

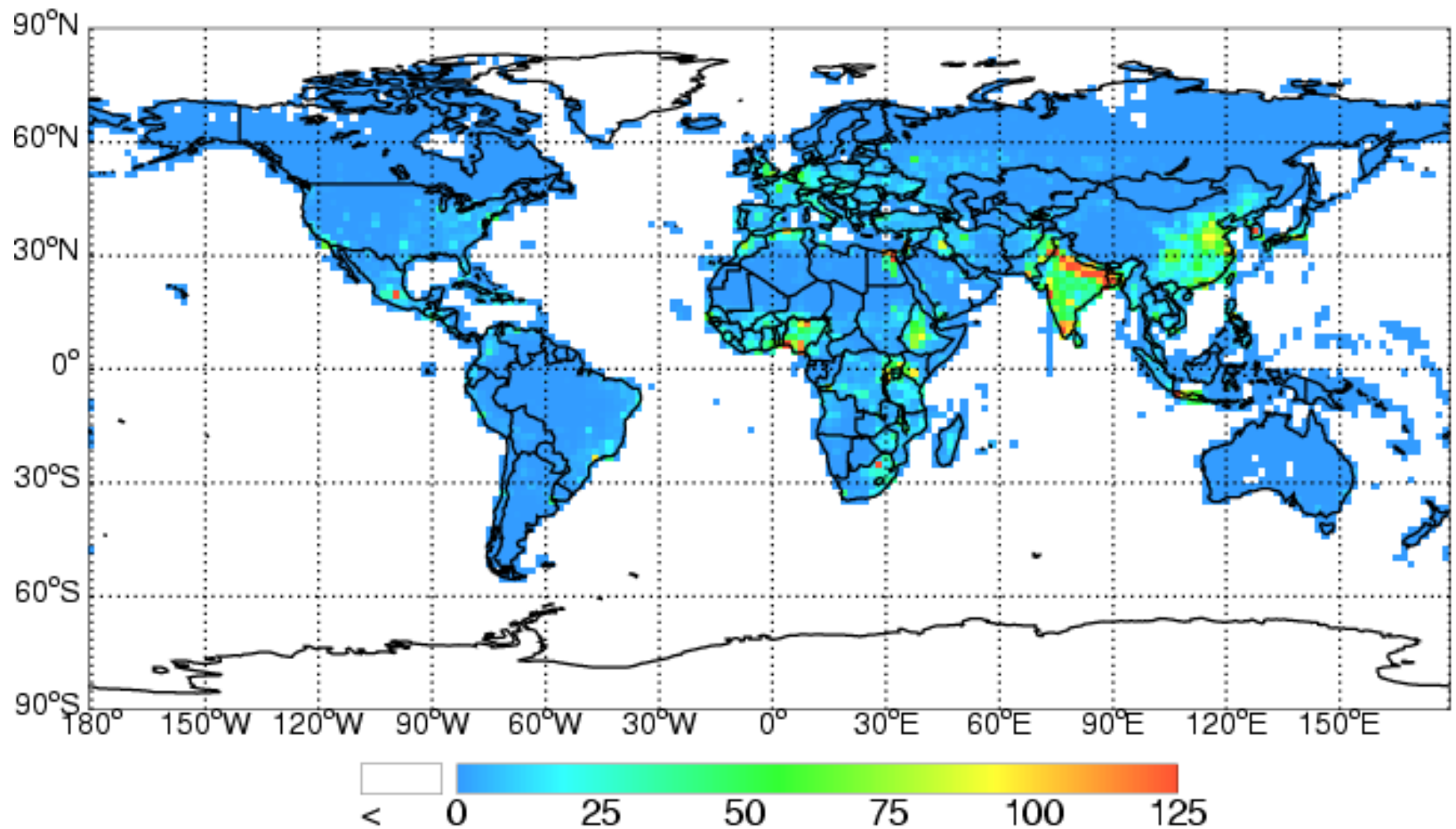
# **Satellites and Health Assessments: Best Practices and Future Opportunities**

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## **Training Goal:**

**Understand the basics of air pollution health impact assessment, so you can do it yourself**

# **-20% Global Anthrop. Methane Emissions: 30,200 avoided premature deaths in 2030 due to reduced ozone**



West et al., *PNAS*, 2006

**Epidemiology**

**Toxicology**

**Medicine**

**Exposure Science**



**Atmospheric Science**

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## 1 “What We Breathe Impacts Our Health: Improving Understanding 2 of the Link between Air Pollution and Health”

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**How do we know that air pollution affects health?**

**Toxicology, Medicine, and Epidemiology**

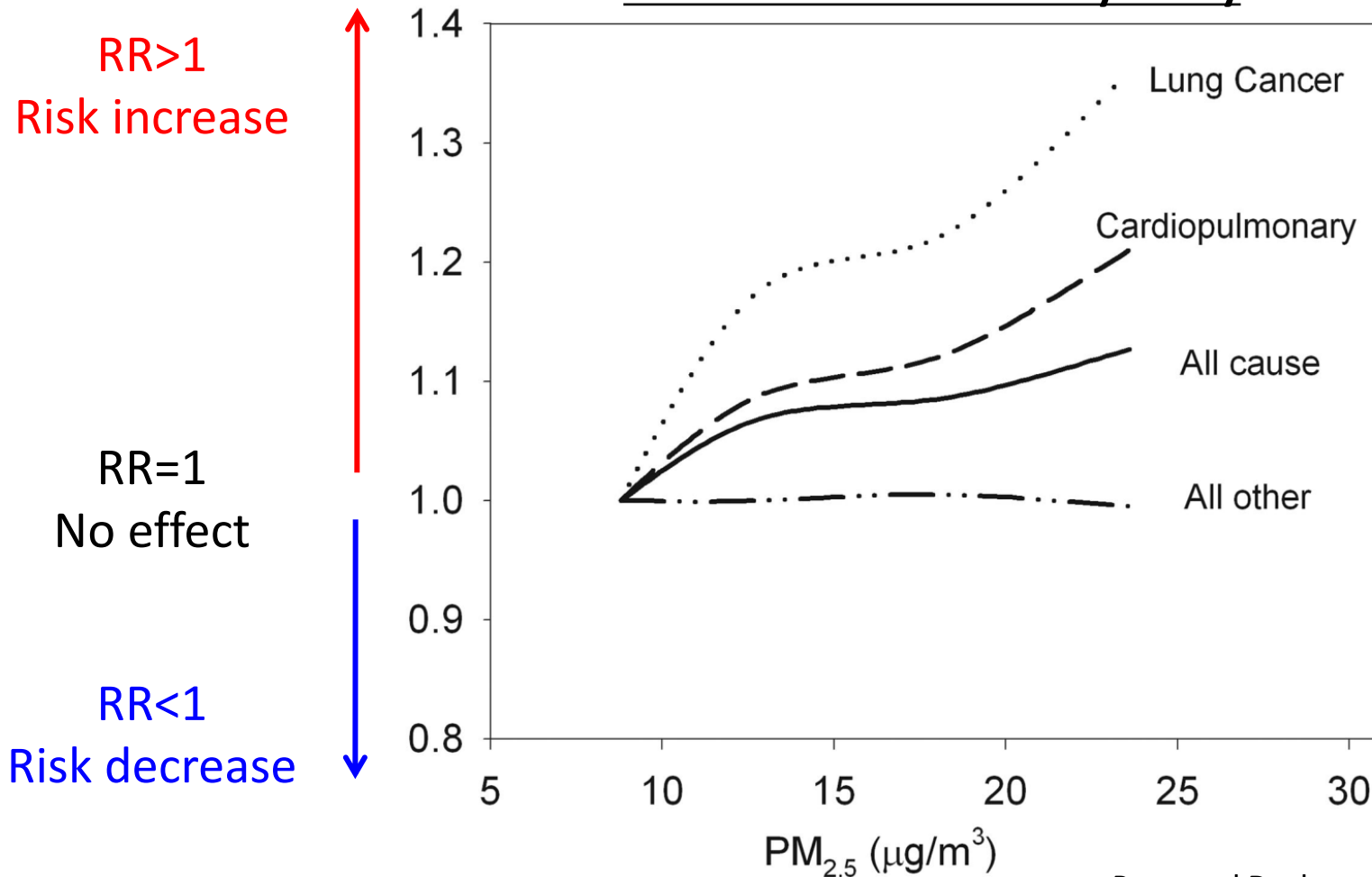
# Epidemiology – Relationships between air pollution and health

- Find statistical relationships between air pollution and health due to variations in
  - Space
  - Time
- Need to control for variables
  - that co-vary with air pollution (e.g., temperature)
  - other socioeconomic determinants of health effect (e.g., smoking, age, income)

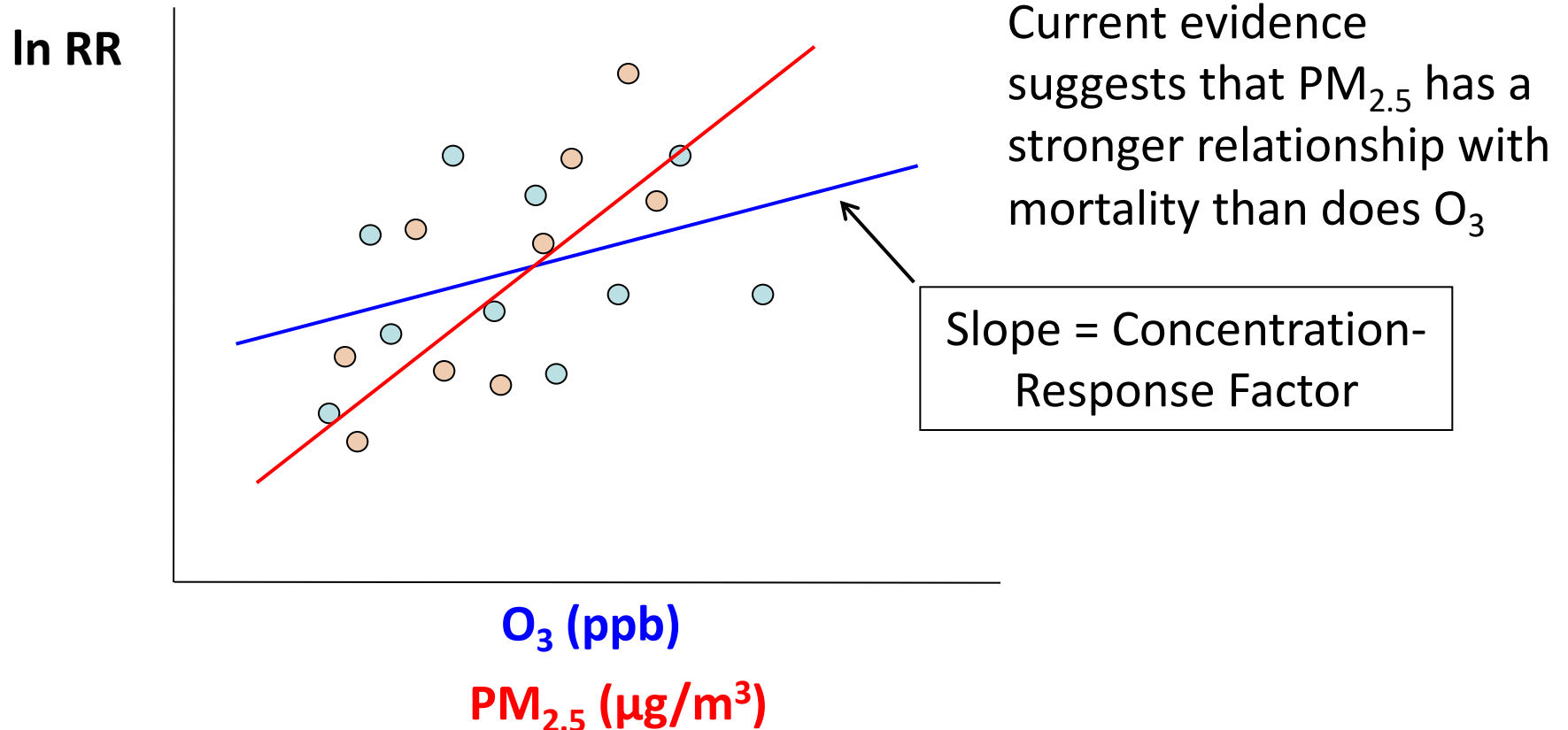
# Air pollution epidemiology

Relative Risk (RR) = ratio of probability of an event occurring in an exposed group vs. in an unexposed group

## American Cancer Society Study



# Air pollution mortality



# Epidemiological Studies

## Advantages

1. Works well with individual, defined, measureable pollutants (i.e. ozone)
2. Provides information for risk assessment, policy, regulations
3. Determines potential health effects caused by real-life exposures
4. Important for policy and regulations

## Limitations

1. Difficult to establish cause-and-effect relationships with air pollution mixtures (i.e diesel exhaust)
2. Does not provide information on underlying mechanisms
3. Often not able to control for potential co-exposures
4. \$\$\$\$\$\$

# Respiratory Disease Associated with Community Air Pollution and a Steel Mill, Utah Valley

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**Abstract:** This study assessed the association between hospital admissions and fine particulate pollution ( $PM_{10}$ ) in Utah Valley during the period April 1985–February 1988. This time period included the closure and reopening of the local steel mill, the primary source of  $PM_{10}$ . An association between elevated  $PM_{10}$  levels and hospital admissions for pneumonia, pleurisy, bronchitis, and asthma was observed. During months when 24-hour  $PM_{10}$  levels exceeded  $150 \mu g/m^3$ , average admissions for children nearly tripled; in adults, the increase in admissions was 44 per cent. During months with mean  $PM_{10}$  levels greater than or equal to  $50 \mu g/m^3$  average admissions for children and adults increased by 89 and 47 per cent, respectively. During the winter months when the steel mill was open,  $PM_{10}$  levels

were nearly double the levels experienced during the winter months when the mill was closed. This occurred even though relatively stagnant air was experienced during the winter the mill was closed. Children's admissions were two to three times higher during the winters when the mill was open compared to when it was closed. Regression analysis also revealed that  $PM_{10}$  levels were strongly correlated with hospital admissions. They were more strongly correlated with children's admissions than with adult admissions and were more strongly correlated with admissions for bronchitis and asthma than with admissions for pneumonia and pleurisy. (*Am J Public Health* 1989; 79:623–628.)

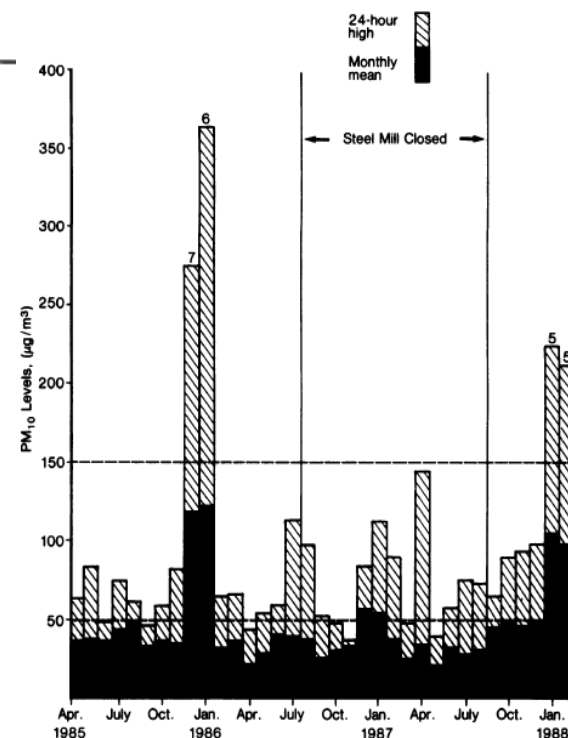
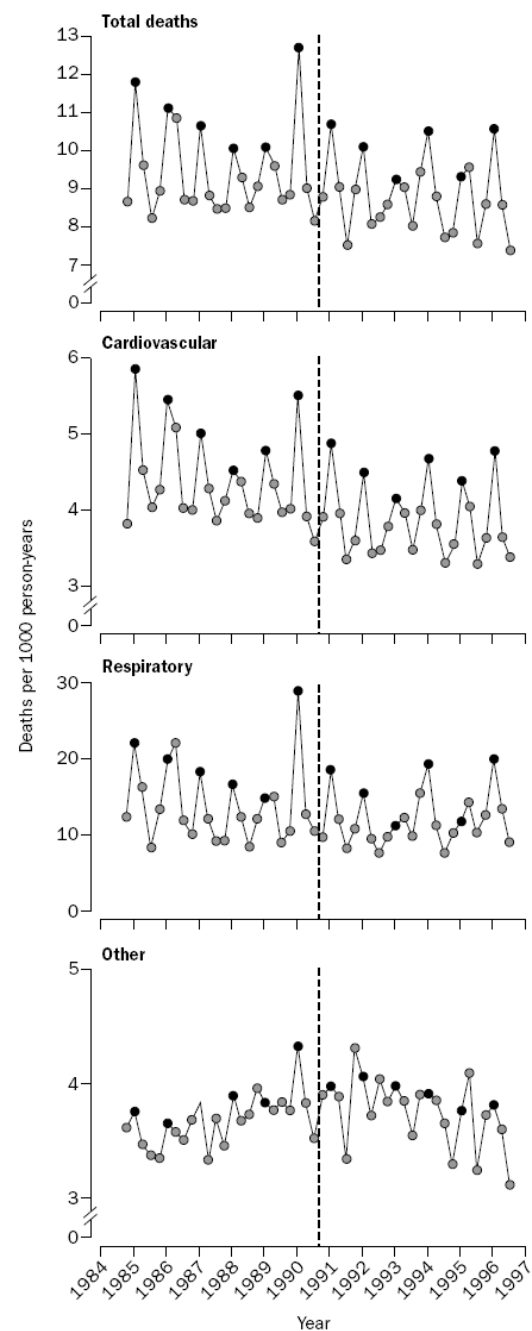


FIGURE 2—Monthly Mean and 24-Hour High  $PM_{10}$  Levels, Utah Valley, April 1985–January 1988



**Findings** Average black smoke concentrations in Dublin declined by  $35.6 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  (70%) after the ban on coal sales. Adjusted non-trauma death rates decreased by 5.7% (95% CI 4–7,  $p < 0.0001$ ), respiratory deaths by 15.5% (12–19,  $p < 0.0001$ ), and cardiovascular deaths by 10.3% (8–13,  $p < 0.0001$ ). Respiratory and cardiovascular standardised death rates fell coincident with the ban on coal sales. About 116 fewer respiratory deaths and 243 fewer cardiovascular deaths were seen per year in Dublin after the ban.

## Irish coal ban: Clancy et al. (2002)

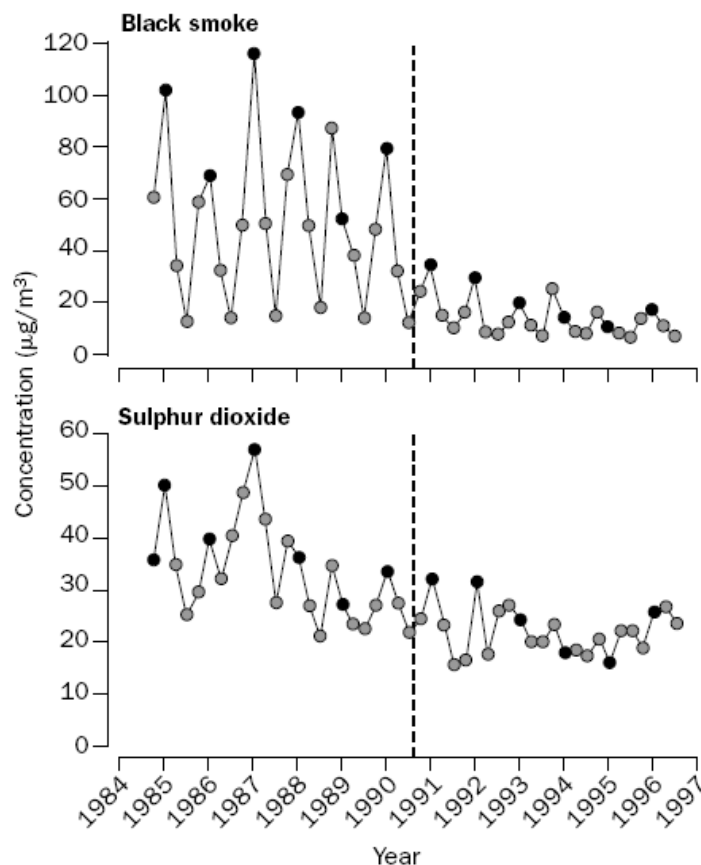


Figure 1: **Seasonal mean black smoke (upper) and sulphur dioxide (lower) concentrations, September 1984–96**

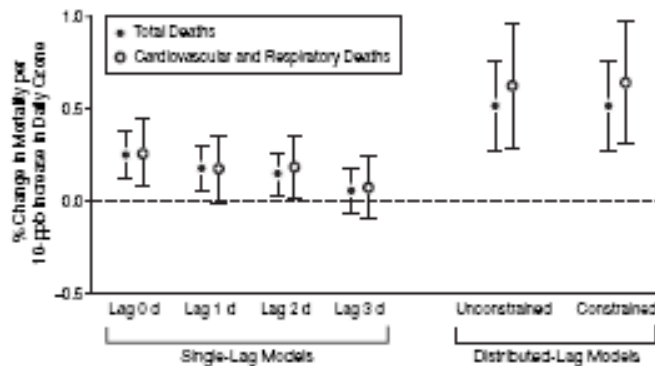
Vertical line shows date sale of coal was banned in Dublin County Borough. Black circles represent winter data.

Figure 2: **Seasonal mean directly standardised death rates in Dublin, September 1984–96**

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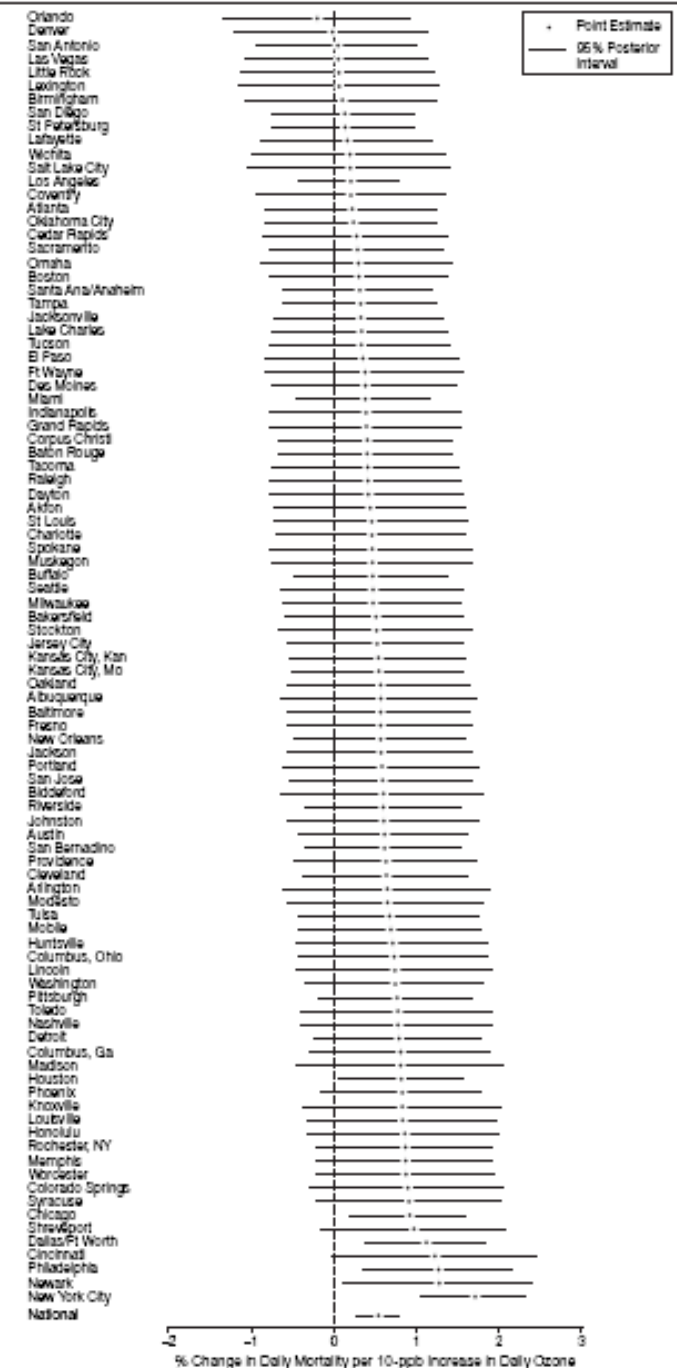
# Bell et al. (2004) "Ozone and short-term mortality in 95 urban communities, 1987-2000"

**Figure 1.** Percentage Change in Daily Mortality for a 10-ppb Increase in Ozone for Total and Cardiovascular Mortality, for Single-Lag and Distributed-Lag Models



The single-lag model reflects the percentage increase in mortality for a 10-ppb increase in ozone on a single day. The distributed-lag model reflects the percentage change in mortality for a 10-ppb increase in ozone during the previous week. Error bars indicate 95% posterior intervals.

**Figure 2.** Community-Specific Bayesian Estimates, Constrained Distributed-Lag Model



Harvard Six-Cities Study  
 (Dockery et al., 1993):  
 First long-term cohort study  
 of chronic mortality.  
 ~8000 adults followed over  
 many years.

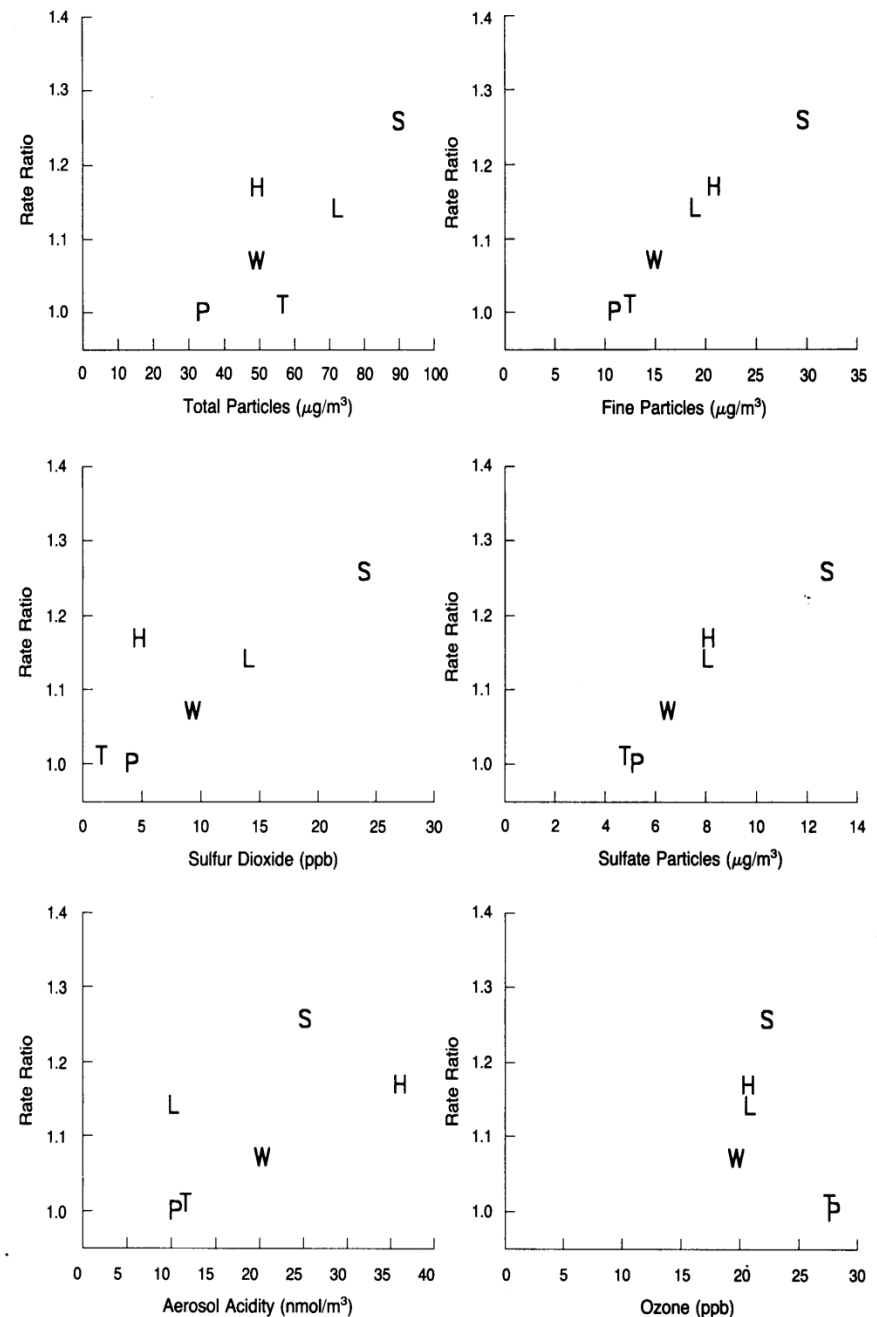


Figure 3. Estimated Adjusted Mortality-Rate Ratios and Pollution Levels in the Six Cities.  
 Mean values are shown for the measures of air pollution. P denotes Portage, Wisconsin; T Topeka, Kansas; W Watertown, Massachusetts; L St. Louis; H Harriman, Tennessee; and S Steubenville, Ohio.

# New York Times

MONDAY, JULY 19, 1993

## STUDIES SAY SOOT KILLS UP TO 60,000 IN U.S. EACH YEAR

### CALL TO REDIRECT EFFORTS

Little Is Spent on Particles That  
Harm Mostly Young, Elderly  
and Those With Asthma

By PHILIP J. HILTS

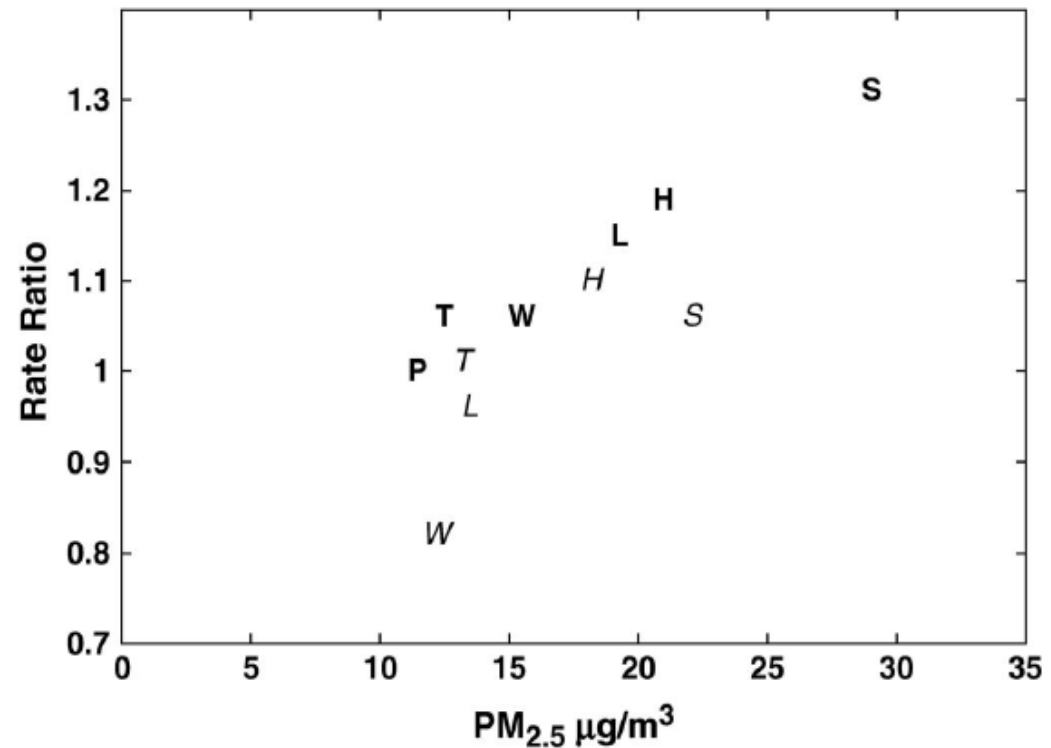
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, July 18 — Several studies have concluded that tens of thousands of deaths are being caused in the United States each year by a form of air pollution that for the most part falls within current legal limits: tiny particles of soot that are inhaled.

Rough calculations emerging from studies at the Environmental Protection Agency and the Harvard School of Public Health suggest that 50,000 to 60,000 deaths a year are caused by the particle pollution, a far larger number than any other form of pollution and one that rivals the death toll from some cancers.

The deaths occur mostly among children with respiratory problems, people of all ages with asthma and the elderly with illnesses like bronchitis, emphysema and pneumonia.

# Harvard 6 Cities Reanalyzed (Laden et al., 2006)



*Figure 2.* Estimated adjusted rate ratios for total mortality and PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels in the Six Cities Study by period. P denotes Portage, WI (reference for both periods); T = Topeka, KS; W = Watertown, MA; L = St. Louis, MO; H = Harriman, TN; S = Steubenville, OH. A term for Period 1 (1 if Period 2, 0 if Period 1) was included in the model. **Bold letters** represent Period 1 (1974–1989) and *italicized letters* represent Period 2 (1990–1998). In Period 1, PM<sub>2.5</sub> (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) is defined as the mean concentration during 1980–1985, the years where there are monitoring data for all cities (18). In Period 2, PM<sub>2.5</sub> is defined as the mean concentrations of the estimated PM<sub>2.5</sub> in 1990–1998.

**Epidemiology**

**vs.**

**Risk Assessment or Health Impact Assessment**

# Health impact function

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The diagram illustrates the Health Impact Function,  $\Delta Mort = (1 - e^{-\beta \Delta X}) \times Pop \times y_0$ . Red curly braces above the equation group the terms into two main components: 'Attributable fraction' for  $(1 - e^{-\beta \Delta X})$  and 'Baseline mortality' for  $Pop \times y_0$ . Blue arrows point from descriptive labels to specific parts of the equation: 'Annual deaths' points to  $\Delta Mort$ ; 'Concentration-response factor' points to  $\beta$ ; 'Change in concentration' points to  $\Delta X$ ; 'Population exposed' points to  $Pop$ ; and 'Baseline mortality rate' points to  $y_0$ .

$$\Delta Mort = (1 - e^{-\beta \Delta X}) \times Pop \times y_0$$

Attributable fraction      Baseline mortality

Annual deaths

Concentration-response factor

Change in concentration

Population exposed

Baseline mortality rate

*$y_0$  is fraction of population that has health effect in a year.*

*$Pop$  is not necessarily the total population.*

*If  $\beta \Delta X$  is small, then  $1 - e^{-\beta \Delta X} \approx \beta \Delta X$*

# What would be the health benefit if all US adults had $1 \mu\text{gm}^{-3}$ less of $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ ?

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*Krewski et al. (2009) – 3% increase in risk of all-cause mortality per  $10 \mu\text{gm}^{-3}$  increase in  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ .*

$$RR = .03 / 10 = 0.003 \text{ per } \mu\text{gm}^{-3}$$

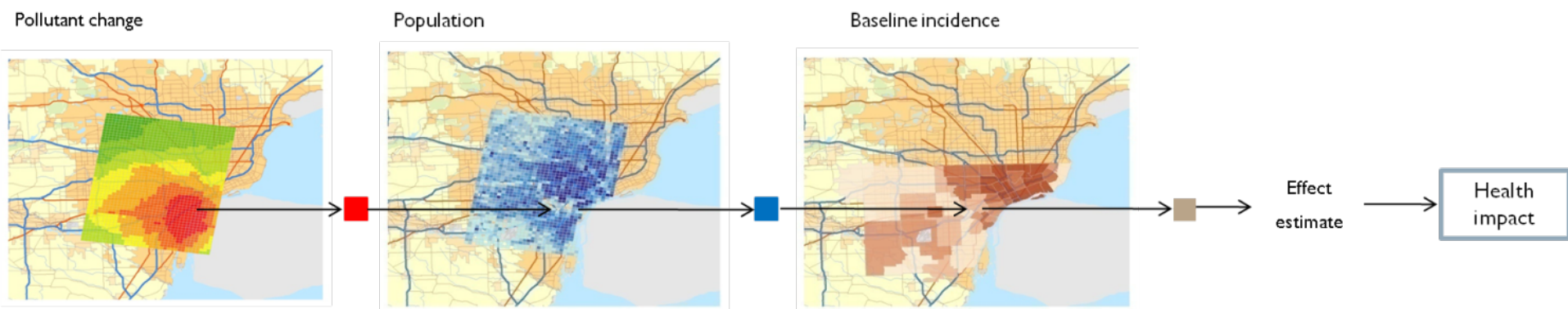
$$\beta = RR / (1+RR) = .003 / (1.003) = 0.00299 \text{ per } \mu\text{gm}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta X = 1 \mu\text{gm}^{-3}$$

*Pop = 195 million (adult population, > 30 yrs old)*

*$y_0 = 0.012$  (per year, for adults from all causes of death)*

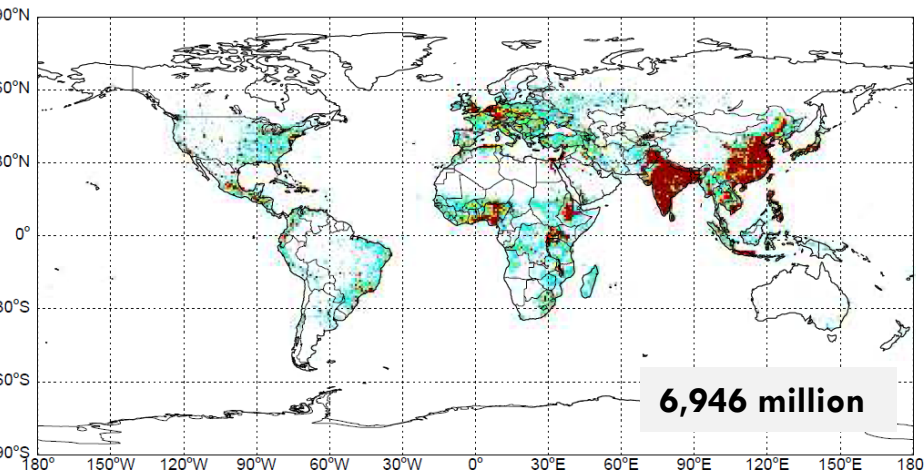
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \text{Mort} &= (0.00299 (\mu\text{gm}^{-3})^{-1}) (1 \mu\text{gm}^{-3}) (195 \times 10^6) (0.012 \text{ yr}^{-1}) \\ &= 7000 \text{ deaths reduced per year} \end{aligned}$$



# Population

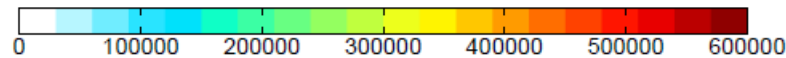
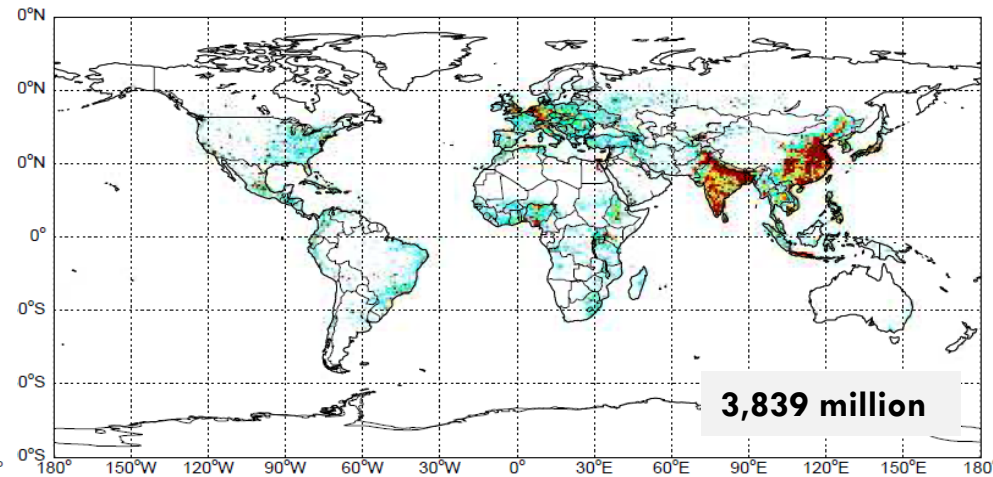
## Total Population, persons

(Landscan 2011 at 30"x30"  
gridded to 0.67°x0.5°)



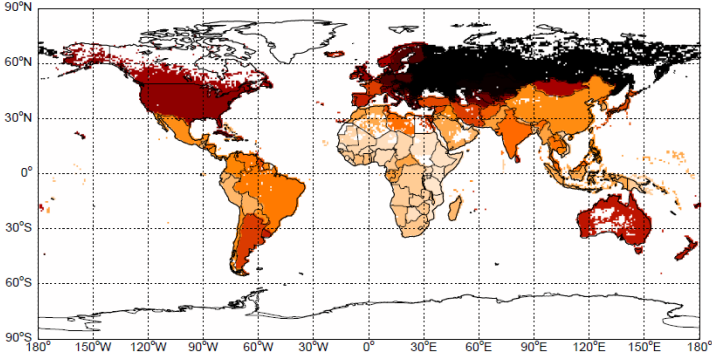
## Population 25+, persons

(Landscan 2011 at 30"x30"  
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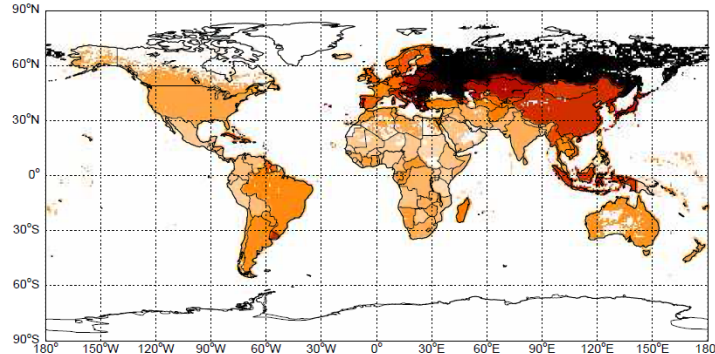


# Baseline Mortality Rates

## IHD



## Stroke

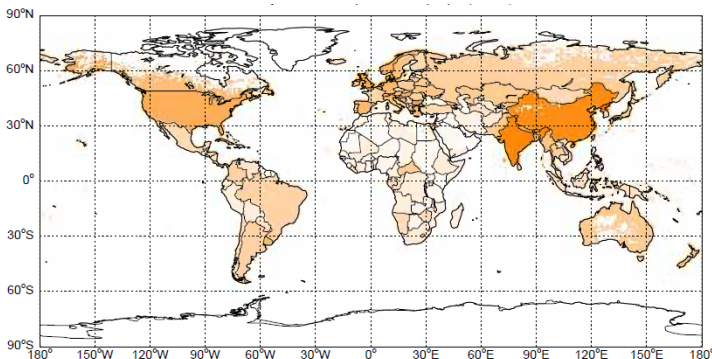


**Baseline  
Mortality Rates,  
deaths per year per**

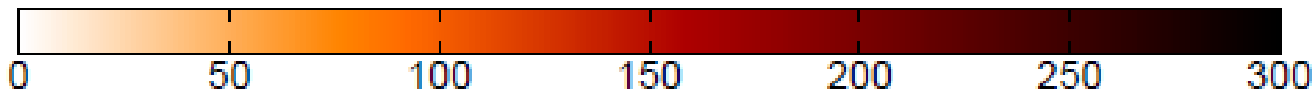
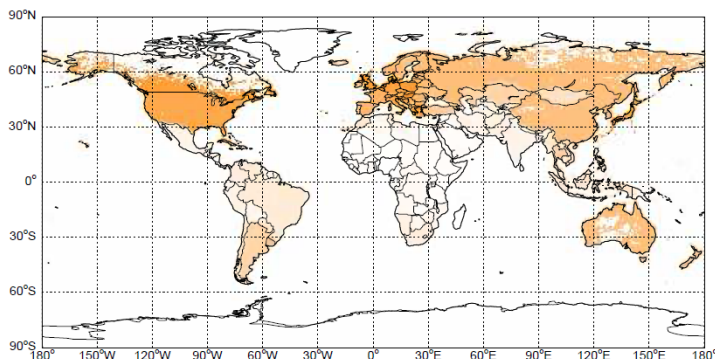
**100,000**

(GBD 2010, country  
level, AllAges > gridded  
to 0.67°x0.5°)

## COPD



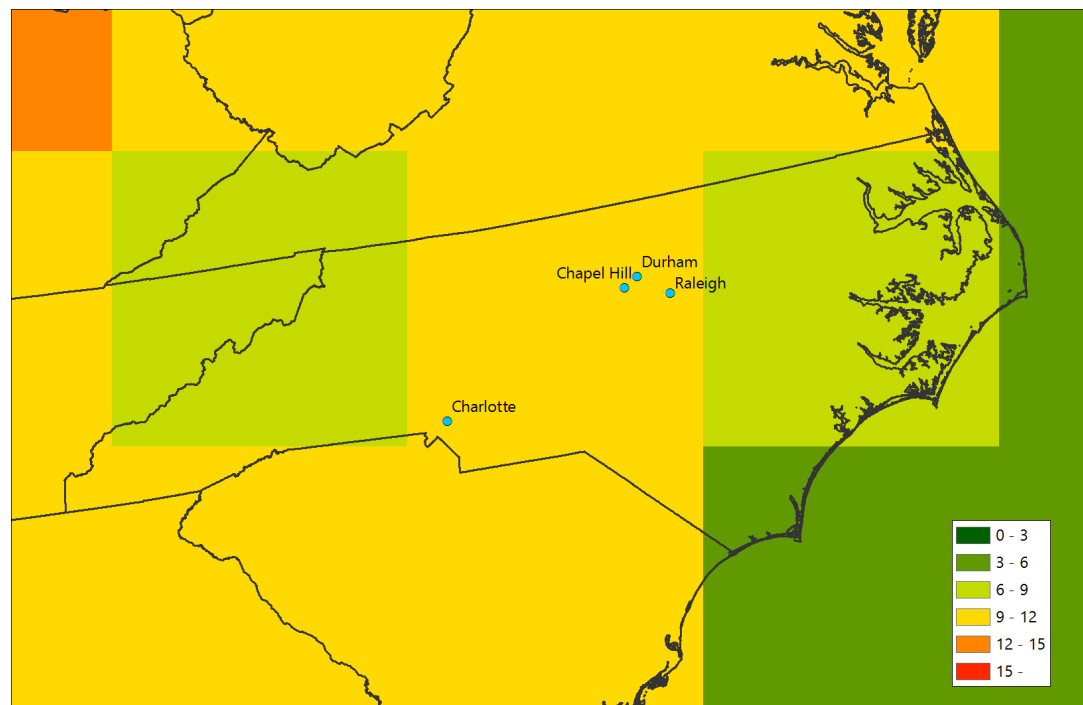
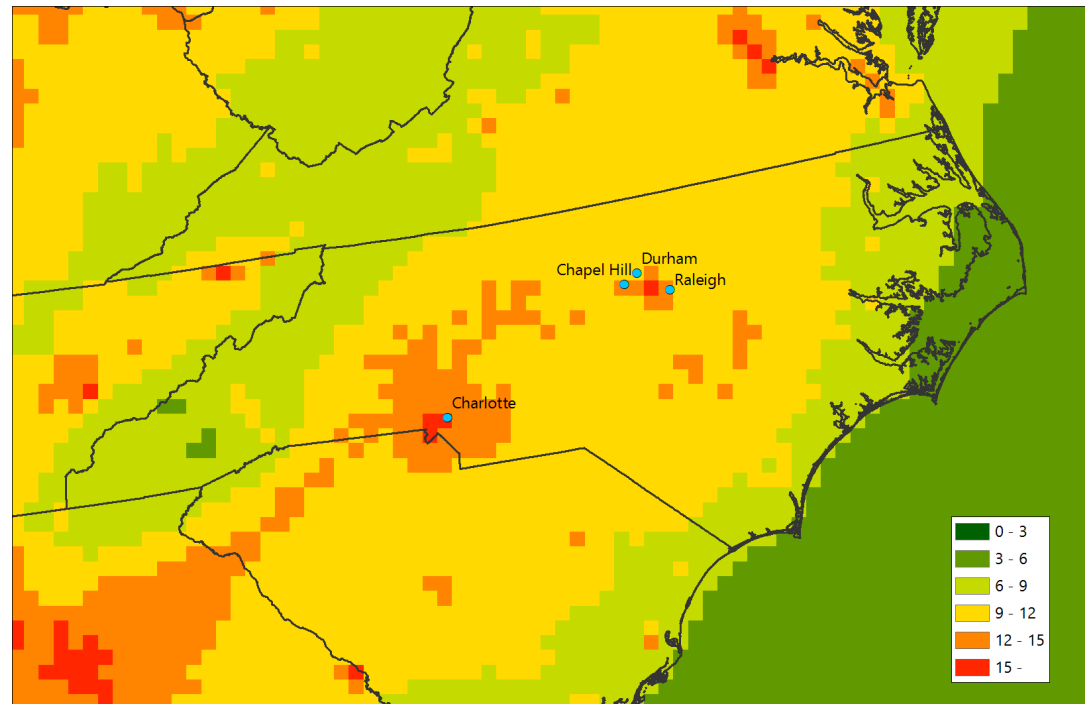
## LC



# What are sources of pollutant concentrations ( $\Delta X$ )?

- Observations
- Satellites
- Models
- Data Fusion

# 12-km CMAQ



Global model  
2.8° resolution

# Best Practice

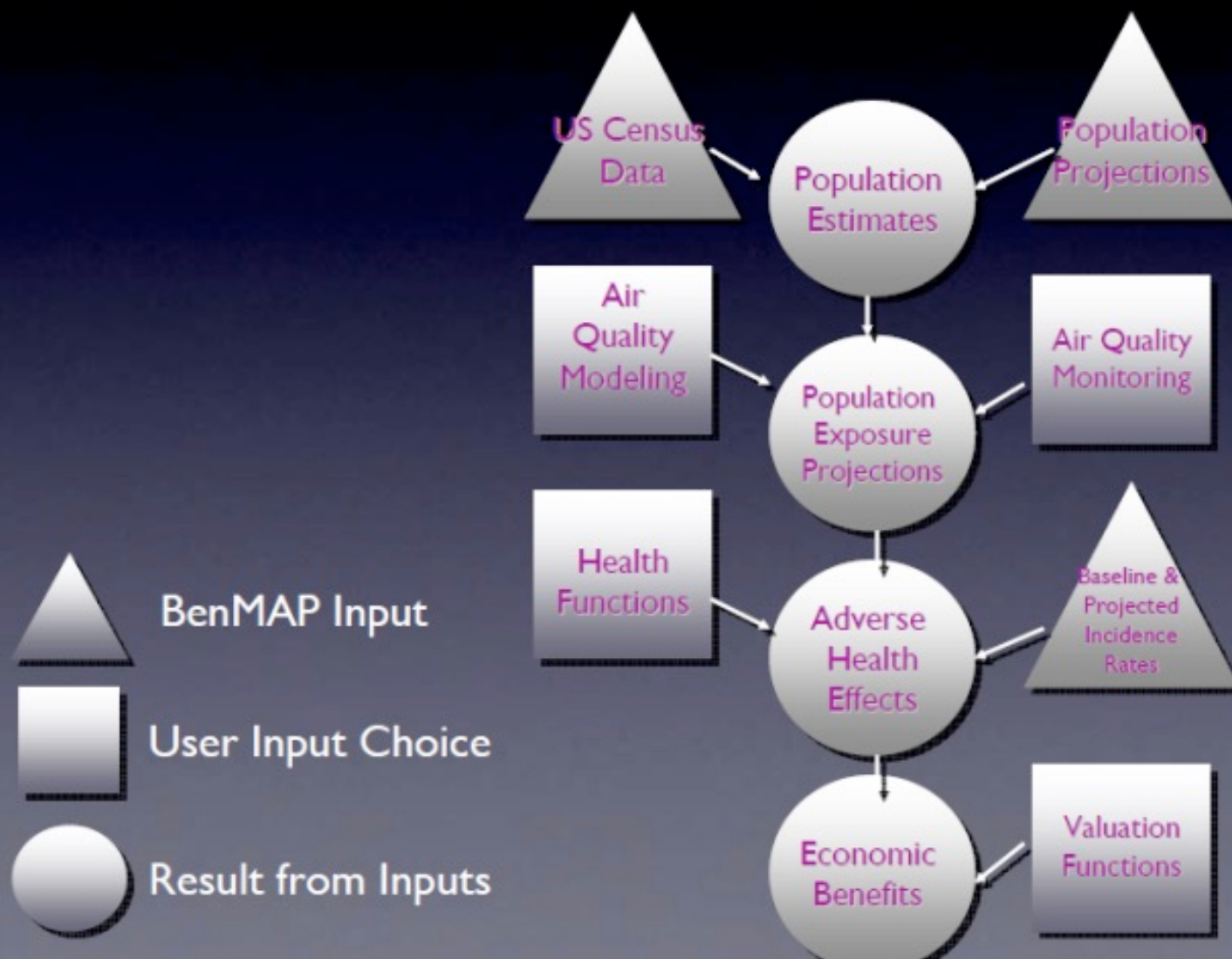
- Apply concentration-health functions in a way that agrees with the epidemiological study:
  - Air pollutant metric, averaging time.
  - Neighborhood scale concentrations
  - Same population (age, etc.)



### Environmental Benefits Mapping and Analysis Program

- Contains population estimates and a library of baseline incidence rate data
- Built on a GIS
- User selects concentration-response functions or inputs their own

# The Data BenMAP Uses to Perform a Benefits Analysis





# Regulatory Impact Analysis for the Repeal of the Clean Power Plan, and the Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing Electric Utility Generating Units

EPA-452/R-19-003

June 2019

**Table 4-5 Estimated Avoided PM<sub>2.5</sub> and Ozone-Related Premature Deaths and Illnesses in 2025, 2030 & 2035 (95% Confidence Interval)<sup>a</sup>**

|                                                                           |                              | 2025                           | 2030                           | 2035                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Avoided premature death among adults</b>                               |                              |                                |                                |                                |
| PM <sub>2.5</sub>                                                         | Krewski <i>et al.</i> (2009) | 33<br>(22 to 43)               | 44<br>(30 to 58)               | 48<br>(32 to 63)               |
|                                                                           | Lepeule <i>et al.</i> (2012) | 74<br>(37 to 110)              | 99<br>(49 to 150)              | 110<br>(54 to 160)             |
| Ozone                                                                     | Smith <i>et al.</i> (2009)   | 6<br>(3 to 9)                  | 6<br>(3 to 9)                  | 7<br>(4 to 11)                 |
|                                                                           | Jerrett <i>et al.</i> (2009) | 23<br>(8 to 38)                | 23<br>(8 to 38)                | 28<br>(9 to 46)                |
| <b>PM<sub>2.5</sub>- related non-fatal heart attacks among adults</b>     |                              |                                |                                |                                |
| Peters <i>et al.</i> (2001)                                               |                              | 37<br>(9 to 64)                | 48<br>(12 to 84)               | 50<br>(12 to 88)               |
| Pooled estimate                                                           |                              | 4<br>(2 to 11)                 | 5<br>(2 to 14)                 | 5<br>(2 to 14)                 |
| <b>All other morbidity effects</b>                                        |                              |                                |                                |                                |
| Hospital admissions—<br>cardiovascular (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )               |                              | 9<br>(4 to 16)                 | 12<br>(5 to 22)                | 13<br>(5 to 23)                |
| Hospital admissions—<br>respiratory (PM <sub>2.5</sub> & O <sub>3</sub> ) |                              | 19<br>((6) to 40)              | 23<br>((7) to 48)              | 25<br>((8) to 53)              |
| ED visits for asthma<br>(PM <sub>2.5</sub> & O <sub>3</sub> )             |                              | 54<br>((3) to 150)             | 55<br>((5) to 150)             | 65<br>((5) to 180)             |
| Exacerbated asthma<br>(PM <sub>2.5</sub> & O <sub>3</sub> )               |                              | 14,000<br>((11,000) to 35,000) | 14,000<br>((11,000) to 34,000) | 17,000<br>((13,000) to 41,000) |
| Minor restricted-activity<br>days (PM <sub>2.5</sub> & O <sub>3</sub> )   |                              | 48,000<br>(28,000 to 67,000)   | 52,000<br>(32,000 to 71,000)   | 58,000<br>(36,000 to 80,000)   |
| Acute bronchitis<br>(PM <sub>2.5</sub> )                                  |                              | 42<br>((10) to 94)             | 56<br>((13) to 130)            | 60<br>((14) to 130)            |
| Upper resp. symptoms<br>(PM <sub>2.5</sub> )                              |                              | 770<br>(140 to 1,400)          | 1,000<br>(190 to 1,900)        | 1,100<br>(200 to 2,000)        |
| Lower resp. symptoms<br>(PM <sub>2.5</sub> )                              |                              | 540<br>(200 to 870)            | 720<br>(270 to 1,200)          | 770<br>(290 to 1,200)          |
| Lost work days<br>(PM <sub>2.5</sub> )                                    |                              | 3,700<br>(3,100 to 4,200)      | 4,600<br>(3,900 to 5,400)      | 5,000<br>(4,300 to 5,800)      |
| School absence days<br>(O <sub>3</sub> )                                  |                              | 8,400<br>(3,000 to 19,000)     | 8,200<br>(2,900 to 18,000)     | 9,700<br>(3,400 to 22,000)     |

<sup>a</sup> Values rounded to two significant figures.

# Risk Analysis

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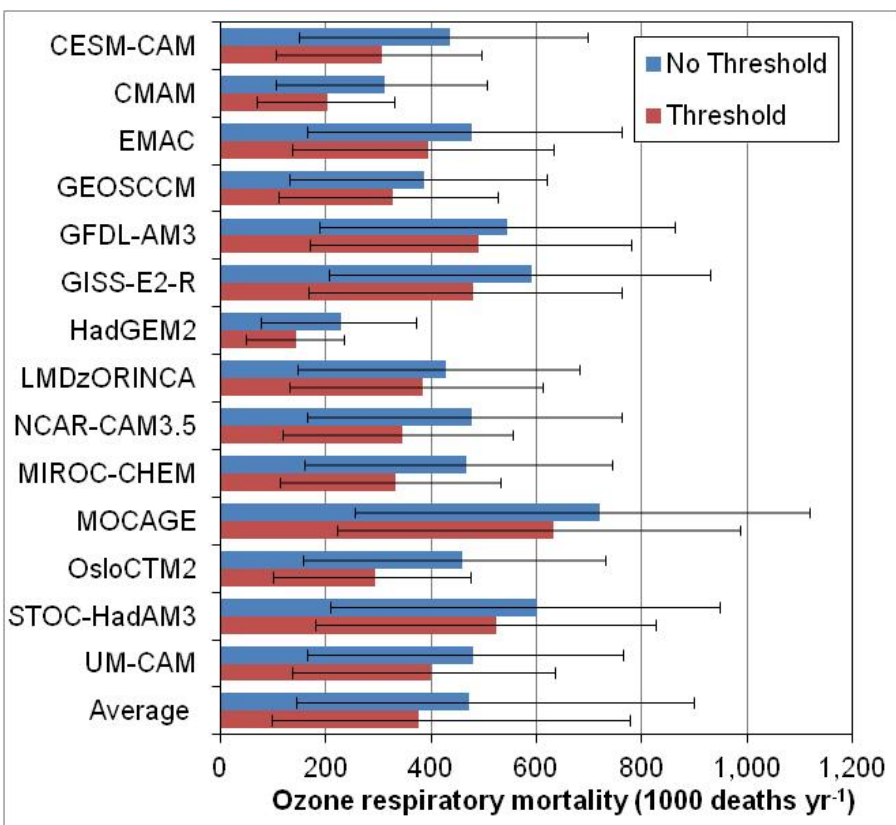
# Applications of Air Pollution Risk Assessment

- Total impact of air pollution on health (GBD)
- Changes in air pollution through time
- Effects of a policy

# Global mortality burden – ACCMIP ensemble

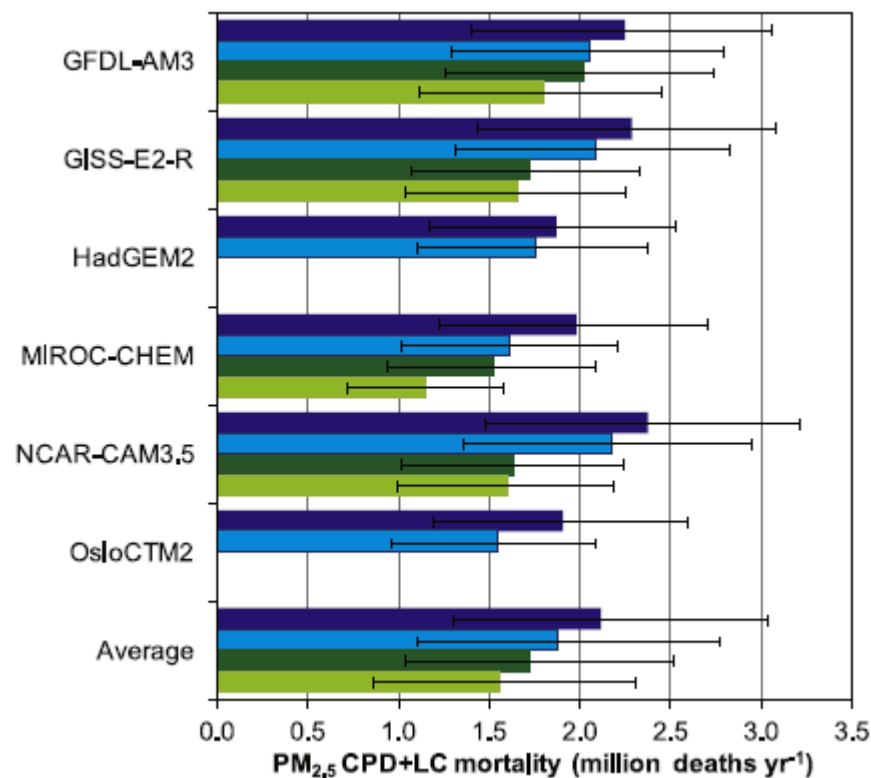
## Ozone-related mortality

**470,000** (95% CI: 140,000 - 900,000)



## PM<sub>2.5</sub>-related mortality(\*)

**2.1 million** (95% CI: 1.3 - 3.0 million)



(\*) PM<sub>2.5</sub> calculated as a sum of species (dark blue)

PM<sub>2.5</sub> as reported by 4 models (dark green)

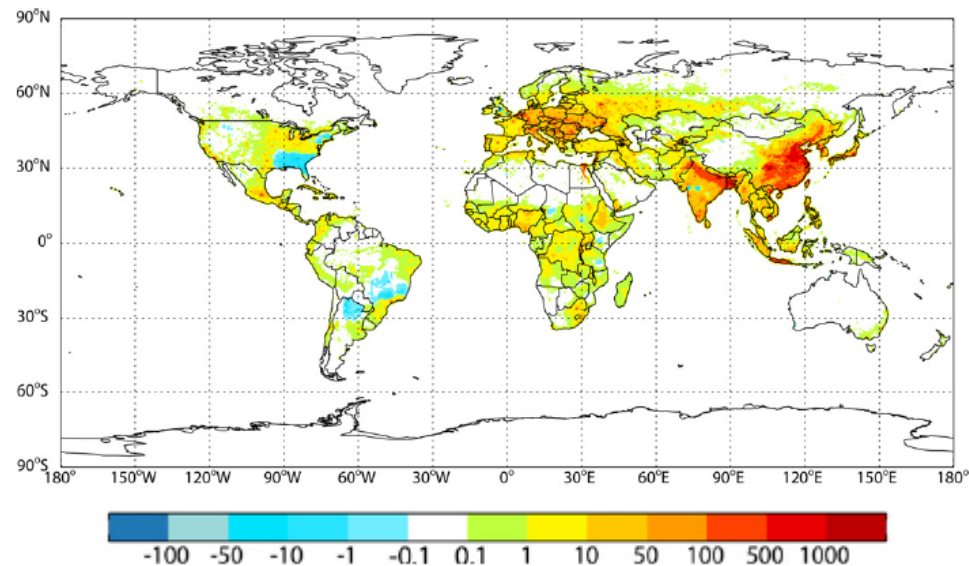
Light-colored bars - low-concentration threshold ( $5.8 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ )

# Global Burden: PM<sub>2.5</sub>-related mortality

## Global and regional mortality per year

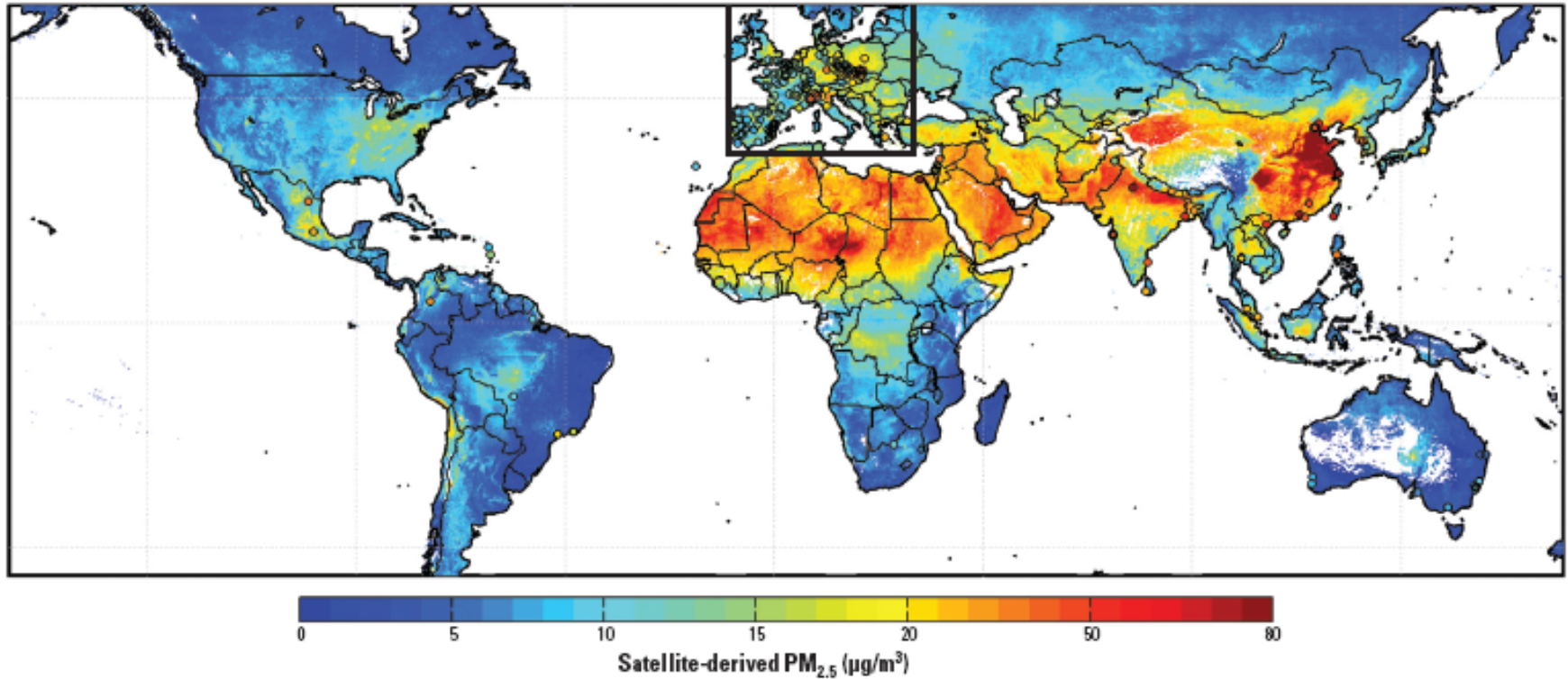
| Regions             | Total deaths | Deaths per million people (*) |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| North America       | 43,000       | 152                           |
| Europe              | 154,000      | 448                           |
| Former Soviet Union | 128,000      | 793                           |
| Middle East         | 88,700       | 371                           |
| India               | 397,000      | 715                           |
| East Asia           | 1,049,000    | 1,191                         |
| Southeast Asia      | 158,000      | 564                           |
| South America       | 16,800       | 92                            |
| Africa              | 77,500       | 327                           |
| Australia           | 1,250        | 78                            |
| Global              | 2,110,000    | 665                           |

(\*) Exposed population (age 30 and older)



**CPD+LC mortality , deaths yr<sup>-1</sup> (1000 km<sup>2</sup>)<sup>-1</sup>,**  
multi-model mean in each grid cell , 6 models

# PM<sub>2.5</sub> from Satellites



**Figure 4.** Global satellite-derived PM<sub>2.5</sub> averaged over 2001–2006. White space indicates water or locations containing < 50 measurements. Circles correspond to values and locations of comparison sites outside Canada and the United States; the black box outlines European sites.

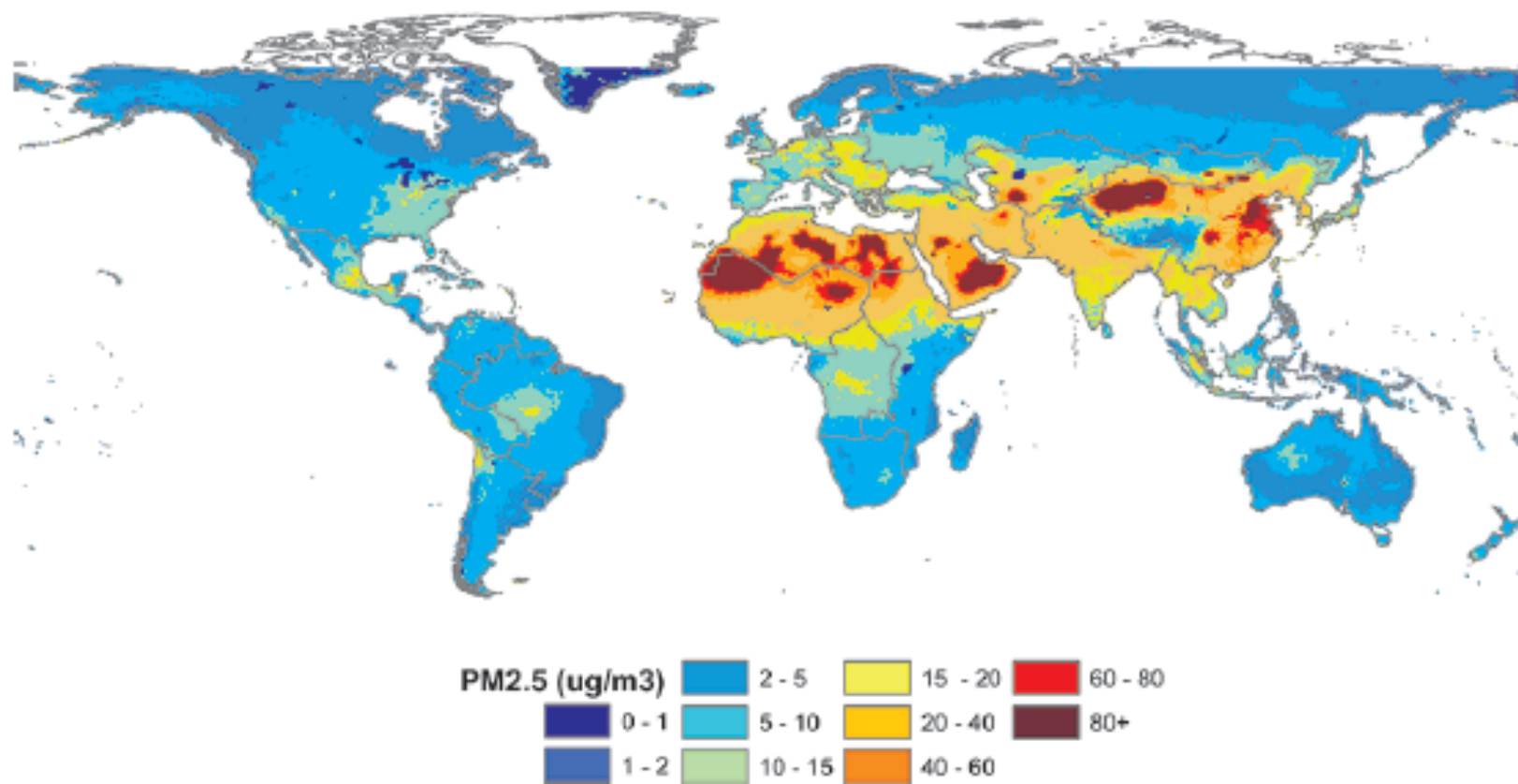


Figure 2. Estimated 2005 annual average PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ). The PM<sub>2.5</sub> estimates are generated from the grid cell average of SAT and TM5 and calibrated with a prediction model incorporating surface measurements.

# Global burden of disease of air pollution (2017)

## Global Deaths per Year

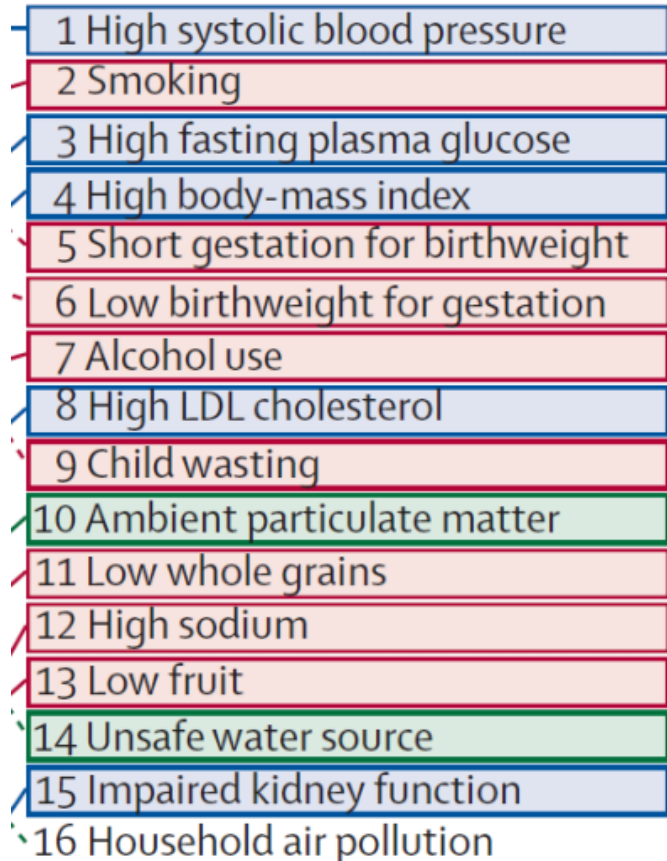
Ambient PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollution: 2.9 (2.5 – 3.4) million

Ambient ozone pollution: 0.47 (0.18 – 0.77) million

} 1 in 19 deaths globally!

Household air pollution from solid fuels: 1.6 (1.4 – 1.9) million

1 in 45 deaths globally!



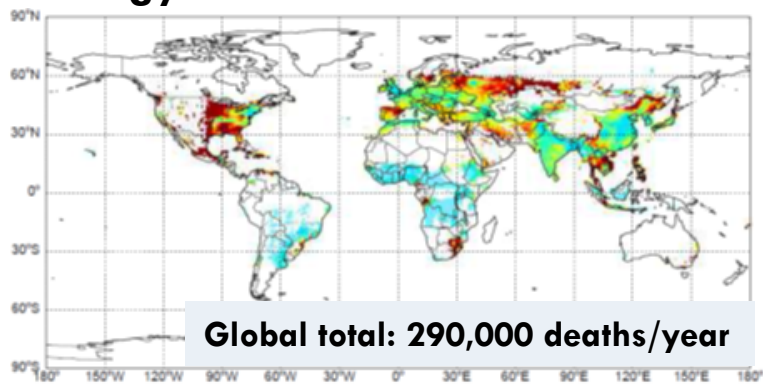
Ambient PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollution is the 8<sup>th</sup> leading risk factor for death globally.

Burnett et al. (PNAS, 2018) estimate 8.9 (7.5-10.3) million deaths from PM<sub>2.5</sub> in 2015.

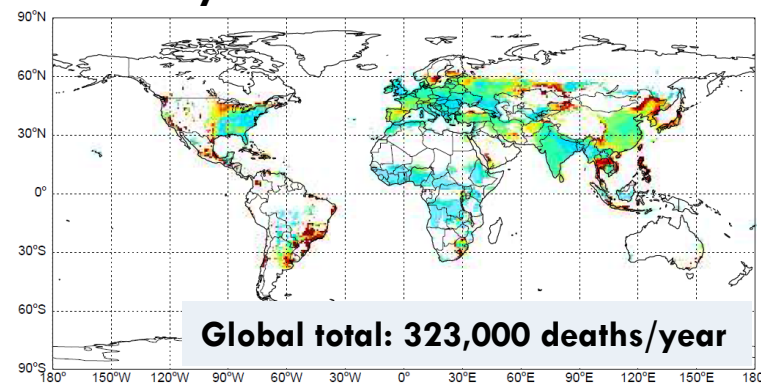
# PM<sub>2.5</sub>-related mortality (sectors zeroed-out)

Contributions of each sector to total PM<sub>2.5</sub> mortality (IHD+Stroke+COPD+LC),  
fraction of total burden in each cell

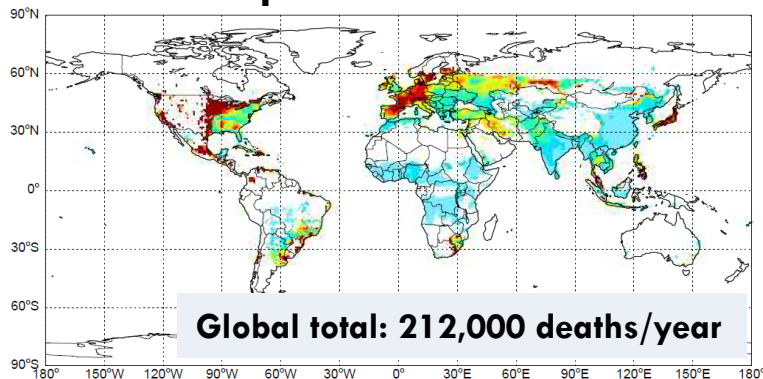
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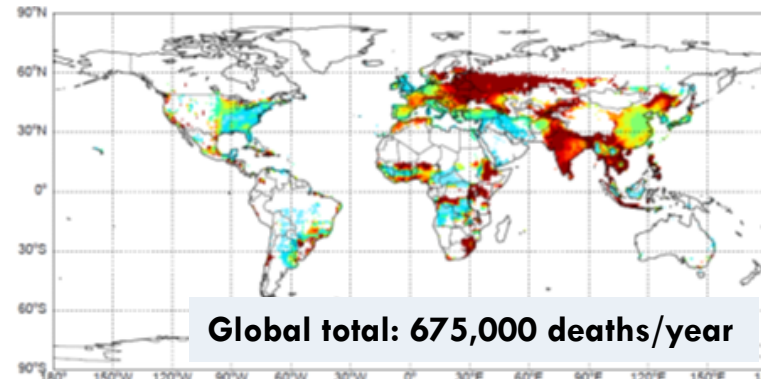
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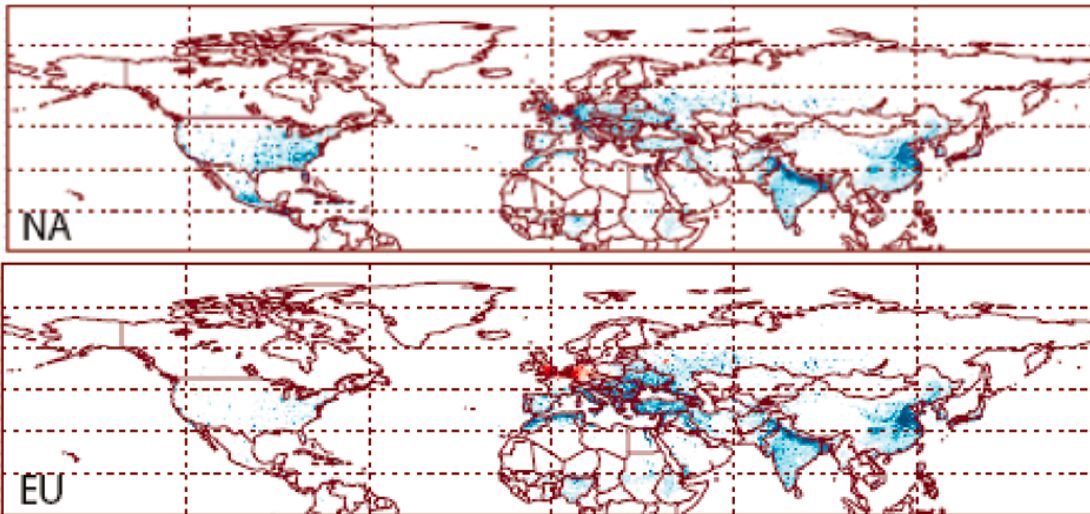
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## Residential & Commercial



# Ozone from N. American and European emissions causes more deaths outside of those regions than within

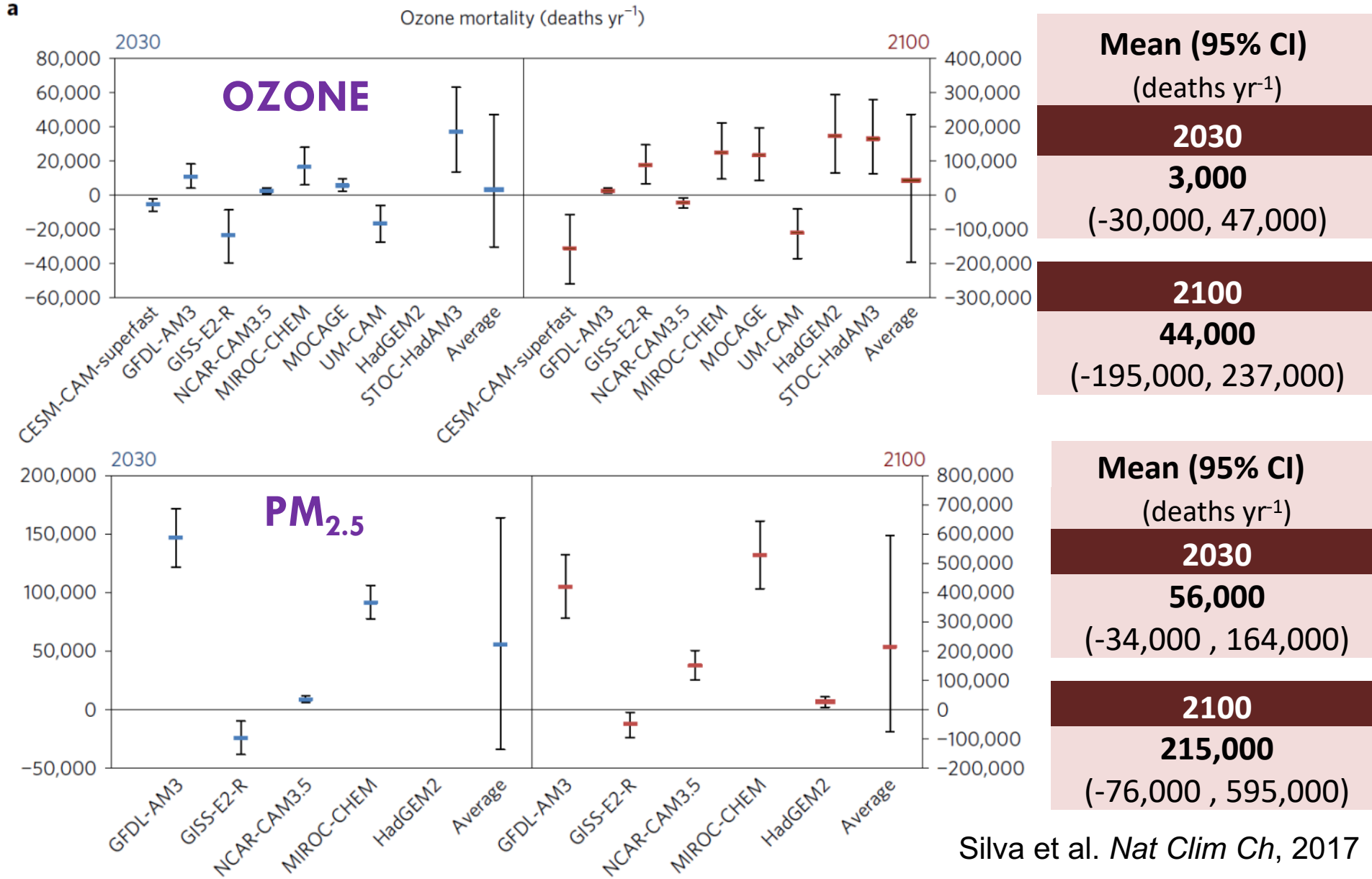


| source region | receptor region |              |               |              |               |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|               | NA              | EA           | SA            | EU           | NH            |
| NA            | 9 (4 – 13)      | 7 (3 – 10)   | 6 (3 – 9)     | 11 (5 – 17)  | 36 (18 – 55)  |
|               | 9 (4 – 14)      | 4 (2 – 6)    | 5 (3 – 8)     | 6 (3 – 9)    | 27 (13 – 41)  |
| EA            | 2 (1 – 3)       | 43 (21 – 66) | 6 (3 – 9)     | 5 (3 – 8)    | 59 (29 – 91)  |
|               | 1 (1 – 2)       | 40 (19 – 61) | 5 (2 – 8)     | 3 (1 – 4)    | 49 (24 – 76)  |
| SA            | 1 (0 – 1)       | 4 (2 – 6)    | 76 (37 – 117) | 2 (1 – 3)    | 85 (41 – 130) |
|               | 0 (0 – 1)       | 3 (1 – 4)    | 66 (32 – 101) | 1 (0 – 2)    | 71 (34 – 108) |
| EU            | 2 (1 – 3)       | 8 (4 – 12)   | 6 (3 – 10)    | 17 (8 – 26)  | 38 (18 – 58)  |
|               | 1 (0 – 1)       | 6 (3 – 8)    | 6 (3 – 9)     | 25 (12 – 38) | 40 (19 – 61)  |

Avoided deaths (hundreds) from 20% regional ozone precursor reductions, based on HTAP simulations, Anenberg et al. (EST, 2009)

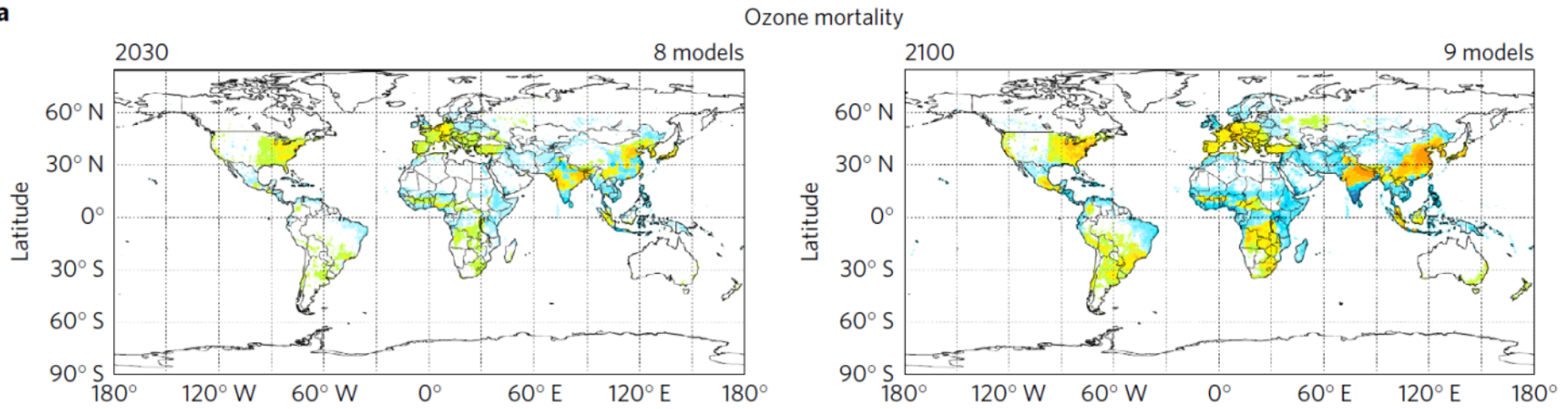
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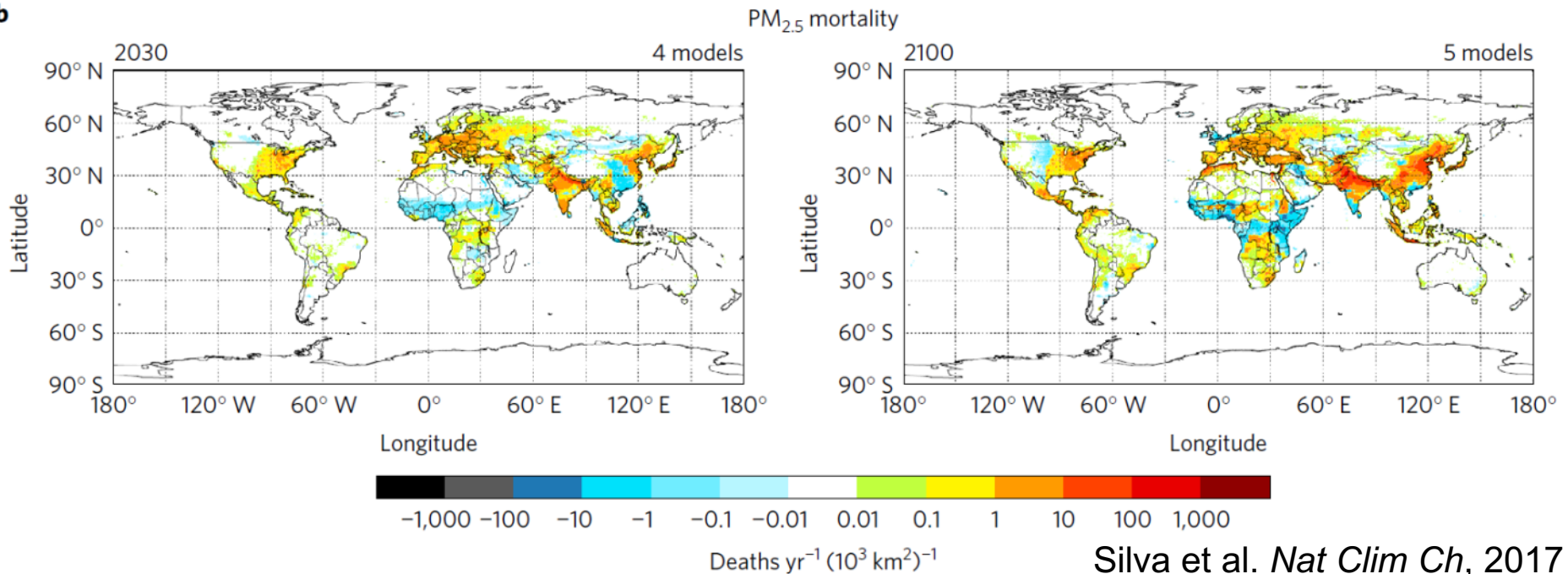


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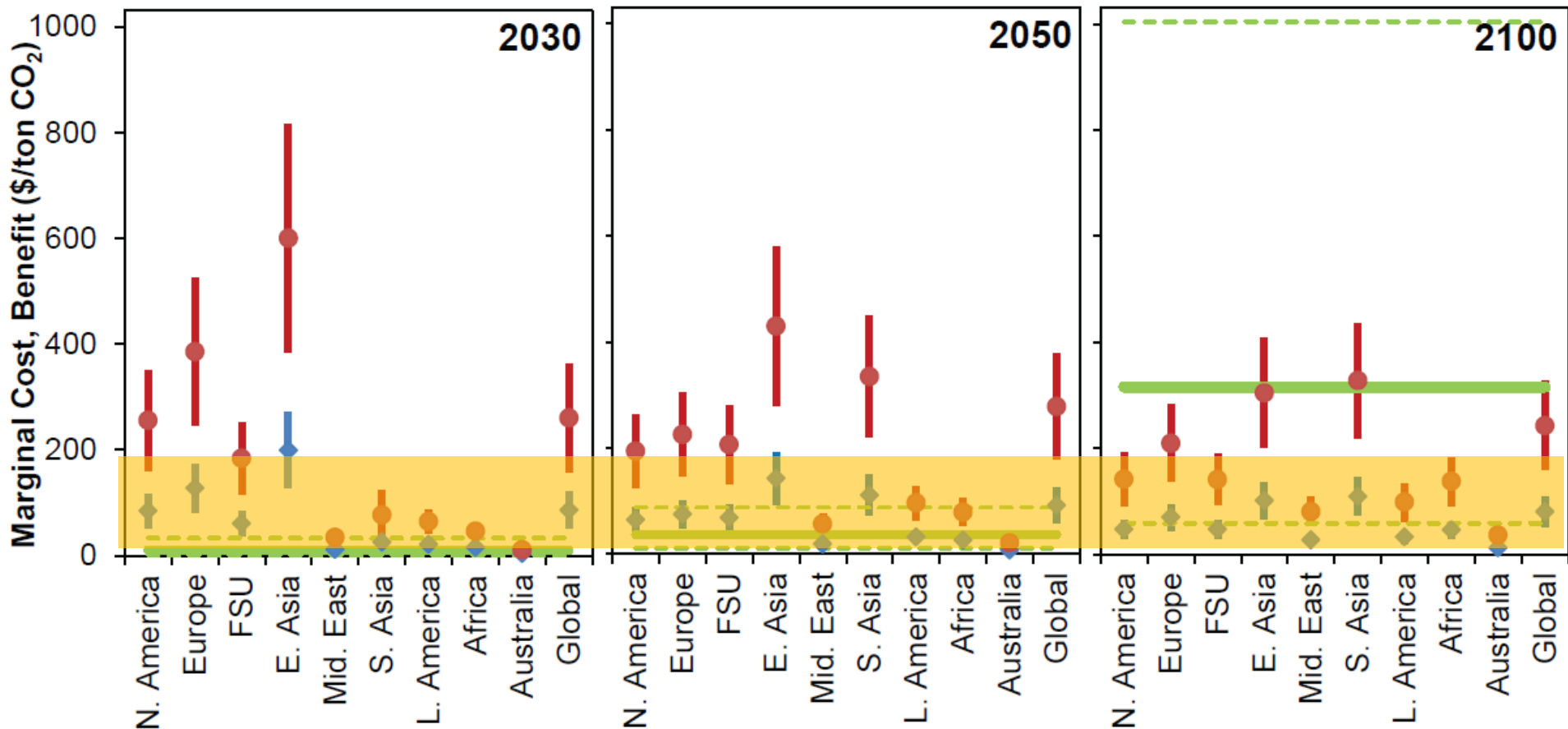
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# Co-benefits – Valuation of Avoided Mortality

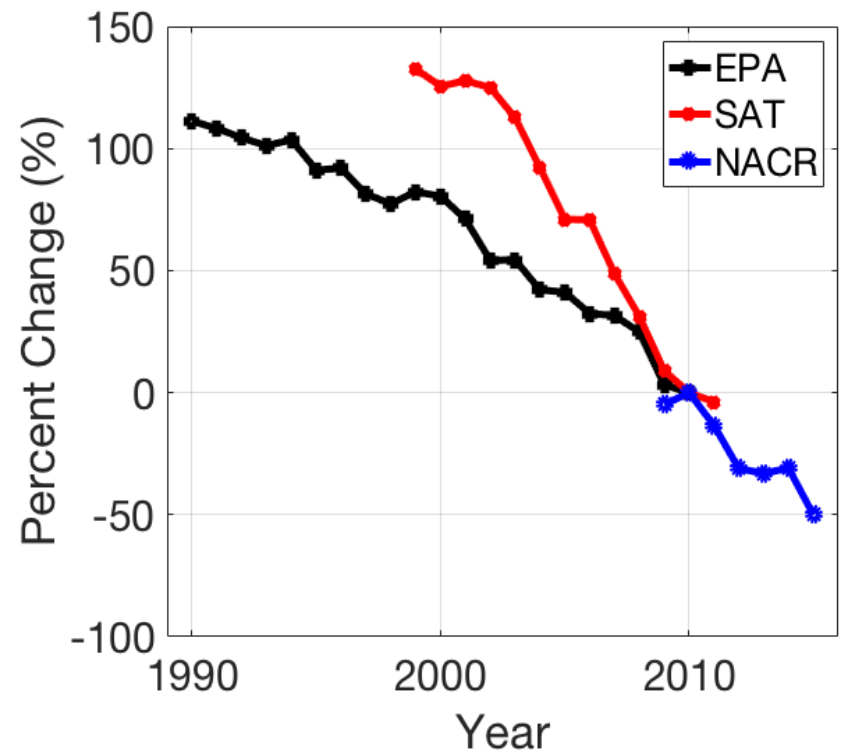
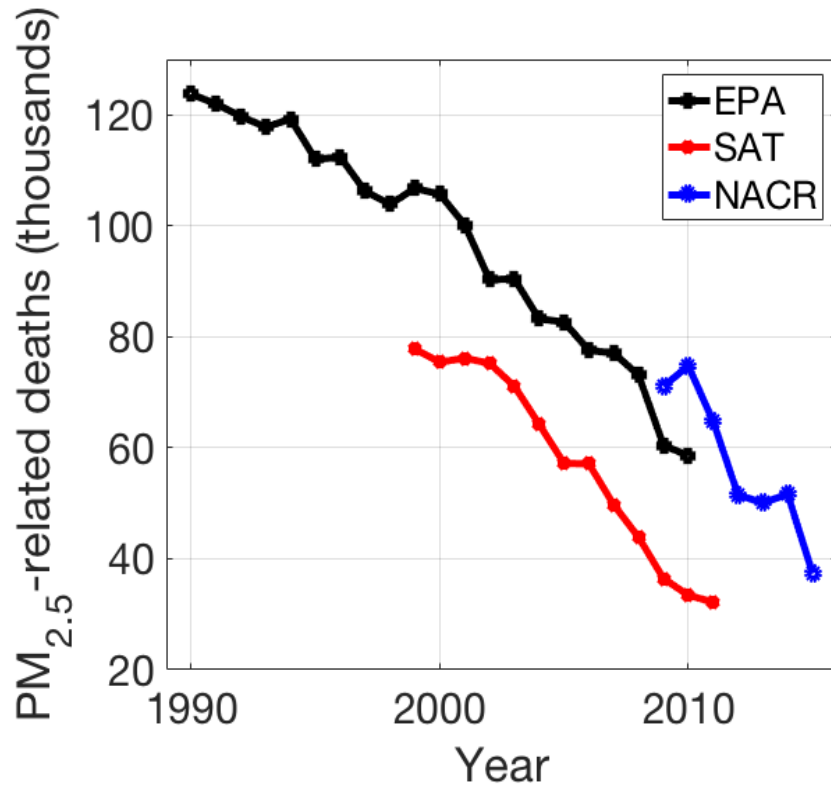


Red: High valuation (2030 global mean \$3.6 million)

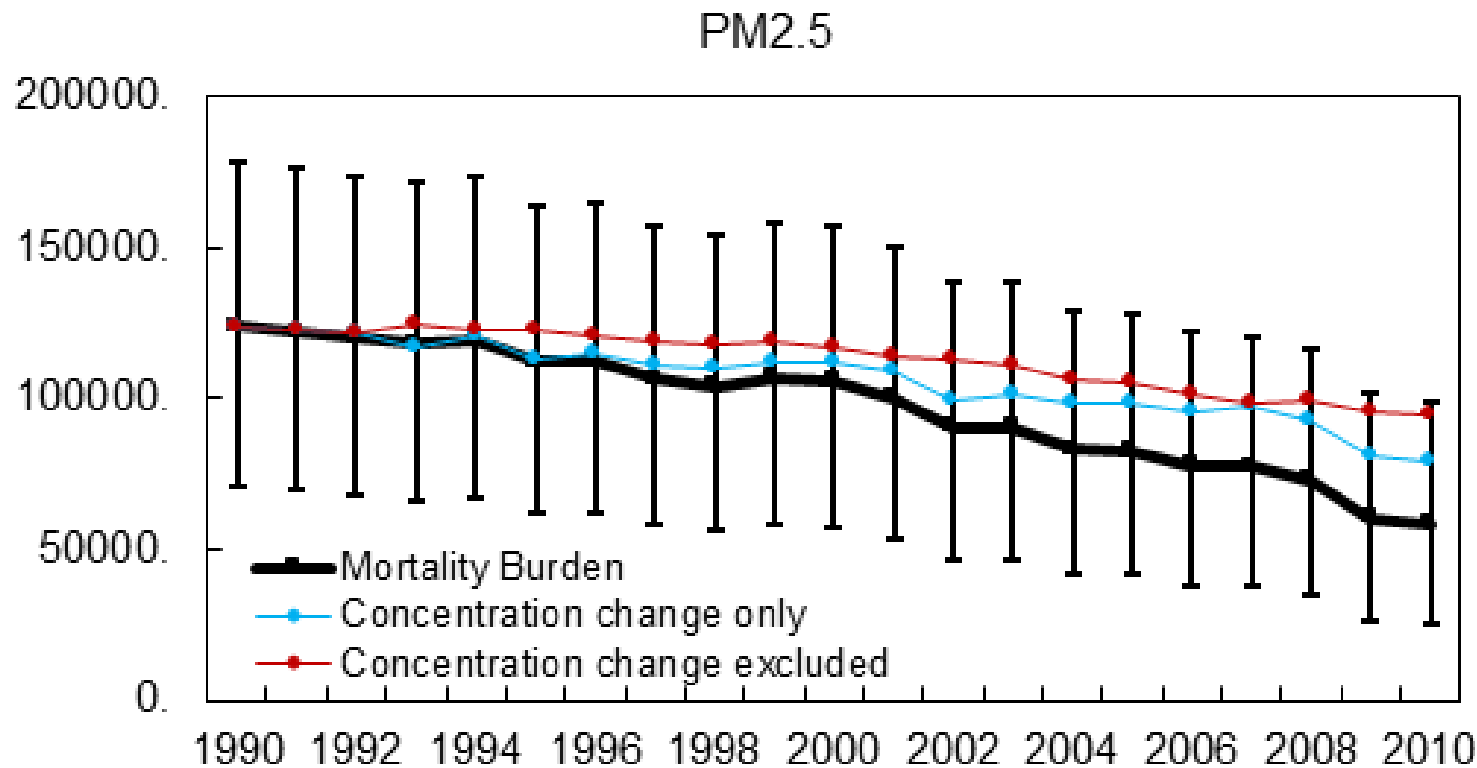
Blue: Low valuation (2030 global mean \$1.2 million)

Green: Median and range of global C price (13 models)

# US PM<sub>2.5</sub>-related deaths



# PM<sub>2.5</sub> Mortality Burden (EPA)



- PM<sub>2.5</sub> mortality decreased by 53% from 123,700 (70,800-178,100) deaths in 1990 to 58,600 (24,900-98,500) in 2010.
- Without the decrease in PM<sub>2.5</sub> since 1990, the burden would have only decreased by 24%.
- PM<sub>2.5</sub> reductions since 1990 have decreased deaths in 2010 by about **35,800**.

# Future Opportunities

- Many possible applications.
- Improved epidemiology – health and concentration data.
- Improve space/time resolution, understanding of population movement.
- Health benefits of policies using reduced-form AQ models (inMAP, EASIUR).



## INTERVENTION MODEL FOR AIR POLLUTION

Health Impacts of Air Pollution: A Tool to  
Understand the Consequences

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# What are the 4 pieces of information you need to do a health risk assessment?

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$$\Delta Mort = (1 - e^{-\beta \Delta X}) \times Pop \times y_0$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the health risk assessment equation:

- Attributable fraction** (indicated by a red bracket over the term  $(1 - e^{-\beta \Delta X})$ )
- Baseline mortality** (indicated by a red bracket over the term  $y_0$ )
- Annual deaths** (indicated by a blue arrow pointing to  $\Delta Mort$ )
- Concentration-response factor** (indicated by a blue arrow pointing to  $\beta$ )
- Change in concentration** (indicated by a blue arrow pointing to  $\Delta X$ )
- Population exposed** (indicated by a blue arrow pointing to  $Pop$ )
- Baseline mortality rate** (indicated by a blue arrow pointing to  $y_0$ )



# Health impact function

The diagram illustrates the Health Impact Function equation:  $\Delta Mort = (1 - e^{-\beta \Delta X}) \times Pop \times y_0$ . Red curly braces above the equation group the terms into two categories: 'Attributable fraction' for  $(1 - e^{-\beta \Delta X})$  and 'Baseline mortality' for  $Pop \times y_0$ . Blue arrows point from descriptive labels to specific parts of the equation: 'Annual avoided mortalities' points to  $\Delta Mort$ ; 'Concentration-response factor' points to  $\beta$ ; 'Change in concentration' points to  $\Delta X$ ; 'Population exposed' points to  $Pop$ ; and 'Baseline mortality rate' points to  $y_0$ .

$$\Delta Mort = (1 - e^{-\beta \Delta X}) \times Pop \times y_0$$

Attributable fraction      Baseline mortality

Annual avoided mortalities

Concentration-response factor      Change in concentration

Population exposed      Baseline mortality rate

$\beta$  – from re-analysis of ACS cohort: Krewski et al. (2009) for  $PM_{2.5}$ , Jerrett et al. (2009) for ozone.

$Pop$  – from LANDSCAN database at very fine resolution, adjusted for adult population.

$y_0$  – from WHO country- or region-level data.

$Pop$  and  $y_0$  fields were gridded using a GIS.

# Health impact function

$$\Delta Mort = y_0 \times AF \times Pop$$

$$\Delta Mort = y_0 \times (1 - \exp^{-\beta \Delta X}) \times Pop$$

**Baseline  
mortality rate**

( $\approx$  CPD)

**Exposed  
Population**

$\Delta X$  = **Change in  
concentration**

$\beta$  = **Concentration-  
response factor**

- **Respiratory diseases (RESP)**  
(inc. COPD – chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- **Cardiovascular diseases**  
(inc. IHD – ischemic heart disease, STROKE – cerebrovascular disease)
- **Lung Cancer (LC)**

## 1 “What We Breathe Impacts Our Health: Improving Understanding 2 of the Link between Air Pollution and Health”

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- Air pollution is underappreciated for global health.
- Air pollution and its health impacts are changing globally, and will change in ways interrelated with climate change.
- Air pollution science offers new possibilities: new measurement methods measuring more chemical components, cheap sensors that can be widely deployed, satellites, and models.
- There is a need for the communities of air pollution science and air pollution health effects science to work together better.



**Epidemiology**

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**Atmospheric Science**

**Engineering**

**Chemistry**

**Physics**

- **Measurements of chemical components**
- **Spatially-distributed measurements (cheap sensors)**
- **Satellite observations**
- **Computer models**

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- **Which pollutants to emphasize, averaging times**
- **Risk functions**
- **Biological mechanisms**

# American Cancer Society Study (Pope et al., 2002)

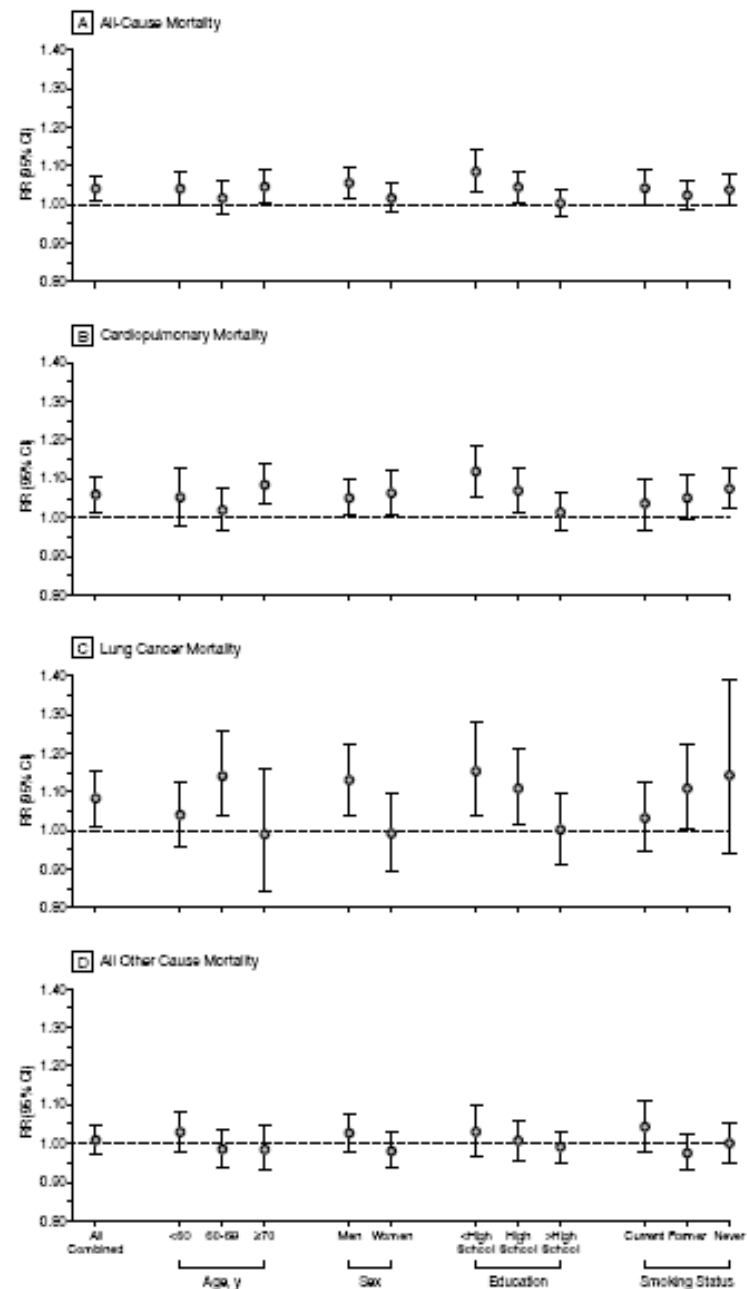
>500,000 adult volunteers  
followed.

**Table 2. Adjusted Mortality Relative Risk (RR) Associated With a 10- $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  Change in Fine Particles Measuring Less Than 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  in Diameter**

| Cause of Mortality | Adjusted RR (95% CI)* |                  |                  |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                    | 1970-1983             | 1990-2000        | Average          |
| All-cause          | 1.04 (1.01-1.08)      | 1.06 (1.02-1.10) | 1.06 (1.02-1.11) |
| Cardiopulmonary    | 1.06 (1.02-1.10)      | 1.08 (1.02-1.14) | 1.09 (1.03-1.16) |
| Lung cancer        | 1.08 (1.01-1.16)      | 1.13 (1.04-1.22) | 1.14 (1.04-1.23) |
| All other cause    | 1.01 (0.97-1.05)      | 1.01 (0.97-1.06) | 1.01 (0.95-1.06) |

\*Estimated and adjusted based on the baseline random-effects Cox proportional hazards model, controlling for age, sex, race, smoking, education, marital status, body mass, alcohol consumption, occupational exposure, and diet. CI indicates confidence interval.

**Figure 4. Adjusted Mortality Relative Risk (RR) Ratio Associated With 10- $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  Differences of  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  Concentrations**



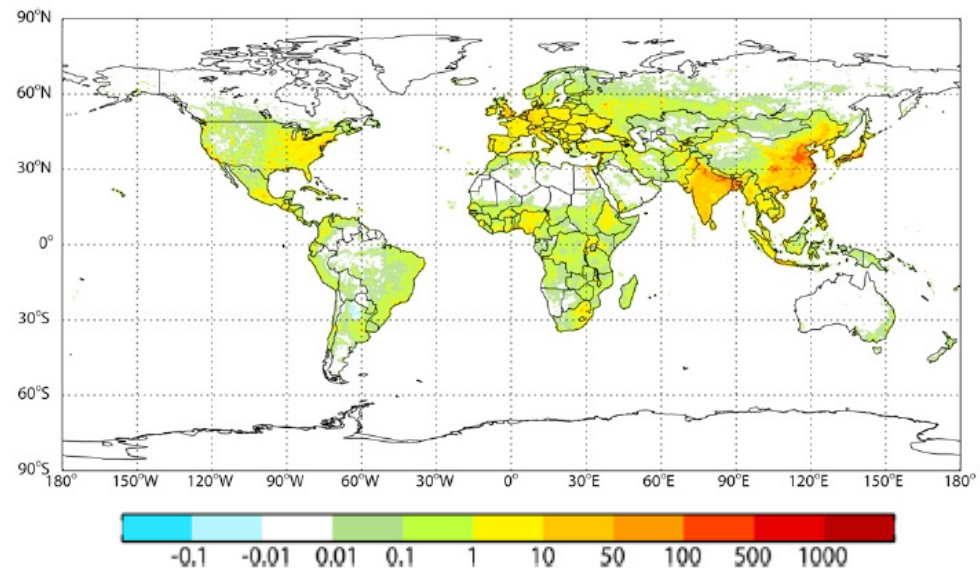
Data presented are for 1979-1983 for the different causes of death stratified by age, sex, education, and smoking status.  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  indicates mean fine particles measuring less than 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter; CI, confidence interval.

# Global Burden: Ozone-related mortality

## Global and regional mortality per year

| Regions             | Total deaths | Deaths per million people (*) |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| North America       | 34,400       | 121                           |
| Europe              | 32,800       | 96                            |
| Former Soviet Union | 10,600       | 66                            |
| Middle East         | 16,200       | 68                            |
| India               | 118,000      | 212                           |
| East Asia           | 203,000      | 230                           |
| Southeast Asia      | 33,300       | 119                           |
| South America       | 6,970        | 38                            |
| Africa              | 17,300       | 73                            |
| Australia           | 469          | 29                            |
| Global              | 472,000      | 149                           |

(\*) Exposed population (age 30 and older)



**Respiratory mortality , deaths yr<sup>-1</sup> (1000 km<sup>2</sup>)<sup>-1</sup>,**  
multi-model mean in each grid cell , 14 models