



HAQAST 2019 Review

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Connecting NASA Data and Tools With Health and Air Quality Stakeholders

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What is “hay-kast”?

- Health and Air Quality Applied Sciences Team
- NASA-funded Applied Sciences Team
- ~~3~~ 4-year funded project (thru summer '19- '20)
- 13 Members and 70+ co-investigators
- Mission: Connect NASA science with air quality and health applications
- ~ \$15 Million Total Cost
- Three types of work:
 1. Outreach & engagement
 2. Tiger team projects (collaborative)
 3. Member projects



HAQAST Investigator Susan Anenberg (left), NASA HQ Program Manager John Haynes (middle), and HAQAST Communications Lead Daegan Miller (right) at HAQAST4 in Madison, WI

HAQAST: Who We Are



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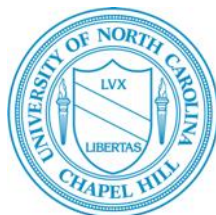
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HAQAST: Who We Are

HAQAST Leadership Team



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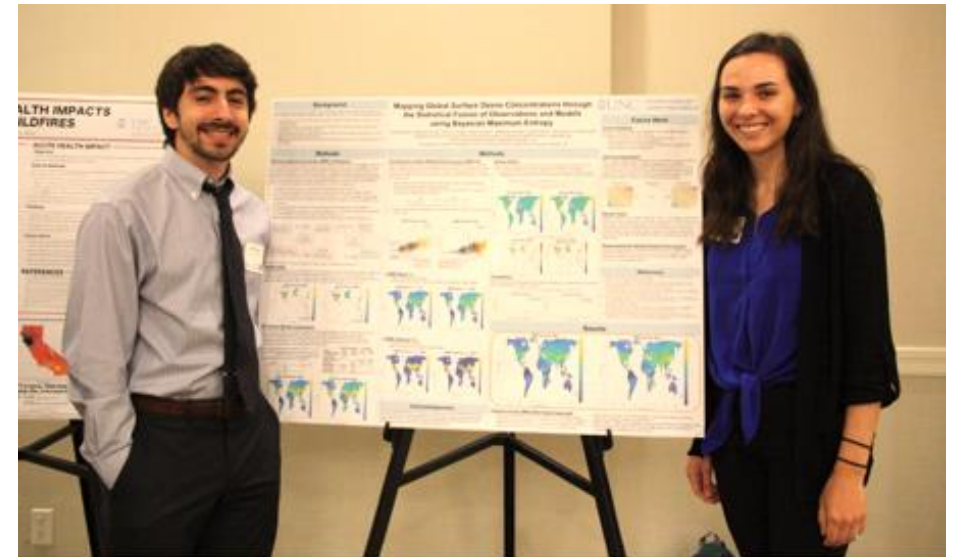
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HAQAST Meetings

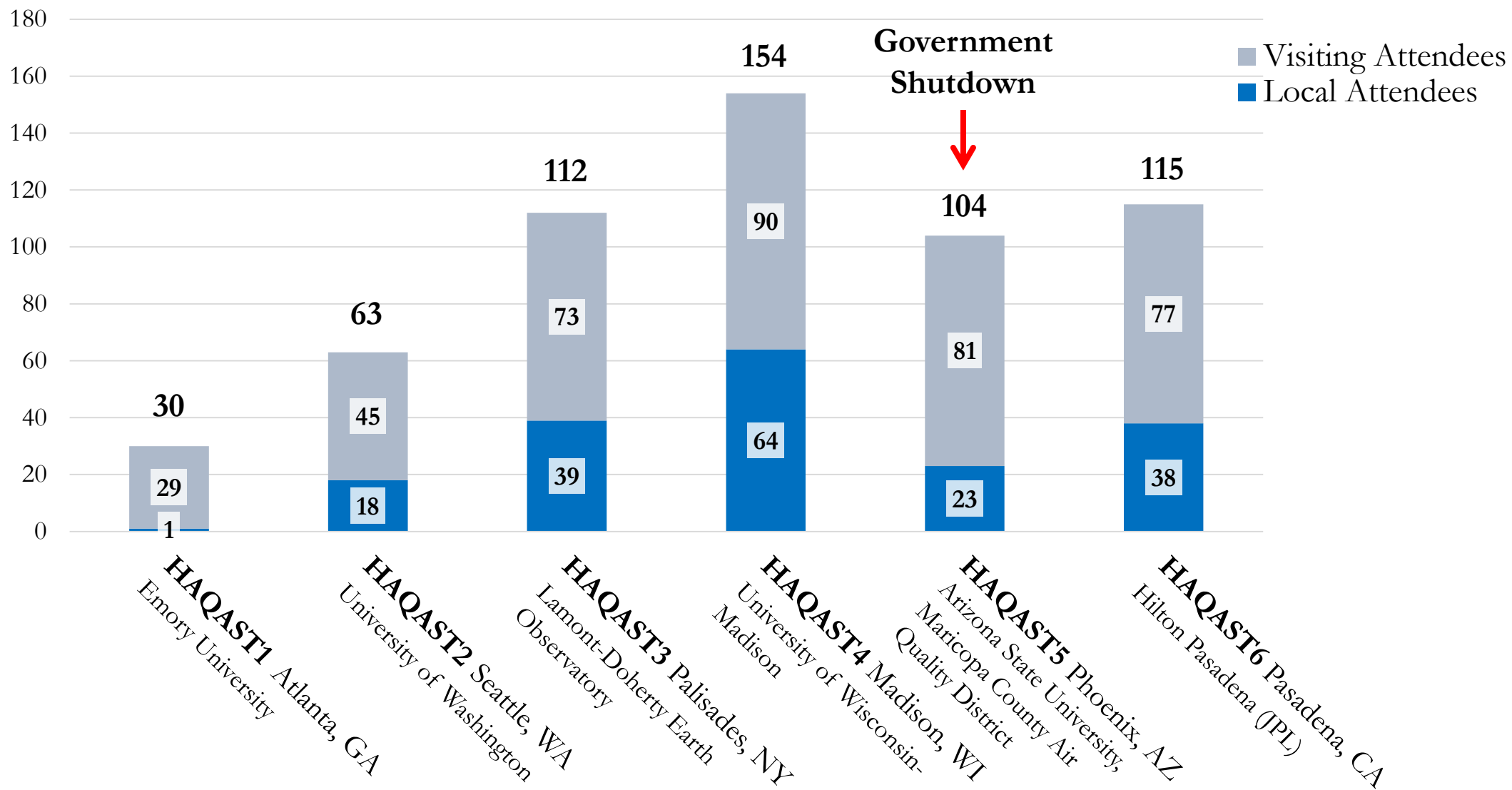
Photos from HAQAST6 Meeting July 2019 in Pasadena, CA





HAQAST Meetings: In Person Attendance

Local vs Visiting Registrants

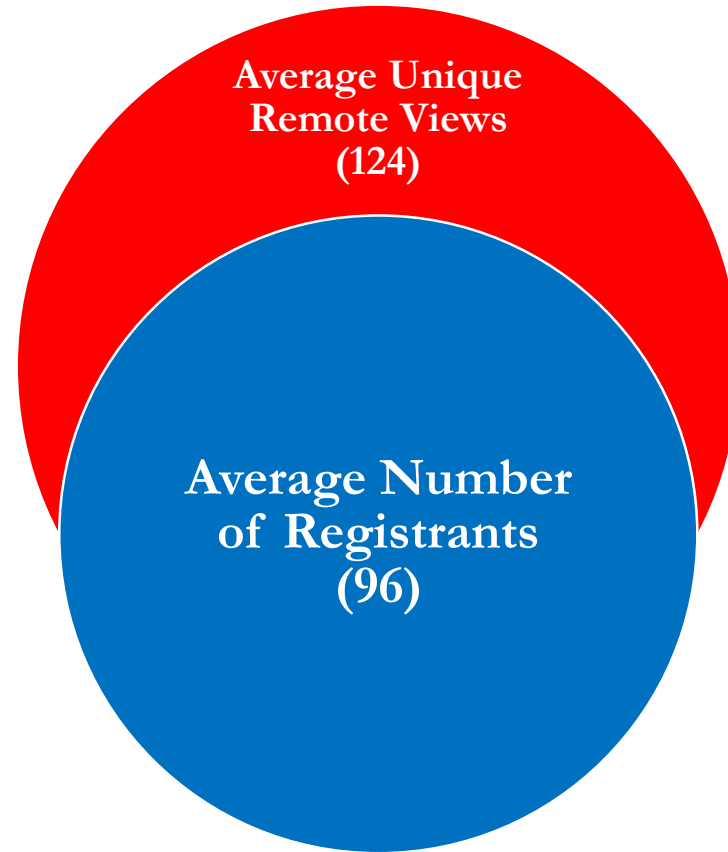




HAQAST Meetings: Remote Viewership

Remote-Connect Option Significantly Increases HAQAST's Orbit

Offering an option to join the HAQAST conferences remotely **more than doubles** the average HAQAST conference audience size...



... but the type of engagement is fundamentally different



HAQAST.org Promotes NASA Tools for Stakeholders

- Website (www.haqast.org) features NASA tools and data
- Tools section designed in consultation with ARSET
- Developed how-tos for two of the most useful tools for HAQAST stakeholders, Worldview and Giovanni; includes short video tutorials

Very brief descriptions of each tool.

The screenshot shows the HAQAST website header with the logo and navigation menu. The 'TOOLS AND RESOURCES' menu is open, highlighting 'Getting Started' and 'NASA Tools'. The main content area is titled 'NASA TOOLS' and features a section for 'NASA WORLDVIEW' and 'NASA GIOVANNI'. Annotations include red boxes around the 'Getting Started' and 'NASA Tools' menu items, the 'NASA WORLDVIEW' title, and the 'NASA GIOVANNI' section. Red arrows point from blue text annotations to these elements.

Getting Started ← Click on **Getting Started** for a brief primer to the benefits and limitations of satellite data.

NASA TOOLS

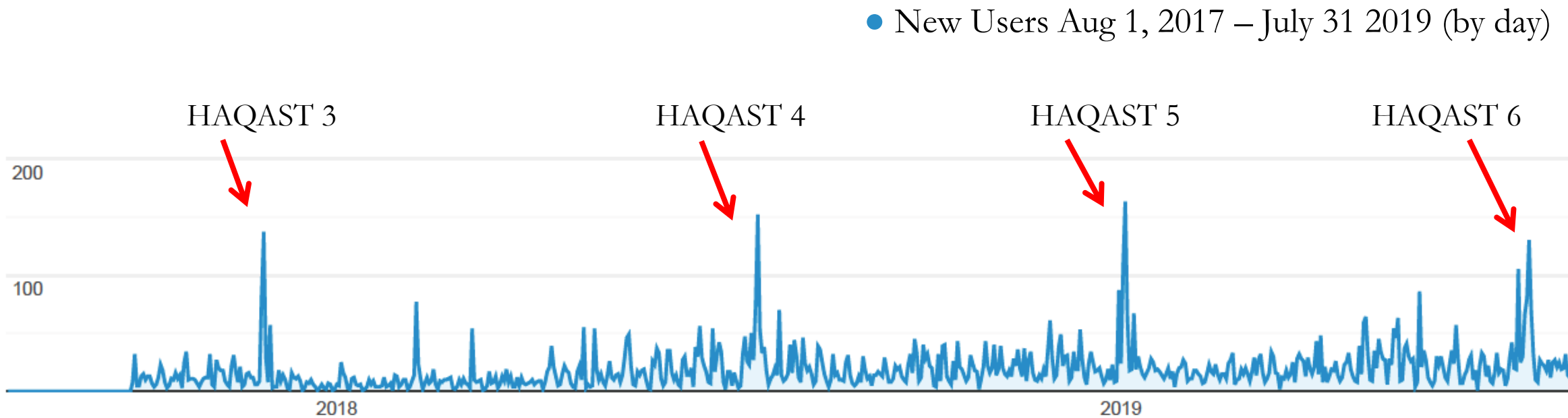
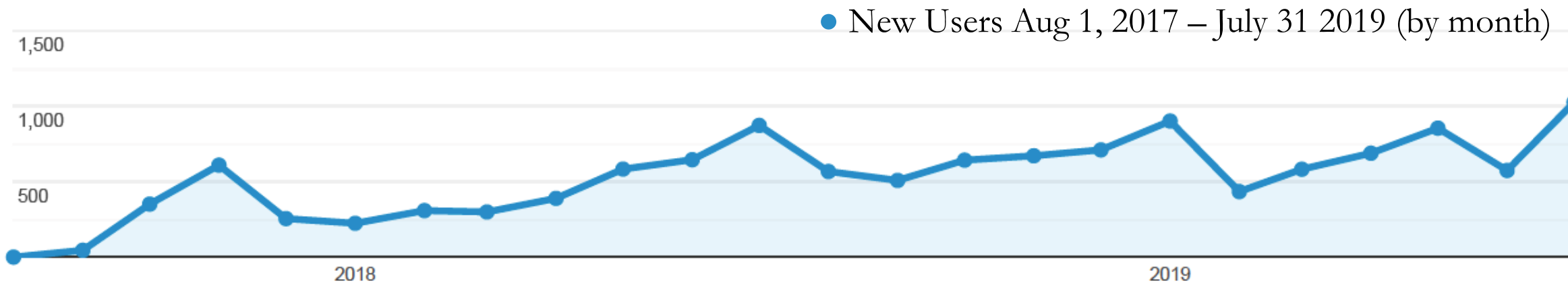
NASA WORLDVIEW ← Clicking on the title takes you directly to the tool's NASA page.

NASA GIOVANNI ← Tutorials available (online, pdf, and video formats).

And [here's a tutorial](#) (you can find [a downloadable pdf here](#)).

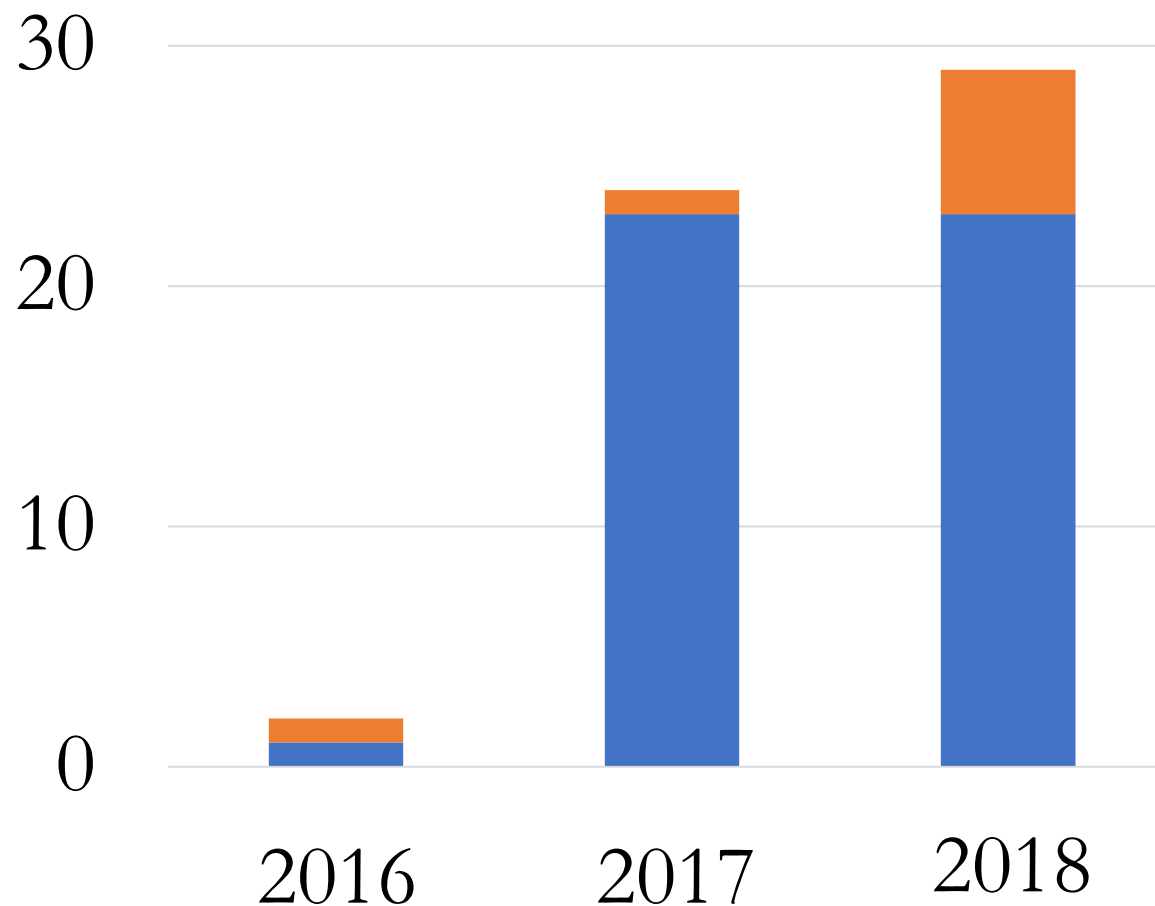


HAQST.org New Users



Collaborative Publications

Over 65 total papers published to date



HAQAST publications by calendar year
Multiple PIs involved; single PI involved

Tiger Teams: A Competition for Ideas

- Assume that all HAQAST members will participate equally in the Tiger Team process
- Members and Co-I expertise could support many different projects
- After projects were selected, people are reallocated to contribute to selected teams
- In 2017, \$1.5 Million allocated to support 4 Tiger Teams. Feedback from participants suggests that teams are successful and productive.
- In 2018, \$1.6 Million allocated for 4 new Tiger Teams.



Haze Tiger Team leads Susan O'Neill (left) and Minghui Diao (right) with co-investigator Sean Raffuse (center) at HAQAST6. Image: Page Bazan

- **Led by Susan O’Neill:** assess the effects of wildfire smoke on the air quality and human health burden resulting from October 2017 California wildfires
- **Led by Arlene Fiore:** Supporting the use of satellite data in regional haze planning
- **Led by Jessica Neu:** improve the quantification of background O₃ in SIPs
- **Led by Susan Anenberg:** developing satellite-derived air pollution and climate indicators at the global scale



Susan O’Neill



Arlene Fiore



Jessica Neu



Susan Anenberg

Air Quality and Health Burden of 2017 Northern California Wildfires

<http://bit.ly/haqasttiger>

Overview

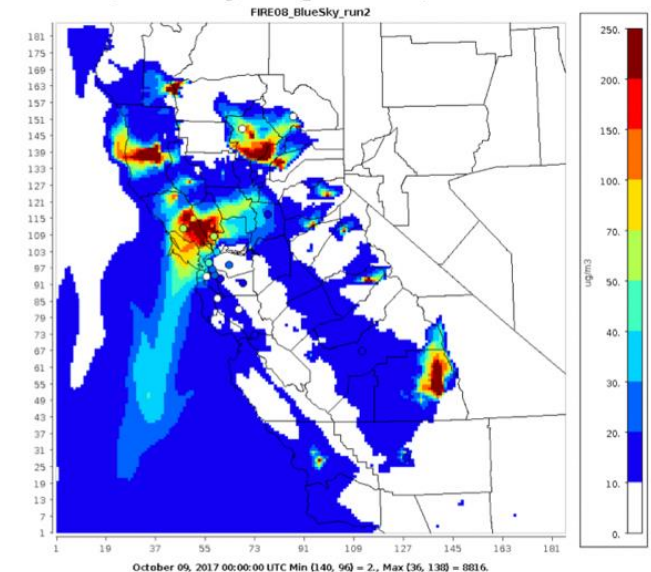
- Fire Emission Inventory (MODIS, VIIRS, GOES-16)
- Air Quality Modeling (WRF/CMAQ/Dispersion)
- Satellite Observations to Improve (Data Fusion) and Evaluate Model Predictions
- Health Impact Analysis
- Over 80 people involved from 30+ agencies
- Seven sub-teams

Outcomes

- Completed training video “The Basics of Satellite Data for Smoke and Fire”.
- Demonstrated utility of GOES-16 fire detections as a data calculation stream. Extrapolating to 2018 – Camp Wildfire.
- Webpage – Communications, Data Hosting/Organization/Analyses
- 6 conference talks
- Draft paper outline



CMAQ 24hr Average PM_{2.5} FRM with AQS Observation



Supporting the Use of Satellite Data in Regional Haze Planning

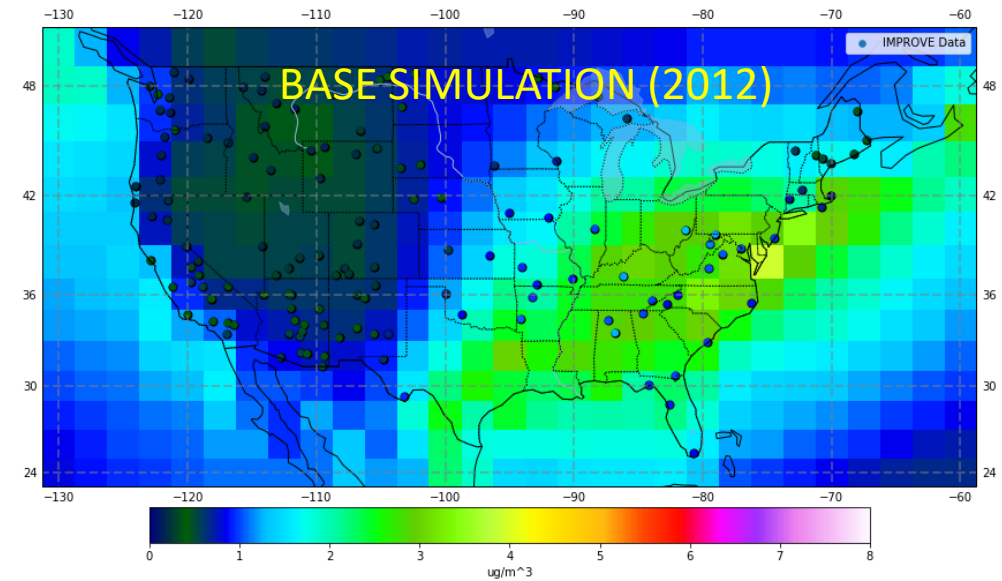
Overview

- Assist in the attribution of observed visibility-impairing PM to natural and anthropogenic sources
- Provide tangible, user-friendly examples of using satellite data for haze applications

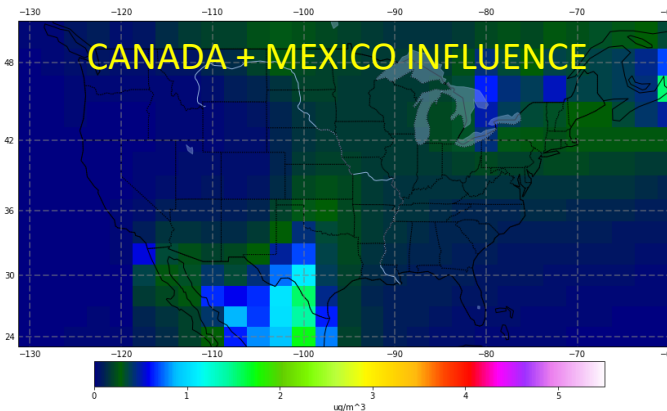
Outcomes

- Communication: listening sessions with 5 stakeholder partner agencies; monthly calls with 10+ stakeholder agencies, meeting notes, compiled stakeholder needs
- Sent analysis of model attribution at SW IMPROVE sites to stakeholder partners at TCEQ and EPA

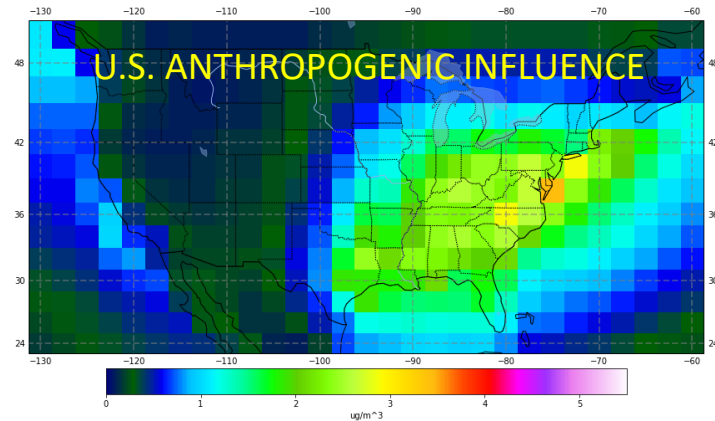
GEOS-Chem Base Run-2012 Average SO₄



GEOS-Chem (USB - NAB) Run-2012 Average SO₄



GEOS-Chem (Base - USB) Run-2012 Average SO₄



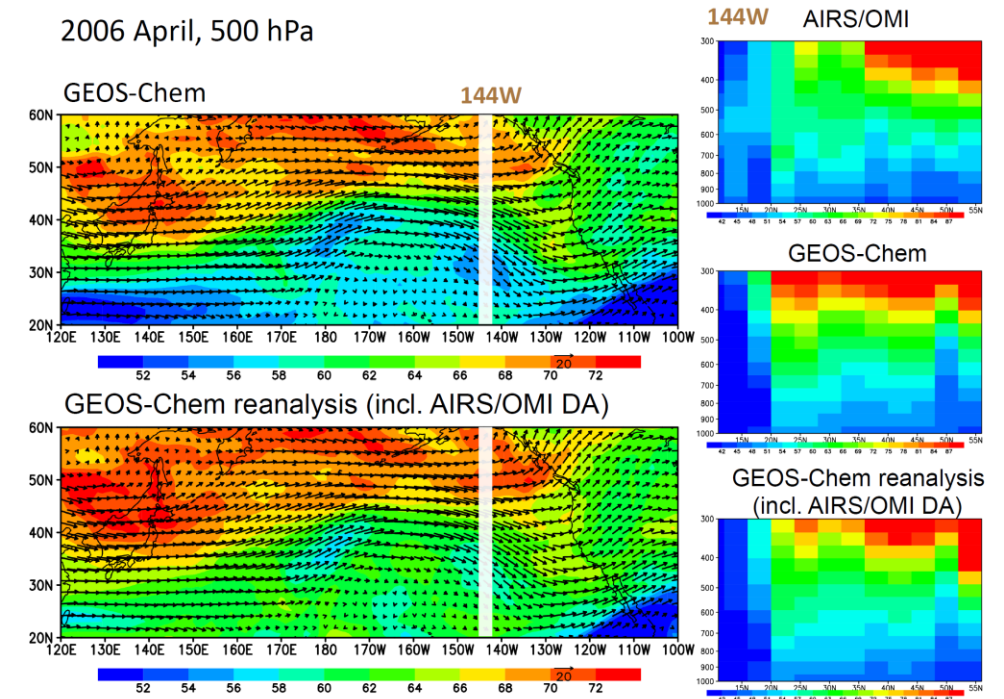
Using Satellite Data to Inform Background Ozone Estimates

Overview

- Provide a coordinated set of boundary conditions for ozone, background ozone, and natural ozone for 2016 from multiple global models that are evaluated with or informed by satellite data.
- Establish ‘best practices’ for evaluating the models used for boundary conditions with satellite ozone measurements, and for evaluating satellite-informed simulations with independent datasets.

Outcomes

- Have identified region and year for BC generation in concert with stakeholders.
- First set of BCs being generated from 3 different model versions.
- Protocols for evaluating BCs being established
- AIRS/OMI data along the Western boundary of CMAQ being processed for BC evaluation



Using Satellite Remote Sensing to Derive Global Climate and Air Indicators

Overview

- Transfer knowledge and global-scale datasets tracking indicators for ozone and NO₂ concentration, PM_{2.5} and ozone disease burden in cities, and wildfire occurrence.
- Scope the potential for using satellite remote sensing to track global airborne dust storms and pollen season start date and duration.

Outcomes

- Launched website www.haqastindicators.org, which hosts team updates and disseminates information on air quality and climate change topics.
- Two full-team telecons (third in Nov 2019), three investigator telecons, and May 2019 stakeholder meeting in DC.
- Liu shared global wildfire spot dataset with *Lancet Countdown* and will now be new climate indicator in their upcoming report.
- GWU published PM_{2.5} disease burdens for 250 cities worldwide in *Scientific Reports*. Results shared with C40 cities who will use them to provide info to mayors on cobenefits of city GHG mitigation. Results also [on tiger team webpage](#).
- Global Burden of Disease Study partnering with GWU and NASA (Bryan Duncan and Lok Lamsal) to estimate global burden of NO₂ on asthma. Will be using the supplemental funding to complete this. Results from initial analysis published in *Lancet Planetary Health* [on TT webpage](#).
- Made [air pollution and health video](#) for NASA Science on the Sphere which includes city air pollution disease burden estimates from Tiger Team.



Common Themes in PI Projects

1. Developing user tools
2. Comparing satellite data with other forms of data
3. Data Fusion: combining satellite data with other forms of data



HAQAST Team Lead Tracey Holloway (left) with PIs Arlene Fiore (middle) and Jason West (right)

PI Project Updates: Duncan

Engaging LMIC Cities & Health Communities

- Kevin R. Cromar and Bryan N. Duncan have partnered with the NASA Global Modeling and Assimilation Office (GMAO) to entrain stakeholders (e.g., city governments) into GMAO's global air quality forecast system effort.
- Cromar, Duncan, and GMAO personnel are engaging city governments in low to middle income countries (LMIC) to:
 - communicate health risks of air pollution.
 - encourage health studies in these locations rather than only relying on concentration response functions from wealthier countries to assess risks and health impacts.
- This effort will not only benefit local residents, but also Americans living abroad in these areas.



National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Forecasting and Risk Communication

Air Pollution in Your City



The Global Modeling and Assimilation Research Office (GMAO) at NASA can provide city-level estimates of outdoor air pollution for every city in the world, even for areas without existing air quality monitors. This information is publicly available and provided free of charge.

FORECASTING AIR POLLUTION IN YOUR CITY

Air pollution estimates are made using satellite data, information about global emissions, advanced weather forecasting, state-of-the-art chemical modeling, and machine learning to tailor the results to individual cities. The most important aspect of this information is that it can provide predictions of air pollution values for the next five days. These forecasts can help residents in your city know beforehand when severe pollution episodes will occur; help individuals make plans regarding their outdoor activities; and provide information to improve local air quality management decisions.

COMMUNICATION OF HEALTH RISKS

In addition to providing estimates of outdoor concentrations of multiple air pollutants (PM_{2.5}, NO₂, O₃ and SO₂) a health-based air quality index has also been created that can easily communicate the combined risks of multiple air pollutants on a day-to-day basis. These easy-to-understand values are particularly useful for individuals that are sensitive to outdoor air pollution such as people with asthma and other respiratory diseases.

TAILORING THE DATA TO YOUR CITY

Air pollution and risk communication index values can be further tailored to the specific conditions in your city if you provide additional local data to the NASA and NYU project team. Sharing data is not required to access the forecasted pollution values and health-based air quality index. However, it can help improve the usefulness of the forecasts for your city. Three examples are provided on the next page to illustrate how sharing data helped to improve the specificity of air pollution and risk communication information for individual cities.

CONTACT

Please contact Bryan Duncan (bryan.n.duncan@nasa.gov) and Kevin Cromar (kevin.cromar@nyu.edu) to learn more about accessing forecasted air pollution and health-based air quality index values. They can also help you learn how this information can be specifically tailored to the local conditions in your city.



NYU Marron Institute of Urban Management

Forecasted air pollution values for PM_{2.5}, NO₂, O₃, and SO₂ are available for your city up to 5 days in advance.



A health-based air quality index is also available to help with local risk communication.



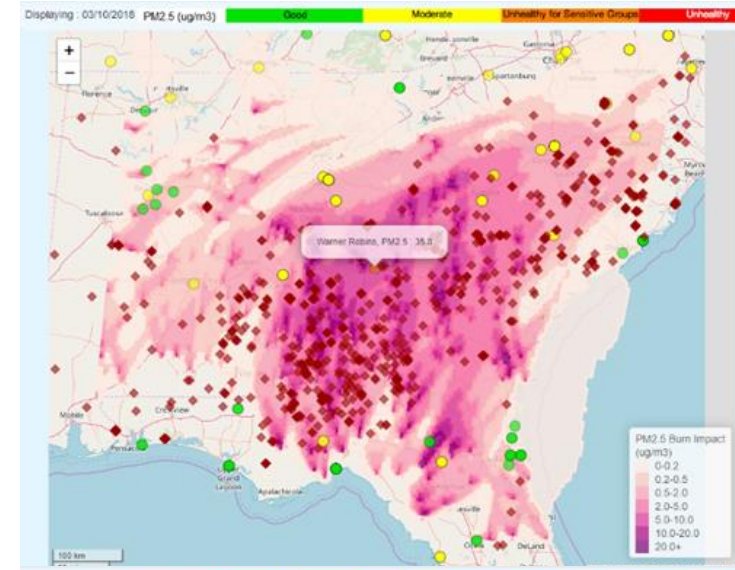
These values can be specifically tailored to your city by sharing local air pollution and daily health data.



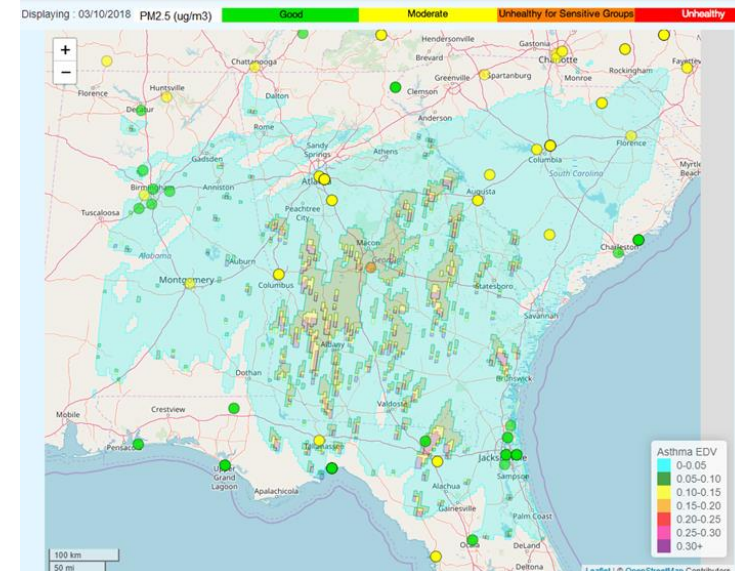
Figure. Factsheet being distributed to world cities via c40 Cities, UNEP and WHO.

Predicting the Impacts of Prescribed Fires

- Georgia Tech has developed SIPFIS, a WebGIS-assisted online analysis tool that provides easy access to the predictions of prescribed fire impacts in southeastern USA (Hu et al., 2019, doi:10.3390/ijerph16111981).
- The air quality impacts are predicted daily using the HiRes-X forecasting system being developed as part of Georgia Tech's core NASA-HAQAST project.
- SIPFIS consists of a data-fetching component, a data-archiving component, and a data visualization and analysis component.
- Analyses include comparing the locations and areas of permitted burns to those of satellite-detected fires and prescribed burn forecasts.
- SIPFIS can be used in tasks such as checking community-level smoke exposures, screening for fire-related exceptional events, supporting analyses for air quality forecasts, and assessing the impacts of prescribed burns.
- SIPFIS expands prescribed fire impact information beyond just air quality impacts, by providing estimates of human exposure and health effects.



Predictions of prescribed fire contribution to PM_{2.5} levels for 3/10/2018



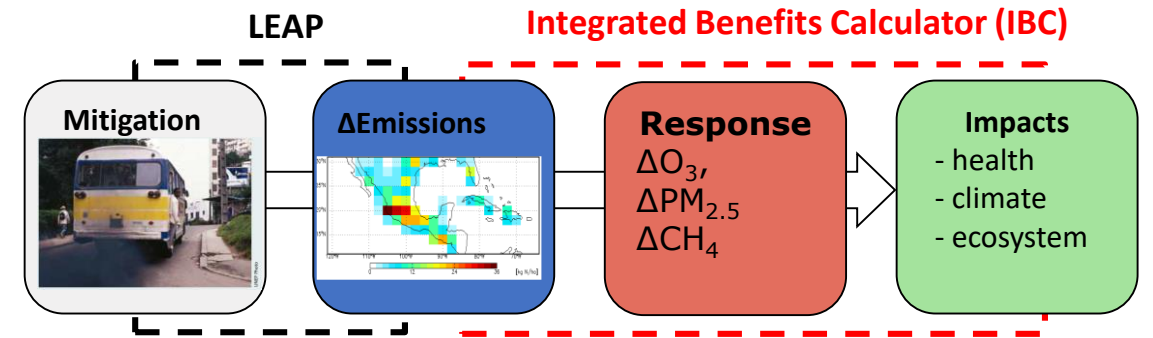
Increase in emergency department visits due to asthma for 3/10/2018

Use of satellite-informed $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations in an international integrated assessment tool (LEAP-IBC) for the CCAC

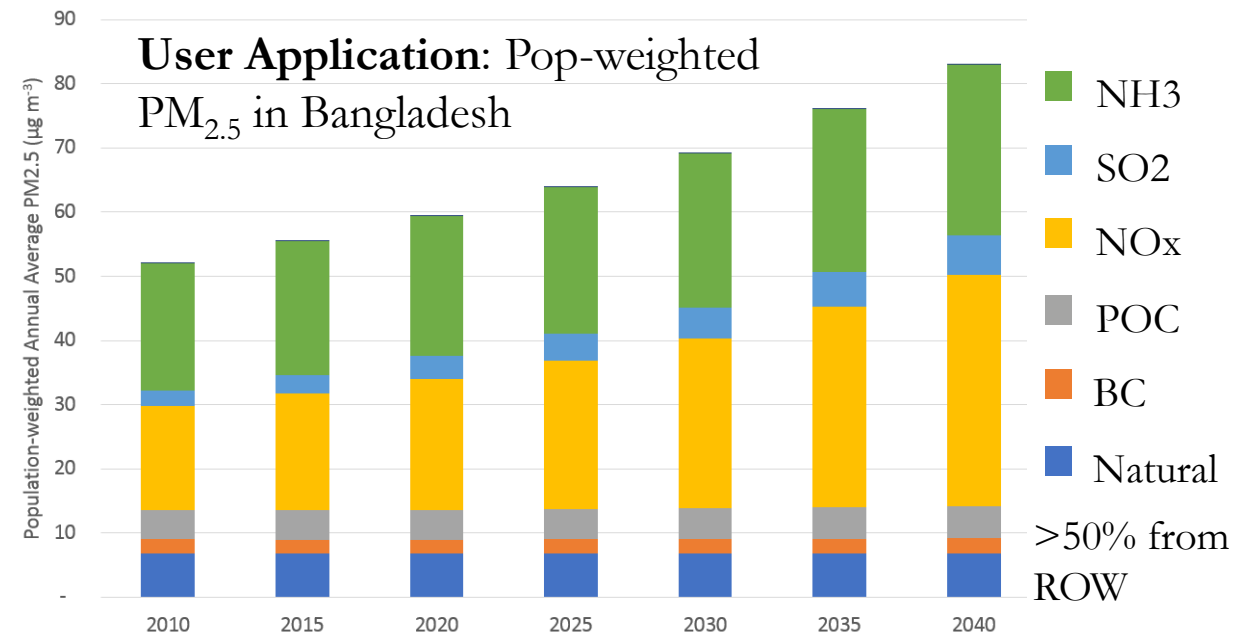
Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC):

- Initiated in 2012, funding sources include US Department of State: now 61 countries, 71 NGOs, 93 actors
- [Short Lived Climate Pollutant \(SLCP\) Supporting National Action Planning \(SNAP\) Toolkits](#) – provide countries a means of evaluating the impacts of short-lived climate pollutants (emission reduction strategies)

Our project: Provide satellite-constrained estimates of $PM_{2.5}$ sources for the LEAP-IBC toolkit, now used in 25 CCAC member nations



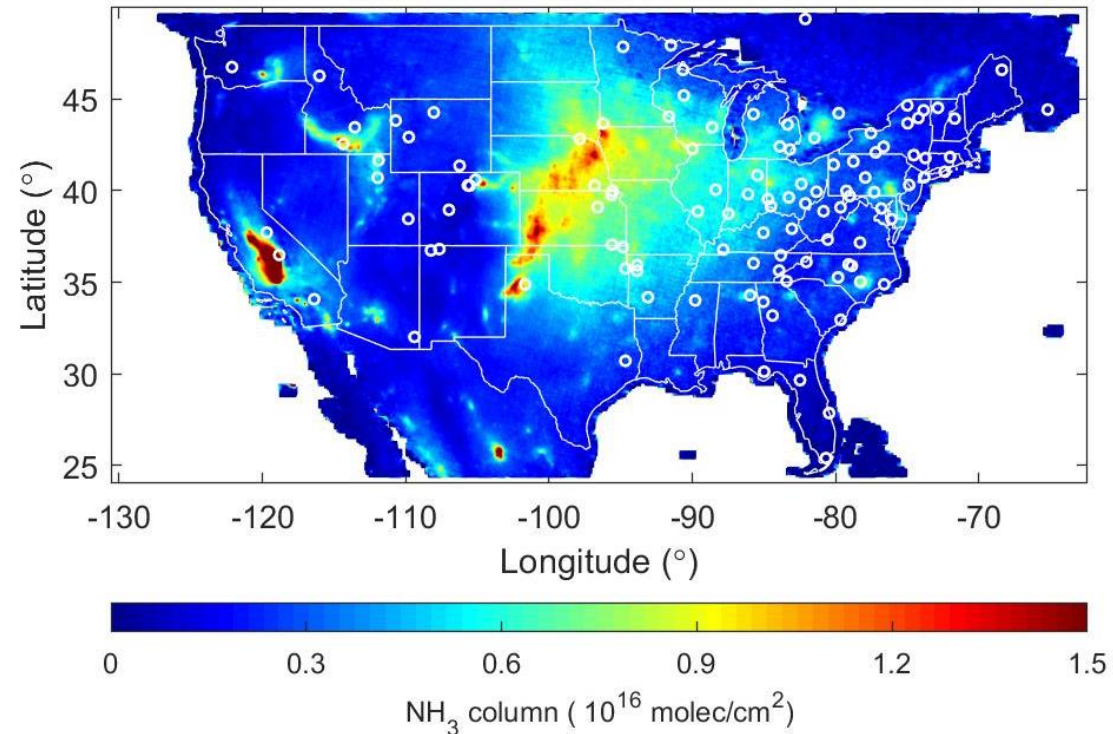
GEOS-Chem adjoint, $PM_{2.5}$ from AOD-derived products (van Donkelaar et al., 2016)



Satellite NH₃ for improving ground-based networks



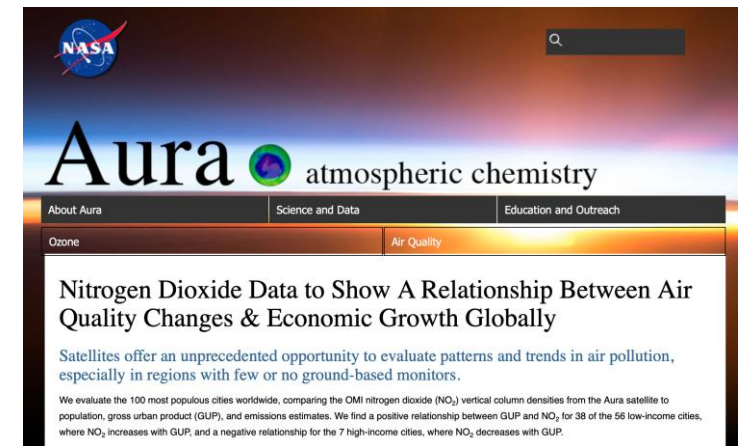
IASI NH₃ oversampling method (Sun et al., *AMT*, 2018)



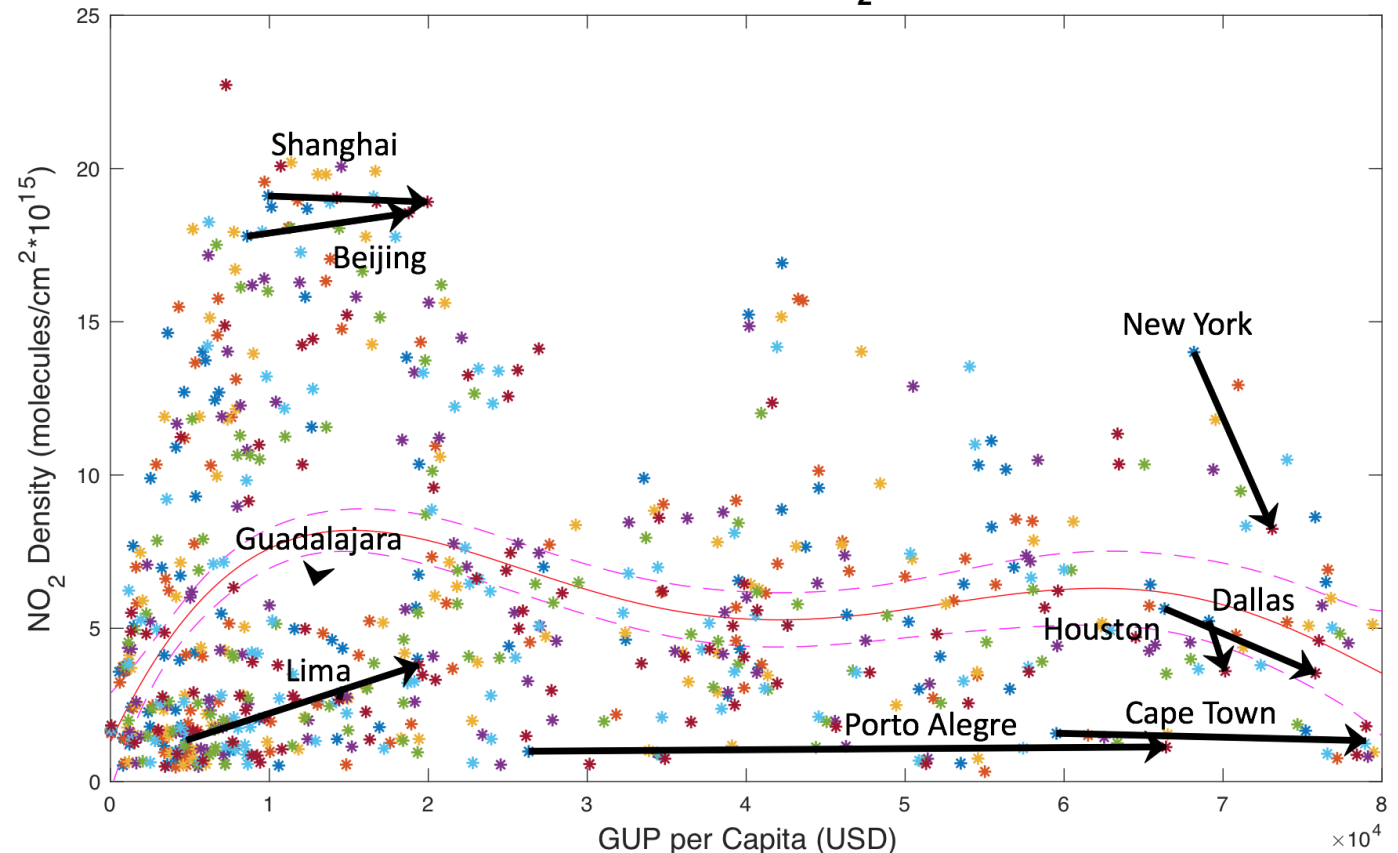
- High-resolution maps of IASI NH₃ at 2 km horizontal resolution (oversampling)
- Most AMoN sites located far away from the largest NH₃ source regions
- Air and Waste Management Assoc. trade journal *Environmental Monitor*
- NASA Earth Observatory Image of the Day:
 - “The seasonal rhythms of ammonia” – Dec. 10, 2018

- Connecting satellite data—especially for NO_2 , HCHO, and AOD—with novel user applications in air management and health.
- In a 2018 study, we compared satellite-based NO_2 with per capita wealth in the 100 largest global cities. We see evidence for the “Kuznets Curve” where poorer cities get more polluted as the increase in wealth, and richer cities get cleaner.
- Other projects include:
 - Working with EPA to evaluate models with satellite HCHO data
 - Working with HAQAST colleagues to understand data fusion impacts on health estimates

Montgomery & Holloway,
JARS, 2018



GUP per Capita vs. NO_2 Density





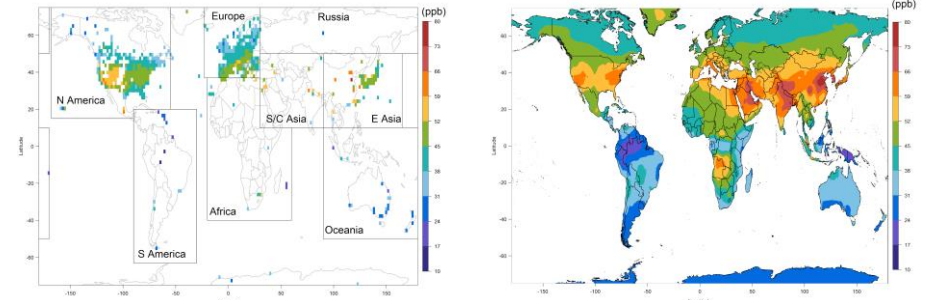
PI Project Updates: West

Global Mapping of Surface Ozone Concentrations

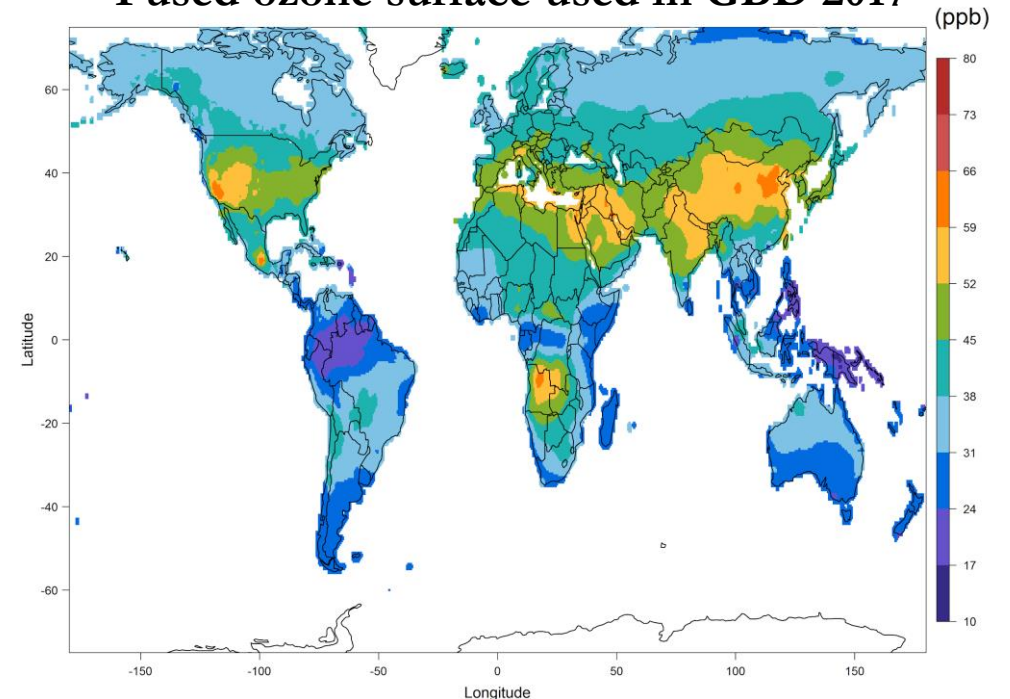
- Our team estimated global surface ozone concentrations through a statistical fusion of global ozone measurements and models.
- Our first estimate was used in the Global Burden of Disease 2017 assessment, which estimated 470,000 deaths globally from ozone.
- We then improved this by
 - Estimating ozone each year from 1990 to 2017.
 - Adding recent ozone measurements from China.
 - Using the Bayesian Maximum Entropy method to merge multi-model ozone with observations in space and time.
 - Adding fine spatial structure (0.1 degrees) using the NASA GEOS-5 Nature Run.
- Our new estimates have been delivered for use in GBD2019.

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tropospheric
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ccmi
chemistry-climate model initiative



Fused ozone surface used in GBD 2017



Satellite-aided Dust Forecasting

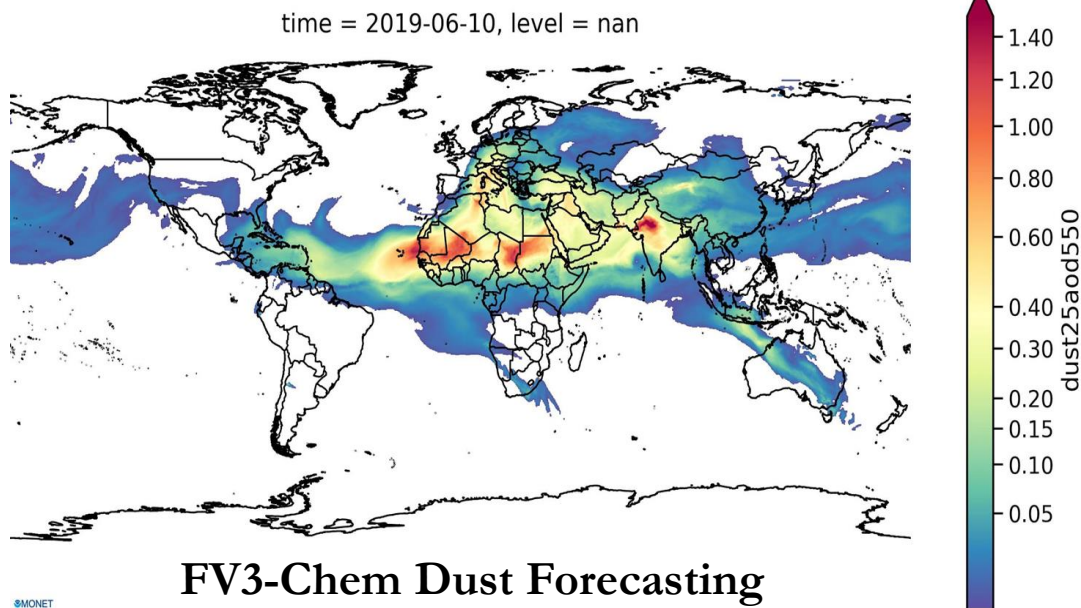
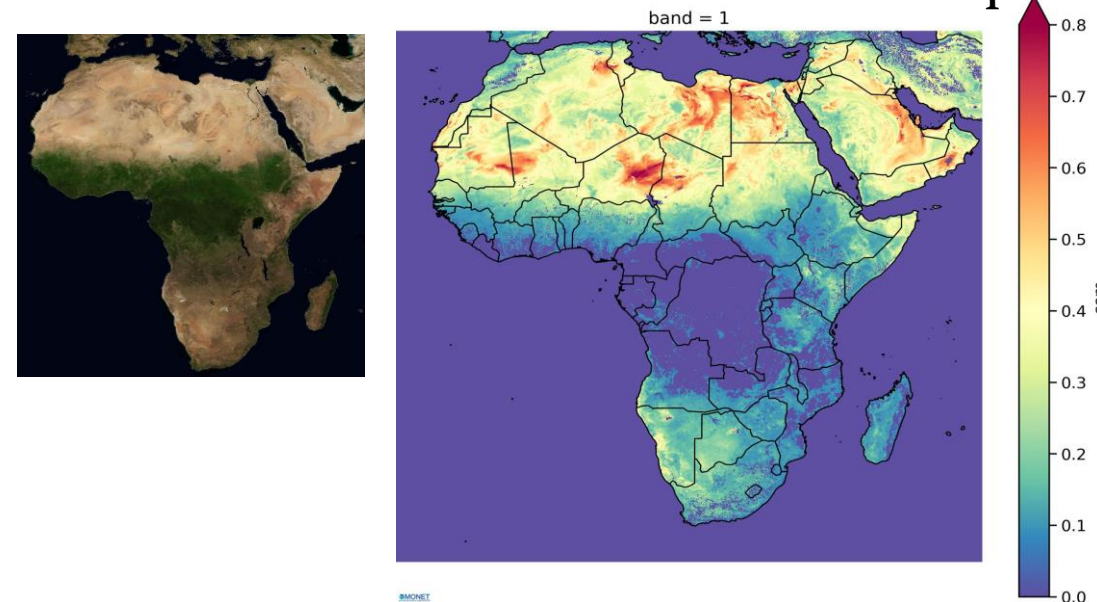
Goal:

Novel method to improve dust forecasting nationally and globally.

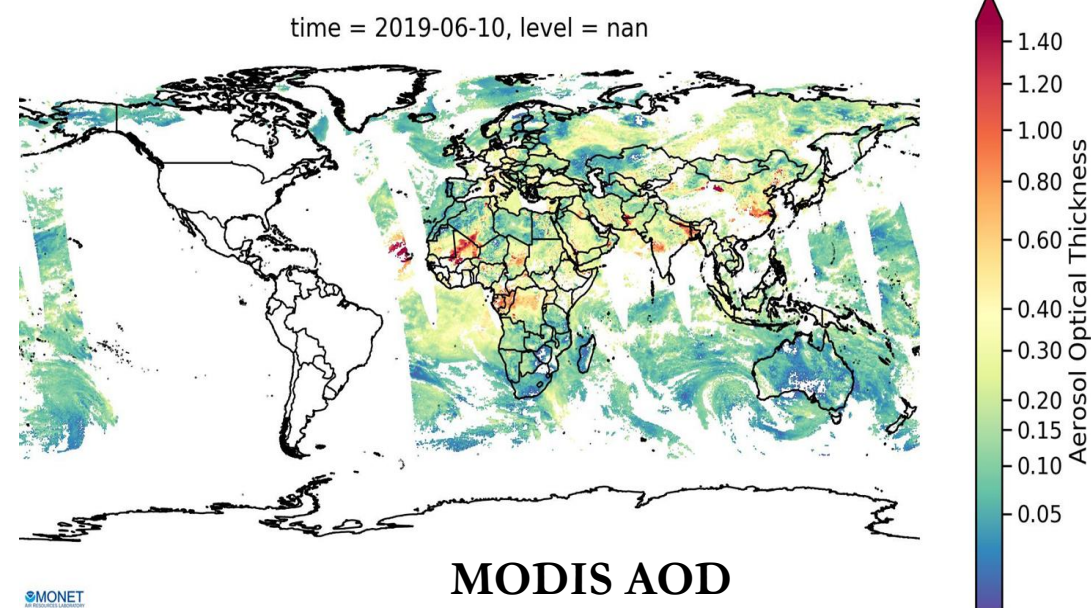
Satellite Products:

- MODIS/VIIRS Albedo;
- MODIS/VIIRS BRDF;
- MODIS/VIIRS AOD;

MODIS Albedo-based Dust Map



FV3-Chem Dust Forecasting



MODIS AOD

HAQAST in the News: Film Appearance



Image from
www.dustrisingfilm.com

- PI Daniel Tong featured in Lauren Schwartzman's critically acclaimed documentary film, Dust Rising.
- The film traces the effect of dust on human health and the environment.
- For screenings and to find out more, visit dustrisingfilm.com



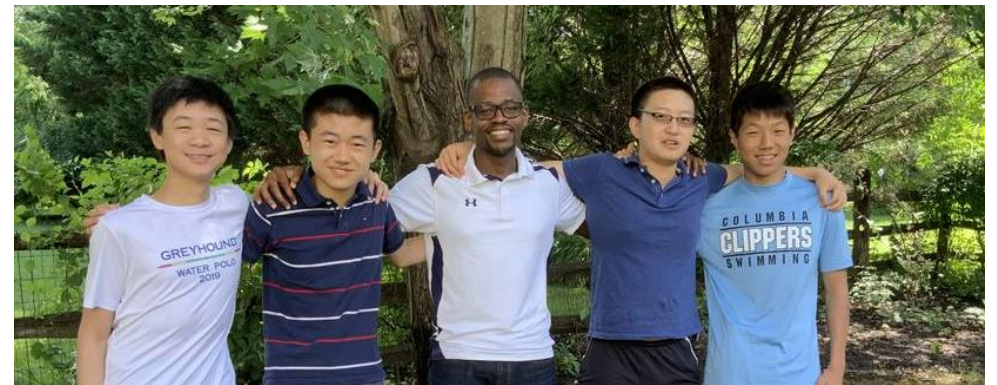
Screenshot of Daniel Tong from the film.
Credit: L. Schwartzman

HAQAST in the News: DustWatch App



- Smartphone app provides early warning notifications for dust storms
- Developed by a team of youth citizen scientists using NASA/NOAA data
- Also provides data on visibility, high wind conditions, air quality index (AQI), and dust concentration. Plus guides and educational materials.
- Featured in an article on NASA.gov, “[Students Create App to Warn of Dangerous Dust Storms](#)”
- Available for iOS. More info at: dustapp.org

The DustWatch team (left to right)
Alex Xie, Jeffrey Tong, Edgar
Nzokwe, Bill Tong, and Kevin Liu.
Image: Feng Zhang from NASA.gov



Thank You!



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