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# Developing Geospatial Models for Exposure Assessment in Windsor, ON

***An Evolution - Land Use Regression to Hybrid Models***

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# **“Place” and “Location” Play Important Role in Determining Exposure**

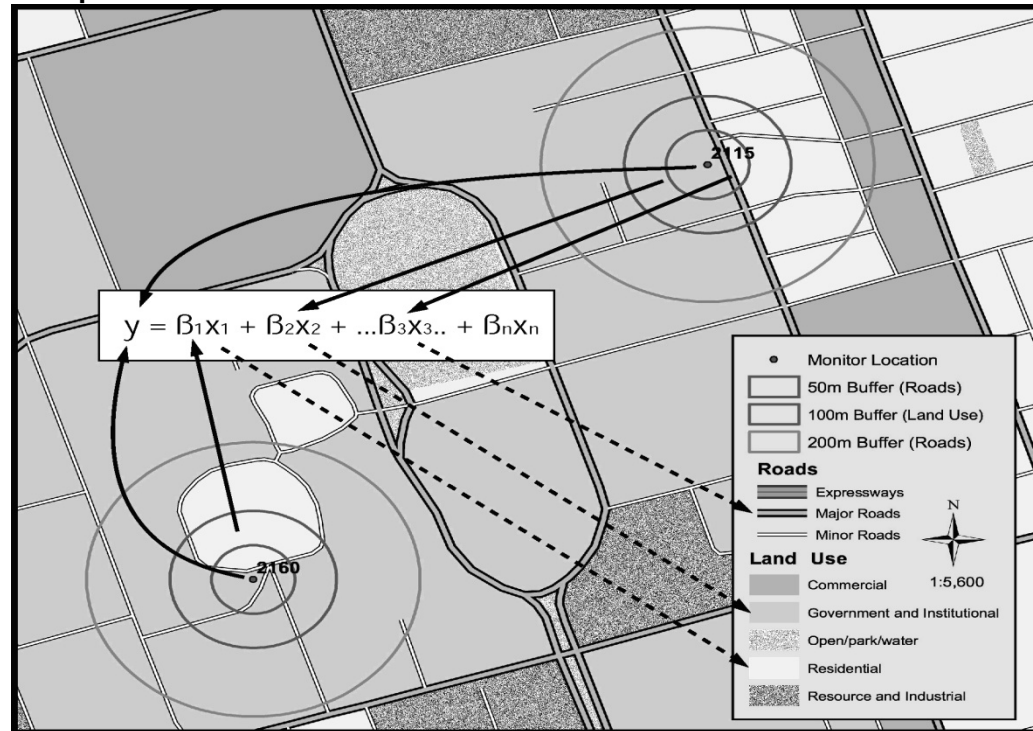
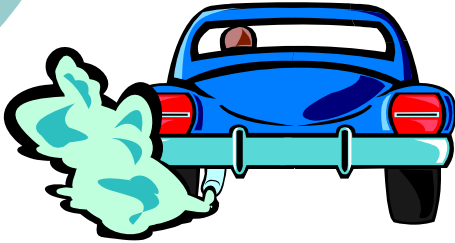
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- **Linking health status to one's geography/environment IS IMPORTANT**
  - **what do I live near? (water, air, industry, etc.)**
  - **Do living next to these geographic and urban features affect me and my health?**
- **Can we change “places” to reduce exposure? (Prevention)**
- **Can this information be helpful to my doctor and/or to my community?**

# Land Use Regression

## ○ What is LUR?

- A response variable (e.g. NO<sub>2</sub> concentration) is measured against a group of predictor variables (traffic, land use, population, etc.) to determine the extent of their relationship



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A Geographic Information System (GIS) links locational (spatial) and database (tabular) information and enables a person to visualize patterns, relationships, and trends. This process gives an entirely new perspective to data analysis that cannot be seen in a table or list format. The five components of a GIS are listed below.

## HARDWARE

The hardware is the computer and peripherals on which the GIS operates. Today, this could be a centralized computer server running the UNIX or Windows NT operating systems, a desktop PC, or an Apple Macintosh. The computer may operate in isolation or in a networked configuration.

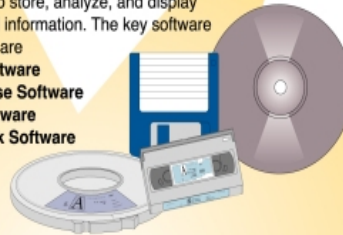
- Computers
- Networks
- Peripheral Devices
  - Printers
  - Plotters
  - Digitizers



## SOFTWARE

GIS software provides the functions and tools users need to store, analyze, and display geographical information. The key software components are

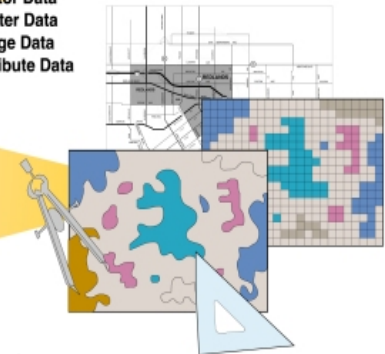
- GIS Software
- Database Software
- OS Software
- Network Software



## DATA

One of the most important component of GIS is the data. It is absolutely essential that data be accurate. The following are different data types:

- Vector Data
- Raster Data
- Image Data
- Attribute Data



# GIS

## PEOPLE

GIS technology is clearly of limited value without people to manage the system and to develop plans for applying it. Users of GIS range from highly qualified technical specialists to planners, foresters, and market analysts who use GIS to help with their everyday work.

- Administrators
- Managers
- GIS Technicians
- Application Experts
- End Users
- Consumers



## METHODS

Methods are well designed plans and application-specific business rules describing how technology is applied. This includes the following:

- Guidelines
- Specifications
- Standards
- Procedures



# Objectives

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- As part of the Border Air Quality Strategy, this study focused on the development of multi season, multiyear geospatial land use regression (LUR) models for  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  and BTEX (Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene and Xylene) for Windsor, ON.
- **The main objective was to determine whether regression results were consistent from season to season and whether similar trends could be seen from year to year.**



# Methodology

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- 50 Active and Passive samples were taken of each pollutant over a two-week period in February, May, August and October for the years 2004 and 2005.
- Predictor variables, i.e. high resolution geospatial land-use and traffic variables were generated using Geographic Information Systems (GIS).
- Step-wise regression statistics were used to determine the predictor variables for each model.



# Methodology

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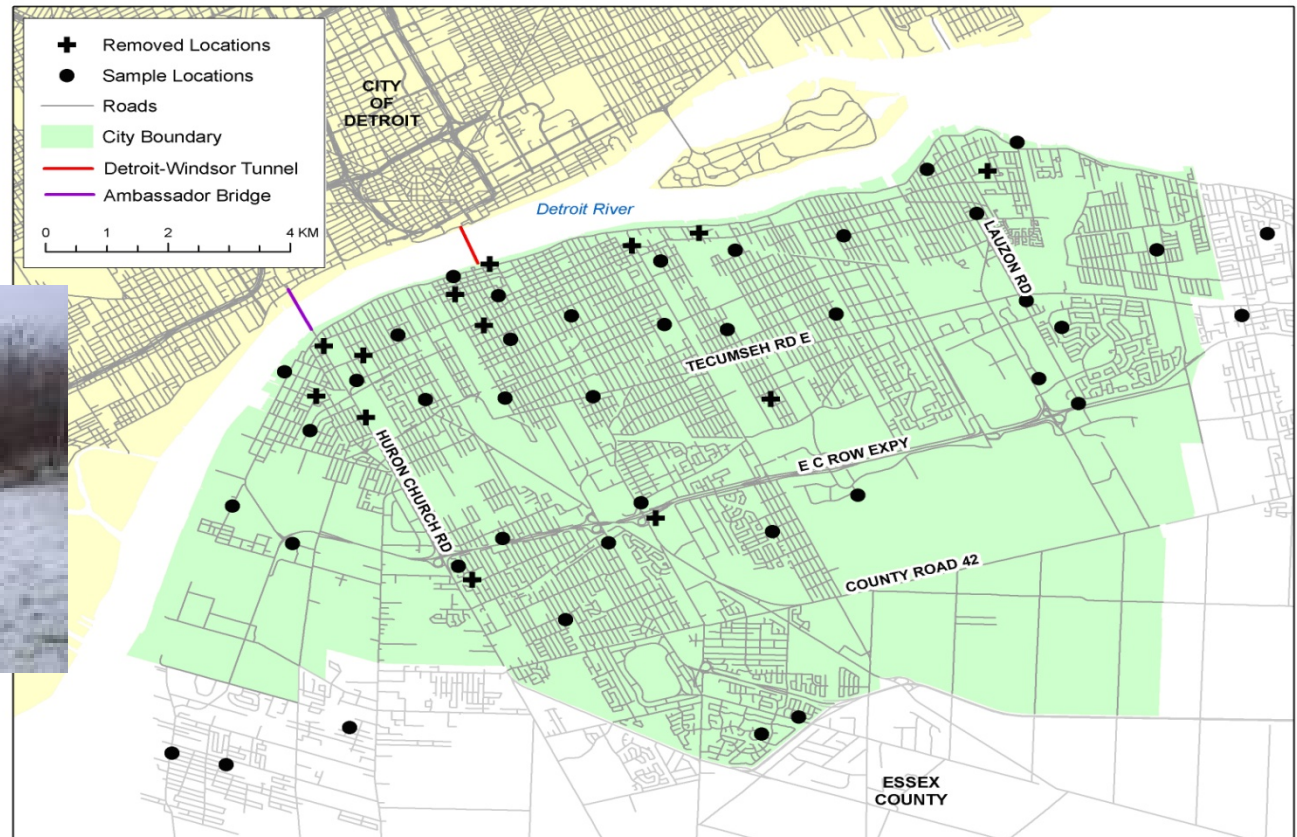
## Monitors





# Methodology

- Study Area with Sites (50 locations = GPS)



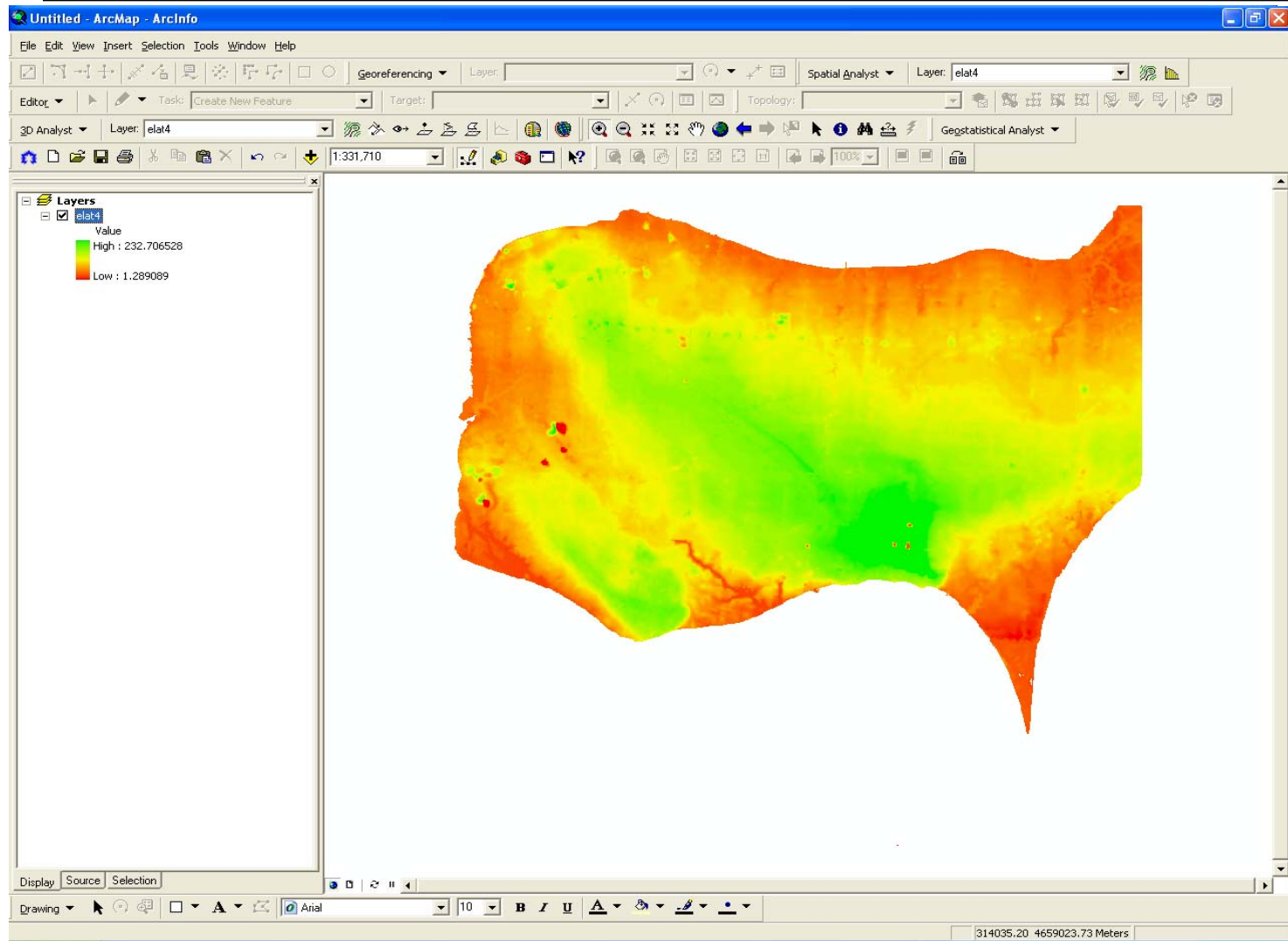


# Databases Created/Used

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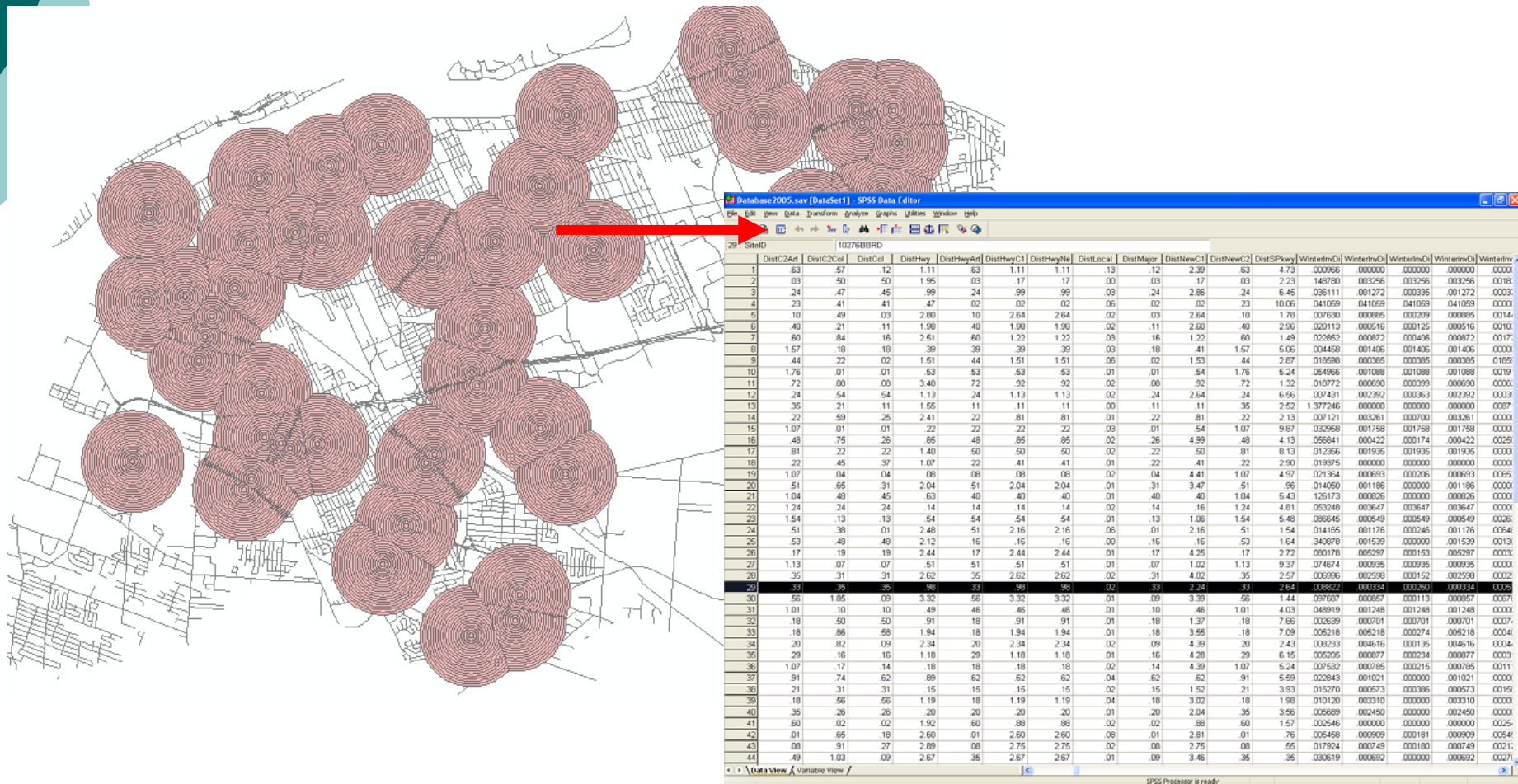
- Data Provided by the City of Windsor
  - Traffic Counts (TMC, AM, PM, Truck)
  - Land use Information (parcel)
  - Skeletal Road Layer
- Census Data by Statistics Canada
  - Dwelling and Population Counts
- Wind Direction Data by Environment Canada
- Topographic Data
  - Easting, northing, elevation
- Similar data provided by the Towns of Tecumseh, LaSalle and Essex
- International Data by SEMCOG
  - Detroit Road, Traffic and Land use

# Converting Data into a Geospatial Format



# Buffering

- ArcGIS and SPSS





# SPSS & Stepwise Regression

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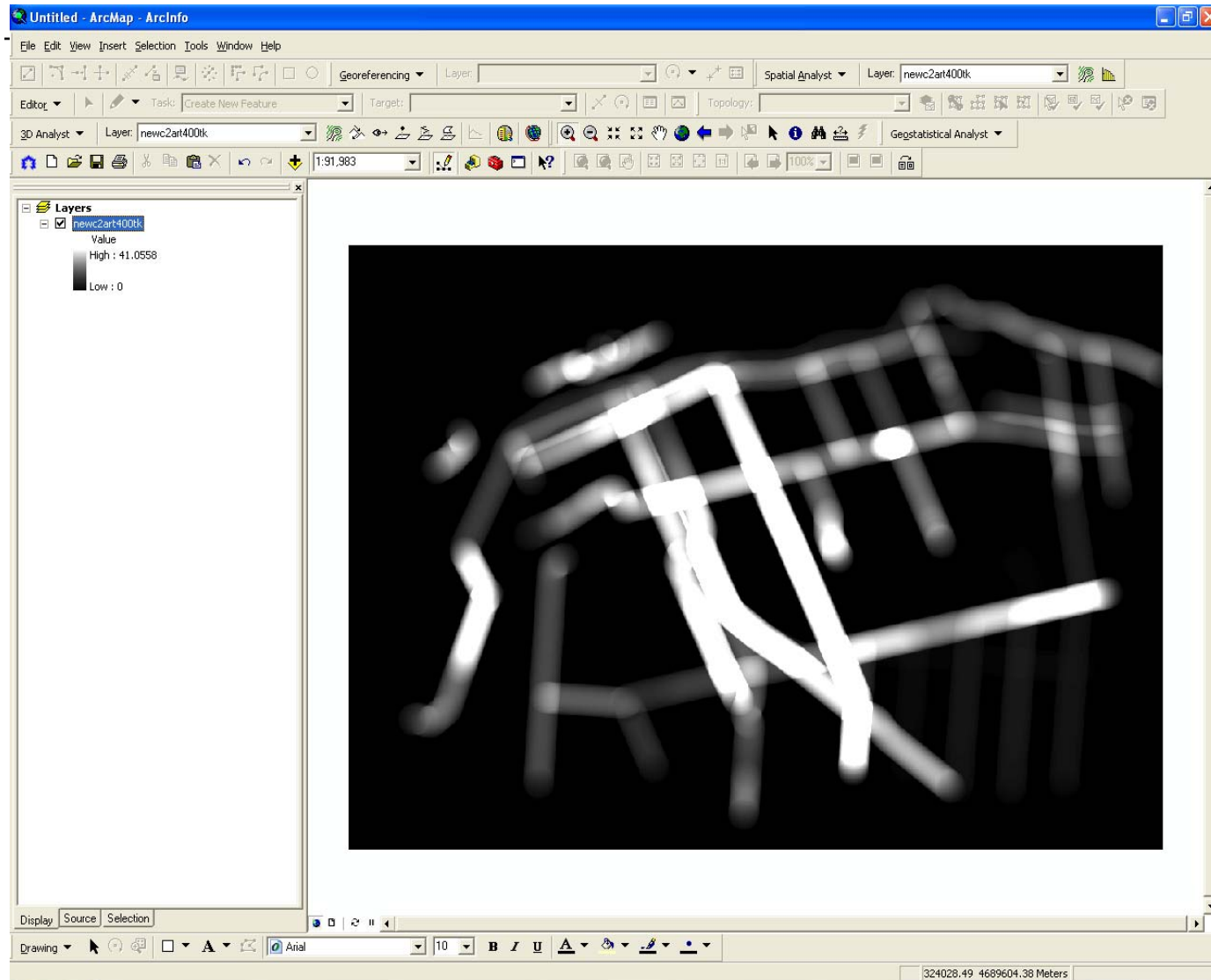
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Regression

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- Notes
- Active Dataset
- Variables Entered/Removed
- Model Summary
- ANOVA
- Coefficients**
- Excluded Variables

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		B	Std. Error	Beta		
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	Open150	-1.000	.154	-.368	-6.494	.000
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# Predictor Layers Developed



# Results and Model Maps

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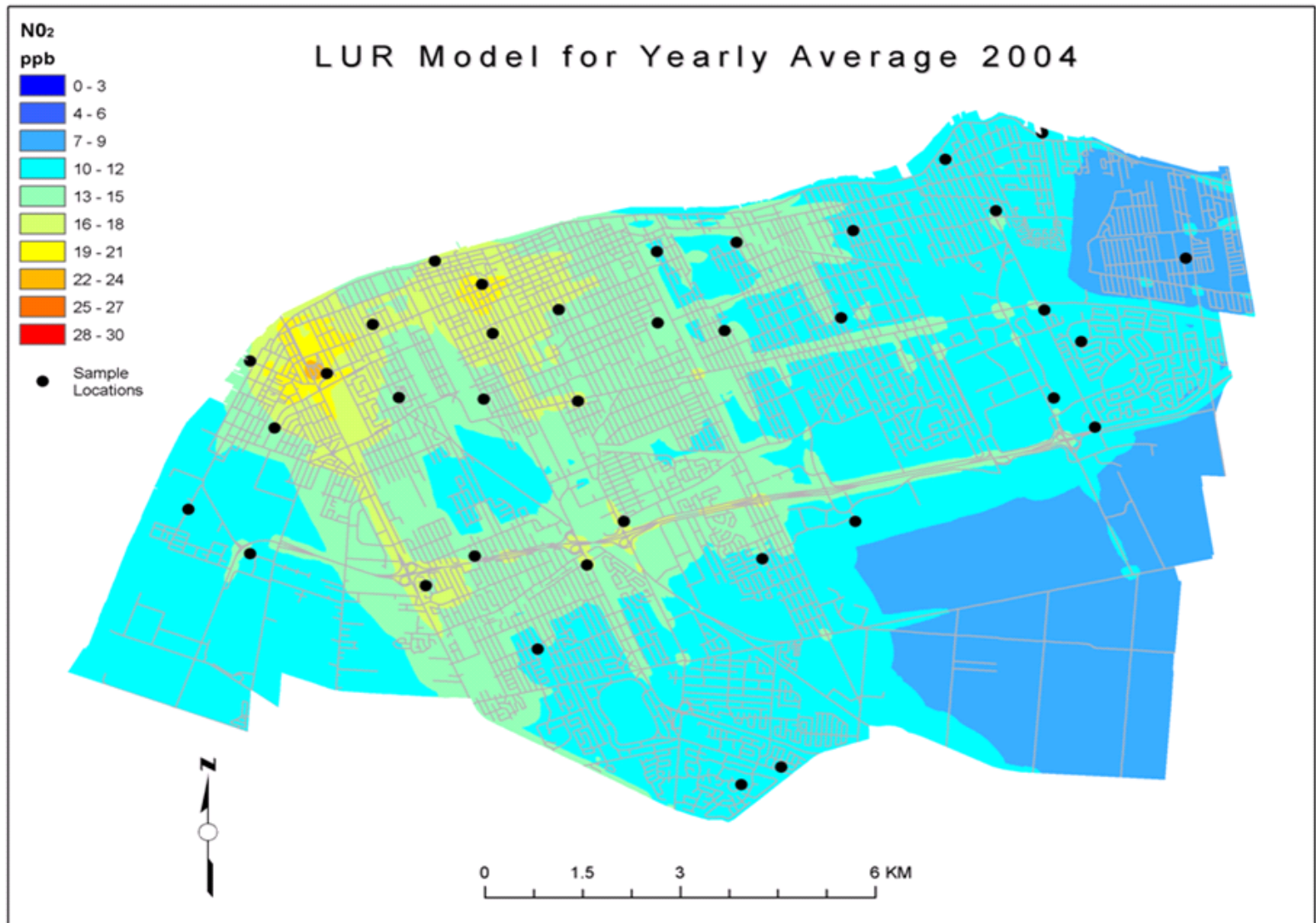
- The 2004 seasonal LUR results for NO<sub>2</sub> were  $R^2 = 0.898$  for February,  $R^2 = 0.421$  for May,  $R^2 = .821$  for August,  $R^2 = .0.742$  for October.
- The 2004 yearly model resulted in an  $R^2$  of 0.917.
- Several reoccurring variables (i.e. Distance to Bridge, Dwelling Count, Open Area, etc.) were found in multiple models.



# Results and Model Maps

<b>Model for Yearly Avg. 2004</b>	<u>Unstd Coef</u>		<u>Std Coef</u>	<i>t</i>	<i>Sig.</i>	<i>Adj. R Sq</i>
	<i>B</i>	<i>Std. Error</i>	<i>Beta</i>			
<b>Model 5</b> (Constant)	10.689	0.429		24.904	0	
Distance to Bridge	-0.232	0.034	-0.399	-6.92	0	
DwellCount@800M	0.001	0	0.448	8.792	0	
Ma- jor_Trucks@1000M	0.013	0.002	0.348	6.57	0	
Major_PM@150M	0.083	0.016	0.236	5.063	0	
<u>DistanceALLRoads</u>	-15.717	5.472	-0.139	-2.872	0.007	<b>0.917</b>

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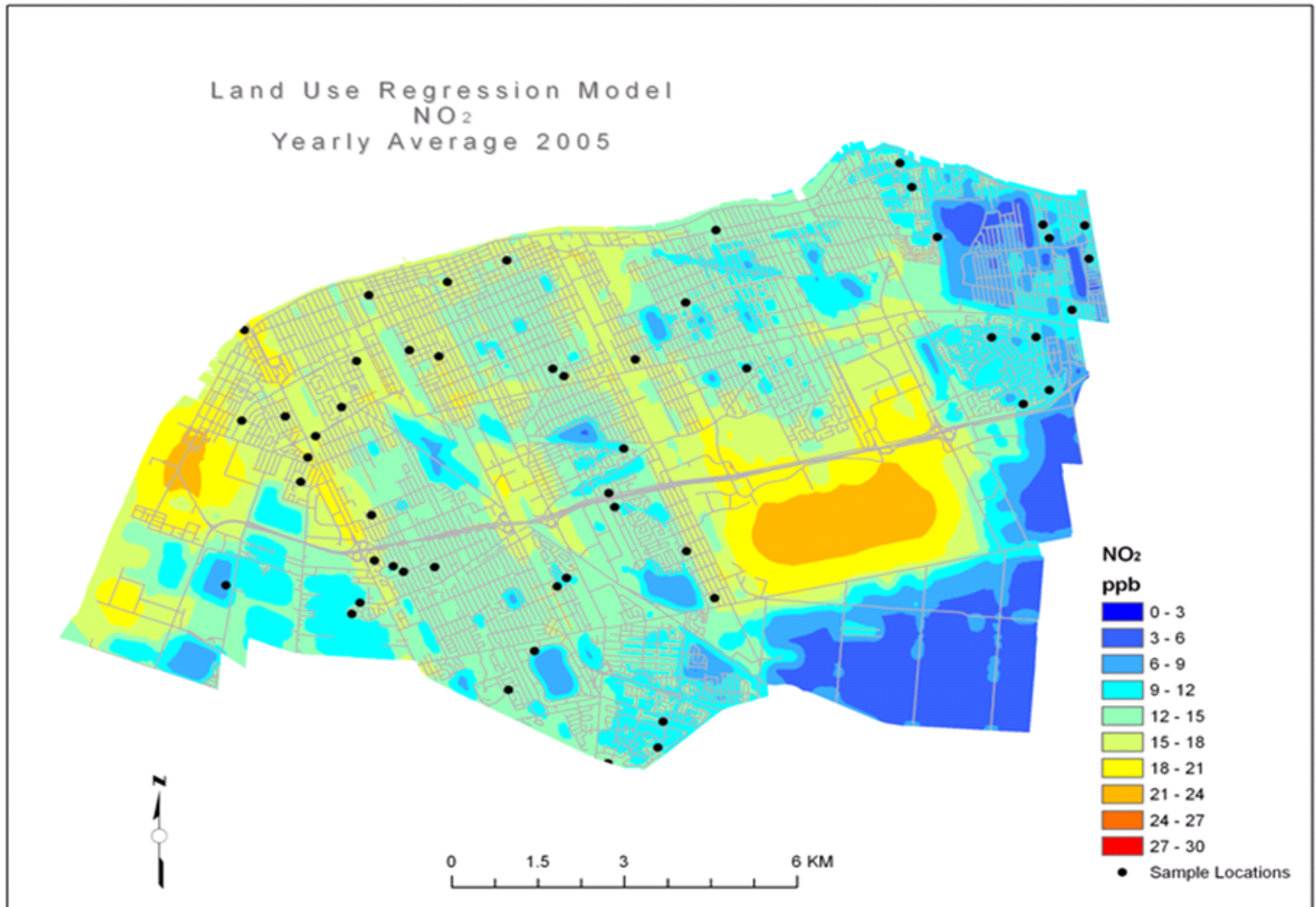
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- The NO<sub>2</sub> seasonal results for 2005 were  $R^2 = .794$  for February,  $R^2 = .632$  for May,  $R^2 = .908$  for August,  $R^2 = .941$  for October and an  $R^2$  of .939 for the yearly average
- Only two reoccurring variables stood out in 2005, they were Distance to Bridge and Industrial.
- The PM<sub>2.5</sub> and BTEX models were not as consistent as NO<sub>2</sub>. 2004 and 2005 BTEX  $R^2$  values ranged from .356 to .779 and .649 to .940, respectively. PM<sub>2.5</sub> 2005  $R^2$  values ranged from .131 (see Figure 12 & 13) to .960.

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<b>Model for Yearly Avg. 2005</b>	<i>Unstd Coef</i>		<i>Std Coef</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>Sig.</i>	<i>Adj. R Sq</i>
	<i>B</i>	<i>Std. Er- ror</i>	<i>Beta</i>			
<b>Model 4</b> (Constant)	16.746	0.35		47.82 1	0	
Distance to Bridge	-0.45	0.036	-0.63	-12.59	0	
Major_Truck_150	0.211	0.0336.2 6	0.32	5.803	0	
Open150	-0.927	0.133	-0.341	-6.975	0	
Art_AM_300	0.061	0.019	0.182	3.188	0.004	<b>0.939</b>

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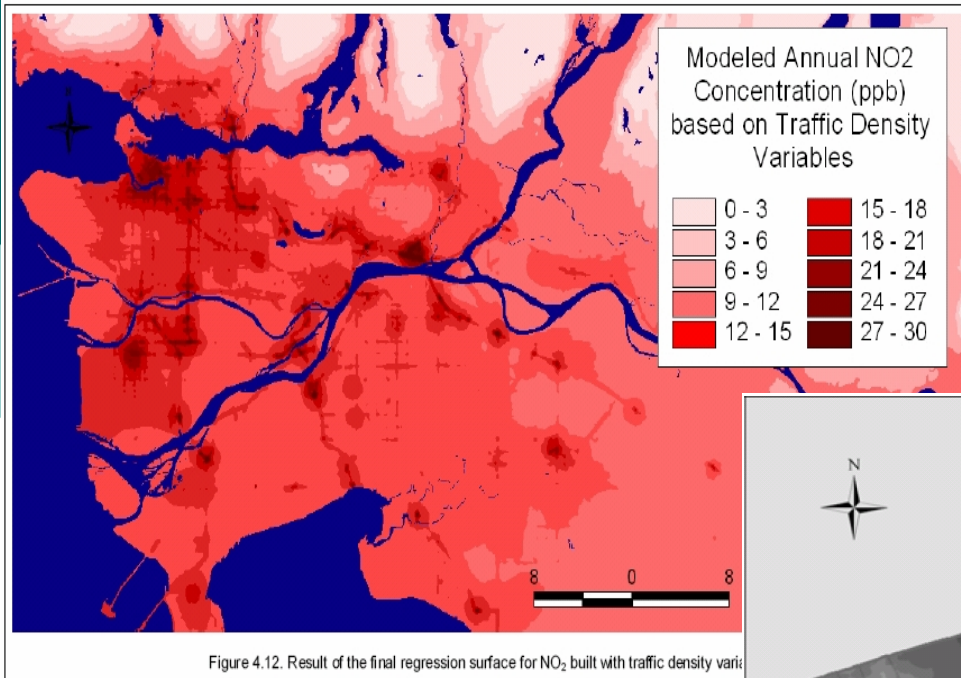
## Conclusion/Discussion

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- Overall, 2004 models performed reasonably well, while the 2005 models experienced some multicollinearity and overprediction.
- Sampling site locations and land use misclassification (e.g. Industrial vs. Open Area) may have played a role as well.

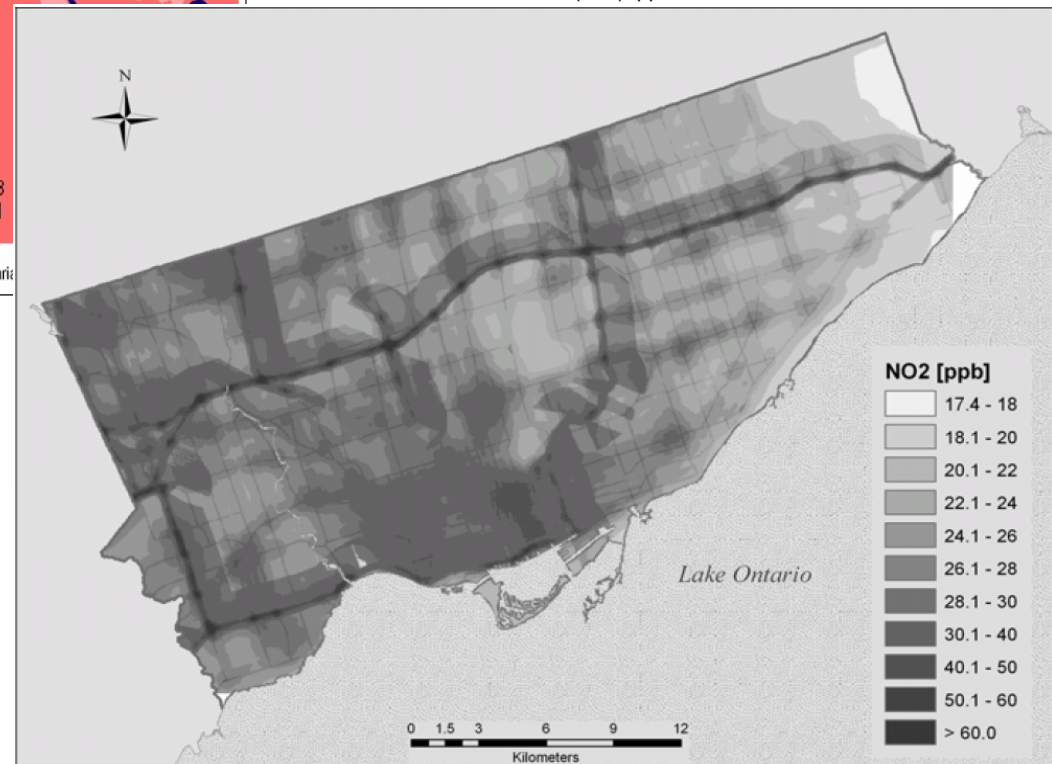


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# What is next?

## Potential Hybrid Models in Windsor

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- **Remote Sensing**

- It is *"the science (and to some extent, art) of acquiring information about the Earth's surface without actually being in contact with it. This is done by sensing and recording reflected or emitted energy and processing, analyzing, and applying that information."*



Image by NASA. Computer rendition of NASA's Aqua satellite, launched May 4, 2002.



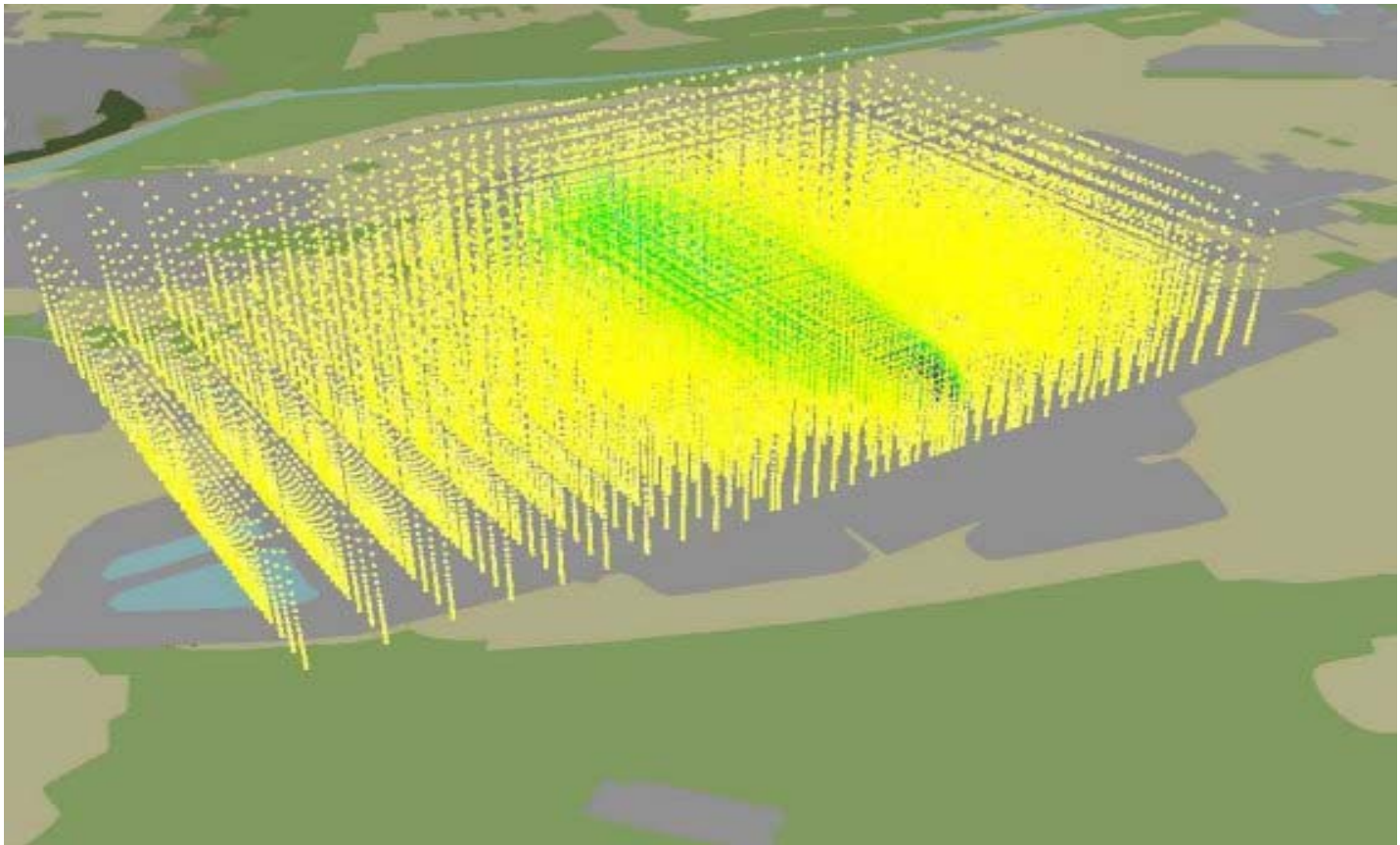
Air pollution on a grand scale is often easily visible from space. An imposing example is the mixture of smoke and smog created by fires spread over many islands in Indonesia. Using imagery acquired by TOMS, and set against a backdrop developed from NOAA data, a huge smoke plume (white), mixed with smog (colors represent variations in ozone amounts) is seen to be heading westward from the islands across the Indian Ocean.

# What is next?

## Potential Hybrid Models in Windsor

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- **Regional Level and Vertical Models using Sensor Networks**

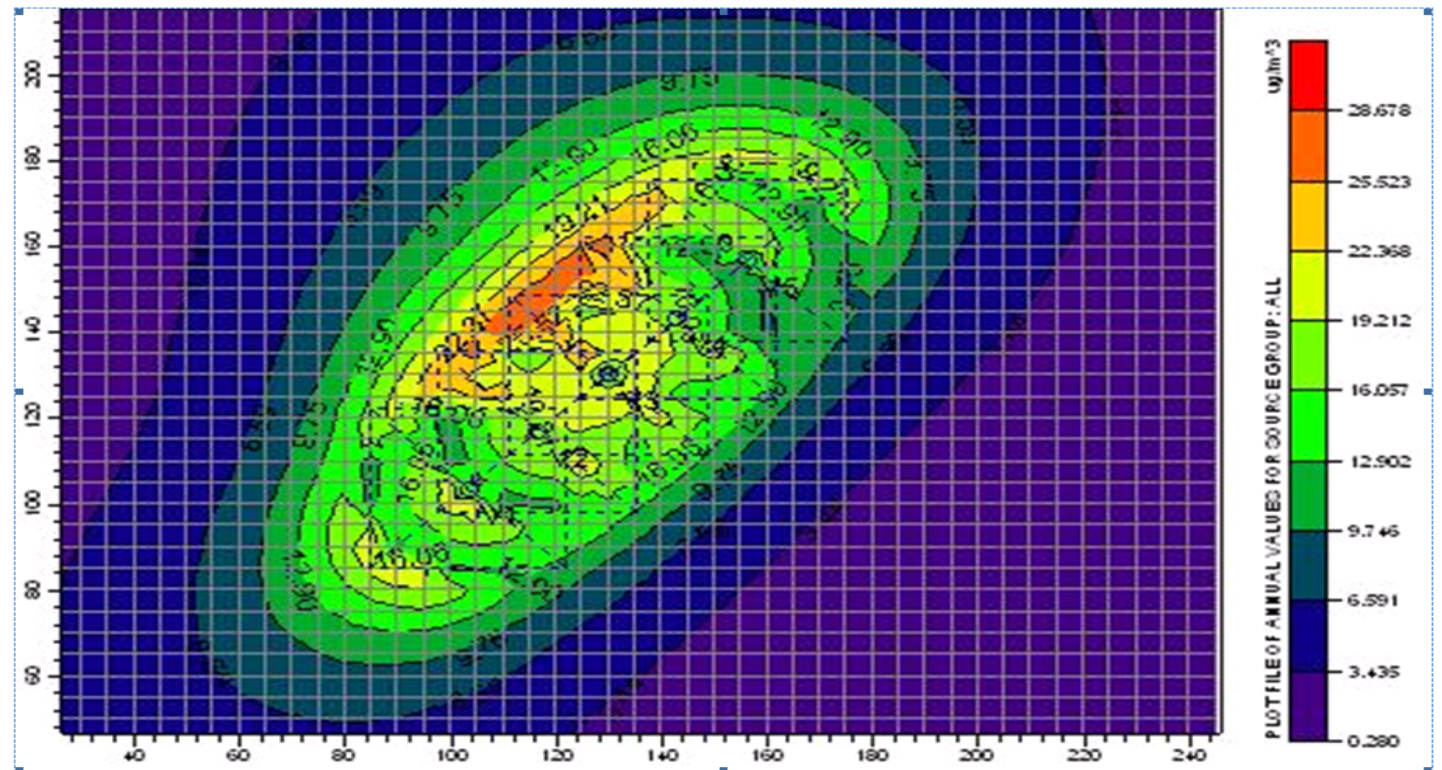




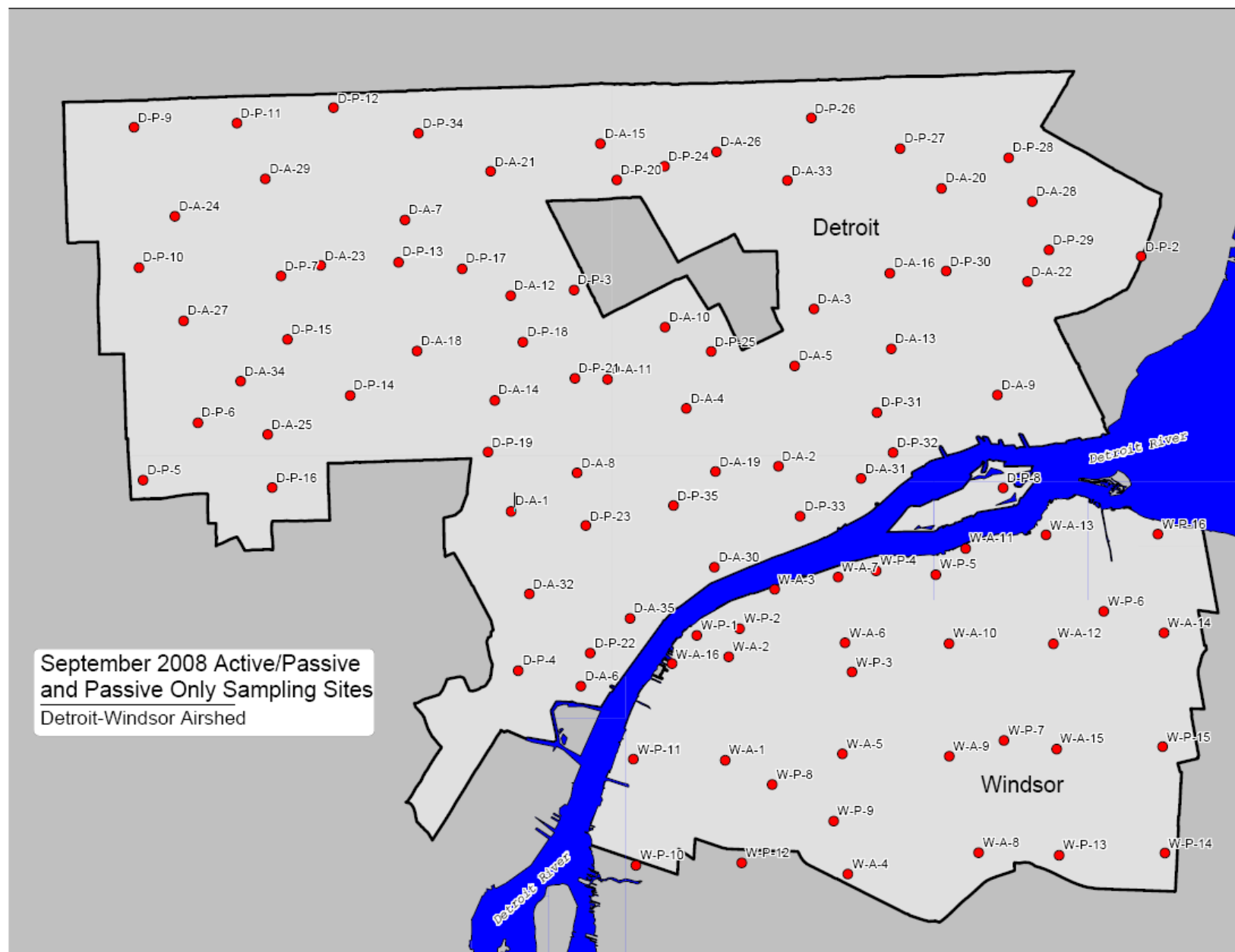
# What is next?

## Potential Hybrid Models in Windsor

- Dispersion Models (Dr. Iris Xu) combined with LUR



*Using separated volume sources to represent a line source*



# What else are we up to?

## Isoscapes

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- **Isoscapes (isotope landscapes)** are spatially explicit predictions of stable isotope ratios based on:
  - ► Process-level mathematical models
  - ► Spatial model execution in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Looking to take 100+ samples (grass and vegetation) across Windsor ON to determine signatures and correlations to traffic and road dust
- Wesley Moga, Dr. Aaron Fisk and A. Grgicak-Mannion





# What else are we up to?

## Magnetic Signatures (Potential)

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- Magnetic susceptibility mapping to track air pollution and particulate matter and it combining health parameter data
- Dr. Maria Cioppa (PI)

# What else are we up to?

## Windsor-Essex Environmental Metadata System (WEEMS)

**WEEMS** Windsor-Essex Environmental Metadata System

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The purpose of WEEMS is:

- To improve access to and integrated use of spatial data and information
- To support decision making
- To promote multidisciplinary approaches to sustainable development
- To enhance understanding of the benefits of geographic information

WEEMS utilizes the [GeoNetwork opensource](#) framework that allows to easily share geographically referenced thematic information between different organizations. For more information please contact: [pgreszc@uwindsor.ca](mailto:pgreszc@uwindsor.ca) or send us [feedback](#).

**Featured map**

**Recreation Areas**

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This dataset represents all land in the Municipality of Amherstburg deemed to be recreational land. As of Aug. 26, 2005.

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- Town of Tecumseh
- Town of Kingsville
- Town of Amherstburg
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# THANK YOU !!!!

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