

# Advancing Satellite-Derived PM<sub>2.5</sub> to Support the Health and Air Quality Management Communities

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## Large Community Requires Information on Distribution of PM<sub>2.5</sub>



Epidemiological studies

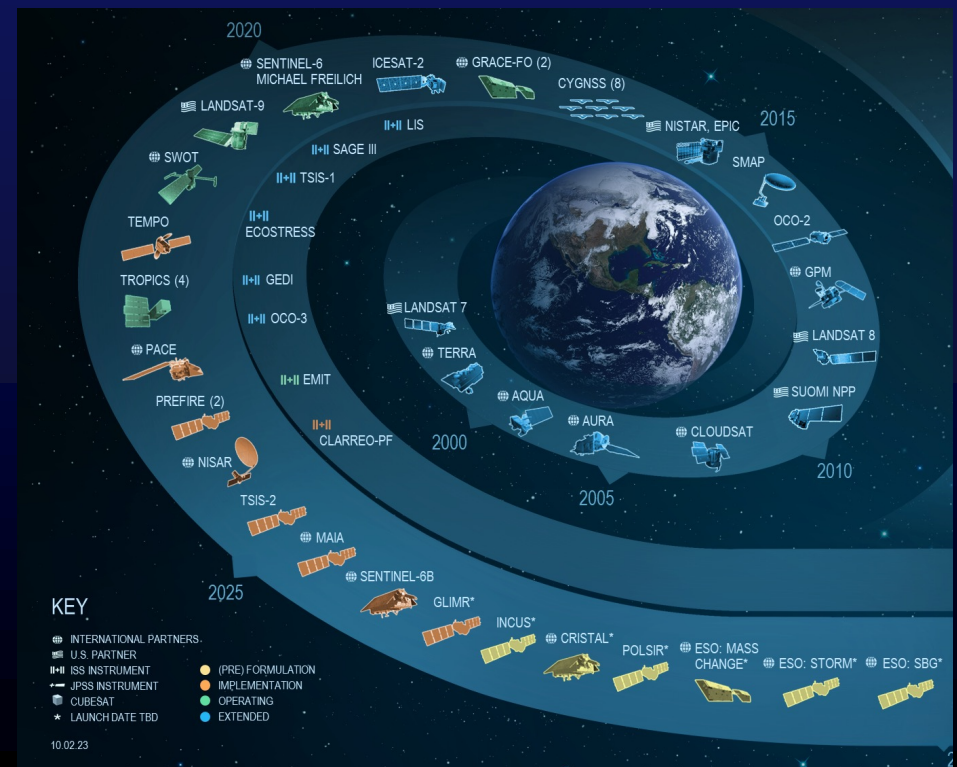
# Use Satellite Observations as Primary Data Source Motivated by Large Gaps in Ground-Based Monitoring

## Large and growing constellation of observations



**Instruments:** MODIS-Terra, MODIS-Aqua, VIIRS-SNPP, VIIRS-NOAA20, MISR, SeaWiFS

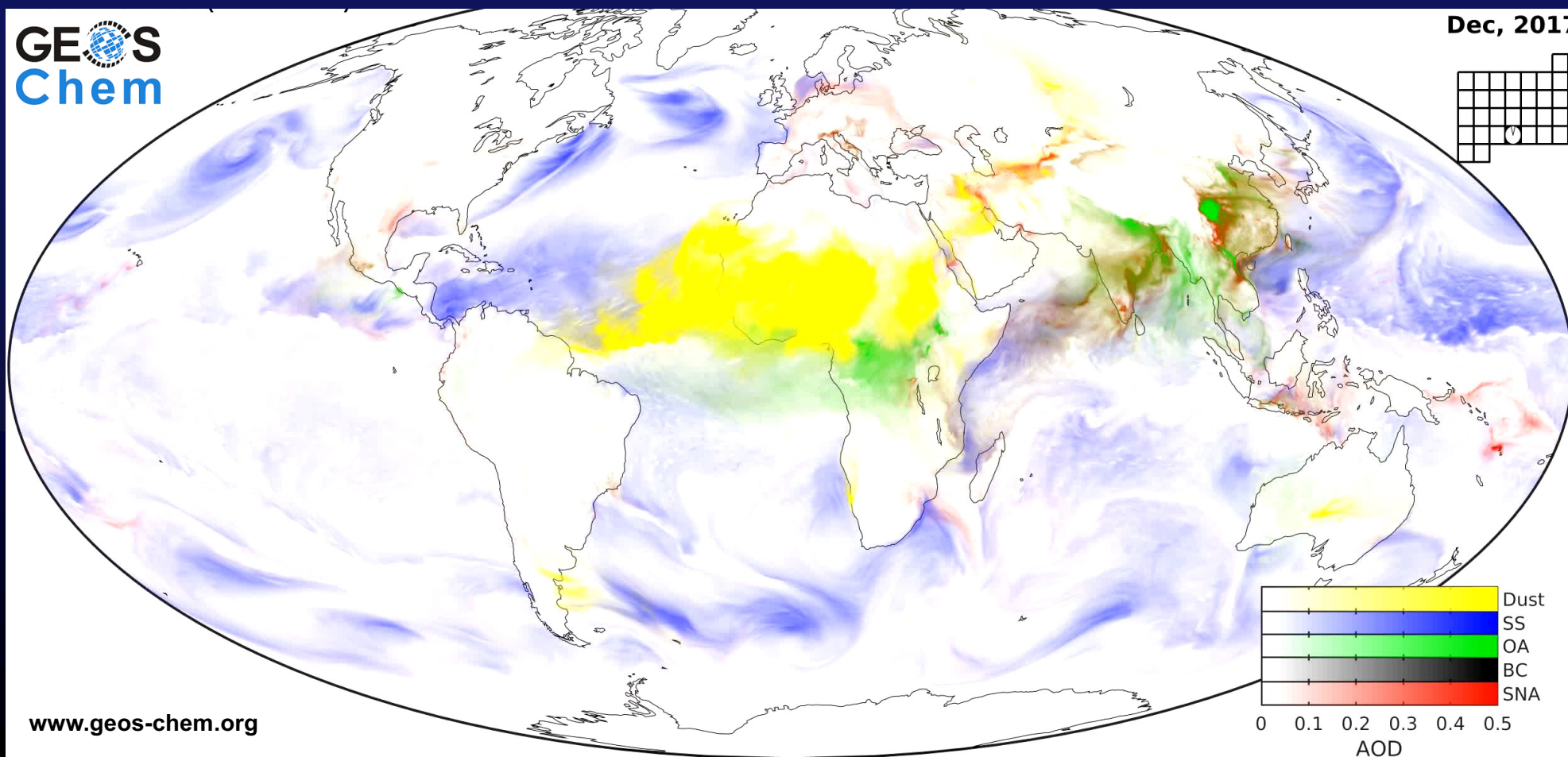
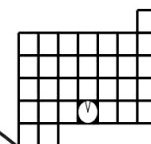
**Algorithms:** MAIAC, Deep Blue, Dark Target, MISR



# Apply Chemical Transport Model (GEOS-Chem) to Calculate Spatially- and Temporally-Varying Relationship of AOD with PM<sub>2.5</sub>

GEOS  
Chem

Dec, 2017



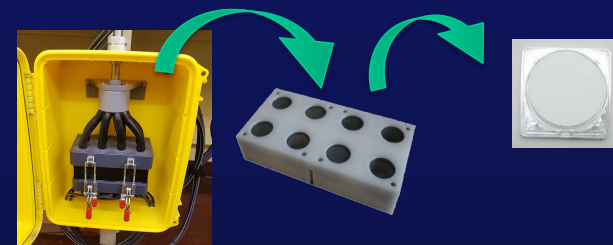
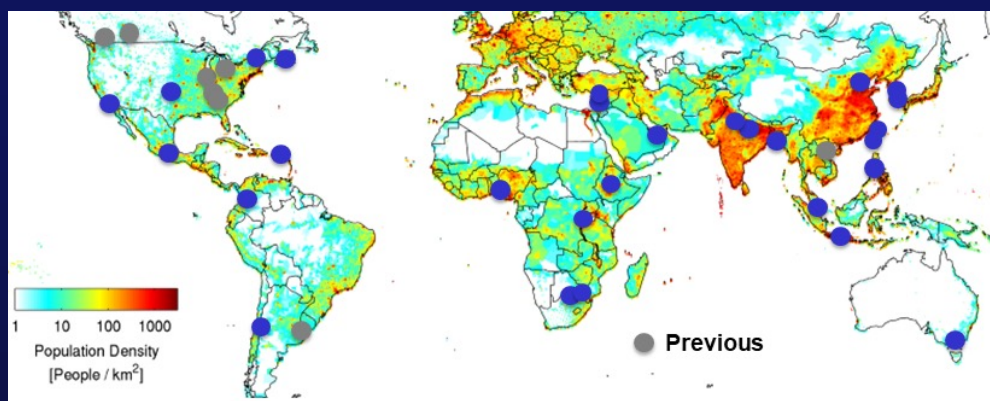
[www.geos-chem.org](http://www.geos-chem.org)

Simulation on NASA Pleiades supercomputer

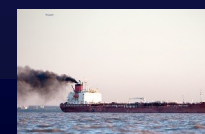
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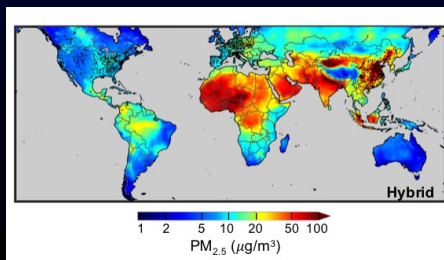
# A Growing Harmonized Air Quality Network: Surface Particulate Matter Network (SPARTAN)



Global PM<sub>2.5</sub> composition network: offers information about sources



Supporting satellite-based PM<sub>2.5</sub> inference

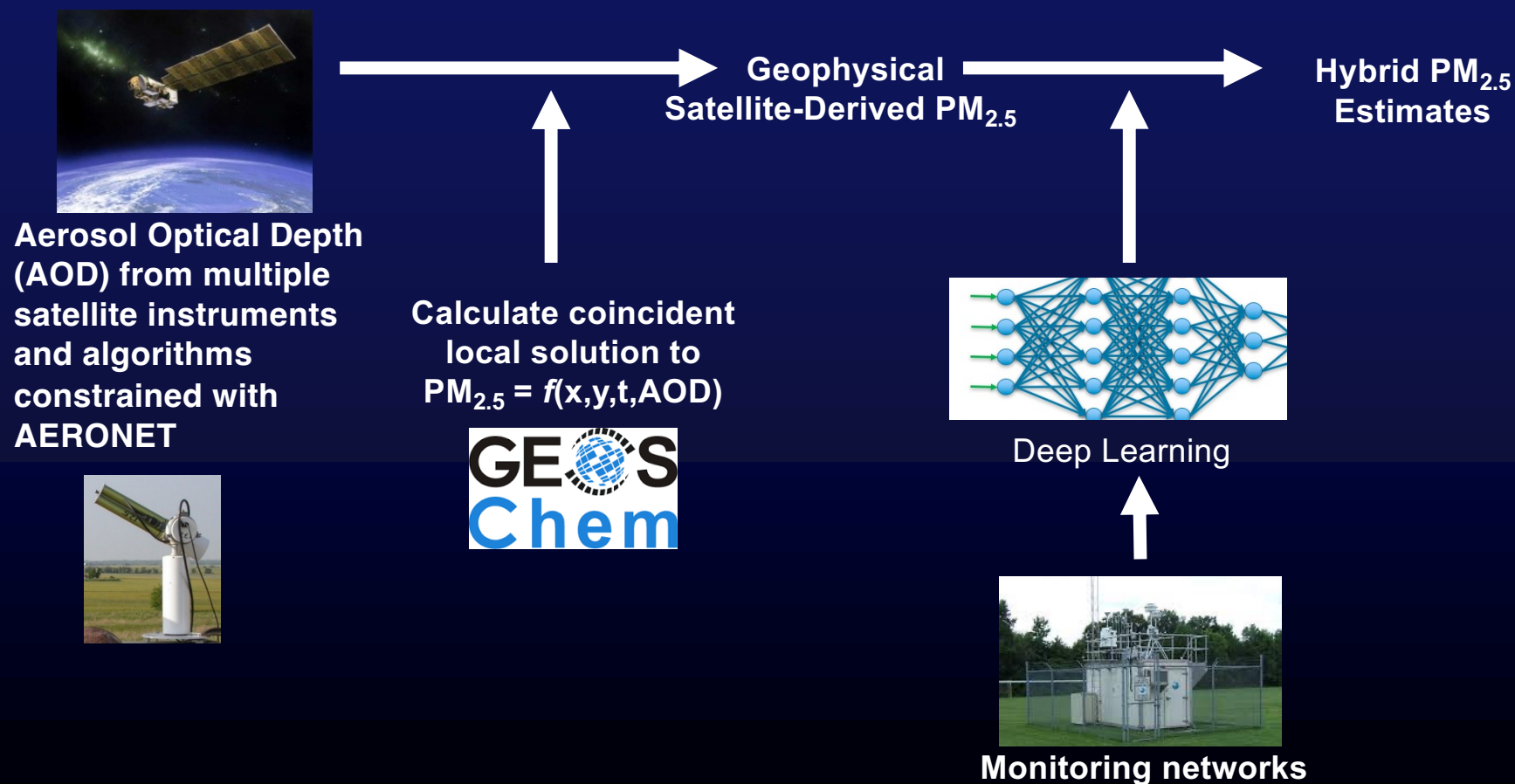


Overall operations led by Chris Oxford

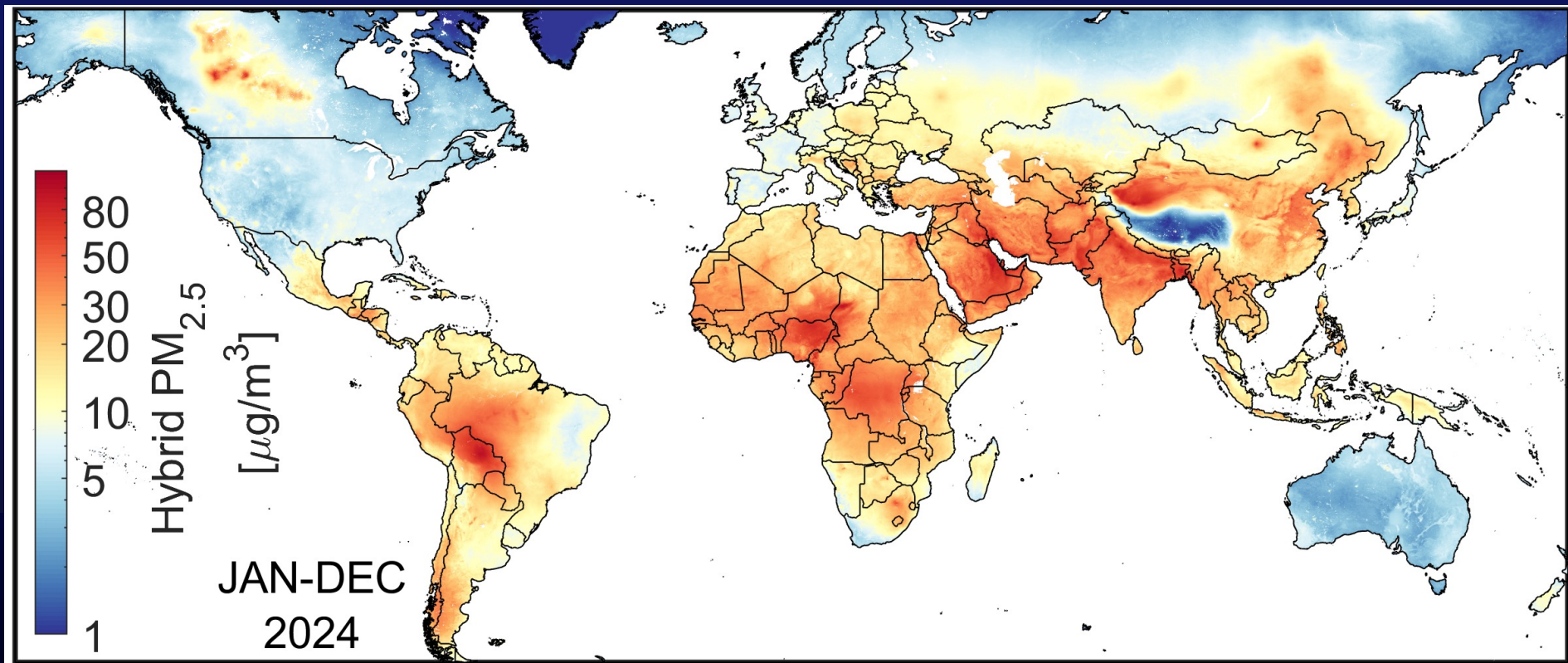
[www.spartan-network.org](http://www.spartan-network.org)

Supported by Yuxuan Ren, Nidhi Anchan, Ryan Graham, Kamendra Pathak, Will Frohling

## Deep Learning With Geophysical A Priori Information



## 27-Year Record of Satellite-Derived PM<sub>2.5</sub> (1998-2024)



World Health Organization global annual mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> guideline: 5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

### Information source for

Global Burden of Disease  
OECD Regional Well Being Index  
World Health Organization  
UN Development Program

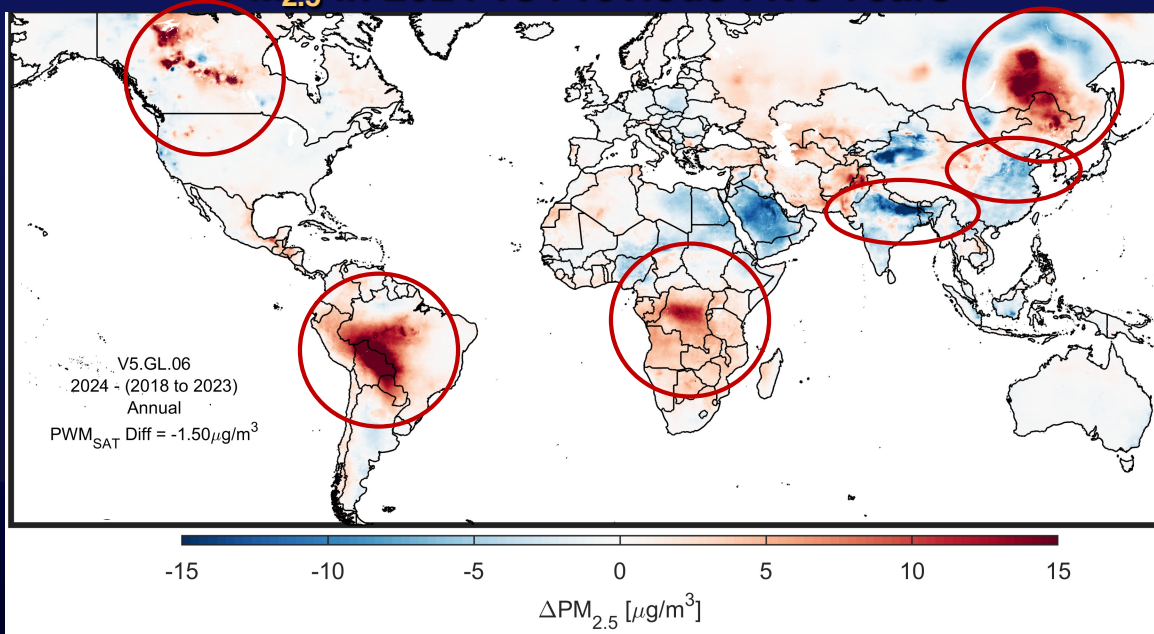
HEI State of Global Air  
Air Quality Life Index  
World Bank  
UNICEF

Environmental Performance  
Index  
Environmental Systems  
Research Institute (ESRI)

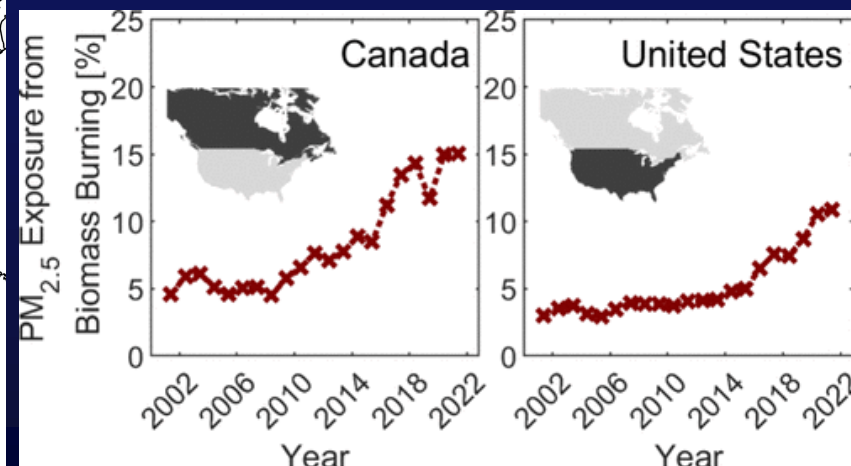


# Continuation of Two Major PM<sub>2.5</sub> Trends: Decreasing Global Burden and Increasing Wildfire Contribution

## PM<sub>2.5</sub> in 2024 vs Previous Five Years

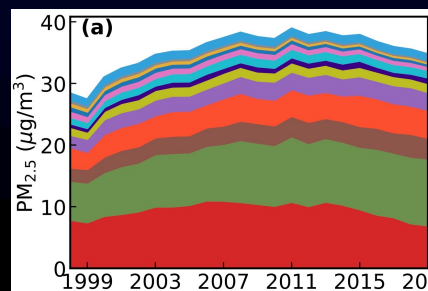


## Growing Fire Contribution to PM<sub>2.5</sub>



Biomass burning contribution determined by sensitivity simulations using GEOS-Chem model

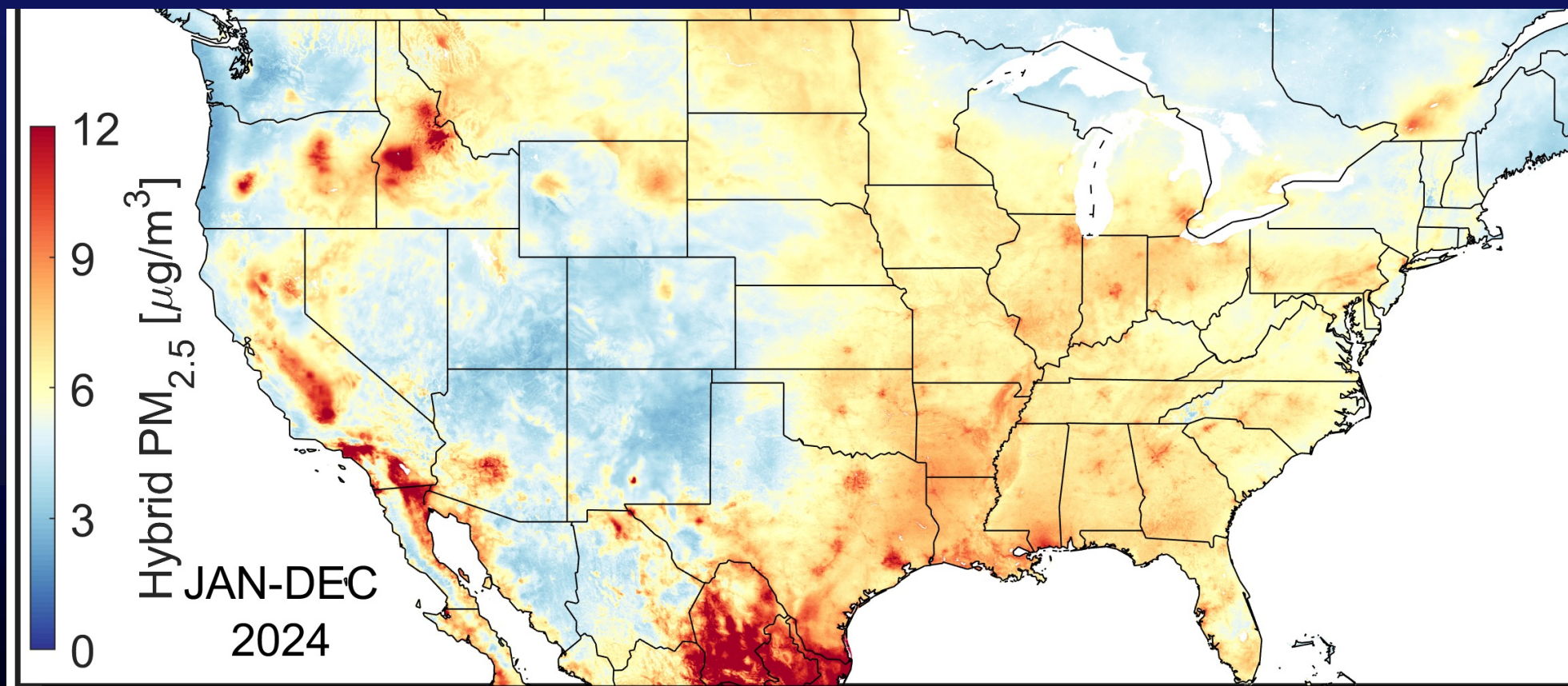
van Donkelaar et al., ES&T Air, 2024



Reversal in Global PM<sub>2.5</sub> Burden  
Li et al., Nat. Comm., 2023



## 27-Year Record of Satellite-Derived PM<sub>2.5</sub> (1998-2024)



US annual mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard: 9  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Information source for

EPA Science Assessments  
American Lung Association State of the Air  
US Census Bureau  
Epidemiological studies

## **Learning about Association with Health Outcomes through Epidemiological Studies**

### **Benefits from Large Statistical Power**

- Asthma (Anenberg et al., EHP, 2018; Lavigne et al. 2019)
- Cardiovascular disease (Bai et al., Epidemiology, 2024; Bai et al., JAHA 2022; Liang et al., 2022; Kim et al., STOTEN, 2024)
- Childhood cancer (Lavigne et al., Env Int, 2017) & breast cancer (Bai et al. 2019)
- Cognitive development in children (Odo et al., Environ. Poll., 2023)
- COVID-19 outcomes (Bowe et al., Env. Int., 2021; Chakrabarty et al., STOTEN, 2020; Chen et al., CMAJ, 2022)
- Dementia (Ilango et al., IJ Epi, 2019, Li et al., Innovation, 2022; Shi et al., PNAS, 2023)
- Diabetes incidence (Bai et al., Epidemiol., 2019; Elten et al., Environ. Res., 2021)
- Diabetes mortality (Paul et al., Env. Int., 2019)
- Heart attack and stroke (Olaniyan et al., Env. Research, 2022)
- Lung cancer (Tomczak et al., IJC, 2016; Hystad et al., Env. Health, 2012)
- Pregnancy & birth outcomes (Lavigne et al. 2019; Johnson et al., Epidemiology, 2022 )
- Respiratory infection in children (Odo et al., Env. Int., 2022)
- Shape of exposure-response function at low PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations (Pinault et al., Env. Res., 2017; Burnett et al., PNAS, 2018; Weichenthal et al., Science Adv., 2022)

**Contributed to evidence supporting lowering of WHO annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> guideline and US EPA annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard**

## Plans

- Include recent and forthcoming advances
  - in satellite observations (e.g., PACE, MAIA, TEMPO)
  - in GEOS-Chem (e.g., GEOS-Chem High Performance)
  - in deep learning (e.g., CNN and random forests accounting for autocorrelation)
  - in ground-based measurements (e.g., SPARTAN)
- Support users with a dedicated user-support team ([www.satpm.org](http://www.satpm.org))
- Collaborate extensively across the HAQAST community

### Posters:

Diurnal variation of PM<sub>2.5</sub>: Yanshun Li

Evaluation of black carbon emissions: Yuxuan Ren

Deep learning for PM<sub>2.5</sub> chemical composition: Siyuan Shen

Long-term trends in PM<sub>2.5</sub> chemical composition: Yuanjian Zhang

Is your county's PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitor capturing peak concentration? Chandler Wells (Holloway group)

## Conclusions

- Utility of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations inferred from satellite remote sensing, chemical transport modeling, deep learning, and ground-based measurements
- Data supports national and international assessments
- Ongoing need to evaluate and improve these data to inform air quality management in the context of societal and environmental change

