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# World Health Organization PM<sub>2.5</sub> Estimates

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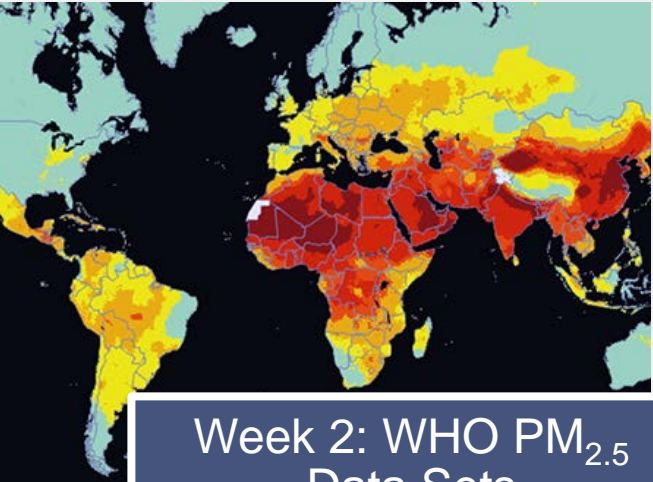
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# Webinar Series Agenda



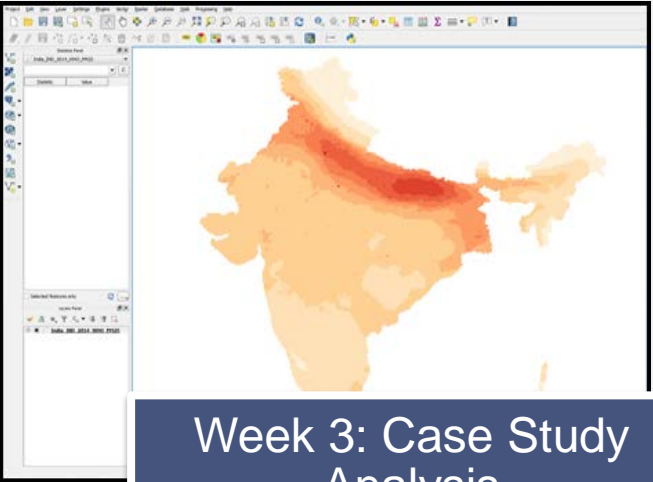
The image shows the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) arranged in a grid. Each goal is represented by a colored square with an icon and a number. The goals are: 1. No Poverty, 2. Zero Hunger, 3. Good Health and Well-being, 4. Quality Education, 5. Gender Equality, 6. Clean Water and Sanitation, 7. Affordable and Clean Energy, 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth, 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, 10. Reduced Inequalities, 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities, 12. Responsible Consumption and Production, 13. Climate Action, 14. Life Below Water, 15. Life on Land, 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, and 17. Partnerships for the Goals.

**Week 1: ARSET Remote Sensing and SDGs**



A world map showing the distribution of WHO PM<sub>2.5</sub> data sets. The map is color-coded, with red and orange indicating higher concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and yellow and green indicating lower concentrations. The map is framed by a red border.

**Week 2: WHO PM<sub>2.5</sub> Data Sets**



A screenshot of a GIS application showing a map of India. The map is color-coded, with red and orange indicating higher concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and yellow and green indicating lower concentrations. The map is framed by a black border.

**Week 3: Case Study Analysis**

## Session 2: Outline

1. Brief review of Session 1
2. Introduction to the Data Integration Model for Air Quality (DIMAQ)
3. Review of Available World Health Organization (WHO) Tools

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# Learning Objectives

1. Learn about the DIMAQ model used to calculate  $PM_{2.5}$  estimates as well as the various datasets that are used as inputs
2. Learn about several online tools to access and view the WHO estimates

A world map with a semi-transparent white rectangular overlay box covering the central and left portions. The map uses a color gradient from light yellow to dark red to represent different data points across the globe. The overlay box contains the text 'Review of Session 1' and a horizontal line.

# Review of Session 1

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# UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

## Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

### Goal 3 – Good Health and Well Being

- Target 3.9; Indicator 3.9.1
- Mortality rate attributed to household and ambient air pollution (annual mean levels of air pollution (fine particulate matter [ $PM_{2.5}$ ]))

### Goal 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

- Target 11.6; Indicator 11.6.2
- Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter (e.g.  $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_{10}$ ) in cities (population weighted)

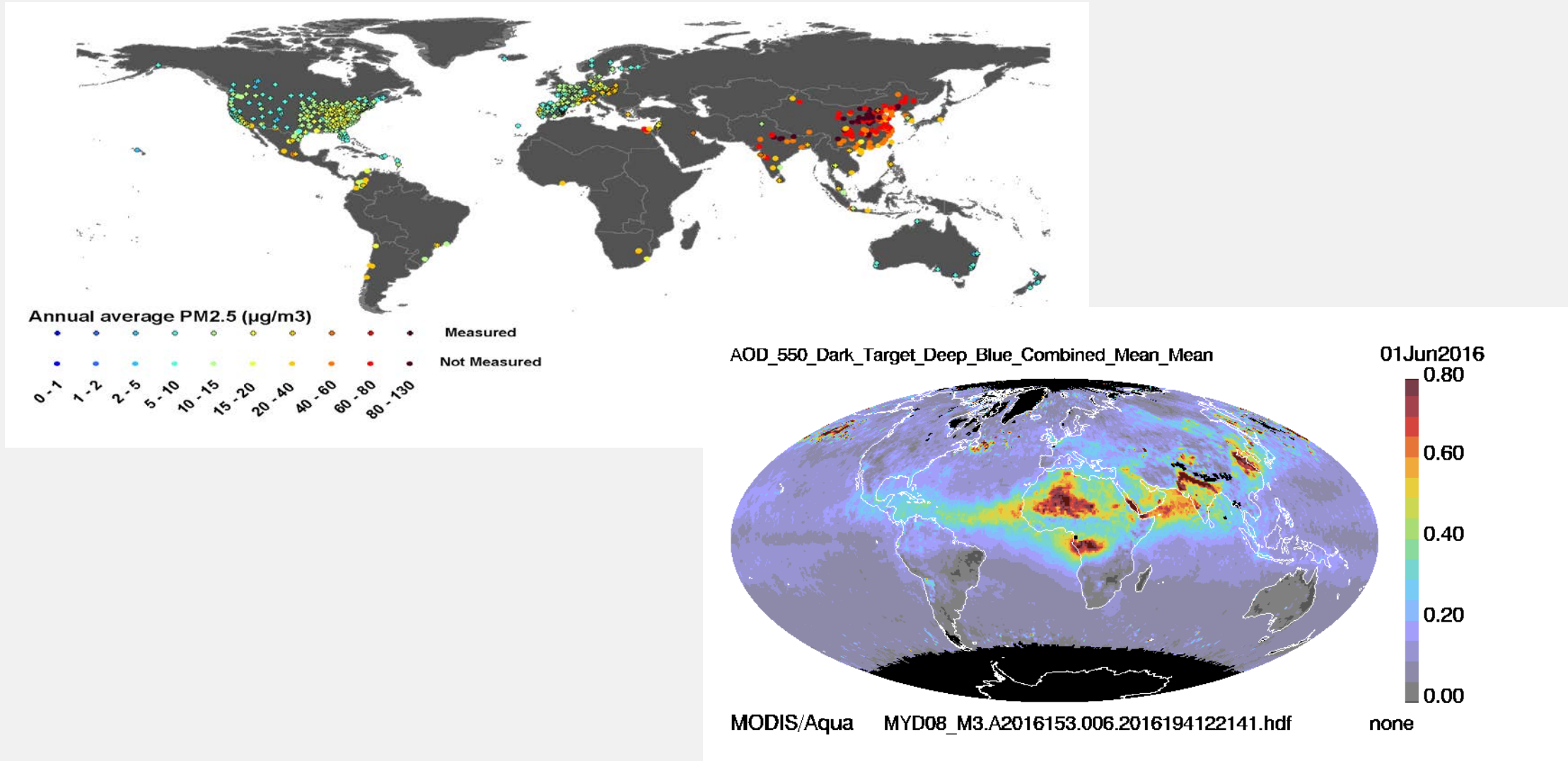


Text adapted from "[Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)"



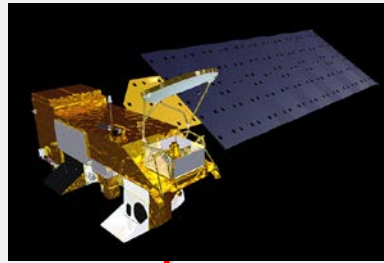
# Remote Sensing of Aerosols

## Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD) from Satellite



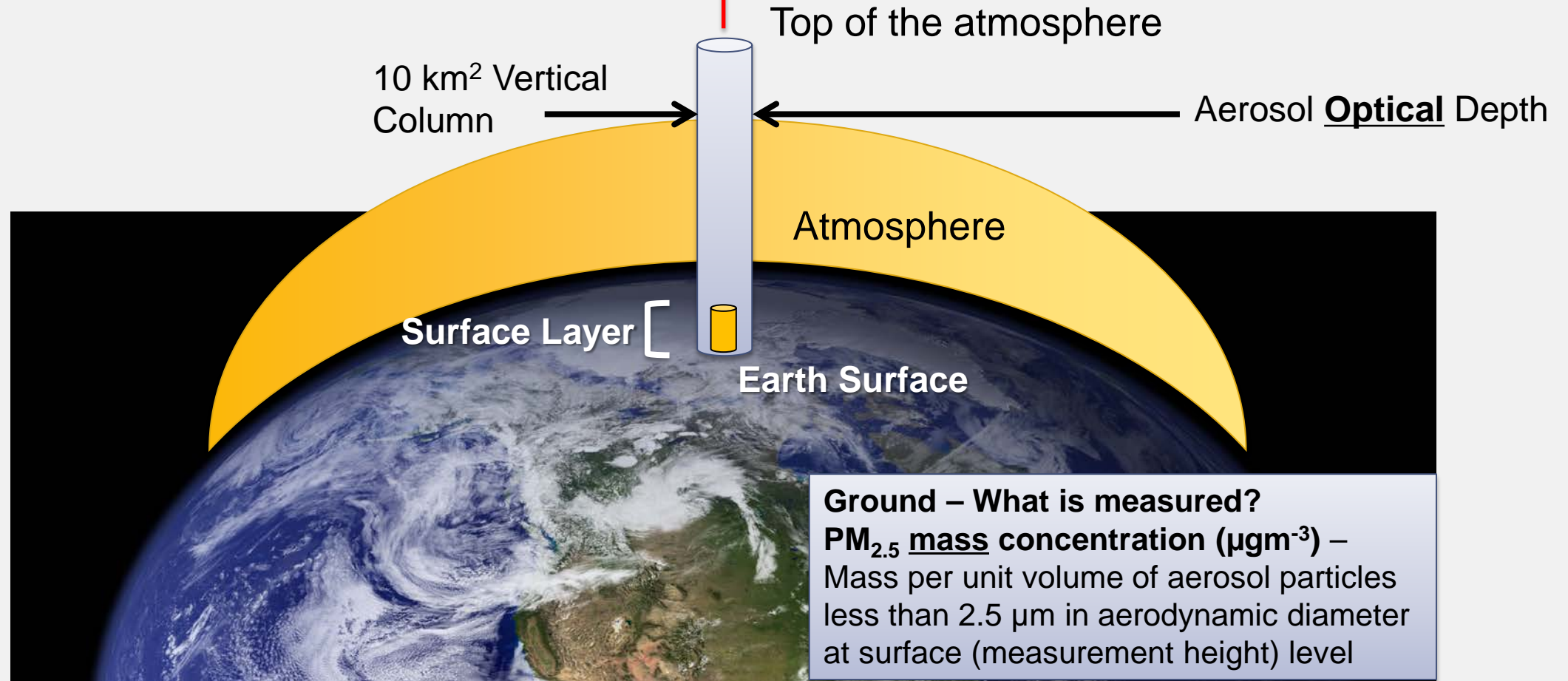
# Remote Sensing of Aerosols

## Satellite vs. Ground



### Satellite – What is measured?

**AOD** – Column integrated value (top of the atmosphere to surface) - Optical measurement of aerosol loading – unitless. AOD is function of shape, size, type and number concentration of aerosols





# Remote Sensing of Aerosols

## AOD-PM Relationship

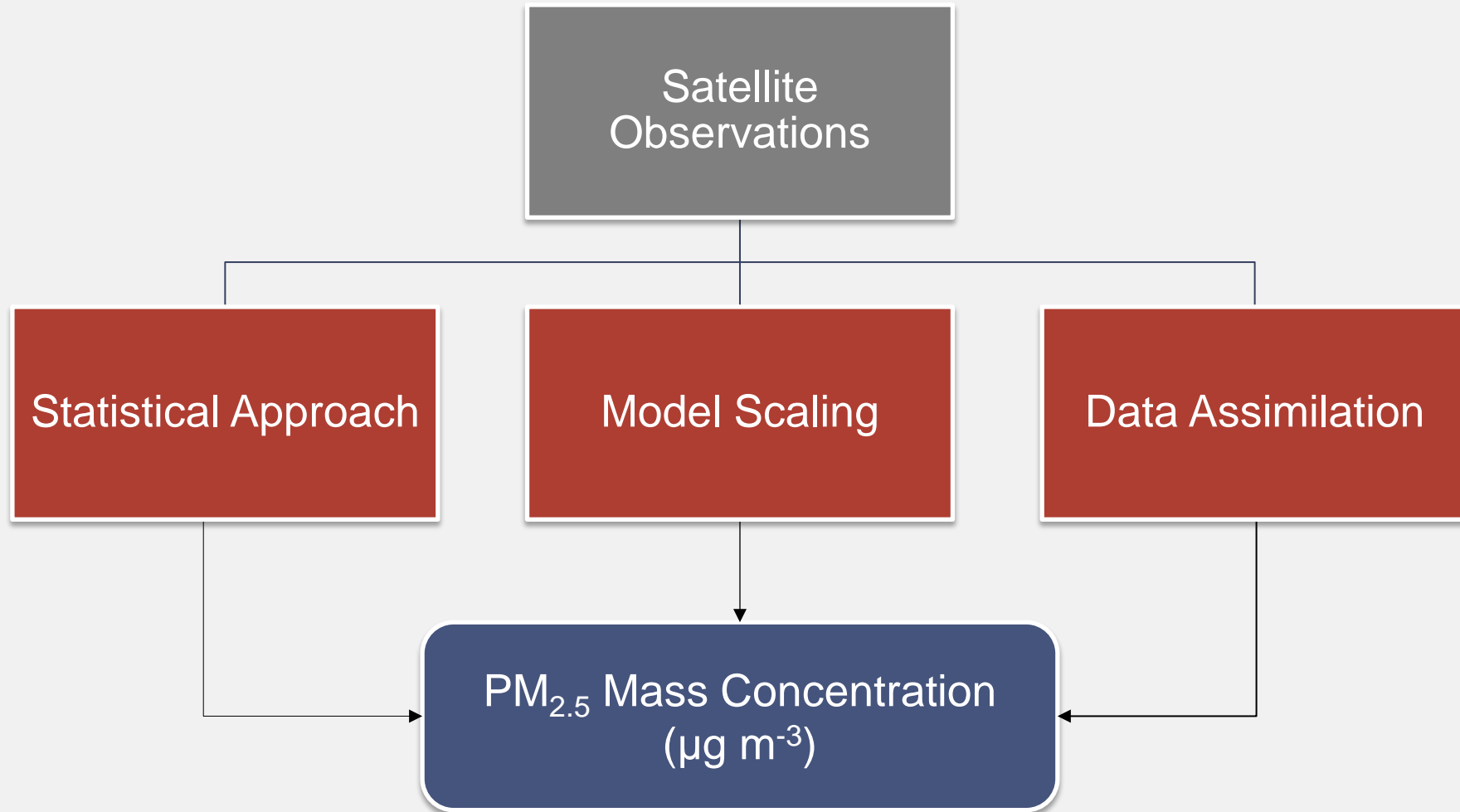
Assuming cloud-free skies, a well mixed boundary layer with no overhead aerosols, and aerosols that have similar optical properties\*, AOD and  $PM_{2.5}$  can be related by the following equation:

$$PM_{2.5} = \frac{4\rho r_{eff}}{3QH P_{BLf}(RH)} \times AOD$$

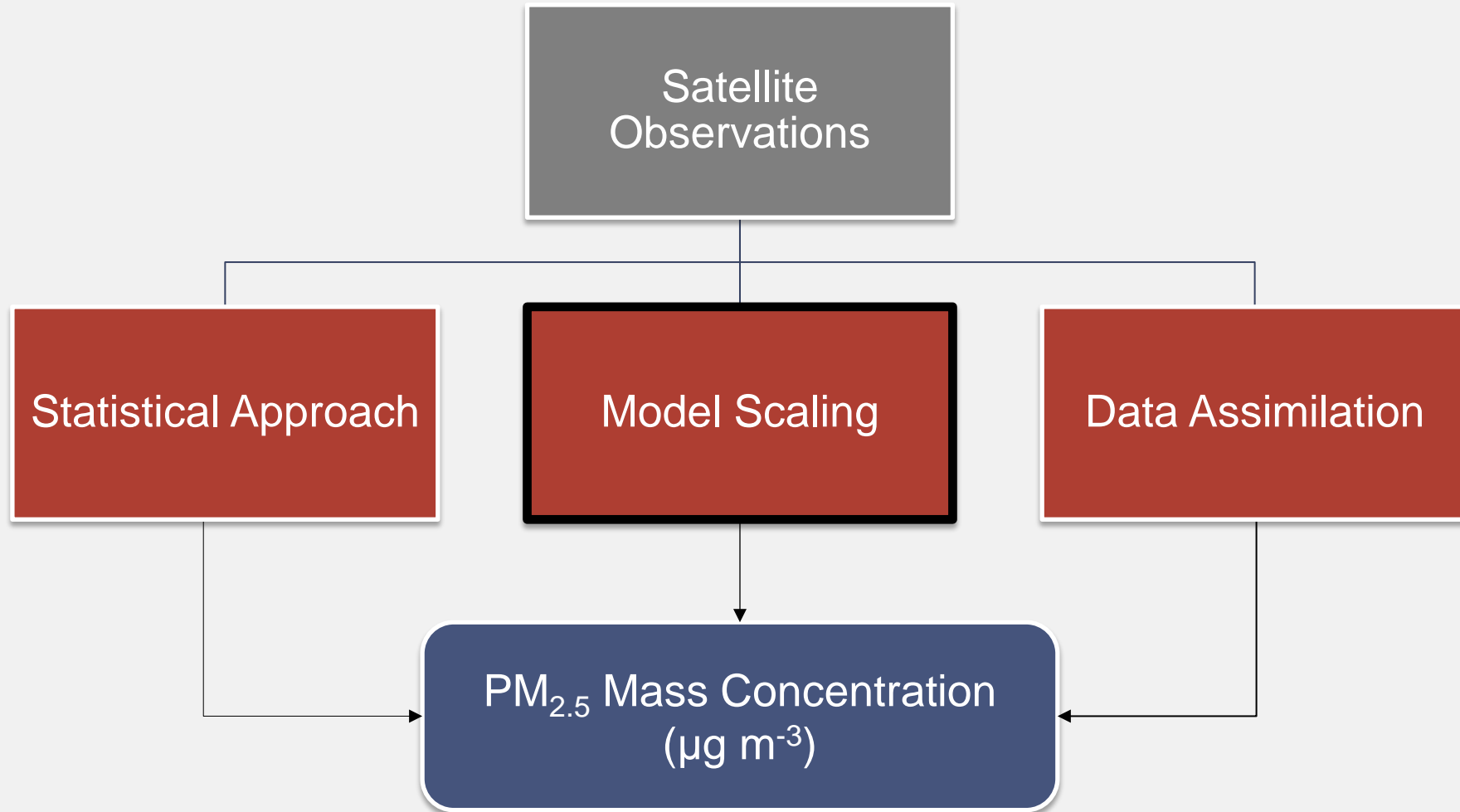
- $\rho$ : aerosol mass density
- $r_{eff}$ : particle effective radius
- $Q$ : extinction coefficient
- $H_{PBL}$ : mixing height
- $f(RH)$ : how aerosol scattering changes with changing relative humidity

\*Hoff, R. & Christopher, S., 2009, J. Air and Waste Manage.Assoc., doi:10.3155/1047-3289.59.6.645

# Satellite Remote Sensing of PM<sub>2.5</sub>: Summary



# Satellite Remote Sensing of PM<sub>2.5</sub>: Summary



# Model Scaling Approach

Let an atmospheric chemistry model decide the conversion from AOD to  $PM_{2.5}$

$$\text{Satellite-Derived } PM_{2.5} = \left( \frac{PM_{2.5}}{AOD} \right)_{\text{Model}} \times AOD_{\text{Satellite}}$$

Source: Liu et al., 2006



Satellite-Based Estimate of PM<sub>2.5</sub>

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# Satellite-Based Estimate (Van Donkelaar et al., 2016, doi:10.1021/acs.est.5b05833)

## AOD From Satellites

Eight retrievals of AOD from four different instruments

Instrument	MODIS: Terra/Aqua			MISR	SeaWiFS
					
Retrieval Algorithm	Deep Blue	Dark Target	MAIAC	MISR	Deep Blue
Horizontal Resolution	10 km	10 km	1 km	17.6 km	13.5 km

Van Donkelaar et al., 2016, doi:10.1021/acs.est.5b05833.

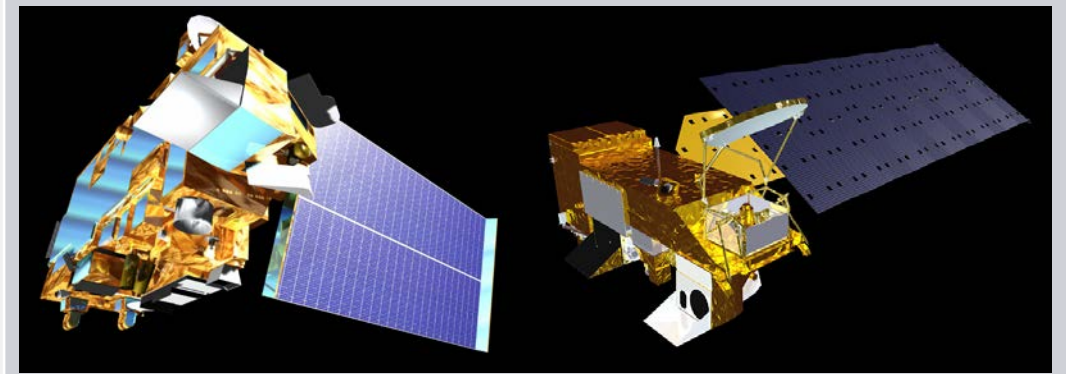
The Van Donkelaar product is available at: <http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/data/set/sdei-global-annual-avg-pm2-5-modis-misr-seawifs-aod-1998-2012>

# MODIS

## MODerate resolution Imaging Spectrometer

- The MODIS instrument flies aboard both the Terra and Aqua satellites
  - Terra: morning overpass time
  - Aqua: afternoon overpass time
- 36 spectral bands covering from 0.405  $\mu\text{m}$  (or 405 nm) to 14.385  $\mu\text{m}$

### MODIS: Terra/Aqua



Deep Blue

Dark Target

MAIAC

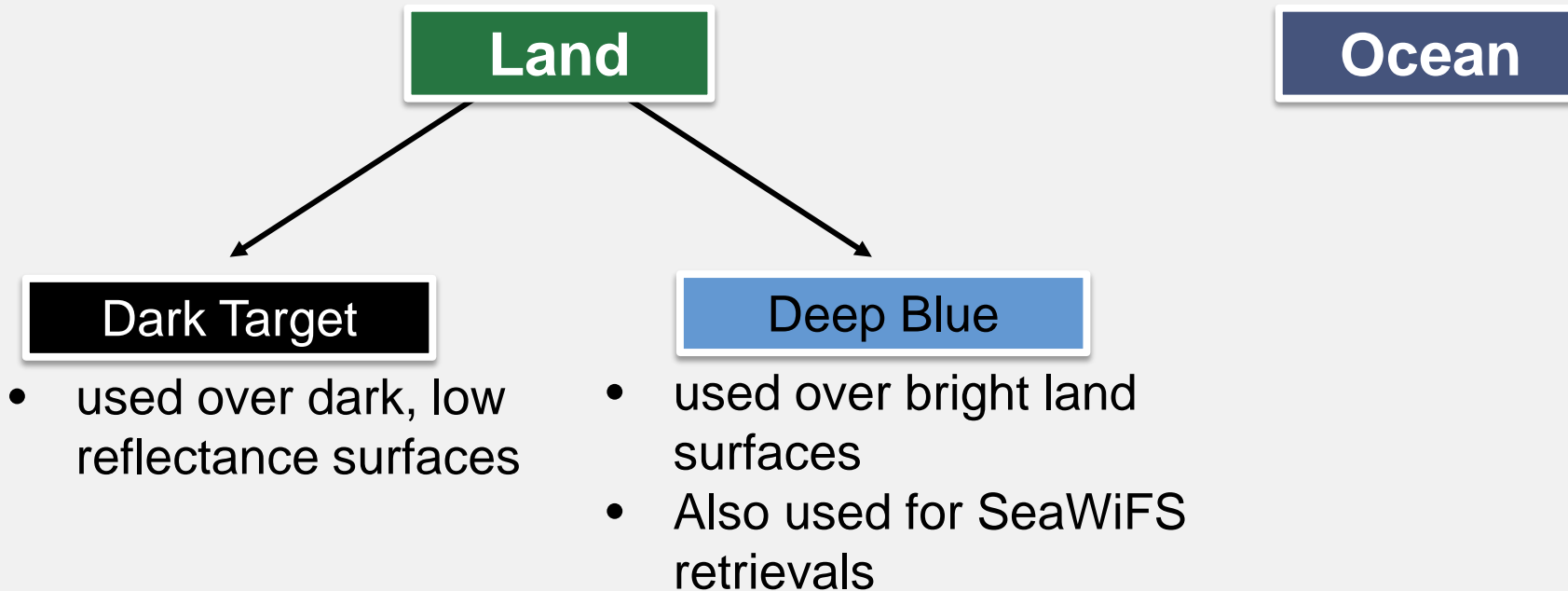
10 km

10 km  
3 km

1 km

# MODIS Aerosol Products

## Three Separate Algorithms



- The dark target and deep blue products are separate and when both are available, the user must select which to use
- In collection 6, there is a joint product that uses an automated procedure to select the appropriate product

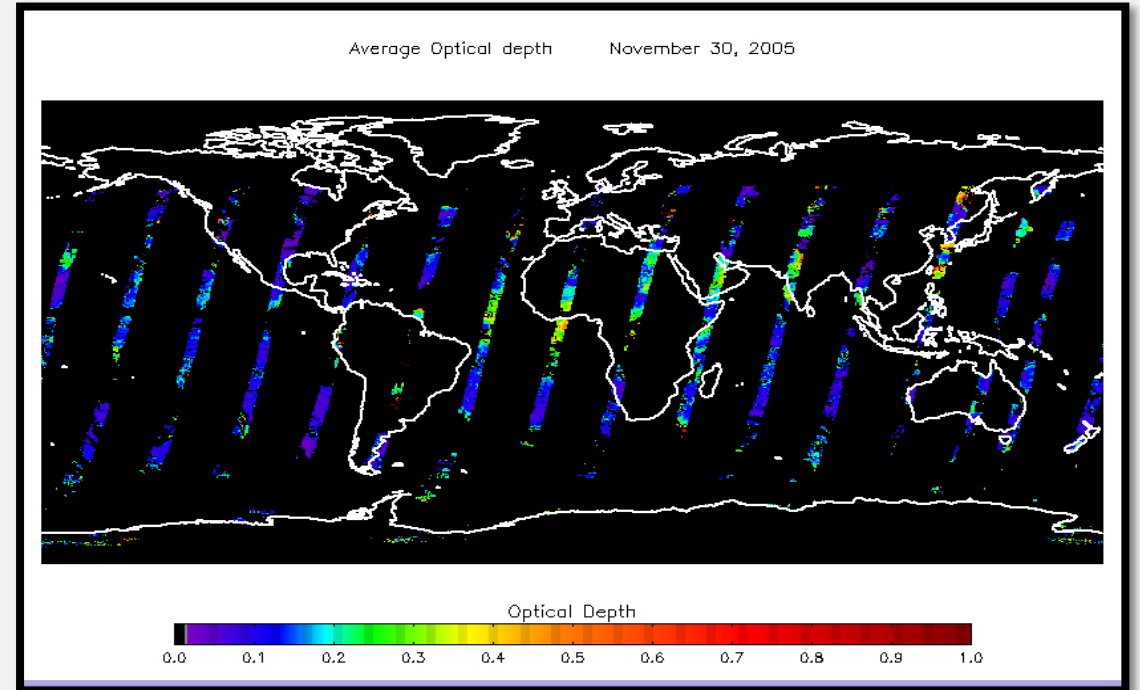
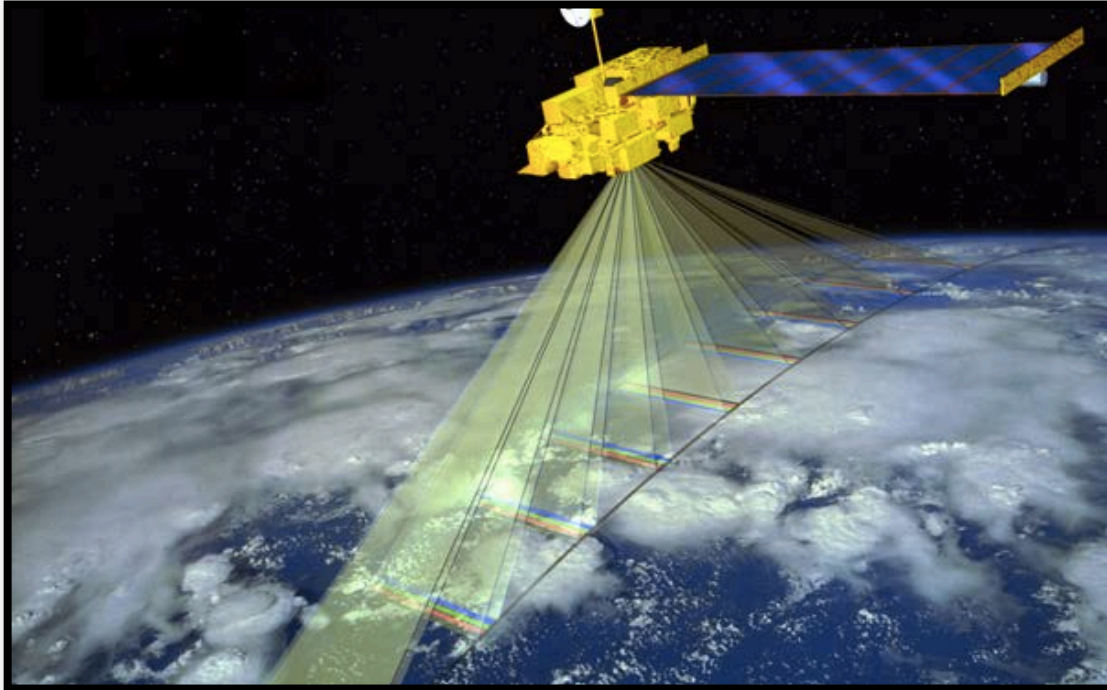
# MODIS

An additional algorithm – Not operational yet

- MAIAC: Multi-Angle Implementation of Atmospheric Correction
- Higher resolution (1 km) than Dark Target or Deep Blue (10 km)
- Based on time series and spatial analysis
- Can be used over areas with low reflectance and bright surfaces
- Also provides aerosol type (background / smoke / dust)

# MISR

## Multi-angle Imaging SpectroRadiometer

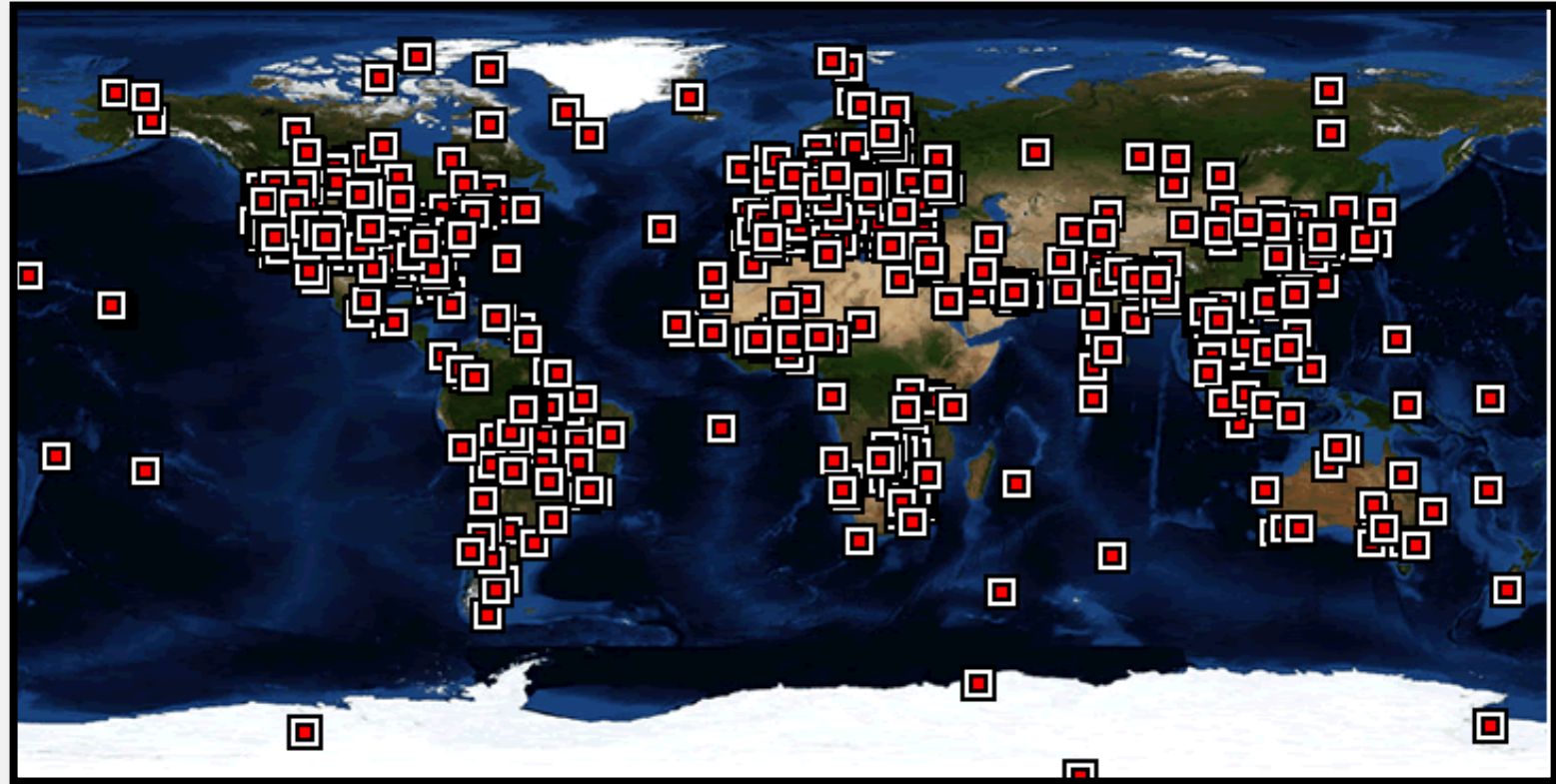




# AERONET

## AEROSol Robotic Network

- The AERONET network is a network of ground-based sun photometers
- They provide continuous cloud-screened observations of AOD

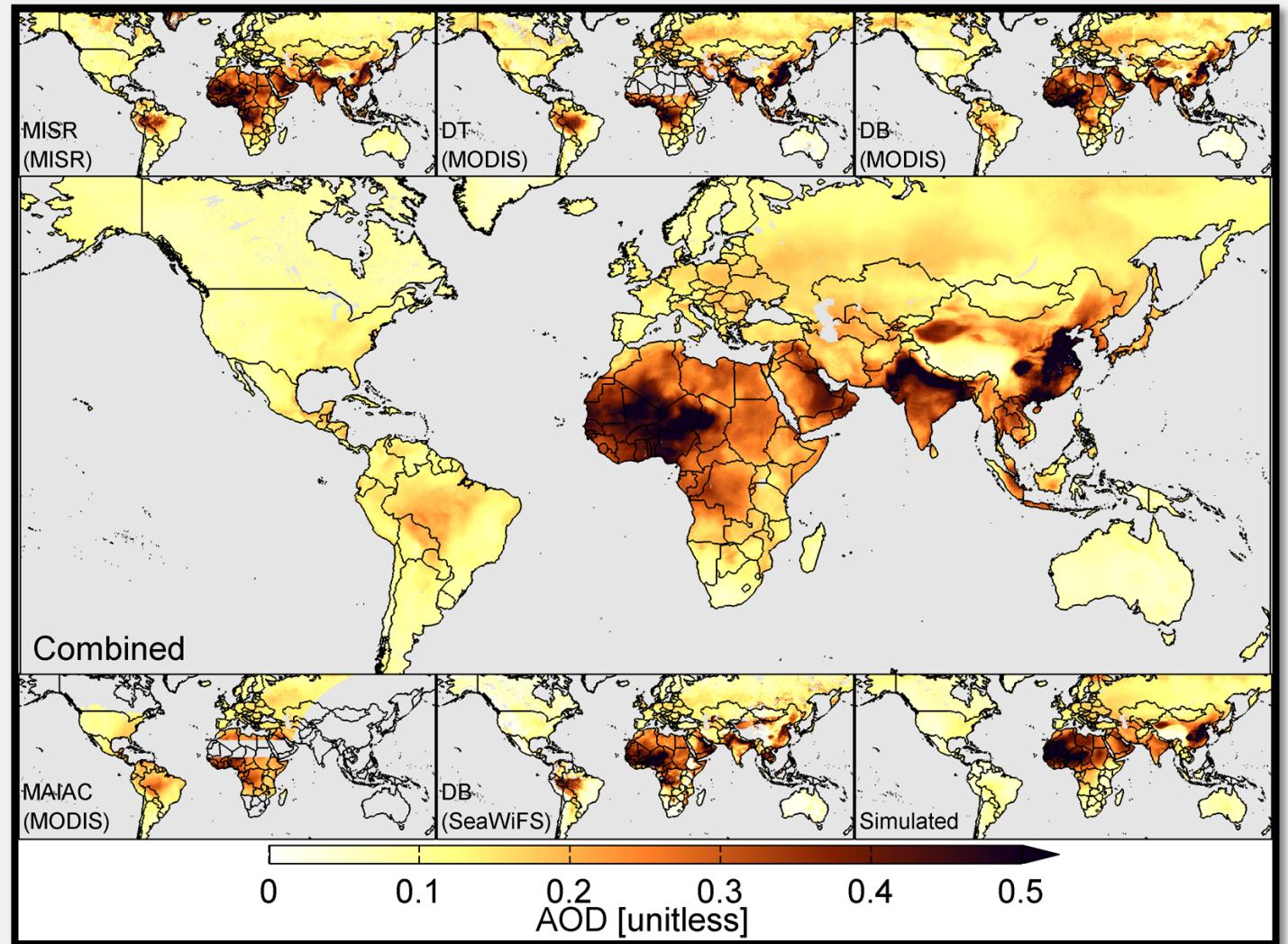
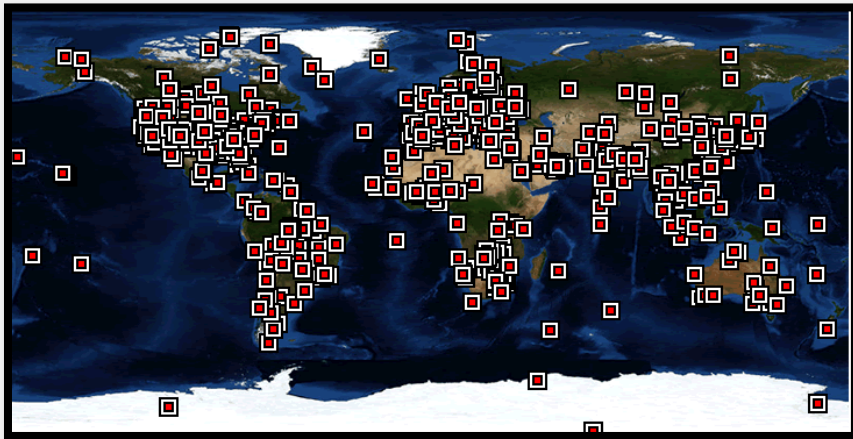


<https://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

# Satellite-Based Estimate

## Combine AOD estimates

- AERONET is used to determine the accuracy of each AOD source
- All AOD sources are combined



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• Image Credit: Van Donkelaar et al., 2016, Figure 1 (MODIS-Average of Terra and Aqua shown)

# Satellite-Based Estimate

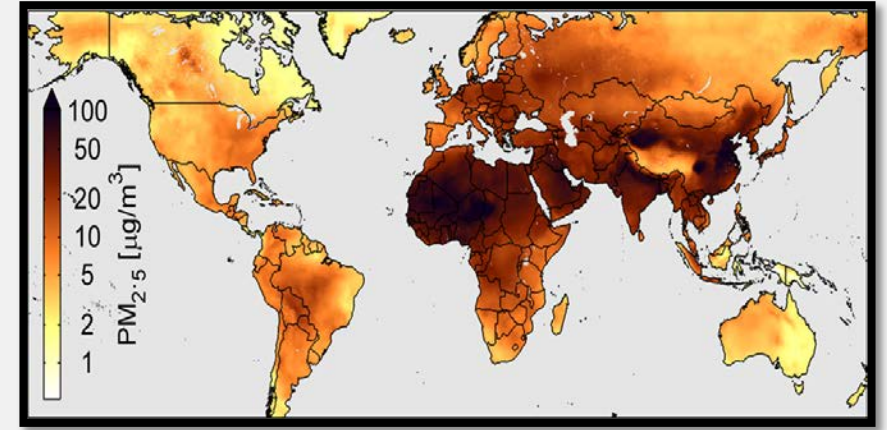
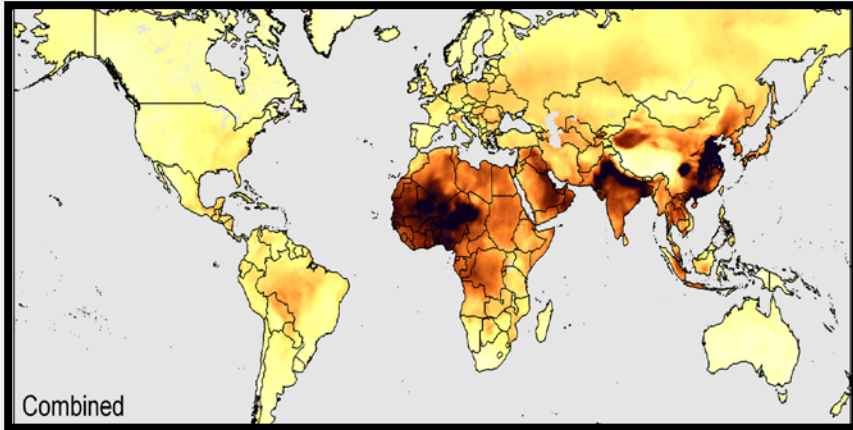
AOD  $\rightarrow$  PM<sub>2.5</sub>

AOD<sub>Satellite</sub> x

$$\left( \frac{\text{PM}_{2.5}}{\text{AOD}} \right)_{\text{Model}}$$

=

Satellite-Derived PM<sub>2.5</sub>



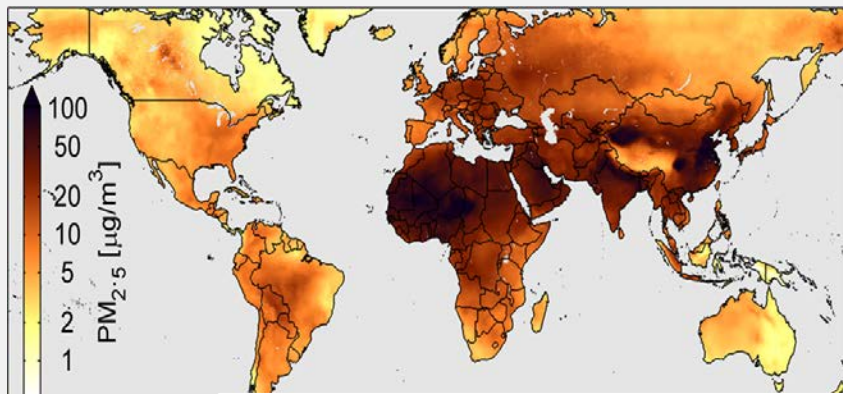
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# Satellite-Based Estimate

## Geographic Weighted Regression (GWR)

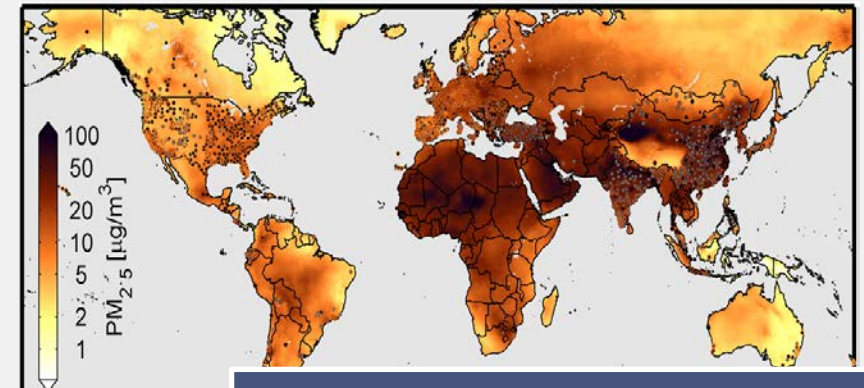
GWR corrects the satellite estimate using the relationship between  $PM_{2.5}$  from ground monitors and variables such as model aerosol composition, elevation data, and land use indicators



Satellite-Based  $PM_{2.5}$



GWR



Adjusted  $PM_{2.5}$

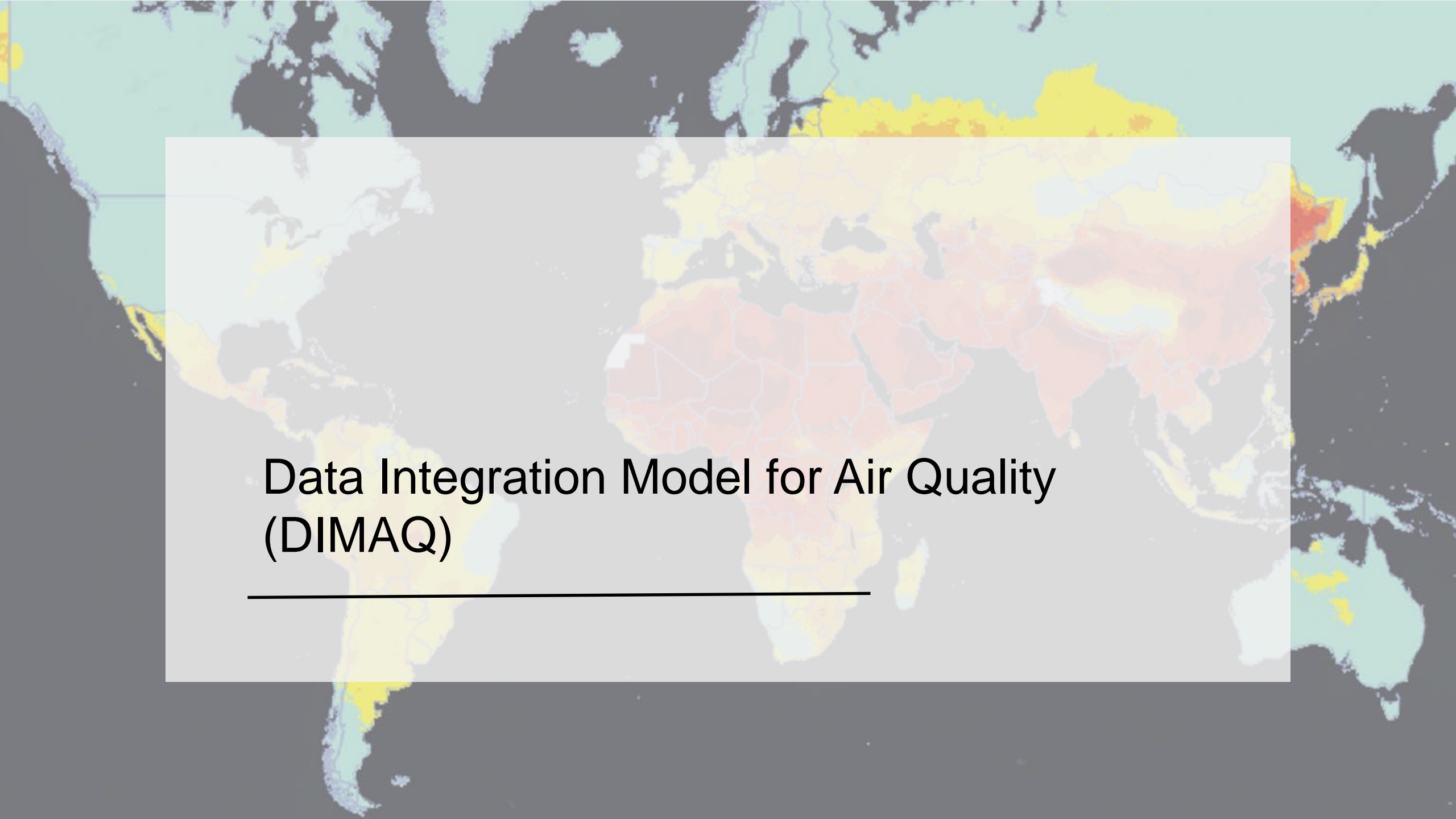
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# Satellite-Based Estimate

## Access and Limitations

- The Van Donkelaar estimate provides annual mean estimates of  $PM_{2.5}$
- It can be found at the following two locations:
  - <http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/data/set/sdei-global-annual-avg-pm2-5-modis-misr-seawifs-aod-1998-2012>
  - [http://fizz.phys.dal.ca/~atmos/martin/?page\\_id=140](http://fizz.phys.dal.ca/~atmos/martin/?page_id=140)
- However, this and other estimates do not provide an analysis of uncertainties
- The WHO and the University of Bath have led the development of the Data Integration Model for Air Quality (DIMAQ)
  - This model estimates  $PM_{2.5}$  along with their associated measures of uncertainty



A world map with a color-coded overlay representing air quality data. The colors range from light yellow (low pollution) to dark red (high pollution). High pollution areas are visible in East Asia, South Asia, and parts of Europe and Africa. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the map, containing the title text.

# Data Integration Model for Air Quality (DIMAQ)

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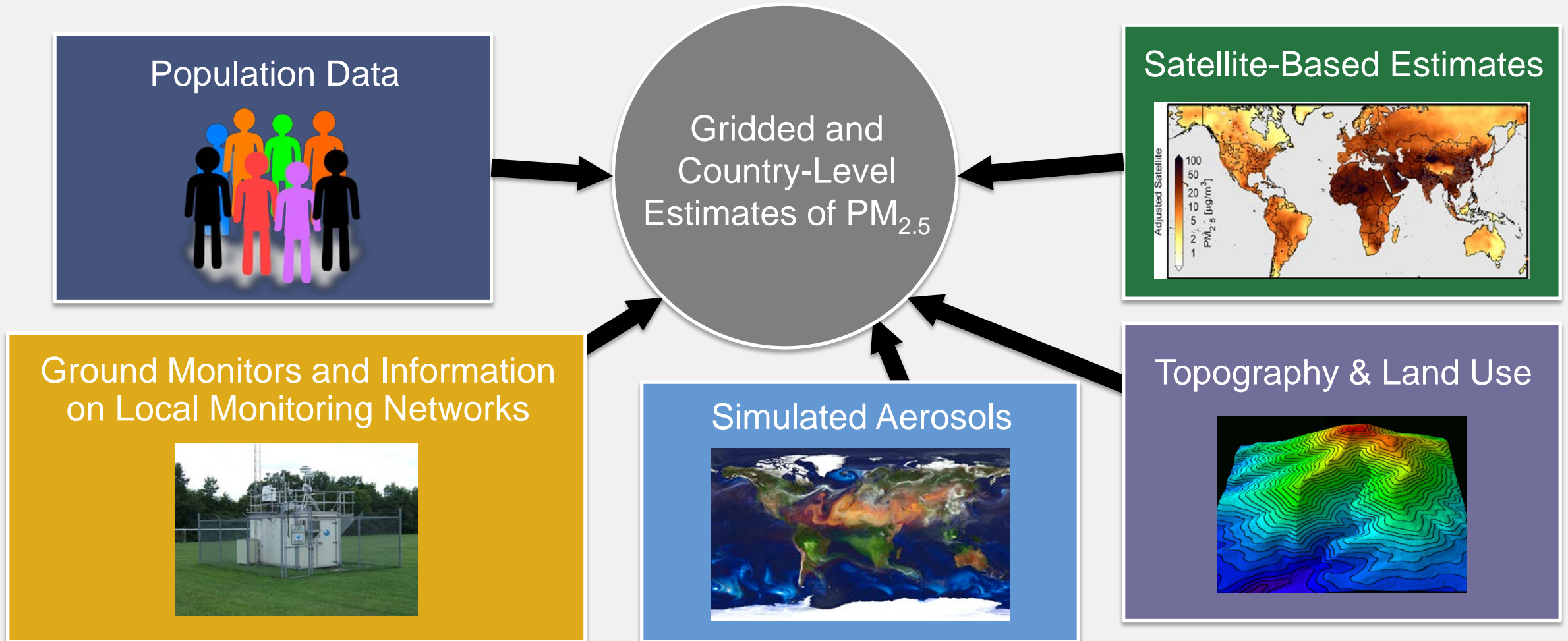
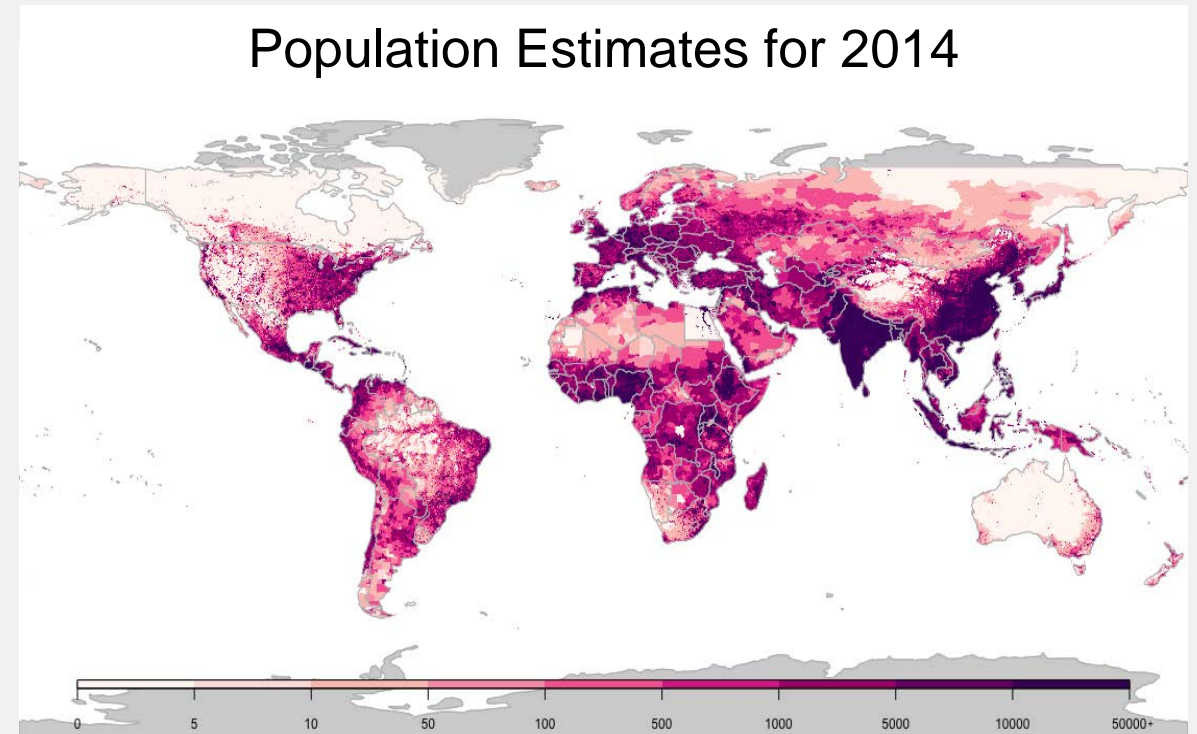


Image Credits: Population: Financial Tribune; Ground Monitor: EPA; Topography: Stephen Reynolds, Arizona State University

# Population Data

## Gridded Population of the World (GPW)

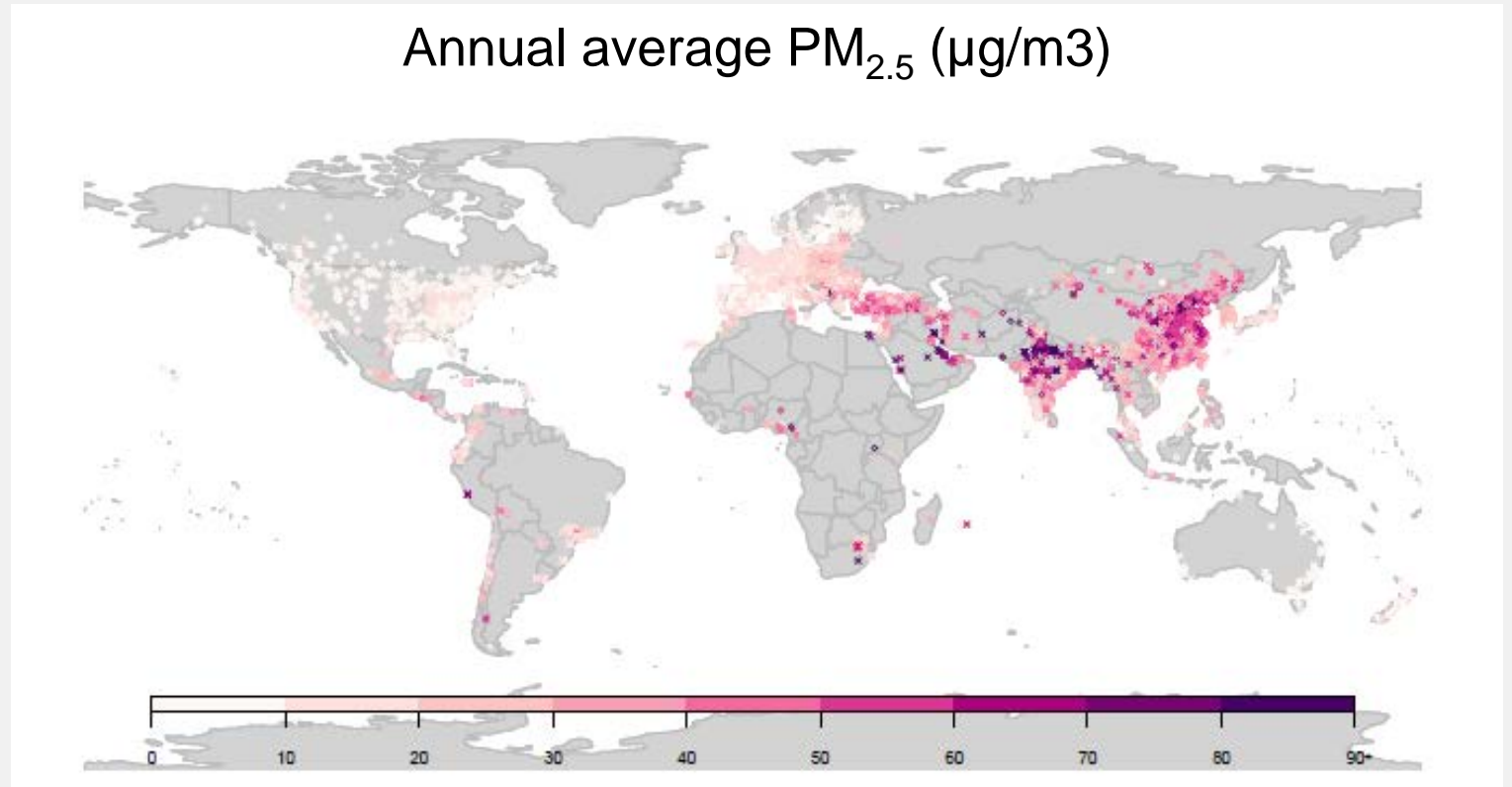
- Data provided at  $0.0417^\circ \times 0.0417^\circ$  resolution and aggregated to  $0.1^\circ \times 0.1^\circ$
- Data can be found at:  
<http://beta.sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/data/collection/gpw-v4>



Credit: Shaddick et al., 2016, submitted, Figure 4

# Ground Measurements

- Measurements of  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  from 6,003 ground monitors were used
- Locations and annual average  $PM_{2.5}$  (or  $PM_{2.5}$  converted from  $PM_{10}$ ) are shown
- Monitor data are from 2014 (46% of monitors), 2013 (36%), 2012 (9%), and 2006-2011, 2015 (9%)
- Where only  $PM_{10}$  data were available, observations were converted to  $PM_{2.5}$

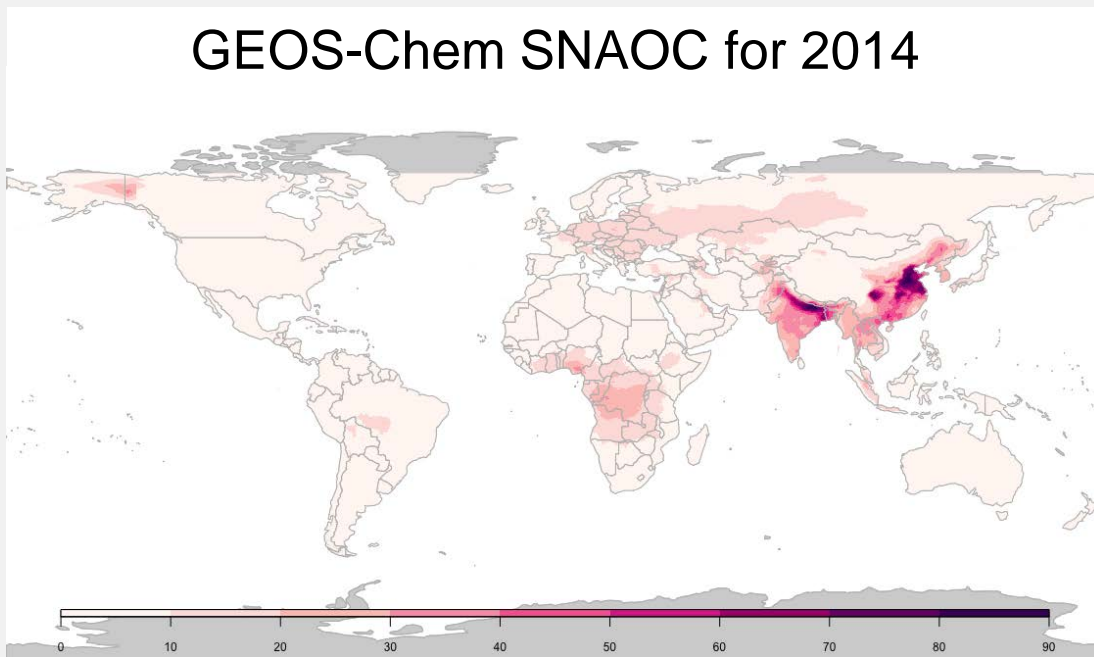


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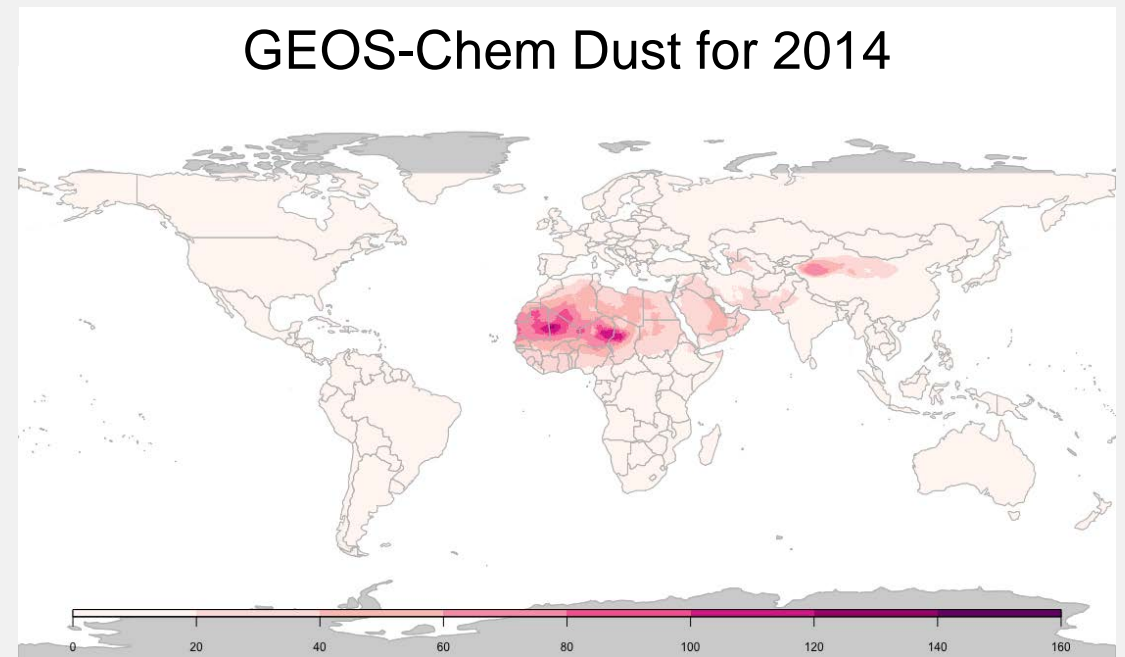


# Simulated Aerosols

- GEOS-Chem is an atmospheric chemical transport model: <http://acmg.seas.harvard.edu/geos/>
- Modeled estimates of the sum of different aerosol types (sulfate, nitrate, ammonium, and organic carbon - SNAOC) along with mineral dust were also inputs



Shaddick et al., 2016, submitted, Figure 3b



Shaddick et al., 2016, submitted, Figure 3c

# Topography and Land Use

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Difference in elevation between a ground monitor and the surrounding grid cells

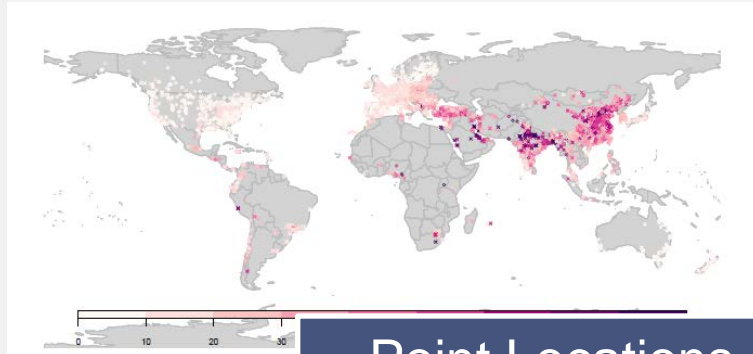


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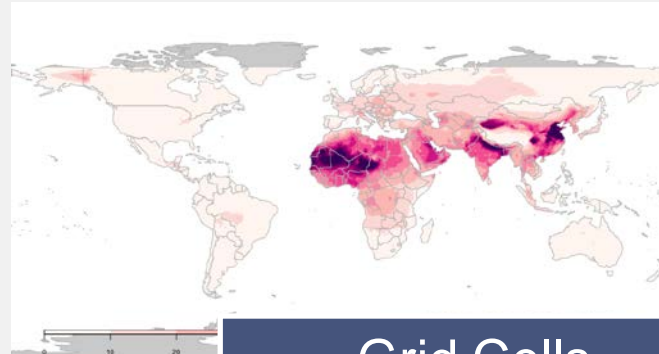
Distance to the nearest urban land surface



# Data Integration Model for Air Quality (DIMAQ)



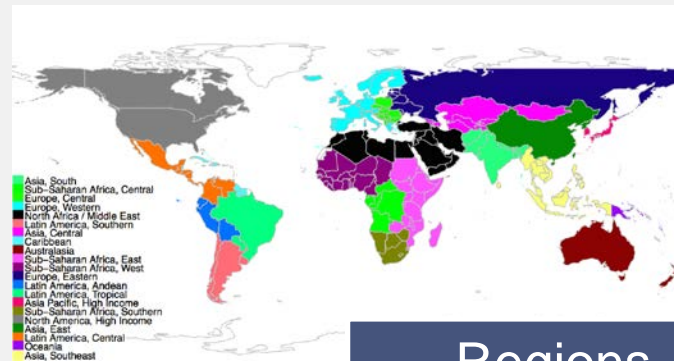
Point Locations



Grid Cells



Countries



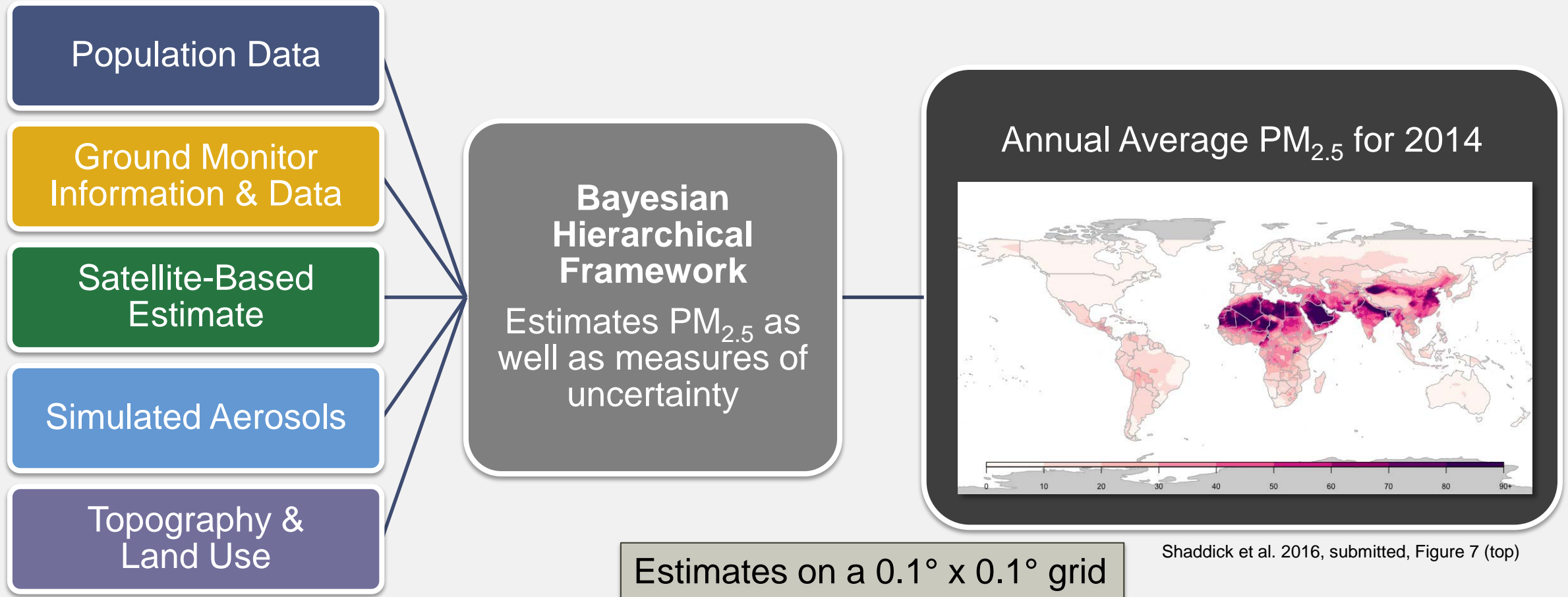
Regions




Super-Regions

Image credits: Shaddick et al. 2016, submitted, Figures 1 and 2; prinatble-maps.blogspot.com; Shaddick et al. 2016, submitted, Figures 5a and b.

# Data Integration Model for Air Quality (DIMAQ)



A world map with a semi-transparent white rectangular box overlaid on the center. The map uses a color gradient from light yellow to dark red to represent different data points across the globe. The text 'Available World Health Organization (WHO) Tools' is centered within the white box, with a horizontal line underneath it.

# Available World Health Organization (WHO) Tools

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# Where to Find and View the Data

## WHO Website – Country Level

The screenshot shows the WHO Global Health Observatory (GHO) data page for 'Exposure to ambient air pollution'. The page title is 'Global Health Observatory (GHO) data'. The main heading is 'Exposure to ambient air pollution'. Below the heading, there is a paragraph describing the mean ambient air pollution of particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 µm or less (PM2.5) in country urban areas, ranging from less than 10 to over 100 µg/m3. In urban areas, the mean concentration of particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 µm or less (PM2.5) ranges from less than 10 to over 100 µg/m3, and from less than 10 to over 200 µg/m3 for particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 µm or less (PM10).

The page features a navigation menu on the left with links to 'Global Health Observatory data', 'Data repository', 'Reports', 'Country statistics', 'Map gallery', and 'Standards'. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Situation at country level', 'Situation at grid level', and 'Situation at city level'. Each section includes a map and a 'View data' link. A red circle highlights the 'View interactive map/graph' link under the 'Situation at country level' section. A red arrow points from this link to the text on the right side of the slide.

Global Health Observatory (GHO) data > Ambient air pollution

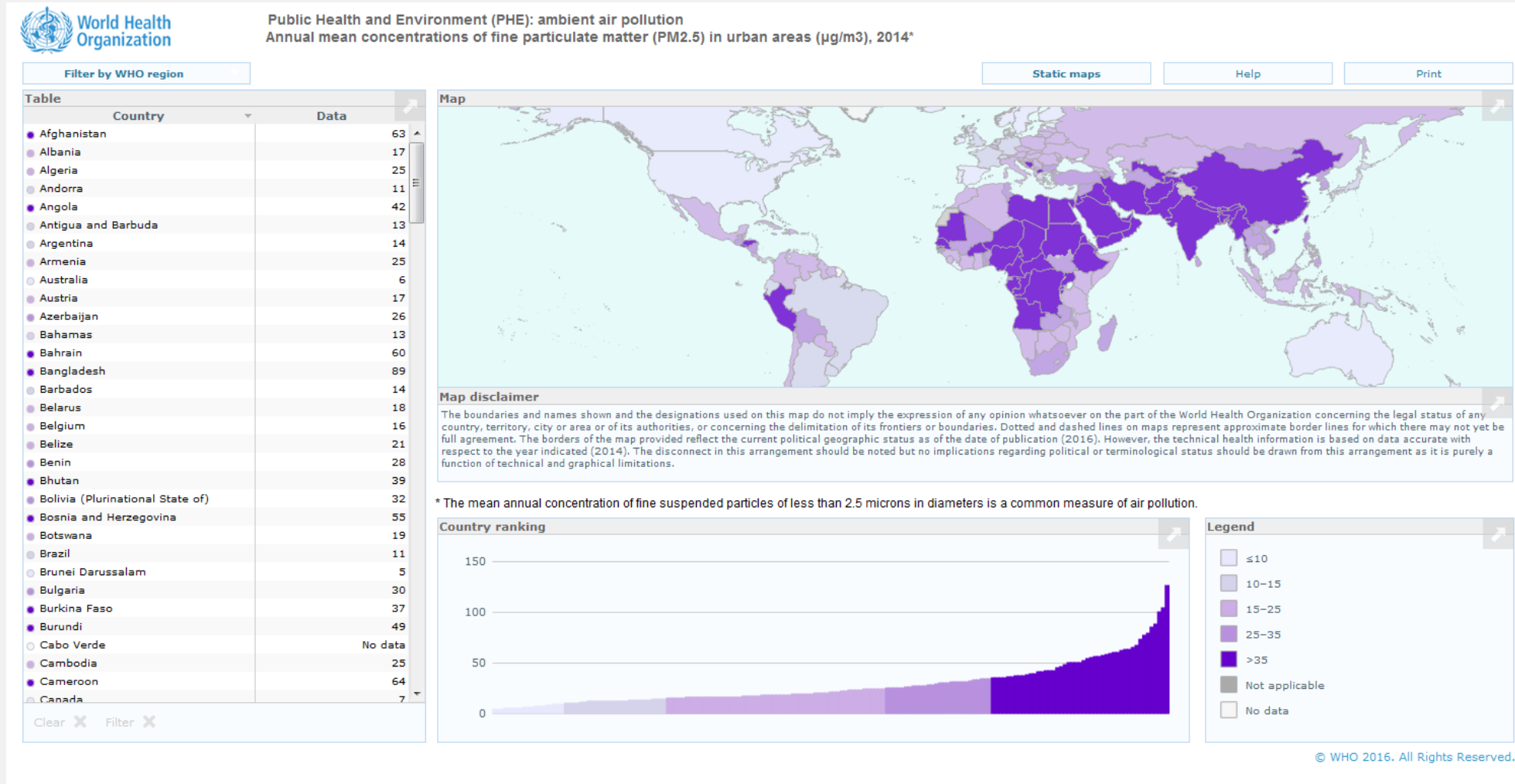
[http://www.who.int/gho/phe/outdoor\\_air\\_pollution/exposure/en/](http://www.who.int/gho/phe/outdoor_air_pollution/exposure/en/)

Follow this link to download 2014 country level data:

- Formats: csv, Excel, html, XML, etc.
- Can also filter by country and download

# PM<sub>2.5</sub> at Country Level

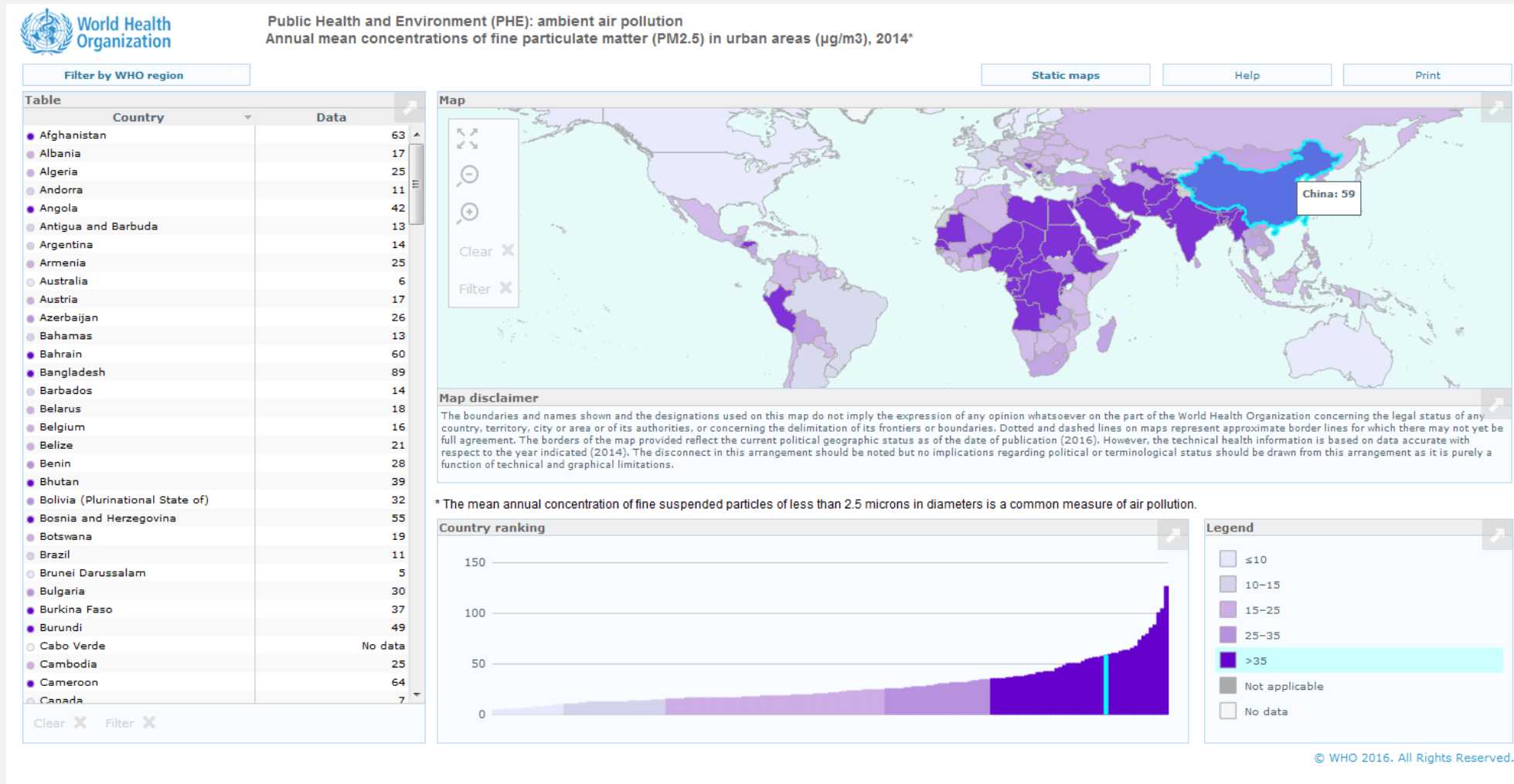
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# Where to Find and View the Data

## WHO Website – Grid Level

**Global Health Observatory (GHO) data**

**Global Health Observatory data**

- Data repository
- Reports
- Country statistics
- Map gallery
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### Exposure to ambient air pollution

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**Situation at country level**

View interactive map/graph

View data  
Read more

**Situation at grid level**

View interactive map

View data, metadata and detailed methods of estimation

**Situation at city level**

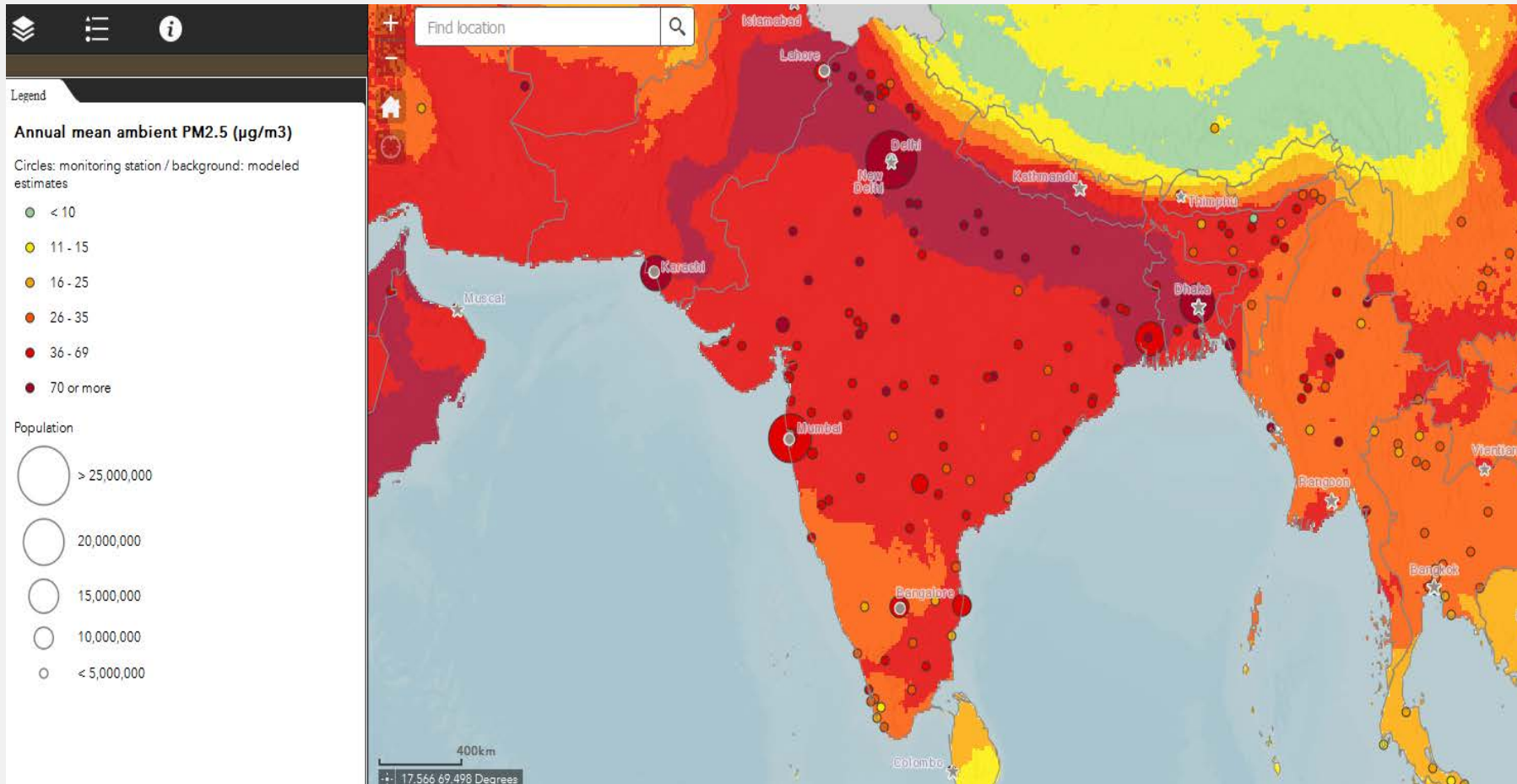
View full size map (PM10)  
View full size map (PM2.5)  
View data | Read more

Global Health Observatory (GHO) data > Ambient air pollution

[http://www.who.int/gho/phe/outdoor\\_air\\_pollution/exposure/en/](http://www.who.int/gho/phe/outdoor_air_pollution/exposure/en/)

# PM<sub>2.5</sub> at Grid Level

<http://maps.who.int/airpollution/>



Zooming in shows circles indicating monitoring stations

# PM<sub>2.5</sub> at Grid Level

[http://www.who.int/phe/health\\_topics/outdoorair/databases/modelled-estimates/en/](http://www.who.int/phe/health_topics/outdoorair/databases/modelled-estimates/en/)

## Public health, environmental and social determinants of health (PHE)

- Public health, environmental and social determinants of health
- About us
- News and events
- Health topics**
- Publications

### Modelled Global Ambient Air Pollution estimates

Estimation of global health risks from exposure to ambient air pollution requires a comprehensive set of air pollution exposure data covering all inhabited areas. The recently developed Data Integration Model for Air Quality (DIMAQ) has produced estimates based on data from ground measurements together with information from other sources including data from satellite retrievals of aerosol optical depth and chemical transport models. It provides estimates of annual exposures of PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels at high spatial resolution (0.1° × 0.1°, which equates to approximately 11x11km at the equator) globally.

The sources of data include: Ground measurements from 6 003 monitoring locations around the world, satellite remote sensing; population estimates; topography; and information on local monitoring networks and measures of specific contributors of air pollution from chemical transport models. The DIMAQ model calibrates data from these sources with ground measurements. This model has provided produced estimates of air quality, expressed in terms of median concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub>, for all regions of the world, including areas in which PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring is not available.

This model has been developed by an international group of experts, and led by the University of Bath and WHO.

- [Global ambient air pollution map](#)  Global map containing both modelled and monitored annual mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels.
- [DIMAQ database, 2014 data](#)  csv, 51.33Mb  
Contains the following rows: longitude, latitude, country code, PM<sub>2.5</sub> (annual average PM<sub>2.5</sub> in µg/m<sup>3</sup>, for 2014)
- [Detailed methods for DIMAQ](#)  Data Integration Model for Air Quality: A Hierarchical Approach to the Global Estimation of Exposures to Ambient Air Pollution
- [Meta-data file for DIMAQ](#)  xlsx, 156kb

Related links

- [Ambient air pollution: A global assessment of exposure and burden of disease](#)
- [More on ambient air pollution](#)

- ← Map from previous slide
- ← .csv file with gridded PM<sub>2.5</sub> estimates
- ← Link to Shaddick et al. 2016 paper
- ← Meta-data for PM<sub>2.5</sub> estimates

# Where to Find and View the Data

## WHO Website – City Level

**Global Health Observatory (GHO) data**

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**Situation at city level**  
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View full size map (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)  
View data | Read more

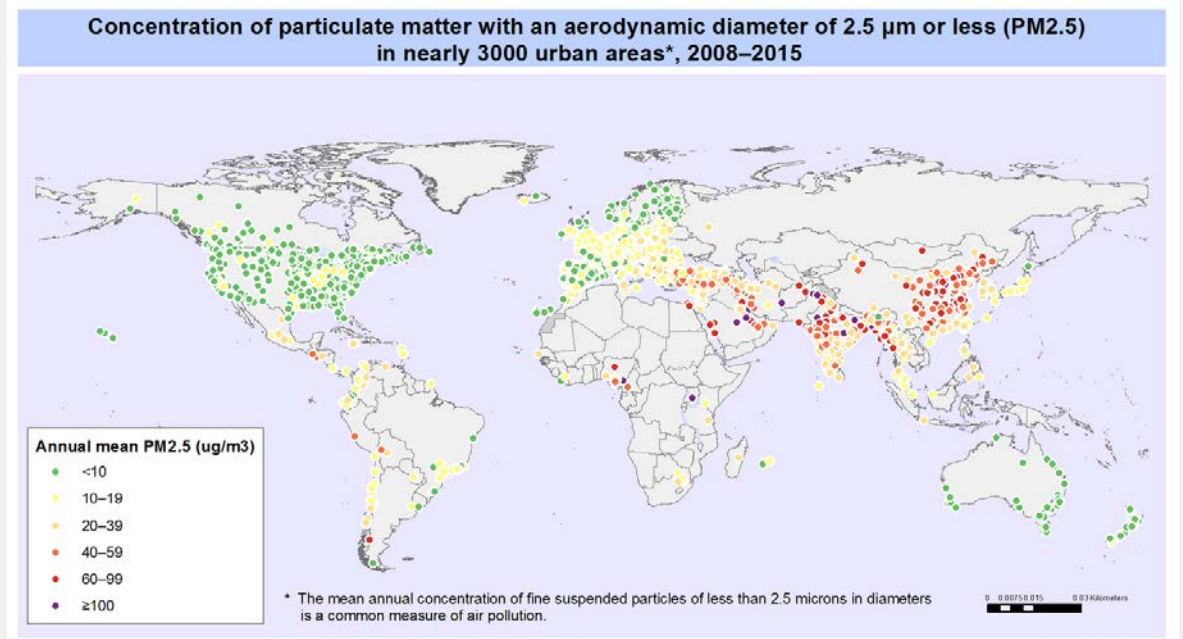
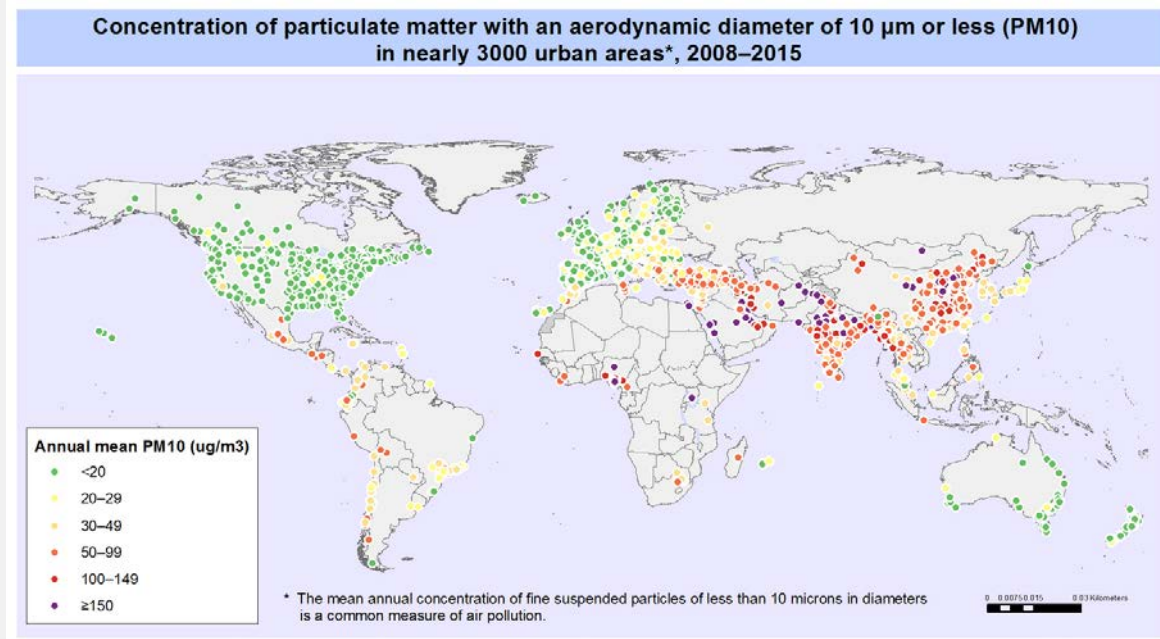
Global Health Observatory (GHO) data > Ambient air pollution

[http://www.who.int/gho/phe/outdoor\\_air\\_pollution/exposure/en/](http://www.who.int/gho/phe/outdoor_air_pollution/exposure/en/)

← Maps of city level PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
← .csv file with city level annual means

# PM<sub>2.5</sub> at City Level

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# Where to Find the Data

## NASA Aura Validation Data Center

- Dr. Pawan Gupta has subsetting the DIMAQ gridded data by country
- The individual country .csv files are available at:
  - [http://avdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/tmp/WHO\\_PM25\\_2014\\_COUNTRY\\_DATA/](http://avdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/tmp/WHO_PM25_2014_COUNTRY_DATA/)
- There is also a readme.txt file



# Home Work – Due March 28, 2017

English: <http://goo.gl/forms/Xzoz8BD6S9VxnCTv2>

Spanish: <http://goo.gl/forms/EeHbZxArdecnvajd2>

- All the material will be available at:

<https://arset.gsfc.nasa.gov/airquality/webinars/AQ-SDG-17>

# Next Week: Case Study Analysis

- Before next week's session each registrant must:
  - Download the .csv files by country:  
[http://avdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/tmp/WHO\\_PM25\\_2014\\_COUNTRY\\_DATA/](http://avdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/tmp/WHO_PM25_2014_COUNTRY_DATA/)
  - Download any finer resolution county/city shapefiles beyond what is provided
  - Install the QGIS software: <http://www.qgis.org/en/site/forusers/download.html>
- Using the available gridded 2014 WHO data set and the QGIS software, each user will:
- Map the gridded PM<sub>2.5</sub> indicator data for a country
- Change the color scale
- Explore a variety of ways to subset the data
- Extract a subset of data
- Compute basic statistics of the country gridded data or a user-chosen subset