

The challenge of creating seamless, healthy breathing spaces in India : Role of Satellite based-PM_{2.5} for health effects research and air quality management

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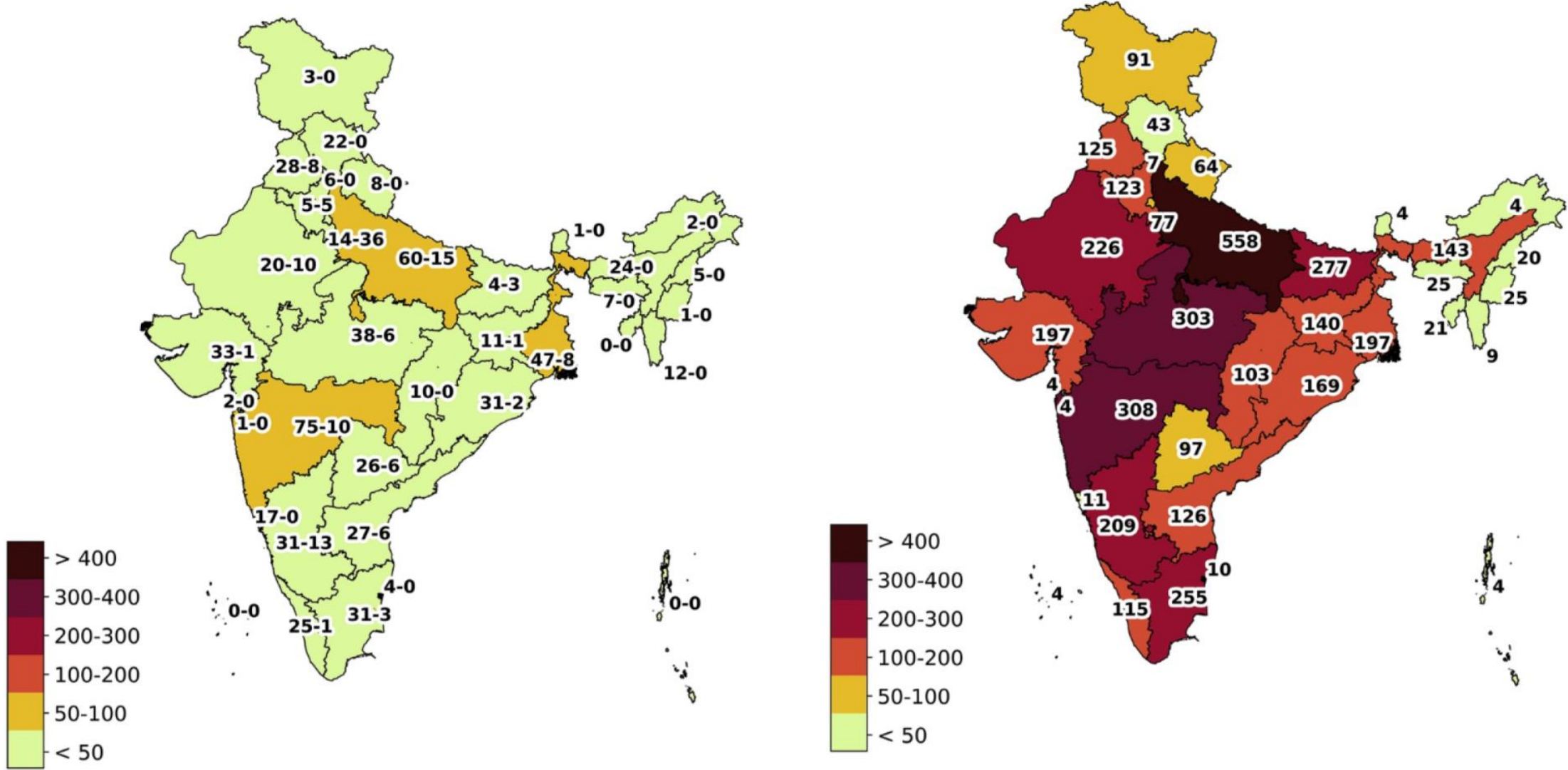
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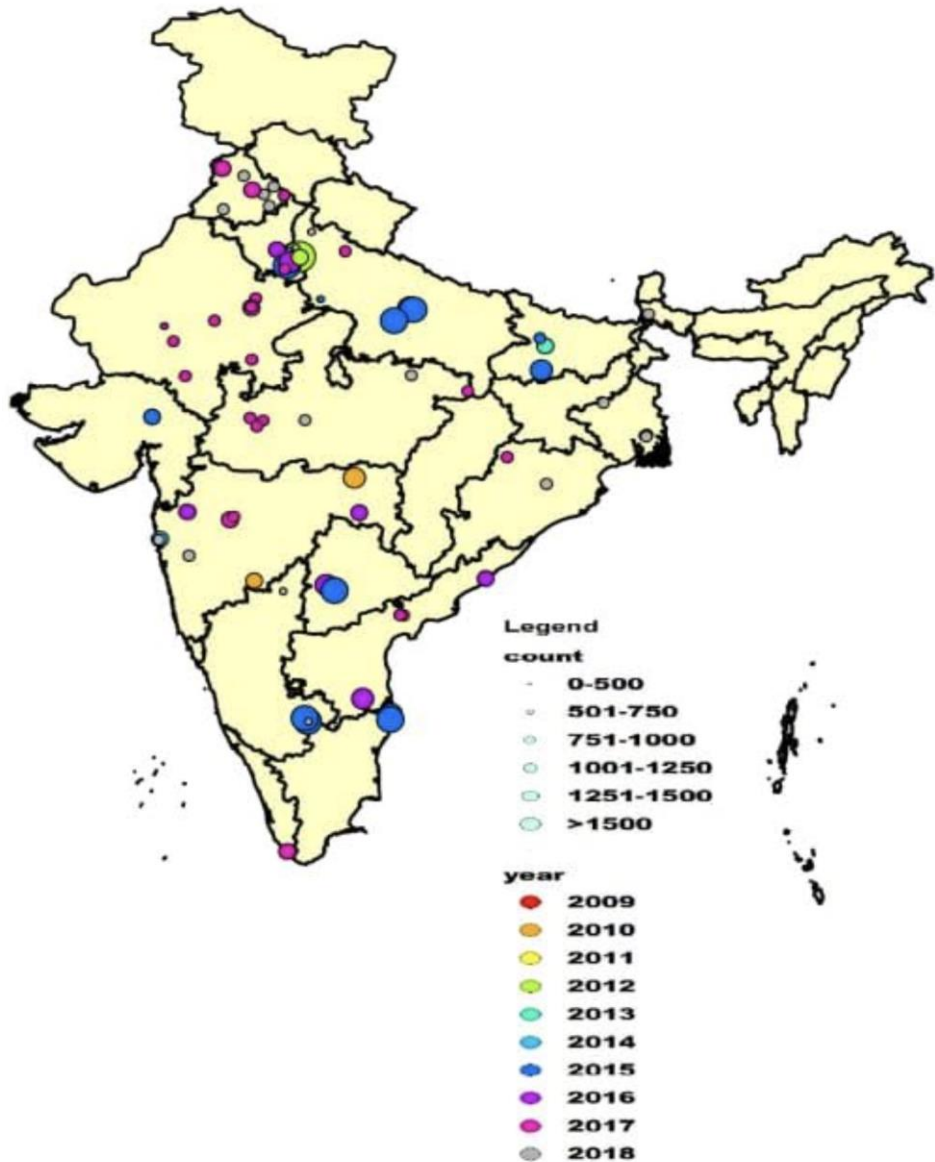
Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Network in India



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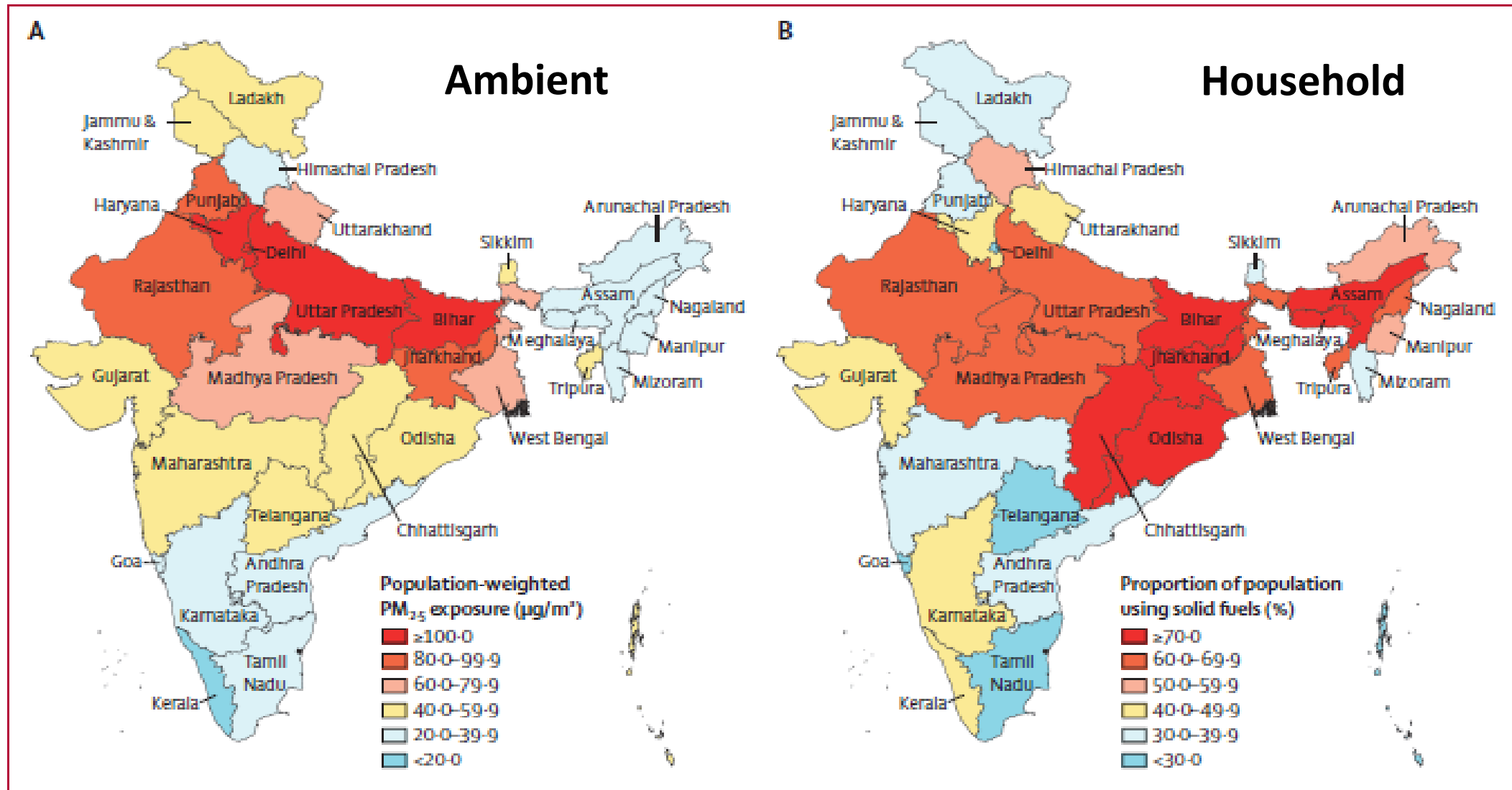
Planned

Why do we need satellite-PM_{2.5} in India?



- Disproportionately distributed ground (reference-grade) monitors [Martin et al., 2019]
 - 804 manual monitors
 - 342 CAAQMS
 - All urban sites
- Mean distance to the nearest monitor = 80 km
- 1 Billion USD is required to create an adequate network [Brauer et al., 2019]

State level exposures for ambient and household air pollution (GBD 2019)



Deaths Attributable to Air Pollution in India, 2019

17.5% of all deaths in India were attributed to air pollution

Total deaths attributable to air pollution: 1.67 million (95% UI 1.42 to 1.92million)

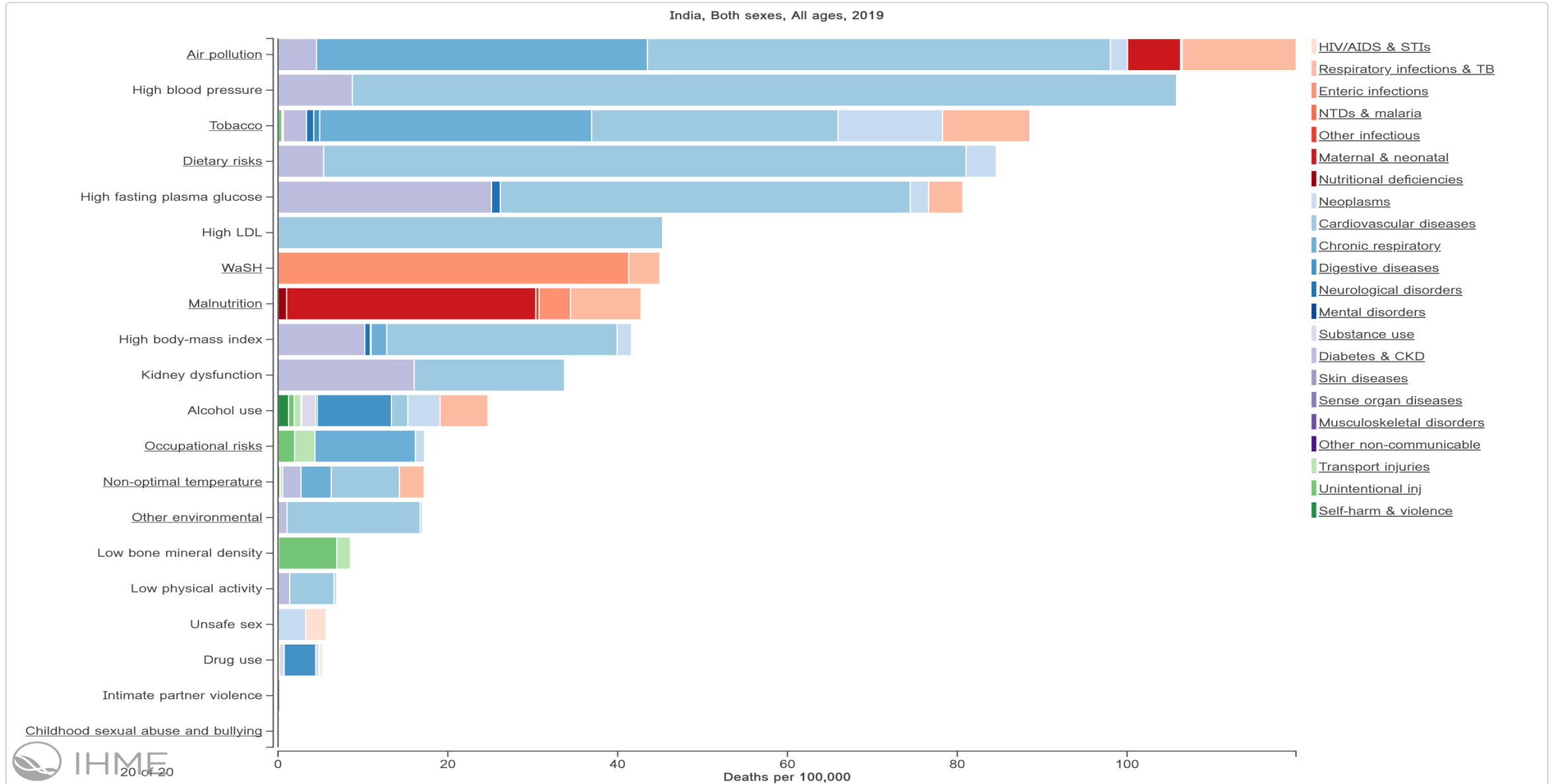
0.98 million [95% UI 0.77-1.19] from ambient particulate air pollution (**AAP**)

0.61 million[95% UI 0.39-0.86] due to household air pollution (**HAP**)

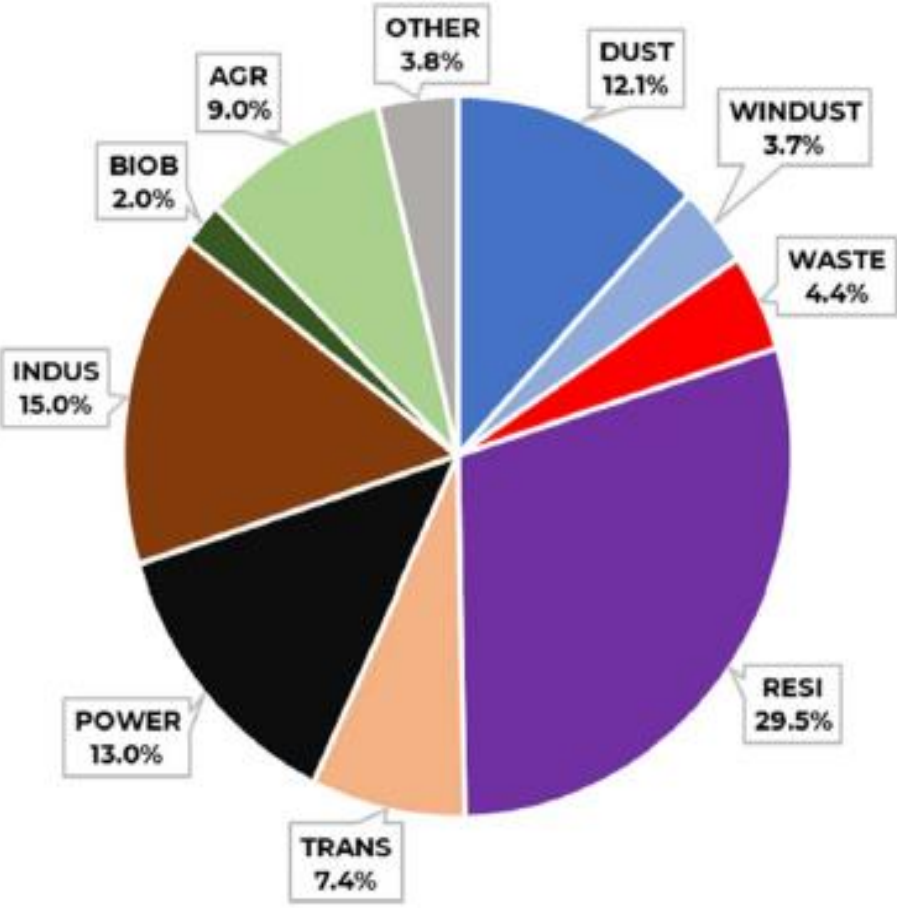
	Number of deaths, millions*	Percentage of total deaths†	Number of DALYs, millions*	Percentage of total DALYs†
Air pollution	1.67 (1.42-1.92)	17.8% (15.8-19.5)	53.5 (46.6-60.9)	11.5% (10.2-12.8)
Ambient particulate matter pollution	0.98 (0.77-1.19)	10.4% (8.4-12.3)	31.1 (24.6-37.5)	6.7% (5.3-8.0)
Household air pollution	0.61 (0.39-0.86)	6.5% (4.3-9.0)	20.9 (14.1-28.7)	4.5% (3.0-6.1)
Ambient ozone pollution	0.17 (0.08-0.26)	1.8% (0.9-2.7)	3.06 (1.51-4.83)	0.7% (0.3-1.0)

Data are point estimate (95% UI). DALYs=disability-adjusted life-years. *The sums of deaths and DALYs attributable to each component of air pollution are more than the estimates for overall air pollution because the population attributable fractions from component risk factors can add up to more than the population attributable fraction for the parent risk factor, even if the components are independent. †In 2019, 9.39 million total deaths and 467.8 million total DALYs were estimated for India.⁴²

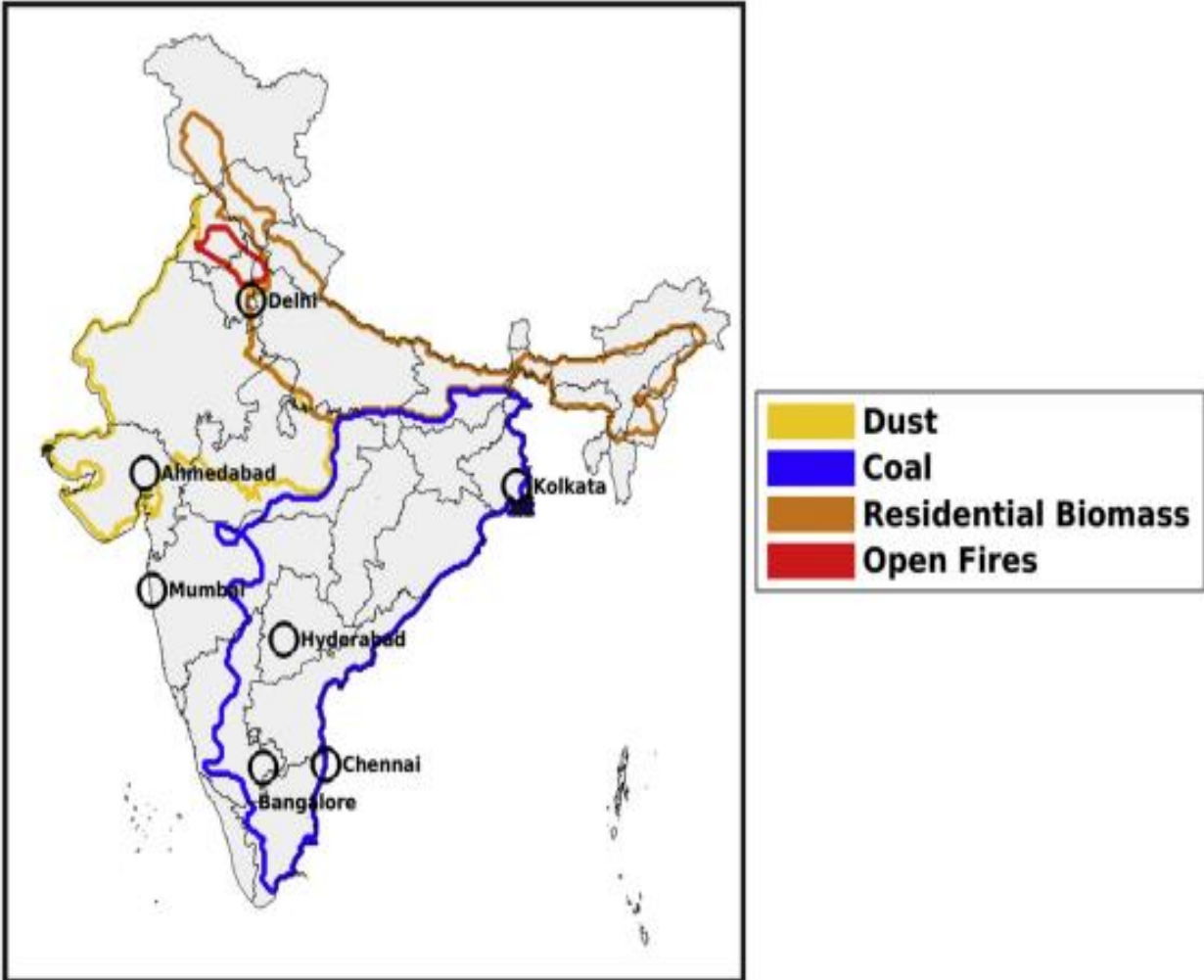
Air pollution – *the new villain for health policy*



Sources and Source Weighted Air-sheds in India



Guttikunda et al 2022



Brauer , Dey et al 2019



NCAP

NATIONAL CLEAN AIR PROGRAMME



Ministry of Environment,
Forest & Climate Change
Government of India



Air Quality
Monitoring Network



Extensive Plantation
Drive



National Emission
Inventory



Air Information
Centre



State, City and
Regional Action Plan
for Non-attainment
Cities



Health Impact
Studies



Air Quality
Forecasting System



Certification system
for monitoring
instruments



Intensive training
& Awareness



Capacity Building



International
Cooperation



Source apportionment
for non-attainment cities



Network of
technical
Institutions



Technology
Support



Technology
Assessment Cell



Review of
Standards

Key Sectoral Interventions under NCAP



E-mobility



Power Sector Emissions



Indoor Air Pollution including Clean Cooking



Integrated Waste Management



Transport Emissions



Industrial Emissions



Agricultural Emissions



Clean construction and Road dust management

National PM_{2.5} Database for India

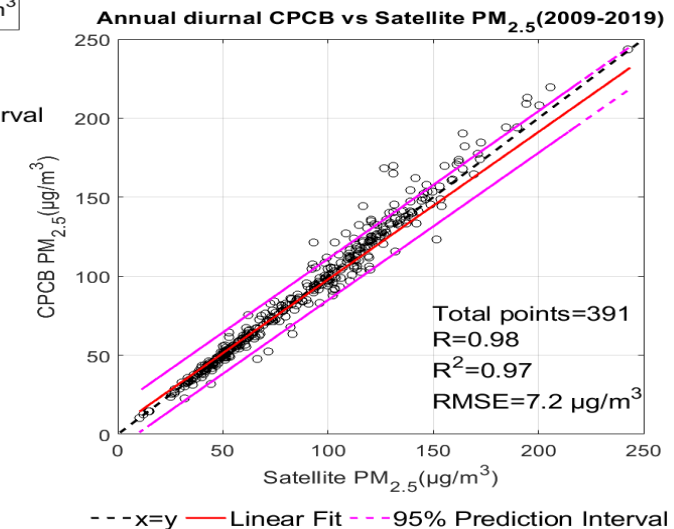
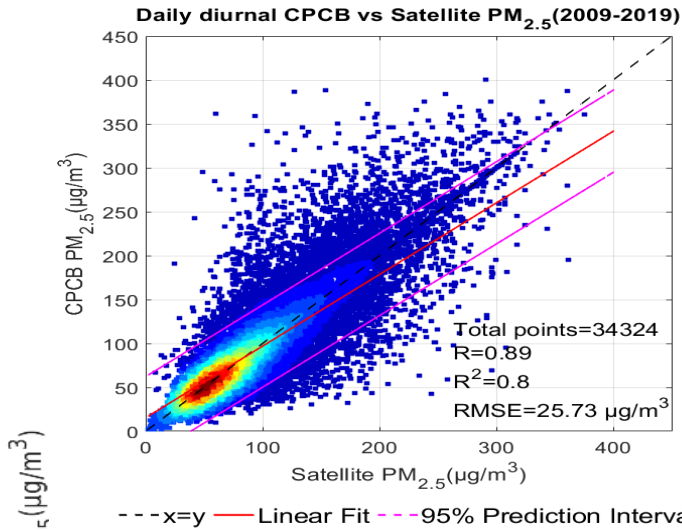
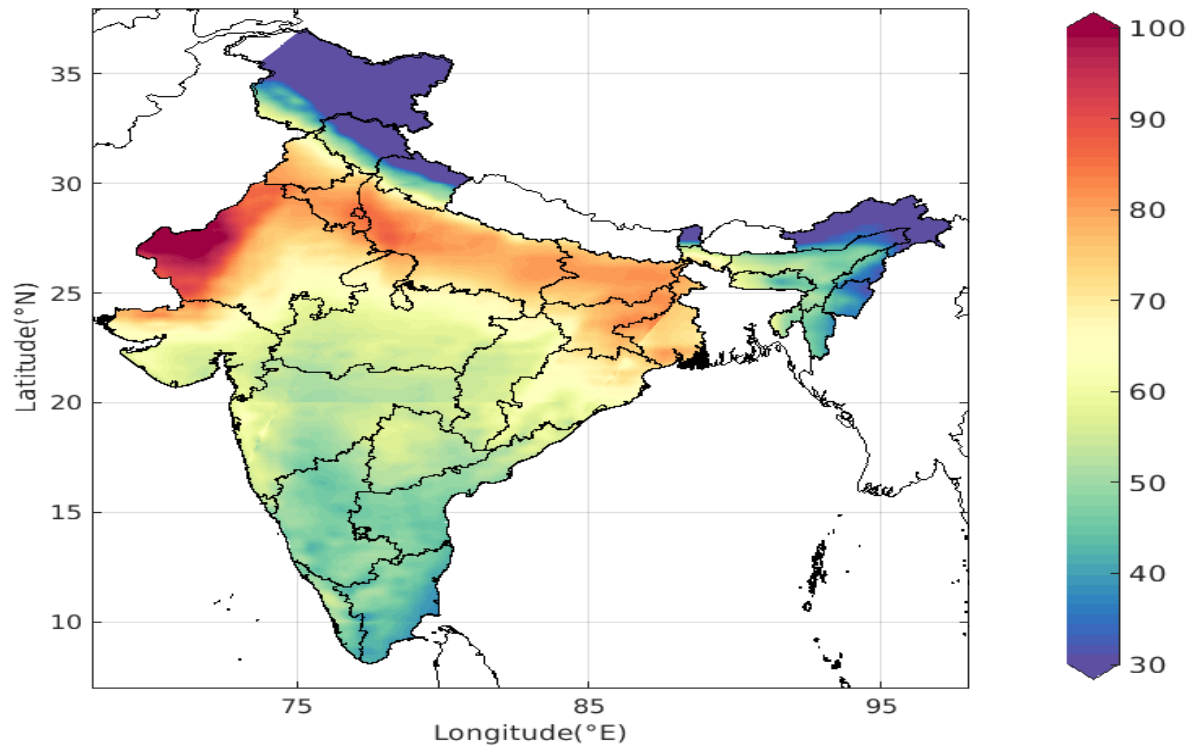


Article
A Satellite-Based High-Resolution (1-km) Ambient PM_{2.5} Database for India over Two Decades (2000–2019): Applications for Air Quality Management

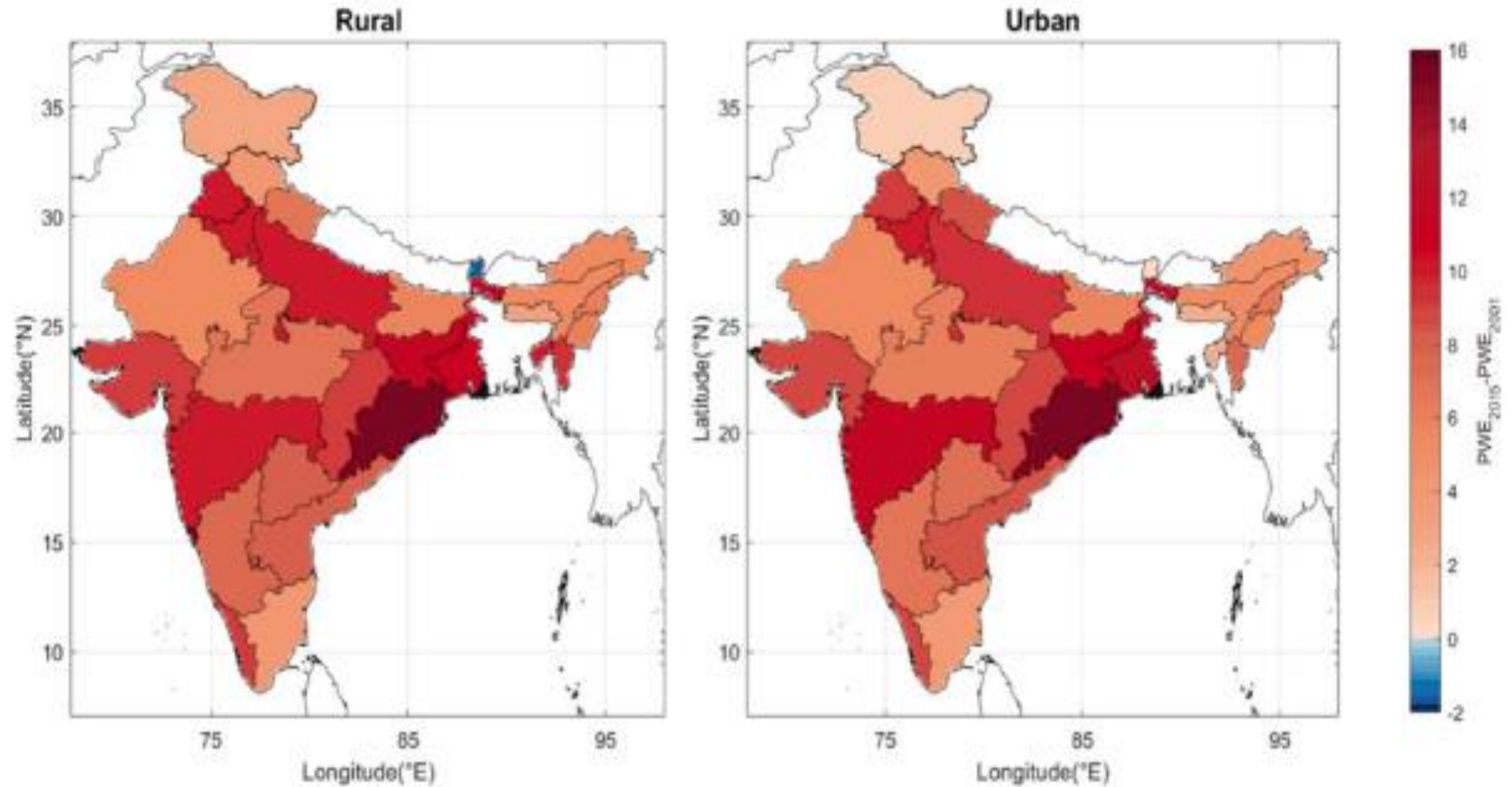
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- Daily & annual PM_{2.5} data from 2000 onwards (21+ years) – V1
- Data will be hosted by the CPCB and disseminated through a portal

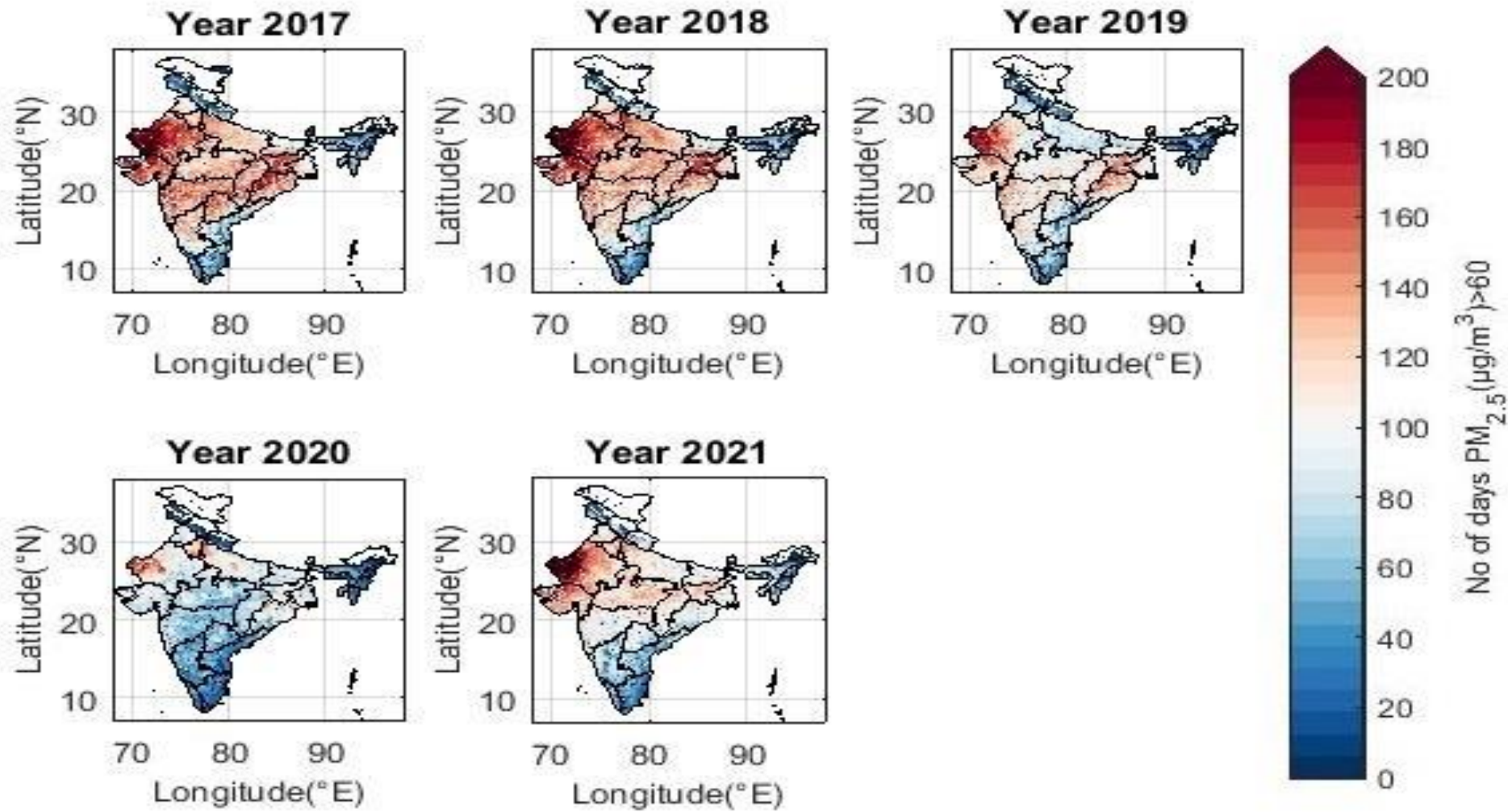
2000-19 PM_{2.5} Climatology



Exposure Surveillance: Limited Gains in Exposure Across Cities and Villages

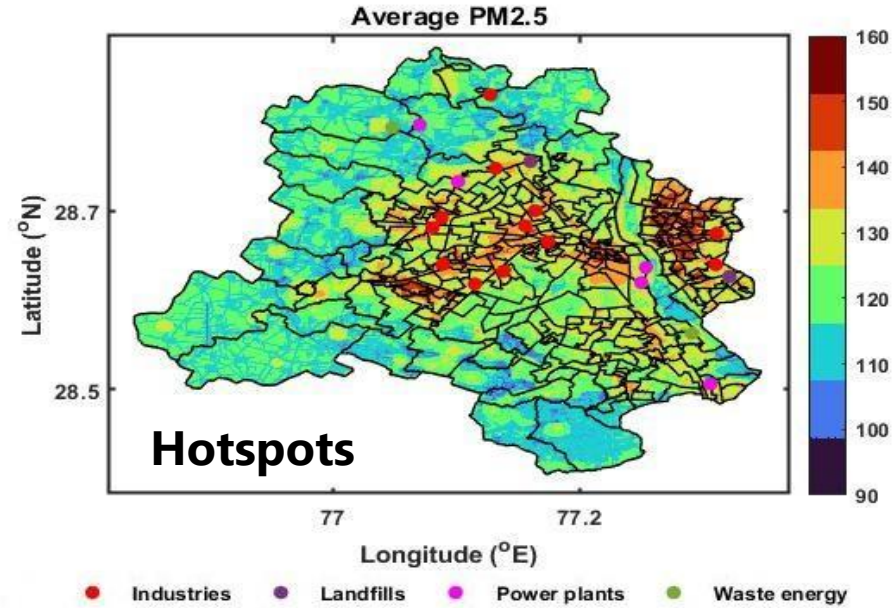
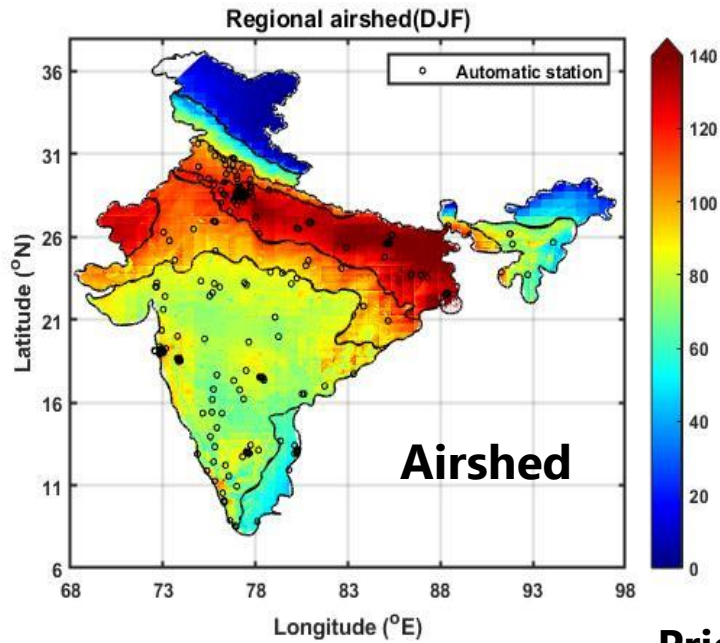


Daily exceedance (in the NCAP era)

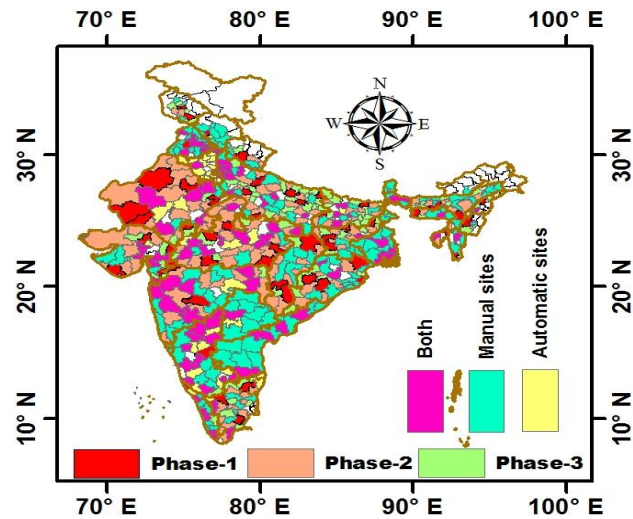


- Daily PM_{2.5} exceeded the national standard in lesser number of days in recent years

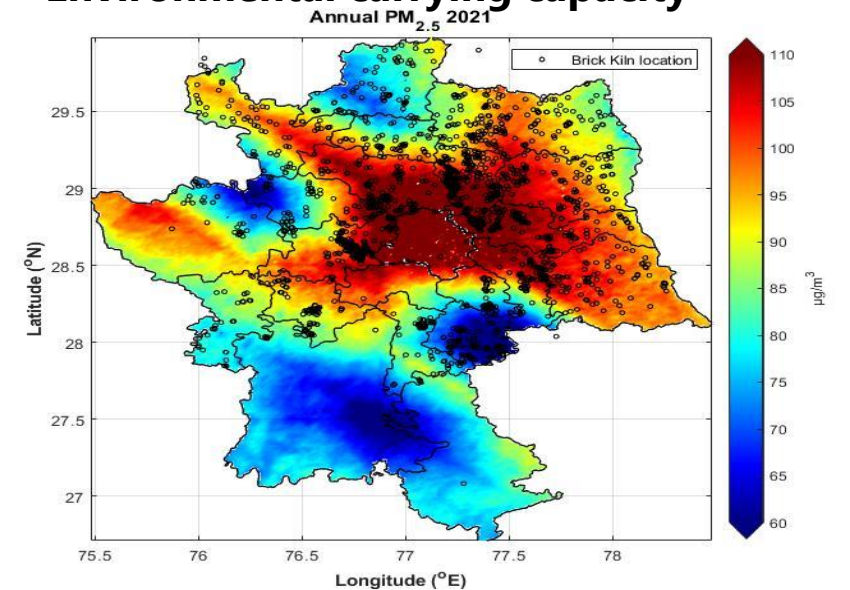
Air quality management applications



Prioritizing network expansion



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Research

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Child Survival and Early Lifetime Exposures to Ambient Fine Particulate Matter in India: A Retrospective Cohort Study

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The association of early-life exposure to ambient PM_{2.5} and later-childhood height-for-age in India: an observational study

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LETTER

The association of in-utero exposure to ambient fine particulate air pollution with low birth weight in India

Nihit Goyal^{1,*} and David Canning²

**RECENT PROGRESS IN
EXPOSURE/EXPOSURE-RESPONSE ASSESSMENTS**

Developing, Validating and deploying field instrumentation to capture exposure heterogeneity in rural and urban micro-environments



PC- XR8
Active PM Sampler



Casella
Active PM Sampler



Air-check Touch
Active PM Sampler



Air-check XR 5000
Active PM Sampler



PATS+
Passive PM Sampler



UPAS
Active PM Sampler



ECM
Active PM Sampler



Purple Air
Passive PM Sampler



Dräger
Passive CO Sampler



LASCAR
Passive CO Sampler



Beacon Logger
Time Location monitor



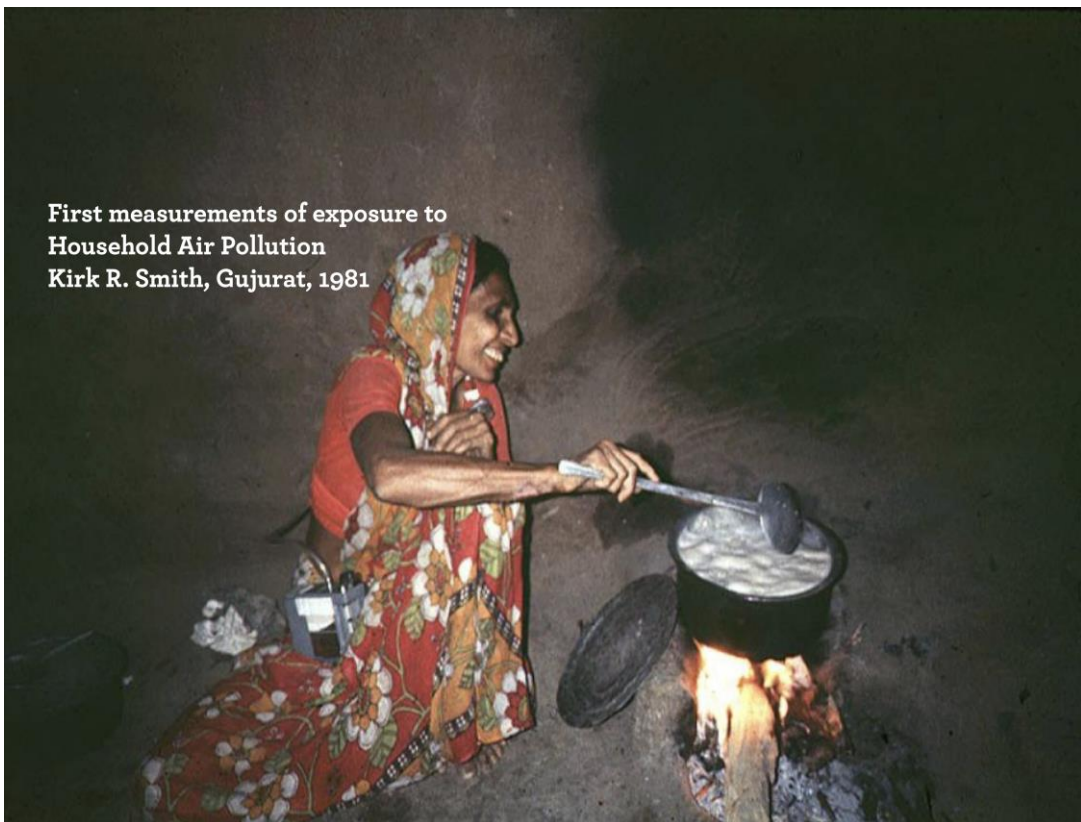
Beacon Unit
Time Location monitor



I button & Dots
Stove use monitors

From carrying to wearing PEM devices...

First measurements of exposure to Household Air Pollution
Kirk R. Smith, Gujarat, 1981



BGI Triplex Cyclone
37mm PTFE Filter

Berkeley Air
PATS+

SKC XR5000

Vests costs ~2 USD

Loops to secure tubing
and devices

Gifted to participants

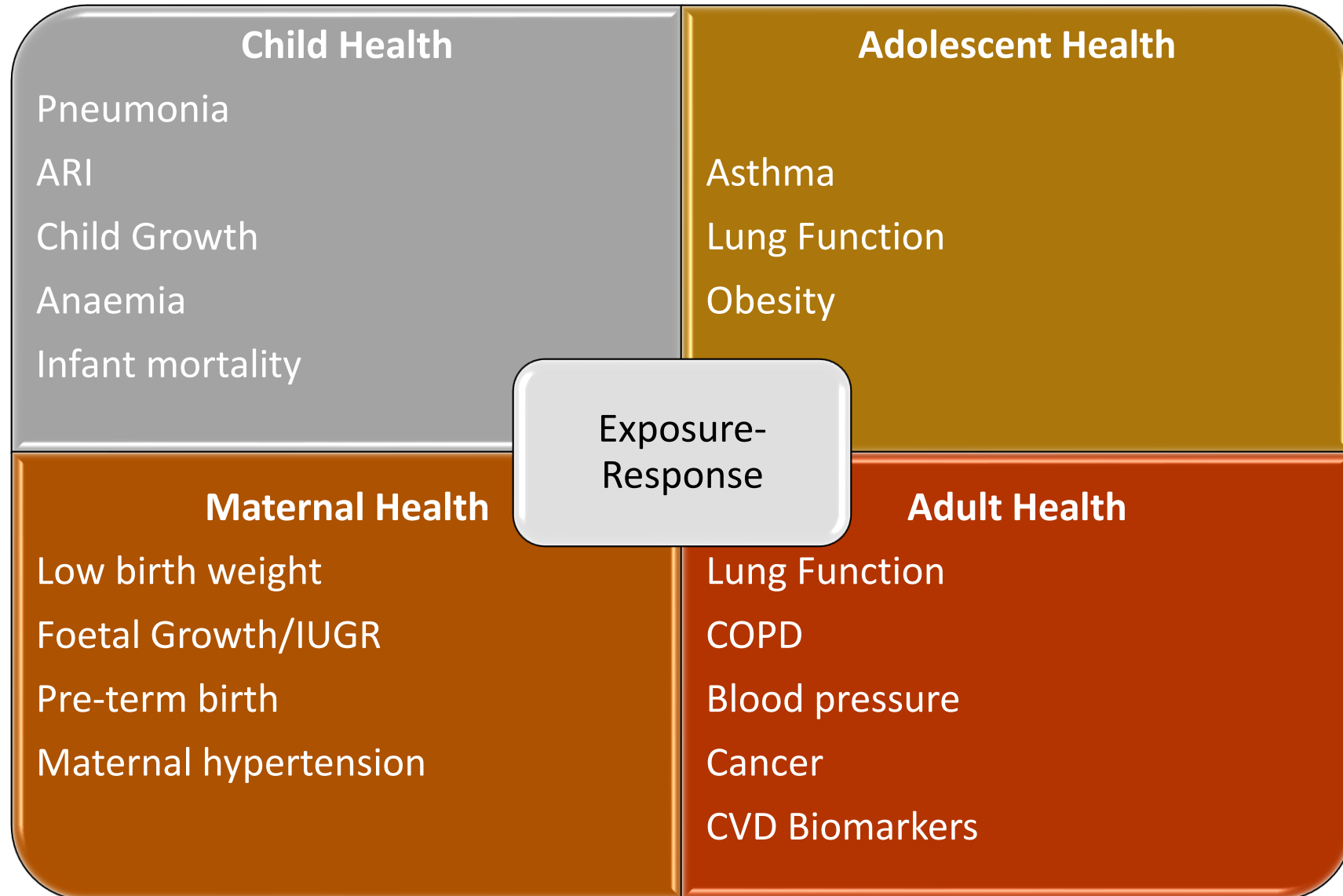
Excellent sensor-
evaluated compliance

From short-term to long-term monitoring....



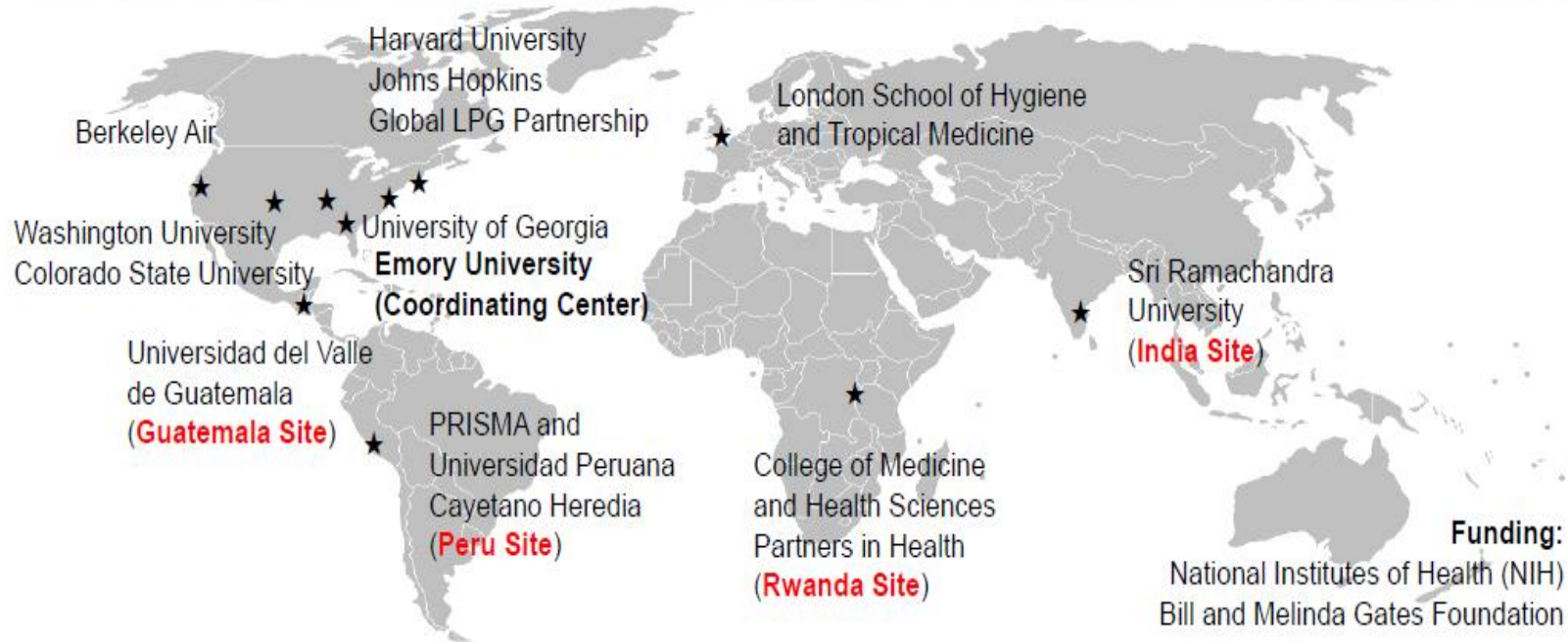
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Addressing health impacts of national relevance in rural-urban cohorts



HAPIN: Scaling multi-pollutant, longitudinal HAP and stove-use monitoring within multi-country RCTs

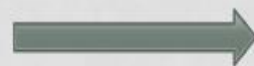
The Household Air Pollution Intervention Network (HAPIN)



Ambient PM:
E-Sampler
and Purple
Air monitors



LPG
intervention



Birth weight
 Child severe pneumonia
 Child linear growth/stunting
 Adult blood pressure



Logger



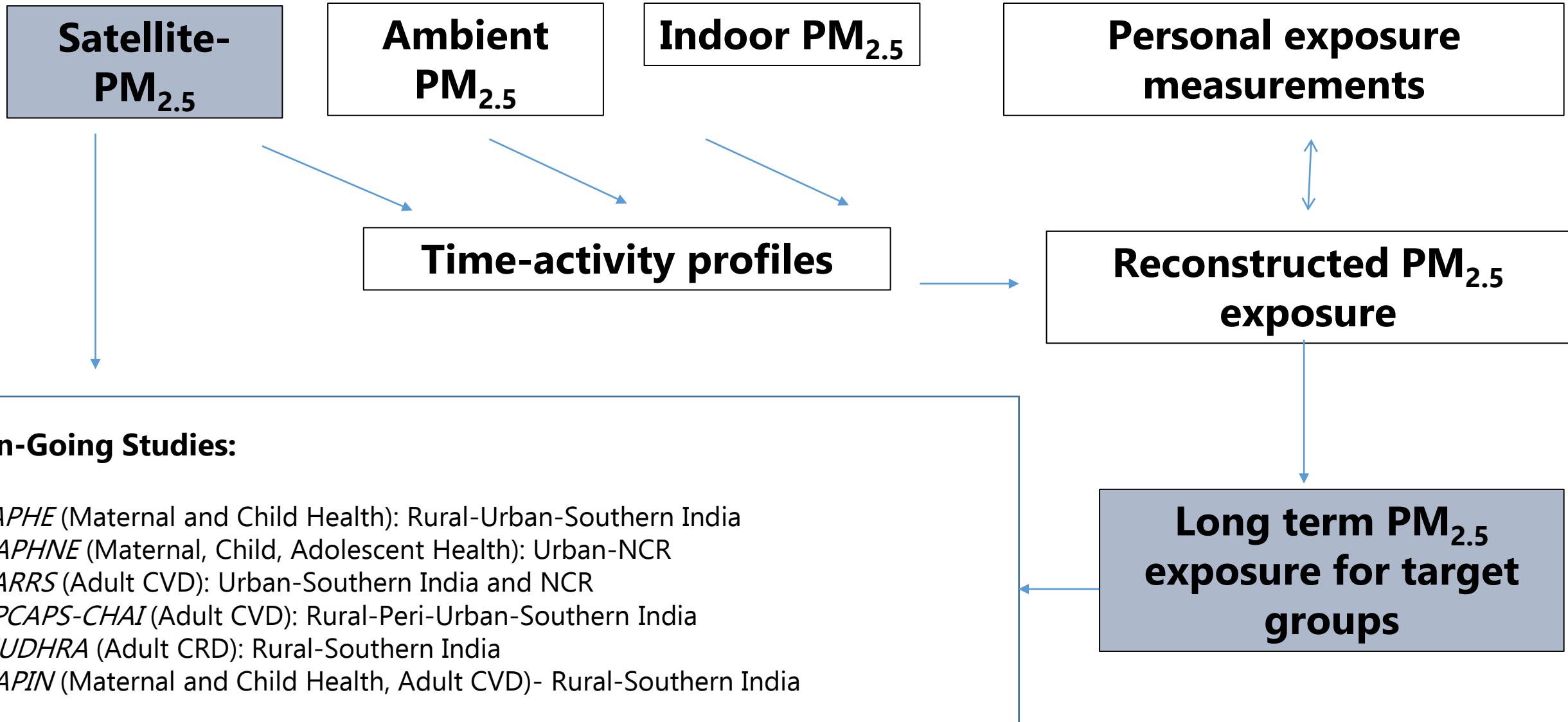
Thermo-
couple

Low-cost (???) Sensor application in India



The way forward

Future applications in health studies



Integrating Satellite based PM_{2.5} with planned actions in NCAP

- Setting up long-term local surveillance for exposure, health and bio-monitoring for select NCAP actions at strategic sites
- Creating capacities at local institutions via existing Centres of Excellence
- Populating information in public dashboards on a annual basis

Continue supporting accelerated adoption of renewable energy through incentives



#CleanAirForAll

Encourage adoption of emission trading scheme that can help industries reduce air pollution at the least cost



#CleanAirForAll

Incentivize shift to higher vehicle emissions standards, retire older vehicles



#CleanAirForAll



Creating Seamless Healthy Breathing Spaces

Thank you
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