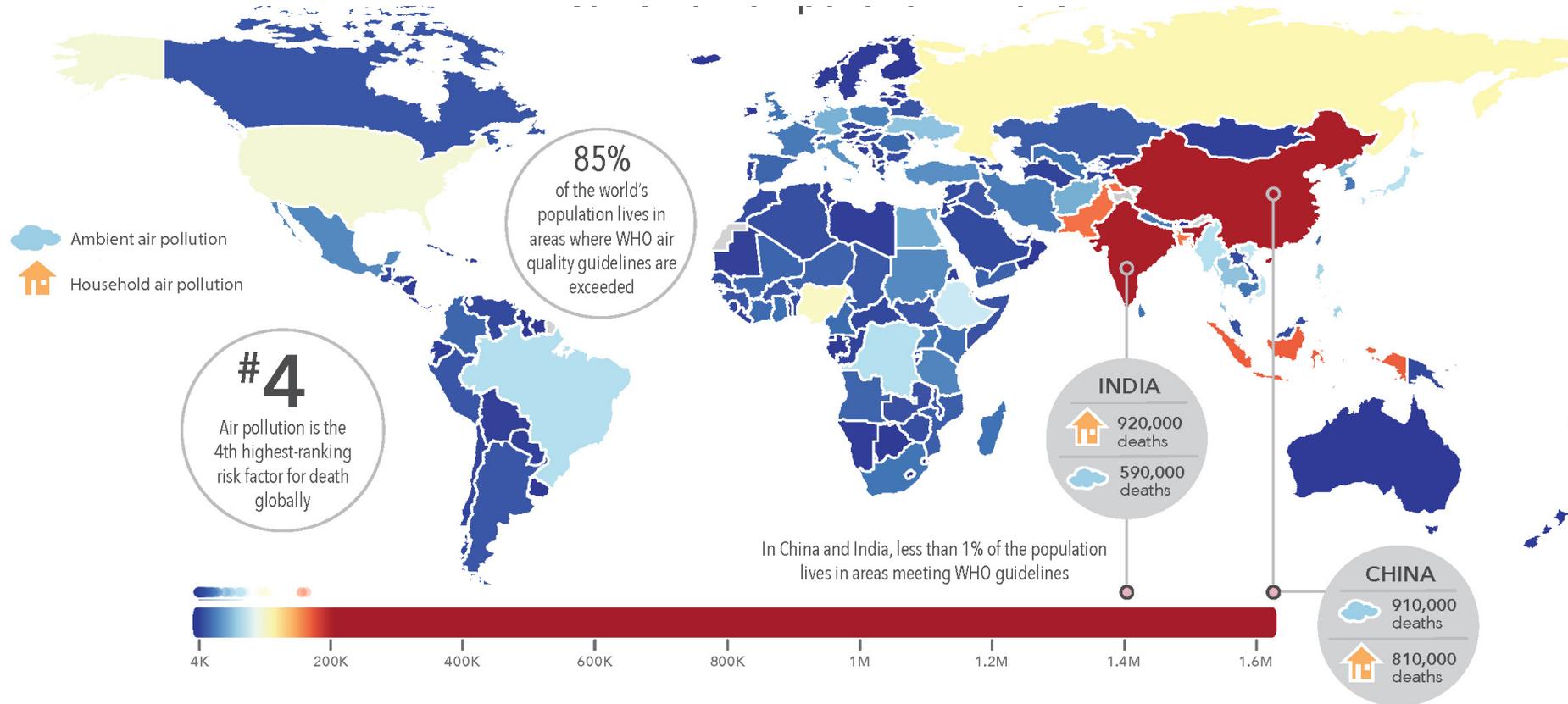
Volcanoes



Soot & Smoke



Global Burden of Air Pollution



- Air pollution was responsible for 5.5 million deaths in 2013
- Satellite data can help quantify the impact on human health

Image Credit: <http://thelancet.com/gbd/2013>



UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



- A plan of action for people, planet, and prosperity
- All countries and all stakeholders, acting in collaborative partnership, will implement this plan
- 17 SDGs and 169 targets under this agenda
- Balance the three dimensions of sustainable development:
 - economic, social, and **environmental**

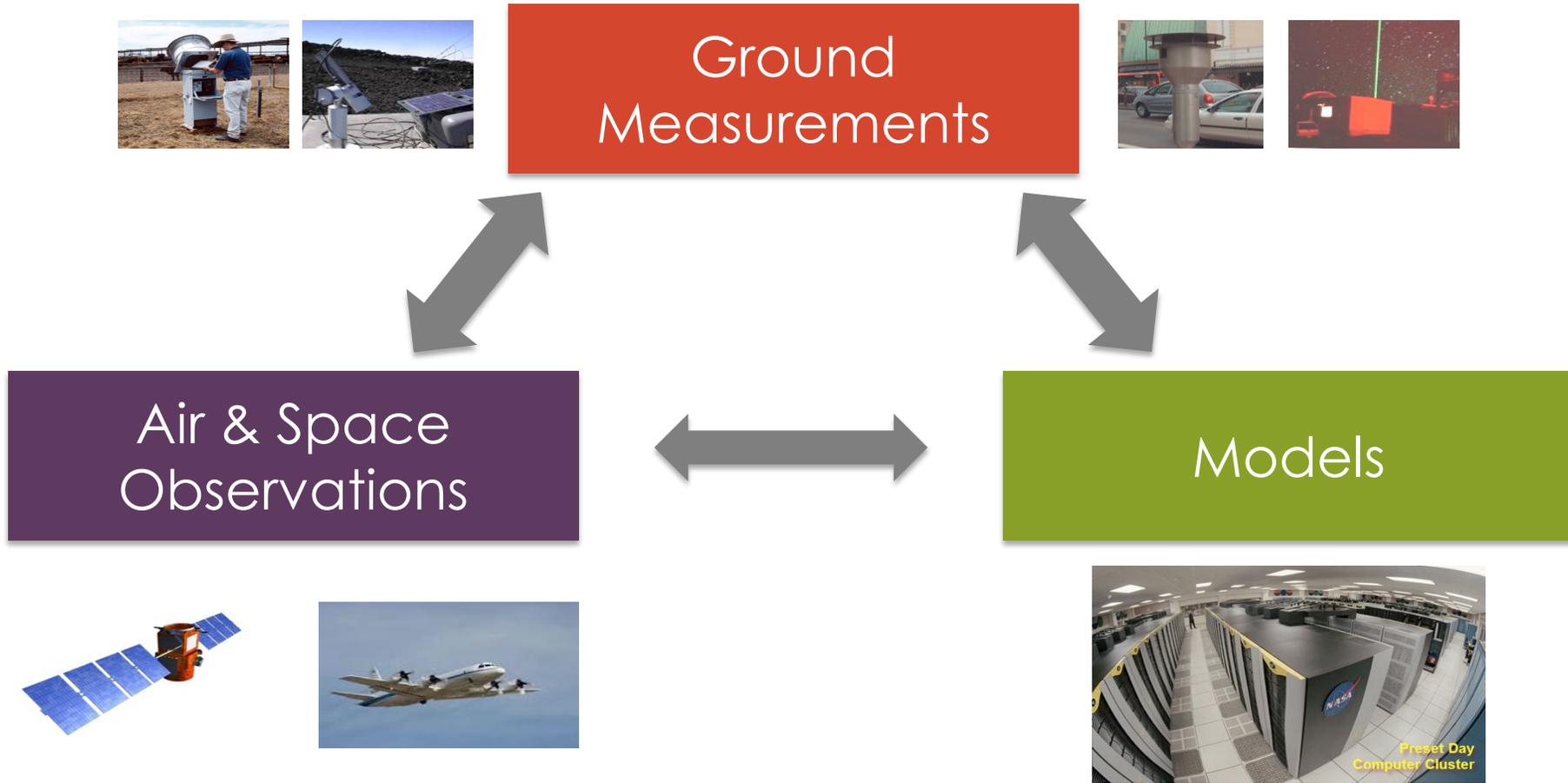
Text adapted from "[Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)"

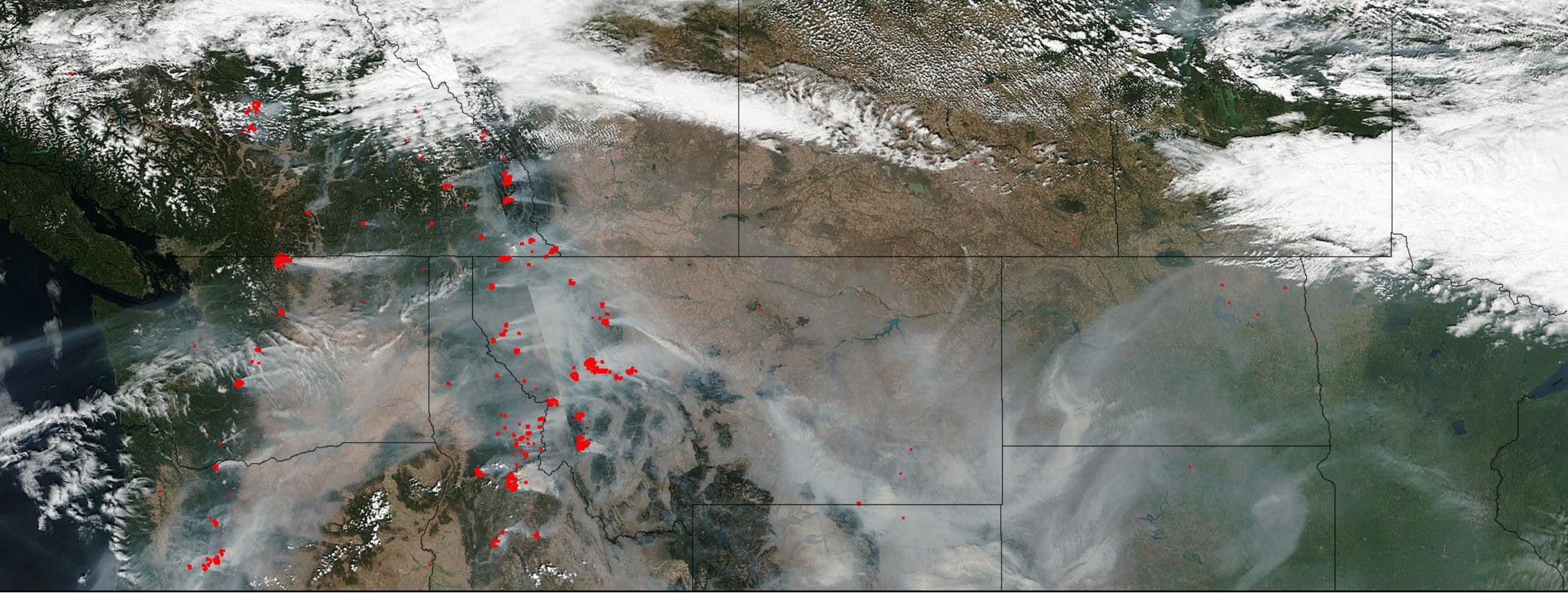


Traditional Air Quality Monitoring



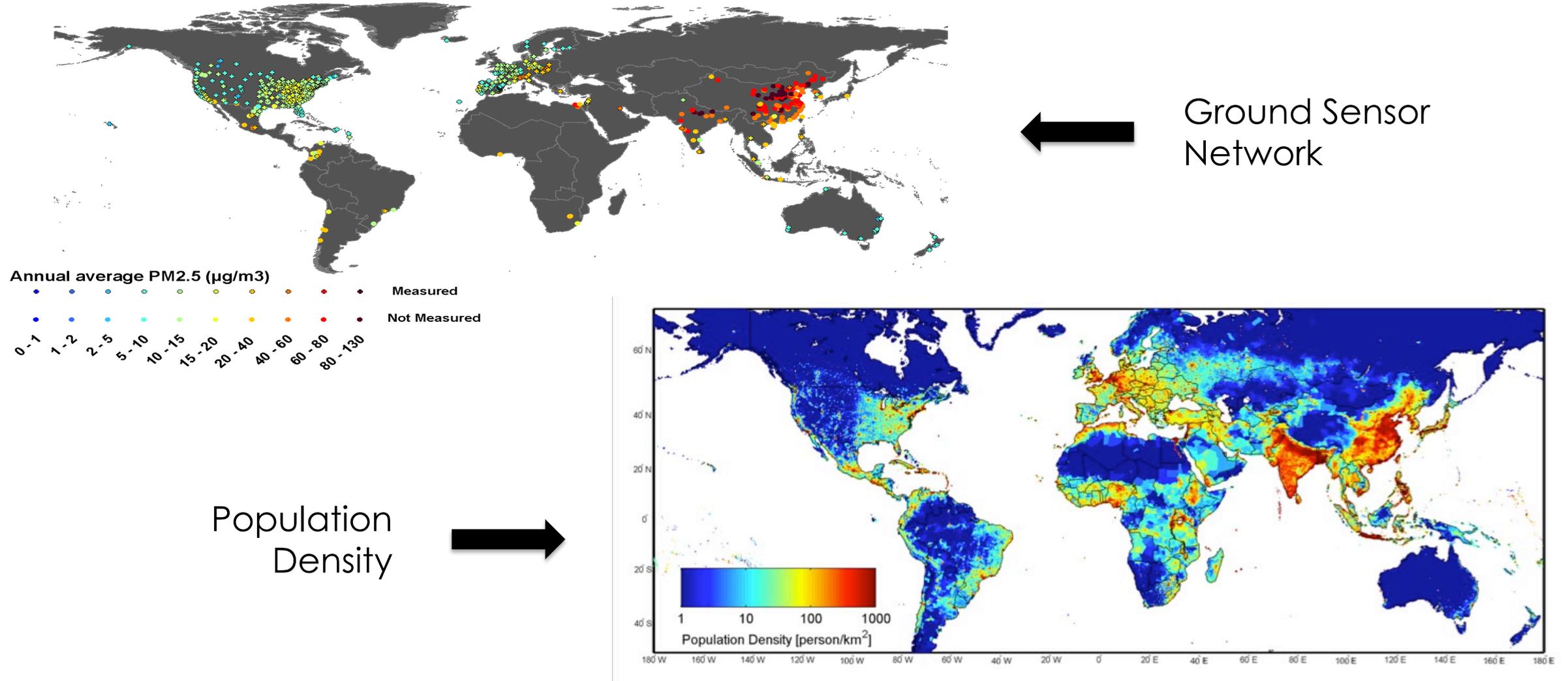
Air Pollution Monitoring





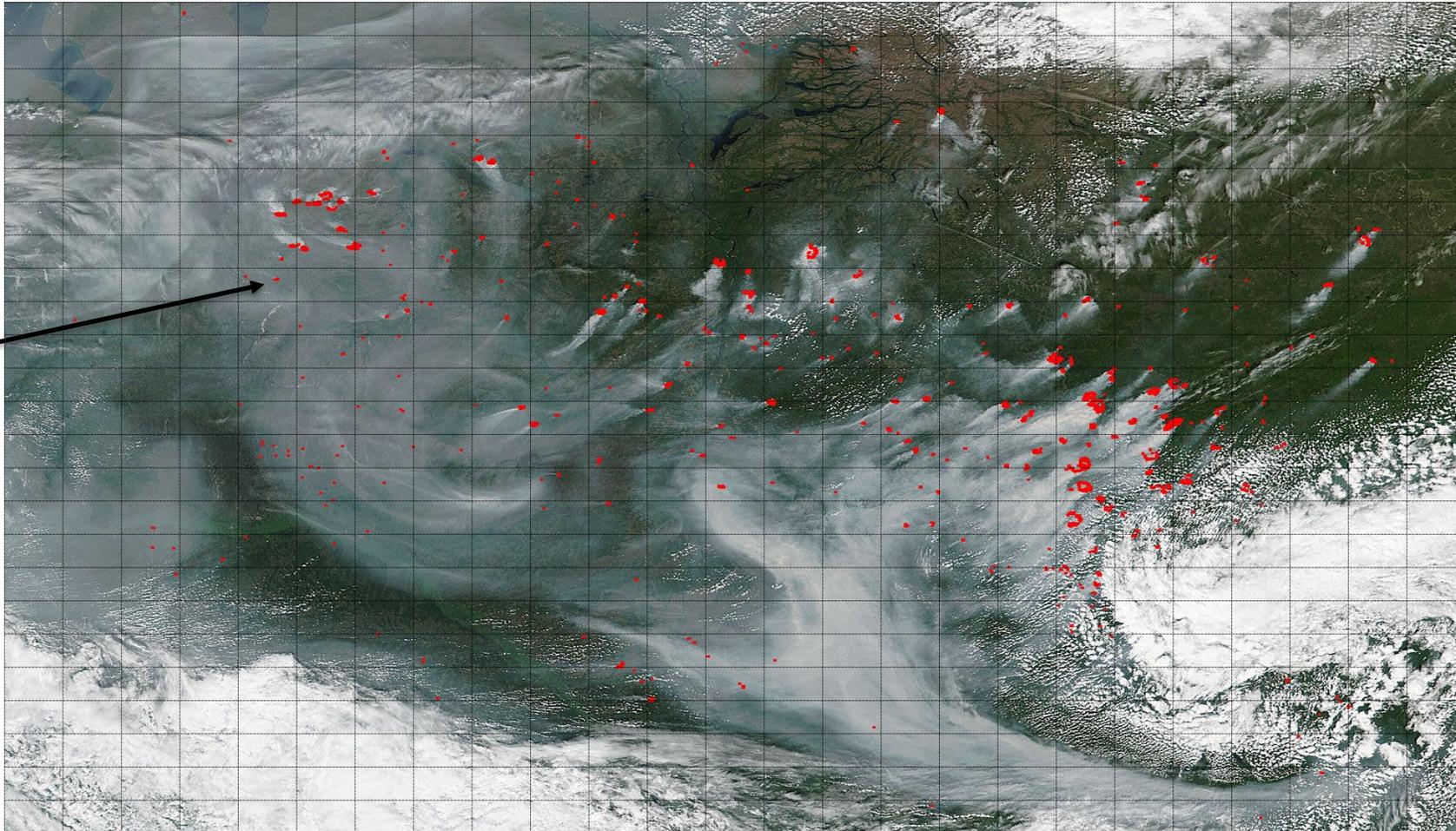
Why use satellite data?

Global Status of PM_{2.5} Monitoring



“A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words”

A satellite picture is worth ~~a~~ **millions of data points**



A geo-physical number

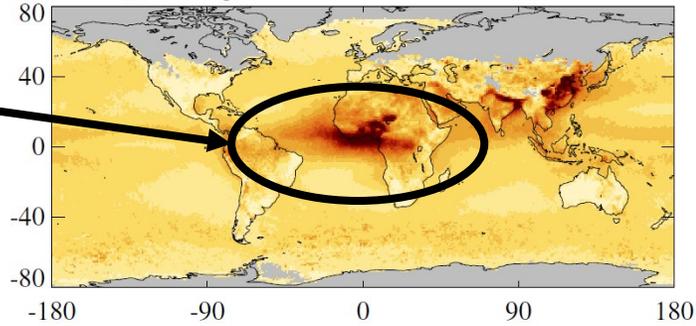


Aerosols from Satellites

- Several satellites provide state-of-the-art aerosol measurements globally, on a daily basis

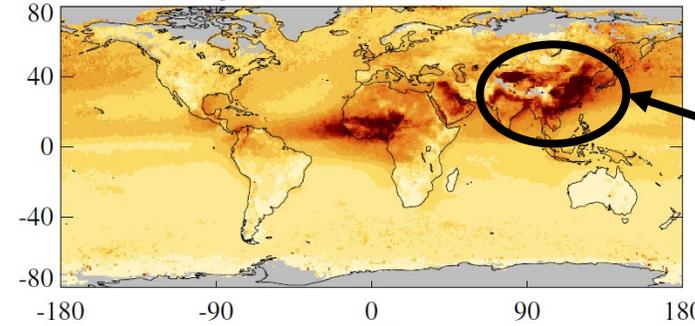
Aerosol Optical Thickness (Aqua MODIS)

Winter



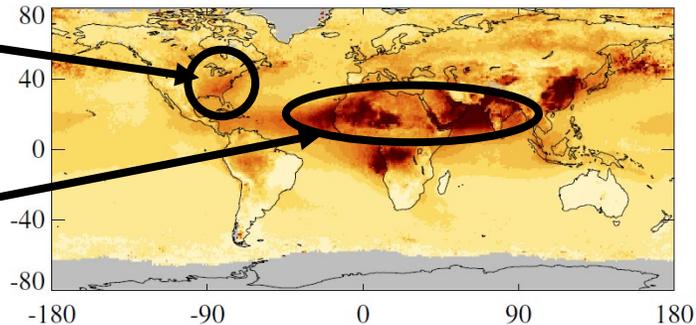
biomass burning

Spring



pollution & dust

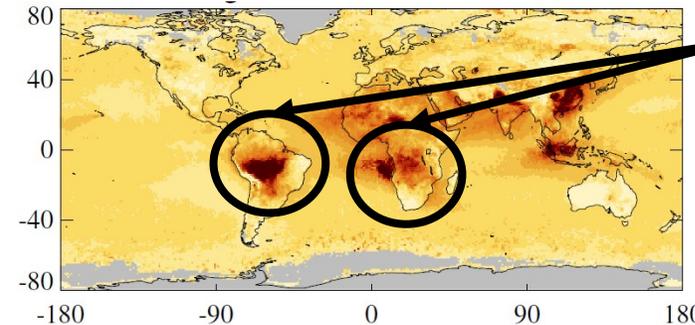
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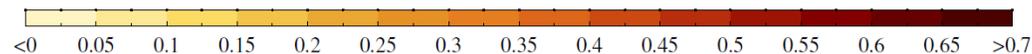
haze & pollution

dust

Fall



biomass burning



Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)

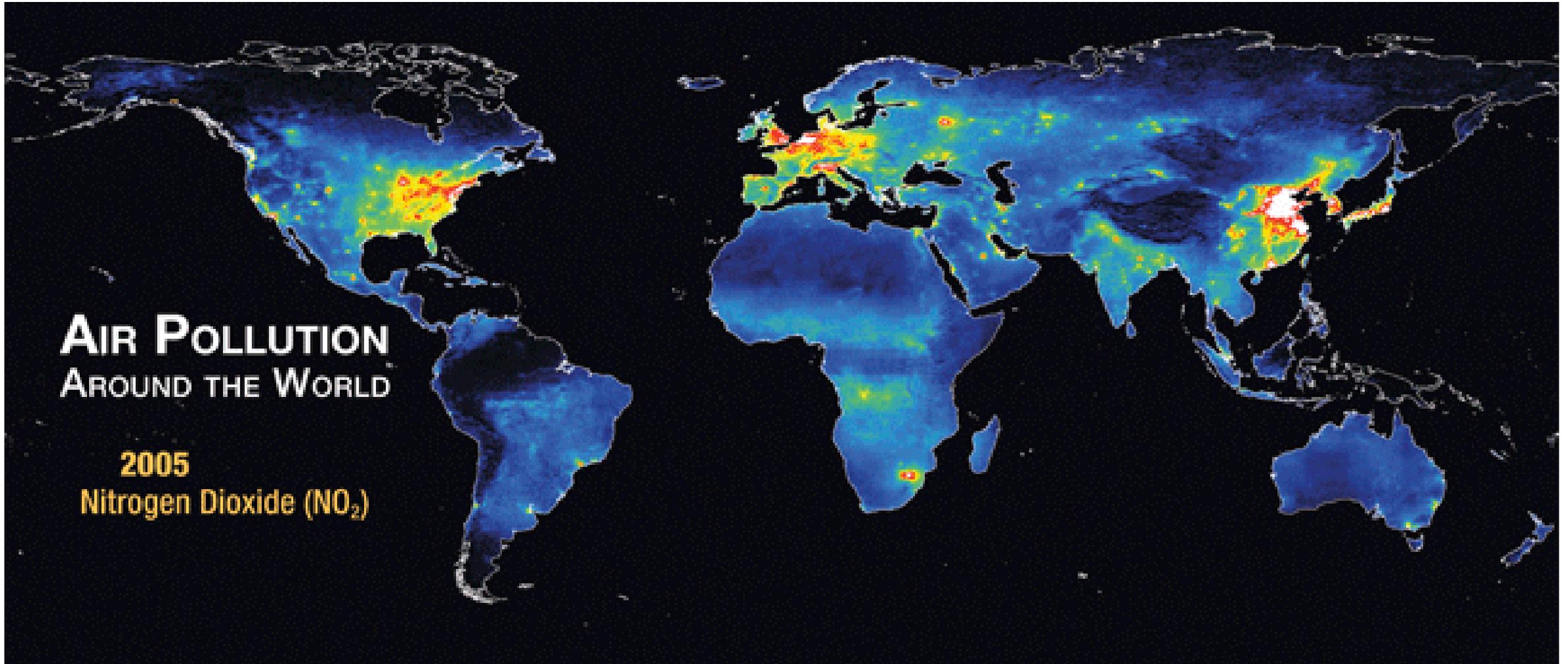


Image Source: https://aura.gsfc.nasa.gov/images/NASA_NO2_Global_FRONT.gif



Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂) – OMI - 2017

Time Averaged Map of SO₂ Column Amount (Planetary Boundary Layer) OMSO₂e v003 daily 0.25 deg. [OMI OMSO₂e v003] DU over 2017-01-01 - 2017-12-31, Region 180W, 90S, 180E, 90N

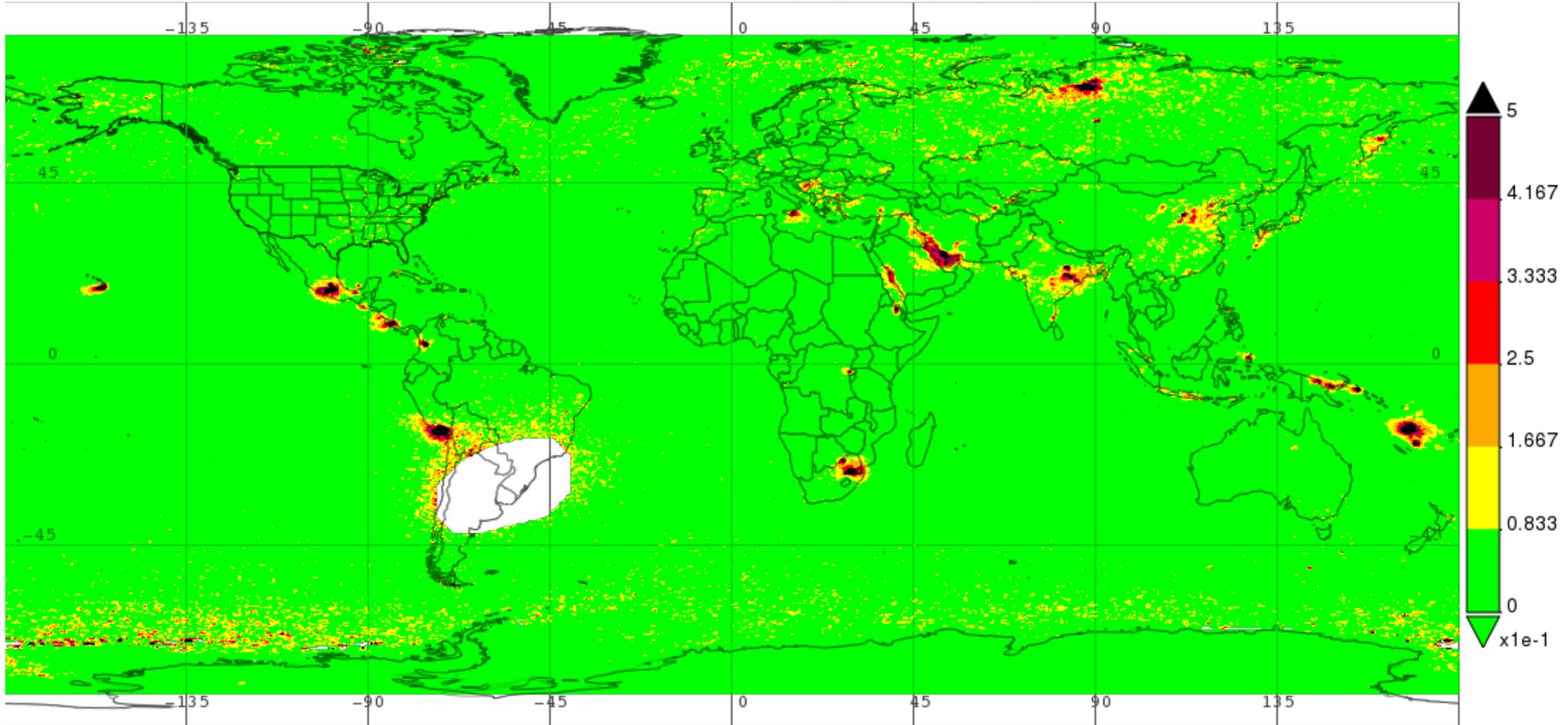
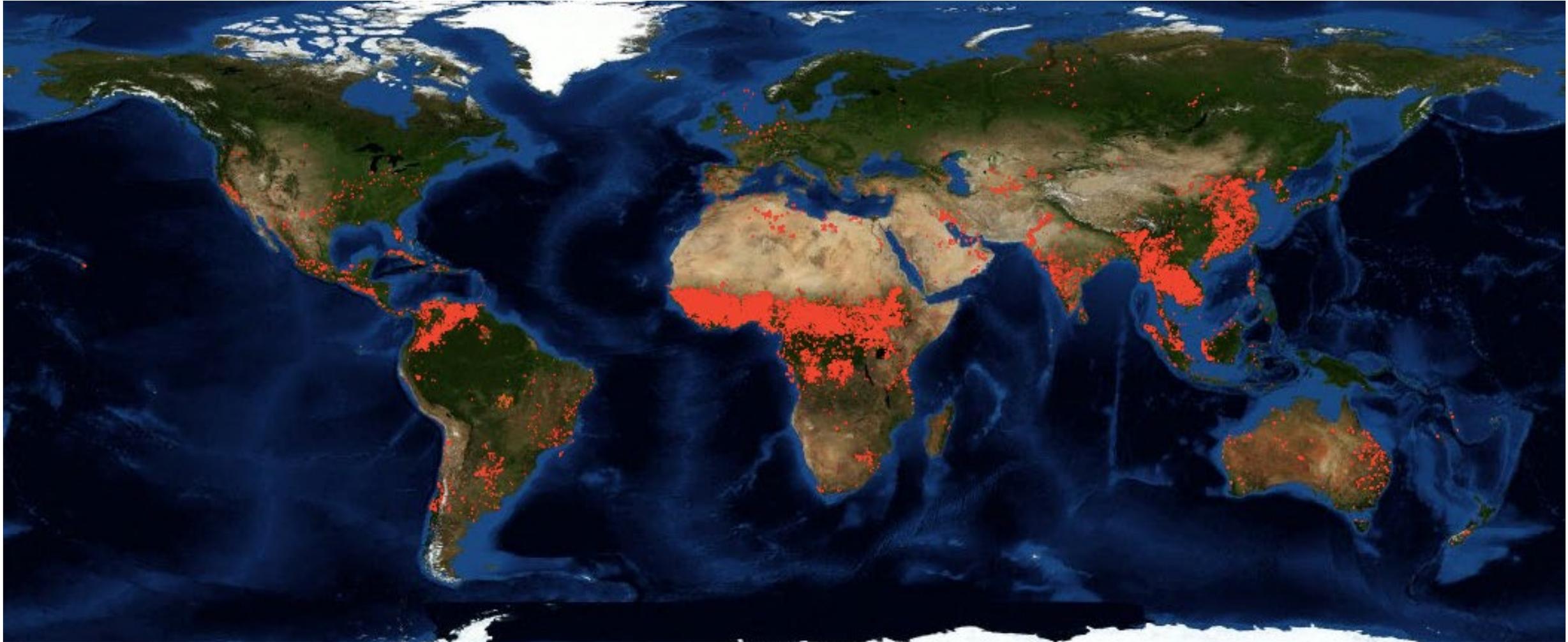


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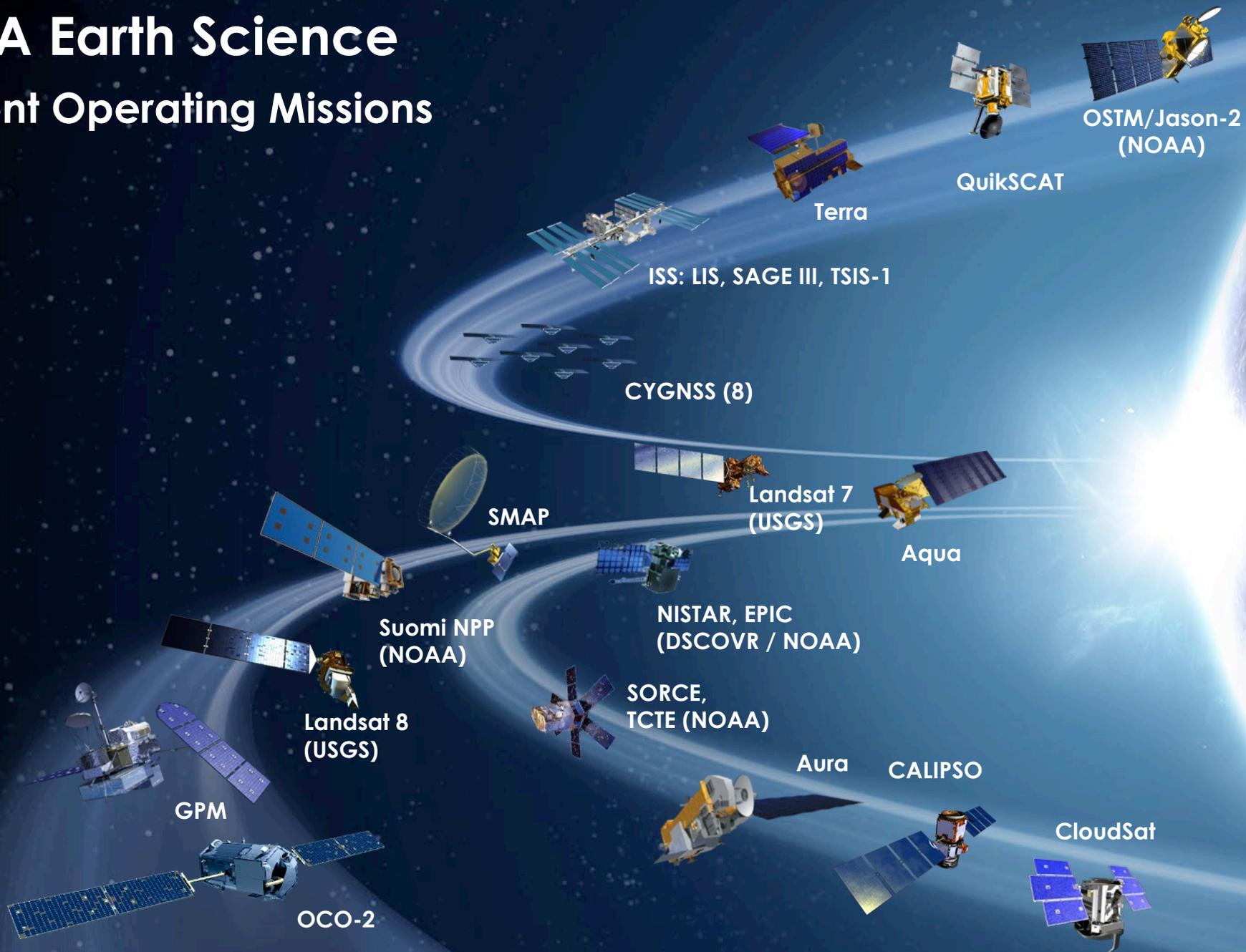
Active Fire Mapping – February 13, 2018



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NASA Earth Science Current Operating Missions



InVEST/CubeSats
RAVAN
IceCube
MiRaTA

NASA Earth Science

Missions: Present Through 2023

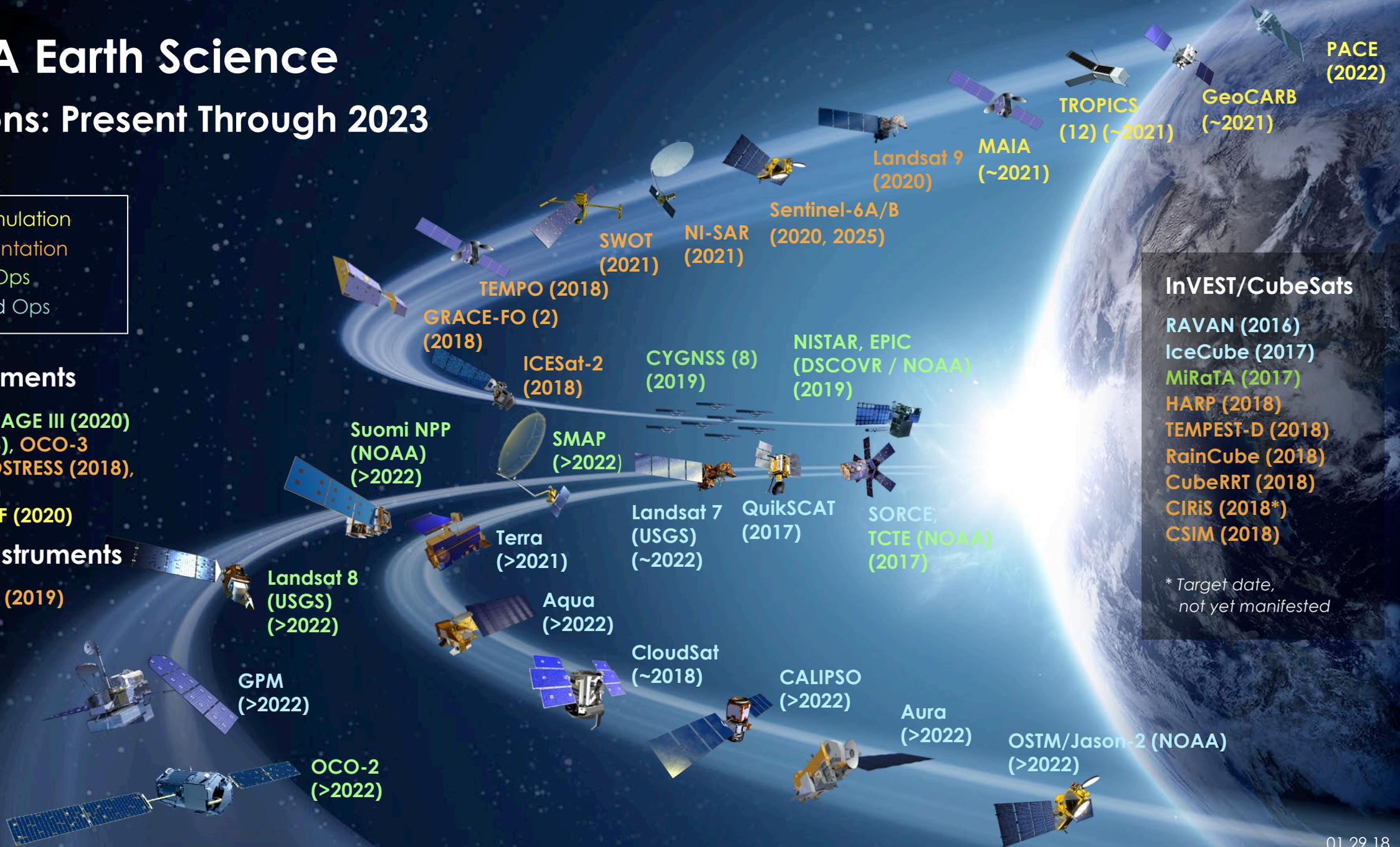
- (Pre)Formulation
- Implementation
- Primary Ops
- Extended Ops

ISS Instruments

LIS (2020), SAGE III (2020)
TSIS-1 (2018), OCO-3 (2018), ECOSTRESS (2018), GEDI (2018)
CLARREO-PF (2020)

JPSS-2 Instruments

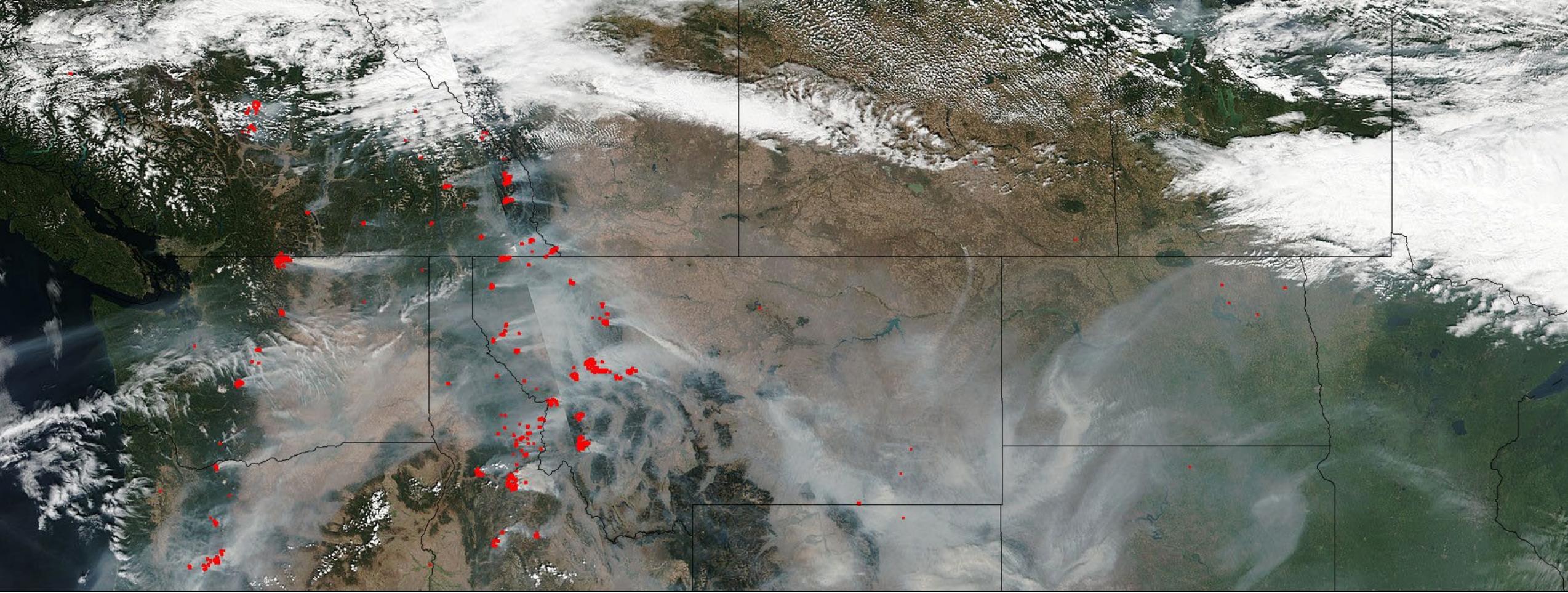
OMPS-Limb (2019)



InVEST/CubeSats

- RAVAN (2016)
- IceCube (2017)
- MiRaTA (2017)
- HARP (2018)
- TEMPEST-D (2018)
- RainCube (2018)
- CubeRRT (2018)
- CIRiS (2018*)
- CSIM (2018)

* Target date, not yet manifested

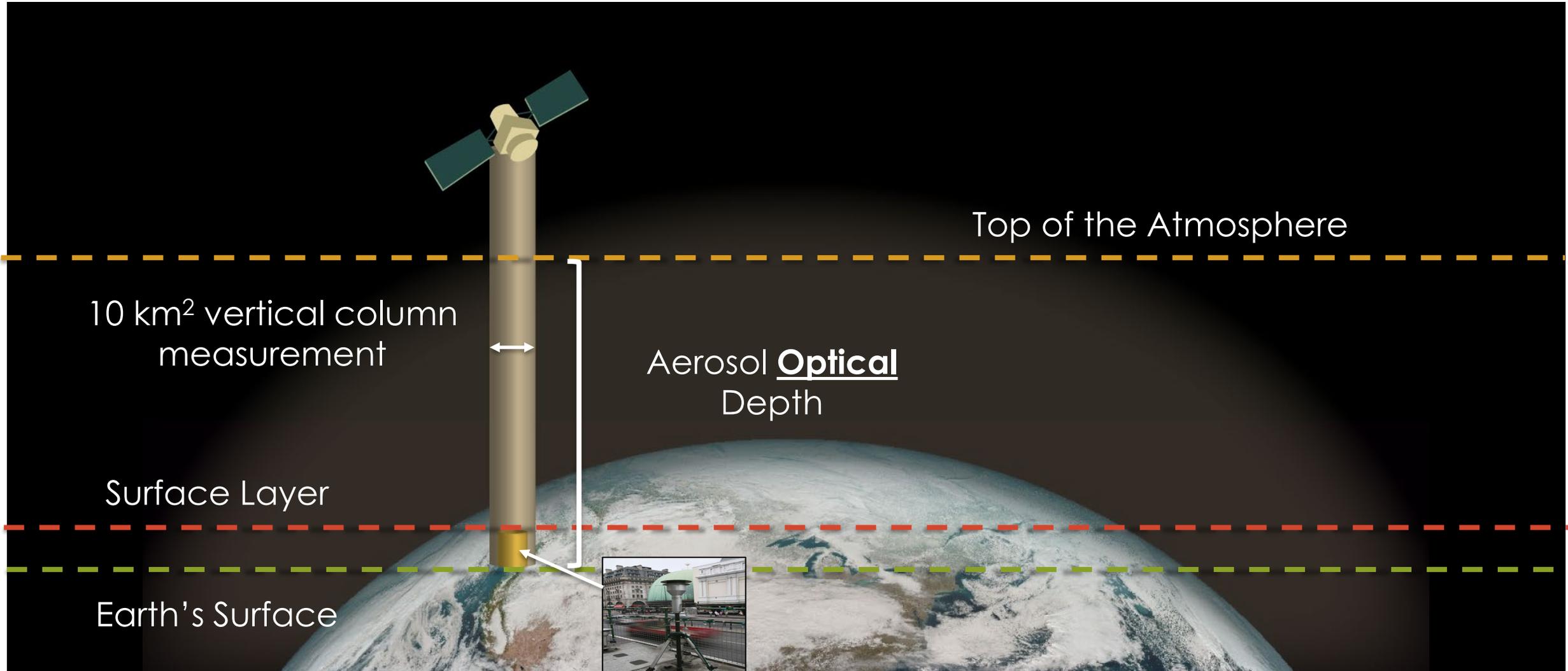


Air Quality Applications

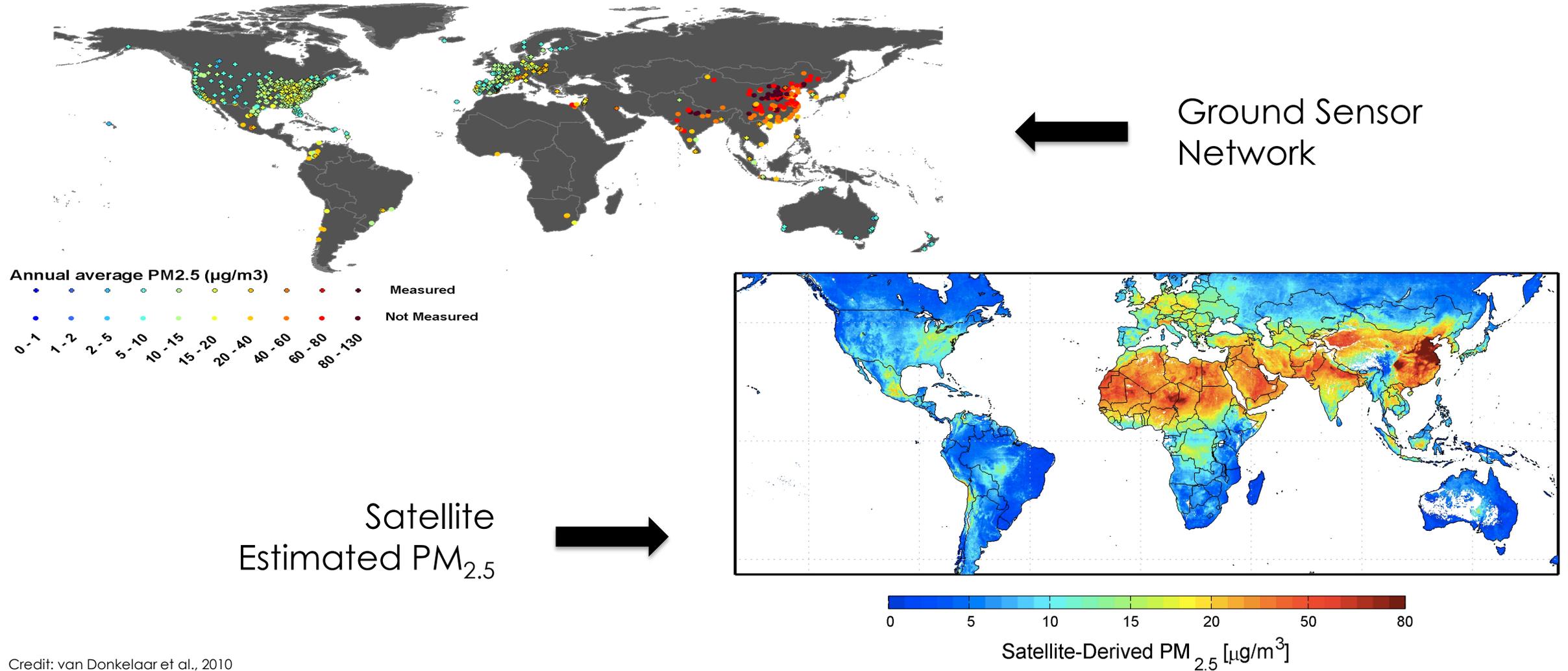
Satellite vs. Ground Observation



Satellite vs. Ground Observation



Global Status of PM_{2.5} Monitoring



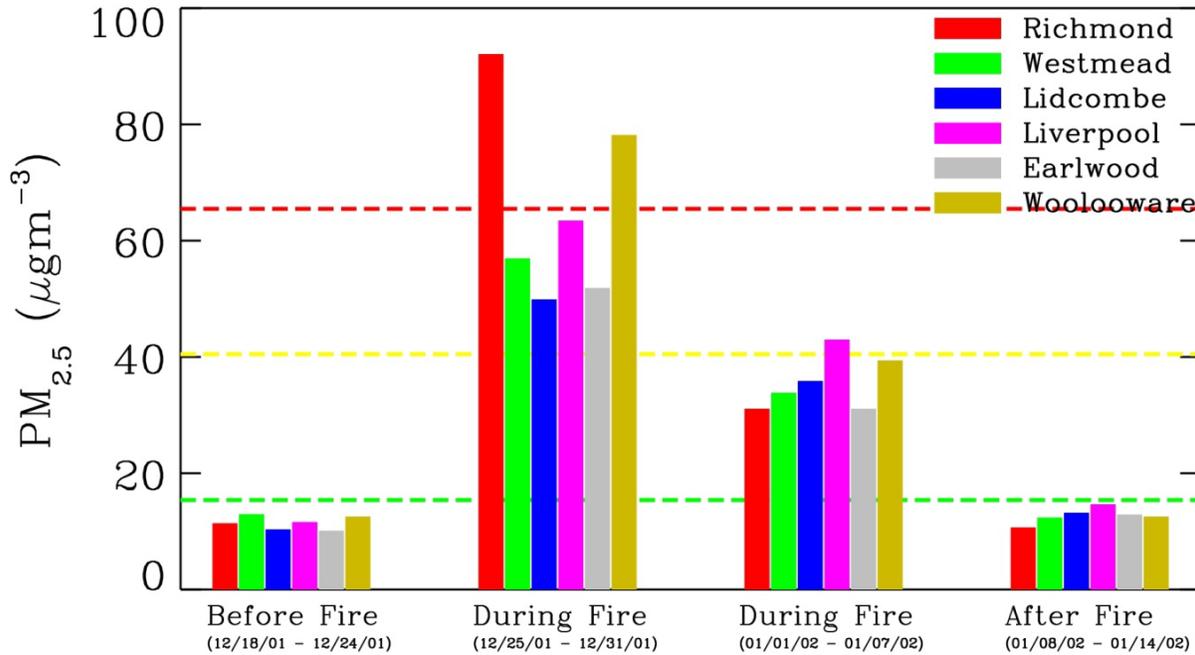
Credit: van Donkelaar et al., 2010



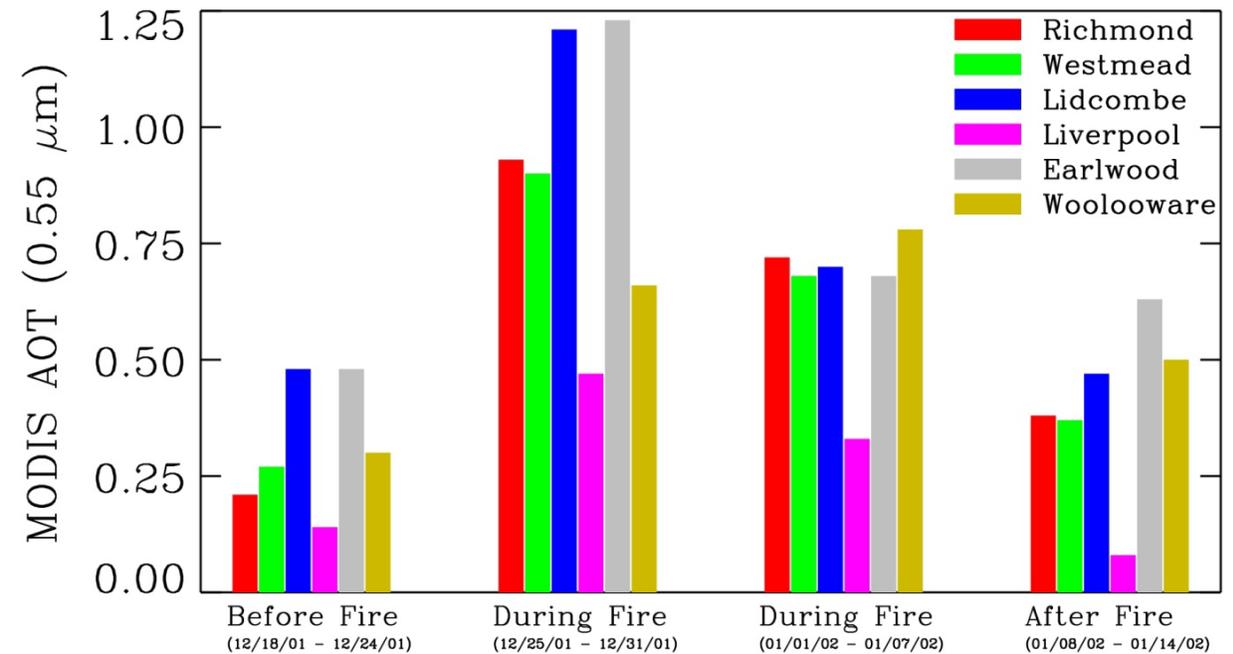
Application of Satellite Observations

Bushfires in Sydney, Australia

Surface PM_{2.5}



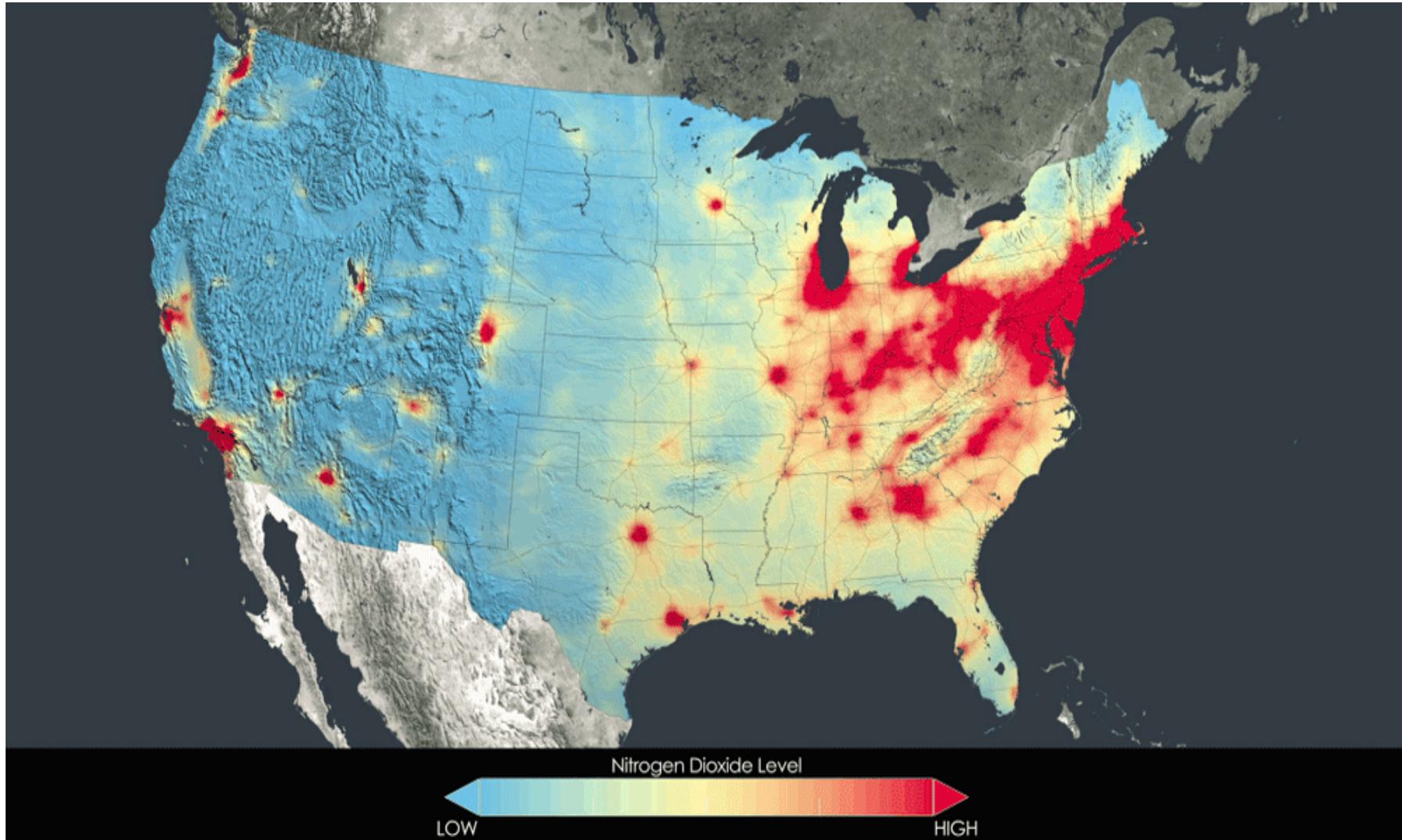
AOD from Satellites



Credit: Gupta and Christopher, 2007

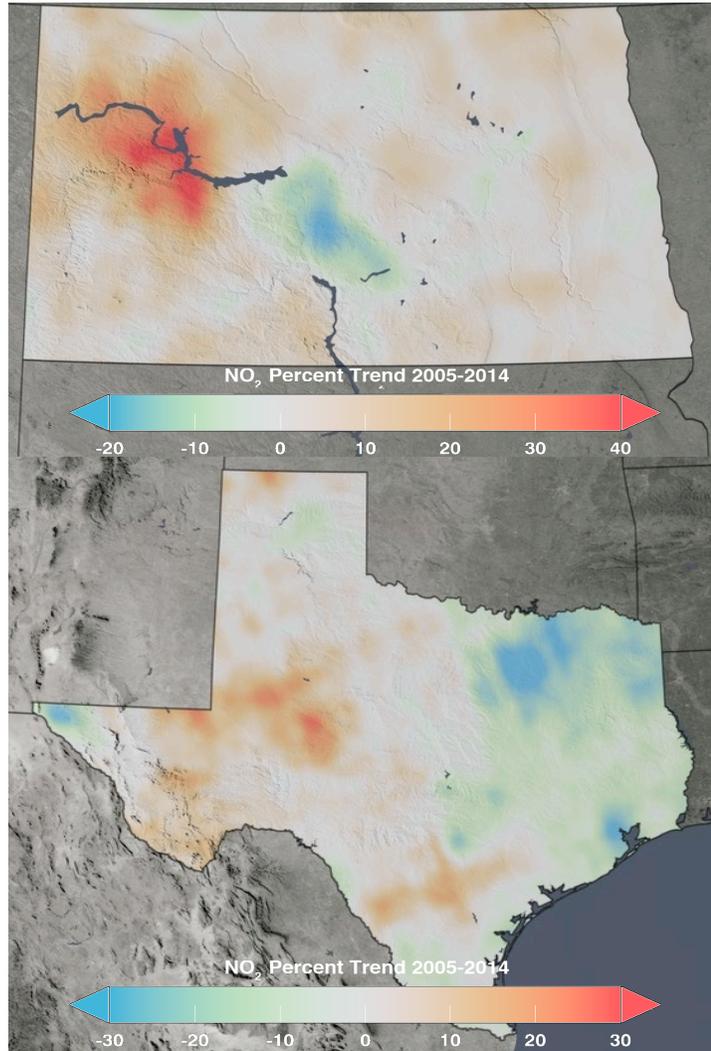


NO₂ Trends Over the United States



OMI Detects NO₂ Increases from ONG Activities

2005 - 2014



North
Dakota

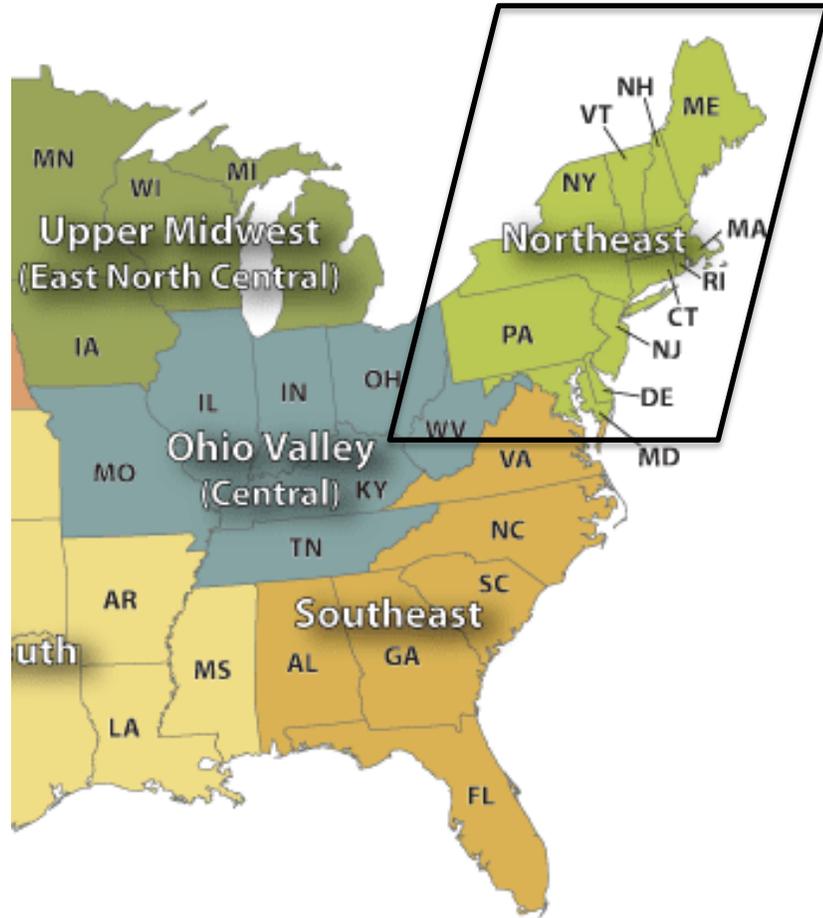


Suomi NPP VIIRS Lights at Night

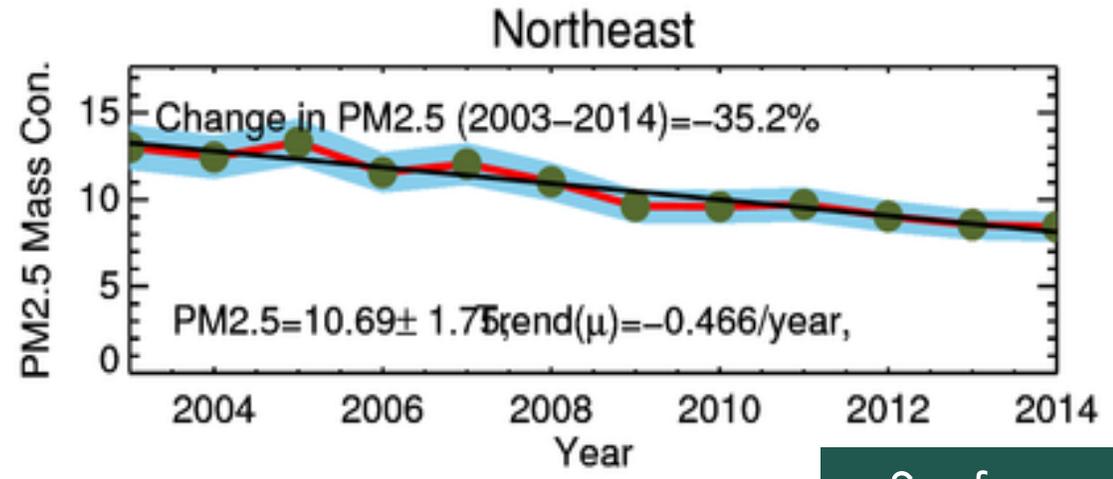
Texas



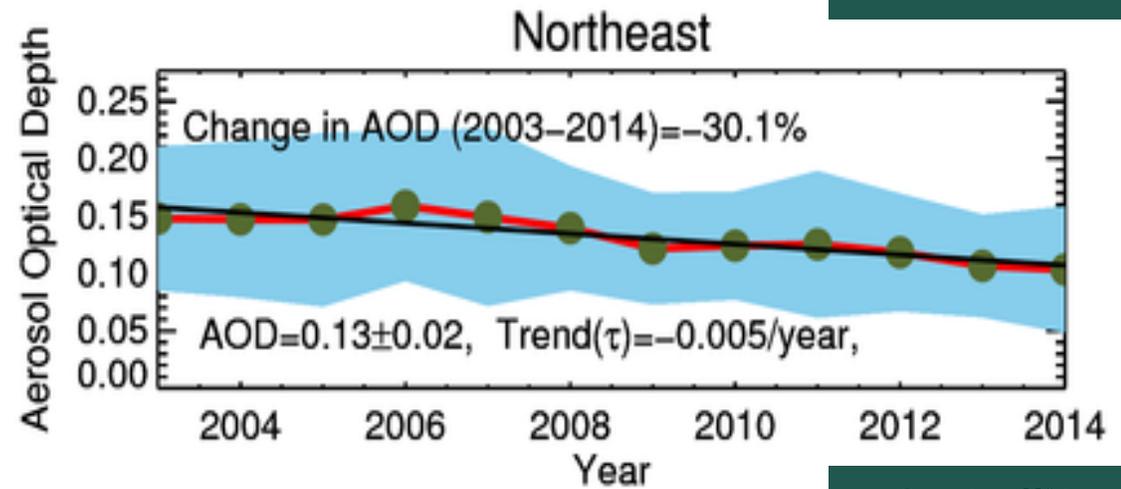
Measurements: Surface vs. Satellite



Map Credit: U.S. Climate Regions, NOAA; Time Series Credit: Gupta



Surface

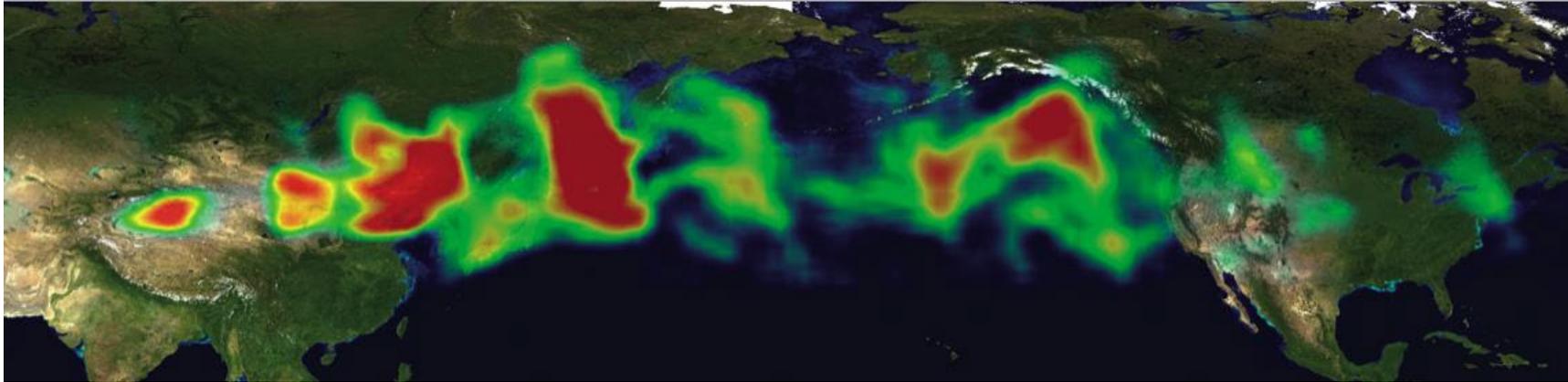


Satellite

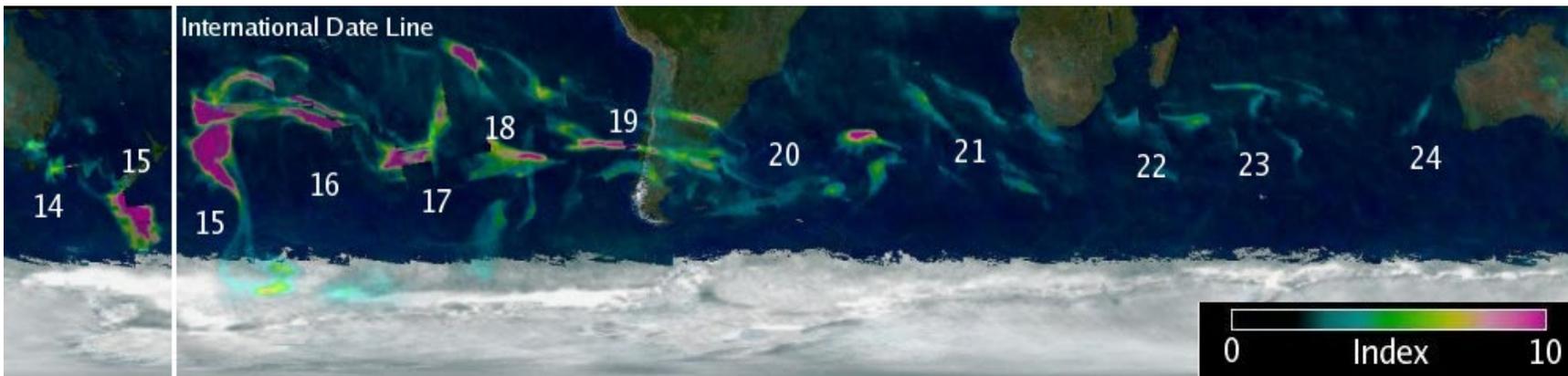


Long Range Transport

Dust from Mongolian Deserts Reaches the U.S.

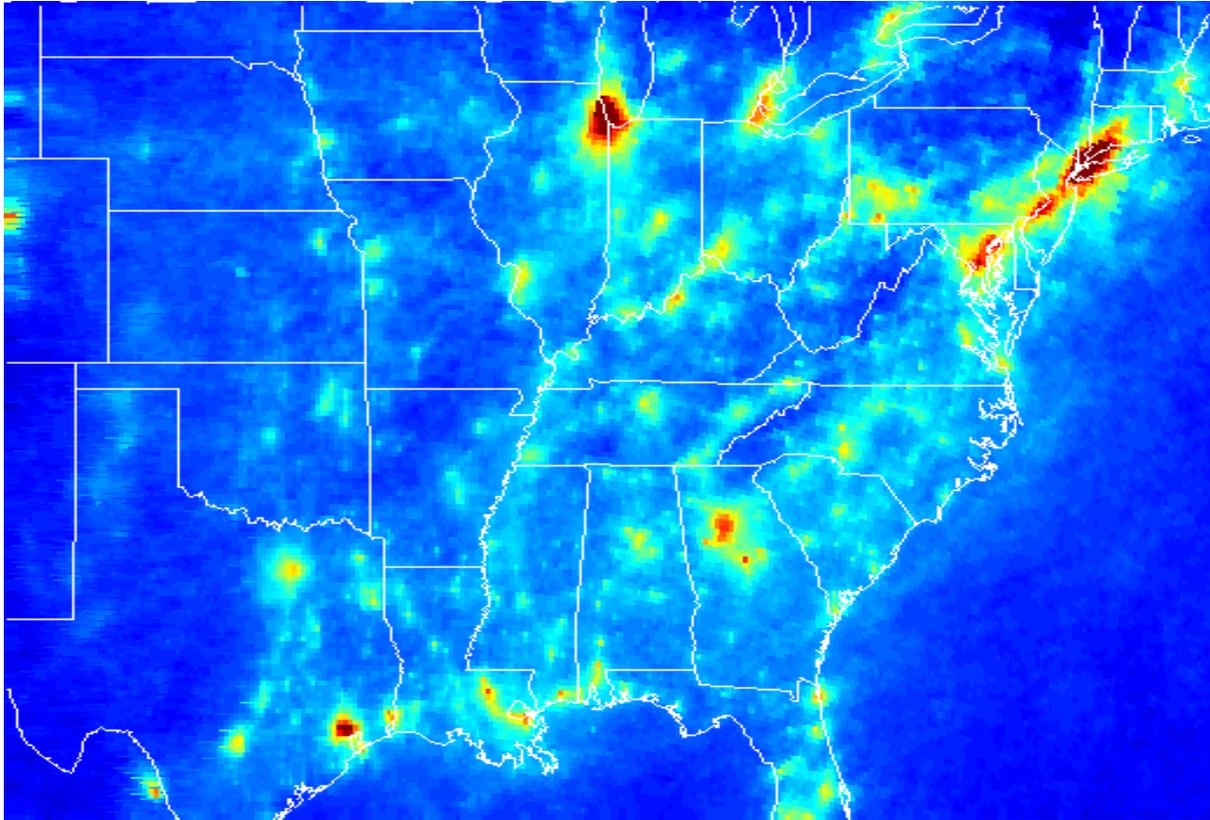


Smoke Travels Around the World in 11 Days

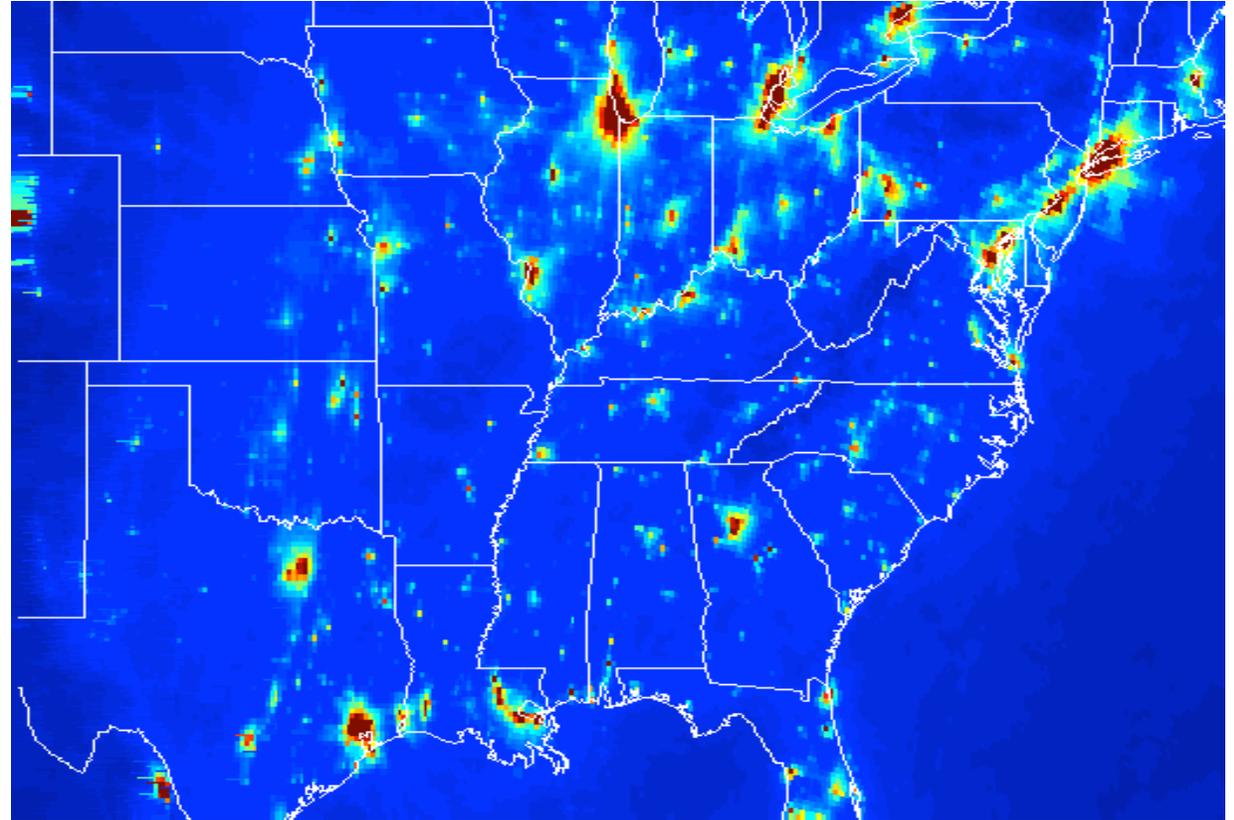


Model-Satellite Inter-Comparison

CMAQ Model NO2



OMI NO2



GOES-16 Loop: Fires and Smoke over Canada

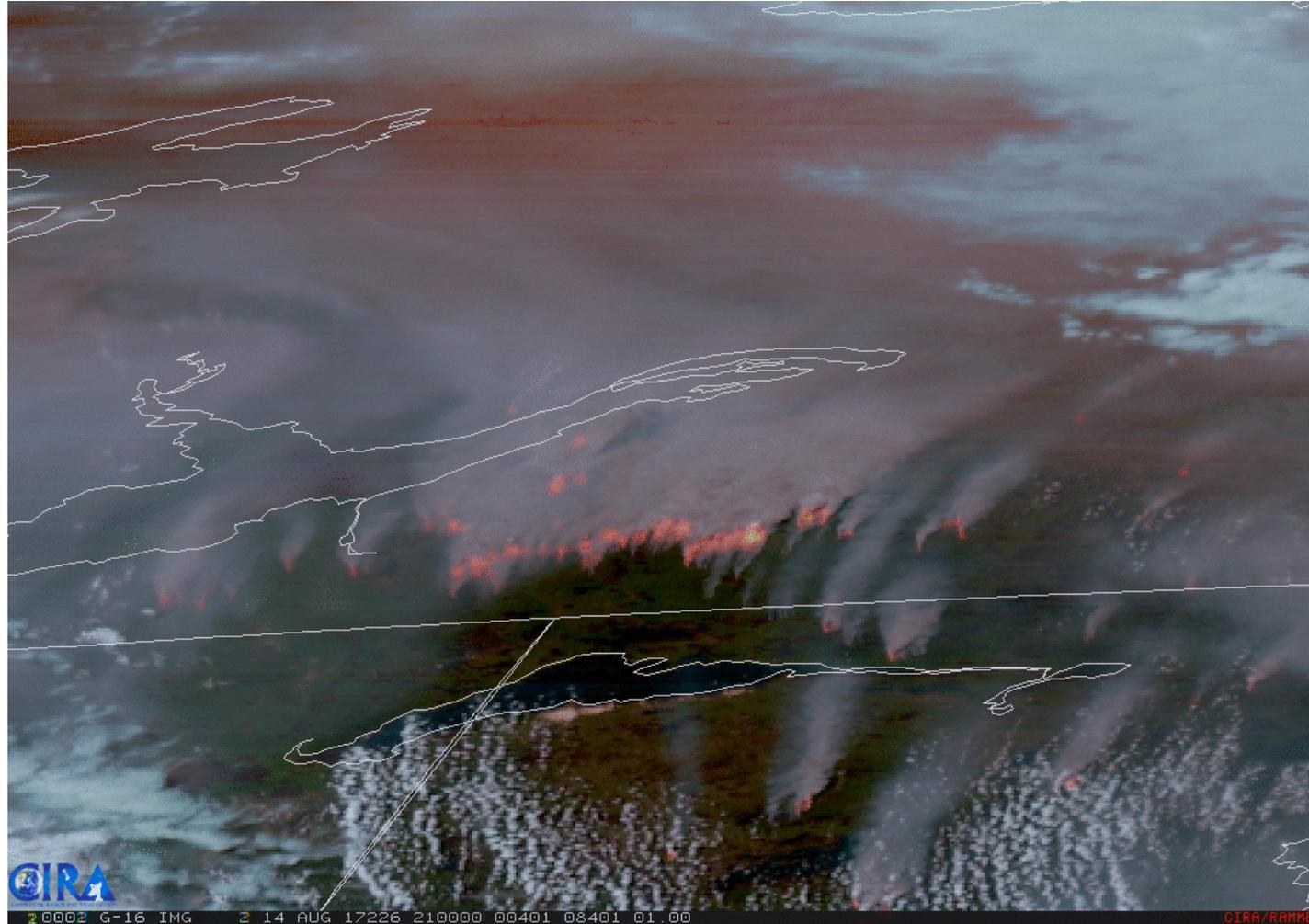


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Smoke and Surface Air Quality – August 12, 2017

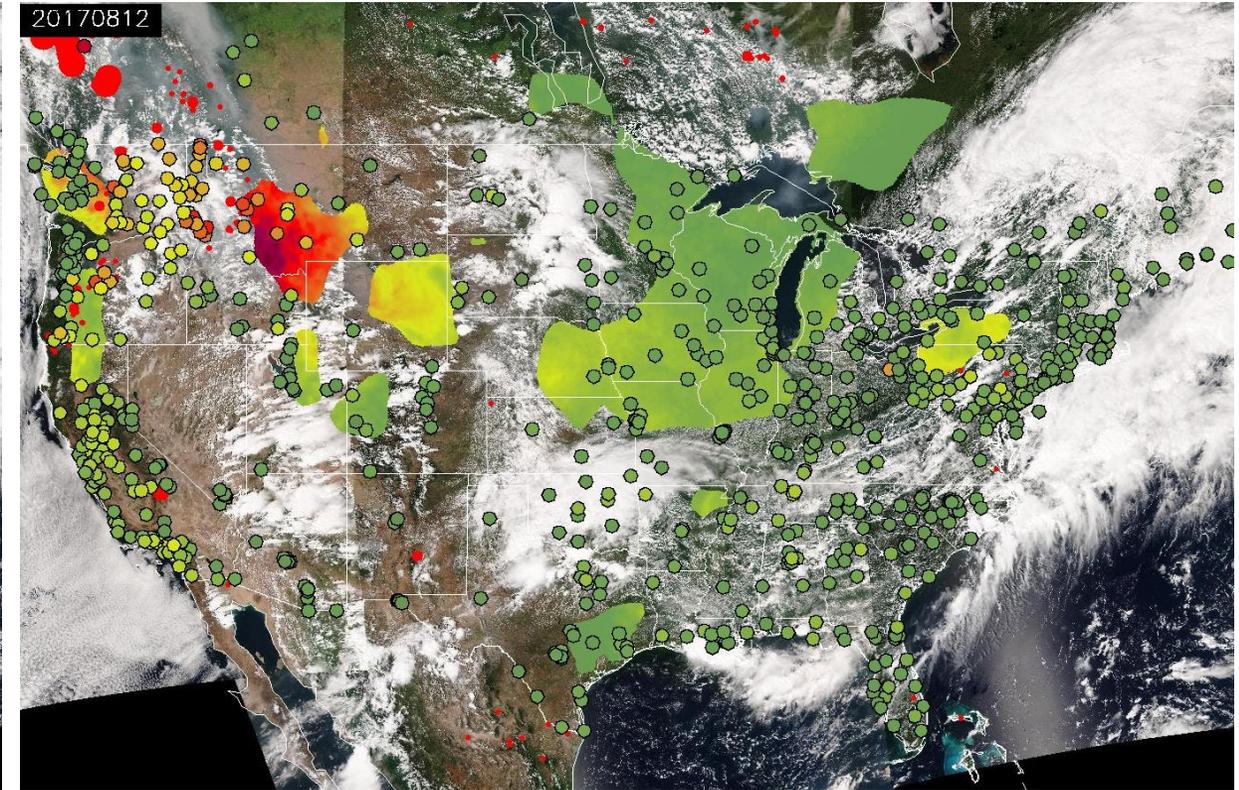
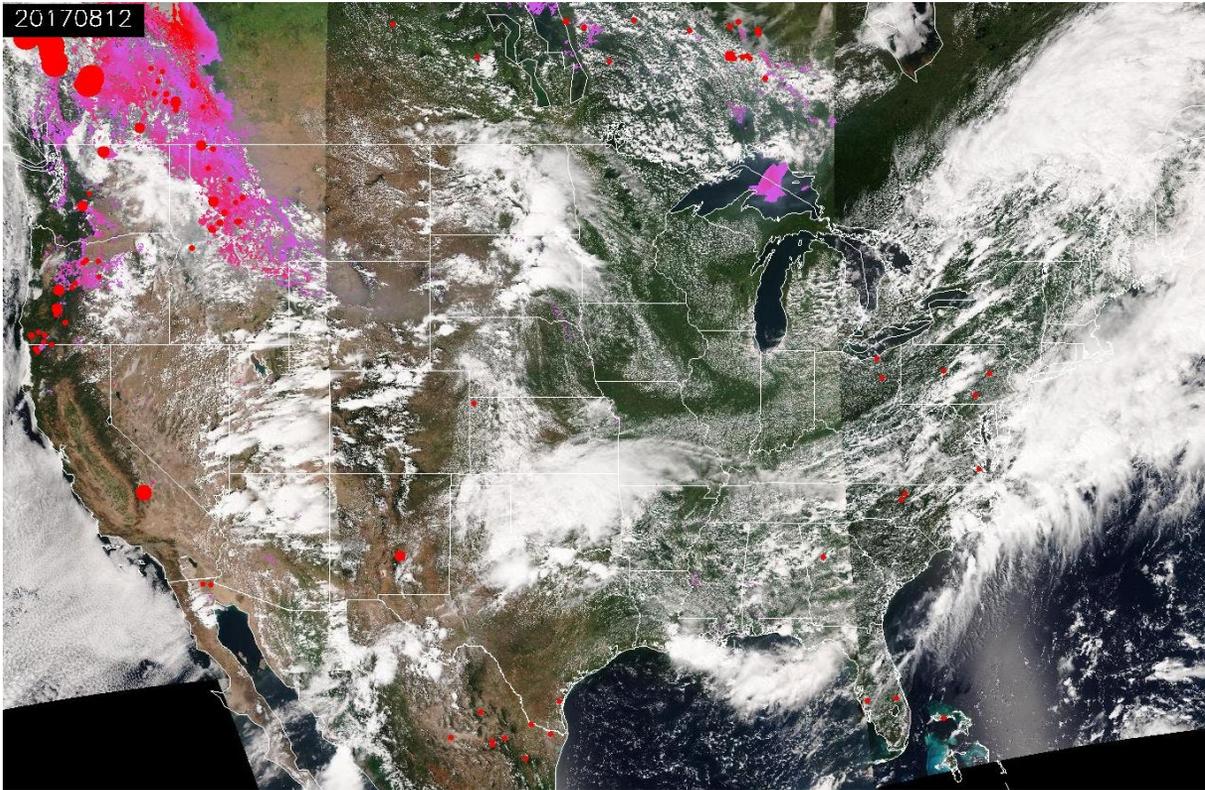


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GOES-16 Loop: Dust Storm in Southern California

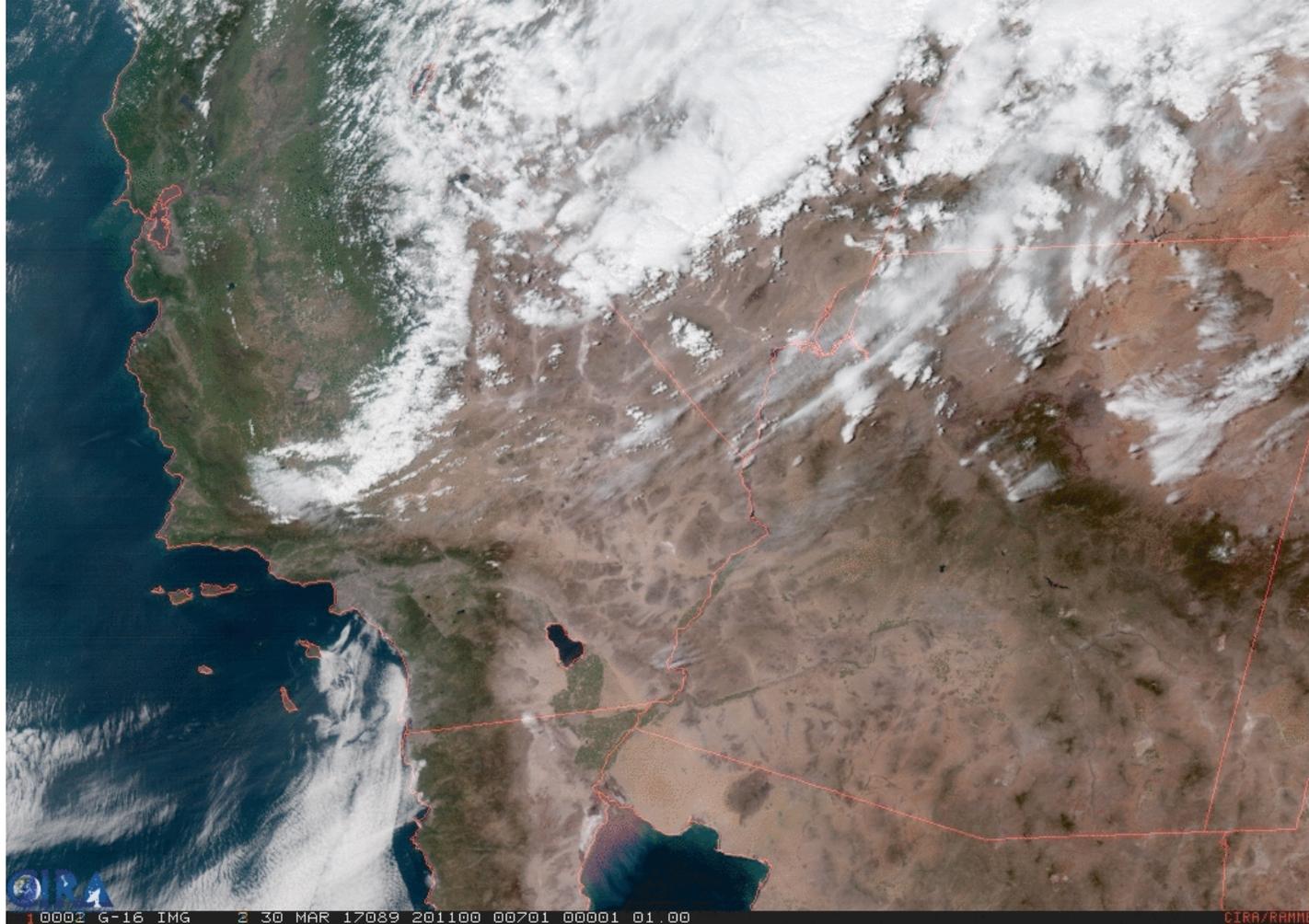
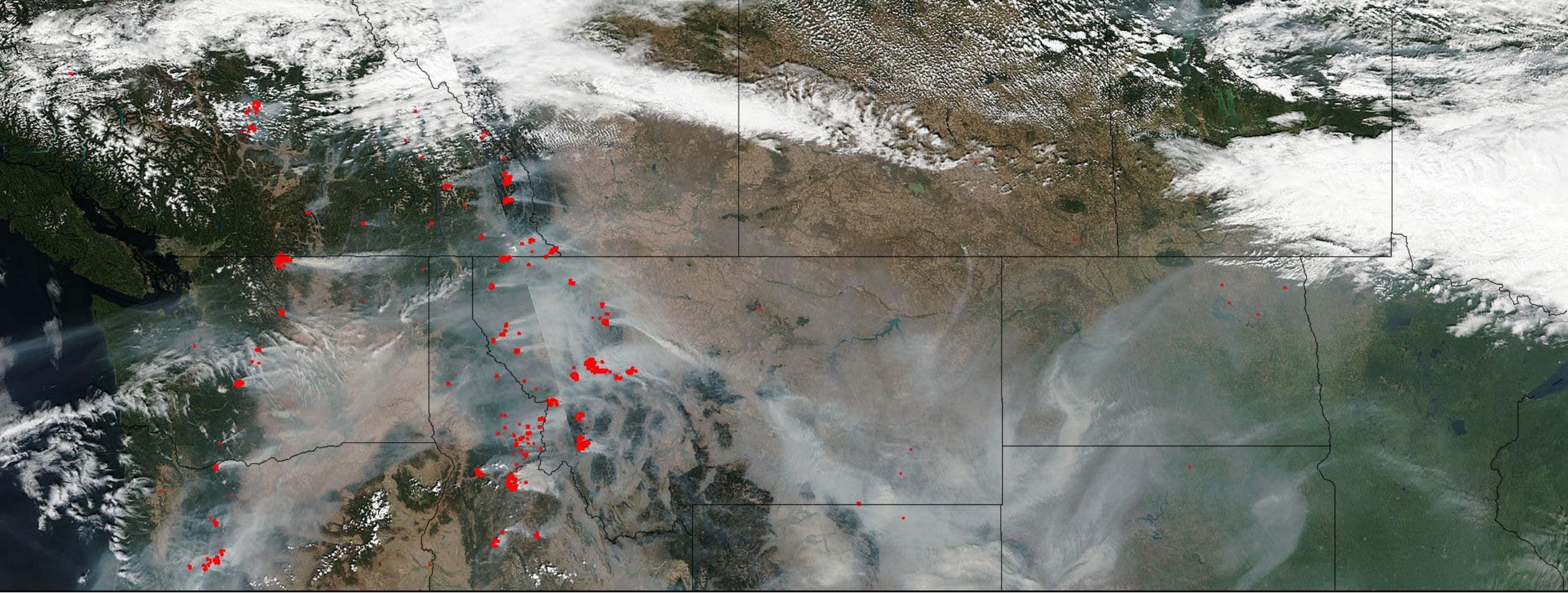


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Upcoming Missions

Global pollution monitoring constellation (2018-2020)

Policy-relevant science and environmental services enabled by common observations

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

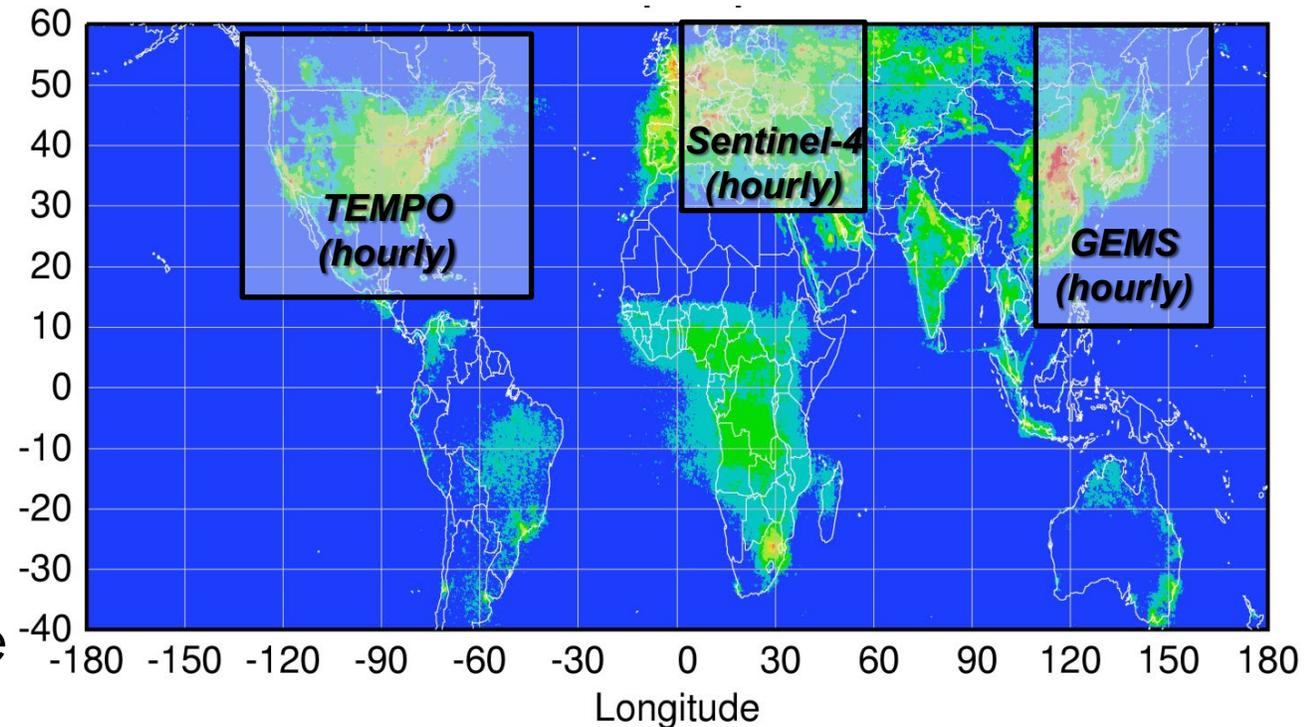
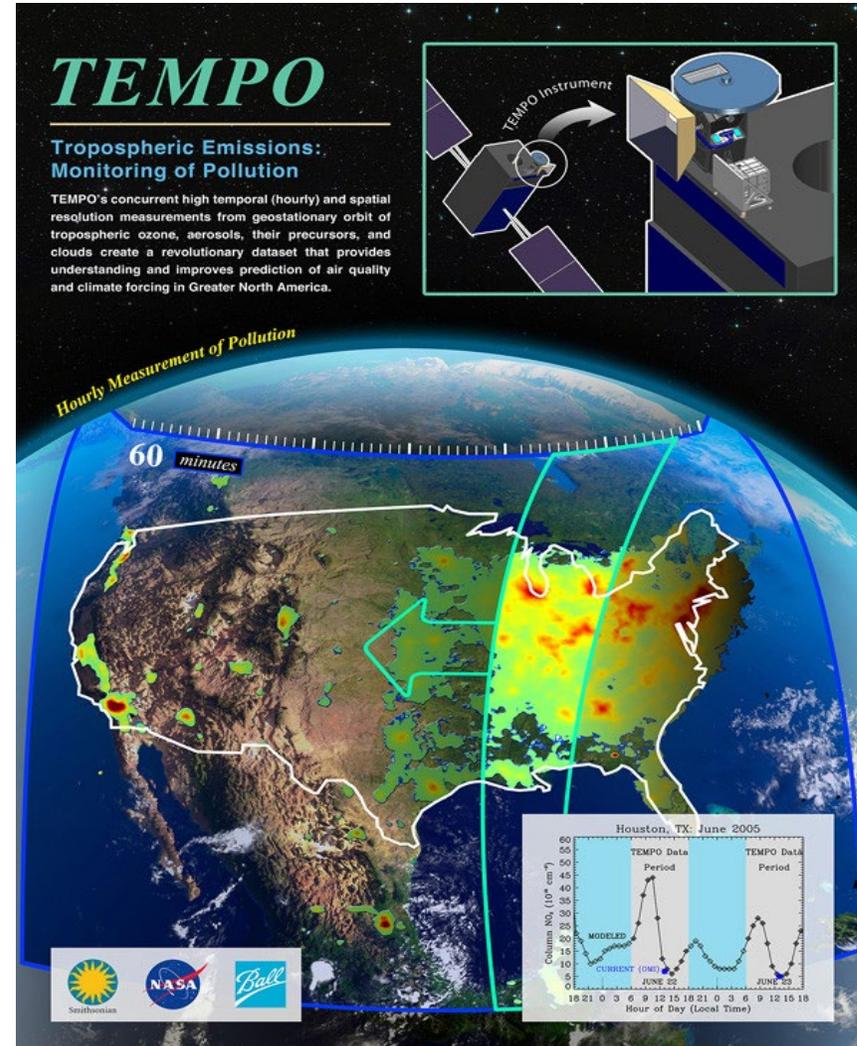


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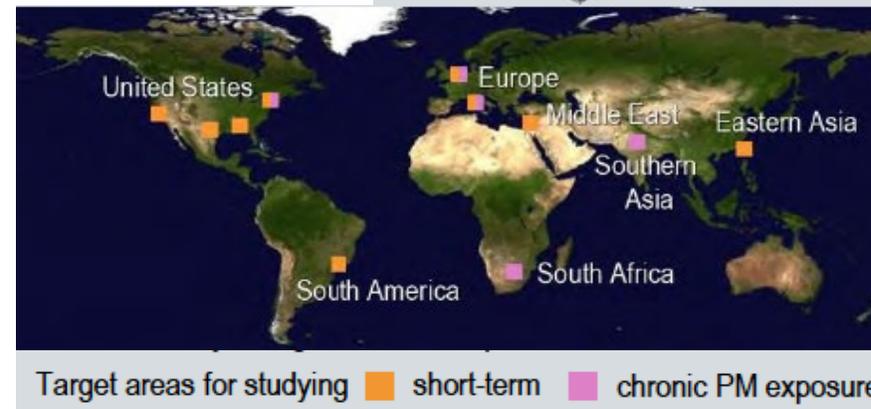
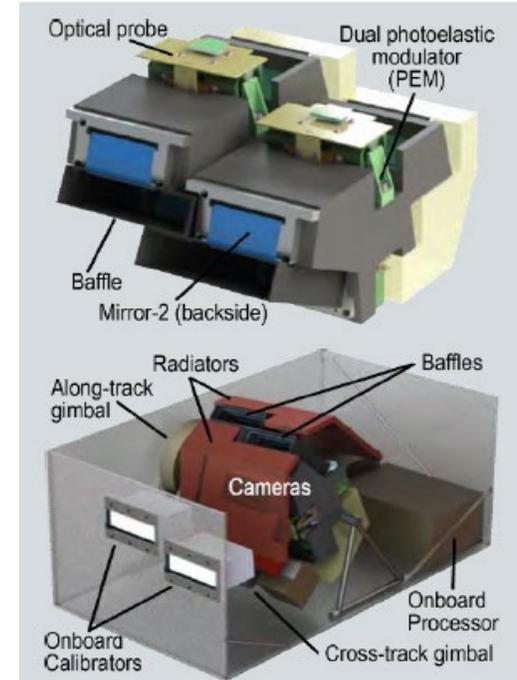
TEMPO

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



Multi-Angle Imager for Aerosols (MAIA)

- Mission Goal: Assess linkages between different airborne particulate matter types and adverse birth outcomes, cardiovascular and respiratory disease, and premature deaths
- Sun synchronous orbit
- Spatial Resolution: 230 m
- Large Swath Width: 600 km
- Expected Launch: 2021



Can satellites help fill some of the data gaps?

What are the advantages of polar orbiting satellites compared to geostationary satellites and vice-versa?

